

# Effect of NaOH Concentration on 3D Printed Bagasse Reinforced Composite Material

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## Abstract

Sugarcane bagasse is the byproduct of the sugarcane industry as well as the sugarcane juice producing vendors. Although the bagasse fiber has several applications still there is an excess of the fiber which is considered to be a waste. So the main objective of this study is to utilize the excess by product and to reduce environment pollution by converting them into functional and useful reinforced composite materials by using 3D printing method and analysis the effect of NaOH concentration on the reinforced composite material. Three different chemical process are done to extract very thin bagasse fiber. Among the three process two process are quite similar because in both process the bagasse fibers are immersed in 1% NAOH solution but the required immersion times are varied, being 25 hours and 24 hours, respectively. In another process the fiber are immersed in 5% NAOH solution for 15 hours and then the thin fibers are extracted. After extracting the fibers several composite samples of these treated bagasse fibers are reinforced using UV sensitive resin by applying the additive manufacturing technique also known as the 3D printing technique and these composite samples are prepared following the ASTM standards (ASTM d638, type-4). To analysis the effect of NaOH concentration on these composite the mechanical test like tensile test is conducted to evaluate the tensile property of these composite. The composite samples are fabricated using the extracting bagasse fibers which are immersed in 5% NaOH solution for 15 hours shows better tensile property among the three process.

## Key Words

Composite, 3D printing, tensile test

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