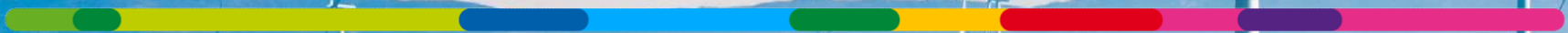

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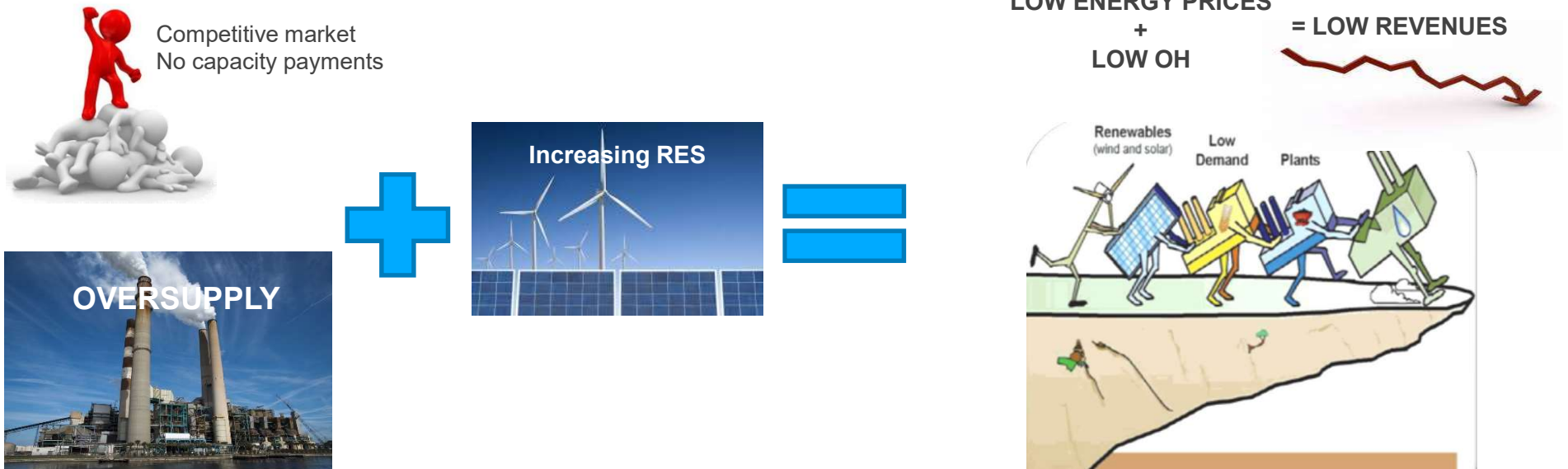
- Laborelec is a leading **expertise** and **research** center in **electrical power technology**.
- Founded in 1962, Laborelec has **over 55 years** experience in the power sector.
- Laborelec is a **cooperative company** with ENGIE and independent grid operators as shareholders.



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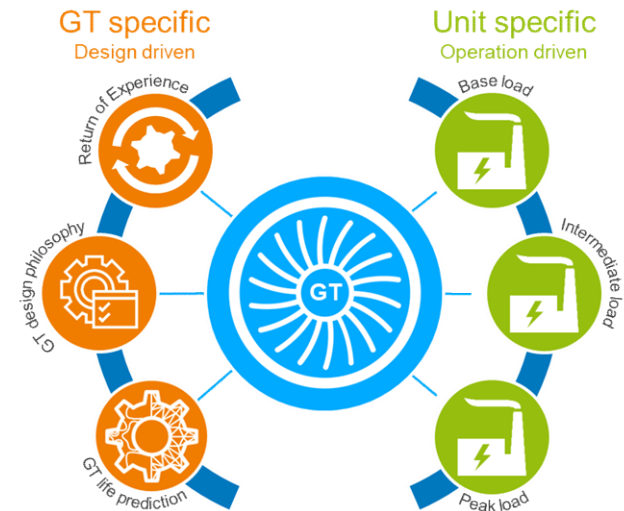
European energy market evolution

Energy market is no longer profitable for many plants



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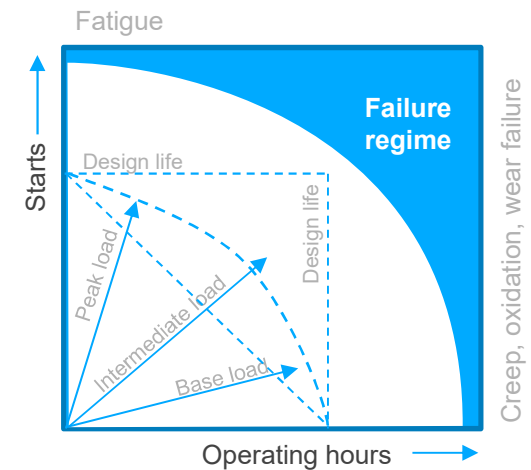
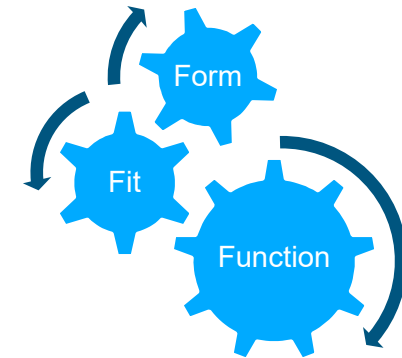
- Maintenance Interval Extension (MIE) is a product for GT end users in challenging market conditions who need to **reduce maintenance cost**
- GT maintenance schedule is based on **OEM recommendation** and **conservative** (and commercial driven)
- What if maintenance could be optimised?
- Optimisation of the maintenance interval
 - Extension of inspection interval
 - Extension of reconditioning interval
 - Extension of part life



Maintenance interval extension

How is it done

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of GT design and operation
 - Good understanding of FFF (form, fit, function)
 - Form Geometry, weight
 - Fit Interface, material technology, thermodynamics
 - Function Actions that the part is designed to
 - The effect of operating regime must be understood
 - Base-, intermediate-, peak load operation
- This allows to predict and extent your maintenance



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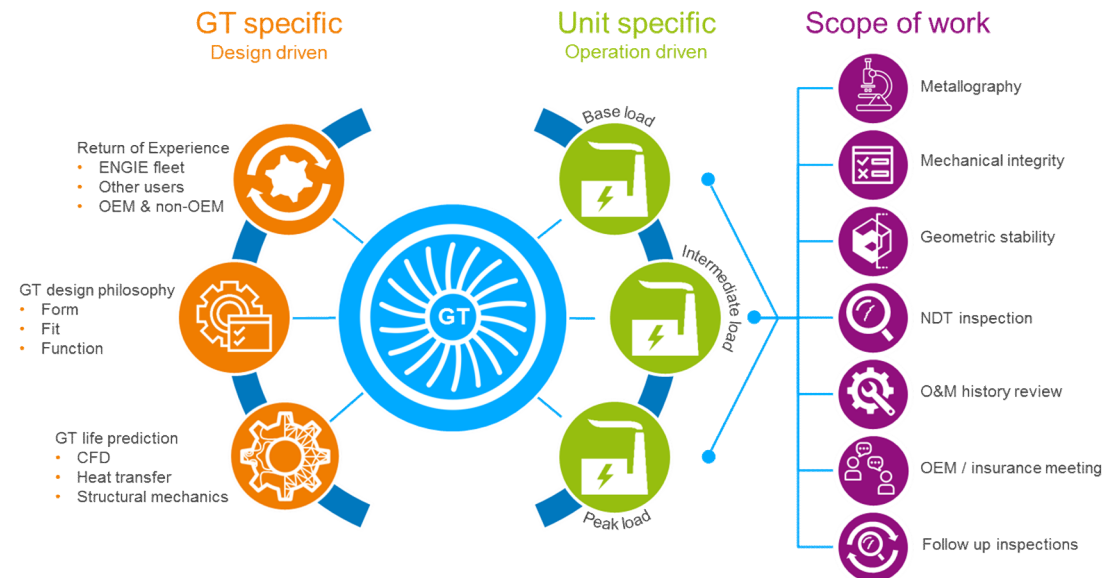
How is it done

- GT specific

- In-house Laborelec knowledge
- ENGIE fleet REX
- Life prediction tools

- Unit specific

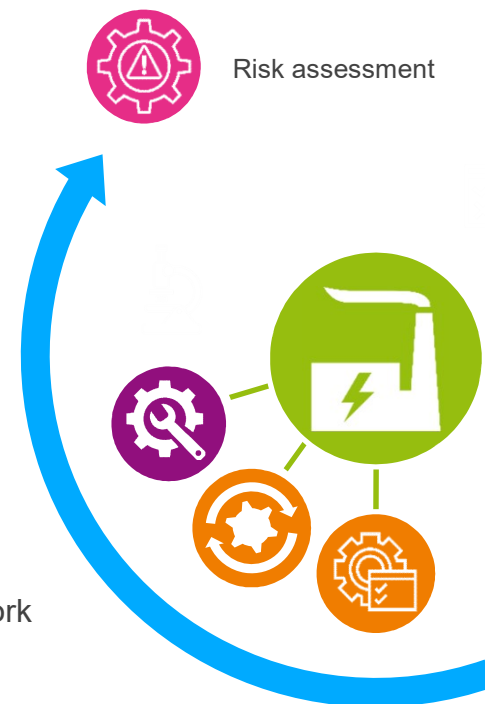
- Base-, intermediate-, peak load operation
- Input from client / unit
- Scope of work depending on available input & GT specific knowledge



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Feasibility assessment

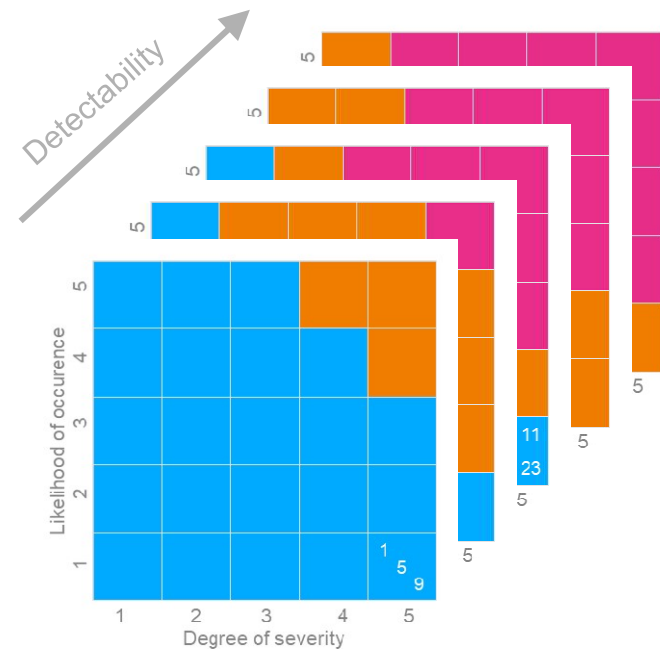
- Feasibility assessment to justify MIE programme
 - Review of O&M inspection reports
 - Witness or perform on-site inspections
 - Operational history of the unit
 - Return of experience (REX) input
 - GT design philosophy
 - Risk assessment and mitigation plan for desired interval
 - Risk mitigation plan & REX dictates the MIE programme scope of work



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Feasibility assessment

- Risk matrix of every component of the rotor and all possible damages (will be included in report)
- Risk based on
 - Degree of severity
 - Likelihood of occurrence
 - Detectability
- Low risk (blue): Acceptable risk
- Medium risk (orange): There is an increased risk due to the age and condition of the components, but acceptable with precautions taken and unit condition
- High risk (purple): Unacceptable risk



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MIE program

- The MIE scope is **uniquely** defined to mitigate the high risks
- It may include (metallurgical) examination of ex-service hardware and stress simulations
- Future follow up of unit/part condition by borescope inspection, review of inspection documents, etc.
- Early involvement of the insurer is key
 - Insurance companies perceive an outage a risk
 - An independent view on the turbine shows the insurer that care is being taken of the equipment

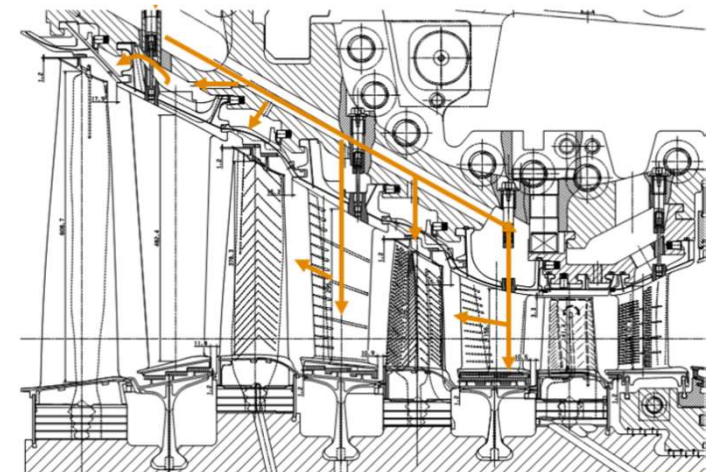
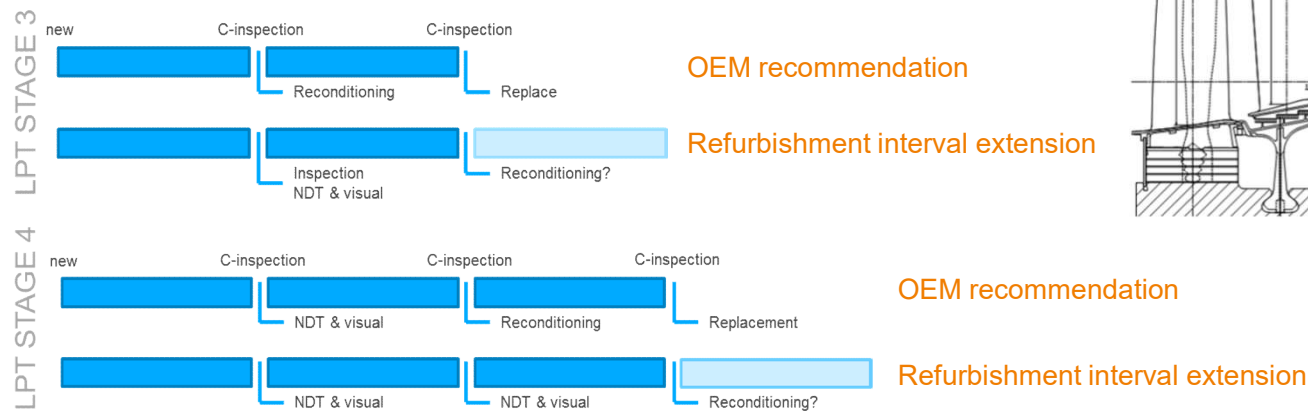
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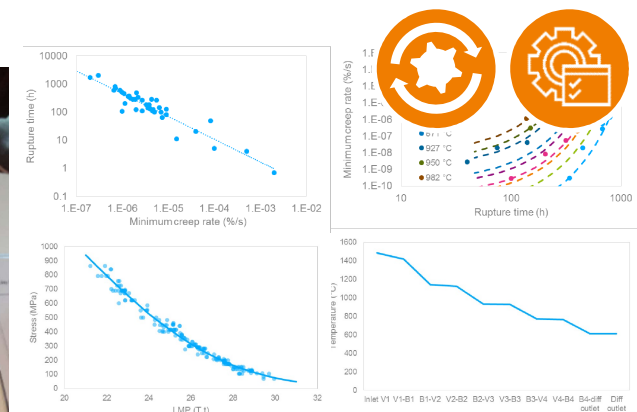
- C2-inspection during summer 2017
- The aim was to skip reconditioning of LPT stage 3 and 4



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Example

- Identified risks of LPT B3
 - Microstructure soundness
 - Internal surface condition
 - Mechanical properties
 - Tip shroud deflection
- Scope of work LPT B3
 - Life time analysis (LTA) on ex-service LPT B3
 - On-site NDT inspection
 - On-site 3D scanning

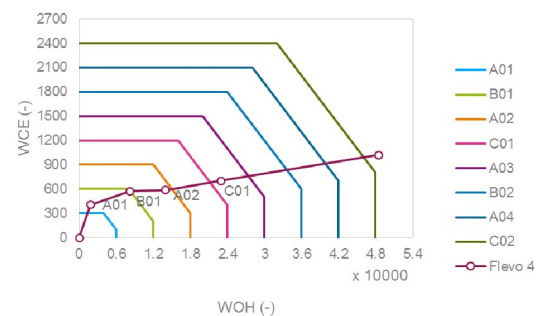


Feature	LPT B3
Material	Mar-M247
External coating	MCrAlY
Internal coating	-
Internal cooling	Turbulated cavity
Tip	Double knife edge seal tip shroud

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Example

- Ex-service LPT B3 available
- Review of inspection reports
- EOH, OH, starts, trips, etc

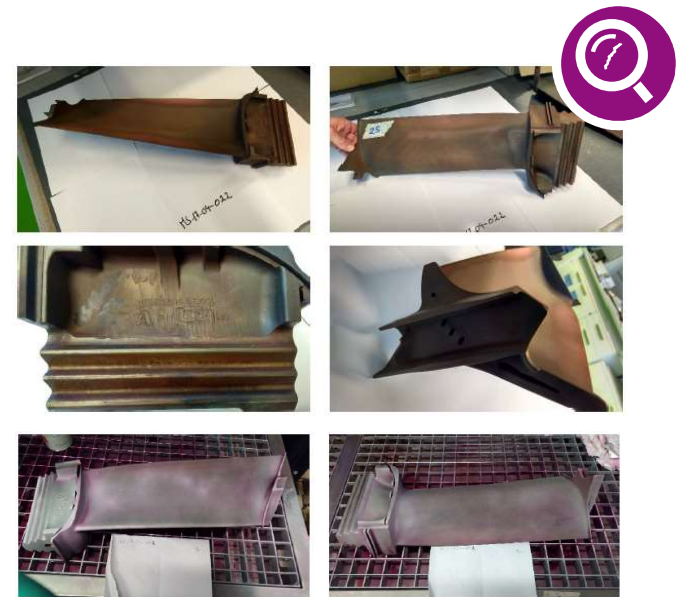


Counter	Ex-service	In-service	UOM
Operation hours	22,905	-	Hours
Equivalent operating hours	29,914	31,992	Hours
Weighted operating hours	22,906	28,298	Hours
Weighted cyclic events	700	-	-
Starts	168	272	-
Trips	53	-	-

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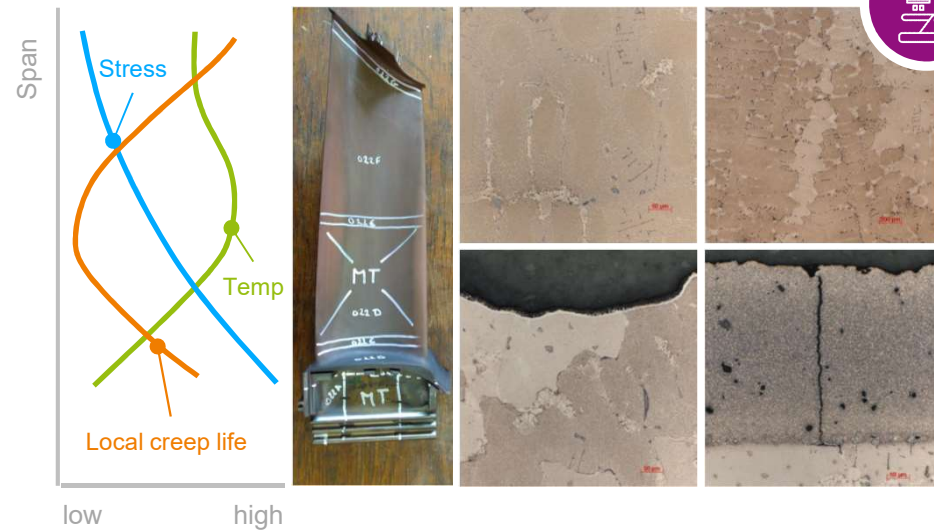
- Visual inspection of spare ex-service set
 - In a good condition
 - Tip shroud contact surfaces in good condition
- NDT inspection
 - No indications were observed



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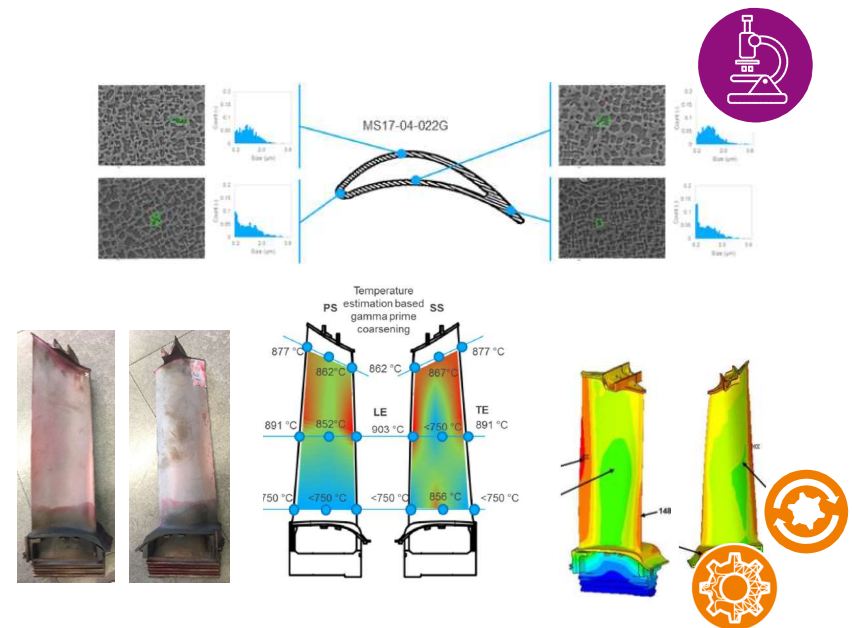
- Cut-up scheme
- Microstructure is in a good condition
- Coating is in good condition
- Internal surface shows little oxidation



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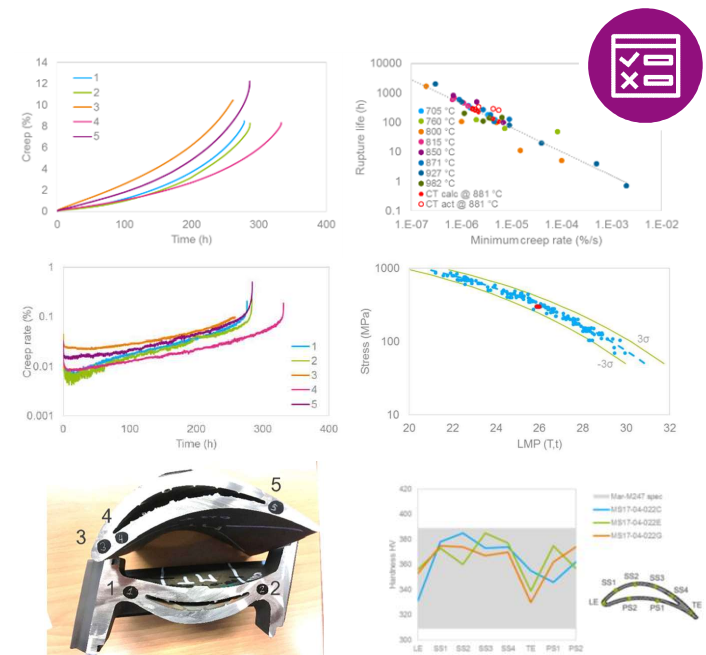
- Metal temperature estimation based on gamma prime coarsening
- Measured at all sections and airfoil side
- Temperature distribution shows a reasonable agreement with ex-service airfoil decolouration
- Metal temperature is not excessively high, i.e. blade is well cooled



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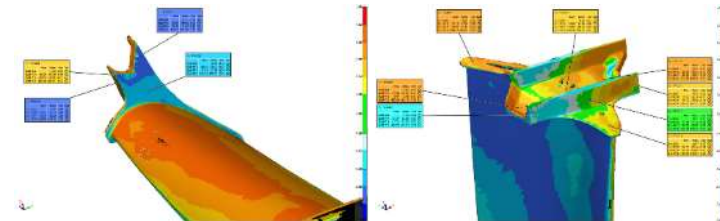
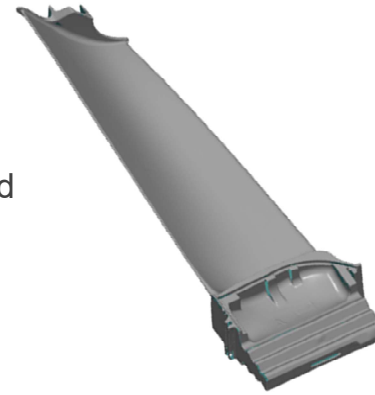
- Creep test
 - 2 samples from root section
 - 3 samples from airfoil section
 - All results are similar
 - No significant creep life consumed
- Hardness test
 - Hardness is well within the material specification



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Example

- During the outage
 - 3D scanning equipment brought on-site to measure tip shroud deflection
 - 3D scan comparison of ex-service, new blades and reconditioned blades
- No deformation observed detrimental for continued operation



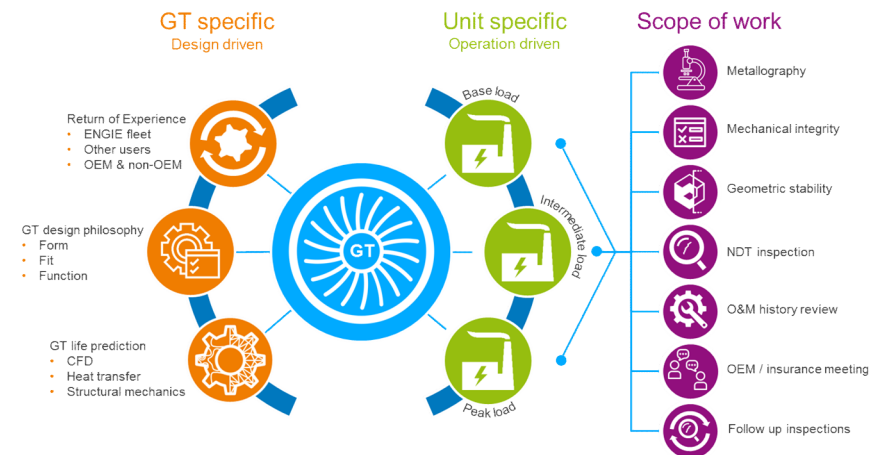
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Example

- Based on the review of thermodynamics, structural mechanics, metallography and geometry it is concluded that reconditioning interval extension is possible
- This is enforced by
 - ENGIE experience from other types of gas turbine units with similar operating conditions
 - Independent scrap rate and cause review of similar GTs matches with findings
 - OEM does not see any show stoppers to skip reconditioning and agreed with outcome
- Due to timing one risk item of LPT B3 was not addressed and the part was replaced
- LPT V3, LPT V4 and LPT B4 are currently back in-service

Conclusion

- Maintenance interval extension covers extension of
 - Maintenance interval
 - Reconditioning interval
 - Life time extension
- MIE scope of work depends on operating regime and REX
- The structured approach provides the risk based opportunities for interval extension
- MIE reduces maintenance costs





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