Life in Industry: Building Bridges-Macro to Micro-to Connect the World

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There is no doubt that electronic devices have transformed our daily communication. It is estimated that almost one third of the world’s population carries a computer on their person. That means 3.5 billion people carry a smartphone so that they can provide voice and text communications, access to the internet, track their work outs, pay their bills, and beyond all on one device. Now, we want to increase the connectedness of our devices, homes, and automobiles, but this also increases the demands of the materials and chemistries we use to produce our electronic devices. This talk will describe one area in which materials are being designed to meet the higher performance requirements needed to enable the next generation of electronic devices.