



Large Engine Technology Program: Task 22: Variable Geometry Concepts for Rich-Quench-Lean Combustors

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