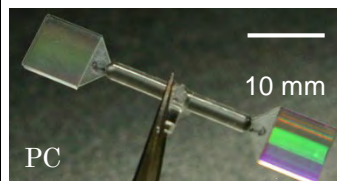


# Precise Polymer Processing for New Manufacturing Technology

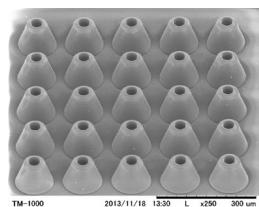
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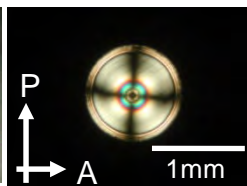
## Development of Fine-structured Plastics/Composites



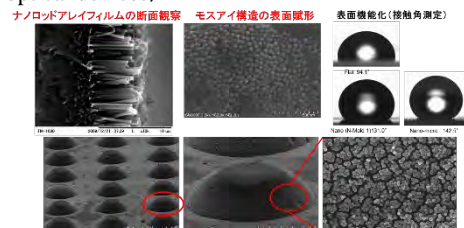
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Nano-pattern Fabrication  
(Controlled Interference  
colors via surface  
replication)



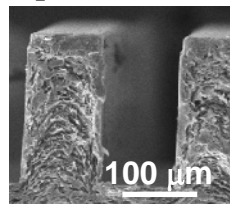
Application of plastic  
products to the medical field



Small optical disc  
(To fabricate for Miniature  
optical devices)

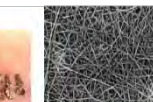
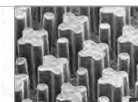
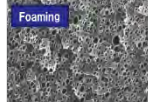
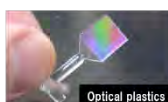
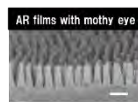
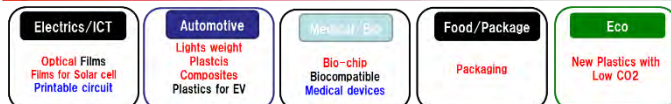


Nano-scale fiber processing (Proposal of new  
processing technology and fundamental research of  
surface functionalization)



Micromolding for  
micro/nano-composites

## Research Projects – Target & Results–



## Content:

Main goal of our research is to clarify and control the development of higher-order structure and engineering properties in polymeric materials through various processing technologies. Our research projects cover various types of polymer processing, such as fibers/films drawing, hot embossing, injection molding, composites, 3D printing technology etc.

Particularly, we have been concentrating our effort on exploring the mechanism of structural formation in the molding process, in which polymer materials are produced under high shear stress and high pressure. We are also conducting researches on plastics device with high functional performance via these molding processes, and on structural analysis of these plastics products.

## SELECTED RESEARCH TOPICS

- ✓ Precise Fabrication Tech. for Injection Molding / Nanoimprint / 3D Printing
- ✓ Engineering Properties/ Structures for Various Composites
- ✓ Automotive Plastics (Processing / Eng. Properties / Structures)

etc....

## Appealing point:

We have focused on industry-government-academia collaboration and have achieved various results and efforts in some research projects long time. We will continue our research and education on manufacturing that aims to add high value products to local, regional, and domestic plastics industry.

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Engineering Properties and Structure, Polymer Composites

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