

# Performance Analysis of Temperature and MRR Using High-Speed Micro-Drilling on Incoloy 800 Superalloy



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**Abstract** Micro-drilling is one of the advanced levels of metal cutting processes in the manufacturing and assembly industry, thereby producing micro-holes with higher depth, greater surface finish and better-quality of roundness. In this research work, micro-drilling has been done on Incoloy 800 which is an iron-based superalloy which has good resistance to corrosion, oxidation at higher temperature and is used in various equipments like superheaters, pressure vessels, heat exchangers, etc. The temperature and material removal rate (MRR) are analysed by varying the processes parameters like diameter of the tool, spindle speed and feed as per Taguchi L<sub>27</sub> orthogonal array design. From this experiment, it is found that MRR and temperature increase with the increase in feed and speed of spindle. The results obtained by the experiments are optimized by using grey relational analysis (GRA).

**Keywords** Micro-drilling · Material removal rate · Temperature · Grey relational analysis

## 1 Introduction

Micro-drilling is one of the developing fields in manufacturing and assembly of many miniature parts and products. Gupta et al. [1] have done a research work on various work material such as printed circuit board, mild steel and alloys of aluminium to find the best combination of the processes parameters. Redzuan and Kurniawan [2] have done an experiment by using spindle speed, feed and depth of drilling as input parameters. The roundness of the hole is measured. From the results, it is found that the roundness is affected by spindle speed and feed. Rahman et al. [3] used HSS drilling tool to find the role of speed of the spindle and feed on surface roughness by

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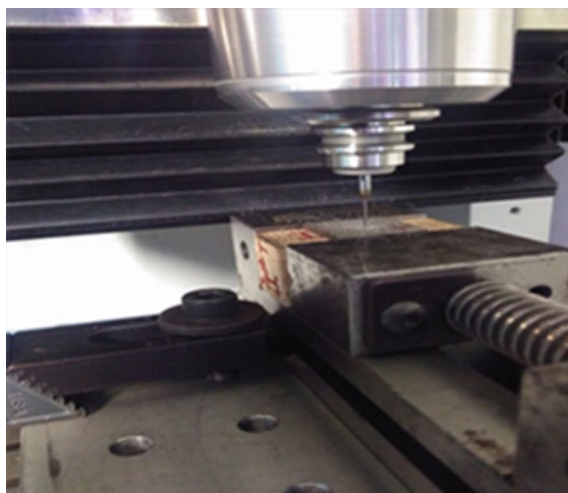
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changing the processes parameters like tool diameter, spindle speed and feed. It was found that when the spindle speed and feed rate are increased, the surface roughness is decreased. Sivasankar et al. [4] studied a simple and efficient methodology and algorithms to evaluate the surface roughness, waviness and roundness. Roughness is measured using arithmetic deviation of the roughness and peak to peak height. Waviness is measured using waviness step height. These parameters were measured and studied using video measuring machine and image processing technology. Jindal [5] have conducted a micro-drilling experiment by using high-speed air spindle, and the holes are drilled by peck drilling method. It is recorded from the results that the feed rate is the main factor considered for micro-drilling. The removal of the burr from the drilled hole is a difficult one. Bhandari et al. [6] used a control chart for burr formation in drilling of PCB by using L9 orthogonal array. In the experiment, twist drills of tungsten carbide with HSS shank are used with three different tool diameters. The removal of the burrs obtained at the exit of the micro-holes plays an important role in the quality of the parts during assembly. Kim et al. [7] conducted and experimented for preventing the exit burr by applying metal foil to the exit of the micro-hole. In this experiment, by using cyanoacrylate adhesive with copy paper and metal foil, a low hardness material was used. Xavier and Elangovan [8] a have conducted an experiment to control the chip size and easy removal of chips without damaging the walls of the hole. Iwata et al. [9] had conducted micro-drilling experiments using two different types of machine and measured the quality of the hole. It is recorded that at higher speed of the spindle, the hole surface finish is high. Lin et al. [10] has monitored the failure of the micro-tool by considering the thrust force and current by using drill diameter varying from 0.1 to 0.3 mm on stainless steel plate. The thrust force is measured with the help of dynamometer. In this study, it is found that thrust is most important in detecting the tool breakage. It is understood from the review of literature that a limited number of research works have been done in the area of micro-drilling of superalloys.

## 2 Experimental Setup and Procedure

Micro-holes are drilled on Incoloy 800 work material by using DT 110-Multi-Process Micro-Machining Centre (Make: M/s. Mikro-Tools Pvt. Ltd., Singapore) which is a 3-axis machine. The micro-holes were drilled by tungsten carbide drill bit at higher speeds ranging from 16,000 to 26,000 rpm. The work material Incoloy 800 is fixed on the table with the help of a fixture. The size of the workpiece is 22 × 22 mm with a thickness of 2 mm. The temperature produced during the micro-drilling is measured by using infrared thermometer. The experiment setup is shown in Fig. 1

The main objective of this work is to maximize MRR, So that the production cost of small components is reduced and minimizes temperature produced during drilling of micro-holes on the work material which will reduce the wear of the tool



**Fig. 1** Micro-drilling setup

**Table 1** Parameter table

Processes parameters	Levels
Tool diameter	400, 600 and 800 $\mu\text{m}$
Speed of the spindle	16,000, 21,000 and 26,000 rpm
Feed	1, 2 and 3 mm/min

bit and improve the surface finish of the holes. Micro-drilling is done by changing the processes parameters such as tool diameter, feed and spindle speed. The levels of the processes variables are given in Table 1. During the experiment, one of the process variables is kept constant and the other parameters are changed as per the Taguchi L9 orthogonal array design. Taguchi L27 orthogonal array design is shown in Table 2.

Chemical composition of work material (Incoloy 800)

Elements	C	Al	Si	P	S	Ti	Cr	Mn	Fe	Ni	Cu
Composition (wt%)	0.02	0.11	0.48	0.009	0.004	0.29	21.5	0.47	46.3	30.9	0.01

### 3 Results and Discussion

In this section, the effect of the processes parameters on temperature and material removal rate are discussed based on the ANOVA analysis.

**Table 2** L<sub>27</sub> orthogonal array design table

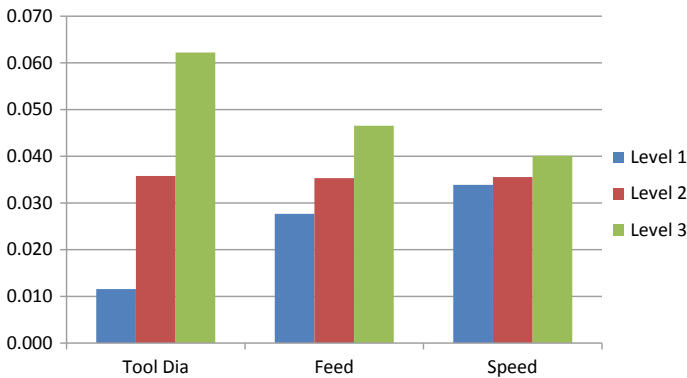
S. No.	Tool dia ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Feed (mm/min)	Speed (rpm)	Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	MRR ( $\text{mm}^3/\text{min}$ )
1	400	1	16,000	27.6	0.002
2	400	1	21,000	27.7	0.005
3	400	1	26,000	27.8	0.006
4	400	2	16,000	27.1	0.008
5	400	2	21,000	27.6	0.01
6	400	2	26,000	28.1	0.011
7	400	3	16,000	27.9	0.02
8	400	3	21,000	28.4	0.02
9	400	3	26,000	29.1	0.022
10	600	1	16,000	27.2	0.027
11	600	1	21,000	28.2	0.028
12	600	1	26,000	29.3	0.03
13	600	2	16,000	27.1	0.029
14	600	2	21,000	29.3	0.031
15	600	2	26,000	29.9	0.041
16	600	3	16,000	29.7	0.042
17	600	3	21,000	29.7	0.044
18	600	3	26,000	30.3	0.05
19	800	1	16,000	28.2	0.049
20	800	1	21,000	28.7	0.047
21	800	1	26,000	30.7	0.055
22	800	2	16,000	30.5	0.058
23	800	2	21,000	30.5	0.062
24	800	2	26,000	30.9	0.068
25	800	3	16,000	31.2	0.07
26	800	3	21,000	31.5	0.073
27	800	3	26,000	33.1	0.078

### 3.1 Temperature

Temperature obtained during micro-drilling is a vital factor which affects the drill bit tip and also the surface of the hole wall. It is found that the value of temperature is increasing for increasing value of tool diameter, feed and spindle speed. The results as per ANOVA are given in Table 3. It is noted that from the ANOVA table, the calculated value of “*F*” for tool diameter is 46.05 which is higher than the table value of “*F*”, so tool diameter is more significant. The performance of temperature on different process parameters is given in Fig. 2.

**Table 3** ANOVA for temperature

Source	DF	SS	MS	<i>F</i> cal	<i>F</i> tab
Tool dia	2	32.5007	16.2504	46.05	4.46
Feed	2	13.6896	6.8448	19.40	4.46
Speed	2	9.0763	4.5381	12.86	4.46
Tool dia * feed	4	3.2215	0.8054	2.28	3.84
Tool dia * speed	4	1.3815	0.3454	0.98	3.84
Feed * speed	4	0.4526	0.1131	0.32	3.84
Error	8	2.8230	0.3529		
Total	26	63.1452			



**Fig. 2** Performance of temperature on process parameters

### 3.2 Material Removal Rate (MRR)

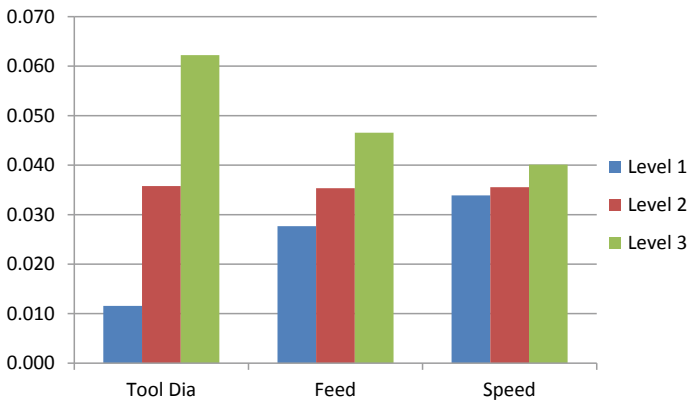
The spindle speed and feed play a major role in machining time. If there is increase in the feed rate and spindle speed, the time required to finish the micro-hole is less. The results as per ANOVA are given in Table 4. It is noted that from the ANOVA table, the calculated value of “*F*” for tool diameter is 1788.56 which is higher than the table value of “*F*”, so tool diameter is more significant. The effect of MRR on various processes parameters is given in Fig. 3.

### 3.3 Grey Relational Analysis

In this work, grey relational analysis (GRA) is used to find the best combination of the processes parameters. According to this work, the machining time should be less

**Table 4** ANOVA for material removal rate

Source	DF	SS	MS	<i>F</i> cal	<i>F</i> tab
Tool dia	2	0.01155941	0.00577970	1788.56	4.46
Feed	2	0.00162452	0.00081226	251.36	4.46
Speed	2	0.00018674	0.0009337	28.89	4.46
Tool dia * feed	4	0.00006281	0.00001570	4.86	3.84
Tool dia * speed	4	0.00003126	0.00000781	2.42	3.84
Feed * speed	4	0.00001215	0.00000304	0.94	3.84
Error	8	0.00002585	0.00000323		
Total	26	0.01350274			



**Fig. 3** Performance of MRR on process parameters

and the material removal rate must be high. To find the “larger-the-better” response parameter MRR, the following equation is used for calculating normalized value [10].

$$x_i^*(k) = \frac{x_i^*(k) - \min x_i^0(k)}{\max x_i^0(k) - \min x_i^0(k)}$$

where  $X_i(k)$  is sequence of data premerger.  $K = 1$  for MRR;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 9$  number of experiments. For “smaller-the-better” response parameter machining time, the following equation is used for calculating normalized value.

$$x_i^*(k) = \frac{\max x_i^*(k) - x_i^0(k)}{\max x_i^0(k) - \min x_i^0(k)}$$

The grey relational coefficient  $\xi(k)$  is calculated by using the following equation

$$\xi(k) = \frac{\Delta_{\min} + \xi \cdot \Delta_{\max}}{\Delta_{0_i}(k) + \xi \cdot \Delta_{\max}}$$

Table 5 shows the normalization values, grey relational coefficient and grey relational grade values for the response parameters temperature and material removal rate.

The best combination of processes parameters is obtained from the grey relational grade values for the response values temperature and material removal rate as per the table. The best combination obtained from grey relational analysis is given in Table 6.

**Table 5** GRA readings

S. No.	Normalization		Sequ normal		GRC		GRG	Rank
	Temp	MRR	Temp	MRR	Temp	MRR		
1	0.9167	0.0000	0.0833	1.0000	0.8571	0.3333	0.5952	11
2	0.9000	0.0395	0.1000	0.9605	0.8333	0.3423	0.5878	13
3	0.8833	0.0526	0.1167	0.9474	0.8108	0.3455	0.5781	16
4	1.0000	0.0789	0.0000	0.9211	1.0000	0.3519	0.6759	3
5	0.9167	0.1053	0.0833	0.8947	0.8571	0.3585	0.6078	9
6	0.8333	0.1184	0.1667	0.8816	0.7500	0.3619	0.5560	18
7	0.8667	0.2368	0.1333	0.7632	0.7895	0.3958	0.5927	12
8	0.7833	0.2368	0.2167	0.7632	0.6977	0.3958	0.5468	19
9	0.6667	0.2632	0.3333	0.7368	0.6000	0.4043	0.5021	27
10	0.9833	0.3289	0.0167	0.6711	0.9677	0.4270	0.6974	2
11	0.8167	0.3421	0.1833	0.6579	0.7317	0.4318	0.5818	15
12	0.6333	0.3684	0.3667	0.6316	0.5769	0.4419	0.5094	26
13	1.0000	0.3553	0.0000	0.6447	1.0000	0.4368	0.7184	1
14	0.6333	0.3816	0.3667	0.6184	0.5769	0.4471	0.5120	24
15	0.5333	0.5132	0.4667	0.4868	0.5172	0.5067	0.5120	25
16	0.5667	0.5263	0.4333	0.4737	0.5357	0.5135	0.5246	23
17	0.5667	0.5526	0.4333	0.4474	0.5357	0.5278	0.5317	21
18	0.4667	0.6316	0.5333	0.3684	0.4839	0.5758	0.5298	22
19	0.8167	0.6184	0.1833	0.3816	0.7317	0.5672	0.6494	5
20	0.7333	0.5921	0.2667	0.4079	0.6522	0.5507	0.6014	10
21	0.4000	0.6974	0.6000	0.3026	0.4545	0.6230	0.5387	20
22	0.4333	0.7368	0.5667	0.2632	0.4688	0.6552	0.5620	17
23	0.4333	0.7895	0.5667	0.2105	0.4688	0.7037	0.5862	14
24	0.3667	0.8684	0.6333	0.1316	0.4412	0.7917	0.6164	8
25	0.3167	0.8947	0.6833	0.1053	0.4225	0.8261	0.6243	7
26	0.2667	0.9342	0.7333	0.0658	0.4054	0.8837	0.6446	6
27	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.3333	1.0000	0.6667	4

**Table 6** Best combination

Tool diameter	600 ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
Feed	2 (mm/min)
Spindle speed	16,000 (rpm)

## 4 Conclusions

From this work, micro-holes were drilled on Incoloy 800 and the process parameters like tool diameter, spindle speed and feed rate were varied as per Taguchi's  $L_{27}$  orthogonal design and the following conclusions have arrived.

- It is recorded from the experiments temperature increases when the values of tool diameter, feed rate and spindle speed are increased.
- From ANOVA results, it is noted that tool diameter is influencing more on the temperature, which has a higher value of " $F$ " than the table value.
- From the results, it is found that for increasing values of speed and feed, the material removal rate is increased. This is because the tool moves faster in the cutting direction.
- Tool diameter plays major role in material removal rate, and it has a higher calculated " $F$ " value than the table value.

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