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Numerical activities for the NeT Task Groups

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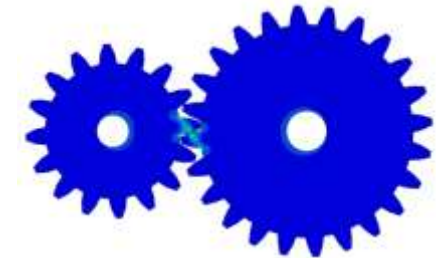
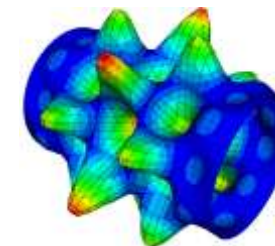
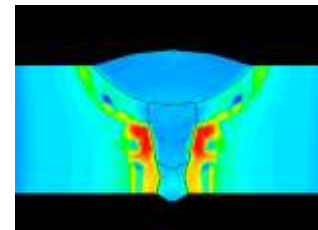
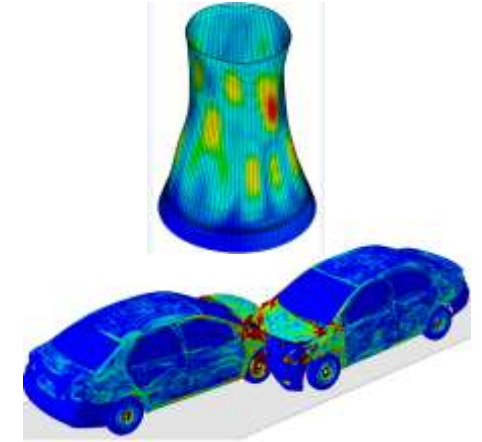
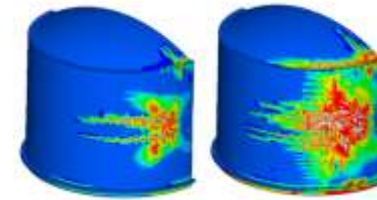
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EC2 presentation

- Consultancy company, created in 1998 in collaboration with INSA Lyon laboratories, aiming at responding to the requirements of industrial or academic partners in applied research fields.
- Thermal and mechanical numerical modeling (static / dynamic / linear and non-linear) and scientific software development
- Fields of expertise : Shell Buckling, Numerical Welding Simulation, Civil Engineering, Dynamic calculations...

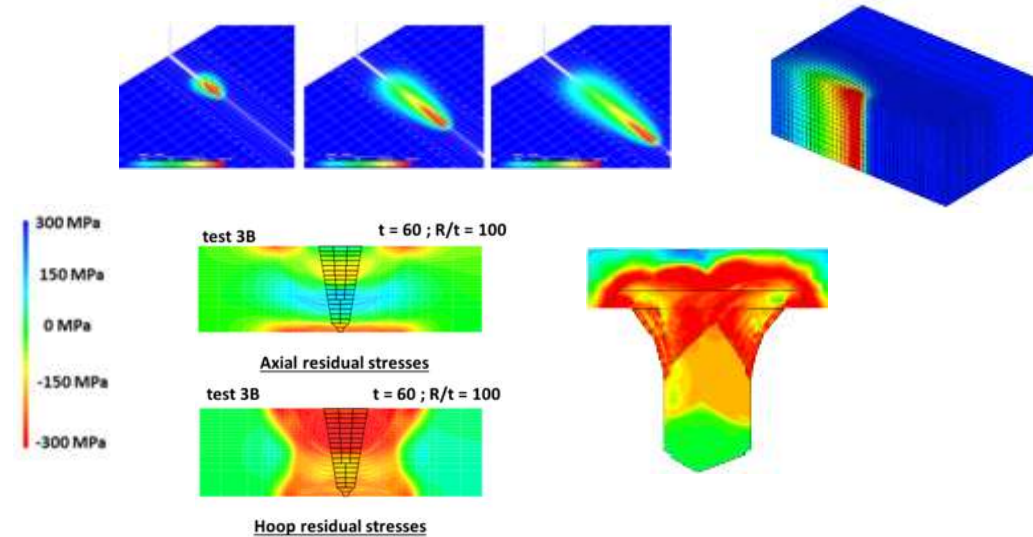
FE Codes : Abaqus, ANSYS, Code_Aster

Customers : Energy, Naval, industry...



EC2 activities in the field of Weld Numerical Simulation

- Thermal-metallurgical-mechanical simulations
- Residual stresses and distortion calculation
- Post-weld heat treatment simulation
- Post-weld Fracture mechanics/Flaw analysis
- Additive manufacturing simulation



EC2 shows interest in NET TG work

- Access to a great amount of experimental data, especially material data and residual stresses measurements
- Benefit from Feedback from Experts network / both on simulation & measurements
- State-of-the art update + networking
- Many Benchmarks to validate the simulations → enhancement and validation of modelling strategies :
 - develop and validate simplified methods
 - Perform parametric studies so as to identify important aspects in simulations

→ Global Enhancement of EC2 skills in the field of numerical simulation of welding

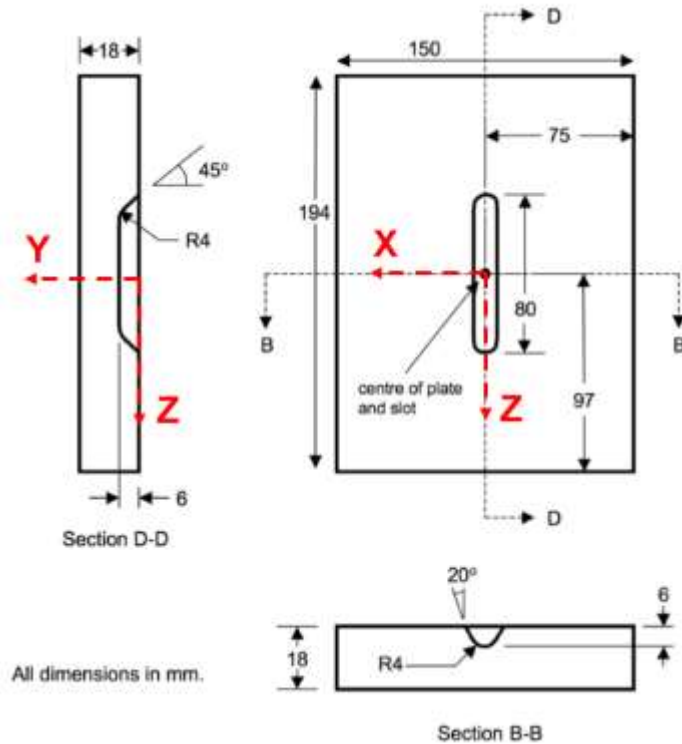
EC2 participation to NET Task Groups

- **NET TG4 : 316L plate with a three pass “slot” weld**
- **NET TG6 : Alloy 600 with a three pass “slot” weld made with Alloy 82 consumables**
- **NET TG8 : 18MnD5 with a five pass “slot” weld made with Alloy 52 consumables (welding repair issues)**
- **NET TG9 : Additive manufacturing TG**

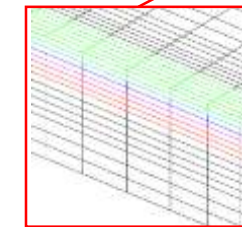
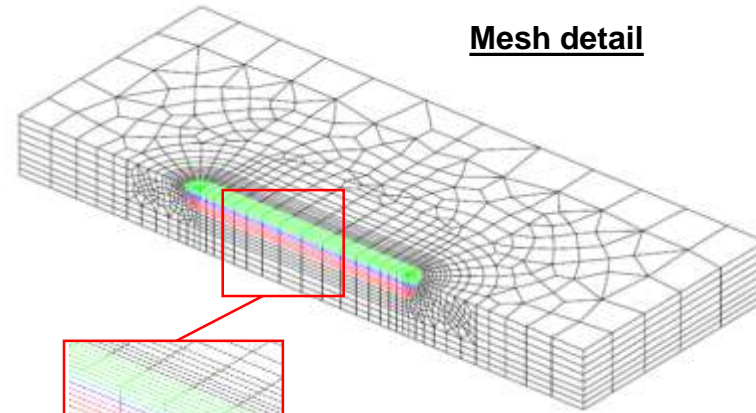
Main scope of the simulations conducted on the NET TG

- **Identify “Best estimate” simulation, accuracy and limitation**
- **Parametric studies to identify predominant parameters of phenomena**
- **Develop enhanced models and methodologies**
- **FE Code benchmarking (Abaqus / Code_Aster)**

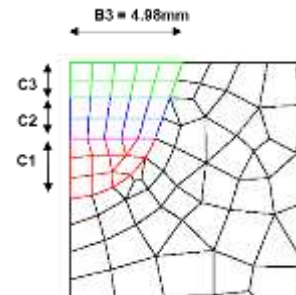
NET TG 4 :



Mesh detail



Groove detail – 3 weld passes



Detail of the groove geometry

EC2 simulation

- Half Plate modeled
- Full 3D thermal and mechanical model
- Residual stresses computation
- Comparison of various EP & VP constitutive equations for 316L material

L. DEPRADEUX, R. COQUARD, "Influence of viscoplasticity, hardening, and annealing effects during the welding of a three-pass slot weld (NET-TG4 Round Robin)", *int. Journal of pres. Vessel & Piping* 164 (2018) 39-54

NET TG 4 experiment :

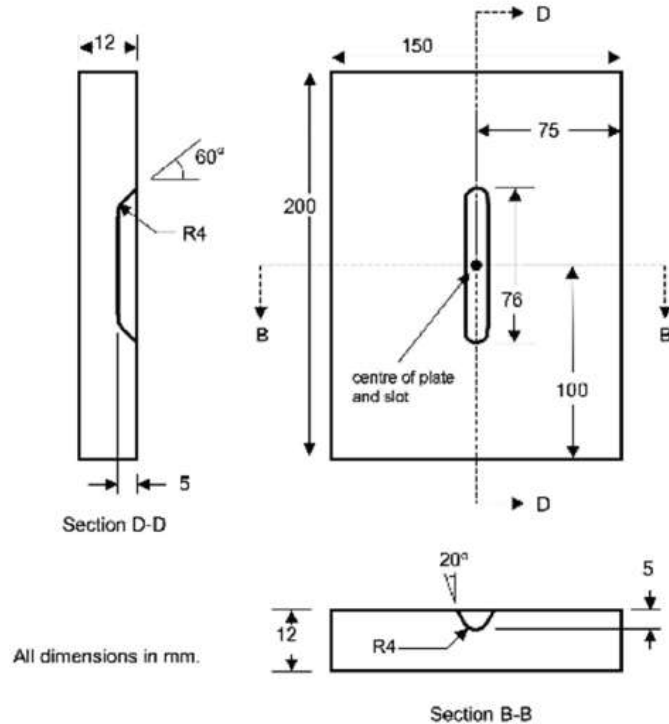
- Plate 194 × 150 × 18
- Slot 80 mm long ; 6 mm deep
- 316L austenitic steel
- GTAW – 3 weld passes
- E ~ 10 to 15 kJ/cm ; V = 1.27mm/s

Measurements : (NET Partners)

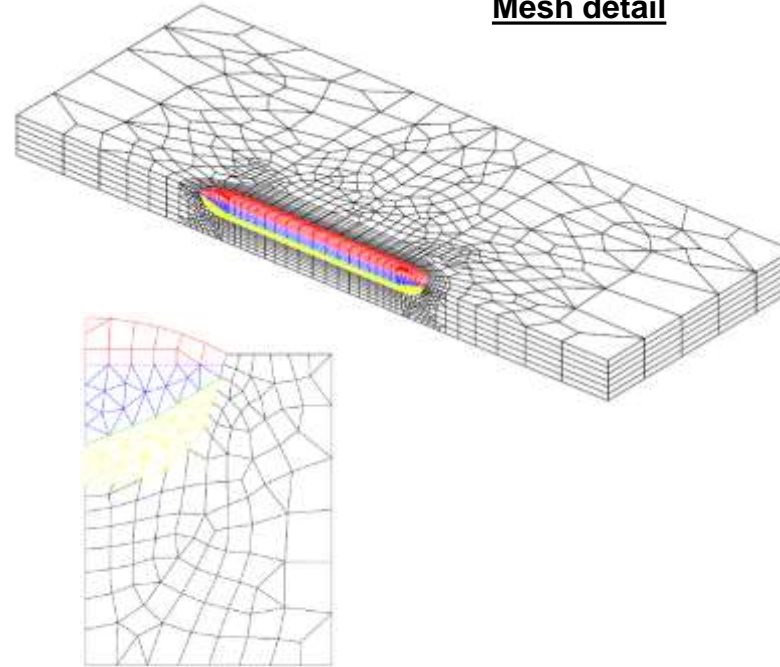
- Temperature (thermocouples)
- Macrography / Hardness / metallurgy
- Residual stresses
- Distortion

316L austenitic steel (Base & Weld)

NET TG 6 :



Mesh detail



Detail of the groove geometry

NET TG6 experiment :

- Plate 200 × 150 × 12
- Slot 76 mm long ; 5 mm deep
- Base metal Alloy 600
- GTAW – 3 weld passes
- Weld metal alloy 182
- E ~ 20 kJ/cm ; V = 1.166mm/s

Measurements : (NET Partners)

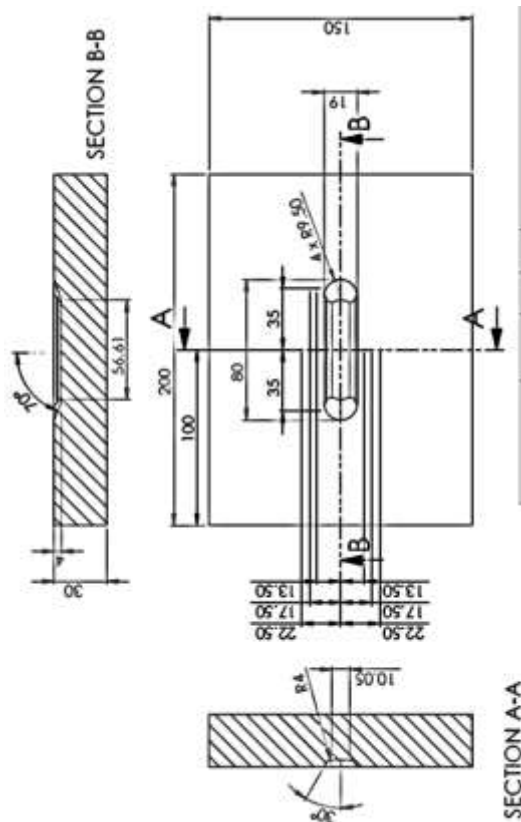
- Temperature (thermocouples)
- Macrography / Hardness / metallurgy
- Residual stresses
- Distortion

EC2 simulation

- Half Plate modeled
- Full 3D thermal and mechanical model
- Residual stresses computation
- Comparison of 2 EP constitutive equations for Alloy 600 & 182

Alloy 600 (base)
Alloy 182 (Weld)

NET TG 8 :

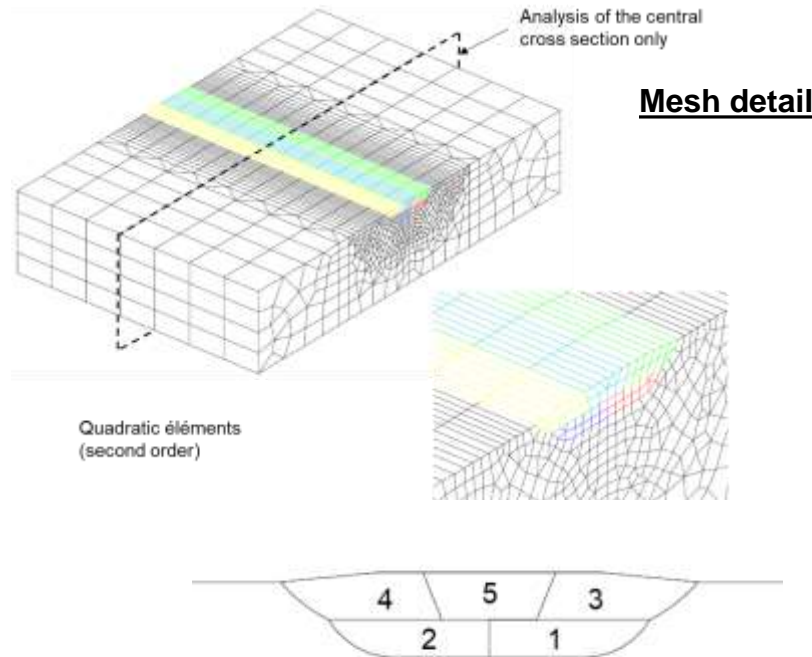


NET TG8 experiment :

- Plate 18MND5
- Weld Inco 52
- 5 Weld passes
- Post-Weld heat treatment

Measurements : (NET Partners, ongoing)

- Temperature (thermocouples)
- Macrography / Hardness / metallurgy
- Residual stresses
- Distortion



EC2 simulation

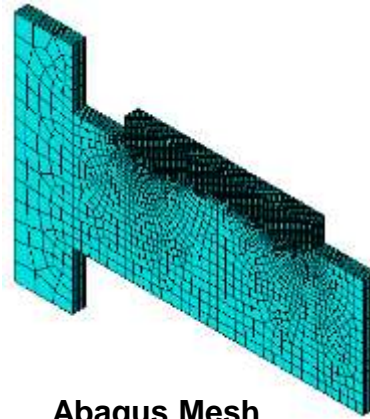
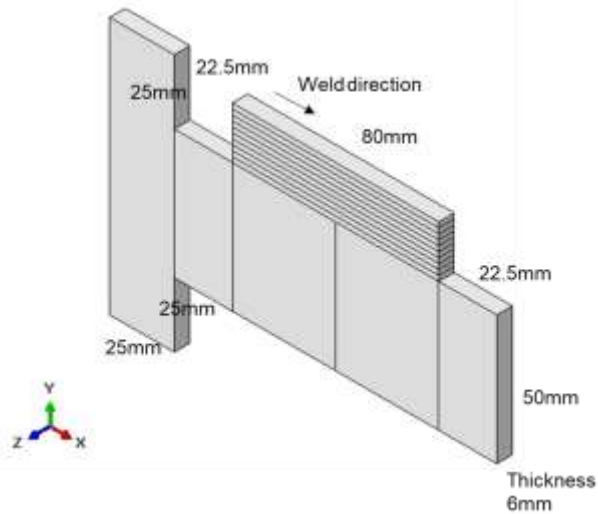
- Half Plate modeled
- “2,5D” thermal and mechanical model (w moving heat source)
- Residual stresses computation

“2,5D” simul. :

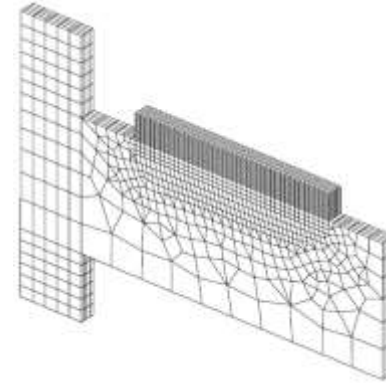
- Intermediate between 2D and full 3D computation
- Less severe restraint in the weld direction
- “arbitrary” length in the weld direction
- Only the center section is analyzed

**18MnD5 (base)
Alloy 52 (weld)**

NET TG(9) / additive manufacturing :



Abaqus Mesh



Code Aster Mesh

- Material : 316L (substate & deposited Wall)
- 5 to 10 layers
- 1st layer : I=108 A ; U = 13.2 A (averaged)
- Other layers : I=99 A ; U = 13 A (averaged)
- Welding speed = 0.42m/min = 7mm/Sec

- Travel time 11.43 sec (for 80mm)
- Time between layer hyp. 36,5 sec
- Total pass time=48sec.
- Filler wire 1.2mm

Measurements : (NET Partners)

- Temperature (thermocouples)
- Residual stresses
- Distortion

EC2 simulation

- Half Plate modeled
- “2,5D” thermal and mechanical model (w moving heat source)
- Residual stresses computation
- Support Plate distortion

**316L austenitic steel
(Base & Weld)**

General strategy / Main features of the simulation (all TGs) :

- **Code_Aster (mainly) and/or Abaqus simul. (NET TG9)**
- **Uncoupled thermo-(metallurgical)-mechanical simul.**
- **Full 3D simulation or “2,5D” simulation with moving heat source (avoid severe restraint in the weld direction due to 2D-cross section assumption)**

“Classical” Weld numerical simulation hypothesis

- **No thermo-fluids in the Weld pool → Equivalent mathematical heat source model**
- **Moving heat source (ellipsoidal/triangle) / parameters adjusted from Macros +TCs measurements**
- **EP or EVP mechanical constitutive equ.**
- **Bead by bead deposition**
- **“Birth element” for thermal approach / “Quiet elements” ($E \sim 0$) for mechanical approach**

Specific Model Development & Enhancement

- **High T° annealing implementation for 316L & Inconel Alloy**
- **Tempering effects for ferritic material**

Known Key points of the simulation (all TGs)

- Heat source model Calibration → **Calibration against TCs measurements and macrography**
- Mechanical Constitutive equation & material data → **Calibration against data provided within NET**

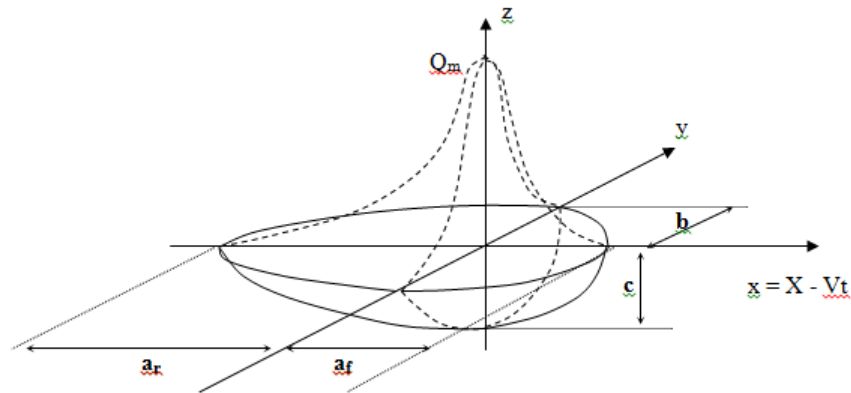
Other points that have revealed critical :

- Mixed hardening characteristics (austenitic steel / Nickel based alloy) → **importance of cyclic data**
- Handling of progressive annealing at high T° (austenitic steel / Nickel based alloy)
- Phases transformations and mechanical consequences (Ferritic steel / 18MnD5)

Not clearly established (from EC2 point of view) :

- Thermo-fluid phenomena in the weld pool → Weld pool shape prediction ?
- Viscous effects (**weak effect on welding RS** ? But very important for Heat treatment simulation)
- Tempering effects during welding (Ferritic steel / 18MnD5)
- Material deposition modelling strategy (especially for additive manufacturing)

Heat source Model choice & Calibration



J. Goldak ellipsoidal model

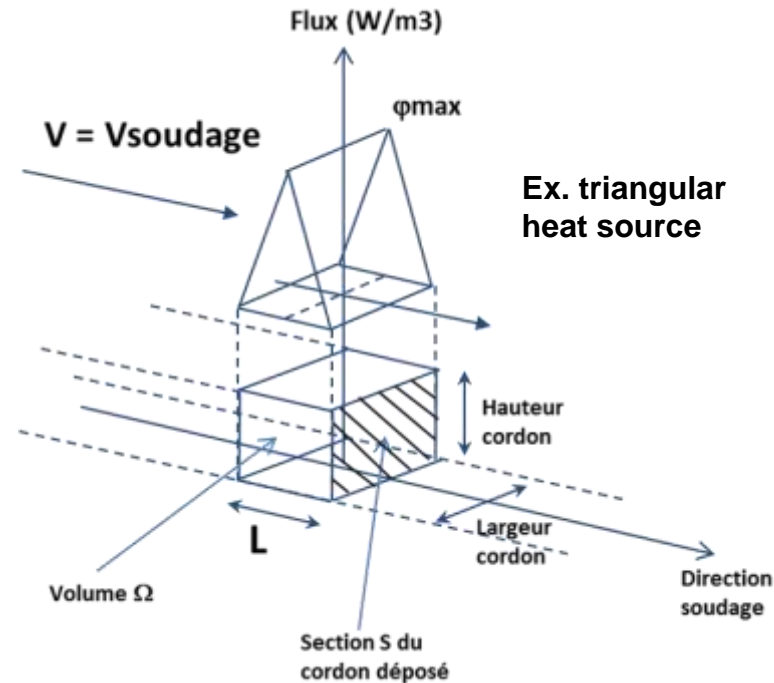
$$q(x, y, z) = Q_0 \cdot \frac{6\sqrt{3} \cdot f_z}{a_z \cdot b \cdot c \cdot \pi^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{3x^2}{a_x^2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{3y^2}{b^2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{3z^2}{c^2}\right)$$

avec $\xi = f$ ou r selon que x est positif ou négatif et $f_f + f_r = 2$

$$f_r = \frac{2a_r}{a_r + a_f} \text{ et } f_f = \frac{2a_f}{a_r + a_f}$$

Classical heat source model

- Power parameter : Q_0, V
 - geometrical param. a_f, a_r, b, c
- Reliable but more complex to implement & calibrate



Ex. triangular heat source

$$Q_0 = \eta UI$$

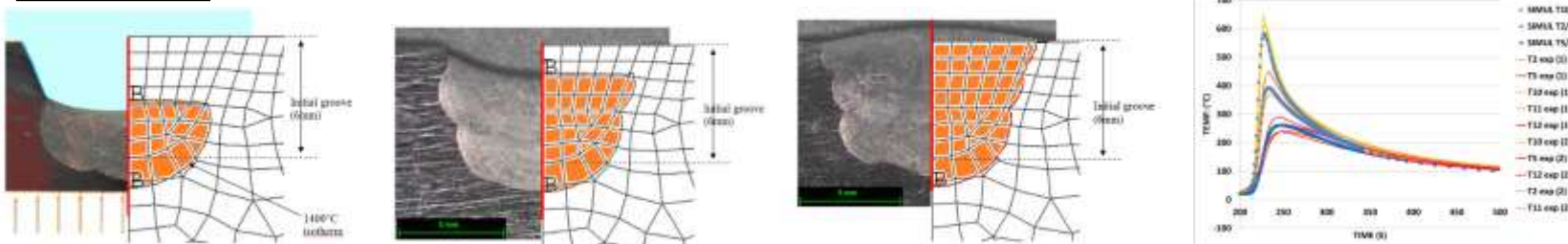
$$\eta = [0.7 - 0.9]$$

Simplified heat source model(s)

- Power parameter : Q_0, V
 - geometrical param. S, L
- Easier to calibrate
- Generally sufficient

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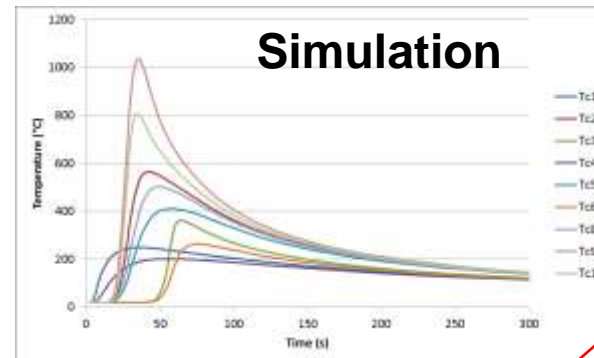
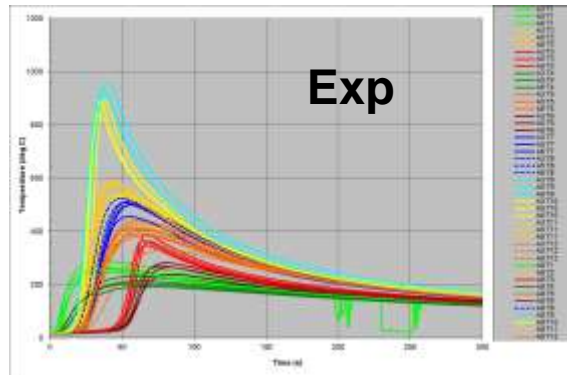
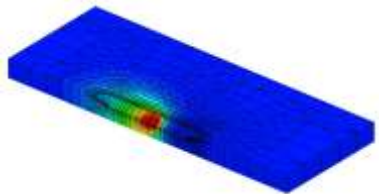
Ex: NET TG 4



→ Good agreement between measurement & simul.

→ Thermal approach is well validated

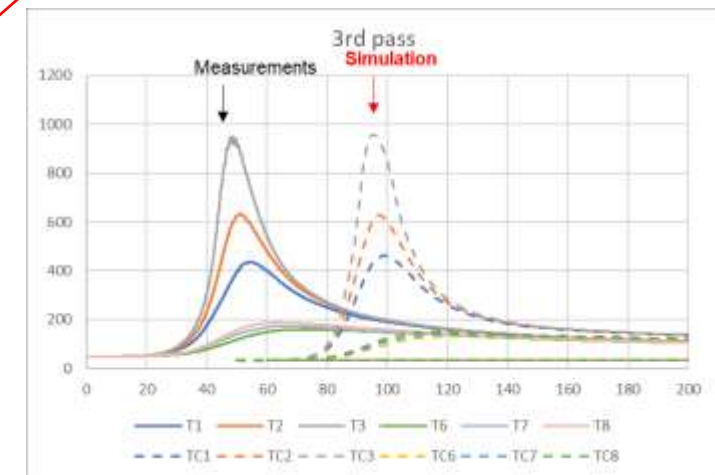
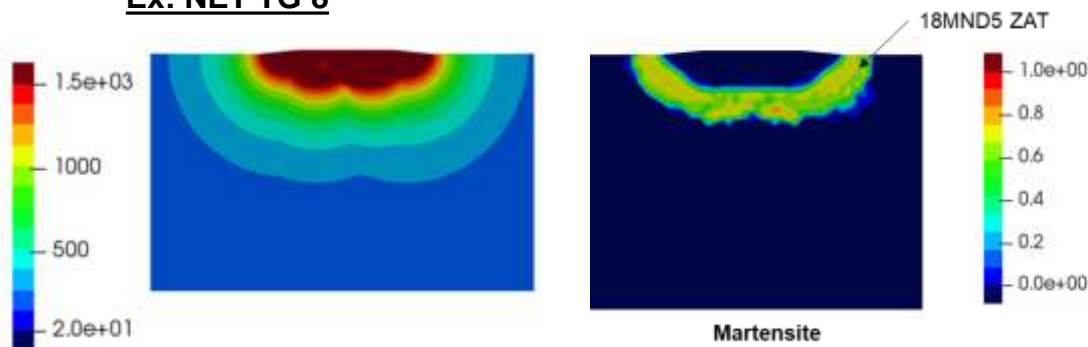
Ex: NET TG 6



→ Possible enhancement : weld pool shape prediction (thermofluids effects)

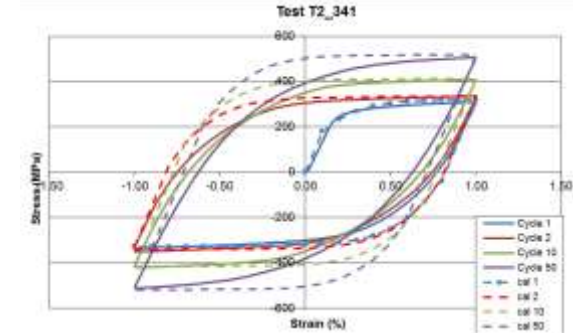
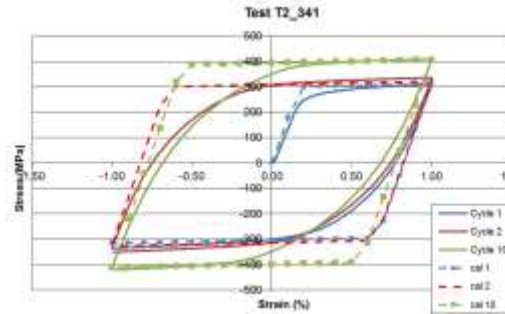
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Ex: NET TG 8



Material model Calibration : austenitic steel & Nickel based alloy

- 316L : EVP isot, Prager, Chaboche
- Inco 600 : Prager, Chaboche
- Inco 182 : Prager, Chaboche
- A508/18MnD5 : EP cine ou isot



Available Code_Aster models :

Isot/cine/mixt EP Prager model

$$f(\sigma_{ij}) = (\sigma - \chi)^{VM} - R(p) \leq 0$$

$$R = R(p) = R(\varepsilon_p^p) \quad \chi = c \varepsilon_p^p$$

If $R = H.p$ (linear hardening) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C = 0 \rightarrow \text{pure isotropic} \\ C = 2H/3 \rightarrow \text{pure cinematic} \\ 0 < C < 2H/3 \rightarrow \text{mixed} \end{array} \right.$

EP Chaboche type model

$$F(\sigma, R, X) = (\sigma - X)^{VM} - R(p) \leq 0$$

$$X = \frac{2}{3} C(p). \alpha \quad \dot{\alpha} = \dot{\varepsilon}^p - \gamma(p). \alpha. \dot{p}$$

$$R(p) = R_\infty + (R_0 - R_\infty) e^{-bp}$$

$$C(p) = C^\infty (1 + (k-1) e^{-wp})$$

$$\gamma_1(p) = \gamma^0 (\alpha_\infty + (1 - \alpha_\infty) e^{-bp})$$

EVP model

$$f(\sigma, r, T) = \sigma^{VM} - R(r, T) - \sigma_s \leq 0$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{vp} = \frac{3}{2} \dot{p} \frac{S_{ij}}{\sigma^{VM}} \quad \dot{p} = \left(\frac{\langle \sigma^{VM} - R(r) - \sigma_s \rangle}{\mu} \right)^n$$

$$\begin{cases} R = R(r).r \\ \dot{r} = \dot{p} - (Cr)^m \end{cases}$$

(viscous annealing)

+ separated annealing :
(internal variables = f(T, t))

Material model Calibration : ferritic steel / 18MnD5

EP model with phase transformation :

- Differential dilatation

$$\varepsilon^{thm}(Z, T) = Z_\gamma \left[\alpha_\alpha (T - T_{ref}) - (1 - Z_{ref}) \Delta \varepsilon_{\alpha\gamma}^{T_{ref}} \right] + Z_\alpha \left[\alpha_\alpha (T - T_{ref}) + Z_{ref} \Delta \varepsilon_{\alpha\gamma}^{T_{ref}} \right]$$

- Multiphasic plastic behavior

$$f(\sigma, r, T) = \sigma^{TM} - R(r, T) - \sigma_s \leq 0 \quad \sigma_y(T, Z_\alpha) = (1 - f(Z_\alpha)) \sigma_{yy} + f(Z_\alpha) \sigma_{y\alpha}$$

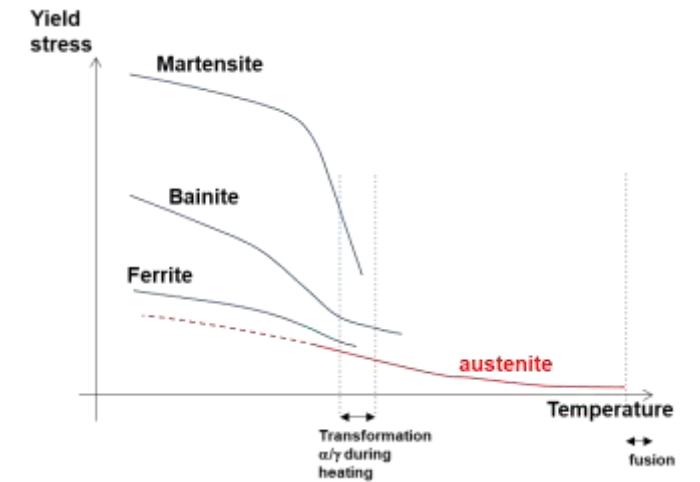
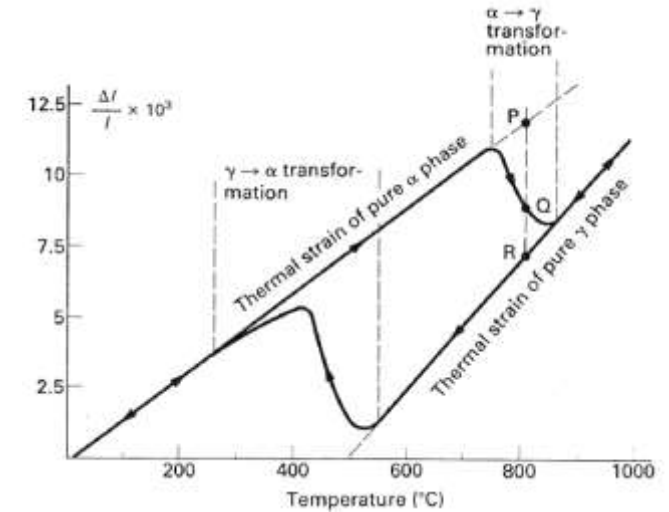
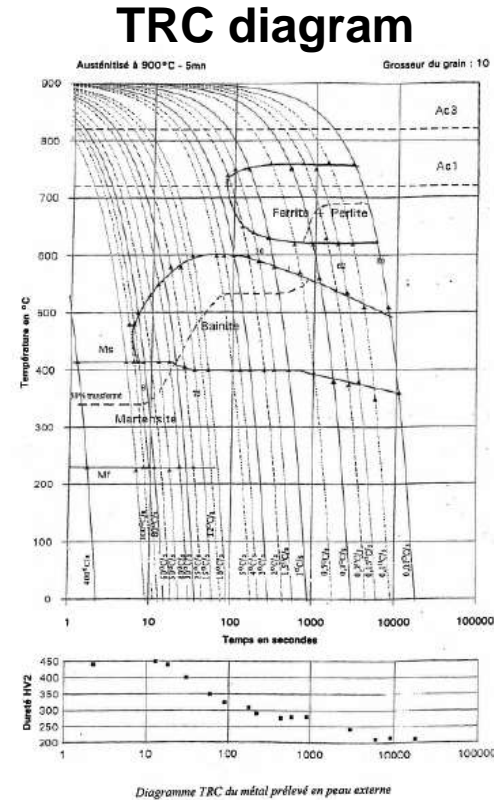
- Transformed induced plasticity (TRIP)

$$\dot{\varepsilon}^{pt} = \frac{3}{2} S \sum_{i=1}^{i=4} K_i F'_i(Z_\gamma) \dot{Z}_i$$

- Viscous Annealing

$$\begin{cases} R = R(r) \cdot r \\ \dot{r} = \dot{p} - (Cr)^m \end{cases}$$

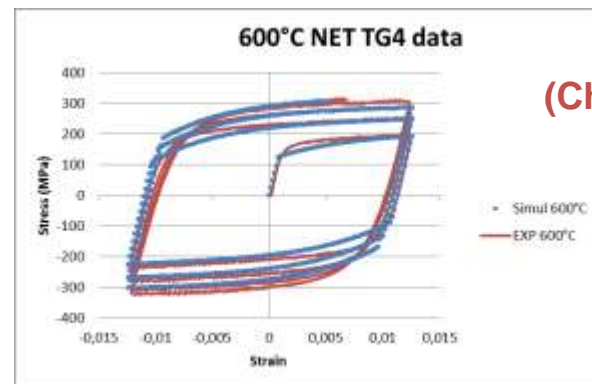
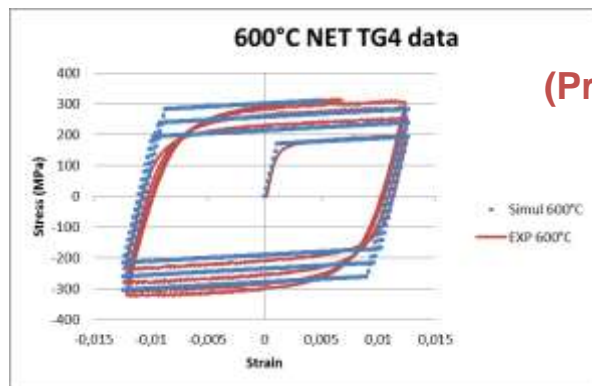
- Generic actual Code_Aster model
- **Purely isotropic or Kinematic hardening** model only
- Calibration data from literature [Vincent], [Petit], [Martinez]...



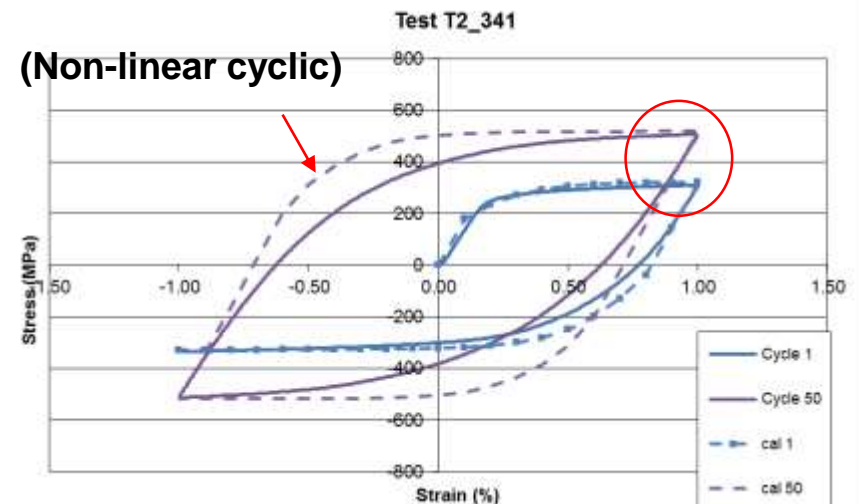
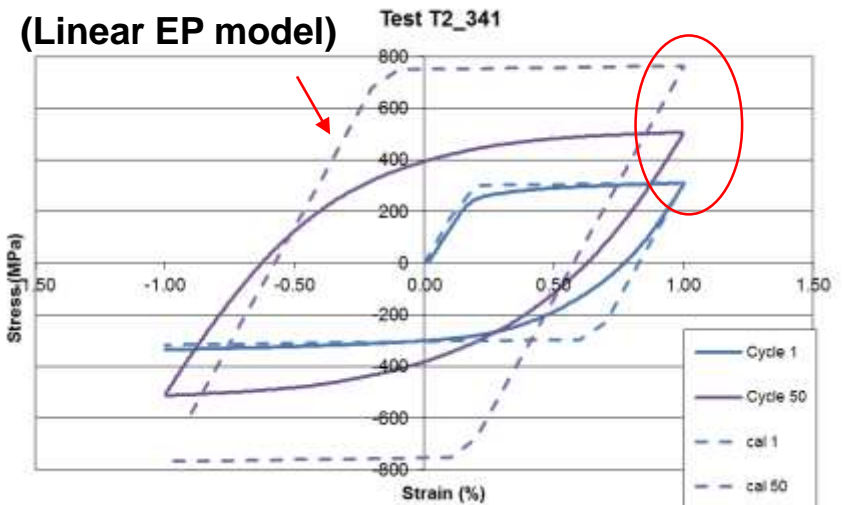
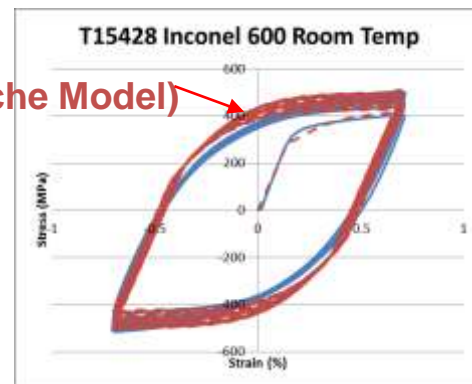
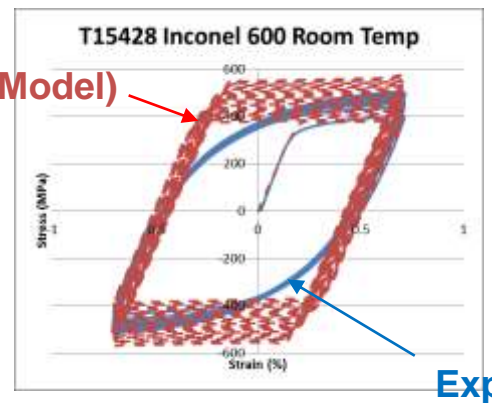
Calibration from protocol data

- Inverse method from cyclic data
- “Satoh” tests validation ([Akrivos&al.], [Depradeux], [Vincent])

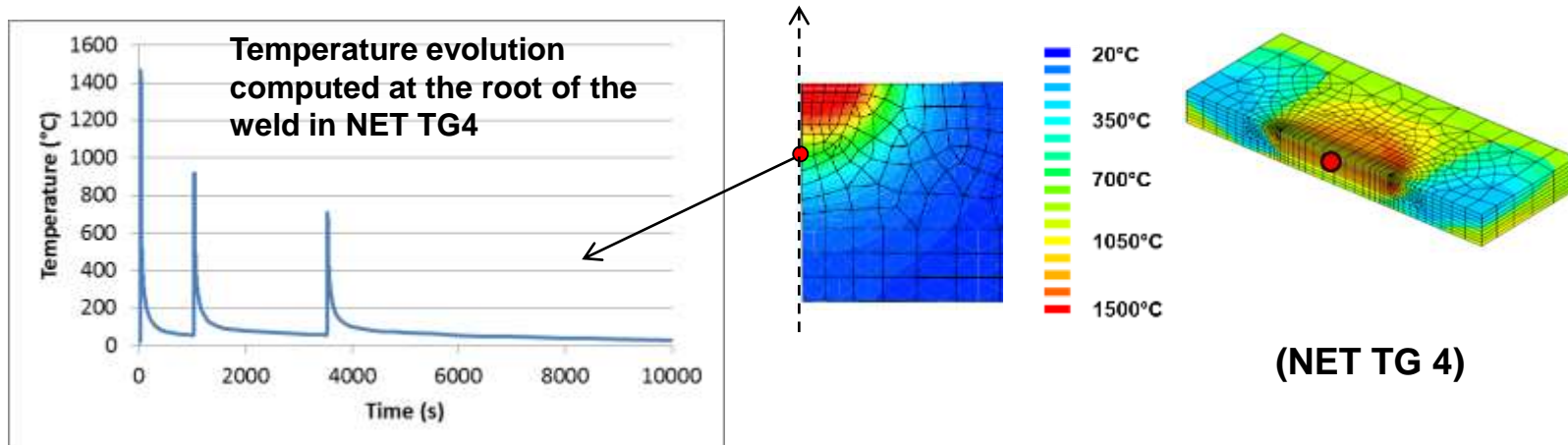
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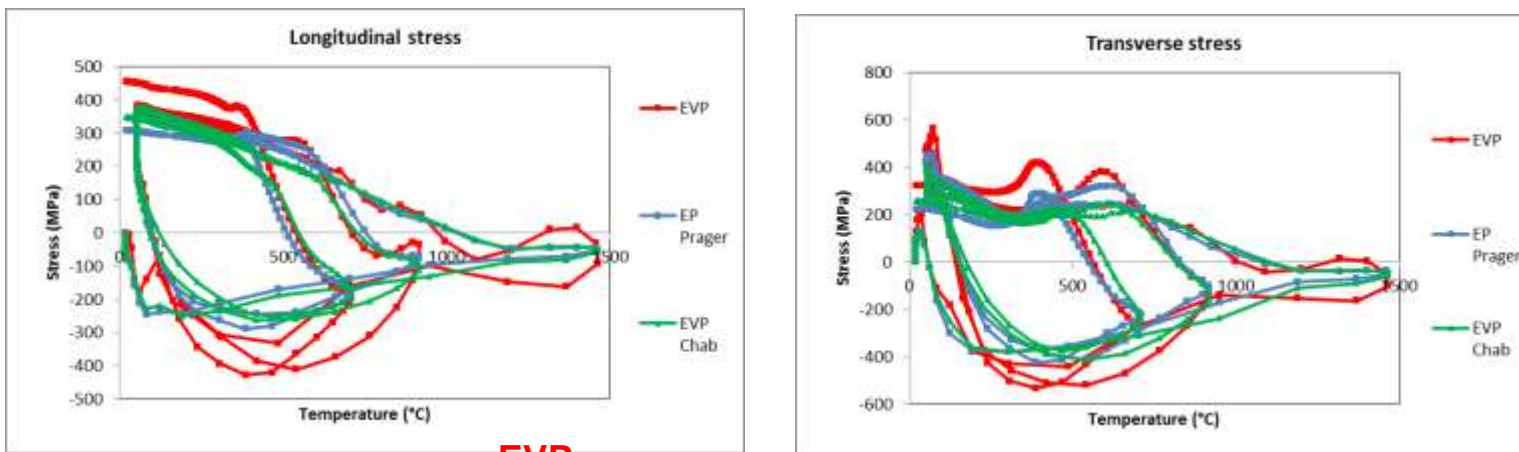
Nickel Base Alloy



Material model validation : "Satoh tests"



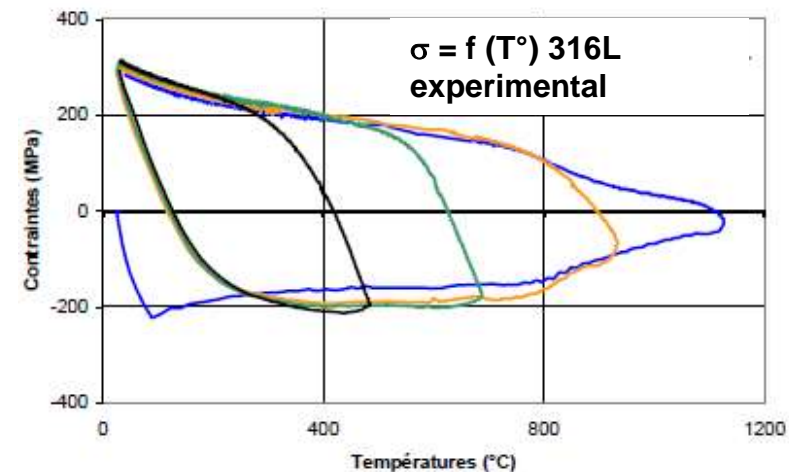
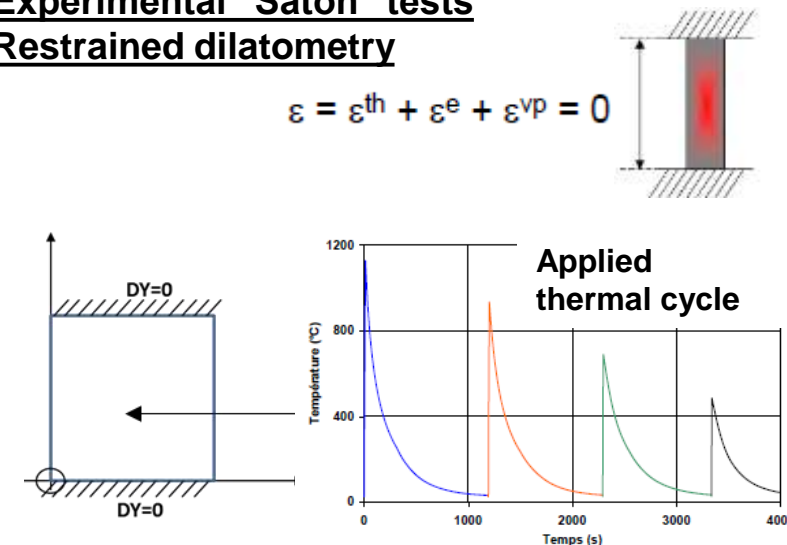
Computed stress evolution with T° during welding : at the center of the plate



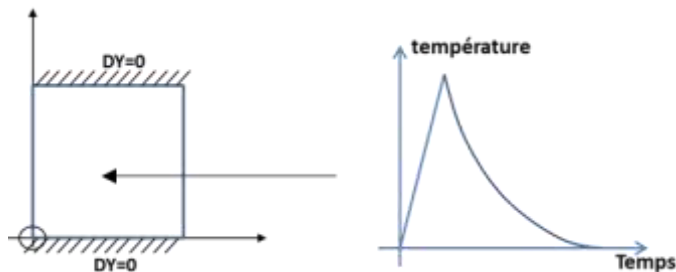
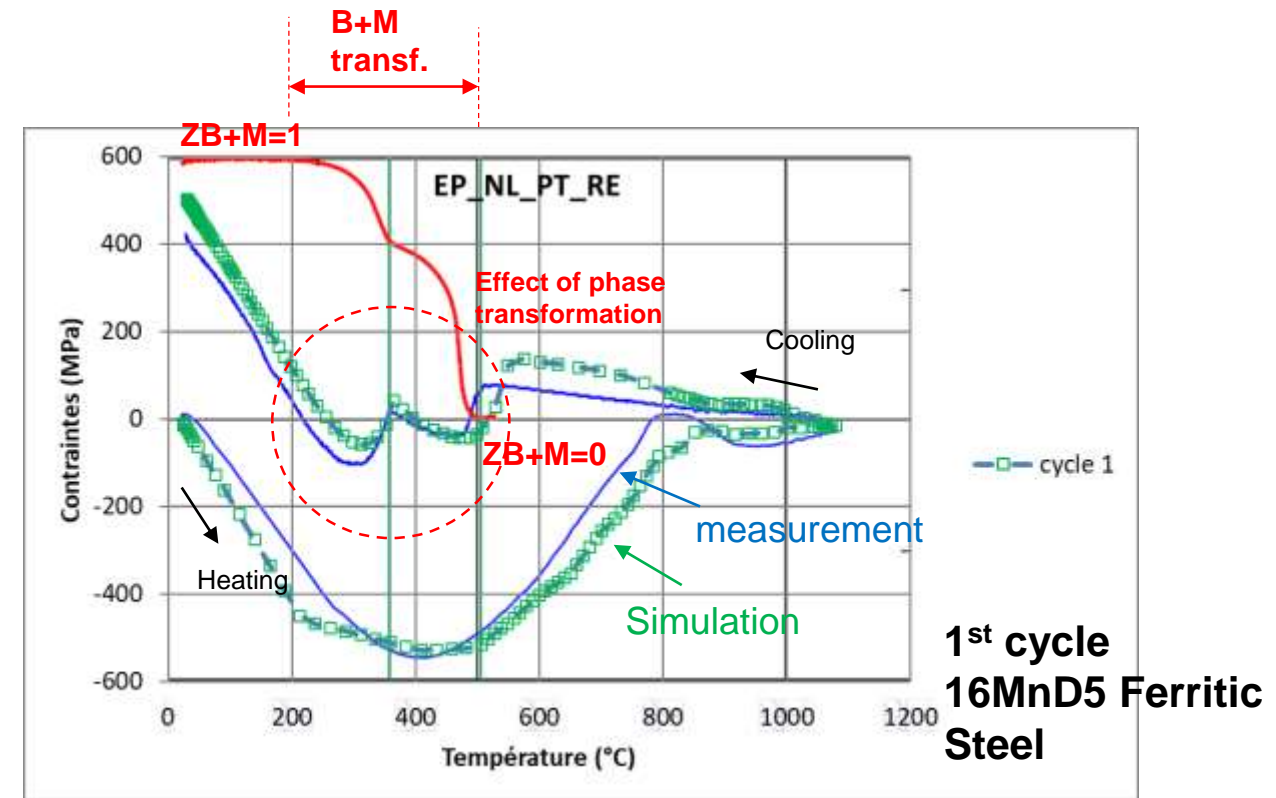
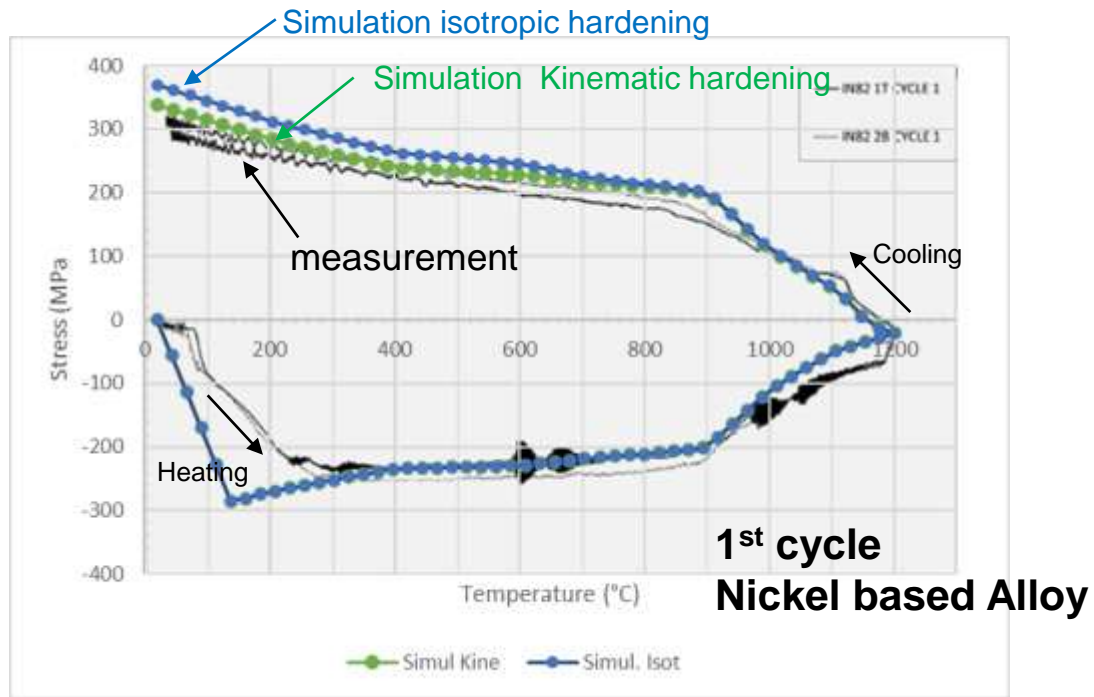
EVP
EP Prager
EVP Chaboche

$\sigma = f(T^\circ)$ 316L simul.

Experimental "Satoh" tests Restrained dilatometry



Material model validation : "Sato tests"

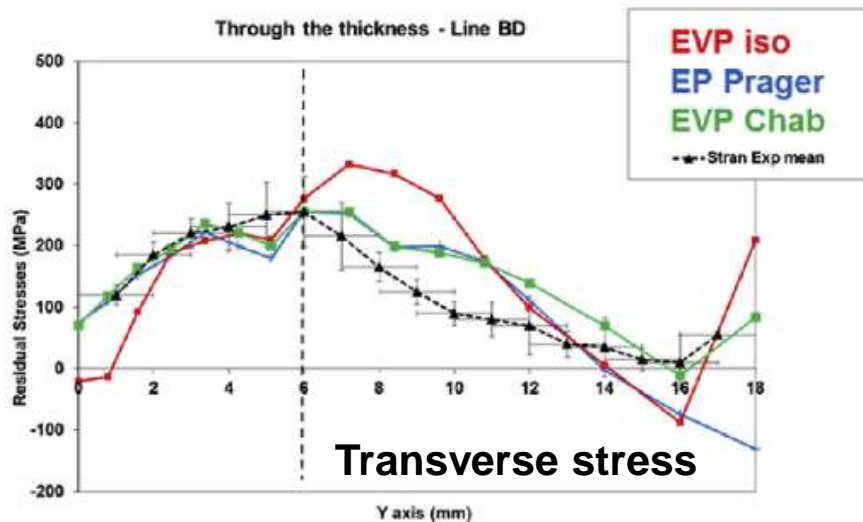
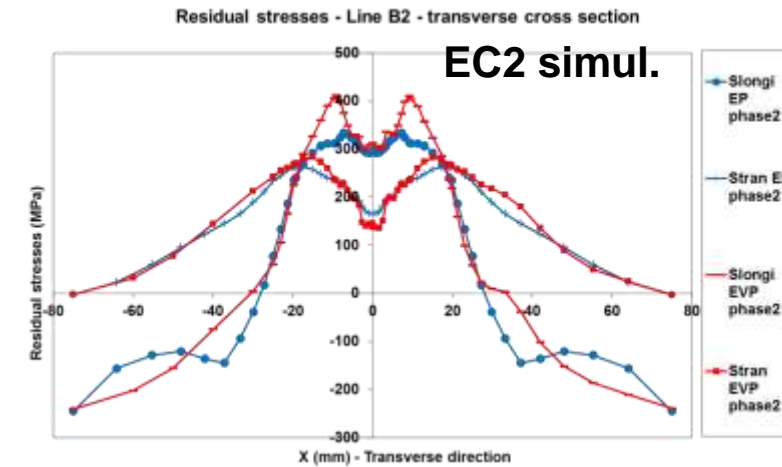
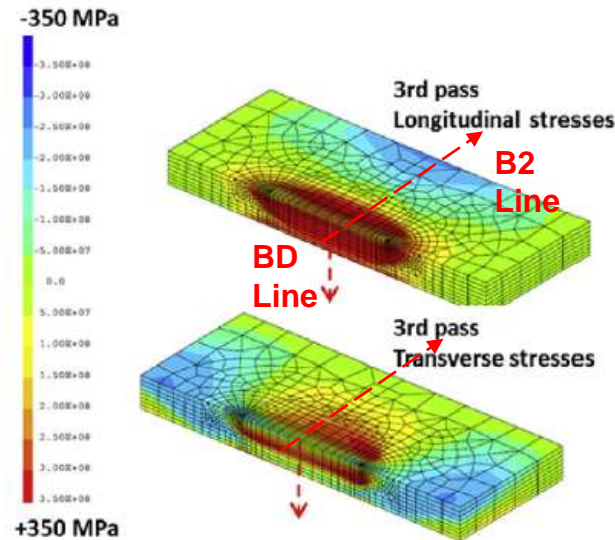
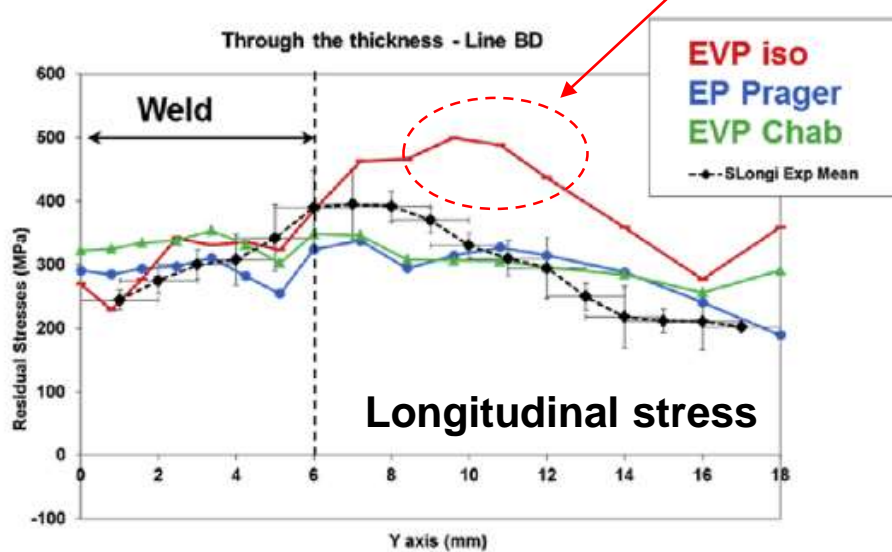


Sato test

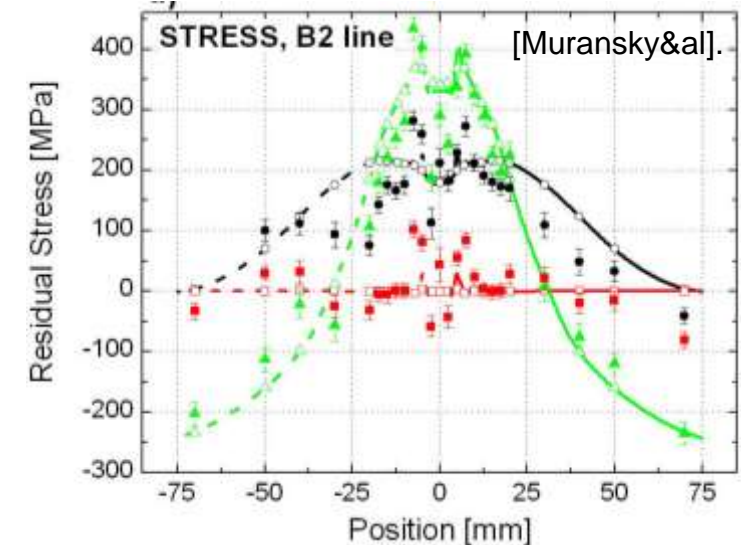
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NET TG 4 : Main conclusions

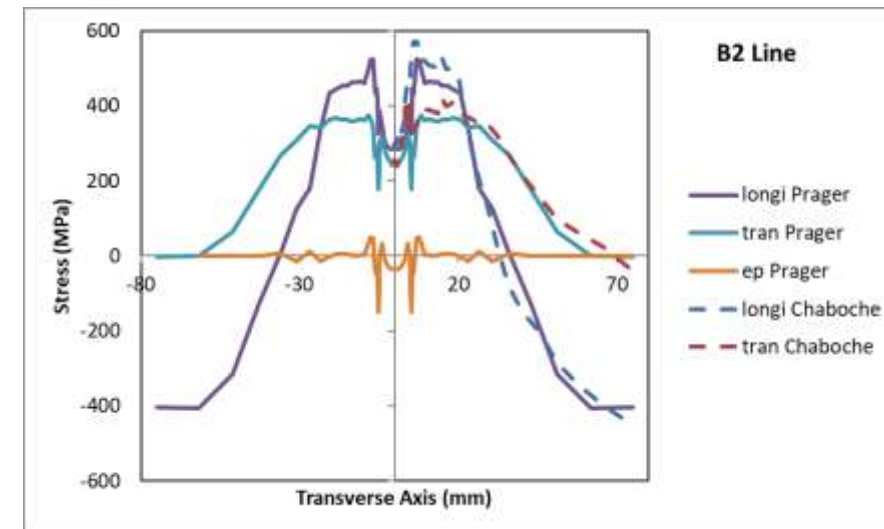
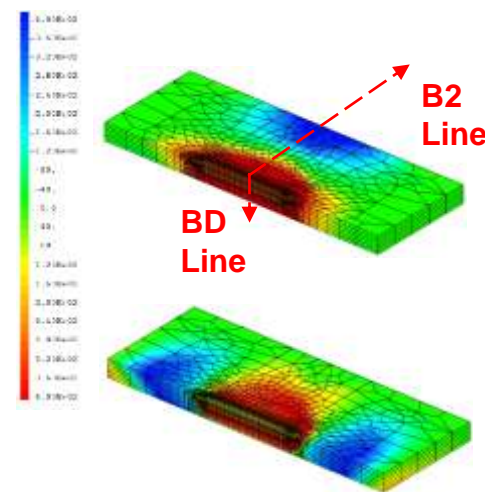
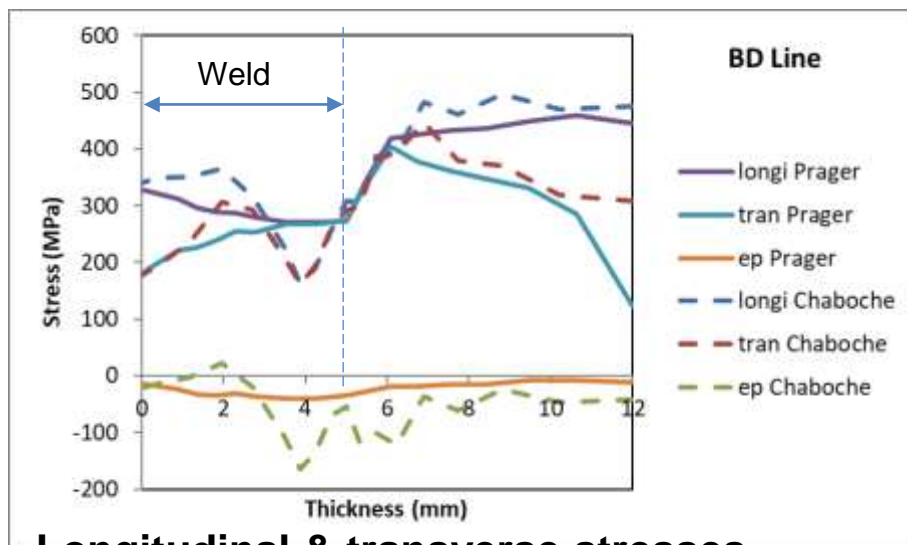
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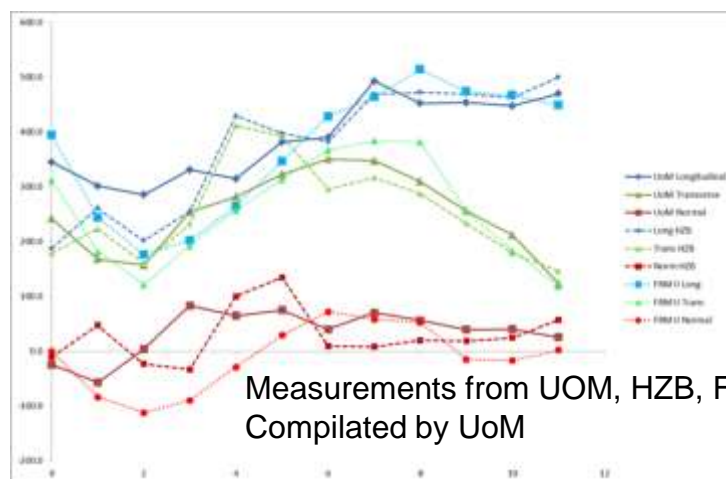
- Strong effects of cyclic hardening
- Strong interaction with annealing effects
- VP effects seems weak on RS



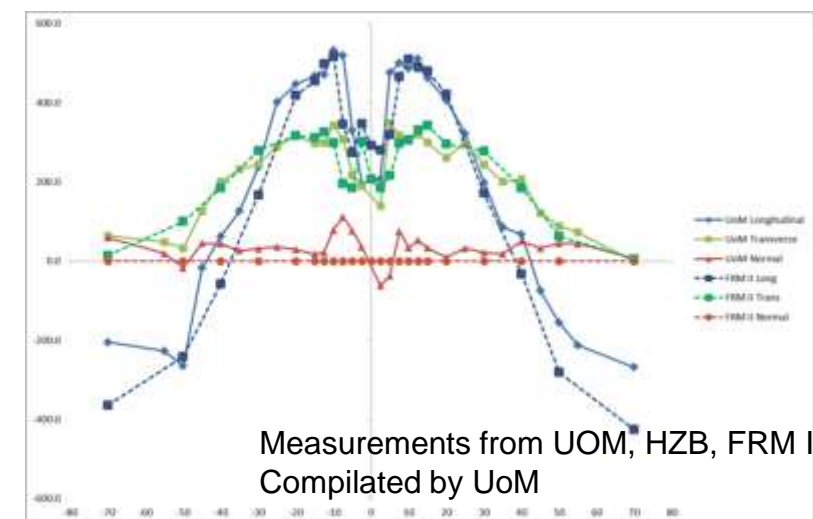
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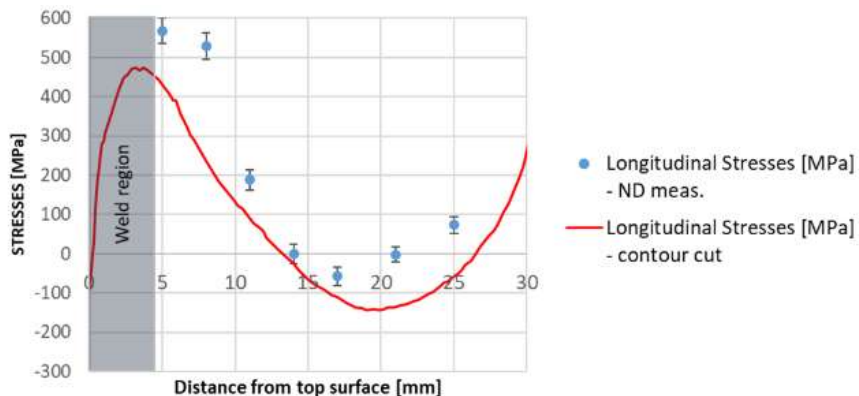
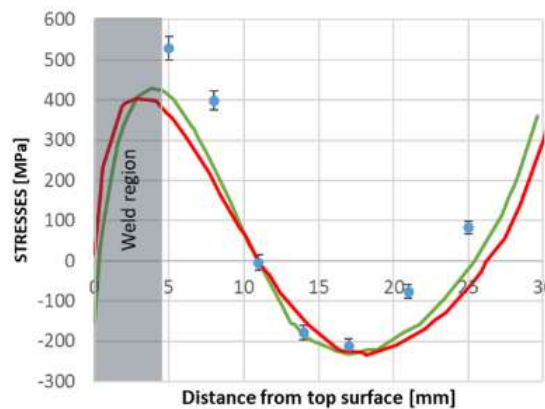
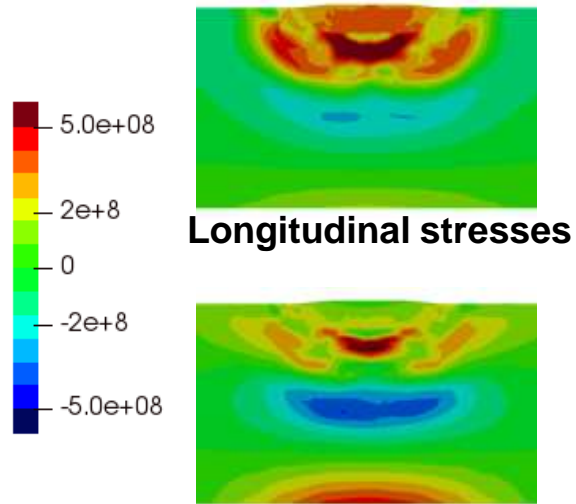
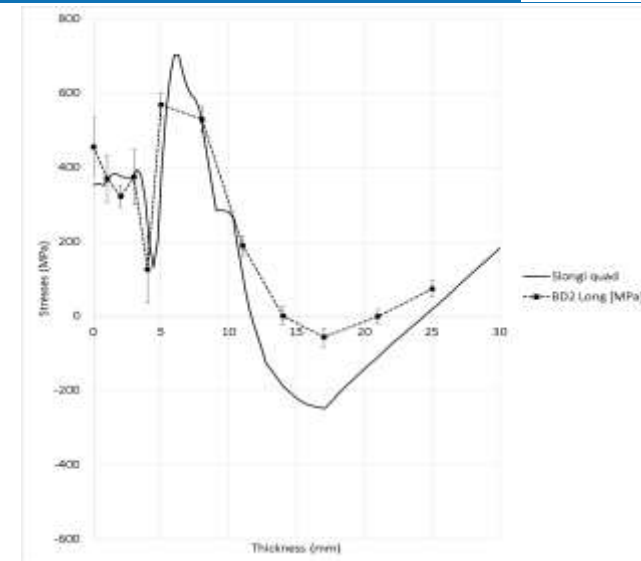
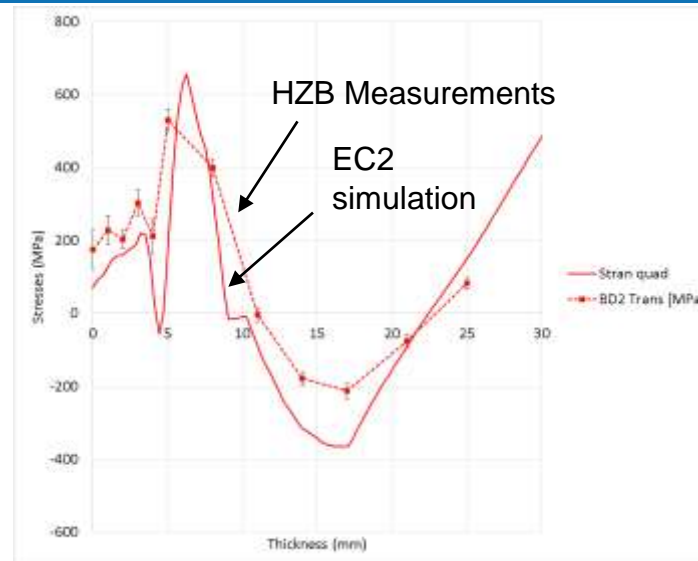
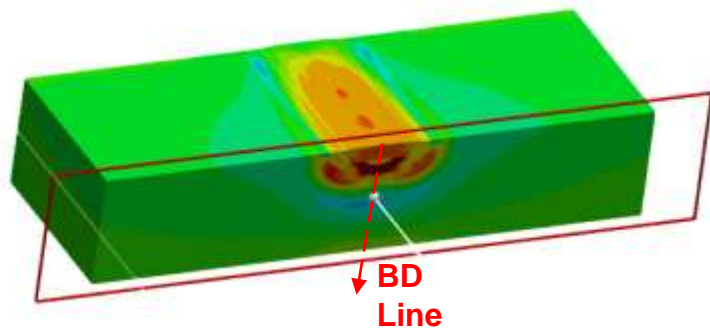
Longitudinal & transverse stresses



- Similar conclusions to NET TG4
- Strong influences of mixed hardening and annealing
- Prager model appears interesting since Chaboche model leads to numerical difficulties



NET TG 8 : Main conclusions

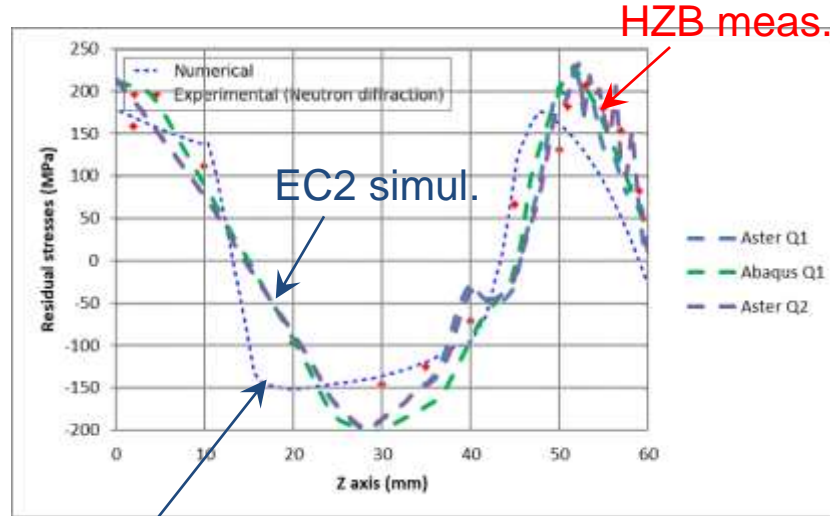
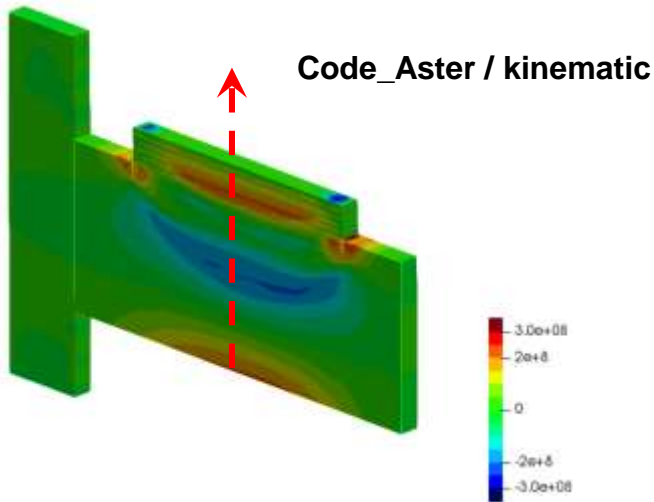
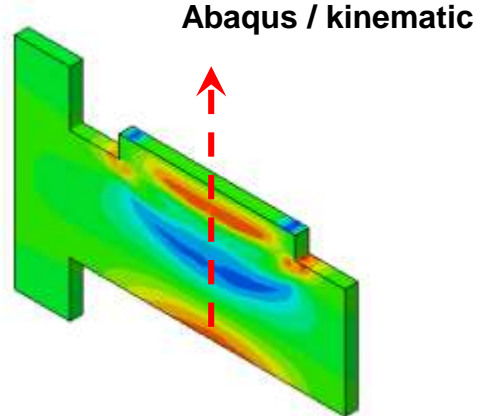
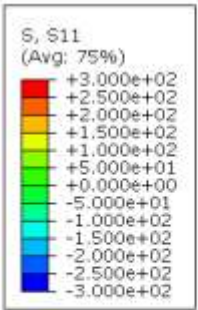


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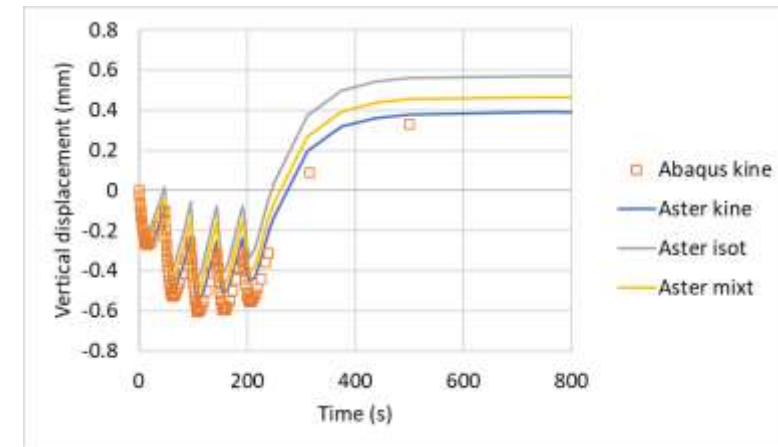
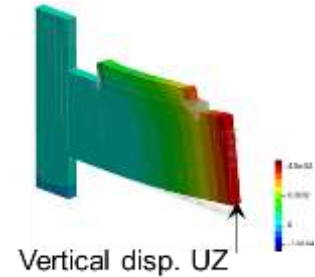
- Strong effects of Phase transformations
- “2,5D” assumption is valid
- Tempering influence on peak stresses
- Still ongoing analyses

Numerical activities for the NeT Task Groups

NET TG additive manufacturing : Main conclusions at this step



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Code_Aster simulation /
Chaboche model



→ Still ongoing

Main General conclusions :

- Thermal simulation appears mature enough for reasonably satisfactory results ; However, weld pool shape precise prediction without any calibration data is still difficult (Weld pool convection due to Marangoni effect...)
- For austenitic steel and Nickel based alloys, mixed hardening and annealing parameters are dominating for RS prediction ; Effects are well understood, but correct material calibration is not straightforward
- Metallurgical phase transformations in ferritic steel have huge effects on RS ; if taken into account in the model, it leads to reasonably satisfactory results, yet some phenomena need to be clarified (TRIP influence,
- Geometry simplification assumptions as “2,5D” or “macro-bead” techniques are relevant in most cases

Perspectives of enhancement

- Viscous effects influence seems weak on RS prediction ; but has to be confirmed on different cases as it is difficult to unpack the effects of annealing, hardening and VP effects
- Self tempering effect in ferritic steels needs further understanding
- Mixed Hardening and annealing models calibration for ferritic steels require some improvement
- Material activation strategy effects on RS and distortion (especially for additive manufacturing) have to be further studied and clarified