
ME361 – Manufacturing Science Technology

Milling

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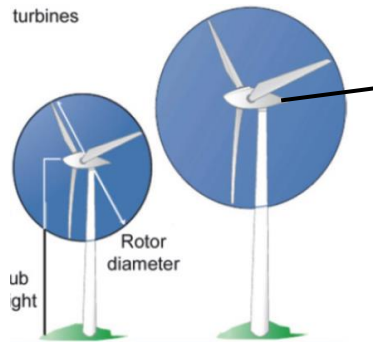
Machined (milled) parts



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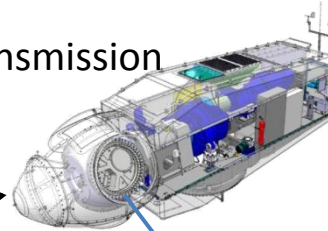
Machined (milled) parts

Large wind turbines



Transmission

Large parts



Wind turbine hub

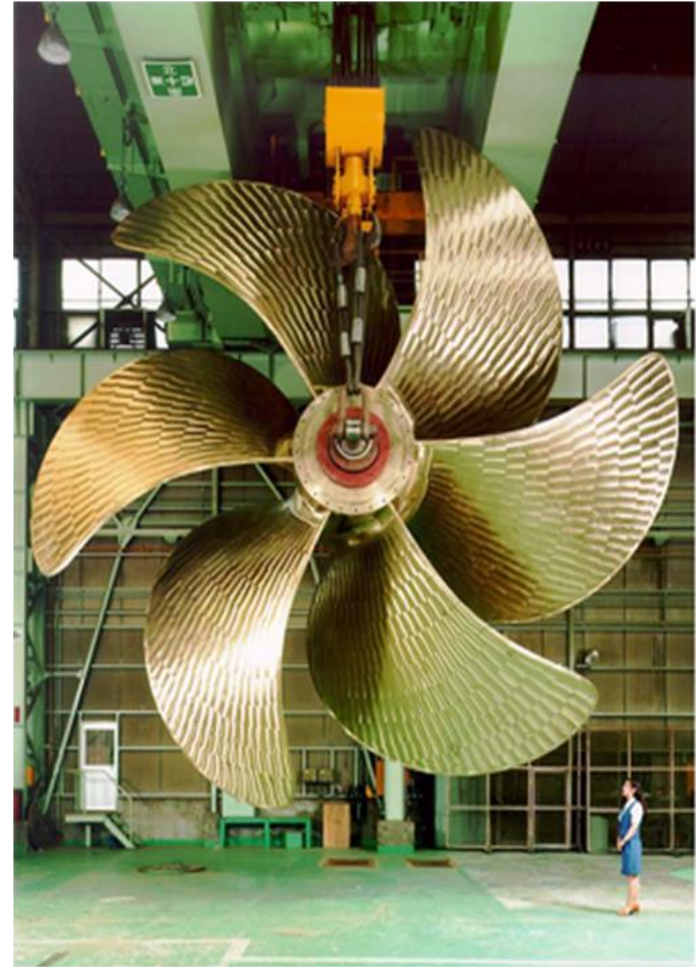


Component cost:
~150,000 Euros

Uriarte et al. (2013), CIRP Annals Vol. 62

Machined (milled) parts

Component cost: ~800,000 Euros



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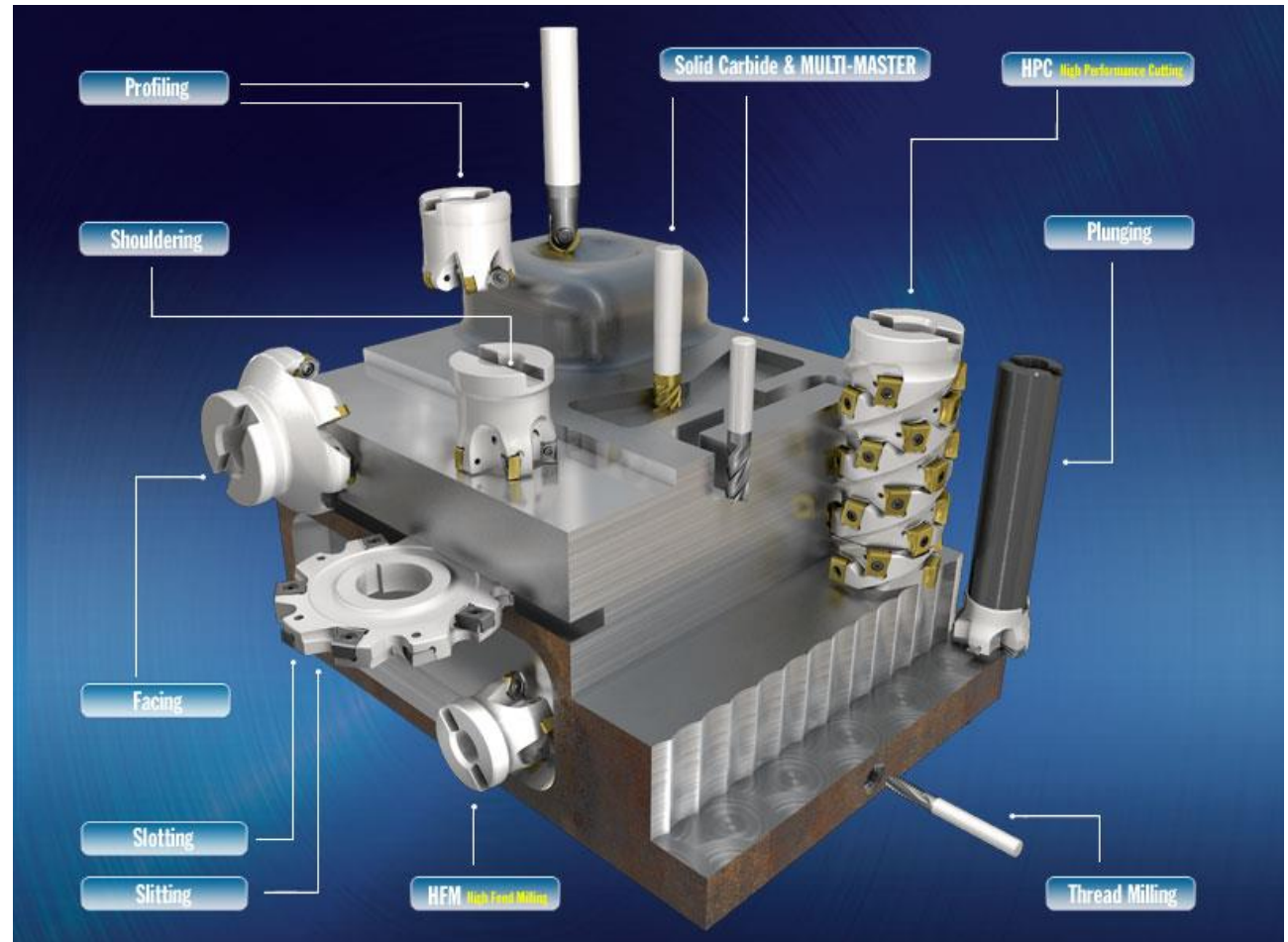
Nakashima (<http://www.nakashima.co.jp/eng/product/index.html>)

Objectives of machining models for milling

Milling makes up about ~85% of all the material removal (machining) processes

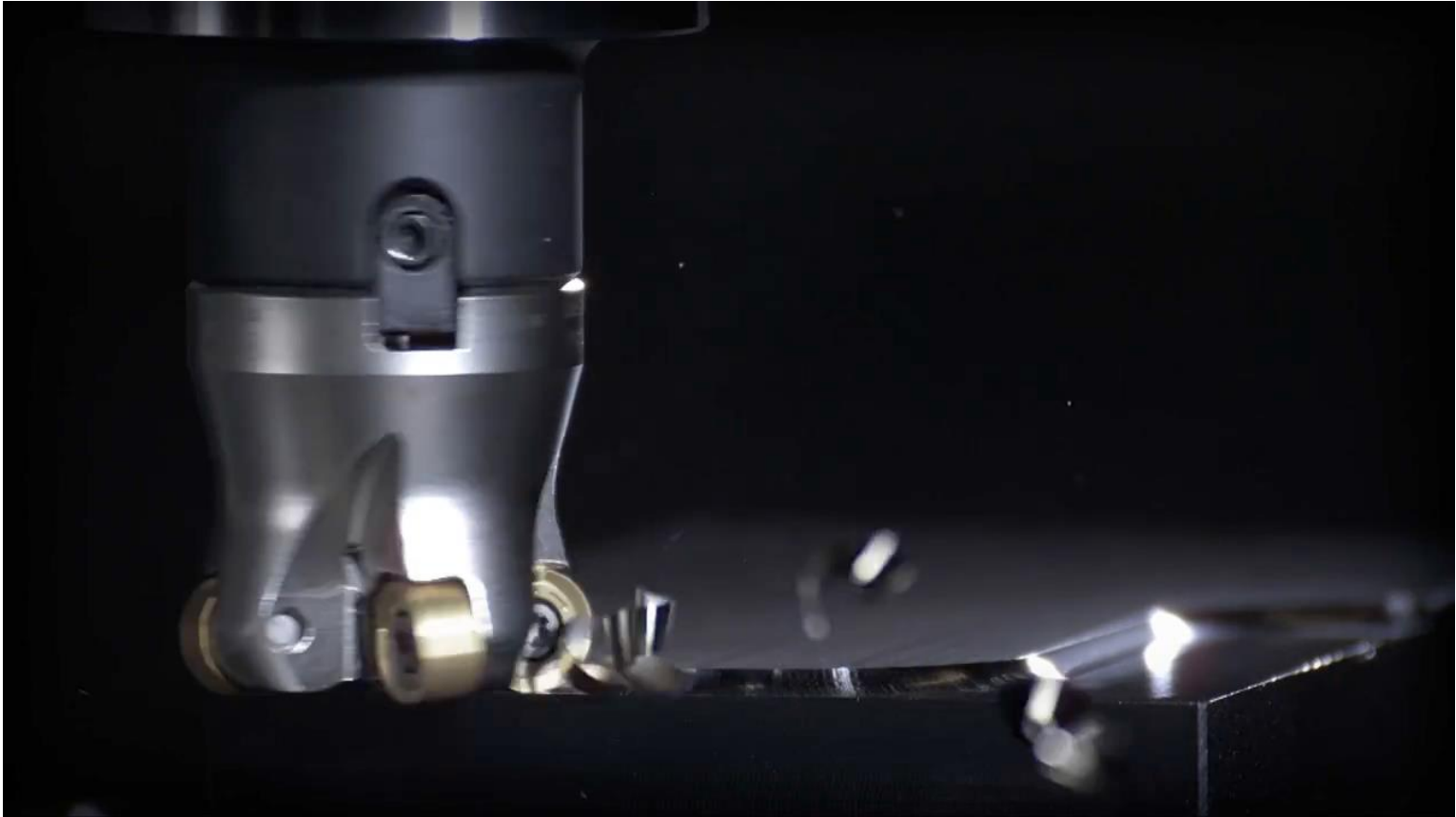
- ❑ Process planning
 - Predict forces, torque and power
 - Identify cutting force coefficients – give us a sense of machinability
 - Simulate manufactured part surface quality
 - Size tools and machines
 - Design NC tool path
 - Process planning
- ❑ Diagnostics
 - Identify causes of process/tool/system failure
- ❑ Product design

Milling machines, cutters and operations

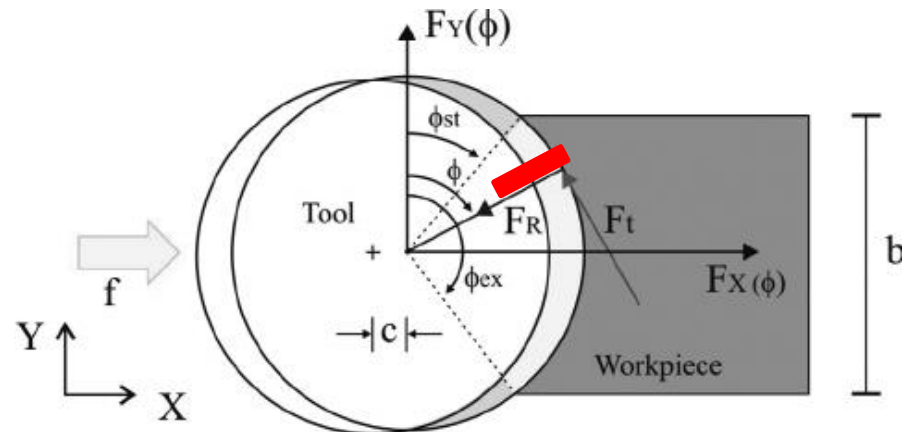
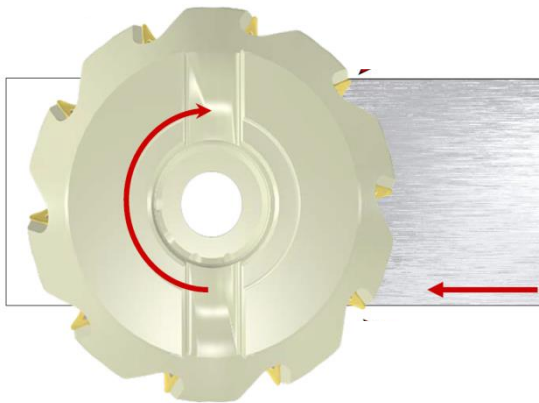
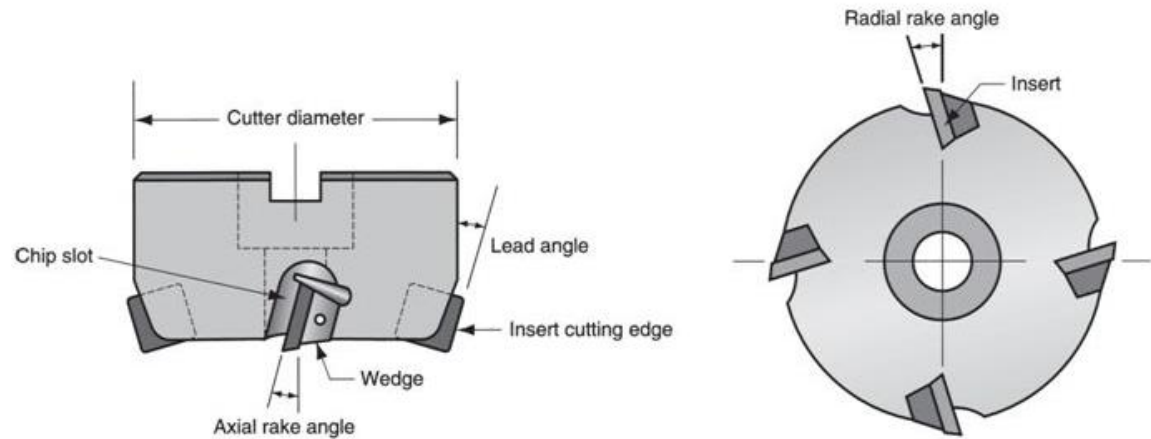
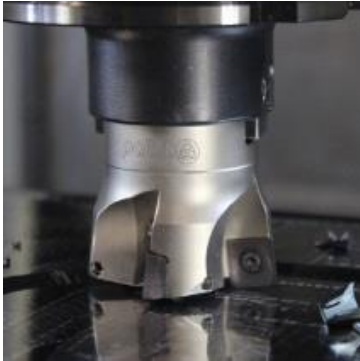


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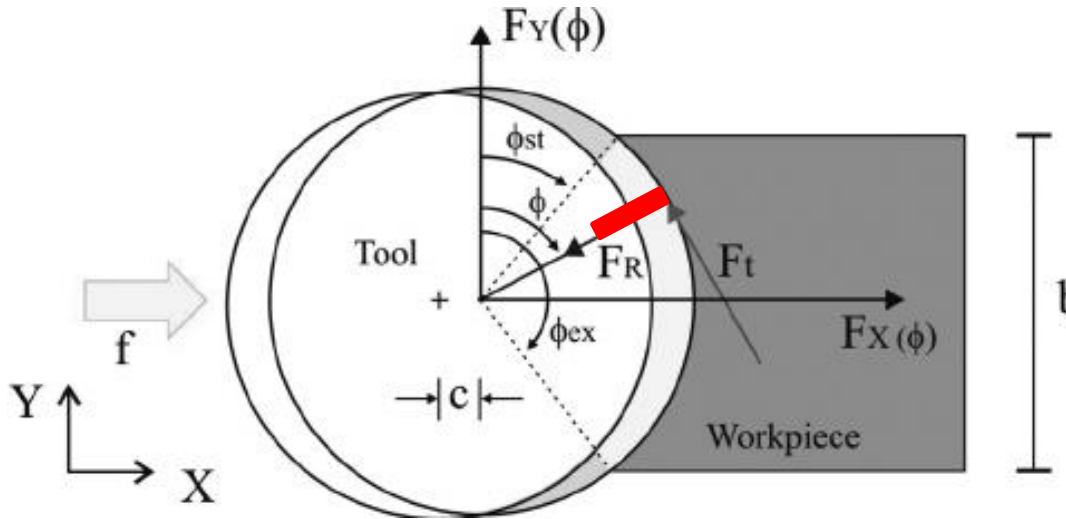
Face milling



Face milling



Face milling process mechanics



c – feed rate [mm/rev-tooth]
 ϕ – engagement angle
 ϕ_{st} - entry angle
 ϕ_{ex} - exit angle
 F_t - tangential force
 F_r - radial force
 b – width of cut
 Helix angle = 0°

Instantaneous chip thickness - varies periodically as a function of time-varying immersion:

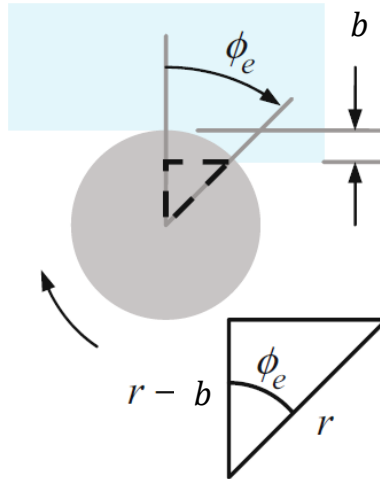
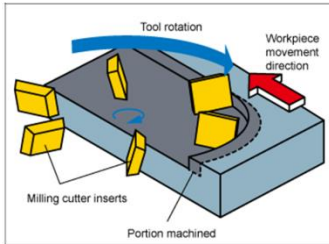
$$h(\phi) = c \sin \phi$$

Average chip thickness per revolution from the swept zone:

$$h_a = \frac{\int_{\phi_{st}}^{\phi_{ex}} c \sin \phi d\phi}{\phi_{ex} - \phi_{st}}$$

Up/down milling

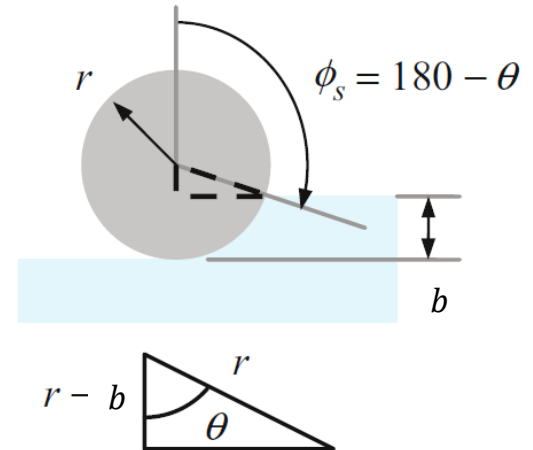
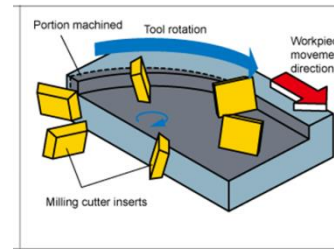
Up milling



$$\phi_{st} = 0$$

$$\phi_{ex} = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{r - b}{r} \right)$$

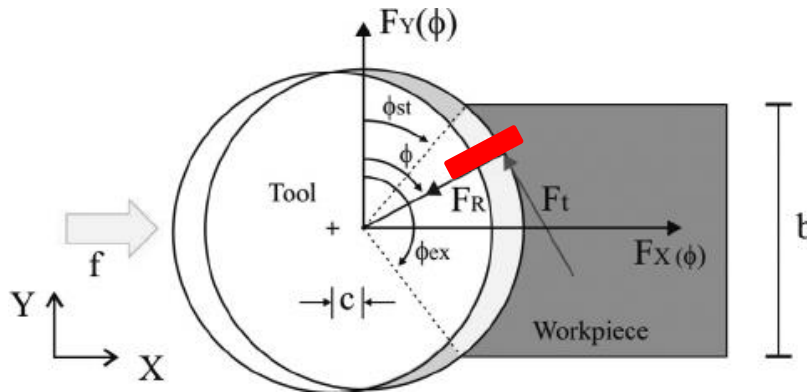
Down milling



$$\phi_{st} = 180 - \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{r - b}{r} \right)$$

$$\phi_{ex} = 180$$

Milling process mechanics



Resolve cutting forces to horizontal (feed), normal and axial components:

$$\begin{aligned} F_x(\phi) &= F_t \cos \phi - F_r \sin \phi ; \\ F_y(\phi) &= F_t \sin \phi - F_r \cos \phi ; \\ F_z(\phi) &= F_a \end{aligned}$$

Tangential, radial and axial forces:

$$\begin{aligned} F_t(\phi) &= K_{tc} ah(\phi) + K_{te} a ; \\ F_r(\phi) &= K_{rc} ah(\phi) + K_{re} a ; \\ F_a(\phi) &= K_{ac} ah(\phi) + K_{ae} a ; \end{aligned}$$

K_{tc} - tangential, K_{rc} - radial and K_{ac} - axial cutting force coefficient; K_{te} , K_{re} , K_{ae} - edge coefficients

(mechanistically identify these, or transform to oblique from orthogonal database)

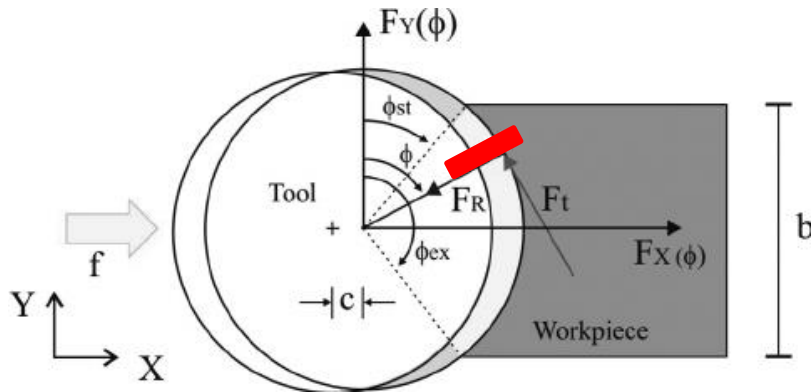
$ah(\phi)$ - uncut chip area

a - edge contact length (depth of cut)

Condition for cutting forces being active:

$$F_x(\phi), F_y(\phi), F_z(\phi) > 0 \quad \text{when } \phi_{st} \leq \phi \leq \phi_{ex}$$

Milling process mechanics



Multiple teeth in cut:
when swept angle $\phi_s >$ cutter pitch angle ϕ_p

$$\phi_s = \phi_{ex} - \phi_{st} > \phi_p$$

$$\phi_p = \frac{2\pi}{N_t}$$

$$F_q = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} F_{qj}(\phi_j); \quad q = x, y, z$$

Resultant force, instantaneous:

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

Instantaneous torque on spindle:

$$T_c = \frac{D}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} F_{tj}(\phi_j); \quad \text{when } \phi_{st} \leq \phi \leq \phi_{ex}$$

Cutting power drawn from motor:

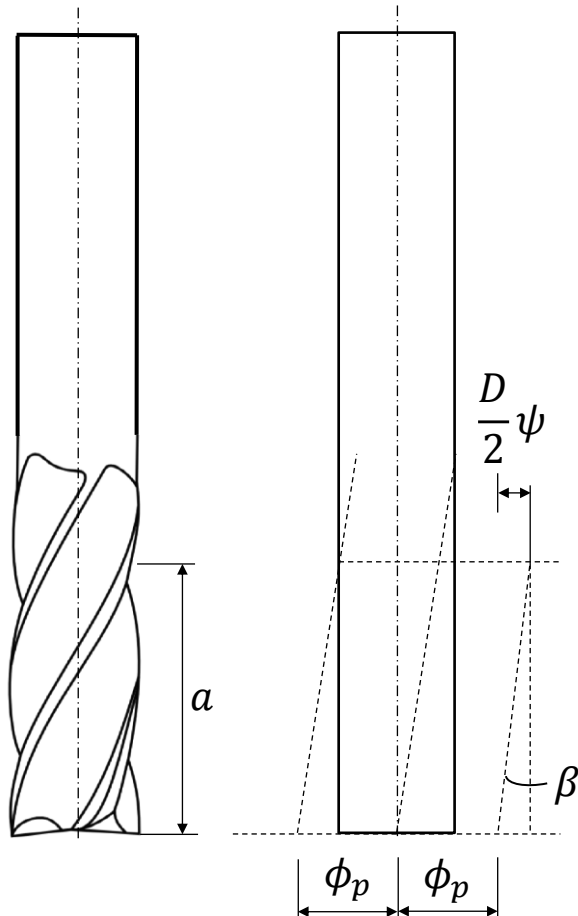
$$P_t = V \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} F_{tj}(\phi_j); \quad \text{when } \phi_{st} \leq \phi \leq \phi_{ex}$$

$$V = \pi D N$$

End milling



Mechanics of end mills



- Helix (β) provides a gradually increasing chip load
- Because of the helix, a point (z) on the axis of the cutting edge lags the end point of the tool:

$$\psi = \frac{2z \tan \beta}{D}$$

- When bottom point of a flute is at immersion angle ϕ , a point (z) on the axis of the cutting edge will have immersion angle of $\phi - \psi$
- Bottom points of remaining flutes are at angles:

$$\phi_j(z) = \phi + j\phi_p$$

- Immersion angle for flute j at a point (z) on the axis

$$\phi_j(z) = \phi + j\phi_p - \frac{2 \tan \beta}{D} z$$

- Chip thickness different at each point:

$$h_j(\phi) = c \sin \phi_j(z)$$

Mechanics of end mills

Chip thickness different at each point along the axis:

$$h_j(\phi) = c \sin \phi_j(z) \quad (a)$$

Hence the tangential, radial and axial forces acting on a differential flute element with height dz , are:

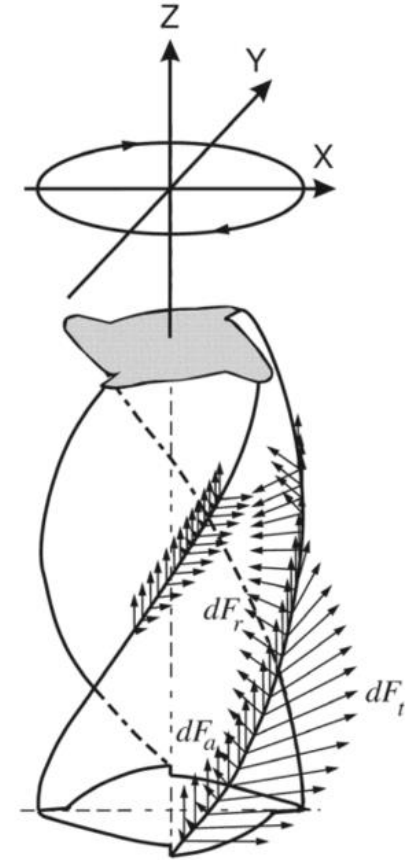
$$\begin{aligned} dF_{t,j}(\phi, z) &= [K_{tc}h(\phi_j(z)) + K_{te}]dz; \\ dF_{r,j}(\phi, z) &= [K_{rc}h(\phi_j(z)) + K_{re}]dz; \\ dF_{a,j}(\phi, z) &= [K_{ac}h(\phi_j(z)) + K_{ae}]dz; \end{aligned} \quad (b)$$

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(c)

Substitute (a) and (b) into (c)

$$dF_{x,j}(\phi_j(z)) = \left\{ \frac{c}{2} [-K_{tc} \sin 2\phi_j(z) - K_{rc}(1 - \cos 2\phi_j(z))] + [-K_{te} \cos \phi_j(z) - K_{re} \sin \phi_j(z)] \right\} dz$$

$$dF_{y,j}(\phi_j(z)) = \left\{ \frac{c}{2} [K_{tc}(1 - \cos 2\phi_j(z)) - K_{rc} \sin 2\phi_j(z)] + [K_{te} \sin \phi_j(z) - K_{re} \cos \phi_j(z)] \right\} dz$$

$$dF_{z,j}(\phi_j(z)) = [K_{ac} \sin \phi_j(z) + K_{ae}] dz$$

Total cutting force per flute, analytically:

$$F_q = \int_{z_{j1}}^{z_{j2}} dF_{qj}(\phi_j(z)) dz;$$

Total cutting force, numerically:

$$F_q = \sum_{z_{j1}=1}^z \Delta F_{qj}(\phi_j(z)) \Delta z; \quad q = x, y, z$$

Cutting coefficients - identification in milling

Conduct a dedicated series of tests at different feed rates and identify coefficients directly for the tool-workpiece-cutting parameter combination of interest

- Use a small workpiece
- Ensure dynamometer is clamped rigidly to the table
- Measure cutting forces at stable DOC and at low cutting speed
- Collect cutting forces for a full number of revolutions
- Conduct set of milling tests at different feeds but constant axial DOC and immersion (preferably slotting)

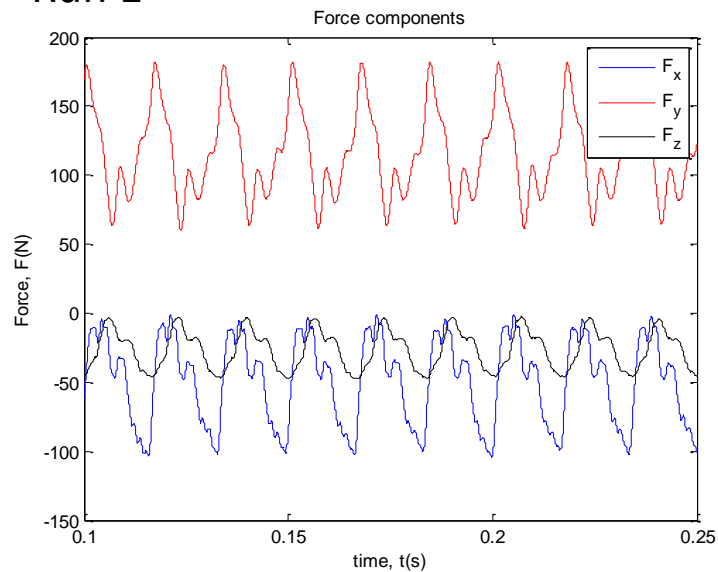
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4	1	100	0.175	180	3570	2500



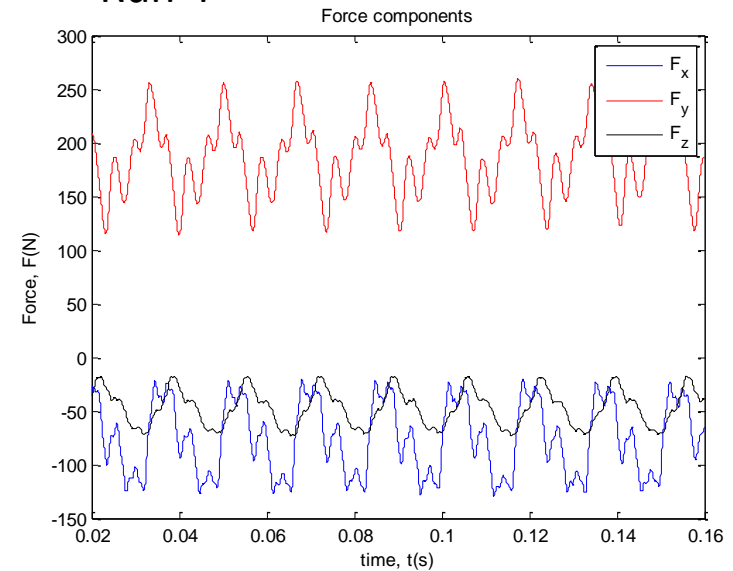
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Run 1



Run 4



Identification in milling (slotting)

Average milling force per tooth period

$$\bar{F}_q = \frac{1}{\phi_p} \int_{\phi_{st}}^{\phi_{ex}} F_q(\phi_j) d\phi; \quad q = x, y, z$$

when $\phi_{st} \leq \phi \leq \phi_{ex}$



For full immersion slotting, $\phi_{st} = 0; \phi_{ex} = \pi$



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{F}_x &= \left\{ \frac{N_{ac}}{8\pi} [K_{tc} \cos 2\phi - K_{rc} [2\phi - \sin 2\phi]] + \frac{N_a}{2\pi} [-K_{te} \sin \phi + K_{re} \cos \phi] \right\}_{\phi_{et}}^{\phi_{ex}} \\ \bar{F}_y &= \left\{ \frac{N_{ac}}{8\pi} [K_{tc} (2\phi - \sin 2\phi) + K_{rc} \cos 2\phi] - \frac{N_a}{2\pi} [K_{te} \cos \phi + K_{re} \sin \phi] \right\}_{\phi_{et}}^{\phi_{ex}} \\ \bar{F}_z &= \frac{N_a}{2\pi} [K_{te} \cos \phi + K_{re} \sin \phi]_{\phi_{et}}^{\phi_{ex}} \end{aligned}$$

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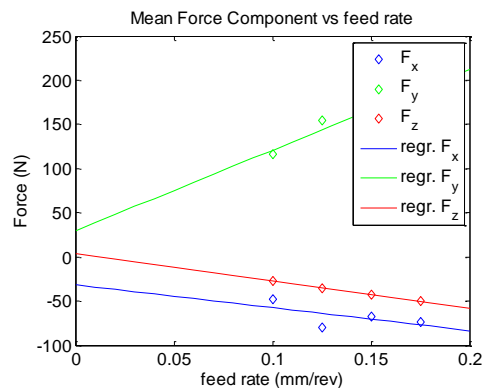
Average milling force per tooth period, simplified:

$$\bar{F}_x = -\frac{N_t a}{4} K_{rc} c - \frac{N_t a}{\pi} K_{re}$$

$$\bar{F}_y = \frac{N_t a}{4} K_{tc} c + \frac{N_t a}{\pi} K_{te}$$

$$\bar{F}_z = \frac{N_t a}{4} K_{ac} c + \frac{N_t a}{\pi} K_{ae}$$

$$\bar{F}_q = \bar{F}_{qc} c + \bar{F}_q; \quad q = x, y, z$$



Cutting coefficients

$$K_{tc} = \frac{4\bar{F}_{yc}}{N_t a} \quad K_{te} = \frac{\pi\bar{F}_{ye}}{N_t a}$$

$$K_{rc} = -\frac{4\bar{F}_{xc}}{N_t a} \quad K_{re} = -\frac{\pi\bar{F}_{xe}}{N_t a}$$

$$K_{ac} = -\frac{\pi\bar{F}_{zc}}{N_t a} \quad K_{ae} = \frac{2\bar{F}_{ze}}{N_t a}$$

TABLE 2.2. Pseudocode for Milling Force Simulation Algorithm

Inputs

Cutting conditions	$a, c, n, \phi_{et}, \phi_{ex}$
Tool geometry	D, N, β
Cutting constants	$K_{tc}, K_{rc}, K_{te}, K_{re}$
Integration angle	$\Delta\phi$
Integration height	Δa

Outputs

Cutting force history	$F_x(\phi), F_y(\phi), F(\phi)$
Cutting torque and power history	$T_c(\phi), P_c(\phi)$

Variables

$\phi_p = \frac{2\pi}{N}$	Cutter pitch angle
$K = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\phi}$	Number of angular integration steps
$L = \frac{a}{\Delta a}$	Number of axial integration steps
$i = 1$ to K	Angular integration loop
$\phi(i) = \phi_{et} + i\Delta\phi$	Immersion angle of flute's bottom edge
$F_x(i) = F_y(i) = F_t(i) = 0.0$	Initialize the force integration registers
$k = 1$ to N	Calculate the force contributions of all teeth
$\phi_1 = \phi(i) + (k-1)\phi_p$	Immersion angle for tooth k
$\phi_2 = \phi_1$	Memorize the present immersion
$j = 1$ to L	Integrate along the axial depth of cut
$a(j) = j \cdot \Delta a$	Axial position
$\phi_2 = \phi_1 - \frac{2 \tan \beta}{D} a(j)$	Update the immersion angle due helix
if $\phi_{et} \leq \phi_2 \leq \phi_{ex}$	If the edge is cutting,
	then
$h = c \sin \phi_2$	Chip thickness at this point
$\Delta F_t = \Delta a (K_{tc} h + K_{te})$	Differential tangential force
$\Delta F_r = \Delta a (K_{rc} h + K_{re})$	Differential radial force
$\Delta F_x = -\Delta F_t \cos \phi_2 - \Delta F_r \sin \phi_2$	Differential feed force
$\Delta F_y = \Delta F_t \sin \phi_2 - \Delta F_r \cos \phi_2$	Differential normal force
$F_x(i) = F_x(i) + \Delta F_x$	Sum the cutting forces
$F_y(i) = F_y(i) + \Delta F_y$	contributed by the all
$F_t(i) = F_t(i) + \Delta F_t$	'active edges

else

next j

next k

Resulting cutting force values at immersion angle $\phi(i)$

$$F(i) = \sqrt{F_x^2(i) + F_y^2(i)} \quad \text{Resultant cutting force}$$

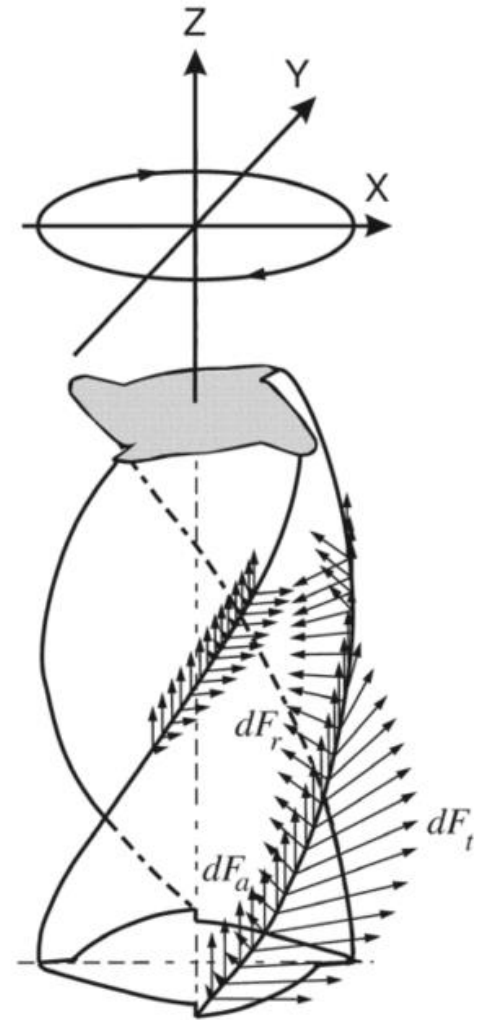
$$T_c(i) = \frac{D}{2} F_t(i) \quad \text{Cutting torque}$$

next i

Plot $F_x(i), F_y(i), F_t, T_c(i)$ with varying immersion $\phi(i)$

stop

end



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