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Abstract Current constraints on aeronautical parts have led to the introduction of materials like titanium alloys as well as new part geometries featuring large dimensions and reduced thickness. Inappropriate cutting forces during turning operations could lead to high deflections and damage to the machine. In order to ensure the respect of final part geometry and the optimal use of resources, cutting forces have to be known, to anticipate the deformed shape during and after machining operations on thin parts. Current models are offering a solution which can be optimised by the modelling influence of the ploughing effect on cutting forces. Therefore, a mechanistic model is developed in order to improve the prediction of cutting forces during turning operations on titanium alloy Ti6Al4V: this model includes the effect of the clearance face contact radius and comprises two main steps. First, the effect of the clearance contact radius and the effect of the cutting edge lead angle are determined independently, via a direct identification method based on elementary cutting tests. Secondly, this analysis is extended to cutting trials in boring, cylindrical turning and face turning. Then, based on a mechanistic approach, a model is defined according to the previous results and the coefficients are identified thanks to cutting trials in real conditions. The results of the proposed model are then compared to a commonly used model which takes into account mostly the uncut chip thickness effect. It is

demonstrated that the proposed cutting force model provides a more accurate prediction of cutting forces.

Keywords Turning · Cutting forces · Predictive model · Contact radius · Cutting edge lead angle · Titanium alloy

1 Introduction

In order to meet current energy challenges in terms of reducing oil consumption and pollution levels, aeronautical parts are subjected to new expectations. In order to produce fuel-efficient aircraft, materials such as titanium alloys and optimised part geometries have appeared to reduce onboard weight. However, these requirements can give rise to technological difficulties. Indeed, titanium alloys are considered as “difficult-to-cut” materials, due to the conservation of their mechanical properties even at high temperature [1, 2]. Similarly, most of these geometries are very complex, which can lead in some cases to highly flexible parts. In these critical cases, unsuitable cutting parameters in finishing operations can lead to inappropriate cutting forces, which generate high deflections on the manufactured parts, leading to a loss of quality. These considerations must also be taken into account in the case of roughing operations. In fact, unsuitable cutting parameters in roughing operations could lead to high cutting forces, damaging the part or the machine tool spindle if the workpiece clamping or the machine tool spindle is not adapted. Despite these concerns, manufacturers need to guarantee the respect of the dimensional and geometrical specifications associated with their final parts, whilst optimising the manufacturing process. For this reason, they seek to simulate machining operations precisely, to avoid industrialisation problems as far as possible before manufacturing the first part. Consequently, cutting forces have to be known as

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representative data of the machining operation. On the one hand, cutting forces can be measured during cutting processes, but this leads to costly trials. On the other hand, predictive models, based on a small number of cutting trials, have been developed to predict cutting forces. However, current cutting force models do not seem to be optimised and the aim of this study is to enhance the modelling of cutting forces by taking new parameters into account. A particular attention is given to axial and radial components (i.e. F_f and F_p), which are linked to part deflections. Indeed, the industrial application of this research work is the contour turning of a turbojet drum, which is a part with large dimensions, thin thickness and, consequently, a low stiffness.

The metal cutting process had been studied for decades. The main principle, highlighted by Merchant [3] in the case of a continuous chip, consists of chip formation consequent to the shearing of the material induced by the movement of a cutting tool. This analysis was continued by Astakhov [4] in the cases of ductile and fragile materials and expanded by Sun et al. [5] and Sutter and List [6] in the case of Ti6Al4V titanium alloy. According to Albrecht [7], this phenomenon has been identified in multiple cases as the dominant one regarding its contribution to cutting forces. This is why several cutting force models have focused only on this aspect. First, using an empirical approach, Kienzle [8] computed cutting forces generated by the cutting process as a product of a cross-section area and a specific energy coefficient. This formulation was completed by Günay et al. [9] in order to take into account the effects of the rake angle, cutting speed, tool wear and material properties. Meanwhile, from a mechanistic point of view, Armarego [10–12] suggested a local cutting force model related to the uncut chip thickness. This model was completed by Reddy et al. [13, 14], who took into account the influences of the rake angle, the cutting speed and the uncut chip thickness in the case of turning operations. The added value of this model is the introduction of equivalent parameters representative of the variation in each parameter considered along the cutting edge. Although these models provided a good correlation between the modelled cutting forces and the cutting forces measured experimentally in multiple cases, Albrecht [7] indicated that these models are not valid in the case of finishing operations. Huang and Liang [15] made the same observation by comparing the cutting forces measured in finishing operations and the cutting forces modelled considering only the forces induced by chip formation. This gap between the prediction and the measurement is due to the non-linearity correlation between the uncut chip thickness and the cutting forces, according to Ng et al. [16] and Wyen and Wegener [17]. Zorev [18] suggested that in the case of a non-built-up edge, the cutting tool is in contact with the machined material not only along the rake face but also along the clearance surface. This proposal was echoed by Albrecht [7], who introduced the notion of “parasitic forces”

which are representative of the elastic reaction of the layer of machined material lying under the tool. These forces are known to be generally small in comparison with the forces on the rake face, but they can be large and sometimes even exceed the rake face forces, especially in finishing operations.

Therefore, many scientists focused their research work on determining the true value of these cutting forces. First, Albrecht [7] suggested the method of extrapolating the force relationship to a zero depth of cut or uncut chip thickness. However, this method is discussed by Stevenson [19, 20] and Guo [21], who underlined that it did not take into consideration the influence of the uncut chip thickness based on observations from cutting, indentation and compression tests. In parallel, Zorev [18] presented four additional methods, based on cutting configurations, to determine experimentally the forces acting on the clearance face. Popov and Dugin [22, 23] compared the results provided by different methods and developed a new method based on the measurement of the real rear contact between the cutting tool and the material. Based on these studies, cutting force models including the “ploughing effect” were developed. First Zorev [18] proposed, using a mechanical approach, a formulation of the normal force to the clearance face based on the shear stress of the surface layer of the material being machined. This suggestion was enhanced and simplified by Waldorf [24], who also defined the force tangential to the clearance face. From a mechanistic point of view, with respect to Albrecht’s conclusions, Armarego [10] introduced the parasitic force as a constant in cutting force models. While in accordance with the observations underlining the correlation of the ploughing forces with the uncut chip thickness and the cutting speed [19–23], Huang and Liang [15] formulated the ploughing forces as a polynomial function of the uncut chip thickness and Kaymacki et al. [25] expressed the ploughing forces as a polynomial function of the cutting speed. Although advances in the field are significant, it seems that the modelling of ploughing forces, and thus the modelling of cutting forces, can be improved.

Indeed, most of the studies concerning the determination or modelling of ploughing forces are performed in planing configuration, or at least within the same part diameter or the same tool diameter. Furthermore, in these studies tool wear is not considered as a factor in the experimental design. However, these two points are not representative of target applications like the contour turning of a Ti6Al4V titanium alloy turbojet drum, which presents large variations in part radius and where tool wear evolution is observed during machining operations. This is why, based on current models, the influence of these two parameters is neglected. Consequently, cutting forces modelled using this approach may be inappropriate and then lead to part deflections during machining. Campocasso et al. [26] support this assessment by highlighting the influence of the part radius on cutting forces in the cylindrical turning of pure copper Cu-OFE with an unworn round insert. This

influence is also observed by Dorlin et al. [27], in the case of Ti6Al4V titanium alloy turning with a worn round insert, who compared the cutting forces gathered from cylindrical turning and face turning tests. Considering that the contact conditions between the machined part and the cutting tool may have a significant influence on cutting forces, the effect of this influence has to be determined and included in future modelling. This point is particularly significant in the practical application of this study due to the large evolution of the part radius along the contour of a turbojet drum. Consequently, the contact between the cutting tool and the machined part is variable and could lead to cutting force variations.

This research work therefore deals with the analysis of the contact radius effect on cutting forces and on the ploughing phenomenon. First, the notion of clearance face contact radius is introduced, to represent the contact conditions at the workpiece-tool interface, in the cases of cylindrical turning, face turning and boring. Secondly, a local analysis of the influence of contact radius on cutting forces is developed using basic cutting configurations. Nevertheless, as pointed out by Campocasso et al. [26], the contact radius and the cutting edge lead angle κ_r are geometrically associated. This may be the reason why earlier studies developed by Venkatesh et al. [28], Saglam et al. [29] or Khettabi et al. [30] had difficulties in concluding about the effect of the cutting edge lead angle κ_r on cutting forces. Consequently, the influence of the cutting edge lead angle κ_r and the effect of contact radius on cutting forces have to be investigated separately. The study of the contact radius effect on cutting forces is then extended in the case of cylindrical turning, face turning and boring, where contact conditions are very different. Based on these observations, a cutting force model including the influence of the contact radius is modelled considering a mechanistic approach. Finally, thanks to an inverse identification methodology, coefficients of the proposed model are identified for a wide range of cutting parameters considering different turning operations. The prediction performed with the proposed model is compared with the cutting forces identified via the commonly used model defined by Armarego [10].

2 Experimental details

Cutting tests were performed on a two-axis Numerical Control lathe equipped with analogue outputs. The complete tests were carried out at a cutting speed V_c equal to 90 m/min. This value was determined with respect to tool material pair method defined by the NF E66-520-4 standard [31]. Cutting parameters from the NC (cutting speed V_c , feed rate f and tool position on the \vec{X}_M and \vec{Z}_M axes) were monitored during all the cutting tests, thanks to the analogue outputs, in order to ensure the good conduct of trials and facilitate the analysis

post-trials. The machined work material was a Ti6Al4V titanium alloy, and workpiece homogeneity was verified by micro-hardness tests from the heart of the workpiece to the surface. The material was machined using Blaser Blasocut 2000 CF coolant, at low pressure.

Two uncoated carbide cutting tools were used in this study. The local cutting geometries were identical ($\alpha_n=7^\circ$; $\gamma_n=7^\circ$; $\lambda_s=0^\circ$). A 213202 ARNO ProfilCut linear cutting edge insert ($r_\beta \approx 5 \mu\text{m}$), was used to perform direct identification tests, including orthogonal trials. Indeed, the straight cutting edge of this tool enables the modelling of a segment of the discretised cutting edge. A LCGR1705-500-RP Seco Tools MDT round insert ($r_\beta \approx 18 \mu\text{m}$; $r_\epsilon=2.5 \text{ mm}$), a common tool for profiling operations in industry, was used in this study for cylindrical turning, face turning and boring cutting trials. The edge radius on the straight inserts was measured thanks to a Surfscan profilometer, while the edge radius on round inserts was quantified using an Alicona dynamic focusing microscope and EdgeMaster software. Tool wear on both cutting tools was examined under a Keyence VHX-1000 optical microscope according to the protocol defined by the ISO 3685 standard [32]. Finally, the cutting force data was acquired, in three directions, with a 9121 Kistler piezoelectric dynamometer and a 5019A Kistler amplifier (Fig. 1).

3 Geometrical analysis of the interaction between the cutting tool and the workpiece

As indicated by many researchers during finish turning operations using the tool nose, modelled with a round insert, many

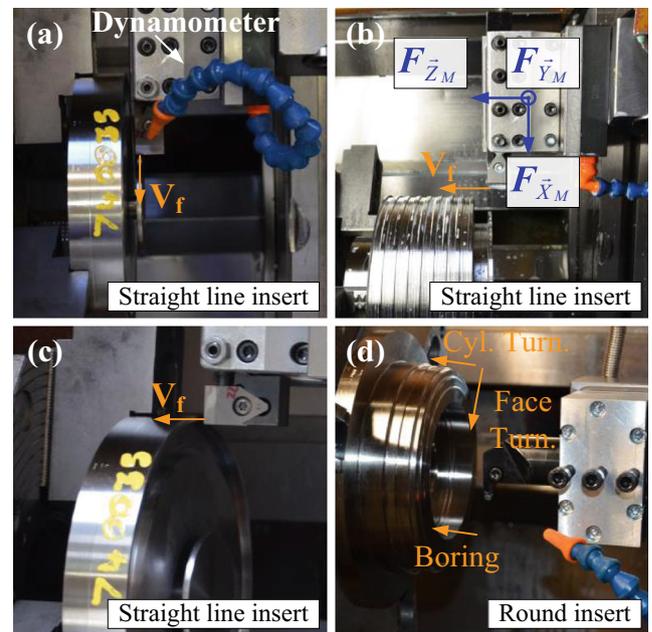


Fig. 1 Experimental setup for cutting tests of a disk (a), a thread (b), a tube (c) and cylindrical turning, face turning and boring cutting trials (d)

parameters are not constant along the cutting edge. This is the case of the uncut chip thickness [15, 33], the cutting edge lead angle κ_r , and the clearance face contact radius as proposed by Campocasso et al. [26] and illustrated by Dorlin et al. [27] in Fig. 2 for cylindrical turning and face turning. The clearance face contact radius, seen in the orthogonal plane defined by the ISO 3002-1 standard [34], corresponds to the distance between the considered point and the revolution axis of the workpiece in the direction of the normal to the tangent to the cutting edge at the considered point. This parameter varies significantly along the cutting edge. Indeed, at point (i), representative of an operation with the depth of cut equal to the corner radius, the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius has an infinite value, whereas at point (ii), representative of the point that generates the finished surface, the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius is equal to the machined part radius (Fig. 2).

However, this definition can be completed. In fact, as illustrated at (ii) in Fig. 2, in cylindrical turning the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius is exclusively convex. In face turning from external to internal, the clearance face contact radius is almost exclusively convex. Nonetheless, the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius could be of a different type; for instance, in boring operations, as presented in Fig. 3, the clearance face contact radius is concave. This is also the case in a small portion of the cutting edge in face turning from external

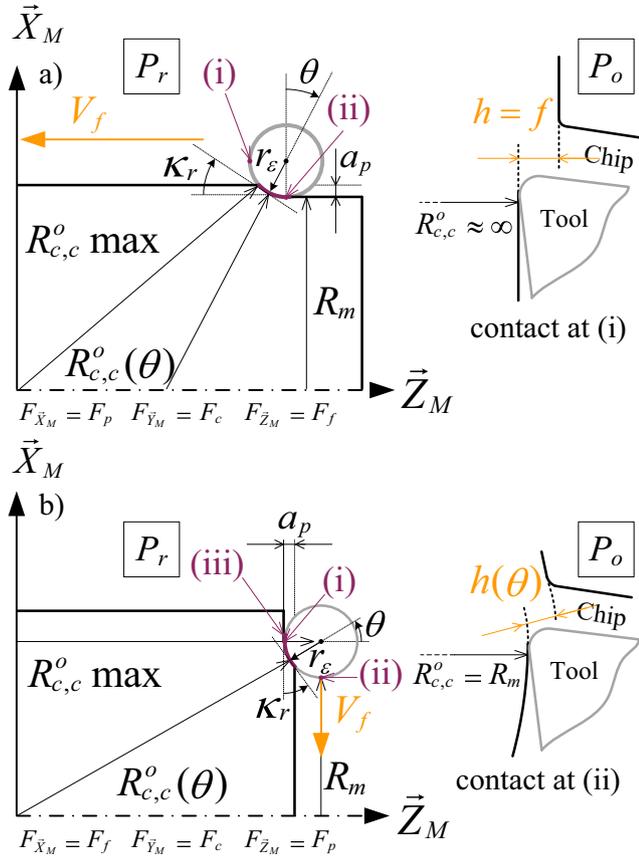


Fig. 2 Schematisation of the $R_{c,c}^o$ convex clearance face contact radius in (a) cylindrical turning and (b) face turning [27]

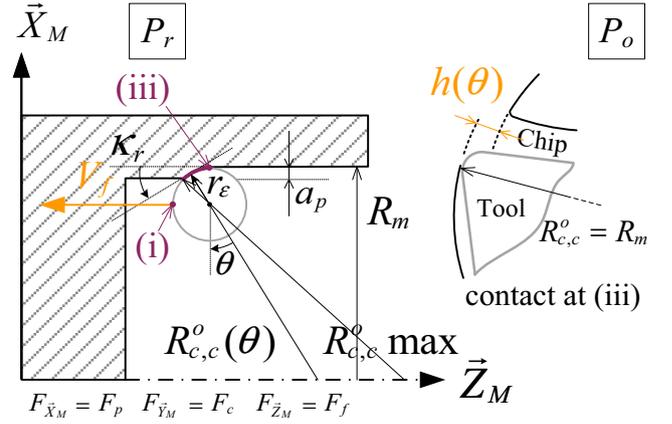


Fig. 3 Schematisation of the $R_{c,c}^o$ concave clearance face contact radius in boring

to internal: the crests induced by the passage of the tool lead to a concave $R_{c,c}^o$ radius on a small part of the cutting edge (i.e. when $\theta < 0^\circ$), while the rest of the cutting edge in a face turning operation presents a convex $R_{c,c}^o$ radius. This last observation will be reversed in the case of face turning from internal to external.

The expressions of clearance face contact radius in turning are defined by the following equations: (1) for cylindrical turning; (2) for convex $R_{c,c}^o$ in face turning; (3) for concave $R_{c,c}^o$ in face turning and (4) for boring operations.

$$R_{c,c}^o = r_\varepsilon \times \left(\frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} - 1 \right) + \frac{R_m}{\cos(\theta)} \quad \forall \theta \quad (1)$$

$$R_{c,c}^o = r_\varepsilon \times \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} - 1 \right) + \frac{R_m}{\sin(\theta)} \quad \theta > 0 \quad (2)$$

$$R_{c,c}^o = r_\varepsilon \times \left(\frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} + 1 \right) + \frac{R_m}{\sin(\theta)} \quad \theta < 0 \quad (3)$$

$$R_{c,c}^o = r_\varepsilon \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \right) + \frac{R_m}{\cos(\theta)} \quad \forall \theta \quad (4)$$

To compare the variation in the local parameters (κ_r angle, h uncut chip thickness and $R_{c,c}^o$ radius in cylindrical turning) along a cutting edge, three graphs are plotted for a given set of cutting parameters and presented in Fig. 4a-c. As illustrated, the radius varies greatly, which is the reason why the influence of this parameter on cutting forces should be analysed. However, as expressed via Eqs. (1), (2), (3) and (4), the variation in $R_{c,c}^o$ is geometrically associated with the variation in cutting edge lead angle κ_r . Therefore, to study the effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ on cutting forces, its influence has to be determined independently of the potential influence of cutting edge lead angle κ_r . Sections 4 and 5 are devoted to a local analysis respectively of the cutting edge lead angle effect and the influence of the contact radius on cutting forces. In addition, as illustrated in Fig. 4d-f, the variations in radius $R_{c,c}^o$ with respect to h uncut chip thickness are not identical

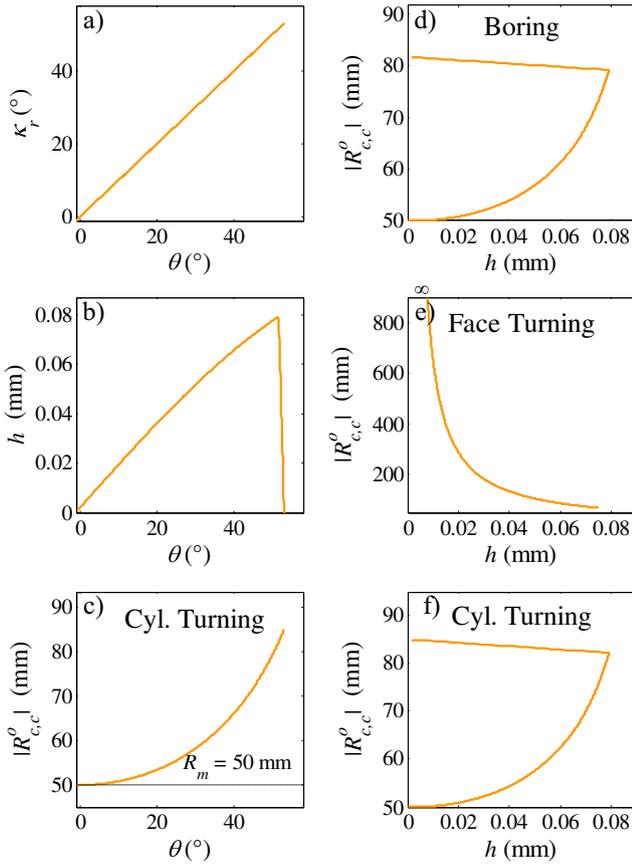


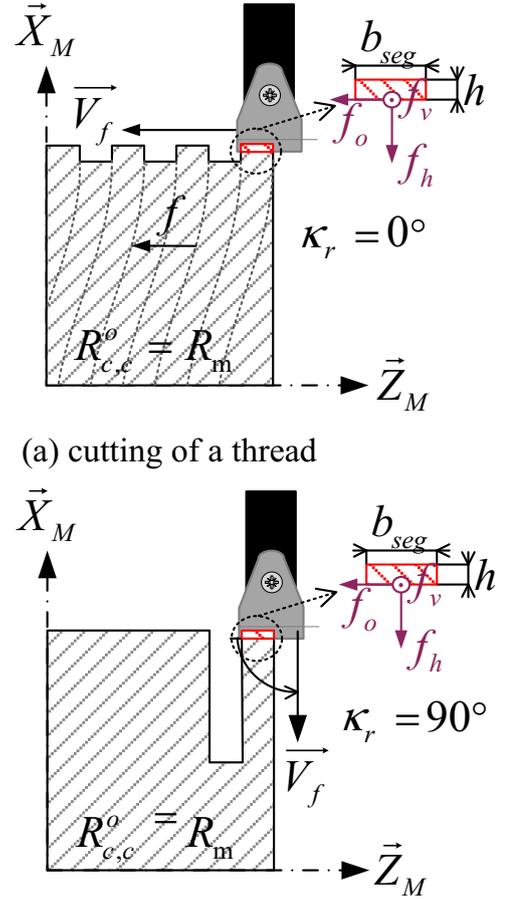
Fig. 4 Variations, with respect to angle θ , in angle κ_r (a), h uncut chip thickness (b), $R_{c,c}^o$ radius in cylindrical turning (c) and variations, with respect to the h uncut chip thickness, in $R_{c,c}^o$ radius in boring (d), face turning (e) and cylindrical turning (f), ($R_m = 100$ mm; $f = 0.1$ mm/rev; $a_p = 1$ mm)

between turning operations; for example, for a same $R_{c,c}^o$ radius value in cylindrical turning and face turning, the h uncut chip thickness values are not the same. At the global scale, this observation enables us to separate the h uncut chip thickness and $R_{c,c}^o$ radius effects.

4 Local analysis of the cutting edge lead angle effect on cutting forces

4.1 Cutting tests on a disk and a threaded workpiece

The aim of this section is to quantify the effect of angle κ_r on cutting forces. As a consequence, the first difficulty lies in finding experimental configurations which suggest several levels of angle κ_r while maintaining other potentially influential parameters constant. Therefore, two cutting configurations, using the straight tool, were used and are illustrated in Fig. 5: first, the cutting of a threaded workpiece, which enables an experimental test to be performed with the cutting edge parallel to the feed direction (i.e. $\kappa_r = 0^\circ$). Secondly, this



(a) cutting of a thread
(b) orthogonal cutting of a disk

Fig. 5 Schematics of cutting edge lead angle experimental configurations. (a) Cutting of a threaded workpiece; (b) orthogonal cutting of a disk

configuration can be compared to the orthogonal cutting of a disk, in which the only difference is the value of angle κ_r . To ensure the non-influence of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ on cutting force acquisition, both tests were performed on the same workpiece radius.

The scientific community has also highlighted a strong interaction between flank wear and cutting forces [35, 36]. Therefore, this influence was taken into account in the experimental design in several ways. First, to limit the influence of flank wear on the variation in cutting forces during the acquisition, each trial was performed over a short cutting length corresponding to five revolutions (i.e. one revolution for the tool engagement, three revolutions in steady-state conditions and one revolution for the tool exit). Secondly, to limit the influence of flank wear between trials, the number of trials was reduced as much as possible in order to allow a comparison between trials. However, in order to ensure measurement repeatability, each trial was repeated. The experimental plan comprises two experimental tests conducted twice with the same

titanium Ti6Al4V workpiece and the same insert to limit dispersions. The cutting force measurement results are presented in Fig. 6.

4.2 Results and observations

The first observation to be made is that despite the high pitch of the thread, which leads to a high speed tangential to the cutting edge, the f_o component of the local cutting force is negligible compared with the two other components f_v and f_h . This is why it is relevant to consider the threaded workpiece cutting test as an elementary cutting plan model with only two components. Thus, the cutting force values presented are not corrupted by the appearance of a third component, and the comparison of cutting force intensities between the two cutting configurations is possible.

As shown in Fig. 6, the second observation is that cutting forces f_v and f_h rise slightly when angle κ_r increases from 0° to 90° . This influence seems to be identical for the f_v and f_h components, both of which increase by approximately 3%. Nevertheless, the increase is small with respect to the range of variation in angle κ_r . Although the f_o component is negligible, its decrease is significant and is linked to the feed rate increase. Indeed, the V_f feed rate is 45 times higher in the threaded workpiece cutting test than in the orthogonal cutting of a disk, as mentioned in Fig. 6.

According to these observations, since the sensitivity of cutting forces with respect to the angle is extremely low compared to the influence of other parameters (e.g. the effect of the uncut chip thickness [37]), this parameter is considered as

negligible on the cutting forces. Thus, it will not be included in the formulation of the new model.

5 Local analysis of the influence of contact radius on cutting forces in orthogonal cutting

5.1 Cutting tests on disks and on tubes

Since the influence of the angle on cutting forces is explained separately from the potential $R_{c,c}^o$ radius effect, the aim of this section is to quantify the influence of this radius on cutting forces. Similarly to the approach adopted to determine the effect of angle κ_r on cutting forces, experimental cutting configurations should be adapted in order to observe cutting force variations depending only on the variation in radius $R_{c,c}^o$.

Two orthogonal cutting configurations were chosen to quantify the effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ on cutting forces: the orthogonal cutting of a disk, described earlier in Sect. 4.1, and the orthogonal cutting of a tube, as illustrated in Fig. 7. This latter configuration allowed us, with respect to the definition presented in Fig. 2, to reach an infinite value for radius $R_{c,c}^o$ while maintaining cutting tool lead angle κ_r at 90° .

The experiments were performed with the same Ti6Al4V workpiece and with the same insert. To consider the influence of flank wear on cutting forces, the experimental procedure was divided into three levels of flank wear $V_B \in \{0; 0.05; 0.1\}$ mm. The usual V_B limit is about 0.3 mm, so these levels are acceptable in production. Again, cutting trials were carried out over a short cutting length, corresponding to five revolutions, and repeated. The number of cuts was also limited as much as

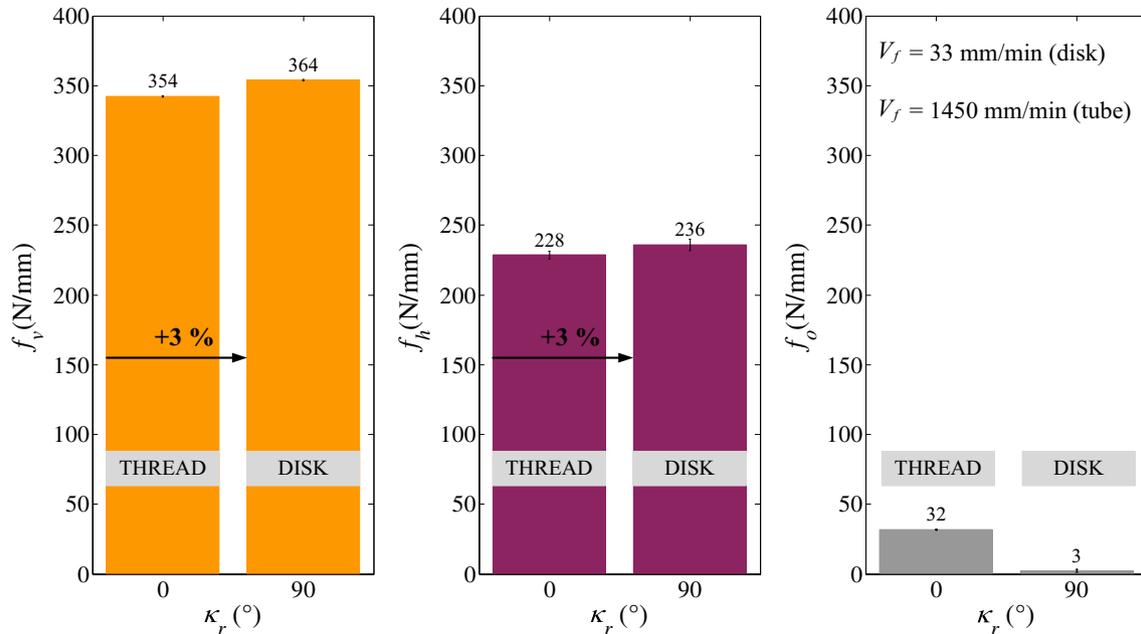
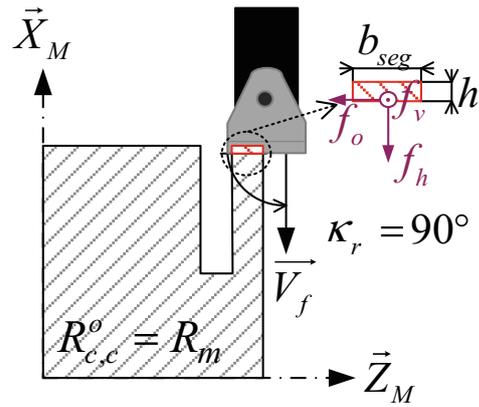
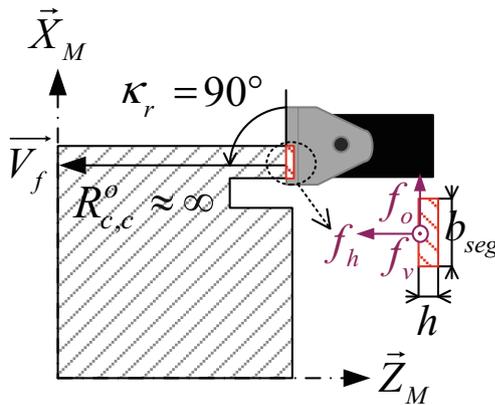


Fig. 6 Cutting force variation on a thread and on a disk with respect to angle κ_r variation ($h=0.2$ mm; $b_{seg}=3$ mm; $f_v=F_c/b_{seg}$; $f_h=F_p/b_{seg}$; $f_o=F_f/b_{seg}$)



(a) orthogonal cutting of a disk



(b) orthogonal cutting of a tube

Fig. 7 Schematics of clearance face contact radius experimental configurations. (a) Orthogonal cutting of a disk; (b) orthogonal cutting of a tube

possible. The results of these measurements are shown in Fig. 8.

5.2 Results and observations

Firstly, the clearance face contact radius does not have a significant effect on cutting forces in the first two cases of flank wear. Indeed, although there is a slight gap between the f_h component ascertained in disk and tube configurations for a new cutting edge (i.e. $V_B = 0 \mu\text{m}$), the cutting force intensity is small. Therefore, a small difference in cutting force could lead to a high percentage of variation.

Nevertheless, in the third case of flank wear, $V_B = 100 \mu\text{m}$, the effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ clearly appears: the cutting forces rise with the increase in radius $R_{c,c}^o$. The increase is about 15 % and is identical on both components. In this case, the influence of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ on the cutting forces is significant. Consequently, it seems that flank wear and radius $R_{c,c}^o$ have a coupled effect on cutting forces.

5.3 Physical investigation of radius effect

The results presented in Fig. 8 highlight a coupled effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ and flank wear on cutting forces. It suggests that the origin of these cutting force variations is associated to a phenomenon in the flank face of the cutting tool. However, to have a more precise idea of the initiating phenomena, chips were collected from each test and were observed. The aim of this examination was to determine if the variation in radius $R_{c,c}^o$ leads to changes in chip formation.

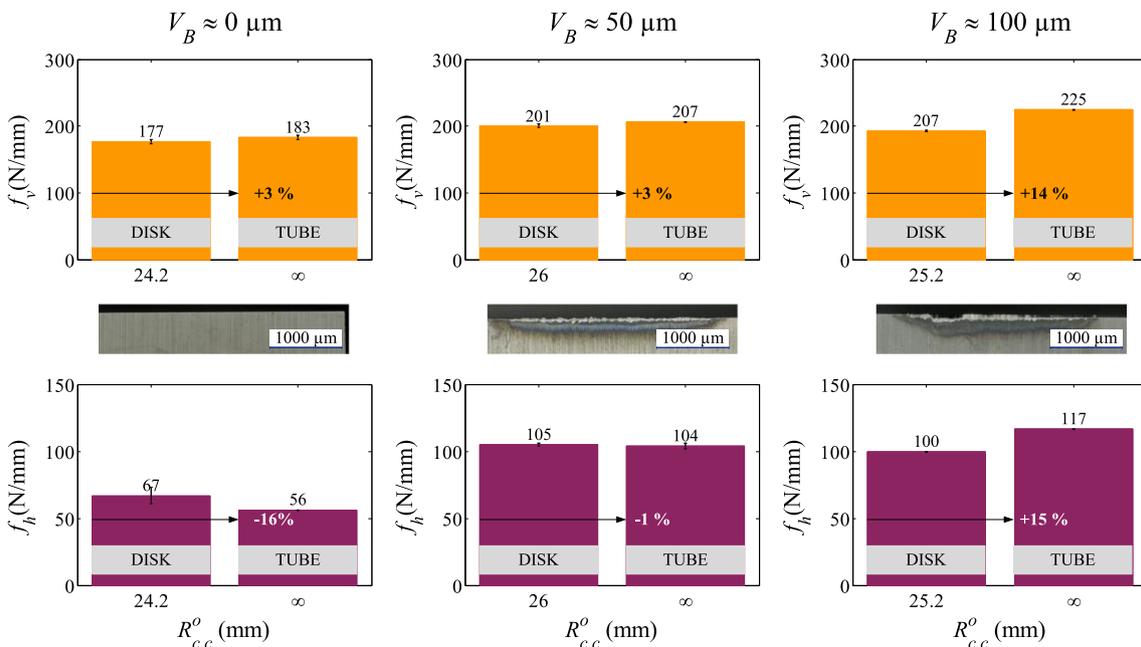


Fig. 8 Cutting force variations on a disk and on a tube with respect to variation in radius ($h = 0.1 \text{ mm}$; $b = 3 \text{ mm}$; $K_r = 90^\circ$; $f_v = F_c / b_{seg}$; $f_h = F_p / b_{seg}$)

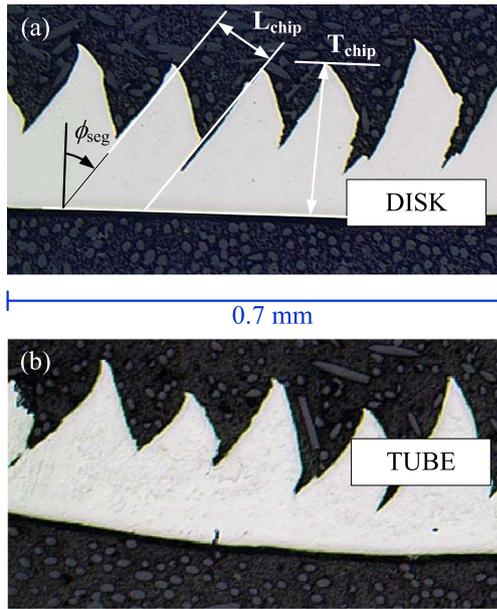


Fig. 9 Chip microphotographs obtained for disk (a) and tube (b)

To ensure good conditions for optical examination, the chips were mounted into bakelite, polished and then observed using an optical microscope. The evaluation was based on two major criteria, the shearing angle and the segmentation frequency, in accordance with Sutter and List [6]. The analysis was repeated for 10 serrated chips in order to reach a trustworthy measured value. Chip microphotographs are shown in Fig. 9, and a quantitative analysis is presented in Table 1.

The observations show slight differences between the different configurations. However, a large part of these variations is probably attributable to repeatability issues. The radius effect observed on cutting forces seems to not find its origin in the chip formation. Therefore, the hypothesis made is that the radius effect observed on cutting forces is linked to the contact conditions between the flank face ploughing and the generated surface. The identification of this parameter as the clearance face contact radius in the orthogonal plane is now justified.

Physically, this increase in cutting forces associated with a larger $R_{c,c}^o$ radius could be interpreted in two ways. From a geometrical point of view, with the hypothesis of a constant

Table 1 Measurement from chip examination at different radius $R_{c,c}^o$ values ($V_c = 90$ m/min; $h = 0.2$ mm; $b = 3$ mm)

$R_{c,c}^o$ avg. (mm)	ϕ_{seg} ($^\circ$)	L_{chip} avg. (mm)	T_{chip} avg. (mm)	V_{chip} (m/min)	F_{chip} (kHz)
24	37.4	0.13	0.23	77	9.6
95.8	37.3	0.15	0.24	74	8.3
95.5	37	0.15	0.25	73	7.9
∞	39	0.15	0.26	70	7.7
∞	37.8	0.13	0.21	86	10.9

pressure at the interface, a longer contact between the flank face of the cutting tool and the machined surface could lead to higher cutting force amplitudes, as illustrated in Fig. 10. From a mechanical point of view, a deeper contact due to a modification of the separation point [38] could lead to a higher pressure at the interface and thus to higher cutting forces for the same contact length between the flank face and the generated surface.

In conclusion, based on the local analysis, the influence of the clearance face contact radius is definitely significant, and this parameter will thus be included in the formulation of the new cutting force model.

6 Global analysis of the influence of contact radius on cutting forces in contour turning

6.1 Cutting tests in cylindrical turning, face turning and boring configurations

As presented in Sect. 5, at the local scale, the radius shows a significant effect on cutting forces. To extend this analysis to concave radius cases, cutting trials were carried out in cylindrical turning, face turning and boring with the round insert, as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. As the uncut chip thickness and the clearance face contact radius vary along the cutting edge, cutting trials were performed for a single and small depth of cut value. Indeed, maintaining a low value for the depth of cut allows us to dissociate the clearance face contact radius variation ranges between each cutting configuration. Therefore, a comparison of cutting force magnitudes

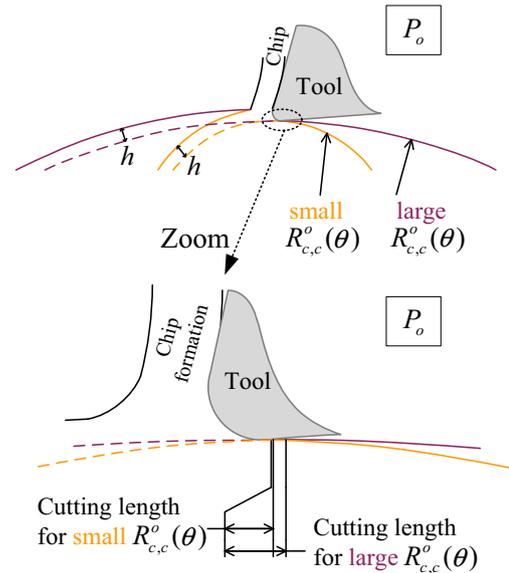


Fig. 10 Illustration of the different contacts between the flank face and the generated surface with respect to radius $R_{c,c}^o$

Table 2 Experimental parameters for cutting tests used to evaluate the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius effect in the global approach

Trial number	Type	f (mm/r)	a_p (mm)	$ R_{c,c}^o \text{ max} $ (mm)	$ R_{c,c}^o \text{ min} $ (mm)	$2^* R_m$ (mm)
1	B.	0.1	0.5	49	40	80
2	F.	0.1	0.5	$+\infty$	105	124
3	C.	0.1	0.5	94	71	141
4	B.	0.175	0.5	49	40	80
5	F.	0.175	0.5	$+\infty$	104	123
6	C.	0.175	0.5	94	71	141
7	B.	0.25	0.5	49	40	80
8	F.	0.25	0.5	$+\infty$	102	121
9	C.	0.25	0.5	94	71	141

B. boring, C. cylindrical turning, F. face turning

between the three cutting configurations in these conditions leads to the direct observation of the clearance face contact radius effect at the global scale. Based on the conclusions in Sect. 5, flank wear was included in the experimental design for a single value, $V_B = 100 \mu\text{m}$. Finally, cutting tests were developed for three feed rates to reach different values for uncut chip thickness and to analyse the coupled effect between radius $R_{c,c}^o$ and the uncut chip thickness. Analogously, the number of trials was limited as much as possible, and each cutting trial was performed over a short cutting length equivalent to five revolutions. The experimental plan is detailed in Table 2, and results are presented in Fig. 11.

6.2 Results and observations

The first observation is that the tendencies observed are identical, regardless of the feed variations. Therefore, the following observations are valid for any feed rate.

Secondly, in accordance with observations at the local scale in Sect. 5, the cutting forces measured in face turning are always superior to those measured in cylindrical turning. This means that the cutting forces increase when the convex $R_{c,c}^o$ increases. The F_p and F_f components are the most sensitive, with an average increase respectively of 12 and 21 %, while the F_c component presents a slight average increase of 4 %. Those results are in accordance with Dorlin et al. [27] observations.

Thirdly, a concave $R_{c,c}^o$ radius, provided by the boring configuration, generates higher cutting forces for each component than those measured for the face turning configuration. Between these two configurations, the F_c and F_p components grow by 13 % and the F_f increases by 18 %. This observation matches the geometrical analysis in Sect. 5.3, which presents a longer contact between the flank face of the cutting tool and the generated surface with a concave radius than with a convex radius.

Finally, the global analysis with the round insert is in agreement with the local analysis with the straight insert: the analysis shows that the contact radius has a significant effect on cutting forces. Moreover, as expected from a geometrical point of view, a concave contact radius seems to lead to an even more substantial increase in cutting forces than a convex contact radius does.

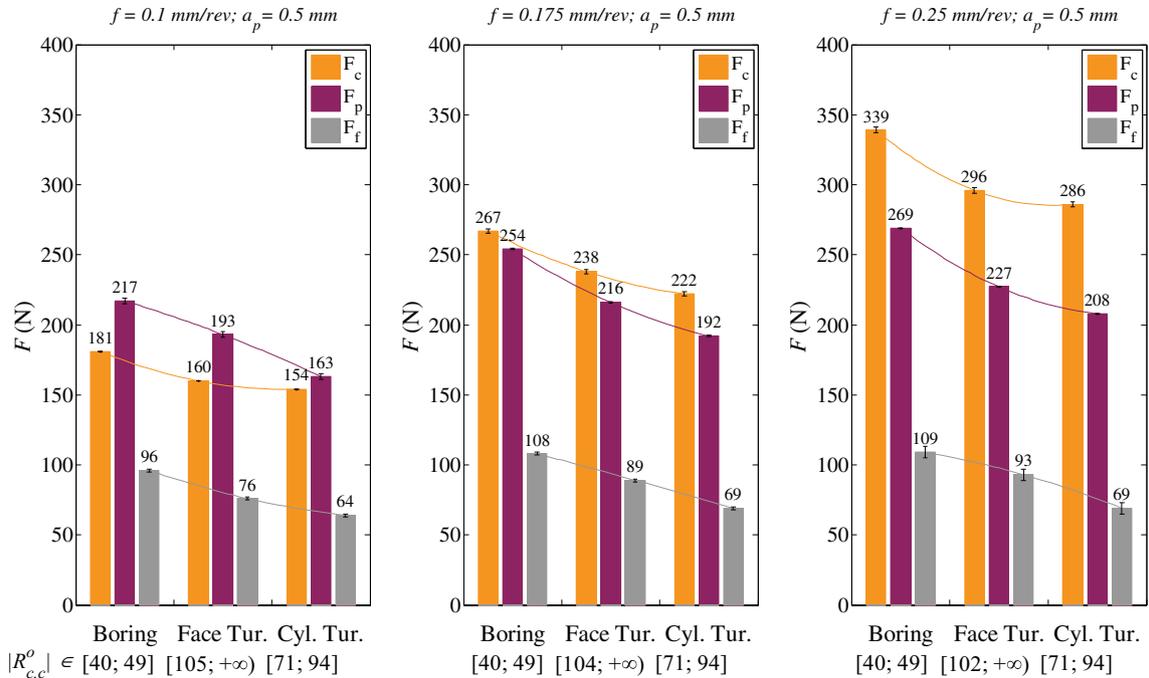
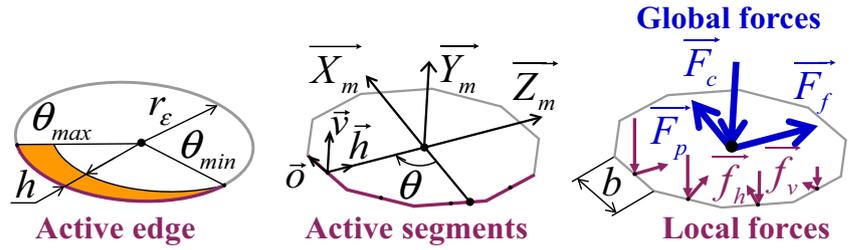


Fig. 11 Global cutting force variations in cylindrical turning, face turning and boring with respect to radius $R_{c,c}^o$ variations ($V_B = 100 \mu\text{m}$)

Fig. 12 Edge discretisation concept illustrated in the case of cylindrical turning with a round insert [26]



Based on the observations from the global analysis of the influence of radius on cutting forces, this parameter will be included in the formulation of a new cutting force model.

7 Cutting force modelling: application to cylindrical turning, face turning and boring

7.1 Methodologies and principles used

In order to model cutting forces, the discretisation concept is employed. As presented by Armarego and Epp [10], Kaymakci et al. [25], Campocasso et al. [26, 33] or Lin et al. [39], the concept consists of discretising a complex cutting edge into small segments. It is initially assumed that each segment is considered independent from the others because the round insert presents a large tool nose radius.

Next, geometrical and cutting parameters are associated with each segment. In this research work, geometrical parameters like clearance face contact radius (Eqs. (1)–(4)) and uncut chip thickness are calculated analytically [15, 33]. Furthermore, the uncut chip thickness in the small triangular part of the cross-section area is calculated for small depth of cut values. Indeed, in the literature, this part is often neglected in finishing operations, whereas it could only be negligible for large depth of cut values. It is even

less negligible when the insert has a large tool nose radius, which is the case in this study.

In order to express the global cutting force model, local cutting forces modelled are projected and summed, as expressed by Eqs. (5), (6) and (7) in the case of a cutting edge with no obliquity:

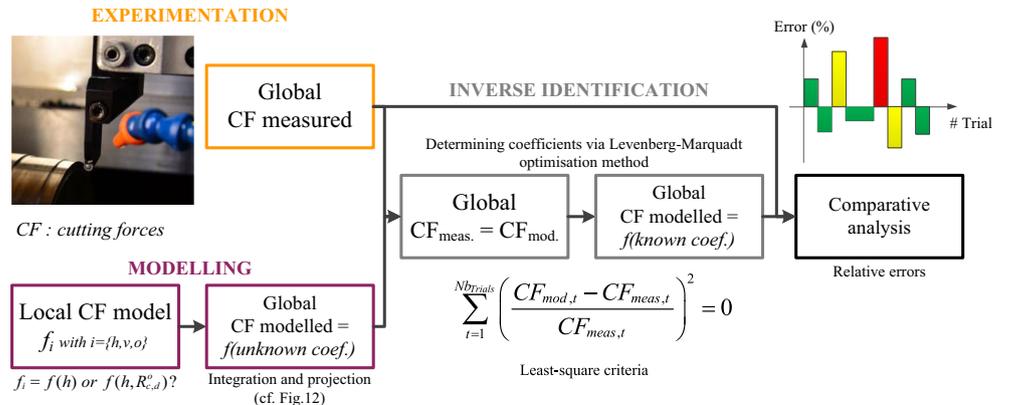
$$F_c = \sum_{j=1}^{Nb_{seg}} f_{v,j} \quad (5)$$

$$F_p = \sum_{j=1}^{Nb_{seg}} f_{h,j} \times \cos(\theta_j) \quad (6)$$

$$F_f = \sum_{i=1}^{Nb_{seg}} f_{h,j} \times \sin(\theta_j) \quad (7)$$

Finally, to determine the values of unknown coefficients, an inverse identification methodology is used thanks to a developed algorithm based on the minimisation of a least squares problem and the Levenberg-Marquardt method, as illustrated in Fig. 13. Moreover, the effect of the number of discretised segments has been analysed in order to find a value which presents small calculation time and robust results.

Fig. 13 Cutting force simulation and inverse identification algorithm approach in turning



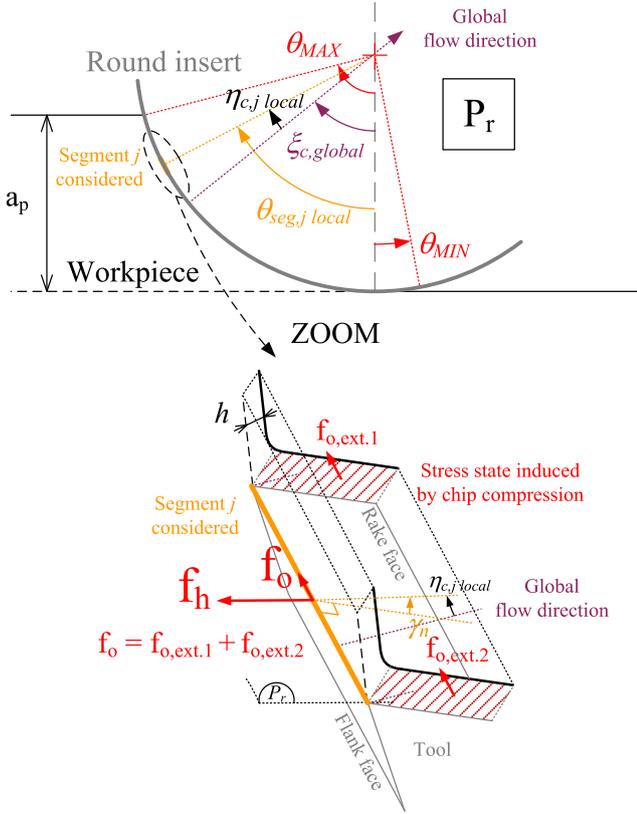


Fig. 14 Geometric model for definition of the third local component

Therefore, the number of segments of the discretised cutting edge is fixed to 500.

7.2 Formulation of the new predictive model

The scientific literature points to a linear correlation between uncut chip thickness and cutting forces [37]. Based on this observation and on a mechanistic approach, Armarego [10]

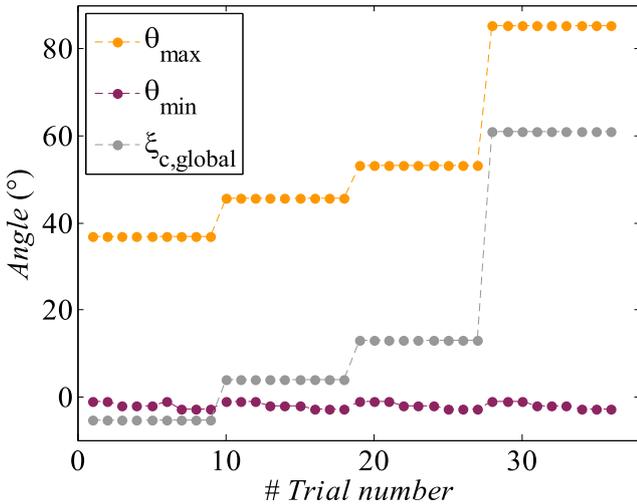


Fig. 15 Chip global flow direction model evolution (9 and 13) with experimental trials (cf. Eqs. (9) and (10))

Table 3 Details for residual degree of freedom calculation in case of predictive model (9)

		f_h	f_v
Nb. Unknown	n_{unk}	4	4
Nb. Trials	n_{eq}	36	72
Res. DOF	$n_{eq} - n_{unk}$	32	68

suggested a cutting force model with two local components (cf. Fig. 12) composed of constants (k_{iX}) and parameters related to the considered segment (h_j), which is considered as a reference and detailed in Eq. (8). Therefore, in order to evaluate the accuracy obtained with the proposed models, the relative errors of modelling between the measured cutting forces and the predicted cutting forces, using the proposed models then the Armarego's model, are compared.

$$f_{i,j} = \left(\underbrace{k_{i0}}_{\text{edge effect}} + \underbrace{k_{i1} \times h_j}_{\text{cutting effect}} \right) \times b_{seg} \quad (8)$$

with $i \in \{h, v\}$

As observed earlier in Sect. 4, the influence of cutting edge lead angle κ_r on cutting forces is considered negligible, while based on observations from Sects. 5 and 6 the effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ is significant. The cutting forces rise with an increase in radius $R_{c,c}^o$ and converge to a finite value for an infinite radius $R_{c,c}^o$ value. Furthermore, they are more sensitive to this influence for a concave contact radius. Moreover, a convention is established: a convex contact radius is considered as negative, while a concave contact radius is chosen as positive. Therefore, according to those observations, a new cutting force model with two local components was elaborated via a mechanistic approach. In this study, a mechanistic approach has been retained rather than a physical approach due to the complexity to model the edge radius effect via a numerical approach.

The novelty of this model lies in the formulation of the "edge effect", as suggested by investigations in Sect. 5.3, by introducing radius $R_{c,c}^o$ under an exponential formulation in order to satisfy previous observations. The edge effect is then associated to the "cut effect" by an additive formulation in order to dissociate the contribution of the primary and second shear zones from the third shear zone and thus provide physical meaning. The proposed model is presented in Eq. (9):

$$f_{i,j} = \left(\underbrace{k_{i0} + \frac{k_{i2}}{1 + e^{\left(\frac{k_{i3}}{R_{c,c}^o}\right)}}}_{\text{edge effect}} + \underbrace{k_{i1} \times h_j}_{\text{cutting effect}} \right) \times b_{seg} \quad (9)$$

with $i \in \{h, v\}$

To determine the value of the unknown coefficients, several cutting trials must be performed to provide for the inverse identification method. As the most restrictive suggested model presents only four unknown coefficients, the 36 cutting trials, presented in Table 4, are sufficient to determine the values of the unknown coefficients without any validation tests thanks to a high residual degree of

freedom as explained in Table 3. Moreover, they have been carefully chosen to cover large ranges of uncut chip thickness and clearance face contact radius.

Thanks to the algorithm applicable to cylindrical turning, face turning and boring configurations, the unknown coefficients of the previous models were determined, as explained in Fig. 13. All values are presented in Table 5.

Table 4 Experimental parameters for cutting tests used to evaluate the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius effect in the global approach

Trial number	Type	f (mm/r)	a_p (mm)	$ R_{c,c}^o \text{ max} $ (mm)	$ R_{c,c}^o \text{ min} $ (mm)	$2^* R_m$ (mm)	Cutting forces (N)		
							\vec{F}_X	\vec{F}_Y	\vec{F}_Z
1	B.	0.1	0.5	49	40	80	217	181	96
2	F.	0.1	0.5	$+\infty$	105	124	76	160	193
3	C.	0.1	0.5	94	71	141	163	154	64
4	B.	0.175	0.5	49	40	80	254	267	108
5	F.	0.175	0.5	$+\infty$	104	123	89	238	216
6	C.	0.175	0.5	94	71	141	192	222	69
7	B.	0.25	0.5	49	40	80	269	339	109
8	F.	0.25	0.5	$+\infty$	102	121	93	296	227
9	C.	0.25	0.5	94	71	141	208	286	69
10	B.	0.1	0.75	70	50	100	227	196	105
11	F.	0.1	0.75	$+\infty$	81	114	118	228	240
12	C.	0.1	0.75	103	68	136	195	209	92
13	B.	0.175	0.75	70	50	100	264	290	117
14	F.	0.175	0.75	$+\infty$	80	113	132	331	256
15	C.	0.175	0.75	103	68	136	232	306	102
16	B.	0.25	0.75	70	50	100	288	386	128
17	F.	0.25	0.75	$+\infty$	79	111	140	421	271
18	C.	0.25	0.75	103	68	136	249	381	106
19	B.	0.1	1	80	49	98	269	252	157
20	F.	0.1	1	$+\infty$	81	128	160	278	272
21	C.	0.1	1	120	68	136	234	266	126
22	B.	0.175	1	80	49	98	309	373	164
23	F.	0.175	1	$+\infty$	80	127	169	406	290
24	C.	0.175	1	120	68	136	271	389	138
25	B.	0.25	1	80	49	98	342	482	182
26	F.	0.25	1	$+\infty$	79	125	192	533	309
27	C.	0.25	1	120	68	136	299	477	151
28	B.	0.1	2.3	477	41	81	375	480	339
29	F.	0.1	2.3	$+\infty$	68	135	343	567	329
30	C.	0.1	2.3	917	71	141	294	542	332
31	B.	0.175	2.3	$+\infty$	41	81	413	688	353
32	F.	0.175	2.3	477	67	134	383	824	364
33	C.	0.175	2.3	$+\infty$	71	141	375	822	363
34	B.	0.25	2.3	917	41	81	452	881	386
35	F.	0.25	2.3	$+\infty$	67	133	457	1070	391
#36	C.	0.25	2.3	477	71	141	429	1054	409

B. boring, C. cylindrical turning, F. face turning

Table 5 Coefficient values for force models using two-local components, identified from 36 cutting trials

Armarego 2-local component model (8)		Residual DOF $\{f_v; f_h\} \rightarrow \{34; 70\}$	
k_{v0} (N/mm)	k_{v1} (N/mm ²)		
57.15	1377.31		
k_{h0} (N/mm)	k_{h1} (N/mm ²)		
115.70	371.50		
2-local component R_{c,c^o} effect model (9)			Residual DOF $\{f_v; f_h\} \rightarrow \{32; 68\}$
k_{v0} (N/mm)	k_{v1} (N/mm ²)	k_{v2} (N/mm)	k_{v3} (mm)
58.98	1381.84	-5.89	-7701.36
k_{h0} (N/mm)	k_{h1} (N/mm ²)	k_{h2} (N/mm)	k_{h3} (mm)
-45208.96	371.48	90652.99	-0.03

7.3 Results from the two-local cutting force predictive models

Although the coefficient values determined, presented in Table 5, are the results of a non-linear and unconstrained mathematical resolution, these values are in accordance with their physical meaning both for the cutting effect and the edge effect (i.e. the cutting forces increase respectively when the uncut chip thickness h or the clearance face contact radius R_{c,c^o} is growing). Table 6 presents the relative errors of modelling from the comparison of the measured cutting forces and the modelled cutting forces using models (8) and (9).

The first observation is that Armarego's two-local component model (8) seems to provide a good prediction regarding the average relative errors given in Table 6 and Fig. 16a. Indeed, the two-local component R_{c,c^o} effect model (9) presents a slight improvement in the average relative errors for the F_p and F_f components. However, in this case the average relative error is not a relevant criterion to evaluate the quality of a model. In fact, as observed in Sect. 6, different contact conditions between the flank face and the machined surface generate higher cutting force magnitudes in boring than in face turning,

Table 6 Relative modelling errors provided by the two-local force component models for 36 cutting trials

	Relative error on each component (%)		
	F_c	F_p	F_f
Armarego 2-local component model (8)			
Max.	19	21	35
Min.	0	1	0
Average	6	7	11
2-Local component R_{c,c^o} effect model (9)			
Max.	21	15	27
Min.	0	0	0
Average	6	5	10

and they are also higher than in cylindrical turning. In this study, the experimental design is balanced between the three cutting configurations. Consequently, if a cutting force model is only good at predicting the cutting forces generated in the face turning configuration, the average relative errors, regarding the three turning configurations, will be small because the model averages the R_{c,c^o} effect for all these configurations (internal and external). As observed in Fig. 16a, this is the case with the Armarego two-local component model (8) because it does not take into account the influence of contact conditions on cutting forces. For this reason, the relevant criterion in this case is the maximum relative error, in order to analyse how the cutting forces of the entire experimental design are modelled.

From this point of view, the two-local component R_{c,c^o} effect model (9) presents a significant improvement compared to Armarego's two-local component model (8). The maximum relative errors of the F_p and F_f components are respectively reduced by 6 and 8 %. Meanwhile, the maximum relative error of the F_c components shows a slight increase of 2 %. These results are in accordance with the results observed in Sects. 5 and 6; the F_p and F_f components related to the f_h local component are more sensitive to clearance face contact radius variations than the F_c components associated with the f_v local component.

Finally, the added value of the clearance face contact radius to the cutting force model does exist but is not great enough to be considered as a major breakthrough. That is why the two-local component models have to be enhanced.

7.4 Development of a three-local component force model

Inspired by the contributions of Kapoor et al. [40] and Molinari and Moufki [41], the two-local component cutting force models are enhanced by the introduction of a third local component. Even if the tool nose of the round insert is large, the independence of one segment from the

others may not be a valid hypothesis. The third local cutting force component is representative of chip compression. Indeed, as presented in Fig. 14, this model assumes that the chip has a global flow direction represented by the $\xi_{c,global}$ angle. Therefore, depending on the orientation of the considered segment, defined as $\theta_{seg,local}$, the local chip generates an additional force in relation to the angular gap between the global flow direction and the local orientation of the considered segment. This angular gap is expressed as $\eta_{c,local}$ and detailed in Eq. (8):

$$\eta_{c,local} = \xi_{c,global} - \theta_{seg,local} \quad (10)$$

In order to satisfy cutting force equilibrium on the chip, Moufki and Molinari [42] present the variation in the global flow direction with respect to the depth of cut. In the case of a depth of cut lower than the tool nose radius, a typical case when machining with a round insert, the $\xi_{c,global}$ angle can be closely approximated by a linear function of the depth of cut. Therefore, based on this observation, a mechanistic model is suggested and expressed in Eq. (9). Additionally, in order to ensure the physical meaning, the global flow direction has to verify a condition expressed in Eq. (10). In this case, the chip flows during the cutting of the material.

$$\xi_{c,global} = k_{o1} + k_{o2} \times a_p \quad (11)$$

$$\xi_{c,global} < 90^\circ \quad (12)$$

Lastly, in order to express the f_o local component, a mechanistic model is proposed in Eq. (11). This model defines the f_o local component, representing the stress in the chip, as a function of the uncut chip thickness and the $\eta_{c,local}$ angle. This is an accurate linear approximation of a more complex formulation proposed by Moufki and Molinari [42].

$$f_{o,j} = k_{o0} \times \eta_{c,local} \times h_j \quad (13)$$

Thanks to the appearance of a third local cutting force component, the equations which define the global cutting forces from the local cutting forces are modified. They are detailed in Eqs. (12) and (13). According to Molinari and Moufki [41], the orientation of the third component is decomposed in the (f_v, f_h, f_o) reference frame. However, the contribution of this third component to the global cutting forces is small. Therefore, only the major projection, tangential to the segment, of this component is considered; the others are neglected.

$$F_p = \sum_{j=1}^{Nb_{seg}} f_{h,j} \times \cos(\theta_j) - f_{o,j} \times \sin(\theta_j) \quad (14)$$

$$F_f = \sum_{i=1}^{Nb_{seg}} f_{h,j} \times \sin(\theta_j) + f_{o,j} \times \cos(\theta_j) \quad (15)$$

7.5 Results from the three-local component cutting force predictive models

Identified coefficients and modelling relative errors are respectively presented in Tables 7 and 8. The identified global flow direction model is physically coherent (i.e. satisfies the Eq. (10) condition), as are the other coefficients used to model the cutting effect and edge effect (i.e. satisfy conditions explained in Sect. 7.3). Moreover, the identified global flow direction model is almost always contained in the chip cross-section area angular range limits defined by $\{\theta_{min}, \theta_{max}\}$ [33], as presented in Fig. 15. This observation confirms the physical meaning of the suggested model.

The first observation is that the consideration of a third local cutting force component leads to a reduction in relative errors. Indeed, between Armarego's two-local component model (8) and Armarego's modified three-local component

Table 7 Values of coefficients for three-local force component models for 36 cutting trials

Armarego modified 3-local component model (8) and (12)			Residual DOF $\{f_v; \{f_h; f_o\}\} \rightarrow \{34; 67\}$
k_{v0} (N/mm)	k_{v1} (N/mm ²)		
57.15	1377.31		
k_{h0} (N/mm)	k_{h1} (N/mm ²)		
114.97	352.97		
k_{a0} (N/mm)	k_{a1} (°)	k_{a2} (°/mm)	
-2.01	-0.38	0.63	
3-Local component $R_{c,e}$ effect model (9) and (12)			Residual DOF $\{f_v; \{f_h; f_o\}\} \rightarrow \{32; 65\}$
k_{v0} (N/mm)	k_{v1} (N/mm ²)	k_{v2} (N/mm)	k_{v3} (mm)
58.98	1381.84	-5.89	-7701.36
k_{h0} (N/mm)	k_{h1} (N/mm ²)	k_{h2} (N/mm)	k_{h3} (mm)
42681.43	350.25	-85130.08	0.03
k_{a0} (N/mm)	k_{a1} (°)	k_{a2} (°/mm)	
-1.98	-0.41	0.64	

Table 8 Relative modelling errors shown by the three local force component models for 36 cutting trials

	Relative error on each component (%)		
	F_c	F_p	F_f
Armarego modified 3-local component model (8) and (10)			
Max.	19	18	28
Min.	0	0	0
Average	6	7	10
3-Local component $R_{c,c}^o$ effect model (9) and (10)			
Max.	21	13	19
Min.	0	0	2
Average	6	4	10

model (8 and 12), the maximum relative errors of the F_p and F_f components are respectively reduced by 3 and 7 %. The average relative errors are approximately the same.

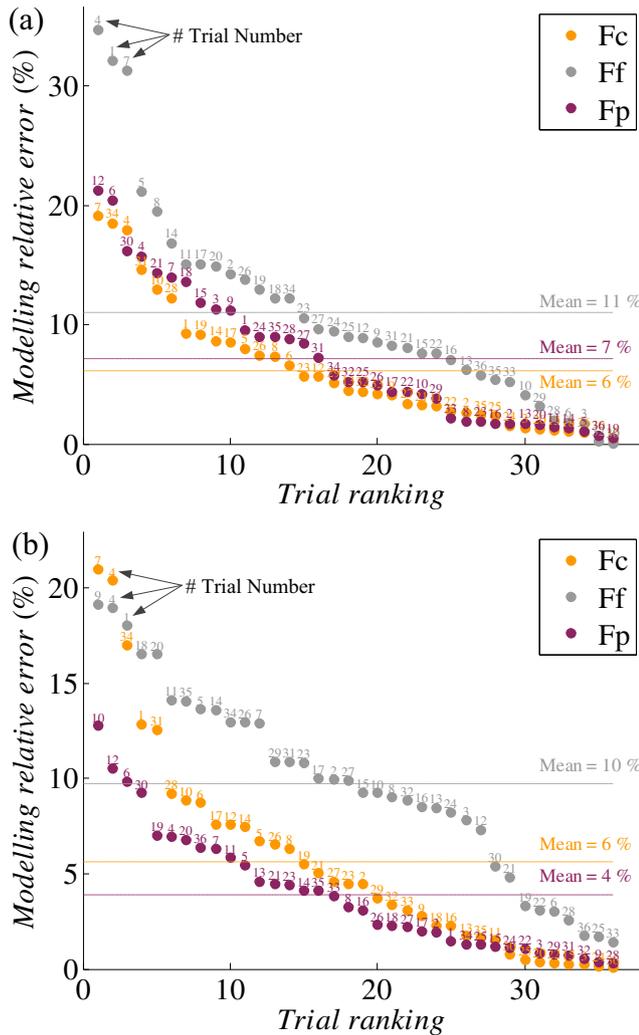


Fig. 16 Relative errors distributions for **a** model (8) and **b** model (9 and 13)

The second observation is that adding the clearance face contact radius to the cutting force model is significant. In fact, between Armarego's modified three-local component model (8 and 12) and the three-local component $R_{c,c}^o$ effect model (9 and 13), the maximum relative errors of the F_p and F_f components are respectively reduced by 5 and 9 %. These decreases are higher than those provided by adding the third local component. The average relative error for the F_p component is even reduced by 3 %.

Finally, when the Armarego two-local component model (8) and the three-local component $R_{c,c}^o$ effect model (9 and 13) predictions are compared, significant evolutions can be pointed out, as illustrated in Fig. 16. In fact, the maximum relative errors for the F_p and F_f components decrease respectively by 8 and 16 %, while average relative errors for the F_p and F_f components are respectively reduced by 3 and 1 %. Regardless of the global component, the three-local component $R_{c,c}^o$ effect model (9 and 13) provides a cutting force model with a maximum relative error of 19 %, whereas Armarego's two-local component model (8) presents a maximum relative error of 35 %.

8 Conclusion

The purpose of this research work is to enhance the prediction of cutting forces in turning operations on Ti6Al4V titanium alloy. Firstly, a new geometrical parameter was defined as the clearance face contact radius $R_{c,c}^o$ in cylindrical turning, face turning and boring. In order to improve cutting force modelling, a direct identification methodology was implemented to determine, independently of any other significant parameters, the influence of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ and angle κ_r on cutting forces. Then, based on these conclusions, a new generalised mechanistic model for turning operations was established using an inverse identification methodology. Prediction accuracy was then compared to a commonly used model.

The main conclusions are:

- Variations in the cutting edge lead angle κ_r have a non-significant effect on cutting forces.
- Clearance face contact radius $R_{c,c}^o$ and flank wear have coupled effects on cutting forces. The flank wear favours the $R_{c,c}^o$ radius effect on cutting forces.
- Variations in radius $R_{c,c}^o$ evince a noteworthy increase in cutting forces when the contact radius increases. The effect of radius $R_{c,c}^o$ is even more significant when the contact radius is concave.
- Investigations into the physical understanding of the origin of cutting force variations link these variations to a ploughing effect.
- Based on these conclusions, and adopting a mechanistic approach, a new generalised model is proposed by taking

into account the effects of the uncut chip thickness and the clearance face contact radius for external and internal turning operations.

- The results provided by the proposed model underline an improvement in cutting force prediction by reducing by at least 8 and 16 % the maximum relative errors on the F_p and F_f components.

In conclusion, a new generalised model is proposed considering contact radius effect and which improves especially the prediction of F_f and F_p components. This contribution is useful to determine the final geometry of flexible parts after turning. Indeed, those two components are directly linked to their deflections. Therefore, when used as an input data, these enhancements may contribute to advancement in the modelling. For this reason, every gain in cutting force modelling is essential in order to avoid high-cost rejected parts.

Future studies should focus on introducing tool wear as an influential parameter in cutting force models, and simulations have to be made of complex contour turning operations in order to come closer to industrial applications.

8.1 Nomenclature

a_p	Depth of cut
a_n	Tool normal clearance angle
b	Width of cut
b_{seg}	Segment width of discretized edge
η_c	Local chip flow angular gap
f	Feed per revolution
f_h	Normal force on a segment
f_o	Tangential force on a segment
f_v	Force on a segment in V_c direction
F_{chip}	Chip segmentation frequency
F_c	Cutting force
F_f	Feed force
F_p	Radial force
γ_n	Tool normal rake angle
h	Uncut chip thickness
i	Force component index
j	Edge segment index
κ_r	Tool cutting edge lead angle
λ_s	Tool cutting edge inclination angle
L_{chip}	Serrated chip length
Nb_{seg}	Total number of segments
ϕ_{seg}	Inclination of chip segment
P_o	Tool orthogonal plane
P_r	Tool reference plane
r_β	Edge radius
R_{c,c^o}	Contact radius on clearance face
r_ϵ	Tool nose radius
R_m	Machined radius
T_{chip}	Serrated chip thickness

θ	Effective cutting edge lead angle
V_B	Flank wear of the cutting tool
V_c	Cutting speed
V_{chip}	Chip flow velocity
V_f	Feed rate
ξ_c	Global chip flow direction
\vec{X}_M	Radial axis (machine frame)
\vec{Y}_M	Tangential axis (machine frame)
\vec{Z}_M	Axial axis (machine frame)

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