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Prediction Methods and Experimental Techniques for Chatter Avoidance in Turning Systems: A Review

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Abstract: The general trend towards lightweight components and stronger but difficult to machine materials leads to a higher probability of vibrations in machining systems. Amongst them, chatter vibrations are an old enemy for machinists with the most dramatic cases resulting in machine-tool failure, accelerated tool wear and tool breakage or part rejection due to unacceptable surface finish. To avoid vibrations, process designers tend to command conservative parameters limiting productivity. Among the different machining processes, turning is responsible of a great amount of the chip volume removed worldwide. This paper reports some of the main efforts from the scientific literature to predict stability and to avoid chatter with special emphasis on turning systems. There are different techniques and approaches to reduce and to avoid chatter effects. The objective of the paper is to summarize the current state of research in this hot topic, particularly (1) the mechanistic, analytical, and numerical methods for stability prediction in turning; (2) the available techniques for chatter detection and control; (3) the main active and passive techniques.

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1. Introduction

The study of chatter is closely related to the history of metal removal processes at the beginning of the 20th century. As early as 1907, Taylor, one of the fathers of modern machining, gives the first definition of chatter presenting this phenomenon as ‘perhaps the most obscure and difficult to ascertain’ [1]. However, it was not until midcentury when its main causes were identified. Among the different types of vibrations, chatter vibrations are defined as self-excited vibrations. When the tool/workpiece contact is not stiff enough, an oscillation is generated between them causing a distortion in the chip thickness parameter between two successive periods, t and $t-T$, where t is the actual time and T the workpiece rotation period in the context of turning. In this way, the process itself produces feedback causing a vibration whose frequency is near, but not exactly, to the natural frequency of the system. As a result, waves between subsequent passes lead to unacceptable surface roughness or even out of tolerance workpieces [2,3]. To avoid vibration problems, attention must be paid at the very early stage of process planning. Particularly, the authors identified the following items as possible sources of vibrations: (1) cutting tool (grain size, geometry, coating and wear and their effect on cutting forces) [4,5]; (2) workpiece material (type of material, homogeneity, hard grains, porosity, defects) [6,7]; (3) machine-tool (machine, spindle, toolholder, tool overhang, clamping) [8].

In a pioneering study, Arnold [9] characterizes in a very complete way the origin and onset of vibrations in the cutting tool when machining steel. In this study, the origin of chatter is found at the forces sustained by the cutting process itself and not external forces. Together with Arnold, pioneers in detecting and studying chatter mechanisms were Tobias, Fishwick, and Polacek [10,11], who determined the presence of vibrations in machine tools due to the modulation or regeneration of the chip thickness. In low stiffness conditions, a feedback phenomenon turns current vibrations into vibrations of greater amplitude for the following period. At this time, Tobias [12] and Merritt [13] developed the basic dynamic theory for vibrations in machining, distinguishing between the different types of chatter, A or B, depending on the direction of the mode with respect to the plane where chip is formed.

Chatter emerged over the last 30 years as maybe the most challenging research topic in the machining of metallic components. This problem can be approached in many different ways. In References [14,15], the authors identified the most remarkable techniques including chatter stability prediction, chatter detection, and chatter control techniques.

Indeed, works from the literature for chatter suppression and control can be grouped into three approaches/strategies. The first technique consists of adequately selecting two cutting parameters from the stability lobe diagrams: (1) spindle speed, or more exactly cutting speed; (2) depth of cut. Regarding the feed parameter, this is often neglected during stability analysis and regenerative effect. The second method is to disrupt the regenerative effect by continuously varying machining parameters. Finally, the third method is to passively or actively alter the machine-tool dynamics to improve chatter-free available zones, usually by installing new devices, actuators, and sensors into the machine. These three methods are discussed separately within this work as follows.

2. Vibration Prediction in Turning Processes

Some of the most important models are listed in Appendix A. Tlustý [16] developed a one-dimensional orthogonal cutting model and obtained an approximate solution by projecting cutting forces and structural dynamics in the chip thickness direction. Later, Marui [17,18] carried out an experimental study where they concluded friction forces on the contact flank introduced energy on the cutting system and are responsible for maintaining the chatter vibration. Kaneko [19] proposed a 2D model for the prediction of chatter marks based on tests on a cantilevered piece. They were capable of relating the behavior of the rotating workpiece with a certain force, inversely proportional to the cutting speed and proportional to the velocity of the vibration, and studied the phase shift of the vibration. Minis [20] integrated the approach of the oriented transfer function with a cutting geometry in three dimensions but carried out the experimental validation for an orthogonal cutting. Then, he applied the Fourier series expansion to the periodic terms determining the Fourier coefficients of the corresponding milling transfer functions [21].

Rao and Shin [22] used the multidirectional approach of Budak-Altintas [23] applied to turning, including for the calculation of the chip section a coupling term between perpendicular directions. In a similar manner, Clancy and Shin [24] introduced wear and non-linearity of process damping. These studies complicate the modeling and resolution. At the same time, Ozdoganlar and Endres [25,26] presented an analytical model for calculating the chip section in tools with radii. Applying the above procedure, Reddy [27] obtained the stability maps for the turning of a piece of low stiffness. Later, Lazoglu et al. [28] proposed some analytical models in the time domain for the prediction of boring stability.

Budak and Ozlu [29–31] proposed a multi-dimensional frequency model that considered the effect of tool radius (Figure 1a). They discretized the chip section into small trapezoidal elements that resulted in a rise of the matrices' dimension of the system to be solved. The lower the size of these elements, the more accurate the model is. However, computational costs are also increased. In that work, the authors considered interesting combinations of flexible tools and flexible workpieces in turning and boring operations considering tool radius. They found that inserts with bigger nose radii

tend to reduce the stability limits in the turning/boring of flexible workpieces while the opposite is true when the tool is the most flexible element. When turning a flexible workpiece, the dynamics are only controlled by the transfer function of the tool in the feed direction, if the side cutting edge angle or the nose radius is zero. The workpiece dynamics can only affect the system if there exists a side cutting edge angle (or a nose radius). If the workpiece is the most flexible part, the stability limit is dramatically reduced. If the tool is the most flexible part, the workpiece can increase the stability limit. Chandiramani and Pothala [32] developed a very complete Two-Degree of Freedom (2-DOF) model for the cutting tool. They considered multiple time delays, cut-off possibility and process damping using a variation of the Runge–Kutta (RK) method. The chip thickness regenerative effect was studied including motions in tangential and radial directions. Urbikain et al. [33] calculated the stability lobes when chatter comes from a dominant mode in the tangential direction. They analyzed the coupling with feed direction in a cylindrical turning operation. Dassanayake and Suh [34] studied turning dynamics when chatter comes from the tool. In their original approach, the workpiece was modeled as three rotors (unmachined, being machined, and machined) connected by a flexible shaft. They used a 3D model to couple the equations of motion with a nonlinear cutting force and even considered whirling effect in their analysis.

Recently, Otto et al. [35] re-used the oriented transfer function concept from Tlustý [36] to solve stability in multi-dimensional cutting processes (with modes in different directions). These authors calculated the eigenvalues of the product transfer function and directional factors in a generalized model applicable to turning, milling, boring, or drilling. In the case of turning, they presented theoretical lobe diagrams depending on the rotation sense of the workpiece (clockwise and counterclockwise). These authors did not directly introduce the effect of the cutting speed in their analyses. Although the results were not validated, they expected different critical depths of cut, and chatter frequencies when turning with different rotational directions of the spindle.

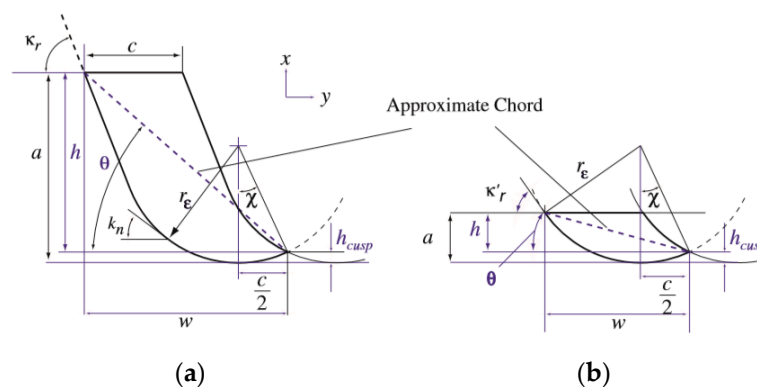


Figure 1. Parameter of chip area from Eynian [37]. (a): $a > r_\epsilon \cdot (1 - \cos \kappa_r)$; (b) $a < r_\epsilon \cdot (1 - \cos \kappa_r)$.

In an attempt to improve the accuracy of frequency-based methods, Eynian [37] extended the force and stability models to more general tool geometries (variable position angle) and process damping (Figure 1b). Two approaches were compared: the first uses the hypothesis from Colwell [38] this is, the chip flow is normal to the line connecting the ends of the engaged cutting edge; the latter forming an angle φ with feed direction. Under this approach, the components F_n and F_r act parallel and normal to this direction; a second one based on Budak’s trapezoidal discretization approach. Both approaches show similar prediction errors in force, with errors lower than 15%.

Although these approaches were known since the end of the 60 s, a significant advance was recently made in the modeling of process damping. At low cutting speeds, the free chatter zone may increase under certain conditions. It is a complex phenomenon depending on a number of parameters: cutting speed; workpiece material; tool flank angle; dominant frequency and its relationship with cutting frequency, relative with cutting speed; time (feed and tool wear). Process damping is mathematically simple to model but leads to laborious experimental tests. In practice, the stability lobes lead to

Copenhaver et al. [53] analyzed and identified the stability of a modulated tool path (MTP) turning strategy. Under this technique, sinusoidal oscillations are superimposed to a common constant feed. For the validation tests, they performed longitudinal cuts in a tube of Aluminum 6061-T6 showing the capabilities of the process by means of broken chips. The results from their periodic sampling method were compared with the traditional frequency-domain method with good agreement.

Urbikain et al. [54] predicted the stability lobes for cases in turning where spindle speed (not cutting speed) is low, between 50 and 100 rpm such as horizontal lathes, using multi-mode analysis. They confirmed positively their numerical models (Figure 3b) but found difficulties for reasonable computation times. They proposed an alternative based on a version of dde23 from Matlab[®] to analyze chatter cases [55]. Otto et al. [56] made an approach to generalize turning cases where verification of their models was made with published experimental data from the literature. In a counterintuitive way, they stated that an increase in the stiffness of the workpiece can destabilize the tool modes producing an undesirable effect in the cutting stiffness and damping. Urbikain et al. [57] were able to predict the stability boundaries in the turning of flexible workpieces with inserts considering their radius. They extended the Chebyshev collocation method to account for a variable side cutting edge angle. For the experimental tests, they designed and prepared a mass-concentrated workpiece which was held between the chuck and the tailstock. These authors verified the capacity of the method for different dynamic conditions since the piece continuously loses mass.

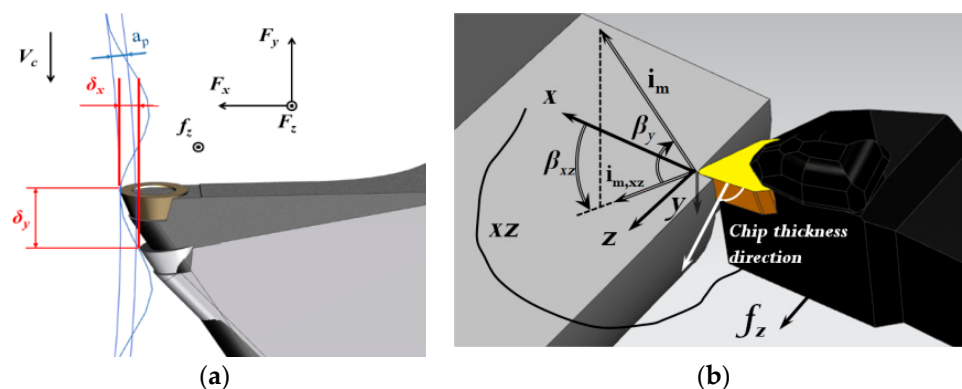


Figure 3. (a) Chatter originated from a dominant mode in the tangential direction [33]; (b) multi-mode analysis of chatter in a cylindrical turning operation [55].

Later, Lu et al. [58] investigated the initiation mechanisms of chatter according to the position of the tool during the turning of flexible parts. Urbikain et al. [59] presented a stability prediction model for the interrupted turning of cylindrical pieces. Previously, polygons were milled to create different interruption levels. They observed the gain of stability as a direct effect, but not proportional to the cutting interruption degree. Palacios et al. [60] combined a simulated annealing technique (SA) with numerical methods to find the optimal cutting conditions in turning operations. They applied this methodology when turning difficult-to-cut materials such as nickel-based superalloys leading to 100 times faster computational times.

Qiu and Ge [61] presented an original representation of chatter problems considering modal parameters of tool and workpiece, tool angles, and modal angles. They developed the stability model based on the directions of motion velocity, motion displacement and related them with the generation of chatter marks. Jasiewicz and Miadlicki [62] applied the receptance coupling method for the estimation of the dynamical properties in a turning system with a compliant part. They obtained the cutting parameters with the aid of a program integrated in the CNC (Computer Numerical Control) system. In this way, the need of measurement equipment can be saved.

Recently, parallel turning has attracted the attention of researchers. In this turning operation two cutting inserts are engaged during cutting. Depending on how these tools are arranged, they can cut the same surface or not, leading to different configurations. For parallel turning centers, the tools are

often fixed in independent turrets. Budak and Ozturk [63] published the first results regarding this technique. Their work showed that stability limits could be increased due to the dynamic coupling between the tools with respect to common turning systems. Later, these authors used a time- and frequency-domain model to study the influence of one tool on the other [64]. They depicted a view of the stability boundaries in terms of the frequency ratio between both tools. In close relation with the group from Budak, Reith et al. followed the investigation of the parallel turning technique in [65]. Here, they studied and validated the effects of changing the overhang of one of the tools over stability analysis. Afterwards, they analyzed the behavior of 2- and 3-DOF models using an artifact with two opposite tools [66]. They demonstrated the presence of non-proportional damping is responsible for an increase in chip width limit that allows a more robust prediction when using a 3-DOF model. Finally, Azvar and Budak [67] presented a multi-directional chatter stability model for different turning configurations (Figure 4) using frequency- and time-domain approaches. Using a model capable of including workpiece dynamics and tool geometry, results showed maximum stability is achieved when the total radial dynamic forces acting on the workpiece are minimized. In this way, inserts having smaller cutting coefficients, nose radius and side edge angle should be considered to reduce radial forces. Gousov et al. [68] also investigated the stability of turning systems when different tools are simultaneously engaged in cutting. They presented a slightly different approach for the mathematical modeling, using a surface formation equation.

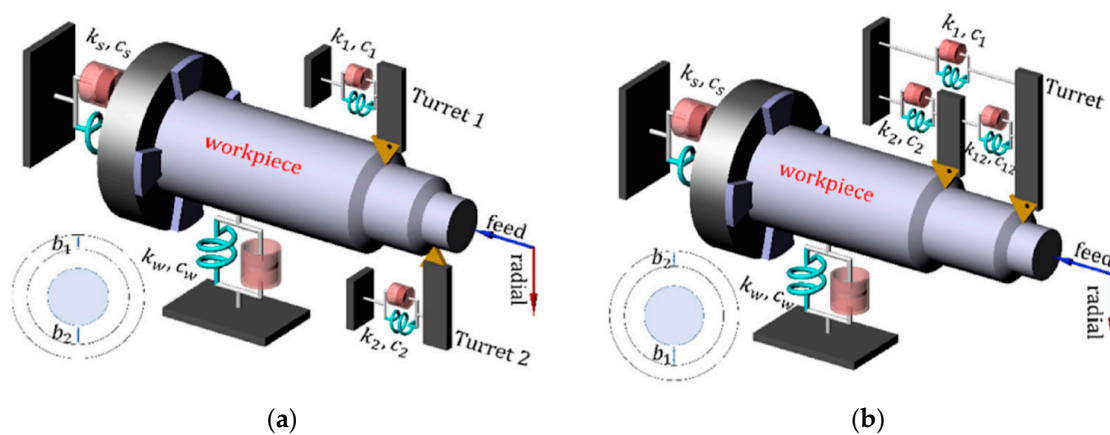


Figure 4. Parallel turning operations [67]. (a) Tools mounted on different turrets; (b) tools mounted on the same turret.

The amount of literature regarding chatter gives a clear idea of the magnitude of the problem. In fact, after analyzing the numerous models and methods proposed in the past, the authors identified some key aspects: (1) the stability lobes are extremely important charts for improving productivity if these conditions are met: high spindle speeds; light materials; rough conditions and systems having low natural frequencies; (2) in any case, stability lobes are often related to local problems and need to be considered case by case. A more systematic application is desirable; (3) unless process damping emerged as a hot topic over the last decade, the developed models are to remain in the scientific domain rather than being used in practice due to their inherent complexity; (4) chatter is expected to continue to be present during the next years as new materials with better properties and lower machinability grades emerge and thinner workpieces are to be designed and produced.

3. Experimental Techniques

3.1. Experimental Techniques for Chatter Avoidance

This sub-section deals with experimental techniques regarding the modification of cutting parameters during machining (see Appendix B). For instance, spindle speed variation (SSV) technique can create a time-varying delay by creating distortions on chip thickness. As a result, new more favorable

phase lags between inner and outer chip modulation reduce the chatter feedback mechanism [69–72]. There are different ways to vary the rotation speed of the head, but the most successful methods introduce a sinusoidal SSV, in which the speed of the spindle sinusoidally oscillates at a convenient frequency and amplitude [73,74].

The technique can be adapted to different cutting systems and dynamics. However, some areas in the stability lobe diagram that were previously stable can turn unstable when applying the variation. Another drawback of this technique is the high accelerations and decelerations in the spindle as well as the difficulty in tuning the frequency and amplitude of the variation.

The scientific literature first proposed the SSV technique to improve stability in milling processes [75]. Al-Regib et al. [76] presented a simple criterion for computing the optimal amplitude ratio and a heuristic criterion to facilitate the stabilization of the process. Zhang et al. [77] proposed a criterion to obtain optimal SSV amplitude based on energy analysis of the process. Additionally, they proposed a stability increment index (SII) of SSV with respect to constant spindle speed (CSS). The research group from Ideko-IK4 developed several works on the SSV technique applied to milling and grinding processes [78–80]. This technique can be difficult to apply in some cases such as low workpiece diameters. The amplitude of SSV is often related to the reference spindle speed and this parameter is constrained by the work material and workpiece diameter. For low workpiece diameters, high spindle speeds are needed to sustain adequate cutting speeds. Furthermore, the fluctuations of spindle speed lead to higher spindle speeds. Therefore, SSV is often run using G96 to set a constant surface speed and G50 (or G92) to allow a maximum spindle speed.

Inspurger et al. [81] presented a complete formulation for the modelling of stability in turning and milling processes when using SSV for the semi-discretization method. However, some authors claim that SSV technique has a greater potential in processes with inherent lower cutting speeds such as turning rather milling. Wu et al. [82] designed the stability analysis of the tool using the discrete angle approach. Using this method, the independent variable is the workpiece angular position given by C-axis. They analyzed the effects of the variable speed machining on the noncircular turning stability and employed also a stability index criterion. Then, Wu and Chen [83] extended the previous analysis including a closed-loop dynamic model of the noncircular turning process. They observed by experimental results some improvements in the noncircular turning stability with constant and with variable spindle speeds.

Yilmaz et al. [84] showed a strong dampening and stabilization of the most unstable eigenmode in turning. Otto and Radons [85] presented an interesting modelling for the prediction of stability lobes with SSV technique in turning (Figure 5a). They introduced the guidelines to the implementation of this technique and stated that in turning processes it enables higher stable chip widths compared to milling processes. In addition, they proposed favorable conditions to control the maximum acceleration of the spindle speed. However, this study did not include experimental results. To overcome this, Urbikain et al. [86] studied the implementation of variable turning speeds during the turning of a piece and adapted the Chebyshev collocation method and the Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM) for chatter onset prediction (Figure 5b). For validation, speed functions of sine-wave type were generated and verified using a laser tachometer. Good agreements were obtained in A and B chatter types. However, thermal aspects in the spindle speed were not considered in their analysis.

It is well known that the stability boundaries depend on the specific combination of spindle speed and uncut chip load, however, the single time-varying parameters (STVP) is an alternative technique that proved chatter suppression such as time-varying tool rake angle and time-varying federate. However, the authors pointed out that the robustness of this technique can be improved with the Multiple Time-Varying Parameter (MTVP) which offered chatter reductions close to 80% in some cases [87].

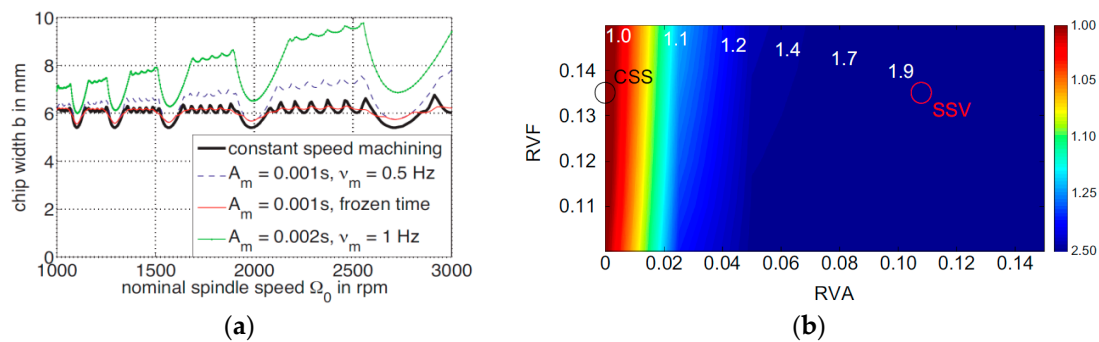


Figure 5. (a) Stability lobes in turning with constant spindle speed and spindle speed variation (SSV) technique [85]; (b) optimum relationship between RVF (dimensionless spindle speed modulation frequency) and RVA (dimensionless spindle speed modulation amplitude) [86].

3.2. On-Line Chatter Classification, Detection, and Monitoring

Before it is fully evolved, chatter identification at early stages is crucial for its suppression or minimization in real-time applications. For this purpose, the time-efficiency method for monitoring of vibration or/and process signals is a key issue to be embedded in CNC controllers and other external devices. Several techniques have been used for chatter recognition based on pattern recognition, for instance via support vector machine [88], sensor-less based on indexes of power-factor theory [89], topological data analysis, or the use of regression neural networks where non-linear effects need to be faced [90].

Yamato et al. [89] proposed a sensor-less chatter detection method. To do so, they used a mechanical energy factor (MEF) and a mechanical power factor (MPF) which are useful when it comes tracking unstable cutting. These are indicators of the phase difference between the dynamic cutting force and velocity-displacement. From experimental tests in a precision lathe, the authors were capable of detecting chatter vibration under small number of computations. Later on, Khasawneh et al. [91] combined supervised machine learning with Topological Data Analysis (TDA) to obtain an indicator of chatter imminent presence. Under this approach, deterministic and stochastic turning models (with varying cutting coefficients) work together. Tansel [92] studied a tridimensional turning process by using neural network approach. Their model proved to represent nonlinear effects better than conventional time series models. Besides, the accuracy was better at higher cutting speeds, where the spacing between lobes is higher. Cherukuri et al. [93] applied and studied the behavior of applying an artificial neural network (ANN) when it comes to modelling stability in turning. The stability boundaries were used as a starting point for the creation of datasets to train the ANN. They found that the ANN was successful in predicting stability at >90% of the cases. Kumar and Singh [94] analyzed the relationship between cutting parameters and chatter degree using mathematical model of responses based on response surface methodology (RSM) and artificial neural network (ANN). They applied the Wavelet Transform to remove noise from the raw signals and showed that ANN was more reliable than RSM. To detect chatter severity, they obtained a chatter index. Shrivastava et al. [95] used a similar approach, they applied the wavelet transformation to denoise the raw signal, identification of chatter frequency, and calculation of chatter index. More recently, Kim and Ahmadi [96] proposed an operational modal analysis to predict chatter onset in turning processes. In this study, the authors used a stability margin of the process thus being able to predict chatter onset before the vibrations are unacceptable.

Aspects such as uncertainty or the relative randomness of process parameters was studied in some works. For instance, Liu et al. [97] calculated the reliability probability of chatter in a turning system. They used the first order second moment method (FOSM) and fourth moment method and compared with Monte Carlo simulation presenting a modified version of traditional stability lobes. For the experimental validation, they programmed increasing depths of cut to cross the stability boundary limits. Similarly, Huang et al. [98] obtained the width of cut to spindle speed ratio using Laplace

transform making use of the Monte Carlo method and the advanced first order second moment method. They verified predictions with practical examples. Jimenez Cortadi et al. [99] applied the Linear Mixed Model (LMM) for chatter prediction as well as for wear prediction with a good accuracy. Tian [100] proposed a neural network analysis for detecting chatter vibration in turning. It was demonstrated that this approach was more efficient (fast) and reliable than the frequency domain method.

4. Passive and Active Suppression Techniques

Machining-tool manufacturers are required to produce a machine with high technological capabilities that improve the performance as industry demands higher quality and production. The application of precision processing has increased in recent years. For this reason, chatter avoidance has attracted the attention of researchers and industry conducting studies of the vibration phenomena using passive and active methods.

4.1. Passive Chatter Suppression Techniques

Passive chatter suppression methods focus on the implementation of external devices with the aim of modifying the stiffness or damping to the machine tool or the tool holder. Such methods are based on structure modifications or parameter optimization, which can be limited to physical restrictions.

Houck III et al. [101] tuned a holder for turning by varying the axial position of a sleeve. The modification of the tool-dynamics using dynamic vibration absorbers (DVA), tunable vibration absorbers (TVA) or tuned mass damper (TMD) have the purpose of increase the chatter boundaries. The DVA is a passive device with a spring-mass-damper attached to the tool holder (Figure 6), when tuned properly, it reduces the peak magnitude of the frequency response function. Moradi et al. [102] and Miguelez [103] applied a passive absorber to enhance the stability of a boring process. Saffury and Altus [104] optimized the mass and stiffness distribution yielding better chatter-resistance for turning bars. The scope of their study was to reduce chatter vibrations when the cutting tool is the most flexible part of the system. However, they did not present any experimental evidence to support their theoretical calculations.

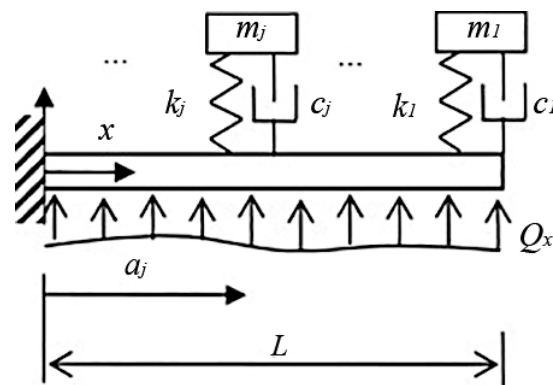


Figure 6. Cantilever beam with attached spring-mass-damper system and distributed load [104].

Mohammadi et al. [105] modified the cutting system's FRF (Frequency Response Function) and selecting proper dimensions for the assembly tool-toolholder-spindle. The methodology was proposed to increase and predict allowable stability for system where tool length can be varied or not. However, this technique was applied to milling systems.

4.2. Active Chatter Suppression Techniques

Active chatter suppression schemes, with suitable sensors/actuators installed on the spindle or tool holder, have demonstrated a potential performance improvement in the machine tool. This dynamic solution can adjust the parameters of the process depending on the feedback from the sensors. However,

it usually requires high computing power and the effectiveness of the vibration suppression system depends on the strategies installed in the device controller.

An active dynamic absorber reduces vibration by using, for example, a piezoelectric actuator generating inertia forces that counteract the disturbance produced in the turning process [106]. Active damping dissipates energy once the vibration is measured and an actuator introduces a controlled force as a response. In a typical application a piezo actuator is bonded on the cutting tool. Yigit et al. [107] optimized a passive shunt electrical circuit, tuned according to the natural frequency of the cutting tool for damping optimization. In accordance with experimental modal testing, the stability limit is doubled when piezoelectric is used. Similarly, Martins da Silva et al. [108] demonstrated, in boring experiments with shunt circuits in both directions, the surface finish was improved with a roughness reduction of 30% on a peak-to-peak value.

Various active systems used to mitigate chatter are based on controllers with several inputs. Ma et al. [109] developed an active chatter suppression method that expands significantly the stability lobe diagram based on an active sliding mode controller that requires only a displacement measurement. This robust controller is suitable for non-linear uncertainties and disturbances such as permutations found in chatter vibrations. Liu et al. [110] analyzed the dynamic behavior of a constrained layer damping (CLD) tool holder that has frequency-dependent dynamics. These authors proved that the developed tool holder improves stable margins when the chatter frequency is far from the natural frequency.

Another type of device could be considered as a semi-active technique, it is based on a magnetorheological (MR) fluid-controlled boring bar (Figure 7) requiring lower energy. The MR fluid-controlled boring bar changes the stiffness of the tool by varying the strength of the applied magnetic field. Mei et al. [111] used a square wave current as a control signal showing that chatter could be significantly suppressed. For a high aspect ratio boring process, Som et al. [112] used an electromagnet to adjust the damping force of an MR damper showing an average attenuation of 30% in high-frequency ranges. When the rotational speed is low it is easier to suppress chatter by adjusting the natural frequency. For high rotational speeds an increased damping effect is advantageous [113].

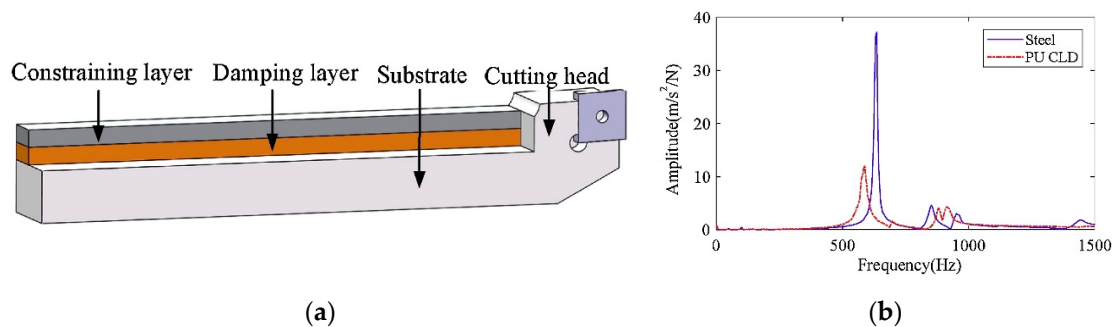


Figure 7. (a) CLD tool holder in turning; (b) Frequency Response function with steel tool holder and CLD tool holder [110].

Recently a novel non-contact magnetic actuator [114] was developed to compensate the static deflection measured of a long boring bar. The bending mode was actively dampened, and the stiffness was increased for stable cutting at high depth cuts.

5. Practical Solutions for Industry

Although chatter has been known for some time and different tools have been developed to dominate and control surface quality, the use of these tools must be implemented on a case by case basis. If vibrations occur, the operator intuitively reduces the cutting parameters. This reduces productivity and is not always a guaranteed solution. To solve this gap between theoretical knowledge of vibrations

and the industrial field, different simulation packages have been developed based on the measurement of some characteristic magnitudes during cutting.

- CutPro/MachPro/ChatterPro/SpindlePro/NPro© (developed in the Manufacturing Laboratory of the British Columbia University, Vancouver under the direction of Professor Y. Altintas [115]): probably represents the best package to solve problems in machining as these functionalities deal with different machining aspects/problems. Cut Pro was the original software resulting in a wide family of products. It allows determining the best cutting parameters. As usual, prior to the simulations, the customer needs to identify the dynamic parameters (modal mass, damping ratio, and stiffness) of the tool/piece system as well as cutting coefficients. If one of the following elements is changed: (1) machine-tool and/or fixtures; (2) workpiece material (maybe the same material but from another batch); (3) cutting tool (overhang, toolholder, wear), the system needs to be characterized again because, in general, the cutting coefficients and the modal parameters will be different. To obtain the modal parameters, the software is capable of performing 3D modal analysis to filter and process the transfer functions and to obtain the fundamental modes. These are then used to simulate the stability lobes. SpindlePro is focused on the design and analysis of spindle systems; NPro is the implementation of CAM (Computer-Aided Manufacturing) and its combination with chatter requisites. The software is capable of simulating and optimizing tool paths.
- Harmonizer© (developed in the MLI (Manufacturing Laboratories Inc.) of Las Vegas [116]): this software has been developed by years of experience for the control and reduction of vibrations in machining and leading to different packages: MilSim, CRAC (Chatter Avoidance and Recognition), MTDA (Machine Tool Dynamic Analyzer) and finally, Harmonizer©. Given a certain depth of cut and spindle speed, the analysis of the acoustic signal during machining allows to determine chatter frequency if the cut is unstable. In two or three iterations, the program is able to find a suitable spindle speed where the cut is free of chatter. If the initial depth of cut is too far from the final one or the modes are highly variable (magnitude and direction) over time such as in finishing operations, the system may have converging difficulties. Therefore, the system is more useful for 1-DOF systems and roughing operations. Recently, researchers presented BlueSwarf (MetalMAX©) which is an evolution for the rapid characterization of cutting process dynamics.
- EMMATools from SMARTIbox© (Spindle Measuring and Analyzing Relevant Tool for Industry Box): this software emerged from the collaboration between the University of Nantes [117] and the Airbus company for the monitoring and preventive maintenance of high-speed spindles. Rotor displacements are measured, cutting frequency harmonics are analyzed through embedded sensors. By means of spindle monitoring, the stress levels and associated frequencies are controlled for the best benefit of spindle life, thus protecting the bearings.
- Machining Navi© [118]: machine builders are also interested in selling machines with superior capacities. Machining Navi is one of the latest developments from Okuma for solving online chatter problems, it integrates a detection software within the numerical control of the machine itself. In this case, the chatter avoidance system uses the value of vibration captured by a sensor (amplitude and frequency) and other parameters (number of cutting edges, range of allowed speeds, threshold values for detection) to modify the spindle speed and the feed-axis for a more stable cut. The program can work on its own or be activated/deactivated by the operator and allows them to apply the speed before detecting chatter onset.
- Makino: Makino Milling Machine (Tokyo, JP) patented a method [119] for chatter avoidance in machining systems (US 9,285,797 B2). This method was based on acquiring vibration data of the tool at a predetermined sampling period, then deciding as fast as possible whether the vibration data being processed matches an integral multiple of the calculated period or not.
- Blue Swarf© [120,121] is a company that emerged from the expertise of Dr. Smith (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Dr. Delio (President of Manufacturing Laboratories Inc. MLI), Mr.

Barton (Founder and President of American Machinist), and Dr. Schmitz (University of North Carolina at Charlotte.). This software offers patches to solve vibrations problems in machining. Customers make use of individual dashboards for the identification of a particular machine tool-spindle-tool + material assembly. As a result, Blue Swarf makes a recommendation on the best cutting parameters. However, the software is more oriented to solve problems for milling rather than turning.

- ChatterMaster [122,123]: from the University of Tarbes (ENIT), it follows the same approach by Pr. Altintas or MLI with Harmonizer. After extracting data of the machining system (spindle-tool material and cutting conditions) the software gives a recommendation for the best spindle speed to avoid chatter. Recently, ChatterMaster has developed a new module for chatter avoidance in turning operations.

6. Conclusions

Chatter is a known problem in turning and it can be approached in many different ways. This review resumes some of the efforts in the state of the art to detect, avoid, and reduce chatter vibrations and its harmful effects. First, the work was concentrated on analytical and numerical methods for stability prediction. However, whenever chatter is very complicated to model, active and passive techniques can be the answer. Therefore, a special section highlighted the milestones regarding these techniques.

After carefully examining research works, intense focus was and still is paid to mechanistic models. Numerical and mechanistic models are very popular and represent a relatively accurate way of predicting stability loss. In most cases, 1- or 2-DOF models establish the stability in turning processes. However, they lack generality. Research groups often face and solve a particular problem in a particular turning system. As chatter is a polyhedral problem, many authors tried to generalize the problem [116–124]. Systems having non-linear effects such as low cutting speeds, low machinability and hard materials, process damping, or wear are more complicated to model [125]. In these cases, chatter should be faced or completed through passive and active techniques. In recent years because of 4.0 Industry, acquiring and postprocessing many data sets at a high sampling rates is no longer an ideal task but a reality which should help designers to select suitable, productive but safe, cutting parameters.

As a general criterion, the stability of high speed turning and milling systems is investigated using a priori methods such as lobe diagrams. In this way, the spacing between low-order lobes can be advantageous for programming high depths of cut. However, this is not possible for turning processes and low spindle speeds, for instance when turning titanium or other low machinability alloys and superalloys. Chatter occurs at high order lobes where there is no spacing between lobes. Besides, process damping and nonlinearities hinder the modelling process. In those cases, practical techniques for chatter suppression such as SSV can be very interesting alternatives. While there is some reserve on the part of the industry when it comes to introducing spindle speed variation-SSV, machine-tool builders are beginning to sell machines with this capability.

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Appendix A Publications Related to Chatter Stability Prediction

Category	Publications	Number of Publications
Frequency-domain methods	[22–27,29–31,35–37,41,42,44,46–50,58,63–66]	25
Numerical methods giving time-domain solution	[28,32,34,43,45,51,52,54,67,68]	10
Numerical methods for stability prediction	[33,52,54–57,59,60,81,85,86]	11

Appendix B Publications Related to Experimental Techniques

Category	Publications	Number of Publications
Techniques for chatter detection	[88–100]	13
Passive techniques for chatter avoidance	[101–105]	5
Active techniques for chatter avoidance	[106–115]	10

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