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# Mathematical Model and Verification of Residual Stress Induced by Water Jet Peening

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**Abstract:** The water jet peening (WJP) technology can induce compressive residual stress (RS) in metal surfaces and, thus, improve the fatigue life of components. In this paper, a mathematical model is proposed for calculating the RS induced by WJP. To validate the proposed mathematical model, experimental and finite element simulation verifications were carried out on Al6061-T6. The distribution of RS along the depth direction, the maximum compressive RS, and the depth of the compressive RS layer were also investigated based on the mathematical model. Results showed that the error of maximum compressive RS between the mathematical model and experiment was within 9% under a jet pressure of 60 MPa, and the error of depth of the compressive RS layer between the mathematical model is reliable and accurate. The maximum compressive RS increases with the increase in jet pressure, and the depth of the compressive RS layer approximately linearly increases with the increase in jet diameter.

**Keywords:** water jet peening; residual stress; mathematical model; finite element simulation; aluminium alloys

# 1. Introduction

Water jet peening (WJP) technology is a surface modification technology that was initiated in the 1980s [1]; it uses a high-energy water jet to impact the surface of metallic components to form plastic deformation below the recrystallization temperature, thus inducing compressive residual stress (RS) so as to improve the fatigue life of components. In addition to its high energy density, low cost, and environmental protection, WJP can precisely control the injection position to avoid "unpeened" regions, leading to WJP attracting extensive research attention.

Epp et al. [2] used a water jet to impact the surface of 18CrNiMo7-6, and the maximum compressive RS induced on the surface of the peened specimen was as high as -1000 MPa under a jet pressure of 450 MPa. Azmir et al. [3] used a water jet to impact the surface of AISI304, and a compressive RS of -470 MPa was induced on the surface of the peened specimen under a jet pressure of 200 MPa. Lieblich et al. [4] used a water jet to impact the surface of Ti6Al4V, and a compressive RS of -410 MPa was induced on the surface of the peened specimen under a jet pressure of 240 MPa. Alora et al. [5] used a water jet to impact the surface of commercially pure titanium, and a compressive RS of -180 MPa was induced on the surface of the peened specimen under a jet pressure of 280 MPa. He et al. [6] used a water jet to impact the surface of Al6061-T6 alloy, and a compressive RS of -124 MPa was induced on



the surface of the peened specimen under a jet pressure of 40 MPa, while the compressive RS layer depth of the peened specimen reached 200  $\mu$ m.

Masataka et al. [7] used a water jet to impact the surface of SCM435, and the maximum compressive RS induced on the surface of the peened specimen was as high as –358 MPa. Madhulika et al. [8] used a water jet to impact the surface of AISI304, and the surface of the peened specimen was transformed from an initial tensile RS of 222 MPa to a compressive RS of –513 MPa.

In addition to experimental methods, mathematical modeling and finite element simulation models were also used to study the RS induced by WJP. Kunaporn et al. [9] used ANSYS to simulate the process of WJP on Al7075-T6 alloy; it was found that the simulation model results of the RS field were almost consistent with the experimental results. Subsequently, Kunaporn et al. [10] proposed a mathematical model capable of predicting critical standoff distance under different WJP conditions. Rajesh et al. [11,12] proposed a finite element method that considers the jet pressure distribution of high-velocity droplets impacting on the target surface rather than the stationary pressure distribution, and used ANSYS to simulate the process of WJP on Al6063-T6 alloy; the RS obtained by the simulation model was compared with the experimental results, and the deviation was about 10%. Based on the quasi-static pressure distribution and the nonlinear axial symmetry plane distributed load, Dong et al. [13] used ANSYS to simulate the process of WJP on Al2A11 alloy under different pressures, and obtained the distribution of the RS field and the variation law of RS along the layer depth and radial direction. Hsu et al. [14] used the coupled Euler–Lagrangian (CEL) method of ABAQUS to simulate the dynamic process of WJP; the water hammer pressure and stagnation pressure obtained by the simulation model were theoretically confirmed, and further verified by Obara's experiment [15]. Cho et al. [16] used ANSYS to simulate the impact of water droplets on AL6061-T6, whereas He et al. used ABAQUS to simulate the impact of a water jet on AL6061-T6 alloy. They all found that the plastic deformation and RS occurred only when the jet velocity was beyond a certain critical value. Kunaporn et al. [17] used ANSYS to simulate the process of WJP on Al7075-T6 alloy with quasi-static pressure distribution, and obtained the variation law of the stress-strain field during the peening process.

However, the induced RS after WJP in the above studies was mostly obtained via simulation models and experiments, whereas it was not found directly using a mathematical model. In addition, most of the above simulation models of WJP used only single-point fixed impact, which is not consistent with the actual working conditions because WJP features multiple-pass impact. Therefore, a mathematical model is proposed in this study for calculating the RS induced by WJP. To validate the proposed mathematical model, experimental and finite element simulation verifications were carried out on Al6061-T6. The distribution of RS along the depth direction, the maximum compressive RS, and the depth of the compressive RS layer were also investigated based on the mathematical model.

## 2. Mathematical Model for Calculating RS after WJP

#### 2.1. Impact Pressure

As shown in Figure 1, the water jet can be divided into two regions along the impact direction: the initial region and basic region. The initial region can be divided into a continuous region and a core region, and the basic region can be divided into a fractured region and a water droplet region [6]. The energy of the initial region is concentrated, which is beneficial for strengthening. Therefore, it is better to locate the target surface that needs strengthening in the initial region; the length of initial region  $x_c$  [6] is determined as follows:

$$x_c = (63 \sim 135)d_n, \tag{1}$$

where  $d_n$  is the nozzle diameter;  $d_n = 0.3$  mm in this paper.



Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the impact morphology of a water jet in the air.

According to Equation (1), the length of the initial region is 19.5-40.5 mm. Meanwhile, the standoff distance is only 3 mm, which is much less than  $x_c$ ; thus, it can be considered that the jet is located in the continuous region.

Among these four regions, the continuous region is close to the nozzle and the jet remains continuous. In this case, the jet almost does not diverge when it reaches the target surface, and the jet velocity has almost no attenuation. Moreover, the jet velocity is the same at an arbitrary point on a certain cross-section and it is equal to the velocity of nozzle exit.

Therefore, it can be considered that the jet diameter *d* is equal to the nozzle diameter  $d_n$ , and the jet velocity *v* is uniformly distributed and equal to  $v_0$ .

According to liquid impact theory, when the impact pressure of a water jet acts on a target surface, the impact pressure includes two phases: the water-hammer pressure ( $P_C$ ) phase and the stagnation pressure ( $P_S$ ) phase [17,18]. During the water-hammer pressure phase, the jet peening on the solid surface occurs in a compressible manner and produces high pressure, which makes the jet act on the target surface like a "water hammer", thereby inducing stress inside the target. Water-hammer pressure  $P_C$  can be expressed as follows:

$$P_c = \rho v c_1, \tag{2}$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of water, v is the jet velocity, and  $c_1$  is the shock velocity of water.  $c_1$  can be expressed as follows:

$$c_1 = c_0 + kv, \tag{3}$$

where v is the jet velocity,  $c_0$  is the acoustic velocity of water (around 1500 m/s), and k is a coefficient with a value of about 2 for  $v \le 1000$  m/s.

The duration  $\tau$  of water-hammer pressure can be expressed as follows:

$$\tau = \frac{d}{2c_1}.\tag{4}$$

As shown in Figure 2, after the water-hammer pressure phase, the impact pressure decreases and reaches a steady state, which becomes the stagnation pressure  $P_S$ . From the Bernoulli equation,  $P_S$  can be expressed as follows:

$$P_s = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2. \tag{5}$$



Figure 2. Phase change of impact pressure.

#### 2.2. Mathematical Model of RS

The continuous region was applied in the experiment of WJP, whereby the axial dynamic pressure of the water jet was constant and the radial dynamic pressure was hardly attenuated. Therefore, the impact pressure of the water jet acting on the target surface was assumed to be uniformly distributed [17] (i.e., the pressure at each point in the jet coverage region was equal to the water-hammer pressure) (Figure 3). In addition, during the WJP process, the formation of the RS field was the result of the water-hammer pressure [6,19]; thus,

$$P(r) = P_c, (6)$$

where *r* is the distance from any point on the jet cross-section to the center;  $r_{max}$  is one-half of jet diameter *d*.



Figure 3. Schematic diagram of the load distribution of impact pressure.

The contact center between the jet and target surface was taken as the coordinate origin *O*, whereas the *Z*-axis direction was the depth direction of the target. According to the Hertzian theory, the elastic stress field of the target along the *Z*-axis direction is expressed as follows:

$$\sigma_X^e = \sigma_Y^e = -p_c \left\{ \frac{1+2\mu}{2} - \frac{(1+\mu)Z}{(r^2+Z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{Z^3}{2(r^2+Z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\},\tag{7}$$

$$\sigma_Z^e = -p_c \left\{ 1 - \frac{Z^3}{(r^2 + Z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right\},\tag{8}$$

where  $\sigma_k^e(k = XYZ)$  is the principal stress,  $\mu$  is the Poisson's ratio of the target material,  $P_C$  is the water-hammer pressure, *r* is the jet radius, and *Z* is the depth from the target surface.

The von Mises equivalent stress ( $\sigma_i^e$ ) can be calculated from the principal stress, expressed as follows:

$$\sigma_{i}^{e} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[ \left( \sigma_{X}^{e} - \sigma_{Y}^{e} \right)^{2} + \left( \sigma_{Y}^{e} - \sigma_{Z}^{e} \right)^{2} + \left( \sigma_{Z}^{e} - \sigma_{X}^{e} \right)^{2} \Big]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(9)

According to Hooke's law, the principal strains of the target are expressed as follows:

$$\varepsilon_X^e = \varepsilon_Y^e = \frac{1}{E} \Big[ \sigma_X^e - \mu \Big( \sigma_Y^e + \sigma_Y^e \Big) \Big], \tag{10}$$

$$\varepsilon_Z^e = \frac{1}{E} \Big( \sigma_Z^e - 2\mu \sigma_X^e \Big), \tag{11}$$

where *E* is the Young's modulus of the target material.

The equivalent strain  $\varepsilon_i^e$  can be directly obtained by Hooke's law as follows:

$$\varepsilon_i^e = \frac{\sigma_i^e}{E}.$$
 (12)

The target was treated as a bilinearly reinforced elastic-plastic body, and its stress-strain relationship is shown in Figure 4, where  $\sigma_s$  and  $\varepsilon_s$  are the yield stress and yield strain, respectively,  $\sigma_b$  and  $\varepsilon_b$  are the ultimate tensile stress and plastic strain corresponding to  $\sigma_b$ , respectively,  $H^1$  is the linear strain-hardening rate of the target material, and  $\sigma_i^p$  and  $\varepsilon_i^p$  are the plastic stress and plastic strain, respectively.

 $\sigma_{b}$  $\mathcal{E}_{b}$ ε  $2\sigma$ 



An arbitrary point was taken on the Z-axis; the point was in an elastic state when  $\varepsilon_i^e < \varepsilon_s$ , and the point was in an elastic–plastic state when  $\varepsilon_i^e \geq \varepsilon_s$ . The empirical formula for elastic–plastic strain proposed by Li et al. [20] is as follows:

$$\varepsilon_i^p = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_i^e & \varepsilon_i^e < \varepsilon_s \\ \varepsilon_s + \alpha (\varepsilon_i^e - \varepsilon_s) & \varepsilon_i^e \ge \varepsilon_s \end{cases}$$
(13)

where  $\alpha = r/R \approx 0.39$ , *r* is the jet radius, and *R* is the radius of the region affected by the jet impact pressure [14].



The yield strain  $\varepsilon_s$  is expressed as follows:

$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{\sigma_s}{E}.\tag{14}$$

Then, from the elastic–plastic stress–strain curve of the target material,  $\sigma_i^p$  can be obtained, which corresponds to  $\varepsilon_i^p$ .

$$\sigma_i^p = \begin{cases} \sigma_i^e & \varepsilon_i^p < \varepsilon_s \\ \sigma_s + H^1(\varepsilon_i^p - \varepsilon_s) & \varepsilon_s \le \varepsilon_i^p < \varepsilon_b \\ \sigma_b & \varepsilon_i^p \ge \varepsilon_b \end{cases}$$
(15)

$$H^1 = \frac{\sigma_b - \sigma_s}{\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_s}.$$
 (16)

To facilitate the calculation of the stress after unloading, the deformation of the target caused by WJP was neglected. In addition, the unloading process before the start of reverse yielding was considered as the elastic deformation process.

Obviously, for isotropic strengthening materials, the residual stress can be expressed as follows: When  $\sigma_i^e < \sigma_s$ ,

$$\sigma_i^r = 0. \tag{17}$$

When  $\sigma_s \leq \sigma_i^e < 2\sigma_i^p$ ,

$$\sigma_X^r = \sigma_Y^r = \frac{1}{3} \left( \sigma_i^p - \sigma_i^e \right), \tag{18}$$

$$\sigma_Z^r = -2\sigma_X^r.$$
 (19)

When  $2\sigma_i^p \leq \sigma_i^e$ ,

$$\sigma_X^r = \sigma_Y^r = \frac{1}{3} \left( \sigma_i^p - 2\sigma_i^p - \Delta \sigma_i^p \right), \tag{20}$$

$$\sigma_Z^r = -2\sigma_X^r.$$
 (21)

After the WJP strengthens a region, it can be considered that the stress–strain field formed on target surface is uniform and stable. According to the research results in the literature [21], the average value of RS ( $\sigma^{ind}$ ) of the entire peened region can be expressed as follows:

$$\sigma_X^{ind} = \sigma_Y^{ind} = \frac{1+\mu}{1-\mu} \sigma_{X'}^r$$
(22)

$$\sigma_Z^{ind} = 0. \tag{23}$$

#### 3. Simulation Model and Experimental Procedures

## 3.1. Finite Element Simulation Model

A simulation model of multiple-pass WJP is developed in this section. To simplify the calculation, some basic assumptions are proposed as follows:

- 1. The target material is isotropic elastic–plastic.
- 2. Consistent with the mathematical model in Section 2.2, the impact pressure acting on the target surface is also assumed to be uniformly distributed [9,10,17,22].
- 3. Previous work decreased the erosion to a minimum (i.e., erosion can be almost neglected) by increasing jet traverse velocity and adjusting other parameters [6]. In addition, Rajesh [12], Hsu [14], and Cho [16] et al. neglected erosion when studying WJP; thus, erosion was neglected in the finite element model.

#### 3.1.1. Mesh and Boundary Conditions

According to the actual diameter of the water jet, a pressure distribution of 0.3 mm in diameter was determined; a target model of 10 mm in length, 8 mm in width, and 3 mm in height (Figure 5) was established. The chosen element type of the target was linear hexahedral with reduced integration (i.e., C3D8R). A discrete rigid body was selected as the applied body, and its chosen element type was bilinear rigid quadrilateral (i.e., R3D4); all nodes on the bottom surface of the target were completely fixed. All four sides of the target model were specified as non-reflecting boundaries to eliminate the reflection of stress waves. Furthermore, in the load acting region, the target model was meshed by elements of 0.15 mm in the *X*- and *Y*-directions, and 0.04 mm in the *Z*-direction. The rest of the target model was meshed by elements of 0.5 mm, and the rigid body was meshed by elements of 0.04 mm, as shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5. Simulation model of multiple-pass water jet peening (WJP).

## 3.1.2. Material and Load

Al6061-T6 alloy was selected as the target material, which has a yield stress of 265 MPa, Young's modulus of 69 GPa, Poisson's ratio of 0.33, and density of 2900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. To remain consistent with Section 2.2, a bilinear isotropic strengthened elastic–plastic model was also selected as the constitutive model of the target material [23,24]. The stress–strain relationship of the Al6061-T6 alloy was input into ABAQUS.

Because the formation of the RS field is the result of water-hammer pressure, it was used as the load of the simulation model. In addition, jet pressures of 20, 26, 33, 44, 50, 60, 72, and 80 MPa were taken; the corresponding water-hammer pressure was firstly calculated using Equations (2) and (3) in Section 2.1, and then applied to the bottom surface of the discrete rigid body shown in Figure 4. Its direction was along the *Z*-axis direction (i.e., the depth direction).

For the convergence of the simulation model, four load steps were set: loading phase, sustaining phase, unloading phase, and elastic recovering phase, as shown in Figure 6. The detailed parameters of the simulation model of WJP are shown in Table 1.

Jet Diameter <i>d</i>	Water-Hammer Pressure <i>P<sub>C</sub></i>	Jet Traverse Velocity $v_f$	
(mm)	(MPa)	(mm/min)	
0.3/0.45/0.6/0.75/1	403/450/515/622/676/755/859/920	4000 [6]	



Figure 6. Impact pressure loading diagram.

In the actual process of WJP, the jet needs to strengthen the entire region. Only when the water jet completes multiple passes in a *Z*-shape (Figure 5), instead of peening a straight line, can the strengthening of the whole region be realized.

The multiple-pass impact was realized by introducing the stress–strain field of the previous impact into the simulation model of the next impact through the "create a predefined field" of the load module in ABAQUS. Combined with the authors' previous work [6] and other studies [4,22], the distance between the center of the adjacent water jets  $D_C$  was set as 0.15 mm.

#### 3.2. Experimental Procedure

Al6061-T6 alloy was selected as the target material, and the stress–strain curve of Al6061-T6 alloy was obtained by a tensile test, as shown in Figure 7. Its chemical composition and mechanical properties are shown in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. The selected specimen was 40 mm in length, 18 mm in width, and 18 mm in height. In order to better observe the peened specimens, the specimens were polished one by one with 600/800/1000/1200 grit paper and ultrasonically cleaned with absolute ethanol to eliminate the machining trace on the target surface.



Figure 7. Stress-strain curve of Al6061-T6 alloy and a simplified bilinear elastic-plastic hardening model.

**Table 2.** Chemical composition of Al6061-T6 alloy.

Material	Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Zn	Ti	Al
Al6061-T6	0.4–0.8	0.7	0.15-0.4	0.15	0.8–0.12	0.004-0.3	0.25	0.15	Allowance

Jet Pressure

Jet Center

Material	Al6061-T6 Alloy
Destiny $\rho_s(\text{kg/m}^3)$	2900
Elastic Modulus E (GPa)	69
Poisson's ratio µ	0.33
Yield stress $\sigma_s$ (MPa)	265
Yield strain $\varepsilon_s$	0.38%
Ultimate tensile stress $\sigma_b$ (MPa)	345
Plastic strain $\varepsilon_b$ corresponding to $\sigma_b$	0.2
Hardening parameter $H^1$	283

Table 3. Mechanical properties of Al6061-T6 alloy, data from [23].

The WJP experiments were carried out on the apparatus (DWJ1525-FC) (Figure 8); the nozzle diameter  $d_n$  was 0.3 mm, the distance from the nozzle to the target surface (i.e., standoff distance) was 3 mm, and the number of jet passes n was 5. The water jet peening impacted vertically on the target surface.



Figure 8. Experimental apparatus for WJP.

By adjusting the pump pressure, the jet pressure was controlled and its influence on the RS of the target was investigated. The detailed parameters of the WJP experiment are shown in Table 4. In practical engineering applications, through multiple-pass WJP, the entire region is peened, as shown in Figure 9.

P (m/s)	Distance $D_C$ (mm)	v <sub>f</sub> (mm/min)	Passes n	$d_n$ (mm)	Distance (mm)	
33/44/50/60	0.15	4000	5	0.3	3	
	Peened	Moving path region mm 1 cm 1 2	of water jet			

Table 4. Experiment process parameters of water jet peening (WJP).

Jet

Nozzle Diameter

Standoff

Jet Traverse Velocity

Figure 9. A specimen after WJP.

After the WJP experiment, the RS of the peened region was measured by using the X-ray diffraction (XRD) stress analysis apparatus (PROTO-LXRD) manufactured in Canada (Figure 10), which employs Cr-K $\alpha$  radiation. An X-ray beam with a diameter of 2 mm, wavelength of 2.2910 Å, and gain voltage of 20 kV was used in the measurements. Meanwhile, a beta angle of 5° and a Bragg angle of 139° were set to control the concussion range, whereas the diffraction phase of the {311} plane was used in the stress calculation [25]. The RS was measured using the conventional sin2 $\Psi$  method, whereby each point on the surface was scanned for tilt angles of  $\psi = \pm 27^{\circ}$ . To obtain the distribution of RS along the depth direction, electrolytic polishing was used to remove the peened region of the target surface layer by layer, depth was measured once for each layer of material removed, and RS was measured again. Three points were measured in each measurement region after the removal of a layer, and then the average value was taken as the RS of this depth. In addition, saturated brine was selected as the electrolyte during electrolytic stripping. The stripped region was a circular region with a diameter of 15 mm, and each stripping depth was 20  $\mu$ m. Meanwhile, the voltage of the electrolytic polishing apparatus was set to 10 V, and the electrolytic time was set to 10 s.



Figure 10. X-ray diffraction (XRD) stress analysis apparatus.

# 4. Results and Discussion

According to the optimal process parameters of WJP (P = 60 MPa,  $D_C = 0.15$  mm, n = 5, and  $v_f = 4000$  mm/min) determined in the authors' previous work [6] and other studies [4,26], a comparison among the distribution of RS along the depth direction obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment was conducted to verify the validity of the mathematical model. In addition, as it is mainly influenced by jet pressure, the maximum compressive RS was investigated under different jet pressures based on the mathematical model. Meanwhile, the depth of the compressive RS layer was investigated under different jet diameters based on the mathematical model because it is mainly influenced by jet diameter [6].

# 4.1. Comparison of Distribution of RS

Figure 11 shows the distribution of the RS field after WJP obtained by the simulation model, where the red frame is the peened region, (i.e., the region between the center of the first and last pass). It can be seen that a continuous and uniform compressive RS field was formed in the peened region, where the compressive RS gradually decreased until it transformed into tensile RS along the depth direction of the target. The RS layer was eventually formed, composed of upper compressive RS and lower tensile RS.



**Figure 11.** Distribution contour of the residual stress (RS) field along the depth direction after WJP (P = 60 MPa,  $D_C = 0.15$  mm, n = 5, and  $v_f = 4000$  mm/min).

Figure 12 shows the distribution curve of the RS obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment when  $D_C = 0.15$  mm,  $v_f = 4000$  mm/min, and P = 60 MPa. The RS on each mesh layer obtained by the simulation model was averaged as the RS value for this depth. It can be seen that the distribution of RS along the depth direction obtained by the mathematical model was almost consistent with that obtained by the simulation model and experiment. The mathematical results were especially consistent with the simulation results, whereby the compressive RS increased along the depth direction in both cases, and reached the maximum at depths of 80 µm and 79 µm (i.e., -144.3 MP and -168.9 MPa), respectively. After reaching the maximum compressive RS layers were 248 µm and 200 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were almost consistent. The mathematical results were more consistent with the experimental results in terms of maximum compressive RS and depth of the compressive RS layer, with maximum compressive RS of -144.3 MPa and -157.7 MPa, respectively. Meanwhile, the depths of the compressive RS layers were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were 248 µm and 220 µm, respectively. Overall, the values were almost consistent.



Figure 12. Distribution curve of RS along the depth direction.

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In addition, within the depth of 20  $\mu$ m, the experimental results were slightly larger than the mathematical results and the simulation results. This is because the as-machined specimen induced a certain compressive RS within the depth of 20  $\mu$ m in the previous machining process. However, the experimental results were smaller at depths of more than 20  $\mu$ m; because of the weak divergence of the water jet in the air, the actual water-hammer pressure acting on the target surface was smaller than the mathematical results, leading to a smaller RS.

In summary, the distribution of RS obtained by the mathematical model was almost consistent with that obtained by the simulation model and experiment, which verifies the validity of the mathematical model.

## 4.2. Maximum Compressive RS under Different Jet Pressures

Figure 13 shows the maximum compressive RS obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment under different jet pressures when  $D_{\rm C} = 0.15$  mm,  $v_f = 4000$  mm/min, and d =0.3 mm. It can be seen that RS was induced only when the jet pressure was beyond a certain critical value. Because plastic deformation occurs only when the von Mises stress caused by the water-hammer pressure is beyond the yield strength of the target material, RS is induced only when the jet pressure is beyond a certain critical value. The critical jet pressures obtained by the mathematical model and simulation model were 22 MPa and 20 MPa, respectively; the values were almost consistent. Moreover, the maximum compressive RS obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment increased with the increase in jet pressure in all cases. This is because the water-hammer pressure increased with the increase in jet pressure, leading to the increase in plastic deformation in the peened region. Thus, as large a jet pressure as possible should be selected to obtain larger RS. Although the maximum compressive RS obtained using different methods had certain errors, the experimental results were between the mathematical results and the simulation results. For example, under jet pressure P = 60 MPa, the maximum values of compressive RS obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment were -144.3 MPa, -168.9 MPa, and -157.7 MPa, respectively. In summary, the maximum compressive RS obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment was almost consistent, which further verifies the validity of the mathematical model.



Figure 13. Maximum compressive RS under different jet pressures.

#### 4.3. Depth of Compressive RS Layer under Different Jet Diameters

Figure 14 shows the depth of the compressive RS layer obtained by the mathematical model, simulation model, and experiment under different jet diameters when  $D_C = 0.15$  mm,  $v_f = 4000$  mm/min,

and P = 60 MPa. It can be seen that the depth of the compressive RS layer obtained by the mathematical model and simulation model both approximately linearly increased with the increase in jet diameter, whereby the increasing slope and the specific value were almost consistent. This is because, when the jet pressure is constant, the jet action area increases with the increase in jet diameter; thus, the area of the impact region also increases, leading to an increase in plastic deformation in the peened region. Therefore, as large a jet diameter as possible should be selected to obtain a larger depth of the compressive RS layer. In addition, when d = 0.3 mm, the depth of the compressive RS layer obtained by the experiment (i.e., 220 µm) was between that obtained by the mathematical model (i.e., 248 µm) and the simulation model (i.e., 200 µm), and the values were almost consistent, which further verifies the validity of the mathematical model.



Figure 14. The depth of the compressive RS layer under different jet diameters.

# 5. Conclusions

In this paper, a mathematical model was proposed for calculating the RS induced by WJP. To validate the proposed mathematical model, experimental and finite element simulation verifications were carried out on Al6061-T6. The error of maximum compressive RS between the mathematical model and experiment was within 9% under a jet pressure of 60 MPa, and the error of depth of the compressive RS layer between the mathematical model and experiment was within 13% under a jet diameter of 0.3 mm. Hence, the mathematical model is reliable and accurate. The distribution of RS along the depth direction, the maximum compressive RS, and the depth of the compressive RS layer were also investigated based on the mathematical model. The maximum compressive RS layer approximately linearly increased with the increase in jet diameter.

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