## Control of polymer melt flow and processability

Development of molds for figure

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processings

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- Metallic gloss
- Radio permeability
- Gas barrier

## Content:

Generally, most plastic manufacturing is composed of three processes: melting, flowing, and solidifying. Especially, we are focusing on the melt state behaviors, since the viscoelastic response plays an important role in polymer processing. We have studied not only the linear viscoelasticity but also the nonlinear behaviors, which can be related to the practical applications such as foaming, film casting, film blowing, blow molding, electrospinning, etc. In order to realize desired shapes, our goals are to design the materials which have appropriate rheological behaviors, and to optimize processing methods and conditions.

## Appealing point:

We have carried out the researches on the correlation between polymer rheology and the processing from academic and practical points. Some of our results have yielded practical applications in industry.

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