

Drilling of Aluminum Reinforced with HNT Hybrid Matrix Composites: Effect of Control Parameters

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Abstract

The goal of the current paper is to identify the best control parameters for drilling aluminium hybrid metal matrix composites, including drilling speed, feed rate, HNT and boron nitride weight percentages, respectively. HNT (3%, 5%, and 7%) and BN (2%, 3%, and 4%) in varying weight percentages are used to reinforce the aluminium matrix material. The sir casting technique is used to create the hybrid matrix. Using grey relation analysis with assistance from Taguchi, process parameter predictions are optimised. Moreover, an ANN model is created to forecast the output parameter. The effects of each control parameter are optimised using the Taguchi S/N ratio approach. The findings indicate that the feed rate and weight percentage of HNT are the two factors that have the greatest influence on the drilling of.

1. Introduction

Composites made of aluminium and metal are becoming more and more significant in today's industrial technological trends. They had grown significantly in popularity and significance as a result of their distinctive mechanical and physical characteristics. Composite materials have largely replaced conventional ferrous materials in the automotive sector due to their excellent strength and wear resistance. To increase the mechanical strength, wear resistance, and corrosion resistance of aluminium alloys, ceramic particles are frequently utilised [1]. Aluminum composites have much better properties than alloys or other metals, including high tensile strength, toughness, stiffness, low density, and exceptional wear resistance. Composite materials with low densities and prices have drawn a lot of interest [2]. Processes including milling, turning, and drilling as well as temperature changes are quite difficult because of the materials' tough reinforcements. Ultimately, there is more vibration, poor surface quality, and greater tool wear.

the drilling process's end outcome [3]. The created matrix must go through sufficient control parameter optimization in order to achieve proper drilling quality and find proper surface quality [4]. Input parameters can be applied to any optimization technique to provide results like an increase in material removal rate, a decrease in surface roughness, and a minimization of the building process [5]. The right input parameters can be chosen by choosing from a variety of optimization processes. Increasing the spindle speed and optimising the feed rate will result in a higher material removal rate, but doing so will also result in higher machining temperatures and poorer surface finishes. In order to achieve optimum MRR and lowest surface finish with a reduced cutting force, these response parameters must be tuned [6]. Most of the mechanical properties of MMC are determined by the amount of reinforcement and the abridgment procedure. Poor wettability is caused by an increase in porosity as the reinforcing percentage rises. The density is to blame for this.

here is a difference between the base alloy and the reinforcing, thus the casting technique must be properly chosen [7]. To investigate the machinability characteristics of hybrid composites made of SiC and graphite-reinforced aluminium matrix, Pal- anikumar and Muniaraj employed carbide drills of various diameters. They claimed that the most crucial machinability parameters for metal-matrix hybrid composites were cutting force and feed [8]. In this research, Al2219/15SiCp and Al2219/15SiCp-3Gris hybrid metal matrix composites (MMCs) were tested to see how cutting settings affected drilling characteristics. These composites' drilling properties are investigated using Taguchi experiment design and variance analysis (ANOVA). The findings showed that the ceramic reinforcement $SiC + Gr$ has superior characteristics in comparison to SiC alone [9]. According to Karabulut et al. [10], milling Al-6061/B4C MMC with 5, 10, 15, and 20% B4C was explored. As B4C is increased, the hardness of the MMC has been seen to grow, reaching its maximum hardness at 20% B4C. Yet, the impact resistance decreases as the percentage of B4C rises. The optimal surface polish seems to be 15% B4C at high speed, low feed rate, and dry cutting conditions [10]. Kavimani et al. [11] employed Taguchi-based GRA coupled PCA to analyse the machining reactions on WEDM performed on Mg-based materials.

The trials' findings indicate that MRR and Ra are the variables that have the most influence. Principal component analysis coupled with hybrid GRA was used to evaluate the replies for many objectives in order to determine the weighting values. The optimal value was chosen based on each performance, and the results obtained using the best combination were discovered to have a maximum MRR of 14.9 ml/min and a Ra of at least 2.04 m [11].

2. Experimental Details

Materials and Methods

Specimen Preparation. Aluminum alloy 5052 is chosen as a matrix material due to its high fatigue strength and corrosion resistance. The chemical composition of Al5052 isshown in Table [1.](#page-1-0) HNT was chosen as a primary re- inforcement with weight percentage of 3, 6, and 9. The chemical compound or the molecular chemical formula of HNT is (H4AL2O9 Si2.2H2O). HNT is a lowcost materialand it is widely used in many medical fields, especially for anticancer medical aid. The material mainly contains alu- minum and silica, which shows high strength-to-weight ratio, better corrosion properties, and high wear re-sistance. The HNT has high bonding between the surfaces ofthe matrix material due to its anisotropic arrangement of carbonyl groups. Al203 isthe outer part of HNT, whereas the inner core material is silicon dioxide (Sio2). Mainly HNT isused as a culpableness for plastic filler agent and also for bone implants. In this current research work the compo- sition of HNT is, Al2O3-35.4, Fe2O3-0.39, TiO2-0.15, MgO- 0.16, Na2O-0.20, and SiO2-48.8. The secondary re- inforcement was chosen as Boron Nitride with a weight percentage of (2, 3, and 4) due to its wettability and self- lubricant nature.

TaBlE 1: Chemical composition of Al 5052.

Mn Fe Cu Mg Si Zn Cr Ti Zr Bal0.10 0.35 0.8 2.60 0.20 0.25 0.30 0.050.10 Al

Fabrication Technique. The matrix material Al 5052 was fabricated by using a combo-casting process. Initially Al5052 was heated upto $720\degree C$, in muffie furnace the both the re- inforcement

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HNT and Boron Nitride (BN) are preheated. Meanwhile, the molten material was cooled down to 575 °C during that process, the preheated reinforcement material was added to the slurry and stirred at 500 rpm continuously for10 minutes [\[12\]. A](#page-19-0)fter that, the molten material is poured into a required die and cooled down. The several combinations of Aluminum hybrid matrix are shown in Table [2.](#page-2-0)

Table [2](#page-2-0) shows the hardness value of newly developed composites. The hardness of the composites was measured using Vickers hardness test. The hardness value of 39.7 HV exhibits at 7%, and 4% of boron nitride shows high hardness value. On increase in weight, percentage of reinforcement shows higher hardness value.

purpose ma- chining process. In this process, optimization of drilling process parameters is *Drilling Experimental Setup.* The hybrid composites areshaped into 70 mm 40 mm 10 mm for the chosen as the machining process. The high speed steel (HSS) is used as a drilling tool with a diameterof 8 mm. For each of the three experiments, the drill bit is changed in order to reduce the error. The tests were performed on a three-pivot CNC machining focus which has an axle speed scope of 60–6000 rpm with an 802D BMV 40 320D control framework. The surface roughness (Ra) of the processed ex- ample was estimated by the MITUTOYO SJ 210M convenientsurface unpleasantness gadget [\[13\].](#page-19-1) The cutting power was estimated by a Kistler 9257B 3-part dynamometer, and a Kistler5070A enhancer was utilized to intensify the signals.

Process Parameters. The control parameters chosen in this experiments are four factor and three levels as shown inTable [3.](#page-2-1) The weight percentage of HNT and weight per- centage of BN along with feed rate and drilling speed are theprocess parameters. Based on the literature and expert analysis, the experiment parameters are chosen.

L²⁷ Orthogonal Array. In this current experimental plan, it is intended to distinguish the impact of parameters like weight % of HNT, weight level of boron nitride, cuttingrate and cutting feed over cutting speed, temperature, MRR, and surface roughness. To break down the cycle boundaries,the test configuration was finished utilizing Taguchi or- thogonal array to limit the number of experiments [\[14\]. I](#page-19-2)n light of the Taguchi plan, L_{27} symmetrical exhibit was chosen depending on the total degrees of freedom.

S. no Factors Unit Values

strategy, the output factors are investigated as far as signal-to- noise (S/N) proportion, it is used for measuring the noise factor[\[15\].](#page-19-3) The legitimate S/N proportion computation standards should be picked among three measures to be specific "Larger isbetter," "Medium is better," and "Smaller is better." As the goal is to limit the surface roughness, temperature, and cutting force, "MRR larger is better" rules are chosen.

Stage 3. Ascertain real yields utilizing the sigmoidal nonlinearity given in condition 3.

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f \text{ net}_i \quad \oint \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\text{net}}} \,. \tag{3}
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Stage 4. Adjust loads utilizing condition 4
 $w_{ij}(t+1) \otimes w_{ij}(t) + \eta \delta_j \mathbb{Z}'_i$,

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w_{ij}(t+1) \otimes w_{ij}(t) + \eta \delta_j \mathbb{Z}'_i, \qquad (4)
$$

where is the yield of the hub I and η is the learning rate steady and is the afectability of the hub *j*. Assuming hub *j* is a yield hub,

 $\delta_j \hat{\bullet} f$ net*j dj* − *yj* , (5)

where d_i is the ideal yield of the hub *j* and y_i is the genuine yield and is the induction of the initiation workdetermined at net *j*. Assuming the hub *j* is an interior hub, the afectability is characterized as follows:

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\delta_j \cdot \oint \text{net}_j \cdot \delta_k w_j k,
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\n(6)
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\underline{S} \qquad \begin{cases}\n\downarrow & n \\
\downarrow & n \\
\text{ratio} \cdot \phi = 10 \log n, \quad y_i \\
\text{where } k \text{ aggregates over all hubs in the layer over the hub } j. \text{ Refreshold conditions are determined utilizing the chain induction rule applied to the LMS preparing\n\end{cases}
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For finding the S/N ratio for MRR which has to be increased during machining process, the "larger is better" criteria is selected and the equation is as follows:

basis work.

Stage 5. Repeat by going to stage 2

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N^{ratio � −10 log $\bigwedge_{\tilde{P}}$} $\sum_{\emptyset}^{\mathfrak{g}} \bigwedge_{\emptyset}^{\mathfrak{h}} \mathfrak{g}_{\emptyset}^{\mathfrak{g}} \mathfrak{g}_{\emptyset}^{\mathfrak{h}}$ (2)

some preset worth *θ*. A superior methodology is a crosswhere "*i*" is the number of experiments and " y_i " is the observational results of i^{th} experiments. approval procedure to quit preparing when the mistake on

Artificial Neural Network Model. ANN is the in- formation process that mind measures data. It comprises of countless interconnected components called neuron work- ing in corresponding to take care of a specific issue [\[16\].](#page-19-4) Figure [1 s](#page-7-0)hows the design of a three-layer artificial neural network (ANN). The information neurons are weight per- centage of HNT, weight percentage of Boron nitride, speed, and feed rate, similarly, the yield neurons are surface roughness, temperature during machining, MRR rate, and cutting force. The information and yield estimates are prepared utilizing back propagation algorithm, and 27 ex- ploratory variables are validated and trained.

Preparing the organization with back proliferation cal- culation brings about a nonstraight planning between the information and yield factors. In this manner, given the information/yield matches, the organization can have itsloads changed by the back-engineering calculation to catch

the nonstraight relationship [\[17\].](#page-19-5) It comprises the accoma diferent approval set arrives at least. Subsequent to pre-

paring, the organizations with fixed loads can give the yieldto the given input.

Grey Relational Analysis. Taguchi S/N proportional examination is restricted to minimize number of experi- ments. To improve the information boundaries for multi- goals such as surface roughness, temperature, material removal rate and cutting force, a multiobjective algorithm along with Taguchi configuration is a better option [\[18\].](#page-19-6) Furthermore, the Taguchi plan with GRA is the strongest technique to take care of the multiobjective problems.

Three significant advances are associated with tackling multiobjective response parameters through GRA. The initial step is to standardize the deliberate yield work in- dependently and it is basically the same as the S/N pro- portion estimation in Taguchi technique where various models are followed. The "smaller is better" standardization condition is chosen for minimizing surface roughness, temperature, and cutting force which the formula can be written as follows: panying advances:

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Y Stage 1. Instate loads and balances (7)

ij max*z* − min*z*

Stage 2. Present Input and Desired Output variable

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In the event of material removal rate, the used for in- creasing MRR is "larger is better" and the condition is as follows:

inference, it can be relatively said that the hardness value is

Efect of Process Parameters on MRR. Figure [3\(a\) s](#page-11-1)hows the efect of MRR along with HNT and boron nitride. It shows that minimum percentage of HNT and maximum 4%

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Y \triangleleft \frac{Z}{\max_{ij} - \min_{ij}} - \min_{ij}
$$
 (8)

of boron nitride increases in material removal rate. From the *ij*

> the main factor for MRR. The lower hardness is easily to be machined $[20]$. Figure $3(b)$ shows the efect of speed and feed

where Z_{ij} is the worth obtained from the trial

information, min (Z_{ij}) is the base worth from the ex- amination. Additionally, max (Z_{ij}) is the most extreme deserving is acquired from the test for that specific parameter.

The second step is to calculate grey relational coefficient for the normalized data using the following equation:

where *i* � 1, 2, 3, . . ., *n j* � 1, 2, 3, . . ., *m*

where $i \, \mathbf{\hat{Q}}\, 1, 2, 3, \ldots n \, j \, \mathbf{\hat{Q}}\, 1, 2, 3, \ldots m$

GRC_{ij} is grey relational coefficients for the *i*th try/ preliminary and *j*th subordinate variable/reaction value. δ outright unique among y_{oj} and y_{ij} , which is a distinction from the objective esteem and can be treated as a quality misfortune. It is the distinctive coefficient, which is gen- erally fixed at 0.5.

The final step is to create grey rational grade for all experimental data. This is to find the optimum combination for the multiresponse parameters of these aluminumcomposites. The GRG is determined using the following equation:

over the developed composites. At 1500 rpm and 60 mm/ min MRR increases.

Efect of Process Parameters on Temperature. Figure [4\(a\)](#page-12-0) shows the influence of process parameters on temperature. The mean efect plot shows the relation be- tween HNTand boron nitride. Addition of HNTover 6% the hardness is increased, drilling the harder composites are challenging for machining, subsequently the increase in temperature happens at maximum percentage of HNT re- inforcement and boron nitride. The feed rate is the second afecting component for increase in temperature during drilling process. Increase in feed rate above 40 mm/min results in higher volume of material is eliminated from the workpeice that requires enormous amount of force is needed to eliminate the chip which results in higher amount of material is removed results in rise in temperature [21]. The vibration of the instrument at the most extreme at the maximum depth of cut and point of contact is high at this point which increases the temperature .

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n\frac{1}{Cutting\ Force.}
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 3.5. Effect of Process Parameters on

 GRG_{ii} \bullet GRC_{ii} . (9) *i*�0

3. Results and Discussion

Analysis of the signal-to-noise ratio. Table 4 lists the experimental findings for the corresponding input control parameters for the L27 orthogonal array. The ideal decision is suggested by the S/N ratio value for each level of response parameters, and the most important parameters can be chosen by the S/N ratio rank order.

Surface Roughness and Process Parameters The effect of process parameters on surface roughness between boron nitride and HNT is depicted in Figure 2(a). We have the minimum surface roughness value at 3% of HNT and 2% with the minimum feed rate. The most important variables that affect the surface finish are the feed rate and HNT %. The effect of the control parameter on the relationship between speeds and feed rate is depicted in Figure 2(b). The surface smoothness is better when drilling at a lower feed rate and a medium speed in the speed-feed rate relationship. Increased composite hardness typically results in unsatisfactory surfaces since developed composites have higher levels of hardness. Machine work is challenging for the harder component. The composite has a 39.7 HV hardness at 7% HNT and 4% BN. Drilling and chip removal are quite challenging in this scenario [19]. [5\(a\)](#page-13-0) shows the efect of process parameters on cuttingforce on HNT and boron nitride. The increase in weight percentage of reinforcement increases the hardness of the developed composites. While machining the harder com- posites, it is very difficult to drill which results in increased cutting force [\[22\].](#page-20-1) Figure [5\(b\)](#page-13-1) shows the efect of process parameters on cutting force BN and feed rate. Increased feedrate increases the cutting force due to continual chip re- moval from the cutting zone, which becomes tougher with time, enhancing the build-up edge and making machining more difficult [\[23\].](#page-20-2) In addition to increasing the cutting forces due to the hard ceramic particles present in HNT included in the aluminum alloy, the amount of re- inforcement also increases the drilling process difficulty.

Grey Relational Analysis. The Taguchi S/N ratio and ANN model is used to predict only single objective function.In order to find the optimum combination of multiresponse function GRA is pursued.

Table [5](#page-14-0) shows the normalized value for response pa- rameters for GRA.

Figure [6 s](#page-16-0)hows the overall combination of control pa- rameter in drilling of developed aluminum composites using grey relational analysis. 3% of HNT, and 4% of boron nitride and 500 rpm of spindle speed and at 20 mm/min exhibits lower surface roughness, reducing in cutting force, lowering in the drilling temperature, and an increase in material removal rate. Table [6 s](#page-16-1)hows the ANOVA results for overall

Speed Temp

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FIgurE 1: Artificial neural network model.

Feedrate

MRR (g/min) Surface

Temperature Cutting force

FIgurE 2: (a) Efect on Ra on BN vs. HNT. (b) Efect on Ra on feed vs. speed.

4.00

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3.50 3.00 .00 5.00

7.00

50.00 40.00

> 1500.00 1250.00 1000.00

B: BN

 $.50$ 2.00 3.00 4.00 A: HNT D: Feed

C: Speed

 (a) (b) FIgurE 3: (a) Efect of MRR on HNT vs. BN. (b) Efect of MRR on HNT vs. BN.

3.50

.00

5 7

B: BN

220 165 110

60.00 0.00

1500.00 1250.00 1000.0

cutting force cutting force

2.50 4.00 2.00 3.00 (a) 0.00 750.00 20.00 500.00

B: BN

(b)

C: Speed FIgurE 5: (a) Efect of cutting force on HNT vs. BN. (b) Efect of temperature on speed vs. feed.

Coef of	Coef of	Coef of	Coef cutt		Avg
MRR	Ra temp	temp	force		Rank
0.43753	0.33333	0.943	1.000	0.679	22
		99	00		
0.45726	0.90372	0.557	0.545	0.616	16
		67	61		
0.67091	0.84543	0.435	0.420	0.593	12
		68	65		
0.53531	0.94765	0.713	0.856	0.763	25
		32	75		
0.64540	0.83247	0.440	0.421	0.585	11
		30	02		
0.65876	0.95840	0.569	0.716	0.726	23
		22	86		
0.51273	0.84826	0.548	0.645	0.639	17
		60	91		
0.43352	1.00000	1.000	0.868	0.826	27
		$00\,$	90		
0.66960	0.88892	0.567	0.523	0.663	20
		77	79		
0.37963	0.90695	0.928	0.950	0.791	26
		78	07		
0.71506	0.90157	0.503	0.586	0.677	21
		88	58		
1.00000	0.82704	0.411	0.383	0.655	19
		21	27		
0.38998	0.86762	0.561	0.588	0.602	14
		53	21		
0.48870	0.81550	0.335	0.420	0.515	5
		27	60		
0.43407	0.87260	0.500	0.502	0.577	$\mathbf{9}$
		77	51		
0.44931	0.78681	0.429	0.435	0.525	6
		19	33		
0.38389	0.90050	0.678	0.651	0.654	18
		12	91		
0.57024	0.85302	0.462	0.492	0.594	13

TaBlE 5: Normalized value for response parameters.

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Signal-to-noise: Larger is better

20 40 60

FIgurE 6: GRG.

> (b) gurE 7: Continued.

FIgurE 7: (a) Actual vs. regression vs. ANN on Ra. (b) Actual vs. regression vs. ANN on MRR. (c) Actual vs. regression vs. ANN ontemperature. (d) Actual vs. regression vs. ANN on cutting force.

combinations of input parameters. The feed rate and HNT %are most influencing parameters identified through GRG.

Regression Equation

MRR � 0*.*0565315 − 0*.*00669278 HNT % + 0*.*00846833 BN% + 2*.*35878*e* − 005 Spindle speed(rpm) + 0*.*000531472 Feed*,*Ra � 0*.*0911574 + 0*.*0240278 HNT % − 0*.*00766667 BN % + 8*.*11111*e* − 006 Spindle speed(rpm) + 0*.*00251667 Feed*,* Temp � 26*.*3036 + 2*.*98972 HNT % − 3*.*17 BN% + 0*.*00877556 Spindle speed(rpm) + 0*.*447361 Feed*,*

(10)

Cutting Force � −18*.*9769 + 13*.*7786 HNT % − 12*.*2128 BN % + 0*.*0793544 Spindle speed(rpm) +

3*.*29758 Feed*.*

Figure [7\(a\) s](#page-16-2)hows the graph of actual experimental and predicted ANN and regression values on surface roughness.The prediction of ANN is 96.3% whereas the regression value shows 93.1%. In case of MRR Figure [7\(b\)](#page-16-3) shows the re- gression value is 92.7%, meanwhile the ANN predicted value is 95.2%.

Figure [7\(c\) s](#page-17-0)hows the graph of actual experimental and predicted ANN and regression values on temperature measured during drilling process. The prediction of ANN is 98.1%, whereas the regression value shows 94.3%. Figure [7\(d\)](#page-17-1) shows the regression value of cutting force during machining is 91.9%, whereas the ANN predicted value is 95.2%. It is understood that the developed ANN model exhibits good results for estimating the surface roughness, material removal rate, temperature, and cutting force.

4. Conclusion

In the current study, the best input process parameter combinations to lower surface roughness, cutting force, and temperature while raising the rate of metal removal from aluminium hybrid metal matrix composites during drilling of aluminium composites were found using Taguchi designbased grey relational analysis.

The findings demonstrate that feed rate and weight percentage of HNT are the key variables that affect drilling of produced aluminium composites, which are indicated by the percentage contribution hrough GRA. GRA results, the ideal parameters are 3% HNT, 4% BN, 500 rpm drilling speed, and 20 mm/min in combination. These parameters have the lowest surface roughness, lowest temperature, lowest cutting force, and highest rate of material removal.

For each of the response parameters in AMMC drilling, the suggested ANN model performs better than the regression model and strongly indicates the projected value of observational data.

Data Availability

All the data used in this study are provided in themanuscript.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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