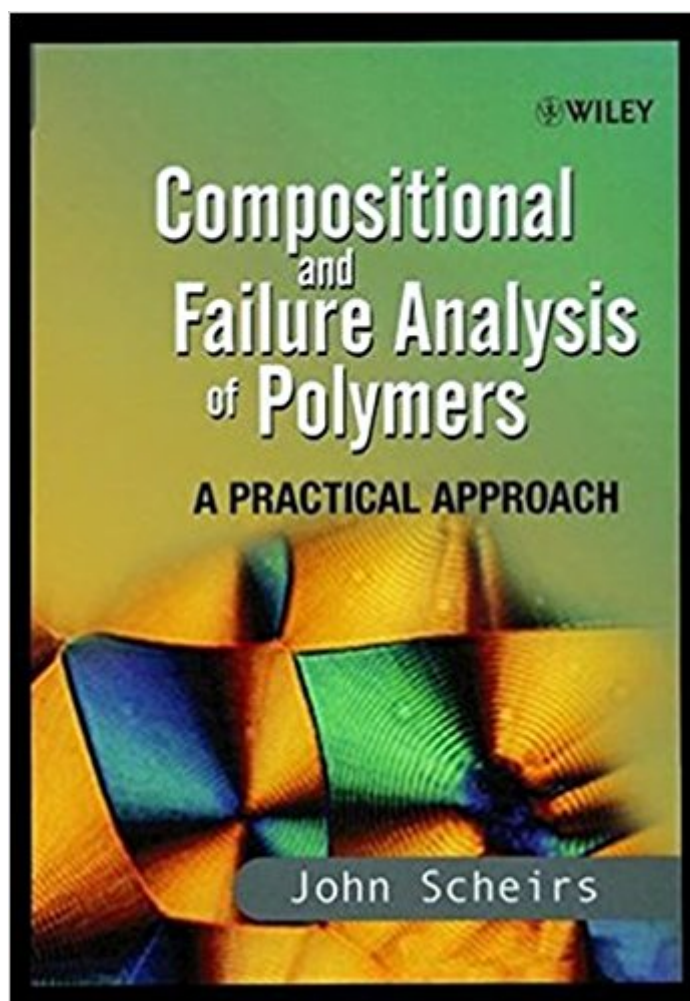


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# Compositional And Failure Analysis Of Polymers: A Practical Approach



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