

# Mathematical Modeling for Material Removal and Optimization of Ultrasonic Drilling of Polycarbonate and Acrylic Glass for Surface Roughness by GRA Approach

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**Abstract:** Polycarbonate bullet proof and acrylic heat resistant glasses are used as the functional material in many industrial application. In automobile industries, banks and cabins, polycarbonate bullet proof glass has been used for security purpose. Similarly, acrylic heat resistant glass is used in furnace, microwaves, space craft and airplane applications. In this experimental research paper, Taguchi modal and Grey relational analysis are utilized for the ultrasonic drilling in these materials. For experimentation, input parameters are concentration, abrasive, grit size, power rating, hydrofluoric acid and tool materials. Output parameters are material removal rate, tool wear rate and surface roughness. In which, surface roughness is most significant output parameter, because it describe accuracy of the process. Through optimization analysis, Taguchi modal suggest that 40% abrasive concentration, mixture of (Alumina, Silicon carbide and Boron carbide) abrasive in 1:1:1, 600 grit of abrasive and 1.5% hydrofluoric acid gives best results for drilling in polycarbonate bullet proof glass material. Similarly, in acrylic heat resistant glass, mixture of Silicon carbide and Boron carbide (1:1), 600 grit abrasive and 1% hydrofluoric acid gives the optimum results. Concentration of slurry, abrasive grit size and hydrofluoric acid are the most significant parameters for ultrasonic drilling in both materials. Through Grey relational analysis the surface roughness is improved by 40% and 48% in polycarbonate (UL-752) and acrylic (BS-476) glass respectively.

**Keywords:** Polycarbonate, Acrylic, Glass, HF Acid, Taguchi, GRA, USM, Surface Roughness

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## 1. Introduction

The history of USM started since 1927 with a research paper reported by A. L. Loomis and R. W. Wood [1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10]. American engineer Lewis Balamuth in 1945 was granted first patent [1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10]. USM process have been classified as ultrasonic drilling, ultrasonic cutting, ultrasonic abrasive and ultrasonic dimensional machining [1, 4, 5, 11]. In early 1950's ultrasonic grinding was modified into ultrasonic impact machining [4, 8, 9, 11]. It was significant machining process and capable to machine toughest materials [6, 7, 10, 11].

The ultrasonic drilling (USM) is generally preferred for amorphous, hard and brittle materials [1, 8]. Through USM, glass, ceramics, titanium, titanium alloys and many more materials are easily machined [1, 2, 3, 4]. If the hardness of material is more than 40 HRC then USM is successfully performed [3, 7, 10]. Micro holes as small as 74  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter can be easily drilled by USM [5, 9]. The ratio of depth to diameter is limited to 3:1 [1, 4, 9, 11]. During USM neither chemical nor thermal changes occur [2, 5, 9]. Moreover, no any metallurgical variations arise on work surface [2, 4, 5, 10].

In USM process, power supply have an important role. It convert low frequency electrical signals into high frequency electrical signals [2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 15, 24, 26]. After that these signals are transmitted to transducer. Two type of transducer are generally used, magnetostatic and piezoelectric transducer [8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 24, 28]. The transducer converts high frequency electrical signals into mechanical vibrations [5, 14, 19, 21, 24]. Through horn, the effect of vibrations are amplified and concentrate on tool assembly [4, 8, 9, 15, 24]. USM tool vibrates along its longitudinal axis with ultrasonic frequency between 20 kHz to 40 kHz [3, 10, 11, 26, 28, 30]. The amplitude of vibrations are measured in few hundredth of millimeters along longitudinal axis of tool [1, 9, 15, 19]. Horn and tool must be designed with mass and shape considerations, so that the resonance effect can be achieved with in the frequency range [2, 10, 11, 12, 28, 30, 41, 43].

Power rating of USM varies in between 50 W to 4000 W [5, 19, 21, 37]. Along longitudinal axis controlled static load is applied on the USM tool [6, 8, 19, 25, 38, 40]. Mixture of abrasive and carrier medium is known as slurry [18, 27]. The

concentration of slurry varies from 30% to 50% by volume [1, 3, 8, 9, 12, 30, 31, 40, 41, 42, 62]. It is pumped in between the gap of tool and work surface. The optimum pumping speed of slurry is 30 liter/ min [3, 9, 12, 41]. Water is commonly used as a carrier medium [2, 8, 12, 28, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46]. Because, it have low viscosity, low density, high thermal conductivity and high specific heat characteristics [8, 11, 12, 35, 45, 46]. Most preferable abrasives are boron carbide, alumina, silicon carbide and diamond dust [2, 9, 12, 13, 34, 62]. Abrasive particles are forced by tool vibrations to strike on work surface [14, 37, 49, 51]. The impact of abrasive particles supports to erode the material in the form of micro-chips [5, 8, 10, 13, 28, 62]. The shape of cavity is similar to the USM tool [1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 45]. Volumetric material removal rate of USM is relatively low [9, 18, 22, 29, 37, 58]. Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of simple USM [2, 3, 9, 30, 45]. The new approach of USM is CNC controlled path rotary USM [1, 9, 10, 13, 40, 41]. SONEX300 extrude horn made in France, EROSONIC US400 and EROSONIC US800 manufactured by Sonic Mill and made in USA are commonly used on commercial level [1, 8, 13, 62].

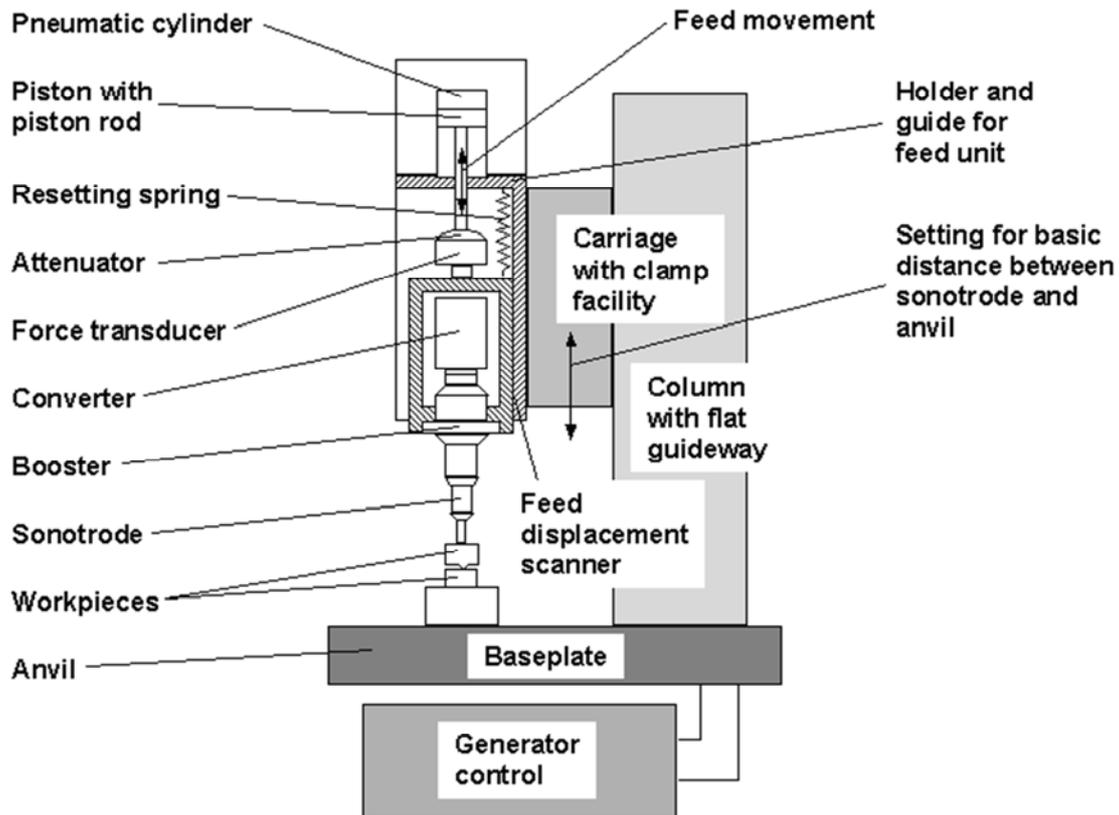


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of simple USM.

The USM machine is available in small tabletop sized units. The different type of accessories are used for suitability of operation. Appropriate type of USM is determined through capacity of power rating [2, 7, 10, 31, 47, 51, 53]. Figure 2 shows the 500 W USM machine manufactured by Sonic Mill and made in USA, which is used for small operation [7, 12]. The horn transfer mechanical vibration energy from transducer to tool [5, 10, 14, 19, 37, 48]. It also amplify the

mechanical vibration effect. The horn material must have high fatigue, toughness and elastic properties [1, 13, 19, 38, 41]. Generally preferred material for horn are silver steel, monal and tungsten carbide [2, 17, 24, 38, 61]. Copper washer is introduced in between the transducer-horn and horn-tool fastening, to prevent unnecessary ultrasonic welding [8, 12, 15, 16, 28, 37, 42, 49, 51].



Figure 2. 500 W USM machine manufactured by Sonic Mill and made in USA.

## 2. Material Removal Mechanism

### 2.1. Traditional Ultrasonic Machining

Material removal primarily occurs due to the indentation of the hard abrasive grits on the brittle work material. As the tool vibrates, it leads to indentation of the abrasive grits [5, 9, 16]. During indentation, due to Hertzian contact stresses, cracks would develop just below the contact site, then as indentation progresses the cracks would propagate due to increase in stress and ultimately lead to brittle fracture of the work material under each individual interaction site between the abrasive grits and the work-piece [2, 15, 19, 27, 39, 42, 61]. The tool material should be such that indentation by the abrasive grits does not lead to brittle failure. Thus the tools are made of tough, strong and ductile materials like steel, stainless steel and other ductile metallic alloys [15, 19, 37, 48, 51, 61, 62, 64]

Other than this brittle failure of the work material due to indentation some material removal may occur due to free

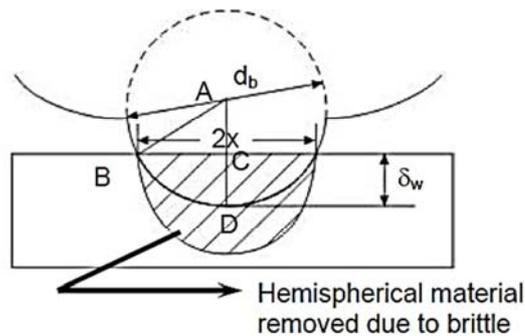
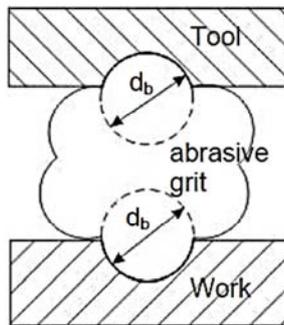


Figure 4. Interaction between grit and work-piece and tool.

As the indentation proceeds, the contact zone between the abrasive grit and work-piece is established and the same grows [15, 37, 48, 68, 69, 70, 73]. The contact zone is circular in nature and is characterized by its diameter ' $2x$ '. At full indentation, the indentation depth in the work material is

flowing impact of the abrasives against the work material and related solid-solid impact erosion, but it is estimated to be rather insignificant [19, 58, 63, 65, 66, 67]. Thus, in the current model, material removal would be assumed to take place only due to impact of abrasives between tool and workpiece, followed by indentation and brittle fracture of the workpiece. The model does consider the deformation of the tool.

In the current model, all the abrasives are considered to be identical in shape and size [19, 28, 64, 68, 69, 70]. An abrasive particle is considered to be spherical but with local spherical bulges as shown in figure 3. The abrasive particles are characterized by the average grit diameter,  $d_g$  [37, 59, 65, 69, 71, 72]. It is further assumed that the local spherical bulges have a uniform diameter,  $d_b$  and which is related to the grit diameter by  $d_b = \mu d_g^2$ . Thus an abrasive is characterized by  $\mu$  and  $d_g$ .

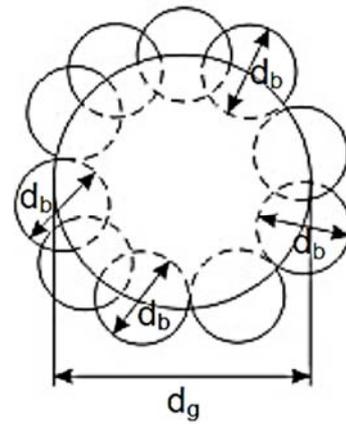


Figure 3. Schematic representation of abrasive grit.

During indentation by the abrasive grit onto the work-piece and the tool, the local spherical bulges contact the surfaces and the indentation process is characterized by  $d_b$  rather than by  $d_g$  [14, 19, 28, 37, 43, 55, 61, 68, 72, 73]. Fig. 4 shows the interaction between the abrasive grit and the work-piece and tool.

characterized by  $\delta_w$ . Due to the indentation, as the work material is brittle, brittle fracture takes place leading to hemi-spherical fracture of diameter ' $2x$ ' under the contact zone. Therefore material removal per abrasive grit is given as

$$\Gamma_w = \frac{2}{3} \pi X^3$$

Now From Figure 4  $AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$

$$\left(\frac{d_b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{d_b}{2} - \delta_x\right)^2 + X^2$$

$$X^2 = d_b \delta_w \text{ Neglecting } \delta_w^2 \text{ as } \delta_w \ll d_b$$

$$\Gamma_w = \frac{2}{3} \pi (d_b \delta_w)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

If at any moment of time, there are an average ‘n’ of grits and the tool is vibrating at a frequency ‘f’ then material removal rate can be expressed as

$$MRR_w = \Gamma_w \cdot n \cdot f$$

$$MRR_w = \frac{2}{3} \pi (d_b \delta_w)^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot n \cdot f$$

Now as the tool and workpiece would be pressing against each other, contact being established via the abrasive grit, both of them would deform or wear out. As the tool vibrates, for some time, it vibrates freely; then it comes in contact with the abrasive, which is already in contact with the job, and then the indentation process starts and finally completes with an indentation of  $\delta_w$  and  $\delta_t$  on the work and tool respectively. Figure 5 schematically depicts the same assuming the work to be rigid for easy depiction. The tool vibrates in a harmonic motion [59, 61, 63, 69, 74, 75, 76]. Thus only during its first quarter of its cycle it can derive an abrasive towards interaction with the tool and work-piece as shown in Figure 6

Out of this quarter cycle, some part is used to engage the tool with abrasive particle as shown in Figure 6 Thus the time of indentation  $\tau$  can be roughly estimated as

$$\frac{\delta}{a_0} = \frac{\tau}{T/4} \Rightarrow \tau = \frac{T\delta}{4a_0} = \frac{T(\delta_w + \delta_t)}{4a_0}$$

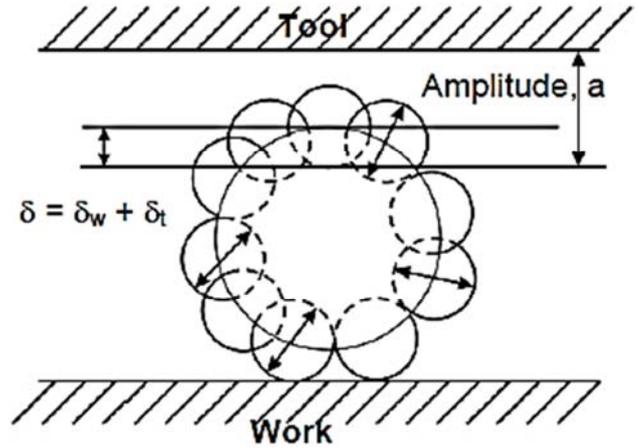


Figure 5. Interaction between grit and work-piece and tool to depict the work-piece and tool deformations.

Now during machining, the impulse of force on the tool and work would be balanced. Thus total impulse on the tool can be expressed as

$$l_t = n \cdot f \cdot \frac{1}{2} F_{\max} \tau$$

where  $F_{\max}$  is the maximum indentation force per abrasive.

Now in the USM, the tool is fed with an average force F

$$F = \frac{1}{2} F_{\max} \tau \cdot n \cdot f$$

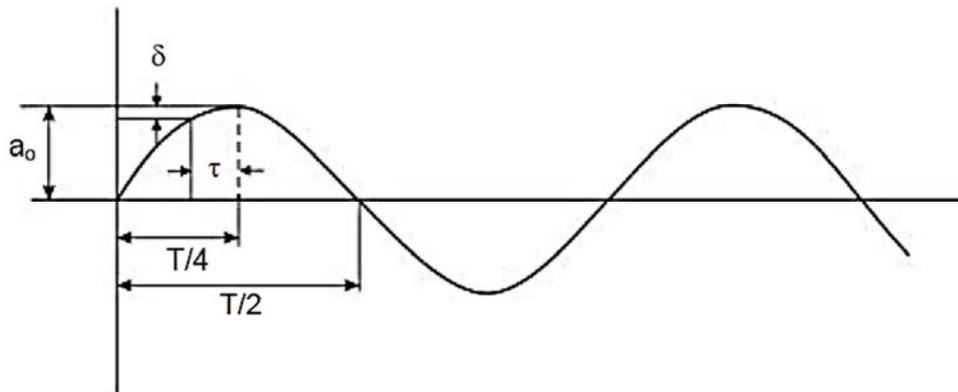


Figure 6. Change in tool position due to ultrasonic vibration of the tool.

Again, if the flow strength of work material is taken as  $\sigma_w$ , then

$$F_{\max} = \sigma_w \pi X^2$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_w \pi X^2 \tau \cdot n \cdot f$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} n \cdot f \cdot \sigma_w \pi X^2 \frac{T(\delta_w + \delta_t)}{4a_0} = \frac{2}{3} \pi X^3 n \cdot f$$

If 'A' is total surface area of the tool facing the work-piece, then volume of abrasive slurry of one grit thickness is

$A d_g$

If n is the number of grits then the total volume of n grits is

$$\frac{\pi d_g^3}{6} n$$

Thus the concentration of abrasive grits in the slurry is related as follows:

$$n \frac{\pi d_g^3}{6} = A d_g C$$

$$C = \frac{n \frac{\pi d_g^3}{6}}{A d_g} = \frac{\pi d_g^3}{6A} n$$

$$n = \frac{6AC}{\pi d_g^2} n$$

Now it is expected that indentation would be inversely proportional to the flow strength then,

$$\frac{\delta_t}{\delta_w} = \frac{\sigma_w}{\sigma_t} = \lambda$$

Again combining, 'F' can be written as

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_w \pi X^2 \tau \cdot n \cdot f \frac{T}{4a_0} \delta_w (1 + \lambda)$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{6AC}{\pi d_g^2} f \cdot \sigma_w \pi d_b \delta_w \frac{T}{4a_0} \delta_w (1 + \lambda)$$

$$F = \frac{3AC}{d_g^2} (f \cdot t) \frac{\sigma_w}{4a_0} d_b \delta_w^2 (1 + \lambda)$$

$$F = \frac{3AC}{d_g^2} (f \cdot t) \frac{\sigma_w}{4a_0} \mu d_g^2 \delta_w^2 (1 + \lambda)$$

$$\delta_w^2 = \frac{4a_0 F}{3\mu A C \sigma_w (1 + \lambda)}$$

$$MRR_w = \Gamma_w \cdot n \cdot f$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \pi \frac{6cA}{\pi d_g^2} \cdot f \cdot X^3$$

$$= 4\pi \frac{cA}{\pi d_g^2} \cdot f \cdot (d_w \delta_w)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{4cA}{d_g^2} \cdot f \cdot (\mu d_g^2 \delta_w)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= 4cA d_g \mu^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot f \cdot \left\{ \frac{4Fa_0}{3\mu A c \sigma_w (1 + \lambda)} \right\}^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\alpha \frac{c^{\frac{1}{4}} A^{\frac{1}{4}} F^{\frac{3}{4}} a_0^{\frac{3}{4}} d_g^{\frac{3}{4}} f}{\sigma_w^{\frac{3}{4}} (1 + \lambda)^{\frac{3}{4}}} \mu^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

MRR

$$\alpha \cdot d_g \cdot f \cdot \frac{c^{\frac{1}{4}} A^{\frac{1}{4}} \rho^{\frac{3}{4}} a_0^{\frac{3}{4}}}{\sigma_w^{\frac{3}{4}} (1 + \lambda)^{\frac{3}{4}}} \mu^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Mechanism of material removal or erosion is investigated by various researcher [1, 2, 3, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 40, 45, 65, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81]. Figure 7 shows basic mechanism of material removal process in USM. For brittle and hard material, fracture effect produced the erosion. Similarly, shearing effect is utilized for ductile materials. Erosion effect is produced through bombardment of abrasive particles directly against the work surface [12, 16, 17, 28, 30, 31, 79, 80, 81, 82]. Appropriate flow of slurry will enhanced the material removal rate [2, 12, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 65]. Cavitation effect is also formed by slurry, which reduce the material removal rate [19, 20, 40, 46]. Material is removed in the form of micro-chips and flush out with slurry [20, 22, 46, 65].

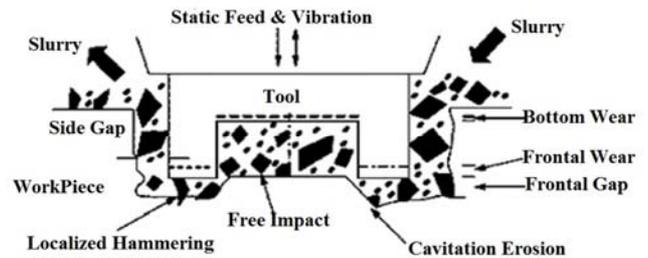


Figure 7. Basic mechanism of material removal process in simple USM.

## 2.2. Chemical-Assisted Ultrasonic Machining

In chemical-assisted ultrasonic machining (CUSM), low

concentration of hydrofluoric acid (HF) is used in slurry. HF acid reaction between Si and F<sup>-</sup> ions and O and H<sup>+</sup> occur simultaneously. When HF acid react with glass then the bonding forces between Si molecules on the surface area become weakened. This mechanism improve the efficiency of USM [7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21]. Figure 8 shows Basic mechanism of material removal process in chemical

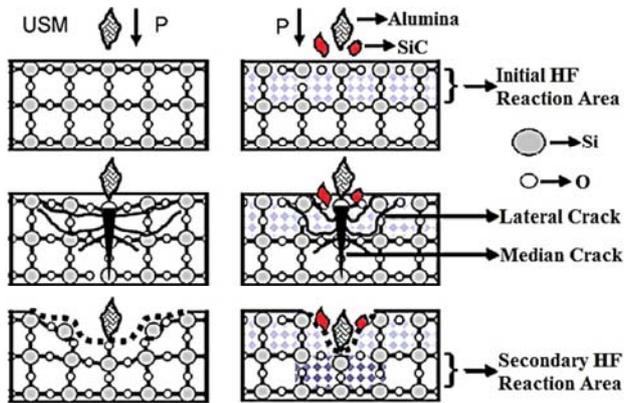


Figure 8. Basic mechanism of material removal process in chemical.

### 3. Type of Glass and Application

Glass is non-crystalline or amorphous material. It is transparent by appearance and used in many appliances such as window panels, optoelectronics, technological equipment, optical etc. [65, 66, 67, 69]. The main ingredient of glass is silica (sand) [68]. Many silica based glasses are exist such as container glass and ordinary glass, which are manufactured by specific type of soda-lime glass. The main composition of soda-lime glass is approximately 75% SiO<sub>2</sub> (silicon dioxide), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (sodium carbonate), Na<sub>2</sub>O (Sodium oxide), CaO (calcium oxide or lime) and some minor other additives [67, 68, 69].

Window panels are generally manufactured by silicate glasses. Glass reflect as well as transfer light from own self. These reflection and transformation quality is utilized to make prisms, optical fiber, lenses and fine glasses.

Optical fiber are used for high speed data transmission. The color of the glass is changed by adding some ingredient like metallic salt, zinc etc. [68, 70, 71]. These type of colored glass is used in manufacturing the art object, stained glass window, color glass window and many more applications. Glass is easily formed or molded into any required shape, so it is traditionally used in the manufacturing of bowls, jars, vases, bottles and drinking jars. The most hard and solid form of simple silicate glass used for marbles, beads and paperweights [71, 72, 74, 75].

The other modern example of the glass is glass fiber, the glass is extrude under the high temperature and converted into

the fiber glass or glass wool. Glass fiber have property of data transferred at the speed of light. Glass wool is used as the thermal insulating material [73, 76, 77, 78, 79]. The other application of glass fiber, it is used as the reinforcement material in the composite material fiber glass. Many thermoplastic and porcelains material are the closer familiar to the glasses. The addition of these closer familiar material improve the properties of the silicate glass. Acrylic glass, polyethylene, terephthalate and polycarbonate these are the lighter alternative of the simple silicate glasses [67, 71, 77, 79].

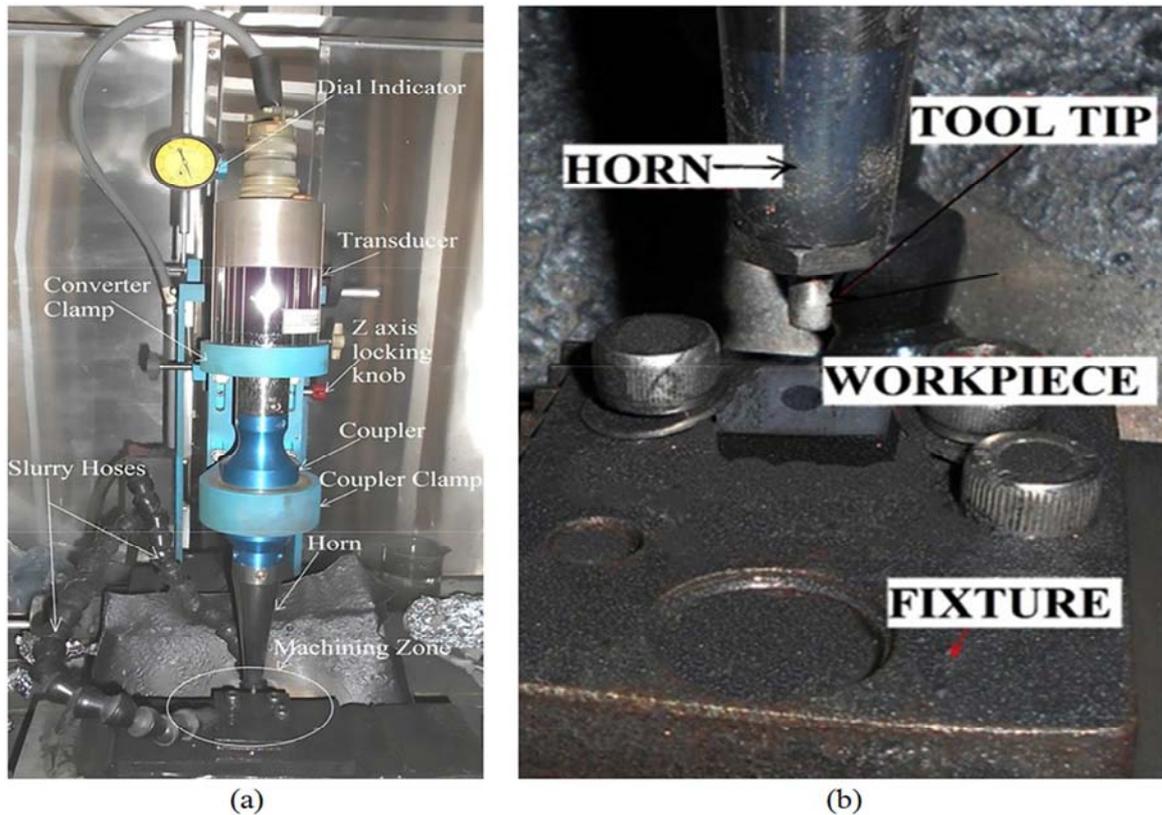
#### 3.1. Polycarbonate and Acrylic Glass

Polycarbonate bullet proof glass, acrylic heat resistant glass and glass-clad polycarbonate bullet proof glass are the advanced types of glass [78, 80, 81]. These glasses are manufactured by affixing two different materials through epoxy resin liquid [82, 84, 86]. In polycarbonate bullet proof glass, layers of glass and polycarbonate materials are affixed with each other. Number of layers are defined according to the bare load [85]. Elastic effect is produced by polycarbonate material during impact load [87, 88, 89]. Thickness of polycarbonate bullet proof glass is varies from 10 mm to 76 mm [68, 71, 88, 90]. Similarly in acrylic heat resistant glass, layers of glass and acrylic material are affixed with each other through epoxy resin [90, 91, 92]. Acrylic glass is also known as poly (methyl methacrylate) or PMMA material. It is a transparent thermoplastic often used in sheet form as a lightweight, shatter resistant and heat resistant material [71]. Acrylic (PMMA) material of 3 mm thick sheet can transmits up to 92% of visible light. It have poor thermal conductivity [72, 76, 83]. Thickness of acrylic heat resistant glass is varies from 85 mm to 150 mm. Table 1 shows some important properties of polycarbonate bullet proof glass and acrylic heat resistant glass [76, 83, 86, 87, 89]. Table. 2 shows Thickness and density of advanced glass material

Glass have poor elasticity property, mean it can't deformed when force applied on it [72, 85]. Plain glass under impacted by bullet, in which impact load of bullet break the plain glass [71, 91, 92,]. First layer of glass may shatter when the bullet hits it, however the next layer of polycarbonate is more elastic so it moves when the bullet strike. Impact energy of bullet is dissipates vertically [84, 85, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95]. This takes the energy away from the bullet and it slowing down. If the enough energy is taken from the bullet, it will eventually stop it from passing through [69]. Some important properties of these material make them so famous and the utility of these materials are increased in present era [69, 70, 71, 90, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98]. Figure 10 shoes the acrylic heat resistant glass material.

*Table 1. Important properties of polycarbonate bullet proof and acrylic heat resistant glass.*

Properties	PBPG (UL-752)	AHRG (BS-476)
<b>Physical Properties</b>		
Density	7 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>	8.3 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>
Refractive Index	34.0	29.7
Flammability	V <sub>0</sub> -V <sub>2</sub>	V <sub>0</sub> -V <sub>4</sub>
Limiting Oxygen Index	25-27%	31-34%
Water Absorption	0.16-0.35%	0.12-0.41%
Radiation Resistant	Fair	Fair
<b>Mechanical Properties</b>		
Young's Modulus	2.0-2.4 GPa	1.8-2.2 GPa
Tensile strength (Depend on thickness)	120-180 MPa	105- 155 MPa
Compressive Strength	1000 MPa (at 73°F)	1200 MPa (at 73°F)
Linear expansion (20-300°C)	9x10 <sup>-6</sup> m/(m-k)	8.23 x10 <sup>-6</sup> m/(m-k)
Thermal Conductivity	0.30 W/(m-K)	0.86 W/(m-K)
Reactivity with HF Acid	poor	poor
Hardness	58 HRC	61 HRC
<b>Thermal Properties</b>		
Glass Transition Temperature	147°C	158°C
Thermal Conductivity at 23°C	0.19-0.22 W/(m-K)	0.09-0.13 W/(m-K)
<b>Chemical Resistance Properties</b>		
Acids (Concentrated), Halogens, Ketones and Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Poor	Poor
Acid (Dilute) and Alcohols	Good	Good
Greases, Oils and Halogenated	Fair	Poor



*Figure 9. Different components of USM and enlarged view of cutting zone.*

*Table 2. Thickness and density of advanced glass material.*

Protection level	Threat Stopped	Polycarbonate Glass		Acrylic Glass		Glass Clad PC Glass	
		Thickness (inch)	Density (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Thickness (inch)	Density (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Thickness (inch)	Density (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
UL 752	3 short (mm)						
Level I	9mm	0.76	22.5	1.26	37.7	0.81	44.1
Level II	.36 Magnum	1.04	31.3	1.38	41.6	1.07	57.1
Level III	.45 Magnum	1.26	37.7			1.28	69.4
Level IV	.30 Caliber 1 short					1.39	69.4

The experiments were performed on 500 W USM machine manufactured by Sonic mill and made in USA, which is used for small operation. The different components of USM machine and enlarged view of cutting zone are shown in figure 9 (a) and 9 (b). Input parameters and fixed parameters for investigation are shown in table 3. Surface roughness is measured is  $R_a$ , it is the universally recognised and most used international parameter of roughness. It is the arithmetic mean of the absolute departure of the roughness profile from the mean line.

Table 3. Input parameters and fixed parameters for investigation.

Input Parameters			
Factor (Symbols)	Levels		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Concentration (A)	20%	30%	40%
Abrasive (B)	$Al_2O_3+B_4C$	SiC+ $B_4C$	$Al_2O_3+ SiC+ B_4C$
Power Rate (C)	20%	40%	60%
Grit Size (D)	280	400	600
HF Acid (E)	0.5%	1%	1.5%
Tool Material (F)	D2	HCS	HSS
Fixed Parameters			
Frequency	20 kHz	Slurry Temperature	25°C
Static load	1.63 kg	Slurry flow rate	30 litter/min
Amplitude of vibration	25.3-25.8 $\mu m$		

## 4. Experimentation and Data Collection

Taguchi's  $L_{27}$  OA was used for experimental design. There are six input factors with three different levels. In addition, two interaction (B x E and B x F) are also required to be evaluated. The DOF of  $L_{27}$  OA and two interaction is 26, minimum required DOF is 15. So that, it is adequately enough for the problem under consideration. Two replicates were performed with experimental design. Table 4 shows the

experimental design and results. "Smaller is better" for SR were compute [33]. Minitab-16 software has been used for analyzing the experimental results.

Smaller is better

$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{SB} = -10 \log \left( \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^R y_j^2 \right) \quad (1)$$

Table 4. Experimental design and results.

Trail	Parameters						SR Mean Value (micron)		S/N Ratio	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	PBPG	AHRG	PBPG	AHRG
1.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.57	1.29	-3.917	-2.211
2.	1	1	1	1	2	2	1.86	1.86	-5.390	-5.390
3.	1	1	1	1	3	3	1.42	1.42	-3.045	-3.045
4.	1	2	2	2	1	1	1.51	1.51	-3.579	-3.579
5.	1	2	2	2	2	2	1.68	1.68	-4.506	-4.506
6.	1	2	2	2	3	3	1.59	1.59	-4.027	-4.027
7.	1	3	3	3	1	1	1.33	1.33	-2.477	-2.477
8.	1	3	3	3	2	2	1.43	1.43	-3.106	-3.106
9.	1	3	3	3	3	3	1.29	1.29	-2.211	-2.211
10.	2	1	2	3	1	2	1.24	1.03	-1.868	-0.256
11.	2	1	2	3	2	3	1.34	1.34	-2.542	-2.542
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14.	2	2	3	1	2	3	1.77	1.77	-4.959	-4.959
15.	2	2	3	1	3	1	1.32	1.32	-2.411	-2.411
16.	2	3	1	2	1	2	1.44	1.44	-3.167	-3.167
17.	2	3	1	2	2	3	1.59	1.59	-4.027	-4.027
18.	2	3	1	2	3	1	1.48	1.48	-3.405	-3.405
19.	3	1	3	2	1	3	1.12	0.93	-0.984	0.6303
20.	3	1	3	2	2	1	1.27	1.27	-2.076	-2.076
21.	3	1	3	2	3	2	1.09	1.09	-0.748	-0.748
22.	3	2	1	3	1	3	1.14	1.14	-1.138	-1.138
23.	3	2	1	3	2	1	0.97	0.97	0.2645	0.2645
24.	3	2	1	3	3	2	1.02	1.02	-0.172	-0.172
25.	3	3	2	1	1	3	0.99	0.99	0.087	0.087
26.	3	3	2	1	2	1	1.06	1.06	-0.506	-0.502
27.	3	3	2	1	3	2	1.10	1.1	-0.827	-0.825

### 5. Results and Discussion

During USM process, neither thermal nor residual stresses are generated on cutting zone. Surface roughness is the most important output response in USM, generally SR is influenced by grit size of abrasive [1, 3, 4, 7, 12, 47, 48, 50, 63, 69]. SR is improved with appropriate selection of grit size [7, 18, 39, 48, 57, 69, 72]. Fine grit abrasive gives better SR [7, 9, 12, 19, 28, 34, 47, 63]. Higher rate of slurry flow and depth of cut attained better SR. At the bottom of the cavity, better quality of SR is found [1, 5, 27, 32, 49, 58]. It is difficult to obtain the flat surface at the bottom of cavity, because of the uneven flow of slurry in the depth of cut [14, 50, 59, 64, 68, 78]. For machining of glass, nimonic-80A tool material gives better response in term of SR and it have maximum resistant of tool wear property [4, 8, 15, 28, 34, 49, 53, 62]. Maximum MRR of material produce poor SR and maximum tool wear [14, 58]. Contamination, cavitation and debris blockage reduce the quality of SR [4, 19, 52, 60]. Surface quality of cutting zone mainly affected by grit size and power rating parameters [52,

61, 63, 64]. Work material, grit size, concentration, tool and power rating are the controllable factor for better SR. Slurry concentration and abrasive grit size have the significant role in surface quality [1, 18, 24, 31, 48, 61]. Circulating high flow and fresh slurry will enhanced the surface quality [45, 61, 63]. SR decrease with decrease in power rating and grit size [7, 18, 19, 21, 24, 38, 54]. It also observed, temperature of slurry is most significant factor among all the considered input parameters [15, 29, 37, 49, 61, 62]. Through analytical model is conclude that static load, tool vibration, abrasive and grit size increase the roughness of machined surface [4, 48, 61, 62]. Amplitude of vibration play the significant role in SR [14, 19, 38, 59, 62].

Smaller is better type response is preferred for SR. Therefore, maximum value of SR is consider for optimization. Figure 10 shows the optimum input parameters setting for SR; 40% concentration, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+SiC+B<sub>4</sub>C abrasive, 20% power rating, 600 grit size, 1% HF acid concentration and HSTS tool. S/N ratio found to be high at these optimum level.

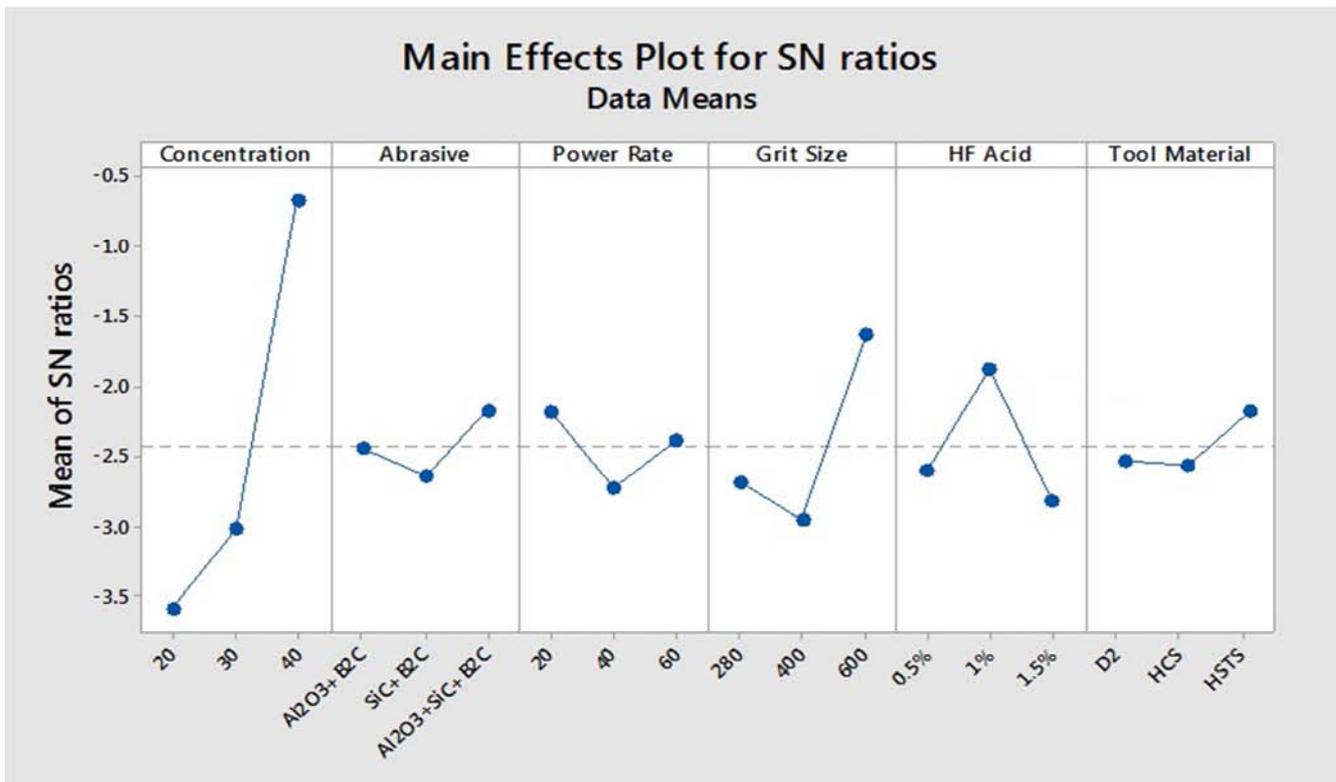


Figure 10. Mean effect plot for SR in PBPG (S/N ration), Optimized setting A<sub>3</sub> B<sub>3</sub> C<sub>1</sub> D<sub>3</sub> E<sub>2</sub> F<sub>3</sub>.

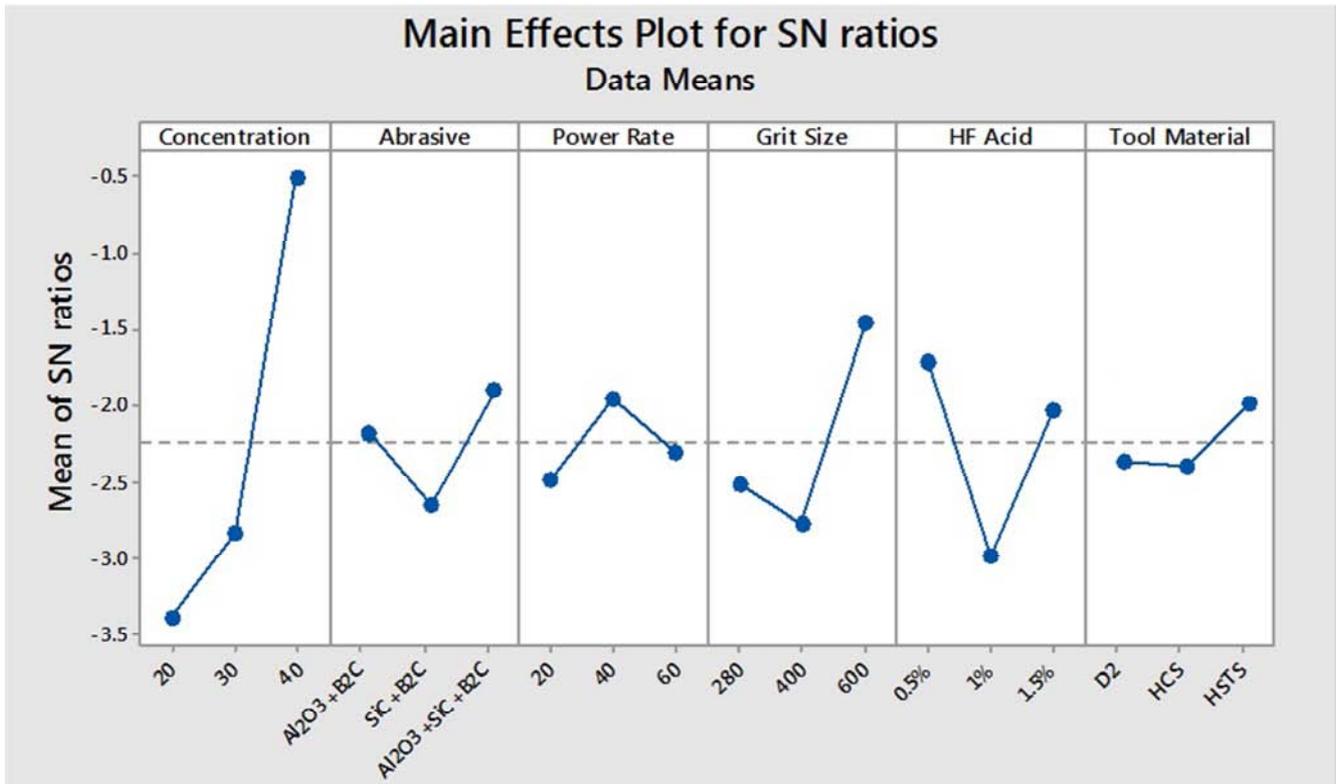


Figure 11. Mean effect plot for SR in AHRG (S/N ration), Optimized setting A<sub>3</sub> B<sub>3</sub> C<sub>2</sub> D<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub> F<sub>3</sub>.

Figure 11 shows the optimum parameter setting for SR are; 40% concentration, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+B<sub>4</sub>C abrasive, 40 power rating, 600 grit size, 0.5% HF acid and HSTS tool.

5.1. ANOVA Results

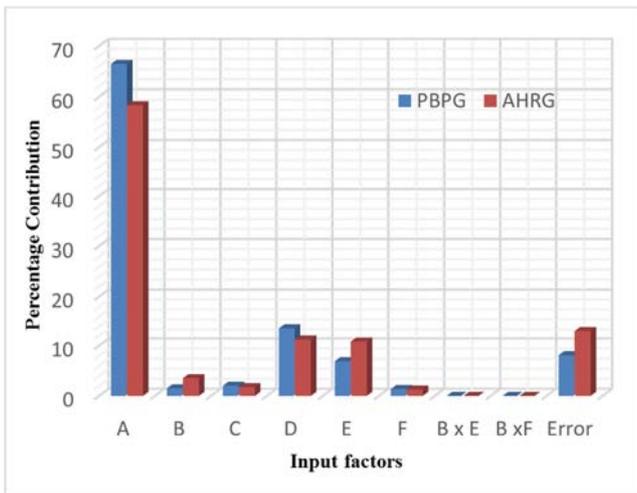


Figure 12. Percentage contribution of input variable for SR.

ANOVA technique was used on S/N ratio of PBPG and AHRG, to evaluate the significance of the variables. Type of abrasive and grit size are main significant parameters for SR.

Interaction between B x E As per ANOVA test results for S/N ratio of PBPG and AHRG, the input variable are sequenced in decreasing order of their significance, these variable are significant at 95% confidence level. For PBPG; concentration (66.458%), grit size (13.655%), HF acid (6.991%), power rating (2.039%), abrasive (1.512%) and tool material (1.358%). For AHRG; concentration (58.344%), grit size (11.238%), HF acid (10.824%), abrasive (3.553%), power rating (1.713%) and tool material (1.295%). Figure 12 shows the percentage contribution of input variable or SR.

6. Surface Topography

6.1. Polycarbonate Bullet Proof Glass

After machining, selected samples were examined through SEM (Model 435 VP, LEO) to investigate the SR. In USM, SR characteristics are generally affected by abrasive and grit size [16].

The USM machined sample of trail 14, input parameters are 30% concentration, SiC+B<sub>2</sub>C mixed abrasive, 60 power rating, 280 grit size, 1% HF acid concentration and HSTS tool were used for machining. Figure 13 shows the machined sample and microstructure hole of trail 14, in which excess material was removed at exit side. Figure 14 shows the microstructure of trail 14. Some fracture are tool place at cutting zone.

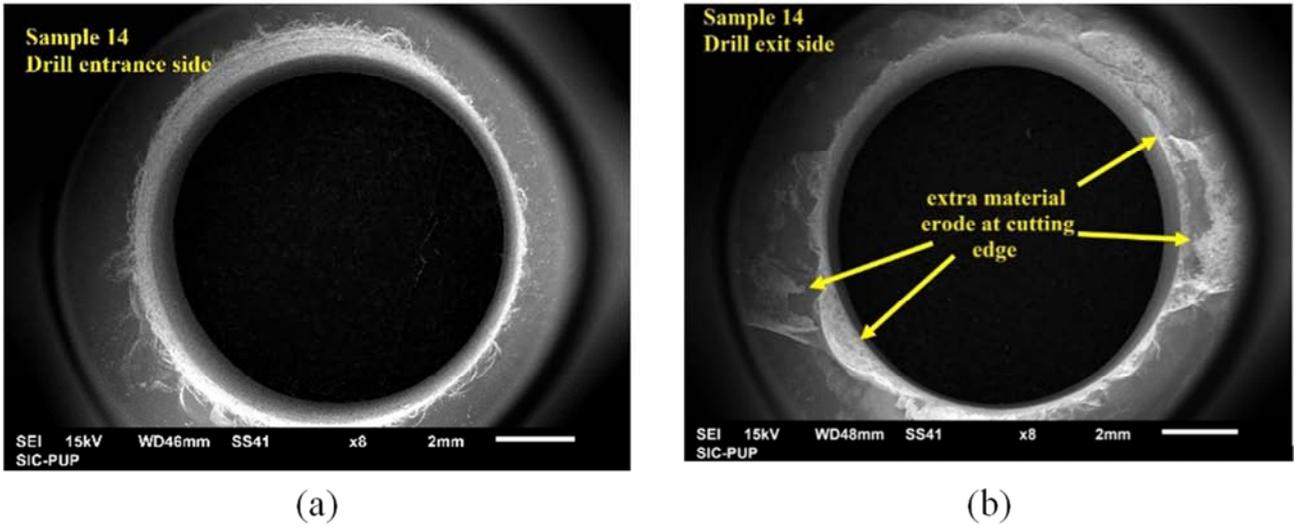


Figure 13. USM machined sample of trail 14 and microstructure of hole at 8x (entrance and exit side).

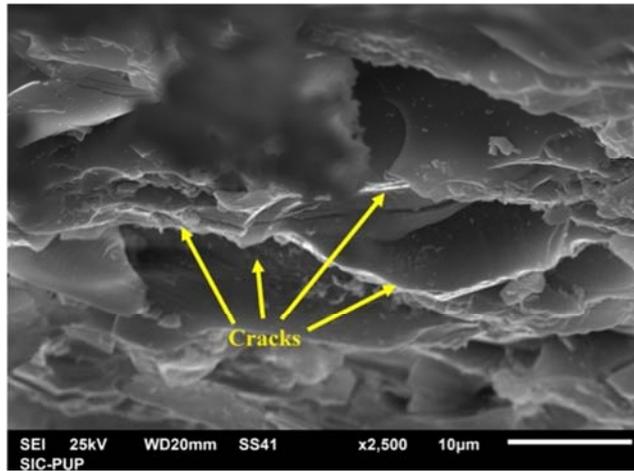


Figure 14. Microstructure of sample 14 at 2500x.

Figure 15 shows the machined sample of experiment 26 and microstructure at 8x magnification. Sample was machined by 40 concentration,  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_2C$  mixed abrasive, 40 power rating, 280 coarse grit, 1% HF acid concentration and D2 steel

tool. Almost straight cylindrical profile has been observed and exit side have some uneven erosion area, due to non-uniform tool wear. Figure 16 shows the microstructure of sample 26 at 2500x, some major cracks on machined surface are found.

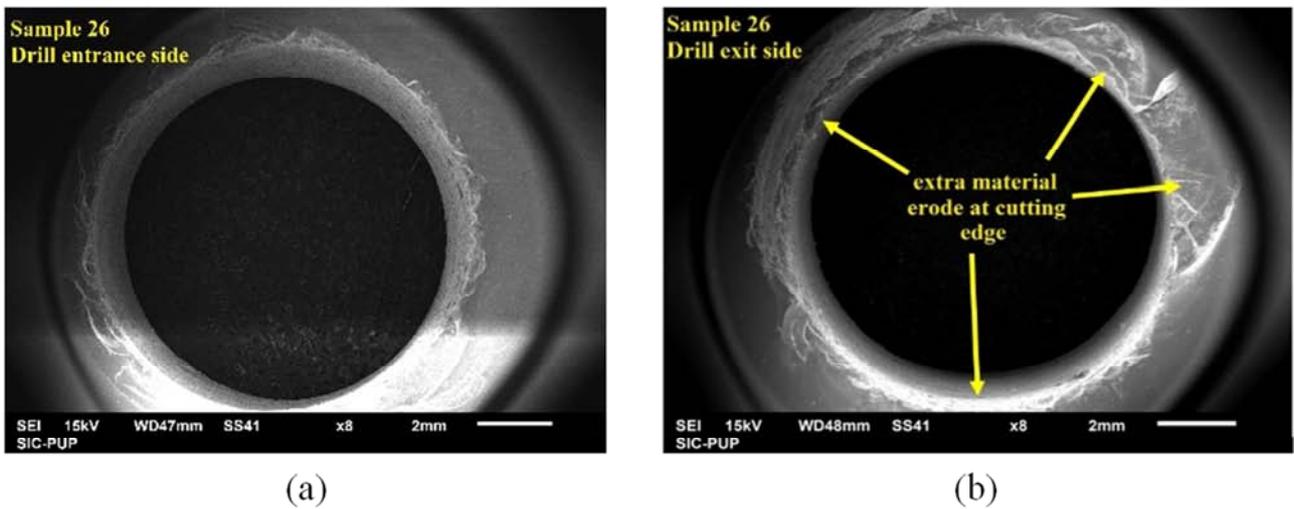


Figure 15. USM machined sample of trail 26 and microstructure of hole at 8x (entrance and exit side).

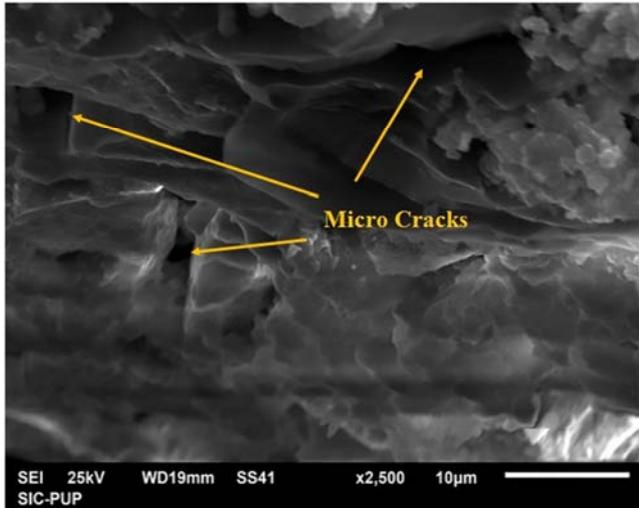
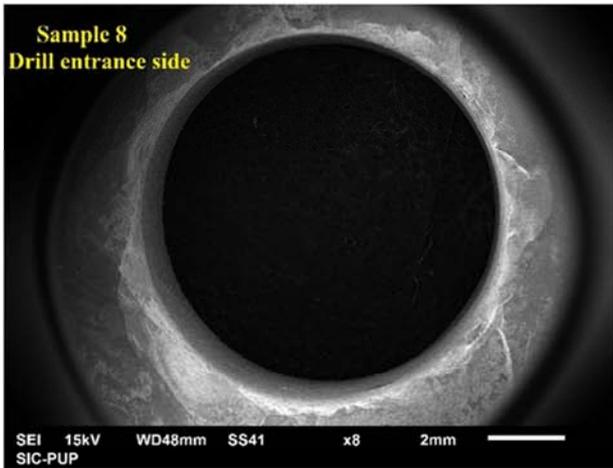


Figure 16. Microstructure of sample 26 at 2500x.

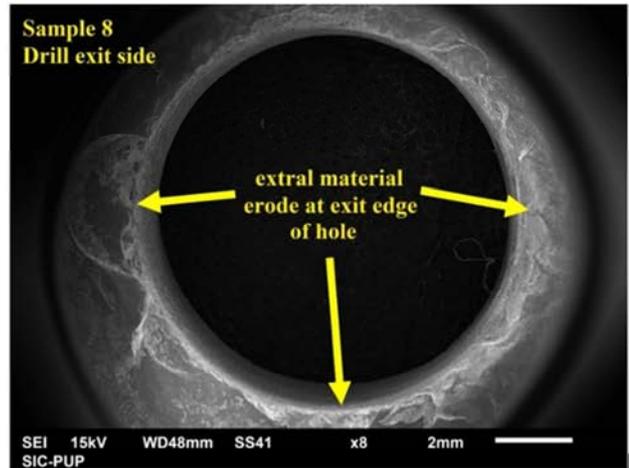
### 6.2. Acrylic Heat Resistant Glass

After machining, selected samples were examined through SEM (Model 435 VP, LEO) to investigate the SR. In USM, SR characteristics are generally affected by abrasive and grit size [16]. Figure 17 shows the machined (AHRG) sample of experiment 8 and microstructure at 8x magnification. Sample was machined by 20% concentration,  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_2C$  mixed abrasive, 60 power rating, 600 coarse grit, 1% HF acid concentration and HCS tool. Almost straight cylindrical profile has been observed and exit side have some uneven erosion area, due to non-uniform tool wear. Figure 18 shows the microstructure of sample 08 at 2500x, some major cracks on machined surface are found.

The USM machined sample of trail 16, input parameters are 30% concentration,  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_2C$  mixed abrasive, 20 power rating, 400 grit size, 0.5% HF acid concentration and HCS tool were used for machining. Figure 21 shows the machined sample and microstructure hole of trail 19, in which excess material was removed at exit side. Figure 20 shows the microstructure of trail 16. Some fracture are tool place at cutting zone.



(a)



(b)

Figure 17. USM machined sample of trail 26 and microstructure of hole at 8x (entrance and exit side).

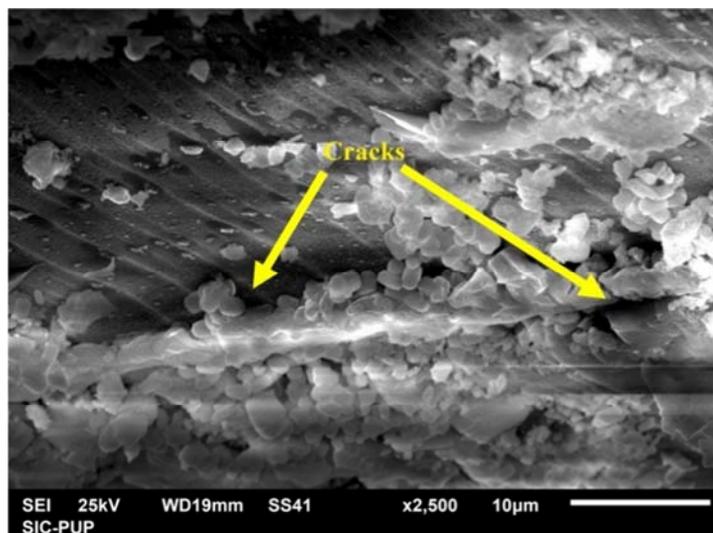


Figure 18. Microstructure of sample 26 at 2500x.

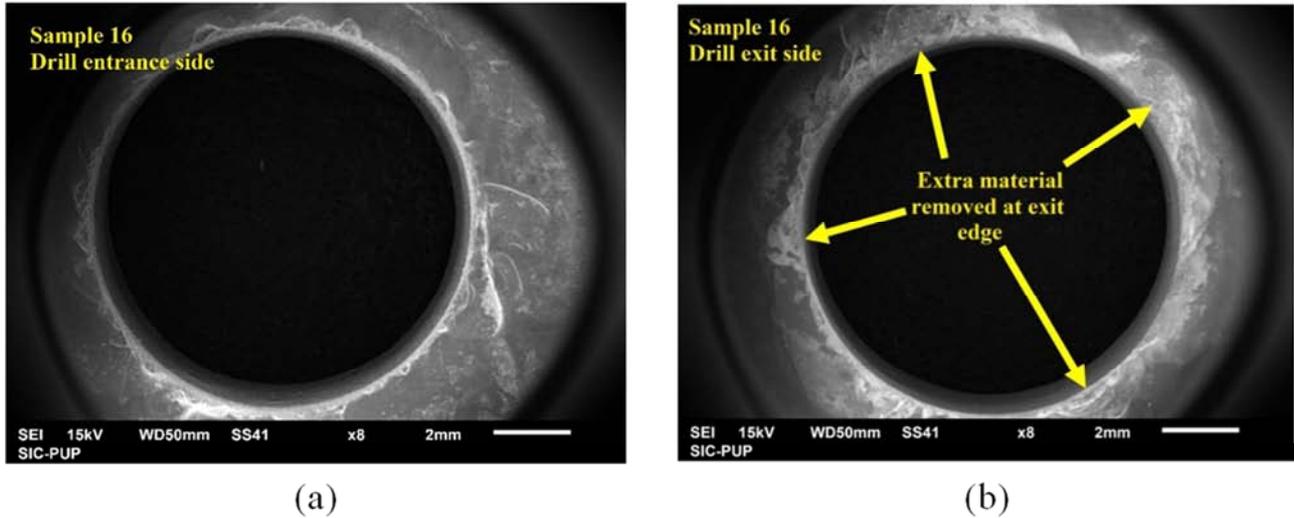


Figure 19. USM machined sample of trail 26 and microstructure of hole at 8x (entrance and exit side).

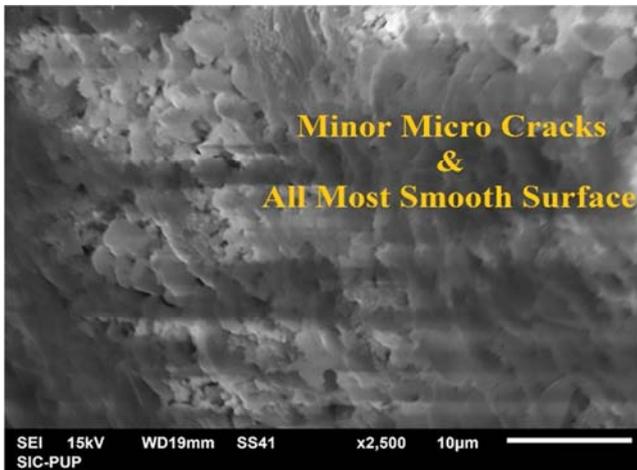


Figure 20. Microstructure of sample 26 at 2500x.

## 7. Multi-Response Optimization

In USM, SR is the most significant output responses. Under particular setting of machining, minimum SR cannot be achieved. For commercial utilization, it is essential to optimize the multiple responses concurrently. In this regards, GRA approach is employed for multi response optimization.

### 7.1. Grey Relational Method

GRA is an effective method, it is used to solve the complicated inter-relationship of data. The main advantages of GRA methods are; easy to apply, gives accurate results, simple to computation. For commercial manufacturing problems, GRA method gives best decisions [87, 88, 89, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96].

In GRA approach, the experimental results data is normalized and fit in a range of 0 to 1. GRC is calculate through normalized data, it represent relationship between required and actual experimental results. For SR “Lower-the-best” type response is considered.

Lower-the-best response for SR has been scaled by Eq. 2

[90, 91, 92];

$$\chi_{ZJV}^* = \frac{\text{Min.}\chi_{ZJi}}{\chi_{Ji}} \quad (2)$$

Where;  $\text{Min}\chi_{ZJi} = \text{Min} \{Z_{1Ji}, Z_{2Ji}, \dots, Z_{MJi}\}$  and  $\text{Max}\chi_{ZJi} = \text{Max} \{Z_{1Ji}, Z_{2Ji}, \dots, Z_{MJi}\}$

The GRC ( $\zeta_{ZJ}$ ) for  $J^{\text{th}}$  response in  $Z^{\text{th}}$  trail can be calculated by Eq. 3 [90, 91, 92];

$$\zeta_{ZJ} = \frac{\Delta_J^{\text{Min}} + \xi\Delta_J^{\text{Max}}}{\Delta_{ZJ} + \xi\Delta_J^{\text{Max}}} \quad (3)$$

Where,  $\Delta_{ZJ} = |1 - \chi_{ZJV}|$ ,  $\Delta_J^{\text{Min}} = \text{Min} \{ \Delta_{1J}, \Delta_{2J}, \dots, \Delta_{MJ} \}$ ,  $\Delta_J^{\text{Max}} = \text{Max} \{ \Delta_{1J}, \Delta_{2J}, \dots, \Delta_{MJ} \}$  and  $\xi$  is stated as distinguishing coefficient ( $\xi \in [0,1]$ ), and usually its value is set as 0.5. It is used as a modification factors to the range of GRC. The GRG is calculated by equation 5 [90, 91 92], considering the equal weightage for SR. Table 5 shows the GRA calculation data. The mean of output response or GRG for each level of input factors is shown in table 5.

$$\text{GRG}_z = \sum_{J=1}^n W_J \times \zeta_{ZJ} \quad (4)$$

Figure 21 shows the mean effect plot for GRG. Higher value of GRG reflects the closeness to the idealistic characteristics. The optimum level of input parameters corresponding to maximum average GRG are  $A_3B_3C_2D_3E_1F_3$ . The optimum parameter setting is; 40% concentration,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{SiC} + \text{B}_4\text{C}$  mixed abrasive, 40% power rating, 600 grit size, 1% HF acid and HSTS tool. The confirmation experiment with optimum setting was also performed. The experimental value of PBPG SR and AHRG SR at optimum setting were found to be 0.71 micron and 0.66 micron respectively.

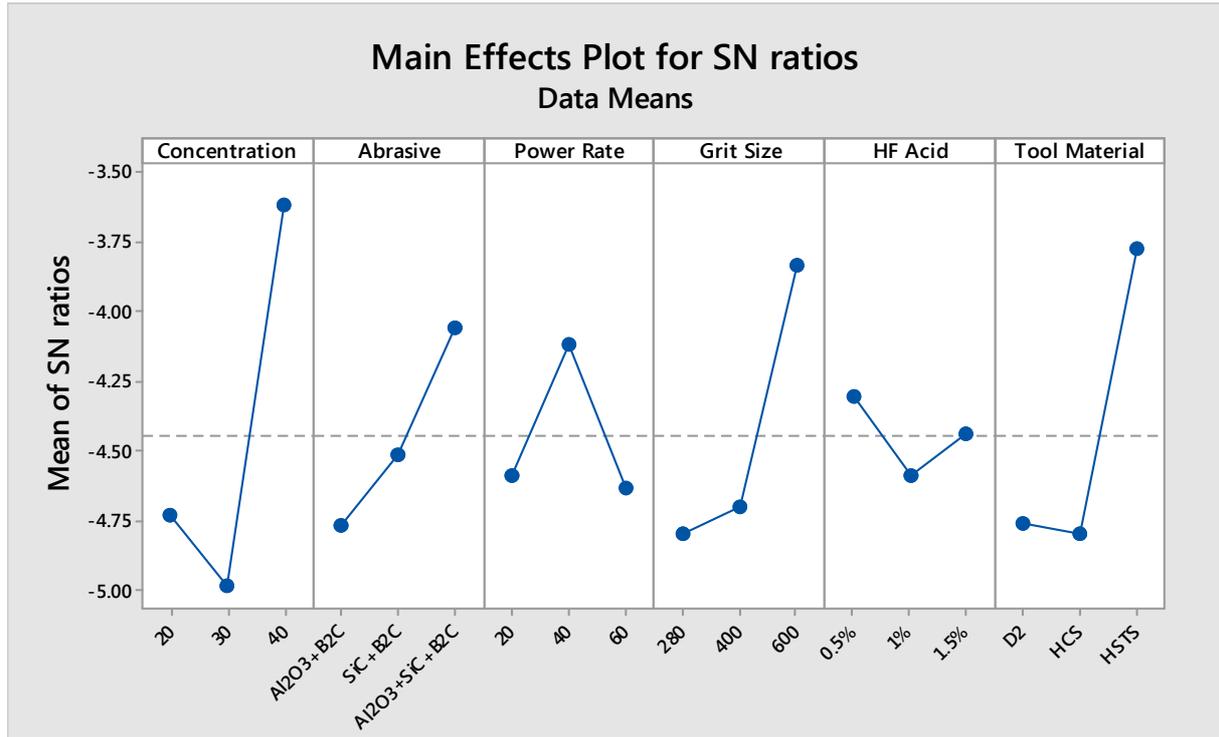


Figure 21. Mean effect plot of GRG, Optimum setting A<sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>3</sub>E<sub>1</sub>F<sub>3</sub>.

Table 5. Computed data for GRA.

Trail	Normalized Value PBPG	AHRG	GRC PBPG	AHRG	GRG
1	0.32584	0.6129	0.4258	0.3870	0.4942
2	0	0	0.3333	1	0.4752
3	0.4943	0.4731	0.4972	0.5268	0.6267
4	0.3932	0.3763	0.4517	0.6236	0.5639
5	0.2022	0.1935	0.3852	0.8064	0.5712
6	0.3033	0.2903	0.4174	0.7096	0.6074
7	0.5955	0.5698	0.5527	0.4301	0.6540
8	0.4831	0.4623	0.4917	0.5376	0.5702
9	0.6404	0.6129	0.5816	0.3870	0.6923
10	0.6966	0.8924	0.6223	0.1075	0.5997
11	0.5842	0.559	0.5460	0.4406	0.6362
12	0.7640	0.7311	0.6793	0.2688	0.5793
13	0.4494	0.4301	0.4759	0.5698	0.5191
14	0.1011	0.0967	0.3574	0.9032	0.5504
15	0.6067	0.5806	0.5597	0.4193	0.5076
16	0.4719	0.4516	0.4863	0.5483	0.5708
17	0.3033	0.2903	0.4178	0.7096	0.6077
18	0.4269	0.4086	0.4659	0.5913	0.5133
19	0.8314	1	0.7479	0	0.6691
20	0.6629	0.6344	0.5973	0.3655	0.5320
21	0.8651	0.8279	0.7876	0.1720	0.6177
22	0.8089	0.7741	0.7235	0.2258	0.7094
23	1	0.9569	1	0.0430	0.6814
24	0.9438	0.9032	0.8989	0.0967	0.6798
25	0.9775	0.9354	0.9569	0.0645	0.7495
26	0.8988	0.8602	0.8317	0.1397	0.7217
27	0.8539	0.8172	0.7739	0.1827	0.5988

Table 6. Response table for mean of the GRG.

Level	Concentration	Abrasive	Power rating	Grit size	HF acid	Tool material
1	0.583	0.581	0.595	0.582	0.614*	0.583
2	0.565	0.599	0.625*	0.583	0.594	0.578
3	0.662*	0.631*	0.590	0.644*	0.602	0.649*

**Table 7.** Predicted and confirmation results at optimum setting.

Output response	Predicted Value PBPG $A_3 B_3 C_2 D_3 E_1 F_3$	Predicted Value AHRG $A_3 B_3 C_1 D_3 E_2 F_3$	Confirmation results PBPG $A_3 B_3 C_2 D_3 E_1 F_3$	Confirmation results AHRG $A_3 B_3 C_2 D_3 E_1 F_3$
SR	1.19 micron	1.27 micron	0.71 micron	0.66 micron

**Table 8.** Summary of selected research papers on USM of glass material.

Sr. No	Author (s)	Work material	Input factors	Output factors and Optimized Results	Results or conclusion
1.	K. Singh et al. 2016 [53]	Glass	Abrasive ( $Al_2O_3$ , SiC, Mixture) Power rating 60 Grit 280 Concentration 30% HF acid 2%	MRR = 21 $mm^3/min$ , TWR = 1.02 $mm^3/min$ , SR = 1.02 micron	CUSM gives more MRR as compare to USM. Better SR is achieved in CUSM. High concentration of HF acid increase the TWR.
2.	K. Singh et al. 2015 [51]	Glass	Abrasive ( $Al_2O_3$ , SiC, Mixture) Power rating 40 Grit 400 Concentration 30% HF acid 2%	SR = 0.98 micron, MRR = 28 $mm^3/min$ ,	HF acid in Alumina, SiC and Alumina + SiC abrasive improve the SR 33.86%, 22.84% and 55.43%, Similarly Improve MRR 31.85%, 40.82% and 64.08% respectively.
3.	J. Kumar and J. S Khamba 2009 [66]	Carbide glass, HCS, HSS, Al and Ti	Work material (HCS, HSS, Al, Titanium, Carbide, Glass) Tool material (HCS, Titanium, Titanium alloy) Abrasive ( $Al_2O_3$ , SiC, $B_4C$ ) Grit size (220, 320, 500) Tool geometry (Solid 8mm, Solid 4mm, Hollow 8/4)	MRR = 21.07 $mm^3/min$ , TWR = 1.9 $mm^3/min$ ,	For tool wear, tool geometry 35.37%, grit size 20.12% and abrasive 19.95% were the significant factor. For material removal; work material 79%, tool geometry 10.86% and grit size 5.50% significant factor. For TWR; work material was most significant factor.
4.	J. P. Choi et al. 2007 [21]	Glass	Abrasive = SiC Static load = 0.1 gf HF acid = 3-5%, grit, Thickness of material (0.5 to 1.75 mm)	MRR increased 200%, SR improved 40%,	HF acid improve the MRR upto 200%, CUSM gives better SR as compare to USM and static load decreased dramatically.
5.	P. L. Guzzo et al. 2003 [17]	Soda lime glass, Alumina, Zirconia, LiF Quartz and Ferrite	Grit size (6, 15, 25, 35 and 50 $\mu m$ ) Abrasive ( $Al_2O_3$ , SiC, $B_4C$ )	MRR = 3.4 $\mu m/s$ SR = 1.2 micron	MRR is inversely proportional to depth of cut in alumina, zircona and quartz material, in other material it may be constant. MRR and SR dependent on H/E ratio.
6.	M. Komaraiah and P. Narasimha 1993 [18]	Glass	Tool material and tool motion (stationary and rotary)	MRR = 1.2 log MRR ( $mm^3/min$ ) TWR = 0.6 log TWR ( $mm^3/min$ )	Decreasing order of tool performance according to TWR; nimonic-80 A > thoriated tungsten > sliver steel > maraging steel > stainless steel > titanium > mild steel. Higher MRR gives high TWR.
7.	M. Komaraiah et al. 1988 [33]	Glass, Ferrite, Porcelain, alumina and carbide	Work material and tool material	MRR = $mm^3/min$ 11.48 SR = 1.8 Micron Out of roundness = 0.085 mm	Higher H/E ratio material gives higher MRR and higher out-of roundness. RUSM gives better results as compare to simple USM.
8.	M. Adithan and V. C. Venkatesh 1976 [57]	Glass	Tool material = mild steel, silver steel, tungsten carbide and Stainless steel Abrasive = SiC and $B_4C$ Grit Size = 280 and 600 Static load Work material = glass and porcelain Thickness of material = 0.50 to 2.25 mm	TWR = 0.84 $mm^3/min$ Out of roundness = 0.092 mm	Oversize of hole and conicity effects are increased with higher static load and machining time. It also depends upon the brittle fracture characteristics and grain structure of work material.
9.	M. Adithan 1974 [37]	Glass and porcelain	Tool material = Mild stel, Silver steel, stainless steel and tungsten carbide Abrasive = $Al_2O_3$ , SiC and $B_4C$ Grit Size = 280 and 600	MRR = 1.54 $mm^3/min$ TWR = 0.2 $mm^3/min$	Tool wear rate increase with increase in static load. $B_4C$ abrasive gives more TWR as compare to $Al_2O_3$ and SiC
10.	A. Schorderet et al 2013 [67]	Glass	Abrasive = $B_4C$ Concentration 10% Grit size = 5 $\mu m$ Tool Material = WC, HSS	MRR (WC) = 0.0149 $mm^3/min$ TWR (WC) = 5.3 $\mu m/s$	Twisted gouges drill gives better result as compare to plain drill. High flow rate remove the debris at machining zone.

## 8. Conclusion

Surface roughness is generally effected by abrasive type, grit size and HF concentration. Harder abrasive like SiC gives the poor surface roughness. Cores grit size abrasive improve material removal rate, but decrease surface smoothness. In other hand, fine grit size abrasive gives fine surface finish, but produce low material removal rate. HF acid is the most significant parameter in machining of glass, polycarbonate and acrylic materials. It reduce the crack formation at cutting zone.

From mathematical modeling, it observed that harder abrasive particles produce indent in material as well as tool. So that material removal rate is directly proportional to tool wear rate. Higher material removal rate encourage higher tool wear rate and gives poor surface finish.

MRR and TWR is generally effected by layers of glass and polycarbonate materials. Because, indentation is proportional to fracture and hardness of material. High hardness material gives better MRR.  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_4C$  mixed abrasive slurry and high power rating boost the MRR, results in a corresponding high wear occur at tool. Grit size have significant role in machining, higher grit size gives better MRR. But, it also encourage the tool wear. Fine grit produce low TWR, high SR and lower MRR. HF acid enhance the MRR of glass material. High concentration of HF acid is harmful for user and it also damage the machine and equipment.

Harder tool gives lower TWR, high speed tool steel is best for the machining of glass and polycarbonate material. It produce lower tool wear and higher material removal rate. Optimum setting for minimum SR (in PBPG and AHRG) was 40% concentration,  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_4C$  mixed abrasive, 20% power rating, 600 grit size, 1% HF acid and HSTS tool. For multi-response optimization, the experiment setting were; 40% concentration,  $Al_2O_3+SiC+B_4C$  mixed abrasive, 40% power rating, 600 grit size, 0.5% HF acid and HSTS tool. Through GRA approach, surface finish improved by 40% and 48% in polycarbonate bullet proof (UL-752) and acrylic heat resistant (BS-476) glass respectively.

## Abbreviation

CUSM	Chemical assisted ultrasonic machining
PBPG	Polycarbonate bullet proof (UL-752) glass
AHRG	Acrylic heat resistant (BS-476) glass
HF	Hydrofluoric
MRR	Material removal rate
TWR	Tool wear rate
SR	Surface roughness
DOE	Design of experiment
DOF	Degree of freedom
OA	Orthogonal array
GRA	Grey relation analysis
GRC	Grey relation coefficient
GRG	Grey relation grade
F	Fisher's test
S/N	Signal to noise ratio

ANOVA	Analysis of variance
SEM	Scanning electron microscope

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