



**“EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON MACHINABILITY PARAMETERS  
AND SURFACE ROUGHNESS OF AL-2024  
AND BASALT POWDER BY USING ANOVA”**

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### ABSTRACT

In the present experimental investigation cnc turning parameters on Aluminium 2024 and its reinforcements of Basalt powder metal matrix composites were studied by using ANOVA. Aluminium 2024 and Basalt powder MMC were prepared using the liquid metallurgy route and cnc turning used for machining the composites, machining parameters and reinforcement effects the cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut on surface roughness and metal removal rate. Which perfectly influence the machined products performance and minimizing the surface roughness of the materials by using the Three factor and Three level Taguchi L9 and ANOVA approach.

KEY WORDS: Metal matrix composite, Al -2024, Basalt Powder, cnc turning, surface roughness, metal removal rate, Taguchi L9, Anova.

### INTRODUCTION

Now a days aluminium alloys are mostly used in various industries of automobile, aviation, electrical, military, sports and engineering components and aerospace industries due to their good mechanical and physical properties. It is also low thermal expansion compared to other metals but also better wear resistance and corrosion resistance. Metal matrix composites of aluminium alloy to improve the mechanical properties such as impact strength and hardness, currently most of the manufacturing industries are changing the materials like monolithic material to composite materials because composite materials are wear and corrosion resistance and light weight.

Metal matrix composites are applicable for requiring thermal conductivity and low coefficient of thermal expansion with low density, by using aluminium and MMCs the mechanical properties are increasing aluminium is considered as one of the most predominant matrix material considering its combined properties of ductility and toughness of the soft matrix material and strength, hardness and modulus of hard reinforcement material for MMCs basalt powder, B4C, SiC, etc... are the most common preferred particulate reinforcements, machinability greatly improved due to basalt powder reinforced composite. In the fabrication technique metal matrix composites using materials in this experiment is Al-2024 composite by using stir casting. From the literatures it is observed that good machinability and surface roughness values meet the demands of industries i.e. quality product with lesser production time and costs. It is also observed that the metal removal rate indicates how efficiently the cutting of specimen.

M. Varma [1] Multi objective optimization of cnc turning parameters for AA 2024/sic MMCS Using grey relational analysis observed that the machinability parameters like cutting speed, feedrate, depth of cut influential on surface roughness. G. Srinivasa Rao [2] optimization of machinability properties on Aluminium metal matrix composite prepared by In-situ ceramic mixture using coconut shell ash Taguchi approach. observed that the process of analysis of Variance. Diptikantadas [3] machining performance aluminium 7075 composite A Grey based Taguchi concept, observed that the Metal removal rate with different diameters of the samples.

Basim A. khidhir [4] Statical analysis (ANOVA) of machining parameters and machinability modeling by fuzzy logic controller. Observed that the how the chips formation is present in the machining process. Cheng Zhu [5] effects of 2024 Al alloy insert on the grain refinement of a 2024 Al alloy prepared via Insert mold casting. we have observed that the Etching process and how the reinforcements adding on the samples. H.S. Kumaraswamy [6] influence of boron fiber powder and graphite reinforcement on physical and mechanical properties of aluminium 2024 alloy fabricated by stir casting. We can observe that process of micro-Vickers hardness test.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Al-2024 and Basalt powder was used as the matrix and reinforcement respectively, chemical composition of Al-2024 is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: MATERIALS AND METHODS

Element	Cu	Mg	Mn	Al
Composition	4.4	1.5	0.6	Bal

#### (a). preparation of composite

At first, in this process first the pure aluminium 2024 alloy placed into graphite crucible and heated up to 450-600°C in medium frequency induction furnace and the reinforcement of basalt powder preheated at 100°C it will increase the bonding strength. Now adding the preheated basalt powder into graphite crucible and then heated up to 710°C and the stirrer at

moderate speed for homogeneous distribution of reinforcement and poured the metal at 710°C in cast iron split Die.



Figure 1: Frequency induction furnace



Figure 2: Stir casting



Figure3:Graphitecrucible



Figure4:castironsplitdie



Figure5:Beforemachining



Figure6:Aftermachining

### MACHININGANDMEASUREMENTS

The machining experiments were performed on cnc turning with Three factors and Threelevelseachas shown in thetable.

TABLE2:MACHNINGPARAMETERSANDLEVELS

S.NO	Process parameters	units	Levels		
			1	2	3
1	SPEED	rpm	1000	1200	1400
2	FEEDRATE	Mm/rev	0.2	0.4	0.6
3	DEPTHOFCUT	mm	0.1	0.2	0.3



Figure7:CNC machine programming

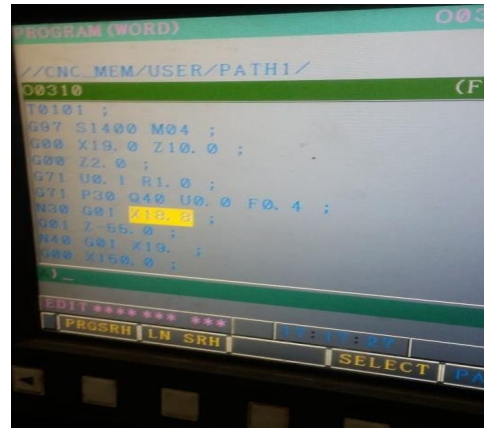


Figure 8: CNC

**METALREMOVALRATE**

The metal removal rate at which the cross section of material being removed moves through the work piece. Metalremoval rate (MRR)is measured by using the formula

$$MRR (\text{mm}^3/\text{min}) = \pi/4 (D^2 - d^2) * f * n$$

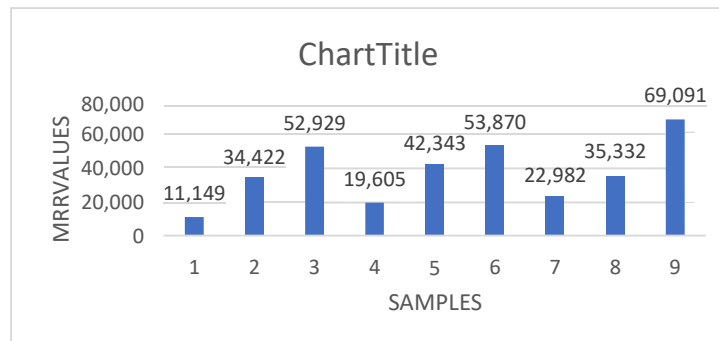
Here D, d represents the composite samples of Before turning and After turning (mm), “n” represents the speed of spindle (rpm) and “f” represents the feed rate (mm). In the MRR experiment the lowest value is 11,149 mm<sup>3</sup>/min and it is presented at speed of 1000 rpm and feed of 0.2 mm/rev, however it is increased to 69,091 mm<sup>3</sup>/min at speed of 1400 rpm and feed rate of 0.6. From this experiment we can clearly observe that at high speed and feed rates dominating the metal removal rate .

TABLE3:METALREMOVALRATE

sam ple s	speed	Feed rate	Al2024 pure		1% reinforceme nt		2% reinforceme nt		3% reinforcemen t.		MRR  mm <sup>3</sup> /min
			D	d	D	d	D	d	D	d	
S1	1000	0.2	21	19	20.5	18.5	20.5	18.8	20.5	19	11,149
S2	1000	0.4	22	18.5	21	18.5	21.5	18.5	20.5	18.5	34,422
S3	1000	0.6	22	18.5	21	18.5	21.5	18.5	20.5	18.2	52,929
S4	1200	0.2	21.5	19	20.5	18	21	18.5	21.5	18.5	19,605
S5	1200	0.4	22	18.5	21	18.5	20.5	18.5	21.5	18.2	42,343
S6	1200	0.6	21.5	19	21	19	21.5	18.5	21	19	53,870
S7	1400	0.2	21	18.5	20	18.5	22	18.5	21.5	18.5	22,982
S8	1400	0.4	20.5	19	22	19	21	19	20.5	19	35,332
S9	1400	0.6	22	19	21	18.5	22	18.8	20.5	18.8	69,091



Figure9: Beforeturning diameterFigure 10: After turning diameter  
Metalremoval rategraph:



### CHIPFORMATION

The type of chips formation in the machinability process depends on mainly three factors like speed, feed rate and depth of cut, Al -2024 and basalt powder reinforcements machinability process at different parameters different type of chips can be formed, they are Spiral continuous chips: This type of chip formation present at high speed, high feed rate and medium depth of cut. Long continuous chips: This type of chips formation present at low speed, high feed rate, high depth of cut. Asymmetrical continuous chips: This type of chips formation at medium speed, low feed rate and depth is medium. Discontinuous chips: This type of chips formation at medium speed, high feed rate, low depth of cut.



Figure 11: Spiral continuous chips



Figure 12: Long continuous chips



Figure 13: Asymmetrical continuous chips Figure 14: Discontinuous chips

#### HARDNESS TEST

The hardness samples of Al 2024 and 1%, 2%, 3% reinforcements of basalt powder prepared on the lathe machine, the diameter of the sample is 120 mm and length of the sample is 150 mm, the surface of the sample should be polished with different Sic grades of grit papers up to the surface is having mirror finished, and then disc polishing method is used for higher surface finish. For Al 2024 alloy killer reagent etchant is used to remove the deformed layers during polishing.

Hardness test is performed on using the MICRO VICKERS HARDNESS machine with applying load of 0.1 kg with dwell time of 15 sec. Three indentations are performed on each sample and average to be taken. The formula used to calculate the micro Vickers hardness test is

$$HV = 1.854$$

$$* F /$$

$$D^2 D = (D$$

$$1 + D^2) / 2$$

Here F is applied load kg and D1, D2 are area of the indentation.



Figure 15: Micro Vickers hardness test

TABLE4: MICRO VICKERS HARDNESS TEST

S.no	samples	D1	D2	HV
1	Al2024	51.82	54.80	65.23
2	Al and 1%reinforcement	38.2	37.62	129
3	Al and 2% reinforcement	47.72	46.06	84.32
4	Al and 3%reinforcement	49.16	52.57	71.67

The hardness test shows that hardness has been increased in adding the reinforcement 1% and then it is decreased to further 2 and 3% of reinforcements.



Scanningelectronmicroscope(SEM)

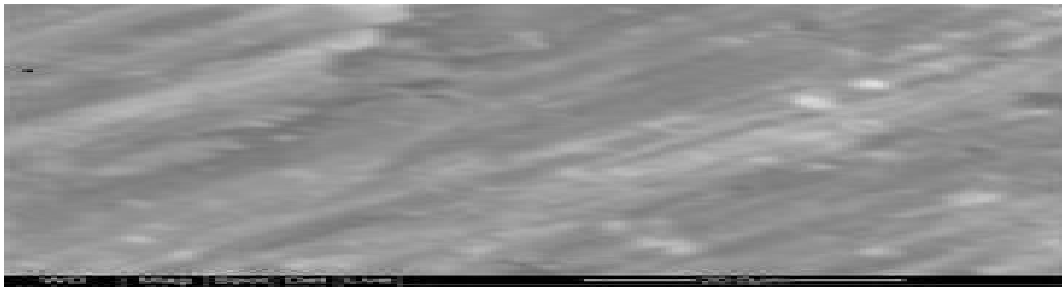


Figure16: Al 2024puresample

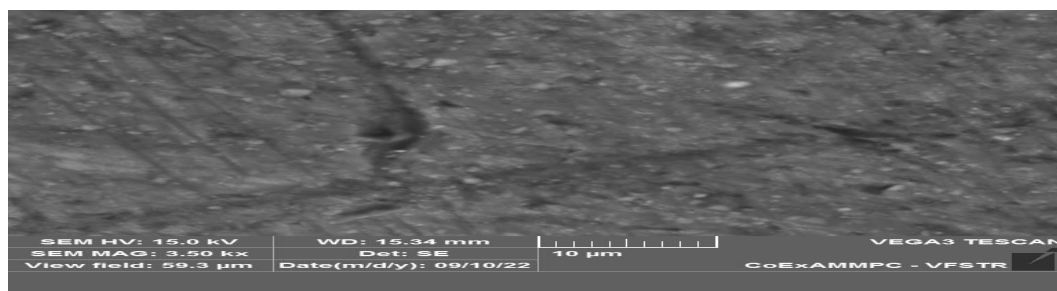


Figure17: al2024 and1%basalt powder  
Figure18: Al 2024and 2%basalt powder

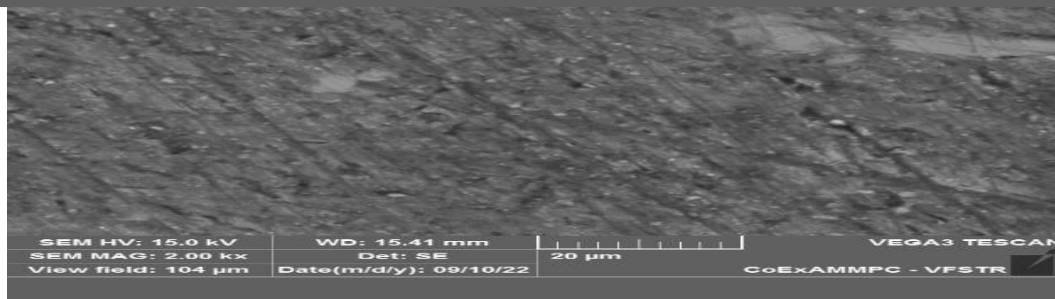
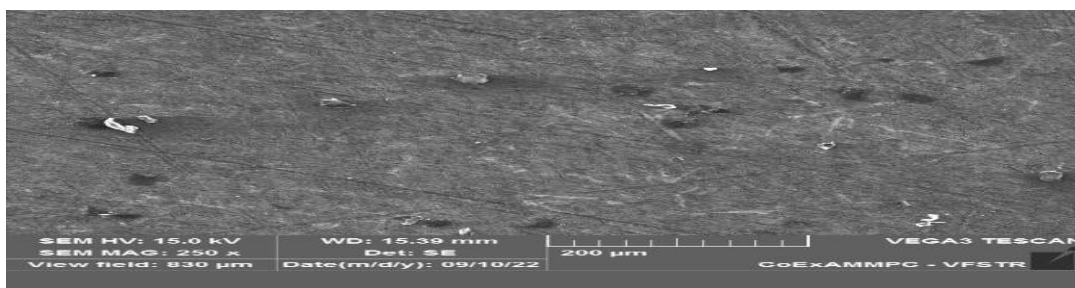


Figure19: Al2024 and 3%basalt powder

In the al 2024 and 1% of basalt powder reinforcements images we can clearly observe the how thereinforcementscan Adding to thematrix withdifferentmagnifications,



At 3.50kx magnification we clearly observe the basalt powder reinforcement to the pure Al 2024 sample

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Taguchi technique is used for the results, pure Al 2024 and 1%, 2%, 3% reinforcements of basalt powder was analyzed with machinability parameters such as speed (rpm), feed rate (mm/rev), depth of cut (mm) on the surface roughness (Ra) in table 5.

TABLE 5:

Speed	Feed rate	Depth of cut	Pure (Ra) values	1% (Ra) values	2% (Ra) values	3% (Ra) values	S/N P/RE	S/N 1%	S/N 2%	S/N 3%
1000	0.2	0.1	3.5	2.7	3.58	3.67	-10.88	-8.62	-11.07	-11.29
1000	0.4	0.2	5.41	7.51	8.77	5.48	-14.66	-17.51	-18.85	-14.7
1000	0.6	0.3	10.45	9.74	7.47	9.61	-20.38	-19.77	-17.46	-19.65
1200	0.2	0.2	3.34	4.95	4.51	3.55	-10.47	-13.89	-13.08	-11.00
1200	0.4	0.3	4.49	5.74	6.26	6.44	-13.04	-15.17	-15.93	-16.17
1200	0.6	0.1	6.63	10.63	7.87	12.54	-16.43	-20.53	-17.91	-21.96
1400	0.2	0.3	6.11	2.96	4.72	5.71	-15.72	-9.42	-13.47	-15.13
1400	0.4	0.1	3.83	6.78	4.98	5.52	-11.66	-16.62	-13.94	-14.83
1400	0.6	0.2	8.44	9.39	7.29	8.39	-18.52	-19.45	-17.25	-18.47

Here the surface roughness (Ra) values is measured by using the "TALYSURFINSTRUMENT" And the (Ra) values present in micrometer (µm).



Figure 20: Talysurf instrument



The machinability parameters with S/N ratio maximum will yield the optimum quality with minimum variance, from the below response tables for signal to noise ratios we can clearly observe the FEED RATE is dominant parameter on surface roughness followed by speed and depth of cut. Response tables for signal to noise ratios ranking of the parameters in tables 6, 7, 8, 9

TABLE 6: RESPONSE TABLE FOR SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS FOR PURE AL-2024

Smaller is better

LEVEL	SPEED	FEED	DEPTH OF CUT
1	-15.31	-12.36	-12.99
2	-13.32	-13.12	-14.56
3	-15.30	-18.45	-16.38
Delta	1.90	6.09	3.39
Rank	3	1	2

TABLE 7: RESPONSE TABLE FOR SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS FOR AL 2024 AND 1% REINFORCEMENT

Smaller is better

LEVEL	SPEED	FEED	DEPTH OF CUT
1	-15.30	-10.65	-15.26
2	-16.53	-16.44	-16.95
3	-15.17	-19.92	-14.79
Delta	1.37	9.27	2.16
Rank	3	1	2

TABLE 8: RESPONSE TABLE FOR SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS FOR AL 2024 AND 2% REINFORCEMENT

Smaller is better

LEVEL	SPEED	FEED	DEPTH OF CUT
1	-15.80	-12.55	-14.31
2	-15.64	-16.25	-16.40
3	-14.89	-17.55	-15.63
Delta	0.91	5.00	2.09
Rank	3	1	2

TABLE 9: RESPONSE TABLE FOR SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS FOR AL 2024 AND 3% REINFORCEMENT			
Smaller is better			
LEVEL	SPEED	FEED	DEPTH OF CUT
1	-15.24	-12.48	-16.03
2	-16.38	-15.26	-14.75
3	-16.15	-20.03	-16.99
Delta	1.14	7.56	2.24
Rank	3	1	2

In the means of signal noise ratio of aluminium and its reinforcements of figures(19,20,21,22) the optimum parameters are speed (1400 rpm), feed rate (0.2 mm/rev) and depth of cut (0.1mm)

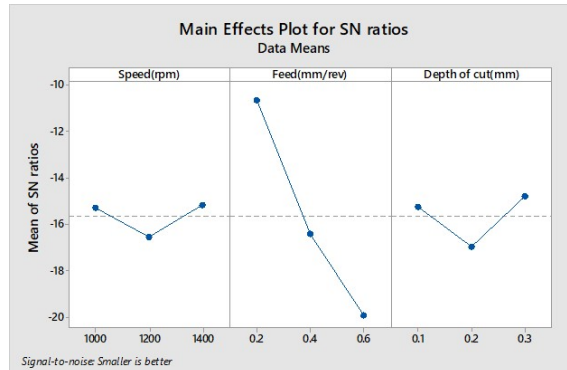
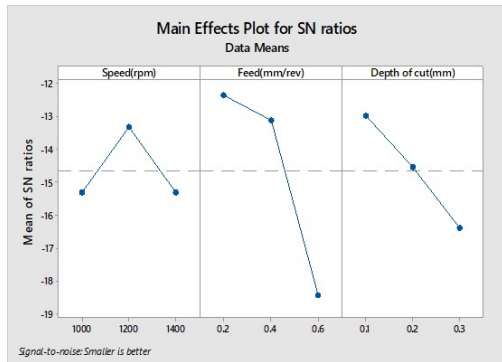


Figure21: Means of SN ratio for Al 2024 Figure22: Means of SN ratio for Al and 1% reinforcement

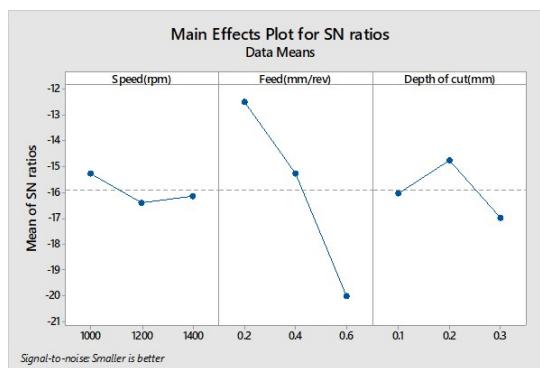
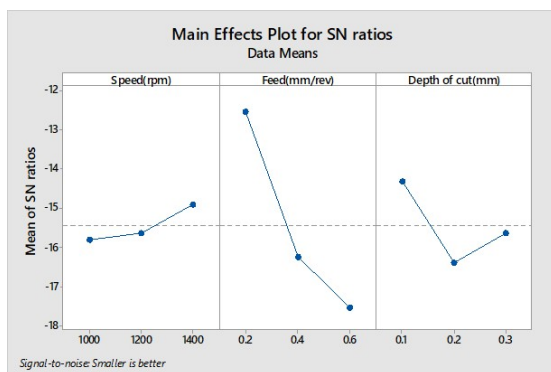


Figure23: Means of SN ratio for Al and 2% reinforcement Figure24: Means of SN ratio for Al and 3% reinforcement

### ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE

Anova is used to detect the difference between the related means with the repeated measures, the procedure to perform the analysis of variance using the general linear model approach and it is used to



perform the calculations. In the analysis of variance table consists of Degree of freedom, Sum of squares, Meansquares, F values is for qualitative understanding, P values for probability of significance. Tables 10,11,12,13 results shows analysis of variance of aluminium 2024 and 1%,2%,3% reinforcements for surface roughness

**TABLE 10: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR SN RATIOS FOR AL 2024**

Source	DF	AdjSS	AdjMS	F	P
SPEED	2	7.919	3.959	1.90	0.345
FEED	2	65.968	32.984	15.85	0.059
DEPTH OF CUT	2	17.281	8.641	4.15	0.194
Error	2	4.163	2.082		
Total	8	95.332			
S= 1.44275		R <sup>2</sup> =95.63%	R <sup>2</sup> adj=82.53%		

**TABLE 11: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR SN RATIOS FOR AL 2024 AND 1% REINFORCEMENT**

Source	DF	AdjSS	AdjMS	F	P
SPEED	2	3.396	1.698	0.41	0.711
FEED	2	131.568	65.784	15.77	0.060
DEPTH OF CUT	2	7.752	3.876	0.93	0.518
Error	2	8.342	4.171		
Total	8	151.059			
S= 2.04233		R <sup>2</sup> =94.48%	R <sup>2</sup> adj=77.91%		

**TABLE 12: ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR SN RATIOS FOR AL 2024 AND 2% REINFORCEMENT**

Source	DF	AdjSS	AdjMS	F	P
SPEED	2	1.416	0.7080	0.18	0.844
FEED	2	40.375	20.1877	5.25	0.160
DEPTH OF CUT	2	6.668	3.3341	0.87	0.536
Error	2	7.690	3.8450		
Total	8	56.150			
S= 1.96087		R <sup>2</sup> =86.30%	R <sup>2</sup> adj=45.22%		



Source	DF	AdjSS	AdjMS	F	P
SPEED	2	2.182	1.091	0.26	0.795
FEED	2	87.579	43.789	10.37	0.088
DEPTH OF CUT	2	7.556	3.778	0.89	0.528
Error	2	8.445	4.222		
Total	8	105.761			
S= 2.05483		R <sup>2</sup> =92.02%	R <sup>2</sup> adj=68.06%		

From the above results of all the tables in the machinability parameters only FEED was mostly influenced on the surface roughness, Because of the maximum F values indicates that the affecting the machining parameter.

### REGRESSION MODEL

In the machinability parameters of speed (rpm), feed (mm/rev), depth of cut (mm) the optimal values of surface roughness can be estimated by following regression equations. The surface roughness of pure Al 2024 regression equation 1 is as follows  

$$\text{pure 2024} = 0.23 - 0.00082 \text{Speed (rpm)} + 10.47 \text{Feed (mm/rev)} + 11.82 \text{Depth of cut (mm)}$$

The surface roughness of Al 2024 and 1% reinforcement of basalt powder regression equation 2 as follows  

$$\text{Surface Roughness (1\%)} = 1.70 - 0.00068 \text{Speed (rpm)} + 15.96 \text{Feed (mm/rev)}$$

$$-2.78 \text{Depth of cut (mm)}$$

From the above equations we can observe feed (mm/rev) plays a major role on surface roughness. The negative (-ve) signs indicates the decreasing the surface roughness and positive (+ve) signs indicates increasing the surface roughness (Ra). In the above equations 1 and 2 the speed is in negative so it indicates the decreasing the surface roughness with increasing speed (rpm). If the feed is increased the surface roughness also increases.

### CONCLUSION

In the experimental investigation we can observe the effects of machining parameters such as speed (rpm), feed rate (mm/rev), depth of cut (mm) performance on the surface roughness and metal removal rate. In the surface roughness feed rate is mainly effected, it can clearly shown in the response table signal to noise ratios feed rate has rank 1. In the anova process also f values maximum at feed rate it shows the qualitative understanding, In the regression model also feed rate has positive values it indicates the increasing the surface roughness. In the metal removal rate at low speeds and low feed rate metal removal rate is minimum and at high speeds and higher feed the metal removal rates are maximum.

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