

# Cutting Forces during Hard Turning for CBN Inserts: A Review

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**Abstract** - Tool life and machining surface roughness during hard turning are major components for industries because of the technical competitive world. Many researchers have worked to increase the life of the cutting tools and reduce the surface roughness of the workpiece only by experimental methods. But, the experimental techniques are of time consuming and destructive process. Hence there is a more scope for numerical investigations on hard turning. The objective of this work is to review the works carried out by different researchers both in experimental and numerical methods. Both experimental and numerical analysis work carried out for different combinations of varying cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut for measuring the cutting forces.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Turning is the process for generating the external surface in which single point cutting tool is moved parallel to the axis of rotating workpiece. Turning of hard materials above 45 HRC is known as hard turning but usually the metals which are hard turned are in the range of 58 – 62 HRC. The cutting tools used for hard turning are mainly made of Cubic Boron Nitride (CBN), Ceramic and Cermet. The use of tool depends upon type of requirement like production quantity and type of surface finish required. Ceramic tool inserts can be used when batch production is to be done but CBN tool inserts are used when mass production is to be done. The selection of the tool depends upon the performance characteristics like tool wear, surface roughness, cutting forces, material removal rate and cost of the tool. Parameters like cutting speed, feed rate, and depth of cut influences a lot the performance of the tool which are need to be studied precisely for the selection of tool for the particular applications. Fig 1 shows the geometry of turning process [1].

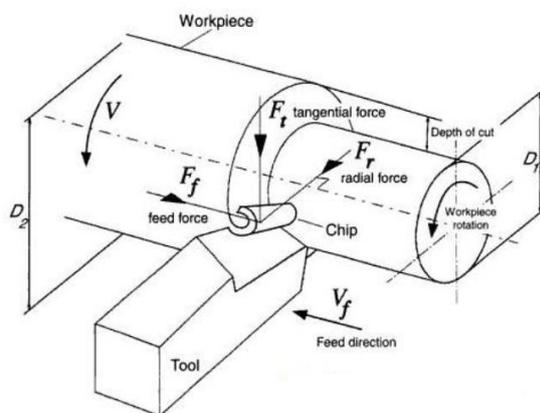


Fig 1. Geometry of turning process

The objective of this work is to review the works carried out by different researchers to understand the performance of the cutting tools by experimental and theoretical methods.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURES

Khaider Bouacha et al. [2] conducted experimental study on hard turning of AISI 52100 bearing steel with CBN tool on performance characteristics like tool wear, surface roughness, cutting forces, and metal volume removed by changing the parameters like cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut. They stated that the depth of cut exhibits maximum influence on cutting forces as compared to the other process parameters. Gaurav Bartarya et al. [3] investigated the effect of cutting parameters on cutting force and surface roughness for hard turning of AISI 52100 Steel with CBN tool. They developed prediction models by using ANOVA and compared with the measured force and surface roughness. Hamdi Aouici et al. [4] experimentally studied the effect of cutting speed, feed rate, workpiece hardness and depth of cut on surface roughness and cutting force components for AISI H11 steel using Cubic Boron Nitride insert. They observed that the feed force and cutting force are strongly influenced by the depth of cut. H.M.Lin et al. [5] found that tool life rises with increases of cutting speed until the optimum limit reached where it starts to decrease. Vitor Augusto et al. [6] found that CBN tools exhibits a much better performance with respect to both tool life and workpiece surface roughness for both continuous and interrupted turning. J.P.Costes et al. [7] came with the result of a low CBN content with a ceramic binders and small grains gives the best results. W.Grzesik et al. [8] studied the cutting forces, cutting temperature and surface roughness for turning of pearlitic ferritic nodular iron with L-CBN tools using both orthogonal and semi orthogonal cutting conditions. They stated that the components of forces decrease when machining with higher cutting speeds for orthogonal cutting conditions. M.Kumara Swamy et al. [9] studied the metal cutting process and analyzed it with FEM model for 3D simulation of turning process with solid single point cutting tool and the simulation of the chip formation, development of temperature distributions as well as predictions of stress distributions and strain distribution in the chip on the machined surface are successfully achieved. Riaz Muhammad et al. [10] conducted the finite element modelling of conventional and Hybrid oblique turning

process for titanium alloy for different cutting conditions and the results obtained are compared to elucidate main deformation mechanisms responsible for the observed changes in the materials responses to various cutting techniques. Christian Walterb et al. [11] utilized a picoseconds laser to ablate regular micro patterns into the surface of CBN grinding tools aiming to reduce grinding force and improve grinding efficiency. They concluded that 25 to 50% lower forces and significantly improve force stability in long term grinding operation in structured tools. Hongtao Ding et al. [12] compared simulation results with the experimental data at various cutting conditions and proved that the proposed model can accurately predict the phase composition, grain size, micro hardness and residual stress during hard turning. V.Kryzhanivskyy et al. [13] conducted both experimental and modelling investigation of cutting temperature for rough hard turning with PCBN tools. The developed temperature field was reconstructed from the experimental readings and the temperature was modelled for the case of new tools as well as for the case of its development in the course of tool wear. The heat transfer coefficients were solved by the developed parametric representation of FE model. Rajiv Kumar Yadav et al. [14] estimated flank wear and material removal rate in turning of Inconel 718 using simulation approach. From the results it is found that simulation results are in good agreement with experimental results. Girinon Mathieu et al. [15] developed a 3D finite element model for simulating a turning operation in the thermal and mechanical steady state and studied the temperature distribution in the chip, mechanical part, the tool and tool holder is based on Eulerian formation. Fig 2 and Fig 3 show the 3D finite element model of chip and the tool respectively.

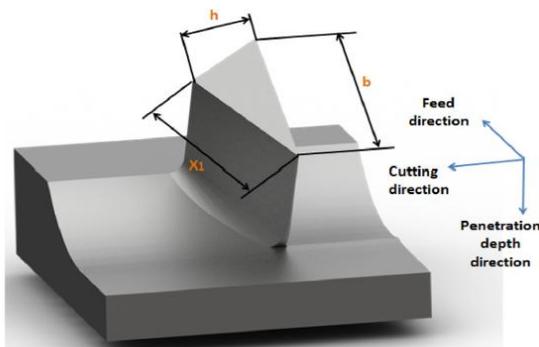


Figure 2. CAD model of the chip

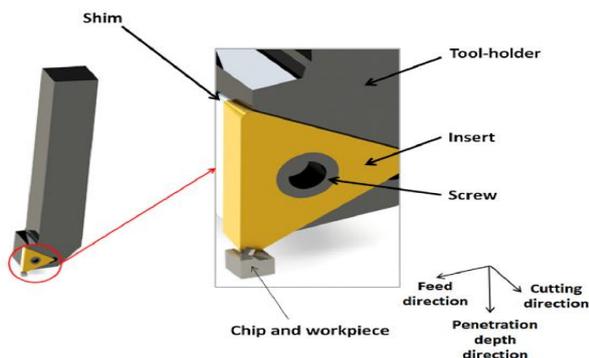


Figure 3. The Tool 3D CAD model

D.I.Lalwani et al. [16] conducted the experiments to investigate the cutting parameters influence on cutting forces and surface roughness in finish hard turning of MDN250 steel with coated ceramic tool. They found that cutting forces and surface roughness do not vary much with cutting speed in the range of 55 to 93 m/min. Mohamed Athmane Yaltese et al. [17] conducted the experimental study on hard turning of 100Cr6 steel to establish the behavior of a CBN tool and they suggested that the hard turning may be presented as a real alternative to substitute grinding in view of roughness measurement. Y. Sahin [18] compares the tool life between ceramic and cubic boron nitride (CBN) cutting tools for machining of hardened steels using the Taguchi method. From the results he showed that cutting speed was found to be a dominant factor on tool life followed by the hardness of cutting tool and CBN cutting tool showed the best performance than that of ceramic based cutting tool. A.Srithar et al. [19] investigated the surface roughness on hard turning of AISI D2 steel using Coated Carbide Insert. The results specify that the increase of cutting speed decreases the surface roughness. Fig 4 show the experimental set up and fig 5 shows the roughness meter used for the purpose.

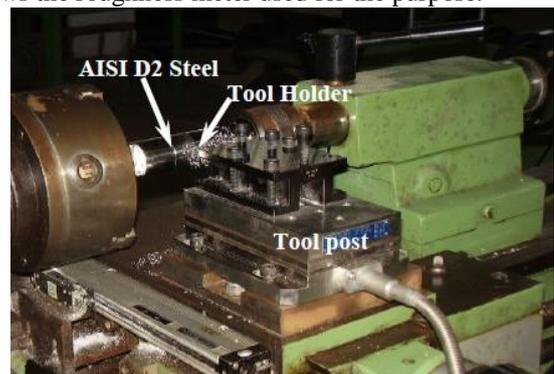


Figure 4. Experimental Setup

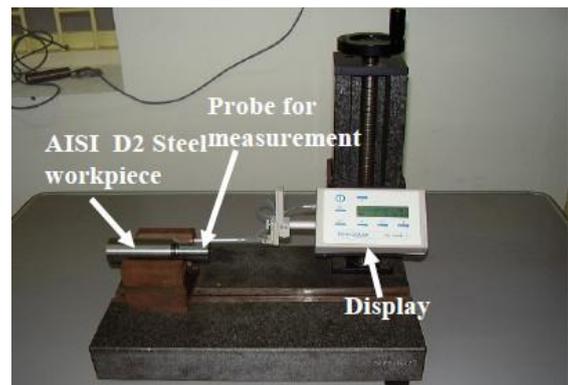


Figure 5. Surface Roughness measurement using roughness meter

Mehdi Remadna et al. [20] conducted the experimental analysis of cutting characteristics for machining a hard material with a cubic boron nitride tool to determine the evolution of descriptive parameters. From experimental results they showed that the geometry of the cut evolves considerably relative to the lifetime of a CBN tool. Anupam Agrawal et al. [21] predicted the surface roughness during hard turning of AISI 4340 steel with CBN insert and also showed that the random forest model

is a superior choice over multiple regressions for prediction of surface roughness during machining of AISI 4340 steel having 69 HRC hardness. E. Uhlmann et al. [22] conducted the experiments on machining of high performance workpiece materials with CBN coated cutting tools and results describes regarding the tool life, resultant cutting force components and workpiece surface roughness. They finally compared the experimental results with common used tool coatings for the hard machining. Y. Huang et al. [23] compared model prediction to the published experimental data of hard turning AISI H13 of 52 HRC hardness using low & high CBN content tools. They states that the proposed model and FEM both predict lower thrust and tangential cutting forces and higher tool chip interface temperature when the lower CBN content is used, but the model predicts a temperature higher than that of the FEM. Khaider Bouacha et al. [24] investigated tool wear and forces behavior evolution versus variations of workpiece hardness and cutting speed, and the relationship between cutting parameters. They found that depth of cut exhibits maximum influence on cutting forces as compared to the feed rate and cutting speed. C. J. Rao et al. [25] studies the significance of influence of speed, feed and depth of cut on cutting force and surface roughness. They showed that feed rate has significant influence both on cutting force as well as surface roughness.

### III. CONCLUSION

From the literatures available the machining parameters influences a lot the surface roughness. Parameters like speed, feed, depth of cut and cutting forces decides the surface roughness of the machined surfaces. Many researchers have worked to increase the life of the cutting tools and reduce the surface roughness of the workpiece only by experimental methods. The experimental techniques are of time consuming and destructive process. Hence there is a more scope for numerical investigations on hard turning.

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