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Professional Profile

Dr. Streifel has a diverse background working at the interface of chemistry and polymer science. He has experience with chemical and polymer analysis, chemical kinetics, diffusion modeling, and accelerated aging for a variety of materials. He has experience with a wide variety of materials including fluoropolymers and PFAS, energetic materials, reactive cure systems, and commodity polymers.

Dr. Streifel utilizes a wide variety of techniques for the characterization of chemicals and polymeric materials, including spectroscopy (UV-Vis, FTIR, and Fluorescence), mechanical and thermal analysis (DMA, rheology, DSC, and TGA), chromatography (GPC, ion chromatography, GC-MS, and HPLC-MS), microscopy (optical, microFTIR, and SEM), and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR).

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Streifel worked as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Naval Research Labs in Washington, DC. While there, he designed, synthesized, and characterized materials for the treatment of severe wounds. Before working at the Naval Research Labs, Dr. Streifel's Ph.D. research focused on the synthesis and characterization of semiconducting polymers for energy generation and optoelectronic devices.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, 2014

M.A., Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, 2011

B.A., Chemistry, University of San Diego, 2009

Alan Berman Research Publication Award 2018

National Research Council Postdoctoral Research Associateship 2014-2017

Johns Hopkins University Owens Summer Fellowship 2013

University of San Diego Department of Chemistry Excellence in Research Award 2009

Licenses and Certifications

PADI Certified Open Water Scuba Diver

Welder Performance Qualification in accordance with American Society of Mechanical Engineers - Section IX - Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code

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Professional Affiliations

American Chemical Society

Society of Plastics Engineers

Patents

U.S. Patent US8853349 B2: Disordered organic electronic materials based on non-benzenoid 1,6-methano[10]annulene rings, October 2014 (B.C. Streifel, J.D. Tovar, P.A. Peart)

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B.C. Streifel, J.F. Martinez-Hardigree, Howard E. Katz, J.D. Tovar, "Heteroaromatic variation in amorphous 1,6-methano[10]annulene-based charge-transporting organic semiconductors", J. Mater. Chem. C, 2014, 2, 7851-7858.

M.C. Smith, J.A. Snyder, B.C. Streifel, A.E. Bragg, "Ultrafast excited-state dynamics of o-terphenyl and 1,2-diphenylcyclohexene: the role of ‘ethylenic twisting' in the nonadiabatic photocyclization of stilbene analogs" J. Phys. Chem. Lett., 2013, 4, 1895-1900.

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B.C. Streifel, “Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Basics, Usage, Testing, and Regulatory Trends” Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Spring Meeting, Staunton VA, 2025

B.C. Streifel, “Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Basics, Usage, Testing, and Trends” Virginia State Claims Association Annual Meeting, Williamsburg VA, 2024

B.C. Streifel, J.P. Dunnigan, “Navigating through the PFAS Landscape: Litigation Strategies and Complex Insurance Coverage Issues”, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Spring Meeting, Lynchburg VA, 2024

B.C. Streifel, K. Robrock, G. Caviness, S.M. Rackl, “PFAS: Understanding the Potential Risks & Liability with Consumer Products” Exponent Webinar, 2020

B.C. Streifel, J.G. Lundin, C.L. McGann, J.H. Wynne. Efficient dispersion of mineral hemostatics in a polyHIPE scaffold for severe wound treatment. Oral presentation, 253rd American Chemical Society National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2017.

B.C. Streifel, J.G. Lundin, C.L. McGann, J.H. Wynne. PolyHIPE materials for treatment of severe limb trauma and controlled drug delivery. Oral presentation, 252nd American Chemical Society National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

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J.G. Lundin, B.C. Streifel, G. Daniels, S.L. Giles, R. Baumann, J.H. Wynne. Development of multifunctional bioactive polymers for wound-contact applications. Poster presentation, 250th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Boston, MA, 2015.

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B.C. Streifel, J. Singh, R.M. Ireland, P.A. Peart, H.E. Katz, J.D. Tovar. Highly disordered semiconducting polymers based on 1,6-methano[10]annulene for thermoelectric applications. Poster presentation, Gordon Research Conference/Seminar (Polymers), South Hadley, MA, 2013.

B.C. Streifel, P.A. Peart, J.D. Tovar. Interrogating torsional interactions within thiophene-based conjugated copolymers using non-planar aromatics. Poster presentation, IUPAC Macro 2012 World

Polymer Congress, Blacksburg, VA, 2012.

B.C. Streifel, J. Oria, T. Scudday, P.M. Iovine. Synthesis and characterization of arylboronic acid-tipped aliphatic polyester dendrons. Poster presentation, 236th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2008.