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# Analysis of the Stamping Speed for Sheet Metal Forming of Aluminum Alloy 5052-H112

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## ABSTRACT

Deep drawing is the most advanced sheet metal forming technique. In today's demanding environment is the global environment and energy saving, the process has been supposed to play a vital role in light-weight component industry. Light-weight, high strength, low density and extreme corrosion aspects must be almost guaranteed in a deep drawn product. However, due to those requirements, thinning and wrinkling and other defects will be increased also. Numerous elements such as blank-holder pressure, punch force, speed of punch, blank shape, thickness variation, surface-to-surface friction coefficient, material characteristic,...influenced to the success of methods as well as the quality of the products. In addition, worldwide manufacturers keep getting the most goods done in less time. Indeed, the increasing of productivity should be also dealt because it proportionally relates to the stamping speed. This paper investigates the influence of punch velocity on deformation behavior of aluminum alloy 5052-H112. Finite Element Method was used to perform Nakajima test at several of punch velocities of specimen widths and monitor fluctuations in magnitude of von Mises stress, the major strain and minor strain. Forming Limit Curve (FLC) was obtained at different velocities and almost uniform. Stretching and sliding across the top of the punch resulted in thinning of sheet metal. Beside this, the action of punch stroke resulted in the production of more von Mises concentrated stress and the largest specimen in widths had shown the peak value of von Mises stress compared with the other specimens at all different velocities. Furthermore, the ratio of the major strain to the minor strain is influenced by the mass of material at the contact area and keeps consistent over the variation in velocities of punch. This will pave the way for future studies of the optimization of the stamping speed in deep drawing. Key words: Deep Drawing, Nakajima Test, Stamping Speed, Aluminum Alloy 5052, Forming Limit Curve (FLC)

# INTRODUCTION

Regarding to the global environment and energetic issue, energy saving and safety have been properly thought out in automotive industry. Light-weight components of car are mostly made of sheet metal parts. Deep drawing plays a decisive role in sheetforming process to produce these such parts. Indeed, the drawn part has been used not only in car but also aerospace, ship, drink and other fields<sup>1,2</sup>. Some of causes of this issue contain: punch force, holding force, speed of stamping, blank sheet geometry, variation in thickness, wrinkling, friction...<sup>3,4</sup>. Thus, it is an intrinsic to find out the process parameter which can lead defect-free product. To evaluate the formability of sheet metal in condition of bi-axial tension, Keeler proposed the idea of the Forming Limit Diagram (FLD)<sup>5-8</sup>. The Nakajima experiment is an approach to find out the Forming Limit Curve of sheet metal that based on the principle of deformation on blank sheet and combination of a lot kinds of testing specimens that was deformed by a hemispheri-

cal punch until detecting the fracture<sup>9</sup>. In a lot of findings belong to drawn part, researchers figured out holder force has a fairly functional in the forming ability of drawn parts<sup>10</sup>. Studying on minimum constant blank holder force to avoid wrinkling was proceeded by mathematical modeling, also be verified by Finite Element simulation<sup>11</sup>. Browne et al.<sup>12</sup> researches the variation and affect of die shape, punch, blank holder force, lubricating method and speed of stamping of C.R.1 steel cups in the deep drawing. Padmanabhan et al.<sup>13</sup> used Taguchi technique to investigate three factors: radius of die, blank-holding pressure and coefficient of friction in Finite Element method. Q. Bai et al.<sup>14</sup> conducted warm forming of aluminum alloy AA5754 at temperature from 200 to 300 degrees Celsius and at the stamping speed from 20 to 300 millimeter per second

In fact, relation between scrap rate and cycle time in production is inversely proportional and considering about the productivity is a common thread of manufactures in deep drawing field. The higher velocity

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the better productivity and vise versa. Thus, in the present work, a velocity range of 10-120mm/s is discussed. The range is commonly used and magnitude of selected velocities is good enough to make deviation in results significantly. The object is to predict the Forming Limit Curve and to understand the effect of stamping speed on AA5052 at temper H112. The thickness is 1mm under deep drawing. Nakajima test was performed by Finite Element method at differences of the stamping speed and widths of specimen as shown in Figure 1.



## **METHOLODOGY**

## **Materials' Behavior**

The isotropic hardening law is applied when doing the Finite Element method simulation. Power law relation governed material's behavior:

$$\sigma = K\varepsilon^n \tag{1}$$

where: n is strain hardening exponent,  $\varepsilon$  is true strain, K is strength coefficient,  $\sigma$  is true stress of the material.

Table 1 and Table 2 show the material properties and the chemical composition of AA5052-H112, respectively. Those specifications are followed a material certificate of a particular material lot of Russian manufacturer which conforms to all requirement of ASTM B209-14; SAE AMS-QQ-A-250/8 Rev. C (2014). The true stress and true strain correlation of AA5052-H112 is shown in Figure 2.

## **Finite Element Modeling**

The commercially available tool ABAQUS-Explicit was utilized to model the deep drawing procedure. The analysis was performed by using explicit FE approach. Tools included hemispherical punch (100mm diameter), blank holder and die (10mm radius fillet).



Figure 2: The true stress and true strain correlation of AA5052-H112

The set up of the simulation was performed on one haft sphere punch and different specimen widths at several of punch speeds that was clearly demonstrated in Figure 3. Deformation of punch, blank holder, die were disregarded, they were treated as rigid body. Deformable part is the blank sheet<sup>15–17</sup>. Solid homogeneous was used as element type of aluminum alloy 5052-H112. Friction has considered in simulation by using friction coefficient of 0.1<sup>10</sup> applied to overall model, between tools and the blank sheet. Surface-to-surface contact was assigned for contacts in the whole deforming procedure of the assembly.

For meshing, a three dimensional element type C3D8R was chosen as element type of the blank sheet (an 8-node linear element, hourglass control reduced integration). For tools like punch, blank holder, die were used element type of R3D4 (a four- node 3-D bilinear rigid quadrilateral). Refer to Table 3 and Figure 4 for detail of elements used and element type assigning for each part.

In duration of deep drawing process, the parts such as punch, blank holder, die were constrained as fixed position while the unique vertical downward movement along to Z direction was applied to the blank sheet. Moreover, major strain and minor strain were monitored each time step of forming process for evaluation as the aim of the present study.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Figure 5 demonstrated three dimensional stress state that was captured at the top of the punch for all specimen when they met the ultimate stress. There are no material constraints in the punch's direction, but there are in two other directions. That caused bending and sliding to have a significant influence on the sheet and compression had just a minor impact.

No.	Mechanical properties	Unit	Value
1	Mass density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2680
2	Modulus of elasticity	GPa	70
3	Poisson's ratio	-	0.33
4	Strength coefficient	MPa	320
5	Work hardening coefficient	-	0.151
6	Tensile strength	ksi	28
7	Yield strength	ksi	15.2
8	Elongation	%	32.5
9	Hardness	HBW	58.9

## Table 1: Mechanical properties Of AA5052-H112

## Table 2: Chemical Composition Of AA5052-H112

No.	Chemical composition	Percentage %
1	Fe	0.26
2	Si	0.08
3	Cu	< 0.01
4	Mn	0.01
5	Mg	2.6
6	Cr	0.22
7	Zn	0.01
8	Al	remaining





Figure 4: Meshing of FEM model (a) Mesh of overall entities; (b) Meshes of the blank sheet (cut in half)



#### Table 3: Mesh properties

No.	Part	Element type	Element shape	Feature
1	Punch	R3D8	Quadrilateral	Rigid
2	Die	R3D8	Quadrilateral	Rigid
3	Holder	R3D8	Quadrilateral	Rigid
4	Sheet	C3D8R	Hexahedral	Solid

Thus, the sigma-1 was known as the major strain and the sigma-2 was known as the minor strain. In terms of magnitude, both of these dominated the sigma-3. Thinning of the drawn blank sheet's side-wall was caused by sliding and bending at the punch wall. More thinning also has made by sliding and stretching at the top of the punch. At the top of the punch, it is obvious that the maximum value of von Mises stress occurs for all situations. The comprehensive demonstration of the maximum value of von Mises stress at the punch top at variation specimen width range of 20-185mm and velocity of 10mm/s is mostly shown as Figure 6. In duration of deep drawing, the von Mises stress has a nonlinear increasing manner through the overall stroke of the punch. At the conclusion of the stroke, there is a steady rising tendency, but at the beginning of deep drawing process, von Mises stress displays a substantial increase in amplitude. Figure 7 clearly shown the tendency to growth of the stress of specimens. The tendency keeps consistent in through



**Figure 6**: von Mises stress value of specimen widths at velocity of 10mm/s; (a) w=20; (b) w=40; (c) w=60; (d); w=90; (e) w=110; (f) w=135; (g) w=185

velocity range of 10-120mm/s. Maximum stress is formed at the summit as a result of maximum punch stroke. Comparing to the other specimens, the largest specimen 185mm had presented the highest value of von Mises stress.

It is apparent that maximum major strain occurs at the top of the punch at all situations, whereas the maximum minor strain happens at the R radius edges in smaller width specimens. The maximum minor strain increases substantially in wider width specimens at the top of the punch. Figure 10 depicts in detail the variation of the minor strain and the major of specimens at the greatest punch stroke. When the width of the specimen expands, the amplitude of the major strain drops while the amplitude of the minor strain increases. In conclusion, the length of the punch stroke has an effect on the strain. By monitoring the values of both the logarithmic minor strain and the logarithmic major strain during the deep drawing process, Forming Limit Curve (FLC) was completely obtained and shown as Figure 8 (the increasing of the width is from left to right). The values were acquired at the end of the procedure when the stress just met the ultimate stress of the material. The curves have a tendency to develop in the same way regardless of the velocity of the punch and clearly shown in Figure 9.



Figure 7: The von Mises stress at different velocities of specimens: a. 10 mm/s; b. 20 mm/s; c. 40 mm/s; d. 60 mm/s; e. 120 mm/s

Because of maximum punch stroke, maximum value of minor strain and maximum value of major strain develop at their apex.

In addition, the ratio of the logarithmic major strain to the logarithmic minor strain is demonstrated in Figure 9. There is a distinct ratio, the major strain divide to the minor strain, for each width of experiment pieces. These ratios are distributed around the ratio of the largest specimen (185mm). Two narrowest specimens, 20mm and 40mm in width, show negative ratios. The material in the center completely contacts the punch and there is less material in the center of the drawn parts that may cause the necking phenomena to occur and the drawn part to fail in this area. On the other side, three larger specimens (90mm, 110mm and 135mm in width) exhibit positive ratios. There is more material in the pressing area, it partially contacts the punch which allows for radial material stretching. In the final, the ratio converged at 1, the ratio of the largest specimen (185mm). All of ratios are nearly constant across the change in punch velocity using the Finite Element method. This will pave the way for studies of the optimization of the stamping speed in the deep drawing for the future of the present work. In general, the increasing of productivity should be dealt because it proportionally relates to stamping velocity. The optimization of stamping speed plays a vital role in increasing of productivity of the sheet metal forming industry.

# CONCLUSION

The present study analyzed stamping speed for deep drawing of AA5052-H112. FE method was applied for specimens of the variation in widths that was suggested by Nakajima test. Also, many of velocities were performed, from 10mm/s to 120mm/s. The followings are conclusions of the study:

1. Sliding and stretching at the punch's top caused thinning in this area. The sigma-3 was dominated by the major strain (sigma-1) and the minor strain (sigma-2).

2. The effect of punch stroke resulted in the production of more von Mises stress within specimens.

3. The concentration of stress occurred at the top of the punch in during of deep drawing process until the stress reaches the ultimate stress of the material.

4. The increasing manner of stress was non-linear. A gradually upward trend was shown in the end of the punch travel while the stress shown a significant surge in magnitude in the onset the process.

5. Comparing to the other specimens, the largest specimen 185mm had presented the highest value of von Mises stress in all stamping speeds.

6. The amplitude of the major strain decreases as the specimen's breadth grows, while the amplitude of the minor strain increases.

 7. At varying velocities, the FLC was nearly uniform.
 8. The mass of material at the contact area might lead to negative ratio or positive ratio, the major strain divide to the minor strain.



Figure 8: Forming Limit Curve of AA5052-H112



9. The ratio of the major strain to the minor strain keeps consistent through the variation in stamping speeds.

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# NOMENCLATURES

FLC: Forming Limit Curve FLD: Forming Limit Diagram FE: Finite element

# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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Figure 10: The major strain (left) and the minor strain (right) of specimen at velocity of 120mm/s: (a) w=20; (b) w=40; (c) w=60; (d); w=90; (e) w=110; (f) w=135; (g) w=185

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