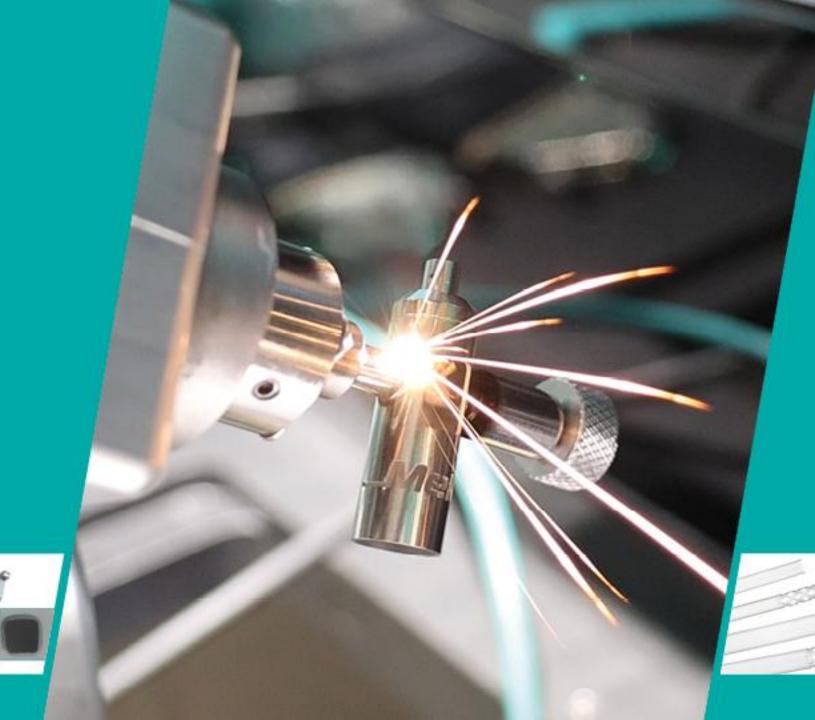
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Laser Welding for Microassembly



# Agenda

MeKo MedTech

Laser Welding for Microassembly

Questions & Answers





### **Our Mission**

We partner with our customers to enable the development of safe, innovative, and affordable medical devices to improve healthcare globally.





## Working for the Future

Our dedicated team is constantly innovating and elevating standards.

#### Materials

- Resoloy<sup>®</sup>
- PolyMediX<sup>®</sup>
- Vasculoy<sup>®</sup>

Automation

Inspection & Analysis

MedLab

Manufacturing Processes





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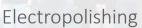
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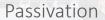




















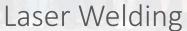


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## Laser Welding for Microassembly

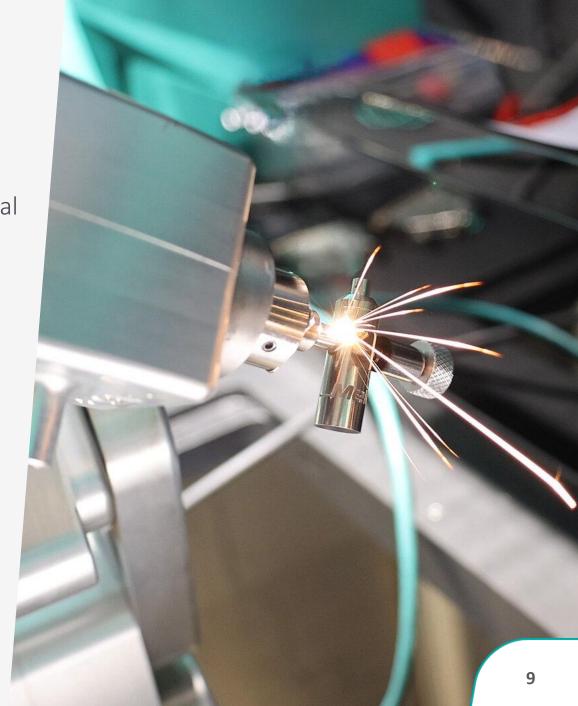
- Joining of micro-scale components (μm–mm range)
- Delicate structures
- High precision
- Low heat input
- Strong, reliable, repeatable & clean joints
- → Laser welding highly suitable for joining of microassemblies





## **Basic Concept**

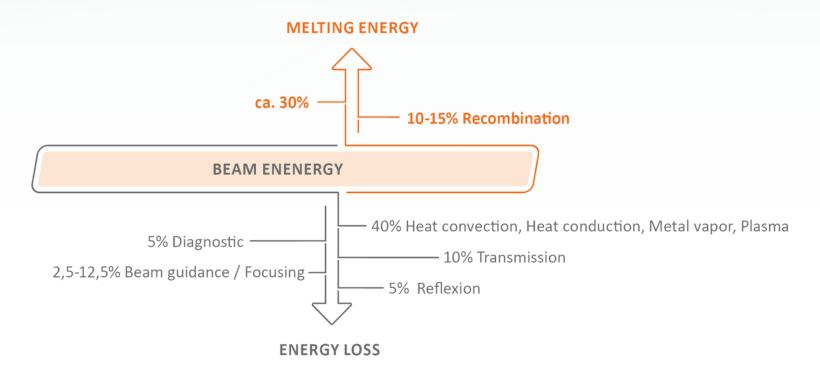
- Welding: Joining of materials (metal/non-metal) by local melting
  - > Common weld which contains material of both joining partners
  - > Permanent, cohesive bond
- Filler material optional
- Minimum required laser power density for welding:  $\approx 1.10^5 \text{ W/cm}^2$  [1] ( $\approx 6.5.10^5 \text{ W/in}^2$ )





## Mechanisms for Coupling Energy

- Laser welding: melting by absorption of laser energy (Process 52 according to ISO 4063)
- Max. 45% laser energy absorption by the material for melting

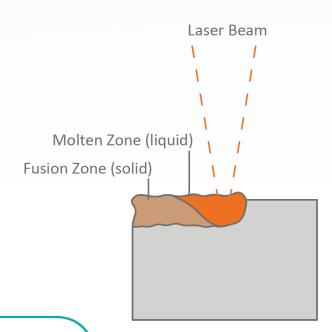




## Welding Methods

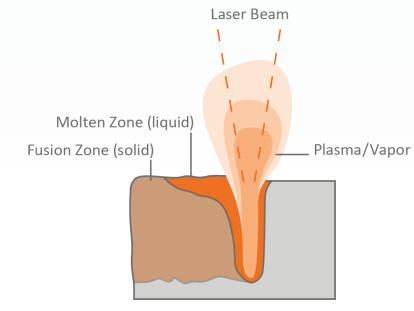
### Heat conduction welding:

- Low penetration depth
- Smooth/smoothened surface



### Deep welding:

Ratio between depth and width 1:1 to 15:1







### Welding Types



### Laser spot welding:

- Single pulse
  - > Single weld spot

### Laser stitch welding:

- Sequence of overlapping weld spots (discontinuous seam)
  - > Combination of strength & minimal heat input

### Laser seam welding:

- Continuous laser movement along joint
  - > Full seam



## Laser Welding - Pros

- Wide range of materials
- Very small to big parts
- High power density
- Small beam diameter

- Small heat-affected zone
- Low thermal stress on joining partners
- Low distortion due to heat



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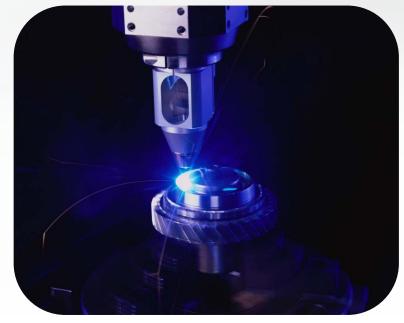
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## Laser Welding - Pros

- Contact and wear-free tools
- Process is well adjustable and highly repeatable
- High feed rates
- Very good seam surface and seam properties



[2] TRUMPF GmbH + Co. KG



## Manufacturing Requirements

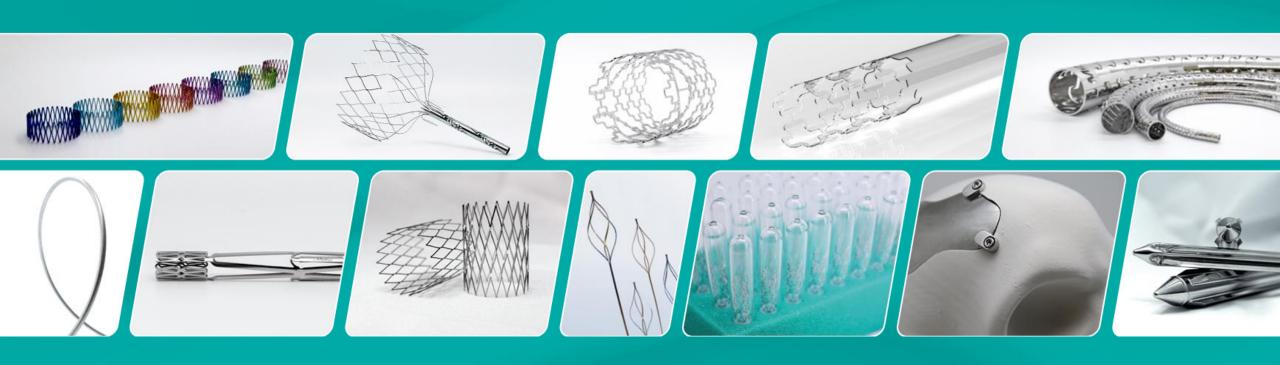
- Zero gap between welding partners
- Reliable positioning & well-planned welding sequence
- Consistent laser source
- Protection against laser radiation







# Manufacturing of Medical Devices





### What we offer

### We provide solutions – as contract manufacturer with a lot of know-how.

- From Prototype to Series production
- From very small welding seams for parts ≈ 50µm to high penetration depth ≈ 5mm
- In-house design and manufacturing of fixtures
- Post Processing & additional services
- Support e.g. during development



## Welding Examples



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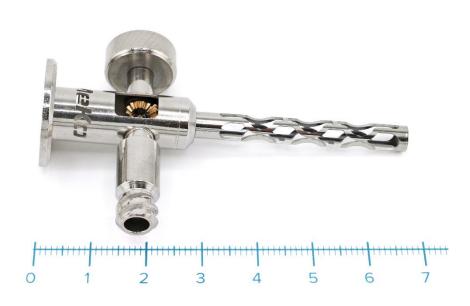








## Welding Examples







## What is possible?





## **Manufacturing Processes - Example**



### Incoming inspection of parts

### CAD/CAM

• Creating code to operate our welding laser machines

### Preparation and set up

• Design of fixtures (if needed)

### Cleaning of parts prior to welding

### Welding of parts

In-Process-Control

### Final cleaning

Cleaning & Passivation

### **Quality Inspection**

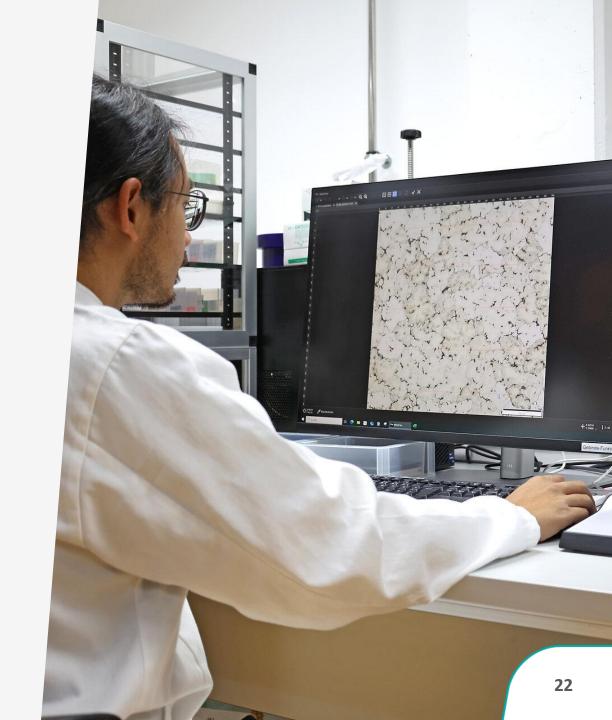
Visual and automatic microscopes

### Shipping



## **IPC & Post Inspection Options**

- Optical and geometrical inspection
- Pressure test
- Measurement of extraction forces
- Tensile strength evaluation
- Bending test
- Cross section of seam
- Grain size measurement
- ...

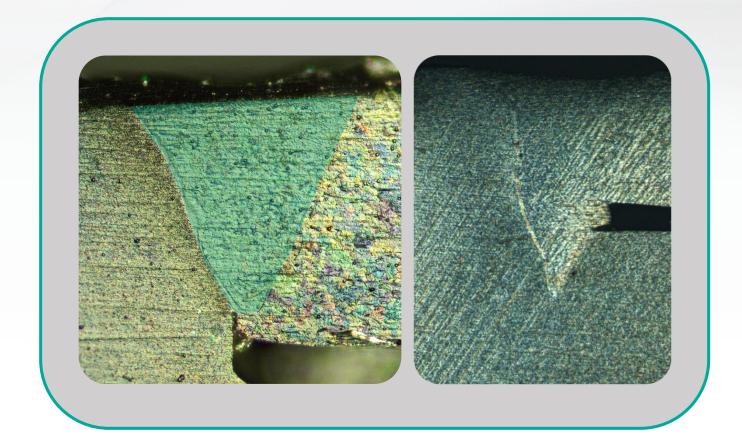




## Post Processing Example - Cross section

(destructive method)

- Penetration depth
- Changes in gain structure
- Composition of the seam via EDX
- Heat affected zone
- Quality of the seam





### What we need from You

- ✓ Accessibility
- ✓ Drawing
- ✓ Specifications:
  - > Dimensions
  - > Surface
  - > Material
  - > Mechanical properties
  - > ...
- ✓ Material ordering (optional)
- ✓ Are there any other requirements?





## Why Laser Welding? Why MeKo?

### Laser welding is:

- ideal for micro-scale joining applications,
- clean, accurate and consistent,
- proven for high-quality, repeatable results.

#### MeKo is:

- a reliable partner with deep laser welding expertise,
- driven by innovation and precision for over 30 years,
- ready to support your microassembly challenge.





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