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## STATIC AND MODAL ANALYSIS OF HIGH-SPEED CNC MILLING SPINDLE

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**Abstract:** The current paper analysis minimum static deflection of high-speed milling spindle at different span length bearing. The spindle design running at 12000 rpm with power rating of 25 Kw and the bearing angular contact value are 15°, the main spindle shaft is design for tool holders HSK-A 63. Static and dynamic analysis have an important role in estimating stresses, strains and displacements of the high speed milling spindle, where the static analysis can determinate the system rigidity and dynamic analysis show the natural frequencies and different mode of shape at different of speed of the milling spindle and obtain frequency response function. Further we evaluate the deflection nose, static and modal analysis by theoretical calculations and comparison with SolidWorks Simulation results.

**Key words:** static deflection, high speed milling, bearing stiffness, SolidWorks Simulation, design spindle, bearing arrangements.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The machine tools industry is an important sector in mechanical and industrial engineering. Machine tools have a strategic and well-established position in the global industry, and with their help we can produce almost all equipment, parts and machinery needed in production. They are present in all processes including metal and among objects containing parts made using machine tools we can mention the following: different machines, turbines, planes, trains, clocks, earthmoving equipment, etc.

Because of these important aspects of machine tools, the global manufacturers and companies which deal with the development and construction of their, are focus in the background on the protection of knowledge or better says the protection of the "know-how". Currently, machine tool building industry worldwide is in constant development and is supported by growing demand that apparently is hardly satisfied. The big players in the world who development these machine tools are in a competition, which leads to a continuous development which increasing the productivity, quality, and economic satisfaction.

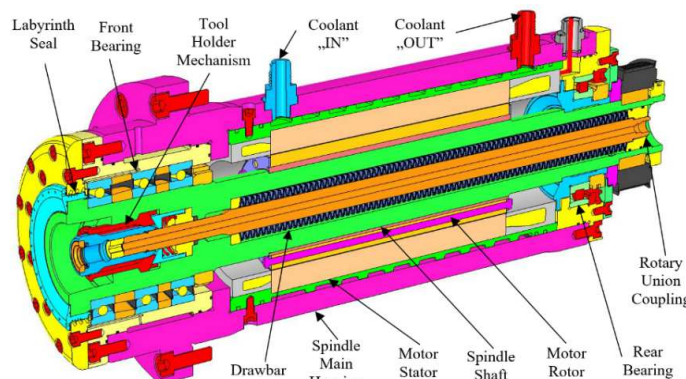


Fig. 1. High frequency milling spindle arrangements



for power constant  $C = 1,08$ , and tool wear factor at light or medium milling  $W = 1,25$  [7].

$$Q = \frac{s \cdot b \cdot t}{60000}, P_a = K_p \cdot C \cdot Q \cdot W \quad (1)$$

$$F_T = \frac{6120 \cdot P_a}{v_a}, F_R = 0,15 \cdot F_T, F_A = 0,55 \cdot F_T \quad (2)$$

Determination cutting force components for end milling tool, who has 4 cutting teeth, cutting diameter  $D = 20$  mm, depth of the milling  $b = 25$  mm, cutting parameters recommended by manufacturers: cutting speed  $v_a = 290$  m/min, feed  $s_d = 0,07$  mm/tooth, cutting depth  $t = 3$  mm [6]. The processed material is carbon steel with a hardness of between 180-280 HB, where power constant  $K_p = 2,35$ , feed factor for power constants  $C = 1,08$  and tool wear factor at light or medium milling  $W = 1,25$  [7].

$$F_R = 0,55 \cdot F_T, F_A = 0,25 \cdot F_T \quad (3)$$

Where,  $Q$  is metal removal rate,  $F_T$  is tangential cutting force,  $F_R$  is radial cutting force,  $F_A$  is axial cutting force.

Table 2

Value result of cutting force components		
Cutting force components	Face milling	End milling
Tangential cutting force: $F_T$ [N]	2671,527	1406,655
Radial cutting force: $F_R$ [N]	935,034	773,665
Axial cutting force: $F_A$ [N]	1469,339	351,666

### 2.3 Bearing rigidity and arrangements

For providing rotational movements of the main shaft on a machining center, it takes the bearing systems that must meet certain requirements as follows: to withstand high speeds, to withstand heavy loads and shocks, high accuracy, low noise, reliability and high efficiency, low heating, low cost. The bearing arrangements following figure 5, with triplet bearing set at the front, in which one pair of angular contact ball bearing are arranged in tandem with respect to each other and back to back to a single angular contact ball bearing and a single radial cylindrical roller bearing at the rear mounted [8].

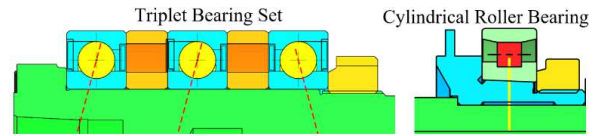


Fig. 5. Bearing arrangements at the front and the rear of main spindle

For the front bearing S7013 CB/HCP4A, axial stiffness for medium preloading, class C, has value  $C_a=158$  N/ $\mu$ m and radial stiffness can be calculated:

$$C_r = 6 \cdot C_a = 948 \frac{N}{\mu m} \quad (4)$$

Table 3

Technical specification of front bearing and rear bearing

Type and Specification	S7013 CB/HCP4A	N 1013 KTNHA/HC5SP
Size Details [mm]	d= 65, D= 100, B= 18	d= 65, D= 100, B= 18
Load Rating Static $C_0$ [kN]	41,6	56
Load Rating Dynamic C [kN]	37,5	44
Attainable Speed [rpm]	16000	17000
Type of Lubrication	grease	grease
Mass [kg]	0.36	0.39

For bearings that have angular contact value  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ , the axial stiffness and radial stiffness of the bearing set is calculated by:

$$C_{a-set} = 1,64 \cdot C_a = 259,12 \frac{N}{\mu m} \quad (5)$$

$$C_{r-set} = 6 \cdot C_{a-set} = 1554,72 \frac{N}{\mu m} \quad (6)$$

Where,  $C_a$  is axial stiffness of bearing,  $C_r$  is radial stiffness of bearing,  $C_{a-set}$  is axial stiffness of bearing set,  $C_{r-set}$  is radial stiffness of bearing set.

Table 4

Stiffness of front bearing and rear bearing

Type and Specification	S7013 CB/HCP4A	N1013 KTNHA/HC5SP
Axial Stiffness	158 N/ $\mu$ m	-
Radial Stiffness	948 N/ $\mu$ m	930 N/ $\mu$ m
Axial Stiffness of Bearing set	259,12 N/ $\mu$ m	-
Radial Stiffness of Bearing set	1554,72 N/ $\mu$ m	-

### 3. THEORETICAL CALCULATIONS OF DEFLECTIONS

In order to calculate the total deformation  $\delta$  of the main spindle system, we must take into consideration two type of deformation: an elastic deformation of the spindle shaft under the action of cutting forces,  $\delta_1$  and one due to the elasticity of the bearing,  $\delta_2$  [2][3].

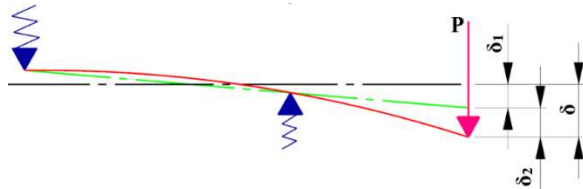


Fig. 6. Total spindle shaft and bearing deformation

$$\delta = \delta_1 + \delta_2 \tag{7}$$

$$\delta = P \left[ \frac{1}{S_A} \left( \frac{a+L}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{S_B} \left( \frac{a}{L} \right)^2 + \frac{a^2}{3 \cdot E} \left( \frac{L}{I_L} + \frac{a}{I_a} \right) \right] \tag{8}$$

Where, P are cutting force in N, SA is the stiffness of the front bearing set in N/mm, SB is the stiffness of the rear bearing in N/mm, IL are the second moment of area of the spindle shaft at the span in mm<sup>4</sup>, Ia are the second moment of area of the spindle shaft at the overhang in mm<sup>4</sup>, a is the length of overhang in mm, L is bearing span in mm, E is Young’s modulus of spindle shaft in N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

Due to the design constraints related to the size of the motor integrated in the high-speed spindle with the following characteristics: P = 25

Kw, n = 12000 rpm, the minimum distance possible between the bearing of the front and rear is L0 = 367.5 mm, and analytical calculation will concentrate on three variants or models.

Table 5

Spindle shaft length and bearing span used for analytical calculation and FEM simulation

Variants	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Spindle shaft length L-shaft [mm]	500	650	800
Bearing span [mm]	L0: 367,5	L1: 517,5	L2: 667,5

Considering as input data:

- SA = 1554720 N/mm; SB = 930000 N/mm;
- E = 210000 N/mm<sup>2</sup>; Ia = 762306,564 mm<sup>4</sup>;
- IL = 248582,396 mm<sup>4</sup>.

For the calculation of the static deflection on the spindle nose will be considered only the radial force cutting, P for face milling and end milling, subsequently being involved all input data and lengths required for each model of the span bearing being replaced in the equation (8). The results for the calculation of the static deflection are displayed in table 6.

If increase the distance of the bearing span will negatively and directly proportionally influence, by increasing the deformation at the spindle nose and decreasing its rigidity of the spindle shaft.

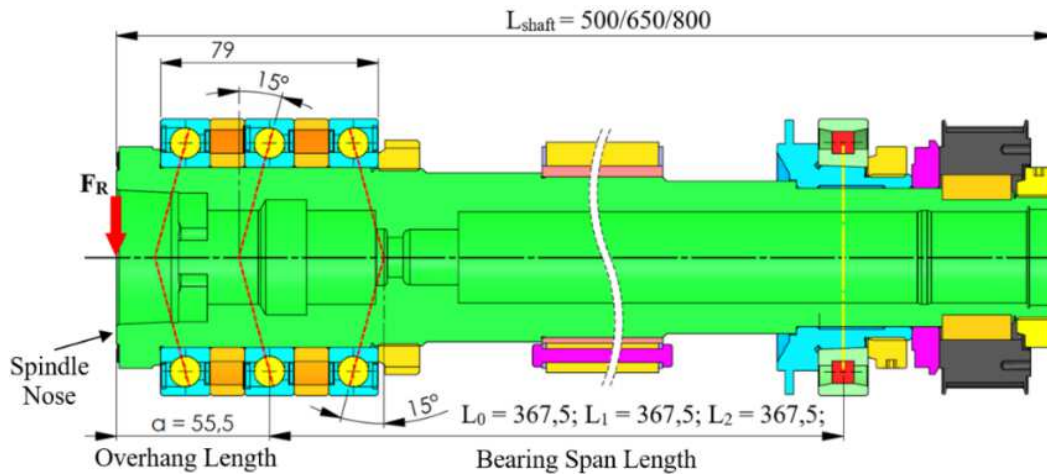


Fig. 7. Highlighting the main spindle shaft with different lengths of bearing span

Table 6

Theoretical results for static deflection on the spindle nose for each models of span bearing

Milling Operation	Radial cutting force $F_R$ [N]	Model 1 $L_0=367,5$ [mm]		Model 2 $L_1=517,5$ [mm]		Model 3 $L_2=667,5$ [mm]	
		Theoretical Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Spindle Stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]	Theoretical Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Spindle Stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]	Theoretical Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	Spindle stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]
Face Milling	935,034	7,91	118,209	10,59	88,294	13,32	70,197
End Milling	773,665	6,54	118,297	8,76	88,317	11,02	70,205

#### 4. STATIC ANALYSIS OF SPINDLE ASSEMBLY BY FEM

The finite element analysis method is a numerical analysis solution that can be used to solve of large engineering problems, which may involve analysis of stress, heat transfer or magnetic phenomena. This method is very effective in solving problems such as calculation of specific displacements or deformations, reaction forces, efforts, and safety factors.

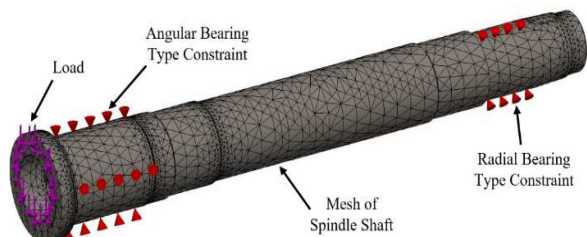


Fig. 8. Meshing and bearing constraints applied to the spindle shaft

loads, see figure 8. Setting the constraints for our system involves applying radial force on the spindle nose and setting the bearing type constraints in their seating area [9].

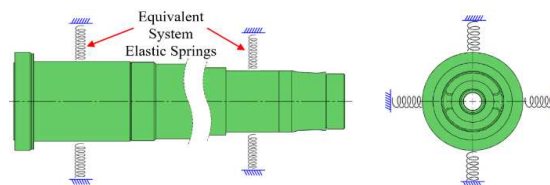


Fig. 9. Equivalent system of the main spindle attached by elastic springs

The application of the bearing type constraints on the 3D model is in fact the realization of an equivalent system attached by elastic springs, see figure 9, that has the radial rigidity and the axial rigidity taken from the bearing, mentioned in table 4. In SolidWorks Simulation give the degrees of freedom as  $U_x, U_y, U_z=0$  and  $ROT_x, ROT_y, ROT_z=1$ .

Table 7

Material and meshing properties

Models	1	2	3
Nodes	84382	88562	91345
Elements	51557	53602	55732
Material properties	Youngs module [MPa]	Density [ $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ]	Poisson's ratio
	$210 \times 10^3$	7800	0.3

The analytical calculations performed, we must consider that are theoretical and approximate and for their verification and further comparison we will perform the same calculations transposed in the finite element analysis. To perform a FEM study of linear static analysis it is necessary to perform the following steps: creating the mesh of a cad model, setting the material properties, apply the constrains and

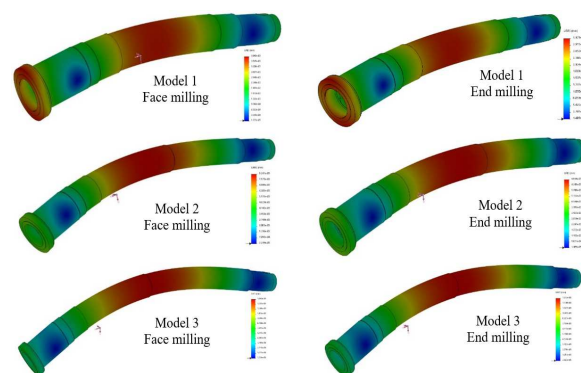


Fig. 10. FEM results for nose deflection of spindle shaft

Finite element analysis was also performed for the three models studied analytically previously, to determine the von Mises stresses and the displacements, see table 8, this led to the strengthening of results and conclusions.

Regarding the evolution of von Mises stresses, the highest value recorded after simulations of the spindles was  $1,152e+07 \text{ N/m}^2$ , in conclusion, this value doesn't exceed the material yield stress of  $5.905e+08 \text{ N/m}^2$ .

Table 8

FEM results for static deflection on the spindle nose for each models of span bearing

Details and results	Milling Operation	
	Face Milling	End Milling
Radial cutting force $F_R$ [N]	935,034	773,665
<b>Model 1: <math>L_0=367,5</math> [mm]</b>		
FEM Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	3,84	3,17
Spindle Stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]	243,498	244,058
<b>Model 2: <math>L_1=517,5</math> [mm]</b>		
FEM Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	5,39	4,45
Spindle Stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]	173,475	173,857
<b>Model 3: <math>L_2=667,5</math> [mm]</b>		
FEM Deflection [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	7,11	131,509
Spindle stiffness [ $\text{N}/\mu\text{m}$ ]	5,87	131,799

### 5. MODAL ANALYSIS OF SPINDLE ASSEMBLY

Modal analysis is the process of determining all the modal parameters, including also of natural frequencies. This analysis leads to prevent cracking of parts due to resonance phenomena. Any structure subjected to frequencies tends to vibrate and this analysis leads to prevent cracking of parts due to resonance phenomena. These frequencies that lead to the vibration of the structure are called natural frequencies and occur when no external disturbances act on the structure because they result from their own elastic and inertial forces. For each natural frequency that leads to the vibration of the structure, it is assigned its own mode of vibration. The main purpose of a modal

analysis is to find its own vibration frequencies and avoid possible resonance phenomena. Figure 11 shows different mode shapes at different natural frequencies of spindle shaft for bearing span model 1 and we have got six natural frequencies, for the other two models are similarly analysed.

Mode shapes mainly depend on the density of the material, boundary conditions, stiffness of the shaft, the following table shows natural frequencies for all three models at different bearing span.

One of the requirements of the designed shaft is rated speed to be 12000 rpm, respectively the frequency will be 200 Hz.

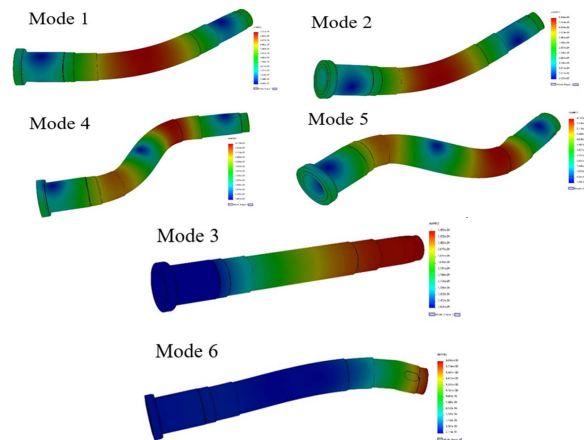


Fig. 11. Natural Frequencies and mode shapes for span bearing model 1

As can be seen in the results of this study, none of the six natural frequencies obtained by finite element analysis, for the three spindle variants, doesn't approach the spindle shaft frequency, during the milling operation. From this point of view, any of the three studied models will not reach the resonance phenomenon, as can be seen in table 9.

Table 9

Modal analysis results for each models of span bearing

Natural Frequency and mode shapes	Number of modes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Natural Frequency in Hz for model 1	893,29	893,37	949,26	3033,2	3033,7	3977
Mode shapes for model 1	Bending	Bending	Elongation	Buckling	Buckling	Bending
Natural Frequency in Hz for model 2	468,56	468,82	836,51	1712,4	1712,7	3450,1
Mode shapes for model 2	Bending	Bending	Elongation	Buckling	Buckling	Buckling
Natural Frequency in Hz for model 3	285,26	285,37	751,46	1087	1087	2260
Mode shapes for model 3	Bending	Bending	Elongation	Buckling	Buckling	Buckling

## 6. CONCLUSION

The analytical study and finite element analysis were performed on three-shaft models for two milling operations and with different bearing lengths, but with unchanged rigidity values for bearings. The value of span length bearing is imposed constructively by the chosen integrated motor and the minimum value is 367,5 mm.

According to the study, the precision of the main spindle is closely related to its stiffness, where the overall stiffness of the shaft is influenced by span length between the bearing and the rigidity of the front and rear bearings.

With increasing the span length bearing, spindle stiffness and deflection on the spindle nose also increase.

Static analysis of spindle assembly and modal analysis was carried out by using SolidWorks Simulation and the results give a good correlation between theoretical calculation and simulation results, see the summary of results in table 10.

The optimal spindle shaft variant of the study is model 1 who have a span length bearing 367,5 mm with a stiffness of 243,498 N/ $\mu$ m and deflection on the spindle nose of 3.84  $\mu$ m for face milling, and stiffness of 244,058 N/ $\mu$ m and deflection on the spindle nose of 3.17 $\mu$ m, see table 11.

Further studies will be done on the rigidity of the high-speed spindles for CNC machine tools and how it is influenced when they have attached tool holders and tools with significant lengths.

Table 10

Results of theoretical study and finite element analysis						
Operation	Face milling			End milling		
Model	Model 1: L <sub>0</sub> =367,5 [mm]	Model 2: L <sub>1</sub> =517,5 [mm]	Model 3: L <sub>2</sub> =667,5 [mm]	Model 1: L <sub>0</sub> =367,5 [mm]	Model 2: L <sub>1</sub> =517,5 [mm]	Model 3: L <sub>2</sub> =667,5 [mm]
Radial cutting force	935,034 [N]			773,665 [N]		
<b>Theoretical analysis</b>	<b>. Theoretical/Analytical results for static deflection on the spindle nose</b>					
Deflection [ $\mu$ m]	7,91	10,59	13,32	6,54	8,76	11,02
Stiffness [N/ $\mu$ m]	118,209	88,294	70,197	118,297	88,317	70,205
<b>FEM analysis</b>	<b>FEM results for static deflection on the spindle nose</b>					
Deflection [ $\mu$ m]	3,84	5,39	7,11	3,17	4,45	5,87
Stiffness [N/ $\mu$ m]	243,498	173,475	131,509	244,058	173,857	131,799

Table 11

Deflection and stiffness value for optimized configuration – model 1				
Operation	Theoretical		SolidWorks Simulation	
	Deflection [ $\mu$ m]	Stiffness [N/ $\mu$ m]	Deflection [ $\mu$ m]	Stiffness [N/ $\mu$ m]
Face milling	7,91	118,209	3,84	243,498
End milling	6,54	118,297	3,17	244,058

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### **Analiza statică și modală pentru un arbore principal de frezat CNC**

**Rezumat:** *Lucrarea curentă analizează deformația statică minimă, a unui arbore principal de frezat pentru diferite poziții și distanțe ale rulmenților. Arborele este proiectat să funcționeze la 12000 rpm având puterea nominală de 25 Kw iar unghiul de contact al rulmenților fiind de 15°, design-ul cartușului este realizat pentru port-scule de tipul HSK-A 63. Analizele statice și dinamice au un rol important în estimarea tensiunilor, a rezistenței precum și a deformațiilor arborelui principal de frezat, unde analiza statică poate determina rigiditatea sistemului iar analiza dinamică ne arată frecvențele naturale, modurile de vibrație la diferite turații ale arborelui de frezat și funcția de răspuns la frecvență. Mai departe se vor studia deformațiile flanșei de capăt al arborelui, analiza statică și modală prin calcule teoretice și compararea acestora cu rezultatele simulării din SolidWorks.*

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