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BACKGROUND: Extreme environments place more demands on materials. Functionally-grade materials (FGM) can address local operating conditions at reduced cost. However, a cost-effective fabrication method is needed for FGMs.

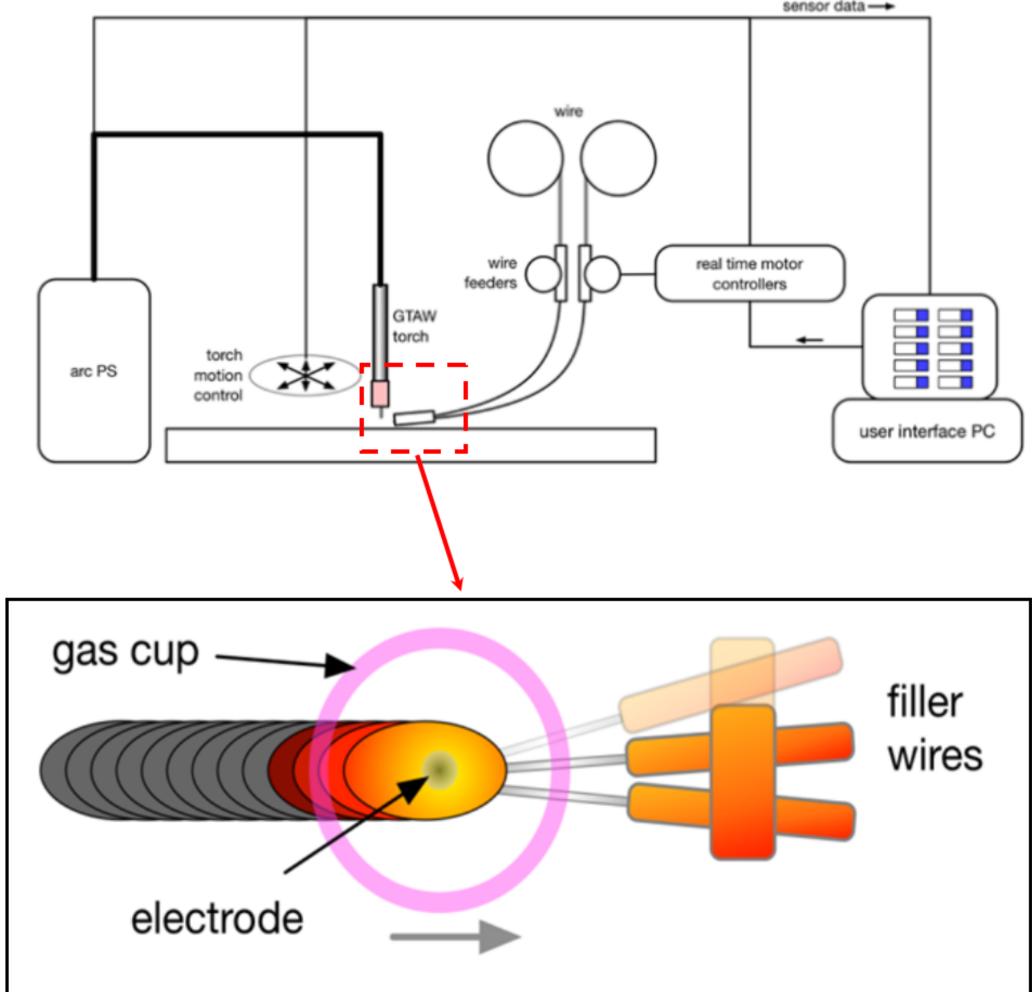
METHODS

- Modified standard welding system to deliver up to 3 wires during deposition
- Explored effect of deposition parameters on resulting composition gradient
- Combined heat treatments with composition gradient to obtain components with graded microstructure with the potential for improved dynamic impact performance

RESULTS

- Various graded shapes fabricated
- Deposition parameters influence the resulting composition gradient
- M-WAAM is viable AM method for FGM fabrication

Development of Automated Multi-wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (m-WAAM) For FGMs



Layer Composition

m-WAAM Deposit

Cr K Layer 2 Mn K Fe K 98.10

Substrate

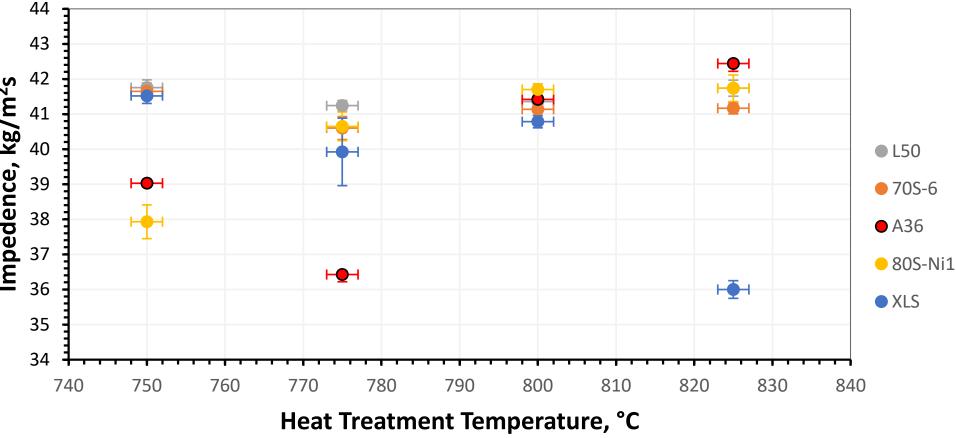
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Fe K 98.43

Layer Microstructure

Substrate Fe K

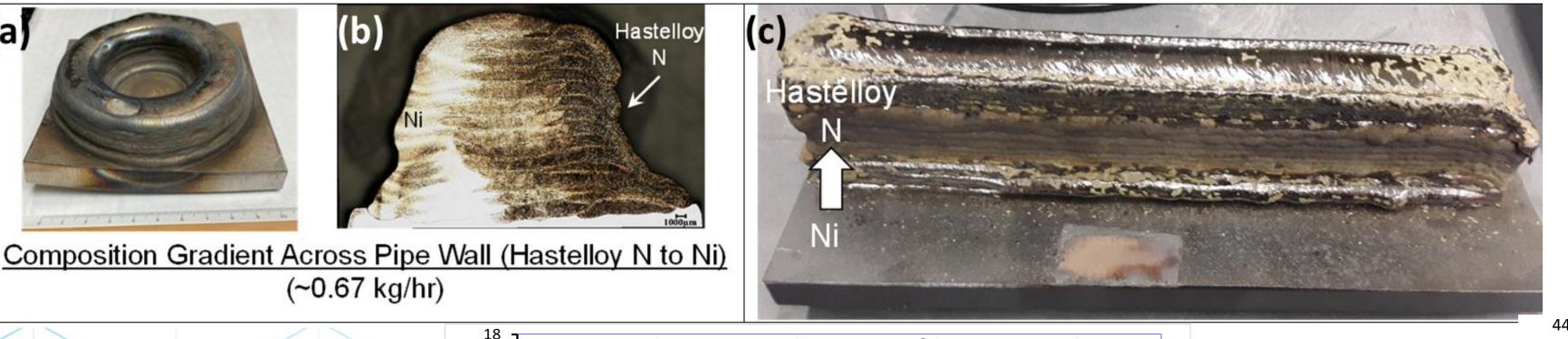
Ferrite = $33.0\pm1.1\%$ Gradient Microstructures



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Schematic of System

3-wire delivery guide



Horizontal Distance, µm

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