



Nordex Anti-Icing System on N131

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Anti-Icing System - Features

Development of N131 with AIS

Validation of design and functionality

Field experience and yield improvement







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Key features of the Nordex Anti-Icing System (AIS)

Availability:

- > N117 Delta
- N131 Delta

Heating element:

- > Electrical resistance heater
- Carbon fiber reinforced plastics
- Aerodynamically relevant surfaces

Operation:

> Down to -20°C, even in severe icing
> Fully operational during turbine operation

Power consumption:

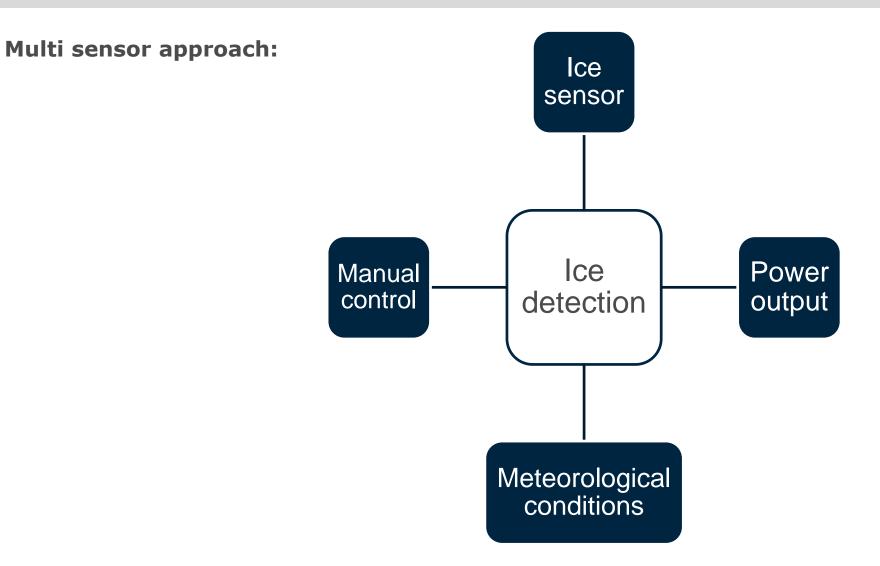
- > Minimized by heating the surface rather than the blade structure
- > Minimized by intelligent algorithm to switch off, low power or high power

Anti-Icing System!

Fights the ice before it accumulates on the blade!



Reliable detection of icing conditions is vital for a good Anti-Icing System



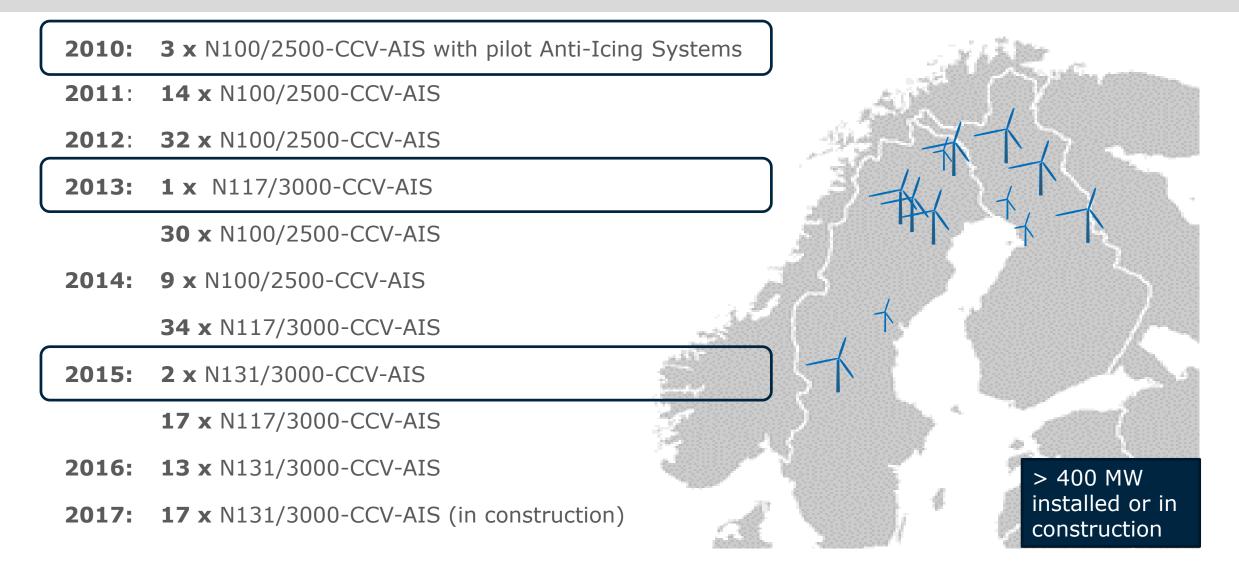
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Development

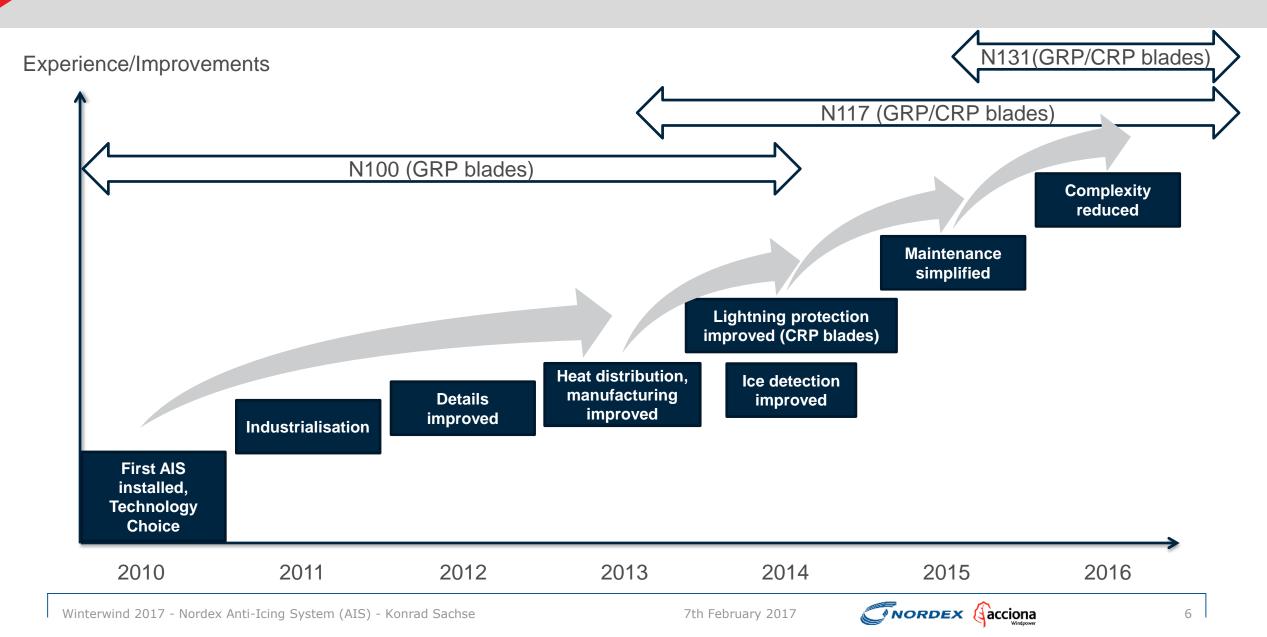
Nordex has long experience in developing Anti-Icing Systems



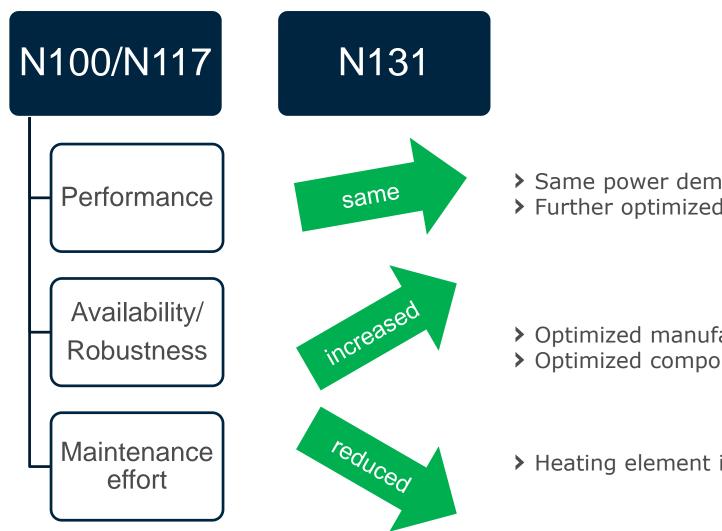


Development

Continuous improvement by learnings and innovations



Design goals for N131 AIS



> Same power demand > Further optimized heat distribution

> Optimized manufacturing processes > Optimized components

> Heating element is the only part on the blade surface



Validation – Structural design

NR65.5 blade is fully tested in static and dynamic tests applying all additional loads for the AIS

> Static 🗸

> Dynamic flapwise: 2.5 million cycles
> Dynamic edgewise: 7.5 million cycles





> Heating element 🗹

Validation – Lightning protection system

NR65.5 lightning protection system is fully tested by third party

Initial leader attachment test > High current coupon tests







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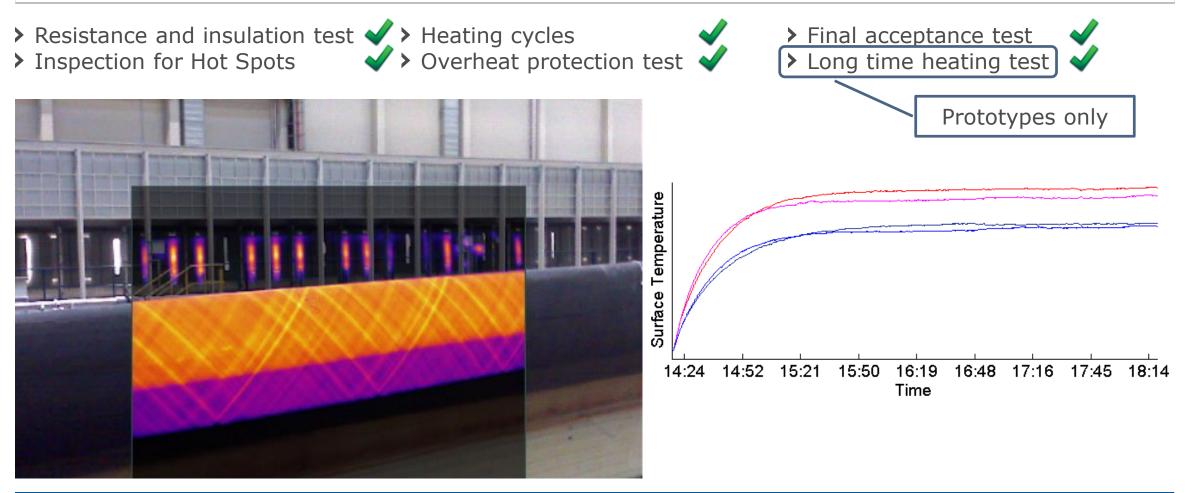
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Validation of design and functionality

Validation – Anti-Icing System (AIS)

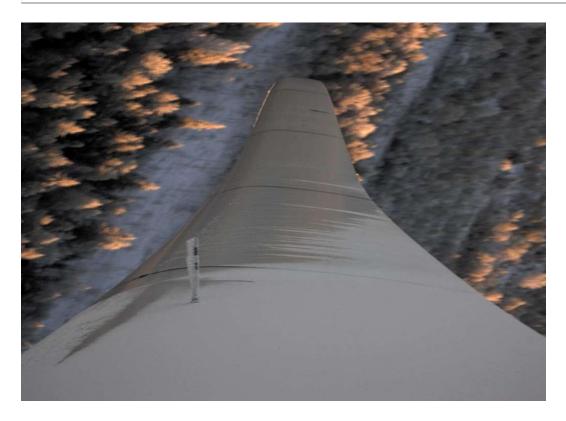
Every single blade of NR65.5 Anti-Icing System is fully tested inhouse





Field validation – NR65.5 Anti-Icing System (AIS)

Specially equipped prototype turbines in Finland



- > Cameras on blades
- > Ice thickness measurement device
- > Additional ice detectors

Observation of:

- icing periods
- > severity of icing

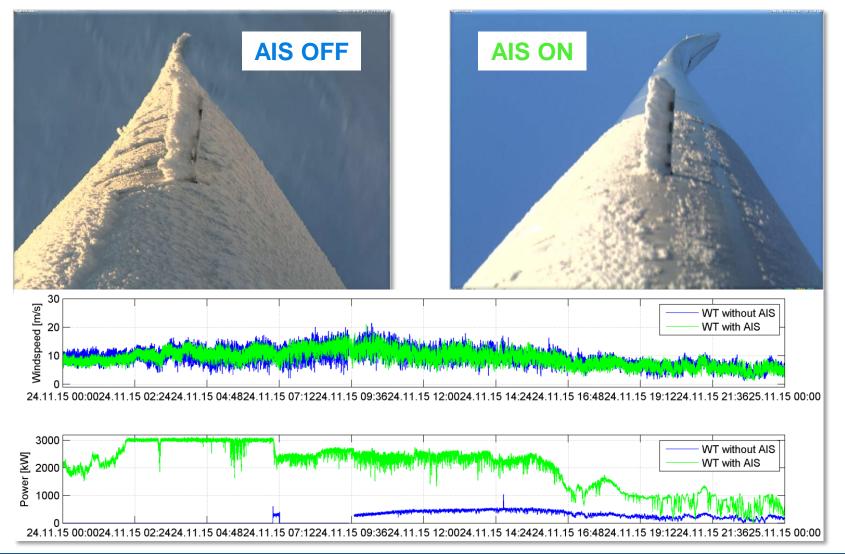
Known problem:

> Visibility is very bad during icing





Field validation – Example of production gain in Lapland

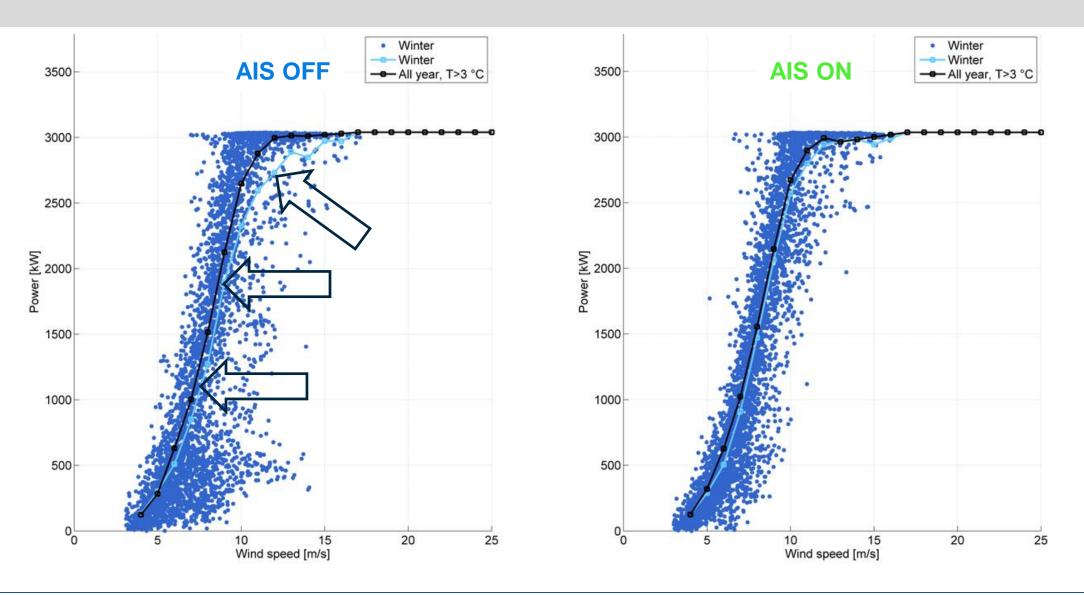


> Winter 2015/2016> N117, Sweden



Field experience and yield improvement

Power curves reflect the yield improvement due to Anti-Icing System (AIS)



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Nordex Anti-Icing System (AIS) can also do De-Icing

- > AIS switched off intentionally
 > Turbine stopped due to icing
 > Very fast De-Icing of the leading edge (≈ 20 min.)
- Turbine back in operation

Conditions:

- > Winter 2015/2016
- > N117, Sweden
- > Temperature: -8 °C
- > Wind speed: 6 m/s





NORDEX Anti-Icing System ...

- > ... is based on proven technology
- > ... has a long track record
- > ... is subject to continuous improvement and innovation
- > ... guarantees large yield improvement in icing conditions

NORDEX Anti-Icing System for N131 ...

- > ... is fully certified and tested
- > ... has maximized robustness and minimized maintenace effort









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