

KompZert: a step ahead on the road towards subcomponent testing for rotor blades

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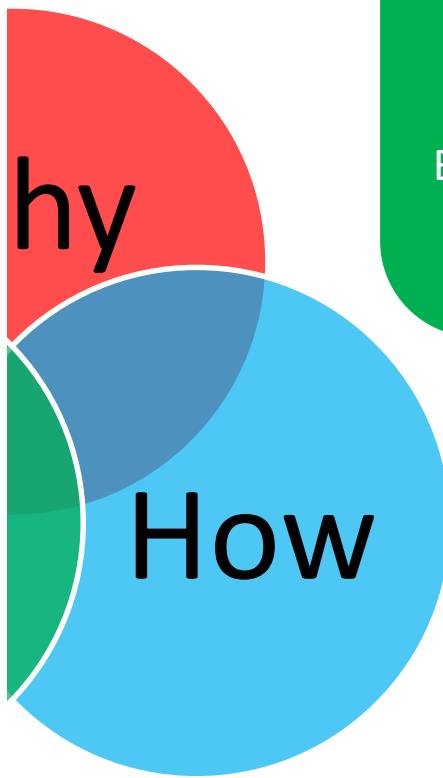


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Hi Guys, during my presentation on Wednesday I will ask you guys why you do subcomponent tests and rotor blades.

Because I am a nice guy, I give you a few days to think about it.....

You are so nice ...
But we already have thought about it ;-)



Why

Why? That's why!



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Why

Climate Change



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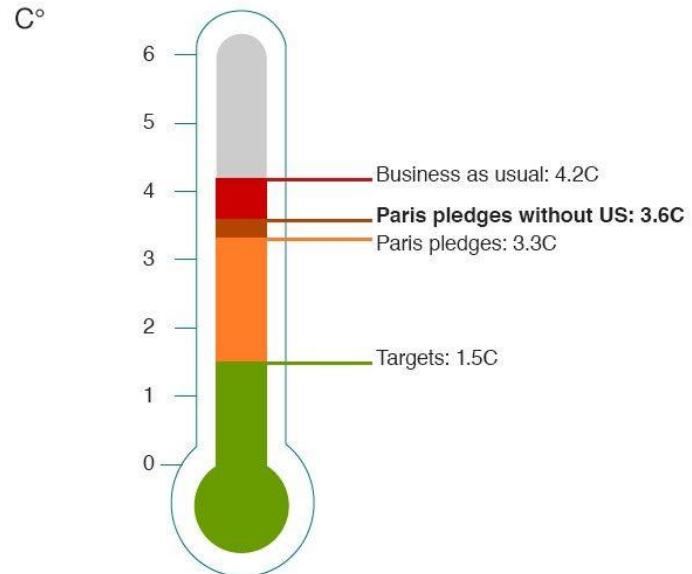
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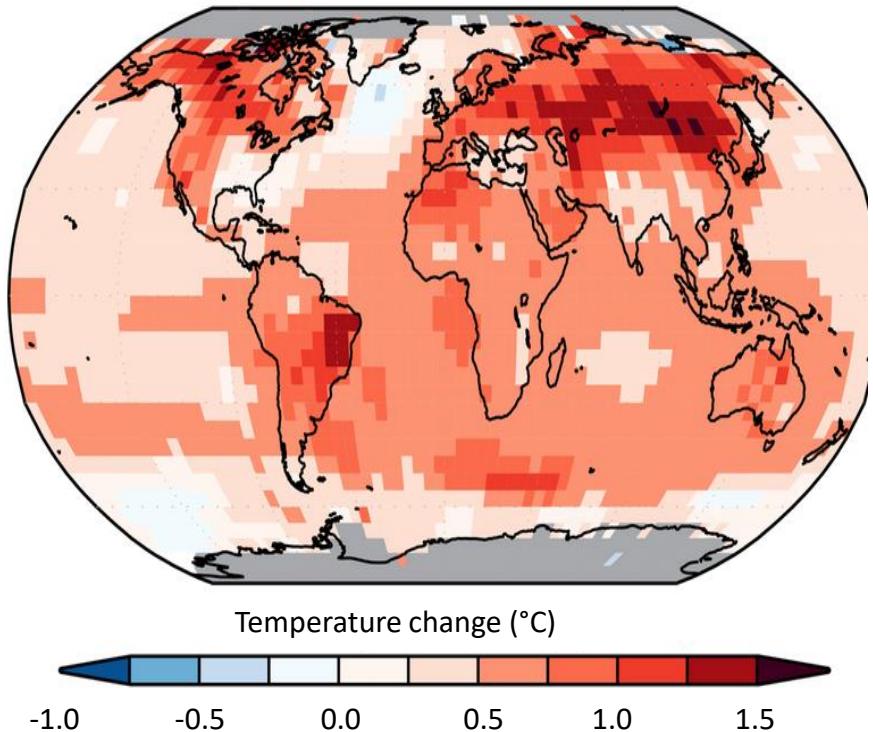
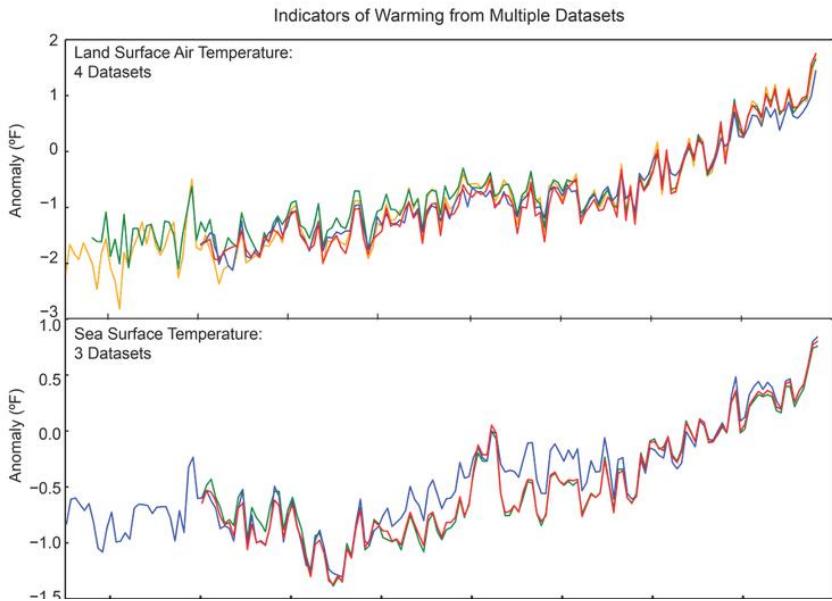


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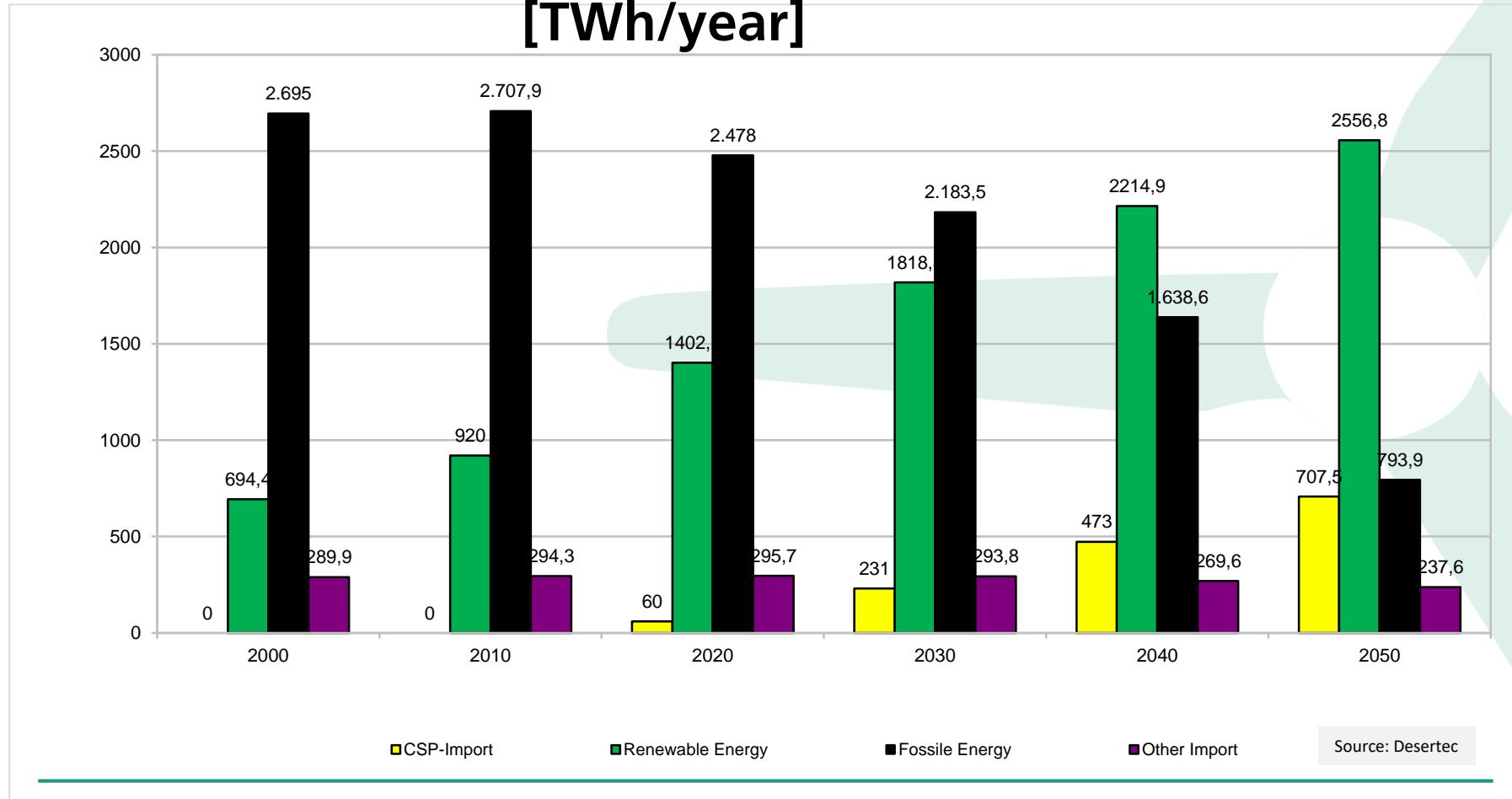
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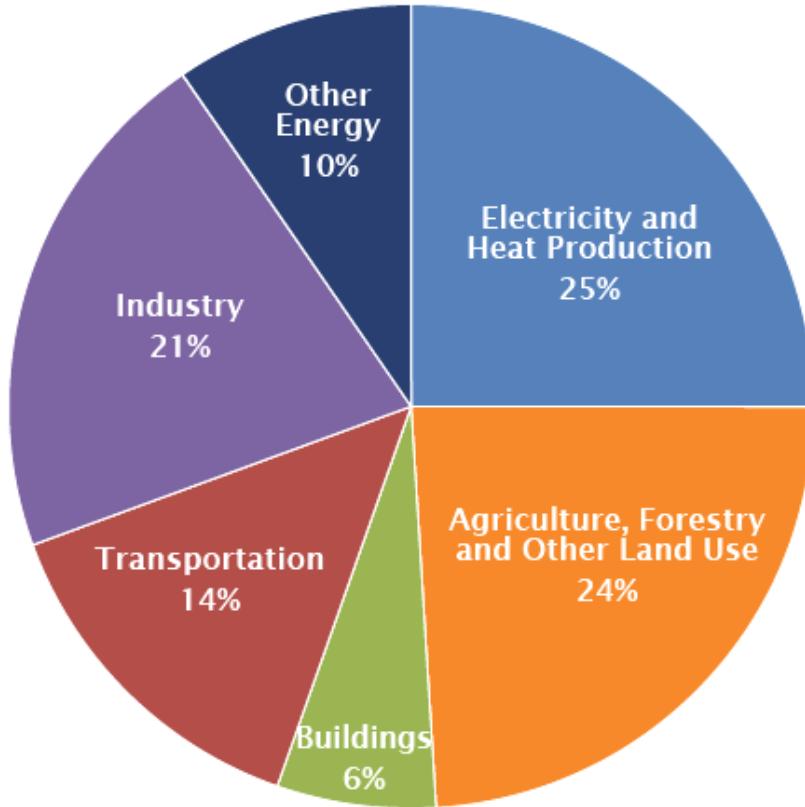


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Desertec-Prognosis: electricity production Europe [TWh/year]



Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by economic sector



<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/global-greenhouse-gas-emissions-data>

Why

A problem for our grandchildren?





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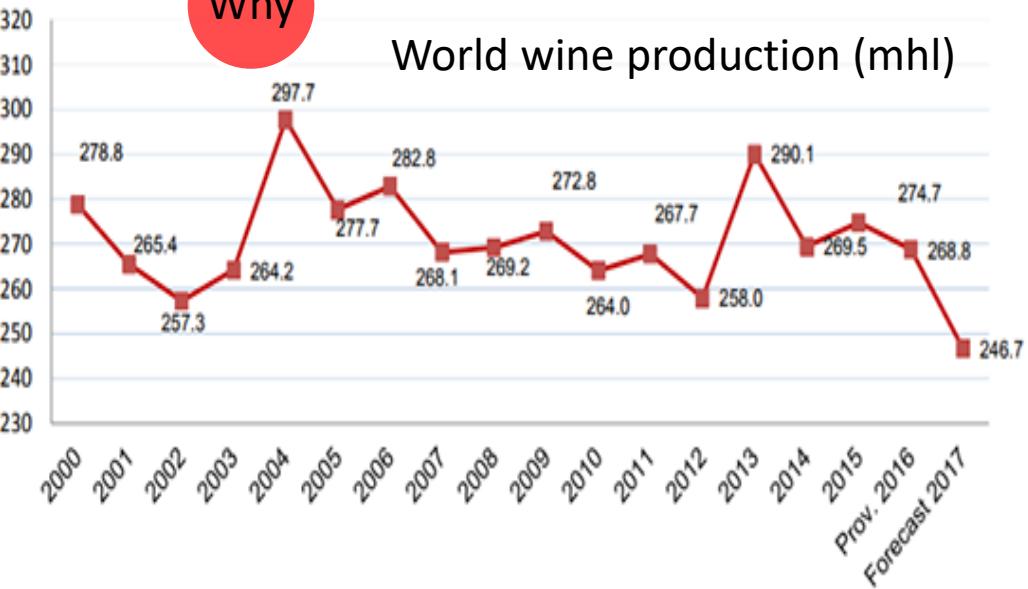
Let's not drink this...



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Why

World wine production (mhl)

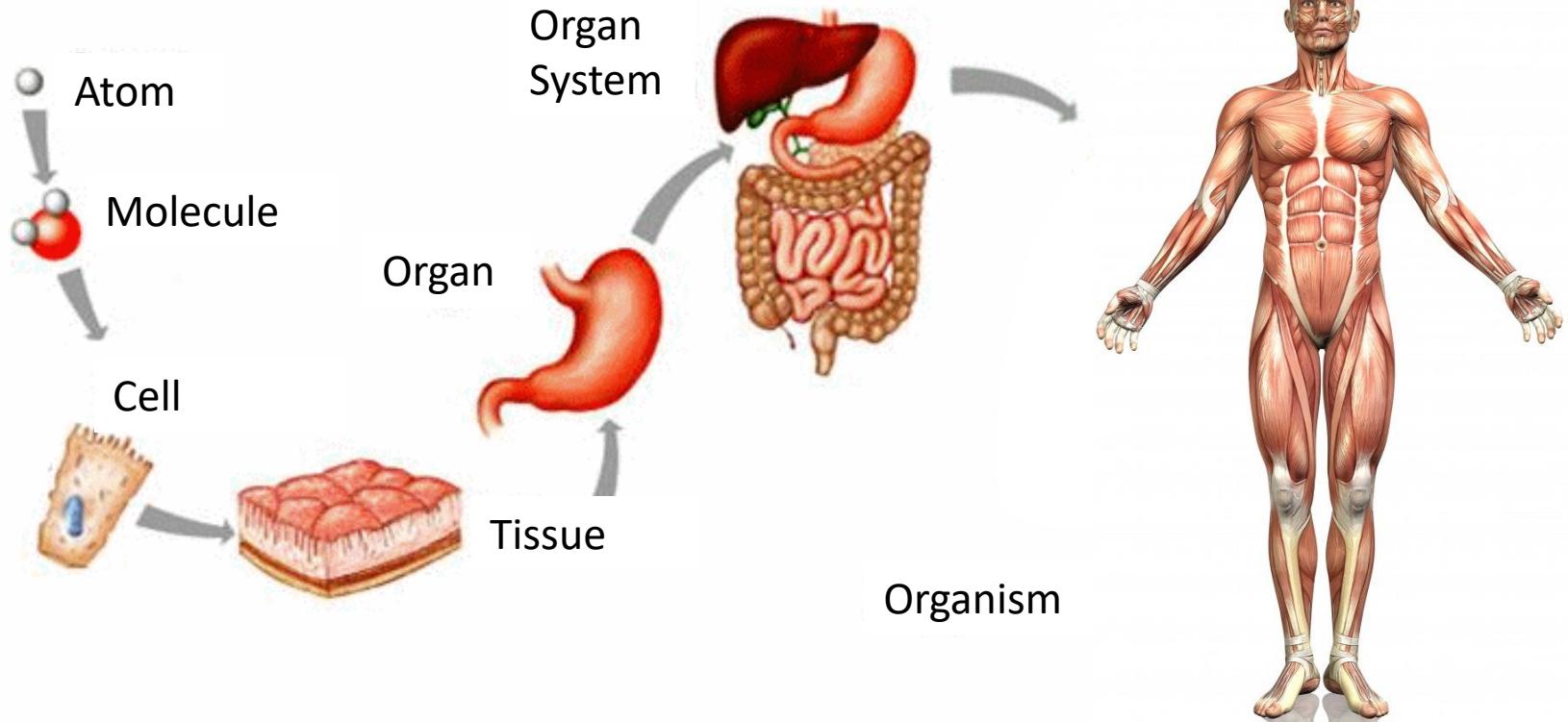


Severe spring frosts and a spike of hot weather dubbed the 'lucifer heatwave' mean that Italy is facing its smallest harvest for 60 years and France is expected to produce one of its lowest grape hauls in the post-Second World War era.

Spain and Germany are also expected to see harvests shrink, although the US is expected to produce the same as last year – despite the recent fires in California wine country.

Italy, France and Spain are the world's biggest three wine producing nations and these three expected to register declines of **23%, 19% and 15%** respectively on last year, to 39.3, 36.7 and 33.5 million hectolitres.

Scalability

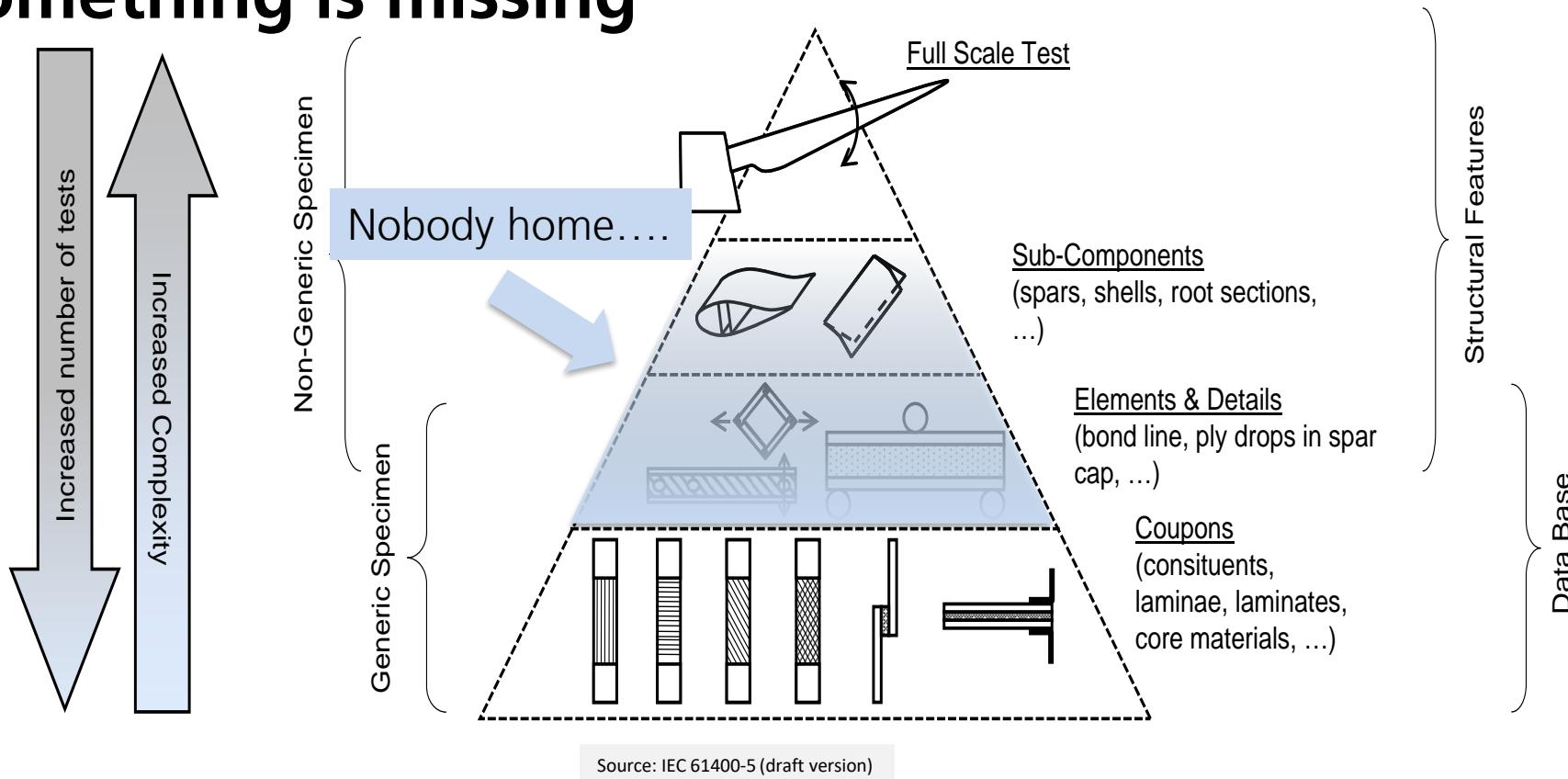


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What

Why

Rotor Blade Testing..... Something is missing



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What

Full scale blade test: static test 56m blade





Purpose of blade test (IEC-61400-23)

Demonstrate to reasonable level of certainty

- ⚡ That specified limit states are not reached
- ⚡ blades possess strength and service life provided for in design
- ⚡ when manufactured according to certain set of specifications
- ⚡ Blade must be shown to withstand both ultimate loads and fatigue loads

Full-scale tests are normally tests on limited number of samples

- ⚡ Only one or two blades of given design are tested
- ⚡ no statistical distribution of production blade strength can be obtained

Tests give information valid for blade type

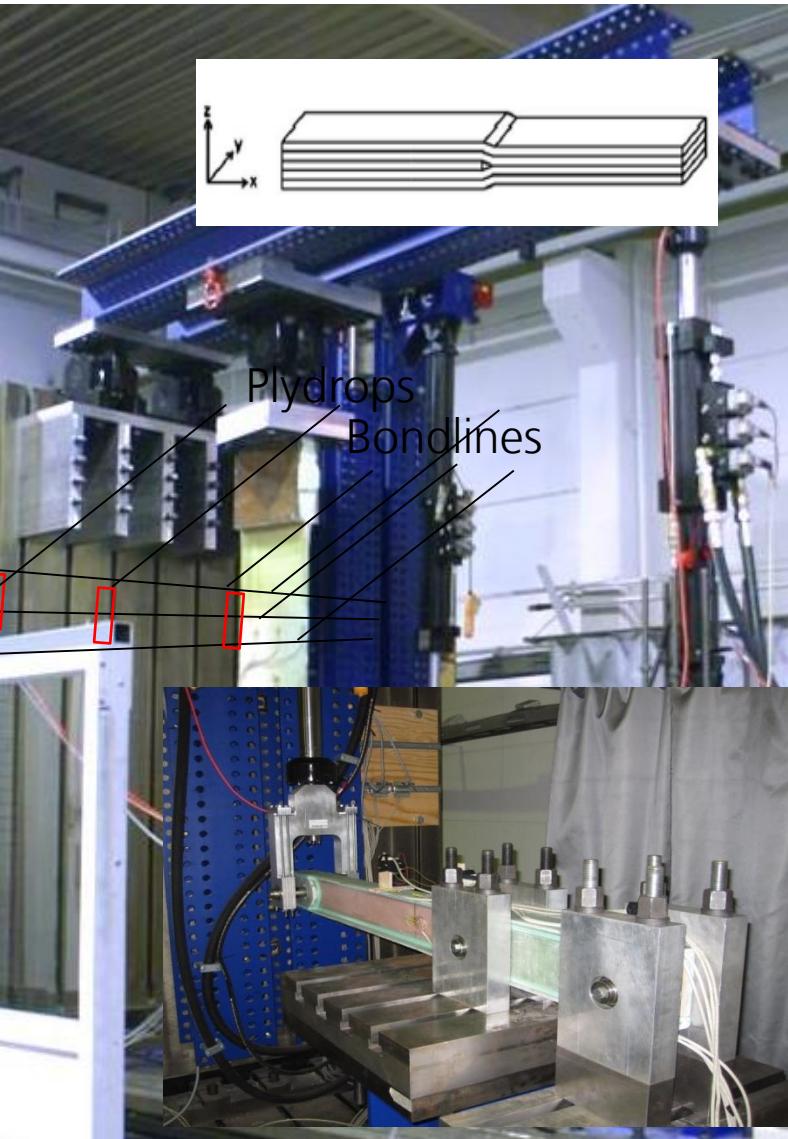
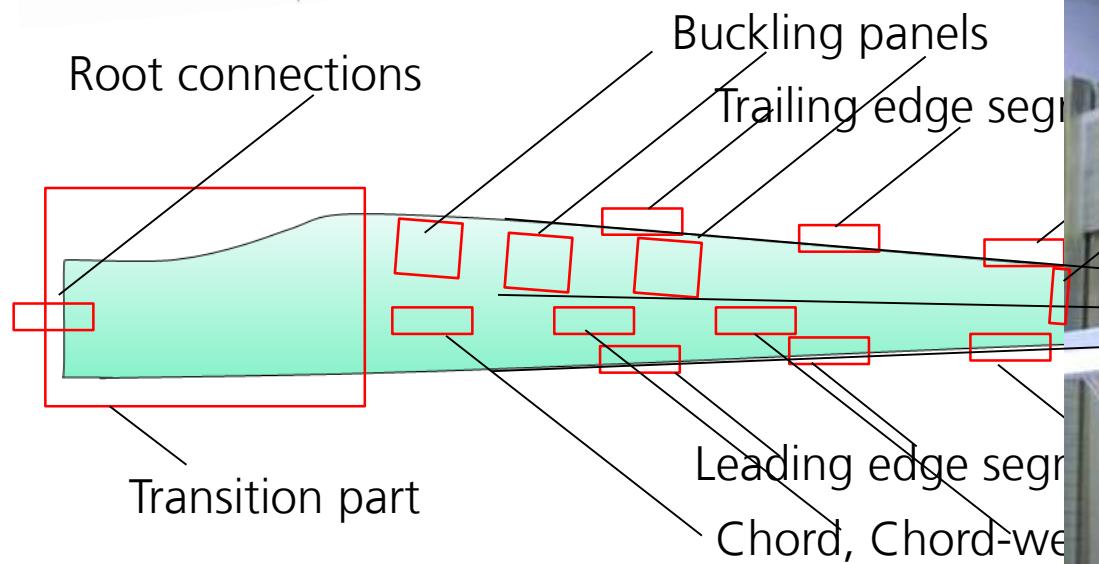
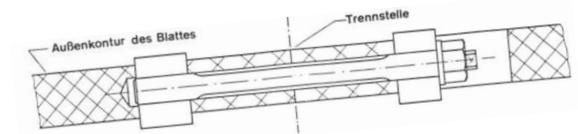
- ⚡ No replacement for rigorous design process
- ⚡ No replacement for quality system for series blade production



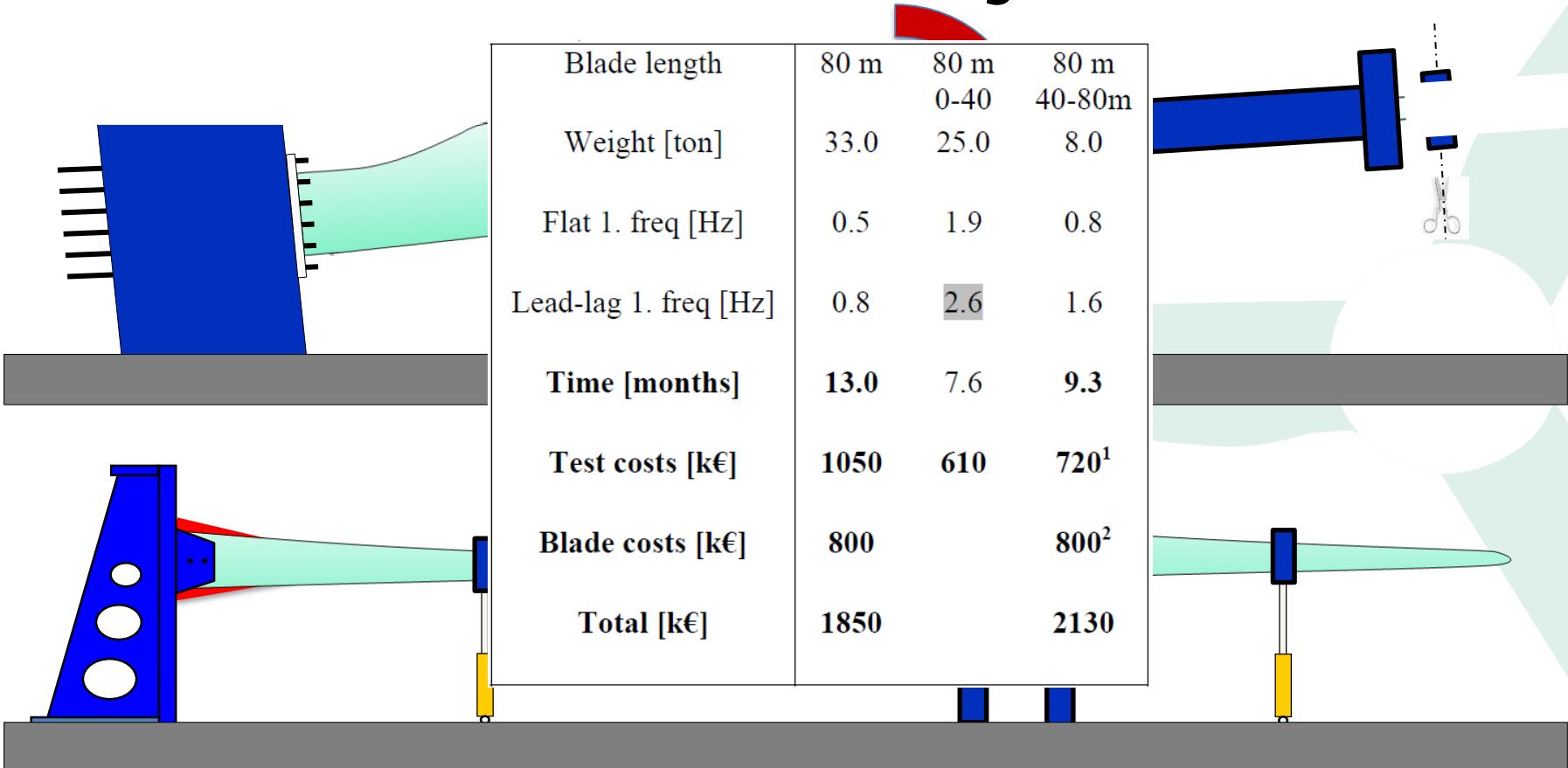
Why is that a problem?

- Even a single material or structural blade test would require a full scale blade test, costing up to 1 year and 1M€ - plus a blade -
- Serious impediment to the development of new rotor blades
 - Risks associated with failure of the full scale blade test are millions of Euros
 - Full scale blade tests are unsuitable for “what-if” scenarios
- The available worldwide test capacity, especially for larger blades, is insufficient to carry out all required tests, causing major delays in blade development
- Lack of statistical data for the blades, since typically only one blade is tested

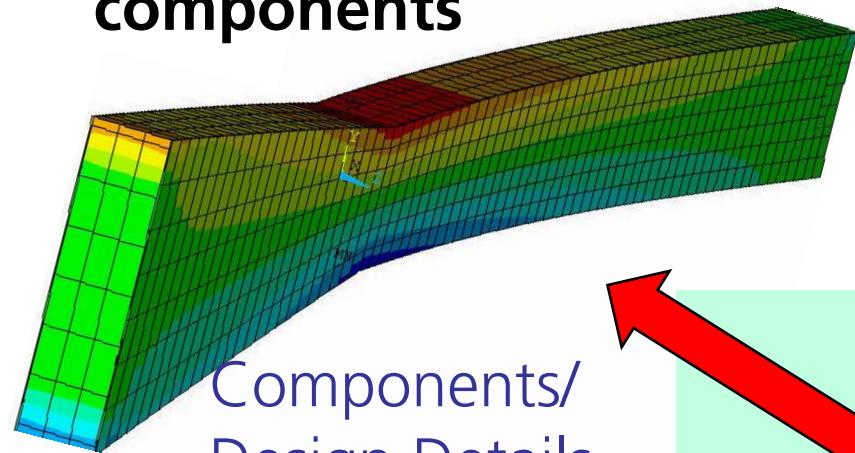
Blade components



Blade division \perp Blatt axis: Blade segments



New certification method: Representatives & blade components

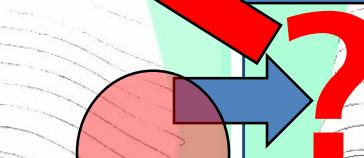


Components/
Design Details

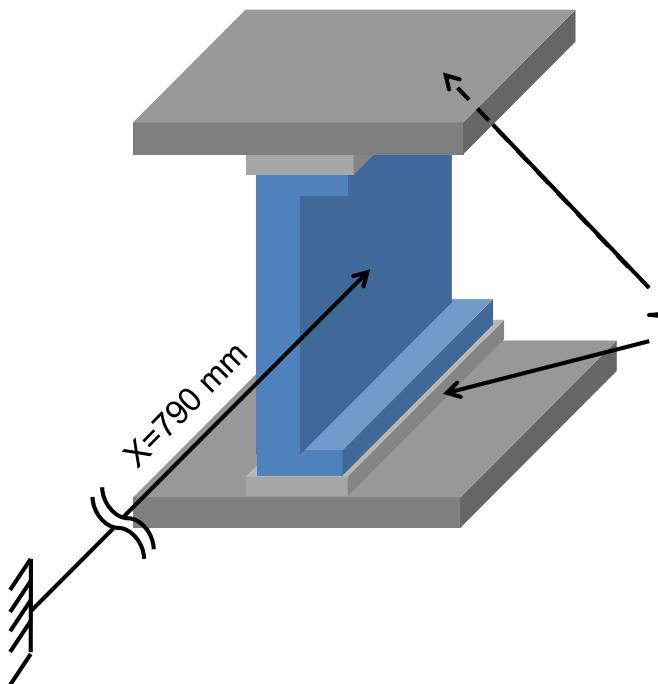


Blade family with
representatives

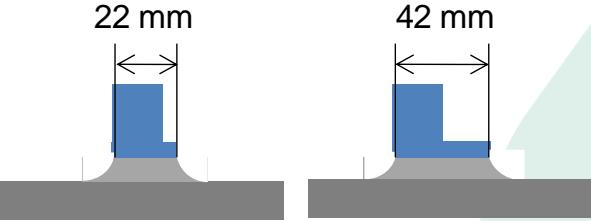
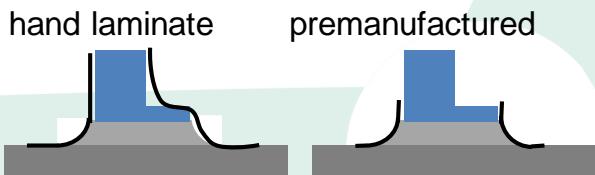
Up/down scaling



Sub-Component testing – spar cap to web bond line



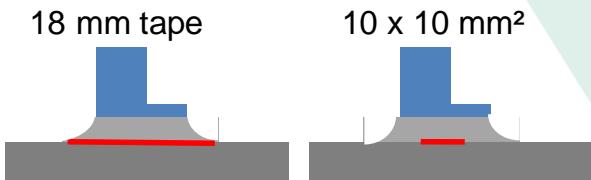
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b) cover laminates
 $\pm 45^\circ$ 840g/m² glass

c) holes (6 mm diameters)



d) Disbonds

 Spar Cap

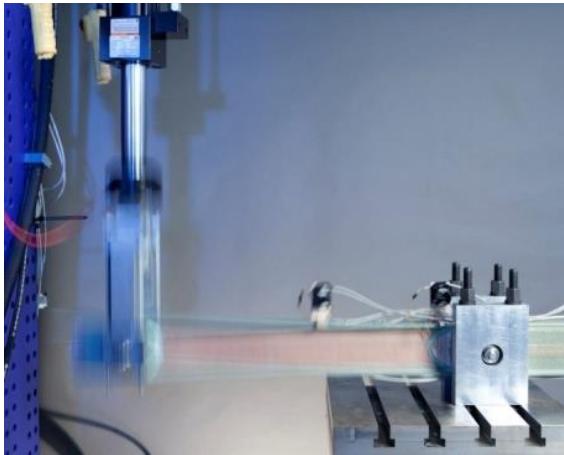
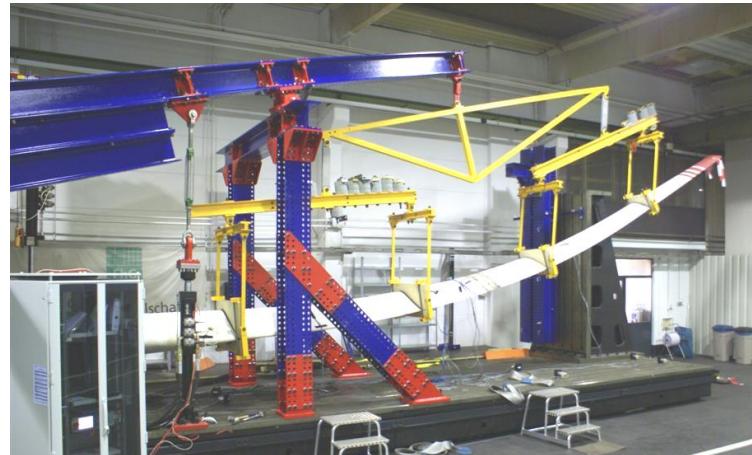
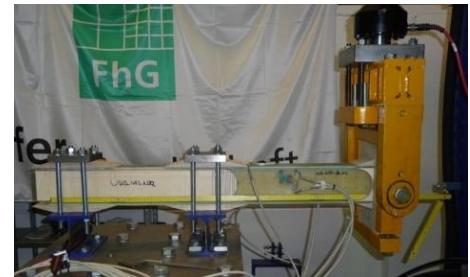
Bond Line

Web (Sandwich material)

What

How

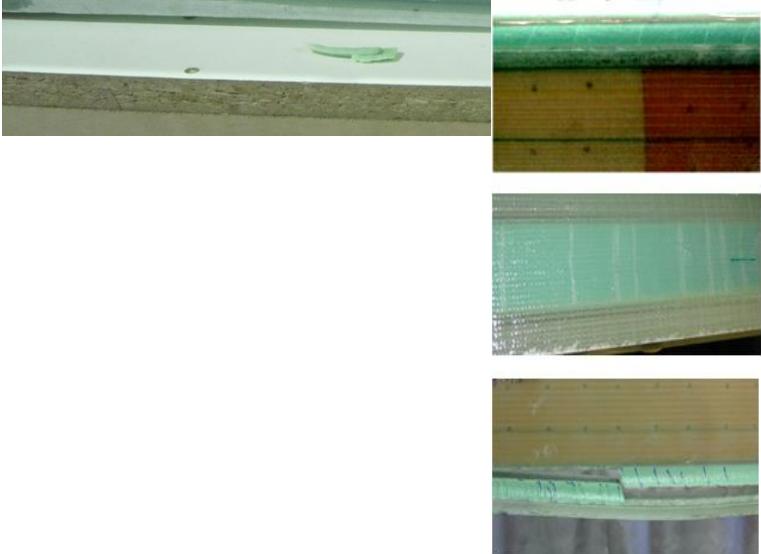
- ↳ Sub-component tests (generic specimen)
- ↳ Component tests (real blade parts)
- ↳ Blade section tests (real blade sections)
- ↳ Test of small wind turbine blades



Blade segments: Time and Costs

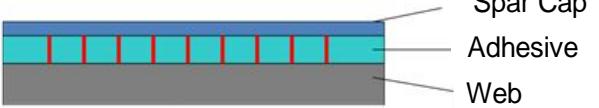
Blade length	40 m Blade	40 m Blade	80 m Blade	80 m Blade	80 m Blade	80 m Blade
	0-20 m	20-40 m	0- 40 m	40-80 m	0-60 m	60-80 m
Weight [ton]	4,4	1,4	25,0	8,0	30,6	2,4
Flap 1. freq [Hz]	3,4	1,4	1,9	0,8	0,8	1,9
Edge 1. Freq [Hz]	5,2	3,2	2,6	1,6	1,2	4,8
Static load frames	2	1	3	3	4	1
Dynamic load frames	1	1	1	1	1	1
Add.Dyn.load frames	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thickness of frames	0,2	0,2	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5
Pitch bearing incl.	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Linear SG blade	40	40	80	80	100	60
Rosettes on Blade	10	10	20	20	25	15
SG on bolts	24	0	24	0	24	0
# Static tests (1.)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cycles Flapwise	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Cycles Edgewise	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
# Static tests (2.)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ultimate test	no	no	no	no	no	no
Time [months]	5,2	5,0	7,6	9,3	9,8	7,2
Personal [€]	210.000	210.000	370.000	420.000	440.000	330.000
Material [€]	60.000	70.000	170.000	170.000	200.000	140.000
Energy [€]	10.000	10.000	70.000	140.000	140.000	70.000
Testing costs per subcomponent [€]	280.000	290.000	610.000	720.000	790.000	540.000
Testing Cost Total		570.000		1.330.000		1.330.000
Prototype		150.000		800.000		800.000

Sub – Component test: Bond lines

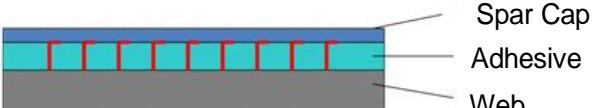


- ↳ Transversal cracks (mode I), 10% N_f
- ↳ Cracks extend into laminate
- ↳ Longitudinal crack (mode II), 60-70% N_f
- ↳ “kissing” cracks: ultimate failure

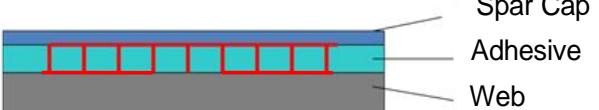
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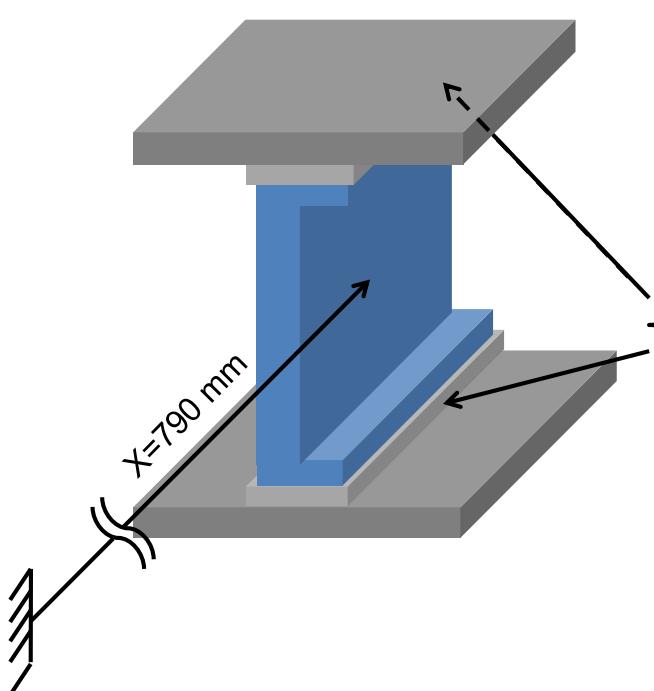
2. Start of Interface Failure



3. Interface Failure

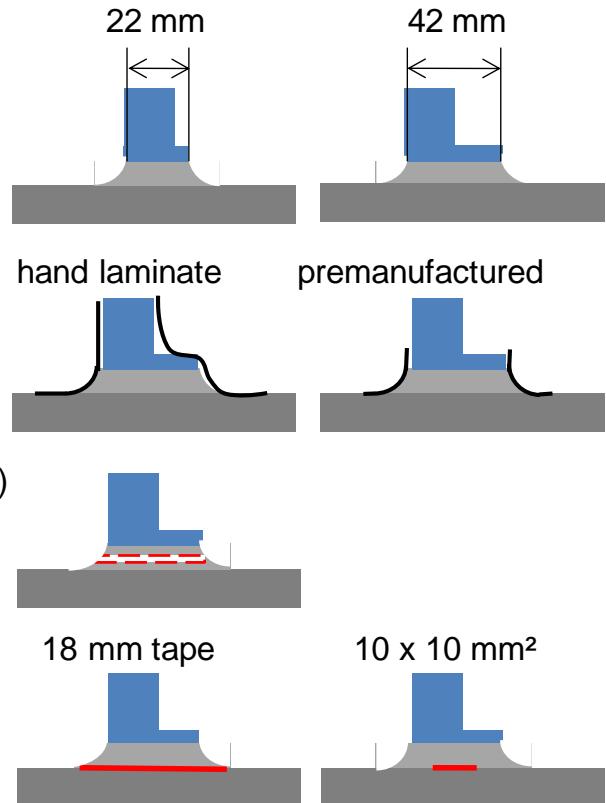


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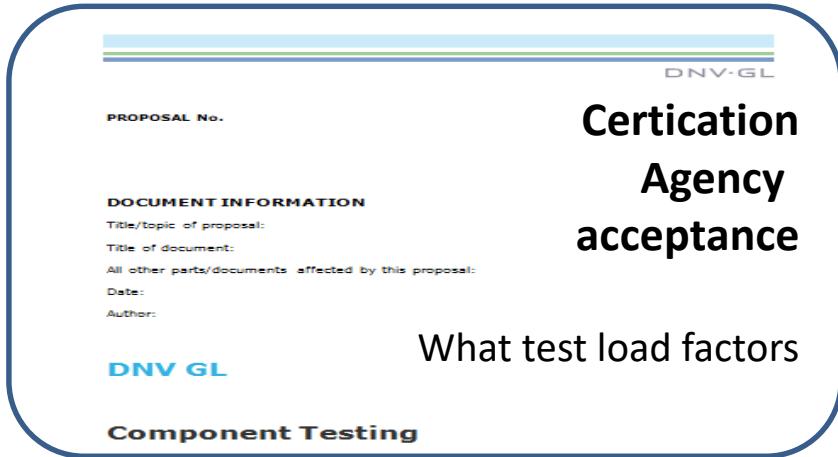
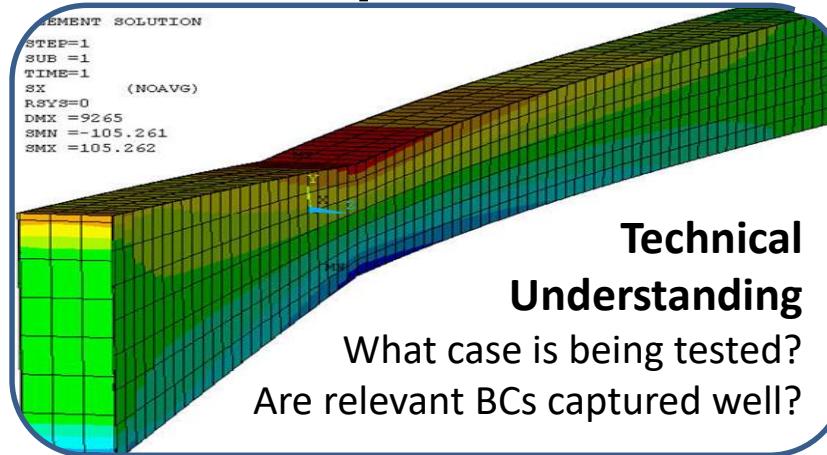


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- c) holes (6 mm diameters)
- d) Disbonds

■ Spar Cap ■ Bond Line ■ Web (Sandwich material)



What is needed for subcomponent tests



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