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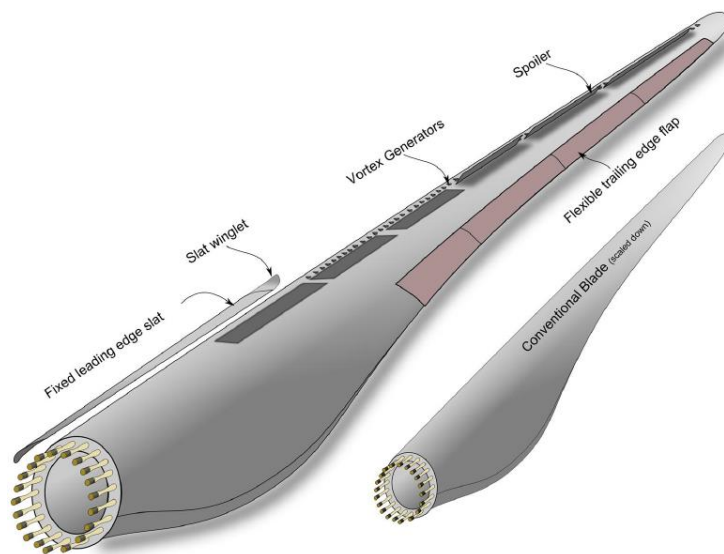
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## **Smart blades**

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# **International Energy Agency Implement Agreement for Co-operation in the Research, Development and Deployment of Wind Turbine Systems (IEA Wind)**

The IEA international collaboration on energy technology and RD&D is organized under the legal structure of Implementing Agreements, in which Governments, or their delegated agents, participate as Contracting Parties and undertake Tasks identified in specific Annexes.

The IEA's Wind Implementing Agreement began in 1977, and is now called the Implementing Agreement for Co-operation in the Research, Development, and Deployment of Wind Energy Systems (IEA Wind). At present, 26 contracting parties from 22 countries, the European Commission, and Wind Europe, participate in IEA Wind. Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, EWEA, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy (two contracting parties), Japan, Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway (two contracting parties), Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States are now members.

The development and maturing of wind energy technology over the past 30 years has been facilitated through vigorous national programs of research, development, demonstration, and financial incentives. In this process, IEA Wind has played a role by providing a flexible framework for cost-effective joint research projects and information exchange.

The mission of the IEA Wind Agreement continues to be to encourage and support the technological development and global deployment of wind energy technology. To do this, the contracting parties exchange information on their continuing and planned activities and participate in IEA Wind Tasks regarding cooperative research, development, and demonstration of wind systems.

Task 11 of the IEA Wind Agreement, Base Technology Information Exchange, has the objective to promote and disseminate knowledge through cooperative activities and information exchange on R&D topics of common interest to the Task members. These cooperative activities have been part of the Wind Implementing Agreement since 1978.

Task 11 is an important instrument of IEA Wind. It can react flexibly on new technical and scientific developments and information needs. It brings the latest knowledge to wind energy players in the member countries and collects information and recommendations for the work of the IEA Wind Agreement. Task 11 is also an important catalyst for starting new tasks within IEA Wind.

## **IEA Wind TASK 11: BASE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The objective of this Task is to promote disseminating knowledge through cooperative activities and information exchange on R&D topics of common interest. Four meetings on different topics are arranged every year, gathering active researchers and experts. These cooperative activities have been part of the Agreement since 1978.



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### **Two Subtasks**

The task includes two subtasks.

The objective of the first subtask is to develop recommended practices (RP). In 2013 were edited RPs on “Social Acceptance of Wind Energy Projects”, “Wind Integration Studies” and. “Ground-Based Vertically Profiling Remote Sensing for Wind Resource Assessment”.

The objective of the second subtask is to conduct topical expert meetings in research areas identified by the IEA R&D Wind Executive Committee. The Executive Committee designates topics in research areas of current interest, which requires an exchange of information. So far, Topical Expert Meetings are arranged four times a year.

### **Documentation**

Since these activities were initiated in 1978, more than 70 volumes of proceedings have been published. In the series of Recommended Practices 16 documents were published and five of these have revised editions.

All documents produced under Task 11 and published by the Operating Agent are available to citizens of member countries participating in this Task.

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# 1. INTRODUCTORY NOTE

(by Helge Aagaard Madsen and Athanasios Barlas)

## Background

In the past, two TEM's on the same topic have been held; in 2006 at Delft University with about 30 participants and in 2008 at Sandia Laboratories with 22 participants. Since 2008 there has been a considerable research activity within the field like the Smartblades project<sup>1</sup> in Germany led by DLR (2013-2016) and the INDUFLAP projects<sup>2</sup> (2011-2018) in Denmark coordinated by DTU Wind Energy.

By "smart structures" or "SMART blade " is meant a wide range of different technologies but with the overall aim to provide a distributed control of the aerodynamic loads along the blade span with the objective to reduce fatigue and ultimate loads and increase the power production of the rotor.

With the continuing upscaling of turbines the SMART blade technology is becoming even more attractive as the time varying loads along the blade span cannot be controlled efficiently by the present technology using the pitch as this gives the same control along the blade span. Upscaling has also had the impact that the pitch bearing design has become even more challenging caused by the huge blade root bending moments.

Due to this continuing research on the SMART blade technology and because the development has reached a stage that is close to the first industrial prototype testing it is an appropriate time for a new TEM on the topic.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.smartblades.info/News.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.induflap.dk/>

### Objective of the meeting

The objective is to provide an overview and status of research and development activities on the SMART blade technology and discuss where new research initiatives are needed.

### The research areas of the SMART blade technology

The SMART blade technology is highly interdisciplinary and comprises several disciplines:

#### Aerodynamics and design tools

- The principles of changing the lift and drag of an airfoil with control elements: TE flaps, microtabs, boundary layer suction or blowing or other means of modifying the camber or pitch of the airfoil
- Modelling aspects: How to incorporate the above aerodynamic options in our aerodynamic and aeroelastic models?



### **Actuation technology**

- Wind turbine blades are huge and existing actuation technology used on airplanes and helicopters cannot just be transferred to wind turbine blades so robust actuation solutions for wind turbine blades of 100m span or more are required
- Morphing structure technology

### **Control**

- Control algorithms adopted from the pitch control can be adopted for e.g. flap control but in order to utilize the option for distributed control along the blade span new control schemes targeted for this is needed
- Transition from advanced controllers to industrial application
- System identification and model based control

### **Sensors**

- The distributed control that is possible the SMART blade technology requires that more detailed information than what normally is used for pitch control. Information about the detailed inflow to the rotor is one option but also detailed information about blade position and movements from e.g. accelerometers or GPS can be used for such controls

### **Integrated aerodynamic and structural blade design**

- The distributed control option should be taken into account from the start of the blade design and requires an integrated aerodynamic and structural design optimization tool
- Passive systems (e.g. twist flap coupling) or combined active and passive systems are important and can be achieved indifferent ways by e.g. suitable fiber orientation in the blades or by blade sweep
- Aeroelastic simulations of wind turbines with smart blade features close to the industrial certification
- Cost modelling and estimation for SMART blade technology

### **Expected outcome**

- Provide an overview SMART blade research activities
- Indication of the interest for a new IEA Annex on the SMART blade technology

### **Time and place of meeting**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 at DTU Wind Energy at Campus Risoe, Roskilde, Denmark.

## **2. AGENDA**

### **Thursday, Apr. 27th, 2017**

- 09:00 Registration and coffee  
10:00 Welcome by host DTU – Helge Aa. Madsen (DTU)  
10:10 Introduction of IEA Task 11 by Vice Chair of IEA Wind – Stephan Barth (ForWind)  
and by Operating Agent of IEA Task 11 - Davy Marcel (PLANAIR)  
10:25 Recognition of participants  
10:45 Introduction to the meeting topic - Helge Aa. Madsen (DTU)

### **10:55:11:10 Coffee break**

### **Session 1**

- 11:10 SMART BLADE GmbH & HFI TU Berlin: 10 years of wind turbine smart rotor R&D overview – George Pechlivanoglou (Smart Blade)  
11:30 Passive/active load alleviation – Flemming Rasmussen (DTU)  
11:50 Advances in smart blades - Morphing flap design and aeroservoelastic simulations – Thanasis Barlas

(DTU)

**12:15-13:15 Lunch break**

## **Session 2**

13:15 Smart but simple: load alleviation by passive technologies – Pietro Bortolotti (Technische Universität München)

13:35 Focus on blades with active trailing edges – Johannes Riemenschneider (DLR)

13:55 Experiences with passive and active controls in Aerospace, Automotive and wind field – Giuseppe Calise (Unina)

14:15 Sandia Smart Rotor project summary – Jonathan Berg (Sandia)

14:35 Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing edge – Tom Andersen (DTU)

**15:00-15:20 Coffee break**

15:20 The rotating test rig and examples of measurement results – Anders Olsen (DTU)

15:40 Development of blade response measurements – Marcel Poodt (ECN)

16:00 Focus on blades with adaptive leading edges – Michael Hölling (ForWind)

16:20 Focus on passive technologies – Elia Daniele (Fraunhofer IWES)

16:40 Discussion - Round up

**17:00 End of day 1**

**19:00 Dinner at Restaurant Snekken in Roskilde**

**Friday, Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

09:00 Introduction by host – summary of day 1

## **Session 3**

09:10 HAWC2 Near Wake modelling of flaps – Georg Pirrung (DTU)

09:30 Blade optimization/design of blades with flaps – Michael McWilliam (DTU)

9:50 Rotor design at Suzlon – Leonardo Bergami (Suzlon)

10:10 Smart Rotor Research using DBD plasma as flow control actuators: An overview of TUDelft's activities – Ricardo Pereira (TUDelft)

**10:30 – 11:00 Group photo and Coffee break**

11:00 Active trailing edge flaps in turbine design – a mature technology? - Peder Enevoldsen (Siemens Wind Power)

11:20 Integrated Design Optimization of Wind Turbines: Challenges, Methods, Applications - Carlo Botasso (Technical University of Munich)

11:40 The Poul la Cour Tunnel – The Danish Aerodynamic and Acoustic Wind Tunnel - Anders S. Olsen (DTU)

**12:00-13:00 Lunch break**

13:00-13:30 Discussion and conclusions

13:30-13:45 Interest for new IEA Annex on SMART blade? – Davy Marcel (PLANAIR)

**14:00 Closure of meeting**

### 3. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The meeting was attended by 25 participants from 6 countries. Following, the lists of participants and their affiliations.

Ricardo Pereira	Delft University of Technology
Johannes Riemenschneider	DLR – German Aerospace Center
Jan Tessmer	DLR – German Aerospace Center
Georg Raimund Pirrung	DTU
Anders S. Olsen	DTU Wind Energy
Michael McWilliam	DTU Wind Energy
Tom Løgstrup Andersen	DTU Wind Energy
Helge Aagaard Madsen	DTU Wind Energy
Thanasis Barlas	DTU Wind Energy
Marcel Poodt	ECN
Michael Friedrich	Envision Energy
Kevin Standish	Envision Energy
Stephan Barth	IEA Wind (ForWind – Center for Wind Energy Research)
Michael Hölling	ForWind – Institute of physics, university of Oldenburg
Elia Daniele	Fraunhofer IWES
Davy Marcel	IEA Wind (Planair)
Claudio Balzani	Leibniz Universität Hannover, Institute for Wind Energy Systems
Jonathan Berg	Sandia National Laboratories
Peder Enevoldsen	Siemens Wind Power
Alejandro Gomez Gonzales	Siemens Wind Power
George Pechlivanoglou	Smart Blade GmbH
Leonardo Bergami	Suzlon
Pietro Bortolotti	Technical University of Munich
Carlo Botasso	Technical University of Munich
Giuseppe Calise	Unina - Dept. Industrial Engineering - Aerospace Division



## 4. SUMMARY

In brevity, the following topics were presented and discussed.

**Helge Aagaard Madsen**, Technical University of Denmark, “Welcome.”:

Why 9 years after the TEM about smart blades topic? The industry was not ready to take the risks by this time. The technology hugely developed since then, especially in terms of size. Could we setup regular meetings concerning this topic?

**Davy Marcel**, IEA Wind (Planair), “IEA Task 11 presentation”:

As consultant, we obtained the mandate of task 11 Operating Agent recently. Task 11 is special transverse task (potentially concerning any special technical area within power). Among our activities, we are co-organizing events such as this TEM. The higher goal of TEM is the emulation of international technical resources in order for further development of IEA wind (creation of new tasks etc.).

**George Pechlivanoglou**, Smart Blade GmbH, “10 Years Smart Blade Research & Development”:

- Lots of knowledge in old car industry (knowledge partially lost with electronics).
- Major limitation today: no guarantees for blades equipped with actuators.
- Topics recommended to consider for new task: Actuator and wind farm control.

Comment from Envision: there are two markets: Extreme loads Vs fatigue loads.

**Flemming Rasmussen**, Technical University of Denmark, “Perspectives in aeroelastic tailoring of blades”:

- With years, more design parameters appeared.
- Increasing length = increasing pre-bending
- Big challenges related to derating (e.g. a 50% derating leads to stability issues)

**Thanasis K.Barlas**, Technical University of Denmark, “Advances in smart blades”:

Looking back, several challenges raised 10 years ago have been managed. Everybody profited of industrial practices (robustness improved).

**Carlo L.Botasso**, Technical University Munich, “Smart but Simple: Load Mitigation by Passive Technologies”:

No notes

**Johannes Riemenschneider**, DLR, “Progress on Blades with Active Trailing Edges”:

What should be our research drivers? What can we sell to the industry (lifetime, fatigue, tip deflection etc.)? Siemens answer: Bigger rotors!

**Giuseppe Calise**, Unina, “Experiences with passive and active controls in Aerospace,

Automotive and wind field”:

- consortium Seapower has a more than 20 years of experience in the field of applied research in renewable energies (wind, tidal and wave) and in the wind field, Seapower experience is mainly related to small/medium wind turbine (up to 60kW). Activities in design: loads prediction according to IEC 61400-1 requirements, manufacturing, installation and field testing.
- During the last 25 years, different wind turbine design approaches have been employed: upwind, downwind, stall and pitch controlled, furling, fixed and variable speed.
- experience in using active and passive flow control (unsteady blowing and synthetic jets) for streamlined and bluff bodies employing both numerical and experimental techniques.
- UniNa Smart Structure Laboratory (SSL), belonging to the same University, has developed several aircraft morphing structures within several European projects, achieving NASA technology readiness level equal to 6.

**Jonathan Berg, Sandia National Laboratories, “Smart Rotor Project Summary”:**

Around 15 people are working on wind, over nearly 10'000 employees in Sandia,

Opinion: Blades tip deflection is a design driver, rather than fatigue.

**Tom Løgstrup Andersen, Technical University of Denmark, “Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing”:**

Today we see more a mix between glass and carbon fiber in the blades (e.g. the LM world longest blade).

**Helge Aagaard Madsen, “The Rotating Test Rig and Examples of Measurement Results”:**

Turbulence leads to various angle of attacks along the blade, so we use active slats for manipulating the angle of attack.

**Marcel Poodt, ECN, “Development of blades response measurements”:**

No notes

**Michael Hölling, Forwind, “Progress on Blades with Adaptive Leading Edges”:**

Turbulence leads to various angle of attacks along the blade, so we use active slats for manipulating the angle of attack.

**Georg Pirrung, Technical University of Denmark, “HACW2 near wake modeling and application on rotors with flaps”:**

No notes

**Michael Mc William, Technical University of Denmark, “Blade optimization/design of blades with flaps”:**

- Presented investigations of rotor design optimization with smart-blade technology.
- Demonstrated that smart blade technology can improve AEP without increasing loads
- Discussed how sensitivity analysis could help guide the development of smart blade

technology

**Elia Daniele, IWES Fraunhofer**, “Progress on Passive Blade Technologies”:

- Reduction of fatigue loads on the IWT-7.5-164 reference turbine more effective via geometrical bend twist coupling w.r.t. the structural one.
- Multivariable individual pitch control leads to effective reduction in terms of damage equivalent loads and duty actuator cycle.
- Multiscale testing at coupon level needs ad hoc design of grips for off-axis specimen.
- Direct roving placement would be soon tested for a blade segment production.

**Leonardo Bergami, Suzlon**, “Rotor Design in Suzlon”:

- Suzlon owns its own WTGs built in blades, etc (vertical integrated)
- Within industry, it is not enough reducing the blades loads – you also need to translate it to a cost reduction
- To convince industry, solutions have to be simple and proven

**Ricardo Pereira, TU Delft**, “Smart Rotor Research using DBD Plasma as Flow Control Actuators: an Overview of TUDelft’s Efforts”:

- IBL method is quick
- Plasma is not problematic in relation with lightnings

**Peder Enevoldsen, Siemens**, “Active trailing edge flaps in turbine design – a mature technology?”:

No notes

**Carlo L. Botasso**, Technical University of Munich, “Integrated Design Optimization of Wind Turbines: Challenges, methods, applications”:

- Cost model difficult & case per case but mandatory for final result
- Main take away: increasing rotor size to decrease costs
- Various laminates materials tests ongoing (we have a relative freedom)
- The task 37 10MW WTG will be very similar to the DTU 10-MW WTG (the wtg reference data are public)

Conclusions:

- powerful tools, but we have to be careful how to use them
- A continuous sweep would not be fully realistic
- Tests various combination of tower heights with rotor sizes

**Tom Logstrup**, Technical University of Denmark, “The Poul la Cour Tunnel – The Danish Aerodynamic and Acoustic Wind Tunnel”:

- Brand new wind tunnel, inspired by state of the art wind tunnel (e.g. car industry), opening this year
- Open for services to any actor (e.g. manufacturers)

**Final discussion and synthesis** (led by **Thanasis K.Barlas**):

- There are still some open discussion about concept of actuator (we still need concrete comparisons)
- Simulation tools: how do we sell our services to companies?
- Consider a double research track : a fast track and a detailed track
- Consider assessing new technologies in failure situations?
- What the new task would focus on? It could be (1) all systems engineering items (not covered by task 37) (2) development of a universal tool, or about (3) testing the blade behaviour without bearings, or (4) design and behaviour of flaps (5) a combination of benchmarking and certification to support the industry (6) creation of a common platform in order to compare various concepts (further discussions needed to define the task perimeter)
- There has been many tests everywhere in the world but no common agreement about where we should start first (priorities definition, structured plan).

Take aways:

- We agree that Denmark, Germany, and Netherlands would be the three country involving resources for a new task project (Denmark/DTU would lead) (remark: Jonathan checks USA position).
- The interest for creating a new task shall be mentioned in the next Eco meeting and the request (similar to a business case) shall be prepared prior the second 2017 Exco meeting (expected november 2017).

Remarks:

- We need to do some EU lobbying as we tried to include smart blades subject in the call for 2020, but Bruxelles basically replies « mature technology so no need for support » (Stephan Barth input)
- Ignacio Marti is now head of structure and WTG design in DTU

## 5. PRESENTATION



# Wellcome to participants of the IEA Wind Task 11 TEM meeting on



## The Application of Smart Structures for Large Wind Turbine Rotor Blades

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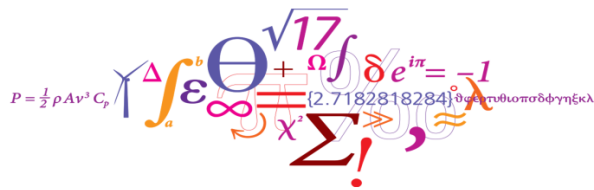


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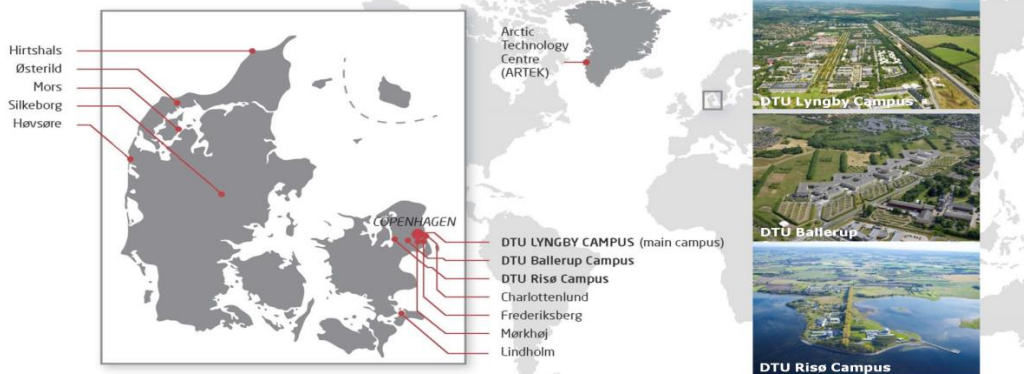
- 1829** The College of Advanced Technology is founded by Hans Christian Ørsted with two study programmes: Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering. In 1857 Civil Engineering and in 1903 Electrical Engineering.
- 1962** New Campus in Lundtofte. Official inauguration ceremony in 1974.
- 1994** Merged with Danmarks Ingeniør Akademi (DIA).
- 1995** Name change to Technical University of Denmark.
- 2001** Independent and self-governing university with a Board of Governors and an Executive Board.
- 2007** Merged with five National Research Institutes, doubling DTU's staff and expanding the University's scientific capacity.
- 2013** Integrated Copenhagen University College of Engineering (IHK).



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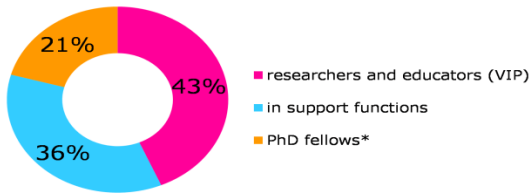
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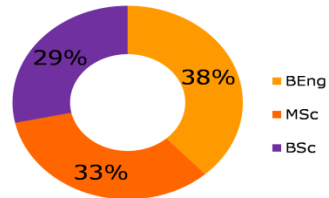
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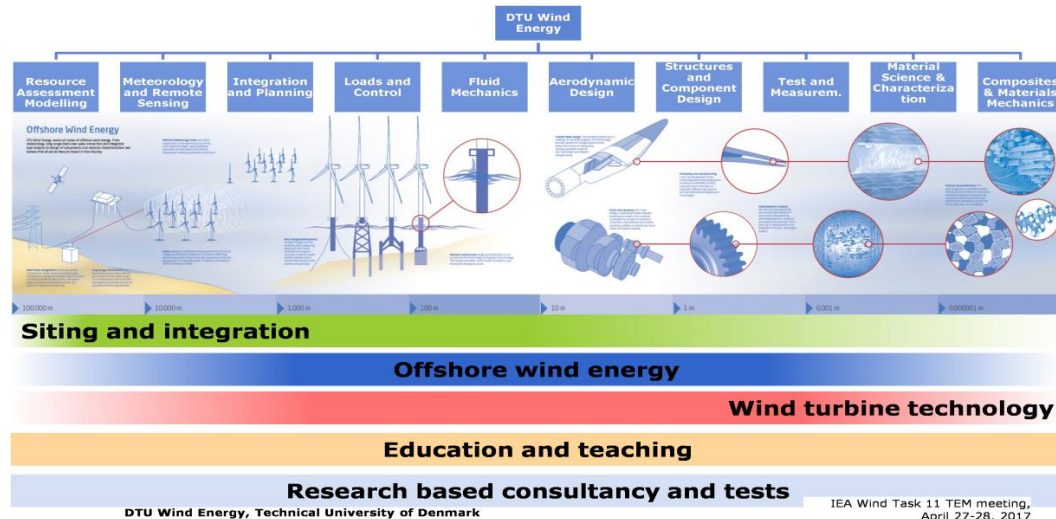
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	August 2016
<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Number of nationalities</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Average age</b>	<b>42</b>

## DTU Wind Energy Research Facilities

### Existing:

- Wind turbines at Risø Campus for research and courses;
- Test Station for Large Wind Turbines at Høvsøre;
- Test Station for "Very" Large Wind Turbines at Østerild;
- Risø met-mast
- Blade test Facility for Research;
- 1 MW drive-train test facility ;
- Measurement stations and equipment, incl. Lidars;
- PC-clusters;
- Structural test laboratory;
- Material tests lab, incl. Microscopes etc
- Fiber lab
- Smaller wind tunnels; and
- The WindScanner facility
- Rotating test rig for SMART blade technology testing



### Under development or in planning phase:

- The Danish National Wind Tunnel; and
- A large structural facility



## DTU Wind Energy Research Facilities: Examples

### Test Center for Very Large Wind Turbines at Østerild



7 sites  
Max height 250m  
600m between turbines

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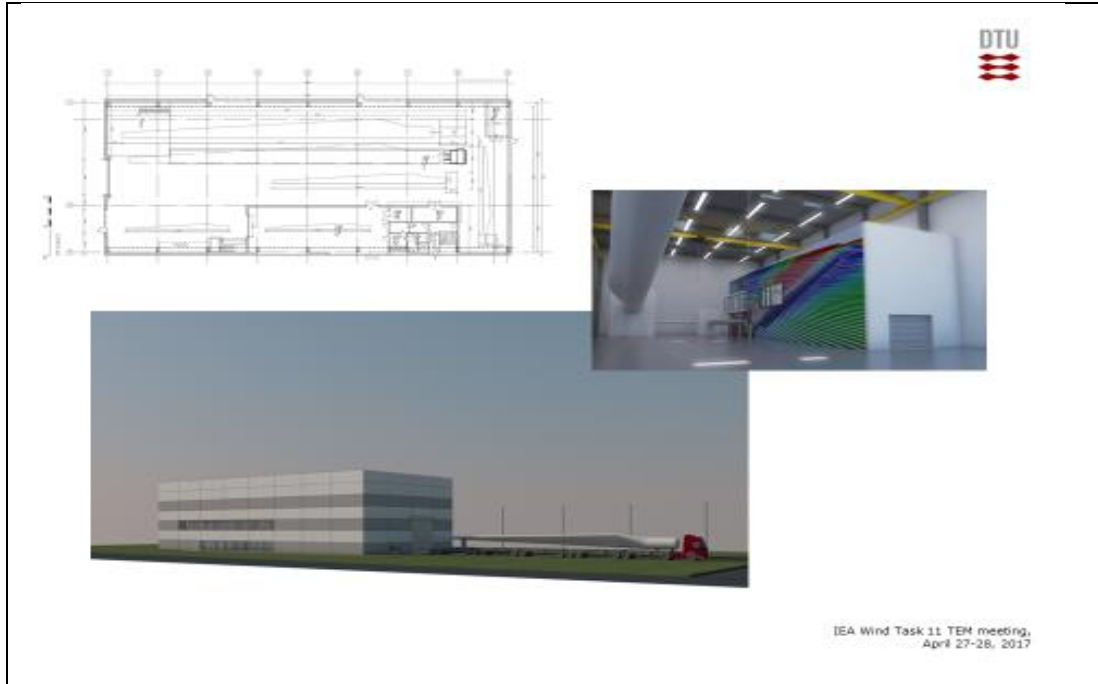
## DTU Wind Energy Research Facilities: Examples

### The Poul la Cour Tunnel. DTU Risø Campus site



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# IEA Wind Task 11

## *Base Technology Information Exchange*

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Presentation for TEM on Smart Blades, Denmark

Task 11 OA, Planair SA, Switzerland,  
27.04.2017



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## Activities within Task 11



- Main objective : promote and disseminate knowledge on emerging wind energy topics
- Main activities :
  - Help identify new topics of interests
  - Organization of 4 topical experts meetings (TEM) a year on new topics of high interests
  - Coordination the approval process of Recommended Practices

### Participating countries

CWEA (China)
Denmark
Finland
Germany
Ireland
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Netherlands
Norway
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States

## Activities within Task 11



- Recent and future TEMs:
  - #85: *Reducing Risk in the Financing of Offshore wind: 05.2016 hosted by RVO (Netherlands)*
  - #86: *Downwind Turbines: 11.2016 hosted by Hitachi (Japan)*
  - #87: *Smart Structures for Large Wind Turbine Rotor Blades : NOW*
  - #88: *Aero-elastic Codes Validation : 09.2017 hosted by NREL & ORE Catapult (Great Britain)*
- Recommended Practices:
  - RP 13 Edition 2: Wind Energy Projects in Cold Climates (Task 19):
  - RP 17: Wind Farm Data Collection and Reliability Assessment for O&M Optimization (Task 33)
  - RP 18: Floating Lidar Systems (Task 32 in coordination with the Offshore Wind Accelerator initiative)

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## New developments

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- New operating agent since the beginning of 2017 : Planair SA from Switzerland
- Clarification of the organization processes for future TEMs
- Selection and implementation of an online community platform with following objectives:
  - Give structure and substance to the wind energy expert community: where are the experts located, what are their expertise?
  - Facilitate exchange within the community: sharing events, news on progresses, relevant articles
  - Help identify new interesting topics that can lead to TEMs (and potentially new tasks)
  - Help organize meetings (TEM) around these new topics with a sufficient number of relevant experts attending

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### **Introduction to the IEA Wind Task 11 TEM meeting on**



#### **The Application of Smart Structures for Large Wind Turbine Rotor Blades**

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April 27-28  
2017

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## Terminology

By "**smart structures**" or "**SMART blade**" is meant a wide range of different technologies but with the overall aim to provide a **distributed control of the aerodynamic loads along the blade span with the objective to reduce fatigue and ultimate loads and increase the power production of the rotor.**

## Previous IEA TEM meetings on SMART blade

- 2006 at TU Delft with about 30 participants**
- 2008 at Sandia National Laboratories with 22 participants**
- .
- .
- 2017 at DTU with 27 participants**

## Why 9 years between 2nd and 3rd IEA TEM meeting on SMART blade ?

- ❑ Boom in SMART blade research from 2003 to 2008 – new research area on wind turbines
- ❑ Simulations showed big potentials for load reductions
- ❑ However, at that time SMART blade technology was missing for application on full scale turbines – cannot just be transferred from the aircraft community
- ❑ In the past the industry was not ready to take the risk by implementing the new technology

## Development from 2008 to 2017

- ❑ Blade length increased considerably approaching 100m
- ❑ This upscaling increases the non-uniform loading along the rotor blade and over the rotor disc making distributed load control more attractive
- ❑ Blades have become much more slender and the risk for instabilities has increased which possibly can be mitigated with local load control

## Meeting objectives

- ❑ To provide an overview and status of research and development activities on the SMART blade technology and discuss where new research initiatives are needed

## SMART blade research areas – 1 of 5

### Aerodynamics and design tools

- ❑ Options for changing the lift and drag of an airfoil with control elements: TE flaps, microtabs, boundary layer suction or blowing or other means of modifying the camber
- ❑ Modelling aspects - how to incorporate the above aerodynamic options in the aerodynamic and aeroelastic models?

## SMART blade research areas – 2 of 5

### Actuation technology

- ❑ Wind turbine blades are large and existing actuation technology used on airplanes and helicopters cannot just be transferred to wind turbine blades so robust actuation solutions for wind turbine blades of 100m span or more are required
- ❑ Robust morphing structure technology

## SMART blade research areas – 3 of 5

### Control

- ❑ Control algorithms adopted from the pitch control can be used for e.g. flap control but in order to utilize the option for distributed control along the blade span new control schemes targeted for this is needed
- ❑ Transition from advanced controllers to industrial application (robustness)
- ❑ System identification and model based control

## SMART blade research areas – 4 of 5

### Sensors

- ❑ The distributed control that is possible with SMART blade technology requires that more detailed information than what normally is used for pitch control
- ❑ Detailed inflow to the rotor from blade mounted flow sensors or from a nacelle mounted forward scanning lidar is one option
- ❑ Blade position and movements from e.g. accelerometers or GPS are other options

## SMART blade research areas – 5 of 5

### Integrated aerodynamic and structural blade design

- ❑ The distributed control option should be taken into account from the start of the blade design and requires an integrated aerodynamic and structural design optimization tool
- ❑ Passive systems (e.g. flap twist coupling) or combined active and passive systems can be achieved in different ways by e.g. suitable fiber orientation in the blades, by blade sweep or by spar cap positioning
- ❑ Cost modelling of the SMART blade technology

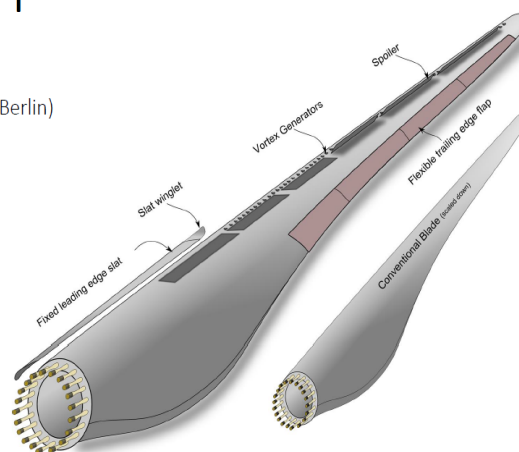
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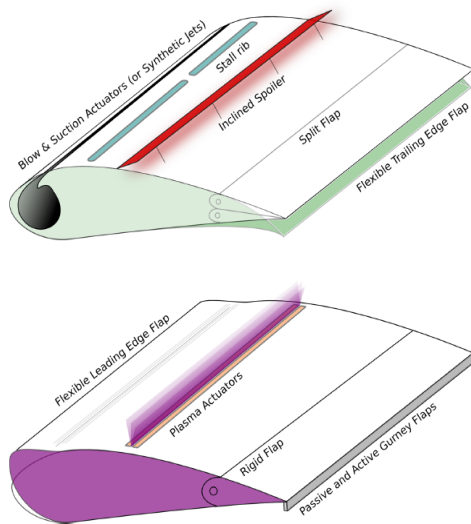
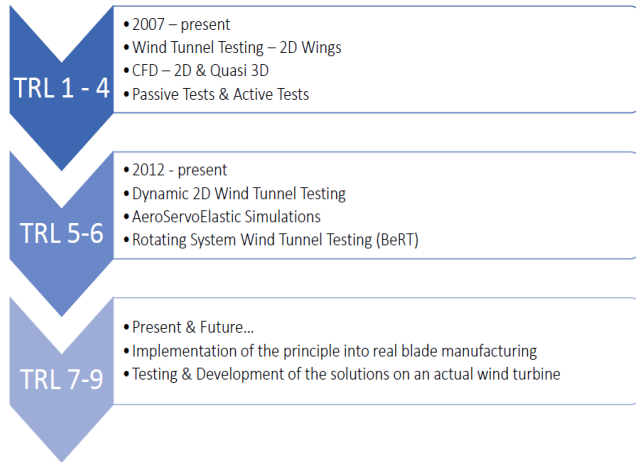
- Provide an overview of SMART blade research activities
- Indication of the interest for a new IEA Annex on the SMART blade technology

# 10 Years Smart Blade Research & Development

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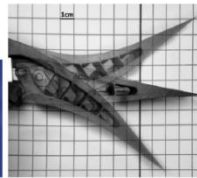
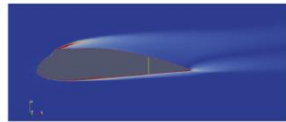
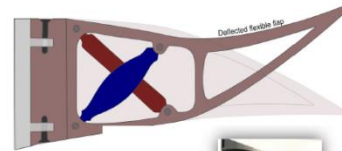
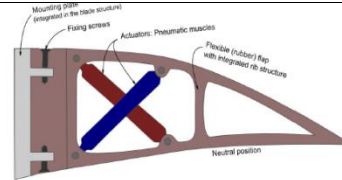




- Have tested more than 18 different passive and active flow control solutions up to TRL 4
- Have run aeroservoelastic simulations on a custom versions of Qblade
- Have designed and built the 1st (and only) smart wind turbine in Germany
- Have focused on realistic implementation of Smart Blade technology on current wind turbine designs.



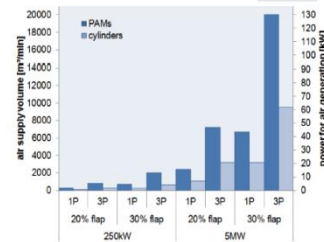
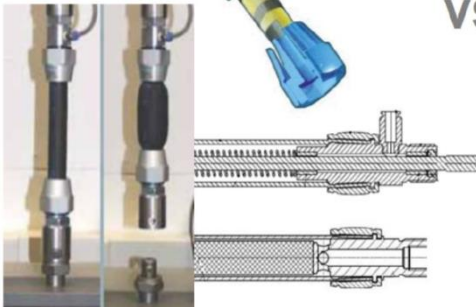
- Flexible flap initial designs and concepts tested back in 2007
- Compliant inflate-able stall barriers also tested
- Multiple designs and configurations of flaps developed

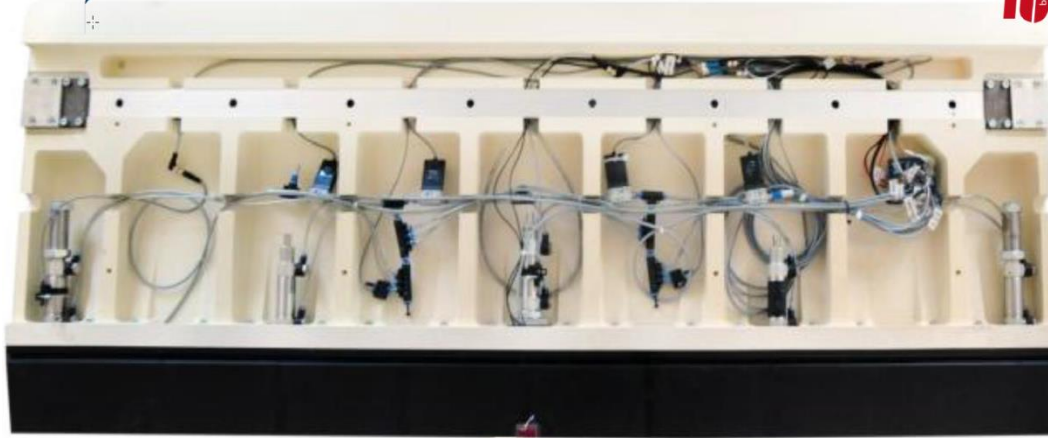


### Pneumatic Artificial Muscles (PAMs)

### Pneumatic Cylinders

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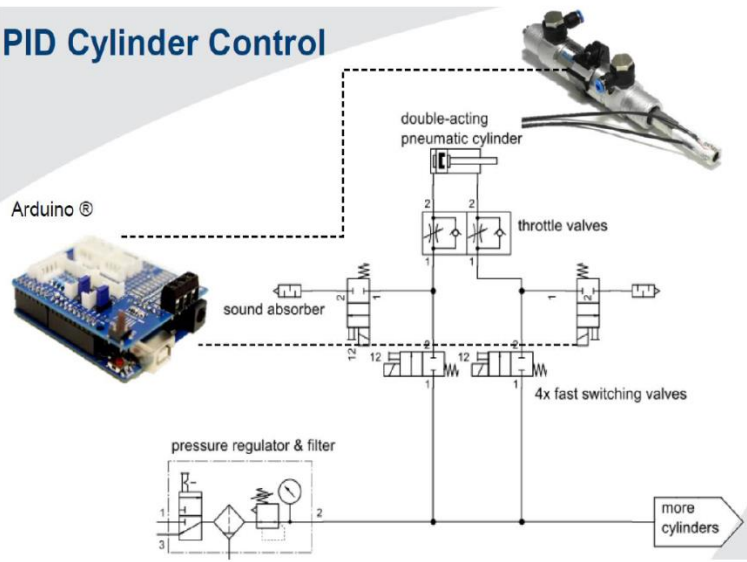


span 1.54m  
chord 0.6m



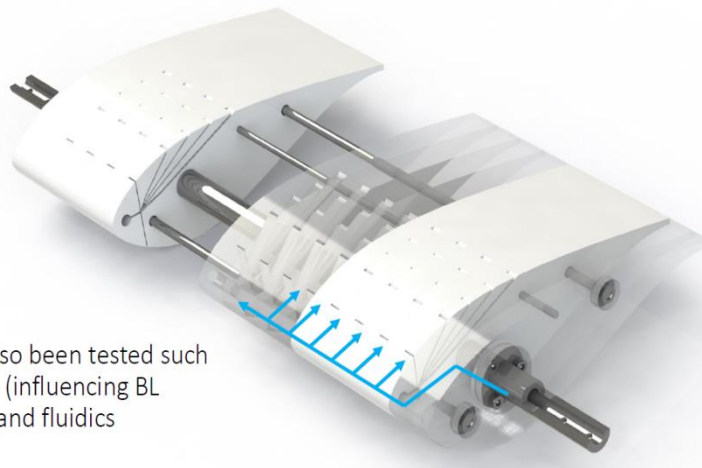
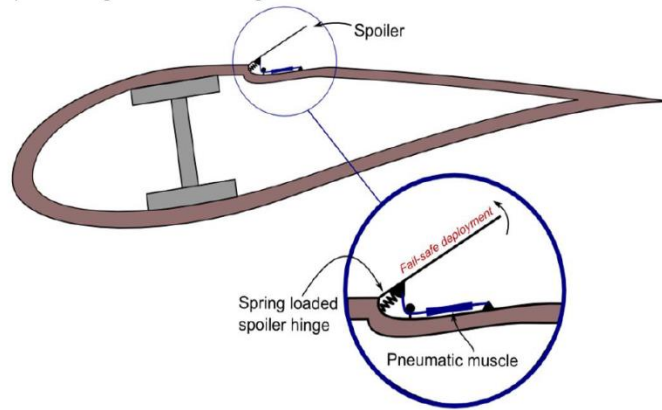
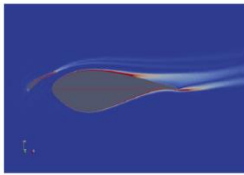
20% chord flap

### PID Cylinder Control

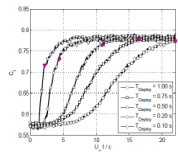


Fixed leading edge stall for the blade root region  
(i.e. performance increase)

Active spoilers tested for partial power regulation and edge-wise force control

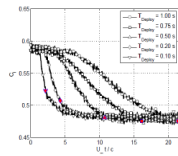


Unique solutions have also been tested such as plasma actuators (influencing BL aerodynamics) and fluidics

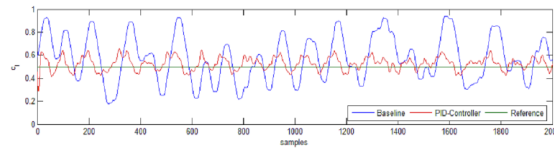
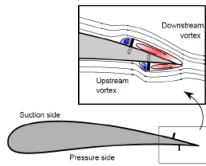
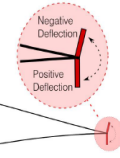


Dynamic wind tunnel test

- Gurney Flap: 2%
- Deflection:  $\pm 90^\circ$  with  $180^\circ/s$  rate.
- PID and DIC (Neural Network) Controller.



- Load Reduction (Wind Tunnel Results):
  - PID: 70%
  - DIC: 37%



The key points:

Rotor Design and Analysis

Multiplatform

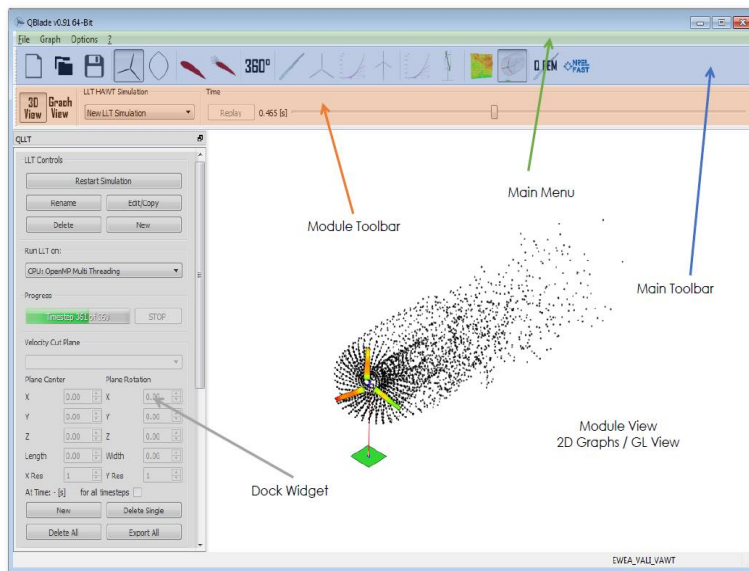
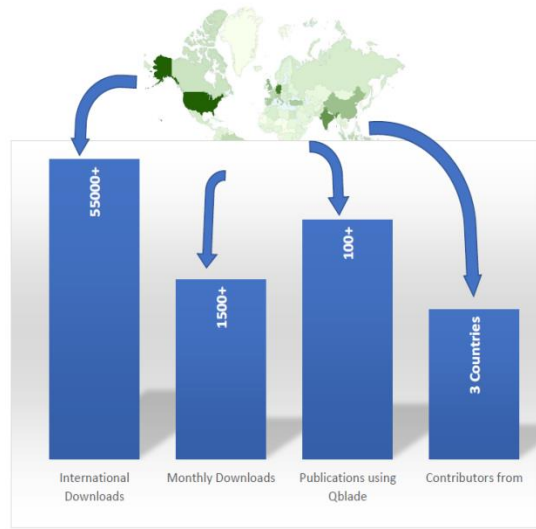
HAWT & VAWT simulations

Full simulation chain

Intuitive GUI

free and open source (GNU public license)



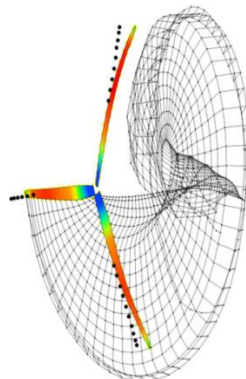
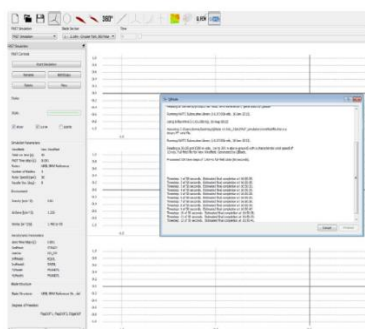
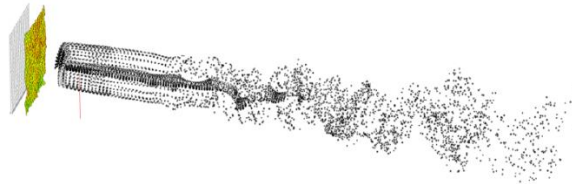
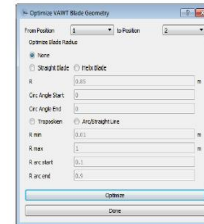
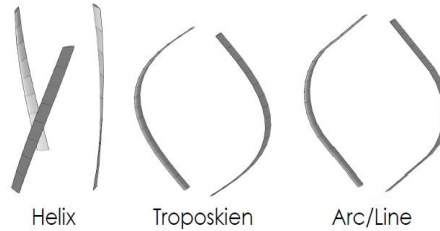


3D View Controls  
 Show Polar  Surface  Far Out  TLE Out  Far Pol  
 Perspective View  Coordinate  Far Position  Far Name

3D View  
 Reference  Section  Node  Show Root Coordinates

Pos (m)	Chord (m)	Twist	Rotor	Polar
1	1.9	2.2	13.98	Circular F401
2	1.36	3.54	13.98	Circular F401 280 Power
3	4.1	3.65	13.98	Circular F401
4	1.89	4.97	13.98	Circular F401
5	38.25	4.52	13.98	DNW-A6401M
6	14.45	4.02	13.48	DNW-A6401M
7	18.45	4.08	10.56	DNW-A6401M
8	12.55	4.28	8.02	DNW-A6401M
9	38.85	8.97	7.95	DNW-A6401M
10	38.75	3.78	6.84	DNW-A6401M
11	34.45	3.92	5.34	DNW-A6401M
12	38.85	3.26	4.38	DNW-A6401M
13	15.45	3.42	3.12	NACA4401
14	47.15	3.56	2.19	NACA4401
15	15.25	3.68	1.57	NACA4401
16	54.87	3.83	0.83	NACA4401
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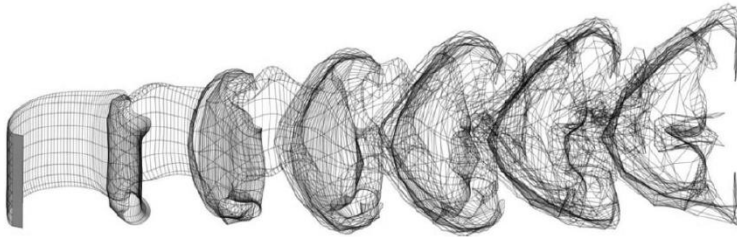
NREL 5MW Reference



Advanced blade and wake aerodynamics

State of the art aeroelastic modeling (FAST v8)

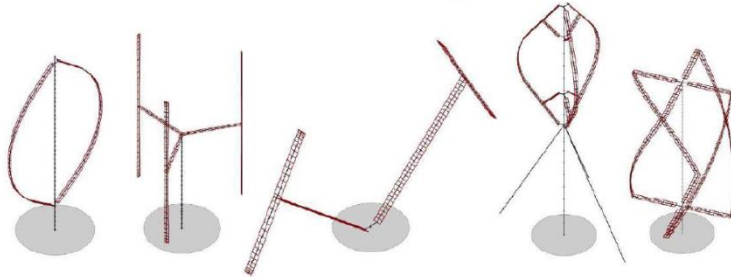
Novel HAWT & VAWT multi-T. beam model (see next slide)



Multi Core and GPU computing capability

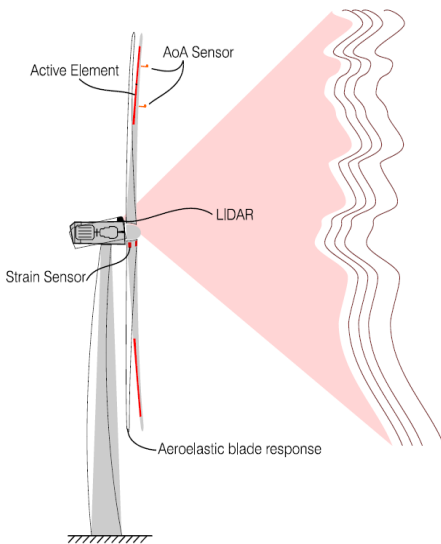
Floating and free motion capability

Flow control simulation capability



**Validation and comparison of a newly developed aeroelastic design code for VAWT**

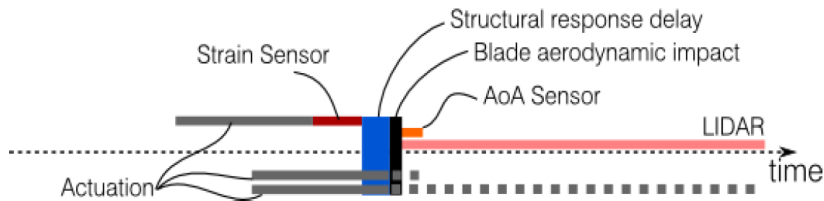
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Main Focus on Fatigue and Extreme load alleviation

- Investigations on various control sensors
- Research on control (eg. Machine learning & AI based control )
- Planned tests with Lidar input

In-depth investigation of various actuators and sensors in order to identify delay sources and controller instability.

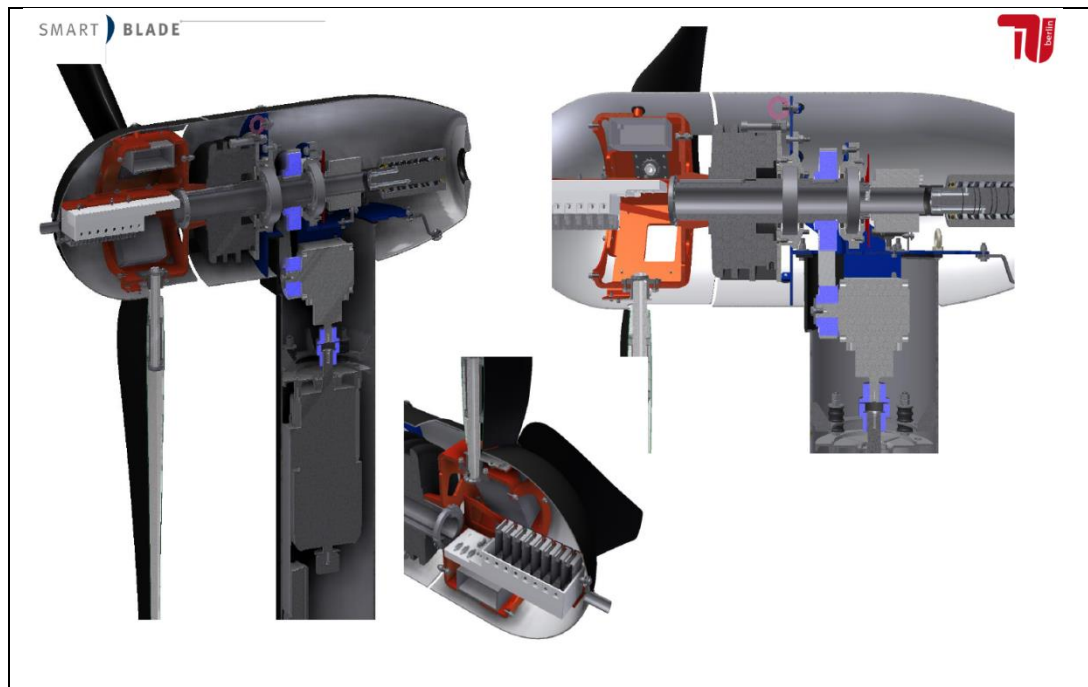


Design and development the 1<sup>st</sup> and only German SMART wind turbine. 3m rotor diameter, located at the settling chamber of the large wind tunnel of TU Berlin

Currently undergoing the 6<sup>th</sup> wind tunnel test with various control concepts currently being tested.







SMART BLADE




Our Next Steps

- Constant information exchange with industry with respect to materials and control
- Further development of Qblade's models for better implementation of active elements in the simulation.
- Testing of many more flow control methods on the BeRT
- Information exchange with materials' designers and producers regarding product improvement

Challenges

- Actuator industry has to significantly improve the fatigue perf. of current actuators.
- Successful testing and validation of the right design and simulation tools

## Perspectives in aeroelastic tailoring of blades

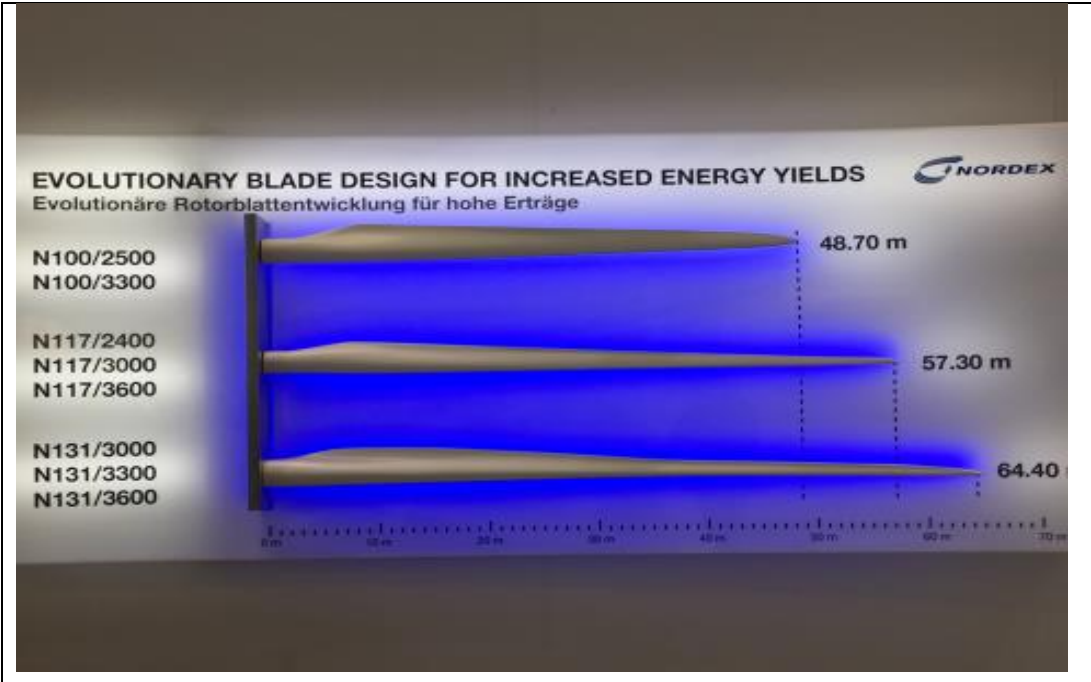
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### Innovations on Smart Blades developed in INNWIND.eu

INN WIND EU

- High Reynolds no. effects validated
- Compressibility effects validated
- Aerodynamic model for active flaps validated

• Large potentials identified by introducing innovations – now for demonstration

**Reynolds no. effect**

Cl/Cd max

Reynolds

Cap  
DTU-Elbow  
NTUW-MapFlow  
OpenFOAM

**Compressibility effect**

Lift coefficient

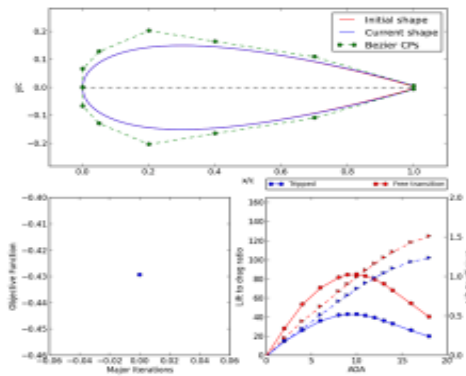
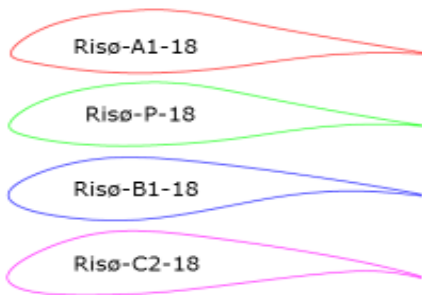
Angle of attack (degrees)

Cap in compressible flow  
Elbow in compressible flow  
Cap in incompressible flow  
Elbow in incompressible flow

**Active flaps model**

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## Airfoil Design using Xfoil and EllipSys2D

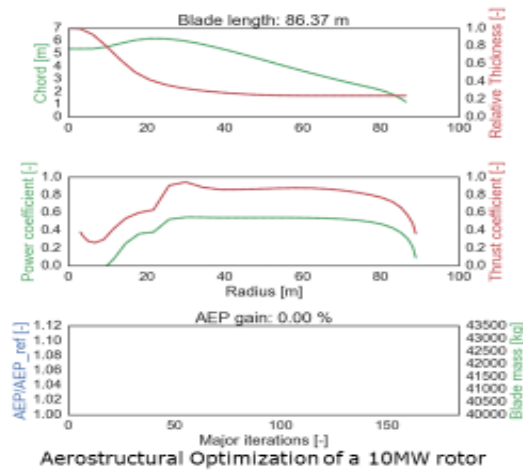


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## Aerostructural rotor design tool: HAWTOpt2 using BECAS, HAWC2 and HAWCStab2

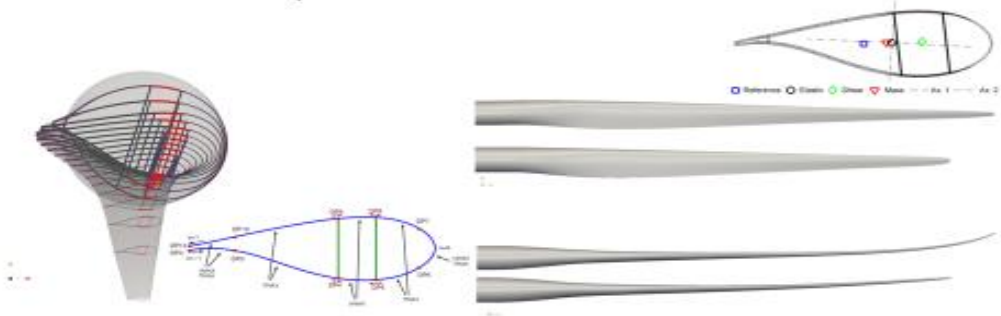


- DTU 10MW RWT has 650 registered users
- Basis for design studies of next generation MW-turbines

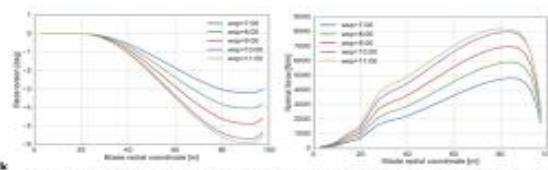


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# Stretched DTU 10MW RWT Aeroelastically Tailored 10 MW blade



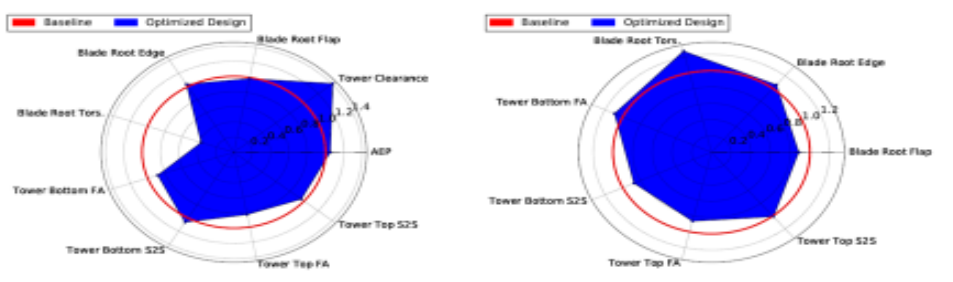
- Blade length increase: 9%
- AEP increase: 8.7%
- Flapwise fatigue reduction: 6%
- Blade torsion at 11 m/s: 6 deg.
- Extreme and lifetime equivalent loads within 5%



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"Design of an Aeroelastically Tailored 10 MW Wind Turbine Rotor" Frederik Zahle et al

# Extreme and fatigue loads



Turbine extreme (left) and lifetime equivalent (right) loads relative to the baseline DTU 10MW RWT computed using the full design load basis comprising of 1800 CBSS.

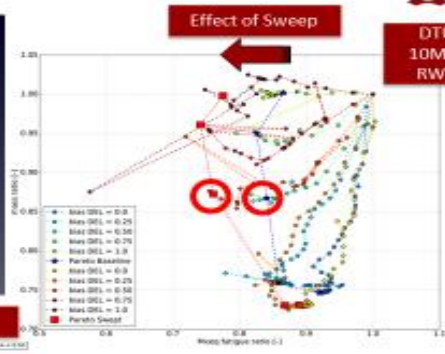
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# Aeroelastic MDO of Swept Blades (Ref.: Christian Pavese)

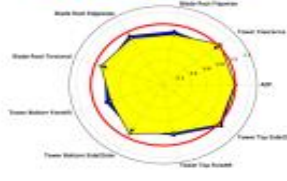


- $w = 0.50$
- Full backward sweep
- Sweep starts at approximately 80% of blade length
- Tip is swept backward by 2m



DTU  
10MW  
RWT

## Extreme



## LTEFL

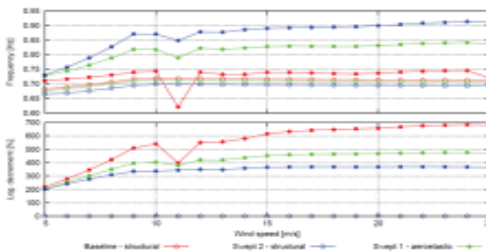
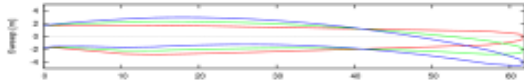


- AEP very close to baseline value
- Better alleviation when sweep is a design variable
- Loads within constraints

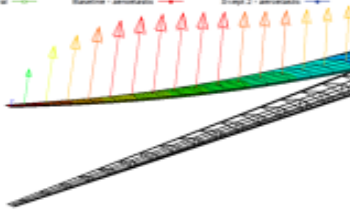
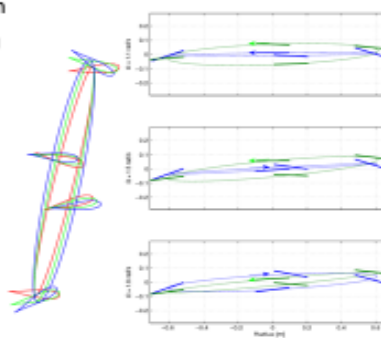
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# Aeroelastic stability

## Example: Swept blades



Different section motion gives different damping and load alleviation



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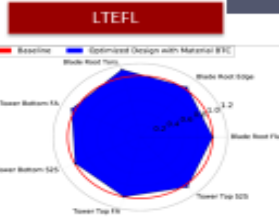
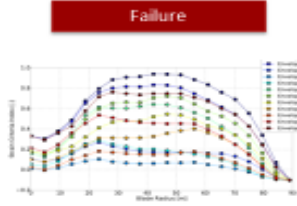
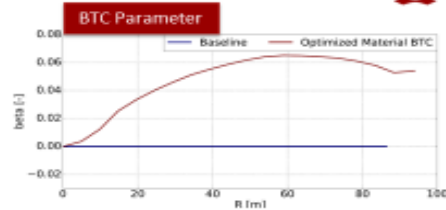
Ref. M.H.Hansen "Aeroelastic properties of backwards swept blades"

## Aeroelastic MDO of a Stretched Blade with BTC (Ref.: Christian Pavese)



- Fiber biased only the spar caps
- Blade mass increase to face increase in loading
- Large gain in AEP
- Preliminary standard design constraints fulfilled

	Variation from Baseline
Blade radius	+7.7%
Blade mass	+1.2%
Blade tip pre-bending	+85.8%
AEP	+4.4%
Tower Clearance	+2.1%



- Strength kept in check
- Increase in fatigue loads controlled by the use of BTC
- Large increase in blade root torsional fatigue moment due to large pre-bending (tower clearance constraint)

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## Preliminary Aeroelastic MDO of a Passive-Controlled Stretched Blade (Ref. Christian Pavese)



- Sweep, spar caps offset, orientation of the fibres in the spar caps, blade radius are the relevant variables
- ~60 design variables and ~750 constraints
- Frequency placement is not included

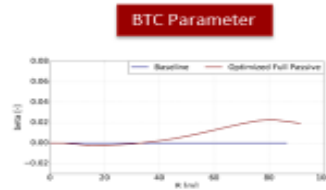
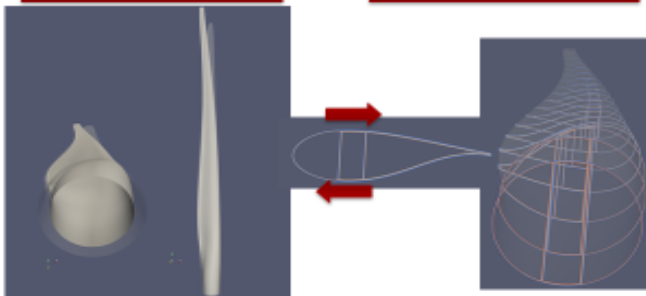
1st Passive Control Strategy  
**SWEEP**



2nd Passive Control Strategy  
**CAPS OFFSET**



3rd Passive Control Strategy  
**Material BTC**



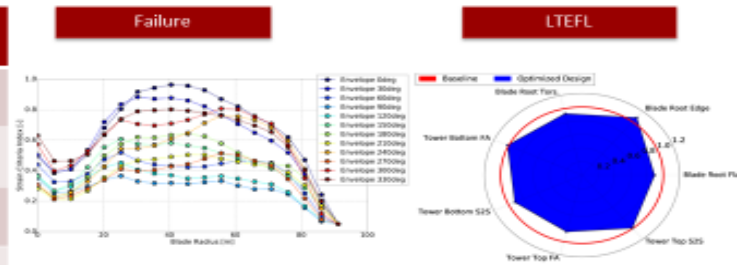
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	DTU 10MW RWT	PCSB
AEP [GWh]	48.54	+6.0%
Blade Radius [m]	86.37	+5.8%
Blade Mass [kg]	41722	+0.8%
Tower Clearance [m]	3.656	+36.2%

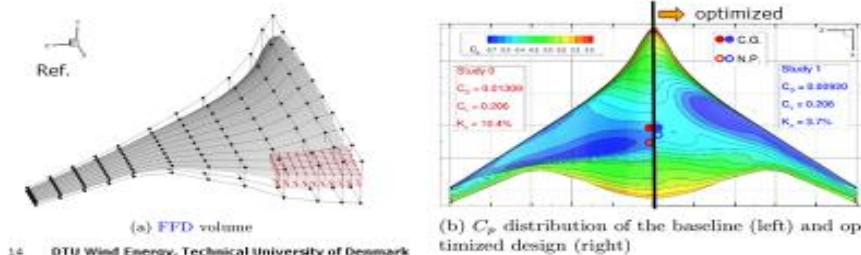


- AEP is greatly increased within the tower clearance constraints
- The torsional stiffness is particularly decreased
- The combination of passive control methods regulate the tower loads, but **fatigue constraints and frequency placement must be added to have a better control on the results**
- A **fatigue constraint on blade root edgewise fatigue load** must be added to improve the MDO

## High Fidelity CFD-based Shape Optimisation

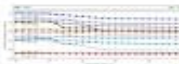
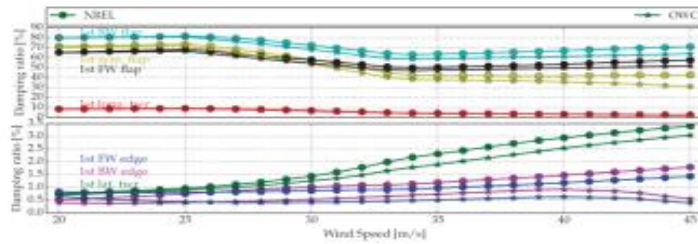


- High fidelity shape optimization using 3D CFD allows us to **simultaneously** design the blade planform and cross-sectional shape using the highest fidelity flow models we have.
- **Main challenge:**
  - Development of an adjoint solver for EllipSys.
- **Why adjoints?**
  - Efficient calculation of objective/constraint gradients that allows for 1000s of design variables without increased computational time.

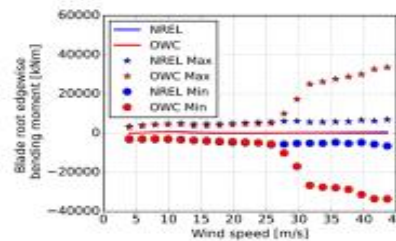
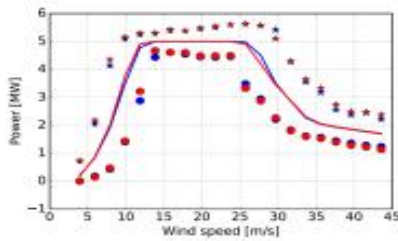




## Down-rated operation at high wind – edgewise vibrations

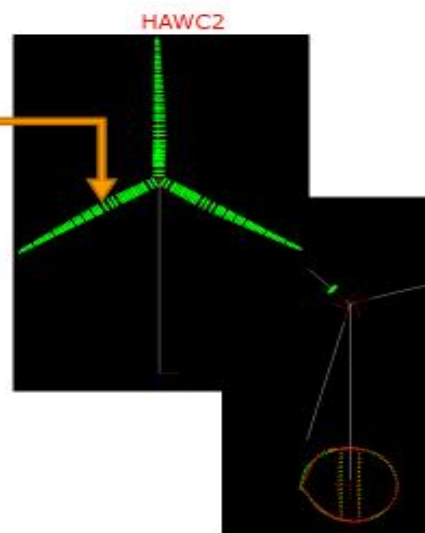
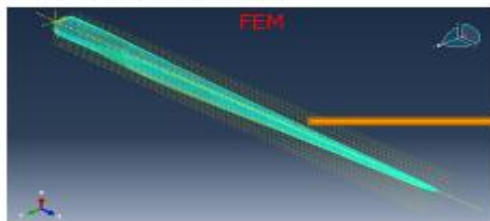


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## Aeroelastic simulations based on reduced FEM models (Anders M. Hansen)

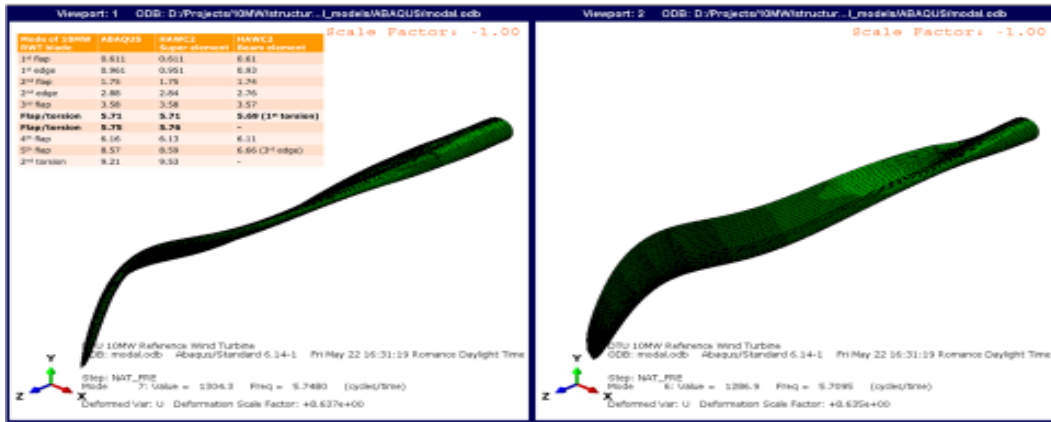


From 3D FEM model:

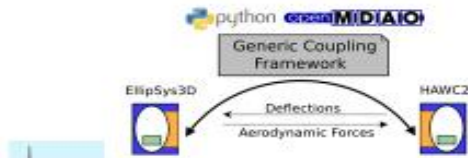
- 1) Select sets of nodes to constrain into a super node (or section node)
- 2) Solve static 3D FEM to get static deflection shapes as function of super nodes
- 3) Create reduced matrices based on static deflections
- 4) Import into HAWC2 and simulate

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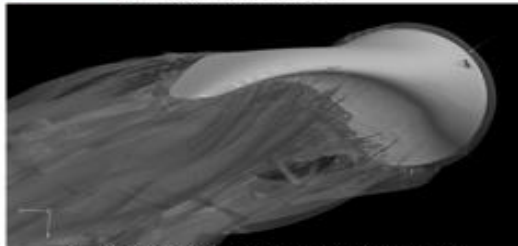
# Super elements in HAWC2 (Anders M. Hansen)



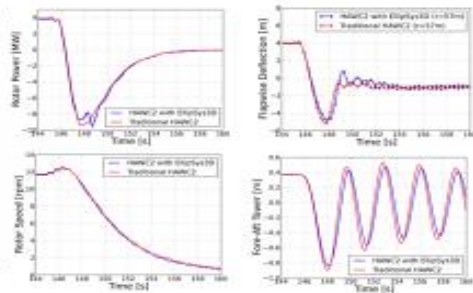
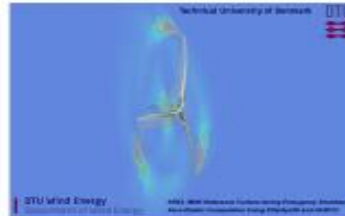
# Fluid-Structure Interaction Using HAWC2 and EllipSys3D



Standstill Vibrations

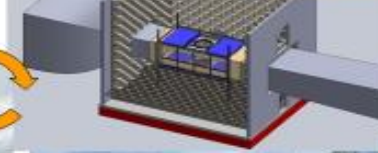
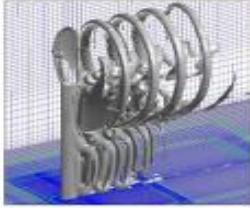


## Emergency Shutdown



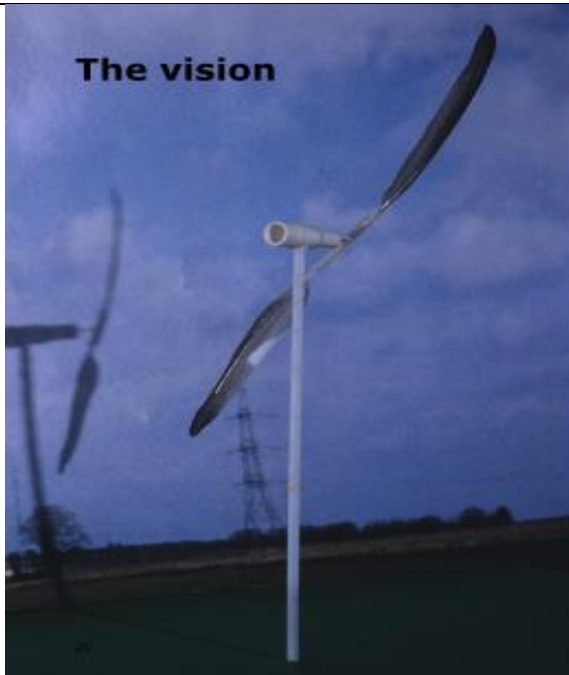
## Modelling/experiments

- Aeroacoustic Poul La Cour Wind Tunnel
- Rotating Test Rig
- Research Wind Turbine
- Virtual Wind Tunnel (Digital Twin)



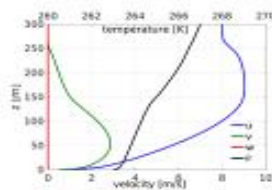
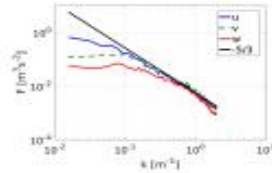
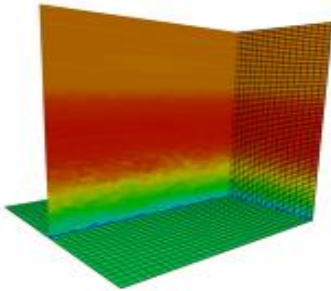
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## The vision

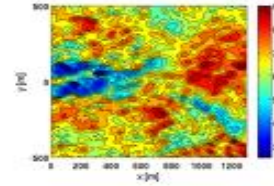


## Studying the influence of the ABL

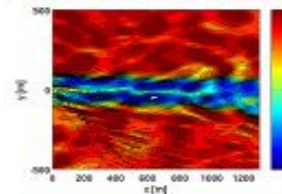
Stably stratified case with low level jet (LLJ)



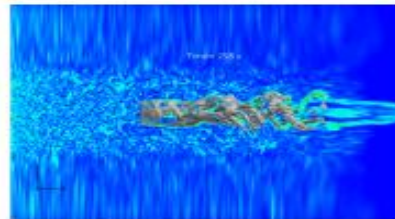
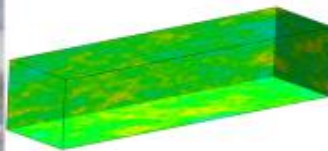
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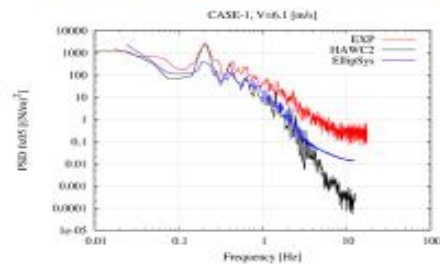
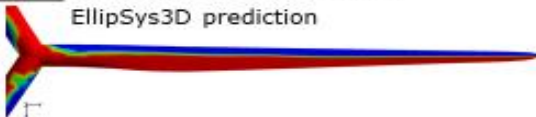
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## Rotors in Turbulent Inflow



Laminar/turbulent transition  
EllipSys3D prediction



# Advances in smart blades



## aeroservoelastic simulations & morphing flap design

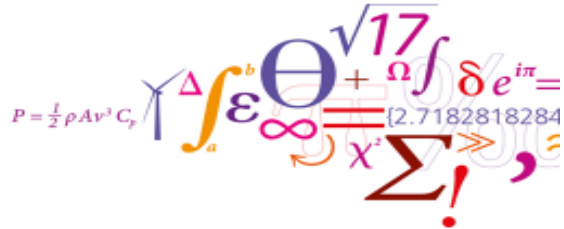
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# Introduction



- 11 year ago...

IEA topical expert meeting on:  
The application of smart structures for large sized turbine rotor blades

### Smart Rotor Blade Control for Wind Turbines

Issues on design, modeling and approach



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### Challenges

- Embedded smart materials for shape control for large & controllable deflections (new blade design?)
- Aerodynamic models of smart devices (accurate analytical - unsteady CFD?)
- Efficient & reliable control algorithms (new IGBT?)



Questions?

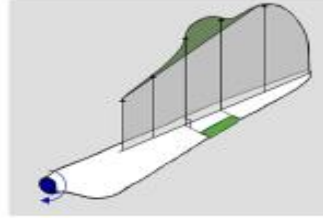
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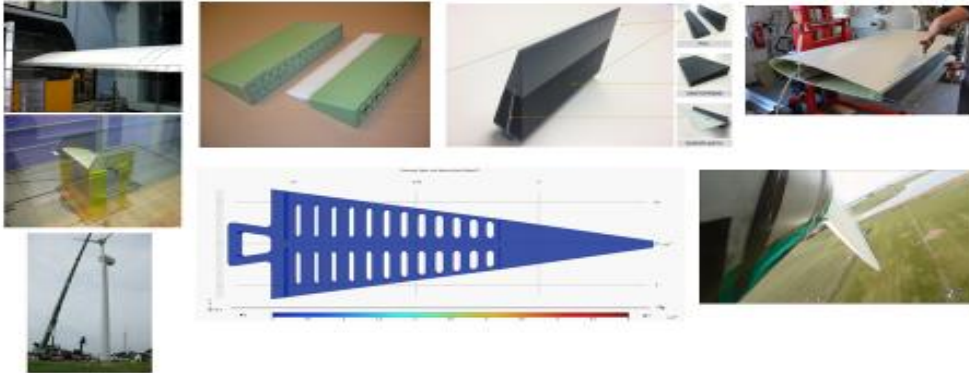
## Introduction

- Modern wind turbine blade technology enabling rotor upscaling
- Active aerodynamic load control as potential enabling technology
- Active flap system development
- INDUFLAP & INDUFLAP2 projects



## Introduction

- Aeroservoelastic load simulations
- Wind tunnel testing
- Field testing
- Active flap system development



# DTU Design Load Basis (DLB)



- DTU interpretation of IEC DLCs
- Close to industry

Case	Load	PSF	Description	PSF [kN/m]	Year Used	Turb.	Stoch.	Dirac	Dist.	Turb.	TSD	Prob.
DL01	S	1.25	Normal production	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	115
DL02	F	1.8	Normal production	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	116
DL03	S	1.35	Normal production	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	118
DL04	S	1.35	Normal production	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	None	400	9
DL05	S	1.35	Normal production	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	None	400	48
DL06	S	1.35	Grid loss	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	Grid loss at 30%	400	144
DL07	S	1.2	Grid loss	0.125	0	None	0.2	0.2	None	Major grid loss at 10%	400	30
DL08	S	1.2	Subsidence gear error	0.125	21.0-199	NTM	0	0.2	None	Minor gear error	400	176
DL09	S	1.5	One blade stuck at pitch angle	0.125	0	NTM	0.2	0.2	None	2 blades at free pitch	400	248
DL10	S	1.2	Grid loss	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	Grid loss at 10% ICD	400	0
DL11	F/D	1.8	Production in large gear error	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	Large gear error	400	71
DL12	F	1.8	Start-up	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	None	None	400	1
DL13	S	1.35	Start-up in four 48% times	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	None	400	16
DL14	S	1.35	Start-up in 10%	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	None	400	34
DL15	F	1.8	Start-down	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	None	None	400	7
DL16	S	1.2	Start-down in six 48% times	0.125	0	None	None	0.2	ICD	None	400	18
DL17	S	1.2	Emergency shut-down	0.125	0	NTM	0.2	0.2	None	None	400	36
DL18	S	1.35	Powered in extreme wind	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	17
DL19	S	1.5	Powered grid loss	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	38
DL20	S	1.35	Powered with large gear error	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	17
DL21	F	1.8	Powered	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	None	400	102
DL22	S	1.5	Rotor locked at pitch angle	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	Rotor locked at 0.30/0.30 deg	400	30
DL23	S	1.5	Maintenance	0.125	-1992-19	NTM	0	0.2	None	Maintenance	400	11

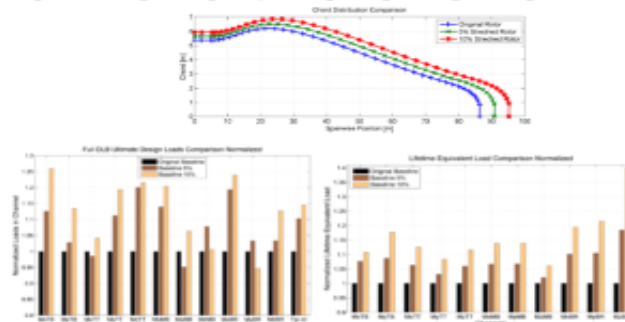
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# DTU 10MW RWT upscaling



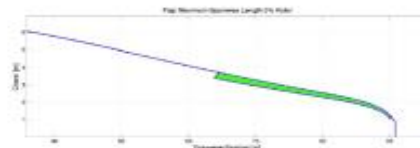
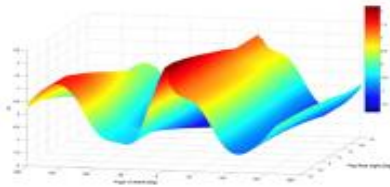
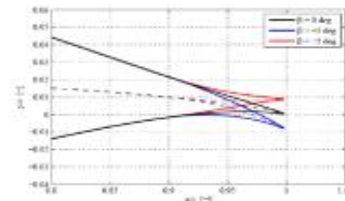
- DTU 10MW RWT
- 5% blade upscaling/stretched - other components same -> **+3.4% AEP**
- Solidity, twist, airfoils, structural properties same - 'softer' blades
- Earlier pitching to reduce max thrust - retuned main controller
- Motivation for rotor upscaling enabling using flaps targeting design fatigue loads

Parameter	DTU 10 MW RWT	Upscaled Turbine
Wind Profile	IEC Class 1A	Same
Control	Variable Speed	Same
Control Pitch	Collective Pitch	Same
Cut in speed	8 [m/s]	Same
Cut out speed	25 [m/s]	Same
Rated Wind Speed	11.4 [m/s]	11 [m/s]
Rated Power	10 [MW]	Same
Rotor Diameter	178.2 [m]	187.2 [m]
Hub Diameter	5.5 [m]	Same
Hub Height	119.0 [m]	Same
Detritus	Medium Speed	Same
Detritus	Multiple stage Overbox	Same
Minimum Rotor Speed	6.0 [rpm]	5.0 [rpm]
Maximum Rotor Speed	9.6 [rpm]	9.2 [rpm]
Maximum Generator Speed	489.0 [rpm]	474.3 [rpm]
Gearbox Ratio	50	Same
Maximum Tip Speed	90 [m/s]	Same
Pitch Tilt Angle	5.0 [deg]	Same
Rotor Precone Angle	-2.4 [deg]	Same
Blade Prebend	3.33 [m]	3.50 [m]
Rotor Mass	227,962 [kg]	239,368 [kg]
Nacelle Mass	446,036 [kg]	Same
Tower Mass	628,412 [kg]	Same



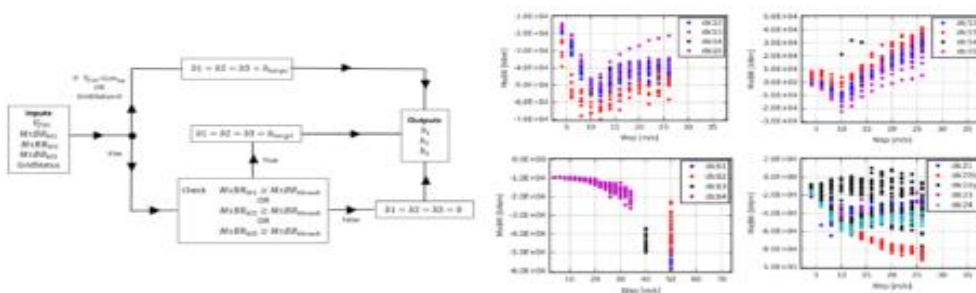
## Aeroelastic model & flap system

- HAWC2
- DTU 10MW RWT
- ATEFlap dynamic stall model
- Flap servo
- DLL controllers
- 30% blade's spanwise length-single flap
- +/-15deg flap deflection



## Extreme load controller

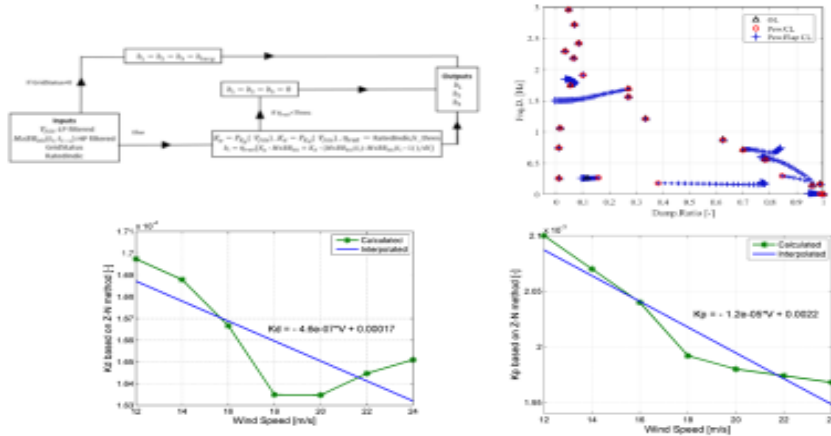
- Cut-off of extreme blade root flapwise moment
- Load thresholds based on baseline DLB
- Decoupling of extreme and fatigue functions





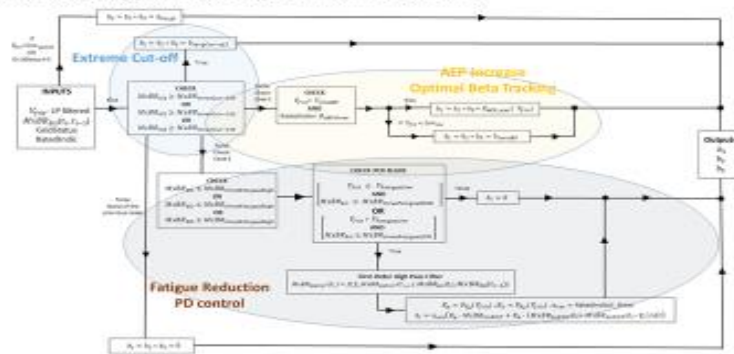
## Fatigue load controller

- PD on high-pass filtered blade root flapwise moment
- Gain tuning using Ziegler-Nichols method on closed-loop HawcStab2 models



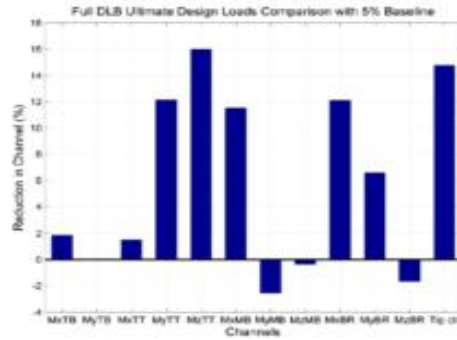
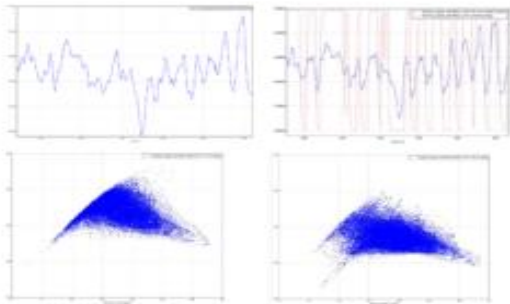
## Integrated controller

- Extreme load controller active above load threshold
- Fatigue load controller above rated
- Smooth switching based on LP filtered WSP and signal from main controller
- Tunable servo response
- Flap controller applied on top of main controller



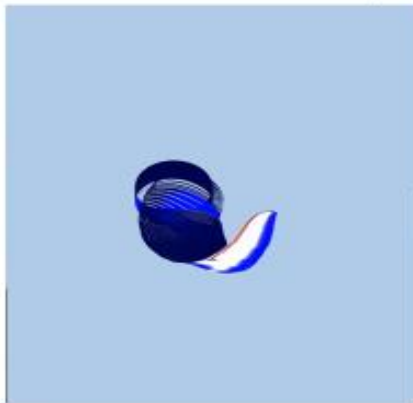
## Results – extreme load alleviation

- Effective in all load channels
- No impact on AEP or fatigue loads

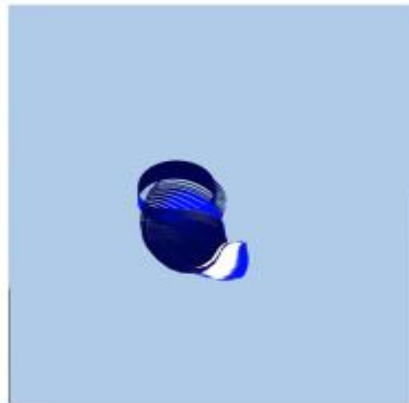


## Results

Animation of blade and flap response  
 DLC 1.2 26m/s – Extreme load controller



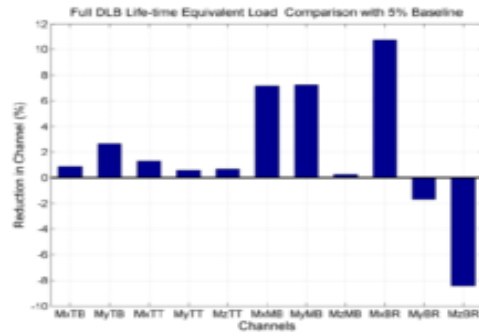
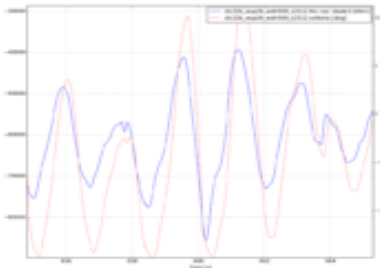
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flap

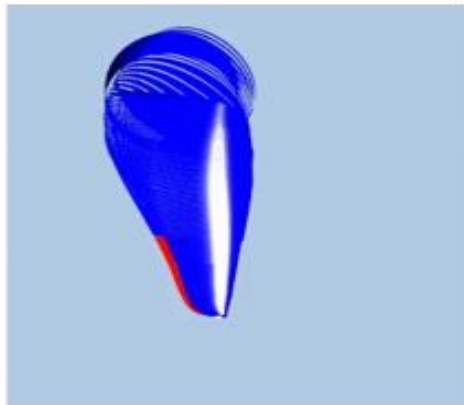
## Results – fatigue load alleviation

- Fatigue load reduction above rated
- Focus on design blade loads
- Class specific results (IA)

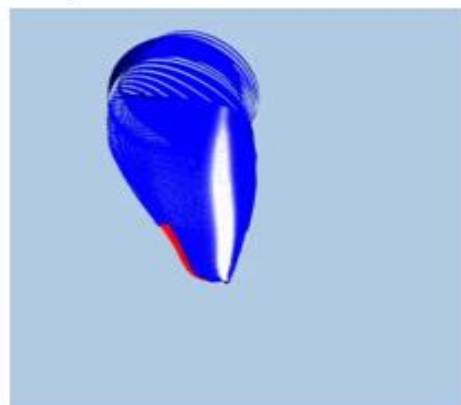


## Results

Animation of blade and flap response  
DLC 1.2 22m/s – Fatigue PD IFC



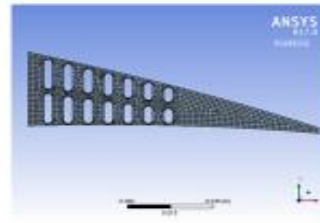
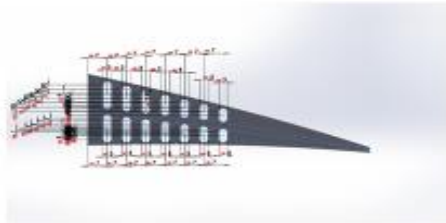
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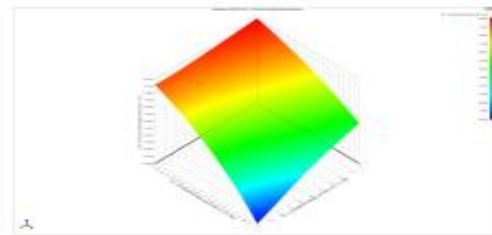
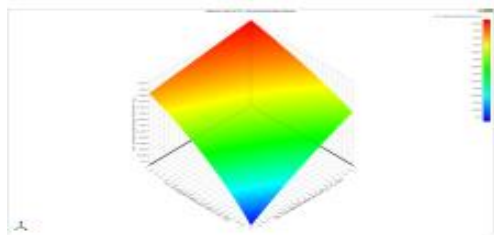
## Morphing flap design

- Solidworks parametric model
- Ansys static structural analysis
- Flexible flap part (Santoprene/Silicone)
- Pressure on chamber
- Calculate deflection and stress



## Concept optimization

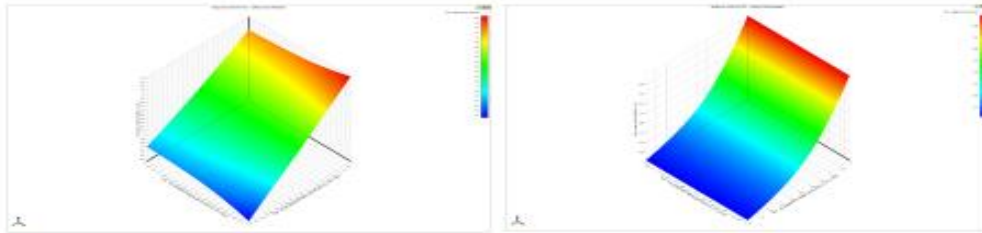
- MTT01
- Response surfaces



deflection=f(voids position, voids height)    deflection=f(voids position, voids width)

## Concept optimization

- MTT01
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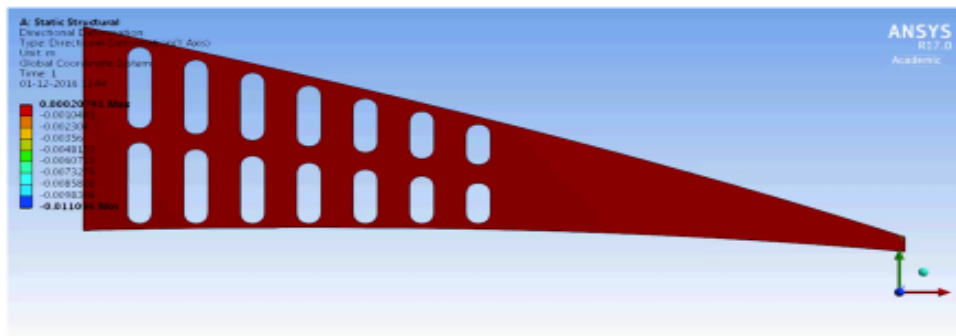


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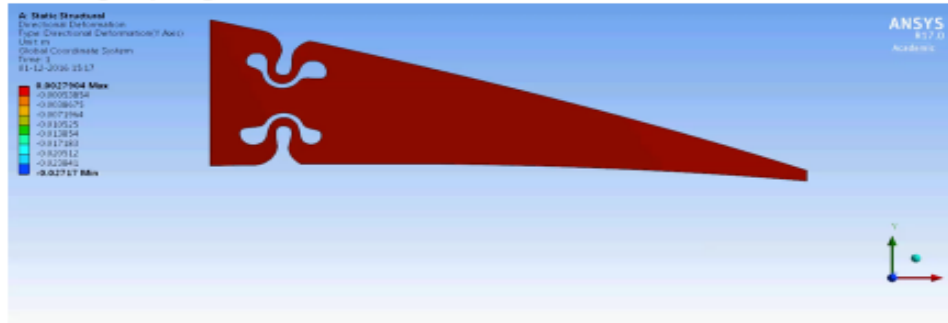
## Concept optimization

- Optimized void
- 3 bar
- 6deg flap angle



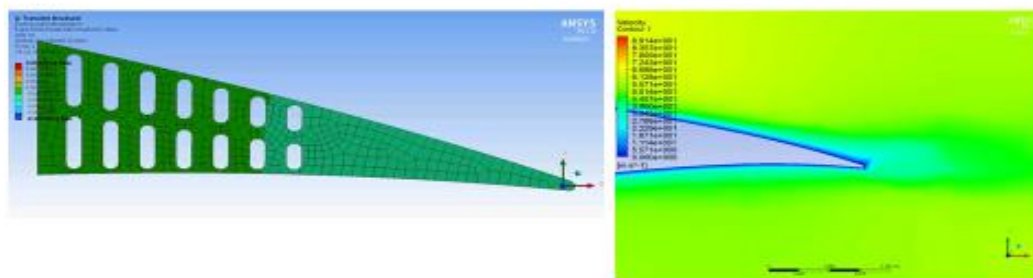
## Concept optimization

- Concept with minimum 'snapping' voids
- 2 bar
- 15deg flap angle



## FSI capability

- FSI coupling between Ansys FEM and CFX



## Conclusion

- Effective flap controllers with considerable ultimate and fatigue load reductions up to 15%
- Trade-off between control objectives
- Presented flap controller approach integrates AEP increase and load reduction capability of the system enabling further rotor upscaling
  
- Optimization of morphing flap geometry
- Efficient flap deflection designs

### Future:

- Power optimization (e.g. WindEurope2016 article)
- Evaluation of real system on full scale Siemens WT (INDUFLAP2)

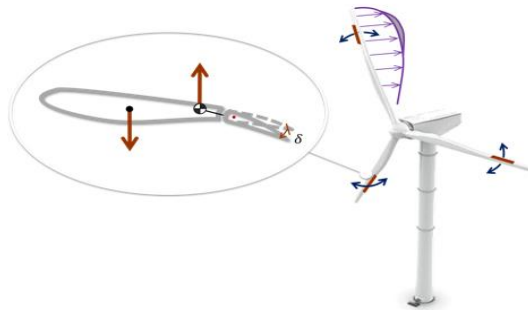
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# Smart but Simple: Load Mitigation by Passive Technologies

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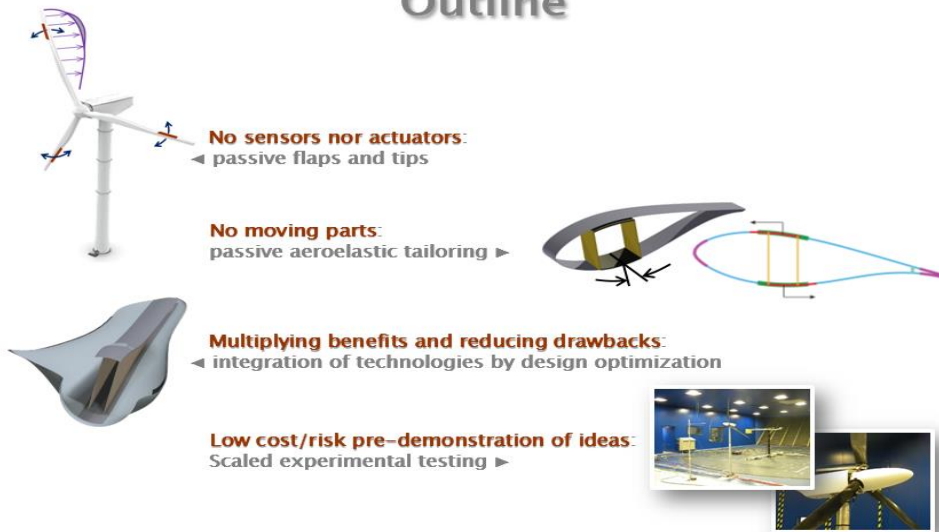


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## Outline



## Motivation: Active Load Mitigation Limits and Issues

### Active full-span pitch control:

- Limited temporal bandwidth (max rate  $\approx 7-9 \text{ deg/sec}$ )
- Limited spatial bandwidth (pitching the whole blade is ineffective for spatially small wind fluctuations)

### Active distributed control ("smart blades"):

- Alleviate temporal and spatial bandwidth issues
- Complexity/availability/maintenance

### All sensor-enabled control solutions:

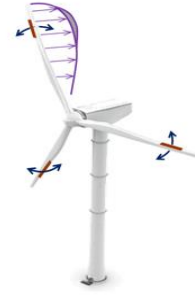
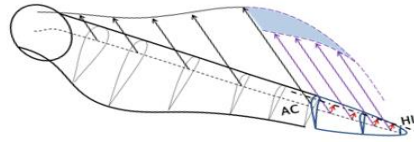
- Complexity/availability/maintenance

**Off-shore (but not only):** need high reliability, availability, low maintenance in harsh and hostile environments

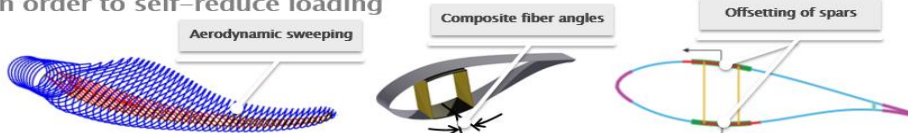


## Passive Load Mitigation

**Distributed passive load mitigation:**  
 Passive flaps and/or tabs move automatically in response to blade vibrations/loads



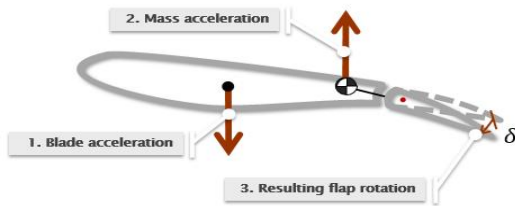
**Full-span passive load mitigation:**  
 Blade is designed so that loaded structure deforms in order to self-reduce loading



**Potential advantages:** no actuators, no moving parts, no sensors

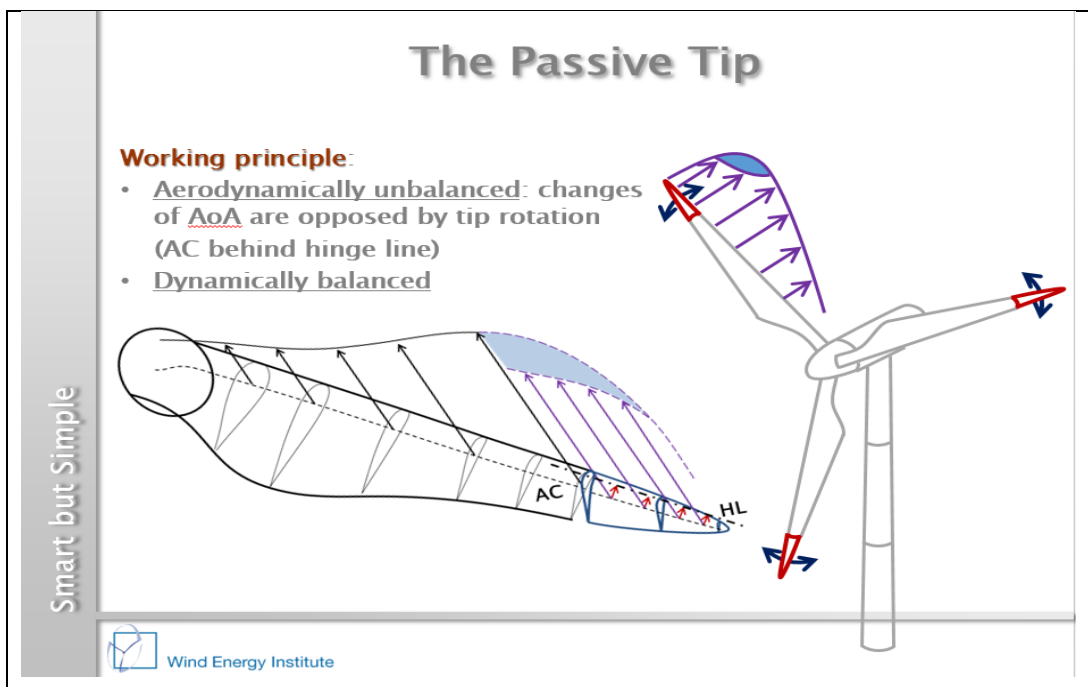
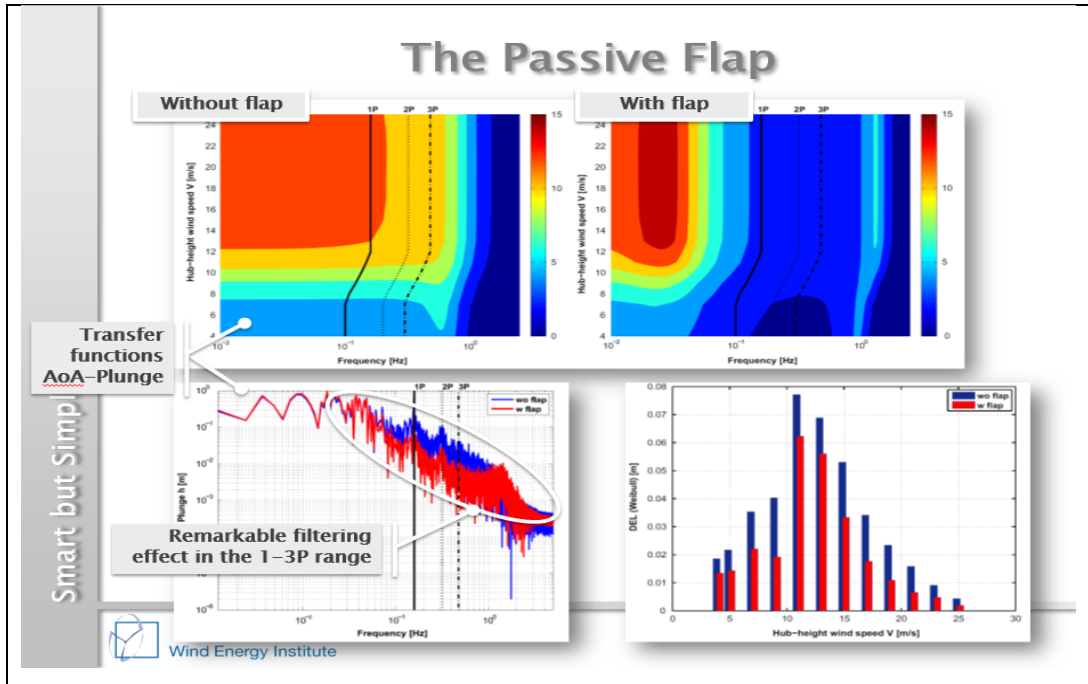
## Load Alleviation: the Passive Flap

- Working principle:**
- **Aerodynamically balanced:** does not respond to deliberate pitch angle changes (control)
  - **Dynamically unbalanced:** out-of-plane accelerations induce opposing flap rotations



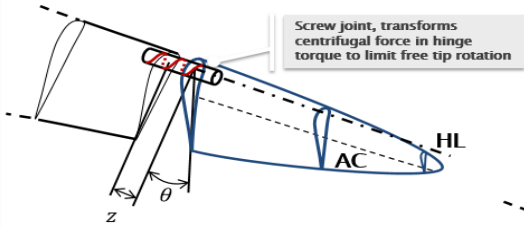
No sensors, no actuators



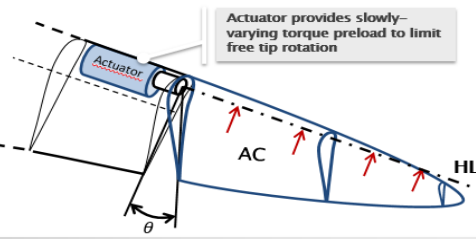


# Passive Tip: Possible Implementations

**Fully passive** (no sensors, no actuators)



**Semi-passive**



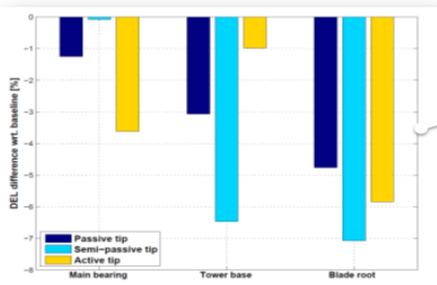
Increased complexity, but torque preload only varies slowly with operating condition in region II (low actuator duty cycle) ▶

**Active ("smart tip")**

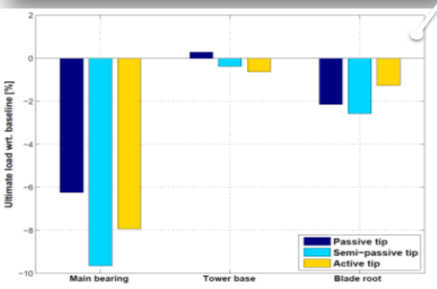
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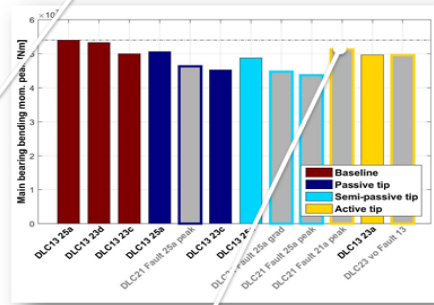
## The Passive Tip



Passive and semi-passive just as good as active



Fault: one stuck tip



Fault cases are dominant only for the active solution (more critical handling of shutdown)

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## Outline



## Full-Span Passive Load Alleviation

Optimal combination of **spar fiber rotation** and **offset**:



**Rotor resizing:** R+5% (similar hub loads as baseline)

	Baseline	Offset 20 cm	Off20 + BTC05	R + 5%
Blade mass [kg]	42445	40741 (-4.01%)	39710 (-6.44%)	48519 (+14.31%)
AEP [GWh]	46.126	46.107 (-0.04%)	46.079 (-0.1%)	48.191 (+4.48%)
CoE [EUR /MWh]	75.637	75.523 (-0.154%)	75.481 (-0.2%)	73.323 (-3.06%)

Significant benefits

# Outline

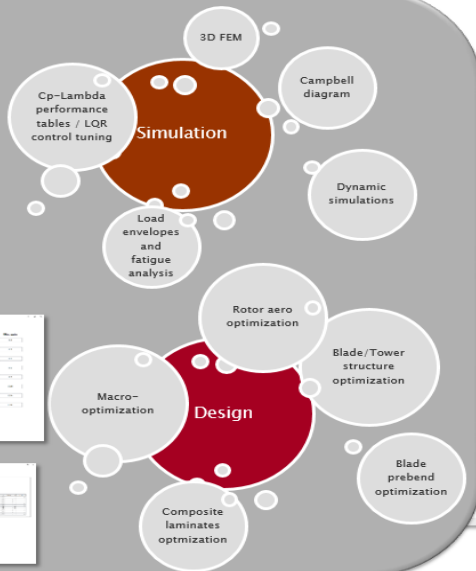
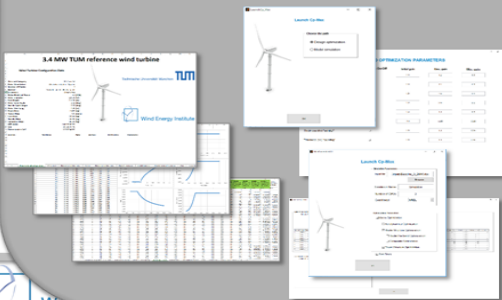


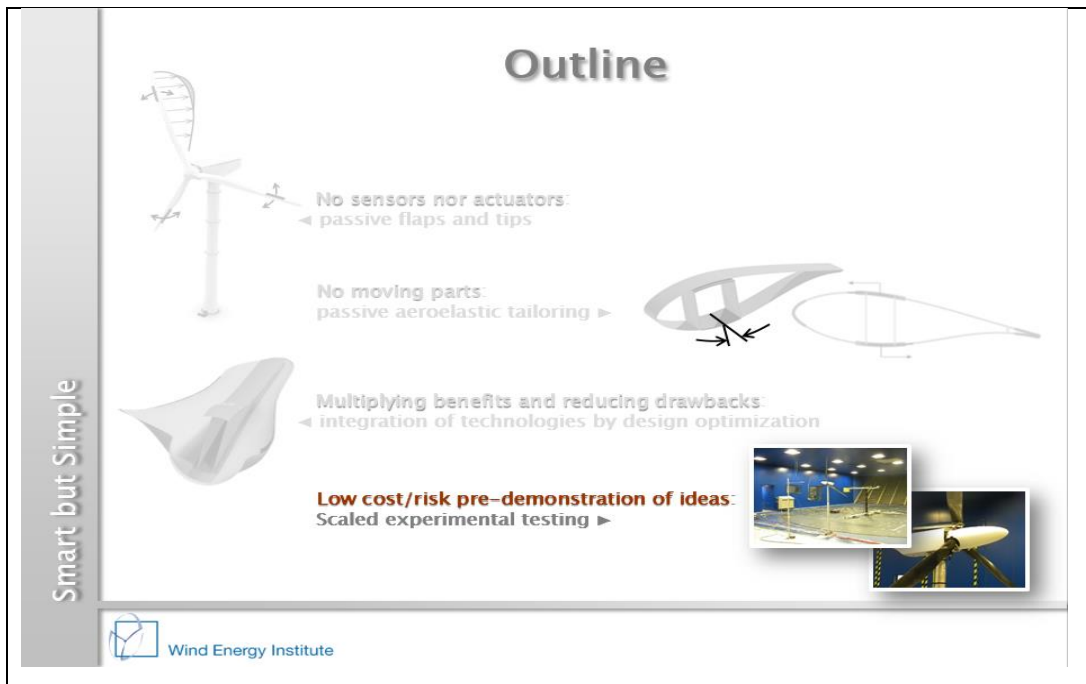
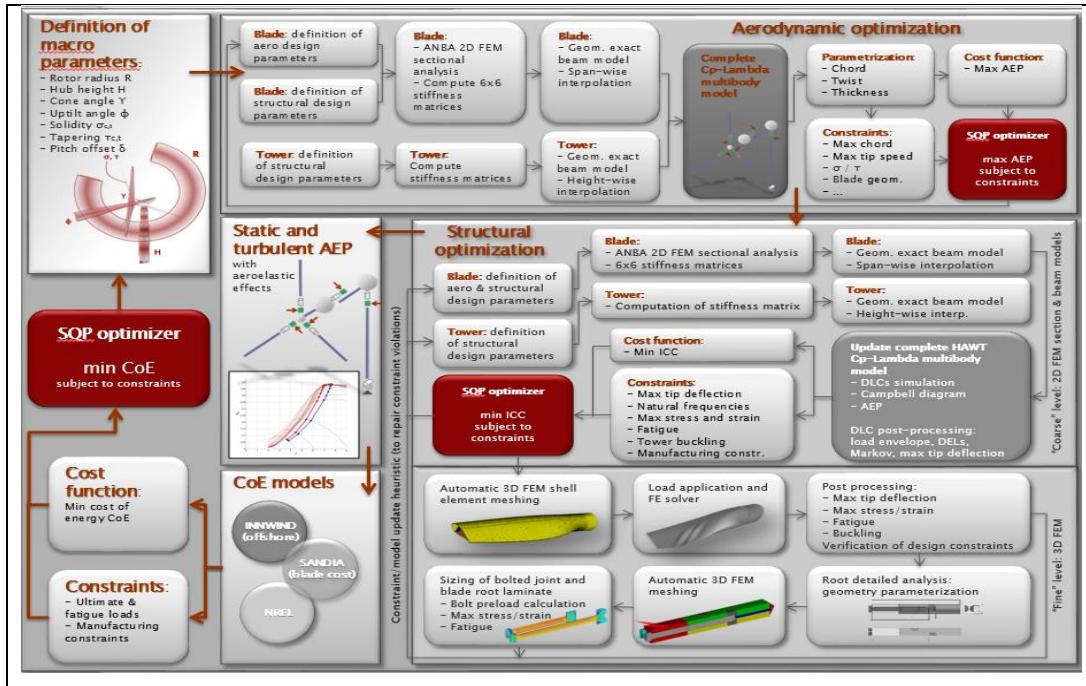
# Automated Holistic Design

## Cp-Max suite:

Based on in-house-developed  
multibody wind turbine code  
Cp-Lambda

Integrated multidisciplinary  
wind turbine design  
(aero+structure+controls)





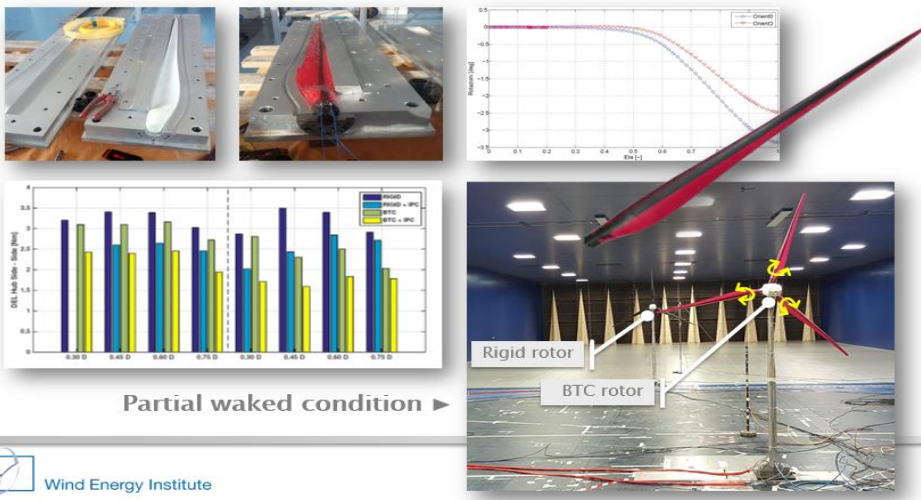
# G1 & G2 Scaled Wind Turbines

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# Passive & Passive/Active Load Alleviation in Waked Conditions

Aeroelastically-scaled **Bend-Twist Coupled** blade:



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## Conclusions

- **Passive moving devices (flaps & tips):** simpler and possibly of similar performance than more complex active solutions with sensors and actuators
- **Passive full-span aeroelastic tailoring:** effective and simple (once manufactured), i.e. no moving parts nor sensors
- **Integration of technologies:** key to multiply benefits and reduce drawbacks
- **Automated design optimization:** enables identification of optimal tradeoffs, understanding of impact on CoE
- **Scaled testing:** could be used to test active and passive solutions at low cost and risk

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## SmartBlades

### – Progress on Blades with Active Trailing Edges –

Johannes Riemenschneider, DLR - Braunschweig  
TEM-Topical Expert Meeting on Smart Blades, IEA Wind task 11  
27-28.04.2017, DTU Risø Campus, Roskilde, DK



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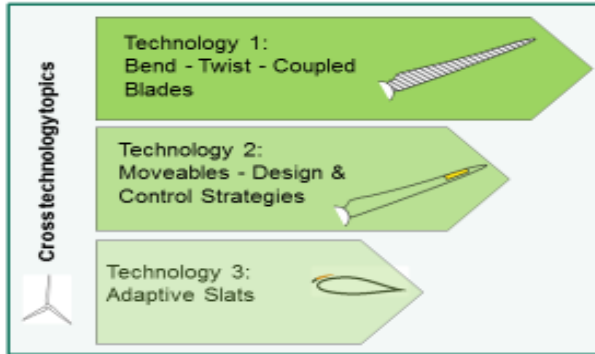
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on the basis of a decision  
by the German Bundestag



## SmartBlades1: Project overview

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### Basic facts

- Project period: 01.12.2012 - 29.02.2016
- Duration: 39 Month
- Strategic objectives
  - Num. proof of load reduction with Smart Blades
  - Decrease the CoE
  - Test of demo blades on real turbine
- Partners
  - Research Alliance: DLR, IWES, ForWind

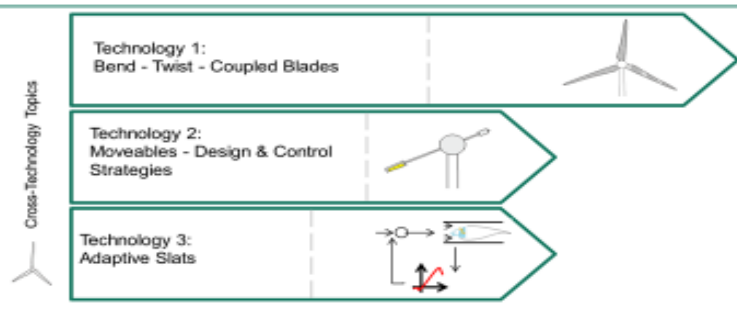


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## Outlook: SmartBlades2 project

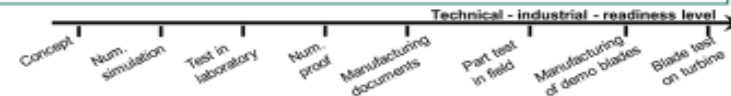
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Project period  
 2016 - 2019

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- Industry: GE, Henkel, Nordex, Senvion, SSB, Enercon, Suzlon



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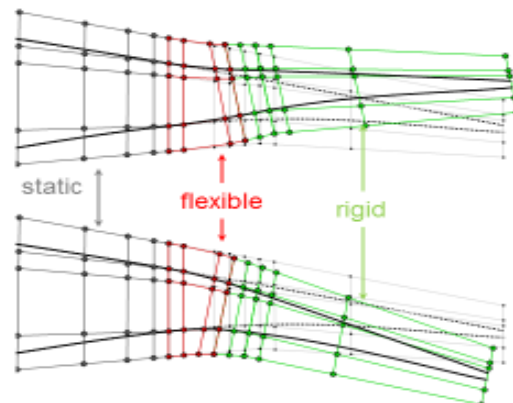
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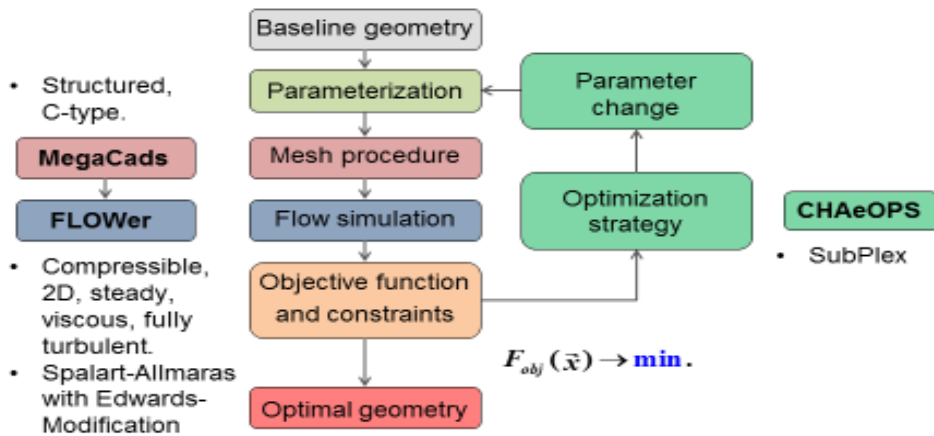
## Definition Target Shapes Methodology

Free-form deformation method:

- Definition of enclosing NURB-Spline-volume
- Capture of the geometry (determination of the NURBS-parameters)
- Definition of the deformed NURBS-volume
- Evaluation of the NURBS-parameters in the deformed volume
- The rigid section is not deformed

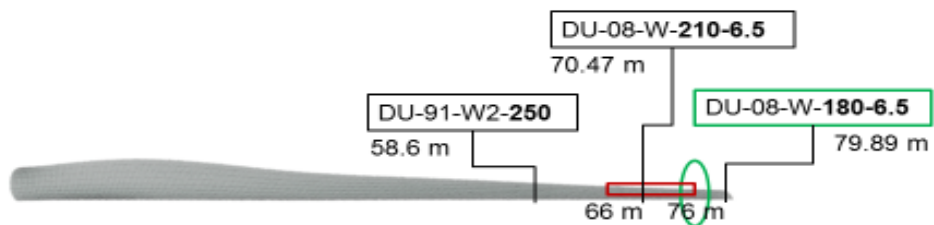


## Definition Target Shapes Methodology



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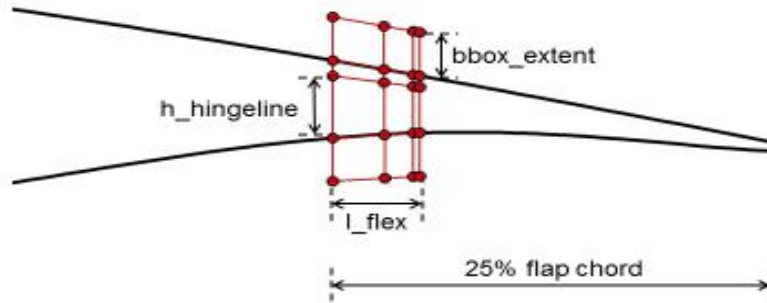
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DU-08-W-180-6.5 profile with flap end position flow conditions  
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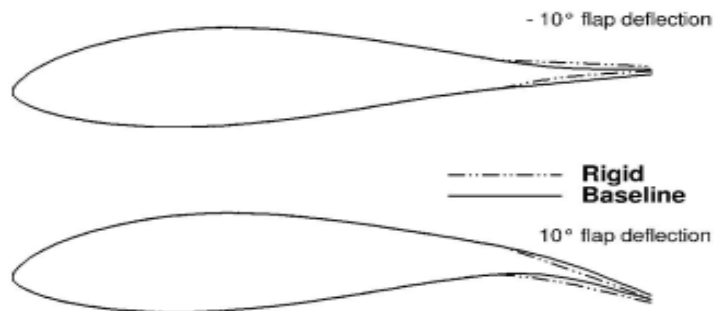
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## Definition Target Shapes Parameterization v2



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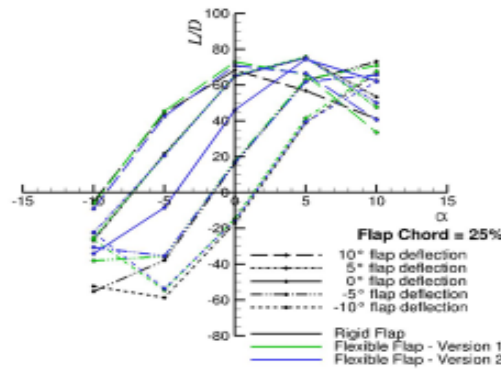
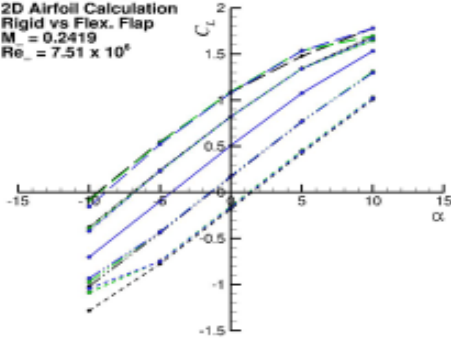
## Definition Target Shapes Baseline Geometry v2



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## Definition Target Shapes Adaptive vs. Rigid

Smart Blades Reference Rotor  
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2D Airfoil Calculation  
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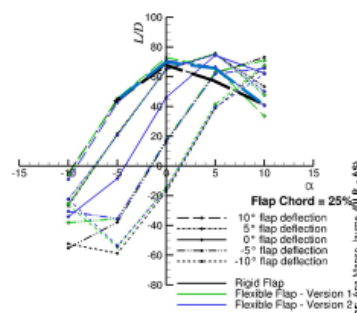
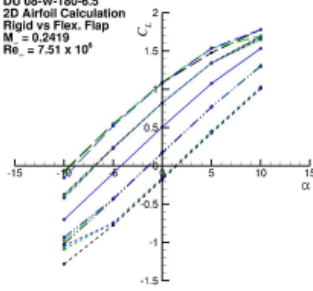


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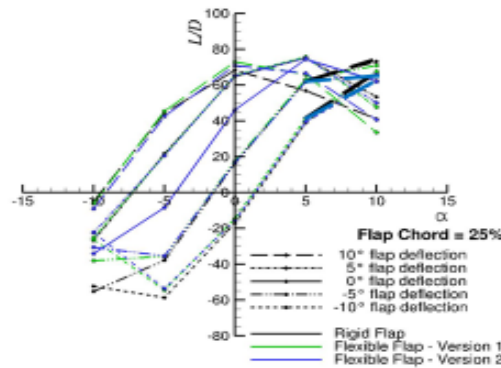
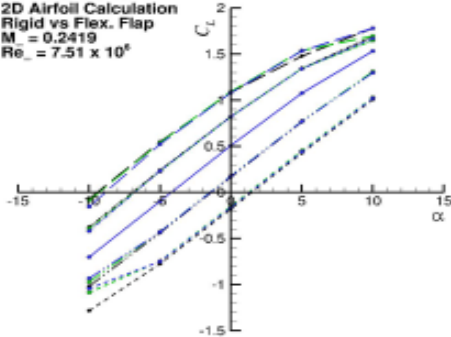


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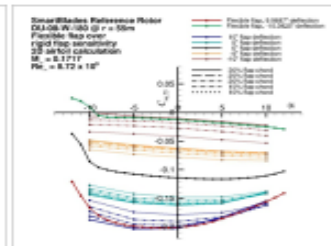
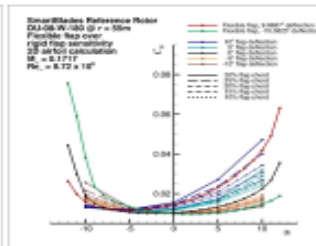
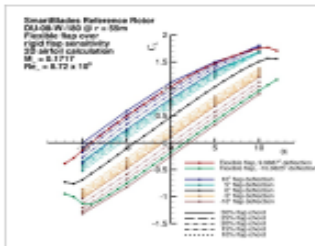
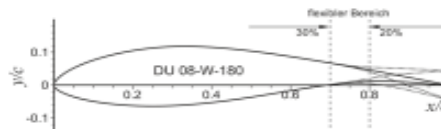
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## Klappenwirksamkeiten (flexibel vs. starr)

- Flexible region between 20% and 30%
- For 25% chord flexible trailing edge and flap equal
- Nonlinearities stronger in negative region



Autor: Wile (DLR-AS)

## Definition Target Shapes

### Conclusions

- Required effectiveness achieved
- Target shape:
  - Flexible part as long as possible, deflection should be adjusted
  - Vertical position of hinge line as low as possible
  - Soft curvature

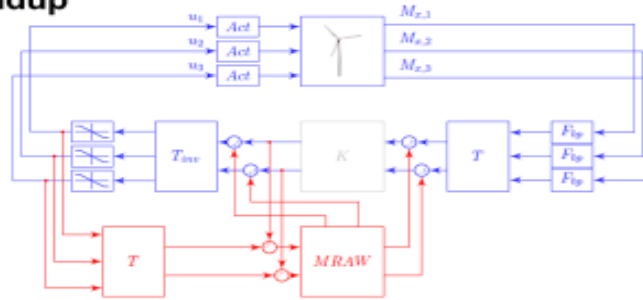
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## Outline

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## Control development – Model Recovery Anti-Windup



- Ensure the stability and performance in case of saturation
- The recovery is possible through the compensation signals

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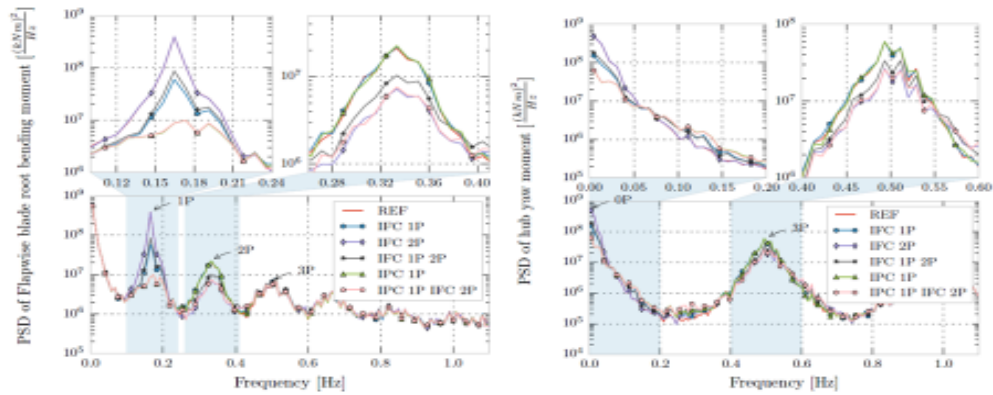
## Simulation setup - Parameters

Description	Parameter
Radius position	82.5 % - 95 %
Spanwise length	10 m (12.5 % of blade length)
Chordwise length	25 %
Flap angle	$\pm 10^\circ$
Flap angle rate	$\pm 20^\circ \text{ s}^{-1}$
IPC angle	$\pm 2.5^\circ$
IPC angle rate	$\pm 3^\circ \text{ s}^{-1}$
Horizontal wind speed	$3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ to $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Yaw misalignment	$-8^\circ$
Number of seeds	6
DEL	1 Hz
Wöhler exponent	4 - tower, 10 - blade

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## Results – Power spectral density analysis

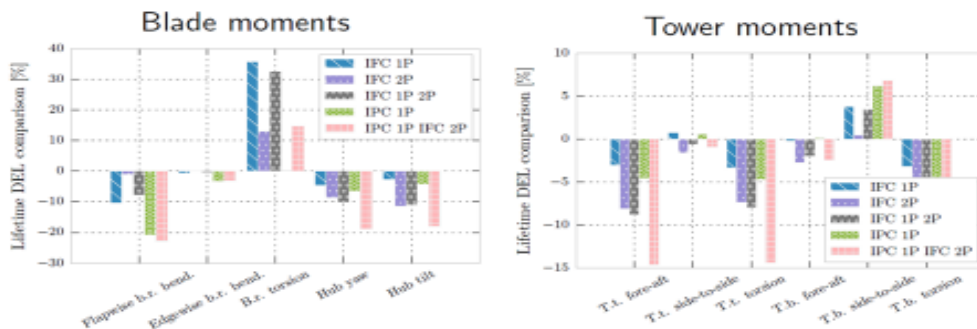
Mean wind speed of  $13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and turbulence intensity of 19 %



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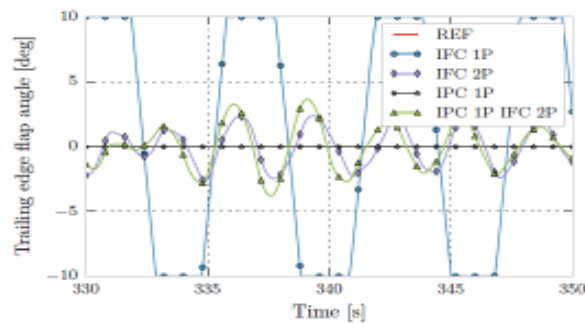
## Results – Lifetime damage equivalent loads

Damage equivalent load changes with respect to reference case, where only the baseline controller is active



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## Definition Target Shapes Methodology



Trailing edge flap angle with mean wind speed of 10 m/s

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## Conclusion

- IFC 1P can only partly substitute IPC
- IFC 2P has more impact on the non-rotating components than on the blade root bending moment
- The most promising combination is the IPC + IFC 2P

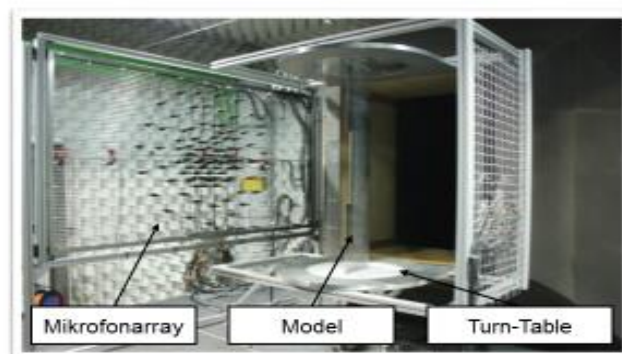
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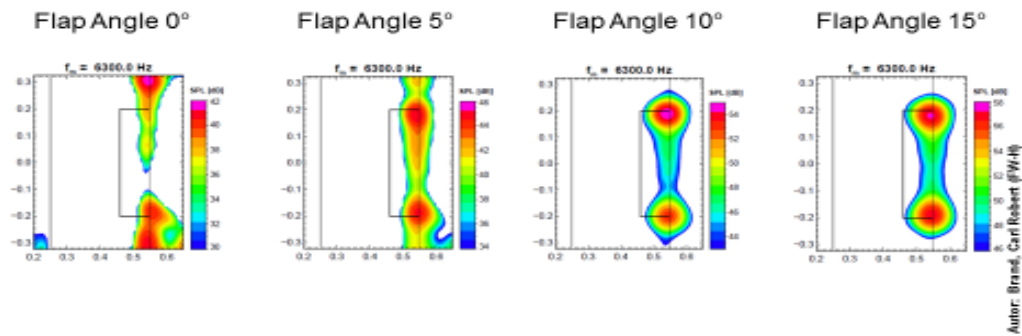
- Aeroacoustic experimental investigation



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## Akustics of flaps

- Noise source map



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## Flexible trailing edge The concept: Middle spine with flexible fabric skins

- Covering of first two chambers with elastomer skin
- Actuator driving points at first stringer
- Development of 3D finite element model for numerical investigation and demonstrator design, Realization of concept demonstrator



Autor: Pohl, Martin (DLR/FA)



## Flexible trailing edge: Testing in a realistic environment

- Testing at facility at Danish Technical University (DTU) in realistic environment scheduled for Sept. 2017
- Static deflection of trailing edge at various angles of attack
- Sinusoidal and stepwise deflection of trailing edge
- Data to be obtained:
  - Pressure taps
  - Acceleration sensors at trailing edge, passive segment
  - Strain gauges at trailing edge and segment boom
  - Driver motor angles



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Source: Design and simulation of the rotating test rig in the WDUFLAP project, DTU, Videsbjerg-E-0063(EN) December 2014

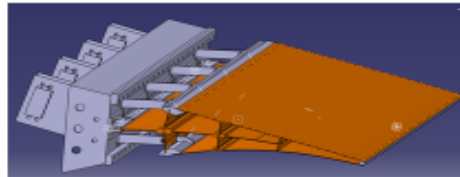
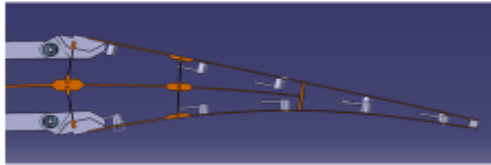
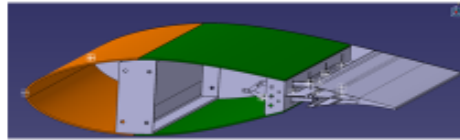


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## Flexible trailing edge: Segment demonstrator design

- Design of a trailing edge for experiments in rotation with wind flow
- 2m wingspan
- 1m chord length (1:2 scale)  
compared to concept demonstrator  
to fit rotating test bed



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## Flexible trailing edge: Segment demonstrator design

- Finished flexible trailing edge demonstrator
- Passive Segment



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## Structural analysis of the morphing mechanism

- Results:

$F = \pm 200 \text{ N}$

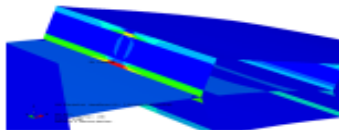
Max.  $U = \pm 0,054 \text{ m}$

Max.  $\sigma_{VM} = 361,16 \text{ MPa}$

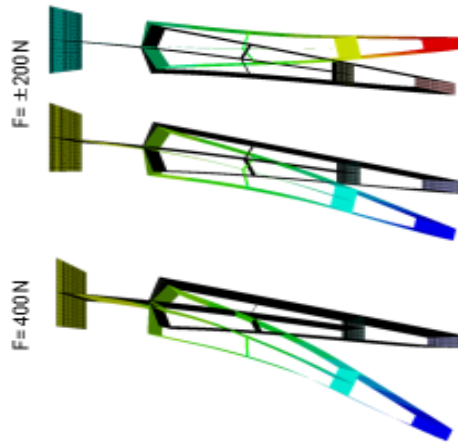
$F = \pm 400 \text{ N}$

Max.  $U_z = \pm 0,11 \text{ m}$

Max.  $\sigma_{VM} = 722,32 \text{ MPa}$



High stress concentrations at the coupling areas



Autor: Majed Bishara (ISD FW-16)

## SmartBlades with Active Trailing Edges Publications:

Aerodynamics	J. Wild, A. Manso Jaume (2016): „Design of Aerodynamic Target Shapes for an Adaptive Trailing Edge Flap“, SmartBlades Conference, Stade
Control	[1] R. Unguran; M.Kühn (2014); <i>Feedback Control of Blades Trailing Edge Flaps for Blade Root Mitigation</i> , Deutschen Strömungsmechanischen Arbeitsgemeinschaft Symposium (STAB)
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Structure	M. Pohl, J. Riemenschneider (2017): <i>Konzipierung, Auslegung und Vermessung einer formveränderlichen Hinterkante für ein Windenergie rotorblatt</i> , 4SmartS 2017, Braunschweig, Germany H.P. Monner; O. Huxdorf; M. Pohl; J. Riemenschneider; T. Homeyer; M. Hölling (2017) <i>Smart structures for wind energy turbines</i> . AIAA SciTech 2017, 9.-13. Jan. 2017, Grapevine, Texas, USA



## Outlook: SmartBlades2 Project - Goals

### Goals

Rotating test of an active trailing edge demonstrator in Risø

Tool validation with experimental data from rotating test

Experimental and numerical investigation of fatigue behaviour of flexible trailing edge

Structural and aerodynamic simulations of full scale blade with flexible trailing edge

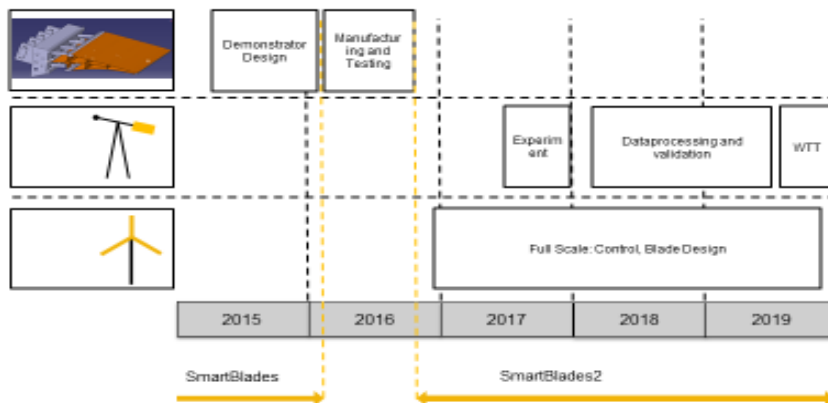
Acoustic implications of active trailing edges

Advanced control strategies for active trailing edges

Trailing edges on the basis of multistable structures.

Measurement of polars of trailing edge demonstrator

## Timetable SmartBlades2 active trailing edge



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**Thank you for your attention!**

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## Experiences with passive and active controls in Aerospace, Automotive and wind field



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**OCEAN ENERGY: Projects and Real Prototypes**



**Kobold (1998)**

**RIVER POWER(2010)**



**GEM(2005-)**



**GEL: Full scale prototype tested in wave tank**

Immersed volume: 4 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Buoy Weight: 2700 kg

5 meters  
 1 meters  
 1.6 meters (DRAFT)

Wave Ampl. & Freq.: 0.24 m – 0.35 Hz  
 Wave Power: 3.5 kW  
 Mechanical Power: 2.6 kW ( $\eta_{Buoy}=74\%$ )  
 Electrical Power: 2.0 kW ( $\eta_{global}=60\%$ )

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**Design of a new composite STOL ultra EASYFLY**  
**Flexible wings**  
**Wind tunnel test**

**Analisi idrodinamica ed Ottimizzazione di Timone, Deriva, Bulbo e Winglets**  
 $\gamma = 10 \text{ rad}$   
 $\alpha = 2^\circ$

	$C_L$	$C_D$	$C_{Df}$
A	1.204	0.002	0.011
B	1.204	0.002	0.011
C	1.200	0.002	0.010

**CAR DRAG REDUCTION WITH SYNTHETIC JET AND UNSTEADY FLOWING WITH FIAT-CRELER**



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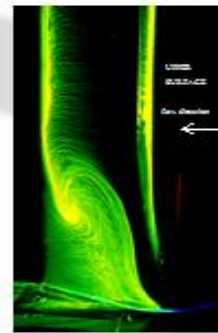


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We manage the main Low speed wind tunnel

### Wind tunnel test



HALF-WING MODEL TEST



### ACTIVE FLOW CONTROL



#### Main characteristics :

- Test section dimensions: 2.0 m x 1.4 m
- Maximum speed: 150 Km/h (42 m/s)
- Turbulence level: 0.1%



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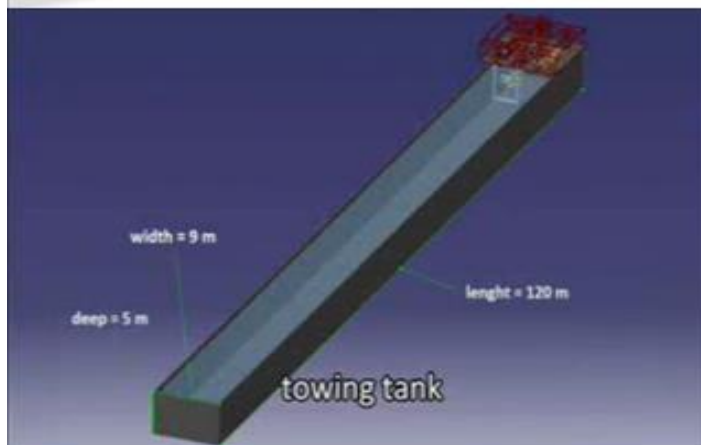


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## Experimental test facility

During the design process we normally use both low-speed wind tunnel and towing/wave tank belonging to our Department at the Univ. of Naples "Federico II", Italy



Towing tank dimensions:

- Length: 120 m
- Width: 10 m
- Depth: 4.5 m

Maximum towing speed  
10 m/s

Wave generator available

**EOL-H-5**  
 5kW@9 m/s  
 Diameter=6m  
 Passive pitch

**EOL-H-60**  
 60kW@10 m/s  
 Diameter=13m  
 Variable pitch

**EOL-H-2.5**  
 2.5kW@10 m/s  
 Diameter=2.5 m  
 Farling

**X-ONE**  
 1kW@10 m/s  
 Diameter=2.5 m

**Projects developed in mini-wind turbines field**

60kW@9.5 m/s  
 Diameter=21m  
 Variable pitch

30kW@10 m/s  
 Diameter=1.5m  
 Variable pitch

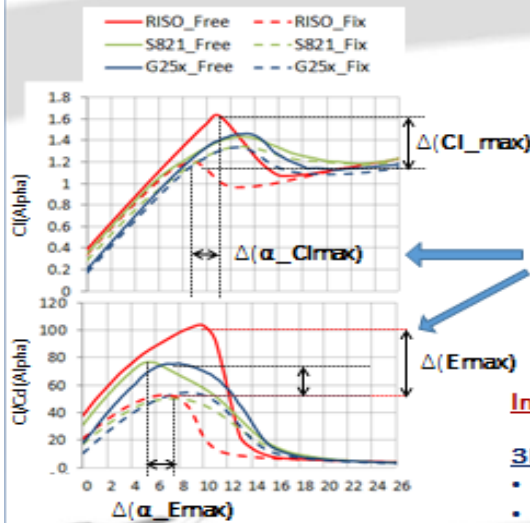
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**Aero-structural design and optimization (passive control)**

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## Airfoil and blade wind turbine design



### Outer airfoils (50%- Tip)

#### Design objectives reached:

- High aerodynamic efficiency (E)
  - High maximum lift coefficient (Cl)
  - Gentle stall for stall induced vibrations issue
  - Low post stall Cl to guarantee power control
  - $\alpha_{Emax}$  as close as possible to  $\alpha_{Clmax}$
  - Lower sensitivity to roughness (respect to Riso-A1-24 and S821):
- Low variation of: E,  $Cl_{max}$ ,  $\alpha_{Emax}$ ,  $\alpha_{Clmax}$

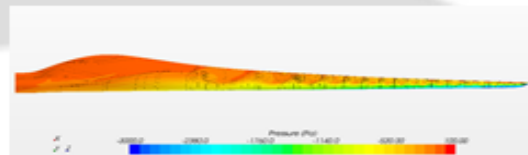
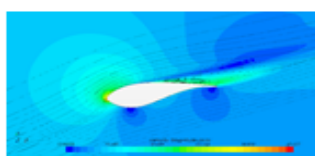
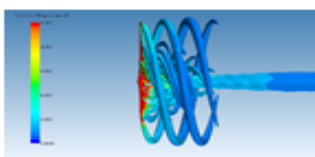
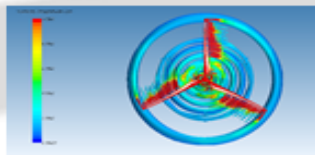
### Inner airfoils (Root- 20% Blade)

#### 3D-CFD analyses on a rotating blade:

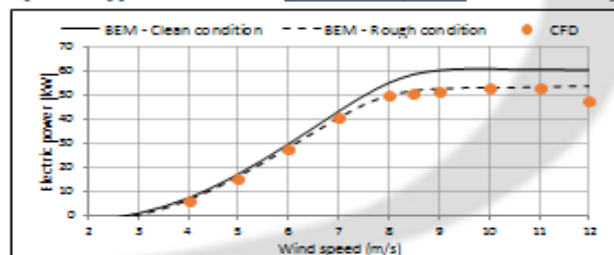
- to evaluate "centrifugal pumpig" effect
- to obtain more realistic airfoil aerodynamic performances

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## Horizontal axis wind turbine simulation (CFD and BEM)



14m blade for 60kW@4.5m/s fixed pitch wind turbine

**Power vs Wind Speed curve– Fixed pitch turbine (Pitch 0)(CFD: 16 hours per wind speed with 64 CPUs)**


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## LOW WIND SPEED 60 kW Wind Turbine: SIMPLY 60



**14 m blade (about same cost of  
9 m blade!!)**



**Nacelle (reduction of assembling time of  
more than 50%)**

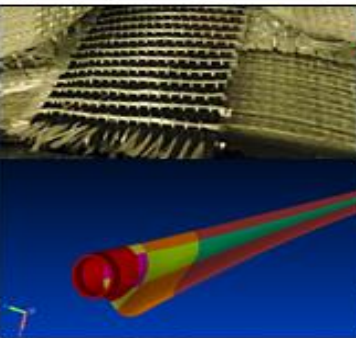
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## Optimization of aerodynamic and structural design of the blade

### Blade structural design

- Optimization of composite material layups along the blade
- Manufacturing capabilities to reduce costs of blade production



### Fatigue/Static testing machine and climate chamber



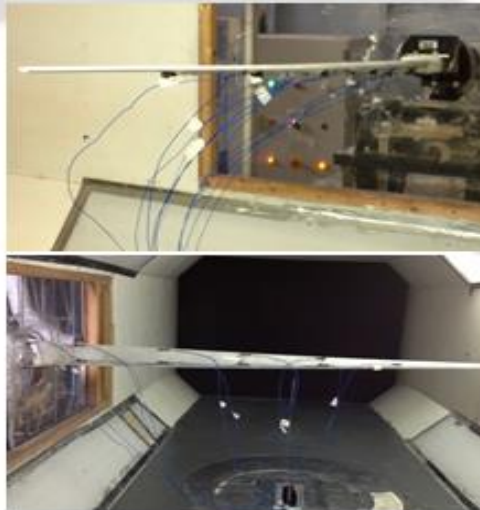
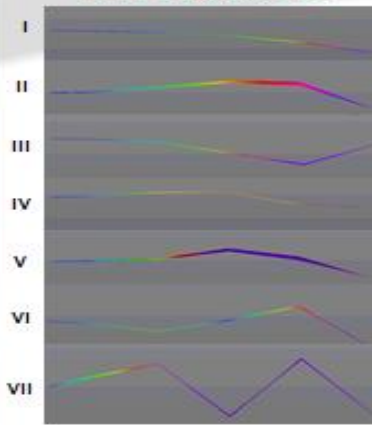




## Structural dynamic analysis of the blade

### Wind tunnel experimental tests on a reduced scale model

#### Blade eigenmodes



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### Free air test: wind tunnel blockage correction



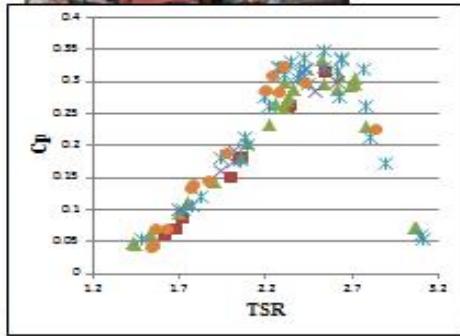
Wind tunnel test section area = 2.8 sq m  
Rotor area = .28 sq m



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### Free-Air tests on wind turbine reduced scale models



### Failure and fatigue testing of the blade



Blade failure static testing

Blade fatigue testing  
with centrifugal load applied



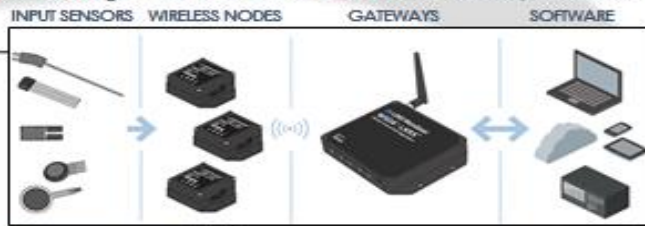
## Structural static analysis of the rotating blade

### Field tests

#### Data acquisition system of the wind turbine

Wind turbine data: Variable pitch - Tower height= 36 m - Rotor radius= 8.9 m - Rated power: 60kW

Strain Gages applied on tower and rotating blades



Nodes applied on the hub (blades) and the tower base (tower)



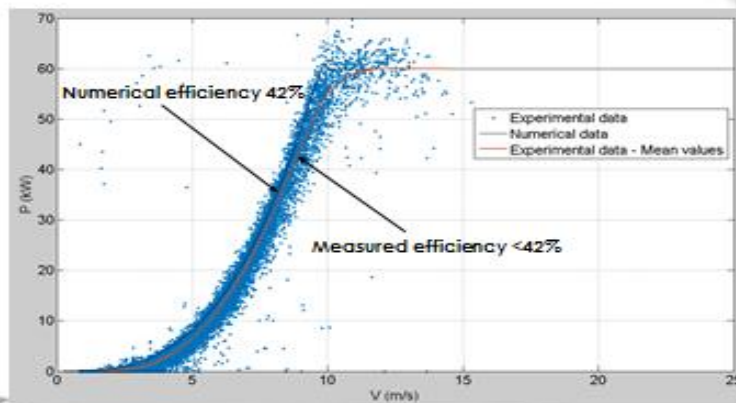
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## Real field tests

### Extraction of electric power VS Wind speed curve

### Comparison between numerical and measured values

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# Active flow conditioning and structure morphing (active control)

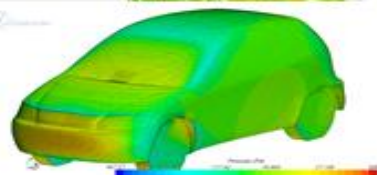
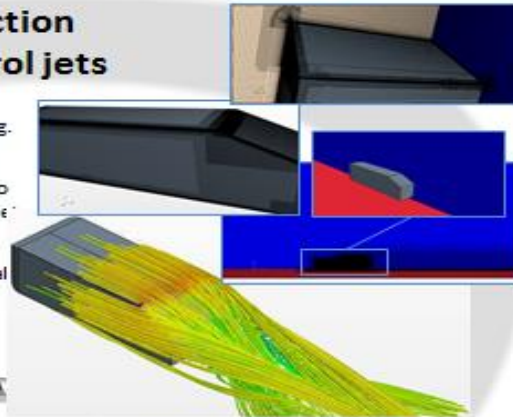


## Bluff bodies drag reduction by means of active control jets

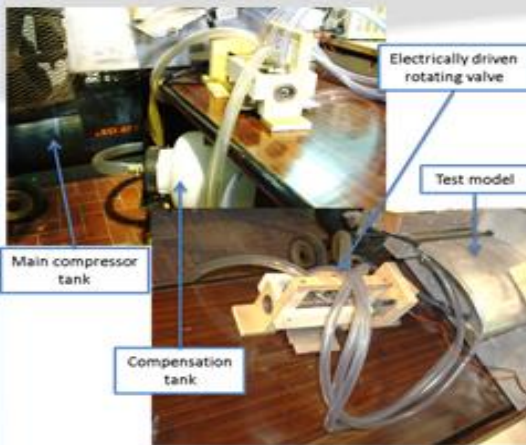
The aim of this study has been to investigate active control devices effectiveness for reducing vehicle drag.

It lasted more than 3-years involving numerical (CFD) and experimental (bench/wind tunnel) tests using two different active devices: an unsteady pulsed blowing jet and a mechanical synthetic jet.

A simplified car model (Ahmed body) along with a real car scaled model have been analysed.



## The unsteady pulsed blowing jet



The unsteady pulsed blowing jet is a frequency modulated pressurized jet able to reattach the separated flow behind a bluff body.

An air pressurized tank and connection tubes from such tank to the modulation device (electrically driven rotating valve) and outlet section are required.

Pressure, jet frequency and jet position are some of the design parameters; other geometrical parameter can improve overall device efficiency.

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## The mechanical synthetic jet

The mechanical synthetic jet is a synthetic jet type device made up of modified ICE driven by an electrical motor working similarly to the unsteady pulsed jets (in theory, with less power demand).

ICEs outlets can be directly connected to the jet outlet section and, in case of different ICEs phases, could generate particular span velocity distributions.



Jet frequency and velocity are not independent when the ICE dimensions are chosen. Jet position and ICE characteristics are crucial design parameters.

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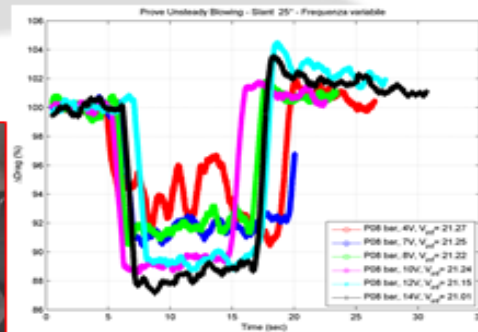


### Bluff bodies drag reduction by means of active control jets

Drag measurements on Ahmed body (25° and 35°) have been performed. Tufts visualizations and data highlight different behaviour of such configurations.



Ahmed body with 25° rear end



Ahmed body with 25° rear end shows a drag reduction of about 10% almost independent to jet frequency; conversely, drag reduction depends on mean pressure.

V <sub>test</sub> (m/s)	P (atm)	V (Volt)	F (Hz)	Drag w/o jet (N)	Drag w/ jet (N)	ΔDrag
21.27	0.8	4	50	11.04	10.34	-6.32 %
21.25	0.8	7	95	11.00	10.07	-8.44 %
21.23	0.8	8	110	10.91	10.02	-8.14 %
21.24	0.8	10	140	10.91	9.742	-10.73 %
21.15	0.8	12	170	10.54	9.423	-10.61 %
21.01	0.8	14	200	10.47	9.259	-11.54 %



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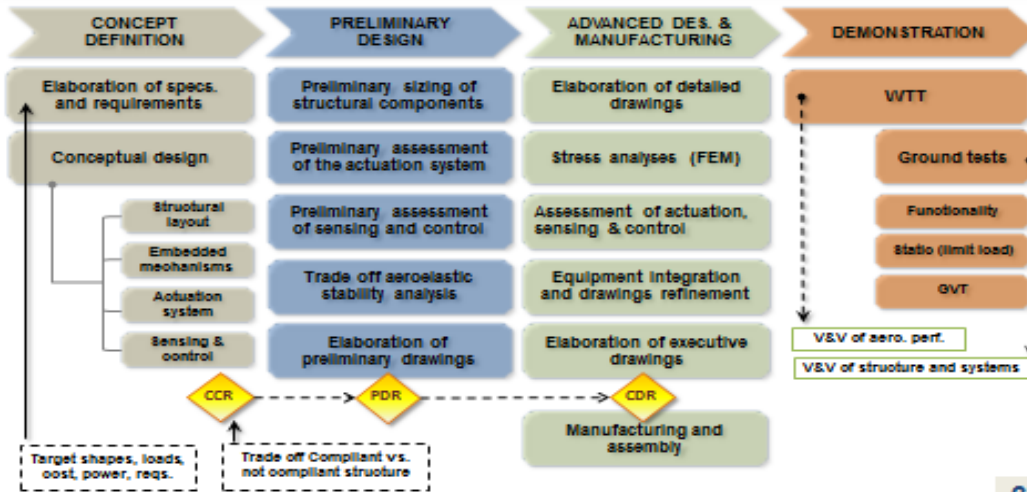
The UNINA-SSL seeks to improve the overall performance of next generation aircraft through the development of innovative structural concepts.

Know-how transfer to large blades

Adaptive structures design in terms of morphing represents the key-theme of SSL researches. The most relevant research programs in the field of smart structures both at European and Trans-European levels six different morphing devices specifically conceived for large aircraft applications; for three of these devices, the achievement of a technology readiness level equal to 6 (NASA standard) was proudly proven.



## Design and validation approach for a morphing blade structure



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## Smart Structures Laboratory (main activities and prototypes overview)



Projects	Main advantage obtained by the adoption of a morphing structure	Means of evaluation
SARISTU	+2% wing aerodynamic efficiency thanks to a variable camber trailing edge	True scale (3 m span) WTT on a morphing wing segment
CleanSky	+3% aircraft $CL_{max}$ thanks to a morphing high lift device	WTT on 1:7 scaled models (actual wing span 33 m)
CRIAQ-MDOS05	Control of laminar-to-turbulent flow transition point (+10% extension of laminar region) thanks to a morphing trailing edge and a morphing skin for the wing box	WTT on a true scale morphing wing tip segment (1.5 m span)



## **Final remarks:**

Our experience includes most of the usual topics involved into the design and production of a wind turbine.

### **Aerodynamics and design tools**

We investigated active and passive devices for changing lift and drag over wind turbine blades.

### **Integrated aerodynamic and structural blade design**

Our approach allows an integrated aerodynamic and structural design able to reduce overall costs per device

### **Actuation technology**

The UNINA-SSL has a strong experience with morphing structure technology to apply in the wind turbine field almost easily

The UNINA wind tunnel facility allows to test prototypes within the usual flow condition for a wind turbine, using pressure probes, pressure rakes, load cells, flow visualization, PIV.



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# **Thanks for the attention!**



# SMART Rotor Project Summary

Overview of Results from 2010-2013 Project

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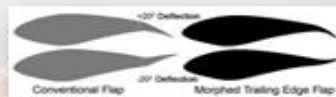
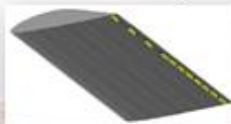
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## Background

- Rotor aerodynamic loads impact the design of the entire wind turbine
- Potential reduction in cost of wind energy via passive or active load control
  - Component weight
  - Extended life through fatigue reduction
- Active aero devices provide additional fast-acting degrees of freedom beyond conventional yaw, blade pitch, and rotor speed (generator torque control)



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## High-level View of Active Aero

- Most research shows primary role in once-per-revolution loads (1P) and some effect at 2P and 3P
  - In this regard it is similar to cyclic or individual pitch
  - However, active aero is likely better suited for this task due to smaller size
- Active aero's role in other design load cases besides fatigue needs to be investigated.
- Two published field tests
  - Both experienced integration and reliability problems with the active aero devices
  - Design-for-manufacture and design for reliability/maintenance will be key for longer-term field tests and ultimate integration into production turbines.



## Recently Published Field Tests

Entity	DTU, Vestas	DTU, Vestas	SNL
Year Published	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2013 <sup>2</sup>	2013 <sup>3</sup>
Turbine	V27	V27	Micon 65/13M
rotor diameter	27 meter	27 meter	19 meter
speed	33/43 rpm	33/43 rpm	55 rpm
pitch	variable	variable	fixed
Number of Active Blades	1	1	3
Device (TEF = Trailing Edge Flap)	flexible TEF	hinged TEF	hinged TEF
number per blade, installed	3	3	3
number per blade, functional during test	3	1	3
percent of span, installed	15%	15%	20%
percent of span, functional during test	15%	5%	20%
percent of chord	13-18%	13-18%	20%
Structural Sensors	strain, accel	strain, accel	strain, accel
Aerodynamic Sensors	Pitot tubes (3)	Pitot tubes (3)	none working
Achieved closed-loop control?	no	yes	no
Fatigue load reduction	n/a	reported 14%	n/a

1. D. Castaignet, et al., "Results from the first full scale wind turbine equipped with trailing edge flap", 2010 AIAA Applied Aerodynamics Conference
2. D. Castaignet, et al., "Full-scale test of trailing edge flaps on a Vestas V27 wind turbine: active load reduction and system identification", 2013 Wind Energy Journal
3. J. Berg, et al., "Field Test Results from the Sandia SMART Rotor", 2013 ASME Wind Energy Symposium / AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting



## Project Overview

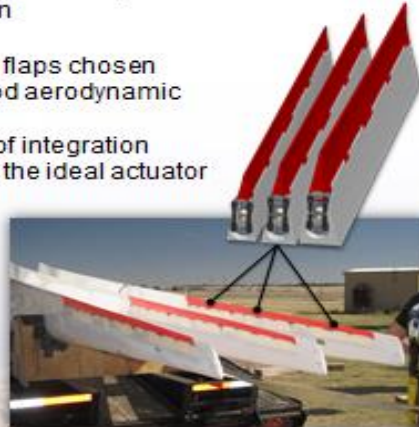
### SMART rotor project goals

- Evaluate adequacy of simulation tools for active aerodynamic load control
- Gain insight into the challenges of integration




### Conventional hinged flaps chosen

- expectation of good aerodynamic control authority
- relative simplicity of integration
- but not necessary the ideal actuator for active aero



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## Test Turbine



- Micon 65/13M (modified)
- Hub height: 23m (75ft)
- Rotor diameter: 19m
- Generator rated at 115kW
- Nominal rotor speed: 55 rpm
- Fixed pitch

### ■ Trailing edge flaps

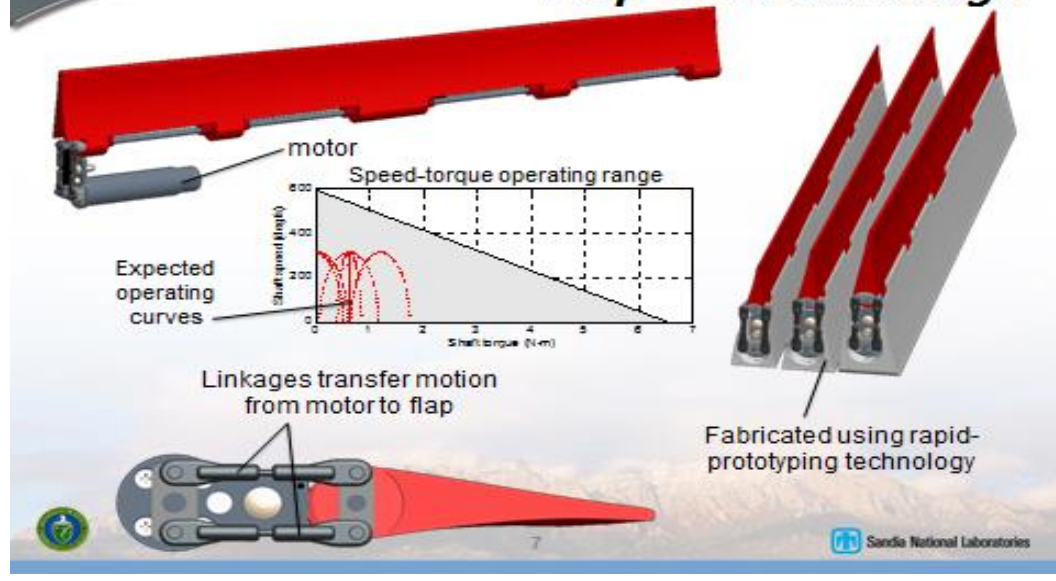
- 20% chord rigid flaps
- Outer 6 feet (20%) of blade span



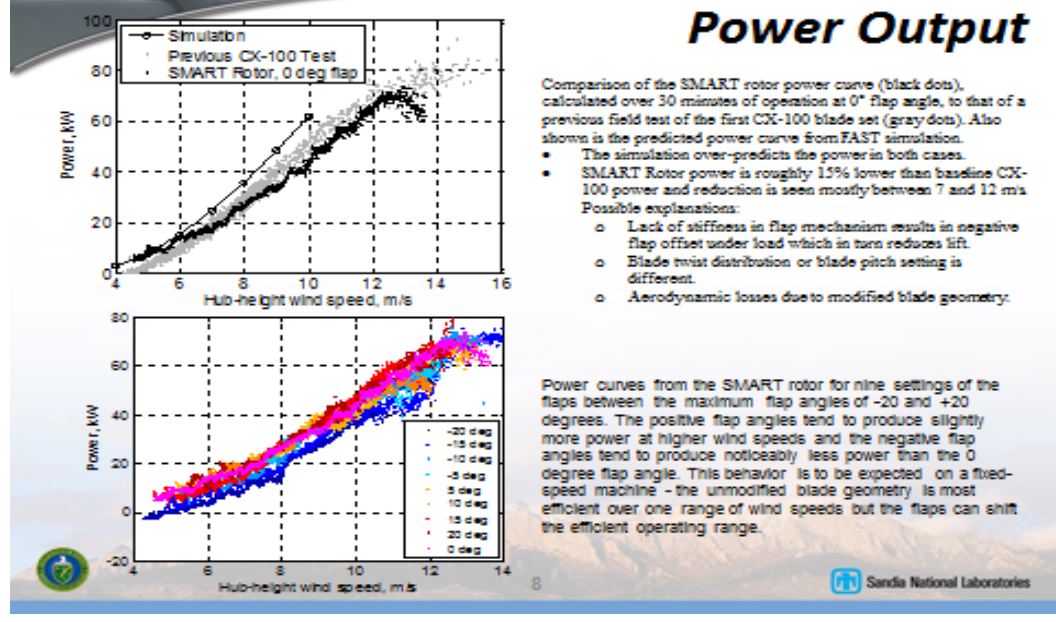
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## Flap Module Design

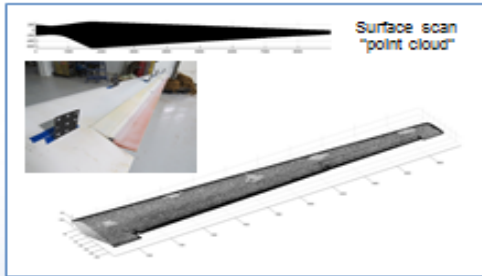


## Power Output



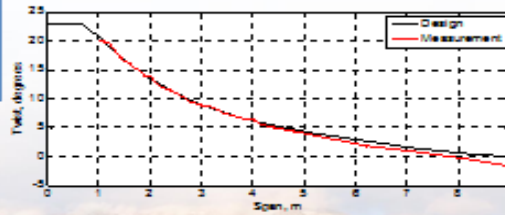
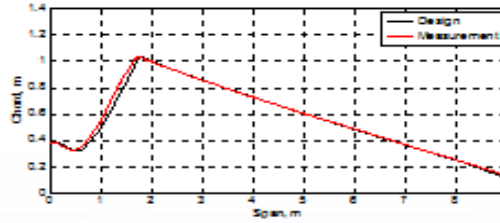
## Blade Surface Scan

We scanned surface of all three blades to better understand observed differences between test and simulation.



Measured chord distribution matches design almost exactly.

Measured twist distribution is off at blade tip by 1.4 degrees, with potential to decrease expected power output.



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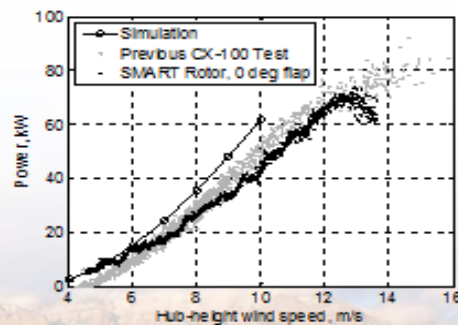
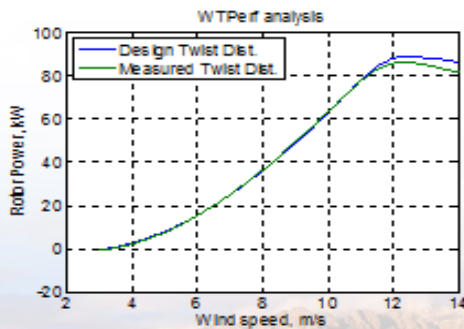
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## Effect of geometry variation

Initial analysis indicates the reduced outboard blade twist of 1.4 degrees mainly affects the power roll-off after 12 m/s wind.

Increased roll-off is observed in measured power of SMART rotor, however it is much more dramatic.

Additional analysis is needed.



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## Blade Sensors

Motor shaft angle  
 Motor current  
 Foil strain gage  
 Fiber-optic temperature  
 Fiber-optic strain  
 Tri-axial accelerometer  
 Uni-axial accelerometer

There are 132 data channels on the rotor alone!

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## Raw Strain Response

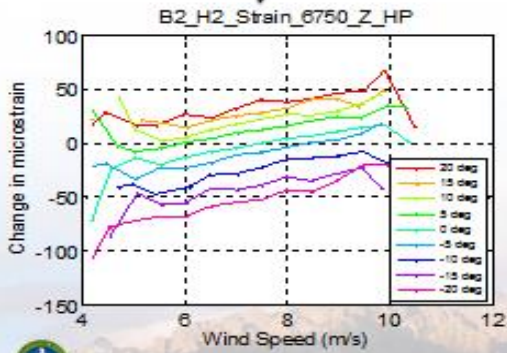
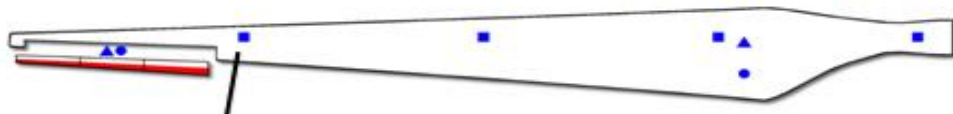
B2\_H2\_Strain\_6750\_Z\_HP

Time (s)

Data binned according to wind speed, then results averaged for each flap angle...

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## Mean Strain Response vs. Wind Speed



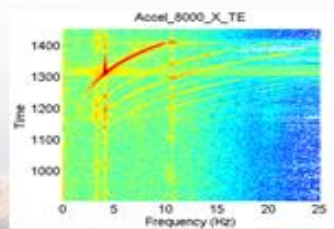
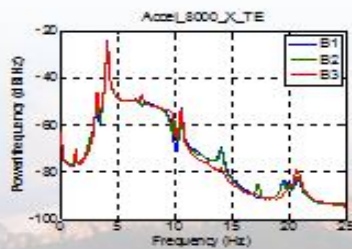
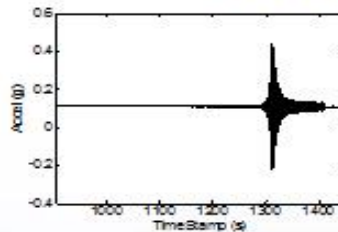
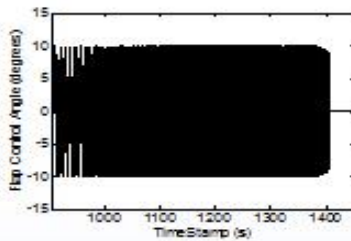
The overall character of these curves matches the expectations from simulation.

The change in strain for positive flap deflections is somewhat less than that for negative flap angles, likely due to the initiation of stall with high positive flap angles.



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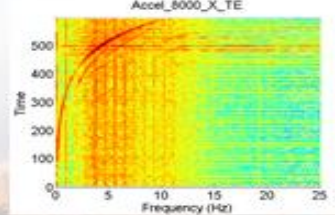
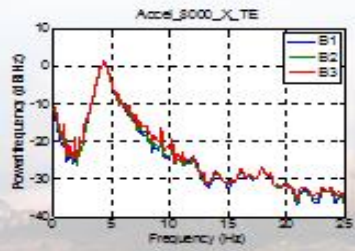
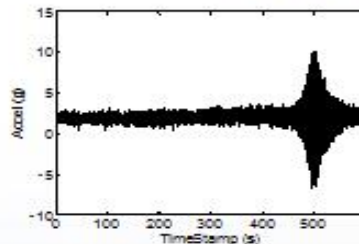
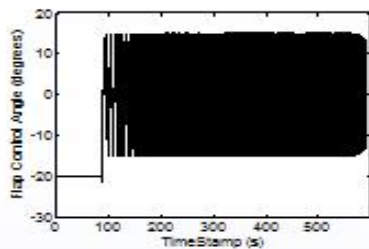
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## System ID – Operational Sine Sweep

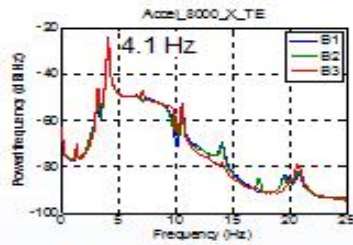


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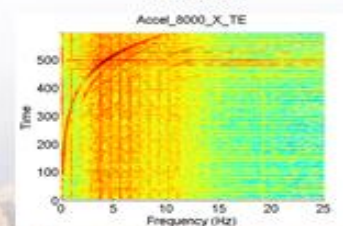
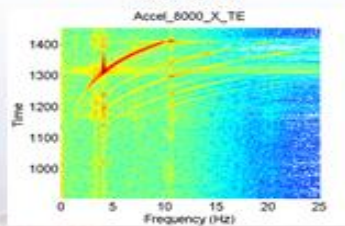
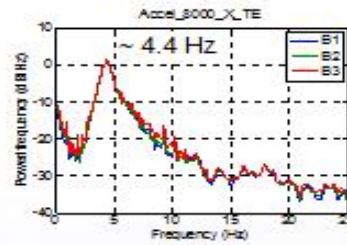
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## System ID - Comparison

Parked rotor



Operating



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## Time Scales for Active Aero on Sandia Test Turbine

Process	Time Scale Definition	Time Scale
AALC Device Actuation	Actuation Period	0.03 - 2.0 sec
Response to Rotationally Sampled Wind	1P,2P,3P periods	0.3 - 1.1 sec
Dynamic Structural Response	Period of First Two Blade Flap Modes	0.09 - 0.22 sec
Local Section Flow	Chord / Relative Flow Velocity	0.005 sec
Local Section Flow Adjustment	5-10x Section Flow Time Scale	0.025 - 0.05 sec
Wake Response	Rotor Radius / Wind Speed	1.1 sec

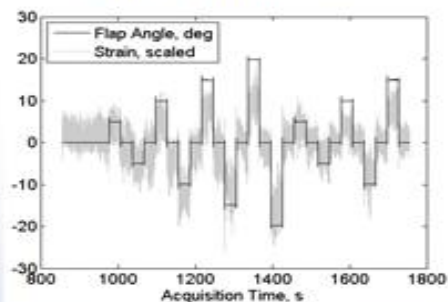


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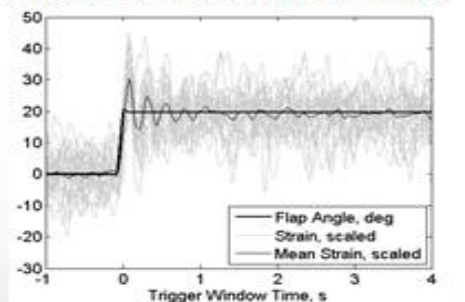
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## Time-Domain Average Response

Typical blade strain response to series of flap motions



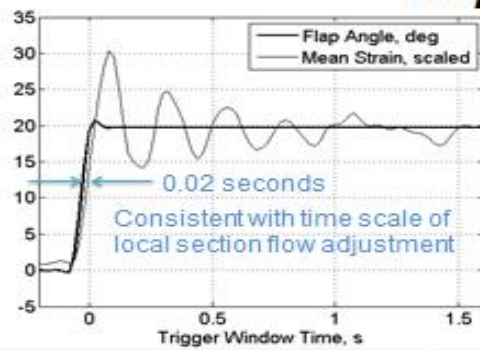
29 individual responses were recorded  
Average reveals underlying dynamics



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## Flapwise Blade Strain



Log decrement:  $\delta = \ln \frac{u_i}{u_{i+1}} = \frac{2\pi\zeta}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}}$

Damping ratio:  $\zeta \approx \frac{\delta}{2\pi}$

Damped free vibration theory is not strictly applicable, but provides some insight.

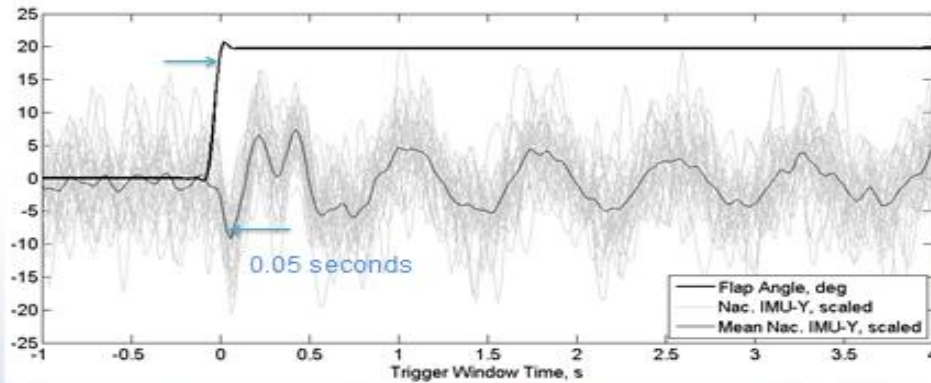
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$u_2$	24.83	0.3195	$u_1-u_2$	0.097	0.015	0.2397	4.17
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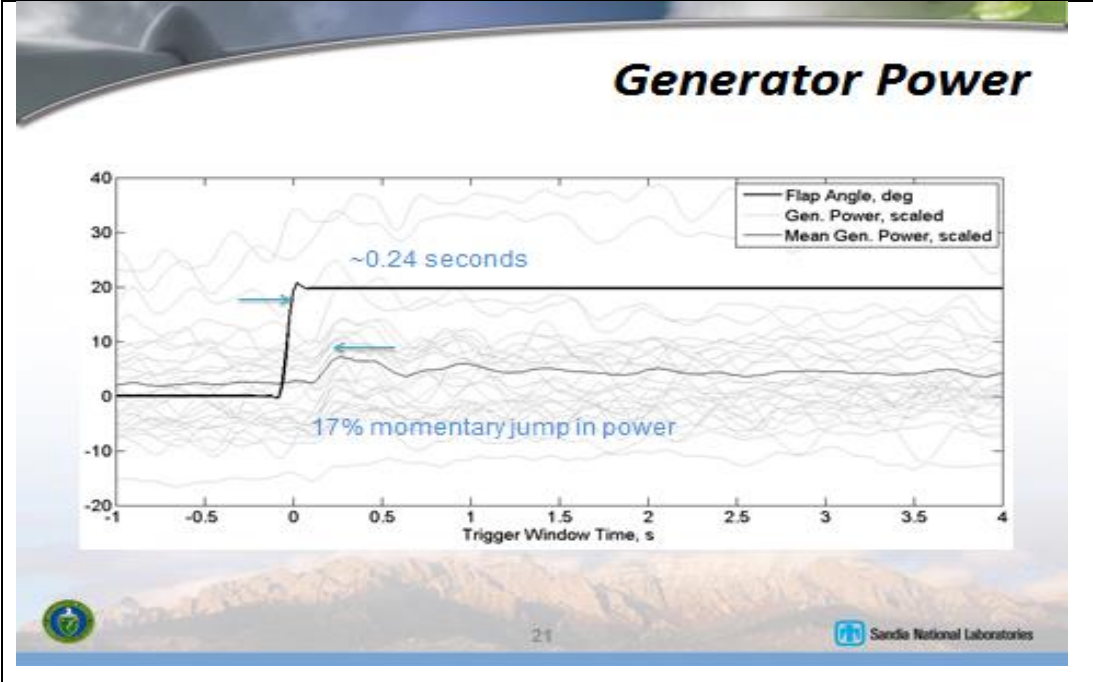
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## Tower Top Acceleration, Side-to-Side



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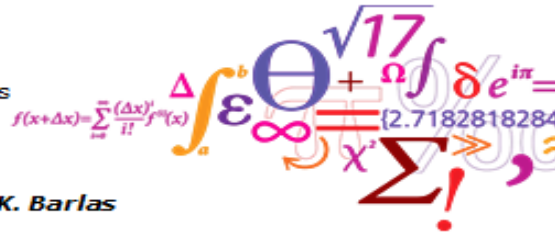
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# IEA Wind task 11 - Smart Blades

Topical Expert Meeting  
2017-04-27+28 at DTU Wind Energy, Campus Risø, Roskilde, Denmark

## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing edge

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## Outline

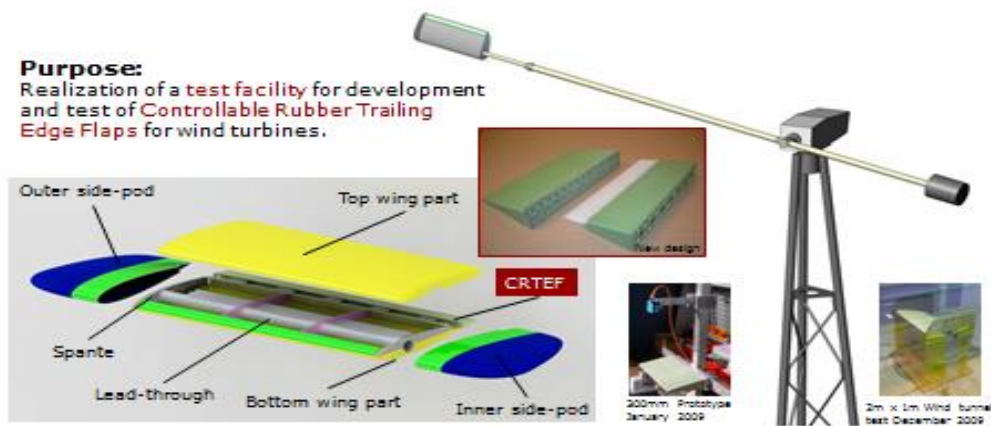
- Introduction
- Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps
- Videos of flap test
- Conclusion



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## RIA and INDUFLAP projects

**Purpose:**  
Realization of a test facility for development and test of **Controllable Rubber Trailing Edge Flaps** for wind turbines.

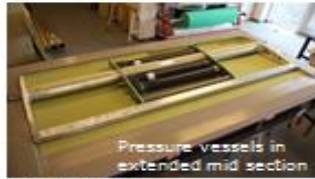


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## Manufacturing of 2m blade section



Concept based on an inner metal skeleton covered with composite shells and rubber flaps

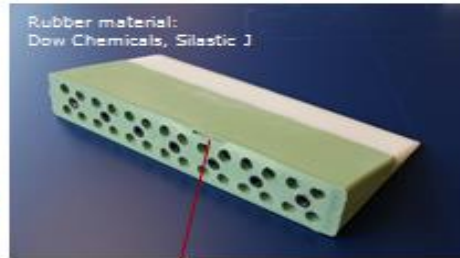


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## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps



Leak between rubber part and base

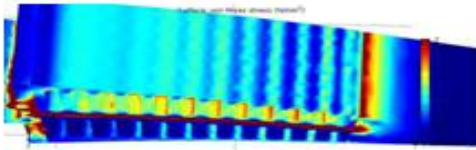


Debonding between rubber and primer treated metal parts

Deflection of flaps with chordwise voids was measured to  $\pm 12\text{mm}$  ( $\pm 4.6^\circ$ ) for  $\pm 6\text{bar}$  in previous work =  $0.8^\circ/\text{bar}$

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## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps



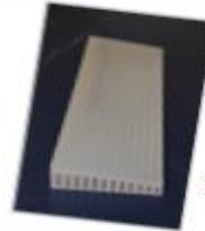
Geometry of the voids and the wall thickness were optimized to achieve a lower and more uniform stress level



Rubber material:  
Wacker, Elastosil M4643



Simple open mould



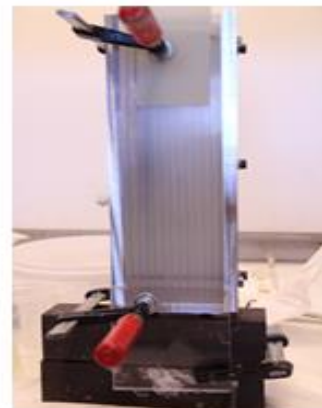
Casting of flap part

## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps

Casting of end flange directly on rubber part with channels

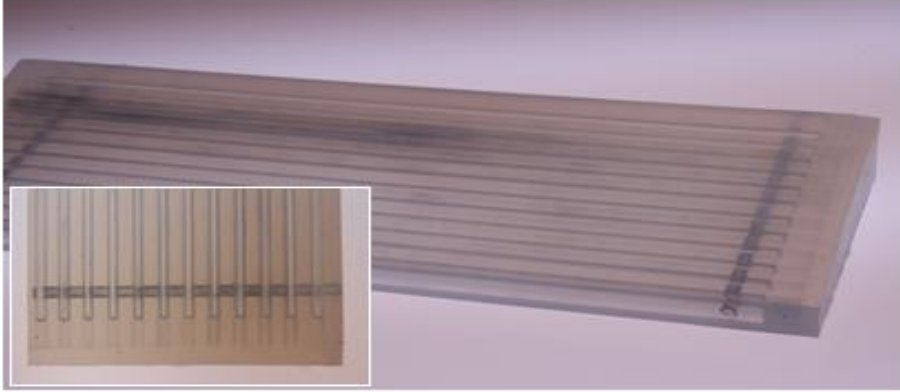


Liquid rubber



## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps

Rubber part with casted end flange – casting repeated in the other end

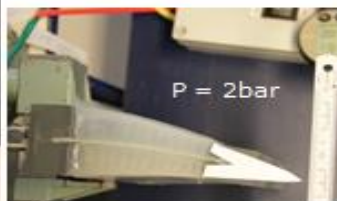


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## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps



Test setup with a 3-way valve. One side or the other is alternating pressurized. Time constants and pressure can be changed



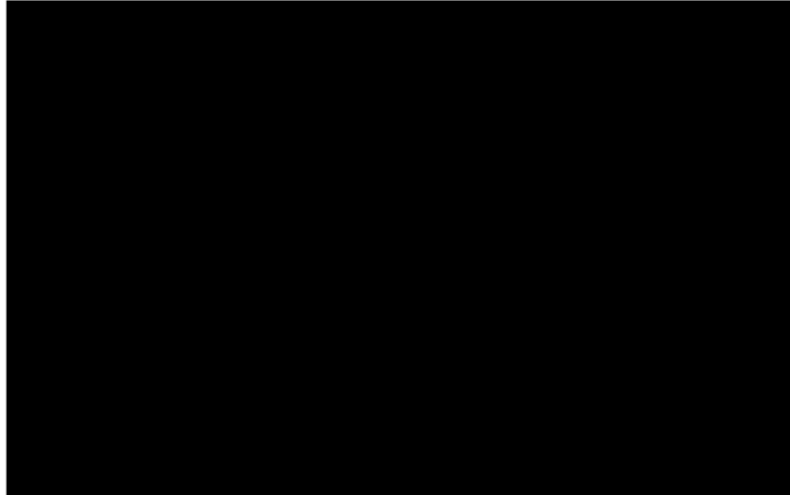
Tip deflection app. 20mm at 2bar

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## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps

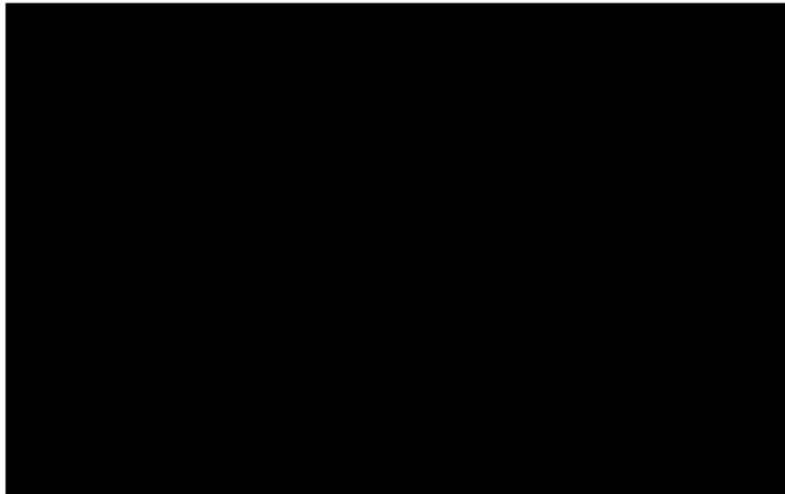
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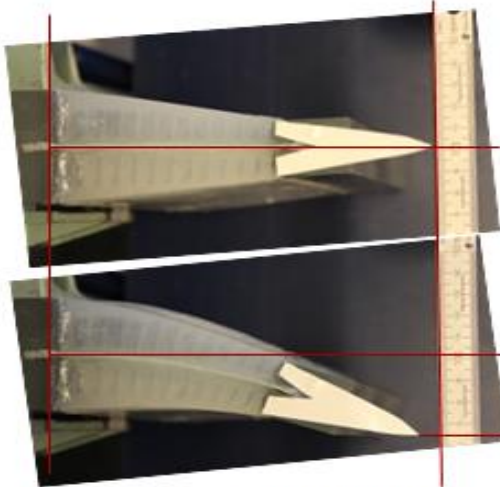
## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps

Video 2



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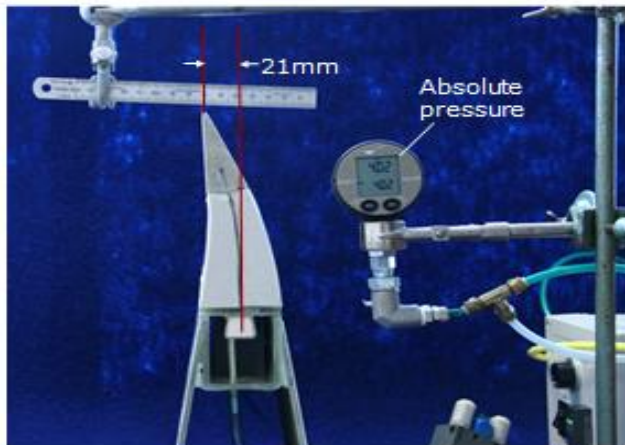


Casting of specimen with  
Wacker M4641A/B (transparent)  
Hardness 43 (DIN 53505)

Test setup - 3bar  
Tip deflection app. 35mm

13.1°/3bar  
=4.4°/bar

## Prototype casting of flexible rubber trailing flaps



Changed design:

Casting of specimen with  
Wacker M4670 A/B (beige)  
Hardness 55 (DIN 53505)

Bonding with Elastosil E47  
- "excellent adhesion to silicones"  
- acetic acid-curing system

Test: Pressure -> deflection  
1 bar -> app. 7 mm  
2 bar -> app. 14 mm  
3 bar -> app. 21 mm

8.0°/3bar  
=2.7°/bar

## Conclusion



- Improved deflection for flaps with span-wise voids
- Apparently best suited prototype solution is based on Wacker Elastosil M4670, Shore A hardness 55 and have a linear deflection characteristic in the pressure range from 1 to 3 bar of  $7\text{mm}/\text{bar} = 2.7^\circ/\text{bar}$

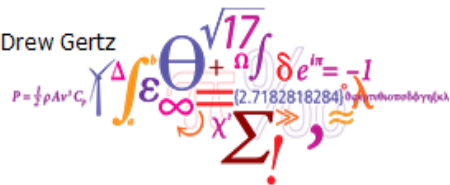
## The Rotating Test Rig and Examples of Measurement Results

IEA Wind Task 11: Topical Expert Meeting on Smart Blades

27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

DTU, Risø Campus

Anders S. Olsen, Helge A. Madsen, Thanasis K. Barlas, Drew Gertz



## Content

- Introduction
- Boom Design
- Section Design
- Instrumentation
- Test Methods
- Corrections
- Analysis
- Results from the summer 2016 campaign with INDUFLAP1 flap (NACA0015 +15%c flap)
- Link to the National Wind Tunnel and DTU Test Turbine
- Conclusions

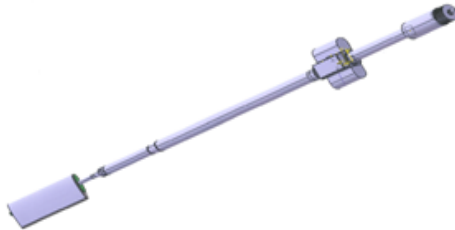
## Introduction

- Established during the INDUFLAP project in 2014
- A facility for testing new blade technology such as flaps and inflow sensors under realistic conditions (atmospheric inflow, elastic suspension, realistic pitch control, rotating environment, Reynolds number)
- Intended to close the gap between wind tunnel testing and full scale testing.
- A blade section (2.2m spanwise length and 1m chord) is rotated by a 10m boom mounted on the shaft of the Tellus 100kW turbine. Upgraded with a fully variable speed drive.
- Detailed measurements of the aerodynamic loading on the blade section, inflow and structural response



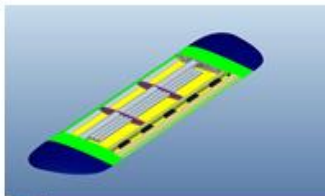
## Boom design

- Tubular aluminum boom
- Steel boom for mounting wing section
- Hub (incl. pitch actuator, pc box)
- Adjustable counterweight
- 2338 Kg
- Length 10m to the test profile
- Design based on HAWC2 predictions



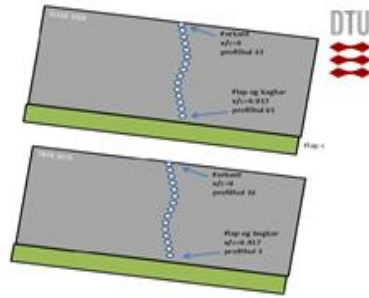
## Section design

- 2.2m span 1m chord NACA0015 section with 15%c controllable rubber TE flap
- 62 chordwise pressure taps
- 16 spanwise pressure taps



## Instrumentation

- Total of 196 channels, logging frequency 100 Hz:
- 4 Strain gauges (wing, boom)
- 3 3-axis accelerometers (wing, hub)
- 2 Pitot tubes (used for the AoA,  $q_0$ )
- Pressure taps (chord/span-wise), max 2x64 taps (Scanivalve)
- Pressure monitoring flap system, 2 channels
- Operation (rpm (0-60RPM, operating interval 20-30 RPM due to eigenfrequency issues), pitch -10 to +15 deg., yaw).
- Inflow (wind speed and direction) from mast



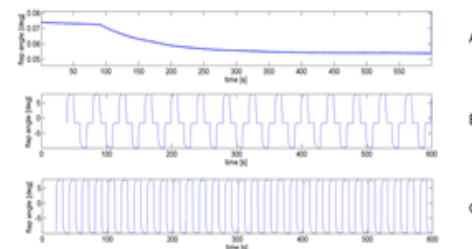
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sensor	units
Pitch angle	deg
Positive flap angle	bar
Negative flap angle	bar
Inflow angle pressure difference Pitot tube (P45)	psi
Dynamic pressure Pitot tube (PI6)	psi
Root flapwise strain	mV/V
Root edgewise strain	mV/V
Blade section flapwise strain	mV/V
Blade section edgewise strain	mV/V
Pressure from chordwise taps	psi
Rotor speed	rpm
Rotor azimuth	deg
Yaw position	deg
Wind speed from met mast at 29m	m/s
Wind direction from met mast at 29m	m/s

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## Test Methods

- Ten minute tests:
  - Fixed rotation velocity at 21 RPM
  - A range of pitch angles (fixed for every ten minute test); from -10 to +15 deg in 5 deg. increments.
  - Flap angle:
    - A: Steady at 0 deg
    - B: Step changes between -10, -2 and +8 deg. every 15 seconds
    - C: Step changes between -10 and +8 deg. every 10 seconds



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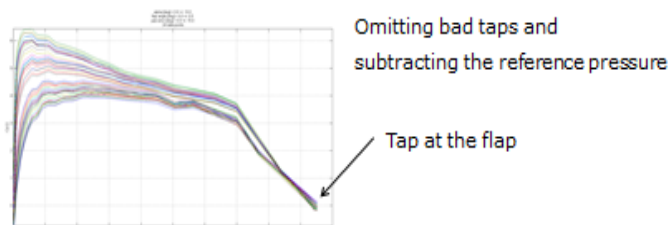
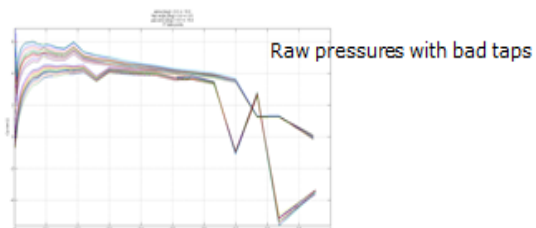
## Operation cases

- Sine actuation 0.05Hz-0.3Hz



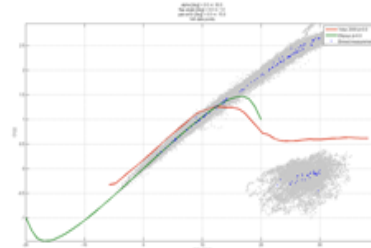
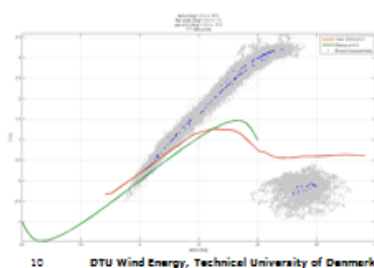
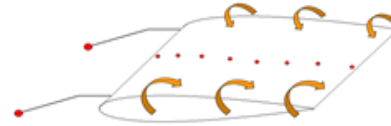
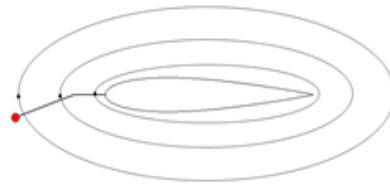
## Corrections

- 10 blocked taps
  - Taps at the flap are blocked??
  - The PS TE taps are set equal to the SS TE taps because the last four taps on PS are blocked
- Interpolated values used instead.
- Dynamic pressure from the two pitot tubes (averaged)
- Reference pressure, is measured at standstill (also a 10 min. timeseries).



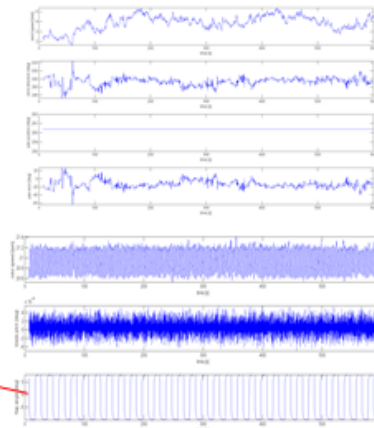
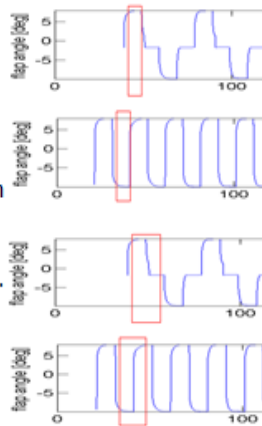
## Corrections

- Correction on the pitot tube from the upwash
- Correction of 3D effects from the trailing vortices.
- Improves the agreement with CFD substantially



## Analyses

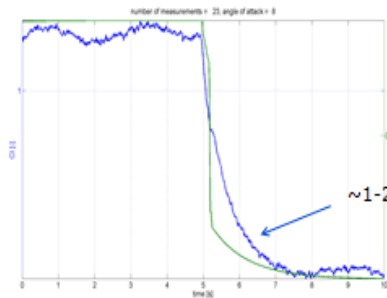
- AoA and  $q_0$  from pitot tubes
- Steady state:
  - Cut out the last five seconds
  - Average and bin them
- Transient
  - Cut out 10 seconds around flap actuation.
  - Bin after AoA and average response





## Results

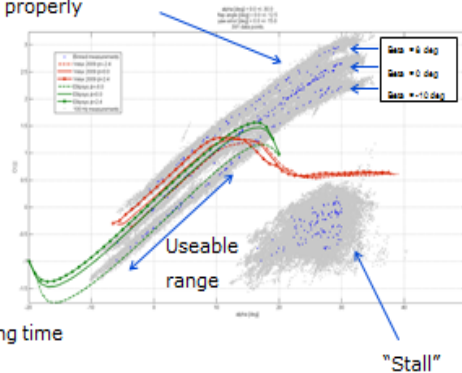
Average timeseries of Cl and flap angle for flap step from +8 to -10 degrees



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"Stall delay"

Most likely due to the effect of the blocked tubes, the separated region is not captured / resolved properly



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## Link To the National Wind Tunnel & DTU Test Turbine

- Future blade sections can be made with 2m span, so it is possible to test them in the new National Wind Tunnel at DTU:
  - 2m x 3m (span x width) test section
  - 105 m/s
  - Up to 2m chord ( $Re = \sim 14E6$ ), usual 1m ( $Re = \sim 7E6$ )
- Hopefully, the DTU Test Turbine (a Vestas V52) can also be used for flap tests in the future.

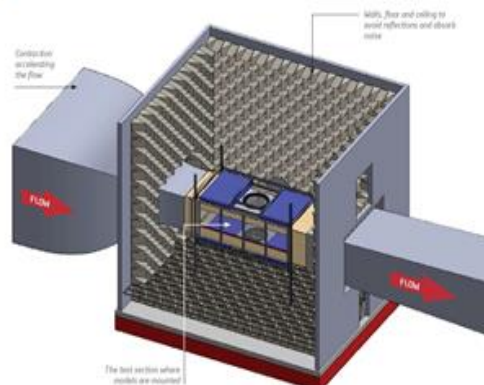


Figure 2.3 shows a cutaway of the planned test section and the structural chamber. In the test section the flow can reach 105 km/h.

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## Conclusions

- Possible to bridge the gap between wind tunnel and full scale rotor tests
- The flap effects are similar on the rotating rig and wind tunnel / CFD
- Issues with blocked tubes
- Corrections needed
- Steady state measurements are similar to CFD results after corrections
- Transient tests possible

## Development of blade response measurements

Smart blades – IEA Topical Expert Meeting

Marcel Poedt, ECN

Roskilde, Denmark  
27-28 April 2017

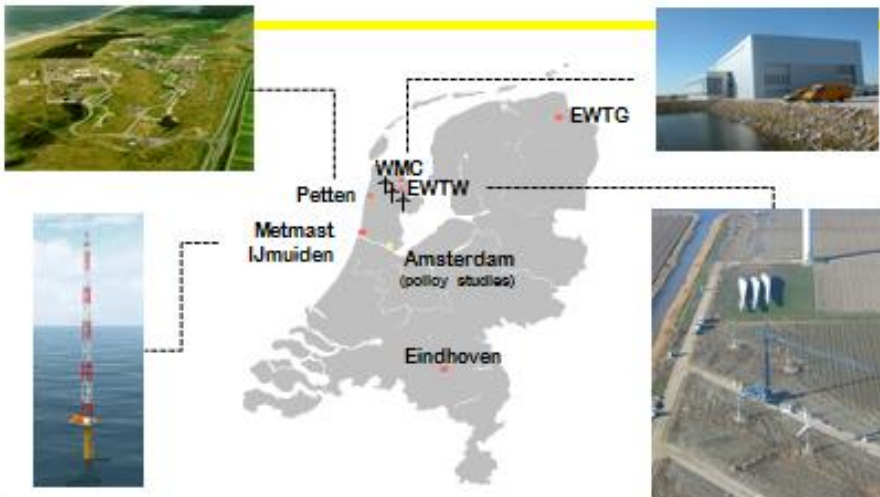
## Test site EWTW

### *ECN Wind turbine Test site Wieringermeer*

- On shore
  - Near lake IJsselmeer
  - Flat, agricultural terrain
  - About 35km from ECN
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- Mean ws: 8.3m/s (@100m)
  - Mean wd: South West
  - Mean TI: 8.1% (@80m)



## ECN: Developing wind since 1974



## Test site EWTW

### *ECN Wind turbine Test site Wieringermeer*

- Prototype turbines and masts
- Research turbines and mast
- Measurement pavilion



## Prototype turbine measurements

ECN is ISO 17025 certified for measurements on:

- Power performance
  - IEC 61400-12-1, 12-2
  - MEASNET
- Mechanical loads
  - IEC 61400-13
- Meteorological measurements
  - LiDAR/SoDAR validation



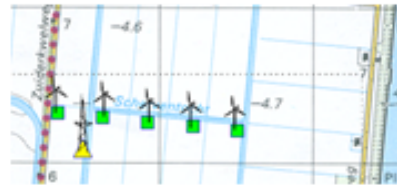
ECN is active in a standardization /working groups (quality):

- MEASNET expert groups
- IEC/TC88, IECRE

Dedicated campaigns are organized as well

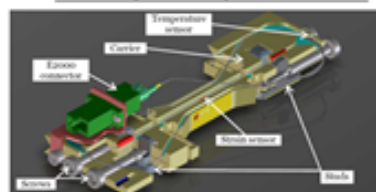
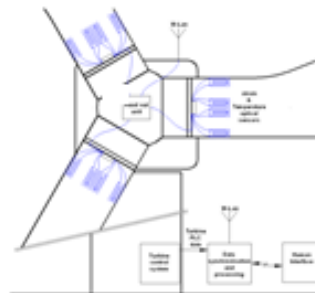
## Dedicated measurement campaigns

- Validation measurements for LM iRotor
  - iRotor developed by LM: blade tip response measurement system
  - Validation measurement by ECN
  - two high frequency lasers on tower surface
  - accurate measurement of distance to passing tip
  
- Innotip
  - design, build and validate innovative offshore blade tips for increasing AEP
  - Project partners LM, ECN
  - Funded by Dutch TKI
  - Loads and power curve measurements with various tip shapes on ECN research turbines



## Sensor development

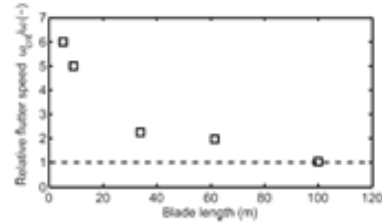
- Fibre Optic Blade Load Monitoring (FOBM)
- Patented sensor developed by ECN
  - High accuracy and durability
  - Mounted on two studs, easy to install and replace
  - Sensing over inhomogeneous strained surface
  - Initially developed for CBM, also suitable for load based control
  - Demonstration project "LoadWatch" with OEM (Dutch TKI project).



## Blade torsion (1)

VaStBlades Research Project on blade torsion, started end 2016

- Benchmark of calculated torsional stiffness from different models showed up to 17% variation (WP2 of FP7 INNWIND)
- Neglecting torsional d.o.f. in aeroelastic analysis may lead to 15% underestimation of the aerodynamic damping of large wind turbines (FP7 EU project AVATAR).
- Accurate torsional stiffness of increasing importance for longer blades, to avoid instabilities, e.g. flutter



Source: Froyd et. al. EWEA offshore 2011

## Blade torsion (2)

- Video of blade of HAT turbine, rotor diameter 25m

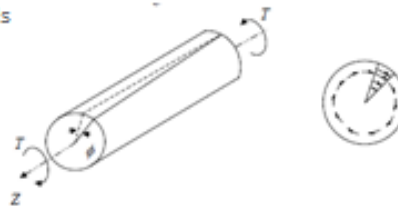


Video by Jos Beurskens

## Blade torsion (3)

VaStBladesResearch Project on blade torsion

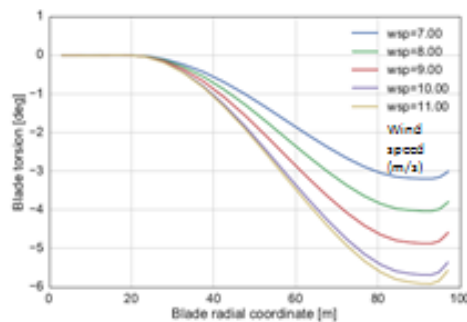
- Dutch TKI project with WMC and industrial partners
- Work packages:
  - WP1 Structural blade model improvement
  - WP2 Laboratory tests at component level
  - WP3 On-site turbine measurements
  - WP4 Validation of models and tools
  - WP5 10MW blade design using improved tools
- Torsion order of magnitude:  
1 degree/10m span, outer blade area



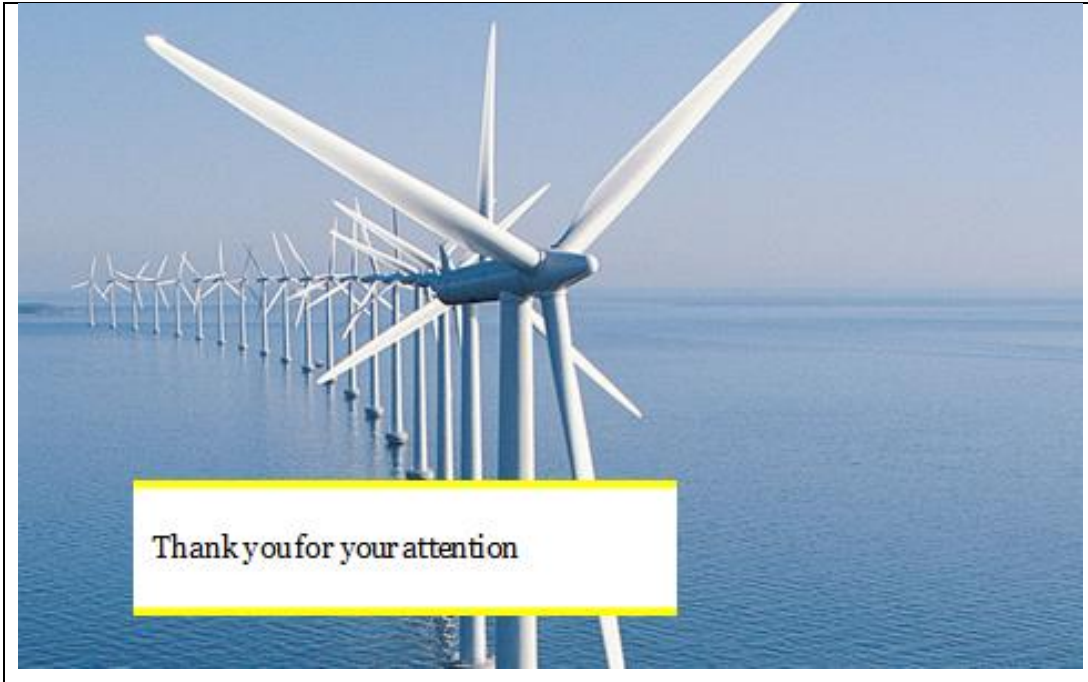
## Blade torsion (4)

VaStBladesProject on blade torsion

- Target to measure outer 1/3 of span
- Measurement system development
  - Optical
  - Fiber optic
    - Strain spatial resolution, frequency
    - Conversion to torsional deformation



*Design of an Aeroelastically Tailored 10 MW Wind Turbine Rotor, Frederik Zahle, DTU*



Thank you for your attention

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## **SmartBlades** – Progress on Blades with Adaptive Leading Edges –

Michael Hölling, ForWind - Oldenburg  
TEM-Topical Expert Meeting on SmartBlades, IEA Wind task 11  
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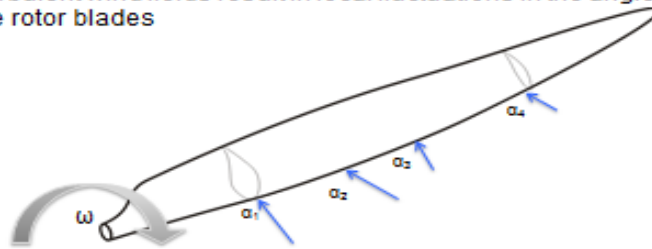




## SmartBlades1: Active slat technology

### Problem

- Turbulent wind fields result in local fluctuations in the angle of attack along the rotor blades



- Changing angles of attack result in changing acting aerodynamic forces

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### Main idea

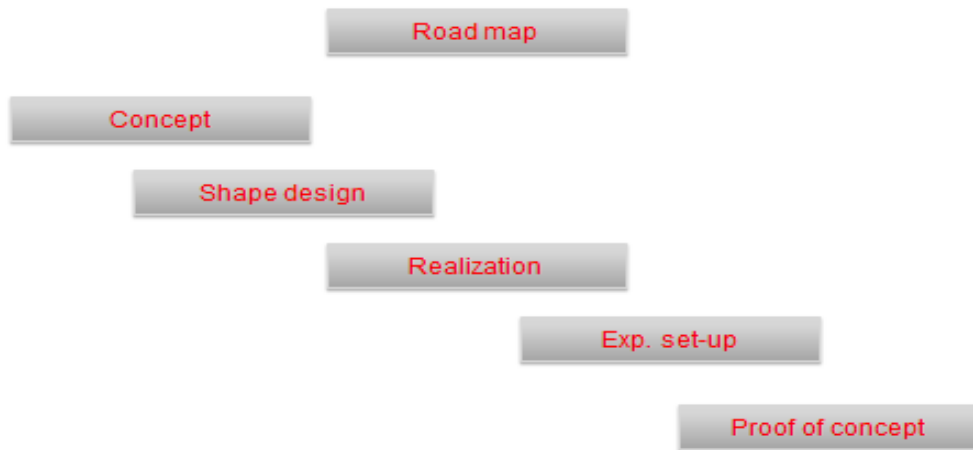
- Local manipulation of flow around the profile by means of an active slat



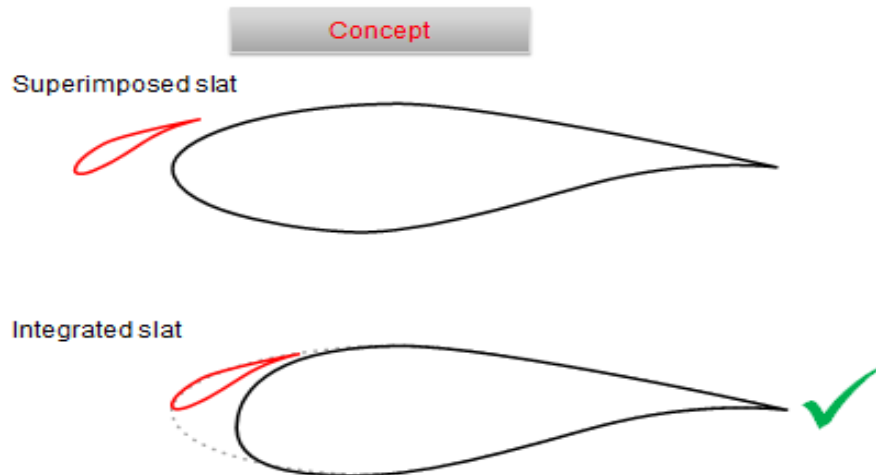
Main advantages:

- Flow manipulation at the leading edge
- Short reaction time due to small size

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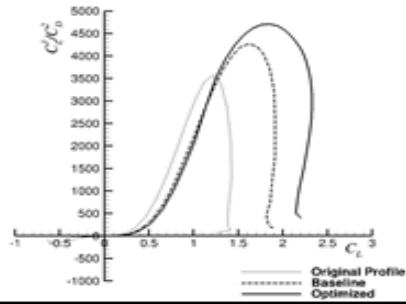
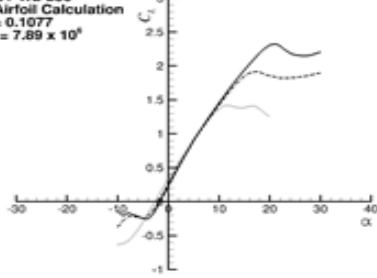
## SmartBlades1: Active slat technology

### Shape design



Original Profile  
Baseline  
Optimized

Smart Blades Reference Rotor  
Integrated Slat Optimization  
DU 91-W2-250  
2D Airfoil Calculation  
 $M_\infty = 0.1077$   
 $Re_\infty = 7.89 \times 10^6$



Original Profile  
Baseline  
Optimized

FoerWind

Fraunhofer

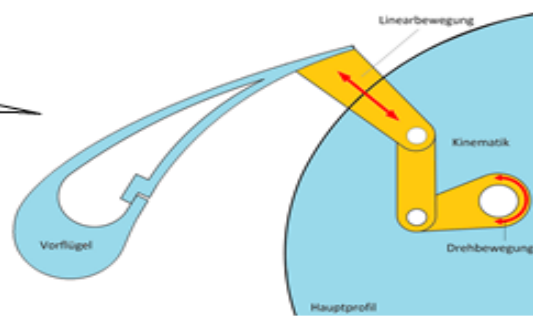
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## SmartBlades1: Active slat technology

### Realization

Integrated active slat with  
flexible trailing edge



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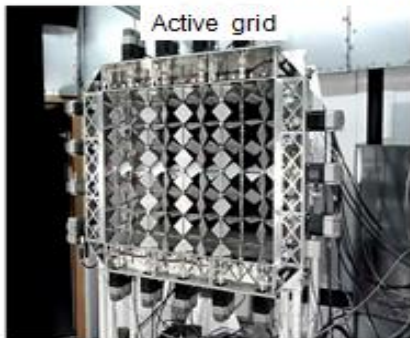
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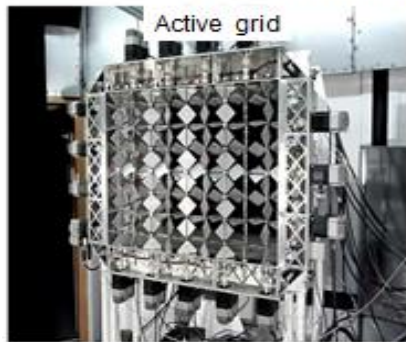
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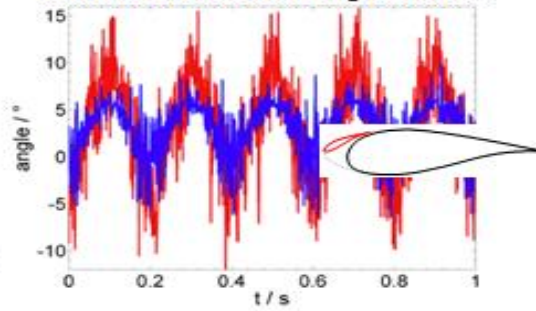


Active grid



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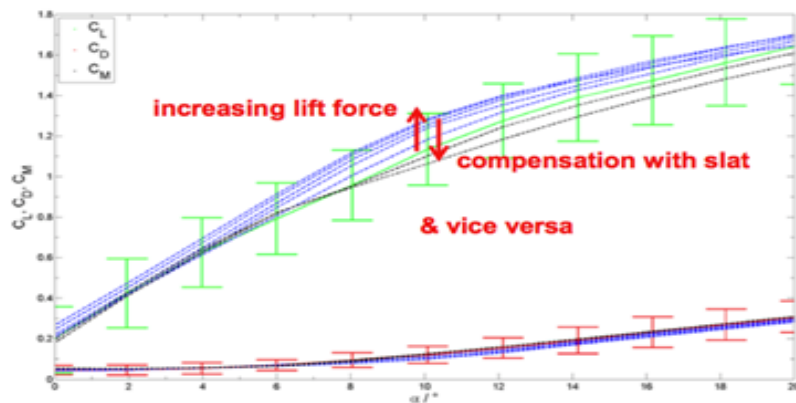
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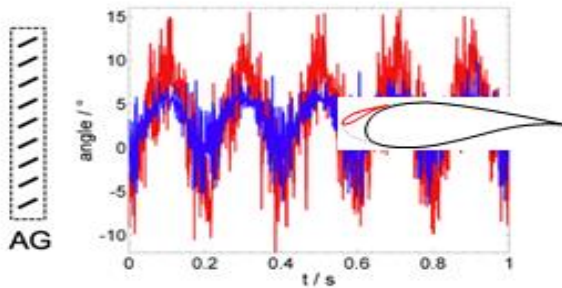
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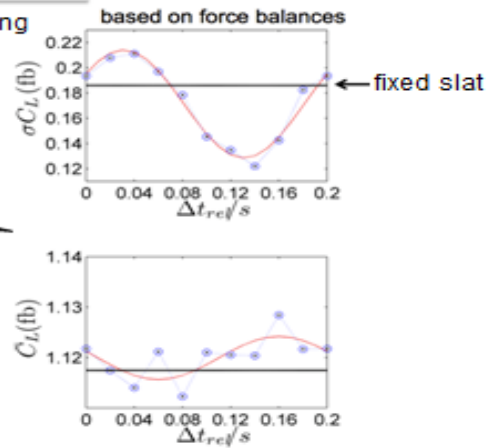
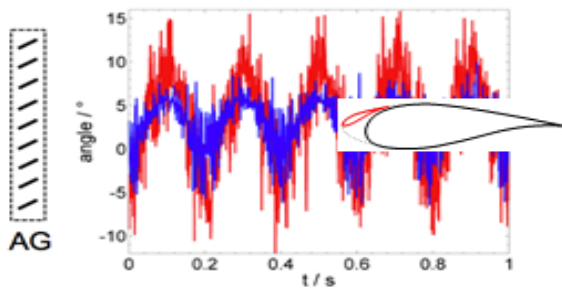
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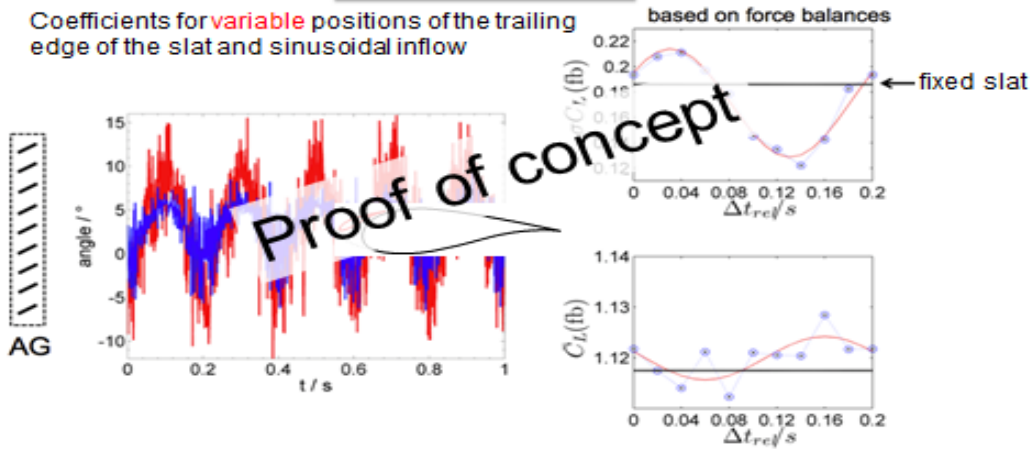
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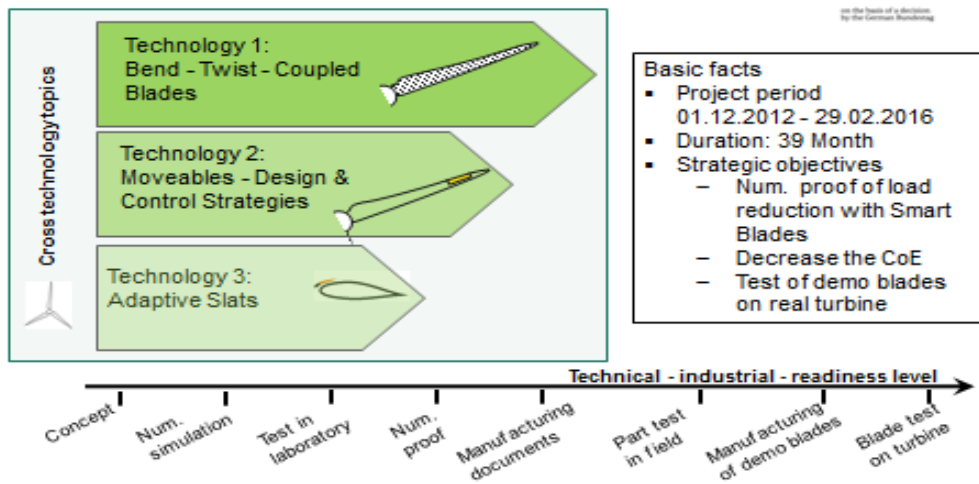
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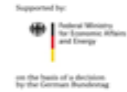
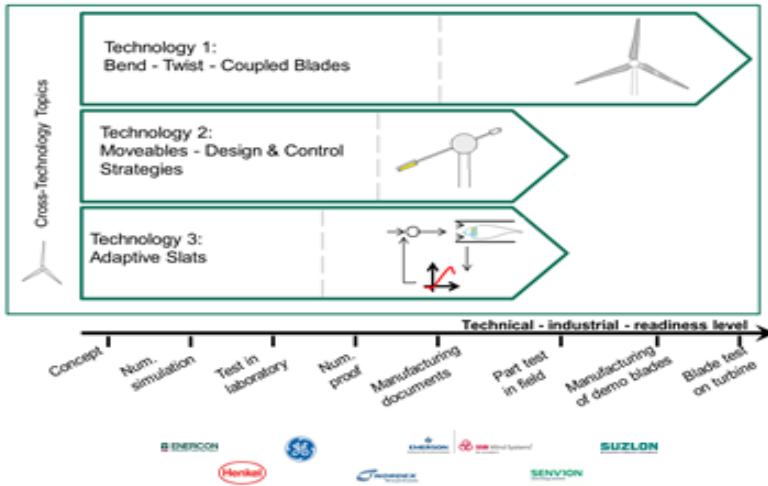
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## Outlook: SmartBlades2 project



Project period  
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### Partners

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- Industry  
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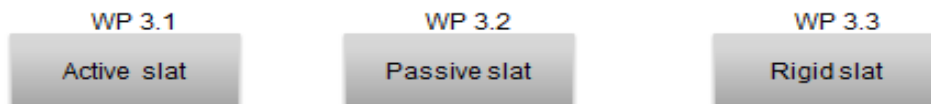


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Structure and main idea within SmartBlades2



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Highest flexibility

Best performance



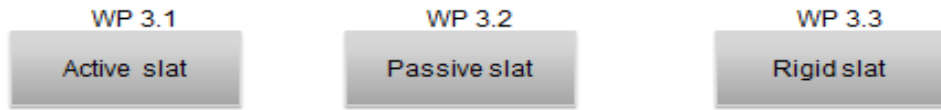
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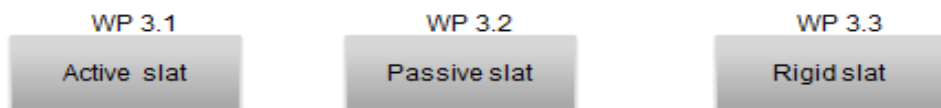
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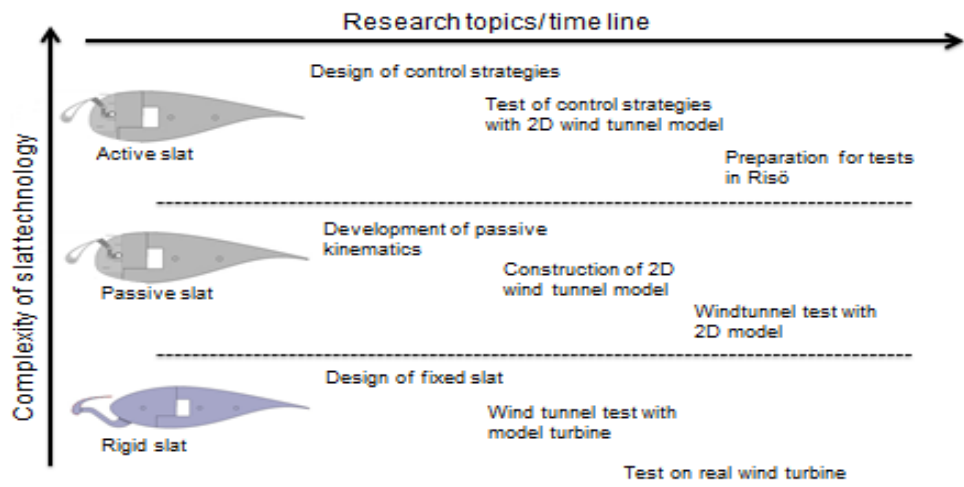
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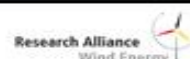


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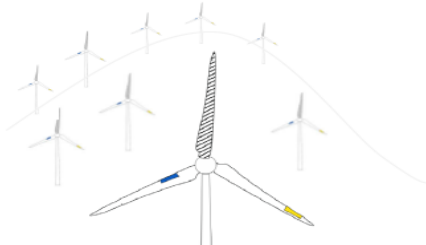
## – Progress on Passive Blade Technologies –

Elia Daniele, FhG IWES

TEM-Topical Expert Meeting on Smart Blades, IEA Wind task 11

27-28.04.2017, DTU Risø Campus, Roskilde, DK

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# SmartBlades

## Progress on Passive Blade Technologies

Goal of the Technology 1:

- Design and comparison of structural and geometrical Bend-Twisted-Coupled (BTC) Rotor-blades
- Aeroelastic load calculations for BTC
- Structural modeling and validation through component testing
- Development of a semi-automatized composite manufacturing process

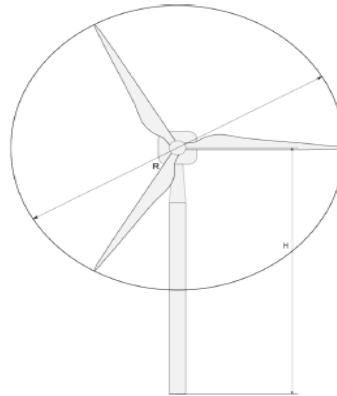


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## Reference Wind Turbine Design Parameters IWT-7.5-164

Rated power	7.5 MW
Operational mode	Variable speed
Drive train	Direct drive
Power controller	Combined torque & pitch control incl. peak shaver
Pitch system	Individual pitch control
Rotor speed range	5 – 10 rpm
IEC & turbulence class	1A
Cut-in wind speed	3 m/s
Cut-out wind speed	25 m/s
Rated Wind speed	11 m/s
Maximum tip speed	85.9 m/s
Hub height	120 m
Rotor diameter	164 m
Rotor blades	3
Cone angle	2°
Tilt angle	5°



Source: Sevinc, FhG IWES



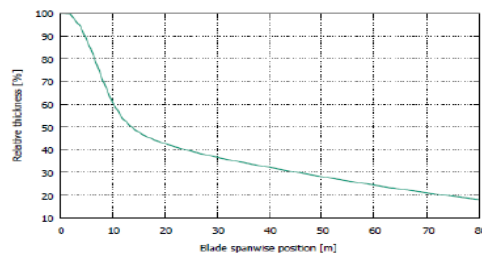
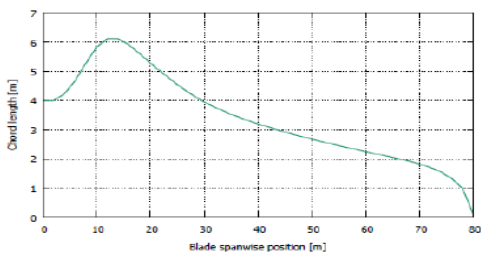
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## Reference Wind Turbine Blade

- 31 sections with structural and aerodynamic characteristics
- Beam model for HAWC2 available

Blade length	79.98m
Tip deflection	11.86m
Blade mass	31.34 tons
Material	CFRP/GFRP
Design TSR	8.4
Airfoils	TU Delft & IWES



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# Passive Load Reduction in Rotor Blade Design GBTC Blade Design

## Implementing GBTC in the Design Process

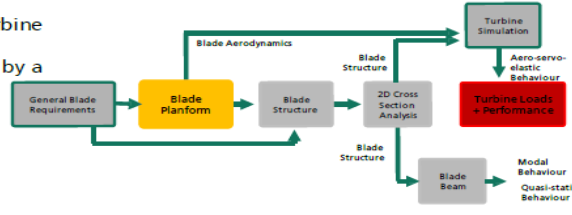
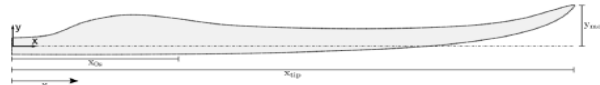
- Geometrical effect covered by turbine simulation (HAWC2)
- Geometry modification described by a third order function based on:
  - Starting position
  - Max. sweep at tip

### Approach:

Parametric study varying the sweep parameters

### Result:

Starting position: 60m (75%R)  
Max. sweep at tip: 2m (2.5%R)



# Passive Load Reduction in Rotor Blade Design SBTC Blade Design

## Implementing SBTC in the Design Process

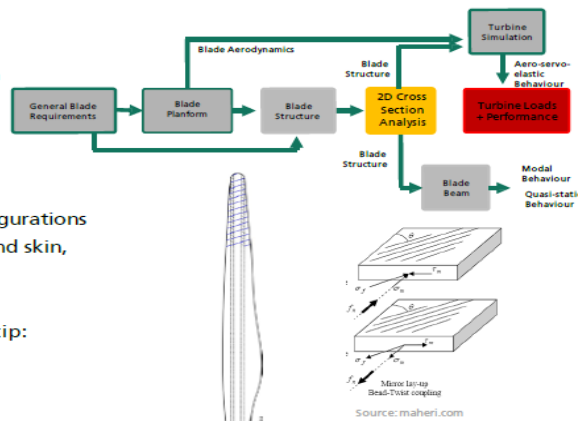
- BTC induced by Off-axis fiber orientation
- 2D cross section analysis needed to cover coupling terms for beam model
- Method for calculation of loads and performance essentially needed as „design driver“

### Approach:

Investigation of different layup configurations  
Variation of fiber angle in spar cap and skin, length of blade portion affected

### Results:

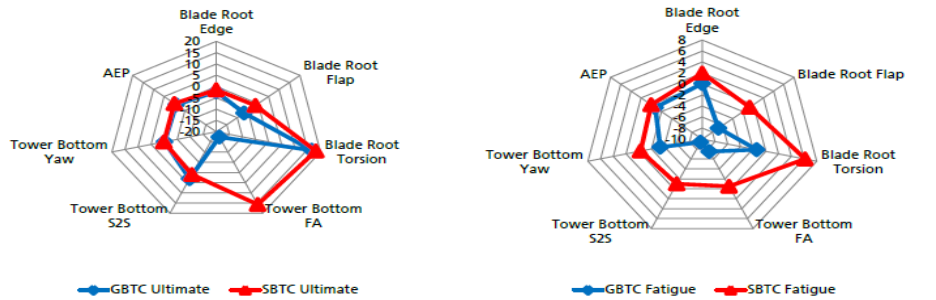
Layup modification from 55m to the tip:  
Spar Cap fiber angle: 7.5°  
Skin fiber angle: 20°



## Passive Load Reduction in Rotor Blade Design Load Comparison

### Ultimate/Fatigue Load and AEP Results

- From aero-servo-elastic simulation with HAWC2
- Relative load reduction (U, F with  $m=4$ ) and AEP ( $A=11.28$ ,  $k=2$ ) compared to the reference blade

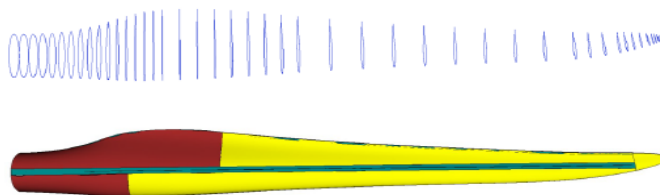


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## Passive Load Reduction in Rotor Blade Design Demo Blade Design

### Conclusions from 80m scale:

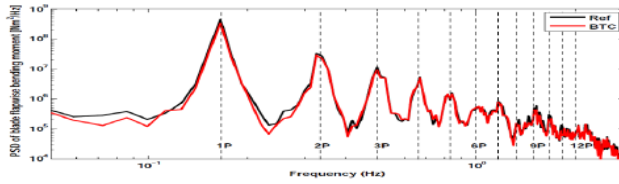
- GBTC approach is favorable for integration in design process
- Transfer of GBTC findings to 20m scale:
  - Starting position for sweep at 17.5m
  - Max. sweep at tip of 0.5m
- Design for manufacturability: plane spar cap/ shear web components – possible due to the relatively high chord length



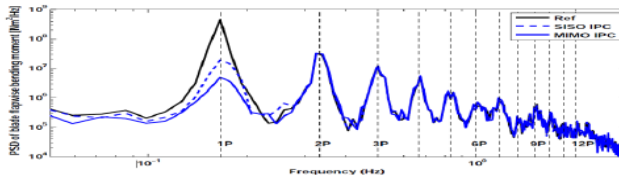
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## Multivariable individual pitch control for BTC-blades Simulation Results

- Power spectrum density of the blade flap-wise root bending moment (at wind speed 16 m/s, turbulent intensity 17.5%)



✓ **BTC** reduces slightly load peak over all harmonics

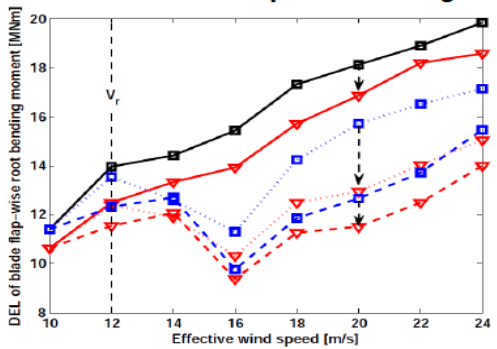


✓ **IPC** reduces load peak over low-frequency harmonics, e.g. 1P

## Multivariable individual pitch control for BTC-blades Fatigue load and ADC analysis

- Wind speed 10 to 24 m/s with turbulence class A

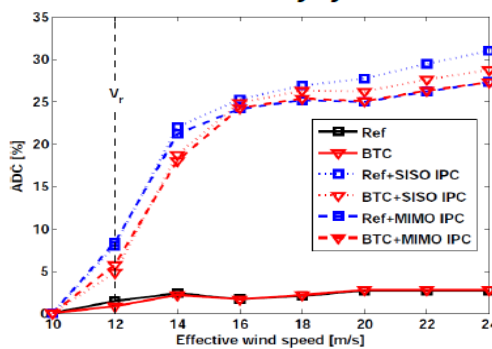
DEL of blade root flap-wise bending moment



6% 17% 16% 39% 35% 36% 34% 29%

Max. % of DEL reduction w.r.t. Ref. as a function of the wind speed

Actuator duty cycle

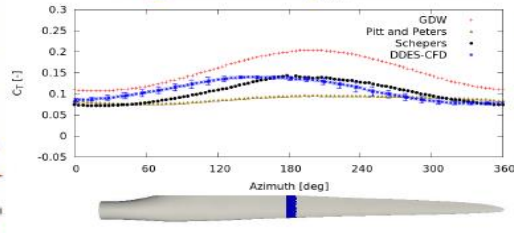
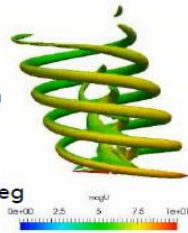


$$ADC = \frac{100}{T} \int_0^T \frac{\dot{\beta}(t)}{\dot{\beta}_{norm}} dt \quad \dot{\beta}_{norm} = \begin{cases} 5, & \dot{\beta}(t) \geq 0 \\ -4, & \dot{\beta}(t) < 0 \end{cases}$$



## Development and simulation with CFD

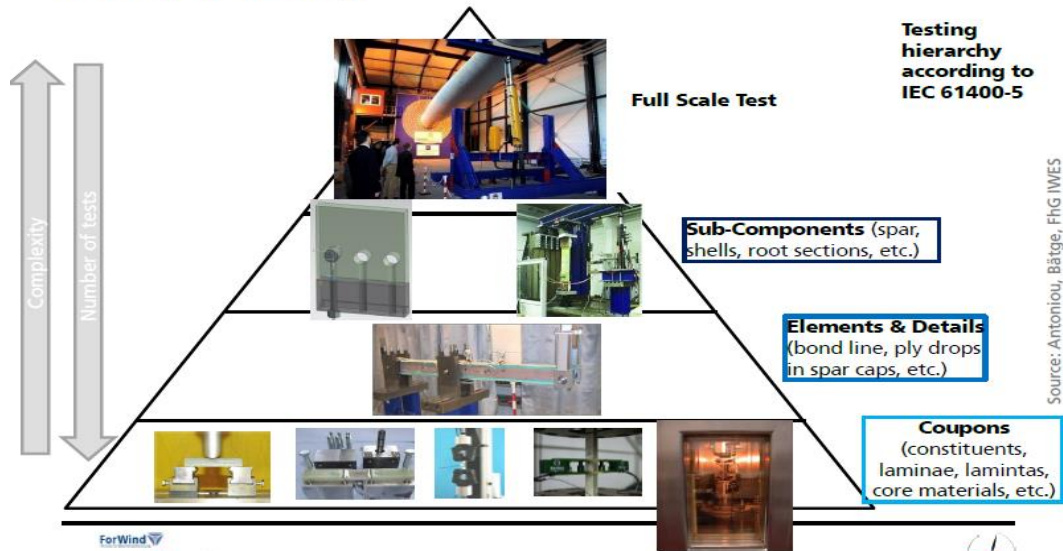
- Implementation of Fluid-Structure-Interaction (FSI) solver in OpenFOAM
- Simulation of standstill and yawed-inflow cases
- Comparison against numerical BEM simulation
- Development of engineering models for validation in SmartBlades2



- FSI:
  - Parking condition
- Yaw-Inflow:
  - 52% of span
  - Yaw-Angle = 15deg

Source: Rahimi, Dose, TWIST, ForWind-OL

## Multiscale Testing

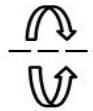


Source: Antoniou, Bätge, FhG IWES

## Multiscale Testing Coupons Testing

### Design of Experiment

- State of the art grips fix the specimen
- High stresses on the clamping area for off axis specimens
- Ideal free rotation about the coupon axis and in-plane



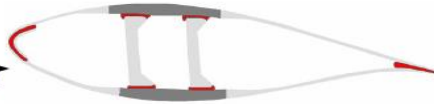
### Material Tests:

- Static tests with UD20° unsymmetric laminates (20° /-20° /20° /-20° )T
- Allowed induced torsional shear deformation up to 23° rotational angle
- Allowed shear load up to 15° in-plane rotation (safety factor equal to 2)

## Multiscale Testing Elements and Details Testing: Bond line

### Typical Bond Line Loadings

- Axial stresses along the blade length (Axis 1)
- In plane Shear (Plane 1-2)
- BTC: additional shear due to twist (about axis 1)

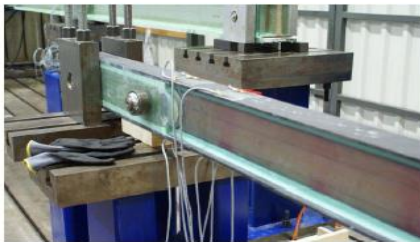


### Bend Twist Coupled Beam

- Beam design was developed
- 0° /20° plies on the spar caps to facilitate BTC

### Results:

- Torsion of 3,8°
- The beam failed at 43.77kN in the compression side (spar cap laminate)



## Multi-Scale Testing Sub-Components: Root-End Connection



### Specimen Design

2 different geometric configurations to test the laminate failure modes:

Net tension failure

Cleavage failure

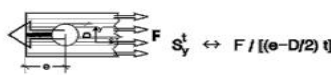
Shear out failure



Results:

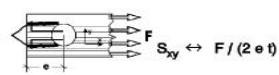
Net-Tension Failure

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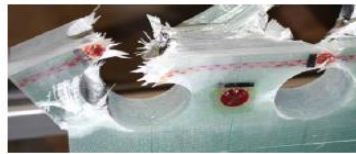


Cleavage Failure

(757.3kN)



Mix  
Cleavage/Shear-out  
(662.2kN)

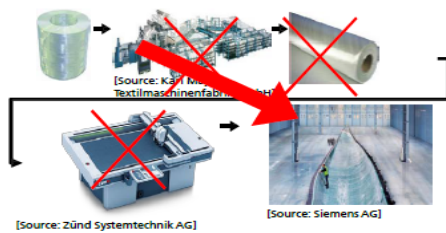


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## Direct Roving Placement (DRP) – Motivation & Approach

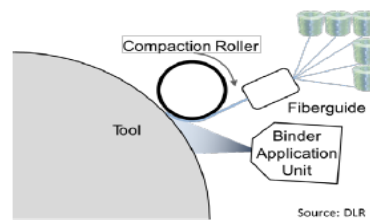
### Material costs

- Reduction of material costs
- Waste 5-10 %



### Automation Concept

- Use of raw fibers (rovings)
- Collection and guidance of multiple rovings to increase layup width
- Online binder application shortly before layup
- Fixing and compacting the laminate with a compaction roller



Source: Stüve, DLR

## Direct Roving Placement (DRP) – Solution & Development

### Technology platform

- Carbon fiber layup unit by Compositence GmbH, Leonberg, Germany
- Tension controlled material supply for CF-heavy tows
- Direct three dimensional near net shaped preform build up
- Fixation of rovings on the edges of the tool



Source: DLR

Compositence

### Technological results

- Modification of material supply to support glass fiber roving bobbins
- End effector modifications to support untreated glass fiber rovings
- Installation of an online binder application unit



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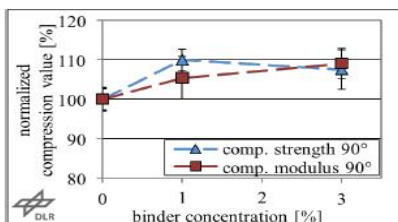
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## Direct Roving Placement (DRP) – Material Investigations

### Scientific results

- Thorough investigation of the binder and its influence on the process and the mechanical properties:
  - Solubility & Viscosity
  - Reactivness & Sprayability
  - Preform properties & mechanical properties of test laminates



### Outlook

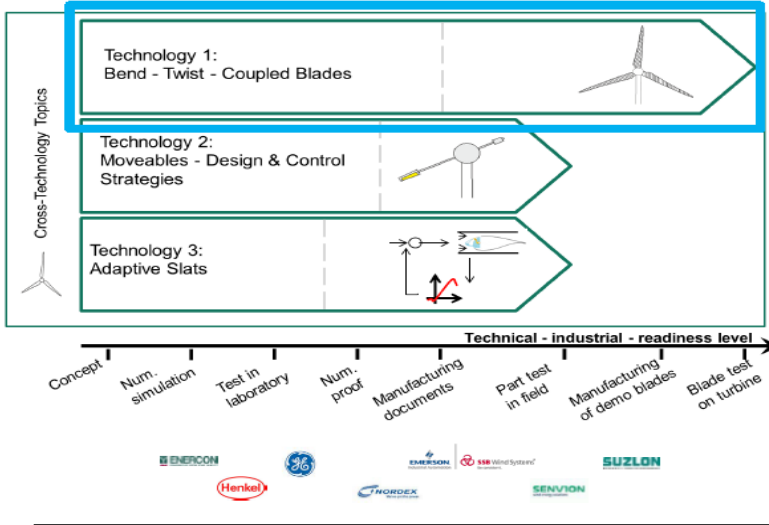
- Further improvement of the end effector to increase productivity
- Ongoing binder investigations
- Deployment of mobile placement units
- Development of algorithms for multi-unit layup
- Test blade segment production
- Proof of concept of DRP as enabler for structural twist-bend-coupling



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## Outlook: SmartBlades2 project



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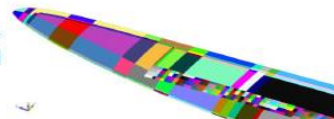
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## WP 1.1 – Construction of GBTC Blades

- Finalizing the Design of SmartBlades-Demoblade to meet the requirements of the integrated instrumentations and measurement campaigns.



Source: Daniele, FHG IWES

- Manufacturing of 4 blades with geometric bend-twist-coupling.
- Improvement of the manufacturing quality through adoption of ad-hoc quality control sensors, infusion simulation methods and model characterization derived by the production.
- Process evaluation



Source: DLR, 2016



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## WP 1.2&1.3 – Testing

### WP1.2 - Full Scale Test at IWES

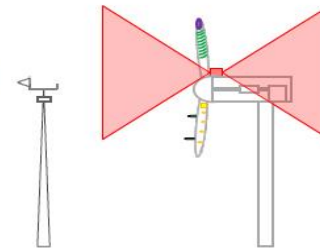
- Determination of blade structural characteristics
- Installation and operation of related measurements systems (strain, loads, deflection, torsion)
- Test after IEC 61400-23



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### WP1.3 – Free Field Test

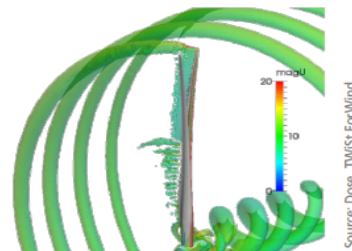
- In addition to the instrumentation of WP1.2:
  - Wind and power measurements IEC 61400-12
  - Mechanical loads measurements IEC 61400-13
  - Rotor near fields (LIDAR)
  - Inflow wind speed and flow visualization
- Development of a supervisory control



## WP 1.4&1.5 – Validation & Alternative concepts

### WP1.4 – Validation of tests and models

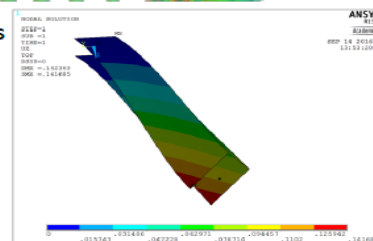
- Validation of BEM and FSI simulations, including pitch control effects
- Validation of an Optimization tool for BTC blades, and a FE-Model generator
- Computational Model Updating based on the Full-Scale-Test



Source: Dose, TWiSt ForWind

### WP1.5 – Alternative concepts

- GBTC Retrofitting for scaling-up existing rotors
- Investigation on stiffeners for structural BTC
- Unconventional spar configurations:
  - Antisymmetric spar-cap/shear-web
  - Mixed I-C spar-cap/shear-web
  - Tilted/slanted spar-cap



Source: DLR, 2016

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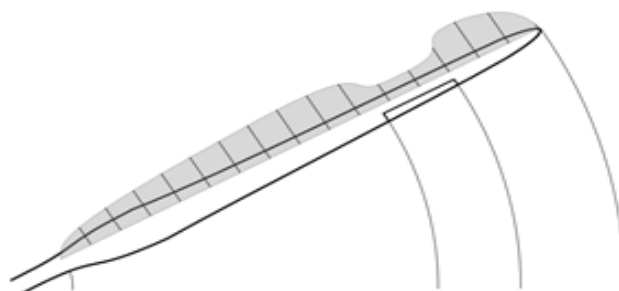
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## **HAWC2 near wake modeling and application on rotors with flaps**

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## 1. Motivation



### Near wake model

- Fast trailed vorticity model to be used as BEM extension
  - Introduces coupling between the annular sections
  - Induction model in standstill conditions
  - Aeroelastic computations in the order of real time

### Trailing edge flaps

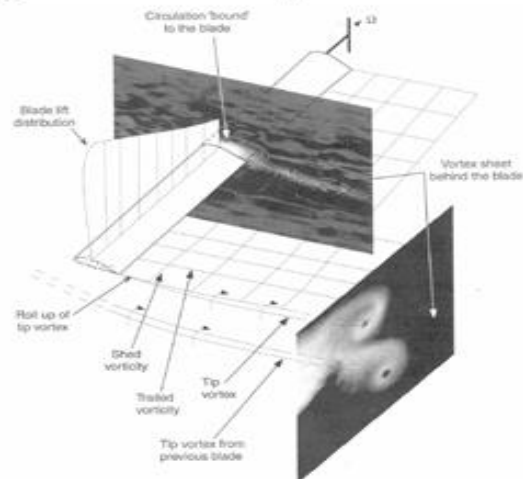
- Trailing edge flaps introduce a step in the load distribution along the blade
  - Trailing vortices at the edges of the flaps
  - Load distribution can't be predicted with BEM model

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## 2. Introduction near wake model



### Shed vorticity vs trailed vorticity



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[Leishman J, *Principles of Helicopter Aerodynamics*]



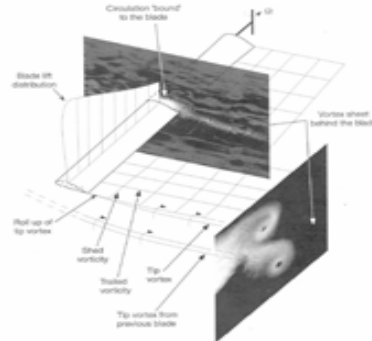
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### Shed vorticity vs trailed vorticity

Flow characteristics of a rotating blade and how they are modeled

- Shed vorticity
  - Depends on temporal circulation gradient
  - 2D model using time lags
- Trailed vorticity
  - Depends on the radial circulation gradient
  - **Near wake model:** First quarter rotation of one blade
  - **Far wake model:** Remaining trailed vorticity (all blades)

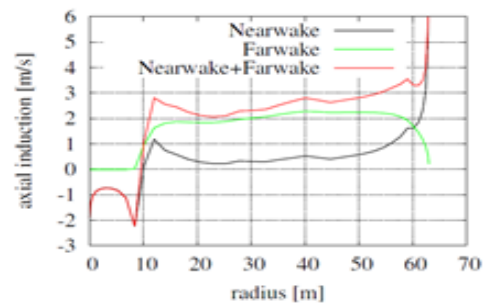


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## 2. Introduction near wake model



- Improved steady load distribution
  - F. ex flaps and standstill
- Improved unsteady aerodynamics
  - Blade vibrations
  - Turbulence
  - Flap response
  - Flutter predictions
  - Induction in stand still



- 5-50% slower aeroelastic HAWC2 computations than using BEM
- Easy to use (induction model 2 instead of 1 in HAWC2 12.4)

Torque 2016, 'Benchmarking aerodynamic prediction of unsteady rotor aerodynamics of active flaps on wind turbine blades using ranging fidelity tools'

Wind Energy, 'A coupled near and far wake model for wind turbine aerodynamics'

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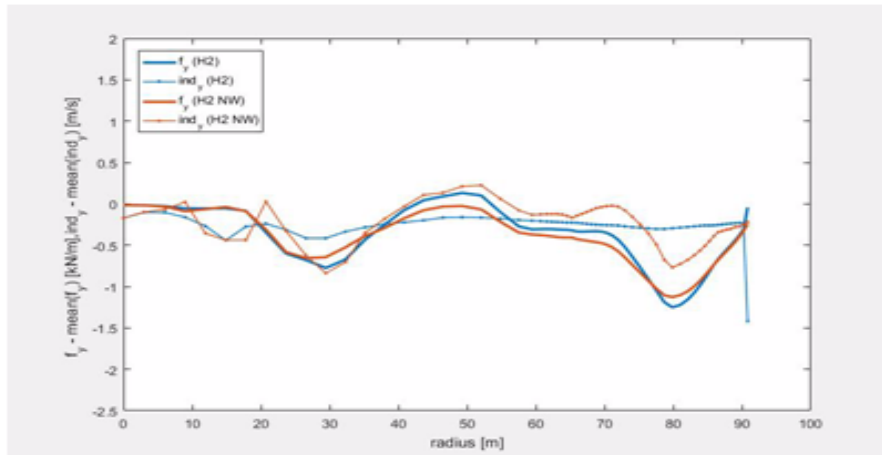
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### 3. Model behavior in turbulent inflow



- Turbulent inflow at 6 m/s, Turbulence intensity 0.269
- Deviations from mean forces and mean induction are shown



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### 4 Results from flap comparison



- DTU 10 MW with trailing edge flaps from 70 to 80% blade span
- Flap angle oscillating between -10 and +10 deg at 6p frequency
- Stiff turbine operating at 11.4 and 19 m/s wind speed at constant rpm
- Comparison of spanwise thrust force and in-plane force distribution between
  - HAWC2 QS (no shed vorticity)
  - HAWC2 (shed vorticity)
  - HAWC2 NW (shed vorticity and trailed vorticity)
  - 3D CFD from the University of Stuttgart

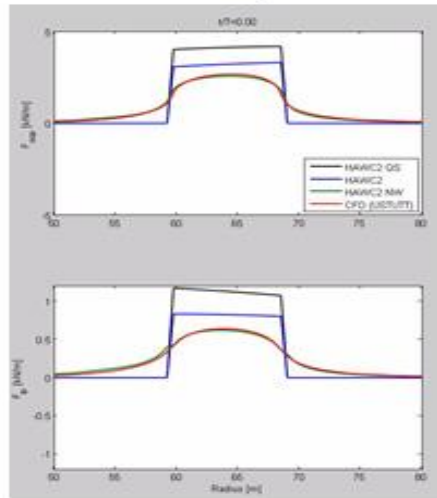
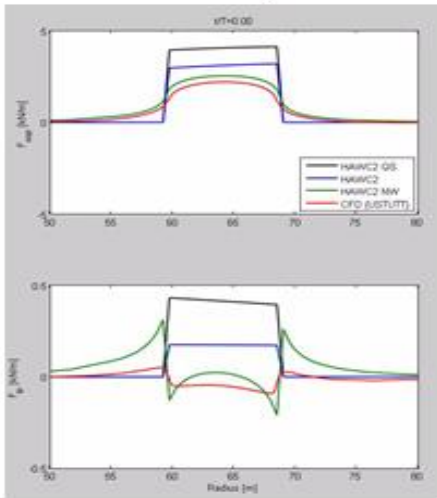
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## 4 Results from flap comparison



11.4 m/s

19 m/s

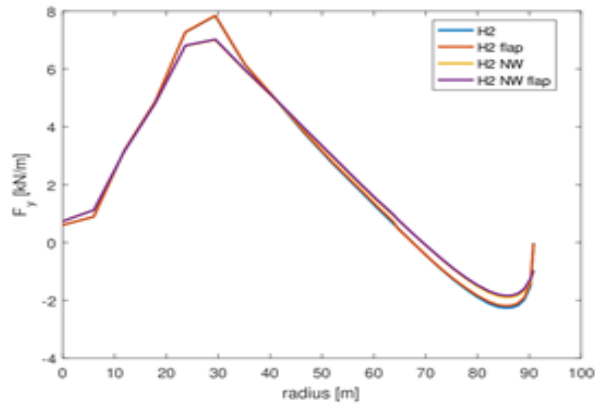


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## 4. Load reduction at 24 m/s, TI 0.157



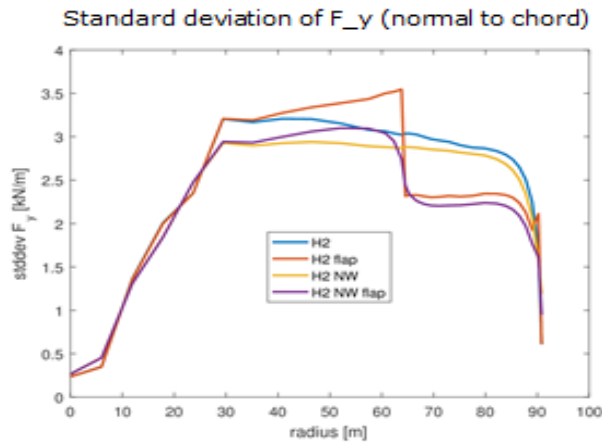
Mean value of  $F_y$  (normal to chord)



- Flap does not influence mean loading
- Less positive loading inboard less negative loading outboard in H2 NW
- Consistent with in-house CFD computations

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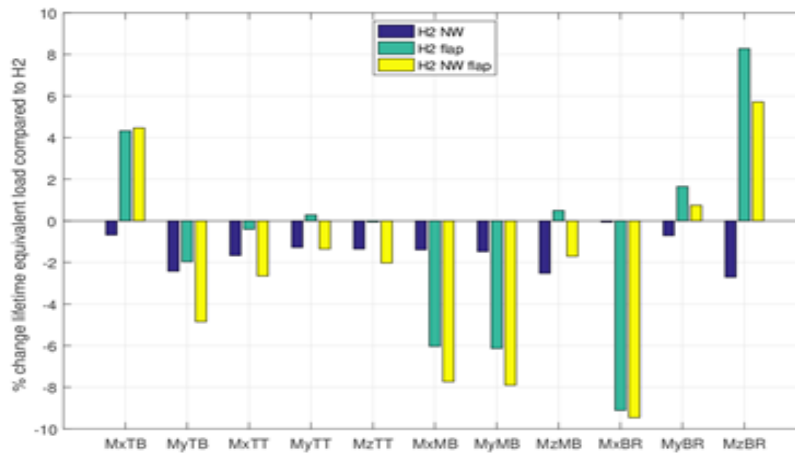
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- Flap strongly decreases load variations on flap
- Additional torsion due to flap increases loading inboard
- Near wake model reduces effects on both sides of the inner flap border

## 5. Fatigue load reduction

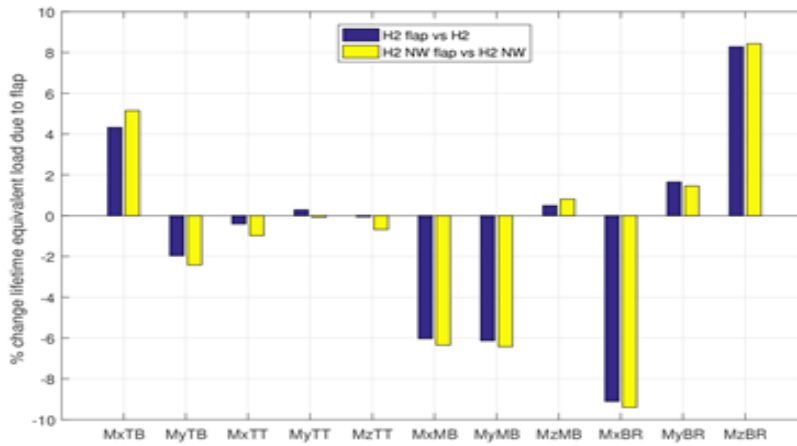
– Change in lifetime equivalent load relative to H2



## 5. Fatigue load reduction



– Change in lifetime equivalent load due to flap in H2 and H2 NW



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## 6 Conclusions



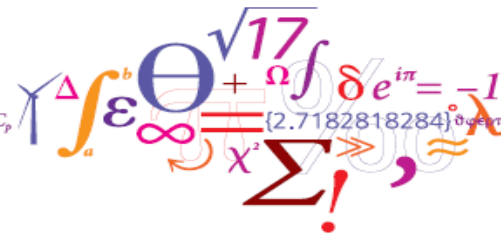
- HAWC2 can simulate dynamic flap motions including the aerodynamic 3D effects
- Much faster computation possible than with more complex aerodynamic models (for example CFD or free vortex codes)
- Overall effect of the near wake model on flap effectiveness for fatigue load reduction is small in a full load basis
- Model works in all normal operation cases for the DTU 10MW, but has limitations in stall (typical for vortex codes)

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## Design Optimization of Rotor Blades with Active Control

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$$P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v^3 C_p$$


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Department of Wind Energy

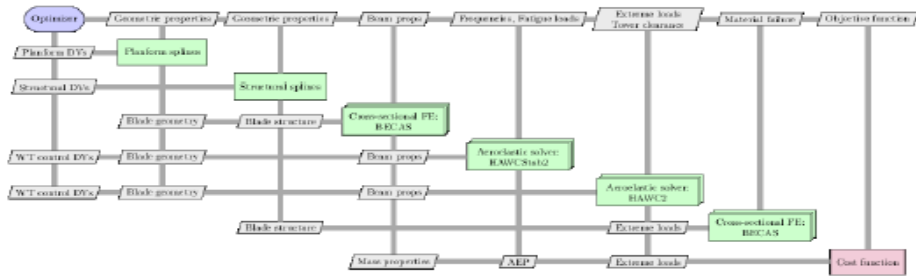
## Outline



- The HAWTOpt2 Framework
- Optimization Results
- Closing statements

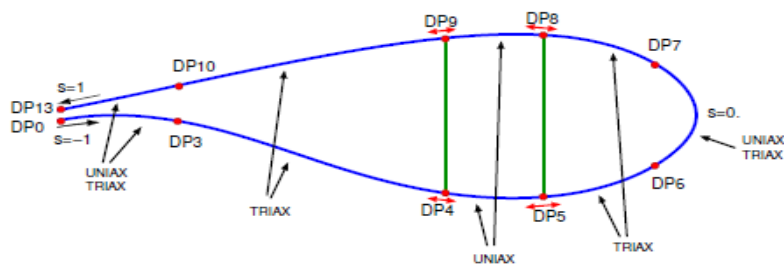
## The HAWTOpt2 Workflow

- IPOPT Optimization Algorithm
- Uses OpenMDAO for the glue code
- Cross Section Module (BECAS)
- Steady and Unsteady Aerolastic Models (HAWCStab2 & HAWC2)



## Internal Structure Design Variables

- DP's control web positions and panel sizes
- Thickness design variables for main load carrying laminates
- Can have fiber angle design variables (not used here)



## Optimization Formulation

- Minimize weight, maximize AEP
- Using planform and structural design variables
- Subject to geometric and load constraints

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{oper}}{\text{minimize}} && f(\{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{oper}, \mathbf{p}, w\}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}_p) \leq \mathbf{0}, \\ & && \mathbf{h}_g(\mathbf{x}_s) \leq \mathbf{0}, \\ & && \mathbf{h}_s(\mathbf{x}_s) \leq \mathbf{0}, \\ & && \mathbf{k}(\{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s\}) \leq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$f(\{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{oper}\}, \mathbf{p}, w) = (1 - w) \frac{W(\{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{oper}\}, \mathbf{p})}{W(\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}\}, \mathbf{p})} + w \frac{AEP(\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}\}, \mathbf{p})}{AEP(\{\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{oper}\}, \mathbf{p})}$$

## Design Variables

Parameter	# of DVs	Comment
Chord	6	-
Twist	5	Root twist fixed
Relative thickness	3	Root and tip relative thickness fixed
Blade prebend	4	-
Blade precone	1	-
Blade length	1	-
Tip-speed ratio	1	-
Trailing edge uniax	2	Pressure/suction side
Trailing edge triax	2	Pressure/suction side
Trailing panel triax	2	Pressure/suction side
Spar cap uniax	4	Pressure/suction side
Leading panel triax	2	Pressure/suction side
Leading edge uniax	2	Pressure/suction side
Leading edge triax	2	Pressure/suction side
DP4	5	Pressure side spar cap position/rear web attachment
DP5	5	Pressure side spar cap position/front web attachment
DP8	5	Suction side spar cap position/front web attachment
DP9	5	Suction side spar cap position/rear web attachment
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	



## Constraints



Constraint	Value	Comment
max(chord)	< 6.2 m	Maximum chord limited for transport.
max(prebend)	< 6.2 m	Maximum prebend limited for transport.
max(rotor cone angle)	> -5 deg	-
min(relative thickness)	> 0.24	Same airfoil series as used on the DTU 10MW RWT.
min(material thickness)	> 0.0	Ensure FFD splines do not produce negative thickness.
$t/w_{sparcap}$	> 0.08	Basic constraint to avoid spar cap buckling.
min(tip tower distance)	> ref value	DLC1.3 operational tip deflection cannot exceed that of the DTU 10MW RWT.
Blade root flapwise moments (MxBR)	< ref value	DLB loads cannot exceed starting point.
Blade root edgewise moments (MyBR)	< ref value	DLB loads cannot exceed starting point.
Tower bottom fore-aft moments (MxTB)	< ref value	DLB loads cannot exceed that starting point.
Rotor torque	< ref value	Ensure that the rotational speed is high enough below rated to not exceed generator maximum torque.
Blade mass	< 1.01 * ref value	Limit increase in blade mass to maintain equivalent production costs.
Blade mass moment	< 1.01 * ref value	Limit increase in blade mass moment to minimise edgewise fatigue.
Lift coefficient @ $r/R = [0.5 - 1.]$	< 1.35	Limit operational lift coefficient to avoid stall for turbulent inflow conditions.
Ultimate strain criteria	< 1.0	Aggregated material failure in each section for 12 load cases.

## Optimal Solution

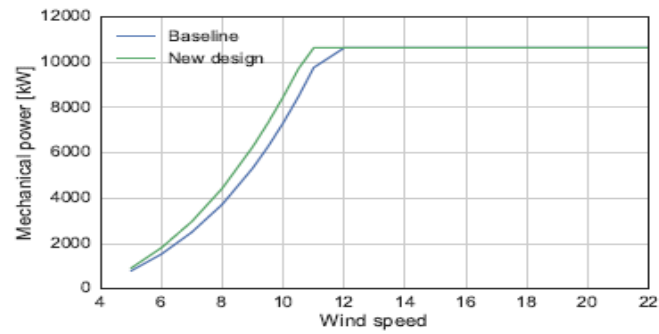


- Longer blade for increased AEP
- Webs rotate for more favourable load alignment
- Lighter more flexible blade
- Increased pre-bend for tower clearance



## Optimal Performance

- Increased production below rated
- Increases AEP

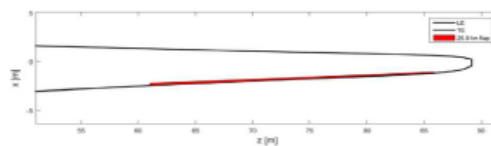


## Optimization for Fatigue Control

- Used only steady state models in the optimization
- Flaps placed on the outer quarter of the blade

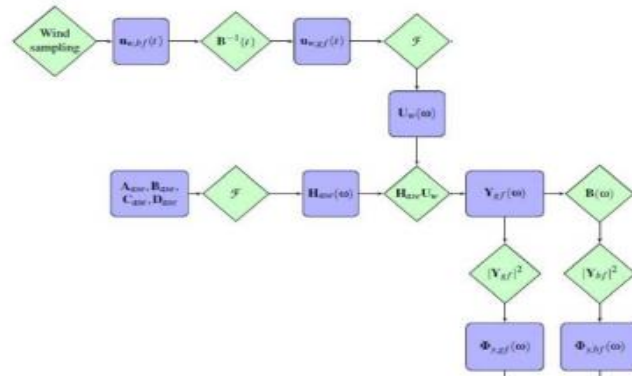
DTU 10MW Reference Wind Turbine	
Rated power	10 MW
Rotor diameter	178.3 m
Rated rotor speed	9.6 rpm
Rated wind speed	11.4 m/s
Cut-in, cut-out wind speed	4 m/s, 25 m/s
Gearbox Ratio	50.0
Pitch Rate Limit	10°/s

Flap configuration	
Chordwise extension	10%
Deflection angle limits	$\pm 10^\circ$
Spanwise length	25.9m (30% blade length)
Spanwise location	59.59m-85.50m (from blade root)
Airfoil	FFA-W3-241
Max $\Delta C_l$	0.4
Deflection rate limit	100°/s
Actuator time constant	100ms



## Fatigue Frequency Domain Model

- Aerodynamic loads converted to a power spectrum
- Load power spectrum solved in the frequency domain with linear model
- Semi-empirical model for Damage Equivalent Loads (DEL)



## Optimization Case Studies

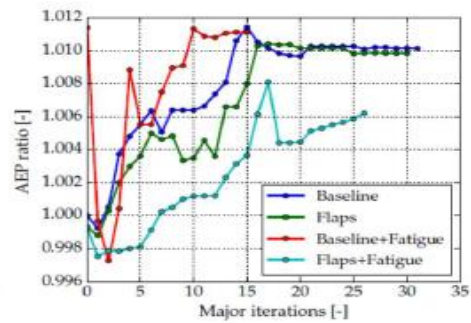
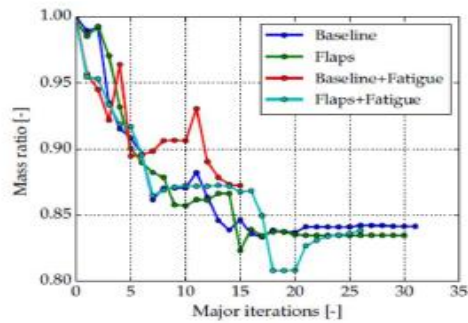
- Comparison between a blade with or without flaps
- Separated the effect of flat-back geometry and active control
- Used optimization to determine the best performance

DTU 10MW Reference Wind Turbine (RWT) models	
Case 1	Baseline DTU 10MW RWT
Case 2	Baseline DTU 10MW RWT with flap geometry
Case 3	Optimized baseline
Case 4	Optimized design with flap geometry
Case 5	Optimized baseline + fatigue constraint
Case 6	Optimized design with flap geometry + fatigue constraint

## Optimization Progress



- Reduced mass in all cases
- Increased AEP in all cases



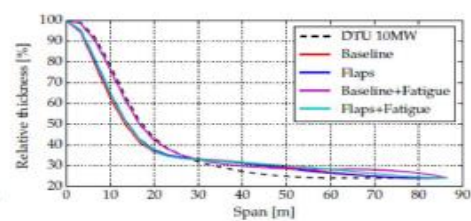
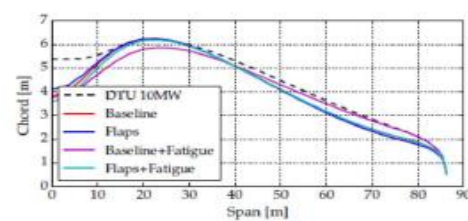
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## Optimal Design



- Unloads the blade towards the tip, increases loading near the root
- Thickness increases outboard and decreases inboard



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## Optimal Performance



- Final designs evaluated with HAWC2 (Full DLB)
- Optimal flatback geometry provided significant mass and fatigue benefits
- Fatigue constraints limit both AEP and mass improvements
- Optimal smart blade respects fatigue constraint with lighter blades and higher AEP

	Blade mass [%]	AEP [%]	Lifetime blade root flapwise fatigue [%]
<i>DTU 10MW with flaps</i>	-0.3	0.21	-12.1
<i>Baseline</i>	-15.8	-0.05	-5.6
<i>Flaps</i>	-19.6	0.51	-23.1
<i>Baseline+Fatigue</i>	-13.2	-0.08	-8.9
<i>Flaps+Fatigue</i>	-16.4	0.79	-21.8

## Conclusions



- Optimization shows a clear benefit of flaps in wind turbine design
  - Increased AEP
  - Decreased Weight
  - Reduced Fatigue Damage
- Future Work - Quasi-steady flap control
  - Actuated below rated
  - Used to maximize AEP
  - Varies according to the mean wind speed
  - Optimization will include unsteady aeroelastic models

Thank-you for your interest



Comments or Questions?



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## Rotor Design in Suzlon

IEA Wind Task 11  
Topical Expert Meeting on Smart Blades  
27-28th April 2017  
DTU – Risø Campus, Denmark

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Suzlon Wind Farm in Utah, USA

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## Introduction and Outline

Suzlon Energy Ltd.

- Suzlon Energy – Brief Presentation
- Wind Turbine Blade Design and Smart Rotor
- Industrial Perspective: Considerations and Challenges on Smart Rotors

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## Suzlon Energy – Brief History

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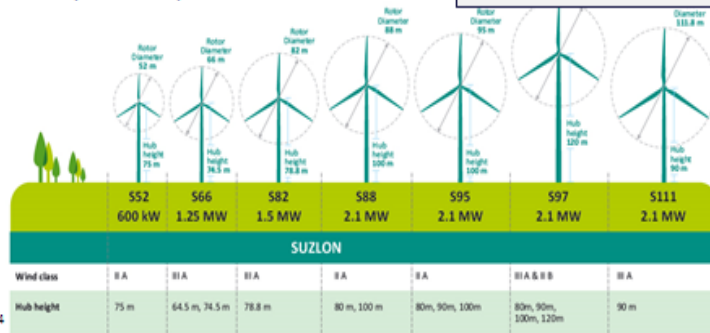


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## Suzlon Company Profile

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- Vertically integrated manufacturing (nacelle, tower, blade)
- 24/7 supervision and monitoring from Suzlon control centers (Chicago, India)
- Majority (>90%) of WTGs installed are fully serviced by Suzlon

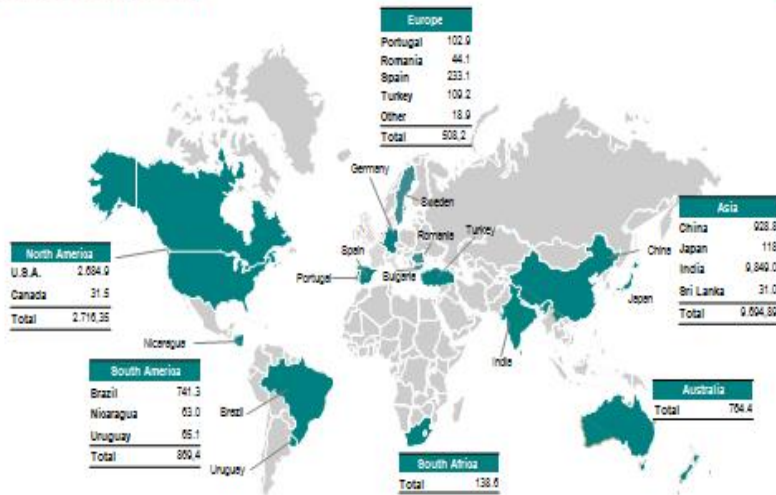


- Portfolio of wind turbines from 600 kW to 2.1 MW (2.7 MW)
- Main focus on Low Wind Sites

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## Installed capacity

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## Technology Hubs

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### Denmark

Aarhus - Global WindGSite, SCADA and Control Systems  
Veje - Blade Science Center

### Germany

Hamburg and Rostock - WIG Product Development  
Hamburg - Renewable Research Center



### U.S.A.

WIG Product Development  
Technical Services Group

### Netherlands

Hengelo - Engineering and Blade development



### India

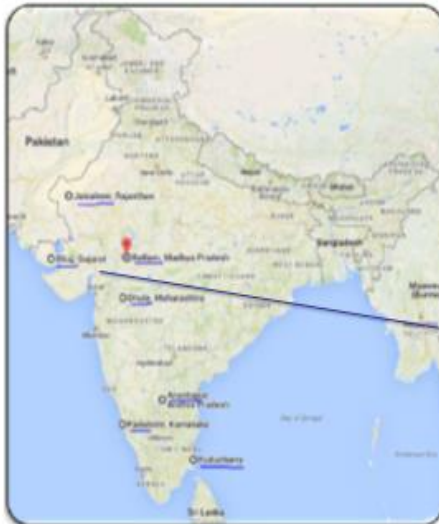
Vadodara - Blade Testing Center  
Pune and Chennai - Engineering Center  
Bhub - Materials Testing Lab



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## Production and Test Facilities

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## Blade Science Center in Vejle

In March 2016 opens the Blade Science Center in Vejle. 15 employees.

Supporting Suzlon's Vision as Technology Center for Wind Turbine Blade Design

- To be a Technology leader in the wind sector.
  - BSC will test existing technologies for future and existing platforms
  - BSC will invent new technologies for future and existing platforms
  - BSC will show case that Suzlon is on the forefront of technology development
- To be in the top three wind companies in the key markets of the world.
  - BSC will focus on technology solutions for low wind markets
- To be a global leader in providing profitable, wind power solutions.
  - BSC will develop technology which brings down LCOE
- To be the 'Company of Choice' for stakeholders
  - BSC will develop and prove reliable solutions



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## Wind Turbine Blade Design

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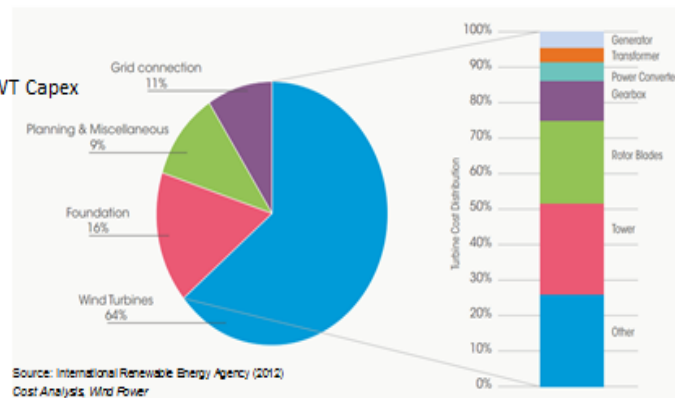
Main Driver:

→ Lower LCOE

$$LCOE = \frac{Capex + Opex}{Energy} \Big|_{Life\ Time}$$

CAPEX Breakdown (onshore):

→ Blades account for app. 20 % WT Capex  
(13 % WF CAPEX)



Source: International Renewable Energy Agency (2012)  
Cost Analysis Wind Power

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## Rotor impact on LCOE

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- Increasing power output of wind turbine
  - 100% attributed to energy yield
- Lowering the cost of the blade
  - Directly impacts about 20% of the turbine cost
- Lowering the blade weight & Loads
  - Indirectly impacts cost of other components (drivetrain, tower, etc.)



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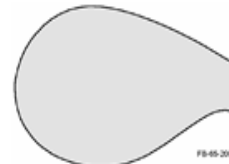
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## Lowering Blade Weight & Loads - Roadmap

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$$m_{\text{blade}} \sim (R_{\text{blade}})^{2.35}$$

- Concurrent optimization of aerodynamic and structural blade design (high-performance thick airfoils)
- Carbon fibre composites (higher stiffness, lower weight ... higher price)
- Reducing design and load prediction uncertainties → Reduce level of over-conservative design.
- Smart Blades (... Smart Rotor) for Load Alleviation:
  - Advanced Pitch Control
  - Passive Load Alleviation (MDO)
  - Lidar Assisted Control
  - Wind Farm Control



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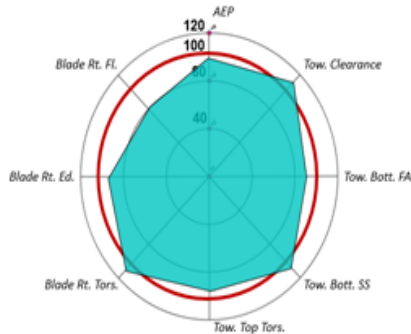
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## Industrial perspective...

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### ! LCOE matters !

- Load Alleviation is Cool (in Accademia)



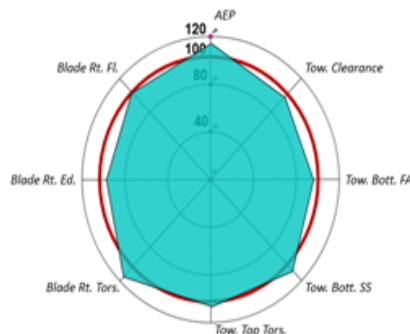
#### Challenges:

- Re-design to "translate" Load Alleviation (grow the rotor)
- Knowledge of Design Reserve on Various components (how much will it cost?)

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- In industry: more AEP, moooooore AEP



## Industrial perspective (2)

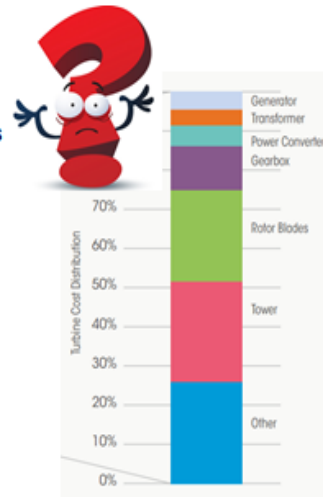
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### ! Again ... LCOE matters !

- Individual Pitch Control
- Passive Load Alleviation (MDAO)
- Lidar Assisted Control
- Wind Farm Control

AEP ↑  
Rotor Capex ↓

Other Components Capex (80 %)



#### Challenges:

- Understand how loads on blades and rotor cascade to other component design
- Simple "load-based" cost models for design optimization

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### Industrial perspective (3)

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**! LCOE also includes OPEX !**

- It is a Wild Wild world out there... LCOE is over entire life-time



#### Challenges:

- Reliability, reliability, reliability
- Things can go wrong... What IF? Design Load cases for fault on (active) smart blades?

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### Industrial perspective (4)

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**! Simple and proven is more convincing !**

- Control System goes far beyond normal functionality
- It handles a lot of special cases, ad hoc fixes, historical overlays... And need to run real-time!
- Conservative: If ain't broken do not fix it.
- Resistance to over-complex, deeply theoretical control formulation.



#### Challenges:

- Control for smart blades complex enough to achieve good operational performance, but as simple (and as proven) as possible to be implemented on standard architecture (and thrusted).

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## Summary of Challenges for Discussion

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### Challenges:

- Re-design to "translate" Load Alleviation to more "marketable" performance indicators (grow the rotor)
- Knowledge of loads design reserve on various WT components
- Understand how loads on blades and rotor cascade to design loads of other WT components
- Formulate simple "load-based" cost model for design optimization processes
- Reliability, reliability, reliability
- Things can go wrong... What IF? Design Load cases for fault on (active) smart blades?
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Thank You

**Smart Rotor Research using DBD Plasma as  
Flow Control Actuators : an Overview of TUDelft's  
Efforts**

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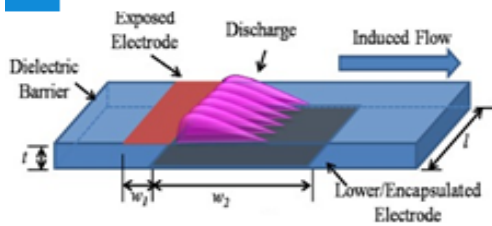
## Background

### **On the Smart-Rotor Story at TUDelft**

- Led by Prof Gijs van Kuik for over a decade
- Structured, multi-disciplinary research program (multi-fidelity Aero models, structures, control...)
- Flow Control concept traditionally TE flap



## Introduction: DBD Plasma Actuator



### Attractive Characteristics :

- No moving parts
- Negligible mass
- Wide actuation bandwidth
- Ease of implementation
- Allows for blade deformation

### Working Principle:

- Dielectric Barrier
- Self-limiting Discharge
- $O(V)=kV$ ,  $O(f)=kHz$
- Momentum transfer through Ionic Collisions with air

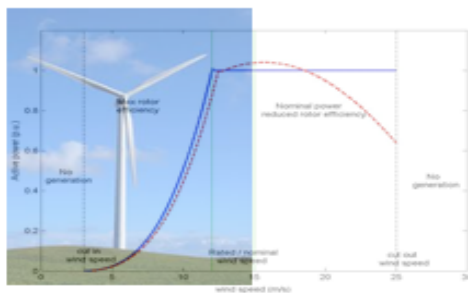
### UnAttractive Characteristics ??

- Power Consumption
- Scalability (Large Re)
  - Robustness



See e.g. M. Kotsonis, Dielectric barrier discharge actuators for flow control - diagnostics, modeling, application. PhD Dissertation, TU Delft, 2012.

## Introduction: Wind Turbine Control Enhancement



### Different Concepts/ Control Objectives :

- Fatigue Load Alleviation  
*e.g. Bernhammer, Dialoupis*
- Increased Power Harvest  
*e.g. Smit, Tanaka*
- Power Regulation  
*e.g. Pereira*



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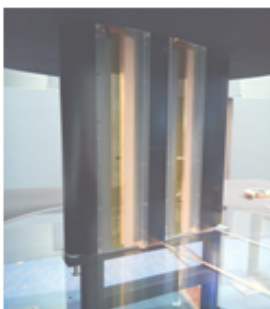
### **Integrated Design Approach**

- DBD Plasma Modeling
- Airfoil Design including Actuation
- Design Next-Generation Wind Turbines



- Larger Actuation Efficiency
- Novel WT Control Strategies

## **Modeling DBD Plasma Actuators for Airfoil Design**



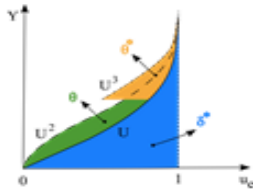
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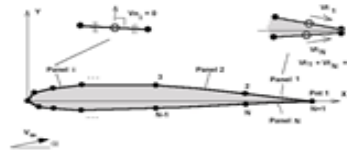
Compact IBL Formulation

$$\delta_1 = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_c}\right) dY$$

$$\delta_2 = \int_0^\infty \frac{U}{U_c} \left(1 - \frac{U}{U_c}\right) dY$$



Panel Methods with Viscous-Inviscid Interaction



- Not less accurate than CFD
- Suitable for optimization



# Modeling DBD Plasma Actuators for Airfoil Design

## von Karman Integral Equations with Plasma Coefficients

$$C_{FM} = \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{F_x}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U_\infty^2} \right) dY$$

$$C_{FE} = \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{F_x}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U_\infty^2} u \right) dY$$

- Incompressible, Turbulent Flows
- Assumes Undisturbed  $U_e$
- Steady DBD employment
- Only acting in X

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \underbrace{\frac{C_f}{2}}_{\text{Skin Friction}} - \underbrace{(H_{12} + 2) \frac{\theta}{u_e} \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x}}_{\text{Pressure Gradient}} + \underbrace{\frac{v_0}{u_e}}_{\text{Transpiration}} - \underbrace{\frac{C_{FM}}{2u_e^2}}_{\text{Plasma}} \quad \text{Momentum Cons.} \\ \frac{\partial H_{32}}{\partial x} = \underbrace{-\frac{2C_D}{\theta}}_{\text{Dissipation}} - \underbrace{\frac{H_{32} C_f}{\theta}}_{\text{Pressure Gradient}} + \underbrace{(H_{12} - 1) \frac{H_{32}}{u_e} \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x}}_{\text{Pressure Gradient}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta} (H_{32} + 1) \frac{v_0}{u_e}}_{\text{Transpiration}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta} \left( H_{32} \frac{C_{FM}}{2u_e^2} - \frac{C_{FE}}{u_e^2} \right)}_{\text{Plasma}} \quad \text{Energy Cons.} \end{array} \right.$$

## Closure Relations ?



See: de Oliveira G, Pereira R, Ragni D, Kotsonis M. Modeling DBD plasma actuators in integral boundary layer formulation for application in panel methods. *AIAA - Fluid Dynamics Conference, Delft 2015*

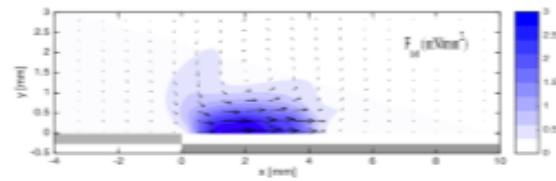
## Modeling DBD Plasma Actuators for Airfoil Design Plasma Force Field Parametrization

$$F_x = \phi_x^p w_x^y(Y, T_p) w_x^x(X, X_0^p, L_p)$$

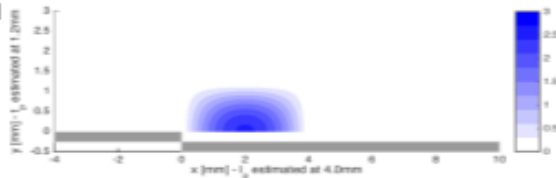
$$\phi_x^p = \frac{F_x^p}{T_p L_p}$$

$$w_x^x(x, x_0^p, L_p) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi(x-x_0^p)}{L_p}\right) & , \left(\frac{x-x_0^p}{L_p}\right) \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$w_x^y(x, T_p) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{T_p}{T_p^*} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) & , \frac{T_p}{T_p^*} \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(a) Measurements from reference [3]



(b) Reconstruction with Weighting Functions

## Modelling DBD Plasma Actuators in IBL Formulation Experimental Campaign

- DBD at 2 Chordwise Positions

$$\frac{x}{c} = \{0.25; 0.65\}$$

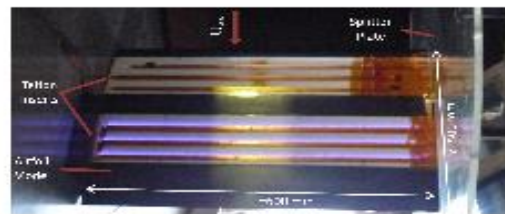
- Different Wind Tunnel Velocities

$$U_\infty = \{20; 30\} \text{ m/s}$$

- Different Angle of Attack

$$\alpha = \{10; 13; 16; 19; 22\} \text{ deg}$$

- Particle Image Velocimetry (Data Acquisition)



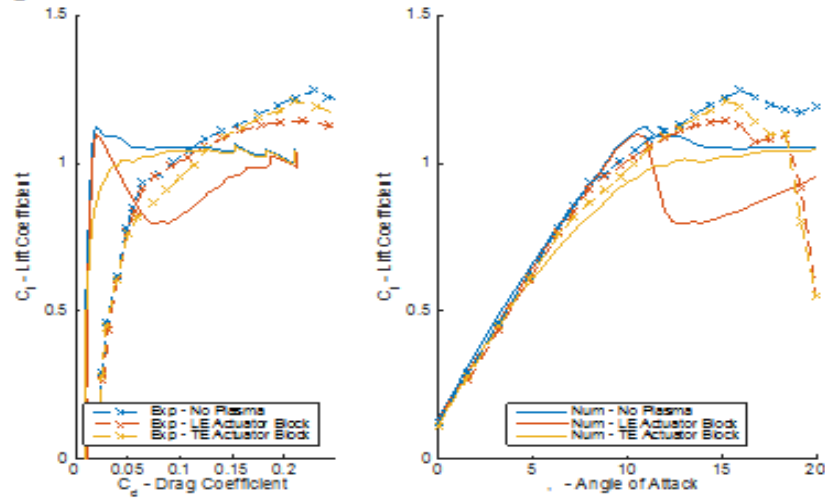
(a) Aerial Model



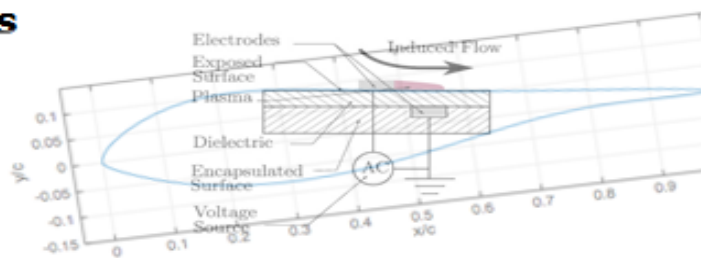
(b) Actuator Geometry

## Modelling DBD Plasma Actuators in IBL Formulation Experimental Validation - Airfoil Polars

Trend  $dCl$  induced by DBD Plasma is captured, both in magnitude and AOA!



## Design of Wind Energy-Actuated Airfoil Sections



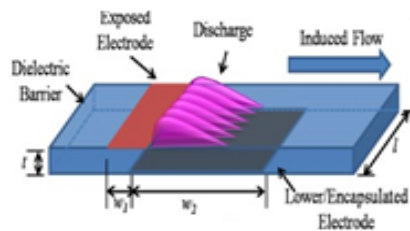
## Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

### Basic Idea

#### Wind Energy Suitable

- $\frac{C_l}{C_d \max}$
- $C_l \text{ opt}$
- $C_l \text{ opt}_{CLEAN} - C_l \text{ opt}_{ROUGH}$
- $C_l \max - C_l \text{ opt}$
- Robust, No Point Design

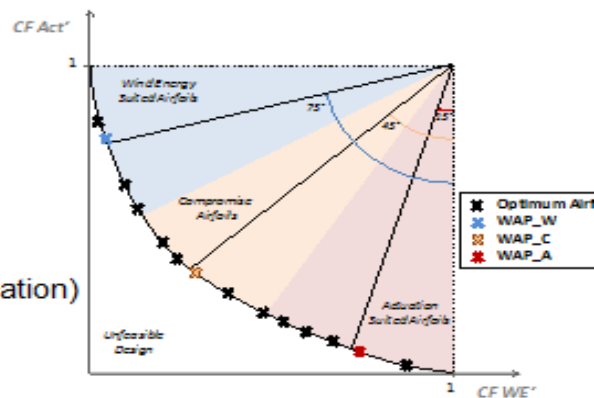
#### Sensitive to Actuation



## Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

### Optimization Framework

- Multi-objective optimization (2 Cost Function - WE and Actuation)
- Genetic Algorithm
- Airfoil shapes approximated with CST parametrization
- 150 airfoil candidates per generation, 50 generations



# Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

## WE Design Requirements

Airfoil Index	Airfoil (i)
1	DU93-W-210
2	RISO-A1-21
3	FFA-W-211
4	AA-207-A1

$$pn_i = \left[ \frac{\Phi_{iref} - \Phi_{icnd}}{\Phi_{iref}} \times 100 \right]^k \text{ where } \begin{cases} k=1 & \text{if } \Phi_{iref} \leq \Phi_{icnd} \\ k=2 & \text{if } \Phi_{iref} > \Phi_{icnd} \end{cases}$$

Reference Airfoil Performance	Design Goals (j)
$\Phi_{jref} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \Phi_i(i)}{4}$	$\Phi_1 = \bar{C}_l(\alpha_{opt})$
	$\Phi_2 = \frac{C_{l'}}{C_{l'}}(\alpha_{opt})$
	$\Phi_3 = - \bar{C}_l(\alpha_{opt}) - \bar{C}_{lrough}(\alpha_{opt}) $
	$\Phi_4 = \frac{\alpha_{stall} - \alpha_{opt}}{\bar{C}_l(\alpha_{stall}) - \bar{C}_l(\alpha_{opt})}$

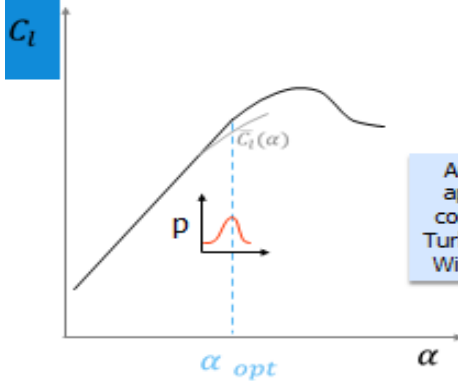
$$CF_{WE} = \sum_{i=1}^4 pn_i$$



see: R.Pereira,W.A.Timmer,G.deOliveira,and G.J.W. van Bussel, Design of HAWT airfoils tailored for active flow control. Wind Energy 2100, 2017

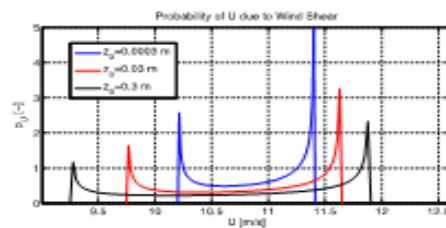
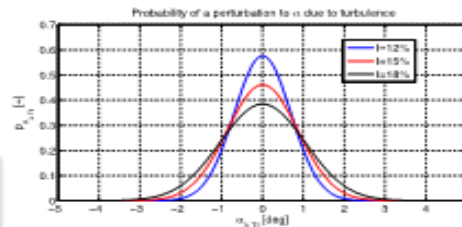
# Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

## Probabilistic Design Approach



Analytical approach considering Turbulence & Wind Shear

$$\bar{C}_l(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\Delta\alpha} \int_a^b C_l(\alpha) \cdot p(\alpha) d\alpha$$



## Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

### Actuation Suitability Design

How to define  
Actuation Suitability ?



Depends on  
Control Objective

## Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

### Actuation Suitability Design

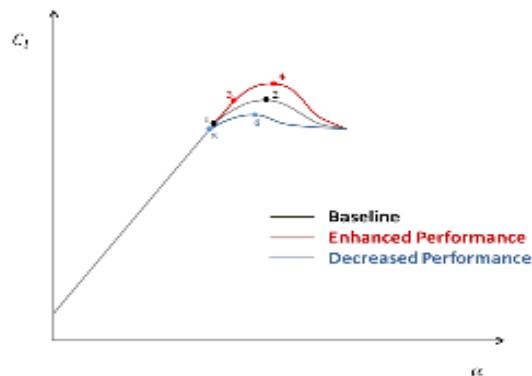
Control Objective –  
**Power Regulation**

$$q = dQ = \frac{1}{2} \rho c U_{eff}^2 (C_l \sin(\phi) - C_d \cos(\phi)) r dr$$

**Energetic Efficiency**

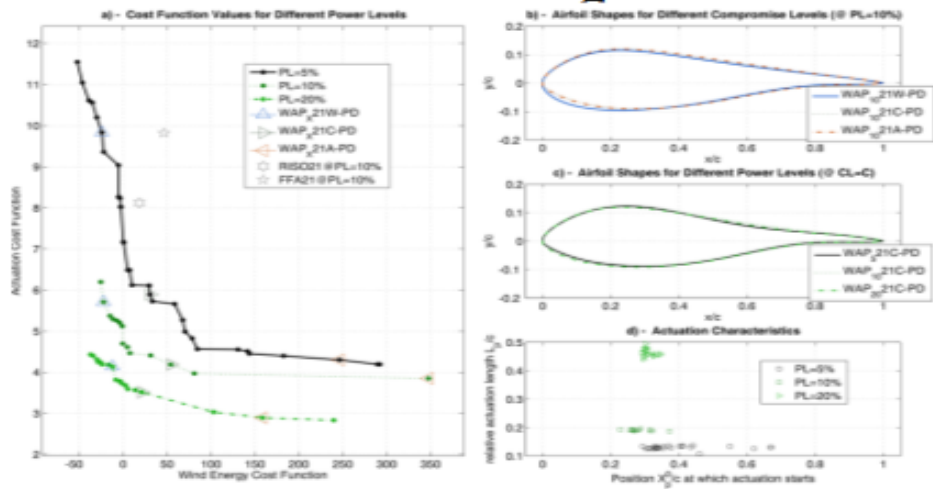
Decreased Performance (Limiting Lift)  
Strategy

$$CF_{act} = \frac{\int_{r_1}^{r_2} (q_6 - q_1) dr}{P_{act}}$$

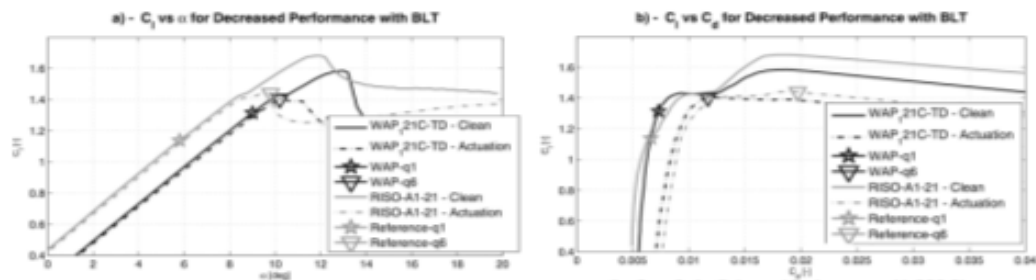




## Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils Results – Power Regulation



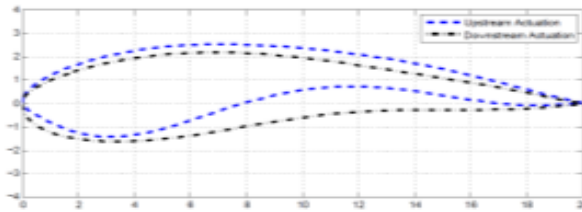
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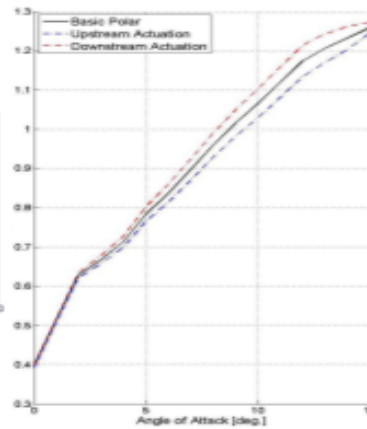
# Design of Wind-Energy Actuated Airfoils

## Actuation Suitability Design

Control Objective –  
**Fatigue Alleviation**



$$\frac{1}{CF_{Act}} = \int_{\alpha_{opt}-2}^{\alpha_{opt}+2} C_{l_{clean}} - C_{l_{Act}} d\alpha$$



See: Battie, E., Pereira, R., de Oliveira, G., Kotsonis, M., *Airfoil Optimisation for DBD Plasma Actuator in a Wind Energy Environment: Design and Experimental Study*, 55th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting, AIAA SciTech, Grapevine, 2017.

## Field Implementation: **Toshiba Case** (Aiming at Increased Power Capture)

- Laboratory environment (-2012)
- Field test 30 kW machine (2013)
- "World's 1<sup>st</sup> trial... on commercial scale WT" (2014)
- Long term testing (+1 year) – 2015/2016
- Currently machine at AIST center in Fukushima

- No Lightning Issues
- DC=1%
- Silicon-Rubber DBD actuator
- System failure approx 1/year

see: M. Tanaka, K. Amemori, H. Matsuda, N. Shimura, H. Yasui, and T. Oseko. Field test of plasma aerodynamic controlled wind turbine. EWEA Conference, 2013. & M. Tanaka, T. Oseko, H. Matsuda, K. Yamazaki, N. Shimura, M. Asayama, Y. Orjyu, and S. Yoshida. The world's first trial for application of plasma aerodynamic control on commercial scale turbine. EWEA conference, PO.ID - 005, 2014.



## Conclusions

- DBD Plasma actuator modeling in Viscous/Inviscid Method
- Enables design plasma-tailored airfoil
- Methodology design WE-actuation airfoils
- Actuation efficiency 2-4 larger, for both Power Regulation & Fatigue Alleviation strategies
- Previous efforts by Japanese partners have dealt with major practical large scale implementation issues

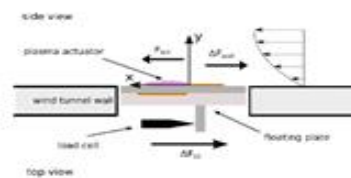
## Outlook

- Unsteady Actuation Modeling (Pulse)
- Design Airfoil sections to incorporate unsteady actuation
- New dielectric materials
- Novel DBD configurations
- Strong TUDelft - Japanese Cooperation
- Looking for more funding opportunities/commercial partnerships

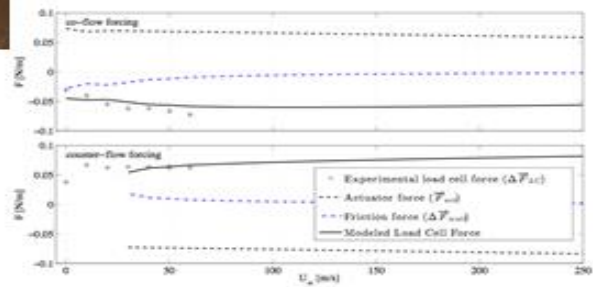
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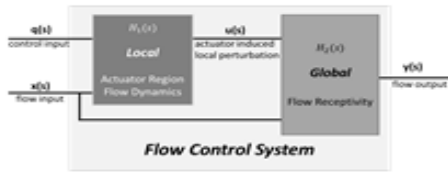
### DBD Plasma - Influence of External Flow



- Co and Counter Flow DBD
- Wind Speed up to 60 m/s
- Load Cell
- Model Ion Collisions

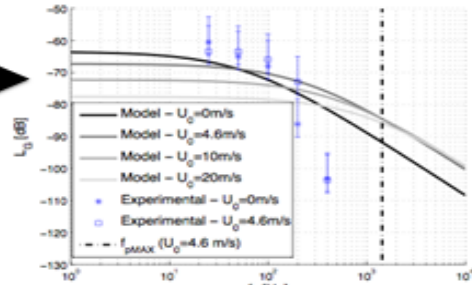
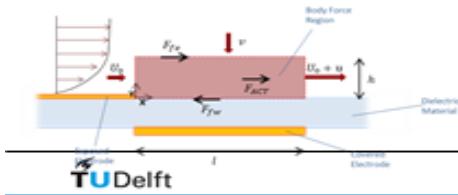


# DBD Plasma - Frequency Response to pulse



$$\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \vec{U} \cdot \nabla \vec{U} = +\nu \nabla^2 \vec{U} - \frac{\nabla P}{\rho} + \frac{\vec{f}_{ACT}}{\rho}$$

- Linearize Navier-Stokes (LTI)
- Inf Viscosity & Velocity
- Transfer Function



$$\frac{u(s)}{f_{ACT}(s)} = \frac{F_X}{F_{ACT}} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \left( \sqrt{\left( U_0 + \frac{\tau U_0}{\rho h} \right)^2 + 2 \frac{E_{ACT}}{\rho h} - \frac{\tau U_0}{\rho h}} \right)$$



## Active trailing edge flaps in turbine design – a mature technology?

IEA Wind, Smart Blade, Technical Expert Meeting - 27 April 2017

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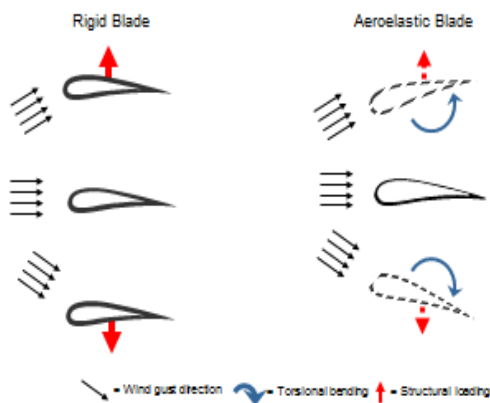
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## Aero-elastic Tailored Blades (ATB)

*Passively reduction of loads*



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### IntegralBlade® technology



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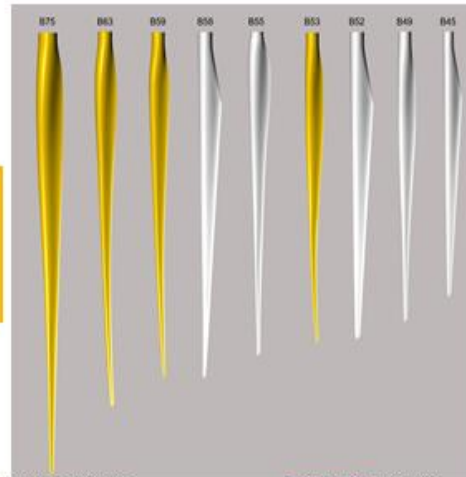
## Aero-elastic Tailored Blades (ATB)

- Turbine *response* to load input
- Correct modeling is very important for ATB



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ATB family  
B53 2011  
B75 2011  
B63 2012  
B59 2015



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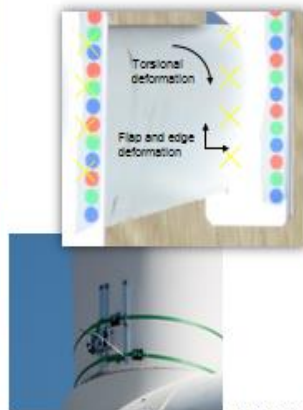
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## Aero-elastic Tailored Blades (ATB) - validation

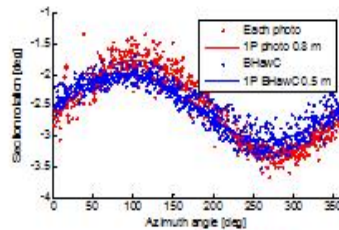
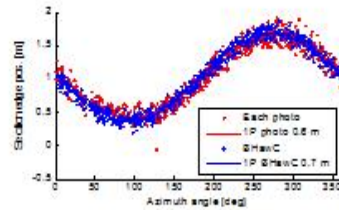
Targets on blade in operation



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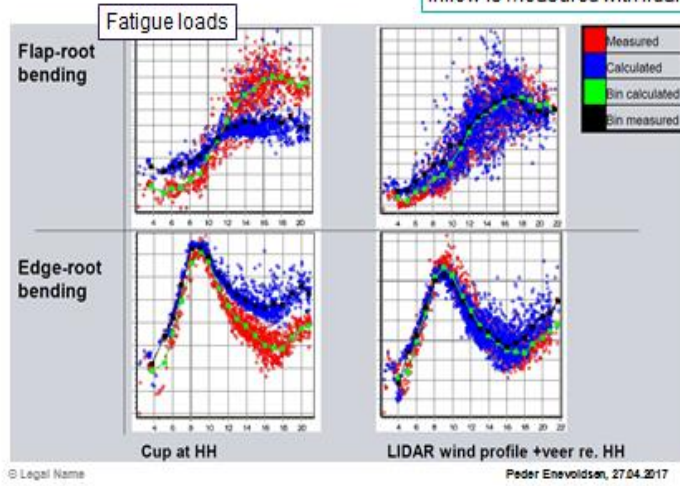
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## Model validation – one-2-one

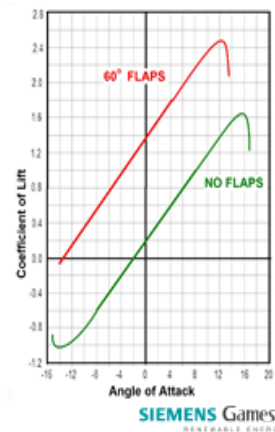
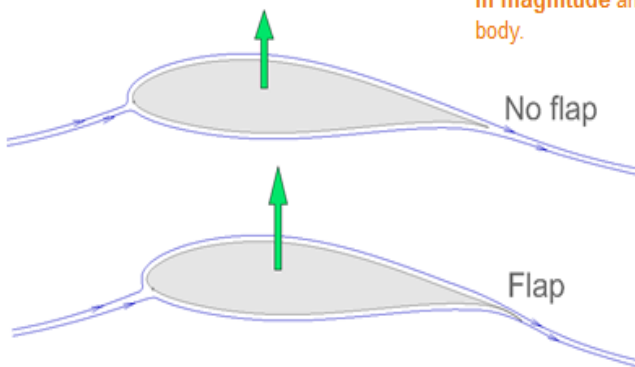
Inflow is measured with lidar and applied to inflow wind box



## Flap as Key Leverage Point

### Newton's Third law:

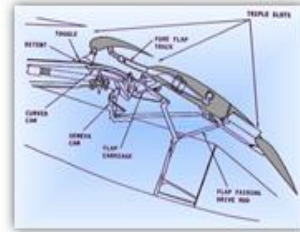
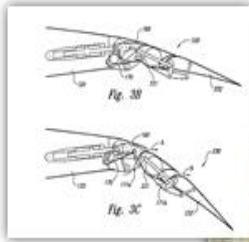
When one body exerts a force on a second body, the second body simultaneously exerts a force equal in magnitude and opposite in direction on the first body.





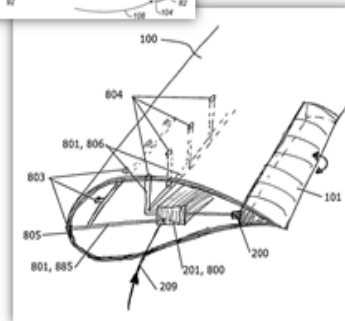
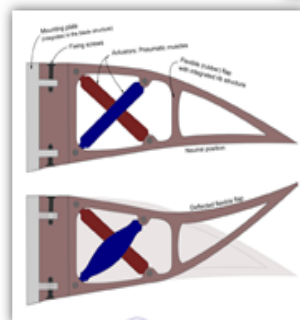
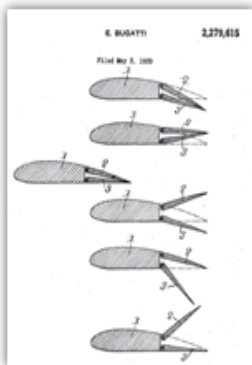
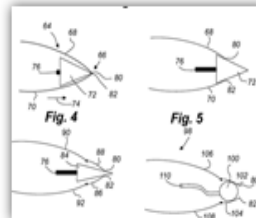
## Why not just copy from airplanes!?

Too complex



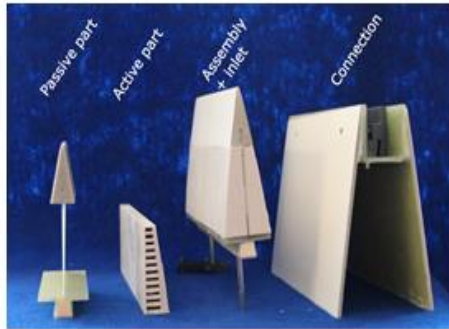
## Flaps on wind turbine blades (1)

Various concepts..



## Flaps on wind turbine blades (2)

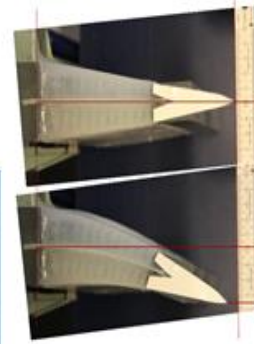
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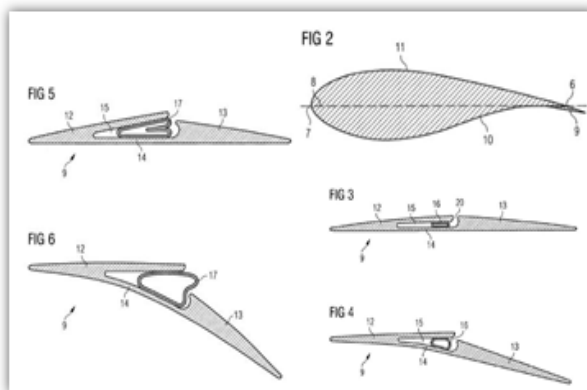
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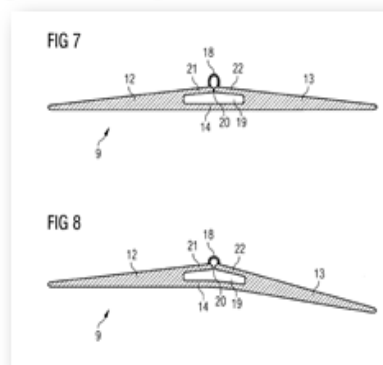
## Flaps on wind turbine blades (3)

### Siemens early concept



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## “Welcome - to the real world”



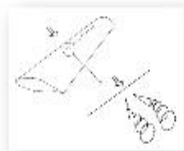
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## Long experience with blade upgrades

- Around 10 GW Siemens turbines currently installed with upgrades

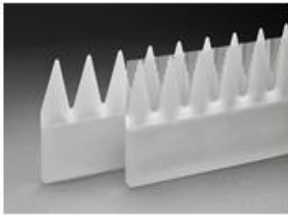
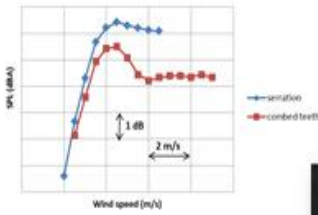


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## Latest - Combed teeth concept



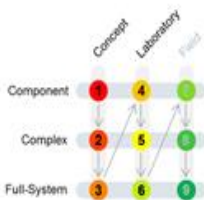
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## Best from all areas

- EUDP project September 2015 – June 2018
- DTU Wind, Rehau and Siemens



Induflap II



Goal: Technology Readiness Level 7

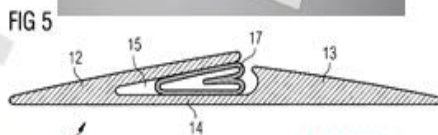


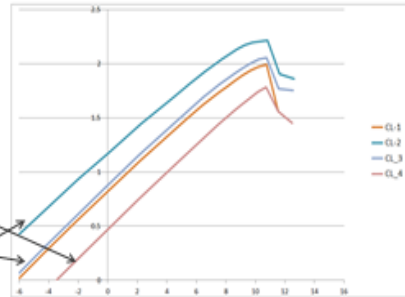
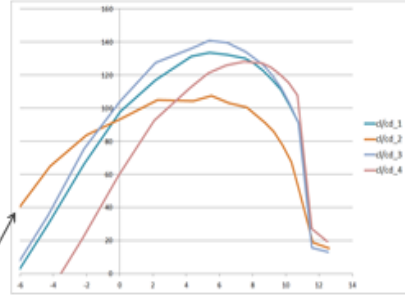
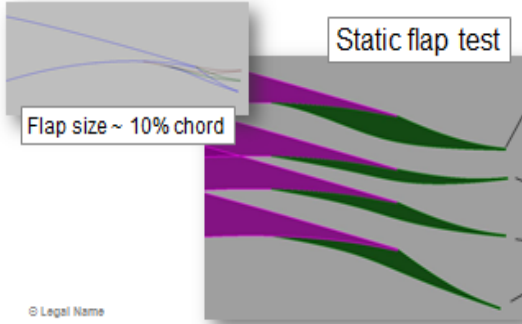
FIG 5  
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### Induflap II – sneak peak

Two tracks in project:

- Fast track to test in the field
- Mid term track for designs integrated in blade geometry



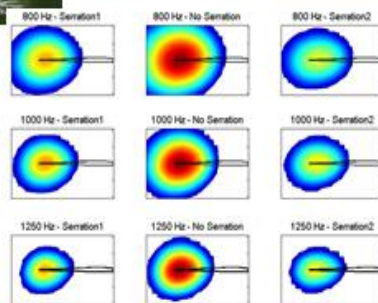
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### Induflap II – next steps

- Further component test in lab of concept and material
- Wind tunnel tests with final fast track version
- Rotating test rig at DTU Wind
- Field test during 2017 on a fully instrumented 4 MW machine – one blade initially
- Validation of function, delays, load, noise etc.

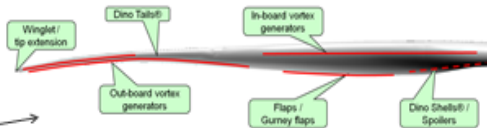


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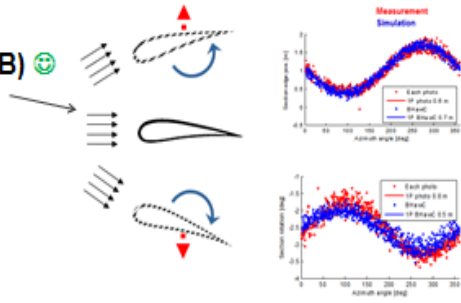
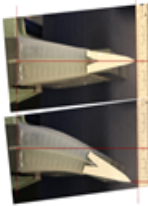
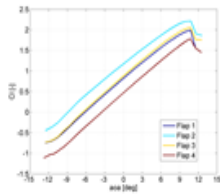
## Active flaps – next big step?!



**Step 1 – Use of add-on - 😊**

**Step 2 – Aero-elastic Tailored Blade (ATB) 😊**

**Step 3 – Use of active flaps - ?**



## So - is active flaps on wind turbines a mature technology?

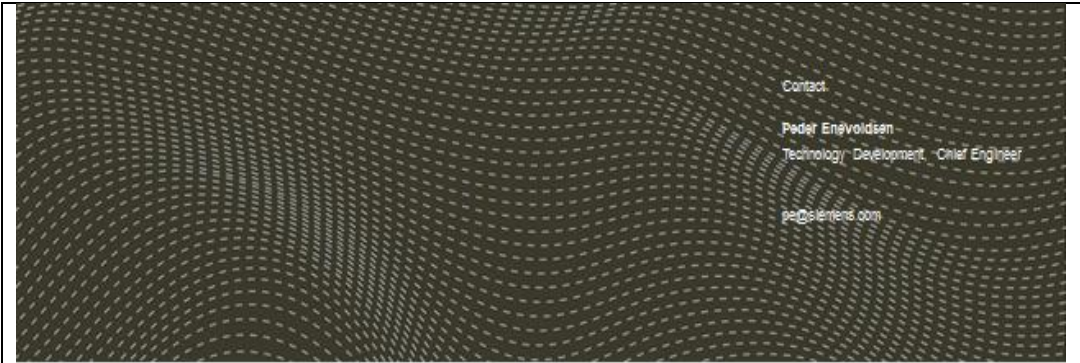
**No – not yet!**

## Can it become a mature technology?

**Perhaps – if kept simple, robust and safe!**

**We should know in a few years time 😊**





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## Integrated Design Optimization of Wind Turbines: Challenges, Methods, Applications

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TEM on Smart Blades  
DTU Risø, 28 April 2017

## Cp-Max Framework

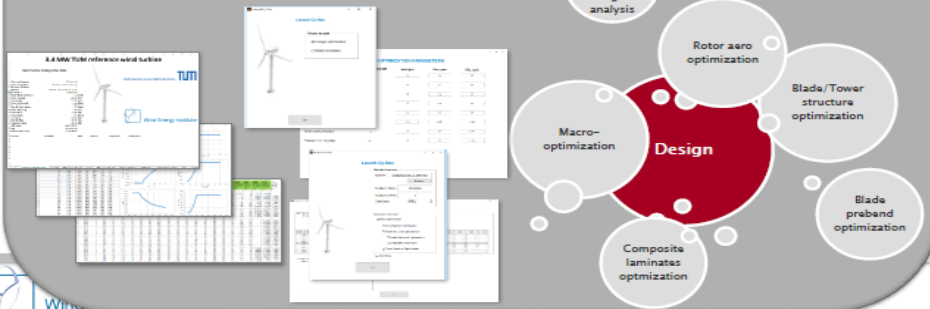
The same environment for two tools:

- Model simulation
- Design optimization

Excel sheet for input definition

Excel sheet with full WT description

User-interface



## Cp-Max – Design Environment

Optimization:  
 - Local/global solvers (SQP, GA)  
 - Multiple algorithms (cost, generality)

Combined Aero-Structural Optimization

Cost: Physics-based CoE  
 Parameters: Aerodynamic and structural

Aerodynamic Optimization

Structural Optimization + Controls

Cost: AEP  
 Aerodynamic parameters: chord, twist

Cost: Blade weight (or cost model if available)  
 Structural parameters: thickness of shell and spar caps, width and location of shear webs

Cp-Lambda aero-servo-elastic multibody simulator  
 2D ANBA cross sectional analyzer  
 3D FEM models

Controls: model-based (self-adjusting to changing design)

**First release:** 2007, improved and expanded since then

**Applications:** academic research and industrial blade design



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# Integrated Preliminary-Detailed Design

## Preliminary design:

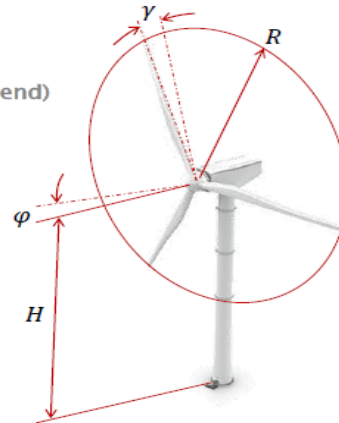
- Overall size (rotor radius, hub height)
- Other macro parameters (uplift, cone-prebend)

## Detailed design:

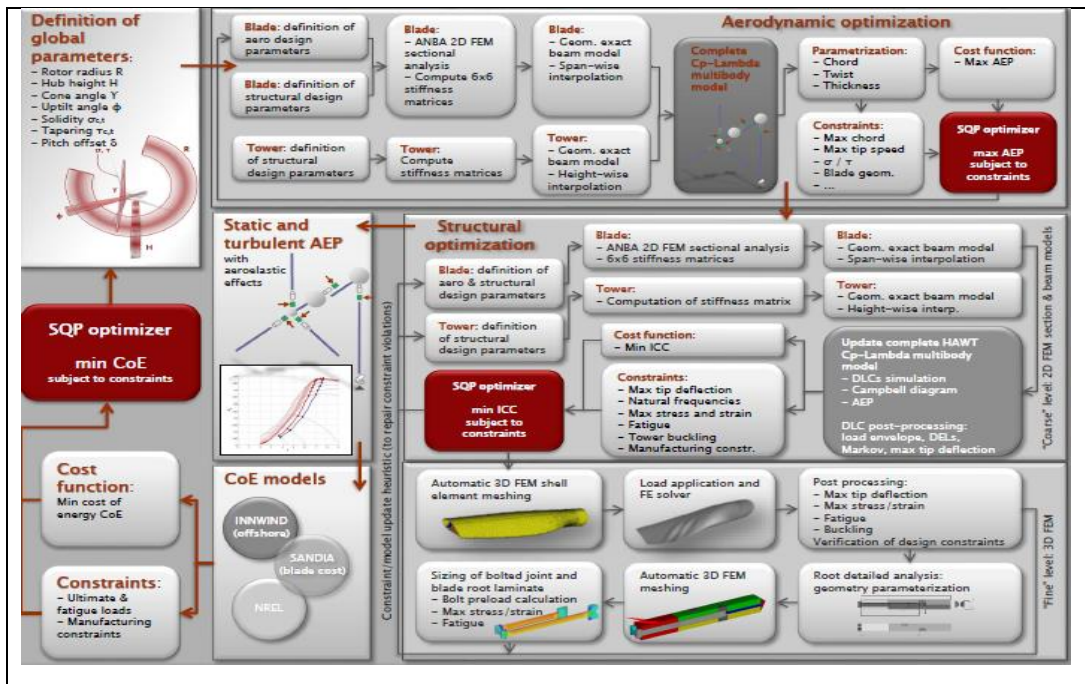
- Aerodynamic shape
- Structural sizing
- Tower (diameters, thicknesses)
- Systems and components

## Strong couplings:

Combined preliminary-detailed design  
(Wind Energy Science, Bortolotti et al. 2016)



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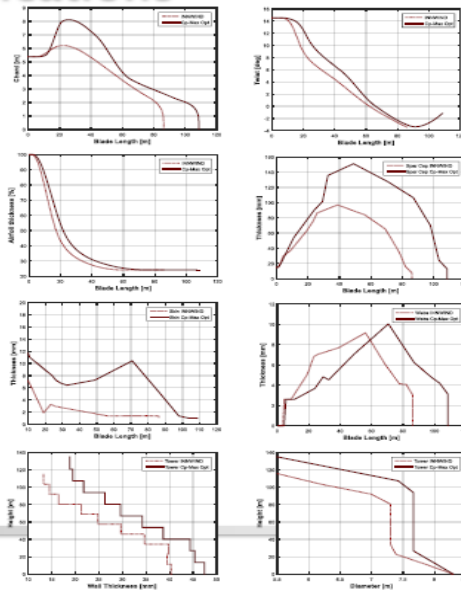


## Applications

### INNWIND 10 MW HAWT (class 1A, D=178.3, H=119m)

Baseline design by INNWIND consortium

10 MW - 1A	INNWIND	Cp-Max Opt	Difference
Prated	10 MW	10 MW	--
Rotor Diameter	178.3 m	233.2 m	+ 25.2 %
Hub Height	119.0 m	138.5 m	+ 16.2 %
Rotor Cone	4.65 deg	5.51 deg	+ 18.5 %
Nacelle Uplift	5.00 deg	5.25 deg	+ 5.0 %
Rotor Solidity	4.66 %	4.08 %	- 12.5 %
Blade Tapering	0.48	0.40	- 7.0 %
Blade Mass	42.5 ton	75.6 ton	+ 77.9 %
Blade Cost	816 k€	544 k€	+ 72.2 %
Tower Mass	597 ton	886 ton	+ 48.6 %
Tower Cost	2.0 ME	2.94 ME	+44.1 %
AEP	48.8 CWh	57.2 CWh	+17.2 %
TCC	9.1 ME	12.2 ME	+34.2 %
ICC	80.0 MWh	84.8 MWh	+14.8 %
<b>Cost of Energy</b>	<b>70.73 €/MWh</b>	<b>65.79 €/MWh</b>	<b>- 7.0 %</b>

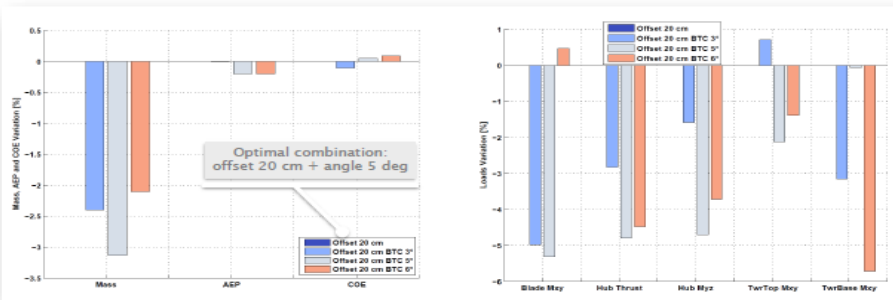


## Applications: Passive Load Alleviation

Optimal combination of **spar fiber rotation** and **offset**



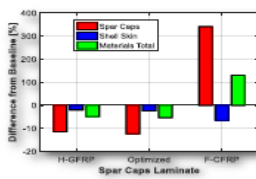
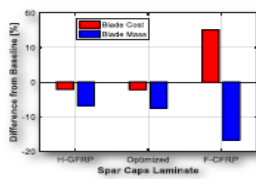
**Note:** all designs satisfy exactly the same requirements





## Composite Optimization

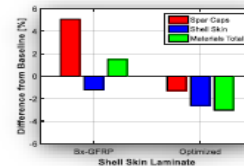
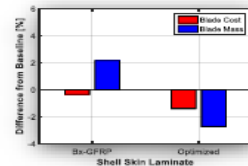
### Redesign of the **spar caps laminate**



The optimum laminate is between H-GFRP and CFRP

### Redesign of the **shell skin laminate**

The optimum laminate is between Bx-GFRP and Tx-GFRP



**Combined optimum: Blade mass -9.3%, blade cost -2.9%**



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## IEA Task 37

### International Energy Agency (IAE) Wind Agreement:

Founded in 1977, it sponsors the cooperation in the research, development, and deployment of wind energy systems

#### Task 37:

Wind Energy Systems Engineering: Integrated research, design and development (RD&D)

#### Work Packages

- WPO: Management and Coordination
- WP1: Guidelines for a common framework for integrated RD&D at different fidelity levels (both turbines and plants)
- **WP2: Reference wind energy systems (both turbines and plants)**
  - 3.4 MW onshore wind turbine
  - 10 MW offshore wind turbine
- WP3: Benchmarking MDAO activities at different system levels (both turbines and plants)

Link: <http://www.ieawind.org/>

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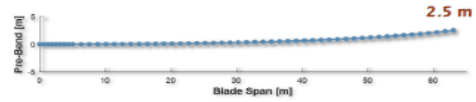
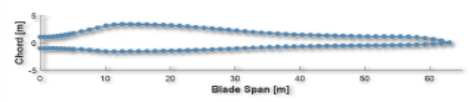
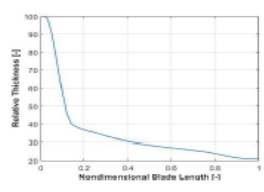
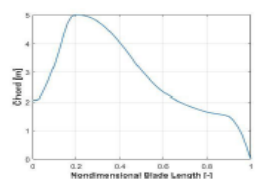
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## Baseline

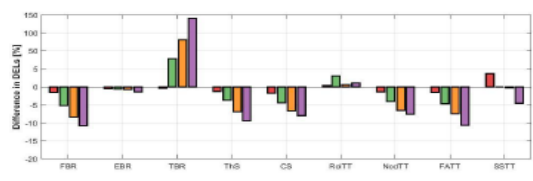
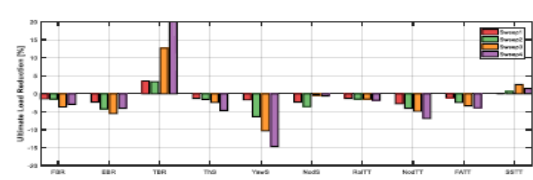
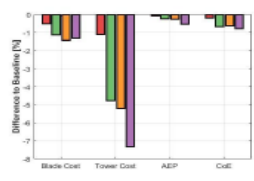
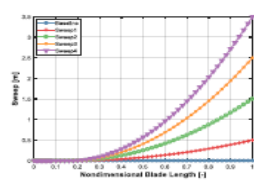
Data	Value
Rated Mechanical Power [MW]	3.6
Rotor Diameter [m]	130.00
Hub Height [m]	110.00
Rotor Cone Angle [deg]	3.00
Nacelle Upright Angle [deg]	5.00
Rotor Overhang [m]	4.00
Length Blade Root Flange [m]	2.00
Hub Mass [kg]	55000
Nacelle Mass [kg]	46500
Generator Mass [kg]	80600
Blade Mass [kg]	<b>17981</b>
Tower Mass [kg]	366
Blade Cost [\$]	<b>127489</b>
Tower Cost [\$]	548459
Mechanical AEP static [MWh]	15012.07
Electrical AEP static [MWh]	13961.23
Mechanical AEP turbulent [MWh]	13268.35
Electrical AEP turbulent [MWh]	12339.57
CoE [\$/MWh]	42.00



## Sweep

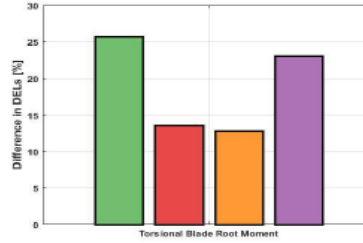
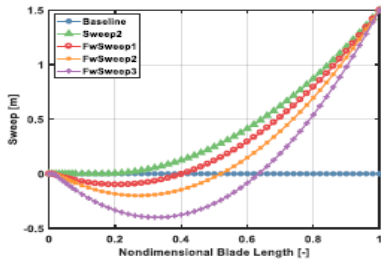
$$y = y_{tip} \left( \frac{x - x_{start}}{L_{blade} - x_{start}} \right)^y$$

← 2  
← 10 m



## Forward Swept Blades

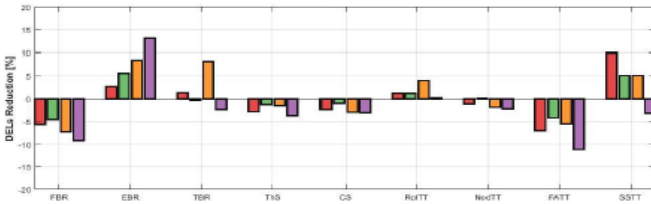
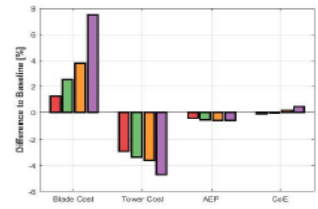
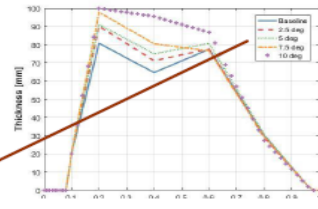
$$y = (y_{tip} - y_{min}) \left( \frac{x - x_{start}}{L_{blade} - x_{start}} \right)^2 + y_{min}$$



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## Fibers BTC

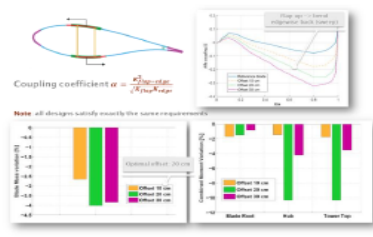
Only in the **spar caps** The skin laminate does not generate sufficient coupling



Component	From (%)	To (%)	Material Type	Lengthwise Stacks (MPa)	Transverse Stacks (MPa)	Stack position (MPa)
External shell	0	100	Stitch material	21700	14070	9463
Spar caps	10	90	Unidirectional	43000	14000	3047

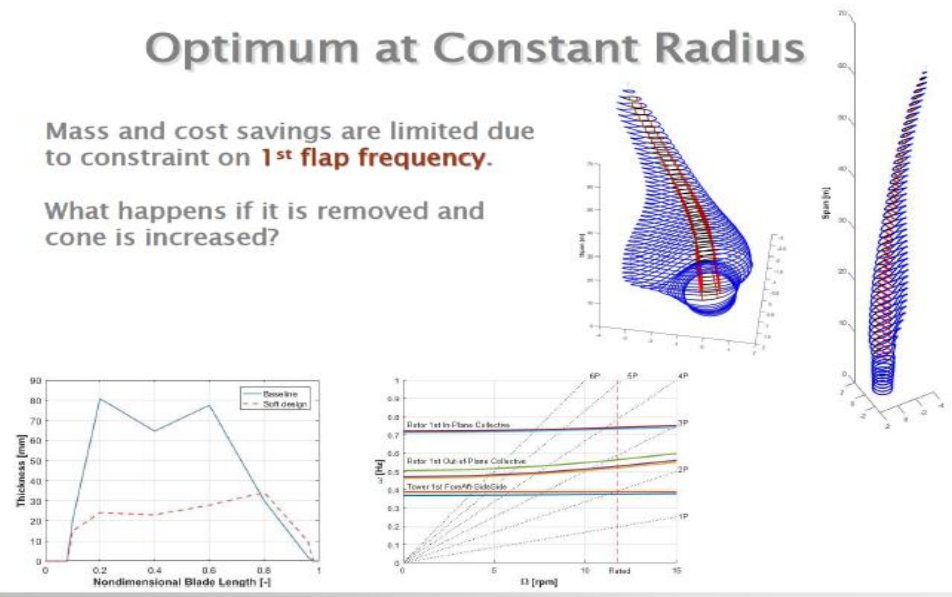
## Offset BTC

- It works in the 10 MW INNWIND rotor
- What about the 3.35 MW?
- Blade is very slender
- Small room for offsets, therefore only bend edge coupling
- Loss in bending stiffness
- Overall no advantages have been yet identified at constant rotor D**



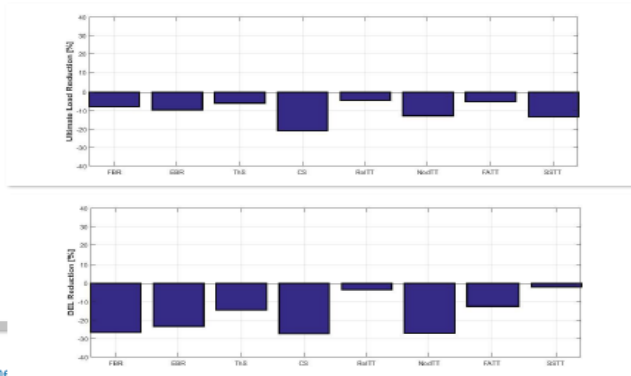
## Optimum at Constant Radius

- Mass and cost savings are limited due to constraint on **1<sup>st</sup> flap frequency**.
- What happens if it is removed and cone is increased?



## Optimum at Constant Radius

**Sweep + F-BTC + cone angle =**  
**-30.6% blade mass, -11.1% blade cost**  
**-1.3% AEP**  
**-1.1% CoE**  
**But lower loads! Room to enlarge rotor**



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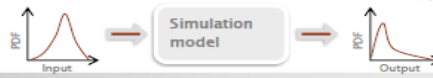


## Conclusions

- **Strong couplings** between aero and structural design variables
- **Multi-level approach** to marry high fidelity and computational effort
- **Integrated design optimization** allows for fast exploration of design space, leading to potential significant CoE improvements

### Open issues/outlook:

- CoE: solutions are **highly sensitive to cost model**, need detailed reliable models that truly account for all significant effects, problem partially alleviated by Pareto solutions (in progress)
- **Uncertainties everywhere** (aero, structure, wind, ...), move away from deterministic design (but what about certification standards?), currently working on UQ and robust design



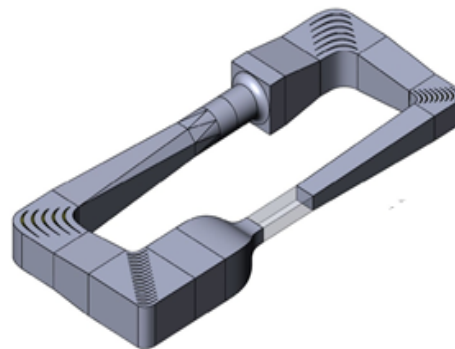
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## The Poul la Cour Tunnel The Danish Aerodynamic and Acoustic Wind Tunnel

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Presentation at IEA SmartBlade meeting  
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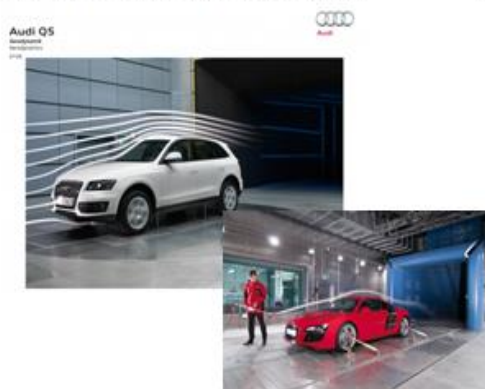
## The history of the Danish National Wind Tunnel

- 2011, April:
  - DTU got green light from the Research and Innovation Agency to get national support to establish a wind tunnel as a national research infrastructure.
- 2011, December:
  - After discussions with the Danish wind turbine manufacturers, universities, GTS institutes and other relevant stakeholders a project description was submitted to the Research and Innovation Agency
  - Vestas, Siemens, LM, Envision, Suzlon, FORCE, Aalborg University
  - Budget: 74 million DKK
- 2012, May:
  - Funding to establish a wind tunnel was granted from the Research and Innovation Agency and Region Sjælland
- 2014, April
  - Basic design concept finalized
- Now
  - Constructing!
- 2017, August
  - Wind tunnel finalized

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## Design of the tunnel Besøg i andre tunneller

AUDI wind tunnel in Ingolstadt, Germany



Acoustic wind tunnel AWB at DLR, Braunschweig, Germany

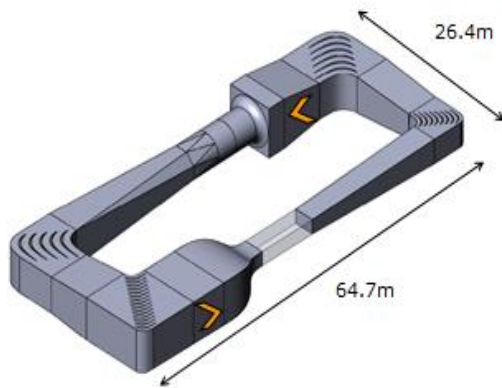


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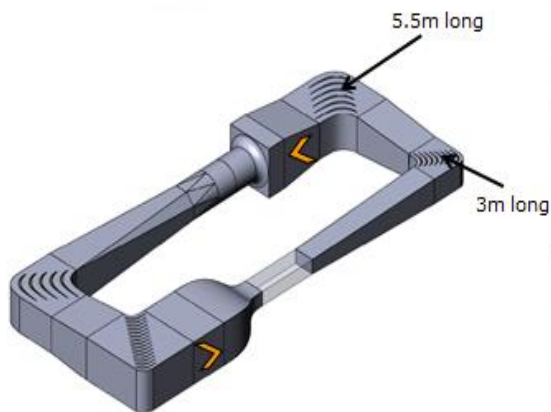


For comparisons the canteen and auditorium is seen



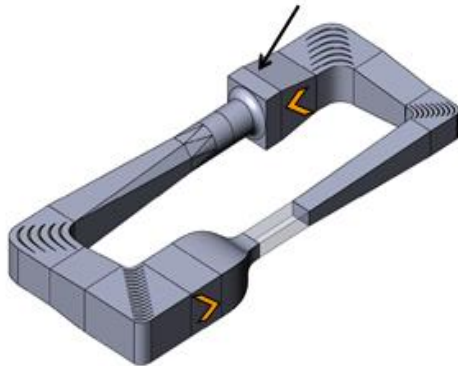
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## Design of the tunnel Corners/guidevanes

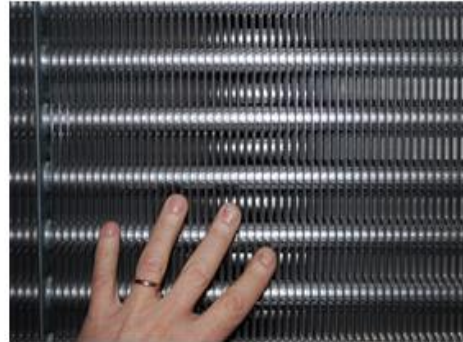


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## Design of the tunnel Cooling surface



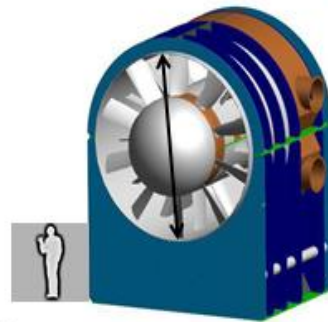
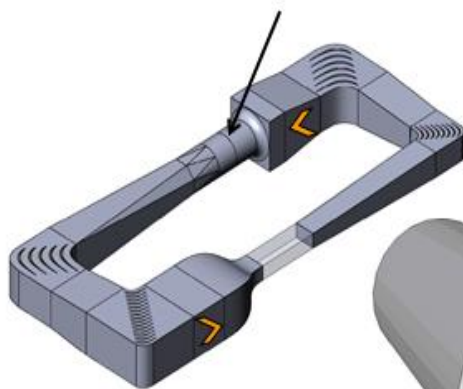
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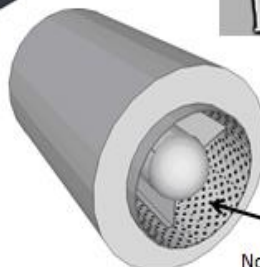
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## Design of the tunnel Fan



4.7m diameter and 2.7MW

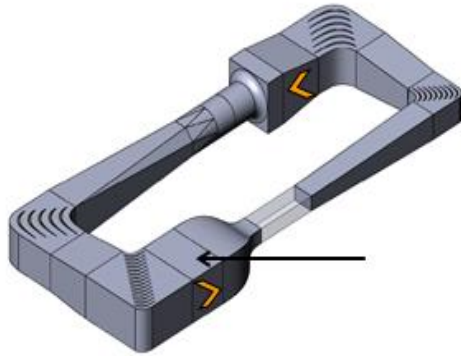


Noise absorbing material

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## Design of the tunnel Several screens to ensure low turbulence



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## Design of the tunnel Test section

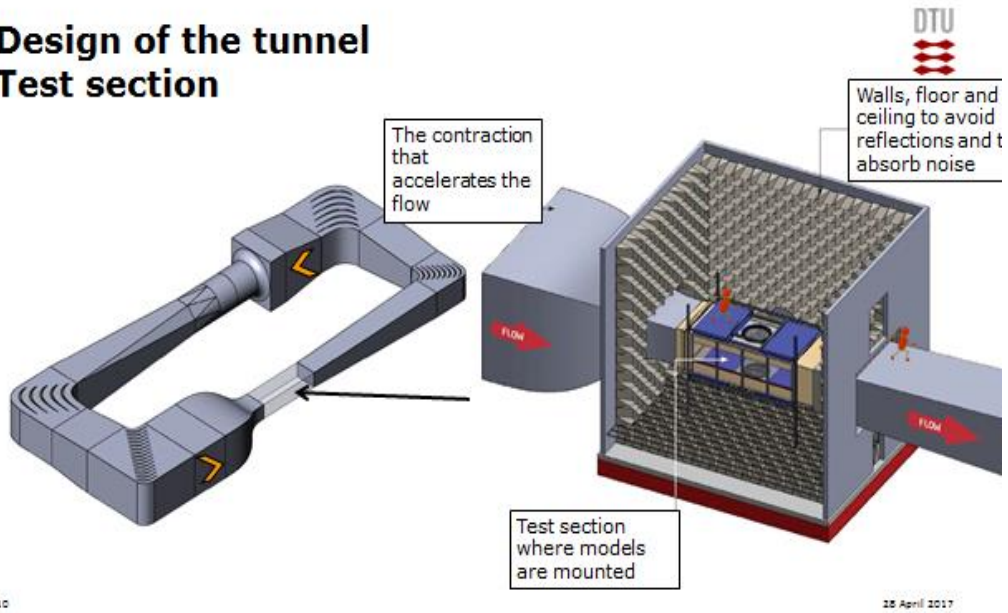


Photos from Virginia Tech tunnel

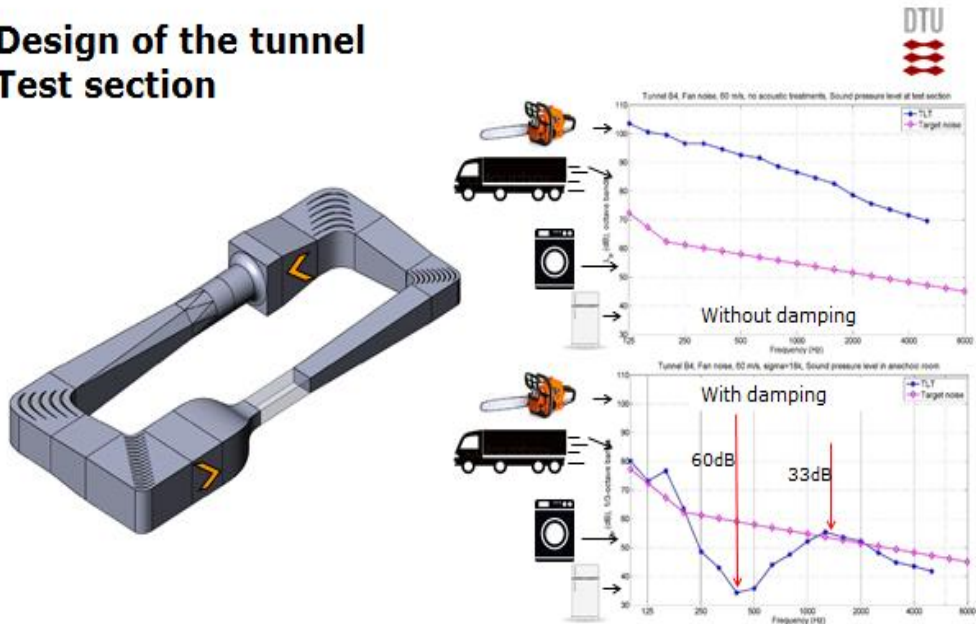
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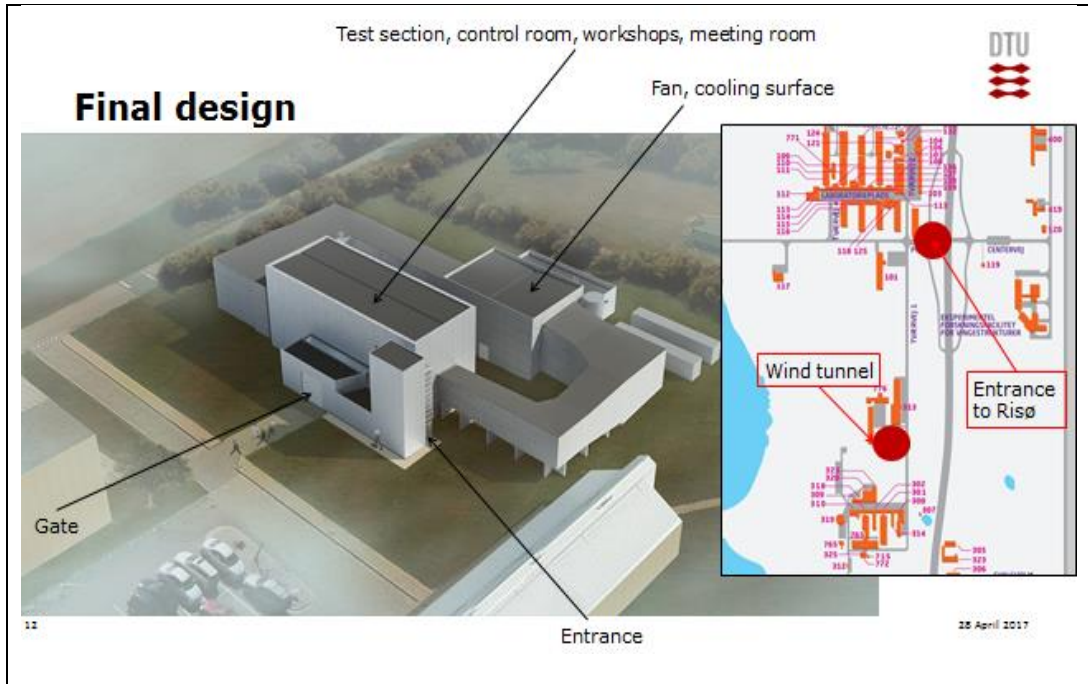
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## Design of the tunnel Test section



## Design of the tunnel Test section





## WHAT WILL THE RESULT BE?

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### What will the result be?

- In the tunnel we will be able to test wing sections and measure
  - aerodynamic forces and
  - aerodynamic noise
- But a lot of other things can as well be tested such as:
  - Other wind turbine components
  - Model wind turbines
  - Houses
  - Vehicles
  - And a lot more...



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## What will the result be?

- It will ensure a second to none facility to test aerodynamics at high speed and noise down to low frequencies
- It will welcome
  - All wind turbine manufacturers (Danish as well as foreign)
  - Universities (Danish as well as foreign)
- The plan is to make
  - Research based tests 110 days
  - Commercial tests 110 days
  - Measurements to support education

**Thank you!**

