

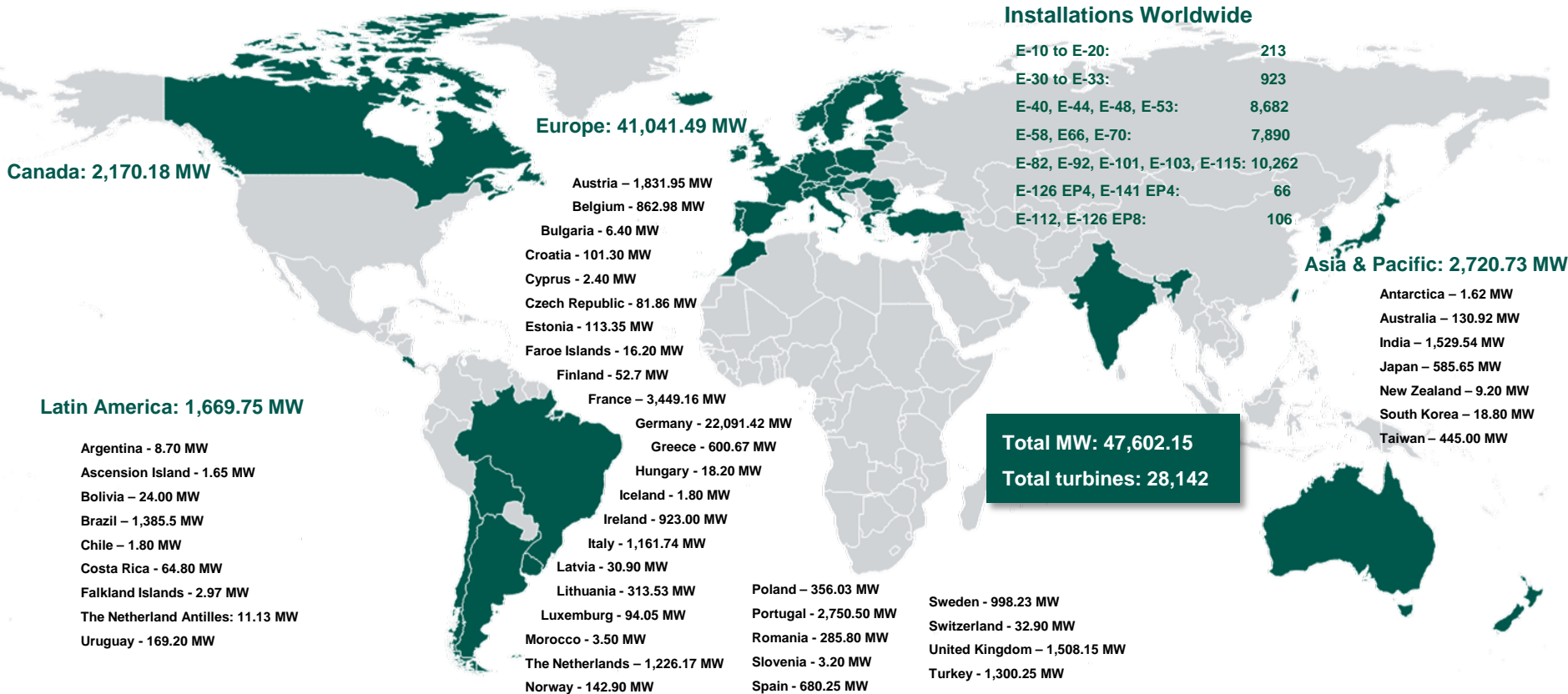
More than 20 years of experience

Retrospect and outlook of ENERCON's cold climate technologies

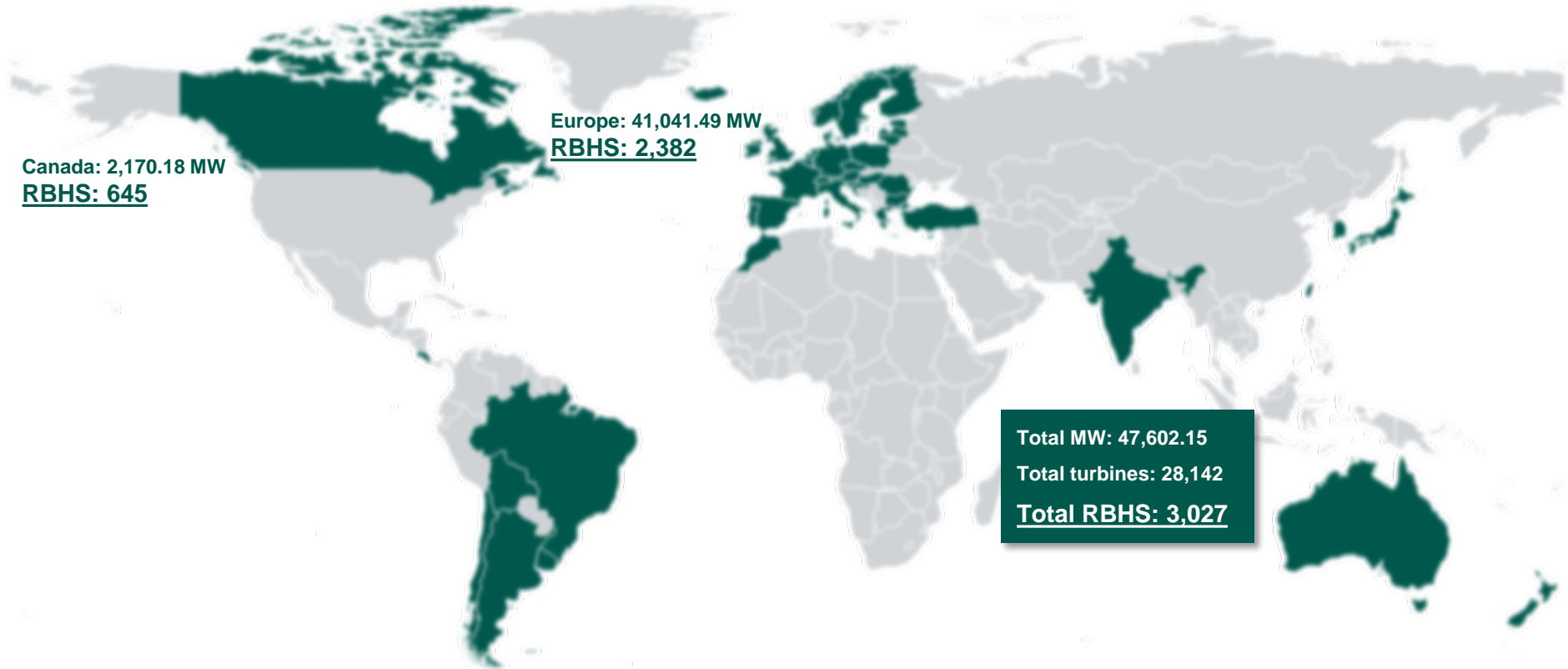
Winterwind Åre, February 6th, 2018

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ENERCON Installed Rotor Blade Heating Systems January 2018



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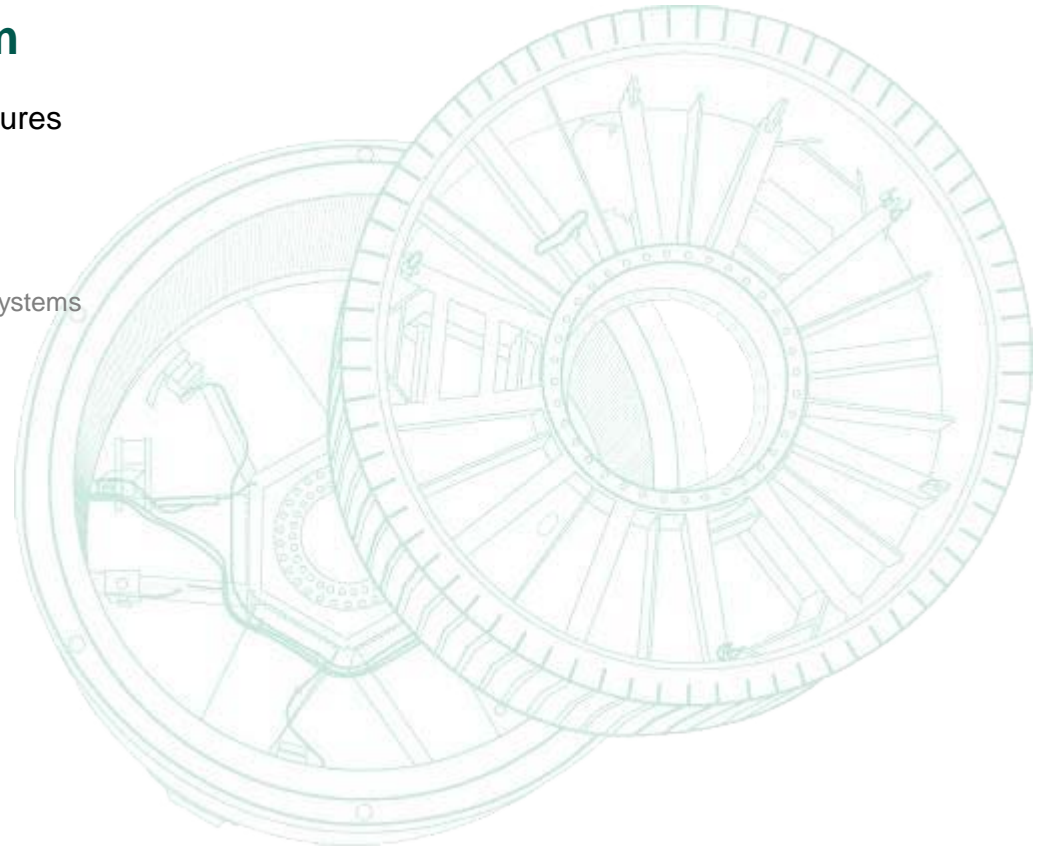
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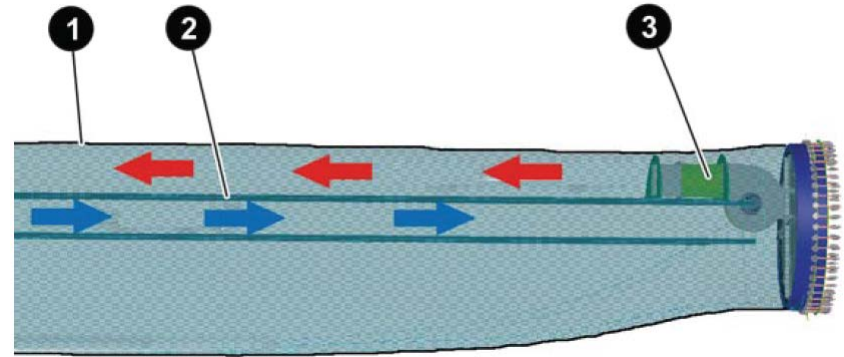
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1 | ROTOR BLADE HEATING SYSTEM - Since 1996

~ **FIRST PROTOTYPE:** 1996 on an E-40 turbine



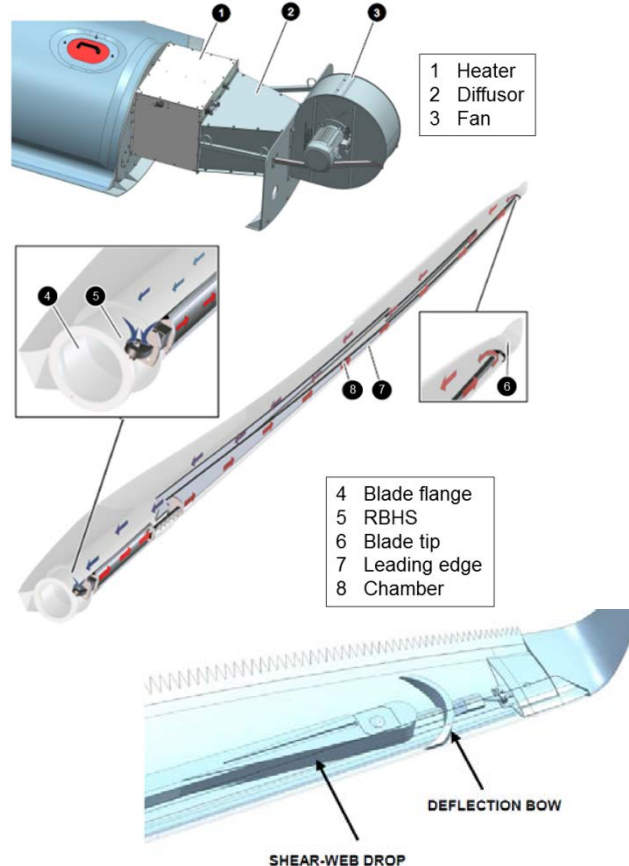
- 1. Leading edge
- 2. Main web
- 3. Heating element with fan

The Rotor Blade Heating System (RBHS) consists of two main parts, a heater and a fan which are both located at the blade flange. The heating elements heat up the air to a maximum of 72°C inside the leading edge chamber and the fan distributes it down to the blade tip.

1 | ENERCON RBHS – Continuous Development

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENTS

- ~ Automated on/off
- ~ New operational modes
- ~ Increased heating power
- ~ Internal flow dynamics
- ~ Sectioned blade
- ~ Integrated heating mat (E-126 EP8)



TURBINE TYPE	WEC RATED POWER	STANDARD NOMINAL POWER RBHS
E-44, E-48, E-53	900, 800, 800 kW	46 kW
E-70 E4	2 / 2.3 MW	70 kW
E-82 E2 - E4	2 / 2.3 / 3 MW	85 kW
E-92	2.35 MW	129 kW
E-103 EP2	2.35 MW	175 kW*
E-101, E-101 E2	3 MW / 3.5 MW	225 kW
E-115, E-115 E2	3 MW / 3.2 MW	225 kW
E-126 EP4	4.2 MW	225 kW
E-141 EP4	4.2 MW	225 kW

* subject to validation



Facing the cold: Griessee (CH) ↑ and Beaupré (CA) ↓

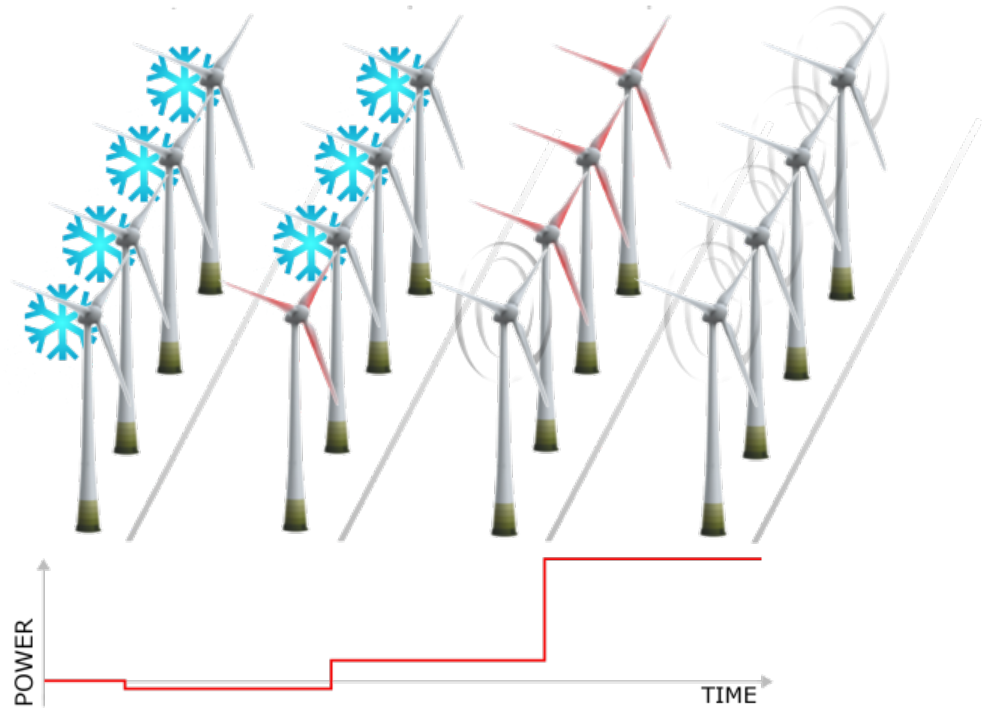


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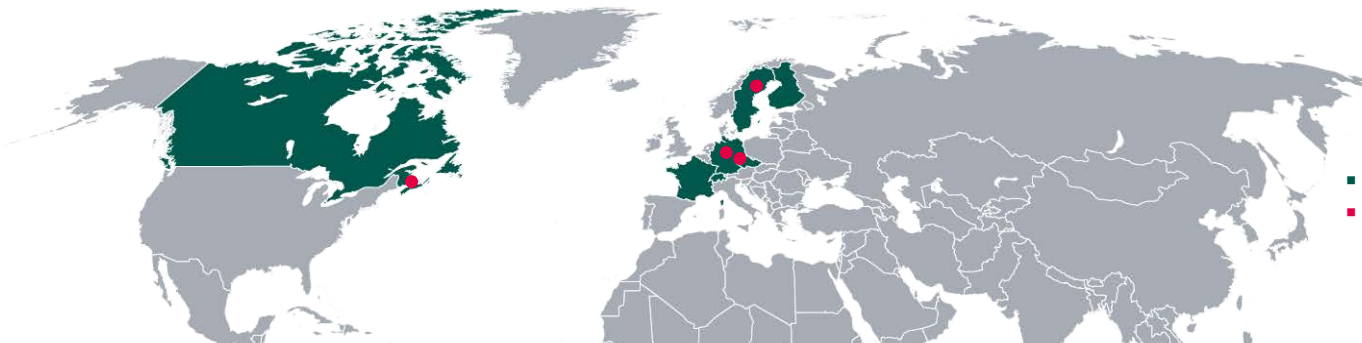
- ~ Proven slip-ring power supply
- ~ Heating all blades in operation or idling
- ~ Favorable blade structure
- ~ All blades designed to make RBHS possible
- ~ No additional lightning risks
- ~ No additional installations in the blade shell
- ~ Easily accessible for maintenance
- ~ Compatible with new anti-erosion layer
- ~ Proven fans, heaters and auxiliaries

LIMIT POWER CONSUMPTION FROM GRID

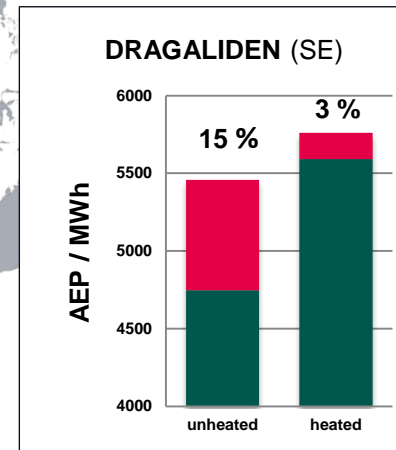
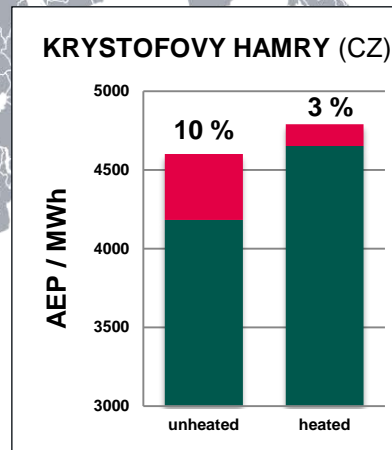
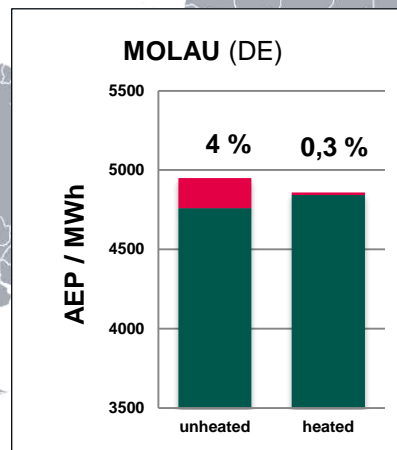
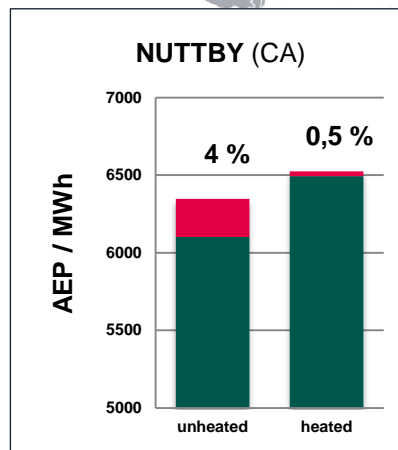
- ~ Predefine maximum power
- ~ Sequential heating
- ~ Avoid grid penalties
- ~ Grid stability



1 | ENERCON RBHS – Efficiency



- **AEP**
- **ICING LOSSES**
(incl. RBHS consumption for heated turbines)



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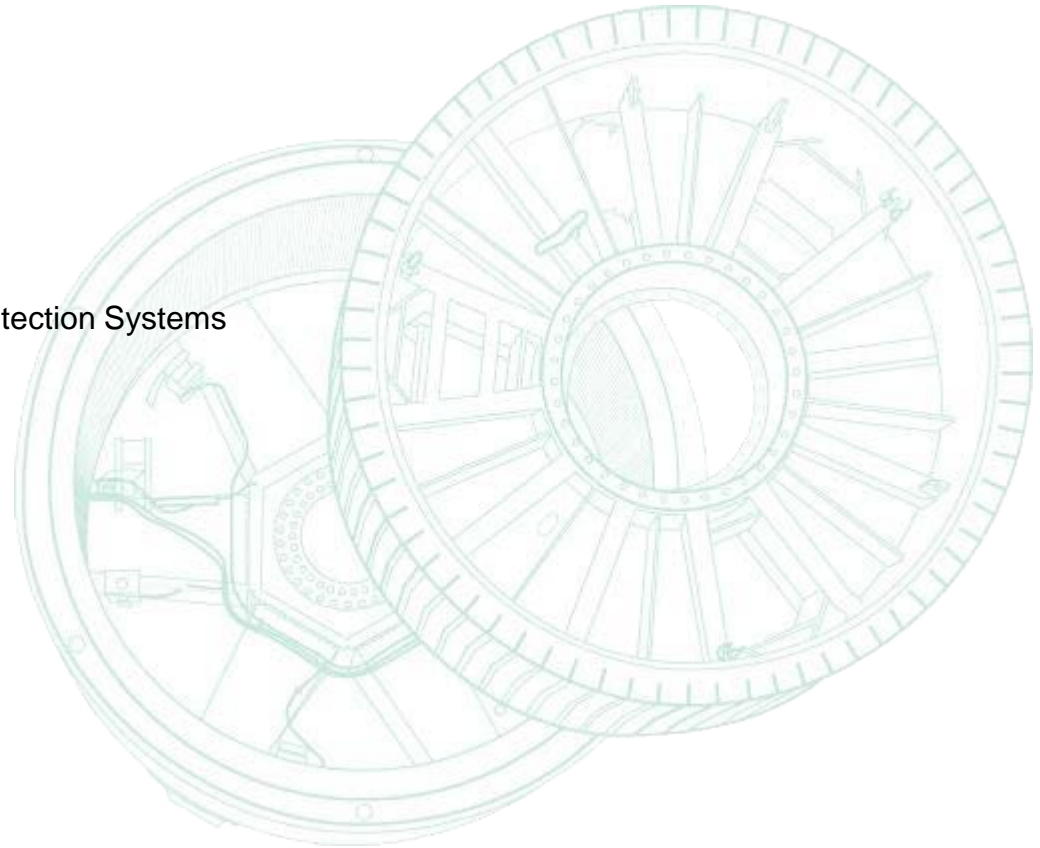
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2 | DETECTING ICE USING CHARACTERISTIC CURVES

For detecting ice on ENERCON turbines, deviations from characteristic curves are monitored for temperatures below 2°C.

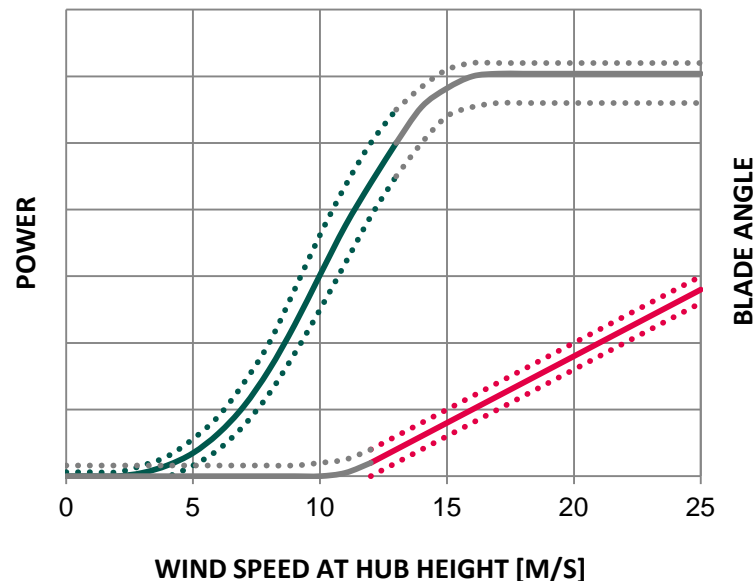
GREEN GRAPH – POWER CURVE METHOD

Deviations from the power curve compared to the current wind speed are detected and registered as ice on the rotor blades.

PINK GRAPH – BLADE ANGLE METHOD

Deviations from the blade angle curve compared to the current wind speed are detected and registered as ice.

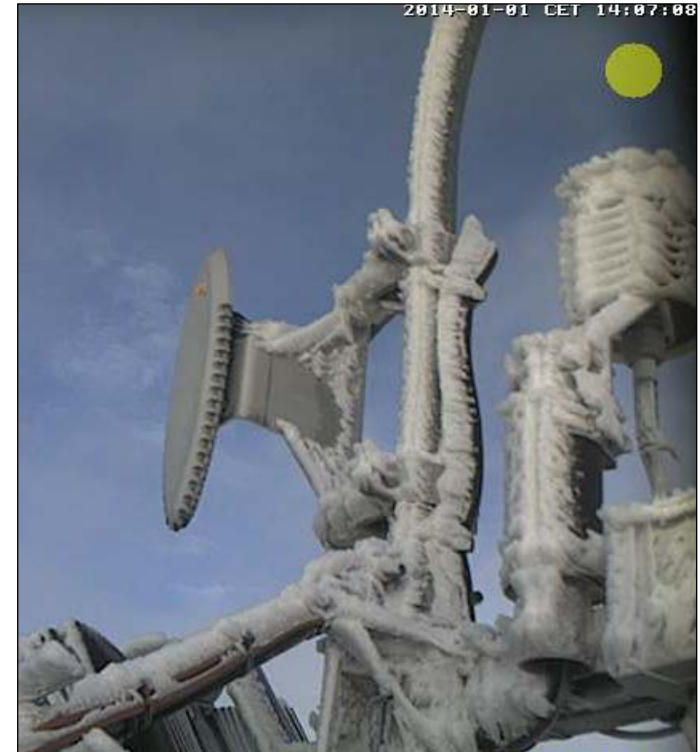
Standard for all ENERCON WECs



2 | ADDITIONAL LABKOTEC® ICE DETECTION – Since 2006

The combination of the Labkotec® ice detector and the ENERCON power curve method extends the working range of the ice detection system because

- ~ Ensures a reliable ice detection during low wind speeds or standstill of the turbine
- ~ Ice throw risk is decreased if the turbine needs to restart after a standstill
- ~ Provides the additional measurement of meteorological icing in order to identify periods when ice growth in hub height is possible
- ~ Potential requirements of authorities to offer an independent and redundant system can be fulfilled



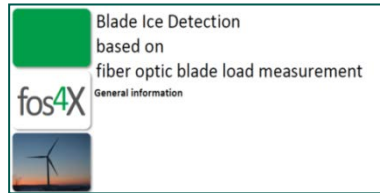
ENERCON strikes new paths to serve customer requests and requirements from authorities.

EEOLOGIX IMPEDANCE MEASUREMENT



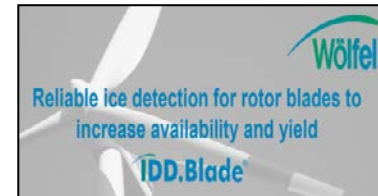
- Bonding of tags on blade
- Impedance measurement with a planar capacitor
- Self support by solar panel
- Two configurations under development:
 - 1) Ice detection during operation
 - 2) Automatic restart

FOS4X EIGENFREQUENCY MEASUREMENT



- Measurement with acceleration sensor in the blade
- Transmission via fiber-optic cables
- *Warnings* and *Alarms* with site specific ice mass thresholds optimize the turbine operation under icing conditions

WÖLFEL EIGENFREQUENCY MEASUREMENT



- Installation of a structural noise sensor in the blade
- Transmission via screened electric cables
- *Warnings* and *Alarms* with site specific ice mass thresholds optimize the turbine operation under icing conditions

**ONGOING
VERIFICATION
CAMPAIGN!**

**UNDER
DEVELOPMENT!**

ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR WIND FARMS :

- ~ Ice detection of predefined percentage of WECs triggers the entire wind farm
- ~ Possible to define the percentage necessary to trigger ice detection of all WECs
- ~ Can be used as additional safety measure at sensitive sites



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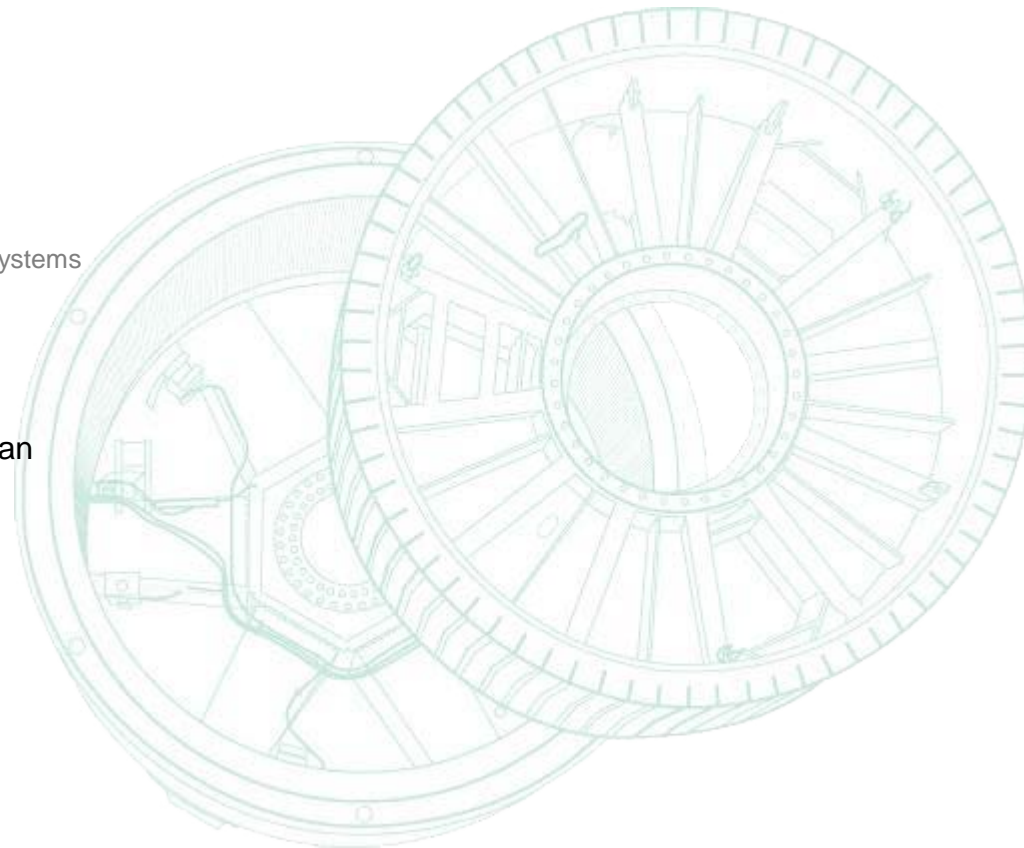
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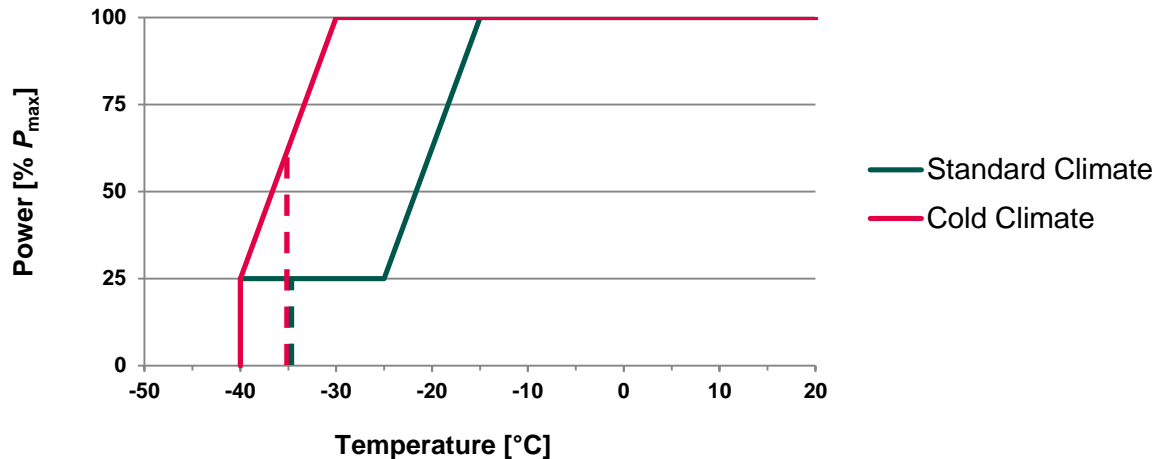
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3 | COLD CLIMATE PACKAGE – For Low Temperature Climates

- ~ ENERCON turbines are able to produce energy down to temperatures of -40°C
- ~ Turbines in “Standard Climate” version have a decreased maximum power P for temperatures below -15°C .
- ~ With “Cold Climate” adjustments the rated power P_{\max} can be reached until -30°C .



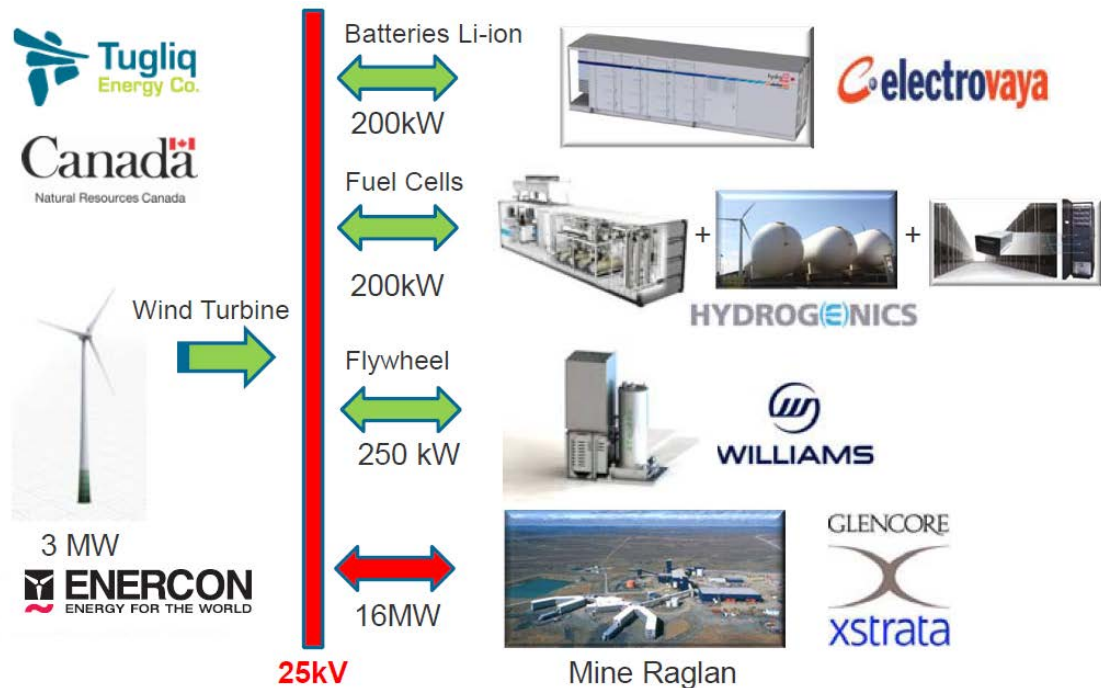
COLD CLIMATE SITE

Site with more than nine days per year with temperatures below -20°C for at least one hour

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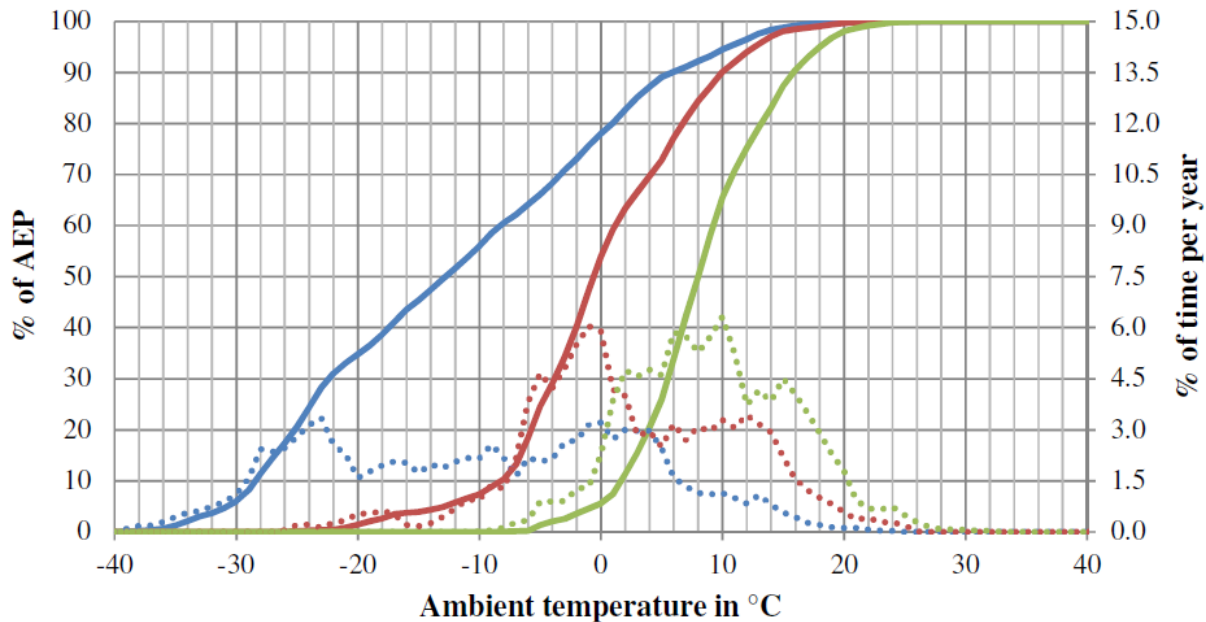
yearly average temperature below 0°C

3 | LOW TEMPERATURE OPERATION – Green Mining



Pictures taken from *ecoENERGY Innovation Initiative Demonstration Component, Project: GC 128296, Public Report*

3 | LOW TEMPERATURE OPERATION – Cold Climate Energy Output



— CC in CA: % of AEP
 — CC in SE: % of AEP
 — NC in SE: % of AEP
..... CC in CA: % of hours per year
 CC in SE: % of hours per year
 NC in SE: % of hours per year

Production reduction from -15°C without the cold climate package

Maximum production down to -30°C with the cold climate package

The site in CANADA produces **45 % of AEP** at temperatures below -15°C.

Godin, P. and Ogiwara, R. (2016). Operational Experiences with Electricity Generation from Wind Turbines in Challenging Cold Climate Conditions

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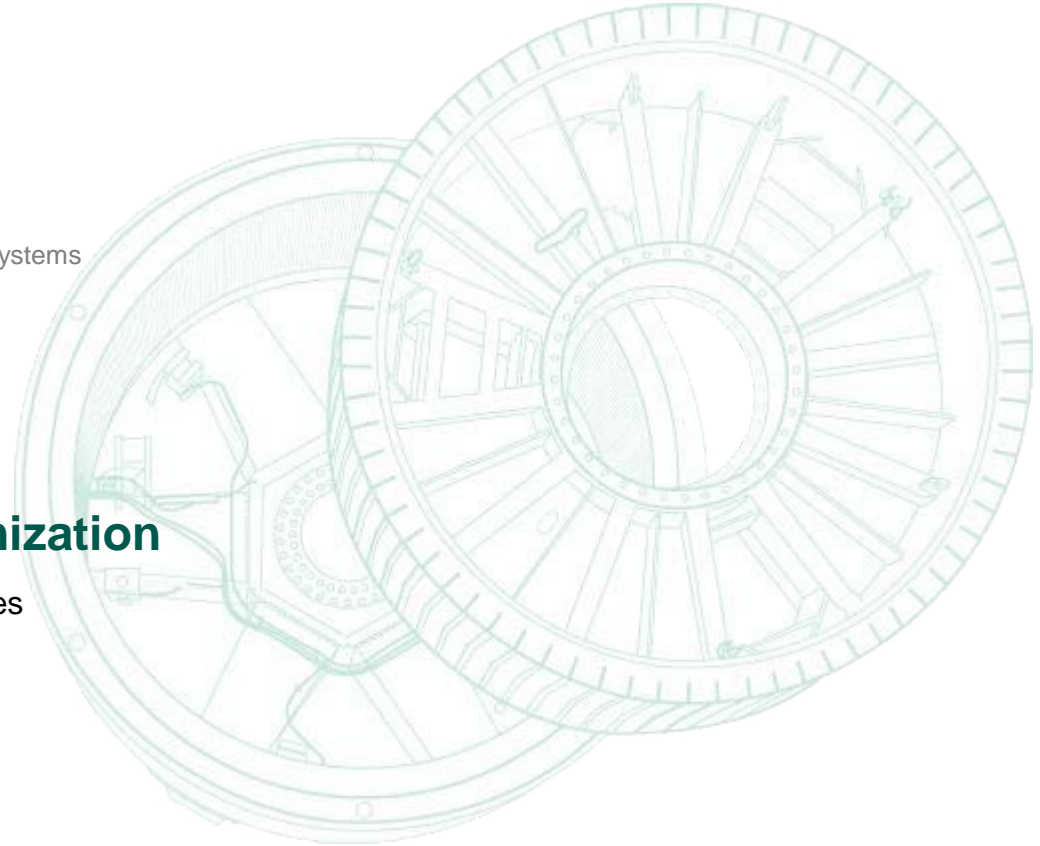
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SITE ASSESSMENT

- ~ Wind measurements in cold climates
- ~ Ice fall/throw risk assessment
- ~ CCP-evaluation
- ~ IEA t19 table – extended with RBHS
- ~ IEA T19IceLossMethod
- ~ Upcoming: Site specific icing losses

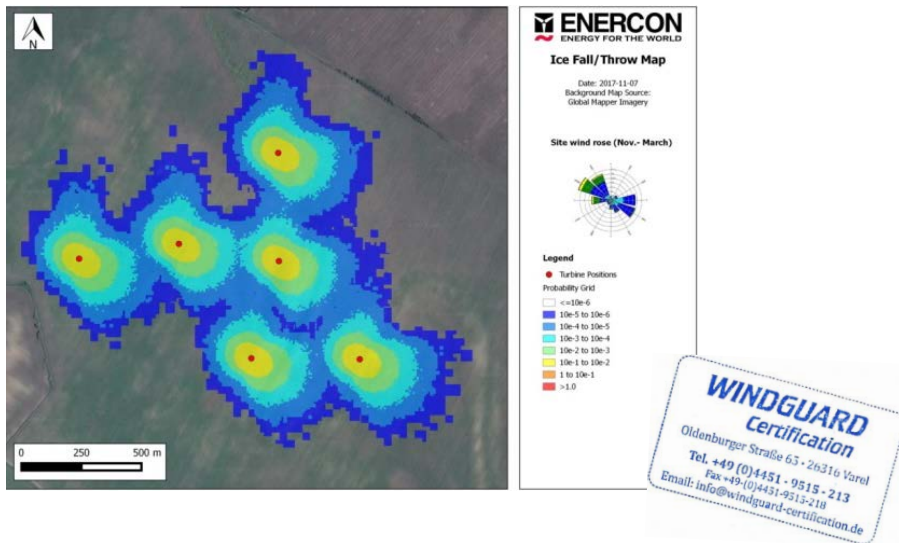
OPTIMIZED SOLUTION FOR YOUR SITE!

IEA ICE CLASS (no.)	MET. ICING (% of year)	INSTR. ICING (% of year)	PRODUCTION LOSS (WITHOUT RBHS) (% of AEP)	PRODUCTION LOSS (WITH RBHS, CONSUMPTION INCL.) (% of AEP)	VALIDATION (Site)
5	> 10	> 20	> 20	> 4	-
4	5 - 10	10 - 30	10 - 25	1.5 - 5	Krystofovy Hamry (CZ)* Dragaliden (SE)* Gabrielsberget (SE)
3	3 - 5	6 - 15	3 - 12	0.5 - 3	St. Brais (CH) Nuttby (CA)
2	0,5 - 3	1 - 9	0.5 - 5	0 - 1.5	Molau (DE)*
1	0 - 0.5	< 1.5	0 - 0.5	< 0.5	-

* Proved by Meteotest, external consultant from Switzerland

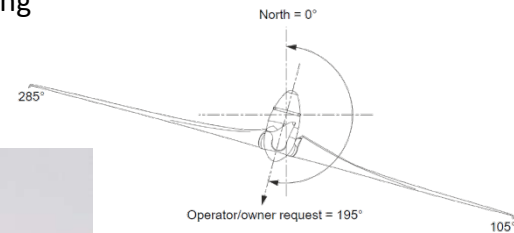
ICE RISK ASSESSMENT

- ~ Model certified model by WindGuard Certification GmbH
- ~ Based on largest ice piece collection campaign



ICE RISK MITIGATION SYSTEMS

- ~ Ice detection and restart strategies
- ~ Nacelle positioning
- ~ Warning lights



ROTOR BLADE HEATING

- ~ The ENERCON RBHS uses a hot air system since 1996
- ~ Multiple modes and settings to suit all demands
- ~ The RBHS can lead to significant energy yield gains for IEA class ≥ 3 sites.
- ~ More than 3,000 RBHS installed

ICE DETECTION

- ~ Proven ENERCON ice detection system using operating characteristics
- ~ Several ice detection alternatives available

SITE ASSESSMENT

- ~ Validated and certified ice fall/throw assessments
- ~ IEA t19 – table extension with losses incl. RBHS



Korpiranta (FI) ↑ and Koskenkylä (FI) ↓



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