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## Simulation of Metastable Austenitic Stainless Steels with LS-DYNA

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**Metastable Austenitic Stainless Steels I**

- Deformation based phase transformation from austenite to martensite
  - strain-induced martensite
- Formation of strain-induced martensite depends on:
  - alloy composition (high martensite volume for low Ni-content)
  - martensite volume
  - temperature

Ref.: Hänsel, ETH Zurich, (1998)

**Metastable Austenitic Stainless Steels II**

- Formation of martensite effects mechanical properties of material:
  - work-hardening (higher yield stress)
  - ductility/formability

Ref.: Hänsel, ETH Zurich, (1998)

**Material Model in LS-DYNA:**  
**\*MAT\_TRIP (\*MAT\_113)**

- Model as suggested by Hänsel (ETH Zurich):
  - Martensite rate as a function of martensite volume and temperature
  - Extended Hocket-Sherby hardening rule
- Non-isothermal Model
  - temperature from coupled thermo-mechanical analysis
  - adabiatic temperature calculation

**Hänsel Model:**  
**Martensite Rate Equation**

- Martensite rate as a function of martensite volume and temperature

$$\text{if } \varepsilon < E_{0(\text{mart})} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V_M}{\partial \varepsilon_p} = 0$$

$$\text{else if } \varepsilon \geq E_{0(\text{mart})} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V_M}{\partial \varepsilon_p} = \frac{B}{A} e^{\frac{B}{A} \left( \frac{1-V_M}{V_M} \right)^{\frac{1+B}{B}}} (V_M)^p [0.5 \cdot (1 - \tanh(C + D \cdot T))]$$

The figure is a 3D surface plot showing the Martensite Rate Equation. The vertical axis is labeled  $\frac{dV_M}{d\varepsilon}$  and ranges from 0 to 0.6. The horizontal axes are  $V_M$  (ranging from 0.2 to 0.6) and  $T [^\circ C]$  (ranging from 10 to 60). The surface shows a sharp peak at low  $V_M$  and  $T$ , which decreases as  $V_M$  increases and  $T$  decreases.

Ref.: Hänsel, ETH Zurich, (1998)



## Hänsel Model: Hardening Rule

- Extended Hocket-Sherby function

$$\sigma_y = \left[ B_{HS} - (B_{HS} - A_{HS}) e^{-m(\varepsilon_p + \varepsilon_0)^n} \right] (K_1 + K_2 T) + \Delta H_{\gamma \rightarrow \alpha'} V_M$$

increase of yield stress due to formation of martensite

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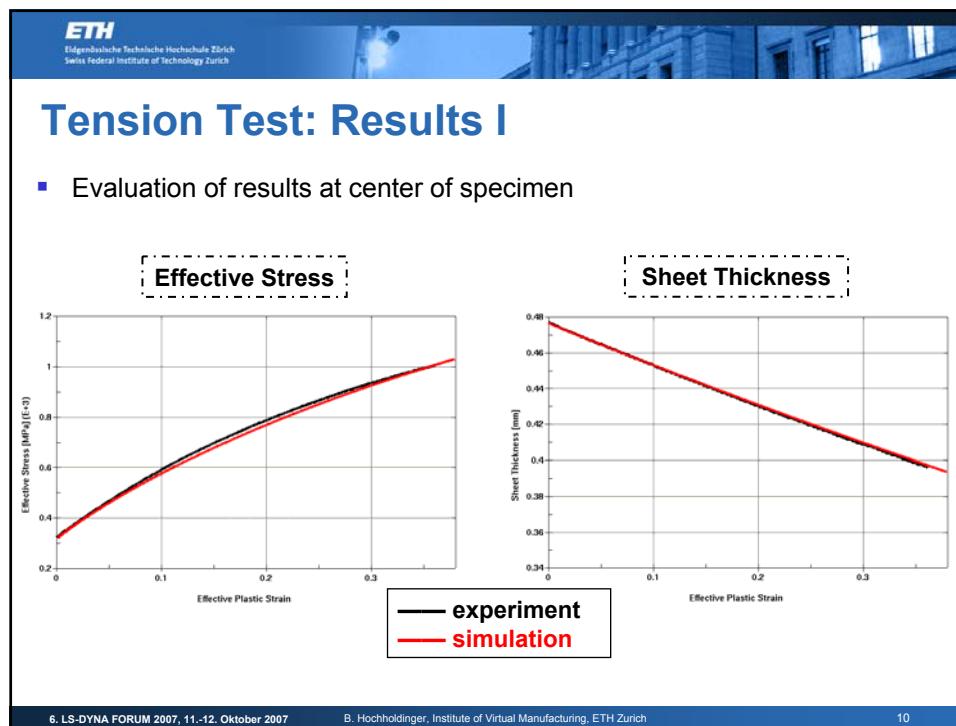
## Simulation Examples

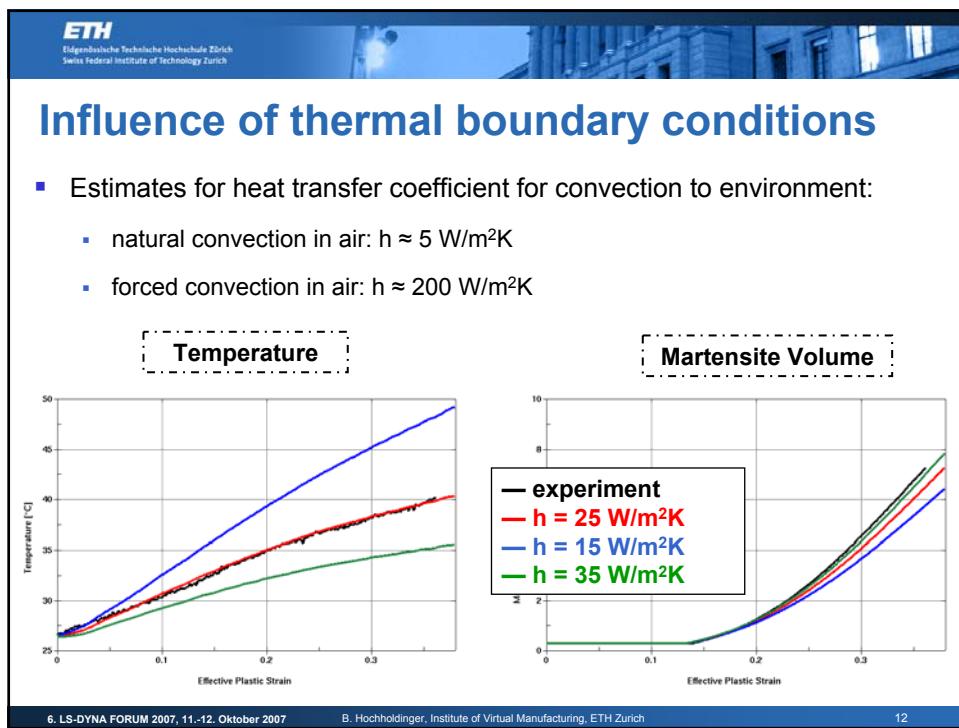
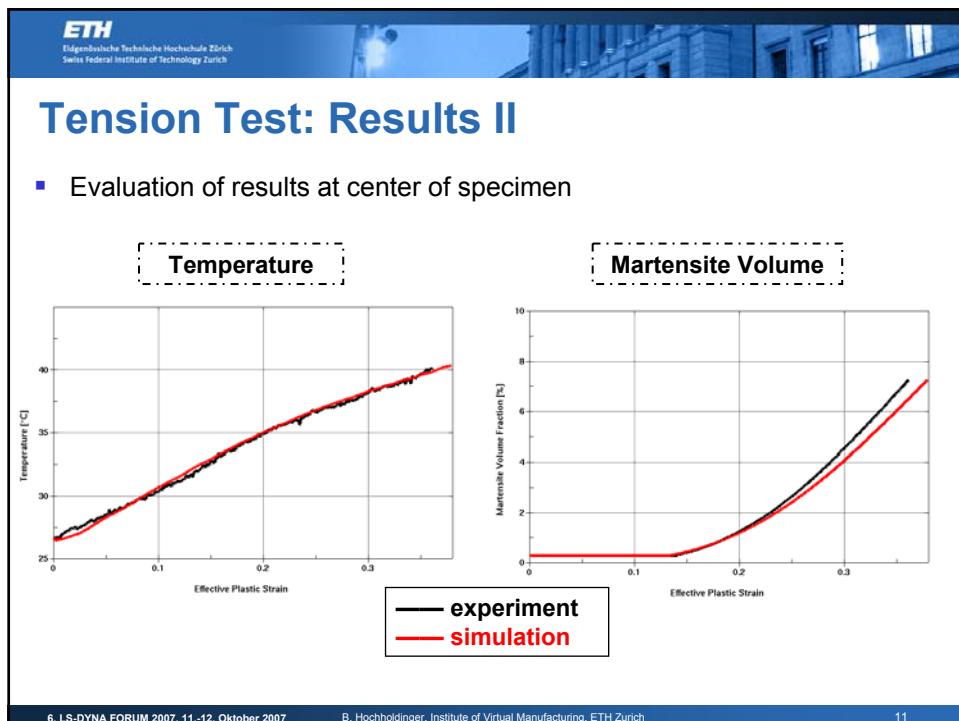
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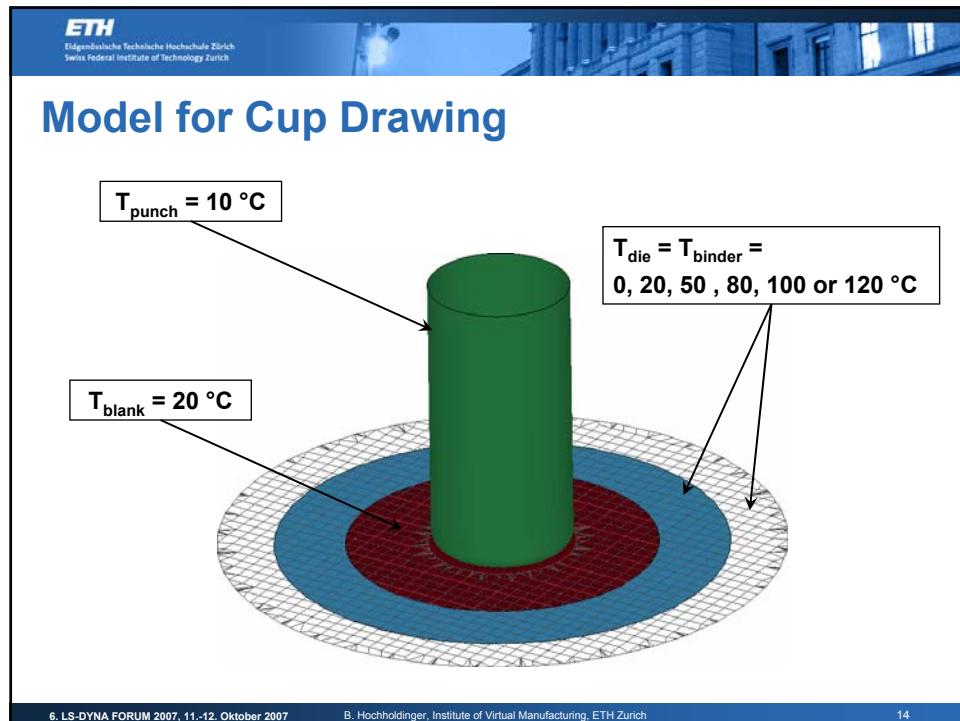
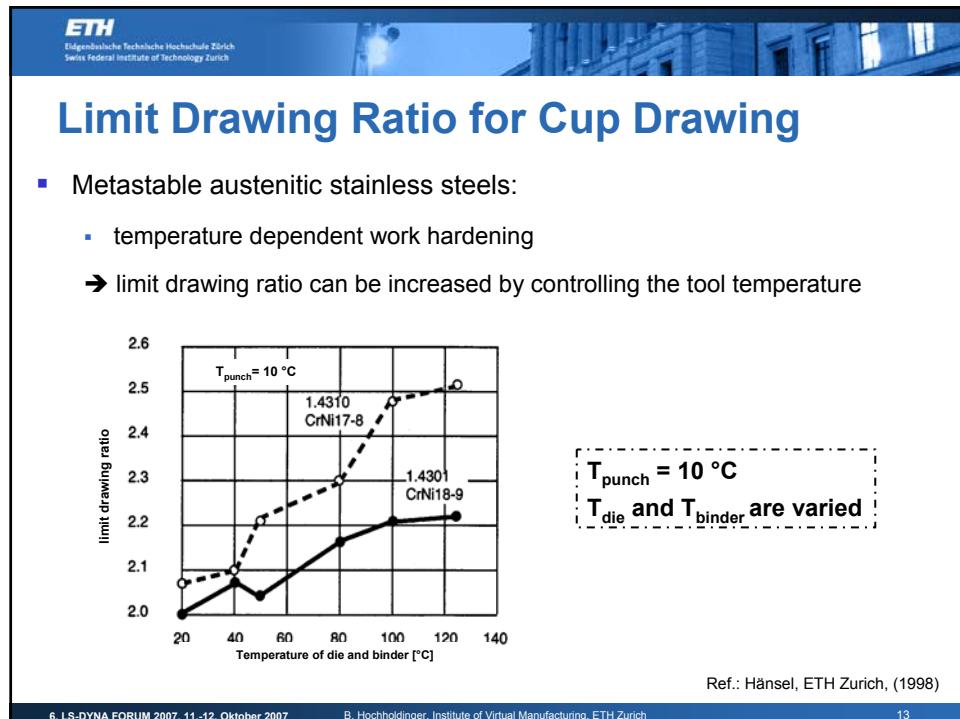
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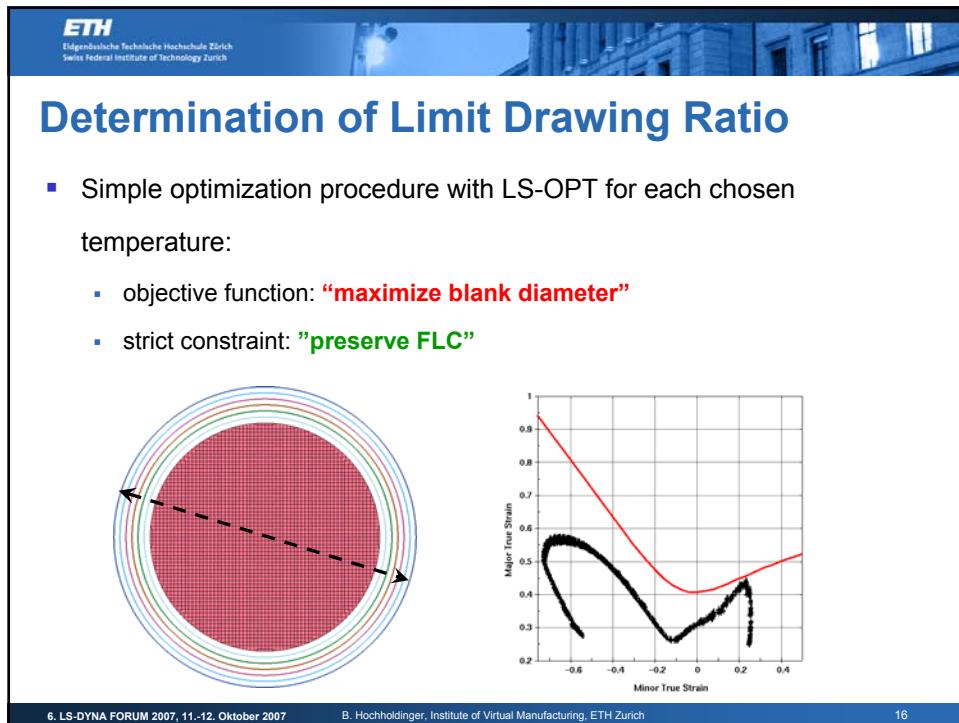
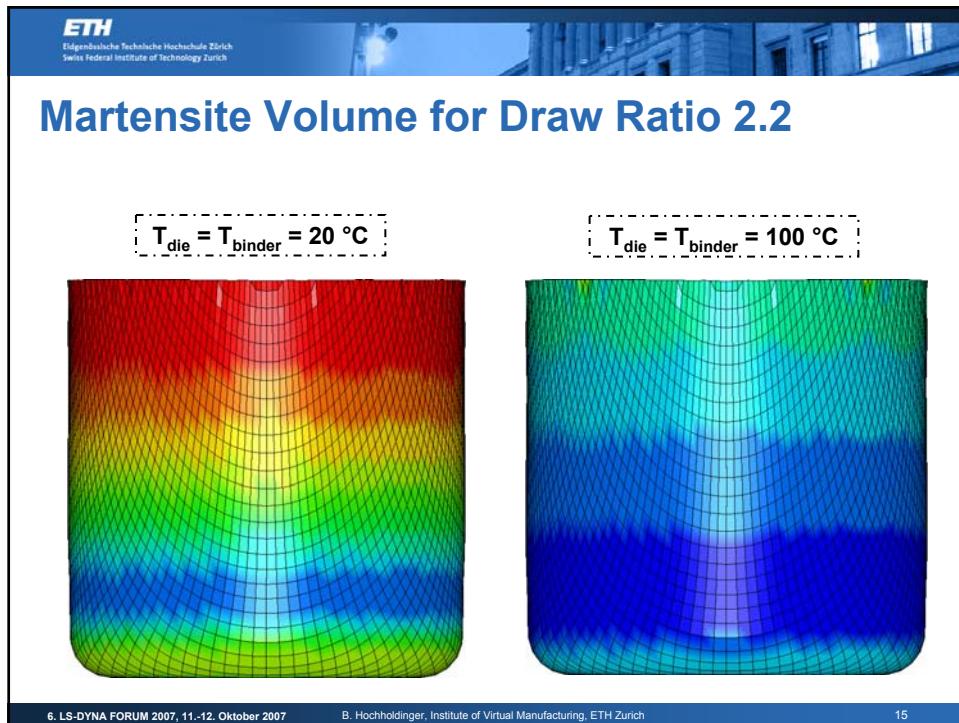
- Steel grade: 1.4301
- Coupled thermo-mechanical analysis
  - 90 % of the plastic work is converted to heat
  - heat conduction, convection, initial temperatures
  - ram speed  $v = 0.25 \text{ mm/s}$

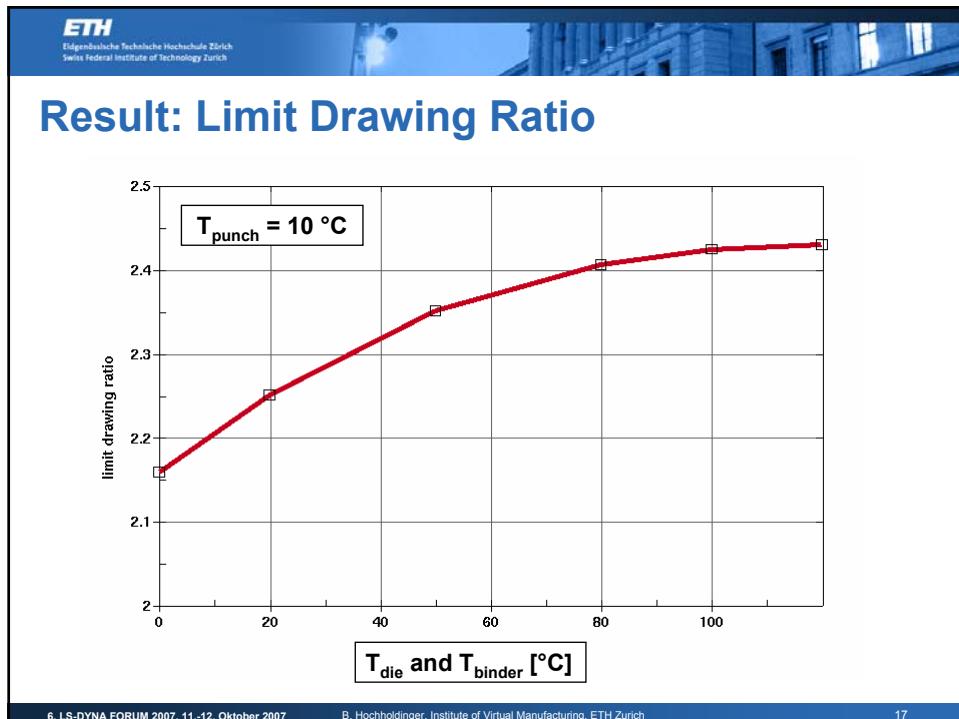
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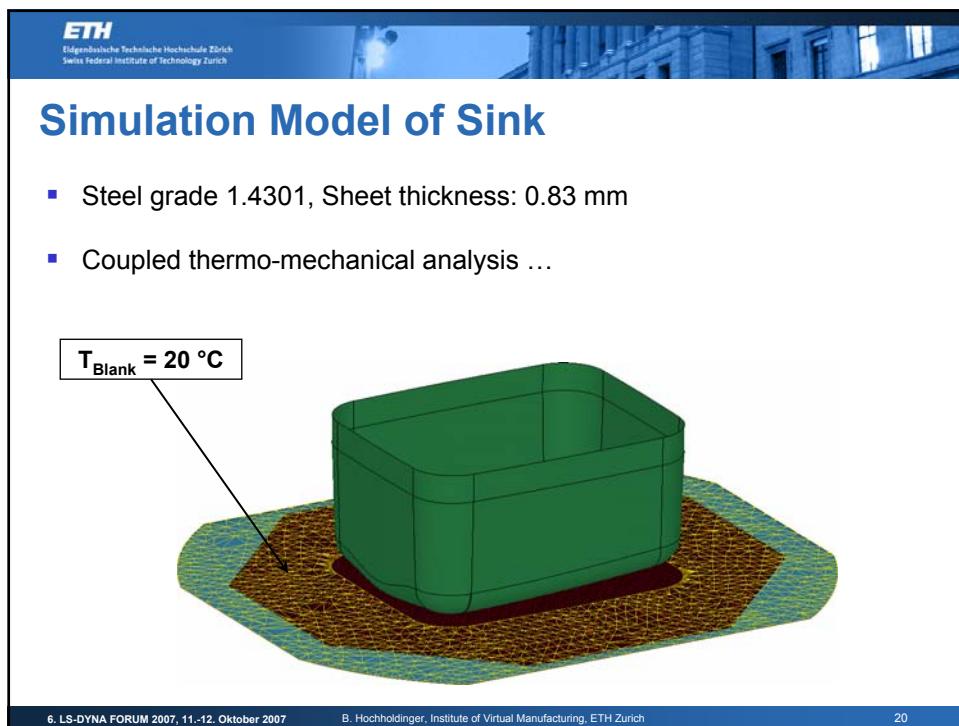
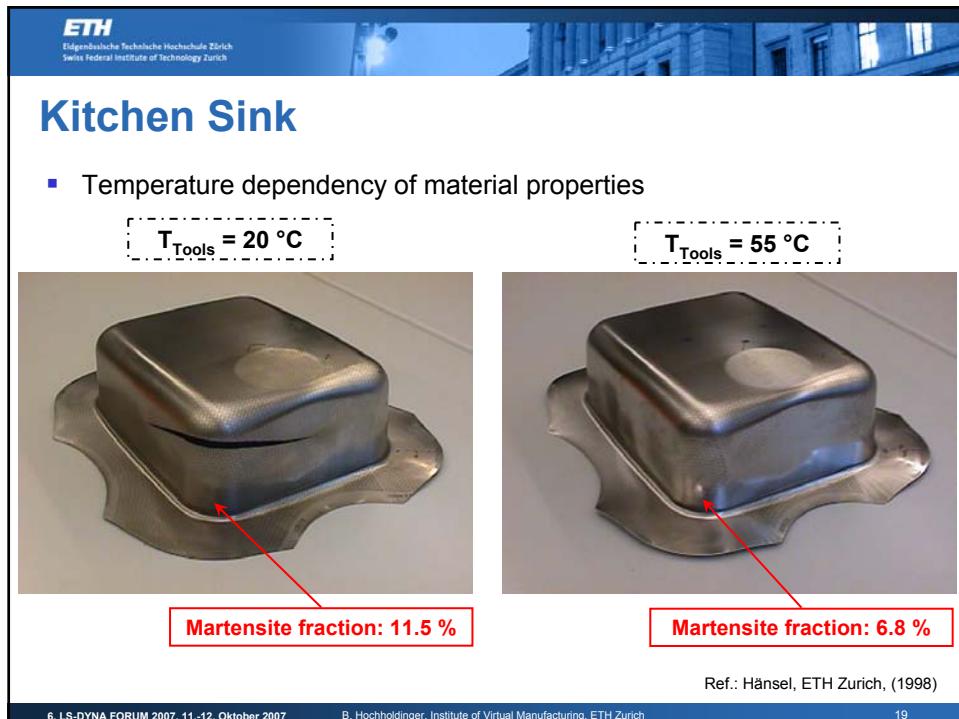


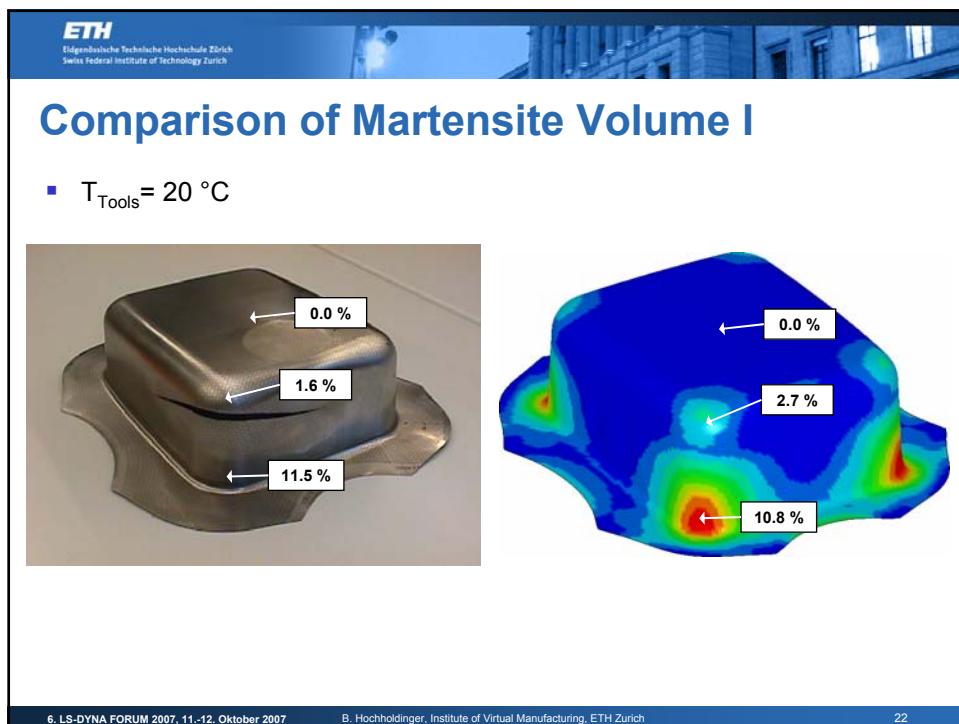
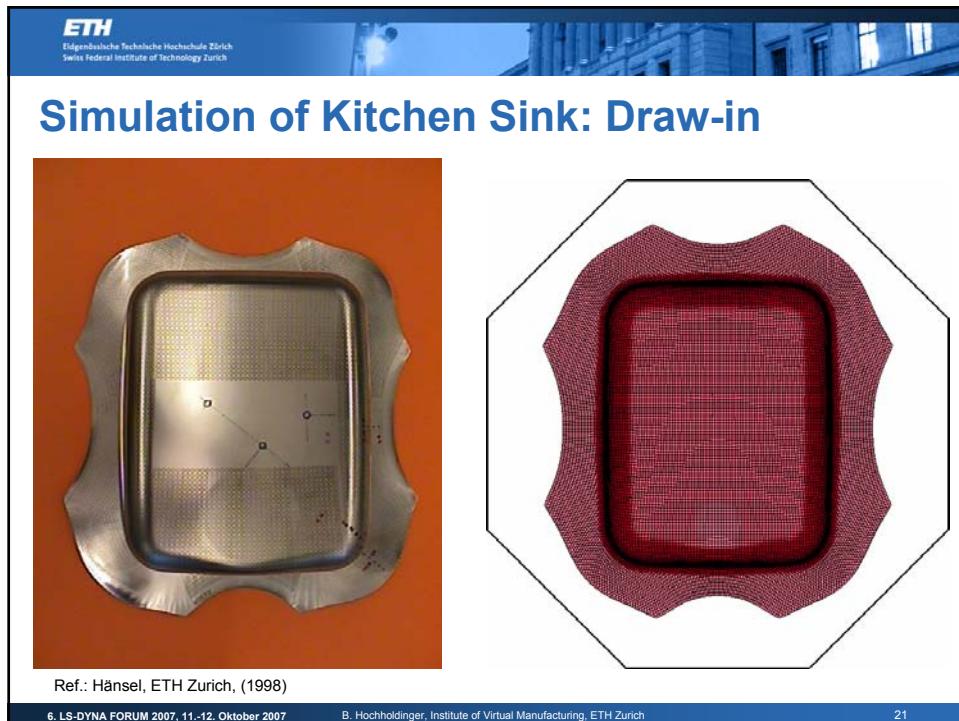
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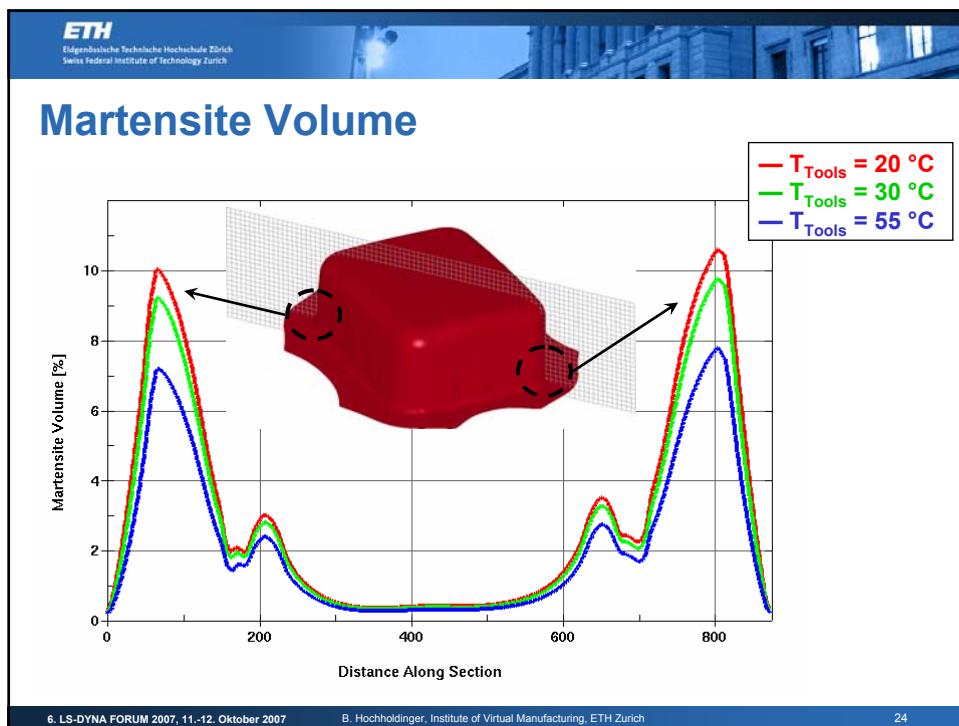
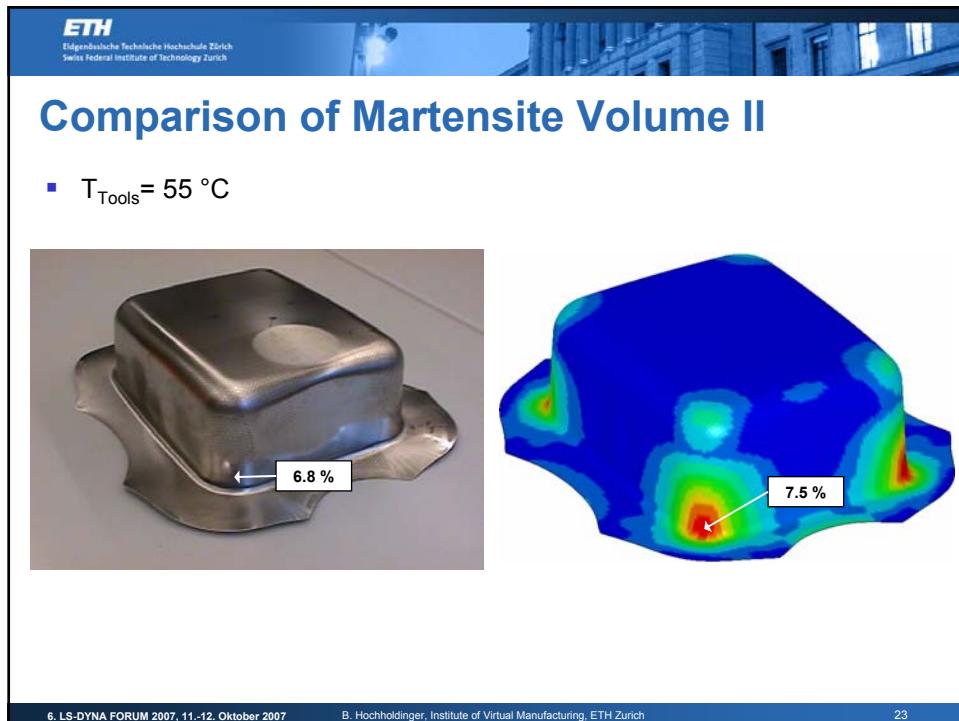
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## Summary and Outlook

- Material model \*MAT\_TRIP in LS-DYNA Version 971:
  - capability to include TRIP-effect in simulation
  - in coupled thermo-mechanical analysis adequate thermal boundary conditions and thermal material parameters have to be chosen
- Current limitations:
  - isotropic Von Mises yield surface
- Further work:
  - anisotropic yield surface
  - failure prediction
  - sensitivity study regarding the thermal parameters

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