Abstract:

Composite parts and structures exposed to high temperatures require a thermoset resin matrix designed to withstand the heat. Common resins include polyimides, benzoxazines, bismaleimides, cyanate esters, advanced epoxies, et al. Their chemistry, commercialization history, markets, industrial applications and challenges will be briefly introduced.

The case study includes: 1) Development and marketing of high temperature polyimides in generation for aerospace; 2) Commercial status of benzoxazines. The synthesis, structure-property relations and characterization of novel polyimides and benzoxazines will be presented in details.

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