



Subcomponent testing of rotor blades

Multi-Scale Structural Testing and Modeling

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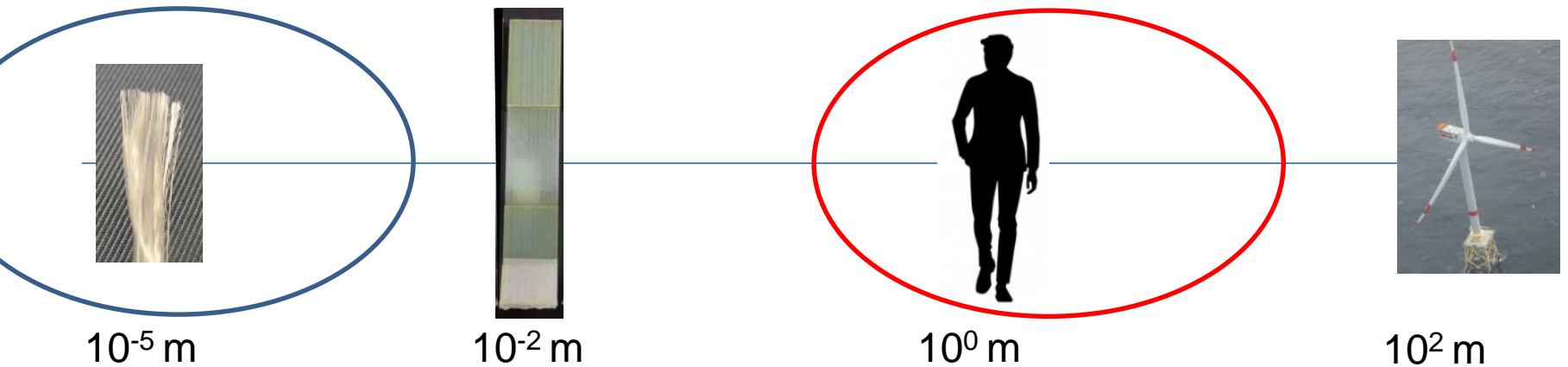
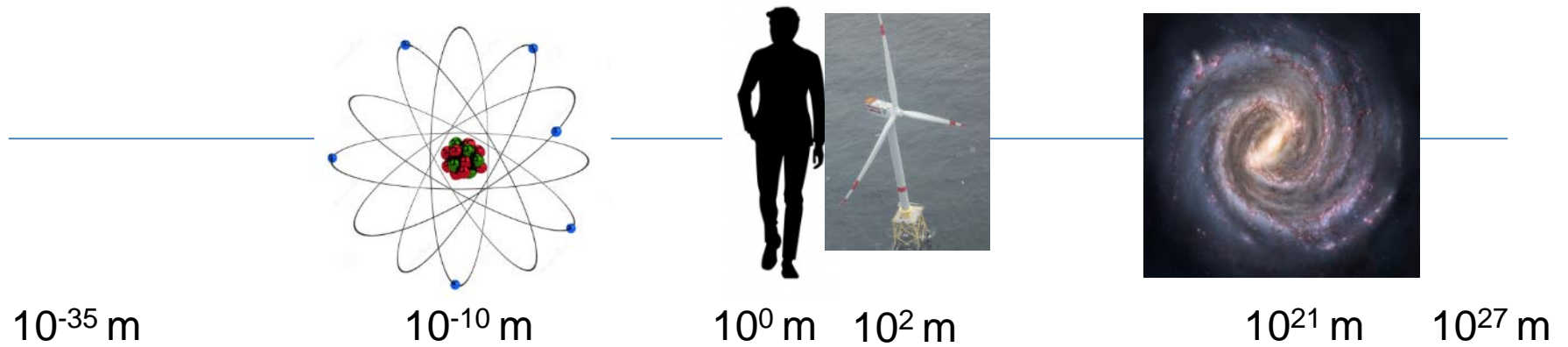
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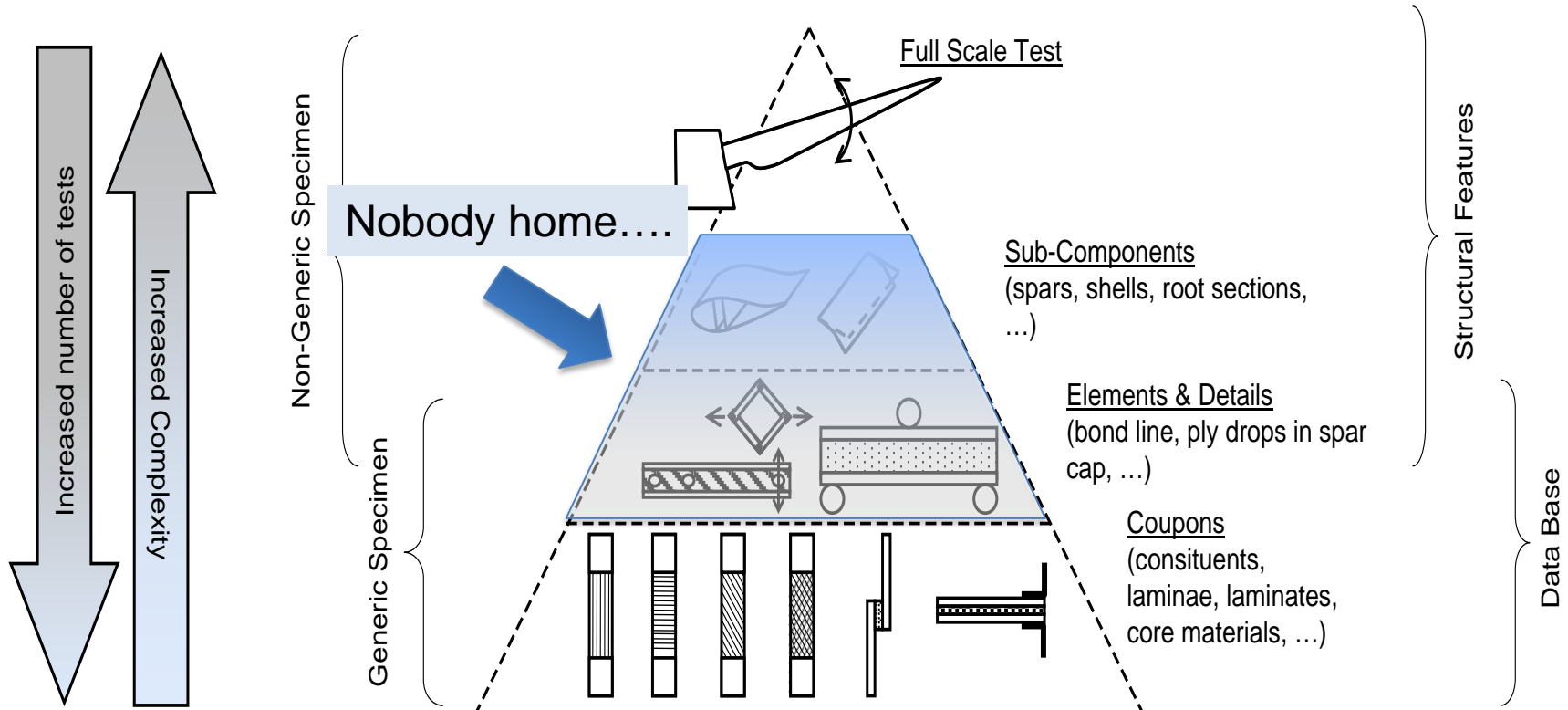


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Scales, scales, scales.....



Rotor Blade Testing..... Something is missing



Source: IEC 61406 (draft version)

Full-scale blade testing



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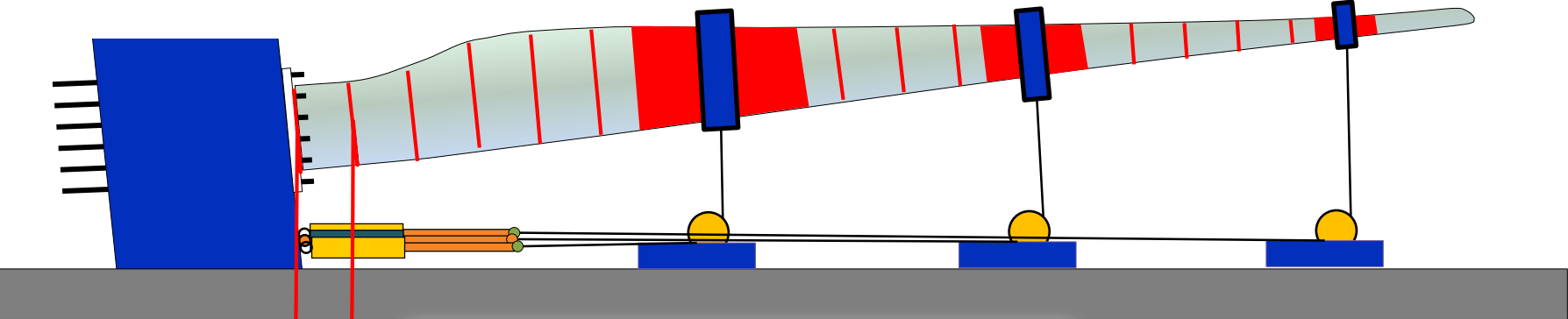
Full scale blade test

70m Rotor blade test stand, Static test 56m blade: Suction side under Pressure



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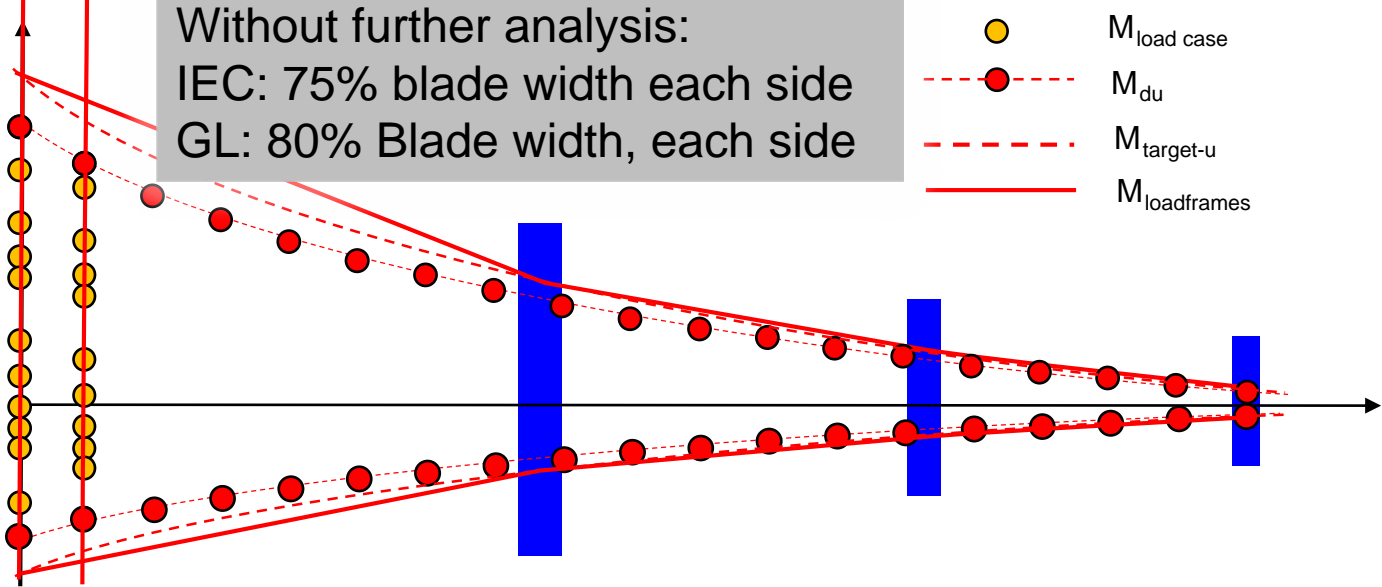
Determination of the test loads



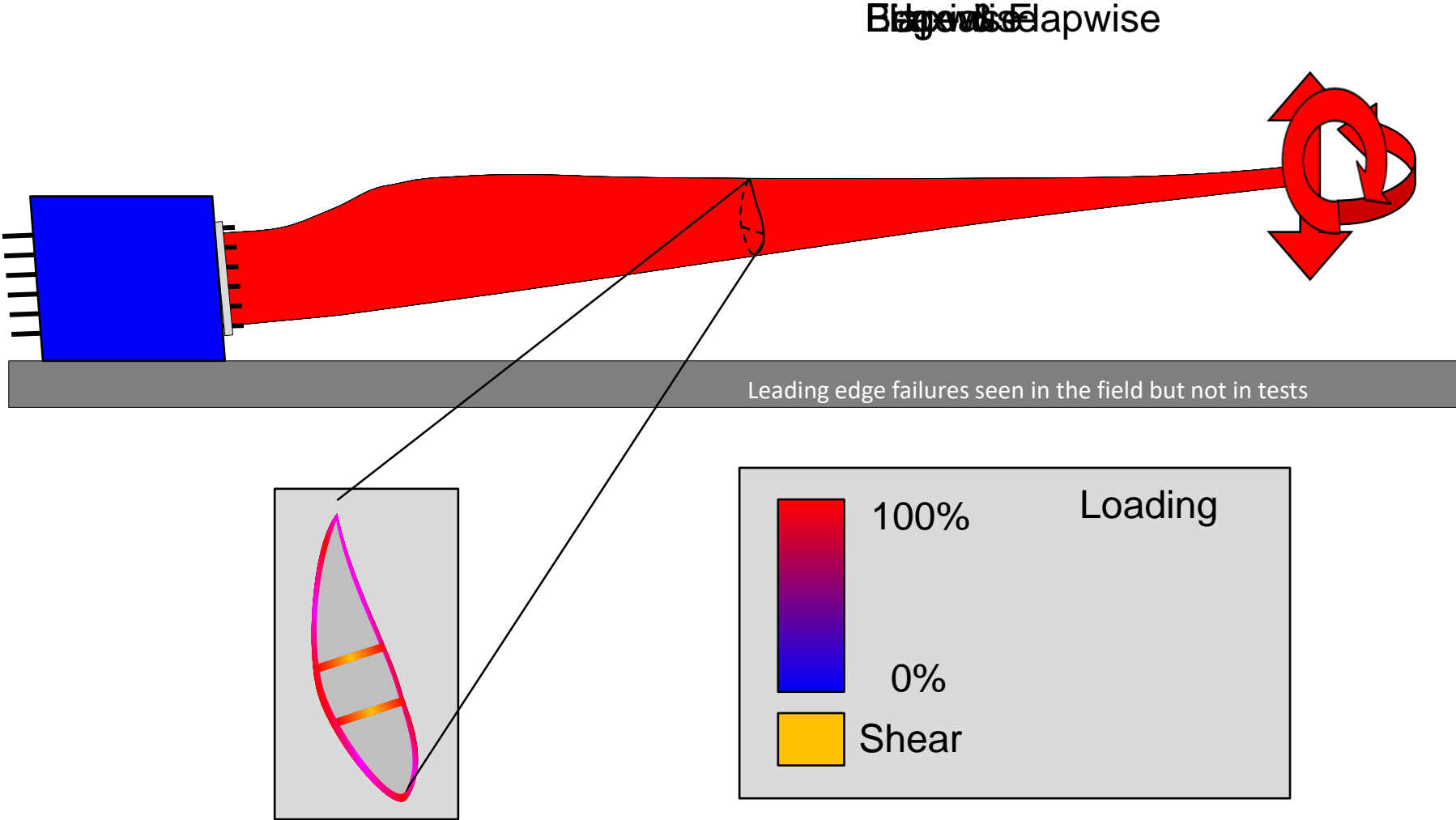
M_{edge}

Without further analysis:
 IEC: 75% blade width each side
 GL: 80% Blade width, each side

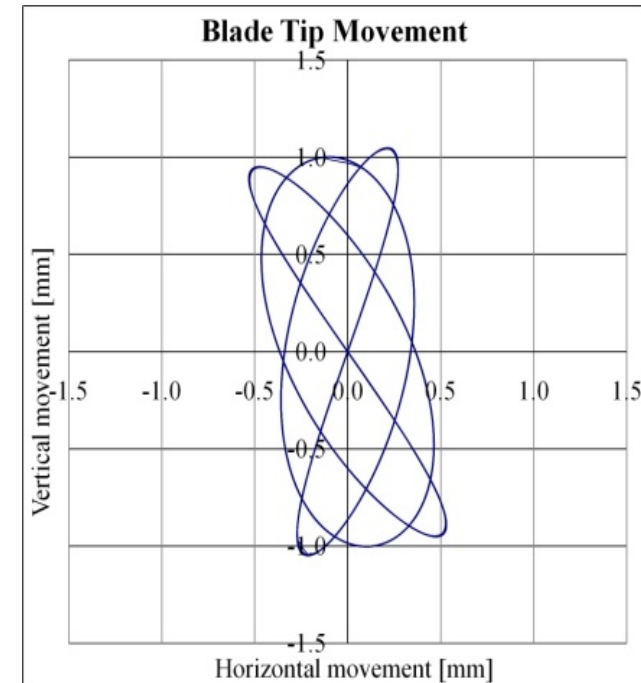
- $M_{load\ case}$
- - - ● - - - M_{du}
- - - - - $M_{target-u}$
- $M_{loadframes}$



Test directions

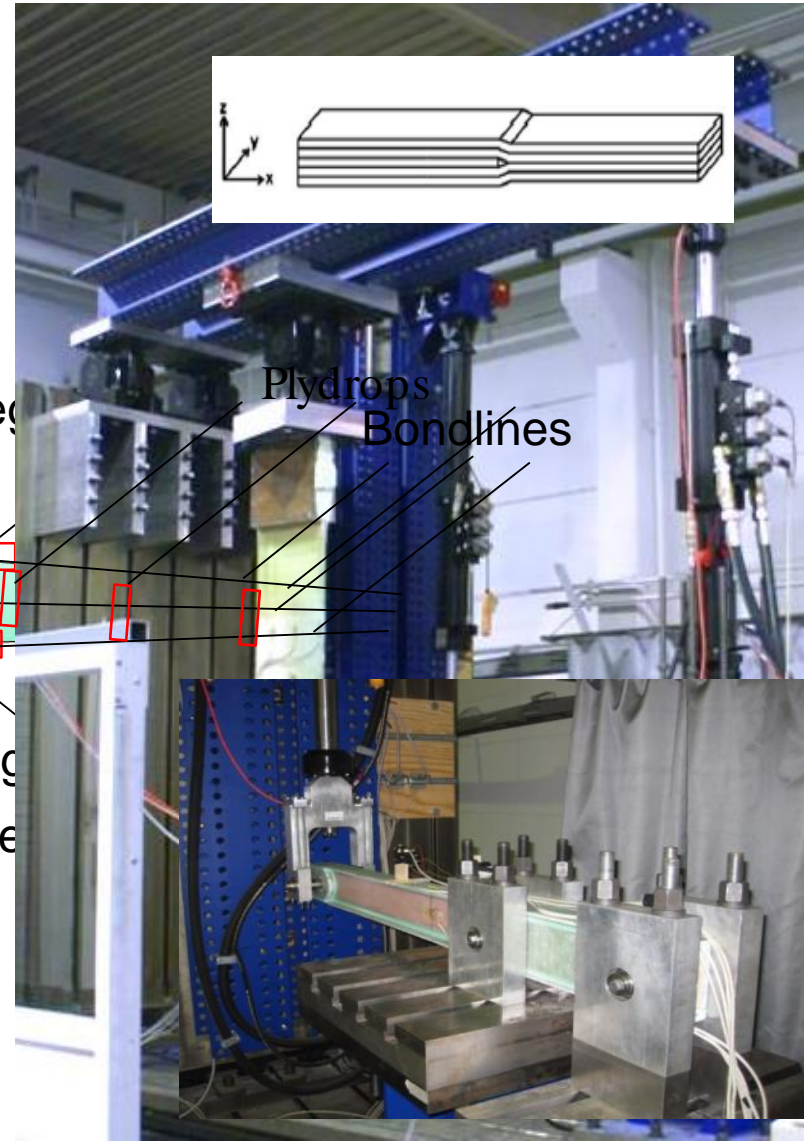
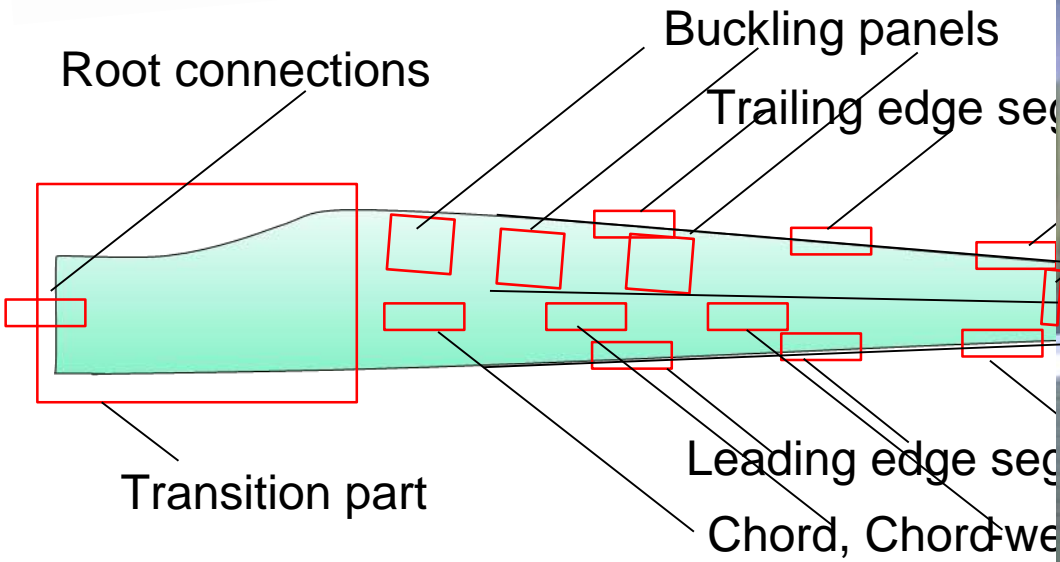
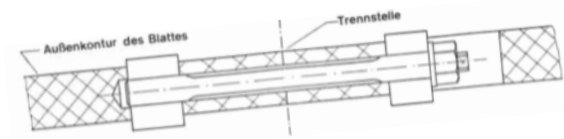


Biaxial Test at IWES



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Blade components



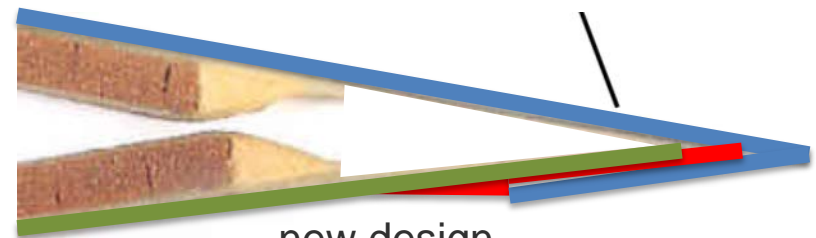
A case for subcomponent testing - KompZert

Aim: verification of blade details

- > A detail failed during full-scale blade test (manufacturing errors)
- > Changes in blade details



current design



new design

Original Plan: describe a number of blade details, boundary conditions etc. and possibilities for lowered partial safety factors

Problem: it differs a lot what circumstances occur: manufacturer dependent

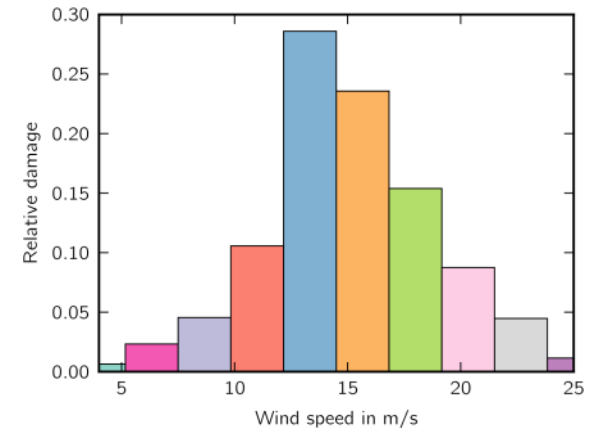
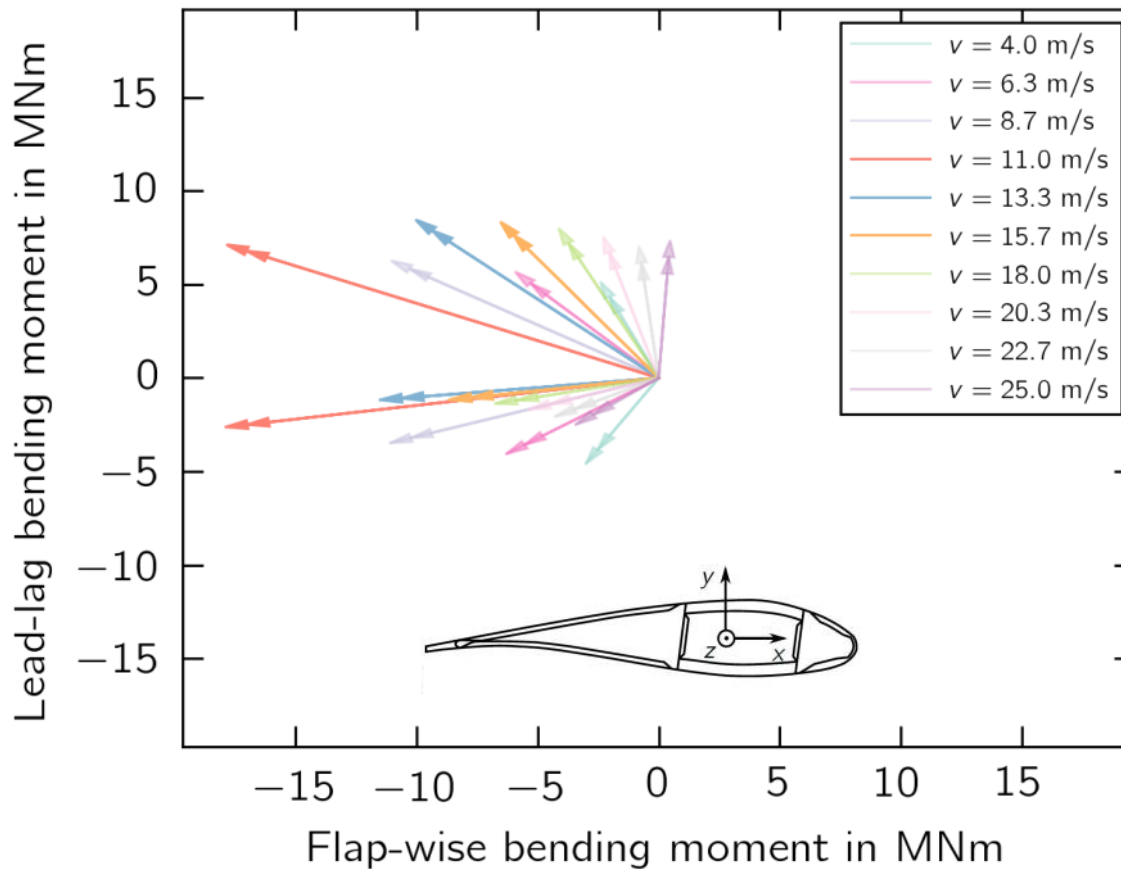
E.g. in some cases peeling is important load case

More accurate scenarios are necessary



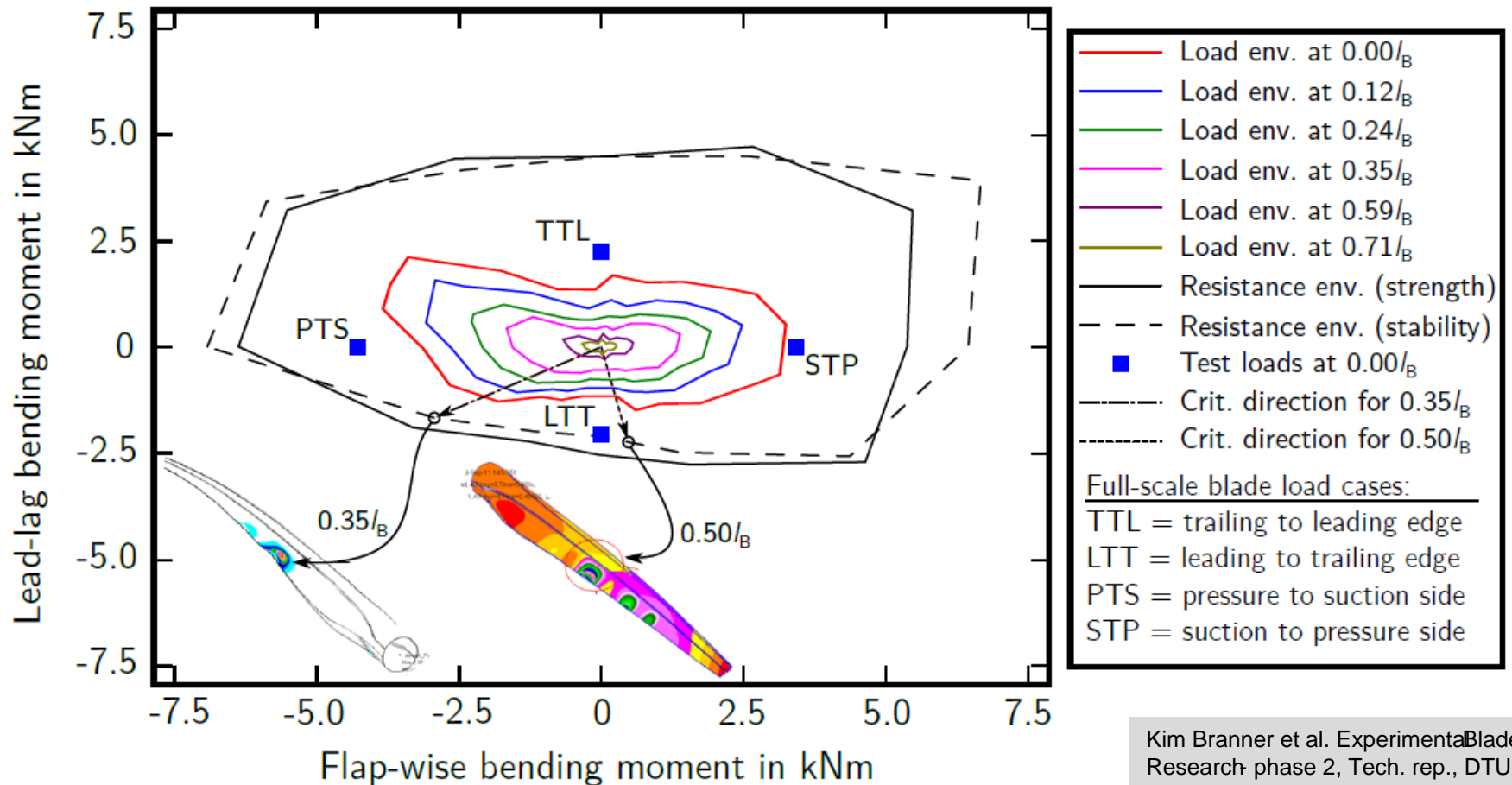
"KompZert" Einführung von Komponententests als Teil der Entwicklung von Rotorblättern für Windenergieanlagen : Schlussbericht ein Forschungsprojekt im Rahmen des BMWi Förderprogramms zur Förderung von Forschung und Entwicklung im Bereich erneuerbare Energien

Bending moment vectors due to lead-lag load under field conditions

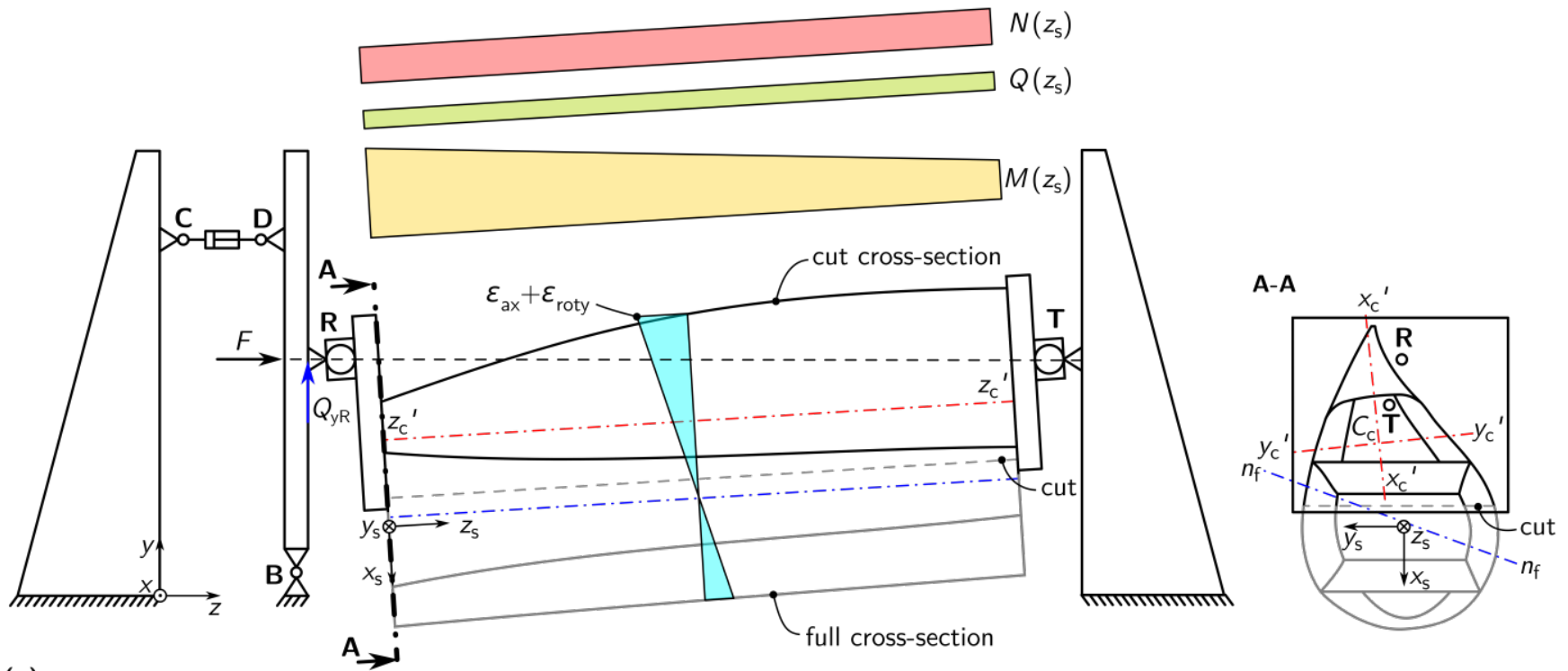


Rosemeier et al. (2018)
Benefits of subcomponent over full-scale blade testing elaborated on a trailing edge bond line design validation, Wind Energy Science Journal

Load directions in the field



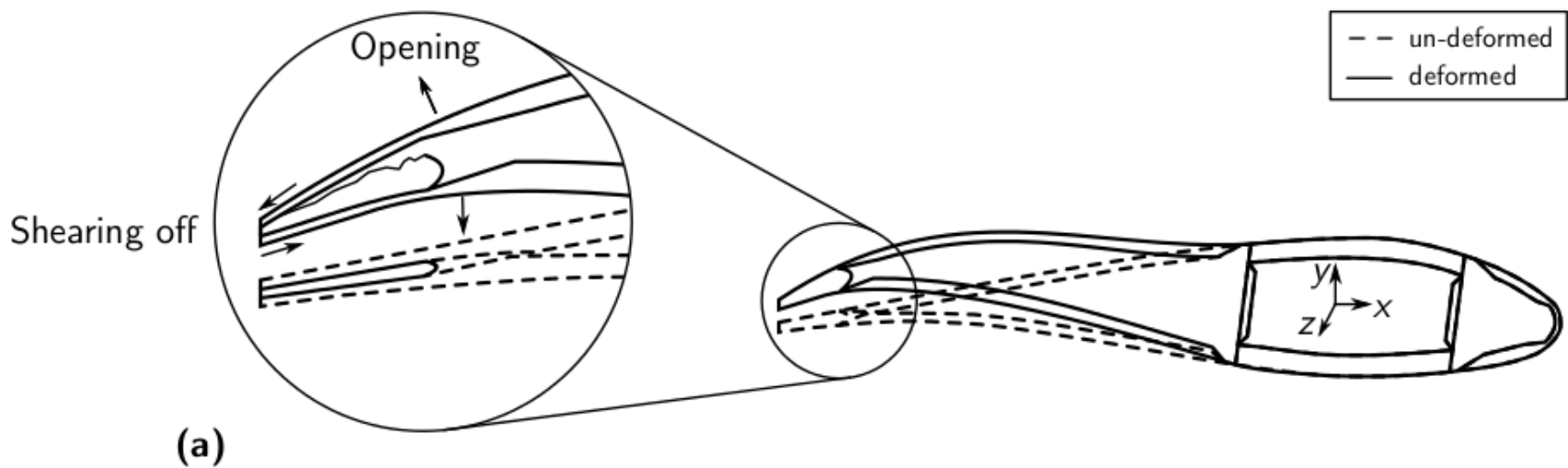
Experimental setup



Rosemeier et al., 2017 A novel single actuator test setup for combined loading of wind turbine rotor blade sub-components

Deformation of the cross-section

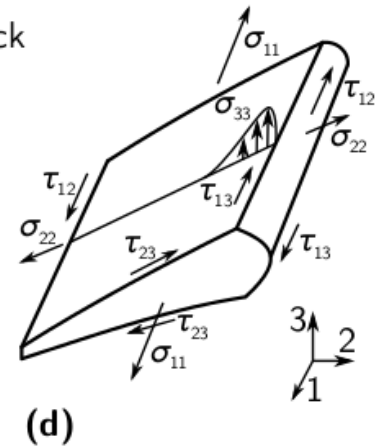
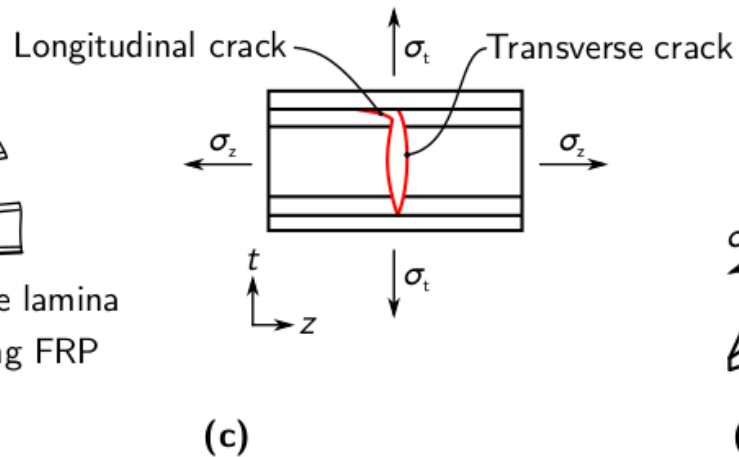
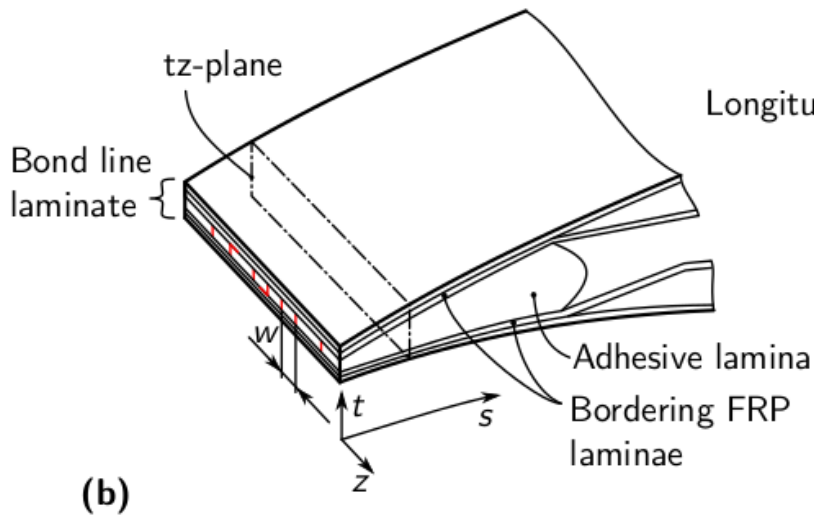
- "breathing" or "pumping" effect opens/ closes the cross-section depending on the load direction



Rosemeier et al. (2019), MultiAxial Damage Impact on the Trailing Edge Bond Line of Wind Turbine Blades, submitted to AIAA/Scitech2019

Research questions

- How significant is the contribution of peeling stresses to the bond line fatigue?
- What is the actual mechanism leading to crack initiation?



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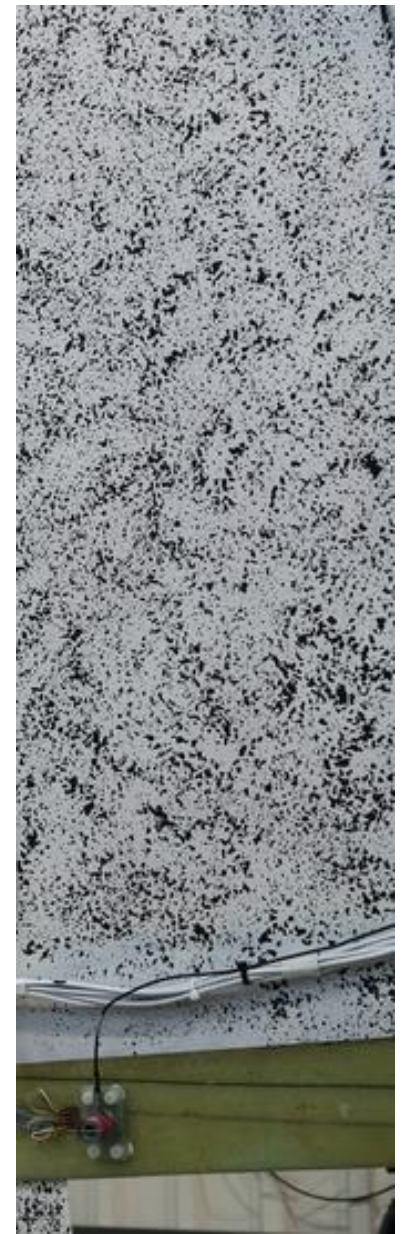
Specimen preparation impressions

Grind off, casting



Specimen preparation impressions

SGs, dot pattern



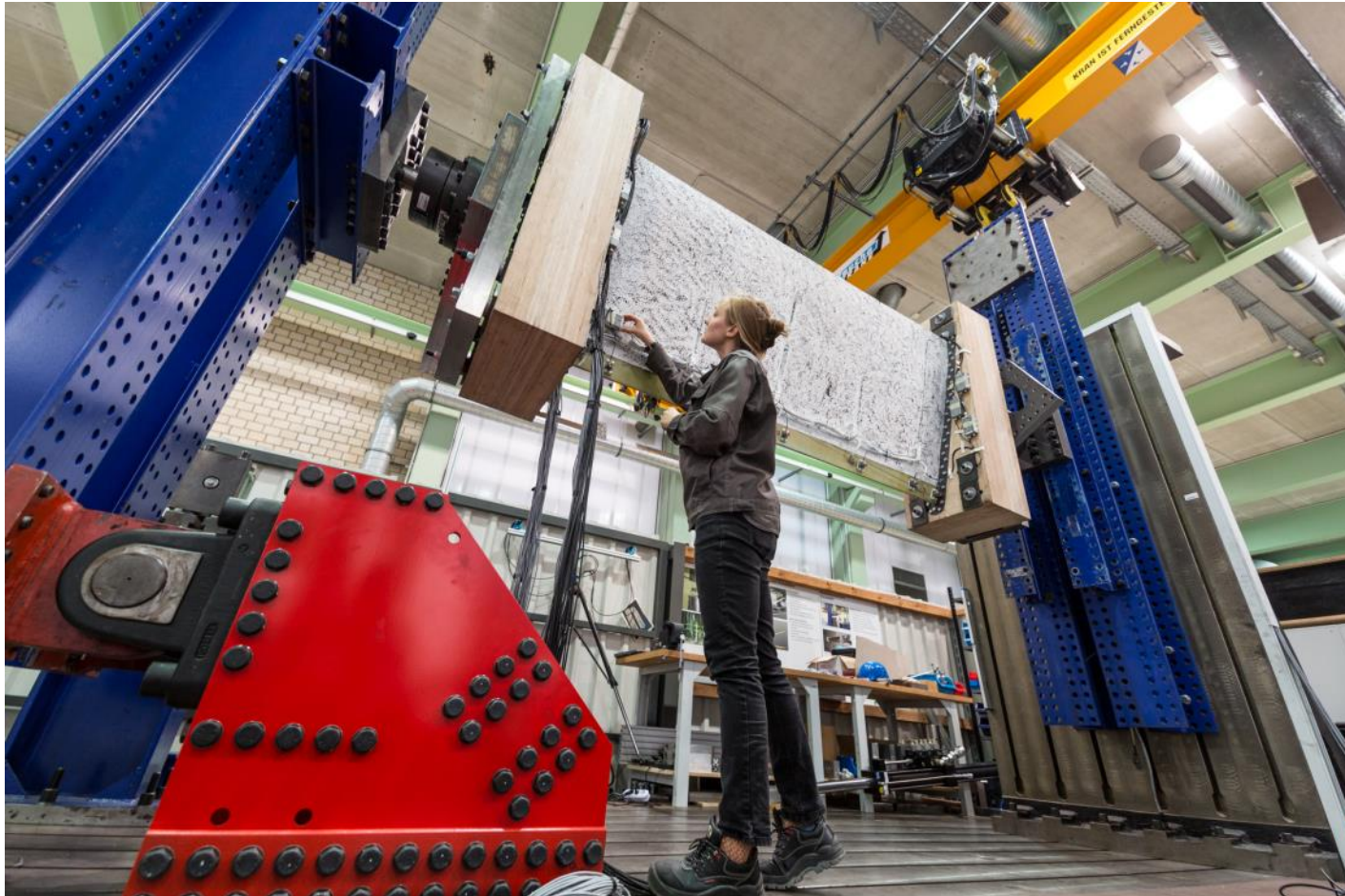
Experimental setup impressions

PS view, ball joint, root adaptor plate, dot pattern



Experimental setup impressions

SS view, hinges



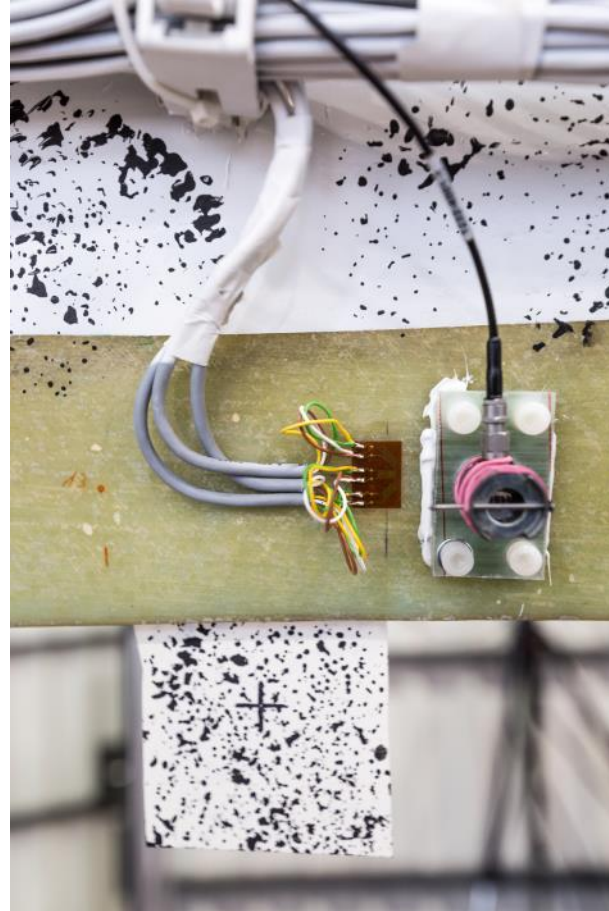
Experimental setup impressions

Overview, actuator, vertical beam, DIC



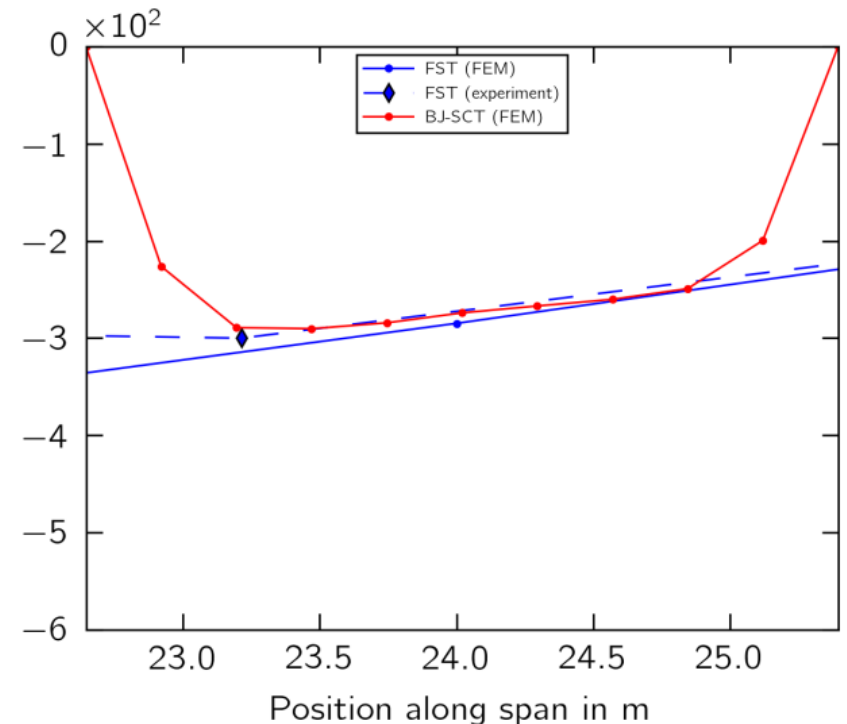
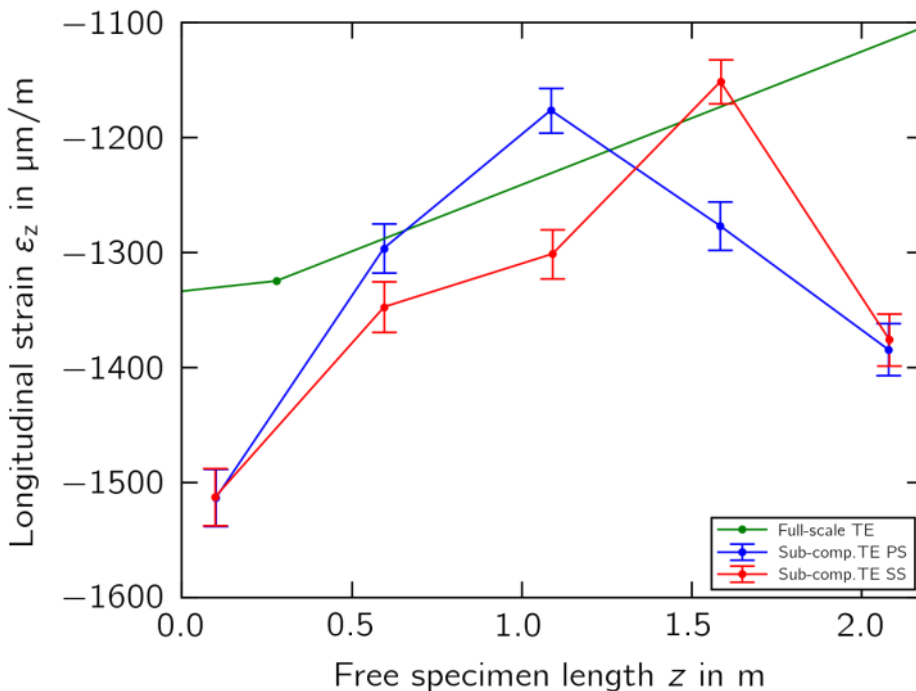
Experimental setup impressions

Load frame, SG, acoustic emission



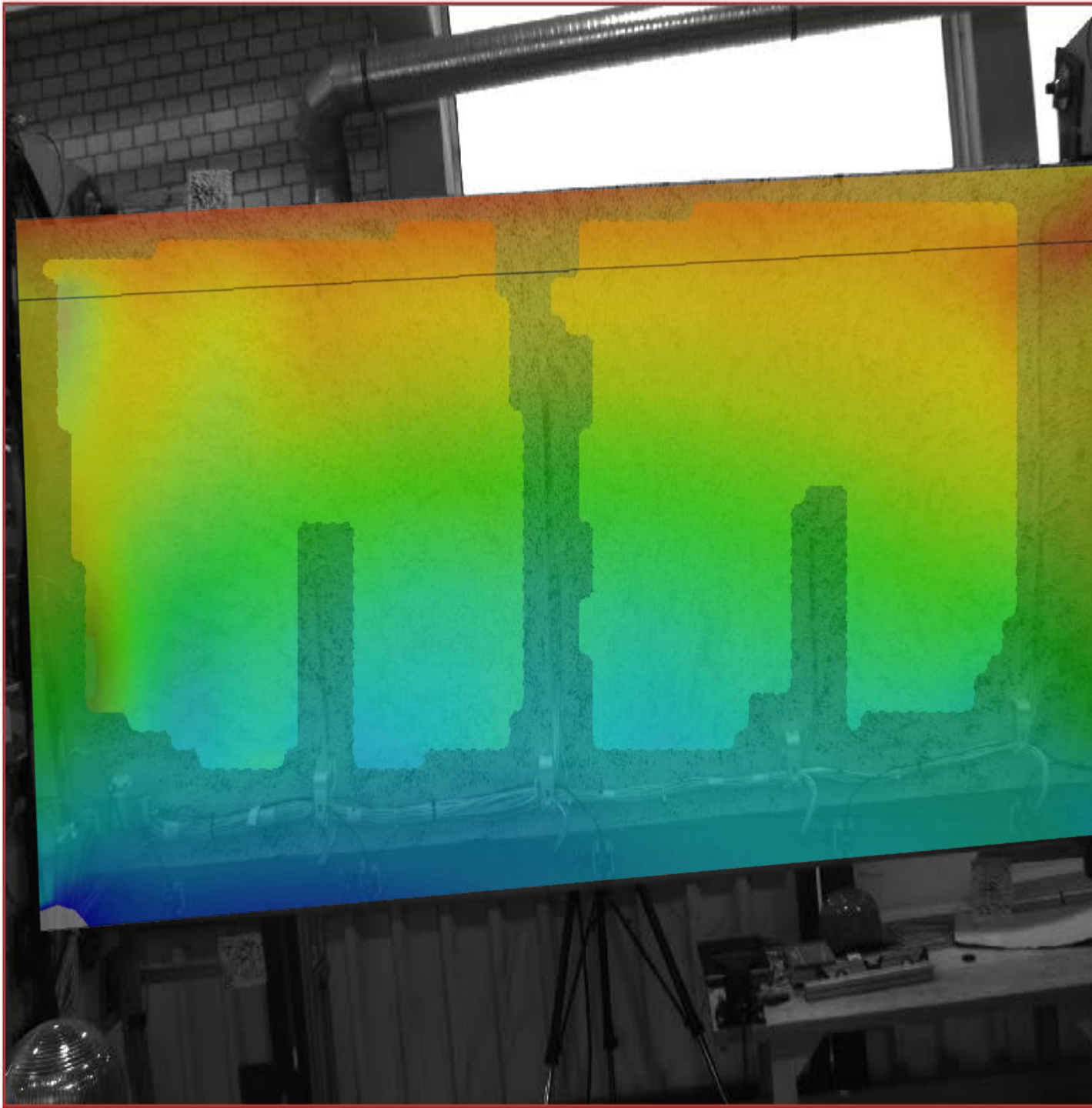
Experimental results (LTT load case)

Longitudinal strain along the trailing edge

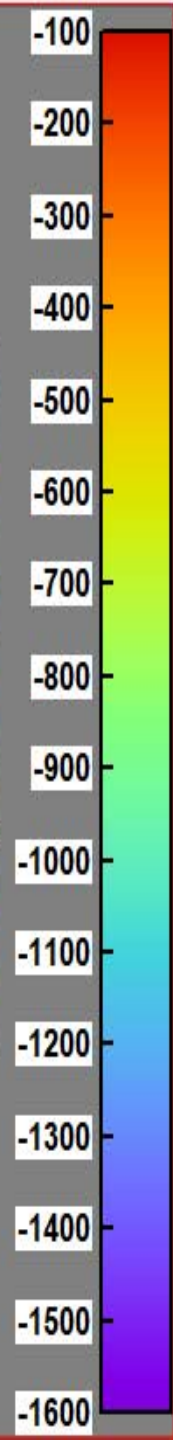


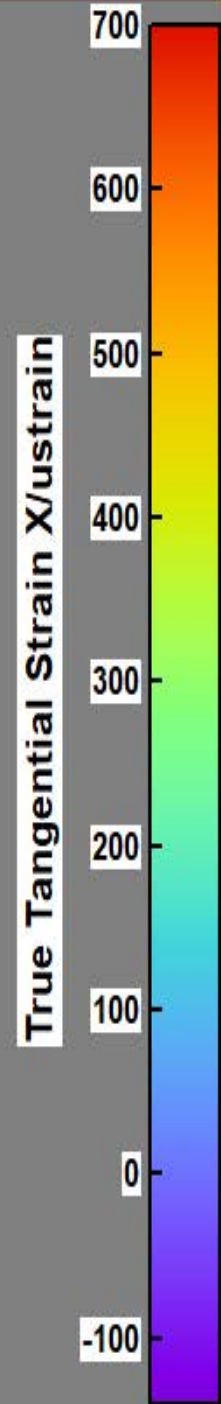
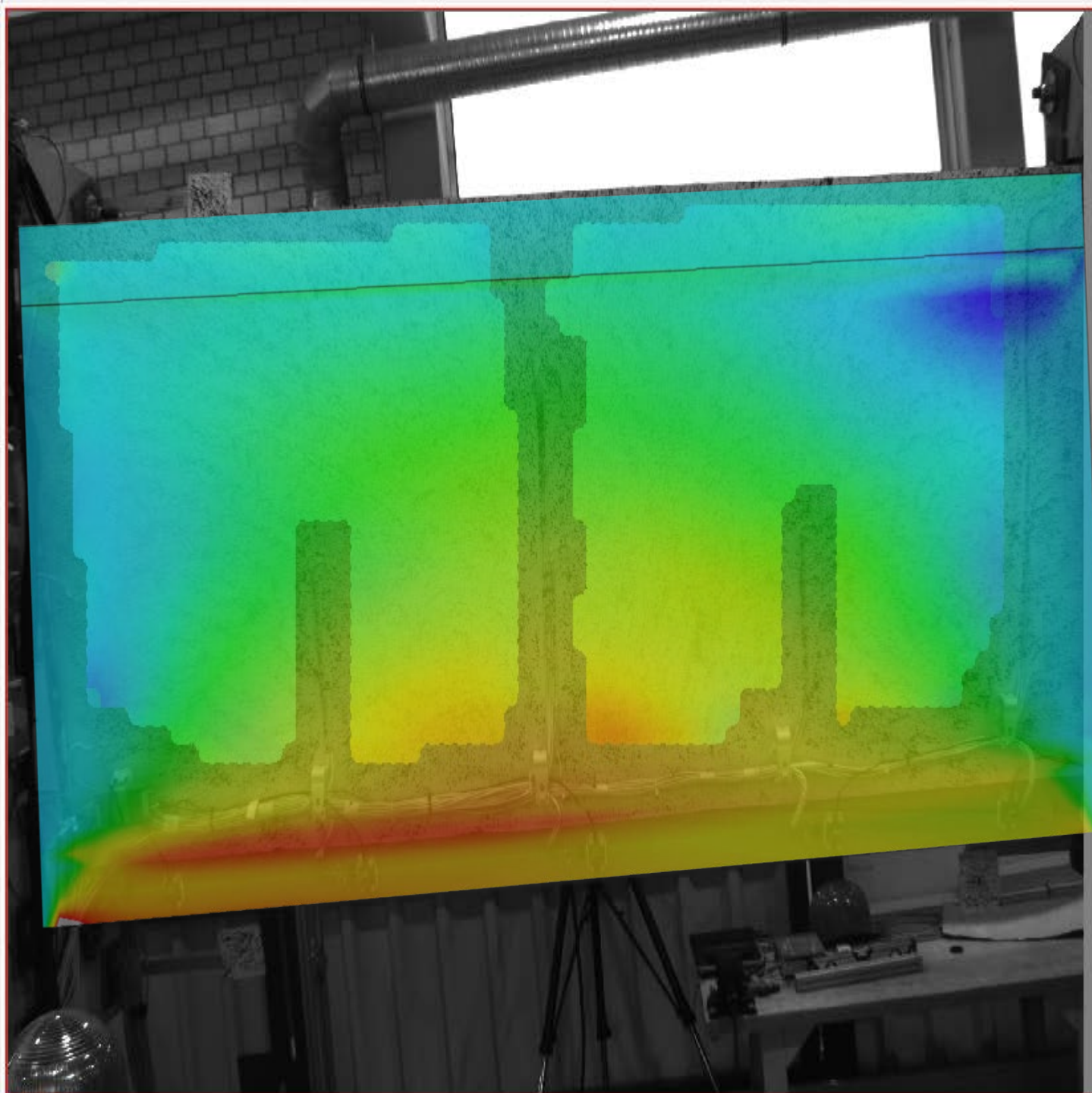
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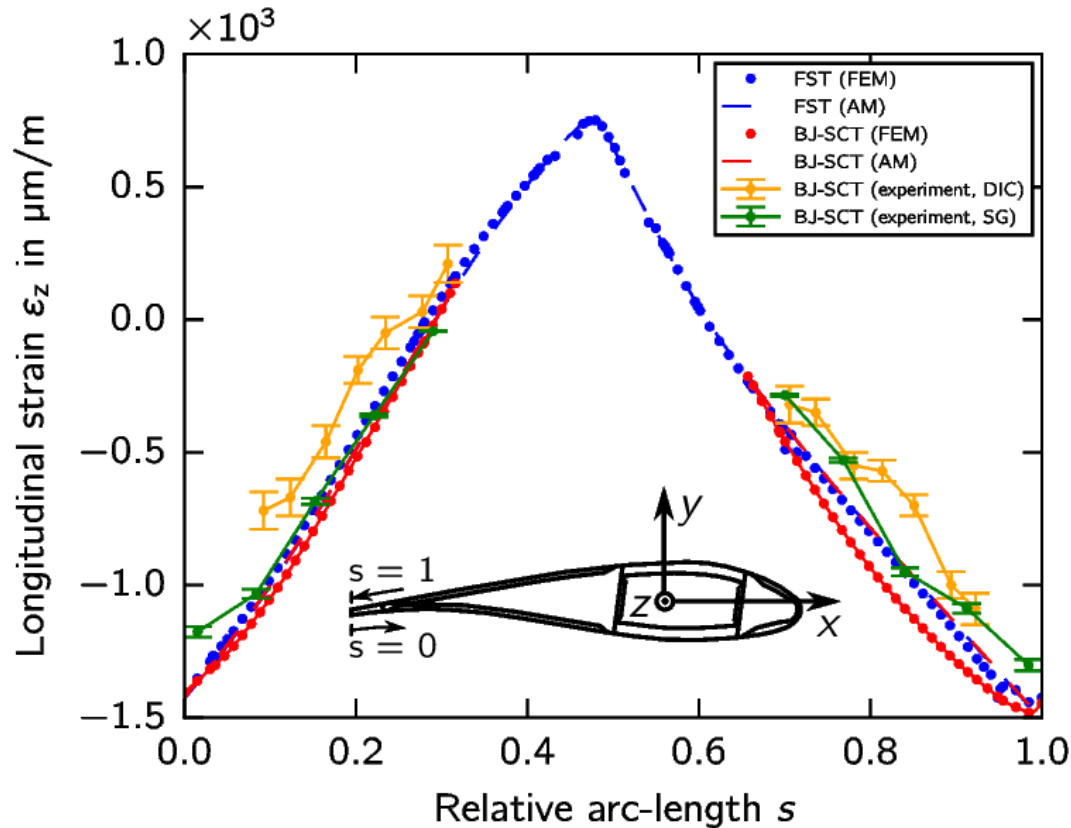
True Tangential Strain γ/u strain





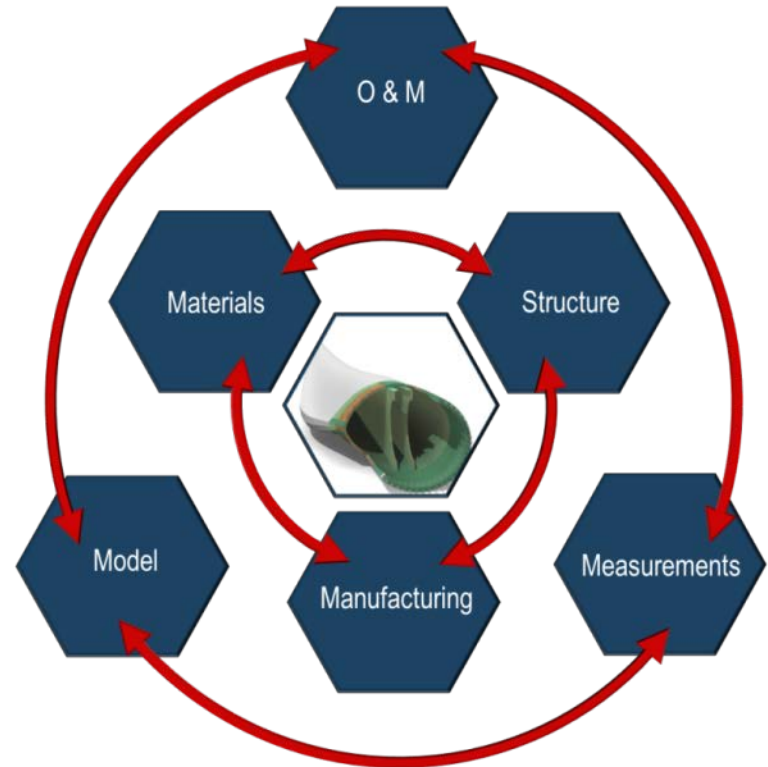
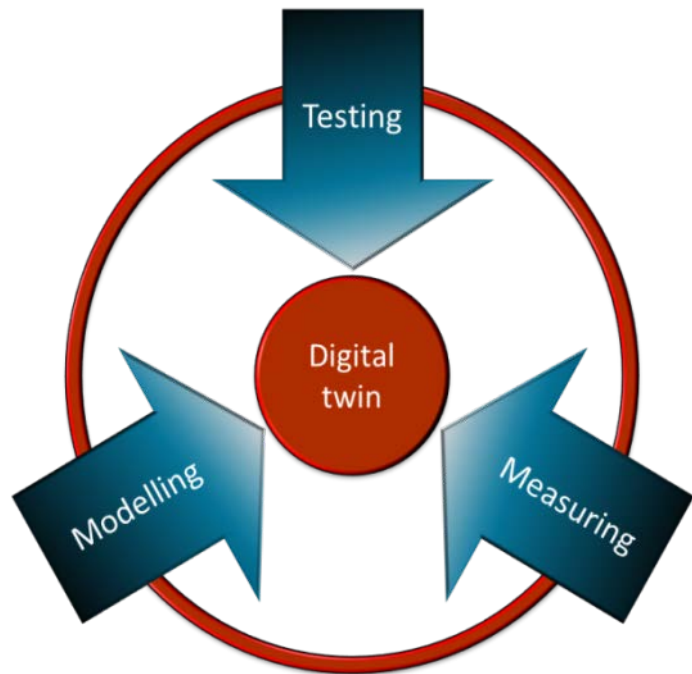
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Longitudinal strain across the target cross section

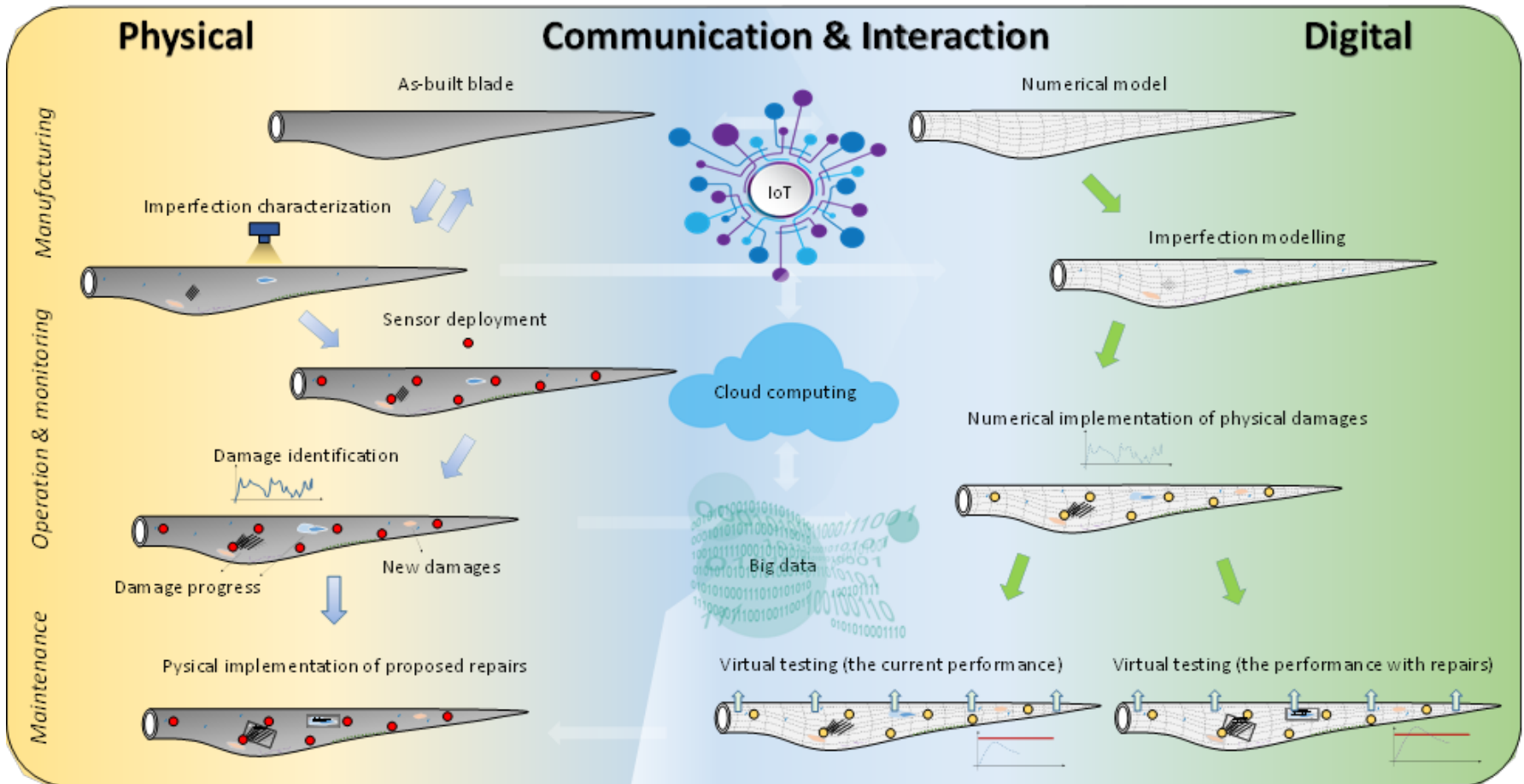


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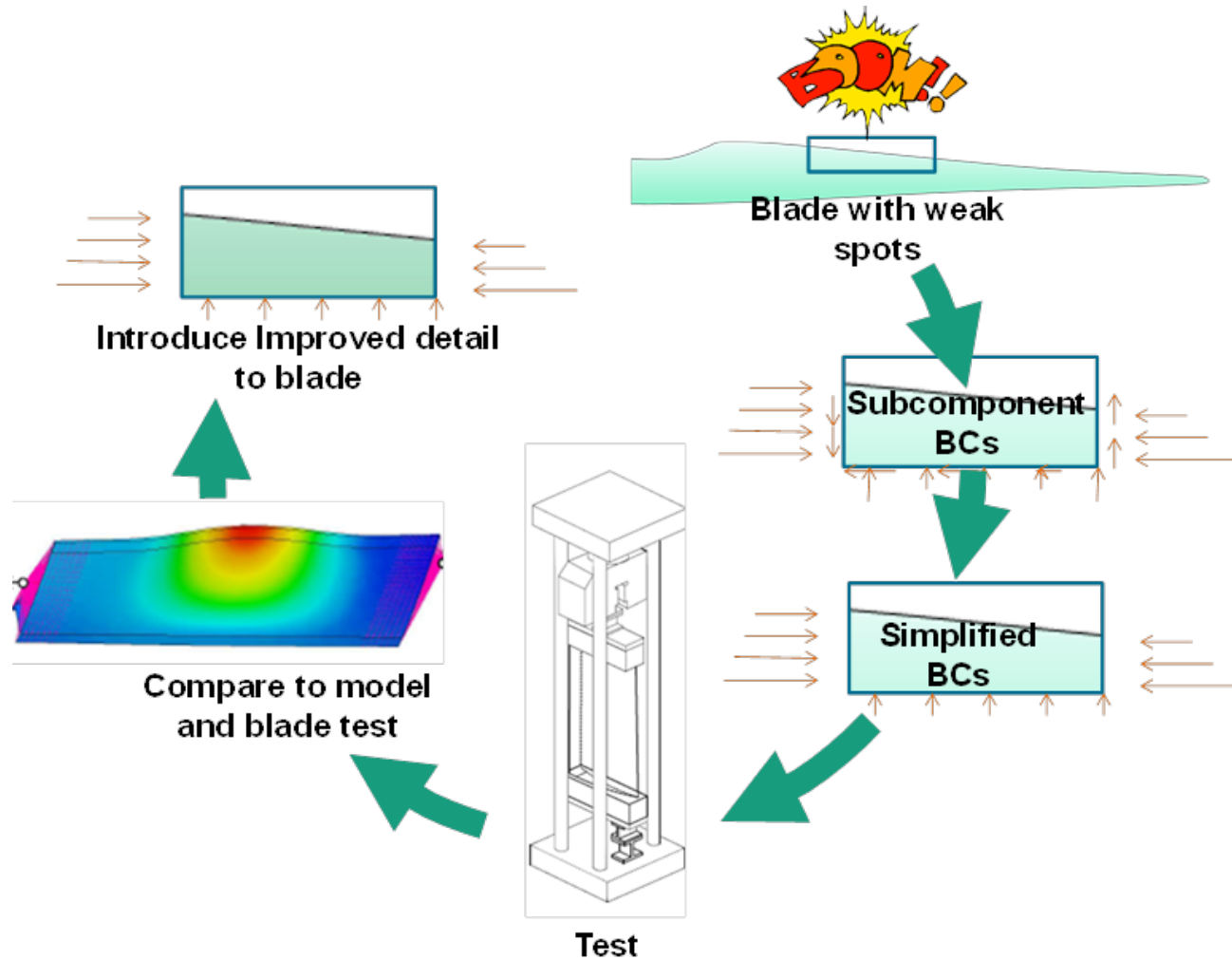
Basic principles behind Reliabl(ad)e



Digital twin



Subcomponent testing in blade certification



Set-Up of the program

- 3 year project, however, set up as 4 year project
 - Project start: 01-11-2018
 - Participation of other partners to be started before 01-01-2020
 - Before that background work
- Set up a basis with two countries, with high chance of getting funding
- Open for participants from other countries
 - Discuss with funding agencies of existing partners in case more partners come in: redistribution of tasks.
 - Bring your own funding: each country pays for its own part

BladeMaker Demo center

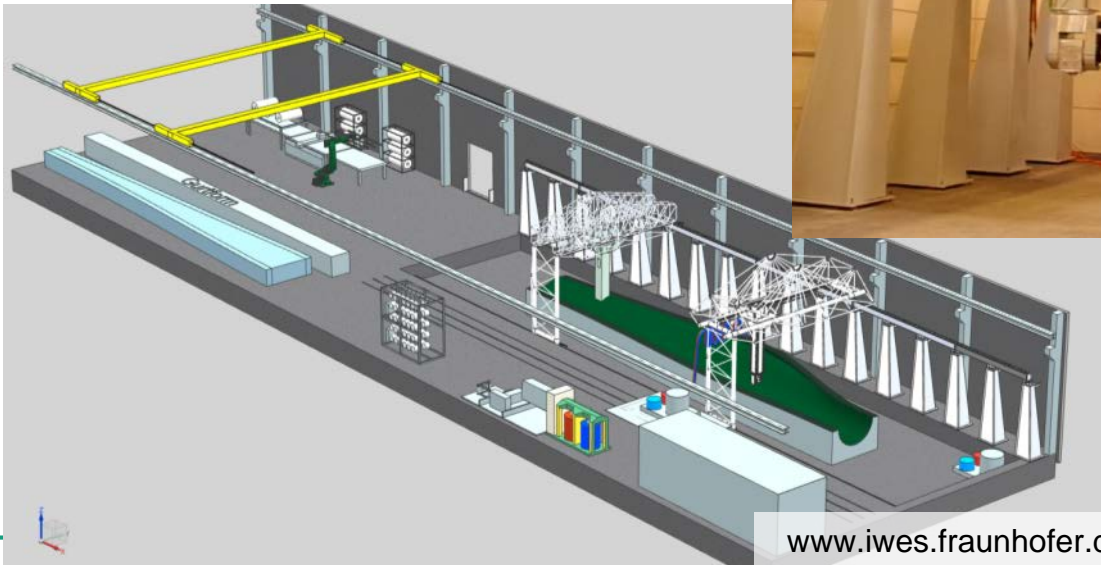


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