

# Carbo4Power - New generation of offshore turbine blades with intelligent architectures of hybrid, nano-enabled multi-materials via advanced manufacturing

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Open Innovation Workshop

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BIO-BASED MULTIFUNCTIONAL RECYCLABLE COMPOSITES

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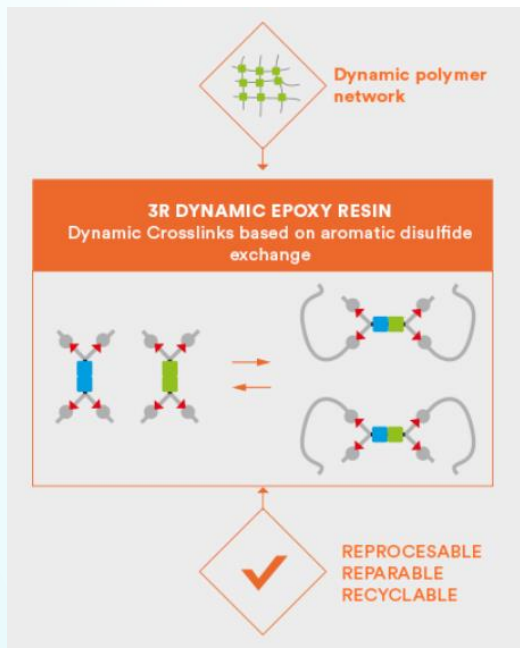


- **Full title:** New generation of offshore turbine blades with intelligent architectures of hybrid, nano-enabled multi-materials via advanced manufacturing
- **Acronym:** Carbo<sub>4</sub>Power
- **Call identifier:** H2020-NMBP-ST-IND-2018-2020
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- **Number of partners:** 18
- **Duration:** 48 months (1.11.2020 – 31.10.2024)
- **Funding:** ~7M €
- **Coordinator:** NTUA, R-NanoLab, Prof. C. Charitidis





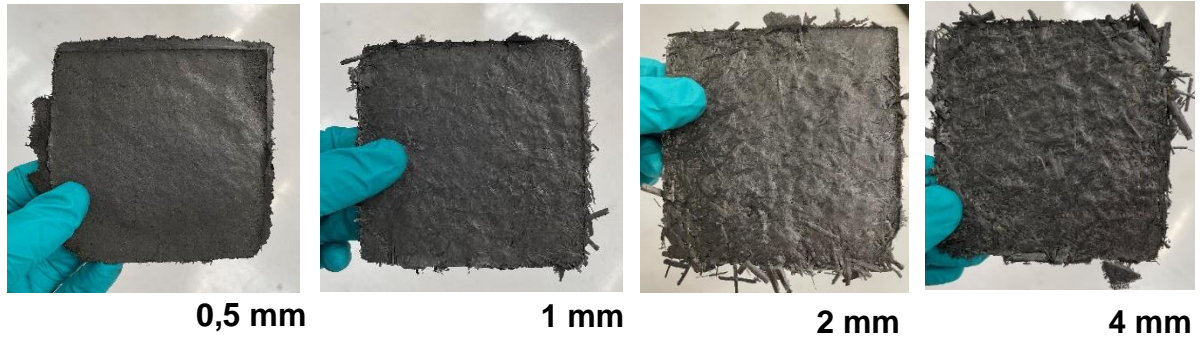
- Robust new material architectures, **hybrid nano-engineered multi-materials** with tailored **diverse functionalities**.
- Feedstock for **composites**, **adhesives** and **coatings** manufacturing technologies for offshore energy applications.
- **Digital tools**: multi-scale modelling, design, topology optimization and data analytics



## C4P's R3 Resins: Reprocessing, Repairing, Recycling resins due to dynamic hardeners

### MECHANICAL RECYCLABILITY OF 3R COMPOSITES

#### 1. Recycling of 3R GFRP and CFRP composite powder.



#### 2. Recycling via thermoforming of 3R composites.



<https://www.cidetec.es/en/top-achievements/3r-leading-technology>

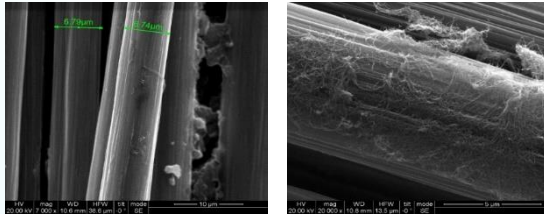


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# Innovative materials for offshore wind and tidal blades

## Fiber surface Functionalisation

- ❖ Plasma treatment
- ❖ Electropolymerisation
- ❖ Nanoenhanced C-based sizing

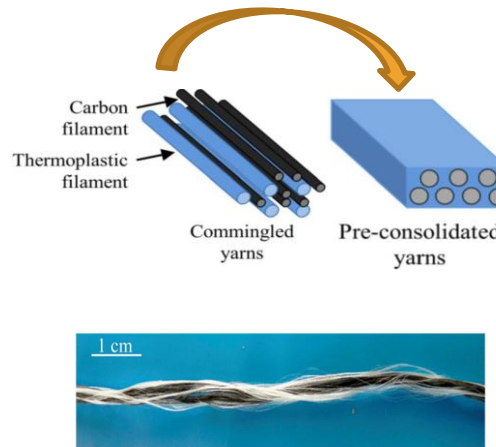


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- ❖ Pilot line for NE sizing

## Hybridization of conventional fibres, in the form of CY or tapes

- ❖ Successful & stable production of PPS/Cf commingled yarns
- ❖ Novel UD TP tapes with CY produced via pultrusion and hot-melt process



## Novel non-intrusive quantum sensors (QRS):

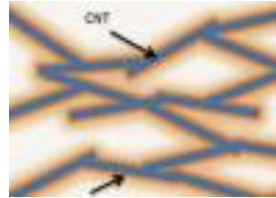
- ❖ monitor different thermal/mechanical events during fabrication & operation
- ❖ Strain sensing → SHM
- ❖ pQRS, tQRS, fQRS and hQRS for process health monitoring



# Functional materials for offshore wind and tidal blades

## Functional resistive heaters for de-icing

- ❖ Graphene-based nanocomposite layers
- ❖ Embedded on the composite for active de-icing



## Functional preregs for Lightning Strike Protection

- ❖ Conductive C-based nanomaterials
- ❖ Preregs manufactured with 3R resin



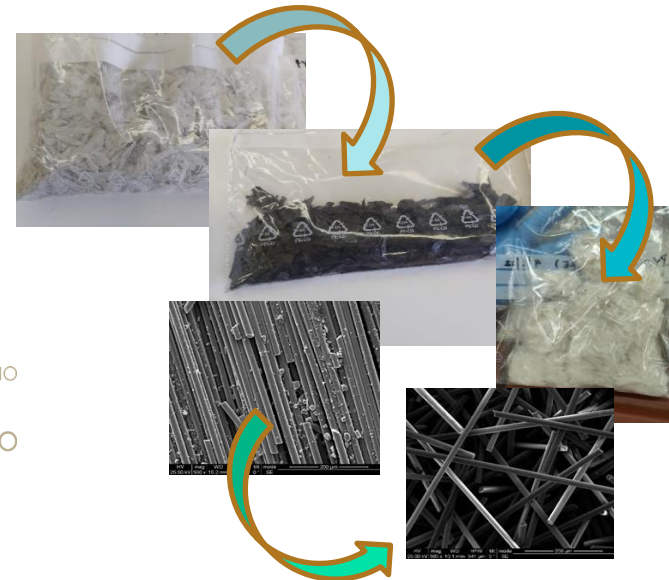
## Adhesive joints with debonding on demand capabilities

- ❖ Adhesive modifications with thermo-expandable particles (TEP)
- ❖ Adhesive modifications with Magnetic Nanoparticles
- ❖ Introduce a damage mechanism for the disassembly

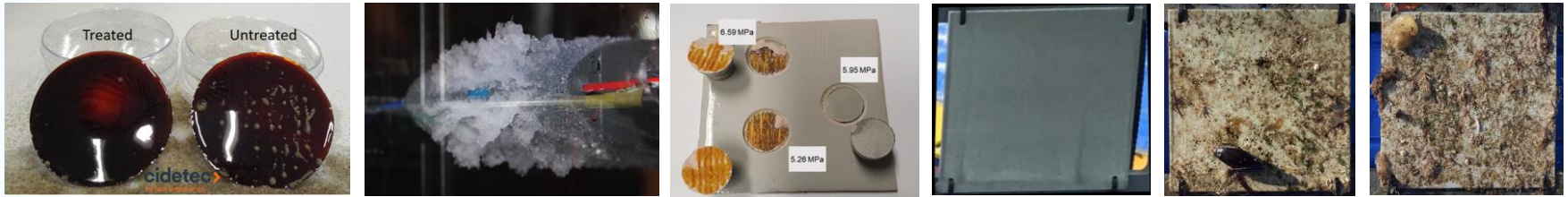


## Functionally graded recycled fibre adhesive carrier

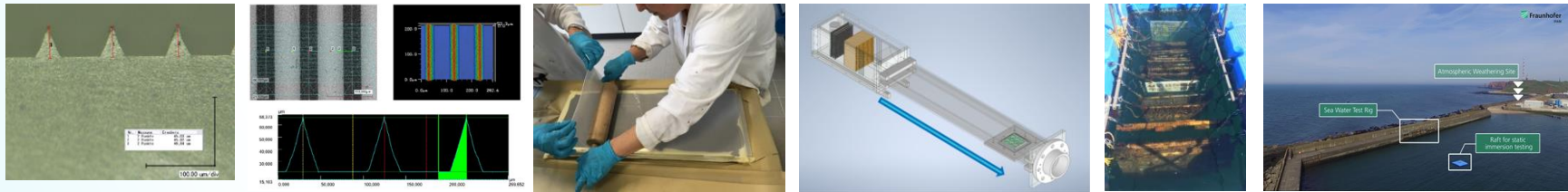
- ❖ Recycling of WTB blades for GF reclamation
- ❖ Manufacturing of FGA mat



**Low surface energy coatings** with self-cleaning properties to reduce surface contamination / corrosion effects (incl. ice, biofouling, soiling, water)



**Drag-reducing riblet and lift increasing surfaces** for improved energy harvesting



**LE erosion protection coatings** considering high strength / self-healing properties

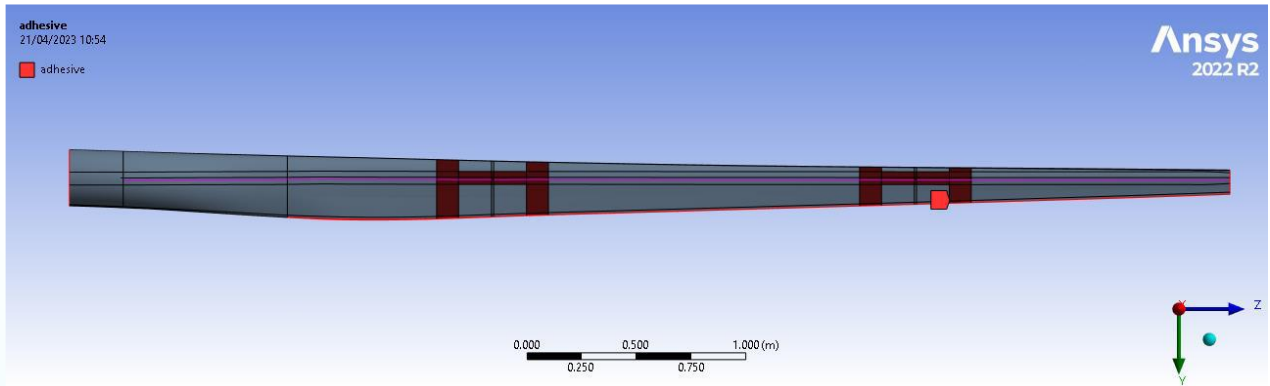




# Wind turbine modular blade demo

Scale down 1:20 (>15MW turbine, 104m) wind turbine blade demonstrator (infusion & ATL/AFP manufacturing)

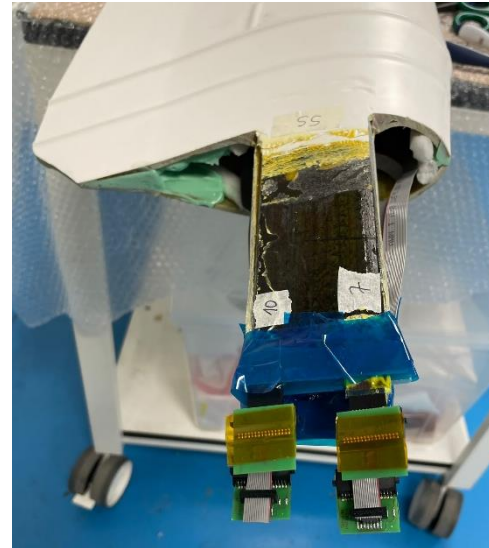
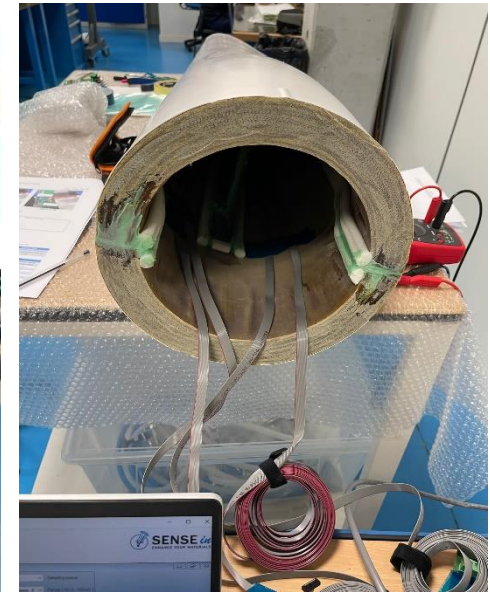
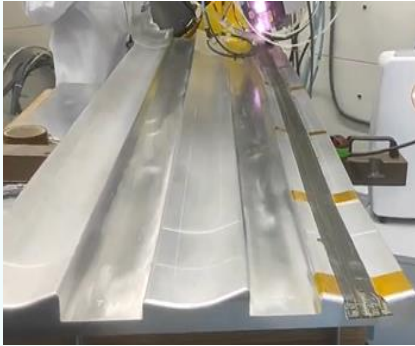
Final Weight: 49kg  
GoC: 1.67m  
Length: ~ 5.2 m



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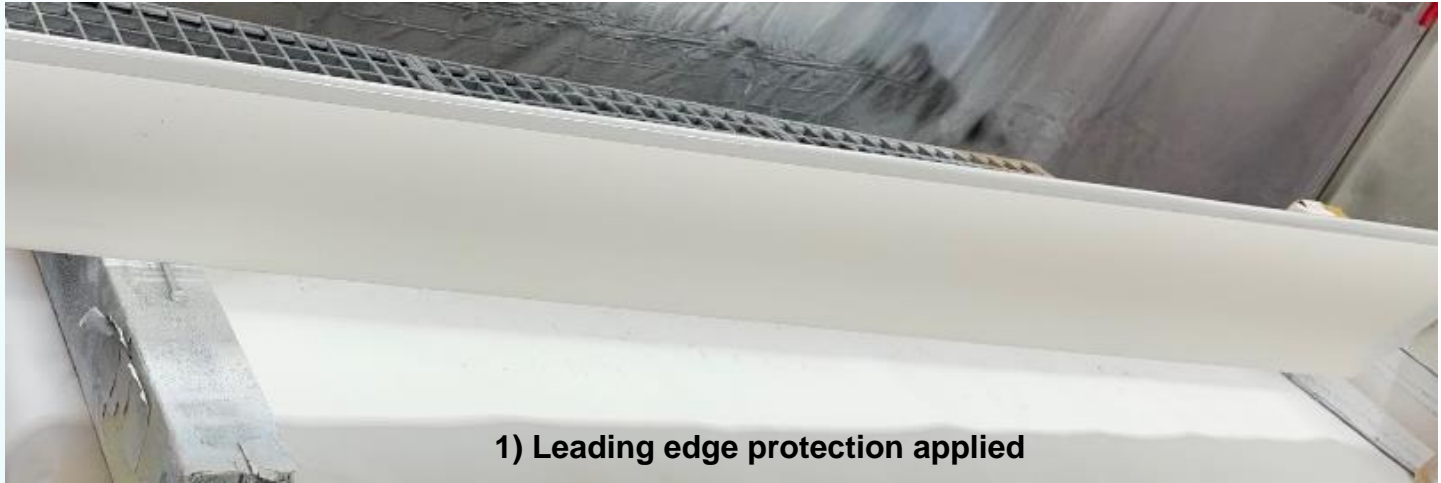
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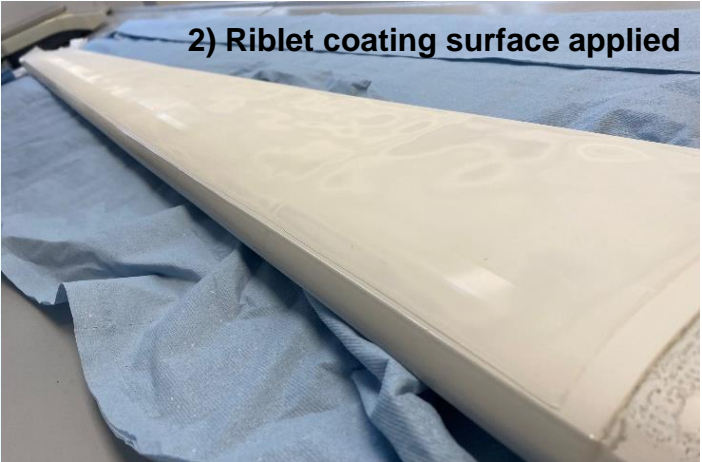


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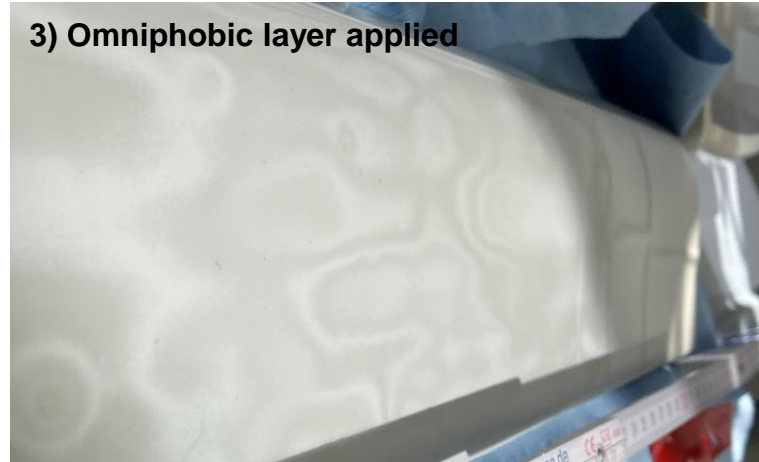
## Scale down 1:20 15MW wind turbine blade demonstrator – coating application



1) Leading edge protection applied



2) Riblet coating surface applied



3) Omniphobic layer applied



## MADRAS demonstrator: Scale 1 tidal turbine blade D12 truncated, Sabella (half-shell); NCF/DFP/infusion manufacturing

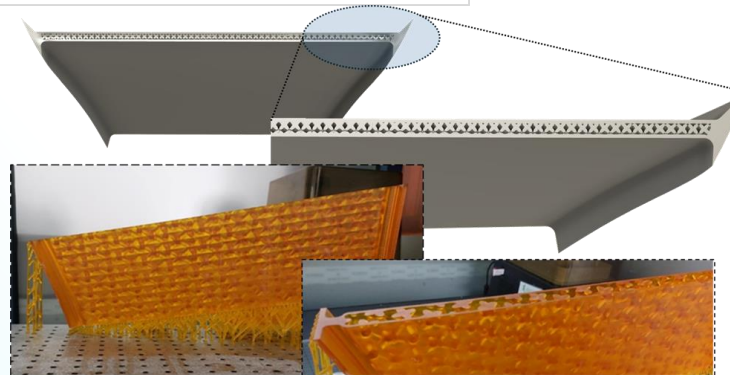
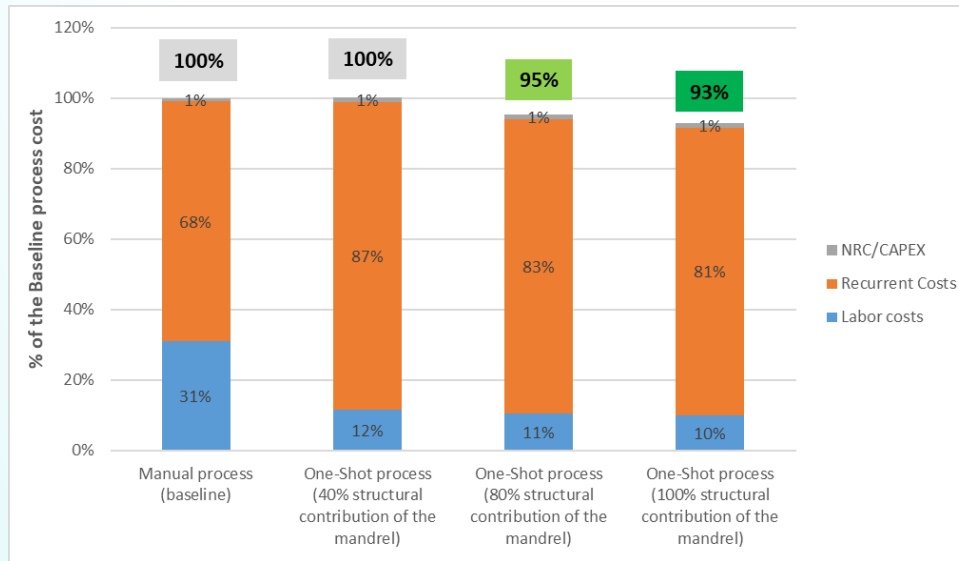


**Final Weight: ~ 220 kg**  
**Length: ~ 4 m**



## ONE-SHOT DEMONSTRATOR – Scale 1 root section (0.7m)

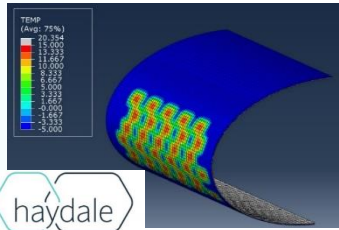
- Cost depends on the structural contribution of the mandrel
- -5% (on total cost/blade with depreciation) if considering 80% structural contribution
- Iso-cost with 40% structural contribution



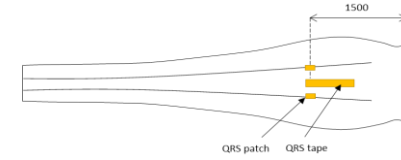
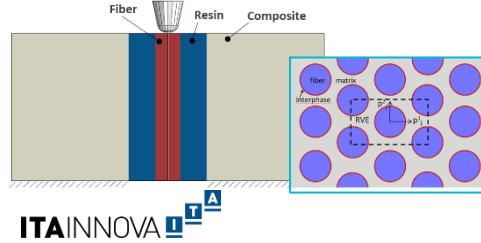
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# Modeling and Design to support developments

## Design of Nanomaterial-enhanced heater system for de-icing



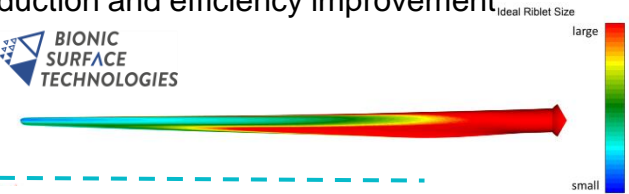
## Study of carbon fibre treatments to improve CFRP properties



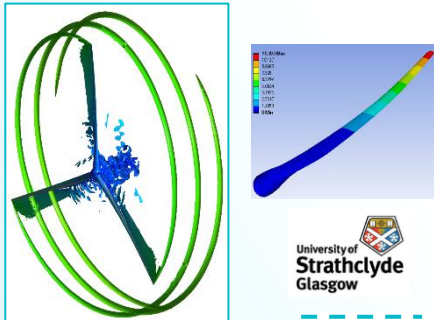
## Localization of QRS sensors



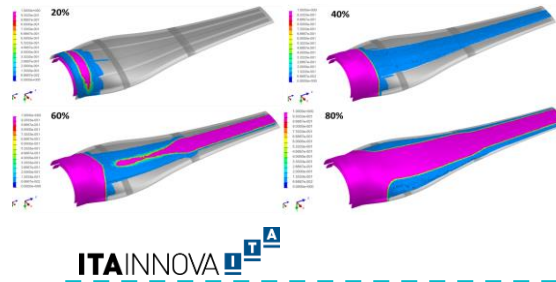
## Design of Riblets introduction for drag reduction and efficiency improvement



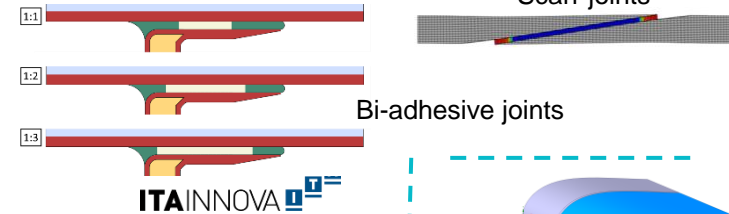
## Coupled CFD-FEM simulations for accurate evaluation of blade operation



## Support in TTB demo infusion process definition



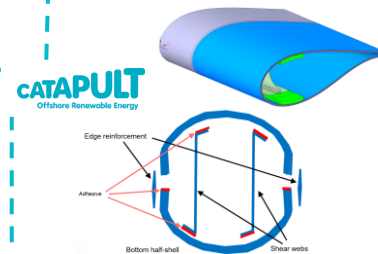
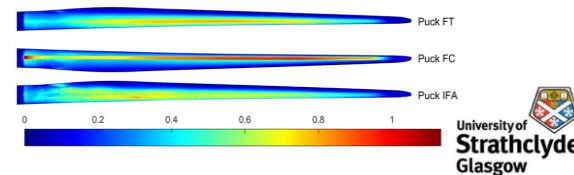
## Analysis of innovative bonded joints solutions



## Optimised Bladelet design



## Structural analysis of blades at full and demo scales



## Demonstrators design



## Operational & Maintenance Costs



Significant reduction of life cycle costs maintaining or improving other performance properties

Significant reduction of maintenance cost

Production and Acquisition costs < 30%.

Installation and Commissioning costs - reducing transportation costs from the production factory to the port of ~ 60%.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) < 50%.

Decommissioning and Disposal ~ 15% reduction.

## Levelized CoE



Optimised materials cost & improved durability

↓ 40% Levelized Cost of Energy

<10 ct€/ kWh for wind

<15 ct€/kWh by tidal stream

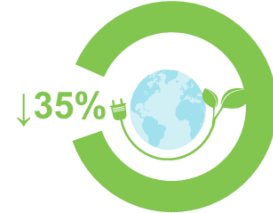
Increase in the **annual energy** >6%.

**Overcome durability**-related issues affect the in-service life of offshore turbine blades .

**Increase the lifetime** of blades by 100% and decrease maintenance costs by approx. 50% (OPEX).

Overall cost of blades which is expected to be reduced by at least 40% (CAPEX).

## Environmental impact



Reduction of environmental impact by 35% based on life cycle assessment (LCA) and eco-design:

Thermo-mechanically **reprocessable** composites.

High rate of **recyclability** at EoL

Enhanced repairability.

**Environmentally-friendly** nature (no chemicals used) coatings.

Focus on **on-demand debonding** functionality in joints.

**Cost-effective transportation** - new modular blade design.



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