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**Evolution of a laser shock peened residual stress field locally with  
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**Abstract**

Foreign object damage (FOD) can seriously shorten the fatigue lives of components. On the other hand, laser shock peening improves fatigue life by introducing deep compressive residual stress into components. In this paper we examine how the non-uniform steep residual stress profile arising from FOD of laser peened aerofoil leading edges vary as a function of fatigue crack growth under high cycle fatigue and mixed high (HCF) and low (LCF) cycle fatigue conditions. The ballistic FOD impacts were introduced by impacting a cube edge at an angle of head-on (0 degrees) to the leading edge. The residual stress distributions have been mapped by synchrotron X-ray diffraction prior to cracking and subsequent to short (~1 mm) and long (up to 6 mm) crack growth.

The results suggest that the local residual stress field is highly stable even to the growth of relatively long cracks.

## **1 Introduction**

Laser shock peening (LSP) induced compressive residual stresses have been found to affect the fatigue crack growth behaviour by delaying the crack initiation and by decelerating the crack propagation rate for aluminium alloys [1-4], and also for Ti-6Al-4V [5-8]. For thick Ti-6Al-4V components, the residual stresses introduced by laser peening are typically ~600 MPa near surface, and reduce linearly to a depth of around 2 mm whereupon balancing tensile stresses are encountered [9]. For thin (a few mm thick) aerofoil specimens, the compressive stresses typically extend through thickness provided there is sufficient material to restrain the lateral expansion of the peened region [10, 11]. LSP is used to enhance material lifetimes predominantly under fatigue related conditions although benefits have also been seen under other damage modes such as galling, stress corrosion cracking, corrosion, wear and fretting fatigue [9, 12]. The stability of the residual stress field has been investigated by a number of researchers for shot peened steel [13-17], nickel base superalloys [18-20], and titanium alloys [21]. However, the relaxation of LSP'd residual stress has not been extensively studied to date although resistance to fretting has been quantified [9]. The residual stress state and their stability for different materials is summarised in [22, 23]

In the aerospace industry, foreign object damage (FOD) is one of the major life-limiting factors that can markedly reduce the fatigue life of aeroengine components. A small (<3 mm in depth) FOD notch may reduce fatigue life by over 50% [6]. The effect is a complex one. Hall et al. [24] have found that fatigue cracks initiate much faster under LCF, HCF and LCF+HCF from cube edge impact FOD notches that have been stress relieved relative to those that have not, suggesting that the compressive residual stresses at the notch tip [25] may be beneficial. Conversely, Thompson et al. [26] using spherical indents found that stress relief improves the fatigue limit stress invoking tensile stresses at the edge of the crater rim (near where the cracks initiate) [27]. Indeed, LSP has been found to improve the fatigue resistance of Ti-6Al-4V [6] in the presence of FOD, at low stress ratios ( $R=0.1$ ). However, no improvement has been observed at higher stress ratios ( $R=0.8$ ). Hammersley et al., [28] also observed similar results.

From published fatigue test results, it is easily understood that the deep compressive residual stresses introduced by LSP treatment causes the observed improvement. In order to incorporate any associated fatigue life benefit arising from LSP into damage tolerant design, it is important to be able to quantify these residual stresses and their evolution through life accurately. There have been a handful of research studies where residual stresses have been mapped post FOD [25, 27] These tend to show a compressive stress immediately below the notch with tensile stresses located at greater depth below the notch and near the edge of the crater. This broad pattern seems to occur irrespective of the impactor geometry, although the actual levels of stress vary. The effect of FOD impact on

laser peened specimens has also been examined for both head on ( $0^\circ$ ) and  $45^\circ$  simulated impacts[11, 29]. Local to edge-on cube impact the residual stress is characterised by a peak compressive stress parallel to the leading edge immediately below the notch. Comparison of the stress fields introduced by leading edge FOD with [11, 29] and without [25] prior LSP under similar conditions indicate that the stresses introduced at the notch tip are surprisingly similar. The effects of the prior laser peening are seen some distance further from the notch tip: both the tensile region around the crater and, most importantly, the tensile region lying some distance below the notch tip have been removed. This may explain the increase in fatigue life for impact damaged specimens for which the crack propagates from the notch tip.

In view of the potentially beneficial effects of the residual stresses arising from the FOD impact immediately below the notch and those introduced by laser peening somewhat further below the notch tip, it is critical to quantify their stability and redistribution during fatigue crack growth. Aero-engine rotating components such as fans and blades are generally subjected to high frequency vibratory loading (HCF), which is superimposed onto low frequency centrifugal loading (often at high stress). Consequently, in this paper the redistribution of the residual stresses have been quantified as a function of fatigue cycling and crack growth both for LCF and combined cycle (LCF+HCF) fatigue cycling prior, and subsequent, to short (<1 mm) and long (up to 6 mm) levels of crack growth.

## 2 Materials and Experimental Method

### 2.1 Material

Ti-6Al-4V is widely used for compressor blades and is thus studied here. The manufacturing process involves forging the material above and below the  $\beta$  transus to break up the coarse lamellar microstructure. Subsequently, the alloy was solution treated at about 927 °C (below the  $\beta$ -transus) followed by a stress relief heat treatment at 705 °C for 2 hours. This thermomechanical processing route produced a bimodal microstructure comprising ~60% primary  $\alpha$  and 40% (by volume) lamellar colonies (see Figure 1). The room temperature mechanical properties of Ti-6Al-4V can be represented by Young's modulus,  $E=103$  GPa, Poisson's ratio,  $\nu=0.3$ , yield strength,  $\sigma_Y=860$ MPa and an ultimate tensile strength,  $\sigma_{UTS}=980$ MPa [30]. Specimens were machined from the forged blocks to form a generic leading edge profile, as shown in Figure 2.

### 2.2 LSP treatment

The specimens were laser shock peened over the leading edge using parameters that provided an optimum balance between induced residual stresses (FOD tolerance) and acceptable distortion of the leading edge profile. This was carried out by the Metal Improvement Company, USA at a power density of 10 GW/cm<sup>2</sup>, using a square spot (size 3 x 3 mm<sup>2</sup>), 50% overlap and 200% coverage, with a pulse duration of 27 ns. The LSP'd region extends 6 mm from the leading edge and over 65 mm along it (Figure 2a).

### **2.3 Simulated FOD**

To simulate the FOD damage that occurs as a result of ingested particles at high velocities and strain rates, the specimens were impacted ballistically using a 12 mm bore light compressed gas gun at the Department of Engineering Science, Oxford University, UK. The gas gun was equipped with a 2 litre gas cylinder connected to a 2.5 m long sleeved barrel. Details of the damage simulation technique are described elsewhere [31]. To replicate the 'worst case' damage, hardened steel cubes were chosen having a hardness value between Rockwell C 62 and 64. The steel cube was mounted in a nylon sabot to prevent rotation and to ensure that the steel cubes hit the leading edge in a controlled manner. Each sample was mounted in a cross-vice that could be rotated and translated using a motor-driven system with micrometre precision. A 3.2 mm hardened steel cube was directed at an angle of  $0^\circ$  to the leading edge (parallel to the transverse 'x' direction) with an impact velocity of 200 m/s. In this case, the cube hit the specimen edge first (Figure 2b). The notch depth for each specimen was measured by an optical microscope from a profile view of the notch.

### **2.4 Specimen Studied**

The specimens were fatigued by Spanrad and Tong at Portsmouth University as described in [32] under 4-point bend and constant amplitude cyclic loading using a servohydraulic twin actuator 100kN testing machine. The support span was 107 mm and the loading span was 57 mm. In order to represent conditions appropriate for aeroengines, LCF and combined (HCF+LCF) cycle fatigue were studied (Figure 3). HCF was conducted at a frequency of 80 Hz and a load ratio of

R = 0.7; whilst low cycle fatigue was conducted at 0.25 Hz at a load ratio of R = 0.1. Each combined cycle (CCF) block comprised 1000 HCF fatigue cycles and 1 LCF cycle. The direct current potential drop (DCPD) method was used to monitor crack initiation and growth to  $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$  resolution. The corresponding fatigue loading conditions are summarised in Table 1.

## 2.5 High Energy Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction

The residual stress field has been tracked for a set of specimens (see Table 1) as a function of the number of LCF or CCF cycles. In order to do this it was necessary to aggregate the results over multiple experimental periods allocated on different diffractometers capable of residual strain analysis to allow the specimens to be returned periodically to the mechanical testing laboratory at Portsmouth for further cycling. The set-ups at the different beamlines are summarised in table 2. Great care was taken to ensure that the residual strains are directly comparable between the different international facilities; it is likely that the diffraction peak widths are less comparable between sources.

APS (1-ID-C): Measurement was carried out in transmission geometry where the specimens were placed perpendicular to the incoming monochromatic X-ray beam (energy 65 keV). Complete Debye-Scherrer rings were acquired for each location on a MAR-345 image plate detector. Further details of the experimental set up and data processing can be found elsewhere [33].

HASYLAB (HARWI-II): Similar set up to the APS except that the beam energy was 65 keV and a MAR 555 detector was used to collect the Debye-Scherrer rings.



PETRA-III (HEMS): The high energy material science (HEMS) beamline PO7 was used at an energy of 53.3 keV with the diffracted Debye-Scherrer cones captured by a MAR-345 image plate detector.

ESRF (ID31): Here the measurements were carried out in depth resolved transmission geometry. A monochromatic synchrotron X-ray beam was selected (50.8keV, 0.244Å) by a Si (111) double crystal monochromator. To define the gauge volume, two slits were used on the incident and diffracted beam resulting in an elongated gauge volume that was 0.9 mm long, 0.4 mm wide and 0.05 high. The diffracted beam was passed through an analyser crystal and recorded on the central detector of the 9-channel multi-analyser stage. The use of the analyser crystal is advised for near surface measurements [34] to minimise peak shifts due to incomplete gauge volume leading to pseudo strains [35].

### **Data Analysis**

The resulting diffraction peaks were fitted to Gaussian (Pseudo-Voigt for ID31) functions and the d-spacing inferred using Bragg's equation. In all cases single peak analysis was carried out using the  $(10\bar{1}2)$  diffraction peak from the Ti- $\alpha$  phase. Although the  $(10\bar{1}2)$  peak has a much lower intensity than  $(10\bar{1}1)$  peak it was chosen because it displays low intergranular strain [36], and hence is representative of the macrostress. Elastic strain was obtained in the usual manner relative to a strain-free lattice spacing,  $d_0$ . This was obtained using the far-field approach [37] from a few measurement points located 55 mm away from the notch centre either side of the sample, and also from a small strain-free

reference sample. Measurements were taken at five locations within the sample and averaged to obtain a single value of  $d_0$ . The strains ( $\varepsilon$ ) in the directions longitudinal (y) and transverse (x) to the leading edge (see Figure 2a) were used to infer the stresses ( $\sigma$ ) assuming a bi-axial stress state ( $\sigma_{zz}=0$ ):

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} (\varepsilon_{xx} + \nu\varepsilon_{yy}) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{yy} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} (\varepsilon_{yy} + \nu\varepsilon_{xx}) \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

Where, the elastic constants are given in section 2.1.

### 3 Results

#### 3.1 Shakedown of residual stresses prior to fatigue crack initiation

Figure 4 shows the 2D residual stress field prior to, and following, a single block (N=1) of combined LCF and HCF loading (see Table 1). The experimental and systemic error in the residual stress results presented in this study lies within  $\pm 20$  MPa. The notch in sample S-2 (mapped after 1 cycle) is marginally deeper (by 0.06 mm) than that in sample S-1 (as-FOD'd condition) due to the variability of the FOD impact process which may explain the slightly larger compressive strain field at the bottom of the notch for specimen S-2. Either way, the maps and the line profiles in Figure 5 suggest negligible relaxation after a single block (N=1) with  $\sigma_{\max} = 0.50 \sigma_y$ . This compares with the observations by Boyce et al. [38] who did observe some relaxation under LCF at  $0.54 \sigma_y$  (R=0.1 and N=1 cycle) but not at  $0.35 \sigma_y$ .

A similar picture of negligible relaxation emerges after  $N = 100$  blocks of combined cycle fatigue (Figure 5). This suggests that LSP induced residual stresses are highly stable to tensile fatigue loading at least prior to crack growth. This agrees well with the results published by Nalla et al [5] where only a 20% stress relaxation has been reported after applying half number of cycles of the total cycles to failure ( $N=0.5N_f$ ) at a stress amplitude of  $\sigma_a = 0.7\sigma_y$  under complete reverse bending.

### **3.2 Effect of Crack Growth on residual stress under LCF**

In order to quantify the extent of stress relaxation as a function of crack growth two specimens were progressively cracked under LCF (S-5 and S-6 – see Table 1). In both cases the crack grew from the notch tip as illustrated in Fig 6 for S-6.

It is clear from Figure 7 that despite the presence of a fatigue crack grown under a significant load each cycle ( $S_{max} = 0.68\sigma_y$ ) the characteristic LSP+FOD residual strain field remains. Even in the case where the crack has grown over 5 mm a compressive field near the notch remains. Only much further from the notch, where the original residual stress field becomes tensile, does the crack affect significantly the stress distribution. The line profiles in Figure 8 (in stress) confirm the similarity of the strain field after 0.5mm of crack growth to the stress field prior to LCF. While the presence of the 5.3 mm long crack has brought about some degree of re-equilibration, most notably a reduction of the compressive stress beneath the notch and the loss of tensile strain beyond the peened region (peened to 6 mm from LE), the field is now compressive along the

whole length of the crack. This will act to hold the crack faces shut over a significant fraction of the fatigue cycle.

### **3.2.1 Effect of Crack Growth on residual stress under CCF**

Cracks were grown in two specimens under combined cycle fatigue (S-3 and S-2 – see Table 1) allowing the changes taking place as a function of crack length to be determined. For each sample, a crack formed at the notch tip, though the crack paths were not straight (see Figure 9) for specimens S-2 and S-3.

Similar to what was found for the LCF cycling, very little redistribution of the residual stress field occurs either for  $\Delta a = 1$  mm or  $\Delta a = 2.1$  mm as exemplified by the plots in Figure 10. Closer examination of the line profiles in Figure 11 (in stress) confirms that very little stress redistribution has occurred. It can be observed that after  $\Delta a = 2.1$  mm the residual stress map has become asymmetric. This can be understood from the SEM micrograph of the crack shown in Figure 9b, which shows the crack to have deviated from the mid-line ( $y=0$ ).

### **3.3 Stress redistribution after an overload**

It is apparent from the above results that LSP'd residual stresses are highly stable to fatigue crack growth. A specimen was overloaded up to the yield stress of the material ( $S_{\max} = 860$  MPa), which is twice as large as the load used for CCF. This sequence introduced a crack of 2.2 mm in length (Figure 12b). The resulting residual strain distribution (in the longitudinal direction) is presented in Figure 12a. It is clear by comparison with Figure 4 that the peak compressive stress has decreased by around 35% although the associated local plasticity has meant that it has broadened in extent.

## 4 Discussion

The stability of the residual stress on cyclic loading depends on the initial residual stress and its gradient, type of loading, mean loading, and cyclic deformation behaviour of the material etc.

A striking feature that has been found in this study is the stability of the residual stress distribution even for relatively long cracks. Only when the crack had penetrated the original tensile zone beyond the laser-peened region a significant redistribution in stress was observed due to the inability of a crack to sustain a tensile stress across it. Of course, this implies that the crack faces are under compression for a large portion of the fatigue cycle throughout the crack growth process, which is important information from a structural integrity assessment viewpoint because it means that the residual stresses can significantly slow the progress even of quite long cracks [39]. Further, this suggests that the extent of plastic deformation caused by the crack is very localised and unable to significantly remove the eigenstrains (misfits) that are responsible for the original residual stress.

Given that a diffraction peak is generally broadened by plastic deformation, the variation in the peak full width at half maximum (FWHM) across the fracture surfaces has been used previously to assess the plastic zone and thereby the stress intensity experienced at the crack tip [40]. Withers [41] has shown that synchrotron x-ray diffraction measurements within steep stress gradients can result in significant peak broadening that might be misinterpreted as a result of plasticity. Nevertheless, it is helpful to compare the FWHM profiles for the

different cases in Figure 13. While the absolute FWHM values are not comparable from beamline to beamline, the broad distributions can be compared usefully. From this it is clear that the passage of the crack has had an effect on the FWHM for the CCF and LCF cases only very close to the crack, although for the latter the breadth of the affected region extends some 0.5 mm or so from the location of the crack plane. By contrast, a much more significant plastically affected zone (~2.2 mm) is observed local to the crack for the overloaded sample confirming a much more extensive plastically affected area in this case (see Figure 12 d).

A detailed analysis of the crack-tip mechanics and the determination of the stress state at the crack-tip are beyond the scope of this study. However, an estimation of the plastic zone size can help illuminate the observations. Under a monotonic load, the width of the forward plastic zone  $r_p$  can be estimated using [42].

$$r_p = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{max}^{eff}}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

where  $K_{max}^{eff}$  is the effective maximum applied stress intensity factor. In the case of cyclic loading the reverse plastic zone size (PZS),  $\Delta r_p$  can be expressed:

$$\Delta r_p = \frac{1}{4} r_p \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

This approach provides an estimate of the plastic zone ahead of the crack-tip where no RS is present in the body. Where residual stresses are present such as in LSP+FOD'd specimens, so-called 'crack closure' can occur. We call this

residual stress induced crack closure, and it causes the actual stress intensity range  $\Delta K^{eff}$  to be reduced from the theoretical  $\Delta K$  that would be found if the crack were open at all times during a load cycle. For a crack in a residual stress field that generates a stress intensity contribution  $K_{res}$ , the effective maximum and minimum stress intensities would be expected to be  $K_{max}+K_{res}$  and  $K_{min}+K_{res}$  respectively giving  $\Delta K^{eff} = K_{max}-K_{min}$ . If however  $K_{min}+K_{res}<0$  then  $\Delta K^{eff}$  becomes  $(K_{max} + K_{res})$ .

The reverse plastic zone for an advancing fatigue crack in a residual stress field is given by McClung [43]:

$$\Delta r'_p = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\Delta K_{eff}}{2\sigma_y + (\sigma_{cl} - \sigma_{min})} \right)^2 \quad \text{Equation 4}$$

Where;  $\sigma_{cl}$  is the stress at the unloading cycle at which the crack faces first closes and  $\sigma_{min}$  is the minimum stress in the cycle. In this study the 'crack-closure' stress,  $\sigma_{cl}$  was not explicitly measured. Nevertheless, Equation 4 is still valid with the assumption of  $\sigma_{cl} - \sigma_{min} = 0$  where crack closure occurs at the minimum applied load, to estimate the maximum size of the plastically deformed zone ahead of the crack tip.

The variation of  $K_{max}^{eff}$  as a function of crack length for the generic LE geometry is shown in Figure 14a for  $\sigma_{max} = 435$  MPa under LCF and CCF loading conditions. In the same figure, the variation of stress intensity factor due to residual stress  $K_{res}$ , with crack length is also plotted. From this the corresponding forward plastic zone has been calculated using Equation 3 and compared with that for the

unpeened condition to provide an estimate of the upper bound of the deformation zone size.

The corresponding forward and reverse PZS (using Equation 4) for the peened specimens are presented in Figure 14b. The high compressive residual stresses result in a marked reduction in  $K_{max}^{eff}$  and thus the PZS. The maximum size of the reverse plastic zone is approximately 100  $\mu\text{m}$  at the beginning of the crack growth, which then decreases with increasing crack length. Since the superposition principle was used to determine  $K_{res}$ , and hence the effective stress intensity factor range, the shape of the PZS profiles directly reflect the shape of corresponding residual stress profile. Here the grain size of the Ti- $\alpha$  phase is about 25  $\mu\text{m}$  and the PZS is about 4 times this size. Consequently only a few grains around the crack tip are plastically affected.

For higher applied stress one might expect a larger plastic zone size. In this case we would expect a plastic zone size of 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . This is smaller than that +/-1 mm extent of the FWHM variation away from the crack plane evident in Figure 13d.

## 5 Conclusions

Laser shock peening introduces through-thickness compressive residual stresses in Ti-6Al-4V thin aerofoil sample up to 500MPa in magnitude [29]. Foreign object damage modifies this field to create a compressive peak of around 600MPa immediately below the impact. High Energy Synchrotron X-ray diffraction has been used to evaluate the evolution of the residual stress field surrounding the



FOD location for specimens that have been fatigued so as to grow cracks under LCF and combined HCF+LCF representative of aeroengine load cycles.

1. No significant relaxation has been observed after  $N = 1$  or  $N = 100$  blocks of combined cycle fatigue at  $S_{\max} = 435$  MPa ( $= 0.5 \sigma_y$ ) prior to the nucleation of a crack
2. No significant relaxation in the peak compressive residual strain has been observed due to crack growth under CCF or LCF until very long cracks were observed.
3. Our evidence points to forward and reverse plastic zone sizes that are very small ( $<100 \mu\text{m}$ ). This is the result of the superposition of compressive residual stresses upon the tensile fatigue cycles. These crack-tip plastic zones are too small to significantly reduce the misfits that lie at the heart of the LSP+FOD residual stress fields and so the cracks do not significantly relax the residual stress field until the tensile region of the stress field is reached at a depth of 6 mm below the leading edge.
4. This work suggests that linear elastic fracture mechanics approaches would be appropriate for the study of the fatigue behaviour because the effect of crack-tip plasticity is negligible from a residual stress or applied loading point of view.

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## 8 Figures

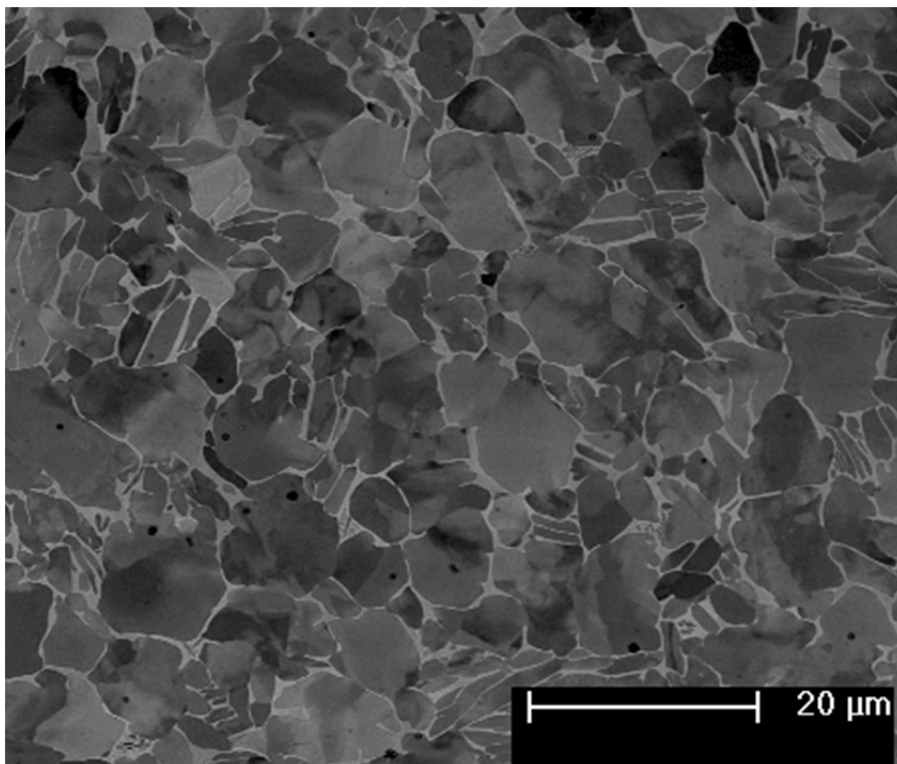


Figure 1: Scanning electron micrograph of the as-received microstructure of Ti-6Al-4V.

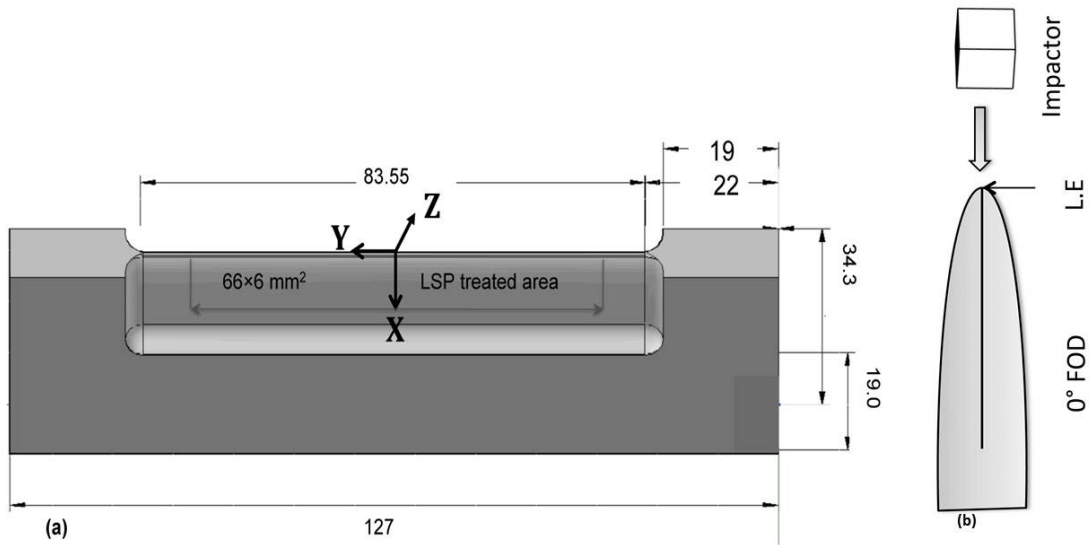


Figure 2: a) Laser shock peened four-point bend (4PB) simulated aerofoil specimen geometry (all dimensions are given in mm) including a description of the coordinate system with (0,0,0) at the centre of the leading edge, b) Schematic representation of the Head-on (0°) FOD impact configuration.

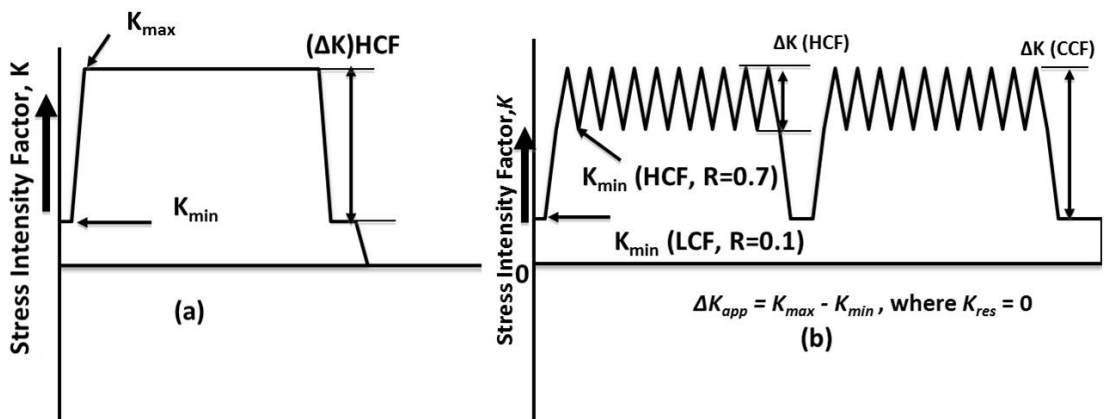


Figure 3: Schematic representation of (a) LCF and (b) combined fatigue cycles (CCF=1000 HCF cycles superimposed onto 1 LCF cycles).

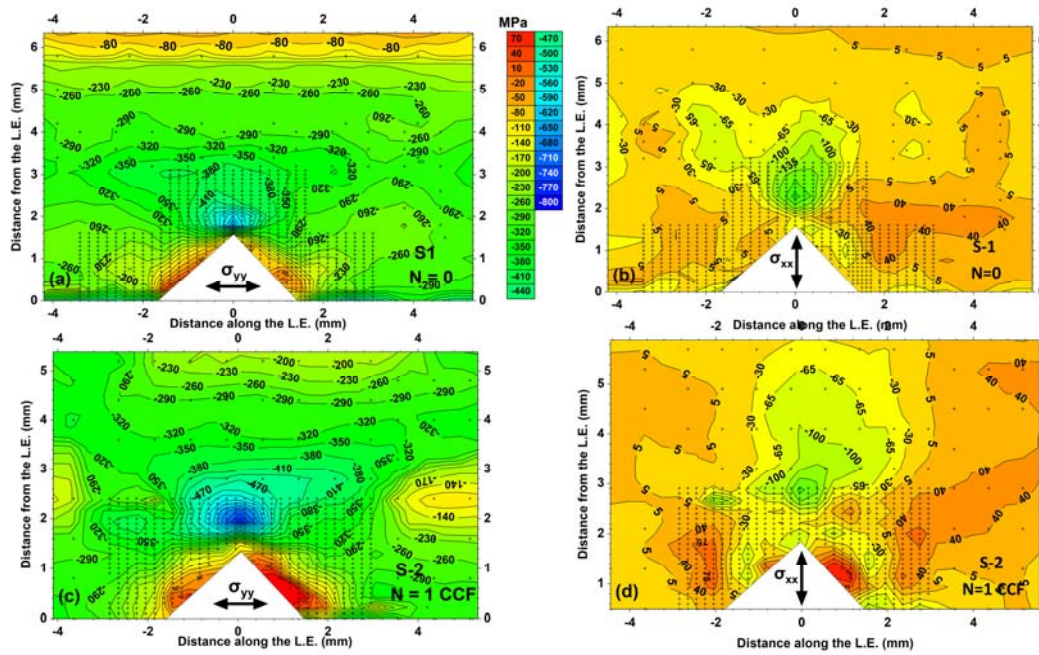


Figure 4: Residual elastic stress parallel (left) and perpendicular (right) to the leading edge around a FOD impact a) prior (S-1) and b) subsequent to (S-2) 1 combined fatigue cycle (CCF=LCF+1000HCF,  $S_{max}=435$  MPa and  $R_{LCF} = 0.1$  and  $R_{HCF} = 0.7$ ). The notch depth for this sample (S-2) is 1.55mm. Measurement locations are indicated by (+). The error in results lies within  $\pm 20$  MPa.

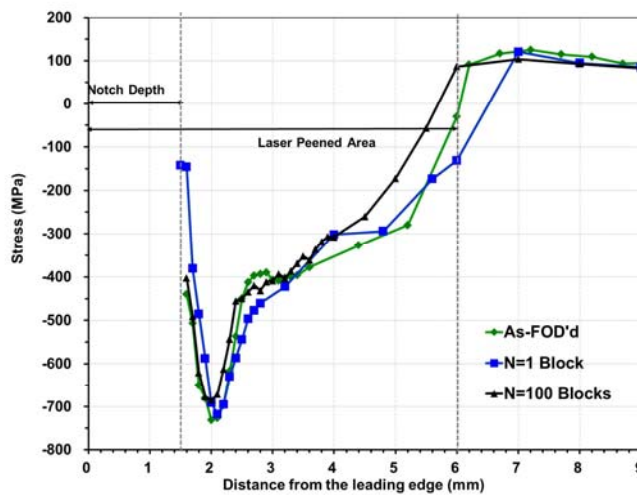


Figure 5: Comparison of residual elastic strain profiles along the line of the notch ( $y=0$ ) for a  $0^\circ$  FOD impact after 0 (S-1), 1(S-2) and 100 (S-2) blocks of combined cycle fatigue. The error in results lies within  $\pm 20$  MPa.



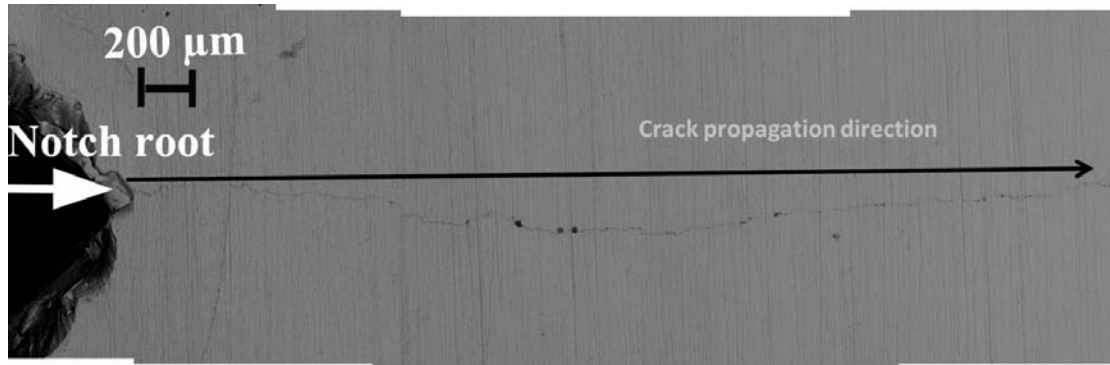


Figure 6: SEM micrograph of specimen (S-6) showing the site of crack initiation and the crack path ( $\Delta a=5.3\text{mm}$ ).

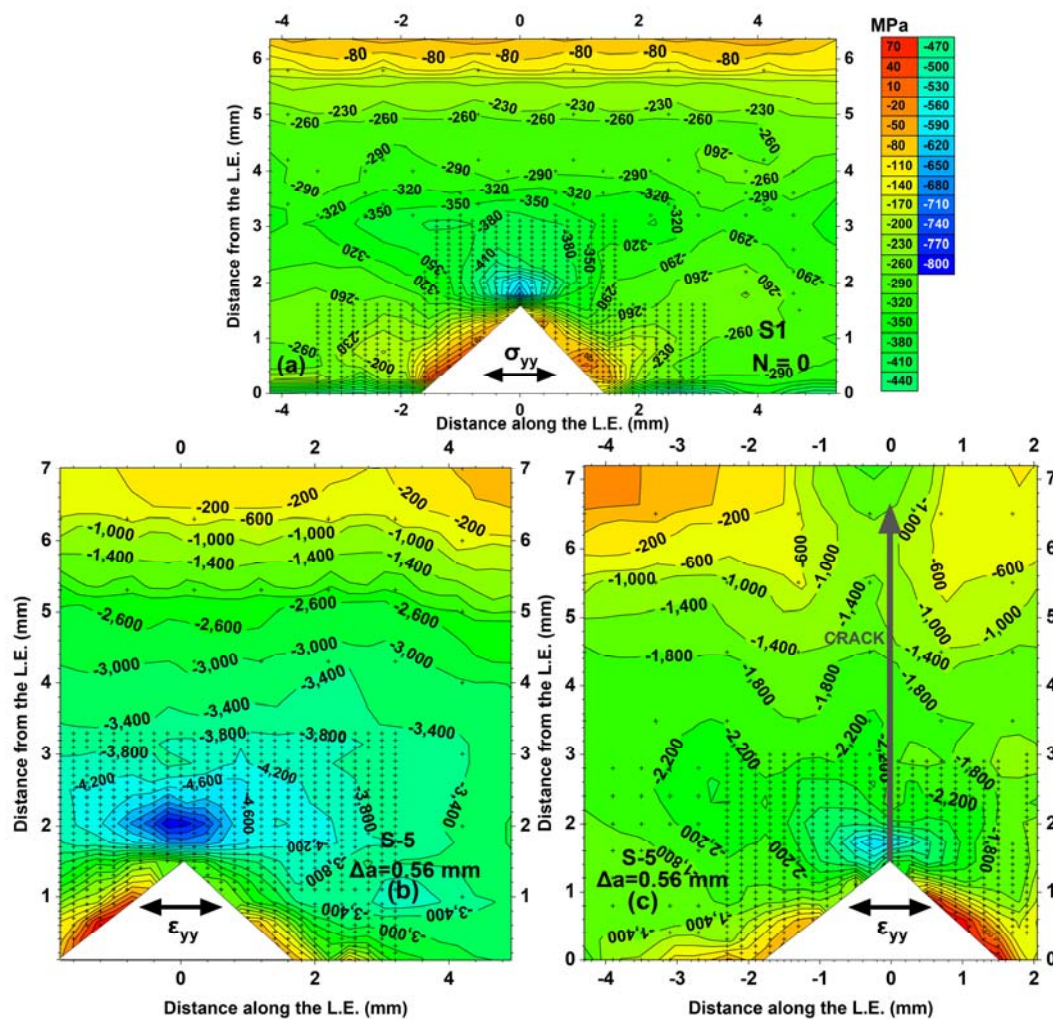


Figure 7: Through thickness averaged 2D residual strain ( $\times 10^{-6}$ ) map for LCF ( $S_{\max}=586\text{ MPa}$ ) as a function of crack growth (a) for  $\Delta a=0$  (prior to LCF (S-1), The notch depth is 1.5 mm (b) for  $\Delta a = 0.56\text{ mm}$  (20,272 LCF cycles (S-5)) (c) for  $\Delta a = 5.3\text{ mm}$  (34300 LCF cycles (S-6)) The error in results lies within  $\pm 200$  microstrains.



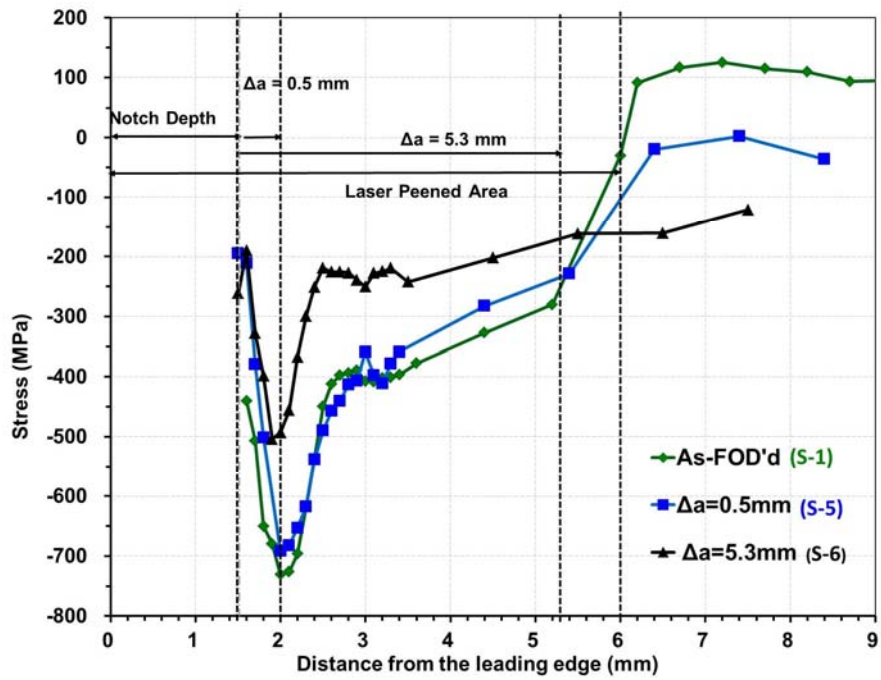


Figure 8: Comparison of residual elastic strain profiles along the line of the notch ( $y=0$ ) for a  $0^\circ$  FOD impact after 0mm (S-1), 0.5mm (S-5) and 5.3mm (S-6) LCF fatigue crack growth.

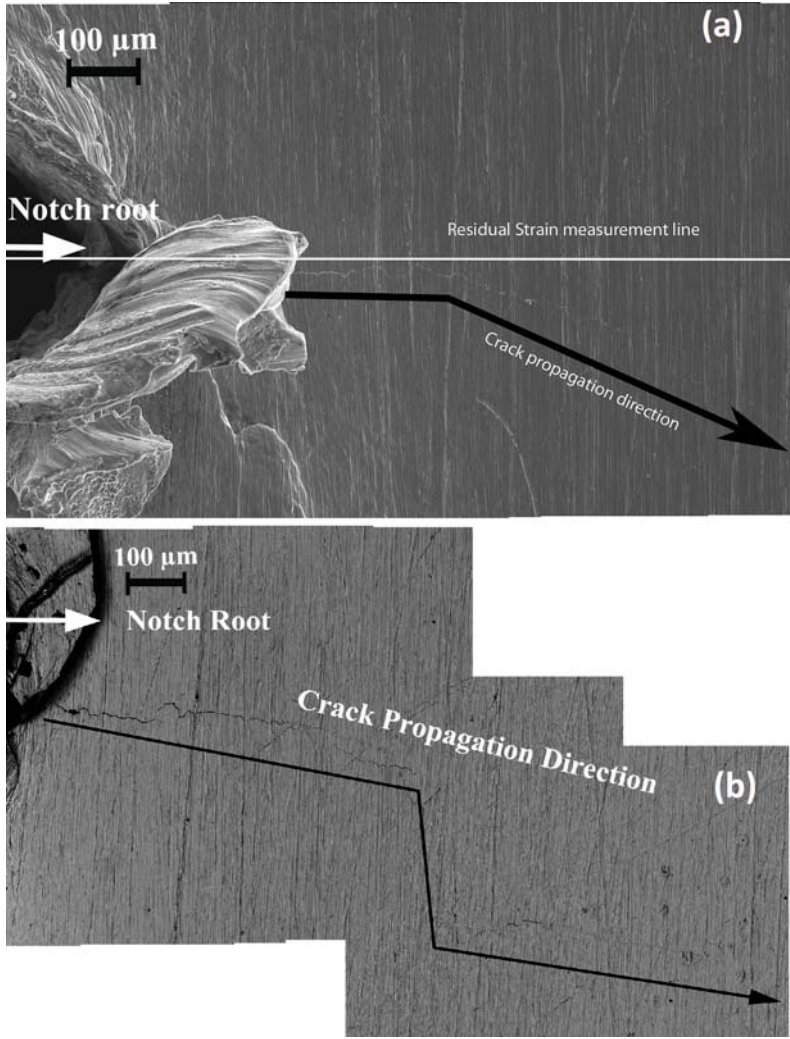


Figure 9: SEM images showing the crack initiation and propagation under LCF + HCF loading in 0° impacted specimens (a) for specimen S-2, and (b) S-3.

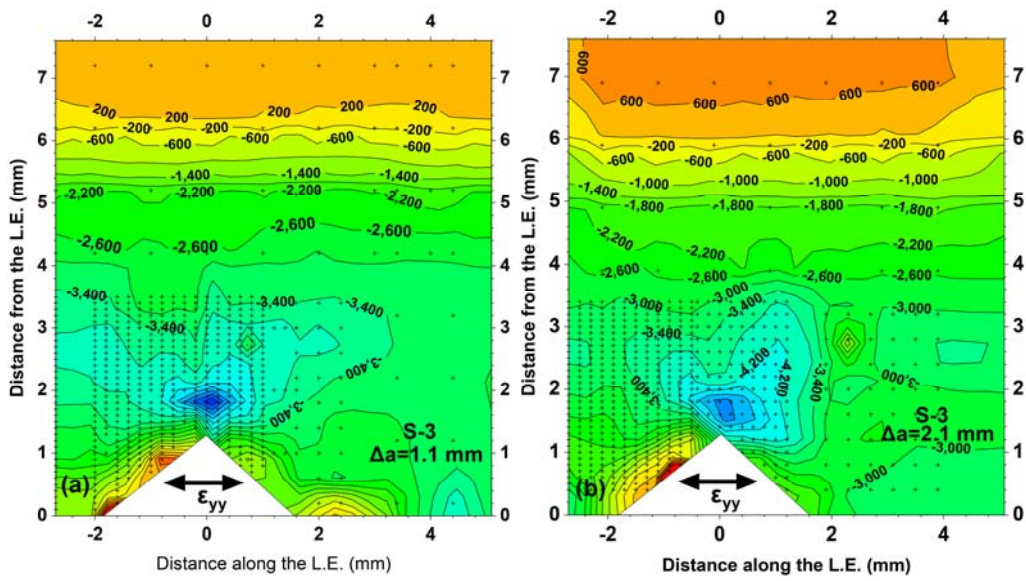


Figure 10: Through thickness averaged 2D residual strain map for 0° FOD impact: (a) crack length,  $\Delta a=1\text{mm}$ ,  $N=2979$  blocks and  $S_{\text{max}}=434\text{MPa}$  (S-3), (b)  $\Delta a = 2.1\text{mm}$   $N=3400$  blocks, applied stress of  $S_{\text{max}}=434\text{MPa}$  (S-3). The error in results lies within  $\pm 200$  microstrains.

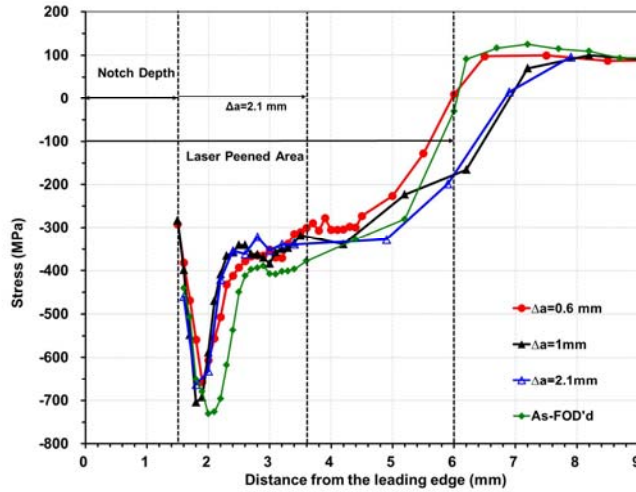


Figure 11: Comparison of residual strains prior to ( $\Delta a=0$ ) and subsequent to combined cycle fatigue ( $S_{\text{max}} = 343\text{MPa}$ ) sufficient to grow a crack to  $\Delta a = 0.6$  (2744 blocks), 1 (2979 blocks) and 2.1 mm (3400 blocks) (S-3).

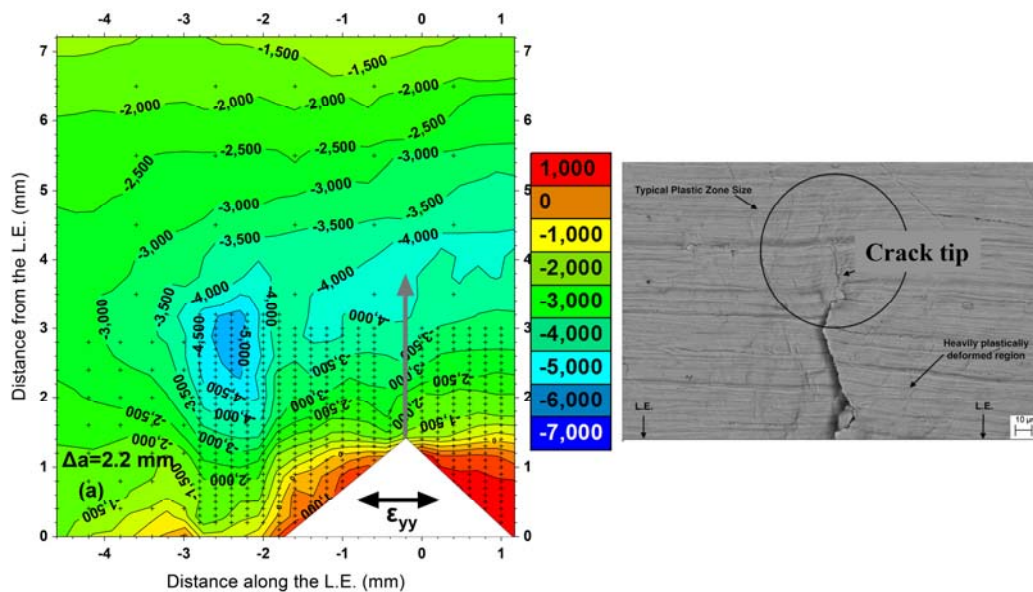


Figure 12: (a) Longitudinal residual strain distribution for overloaded specimen (S-4,  $S_{\text{max}} > 860\text{MPa}$ ) (The error in results lies within  $\pm 200$  microstrains) and (b) SEM images of a 2.2 mm long crack.

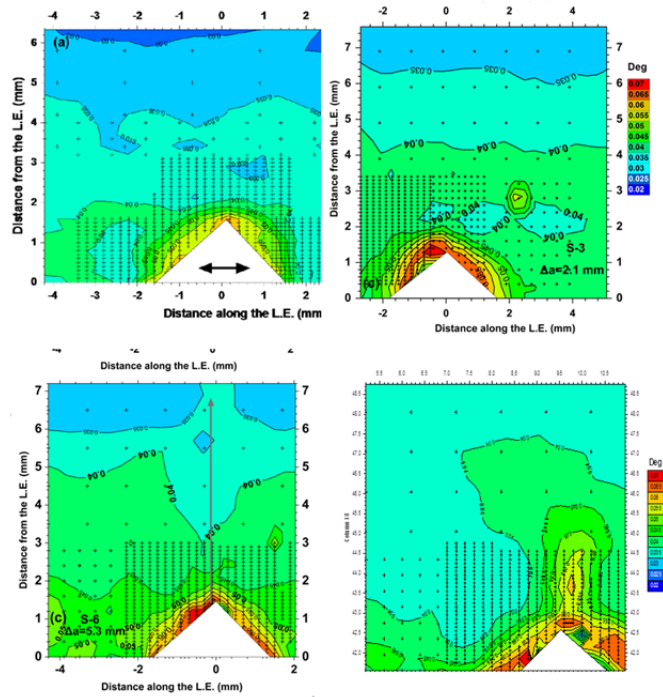


Figure 13: Maps of FWHM of  $(10\bar{1}2)$  the (a) prior to fatigue cycling, (b) after 2.1 mm growth under CCF, (c) after 5.3 mm growth under LCF, and (d) after rapid crack growth under an overload.

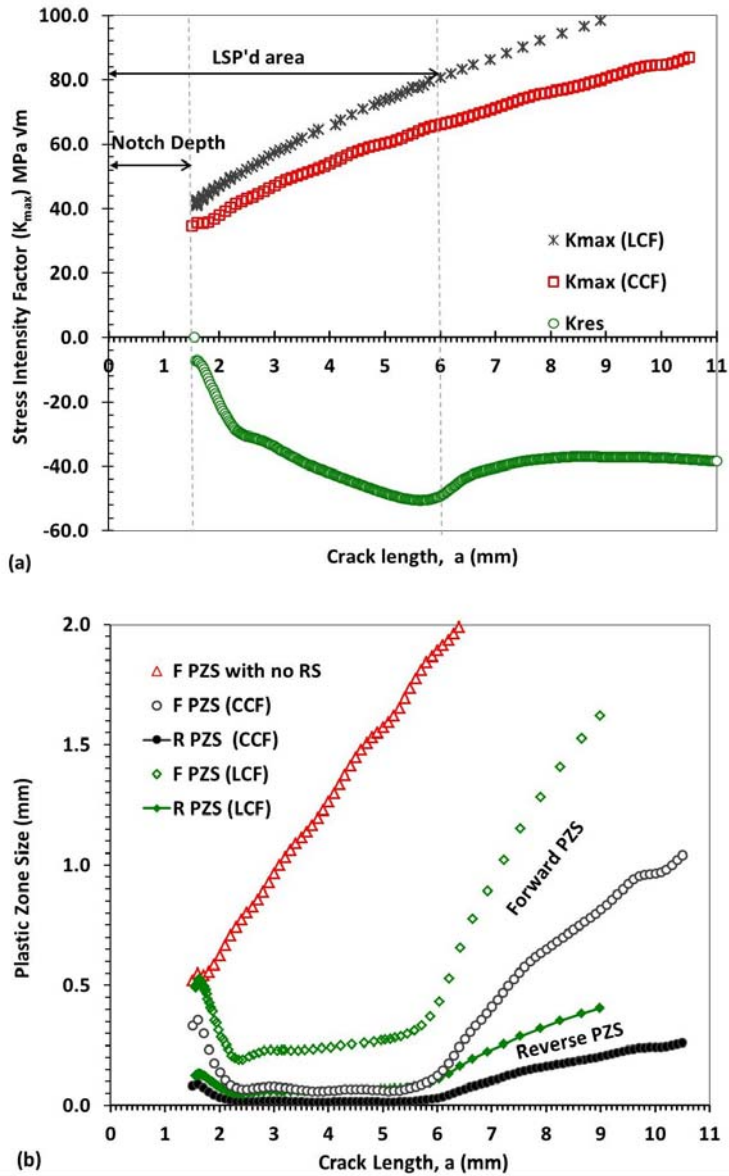


Figure 14: (a) Variation of  $K_{res}$  and estimated variation of  $K_{max}$  with crack length under CCF and LCF loading conditions without considering residual stress and (b) Forward and reverse plastic zone for both  $0^\circ$  impact, found using Equation 2 and 3 respectively for CCF loading condition at  $S_{max}=435$  MPa for CCF and  $S_{max}=586$  for the LCF condition.