

Validation of Welding Structure Simulations

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Motivation

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We want to prove, that our numerical model of simulation matches the physical behavior of the reality.

We have to ensure that the virtual experiment matches the physical experiment and that we compare the same sensor and virtual data:

- Same time
- Same location
- Same state

Previously, the comparison between the virtual and physical experiment was limited to the final result: final distortion, final residual stress and final residual strain. Now also the transient state during the process shall be taken into account: transient measurement of temperature field, strain field or deformation.

This validates not only the final results but also the computational algorithm that leads to these results





Experiment real and virtuell

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Experiment

Consider all relevant physical effects Keep close to reality Get right results



At each state of the welding process







Experiment Details and Simulation Model

Overview

- 18 tack welds
- 2 supports, removed after tack-welding
- . 2 multi pass welds (three-layered)
- . 17 single pass welds (fillet weld)





Welds





The Experimental Setup consisted of

- 1 plate (1200 by 600 by 6 mm),
- 2 plates (1000 by 100 by 6 mm),
- 3 plates (394 by 100 by 6 mm) made of S235 steel
- 1 CAT S60 cell phone with built-in FLIR One Camera
- 5 ASM posiwire Cable extension Sensors
- 1 Cloos Qirox QRC 350 welding robot
- 1 Cloos Qineo Champ 450 welding power source
- 1 Fluke 376 FC True-RMS AC/DC Clamp meter
- MAG welding process
- 12 tack welds
- 2 three-layered welds
- 17 single-pass welds
- All welds are fillet welds







Video on Welding Process First Longitudinal Pass







Welding Procedure Specification (WPS)

Horizontal welds, tack welds:

- Position PB
- Wire Diameter: 1,2 mm
- Wire feed speed: 8 m/min
- Travel speed: 45 cm/min
- U: 23.5 ± 2 V, I: 258 ± 10 A
- Weave bead
- Weave amplitude: 1 mm
- Weave frequency: 2.78 Hz





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Welding Procedure Specification (WPS)

Vertical up-welds:

- Position PF
- Wire Diameter: 1,2 mm
- Wire feed speed: 2 m/min
- Vertical travel speed: 4.9 cm/min
- U: 14.9 V, I: 96 A
- Triangle weave bead
- Weave speed: 50 cm/min
- Weave amplitude: 5.5 mm
- Weave frequency: 2 Hz









Weld Sequence







Temperature - Fast Animation Displayed at 5 Times Magnified Distortion



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3-point support:

- A: cylinder in blind hole
- **B**: cylinder in elongated hole and stop on top side
- C: cylinder with free-earth support
- D: support during tack welding
- E: support during tack welding









Transient Measurement of Deformation with Cable Wire Sensor

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Transient, selective measurement of one-directional deformation on 5 points (small dots)

Cable wires are positioned under the plate with welding studs Negative values equal to downside movement of the plate Distance from edges 50 mm due to welding table

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Data Synchronisation

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Data Synchronization

- The Welding time is manually measured for each weld.
- The FLIR camera video additionally offers full welding times in one set for data synchronization.
- TheFluke Clamp meter provides data of electric current during the process.
- The Distortion measurement with cable extension wires during the process in vertical direction.







Measurement of Electric Current





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Thermographic Video

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- Thermographic video used for synchronization of weld times and data analysis
- Provides a feeling for thermal material properties, for example in teaching purposes
- FLIR camera with maximum temperature up to 120°C
- Total weld time about 45 min.

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Results

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Displacement at Free Edge





Surface Deviation

Simulation

Experiment







Conclusion

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Conclusion

- Consider the material beaviour correctly
- Consider the driving physical effects
- Consider the right boundary conditions
- Consider the process right
- Compare syncronised data same location - same time

- Obtain agreement between virtual simulation and real experiment.
- Use the weld structure simulation for accurate prediction.
 - understanding of the distortion behavior
 - distortion engineering



Thank You!

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