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# Characterization and Mechanics of Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composites

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Polymer matrix composite materials have been introduced in several industries, due to their excellent weight-specific mechanical properties. In recent years, more and more sophisticated models have been developed attempting to describe the behavior of polymer matrix composites under quasi-static, thermal, cyclic, or high-rate loading. The availability of these simulation models provides a foundation for predictive simulation of composite materials. Over the years, several test methods have been standardized for unidirectional composites subjected to quasi-static loading. However, if the architecture of the composite changes or if the loading conditions vary there are nearly no standardized test methods.

This Special Issue, therefore, seeks original papers on advanced test methods for polymer matrix composite materials. In particular, new ideas on measuring strain-rate dependent material properties, hygro-thermal effects, fatigue loading, multi-axial loading, and fracture mechanical methods are solicited.

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a manuscript to this Special Issue. Full papers, communications, and reviews are all welcome.













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