

# Prof. Dr. sc. nat. Christoph Weder

Curriculum Vitae, April 2022

<b>Personal</b>	Swiss and Irish Citizen; Born July 30, 1966; Married, 3 Children (ages 22, 26, 28)
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## Core Research Expertise and Interests: Synthesis of Functional Polymers

Design, synthesis, processing, investigation of structure-property relationships, and application of functional polymers, notably stimuli-responsive polymers, supramolecular polymers, polymer nanocomposites, bio-inspired polymers, and polymers with unusual optical and mechanical properties.

## Academic Positions

2010 - present	<b>Director</b> Adolphe Merkle Institute (AMI), University of Fribourg, Switzerland
2009 - present	<b>Professor of Polymer Chemistry and Materials</b> Adolphe Merkle Institute, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
2010 - present	<b>Adjunct Professor</b> Dept. of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland OH, USA
2003 - present	<b>Visiting Professor</b> Petrochemical College, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2014 - 2020	<b>Director</b> National Competence Center in Research (NCCR) Bio-Inspired Materials
2007 - 2010	<b>Professor (2008-2010: F. Alex Nason Professor)</b> Dept. of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, Dept. of Chemistry CWRU
2001 - 2007	<b>Associate Professor</b> Dept. of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, Dept. of Chemistry CWRU
2005 - 2008	<b>Research Scientist</b> Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
1995 - 2000	<b>Senior Research Associate and Independent Lecturer</b> ("Privatdozent") Department of Materials, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, Group of Prof. P. Smith
1994 - 1995	<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> Dept. of Chemistry, MIT, Cambridge, USA, Advisor: Prof. M.S. Wrighton
1989 - 1994	<b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> Departments of Chemistry and Materials, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

## Industrial Experiences

2010 - present	<b>Member of Board of Directors</b> , Tech Transfer Fribourg
2000 - present	<b>Consultant for Several Multinational Clients</b>
1994 - 2010	<b>Member of Board of Directors</b> , Gel Instrumente AG, Thalwil, Switzerland
1999 - 2002	<b>Founding Member of Board of Directors</b> , Omlidon Technologies LLC, Zurich,

## Academic Education

- 1995 - 2000      **Habilitation**, Degree awarded: *Venia Legendi* for *Photofunctional Polymers*  
Department of Materials, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, Group of Prof. P. Smith  
Habilitation: “Polarizing Light with Polymers”
- 1990 - 1994      **Dissertation**, Degree awarded: Doctor of Natural Sciences (“Dr. sc. nat.”)  
Department of Materials, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, Advisor: Prof. U.W. Suter  
Thesis: “New Polyamides with Stable Nonlinear Optical Properties”
- 1990 - 1992      **Education as Chemistry Teacher**, Degree awarded: High School and College  
Teacher License (“Fachausweis für das Höhere Lehramt”)  
Institute for Behavioural Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
- 1985 - 1990      **Undergraduate Studies in Chemistry**, Degree awarded: Master Degree in  
Chemistry (“Dipl. Chem. ETH”), Thesis: “Synthesis of Cross-Linkable Aramids”  
Department of Chemistry, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, Advisor: Prof. U.W. Suter

## Pre-College Education

- 1980 - 1985      High School at Kantonsschule Enge, Zürich, Switzerland  
Degree awarded: Baccalaureate (“Eidg. Matura Typ E, Wirtschaft”)
- 1972 - 1980      Elementary and Secondary Schools in Mühlheim a. Main, Germany (1972 -  
1974) and Thalwil, Switzerland (1974 - 1980)

## Military

- 1985 – 2004      Swiss Army Service in the rank of a soldier

## Awards, Recognition, Named Lectureships

- 2022              Anselme Payen Award, ACS Division of Cellulose and Renewable Materials
- 2019              Covestro Distinguished Lecturer, Texas A&M University
- 2017              Fellow of the American Chemical Society Division of Polymer Chemistry
- 2017              Member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW)
- 2011              ERC Advanced Grantee
- 2009              Bayer MaterialsScience Lecturer
- 2008              F. Alex Nason Professor of Engineering at Case Western Reserve University
- 2008              Case School of Engineering Research Award
- 2007, 2008, 2009      Nominee Bruce Jackson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring
- 2005              US National Science Foundation Special Creativity Award
- 2002              DuPont Young Professor Award
- 2002              3M Non-Tenured Faculty Award
- 2001              DuPont Aid to Education Award
- 2000              Melville Lecturer, University of Cambridge
- 1994              Swiss National Science Foundation Research Fellowship

## Publication Statistics

Author of ~300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, ~75 non-reviewed scientific articles or preprints, 18 book chapters. 29 journal covers. Editor of 2 books and 6 journal special issues. Inventor of 23 patent families. ~22'050/27'900 ISI/Google Scholar citations. H-index = 80/87 (ISI/Google Scholar).

## Major scientific contributions

Established poly(*p*-phenylene ethynylene)s as semiconducting materials  
Discovered a polarizing energy transfer process and introduced polarizers based on this mechanism  
Introduced innovative concepts for mechanochromic polymers  
Conceived and realized sea-cucumber mimicking mechanically adaptive polymers  
Contributed to the understanding of processing-structure-property relations of polymer nano-composites with cellulose nanocrystals  
Pioneered the use of (metallo)supramolecular polymers as stimuli-responsive materials  
Established supramolecular polymers as light-healable materials and adhesives  
Exploited polymer multilayer technology to create lasers and data storage systems  
Demonstrated novel approaches for low-power upconversion in polymers

## Technologies Developed or under Development

Shape memory polymers. Licensed to Covestro. Under development by Sonova AG.  
Terabyte scale optical data storage media. Under development by Folio Photonics LLC.  
Security feature for banknotes. Commercialized by Landqart AG.  
Dielectric method to determine curing of reactive resins. Commercialized by Gel Instrumente AG.  
Photochromic fishing lines. Commercialized by Pure Fishing Co.

## Editorship, Guest Editorship

2011 - present Associate Editor *ACS Macro Letters*  
2010 - 2021 Co-Editor RSC Book Series *Polymer Chemistry*  
2021 Guest Editor *Macromol. Rapid Commun.* Special issue *Mechanochromic Polymers*  
2019 Guest Editor *Chimia* Special issue *NCCR Bio-Inspired Materials*  
2018 Guest Editor *Small* Special issue *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AMI*  
2016 Guest Editor *Chem. Soc. Rev.* Special issue *Bioinspired Surfaces and Materials*  
2011 Guest Editor *J. Mater. Chem.* Special issue *Mechanically Responsive Polymers*  
2009 Guest Editor *Chimia* Special issue *Swiss Scientists Abroad*  
2006 Editor *Advances in Polymer Science* Special issue *Poly(arylene ethynylene)s*  
2000 Editor *Macromolecular Symposia* Issue on *Polymers in Display Applications*

## Editorial Advisory Boards

2020 – present Editorial Advisory Board *Materials Advances*  
2019 – present Editorial Advisory Board *Materials Chemistry Frontiers*  
2013 - present Editorial Advisory Board *Journal of Materials Chemistry C*  
2011 - present Advisory Board *Polymer Bulletin*  
2006 - present International Advisory Board *Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics*  
2006 - present International Advisory Board *Macromolecular Rapid Communications*  
2001 - present Editorial Board *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*

Terms completed *RSC Advances* (2013-2016), *Polymer Chemistry* (2010-2012), *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* (2009-2014), *Macromolecules* (2007-2009), *Journal of Materials Chemistry* (2007-2012), *Journal of Inorganic and Organometallic Polymers and Materials* (2006-2012)

### **Scientific Advisory Boards (last 5 years)**

- 2020 - present Scientific Advisory Board *Freiburg Center for Interactive Materials and Bioinspired Technologies* University of Freiburg (DE)
- 2020 - present Scientific Advisory Board *German Cluster of Excellence Living, Adaptive and Energy-Autonomous Materials Systems (livMatS)* University of Freiburg (DE)
- 2020 - present Scientific Advisory Board *MRSEC CHARM*, University of Delaware DE (USA)
- 2020 - present Scientific Advisory Board *UCSD MRSEC*, UCSD San Diego CA (USA)
- 2014 - 2020 External Advisory Board *CSEM*
- 2008 - present Advisory Board *International Symposium on Stimuli-Responsive Polymers*

### **Professional Leadership (last 5 years)**

- 2017 - present Co-PI (Swiss Lead) PIRE (Partnerships for International Research and Education) Bio-Inspired Materials and Systems. This international collaboration involves ca. 20 PIs and 15 PhD students at Case Western Reserve University and the Universities of Chicago, San Diego and Delaware (all USA), and the AMI.
- 2014 - 2020 Director National Competence Center in Research (NCCR) Bio-Inspired Materials. Initiated, planned, and led this center with 16 research groups and >90 researchers at 4 Universities (U. Fribourg, U. Geneva, EPFL, ETHZ).
- 2014 - 2022 Board of Directors Paul Rhyner Foundation
- 2013 - present Board of Directors Polymer and Colloid Division, Swiss Chemical Society
- 2013 - 2016 Expert of the Swiss Academy of Technical Sciences (SATW)
- 2010 - present Director Adolphe Merkle Institute. Built this department-like institute, which now has 4 research groups, 100 employees, and an annual budget of CHF 10 Mio.

### **Other Professional Affiliations**

American Chemical Society (ACS), Division Member: POLY and PMSE; Materials Research Society (MRS); Swiss Chemical Society (SCS).

### **Co-Organizer / Member Scientific Organizing Committee (last 5 years)**

Co-vice Chair/co-Chair GRC Bio-inspired Materials 2022/2024; Int. Conference on Organic and Polymer Synthesis (Guangzhou, China 2018); 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on f-Element ICFE10 (2018), Soft matter interfaces: from biology to engineering applications (2017), Biointerfaces (2016).

### **Reviewer Scientific Journals (last 5 years)**

*ACS Appl. Polym. Mat., ACS Appl. Mat. Interf., Adv. Funct. Mater., Adv. Sci., Adv. Mater., Angew. Chem., Biomacromolecules, CCS Chemistry, Chem, Chem. Eur. J., Chemie in unserer Zeit, Chem. Mater., Chem. Sci., J. Am. Chem. Soc., J. Mater. Chem., J. Phys. Chem., J. Polym. Sci., Macromol. Chem. Phys., Macromol. Mater. Eng., Macromol. Rapid Commun., Macromolecules, Nature, Nature Chemistry, Nature Communications, Nature Materials, New J. Chem., Polymer Chemistry, Science.*

### **Award Committees**

- 2018 - present Swiss Industry Science Fund – Swiss Chemical Society Industrial Science Award
- 2013 - 2015 Anselme Payen Award Committee (ACS Div. of Cellulose and Renewable Mat.)

### **Reviewer Funding Agencies (last 5 years)**

A. von Humboldt Foundation, Bavarian Ministry of Science and Education, European Research Council, FNR Luxembourg, German Research Foundation, Petroleum Research Funds, Science Foundation Ireland, Swiss National Science Foundation, US Army Research Office, US National Science Foundation.

### **Current Collaborators (Outside UniFr, last 5 years)**

M. Albrecht (Berne), M. Borkovec (Geneva), H. Börner (Berlin), J. Brugger (EPFL), N. Bruns (Darmstadt), J. Capadona (CWRU), H. Chiel (Cleveland), E. Cranston (UBC), S. Dubas (Bangkok), A. Eceiza (Basque U.), J. Foster (Vancouver), J. Gilman (NIST), K. Kazlauskas (Vilnius), A. King (Helsinki), N. Kimizuka (Kyushu), H.A. Klok (Lausanne), E. Kontturi (Aalto), L. Korley (Delaware), H. Manuspiya (Bangkok), R. Marti (HES-SO), F. Meinardi (Milan), A. Monguzzi (Milan), T. Nakamura (Hokkaido), H. Otsuka (Tokyo), E. Oveisi (EPFL), A. Petzold (Halle), R. Quinn (Cleveland), E. Reichmanis (Atlanta), S.J. Rowan (Chicago), P. Russo (Atlanta), Y. Sagara (Hokkaido), L. Schreiber (Bonn), Y.C. Simon (USM), A. Studart (Zurich), A. Takahara (Kyushu), N. Tamaoki (Hokkaido), W. Thielemans (Leuven), T. Thurn-Albrecht (Halle), N. Yanai (Kyushu), J. Zoppe (UPC)

### **Advisor of Research Group Leaders (8)**

Dr. Jessica Clough “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2022-present)  
Dr. José Berrocal “Responsive Polymers” (2020-present)  
Dr. Stephen Schrettl “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2017-present)  
Dr. Justin Zoppe “Nanocellulose” (2017-2017), now Asst. Prof. Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya  
Dr. Lucas Montero “Supramolecular Polymers” (2013-2014), now Scientific Coordinator NCCR  
Dr. Gina Fiore “Supramolecular Metallopolymers” (2009-2011), now Nestlé Research  
Dr. Yoan Simon “Stimuli-Responsive Polymers” (2009-2011), now Assoc. Prof. USM  
Dr. Johan Foster “Cellulose nanocomposites” (2009-2011), now Assoc. Prof. UBC

### **Advisor of Postdoctoral Researchers (44)**

Dr. Andrea Dordero “Photonic Pigments” (2021-present)  
Dr. Subhajit Pal “Capsule-containing Polymers” (2021-2022)  
Dr. Jimaja Sethun “Responsive Polymersomes” (2020-present)  
Dr. Jessica Clough “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2020-2022)  
Dr. James Hemmer “Supramolecular Polymers” (2019-present)  
Dr. Guillaume Moriceau “Photonic Pigments” (2019-2020)  
Dr. Philip Scholten “Responsive Polymersomes” (2019-2021), now Bloom Biorenewables  
Dr. Feyza Karazu Kilic “Shape Memory Polymers” (2018-2020), now EPFL  
Dr. Visuta Engkagul “Stimuli-Responsive Composites” (2018-2021), now Innovation Group Ltd.  
Dr. Justin Zoppe “Nanocellulose” (2017-2017), now Prof. Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya  
Dr. Anuja Shirole “Smart Adhesives” (2017-2018), now Lund University  
Dr. Carlo Perotto “Smart Adhesives” (2016-2018), now Petronas Lubricants  
Dr. Shraddha Chhatre “Smart Adhesives” (2016-2018), now CSIR - NCL, Pune  
Dr. Anselmo del Prado Abellán “Smart Adhesives” (2016-2018), now Univ. Madrid  
Dr. Dafni Moatsou “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites” (2015-2017), now Senior Res. KIT  
Dr. Stephen Schrettl “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2015-2017), now Group Leader AMI  
Dr. Ester Verde Sesto “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2015-2016), now UPV/EHU  
Dr. Alexander Hähnel “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2014-2015), now Freudenberg New Technol.  
Dr. Yoshimitsu Sagara “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2013-2015), now Assoc. Prof. TIT  
Dr. Lucas Montero “Supramolecular Polymers” (2013-2014), now Scientific Coordinator NCCR  
Dr. Burcak Icli “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2012-2015), now Schoeller Allibert SA  
Dr. Hua Zou “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites” (2012-2013), now Asst. Prof. USST

### **Advisor of Postdoctoral Researchers (continued)**

Dr. Animesh Saha “Smart Adhesives” (2012-2013), now BASF  
Dr. Katharina Gries “Smart Adhesives” (2012-2014), now Metrohm AG  
Dr. Rebecca Parkhurst “Polymer Mechanochemistry” (2012-2014), now US Govt. Accountab. Off.  
Dr. Shuo Bai “Mechanically Adaptive Composites“ (2011-2012), now University of Strathclyde  
Dr. Matt Roberts “Adaptive Nanocomposites“ (2011-2013), now Switch Materials Inc. Canada  
Dr. Pratheep Annamalai “BioNanocomposites“ (2010-2012), now Univ. of Queensland  
Dr. Sandeep Kumar “BioPolymer Nanocomposites“ (2010-2012), now DuPont de Nemours  
Dr. Gina Fiore “Supramolecular Metallopolymers“ (2009-2011), now Nestlé Research  
Dr. Yoan Simon “Stimuli-Responsive Polymers“ (2009-2011), now Assoc. Prof. USM  
Dr. Johan Foster “Cellulose nanocomposites“ (2009-2011), now Assoc. Prof. UBC  
Dr. Julie Mendez “BioPolymer Nanocomposites“ (2009-2010), now Assoc. Prof. IUPUC  
Dr. Markus Geuss “Phototonic Crystals “ (2009-2011)  
Dr. Lorraine Hsu “Bio-Inspired, Stimuli-Responsive Polymers“ (2009-2010)  
Dr. Liming Tang “Polymers with Integrated Sensing Capabilities“(2006-2010)  
Dr. O. Van den Berg “Semiconducting Polymer Nanowires” (2006-2007),  
Dr. M. Schroeter “Conducting Poly(*p*-phenyleneethynylene)s” (2005-2007), now Teamleader GKSS  
Dr. Jeff Capadona “Bio-Inspired, Stimuli-Responsive Polymers” (2005-2008), now Prof. CWRU  
Dr. Dan Knapton “Organic/Inorganic Hybrid Polymers” (2004-2006), now Lubrizol  
Dr. Param Iyer “Organic/Inorganic Hybrid Polymers” (2003-2004, now Prof. IIT Guwahati  
Dr. Quinghui Chu “Proton-Conducting Membranes” (2002-2004), now Exxon Mobile  
Dr. M. Schroers “Smart Materials with Controllable Stiffness” (2002-2003), now BASF  
Dr. Anja Palmans “Light-Polarizing Polymers” (1999-2000), now Prof. TU Eindhoven

### **Host of Visiting Scientists (2)**

Dr. Maki Kinami, Toyobo Research Center, Shiga, Japan (2004-2006)  
Dr. C. Löwe, EMPA, Dübendorf, Switzerland (2001-2002), now U. Zurich

### **Advisor of Ph.D. Students (57)**

Chaninya Mak-Iad “Healable Polymers” (2021-present)  
Luca Grillo “Bio-inspired Membranes” (2021-present)  
Xueqian Hu “Upconverting Polymers” (2021-present)  
Davide Lardani “Upconverting Polymers” (2021-present)  
Ilaria Onori “Supramolecular Polymers” (2020-present)  
Franziska Marx “Supramolecular Polymers” (2019-present)  
Derek Kielbala “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2018-present)  
Livius Muff “Mechanically Morphing Polymers” (2018-present)  
Hanna Traeger “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2018-present)  
Chris Rader “Biopolymers for Packaging Applications” (2018-present)  
Claudio Cappelletti “Metallosupramolecular Polymers” (2018-present)  
Marco Mareliati “Supramolecular Polymers“ (2017-2021)  
Gwendoline Delepierre “Hairy Cellulose Nanocrystals” (2017-2021), now Michelin  
Baptiste Monney “Mechanically Adaptive Polymers“ (2017-2021), now Michelin

### **Advisor of Ph.D. Students (continued)**

Aristotelis Kamtsikakis “Nanocomposite Membranes” (2017-2021), now DuPont  
Felipe Saenz “Optical Upconversion in Nanostructured Polymers” (2016-2021), now EPFL  
Diana Hohl “Polymers for Debonding on Demand Applications” (2016-2020), now AMS AG  
Sandra Wohlhauser “Single Component Nanocomposites” (2016-2021), now University of Fribourg  
Julien Sauteaux “Supramolecular Polymers“ (2015-2021), Now Philip Morris  
Anne-Cécile Ferahian “Supramolecular Polymers” (2015-2019), now BHF Biel  
Laura Neumann “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2015-2019), now Cabb AG  
Céline Calvino “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2014-2018), now U. Freiburg (DE)  
Luis Olaechea “Metallo-supramolecular Polymers” (2014-present), now BHF Biel  
Worarin Meesorn “Mechanically Adaptive Nanomaterials“ (2014-2019), now ZHAW Winterthur  
Marc Karman “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2014-2019)  
Jens Natterodt “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites“ (2013-2016), now Dow  
Anuja Shirole “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites“ (2013-2017), now University of Lund  
Apiradee Nicharat “Processing of Cellulose Nanocomposites” (2013-present), Now SCS  
Anna Lavrenova “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2012-2016), Now Evonik  
Mathieu Ayer “Metallo-supramolecular Assemblies” (2012-2017), now Asulab  
David Thevenaz “Mechanochemistry in Polymers” (2012-2016), now Armasuisse  
Janak Sapkota “Processing of Cellulose Nanocomposites” (2012-2016), now UPM Biomaterials R.  
Christian Heinzmann “Supramolecular Adhesives” (2012-2015), now Bachem AG  
Dirk Balkenende “Metallo-supramolecular Polymers” (2012-2016), now ERIKS Sealing & Polymer  
Roberto Vadrucchi “Optical Upconversion in Polymers” (2011-2015), now Endress AG  
Silvana Müller “Cellulose Aerogels“ (2011-2014), now TH Nürnberg  
Sandra Camarero “Anisotropic Cellulose Nanocomposites“ (2011-2015), now Polymat EHU  
Tobias Kuhnt “Controlled Release from modified Cellulose “ (2011-2015), now Polymat EHU  
Souleymane Coulibaly “Supramolecular Metallopolymers“ (2011-2014), now U. Félix H. Boigny  
Soo-Hyon Lee “Optical Upconversion “ (2011-2014), now NYC Data Science Academy  
Mehdi Jorfi “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites“ (2011-2014), now Harvard Medical School  
Mahesh Biyani “Mechanically Adaptive Nanocomposites“ (2011-2014), now Halliburton  
Bastien Schyrr “New Polymer Based Sensors“ (2010-2014), now Theranoptics  
Sonia Kracht “Mechanochemistry in Polymers“ (2009-2012), now Merck Life Science  
Kadhiravan Shanmuganathan “Responsive Cortical Implants” (2006-2010), now CSIR-NCL  
Brian Makowski “Dynamic Photonic Crystals” (2006-2011), now Sherwin Williams  
Joe Lott “Functional Multilayer Polymer Films” (2006-2010), now Kodak  
Mark Burnworth “Metallo-supramolecular Polymers” (2005-2011), now Sherwin Williams  
James Mendez “Charge Transport in Conjugated Polymers“ (2005-2010), now Asst. Prof. IUPUC  
Jill Kunzelman “Polymers with Integrated Sensing Capabilities“ (2004-2009), now PolyOne  
Brent Crenshaw “Polymer Chameleons “(2002-2006), now Engineered Polymer Solutions  
Akshay Kokil “Conjugated Polymer Networks” (2001-2005), now Asst. Prof. U. Mass. Lowell  
Sven Zimmermann “Orientation of Discotic Liquid Crystals” (U. Marburg 2004), now Novaled  
Christoph Kocher “Anisotropic Functional Polymer Systems” (1999-2003), now Landqart  
Moritz Ehrenstein “Polyamides with Long Alkane Segments” (1999-2003), now BASF

### **Advisor of Ph.D. Students (continued)**

Andrea Montali “Light-Emitting Polymer Displays” (1996-1999), now Synthes

Daniel Steiger “Poly(*p*-phenylene alkylene)s” (1996-1999), now Ethicon Products

### **Research Advisor of Master Students (20)**

Nicolas Stankovic “Upconverting Polymers” (2018-2018)

Sandra Graterol->Wohlhauser “New Polymer Systems” (2015-2015), now University of Fribourg

Luis Miguel Olachea “Supramolecular Polymers” (2013-2014), now BHF Biel

Mathieu Ayer “Supramolecular Polymers” (2011-2012), now Asulab

David Thevenaz “Optical Upconversion with Metal-Free Dyes” (2011-2012), now Armasuisse

Charles Sing “Polymeric Threshold Temperature Sensors” (2008), now Assoc. Prof. UIUC

James Kostka “Light-Emitting Polymers” (2008-2010), now General Electric Co.

Claire Rademaker “Synthesis of Conjugated Polymer Networks” (2005-2006), now US PTO

Eric Hittinger “Conjugated Polymer Networks” (2002-2003), now Prof. RIT

Ravisubash Tangirala “Photo-Patternable Nanomaterials” (2002-2003), now Nanosys Inc.

Christian Huber “Conjugated Polymer Networks” (2001)

Katharina Sigg “Optical Sealing of Polymers” (2001)

Christoph Kocher “Patterning of Functional Polymer Systems” (2000), now Landqart

Magnus Kristiansen “Proton-Conducting Membranes” (2000), now Prof. FHNW

Michael Eglin “Thermoplastic Processing of Photoluminescent Polarizers” (1999)

Simon Amhof “Polarizing Energy Transfer in Photoluminescent Polymers” (1998)

Claude Curti “Poly(*p*-phenylene ethynylene) Light-Emitting Diodes” (1998)

Florian Dötz “Synthesis of Novel Poly(*p*-phenylene ethynylene)s” (1997)

Moritz Ehrenstein “Poly(*p*-phenylene alkylene)s - a Class of Forgotten Polymers” (1997)

Christian Sarwa “Polarized Light Emission from Oriented Polymers” (1997)

### **Research (~60) and Academic (~30) Advisor of Undergraduate Students**



## External Funding History

<i>Past Funding at CWRU</i>	Various	2001-2009		> \$4'400'000 completed
<i>Funding at University of Fribourg</i>				
Get a Grip	Industrial	2010-2013	Fr	180'000 completed
Thermal Transport in Nanocomposites	Industrial	2010-2010	Fr	80'000 completed
Instrumentation Grant	SNF	2010-2010	Fr	200'000 completed
Smart Polymer Nanocomposites NFP62	SNF	2010-2013	Fr	342'000 completed
Better Rapid Prototyping Resins	CTI	2010-2011	Fr	109'000 completed
Cellulose as Bio-scaffold	Industrial	2011-2014	Fr	310'000 completed
Smart Polymer Nanocomposites	Industrial	2011-2013	Fr	280'000 completed
Shape Memory Materials	Industrial	2011-2013	Fr	300'000 completed
Chances and Risks of Nanomaterials NFP64	SNF	2011-2014	Fr	450'000 completed
Organometallic Polymer Systems	SNF	2011-2014	Fr	500'000 completed
Polymer Nanocomposite Processing NFP66	SNF	2012-2016	Fr	400'000 completed
HIProFip	NANO	2012-2014	Fr	121'000 completed
(De)bonding on Demand	CTI	2012-2014	Fr	307'000 completed
Adaptive Adhesive Systems	CTI	2012-2014	Fr	387'000 completed
Supramolecular Polymers	US ARO	2012-2014	Fr	170'000 completed
Mechanically Responsive Polymers	ERC	2012-2017	Fr	2'400'000 completed
Stimuli-Responsive Materials NCCR	SNF	2014-2026	Fr	2'000'000 active <sup>1</sup>
Smart Polymer Nanocomposites NRP62	SNF	2012-2014	Fr	274'000 completed
Chances and Risks of Nanomaterials NRP64	SNF	2014-2015	Fr	200'000 completed
Stimuli-Responsive Metallopolymers	SNF	2014-2017	Fr	550'000 completed
Polymer Nanocomposite Processing NRP66	SNF	2015-2016	Fr	102'000 completed
Smart Polymer Nanocomposites	Industrial	2014-2016	Fr	122'000 completed
In-situ customization of hearing-aid parts	CTI	2017-2019	Fr	350'000 completed
One-Component Nanocomposites	US ARO	2015-2018	Fr	200'000 completed
Supramolecular Adhesives Precor	SNF	2015-2019	Fr	350'000 completed
Adhesives for Debonding on Demand	ERC-POC	2016-2017	Fr	150'000 completed
Smart Membranes (PlaMatSu)	ERC-ITN	2017-2020	Fr	229'000 completed
Polymers for Light Management	Industrial	2016-2018	Fr	230'000 completed
Stimuli-Responsive Supramolecular Polymers	SNF	2017-2021	Fr	1'142'000 completed
PIRE Bio-Inspired Materials and Systems	SNF	2017-2022	Fr	386'000 active <sup>2</sup>
CNC One-Component Composites	US ARO	2018-2021	Fr	240'000 completed
Supramolecular Polymers	Industrial	2018-2021	Fr	355'000 completed
Upconverting Polymers	SNF	2020-2024	Fr	660'000 active
Polymers for Carbon Capture	Industrial	2020-2021	Fr	156'000 completed
Graded Membranes SPIRIT	SNF	2021-2025	Fr	250'000 active <sup>3</sup>
Historical Paper Restoration	Innosuisse	2021-2022	Fr	152'000 active
Supramolecular Polymer Systems	SNF	2022-2026	Fr	560'000 active
Smart Adhesives	Innosuisse	2022-2024	Fr	300'000 active

CW served as principal investigator on all grants listed, except for those funded by the US ARO (PI S. Rowan, co-PI CW), and the ERC-ITN (PI N. Bruns, Participant CW).

<sup>1</sup>Full Grant amount: CHF 40'000'000.

<sup>2</sup>Full Grant amount: CHF 1'544'000; funding from the US-NSF to the US groups participating in this program is \$ 5'500'000 (PI L. Korley).

<sup>3</sup>Full Grant amount: CHF 500'000.