Towards fracture prediction in single point incremental forming

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Single point incremental forming - SPIF

- A sheet metal deformed by a small tool.
- The tool guided by a CNC (milling machine, robot)
- Dieless, with high sheet formability.
- For rapid prototypes, small batch productions



[Henrard et al. 2010]



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Fracture in SPIF

- Damage localised in a **very small** area near the crack.
- DCo1 steel pyramid:



Away from the crack, $A_{porosity} = 0,023 \%$





Damage modeling

Strong influence of stress state on damage.
 → Triaxiality classicaly introduced in damage function



$$T \quad I_1, J_2 = \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{eq}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \frac{I_1}{\sqrt{J_2}}$$

 At low triaxialities (<1/3), void shape evolution more important than void growth.

Damage modeling

- Shape effects related with shearing mechanisms.
- Triaxiality insufficient for low triaxialities

 \rightarrow use the Lode angle:

X
$$J_2, J_3 = \cos 3\theta = \frac{27}{2} \frac{J_3}{\sigma_{eq}^3}$$

- Shear effects during SPIF → low triaxiality
 → use of Lode angle?
- What happens with the triaxiality and the Lode angle during SPIF near failure?

Simulations

- Material: Aluminum AA3003-O (1.2mm thickness)
- Failure angle: 71°.
- Tool path = circles with a step down of 0,5 mm



Mesh and boundary conditions

- FE code: LAGAMINF
- Implicit simulations.
- One layer with 4492 solid-shell elements.
- SSH3D solid-shell element:
- Ben Bettaieb et al. [2011]
- Duchêne et al. [2011]



The solid-shell element

• Brick element designed for thin structures.



- Enhanced assumed strain (EAS) [Simo and Rifai 1990, Alves de Sousa et al. 2007].
- Assumed natural strain (ANS) [Schwarze and Reese 2009].
- In-plane full integration and 5 IP through the thickness.

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Results: Geometry

- Results from a transversal cut:
- Good correlation in both the top and the bottom.





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Results: Axial force





- Average Tool reaction in the Z direction.
- Curve shape oK
- Far below the experimental level:

 $F_{\rm exp} \approx 500[\,{
m N}\,]$



Normalized third invariant



Conclusions

- Experimental evidence proves that the damage is very localized in SPIF.
- Low Triaxiality (<1/3) during the whole process, however triaxiality peak after the contact zone

 \rightarrow a porosity increase?

- In plasticity, the triaxiality remains more or less constant during one contour, while the normalized third invariant changes more.
- Damage modeling should consider the variation of the Lode angle during one contour.

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