

Simulation of Temperature, Viscosity and Flow Stress during Friction Stir Welding On AA7050 in T-Joint

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Abstract

The present paper give study about the Friction Stir Welding on T-Joint using tool as Molybdenum and work piece material as AA7050. The speed of tool (pin and shoulder type), has been taken as 650 rpm, 700 rpm & 740 rpm and its translational speed as 4.23 mm/s. The temperature of the work piece plates is to be 20°C. The work piece consists of two uniform material plate of aluminum alloy AA7050 for the experiment purpose. This study will show the temperature distribution, the stress distribution and the viscosity flow in the work piece plates at the give parameters at specified boundary condition. The experimental graphs will give the clear idea about the results of the experiment and thus will give the comparison of parameters at different speed of the tool.

Keywords: T-Joint, Friction Stir Welding, temperature, flow stress, viscosity, AA7050.

1. Introduction

The friction Stir Welding (FSW) is one of the most popular and recently used techniques for the joining of the two similar or dissimilar metal and their alloys. It is a solid state and plastic welding process in which the coalescence is obtained by heat generated due to the mechanically induced pressure and vibration between the work piece and the tool. In this technique the work pieces are hold together firmly under pressure in a clamp and a high speed rotated tool is allowed to slide over the meshing surface. The high friction between the meshing and the tool create the coalescence by the heat produce by which the metal comes to its plastic stage. Thus after the cooling of this work piece the required joint is obtained.

The molybdenum tool is high-speed tool which falls under the Group M steels and have low initial cost compared to other elements of the same group. Its density is around 7.89 g/cc (metric) and melting point is 1427°C (metric) along with the hardness as 60.0-65.0 Rockwell C,

Poisson's Ratio 0.27-0.30 and Elastic Modulus as 190-210 GPa (metric).

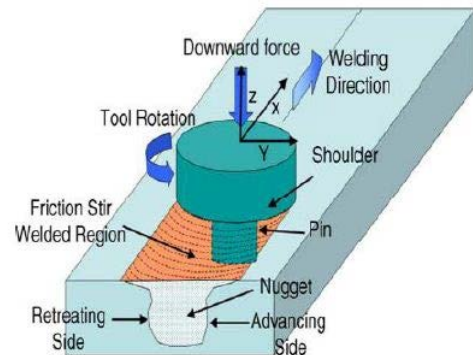


Figure 1: Schematic Diagram of FSW (Reference: 1)

The aluminum alloy series from 7000 onwards are mostly non-weld able by the conventional techniques due to the poor solidified microstructure, porosity in the fusion zone and also due to the remarkable loss in the mechanical properties during the fusion process while compared to their base metals.

2. Literature Survey

Some of the given below are the experimental and researches done on the FSW process on different joints i.e. butt or lap and by using different tool pin geometry.

Jaimin B Patel, K.D Bhatt and Maulik Shah presented a new tool pin geometry of a hexagon type for the experimental purpose on AA6061 alloy and presenting its peak temperature and flow process. They after the experiment concluded that comparatively low peak temperature of 300°C provides minimum flow stress of 151.8MPa for Hexagonal pin profile as compared to

cylindrical pin profile. The peak temperature of ~545°C is achieved for cylindrical pin profile with moderately high flow stresses (~210MPa).

K.D Bhatt and Bindu Pillai present paper is to simulate peak temperature and distribution of flow stresses produced during the FSW of AA7050-T7451 Aluminum alloy. They came to conclusion that at constant tool rotational speed (RS) and tool with the same geometry; variation in tool traverse speed has prominent effects on temperature history & flow stresses developed during FSW of AA7050-T7451 Aluminum alloy. The flow stresses at lower peak temperature of 3400C are as high as 720 MPa but are as low as 680 MPa at higher peak temperature of 3600C. Also with the increase in welding speed, the peak temperature also increase if the rotational speed of the tool is kept constant.

Rhodes et al. investigated on the microstructure evolution in AA7075-T651 during FSW process. He concluded that maximum process temperatures are between about 400°C to 4800°C in the AA7075-T651.

3. Experimental Work and Results

The properties of the work piece plates and the tool are given in the following tables.

Table 1: Properties of AA7050

Density	2830 Kg/m ³
Specific Heat	860 J/Kg-K
Conductivity	155 W/m-K
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	1e-005 1/K
Young's Modulus	4.00E+10 Pa
Poisson's Ratio	3.50E-01

Table 2: Properties of Molybdenum

Density	10220 kg/m ³
Specific Heat	255.0 J/Kg-K
Conductivity	138 W/m-K
Young's Modulus	3.3E+11 Pa
Poisson's Ratio	0.375

The Boundary Condition Parameters for the T-Joint are stated in the following table.

Table 3: Boundary Conditions

Temperature of Plates	20°C
Translational Speed	4.23 mm/s
Rotational Speed	650/700/740 rpm
Slip Coefficient	1.0e+09

The following figures show the graphical representation of the Flow Stress, Temperature Distribution, and the viscosity flow in the plates at a T-joint when FSW is applied.

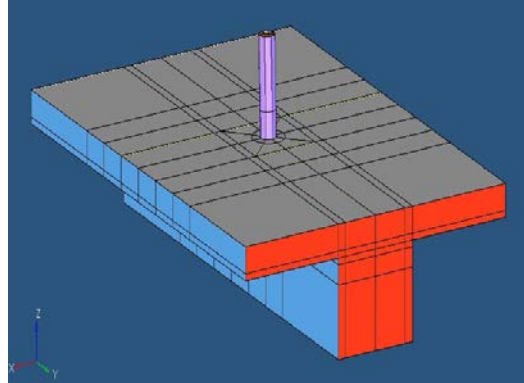


Figure 2: Model ISO View

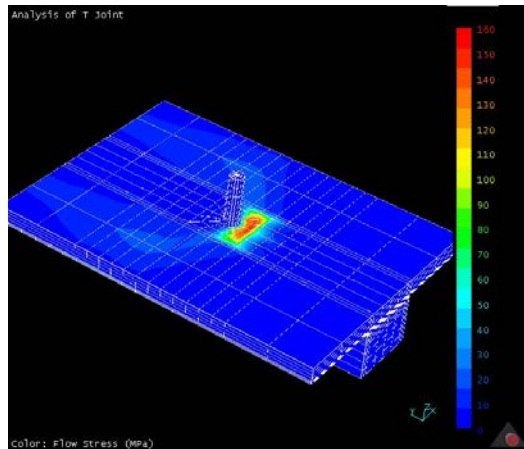


Figure 3: Flow Stress at 650 rpm

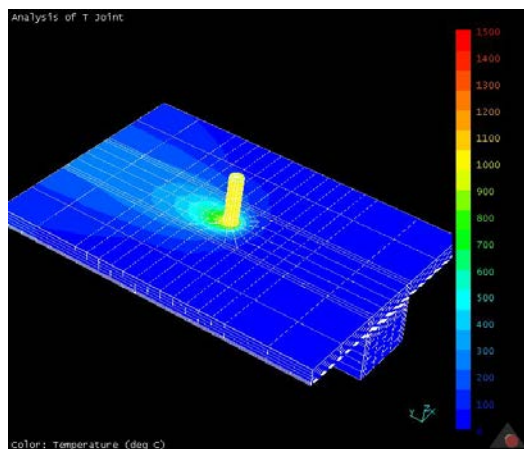


Figure 4: Temperature Distribution at 650 rpm

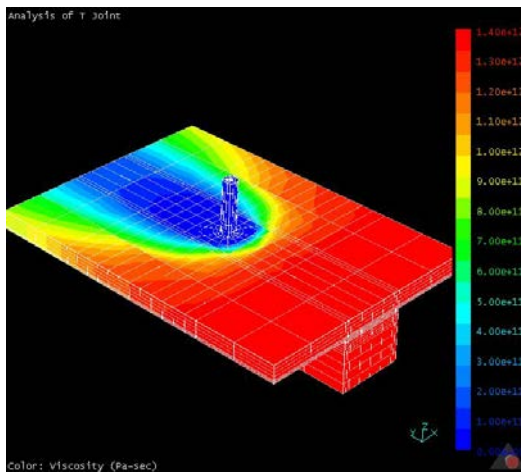


Figure 5: Viscosity result at 650 rpm

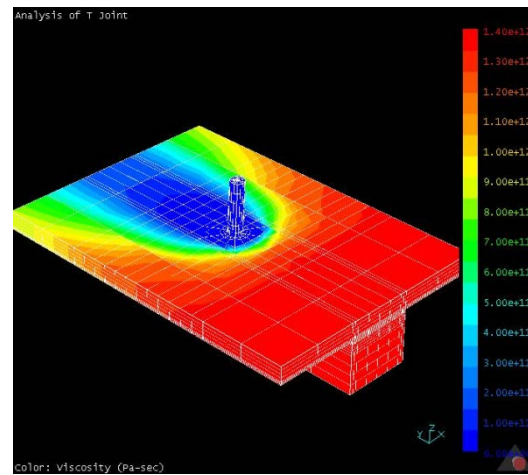


Figure 8: Viscosity result at 700 rpm

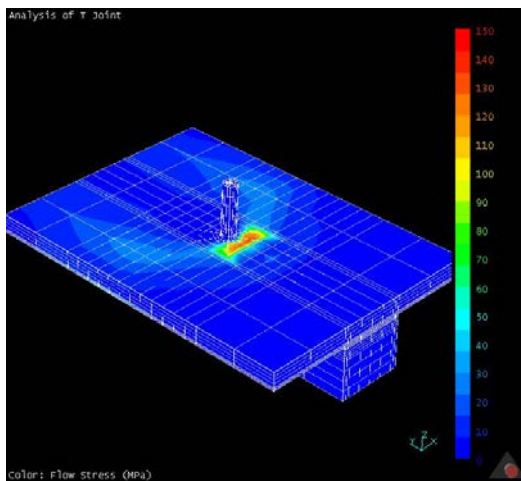


Figure 6: Flow Stress at 700 rpm

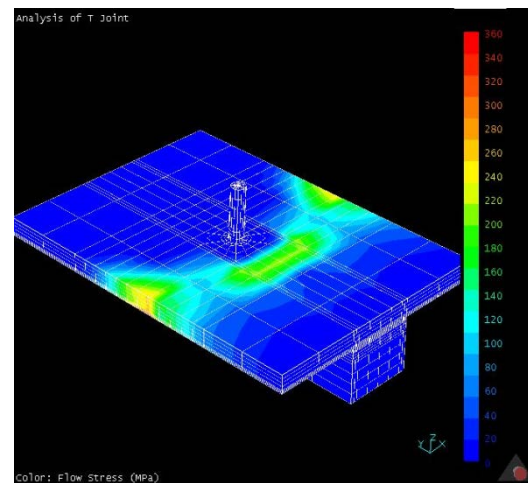


Figure 9: Flow stress result at 740 rpm

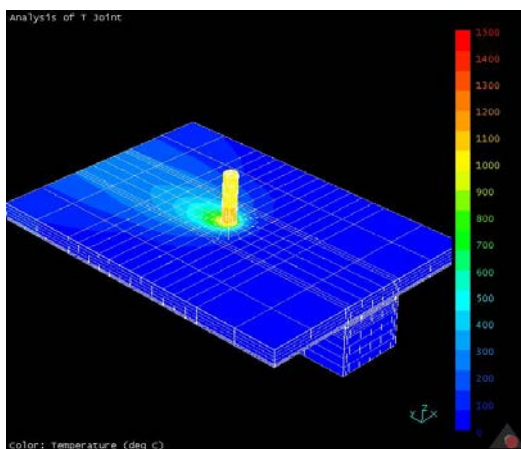


Figure 7: Temperature Distribution at 700 rpm

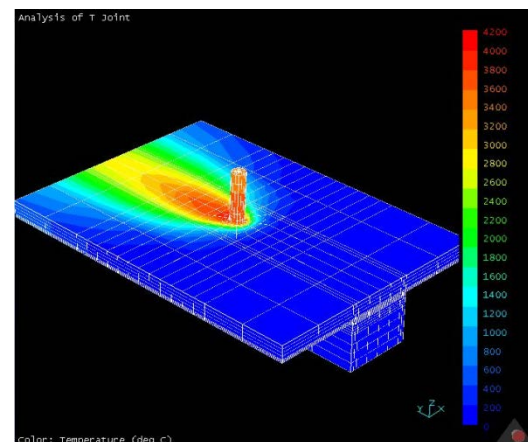


Figure 10: Temperature Distribution at 740 rpm

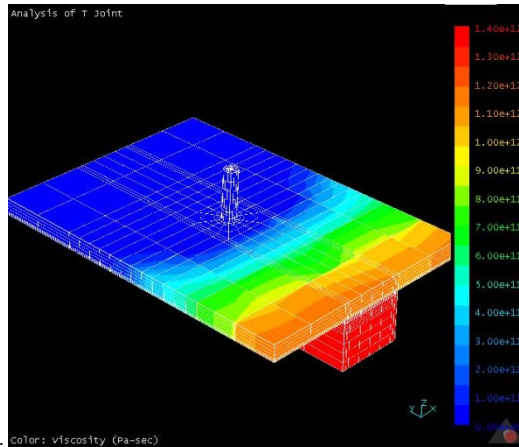


Figure 11: Viscosity result at 740 rpm

4. Result Table

Speed	Flow Stress	Temp. Distribution	Viscosity
650 rpm	160 MPa	1100°C	1.40e+12 Pa-sec
700 rpm	150 MPa	1500°C	1.40e+12 Pa-sec
740 rpm	140 MPa	4200°C	1.40e+12 Pa-sec

5. Conclusions

From the results of the simulation and analysis of the experiment we arrive at the following conclusions.

1. At 650 rpm of the tool rotation the maximum flow stress is 160 MPa, the maximum temperature distribution over plates is 1100°C and the maximum viscosity is 1.40e+12 Pa-sec.
2. At 700 rpm of the tool rotation the maximum flow stress is 150 MPa, the maximum temperature distribution over plates is 1500°C and the maximum viscosity is 1.40e+12 Pa-sec.
3. At 740 rpm of the tool rotation the maximum flow stress is 140 MPa, the maximum temperature distribution over plates is 4200°C and the maximum viscosity is 1.40e+12 Pa-sec.
4. Thus as tool rpm goes on increasing the flow stress decreases, the temperature distribution increases and the viscosity remains unchanged for 650 rpm and 700 rpm and 740 rpm.

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