

# Opportunities in additive manufacturing for advanced nuclear energy systems

AMM Technical Review Meeting

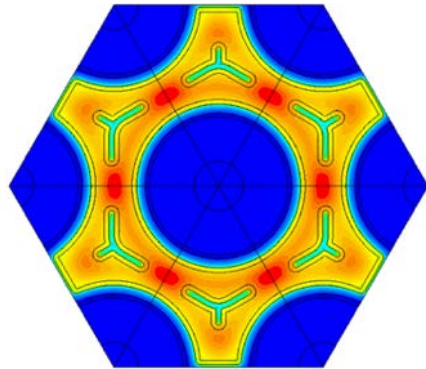
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# TCR is bringing to bear additive manufacturing (AM) and artificial intelligence (AI) to deliver a new approach

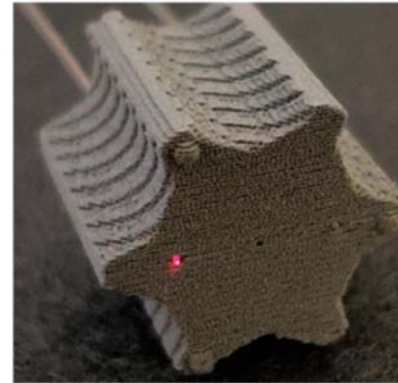
Using AI to navigate an unconstrained design space and realize superior performance



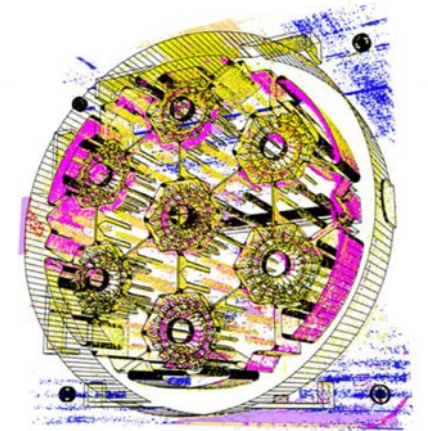
Leveraging AM to arrive at high-performance materials in complex geometries



Exploiting AM to incorporate integrated and distributed sensing in critical locations



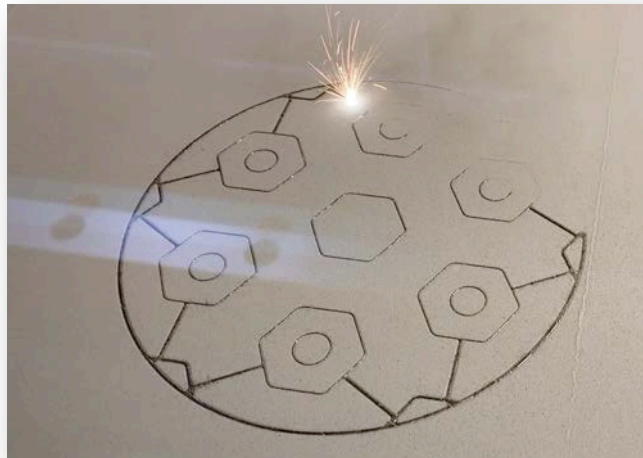
Using AI to assess critical component quality using in situ manufacturing signatures



# Myriad additive manufacturing methods span a vast dimensional scale across a range of material systems

## Powder bed techniques

- Metal or ceramic powder or slurry sequentially spread and fused in 2D layers
- Fusion achieved via melting (e.g. laser or e-beam source) or binding (via binder jet or lithography)
- Ability to accommodate most complex geometry with best spatial resolution
- Limited to a single material system
- Build volumes usually  $< 0.05 \text{ m}^3$  with some extending up to  $0.3 \text{ m}^3$



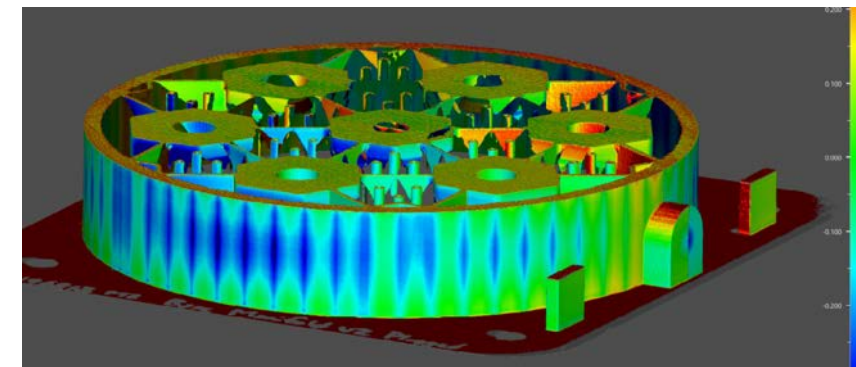
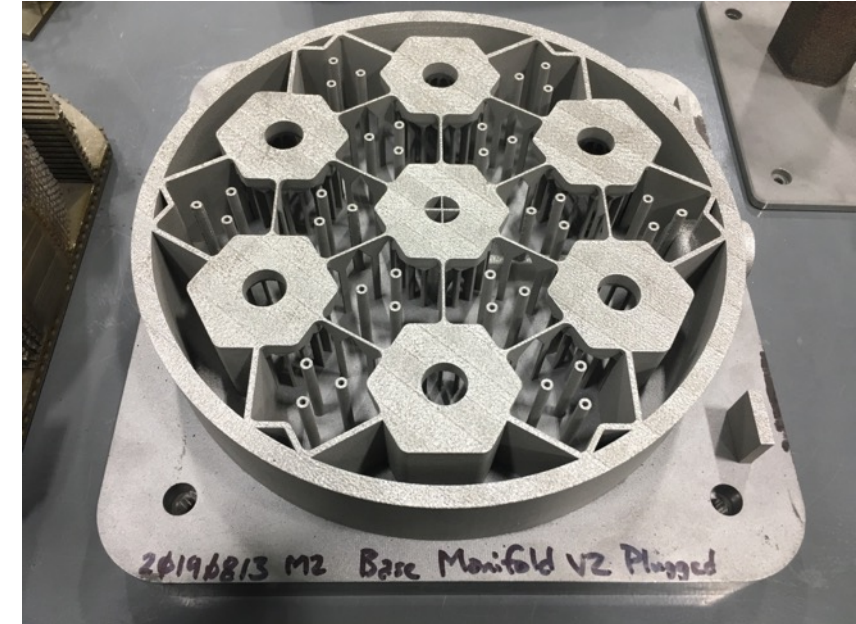
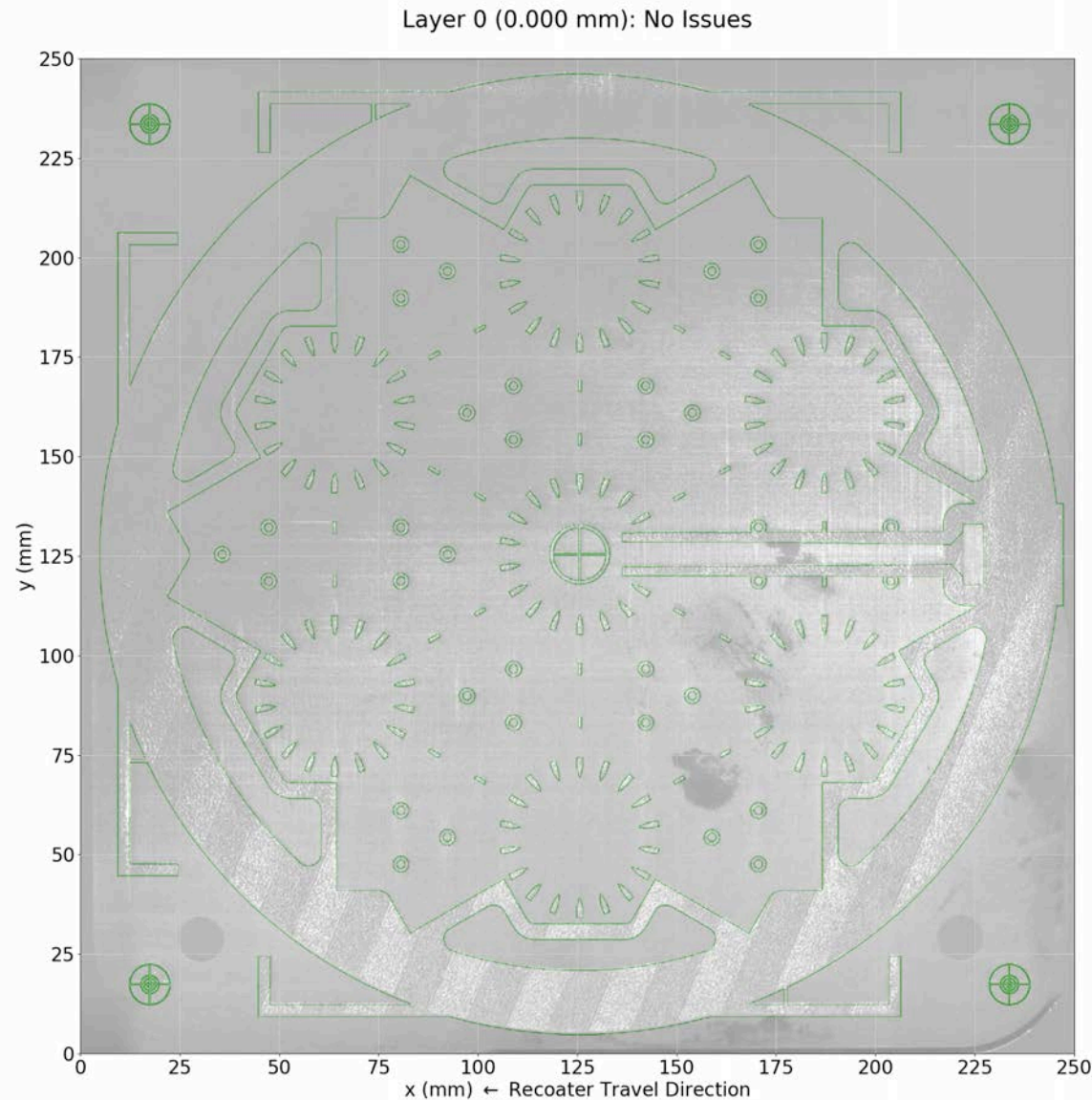
## Direct deposition techniques

- Metal powder or wire or ceramic slurry directly deposited as continuous point on substrate
- Deposition via melting (e.g. laser or arc welding), drying, or curing
- Complex tool path design is needed, and less geometric complexity is accommodated
- Flexibility to accommodate multiple material systems
- Build volumes usually  $< 0.5 \text{ m}^3$  with some extending up to  $7 \text{ m}^3$





# Example of powder bed system: 3D printing of stainless steel via laser powder bed fusion technique



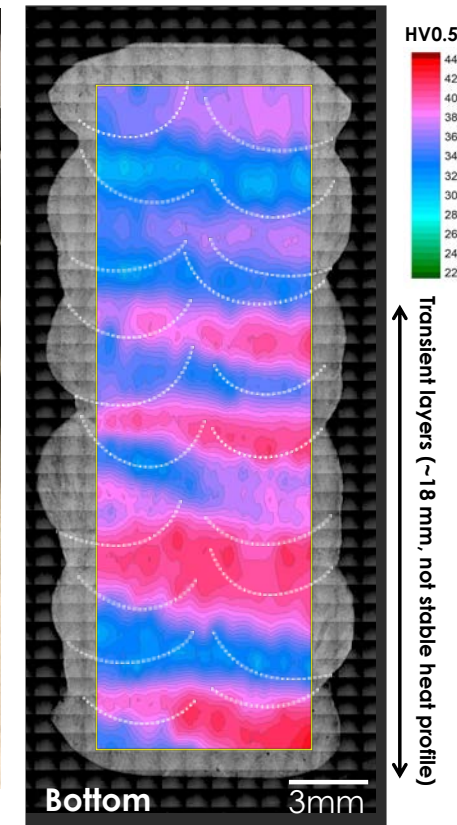
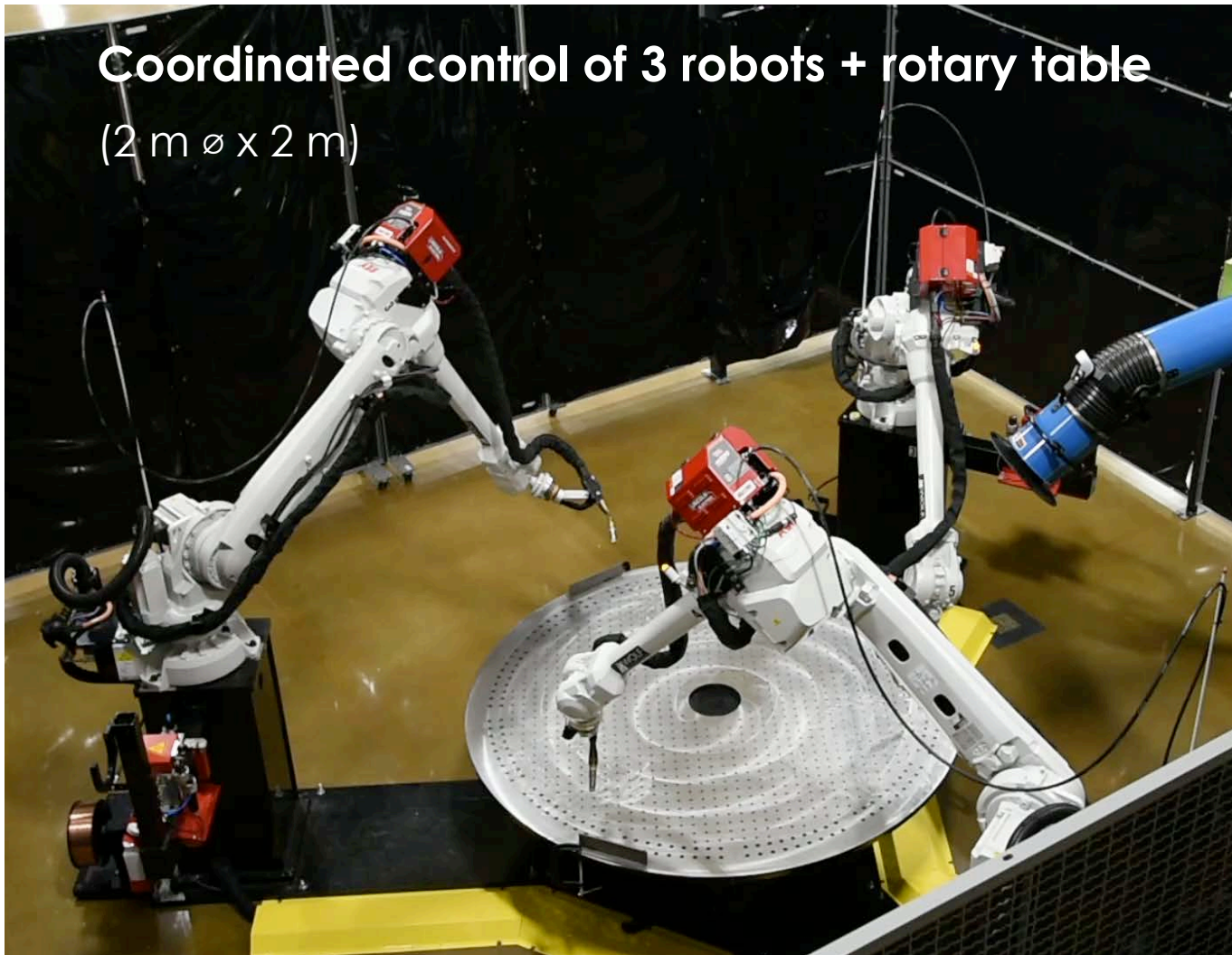
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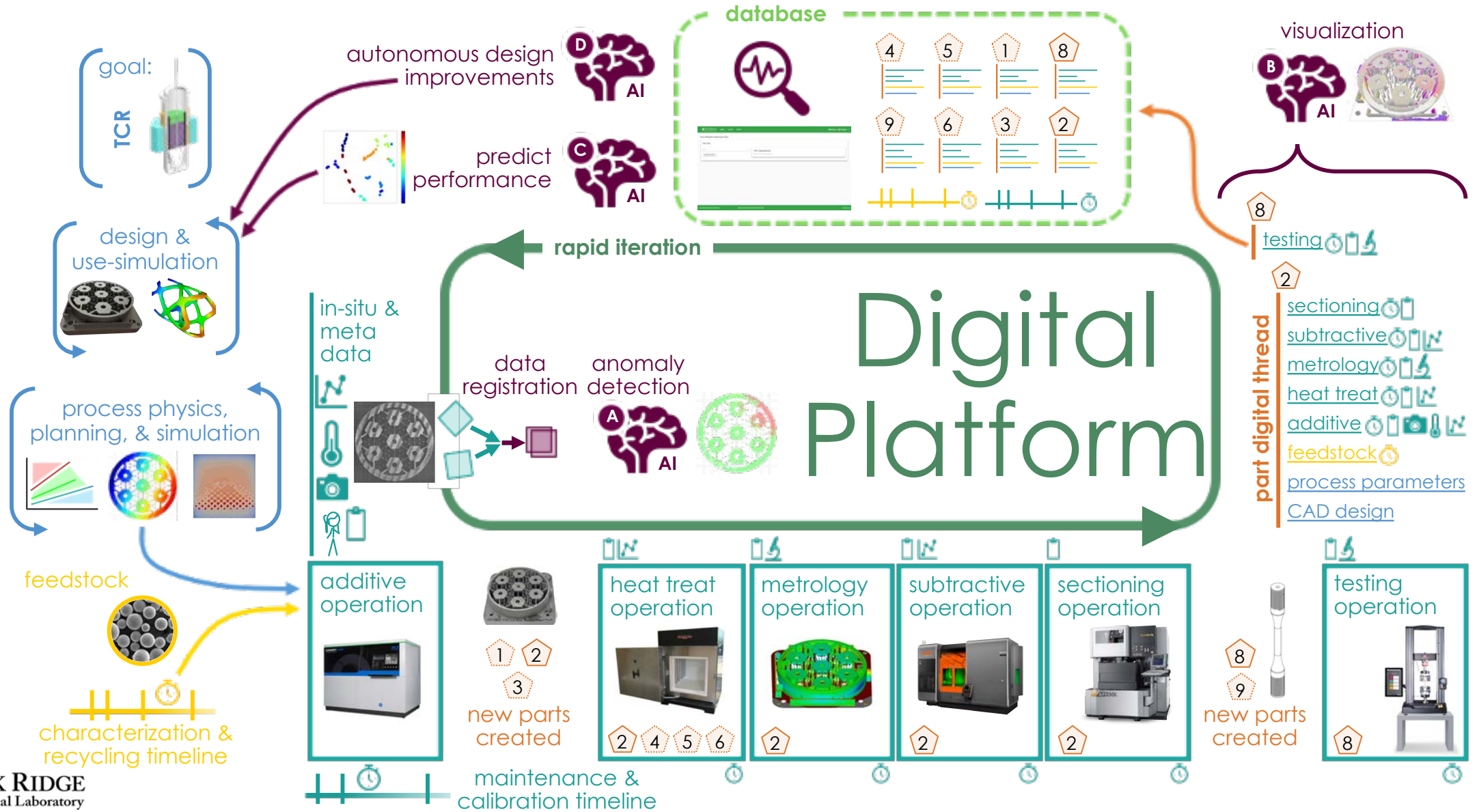
# Example of large direct deposition system: Medusa wire arc additive



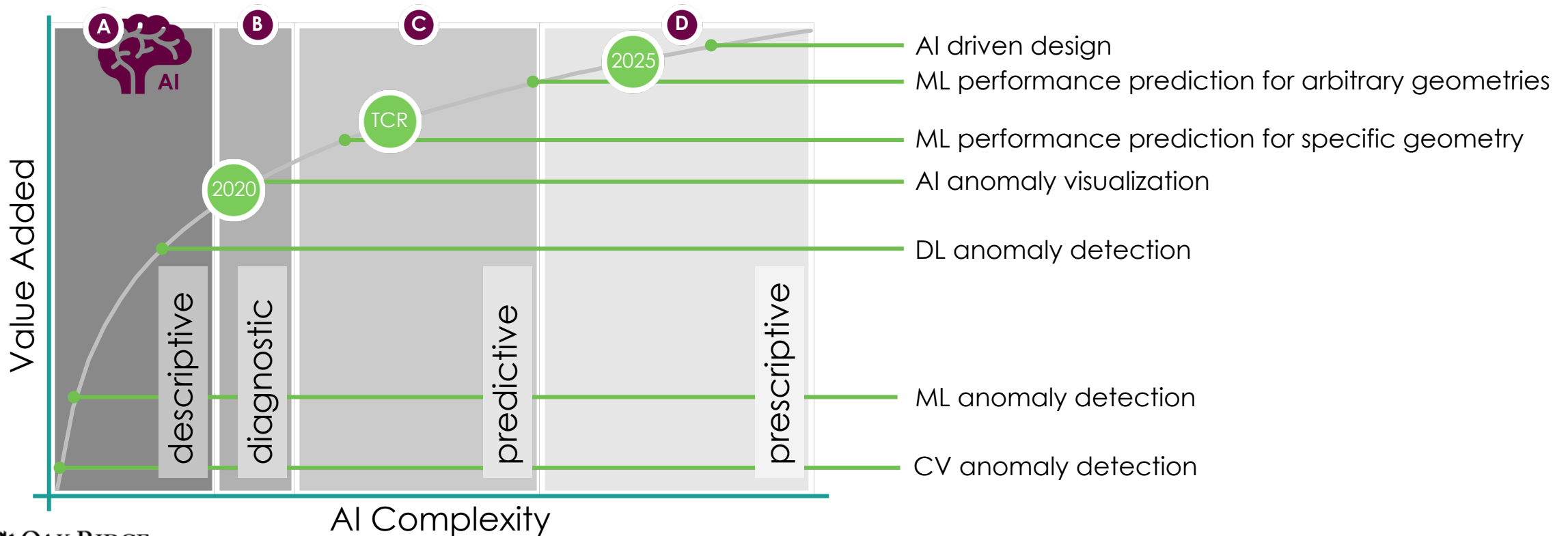
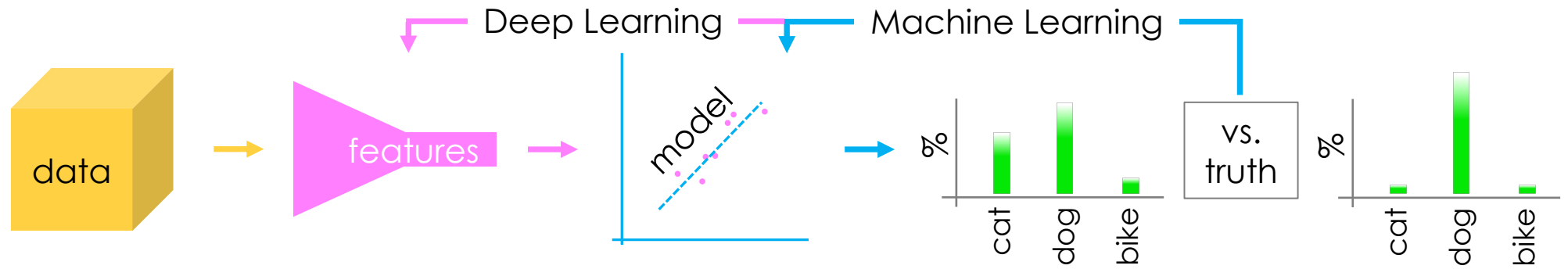
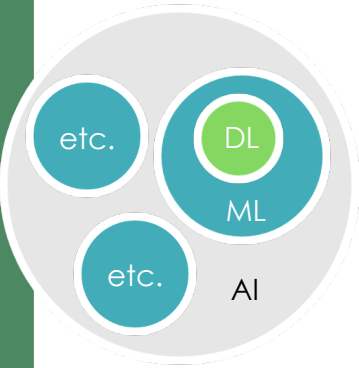
**Coordinated control of 3 robots + rotary table**  
(2 m  $\varnothing$  x 2 m)



# Using AI to assess critical component quality using in situ manufacturing signatures: Digital Platform for quality assurance



# Augmented Intelligence for Advanced Manufacturing





## Data management

### Metadata search

Action	Name	Start Date	End Date	Status	Material	Setup Tech.
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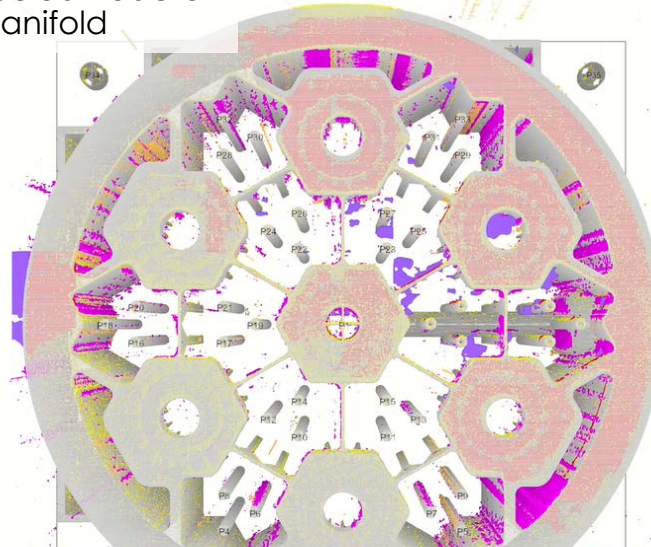
### Data viewer

## In-situ quality control

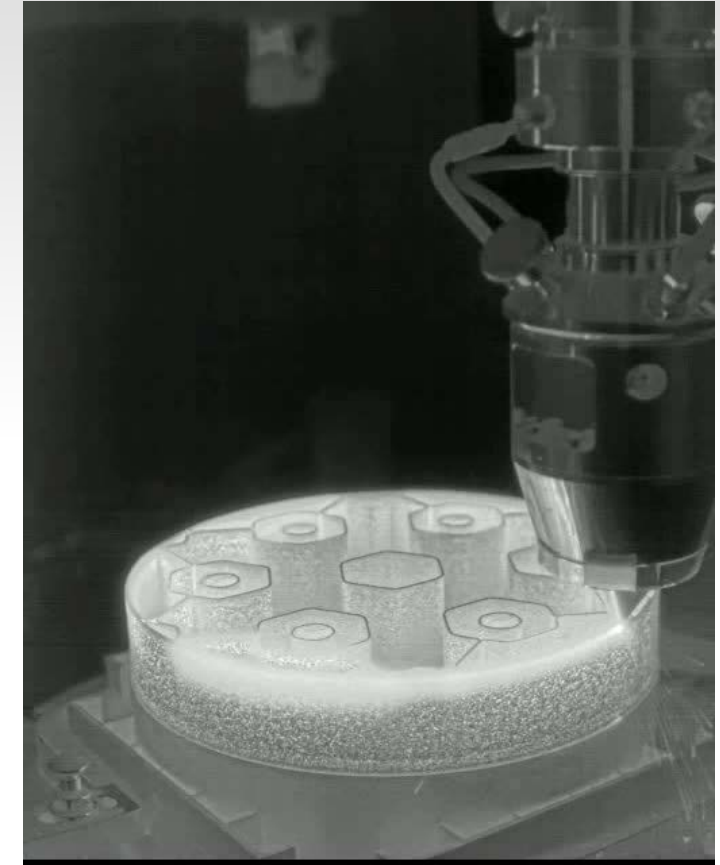


printer operator reviewing a Peregrine analysis

### nuclear reactor manifold

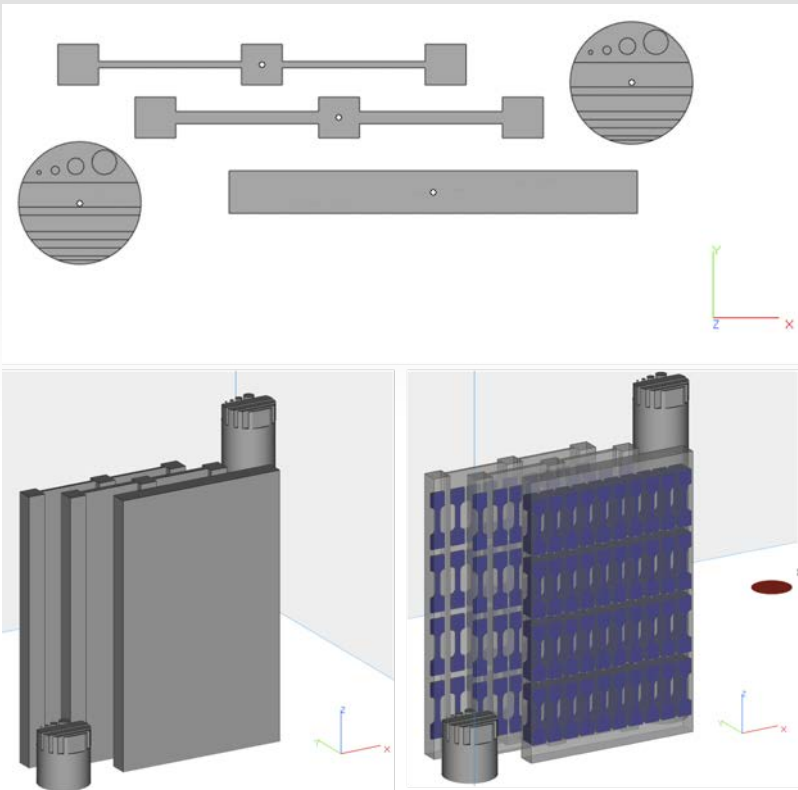


## Sensor development



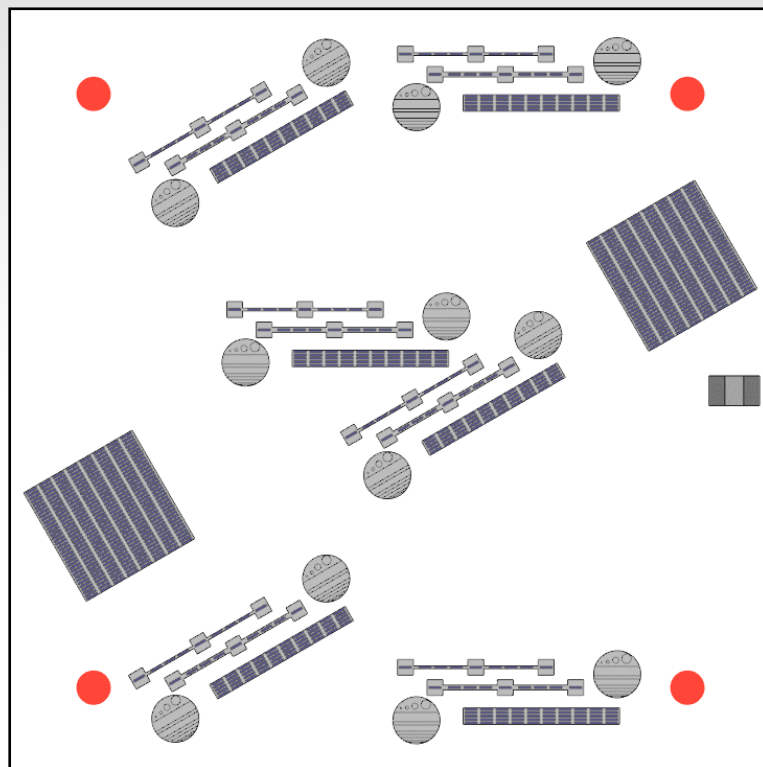


## Standard Cluster



Location Specific Sample Extraction

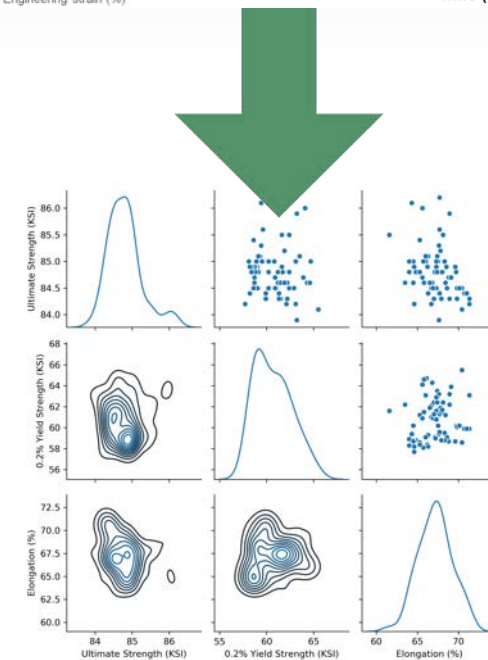
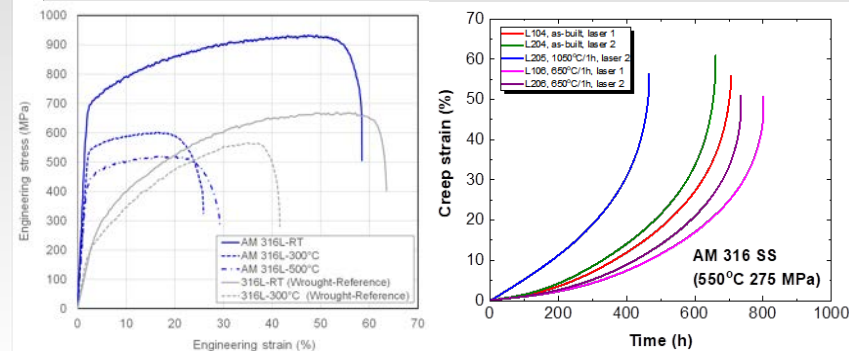
## Build 0.1 Layout



2,784 SS-J3 specimens

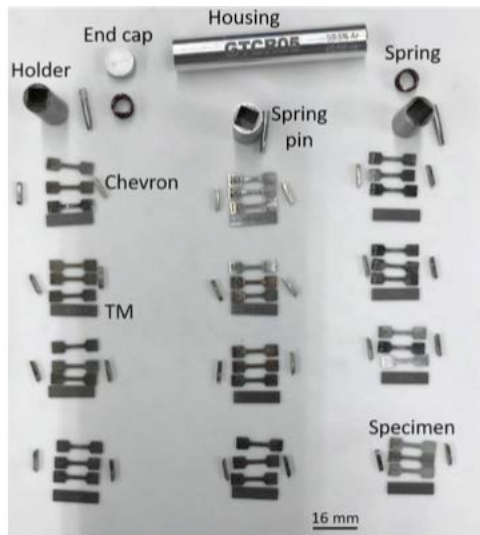
## Data Correlation

### Mechanical properties      Creep properties

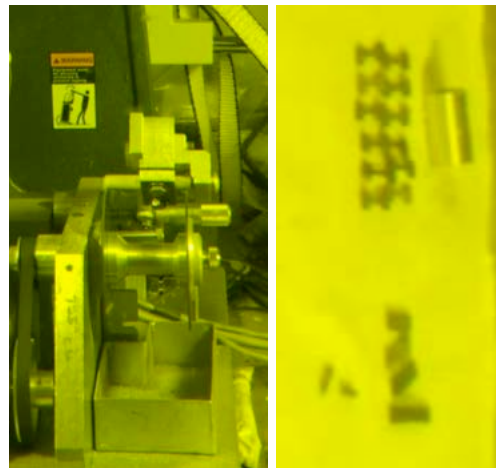
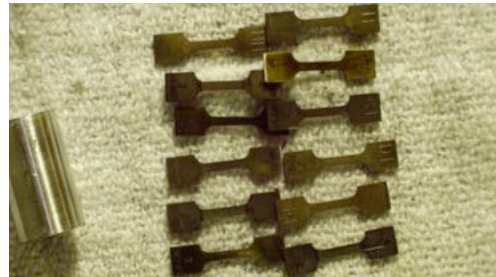


# Extensive neutron irradiation testing of additive and advanced manufactured materials was carried out to develop their irradiated properties database, facilitating their adoption

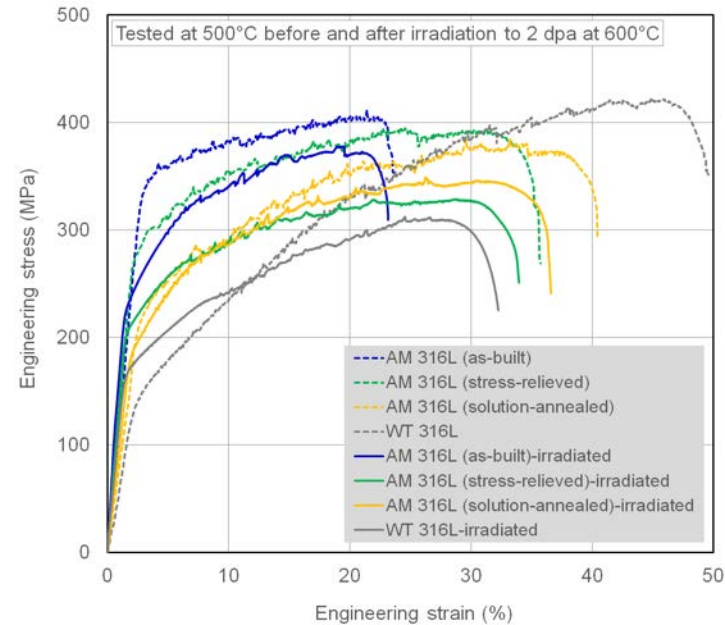
HFIR irradiation capsule



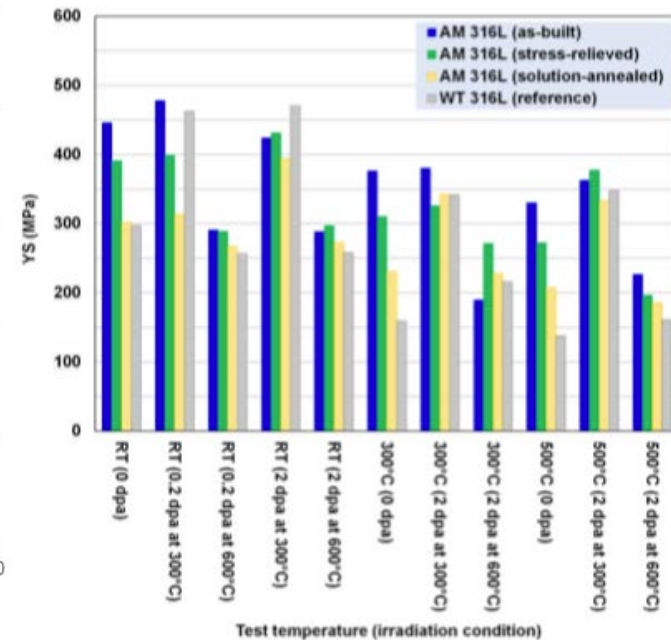
Hot-cell disassembly



In-cell mechanical testing of 3D printed 316L stainless steel

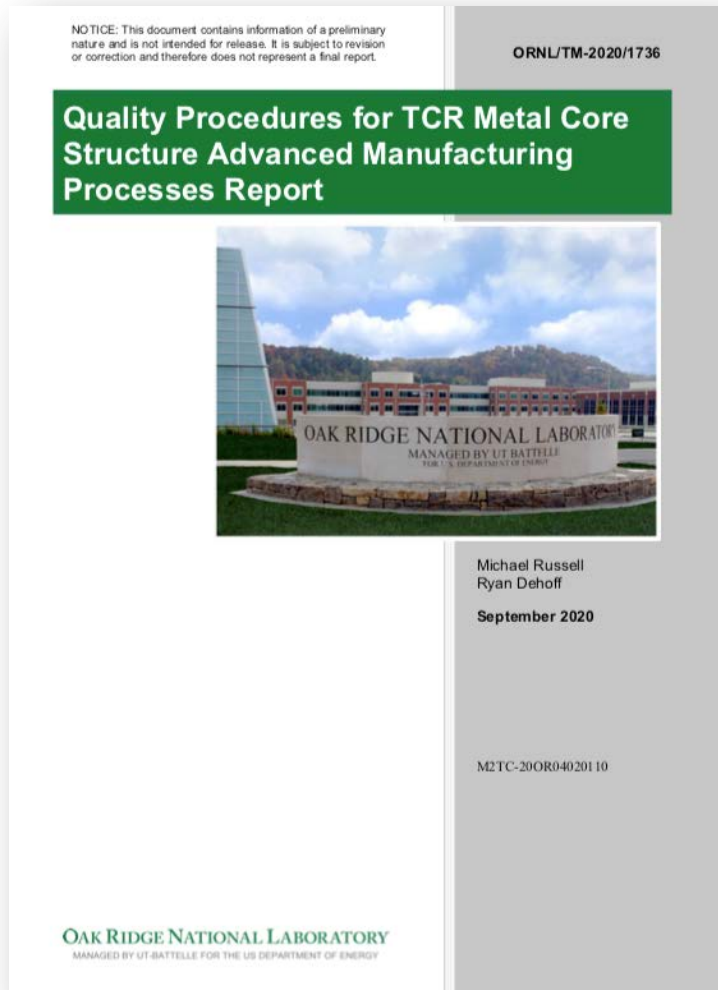


Irradiation hardening of 3D printed 316L stainless steel





# Key outcomes are documented to coordinate and guide industrial application and deployment of additive technologies for nuclear energy



Application of Digital Platform for Certification of Additively Manufactured Components  
(in coordination with NRC)

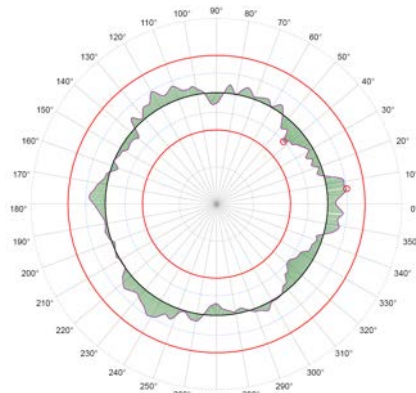
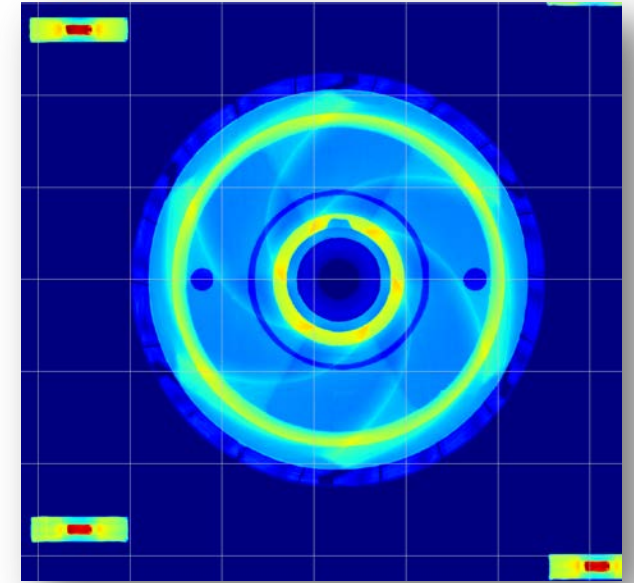
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# Additive manufacturing of salt pump impeller for Kairos Power

As ORNL builds novel reactor, nuclear industry benefits from technology



At the Department of Energy Manufacturing Demonstration Facility at ORNL, this part for a scaled-down prototype of a reactor was produced for industry partner Kairos Power. Credit: Kairos Power



Kairos Environmental Testing





# Additive manufacturing of framatome fuel assembly components for Tennessee Valley Authority



## Reconstruction of in situ manufacturing data

