

Structural integrity in additive manufacturing of polymers

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Additive manufacturing is already quite established for studies of design and functionality, as well as rapid prototyping. However, especially for structural components applications are still scarce, due to very limited knowledge about the mechanical and fracture mechanical properties of components manufactured with these new technologies.

fracture/mechanical properties in AM

impact properties of AM-materials fatigue and longterm properties in AM

energy release rate (G_{IC}) between layers¹



statistical optimization of mechanical properties¹



strain-rate dependent mechanical properties²



influence of strain rate and orientation on toughness³



crack growth kinetic for lifetime estimation³



processing induced defect and crack sizes⁴





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