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Abstract:

The invention pertains to a composite filament optimized for 3D printing, combining a polymer matrix with natural fibers, such as jute, hemp, flax, and sisal. These fibers are uniformly dispersed within the matrix, ensuring consistent material properties and print quality. The integration of natural fibers enhances the mechanical strength of objects while introducing biodegradability, positioning this filament as a sustainable choice in additive manufacturing. The invention also covers methods of 3D printing said filament and the resulting eco-friendly printed objects. Accompanied Drawing [FIGS. 1-2]

Complete Specification

Description:[001] The present invention relates to the domain of materials science and additive manufacturing, more specifically, to natural fiber-reinforced composites that are optimized for 3D printing applications. These composites merge the inherent advantages of natural fibers, including their renewable nature, lightweight properties, and environmental benefits, with the flexibility, rapid prototyping, and customizable design capabilities offered by 3D printing technologies. The invention finds its application across a range of industries including automotive, construction, aerospace, consumer goods, and biomedical devices, where sustainable and efficient manufacturing methods are sought.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[002] The following description provides the information that may be useful in understanding the present invention. It is not an admission that any of the information provided herein is prior art or relevant to the presently claimed invention, or that any publication specifically or implicitly referenced is prior art.

[003] Further, the approaches described in this section are approaches that could be pursued, but not necessarily approaches that have been previously conceived or pursued. Therefore, unless otherwise indicated, it should not be assumed that any of the approaches described in this section qualify as prior art merely by virtue of their inclusion in this section.

[004] In the modern age of manufacturing and material science, there has been a continuous quest for finding sustainable alternatives to conventional materials that not only meet the desired mechanical and physical properties but also leave a smaller environmental footprint. Traditional materials such as pure plastics and metals, while offering a plethora of advantages in terms of strength, durability, and versatility, also pose significant environmental challenges, ranging from resource depletion to waste management issues.

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