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# ME361 – Manufacturing Science Technology

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Rolling

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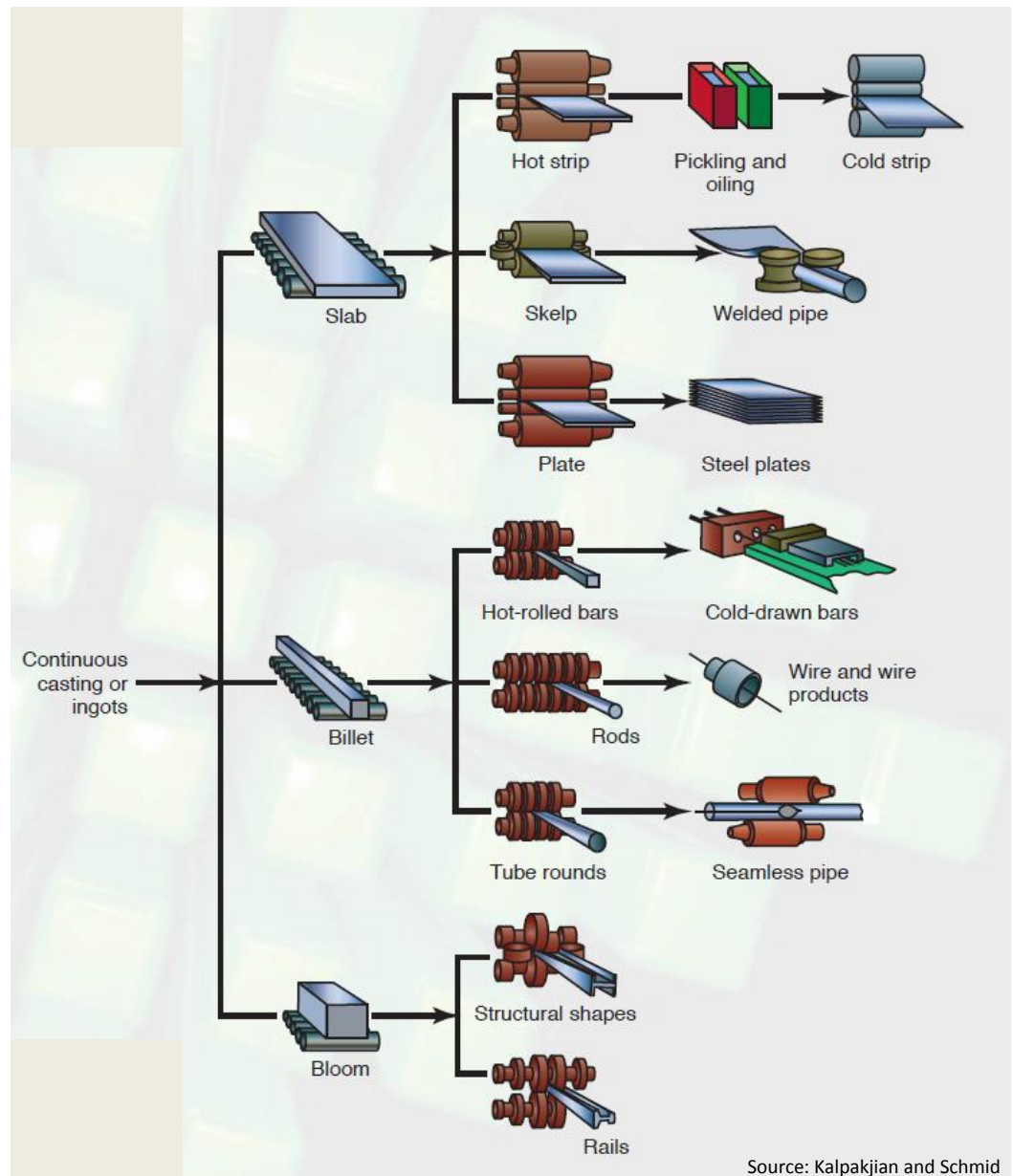
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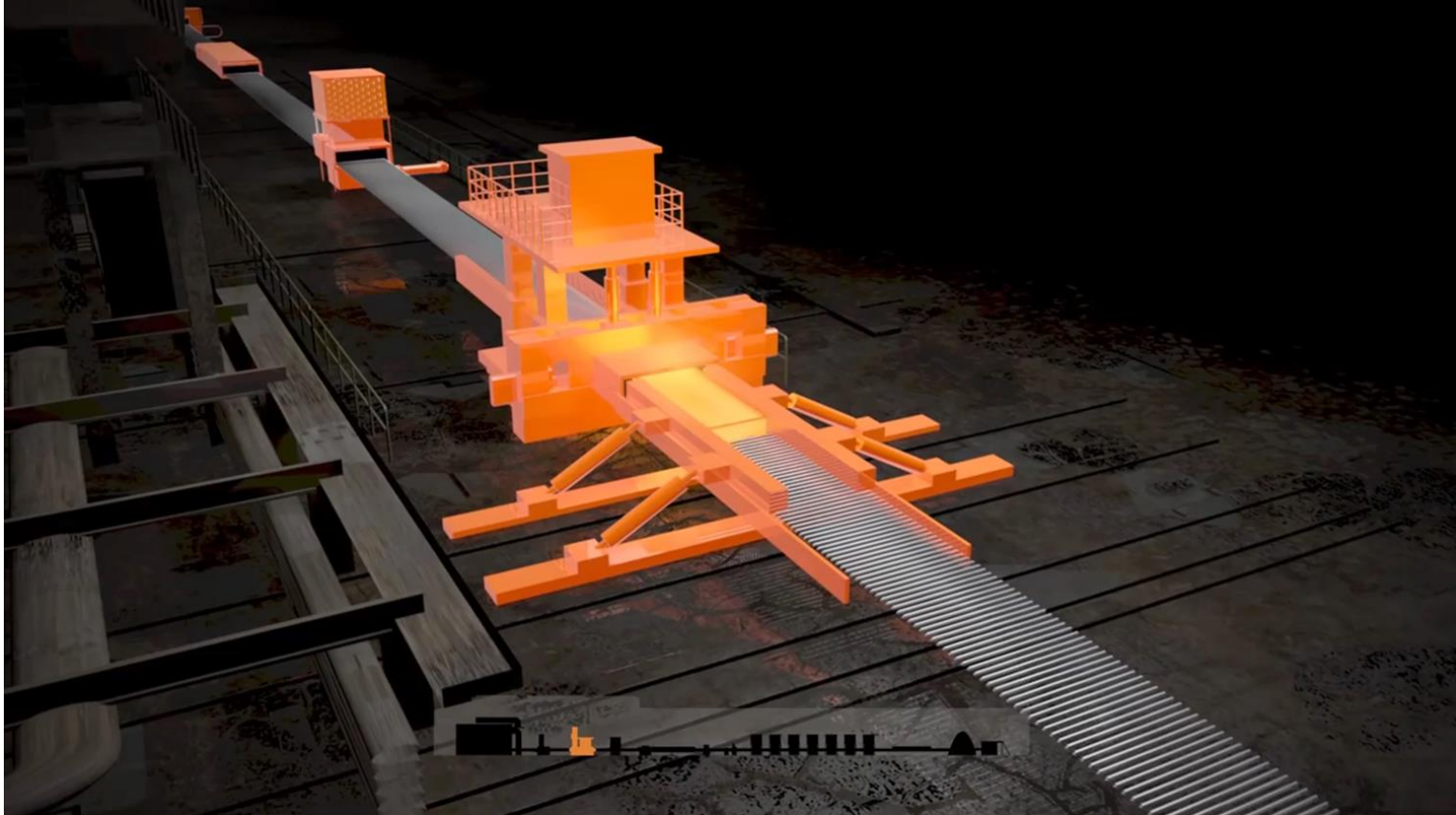
# Rolling

- Accounts for ~90% of all metals produced by metal working processes
- Used to primarily make plates and sheets
  - Plates: thickness  $> 6$  mm
  - Sheets: thickness  $< 6$  mm



Source: Kalpakjian and Schmid

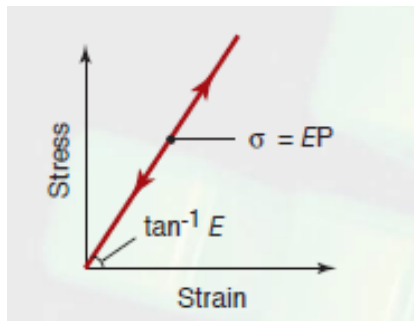
# Rolling



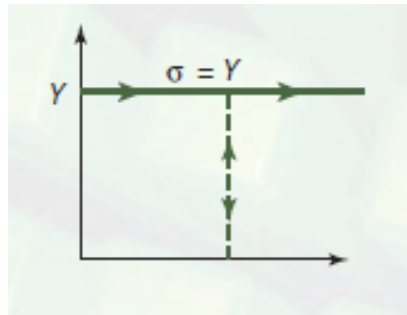
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# Preliminaries. Stress-strain behavior.

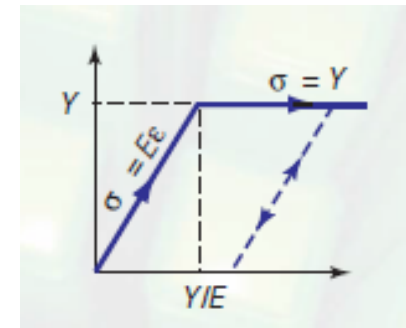
(a) Perfectly elastic



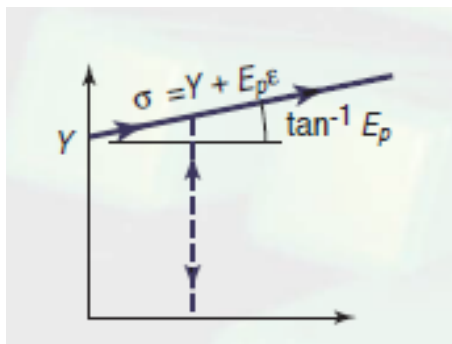
(b) Rigid, perfectly plastic



(c) Elastic, perfectly plastic



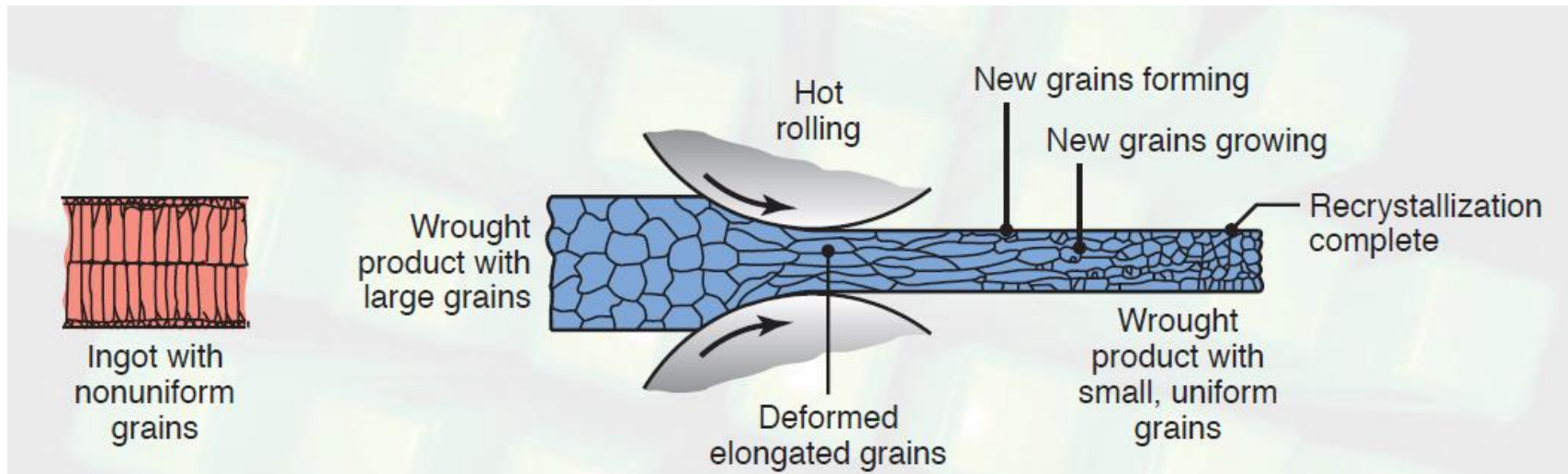
(d) Rigid, linearly strain hardening



(e) Elastic, linearly strain hardening



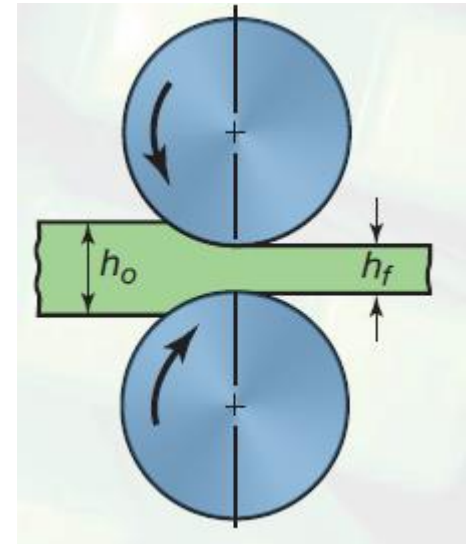
# Grain structure in rolling



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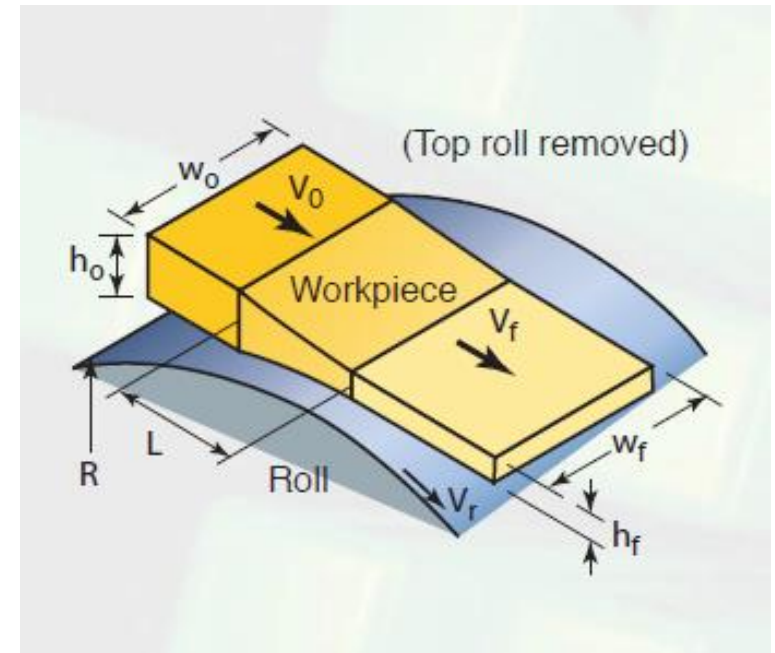
# Rolling analysis: objectives and assumptions

- Objectives:
  - To determine roll separating forces
  - To determine torque and power required to drive the rolls
- Assumptions:
  - Rolls are straight and rigid cylinders
  - Width is larger than thickness and no significant widening takes place, i.e. problem is of plane strain type
  - The coefficient of friction is low and constant over the entire roll-workpiece interface



# Mechanics of flat rolling

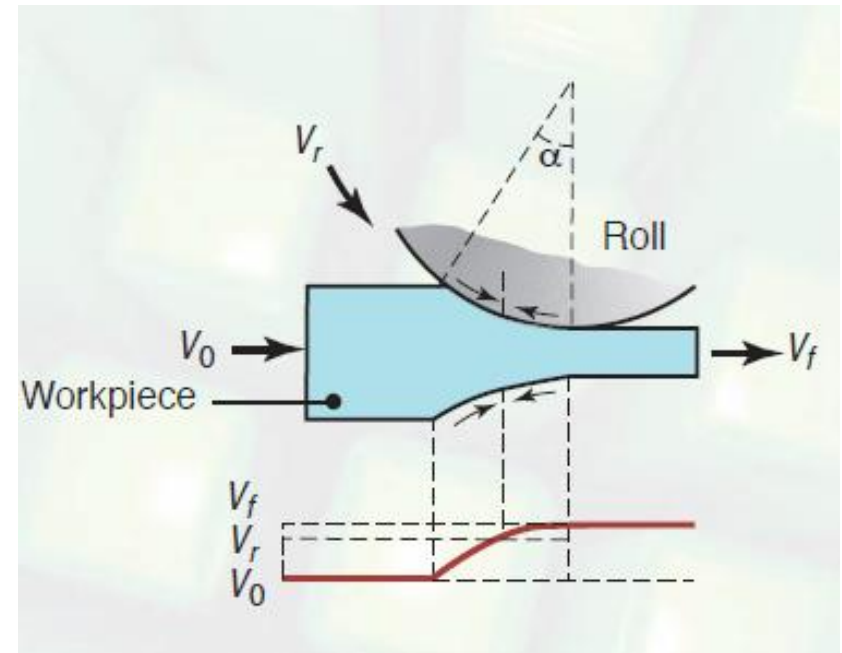
- Strip of thickness  $h_0$  enters the roll gap and is reduced to thickness of  $h_f$
- Surface speed of roll is  $V_r$
- Entry speed of strip is  $V_0$  and exit speed is  $V_f$
- Since volume rate is constant, velocity of strip must increase as it moves through the roll gap (similar to fluid flow through a converging channel).





# Mechanics of flat rolling

- In general,  $V_f > V_r > V_o$
- However, because  $V_r$  is constant along the roll gap, sliding occurs between the roll and the strip
- At a point along the roll gap,  $V_r = V_o = V_f$ ; this point is known as the neutral point, or no-slip point
- To the left of the neutral point, roll moves faster than the workpiece, and to the right the workpiece moves faster than the roll
- Frictional forces oppose each other at the neutral point, and these forces are greater on the left of the neutral point, than on the right, which pulls the strip into the gap

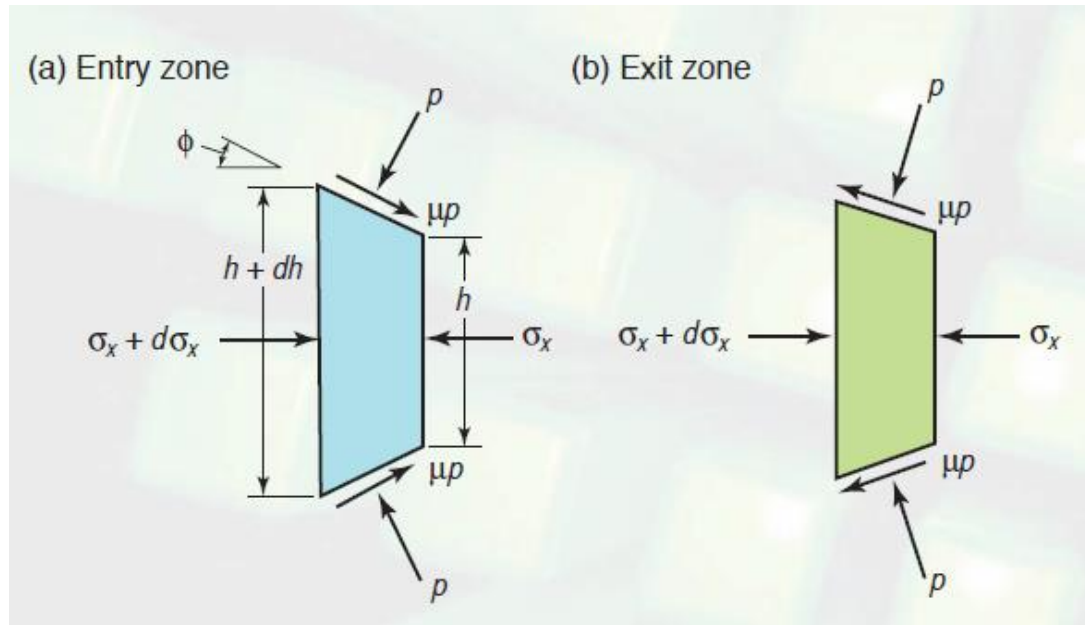


$$\text{Forward slip} = \frac{V_f - V_r}{V_r}$$



# Roll pressure distribution

- Slab method of analysis for plane strain



- Balance horizontal forces in this element:

$$(\sigma_x + d\sigma_x)(h + dh) - 2pRd\phi \sin \phi - \sigma_x h \pm 2\mu pRd\phi \cos \phi = 0$$

# Roll pressure distribution

Balance horizontal forces in this element:

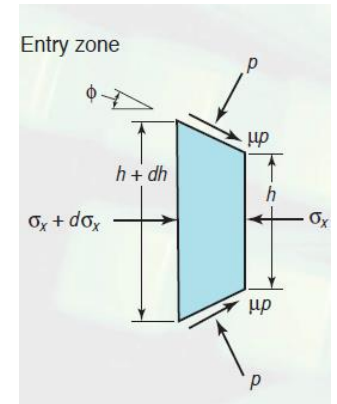
$$(\sigma_x + d\sigma_x)(h + dh) - 2pRd\phi \sin \phi - \sigma_x h \pm 2\mu pRd\phi \cos \phi = 0$$

Simplifying and neglecting 2<sup>nd</sup> order terms:

$$\frac{d(\sigma_x h)}{d\phi} = 2pR(\sin \phi \mp \mu \cos \phi)$$

Since  $\alpha$  is usually only a few degrees, take:  $\sin \phi = \phi$  and  $\cos \phi = 1$

$$\frac{d(\sigma_x h)}{d\phi} = 2pR(\phi \mp \mu) \quad (1)$$



# Digression for plane strain

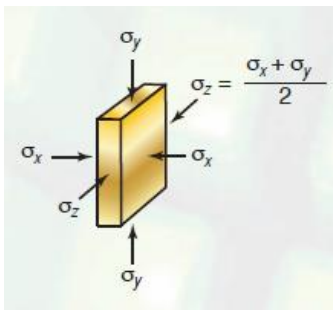
Recalling Hooke's law equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_x &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] \\ \varepsilon_y &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_z)] \\ \varepsilon_z &= \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)]\end{aligned}$$

For plane strain,  $\varepsilon_z = 0$ ;

$$\sigma_z = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2};$$

since  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  in plastic deformation



Use a yield criterion (Distortion energy/ von-Mises):

$$(\sigma_x - \sigma_y)^2 + (\sigma_y - \sigma_z)^2 + (\sigma_z - \sigma_x)^2 = 2Y^2$$

$\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$  – principle stresses;  
 $Y$  – the uniaxial yield stress

$$\sigma_y - \sigma_x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}Y = Y' \quad \text{or} \quad d\sigma_y = d\sigma_x \quad (2)$$

\* $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  are assumed to be principle stresses, even though there is a shear component of  $\mu\sigma_y$ . However, since  $\mu$  is usually small, this is reasonable

# Roll pressure distribution

From the plane strain criterion:

$$\sigma_y - \sigma_x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} Y = Y'$$

Specifically for  
rolling

$$p - \sigma_x = Y'_f \quad (2)$$

$Y'_f$ : flow stress for strain-hardened case

Recalling force balance equation:

$$\frac{d(\sigma_x h)}{d\phi} = 2pR(\phi \mp \mu) \quad (1)$$

Substituting (2)  
into (1)

$$\frac{d[(p - Y'_f)h]}{d\phi} = 2pR(\phi \mp \mu)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\phi} \left[ Y'_f \left( \frac{p}{Y'_f} - 1 \right) h \right] = 2pR(\phi \mp \mu)$$

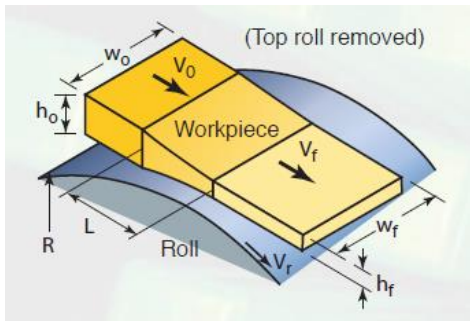
(3) Differentiating this...

# Roll pressure distribution

$$Y'_f h \frac{d}{d\phi} \left( \frac{p}{Y'_f} \right) + \left( \frac{p}{Y'_f} - 1 \right) \frac{d}{d\phi} (Y'_f h) = 2pR(\phi \mp \mu) \quad (4)$$

Second term is usually very small, because as  $h$  decreases,  $Y'_f$  increases, thus making the product nearly a constant, and its derivate thus becomes zero, thus (4) becomes:

$$\frac{\frac{d}{d\phi} \left( \frac{p}{Y'_f} \right)}{\frac{p}{Y'_f}} = \frac{2R}{h} (\phi \mp \mu) \quad (5)$$



If  $h_f$  is the final thickness:

$$h = h_f + 2R(1 - \cos \phi) \longrightarrow \approx \longrightarrow h = h_f + R\phi^2 \quad (6)$$

Now, substitute (6) into (5)

# Roll pressure distribution

Recalling again:

$$\frac{\frac{d}{d\phi} \left( \frac{p}{Y'_f} \right)}{\frac{p}{Y'_f}} = \frac{2R}{h} (\phi \mp \mu) \quad (5)$$

$$h = h_f + R\phi^2 \quad (6)$$

Now, substitute (6) into (5), and integrating:

$$\ln \frac{p}{Y'_f} = \ln \frac{h}{R} \mp 2\mu \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi + \ln C$$

$$p = CY'_f \frac{h}{R} e^{\mp \mu H}$$

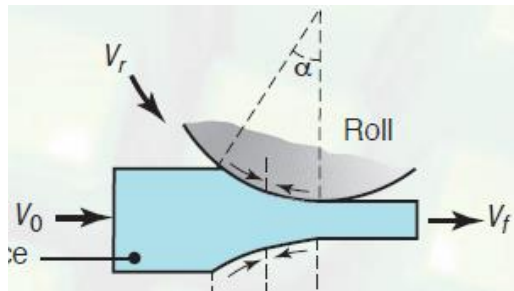
wherein

$$H = 2 \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi \quad (7)$$

- $p = f(h, \phi)$
- $p$  increases with increasing material strength, increasing  $\mu$ , and increasing  $R/h_f$  ratio

# Roll pressure distribution

Roll pressure:  $p = CY'_f \frac{h}{R} e^{\mp \mu H}$  wherein  $H = 2 \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi$  (7)



At entry:

$$\phi = \alpha; p = Y'_f; H = H_o$$

$$C = \frac{R}{h_o} e^{\mu H_o}$$

$$p = Y'_f \frac{h}{h_o} e^{\mu(H_o - H)} \quad (8)$$

At exit:

$$\phi = 0; p = Y'_f; H = H_f = 0$$

$$C = \frac{R}{h_f}$$

$$p = Y'_f \frac{h}{h_f} e^{\mu H} \quad (9)$$



# Determination of the neutral point

- All velocities at the neutral point are the same, i.e.  $V_r = V_o = V_f$
- Pressures at the neutral point are also the same, hence the neutral point can be obtained by simply equating the pressure at the entry to that of the exit:

Pressure at entry  $p = Y'_f \frac{h}{h_o} e^{\mu(H_o - H)}$  =  $p = Y'_f \frac{h}{h_f} e^{\mu H}$  Pressure at exit

$$\frac{h_o}{h_f} = \frac{e^{\mu H_o}}{e^{2\mu H_n}} = e^{\mu(H_o - 2H_n)} \longrightarrow H_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( H_o - \frac{1}{\mu} \ln \frac{h_o}{h_f} \right) \quad (10)$$

Substituting  
(10) into (7)

$$H = 2 \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi \quad (7) \longrightarrow$$

$$\phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{h_f}{R}} \tan \left( \sqrt{\frac{h_f}{R}} \frac{H_n}{2} \right)$$

# Roll pressure distribution: influence of friction

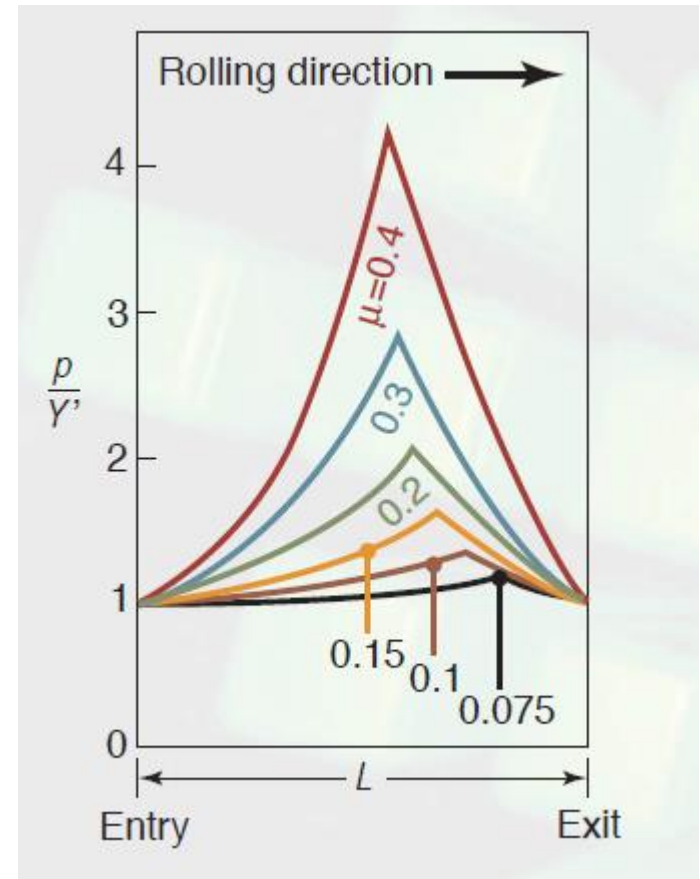
Recalling roll pressure:

$$p = CY'_f \frac{h}{R} e^{\mp \mu H}$$

$$H = 2 \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi$$

- $p = f(h, \phi)$
- $p$  increases with increasing material strength, increasing  $\mu$ , and increasing  $R/h_f$  ratio
- Neutral point shifts to the exit as friction decreases, and without friction, the rolls slip, and the neutral point shifts completely to the exit

Dimensionless pressure distribution



Source: Kalpakjian and Schmid

# Roll pressure distribution: influence of reduction

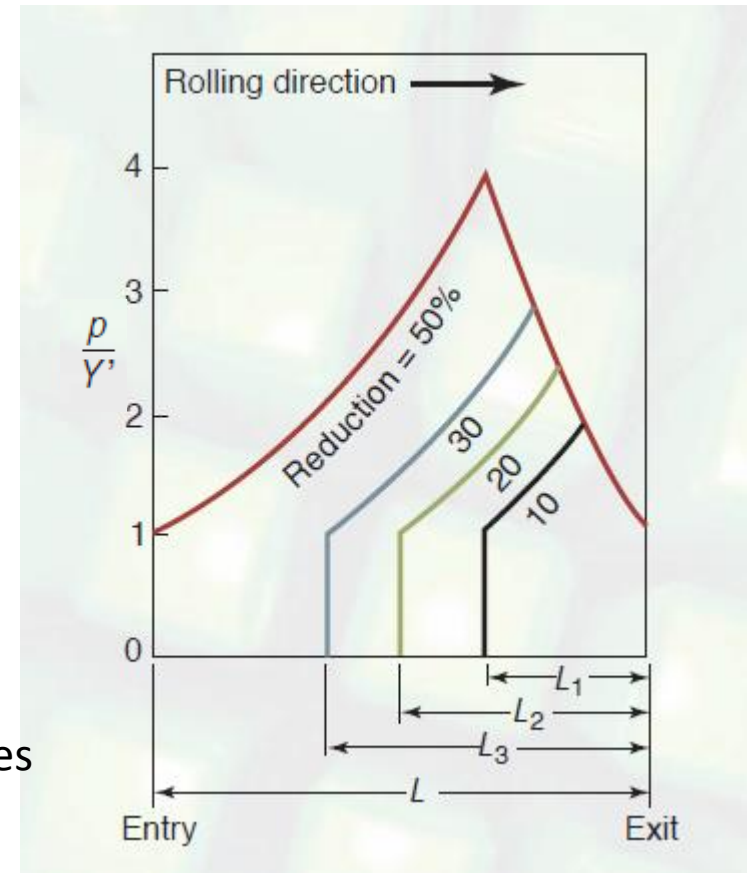
Recalling roll pressure:

$$p = CY'_f \frac{h}{R} e^{\mp \mu H}$$

$$H = 2 \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{R}{h_f}} \phi$$

- $p = f(h, \phi)$
- $p$  increases with increasing material strength, increasing  $\mu$ , and increasing  $R/h_f$  ratio
- As thickness reduction increases, the length of contact in the roll gap increases, which increases the peak pressure

Dimensionless pressure distribution



Source: Kalpakjian and Schmid

# Rolling forces

- Given the pr. vs. contact-length curve, forces can be calculated from the area under the curve multiplied by the strip width,  $w$
- Alternatively, roll-separating force is:

$$F = \int_0^{\phi_n} w p R d\phi + \int_{\phi_n}^{\alpha} w p R d\phi$$

- Simpler method yet:

$$F = L w p_{av}$$

Wherein the arc of contact:

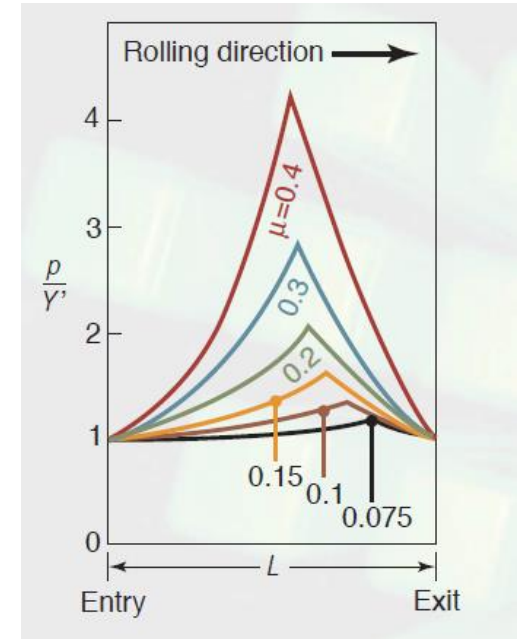
$$L = \sqrt{R\Delta h};$$

$$\Delta h = h_o - h_f$$

And the average pressure:

$$p_{av} = \bar{Y}' \left( 1 + \frac{\mu L}{2h_{av}} \right)$$

wherein  $\bar{Y}'$  is the average flow stress in plane strain in the roll gap



# Roll torque and power

- Roll force: 
$$F = \int_0^{\phi_n} w p R d\phi + \int_{\phi_n}^{\alpha} w p R d\phi$$

- Roll torque,  $T$ , for each roll can be calculated as:

$$T = \int_{\phi_n}^{\alpha} w \mu p R^2 d\phi - \int_0^{\phi_n} w \mu p R^2 d\phi$$

Minus sign indicates a change in direction of friction force at the neutral point.

If frictional forces are equal, the torque will be zero

- Roll torque,  $T$ , can also be estimated by assuming roll force acts in the middle of the arc of contact, i.e. a moment arm of  $0.5L$ , and that  $F$  is  $\perp$  to the plane of the strip:

$$T = \frac{FL}{2}$$



$$Power = T\omega$$

$$\omega = 2\pi N$$

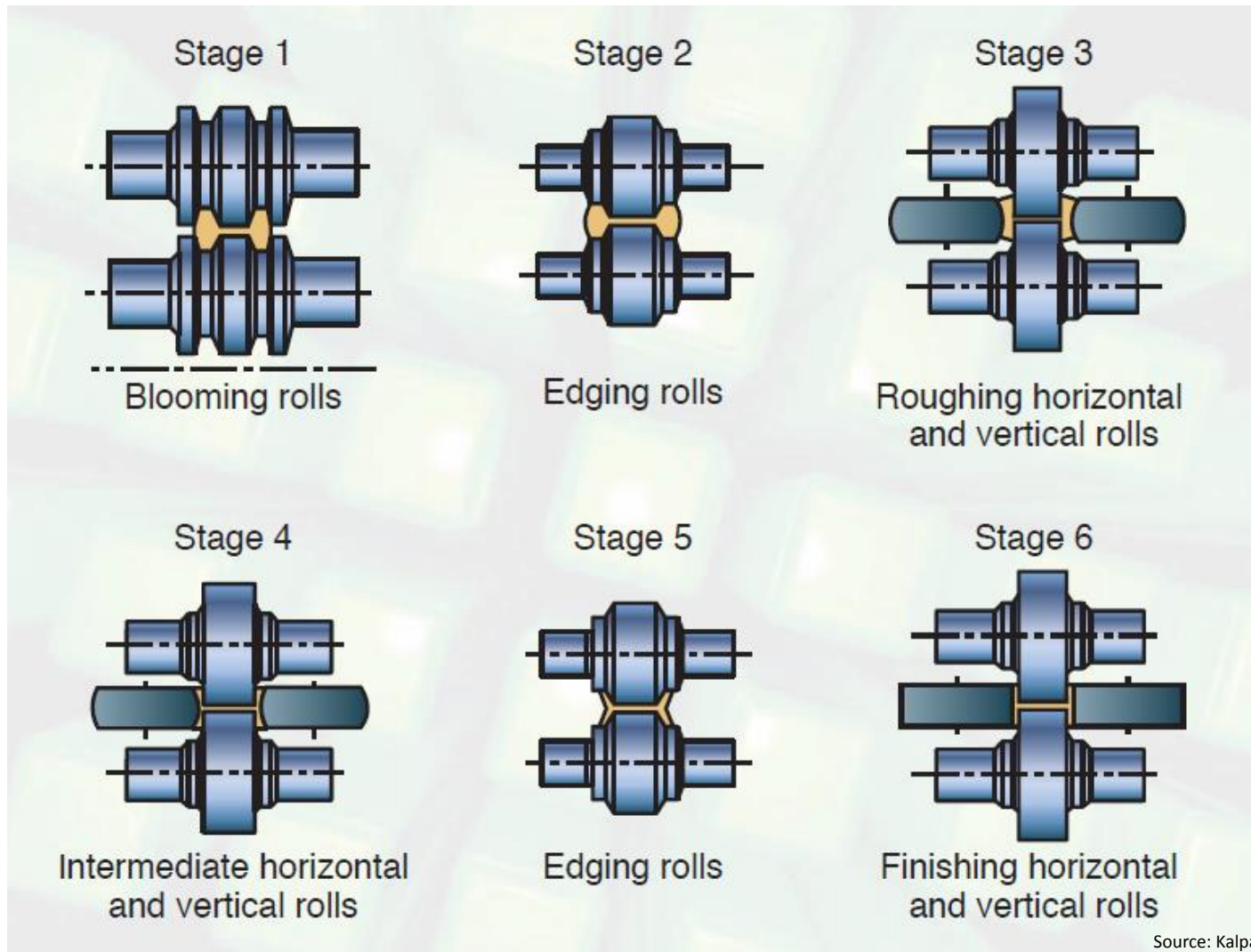


$$Power = \frac{\pi FLN}{60000} \text{ kW}$$

# Other rolling operations:

- Rolling of special sections and shapes
- Thread rolling
- Skew rolling
- ...

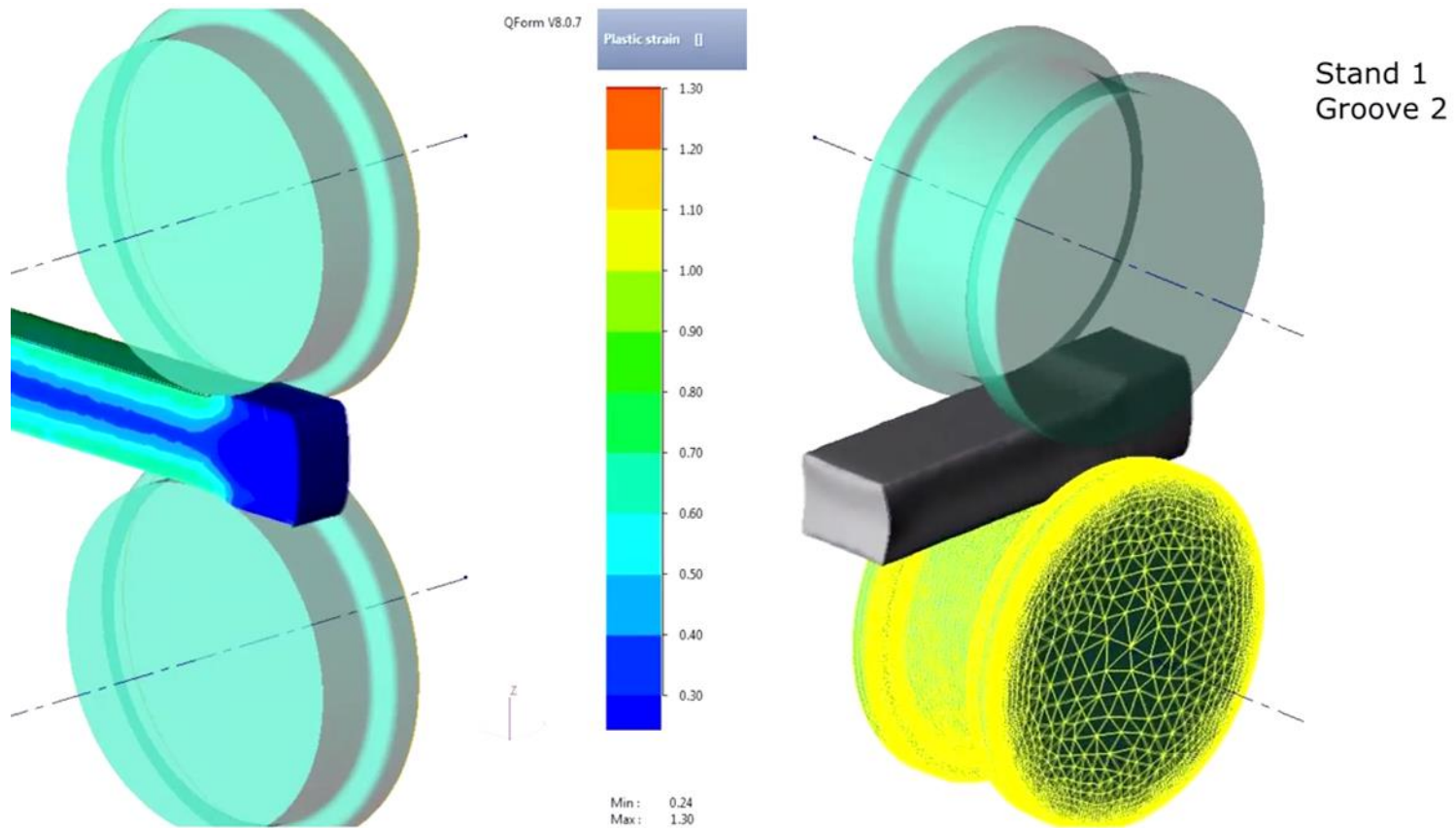
# Rolling of different sections and shapes



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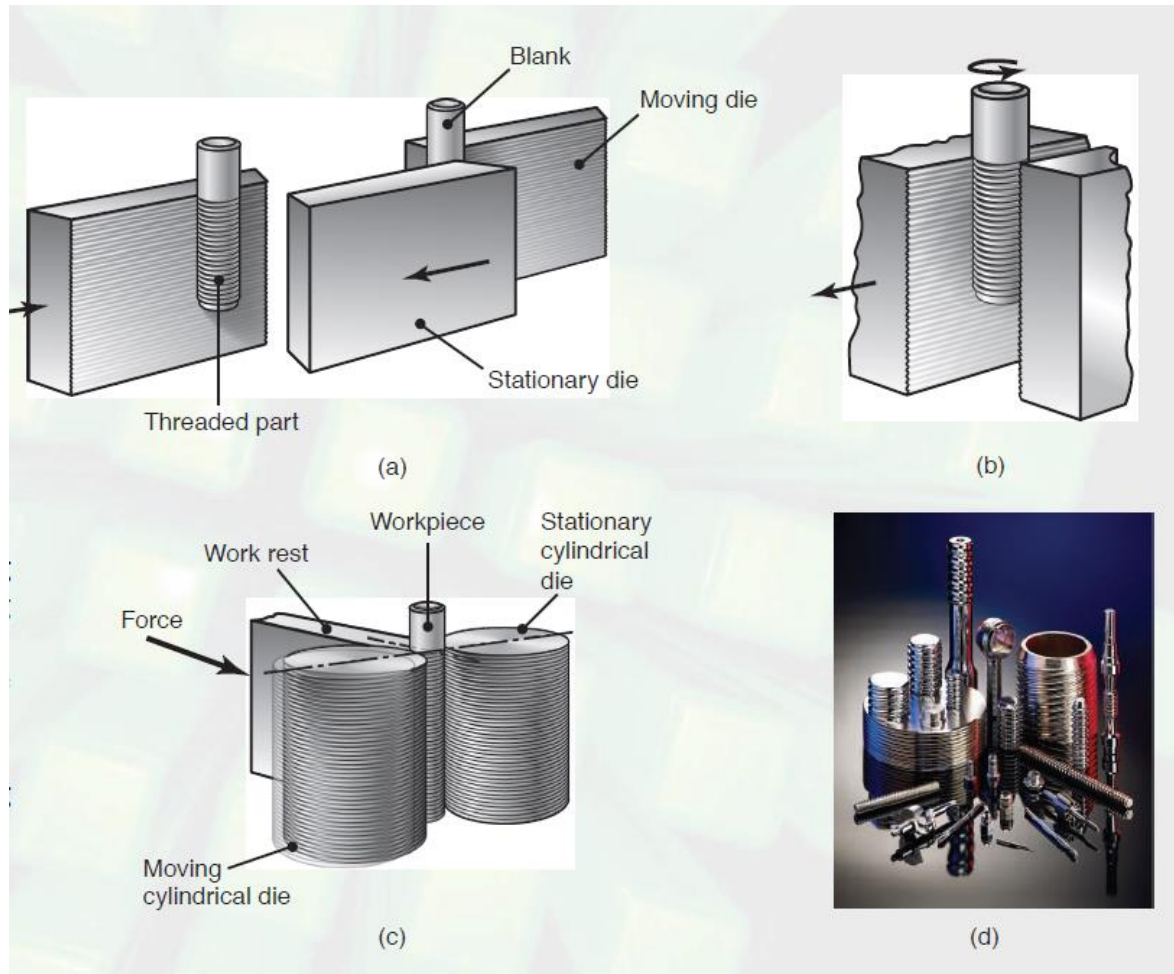


# Rolling of sections: Numerical analysis



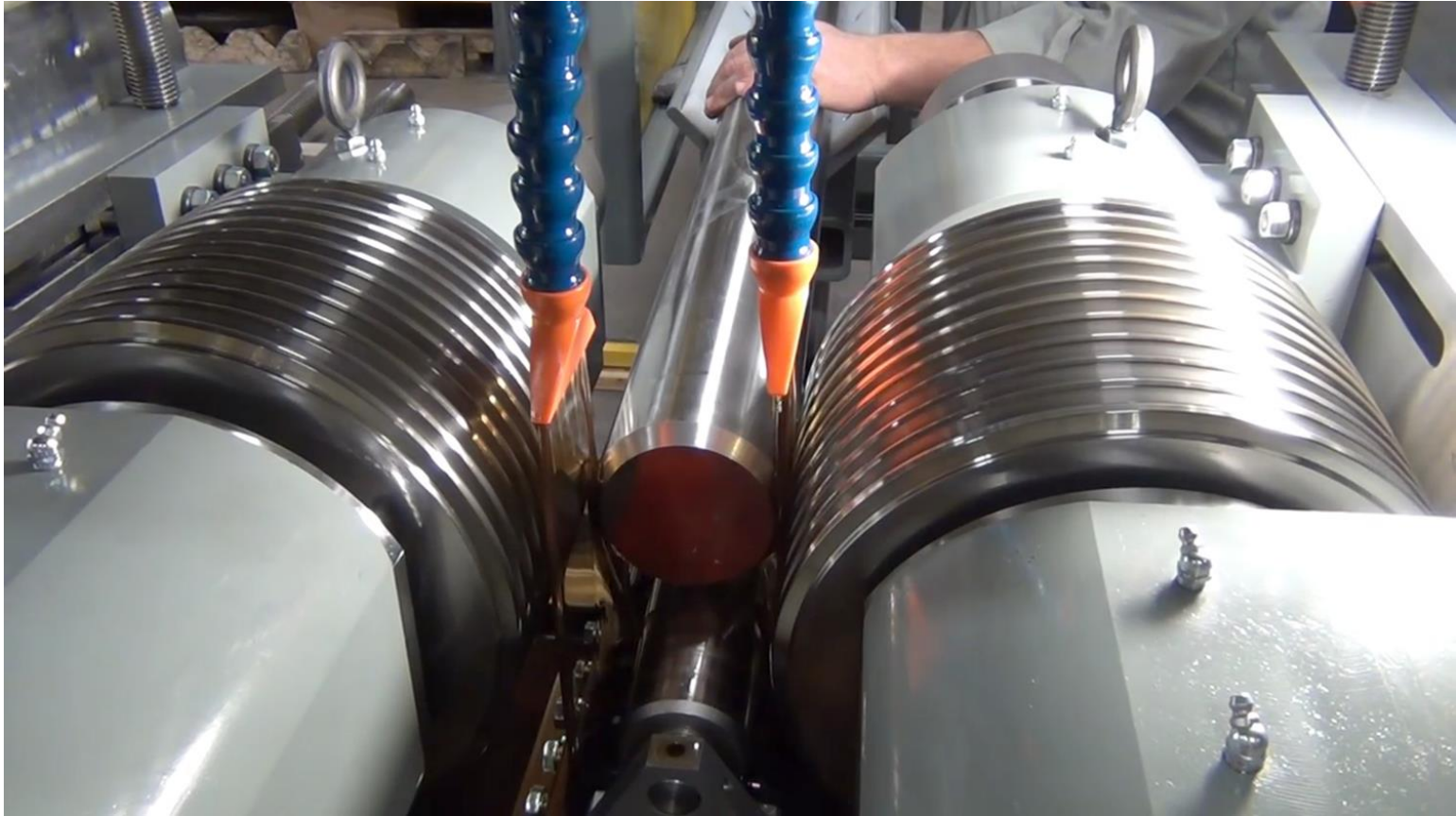
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# Thread rolling



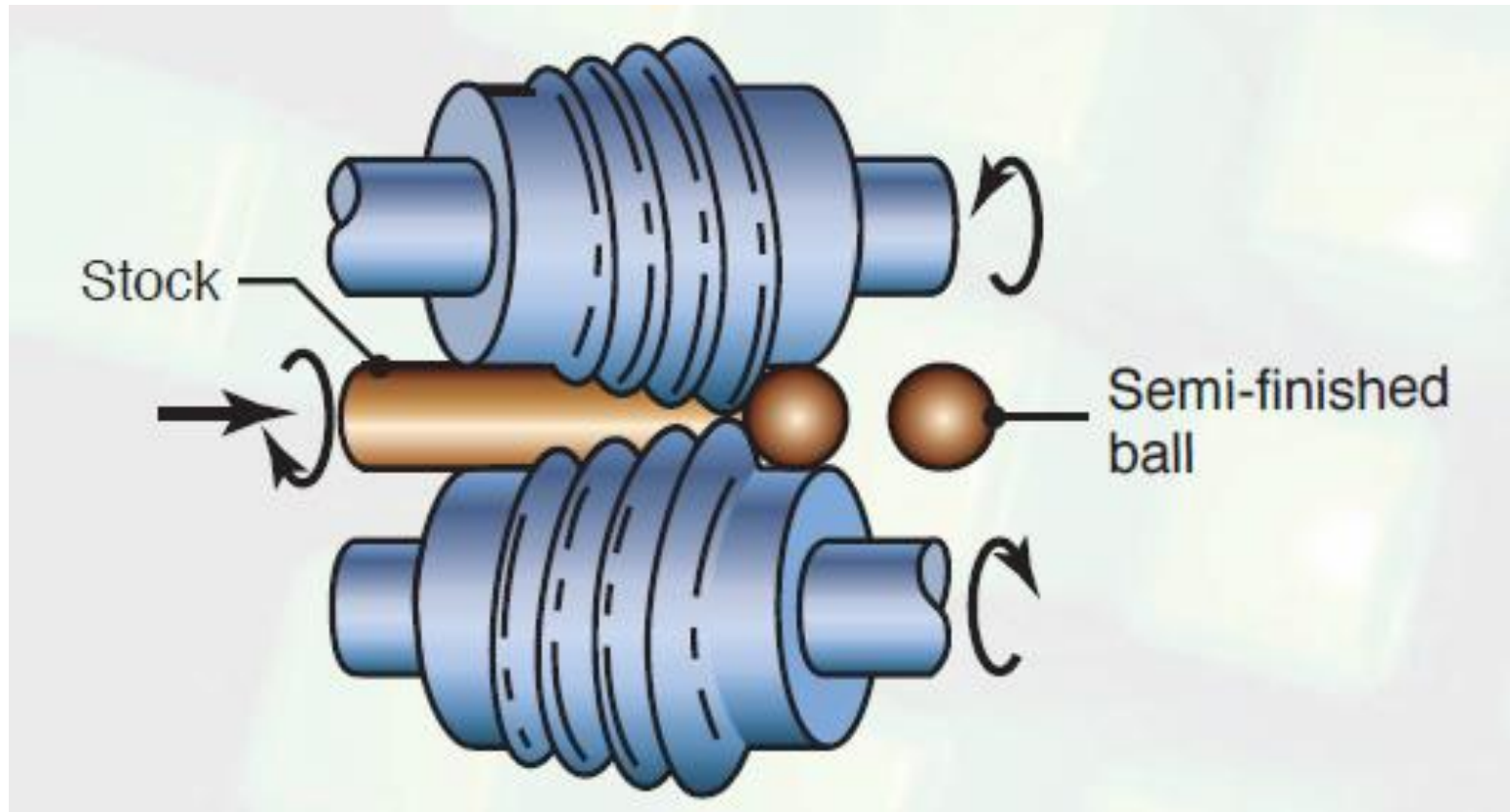
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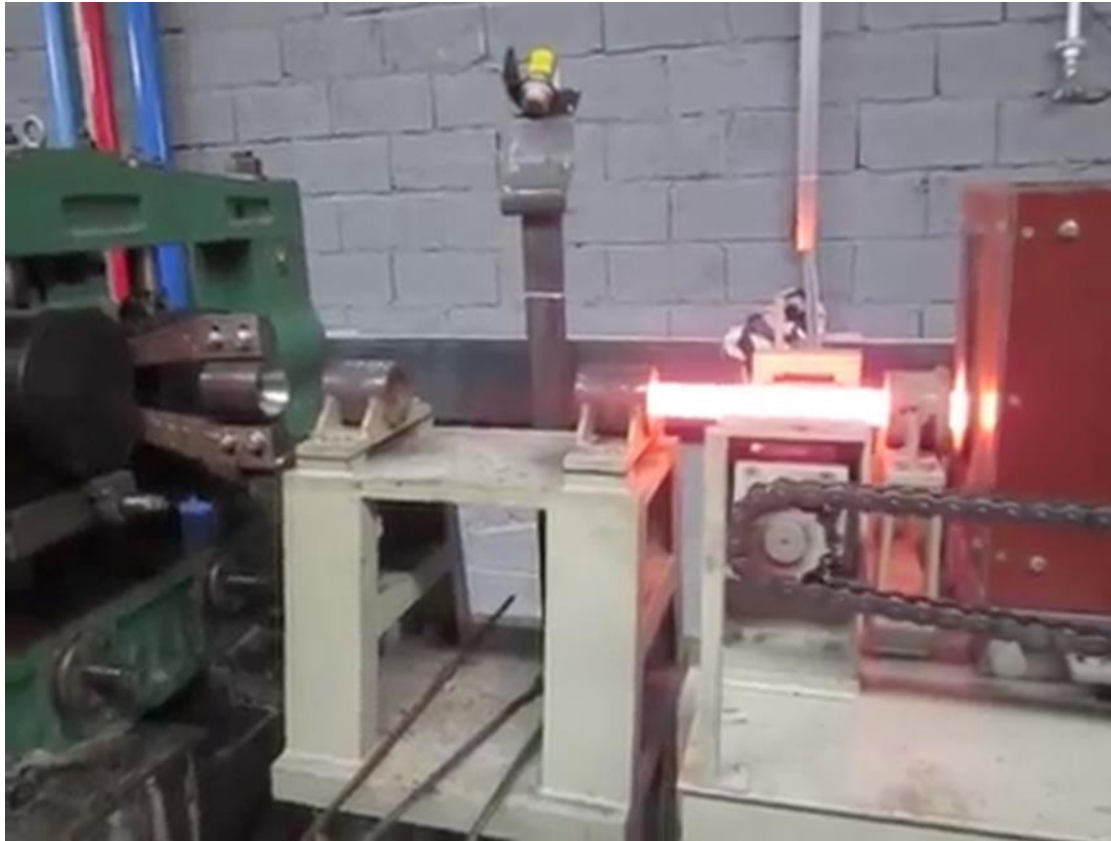
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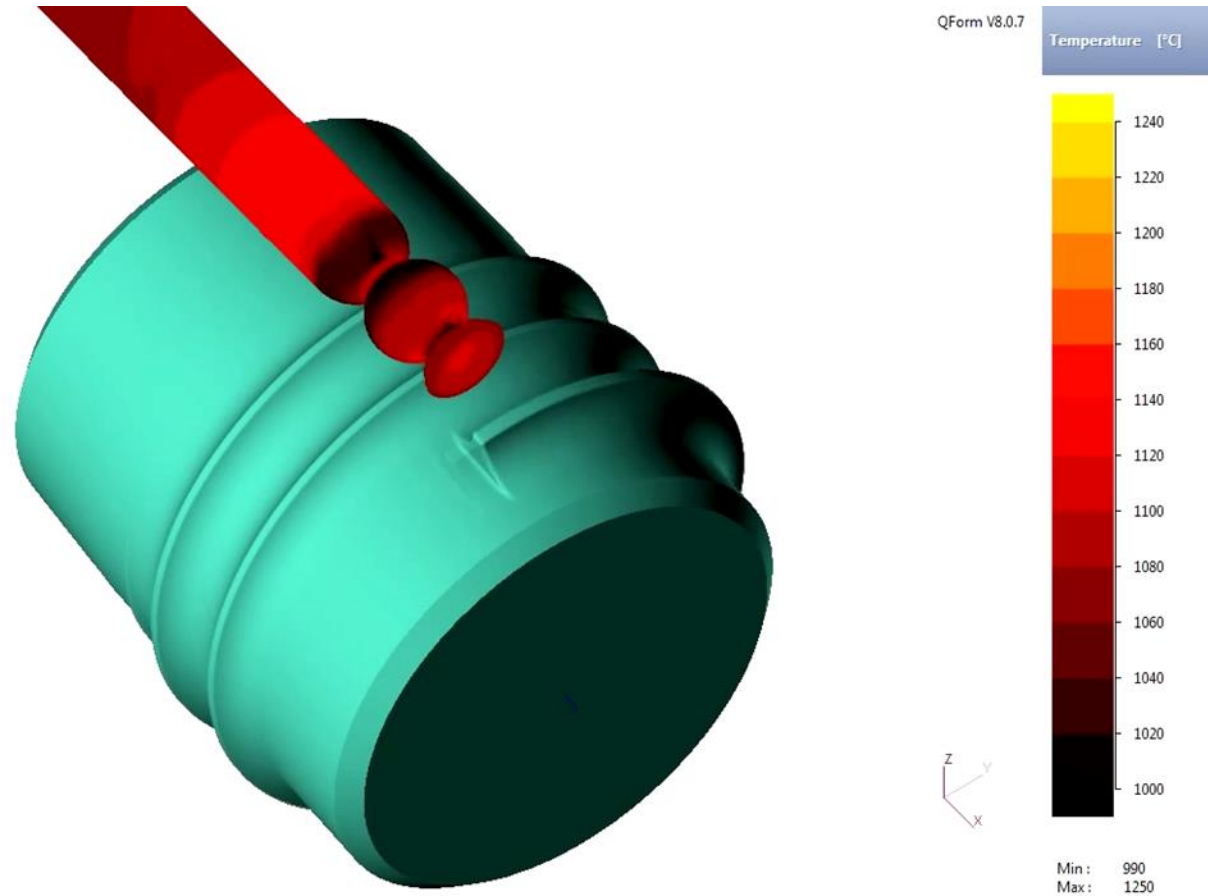


# Skew rolling



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# Skew rolling: numerical analysis



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