

Influence of loading speed on yield strength value of S235 and C45 steels

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Abstract. The aim of the paper is to evaluate the dependency of the yield strength of steels S235 and C45 on loading speed. In order to quantify this phenomenon, static and dynamical tension tests of both steels were realized and evaluated. Static tension tests realized on flat specimen confirmed values of yield strength under static loading given by material sheets of both steels. Dynamical testing has shown different behavior of steels under increased loading speeds. While the steel S235 has shown a significant growth of yield strength with the increased loading speed in the interval from 0 m/s till 3 m/s, the steel C45 has shown this ability in the interval from 0 m/s till 1 m/s only and the subsequent growth of yield strength has been very slow. In order to quantify the strain distribution in the specimen during dynamical tests using digital image correlation method, experiments were recorded using high-speed camera as well. Unfortunately, none of the results could be used since the colour applied on the surface of the specimen was eroded from the surface due to its fast deformation.

Introduction

During different types of experiments, the dependency of yield strength value on loading speeds was observed [1]. In order to quantify this phenomenon, static and dynamical tension tests of S235 and C45 steels were performed and evaluated.

Values of the yield strength of S235 steel were measured and evaluated under four different loading speeds – static loading, 1 m/s, 2 m/s and 3 m/s.

Values of the yield strength of C45 steel were measured and evaluated under ten different loading speeds – static loading, 1 m/s, 1.5 m/s, 2 m/s, 2.5 m/s, 3 m/s, 4 m/s, 6 m/s, 10 m/s and 20 m/s.

Results measured can be subsequently used for design of devices working under higher speeds, such as electric contactors, switches, etc.

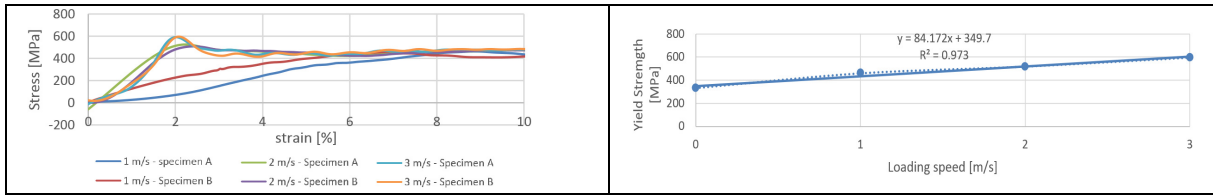


Fig. 4: Results of tension test of steel S235 under dynamical loading

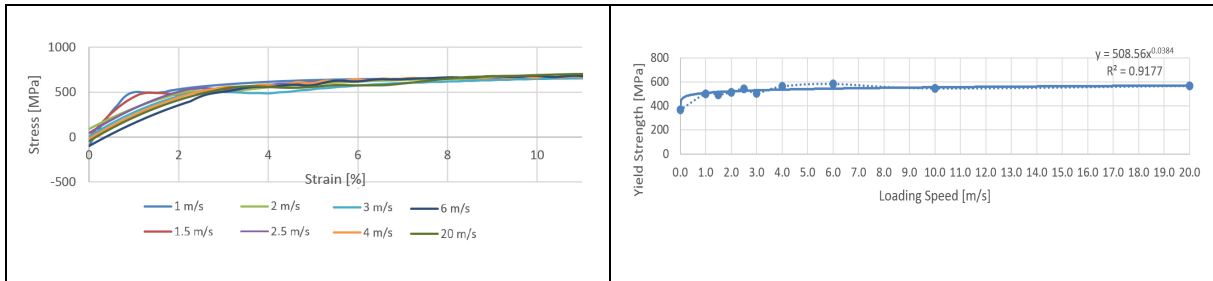


Fig. 5: Results of tension test of steel C45 under dynamical loading

As mentioned above already, the intention of authors was to measure the strain distribution on the surface of the specimen during the dynamical testing using digital image correlation method. To do so, the surface of the specimen was provided by spotted spraying and subsequently recorded by high-speed camera during the loading. Unfortunately, the fast loading caused the peeling-off the color sprayed on the specimen surface and made so the measurement impossible. The peeling-off process can be seen in series of images depicted in Fig. 6.

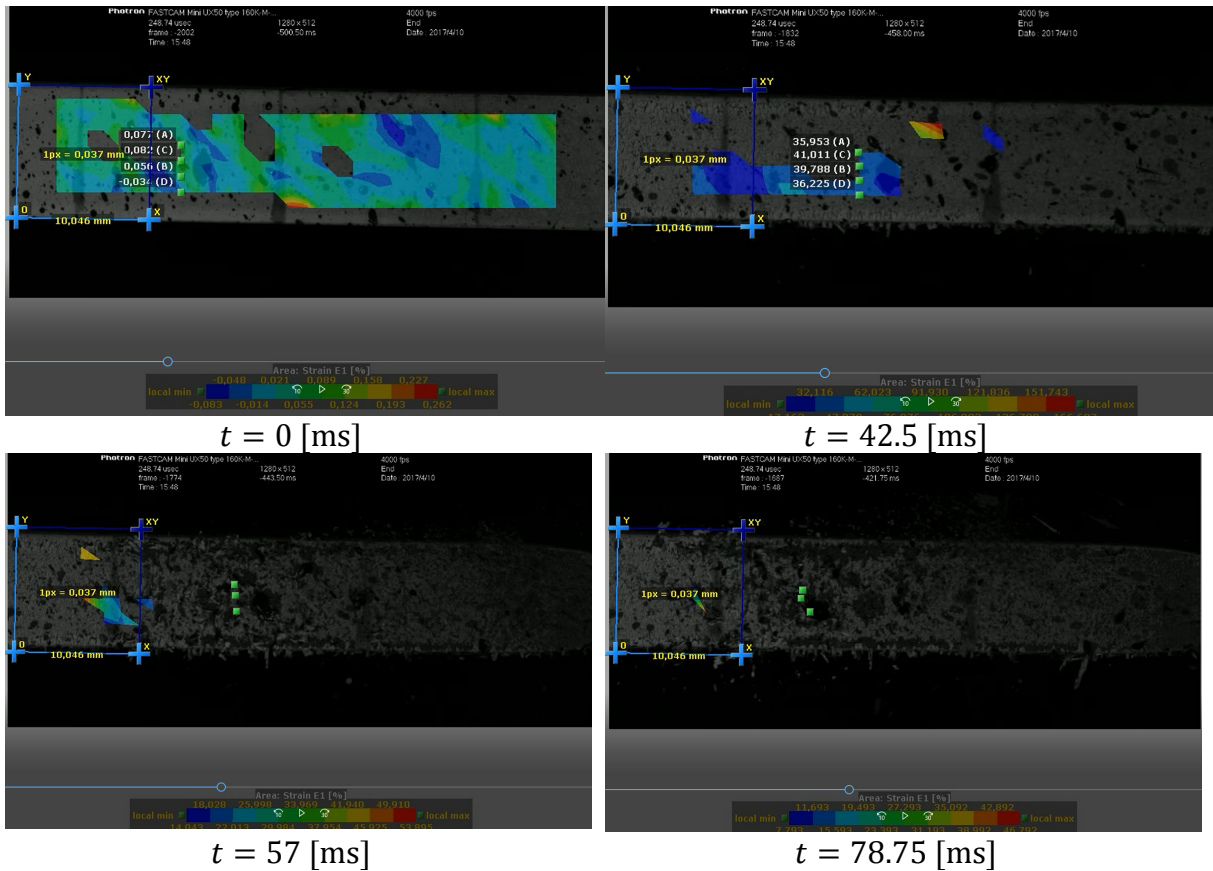


Fig. 6: Digital image correlation: peeling-off process of sprayed color

Conclusions

According to the results measured, following conclusions can be stated:

- Values of yield strengths of S235 and C45 steels under static loading correspond to the values defined in material sheets – min. 235 MPa and 340 MPa respectively,
- Steel S235 shows a significant growth of yield strength with the increasing loading speed in the interval from 0 m/s till 3 m/s,
- Steel C45 shows the growth of yield strength with the increasing loading speed in the interval from 0 m/s to 1 m/s, the growth of yield strength above 1 m/s is very slow,
- Results from high-speed camera could not be used since the colour applied on the surface of the specimen was eroded from the surface due to its fast deformation.

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