

EFFECT OF SPHERE CONFIGURATED PARTICLE DAMPER ON TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES DURING BORING OF HARDENED STEEL

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Abstract: Tool vibration is the most unfavourable element in the boring operation, as it contributes to poor surface finish, excessive tool wear, and progressive cutting force. Tool vibration mainly occurs due to the overhanging length of the boring tool and to overcome this factor an appropriate mechanism has to be established which helps to increase the production and quality of the product in manufacturing sector. An impact particle damper with variable material spheres, sphere diameter, and sphere location in a boring tool is fabricated in this work. A 27 run experiments were conducted to find the effect of impact particle damping on tribological properties during boring process. The results shows that impact particle damper increases the rigidity of the tool holder which enhances the tribological properties. The sphere in the boring tool will collide with one another thereby suppressing the tool vibration efficiently.

Key words: boring process; impact particle damper; tribological properties; filler size; ANOVA.

1. INTRODUCTION

The metal cutting industries is motivated towards high standard product and increased manufacturing. In manufacturing sector, the relative movement between metal cutting process and dynamics of machine tool leads to tool vibration (Lawrance et al., 2017). The overhanging length of the boring tool is a major reason for an enhanced tool vibration which results in high surface roughness and reduced tool life (Lawrance et al., 2019). In metal cutting industries, tool vibration is considered as a major challenge which can be controlled by providing a suitable damper. The impact dampers is an ease and simple elucidation to suppress tool vibration in a boring tool. Ramesh and Alwarsamy (2012) suggested that, an impact damper material with high density have added inertia mass which could suppress tool vibration. Sam Paul et al. (2015) suggested that the damping capacity of an impact damper made up of damping material is critical for tool vibration suppression during the turning phase. Panossian (1992) developed particle damping for structural application to suppress vibration. The small cavities are filled with

particles which is positioned in a structure. The particles inside the structure collide with one another and cavity wall which leads to energy dissipation and damping. Sathishkumar et al. (2012) developed a particle damping technique which suppress chatter in a boring tool and reduce surface roughness. It was also found that 40% reduction in surface roughness when copper was used to fill boring bar hole. The particle damping is also applied on cantilever beam structure and found that 50% enhancement in damping (Friend and Kinra, 2000). Marhadi and Kinra (2005) stretched particle impact damping with different materials and found it's efficient. Diniz et al. (2019) developed a particle impact damper filled with particles inside the tool cavity. When vibration occurs these particles dissipate kinetic energy along with collision and friction with other particles. The high density material can be used as particles (Khatake and Nitnaware, 2013). The use of impact particle damping has been applied successfully in structural and machining operations.

The effect of an impact sphere particle damper on tribological properties during boring of AISI4340 steel was investigated in this study. The tribological properties consist of tool vibration, surface roughness, cutting force and tool wear. The boring tool's cavity is filled with balls, the diameter of which is lesser than the cavity diameter. As the boring instrument vibrates, the sphere inside dissipates energy by colliding with other spheres and the cavity wall, resulting in successful damping. A series of cutting experiment were conducted on varying sphere diameter, sphere material and filling of spheres in boring cavity. To validate the cutting experiments data, an uncertainty analysis also done. The impact sphere particle damping used is a simple, inexpensive and effective technique to improve the tribological properties.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

In this study, a boring tool with a diameter of 25 mm and a length of 300 mm with the specification S25T PCLNR 12F3 was used. The work piece is made of

AISI 4340 steel and has an outer diameter of 80 mm, a diameter of 40 mm, and a length of 100 mm (Lawrance et al., 2019). Figure 1 depicts the creation of a boring bar with an impact sphere damper. Spark machining was used to drill a carbon steel boring tool with an inner diameter of 10 mm and a length of 200 mm. The spheres were placed in the boring cavity and secured with a screw that could be adjusted.

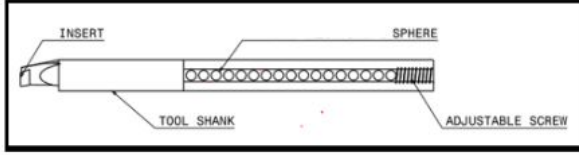


Fig. 1. Impact sphere damper in a boring bar

A piezoelectric vibrometer was used to measure tool vibration, a Kistler type 9257B dynamometer was used to measure cutting force, Mitutoyo - SJ 210 was used to measure average surface roughness, and Toolmakers' microscope was used to measure tool wear in cutting experiment on a Kirloskar turn master-35 lathe. A set of impact sphere particle damper parameters were arrived, namely the filling of spheres in boring cavity (tightly packed, loosely packed and partially packed), the sphere diameter (4mm, 6mm & 8mm) and the sphere material (stainless steel, chromium steel & tungsten carbide) to enhance tribological properties. Table 1 shows three levels of impact sphere particle damper parameters, and Table 2 shows the experimental findings obtained during machining. A complete factorial experimental plan of type $2^3 = 27$ experiments was made with these parameters. The feed rate was kept constant at 0.06mm/min, the cutting speed at 100m/min, and the cut depth at 0.5mm. Cutting trials were carried out in a dry cutting environment for 2 minutes.

Table 1. Three level parameters of impact sphere particle damper

No	Parameter	Levels		
		1	2	3
1	Sphere material	stainless steel	chromium steel	tungsten carbide
2	Sphere diameter (mm)	4	6	8
3	Spheres filling	tightly packed	loosly packed	partially packed

3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE (ANOVA)

ANOVA is used to find the effect of input variables on the machinability of the boring process. ANOVA is also engaged to identify the significant cutting parameters affecting machinability of the material (Yang and Tarng, 1998). The equation given below is

used to estimate the total sum of squared deviations which is used to rank the cutting parameters and it was done was using MINITAB 16 software. Here, n is the number of experiments, η_m is the total mean signal to noise ratio and η_i is the mean signal to noise ratio for the i^{th} experiment (Lawrance et al., 2019).

$$SS_T = \sum_{i=1}^n (\eta_i - \eta_m)^2 \quad (1)$$

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The contour plot shown in Figure 2(a), reveals that tool vibration is suppressed (0.5 – 1mm) at the interaction of level 3 of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But tool vibration is high (3 – 3.5mm) at most of the level 1 region of sphere diameter (4mm) and sphere material (stainless steel). Similarly contour plot shown in Figure 2(b), reveals that tool vibration is suppressed (0.5 – 1mm) at the interaction of level 3 of sphere filling (partially packed) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But tool vibration is high (3 – 3.5mm) at most of the level 1 region of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere material (stainless steel). The contour plot shown in Figure 2(c), reveals that tool vibration is middling (1 – 1.5mm) at level 3 region of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere filling (partially packed). But tool vibration is high (2.5 – 3mm) at level 1 region of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere diameter (4mm). Figures 2(a), 2(b), and 2(c) demonstrate the results of the variable sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere fillings test for amplitude of tool vibration. It was found that when the tool holder was filled with impact sphere particle damper with tungsten carbide sphere material, sphere diameter of 8mm, and sphere fillings of partially packed, there was a significant reduction in tool vibration.

The contour plot shown in Figure 3(a), reveals that surface roughness is reduced (less than 1 μ m) at the interaction of level 3 of sphere filling (partially packed) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But surface roughness is high (more than 2 μ m) at level 1 & 2 region of sphere filling (tightly & loosely packed) and sphere material (stainless steel & chromium). Similarly contour plot shown in Figure 3(b), reveals that surface roughness is reduced (less than 1 μ m) at the interaction of level 3 of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But surface roughness is high (more than 2 μ m) at level 1 & 2 region of sphere diameter (4 & 6mm) and sphere material (stainless steel & chromium). The contour plot shown in Figure 3(c), reveals that surface roughness is mediocre (1 – 2 μ m) at level 3 region of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere filling (partially packed). But surface roughness is very high (above 3 μ m) at level 1 region

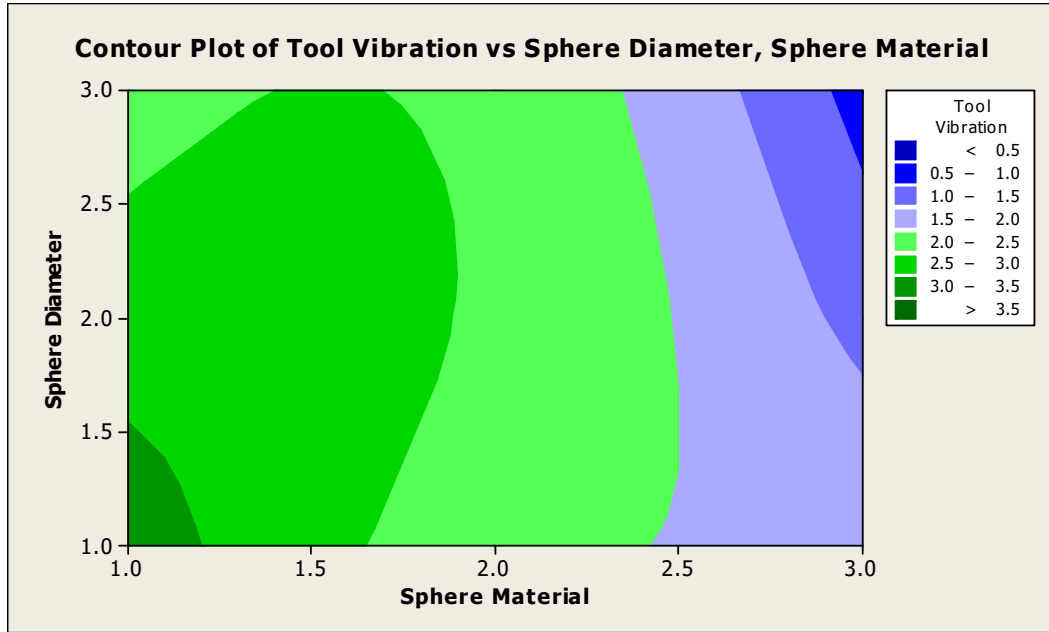
of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere diameter (4). The variable sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere fillings test for surface roughness shown in Figures 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) revealed that when the

tool holder was equipped with an impact sphere particle damper made of tungsten carbide and filled partially, the surface roughness was significantly reduced.

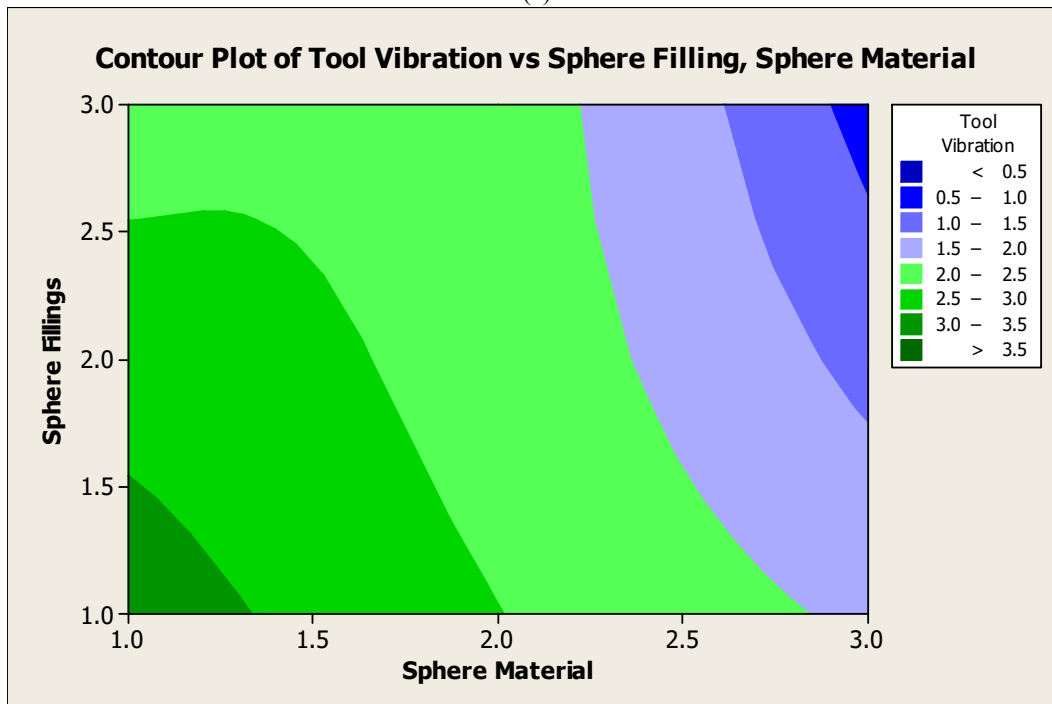
Table 2. Experimental design and results

Standard Order	Factor			Vibration amplitude of tool (mm)	Cutting Force (N)	Surface Roughness, Ra (μm)	Tool Wear (mm)
	Sphere diameter	Sphere filling	Sphere material				
1	4	tightly packed	stainless steel	3.77	1243	4.48	0.233
2	4	tightly packed	chromium steel	3.28	1010	4.43	0.189
3	4	tightly packed	tungsten carbide	2.77	585	3.84	0.181
4	4	loosly packed	stainless steel	3.27	1069	4.82	0.213
5	4	loosly packed	chromium steel	2.77	368	4.15	0.199
6	4	loosly packed	tungsten carbide	2.27	659	3.27	0.151
7	4	partially packed	stainless steel	2.78	858	3.38	0.131
8	4	partially packed	chromium steel	2.27	980	3.89	0.137
9	4	partially packed	tungsten carbide	1.77	815	2.55	0.094
10	6	tightly packed	stainless steel	2.27	1208	4.66	0.191
11	6	tightly packed	chromium steel	1.77	995	4.81	0.159
12	6	tightly packed	tungsten carbide	2.61	939	3.45	0.16
13	6	loosly packed	stainless steel	2.24	749	4.29	0.194
14	6	loosly packed	chromium steel	2.78	993	4.12	0.157
15	6	loosly packed	tungsten carbide	2.25	743	3.50	0.102
16	6	partially packed	stainless steel	3.03	458	3.45	0.151
17	6	partially packed	chromium steel	2.30	457	2.71	0.089
18	6	partially packed	tungsten carbide	1.72	368	0.17	0.023
19	8	tightly packed	stainless steel	2.41	1112	3.17	0.142
20	8	tightly packed	chromium steel	1.93	399	2.69	0.139
21	8	tightly packed	tungsten carbide	1.43	638	1.56	0.092
22	8	loosly packed	stainless steel	1.89	954	3.37	0.103

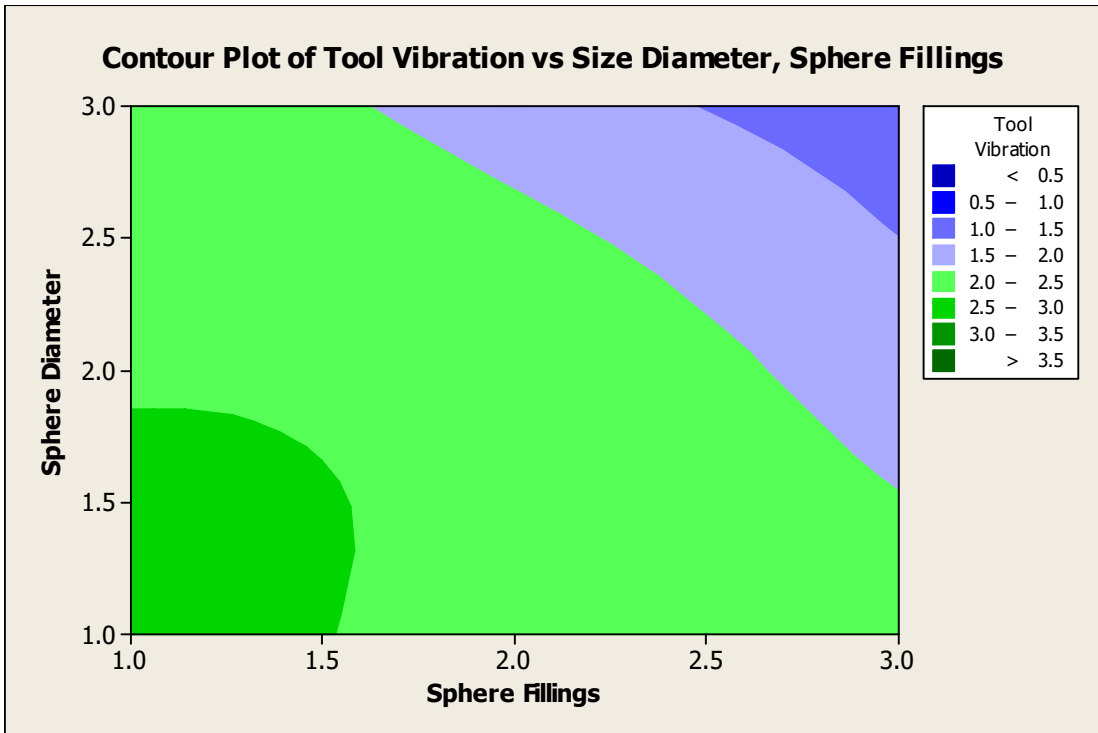
23	8	loosly packed	chromium steel	1.40	816	2.52	0.079
24	8	loosly packed	tungsten carbide	0.77	494	1.10	0.062
25	8	partially packed	stainless steel	1.45	458	1.52	0.023
26	8	partially packed	chromium steel	0.73	554	0.89	0.029
27	8	partially packed	tungsten carbide	0.19	168	0.09	0.013



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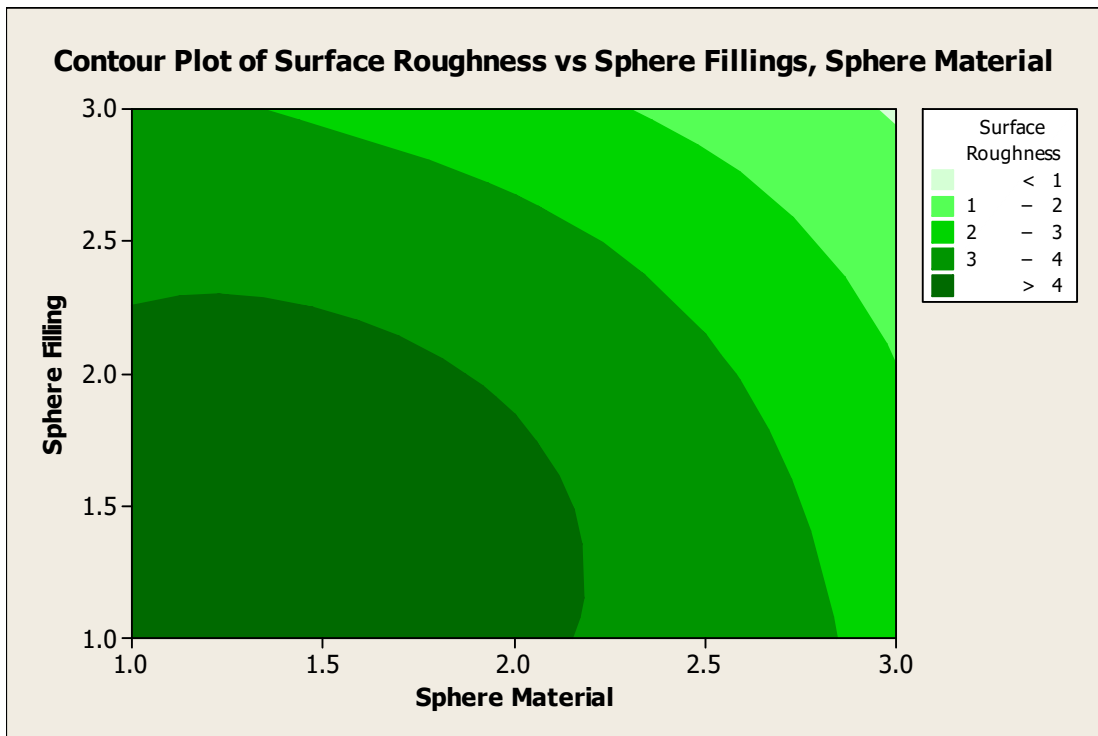


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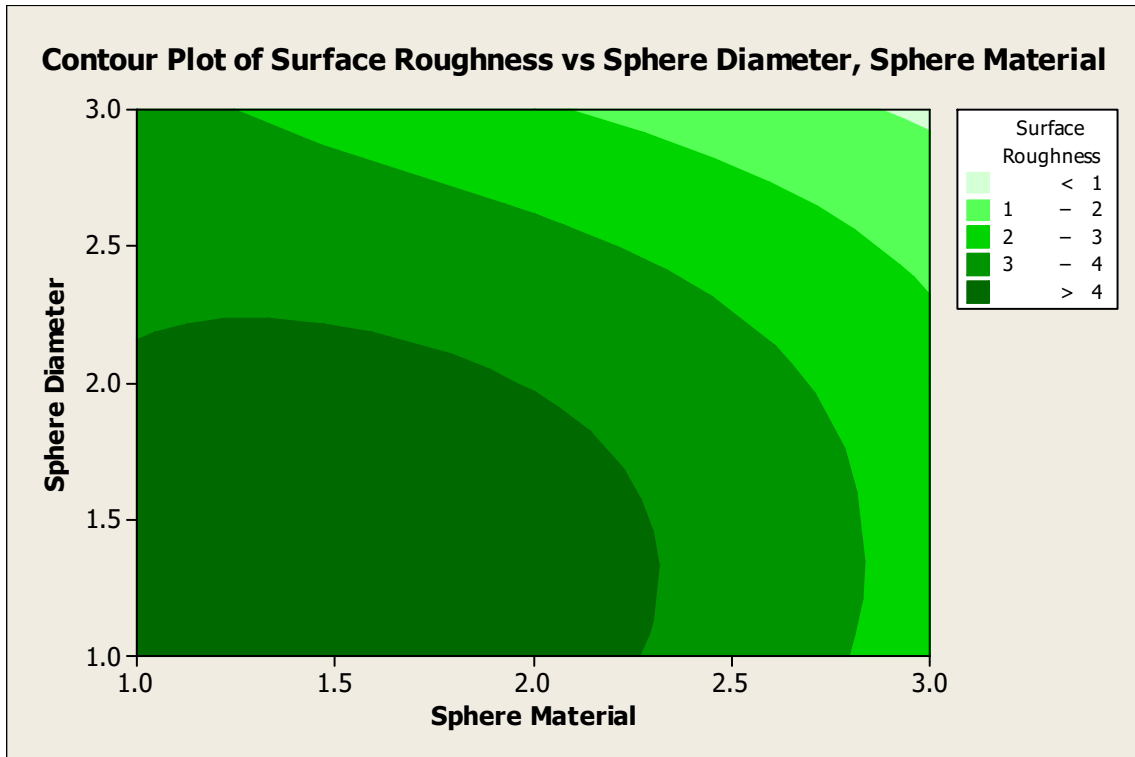


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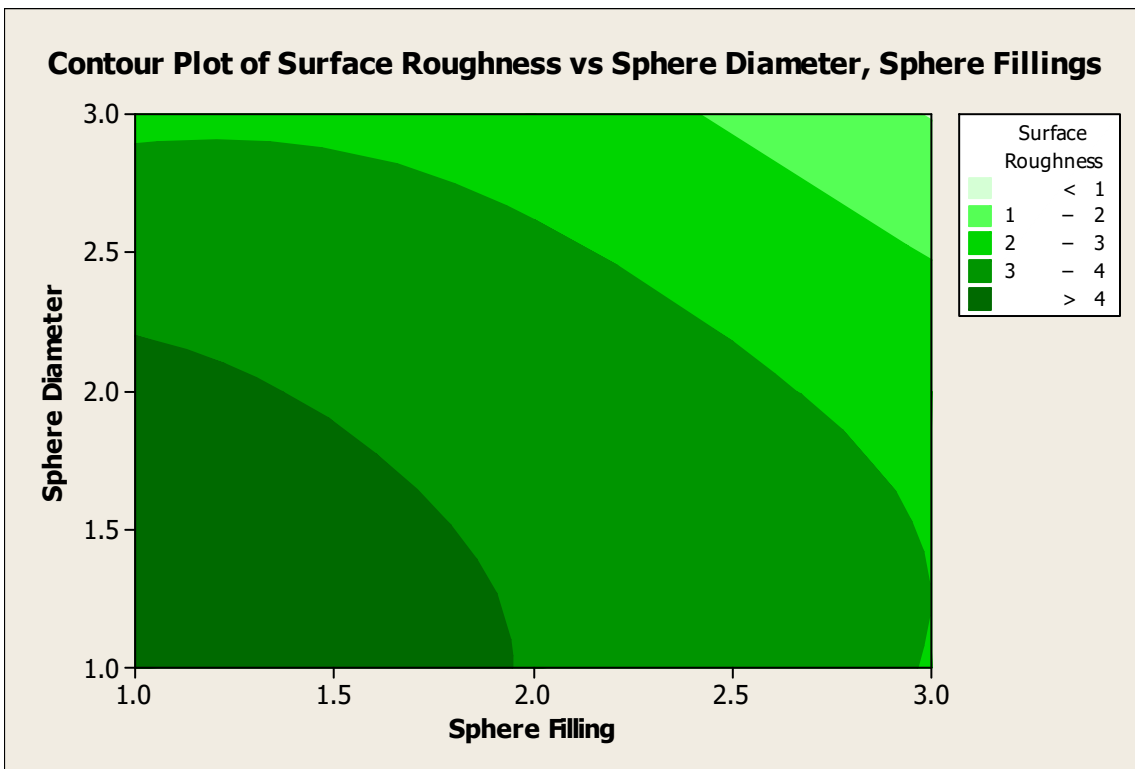
Fig. 2. Contour plot of tool vibration



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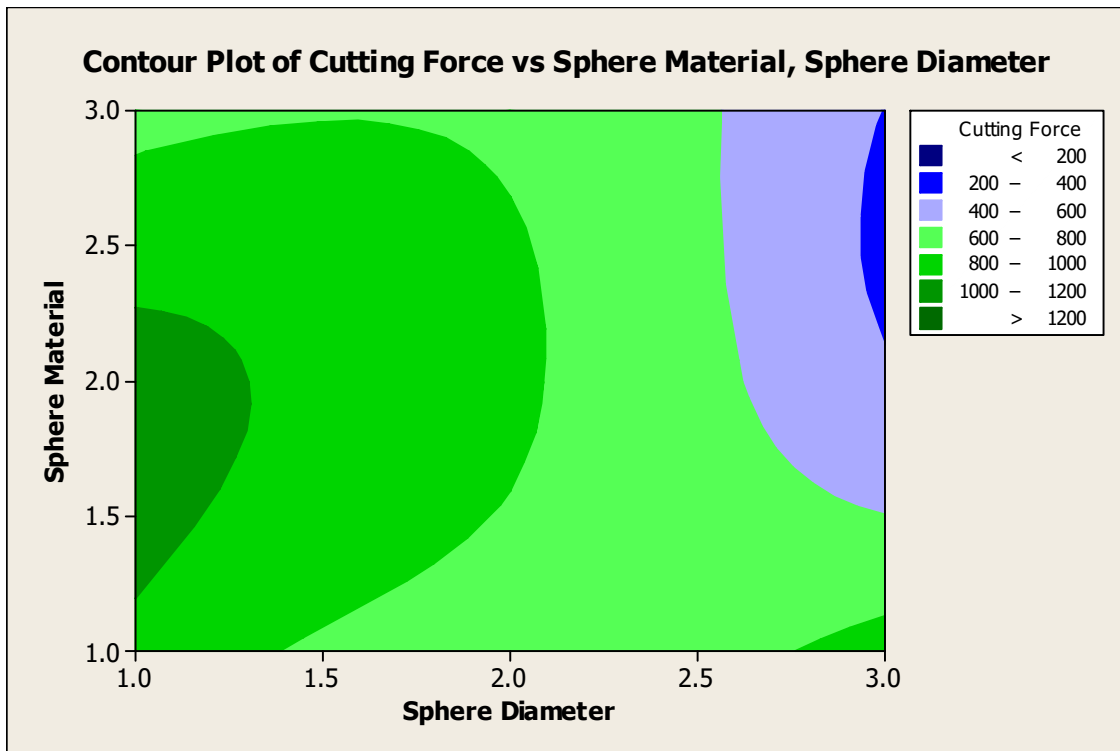
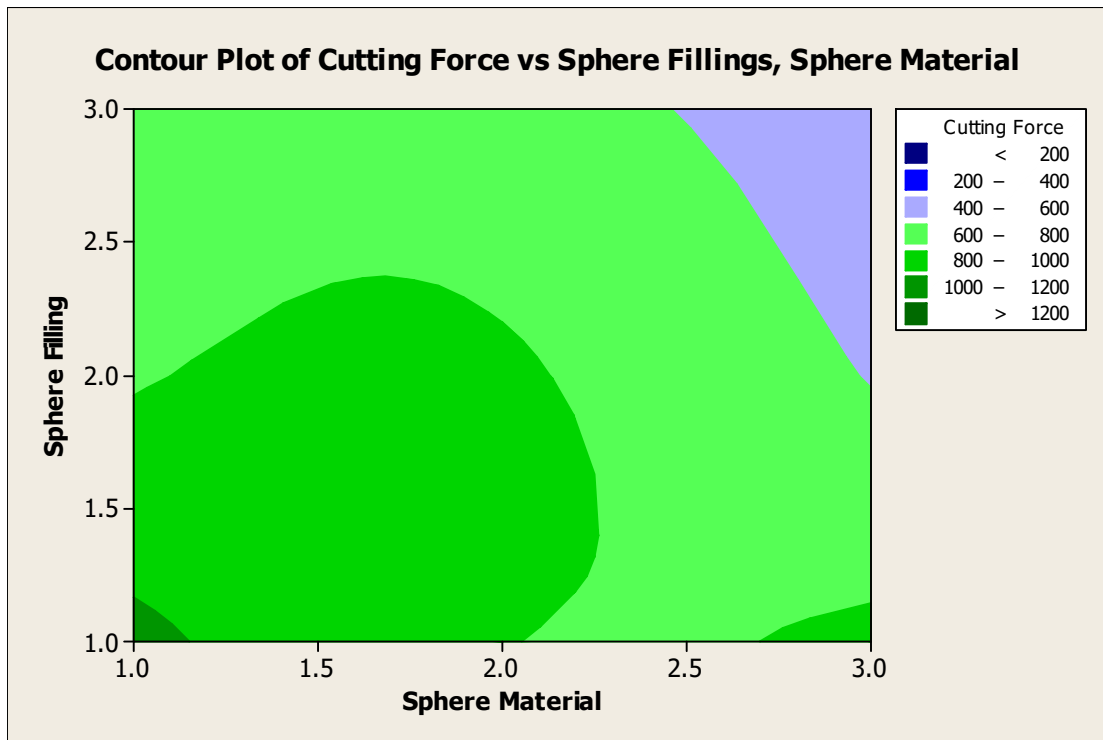


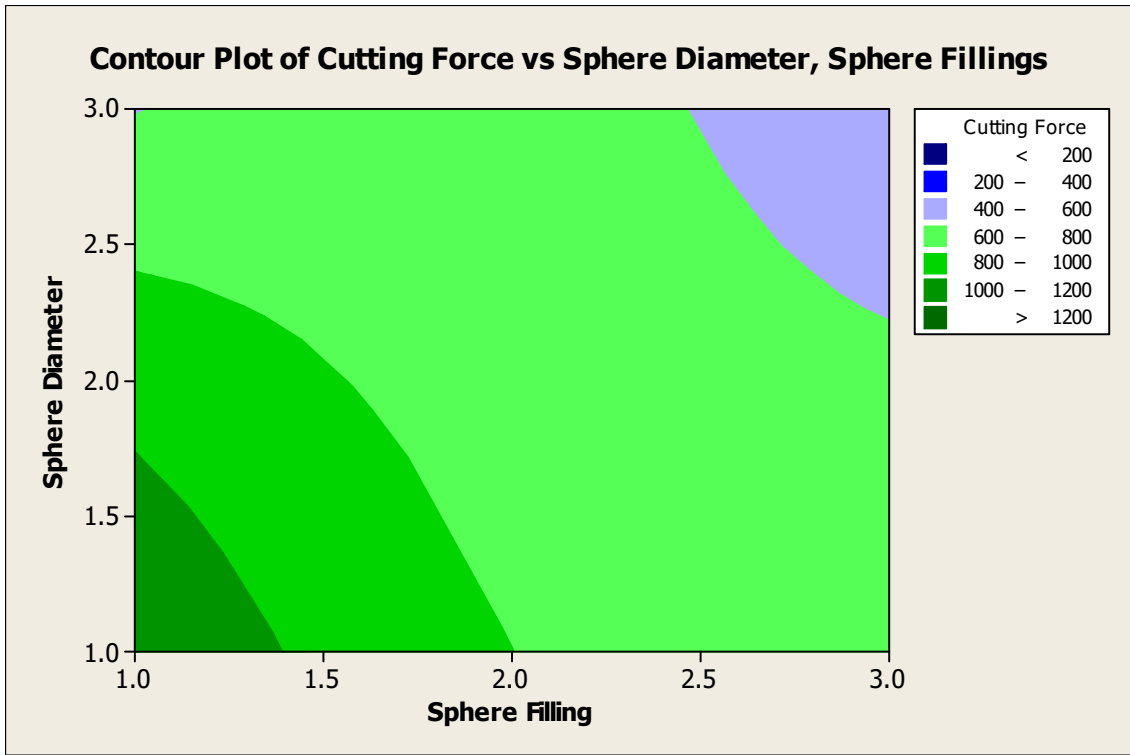
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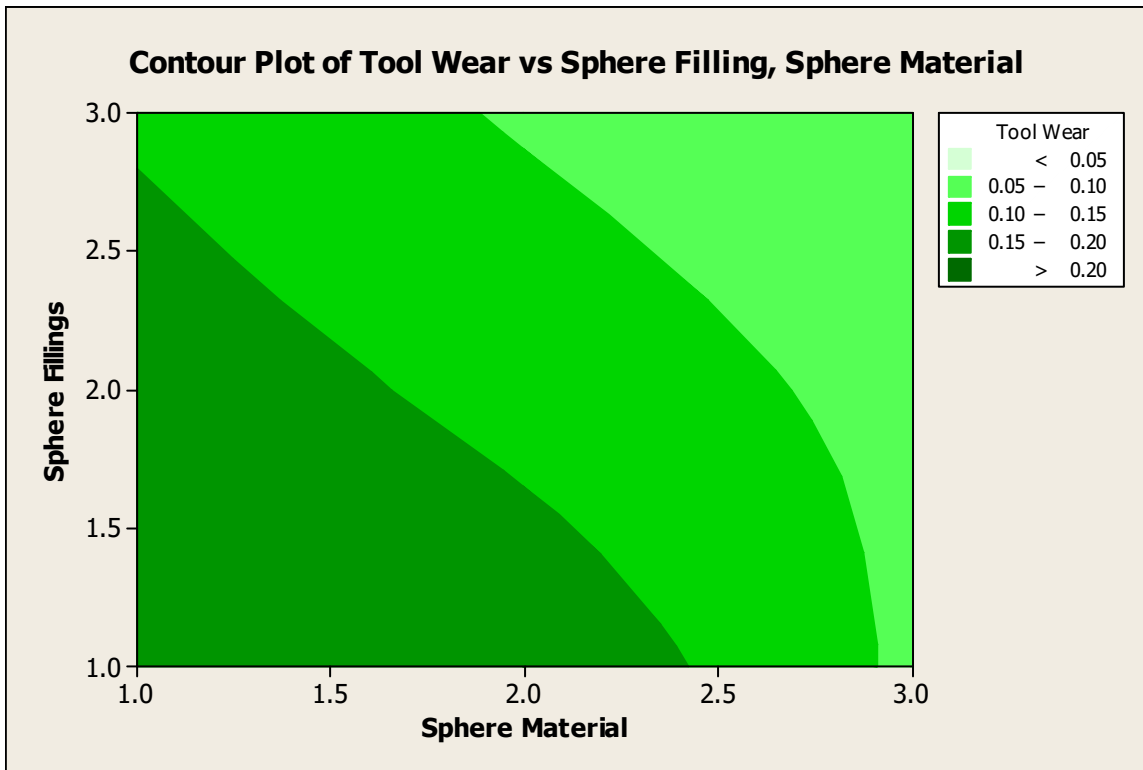
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Fig. 3. Contour plot of surface roughness

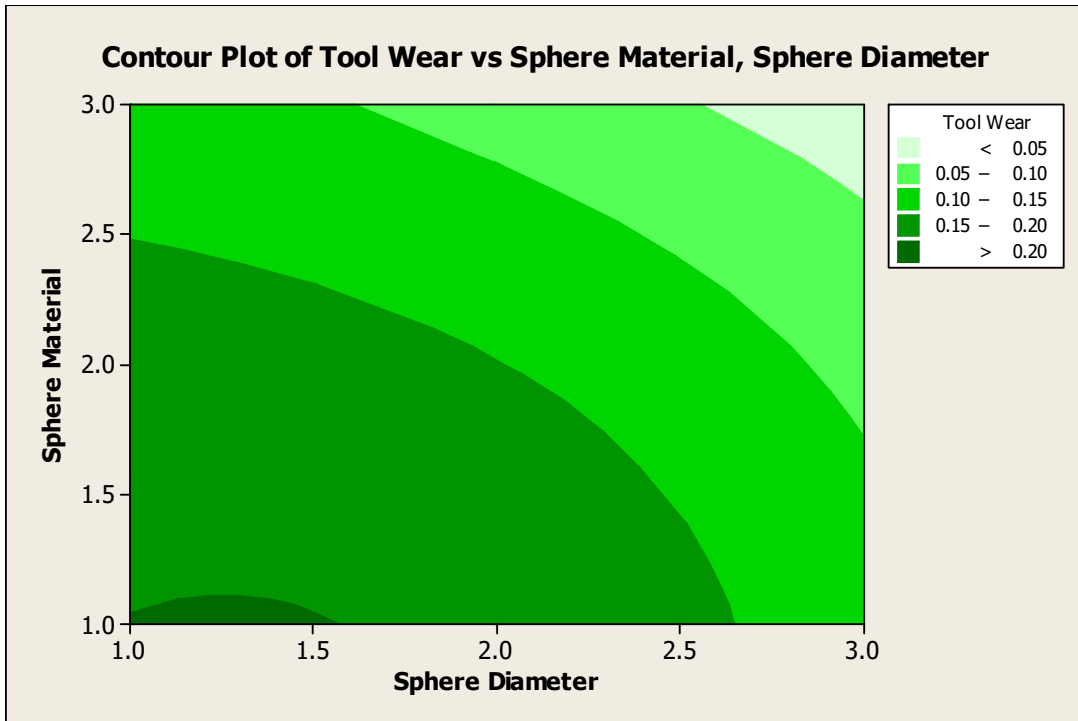




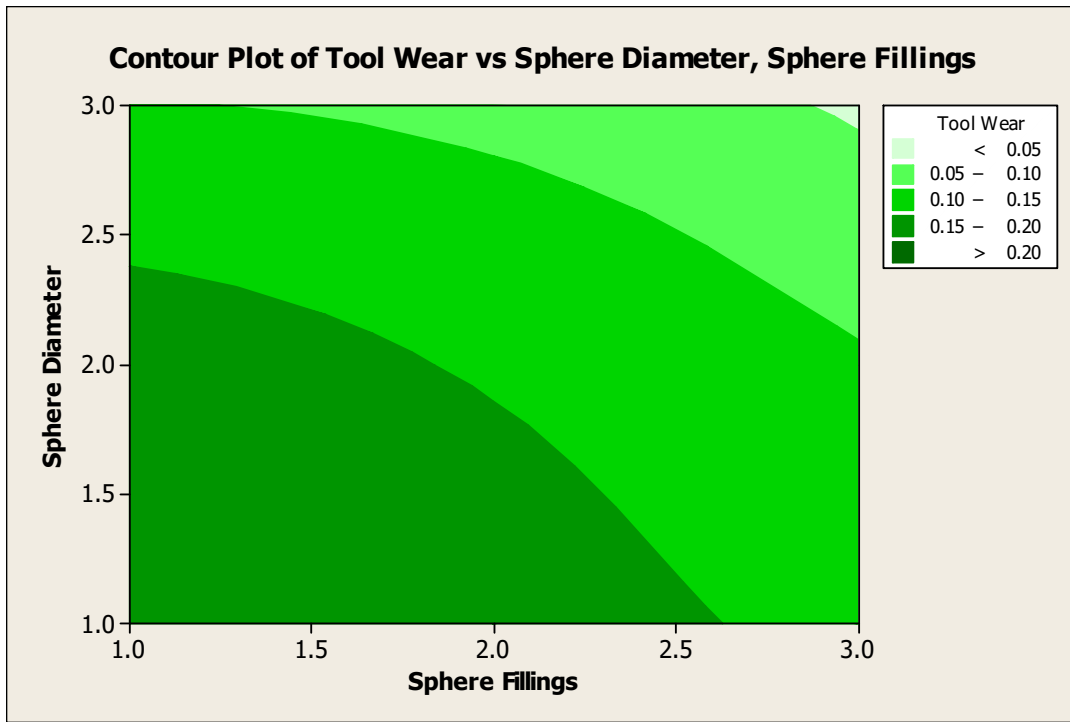
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Fig. 4. Contour plot of cutting force



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 5. Contour plot of tool wear

Table 3. ANOVA for tool vibration

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P	Contribution%
Sphere material	2	23.5490	23.5490	11.7745	70.94	0.000	47.85
Sphere diameter	2	14.2692	14.2692	7.1346	42.99	0.000	28.99
Filling of spheres	2	8.0751	8.0751	4.0376	24.33	0.000	16.40
Error	20	3.3194	3.3194	0.1660			6.74
Total	26	49.2127					

Table 4. ANOVA for cutting force

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P	Contribution%
Sphere material	2	10365289	10365289	5182644	41.11	0.000	39.83
Sphere diameter	2	8685078	8685078	4342539	34.44	0.000	33.37
Filling of spheres	2	4447179	4447179	2223589	17.64	0.000	17.09
Error	20	2521557	2521557	126078			9.69
Total	26	26019103					

Table 5. ANOVA for surface roughness

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P	Contribution%
Sphere material	2	19.8903	19.8903	9.9452	42.26	0.000	40.10
Sphere diameter	2	13.5926	13.5926	6.7963	28.88	0.000	27.40
Filling of spheres	2	11.4036	11.4036	5.7018	24.23	0.000	22.99
Error	20	4.7065	4.7065	0.2353			9.49
Total	26	49.5929					

Table 6. ANOVA for tool wear

Source	DF	Seq SS	Adj SS	Adj MS	F	P	Contribution%
Sphere material	2	0.040847	0.040847	0.020423	57.80	0.000	41.04
Sphere diameter	2	0.037392	0.037392	0.018696	52.91	0.000	37.56
Filling of spheres	2	0.014223	0.014223	0.007112	20.13	0.000	14.29
Error	20	0.007067	0.007067	0.000353			7.10
Total	26	0.099529					

The contour plot shown in Figure 4(a), reveals that cutting force has significant reduction (400 – 600N) at the level 3 region of sphere filling (partially packed) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But cutting force is substantial high (800 – 1000N) at level 1 region of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere material (4mm). Similarly contour plot shown in Figure 4(b), reveals that cutting force is reduced (200 – 400N) at the interaction of level 3 of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But cutting force is substantial high (800 – 1000N) at level 1 region of sphere diameter (4mm) and sphere material (stainless steel). The contour plot shown in Figure 4(c), reveals that cutting force has significant reduction (400 – 600N) at level 3 region of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere filling (partially packed). But cutting force is very high (1000 – 1200N) at level 1 region of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere diameter (4mm). Figures 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c) show the results of the variable sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere fillings test for cutting force. It was discovered that when the tool holder was equipped with an impact sphere particle damper made of tungsten carbide and filled partially, the cutting force was significantly reduced.

The contour plot shown in Figure 5(a), reveals that tool wear has significant reduction (0.05 – 0.1mm) at the level 3 region of sphere filling (partially packed) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But tool wear is substantial high (0.15 – 0.2mm) at level 1 region of sphere filling (tightly packed) and sphere material (4mm). Similarly contour plot shown in Figure 5(b), reveals that tool wear is reduced (less than 0.05mm)

at the interaction of level 3 of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere material (tungsten carbide). But tool wear is substantial high (more than 0.2mm) at the interaction of level 1 region of sphere diameter (4mm) and sphere material (stainless steel). The contour plot shown in Figure 5(c), reveals that tool wear has significant reduction (less than 0.05mm) at the interaction of level 3 region of sphere diameter (8mm) and sphere filling (partially packed). But tool wear is high (0.15 – 0.2mm) at most of the level 1 & region of sphere filling (tightly & loosely packed) and sphere diameter (4 & 6 mm). In the variable sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere fillings test for tool wear seen in Figures 5(a), 5(b), and 5(c), it was discovered that when the tool holder was equipped with an impact sphere particle damper made of tungsten carbide and filled partially, there was a significant reduction in tool wear.

Table 3 shows the percentage contributions of sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere filling in boring cavity parameters on tool vibration, which were found to be 47.85 %, 28.99 %, and 16.40 %, respectively. From ANOVA analysis, shown in Table 3, it was observed that sphere material contributes significantly in reducing tool vibration when compared to sphere diameter and filling of spheres. Table 4 shows that the sphere material, sphere diameter, and filling of spheres parameters contributed 39.83 %, 33.37 %, and 17.09 %, respectively, to cutting force. Table 5 shows that the sphere material, sphere diameter, and filling of spheres parameters each contribute 40.10 %, 27.40 %, and 22.99 % to surface roughness, respectively.

According to Table 6, the percentage contributions of the sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere filling parameters on tool wear are 41.04 %, 37.56 %, and 14.29 %, respectively. During prediction of tool vibration, cutting power, surface roughness, and tool wear, all exhibited low percentages of error, with 6.74 %, 9.69 %, 9.49 %, and 7.10 %, respectively. According to the results of the ANOVA study, the sphere material is the most important impact sphere particle damper parameter that influences cutting efficiency and damping capacity. MINITAB16 was used to carry out the ANOVA study. According to the ANOVA study, sphere material has a major impact on the damping efficiency, accompanied by sphere diameter and sphere filling.

Table 7. Levels of input parameters for getting optimum performance

S.No	Objective	Sphere material	Sphere diameter (mm)	Filling of spheres
1	To minimize tool vibration	tungsten carbide	8	partially packed
2	To minimize cutting force	tungsten carbide	8	partially packed
3	To minimize surface roughness	tungsten carbide	8	partially packed
4	To minimize tool wear	tungsten carbide	8	partially packed

Table 8. Evaluation of performance of tool holder

Parameter	Without damper	With damper	Improvement
Vibration amplitude of tool (mm)	3.28	0.2	93%
Tool Wear (mm)	0.21	0.015	92%
Surface Roughness (μm)	4.08	0.18	95%
Cutting Force (N)	1250	170	86%

Table 7 summarizes the levels of input parameters for

achieving minimal tool wear, tool vibration, cutting force, and surface roughness based on the experimental data and it was observed that the sphere material should be at level 3 (tungsten carbide), the sphere diameter should be at level 3 (8 mm), and the sphere filling should be at level 3 (partially packed) for reducing tool vibration and achieving better cutting efficiency. Confirmatory tests were carried out with the input parameters of tungsten carbide sphere material, sphere diameter of 8 mm, and partly packed sphere fillings, and compared to a traditional boring tool. According to the confirmatory experimental findings in Table 8, tool vibration was reduced by 93 %, cutting force was reduced by 86 %, surface finish was improved by 95 %, and tool wear was reduced by 92 % for the tool equipped with a sphere particle impact damper.

Table 9. Confirmatory experiments for sphere particle impact boring tool and conventional tool

S.No	Boring Tool	Vibration amplitude of tool (mm)	Tool Wear (mm)	Cutting Force (N)	Surface Roughness (μm)
1	Conventional boring tool	3.28	0.21	1250	4.08
2	Boring tool with stainless steel sphere	2.77	0.17	842	3.87
3	Boring tool with chromium sphere	2.32	0.13	767	3.46
4	Boring tool with tungsten carbide sphere	1.35	0.07	621	1.87

4.1. Effect of Sphere Material

As compared to other passive dampers, the impact sphere particle damper has a greater influence on damping. The first is friction between spheres, which is influenced by the coefficient of friction, and the second is sphere impact force, which is influenced by the hardness and density of the sphere. From Table 3-6, ANOVA analysis indicated that sphere material is the most dominant parameter compared with sphere diameter and sphere fillings. In the present study sphere material such as stainless steel, chromium and tungsten carbide is considered. From Table 9, it can be found that tungsten carbide (density 19.25 g/cm^3 & hardness 9.5) provide reduced tool vibration, surface roughness, cutting force and tool wear when compared with stainless steel (density 7.5 g/cm^3 & hardness 6.5) and chromium (density 7.14 g/cm^3 &

hardness 8.5). The damping property of the spheres is affected by the hardness and density of the sphere material.

The absorption of vibratory energy by losses that arise during the impact of granular spheres that travel freely inside the boundary of a cavity in a boring tool is known as sphere particle impact damping. If the sphere's hardness and density are high, the vibrating structure's energy is dissipated more efficiently by sphere contacts, and hence tool vibration is effectively minimized. When tool friction is reduced, the bouncing of the tool in and out of the workpiece is reduced, and irregularities on the surface are reduced, resulting in a smoother surface finish. Metal flow past the tool may be also as a result of reduced tool vibration, and tool pieces may not be separated. Furthermore, the enhanced surface finish caused by reduced tool vibration initiates only a slight crack initiation, resulting in longer tool life.

4.2. Effect of Sphere Diameter

Tiny spheres are mounted within the tool bar cavity to serve as an impact sphere particle damper. These spheres collide with the tool bar cavity as it vibrates, releasing vibration energy. To be able to turn holes any wider, spheres used as impact dampers must have a diameter that is slightly smaller than the cavity diameter. This is due to the dynamic of the balls' rotation, which creates damping due to the impact of the ball colliding with the cavity wall, allowing the friction energy of the bar to be dissipated. From Table 3-6, ANOVA analysis indicated that sphere diameter is the significant parameter subsequent to sphere material. In the present study sphere diameter such as 4 mm, 6 mm and 8 mm is considered. Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 explicitly demonstrate that smaller spheres (4 mm and 6 mm) have less energy dissipation due to friction, resulting in increased tool vibration, cutting force, surface roughness, and tool wear. When the sphere's diameter is greater than half that of the hole, energy is dissipated further due to collision, resulting in less tool vibration, cutting force, surface roughness, and tool wear. As the mass of the spheres is larger and the distance between the spheres and the cavity wall is smaller, the damping effect of the spheres increases, resulting in an increase in the impact momentum transfer. The mass of the sphere increased by more than four times as the diameter was increased from 4 to 8 mm. The findings suggest that the damping effect caused by the impact of the spheres on the cavity wall is greater as the spheres have more mass and the distance between the spheres and the cavity wall is smaller. When these spheres collide with the wall, a large amount of linear momentum is transferred from the tool bar holding the cavity to the spheres. The damping effect is

determined by the change in linear momentum at the sphere's impact, which is determined by the sphere's material, density, and speed at the impact moments, and impact restitution coefficient. The larger the sphere diameter and the smaller the distance, the more the sphere impacts on the cavity wall are dampened. As a result, the impact sphere particle damper of 8 mm spheres produces a significant amount of damping.

4.3. Effect of Sphere Fillings

The sphere particle impact damper is made up of spheres in a cavity that dissipate energy by friction and impact. The number of spheres contained inside the cavity is also important. From Table 3 -6, ANOVA analysis indicated that sphere fillings is the least factor compared to sphere diameter and sphere material. In the present study sphere fillings such as tightly packed (100 %), loosely packed (50 %) and partially packed (80 %) is considered. Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 shows that while spheres are closely packed, there is no energy dissipation from one sphere to another, while when they are loosely packed, and there is more energy dissipation from one sphere to another, resulting in increased vibration. While the spheres are partly compressed, however, the energy dissipation from one sphere to the next is precise, which improves the tribological properties. The findings reveal that the number of spheres within the boring tool has no impact on damping capabilities.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Experiments were carried out on a dull bar using an impact sphere particle damper to investigate the effects of sphere material, sphere diameter, and sphere fillings on tribological properties. The following conclusions were reached as a result of this study:

- There will be good interactions between the spheres and the cavity wall the larger the sphere diameter, the greater the damping.

- Higher density materials are preferred because they lead to greater damping. Hardness, on the other hand, was critical, and it is clear that hard sphere particles offered excellent damping and better tribology properties.

- As opposed to firmly packed and loosely packed spheres, partly packed sphere fillings have greater damping.

- It can be seen from the results of the experiments that spheres perform well as dampers. As a result, using an impact sphere particle in a dull instrument is a convenient and inexpensive way to reduce tool vibration and other tribological properties.

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