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### **AUSTRIAN PROGRAM AT PSE2024**

### HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

### PARTNER COUNTRY SESSION

Carl Zeiss Saal | 18:00 - 19:15

### Presentation of Austria & Austrian Research Community

PLO300 Responsible Surface Engineering for a Sustainable Future (#215)

C. Mitterer, M. Hans, J. M. Schneider, A. Matthews Session: PL-03 - Plenary - Partner Country Session

Date: Tuesday, 3 September, 2024, 18:00

Location: Carl Zeiss Saal left, Carl Zeiss Saal right (CZS-L,CZS-R)

### **OPENING OF INDUSTRIAL EVENING**

Foyer Hall 1, Ground Floor, Partner Country Lounge | 19:30 – 20:00

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### Wednesday, September 4, 2024

**Austrian Lunch Buffet** 

Foyer Hall 1, 13:00 - 14:30

# ORAL PRESENTATIONS FROM AUSTRIA

0R0408	Carbon nanostructures produced by means of pulsed DC PACVD (#163)  M. Schachinger, F. A. Delfin, B. Fickl, B. C. Bayer-Skoff, C. Forsich, T. Müller, D. Heim
0Ro6o6	Exploring the phase space and oxidation mechanisms of TM-X-C thin films (#449) S. Richter, D. Danner, R. Hahn, E. Ntemou, D. Primetzhofer, T. Wojcik, S. Kolozsvári, P. Polcik, C. Jerg, J. Ramm, H. Riedl
IW0707	Plasma nitriding and PACVD (Plasma Assisted CVD) coating as complementary technology for PVD for wind power gear boxes (#577)  T. Mueller, A. Gebeshuber, C. Lugmair, C. Uebleis, D. Heim, C. Forsich
KN0800	Concepts for the direct recycling/re-use of end-of-life sputtering targets in PVD applications (#424). E. Neubauer, A. Kokic, L. Zauner
OR0902	Influence of Powder Material Selection on the Synthesis & Production of High-Entropy Alloy Target for Thin Film Applications (#405) L. Zauner, A. Kokic, M. Friedl, E. Feuerstein, E. Neubauer
OR1003	Sputter deposited silver niobate thin films: pathway towards phase purity (#111) L. Kölbl, A. Kobald, T. Griesser, F. Munnik, C. Mitterer
0R1306	Non-reactive magnetron sputtering of Ti-Al-N coatings (#435) B. I. Hajas, S. C. Bermanschläger, D. Primetzhofer, T. Wojcik, S. Kolozsvari, P. H. Mayrhofe
OR1403	Fracture characteristics of Si-containing ternary and quaternary transition metal diborides (#466) A. Hirle, A. Bahr, O. Beck, S. Kolozsvari, P. Polcik, J. Ramm, C. Jerg, H. Riedl, R. Hahn
0R1404	Insulating and structural properties of reactively grown AIN and Al203 thin films (#448) N. Salvadores, T. Wojcik, C. Jerg, A. Gies, J. Ramm, S. Kolozsvari, P. Polcik, T. Huber, H. Ried
TW1508	In-situ Testing of Hollow Specimen under H2 Atmosphere (#584) B. Schrittesser, W. Balasooriya, H. Gschiel
OR1901	Super-hydrophobic layers by drop-casting and atmospheric pressure plasma deposition (#98) C. Hendler, J. Vida, R. Kaindl, T. Homola, M. Belegratis, W. Waldhauser
OR1902	Humidity-resistant low-friction dry lubricant metallic-polymeric based coatings on PEEK and PET (#278 D. Kopp, R. Kaindl, T. Prethaler, J. M. Lackner, A. M. Coclite, W. Waldhauser
OR1903	Corrosion protection of cerium containing HMDSO coatings processed by APPD (#324) M. Spuller, L. Major, T. Männer, M. Stummer, W. Waldhauser, J. Lackner, R. Kaindl
KN2200	The influence of bilayer periods and ratios onmechanical and tribological properties of TiN/MoN superlattice thin films (#429)  Z. Gao, J. Buchinger, R. Hahn, Z. Chen, Z. Zhang, P. H. Mayrhofer
OR2202	Assessing hydrogen diffusion in protective coating materials (#451) P. Rückeshäuser, A. Bahr, W. Zhao, R. Hahn, S. Kolozsvari, P. Polcik, T. Stelzig, F. Rovere, H. Riedl
OR2205	Influence of Al-content on structure, mechanical properties and thermal stability of (Al, Ta, Ti, V, Zr)-nitride coatings (#433)  A. Kirnbauer, S. Kolozsvari, P. H. Mayrhofer
OR2206	Influence of Al:Ti ratio and bias on the structure and mechanical properties of AlTiN coatings (#344) J. Nohava, P. Hausild, J. Kalas, S. Zierler, J. Sondor



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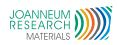
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### WORKSHOP REVIEW

# Energy Transition When the answer is in the layer

Rapid changes in the Earth's climate and increasingly important geopolitical considerations have led to an urgent need to introduce self-sufficient sustainable energy technologies in Europe. For this reason, the Austrian federal government has set the goal of achieving climate neutrality in Austria by 2040. Achieving this goal is only feasible through investments in research & development, the expansion of all renewable energy sources, infrastructure, storage and investments in energy efficiency.

Surface and thin-film technologies are the key to energy-efficient technologies, ranging from hydrogen and battery technology to plasma-based chemical synthesis and photovoltaics. Austrian research centers and universities in charge of new and further development as well as Austrian companies from the surface technology sector will present innovations in this sector.

The workshop will be held in the city of WELS, which is centrally located in the industrial state No.1 of Upper Austria. It is established as an industrial, scientific and trade fair center that attracts national as well as international visitors. Approximately 40,000 employees find work in the approximately 4,000 companies in Wels and the immediate vicinity.

The topic of energy and energy transition has been in focus in this region for years. This is also reflected in regional research funding, such as the Upper Austrian Hydrogen Initiative 2030. Hydrogen Offensive 2030: »Hydrogen as a success factor for a future-proof location«. Other important events that show the orientation of Upper/Austrian energy policy are the »World Sustainable Energy Days«, an annual conference on sustainability, renewable energies and energy efficiency, which have been held for 20 years, and the annual Energy Saving Fair. Here, developments and technological possibilities are presented to the public.

Please use the opportunity to discuss the energy transition and inform yourself about the funding of European research and development projects in the framework of »Collective Research NETworking«. Competent contact persons from Austria (FFG) and Germany (EFDS e.V.) will be present and support you.

This workshop is jointly organized by The Austrian Society for Metallurgy and Materials ASMET and the European Research Society Thin Films e.V. EFDS. The event is related to the PSE2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference Plasma Surface Engineering in the context of the PSE Partner Country Program 2024 – Austria.

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# **PROGRAM**

### Monday, November 13, 2023

10:00	Registration
	on for the energy transition on: Thomas Müller, Rübig GmbH & Co. KG
11:00	Welcome
11:15	Hurdles, challenges and opportunities of the European energy transition Gerhard Dell, Landesenergiebeauftragter im öster- reichischen Bundesland Oberösterreich und Geschäfts- führer des OÖ Energiesparverbandes, Österreich
11:45	Shaping a sustainable energy future with research and innovation   Overview about the research funding of FFG Gertrud Aichberger, Österreichische Forschungsförderungs GmbH, Wien, Österreich
12:05	<b>Hydrogen – The Key for a successful energy transition?</b> Jürgen Wageneder, Linde Gas GmbH, Stadl-Paura, Österreich
12:25	PVD nitrides te be used for increased life time of tools and components as well as supercapacitors Paul Mayrhofer, Technische Universität Wien, Österreich
12:55	Lunch Break
	cal coatings for the energy transition on: Gerhard Hackl, ASMET
14:00	Looking for the perfect friction match in the 2D world – How the in-operando formation of TMD's and the use of MXenes revolutionize lubricating concepts Carsten Gachot, Technische Universität Wien, Österreich
14:20	Tribological Properties of Hard Coatings Volker Strobl, Rübig GmbH & Co KG, Wels, Österreich
14:40	Novel electrically conductive DLC coatings for electrical and electrochemical applications Daniel Heim, FH Oberösterreich, Wels, Österreich
15:00	Reducing environmental friction with high performance coatings Florian Rovere, Oerlikon Balzers, Liechtenstein



15:20	In-situ wear detection of DLC coatings under near-application conditions Ewald Badisch, AC <sup>2</sup> T research GmbH, Wiener Neustadt, Österreich
15:40	Wear-resistant, low-friction atmospheric pressure Plasma spray coatings for sustainable (bio-based, recyclable) materials Reinhard Kaindl, Joanneum Research, Niklasdorf, Österreich
16:00	Coffee Break & Poster Session
	rface modification & structuring oderation: Paul Mayrhofer, Technische Universität Wien
16:30	Bio2onik – What flexible nano- and microstructures can contribute to energy transition Dieter Nees, Joanneum Research Forschungs- gesellschaft mbH, Weiz, Österreich
16:50	Graphene on steels as the ultimate thin corrosion barriers Bernhard Bayer, Technische Universität Wien, Österreich
17:10	Foil architecture – The construction method of the future? Martin Kassecker, Hueck Folien GmbH, Baumgartenberg, Österreich
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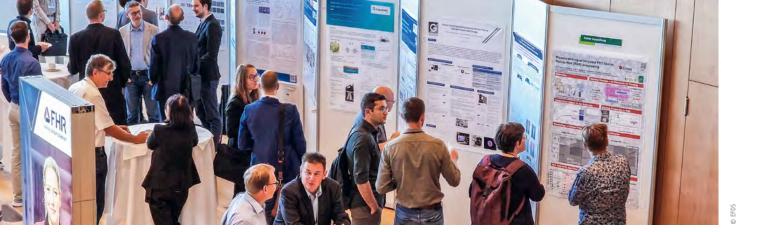
### **EVENING EVENT** 19:00 - 22:00 Minoriten Wels

In the heart of the historic town center is the Minorite Church, built as early as the beginning of the 14th century, and the associated monastery. The church with the impressive medieval choir and the simple, baroque remodeled nave was converted into an event center. During this event you can deepen new acquaintances and have conversations about future projects and cooperations in a pleasant atmosphere.









# **PROGRAM**

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

	<mark>lydrogen technologies</mark> Moderation: Daniel Heim, FH Oberösterreich Wels
08:30	Keynote - The storage of hydrogen - Challenge and opportunity for surface technology? Christian Mitterer, Montanuniversität Leoben, Österreich
09:00	The properties of thin films in solid oxide fuel cells and electrolysis cells  Jürgen Fleig, Technische Universität Wien, Österreich
09:20	H2 in mobility: challenges for thin films  Marco Carlet, IHI lonbond Netherlands B.V.,  Venlo, Niederlande
09:40	PVD-coatings and coating equipment for bipolar cells for fuel cells and electrolyzers Herbert Gabriel, PVT Plasma und Vakuum Technik GmbH, Bensheim, Deutschland
10:00	Coffee Break
	Hydrogen technologies Moderation: Christian Mitterer, Montanuniversität Leoben
10:30	Functional coatings for the production of green hydrogen Stephan Abermann, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, Wien, Österreich
10:50	Contributions of atmospheric plasma technology to the energy transition Tobias Alois Männer, INOCON Technologie GmbH
11:10	Surface modifications for enhanced electrochemical performance of battery electrodes Christina Toigo, FH Oberösterreich, Wels, Österreich
11:40	Transfer to Rübig
12:00	Lunch & conversation at Rübig

13:00	COMPANY TOUR @ Rübig GmbH & Co. KG Rübig GmbH & Co. KG Hardening Technology Department Contract Heat Treatment/Coating
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14:10 **Return to FH Oberösterreich Wels** 

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Session 5	Photovoltaics

Moderation: Wolfgang Waldhauser, Joanneum Research

14:30	More than a cell: Future potential of new PV technologies Roman Tratting, Joanneum Research, Weiz, Österreich
14:50	Customized thin-film photovoltaics from the roll Andreas Zimmermann, Sunplugged GmbH, Wildermieming, Österreich
15:10	<b>Crystalsol's powder-based photovoltaics: new tasks for thin films</b> Dieter Meissner, crystalsol GmbH, Wien, Österreich
15:30	Perovskite solar cells, the new hope of photovoltaics? Markus Clark Scharber, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, Österreich
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14:30	Between the laboratory and the gigafactory – the challenges of scalability of battery production and new materials Marcus Jahn, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, Wien, Österreich
14:50	Electrodeposition and stripping of insulating active material layers as key for high-energy batteries Stefan Freunberger, Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg, Österreich
15:10	Solid-state batteries in the automotive industry – From vision to integration Lukas Ladenstein, AVL List GmbH, Graz, Österreich
16:00	PSE panel discussion
16:30	End of the workshop





### Dr. Gerhard Dell

State Energy Commissioner at the Austrian Federal State Oberösterreich and General Manager of OÖ Energiesparverband, Austria

### Hurdles, challenges and opportunities of the European energy transition

Energy production and use account for 75 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Over the last three decades, their emissions have been reduced by around 30 percent. But this is not enough to achieve the climate targets. The central fields of action for this are energy efficiency, renewable energies, grids and storage. Information, incentives, framework conditions and technology innovations are the instruments for the energy turnaround. This also offers the opportunity for economic modernization.



### DI Gertrud Aichberger

Program Management FFG Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH

### Shaping a sustainable energy future with research and innovation Overview about the research funding of FFG

Be part of it and shape the energy supply of tomorrow! In the presentation you will get an overview of the possibilities of funding research projects for the development of sustainable energy technologies and which funding programs are available to you.



### Dipl.-Wirtsch.-Ing. (FH) Jürgen Wageneder

Business Development & Sales ECOVAR Linde Gas GmbH Linde Gas GmbH



A short overview to the topic hydrogen and the company Linde Gas GmbH will be presented.



### Prof. Paul Mayrhofer

Univ. Prof. Dipl. Ing. Dr. mont. Paul H. Mayrhofer | Professor of Materials Science, Dean of Studies | Technische Universität Wien, Austria

### PVD nitrides te be used for increased life time of tools and components as well as supercapacitors

For mechanically dominated load profiles, nitrides are preferred, while oxides offer better protection against high-temperature corrosion. Combined mechanical and thermal loads therefore call for nitrides with excellent temperature and oxidation resistance. How to develop such nitrides with excellent strength and toughness combined with exceptional thermal stability is the focus of this talk. We will also discuss the excellent supercapacitor properties of transition metal nitrides.









### Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Carsten Gachot

Head of the Tribology Research Division | Institute of Engineering Design and Product Development E307-05, TU Wien

Looking for the perfect friction match in the 2D world - How the in-operando formation of TMD's and the use of MXenes revolutionize lubricating concepts

The presentation will address new concepts of solid lubrication in aerospace applications and will focus on recent developments in 2D materials, with particular emphasis on MXenes and transition metal carbo chalcogenides (TMCC's) as bridging materials between MXenes and transition metal dichalcogenides such as MoS2.



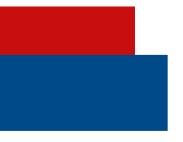
### DI Volker Strobl MSc

division manager Rübig GmbH & Co. KG

### Tribological properties of hard coatings

In the wind power industry, rolling bearings are currently used in gearboxes. For reasons of weight and maintenance reduction, however, the trend is toward plain bearings. Here, Cu-Sn or Al-Sn, for example, are used as coating materials.

In this presentation an alternative approach will be presented, a hard material coating by means of PACVD. The tribological properties of this coating - Rübig DLCXtended® - will be presented.



### FH-Prof. DI Dr. Daniel Heim

Head of the Materials Science and Production Engineering University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

### Novel electrically conductive DLC coatings for electrical and electrochemical applications

Carbon and graphite layers play a key role in electrochemical systems such as batteries or fuel cells. Diamond-like carbon (DLC) coatings reduce friction and wear and are chemically inert. The electrical conductivity of DLC coatings can be changed and adjusted by several orders of magnitude by suitable choice of deposition parameters, which suggests a high potential for development and use in electrochemical applications.



### Dr.-Ing. Florian Rovere

Head of Product Line Service Components Oerlikon Surface Solutions AG

### Reducing environmental friction with high performance coatings

Specialized physical vapor deposition (PVD) coatings are widely recognized for the critical role they perform in enhancing operational performance and extending the life of parts across countless manufacturing and industrial sectors. Less understood is the value that these coatings provide in reducing the environmental impact of the industrial processes where they are used. This important valueadd should not to be overlooked.









### Dipl.-Ing. Dr. mont. Ewald Badisch

Scientific Director AC2T research GmbH

### In-situ wear detection of DLC coatings under near-application conditions

The focus of the presentation is on the application of in-situ wear detection of DLC coatings. The wear measurement method developed at AC<sup>2</sup>T (RIC - Radioactive Isotope Concentration) allows continuous wear detection and is applied under different tribological loading conditions. The results show a high influence of abrasive particles on the DLC wear rate, which leads to a reduction of service life up to failure.

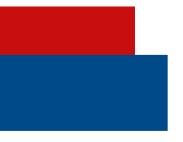


### Dr. Mag. Reinhard Kaindl

Senior Scientist, Deputy Head of Research | Johanneum Research, MATERIALS - Institut für Sensorik, Photonik und Fertigungstechnologien

### Wear-resistant, low-friction atmospheric pressure Plasma spray coatings for sustainable (bio-based, recyclable) materials

Carbon-based atmospheric pressure plasma low-friction and wear surfaces on bio-based and recyclable engineering polymers in the powertrain increase energy efficiency and extend the service life of plain bearings and transmissions. Carbon is available in sufficient quantities in the medium to long term, coatings can be produced with relatively low energy input, and coated parts are recyclable in the sense of a circular economy.



### Dipl. Chem. Dr. Dieter Nees

**Principal Scientist** JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH, Weiz, Austria

### Bio2onik - What flexible micro- and nano structures can contribute to energy transition

We can learn from nature on many occasions how micro- and nanostructures affect macroscopic surface properties. Well-known examples are sharkskin for flow friction reduction or moth eyes for anti-reflective coatings. At JOANNEUM RESEARCH - MATERIALS, we develop roll-to-roll UV embossing processes for large-scale fabrication of bionic micro- and nanostructured polymer surfaces on flexible films.



### Dr. Bernhard C. Bayer

Junior Research Group Leader Institute of Materials Chemistry, Technische Universität Wien

### Graphene on steels as the ultimate thin corrosion barriers

Two-dimensional (2D) materials have a wide application profile incl. sustainable energy. We develop scalable synthesis and integration protocols for 2D materials and their hybrids down to the controlled single-atom level. With a variety of academic & industrial partners these 2D materials/hybrids are tested as, e.g., catalysts in electro- and photocatalytic sustainable hydrogen production, heat spreaders for low-power electronics and ultimately thin corrosion barriers on metallurgical materials.









### Martin Kassecker

Hueck Folien GmbH, Baumgartenberg Technical Product Manager Design

### Foil architecture - The construction method of the future?

ETFE film architecture has gained a lot of popularity in recent years and is often used for stadiums, exhibition centers, greenhouses and other architectural projects. This material makes it possible to create aesthetically pleasing and functional structures.

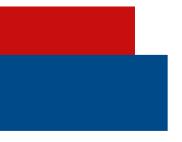


### Prof. Dr. Christian Mitterer

Professor for Functional Materials and Material Systems Montanuniversität Leoben

### Keynote - The storage of hydrogen -Challenge and opportunity for surface technology?

The storage of hydrogen represents one of the greatest challenges of the necessary transformation to a CO<sub>2</sub>-free energy supply. Porous carbons offer the possibility of reversible adsorption and desorption of hydrogen on their surface. This presentation will address the possibilities of developing highly porous carbons via plasma-assisted surface modification and nanoparticle deposition for application as hydrogen storage media.



### Prof. Jürgen Fleig

Universitätsprofessor Technische Universität Wien, Institute for Chemical Technologies and **Analytics** 

### The properties of thin films in solid oxide fuel cells and electrolysis cells

Oxide electrodes are of central importance in solid oxide fuel cells and electrolysis cells (SOFCs/SOECs), where they often act simultaneously as current collectors, ion conductors and catalysts. In this talk, we will show how thin film systems can be used to investigate and optimize these material properties. At the same time, the possibilities of impedance spectroscopic measurements for the characterization of oxide films will be illustrated.



### Marco Carlet

**Process Engineering** IHI Ionbond B.V.

### H<sub>2</sub> in mobility: challenges for thin films

The application areas of thin coatings in the use of hydrogen as fuel for CO<sub>2</sub> emission-free drive concepts are presented. In hydrogenpowered internal combustion engines, the coatings reduce friction as well as wear in a dry hydrogen atmosphere and are intended to prevent hydrogen embrittlement. When applied to bipolar plates for fuel cells, the electrical conductivity of the surface and the corrosion resistance are adjusted.









### Dr.-Ing. Herbert Gabriel

General Manager PVT Plasma und Vakuum Technik GmbH

### PVD-coatings and coating equipment for bipolar cells for fuel cells and electrolyzers

In-line coating systems are ideally suited for high volume production applications over a wide range of substrate sizes and geometries. PVT has designed and developed a series of inline coating sysems that are ideally suited for Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) coating of bipolar plates for fuel stacks and electrolyzers, razor blades, solar concentrating mirrors, etc. with most different coatings.

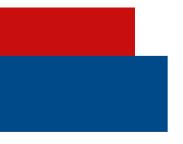


### Dr. Stephan Abermann

Head of Competence Unit Energy Conversion and Hydrogen AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, Center for Energy

### Functional coatings for the production of green hydrogen

The presentation will give an overview of the current developments at AIT in the field of functional coatings for the production of sustainable hydrogen. Water electrolysis and direct photo-electrochemical conversion (PEC) routes are of great importance here. Significant R&D efforts are needed here to reduce the cost of commercial and especially recent electrolysis technologies (PEM/AEM/SOEC/PEC) or to develop them to commercial demonstration.



## **COMPANY TOUR**

@ Rübig GmbH & Co. KG | 12:00 - 14:00

Afterwards, more technology developments for energy transition, batteries and photovoltaics.





### Dipl. Ing. Tobias Alois Männer

INOCON Technologie GmbH, Attnang-Puchheim, Österreich

### Contributions of atmospheric plasma technology to the energy transition

Atmospheric plasmas can be used for surface cleaning, activation and coating. With the innovative technology of INOCON Technologies GmbH this step can be realized environmentally friendly and selectivly at the areas wanted. No wet chemistry is necessary. Resources and money can be saved and the lifetime cycle of components can be prolonged. Examples of corrosion protection coatings for battery technology will be presented.



### Christina Toigo

Christina Toigo, FH Oberösterreich, Wels, Österreich Professorship for Hydrogen Technology and Energy Storage

### Surface modifications for enhanced electrochemical performance of battery electrodes

Dendritic copper current collectors were used for the preparation of LTO anodes for Lithium-ion batteries and their performance was evaluated via mechanical analysis, FIB-SEM and electrochemical measurements. The distinct copper dendrites lead to a physically increased surface area of the current collector and also proved an increase in electrochemically active surface area.

### DI Dr. Roman Trattnig

Deputy Head Light and Optical Technologies Joanneum Research - MATERIALS

### More than a cell: Future potential of new PV technologies

The future of solar technology is being shaped by promising developments in various areas, including III-V semiconductors, CZTS, CIGS and perovskite solar cells. These technologies hold the potential to significantly improve the energy efficiency and cost effectiveness of solar cells. With continued research and development, these technologies could revolutionize solar energy and contribute to a sustainable and renewable energy future.



### Andreas Zimmermann

Sunplugged GmbH General Manager

### Customized thin-film photovoltaics from the roll

Sunplugged develops a customizable photovoltaic film. The core element is a thin-film solar cell, which is produced in a roll-to-roll process. The layers of the solar cell are deposited on a high temperature stable carrier foil. With a digitally controllable interconnection process, the foil-like solar cells can be formed into a wide variety of shapes and output voltages. The lecture will present the current state of development.









### em. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr.hc Dieter Meissner

CS0 crystalsol GmbH

### Crystalsol's powder-based photovoltaics: new tasks for thin films

crystalsol's single crystal powder-based printed photovoltaic module technology contains five thin films that together convert the excitation energy created by light absorption in the CZTS semiconductor single crystal into electrical voltage. Not only must these be very thin and of high quality, they must also be suitable for roll-to-roll printing of the modules and they must allow high flexibility of the finished module. This will be explained in detail in the presentation.

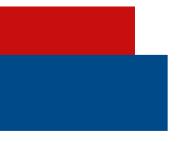


### Dr. Markus Scharber

Johannes Kepler Universität

### Perovskite solar cells, the new hope of photovoltaics?

In recent years, the efficiency of perovskite-based solar cells has been increased to over 25%. In addition, these devices are very easy to manufacture and can be combined with silicon solar cells to form efficient tandem solar cells. In my presentation, I will give an overview of the current state of research and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of perovskite solar cells.





### Dr. Marcus Jahn

Head of Competence Unit Battery Technologies

### Between the laboratory and the gigafactory - the challenges of Scalability of Battery Production and New Materials

Research and industry must be closely linked for the energy transition. However, it often takes several years of process research, scaling optimization and the development of new methods in the manufacture of materials and products to bring the latest innovations in battery technology from the laboratory to market maturity. So, what is the state of the art? When we will see the latest materials in the vehicles of the future? What will be needed for the energy storage system of the future?







### Prof. Stefan Freunberger

Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg, Österreich

### Electrodeposition and stripping of insulating active Material layers as key for high-energy batteries

In order to enable electrochemical energy storage on the huge scale required, it is necessary to consistently rely on abundantly available main group elements. Among the most interesting of these are batteries based on oxygen and sulphur, but whose electrochemically active forms (metal oxides, sulphides and sulphur) are extremely insulating. Here I describe our research into how high-performance batteries are possible with these insulating materials.

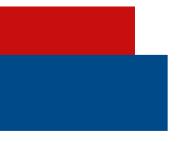


### Dr. techn. Lukas Ladenstein

**Development Engineer Battery** AVL List GmbH

### Solid-state batteries in the automotive industry -From vision to integration

All-solid-state batteries (ASSBs) are a promising technology for electric vehicles. Therefore, the automotive industry is closely following the development and progress of ASSBs. However, in order to enable integration, some aspects, such as significant breathing behavior of the metal anodes or a wider temperature window during operation, need to be subject to close scrutiny. These will be discussed in more detail in the presentation.



### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

# Laser-based analysis of thin film systems - elastic characterization and defect detection.

Felix Noll, RECENDT Research Center for Non Destructive Testing GmbH, Linz Österreich

# Thin film based membrane electrode assemblies for green ammonia synthesis.

Jan Wallis, Leibniz-Institut für Plasmaforschung und Technology e.V. (INP), Greifswald, Deutschland

# Describing hydrogen diffusion in metallic and ceramic thin film materials

Phillip Rückeshäuser, Christian Doppler Laboratory for Surface Engineering of high-performance Components, Wien, Österreich

### Fatigue testing of protective ceramic coating materials

Arno Gitschthaler, Christian Doppler Laboratory for Surface Engineering of high-performance Components, Wien, Österreich

### Understanding DLC failure influenced by progressed wear

Manuel Zellhofer, Martin Jech, Ewald Badisch, Paul Heinz Mayrhofer, AC<sup>2</sup>T research GmbH, TU Wien, Österreich

# Electrical and mechanical properties of highly conductive nitrogen doped DLC films deposited via high-temperature DC PACVD

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