

USAGE OF LS-DYNA IN METAL FORMING.

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INTRODUCTION. BMW GROUP PRODUCTION NETWORK.



INTRODUCTION. TOOL SHOPS OF THE BMW GROUP.



Eisenach – Tool shop: Process design. Tool Construction. <u>Tool P</u>roduction.

Dingolfing - Tool shop: Process design. Tool Construction. Tool Production. Support for Production.

Munich – Tool shop: Tool Construction. Tool Production. Support for Production.

Munich - FIZ-Network: Concept of Production. Tool Development. Tool Construction. Process validation.

INTRODUCTION. FROM DESIGN TO TOOL AND PRESS.

- Car design.



- Process layout.







INTRODUCTION. PRESS SHOP.

– Raw material.



- Press line.



- Coil-cut.



- Forming tool.



INTRODUCTION. PRESS SHOP.

Exemplary setup of a forming tool of a hood-inner.



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FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. APPLICATION OF SIMULATION IN THE TOOL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.



FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. SOFTWARE CONCEPT.



– Application of forming simulation.

Modification of model parameters

FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. DETERMINATION OF MATERIAL PARAMETERS.

Generation of material cards: Selection of the used material model and definition of the model parameters.



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FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. COLD FORMING.

Design of production and cold forming simulation.





FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. SPRINGBACK COMPENSATION.

From forming simulation to springback.



FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. SPRINGBACK COMPENSATION.

Tool surfaces are modified within the springback compensation process based on simulated or measured data.

-Elastic springback.



-Basic concept of springback compensation.



FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. SPRINGBACK COMPENSATION.

Example: 3 Series Gran Turismo - trunk lid inner- prototype.

- Numerical representation of the production process.



- Springback compensation of the tool surfaces.
- Springback result of the final physical part.
 - → Measured data vs. simulated data.



FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. INDIRECT PRESS HARDENING.

Process consisting of multi stage cold forming followed by heat treatment of the trimmed cold formed part.



- Objectives:
 - Tailoring the strength of the part.
 - Geometrically accurate parts made from press hardened steel with complex geometry.

FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. INDIRECT PRESS HARDENING.

 Automated generation of the press hardening process model for simulation using in-house software tools.

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Cold forming of b-pillar reinforcement.



- Press hardening of b-pillar reinforcement.
 - Beginning of hardening t₀.



FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. DRAPING OF CARBON FIBER REINFORCED PLASTICS.

Challenging example geometry.

– Simulation. Experiment.

FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. **DRAPING OF CARBON FIBER REINFORCED PLASTICS.**

Challenging example geometry.

- Simulation.



 \Rightarrow Numerical prediction of wrinkles matches experimental results.

FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. DEFORMATION OF TOOL AND PRESS.

Simulation enables compensation and optimizations of the tool surfaces.



- Process modeling.

- Tools (solids), drawn part from forming simulation, etc.
- Process setup with BMW in-house software system.

FORMING SIMULATION AT BMW – STATE OF THE ART. TRIMMING OF THIN SHEET METAL.

- Objectives:

- Strength and stiffness optimization of the trim steels.
- Prediction of edge fracture during restriking.

- Modeling:

- Employing enhanced material cards and fracture models.
- Employing volume elements (plain stress would be an invalid assumption).



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LIMITING FACTORS FOR THE CURRENT SIMULATION SYSTEMS. SOLVER AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Limits of solver and numerical modeling.
 - Number of degrees of freedom.
 - Element formulation.
 - Kinematic of press and tool systems.
- Limits of computer-hardware.
 - CPUs.
 - Cores / Clock frequency → Cost.
 - 32- vs. 64-Bit Single- vs. DoublePrecision.
 - Main Memory RAM.
 - Connectivity between the cluster nodes.



Algorithms.

Implizit

Finite-Flements.

LIMITING FACTORS FOR THE CURRENT SIMULATION SYSTEMS. EXAMPLES FROM ENGINEERING PROCESS.

Simulation of large models – daily engineering.

- Mini Clubman - Door Inner: Simulation with line beads (Initial design).



-Number of elements: ~ 600.000
-Element size: 1,2 mm
-Computational time: 32CPUs: ~ 1,1 h

- 3 Series Gran Turismo – Side frame: Simulation with line beads (Initial design).



-Number of elements: ~ 2.400.000
-Element size: 1,4 mm
-Computational time: 32CPUs: ~ 6,8 h

LIMITING FACTORS FOR THE CURRENT SIMULATION SYSTEMS. EXAMPLES FROM ENGINEERING PROCESS.

Simulation of large models – daily engineering.

- 2 Series Gran Tourer – Side frame: Simulation with geom. drawbeads (Validation).



⇒ Simulation results for large forming models in the daily engineering process are available within 24h.

\Rightarrow Software / Solver should continuously be optimized for available hardware.

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT USE OF LS-DYNA.

- Usage of LS-DYNA solver in cold forming and springback compensation in the daily tool-engineering is state of the art at BMW.
- Additional production processes are considered in the simulation models and these models are optimized continuously.
 - Simulation of indirect press hardening.
 - Draping of carbon fiber reinforced plastics.
 - Trimming simulation.
 - Etc.
- Limits of the simulation systems are permanently analyzed and if necessary, the simulation systems' capabilities are enhanced.

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FUTURE CHALLENGES. PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

- In the further production process, single parts are joined to the car body.
- The state of strain and stress of single parts is influenced by the joining operations which affects the springback of the entire assembly.
 - Simulating the assembly operation is important for the prediction of the final geometry of the assembly.



- Insertion of single parts.
- Modeling of spotwelds, weldlines and adhesives.
- Hemming simulation of the outer parts.









Example of an assembly simulation - 5 Series Sedan trunk lid.

- Springback simulation of prototype assembly.
 - Diagram: Deviation of simulation and target-geometry.



⇒ Simulation results enable adjustments and optimization of the assembly process.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

