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Advanced Control of FSW of Ultra-HS Steels
... based on the monitoring of the magnetic
permeability of the processed zone

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Application of FSW to UHSS

Objectives

👉 Innovative solutions

✓ **Supported by advanced monitoring control**

- ✓ Superior properties of weld zone
- ✓ Low residual stresses and distortion



👉 Technological conditions:

- ✓ Simple joint preparation
- ✓ Low heat input
- ✓ Development of experimental conditions



👉 Metallurgical + Mechanical Characterization



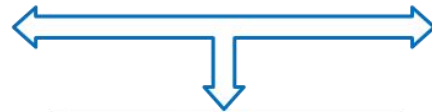
👉 **Establishment of new weldability paradigm for novel UHSS**

👉 **Solves the limited weldability of Ultra High-Strength Steels (UHSS) with no limitation related with the level of strength**

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New weldability paradigm for novel UHSS

Advanced online monitoring and control system for FSW of Ultra HSSteels



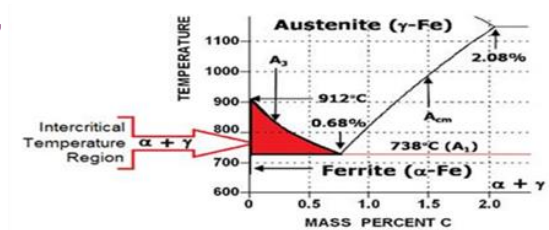
...To solve typical weldability defects (with fusion welding):

- Properties Mismatch @ Weld metal
- Loss of strength/toughness @ HAZ
- Inclusions & Porosity
- Cracking (hydrogen, reheat, lamellar tearing, fatigue induced)

Solution: Solid-state processing within the "intercritical temperature region"



$$T_{A1} < \max T_{FSW} < T_{A3}$$



Inovative integrated On-line Monitoring and Control strategy

On-line Monitoring
(of relevant physical phenomena)

- Temperature [T]
- Strain rate [$\dot{\epsilon}$]

(using NDT techniques)

- Magnetic field measurements
- IR Camera / Thermocouples (for validation)



Closed-Loop Control
(of main FSW parameters)

- Forging Force [F_z]
- Weld Pitch Ratio [Ω/v]
- Torque [N.m]
- Pre-heat [T_0]



Deliverable Features

- ↑ Properties of WM & HAZ (near matching or even overmatching BM)
 - No defects + smooth weld bead shape
 - ↓ Flow Stress + ↓ Tool Temperature = ↓ Tool Wear
 - ↓ Heat Input = ↓ HAZ size + ↓ Residual Deformation
- (+ full mechanical and metallurgical analysis)

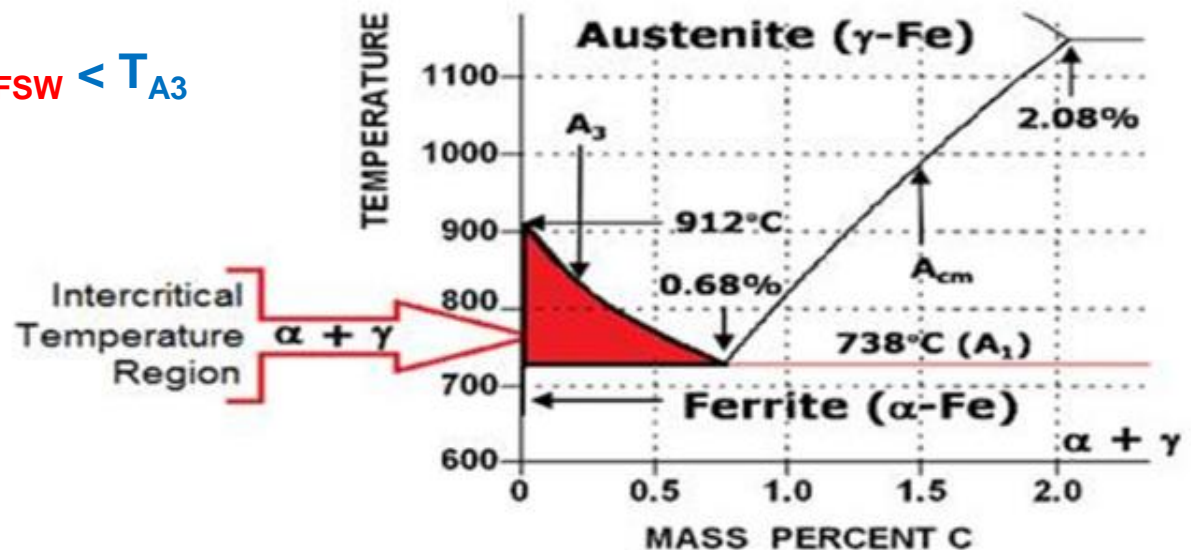
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New weldability paradigm for novel UHSS

⇒ Autogeneous weld zone processed within the intercritical temperature region:

...prevents full austenitization within weld, during heating period, and upon cooling, results in properties that are known to correspond to best overall condition

$$T_{A1} < \max T_{FSW} < T_{A3}$$



⇒ Low Heat Input enables the retaining of the original properties and low residual deformation

Benefits from ICHAZ

Case Study in Fusion GMAW of UHSS (1/4)

- **Optim 960 QC** (plate 86061-011): thickness, **$t = 10 \text{ mm}$**

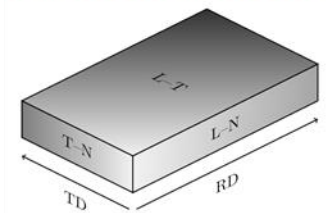
- *Composition [wt%]:*

C	Si	Mn	P	S	Al	Nb	V	Cu
0.092	0.187	1.10	0.010	0.0012	0.033	0.002	0.011	0.014
Cr	Ni	N	Mo	Ti	Ca	B	Co	
1.14	0.398	0.0054	0.183	0.023	0.0017	0.0022	0.016	

- $CEV = 0.57$ ($CEV_{max} = 0.62$) - Note: $CEV > 0.42 \Rightarrow$ special precautions (e.g. T_o)

- *Hardness = 380 HV₃₀*

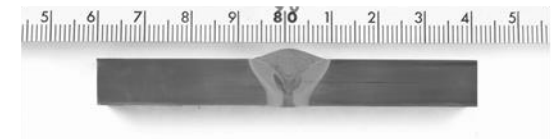
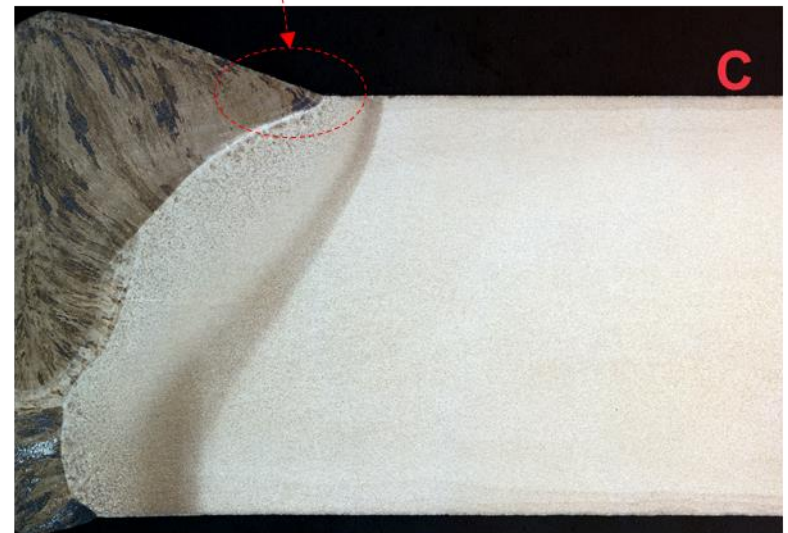
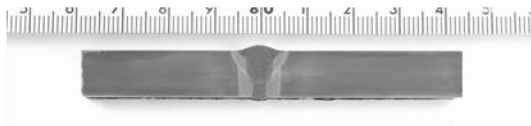
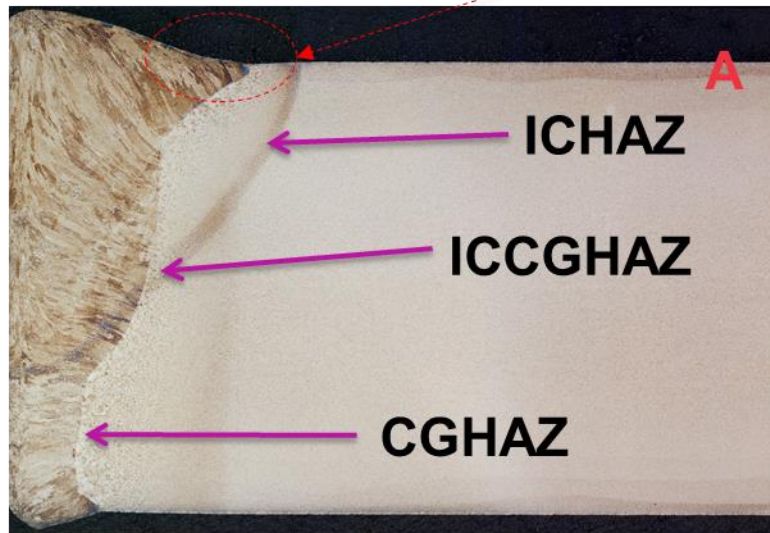
Location	T-N [HV1]	L-N [HV1]
2 mm from bottom	373	385
Mid-thickness	379	386
2 mm from top	377	388



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Case Study in Fusion GMAW of UHSS (2/4)

Focus on the HAZ

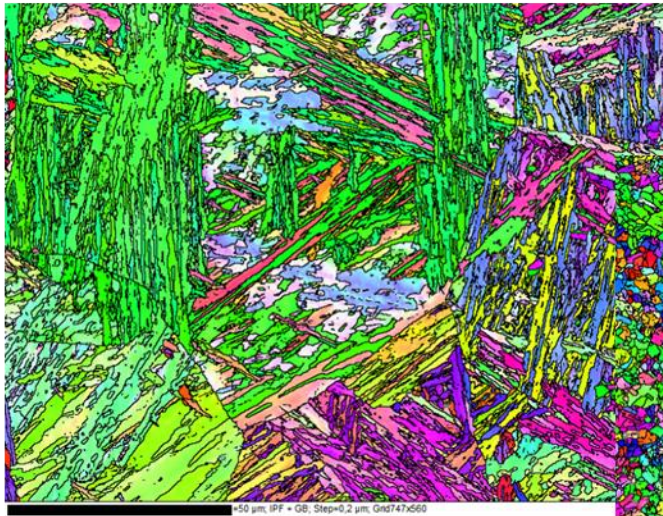


Different angle... but
good weld toe shape

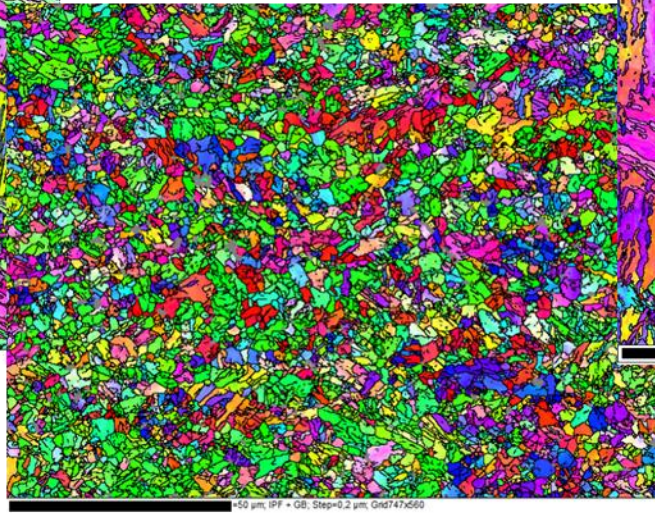
Benefits from ICHAZ

Case Study in Fusion GMAW of UHSS (3/4)

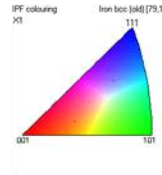
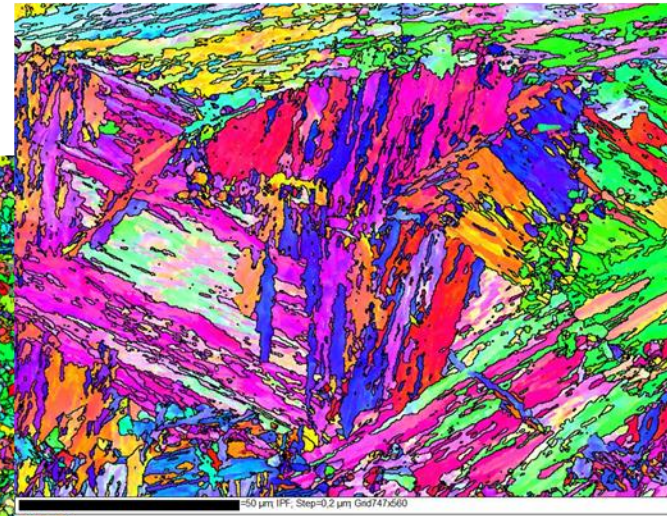
CGHAZ (1.2 kJ/mm)



ICHAZ (1.2 kJ/mm)

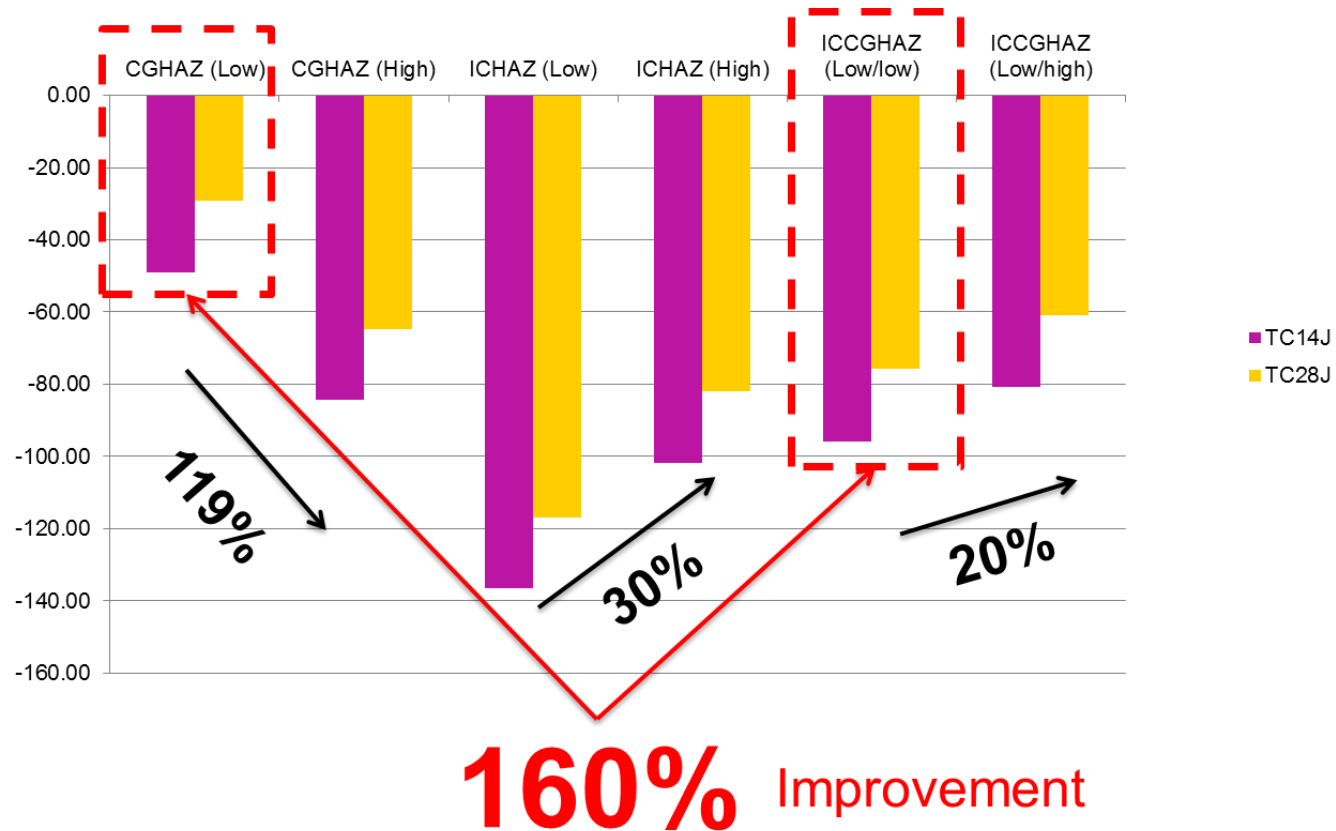


ICCGHAZ (0.8/1.2 kJ/mm)



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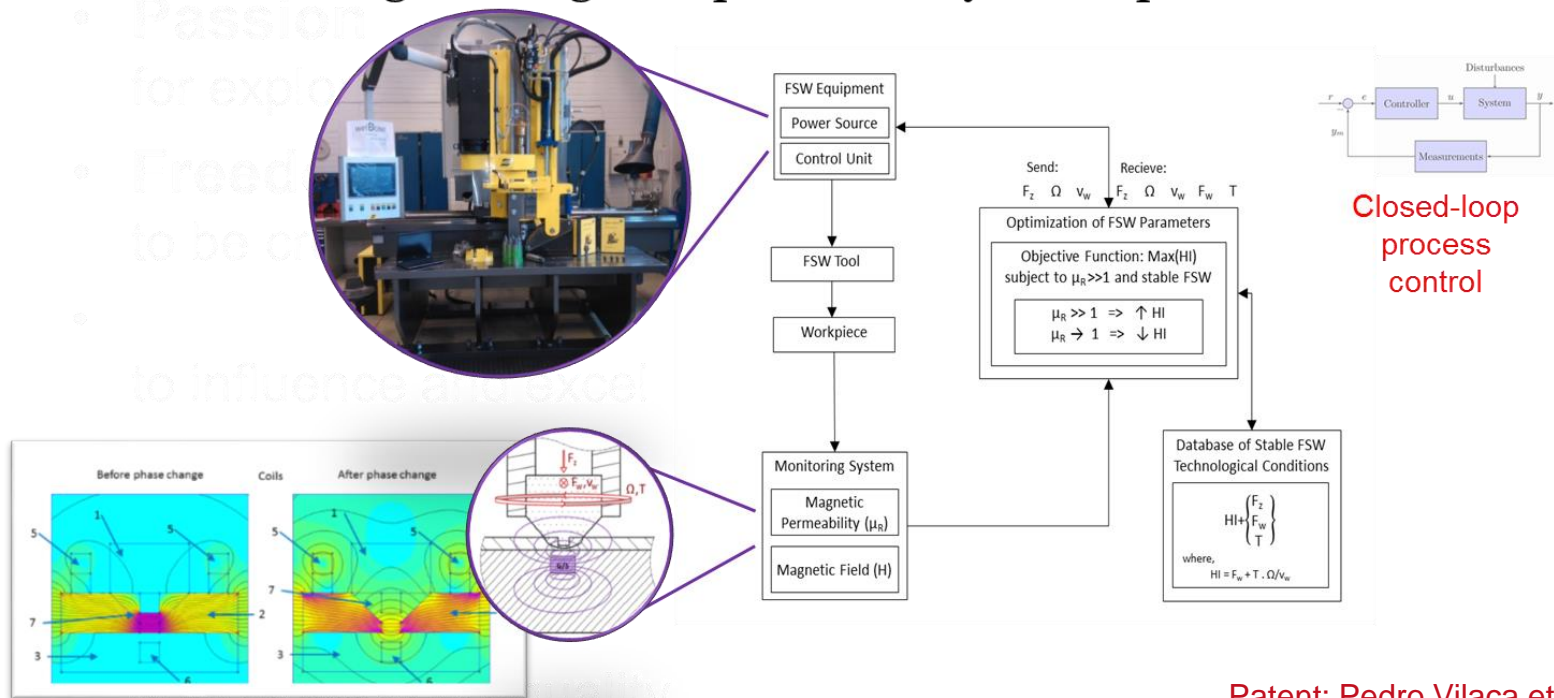
Case Study in Fusion GMAW of UHSS (4/4)



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Advanced Control Fundamentals

Control of friction stir processing and welding parameters based on monitoring the magnetic permeability of the processed zone



Patent: Pedro Vilaca et al.
(US 62/129051 - 06/03/2015)

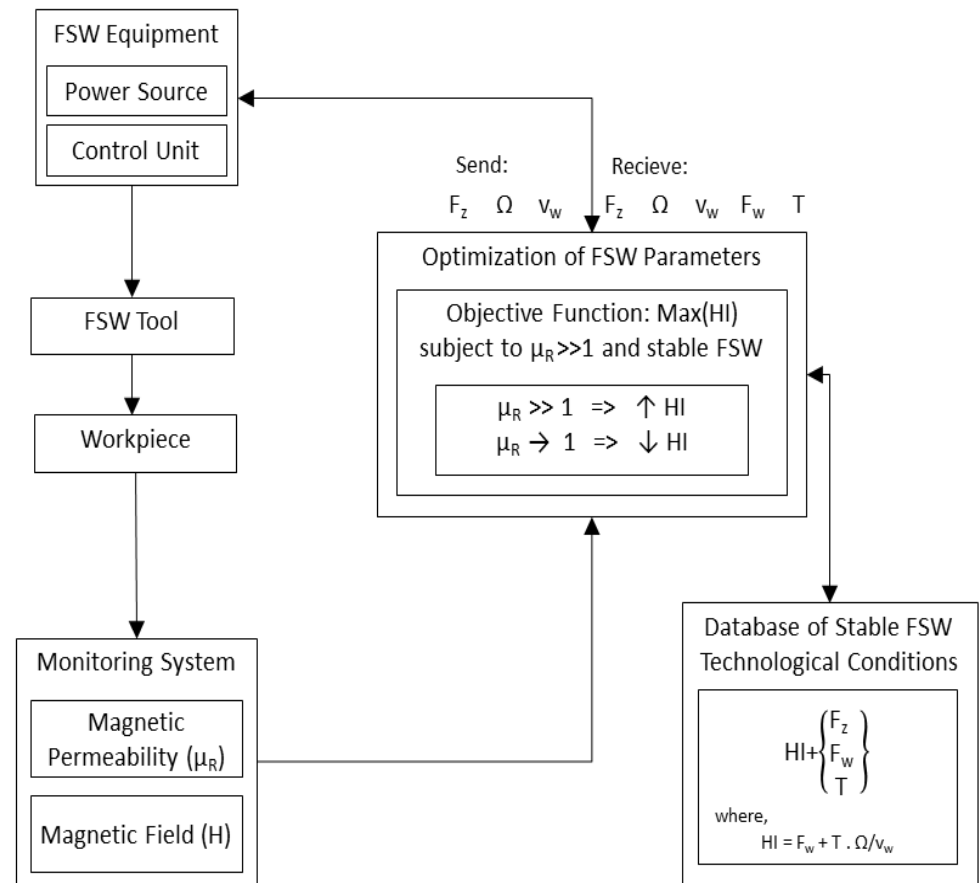
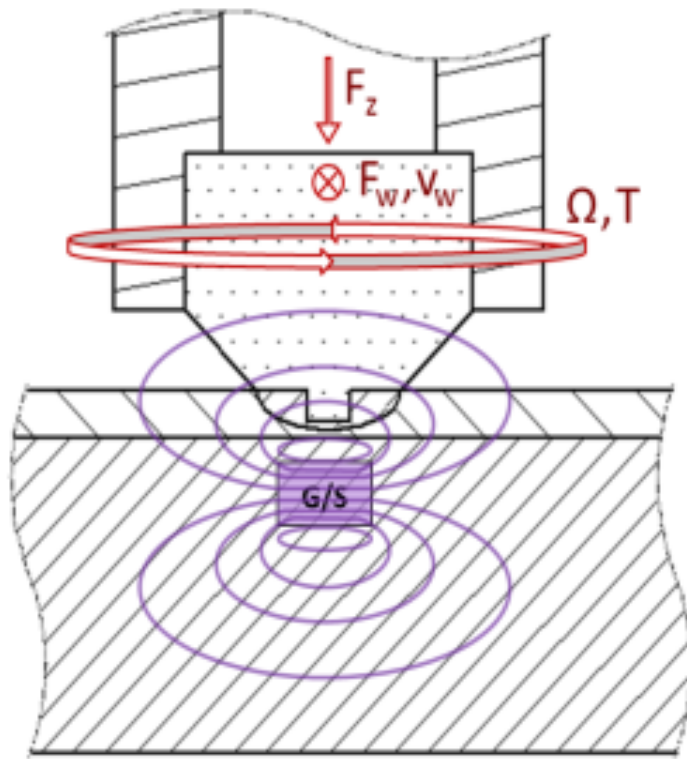
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Advanced Control Fundamentals

- ☞ All the low alloy steels undergo a significant change of its magnetic permeability (μ_R) within the intercritical temperature region, where the Curie temperature lays
- ☞ For these materials the significant change of magnetic permeability (μ_R) within the intercritical temperature region, strongly affects the magnetic permeability (μ_R) in the weld and its effect is detected by the magnetometer sensors, providing information to support the optimization of the FSW parameters

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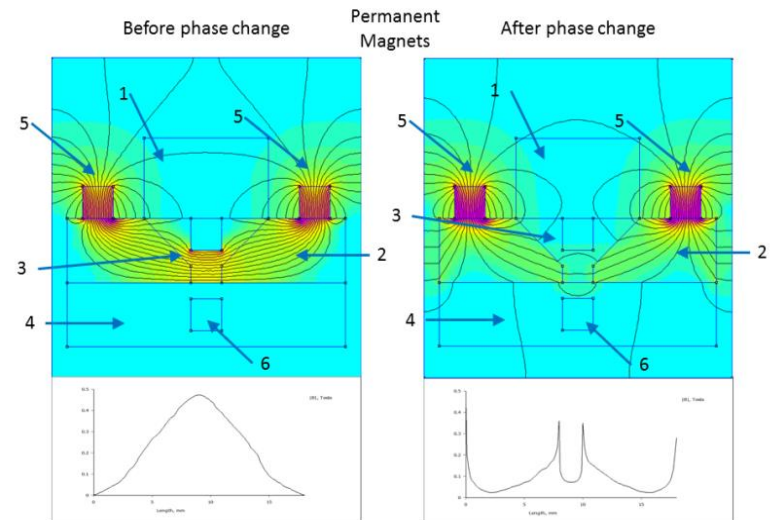
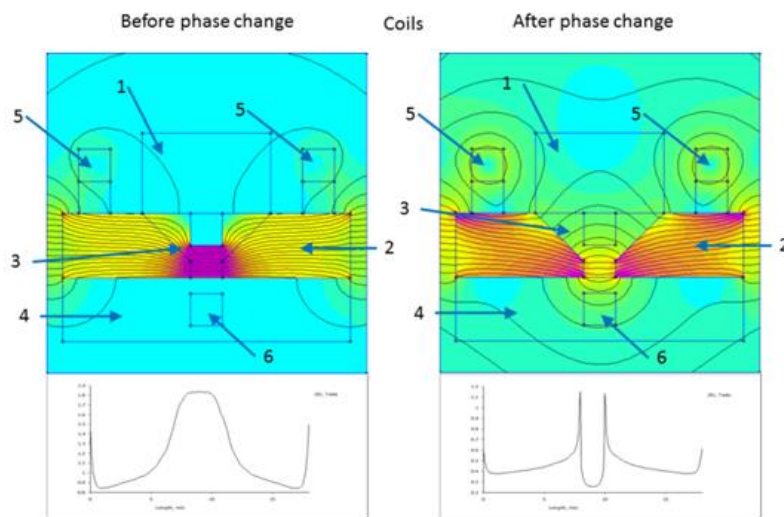
Advanced Control Fundamentals: Overall System



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Advanced Control Fundamentals: Monitoring System

- ➡ Magnetic field generators/sensors establish a magnetic field in the processed zone and measure the changes induced by modifications of the magnetic permeability (μ_R) in the TMAZ
- ➡ The control system enables contactless solution



Conclusions

☞ *The Advanced Control of FSW of Ultra-HS Steels*
... based on the monitoring of the magnetic permeability of the processed zone

- Undergoing proof of concept
- High potential for FSWelding + FSProcessing of fusion weld joints and casted components