



#### **EUREKA-FACTORY UMBRELLA 2006**

# Mechatronic systems in sheet metal forming processes

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## **Partnerhip**



















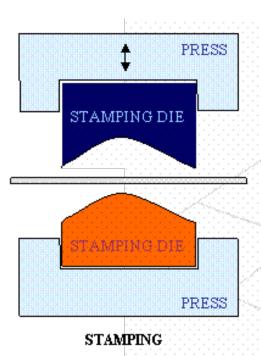


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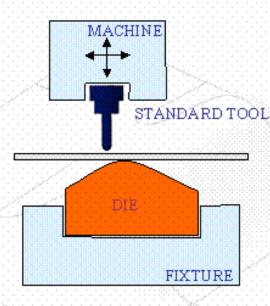




## Milestones in sheet metal forming

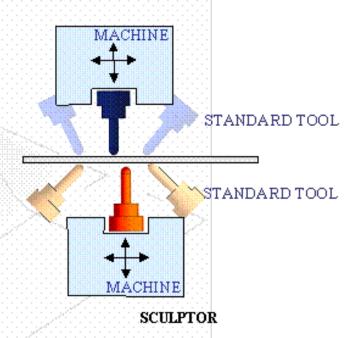


- INFLEXIBLE
- GLOBAL PLASTIC DEFORMATION
- LARGE SERIES PRODUCTION



#### INCREMENTAL SHEET FORMING

- SEMIFLEXIBLE
- GRADUALLY PLASTIC DEFORMATION OF FINITE AREAS
- LOW SERIES PRODUCTION



- FLEXIBLE
- GRADUALLY PLASTIC DEFORMATION OF FINITE AREAS
- LOW AND MEDIUM SERIES PRODUCTION
- TOOL ORIENTATION





## ISF in the industry



Air duct component (y-hose pipe) DC04 steel

#### Other products



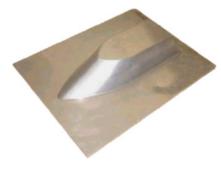
Design Panel, A1050 1 mm



Soaker Tub, A1050 4 mm



Tapered Cups, A1050 1 mm



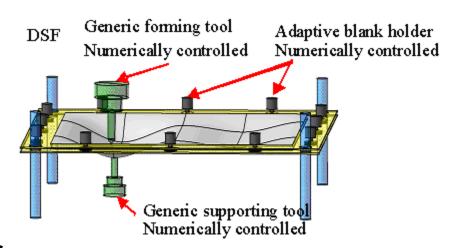
Boat, A5052 2 mm

# **Applications**

- Reduction in tool storage space and cost
- One machine to form a multitude of service parts
- Reduction in development time and tryout cost
- Download from CAD/CAM data to machine controller
- Production rate suitable from 1 to 500 pcs./month



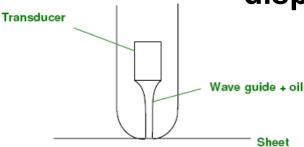
# The new process with integrated sensors and actuators



#### DiaForce® Sensor



Eddy-current displacement sensors

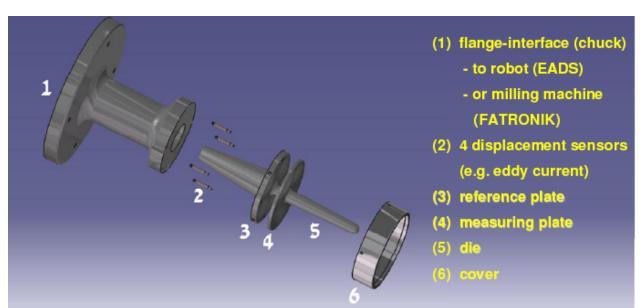


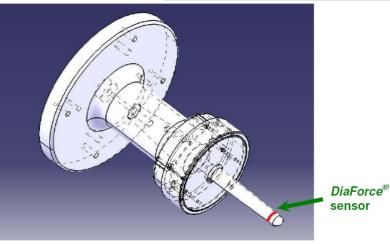
Ultrasonic sensor integrated in the tool

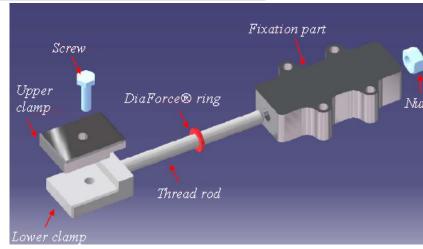




#### Place of the sensors



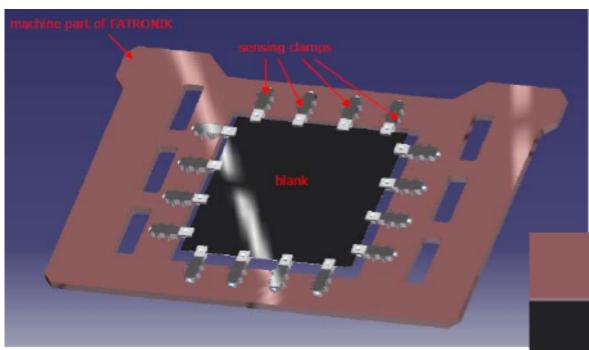




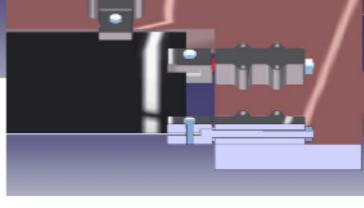




## **Smart blankholder**



- ✓ Punctual clamping along the blank
- ✓ DiaForce® sensors with an upper and a lower electrode in each clamping





## Hardware parts for the test environment

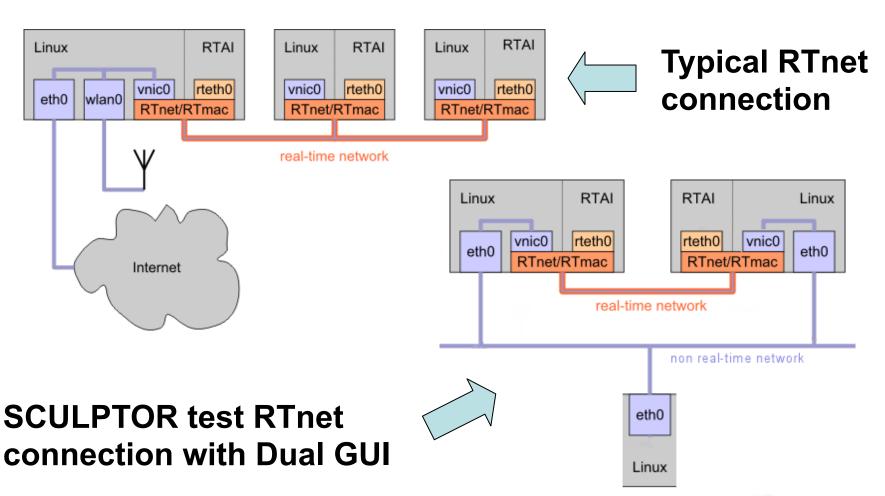


- PC with onboard Gigabit Ethernet card for TCP/IP remote connection using NML channels with simple UTP cable
- realtek8139 network card for real-time connection using RTnet with crosslink cabel
- MOTENC-Lite control card with Breakout boards



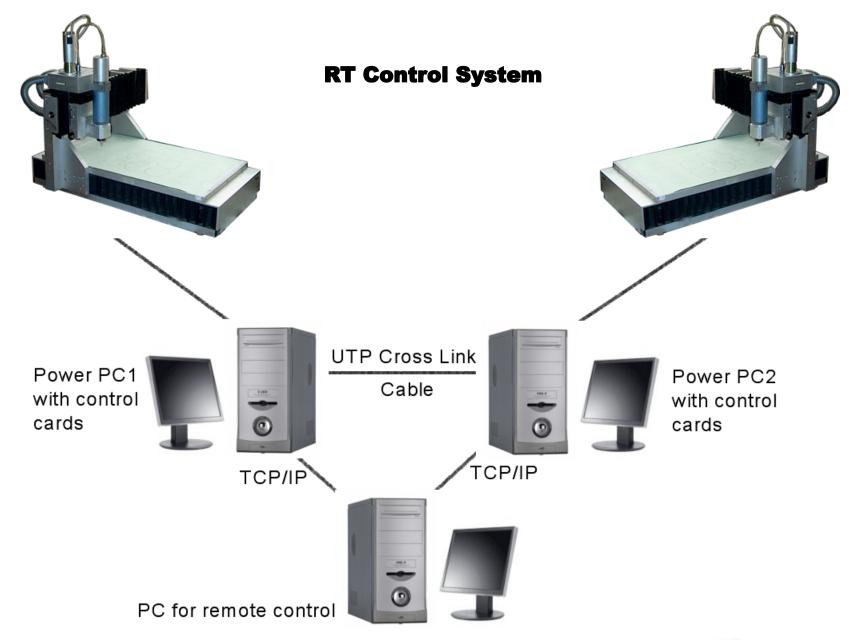
#### OS, interfaces and the network

Linux with Real-Time Application Interface and Real-time Ethernet





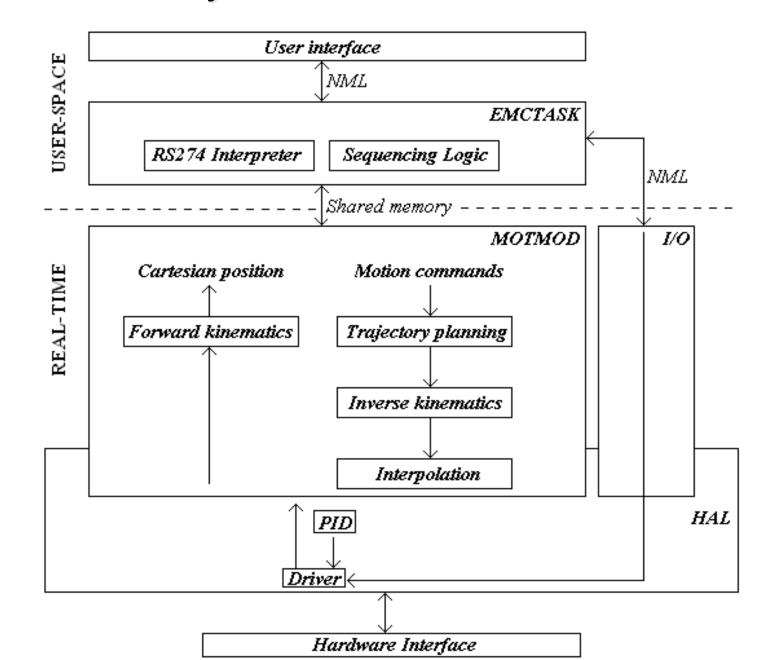






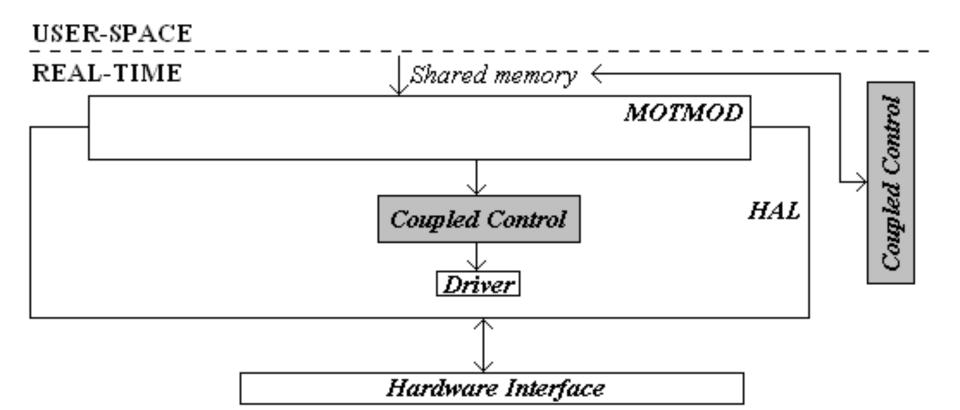


#### The modularity of the Enhanced Machine Controller



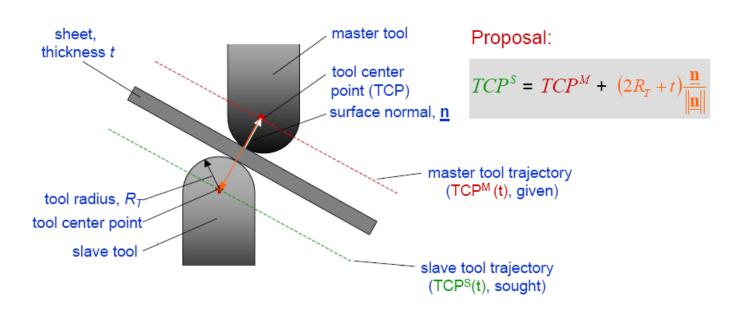
## Implementing the Coupled Control Framework

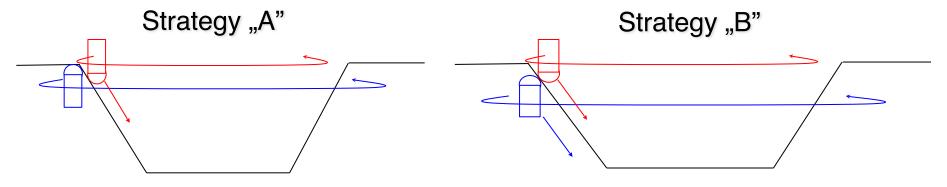
- Timing constraints: real-time interventions
  - Either before EMC motion control
  - Or after EMC motion control



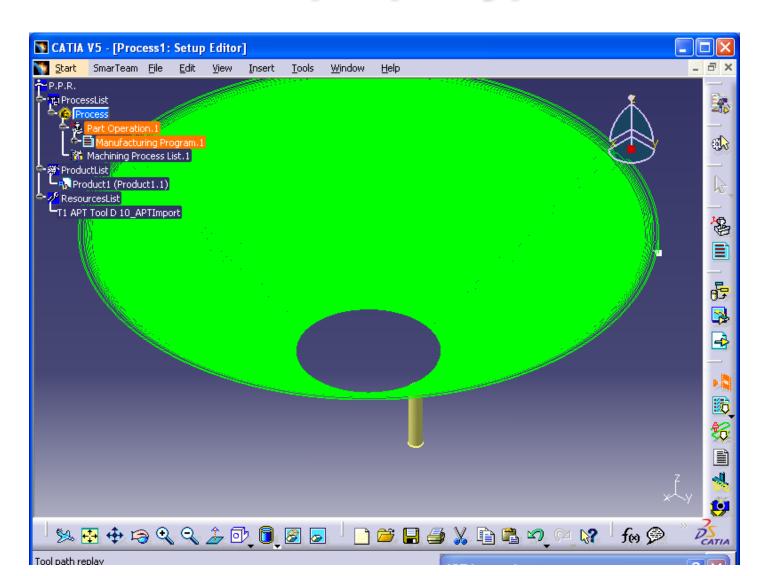
### **Tool path generation**

# Slave tool path calculation with a C++ program Path verification with CATIA





# Catia simulation screen shot and the proptotype



## Conclusions

## This technology is very good for

- areas where stamping or ISF is useless
- small and unique production series
- rapid prototyping
- SMEs

