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Abstract

Discontinuous carbon fiber-reinforced thermoplastics (DCF RTP) are promising materials for the fabrication of complex parts. In predicting the mechanical properties of DCF RTP with randomly oriented reinforcement, the application of numerical methods, which employ homogeneous models, is limited because the

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