

Smart Temperature Measurement System for Milling Process Application Based on MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer Sensor with Arduino

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ABSTRACT

Temperature measurement system on the manufacturing process of parts has become a smart measurement. This is applied in non-conventional machining processes and on the computer numerical control (CNC) machine. This system measures the temperature of the product during the machining process. Currently, Infrared Fusion using the Fluke Ti400 has been employing to measure temperature during the machining process. This measurement system is smart, only the temperature measurement data cannot link to the computer when the temperature measurement takes place. For this reason, the author conducts research on the measurement of the temperature of the CNC milling machining process on aluminum alloy material using the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer Sensor which is operated through Arduino. Through this tool, temperature measurement data is directly entered into the computer because the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer Sensor is compatible and linked to Microsoft Excel through Arduino. Arduino is an electronic device of microelectronic technology widely use with the microcontroller in applications based on the Internet of Things (IoT) in areas of health, agriculture, traffic monitoring, robotics and automation. However, in the field of machining, the use of Arduino based technology is still very limited. This paper presents a work-study on the performance of Arduino based temperature measuring system for milling process applications. Here, Arduino based temperature measuring system was proposed using an MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer sensor to capture workpiece temperature during machining processes where the measurement data were compared with Infrared Fusion of Fluke Ti400. Aluminum Alloy (AA6041) was used as the machining subject in this experiment. Measurement results from both devices showed similar accuracy level with a deviation of only around ± 2 oC. The MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer sensor that is Arduino compatible was designed as the temperature measuring system in the dry milling process for temperature measurement purpose. Temperature measurement using the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer sensor becomes smart because this device is compatible and linked to Microsoft Excel. This makes it convenient for retrieval of experimental results.

Keywords:

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1. Introduction

The temperature of the cutting process in manufacturing production is very important. This will cause changes in product behavior after completion of work. We need to pay attention when making finished products, to concern regarding temperature rise due to the impact of the machining process [1] that has negative consequences on the machining characteristic such as surface roughness especially that of Aluminum-based materials [2]. The cutting tool performance is certainly dependent on the form stability of the geometry tools, the effectiveness working and thermal conductivity of the tool against the material processes that are either ferrous or non-ferrous. A temperature measuring system would monitor any temperature during the machining process. Through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) such tools as cloud computing including robotic and automation, Internet of Things (IoT) and machine learning have emerged as a possible solution for the temperature monitoring system of a machining process. These technologies make the manufacturing industry smart and capable of addressing current changes, such as improved quality, increasingly customized requirements and reduced time, but certainly, the product would being affordable price [3].

The MLX90614 infrared thermometer is a contactless temperature sensor module for Arduino compatible device. An infrared thermometer works to measure the object temperature by the infrared radiation in the form of an electromagnetic wave through the light emitted on the object [4]. MLX90614 is a powerful infrared sensing device with a very low noise amplifier with a 17 bit ADC. It utilizes non-contact temperature sensing to collect the temperature info without touching any surface of the object. It enables to obtain the measurement of high accuracy and resolution. It was calibrated with a digital System Management Bus (SMBus) from the factory in wide temperature ranges: $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the ambient temperature and $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $380\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the object temperature with being standard accuracy of $\pm 0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ around room temperatures. An accuracy of $\pm 0.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a limited temperature range around the human body temperature has been offered to a special version for medical applications exist [5].

Arduino possesses the technology of high-speed digital signal processing, minor cable wiring in communicating, then absolutely provides people with a convenient, rapid, effective and efficient method. It is determining the MLX 90614 Infrared Thermometer that linked to Microsoft Excel for retrieval temperature data due to the impact of milling process through temperature sensor module with Arduino making it more convenient in analyzing the data. To-date, many researchers have performed temperature data retrieval utilizing infrared Fluke Ti400 sensor.

In other fields, Arduino has been widely used in various fields of medicine [6] such as to develop heart rate and body temperature monitoring system [7], diseases of heart disease, diabetes etc [8]. In the field of power systems such as plantations thermal generator [9] and crop health monitoring [10]. Also in household devices [11, 12].

For this reason, researchers can apply knowledge of microcontrollers with various IoT-based sensors through the Arduino program. In the field of manufacturing, the researchers will respond in the use of microcontroller devices, especially in the machining process to utilize microcontrollers that can be compatible and linked to Microsoft excel to take the experiment data becoming smarter. Therefore, the author employs infrared sensors of MLX90614 with Arduino can determine the temperature measuring system on a milling process application would be better.

This paper arranges neatly as follows; Explanation MLX90614 is as an introduction, section 2 presents regarding materials and methods include measurement and methodology in explaining the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer based on Arduino that Compared by Fluke Ti400 in measuring the temperature of AA6041. In Section 3, to discuss the result data of temperature measurement then

analysis of it by comparing the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer toward Fluke Ti400 infrared fusion. The author made the conclusion in Section 4.

2. The Material and Method

The working principle of an infrared thermometer is based on black body radiation, with any material at temperatures above absolute zero having molecules moving in it. Molecules move faster when the temperature is higher. Molecules emit infrared radiation when they move, and emit more radiation, including visible light, when they become hotter. Elucidated [13] regarded the basic measurement equation for Infrared Thermometry as:

$$S(T) = \varepsilon S(T_{SURF}) + (1 - \varepsilon)S(T_{BG}) \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) elucidates both of the background temperature (TBG) and the temperature of the object being measured (TSURF) has been influenced by the signal for any measurement. While Sakuma-Hattori Equation in equation (2) at below revealed the problematic almost happened for the usage of handheld industrial type instruments like handphones. These instruments did not provide the A, B and C constants as in their equation.

$$L(\lambda, T) = \frac{c_1 L}{\lambda^5 \left[\exp\left(\frac{c_2}{\lambda T}\right) - 1 \right]} \quad (2)$$

Also, the Wien's Displacement, Planck and Stefan-Boltzmann [14] equation describe the peak wavelength for a given temperature. The wavelength was influenced by temperature as is shown in fig. 1 Wien's Displacement Law:

$$\lambda_{max} T = c_3 \quad (3)$$

Planck's Law:

$$S = \frac{c}{\exp\left(\frac{c_2}{AT+B}\right)} \quad (4)$$

Stefan-Boltzmann Law:

$$M = \sigma T^4 = \pi \int_0^\infty L(\lambda, T) d\lambda \quad (5)$$

For all the above equations:

S = readout radiance measurement from the radiometric reference

T = temperature

TSURF = temperature of the object being measured

TBG = background temperature

λ = wavelength

ε = emissivity

A, B, C = calibration constants from radiometric reference

M = electromagnetic spectrum

σ = energy

L = spectral radiance

Figure 1 shows the relationship between Planck's Law and Wien's Displacement Law. Note carefully that the peak energy for the Sun is around 0.5 μm while at room temperature of 23 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. It is below 10 μm .

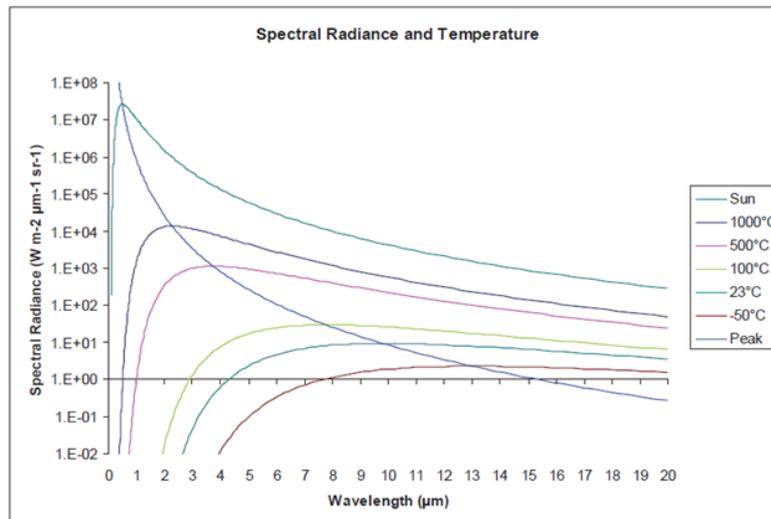


Fig. 1. The relation between Planck's Law and Wien's Displacement Law [14]

Three other issues that require consideration of infrared thermometer treatment are:

- Expose to thermal shocks.
- Measurement conditions.
- Influence of optical hygiene.

2.1 Measurements

In this part presents the compared MLX90614 to the FLUKE Ti400, explained in the subchapter.

2.1.1 MLX90614 Infrared Contactless Thermometer

The MLX90614 is shown in fig. 2 could get a temperature reading of an object without coming into contact with the object using both emissivity and radiation as a means of measurement. Emissivity is a coefficient that shows how well an object emits infrared radiation compared to a theoretically perfect black body producer. This radiation is used by MLX90614 to calculate the object temperatures. During manufacturing, MLX90614 is calibrated with the black matter with an emissivity = 99.9% which is considered to be $E = 1$ and details the specifications of MLX90614 infrared thermometer in Table 1.

Table 1

Detail description of MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer specification

Attribute	Value	Unit
Ambient Temperature Range	-40 to 125	°C
Object Temperature Range	-70 to 380	°C
Detector Resolution	0.02	°C
Versions	Single and dual-zone	
Application	Arduino, SMBus compatible digital interface	
Model Number	MLX90614	
Measurement Resolution	0.02	°C
Best Temperature Measurement Accuracy	0.5	°C
Focus Type	Manual	
Version	3 and 5	V
Display Size	LCD 16x2	cm
Weight	< 250	gram
Price	Affordable	

The MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer needs to be connected to the Arduino. Setting up for the connection of the MLX90614 sensor is shown in fig. 2-4 that consist of:

- a. Arduino
- b. Character LCD 16x2
- c. MLX90614
- d. LCD Shield

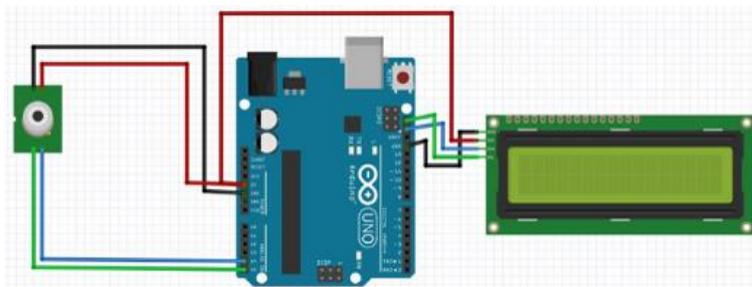


Fig. 2. The MLX90614 Infrared thermometer connected to the Arduino and LED display [5]

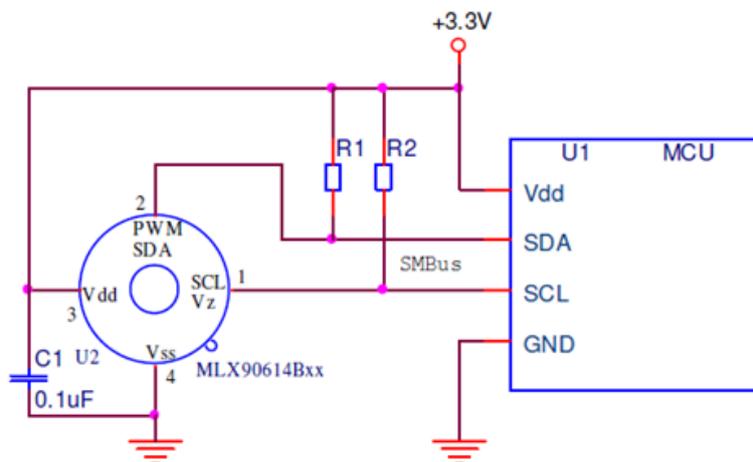


Fig. 3. The MLX90614 connection to SM Bus [5]

2.1.2 Fluke Ti400 Infrared Fusion Temperature Measurement

The detailed data description in table 2 below is a specification of the Fluke Ti400 infrared fusion.

Table 2
 Detail description of Fluke Ti400 infrared fusion specification

Attribute	Value	Unit
Temperature Measurement Range	-20 to +1200	°C
Detector Resolution	320 x 240	pixel
Display Resolution	640 x 480	pixel
Application	Thermography	
Model Number	TI400	
Thermal Sensitivity	0.05	°C
Best Temperature Measurement Accuracy	±2	°C
Focus Type	Automatic, Manual	
Refresh Rate	9	Hz
Minimum Focus Distance	15	cm
Display Size	3.5	inch
Weight	1	kg

2.2 Methodology

Figure 5 illustrates the methodology applied for this research work. The first part of the experiment consists of the sensor temperature readings validation. Here, the temperature measurements of MLX90614 infrared thermometer were compared with that of the Fluke Ti400 infrared fusion temperature sensor.

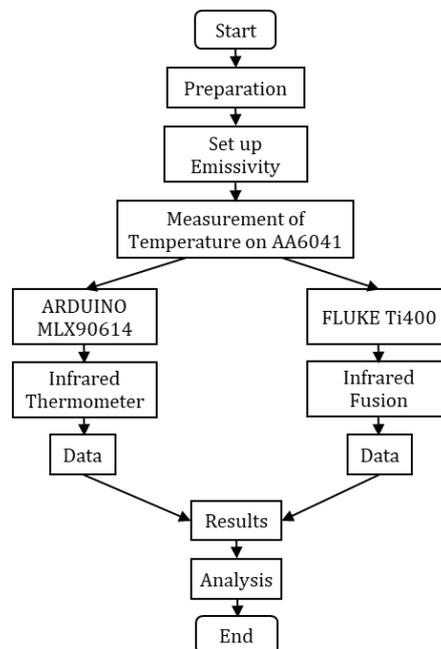


Fig. 5. Temperature validation measurement

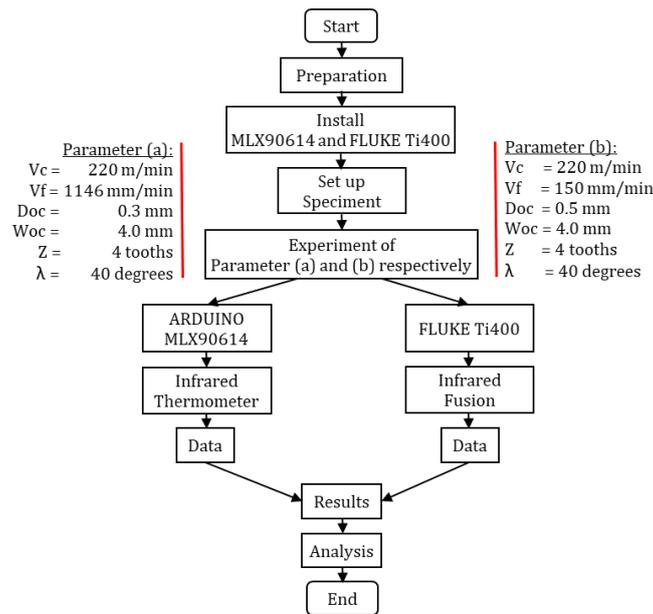


Fig. 6. Milling process temperature measurement

The work starts with sample preparation including a heater for heating specimen AA6041, two measurement devices and a personal computer (PC) or laptop to store the temperature data. Temperature measurements were recorded simultaneously using MLX90614 and Ti400 by adjusting the emissivity values of both measurement units. Next, the design of the temperature model was constructed to conduct an experiment and obtaining the data set of heat temperature as many as nine temperature models. Finally, the measured data were analyzed. This figure was applied to seem figure 9.

Figure 6 describes the experiment flow on AA6041, which involves the machining parameters such as cutting speed, feeding speed, depth of cut, width of cut, flute and tool angle. The application of this flow seems at the fig. 10.

2.2.1 Measurement Preparation

The followings illustrate measurement preparations that were performed using the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer with AA6041 specimen. The steps consisted of:

- a. Specimen AA6041 as shown in fig. 7 was heated to nine different temperatures and data recorded using MLX90614 and Fluke three times continuously, employed the heat from a temperature of 60 °C to 225 °C
- b.

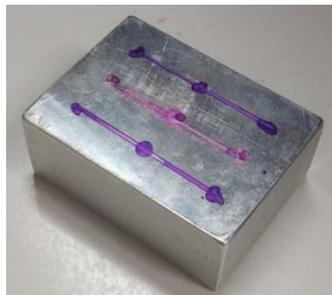


Fig. 7. Specimen AA6041, size of 50 x 38 x 20 in mm.

- b. MLX 90614 infrared thermometer as in fig. 8 (a) is compatible to Arduino and was linked to Microsoft Excel for data recording.
- c. The infrared fusion of Fluke Ti400 9 Hz as shown in fig. 8 (b) recorded the temperature in graphical form and videos with temperature measurement range between $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ with an accuracy of $\pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

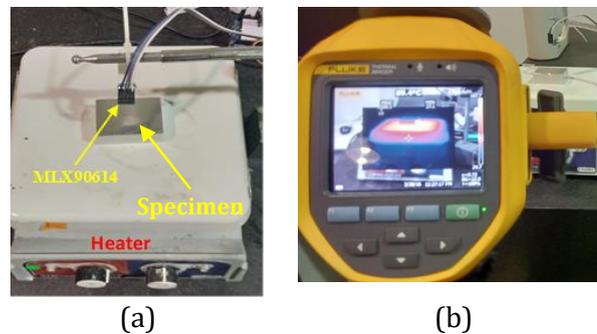


Fig. 8 (a). Temperature measurement using MLX90614 infrared thermometer, **(b).** Temperature measurement using infrared fusion Fluke Ti400

2.2.2 Experimental design for Temperature Measurement

This first part of this section describes the experimental design set up for validating the temperature measurement of MLX90614 against Fluke Ti400. In the second part, temperature measurements were recorded on the milling machining process.

2.2.2.1 Validation for Temperature measurement on AA6041

A total of nine sets of temperature measurements were recorded on the AA6041 object whereby these measurements were repeated three times. The measurements were performed gradually from low temperatures of $68\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to high temperatures of close to 220°C . Fig. 9 shows the experimental measurement setup employing (a) MLX90614 and (b) Fluke Ti400.



Fig. 9 (a). The temperature measurement by MLX90614
(b). The temperature measurement by Fluke Ti400

A similar experimental setup was applied by [14] who monitored the steel plate temperatures employing an MLX90614 infrared sensor with Arduino with the help of the RF433Mhz module. Meanwhile, [15] have applied Arduino IDE based in CCS language CCS as a thermal monitoring system employing low-cost MEGA flat form.

2.2.2.2 Measurement of Temperature on AA6041 in Milling Process

Fig. 10 below shows the temperature measurement on AA6041 material in the milling process. Temperature data by the MLX90614 were recorded in a laptop through Arduino and linked to Microsoft Excel.

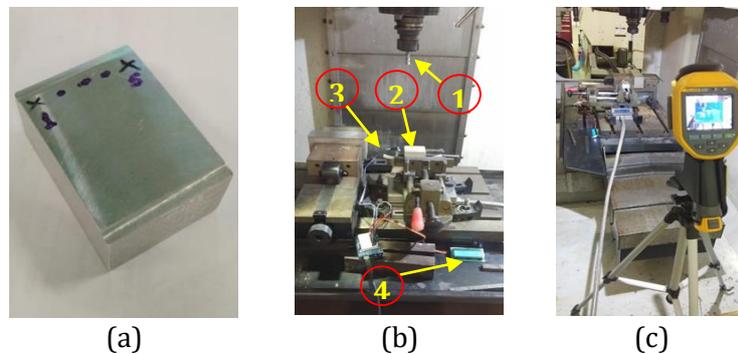


Fig. 10. (a). Specimen milling, (b). Take up the temperature by MLX90614, (c) Take up the temperature by fluke Ti400

Remark in fig. 10 (b). Denotes that ① is a cutting tool HPMT S42 1000 072, ② is an AA6041 specimen, ③ is an infrared thermometer ④ is a screen LCD of MLX90614.

The temperature data measured using Fluke was stored in the Fluke memory in the form of images or videos. Fig. 11 (a) shows the experimental setup used. Paying attention at fig. 11 (b), shown at the left side (yellow circle) and right side (red circle). The Left and right side explain that the side has obtained milling process for the measurement-1 and measurement-2 parameters respectively.



Fig. 11. (a). Measuring temperatures, (b). A specimen that derived the milling process.

3. Results

This section presents experimental results of the two types of experiments performed; firstly the temperature measurement validation and secondly the milling process heat temperature measurement itself.

3.1 Experiment Result

The measurement consists of three processes in which each process consists of nine times of measurement on the AA6041 specimen.

3.1.1 Temperature Measurement

Measurements of the heat temperature in AA6041 were carried out in nine measurement processes in which each process consists of three measurements as identified in the previous fig. 6. The graphical representation of the data is presented in fig. 12 with MLX90614 (blue) and Fluke Ti400 (green) displaying an increasing trend where the deviation line shown at 0.1 scales.

To determine two measurements that are the same or different, usually using statistical analysis. Due to the properties of the two measurements are not different, the author measures the temperature of the measurement results based only on the average value from nine experiment data as shown in table 3.

Table 3

Temperature measurement (in °C) on AA6014 by MLX90614 and Fluke Ti4000 with 0.72 emissivity.

No.	MLX90614			FLUKE Ti400			MLX90614 Average	FLUKE Average	Deviation
	1	2	3	1	2	3			
1	68.14	68.98	70.92	68.10	68.30	70.90	69.35	69.10	0.25
2	100.34	101.40	106.00	100.70	101.70	106.40	102.58	102.93	0.35
3	126.30	125.42	125.00	126.70	125.60	125.80	125.57	126.03	0.46
4	134.70	138.50	137.32	134.50	138.30	136.30	136.84	136.37	0.47
5	153.50	157.70	160.14	153.00	156.40	160.50	157.11	156.63	0.48
6	173.42	177.70	183.32	173.40	177.50	183.80	178.15	178.23	0.09
7	190.60	191.60	190.70	190.50	191.50	190.10	190.97	190.70	0.27
8	211.40	212.20	216.22	211.40	212.10	216.90	213.27	213.47	0.19
9	216.40	222.58	221.60	216.30	222.10	221.50	220.19	219.97	0.23

The results above show that temperature measurements of MLX90641 were closely similar to the temperature measurement results of Fluke Ti400. The average accuracy values of every measurement were ± 2 °C. On the bottom graph in fig. 12, denotes the values belong MLX90614 (blue graph) and Fluke Ti400 (green graph) increases like regularly, while the deviation line shown clear with 0.1 scales. While the red line is the deviation line, looks significant because the range of the scale is very small.

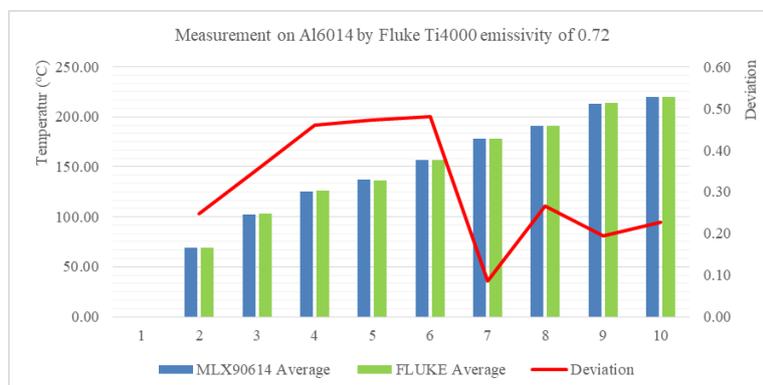


Fig. 12. Graph of the average measurement result between MLX90614 and Fluke Ti400

3.1.2 Smart Temperature Measurement on AA6041 in Milling Process

Two different sets of milling process parameters were conducted. Fig. 11 (b) shown the left side (yellow circle) and right side (red circle) of the specimen. The left side refers to the milling process for measurement-1 parameters while the right side refers to the milling process for the measurement-2 parameters.

Table 4

Cutting parameters for Measurement-1

Parameters	Values	Units
Vc	220 (7006)	m/min (rpm)
Vf	1146 (fz=0.041)	mm/min (mm/tooth)
Doc	0.3	mm
Woc	4.0	mm
Z	4	tooth
λ	40	degrees

Table 5

Cutting parameters for Measurement-2

Parameters	Values	Units
Vc	220 (7006)	m/min (rpm)
Vf	150 (fz=0.0053)	mm/min (mm/tooth)
Doc	0.5	mm
Woc	4.0	mm
Z	4	tooth
λ	40	degrees

Tables 4 and 5 are a list of the machining parameters selected. Both parameters difference in feeding speed and depth of cut merely. The result of the experiment data can be seen in Table 6 which lists the temperature measurement results obtained during the different milling processes.

With proven of temperature measurement by applying in milling process on AA6041 through the measurement by MLX90614 (table 6) and Fluke Ti400 (fig. 13) to make more proofed that MLX90614 is capable and to be recommended to be employed as a temperature measurement in machining. By the Explanation above result denotes the MLX90614 to be confident to be utilized as a temperature measurement device in machining with the dry condition. The author derives a recommendation to the researchers to utilize MLX90614 infrared thermometer with Arduino compatible and linked to Microsoft Excel is a temperature measurement device on the machined product in manufacturing production.



Fig. 13 (a). Measurement-1 by Infrared Fusion **(b).** Measurement-2 by Infrared Fusion

Table 6
 Measurement by MLX90614

(a) Measurement-1		(b) Measurement-2	
Time Stamp	Temperature Value (°C)	Time Stamp	Temperature Value (°C)
1	23.74	1	26.68
2	23.76	5	26.76
3	23.76	6	26.82
4	23.92	7	26.86
5	23.88	8	26.92
6	23.98	9	27.00
7	23.86	10	27.04
8	23.94	11	27.06
9	24.00	12	27.18
10	24.10	13	27.40
11	24.04	14	27.52
12	24.00	15	27.66
13	24.06	16	27.82
14	24.24	17	27.82
15	24.22	18	27.88
16	24.40	19	27.88
17	24.58	20	27.72
18	24.66	21	27.60
19	24.60	22	27.48
20	24.72	23	27.30
21	24.58	24	27.24
22	24.52	25	27.06
23	24.30	26	27.00
24	24.24	27	26.98
25	24.18	28	26.98
26	24.22	29	26.92
27	24.10	30	26.94
28	24.06	31	26.92
29	23.98	32	26.86
30	23.88	33	26.86

3.2 Temperature measurement Analysis of MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer based on Arduino and Fluke Ti400

In the first part of the experiment, the temperature measurement of both MLX90614 and Fluke Ti400 was validated for accuracy. Results have shown that near-identical readings were obtained by both sensory units. For example, in the first measurement, the average temperature recorded was 69.35 °C and 69.10 °C by MLX90614 and Fluke Ti400 respectively while on the ninth measurement, the average temperature was 220.19 °C and 219.97 °C. This shows a temperature deviation of only.

For the second part, the specimen AA6041 milling temperature results of two processes indicate readings of 24.72 °C and 27.88 °C using MLX90614 while results of 24.7 °C and 27.8 °C were recorded by Fluke Ti400. A near-identical temperature measurement results were obtained in both cases.

This indicates that the MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer compatible with Arduino with link to Microsoft Excel was successfully designed and validated as a smart temperature measurement system for milling process. The advantage of this system is that it enables automatic temperature measurements of the CNC milling process of up to 350 °C.

4. Conclusions

This paper presents the development of a smart milling process temperature measurement system based on MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer coupled with Arduino microcontroller. The smart measurement system successfully recorded accurate measurement results on AA6041 specimen with as much as nine times with each time as many as three processes. The measurement results were validated for its accuracy against the Infrared Fusion Fluke Ti400 temperature sensor. The deviation data values of it were very small. It ranges at 0.09 to 0.48 of the deviation scale.

The full design and tested MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer compatible with Arduino form a temperature measurement tool that is permissible and feasible to be employed by researchers in the field of manufacturing engineering. An automatic temperature measurement system with simultaneous data logging serves as a beneficial tool to many researchers in the field of cutting tools for measuring the temperature operation.

Infrared Thermometer can measure the temperature in the machined products due to the impact of the milling process. Previously, this is only possible as demonstrated widely in literature for application in education, control health, agriculture, traffics and many more. However, to the best knowledge of the authors, no such IoT-based system has been designed and applied for automatic measurement and recording of temperature in the milling process.

MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer is a smart, compact, and compatible device with Arduino that can be linked to Microsoft Excel and is very convenient to use in measuring the temperature product on machining operation in manufacturing production. This is proven after comparing the measurement result between Arduino toward Fluk. The data of measuring temperature results through MLX90614 Infrared Thermometer using Arduino is smarter. Therefore, this measurement is a smart temperature measurement system for the machining process in this case for the milling process.

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