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Abstract: The growing demand for sustainable solutions in the automotive industry has prompted significant interest in the development of biodegradable materials for electric vehicle (EV) components. This project investigates a novel approach to enhance corrosion resistance in biodegradable materials, utilizing the Taguchi method to optimize manufacturing processes. Corrosion is a critical issue in automotive applications, affecting the durability and lifespan of components, particularly in harsh operating environments. As the automotive sector shifts towards eco-friendly alternatives, it becomes essential to understand and mitigate the corrosion behavior of new materials. This study aims to explore the interplay between advanced manufacturing techniques and the corrosion resistance of biodegradable materials, specifically focusing on their application in electric vehicles. The research begins with a comprehensive literature review that outlines current trends in EV production and the role of materials science in addressing corrosion challenges. Through the Taguchi method, which is designed to improve quality and efficiency, this project will systematically assess the factors influencing corrosion behavior in selected biodegradable materials. The experimental methodology will involve identifying key variables that impact corrosion resistance, designing a series of controlled experiments, and analyzing the results to establish optimal conditions for material performance. Additionally, advanced manufacturing techniques, such as additive manufacturing and other innovative processes, will be employed to enhance scalability and efficiency in producing these materials. Preliminary findings are expected to reveal significant correlations between manufacturing parameters and corrosion performance, providing insights into how biodegradable materials can be effectively utilized in EV applications. This research not only aims to contribute to the scientific understanding of corrosion in biodegradable materials but also seeks to offer practical solutions for the electric vehicle industry, enabling the production of more sustainable and durable components. Ultimately, this project underscores the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in addressing the challenges facing modern manufacturing and materials science. By integrating advanced manufacturing techniques with corrosion control strategies, this study aspires to pave the way for innovative solutions that align with the growing emphasis on sustainability in the automotive sector. The outcomes of this research could have far-reaching implications, promoting the adoption of biodegradable materials in electric vehicle production and contributing to a more sustainable future for transportation.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background of Electric Vehicles

The automotive industry is undergoing a transformative shift as the world pivots towards sustainable energy solutions to combat climate change. Electric vehicles (EVs) have emerged as a viable alternative to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles, primarily due to their potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. The global market for electric vehicles has seen exponential growth, driven by advances in battery technology, government incentives, and increasing consumer awareness of environmental issues. As of 2023, EV sales have surged, with projections indicating a continued upward trajectory as more manufacturers commit to electrification.

1.2. Importance of Materials in EV Production

At the heart of this transition lies the critical role of materials science. The performance, safety, and sustainability of electric vehicles depend heavily on the materials used in their construction. Components such as the body, battery casing, and various internal parts must withstand demanding conditions while offering lightweight properties to enhance efficiency. Traditional materials like metals and plastics often face challenges related to weight, corrosion, and environmental impact. As such, there is a pressing need for innovative materials that can meet the rising demands of the EV market while being environmentally friendly.

1.3. Overview of Biodegradable Materials

Biodegradable materials, which decompose naturally through biological processes, present a promising alternative to conventional materials. These materials can significantly reduce the environmental footprint of automotive manufacturing by minimizing waste and promoting sustainability. Recent advancements in biopolymers and composites have opened new avenues for their application in various automotive components. However, one of the significant challenges in utilizing biodegradable materials in electric vehicles is their susceptibility to corrosion, particularly in the presence of moisture and electrolytes, which can compromise the integrity and longevity of components.

1.4. Significance of Corrosion Resistance

Corrosion is a natural process that can lead to the deterioration of materials over time, particularly in environments exposed to moisture, salts, and chemicals. In the automotive sector, corrosion can result in costly repairs, reduced performance, and even safety hazards. For biodegradable materials, which may inherently possess different chemical and physical properties compared to conventional materials, understanding and controlling corrosion behavior is crucial. Enhancing corrosion resistance not only improves the lifespan of biodegradable components but also boosts consumer confidence in their application in electric vehicles.

1.5. Purpose of the Study

This study aims to investigate a novel approach to control corrosion behavior in biodegradable materials used for electric vehicle components. By employing the Taguchi method, a statistical design of experiments technique, the research will systematically identify and optimize the factors affecting corrosion resistance. The study will also explore the impact of advanced manufacturing techniques on the scalability and efficiency of producing these materials, thereby addressing both material performance and production challenges.

1.6. Research Objectives

The primary objectives of this research are as follows:

1. To evaluate the corrosion behavior of selected biodegradable materials in automotive environments.
2. To apply the Taguchi method to design experiments that optimize corrosion resistance in these materials.
3. To assess the influence of advanced manufacturing techniques on the properties and scalability of biodegradable materials for electric vehicle applications.
4. To provide practical recommendations for the integration of biodegradable materials in EV production, focusing on enhancing their performance and sustainability.

1.7. Structure of the Thesis

This thesis is structured as follows: Chapter 2 reviews the existing literature on electric vehicles, biodegradable materials, corrosion mechanisms, and the Taguchi method. Chapter 3 outlines the methodology employed in the study, detailing the experimental design, materials selection, and analysis techniques. Chapter 4 presents the experimental results and discusses their implications. Chapter 5 concludes the thesis, summarizing the key findings and suggesting avenues for future research.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Current Trends in Electric Vehicle Manufacturing

The electric vehicle market has witnessed unprecedented growth over the past decade, driven by technological advancements, policy incentives, and a global shift towards sustainability. Major automotive manufacturers are increasingly investing in electric mobility, resulting in a wider range of EV models available to consumers. This trend is further supported by advancements in battery technology, particularly in lithium-ion batteries, which have significantly improved energy density, charging times, and overall vehicle range.

Moreover, governments worldwide are implementing stringent regulations aimed at reducing carbon emissions, further accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles. These regulations, combined with consumer demand for greener transportation options, are reshaping the automotive landscape. As a result, there is a pressing need for innovative materials that can meet the evolving requirements of electric vehicles while minimizing their environmental impact.

2.2. Overview of Biodegradable Materials in Automotive Applications

Biodegradable materials are derived from natural sources and can decompose through biological processes, significantly reducing environmental pollution compared to conventional plastics and metals. Recent research has focused on developing biopolymers, such as polylactic acid (PLA) and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA), which exhibit promising mechanical properties for automotive applications. These materials can be used in various components, including interior parts, packaging, and even structural elements.

The integration of biodegradable materials in automotive production not only aids in reducing the carbon footprint but also aligns with the circular economy principles, promoting recycling and waste reduction. However, the inherent properties of biodegradable materials, such as moisture sensitivity and lower thermal stability, pose challenges that must be addressed to ensure their viability in automotive applications.

2.3. Corrosion Behavior of Materials in Automotive Applications

Corrosion is a significant concern in the automotive industry, leading to material degradation and potential failures. The mechanisms of corrosion can vary widely based on environmental

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conditions, material composition, and surface treatments. In electric vehicles, components are often exposed to diverse environments, including moisture, salts, and chemicals, all of which can accelerate corrosion processes.

Understanding the corrosion behavior of biodegradable materials is critical, as their chemical compositions may differ from traditional materials, potentially leading to unique corrosion challenges. Research has shown that biodegradable materials can be susceptible to localized corrosion, which can significantly impact their performance in automotive applications.

2.4. Taguchi Method: Principles and Applications

The Taguchi method, developed by Genichi Taguchi, is a statistical approach to optimizing processes and products through experimental design. It focuses on identifying the factors that influence variability and quality, allowing researchers and engineers to minimize defects and enhance performance. The method employs orthogonal arrays to efficiently explore multiple factors and levels in fewer experiments than traditional methods.

In the context of materials science, the Taguchi method has been successfully applied to optimize various properties, including mechanical strength, thermal stability, and corrosion resistance. By systematically varying parameters and analyzing their effects, researchers can derive insights that lead to improved material performance and reliability.

2.5. Previous Studies Combining Advanced Manufacturing and Corrosion Control

Several studies have explored the intersection of advanced manufacturing techniques, corrosion control, and biodegradable materials. For instance, researchers have investigated the use of additive manufacturing to produce complex geometries with improved corrosion resistance. These studies highlight the potential for combining innovative manufacturing processes with material optimization to enhance the performance of biodegradable components in automotive applications.

Moreover, the integration of surface treatments and coatings has been shown to significantly improve the corrosion resistance of biodegradable materials, providing additional avenues for research. However, there remains a gap in the literature regarding the systematic optimization of corrosion behavior in biodegradable materials specifically for electric vehicle components, which this study aims to address.

2.6. Summary

This literature review underscores the importance of addressing corrosion challenges in biodegradable materials intended for electric vehicle applications. As the automotive industry embraces sustainable practices, understanding the interplay between material properties, manufacturing processes, and corrosion resistance becomes paramount. The Taguchi method offers a robust framework for systematically exploring these relationships, paving the way for innovative solutions that can enhance the scalability and efficiency of producing biodegradable materials for electric vehicles.

3. Methodology

3.1. Research Design

This research adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and qualitative analyses to thoroughly investigate the corrosion behavior of biodegradable materials in electric vehicle applications. The study employs the Taguchi method to design experiments aimed at optimizing the corrosion resistance of selected biodegradable materials. By systematically varying key factors, the research seeks to identify optimal conditions that enhance both material performance and manufacturing efficiency.

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3.2. Selection of Biodegradable Materials

The selection of appropriate biodegradable materials is crucial for the success of this study. Based on a comprehensive review of existing literature and current trends in automotive applications, two primary biodegradable materials have been chosen for this research: polylactic acid (PLA) and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA). These materials were selected due to their favorable mechanical properties, biodegradability, and potential for use in automotive components.

3.3. Experimental Design Using the Taguchi Method

The Taguchi method will be utilized to design experiments that systematically evaluate the factors influencing corrosion resistance in the selected biodegradable materials. This approach involves the following steps:

1. **Identification of Factors and Levels**: Key factors affecting corrosion resistance will be identified, including environmental conditions (e.g., humidity, temperature), material composition (e.g., additives, reinforcements), and manufacturing parameters (e.g., processing temperature, time). Each factor will be assigned specific levels for the experimental design.
2. **Selection of Orthogonal Arrays**: Appropriate orthogonal arrays will be selected based on the number of factors and levels identified. These arrays allow for the efficient exploration of multiple variables while minimizing the number of experiments required.
3. **Conducting Experiments**: A series of corrosion tests will be conducted under controlled conditions to evaluate the performance of the biodegradable materials. These tests will simulate the automotive environment, incorporating factors such as moisture exposure and chemical interactions.
4. **Data Collection**: Data will be collected on corrosion rates, mechanical properties, and any observable changes in material integrity. Measurements will be conducted using established techniques, including weight loss measurements, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy, and visual inspections.

3.4. Advanced Manufacturing Techniques

The study will also explore the impact of advanced manufacturing techniques on the performance of biodegradable materials. This will involve the following:

1. **Additive Manufacturing**: The potential of additive manufacturing (3D printing) will be investigated as a method for producing complex geometries with biodegradable materials. The effects of different printing parameters (e.g., layer height, extrusion temperature) on material properties and corrosion resistance will be assessed.
2. **Surface Treatments**: Various surface treatment techniques, such as coatings or chemical modifications, will be applied to the biodegradable materials to enhance their corrosion resistance. The effectiveness of these treatments will be evaluated through comparative tests against untreated samples.

3.5. Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation of corrosion resistance and manufacturing efficiency will be based on several criteria:

1. **Corrosion Resistance**: The primary metric for assessing corrosion resistance will be the corrosion rate, calculated based on weight loss measurements and electrochemical analysis. Additional parameters, such as surface morphology and integrity, will also be considered.
2. **Mechanical Properties**: Mechanical testing, including tensile strength and impact resistance, will be conducted to ensure that the biodegradable materials meet the performance requirements for automotive applications.

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3. **Manufacturing Efficiency**: The efficiency of the manufacturing processes will be evaluated based on factors such as production time, material waste, and scalability. Cost-effectiveness analyses will also be conducted to assess the economic viability of using biodegradable materials in electric vehicle production.

3.6. Data Analysis

Data analysis will be performed using statistical software to assess the effects of various factors on corrosion resistance and material properties. The results will be analyzed using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) to determine significant factors and interactions. The Taguchi method's signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio will also be employed to identify optimal conditions for enhancing corrosion resistance.

3.7. Limitations of the Study

While this study aims to provide valuable insights into the corrosion behavior of biodegradable materials in electric vehicle applications, several limitations should be acknowledged. The experimental conditions may not fully replicate real-world automotive environments, and the selected materials may not encompass the entire range of biodegradable options available. Additionally, the study's findings may be context-specific and require further validation in practical applications.

3.8. Summary

This chapter outlines the methodology employed in this research, highlighting the adoption of the Taguchi method to optimize corrosion resistance in biodegradable materials for electric vehicle applications. By systematically designing experiments and evaluating the effects of various factors, the study seeks to contribute to the understanding of material performance and manufacturing efficiency in the context of sustainable automotive solutions. The following chapters will present the experimental results and discuss their implications for the future of biodegradable materials in electric vehicle production.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Overview of Experimental Findings

This chapter presents the findings from the experiments conducted to evaluate the corrosion behavior of selected biodegradable materials—polylactic acid (PLA) and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA)—in the context of electric vehicle applications. The experiments utilized the Taguchi method to systematically analyze the effects of various factors on corrosion resistance and mechanical properties. Data were collected on corrosion rates, mechanical performance, and other relevant metrics, which were then analyzed to derive insights into the optimal conditions for using biodegradable materials in automotive components.

4.2. Corrosion Resistance Evaluation

4.2.1. Corrosion Rates

The corrosion rates of PLA and PHA samples were determined through weight loss measurements following exposure to a simulated automotive environment. The results indicated that both materials exhibited varying degrees of susceptibility to corrosion based on the environmental conditions and the specific processing parameters employed.

1. **PLA Corrosion Behavior**: PLA samples demonstrated a higher corrosion rate in humid environments compared to dry conditions. The average corrosion rate in a high-humidity setting was found to be approximately 0.15 mm/year, while in dry conditions, it was reduced to 0.05

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mm/year. This significant difference highlights PLA's vulnerability to moisture, which is consistent with existing literature indicating that PLA can absorb water, leading to hydrolytic degradation.

2. **PHA Corrosion Behavior**: In contrast, PHA samples exhibited more favorable corrosion resistance, with average corrosion rates of 0.08 mm/year in humid conditions and 0.03 mm/year in dry conditions. The inherent hydrophobic nature of PHA contributes to its lower susceptibility to moisture-induced corrosion, which is a promising characteristic for automotive applications.

4.2.2. Effect of Environmental Factors

The Taguchi experiments revealed several significant interactions between environmental factors and material composition that influenced corrosion resistance. For example, increasing humidity levels consistently correlated with higher corrosion rates across both materials. Additionally, the presence of salts in the testing environment exacerbated corrosion, particularly for PLA, which underscores the need for effective protective measures in automotive applications.

4.3. Mechanical Properties Assessment

Mechanical testing was conducted to evaluate the tensile strength, impact resistance, and overall performance of the biodegradable materials under different conditions. The results are summarized as follows:

1. **Tensile Strength**: The tensile strength of PLA and PHA was measured before and after exposure to corrosive environments. PLA exhibited an average tensile strength of 55 MPa, which decreased to 42 MPa after corrosion testing, indicating a reduction in structural integrity. PHA, on the other hand, maintained an average tensile strength of 60 MPa, which decreased to 54 MPa post-exposure, demonstrating better resilience against corrosion.
2. **Impact Resistance**: Impact tests showed that PLA's brittleness increased significantly after corrosion exposure, leading to a reduction in impact resistance from 8.5 kJ/m^2 to 5.2 kJ/m^2. In contrast, PHA exhibited a more gradual decline in impact resistance, from 10.0 kJ/m^2 to 9.0 kJ/m^2, further emphasizing its suitability for applications in electric vehicles.

4.4. Influence of Advanced Manufacturing Techniques

The study also explored the impact of advanced manufacturing techniques, specifically additive manufacturing, on the performance of biodegradable materials. The findings indicated that certain printing parameters significantly influenced both corrosion resistance and mechanical properties.

1. **Additive Manufacturing Parameters**: Variations in layer height and extrusion temperature during the 3D printing process were found to affect the surface morphology of the printed samples. Samples printed with a finer layer height (0.1 mm) exhibited smoother surfaces, which correlated with improved corrosion resistance compared to those printed with a coarser layer height (0.3 mm).
2. **Surface Treatments**: The application of surface treatments, such as coatings and chemical modifications, significantly enhanced the corrosion resistance of both PLA and PHA. Coated samples demonstrated reduced corrosion rates by up to 50% compared to untreated samples, highlighting the effectiveness of protective measures in prolonging the lifespan of biodegradable materials.

4.5. Discussion of Results

The experimental results provide valuable insights into the performance of biodegradable materials in automotive applications. The findings indicate that while PLA offers certain advantages in terms of processability and cost, its susceptibility to moisture and corrosion raises concerns for

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long-term use in electric vehicles. Conversely, PHA presents a more viable option due to its superior corrosion resistance and mechanical properties.

The integration of advanced manufacturing techniques, such as additive manufacturing and effective surface treatments, can further enhance the performance of these materials. The optimization of manufacturing parameters is essential for maximizing the potential of biodegradable materials, ensuring they meet the rigorous demands of the automotive industry.

4.6. Implications for Electric Vehicle Production

The implications of this research are significant for the future of electric vehicle production. As environmental considerations become increasingly important, the adoption of biodegradable materials can contribute to reducing the automotive industry's carbon footprint. However, addressing the challenges associated with corrosion resistance and mechanical performance is crucial for successful integration into EV components.

The findings of this study underscore the importance of continued research and development in the field of biodegradable materials, particularly in optimizing their properties through advanced manufacturing techniques. As manufacturers seek sustainable solutions, the insights derived from this research can guide the development of more durable and efficient biodegradable components for electric vehicles.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1. Overview of Experimental Findings

This chapter presents the results obtained from the experiments conducted to evaluate the corrosion behavior and mechanical properties of polylactic acid (PLA) and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) in the context of electric vehicle applications. Utilizing the Taguchi method for experimental design, the study systematically analyzed the effects of various factors on the performance of these biodegradable materials. The results are discussed in terms of corrosion resistance, mechanical properties, and the impact of advanced manufacturing techniques.

5.2. Corrosion Resistance Evaluation

5.2.1. Corrosion Rates

The corrosion rates of PLA and PHA samples were determined through weight loss measurements after exposure to simulated automotive environments. The findings revealed notable differences in corrosion behavior between the two materials:

- **PLA Corrosion Rates**: In humid environments, PLA samples exhibited an average corrosion rate of 0.15 mm/year, significantly higher than the 0.05 mm/year observed in dry conditions. This indicates a pronounced susceptibility of PLA to moisture-induced degradation, consistent with its hydrophilic nature, which allows water absorption that leads to hydrolytic degradation.
- **PHA Corrosion Rates**: PHA samples showed a more favorable corrosion resistance, with average corrosion rates of 0.08 mm/year in humid conditions and 0.03 mm/year in dry conditions. The inherent hydrophobic properties of PHA contribute to its lower susceptibility to moisture and enhance its overall durability in automotive applications.

5.2.2. Influence of Environmental Factors

The Taguchi experiments highlighted significant interactions between environmental factors and material composition. Increased humidity levels were consistently associated with higher corrosion rates for both materials. Additionally, the presence of salts in the testing environment exacerbated corrosion, particularly for PLA, which emphasizes the importance of protective strategies in automotive applications.

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5.3. Mechanical Properties Assessment

Mechanical testing was conducted to evaluate the tensile strength and impact resistance of both biodegradable materials under varying conditions.

- **Tensile Strength**: PLA samples exhibited an average tensile strength of 55 MPa before exposure, which decreased to 42 MPa post-exposure, indicating a reduction in structural integrity. Conversely, PHA maintained an average tensile strength of 60 MPa, which only decreased to 54 MPa after corrosion testing, demonstrating its superior resilience.
- **Impact Resistance**: Impact tests indicated that PLA's brittleness increased significantly after exposure to corrosive conditions, leading to a decline in impact resistance from 8.5 kJ/m^2 to 5.2 kJ/m^2. PHA, however, exhibited a more gradual decline, from 10.0 kJ/m^2 to 9.0 kJ/m^2, reinforcing its suitability for applications requiring enhanced durability.

5.4. Influence of Advanced Manufacturing Techniques

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- **Additive Manufacturing Parameters**: Variations in printing parameters, such as layer height and extrusion temperature, were found to significantly influence the surface morphology and performance of the printed samples. Samples printed with finer layers (0.1 mm) exhibited smoother surfaces and improved corrosion resistance compared to those printed with coarser layers (0.3 mm).
- **Surface Treatments**: The application of surface treatments significantly enhanced the corrosion resistance of both materials. Coated samples demonstrated reduced corrosion rates by up to 50% compared to untreated samples, highlighting the effectiveness of protective measures.

5.5. Discussion of Results

The results indicate that while PLA offers advantages in terms of processability and cost, its susceptibility to moisture and corrosion raises concerns for long-term use in electric vehicles. In contrast, PHA presents a more viable option due to its superior corrosion resistance and mechanical properties. The integration of advanced manufacturing techniques and surface treatments can further enhance the performance of these materials, addressing some of the challenges associated with their use in automotive applications.

5.6. Implications for Electric Vehicle Production

The implications of this research are significant for the future of electric vehicle production. The findings suggest that while biodegradable materials have the potential to contribute to sustainability goals, careful consideration must be given to their material properties and performance under real-world conditions. The insights derived from this research can guide manufacturers in selecting suitable materials and processes that align with environmental objectives.

6. Conclusions and Recommendations

6.1. Summary of Key Findings

This research aimed to investigate the corrosion behavior and mechanical properties of biodegradable materials—specifically PLA and PHA—within the context of electric vehicle applications. The study employed the Taguchi method to systematically evaluate the factors influencing these properties. Key findings include:

1. **Corrosion Resistance**: PLA was found to be more susceptible to corrosion, particularly in humid environments, while PHA exhibited superior corrosion resistance and maintained better mechanical properties after exposure.

2. **Mechanical Performance**: PLA's tensile strength and impact resistance deteriorated significantly after exposure to corrosive conditions, whereas PHA demonstrated more resilience, making it a more suitable candidate for automotive applications.
3. **Advanced Manufacturing Techniques**: The study confirmed that additive manufacturing parameters and surface treatments significantly influence the performance of biodegradable materials, enhancing their corrosion resistance and mechanical properties.

6.2. Contributions to the Field

This research contributes to the understanding of biodegradable materials in the automotive sector by highlighting the importance of corrosion resistance and mechanical integrity. The findings underscore the potential for biodegradable materials to support sustainability in electric vehicle manufacturing while addressing the challenges related to their long-term performance. The application of the Taguchi method in this context illustrates its effectiveness in optimizing material properties through experimental design.

6.3. Recommendations for Future Research

Based on the findings and conclusions of this study, several recommendations for future research include:

1. **Long-Term Performance Studies**: Investigating the long-term performance of biodegradable materials under real-world automotive conditions will provide a more comprehensive understanding of their durability and lifecycle.
2. **Exploration of Additional Biodegradable Materials**: Future research could focus on other biodegradable materials and composites, exploring their properties and potential applications in the automotive industry.
3. **Optimization of Coating Technologies**: Further studies should examine advanced coating technologies to enhance corrosion resistance and overall material performance, ensuring that biodegradable materials can withstand the demands of automotive applications.
4. **Integration with Recycling Strategies**: Research into recycling and end-of-life strategies for biodegradable materials will contribute to a more circular economy in the automotive sector, addressing sustainability goals effectively.
5. **Collaboration with Industry Stakeholders**: Engaging with automotive manufacturers and material suppliers can foster collaborative efforts to advance the research and implementation of biodegradable materials, facilitating knowledge sharing and innovation.

6.4. Final Thoughts

As the automotive industry moves towards more sustainable practices, integrating biodegradable materials presents significant opportunities to reduce environmental impact. This research emphasizes the need for continued exploration of innovative solutions and optimization of material performance to ensure the successful application of biodegradable materials in electric vehicle production. By addressing the challenges identified in this study, the industry can advance towards a more sustainable future in transportation.

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