

Use of Nano Cutting Fluid in Machining

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Abstract—Nano cutting fluids are the mixture of conventional cutting fluid and nanoparticles. Addition of the nanoparticles can alter wettability and lubricating properties. This paper presents a comprehensive review of published research works on the use of nano fluids in machining processes. Nano cutting fluid plays an important role in minimizing production time, cost and energy in different machining operations. The study covers the classification of nano fluids and their effect on both workpiece and cutting tools including surface roughness, tool wear and cutting force has been explained. As a result, the paper presents a roadmap for the researchers and practitioners during the utilization of nano cutting fluids in machining processes.

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I. Introduction

There are new classes of fluids called nano fluids which are contrived by separating nanometer-sized materials (nanoparticles, nanofibers, nanotubes, nanorods, nanosheet and droplets) in base fluids [1]. In addition, nanofluids are nanoscale colloidal suspensions holding solid nanomaterials. It consists of two phase systems solid phase and liquid phase and for a two-phase system we have to face some important issues [2]. The most important nano cutting fluid application in machining issue is the solidity of nanofluids and it is a big challenge to attain a desired solidity of nano fluids [3]. Recently, Nanofluids attracted more attention of people due to its importance in all aspects of life and its wide range of application though some research articles including the progress of nano fluids published the majority of researches are related to experimental and theoretical studies of the thermo physical properties or the convective heat transfer of nano fluids [4,5].

New application trends for nano fluids was studied and related to the heat transfer properties of nano fluids [6]. The size of nanoparticles (usually less than 100nm) in liquids mixture gives them the capacity to interact with liquids at the molecular level and so conduct heat better than today's heat transfer fluids depending on nanoparticles. In order to retain enhanced thermophysical properties metallic nano fluids have been found such as thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, viscosity and convective heat transfer coefficients compared to those of base fluids like oil or water. Now days the importance of nanofluids increased in many fields like solar collector and solar thermal storage [7-9].

Nano fluids show better steadiness and rheological properties, higher thermal conductivity, and no penalty in pressure drop when compared with suspended particles of millimeter-or micrometer dimensions. This new composite fluid is very important and lack of research and information has not been noticed by researchers that include preparing and solidity issues of nanofluids, expectations of thermal conductivity of nanofluids accurate for industrial condition. Prediction of viscosity of nanofluids for industrial condition with heat transfer fluid are important some aspects [10]. It is clear that we need extensive studies in a variety of fields due to the existence of industrial development and requests of new procedures for improving production process. Producers are always looking for higher yields and incomes. Actually the main goal in producing is to minimize the production time, cost, energy and resources along with improving the function [6,11]. In this way cutting fluids play an important role. Cutting fluid has a vital role in this way that's why metalworking fluids prevent from metal to metal contact and reduce internal friction [12]. In metal working operations, the fictional resistance can be reduced by adding a lubricant between the surfaces. Lubricants divide the sliding surfaces by creating a film and decrease the fictional resistance and wearing [13]. The ability to cool a fluid helps to control undesirable temperature of tool, workpiece and chip. In addition when processing cutting fluid can wash and remove generated chip. We can use cutting fluids to avoid re-welding, corrosion, reducing the amount of energy of the machine and increasing tool life [14]. During the operation of cutting a metal, the cutting fluid functions in three ways: cools the workpiece surface and the cutting tool, removes the chips from the cutting zone and lubricate the tool workpiece interface [15]. It was perceived that the application of cutting fluids during machining facilitates economy of tools, maintains tight tolerance, and keeps the surface properties safe from damages. It was realized that the use of cutting fluids has negative impacts on human health and the environment both through their use and their disposal. Also, the cutting fluid occupies 16-20% of the cost of production in the manufacturing industry. Therefore, excessive use of these fluids (flood lubrication) should be avoided [16].

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The complex process is machining where the cutting tool wear is caused by the interaction of high temperature, friction and load. These limitations can lead to mechanical, adhesive dissuasive thermal and chemical wears of the cutting tool. Some of these limitations can dominate according to the cutting performance and material of the cutting edge and the machined material [17,18]. Despite their many advantages, cutting fluids possess major drawbacks. They generate additional costs, price itself and the need of their disposal [19-21].

This paper presents a comprehensive review of nano fluid applications in machining and the role of nano fluids in increasing the machining performance and hence the product quality. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents classification of nano fluids. The effects of nano fluid on both workpiece and cutting tool showed in Section 3 followed by the difficulties of applying nano fluids in machining in Section 4. Conclusions are summarized in the last section.

II. Classification of nano fluids

There two categories of nano fluids; metallic nano fluids and non-metallic nano fluids. According to theoretical atomic and micro scale-level characteristic behavior of nano fluids, it shows that the enhancement of thermal conductivity, temperature dependent effects and significant raise in critical heat flux. By Metallic nanofluids we mean containing metallic nanoparticles such as (Cu, Al, Zn, Ni, Si, Fe, Ti, Au and Ag), while nanofluids containing non-metallic nanoparticles such as aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3), copper oxide (CuO) and silicon carbide (SiC, ZnO, TiO_2) are often considered as non-metallic nanofluids, semiconductors (TiO_2), Carbon Nanotubes (SWCNT, DWCNT and MWCNT) and composites materials such as nanoparticles core polymer shell composites. Furthermore, materials and structure are attractive for use in nanofluids where the particle liquid interface is doped with various molecules [22-25].

An important nano cutting fluid application in machining consideration in the application of nano fluids is viscosity such as a lubricant or heat transfer fluids. Empirical investigations into the viscosity of nanofluids show limitations in the existing theories, models and correlations [26]. The parameters which have been applied so far in modeling nanofluid viscosity include volume fraction or concentration, temperature, packing fraction, thickness of the nanolayer, particle shape/aspect ratio, aggregate radius, inter-particle spacing and the capping layer. In addition the behavior of disperse magnetic nanofluids is of interest in the design of engineering systems requiring induced magnetic field effects for optimum performance. Therefore, the effective viscosity behavior of magneto-rheological nanofluids (MRNF) is principally governed by the presence of a magnetic field [27,28].

III. Effect of nanofluid on workpiece and cutting tools

A. Surface roughness

While applying nanofluid as coolant, the quality of machining surface is better than dry condition or any other types of conventional fluids [29]. When it is dry, due to lack of cutting fluid, the wear of cutting edge appears soon, so the process will be (rougher) and the (Ra) generated on the metal surface will be high (Figure 1) [30]. During machining with suitable amount of cutting fluid, it preserves the cutting edge because of its cooling and lubricating properties, so the Ra generated will be better than its range in dry machining and machining process remains partially smooth [31,32]. The main role of nano-cutting fluid is to improve the wetting equal lubricating properties of rake and flank areas. Better heat dissipation results from the net effect, so the machining process is smoother and results in retaining of hardness of the tool cutting edge. During machining with nanofluid, the roughness of the surface is minimum as compared to the other machining condition (Figure 1) [2,33].

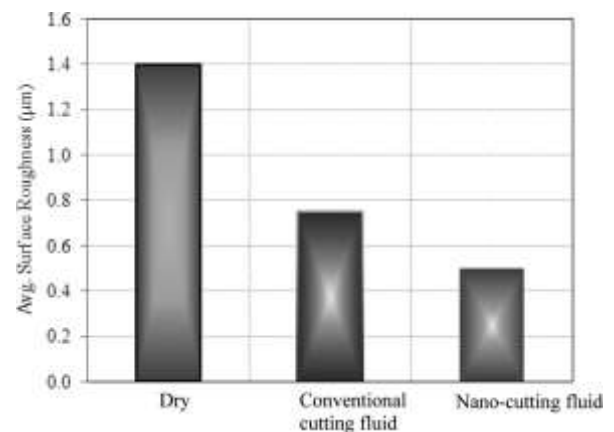


Fig 1. Effect of different fluids on surface roughness [7]

B. Tool Wear

Another significant parameter which has direct effect on the final quality of the product is tool wear. It also influences the performance of the tool and tool life. Tool wear is the main factor of the tool failure during the process it totally limits the performance of the cutting process, there are several factors that result in tool wears, but abrasion, adhesion and diffusion are caused by the high temperature of the tool-chip interface [13,34]. It need to be taken into consideration that tool wear influences the machining economy and early wear leads to uneconomic machining, it has been studied that the rate of tool abrasion can be reduced by proper lubricity and excellent cooling abilities of the nano fluid [35]. According to recent studies, tool wears means morphology of crater and flank wear. The tool material wear is affected by the temperature generated in the primary and secondary shear zone, the availability of high cutting temperature and the cutting edge stress, together with the tool materials brittleness, increases the chipping, cracking and the tool inserts fracture [36,37]. This can be often seen in dry machining operation, which is resulted

from the absence of cutting fluid, and also crater wear will be higher. Severe flank wear is caused by the absence of cutting fluid and continuous rubbing of the machined work surface on the thermally softened flank face, as compared to dry condition suitable amount of cutting fluids supply lubrication and partially decrease the generated heat in machining area but dominate adhesive wear mode causes create wear near the cutting edge of the tool [24,38]. The mechanism of adhesive wear depends on the followings, the hot strength of the tool materials at the adhesive junction, adhesive affinity of the tool and workpiece and the frequency of interruptions at the adhesive contact [39]. Severe adhesion wear is increasingly resulted from wear interface bonding between tool-workpiece surfaces the layer of the adhered workpieces surface often is attached to the tool edge, thus the create wear occurs at the machining seizure zone [40]. Continuous rubbing of workpiece with the flank face tries to chip-off the layers of the tool flank surface. The tool retains its hardness due to suitable cutting fluid lubrication ability and so flank wear partly reduces as compared to dry process [41,42]. In case of nano cutting fluid, both create and flank wear decrease hugely and the reasons behind this are its convectional, conduction and wettability because of both better cooling and lubrication properties of nano cutting fluid [43]. The tool maintains its hardness for longer times. Thus the flank wear amount will be minimal as compared to the other two processes [44,45].

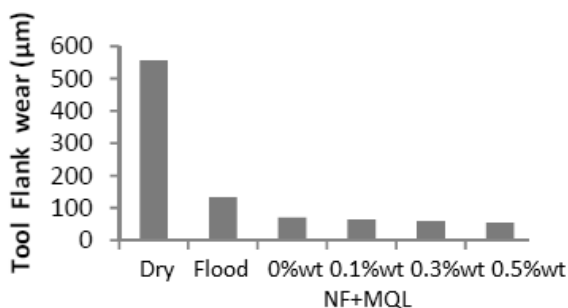


Fig 2. Effect of different fluids on tool wear [45]

C. Cutting force

According to the investigations, cutting forces decrease and more than that the forces will rise to some extent with increase in concentration of nanoparticles up to a particular level [46]. Cutting force during milling by MQL method (with pure water and water and water includes nano particles) have been compared to each other [47]. Due to the chart, not only the existence of nanoparticle in base fluid, but also type, size and concentration of nanoparticles are effective on cutting forces. For example, water Al_2O_3 nano fluid with 2.5 vol% leads to increase in forces. This event is due to forming a dense and hard slurry layer in high concentrations of Al_2O_3 (4 vole %), therefore grinding forces will increase [48,49].

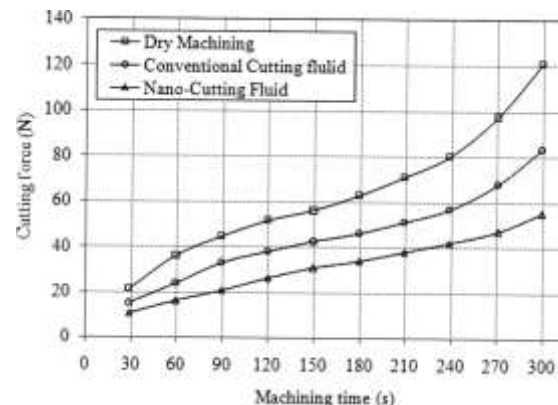


Fig 3. Effect of different fluids on cutting force [7]

IV. Conclusions

In the last few decades, some papers declared the great roles of nano cutting fluid in machining. The current research work presented a comprehensive review of using nano fluids in machining. Some papers present that not only using nano fluids influence on nano cutting fluid machining parameters but the size, type of nanoparticle, and concentration of particles in base fluid are crucial. But most of the experimental researches announced that tribological properties developed with raising concentration of nanoparticles in base fluid. Even though, this paper illustrates an overview of typical developments in the study of nano cutting fluid application in machining, including the stability mechanisms, the evaluation methods for their stability, the potential applications in heat transfer intensification, better heat transfer, energy field, preparation methods, and mass transfer enhancement. Results showed that if they are used in a perfect way, due to change in lubrication trait, physical characteristics (viscosity, thermal conductivity, density, and thermal capacity) better heat transfer rate will be observed. According to literature review, the nano-enriched cutting fluid exhibits better tribological properties compared to its base fluid. The following key issues should receive better attention in the coming future to enrich the use of nano cutting fluid application in machining. Firstly, experimental and theoretical researches are required to find the main characters affecting the performance of nano fluids. Up to now, there is a lack of agreement between experimental results from different groups, so it is very important to systematically identify these factors. The detailed and accurate structure characterizations of the suspensions may be the key to elucidate the contrast in the experimental data. Secondly, the shape of additives in nano fluids is very important for the properties, therefore the new nano fluid synthesis approaches with controllable microscope structure will be an interesting research work. Thirdly, stability of the suspension is an important issue for both scientific research and practical applications. The stability of nano fluids, especially the long term stability, the stability in practical conditions and the stability after thousands of thermal cycles should be taken into consideration. Fourthly, increase in viscosity by the use of nano fluids is an important drawback due to the associated increase in pumping power. The applications for nano fluid with low viscosity and high conductivity are promising. In conclusion, utilizing nano

cutting fluid application in machining as coolant and lubricant lead to lower tool temperature, tool wear, high surface quality, cutting force, specific energy, surface roughness, and torque in drilling and less environmental dangers. However, high cost of nano particles, need for particular devices, clustering and sediment are negative aspects of nano fluid applications in metal working operations.

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