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respective - (2024) Volume 13, Issue 4 Zhang Yun \* Correspondence: Zhang Yun, Department Materials Science and Engineering, Jilin University, Changchun 130025, China. Email: zhangyun@jlu.edu.cn The realm of smart materials has evolved significantly over the past few decades, reflecting the dynamic nature of scientific and engineering advances. From their early beginnings with shape memory alloys to the contemporary developments in self-healing polymers, these materials have transformed the way we think about functionality and adaptability in engineering design. Shape Memory Alloys (SMAs) were among the first smart materials to gain prominence. These materials have the remarkable ability to return to a predefined shape when exposed to a certain stimulus, typically heat. The concept dates back to the early 20th century, but it was the development of nickel-titanium alloys, known as Nitinol, in the 1960s that showcased their practical potential. Nitinol demonstrated a unique property: it could "remember" its original shape even after being deformed. When heated above a certain temperature, the alloy would revert to its original form, making it invaluable in various applications from medical devices, such as stents and guidewires, to aerospace engineering [1]. Description The principle behind SMAs involves a phase transformation at the microscopic level. In their martensitic phase, these alloys are relatively soft and easily deformed. When heated to a specific temperature, they transition to their austenitic phase, where they exhibit significant strength and stiffness. This transition is not merely a physical change but a structural one, involving the rearrangement of atomic lattices. The ability to harness this property for engineering purposes has led to numerous innovations. Self-healing polymers, another class of smart materials, emerged as a significant category. Piezoelectric materials generate an electrical charge in response to mechanical stress and conversely, they change shape or dimensions when an electric field is applied. This bidirectional interaction makes them ideal for sensors, actuators and energy harvesting devices. Piezoelectricity is a phenomenon observed in certain crystalline materials, including quartz and various ceramics. These materials have been exploited in numerous applications, from ultrasound imaging to precision movement systems in industrial machines. The development of advanced piezoelectric materials, such as those based on lead zirconate titanate, has expanded their use, enhancing their efficiency and versatility. As the field of smart materials progressed, researchers began exploring polymers with unique properties that could respond to environmental changes. One such breakthrough came with the development of responsive polymers, also known as stimuli-responsive or smart polymers. These materials can undergo significant changes in their physical properties, such as swelling, shrinking, or changing color, in response to external stimuli like temperature, pH, or light [2,3]. Thermoresponsive polymers are among the most studied in this category. These materials alter their solubility or physical state with temperature changes. An example is poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) or PNIPAAm, which exhibits a drastic change in solubility around a specific temperature. At temperatures below its Lower Critical Solution Temperature (LCST), PNIPAAm is soluble in water, but it becomes insoluble above this temperature, leading to phase separation. This property is exploited in applications such as controlled drug delivery systems and tissue engineering scaffolds. The concept of smart materials took another leap forward with the advent of self-healing polymers. These materials possess the ability to autonomously repair damage without external intervention, mimicking biological healing processes. The idea of self-healing materials is inspired by nature's ability to heal wounds. Self-healing polymers can be designed with reversible bonds or reversible linkages after being damaged. An example is the use of dynamic covalent chemistry to create materials that can reconstitute their network after cleavage. Extrinsic self-healing polymers, on the other hand, rely on embedded healing agents or capsules that release repair substances when damage occurs. These materials are designed with microcapsules or vascular networks containing a healing agent that is released upon damage. For example, a polymer might be embedded with microcapsules filled with a resin that flows into cracks and solidifies, effectively repairing the material [4,5]. The development of self-healing polymers has been driven by the need for materials that can maintain their integrity in demanding environments. These materials have potential applications in various fields, including aerospace, automotive and civil engineering. For instance, self-healing coatings for aircraft can repair minor surface damage, preventing the need for costly and time-consuming repairs. The progression from shape memory alloys to self-healing polymers illustrates a broader trend in materials science toward creating materials with increasingly sophisticated and responsive capabilities. This evolution reflects the integration of various scientific disciplines, including chemistry, physics and engineering, to develop materials that are not only functional but also adaptive and resilient. Looking ahead, the field of smart materials continues to push boundaries with emerging technologies and novel concepts. Advances in nanotechnology, for example, are enabling the development of materials with unprecedented control over their properties at the molecular level. Nanocomposites, which combine nanoparticles with traditional materials, are offering new opportunities for creating smart materials with enhanced performance and functionality. Furthermore, the exploration of bio-inspired materials is opening new avenues for innovation. By mimicking the adaptive and self-repairing properties found in nature, researchers are developing materials that can learn from and adapt to their environment. As researchers continue to explore new materials and technologies, the possibilities for creating adaptable, responsive and self-sustaining materials are expanding. The future of smart materials holds exciting potential, promising to enhance functionality, extend the lifespan of structures and drive innovation across multiple domains.

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"Poly(vinylidene fluoride) composite nanofibers containing polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxane-epigallocatechin gallate conjugate for bone tissue regeneration." *Nanomaterials* 9 (2019): 184. Google Scholar, Crossref, Indexed at DISCOVER OUR LATEST INSIGHTS For latest market insight related to Healthcare, Chemicals and Materials, ICT, Automation, Semiconductor & Electronics, Aerospace and Defense, Telecom and IT, Consumer Goods and Retail, Energy, Food and Beverages industry, visit: Latest Insights Common name widely used for substances, structures, materials or systems which are designed to have a specific response to an external stimulus and be able to perform a function. It is a broad term that encompasses a wide range of materials and systems. Smart materials are designed to respond to external stimuli in a predictable manner, allowing them to perform a specific function. Examples of smart materials include shape memory alloys, piezoelectric materials, thermochromic materials, and many others. The second smart material transformation was observed on brass. In 1962, shape memory effect in Nickel-Titanium was transformed. Following these, several alloys and shape memory effects came into research and smart materials arose in field of materials science. Smart Materials have several names like intelligent materials, responsive materials etc. and they are of several types depending on their response like Piezoelectric materials, Photochemical materials, Self-healing materials, Magnetoelastic materials, Thermoelastic materials, Chemoelastic materials, Electroactive polymers, shape memory alloys and shape memory polymers. Polymorphs, ferrofluids, dielectric elastomers, optical fibers, graphene, carbon nanotubes and quantum tunneling composites are some of the modern examples of smart materials. All over the globe, smart materials research has widened and intensified as they seem to find their applications in several sectors like aerospace, automobile, healthcare, construction, electronics, Mechatronics and so on. Taking for example, NASA's Glen research center has been investigating development of shape memory alloys (SMA's) for application as adaptive structures and actuators. SMA's are alloys which can deform at low temperature, have memory and recover to their original shape upon heating. SMA's have been ideal for high force, large stroke and modest frequency response operations. Recently a SMA has been developed to replace a traditional gearbox/motor actuation system. Several other applications where SMA's can be applied are Adaptive structures, actuators, heat detection devices, medical devices, High-temperature automotive, aeronautics and military. Smart Materials have come into picture, are being researched and hold scope to a large extent on our future. What's your take on future and advancements of smart material applications? Let us know by writing to us at [smartmaterials@meetings.com](mailto:smartmaterials@meetings.com) Best Regards Samantha Share – copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially, provided you give appropriate credit to the original author(s) and the source, provide a link to the Creative Commons license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. ShareAlike – If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. No additional restrictions – You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation. No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. Skip to content Smart materials have the ability to alter one or more properties when a controlled external stimuli such as stress, temperature, moisture, pH, electric and magnetic fields are applied on the material. Piezoelectric, magneto-rheostatic, electro-rheostatic, and other shape memory alloys are the most widely used smart materials. Properties such as viscosity, volume, and conductivity can be altered as per requirement in end applications. The smart material market is segmented on the basis of type, which includes biometric materials, piezo-electric materials, thermally responsive materials and others. The piezoelectric materials segment dominated the smart materials market. Smart materials are adaptive to different environmental and operational conditions. Increased investments in R&D to innovate new smart materials has resulted in broadened applications in automotive, construction, healthcare, aerospace, and chemical industries. Shape memory alloys have wide range of applications in manufacturing actuators and motors. Piezoelectric and electro-rheostatic materials are widely used in permeated households and automotive applications. Universities and key players are conducting research on smart materials to increase the elasticity of the materials to increase the application of smart materials to be used in various fields. Magneto-rheostatic Shape memory materials Smart fluids Smart hydrogels Electrochromic materials Others Application Actuators & Motors Sensors Transducers Structural materials Others End-user Industrial Defense Aerospace Automotive Consumer electronic Healthcare Increasing technological advancements have resulted in increased use of developed materials rather than conventional materials such as polymers, metal, and glass in various industries such as automotive, consumer electronics, and healthcare, among others. The property of smart materials to change one or more of its properties due to external stimulus is driving the usage of smart materials for various applications such as transducers, actuators & motors, structural materials and others. The use of smart materials require high investments. Various governmental and non-governmental bodies are focusing on increasing awareness and fuel uptake of smart materials. For instance, Centexlab launched a new TIS action along with Sirris to educate companies about the various applications of smart materials that are available commercially. The increased demand for consumer electronics and wide range of applications for smart sensors by the end users act as a driving factor for growth of the smart materials market. The introduction of internet of things (IoT) and the increased demand for connected devices is driving market growth globally. Europe contributes a major market share, due to its growing automobile and electronics industries as well as energy sector. Asia Pacific market is expected to be the fastest growing market for smart materials, due to growing electronics market and improved standard of living in emerging economies such as China and India. Use of smart materials in the healthcare sector has led to innovation of medical devices. The key restraint for smart materials lies in manufacturing costs for large quantities in different applications at effective yields. High costs in manufacturing and high investment in research and development hamper growth of smart materials. However, the global smart materials market is highly fragmented due to the participation of many established and emerging players in the smart materials market. Major players involved in the market include TDK Corporation (Japan), CTS Corporation (U.S.), Optune AC (Switzerland), AMM Technologies (Italy), Lord Corporation (U.S.), Fort Wayne Metals (U.S.), AI Technology Inc. (U.S.), AVX Corporation (U.S.), Advanced Ceramics, Inc. (U.S.), Wright Medical Group (U.S.).Increasing development of wearable energy harvesting devices and smart sensors is expected to boost growth of the smart materials market. For instance, on September 04, 2019, Imagine Intelligent materials, an Australia-based graphene and data analytics company, announced development of integrated sensing solution, the first sensing solution for large surface areas that mimics the way that the human skin transfers information to the brain.In June 2019, researchers from Tohoku University, Japan, reported development of Iron-Cobalt (Fe-Co) magnetostriuctive fiber integrated shoes that demonstrated stable energy harvesting performance.In June 2019, researchers from Baize University and Jiangxi Electric Power Research Institute, China, developed a non-resonant piezoelectric current sensing device with high resolution. Email This Post By Anubhab Panigrahi ABSTRACT With the development of materials and technology, many new materials find their applications in civil engineering to deal with the deteriorating infrastructure. Smart material is a promising example that deserves a wide focus, from research to application. With two crystal structures called Austenite and Martensite under different temperatures, smart material exhibits two special properties different from ordinary steels. One is shape memory, and the other is super-elasticity. Both of these two properties can suit varied applications in civil engineering, such as prestress bars, self-rehabilitation, and two-way actuators, etc. One of the main objectives of the research is to investigate the application of smart materials in reinforced concrete structures. Four beam experiments were conducted to evaluate the performance of flexure beams with superelasticity material as reinforcement bars. Load-displacement relationship at the midspan, strains on the surface of the concrete beam, and cracking width for different loads were measured. This research is just the first step in the investigation of the application of smart materials in structural engineering. Some bigger beams are prepared for experiments in the near future. 1. INTRODUCTION Reinforced concrete structures must be designed to satisfy the requirements of both the strength and serviceability limit state. The design for serviceability, however, is not straightforward, since the prediction of behaviour under sustained service loads is complicated by time-dependent deformations in the composite beams due to creep and shrinkage of concrete. It exhibits strains with age of concrete and causes considerable impact on its performance results in deflection as well as affecting stress distribution. It also causes dimensional change in the material under the influence of sustained loading. Therefore it is very important to develop a smart system for reinforced concrete structures, which can minimize internal and external disturbances for structural safety and extension of its service life. Although SMAs have been known for decades, they have not been used much in the civil structures until rather recently. Many research activities are at laboratory stage towards use of SMA in civil structures, but few have been implemented for field applications and found effective. Shape Memory Alloys (SMA, also known as memory metal) are materials capable of undergoing large recoverable strains of the 8% order while producing hysteresis. It is a metal that "remembers" its initial geometry during transformations. After a sample of SMA has been changed from its original conformation, it regains its original geometry during heating or, at higher ambient temperatures, during unloading. These extraordinary properties are due to the temperature and stress dependent phase transformation between austenite and martensite. The austenite phase is stronger and stable and in martensite phase i.e. at lower temperature it is weaker. There are two phases differ in their crystal structures. The austenite has a body-centered cubic crystal structure, while the martensite has a parallelogram asymmetric structure having up to 24 variations. When SMA in martensite phase is subjected to external stress, it is deformed through a detwining mechanism and transforms different crystal structure variations to a particular one variation which can accommodate maximum elongation. Due to parallelogram structure, the martensite phase is weak and can be easily deformed. In austenite phase, the high temperature causes the atoms to arrange themselves into the most compact and regular pattern possible, resulting in a rigid cubic structure. The four beam experiments were conducted to evaluate the performance of flexure beams with superelasticity material as reinforcement bars. Load-displacement relationship at the midspan, strains on the surface of the concrete beam, and cracking width for different loads were measured. 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