

Prediction of wrinkling and springback in sheet metal forming

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Introduction

- Sheet metal forming processes are widely used in the automotive industry
- Major concerns are the environmental protection and the safety specifications
- Adoption of new materials such as high-strength steels and aluminum alloys
- The numerical simulation allows the shortening of development cycles



Forming defects

New materials are more prone to develop forming defects:

- Springback
- Wrinkling and buckling
- Necking and fracture
- Surface marks





Benchmark 4 - Numisheet 2014



Benchmark 4 - Numisheet 2011

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Experimental procedure

Sheet metal forming of a rail prone to 2D springback and wrinkling

- Clamping the blank (300x300x1mm) between the die and the blank-holder with 90 kN, using six nitrogen gas springs connected
- Punch stroke of 60 mm, while increasing the blank-holder force from 90 to

130 kN







- In-house static implicit finite element code DD3IMP
- Geometry of the forming tools (rigid) modelled by Nagata patches
- Friction coefficient dependent of the normal contact pressure





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- Fitting the numerical model to experimental data from the flatdie tests
- The value of the friction coefficient decreases with the increase of the contact pressure





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- Hardening behavior described by the Swift law with kinematic hardening (A-F)
- Plastic anisotropy described by the Hill 1948 yield criteria



- Blank discretized with linear hexahedral finite elements
- Modelling both 1/4 of the blank (symmetry conditions) and the full blank geometry (slightly rotated)
- The full blank comprises 130,000 finite elements



1/4 of the blank32,500 finite elements

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Forming forces

Comparison between experimental and numerical force evolution



Mild steel (DC06)

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Final geometry of the rail (DC06)

- Influence of applied symmetry conditions on the geometry of the wrinkles
- Asymmetrical wrinkle considering the full blank geometry



Final geometry of the rail (DP600)

- Influence of applied symmetry conditions on the geometry of the wrinkles
- Anti-symmetrical wrinkle considering the full blank geometry



Rail measurements

• Four section profiles of the rail are measured after springback, for each material



3D coordinate measuring machine



Section profile A (x=15 mm)

Comparison between experimental and numerical section profile





The springback is larger on the rail of high strength steel (DP600)

Section profile B (x=95 mm)

Comparison between experimental and numerical section profile





Considering the mild steel, the two numerical models predict distinct geometries for the wrinkle

Springback angle of the flange

- Both finite element models provide identical predictions for the flange angle
- The springback is significantly larger on the rail of high strength steel (DP600)
- The springback angle is slightly overestimated by the numerical model

| Material | Section A | | Section B | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--|
| | Exp. [°] | Simul. [º] | Exp. [°] | Simul. [º] | |
| DC06 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 6.2 | |
| DP600 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 11.7 | 12.6 | |

Section profile L1 (y=0 mm)

Comparison between experimental and numerical section profile





Considering the full blank geometry, the numerical predictions are in good agreement with the experimental measurements

Section profile L2 (y=-30 mm)

Comparison between experimental and numerical section profile





Considering the full blank geometry, the numerical predictions are in good agreement with the experimental measurements

Computational performance

- The full blank geometry leads to a significant increase of the computational cost
- The computational time of the numerical simulations is at least 10 times higher using the full blank
- The computational cost is significantly influenced by the material considered for the blank

| | DC06 | | DP600 | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | 1/4 model | Full model | 1/4 model | Full model |
| N° increments | 1823 | 4839 | 776 | 1544 |
| Average nº iterations | 9.4 | 8.4 | 10.1 | 9.1 |
| Computational time [h] | 30.3 | 384.7 | 10.0 | 105.7 |

Conclusions

- Influence of applied boundary conditions on the wrinkling prediction:
 - > 1/4 of the blank geometry considering symmetry conditions
 - > full blank geometry slightly rotated in relation to the forming tools
- Both finite element models provide identical results for the springback, but the shape of the wrinkle depends on the adopted numerical model
- The numerical results are in better agreement with the experimental ones when the full blank geometry is considered
- The computational cost considering the full blank is at least 10 times higher than using 1/4 of the blank

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