



Advanced Coating Technology for Infrastructure

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Project Goals

- ▶ Develop a novel coating technology using a **high-intensity infrared light source** to fuse and bond nanocomposite metal coatings and claddings to infrastructure components
- ▶ Mitigate corrosion in infrastructure
- ▶ Reduce hazardous materials usage (heavy metals, VOCs, Cr⁺⁶)

Value proposition

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- ▶ Excellent resistance to chemicals
- ▶ Lower initial cost
- ▶ Wide range of applications



MesoCoat, Inc.

Advanced Materials and Specialty Metals Company:

- Develops, manufactures and markets advanced nanocomposite materials, and innovative fabricated metal products
- Fast becoming a world leader in metal protection and repair through their revolutionary **“long life” coating** and **“high speed” cladding** technologies



Forbes



Polythermics, LLC

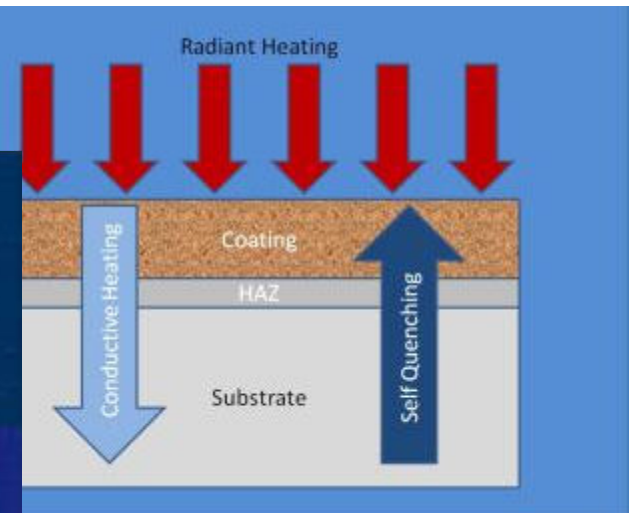
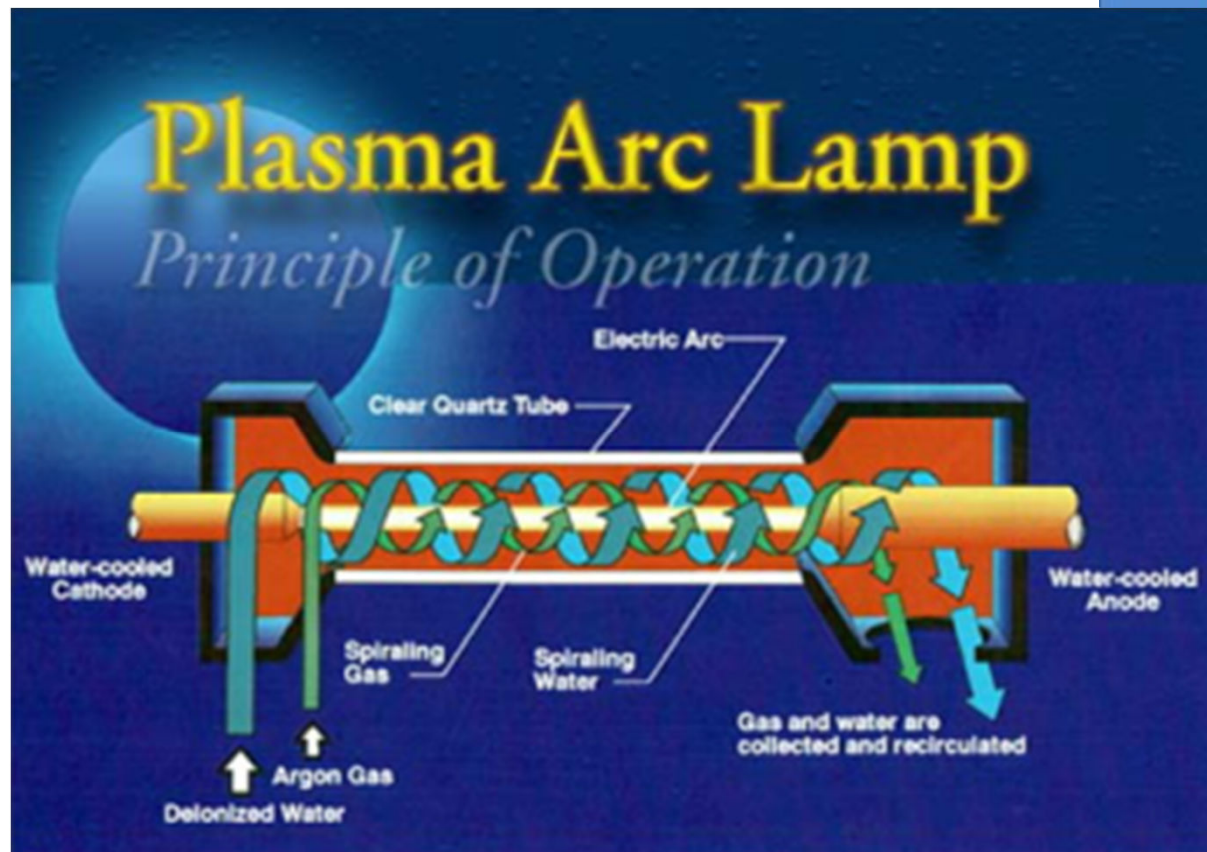
Polythermic plastic coating systems are a result of

- over 40 years of industry development and innovation.

By combining the long-term performance of polypropylene and polyethylene with the stability of an advanced thermo-epoxy, Polythermics coating systems establish a new standard for steel and polymeric concrete protection.



Technology Review - MesoCoat



CermaClad™

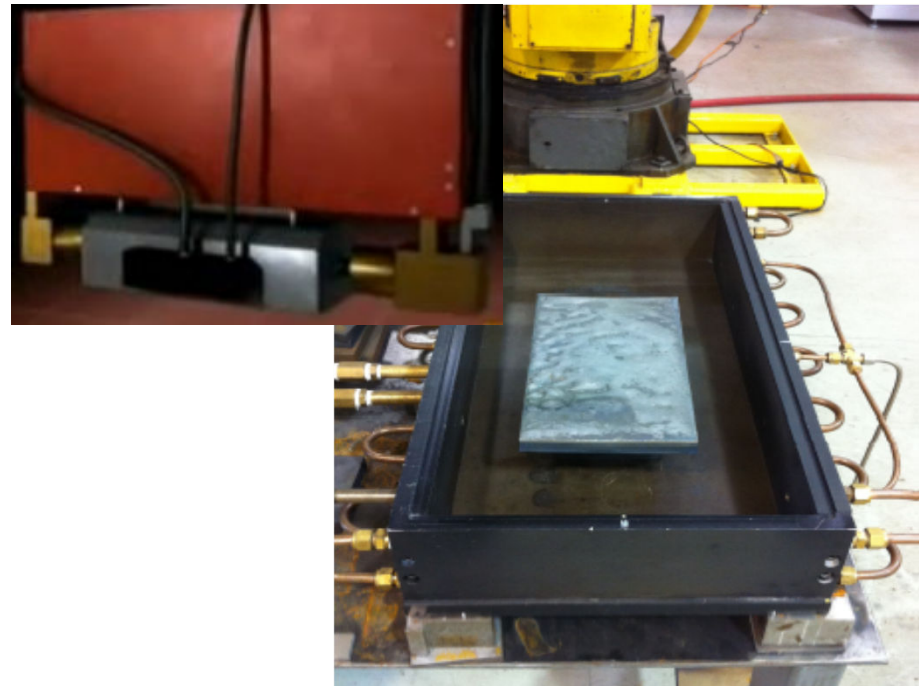
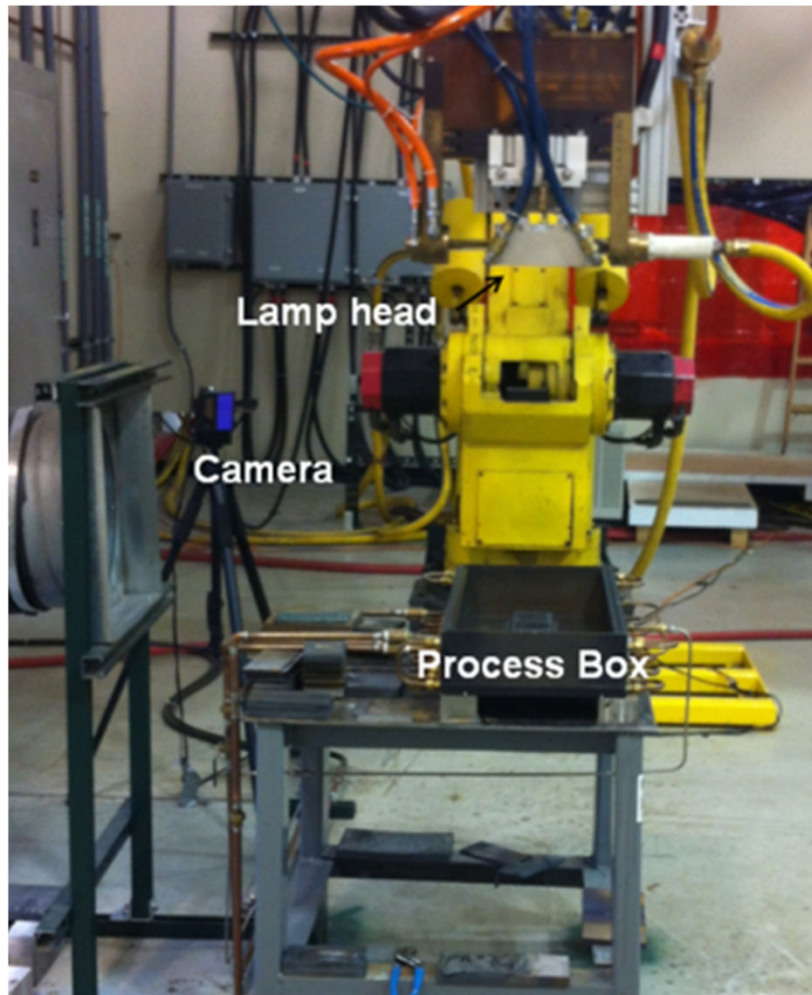
- ▶ CermaClad™ is a new weld overlay technology suitable for applying metallurgically-bonded claddings to large areas
 - MW-class thermal torch (base tool is 500KW)
 - 2000-50,000+ sq. mm spot size
 - 1-100sq m/hour, 80-500+lbs/hour deposition rate
- ▶ Original developed at Oak Ridge National Lab; Exclusively licensed to MesoCoat
- ▶ CermaClad™ is a high energy density fusion cladding process for large area applications where corrosion and/or wear limit the life of metal structures
- ▶ CermaClad™ technology utilizes a high intensity light source, which is effectively an artificial sun captured in a reflector to rapidly fuse metal and cermet coatings on steel pipes, plates and bars

CermaClad™



- **Beam Width:** 12 – 30 cm
 - **Transition Speed:** 10 – 50 mm/sec
 - **Cladded Area:** 80 – 580 sq. ft./hour
- **Beam Width :** 0.5 – 0.7 cm
 - **Transition Speed:** 20 – 70 mm/sec
 - **Cladded Area:** 3 – 19 sq. ft./hour

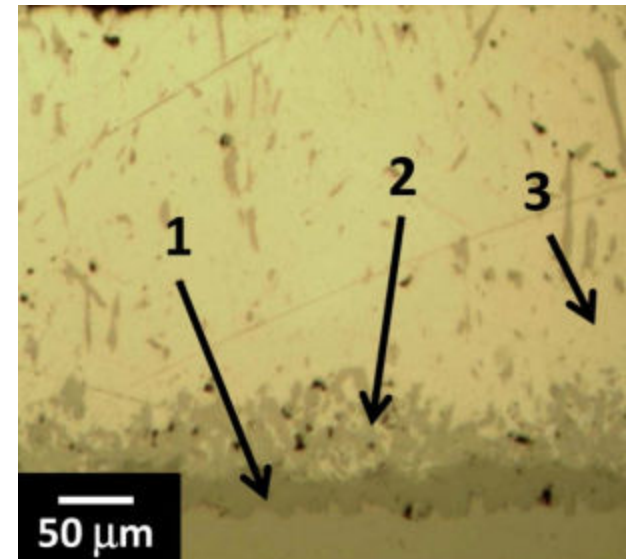
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Significance:

This new facility has helped MesoCoat in expanding its processing capabilities and ensure faster processing to satisfy customer needs.

Production of pinhole free Al-alloy coatings

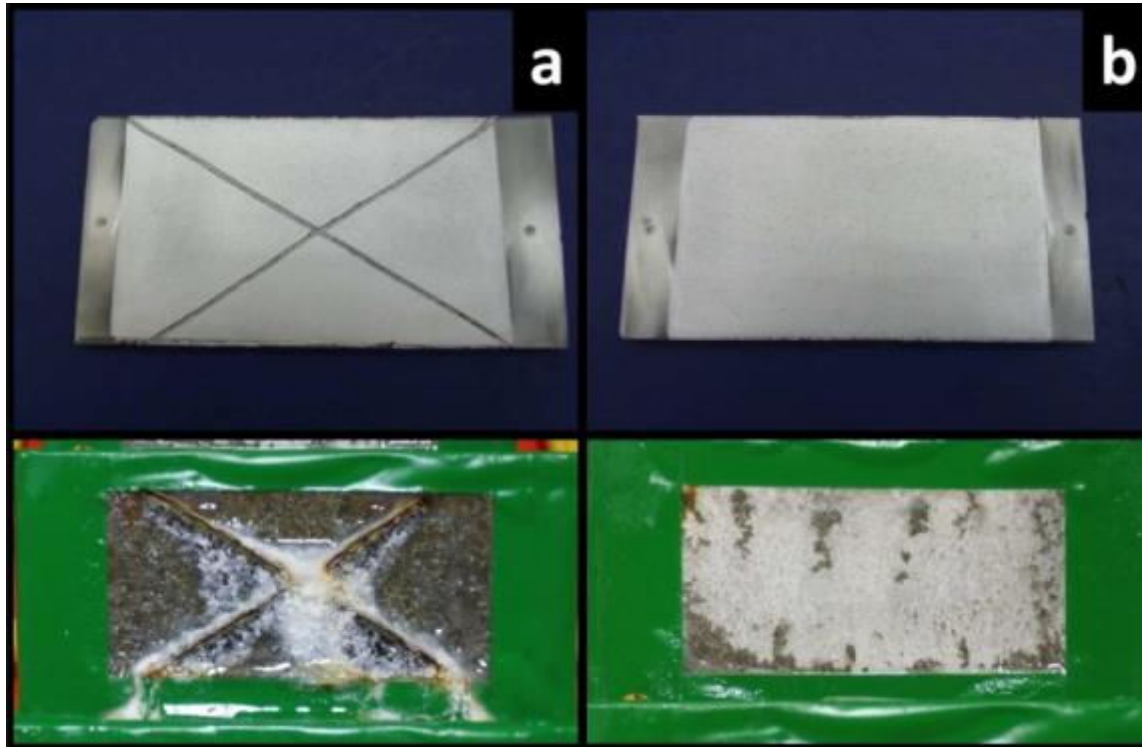


Significance:

Al coatings will also provide the intended corrosion resistance to eliminate the life-limiting flaws for 100 year life coatings for infrastructure applications.

Excellent corrosion resistance of Al coated coupons

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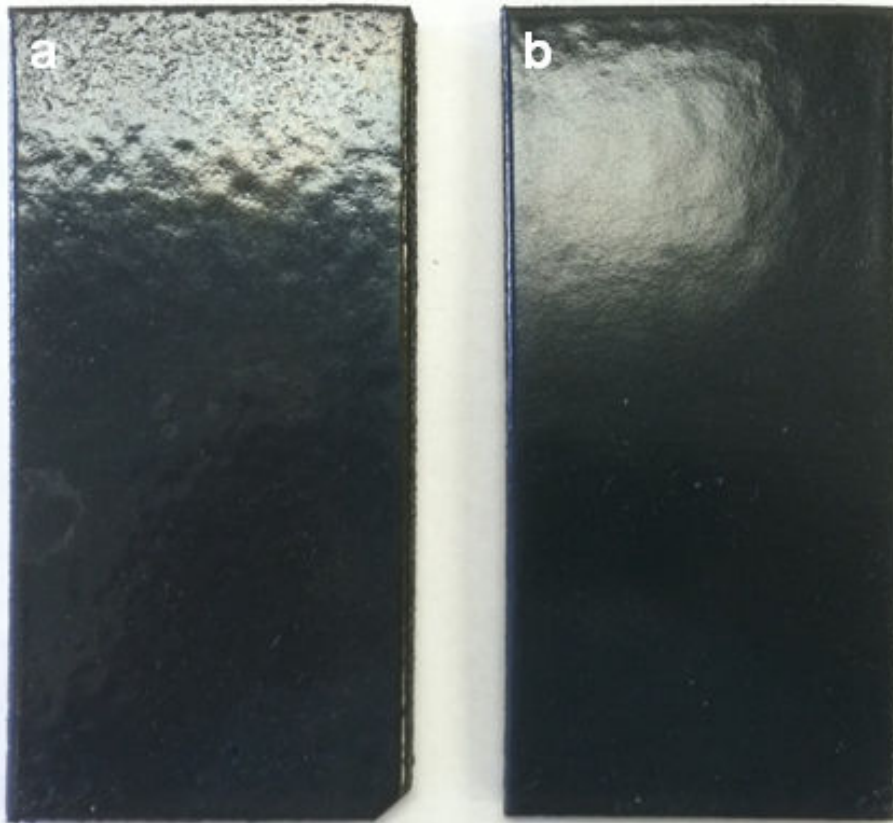
1000 hours of salt fog testing verified the fact that the developed coatings are in fact able to offer the desired corrosion resistance.

Polythermics - Thermoplastic Top Coats

- ✓ Simplified Application Procedures
- ✓ Lightweight Efficient Installation Equipment
- ✓ Advanced Coating Technology



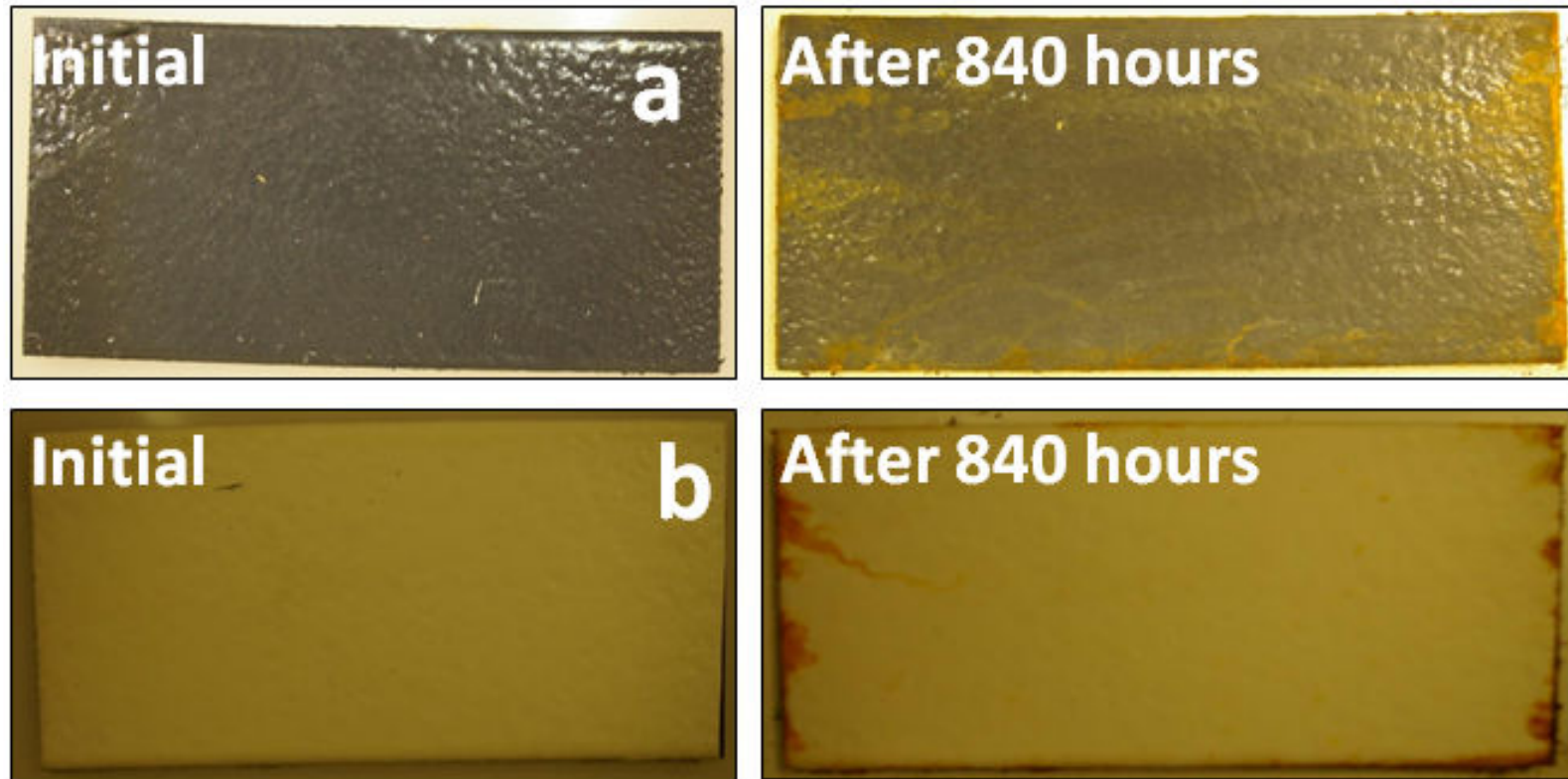
Application of thermoplastic topcoats



Significance:

- A key feature of this thermally applied basecoat and topcoat technology is the extent of intermolecular bonding between the basecoat and the underlying surface (the primer coating).
- Long term resistance to debonding from permeation and corrosion undercutting and greatly enhanced.

Thermoplastic Topcoats - Testing



Accelerated corrosion test (GM 9540P) on

a) 1mm thick top coat of **polyethylene** on 80 µm thick Al basecoat

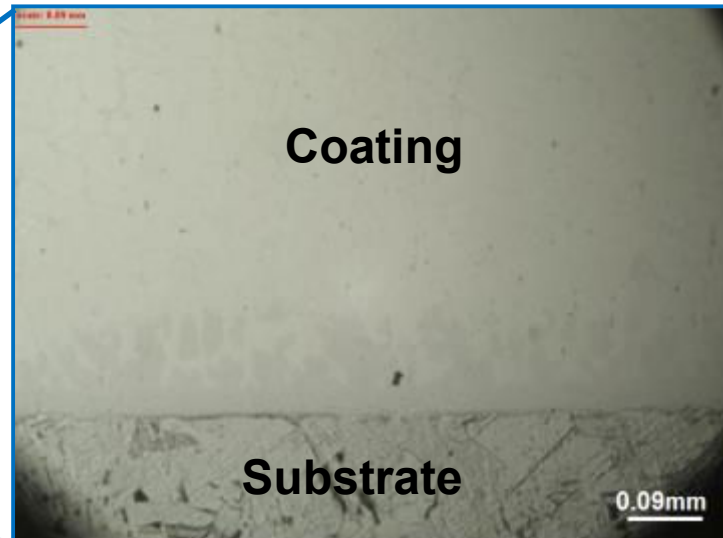
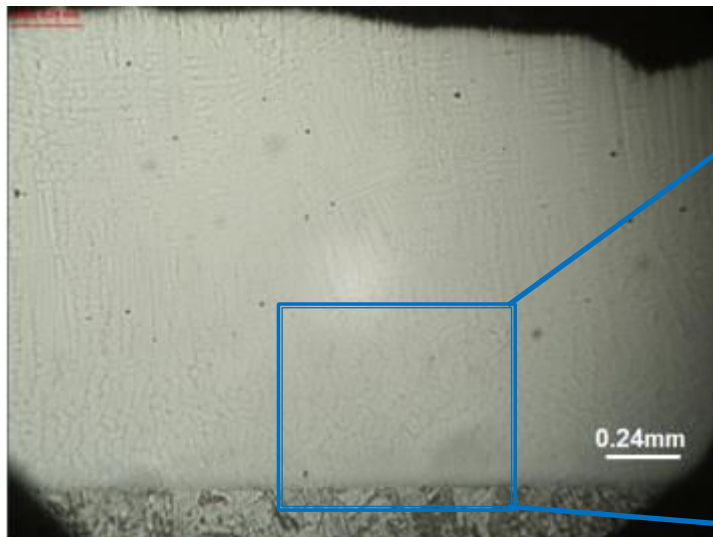
b) 1mm thick top coat of **polypropylene** on 80 µm thick Al basecoat

SS316 L Coatings

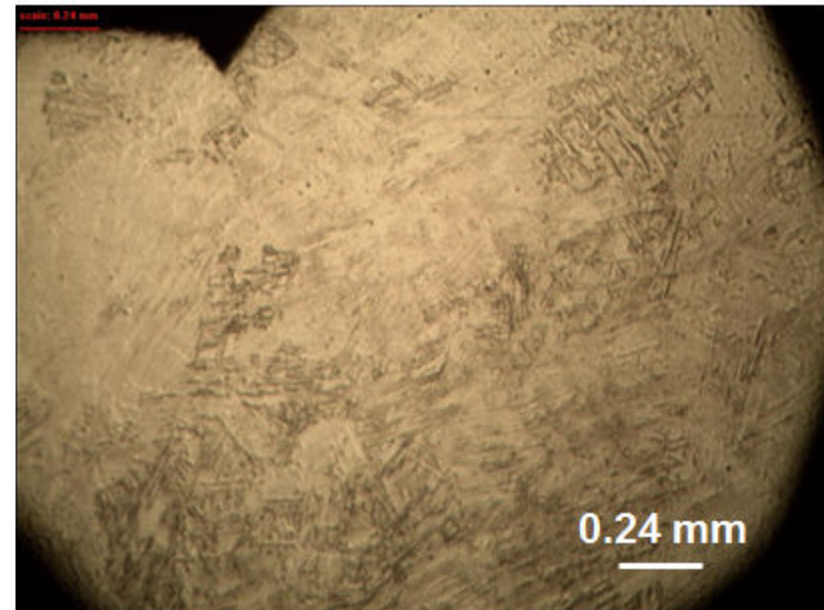
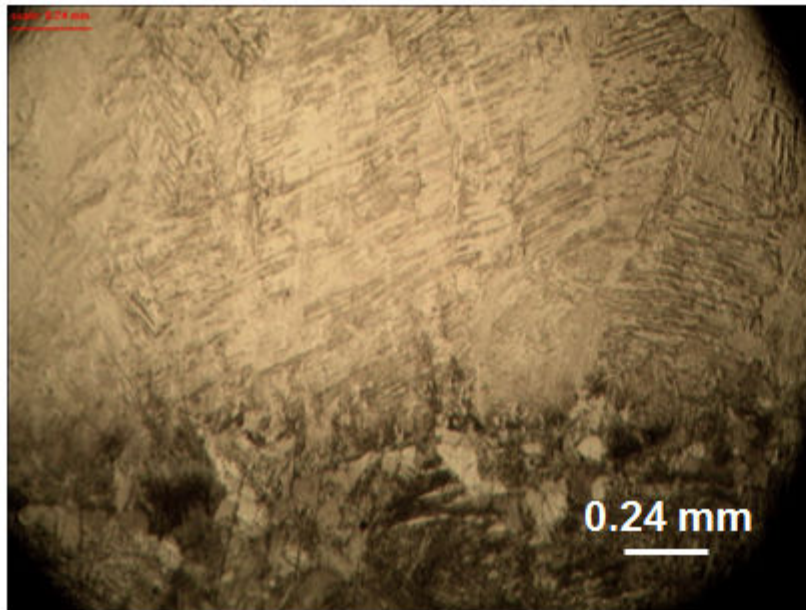
Coating thickness: 1.0 mm

- Hardness: $HV(300) = 197.03 \pm 11.73$
- Surface of coatings is smooth

Element (wt %)	Fe	Ni	Cr	Mn	Mo
Composition before fusion	68.88	10.2	16.6	1.3	2.12
Composition after fusion	69.3	8.93	17.3	1.23	2.4



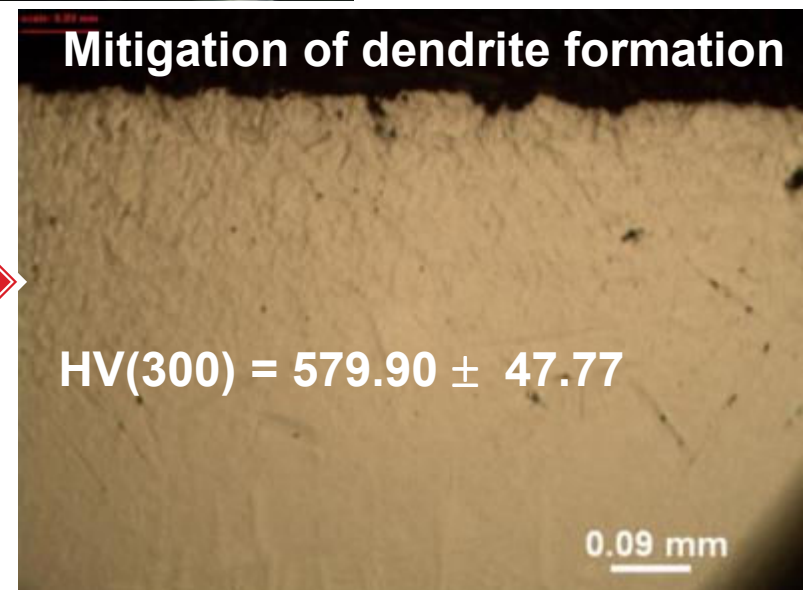
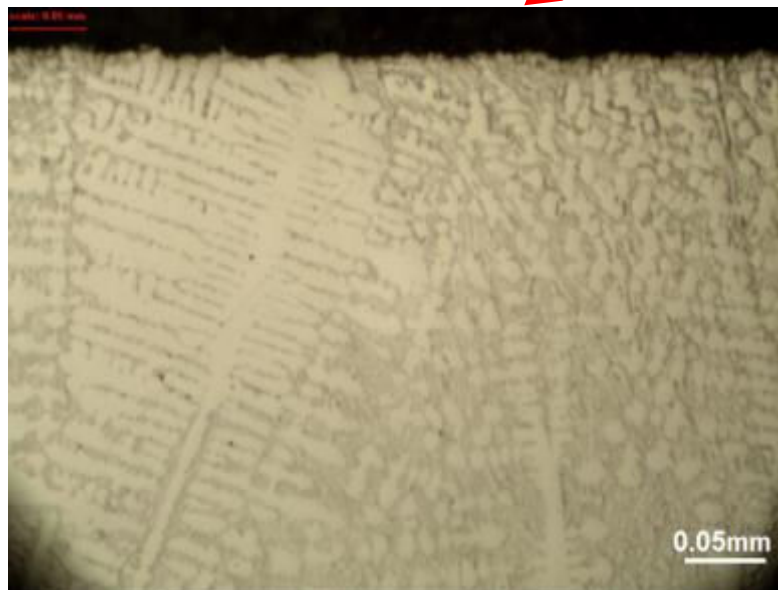
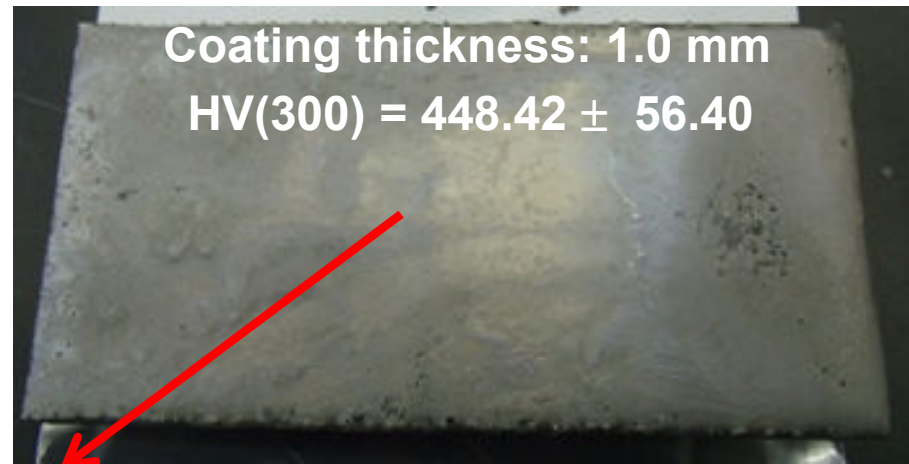
Control Over Microstructure



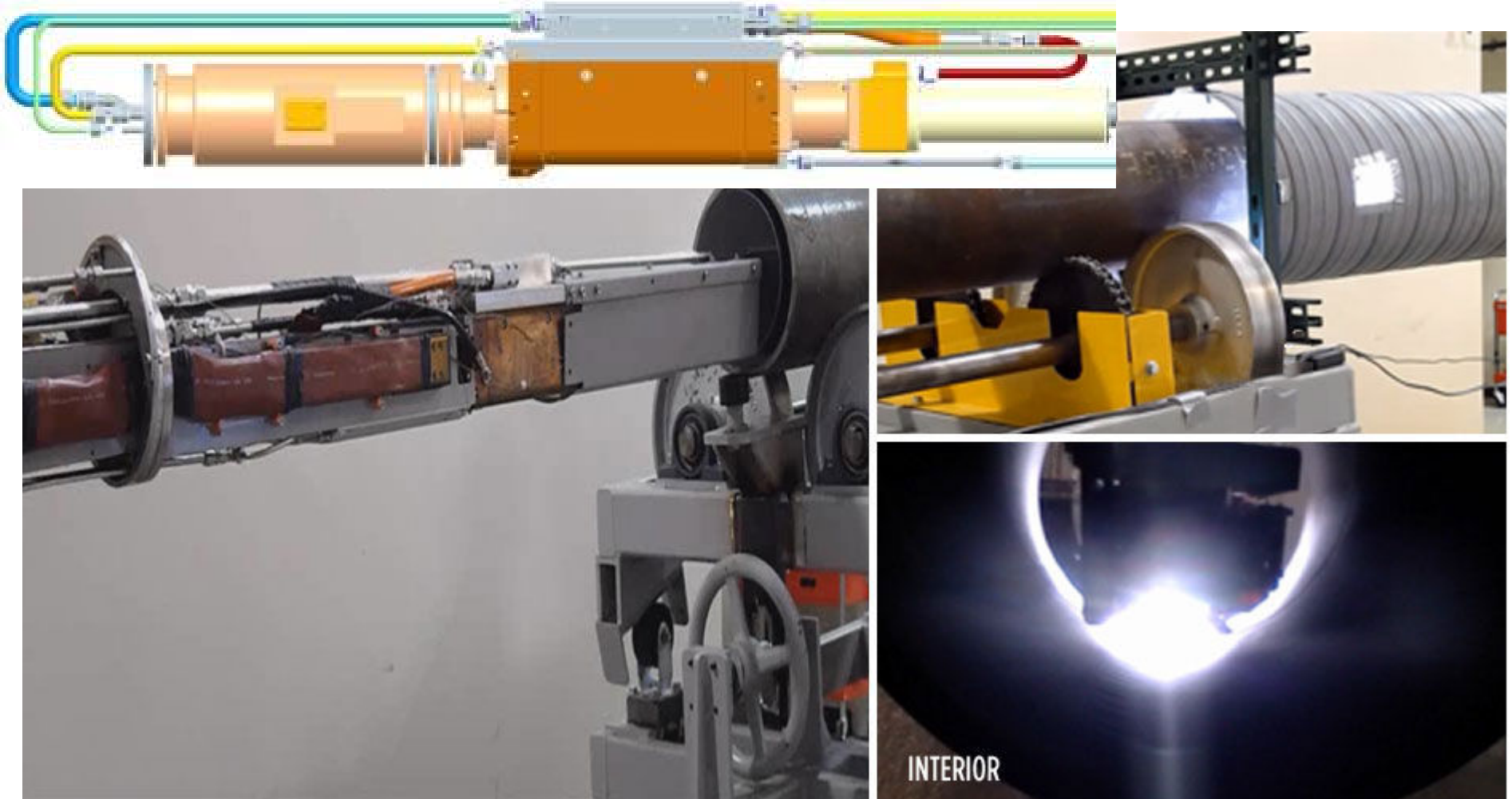
- Microstructure can be controlled by water quenching the samples after processing
- Due to water quenching, hardness (HV) was increased from 197.03 ± 11.73 to 341.09 ± 8.28
- Water quenching leads to formation of martensitic colonies.
- Martensitic steels have good corrosion resistance

Structurally Amorphous Metal (SAM) Alloy Coatings

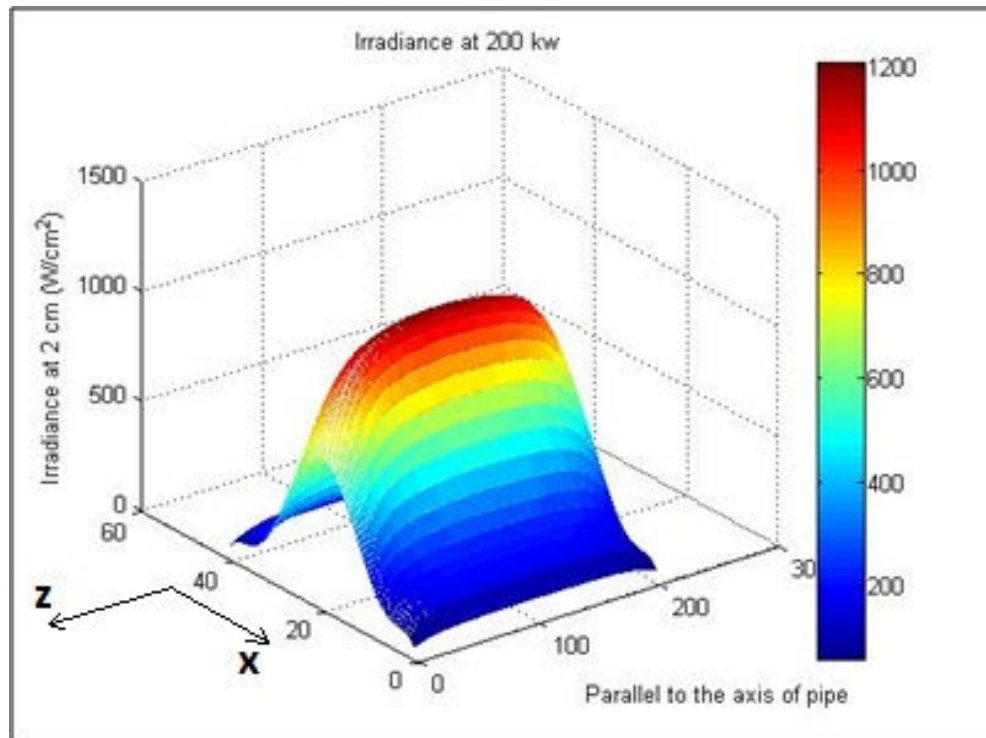
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CermaClad Design Modification

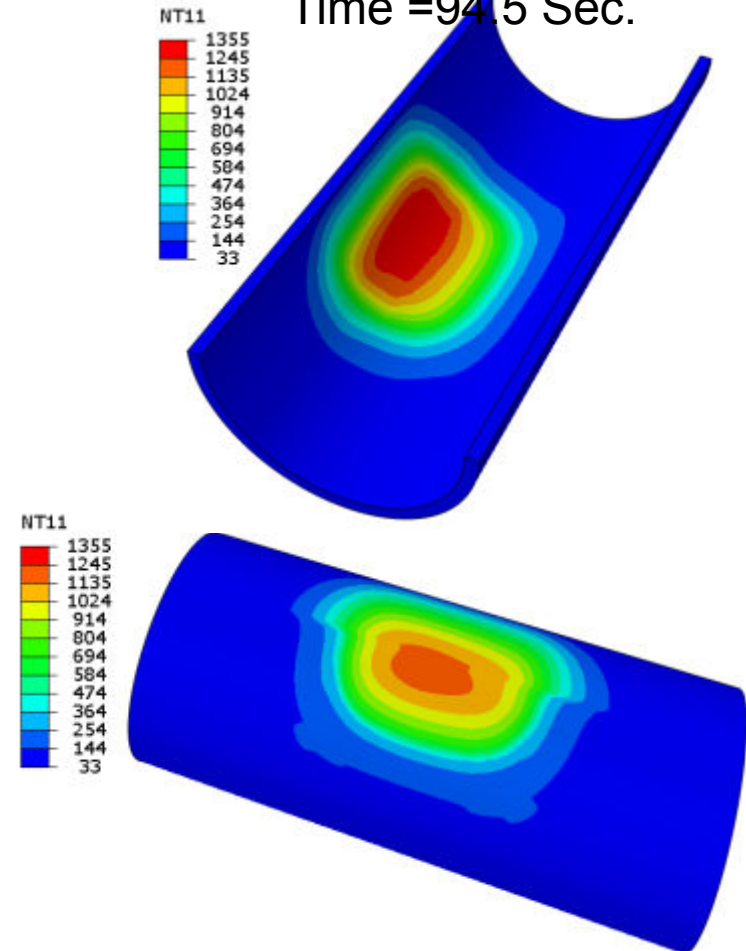


HDIR- Thermal Modeling



Temperature distribution

Time = 94.5 Sec.



Infrastructure Applications

Water Pipelines



Shipbuilding



Nuclear power plants



Steel profiles



Technical Accomplishments



- ▶ Fusion of Al/Ni/SAM/SS316L coatings to steel substrate in air without the use of fluxes
- ▶ Defect-free coatings
- ▶ Phase control
- ▶ High corrosion resistant coatings
- ▶ Process modeling and control
- ▶ New lamp/system design

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Thank You

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Demonstration Plant

