



Reduction of Longitudinal Crack in Beam Blank Casting

SYS Smart Surface

Agenda



- SYS Company profile & Manufacturing process introduction
- Observation & Understanding “Longitudinal crack”
- Analysis
- Actions
- Check result

Company profile

SYS I

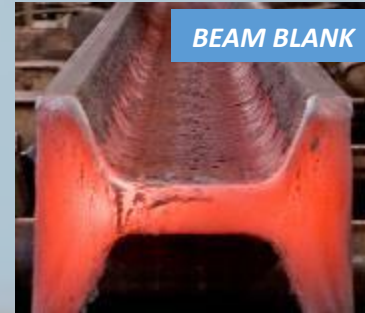
- Capacity: 600,000 ton per year
- Established: 1992
- Started Production: 1994
- Location: Maptaphut Industrial Estate, Thailand

SYS II

- Capacity: 500,000 ton per year
- Established: 2006
- Started Production: 2010
- Location: WHA Eastern Industrial Estate, Thailand

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Steel Plant Products



BEAM BLANK

2 Sizes



BLOOM

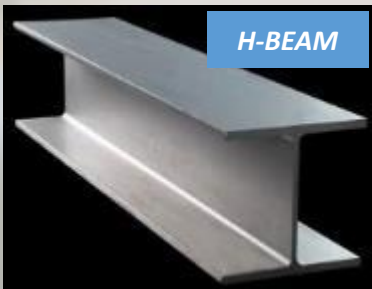
8 Sizes



BILLET

2 Sizes

Rolling Mill Products



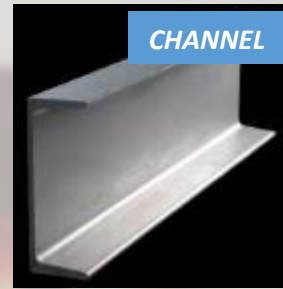
H-BEAM

H100x50 to
H900x300



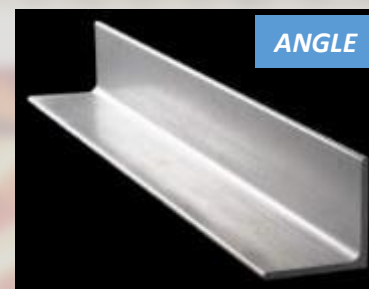
I-BEAM

I150x75 to
I600x190



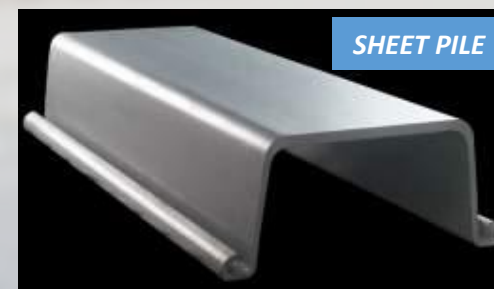
CHANNEL

C100x50 to
C380x100



ANGLE

L100x100 to
L250x250



SHEET PILE

SP400x100 to
SP400x170



CUT BEAM

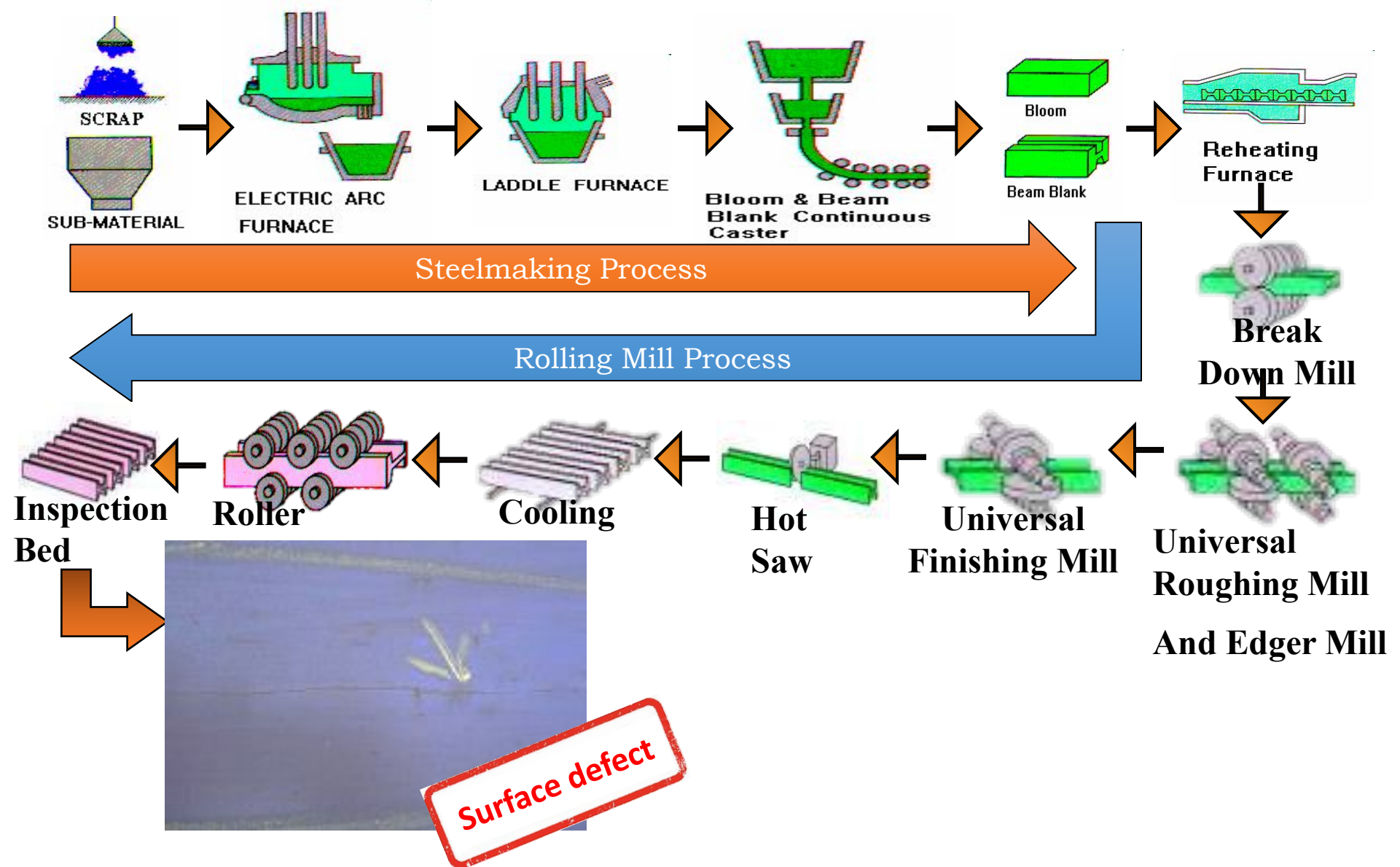
50x50 to
450x300

Company profile

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Manufacturing process

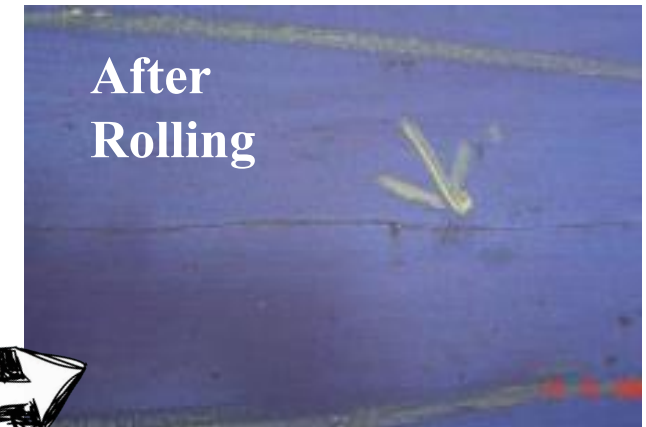
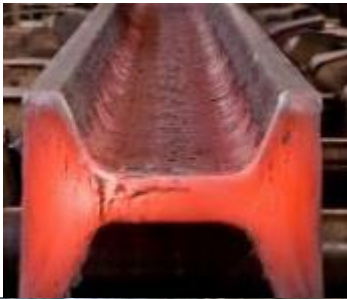


What is longitudinal crack?

Surface crack ,The main factors causing the occurrence of surface cracks in the shell of the beam blanks during continuous casting

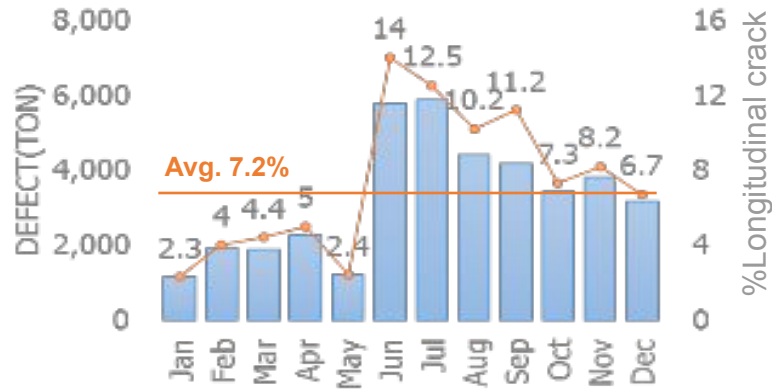
“This defect is fairly common for beam blanks”

Ref. Madias, J., Genzano, C., Oropeza, M., and Moss, C.,
“A Review of defects in beam blank casting and the
measures proposed for their elimination”

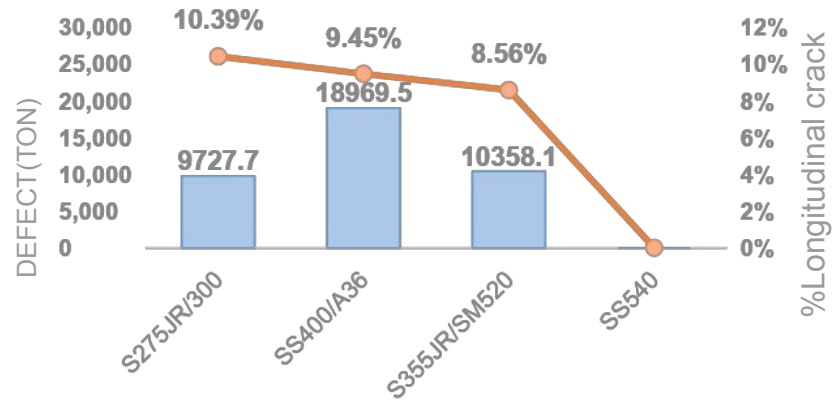


Longitudinal crack record

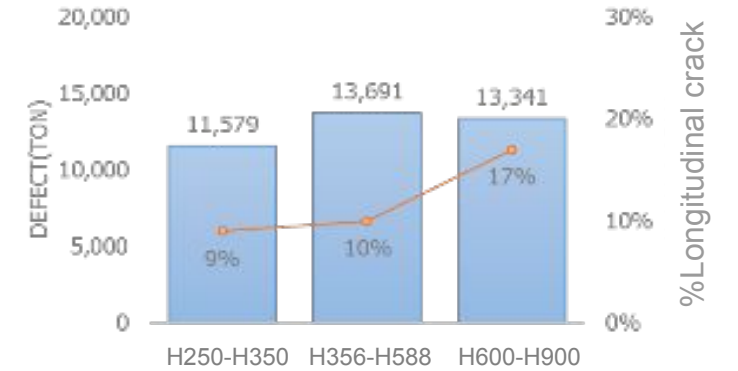
- Month



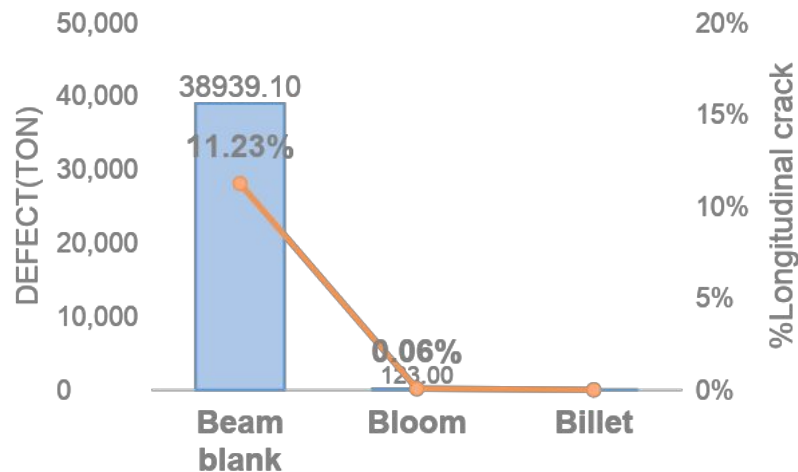
- Grade



- Product size



- Beam blank/Bloom

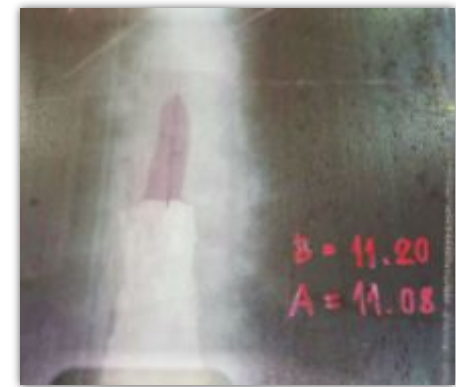


Beam Blank



Depth of Longitudinal crack 2mm

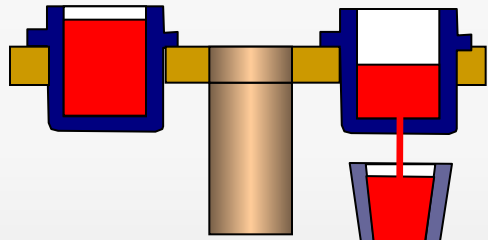
H Beam



Depth of Longitudinal crack 0.5mm

Casting process overall

Casting area

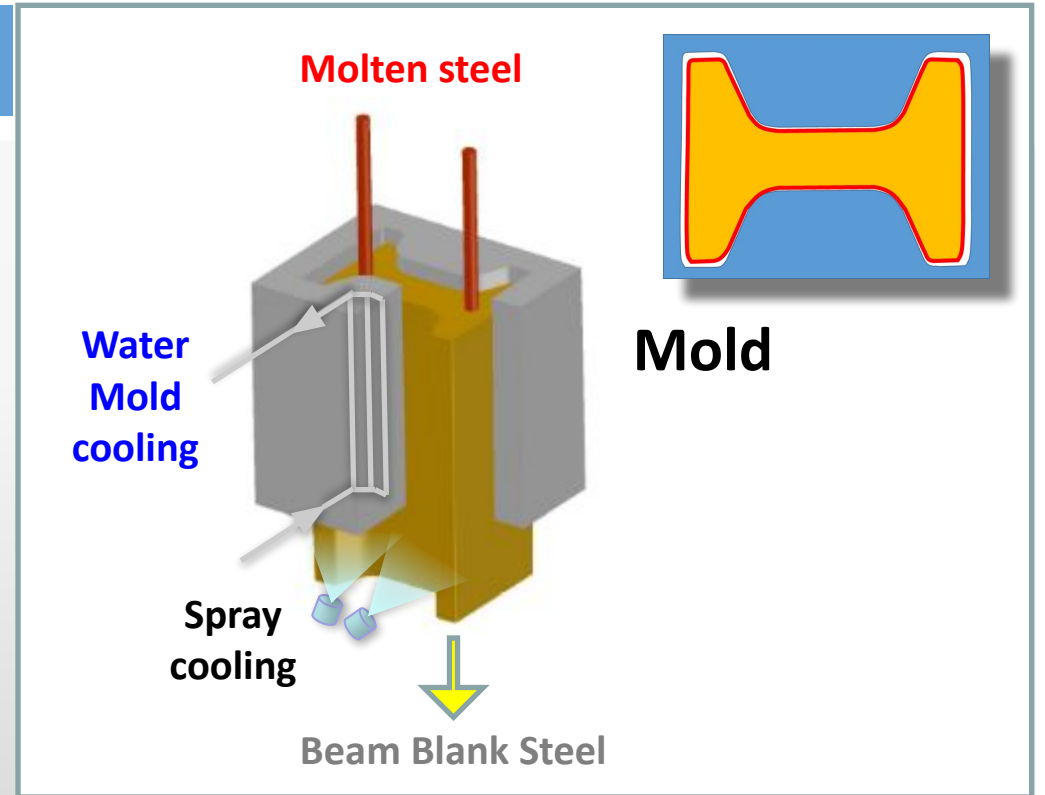
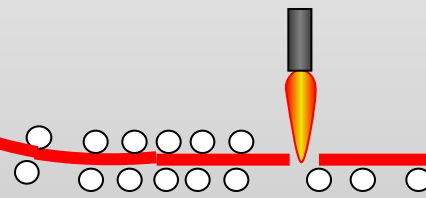


Mold

Spray



Spray



Molten steel

Water
Mold
cooling

Mold

Spray
cooling

Beam Blank Steel



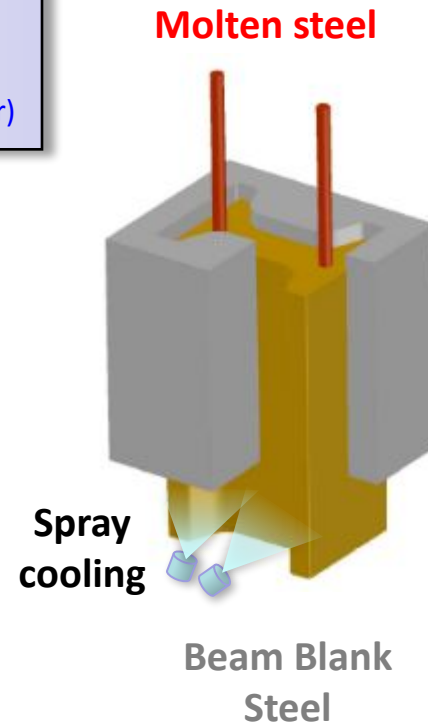
phenomenon

WHY 1

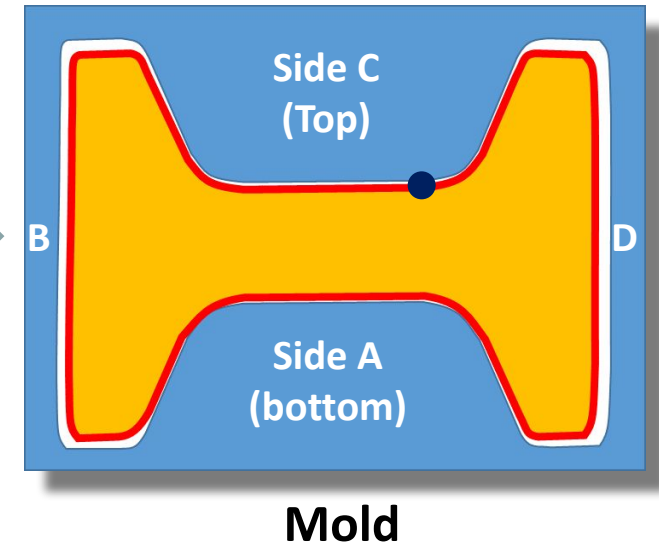
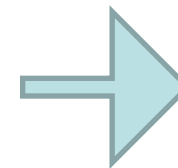
Crack on beam blank

Low strength of shell layer

Some force act to shell layer
(Bigger than strength of shell layer)



Mold



Problem observation

Analysis

Action

Check result

phenomenon

WHY 1

WHY 2

WHY 3

WHY 4

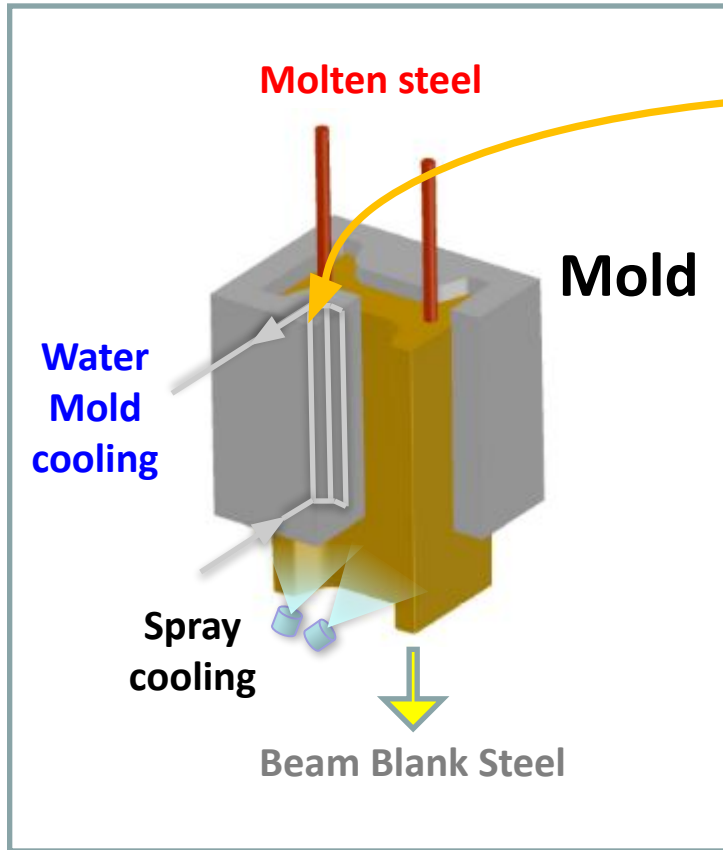
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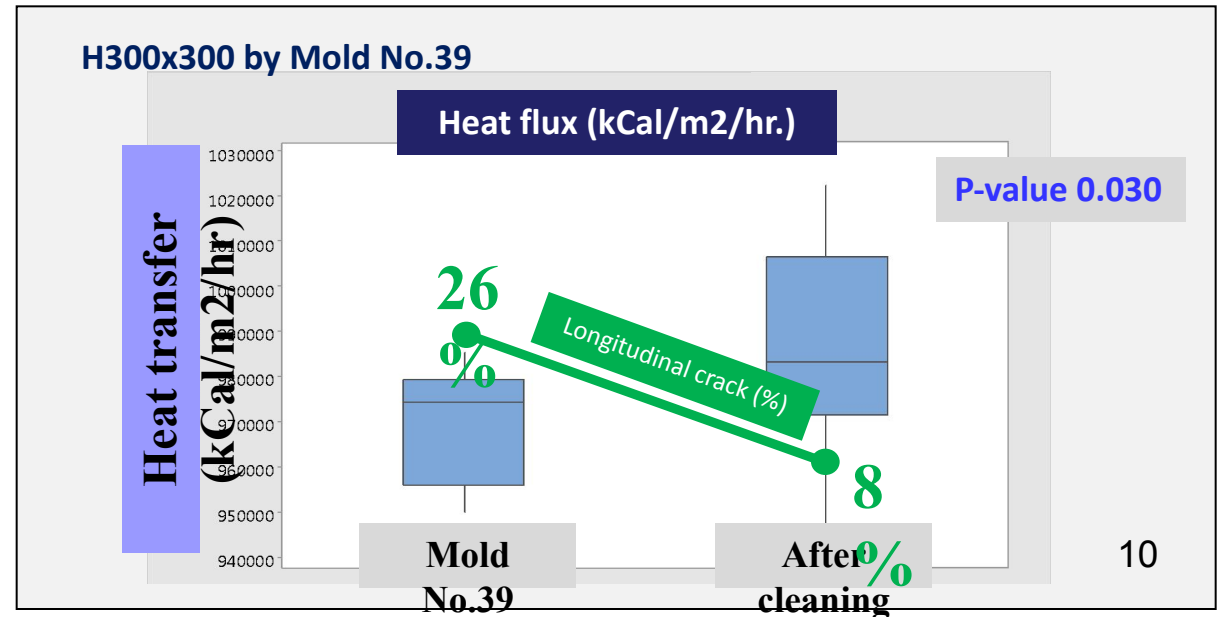
Thin shell layer

Low heat exchange

Low ability of heat exchange of mold



The thermal conductivity of Ca Scale is about **1/300** compare to Cu



phenomenon

Crack on beam blank

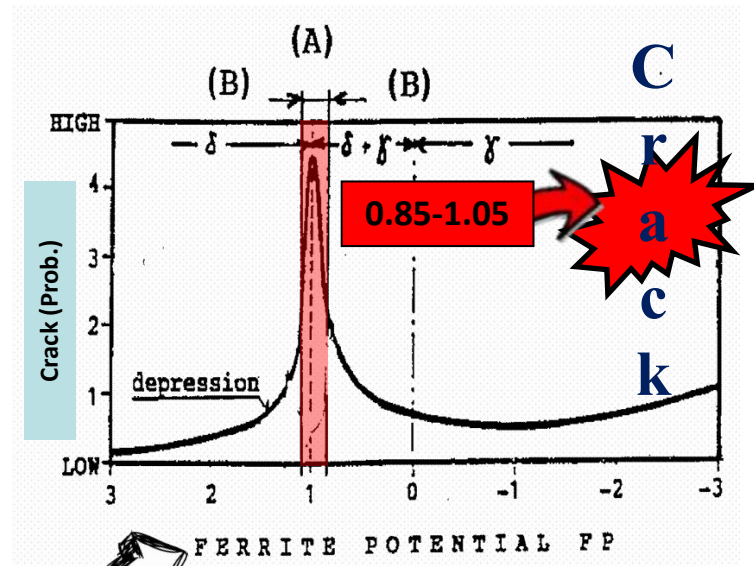
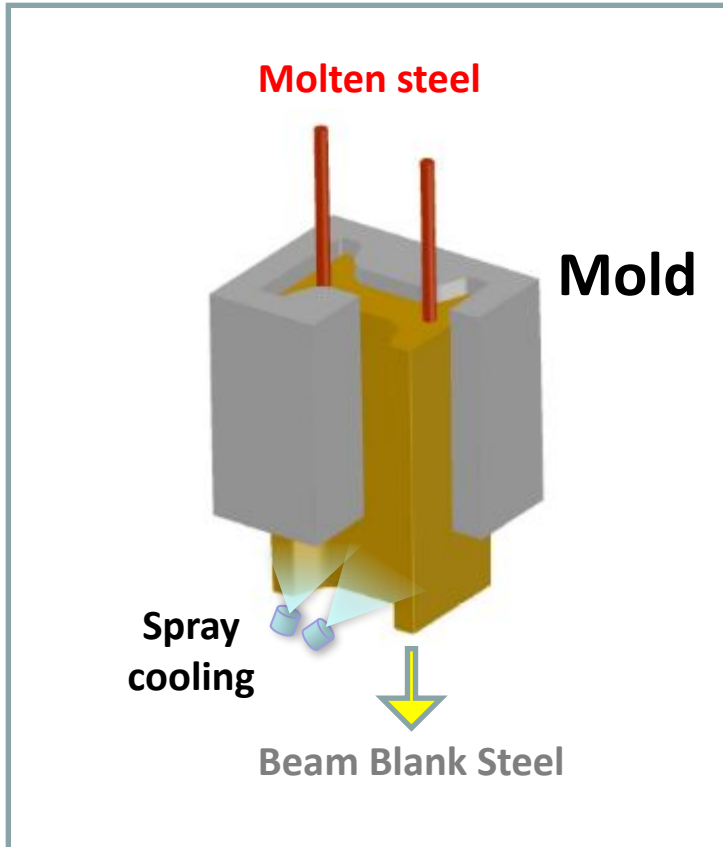
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WHY 2

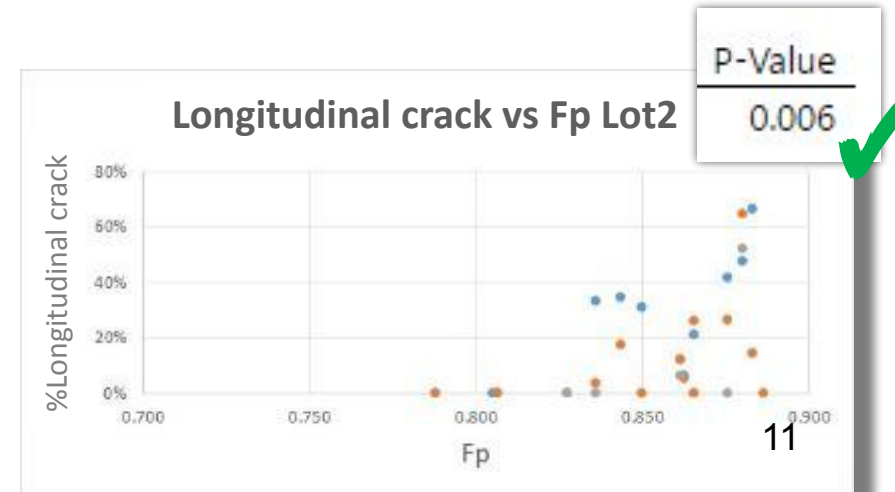
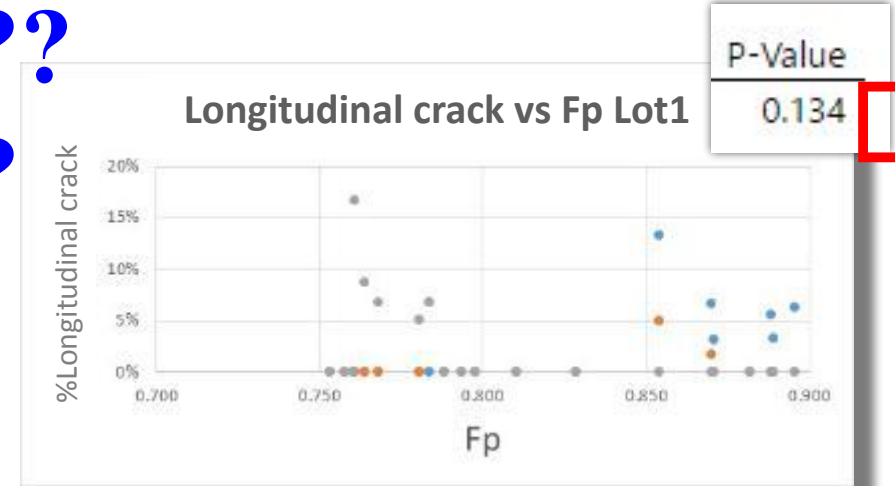
Chemical is not appropriate

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Ref. Karlinski, V., Fogazzi, W., De Souza, B.V., Ferreira, C.R.F., Dos Santos, C.A. and Spim, J.A., "A ferrite potential influence on heat transfer condition in industrial mold during the continuous casting of steel", Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil

$\%C + \%Mn + \%Ni + \%S$
 $i + \%Cr + \%Mo$



phenomenon

WHY 1

WHY 2

WHY 3

Crack on beam blank

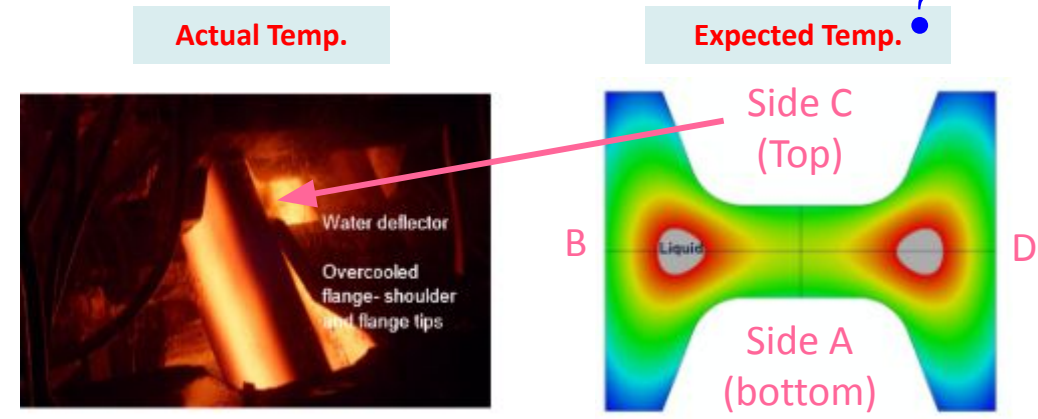
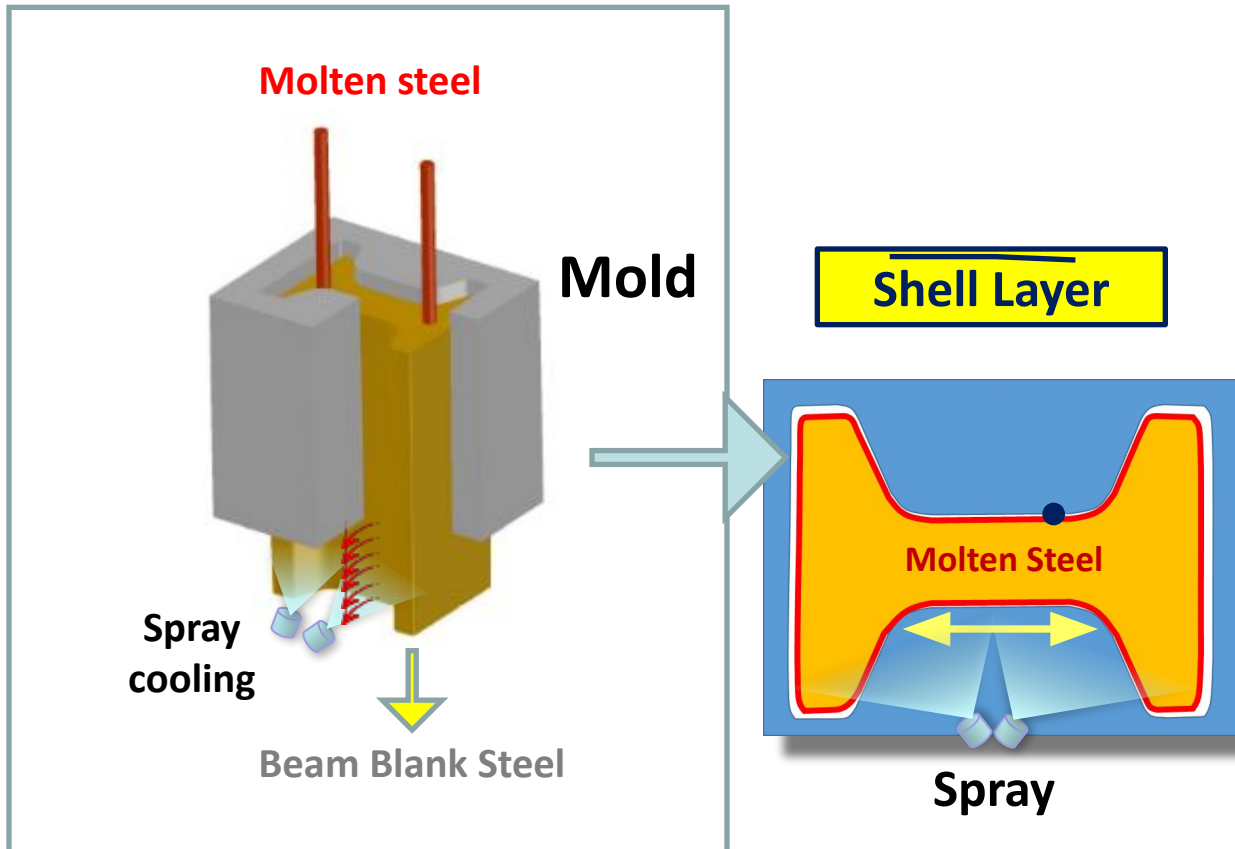
Some force act to shell layer
(Bigger than strength of shell layer)

Too much Contraction force

Too much water spray cooling

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Actual temp was not much different from expected

phenomenon

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WHY 4

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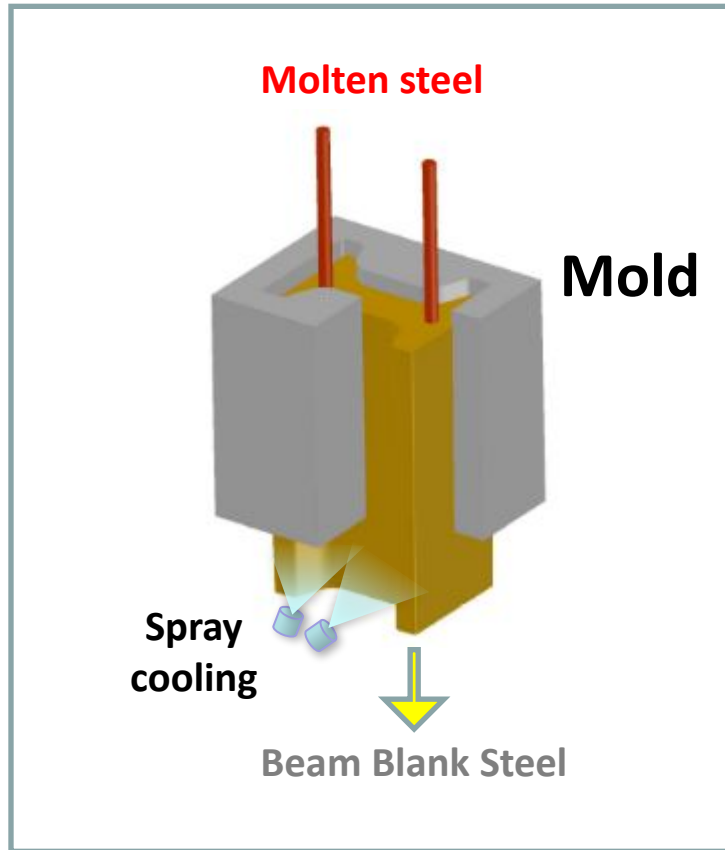
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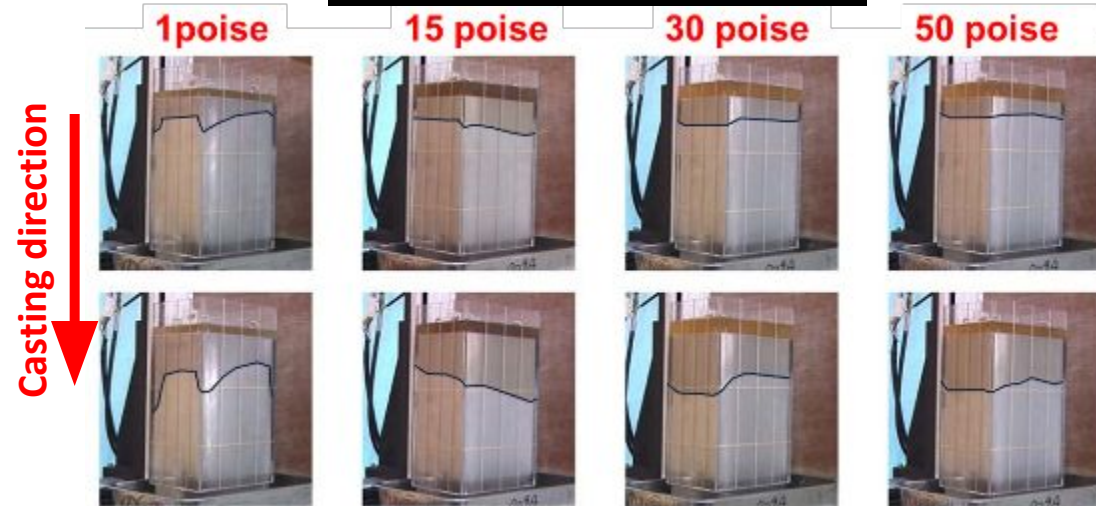
Unbalance contraction force

Ununiformed lubrication film of mold powder

Low viscosity of mold powder



Viscosity effect of Mold powder



Chemical is not appropriate



Too much water spray cooling



Low viscosity of mold powder



DOE Experiment

Factors

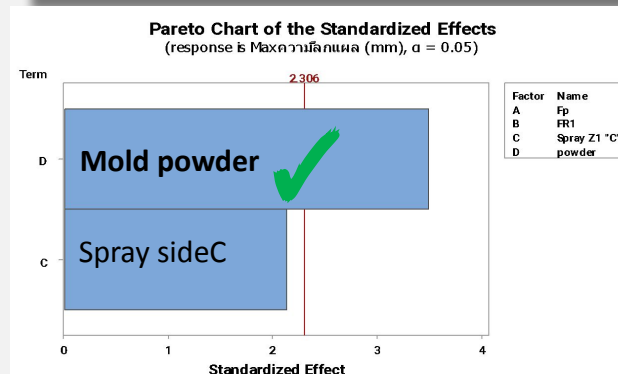
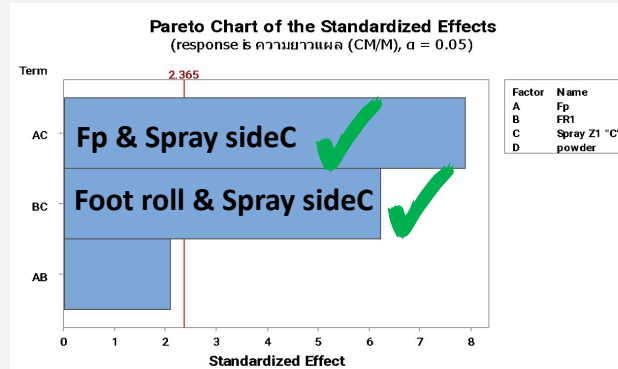
Fp Min : 0.80
Medium : 0.85
Max : 0.90

Spray Foot roll
Min : 37 l/min
Medium : 46 l/min
Max : 55 l/min

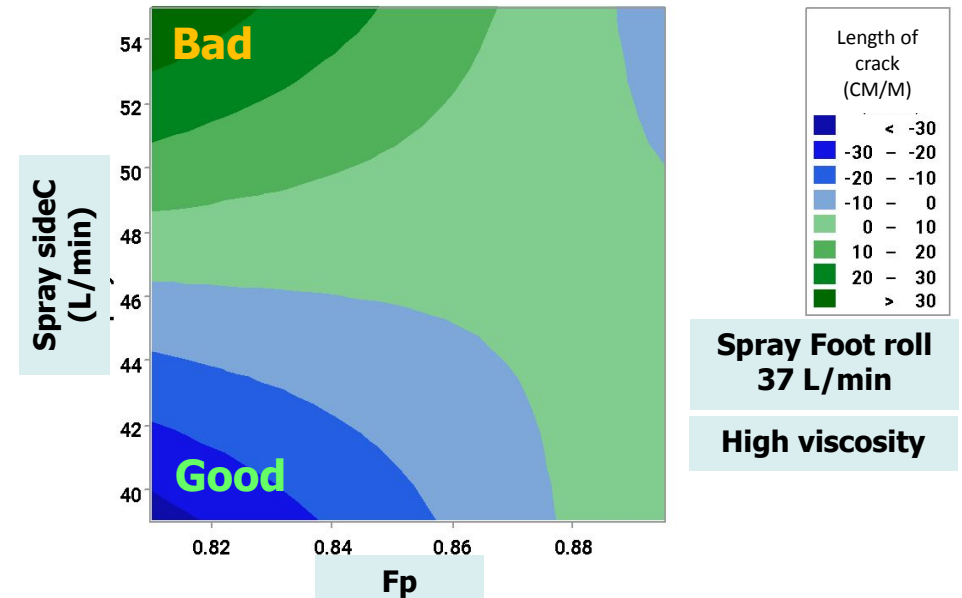
Spray water side "C"
Min : 40 l/min
Medium : 48 l/min
Max : 55 l/min

Mold power
High viscosity
Low viscosity

Interaction testing result



Contour Plot result



Problem observation

Analysis

Action

Check result

Chemical is not appropriate



Too much water spray cooling



Low viscosity of mold powder



Best condition from DOE

- Mold powder High viscosity
- Foot roll 37 l/min
- Spray segment 1 side C 40 l/min
- Fp value ≤ 0.85

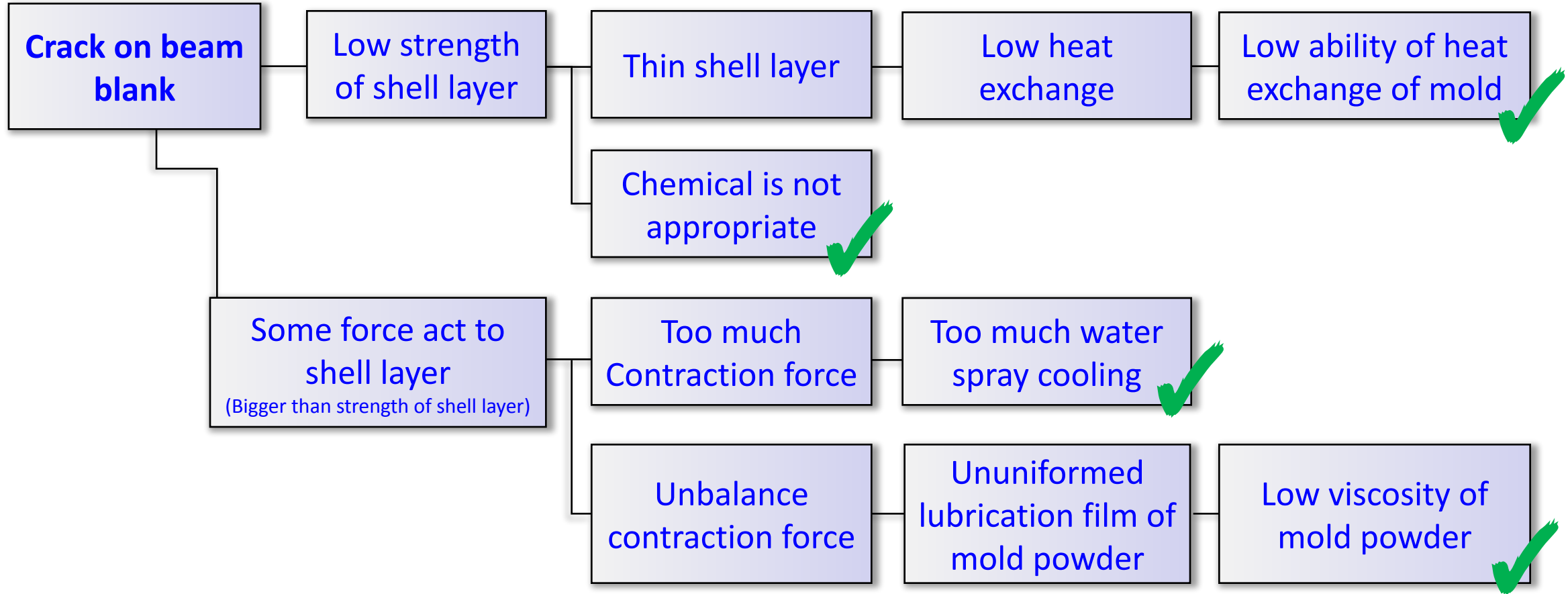
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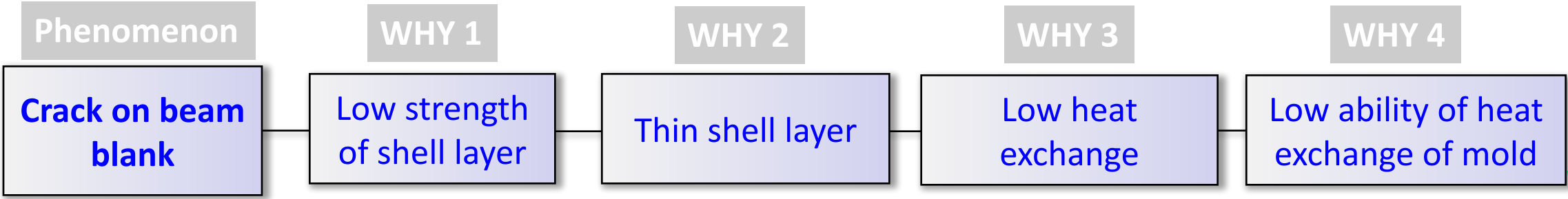
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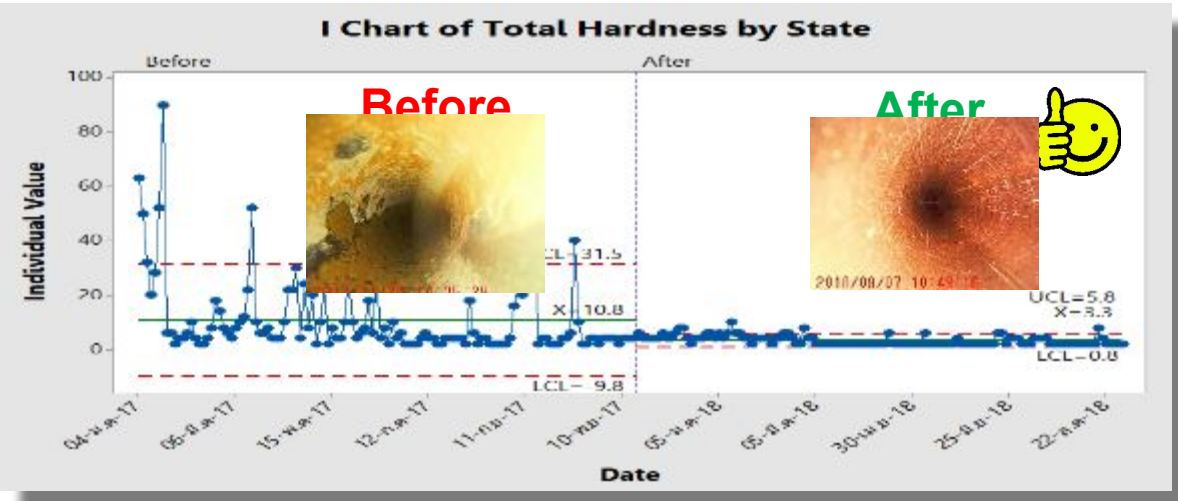
Actions



Action#1

Ca hardness check sheet

Check Sheet Softener												
Total Hardness (ppm)												
No.	Softener A		Softener B		Softener C		Softener D		Softener E		Softener F	
	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	
01	4.6	2	4.1	1.8	2	1	4	1	1.5	2.18	2.67	12.2
02	4.1	1.2	4.4	2	4	3	2	2	3.31	3.38	2.43	1.49
03	3.0	4	4.6	3.0	6	2	2	2	1.3	0.2	7.68	9.65



Action: Control Mold cleaning schedule ≤ 250 Heat
Reduce & Control Ca hardness in Water mold cooling ≤ 10 ppm
by additional softener

Problem observation

Analysis

Action

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Phenomenon

WHY 1

WHY 2

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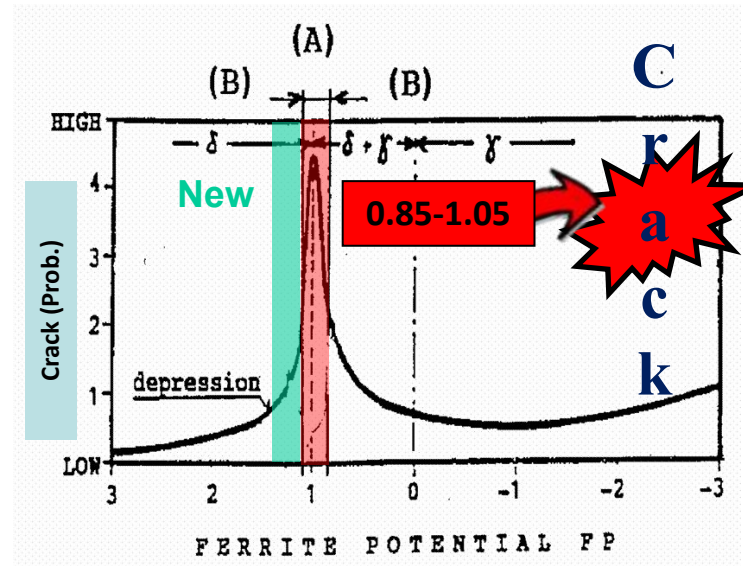
Low strength of shell layer

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Action#2

Fp
calculation
n



Action: Set parameter $Fp \leq 0.85$ via control C, Mn, Ni, Si, Cr and Mo

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Action

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Phenomenon

Crack on beam
blank

WHY 1

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shell layer
(Bigger than strength of shell layer)

WHY 2

Too much
Contraction force

WHY 3

Too much water
spray cooling ✓

Action#3

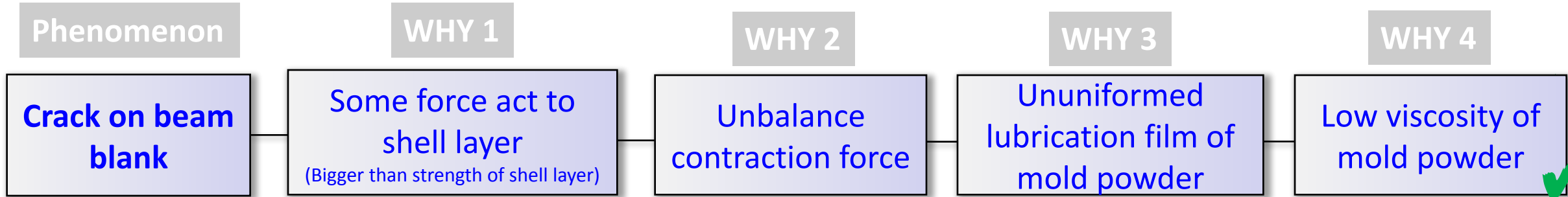


Side C



Action: Adjust spray cooling pattern in HMI

- Foot roll spray **35-39 L/min** (From DOE)
- Spray side C **37-43 L/min** (From DOE)



Action#4

Chemical Composition (%)	Aim	Range
SiO ₂	46.5	45.5 - 47.5
Al ₂ O ₃	4.3	3.8 - 4.8
CaO	27.9	26.9 - 28.9
Na ₂ O	1	0.9 - 1.9
F	1.4	1.4 - 2.4
Li ₂ O	0.9	0.4 - 1.4
B ₂ O ₃	2.5	2.5 - 3.5
T.C	9.8	9.3 - 10.3
CaO/SiO ₂	0.60	0.55 - 0.65
Softening Point (°C)	1085	1070 - 1100
Viscosity(Pa·S)at 1300°C	2.5	2.3 - 2.7
(poise) at 1300°C	25	23 - 27

Action: Set Spec. Mold powder in high viscosity

Check result

Problem observation

Analysis

Action

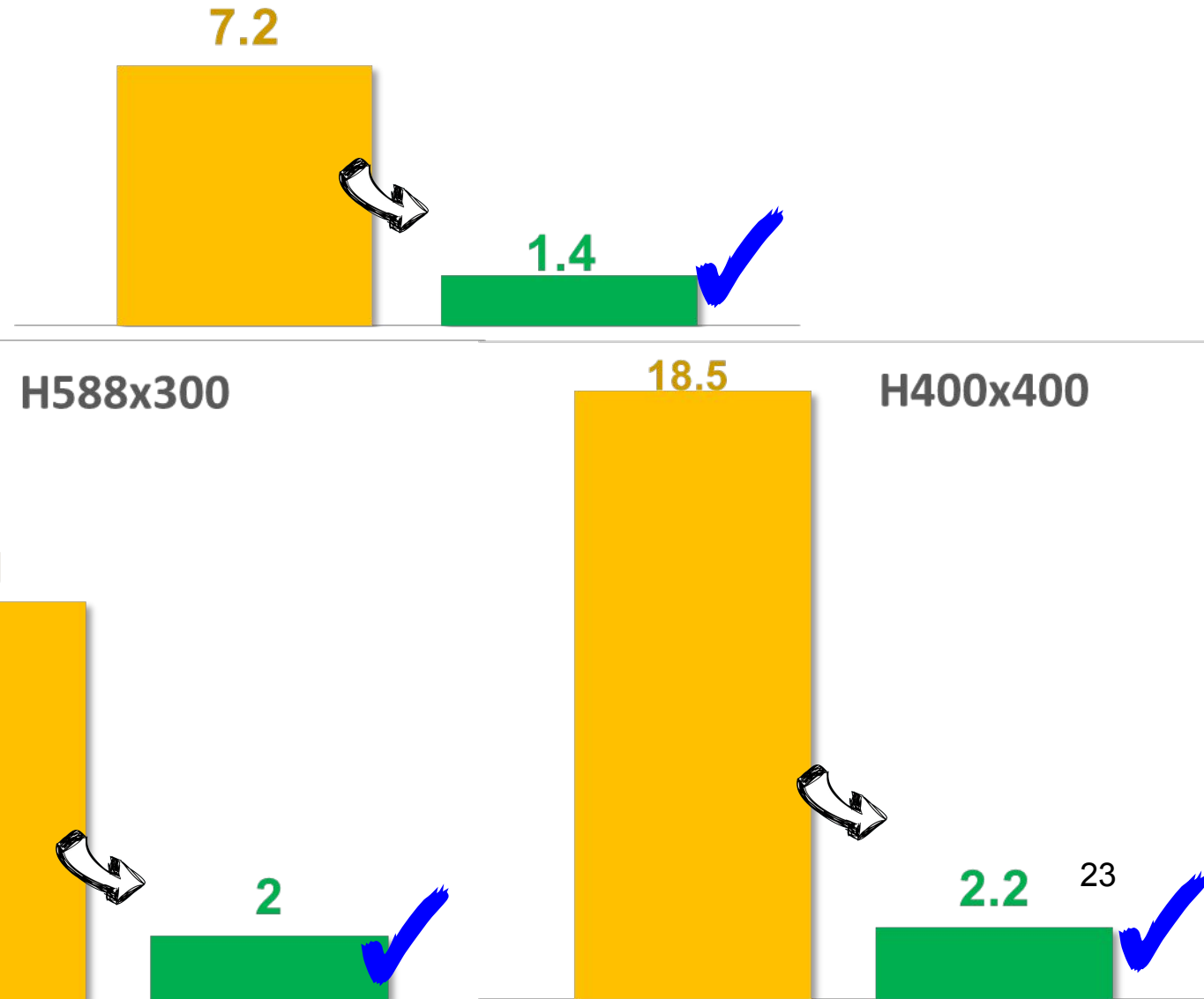
Check result

Result of Actual control & % Longitudinal Crack

	Control standard	Actual
Fp value	≤0.85	0.79 – 0.85
Mold cleaning	≤250 Heat	198 Heat
Ca-Hardness	≤10 ppm	3 ppm
Foot roll spray	35 – 39 L/min	32 – 36 L/min
Spray side C	37 – 43 L/min	35 – 40 L/min

%Total

■ Before ■ After





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Thank you



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