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Molecular composite of Biomass-based Plastics

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New type of polymer blends in which the molecular aggregation state is well controlled is developed. In this study, biomass-based plastics, such as poly(lactic acid) PLA, poly(butylene succinate) PBS, poly(3-hydroxybutyrate) PHB, and cellulose-derivatives, are employed. Currently, the following projects are being carried out;

- (1) Rheological control in a molten state and enhancement of the processability for PHB by blending a critical gel.
- (2) Improvement of heat resistance property of PLA by blending a crystalline polymer.
- (3) Improvement of processability for cellulose-derivatives by blending a plasticizer.
- (4) Enhancement of melt elasticity by reactive polymers for PLA, PBS, and PHB.