



Rapid Control Prototyping for the Production of Functionally Graded Materials with Tailored Microstructural Properties utilizing COMSOL Multiphysics

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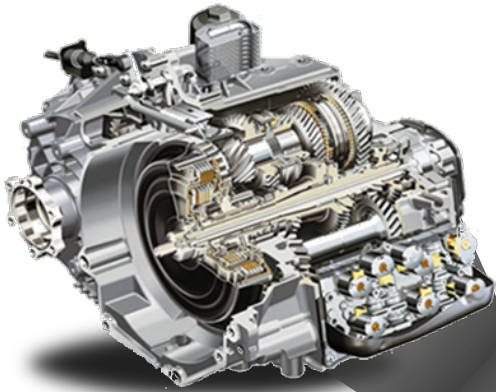


Overview

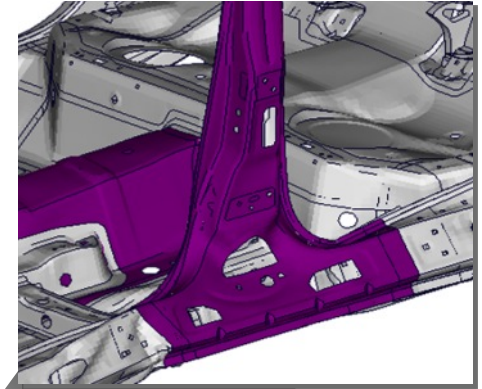
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Tailored Microstructural Components

Wear-optimized tailored components



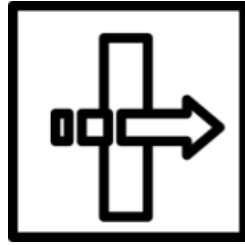
Load-optimized tailored components



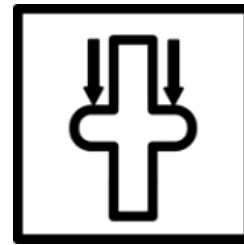
Process Challenges



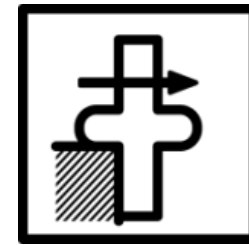
Heating Strategy



Transfer



Forming Process

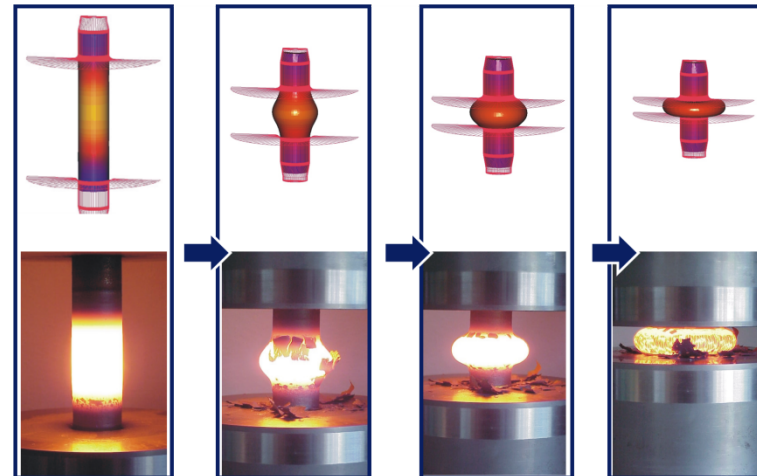


Cooling Strategy



Radiative
and
convective
losses

Intra-billet
heat flux



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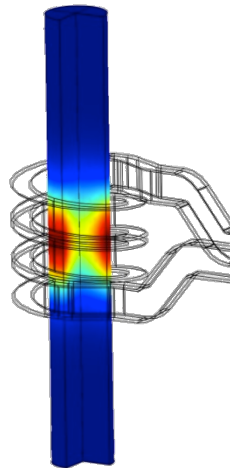


FEM Simulation

Geometry



FE Modeling



Simplifications:

- 2D axissymmetric model
- Inclination of coils neglected

Coupled Differential Equations

Maxwell equations:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_{elec}$$

Induced current density:

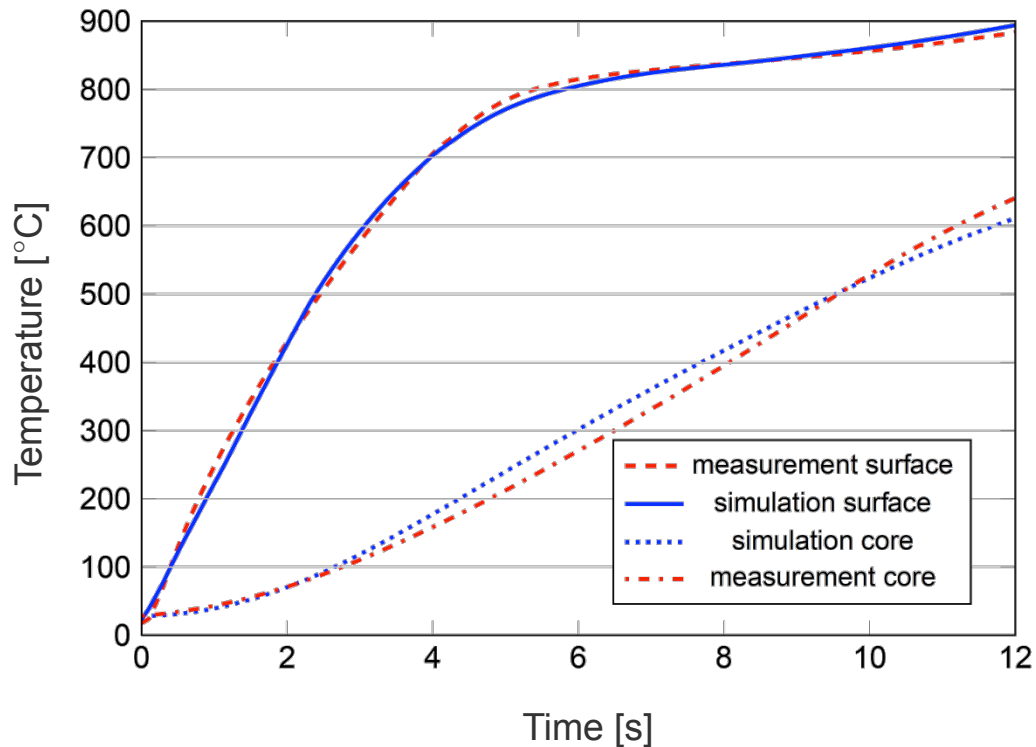
$$J = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{ber(\sqrt{2} \frac{r}{\delta}) + j bei(\sqrt{2} \frac{r}{\delta})}{ber(\sqrt{2} \frac{R}{\delta}) + j bei(\sqrt{2} \frac{R}{\delta})} H_s$$

Coupled thermo-electrical system (intra-billet heat flux):

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - k \nabla^2 T = Q_{source}$$



Model Verification



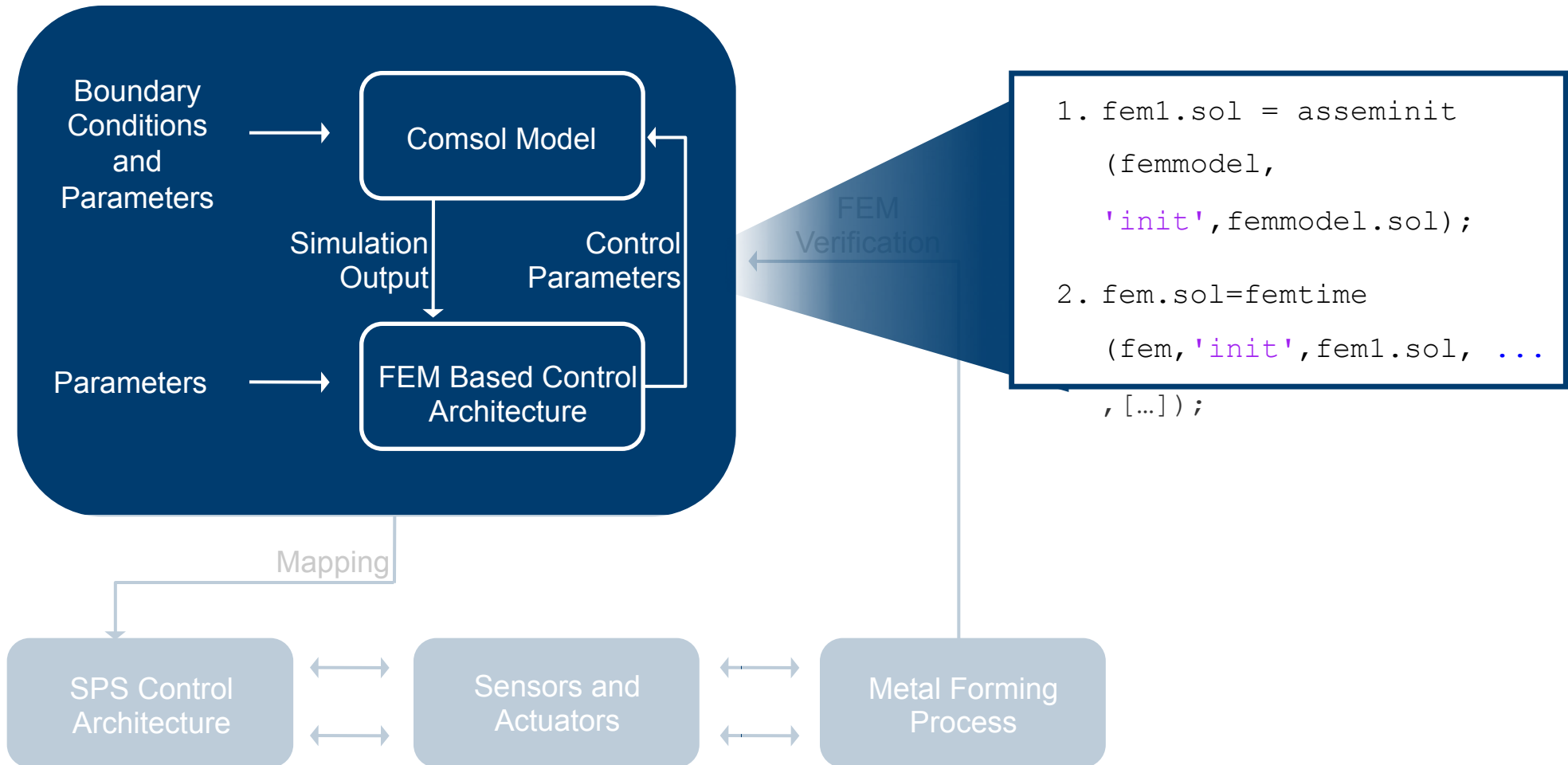
Specifications

power (P_{ind}) = 18 kW

frequency (f) = 8 kHz

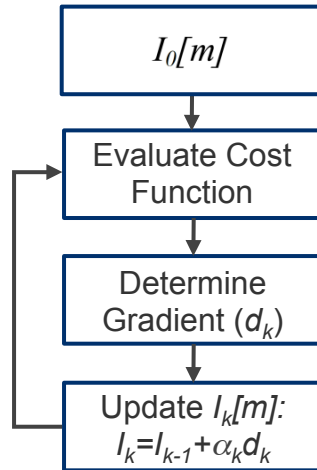
time (t_{ind}) = 12 s

Matlab and Comsol

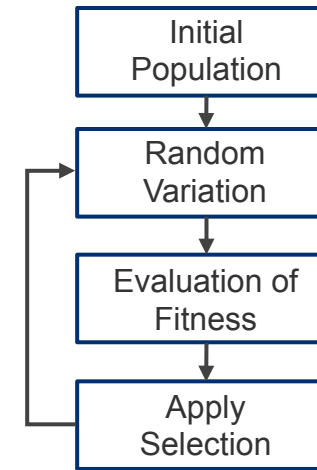


Numerical Optimization of the Heating Strategy

Steepest Gradient Descent



Genetic Algorithm



Cost function

$$\varepsilon_{mse} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (T(r_n, z=0, t=t_{final}) - T_{defined}(r_n, z=0, t=t_{final}))^2$$

$$\varepsilon_{mse}(I_{opt}(t)) = \min \varepsilon_{mse}(I(t))$$

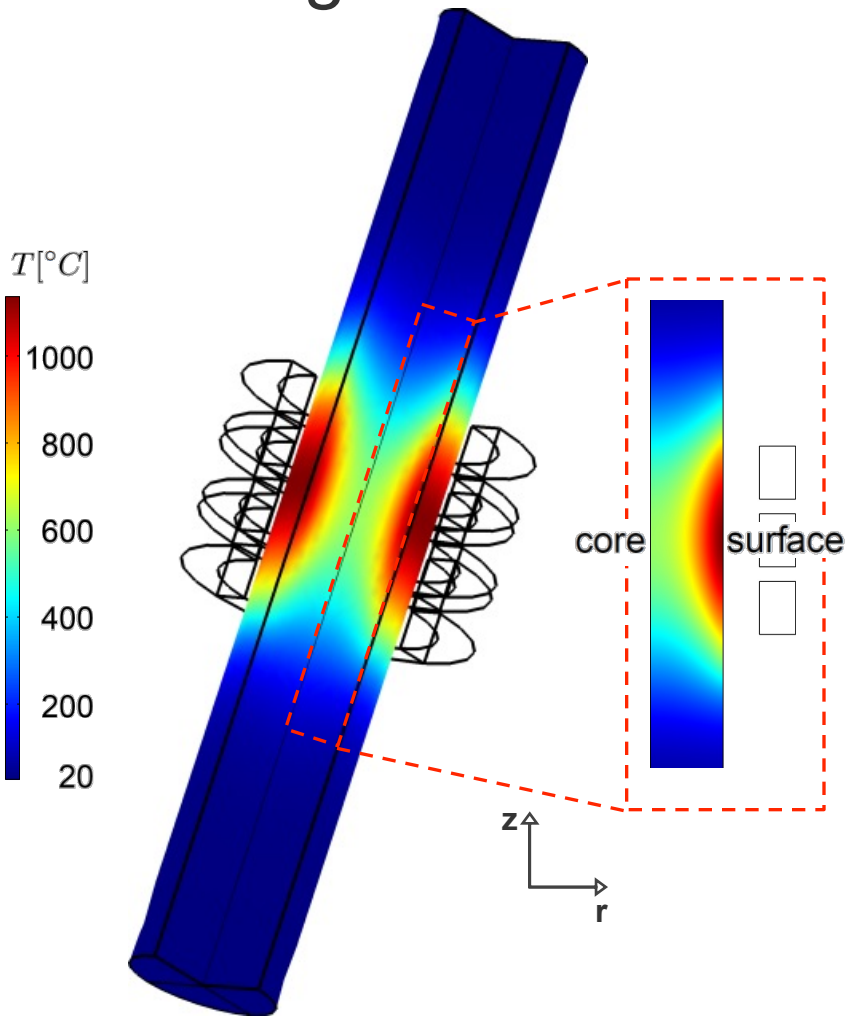
Advantages and disadvantages:

- Fast convergence
- Requires gradient
- Start-value dependent

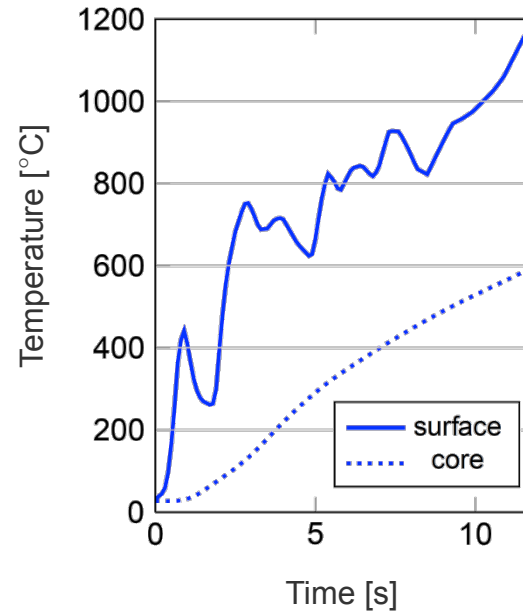
Advantages and disadvantages:

- Suited for complex, nonlinear problems
- Stochastic search
- Usually slower

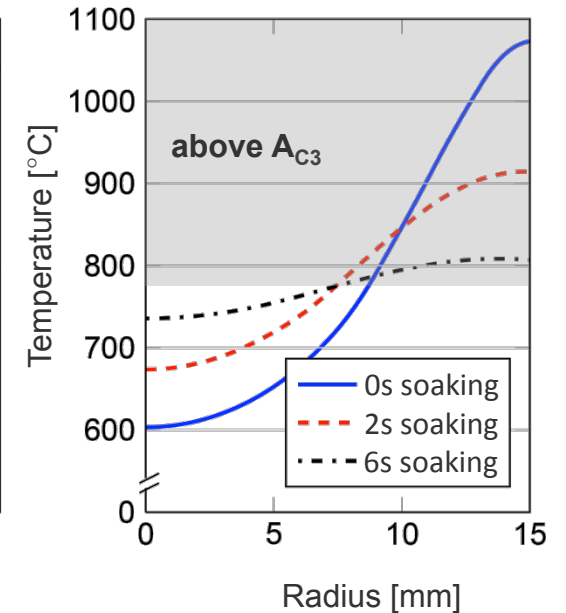
Strong Core-Surface Gradient Heating Strategy



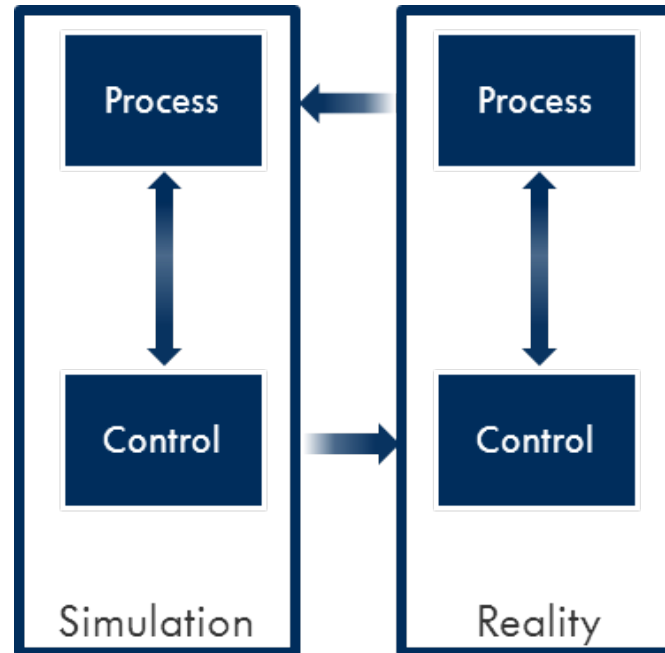
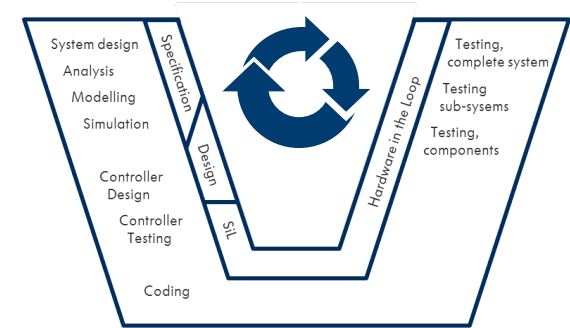
Heating Strategy



Temperature Profile



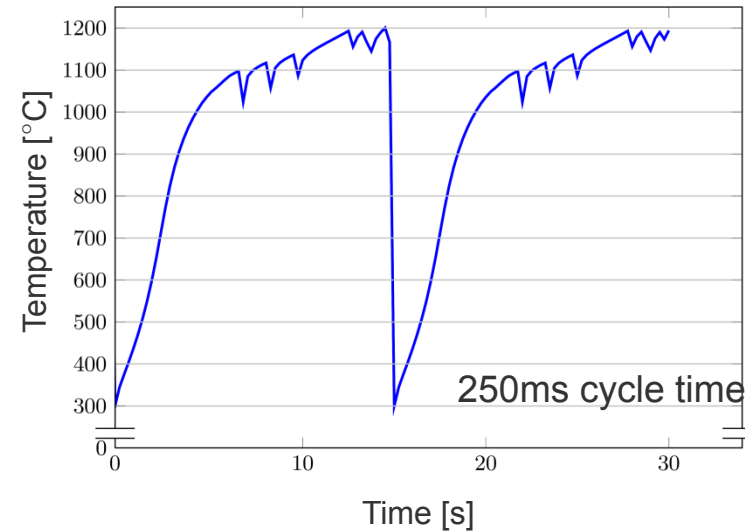
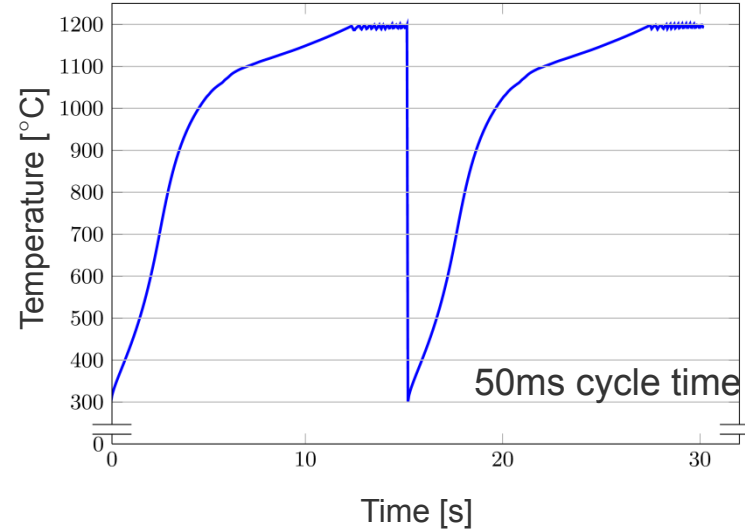
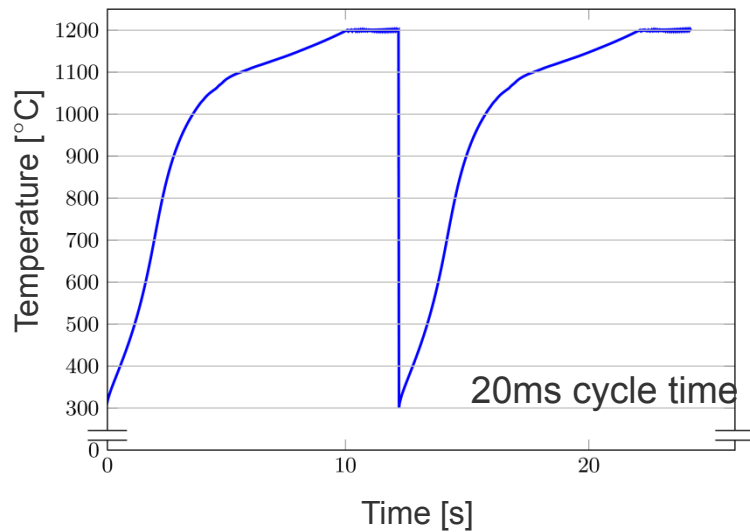
Rapid Control Prototyping



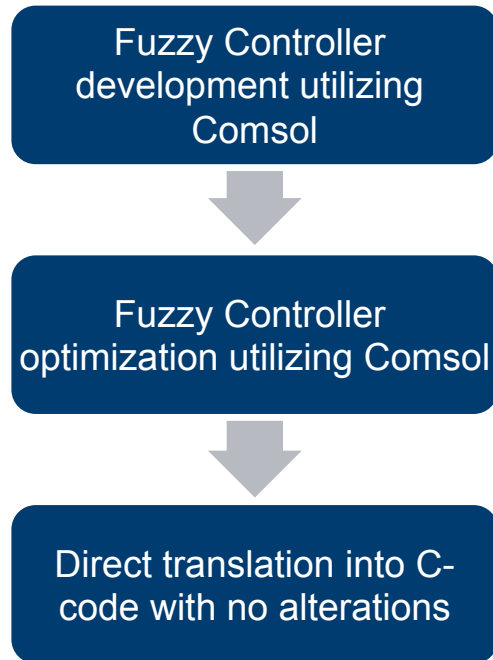
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Rapid Control Prototyping,
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Simulative Evaluation of Cycle Time Impact



Application Results



Conclusion and Outlook

Conclusion

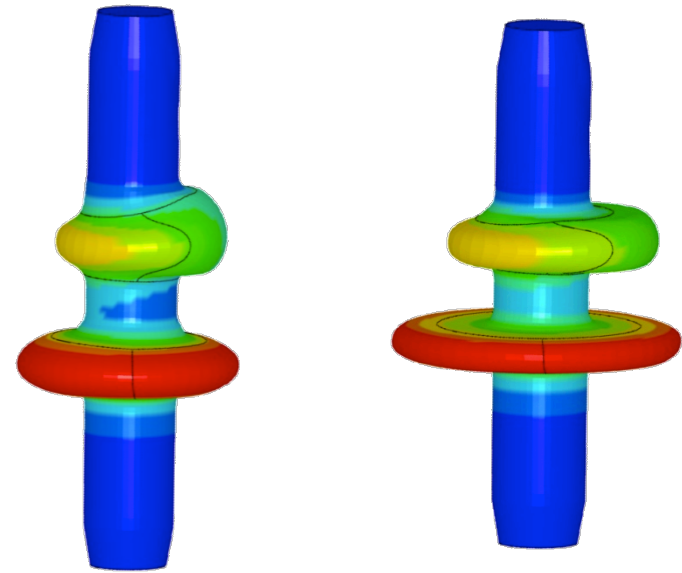
- Control of highly nonlinear system
- Complex optimization algorithms
- Implementation of complex, self adjusting control algorithms

Opportunities:

- Highly flexible production system for high precision mass customization
- Stable, tailored product quality properties (dimensions, microstructural distribution, etc.)
- Adaptable to all thermo-mechanical processes

Future Challenges:

- Multi-form flanged shafts
- Complex geometries
- Mapping to sheet metal forming



Source: Institute of Mechanics –Chair of Numerical Mechanics

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