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Experimental Investigation of EDM Parameters on Aluminum & Stainless Steel 304

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Abstract (10pt)

The electrical discharge machining (EDM) is a inimitable and particular manufacturing process and extremely intricate, stretch fluctuating & stochastic process. Machining of conductive materials producing complex shapes with high accuracy. The process output is affected by large no of input variables. The intention of this effort is to trajectory the impetus of four design factors current (I), voltage (V), pulse on (Ton), and duty factor (η) which are the most connected parameters to be controlled by the EDM process over machining specifications such as material removal rate (MRR) and tool wear rate (TWR) and characteristics of surface integrity such as average surface roughness (Ra) and the hardness (HR) and also to enumerate them. In this paper the experiments have been conducted by using full factorial design 23 with three central point in the DOE techniques and developed a mathematical model to predict material removal rate, average surface roughness and hardness using input parameters such as current, voltage, pulse on, and duty factor. The predicted results are very close to experimental values. Hence this mathematical model could be used to predict the responses such as material removal rate, and average surface roughness effectively within the input parameters studied.

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1. Introduction

In this amended gullet world the engineering techniques is getting adopted from conventional to unconventional and erudite materials are utilized. Among the various methods available, EDM is unique to synchronize sophisticated materials and procedures to go hand in hand sorting out the problems which ever might occur in the previous attempts. EDM works on thermo-electric method where materials removal takes place with exact spark generation. It is one of the utmost unconventional machining method existing today's

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industrial operations.

EDM is to a great extent utilized for form and Die making resolution and in developed car, aviation and surgical constituents. Since there is no mechanical contact between the apparatus and work piece, in this manner delicate segments can be machined without the danger of harm.

The current work aims to increase the MRR and reduce Ra by using input parameters, to develop a mathematical models for perform variables and finally to optimize the process using DOE and MINITAB.

In the contemporaneous consequence work Analysis has been detected to deduce MRR and Temperature distribution of the work piece surface.

In Electro Discharge Machining (EDM), the material expulsion is a warm disintegration process. An electric release happens between the two warm anodes and structures an electrically conductive (ionized channel). At the point when this high temperature plasma hits the anode, the material is expelled from the work, leaving a little cavity. The system of metal evacuation is and arrangement of hole has been clarified by different scientists [1, 6]. Scientists have proposed deterministic and also stochastic scientific models for warm disintegration of anodes utilizing verities of warmth source [10, 11, 12]. Dibitinto and collaborators [2] have introduced cathode and anode disintegration models utilizing heat point source. In their model the power provided is accepted to deliver a Gaussian – warm circulated warm motion on the surface of the anode material besides the region whereupon the warmth transition is occurrence is thought to be develop with time. What's more, this model gives subjectively revise disintegration rate bends and furthermore clarified the low disintegration rates that outcomes because of resolidification of anode piece for long heartbeat on times.

P.C. Pandey and S.T. Jilani [3] exhibited a scientific model for the calculation of disintegration of terminals by a solitary start in EDM. An investigation for the calculation of the plasma channel measure was introduced as a component of heartbeat on length in EDM. It has been demonstrated that representing the impacts of the plasma development prompts stamped change in investigative outcomes got. This investigation likewise recommends a strategy for assessing the thickness of the re-hardened layer in EDM machined work pieces.

The scientific estimations of the re-cemented layer thickness concur well with distributed exploratory information. Youthful CheolAhn and Young-Setup Chung [4], have proposed a numerical investigation of the electrical release machining procedure of a clay composite material comprising of alumina and titanium carbide.It has been demonstrated as a temperamental state scientific model and explained by utilizing Galerkin's certain limited component technique. For a few chose streams and powers the start softened and sublimated the work piece to frame a cavity which slowly extended outwards. The size and state of the cavity foreseen by the calculation were in great concurrence with the examining electron micrograph of the pit shaped in an examination. An expanded electric current and obligation factor would build the material expulsion rate in cost of roughened surface and crumbled mechanical properties. In this model, they accepted the warm properties of work anode is temperature free, however in real machining , the temperature delivered is high ,because of this high temperature ,the warm conductivity of specific material will diminishes .Hence for the present model the impact warm conductivity with high temperatures was considered.

As indicated by Erden [5], the dielectric and anode materials impact release channel. This is to a great degree hard to demonstrate because of short heartbeat length. He has built up an exact connection to figure the sweep in EDM process, which is release power and time subordinate. In any case, some creator another connection to compute the plasma span, which is just time-subordinate. Ikai and Hashiguchi [6] demonstrated that the release sweep is identified with the present force and heartbeat length as in Erden'sEq [5]. M. Dastagiri et al. [8] investigated the impact of EDM parameters on EDM of stainless steel and En 41b, and the outcomes demonstrate that Ra is influenced fundamentally by the present, voltage, beat on, and obligation factor.

Ajit Singh, AmitabhaGhosh [13], clarified the numbness of electrostatic power following up on the surface of the metal for short heartbeat lengths (under 5 μs).For long heartbeats (more prominent than 100 μs), this electrostatic power turns out to be little and does not assume a noteworthy part in the evacuation of metal. Distinctive specialists [9, 10 and 11] have proposed diverse models for deciding the warm worries because of EDM machining in light of the temperature appropriation.Dastagiri.M et al. [14] investigated the impact of WEDM parameters on WEDM of EN-31 tool steel, and the outcomes demonstrate that SR& MRR is influenced fundamentally by the present, voltage, beat on, and also to find other machining parameters.

2. Research Method

2.1 Equipment Used For Experiments

The hardware utilized for tests is ROBOFORM 54 Charmillies Technologies kick the bucket sinking machine as appeared in fig.1. It is stimulated by 128A heartbeat generator, alongside a fly flushing framework keeping in mind the end goal to guarantee the adequate flushing of the EDM procedure trash shape the hole zone is worked. Weight of the dielectric is balanced physically at the underlying phase of investigation.

Fig.1: ROBOFORM 54 Die-Sinking EDM Machine.

Every one of the characteristics of Cu instrument have machined by surface pounding, to have low surface harshness esteems and for good holding in the apparatus holder. Tests of work fragments have produced using a plate of 6 mm thick. Amid tests, mind has been taken with the goal that the substance of the apparatus is parallel to the work piece. Weight of the work fragments and devices has measured, before machining and in the wake of machining, on Electronic measuring machine. For coding the estimations of the obligation cycle in the levels of - 1,0,1 heartbeat on time was changed i.e. 25, 50 and 100 µs, by keeping the beat off time as consistent at 25 µs to get levels of half, 65% and 80%. Each test was completed for a period of 5 minutes. The machine will take the estimations of the parameters consequently as software engineer set. Other chose configuration factors were steady for every one of the examinations.

In this work endeavors the accompanying five imperative limitations, which are most generally utilized by the EDM researchers and administrators to switch the machining procedure, were chosen: the level of the generator power i.e., ebb and flow (I), obligation factor (η), voltage (V), Pulse-on time (td) and Pulse-off time (to).

The outline at last picked was a 24 full factorial one with twelve main issues. This plan has an extraordinary determination 'V', which implies that no fundamental impact or two-factor intercolidal in this model is dissected with some other primary impact or two-factor collaboration. The expansion of twelve main issue's enables us to complete absence of-fit tests for the primary request models proposed, where a sum of 16 tests for these first-arrange plans were made. The low and high esteems chose for current, Pulse on, obligation cycle, voltage were: 8, 12, and 16 and 25, 50,100 and half, 65%, 80% and 80, 120 and 160 and individually. A rundown of the levels chose for the variables to be considered is appeared in Table 1.

TABLE 1 stages selected for the five design factors of the 2^3 design

Factors	**Stages**		
	−1	0	+1
I	4	8	12
Ton	25	50	100
H	50%	66%	80%
V	80	120	160

Starting parametric investigations of MRR and Ra have been made by thinking of one as factor at once. By keeping every single other substance at settled normal esteems (values appeared in Table 1), one variable at any given moment was changed and its impact on MRR and Ra watched values. Tests were directed for five unique estimations of the variable. In spite of the fact that the one variable at a time (OVAT) examination does not give an unmistakable thought of the marvels over the whole scope of the information parameters, it can feature a portion of the imperative attributes. This might be useful in diminishing the number grid indicating OVAT process parameters for assessing the models for various metals as shown in table 2, 3 for aluminum and SS-304 repectively.

TABLE 2 Design Matrix showing the set of Parameters and the Responses in DOE Matrix Showing the set of EDM Parameters Aluminum and its Responses in OVAT

Sl. No.	I (Amps)	V (Volts)	Ton (μ s)	Toff(μ s)	MRR (mg/min)	TWR (mg/min)	Ra (μ m)	HRB	
								Before EDM	After EDM
1	4	80	30	0.50	0.07	0.01	2.56	28	27
2	12	80	50	0.50	0.612	0.01	4	27	22
3	4	160	50	0.50	0.08	0.03	2.94	23	20
4	12	160	30	0.50	0.16	0.01	3.64	24	21
5	4	80	50	0.80	0.06	0.02	2.34	26	24
6	12	80	30	0.80	0.84	0.02	7.34	22	22
7	4	160	30	0.80	0.06	0.01	3.02	27	20
8	12	160	50	0.80	0.69	0.02	6.18	24	23
9	8	120	25	0.66	0.28	0.01	5.62	37	35
10	8	120	25	0.66	0.23	0.02	5.60	23	22
11	8	120	25	0.66	0.80	0.012	5.59	30	15
12	8	120	25	0.66	0.60	0.01	5.60	35	22

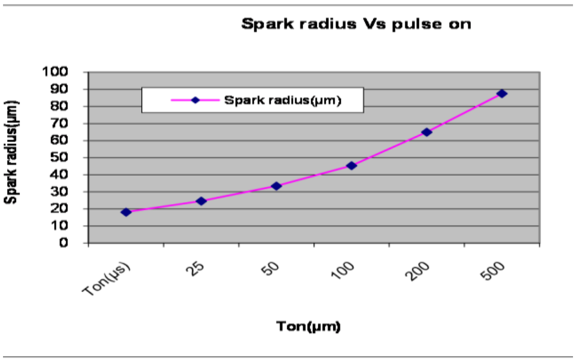
To complete the hardness estimations on the work pieces, the surface of the EDM territory was machined by surface pounding. Furthermore, the hardness estimations were completed on ROCKWELL CUM BRINNEL HARDNESS testing machine.

DOE reason the diagrams, models and tables that are to be represented, relapse modules of the product MINITAB 14.

This is a virtual range that is utilized as the proportionate warmth input sweep. The significance of this thought to the present research is to get a 'static' warm model where a consistent span is utilized, distinctive for each info ebb and flow force case. The accompanying figures 4, 5 demonstrate the development of the start range with heartbeat time and release control.

TABLE 3 Matrix showing the set of EDM Parameters of SS-304 and its Responses

Sl. No	I (Amps)	V (Volts)	Ton (μ s)	Toff(μ s)	MRR (mg/min)	TWR (mg/min)	Ra (μ m)	HRB	
								Before EDM	After EDM
1	4	120	100	50	0.049	0.10	3.74	20	22
2	8	120	100	50	0.08	0.02	6.08	25	23
3	12	120	100	50	0.29	0.03	8.24	22	24
4	16	120	100	50	0.99	0.07	9.16	25	26
5	6	120	25	12.8	0.35	0.14	4.50	25	24
6	6	120	50	25	0.29	0.08	4.42	22	25
7	6	120	100	50	0.14	0.06	5.36	20	25
8	6	120	200	100	0.09	0.04	5.8	24	24
9	6	80	100	50	0.1	0.03	5.0	24	24
10	6	120	100	50	0.16	0.02	4.5	23	24
11	6	160	100	50	0.16	0.04	5.40	23	24



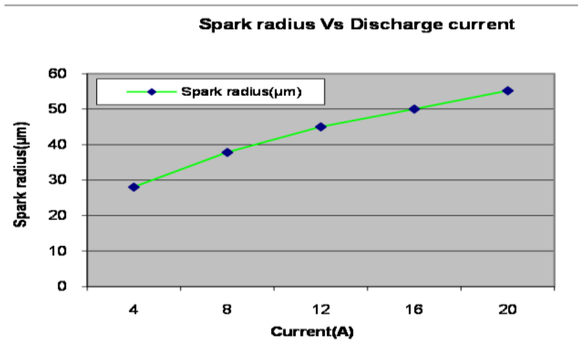


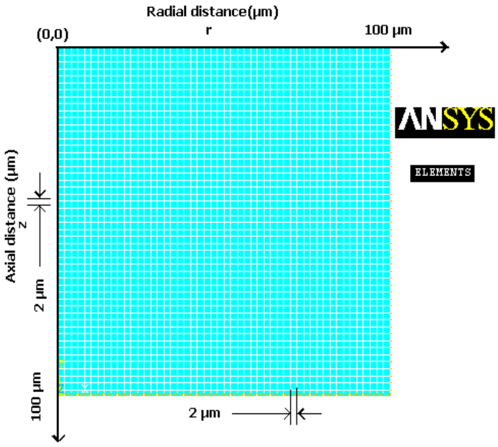
Fig 4 *Plasma channel growth with pulse duration* Fig 5 *Plasma channel growth with pulse duration*

The arrangement has been acquired utilizing FEM based ANSYS programming which is fundamentally looks for arrangement at discrete exceptional districts called components by accepting that the overseeing differential condition apply to the continuum inside every component. The area of the start is related to the surface unpleasantness of anode and work piece, and its distance across is ascertained by beat length, release current additionally by the release control.

In this work, diverse a start distance across of 40µm to 100µm was utilized. The warmth influenced zone for each start would be greater than the start measurement, and accordingly a barrel shaped area three times as large as the start distance across was presented for examination and the limit conditions were relegated. The area of the limit on which adiabatic condition can be accepted, ought to be sufficiently far from the start and is computed by figuring the warm infiltration profundity as takes after.

$$\delta_d = 4\sqrt{\alpha t}$$

Accordingly for a release time of 100 µ s, the warm infiltration profundity would be ~035 µ m. In this work, the separation from the focal point of the start to the adiabatic limit was doled out to be 100 µ m that is three times as large as the start range and considerably longer than the infiltration profundity. Accordingly, the limit area is thought to be sufficiently far from the inside for the adiabatic condition to be connected. A space of 100X100 µm was made, and it was descritized with natural length of 2µm as appeared in the accompanying figure 6.



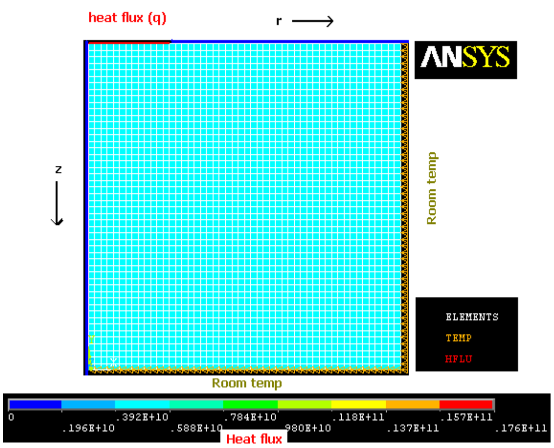


Fig 6*Finite element mesh selected for the computation*Fig 7*Boundary conditions on the domain*

The regular estimation of the release warm motion utilized for count relates to the pinnacle current of 10A and 74 V, which is one of the few conditions, tried in the electrical release machining test. This is equal to the release motion of 17.648165724x109 provided through a round range with span of 26.52µm. At that point the require limit conditions were connected. The descretization of area and use of limit conditions with the time increase (Δt) of 5µs the transient temperature conveyance inside the work piece has been computed and seen up to the release time of 100 µs as appeared in the accompanying figure 7.

The examination going on today goes for a more application situated field instead of hunting down a bound together EDM show. Today the EDM showcase is becoming inferable from expanding ubiquity of EDM in the assembling market and furthermore because of the backhanded impact of principal and connected EDM Research& Development, completed at different scholastic and modern research labs.

TABLE 4 Test conditions for Materials

Current(A)	Pulse on(μs)	Heat flux (kw/kg°k)	Spark radius(micro meters)	material	Temp mini (°k)	Temp max (°k)
4	100	15.50e9	28.08e-6	Al Ss	303 303	16504 15418
8	100	17.07e9	37.84e-6	Al Ss	303 303	14888 12844
12	100	18.07e9	45.04e9	Al Ss	303 303	18995 16635

Material expulsion rate (MRR), Tool wear rate (TWR), Average surface harshness (Ra), Hardness (HRB).

The work piece material picked was Stainless steel, which is having an extensive variety of uses all in all industry. All aluminum composites are having great consumption protection, better warm and electrical conductivity, and high quality to weight proportion, great machinable and wieldable properties. Also, the device material is unadulterated copper of electrolytic review.

Tests are of size 20X20X6 mm3 and the properties are as.

Organization in rate by weight:Cu : 0.1, Mg : 0.4-1.2, Si: 0.6-1.3, Chromium : 0.25, Manganese : 0.4-1.0, Zinc : 0.1, Titanium : 0.2, Iron : 0.6, Aluminum : remaining

SS 304Material properties are

Density(kg/m3): 8000, Melting Point(0k):1795, Specific Heat(KJ/Kg0k) : 500, Thermal conductivity(KW/m-0k): 100 500 21.5 16.3

The specimens are in tempered condition and having Ra of 2µm at first glance to be machined.

The EDM procedure routinely the materials utilized for cathodes are diverse sorts of copper, graphite, tungsten, metal and silver. Cu is a standout amongst the most appropriate material with great electrical and warm conductivity, and one of the real business materials. The cathode is having a cross segment of 10X10 mm^2. Dielectric liquid utilized as a part of this investigation is RUSTLICK EDM 30.

3. Results and Analysis

A first request display is reasoned for the reaction variable MRR, where these are dismissed because of the qualities acquired in ebb and flow test appeared in table 5.

S = 0.203501 R-Sq = 78.1% R-Sq(adj) = 48.9%

The P-esteem, which is acquired here is 0.031, is lesser than 0.05. Thus, it is acknowledged that there is factual confirmation of ebb and flow in the primary request display, for a certainty level of 95% and after that the second request demonstrate is chosen.

TABLE 5: Analysis of variance

ANOVA table for the Curvature test of the first-order model of MRR					
Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F-ratio	P-Value
Regression	0.44265	4	0.11066	2.67	0.223
Pure Error	0.12424	3	0.04141		
Total Error	0.56689	7			

Table 6,7 demonstrates the ANOVA table for the second-arrange show proposed, where now, the aggregate number of degrees of flexibility is equivalent to 27, due to the 28 tries this model comprises of. As can be seen in this table, there are four impacts with a P-esteem lower than 0.05l, which implies that they are exceptionally critical hotspots for a certainty level of 95%. The model has been produced utilizing just huge parameters. Then again, the qualities got for the R2statistics and the adj. R2-measurements for the degrees of opportunity are 98.3% and 95.4% individually.

TABLE 6: The ANOVA table for the second-order model proposed

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P	VIF
Constant	0.0517	0.4290	0.12	0.912	

Current	0.05094	0.01799	2.83	0.066	1.000
Voltage	-0.002219	0.001799	-1.23	0.305	1.000
pulse on	0.002033	0.001919	1.06	0.367	1.000
Duty factor	-0.0750	0.4797	-0.16	0.886	1.000

Regression Analysis: Ra versus current, voltage, pulse on, Duty factor

The regression equation is

Ra = 1.00 + 0.322 current - 0.0014 voltage + 0.0191 pulse on - 0.92 Duty factor

TABLE 7: The ANOVA table for the second-order model proposed

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P	VIF
Constant	1.000	2.827	0.35	0.747	
Current	0.3219	0.1185	2.72	0.073	1.000
Voltage	-0.00144	0.01185	-0.12	0.911	1.000
pulse on	0.01913	0.01264	1.51	0.227	1.000
Duty factor	-0.917	3.160	-0.29	0.791	1.000

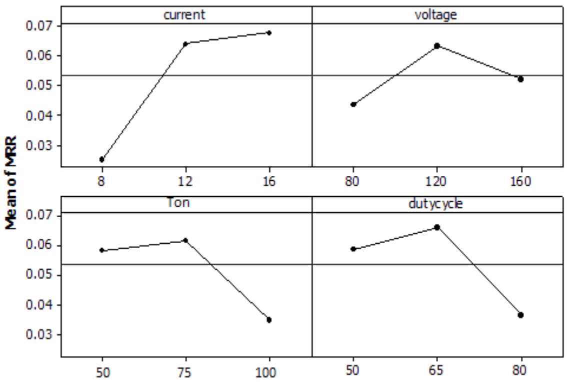


Fig.8 *Main effects plot for MRR*

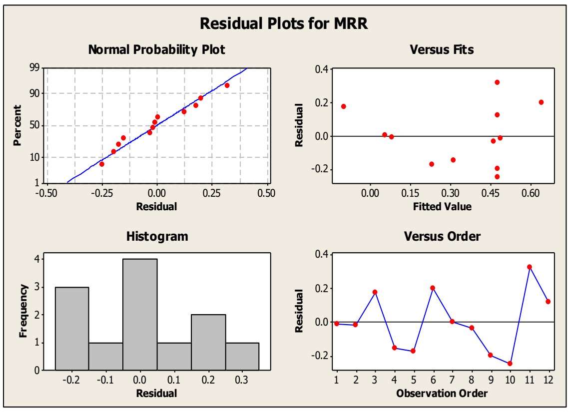


Fig. 9 *Residuals versus the Fitted Values for MRR*

Fig. 8 demonstrates the fundamental impacts plot for MRR. As can be seen in this figure, the most persuasive factor is present. The MRR significantly expanded when the current is expanded from 8 to 16 amps.

With respect to circuit voltage, the MRR is expanded when the voltage is expanded from 80 to 120 volts and next the MRR diminished from 120 to 160 volts.

The Fig.9 demonstrates Residuals Versus the Order of the Data for MRR, the residuals are framed in the cyclic way. The vast majority of the residuals are lie closer to the lingering mean line. Fig. 10 explains about Surface plot of MRR Vs Duty factor Vs Pulse on of work surface.

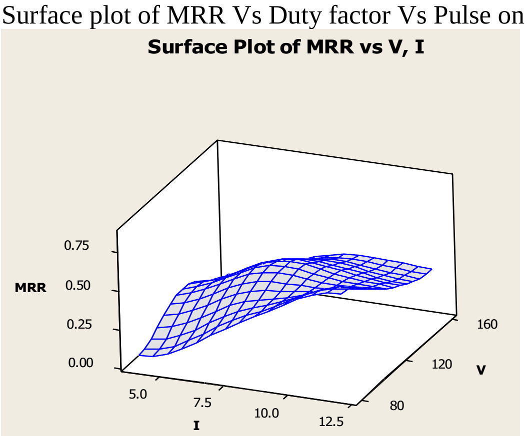


Fig 10 *Surface plot of MRR Vs Duty factor Vs Pulse on*

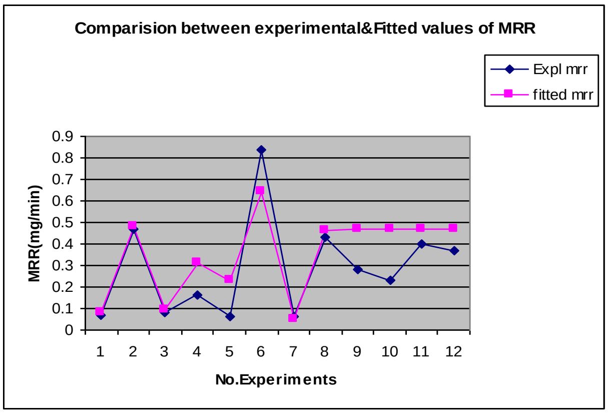


Fig. 11 *Difference between Experimental and Predicted of MRR*

As appeared in the Fig. 11, both the bends are following similar patterns. It demonstrates the level of leftover between the trial MRR and anticipated MRR are close. As appeared in the fig12, Ra is expanded ceaselessly from 3.6µm to 5.1µm with increment in current from 8amps to 12 amps.

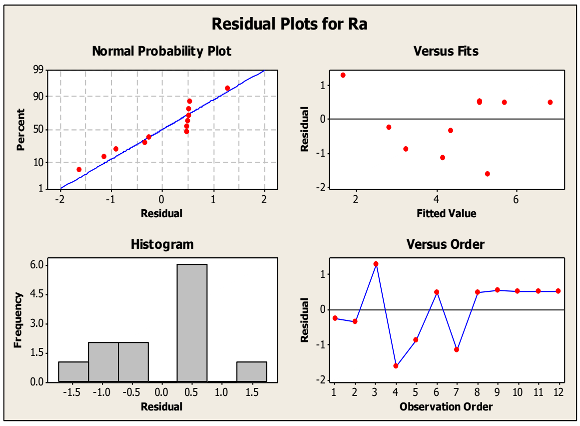


Fig. 12 *Residual Vs order of data for Ra*

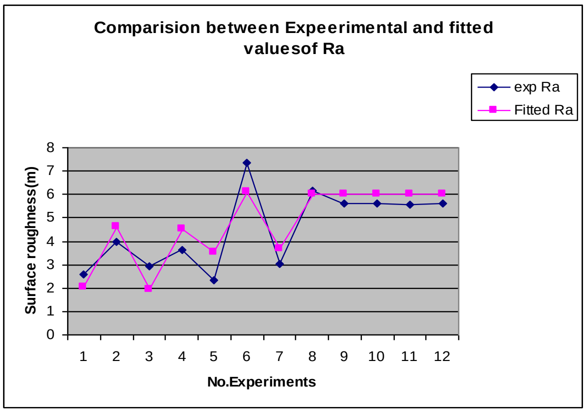


Fig 13 *Comparison between experimental and fitted values of Ra*

Residuals Vs Fitted incentive for Ra As appeared in above Fig. 13, the majority of the residuals are spread up to 6.0 fitted esteems. Larger part of residuals are near zero line with the exception of a few focuses.

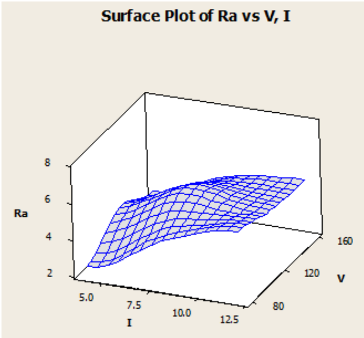


Figure 14 *Surface Plot of surface Roughness Vs Pulse on time Vs Current*

The fig. 14 shows that Current increases surface roughness will increase. If we increase the voltage it will not effect on the roughness

The variety of temperature conveyance, cavity profundity and pit sweep with the release length utilizing Aluminum anode and lamp oil as dielectric is appeared in Fig. 15, 16 the temperature dissemination in the electro-release machined work piece.

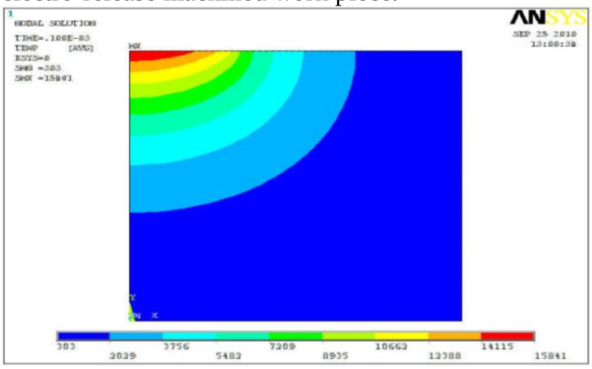


Fig 15 *Temperature distribution for Aluminumat the end of pulse duration 100 µs with peak current of 8A*

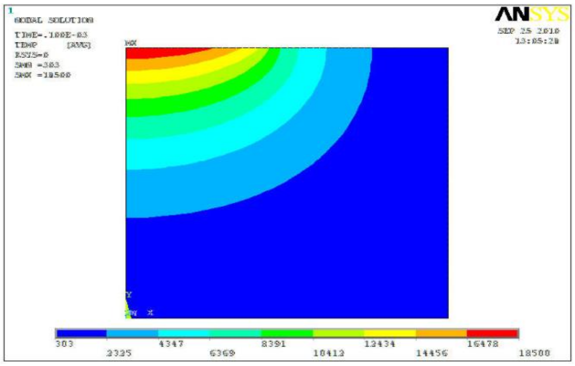


Fig 16 *Temperature distribution for HSS at the end of pulse duration 100 µs with peak current of 12A*

TABLE 9: Aluminum at theend of pulse duration 100 µs with peakcurrent of 8A experimentation and theoretical responses

Peak Current (A)	**Toff (µs)**	**Ton (µs)**	**Spark radius (µm)**	**Actual heat flux (W/m2)**	**Experimental MRR (mg/min)**	**Theoretical MRR (mg/min)**
8	25	100	37.84	17.07e9	1.44e-2	6.43e-5

TABLE 9:HSS at theend of pulse duration 100 µs with peakcurrent of 12A experimentation and theoretical responses

Peak Current (A)	Toff (µs)	Ton (µs)	Spark radius (µm)	Actual heat flux (W/m2)	Experimental MRR (mg/min)	Theoretical MRR (mg/min)
12	25	100	45.04	18.07e9	3.33e-1	7.64e-5

Table 8, 9 explains about the results obtained at theend of pulse duration 100 µs with peakcurrent of 8A, 12A for Aluminum and SS-304 for both experimentation and theroritical.

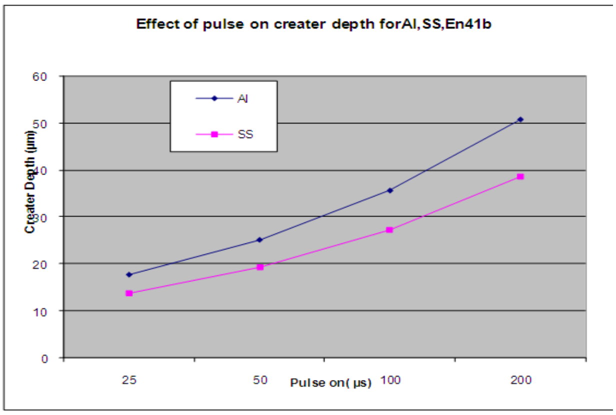


Fig 17 *Influence of Pulse Duration on Crater Depth*

The Fig. 17 demonstrates the variety of cavity profundity and pit range with heartbeat length. From the graphical figure, it can be presumed that as heartbeat term increments both pit profundity and span will wrinkles yet for the more extended releases, the profundity of hole diminishing with the heartbeat length. This is on account of as the beat on time expands, sweep of start will increments since it is capacity of release time. In the event that the span of start expands, the measure of warmth transition diminishes. Consequently it is presumed that as heartbeat term expands, MRR will increments and afterward diminishes. This impact is pleased with trial comes about.

4. Conclusion

As the pinnacle current, release control builds, the most elevated temperature came to on the work is additionally increments amid the EDM, thus more MRR accomplished.

• There is a much impact with the heartbeat length on the cavity profundity and span. Profundity of hole increments with heartbeat span yet for longer heartbeat on times it begins diminish, whereas the range of hole increment because of increment in start sweep with heartbeat term.

• MRR is more at the half obligation factor independent of alternate conditions.

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