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MOTIVATION

Wind turbine blades are becoming longer to decrease the cost of energy. They need to stand higher stresses.

PIECELINE AND CHALLENGES

- Low quality scans to avoid a long acquisition time.
- Composite materials with high fibre volume fraction.
- Large data sets.

SEGMENTATION AND TRACKING

1. Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP)
2. Carbon Fibre Reinforced Polymer (CFRP)

Accuracy** 99.1%
Accuracy** 100%

**Accuracy measured as correctly found centres in a test image, of size half of a slice.

FIBRE ORIENTATION

1. GFRP
2. CFRP

For a more precise estimate...

...add the spatial distribution

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