

Research on the wear mechanism of ceramic tool in turning of nickel-based superalloy GH4169

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Abstract. The dry cutting experiment for nickel-based high temperature alloy GH4169 was conducted with $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiC}_w$ whisker toughening ceramic blade WG300 and $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ceramics (Sialon) blade SX9. The main wear mechanism of ceramic cutting tools were analyzed by means of observing the wear morphology about cutting tools with scanning electron microscope, and measuring concentration of each element in wear tiny region lying in the ceramic tools with Energy Dispersive Spectrometer (EDS).

Keywords: superalloy, ceramic tool, wears mechanism.

1 Introduction

Today nickel-base superalloy plays an increasingly important role in aerospace. Because of its excellent performance, GH4169 was widely used in the casing, turbines, combustion chamber, the space shuttle, nuclear reactors and other high temperature applications.

In this paper, by studying the wear mechanism of tool and analyzing the main forms of tool wear in the speed turning GH4169 with $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiC}_w$ whisker reinforced ceramic blade WG300 and $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ceramic (Sialon) blade SX9.

2 Experimental Scheme Design

Experiments were on EMCO-Maxxturn 65 Turning Center, Machine maximum speed: 5000r/min; Cutting conditions for dry cutting. A nickel-based superalloy GH4169 bar was selected as the workpiece material for the experiment, of which heat treatment is solution and aging.

$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiC}_w$ whisker reinforced ceramic blade WG300 and $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ceramic (Sialon) blade SX9 was selected as the main cutting tools in the experiment. After the cutting process, the tool flank wear values were measured under the use of Dino-Lite

digital microscope and the blunt standard was set as: The average wear value in flank $VB \geq 0.3\text{mm}$; wear value in Groove $VN \geq 0.6\text{mm}$.

3 Data Analysis of Experiment

Abrasive wear was that the workpiece surface was sheared and plowed by friction and then the trough-like indentation was generated by the abrasive action of furrows when hard particles in the workpiece are pressed into the friction surface, under the action of some certain loads, and then slid. As fig.1 shows: SEM photograph of flank wear in cutting speed 250m/min happened in WG300.

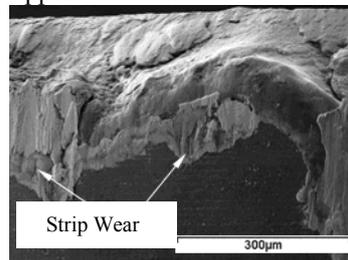


Fig. 1. Abrasive wear in WG300

When WG300 was in 190m/min and 310m/min cutting speed, the attrited morphology of trench edge in flank were showed as Fig.2 (a) and 2 (b).

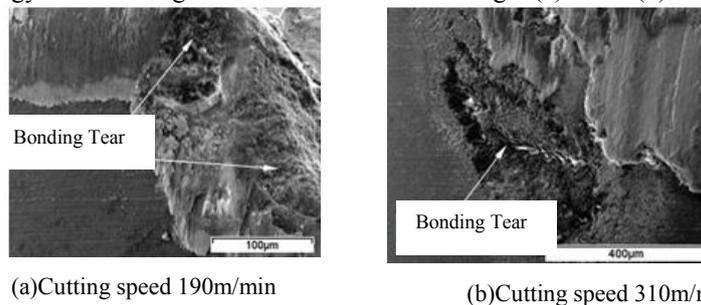
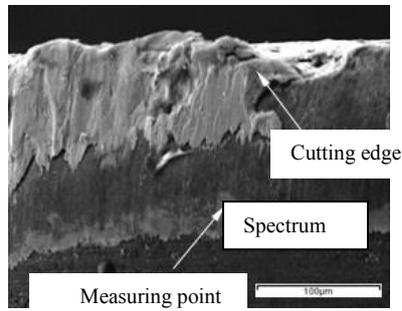
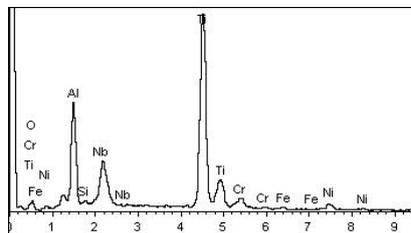


Fig. 2. Adhesive wear in WG300

For $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiC}_w$ Whisker ceramic tools WG300, Ti-rich region located under the edge of the flank wear belts. The analyzed results about Measuring points, in the wear area in blade of WG300 in the cutting speed 190m/min and 310m/min, were shown as Fig. 3 and Fig. 4.

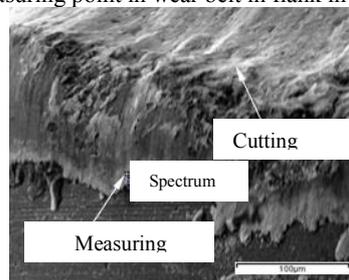


(a) measuring point in wear belt in flank

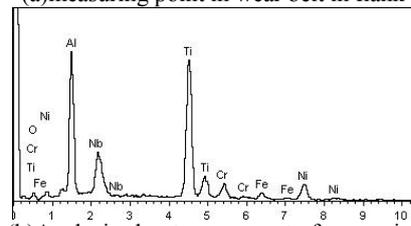


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Fig. 3. Analysis about measuring point in wear belt in flank in the cutting speed 190m/min



(a) measuring point in wear belt in flank



(b) Analysis about component of measuring point

Fig. 4. Analysis about measuring point in wear belt in flank in the cutting speed 310m/min WG300

4 Conclusions

When milling nickel base super alloy with $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiC}$ whisker toughening ceramic cutting tool and Sialon ceramic cutting tool, chemical reaction and element diffusion will be existed between cutter material and workpiece material, and the strength and toughness of the cutting tool substrate will be reduced for the dissolution of SiC whisker and Si_3N_4 grain in the ceramic cutting tool, which leading to the decline of the tool wear resistance. In the element diffusion process, beneficitation of cutter surface on Ti element in the workpiece material is obvious, which appears the diffusion indirectly in the area local position of WG300 and SX9, resulting the cutting tool substrate be added main elements like Ni, Fe, Cr from workpiece material and Ti element separates out on the cutter surface. With the scratch of cuttings and transitional surface, on the cutter surface, the educt will be peeled by shear, in the area of cutter surface where shear force is large enough, it will be cleared, and in the location of less shear force, it could still attach to the surface.

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