

High-Performance Computing Modeling of Material Imperfections of Critical Fossil Power Generation Components

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(Crack Nucleation)

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Siemens Energy Charlotte, NC Location

Manufacturing and Service: Gas and Steam Turbines, Generators



The Siemens gas turbines portfolio: The right engine for every requirement



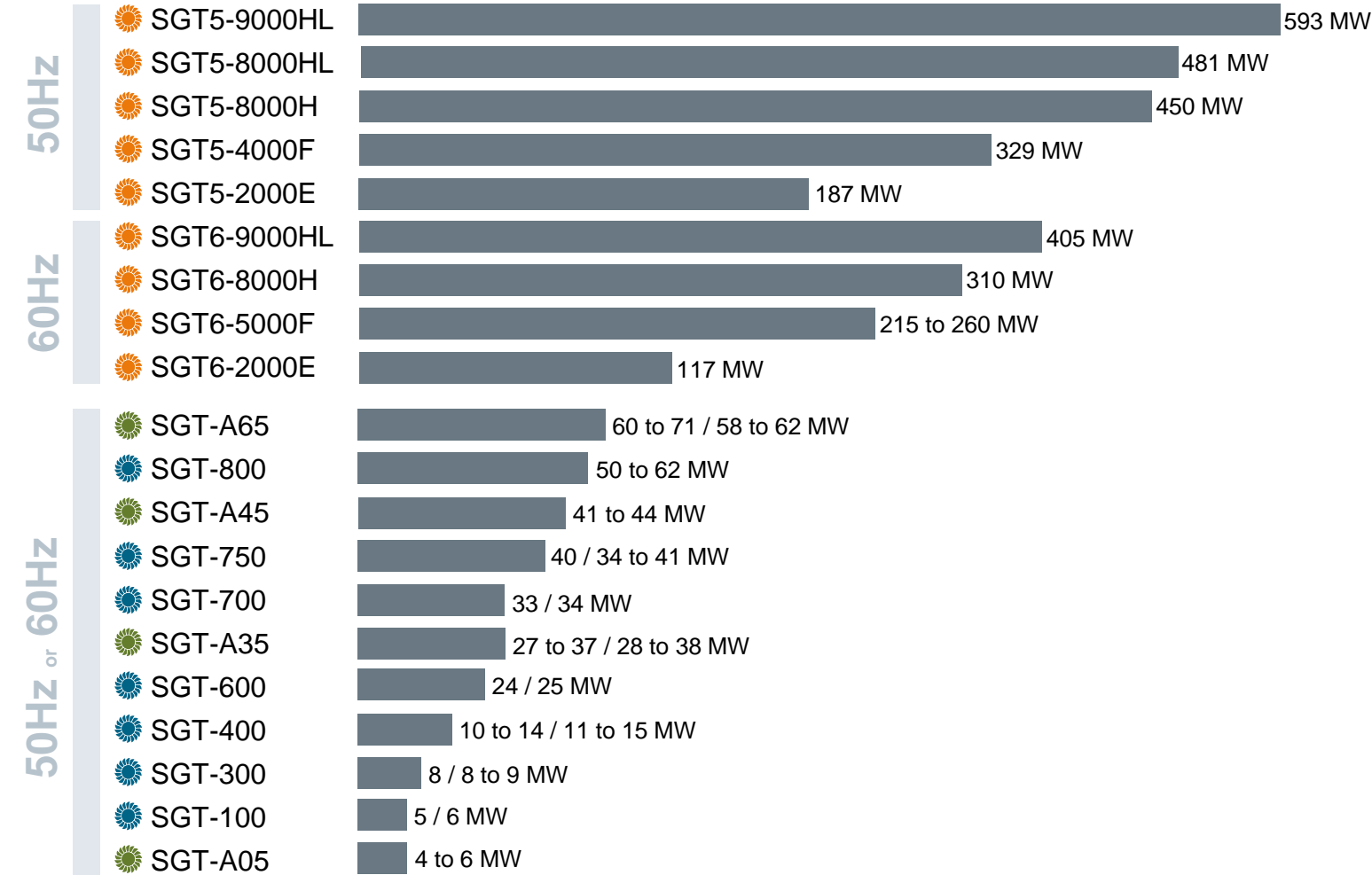
Heavy-duty
gas turbines



Industrial
gas turbines



Aeroderivative
gas turbines



Power Generation / Mechanical Drive, Performance at ISO conditions

The HL-class: When the best from past experience unites with new technologies

SIEMENS
Ingenuity for life

Single tie-bolt rotor

Proven rotor design with internal cooling air passages for fast (cold) start and hot restart capability
Rotor Air cooler allows use of proven steel disc design
Easy rotor de-stacking on site due to disc assembly with Hirth serration and central tie rod

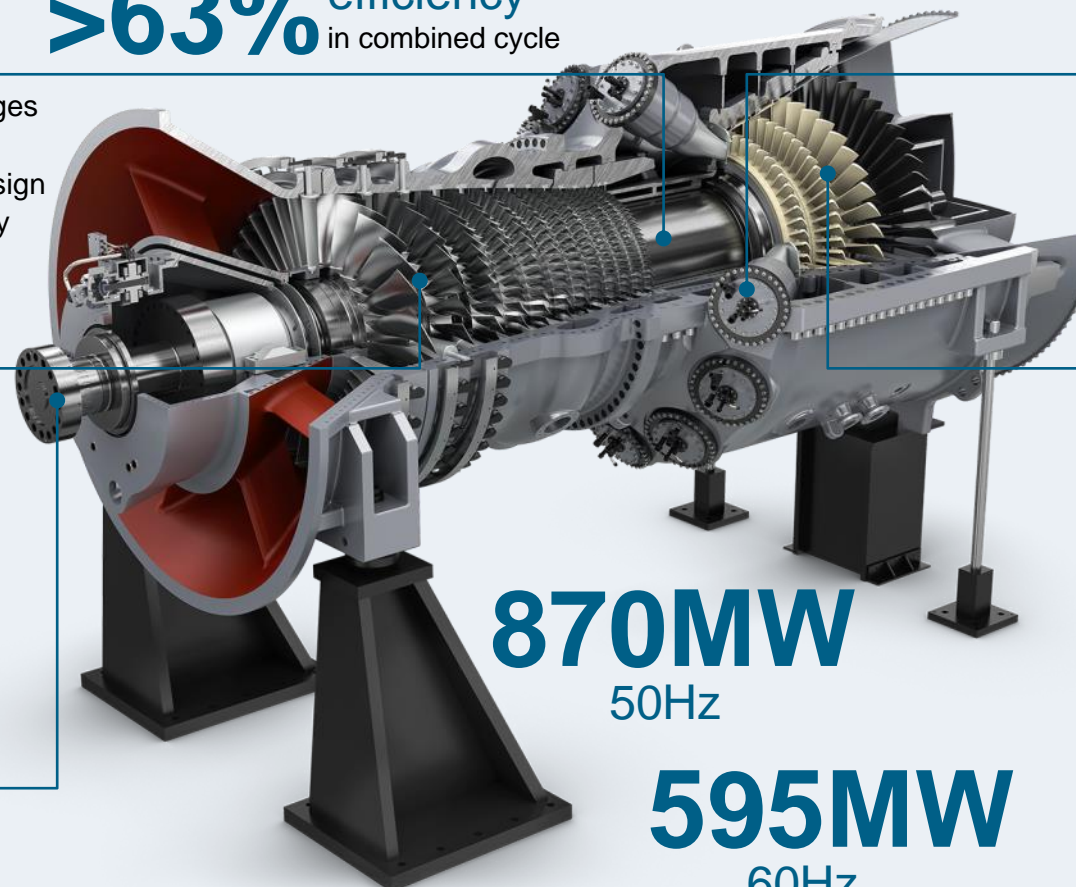
12- stage compressor

- Variable-inlet Guide Vanes and two stages of fast-acting Variable-pitch Guide Vanes (VGV) for improved part load efficiency and high load transients
- Third generation harmonized compressor
- High efficiency due to evolutionary 3D blading
All rotating compressor blades replaceable without rotor lift or rotor de-stacking

Bearings

- ■ Hydraulic Clearance Optimization (HCO) for reduced degradation and clearance losses

>63% efficiency
in combined cycle



Combustion

- ■ Advanced can annular combustion system with dual-fuel capabilities (12/16 combustors)

4-stage turbine

- High cycling capability due to fully internally air-cooled turbine section
- Super-efficient internal cooling features for blades and vanes
3D four-stage turbine with advanced materials and thermal barrier coating
- All turbine vanes and blades replaceable without rotor lift; vane 1, blades 1 & 4 replaceable without cover lift

870MW
50Hz

595MW
60Hz
in combined cycle 1x1 / 1S

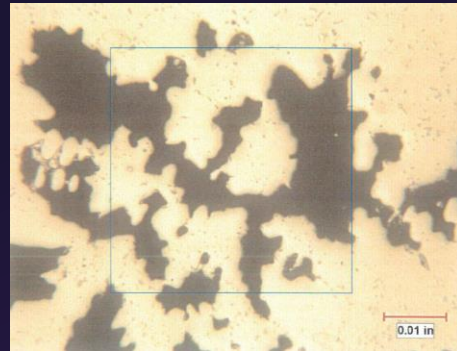
Flexibility

Performance

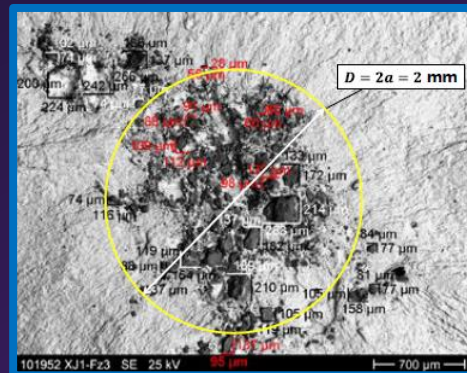
Serviceability

Material Imperfections – Engineering Model

Turbine Blades – Cast Porosity

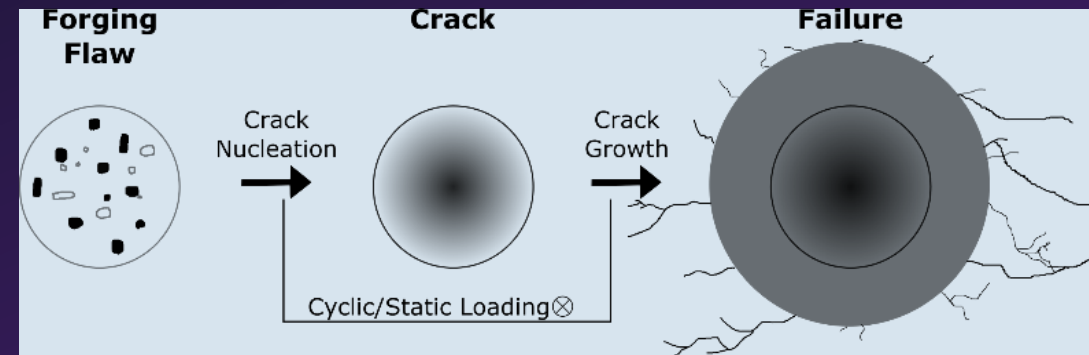


Rotor Disks – Forging Flaws



Life Model

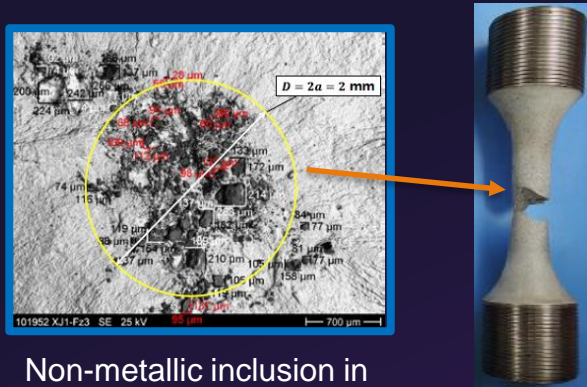
$$N_{flaw} = N_{Nuc} + N_{FM}$$



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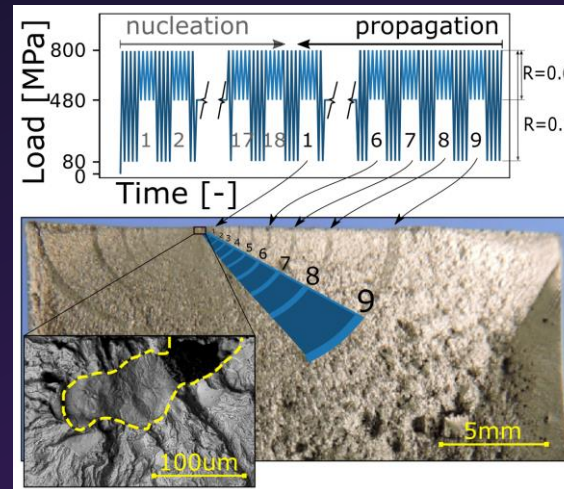
Material Imperfections – Experimental Data

Specimen with Forging Flaws

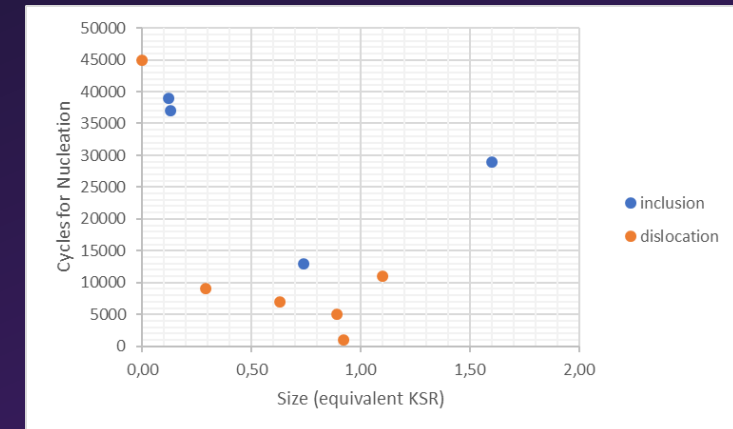


Non-metallic inclusion in metal matrix area cut-up

Evaluation of Experiments



Cycles to Crack Nucleation



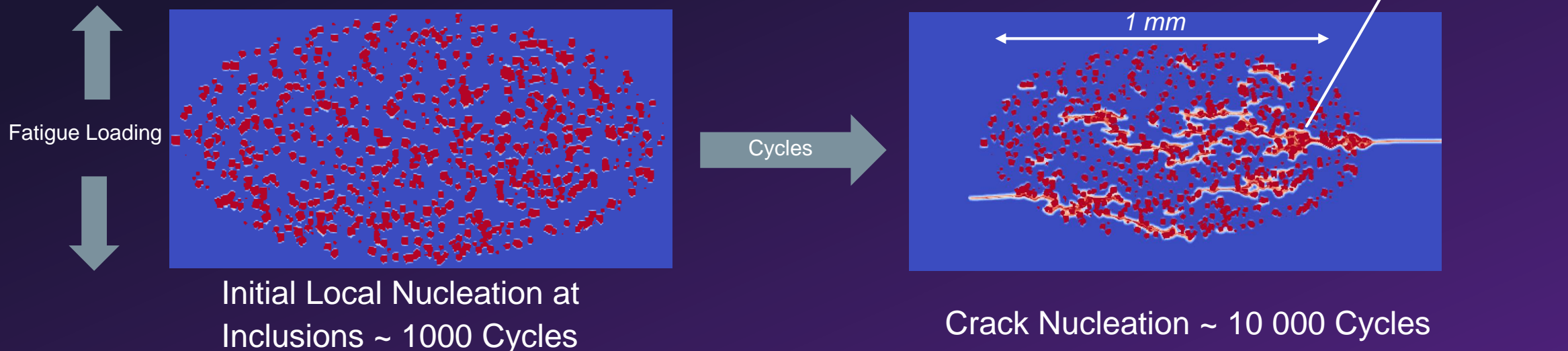
- Development of engineering model for crack nucleation N_{Nuc} of material imperfection based on experimental data

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Material Imperfections – High Performance Computing

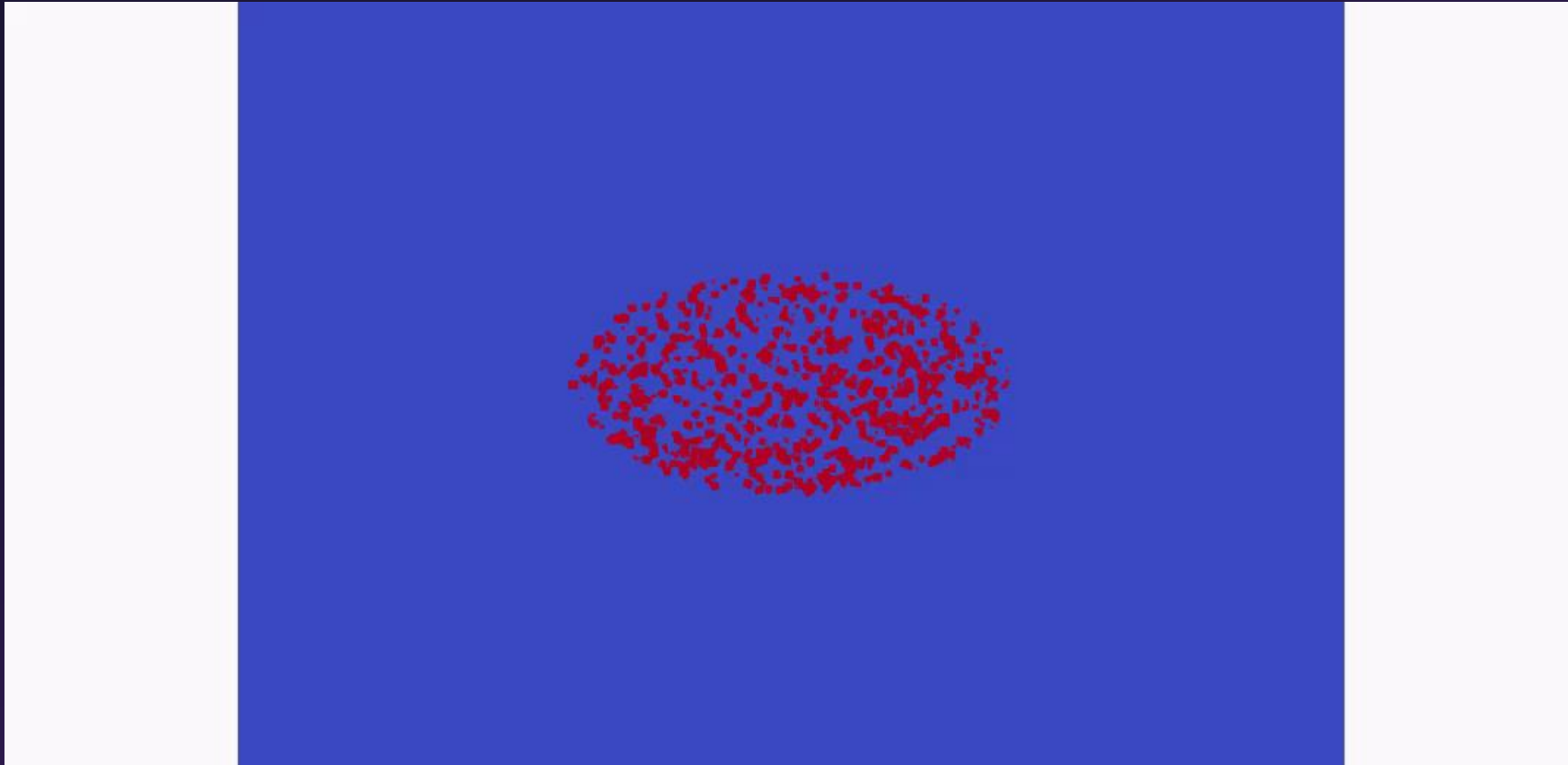
Peridynamics Simulation of Forging Flaw Fatigue Crack Nucleation Processes

- Reliability, transferability, statistics → HPC modeling
- Los Alamos Grizzly HPC Cluster, 100 million material points
- Non-metallic inclusion (red) distribution in metal matrix (blue)
- Damage generation under fatigue loading (white-red)



Material Imperfections – High Performance Computing

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Outlook

- High performance computing in support of FE efficiency/cost/emissions, power generation industry
- Material imperfections in large rotating forged components and cast blades
- Additive manufactured components, powder-based repair methods etc.
- Probabilistic models, transferability



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