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Prof. Danzer's early work was on electric properties of semi-conductors. Then he focused on creep and fatigue of metals. After his habilitation the main topic of his work turned into the mechanical reliability of brittle materials, especially ceramics. He was and is engaged in many scientific programs (e.g. COST) and societies, e.g. ESIS, DGM or DKG, were he has organised working groups to train young researchers. He has written more than 300 scientific papers (149 SCI), four books and holds six patents. He has been awarded many scientific prices, e.g. the "Outstanding Research Grant" of Styria, the MASING and the Tammann price of the DGM or the Seeger medal of the DKG. Danzer is member the World Academy of Ceramics (since 1995), the German Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina, since 2005) and the Austrian Academy of Sciences (since 2009).

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