



# New possibilities for process control and higher efficiency at magnetic pulse welding

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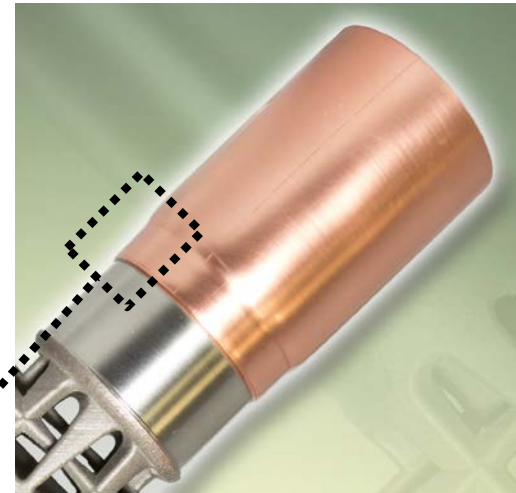
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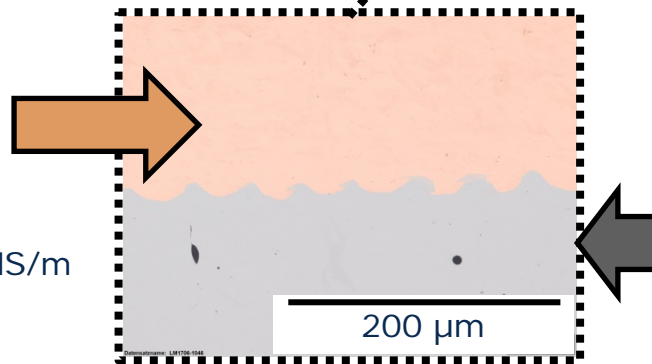
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## Welcome to „Tailored Joining“



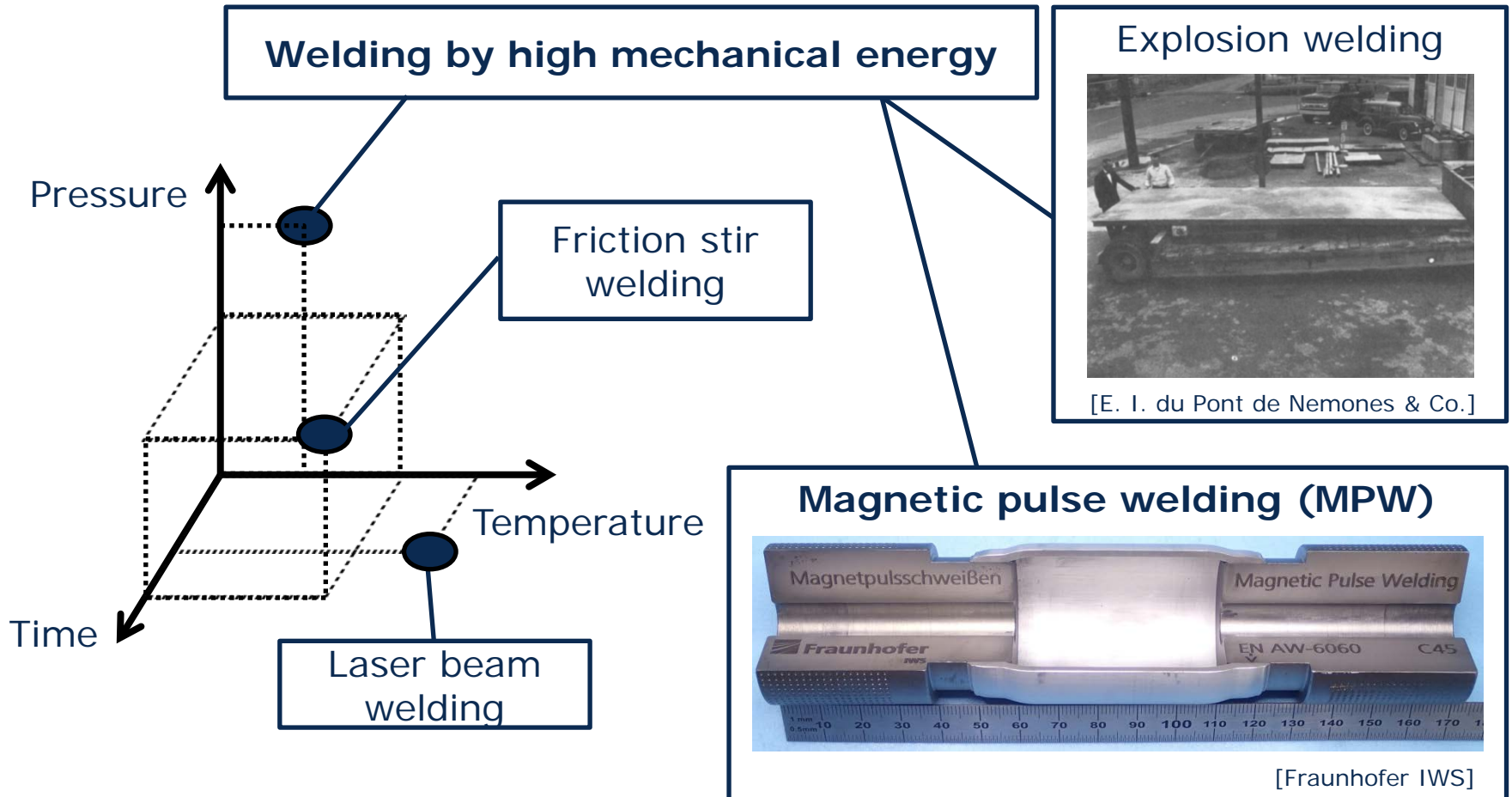
**Copper**  
Melting point  $\approx 1085^\circ\text{C}$   
Density  $\approx 8.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$   
Electrical conductivity  $\approx 58 \text{ MS/m}$



**Steel(S235)**  
Melting point  $\approx 1250\text{-}1460^\circ\text{C}$   
Density  $\approx 7.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$   
Electrical conductivity  $\approx 10 \text{ MS/m}$

MPW: process control & higher efficiency

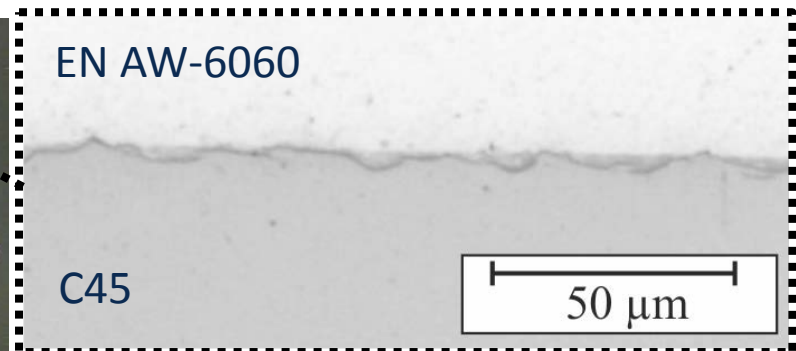
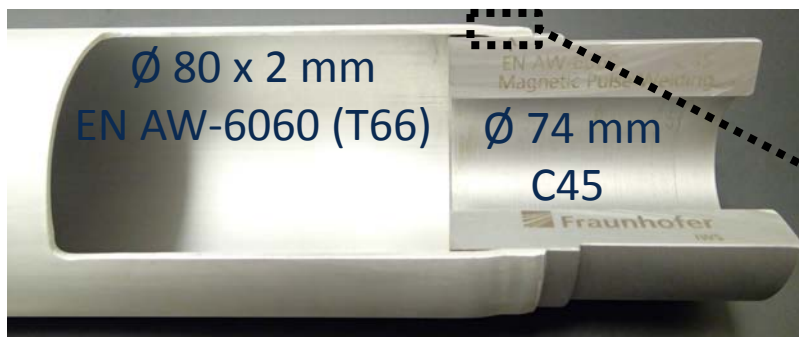
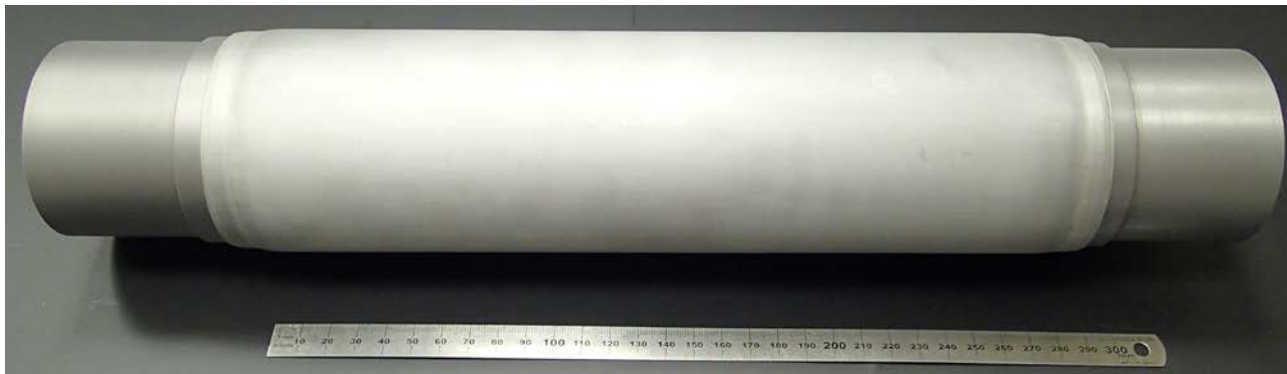
# Classification of welding processes - MPW



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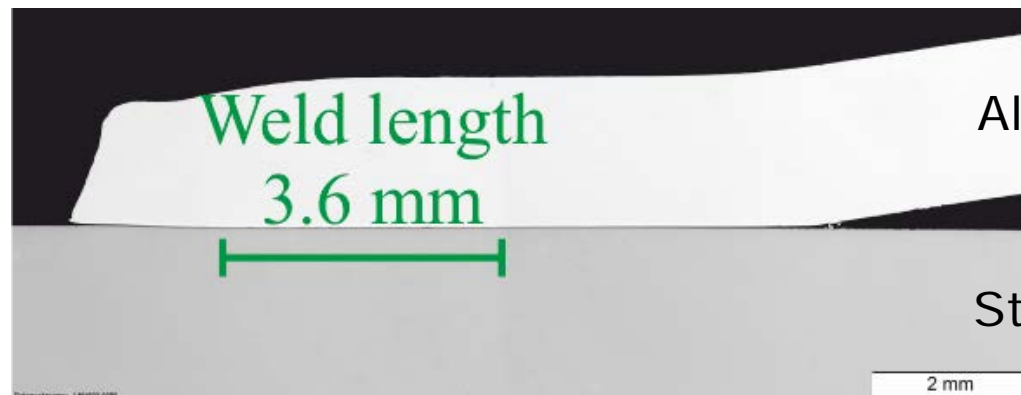
## Latest research activities

Magnetic pulse welding of  $\varnothing$  80 mm aluminium tubes to steel tubes

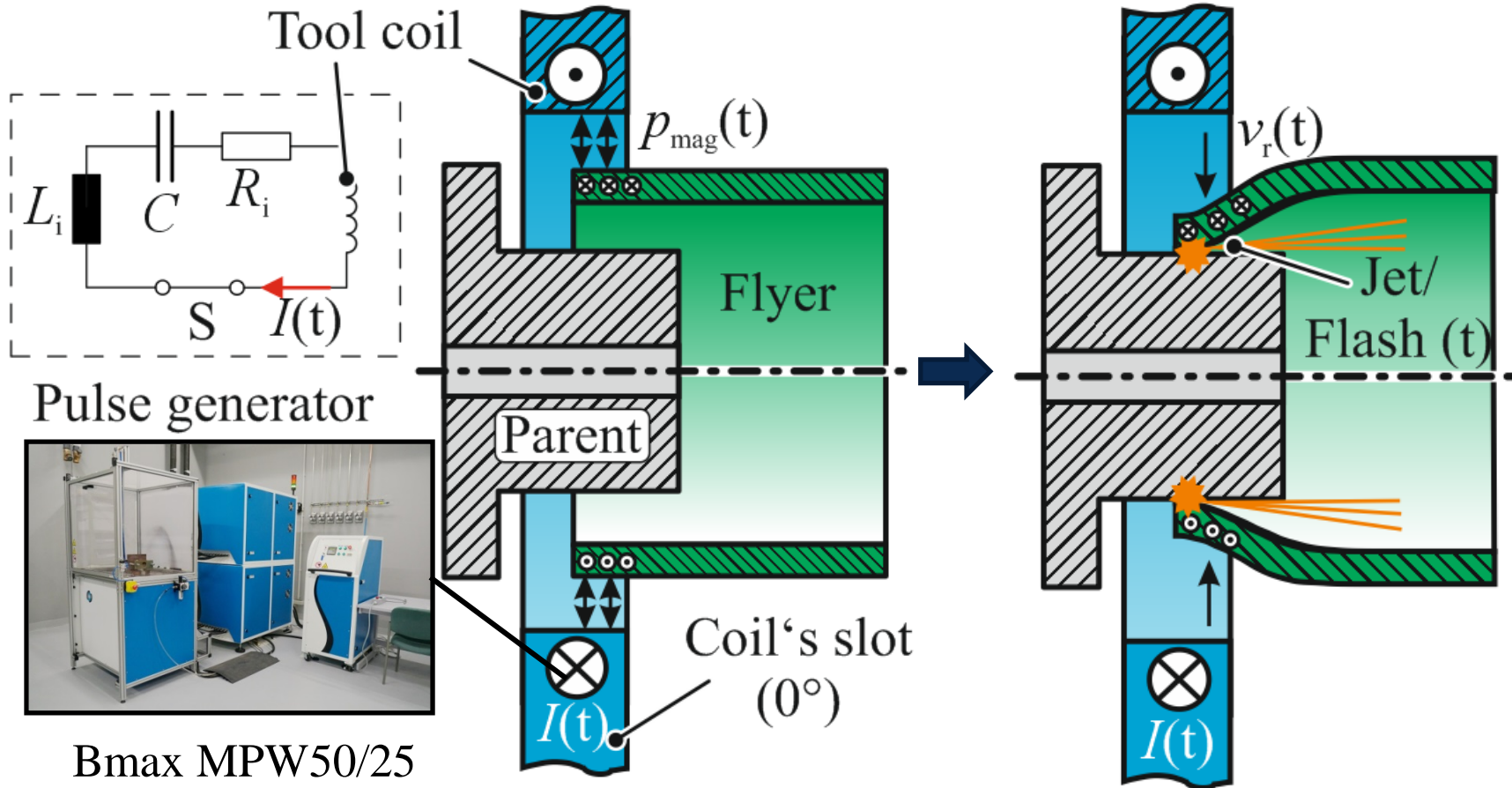


## Agenda

1. Process description
2. Challenges
3. Solutions
4. Results
5. Conclusion



# 1. Process description



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## 1. Process description

### Outstanding:

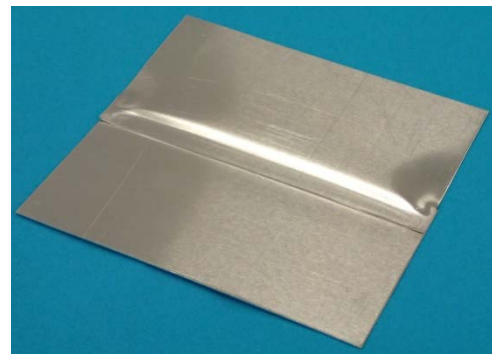
- Similar and dissimilar metal joining

### Versatile:

- Applicable for tubular and flat parts

### Side effects:

- No need for filler materials
- Short process times ( $\mu\text{s}$ )



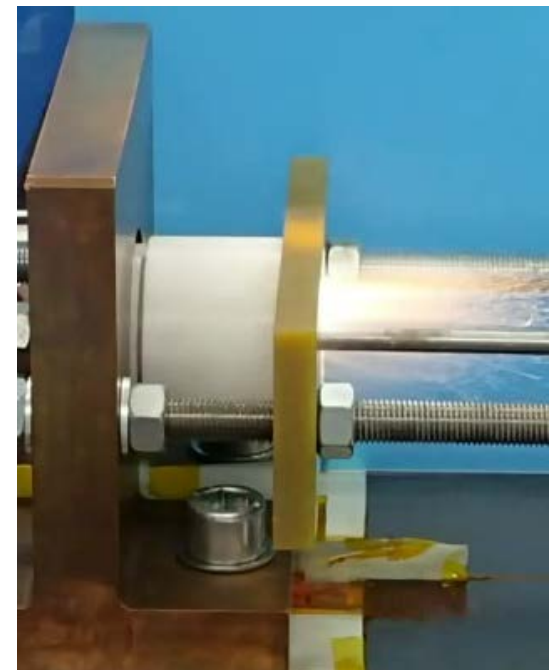
## 2. Challenges

### I. Process control

- Short process times ( $\mu\text{s}$ )
- Strong magnetic fields
- Intensive process light
- Limited accessibility

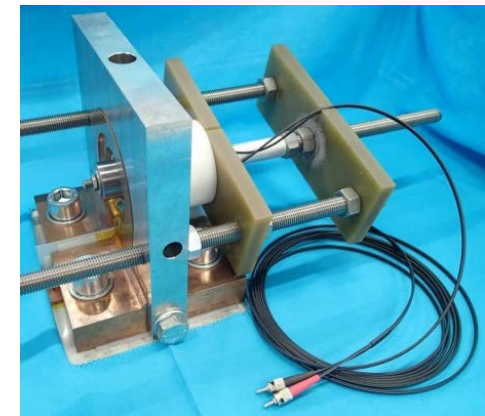
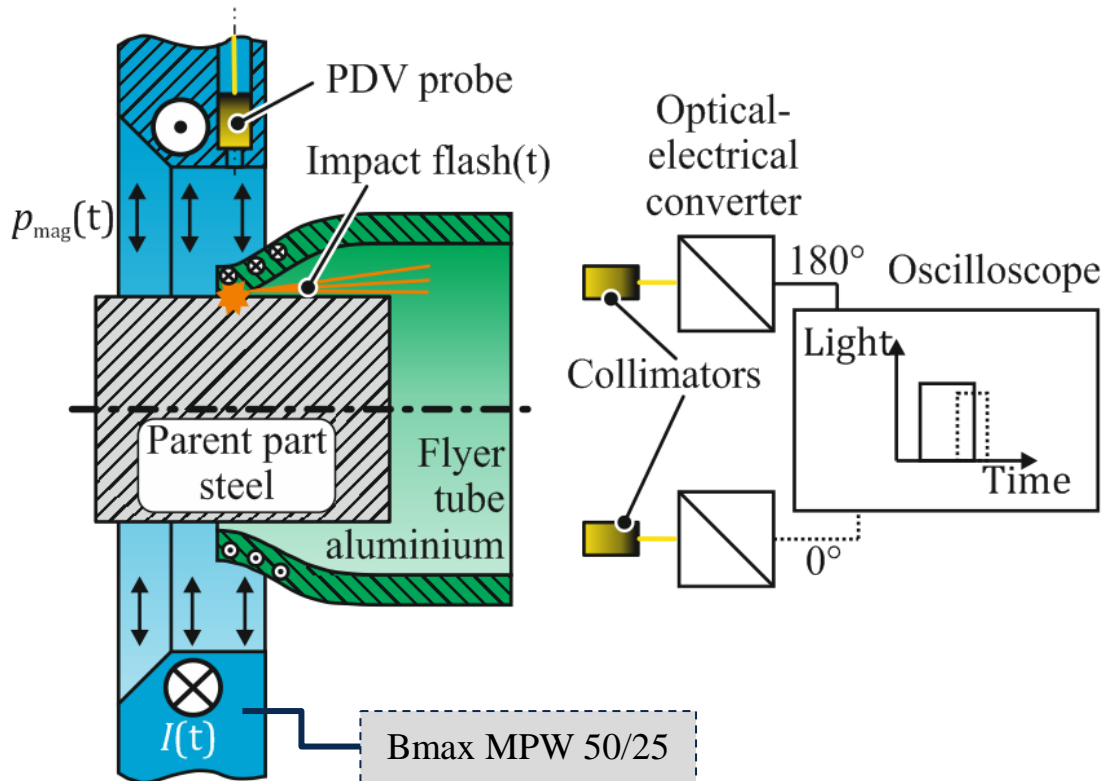
### II. Lifetime of tool coils

- Joule heating
- Mechanical impact loading



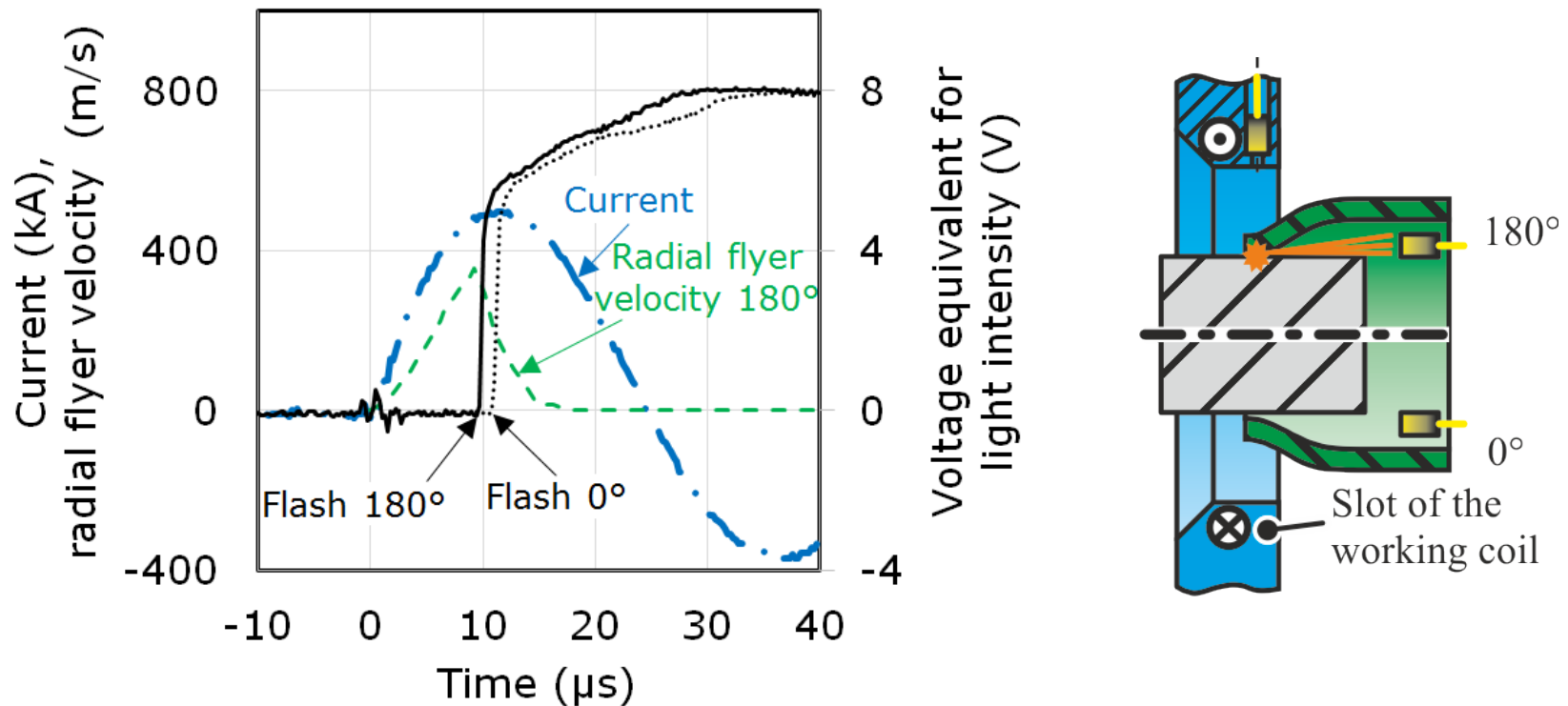


### 3. Solutions - I. Process control



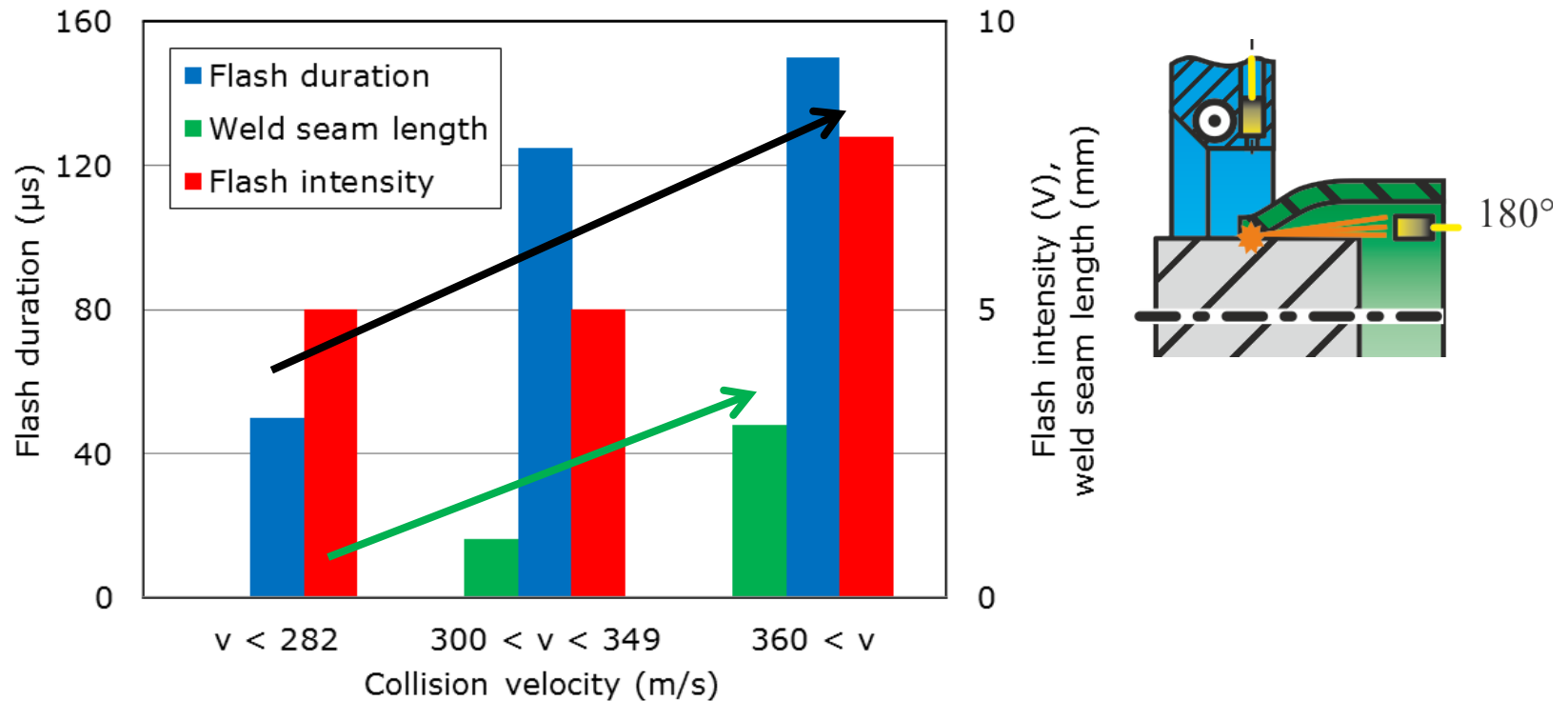
Measurement of the light intensity during welding

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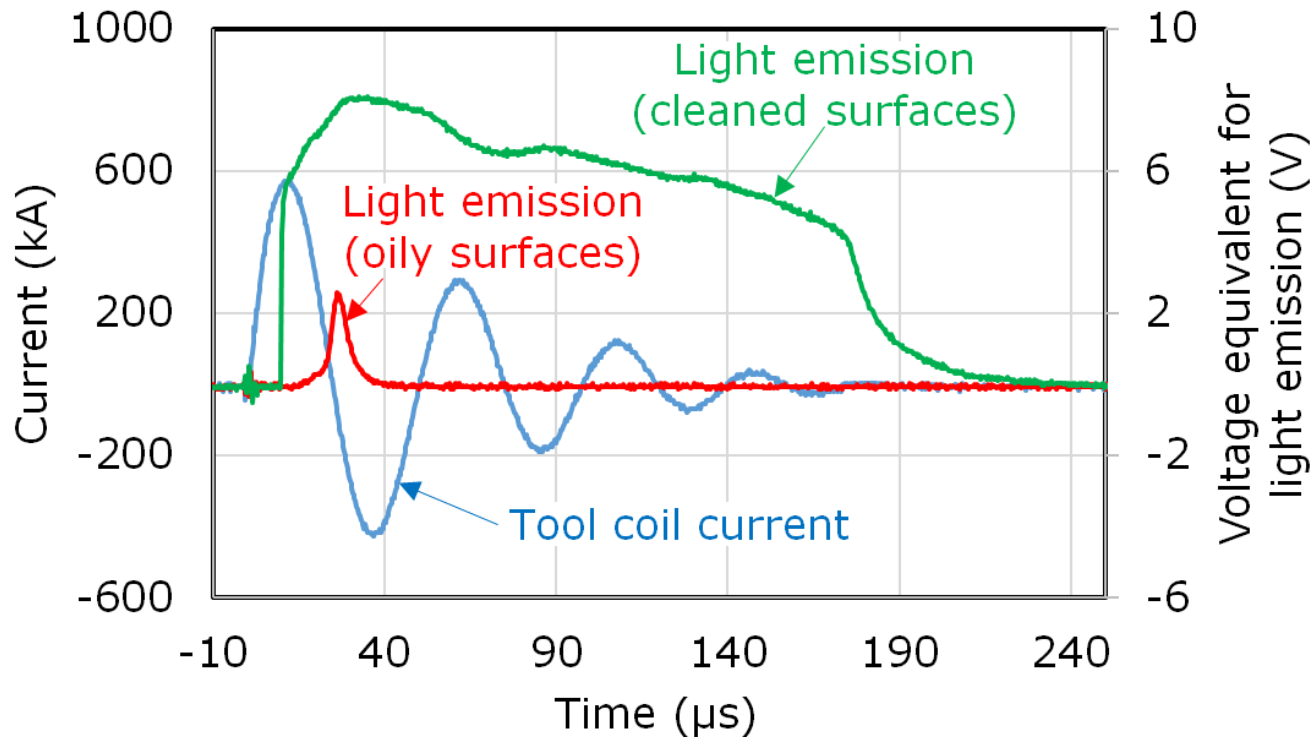
- ✓ Correlation of the flash with the collision time
- ✓ Detection of asymmetries (part related, tool related)
- ✓ Good accessibility

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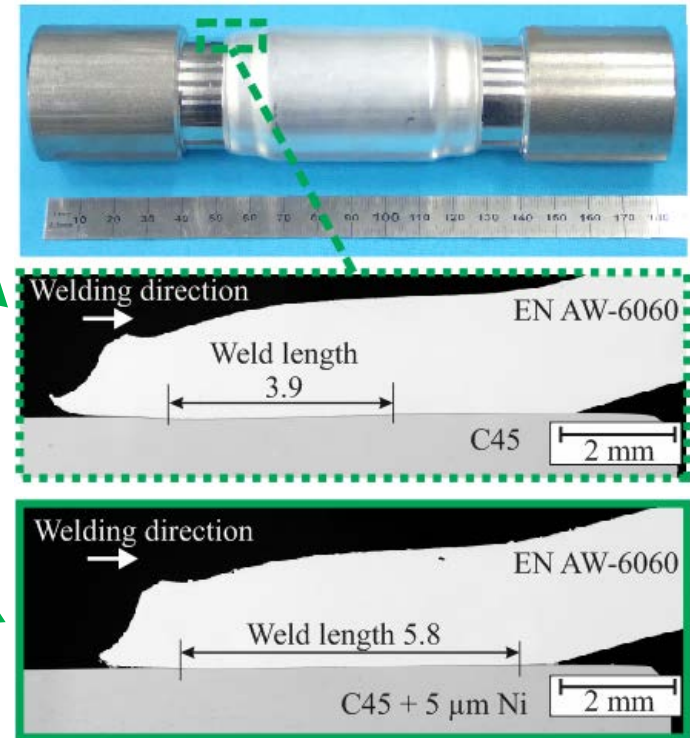
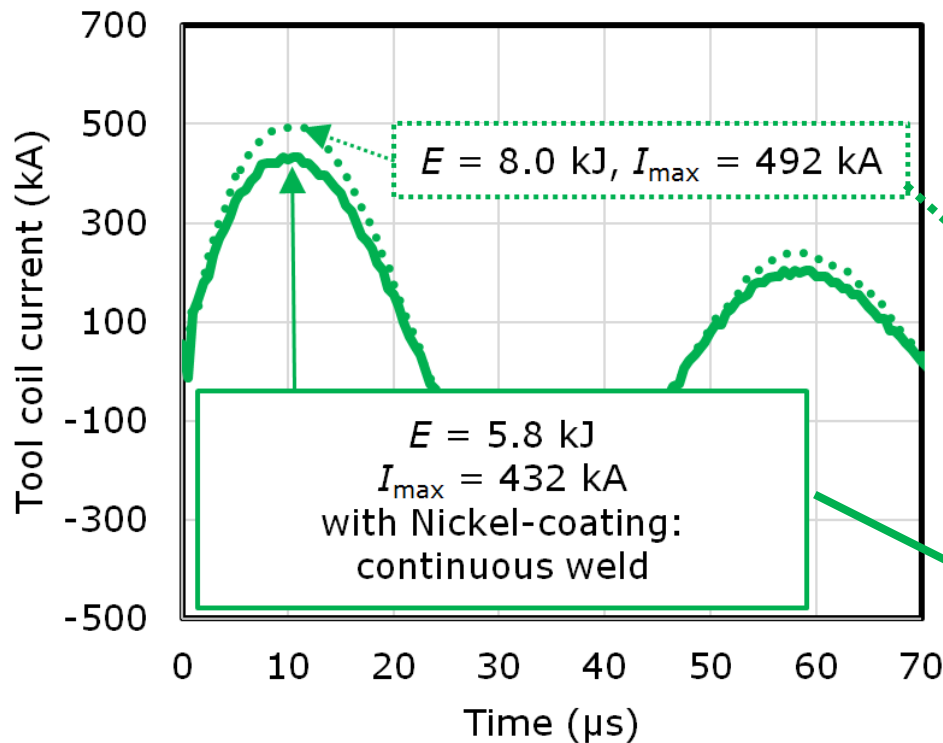
✓ Correlation of the flash properties with the weld formation

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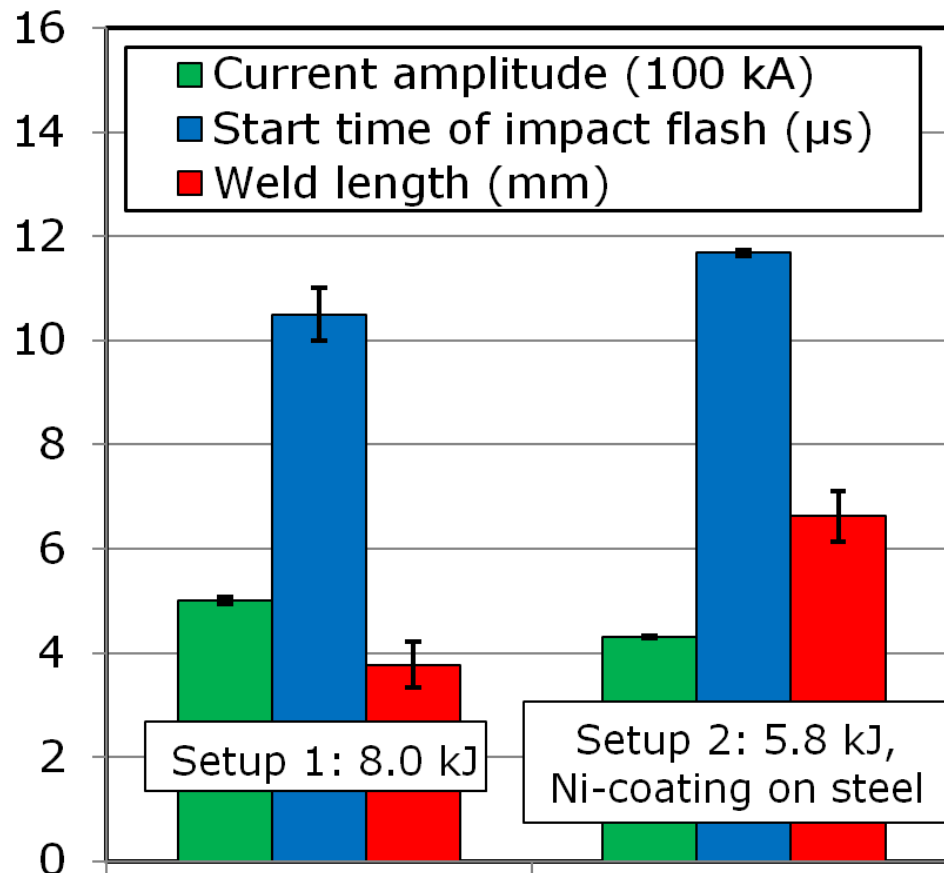
✓ Suitable for detection of surface disturbances (e.g. oil)

### 3. Solutions – II. Increase of efficiency



- ✓ Enhanced process boundaries with nickel coating
- ✓ Reduction of maximum current

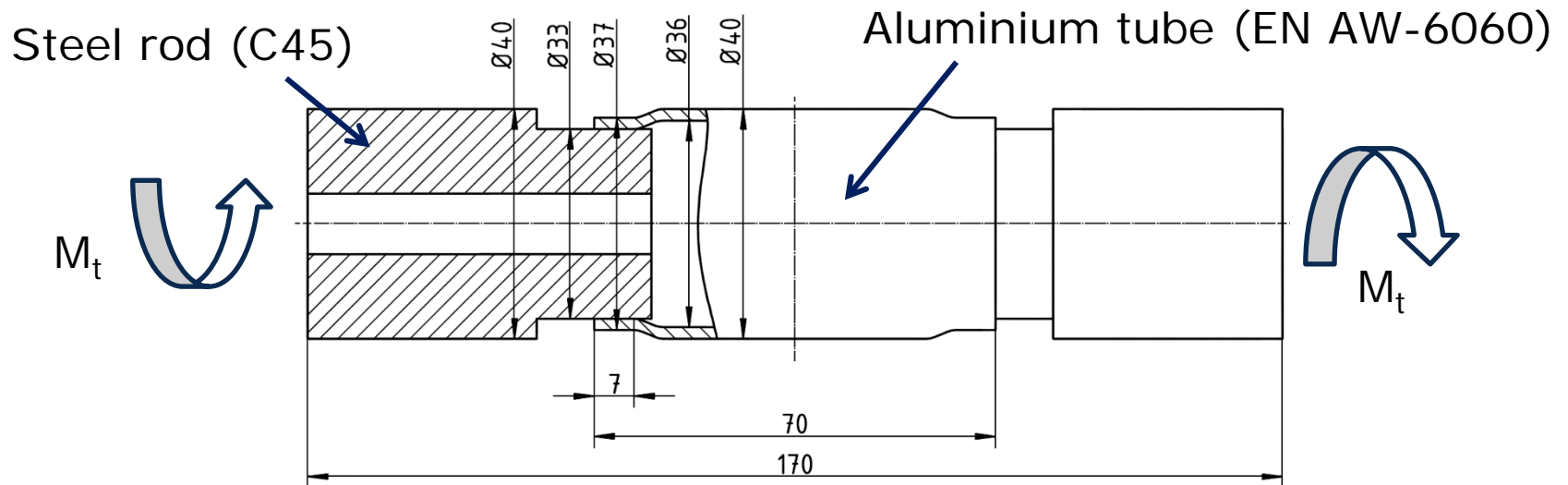
## 4. Results



For particular example:

- ✓ Reduction of maximum tool coil current by 14%
- ✓ Reduction of minimum impact velocity
- ✓ Increase of weld length by 75%

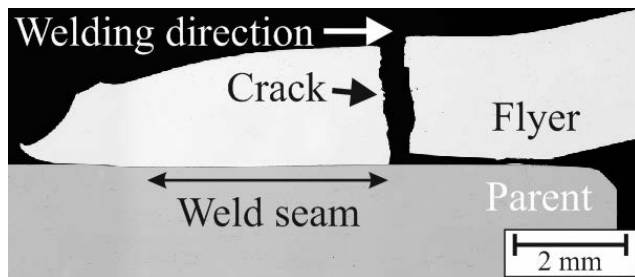
## 4. Results – Torsion tests



	Static	Cyclic
Number of samples	3	6
Axial force [kN]	0	0

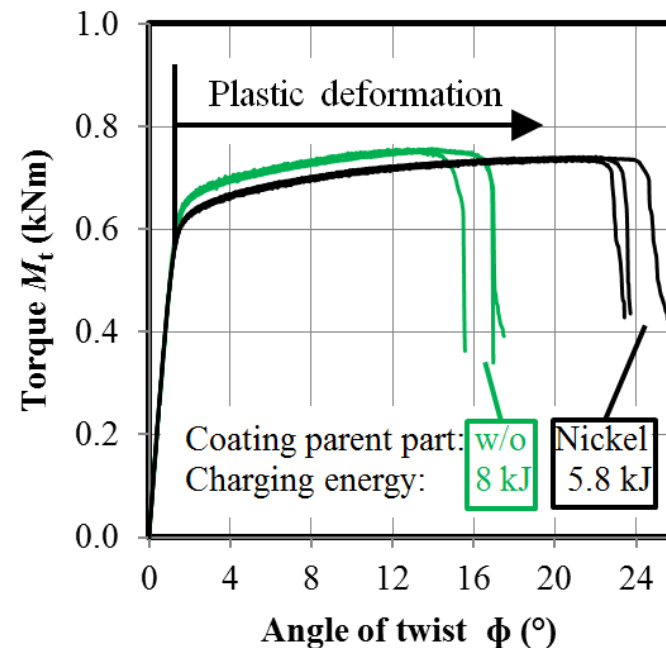
## 4. Results– Quasistatic torsion tests

Angular velocity 10°/min



### Material failure

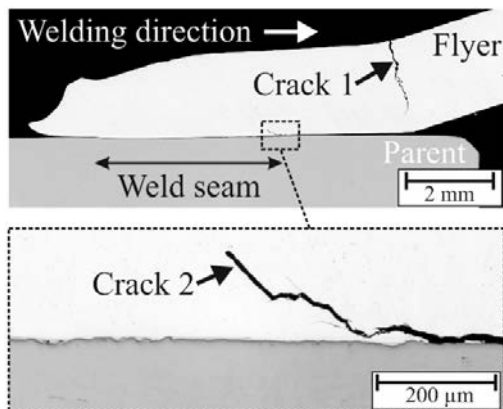
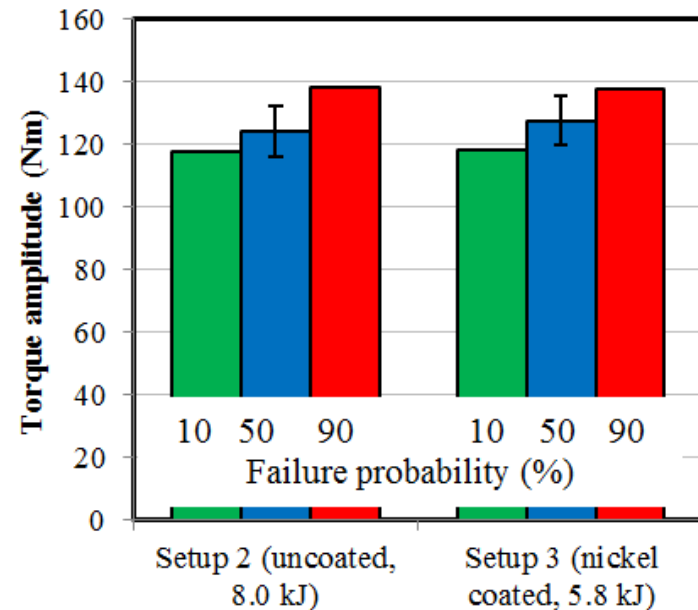
- Close to the weld seam,
- At higher torsion angles for samples with nickel interlayer due to favourable stress distribution and reduced hardening





## 4. Results– Cyclic torsion tests

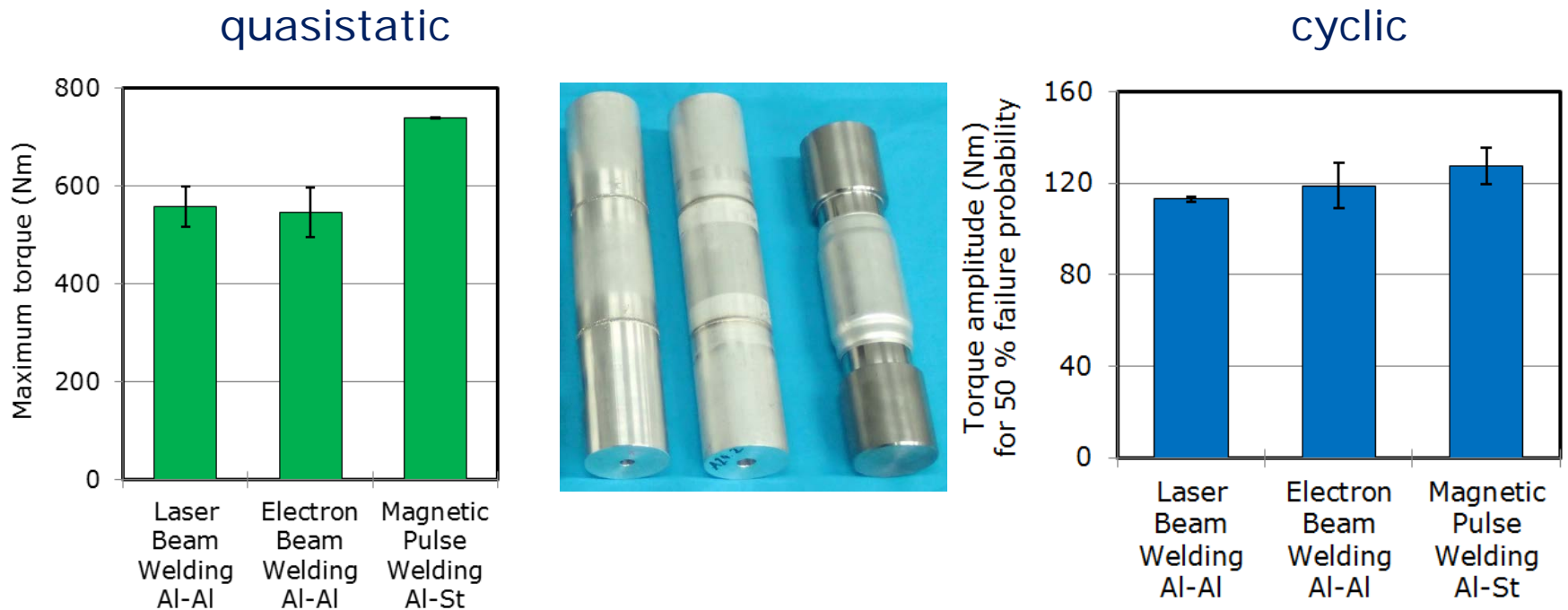
Staircase test method according to DIN 50100:2016-12	
Loading	Alternating torque (20 Hz)
Torque amplitude (Nm)	119, 131, 143
Maximum number of load cycles	$2 \cdot 10^6$
Stop criterion	Difference of angle amplitude $> 0.01^\circ$ , macroscopic cracks



### Material failure

- Transition zone (crack 1) and
- Close to the welded zone (crack 2)

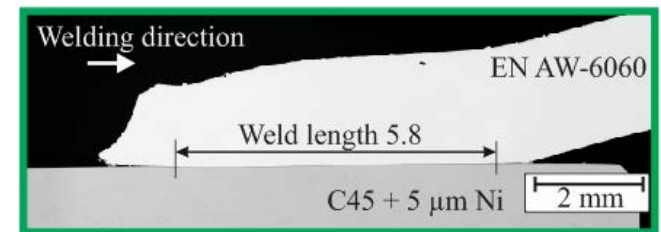
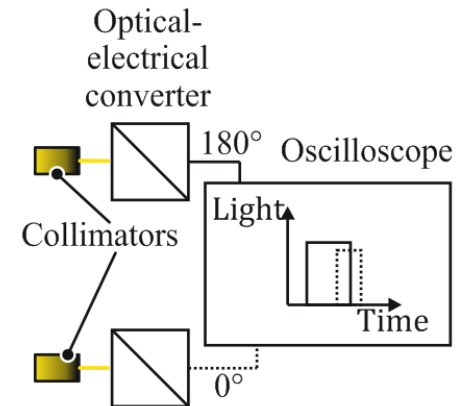
## 4. Results – Loading capacity by comparison



✓ Joint made by Magnetic Pulse Welding has improved quasistatic loading capacity

## 5. Conclusion

- I. Process and device for control of the weld establishment during impact welding (Patent DE 10 2016 217 758 B3)
- II. Enhanced process boundaries with nickel coating
- III. Demonstration of the loading capability in quasistatic and cyclic torsion tests





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