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Foreword

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1 Scope

This CEN Technical Specification specifies a method to determine the fibre-matrix bonding characteristics of ceramic matrix composite materials at room temperature, by the measurement of the interfacial frictional shear stress obtained by cycled tension on mini-composites.

A mini-composite is a unidirectional composite reinforced with a single tow.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TR 13233:2007, *Advanced technical ceramics — Notations and symbols*

EN ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force measuring system (ISO 7500-1:2004)*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this European Technical Specification, the terms, definitions and symbols given in CEN/TR 13233:2007 and the following apply.

3.1

fibre radius

R_f

for circular fibres *R_f* is the mean radius of the fibres; for non circular fibres, *R_f* is replaced by

$$\sqrt{\frac{S_F}{\pi}}$$

3.2

fibre cross-section area

S_F

mean cross section area of the fibre

3.3

cross section area

A₀

cross section area of the test specimen

3.4

gauge length

L₀

initial distance between the two gripped ends of the test specimen

3.5 Volume fraction

3.5.1

fibre volume fraction

V_f

fraction of fibre content in the test specimen that can be determined using microscopy and image analysis or any other adequate method

3.5.2**matrix volume fraction** V_m

fraction of matrix content in the test specimen that can be determined using microscopy and image analysis or any other adequate method

3.6**tensile force** F

tensile force on the test specimen

3.7**maximum tensile force** F_M

highest recorded tensile force on the test specimen when tested to failure

3.8**initial tensile force at unloading** F_p

tensile force on the test specimen at initiation of unloading

3.9**tensile force at matrix crack saturation** F_s

tensile force on the test specimen at the end of the non linear domain of the force-displacement curve (see Figure 1)

3.10**cycle or hysteresis loop**

force-displacement curve obtained when loading the test specimen up to a given defined load and then unloading it to zero load (see Figure 2)

3.11**area of the hysteresis loop** S

area comprised between the unloading and the reloading force-displacement curve during a cycle (see Figure 2)

3.12**width of a hysteresis loop** $\delta\Delta$

difference in measured displacements on unloading and reloading, at a same force, during a cycle (see Figure 2)

3.13**tensile stress** σ

tensile force in the unloading-reloading sequence that corresponds to $\delta\Delta$ divided by the cross section area A_0

3.14**initial stress at unloading** σ_p

tensile force at initiation of unloading divided by the cross section area A_0

3.15**stress at matrix crack saturation** σ_s

tensile force at the end of non linear domain of the monotonic loaded force-displacement curve, divided by the cross-section area A_0 (force level F_s in Figure 1)

prCEN/TS 15881:2008 (E)**3.16
longitudinal deformation**

ΔL
increase of the gauge length under a given force

**3.17
total compliance**

C_t
inverse of the slope in the initial linear part of the force/displacement curve

**3.18
load train compliance**

C_l
ratio of the cross-head displacement to the force excluding any test specimen contribution to the corresponding force during the tensile test

**3.19
interfacial frictional shear stress**

τ_f
interfacial frictional shear stress at initiation of sliding between fibre and matrix

**3.20
mean spacing distance of matrix cracks**

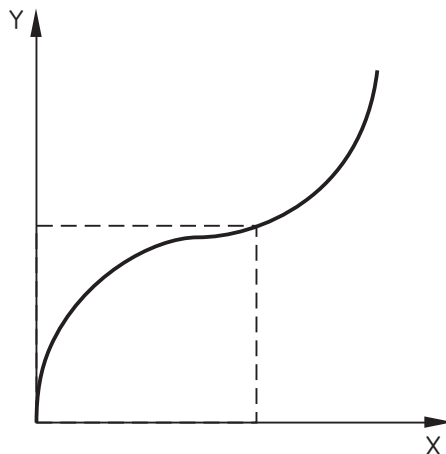
l_s
mean spacing distance between transverse cracks after matrix cracking saturation

4 Principle

The mini-composite is loaded monotonically in tension parallel to the fibre direction at a constant displacement rate.

4.1 Method A

If saturation of matrix cracking can be detected on the force-displacement curve, then the interfacial frictional shear stress is obtained from the force at crack saturation, F_S (see Figure 1).



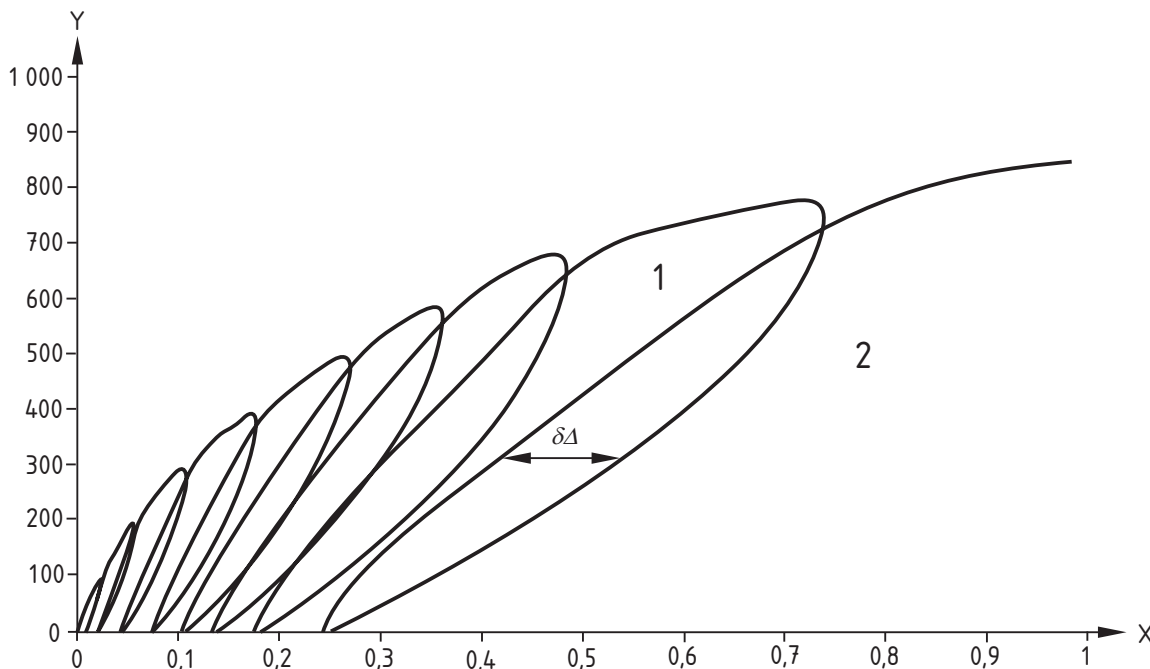
Key

- X Displacement
- Y Force

Figure 1 – Force-displacement curve obtained during a tensile test (Method A)

4.2 Method B

If crack saturation cannot be detected, tensile test shall be performed with unloading/reloading cycles with increasing force amplitude. The area or the width of the hysteresis loops is directly related to the interfacial frictional shear stress (see Figure 2).



Key

- X Displacement (mm)
- Y Force (N)
- 1 reloading
- 2 unloading

Figure 2 – Schematic diagram showing loading-unloading cycles (hysteresis loops) obtained during a tensile test (Method B)