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Cyclic Variation of Residual Stress Induced by Tool Vibration in Machining Operations

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Abstract

In machining, due to the tool vibration the forces, temperatures and stresses vary during the cutting process, so as the residual stresses over the machined surface. This variation of the residual stress has never been measured and, therefore, imposes new experimental challenges. The objective of this work is to correlate the variation of the residual stresses along the cutting path with the frequency of the surface geometrical defect generated by the vibration of the tool holding system. In order to perform such correlation a hybrid experimental/analytical approach was applied for an austenitic stainless steel, AISI 316L. Residual stresses were analyzed in the machined specimen along the cutting path using neutron diffraction. The results show a cyclic variation of the residual stresses, which can be detected when considering the frequency of the tool vibration. The frequency of the tool vibration is also correlated with the topology of the surface.

1. Introduction

Metal cutting, or simply machining, is one of the oldest and most important processes for shaping components in the manufacturing industry. Due to the interaction between the cutting tool and the workpiece, a new (machined) surface is generated. Due to the tool vibration the forces, temperatures as stresses are not constant, but they vary, so as the residual stresses over the machined surface. This cyclic variation of the residual stress has never been measured and, therefore, imposes new experimental challenges.

Although, regenerative vibrations phenomena in machining have been well known since the sixties, the dynamic behavior of the tool or the workpiece is a complex problem that manufacturers have to face. For most of the applications the most harmful consequences of regenerative vibrations is the poor surface quality. More precisely, the link between machining parameters and surface roughness taking account of the dynamic of the system is now well established. In 1991, Montgomery [1] examined the link between machining parameters and surface roughness taking account of the dynamic of the system. In 2001, Altintas [2] built a time domain simulation of the milling process taking into account the dynamic of the tool in order to predict the surface roughness. A method based on tool displacements measurements in milling including tool vibrations was proposed by Costes [3] and Arizmendi [4]. However, intentionally invoked chatter during machining can be very useful to generated surface textures or structures for different applications, such as running in, oil retention, friction control [5, 6].

Almost of the chatter analysis in machining have paid attention to their consequences in surface finishing and rarely in the mechanical state of the machined surface layers. The objective of this study is to search for eventual periodic variation of the residual stresses along the cutting path and correlate this with tool vibration

2. Experimental and Numerical Procedures

2.1. Machining tests

Round bars (100 mm in diameter) of austenitic stainless steel AISI 316L were selected for this study. Microstructure of the steel consisted of an equiaxed grain structure characterized by an approximate grain size of 50 μm and material hardness was close to 170HV.

The machining tests were conducted under orthogonal cutting conditions (Fig. 1), using uncoated (ISO M10-M30) tungsten carbide tools. The geometry of the cutting tools according to the ISO Standard 3002/1-1982 was as follows: the normal rake angle (γ) was equal to 0º, the normal flank angle (α) was equal to 11º and the tool cutting edge radius (r_n) was equal to 30 μm. The tool cutting edge angle (κ_r) was 90º and the tool cutting edge inclination angle (λ_s) was 0º.

Finally, the range of cutting regime parameters used in the tests was as follows: the cutting speed (v_c) was equal to 100 and 150 m/min, the uncut chip thickness (t_1) was equal to 0.1 and 0.2 mm and width of cut (w) was constant and equal to 6 mm. The cutting speed was kept constant by the lathe controller, which varied the rotation speed depending on the tool position in radial direction. No cutting fluid was used in the tests.

These disks were machined in a SOMAB T400 CNC lath machine equipped with an experimental setup for forces, which was composed by a Kistler dynamometer 9121B. The three cutting force components F_p, F_f and F_c were monitored during the operation through an acquisition system with a 10 kHz sampling frequency. No filtering was applied to the signal during or after the measurement.
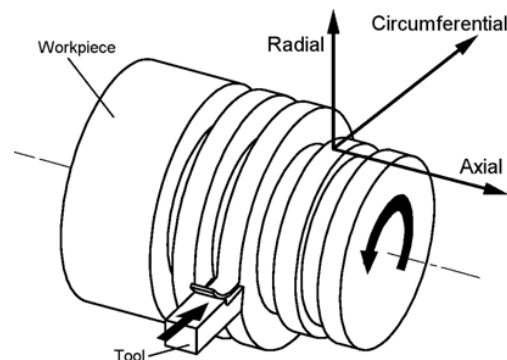

Fig. 1: Configuration of the orthogonal cutting tests and the directions of the measurements of the cutting forces and the residual stresses.

2.2. Residual stresses and surface topography analysis

Residual stresses were analyzed along the cutting path by neutron diffraction at FRM II, Technische Universität München (TUM), on the Stress-Spec instrument. This diffractometer is dedicated to texture and residual stress analysis [7]. A PSD area detector of 20x20 cm^2 collected the diffracted radiation. A bent silicon Si (400) monochromator was set at a take-off angle $2\theta_M = 76°$, which provides a wavelength around 1.68 Å. The measurements were performed around a scattering angle of $2\theta_s \approx 101°$ for the austenite. A gauge volume of 1x1x1 mm^3 was defined by the primary and secondary slits. Residual stresses were analyzed in the three orthogonal directions: circumferential (cutting direction), axial and radial (normal to machined surface) directions (Fig. 1).

Surface topography was measured using the profilometer Somicronic Surfascan 3D. The measurements were performed in the circumferential direction, using a trace length of 35 mm, a Gaussian M1 band-pass filter with a cut-off length of 2.5 mm.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Correlation between the force and surface topography

The force components can be described as a steady force with a high amplitude varying signal. The high levels of forces variations are well correlated with the fact that instability occurred during the machining operation. As illustrated in the spectrogram represented in Fig. 2, several frequencies appear at the same time in the force signal. Moreover, Fig. 2 shows that these chatter frequencies vary along the tool path. The Y-axis of the spectrogram shows the time, where each horizontal black line is spaced with the time corresponding to one revolution. The beginning of the first revolution corresponds to 0.1 sec. It is noticeable that during one revolution the frequency behaviour of the force component does not remain constant.

As shown Fig. 2, in the frequency range from 1000 to 1500 Hz, it is observed:

- From 0.1 sec to about 0.22 sec, a near 1200 Hz frequency is detected.
- From 0.22 sec to the next horizontal line (0.28 sec), which corresponds to one complete revolution, the frequency is lower (about 1100 Hz).

The main frequency of the signal changes periodically around 1200 Hz and is synchronized with the part revolution. This frequency is related with the vibration of the tool holding system, composed by the tool holder, dynamometer and turret attachment. The two others frequency bands (≈2600 and ≈3800 Hz) look like harmonics of the first 1200 Hz frequency.

Using the profilometer the topography of the machined surface was measured. Due to the circular shape of the workpiece, the first step consists into remove the circular shape from the signal. Fig. 3 shows the measured profile