

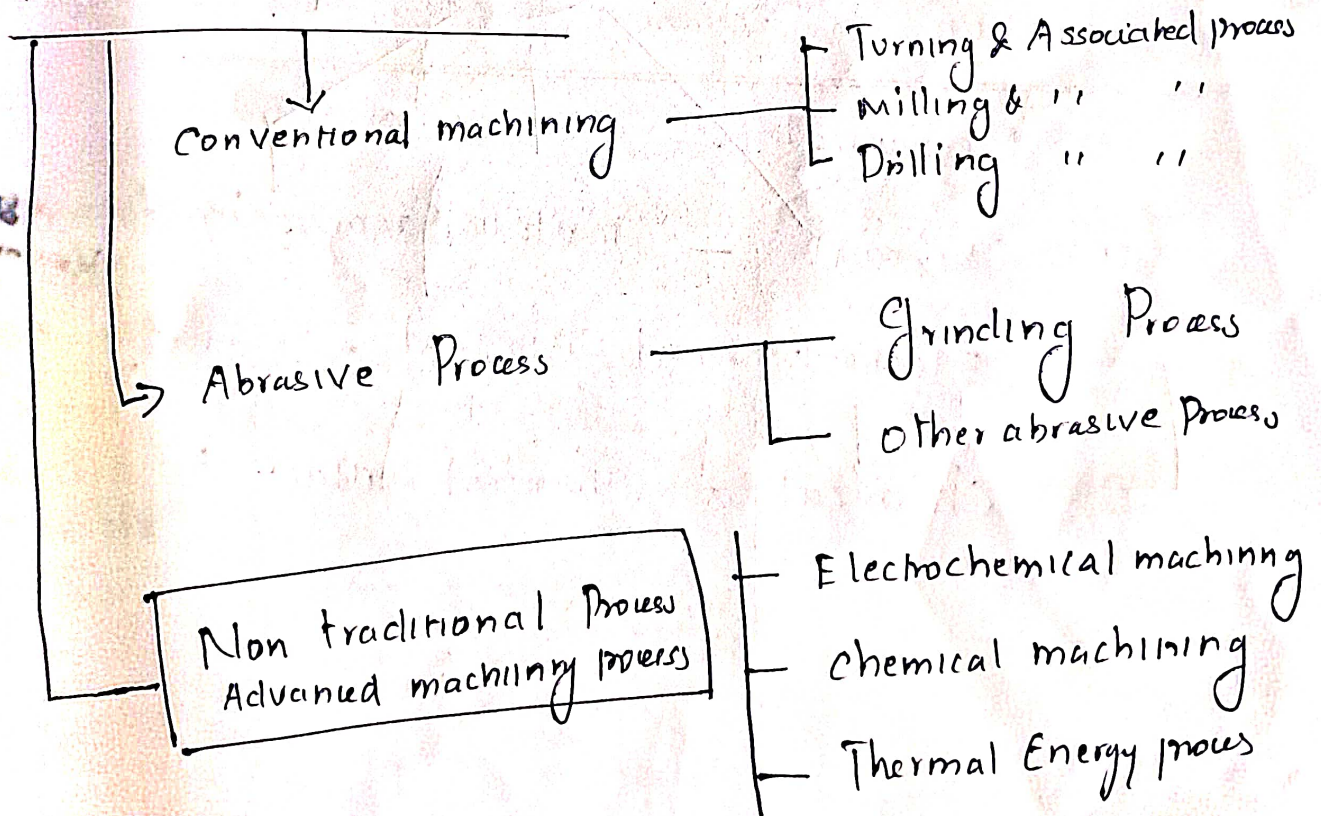
Advanced Abrasive machining Process

Machining :

Machining involves the removal of some material from the workpiece (Mach Allowance) in order to produce a specific geometry at a definite degree of accuracy and surface quality

MRP- Method

Material Removal Process



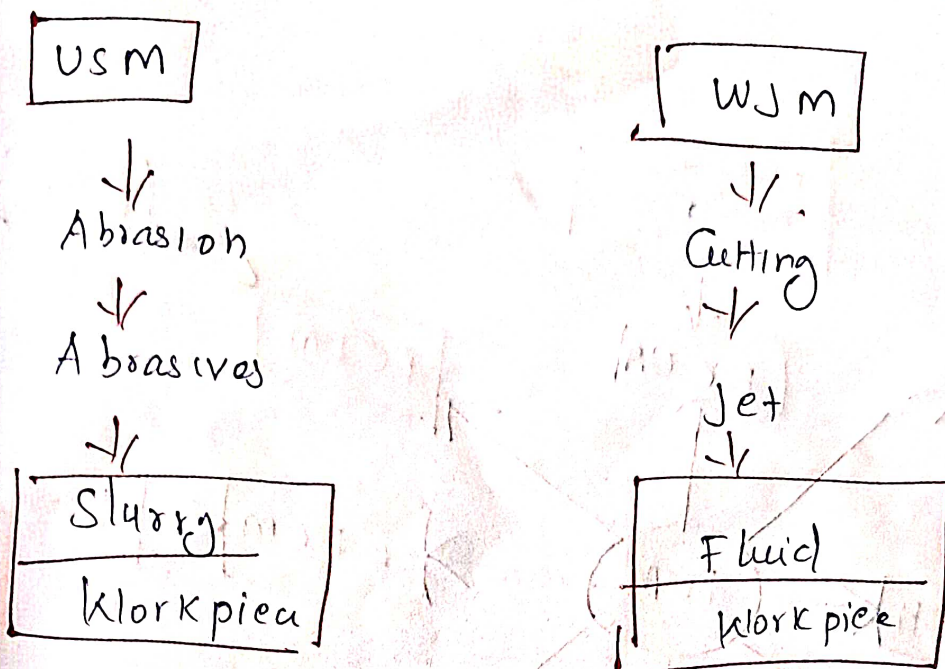
Non traditional Machining

- Material removal mechanism is basically different from other process
- Remove Excess material by Various techniques involving mechanical, thermal, Electrical or Chemical Energy
- These processes do not use a sharp cutting tools

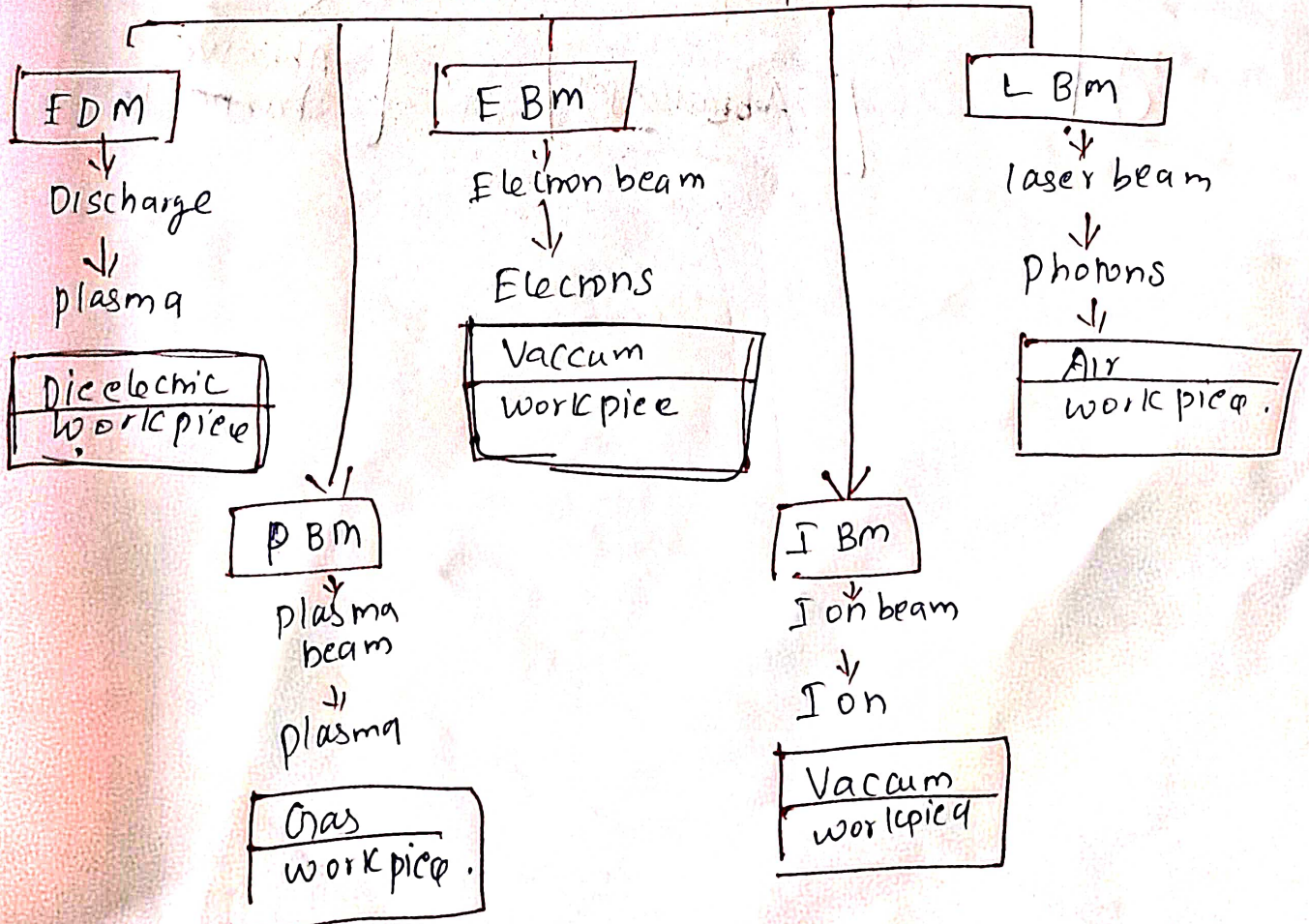
Classification of Advanced machining process

- (1) Mechanical — Abrasive or fluid
- (2) Thermal — material remove by fusion & vaporization
- (3) Electro thermal Chemical — reverse of electro
- (4) Chemical — Chemical attack by acids & etchants

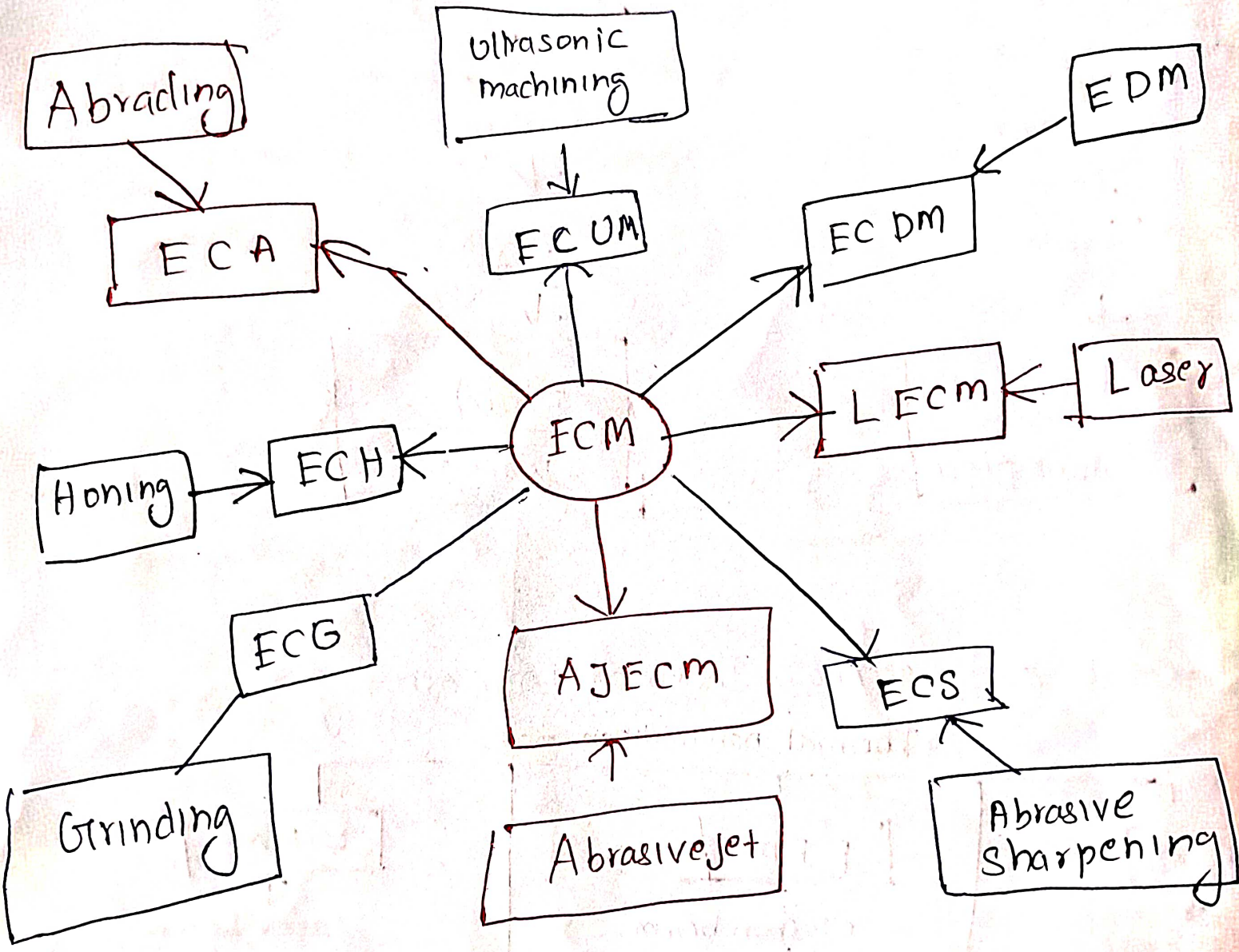
Mechanical Non-traditional Process



Thermal and electro-Thermal machining Thermal non tradition process

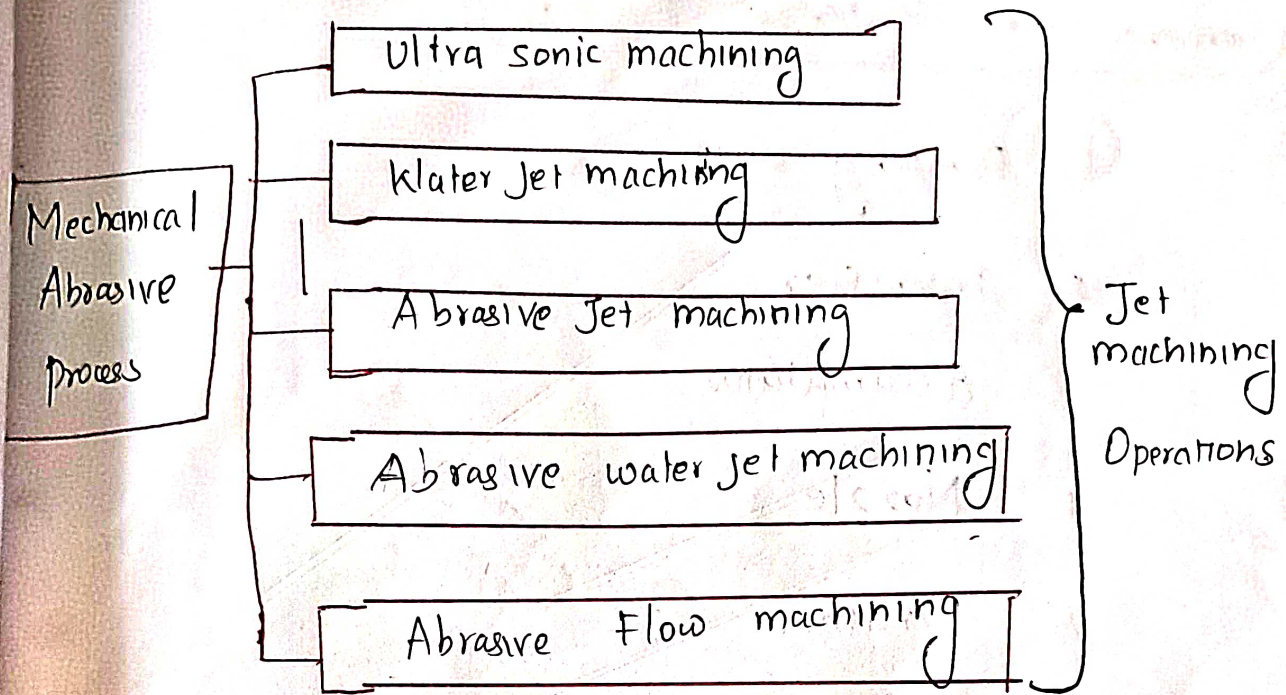


Hybrid machining Processes



Classification of Mechanical Abrasive Process

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Water Jet machining (WJM)

- Removes material through the erosion effects of a high velocity, small diameter jet of water
- When the stream strikes a workpiece surface the erosive force of water removes the material rapidly.

- The klatex, in this case, acts like a saw and cuts a narrow groove in the workpiece material.

Elements of klatex jet machining

1. Pumping unit

2. Intensifier

3. Accumulator

4. Nozzle

5. Drainer

Pumping unit:

- Pumping unit has the oil pump
- Electric motor is used to run the oil pump
- Oil from the reservoir is pumped to an intensifier

Intensifier:

- produce high pressure klatex
- klatex pressure is 40 times higher than oil pressure
- B.W.

Water Pressure Calculation / U

$$P_w = (P_o \times A_o) / A_w$$

P_w = Water Pressure

P_o = oil Pressure

A_o = Area of oil Piston

A_w = Area of Water Piston

Accumulator:

• It is a container which is used to store high pressure water to ensure the smooth out flow.

• Rigid h. pressure tubing and connectors are used to transfer the water to nozzle from the accumulator.

Nozzle

• Nozzle life (250 - 500 hours)

• It is a synthetic material

• Dia range from 0.07mm to 0.50mm.

Catcher/Drainer:

It is used to absorb the residual energy of the water jet and dissipate the same.

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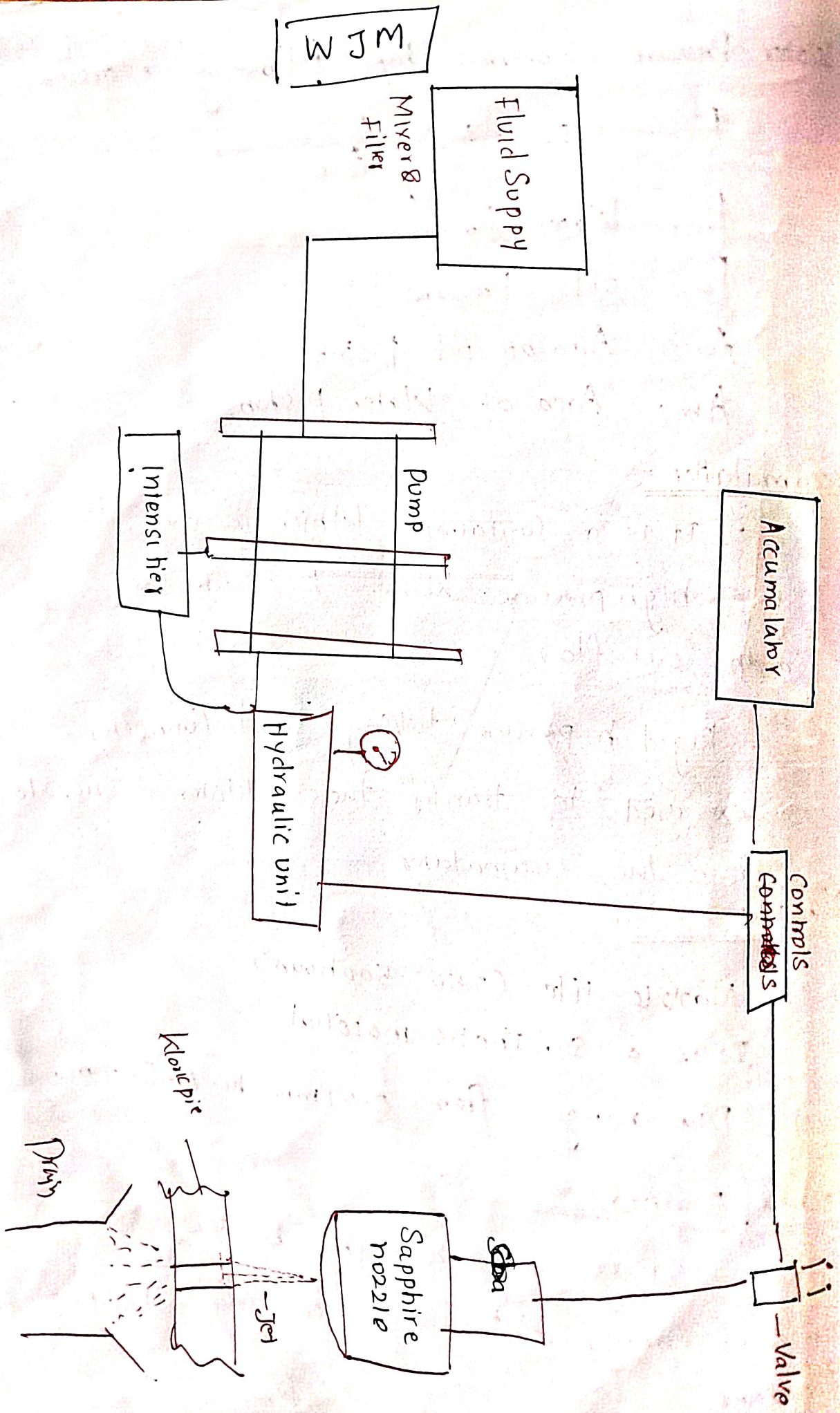
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Working Principles:

- Oil from the reservoir enters into an Intensifier
- An intensifier raises the water pressure as high as 40 times than that of oil pressure
- Water is transferred to accumulator which acts as a pressure vessel to store high pressure water to minimize the pulsation during operation.
- Water is transferred from accumulator to nozzle through pressure tubes.
- Nozzle delivers the water in the form of small diameter jet with the very high velocity usually around 900 m/sec
- When this high velocity jet of water hits the work surface, it erodes the material in the form of microchips

- In Water Jet machining water jet is a cutting tool which never dulls or breaks.

Process Parameters

1. Water Pressure
2. Diameter of nozzle
3. Traverse rate

Process Capability:

- Non conductive material, can be machined effectively
- Process doesn't require any pre drilled hole to start cutting.
- Machined surface does not have burrs.
- Very thick material can be cut by more than one pass.

Advantages:

- Water is cheap
- Process requires limited volume of water (low-2)
- Tool nozzle doesn't wear
- Very low cost
- Completely eliminates heat affected zones,

- most flexible and effective Solution available for a Variety of Industrial needs.
- The process provides clean and Sharp cut
- It is applicable for laser reflective materials Such as glass, copper and aluminium.

Limitations:

- WJM is not safe in operation if safety Precautions are not strictly followed.
- Machine cost is high
- Need skill operator
- It is not Suitable for mass production.

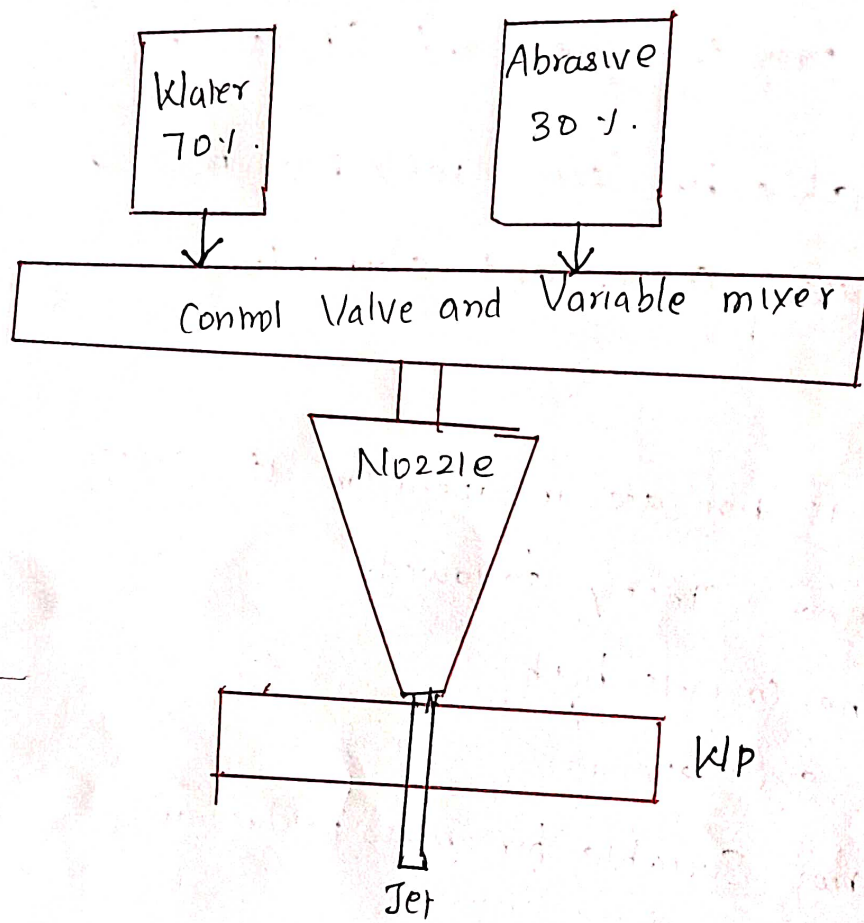
Disadvantages:

- Very thick parts Can't be cut with water jet cutting
- Dimension accuracy is also the problem
- Taper is a problem with water jet cutting in very thick materials.

Applications:

- Aerospace industries
- Ship building industries
- Cutting of rocks, granite

Abrasive Jet machining (AJM)

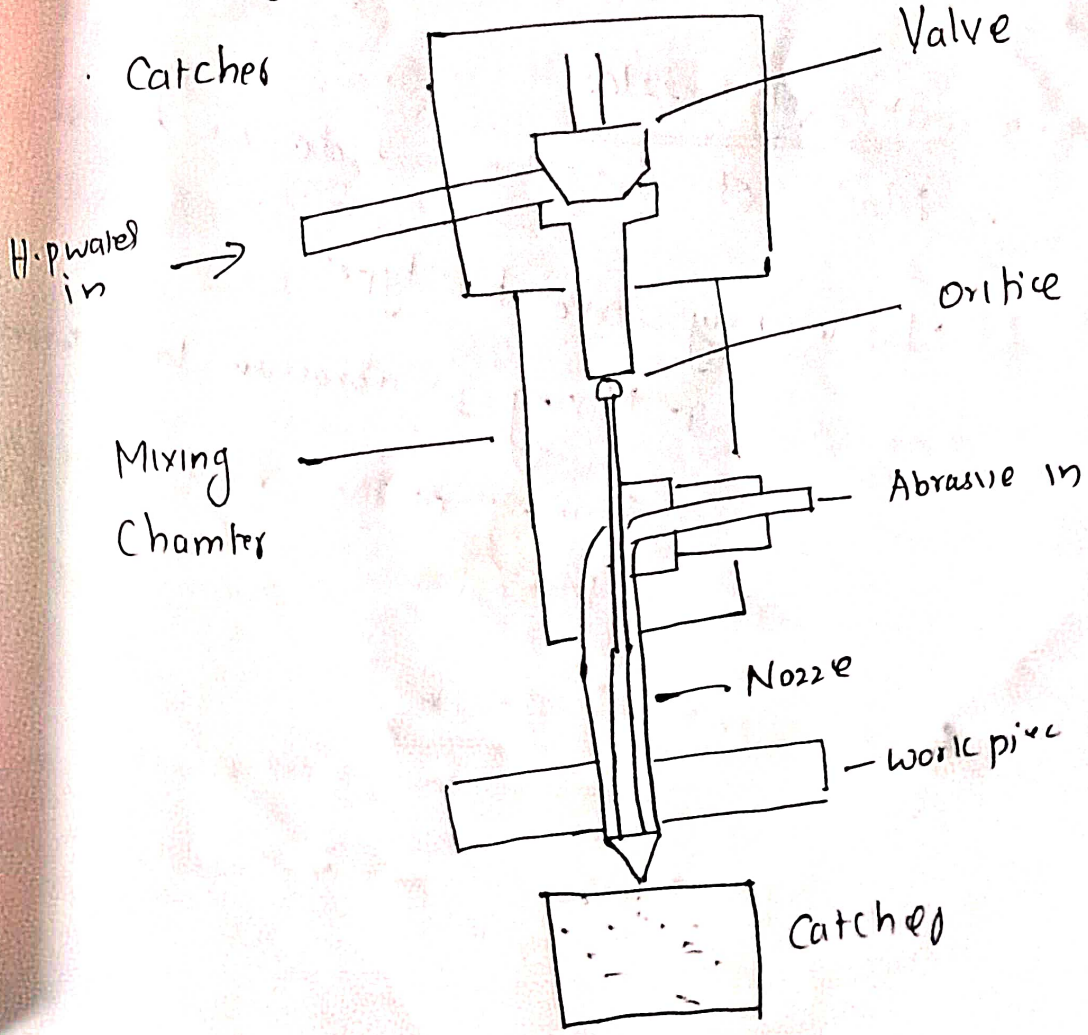


- Only use Pure water for machining process
- It is Suitable for Cutting plastics, foams, rubber, insulation.
- Mixing of Abrasive with water jet enhance the material removal rate

H.P. water in

maching system

- Water delivery
- Abrasive hooper and feeder
- Intensifier
- Filter
- Mixing chamber
- Cutting Nozzle



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Pumping unit:

Supply h.p Water to mixing chamber.

Abrasive feed system

• Control the Supply of Abrasive Particles to nozzle.

• Two types of Abrasive system

(i) Dry abrasive delivers to nozzle

(ii) Mixed abrasive delivers to feed system

Abrasive water jet nozzle:

• Made of Tungsten Carbide or boron Carbide

Nozzle may serve two types

1. Mixing of abrasive with water

2. Forming at the high velocity

Abrasive Water Jet

Based on internal design

(i) Single side feed jet nozzle

(ii) Multi jet Central feed nozzle.

Catcher:

- It uses the hard and replaceable inserts to break the jet quickly and completely.
- Catcher is used to absorb the residual energy of the water jet and dissipate the same.

Working principle:

- Abrasive coming from two direction mix up & flow through nozzle.
- Velocity of abrasives rises rapidly by gaining the momentum of water jet.
- The Pressure of water is maintained about 400mpa which produces a jet speed of about 900 m/sec.
- This velocity strike the work piece and has the ability to machine ceramics, composites, rocks etc.

Process Parameter:

1. Pressure of water
2. Mass flow rate of water
3. Size of the abrasive particles
4. Abrasive flow rate.

Applications:

1. Metal and non metal can cut

Metal - Copper, Aluminium tungsten Carbide

Non-metals - Silica, glass graphite

Advantages:

- Economical
- No need secondary operation
- No cutter induced distortion
- Low cutting forces on work piece
- No need of direct physical tool
- No heat affected zone

Disadvantages:-

- Can't drill flat bottom
- Can't cut the material quickly
- Frequently used for rough cutting

Case Study - Klatex Jet machining

A leading aerospace parts manufacturer, specializing in complex components for commercial and military aircraft faced challenges in machining intricate geometries from tough materials like titanium and composites.

Problem Statement:

Milling and laser cutting were either too slow for intricate design or caused undesirable thermal effects like heat affected zones in sensitive materials. The mfg needed a precise, efficient, and versatile cutting solution.

Solution WJM

1. Precision Cutting

WJM can achieve high precision (± 0.001 inch) suitable for complex geometries without compromising material integrity

2. Versatility:

It can cut wide range of materials including metals (aluminum, titanium), composites, glass, ceramics with minimum changes

3 No thermal damage:-

unlike traditional methods, waterjet

machining is a cold cutting process, eliminating thermal stress and HAZ, crucial for maintaining material properties in aerospace components.

Implementation:-

• Prototyping :- RPT of few component design to verify fit and function.

• Production: Batch production of complex parts with consistent quality and reduced lead time compared to traditional method.

Results:-

Improved efficiency

1. Reduce m/c time
2. faster cutting
3. minimal secondary operations.

Cost saving:-

1. ~~low~~ lower tooling cost
2. reduce the scrap rate

Quality assurance:-

Precise Cut

Conclusion:-

WJM ~~providing~~ proved to be a

Game changer for the aerospace manufactures
offering reliable solution for complex component
manufacturing with improved efficiency, reduce
cost and superior quality

This case study highlight how waterjet machining
can address specific challenges in aerospace manufacturing
demonstrating its application beyond traditional methods.

Case Study - AJM

Automotive Parts Supplier Specializing in Precision Components faced Challenges in efficient machining intricate features on hardened Steel Components for high Performance engines.

Problem Statement:

milling, grinding were either slow for intricate designs or caused excessive tool wear due to the hardness of the materials. The Supplier need a precise and cost effective method to achieve intricate geometries without compromising on surface finish and dimensional accuracy.

Solution: - AJM

1. High Precision (0.1mm)
2. Material Compatibility: It is effective for machining hard materials such as tool steel and alloys without incurring thermal damage or altering material properties.
3. Flexibility: AJM can be easily automated for batch production and is capable for micromachining.

4. Cost efficiency:

Lower tooling cost and reduced setup times

Compared to traditional grinding or EDM process.

Implementation:

The automotive Parts Supplier integrated ASM into production line for:

Valve Seat Machining:

Precision machining of Valve

Seats and Guide in engine cylinder heads to optimize combustion efficiency and performance.

Turbo Charger Components:

Machining turbine blades

and impellers with complex internal passages and profile to improve airflow and efficiency.

Results:

Improved Productivity

Enhanced Quality

Cost effectiveness

Conclusion:

AGM proved to be a high effective solution for the automotive Parts Supplier offering precise and efficient machining capabilities for high Performance engine Components

This Case Study illustrates how abrasive Jet machining can address specific challenges in automotive Component manufacturing, providing a competitive edge through advanced milling technology tailored to the demands on precision engineering in the automotive industry.