



## Laser Welding of Industrial Metal Alloys

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Laser Beam Welding (LBW) is a contactless joining technology that minimizes the mechanical distortion and the size of the weld, as the heat source is a highly-focused and powerful laser beam. It has become a mature and convenient welding method for different alloys, due to its low heat input, high welding speed, high flexibility, high weld quality, high ability to be automated and high production rate. However, LBW has also some intrinsic disadvantages, such as the high costs of the equipment, and the strict requirements regarding laser beam adjustment and sample alignment. Papers focusing on the investigation of LBW and also Hybrid Laser Welding (HLW) of metal alloys will be very welcomed to this Special Issue of Metals. Studies dealing with LBW/HLW of metallic alloys with applications in industrial sectors (as naval, automotive and aeronautical) will be covered. Experimental studies and simulations covering relationship between laser processing parameters, microstructure, and properties (hardness, strength, corrosion resistance, etc.) will be specially interesting for this issue. In addition, innovative laser welding methods and/or equipment will be welcomed.





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