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2. Garcia, A.C.B. and Howard, H.C. Acquiring design knowledge through design decision justification. *Artificial Intelligence for Engineering Design, Analysis and Manufacturing*, 6 (1). 59-71.

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