

# A Review Study of Friction Stir Processing of Aluminum Alloys

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**Abstract** - Friction stir processing is a Nobel technique established for its capacity to alter the microstructures and properties of a metal to its enhanced one with the assistance of extreme and confined plastic distortion. On the off chance that in tests, with effectively cooled magnesium-amalgam work pieces the micro hardness gets tripled in the region of the rubbing mix handled crease i.e. 120-130 Vickers hardness. In FSP process a more homogenous and refined microstructure of material is obtained. Repaired regions from FSP process are prevalent in quality and furthermore have better formability looked at than parent material. E.g. aluminum castings can be prepared to tie voids, or expulsions can likewise be enhanced in much focused on zones. FSP in blend with superplastic framing gives the possibility to shape complicated-molded parts at high strain rates and in segment thicknesses which isn't conceivable utilizing customary superplastic handling. In this article of survey, current phase of FSP and improvement jumped out at comprehend it is tended to.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Friction stir welding is a noble welding technique used for joining soft materials by limiting issues such as distortion, porosity, solidification and liquation cracking and so forth. It was discovered by "The Welding Institute" in 1991 Friction processing is a technique which have the starting handling strategies absolutely in light of the standards of Friction stir welding. In friction stir processing a specially designed tool pin or non-consumable tool which is coercively embedded into the work piece with the goal that deformation of metal takes place and tool is rotated in a mixing movement so it is exertion along the side into the work piece. Right when ideally realized, by then this method mixes the material without changing the phase which can be changed by condensing and subsequently makes a microstructure with fine, and uniform refined grains. A material can be joined by embedding's the pivoting tool with pin and shoulder and crossed along the line of interests. The whole process is done by heating which is produced by passes the tool on the work piece. The Development of the material in FSP process from the front of the tool pin to the back of the tool pin is done as such that prepared zone can be achieved. The pin and shoulder of the tool can be altered in endless ways to impact material flow and small scale auxiliary advancement Newly techniques can be created by following novel highlights of friction stirring, for example, low measure of heat produced, broad plastic flow of material, fine grain estimate in the mixed district, irregular miss match of grains (miss

orientation) limits in mixed locale, mechanical blending of the surface layer, huge forging pressure, controlled flow of material.

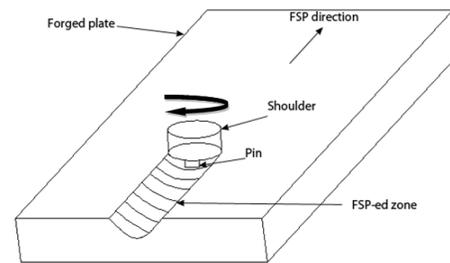


Fig. 1 FSP Diagram

In short friction stir techniques, a few favorable ideas created over the most recent couple of years are exhibited as far as framework and which makes FSP a nonexclusive techniques for prescribed and manufacturing microstructural change of metals.

## II. VARIOUS ADVANTAGES AND APPLICATIONS OF FSP

### A. Applications

Metallic sections delivered by throwing are economical and contain numerous metallurgical blemishes, thus FSP expels the different imperfections, normalize the grains microstructure.

1. Microstructural properties of powder metal items are improved.
2. It is utilized in transportation and ship industries e.g. fabrication of frames, Al expulsions and seaward facilities.
3. It is utilized in aviation ventures to produce the wings.
4. It is additionally utilized in railroad ventures to assemble rail route tankers and compartment bodies.
5. It is additionally utilized in arrive transport, for example, car motor undercarriage, wheel edges, body outlines.

### B. Advantages

1. It has the benefits of decreasing cracks, distortion.
2. Strength and elasticity of material increases in FSP.

### III. VARIOUS VARIABLES IN FSP

It needs confused plastic distortion and development of metal. These variables, for example, geometry of tool and weld joint outline use imperative impact on conveyance of temperature and on material stream design. Along these lines impact the smaller scale basic progression of metal. There are various factors which control the whole process i.e rotational speed of tool, tool tilt angle, material of tool and its plan are a few factors that control the FSP procedure. Below table demonstrates the impact of different variables in FSP.

TABLE I IMPACT OF VARIOUS VARIABLES ON FSP

Variables	Impact
Tool rotation	Oxide layer of Material broke and blended, frictional heat and mixing impact can be caused
Inclination angle of tool pin	For weld appearance and weld appearance
Welding speed	Appearance of heat control
Down force	Contact conditions kept up and frictional heat

#### A. Transverse Speed and Tool Rotation

The two most important parameters are essential in friction stir processing. First is transverse speed of tool along the joint line and second is tool rotational speed in rpm (clockwise or counterclockwise). Frictional heat is produced by the tool movement in work piece tests due to which material is plasticized on both sides which results a strong joint is formed. (Xenon Wang *et al.*, 2006). At the point, tool is turn around the butting surfaces which results heat is produces at the workpiece/sholuder contact surfaces to a little degree in view of dispersal of pertaining to vitality FSP is done at which speed relies upon sort of combinations, rotation speed of tool, entrance profundity and variety of weld joint. When tool rotation speed is higher than higher frictional heat is produces with

pressurized combining and material joining. While transverse speed is done, amid instrument revolution and cross development of tool, debilitated material moves from prompting trailing edge. This exchange of material is assembled inside the tilt angle of the tool with the utilization of axial force.

#### B. Plunge Depth and Tool Tilt Angle

Other than tool rotational magnitude and transverse speed and other critical factors are tool inclined angle, depth with the surface of the work piece. There is tilt of shaft which ensures shoulder of tool to help the blended material through strung pin and exchange material from front to posterior of the pin. The tool is determined by a tilt point i.e. little and it is pushed in the sheets. The clear material experience to a neighborhood in reverse expulsion at the shoulder of tool.

#### C. Design of Tool

Heat generation, plastic stream, and prerequisite of intensity and consistency of FSP joints depends upon tool configuration Other some more important variables are tool geometry, pass length and its shape which affects the generated heat and flow of plastic during the process. During this process, noteworthy factor is tool and it involves pin and shoulder. Controlling rate of FSP process and flow of material fully dependent on profile of pin. A measurable factor heat is produced with the help of the shoulder and avoids the plastic material from the work piece, while tool pin and shoulder impact the stream of material. Resulting joints are indicated by piece layer which is exact and state of stream which is circular; these shapes are absolutely depends upon the tool pin profile and other process variables.

We have 5 types of profile of pin, for example, square pin to create the Friction stir processes joints threaded cylindrical, triangular, straight tube shaped, decreased round and hollow.

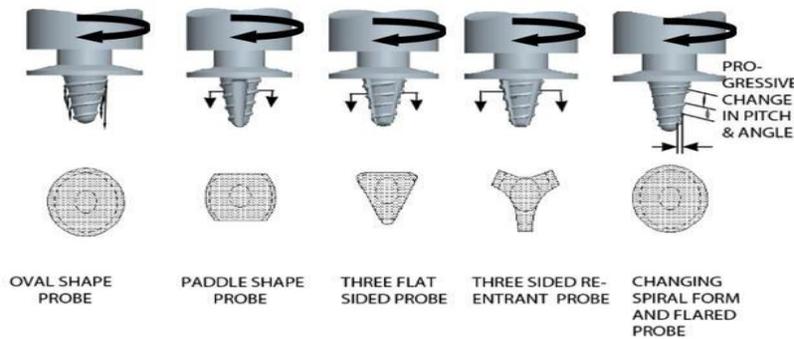


Fig. 2 Various FSP tools

### IV. CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE SCOPE

It is a benefit to industry. It has immense employment in businesses. Very hard metals like steel and building

amalgams could be effortlessly processed with this process. Imperfections could be diminished and consistency of weld joint properties is moved forward. A few results on future work are as per the following

1. Latest work in future is to investigate the impact of the handling variables on different states, for example, depth, change and so forth.
2. FSP will be performed in future on different heat treated or non-heat treated aluminum alloys and aluminum series. It will explore the thermo-mechanical marvel, comparing to the torque conduct and unique power and so on.
3. 3.FSP has lower estimation of expenses and higher proficient procedures is viewed as the great alternative of outline for future difficulties and furthermore air ship ventures changes the ordinary joining advances.

The best comprehension of the standards behind heat exchange, material stream, tool work piece contact conditions and impact of a few procedure variables, at that point compelling devices was readied.

**V. DIFFERENT SIGNIFICANT KEY PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES REMAIN TO BE ADDRESSED**

It is an essential procedure and development of this procedure is because of need of technique which is free of deformity, fundamentally stable. According to previous papers, process models which are unidirectional are the

noteworthy issues which are to be tended to.

In process sub-models, info and yield parameters are required, for example, thermo physical properties, instrument work piece geometry (input), temperature, cooling rates and speed fields (yield). FSP is a basically solid and deformity free process with dependable characteristics. Certain challenges are as per the following

1. Because of limit line of FSP, it is testing process. There are rarest connection between Microstructural dependability and formability of FSP joint as indicated by Yuan S. J. *et al.*, 2012.
2. There is impediment of FSP method i.e. against remarkable grain development; Sped material has low security amid succeeding toughening, a few downsides and certain regions for the exploration of FSP process can be talked about as takes after.
3. In FSP process speed is moderate in different procedures.
4. There is a keyhole after the process passes.
5. Microstructure and properties of sped joints progressed.
6. Subsequently, In FSP the achievement of this procedure should be advanced inside next in future.

TABLE II IMPACT OF VARIOUS VARIABLES ON FRICTION STIR PROCESSING

Sr. No.	Al alloys	Rotational (rpm) and traverse speed of tool (mm/min)	Tool material	Conclusions	References
1	5086-0	1025,720 50,155	Hot die steel	Multipacks FSP can produce fine grain sizes, homogeneous superplastic properties, high fraction of high angle grain boundaries, nugget and composite layer exhibited superplastic deformations exceeding 300%. NL more ductile at strain rate of $5 \times 10^{-2} s^{-1}$ compared to composite layer. CL has highest elongation to failure value i.e. 355%.	Pradeep <i>et al.</i> , (2013)
2	5083	400 25.2	MP159	Man addition have positive effect on microstructure refinement of 5083, highest elongation (800%) obtained with low Man content alloys. Three alloy compositions with changed Man content possess elongation of 600% which makes Sped AA5083 suitable for high-rate forming.	Garcia-Bernal <i>et al.</i> , (2012)
3	6061-T6	156 25.2	Hard steel	The high dislocation density decreases exponentially because it is a function of distance from the tool whereas initial sub grain size increases up to 160-260 nm and after FSP, it further increases approximately 5µm.	Woo <i>et al.</i> , (2012)
4	5083	430 140	H13 tool steel	FSP produce recrystallized fine microstructure. Elongated grains converted into fine equiaxed morphology with high angle grain boundaries. Sped material possesses higher strain rate sensitivity and ductility (by a factor of 3) and less forming loads than rolled material at 250°C.	Dana <i>et al.</i> , (2010)
5	6061-T6	1250 282	H13 tool steel	Dynamic recrystallized zone is a severe plastic deformation which is caused by stirring tool pin of FSP, which is presence in case1. (When FSP plate subjected to plastic deformation and frictional heating) and DXZ is absent in case 2. (when plate is subjected to frictional heating). FSP caused shear texture which is shown by the ODF of recrystallized region.	Woo <i>et al.</i> , (2006)
6	7075	700 160.2	Steel tool	Mechanical properties were improved. High strain rate sensitivity was investigated.	P.Cavaliere <i>et al.</i> , (2005)

**VI. CONCLUSION**

Present survey study of this new technique FSP, aluminum combinations, AMC composites are quickly understandable.

This new technique has been utilized in marine, automobile, aviation and rail street ventures creating of metal network composites at piece zone where we need to alter the properties, microstructure and Al 5052/SiC and even nano

composites can likewise be manufactured by friction stir processing. It increment protection from erosion and weariness and improve formability.

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