

## Special Issue

# Damage Mechanics of 3D Printed Polymer Structures and Components

### Message from the Guest Editor

Polymer structures and components are presently manufactured by additive manufacturing process. This process dominates the resultant microstructural properties of the manufactured part and, thus, influences its damage behaviour. This Special Issue requests research papers that incorporate this influence into the existing concepts of theoretical and applied solid mechanics of materials. Analytical, numerical and experimental studies that reveals how the damage is initiated, is propagated and leads to fracture in printed polymer structures and components are welcome.

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