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Fused deposition modelling of acrylonitrile styrene acrylate and related mechanical performance

Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM) is among the affordable additive manufacturing techniques used to process complex three-dimensional designs with weak dependency on the production tool. Well-known feedstock materials such as ABS, PLA were successfully printed using FDM. Despite the increasing research effort directed towards FDM, there is still a gap in the literature about the printability of some materials such as the one considered in this study, namely acrylonitrile styrene acrylate (ASA). The effect of FDM processing conditions is considered on the thermal and mechanical properties of ASA. The feedstock material is characterised using differential scanning calorimetry and tensile testing. Infra-red measurements are used to capture the thermal signature of the ASA filament during laying down process for various printing temperatures. Both X-ray micro-computed tomography and mechanical testing are undertaken on printed ASA as a function of the process conditions. Finite element computation is considered to predict the performance of the printed material and to gain further in-

sights on the deformation mechanisms. The experimental results show that the printability of ASA is reduced to a narrow range of printing temperatures. A loss of mechanical performance is also observed, which is found dependant on the printing temperature. The numerical results demonstrate that the observed mechanical performance is reflected by the nature and extent of defect generated by the processing.

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