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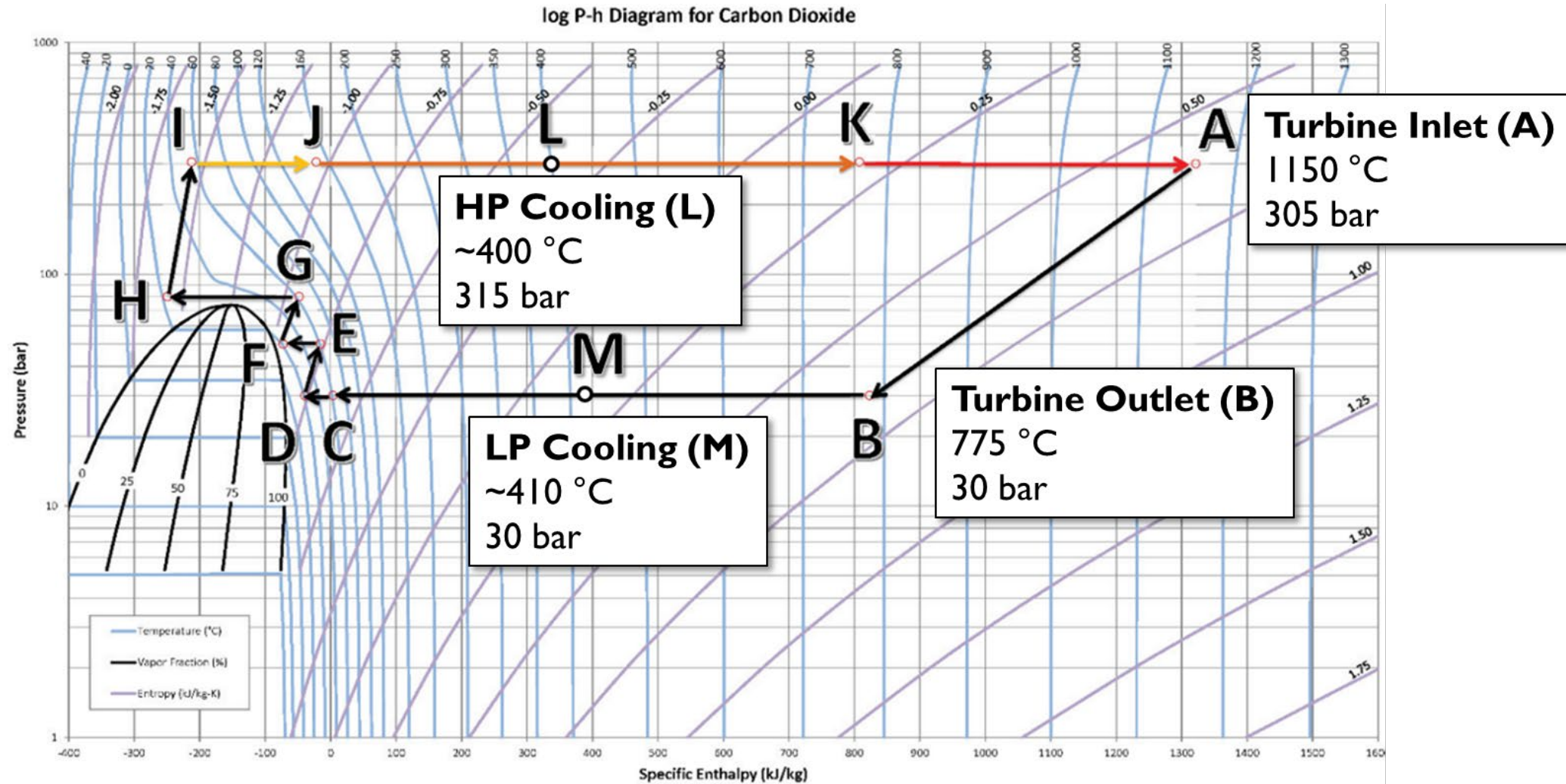
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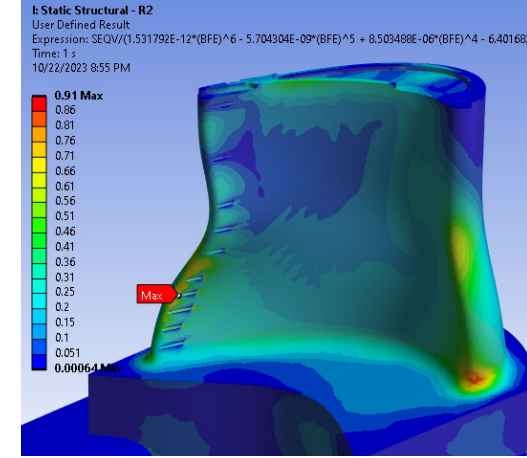
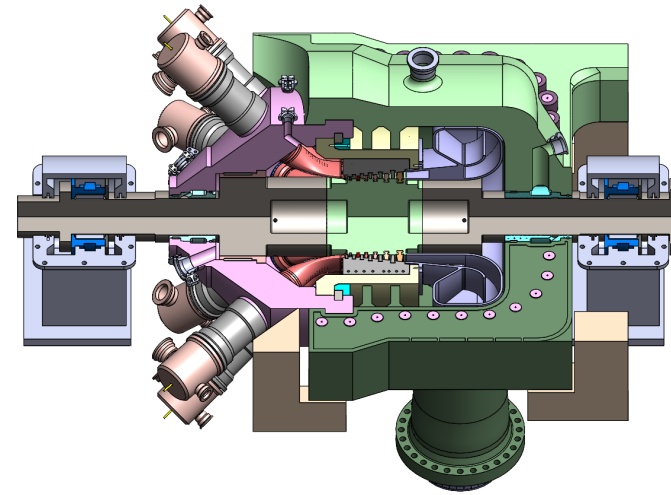
- Goal: Develop a detailed design for a sCO₂ direct fired oxy-fuel turbine for utility scale (300 MWe) utilizing a coal syngas fuel, with the ability to be co-fired with natural gas.
- Operation in an Allam-Fetdvedt cycle targets near zero emissions, while targeting 43% LHV system efficiency.
- The density and heat transfer properties of sCO₂ can take advantage of compact turbomachinery and high performing thermal management.

Turbine Conditions

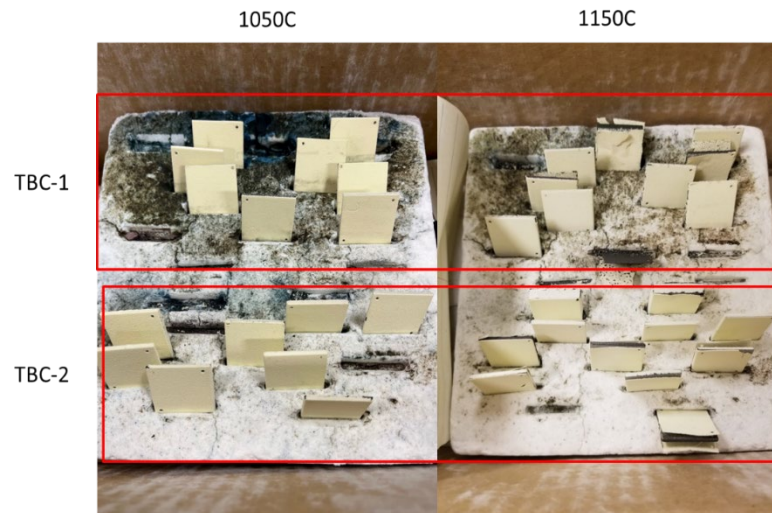


- How does this compare to steam and gas turbines?
 - Steam (AUSC): 330 bar, 670°C (Source: GE Steam Power)
 - Gas Turbine: 23 bar, 1430°C (Source: GE H-class)

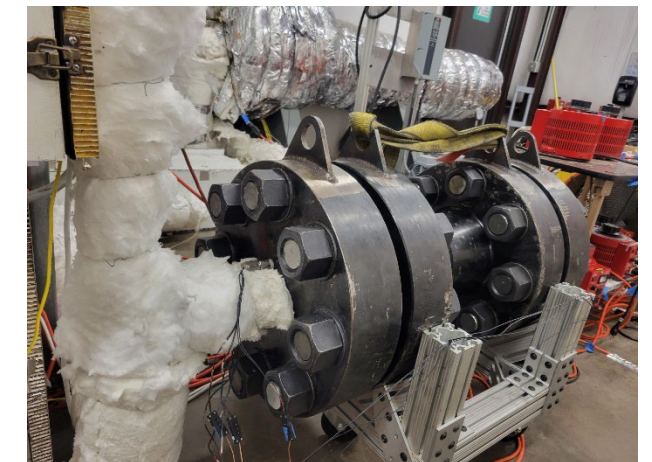
Project Components



Turbine Design



Materials Testing



Component Testing

Project Team



SwRI: PI, Heat transfer testing, materials testing, turbine design.



GE: Aerodynamic flowpath definition, design support.



Purdue: Turbine first stage optimization, blade cascade testing.



UCF: Pin fin, impingement heat transfer testing.



8 Rivers: Thermodynamic cycle model.



EPRI: Technoeconomic study.

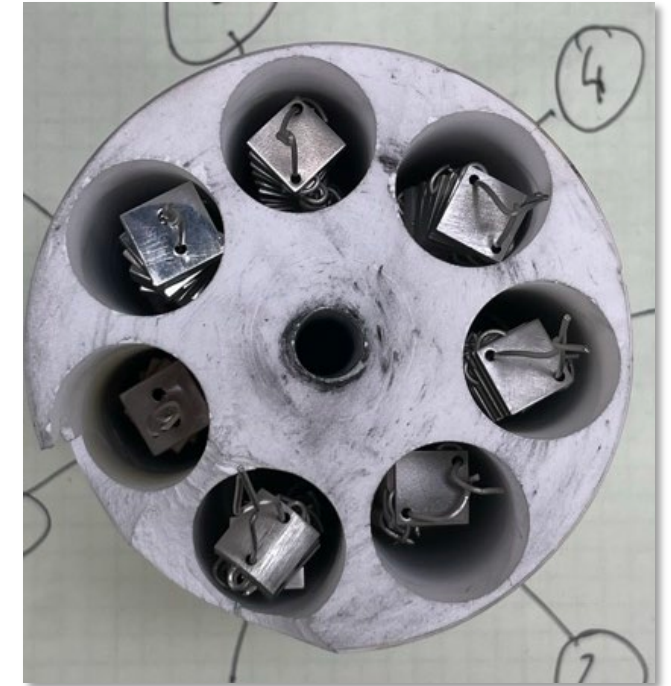
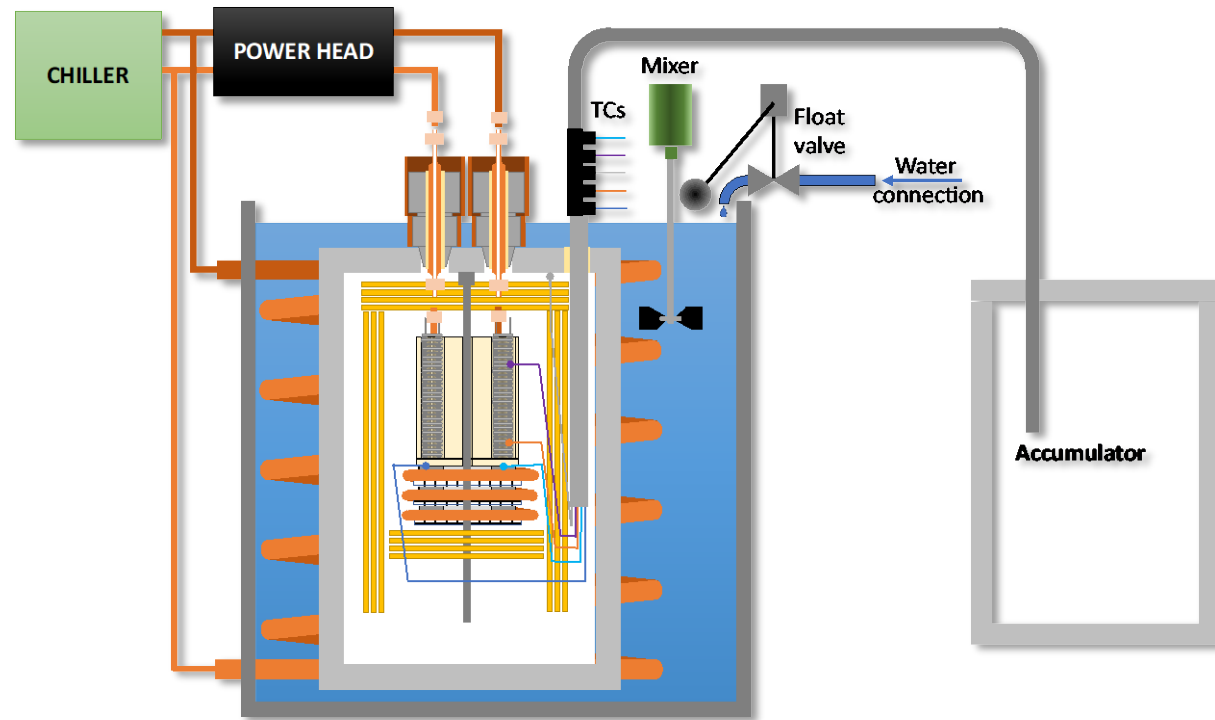


Air Liquide

Air Liquide: Oxy-combustor development.

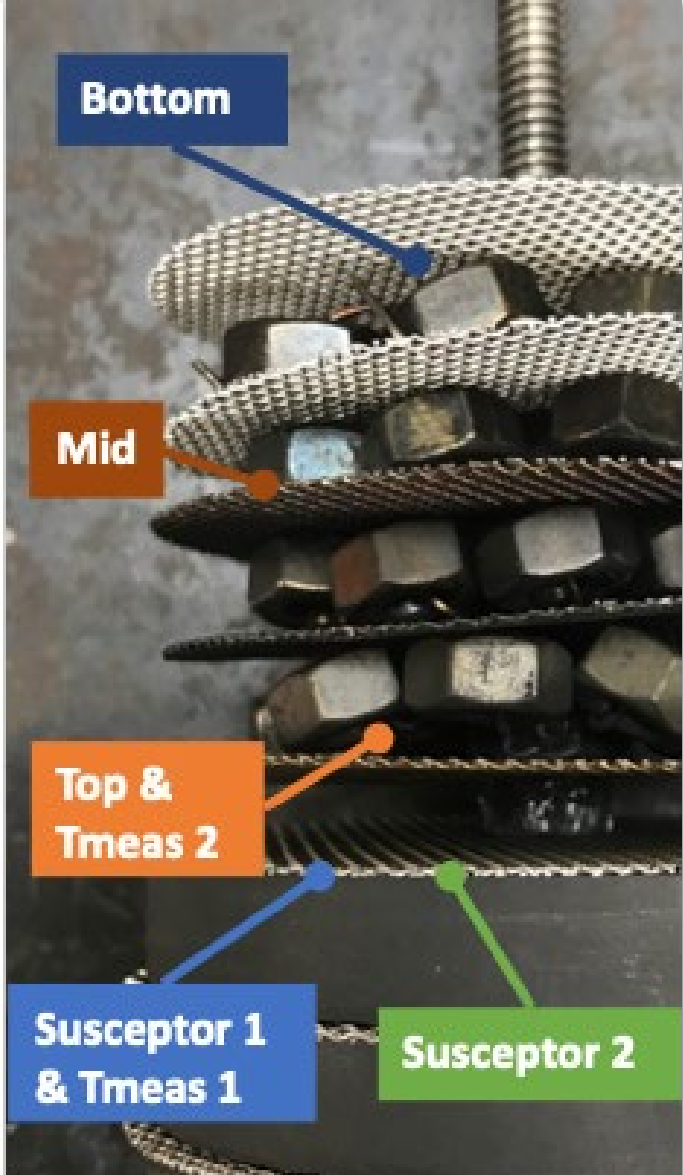
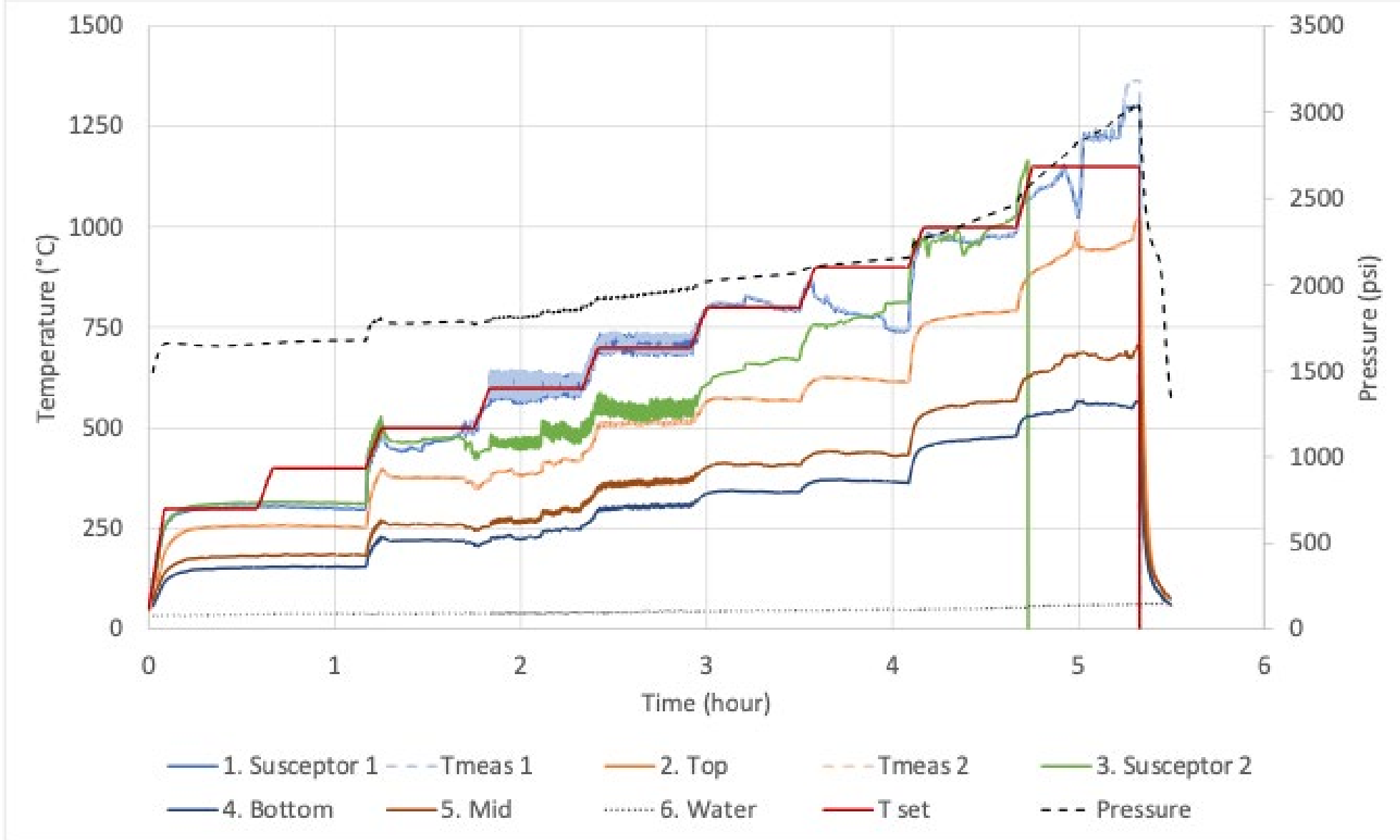
Materials Testing

Autoclave Material Testing

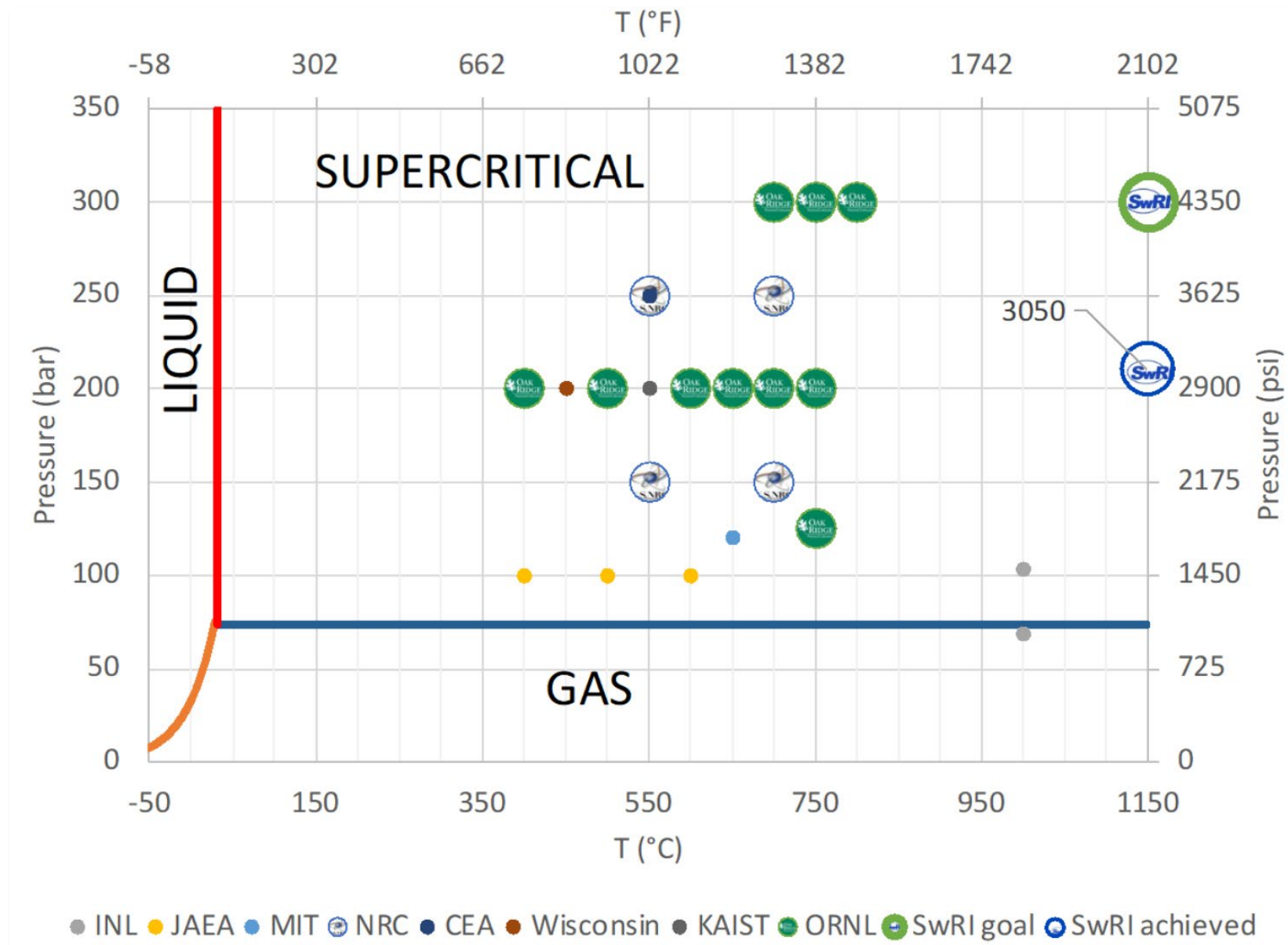


- Autoclave tests are for material and coatings exposure and oxidation characteristics observation at turbine inlet conditions.
- An induction heater with suscepter is used with TCs inserted to measure temperature throughout stack of material samples.

Autoclave Commissioning

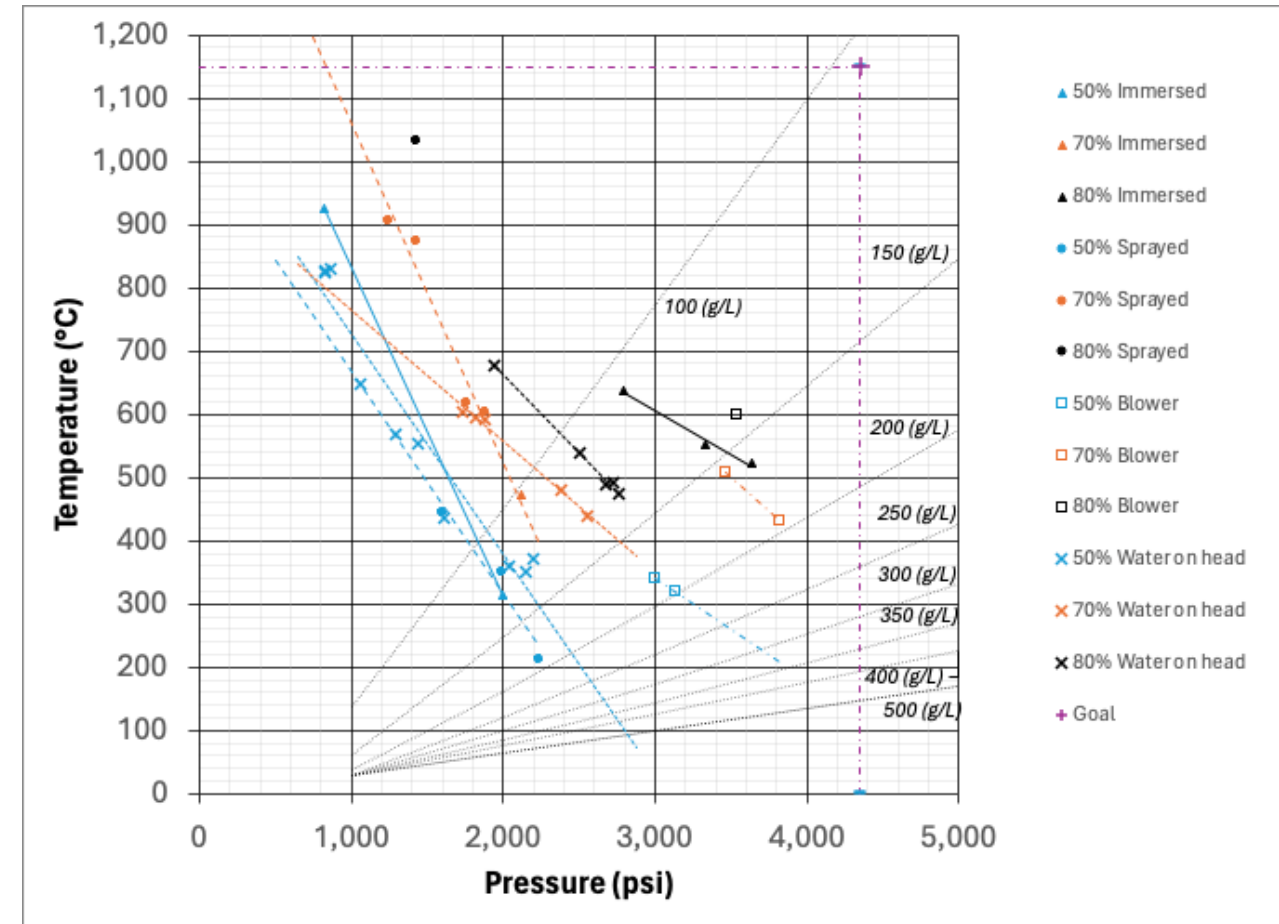
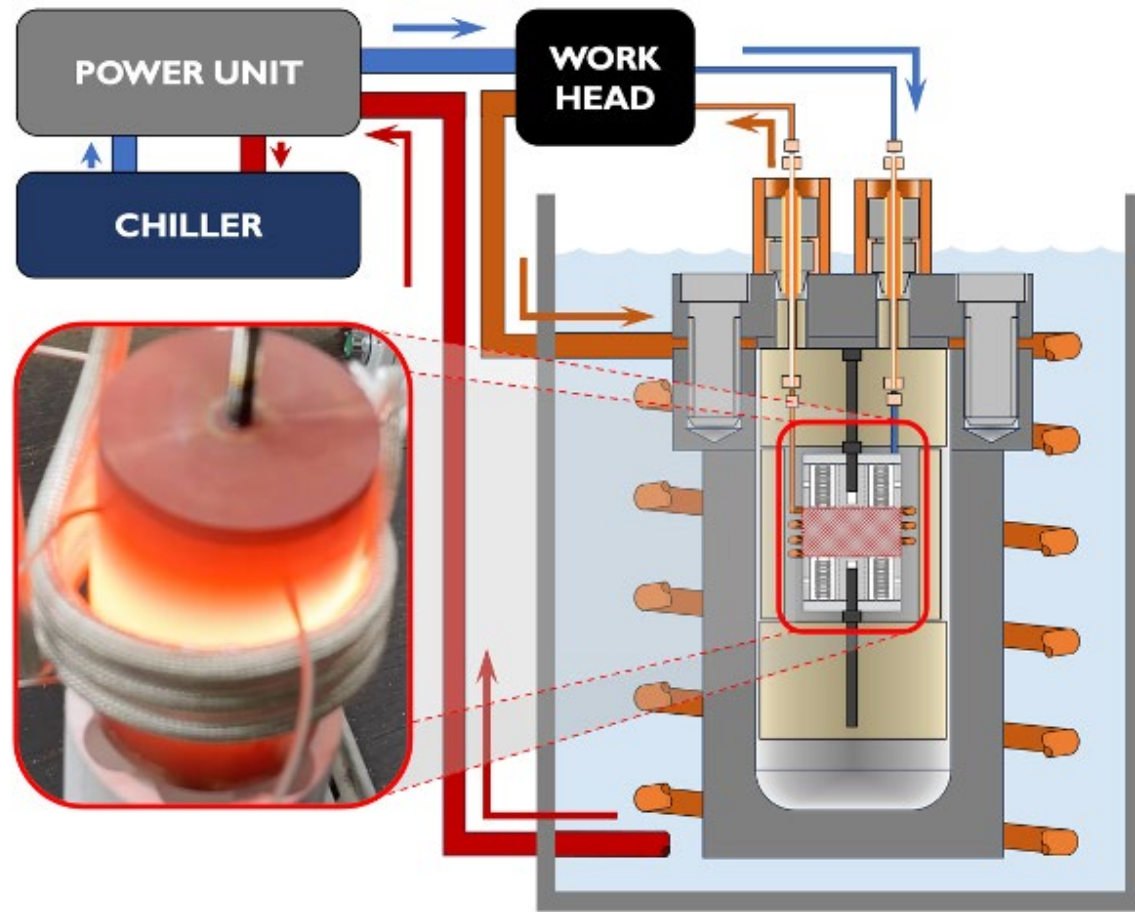


Autoclave Testing



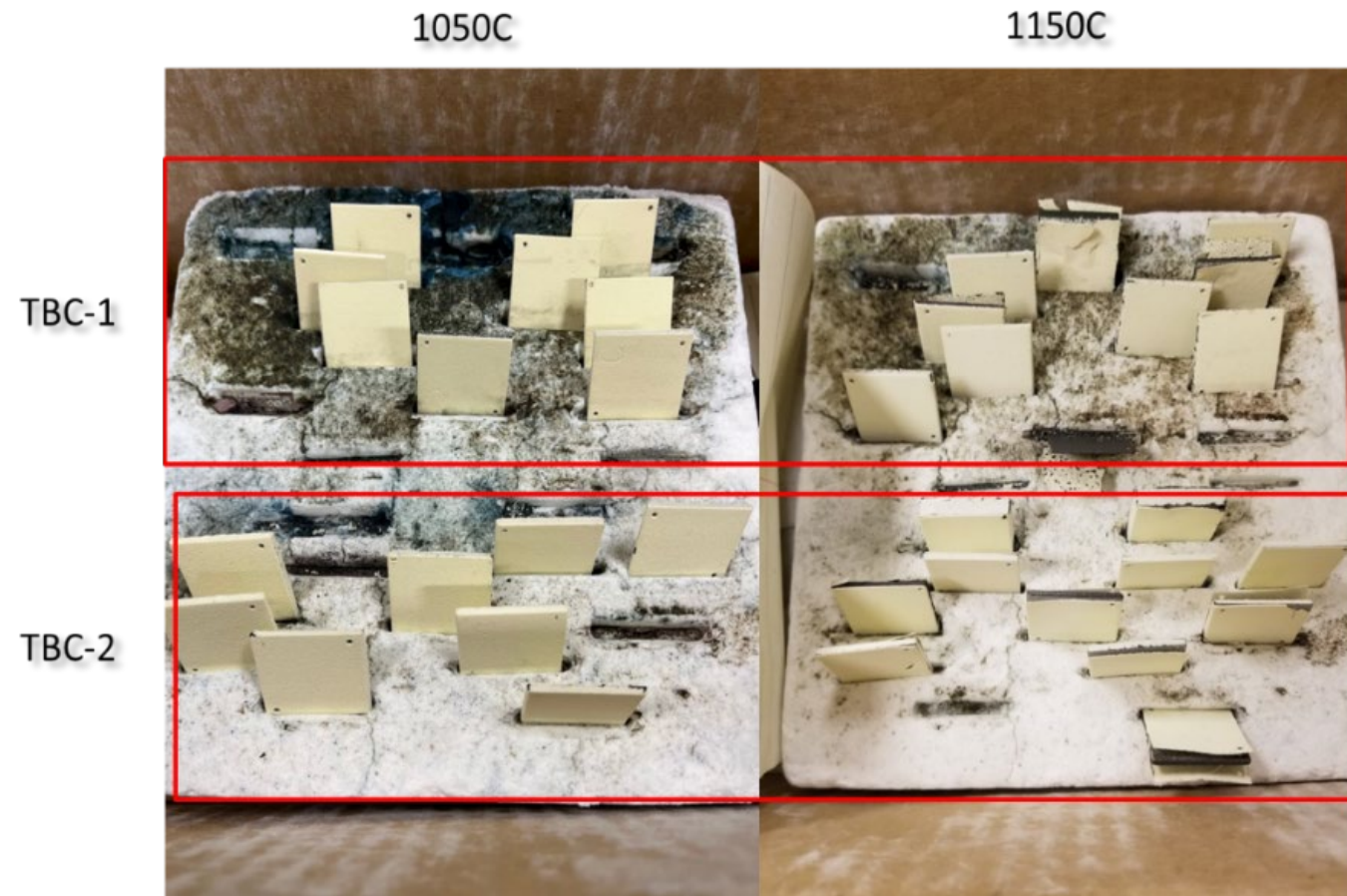
- While commissioning and testing over multiple days have been completing, ongoing efforts underway for long duration testing (1,000 – 5,000 hrs.)

Autoclave Test Setup Modifications

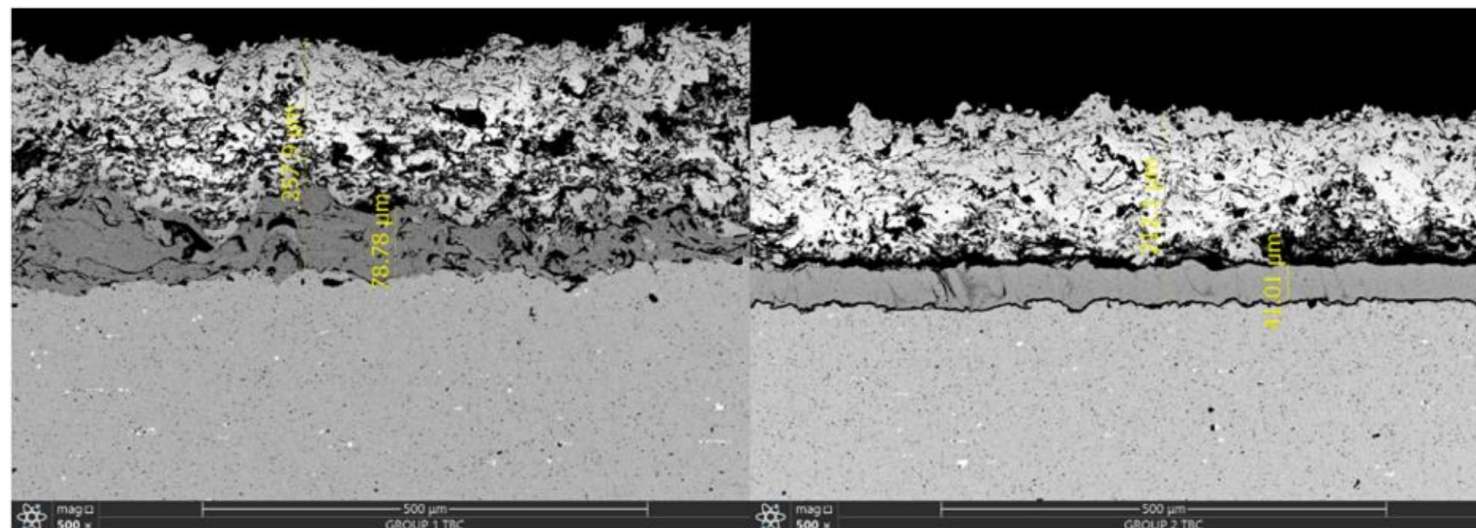


- Monolithic 310S specimen holder and suscepter.
- Improved reliability compared to graphite suscepter, decreased resistivity.

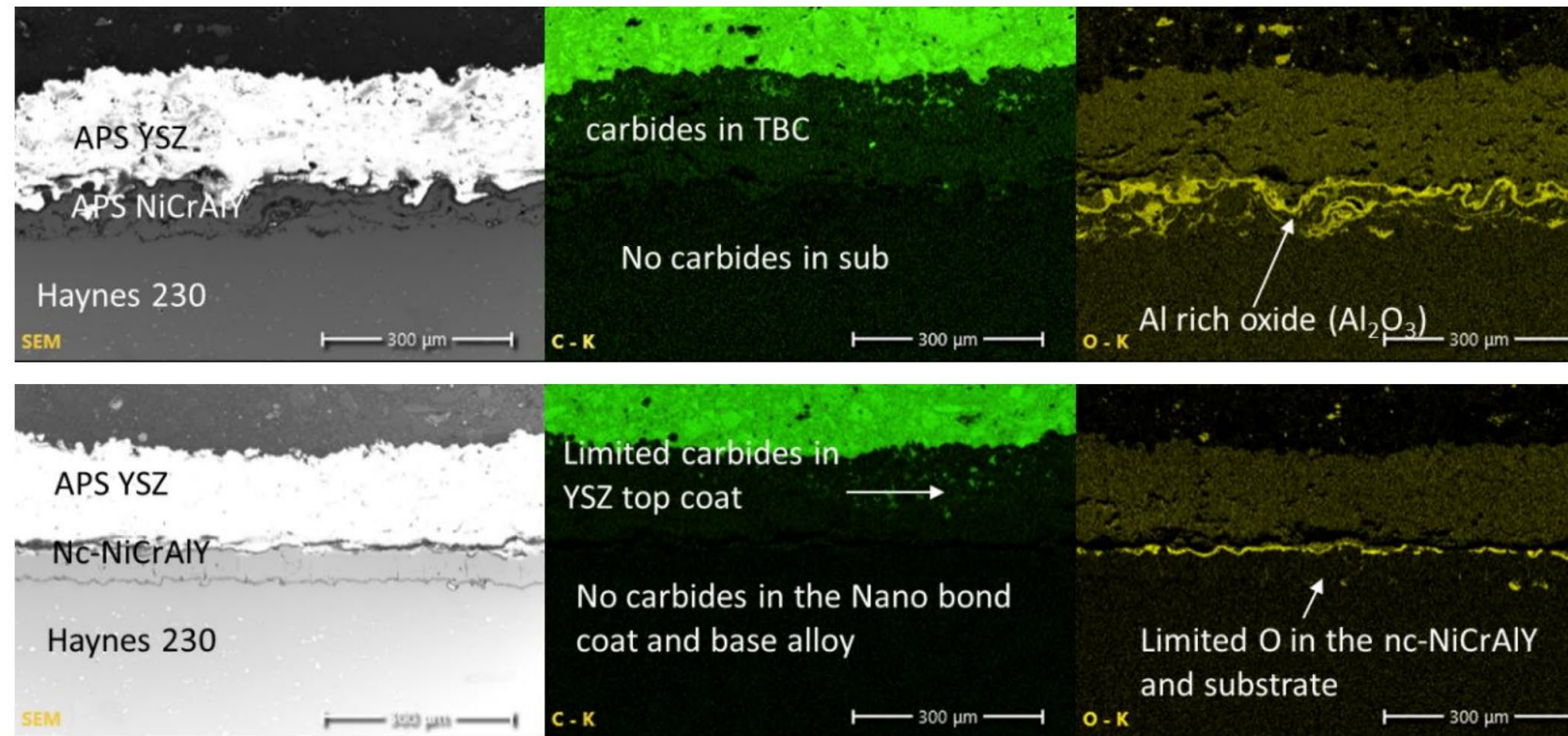
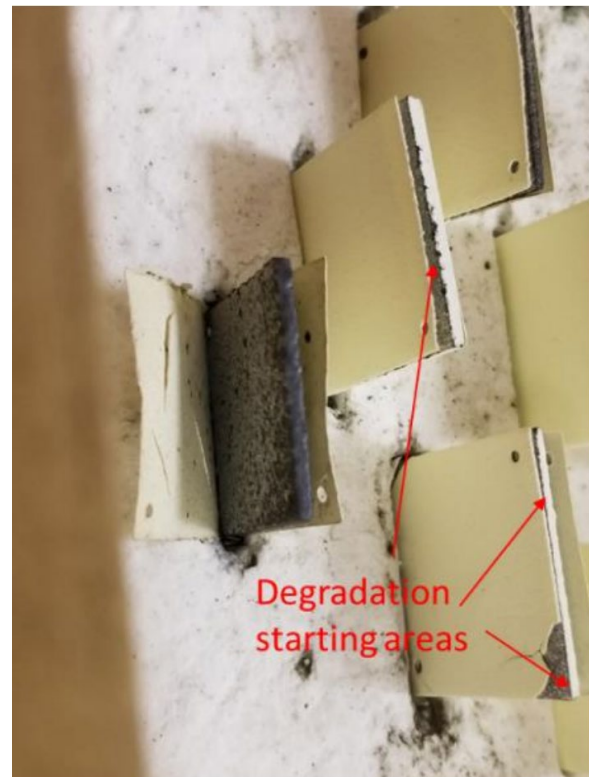
TBC Cyclic Testing



- 500 cycles
 - 50 min at (1050°C or 1150°C), ambient P
 - 10 min. forced air cooling.
- Two different coating methods on nickel alloy (Haynes 230 shown):
 - *Thermal spray* MCrAlY bond coat, *thermal spray* yttrium stabilized zirconia (YSZ) top coat.
 - *PEMS* MCrAlY bond coat, *thermal sprayed* (YSZ) top coat



TBC cyclic testing

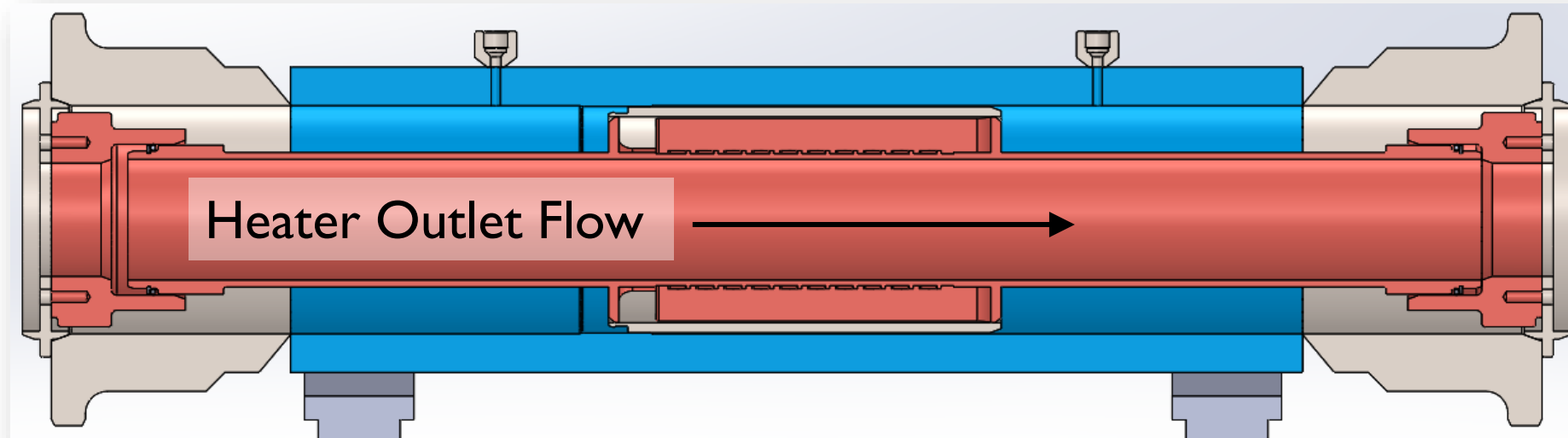


- Degradation seen on almost all samples for 1150°C cycling.
- PEMS bond coat witnessed significantly less carbon and oxygen attack than thermal sprayed bond coat.

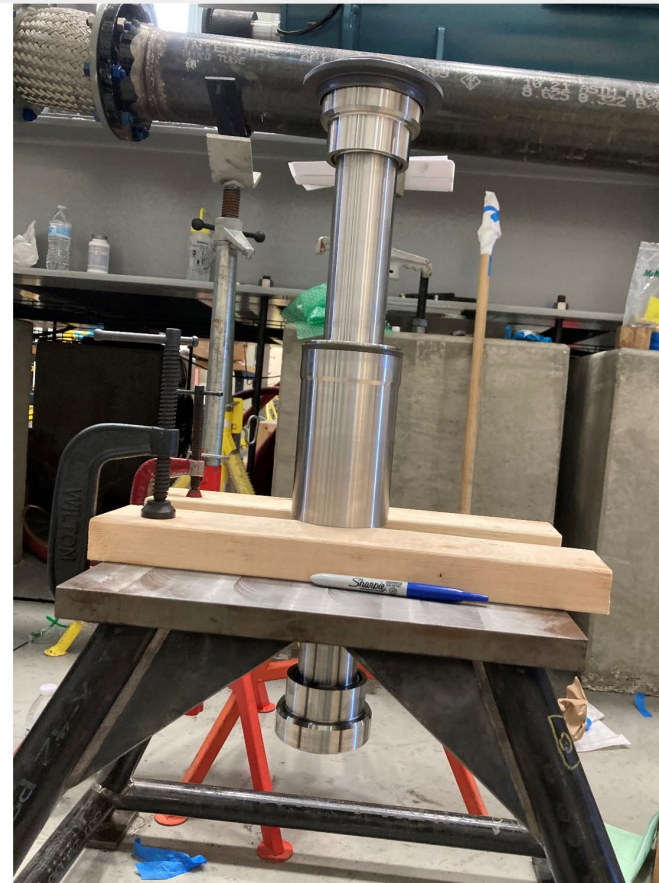
Component Testing

Midsection cooling

- A plethora of midsection ribbed cooling is available up to 50k RE number based on air-breathing engine.
- What happens with $s\text{CO}_2$ at internal cooling RE numbers 100k – 400k?

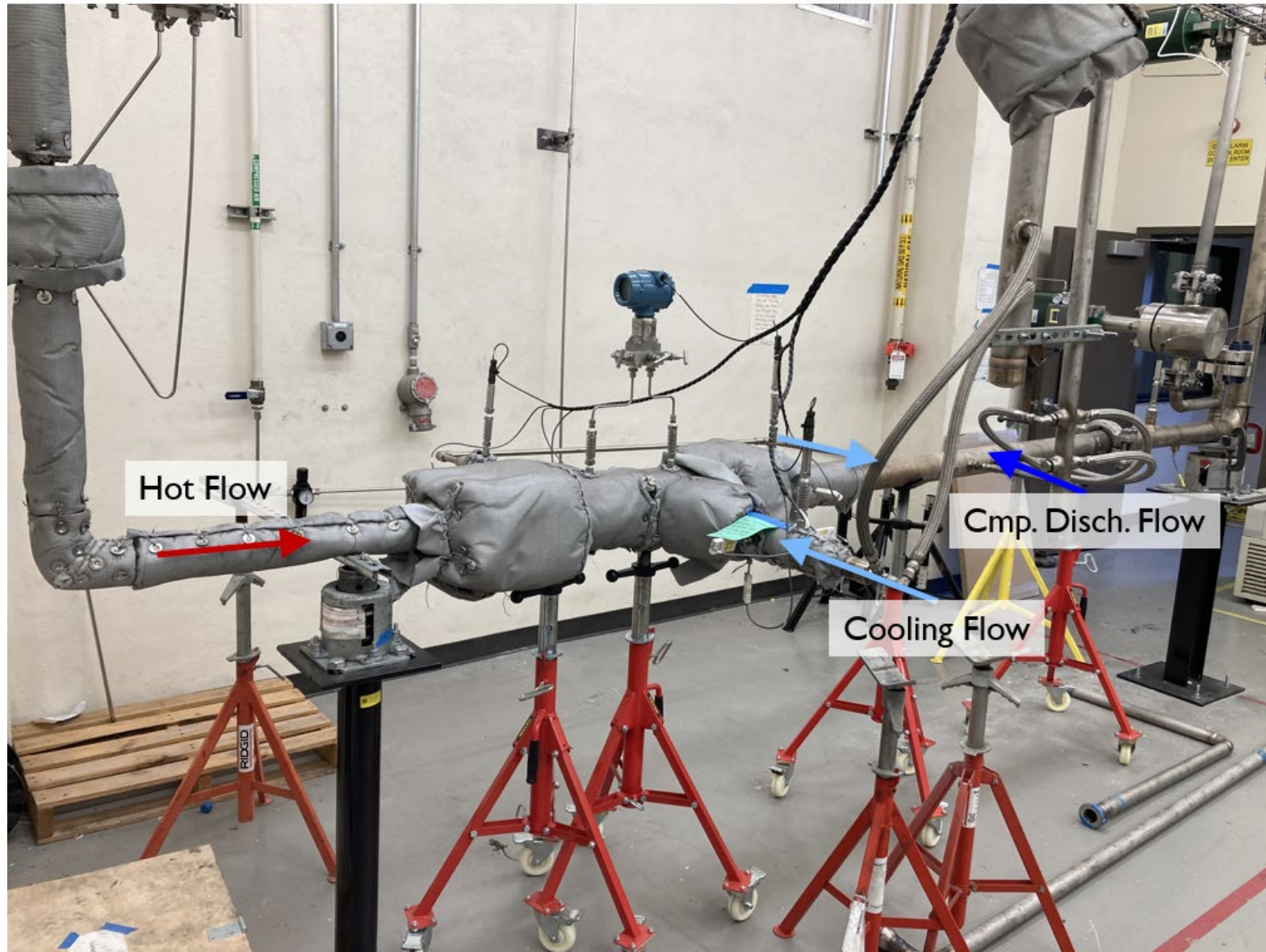


Test insert assembly



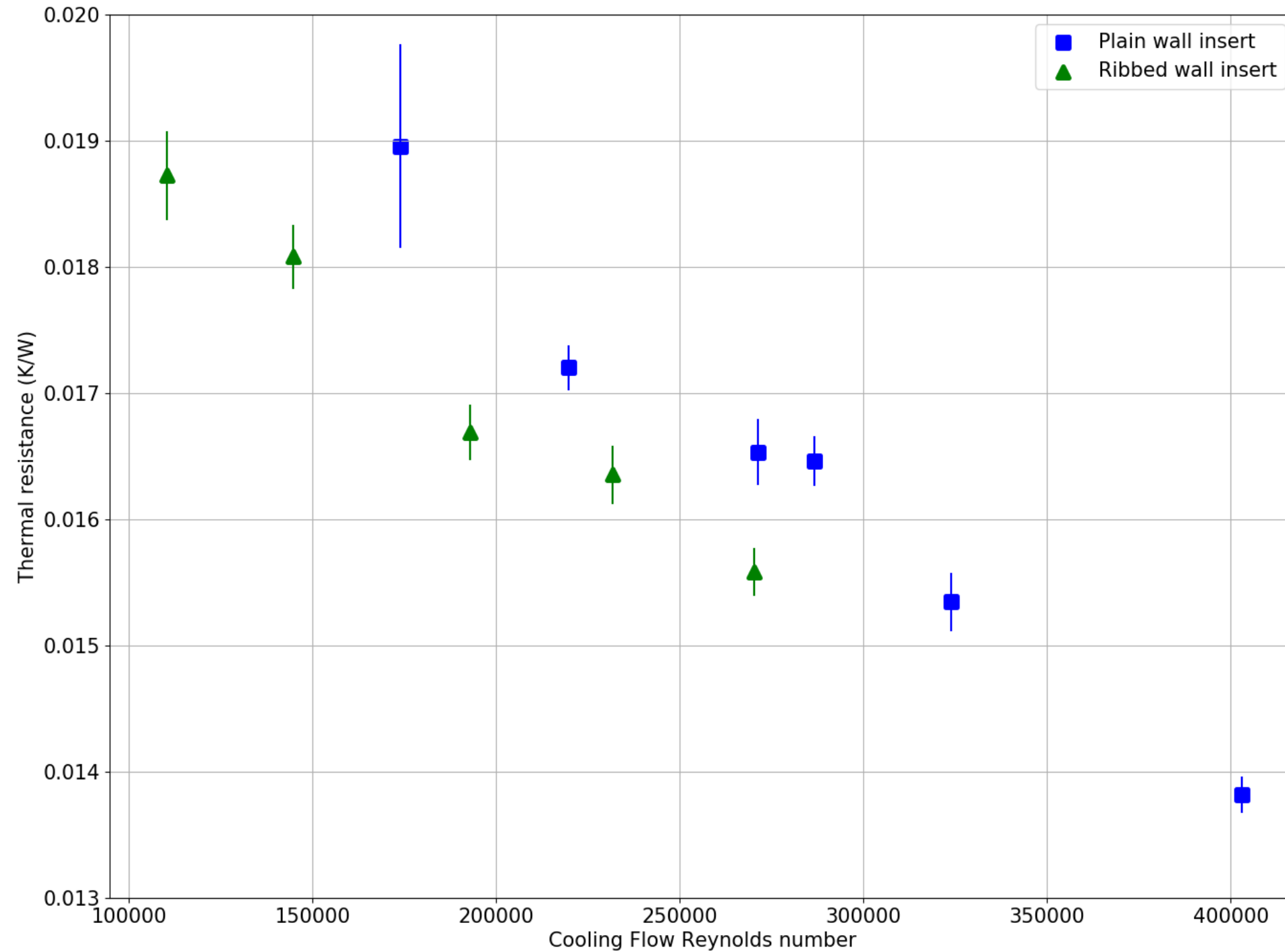
- Assembly and disassembly between interchangeable inserts can be completed in 5 hrs.

Test Setup and Conditions

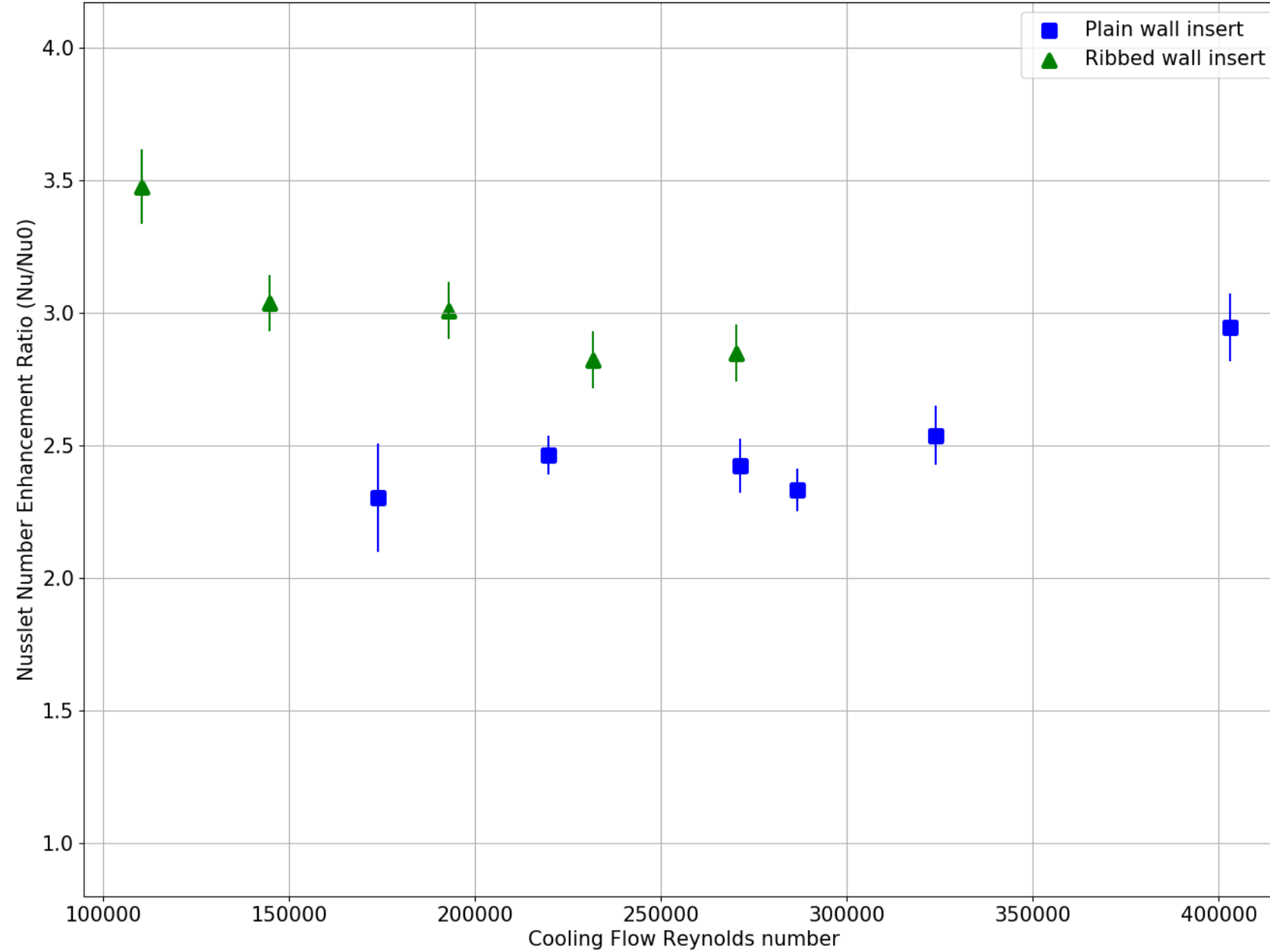


- Typical conditions:
 - Hot Flow: 200 bar, 410°C
 - Cooling Flow: 190 bar, 175°C

Comparing plain and ribbed wall tests – total thermal resistance



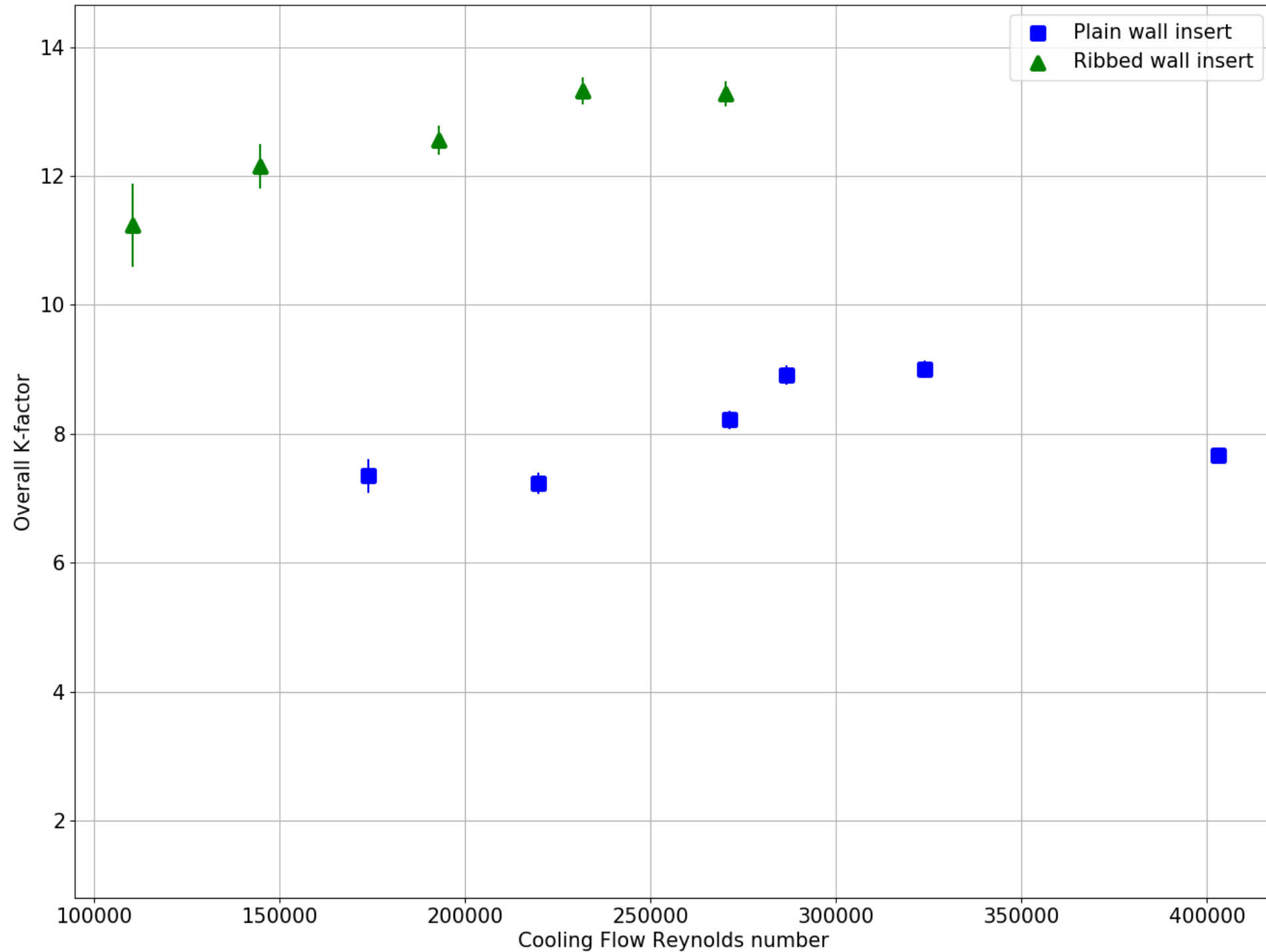
Comparing plain and ribbed wall tests – evaluated Nusselt number enhancement ratio



The parameter Nu/Nu_0 compares the calculated test Nusselt number to a smooth wall Nusselt number calculated from the Gnielinski correlation for a fully developed internal passage with the same fluid conditions.

Pressure drop across serpentine passages

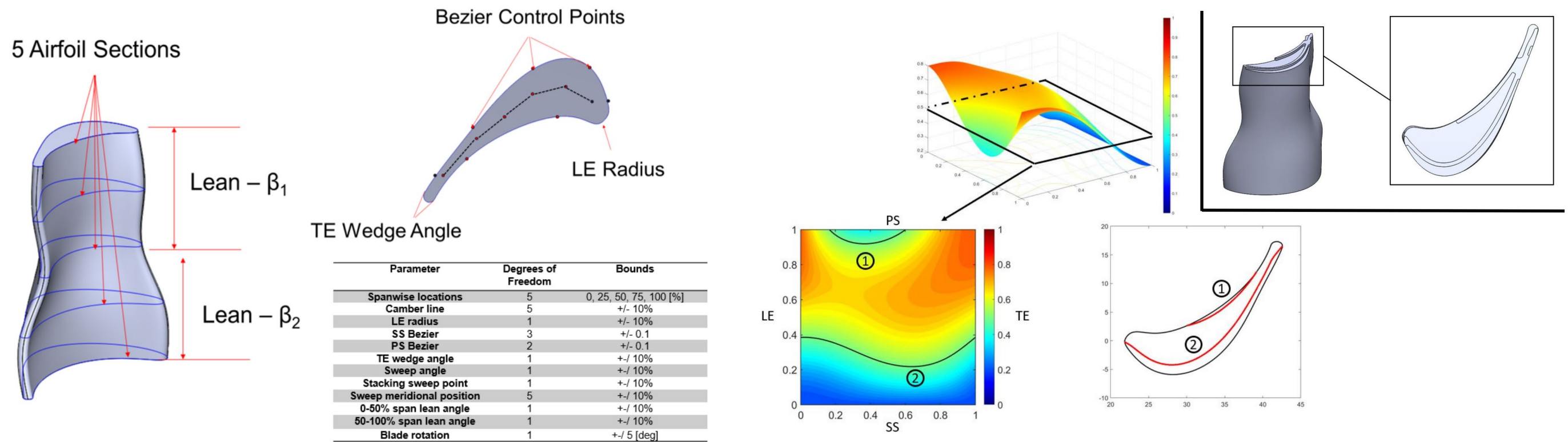
$$k = \frac{\Delta P}{\frac{\left(\frac{\dot{m}_{cool}}{2A_{pass}}\right)^2}{2\rho}}$$



Takeaways from midsection internal cooling test

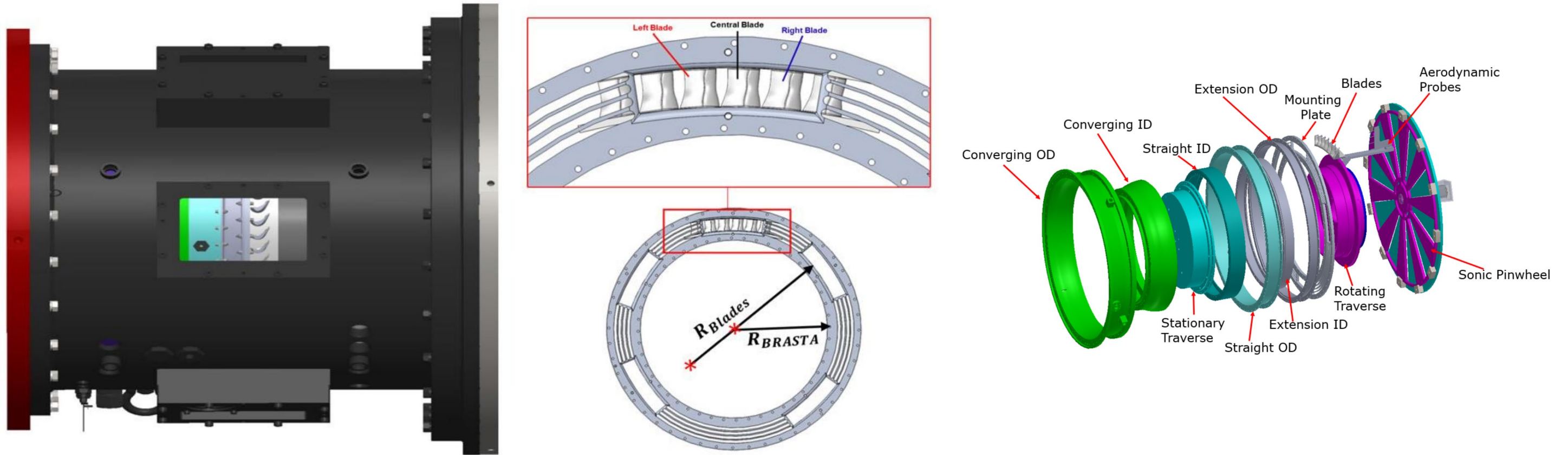
- Nusselt number enhancement ratios near 3 can be expected based on the test data generated at pertinent Reynolds numbers for $s\text{CO}_2$.
- Friction factor ratios of up to 10 can be expected for a chevron ribbed passage with characteristics aligned with those used for testing.
- The case can be made that less penalty should be ascribed to the pressure losses for internal cooling geometry relative to a gas turbine.

Background on 1st Stage Blade Optimization



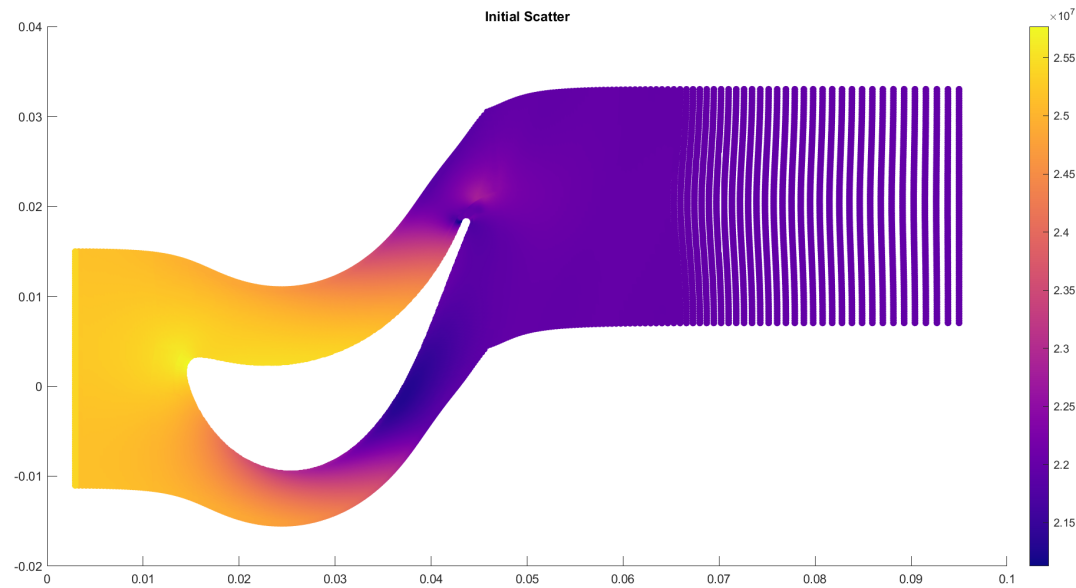
- Purdue University has led the optimization of the 1st stage blade from GE mean line design, optimizing for efficiency and heat load.
- Best Paper Award at 2024 sCO₂ Symposium: Tuite, et. al., “Blade and Rim Seal Design of a First Stage High Pressure Turbine for a 300 MWe Supercritical CO₂ Power Cycle”.

SIB cascade testing setup

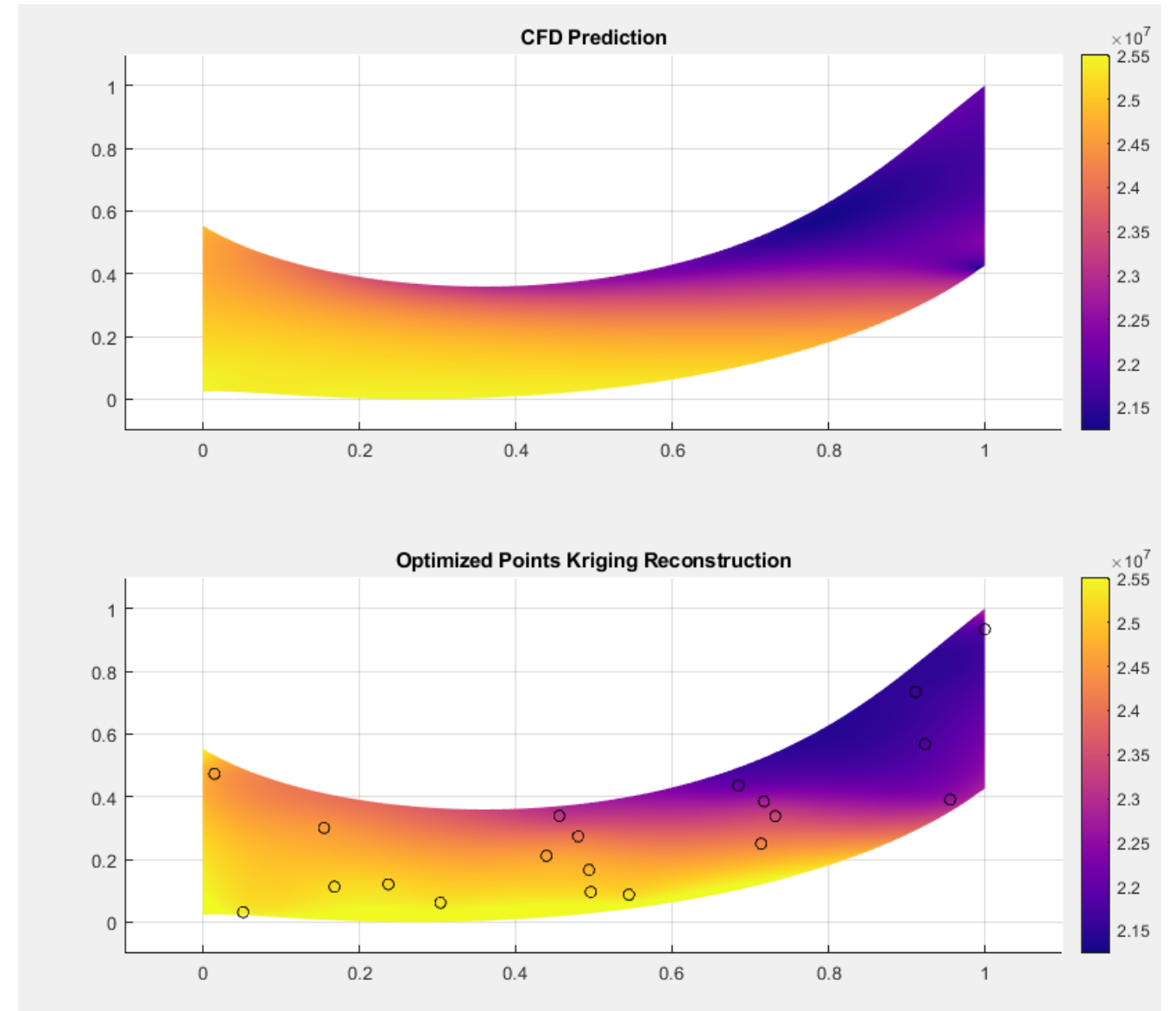


- The Purdue Big Rig for Aerothermal Stationary Turbine Analysis (BRASTA) is utilized with modifications for a SIB cascade test.

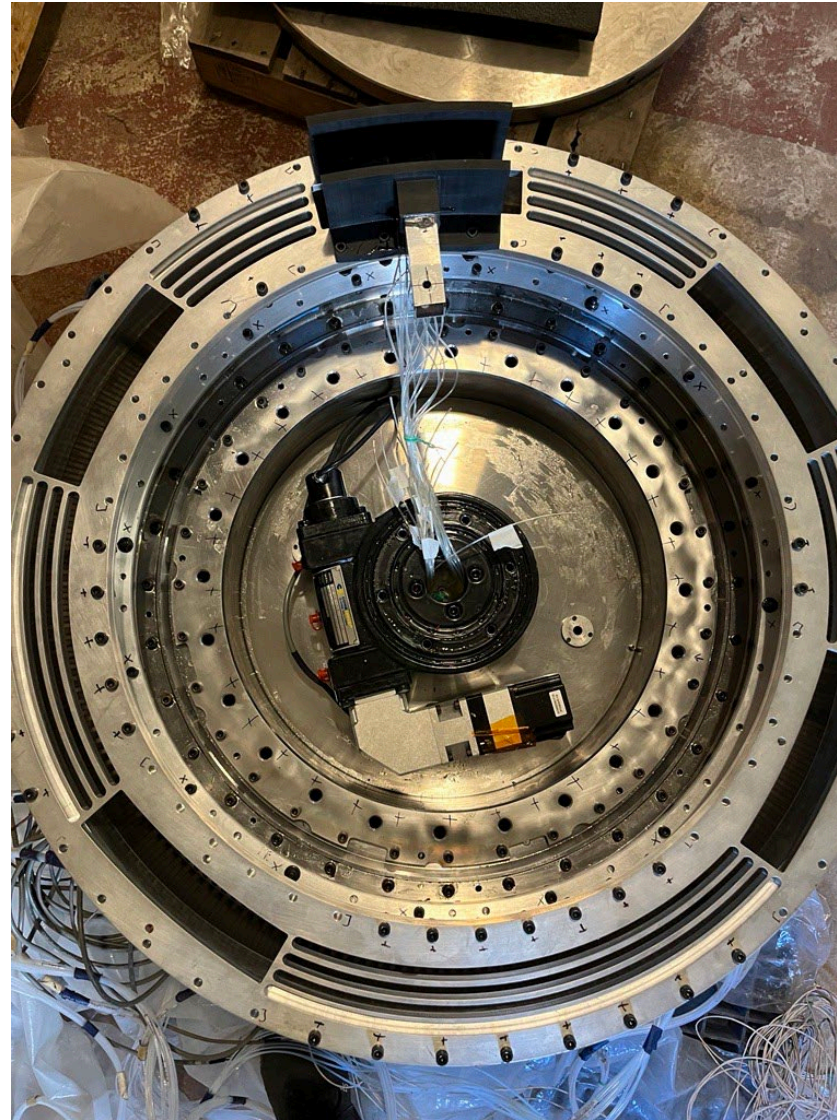
SIB cascade testing instrumentation



- Optimization methods are being used based on CFD analysis to optimize pressure tap location to reconstruct blade loading.



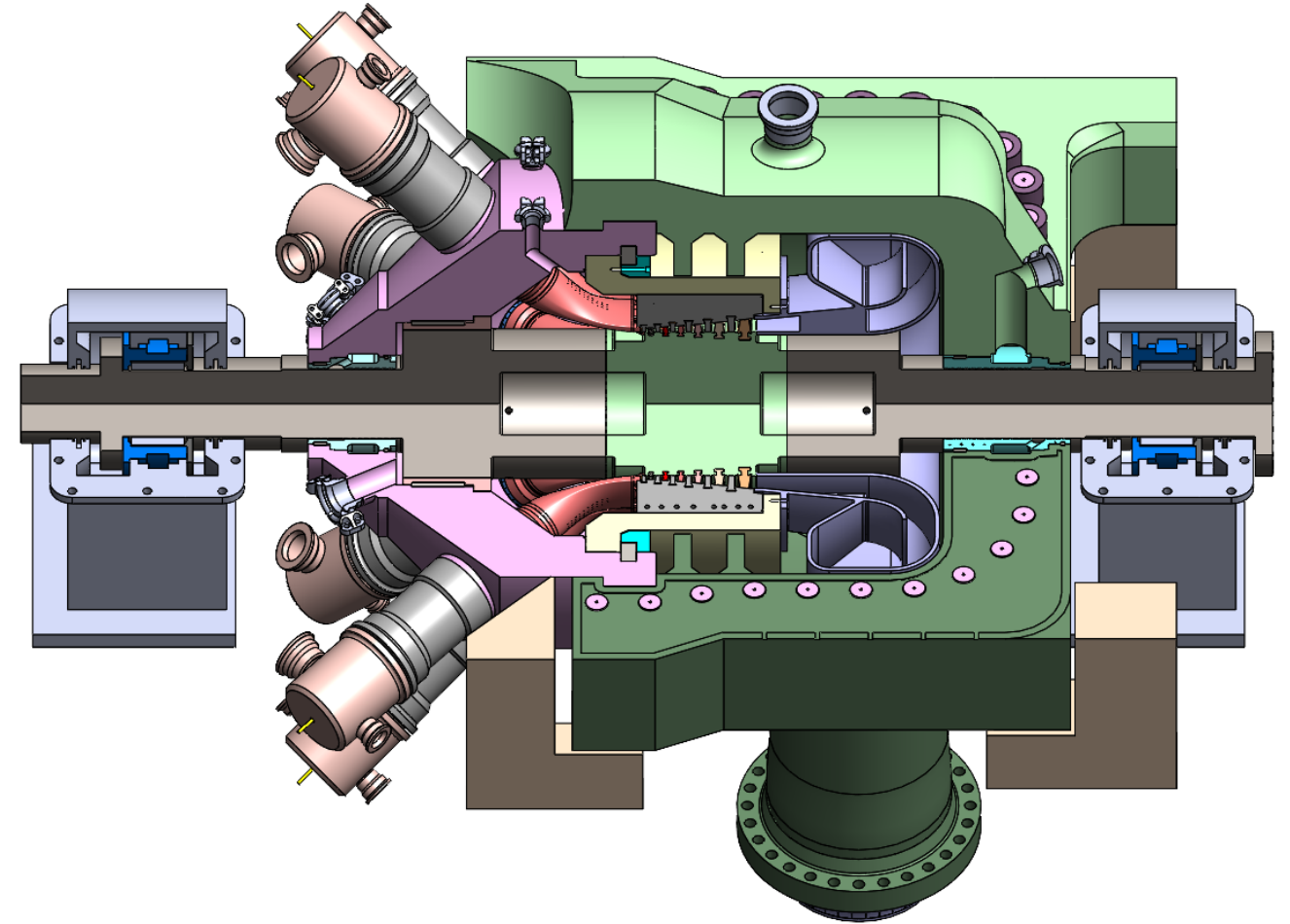
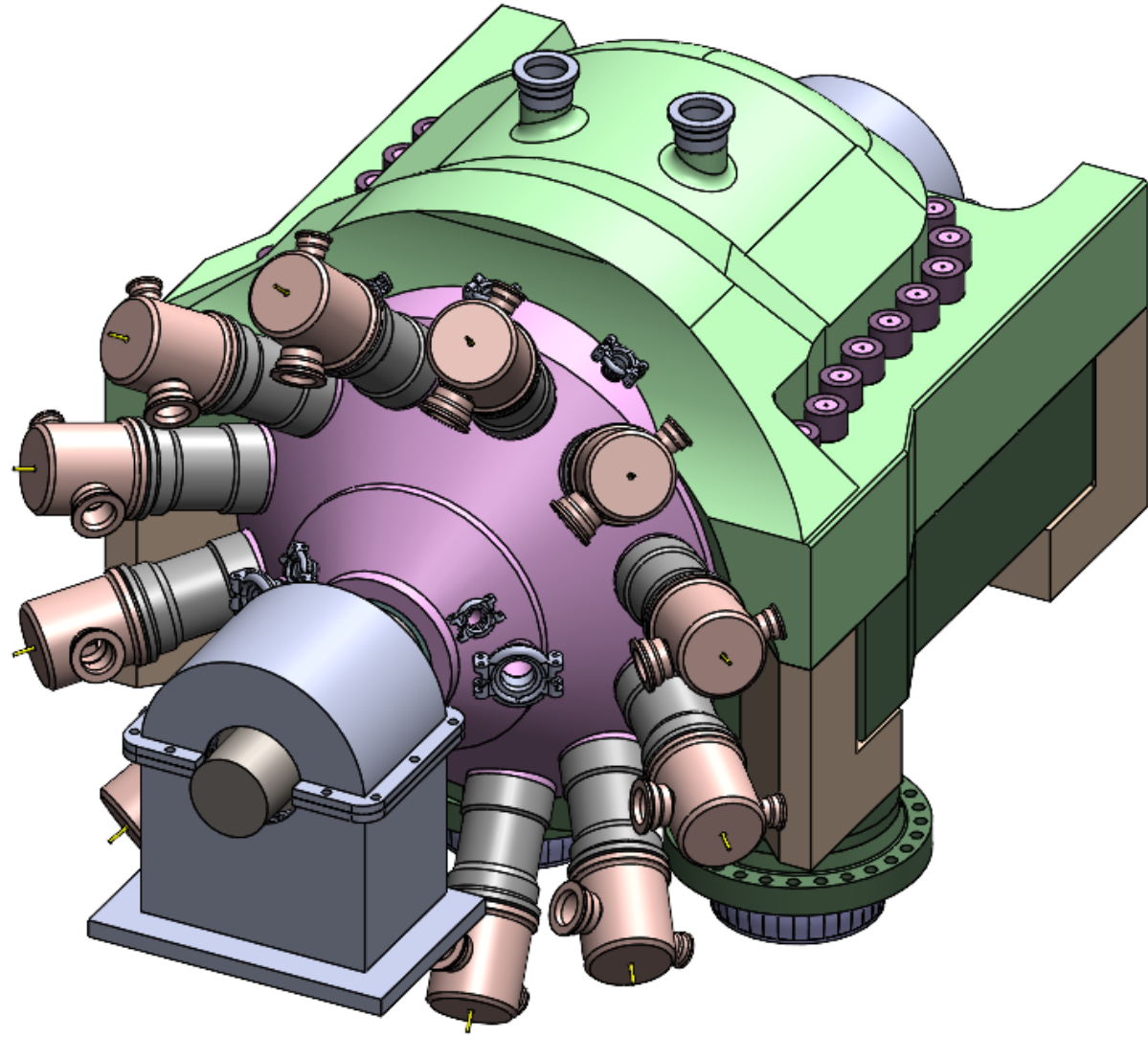
Test Rig Build



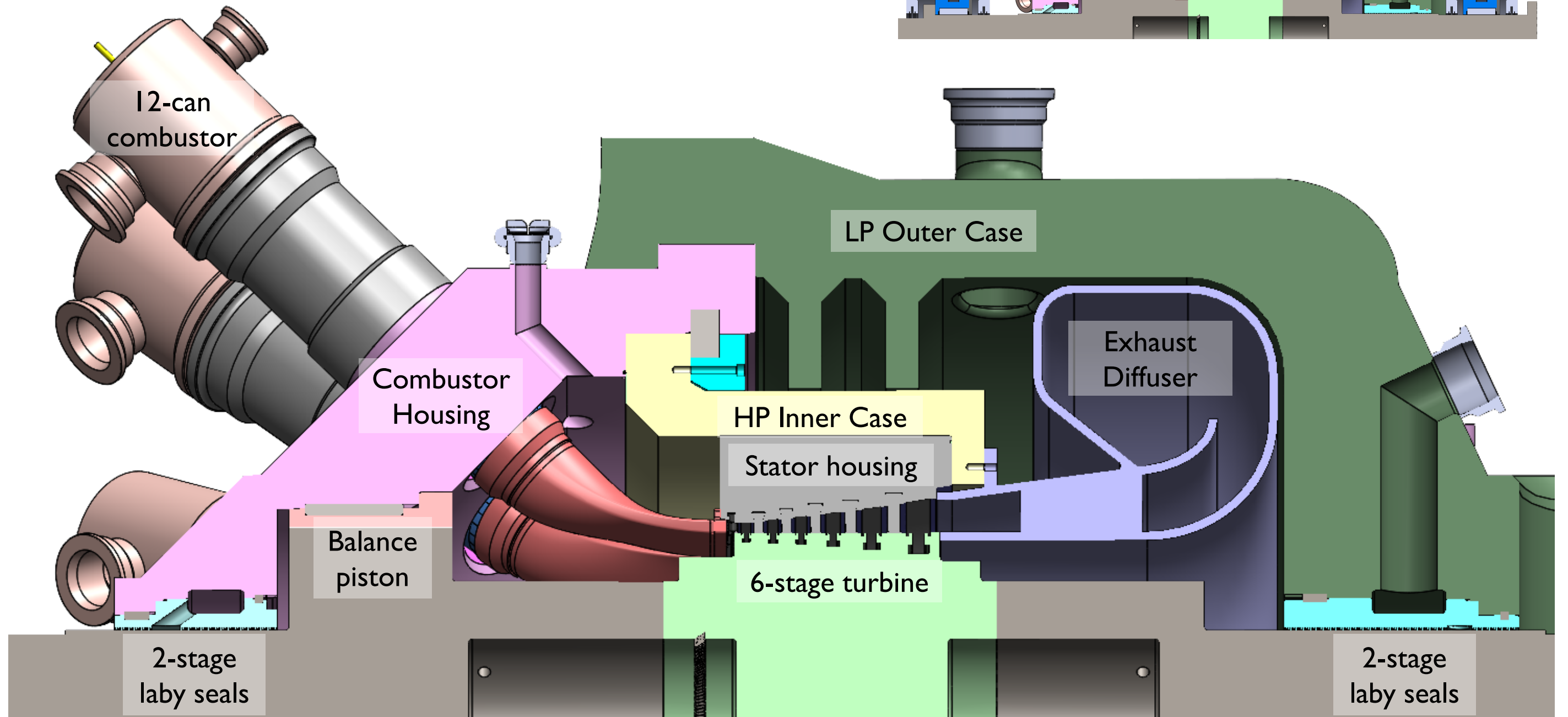
- Pressure tap locations installed in blade, with blade scans completed for comparison to nominal geometry.
- Sonic pinwheel has been tested for its actuation to sweep Reynolds numbers.

Turbine Design

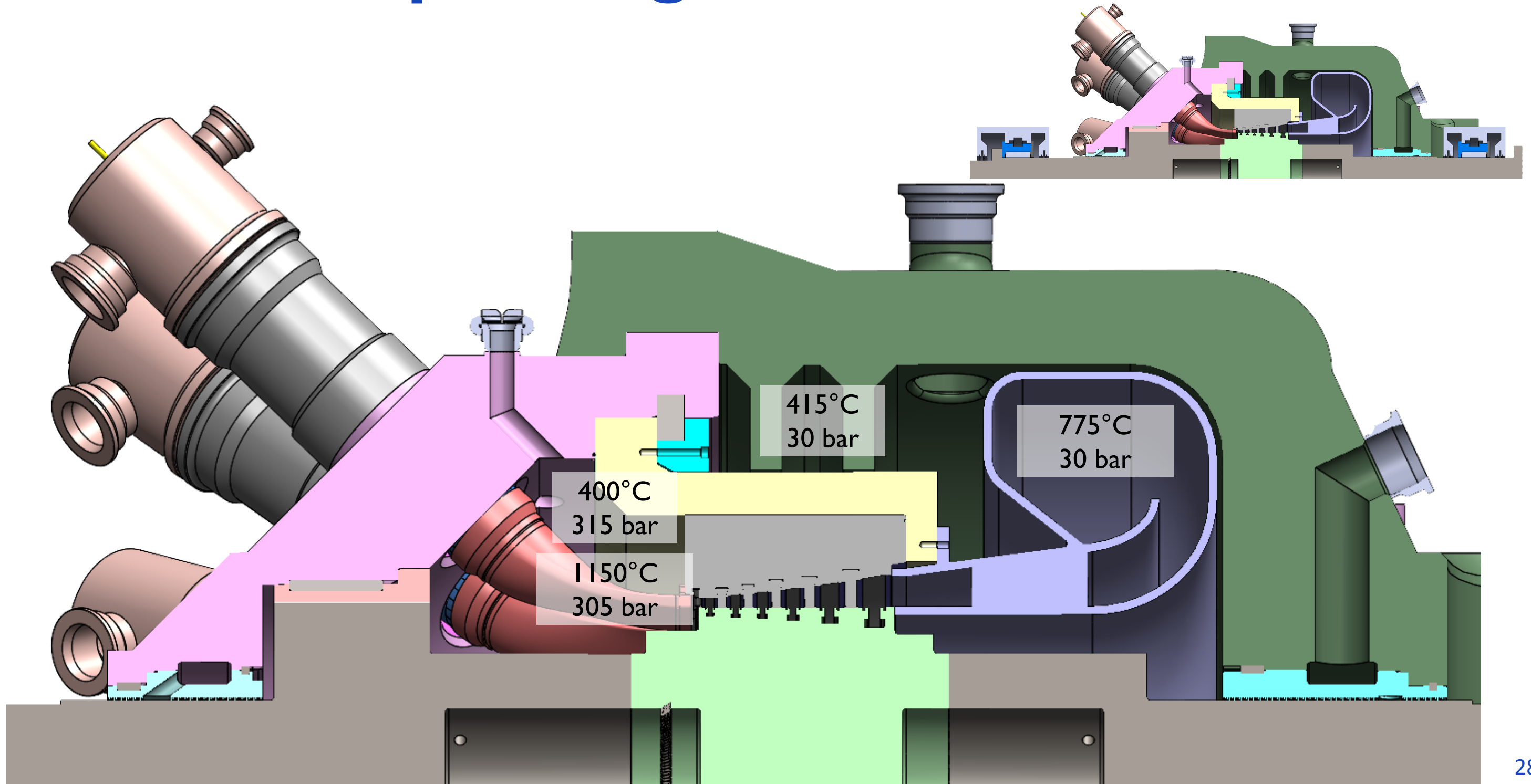
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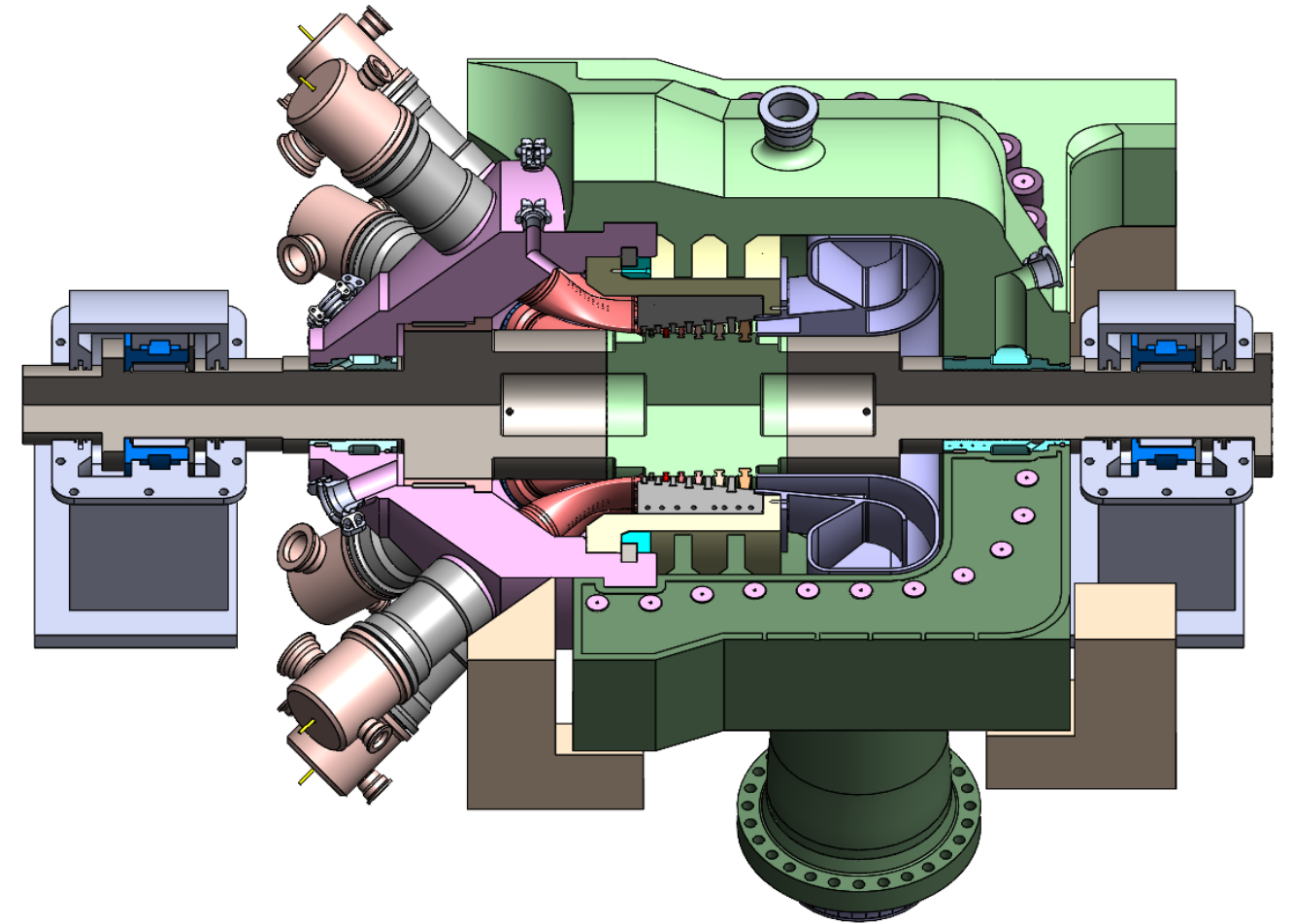


Standard Operating Conditions



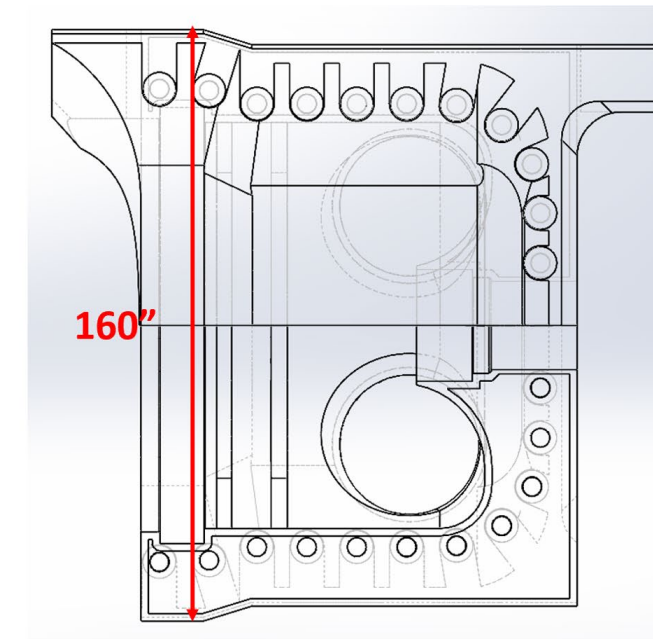
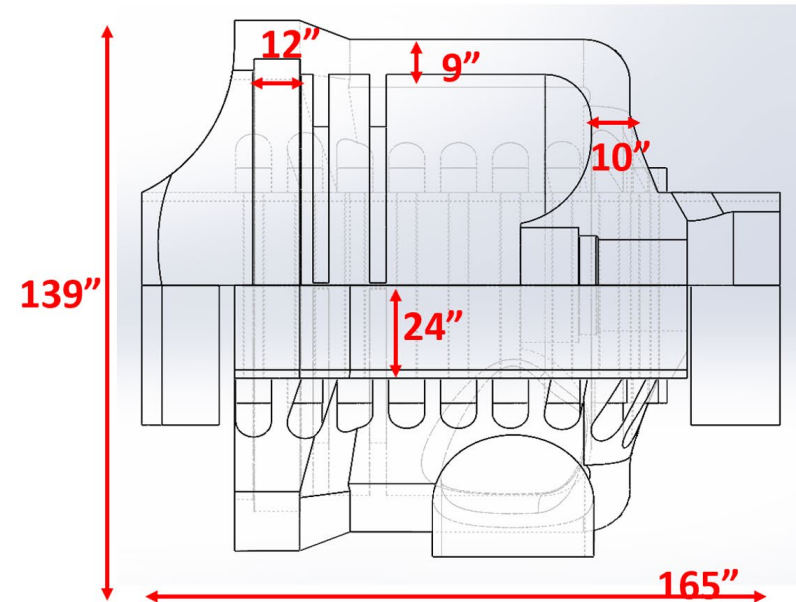
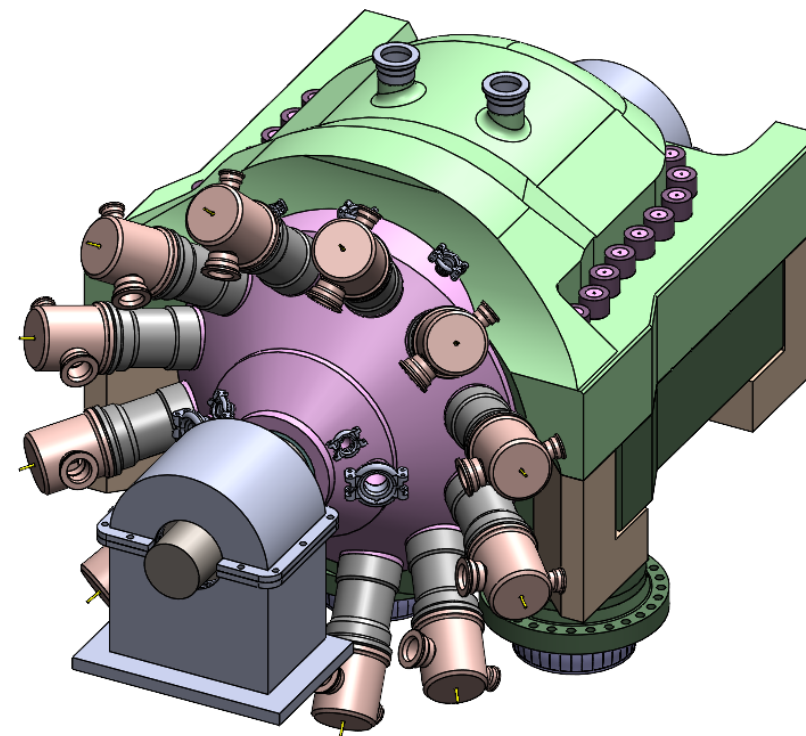
Target Design Criteria

- Hot section component lifetime (combustor, transition duct, SIN, SIB): **30k hrs**
- Rotor lifetime: **150k hrs**
- Pressure containing components designed to ASME BPVC, Section VIII.
- Rotordynamics completed according to API standards.
- Mitigate capital cost through the following strategies:
 - Minimize wetted area of HP sections to *minimize required section thickness and sealing force.*
 - Use cooling flow routing to jacket large diameter components to use *chrome steels below their creep regime.*

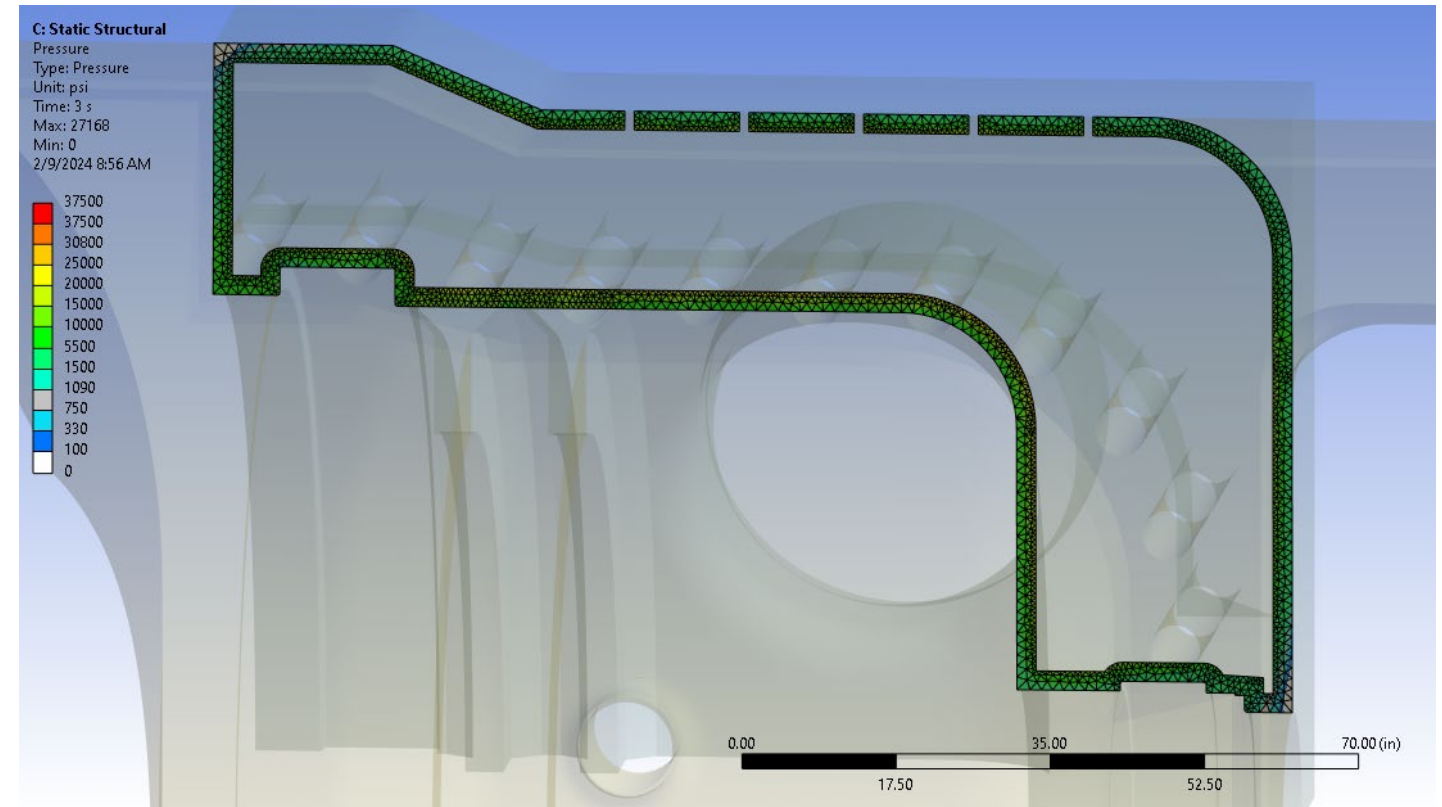
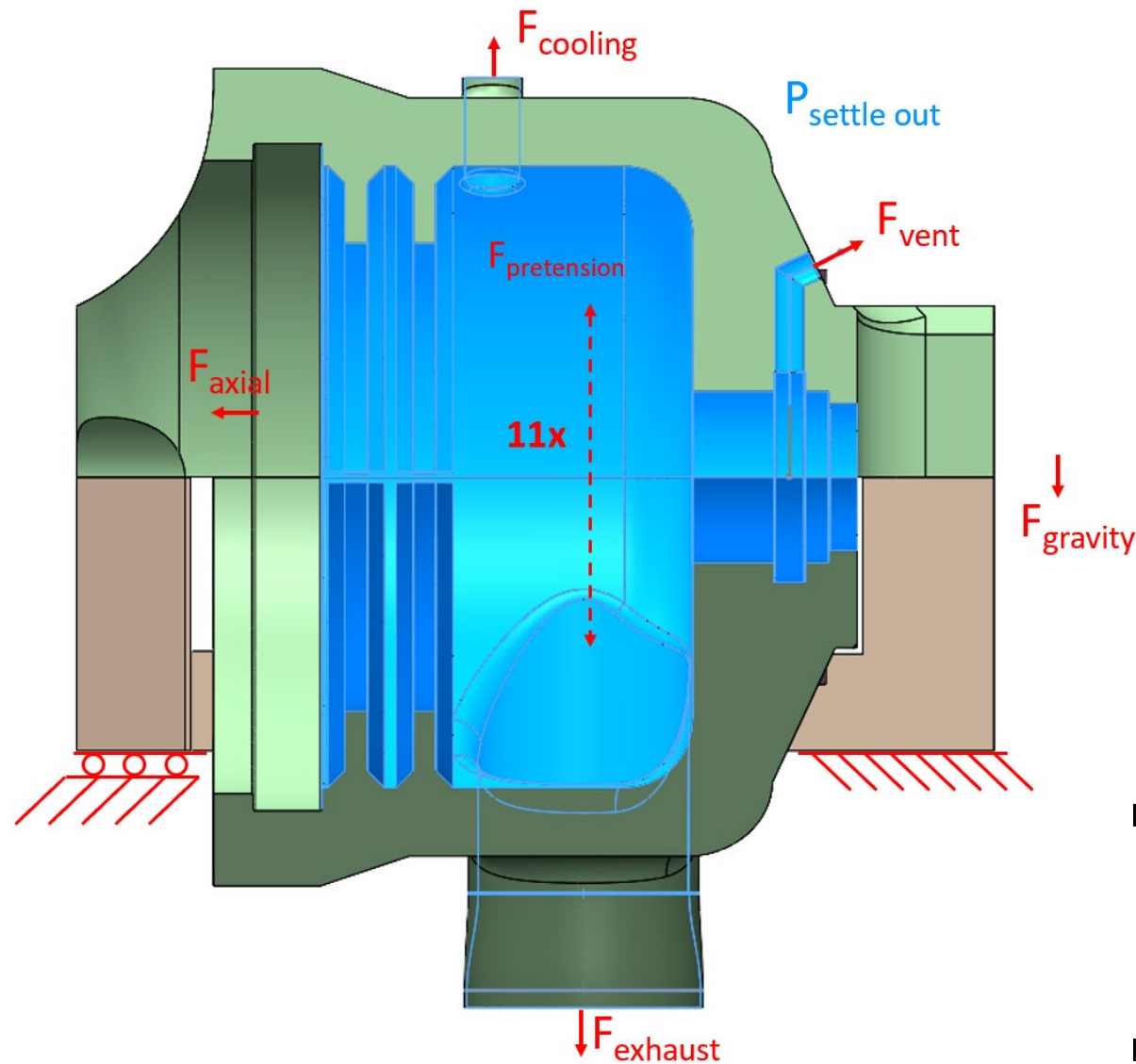


Case Design

- Inner Case (315bar): Barrel case
- Outer Case (50bar≈settleout): Horizontally split
- 22X 5''x5'' (nut to nut) K14072 (1Cr-1/2Mo) bolts
- 1'-2' thick case of J42045 (5Cr-1/2Mo)
- Twin 37'' exhaust pipes (bottom)
- Twin 9.5'' Cooling inlets (top)
- ~37'' diffuser axial length
- 2.5' tall flanges



FEA used to verify design



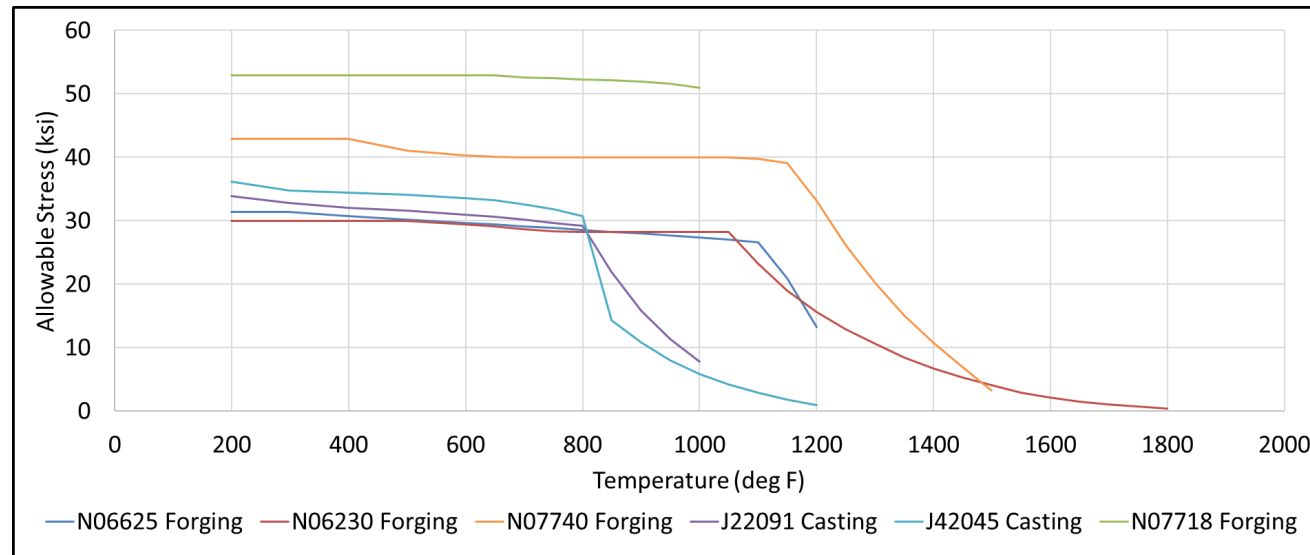
- FEA at nominal loads used to verify sealing pressure is maintained for split case.
- Limit load analysis converged according to BPVC Section VIII, Div. 2.

Design of the combustor housing

- ASME Section VIII, Div. 2, Part 4. used for initial thickness requirements:

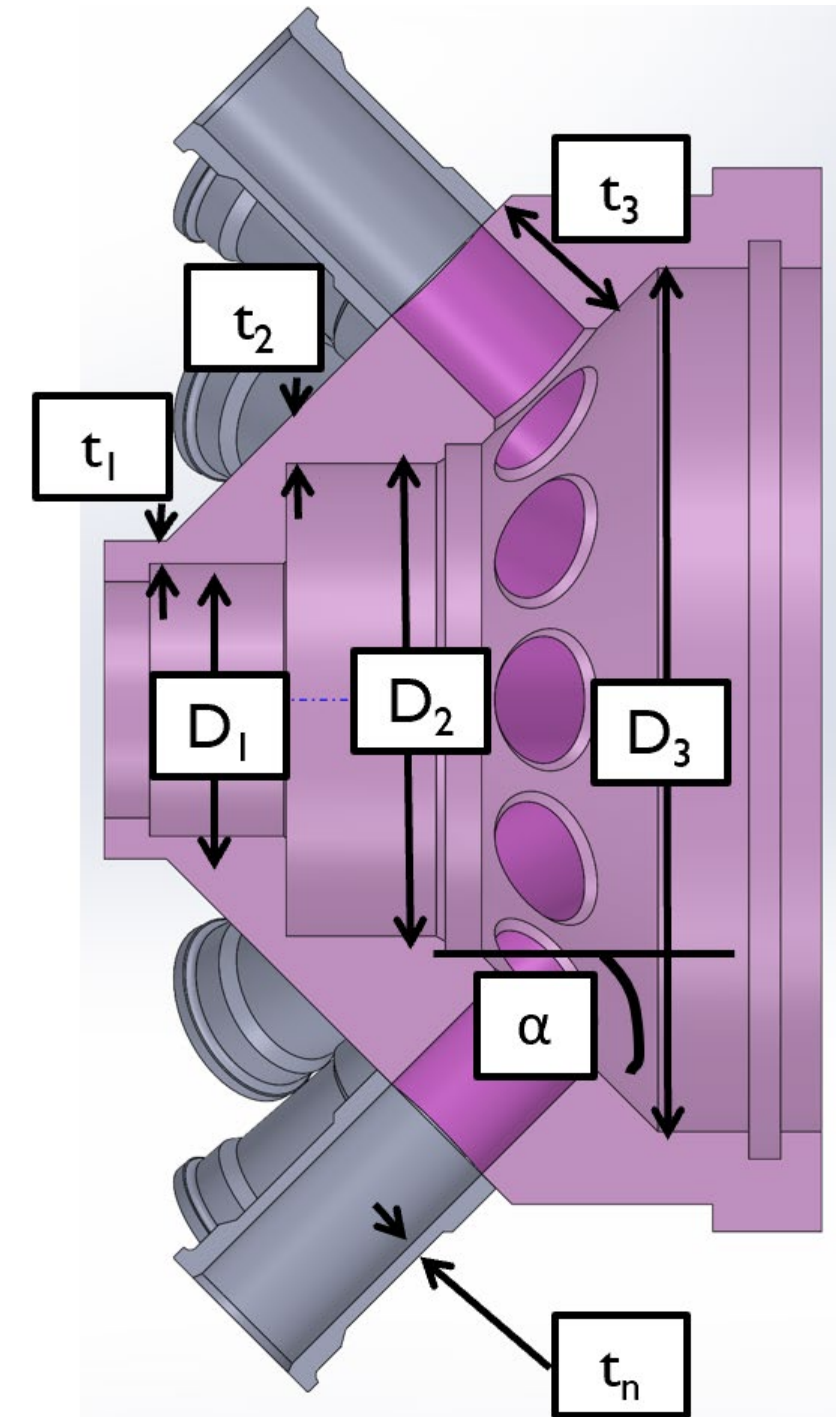
- Cylindrical Sections: $t = \frac{D}{2} \exp\left(\left[\frac{P}{SE}\right] - 1\right)$

- Conical Section: $t = \frac{D}{2\cos(\alpha)} \exp\left(\left[\frac{P}{SE}\right] - 1\right)$



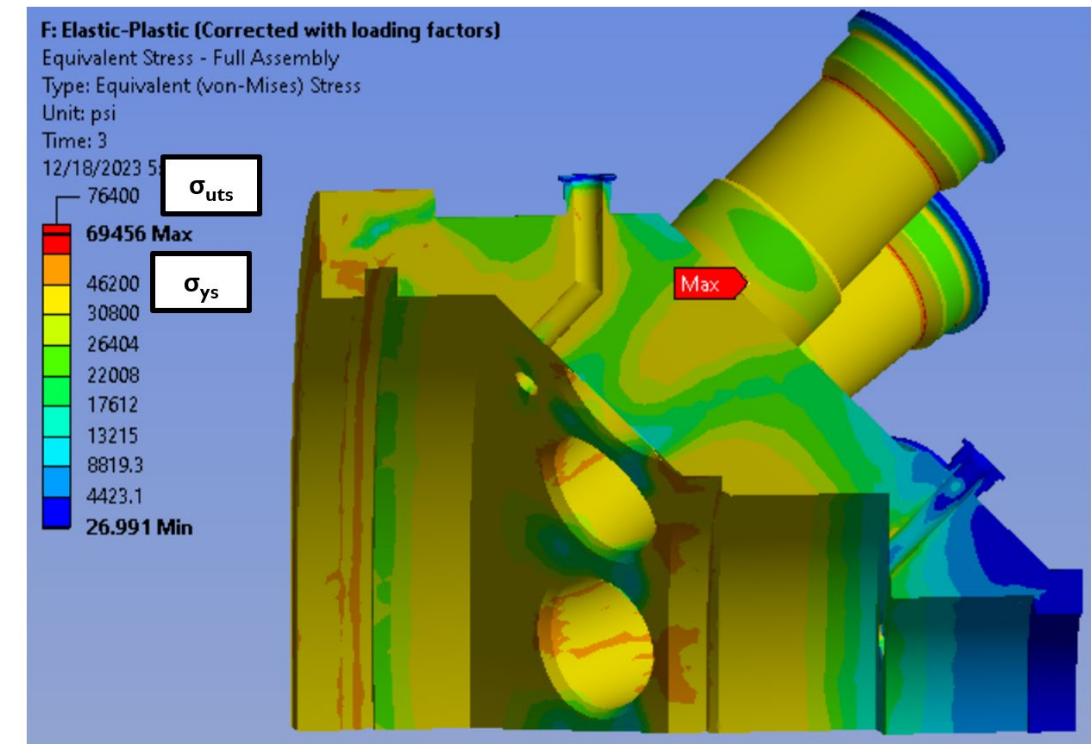
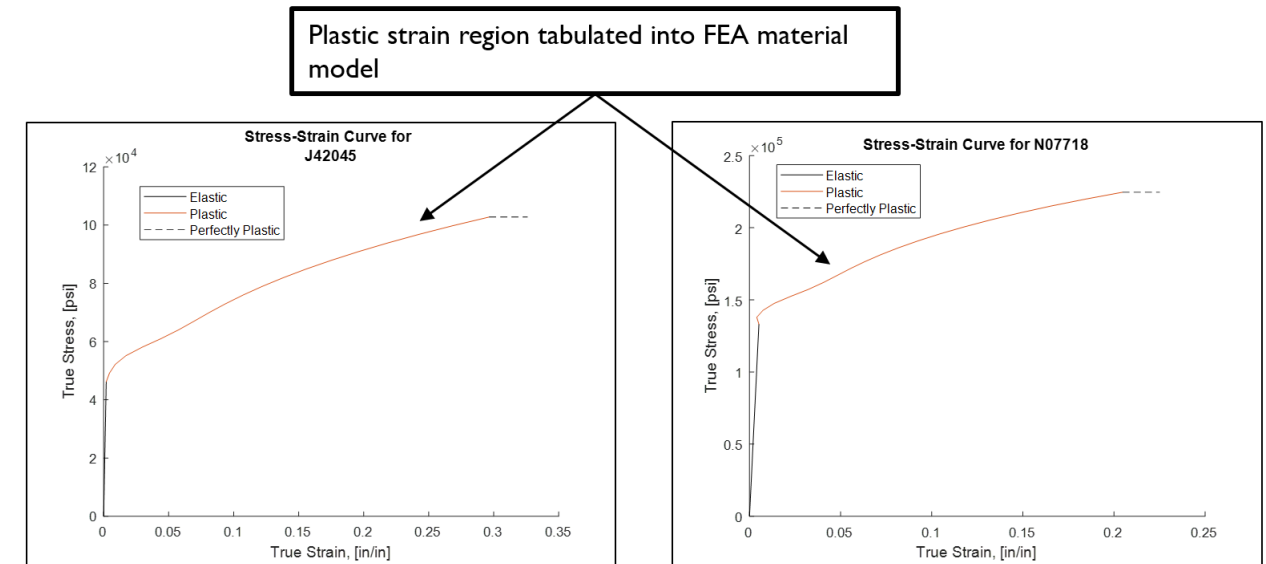
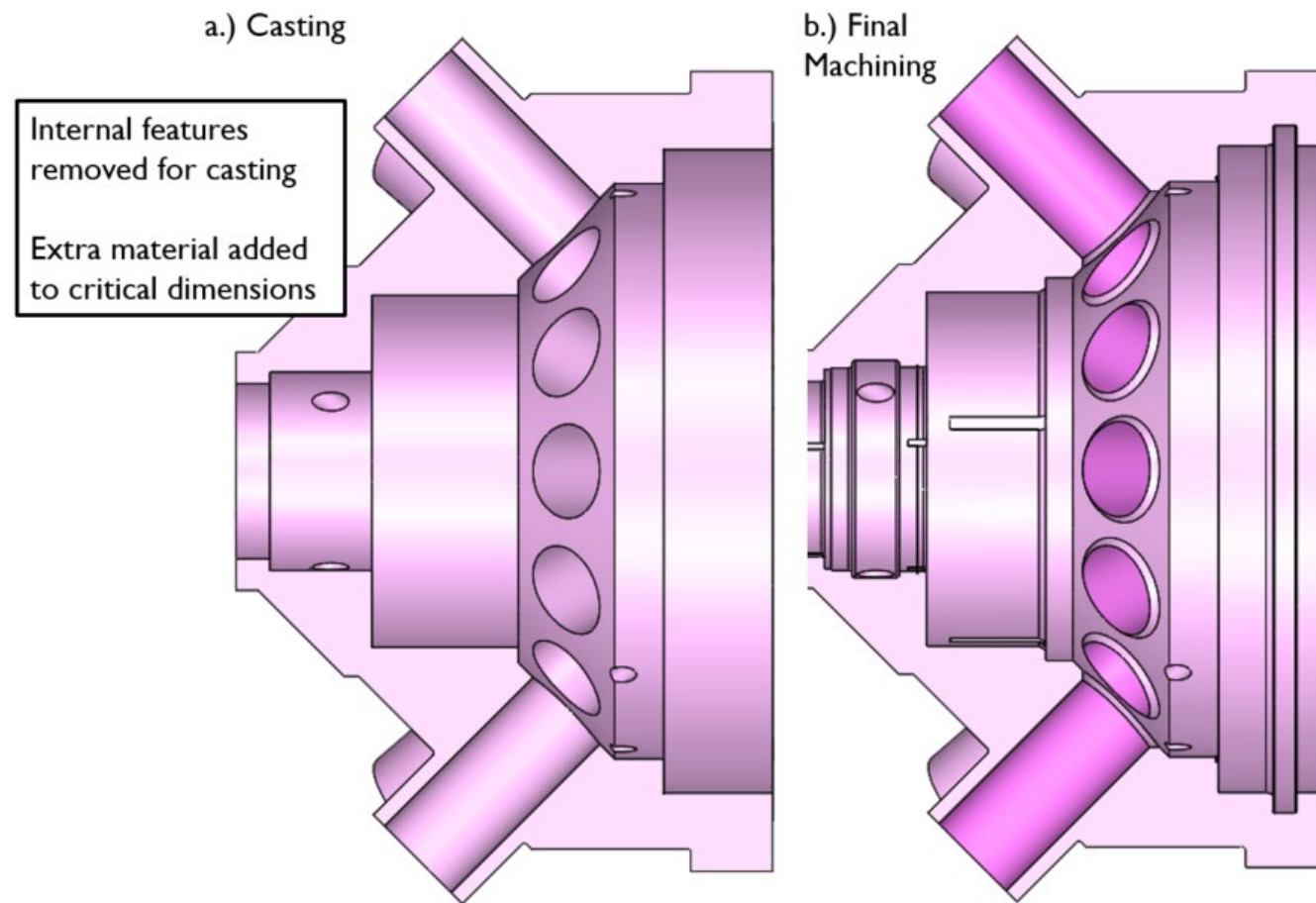
Minimum Required Thickness on Combustor Plenum*							
Rank	Material	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_n	$1.5*t_3$	$1.5*t_n$
5	N06230	2.60	4.50	11.63	0.89	17.45	1.34
4	N06625	2.56	4.43	11.45	0.98	17.18	1.47
3	J22091	2.50	4.33	11.20	-	16.80	-
2	J42045	2.36	4.09	10.56	-	15.84	-
1	N07718	1.34	2.32	5.99	0.51	8.99	0.77

*conical section requires 1.5*thickness to accommodate 12 can holes



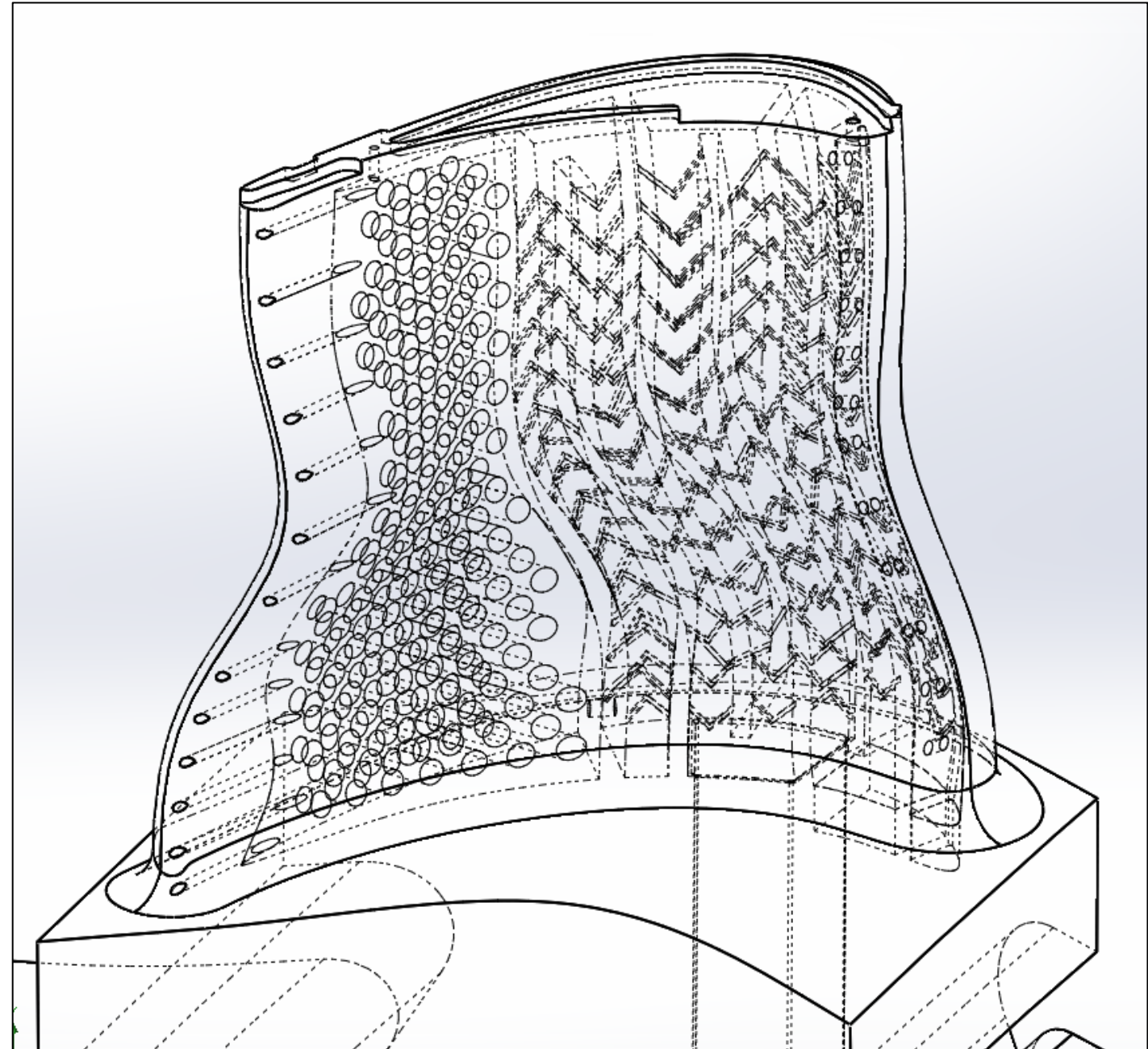
Design of the combustor housing

- Limit load and local failure analyses completed and converged according to Section VIII, Div. 2.
- Drawings currently being finalized for manufacturing process to obtain cost estimate, consisting of casting and welding before final machining.



SIB Internal Cooling Design

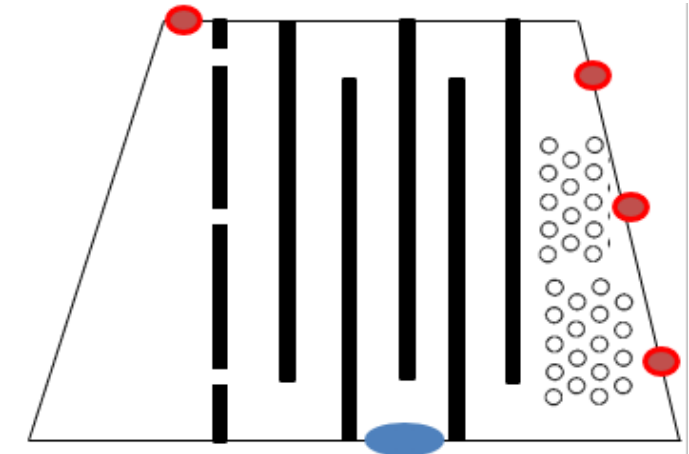
- Leading edge impingement
- Ribbed serpentine channels
- Pin-fin array
- Trailing edge ejection
- Thermal Barrier Coating



SIB thermal and hydraulic network

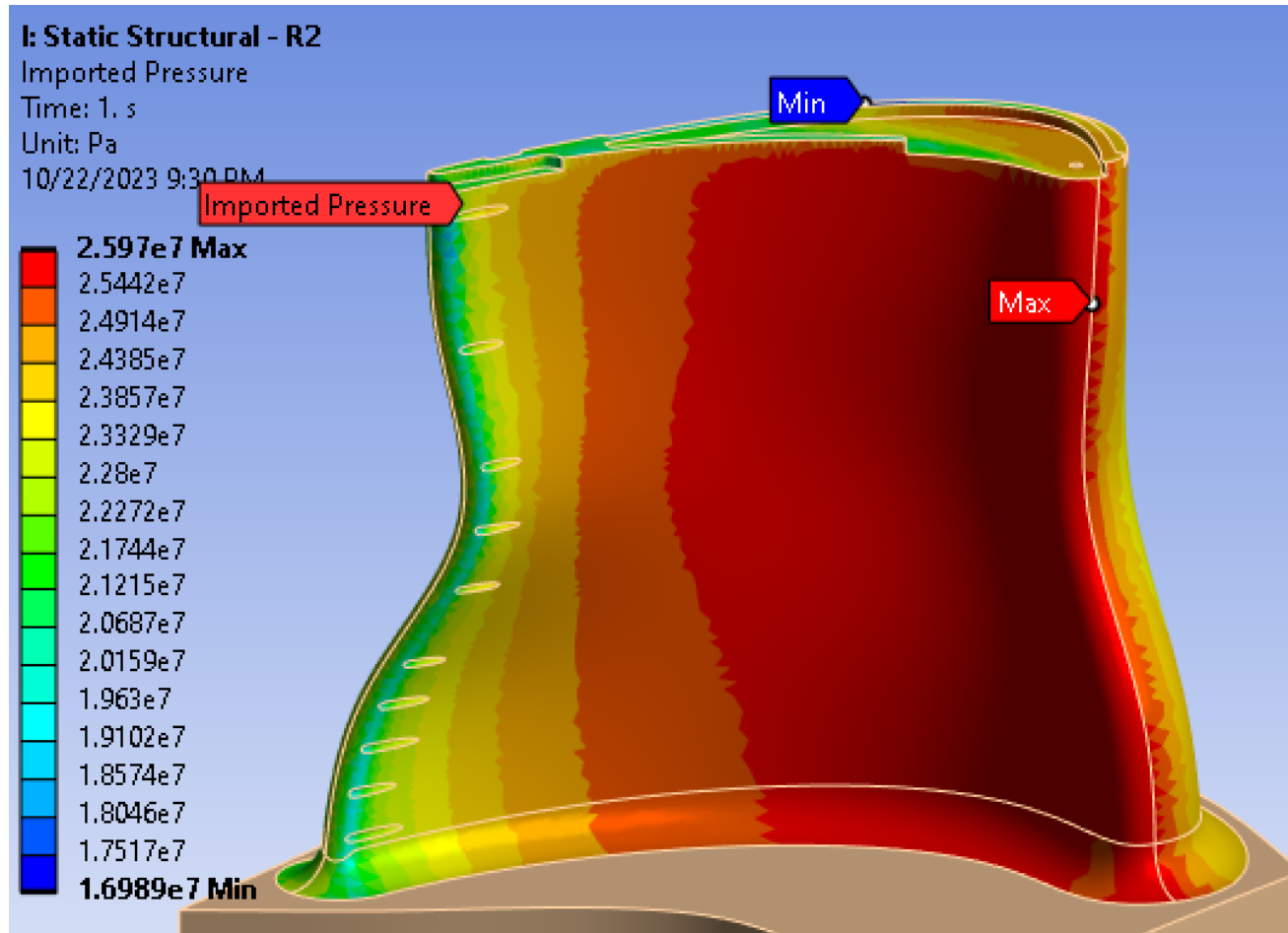
- Mass flow calculated from pressure differential and area at each flow ejection hole
 - Hole discharge coefficients from literature ($C_d = 0.75$)
 - Ribbed channels $f/f_0 = 10$.
 - Pin fin array friction factor of 0.2 per row.

- Thermal resistance network used to estimate blade surface Temperature.
 - LE Impingement HTC determined from Chupp correlation.
 - Serpentine channel HTC from modified Gnielinski correlation with BP2 test data enhancement factor.
 - TE pin-fin array HTC from Metzger correlation
 - Thermal Barrier Coating ultimately assumed to be 0.018” thick with $k = 1.25 \text{ W/m-K}$.

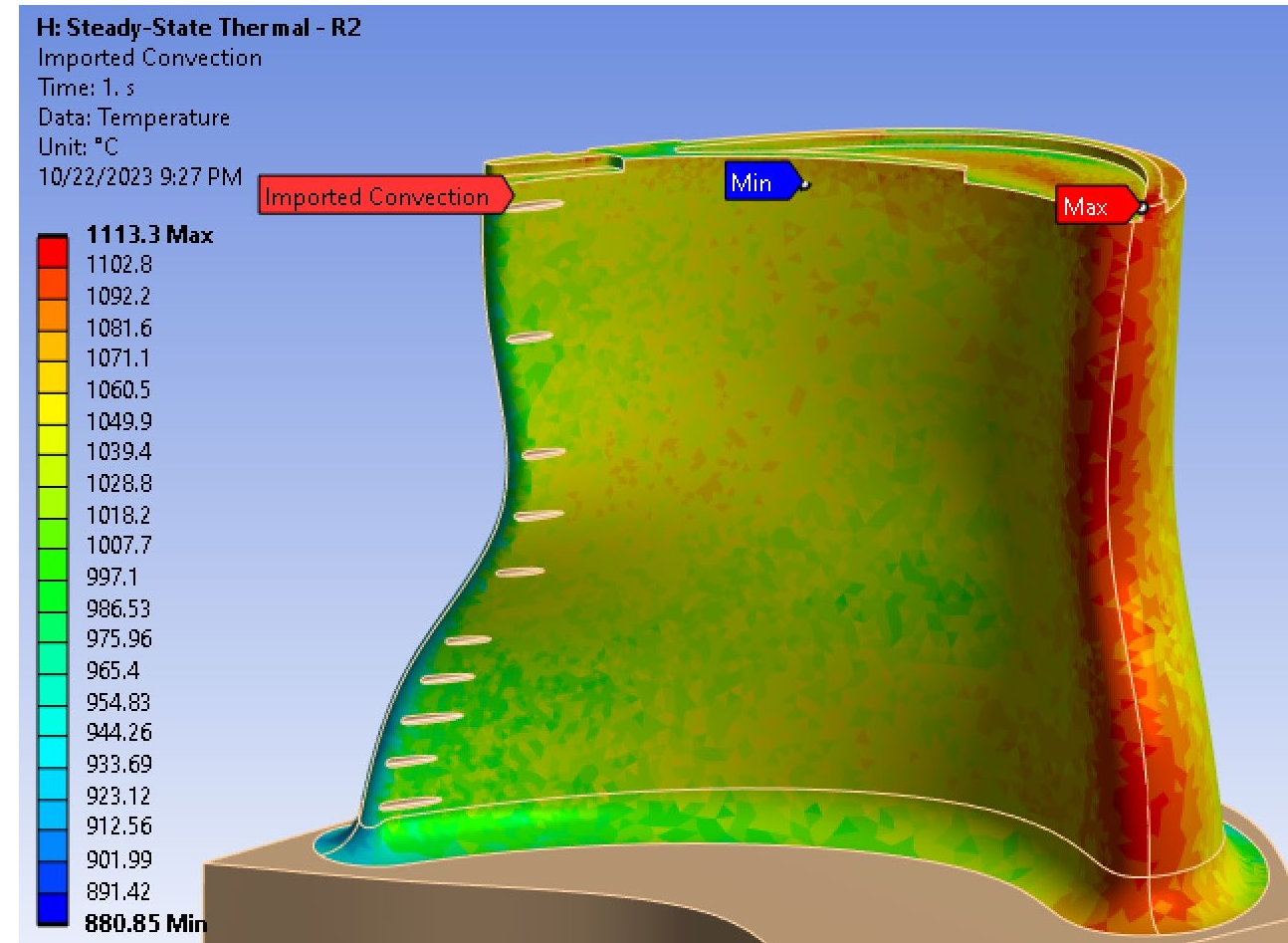


Zone	LE	Middle	TE
T - gas path (C)	1114	1089	1064
T - internal cooling (C)	526.22	445	430
R - gas path (K/W)	0.1969	0.0615	0.0438
R - tbc (K/W)	3.841	0.768	0.960
R - blade wall (K/W)	0.5780	0.1156	0.1445
R - internal cooling (K/W)	0.70	0.22	0.493
R - sum (K/W)	5.314	1.165	1.642
q (W)	110.6	552.8	385.9
T - blade outer surface (C)	667.4	630.4	676.5

SIB FEA – Imported Profiles

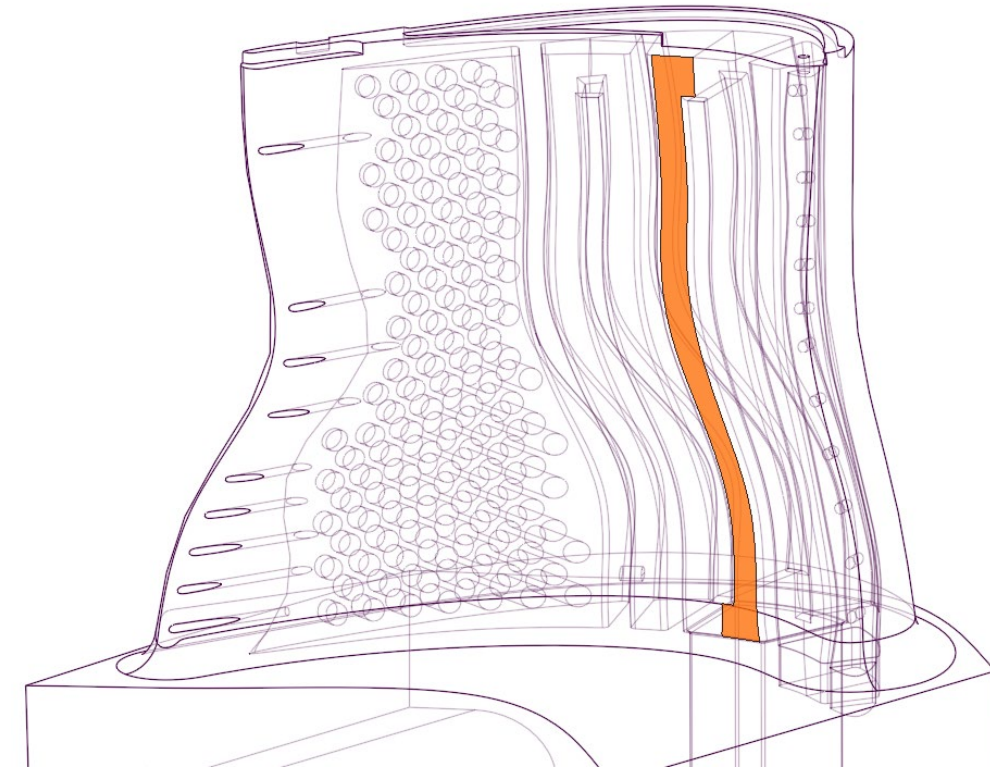
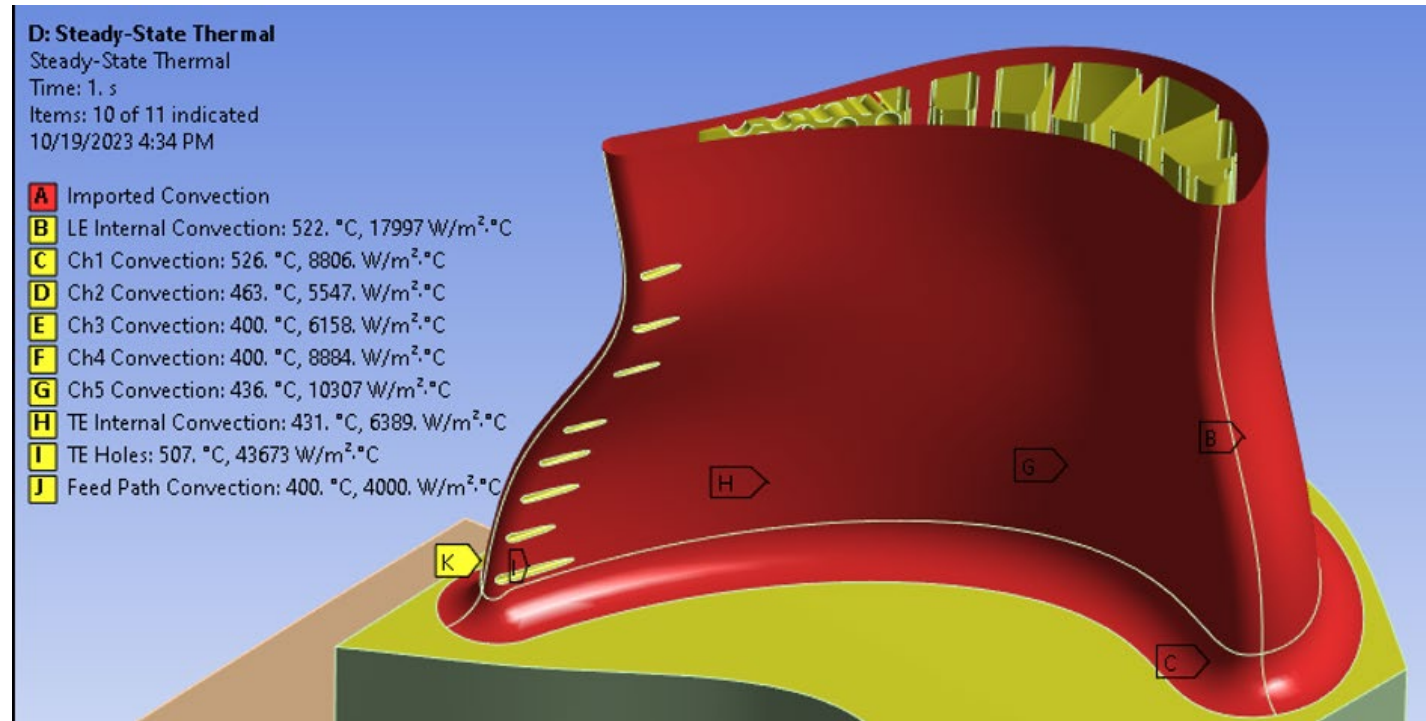


Imported pressure loading.



Imported convection source temperature for external heat load.

Thermal FEA Setup

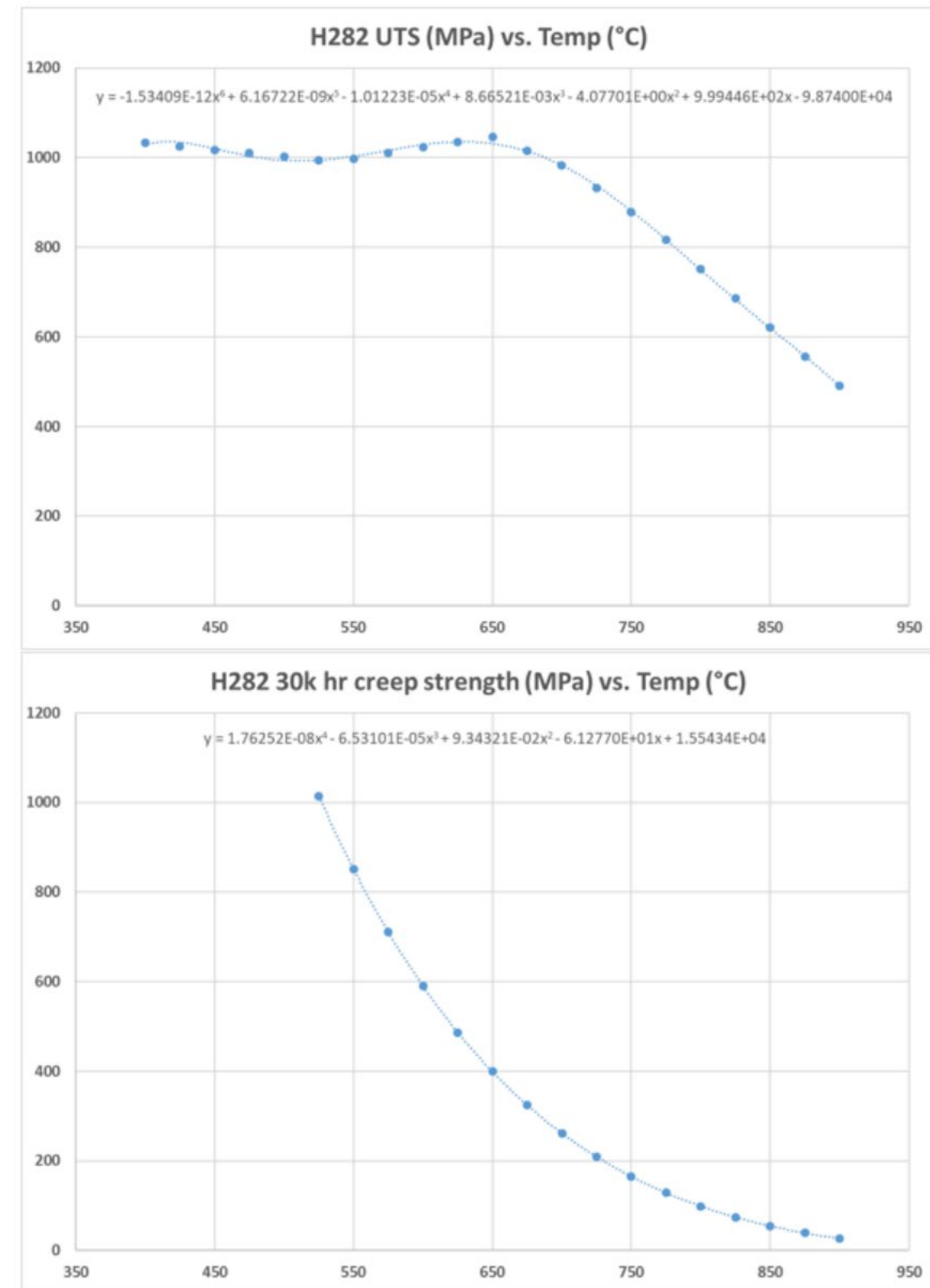


- Each internal passage is given a unique cooling CO₂ temperature and heat transfer coefficient.
- An approximate 100°C temperature rise is predicted from feed passage to LE and TE cavities.

SIB Structural Result Criteria

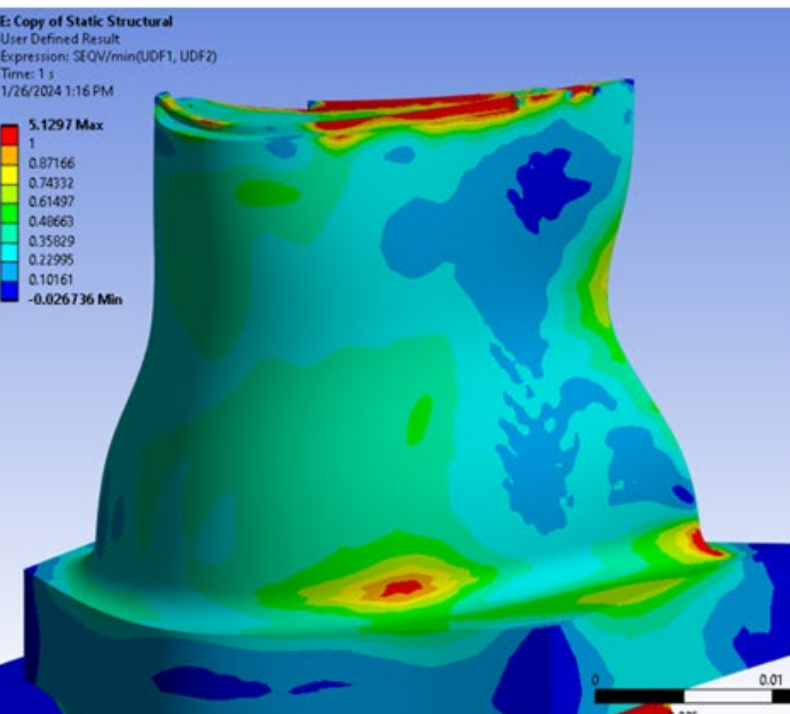
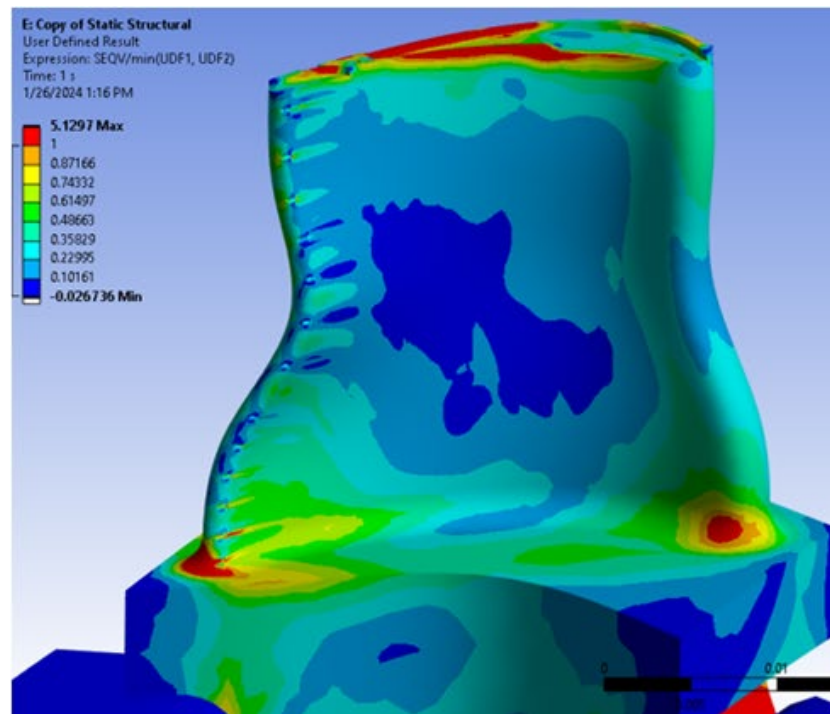
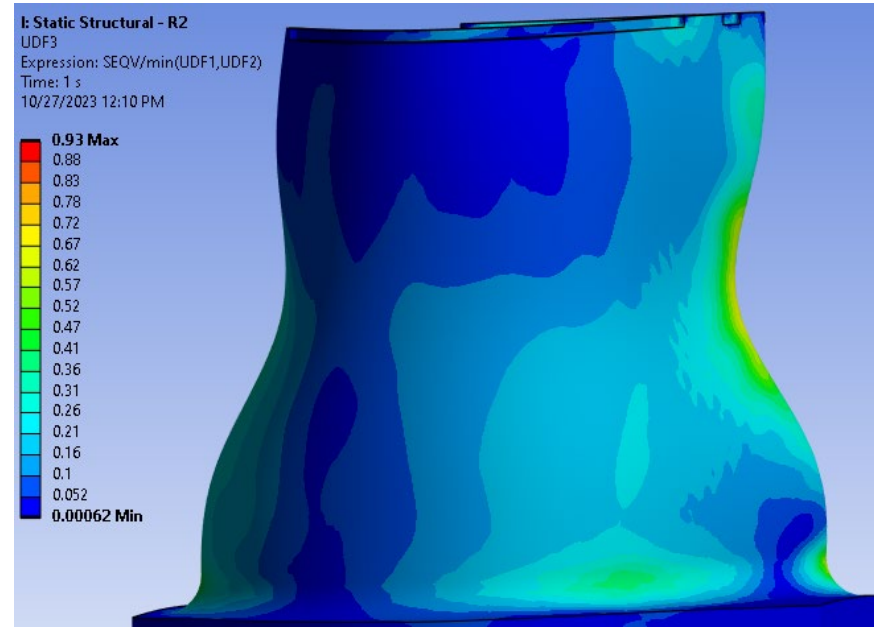
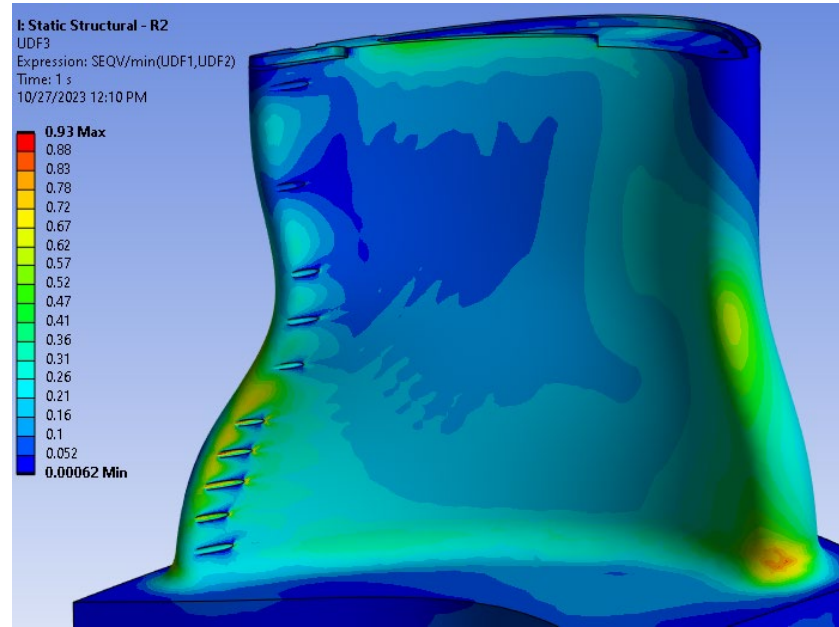
- Curve fits are produced for Haynes 282 UTS and 30k hour creep strength as a function of temperature.
- Result for initial evaluation:

$$f = \frac{\sigma_{VM}}{\min(UTS(T), \sigma_{cr}(T))}$$



SIB FEA Result

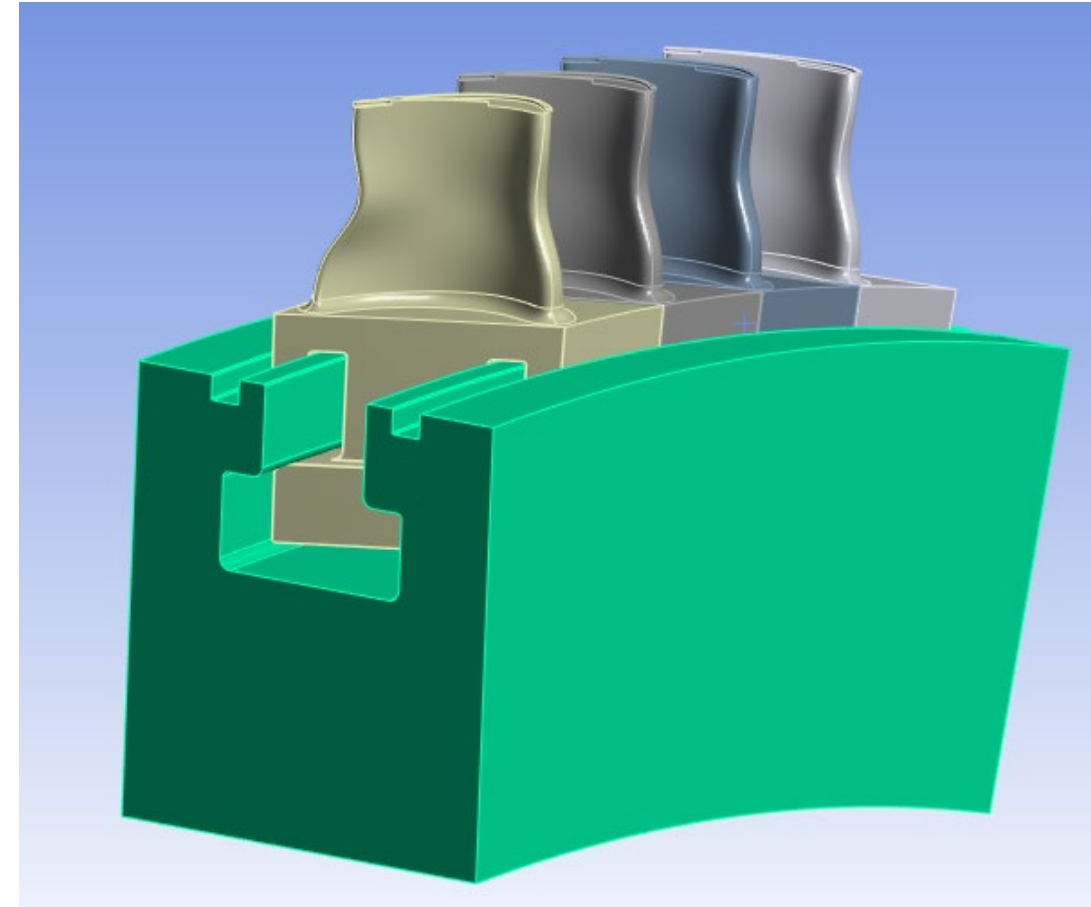
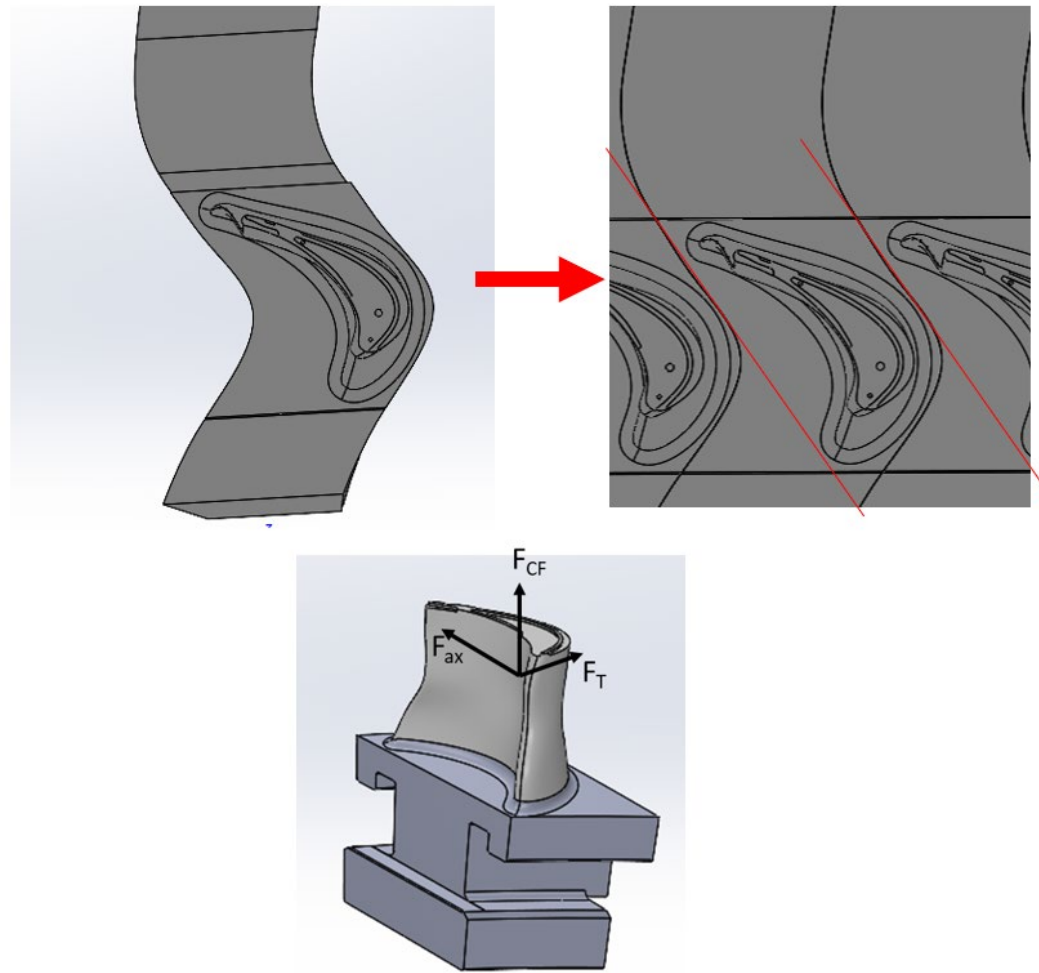
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- Pressure loading, centrifugal loading.

- Pressure loading, centrifugal loading, thermal expansion effects.

Blade Root Design

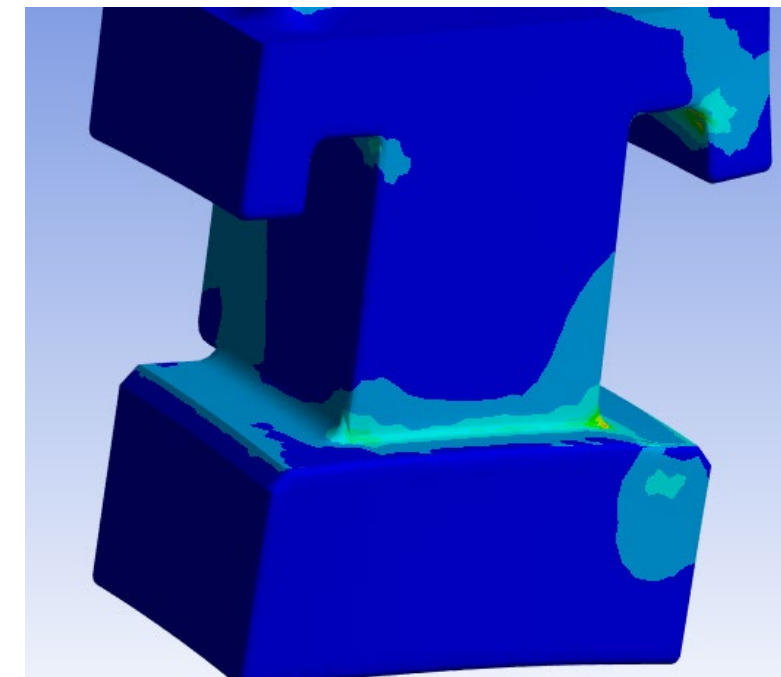
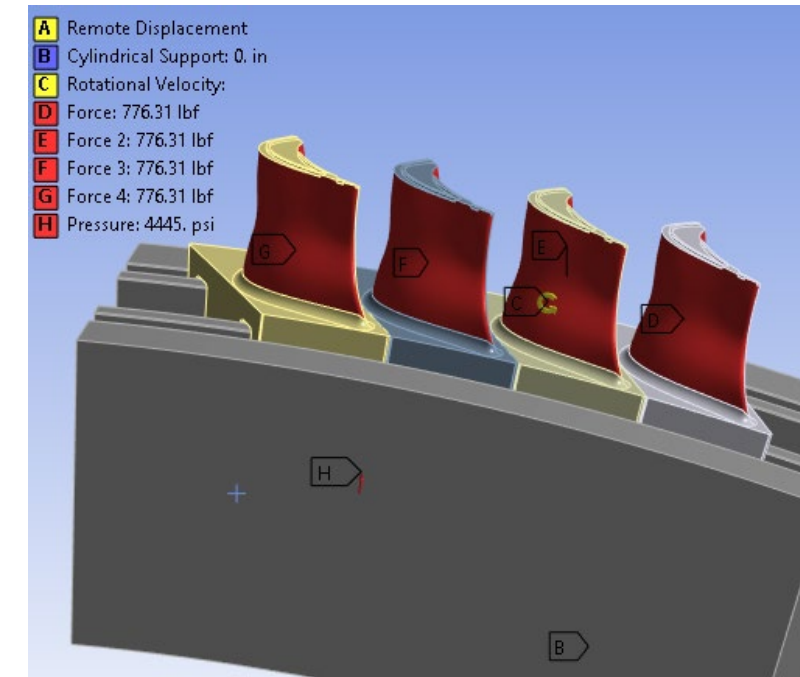


- Parallel T-root chosen for monolithic rotor based on literature study.
- Sidestep on base of T-root allows for blades to load off of each other.

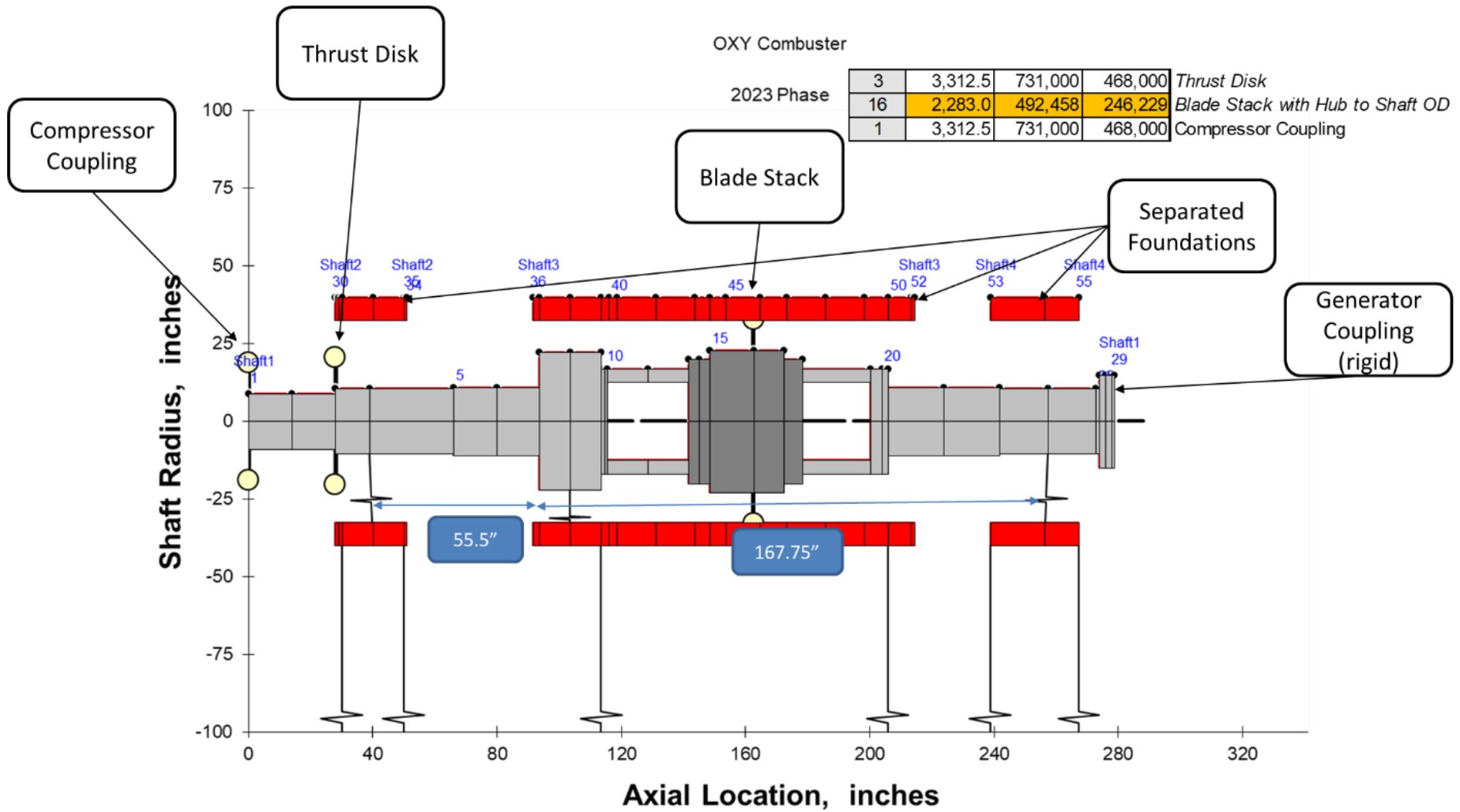
Blade Root Structural Evaluation

- Boundary Conditions
 - Blade Loading From GE
 - Run with Solid Blade – H282
 - 1/8” Cooling Port

	Count	Rotor Thrust		Tangential Force	
		Total	Per Blade	Total	Per Blade
	#	lbf	lbf	lbf	lbf
Blade 1	142	82,351	579.9	73,259	515.9
Blade 2	142	87,750	618.0	74,212	522.6
Blade 3	142	81,806	576.1	75,217	529.7
Blade 4	126	70,228	557.4	74,498	591.3
Blade 5	126	55,424	439.9	72,064	571.9
Blade 6	126	37,759	299.7	69,903	554.8
total		415,319			

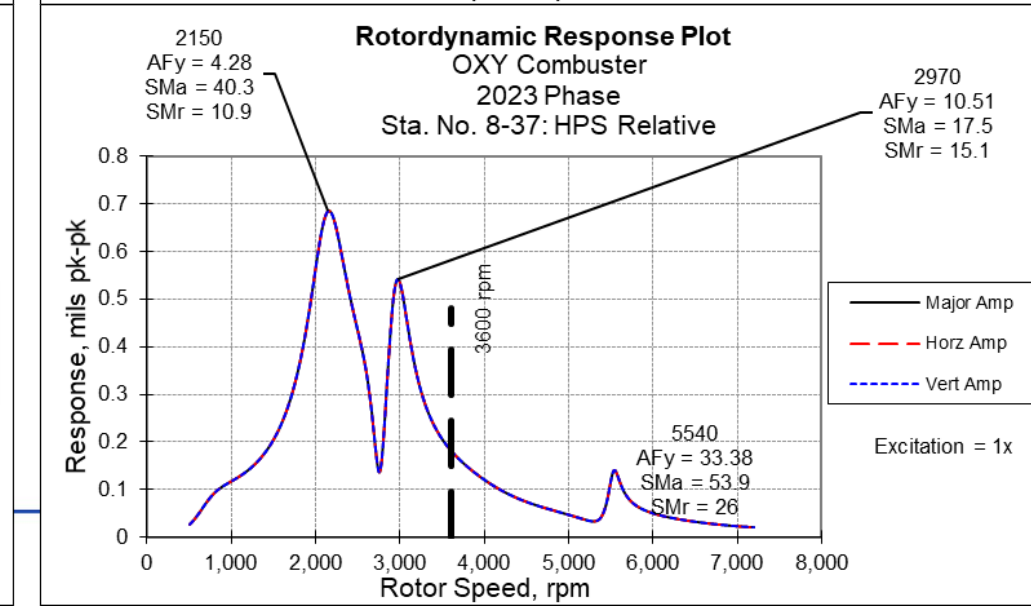
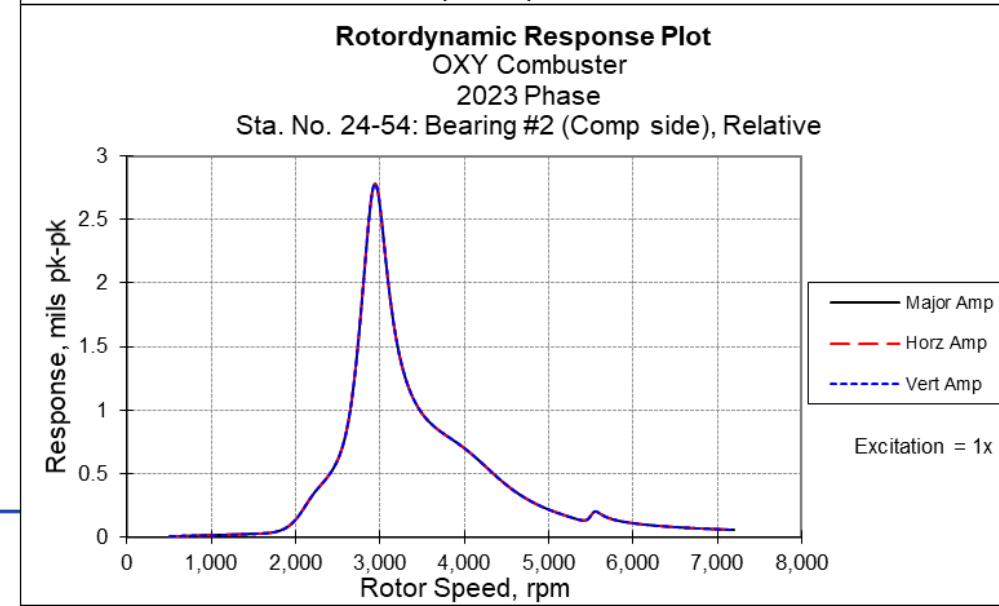
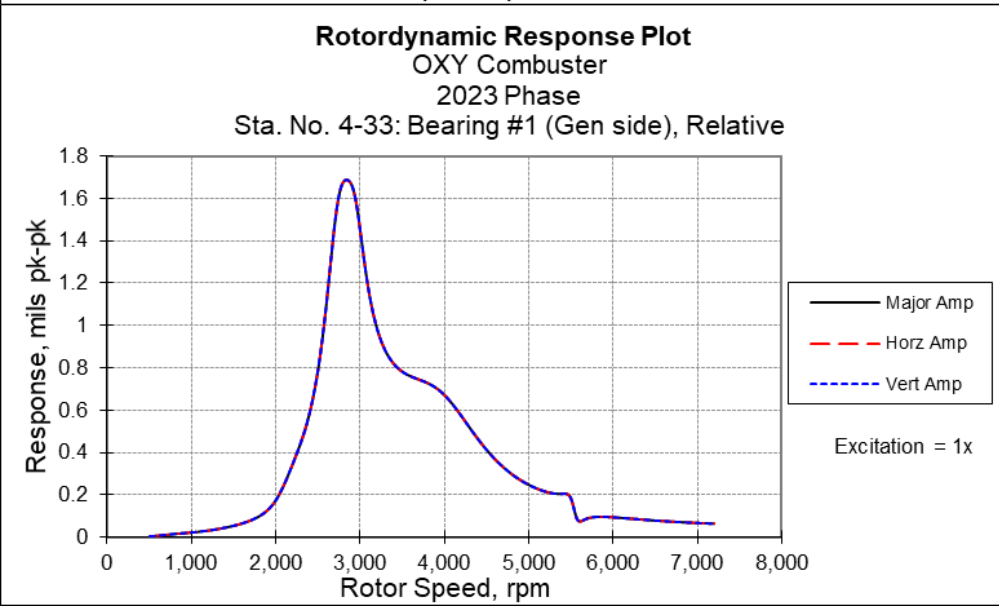
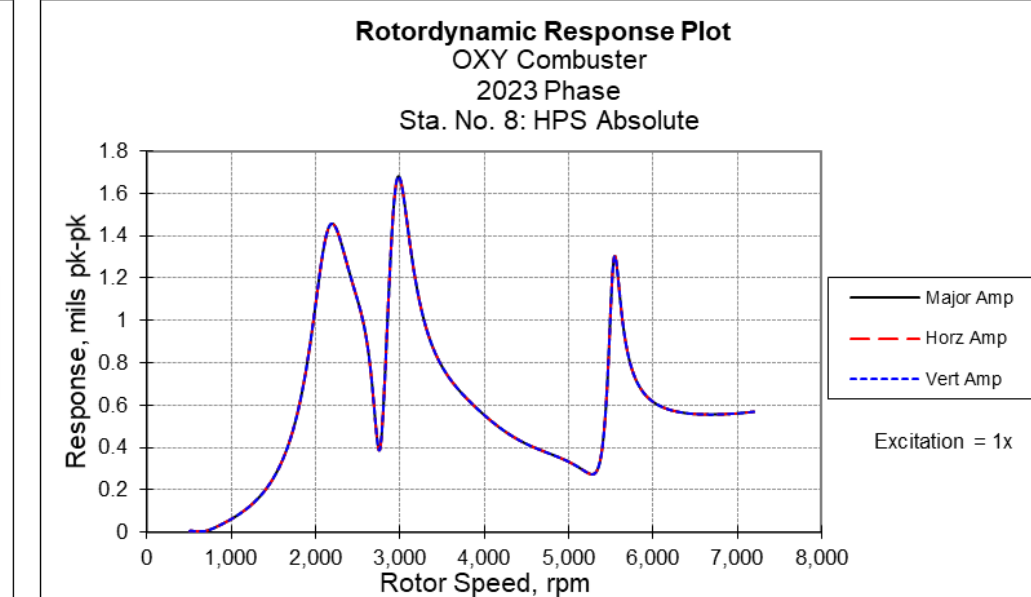
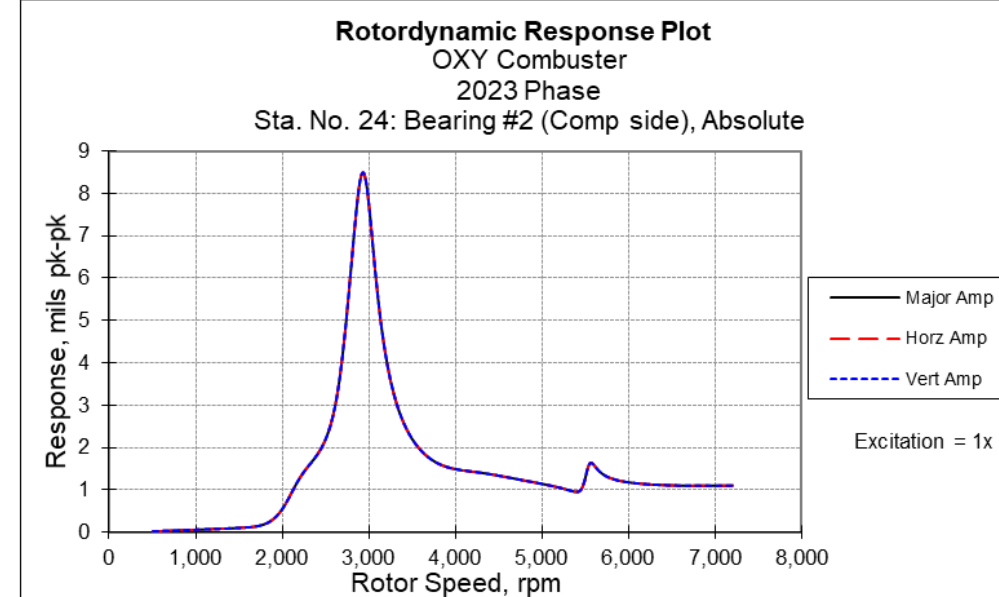
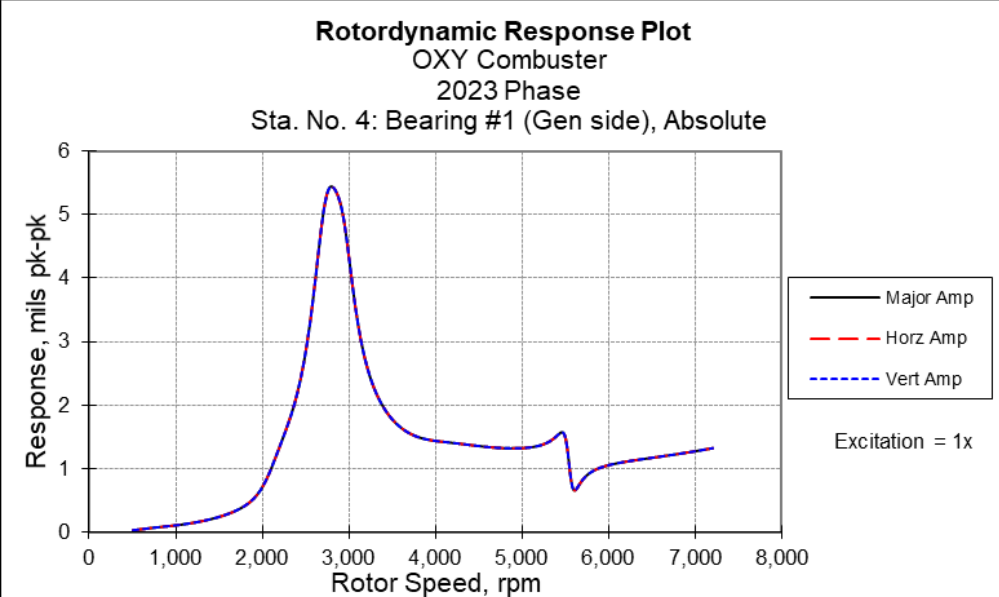
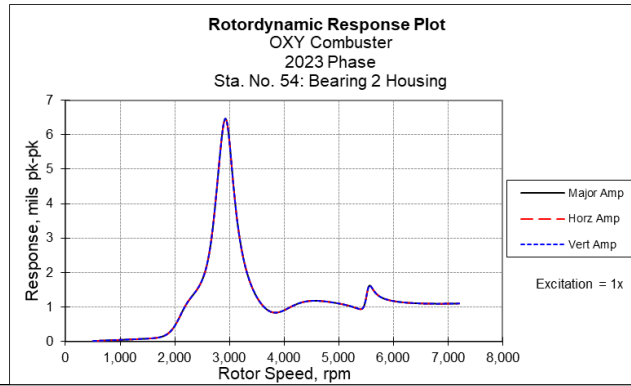
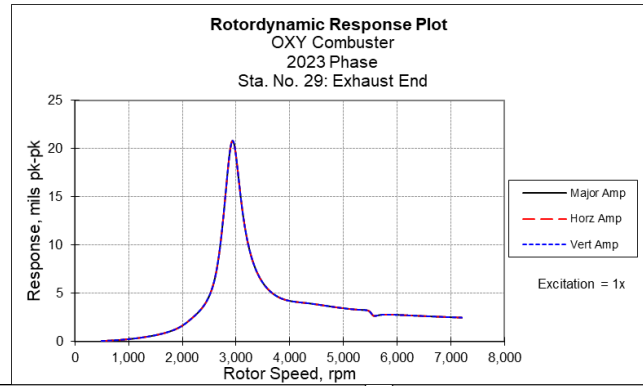
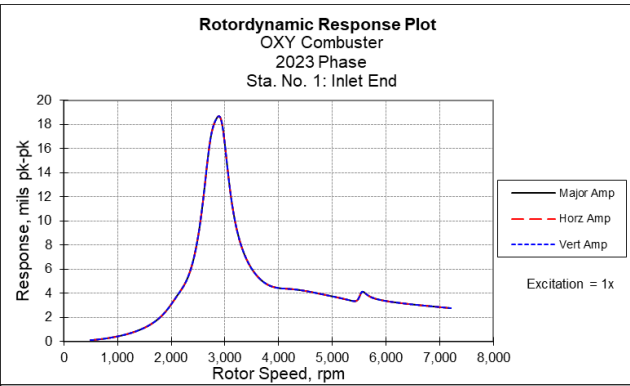


Rotordynamics Model

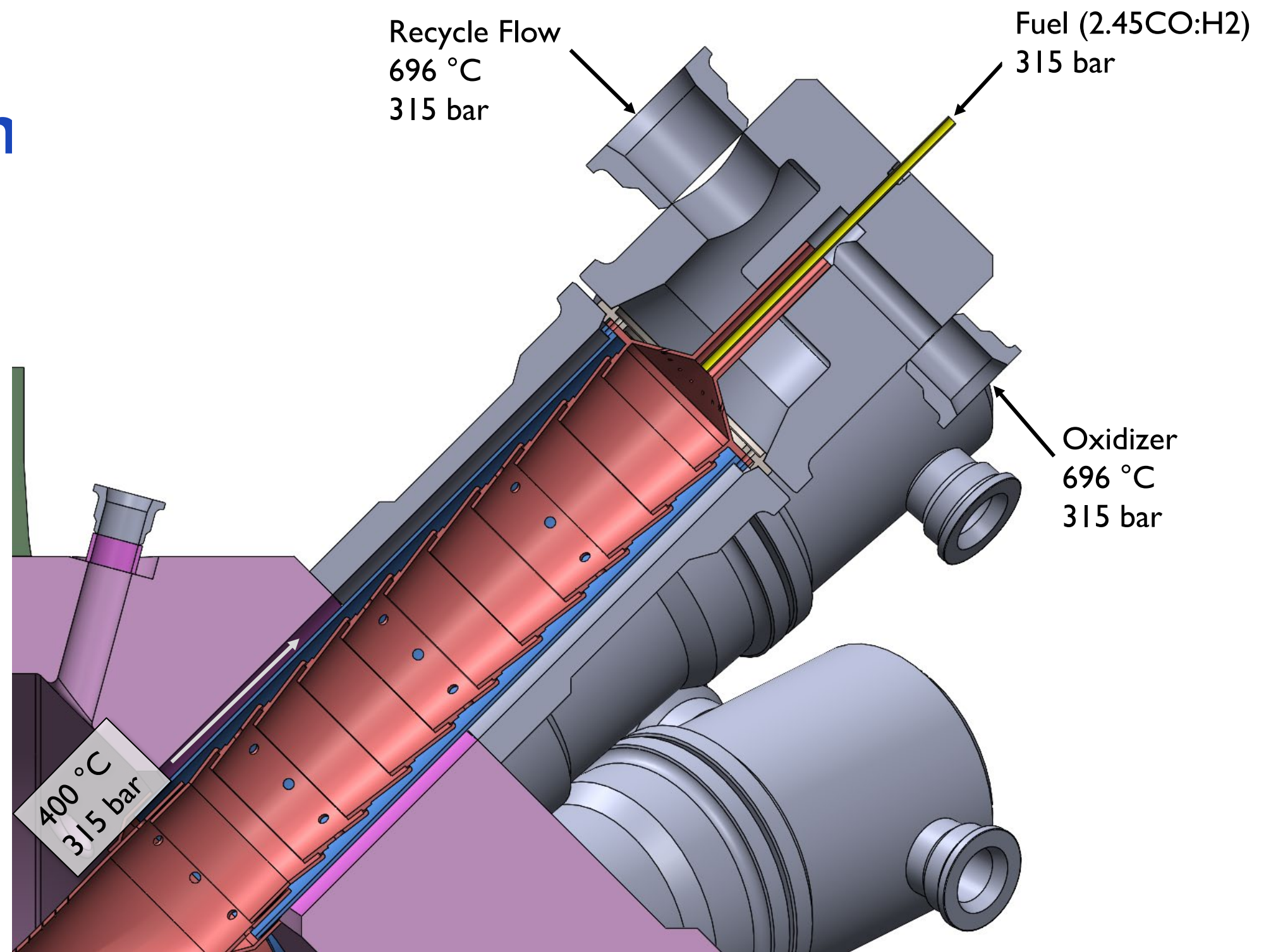


- Coupling and bearing specifications received from vendors.

Rotordynamics Response Plots

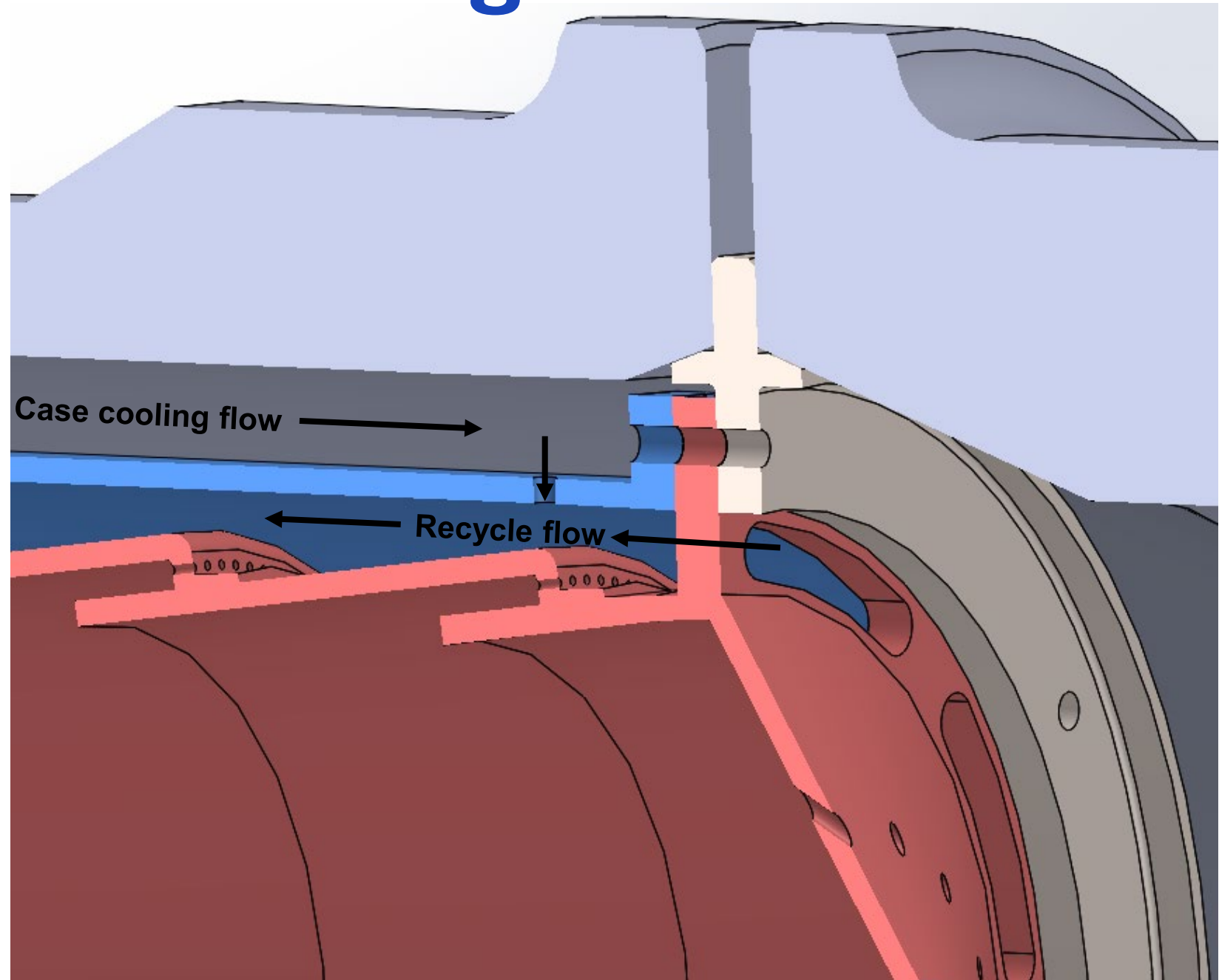


Combustor Flow Diagram

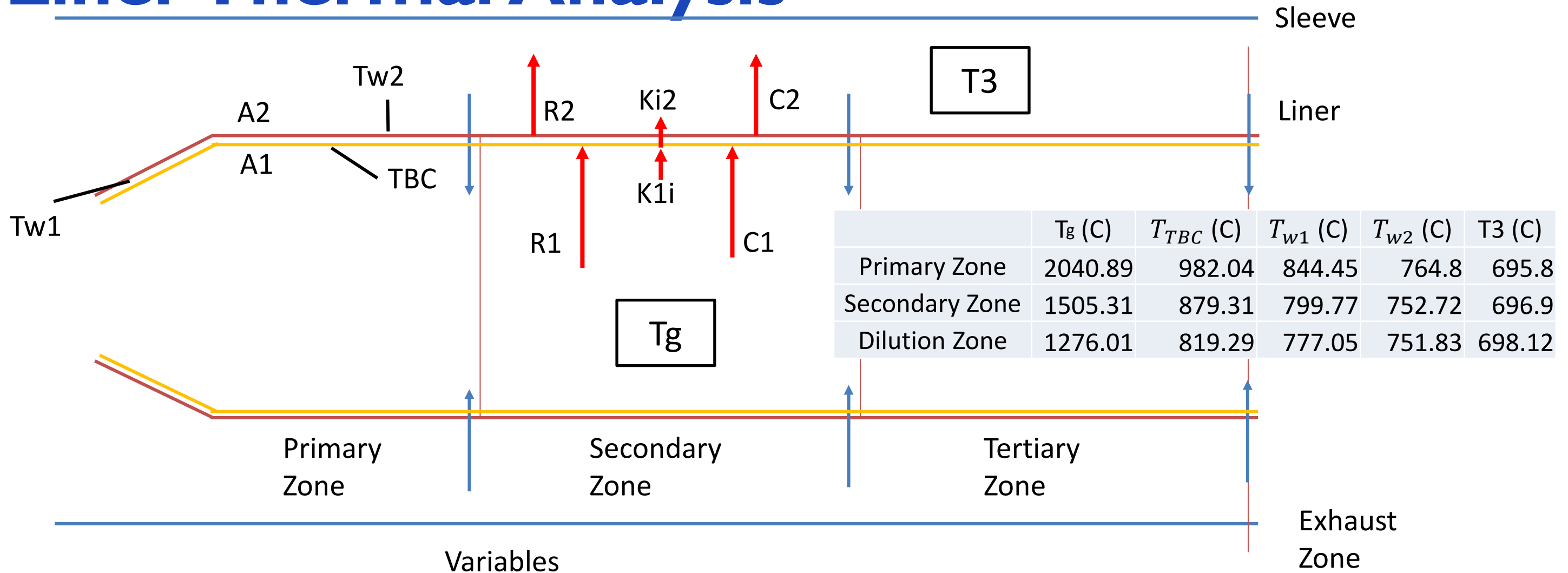


Combustor thermal management

- Cooling flow jackets the combustor housing nozzle to extend lifetime of nozzle welded to combustor housing.
- Liner thermal analysis underway to modify geometry and determine TBC requirements for 30,000 hr. target lifetime.



Liner Thermal Analysis

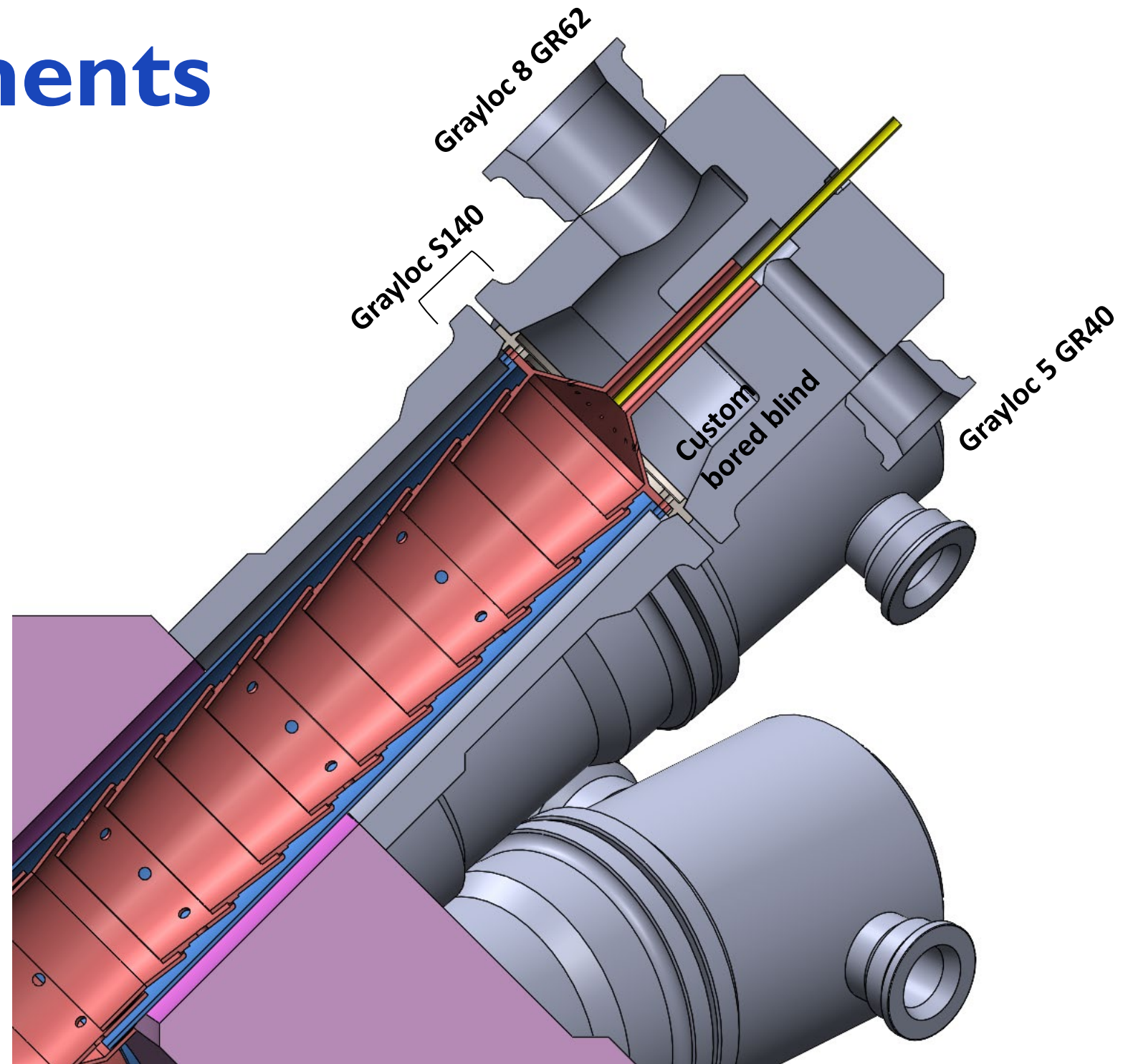


T_g = Primary flow gas temp (K)
 T_{w1} = liner wall inside temp (K)
 T_{w2} = liner wall outside temp (K)
 $T3$ = recycle flow gas temp (K)
 $A1 \& A2$ = Inside/Outside Liner Area (m²)

$R1$ = radiation heat flux from flame to TBC (W/m²)
 $C1$ = convective heat flux from flame to TBC (W/m²)
 $R2$ = radiation heat flux from liner wall to recycle flow (W/m²)
 $C2$ = convective heat flux from liner wall to recycle flow (W/m²)
 $K1i/Ki2$ = conduction heat flux through TBC (W/m²)

Combustor Components

- Recycle flow temperature and pressure (696 °C, 315 bar) mandates the use of nickel alloy (H282) for Grayloc clamp connectors and blind. ANSI flanges aren't an option.
- A remaining challenge to be met is the orientation of nozzles to simplify the required piping and manifolds.



Publications

- Logan Tuite, Purdue University, presented at the 2024 sCO₂ Symposium in San Antonio: *Paper 102 Blade and Rim Seal Design of a First Stage High Pressure Turbine for a 300 MWe Supercritical CO₂ Power Cycle.*
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- Logan Tuite, Purdue University, presented at the 2023 ASME Turbo Expo in Boston, Massachusetts: *GT2023-101722, Optimization of an HPT Blade and Sector-Based Annular Rig Design for Supercritical CO₂ Power Cycle Representative Testing.*
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Questions?