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**STEEL**

**An Advanced Tribological Model for  
Accurate Press Hardening  
Simulation**

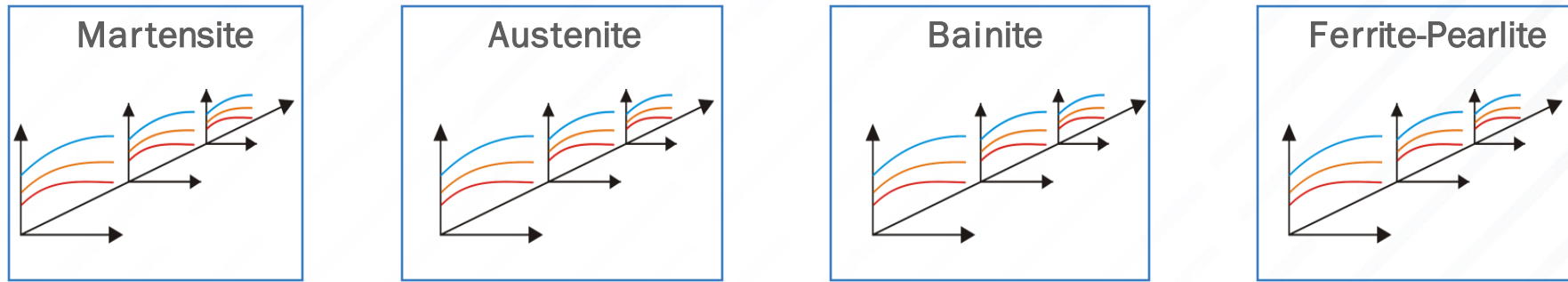
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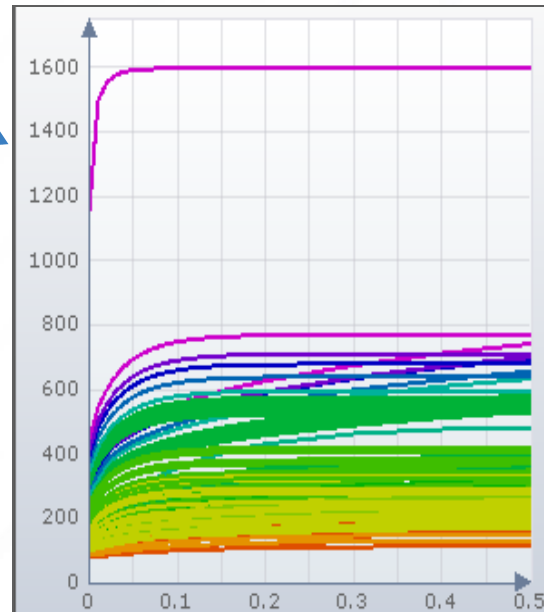
# Advances in Modeling of Press Hardening

## Phase Dependent Flow Curves



Essential for the accurate prediction of:

- Forming outcomes based on temperature history, and the resulting volume fractions of different phases



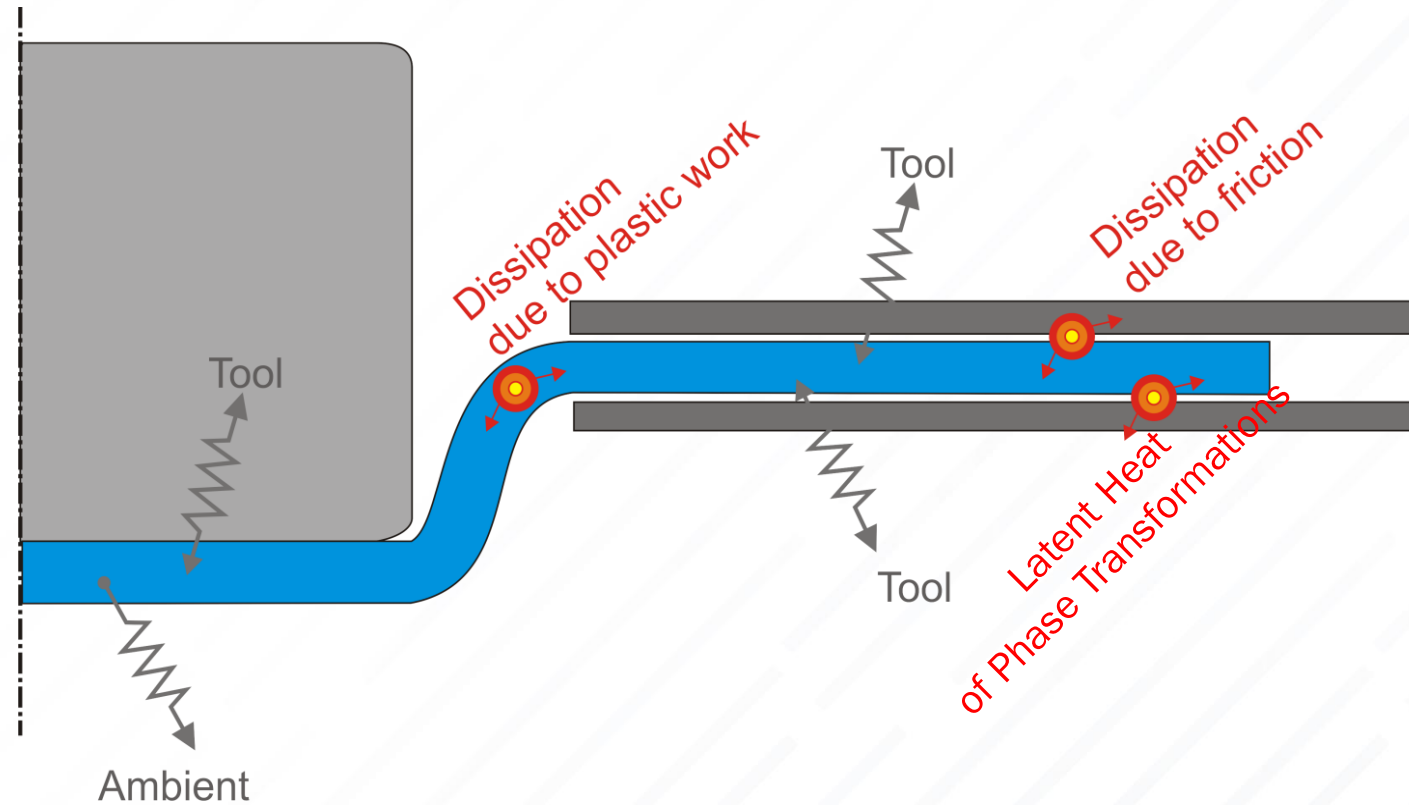
+ Temperature-dependent Youngs Modulus

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Phase Dependent Flow Curves

Heat transfer

Heat Generation, Heat Exchange



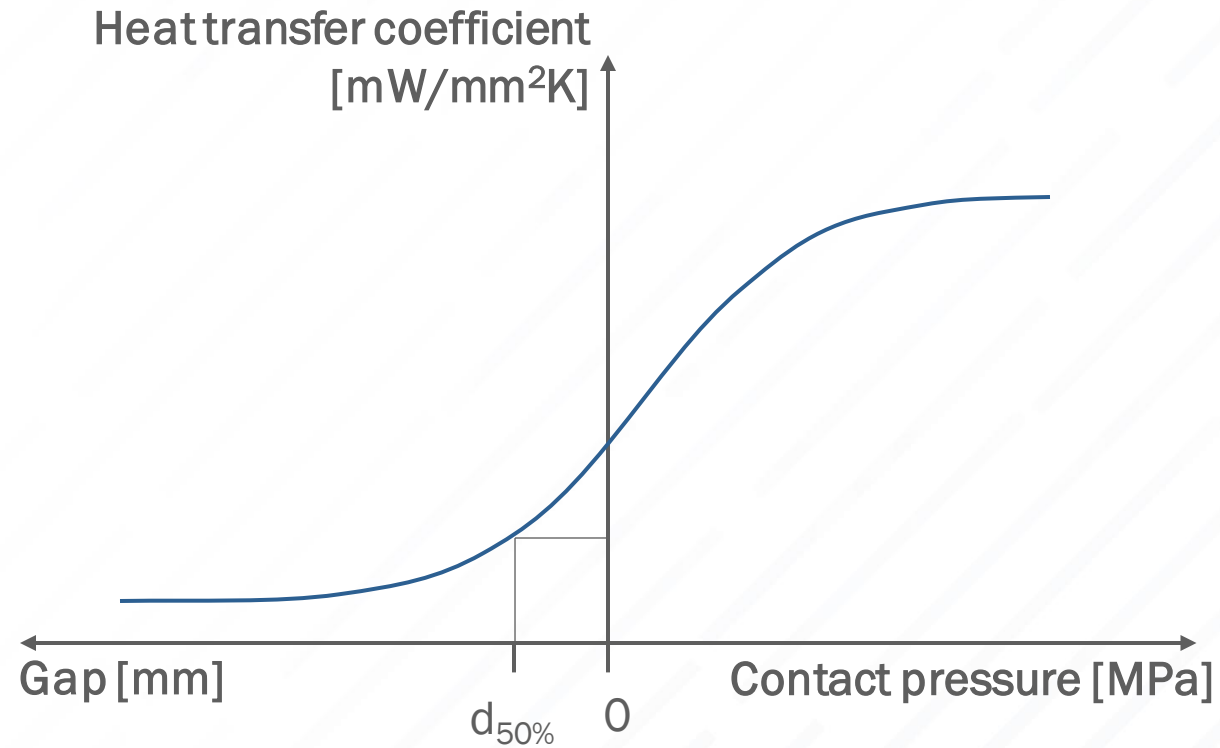
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Heat Exchange:

- Sheet  $\leftrightarrow$  Tool
- Sheet  $\leftrightarrow$  Ambient



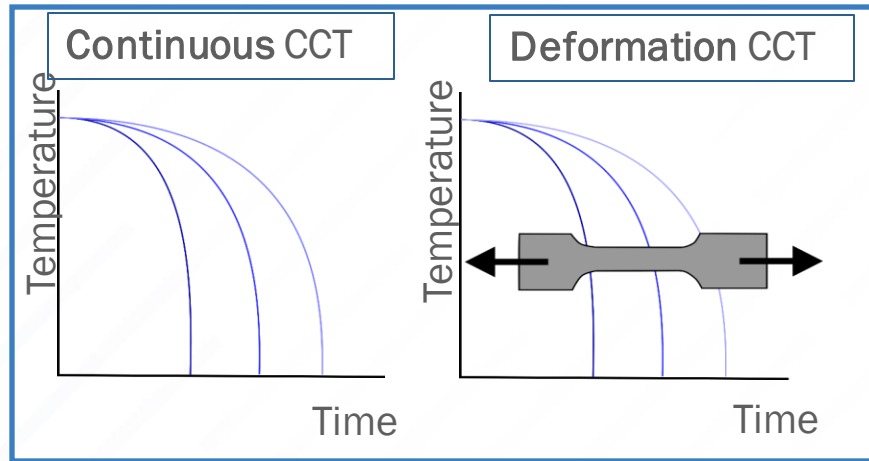
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Evolution of Phase Fractions during Forming & Quenching



Essential for the accurate prediction of:

- Phase Transformations
- Phase Fractions and Mechanical Properties
- Panel Distortion



Experimental and Numerical Investigation of Final Product Properties of Ductibor® 1000 AS Under Different Process Conditions; CHS2 – 2022 Barcelona  
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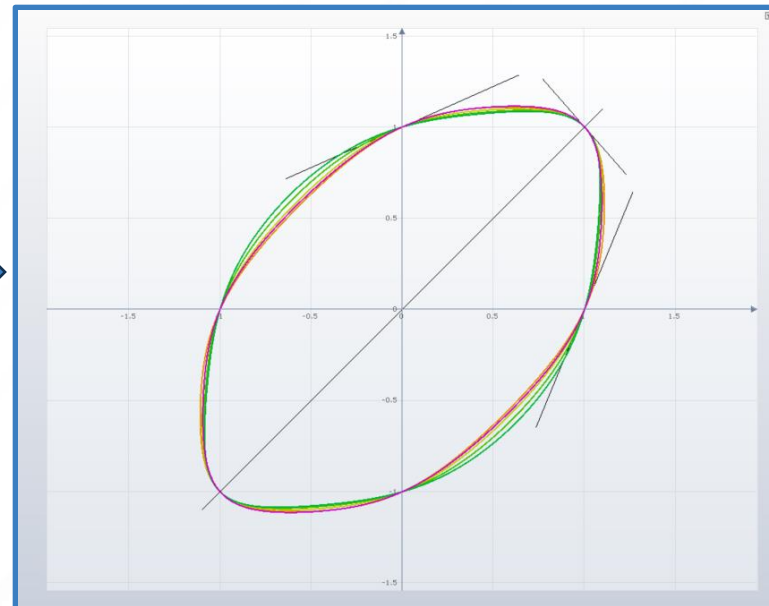
**r-Values (T)**

Temperature	$r_0$	$r_{45}$	$r_{90}$	$r_b$
20.00 °C	0.700	0.900	0.800	0.875
500.00 °C	0.400	0.400	0.400	1.000
600.00 °C	0.500	0.500	0.500	1.000
700.00 °C	0.650	0.650	0.650	1.000
800.00 °C	0.850	0.850	0.850	1.000

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Temperature dependent yield loci



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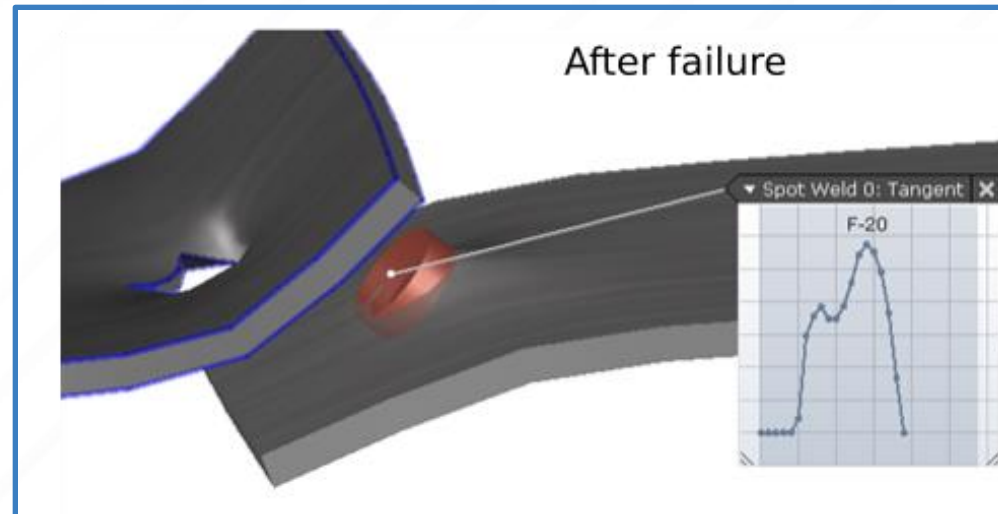
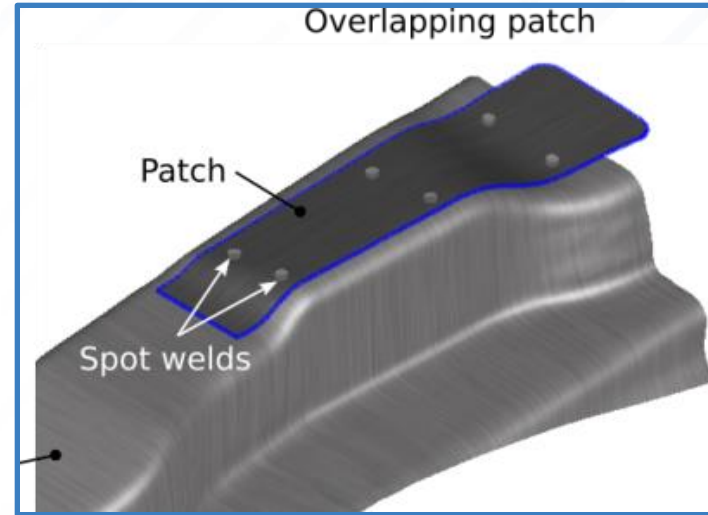
Phase transformation

r-Values (T)

FLD (T)

Patchwork and Tailor Welded Blanks

- Patch-Base contact and separation
- Patch weld optimization and integrity...



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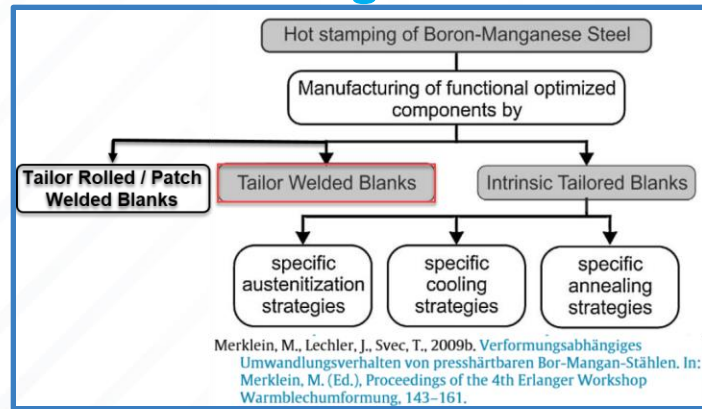
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## Property Tailoring

- Differential Cooling
- Tailored Products
- Partial Heating



## (AP&T) TemperBox® - Experimental and Simulation Studies

“Analysis of process limits for partial hot stamping with controlled pre-cooling by radiation exchange” (IDDRG 2023)

Mercedes-Benz AG, AutoForm Engineering, GEDIA Gebrüder  
Dingerkus, Institute of Manufacturing Technology (Friedrich-Alexander  
Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Investigation methods

- Experimental trials
- FE-simulation with AutoForm®R10

Materials

- 22MnB5 AS150
- 8MnB7 AS150
- Blank 8MnB7 and patch 22MnB5

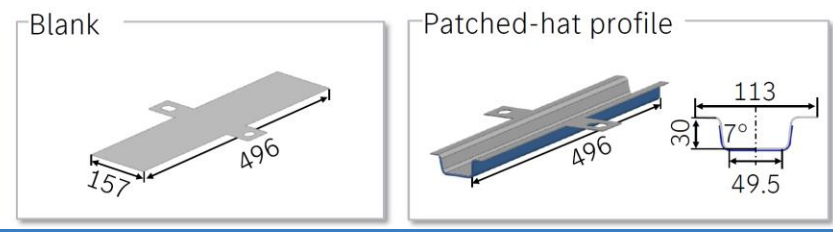
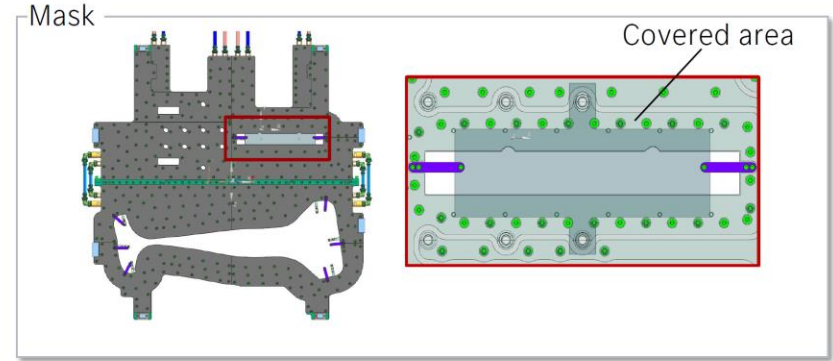
Parameter

- Sheet thickness  $t_0$
- Partial pre-cooling time  $t_{pre-cooling}$

Objective

Simulative and experimental analysis of phase transformation and hardness using different sheet thicknesses and materials

⇒ Elaboration of possible process limits



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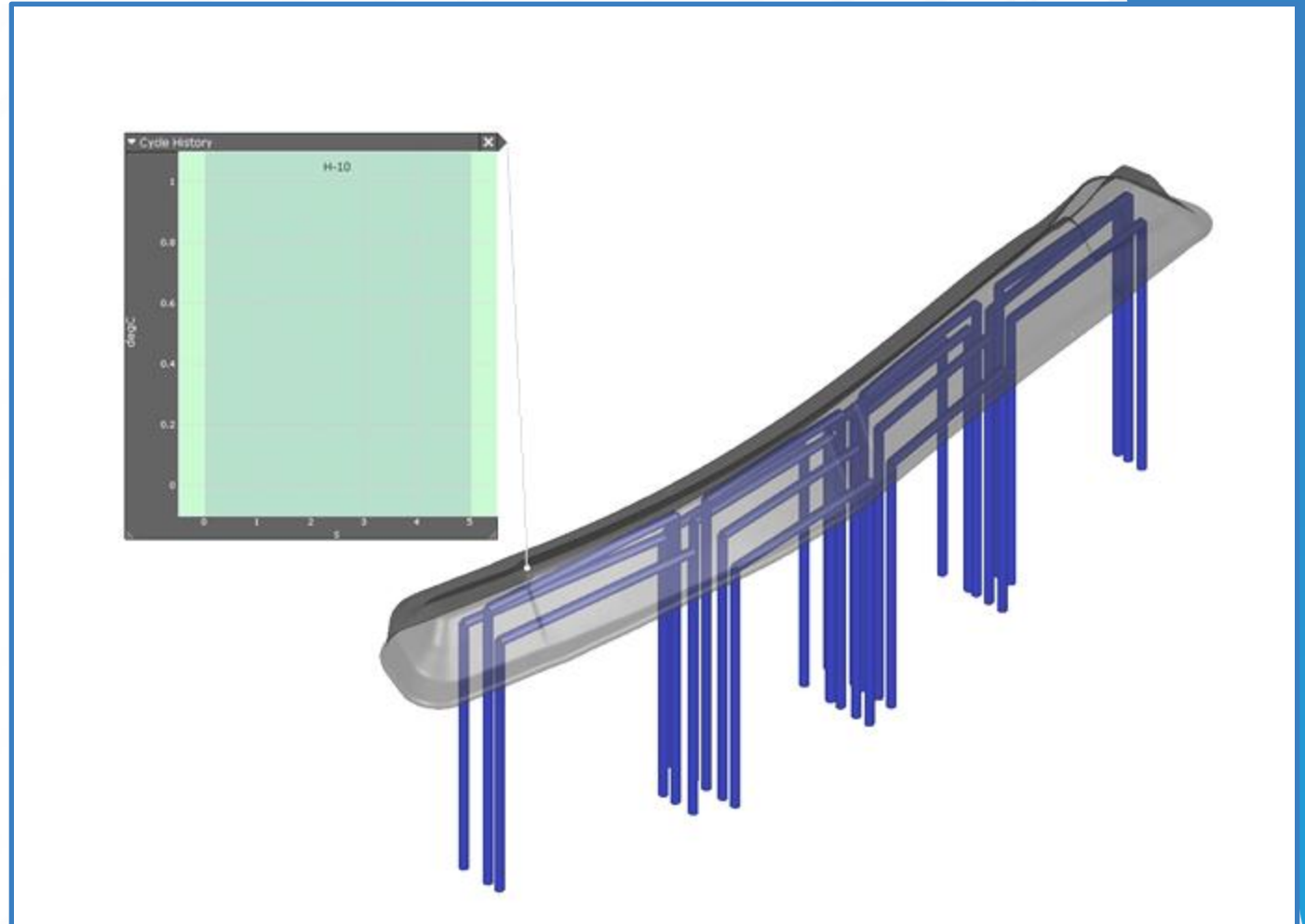
FLD (T)

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Property Tailoring

## Modelling of cooling channels & Thermal cycling

- Steady-state Temperatures for Sheet and Tools
- Hot Spots on Tool Surfaces ...



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## ***Tribological conditions?***

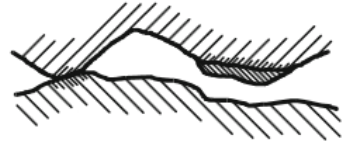
Friction

Heat Transfer Coefficient

Experimental investigations		Temperature		Sliding Velocity
Reference	$\mu$ depending on			
Yanagida and Azushima (2009)		$\mu \uparrow$ (600 °C, 700 °C & 800 °C)	Positive Correlation	
Kondratiuk and Kuhn (2011)				
Tian et al. (2012)		$\mu \uparrow$ (500 °C, 600 °C & 700 °C)	Negative Correlation	$\mu \downarrow$ (25 mm/s & 50 mm/s)
Vilaseca et al. (2014)		$\mu \downarrow$ (550 °C & 800 °C)		
Mozgovoy et al. (2018)			No clear correlation	$\mu -$ (10 mm/s & 100 mm/s)
Venema (2019)		< 600 °C: $\mu \downarrow$ > 600 °C: $\mu \uparrow$		
Schwingschlögl (2020)		< 600 °C: $\mu \downarrow$ > 600 °C: $\mu \uparrow$		$\mu \downarrow$ (10 mm/s - 120 mm/s)

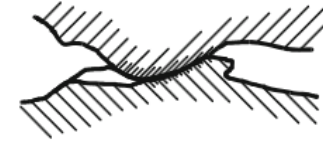
# Friction in Press Hardening

## Adhesive Effects



- Defined by the forces to overcome adhesion

## Abrasive Effects



- Defined by the forces for the deformation of asperities

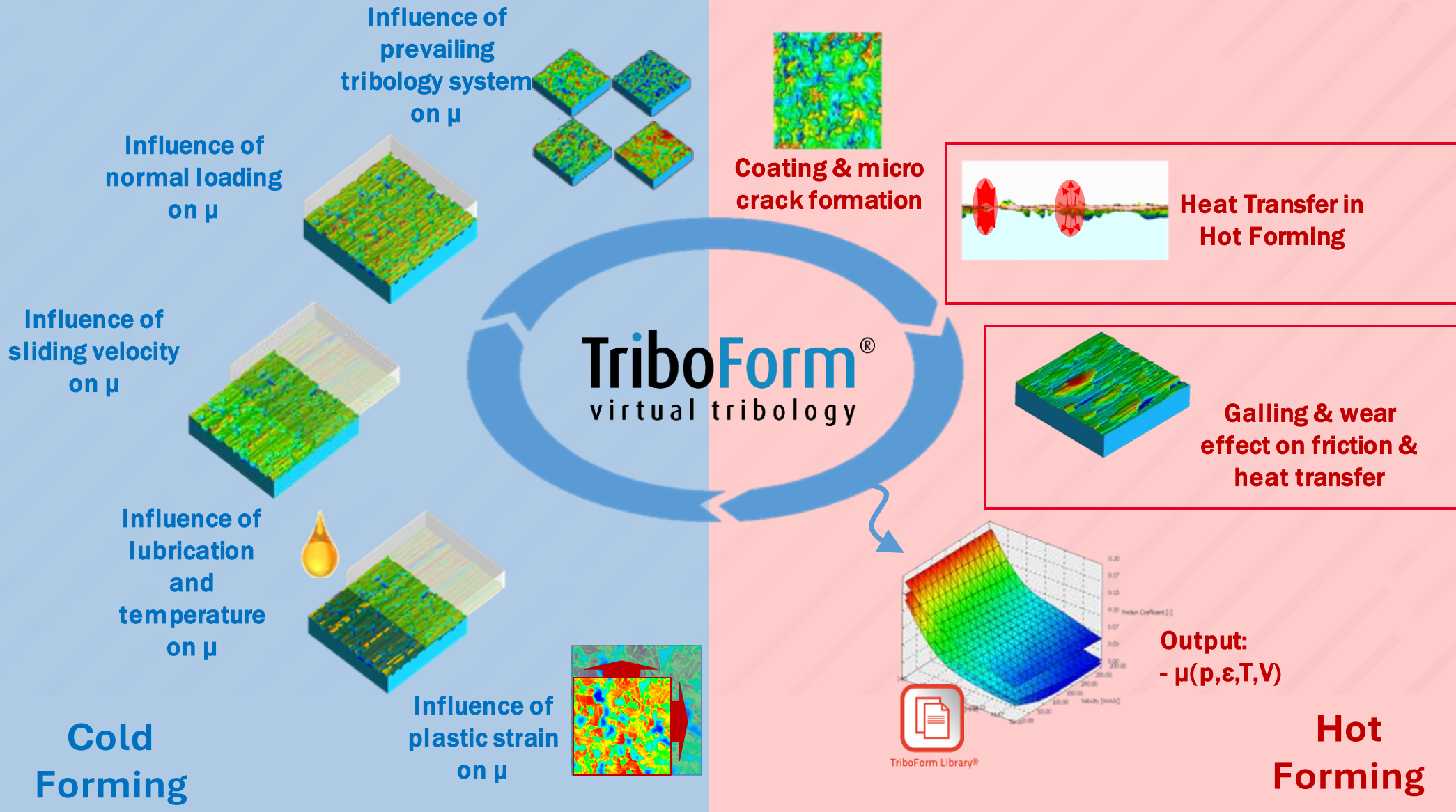
Coating, Contact Pressure, Temperature, Sliding Velocity, Sliding Distance / History have an influence on friction mechanisms

Effective Friction Coefficient is a function of prevailing conditions at the sheet-tool interface:

- Temperature
- Contact Pressure
- Sliding Velocity
- Strain

(Reference: Hardell, 2009)

# Friction in Press Hardening



# Friction in Press Hardening – Building the Model

## Multi-scale Friction Model

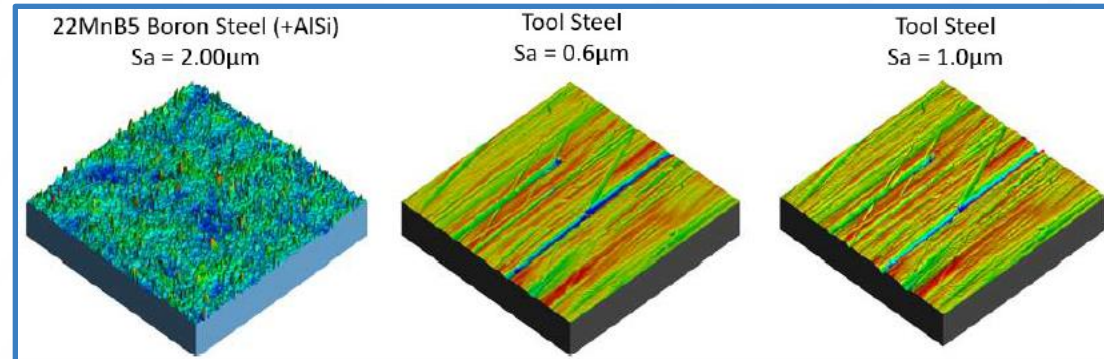
- Friction Force =  $f(\text{Asperity Deformation, Coating Fracture, Ploughing / Abrasion between Asperities})$
- Friction Coefficient =  $f(\text{Temperature, Sliding Velocity, Contact Pressure, Strain})$

## Tribological System

- Sheet: 22MnB5 with AlSi Coating
- Tool Steel

## Experimental Model Calibration

- Required calibration data
- Sheet samples heated to 930 °C: activate coating diffusion; cooled down for topography measurements
- Additional experiments for calibration



# Friction in Press Hardening

## Multi-Scale Friction Modeling

**Multi-scale friction modeling for sheet metal forming: The mixed lubrication regime** Tribol. Int. 85 (2015) 10–25; Hol J, Meinders V T, Geijselaers H J M and Van Den Boogaard A H

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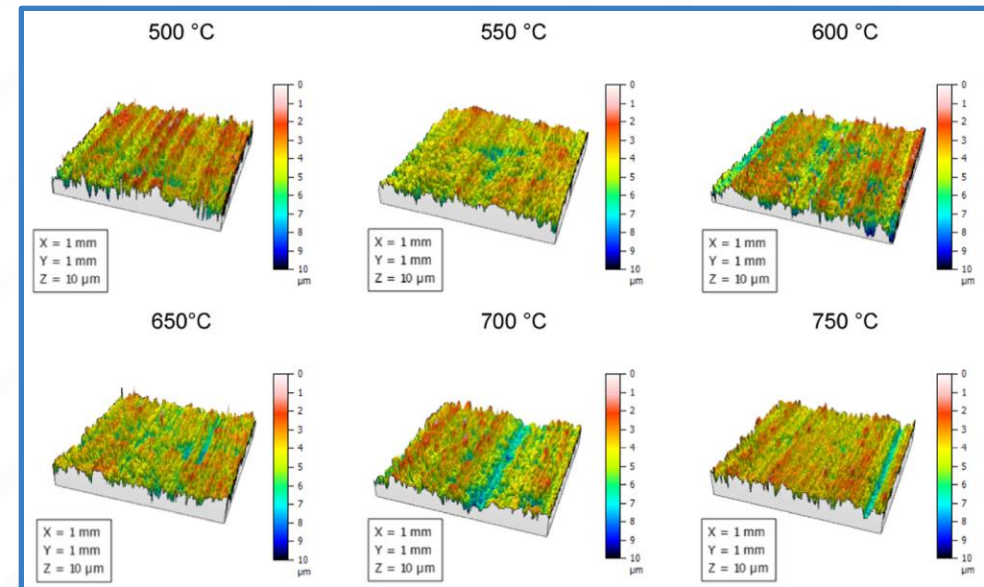
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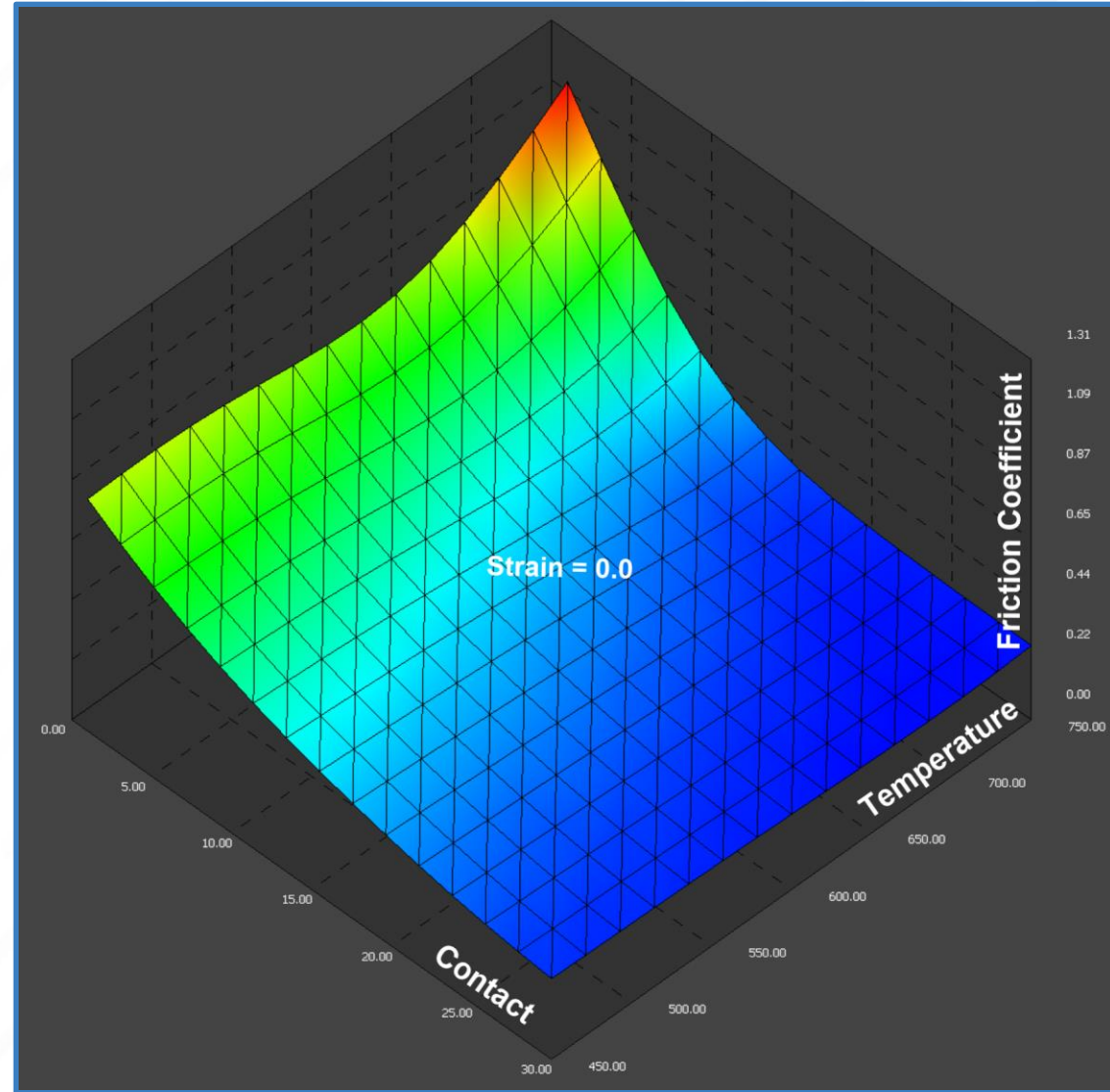
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# Friction in Press Hardening – Building the Model

## TriboForm Friction Model

- 22MnB5 + AlSi Coating; Tool Steel
- Temperature Range: 450-750 °C
- Contact Pressure Range: 1-30 MPa
- Plastic Strain Range: 0-0.4
- Sliding Velocity Range: 1-300 mm/s



## Application of an Advanced Friction Model in Hot Stamping Simulations: A Numerical and Experimental Investigation of an A-Pillar Reinforcement Panel from Volvo Cars

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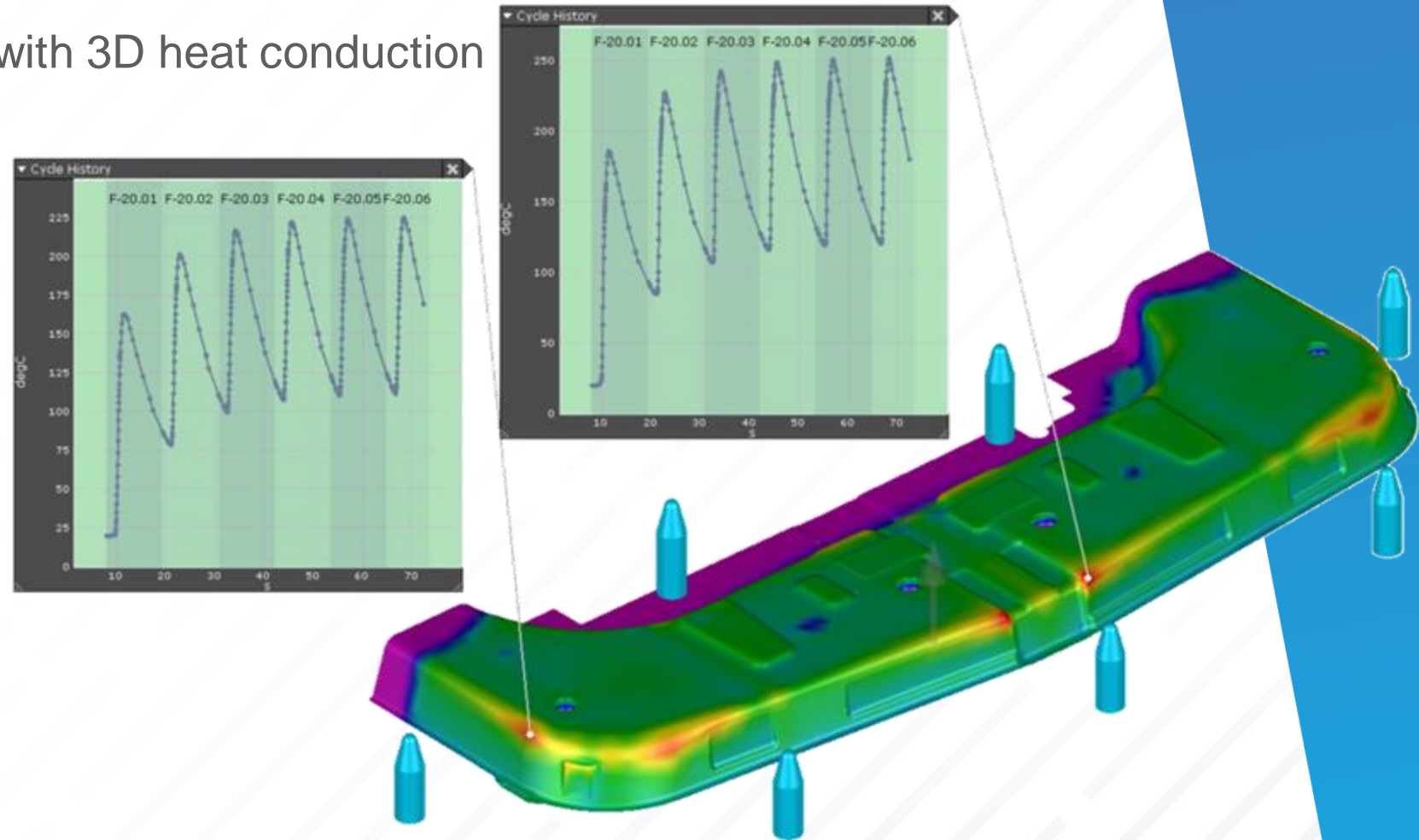
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# Volvo Hinge Pillar Reinforcement

Material: 22MnB5,  $t=1.20$  mm

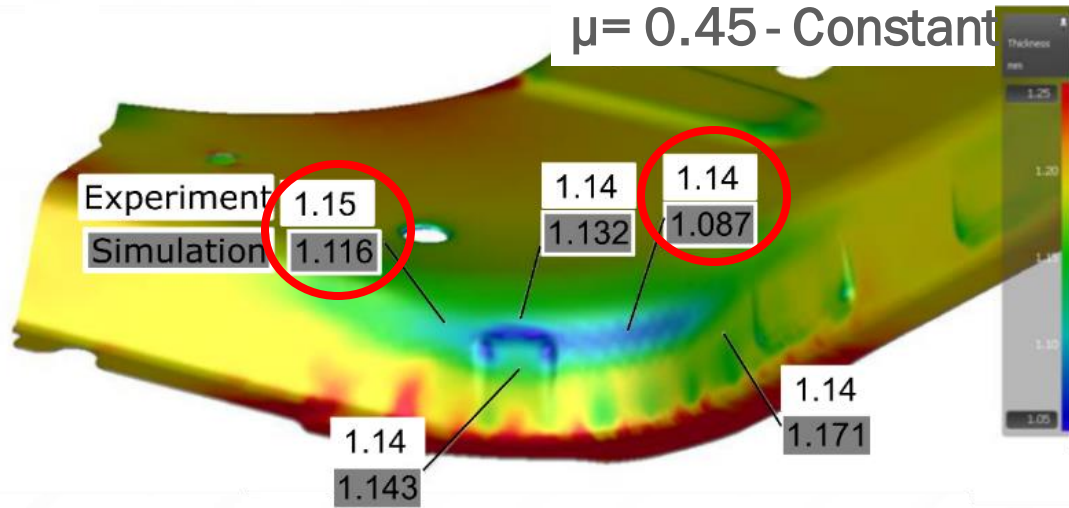
- Temperature dependent r-Values
- Modeling of cooling channels with 3D heat conduction



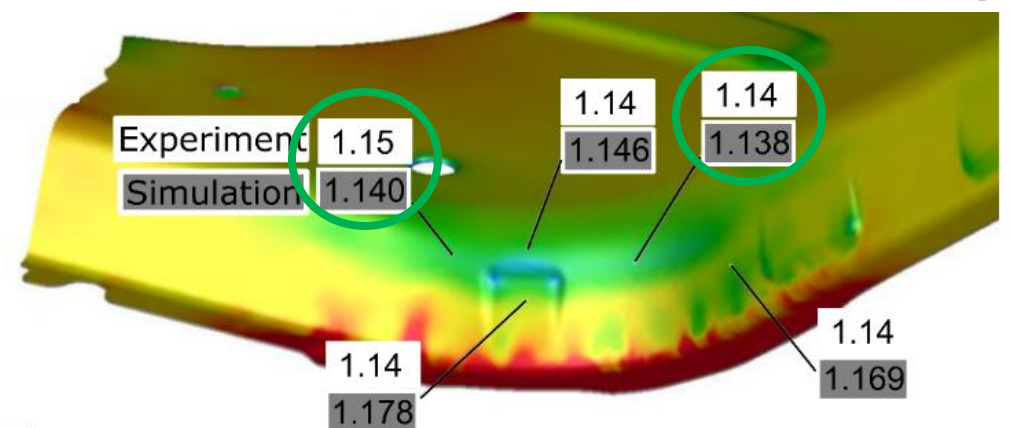
# Constant Coulomb vs. TriboForm

Thickness distribution

$\mu = 0.45$  - Constant



$\mu$ : Advanced friction modelling



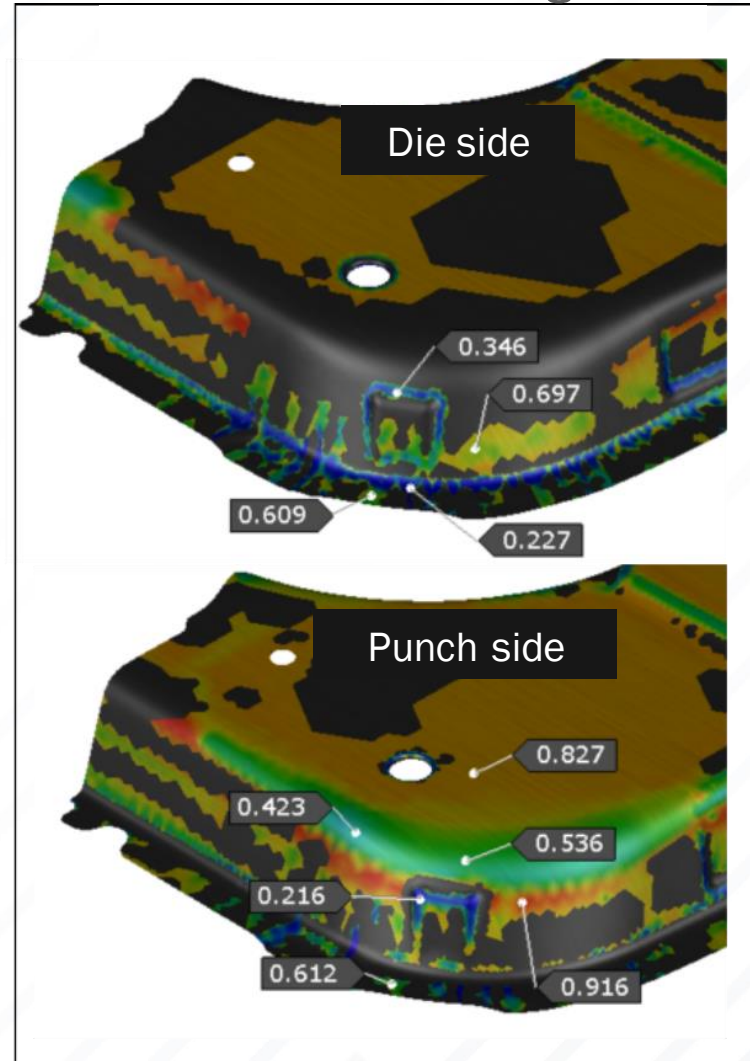
# Distribution of Friction Coefficients

Friction coefficient changes through the process...

Considered dependencies:

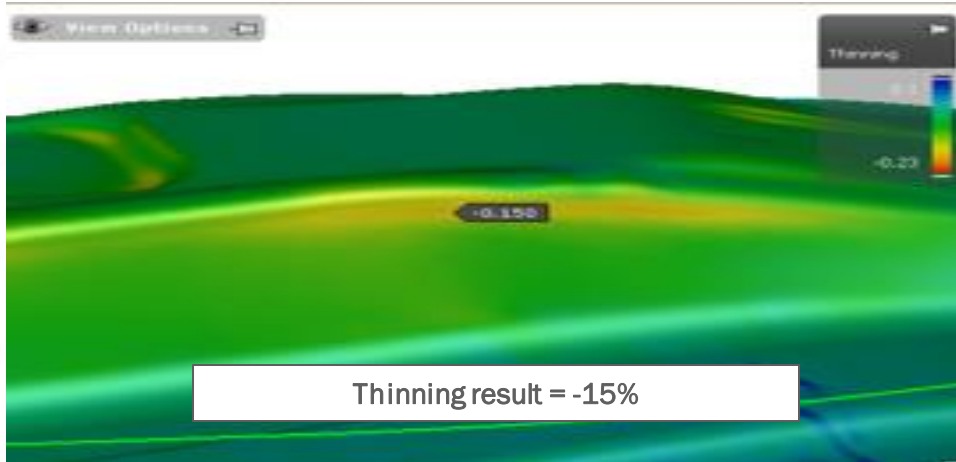
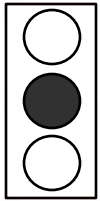
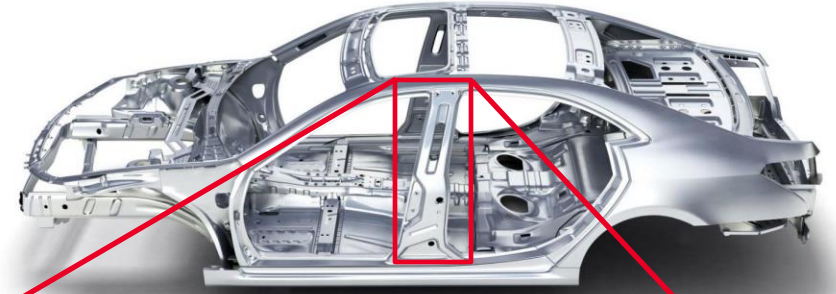
- Surface topography
- Contact pressure
- Temperature
- Strain
- Sliding velocity

End of drawing

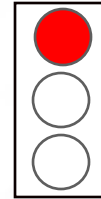


# B-Pillar

Material: 22MnB5,  $t=1.60$  mm

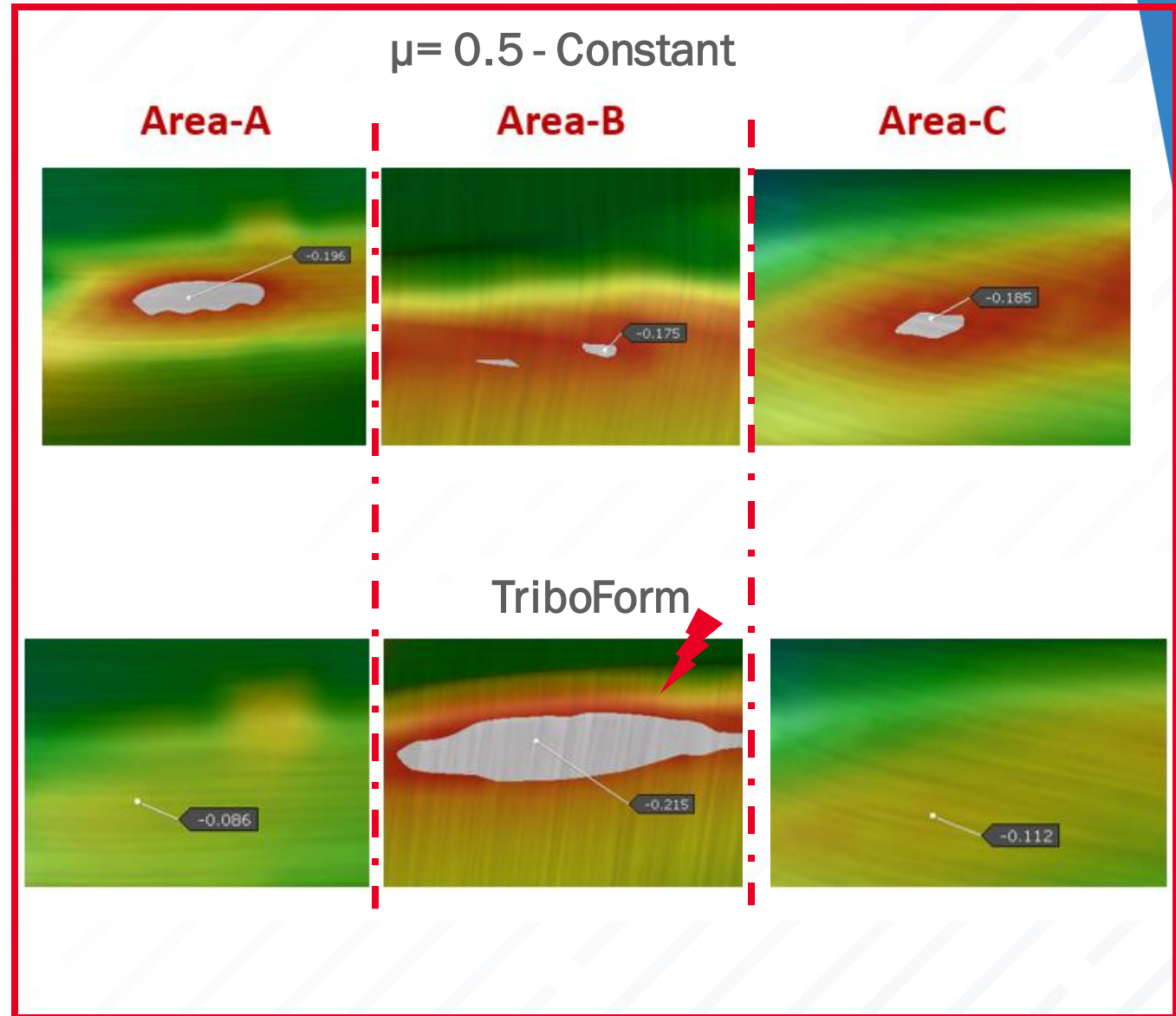
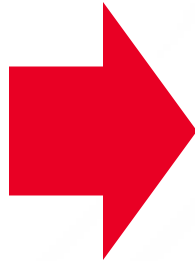


Simulation + constant  
(Coulomb) friction: *Not critical*



First press trial: *Necking*

Thickness  
comparison



# State of the Art

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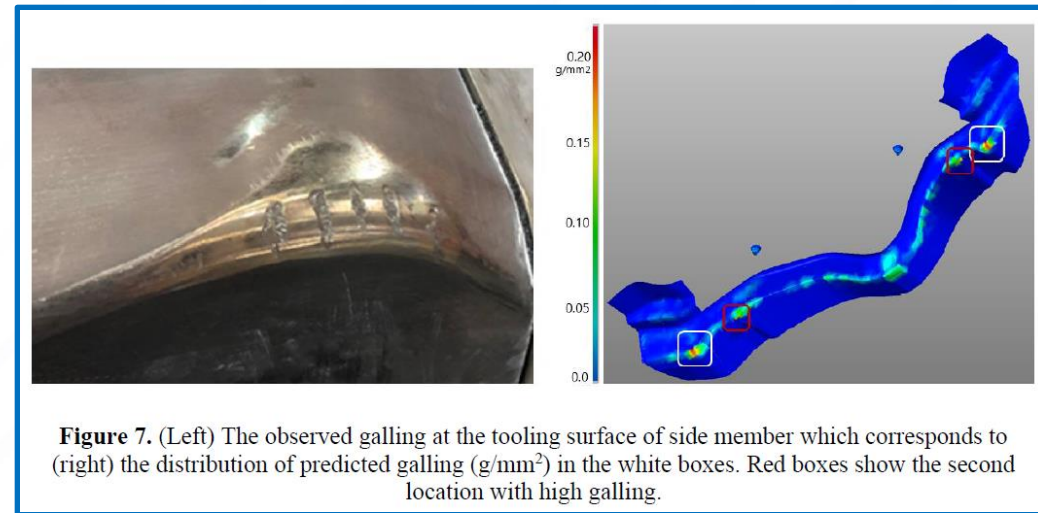
Modeling of cooling channels & thermal cycling

## Interface Sheet-Tool:

- Advanced friction modeling
- Heat transfer coefficient
- Galling and wear

## Galling and Wear – some early results...

- Advanced Friction Model was extended to include galling initiation and lump growth
- Model calibrated using experimental data from hot strip draw tests
- Model capable of predicting galling location and amount
- Validated so far against observations on galling location on tools



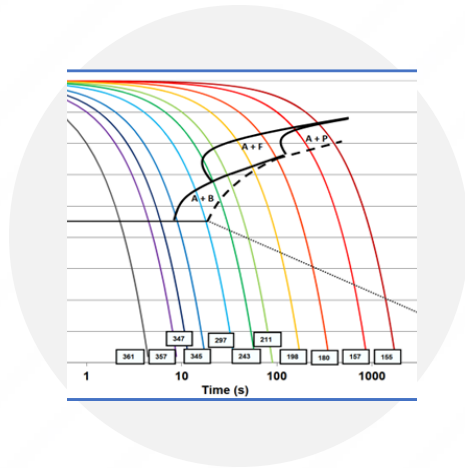
An industrial application case to predict galling in hot stamping processes

S Berahmani et al 2022 IOP Conf. Ser.: Mater. Sci. Eng.

# Looking forward...

Experimental and numerical investigations on tailored product properties of BIW parts using MBW®1200+AS and MBW®1900+AS Pro

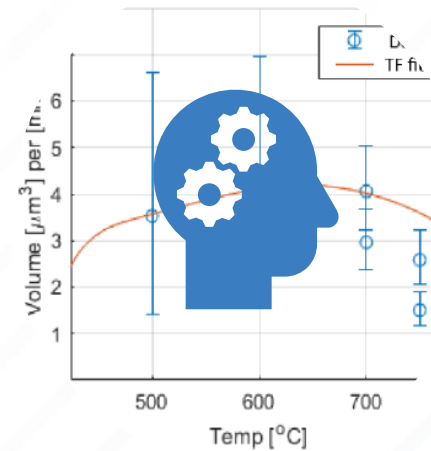
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**NEW PHASE-DEPENDENT MATERIAL MODELS**

Tribological modelling in hot stamping processes: Prediction of tool wear and tool lifetime on industrial scale

*Volvo Cars Sweden, TriboForm, Blekinge Institute*



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