



# ArcLub One

## Case study #3

Robotic drilling of 42CrMo4 steel with  $\text{LCO}_2$  + MQL greatly reduces the drilling torque, thrust force and temperature



### 1. Introduction

- Drilling with anthropomorphic robot is usually performed dry
- No lubrication, poor chip evacuation and cooling when drilling dry

### 2. Methods

- Through-tool delivery with ArcLub One
- Carbide drill bit, 4 mm
- $v_c = 30\text{-}70$  m/min;  $f = 0.1$  mm/rev
- Variation of cutting speed,  $\text{LCO}_2$  and MQL flow rates; thrust, torque, temperature measurements

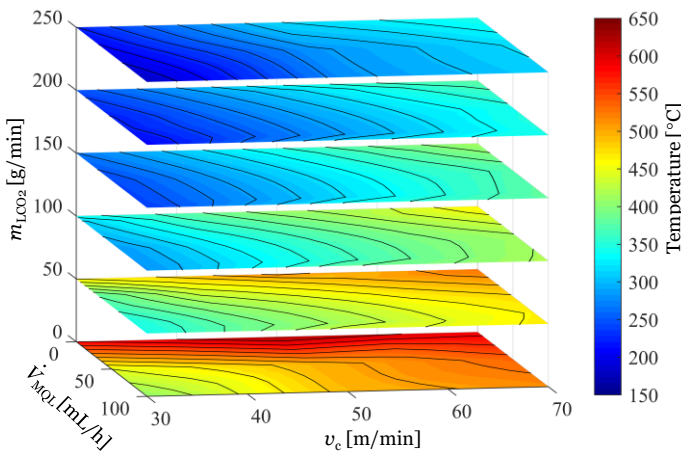


Figure 2. Drilling temperature at the drill exit point, dependent on cutting speed,  $\text{LCO}_2$  mass flow rate and MQL volumetric flow rate.

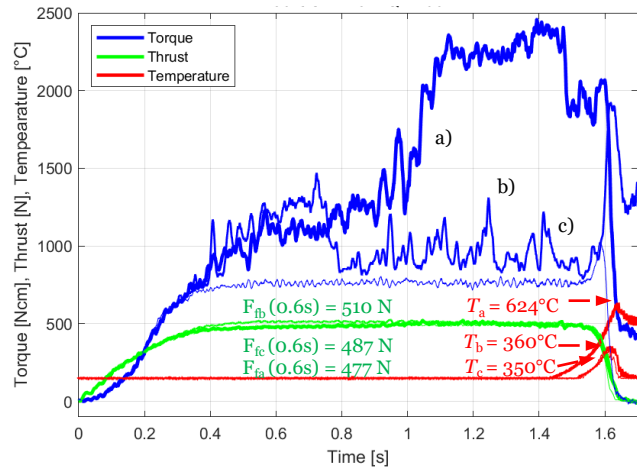


Figure 1. Drilling torque, thrust force and temperature when drilling 42CrMo4. a) Dry; b) Pure  $\text{LCO}_2$ ; c)  $\text{LCO}_2$  + MQL

### 3. Results

- Dry drilling – chip clogging (Fig 1a), high torque
- $\text{LCO}_2$  – torque reduced (Fig 1b), poor lubrication
- $\text{LCO}_2$  + MQL – stabilized torque values (Fig 1c)
- Finding ideal cutting temperature – effect of parameters (Fig 2) ...  $T_{ideal} = ??$

### 4. Discussion

- $\text{LCO}_2$  + MQL greatly improves drilling process
- Implementation for robotic drilling (composites, large structures)
- Adjustable cutting temperature - optimisation



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