

Investigation of Structural and Mechanical Properties Of 3D Printed Bamboo-like Microstructures

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Overall View

- Introduction of bamboo
- Vascular bundles of bamboo
- 3D printed continuous fibers
- Bio-inspired design through 3D printing
- Structural and mechanical characterization



Introduction of bamboo

- Giant grass with wood characteristics
- 75 genera, over 1200 species
- Very fast growth rate
- Without secondary growth



Giant bamboo forest [3]

Inspiration from Nature





Specific strength and stiffness for both natural and synthetic materials [1]



Relationship of tensile strength and fracture toughness for engineering materials [2]

Vascular Bundles of Bamboo





Hierachical microstructure of bamboo [4]

Mechanical properties of bamboo





• Size: 2.5 times ratio relationship

Bamboo's Failure





Microhardness indentation-induced crack growth transverse view [7]



Tensile failure induced crack growth longitudinal view [7]

- Crack propagate in a tortuous way through vascular bundles
- The interfacial fractures are responsible for the remarkable fracture toughness

Mechanical Sensing Capability





Stress distributions induced in bamboo structure due to bending moment [8] Photoelastic test for radial and hoop direction [8]

Wide range of application for 3D printing





Innovations in Healthcare [9]

Fashion&Design [11]

Construction [12]





Main Challenge in FDM 3D printing





1) surface contact

2) neck formation





3) diffusion and neck growth

4) randomization

Polymer sintering process [16]

Main influential factors :

- Raster angle
- Layer thickness
- Filament feed rate
- Temperature



Micrographs and schematics of two different meso-structures, a) rectangular and b) skewed, showing typical triangular void formation [13]



FDM tool path parameters [14]

3D Printing Composite









- Almost eliminated material waste
- Mold required for AFP
- Various methods to print continuous fibers

<u>https://www.nonplanar.xyz/</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmePlcU0TRw&t=209s</u> Matsuzaki, Ryosuke, Scientific reports (2016) <u>http://www.automateddynamics.com/about-us</u> Caminero M A, Polymer Testing, 2018, 68: 415-423.





Limitations and Findings







- There are different ways of printing continuous fibers, but it has advantages and disadvantages
- It would be promising if more efforts can be paid for improving the existing slicing software

https://markforged.com/ https://anisoprint.com/

Bio-inspired design





Typical vascular bundle of bamboo [16]



Screen shot model from eiger slicing software

Simplification

Structural characterization





- Designed volume fraction
 - V(Glass): 21.16%
 - V(Pores): 12.83%
- \bullet Fiber direction : 0 $^\circ$

Transverse and longitudinal view of X-ray

Structural Visualization







- Voids inside fiber bundles
- Fiber misalignment found
- Voids found in cutting position during printing process

Structural Components Analysis









- Volume Fraction
 - V (Glass): 20.07%
 - V (Pores): 28.42%
- Fiber Misalignment
 - In plane: 2.6 °
 - Out of plane: 12 $^{\circ}$

VoxTex from KU Leuven

Impact Resistance Result





Category	Pure Nylon	Layout1 Vf = 25%	layout2 Vf = 25%	layout3 Vf = 25%
Impact strength (kJ/m)	5.9	75.6	27.9	73.1
Weight (g)	7.97	13.01	13.05	10.55

- Highly anisotropic for 3D printed material
- Fiber bundle shape has influence on impact resistance of 3D printed material





Energy Absorption Mechanism:

- Fiber breakage
- Fiber pull-out
- Delamination
- Fiber bundle debonding



Impact resistance result





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Inspiration from nature







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- Matrix plastic deformation





Conclusion



- There are different ways of printing continuous fibers, but it has advantages and disadvantages
- The real printed material can vary from the original design in software
- Spatial distribution of fiber bundles have an influence on mechanical properties of printed

structure

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