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## AGENDA

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## EALA –

## EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE LASER APPLICATIONS

### TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 3

**9.00 am** **Welcome and conference introduction**  
Dr. Dirk Meine, Automotive Circle, DE

#### PROCESS ANALYSES

**9.30 am** **Series-robust laser welding of aluminum in automotive manufacturing – lessons learned from diverse material processing routes**  
Carmen Schäfer, German Society for Materials Science (DGM), IT

**10.00 am** **Uncovering the effect of ambient conditions on cw keyhole mode laser beam welding by high-speed synchrotron X-ray imaging**  
Dr. Leander Schmidt, Technische Universität Ilmenau, Production Technology Group, DE

**10.30 am** **Building a gold-standard, correlative synchrotron X-ray and Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) database for the application of machine learning to automotive laser welding**  
Tristan Fleming, IPG Photonics (Canada), CA

**11.00 am** **Meet the Speakers / Exhibition / Coffee and contacts**

#### REMOTE WELDING INNOVATIONS

**11.45 am** **Advanced high precision remote laser welding strategies with in-situ quality assurance for mobility**  
Ruediger Brockmann, Blackbird Robotersysteme GmbH, DE

**12.15 pm** **New “SCW” remote welding head for laser welding without laser cell**  
Dr. Axel Luft, Scansonic MI GmbH, DE

**12.45 pm** **Meet the Speakers / Exhibition / Lunch break**

#### TACTILE WELDING INNOVATIONS

**2.00 pm** **Flexible e-drive production using adaptive laser welding systems**  
Matthias Beranek, Trumpf Laser-und Systemtechnik SE, DE; Alexander Fast, Schaeffler Automotive Buehl GmbH & Co. KG, DE

**2.30 pm** **Bringing intelligence to laser welding with wire: adaptive solutions for battery box production**  
Sebastian Moser, Precitec, Inc., US; Mohamed Kashkoush, Ford Motor Company, US

**3.00 pm** **OCT for higher accuracy when laser brazing and welding**  
Dr. Bastian Hauptstein, Lessmüller Lasertechnik GmbH, DE; Jan Neubert, Abicor Binzel, DE

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#### IMPLEMENTING AI

**4.15 pm** **Robotic laser welding with autonomous guidance enabled by AI for large components in automotive**  
Dr. Daniele Colombo, ADIGE – BLMGroup, IT; Dr. Matteo Moscatelli, Politecnico di Milano, IT

**4.45 pm** **In-line dual source AI powered weld quality monitoring for EV batteries**  
Alex Fraser, Laserax, CA

**5.15 pm** **WeldBraIn™: AI-Based weld quality prediction and repair in battery busbar laser welding**  
Dr. Masoud Pour, General Motors Company, US

**5.45 pm** **Meet the Speakers / Exhibition / Get together**

**7.00 pm** **Networking Dinner**

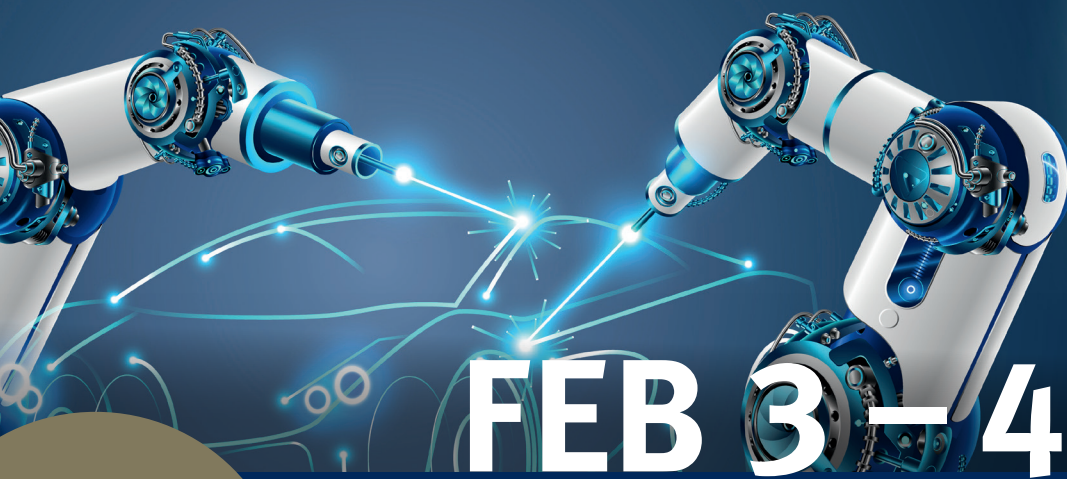
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#### **NEW LASER APPLICATIONS**

- 9.00 am** **Laser applications in battery recycling**  
Max Rettenmeier, TRUMPF Laser- und Systemtechnik SE, DE
- 9.30 am** **Sustainable laser cleaning of bulk materials**  
Olav Schulz, SLCR Lasertechnik GmbH, DE
- 10.00 am** **Industrial application and investigation of laserbeam rotating to the porosity of Laser-MIG-hybrid welded AW 6063-T6 aluminum alloy for battery trays**  
Dr. Herbert Staufer, Fronius International GmbH, AT
- 10.30 am** **Meet the Speakers / Exhibition / Coffee and contacts**

#### **ADVANCES IN WELDING COPPER**

- 11.15 am** **Copper welding and PAI coating removal using high-brightness blue laser**  
Yuki Iwai, Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd., JP
- 11.45 am** **NIR/blue hybrid laser welding of Cu hairpins: system, process, and monitoring development**  
Prof. Ali Gökhan Demir, Politecnico di Milano, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IT; Giulio Borzoni, IMA EV-TECH, IT
- 12.15 pm** **A blue dive into the invisible: Synchrotron-based analysis of welding processes with blue laser radiation and future perspectives for the automotive industry**  
Christoph Spurk, RWTH Aachen University, Chair for Laser Technology LLT, DE; Mathias Schlett, Laserline GmbH, DE
- 12.45 pm** **Meet the Speakers / Exhibition / Lunch break**

#### **BEAM SHAPING POSSIBILITIES**

- 2.00 pm** **Tailored, faster and high-quality welding technology for the new EV structures**  
Miguel Ángel Ferrández Del Olmo, Gestamp, ES
- 2.30 pm** **Choosing the right beam shaping technology: a comparative outlook**  
Stefano Zarini, Optoprim, IT
- 3.00 pm** **Farewell address and end of conference**

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