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Statistical Analysis of Surface Roughness and Dynamic Friction Profiles During Metalforming STEVEN MATES, MARK STOUDT, JOSEPH HUBBARD, NIST — Laser confocal microscopy is used to image the surface roughness features of sheet metal before and after forming. This technique combines a statistically robust sampling protocol with fine-grained spatial resolution (approximately 100 nm) so that higher moments of the dynamic friction profiles and surface roughness profiles can be compared. These higher moments, including skew and kurtosis, are of interest because they characterize the extremes of the roughness distributions, which are thought to have a significant correlation with the overall friction behavior. Ultimately we seek an improved understanding of the relationship between surface roughness profiles, dynamic friction profiles, and metallurgical conditions in order to reliably predict the detailed friction behavior during actual metalforming operations.

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