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## Recent Topics in Polymer Interface Research and Its Development to Social Implementation



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In recent years, there has been a rapid increase in demand for miniaturization and thinning of materials. As the material becomes smaller and smaller, the ratio of the interfacial area to the total sample volume significantly increases. Since the energy level is different at the interface compared to the three-dimensional bulk state, the structure and physical properties are supposed to be different from the bulk. In this lecture, recent topics in polymer science, especially at interfaces, are first introduced and then it is discussed how industry-academia collaboration research in the project led by the lecturer works.