Program & Abstract

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Light alloy and steel for transportation: New materials and process, Integrated manufacturing, and Battery pack

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Preliminary Schedule

2025.4.23. (Wed.) 9:00 ~ 17:00: Registration & 2025 KIM Spring meeting(session)

2025.4.23. (Wed.) 17:00 ~ 19:00: Welcome dinner

- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 09:00 ~ 09:10: Welcome address (KIM & CSM President)
- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 09:10 ~ 12:00 : Morning Session(New process)
- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 12:00 ~ 13:20 : Lunch Break
- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 13:20 ~ 15:40 : Afternoon Session(New Materials)
- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 15:40 ~ 15:50 : Closing remark
- 2025.4.24.(Thurs.) 17:30 ~ 20:00 : KIM spring meeting ceremony & Official dinner

2025.4.25.(Fri) 09:00~ 11:00 : KIM spring meeting(session)

2025.4.25.(Fri) 11:00~ 13:00 : Symposium tour(주상절리) & Lunch, Closing

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(2025.4.24(Thursday))

Opening Ceremony

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome address (KIM President, CSM president (Video))

Session Title : Process and evaluation I

Time : 09:10 -10:30, Apr. 24, Room # : 202A, 2F

- Session Chair : Hyoungwook Kim, Korea Institute of Materials Science, Rui Ge, Wuhan University of Science and Technology
- 09:10 09:30 **Zijian Wang**, Soochow University, Development and application of integrated hot stamping parts
- 09:30 09:50 **Hye-Jin Kim**, Tech. University of Korea, Enhancement of Hydrogen Delayed Fracture Resistance in High-Strength Hot-Stamped Boron Steel
- 09:50 10:10 **Xiangxing Deng**, Beijing Institute of Technology, Chongqing Innovation Center, Research and application of 1500 MPa free-coating and free-shot-blasting Nb-bearing PHS for integrated door rings
- 10:10 10:30 **Kyungseok Oh**, POSCO, Evaluation and modeling of the interfacial heat transfer coefficient between 1500MPa press hardening steel sheet and die surface in hot stamping

10:30 – 10:40 coffee break

Session Title : Process and evaluation II

Time : 10:40 -12:00, Apr. 24, Room # : 202A, 2F

- Session Chair : Xiangxing Deng*, Beijing Institute of Technology, Hye-Jin Kim, Tech. University of Korea
- 10:40 11:00 **Youngung Jeong***, Changwon National University, Springback of high strength steels predicted by finite element simulations using self-consistent polycrystal model
- 11:00 11:20 **Rui Ge***, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, Lightweight technology and application of battery pack box for new energy commercial vehicles
- 11:20 11:40 **Kyeongjae Jeong***, Sungkyunkwan University, A new technology for determining plastic anisotropy in structural materials
- 11:40 12:00 **Junying Min***, Tongji University, Laser-assisted Robotic Roller Forming of Ultrahigh Strength Steels

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12:00 ~ 13:20 : Lunch Break

Session Title : New material for Light weight I

Time : 13:20 -14:40, Apr. 24, Room # : 202A, 2F

- Session Chair : Jae-Hwang Kim, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology, Bo Liu, University of Science and Technology Beijing
- 13:20 13:40 **Yong-Nam Kwon***, KIMS, High cycle fatigue properties of thick plate steel for seashore structure depending on microstructures
- 13:40 14:00 **Yanchun Shi***, CITIC Metal Co., Ltd, Nb-enhanced FNC low dust emission brake rotors--A potential solution for Euro7 brake dust regulation
- 14:00 14:20 **Young-Min Kim***, KIMS, Advanced Non-Flammable Ca/Y-Containing Magnesium Alloys for Lightweight Structural Applications
- 14:20 14:40 **Wenhui Yao***, Chongqing University, Composite slippery liquid-infused porous surfaces for superior self-healing of Mg alloys

14:40 – 15:00 coffee break

Session Title : New material for Light weight II

Time : 15:00 -15:40, Apr. 24, Room # : 202A, 2F

Session Chair : Young-Min Kim, Korea Institute of Materials Science

- 15:00 15:20 **Jae-Hwang Kim***, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology, Effects of User-Defined Parameters on Cluster Analysis in Al-Mg-Si Alloys
- 15:20 15:40 **Bo Liu and Jian Yang***, University of Science and Technology Beijing, Research on non-homogeneity of super-large thin-walled aluminum alloy die-casting vehicle structural parts

Closing remarks

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Research and application of 1500 MPa free-coating and free-shot-blasting Nb-bearing press hardening steel for integrated door rings

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Abstract

To address high costs associated with Al-Si coated 22MnB5, this study introduces LumiSword, a novel uncoated, free-shot-blasting press hardening steel. By optimizing Si and Cr micro-alloyed composition, LumiSword spontaneously forms a dense protective layer during heating, achieving high strength-toughness, oxidation resistance, and excellent weldability. Experimental results show a yield strength of 1190 MPa, tensile strength of 1734 MPa, elongation of 7%, with oxidation weight gain reduced by 87% compared to 22MnB5. Its corrosion resistance after 720-hour salt spray testing approached that of Al-Si coated 22MnB5. LumiSword demonstrated excellent welding performance, producing fully martensitic weld seams (510-560 HV2) without filler wires. On the industrial production line, LumiSword steel was successfully used for small-batch manufacturing of integrated door rings. Without shot blasting, these components underwent production line coating, achieving adhesion grade 0 with defect-free surfaces. Simulation analysis further verified that LumiSword's three-point bending fracture energy surpasses 22MnB5, enhancing impact resistance. Economically, LumiSword reduced costs by 15%-30% compared to Al-Si coated steel, while eliminating shot blasting lowers mold wear and energy consumption. By overcoming high cost and welding restrictions on Al-Si coatings, LumiSword provides a cost-effective solution for automotive lightweighting. Its industrial application is expected to accelerate multi-part integration technology in structural components, and low-carbon transformation in automotive industry.

Keywords: free-coating; Si-Cr micro-alloyed press hardening steel; oxidation resistance; mechanical properties;

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Lightweighting Technology and Application of Battery Packs for New Energy Commercial Vehicles

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The battery pack is a crucial safety component that houses the power battery system of new energy vehicles. It plays a vital role in ensuring the safe operation and protection of the product, and is directly related to the safety of the entire vehicle. Currently, aluminum alloys and composite materials used in the industry have prominent lightweight advantages. However, they suffer from issues such as high material costs, complex manufacturing processes, low production efficiency, and poor impact resistance. Traditional high - strength products, on the other hand, have low costs but are heavy in weight, which affects the driving range.

To develop ultra - high - strength steel battery pack boxes with higher strength levels, high strength - toughness, and lightweight characteristics, the following key technical problems need to be overcome: ①High Precision: High - strength steel thin sheets have significant springback during forming, which increases the difficulty of product shape control. It is necessary to combine heat treatment processes with advanced forming processes to ensure product accuracy and improve the strength - plasticity product of ultra - high - strength steel sheets to meet comprehensive mechanical property requirements. ②Lightweight: When using steel to replace the current aluminum - based structures, it is essential to optimize the structural design and select materials rationally to offset the weight increase caused by the higher density of raw materials. At the same time, the safety requirements of the battery pack must be ensured.

Aiming at the above technical challenges, this project takes the development and application of lightweight, low - cost ultra - high - strength steel battery packs for new energy vehicles as its goal, and focuses on key technologies such as the structural design of steel battery packs, precision machining and forming of parts, and manufacturing, to effectively achieve the engineering demonstration application of products. The main research contents are as follows:

(1) Optimization Design of Lightweight Steel Battery Packs Based on the Integration of Structure - Material - Safety Performance. According to the design indicators of the entire vehicle, a finite - element model of the battery pack box is created, and modal and strength analyses are performed on the created finite - element model. According to relevant regulatory requirements, a simulation of the extrusion condition of the battery pack is carried out to evaluate the collision safety, and the safety design requirements for each condition are determined based on the simulation results.

(2) Combining the geometric features of part surfaces, the continuous cooling transformation characteristics of material heat treatment, and a new path for profile processing and forming, a set of integrated equipment for high - precision forming of parts and ultra - high strengthening and modification is developed. Furthermore, through the optimization of forming temperature, forming passes, and forming roll profiles, short - process and low - cost processing and manufacturing of ultra - high - strength profiles during the forming process are achieved.

(3) Two typical high - strength, tough, and lightweight battery pack products have been successively developed and successfully tested on vehicles and applied for demonstration. The battery pack box developed for new energy light trucks reduces the weight by approximately 107 Kg compared to the product developed with ordinary steel Q355 in the original plan. The ultra - high - strength lightweight battery pack box for commercial vehicles can reduce the weight of the battery pack for battery - swapping heavy trucks by approximately 124 Kg compared to the product developed with traditional high - strength steel QSTE700TM in the original plan.

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Research on non-homogeneity of super-large thin-walled aluminum alloy die-casting vehicle structural parts

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Abstract

Giga-casting technology is a revolutionary technology for lightweighting of new energy vehicles. However, for the ultra-large complex thin-walled giga-casting aluminum alloy automobile body structure parts process defects amplification, complex residual stress distribution, the feed end and the distal end of the mechanical properties of the large differences in the inhomogeneity of the outstanding, resulting in riveted parts easy to crack. And due to the inconsistency of the wall thickness, there is a large difference in the performance of the part, which cannot be analyzed as a uniform part with equal performance. This project intends to investigate the melt flow behavior, strain distribution law, and defect generation mechanism of heat-treatment-free aluminum alloy ultra-large complex thin-walled giga-castings from casting molding simulation. Meanwhile, a series of high-vacuum highpressure casting experiments are carried out from the application level to analyze the effects of different process conditions on the organization and performance. Through tools such as big data and machine learning, construct data-driven process-organization-defect-property correlation models based on data. The unknown region mechanical properties are predicted by known parameters. The project will solve the problem of variation in part performance due to process and localized thickness variations by accurately predicting the performance of each part prior to molding and riveting. This ensures molding and joining quality, reduces the number of trial molds and rivets, shortens the development cycle, and lowers product costs.

Keywords: Automobile lightweighting; Giga-casting; Process parameter; Property prediction; Data driven

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Laser-assisted Robotic Roller Forming of Ultrahigh Strength Steels

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Abstract

A novel flexible forming process has been proposed to fabricate ultrahigh strength steels wi th tensile strengths higher than 1400 MPa, where the steel sheet is synchronously heated with a laser spot and formed by a roller or two rollers that are equipped on industrial robots. Th e novel process is termed as Laser-assisted Robotic Roller Forming (LRRF). The temperatures and microstructures of steel sheets during LRRF are investigated experimentally and numeric ally. We will present some applications of LRRF to ultrahigh strength steel beams of lightwei ght battery tray and car body structure.

Keywords: Robotic forming, Laser-assisted forming, Battery tray

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Nb-enhanced FNC low dust emission brake rotors--A potential solution for Euro7 brake dust regulation

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Abstract

The Euro 7 emission standard has been approved by European Commission in April,2024 and entered force in May 2024. The New standard requires to reduce "dust emissions" for both brake disc and friction materials. The conventional gray iron disc and brake pad combination is facing severe challenges in meeting new standards. Ferritic Nitrocarburization (FNC) is a mature surface treatment technology to increase surface strength, hardness and corrosion resistance. Niobium is an effective strengthening element in gray iron to enhance matrix strength, hardness and wear resistance. Preliminary lab trials have proven that niobium-alloyed ferritic nitrocarburized gray iron brake discs can offer the desirable combination of corrosion and wear resistance, therefore it becomes a potential solution for Euro 7 brake dust regulation. Preliminary industrial trial shows that 0.2% Nb addition combined with FNC treatment could provide gray iron disc nearly 50% particle emissions reduction. It is a promising low-cost solution to meet Euro7 brake dust regulation.

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Hot stamping is a crucial manufacturing process for achieving automotive lightweighting and enhancing vehicle safety performance. With the widespread adoption of hot stamping in the automotive industry, the integrated door ring design has gradually gained application. This integrated design effectively reduces overlapping areas between components, optimizes force transmission paths during collisions, thereby achieving dual benefits of reducing total vehicle weight and improving crash performance. Meanwhile, the reduced number of body structural components lowers both die and vehicle assembly costs, making the integrated door ring design more cost-effective. In the design process of integrated door ring dies, special attention must be paid to the impact of weld seam positions on component formability. To ensure relatively uniform cooling rates across different regions of the door ring, varied die materials and customized cooling channel designs are required in distinct areas to maintain cooling consistency, ultimately guaranteeing dimensional accuracy of formed components. During the process design phase, numerical simulation methods are employed to predict potential cracking and wrinkling defects, with subsequent modifications made to component geometry and forming processes to prevent forming failures. The integrated door ring design methodology presented in this study has been successfully implemented in GAC Aion vehicles, demonstrating enhanced vehicle performance and delivering significant economic benefits.

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Abstract

Light weighting of vehicles plays a crucial role in energy conservation and emission reduction. As one of the lightest engineering materials, magnesium (Mg) alloys show great potential for automotive lightweighting, due to their low density, excellent vibration damping, and good castability. Currently, they are primarily used in components such as steering wheels, seat brackets, and transmission housings. However, the relatively poor corrosion resistance of Mg alloys significantly restricts their wide applications in practice. Inspired by nature, slippery liquid-infused porous surfaces (SLIPSs) are developed to alleviate corrosion of metallic materials. Nevertheless, conventional SLIPSs provide relatively limited corrosion protection for Mg alloys. Herein, corrosion inhibitor of 8hydroxyquinoline (8-HQ) was incorporated into UiO-66 (denoted as 8-HQ@UiO-66), and then dispersed in silicone oil at different concentrations to fabricate nanoparticles-enhanced-SLIPSs with improved corrosion resistance and self-healing properties. Especially, when the concentration was 1 mg mL⁻¹, the synergistic interaction of 8-HQ and UiO-66 resulted in outstanding anti-corrosion properties. This was demonstrated by the lowest corrosion current density of 1.24×10^{-10} A cm⁻² and the highest impedance modulus of 9.88 \times 10⁸ Ω cm² at 0.01 Hz. Furthermore, self-healing performances were assessed using scanning vibration electrode technique (SVET) in combination with electrochemical behaviors of scratched samples, suggesting the superior active corrosion protection of the as-developed SLIPS. This was primarily attributed to the synergistic effects of fluidity of silicone oil, ability to capture Cl⁻ ions of Mg-Al LDH, and exceptional corrosion inhibition of 8-HQ. Hence, the nanoparticles-enhanced-SLIPSs demonstrate considerable potential for practical application in corrosion protection of Mg alloys.

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A new technology for determining plastic anisotropy in structural materials

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Abstract

Plastic anisotropy plays a critical role in the mechanical behavior and formability of structural materials, making its accurate characterization essential for engineering applications. Conventional uniaxial tensile tests are destructive and costly, limiting their practicality for material evaluation. To overcome these challenges, we propose a novel, non-destructive approach to determining the anisotropic plastic properties of materials using an instrumented indentation technique combined with an advanced data-driven framework. Our methodology leverages finite element simulations of spherical indentation to generate a comprehensive dataset. A neural network-based inverse model is then trained on this dataset to predict the plastic anisotropy of materials, including yield stresses and Lankford coefficients at different orientations relative to the rolling direction. The model utilizes indentation-derived in-plane and out-of-plane displacement fields, as well as load-depth curves, as key input features. Experimental validation demonstrates that the proposed technology accurately reconstructs anisotropic plastic flow characteristics, with predicted stress-strain responses closely matching those obtained from conventional uniaxial tensile tests. This approach provides a robust, efficient, and non-destructive alternative for assessing plastic anisotropy, paving the way for its widespread application in material characterization and structural integrity assessment.

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Springback of high strength steels predicted by finite element simulations using self-consistent polycrystal model

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Abstract

An elasto-visco-plastic self-consistent model (Δ EVPSC) has been employed to predict the springback of dual-phase 980 steel subjected to U-draw bending, which corresponds to a benchmark problem, widely known as the Numisheet '93 benchmark. The user material subroutine (UMAT) of Δ EVPSC polycrystal model was utilized with a commercial finite element (FE) solver, Abaqus/standard. The electron back-scattered diffraction (EBSD) scan was performed to obtain the separate crystallographic textures of ferritic and martensitic phases from the as-received sample. Despite the simplicity of the employed hardening model, various complex features of the flow stress behavior, including the Bauschinger effect and non-linearity in elastic loading and unloading, have been accurately captured by Δ EVPSC polycrystal model. With accurately describing the stress relaxation, the FE-predicted springback was in excellent agreement with experiment.

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Nanocluster formed during low temperature aging affects the age-hardening behavior in aluminum alloys. This study investigates the cluster analysis of Al-Mg-Si alloys using atom probe tomography (APT). The parameters such as D_{max} and N_{min} can be derived from random labelling process (RLP). The parameters were highly affected by the researcher. There was limitation in detecting cluster in the case of fixed parameter. On the other hand, the parameters set by RLP accurately reflected the atomic arrangement inside cluster. The normalization was applied to clarify the effect of microalloying elements on the chemical composition of the cluster. Detail of cluster analysis will be introduced.

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A widely adopted hot stamping method is direct hot stamping, in which a blank is heated in a furnace, transferred to a press, and subsequently formed and quenched in a cooled die. This process results in a fully martensitic transformation, significantly increasing the tensile strength of the steel. However, a major drawback of martensitic steels produced through hot stamping is their high susceptibility to hydrogen-induced delayed cracking. This issue arises from the diffusion of hydrogen into the material, which occurs due to surface reactions with the aluminum coating in the furnace atmosphere during heating. Furthermore, hydrogen-assisted cracking becomes a concern when the steel is exposed to corrosive environments during vehicle operation. To mitigate hydrogen-related failures, it is essential to understand the factors influencing hydrogen-induced delayed fractures, such as microstructure, diffusible hydrogen concentration, and stress-strain behavior. In particular, newly developed hot-stamped martensitic steels with an 1800 MPa tensile strength require a thorough investigation of hydrogen behavior to ensure their reliable application in the automotive industry. This study aims to optimize process parameters to improve the resistance of hot-stamped boron steel to hydrogen embrittlement by analyzing hydrogen uptake and desorption characteristics.

This study focuses on the behavior of diffusible hydrogen in aluminum–silicon-coated hot-stamped boron steel during the hot press forming process used in automotive manufacturing. Using thermal desorption spectroscopy (TDS), we analyzed hydrogen absorption and desorption mechanisms during the hot stamping process and the automotive pre-treatment line for aluminized low-carbon steel. The findings indicate that during the hot stamping process, prolonged soaking in the heating furnace under specific dew point conditions during austenitization leads to increased hydrogen absorption in hot-stamped boron steel. TDS analysis further revealed that the activation energy for hydrogen trapping, is related to hydrogen embrittlement. A key factor influencing resistance to hydrogen-induced delayed fracture was identified as the prior austenite grain size. This study highlights the importance of optimizing process parameters to enhance the hydrogen embrittlement resistance of hot-stamped boron steels, providing valuable insights for improving the structural integrity and durability of ultrahigh-strength steel components in automotive applications.

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ABSTRACT

Magnesium alloys are the lightest structural metallic materials used in commercial applications. Their low density, high specific strength, and excellent damping capacity encourage their application in mobile components such as electronic devices and transportation vehicles, especially in aircraft seat structures. However, low resistance to ignition and corrosion, poor room-temperature formability, and relatively high costs compared to competing metals like steel and aluminum lead end users to regard magnesium alloys as unsafe, unreliable, and expensive. To overcome these fundamental limitations, significant effort has been devoted to developing new alloys and processes. In this context, a series of non-flammable magnesium alloys containing both Ca and Y has been developed at KIMS, which simultaneously improve non-flammability, corrosion resistance, and formability. As a result, it is considered applicable not only to automotive components and electronic devices but also to train bodies and interior parts. To meet the target properties required by specific applications, optimal chemical compositions and process parameters that control the microstructure and texture have been determined. For instance, an Mg-8Al-0.3Zn-0.1Mn-0.3Ca-0.2Y alloy extruded by a low-temperature, low-speed process exhibits a high tensile strength exceeding 420 MPa and low yield asymmetry, making it suitable for aircraft interior components. Moreover, an Mg-1Al-1Zn-0.2Ca-0.2Y alloy sheet subjected to cold rolling and subsequent recrystallization annealing achieves a fine-grained structure with random texture, which leads to excellent room-temperature formability (LDH over 9 mm). Further details on the application-oriented research of these non-flammable magnesium alloys will be presented.

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High cycle fatigue properties of thick plate steel for seashore structure depending on microstructures

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Abstract

Due to the increasing demand for high-strength steel, there is a growing need to develop thick plate steel with a grade of 60K or higher for use in seashore structures. To improve the mechanical properties of these steels, techniques are required to control microstructures, including grain size, phase type, and phase fraction. Furthermore, analytical techniques for identifying constituent phases are needed for high-strength steels with complex microstructures, such as ferrite, acicular ferrite, upper and lower bainites, etc. Analysis using high-resolution electron microscopy is time-consuming and limited in terms of analysis area. Therefore, this work aims to identify constituent phases and develop practical methods for easy microstructure analysis, which can aid in developing thick plate steel with high strength. Specifically, high-cycle fatigue properties were investigated under three different R ratios and discussed

Keywords: Steel, Plate, High cycle fatigue, Microstructure

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Evaluation and modeling of the interfacial heat transfer coefficient between 1500MPa press hardening steel sheet and die surface in hot stamping

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Abstract

Computer-aided engineering (CAE) analysis on the hot stamping simulation of press-hardening steel (PHS) needs a set of interfacial properties between part and tool such as a heat transfer coefficient (HTC) suitable for commercial software. In general, the simulation input cards consist of solver, history output, contour output, blank model, tool model, boundary condition and interfacial contact setup. The interfacial HTC between part and tool has a direct impact on the temperature distribution and consequently affects the microstructure and mechanical properties of the formed and quenched part. Press hardening steel (PHS) at an elevated temperature 930°C is Austenite, and which transforms into other phases such as Ferrite, Pearlite, Bainite and Martensite during subsequent thermal histories. The phase transformations during hot stamping strongly depend on cooling speed at each element that is determined by heat transfer from part to nearby tool. Gap between part and tool as one of key factors that influence HTC was investigated. Before considering the "HTC to tool", several factors should be preliminary determined such as heat capacity (HC), thermal conductivity (TC) and "HTC to air", and then the "HTC to tool" is modeled and optimized. A tool having several gaps and contact pressure was designed and applied to experimentally simulate "HTC to air" and "HTC to tool". The tool has six gaps $(0.2 \sim 1.2 \text{ mm})$ and two contact zones where were utilized to evaluate effects of gap and pressure on "HTC to tool" and determine HC, TC and "HTC to air". Thermal cycle for testing the "HTC to tool" at an elevated temperature is divided into three stages: The first step is heating a coupon up to 930°C and soaking for 75sec for full Austenizing, and the next step is to transfer the coupon on the test tool, and the final step is to cool the coupon until the temperature drops below 200°C. The temperature profiles obtained in the six zones are used to optimize the "HTC to tool" model parameters. Tensile grade 1500MPa PHS with three different thickness were evaluated. The optimized model parameters were validated by comparing the simulated temperature profiles to experimentally obtained ones.

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