



Post-Doctoral Fellow in Micro Fracture Mechanics of Interfaces

We seek a highly motivated Post-Doctoral Fellow to join **MCEM (Mechanics of Composites for Energy and Mobility)**. As a key member of our organization, you will play a pivotal role in developing our expertise in testing interfaces at the low scale with applications to the energy sector, such as photovoltaic and/or piping systems.

Responsibilities:

- Develop innovative in-situ testing facilities for characterization of interfaces in non-conventional configurations, including ultra-low loading and/or curved configurations.
- Contribute to the development of new interphase concepts for the toughening or challenging configurations in Energy applications.
- Lead the development of a unique experimental platform for in-situ characterization under environmental loading of laminated structures.
- Plan and execute research tasks, analyzing data, publishing findings in peer-reviewed journals, and presenting research at scientific conferences.
- May participate in the development of patent applications.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. with experience in fracture mechanics testing, microscopy, and in-situ testing.
- Experience in all standard mechanical testing of composite .
- Strong publications record in Q1 journals.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Effective communication skills.
- Proficiency in the preparation of research project proposals, the execution of research projects, and project budget and schedule management.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English.

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Application Requirements:

- Detailed CV.
- Cover letter.
- List of publications.
- Slides from a recent presentation in a conference or seminar.
- Three or more PDFs of recent publications considered by the candidate as being representative of his research work.
- List of three referees with complete contact information, including full details of last employer.

Interested applicants should send their complete application package to Prof. Gilles Lubineau (gilles.lubineau@kaust.edu.sa) (With a systematic cc to khathijah.osman@kaust.edu.sa). PLEASE USE this as the subject of your email: **MCEM_PD_NEC#1**.

Only applications providing all requirements will be considered further.



About MCEM laboratory

The **Mechanics of Composites for Energy and Mobility** Laboratory (Composites Lab) is located at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology and is part of the Physical Science and Engineering Division. The Composites Lab started at KAUST in 2009 and is an integrated environment for composite science, combining modeling and experimental expertise in a single working environment.

OUR MISSION: Support Energy transition by providing innovative composite solutions or optimizing the usage of existing solutions in demanding Energy and Mobility applications.

Our laboratory expertise incorporates three main areas:

- **Design of materials in representative environments of energy applications:** In-situ testing facilities and characterization techniques (Generation of unique databases on well-identified frames), validated models in operational conditions (New models based on real in-situ observations and mechanism).
- **Microstructure manipulation for tailoring macroscopic response:** Toughing mechanism using surface on in-volume spatial variations.
- **Structural health monitoring (SHM) and smart structures for composite infrastructures:** Wireless surface gauges and integrated sensors, SHM/NDT/Inline/Online.

The Composites Lab develops and authenticates techniques to achieve better designs of composite material-based structures. Much of this research is done in close cooperation with major industrial partners. This ensures a high level of applied research based on advanced theoretical concepts.

Prof. Gilles Lubineau

Principal Investigator of Mechanics of Composites for Energy and Mobility
Professor of Mechanical Engineering



About King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

Established in 2009, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is a graduate research university devoted to finding solutions for some of the most pressing scientific and technological challenges in the world as well as Saudi Arabia in the areas of food and health, water, energy, environment and the digital domain. KAUST is a curiosity-driven, interdisciplinary problem-solving environment, with state-of-the-art labs, distinguished faculty and talented students.

KAUST brings together the best minds from around the world to advance research. More than 120 different nationalities live, work and study on campus. KAUST is also a catalyst for innovation, economic development and social prosperity, with research resulting in novel patents and products, enterprising startups, regional and global initiatives, and collaboration with other academic institutions, industries and Saudi agencies.

