



## Hot Sheet Metal Forming of High Performance Materials

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The interest in thermo-mechanical forming processes of high-performance materials has grown significantly in recent years. The automotive sector has been the main actor driving this development, pushed by the constant demands on passenger safety and environmental regulations. Press hardening of boron steels is now a mature technology, deployed all around the world. It has proven to be unbeatable for forming complex shape parts and easy forming of high strength materials with reduced spring-back.

Research and Development both on the academic as well as on the industrial level is one of the most important prerequisites for continuous innovation in hot forming of high performance materials and open new scenarios to exploit their lightweight potential. The 8th CHS2 conference will be held in Barcelona (Spain) and aims to keep pushing the innovation trends in press hardening and related thermo-mechanical processes and to boost their application to other markets (such as heavy duty and industrial vehicles, aerospace, etc.), new applications (new needs from e-mobility) and new materials (stainless steels, light alloys, CFRP, hybrid materials, etc.).





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