EFFECT OF WDEM PROCESS PARAMETERS ON TiNi SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY

Abstract

Ti-Ni alloys are a vital class of shape memory alloys (SMAs). Lately, materials, for example, Ti-Ni based SMAs and different SMAs are normally utilized in therapeutic and a few building uses. Therapeutic application incorporates eye glass frame, careful stent, orthodontic arch wire, dynamic catheter and modern building application is practical gadgets, for example, latches, fixing and coupling, aviation actuators, sensors, radio wires and fuel injector.

Due to its excellent quality at lower to direct temperatures, shape memory effect (SME), excellent wear resistance, considerable consumption resistance, lightweight, high biocompatibility, etc., Ti-Ni combinations are frequently used. When Ti and Ni are combined, the microstructure often goes through a martensitic stage at lower temperature and an austenitic stage at higher temperature.

WEDM uses can likewise be found in therapeutic, optical, dental and R and D regions. Other famous use for WEDM is cutting of extrusion dies.

Integrated shape of Ti-Ni SMAs is hard to machine by conventional machining, in that case WEDM is preferred also the WEDM very precise, accurate and irregular intricate shape can be produced.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the properties and the processes of machining of SMAs are discussed. A brief review of non- conventional machining of SMAs is presented. The basic principles of macro-WEDM and micro-WEDM processes are elucidated. Also, the research objectives, the scope of research work and the outline of the examination work are presented.

1. **Shape Memory Alloy:** An SMA is a combination that "recollects" its unique shape and not long after miss happening come back to it pre-disfigured shape when heated. SMA is a low-weight, strong state option in contrast that traditional actuator, such as, pressure driven, pneumatic and engine operated framework. SMAs have applications in mechanical autonomy and biomedical ventures.

   The two primary kinds of SMAs are CuAlNi and Ti-Ni alloys. SMAs can likewise be made by blending Zn, Cu, Au and Fe in right extents. The Fe based, Cu-based SMAs, like, Fe-Mn-Si, Cu-Zn-Al and Cu-Al-Ni industrially suitable and cheap compared Ti-Ni. In any case, Ti-Ni based SMAs have been favored for more therapeutic and designing application because of its strength, superior thermo-mechanic, and practicability characteristics.

2. **One-Way Vs. Two-Way Shape Memory:** Ho et al. (2004) [1] observed that SMAs have various shape memory effects (SMEs). Two basic impacts is one- way and two-way shape memory. Result of impacts appears in Figure 1.

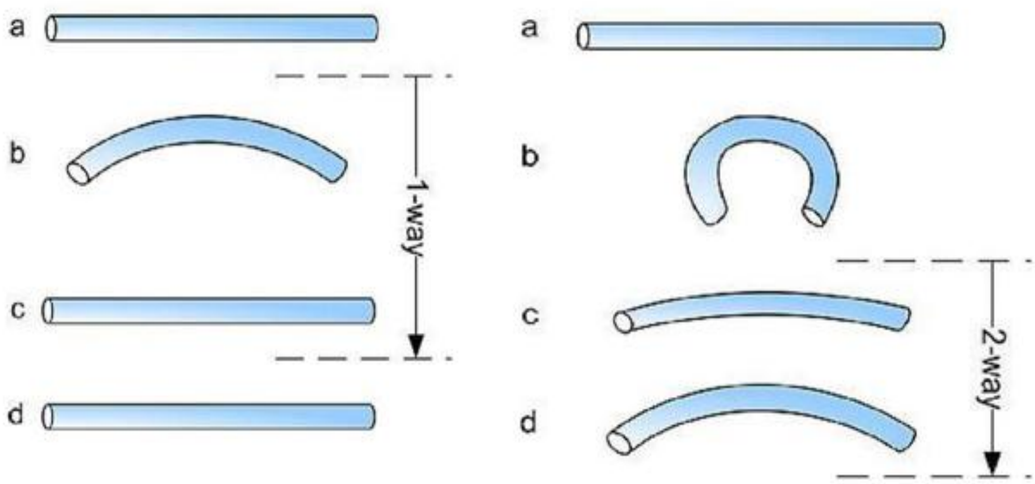

Figure 1: The strategies are fundamentally the same as beginning from martensite (a), including a reversible twisting for restricted impact serious distortion with irreversible sum for two-way (b), warming example (c) and cooling it once more (d).

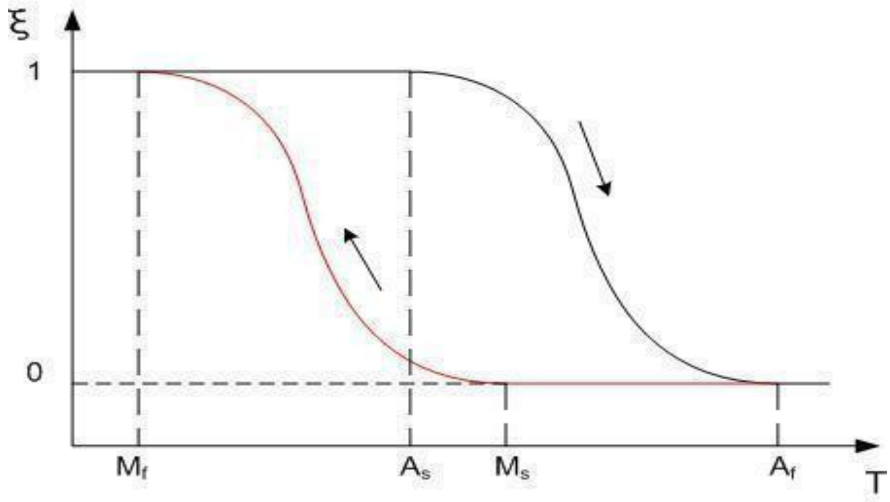

Figure 2: Effect of Shape Memory Alloy.

3. **One-Way SME:** At the point when an SMA is at cool condition (beneath As), metal is twisted or extended and shall take it shapes until warmed over changing temp. After warming, shape alters to it unique. At point when the metal cooled, it shall stay in hot shape, till disfigured once more. On warming, change begins at As and is finished at Af (normally 2 to 20 °C or more blazing, contingent upon the amalgam or stacking condition). As is controlled by compound kind as well as organization and can fluctuate between −150 °C and 200 °

4. **Two-Way SME:** The two-way SME is the impact that the material recollects two distinct shapes: one at low temperatures and one at the high-temperature shape. A material that demonstrates an SME amid both warming and cooling is called two-way shape memory. This can likewise be gotten without the use of an outside power (natural two-way impact). The cause the material carries on so contrastingly in these circumstances lies in preparing. Preparing suggests that a shape memory can "learn" to carry on with a particular goal in mind. Under ordinary conditions, an SMA "recollects" its low-temperature shape, yet after warming to recuperate the high-temperature shape, quickly low-temperature shape. Be that as it may, it very well may be "prepared" to "recall" to abandon a few notices of the distorted low-temperature condition in the high-temperature stages. There are a few different ways of doing this. A formed, prepared question warmed past a specific point will lose the two-way memory impact.

5. **Manufacturing Processes:** Manufacturing procedures can be extensively isolated into two gatherings and they are essential manufacturing procedures and manufacturing assembling forms. The previous one gives fundamental shape and size to the material according to the designer's necessity. Casting, shaping, powder metallurgy are such procedures to give some examples. Auxiliary manufacturing forms furnish the last shape and size with more tightly control of measurement, surface qualities and so on. Material expulsion forms are essentially secondary manufacturing forms.

6. **Manufacturing Methods of SMA:** Nitinol (Nickel-Titanium Naval Ordnance Laboratory) is exceedingly hard to make because of the astoundingly tight compositional control required and the colossal reactivity of titanium. Each molecule of titanium that

joins with oxygen or carbon is an atom that is victimized from the Ti-Ni grid, in this manner moving the piece and making the changing temperature that a lot colder. There are two essential dissolving strategies utilized today are –

- **Vacuum Arc Remelting (VAR):** This procedure was completed by arresting an electrical arc between a tungsten terminal and the crude material. Liquefying is brought through an electric spark in argon condition so no carbon is presented amid softening.

- **Vacuum Induction Melting (VIM):** VIM process was completed by utilizing substituting attractive fields to warm the crude materials in a cauldron (for the most part graphite). This is likewise arranged in a high vacuum, yet carbon is presented amid the procedure. While the two strategies have favorable circumstances, there are no substantive information appearing material from one process is superior to the next.

  Material expulsion forms indeed can be partitioned into chiefly two gatherings and they are "Conventional Machining Processes" and "Non-Conventional Manufacturing Processes". Instances of conventional machining forms are turning, boring, milling, shaping, broaching, slotting, grinding and so forth. Thus, Ultrasonic Machining (USM), Water-Jet-Machining (WJM), Laser-Machining, WEDM and EDM are a portion of the Non- Conventional Machining Processes.

7. **Conventional Machining of SMAs:** Machining of SMAs is generally a critical, necessary part in creation as segments to use in engineering application. At the point when Ti-Ni SMAs are considered, Ti reactivity towards cutting tool, less heat transfer rate, great quality to hoisted temperature and less elastic modulus results to expanded temperature at apparatus chip interface, component contortions, quick tool wear. Ni based alloys, super compounds like Ti combinations likewise have good quality and is viewed as difficult to machine. Also, because of their austenitic grid nickel super alloys solidify quickly amid machining and will, in general, deliver a consistent chip which is hard to control amid machining. The previously mentioned impacts lead to quickened flank wear, cratering and scoring, contingent upon the tool material and the cutting conditions connected. (Refer to Figure 3).

II. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS FOR MACRO-WEDM

The present section gives the use of the Taguchi trial plan strategy. To study effect of process factors on the yield parameters, like MRR, SR, KW, and DD, the strategy of concluding studies was selected and the trials were lead using macro-WEDM. The test findings are discussed. Using GRA, procedure variables are multi- objectively adjusted. Also, Salon it is thermal modeling of the macro- WEDM is presented. The study on the surface integrity of the macro-WEDM surfaces is taken up.

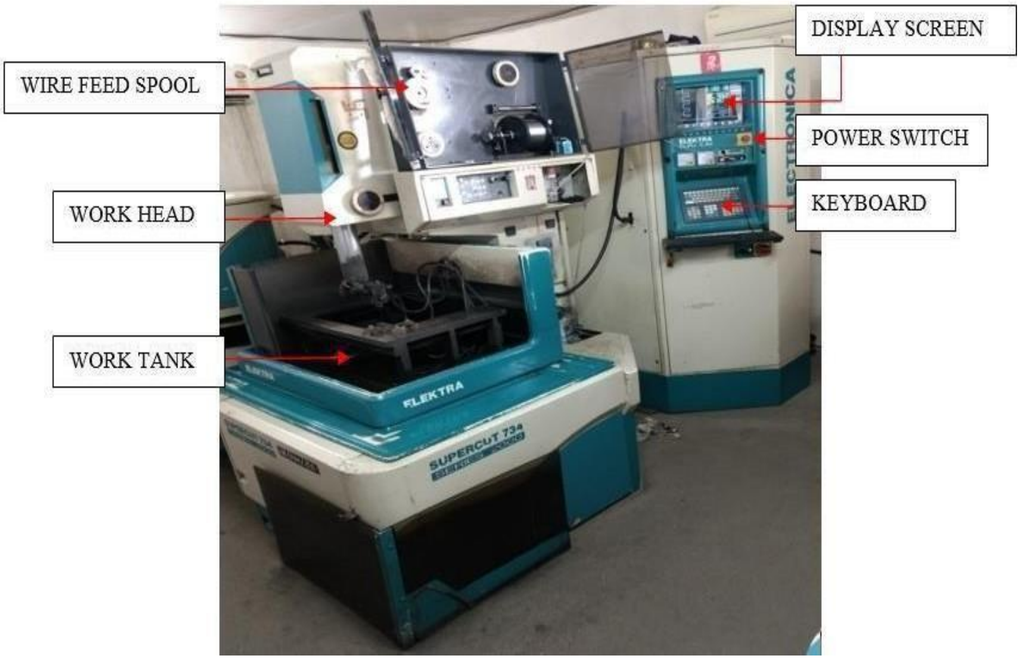

Figure 3: Pictorial View of Macro-WEDM Machine Tool.

For every experiment run of L18 OA of Table 1, the predefined input variable selections were set and specimens of Ti-Ni SMA was machined utilizing zinc coated brass wire electrode. So as to maintain a strategic distance from the blunder crawling into the framework, the preliminaries were randomized. Execution attributes, for example, MRR, SR, KW and DD were evaluated for each of the experimental runs of OA.

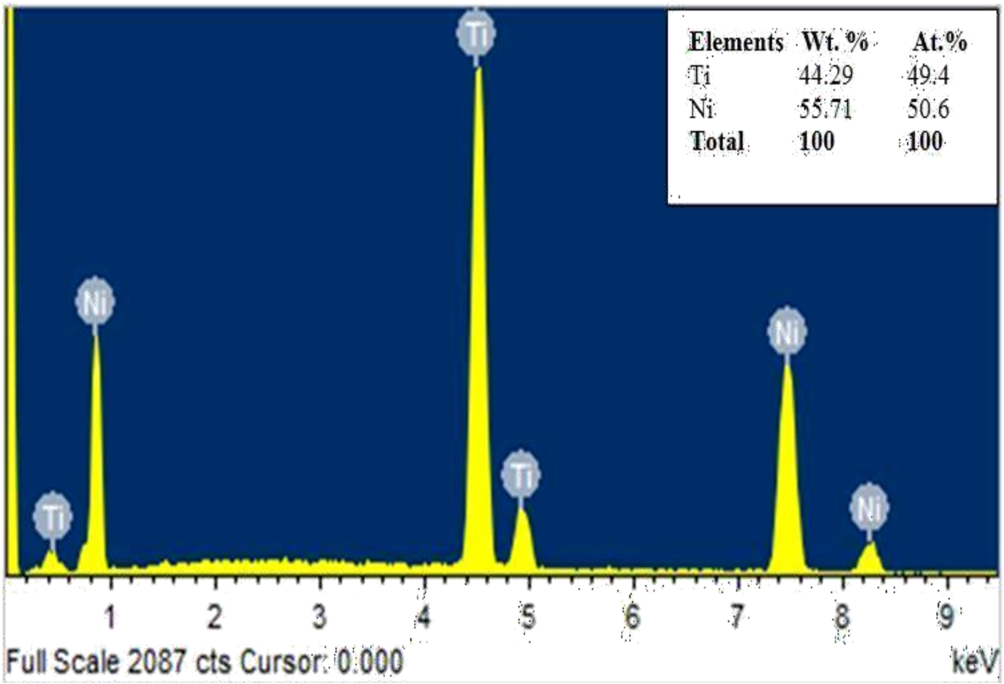

Figure 4: EDS Analysis of As-Cast $Ti_{49.4}Ni_{50.6}$ Alloy

Table 1: Controllable Parameters and their Levels

Variables	Code	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Pulse on Time (Machine Unit)	Ton	105	115	--
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Spark gap set Voltage(V)	SV	30	60	90
Wire Feed (m/min)	WF	3	6	12
Wire Tension (Machine Unit)	WT	3	6	12

Table 2: Experimental Design Using an L18 Orthogonal Array

Experiment Number	Process Levels Variable Settings				
	Ton	Toff	SV	WF	WT
1	105	20	30	3	3
2	105	20	60	6	6
3	105	20	90	12	12
4	105	40	30	3	6
5	105	40	60	6	12
6	105	40	90	12	3
7	105	60	30	6	3
8	105	60	60	12	6
9	105	60	90	3	12
10	115	20	30	12	12
11	115	20	60	3	3
12	115	20	90	6	6
13	115	40	30	6	12
14	115	40	60	12	3
15	115	40	90	3	6
16	115	60	30	12	6
17	115	60	60	3	12
18	115	60	90	6	3

Experimental Results: The trial result of MRR, SR, KW and DD are listed in Table 2. Eighteen investigations were directed utilizing Taguchi exploratory plan procedure and every trial was repeated 3 times for getting S/N ratios. Present investigation, every one of the structures, plots and examination has been completed utilizing Minitab statistical software.

Table 3: S/N Ratio for MRR, SR, KW and DD

Expt. No.	Average MRR	S/N Ratio	Average SR(Ra)	S/N Ratio	Average KW	S/N Ratio	DD (%)	S/N Ratio
1	0.6268	-4.057	1.205	-1.620	0.299	10.487	0.839	1.525
2	1.2929	2.231	1.926	-5.693	0.296	10.574	0.787	2.081
3	1.2282	1.785	1.579	-3.968	0.301	10.429	0.709	2.987
4	0.6338	-3.961	1.785	-5.033	0.293	10.663	0.619	4.166
5	0.5689	-4.899	1.296	-2.252	0.292	10.692	0.774	2.225

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6	0.7691	-2.280	1.149	-1.206	0.305	10.314	1.006	-0.052
7	0.1915	-14.357	0.862	1.290	0.297	10.545	0.593	4.539
8	0.1790	-14.943	1.202	-1.598	0.303	10.371	0.464	6.670
9	0.1173	-18.614	1.022	-0.189	0.309	10.201	0.541	5.336
10	3.4970	10.874	2.744	-8.768	0.310	10.173	0.529	5.531
11	1.7054	4.637	2.416	-7.662	0.317	9.979	0.787	2.081
12	2.9815	9.489	2.005	-6.042	0.309	10.201	0.800	1.938
13	2.3930	7.579	2.526	-8.049	0.302	10.400	0.671	3.466
14	4.0065	12.055	2.253	-7.055	0.304	10.343	0.658	3.635
15	1.7155	4.688	1.460	-3.287	0.317	9.979	1.096	-0.796
16	0.6419	-3.851	2.235	-6.986	0.304	10.343	0.477	6.430
17	0.5657	-4.948	1.936	-5.738	0.313	10.089	0.503	5.969
18	0.4621	-6.705	1.947	-5.787	0.324	9.789	0.929	0.640

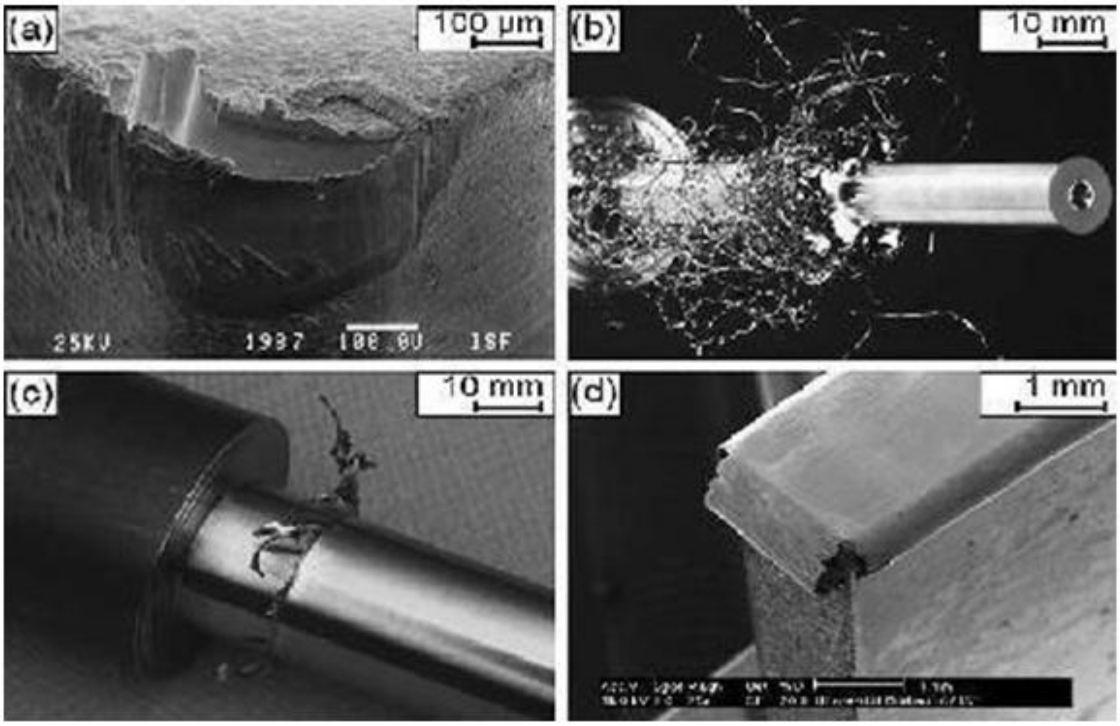

Figure 5: Difficulties occurred during conventional machining of Ti-Ni alloy a) High tool wear b) Adverse chips c) Burr formation after machine in grinding

III. RESULT ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

WEDM test was directed utilizing parametric methodology of Taguchi's strategy. Impacts of single WEDM process variable, on chose ability attributes like MRR, SR, KW and DD have been talked about in this segment. Then again, the normal start hole gets enlarged with expanded SV prompting less power of sparks which causes a decrease in MRR. Simultaneously with increased WF, the liquid material is sprinkled around the surface by flushing pressure. The micro voids are framed on the machined surface because of the release of a huge volume of gases in the channel that spilled out from the liquid pool and thus higher MRR.

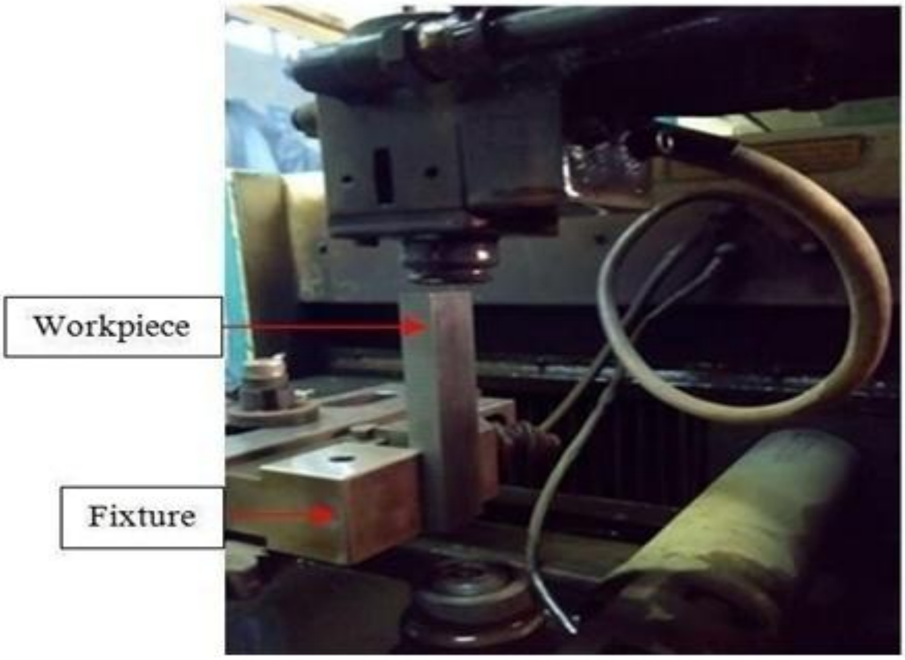

Figure 6: Experimental Setup

The normal esteem and S/N proportion of the reaction attributes for every factor at various dimensions were determined from trial information. The principal impacts of procedure factors for crude information & S/N information were noted. Reaction bends (important impacts) are utilized for inspecting parametric consequences for reaction qualities. ANOVA of raw information, S/N information is completed to recognize important factors also to evaluate its consequences for the reaction qualities. Most positive qualities of process factors as far as mean reaction attributes are set up by breaking down the ANOVA Tables.

IV. CONCLUSION

- The process parameter Ton was the most significant factor for MRR, SR and KW at 95% confidence level, with a percentage contribution of 35.69 %, 59.02% and 47.35% respectively, while the Toff was a significant parameter for MRR and DD with a percentage contribution of 34.70% and 26.92% respectively
- The SV was the most significant factor for DD with a percentage contribution of 30.36%. The WF and WT were insignificant factors for MRR, SR, KW, and DD. The SR improves with an increase in Toff and SV.
- According to Taguchi confirmation analysis, WF and WT had no significant effect on the responses.

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