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CRIAQ MANU419 project meeting :

“Water droplets erosion mechanisms of Ti-alloys
used for gas turbine compressor”



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Objectives :

- 1) Understanding the influence of base material (Impingement direction)
 - Characterization of blade microstructure
 - Material selection relative to the blade microstructure
 - Rig test plan

- 2) Understanding the influence of LSP and LPB on erosion behavior
 - Characterization of LSP and LPB samples
 - Craters width measurement
 - Crack analysis (size/Inclination)
 - Erosion features and mechanism



Highlights :

- Events :
 - Fall semester 2012 mainly spent in preparation of doctoral exam
 - Accepted article to Wear of Materials Conference & Journal
- Research work :
 - characterization of the material in order to select the appropriate material for erosion investigation
 - characterization work on eroded LPB coupons



Content

Introduction

- Context and objective of the study

I – Characterization of base materials

- Microstructure and crystallographic texture selection

II – Characterization of the LPB coupons

- Base material
- Craters size and depth
- Erosion mechanism
- Cracks measurements



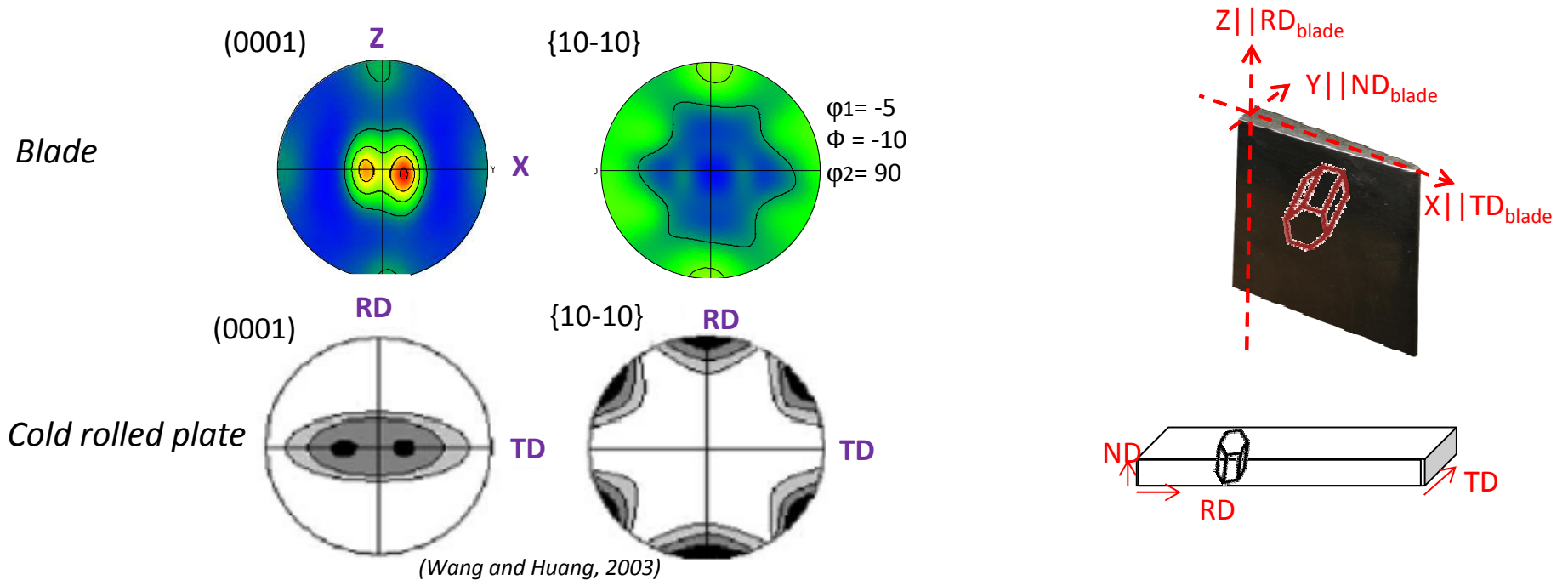
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Part 1 -

Characterization of base material

1-1 Base material selection

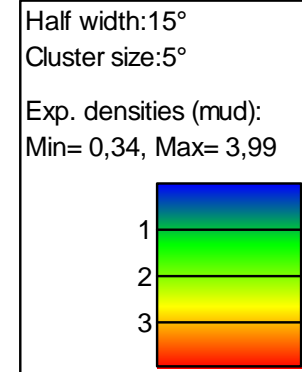
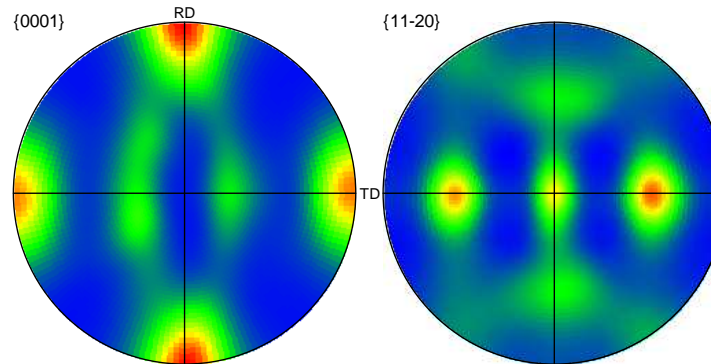
- Cold rolled Ti-6Al-4V texture: basal or nearly basal texture with the poles tilted up to 40° towards TD



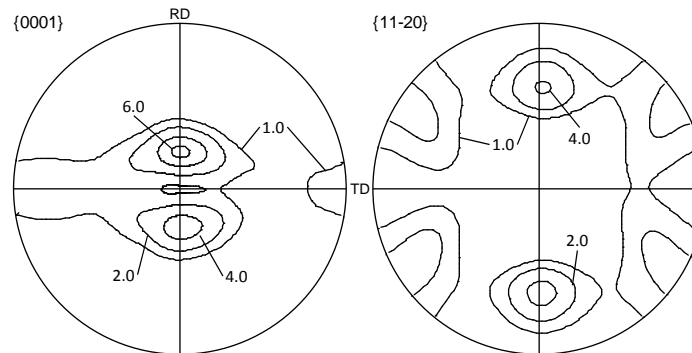
➡ Cold rolled plate is selected for base material study

1-2 Characterization of different base materials

Rolled plate from Concordia



Rolled plate/ Flat samples



Rolled plate from RR

Under progress

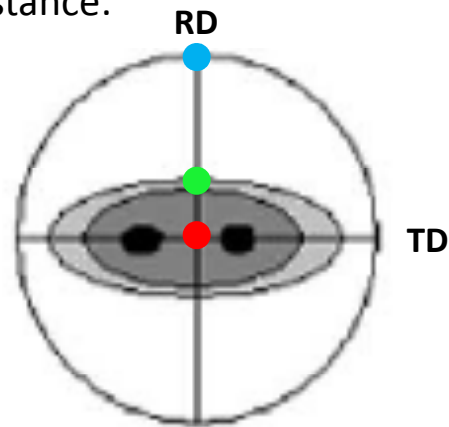
! Issue:
Finding appropriate material

➡ Material selection will be done (February, 2013)

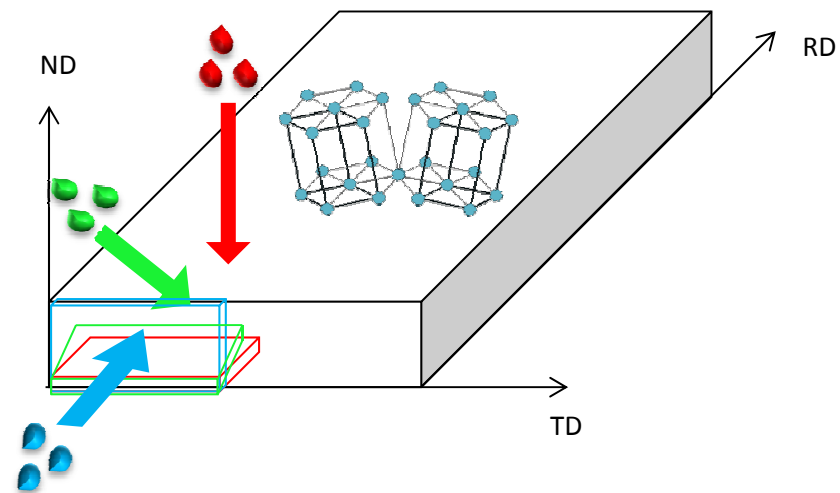
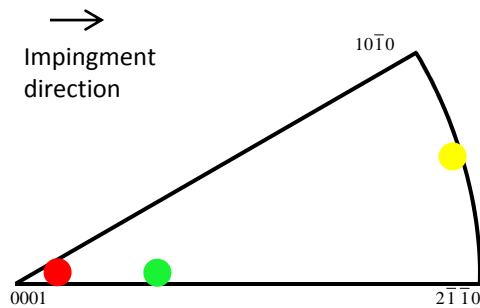
1-3 Near future works for impingement direction influence

- Experimental plan to investigate influence of crystallographic texture of base material on water erosion resistance:

Pole figure



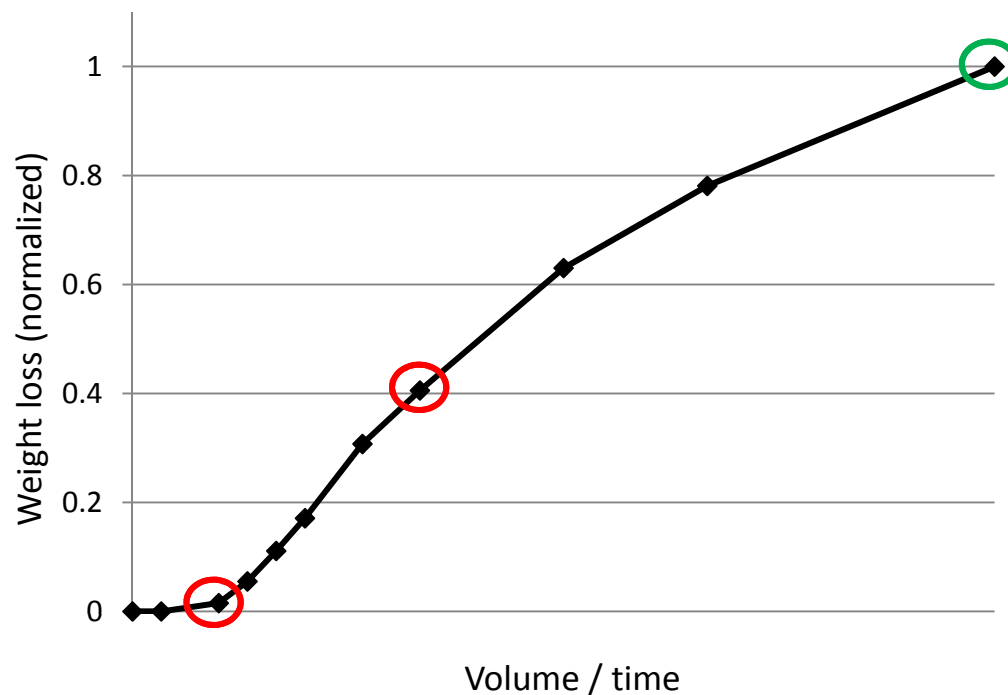
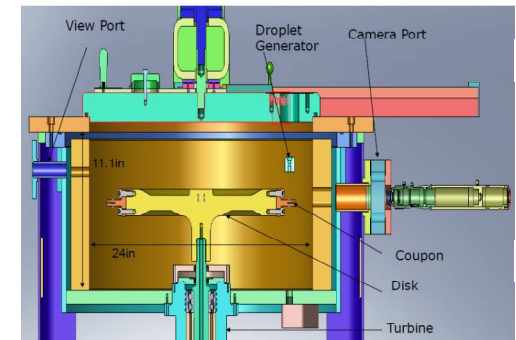
Inverse pole figure



↪ different impingement directions relative to cold rolled plate

1-3 Near future works for impingement direction influence

- for each direction of impingement : 3 erosion tests to be run at Concordia (march. - April. 2013)



- ① 1 test until steady state with many interruptions for weight measurement
- ② 2 other tests up to early and intermediate stages of erosion

Part 2 -

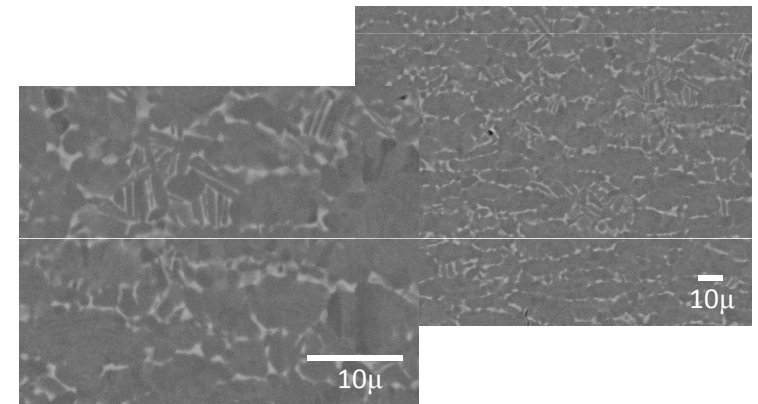
Characterization of LPB coupons

- High Load Parameter (HLP)
- Low Load Parameter (LLP)

2-1 Erosion characterization

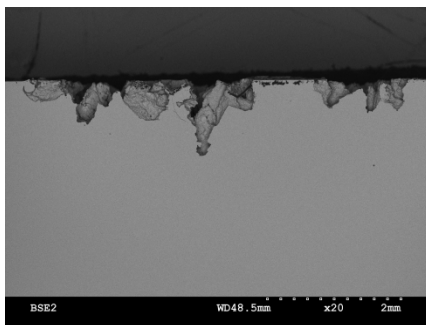
- Base material studies

↳ microstructure at different scale



- Description of craters depth and width:

↳ craters formation at macroscopic scale



Average depth

LLP: 575 μ

HLP: 486 μ



Average width

LLP: 545 μ

HLP: 577 μ

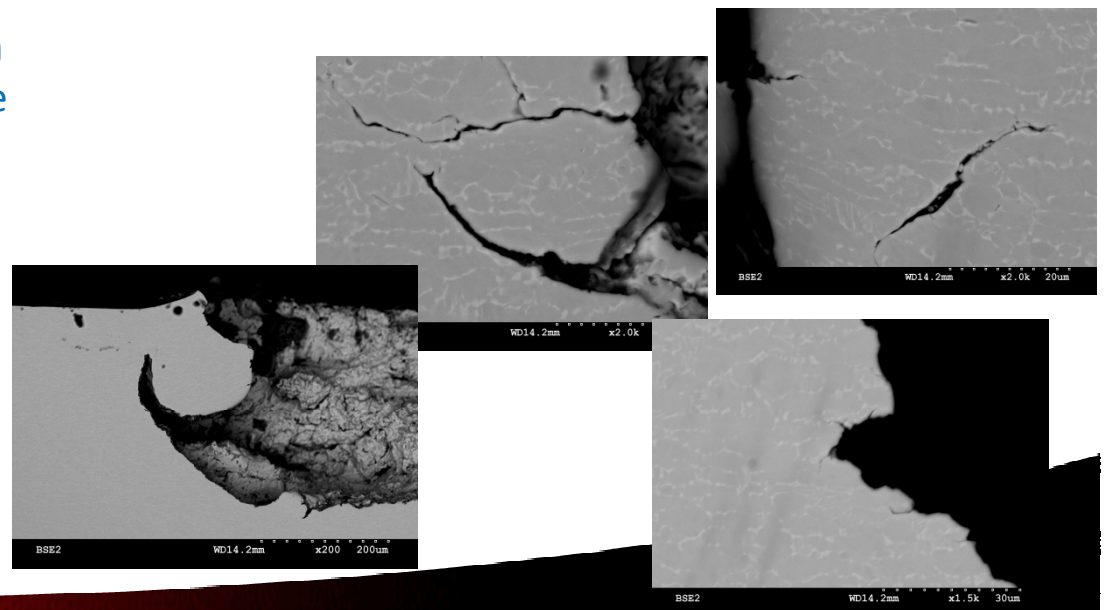
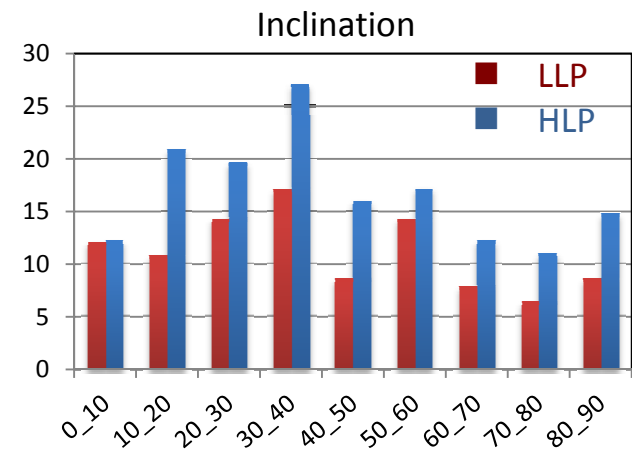
2-1 Erosion characterization

- Observation and specific preparation of cross-section of eroded coupons:

↳ crack size and inclination measurement

- Observation of erosion features:

↳ investigation of erosion mechanism with the focus on surface treated zone



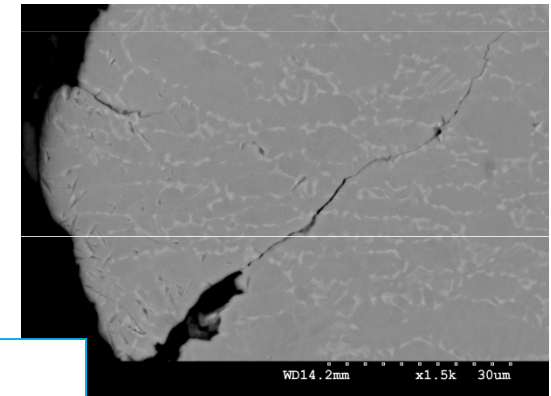
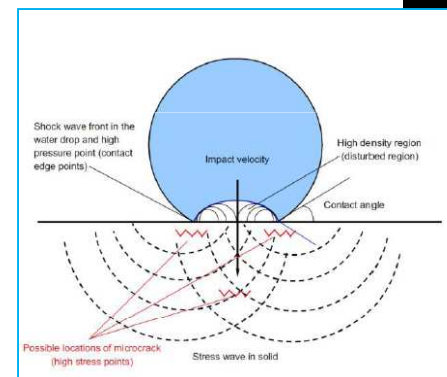
2-2 Near future work for surface treatment investigation

- Future investigation on erosion features and stress field

- ↳ cracks and features observation
 - ↳ stress fields analysis (Collaborating with Concordia group)

- Erosion mechanisms comparison of the LSP, LPB and untreated coupons

- ↳ Untreated coupons are under manufacturing and will be tested at Alstom (March-April, 2013)



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