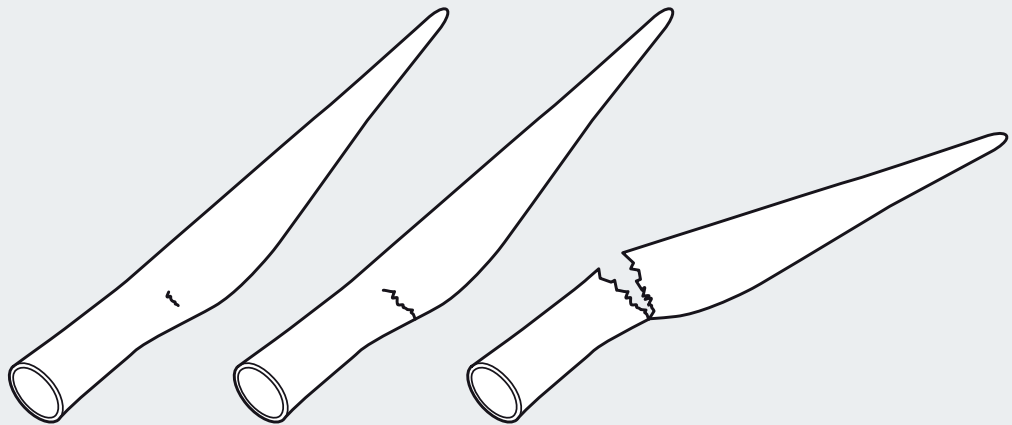




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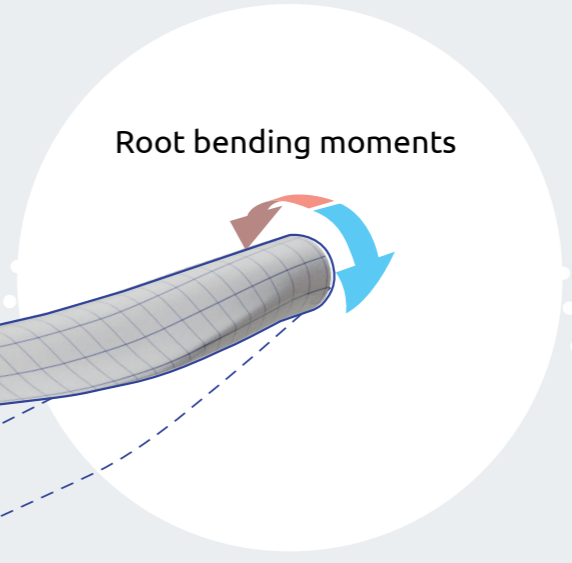
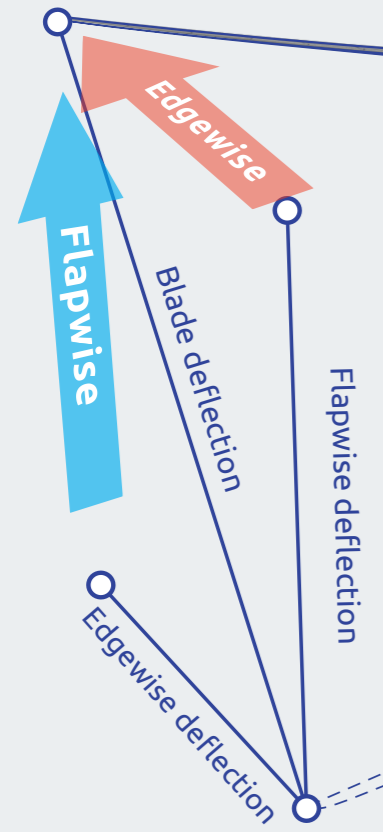
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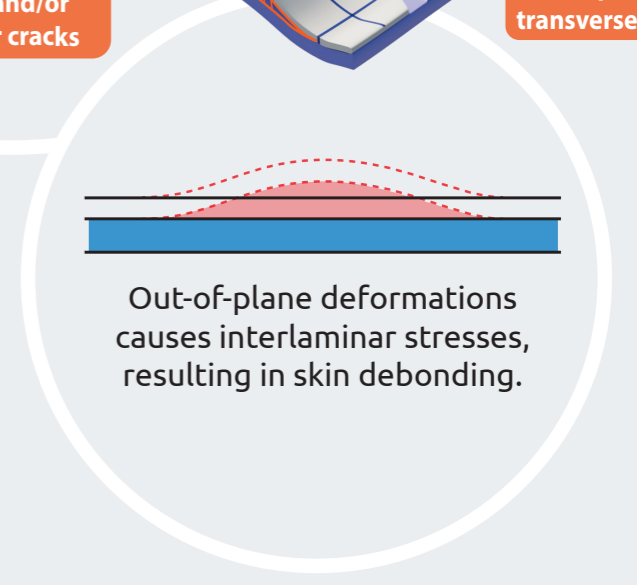
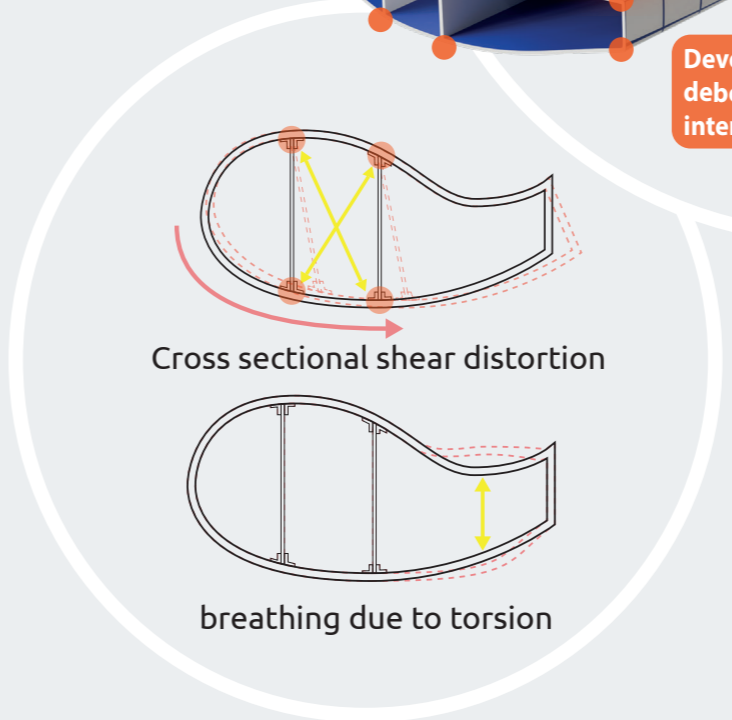
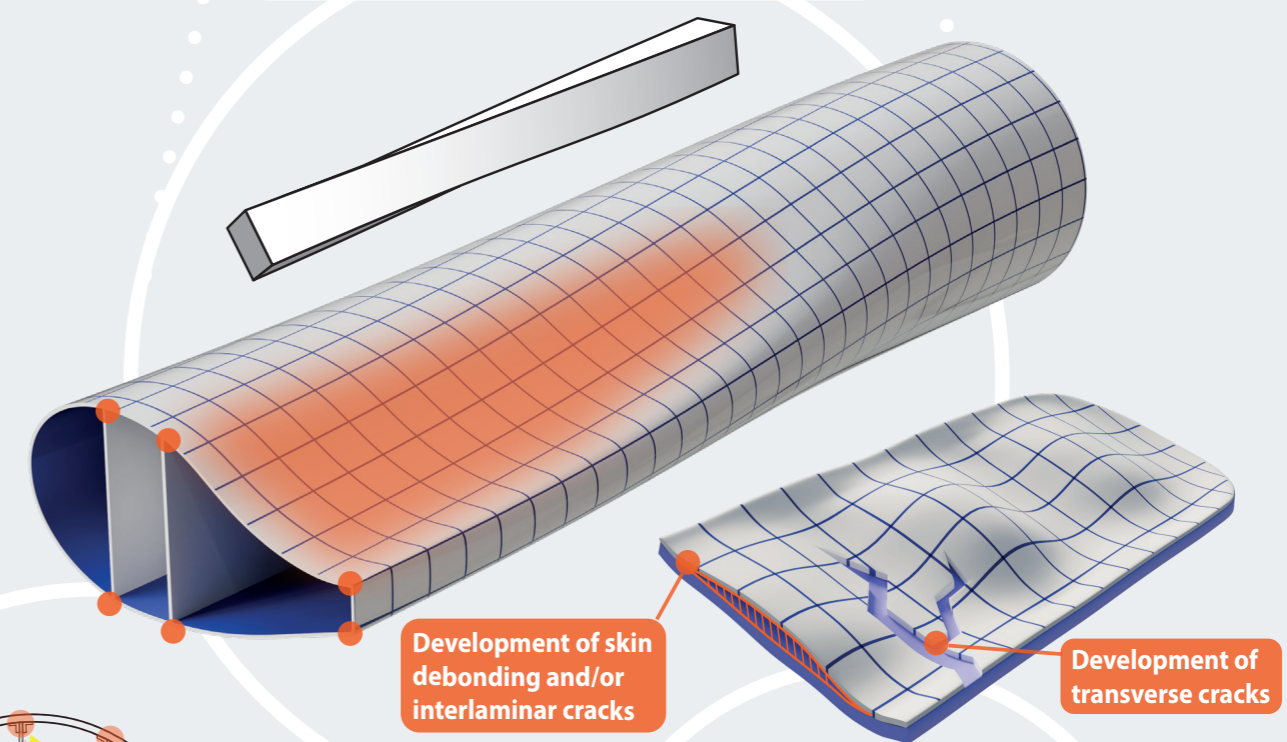
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TORSION ON BLADES

Impact of torsion on blades under operational conditions



Creation of damage-prone weak points in the transition zone of the blade.



Edgewise aerodynamic tangential forces and gravity are working on the flapwise deflected blade, creating torsion.

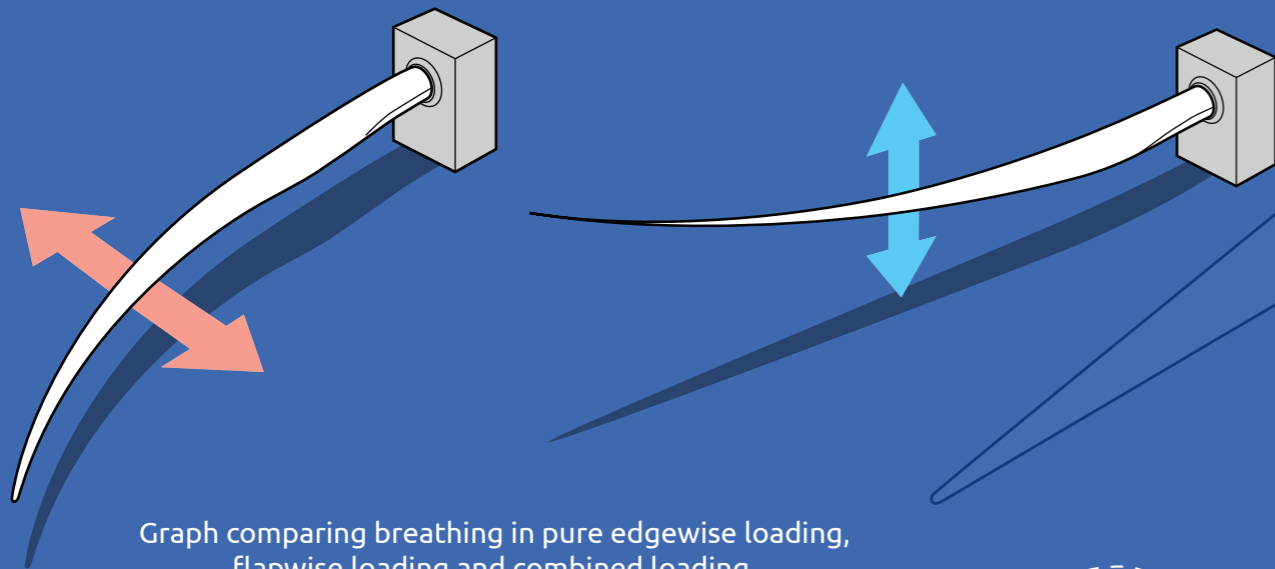
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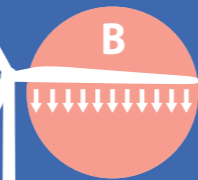
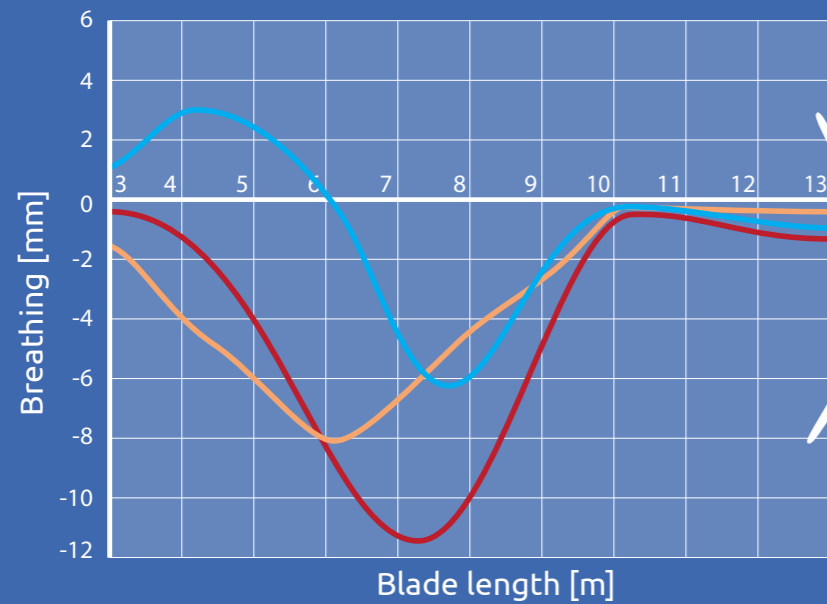
Impact of torsion on blades: Testing vs Blades in operation

BLADE IN TEST ENVIRONMENT vs BLADE IN OPERATION

The application of edgewise and flapwise load components separately do not represent realistic scenarios, as these load components work on the blade at the same time in the field.

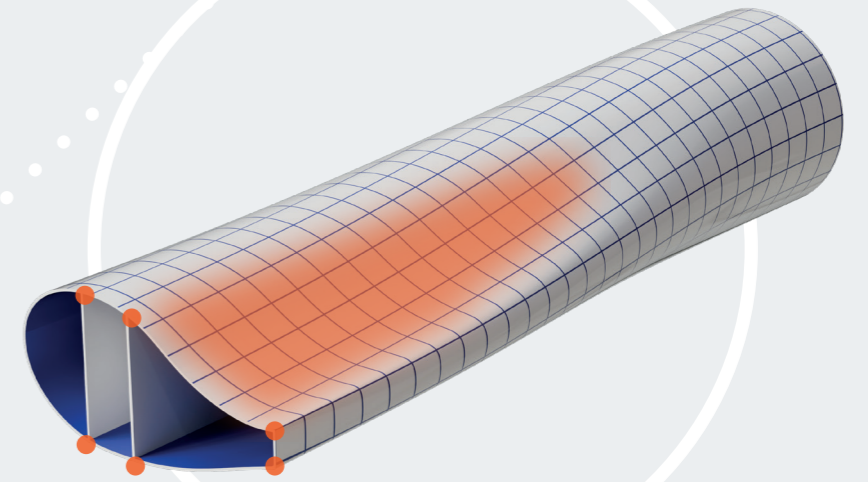


Graph comparing breathing in pure edgewise loading, flapwise loading and combined loading.



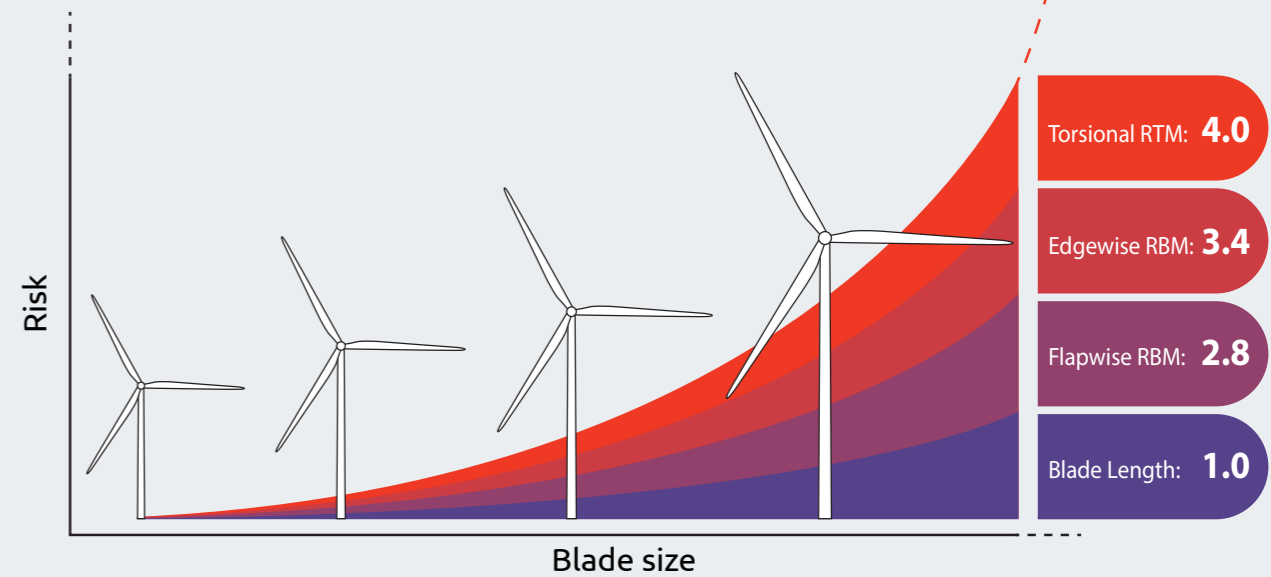
In position B, blades undergo maximum aerodynamic and tangential forces.

— Blade position B — Pure edge (position B) — Pure flap (position B)



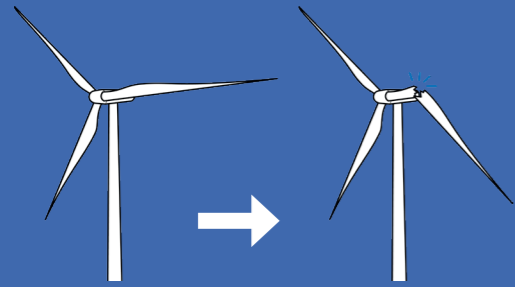
Direct impact on the blade's transition zone

In operation, the combination of edgewise and flapwise load components lead to torsional moments. The torsional loads are triggering cross sectional shear distortion and breathing in the transition zone and max chord. The out-of-plane deformations of unsupported panels lead to critical blade damages.



SHEAR WEB DISBOND RTZ SOLUTION™

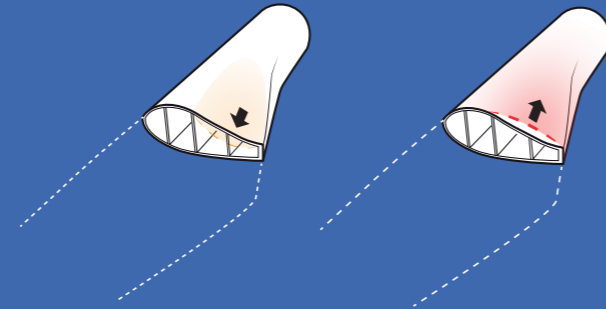
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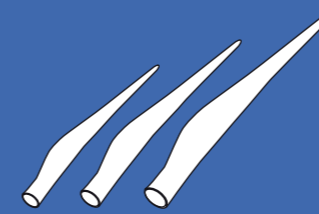
Shear web disbond lead to catastrophic blade failure

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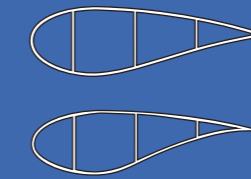
Reduce local deformations and peeling stresses



Parameters driving shear web disbond



Influence on blade size



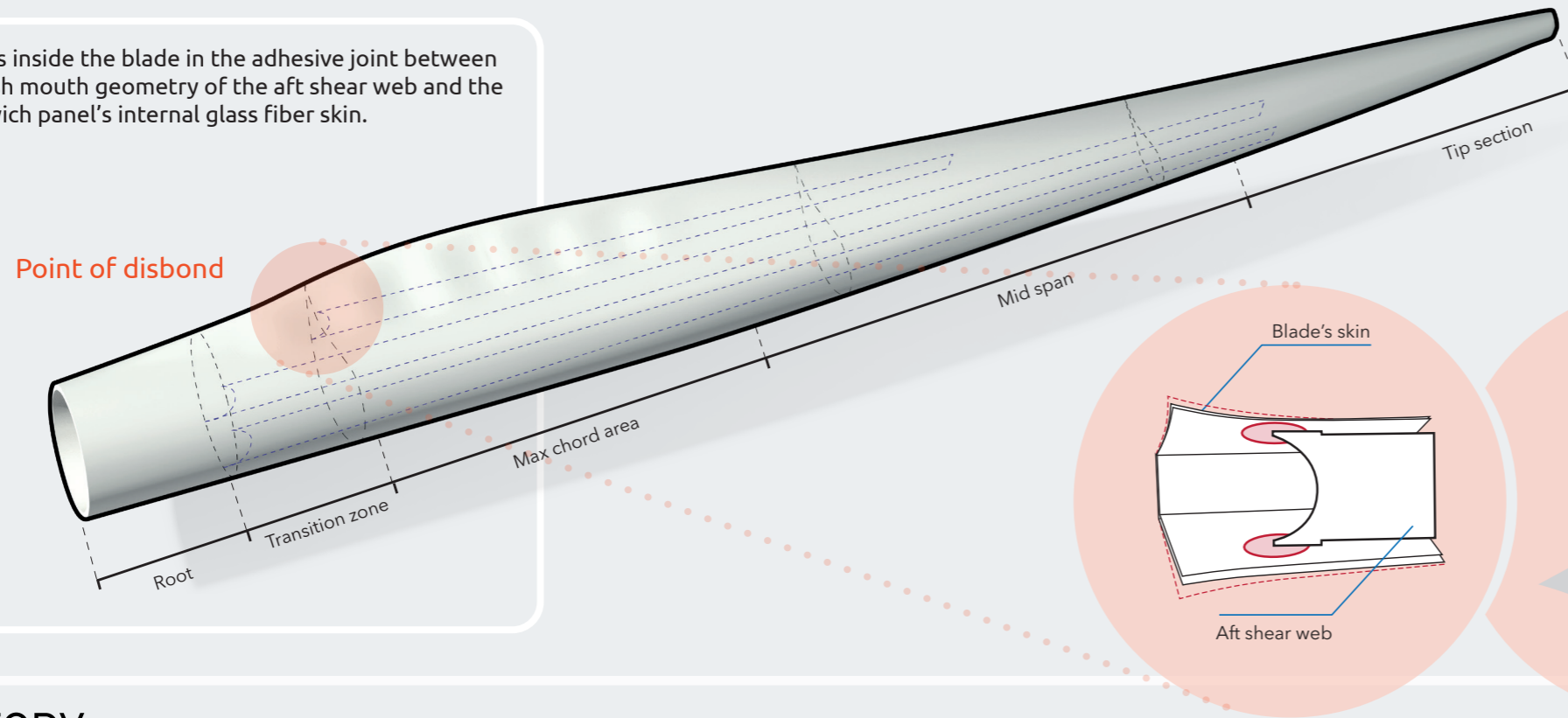
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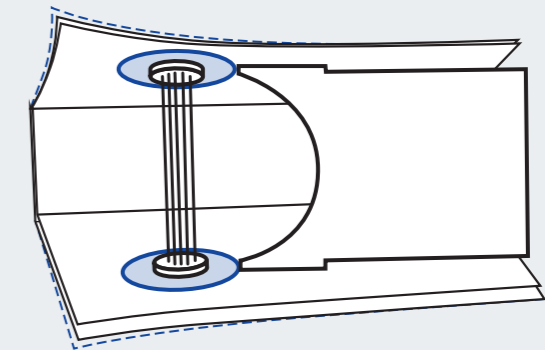
Site conditions

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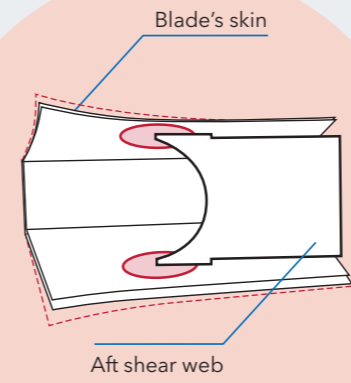
Occurs inside the blade in the adhesive joint between the fish mouth geometry of the aft shear web and the sandwich panel's internal glass fiber skin.



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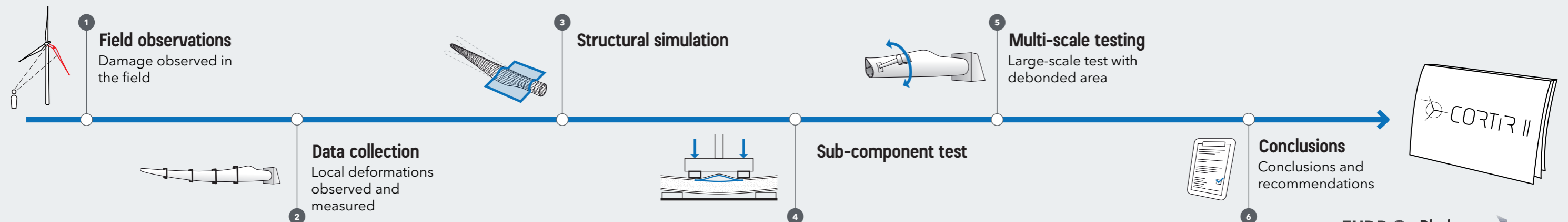


Local deformations in the blade cause peeling stresses, which result in shear web disbonding. The RTZ Solution™ prevents this failure mode.



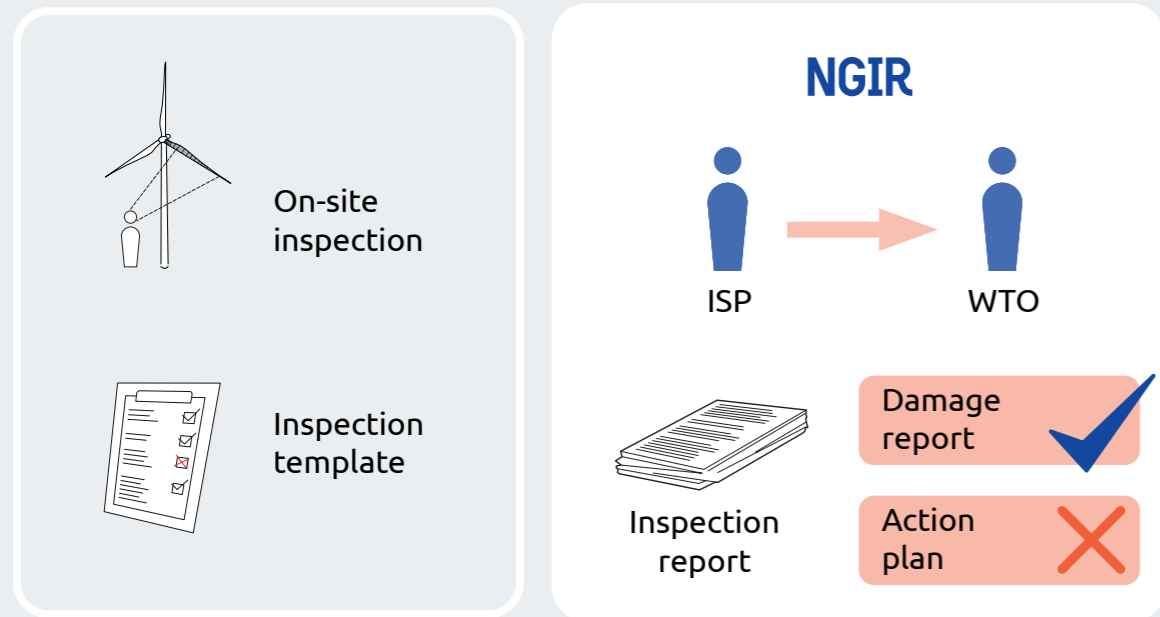
Peeling stress

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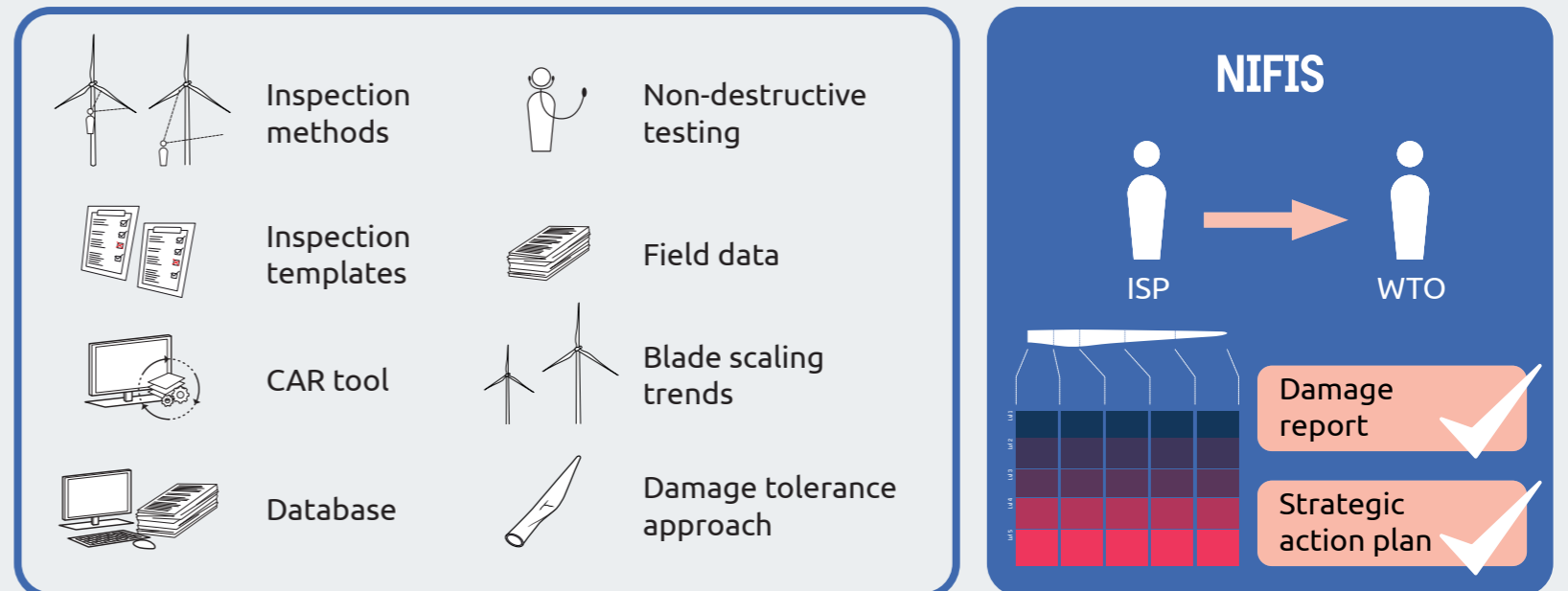


NIFIS NEW INNOVATIVE FIELD INSPECTION STRATEGIES

CURRENT APPROACH



FUTURE HOLISTIC APPROACH

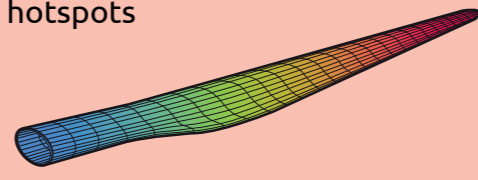


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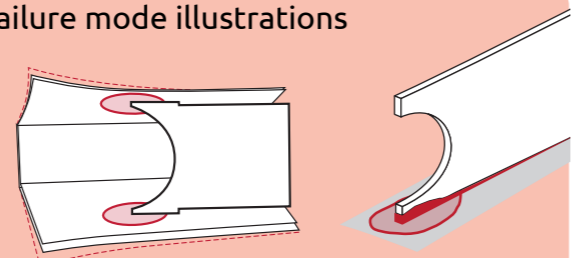
Damage categorization scheme

	ROOT	TRANSITION ZONE	MAX CHORD	MID SPAN	TIP
Luf 1		- of dislocation, part of flap	- of dislocation, part of flap		
Luf 2		- Crack/peel damage, surface erosion (more than 20 µm) - Chip, sandblasting - of dislocation	- Crack/peel damage, surface erosion (more than 20 µm) - Chip, sandblasting - of dislocation		- Crack/peel damage, surface erosion (more than 20 µm) - Chip, sandblasting - of dislocation
Luf 3		- Surface damage, not reaching leading edge	- Surface damage, not reaching trailing edge		- Surface damage, not reaching trailing edge
Luf 4		- Check for diagonal cracks in longitudinal direction	- Check parallel to the LE - Check in diagonal - Check in longitudinal direction		- Check for diagonal cracks in longitudinal direction
Luf 5	- Check the leading edge of product	- Check parallel to the LE - Check in diagonal - Check in longitudinal direction	- Check parallel to the LE - Check in diagonal - Check in longitudinal direction	- Check in diagonal - Check in longitudinal direction	- Check in diagonal - Check in longitudinal direction

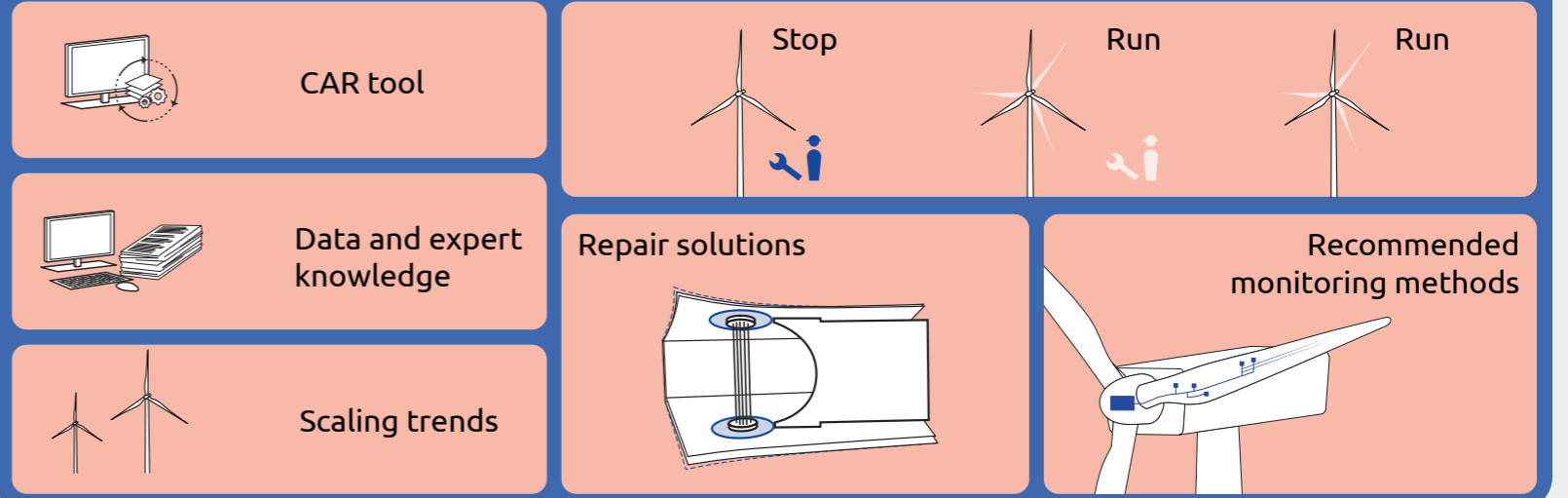
Blade hotspots



Failure mode illustrations



Supporting decision making towards risk-based maintenance strategy



TIMELINE

2021 (Sep.)

- Expectation's alignment
- Objective's definition
- NIFIS interface overview
- Damage tolerance initiation (maintenance strategies)

2022 (Jan.)

- Selection of monitoring techniques
- Selection of inspection methods
- Data analysis: BBF and G2D
- Knowledge collection from FEM simulations
- for damage tolerance
- Setting up website/app

2022 (May)

- First Damage Categorization Scheme
- NDT analysis on field conditions
- First guidelines draft for maintenance strategies
- First draft for inspection and repair reports templates

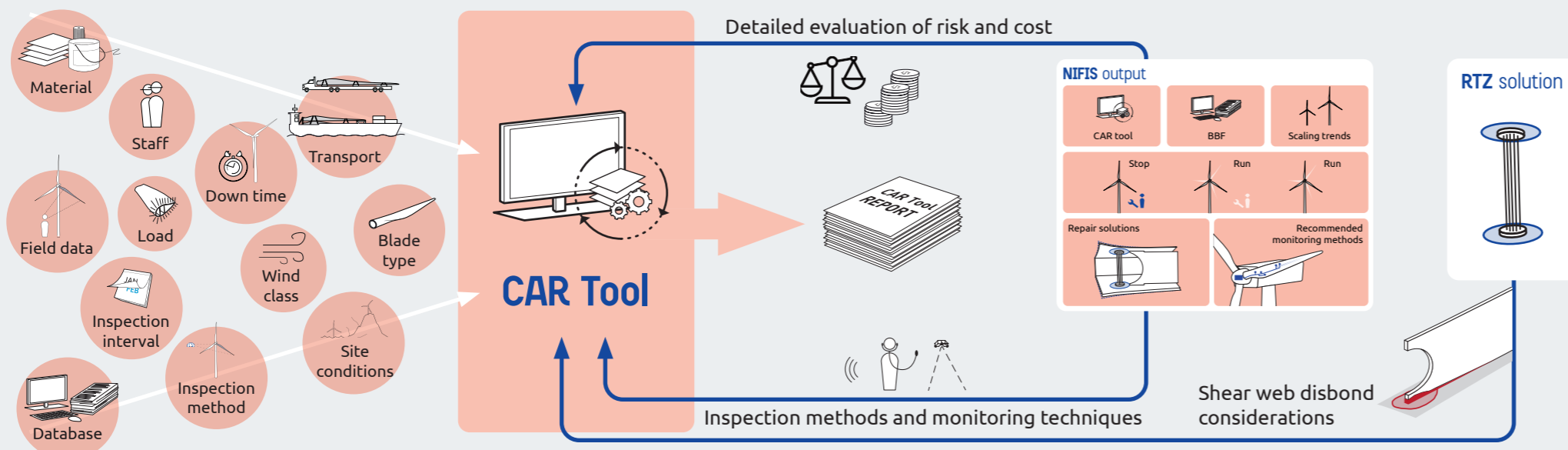
2022 (Sep.)

- Development of ISP blade course
- Holistic CAR Tool integration
- Scaling trends integration
- Damage tolerance integration

2023 (Jan.)

- Gather data from testing
- Holistic inspection and repair reports templates
- Maintenance strategies for Aft Shear Web Disbonding

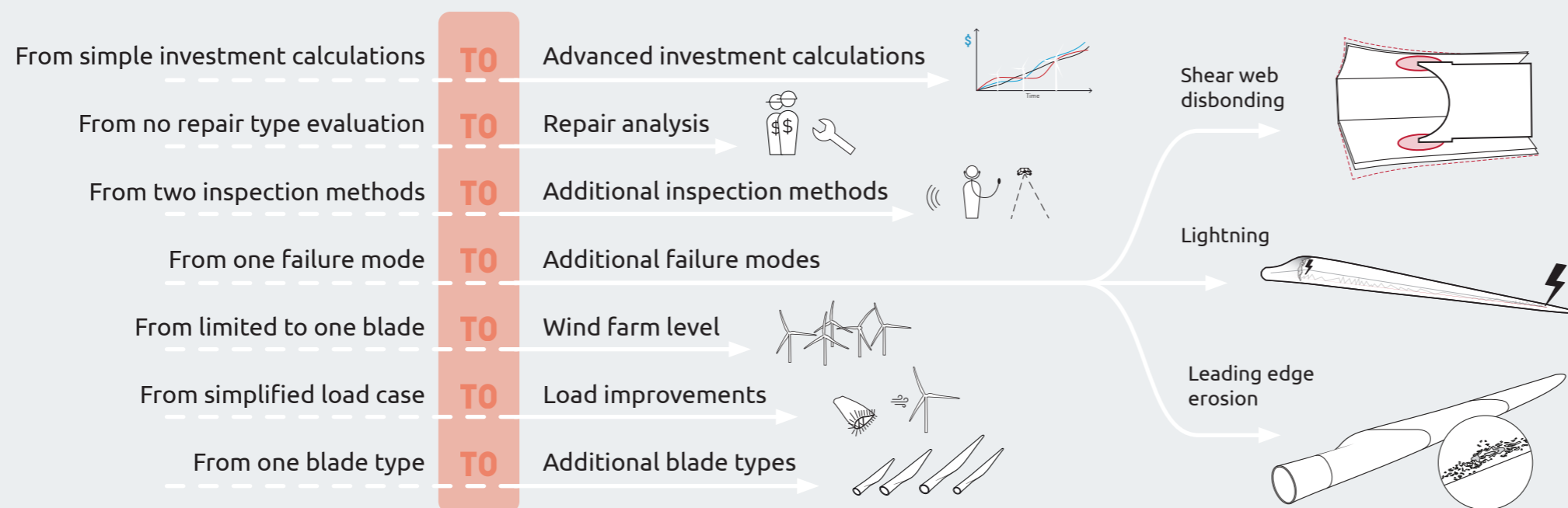
CAR TOOL A DECISION SUPPORT TOOL



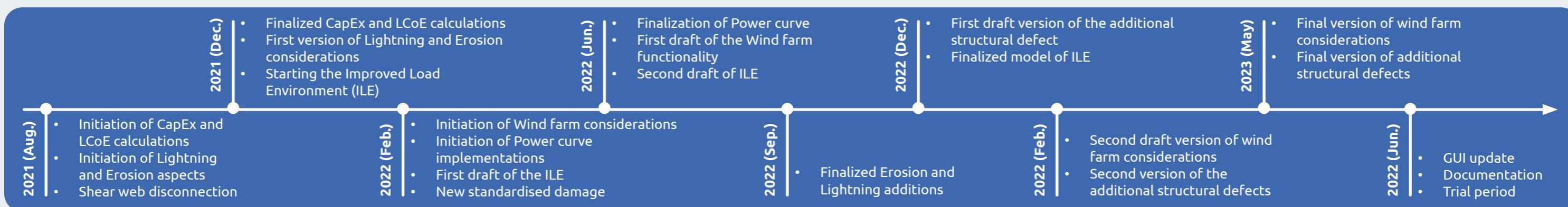
CAR TOOL VALUES

- Operational & Maintenance decisions**
Preventive maintenance
- Risk considerations**
Risk and reliability considered in the decision-making
- Cost & optimal maintenance strategy**
More strategic decisions for WTOs

TRANSFORMATION FROM MINIMAL VIABLE PRODUCT TO HOLISTIC TOOL



- Cost & optimal strategy for WTG farms**
Best cost-optimal strategy for a specific wind farm
- Identification of main sources of cost**
Detect where OPEX come from and find an optimal maintenance strategy



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CORTIR II Project

The second phase of the CORTIR project builds on top and extends significantly the outcomes of the first phase. Its main deliverables are a new retrofit solution designed for high forces in the Root-Transition Zones (RTZ) of blades, a new innovative state-of-the-art operation and maintenance strategy and lastly further developments of the Cost and Risk Tool (CAR Tool).

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