

# HEAT GENERATION WHEN FORMING AHSS: EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF TENSILE AND DRAW-BEAD TESTS

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### Introduction

### **Advanced High Strength Steels (AHSS)**

- Adopted in the **automotive industry** 
  - ✓ High strength and also good formability
  - ✓ Lower thickness of the sheet steels
  - ✓ Reduce the overall weight of the vehicles
  - ✓ Reduce fuel consumption
  - Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere
- Limited wide application in the automotive industry
  - ✓ Challenges in formability
  - $\checkmark$  Life of the forming tools
  - ✓ Springback behavior



### Introduction

### **Sheet metal forming process**

- Sheet metal forming of AHSS
  - ✓ Large contact pressures on the tools
  - ✓ Large frictional forces on the tools
  - $\checkmark~$  Parts susceptible to surface damage
- Thermal analysis of the sheet metal forming
   process
  - ✓ Heat generated by plastic deformation
  - ✓ Heat generated by frictional contact sliding
  - ✓ Heat losses to the environment
  - ✓ Heat losses to the forming tools



### Introduction

### Frictional conditions at the interface

- Different tribological tests have been developed
  - ✓ Comprise typical forming operations
  - Reproduce the tribological conditions of forming processes

- Main function of the draw-beads is to increase the material flow resistance around the periphery of the part
  - ✓ Multiple bending-unbending
  - Reverse tension-compression loading over the sheet thickness



### Main objective of the study

• Explore the potential of the draw-bead test to evaluate the heat generated by plastic deformation and friction

### Adopted procedure

- Comparison between the uniaxial tensile test and the draw-bead test in terms of temperature evolution
- Experimental analysis of both tests, using an infrared thermal camera to measure the temperature
- Thermo-mechanical finite element analysis of both tests
- Dual phase steel **DP780** with an initial thickness of 0.8 mm

- Room temperature
- Along the **rolling direction**
- Constant crosshead speed (1.3 mm/s)
- Initial strain rate of 1.6×10<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- One specimen surface was coated with matt black paint
  - $\checkmark$  Ensuring an emissivity close to 1
  - Improve the temperature field measurement with an infrared thermographic camera





Specimen surfaces



- All rollers have 21 mm of diameter, while the dimensions of the sheet strip are 450×25×0.8 mm
- Full penetration (p=21.8 mm) and the side clearance between rollers was c=1.55 mm
- The process is divided in **3 phases** 
  - $\checkmark$  The strip is bended by the vertical movement of the middle roller
  - $\checkmark$  The strip is pulled by a grip
  - ✓ The deformed strip springback



- The equipment used was designed to enable the tests to be performed in a tensile test machine
  - ✓ Allows changing the **penetration depth**, **side clearance** and the **pulling speed** of the grip
- The temperature field of the strip was measured with a thermographic infrared camera (FLIR

A325), using an image resolution of 320×240 pixels matrix, at 60 frames/s





#### **Transient thermo-mechanical analysis**

- Numerical simulation of both the uniaxial tensile test and the draw-bead tests using the in-house implicit finite element code DD3IMP
  - ✓ Temperature independent elastoplastic behavior
  - ✓ Staggered algorithm for the thermo-mechanical coupling
  - ✓ Rollers are assumed rigid and isothermal
  - ✓ Specimens are discretized with 3D hexahedral finite elements (3 layer in thickness direction of the strip)
  - ✓ Strip discretized with 4167 elements (element size in the length direction is approximately 0.27 mm)
  - ✓ Friction behavior between the strip and the rollers defined by the Coulomb friction law

### **Numerical model**

### **Thermal analysis**

• Differential equation that defines the thermal conduction within a solid

$$\rho c_{p} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - k \left( \frac{\partial^{2} T}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} T}{\partial y^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} T}{\partial z^{2}} \right) - \dot{q}_{p} - \dot{Q}_{f} = 0$$
Thermal power generated by the friction forces

• **Thermal properties** of the dual phase steel DP780

Property	Value
Mass density	7900 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Specific heat capacity	450 J/(kg⋅K)
Thermal conductivity	40 W/(m⋅K)

### **Numerical model**

### **Thermal analysis**

- Thermal power generated by plastic deformation
  - ✓ Fraction of plastic power converted

$$\dot{q}_{p} = \beta \dot{w}^{p} = \beta (\mathbf{\sigma} : \dot{\mathbf{\epsilon}}^{p})$$
  
Constant Taylor–Quinney factor (0.9)

• Thermal power generated by the friction forces

$$\dot{Q}_{\rm f} = \eta(\mathbf{t}_{\rm t} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{g}}_{\rm t})$$
  
Heat equally portioned between the two contacting bodies (strip and rollers),  
thus  $\eta$ =0.5

### **Numerical model**

### **Thermal analysis**

• Free convection defined on the exterior surface

$$\dot{q}_{\text{conv}} = h_{\text{conv}} (T - T_{\infty})$$
  
Heat transfer coefficient in free convection  
 $h_{\text{conv}} = 5 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ 

• **Contact conductance** defined on the exterior surface

$$\dot{q}_{c} = h_{c}(T - T_{roller}) = h_{sup} \exp(-mg_{n})(T - T_{roller})$$
  
Interfacial heat transfer coefficient

✓ Interfacial heat transfer coefficient depends on the gap distance between the strip and the roller



### **Mechanical analysis**

- Mechanical behavior of DP780 described by an elastoplastic constitutive model
  - ✓ Isotropic elastic behavior described by the Hooke's law (*E*=210 GPa and *v*=0.30)
  - ✓ Plastic behavior described by an isotropic work hardening law (Swift) and a yield criterion (Hill'48)



- Comparison between **experimental** and **numerical** evolution of the temperature variation in the midpoint of the specimen
  - Numerical prediction is in good agreement with the experimental measurement
  - Approximately linear rising up to the onset of necking
  - ✓ Considering the instant of onset of necking, the predicted and experimental temperature rise is about 25°C and 30°C, respectively
  - ✓ The onset of necking is numerically predicted for a higher value of strain





- Distribution of the predicted temperature variation in the specimen for 3 different levels of engineering strain
  - The maximum temperature arises in the center of the specimen
  - The temperature rise in the specimen ends is negligible
- Thus, the fraction of plastic power converted into heat (90%) and the heat transfer coefficient in free convection (5 W/m<sup>2</sup>·K) were accurately selected







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**Results and discussion** 

- Experimental evolution of the pulling force for different values of pulling speed
  - The steady state of the pulling force is quickly achieved after the initial sheet bending/unbending on the middle roller
  - There is no evidence that the pulling force is influenced by the pulling speed (results dispersion corresponds to the level of uncertainty in the measurements)
  - ✓ The force evolution is approximately constant during the pulling operation (about 2.5 kN)



**Results and discussion** 

#### **Draw-bead test**

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- Numerical evolution of the pulling force for different values of friction coefficient
  - The predicted pulling force is independent from the pulling speed since the constitutive model is not strain rate sensitive
  - ✓ The predicted pulling force is about 1.5 kN in the steady state regime considering the **frictionless condition** ( $\mu$ =0.0)
  - ✓ The predicted pulling force is close to 2.5 kN for  $\mu$ =0.12



- **Experimental** profile of the strip after springback
  - The curved region of the strip sheet was subjected to multiple bending-unbending induced by the draw-bead geometry
  - A decrease of the pulling distance leads to a reduction of the springback angle



**Results and discussion** 

- Influence of the friction coefficient on the predicted profile of the strip after springback
  - ✓ The effect of the friction coefficient on the springback is negligible
  - The springback predicted numerically is significantly lower than the one measured experimentally
  - The inclusion of the kinematic hardening and the degradation of elastic stiffness due to plastic straining can improve the springback prediction



- Predicted temperature variation at 75 mm ahead the middle roller is presented for 3 different values of pulling speed
  - Increase the pulling speed leads to an increase
     of the temperature since the time available for the
     heat loss is lower
  - The increase of the interfacial heat transfer
     coefficient leads to a decrease of the
     temperature rise
  - The heat generated by plastic deformation and frictional contact occurs near the contact zones

#### 18 $h_{sup}=3kW/m^2 \cdot K$ 16 v=15 mm/sv=30 mm/sTemperature variation [°C] 14 v=60 mm/s12 10 8 6 $h_{sup} = 7kW/m^2 \cdot K$ 4 v=15 mm/sv=30 mm/s2 v = 60 mm/s0 25 2000 50 75 125 150175 Grip displacement [mm]

• Influence of the grip velocity on the temperature distribution measured by the IR camera



v=15 mm/s

v=60 mm/s

- Comparison between **experimental** and **numerical** temperature variation for  $h_{sup}=15 \text{ kW/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ 
  - Despite the large value for the interfacial heat transfer coefficient, the temperature variation is overpredicted by the numerical model
  - Most of the heat generated comes from plastic deformation
  - The temperature rise is significantly larger in the uniaxial tensile test than in the draw-bead test due to the heat lost by contact with the rollers



- Experimental and numerical thermo-mechanical analysis of tensile and draw-bead tests, using the DP780 steel with an initial thickness of 0.8 mm
- The **predicted temperature** rise in the **uniaxial tensile test** is in **good agreement** with the experimental measurement
- Comparing the numerical and experimental results from the draw-bead test, the pulling force is accurately predicted by the numerical model, but the springback is underestimated while the temperature variation is overestimated
- The predicted temperature variation is significantly affected by the adopted interfacial heat transfer coefficient
- The temperature rise is significantly **larger in the uniaxial tensile test than in the draw-bead test** due to the heat lost by contact with the rollers

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