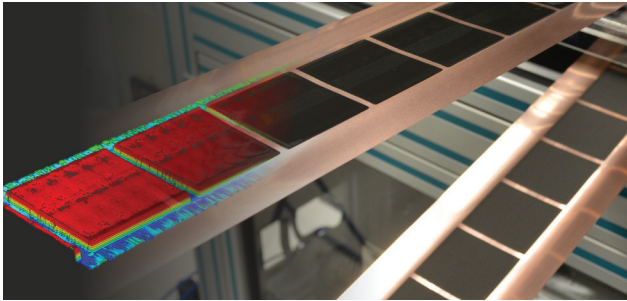


## 14<sup>th</sup> Short Course (in person) Coating and Drying of Thin Films

3(+2)-day short course on fundamentals and applications with practical workshop in the coating and printing lab (in person)



## 7<sup>th</sup> Thin Film Technology Forum (virtual) Advances in Processing of Functional Films, Electrodes for Battery, Fuel Cell and Electro- lyzer Applications

2-day virtual forum on July 6-7, where renowned scientists will present and discuss recent research results and new trends in industry and academia



**July 3-5, 2023**

**Fortbildungszentrum (FTU)  
Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Platz 1  
76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen**

**July 6-7, 2023**

**Virtual Thin Film Technology Forum**

Organization Team:

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. h. c. Wilhelm Schabel  
Dr.-Ing. Philip Scharfer  
with 32 experts from industry and academia

## Program Short Course and Forum

44 contributions / 34 speakers

### Schedule 03.07.2023 – Short Course Monday

- 08:45** *Registration and check-in*
- 09:15** *Welcome and group introduction*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. W. Schabel / Dr.-Ing. P. Scharfer (KIT)
- 10:00** *Coating and printing fluids characterization*  
Prof. Gilbert Gugler (iPrint, CH)
- 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:30** *Rheology of coating fluids*  
Prof. Dr. Norbert Willenbacher (KIT)
- 12:30** *Introduction to premetered coating methods*  
Dr. Peter Schweizer (Schweizer Coating Consulting, CH)
- 13:00** *Lunch break*
- 14:00** *Fluid flow in coating tools*  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Franz Durst (FMP)
- 15:00** *Flow fields in single- and multilayer slot-die coating*  
Alexander Hoffmann M. Sc. (KIT)
- 15:25** *Coffee break*
- 15:55** *Special issues on curtain and slot coating*  
Dr. Peter Schweizer (Schweizer Coating Consulting, CH)
- 19:30** *Social dinner at Charles Oxford (Waldstr. 30, KA City)*

### Schedule 04.07.2023 – Short Course Tuesday

- 09:00** *Coating and extended coating window*  
Alexander Hoffmann M. Sc. (KIT)
- 09:25** *Knife and blade coating*  
Prof. Dr. Hadj Benkreira (University of Bradford, UK)
- 10:10** *Coffee break*
- 10:40** *Gravure and roll coating*  
Prof. Dr. Hadj Benkreira (University of Bradford, UK)
- 11:25** *Fundamentals of film drying technology I + II*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wilhelm Schabel (KIT)
- 13:00** *Lunch break*
- 14:00** *About film drying phenomena and drying studies*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wilhelm Schabel (KIT)
- 15:30** *Coffee break*
- 16:00** *Drying of multicomponent mixtures*  
Dr.-Ing. Philip Scharfer (KIT)
- 16:30** *Drying and cracking of particulate coatings*  
Prof. Dr. Alex Routh (University Cambridge, UK)

### Schedule 05.07.2023 – Short Course Wednesday

- 08:30** *Sorption equilibrium in polymeric and porous films*  
Thilo Heckmann M. Sc. / Nadine Zimmerer M. Sc. (KIT)

- 08:55** *Simulation and design of industrial thin film dryers*  
Dr.-Ing. Philip Scharfer (KIT)
- 10:25** *Coffee break*
- 10:50** *Homogeneous drying with comb nozzles*  
Dipl.-Ing. Philipp Cavadini (CN Drying Technology GmbH)
- 11:15** *Industrial perspectives on curtain & slot die coating*  
Dipl.-Ing. Harald Döll (TSE, CH)
- 11:40** *Coating, drying and web handling apps*  
Prof. Dr. Steven Abbott (TCNF, UK)
- 13:00** *Group formation and lunch break*
- 14:00** *Walking to workshop building 717*
- 14:30** *Experimental workshop at the TFT coating and printing laboratory*
  - Rheology & wetting
  - Pilot-scale coating trials
  - Heat and mass transfer coefficients
  - Experimental drying curves
- 16:30** *Walking back to FTU*

### Schedule 06.07.2023 – Virtual TFT Forum Thursday

- 09:00** *Welcome and introduction to TFT Forum*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. W. Schabel / Dr.-Ing. P. Scharfer (KIT)
- 09:20** *Welcome and introduction to KIT*  
Prof. Dr. Andrea Robitzki (KIT)  
Head of KIT Division 1  
(Biology, Chemistry, and Process Engineering)
- 09:35** *A research factory for battery cell production*  
Prof. Dr. Jens Tübke (Fraunhofer ICT, KIT)
- 10:05** *Process innovations for a sustainable battery cell production*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arno Kwade (TU Braunschweig)
- 10:35** *Economical battery production with equipment from Europe? - Yes, with a holistic approach!*  
Thomas Lebbing (Jagenberg Converting Solutions GmbH)
- 11:05** *Coffee break*
- 11:35** *Daimler Truck InnoLab Battery: Process development on the way to sustainable cell production for commercial vehicles*  
Dr. Michael Salmen (Daimler Truck AG)
- 12:05** *Mixing and vice versa*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Hermann Nirschl (KIT)
- 12:35** *Thermal treatment during battery recycling with recovery of electrolyte solvents*  
Lukas Lödige M. Sc. (KIT)
- 13:00** *Lunch break*
- 14:00** *Electrocatalyst coatings for hydrogen systems*  
Dr.-Ing. Benjamin Schmidt-Hansberg (BASF SE)

- 14:30** *Processing of catalyst coated membranes for fuel cell applications*  
Philipp Quarz M. Sc. (KIT)
- 14:50** *Advances in coating and drying of catalyst layers for hydrogen PEM electrolyzer applications*  
Nadine Zimmerer M. Sc. (KIT)
- 15:10** *From manufacture to series production - Production research for PEM fuel cells*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Hölzle (ZSW)
- 15:40** *Coffee break*
- 16:00** *Influence of additives on drying of water-based battery electrodes*  
David Burger M. Sc. (KIT)
- 16:20** *New methods for optimized inline monitoring of the drying process of battery electrodes*  
Jonas Mohacsi M. Sc. (KIT)
- 16:40** *Large-scale processing of sodium ion batteries (SIB) - Challenges and comparison to LIB*  
Julian Klemens M. Sc. (KIT)

#### Schedule 07.07.2023 – Virtual TFT Forum Friday

- 09:00** *Multi-stage drying of electrodes for lithium-ion batteries using IR and Laser*  
Andreas Altvater M. Sc. (KIT)
- 09:30** *AgiloBat: Flexible production of battery cells*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Fleischer (KIT)
- 10:00** *From lab to manufacturing line: upscaling of aqueous processed NMC622 electrodes*  
Iratxe Meatza (CIDETEC, Spain)
- 10:30** *About thermal transport properties and behavior of Li-ion battery cells*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Wetzel (KIT)
- 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:20** *Vacuum post-drying and moisture management of cell components for Lithium-ion batteries*  
Dr.-Ing. Fabienne Huttner (TU Braunschweig)
- 11:50** *Moisture management during electrode production*  
Thilo Heckmann M. Sc. (KIT)
- 12:10** *Multilayer coating films in chemical industry*  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frank Kleine Jäger (BASF SE)
- 12:40** *Towards an energy- and cost-efficient battery electrode production – Drying of a solvent-reduced granule-based system*  
Kevin Ly M. Sc. (KIT)
- 13:00** *Formation of cracks in particulate coatings*  
Prof. Dr. Ludovic Pauchard (Univ. Paris, FR)
- 13:30** *TFT Forum closing session*

## Registration fees Short Course and TFT Forum

	Early Bird (until 15.05.23)	later
Short Course & TFT Forum*		
General	€ 1900.– + legal tax	€ 2100.– + legal tax

## Information, Registration and Contact

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Registration Short Course and TFT Forum\*  
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[info@course-forum.de](mailto:info@course-forum.de)

Note: The Short Course registration includes the registration to TFT Forum!  
Registration online via: <http://www.course-forum.de>

\*The TFT Forum can be participated individually. Please contact [margit.morvay@kit-ct.de](mailto:margit.morvay@kit-ct.de) for further details and registration to TFT Forum only.

### Venue

The Short Course will take place in person.  
Fortbildungszentrum für Technik und Umwelt (FTU)  
KIT - Campus Nord - Gebäude 101  
Hermann-von-Helmholtz-Platz 1  
76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen

The TFT Forum will take place in a virtual format. After registration, all "login details" of the virtual venue provider for the TFT Forum will be provided via email.

### Who has been attending last Short Course

Participants from Germany and **more than 12 EU countries, the US, China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and others (80 % from industry / average value of the last 12 years)**

### Further information and registration

<http://www.course-forum.de>



### Feedback about the last Short Courses

Steven Abbot in his blog about the Short Course:  
<http://www.stevenabbott.co.uk/blog/?date=22May2015>

- "Excellent introduction in coating and drying of films. Demonstrates the complexity, offers better understanding of processes"
- "Very interesting course, lots of information on all coating application! Building bridge from university to industrial applications"
- "Well built-up structure, wide range of theory and application covered, too short time for discussion/break"
- "High level talks with broad range of topics but with good scientific and practical depth, also on application"
- "Good structure"

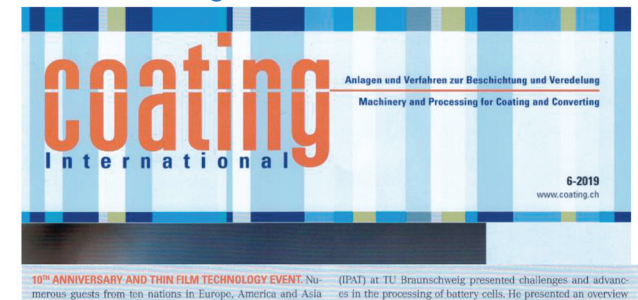
### Feedback workshop

- "Good to see how the theory of the courses works in real life"
- "Experiments were very well prepared and perfectly organized"
- "Interesting, well organized"
- "Good coverage of application of topics covered in course"
- "Interesting material analysis; nice discussions"

### Feedback TFT Forum

- "Broad topics --> nice"
- "Good to see more application topics after the short-course"
- "Good content"
- "Very good selection of topics; all very good speakers"

### Feedback Coating International



## Introduction

The short course **Coating and Drying of Thin Films** addresses engineers, scientists and technicians working in the areas of coatings, functional films, direct printing, inkjet printing, sensors, adhesives, paints, automotive coatings, patches, optical foils, tapes, diagnostics, membranes, printed electronics, fuel cells, electrolyzers and battery coatings, who intend to get insight into more fundamental aspects with industrial applications or to deepen their expertise. Leading national and international scientists and experts from academia and industry will report on topics of coating technologies, rheology, preparation of coating fluids and about fundamentals and industrial aspects of drying technology. Coating and printing processes and drying technology are explained interactively by easily accessible examples and in a **practical workshop in the TFT Coating and Printing Lab**.

The **7<sup>th</sup> Thin Film Technology Forum** will take place **virtually** on the last two days, where renowned scientists will present and discuss new trends in industry and academia with a focus on **advances in processing of functional films, electrodes for battery, fuel cell and electrolyzer applications**.

**The Short Course and the TFT Forum provide a platform for scientific and technical exchange with advanced learning.**



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. h. c. Wilhelm Schabel (KIT)** is Professor for Thin Film Technology at KIT. He studied process engineering and received his doctor degree in the field of film drying honored with the Carl-Freudenberg Award by the University. In 2007 and 2008 he received the Arnold-Eucken Award from VDI-GVC and the L. E. Scriven Young Investigator Award from the ISCST. 2007 and 2008 he worked in the R&D department for Coating & Drying at LOFO High Tech Films GmbH (Basel and Taiwan) and in 2009 he was appointed to the first Professorship in Thin Film Technology in Germany funded within the KIT Elite Future Concept I and co-funded by BASF, BAYER and ROCHE. He is currently Vice President of the European Coating Society and past Vice President and in the board of directors of the International Society of Coating Science & Technology (ISCST). The University of Cambridge invited him with an EDWARDS Fellowship to UK and 2022 the EXCELLENCE IN DRYING AWARD of the International Drying Symposium was granted in the US recognizing his individual's career in drying research. More than 150 research articles about Coating, Drying, Mass Transfer & Diffusion have been cited more than 3900 times so far. Members of the Thin Film Technology group have been honored for best posters, talks & innovations in these fields with more than 36 research awards so far.



**Dr.-Ing. Philip Scharfer (KIT)** is head of the TFT group at KIT together with Prof. Schabel. He received his PhD in process engineering from the University of Karlsruhe (TH) in 2009. Dr. Scharfer is an expert in the fields of drying and thermodynamics of thin films. He deals with measuring methods for the investigation of polymer film drying and develops numerical simulation tools for industrial dryer applications. Since 2009, Dr. Scharfer is member of the scientific committee of the European Coating Symposium (ECS), since 2012 member of the Board of Directors of the International Society of Coating Science and Technology (ISCST). In 2014, he was awarded with the L. E. Scriven Young Investigator Award by the ISCST. Dr. Scharfer is former Vice President Europe of the ISCST and organized ECS 2009 in Karlsruhe and ECS 2019 in Heidelberg as Chairman together with Prof. Schabel.



**Dr. Peter M. Schweizer (Schweizer Coating Consulting, CH)** received his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in 1979, and he did postdoctoral research in coating flows at the University of Minnesota with Prof. Scriven from 1979 – 1980. From 1981 – 1986, Dr. Schweizer worked in the Coating Flow Research Group at Kodak in Rochester, New York, and from 1987 – 1996, he worked at ILFORD in Fribourg, Switzerland. From 1997 – 2000, Dr. Schweizer was Managing Director of TSE Troller Schweizer Engineering in Switzerland. From 2001 - 2016, he worked for Polytype Converting in Fribourg, Switzerland. Since 2016, he is heading his own company called Schweizer Coating Consulting GmbH. In 1997, Dr. Schweizer co-edited the book entitled Liquid Film Coating, and in 2022, he published the book entitled Premetered Coating Methods. In 2006, he received the John Talmadge Award from International Society of Coating Science and Technology, and since 2018 he is the President of the European Coating Society.



**Prof. Dr. Norbert Willenbacher (KIT)** is head of the Institute of Mechanical Process Engineering and Mechanics at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) since 2004. He received his diploma degree in Physics and his PhD from the University of Mainz. After his dissertation at the Max-Planck-Institute for Polymer Research he joined BASF SE as a research associate in the fields of rheology of complex fluids and adhesion of soft polymers for 15 years. Prof. Willenbacher is member of the advisory board of the German Society of Rheology, assigned member of the ProcessNet Technical Committee on Rheology, and member of the Editorial Board of Rheologica Acta, Materials and Electronic Materials.



**Prof. Gilbert Gugler (iPrint, CH)** received his diploma in material science from the ETH Zurich in 1992. From 1992 to 1998 he worked in the area of chemical and physical vapour deposition. From 1998 on, he worked at Ilford Imaging Switzerland GmbH. Leading the Technology Center of Wifag-Polytype Technologies AG since 2014 he was responsible for all coating and process related topics. End of 2016 he joined the university of applied science and arts of Western Switzerland. Since 2020 he is one of the director of iPrint institute and competence center. Gilbert Gugler is an expert in multilayer curtain coating technology, starting from the preparation of coating fluids, characterization, processing, to the multilayer curtain coating and drying. Since 2017, he is heading his own company called Gugler Coatech Consulting.



**Prof. Dr. Hadj Benkreira (Univ. of Bradford, UK)** (CEng, FIChemE, FHEA) obtained his PhD on the Fluid Mechanics of Coating Flows in 1980 under the supervision of Professor WL Wilkinson (CBE, FRS). Following five years of EPSRC postdoctoral re-research, he joined the academic staff of the University of Bradford in 1985 and was endowed a Personal Research Chair in 1998 for research in Thin Film Coating and in Polymer Processing and became in 2004-2009 Associate Dean for Research. Professor Benkreira is member of several learned societies including the UK EPSRC Peer Review College, the International Society of Coating Science and Technology (ISCST) of which he was the Vice President in 2006-8 and the European Coating Society (ECS) steering committee. He has published widely on coating science and technology and is the editor of the Special Issues of the ISCST conferences and a member of the editorial board of the journal Coatings.



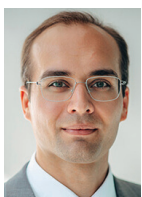
**Dipl.-Ing. Harald Döll (TSE Troller AG, CH)** successfully graduated from the Technical University in Darmstadt in Mechanical Engineering in 1989. After some year in web-guiding systems Harald Doell joined TSE Troller AG in 1997. In the beginning, he was the head of the engineering team; since 2008, he is in charge of the entire application technology. Design of die internals, experiments with customers, start-ups and technical customer support are part of his assignment. Furthermore, he is giving talks at several short courses and international conferences in the US, Europe and Asia.



**Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Franz Durst (FMP TECHNOLOGY GmbH)** graduated from Imperial College at the London University and received his doctor's degree in 1972 (PhD). In 1972, he returned to Germany and worked as project leader of various research projects at the Collaborative Research Center 80 at the University of Karlsruhe for ten years. Prof. Durst was offered a C3 professorship for Fluid Mechanics at the University of Karlsruhe in 1978 and was appointed chair of the Institute of Fluid Mechanics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in 1982. In 2006, Prof. Durst retired from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and founded the company FMP TECHNOLOGY GMBH, whose CEO he has been until 13 August 2018. He is now still one of the three shareholders of the company.



**Prof. Dr. Alex Routh (Cambridge University, UK)** received his PhD from Princeton University in the US in 2000. He has been lecturing in Chemical Engineering at the University of Cambridge since 2006 and was promoted to full professor in 2017. His position is a joint appointment with the BP Institute for Multi-Phase Flow; a multi-disciplinary research institute within the University, spanning the physical sciences. His research is in the field of colloid science and Prof Routh has worked in the areas of encapsulation, dispersion stability, formulation and drying. Within the film drying topic, he has been active for the past 15 years and has published extensively in the specifics of film cracking and the flows within thin films.



**Dipl.-Ing. Philipp Cavadini (CN Drying Technology GmbH)** graduated in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Stuttgart. In his PhD studies at KIT/TFT until 2015 he investigated surface tension driven convection and the optimisation of impinging jet systems from the viewpoint of homogeneity of the distribution of the heat and mass transfer coefficient. Currently Mr. Cavadini acts as program lead with focus on advanced cooling technologies in the department of "Aero-Thermal and Tools" at Siemens Energy. In secondary employment, he is working on the spin-off creation "CN Drying Technology GmbH", developing highly homogeneous comb nozzle dryers for lab application.



**Prof. Dr. Steven Abbott (TCNF, UK)** has received his Oxford PhD in Chemistry from Harvard University in 1978 and was postdoc in the Nobel Prize winning lab of Prof. J.-M. Lehn in Strasbourg before working for ICI where he was Senior Manager before joining the high-tech coating company Autotype near Oxford as Research Director. He worked closely with coating experts at U. Leeds (appointed Visiting Professor in 2000) and co-created the TopCoat and TopWeb programs for the coating industry. At Autotype he also worked with U Leeds colleagues on the theory of screen printing, transforming an ill-defined art into a science.

## Speakers at the 7<sup>th</sup> TFT Forum on July 6-7



**Prof. Dr. Jens Tübke (Fraunhofer ICT, KIT)** is the institute director of the Fraunhofer Research Factory Battery Cell FFB in Münster and head of the department "Applied Electrochemistry" at the Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT in Pfinztal. In 2015, Jens Tübke was appointed to a professorship in "Materials and Processes for Electrochemical Storage" at the KIT. He studied chemistry with the specialization of technical and macromolecular chemistry at the Martin-Luther-University Halle Wittenberg and finished his PhD in 1997 with the topic "Structure-Properties-Relationships of Polymeric Gel Electrolytes for Lithium-Ion Batteries". From 1997-2000 followed an overseas stay at Kyoto University (Japan) in the working group Prof. Zempachi Ogumi and the Toyota Corp. with the aim of developing electrolyte and electrode materials for lithium-ion polymer batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles. Since 2000, he has been working with Fraunhofer Gesellschaft.



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Arno Kwade (TU Braunschweig)** worked 9 years as a process engineer in leading industrial positions after finishing his doctorate in 1996. In 2005, he was appointed as Professor and Director of the Institute for Particle Technology (IPAT) at Braunschweig University of Technology. His research focus lies on developing deep knowledge, process-structure-property relationships and numerical simulations for processes in which particles are mechanically stressed and formulated, from milling and mechanochemical synthesis over mixing and powder handling and characterization to production of drug products and battery electrodes. Today he is Chairman of the interdisciplinary research centres Battery LabFactory Braunschweig (BLB) and received awards like the Lower Saxony Science Award and Hans Rumpff medal.



**Thomas Lebbing (Jagenberg Converting Solutions GmbH)** started in a mechanical manufacturing company for coating and printing lines. After five years as an automation engineer for worldwide commissioning of coating systems, he switched to the technical management of a pharmaceutical coating company in the USA. In 1998 he founded today's Lebbing Automation & Drives GmbH with currently 110 employees. In 2008 the Lebbing company joined the Jagenberg Group. Thomas Lebbing worked in various management positions at Jagenberg Paper, Lauer CE Safety GmbH (currently) and for Polytype Converting GmbH. In 2021 Jagenberg Converting Solutions GmbH was founded within the Jagenberg Group. Thomas Lebbing is currently the managing director for the energy sector.



**Dr. Michael Salmen (Daimler Truck AG)** studied industrial engineering at RWTH Aachen and obtained his doctorate in the field of production engineering/mechanical engineering at the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) at RWTH Aachen University. After completing his doctorate, he initially worked as a senior engineer and department head of WZL at Aachen University before moving to Amsterdam as Senior Manager Strategy & Development for M&A projects in the context of global supply chain management for Henkel. Since 2019, Dr. Michael Salmen has been head of department at Daimler Truck AG, where he is currently responsible for setting up the InnoLab Battery, which serves as the interface between development and production for process development and the prototyping of battery cells and packs.



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Hermann Nirschl (KIT)** received his Ph.D. in Fluid Mechanics from the Technical University of Munich in 1994. For his Habilitation in 1997 he worked on the numerical simulation of the particle laden flows. He joined the 3M company in the dental division as the head of process engineering in the years between 1997 and 2002 where he worked as a project manager for different projects in Munich and St. Paul/Minnesota. Since 2003 he is Professor for Mechanical Process Engineering at the KIT in Karlsruhe. The focus of the research is on particle technology with a special emphasis on separation processes, numerical simulations and the development of particle analysis technologies.



**Dr.-Ing. Benjamin Schmidt-Hansberg (BASF SE)** is a senior research engineer in Coating and Film Processing at BASF. His work mainly relates to materials science, processing and manufacturing of novel thin film products in the field of lithium ion batteries, electrolysis, fuel cells, composites and packaging materials. He holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) and worked at the University of Cambridge and the start-up Eight19 on the commercialization of organic photovoltaics before joining BASF.



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Hölzle (ZSW)** is member of the ZSW Managing Board and Head of the Electrochemical Energy Technologies division in Ulm since October 2020. He also holds a position as Professor for Energy Storage and Energy Conversion within the faculty of natural sciences at University of Ulm. Before joining ZSW, Prof. Dr. Markus Hölzle held several management positions in BASF in the field of chemical catalysts, fuel cells and battery materials. He received his doctorate in electrochemistry from University of Ulm in 1996. Professor Hölzle is chairperson of the Advisory Board for Green Hydrogen at the Ministry of Environment of the State of Baden-Württemberg, member of the board of directors of KLiB (German industry network Lithium ion batteries) as well as appointed member of the battery advisory board at German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF).



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Fleischer (KIT)** obtained his doctorate at the Institute of Production Science (wbk) in 1989. From 1992 on, he held several leading positions in industry before being appointed professor and head of the wbk at today's Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in 2003. Furthermore, he is a visiting professor at Tongji University in Shanghai since 2012. Prof. Fleischer is active in various national and international societies. Since 2020, Professor Fleischer has been the spokesman for the Battery Competence Cluster of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. His current scientific research focuses on intelligent components, automated manufacturing systems for lightweight structures, and the production of components for electromobility.



**Iratxe Meatza (CIDETEC, Spain)** is research scientist and project manager at CIDETEC Energy Storage, currently leading the team on Advanced Li-ion batteries. Born in Bilbao (Basque Country, Spain), studied chemistry with postgraduate focus on inorganic materials science (PhD at University of the Basque Country), working initially on perovskite-type oxides synthesis and physico-chemical characterization for solid oxide fuel cells. She has been focused on lithium batteries (testing new active materials into electrode formulations and processing optimization for electrode manufacturing, full cell harmonization up to cell prototyping and extensive electrochemical characterization) for more than 17 years. She has participated in 20+ EU projects on battery technologies (FP6, FP7, H2020 & Horizon Europe) and is co-author of more than 38 SCI papers (H-index = 19) and 1 patent.



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Wetzel (KIT)** graduated in Electrical Engineering in 1996 from the University of Hannover and received his Dr.-Ing. in 2000. Before joining KIT in 2009, Prof. Wetzel held several scientific and management positions in leading German semiconductor and automotive industry companies. He is Professor for Heat and Mass Transfer at the Institute of Thermal Process Engineering and Dean of the Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering at KIT. His current research fields are single- and multi-phase heat transfer in energy technology applications, the thermal behavior, design and management of Li-ion batteries as well as the use of liquid metals for high temperature process technology and heat storage.



**Dr.-Ing. Fabienne Huttner (TU Braunschweig)** started her career as a research associate in the battery process engineering team of the Institute for Particle Technology of Prof. Kwade at Technische Universität Braunschweig in 2017. In her studies, she focused on water sorption, moisture management and post-drying of cell components for Lithium-ion batteries and finished her PhD in October 2022. Since December 2022, she has been leading the competence team "Coating, (Post-)Drying and Moisture Management" at the Institute for Particle Technology and has been coordinating the German competence cluster for battery cell production ProZell.



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frank Kleine Jäger (BASF SE)** is currently Vice President and Head of Solids Formulation and Handling Group at BASF SE in Ludwigshafen. In this role, he manages the global R&D activities in this field of Solids and Film Processing ranging from development of new process technologies and optimization to trouble shooting and debottlenecking in BASF's global production plants. He is Chemical Engineer with Diploma and PhD degrees from RWTH Aachen University, Germany. He also received his Habilitation from RWTH Aachen in 2004. Since 2011 he holds a Professorship as apl. Prof. Dr.-Ing. at RWTH Aachen.



**Prof. Dr. Ludovic Pauchard (University Paris-Saclay, France)** completed his PhD in Laboratoire de Physique Statistique (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris) in 1997. He has been a researcher in CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) at the University Paris-South since 1999 and was promoted to Director of Research in 2015. His scientific interests are at the frontier of Soft Condensed Matter and Physics-Mechanics, including drying complex liquids (colloids, polymers), morphogenesis, and mechanical instabilities in out-of-equilibrium systems. He has been active in studying the stability of coatings in varying environmental conditions, as well as the formation of cracks (including craquelures in paintings and in hydrogel coatings).

### A total of 34 speakers, including 22 external and following PhD students of the TFT group at KIT:



**Andreas Altvater M. Sc. (KIT)** completed his studies of chemical and process engineering at KIT in 2018 with a focus on thermal process engineering and product design. Already during his studies he specialized in the sorption and drying behavior of thin film coatings. In his master thesis in the TFT Group he investigated the drying behavior of functional coatings for energy storage. Since 2018, he is working as a research assistant at KIT/TFT on the processing of battery electrodes to optimize the drying process by different types of drying applications.



**Julian Klemens M. Sc. (KIT)** completed his master's degree in Process Engineering in 2019 at KIT, majoring in Thermal Process Engineering and Chemical Process Engineering. In an internship at BASF SE he gained experience in the processing of various material systems from formulation to coating technologies and drying strategies. During his master thesis at BASF SE he was engaged in the investigation of process parameters on drying behaviour of pastose and ceramic films. Since 2019, he is working as research assistant in the KIT/TFT group, focussing on the processing of lithium ion and post-lithium battery electrodes.



**Thilo Heckmann M. Sc. (KIT)** completed his master's degree in Chemical Process Engineering in 2019 at KIT, majoring in Thermal Process Engineering and Technical Thermodynamics. He conducted his thesis work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst as part of the Baden-Württemberg exchange program, investigating antibacterial polymer coatings. As of 2019 he is employed as research assistant at the KIT/TFT group. His research focuses on developing physical models to simulate the coating, drying, and post-drying of Li-ion batteries, with emphasis on the post-drying step, addressing the sorption behavior in porous media.



**Philipp Quarz M. Sc. (KIT)** graduated in Chemical Process Engineering at KIT in 2019 with a focus on food process engineering and product design. During his studies he specialized in the rheology of particular suspensions and product-oriented processing. In his master thesis he investigated the diffusion behavior in disperse systems via nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). Since 2019 he is working as a research assistant at KIT/TFT. In his PhD he focuses on the processing of fuel cell membrane electrode assemblies (MEA), especially on the application and optimization of functional layers.



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### Additional speakers and workshop instructors



Alexander Hoffmann (since 2021)



Lukas Lödige (since 2021)



David Burger (since 2022)



Julian Borho (since 2023)