

Development, Characterization and Wear Response of Particulate Filled Metal Alloy Composites – A Review

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ABSTRACT

Metal Alloy Composites Tribological applications, such as internal combustion engines, pistons, liners, clutches, pulleys, rockers, and pivots have been used. In each of these uses, though, a need for substantial changes in duty loads and wear resistance, prompting material researchers to build composites based on aluminum. Conventional aluminum-based component sites have only one type of reinforcement. The addition of hard dispersions, such as silicon carbide, alumina, titanium carbide, finishes, improves the hardness, strength and wear resistance of the components. However, these hard reinforcement component sites pose various problems when machining metal mold components. Furthermore, the addition of ceramic reinforcements will result in the deterioration of the thermal and electrical conductivity of the aluminum alloys, which will lead to limited applications.

I INTRODUCTION

History also is distinguished through design and techniques that demonstrate human capacity of comprehension. That stairs frequently begin with both the Stone Age, leading to the Age of Bronze, Iron, Steel, Aluminum and Alloy, as advances in mining, smelting or science also made it necessary to step into the quest for some more advanced materials. Again from days of both the phenolic glazed radome/E systems of both the early 1940s to both the graphite/polyimide composite sites seen on the Shuttle space orbiter, advancement and in production of sophisticated components is spectacular. Recognition of both the possible savings in weight which can then be accomplished by using advanced components, The whole development in reinforcement, mould & product production technologies seems to have been responsible for all this, which would in turn means decreased costs and improved performance. When the first two decades saw changes throughout the development chain, the emphasis had been a detailed analysis and in 1960s of fracture properties and mechanics. And since, there was a rising appetite in industries like aerospace, shipping, automobile and construction for modern, heavier, stiffer and lighter materials.

II LITERATURE REVIEW

McKie, Amanda et al. [18] for a large variety of composite materials focused on polycrystalline cubic boron nitride with aluminium as that of the binder step, the relationship among microstructural characteristics has indeed been studied (PcBN-Al). High-pressure, high-temperature burial techniques have been used to create the cBN-Al compositions (HPHT), Production of materials with the a cBN grain size of between 2 and 20 μm and an original Al binder quantity between about 15 and 25 percent through length. The durability and fracture resistance have between 6.4 and 8.0 MPa m^{1/2} and 355-454 MPa, respectively, whereas the stiffness were about 15 and 40 GPa. That fracture had

been used to research large fracture force dispersion as well as to compare fracture strength against fracture strength Including fracture strength around the scale of both the root of the fracture.

Li, Zhengyang et al.[19] The synthesis of modern super-hard and high-performance components of cubic boron nitride (Ti₃SiC₂-cBN) titanium silicon carbide were tested under three separate circumstances throughout this paper.,

- (i) High pressure synthesis at ~ 4.5 GPa,
- (ii) Hot pressure at ~ 35 MPa e
- (iii) S bury at ambient pressure (0.1 MPa) in a tubular oven.

The studies observed, from either the study of both the experimental findings, that now the new Ti₃SiC₂-cBN components can also be enhance loyalty from the mixture of Ti₃SiC₂ and cBN powders at 1050 ° C under a pressure of ~ 4.5 GPa. Subsequent micro-structural or hardness tests suggest that certain sites are especially promising of super-hard products.

Li, Rongqi et al. [20] there are extraordinary mechanical and thermal properties of Cubic Boron Nitride (cBN). Previous research has focused on mechanical properties, with results scarcely published upon this thermal property of cBN. A wide variety of components of aluminium / cubic boron nitride (Al / cBN) was manufactured throughout this work through pressure penetration at 5.0 GPa and 960-1600 ° C. Microstructure, phase arrangement, heat capacity and thermal expansion coefficient of composite sites of Al / cBN. The findings showed that the overall thermal conductivity of 266 W / m K as well as the thermal expansion coefficient of 4-6 $\times 10^{-6}$ K⁻¹ is well compatible to semiconductors, suggesting that the Al / cBN components were high-efficiency heat sink materials planned to high temperature of broadband semiconductors.

Ding, WF et al. [21] Single layer welded wheel fabrication experiments were conducted using cubic boron nitride (CBN) binders, Cu-Sn-Ti alloy and AISI 1045 steel. Forte was 900 ° C and residence time was of 8 min. The connection interface microstructure was

characterised. That efficiency of the wheels with super nickel alloy became evaluated throughout high-speed grinding. The fracture activity of both the abrasive grains were analysed in a quantifiable manner without regard to both the embedding depth. The analysis shows that perhaps a strong bonding interface has been established in between binder-free CBN grains, the Cu-Ti alloy and also the AISI 1045 steel, that relies on elemental dissolution through chemical reaction during brazing, ensuring a tight grip onto abrasive grains. In respect of grinding power and force ratio, the binder-free CBN grinding wheel demonstrated strong benefits out over monocrystalline CBN grit. As grain fractures occur, that critical force operating upon this unbound CBN gain at the exposure height of 50 and 705 is measured.

Thiagarajan, C., R et.al. [22] In respect of grinding power but force ratio, the binder-free CBN grinding wheel demonstrated strong benefits out over monocrystalline CBN grit. As grain fractures occur, that critical force operating upon this unbound CBN gain at the exposure height of 50 and 705 was measured, the following conclusions are drawn:

- (a) According to both the low grinding force throughout high wheel speeds and also the work piece to white Al₂O₃ wheels during cylindrical grinding, improved surface finish but damage-free surfaces were obtained.
- (b) Surface finishes but weakened surfaces during cylindrical grinding become elevated throughout high feed through cutting depths;
- (c) Experimental work shows because, using only a variable frequency drive (VFD), that tangential grinding force produced during cylindrical grinding can indeed be determined from of the measurements of grinding wheel motor power;
- (d) A approach to cylindrical grinding of Al/sic components contained in this document can indeed be applied to super abrasive wheels including such diamond and CBN wheels.

The aim of this work is to carry out a feasible workability study through experimental investigations on surface roughness and dwarf formation in the turning of aluminum alloys AA6061 (100%), AA6061-B4C (90% and 10%) and AA6061- B4C- Gr (87%, - 10% and 3%) hybrid components.

Hung et al. [23] Experiments with different cutting conditions were performed using carbide, CBN (cubic boron nitride) and PCD (poly crystalline diamond) tools. Surface grinding is better suited to carbide tools than PCD instruments that really are minimal. PCD tools perform than for tools for cBN and carbide. This really is attributed to just the smear but deposition influence of softer, somewhat amorphous graphite particles mostly on composite work sample surface, and creates gaps throughout the machining process and therefore decreases the final level of both the surface. On the other hand, the compound of graphite particles produces discontinuous chips which led to smooth machining. PCD tools are better than carbide and

coated carbide tools in reducing surface roughness. Machining parameters such as cutting speed, feed rate, and spindle and cutting tool speeds also affect the level of surface finish. The influence of these parameters on the turning of aluminum alloy AA6061, hybrid compositions AA6061-B4C and AA6061-B4C-Gr are analyzed with the results of the experiment here.

Gangil, Manish, and M. K. Pradhan [24] A produced commodity not just to demands high accuracy and consistency in today's world, it should also be generated in a limited period of time. Consequently, the required power must be obtained while changing the process parameter as per the requirement. These have occurred in either a situation where understanding of both the optimal values of different input parameters becomes needed in order to maximize or minimize a particular output. One of it's powerful modelling approaches in a really scenario is Surface Response Methodology (RSM). That biggest focus is already on the optimization dimensions of both the different parameters of both the RSM EDM systems, so only certain research papers will be included in research work. Where RSM is used to optimize EDM procedures; which have been published in the last 10 years since 2006. Die Sinking EDM, WEDM, PMEDM, Micro-Machining and various hybrid and modified versions of these procedures. In analyzing certain methods together, analysis work on a very broad scale has not yet been undertaken previously, and so this review work will become knowledge accessible from one position and usable for future company to investigate that study's course. Investigations Inquiry.

Gangil, Manish, and M. K. Pradhan [25] Within recent times, why does an industrial commodity need high accuracy and efficiency, and it must always be assembled in the shortest possible period to stay in a highly competitive environment. Consequently, the required power must be obtained through changing the process parameter as per the specification. In deciding that consistency of both the surface and indeed the speed of material removal, that input parameters are useful. Electro-erosion (EDM) is among the most desirable alternatives for both the industry amongst these different machining processes owing from its desirable attribute of no loss of interaction between both the instrument and also the workpiece that allows little if any use of those, Push the instrument as well as the workpiece on. For the some modern production procedures, that present study provides a detailed literature analysis. That key emphasis remains also on optimization dimensions of different parameters of EDM operations, since only certain research papers should be included in it now.

Gangil, Manish, and M. K. Pradhan [26] (EDM) parameters for maximum productivity and minimum surface integrity through the combined use of R CombinedM (Surface Response Methodology) and VIKOR method. The effect of four procedural parameters; i.e., pulse time (ton), peak current duty cycle (Ip) (Tau) and supply voltage (V) in responses such as material removal rate (MRR), tool wear rate

(TWR)) and Surface roughness (Ra) were considered. Thirty experiments were conducted on a Ti-6Al-4V (titanium alloy) piece with a copper instrument using the Central Composite Design (CCD). By using Pi data collected from VIKOR process, a multi-criteria decision-making method that calculates the rake based on fundamental calculation of closure to both the ideal solution, this same optimum state of both the study was established. These are determined from of the study whether $I_p = 12A$, T_{on}

Gangil, Manish and M. K. Pradhan [27] Aluminum die components have been widely Due to its excellent strength/weight ratio, superior mechanical properties but increased wear resistance, they have been used in numerous advanced industrial applications in recent years. In this work the characteristics of preparation and workability were studied. The experiments were conducted with Electric Discharge Machining (EDM). The compound is prepared by stirring technique. The Taguchi L9 orthogonal matrix was considered for experimentation. Multiple responses such as material removal rate, tooling speed and surface roughness were considered. A multi-objective optimization technique (simple additive weighting) integrated with the principal component analysis method was used. Procedural parameters such as pulse current, pulse duration, duty cycle and discharge voltage were considered to maximize MRR and TWR and Ra were considered as responses for the analyzes. It is observed that the optimal input parameter setting provides the optimal combination ($I_p = 10 A$, $T_{on} = 100 \mu s$, $\tau = 5.25\%$ and $V = 40$ volts) for the responses.

Li, Xuekun, et al [28] Machining of grey cast iron can, once usable, now become significant application of cBN coated tools. Again, PcBN tools are among some of the only tools that can machine powdered metal (PM) parts economically. General Motors' 3-11-V-6 engine and latest transmissions are some of new applications of PM technology throughout the automobile industry, Plates & sprockets for strain. Clutch hubs for Ford & turbine hubs. Turning is also another expanding application with PCBN devices, and requires cutting steel with a C-45 or higher Rockwell temperature. Some of these pieces are become through. Which substitute several of the present grinding techniques, turning was added. That cost per component of a PCBN instrument is always twice the cost of both the grinding wheel, over addition, though, the cost and repair of a grinding machine is 2 to 3 times that of a lathe. Machining even allows quicker removal of content, a one-step process for difficult materials, and faster set-up times on short runs. The substitution of hard turning grinding processes would affect the potential market for PCBN Prabhat et.al tools. [29]

III COMPOSITE MATERIAL

A material structure consisting of two or more components (mixed and bonded) on a macroscopic scale is a standard composite material. Probably, a composite substance consists of reinforcements incorporated in a matrix (fibres, dust, flakes and / or fillers) (polymers, metals or ceramics). That form that ideal shape, each matrix holds its reinforcement, although the reinforcement strengthens that matrix's overall material properties. A new combined material provides greater strength once designed correctly than every single material. While set out in Verma, D., et al. [1] Composites become multifunctional material systems that provide features that just aren't able to capture from every particular material. These is cohesive structures created either by physical association of three or maybe more suitable materials, similar on composition and properties or, often, even shape.

(a) **Classification of Composite** - Composite sites are classified as a two-phase system. These become categorized as continuous or discontinuous components as per the forms of reinforcement. These become defined on the basis of a matrix content used for:

- (i) Organic matrix components
- (ii) Components of the polymer matrix
- (iii) Carbon matrix components
- (iv) Metal matrix component sites
- (v) Ceramic matrix components

The matrix, also termed the scattered and distributed phase, becomes continuous but surrounds some other phase. The component values mainly depend mostly on quantity, geometry, or scattered phase properties for Shaofan et al.[2]. Particle scale, aspect ratio, size and position of Whitehouse and T distribution provide the geometry of distributed process. [3]

Therefore, and per the size and shape of both the distributed process, there can indeed be categorised as:
Microscopic
Macroscopic

IV MICROSCOPIC COMPOSITS

(a) **Dispersion-Strengthened Composite-** That consists of such a matrix process where quite fine intermetallic precipitates were dispersed with a diameter ranging around 0.01 and 0.1 mm. Those other white precipitate becomes distributed evenly, normally at a volume concentration of up to 15%. Metals or their alloys can be strengthened by the uniform dispersion of various volume percentages of fine particles of very hard intermetallic precipitates. Metallic or non-metallic could be the scattered form. The strengthening process becomes close to those of the hardening of precipitation. That matrix absorbs much of the load, although the rotation of both the dislocation is inhibited by small dispersed particles. Plastic

deformation is then minimal, leading to higher tensile performance and toughness.

- (b) **Particle Reinforced Composites-** That comprises of fragments of one or maybe more materials in either a matrix of another substance suspended either dispersed. Particles 1 μm or greater, with a diameter of up to 71 μm , are being used up to a volume ratio of 25 to 50 or larger Laad et al[4]. The strengthened material typically influences the material properties of the composite through growing the modulus of strength and resistance to hardness. However, there is a reduction in yield strength and impact strength. The enhancement of both the components' mechanical activity is far more dependent upon this interfacial bond here between reinforcing particle or the matrix. The higher that bond, the greater that mechanical characteristics of Swamy et al.[5]. These even play a significant role in enhancing mechanical properties, throughout addition to both the scale, shape, extent of uniformity and in distribution of both the scattered particles. With such an enhanced volume fraction, uniform distribution as well as a decreased size of both the distributed process, the mechanical properties were enhanced. YATHIRAJAN, Hemmige, et al [6]. For particle reinforced components (discontinuous reinforcement), the dispersoid, like the matrix, may be metallic or non-metallic. For non-metallic materials, common variations of these will be non-metallic. Ex: -Graphite in polymers with epoxy. Metallic with non-metallic sections. Ex: -Fine aluminum metal in polyethylene Lorenz, U. L. R. I. K. E., et al [7]. Metallic in metal components. Ex: - Tribological properties are strengthened by lead particles through copper alloys. Non-metallic elements in metallic form. Example: -Graphite / MoS₂ in copper matrix with silicon carbide aluminium. In such a metallic matrix, non-metallic particles, particularly ceramic ones, become distributed or the resulting compound becomes known for cermet. The ceramics also used to have high strength, high properties and good hardness qualities, and are brittle naturally. Through different metal matrices, various ceramic particles are being tested, including such quartz, alumina, zircon, mullite, Sic, flash. Tian, C., Irons, G. A., D. S. Wilkinson and S. [8]
- (c) **Fiber-reinforced Composite** - In either a continuous matrix point, the fibre is in a distributed process with all its length several times greater than any of its diameter. This can be constant or discontinuous to both the fibre. That key features of such materials are that they have a very high strength/weight ratio. Researchers reported the friction and wear behavior of short, discontinuous carbon fibers reinforced with aluminum alloys. In addition, the hybrid component sites reinforced with 12 vol% Al₂O₃ and 8 vol% carbon fiber in Al-Si alloy exhibit high wear resistance PRASAD, TB [9].

V CONSTITUTUENTS OF COMPOSITES

A matrix binder and reinforcing filler constitute the principal components of a composite material.

- (a) **Matrix-** The substance that binds the padding together and protects that is a matrix. In a possible matrix material, any solid may be produced to add and retain a reinforcing phase. Basically, with both the reinforcement as well as an interface between both the reinforcement or the reinforcement, a matrix substance must've been chemically compliant. In addition, the matrix consists of metals, ceramics, including polymers. The following major functions are handled by the matrix throughout the composite site: That acts as a way of distributing and distributing the stress applied externally to the reinforcements, so only a small part of both the load becomes borne either by matrix process. The results from human reinforcement with surface damage resulting from abrasion or chemical reaction to the atmosphere become transmitted. Will provide finish, colour, texture, longevity and some other performance characteristics.
- (b) **Metal Matrix** - The metals were solid but resistant. A number of metals may plastically bend and stabilize them, mostly by obstructing the passage through linear defects called dislocations. Titanium and its alloys, copper as well as its alloys, titanium alloys, magnesium alloys or super alloys based on nickel can constitute the metal matrix. These become useful for high of high-temperature (300 to 500⁰C) Murray & Heather [10].
- (c) **Ceramic Matrix** - Ceramics were classified as products manufactured through inorganic non-metallic matrix and processed at high temperatures during they manufacture at certain times. The ceramic has been used as a matrix medium and then was distinguished by it's own high refractoriness, low chemical resistance, high hardness but non-conducting property. Aluminum oxide, aluminium nitride, silicon carbide, silicon nitride, titanium carbide, or titanium nitride, respectively, are among some of the ceramics included. Agrawal, Parul, and C. T. Sun [11]
- (d) **Polymer Matrix** - There are so many more diverse polymers than metals or ceramics. They're inexpensive and easy to deal with. That equipment needed for polymer part manufacturing is easy. These include lower yield strength, but really the polymers are generally accepted as both a matrix as well as the reinforced polymers are qualified to structural applications. Polymers become typically weak conductors of electricity and energy due to their mainly covalent bonds. Which are much more resistant than metals to chemicals? These become

structurally giant chain-shaped molecules with either a carbon atom covalently connected which forms that chain's backbone. [12].

- (e) **Reinforcements** - The reinforcement material would be the one that provides its two-phase material with strength. It increases stiffness then provides. The enhancement of chemical and tribological properties, including such thermal and electrical conductivity, prolongs its existence of a composite. Reinforcements were graded per the aspect ratio (length to thickness) as,
- (i) **Fibers**- Fibers become fabrics which are smoother in the longitudinal orientation and have a really long axis. These were all usable, also continuous, across many diameters, that can be used as was or the cut to both the required width. This may be polycrystalline or amorphous and it is the core components of polymer or ceramic or metal matrices of a fiber-reinforced composite. In either a compound, they occupy their greater volume fraction so share much of the acting charge. These were productive which influence the following features of even a complex due to various their incredibly large proportions.
- Specific gravity
 - Tensile strength and modulus
 - Compressive strength and modulus
 - Fatigue strength and fatigue failure mechanism
 - Electrical & thermal conductivity
 - Cost

Some of the important fibers are glass, carbon, Kevlar, boron, Sic, and Al_2O_3 .

- (ii) **Whiskers**- Whiskers are indeed very small single acicular crystals (needles) with just an viewing angle typically higher than 10 or a diameter around 0.01 and 1.0 μm . They have a rather wide ratio of surface to volume as well as a non-circular cross section (such as triangular), rhomboedral and hexagonal). The diameter are known as the cross-sectional region's square root. The were effective, due to its huge proportions. The design of both the whiskers influences the whisker matrix's total interfacial region. In essence, that interface seems to have a significant effect upon this component' mechanical properties. The low density of defects throughout the targets was due to both the form or the small dimensions of both the single crystal that give them control. Whiskers were mainly inserted into metals for stiffness, creep, and wear resistance. Wold, L et.al. [13]. While sealed with a ceramic matrix, whiskers maximise fracture, wear and creep resistance. In silicone materials, whiskers have been used to strengthen thermal conductivity properties. Any of the largest things are

asbestos, carbon, silicon carbide, silicon nitride, alumina, mullite, titanium, titanium carbide, titanium nitride, aluminum borate, calcium carbonate, SiO_2 , niobium carbide, aluminum nitride, tin oxide, Somalashak cadmium oxide. [14].

- (iii) **Flakes and platelets**- There in range of 30-120, platelets or flakes have an aspect ratio. Typically, the diameter varies from 20 to 500 μm . For ceramic matrix materials, certain reinforcements may appealing. Flake or platelet filled composites show less anisotropic microstructure or a decreased inclination to wrap due to their flat surfaces. Mica, Sic, boron carbide, aluminium, copper are amongst the most common platelets. Ramesh, C. S., et al. [15].
- (iv) **Particulates**- The particles can be thought of as a small, microscopic powdered material. Those who have such a respect ratio that is poor. The dimensions for both directions of even a particle reinforcement become nearly the same. Spherical, cubic, plate-shaped or irregular but rather regular geometry can become the shape of both the atom. Factors including such size, geometry, diffusion of volume fraction depend on the performance of both the particle reinforcement. The particles become chosen according the type of matrix phase adhesion and also have two types.
- Non-metallic
 - Metallic
- (v) **Metallic**- In some other metallic matrix, metallic ions cannot really be destroyed. Rocket propellant, consisting of aluminium powder through polyurethane Ramesh, C. S., and Mir Safiulla, are some examples. [16].
- (vi) **Non-Metallic** - Ceramics are always the most common non particles, Conductive compounds, including such graphite, black conductive carbon, etc. Ceramics are by far the most common materials displaced and in matrix, as well as cermets are the consequent composites. Any one of the meaningful ones non-metallic particulate are Al_2O_3 , BN, Sic, graphite, Tic, Tin, W, glass, ZrO_2 , CaF_2 Satyanarayana et.al. [17].

VI SUMMARY

In this study, the effect of metal alloy composite particle reinforcement on microstructure and mechanical properties, tribological behavior and thermodynamic properties at various sites of the metal matrix and their corresponding applications was thoroughly investigated. In most metal alloy reinforced metal matrix composites it was found that there was a homogeneous distribution of metal alloy composite particles in the metal matrix without forming residual lumps or pores. The micrograph revealed that most of the particles of the chemosphere were infiltrated with

the alloy of the matrix, in particular most of the components of the metal-filled matrix of the chemosphere. In most cases, micro structural examination observed that the metal alloy compound particles could react with the molten metal matrix, which could result in the formation of hard and dendritic phases of Mg₂Si and MgAl₂O₄. The nature and severity of the reaction depend on the type of metal alloy compound particle used, its chemical variation and the components of the mineral phase. The particle wall of the chemosphere was weakened by the reaction between the Mg matrix and the FAC particle.

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