

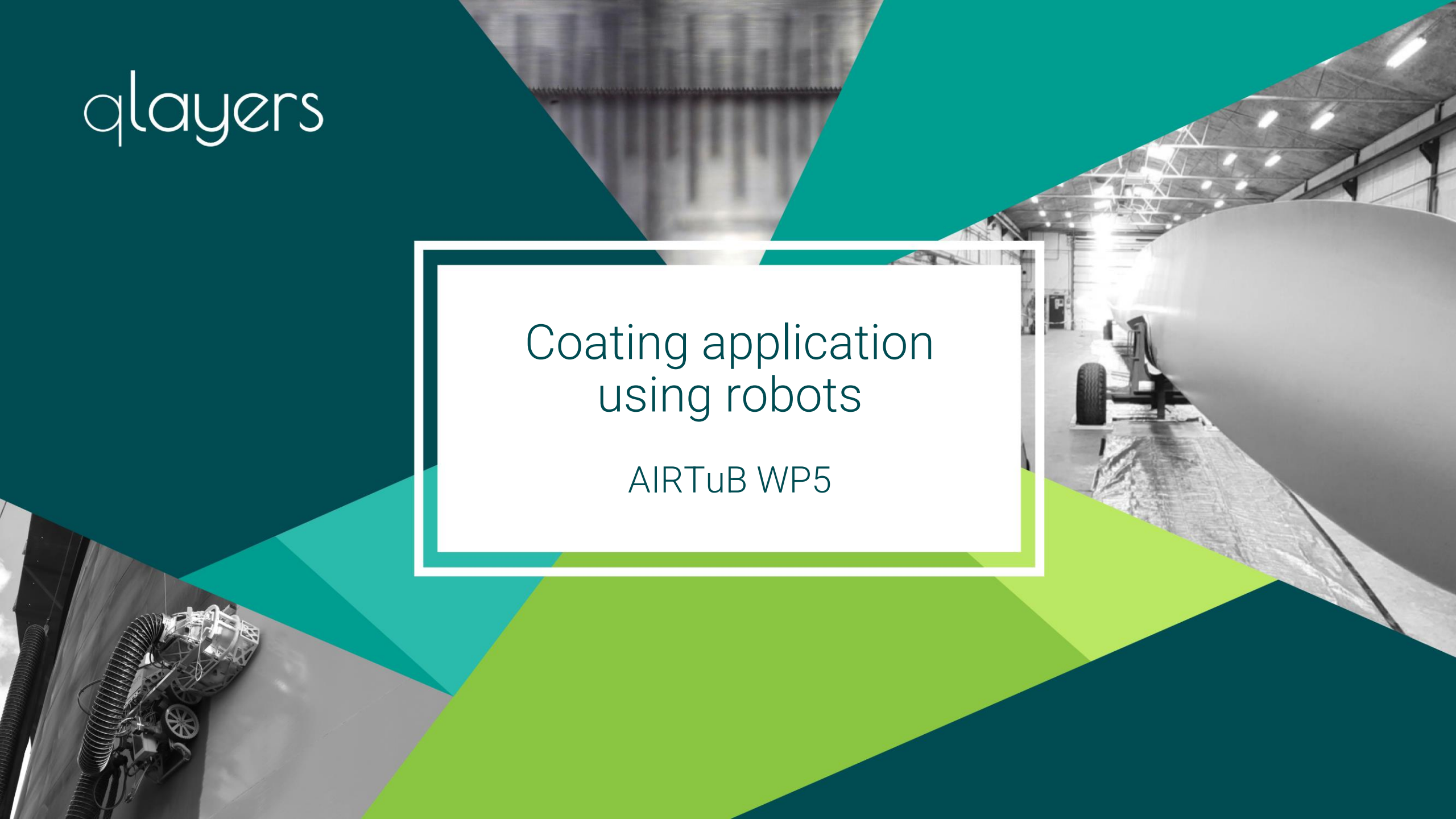


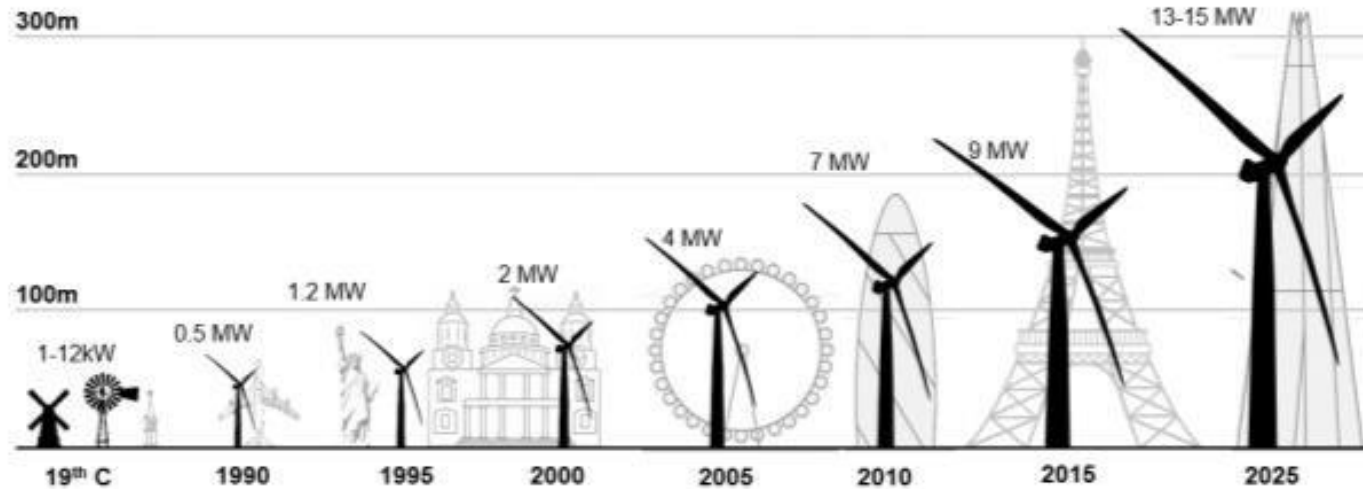
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Coating application using robots

AIRTuB WP5





Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Increasing demand in renewable energy

→ Blades length >100 m

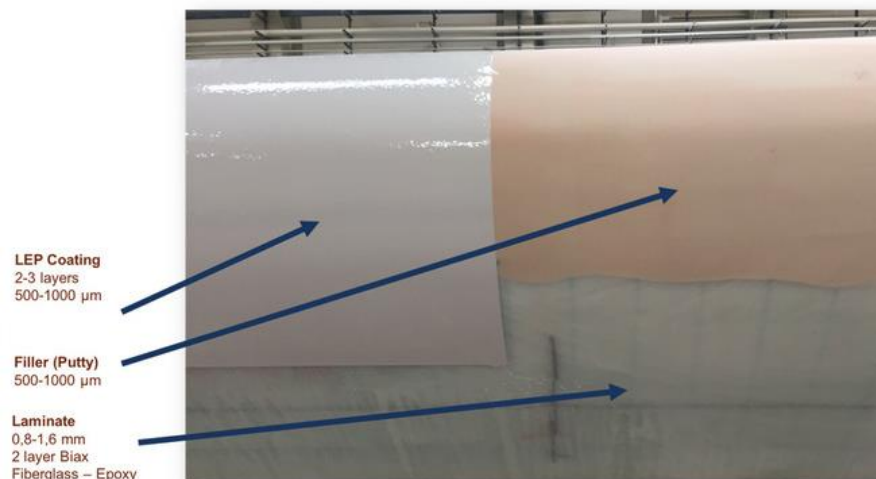
→ Challenges in production & maintenance on coating

Wind turbine coating challenges



Source: renewableenergyworld.com

Coating large surfaces
with a consistent quality



Leading Edge Protection application



Coating of wind turbine blade sections 2021

BL8 – Wind turbine blades



Why Leading Edge Protection (LEP)?

Larger turbine blades

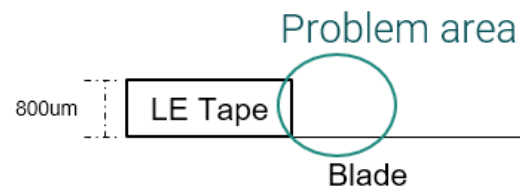
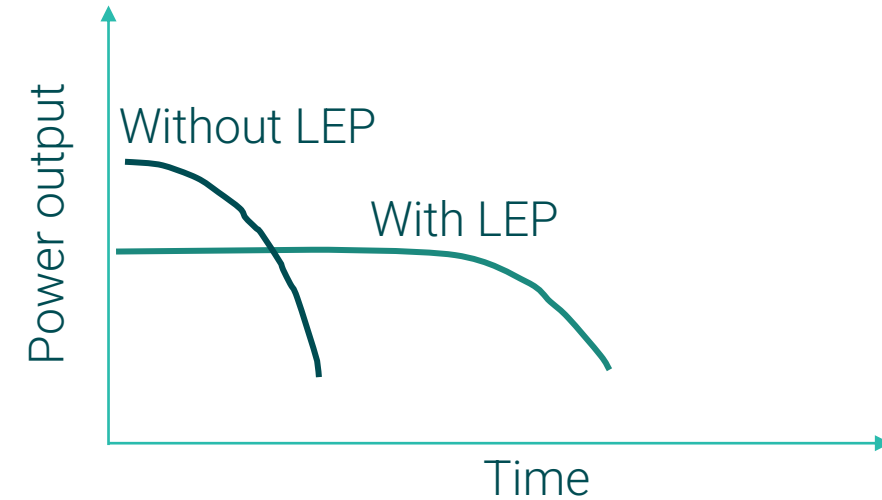
→ larger tip speeds

→ more chance of cavitation during rain impact

→ Use of LEP required for maintaining performance of the blade

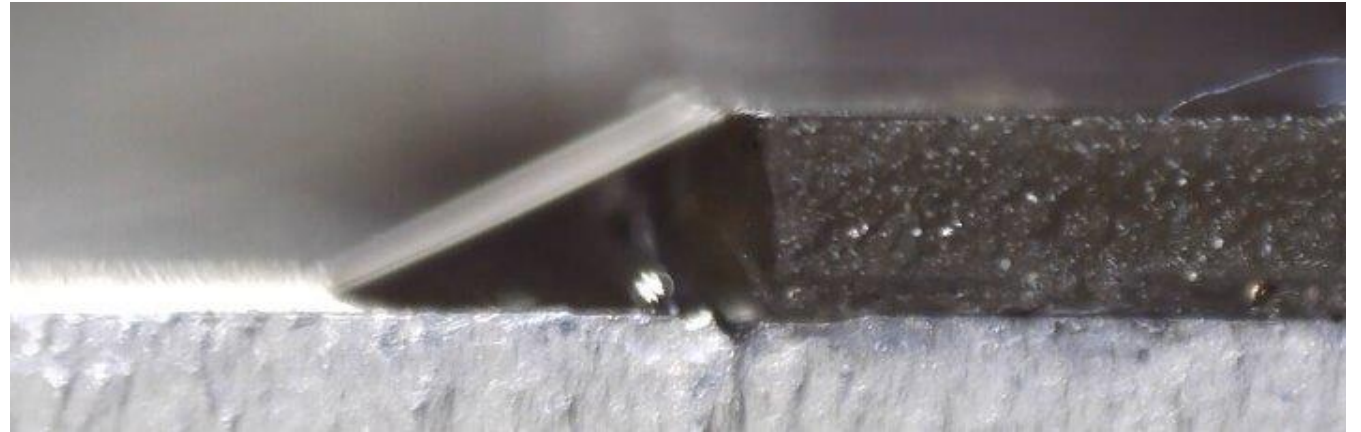
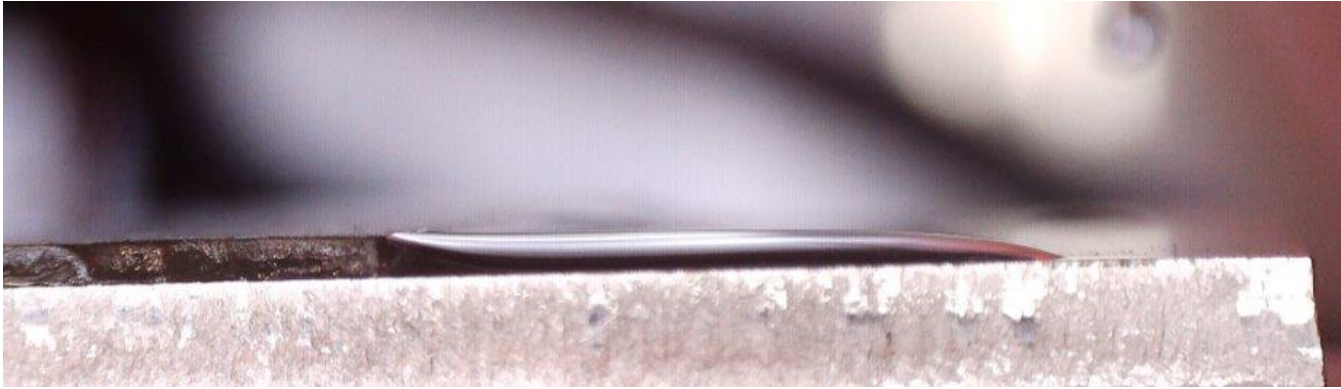


- LEP addition results in aerodynamic disturbance → reduces the initial the wind turbine performance → maintains performance over longer time



Goal: develop a coating application head that can apply an aerodynamic transition from the LEP to the blade

Results from different strategies





Airtub project



- Wind tunnel tests are being performed at LM wind power based on an optimized transition



Next step: Wind turbine maintenance

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