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# **Sensitivity of acoustic emission signals features to cutting parameters in time domain: case of milling aeronautical aluminium alloys**

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#### **Abstract**

Acoustic emission (AE) signals are thought to contain crucial information for identifying defects and monitoring processes. It is crucial to have a comprehensive understanding of how AE signal parameters behave under diferent experimental conditions. However, based on current research, there appears to be a lack of knowledge on the impact of machining parameters, especially in milling operations, where complex chip formation patterns, interaction efects, and directional pressures and forces are present. To bridge this informational void, analyzing how various cutting conditions impact the AE signal characteristics derived from milling operations is crucial. This research predominantly focuses on the impact of cutting conditions, material attributes, insert coatings, and nose radius on AE signal attributes in the time domain. The proposed innovative method suggests segmenting acquired AE signals correlated with the cutting tool's trajectory through the material into three distinct phases: entry, active cutting, and exit, each marked by a particular signal timeframe for efective signal processing and characteristic derivation. Furthermore, advanced signal processing techniques and statistical analysis are utilized to determine which AE parameters are sensitive to changes in cutting parameters. This research identifes cutting speed and feed rate as the primary variables afecting AE signal characteristics. The study's outcomes can enhance sophisticated classifcations and AI techniques for monitoring machining operations.

**Keywords** Acoustic emission · Milling · Aluminum alloy · Statistical analysis · Signal processing

#### **Highlights**

- •Milling experimental tests were performed on AA 7075 T6 with TiCN, TiAlN and TiCN+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+TiN coating materials.
- •Acoustic Emission (AE) signals were obtained from the milling tests.
- •The Time-Frequency signal processing method was conducted on obtained AE signals.
- •Feature extraction of signals and statistical analysis were adopted to determine the most sensitive AE parameters and governing machining factors.
- •Advanced signal processing techniques and statistical analysis were utilized to determine sensitive AE parameters to changes in cutting parameters.

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## **1 Introduction**

Acoustic emission, or AE, is the emission of elastic waves generated by the abrupt liberation of energy within a strained material due to events like plastic deformation or crack formation [[1\]](#page-9-0). These waves contain signifcant information for monitoring various processes. A considerable beneft of AE lies in its capacity to monitor a complete system non-disruptively. This sets it apart from other non-destructive signals, like ultrasonic waves. The aerospace sector, among others, has extensively utilized AE in non-destructive evaluation applications. The initial application of AE technology for monitoring cutting tool conditions emerged in the 1970s in Japan [[2\]](#page-9-1), where the AE generated during aluminum alloys (AAs) machining was examined. Findings indicated that AE signals span a continuous spectrum, unlike the discrete nature of audible frequencies. Subsequent research has focused on employing AE sensors in multiple applications [\[3](#page-9-2)[–7](#page-9-3)].

Today, much of the research in AE technology focuses on its intelligent control of tools and systems [\[8](#page-9-4)[–13](#page-9-5)]. This

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is due to the high sensitivity of AE signals to tool wear and breakage, which can vary signifcantly in terms of signal strength. Some studies have shown that AE can be utilized with high precision in machining and micromechanical process monitoring when combined with other sensors and modeling approaches [\[14](#page-10-0)]. To effectively employ AE signals for process monitoring, one must possess extensive knowledge of their responses to diverse mechanical and physical scenarios, as established in prior studies [[6\]](#page-9-6). The AE technique is widely used to monitor diferent types and modes of machining processes. However, there remains a lack of understanding about how sensitive the AE parameters are to diferent machining factors. This is particularly evident in milling operations, which involve complex chip formations and interactions with multiple directions of pressure. To address this knowledge gap, it is essential to investigate the infuence of a wide range of cutting factors on AE signal parameters.

In the study of AE signals within milling operations, examinations have been carried out across time, frequency, and combined time-frequency domains [\[15,](#page-10-1) [16](#page-10-2)]. Research fndings suggest that when it comes to the frequency aspect, the two most responsive indicators to the settings of the cutting process are the highest amplitude and the main frequency. However, the settings still don't fully control these indicators [[17\]](#page-10-3). In terms of signal processing, work has focused on automatic detection  $[18]$  $[18]$ ), predicting the smoothness of a surface [\[19\]](#page-10-5), and developing models for slot milling [\[20](#page-10-6)]. Further investigations have used AE signal characteristics to monitor the wear on milling tools in the process of cutting aluminum-ceramic materials [\[20\]](#page-10-6) as well as to study the condition of surfaces after high-speed machining [\[21](#page-10-7)]. Exploring AE signals considering both time and frequency has been another area of interest [[22\]](#page-10-8).

This research aims to discern the key influences on alterations in AE parameters within the time domain and to ascertain the most responsive parameters during machining.

Thus, the focus of this study is to identify the cutting factors that impact the variations in AE parameters in the time domain and determine which parameters are most sensitive to changes in machining conditions. To achieve this goal, an innovative methodology is proposed, which includes segmenting AE signals, advanced signal processing, and statistical analysis.

While AE signals are quite crucial for monitoring machinery condition and diagnosing health in machining tasks, there is a noticeable gap in understanding how these signals change with diferent machining factors, mainly when analyzed over time and frequency. This issue is more evident in milling, where the interactions, the various ways chips form, and the pressures in all directions stand out. Thus, it is necessary to explore how changing the cutting conditions can alter AE signals, focusing on time and frequency to fll this knowledge gap. This study aims to check how sensitive the features of AE signals are, mainly under diferent cutting conditions in milling aluminum alloys.

The theoretical background of AE is discussed in section two, while section three describes the experimental setup. The research methodology is comprehensively explained in section four, and the results and discussion are presented in section fve. Finally, the paper concludes in the last section.

## **2 Acoustic emission signal**

#### **2.1 Defnition and sources of AE**

AE refers to the elastic waves produced within a material when it is subjected to stress [\[23\]](#page-10-9). The primary causes of AE in metals are plastic deformation and the formation of cracks. These diferent forms of AE generation result in energy dissipation in the form of an AE event (illustrated in Fig. [1\)](#page-1-0), which typically lasts for less than a millisecond. Important factors to consider in understanding AE include the AE sensor, the

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AE signal, the characteristics of the AE wave, background noise, coupling, and the machine tool. As mentioned earlier, mechanical energy generates AE signals, manifesting as highfrequency elastic waves ranging from 100 to 1000 kHz.

The origins and sources of AE in deformed and machined materials were reported in  $[14, 23, 25-27]$  $[14, 23, 25-27]$  $[14, 23, 25-27]$  $[14, 23, 25-27]$  $[14, 23, 25-27]$  $[14, 23, 25-27]$ . As noted in  $[23]$  $[23]$ , the primary sources of AE in metal cutting are the following: (a) the plastic deformation during the cutting process, (b) the plastic deformation within the chip itself, (c) the friction at the junction between the workpiece and the tool fank that leads to fank wear, (d) the friction occurring at the interface of the tool rake face and the chip which causes crater wear, (e) the fracture of chips, (f) the breakage of the cutting tool, and (g) the collisions between the chip and the tool that result in chip fragmentation.

The AE signals generated during metal cutting can be distinguished into continuous and transient burst types, each with their unique attributes. Continuous signals emanate from the shear deformation and the tool's wear at the rake and fank faces, whereas sudden burst signals result from tool breakage and chip fracturing. It can be inferred that the continuous AE signals are produced by sources (a) through (d), while the transient AE events, as shown in Fig. [2,](#page-2-0) are a consequence of incidences (e) through (g).

#### **2.2 AE parameters**

Table [1](#page-2-1) presents the time-domain parameters obtainable from AE signals, with corresponding computational formulas detailed in Appendix [1](#page-9-7). This table enumerates the parameters deduced from AE signals across time and frequency domains.

#### **3 Experimental procedures**

#### **3.1 Experimental plan**

The design of the experiment method used in this study was a full factorial design of the experiment. The table included



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<span id="page-2-1"></span>**Table 1** The time series AE parameters studied

List	AE parameters
	Amplitude: $AE_{MAX}$
2	Minimum: $AE_{MIN}$
3	Mean: $AE_{\mu}$
4	Root mean square: $AERMS$
5	Variance: $AE_{VAP}$
6	Standard deviation: $AE_{\sigma}$
	Crest factor: $AE_{CF}$
8	Form factor: $AE_{EF}$
9	Coefficient of dispersion: $AECD$
10	Coefficient of asymmetry: $AE_{CA}$
11	(Skewness): $AE_{\rm sk}$
12	Kurtosis): $AE_{kur}$

in the document presents the factors and levels that were investigated. The experimental works were repeated once, and the average values of readings were presented in an overall 162 tests. The machining tests were conducted on a 3-axis CNC machine with a power of 50kW, a maximum spindle speed of 28000 rpm, and a torque of 50Nm. The three teeth-coated iscar inserts with code E90-A-D.75- W.75-M were used. The specifc details of the insert used are presented in Table [2](#page-3-0). The following section outlines the research methodology, including the approaches used for signal processing and result analysis. To ensure accuracy, measures were taken to control the stability of the cutting process and minimize tool and machine vibrations. Rigid tool and workpiece fxtures were used, resulting in negligible defection. A fresh insert was utilized for each cutting trial to eliminate discrepancies in AE signals caused by tool wear. Detailed specifcations of the workpiece materials and cutting parameters used in the study are presented in Tables [3](#page-3-1) and [4](#page-3-2).

#### **3.2 AE signal monitoring system**

The data acquisition system utilized in this work comprised two AE TEDS microphones. In Fig. [3](#page-4-0)b, the frst implemented microphone, ref2564023, which was positioned adjacent to the machining area, can be observed. The second microphone, ref2564024, was located two meters from the cutting area and was accompanied by a data preprocessing unit, as shown in Fig. [3](#page-4-0)c. This second sensor was used to monitor background noise. The sampling frequency of 65KHZ was used to analyze the AE signals in the time domain. The arrangement of work parts during the machining tests can be seen in Fig. [3](#page-4-0)d. Before beginning the experiments depicted in Fig. [3,](#page-4-0) the microphones were calibrated using a 10000 - 100 Hz signal to ensure their accuracy and **Fig. 2** Typical AE signal [[27](#page-10-12)] reliability. The considerable disparity in the signal-to-noise

<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Table 2** Machining parameters used

<b>Cutting Parameters</b>	Level				
		$\overline{c}$	3		
A: Cutting speed (m/min)	300	750	1200		
$B:$ Feed per tooth $(mm/z)$	0.01	0.055	0.1		
$C:$ Depth of cut $(mm)$	1		$\overline{c}$		
D: Material	AA 2024-T351	AA 6061-T6	AL7075-T6		
E: Tool ( $D^* = 19.05$ mm, $Z^{**} = 3$ ) Insert nose radius Re	$Re=0.5$ mm Coated with TiCN	$Re=0.83$ mm Coated with TiAIN	$Re=0.5$ mm Coated with $TiCN+Al_2O_3+TiN$		
Cutting fluid	None (Dry Machining)				

D\*: Tool diameter; Z\*\* Tool teeth number

<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Table 3** Physical properties of materials used [[28](#page-10-15)]

Physical parameters	Materials		
	AA $2024 -$ T351		$AA 6061 - T6$ $AA 7075 - T6$
Brinell Hardness (HB)	120	95	150
Elongation $(\%)$	19	17	11
Elastic limit (MPa)	324	276	503
Mechanical resistance (MPa)	469	310	572

<span id="page-3-2"></span>**Table 4** Characteristics of the cutting tools used [[29](#page-10-16)]



ratio of the initial sensor, placed in proximity to the chip creation zone, and the second sensor attested to the negligible infuence of extraneous noise on the fdelity of the recorded signals (Fig. [4](#page-4-1)).

## **4 Research methodology**

To attain more significant findings regarding different machining methods, the captured AE signals were separated into three sections, as shown in Fig. [5](#page-5-0), corresponding to the progress and movement of the cutting tool in the workpiece. The initial phase denotes the entry signal corresponding to the cutting tool's insertion into the workpiece (Fig. [5a](#page-5-0)). The second section concentrates on the cutting process (Fig. [5](#page-5-0)b), while the third refers to the moment the cutting tool exits the

workpiece (Fig. [5c](#page-5-0)). This approach obtained more precise data and insights regarding the various machining stages.

The proposed research approach for the study includes using AE sensors (at a frequency of 100 KHz) placed near the chip formation zone for data acquisition. The AE signals about the progress and exit of the cutting tool from the machined parts were extracted for each cutting trial. The signals will then be processed, and 12 AE parameters will be extracted from each cutting stage using a sampling frequency of 100 kHz. Statistical analysis will be performed on these parameters to determine the most signifcant machining and AE signal parameters. These parameters will be identified through their *P*-value,  $R2$ , and  $R2$ <sub>adi</sub> values. This approach will assist in determining the governing machining parameters and identifying insignifcant and signifcant variables and models (as outlined in Section [4.1](#page-3-3)) (Fig. [6\)](#page-5-1).

Associated with specifc challenges, such as burr formation, built-up edge (BUE), and work part adhesion to the cutting tool, machining AAs has been reported as complex [\[8](#page-9-4), [9,](#page-9-8) [30](#page-10-13), [31\]](#page-10-14). Certain assumptions were made to mitigate the potential negative impact of these difficulties on the experimental setup and resulting outcomes.

To avoid expected difficulties in machining AAs, and prevent any adverse effects on the experimental setup and recorded results, the following proposals were put forth:

- 1. Initial experimental trials were conducted to evaluate the stability and steadiness of the machining operation.
- 2. The machining tests confrmed the absence of defection in the cutting tool and fxture, and chatter vibration was not observed.
- 3. In each cutting experiment, using sharp, undamaged inserts was essential to reduce discrepancies in results and improve the machining process's accuracy.

## <span id="page-3-3"></span>**4.1 Method of analysis**

A range of experimental methodologies and conditions was used to evaluate the effects of cutting factors on the

#### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Fig. 3** AE Acquisition system





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calculated AE parameters. The statistical expressions applied within this research are encapsulated in the [[32](#page-10-17)]. ANOVA, denoting the analysis of variance. This technique assesses the impact and interactions of adjustable experimental variables with a 95% confdence interval (CI). At the same time, the coefficient of determination  $(R^2)$  quantifes the response variance relative to these parameters and their synergies. An  $R^2$  value of 0.75 indicates sensitivity to parameter variations, while a value greater than 0.75 suggests a lack of responsiveness.

In comparing models with diferent independent parameters, researchers used the adjusted  $R^2$  value ( $R^2$ <sub>adj</sub>), which is typically smaller or equal to  $R^2$ . The *P*-value was also used to determine the signifcance of individual experimental variables and the presented model. A *P*-value greater than 0.10 indicates insignifcance, a value between



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Fig. 5** Schematic breakdown of recorded AE signals



<span id="page-5-1"></span>**Fig. 6** Scheme of the proposed methodology

0.05 and 0.10 suggests mild importance and a value less than 0.05 denotes signifcance. The Pareto chart, a graphical representation of statistical analysis, was used to identify experimental parameters' main and interaction efects on responses. The signifcant and insignifcant variables

were determined by considering *P*-value,  $R^2$ , and  $R^2_{\text{adj}}$ . An input variable with a *P*-value under 0.05, including cutting parameters and their interaction efects, was deemed statistically signifcant. The investigators employed a secondorder linear model or two-factor interaction to assess the model's importance.

In conclusion, the researchers utilized various statistical methods to evaluate the efects of machining factors on AE parameters. By considering parameters such as  $R^2$ ,  $R^2$ <sub>adj</sub>, and *P*-value, they could identify significant and insignificant variables and determine the overall sensitivity of the model to parameter variations. The results were visually represented through a Pareto chart, highlighting experimental parameters' main and interaction efects on responses. The second-order degree models are included in this study, as shown in Figs. [7](#page-6-0) and [8.](#page-6-1) Any AE responses with a corresponding  $R^2$  value of less than 0.75 were also deemed insignifcant regarding changes in cutting parameters. All statistical analysis was conducted using the commercial software Statgraphics.

## **5 Results and discussion**

The infuence of cutting parameter alterations on AE signal characteristics was analyzed through diverse signal processing methods and feature selection techniques, as depicted in Fig. [6](#page-5-1). Statistical methods evaluated the impact of cutting parameters on AE signal characteristics, with the outcomes represented in quadratic models. The explanatory power of each cutting parameter on the response variables is indicated by Table  $5$ , which presents the coefficient of determination  $(R<sup>2</sup>)$  for AE parameters derived from various cutting phases. This data shows that only a few AE parameters  $(AE<sub>RMS</sub>)$  $AE<sub>VAR</sub>$ ,  $AE<sub>MAX</sub>$ , and  $AE<sub>MIN</sub>$ ) were sensitive to changes in



<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Fig. 7** Pareto chart for  $AE_{RMS}$ 

<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Fig. 8** Pareto chart for  $AE_{MAX}$ 

cutting parameters, with  $R^2$  values exceeding 0.75. In other words, except for these few parameters, the variability of other recorded parameters in response to changes in cutting parameters was less than 75% and, therefore, not statistically significant.

Among the sensitive AE parameters,  $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$  and  $AE<sub>MAX</sub>$ had the highest  $R^2$  values and will be further examined in Figs. [7](#page-6-0) and [8.](#page-6-1) These figures illustrate that  $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$  and  $AE_{MAX}$  were significantly influenced by the cutting speed

 $(A)$ , feed per tooth  $(B)$ , and depth of cut  $(C)$ , regardless of the cutting stage. Higher levels of cutting speed, feed per tooth, and depth of cut resulted in higher levels of  $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$ and  $AE_{MAX}$ , with cutting speed having the greatest impact [[33\]](#page-10-18). This observation is consistent with previous research that suggests AE signals in cutting operations are primarily related to energy consumption and material removal rate (MRR) (as stated in [[33](#page-10-18)]). Interestingly, material was

<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Table 5** Summary of sensitivity of each AE feature to cutting parameters based on correlation of determination *R*<sup>2</sup>

AE features	Cutting stages						
	Entry-stage	Cutting stage	Exit stage				
$AE_{MIN}$	0.72	0.49	0.652				
$AE_{MAX}$	0.778	0.627	0.724				
$AE_{\mu}$	0.142	0.0834	0.151				
AE <sub>RMS</sub>	0.894	0.825	0.793				
AE <sub>VAR</sub>	0.724	0.625	0.693				
$AE_{\sigma}$	0.631	0.435	0.545				
$AE$ <sub>CF</sub>	0.327	0.107	0.311				
$AE_{EF}$	0.128	0.407	0.121				
$AE_{CD}$	0.191	0.118	0.129				
$AE_{\rm CA}$	0.36	0.244	0.233				
$AE_{Sk}$	0.155	0.308	0.251				
$\text{AE}_{\text{kur}}$	0.389	0.207	0.305				

the least statistically signifcant parameter, except in the entry stage. This may be due to the initial energy demand for cutting, as higher levels of material removed may require more energy and result in stronger AE signals.

As shown in Figs. [7](#page-6-0) and [8](#page-6-1), regardless of the AE features studied ( $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$  and  $AE<sub>MAX</sub>$ ), the material was the most minor statistically signifcant factor in the initial cutting stage, while the cutting tool was non-statistically signifcant. This could be due to the high energy demand for initial plastic deformation at the start of the cutting process compared to the other stages of cutting. Table [3](#page-3-1) shows higher values of  $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$  in the harder material, specifically AA 7075 T6, compared to the softer material, AA 6061 T6. This could be attributed to the higher energy required for plastic deformation in harder materials. Although material and cutting tools may have the least impact on AE signal parameters, it is notable that these signals show more variation when changing cutting parameters rather than material properties. Therefore, it can be concluded that AE signals are susceptible to changes in cutting parameters such as material removal rate (MRR) and consumed energy level. A strong correlation between cutting parameters, such as cutting speed and feed per tooth, and AE signal information is also expected.

Furthermore, it has been confirmed that selecting appropriate AE signal parameters can signifcantly beneft the machining process monitoring. Regardless of the cutting stage being studied, other vital factors infuencing AE signals are the interaction effects between cutting tools and materials. These effects, represented by DE, and the main interactions between cutting speed (EE) and materials (DD), are also attributed to the impact of coating and insert noise radius on generated AE signals. In summary, it can be concluded that careful consideration of AE signal parameters is crucial for successfully monitoring the machining process.

This study's results, particularly as illustrated in Tables [5,](#page-7-0) [6](#page-7-1), [7](#page-7-2), and [8,](#page-8-0) substantiate the efficacy of the introduced method and show a robust correlation between acoustic emission signals and machining variables. According to the statistical analysis, the AERMS proves to be the most sensitive attribute of the AE signal in response to changes in the cutting parameters. In materials with low modulus of elasticity, such as aluminum alloys, a lower AERMS value is to be expected, as the low modulus of elasticity is the main cause of vibration in machining processes [\[14](#page-10-0)]. This vibration has a negative impact on various aspects of the process, such as surface quality, formation and size of burrs, and overall morphology [[34](#page-10-19)]. It is crucial to have a deep

<span id="page-7-1"></span>**Table 6** Afecting cutting parameters on AE signal features in the entry stage

AE features	$V_c$	$f_z$	$a_p$	Material	Cutting tool
$AE_{MIN}$	1	2	3	$\overline{4}$	5*
$AE_{MAX}$	1	$\boldsymbol{2}$	3	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	$5*$
$AE_\mu$	$1*$	$2*$	$3*$	$5*$	$4*$
$AE_{RMS}$	1	$\overline{2}$	3	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	$5*$
$AE_{STD}$	1	2	3	$5*$	$\overline{4}$
$AE_{\sigma}$	1	$\overline{c}$	$4*$	$5*$	3
$AE_{CF}$	3	2	$4*$	1	$5*$
$AE_{FF}$	$1*$	$4*$	$3*$	$2*$	$5*$
$AE_{CD}$	1	$5*$	$3*$	$4*$	$2*$
$AE_{CA}$	$\overline{c}$	$3*$	1	$5*$	$4*$
$AE_{Sk}$	1	3	$\overline{c}$	$4*$	$5*$
$AE_{kur}$	2	1	$4*$	3	$5*$

(\*)Indicates non-statically efective factors

<span id="page-7-2"></span>**Table 7** Afecting cutting parameters on AE signal features in the cutting stage

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AE features	$V_c$	$f_z$	$a_p$	<b>Material</b>	Cutting tool
$AE_{MIN}$	1	2	3	$5*$	$\overline{4}$
$AE_{MAX}$	1	$\boldsymbol{2}$	3	$4*$	$5*$
$AE_\mu$	$1*$	$3*$	$3*$	$4*$	$5*$
$AE_{RMS}$	1	$\overline{2}$	3	$5*$	$4*$
$AE_{STD}$	1	$\overline{2}$	$3*$	$5*$	$4*$
$AE_{\sigma}$	1	2	3	$5*$	$\overline{4}$
$AE_{CF}$	1	$\overline{c}$	5	4	3
$AE_{FF}$	3	$\overline{4}$	1	$\overline{2}$	5
$AE_{CD}$	$1*$	5*	$4*$	$4*$	$2*$
$AE_{CA}$	$1*$	$2*$	$3*$	$4*$	$5*$
$AE_{Sk}$	$1*$	$3*$	$2*$	$5*$	$4*$
$AE_{kur}$	4	1	3	5	$\mathfrak{2}$

(\*)Indicates non-statically efective factors

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Table 8** Afecting cutting parameters on AE signal features in the exit stage

$AE$ features	$V_c$	$f_z$	$a_p$	<b>Material</b>	Cutting tool
$\text{AE}_{\text{MIN}}$	1	$\overline{c}$	3	4	$5*$
$\mathbf{AE}_{\mathbf{MAX}}$	1	$\overline{2}$	3	$5*$	4
$AE_\mu$	$1*$	$2*$	$5*$	$4*$	$3*$
$\mathbf{AE_{RMS}}$	1	$\mathbf{2}$	3	$5*$	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$
$\mathrm{AE}_{\mathrm{STD}}$	1	$\overline{c}$	3	$5*$	4
$\text{AE}_\sigma$	1	$\overline{c}$	$4*$	$5*$	3
$\text{AE}_{\text{CF}}$	1	$\overline{c}$	$4*$	3	$5*$
$\text{AE}_{\text{FF}}$	$1*$	$2*$	$5*$	$\overline{4}$	3
$\mathrm{AE}_{\mathrm{CD}}$		$5*$	$2*$	$4*$	$3*$
$\mathrm{AE}_{\mathrm{CA}}$	$\overline{c}$	$3*$	5	$1*$	$4*$
$\mathrm{AE}_{\mathrm{Sk}}$	1	3	2	$4*$	$5*$
$\text{AE}_{\text{kur}}$		$\overline{c}$	3	5	$\overline{4}$

(\*) Indicates non-statically efective factors

understanding of the material properties, including ductility, to make well-informed decisions when selecting cutting parameters and improving the machining process. It is worth noting that signals obtained from machining centers, such as CNC machines, are prone to various levels of mechanical, electrical, and acoustic noises, which can greatly afect the accuracy of the signals. Milling, in particular, presents more complex signals compared to other non-traditional machining operations. As previously noted  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$  $[8, 9, 30, 31]$ , milling operations frequently encounter phenomena such as burr formation, built-up edge (BUE), and the adherence of workpiece material to the cutting implementation. Initial trials assessed and regulated system stability and background noise to address these difficulties, while fresh inserts were employed for every cutting examination. Notwithstanding these constraints, the empirical data from this research dispel skepticism concerning the sufficiency of AE signal data in milling operations.

The burgeoning feld of manufacturing has witnessed signifcant advancements in monitoring machining operations, notably through the use of AE signals. A recent study rigorously substantiates the precision and efficacy of AE signals acquired during milling processes. Findings from extensive studies elucidate that variants in the AE signals predominantly correlate with the cutting parameters, such as cutting speed and feed per tooth. These factors induce more pronounced AE signal changes than variations from diferent coating and tested materials. Through meticulous analysis, the responsiveness of AE signal parameters to machining intricacies becomes more discernible. This investigative approach unveils a greater understanding of AE signals' pivotal role in monitoring and controlling milling. The conduit for future studies is observable in contemplating diverse models that could enrich the statistical analysis of machining data. Subsequent inquiries may delve deeper into the realm of sophisticated mathematical models and interpretative methodologies.

In an innovative stride, applying AI-based techniques, most notably Neural/Deep Networks, offers a formidable avenue for redefning process monitoring. Implementing these advanced tactics could enable the construction of robust classifcation and predictive models, signifcantly enhancing the capacity to monitor and optimize machining operations. It is advocated that further investigations embrace higher frequency ranges in conjunction with stateof-the-art fltering and anti-aliasing algorithms. This will refne the process, enabling the isolation of non-defecting, pure AE signals. Steadily, the approach of forecasting AE signal parameters through theoretical modeling is gaining traction as a feasible method to obviate the necessity for repetitive empirical testing. It holds promise for developing a systematic predictive maintenance framework in the manufacturing milieu. The validation of AE signal information thus is a compelling testament to the technological evolution in precision machining.

## **6 Conclusion**

By performing milling cutting experiments on an aluminum alloy workpiece and applying a suggested approach for segmenting and analyzing AE signals, the sensitivity of timedomain parameters of measured AE signals to variations in cutting conditions was investigated. This would address the gaps often seen in the literature regarding the infuence of cutting conditions on AE signal behavior for real-time monitoring purposes.

- $AE<sub>RMS</sub>$ , AE  $AE<sub>MAX</sub>$ , and  $AE<sub>MIN</sub>$  are the most sensitive time series AE parameters to changes in cutting parameters, including cutting speed, feed per tooth, and depth of cut, respectively, regardless of the cutting stage being studied.
- These cutting parameters directly and significantly impact AE power and material removal rate (MRR).
- The outcomes of this work suggest that cutting factors have a stronger infuence on AE signals than material properties.
- This study has shown that Acoustic Emission (AE) signals are reliable measures for tracking the performance of milling operations over time, despite previous doubts about their efectiveness due to noise, friction, or chip pileup. By using wavelet analysis, AE signals have proven useful for monitoring milling activity.
- Therefore, AE signals can now be applied in scenarios where they were once considered unsuitable due to

issues with noise, friction, and the challenge of accurately determining and choosing signal features.

- To enhance the dependability of the proposed algorithm and minimize uncertainties, it is recommended to incorporate the insights gained from this study, include higher frequency range data, develop advanced filtering, antialiasing, and artificial intelligence algorithms, and utilize additional sensors, such as dynamometers.
- The aim of this study is to get a better understanding of what afects the sound waves produced during cutting, and to spot the sound wave characteristics that are really afected by diferent cutting settings.
- Other goas of this work was to get better at spotting problems in real-time while cutting diferent materials. The precise applications of artifcial intelligence, accurate sensors, a wide range of sound wave frequencies, and improved fltering techniques are proposed to make our detection methods more efective.
- A detailed and clear understanding of key cutting conditions and the way they afect sound wave signals can defnitely make prediction models for spotting faults and real-time monitoring in various cutting tasks stronger.

# <span id="page-9-7"></span>**Appendix**

## **Description of AE parameters**



**Availability of data and material** The authors confrm that the data supporting the fndings of this study are available within the article [and/ or] its supplementary materials.

**Code availability** Not applicable

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