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Study on the influence of orthotropy and tension–compression asymmetry of metal sheets in springback and formability predictions

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Sheet metal forming processes

- Very important manufacturing process in the **automotive industry**
- More than **90 million cars** and commercial vehicles produced worldwide in 2014
- Each car is composed by more than 400 sheet metal parts (closures, structural parts and reinforcements)





Cylindrical cup forming

- Evaluate the performance of constitutive models (**yield criteria**)
- Earing profile and the thickness distribution dictated by the in-plane distribution of both the *r*-values and yield stresses (compression stress state)
- Difficulties in the uniaxial in-plane compression test on metal sheets (buckling)



Experimental

Simulation

Strength differential (SD) effect

- Asymmetry between the yield stress in tension and compression
- Take it into account SD effect in the **modeling** of the sheet orthotropic behavior



Objective: influence of the SD effect on the prediction of the springback and the

strain evolution during the forming of a cup

Cazacu, Plunkett and Barlat, 2006 (CPB06)

$$\overline{\sigma} = B \left[\left(|s_1| - k \ s_1 \right)^a + \left(|s_2| - k \ s_2 \right)^a + \left(|s_3| - k \ s_3 \right)^a \right]^{\frac{1}{a}}$$



Two linear transformations - Plunkett, Cazacu and Barlat, 2008 (CPB06ex2)

where $s' = C'\sigma'$

DD3MAT: objective function

$$\begin{split} F(\mathbf{A}) &= w_{\sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}} \sum_{\theta} \left(\sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\mathbf{A}, \overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) / \sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) - 1 \right)^{2} + w_{\sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}}} \sum_{\theta} \left(\sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}} \left(\mathbf{A}, \overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) / \sigma_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}} \left(\overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) - 1 \right)^{2} \\ &+ w_{r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}} \sum_{\theta} \left(r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} \left(\mathbf{A} \right) / r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}} - 1 \right)^{2} + w_{r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}}} \sum_{\theta} \left(r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}} \left(\mathbf{A} \right) / r_{\theta}^{\mathrm{C}} - 1 \right)^{2} \\ &+ w_{\tau_{\theta}} \sum_{\theta} \left(\tau_{\theta} \left(\mathbf{A}, \overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) / \tau_{\theta} \left(\overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) - 1 \right)^{2} + w_{\sigma_{b}} \left(\sigma_{b} \left(\mathbf{A}, \overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) / \sigma_{b} \left(\overline{\varepsilon}^{\mathrm{p}} \right) - 1 \right)^{2} \\ &+ w_{r_{b}} \left(r_{b} \left(\mathbf{A} \right) / r_{b} - 1 \right)^{2} \end{split}$$

 \mathbf{A} – set of anisotropy parameters

 $\sigma_{\theta}^{\rm T}$ and $\sigma_{\theta}^{\rm C}$ – yield stresses in uniaxial tension and compression

 r_{θ}^{T} and r_{θ}^{C} – anisotropy coefficients in uniaxial tension and compression

 τ_{θ} – shear stress

 $\sigma_{\rm b}$ and $r_{\rm b}$ – biaxial yield stress and anisotropy coefficient

- θ angle from the rolling direction
- w_i weighting coefficients
- Minimized with a downhill simplex method

Cup drawing of anisotropic thick steel sheet (Benchmark 2 – Numisheet 2018)

- Hot rolled steel sheet (SAPH 440) with 2.8 mm thickness
- Constant stripper force (50 kN)
- Vertical displacement of the die
- Blank diameter of 246 mm





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- DD3IMP in-house finite element code (implicit time integration)
- 1/4 of the model (symmetry conditions)
- Forming tools are assumed rigid (described by Nagata patches)
- Blank discretized by 60,552 linear hexahedral finite elements
- Coulomb friction law (µ=0.15)



Plastic behavior of the blank modelled by the Swift law (isotropic work hardening)



- CPB06(ex2) yield criterion (orthotropic behavior and SD effect)
 - Stress-strain curve from the uniaxial tensile test performed along the RD
 - Anisotropy coefficients from uniaxial tensile tests
 - Biaxial data extracted from biaxial tension test
 - Tension-compression asymmetry extracted form the in-plane uniaxial compression test

- CPB06 yield criterion without SD effect
 - Two linear transformations were considered in order to capture both the *r*-value and the yield stress in-plane directionalities



Experimental and predicted *r*-values and normalized yield stresses **without SD effect**

- CPB06 yield criterion with SD effect
 - The in-plane evolution of the compression *r*-values was carefully monitored
 - For Iso_k≠0 the k value was identified considering the ratio reported for the TD direction,
 i.e. σ^T/σ^C=0.9630 (k=-0.0315)



Experimental and predicted *r*-values and normalized yield stresses with SD effect

• Normalized yield surfaces with and without SD effect



Overview of the cup drawing simulation



Equivalent plastic strain distribution

Die force evolution

- All models predict a similar die force evolution, except in the last stage
- Considering the isotropic models, the die force is slightly higher for the model that takes into account the SD effect, which is in agreement with the small increase of the compressive yield stress



Radial coordinate of the inner surface of the cup wall

- During the bending process, the unsupported flange develops some wrinkles, as shown for 25 mm of die displacement
- Considering the isotropic models, the small increase of the compressive yield stress justifies the higher radial coordinate of the inner surface of the cup wall



Thickness distribution

- For a die displacement of 40 mm, there are regions in the unsupported flange with a thickness higher than the gap between the punch and the die (3.08 mm).
- This means that some ironing will occur, which justifies the slightly higher values for the die force predicted by the models that take into account the orthotropic behavior



Thickness evolution in the apex

- The analysis of the thickness evolution was performed until a thinning of approximately 50%, i.e. a total displacement of 47 mm was imposed to the die
- The evolution of the predicted thickness at the apex of the center boss is similar for all models



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Profile of the cross section

- Inner surface of the cup (RD), after 25 mm of die displacement and springback
- Springback mainly changes the geometry of the parts bottom (becomes less flat)
- Mainly dictated by the fact that the model takes or not into account the orthotropic behavior of the material, i.e. the SD effect is small



Conclusions

- It is known that the tension-compression asymmetry can influence the neutral line position in bending dominated processes and, consequently, the strain distribution and springback
- For the part under analysis, the influence of both the orthotropic behavior and the SD effect on the predicted springback is small
- The thickness distribution in the initially unsupported flange of the part is mainly controlled by the orthotropic behavior of the material, but it has a negligible effect at the apex of the center boss
- This work assumed an equal in-plane distribution of the *r*-values for both uniaxial tension and compression stress states, which should be further studied in future works.

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