

# **MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL MODELING OF THE FLAT ROLLING PROCESS**


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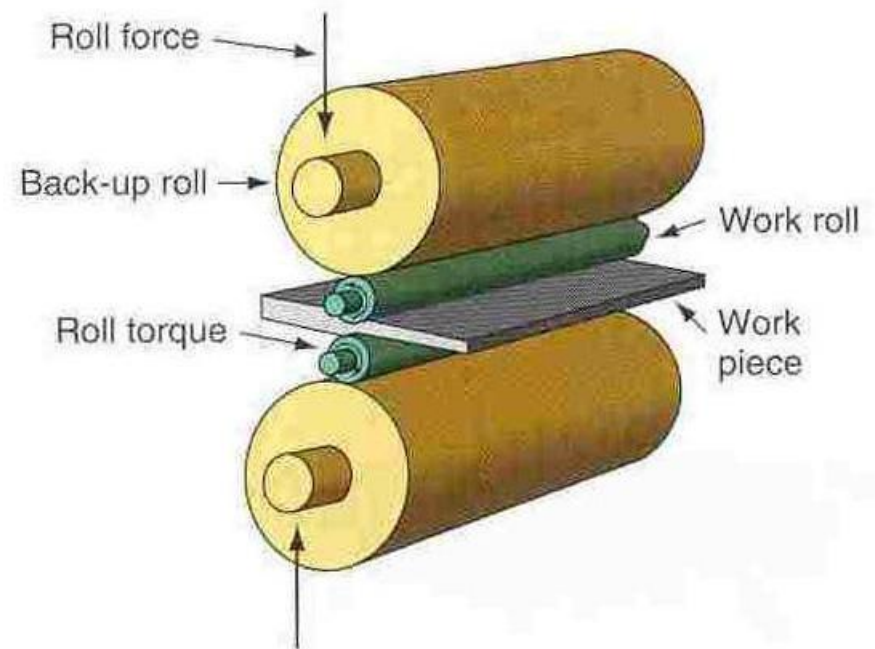
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# INTRODUCTION

## ▶ THE FLAT ROLLING PROCESS

- Reduce thickness to a pre-determined final thickness
- Hot, Warm and Cold rolling
- Work and Back-up rolls
- Finishing and Roughening mills
- Roll separating forces and roll torques



# INTRODUCTION

## ▶ THE HOT ROLLING PROCESS

- Reheating Furnaces
  - Heated up to 1200 – 1250 C for steel, 500 – 550 C for aluminum
  - Removing cast dendrite structures
  - Dissolving most of alloying elements
  - Decreases hard precipitates

- Roughing mill
- Coil box
- Finishing mill

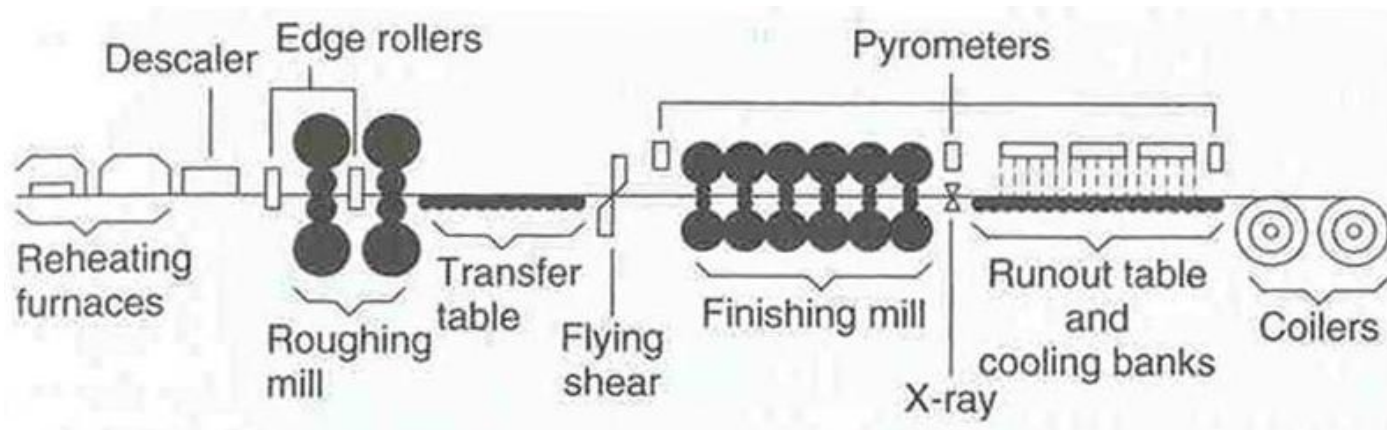


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# INTRODUCTION

## ▶ PHYSICAL QUANTITIES OF ROLLING

- Roll separating force ( $P_r$ ) in N/mm.
- Roll pressure  $p$  in Pa.
- Coefficient of friction  $\mu$
- Width of the metal to be rolled  $w$  in mm.
- Radius of the work roll  $R$  and deformed radius of the work roll  $R'$  in mm.
- Contact length  $L$  in mm.
- Entry thickness  $h_{entry}$ , exit thickness  $h_{exit}$  and the difference  $\Delta h$  in mm.
- Shear stress  $\tau$  in Pa.
- The angle between the vertical lines is  $\phi$
- The torque per width  $M$  in N.
- $r$  is the reduction in %.

# THEORY OF PLASTICITY

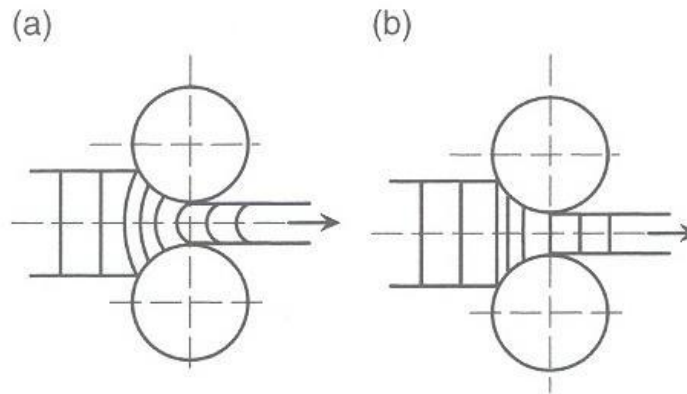
## ▶ MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF STEEL

- A metallic alloy with variable carbon content
- Relatively high resistance to deformation
- High strength and ductility and good behavior at high temperatures
- Ductility as much as 40 %
- Strength as much as 1250 MPa
- Transformation-induced plasticity (TRIP)
- Martensitic and manganese-boron steels
- Advance high strength steels (AHSS)
- Annealing after cold rolling
- Entry temperature and strain rate have crucial effect
- More than 50% reduction can be achieved

# THEORY OF PLASTICITY

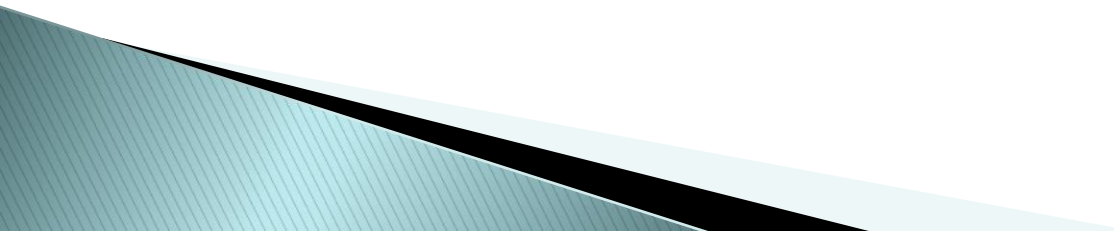
## ▶ HOMOGENEOUS AND NON-HOMOGENEOUS COMPRESSION

- Experimentally studies
- In homogeneous compression planes remain as planes
- Easier to model the homogeneous compression
- Schey determination – when average thickness  $h_{ave} = \frac{(h_{entry} - h_{exit})}{2}$  divided by the length ( $L$ ) is bigger than a unity, non-homogeneous.



# THEORY OF PLASTICITY

## ▶ IDEAL PLASTIC DEFORMATION CRITERIA

- Planes strain plastic flow
  - Width should also be considered as unchanged
  - All the energy is absorbed by the material and turned into plastic deformation
  - No energy lost in the elasticity
  - Also no elastic recovery is considered
  - Becomes handy in 2D analysis
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# THEORY OF PLASTICITY

## ▶ LIMITATIONS OF FLAT ROLLING

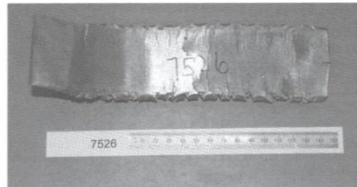
- Minimum rollable thickness by Stone (1953)

$$h_{\min} = \frac{3.58D\mu\sigma_{fm}}{E}$$

where  $D$  is the roll diameter in mm  $E$  is the elastic modulus in Pa,  $\sigma_{fm}$  is the average flow strength in Pa and  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

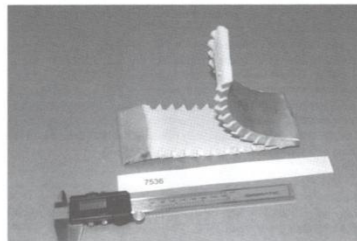
Claimed that in reality this does not exist.

- Edge cracking



Edge cracking of an aluminum alloy, hot rolled at 505°C to a strain of 0.6 (Duly et al., 1998).

- Alligatoring



Alligatoring and edge-cracking of an aluminum alloy, hot rolled at 497°C to a strain of 0.56.

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# ROLLING MILL

## ▶ HITCHCOOK'S RADIUS

- Elasticity of the roll is considered

- Hitchcock's equation (1935): 
$$R' = R \left[ 1 + \frac{16(1-\nu^2)}{\pi E \Delta h} P_r \right]$$

where  $R'$  is the flattened but still circular roll radius in mm,  $R$  is the original roll radius in mm,  $\nu$  is the Poisson's ratio,  $E$  is the Young's modulus of the roll in Pa,  $\Delta h$  is the thickness difference in mm and  $P_r$  is the roll separating force in N/mm.

- In experiments the squeezed roll is more flattened than circular

# ROLLING MILL

## ▶ ROLL BENDING

- Deflection of the roll across its central axis
- Maximum deflection occurs at the center
- Rowe calculated the maximum deflection in mm (1977) as; 
$$\Delta = \frac{PL^3}{EI} + 0.2 \frac{PL}{AG}$$

$P$  is the roll force in N,  $L$  is the length of the roll in mm,  $E$  is the elastic modulus in Pa,  $I$  is the moment of inertia,  $G$  is the shear modulus in Pa and  $A$  is the cross sectional area in  $\text{mm}^2$

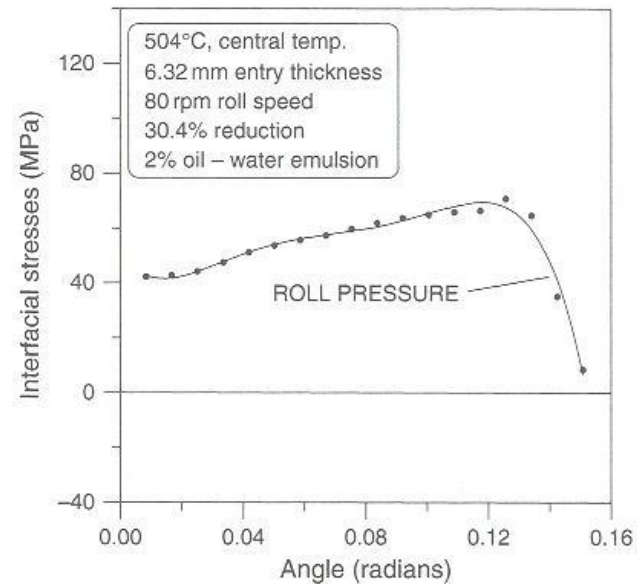
- Rowe (1977) calculated the maximum deflection as; 
$$\Delta = \frac{P\bar{L}^2(5L + 24c)}{6\pi ED^4} + \frac{P\bar{L}}{2\pi GD^2}$$

$\bar{L}$  is the half of the bearing length in mm,  $D$  is the diameter of the roll in mm and  $c$  is the length of the roll in mm,

# ROLLING FORCES

## ▶ ROLL PRESSURE AND ROLL SEPERATING FORCE

- Roll pressure is the main physical source of the process
- Roll separating force is the main goal in calculations in N/mm
- They are related in all mathematical models
- Roll pressure varies over the surface
- Proportional
- Increased with reduction
- Roll separating force is used in calculating other quantities
- Friction, entry thickness and strain hardening coefficient increase both of them
- Cold rolling requires more than hot rolling
- Needs to be determined before installation



The roll pressure distribution.

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# ROLLING FORCES

## ▶ SHEAR STRESSES

- Created due to the roll pressure
- As a result of relative motion between roll and the strip
- Acting tangential to the surface
- Depends on coefficient of friction and roll pressure
- Calculated as:  $\tau = \mu p$
- Direction is always opposite to the relative motion
- Its sign changes in calculations due to previous reason
- At neutral point it vanishes

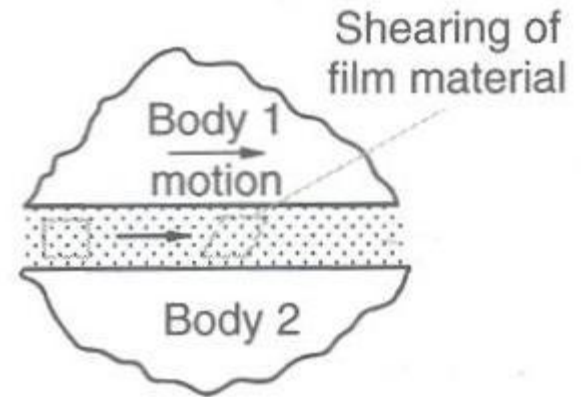
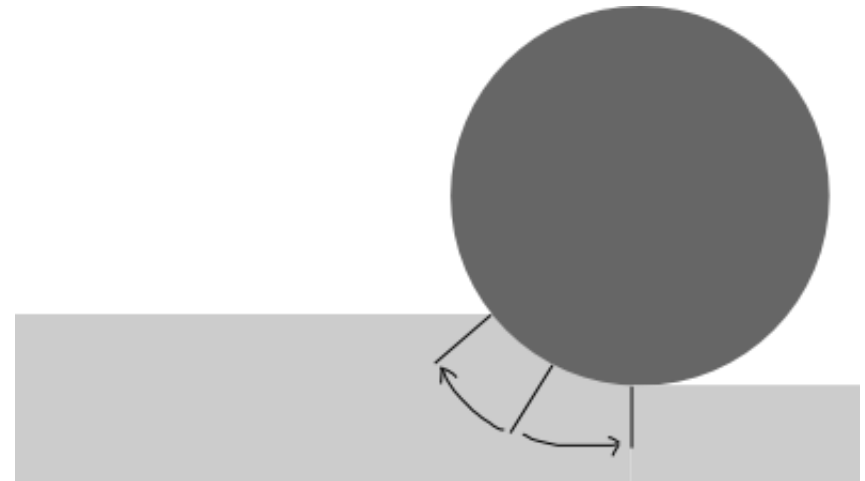


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# ROLLING FORCES

## ▶ NEUTRAL POINT

- Backward region, strip is slower
- neutral point, same speed as roll's surface
- forward region, strip is faster
- Conservation of mass
- No relative motion occurs at this point
- $\tau = 0$
- Not in the middle
- Needs to be determined in some calculations
- Neutral or no-slip region



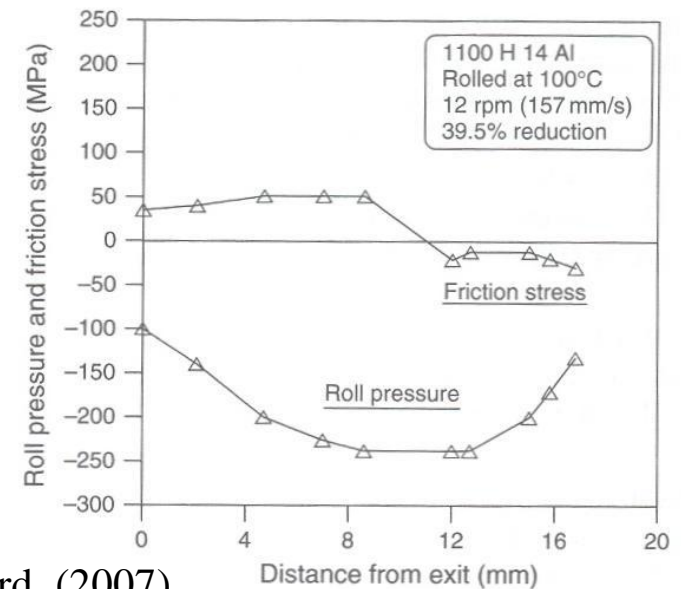
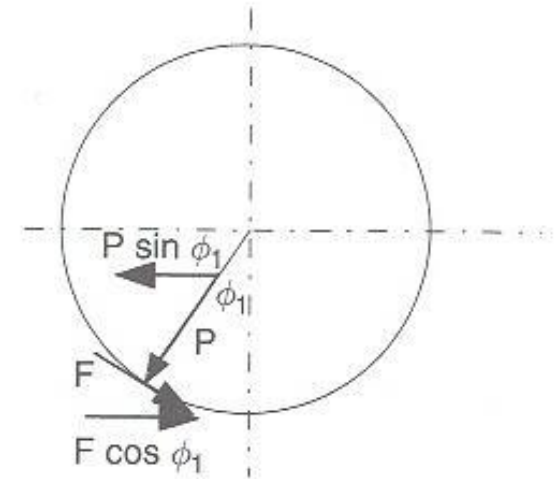
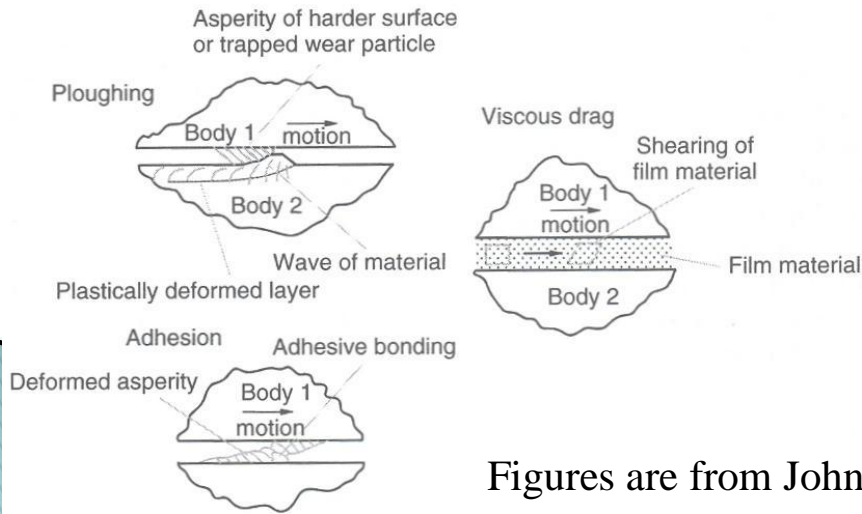
# TRIBOLOGY

## ▶ COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

- Reason for the process to start and to move forward

$$\mu_{\min} = \tan \phi_{bite}$$

- Increases the required forces to drive
- It varies over the surface
- Oxidation on hot rolling changes it
- Adhesion and apparent contact area
- Lubricants are used to control the friction



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# TRIBOLOGY

## ▶ LUBRICANT

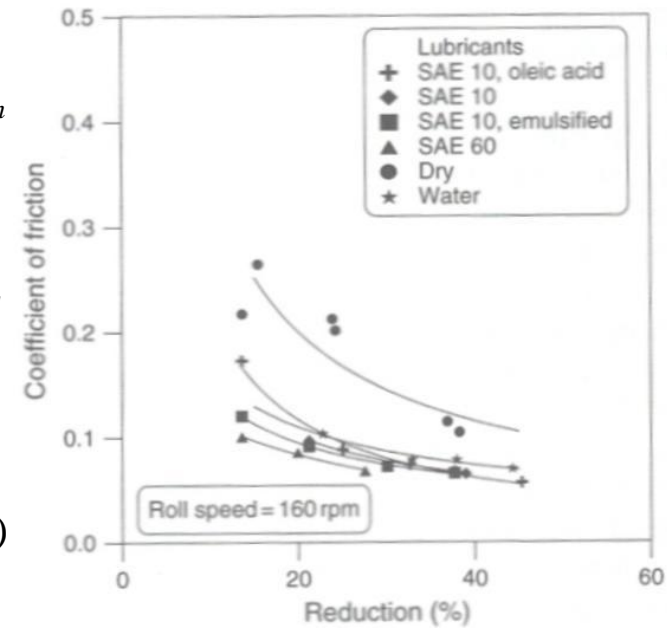
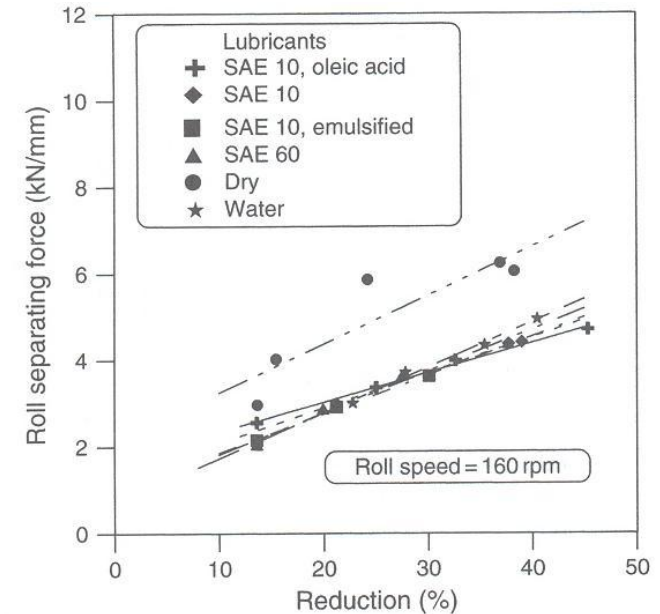
- Oil- water emulsions are the most common lubricant

- The viscosity:  $\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$        $\mu = \frac{\eta}{\rho}$

$\eta$  is the dynamic viscosity in Pa.s,  $\mu$  is the kinematic viscosity in m<sup>2</sup>/s,  $\dot{\gamma}$  is the shear strain rate,  $\rho$  is the density.

- Viscosity – Pressure:  $\eta = \eta_0 \exp(\gamma p)$      $\eta = \eta_0 (1 + Cp)^n$

$\eta_0$  is the viscosity under atmospheric pressure and  $\gamma$  is the pressure-viscosity coefficient and  $p$  is the pressure.  $C$  and  $n$  are constants.



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# TRIBOLOGY

## ► FRICTION FACTOR

$$\tau = mk \quad 0 \leq m \leq 1$$

- 1-D equation could be written as;

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{2k}{h_{exit}R + x^2} (2x - mR)$$

- The friction factor could be determined in terms of load and speed;

$$m = \bar{a} (x^2 - x_{np}^2) p + \bar{b} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\Delta v}{q} \right)$$

- The relative velocity is given;

$$\Delta v = v_r \frac{x_{np}^2 - x^2}{h_{exit}R + x^2}$$

$\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  are constants to be determined,  $q$  is a constant taken as 0.1

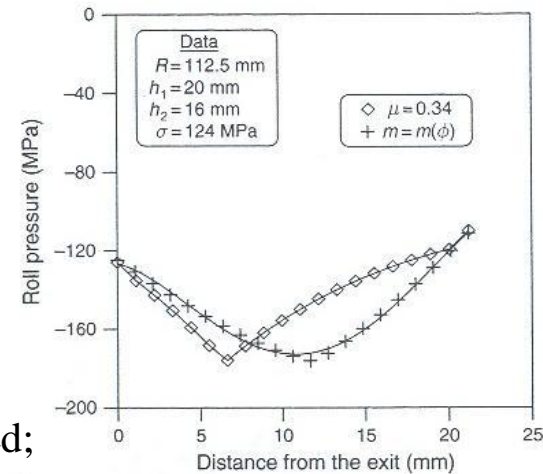


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# MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF ROLLING

## ▶ SCHEY'S MODEL

- Schey's model, roll separating force per unit width;

$$P_r = 1.15 Q_p \sigma_{fm} L$$

- Average flow strength;  $\sigma_{fm}$  (in Pa) is obtained by;

$$\sigma_{fm} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{max}} \int_0^{\varepsilon_{max}} \sigma(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$Q_p$  is the pressure intensification factor which is roll pressure divided by average flow strength  $\frac{p}{\sigma_{fm}}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{max}$  is the maximum strain and  $L$  is the contact length of rolling in m.

- $Q_p$  can be obtained by the graph defined by Schey

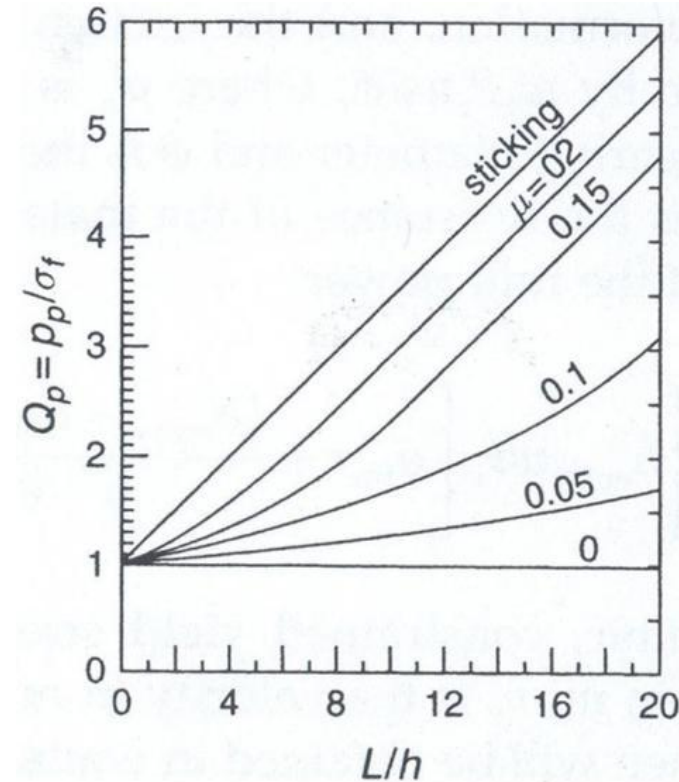


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# MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF ROLLING

## ▶ SIM'S MODEL

- Roll separating force in N/mm:  $P_r = 2kLQ_p$

Assumed that the angles in the roll gap are very small (  $\sin \phi = \tan \phi = \phi$  ). Interfacial shear stress is negligible and there is a sticking friction between the roll and the strip (  $\tau = k$  ).

- Pressure intensification factor:

$$Q_p = \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-r}{r}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{r}{1-r}} - \frac{\pi}{4} - \sqrt{\frac{1-r}{r}} \frac{R'}{h_{exit}} \ln \frac{h_{np}}{h_{exit}} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-r}{r}} \frac{R'}{h_{exit}} \ln \frac{1}{1-r} \right]$$

$h_{np}$  is the thickness at the neutral point.  $r$  is the reduction. Units inside each fraction should be consistent. Used in many calculations because of its simplicity.

# MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF ROLLING

## ▶ OROWAN'S MODEL

- 1 - Dimensional equilibrium based model;

$$\frac{d(\sigma_x h)}{dx} + p \frac{dh}{dx} \mp 2\mu p = 0$$

$\sigma_x$  is the stress in the direction of rolling and  $\mp$  is determined relative to the neutral point,  $p$  is the roll pressure.

- Shear stress is given as  $\tau = \mu p$  and using Huber – Mises criterion which is:  $\sigma_x + p = 2k$
- The formulation becomes:

$$\frac{dp}{dx} \pm 2\mu \frac{p}{h} = \frac{2k}{h} \frac{dh}{dx} + \frac{d(2k)}{dx}$$

$k$  is the yield strength under pure shear.

# MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF ROLLING

## ▶ REFINEMENTS TO OROWAN MODEL

- Published by Roychoudhury and Lenard (1984)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ h \left( p - 2k \pm \tau \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] = 2 \left( p \frac{dy}{dx} \pm \tau \right)$$

$$y = f(x) = ax + b$$

- Michell's 2D elastic treatment (1990)

$$P_r = p \left[ \int_{x_{entry}}^{x_n} \left( 1 + \mu \frac{dy}{dx} \right) dx + \int_{x_n}^{x_{exit}} \left( 1 + \mu \frac{dy}{dx} \right) dx + \int_{x_{entry}}^{x_n} \left( \mu - \frac{dy}{dx} \right) dx + \int_{x_n}^{x_{exit}} \left( \mu + \frac{dy}{dx} \right) dx \right]$$

$$\frac{M}{2} = p \int_{x_{entry}}^{x_n} \left[ x - y \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu \left( y + xy \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] dx - p \int_{x_n}^{x_{exit}} \left[ x - y \frac{dy}{dx} - \mu \left( y + x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] dx$$

$x_n$ ,  $x_{entry}$  and  $x_{exit}$  are the positions on x axis at the entry, neutral and exit points.

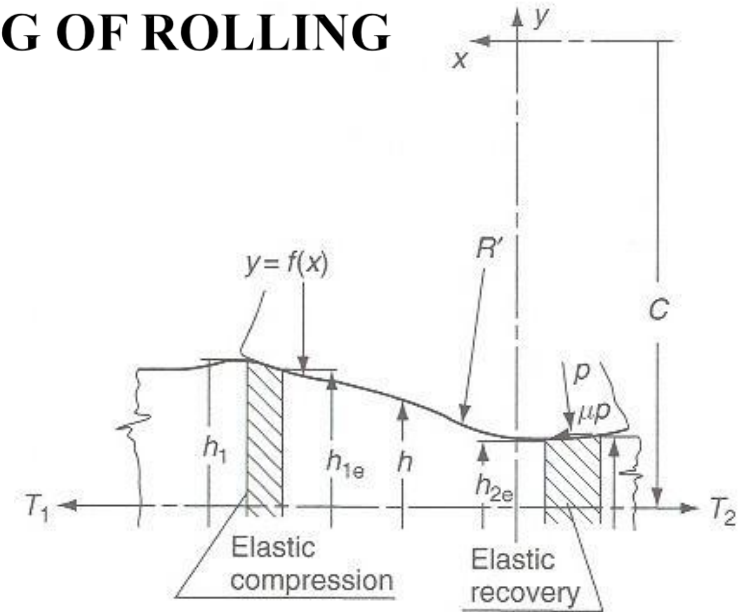


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# TEMPERATURE EFFECTS ON ROLLING

## ▶ TEMPERATURE GAIN DUE TO PLASTIC DEFORMATION

- The rise of temperature due to plastic deformation is:

$$\Delta T_{gain} = \frac{P_r L / R'}{\rho c_p h_{ave}}$$

$P_r$  is in N/m,  $L$  and  $R'$  are in m,  $\rho$  is the density of the strip in kg/m<sup>3</sup> and  $c_p$  is the specific heat of strip in J/kgC.

- Temperature rise by Roberts (1983) is: 
$$\Delta T_{gain} = \frac{\sigma_{fm}}{\rho c_p} \ln \frac{1}{1-r}$$

# TEMPERATURE EFFECTS ON ROLLING

## ▶ TEMPERATURE LOSS DUE TO HEAT DISSIPATION TO THE AMBIENT AND THE ROLL

- Temperature loss during hot rolling by Seredynski (1973) is:

$$\Delta T_{loss} = 60\alpha \sqrt{\frac{r}{h_{entry}R}} (T_{strip} - T_{roll}) [(1-r)\pi\rho c_p N]^{-1}$$

$\alpha$  is the heat transfer coefficient of roll strip interface in  $W / m^2K$ ,  $N$  is the revolutions per minute.  $T_{strip}$  and  $T_{roll}$  are the strip and roll temperatures in Kelvin.  $\rho$  and  $c_p$  are of the roll.

- Rise of roll's surface temperature estimated by Roberts (1983) is:

$$\frac{T_{roll} - T_0}{T_{strip} - T_0} = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{t}{kc_p\rho}}$$

$T_{roll}$  is the roll's surface temperature,  $T_0$  is the roll's temperature below its surface.  $k$  is the thermal conductivity of the roll in  $W/mK$ .  $t$  is the contact time in seconds.

# RECRYSTALLIZATION

## ▶ STATIC RECRYSTALLIZATION

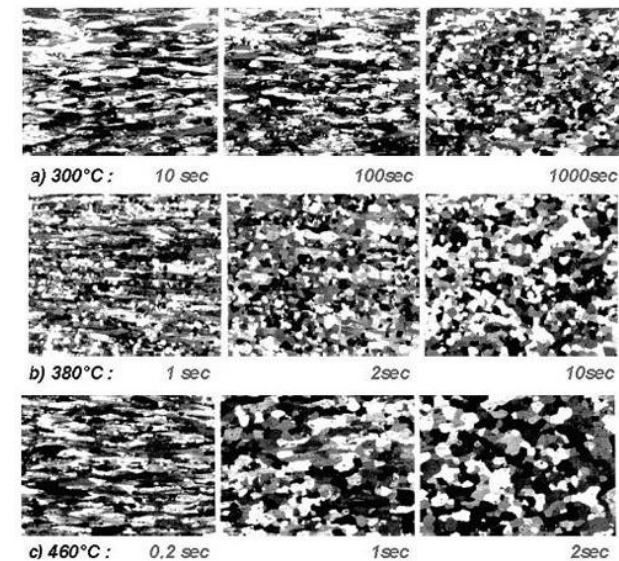
- Recrystallization controlled rolling to achieve finer grains
- Critical strain necessary for static recrystallization to occur
- Larger the grain size, slower the rate of recrystallization
- The temperature (in °C) above recrystallization occurs is;

$$T_{NRX} = 887 + 464[C] + (6445[NB] - 644\sqrt{[Nb]}) + (732[V] - 230\sqrt{[V]}) + 890[Ti] + 363[Al] - 357[Si]$$

- Avrami-Kolmogorov equation:

$$X = 1 - \exp \left[ A \left( \frac{t}{t_X} \right)^k \right]$$

$t$  is the hold time,  $X$  is the recrystallization volume fraction,  $t_X$  is the time for a given volume to crystallize,  $A = \ln(X)$  and  $k$  is Avrami exponent.





# RECRYSTALLIZATION

## ▶ STATIC RECRYSTALLIZATION

- Time for 50 % recrystallization is:

$$t_{0.5X} = B\varepsilon^p D_\gamma^q Z^r \dot{\varepsilon}^s \exp\left(\frac{Q_{RX}}{RT}\right)$$

$\varepsilon$  is the strain,  $D_\gamma$  is the austenite grain size prior to deformation in  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $Z$  is the Zener - Hollomon parameter defined as ;

$$Z = \dot{\varepsilon} \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$$

$Q_{RX}$  is the activation energy for recrystallization in J/mole,  $R$  is the gas constant and  $T$  is the absolute temperature.  $B, p, q$  are given by Sellars (1990).

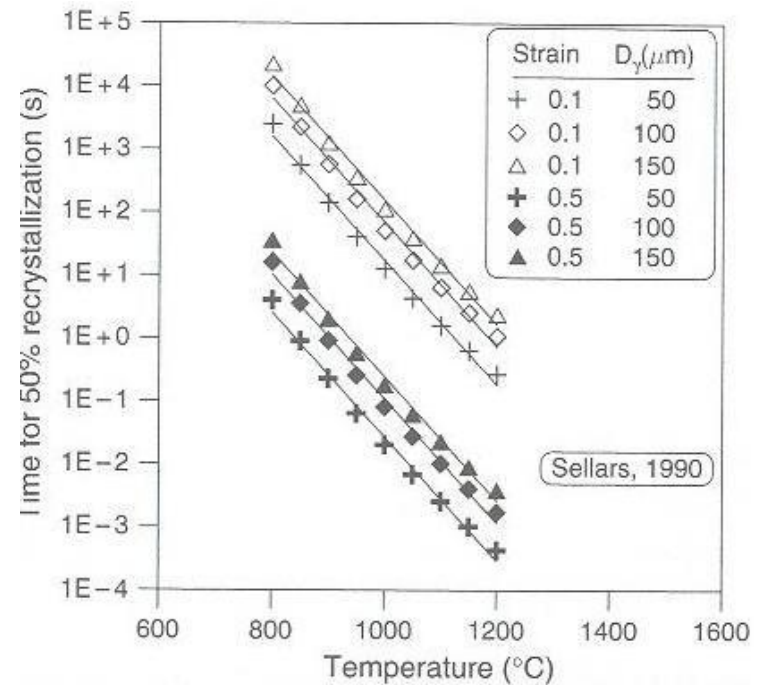


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# RECRYSTALLIZATION

## ▶ STATIC RECRYSTALLIZATION

- Recrystallized grain size:

$$D_r = C_1 + C_2 \varepsilon^m \dot{\varepsilon}^n D_\gamma^l \exp \frac{-Q_d}{RT}$$

$C$  values,  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $l$  are constants defined by Sellars.  $Q_d$  is the apparent activation energy.

- Time for  $X$  % recrystallization in seconds is:

$$t = \left[ \frac{\ln(1-X)}{A} \right]^{1/k} t_x$$

$t_x$  is the time for a given volume to recrystallize.

# RECRYSTALLIZATION

## ▶ DYNAMIC RECRYSTALLIZATION

- Recrystallization during plastic deformation
- Critical strain at which dynamic recrystallization starts, Zener-Hollomon parameter;

$$\varepsilon_c = AZ^p D_\gamma^q$$

$A, p, q$  are material constants,  $D_\gamma$  is the austenite grain size.

- Metadynamic recrystallization, starts during deformation and continues after deformation ends.

# RECRYSTALLIZATION

## ▶ METADYNAMIC RECRYSTALLIZATION

- Time for 50 % metadynamic recrystallization is:

$$t_{0.5} = A_1 Z^s \exp\left(\frac{Q}{RT}\right)$$

$A_1$  and  $s$  are the material constants defined by Hodgson.  $Q$  is the activation energy in J/mole.

- The metadynamic grain size by Hodgson;

$$D_{MD} = AZ^u$$

- Grain size during metadynamic recrystallization (in  $\mu\text{m}$ ) is:

$$D(t) = D_{DRX} + (D_{MD} - D_{DRX})X_{MD}$$

$X_{MD}$  is the volume fraction after metadynamic recrystallization.  $D_{DRX}$  is the grain size after dynamic recrystallization in  $\mu\text{m}$ .

# ROLL TORQUE

## ▶ CALCULATION

- Torque to drive the roll can be calculated in terms of roll separating force ( $P_r$ ):

$$M = \frac{P_r L}{2}$$

- The torque  $M$  is per unit width so the unit is N.
- It is assumed that  $P_r$  acts at the middle of the contact and the contact length is linear
- Linear length approximation may give bad results

# ROLL POWER

## ▶ CALCULATION

- The power to drive the mill in Watts:

$$P = P_r w L \frac{v_r}{R'}$$

$v_r$  is the roll's surface speed in m/s.  $w$  is the width of the strip being rolled.  $R'$  is the flattened but still circular radius in mm.

- Overall power requirement by Rowe for four-high mill;

$$P_{total} = \frac{1}{\eta_m \eta_t} (2P + 4P_n)$$

$\eta_m$ ,  $\eta_t$  are the efficiencies of the driving motor and the transmission.  $P_n$  is the power loss on bearings due to friction in Watts.

# INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

- ▶ THE SENSITIVITY OF ROLL SEPERATING FORCE TO COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION AND REDUCTION
  - Predicted with using Schey's and refined 1D model

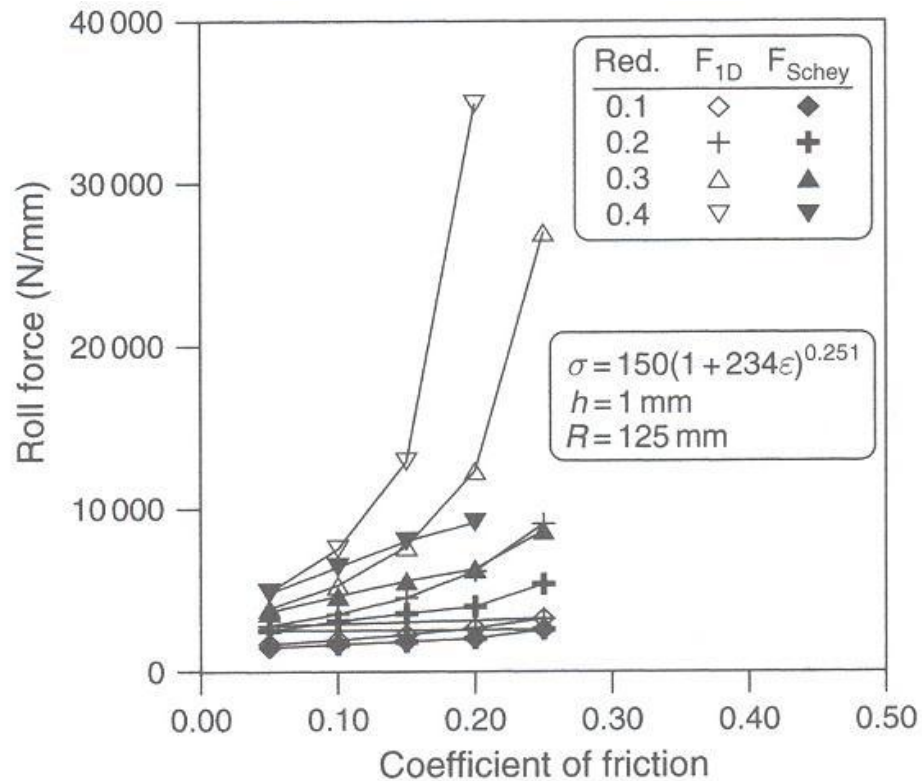
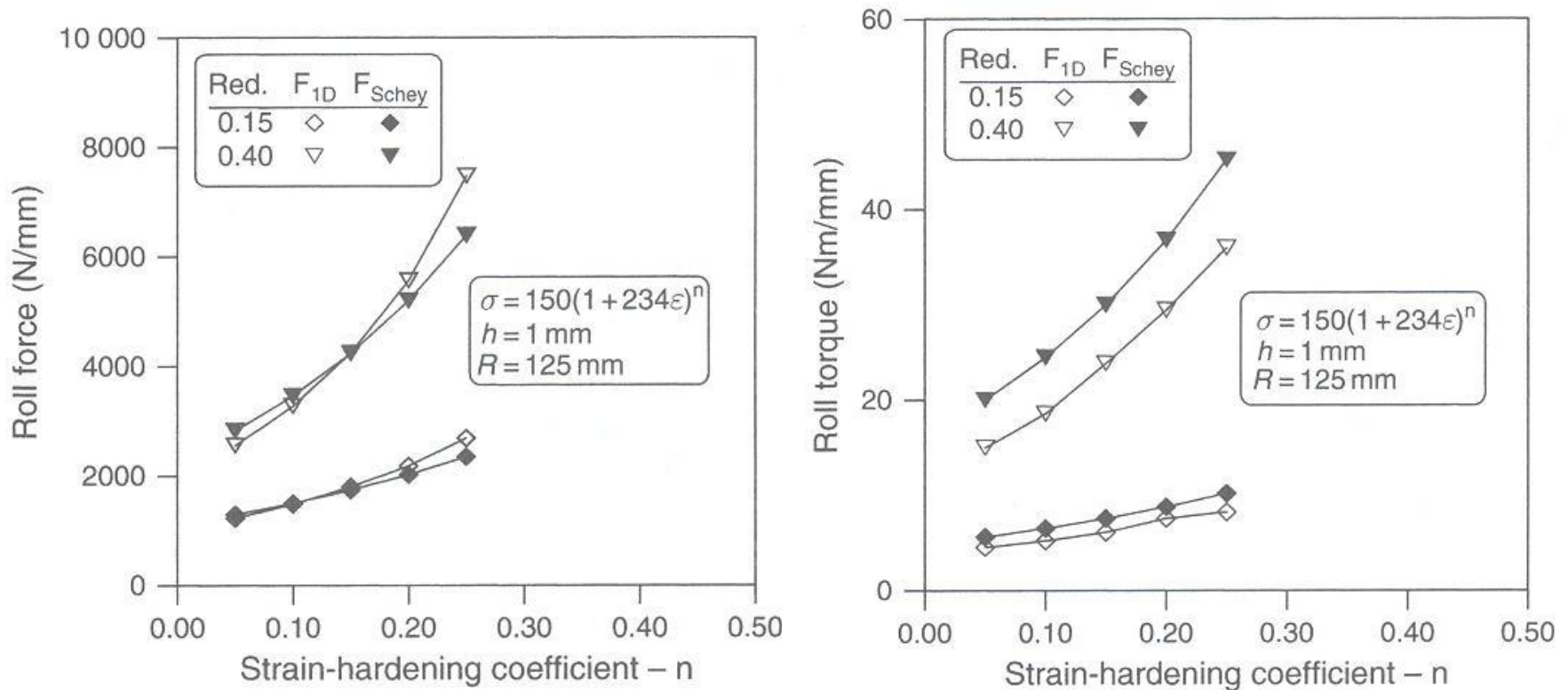


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# INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

- ▶ THE SENSITIVITY OF ROLL SEPERATING FORCE AND ROLL TORQUE TO STRAIN HARDENING COEFFICIENT

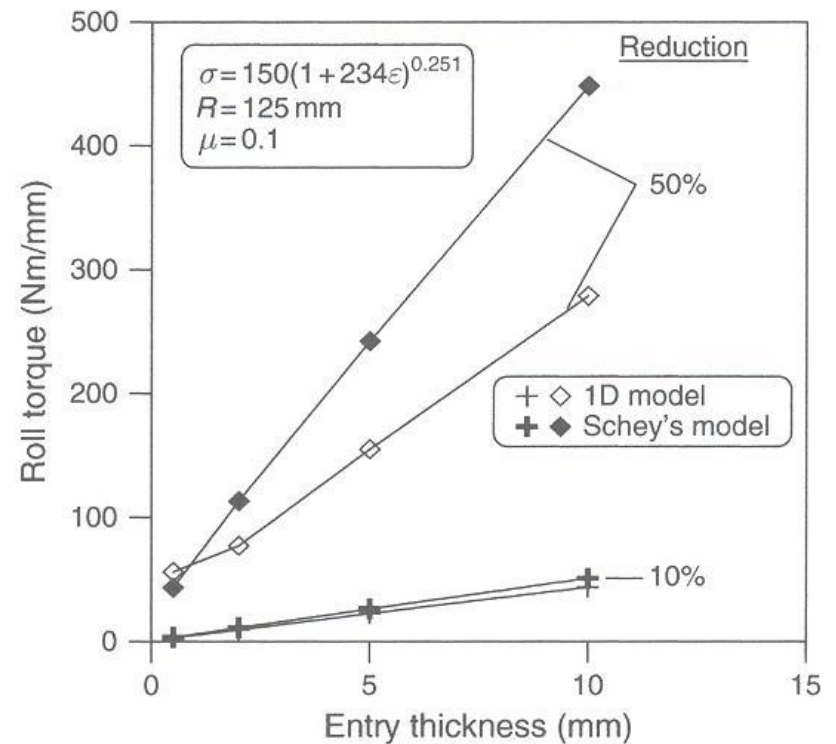
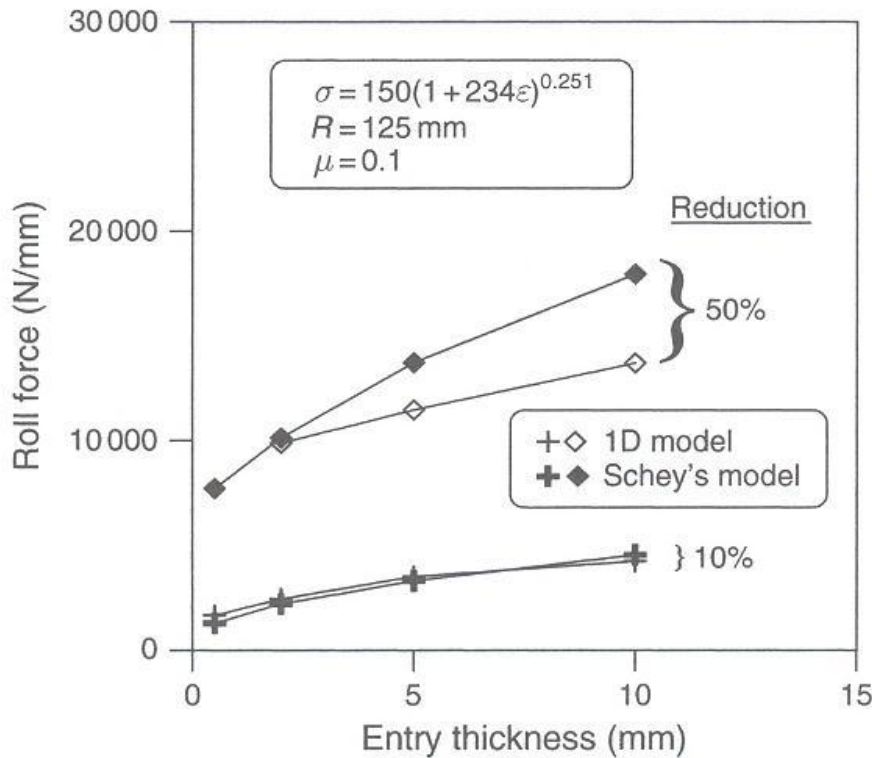


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# INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

- ▶ DEPENDENCE OF ROLL SEPERATING FORCE AND ROLL TORQUE ON THE ENTRY THICKNESS



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# INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

## ▶ ROLL PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION

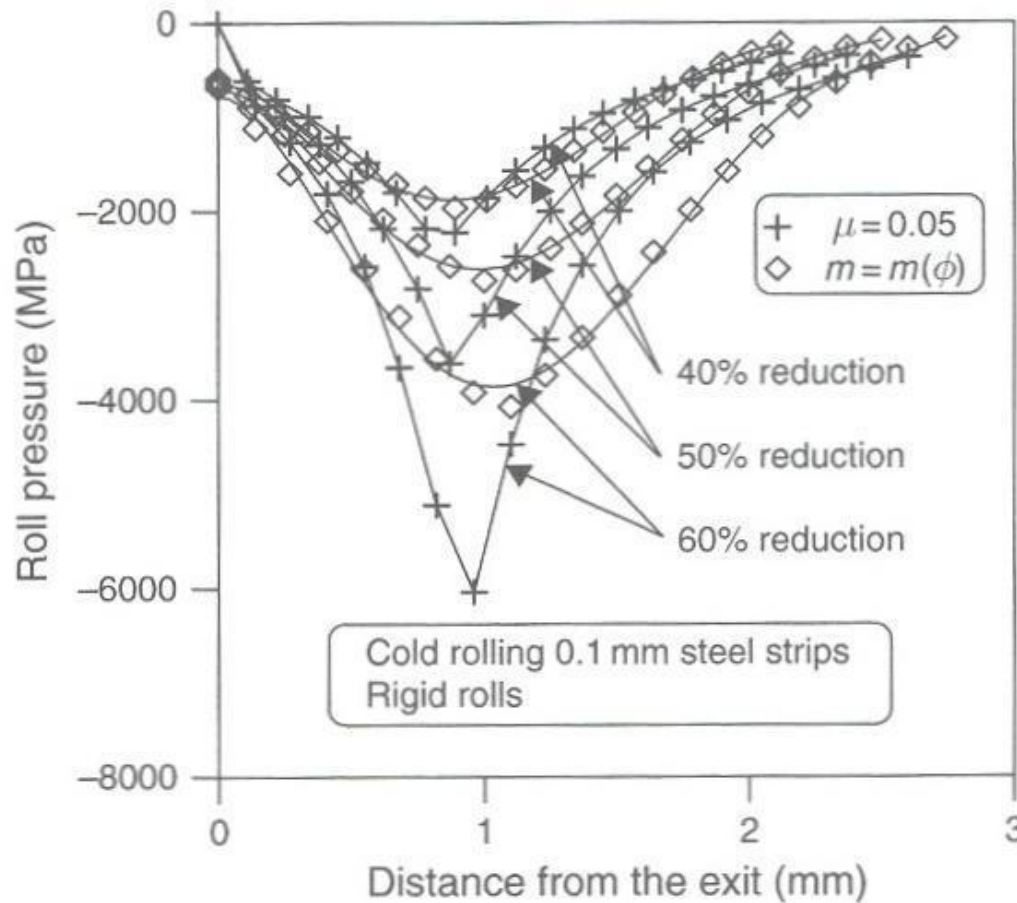


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# INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL QUANTITIES

## ▶ THE CRITICAL STRAIN

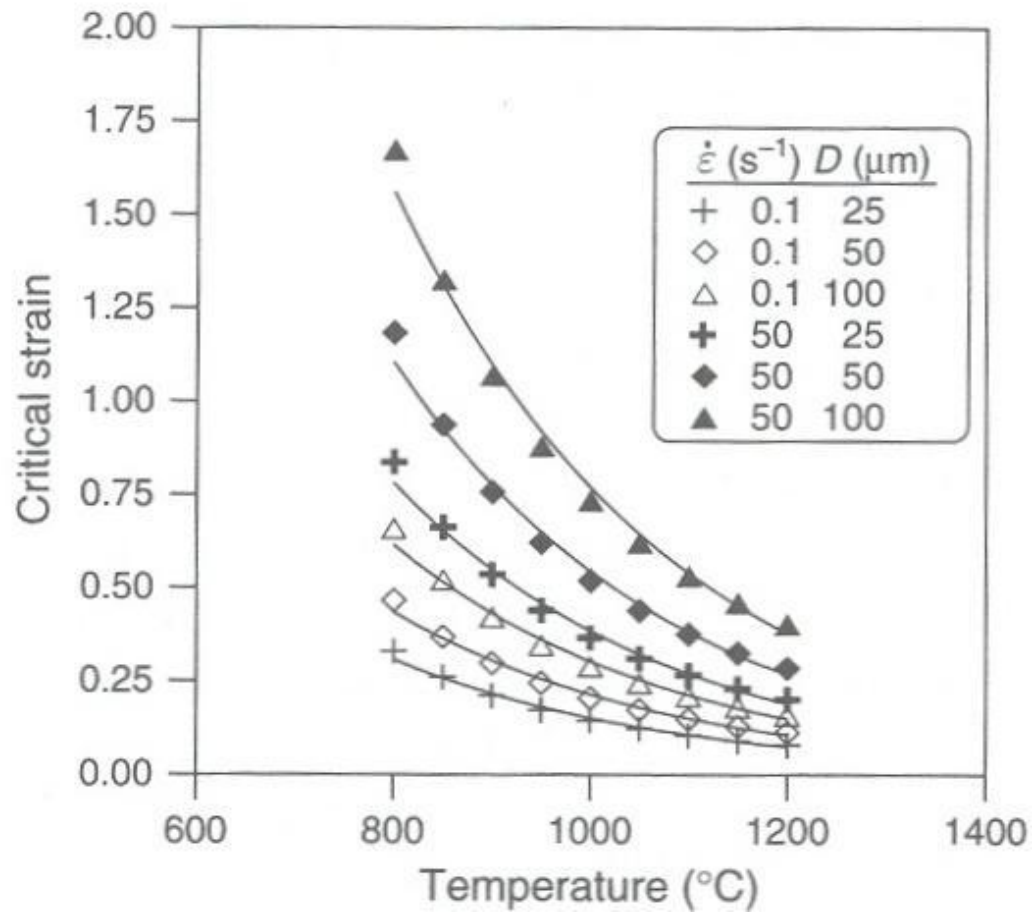


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# TEMPER ROLLING

## ▶ THE TEMPER ROLLING PROCESS

- To suppress the yield point extension
- Create Lüder's lines.
- Low reduction of thickness 0.5 – 5 %.
- Production of required metallurgical properties, surface finish and flatness.
- Correction of surface flaws and shape defects.
- Nearly equal elastic and plastic deformation
- The metals will enter plastic deformation when elastic stress level is satisfied.
- Yield strength variation calculated by Roberts (1988)



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# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

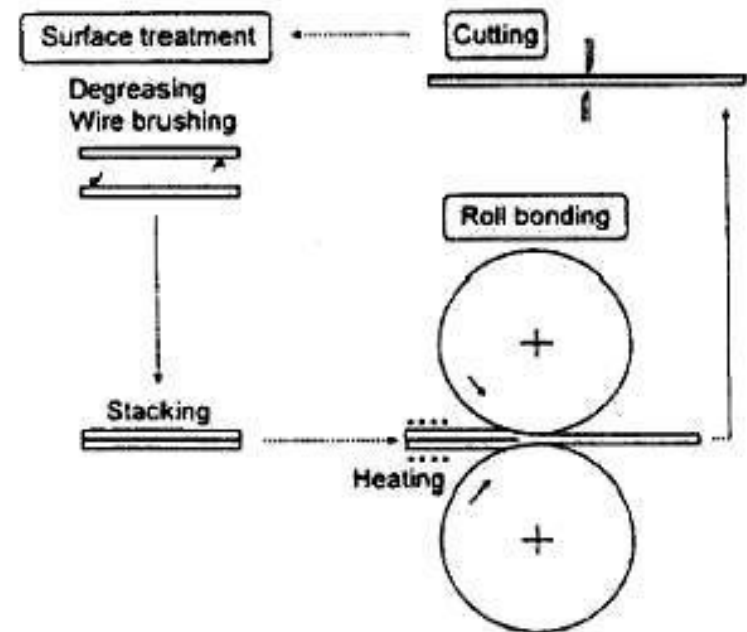
## ▶ INTRODUCTION

- It is a process of 50 % reduction of a slab during rolling and cutting it into half and then stacking those two pieces on top of each other and repeating the same process over again. It is a type of cold welding process.
- Surface expansion is needed for surfaces to be adhered
- High speed brushing before rolling has significant effects while normal brush has no
- Tzou et al. (2002) states that; reduction, friction factor, interface, tension and bond length are the important parameters to define a strong bond.
- Zhang and Bay identified the threshold surface expansion.

# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ INTRODUCTION

- Warm temperatures gives the best results
- Ultra fine grains
- Tensile strength increases
- Elongation decreases
- Usually 5 – 8 passes
- Edge cracking may occur

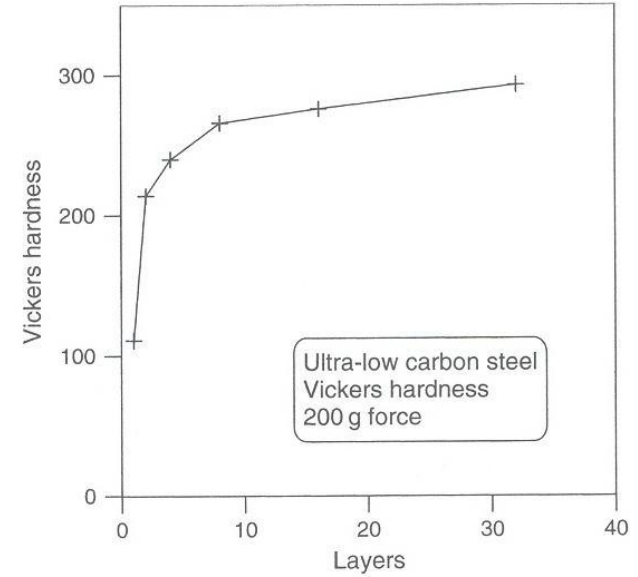
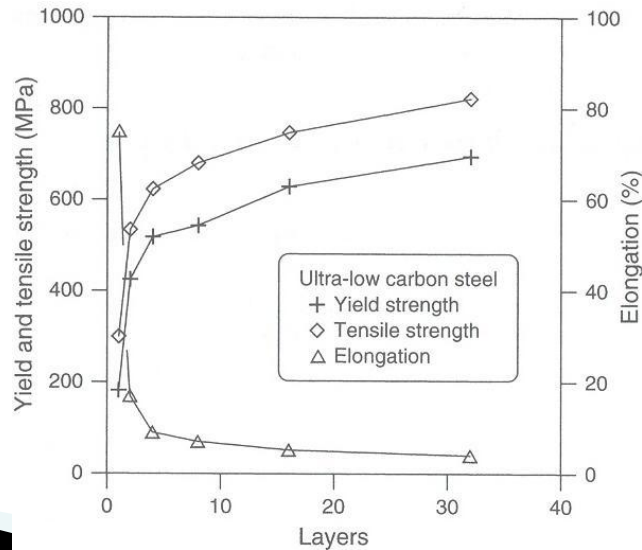


# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ MECHANICAL ATTRIBUTES

- Hardness increases with the number of passes.
- Up to 100 % increase can be achieved with two layer strip.

## ▶ YIELD AND TENSILE STRENGTH



Figures are from John G. Lenard, (2007)



# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ THE PHENOMENA AFFECTING THE BONDS

- Material properties
- Interfacial pressure
- Duration of contact
- Temperature
- Oxygen or air decrease adhesion
- Same surface roughness can be achieved manually by brushing

## ▶ EDGE CRACKING

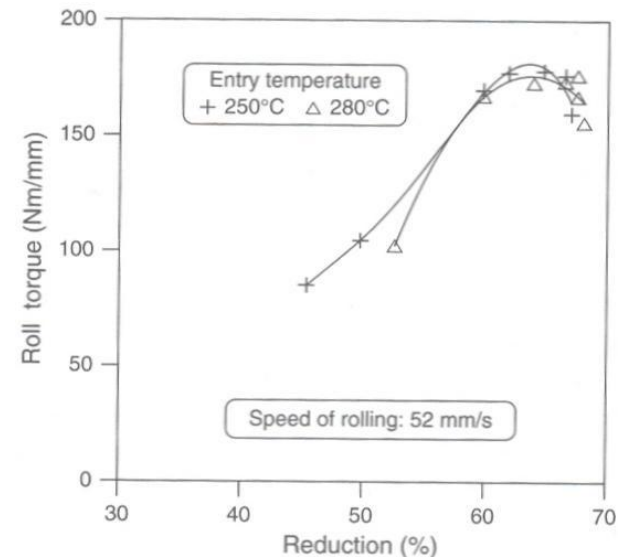
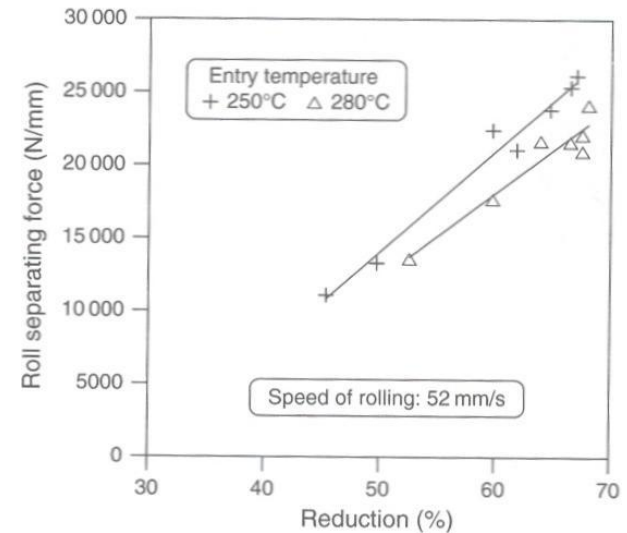
- Up to 16 layers were rolled successfully
- Edge cracking is the major limitation due to complex stress distribution at the edges
- Ultra low carbon steels have nearly ideal plastic behavior at 500 °C.



# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- The roll force increase with the reduction
- The roll torque starts to decrease when the moment arm begins to drop.



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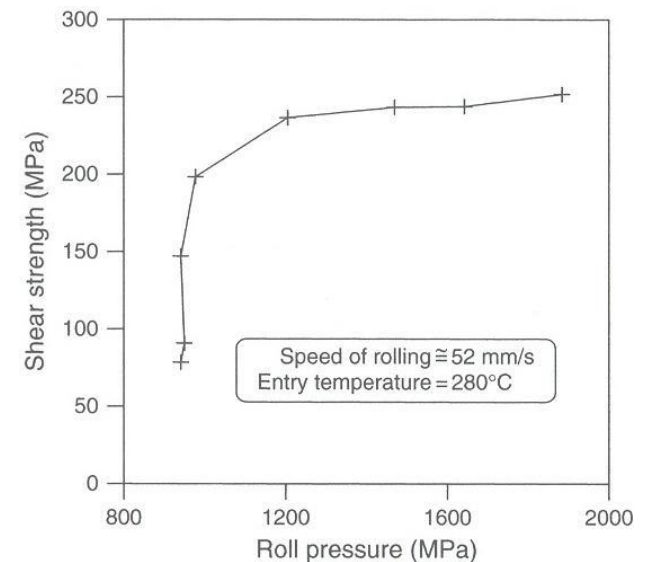
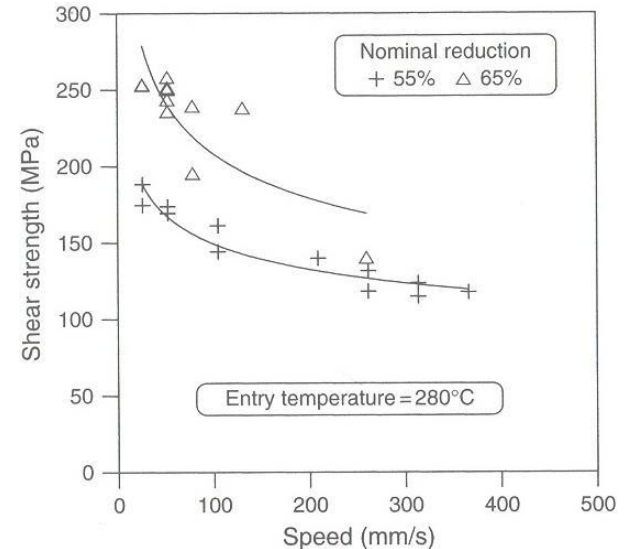
# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ SHEAR STRENGTH OF THE BOND

- Shear strength decrease with rolling speed due to shorter contact time.
- Highest contact time is achieved with high reduction and low roll speeds

## ▶ SHEAR STRENGTH – ROLL PRESSURE

- Corresponding reductions 40 – 68 %
- Adhesive forces do not increase beyond one point.

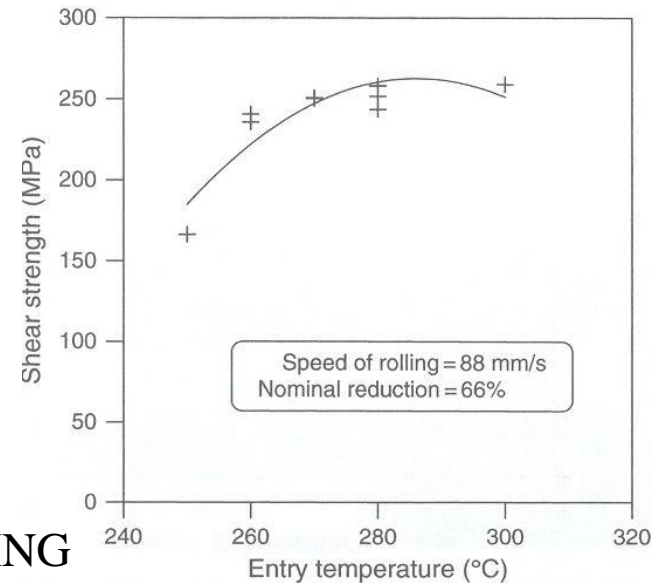


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# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

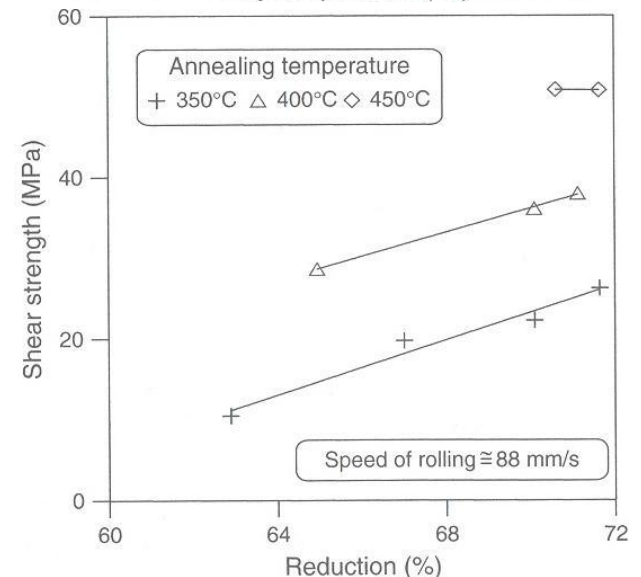
## ▶ EFFECT OF ENTRY TEMPERATURE

- No more increase in shear strength beyond
- 280 C.



## ▶ EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON COLD BONDING

- Annealing temperatures are shown.
- Two hours of annealing and then cooling it down
- Up to 30 % strength of the warm bonding



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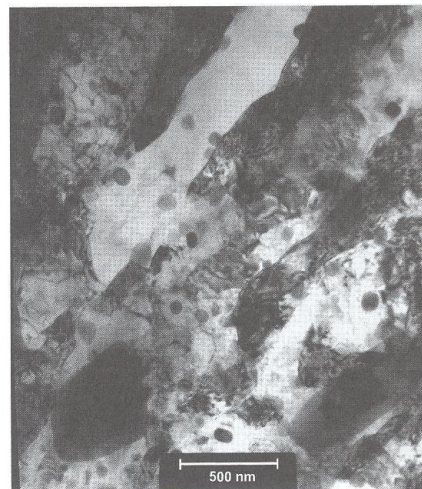
# ACCUMULATIVE ROLL BONDING

## ▶ TAILORED BLANKS

- Two different materials welded together with unequal thickness
- Used widely in automotive industry
- Different strength and formability on each side.

## ▶ ECAP PROCESS AND ROLLING

- No significant difference on grain size between one pass and three pass 50 % reduction of ECAP.



The microstructure after heat treatment at 420°C for one hour, cooling in the furnace and subjected to one pass of the ECAP process and a rolling pass of 50% reduction. The longitudinal section is shown.

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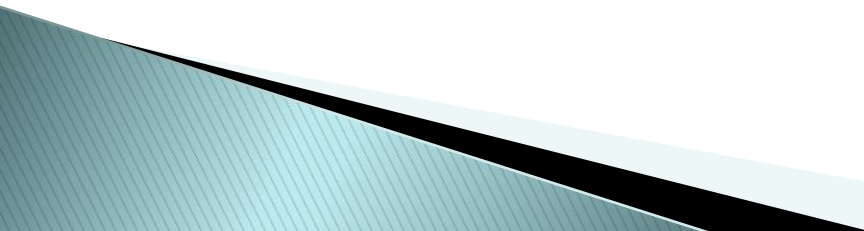
# FLEXIBLE ROLLING

## ▶ INTRODUCTION

- Automotive industry is the main reason for development of lightweight metals for different applications
- One advanced method is tailor – welded blanks for combining two sheets.
- Chan et al. (2003) concluded that higher thickness ratios resulted lower formability.
- Kampus and Balic experimented Tailor – welded blank with laser and decided that it is not successful due to high power, fracture on the weld.
- Ahmetoglu et al. (1995) tested the tailor welded blanks and found out that failure occurs at the flat bottom parallel to the weld line and new design guidelines needed
- Kopp et al. (2002) described a new technique to produce Tailor welded blanks – *Flexible Rolling*

# FLEXIBLE ROLLING

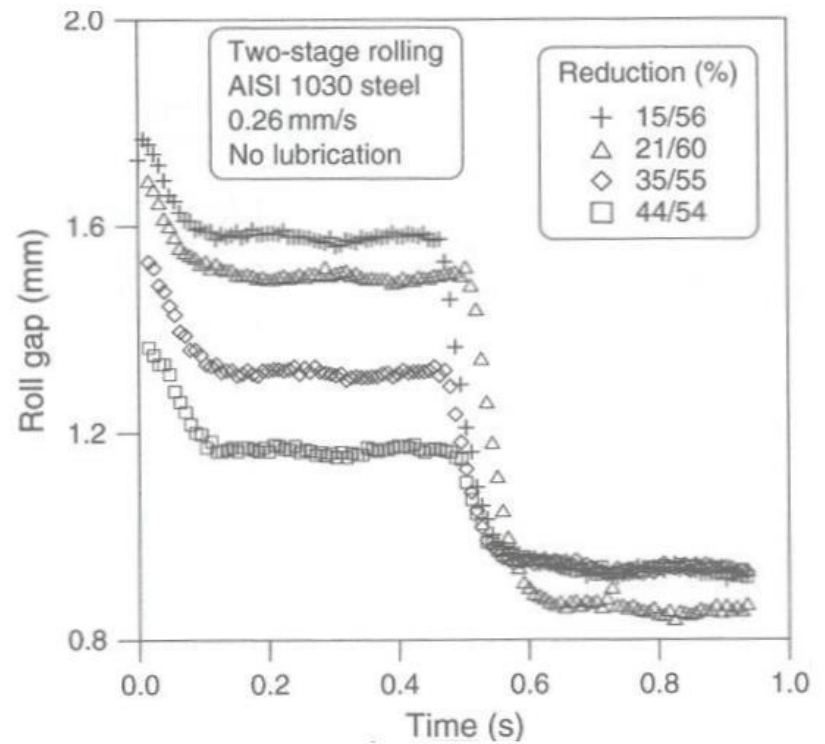
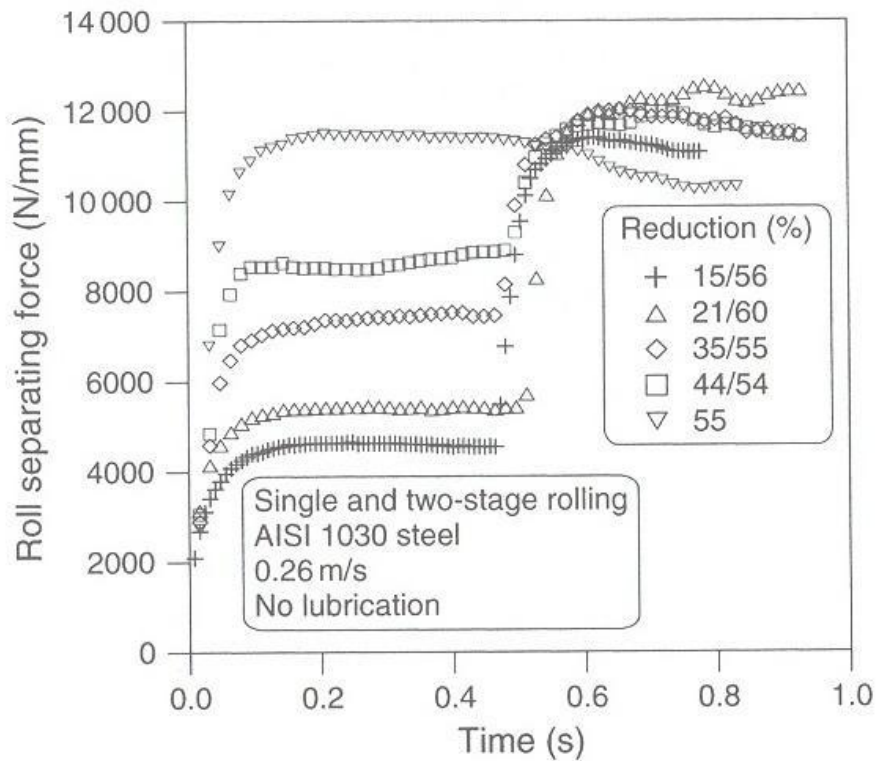
## ▶ MATERIAL AND THE PROCEDURE

- Grain sizes are decreased, strength is increased and ductility is decreased.
  - Hirt et al. (2005) stated that 50 % thickness changes are now possible using *Strip Profile Rolling*
  - Roll gap is changed during the pass depending on the desired final product.
  - Data acquisition systems are being used for data collection
  - Process is done without lubrication
  - Fast response of the system and result determination.
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# FLEXIBLE ROLLING

## ▶ ROLL SEPERATING FORCE AND ROLL GAP

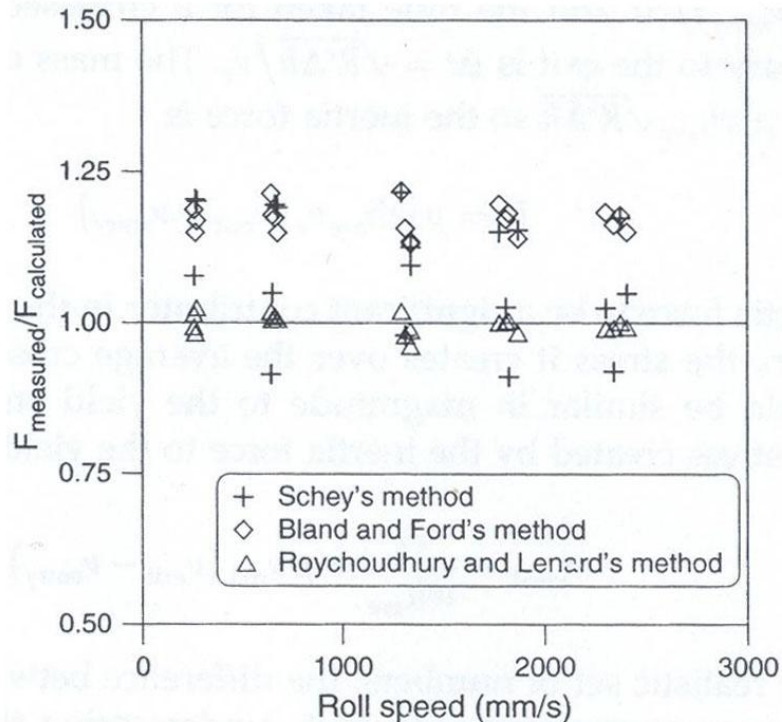
- Metals reaction to cold working can be seen in this two - stage rolling





# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

## ▶ COMPARISON OF 3 MATHEMATICAL MODEL'S RESULTS



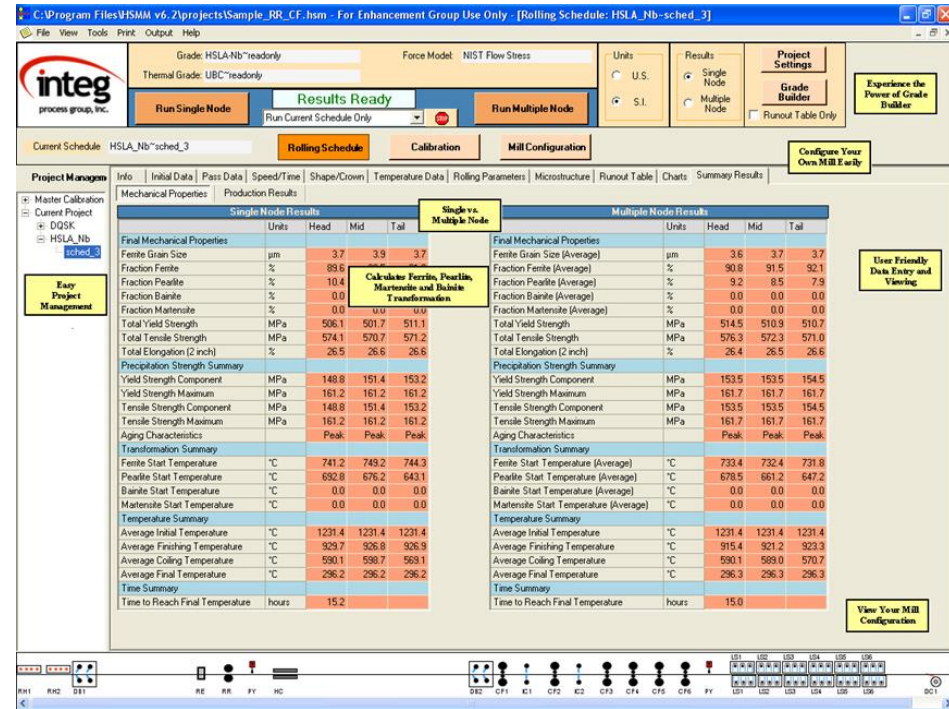
- The ratio of measured and calculated roll separation forces are shown versus different roll rotation speeds.
- In the test low carbon steel is used for cold rolling.
- Different reduction ratios are used between 14 % and 54 %.



# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

- ▶ HSMM
- ▶ Inputs of the programme
  - All physical data for rolling mill configuration
  - Material compound
  - Entry temperature
  - Single node or multiple node

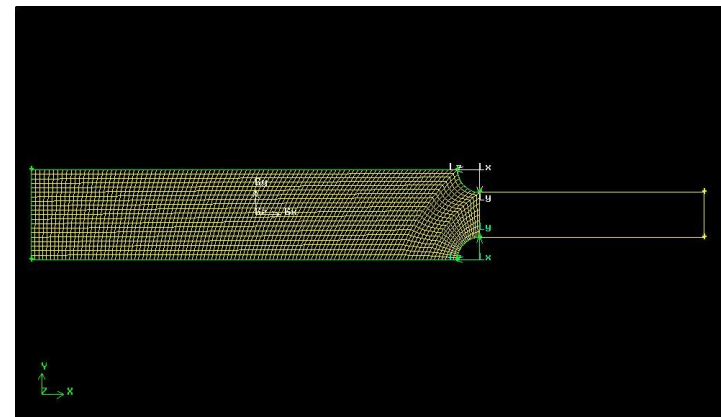
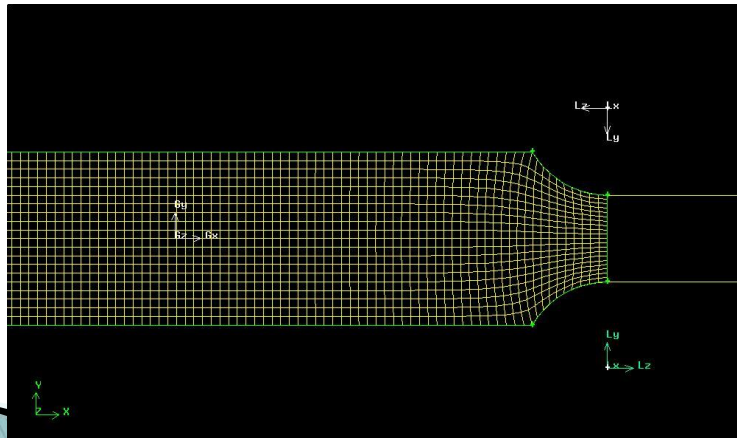
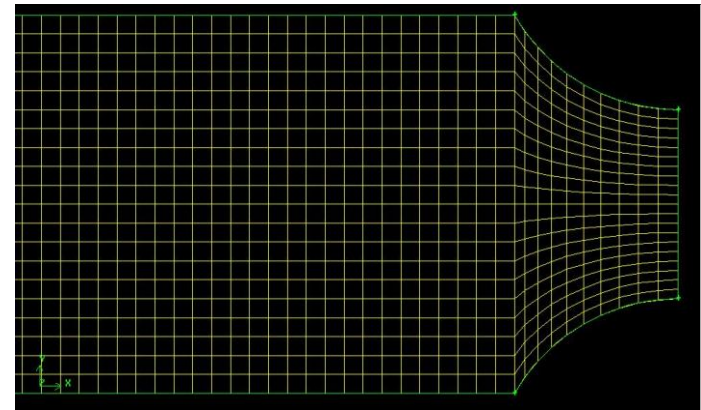
- ▶ Outputs of the programme
  - Material structure after rolling such as grain size and yield strength.
  - Calculated for head, mid and tail sections separately
  - Change in width (3D)
  - Exit temperatures or temperature loss due to radiation and to the roll separately



# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

## ▶ CIRCULAR NODE ARRANGEMENT ON THE STRIP

- FE program FLUENT is used for meshing the strip.
- Circular shapes are hard in terms of creating ideal node distribution among.
- Deformation process should also not be forgotten

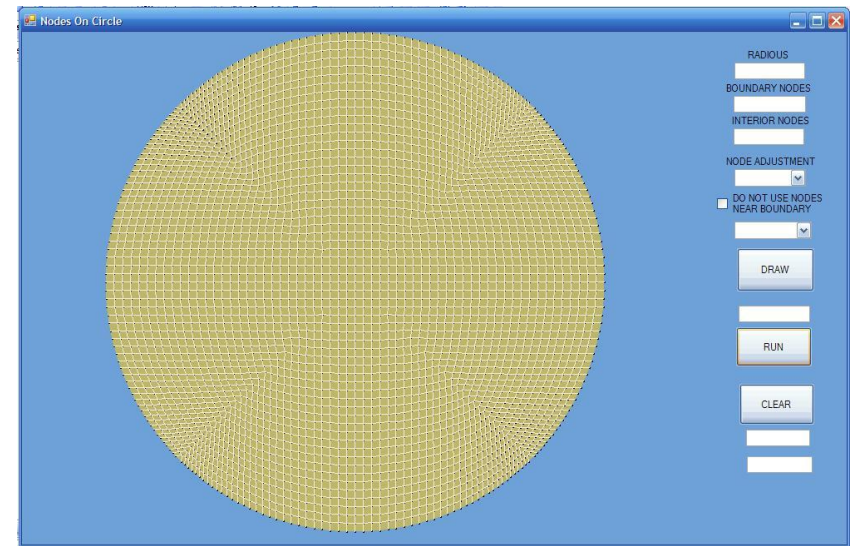
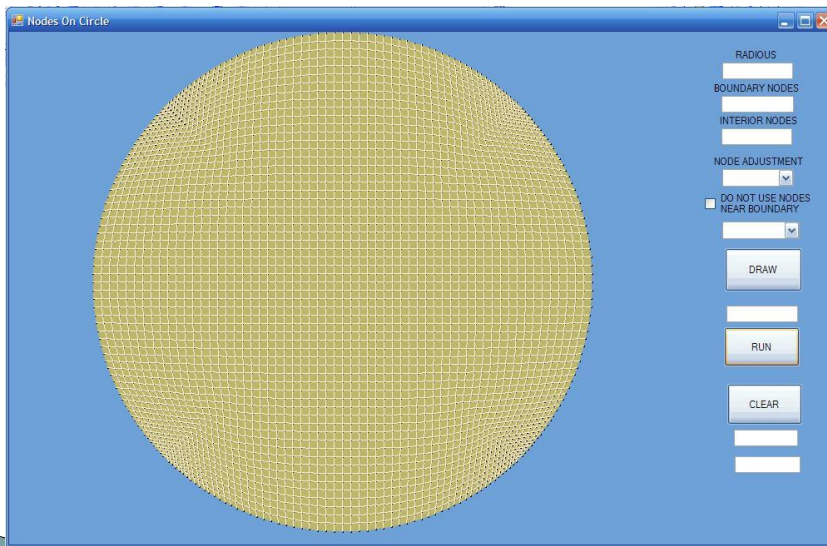


# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

## ▶ CIRCULAR NODE ARRANGEMENT WITH USING BARREL DIFORMATION

$$d - d' = r + kr^3$$

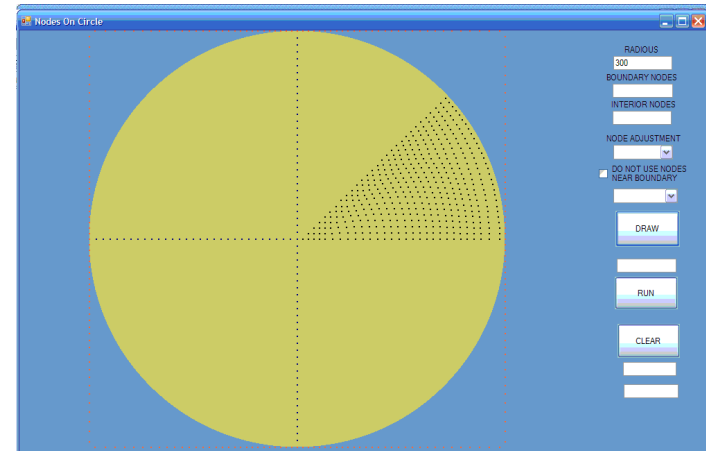
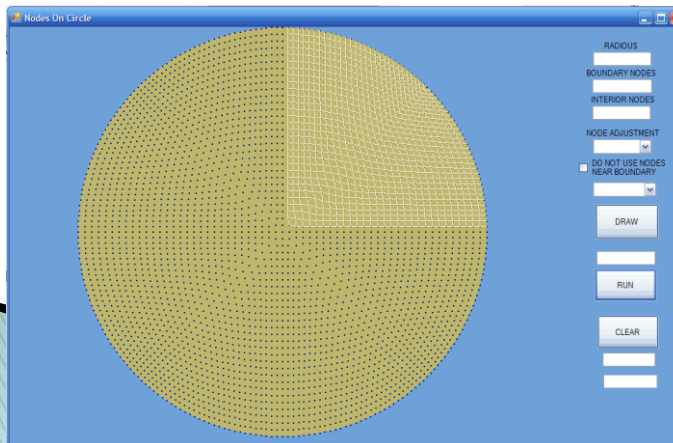
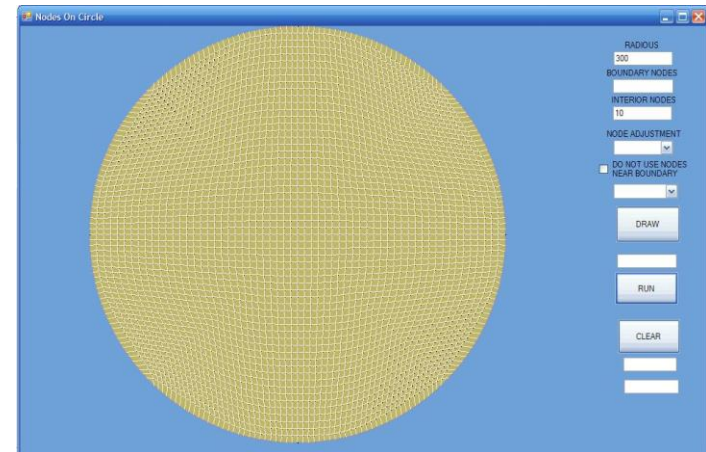
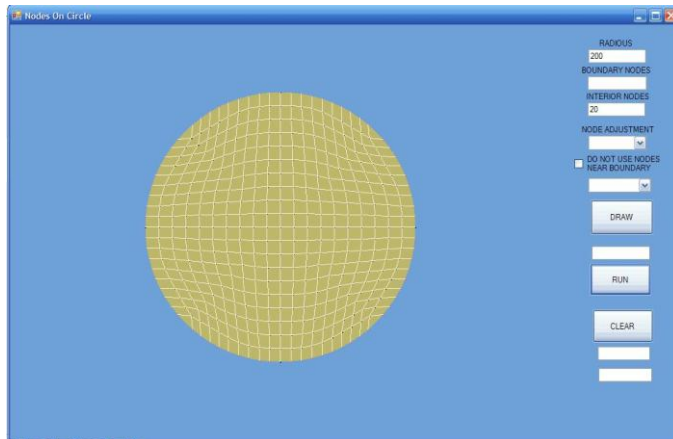
Where  $d$  is the original position on a square and  $d'$  is the new position fitted on a circle.  $k$  is the constant to be determined. Comparison of tow different values of  $k$  is shown below.



# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

## ▶ CIRCULAR NODE ARRANGEMENT WITH USING BARREL DIFORMATION

- More examples:





# RESULTS AND FUTURE COMPARISON

## ▶ DATA FROM THE STORE STEEL COMPANY

- A chance to compare the future results with industry

ADJUSTMENTS given by »						GAP		HOT		DIA	RED	MOTOR		LOOP m		N.B	
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7	4	2-0	650.0	EBX 38			30.00		106.0	79.14	612.0	10.22		1344			
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9	5	2-0	650.0	FL 1			45.00		45.00	123.5	675.8	14.44		1344			
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# COMPUTATIONAL SIMULATION

## ▶ GOVERNING HEAT TRANSFER EQUATION

$$\Delta T = \frac{\sigma_{fm}}{\rho c_p} \ln \frac{1}{1-r} - 60\alpha \sqrt{\frac{r}{h_{entry} R}} (T_{strip} - T_{roll}) [(1-r)\pi\rho c_p N]^{-1}$$

## ▶ GOVERNING EQUATION OF EQUILIBRIUM OF FORCES

$$\frac{d(\sigma_x h)}{dx} + p \frac{dh}{dx} \mp 2\mu p = 0$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} \pm 2\mu \frac{p}{h} = \frac{2k}{h} \frac{dh}{dx} + \frac{d(2k)}{dx}$$

# COMPUTATIONAL SIMULATION

## ▶ LOCAL RADIAL BASIS FUNCTION COLLOCATION METHOD

- 5 node based system with 4 neighbors each

- Approximation:  $\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^5 c_i \psi_i(r)$  , where  $\vec{r} = (x, y)$  ,  $\varphi$  is an arbitrary function

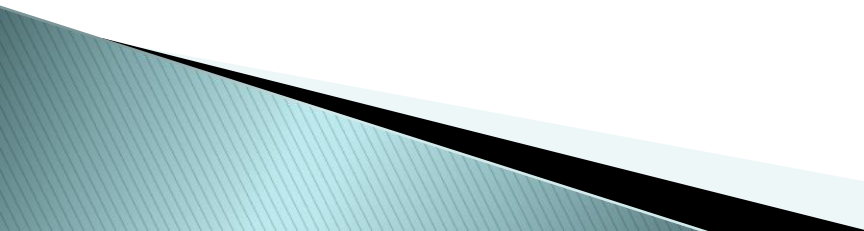
- $c_i$  are the constants to be determined

- $\psi(r)$  is the trial function defined as:  $\psi(r) = \sqrt{(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2 + c^2}$  for  $c > 0$

- $\psi(r)$  becomes a symmetric 5x5 matrix and needs to be non-singular in order to calculate the necessary coefficients depending on the boundary conditions

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# CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Flat rolling process
  - ▶ Plasticity of material during rolling and compression
  - ▶ Roll deformation
  - ▶ Roll separating force, roll pressure, shear stress, friction
  - ▶ Friction factor and coefficient of friction
  - ▶ Schey's model, sim's model, Orowan model and refinements to Orowan model
  - ▶ Temperature gain and loss during rolling
  - ▶ Static, dynamic and metadynamic recrystallization
  - ▶ Roll torque and power calculations
  - ▶ Influence of physical quantities on rolling
  - ▶ Temper, accumulative roll bonding, flexible rolling
  - ▶ Comparison of some calculations
  - ▶ Base of computational simulation to be done
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