Accurate Single Point Incremental Forming Simulations using Solid-Shell Elements

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A sheet metal is deformed by a small tool.

■ The tool could be guided by a CNC (milling machine, robot).



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Motivations

- Through the thickness gradient are important.
- 2D constitutive laws cannot be used.
- New advances on element formulation in FE codes.



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Simulations

- Material: DC01 ferritic steel (1 mm thickness).
- Two slope pyramid:



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Material parameters:

$$\sigma_{Y0} = 158 \text{ MPa} \quad C_x = 257$$

 $K = 255 \text{ MPa} \quad X_{sat} = 4 \text{ MPa}$
 $n = 13$

 Identification through *classical* (tensile, monotonic/Bauschinger shear) tests (OPTIM).

Mesh and boundary conditions

- Displacement-controlled implicit simulation.
- One layer with 2248 elements.
- Symmetry and rotational boundary conditions (BINDS.F):





Solid-shell element

Formulation

- Large aspect ratios \implies locking
- Enhanced Assumed Strain (EAS)
- Assumed Natural Strain (ANS)



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Sampling points (transverse shear and transverse normal strains):



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11 EAS modes

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24 EAS modes

Solid-shell element

Enhanced Assumed Strain (EAS) modes Assumed Natural Strain (ANS) version In-plane integration Stabilization technique

SSH3D	RESS
24	1
4	-
full	reduced*
-	Yes



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NIC machine

- Near 1000 cores and 5 Tb memory.
- LAGAMINE (and PREPRO) compiled in Linux.
- Possibility of using other machines (Lemaître-UCL,...)





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EAS and mesh influence

- Strong EAS mode influence.
- Small mesh influence.



Force evolution

Both EAS modes and mesh influence.





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Future work

- Identify the most important EAS modes.
- Improve identification procedure to consider out-of-plane stresses.

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