Development of Future Injection Molding Technologies

In injection molding, a major polymer processing technology, the emergence of new hard-to-mold/-control materials such as long carbon fiber-reinforced resins and in-mold multiple processes such as molding and joining are making molding phenomena so complicated that original molding material characteristics are difficult to realize. This program aims to focus on unexplored technological/academic research areas that would lead to the development of future injection molding technologies for resolving these issues.

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Electronic microscope analysis on metal-polymer direct joining interface

Visualization analyses on plastication process of long-fiber reinforced resins