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CELLULOSE BASED SMART MATERIALS FOR FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

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Renewable materials maintain our resources from the environment, which we can overcome degradation of natural environmental services and diminished productivity. Cellulose is one of the nature's most abundant natural polymers, the main chemical components of wood and plants. It is a renewable material that recycles to nature by composting with short period of time. The use of renewable materials is essential in future technologies. This presentation reviews recent advancement of cellulose for smart materials, including cellulose and its sensors, actuators, energy storage and space structure applications. To further improve functionality of renewable materials, hybrid composites of inorganic functional materials are introduced by incorporating carbon nanotubes, titanium dioxide and tin oxide conducting polymers and ionic liquids. Since renewable materials have many advantages of biocompatible, sustainable, biodegradable, high mechanical strength and versatile modification behaviours, more research efforts are necessary on the development of renewable smart materials.

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