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## **Project Group Mechatronic Systems Design**



Fraunhofer Project Group Mechatronic Systems Design

- Project Group of Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology
- Start in March 2011
- 51 employees

#### Competences

- Product engineering
- Control engineering
- Software engineering







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## Leading-Edge Cluster it's owl

#### **Innovation Leap Towards Technical Systems with Inherent Partial Intelligence**

The Technology-Network: Intelligent Technical Systems OstWestfalenLippe . Germany



#### **Mechanics**



#### **Mechatronics**

#### **Intelligent Systems**



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#### Introduction Manufacturing of metal parts for the electrical connection technology



Punch-bending machine with NC servo drives





Reference dimension: opening



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#### Introduction **Challenges of punch-bending**

Geometrical deviations appear during manufacturing leading to

- high scrap rate
- long setup time
- time consuming interruptions of the process for setting new process parameters

Trend in the electrical-connection technology moves towards

- decreasing part size
- tighter tolerances
- use of high-strength materials

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Self-Correcting punch-bending tool

**Model-based Analysis** 

Design closed-loop control

**Realize Self-**Correction



- 1. Introduction
- 2. Modeling of Forming Processes
- 3. Feedback Control and Implementation
- 4. Conclusion





### **Machine- and Technology Models**





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## Modeling of bending process



- Requirements for the model
  - System dynamics
  - Elastic-plastic deformation
  - Implementation of control architecture
- FEM-simulation possible but has long computational period and is expensive to create and/or change
- Reduction of model complexity
- Build up in RecurDyn Media Transport Toolkit 2D (MTT2D)

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#### Modeling of bending process Multi-Body-System



- Work piece is built up as a chain of (n) sheet-bodies
- Sheet-bodies are connected by a spring-damper system
  - Representation of elastic material behavior
  - Stiffness corresponds to material constants
- Implement the plastic deformation as external axial torque

$$M_{pl} = d \cdot \alpha_{pl}$$





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### Modeling of plastic deformation

- Bending theory after Ludwig which depends on:
  - Angle between two sheet-bodies
  - Stress-strain curve
  - Profile geometry

$$\alpha = \alpha_{el} + \alpha_{pl}$$
$$\alpha_{pl} = K\alpha$$
$$K = 1 - \frac{r_m \cdot M_B}{E \cdot I}$$





#### Modeling of bending process Result







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#### Self-correcting Strategy General idea

Due to the manufacturing process and results of model-based analysis, the following information will be used:

- changes in material from the current work piece
- geometrical deviation of the prior work piece







#### Self-correcting strategy Implementation

Closed-loop control for corrective action in runtime is realized by:

- discrete I-controller for opening dimension measured by prior part
- Consideration of the change of thickness by measuring the force on the punch



Simulation results:

- Leaving of tolerances is avoided
- Zero defects tendency
- Quality is increased





### **Experimental Tool & Measurement Devices**







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CCD-sensor:

Length: 29 mm with 2088 pixels Pixel size: 0.014 mm

Measurement accuracy: 0.02 mm



Measurement device installed on the experimental tool







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#### Conclusion

- MBS-model for bending process
  - Elastic & plastic deformation
- Feedback control to realize self correction
  - decreasing geometrically deviations

#### Outlook

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- Transfer self-correction approach to other processes (e.g. roll forming)
  - different modeling approach?
- increase robustness / usability
- Self-correction for high production rates



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