

Prediction of wire rod temperatures under different industrial process conditions: Application of reduced order modelling for a fast prediction

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The number of operational variables that determines the cooling process of steel wire, given by the conveyor velocity and the different fan sections powers (controlled independently), lead to a dependency of the cooling on a high multidimensional parameter space whose potential combinations are impossible to be analyzed, either experimentally or by numerical simulation of a thermal-metallurgical model. To tackle this problem, an efficient strategy, based on the use of Higher Order Singular Value Decomposition (HOSVD), is presented. The approach presented permits to predict quite accurately the cooling curve for any combination of the process parameters. Fast on-line predictions of the cooling rates allow incorporating accurate modelling results in many Engineering tools, such as model predictive control algorithms or plant simulation software.

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