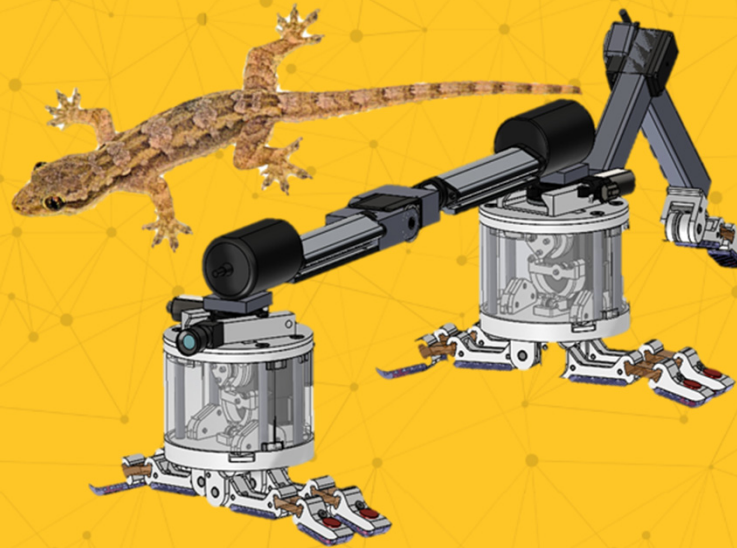


Bio-Inspired Acoustic-Based Inspection and Sensing

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R&D PROJECT REVIEW
MEETING

Outline

1. Lizard-inspired Tube Inspector (LTI) robot

- Sensing
- Robotics

2. Broader Impacts

Direct

- Publications
- Tech transfer
- Workforce development

Indirect

- Professional development
- NSF CAREER (Bio-inspired Acoustic Sensing)
- QCAM Consortium

A Lizard-inspired Tube Inspector (LTI) Robot (FE0031649)

Problem statement

Heat exchanger



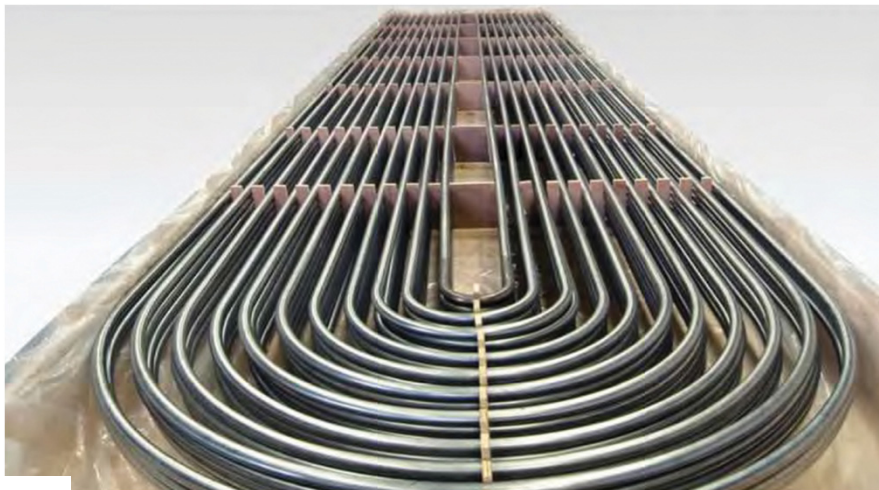
Heat recovery steam generator (HRSG)



Thinning



Pitting corrosion



Boiler

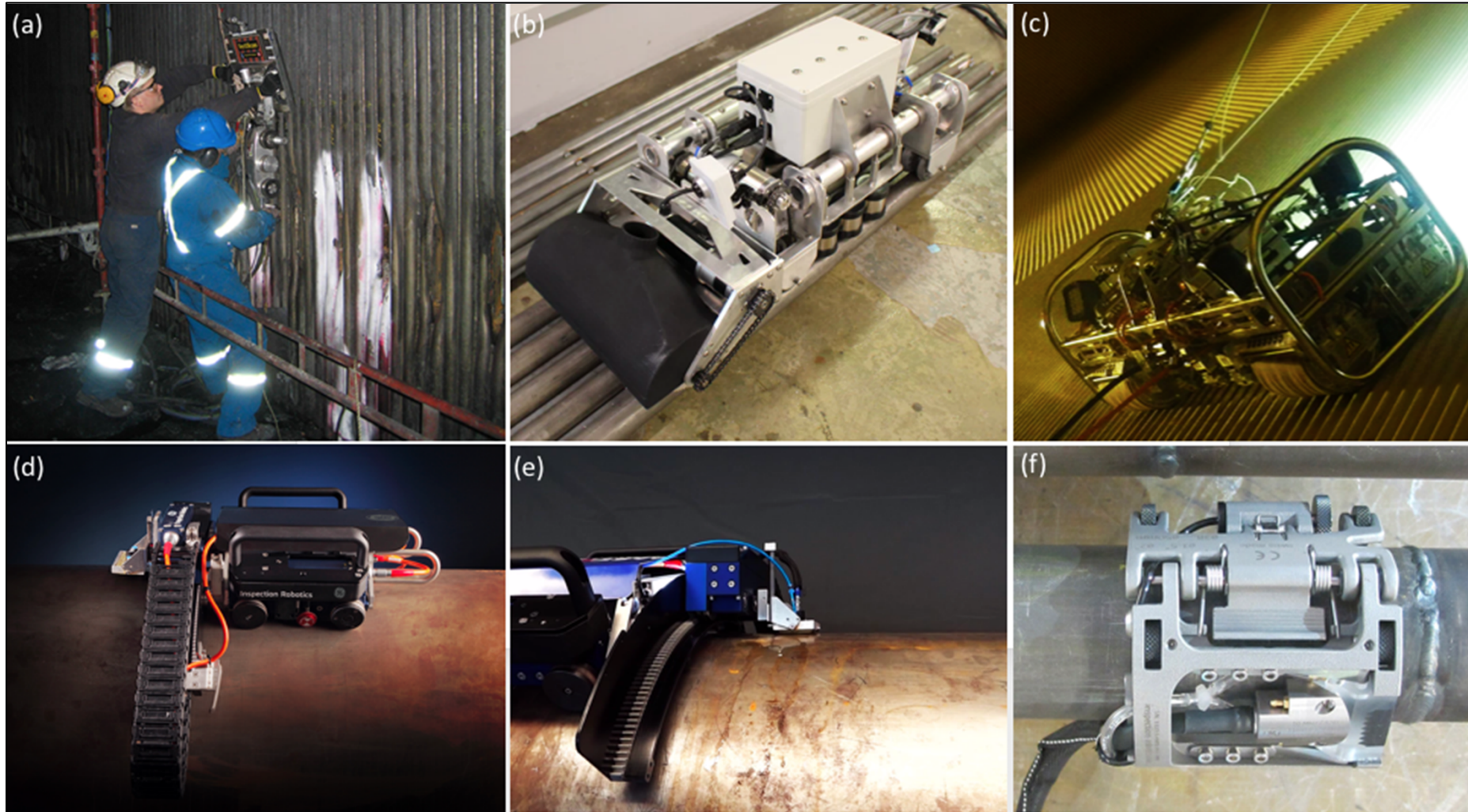


Deposit corrosion



Stress corrosion cracking

Problem statement



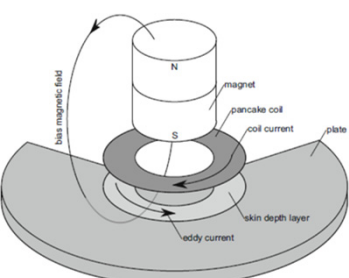
Tube inspection robots. (a) Vertiscan system, (b) ICM climbing robot, (c) boiler wall cleaning and inspection robot, (d) inspection robotics system, (e) FAST UT system, and (f) PALM scanner.

A Lizard-inspired Tube Inspector (LTI) Robot

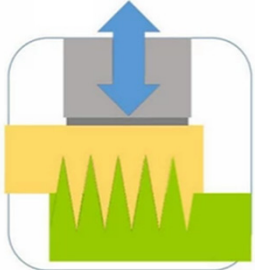


Sensing system

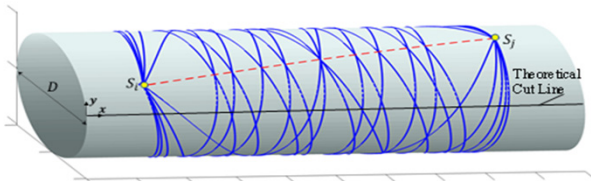
Objective 1 Couplant-free ultrasound generation



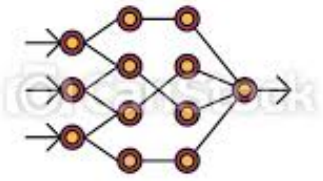
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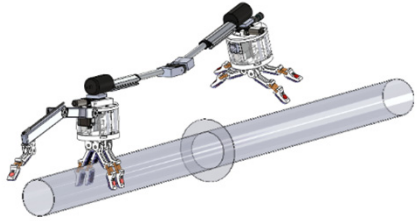
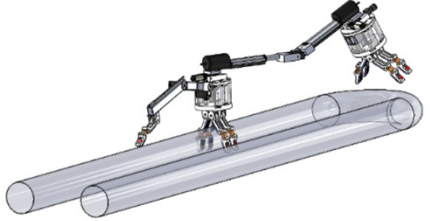
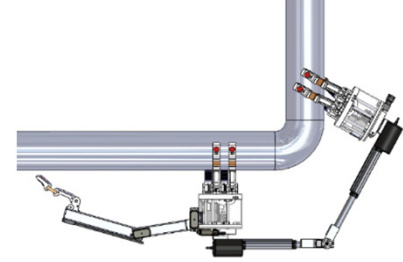
Friction-based ultrasound



Deep learning-based detection

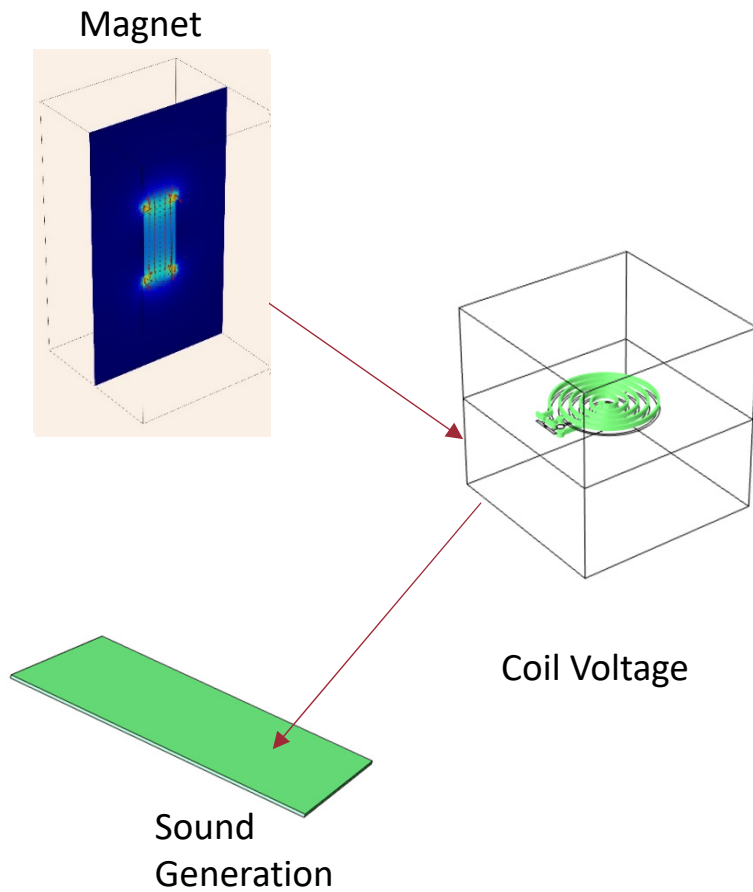


Objective 2 Friction-based mobility

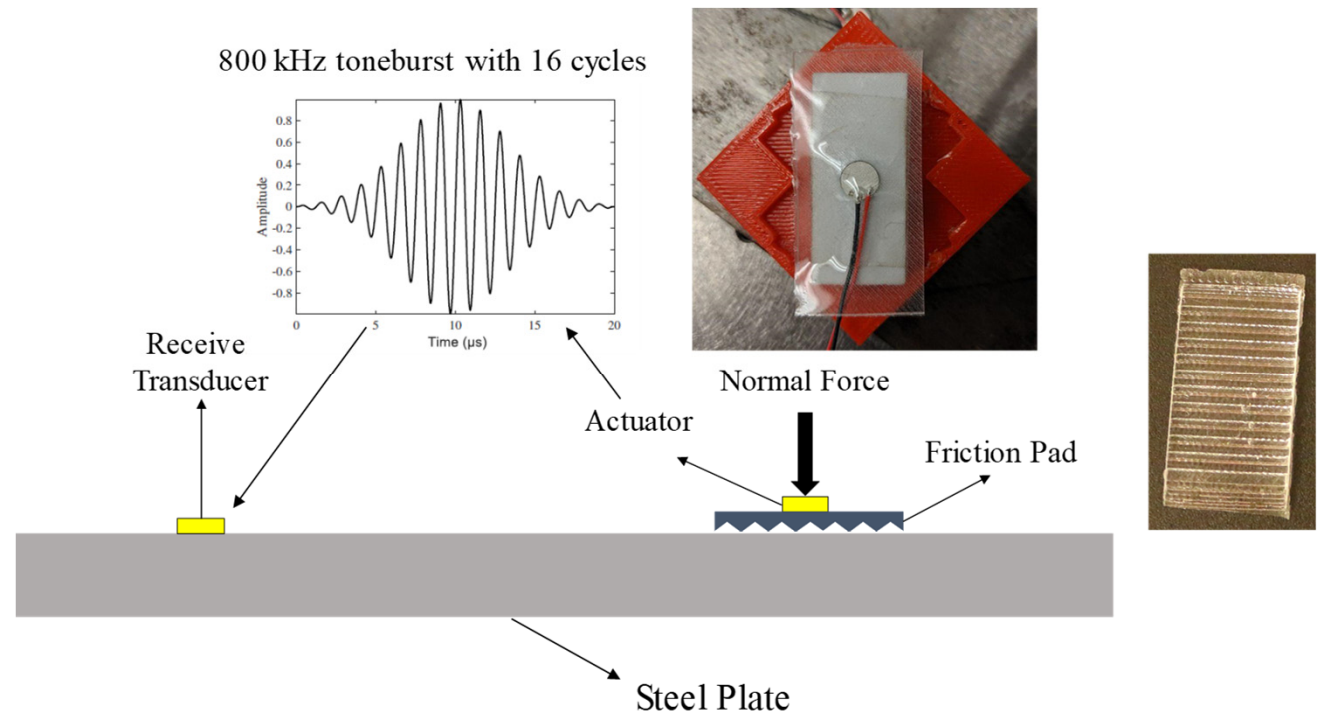


Couplant-free ultrasound transmission

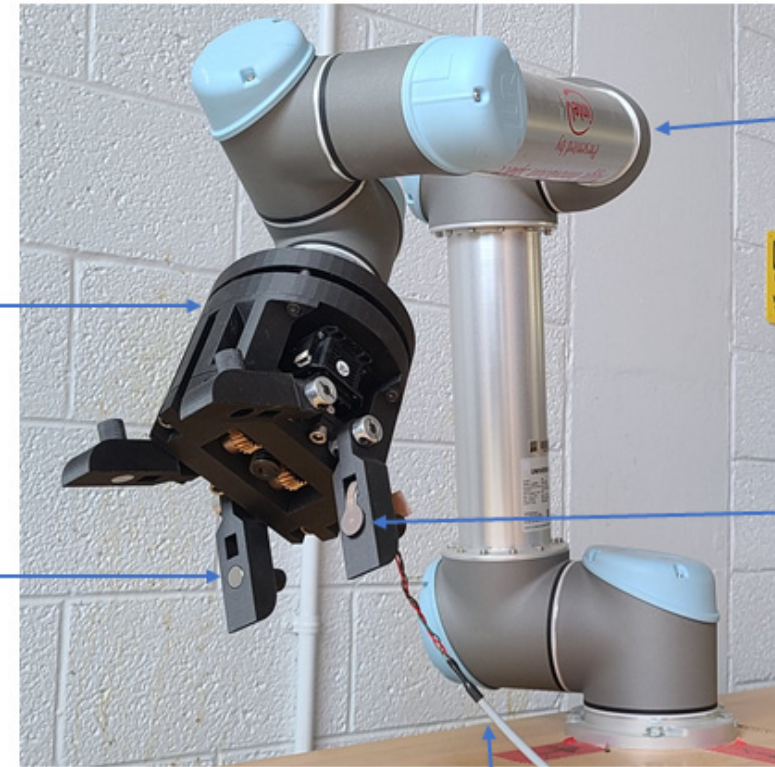
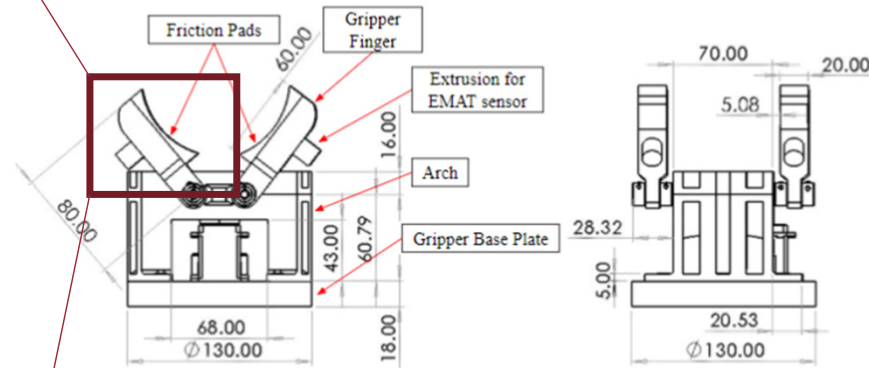
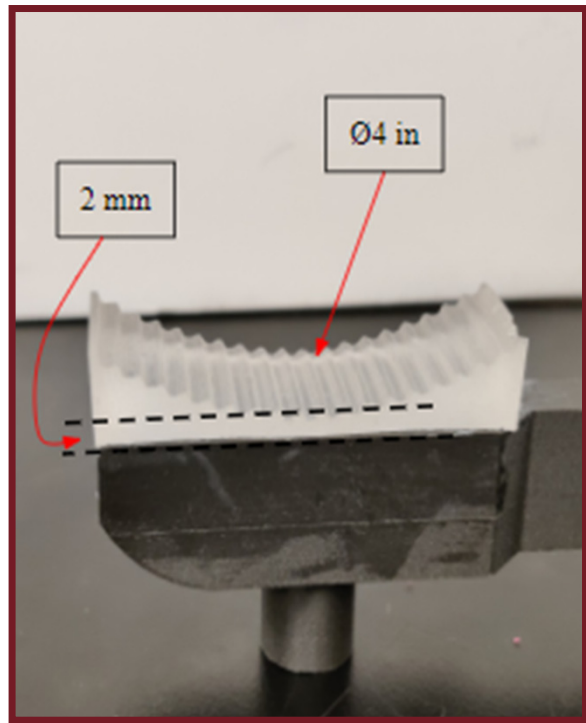
Electromagnetic acoustic transducer (EMAT)



Friction-based dry couplant transducer



Integrating EMATs into modular gripper

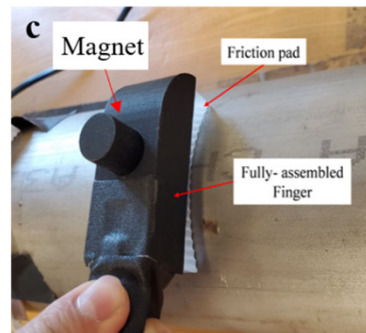
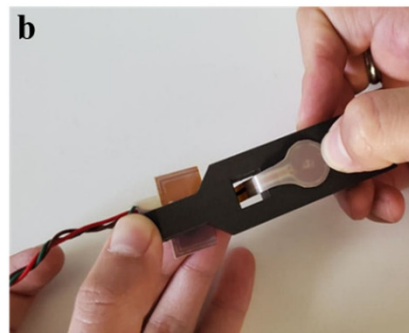
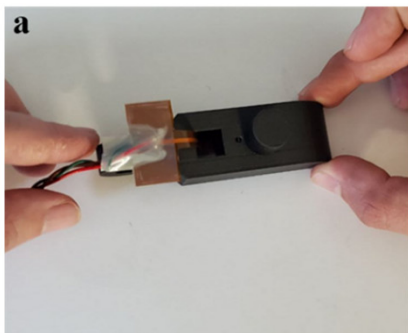


UR5 Robot

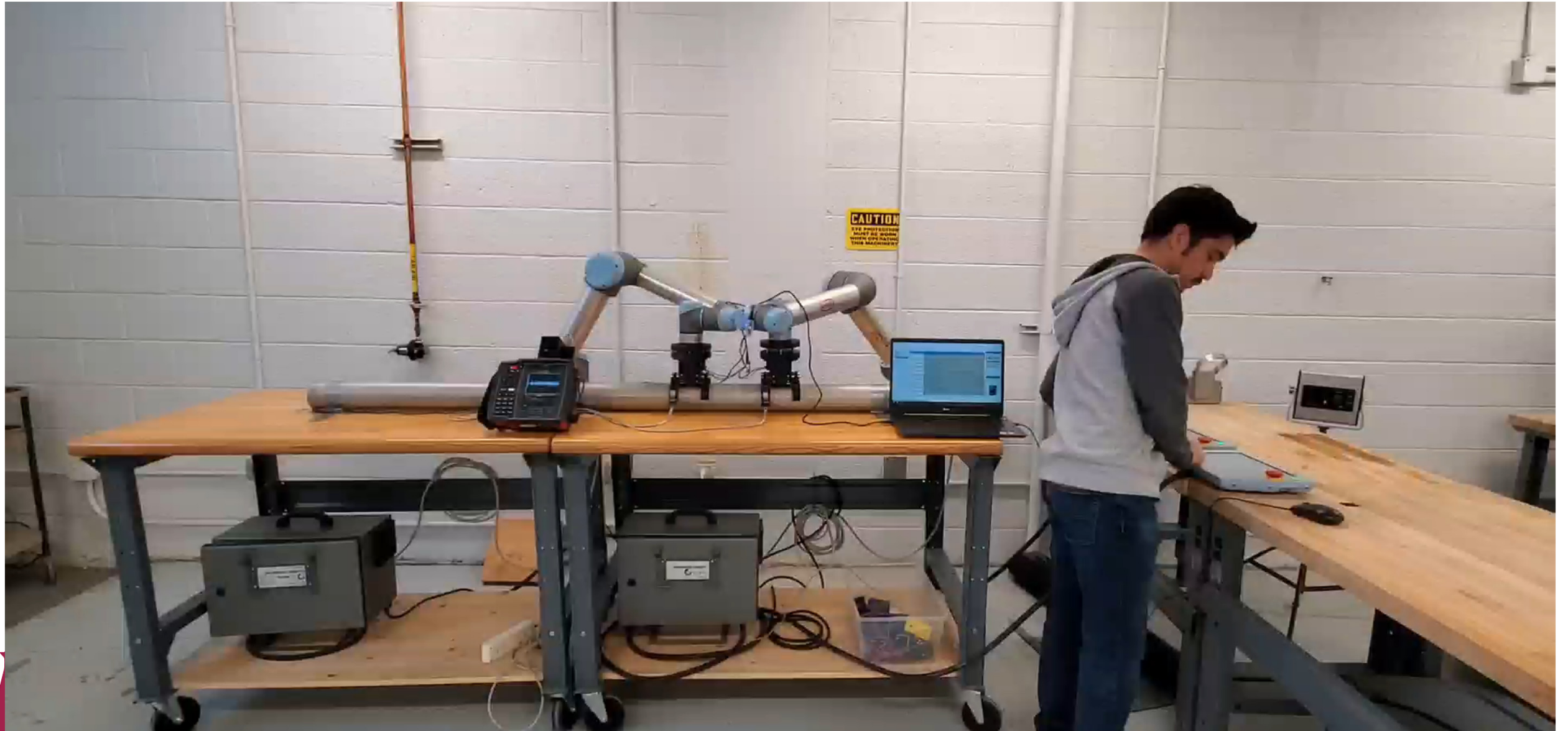
EMAT coil

EMAT Magnet

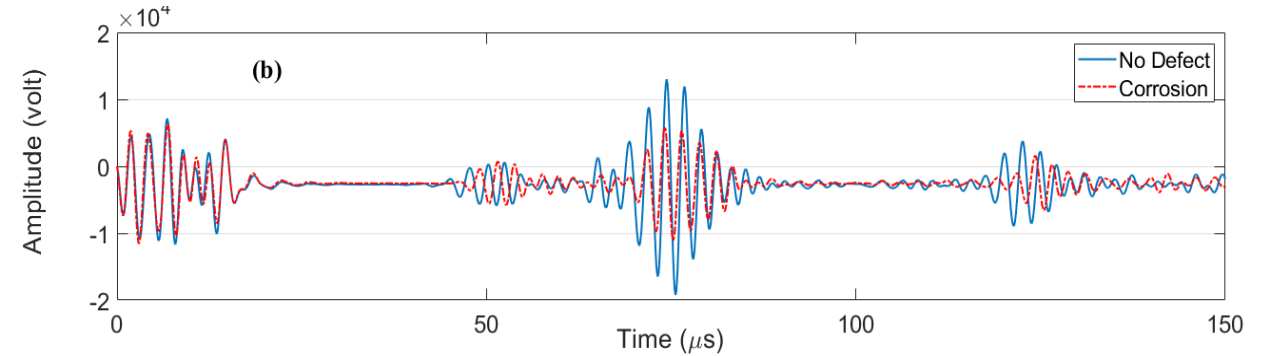
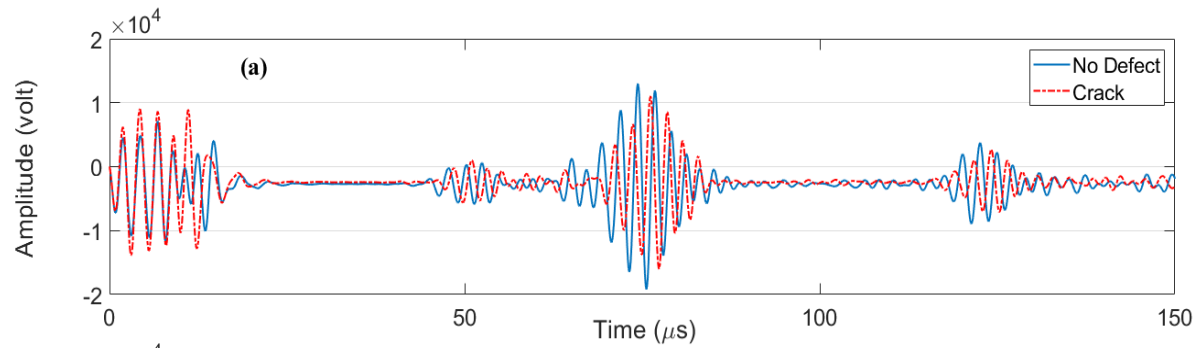
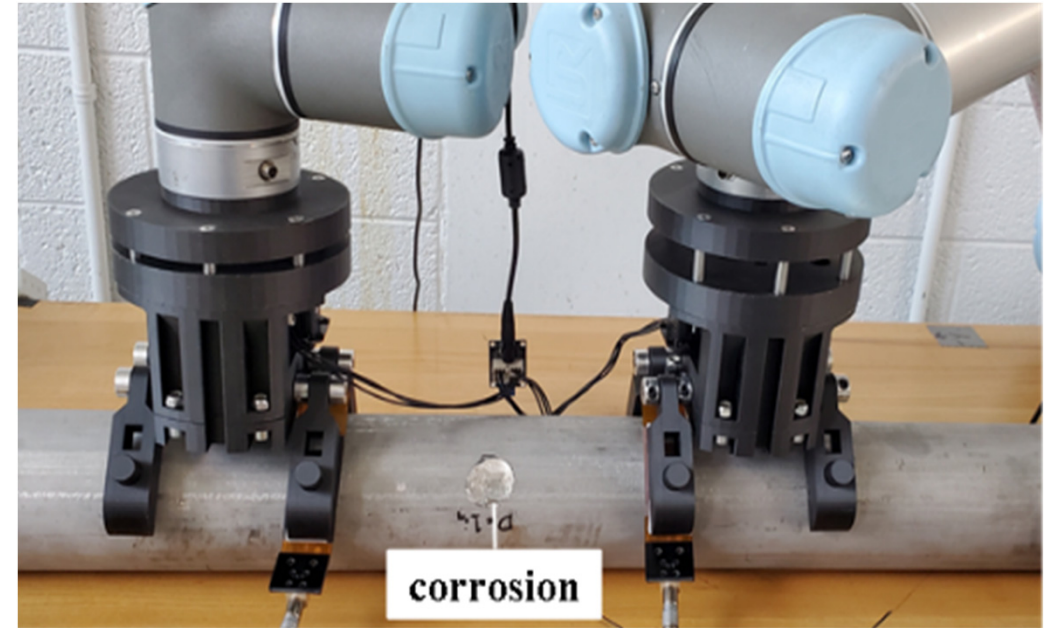
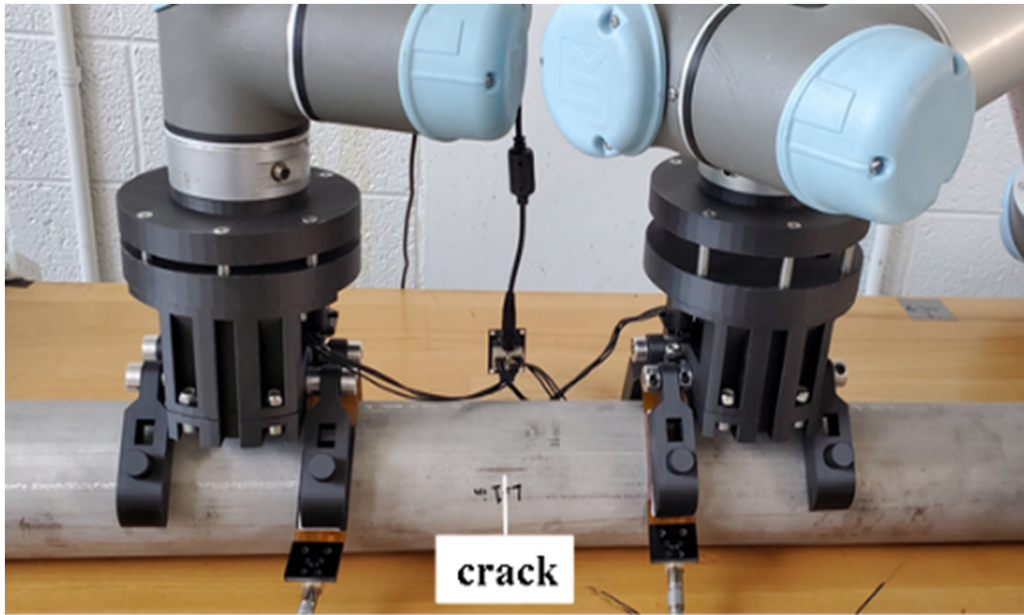
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Integrating EMATs into modular gripper



Crack and corrosion detection

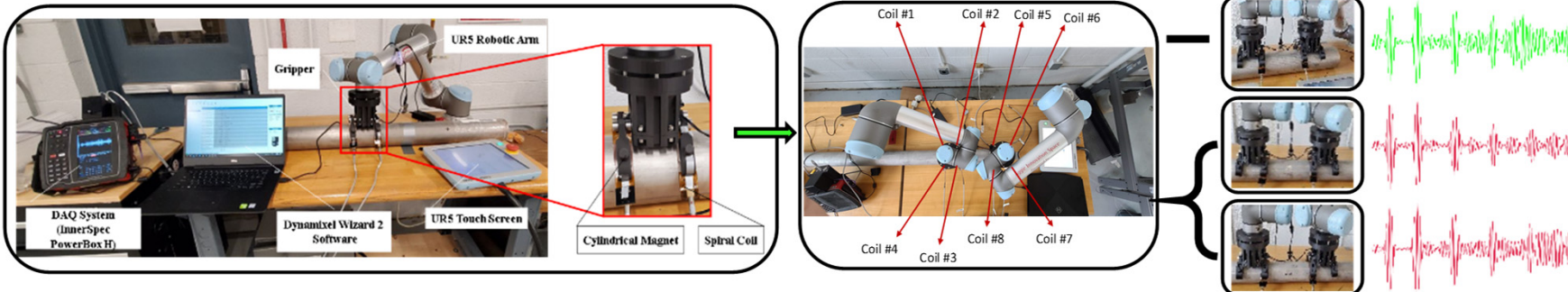


AI enabled defect detection

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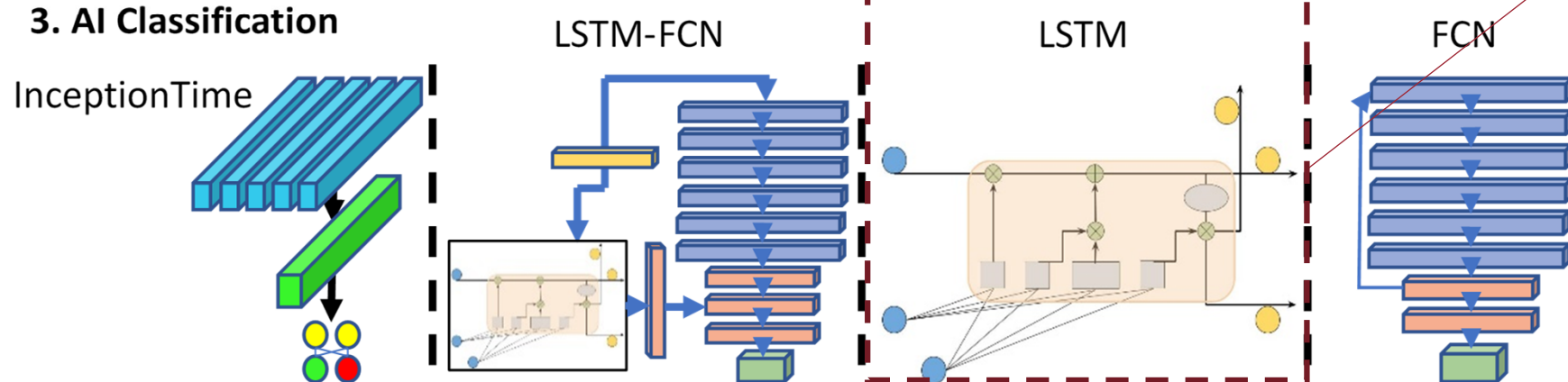


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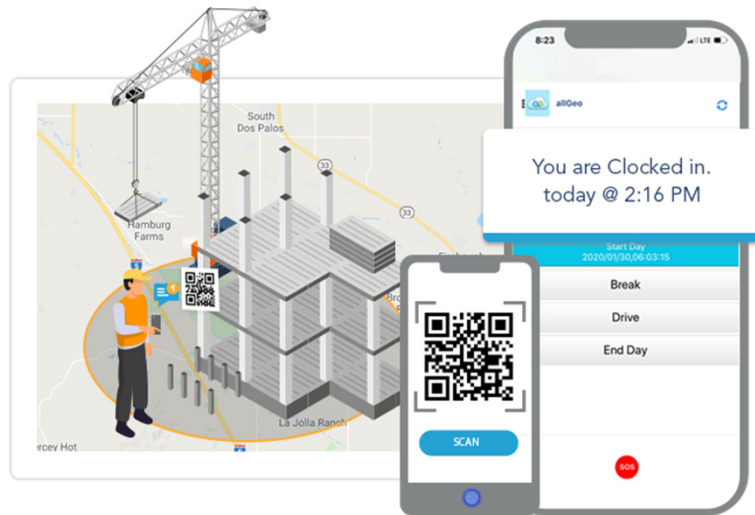


Long-short term memory (LSTM)
Over **80%** detection accuracy

3. AI Classification



Navigation and visual inspection



Position 1



(x_1, y_1, z_1)

Position 2



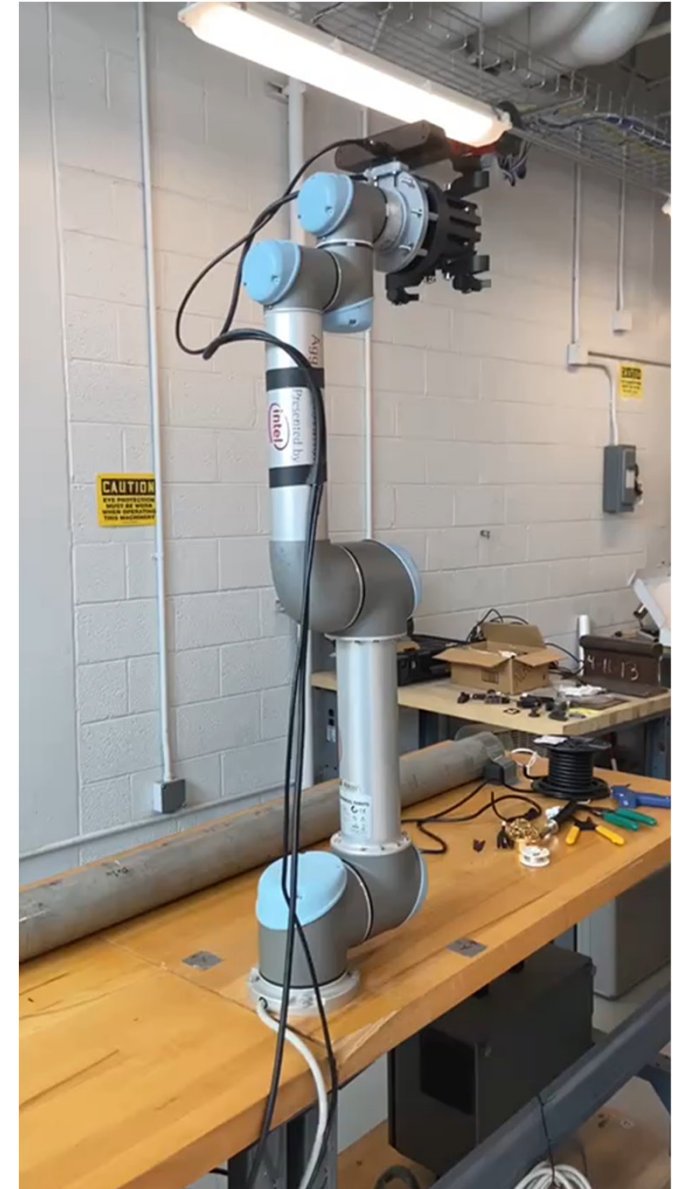
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Position n



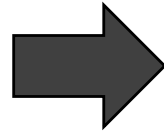
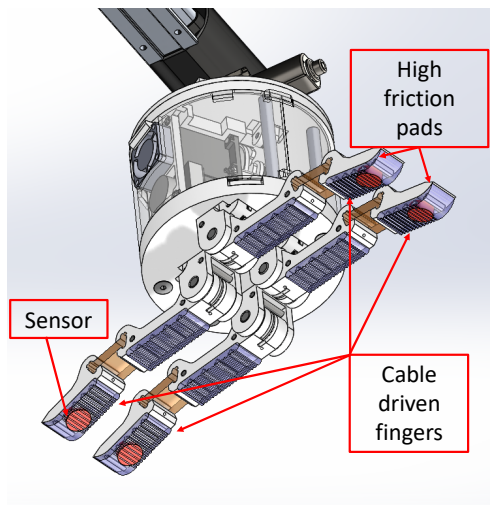
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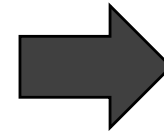
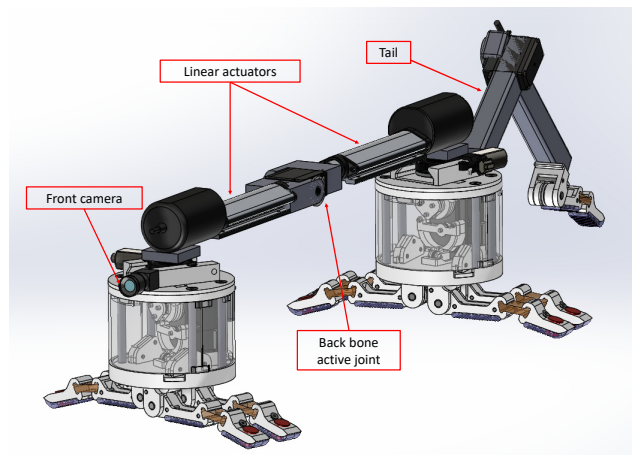
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LTI robot

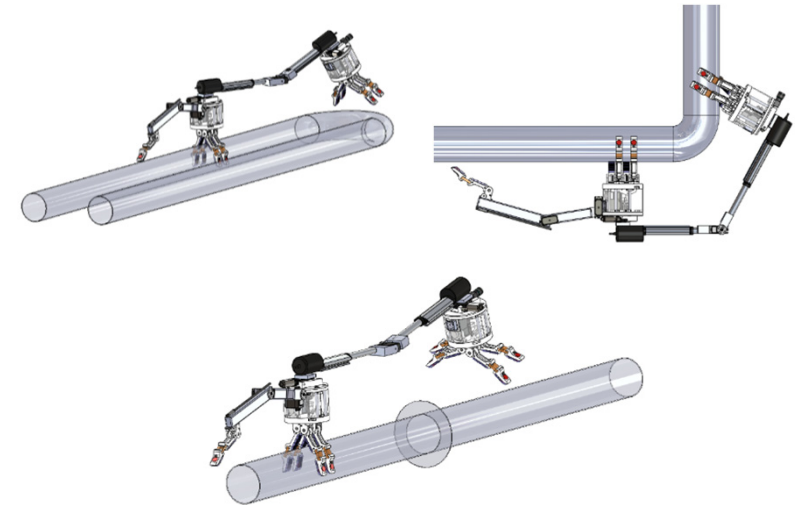
Multifunctional Gripper



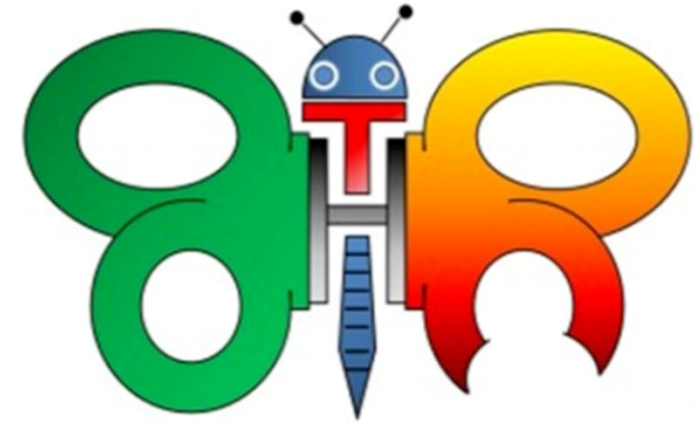
Main Body



Experimentation



Lizard Inspired Tube Inspection Robot



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Bio-Inspired Robotics,
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Direct impact

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Tech transfer/comercialization

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ASU SkySong

Several inspection service companies have contacted the inventors to pursue licensing



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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ROBOTIC SENSING, REPAIR AND INSPECTION**

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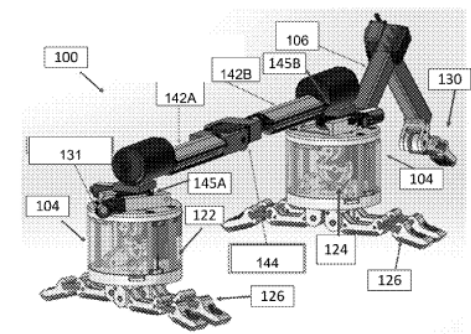
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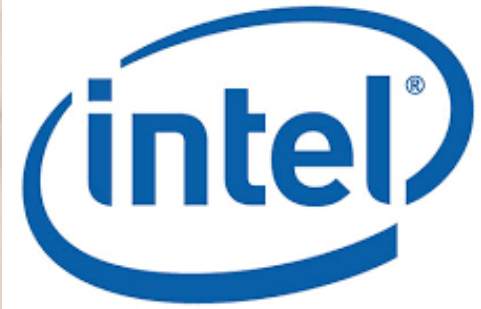
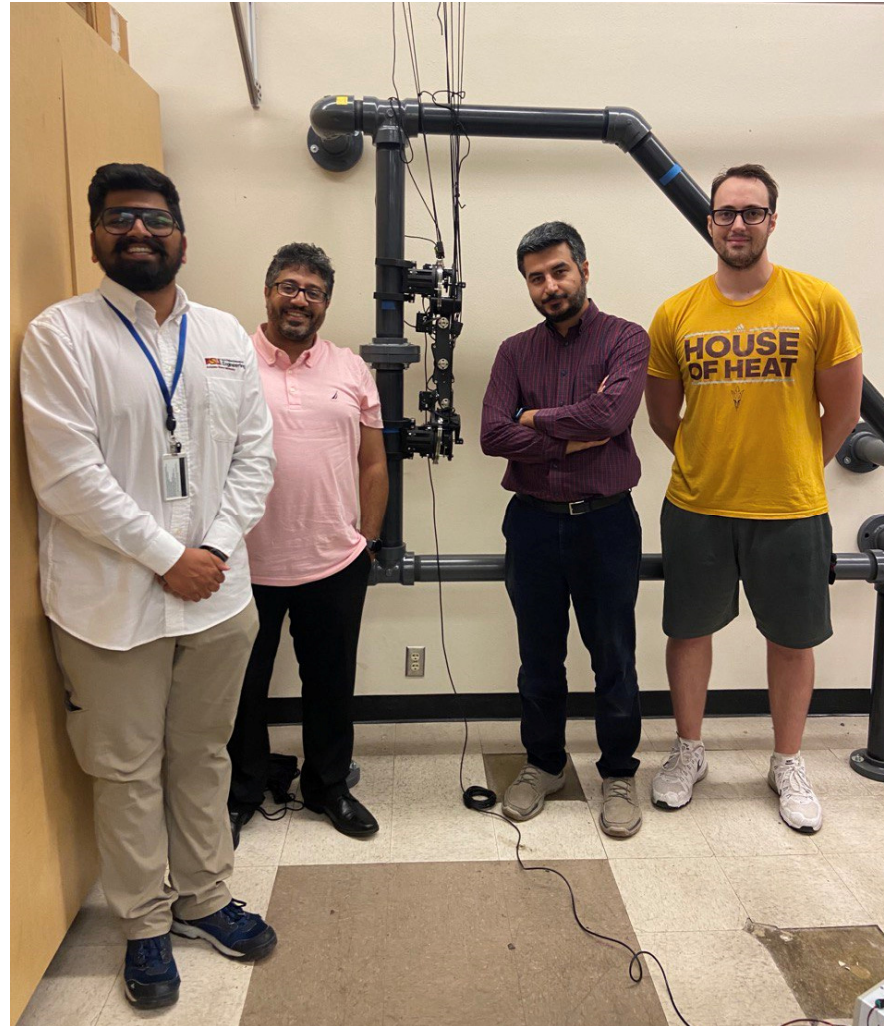
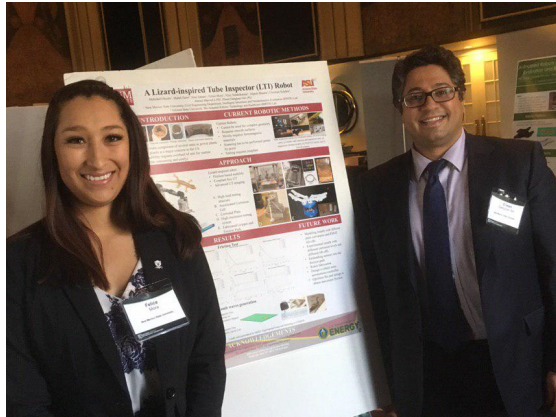
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(57) **ABSTRACT**
Various embodiments of a bio-inspired robot operable for detecting crack and corrosion defects in tubular structures are disclosed herein.

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Future workforce

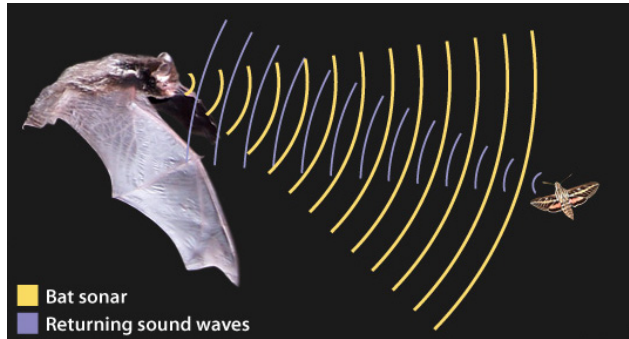


5 undergraduate students, 4 master students, 3 Ph.D. students, and 1 postdoctoral scholar

Indirect impact

Early career professional development

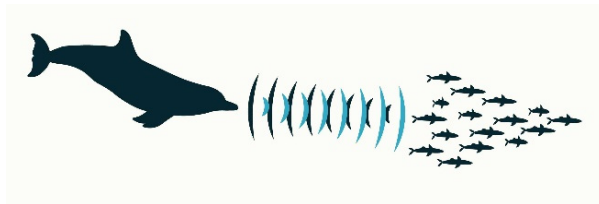
Bat (in air)



Aye Aye (in solids)



Dolphin (in water)



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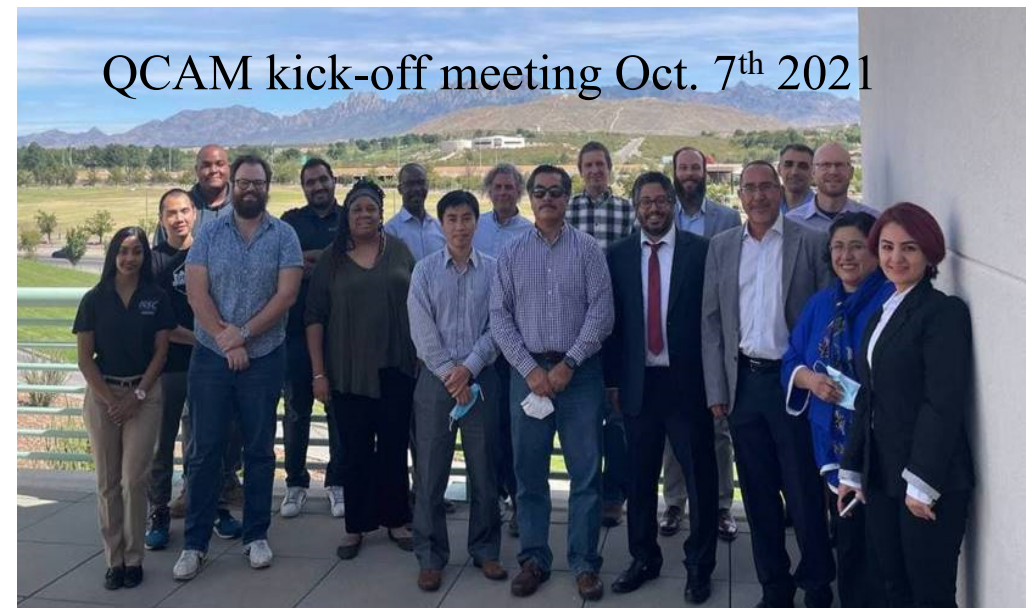


Early career professional development

Consortium enabling In- and Ex-Situ-Quality Control of Additive Manufacturing (QCAM)



QCAM kick-off meeting Oct. 7th 2021



Graduate Studies → Industrial Experience → **Early Career (Ongoing)** → Next 5 years → Long-term Vision

Ultrasound Lamb waves for NDE and SHM of Infrastructures

Built-in Sensor Network Aircrafts



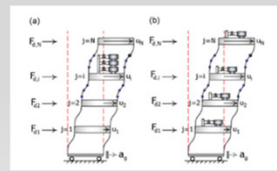
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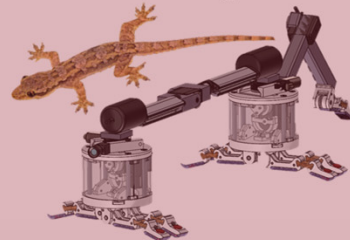
11 Patents

Smart Structures and Manufacturing

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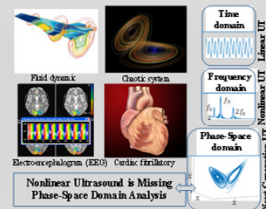
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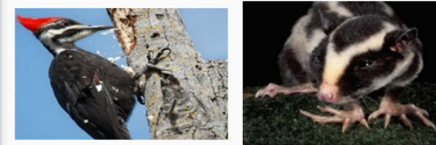


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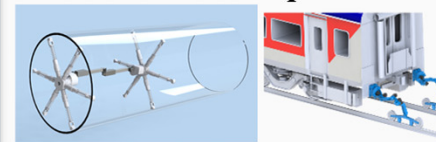


Establishing ISNDE
10 Journal Publications
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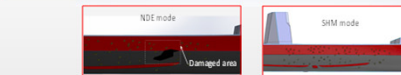
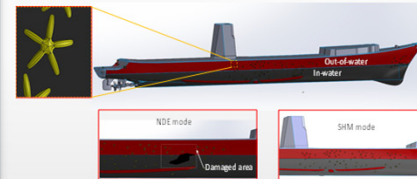
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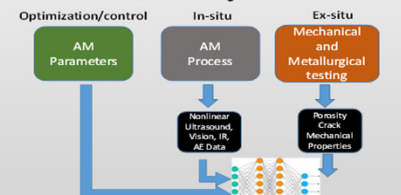
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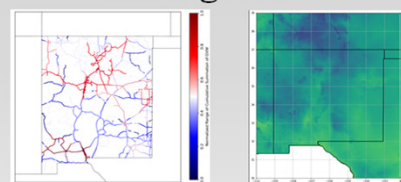
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Data-driven asset management



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Integrated Robotic and Sensing



Infrastructures Monitoring



Additive Manufacturing QC



NDE in Food and Agricultural Industries
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Workforce Development

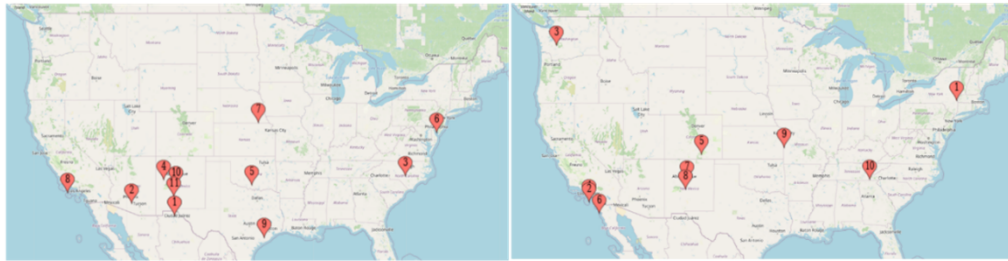
Lessons learned and final remark

- Continue supporting and trusting junior faculty members (professional development)
- Being part of the team
- Reassessing your vision
- Pathway to higher TRL and commercialization

In many cases, the indirect impact of a project is much greater than its direct impact during the project's implementation phase. It's important for leaders and stakeholders to recognize and account for these indirect impacts when assessing the overall success of the project and its contribution to broader goals and objectives of a program.



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Research

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