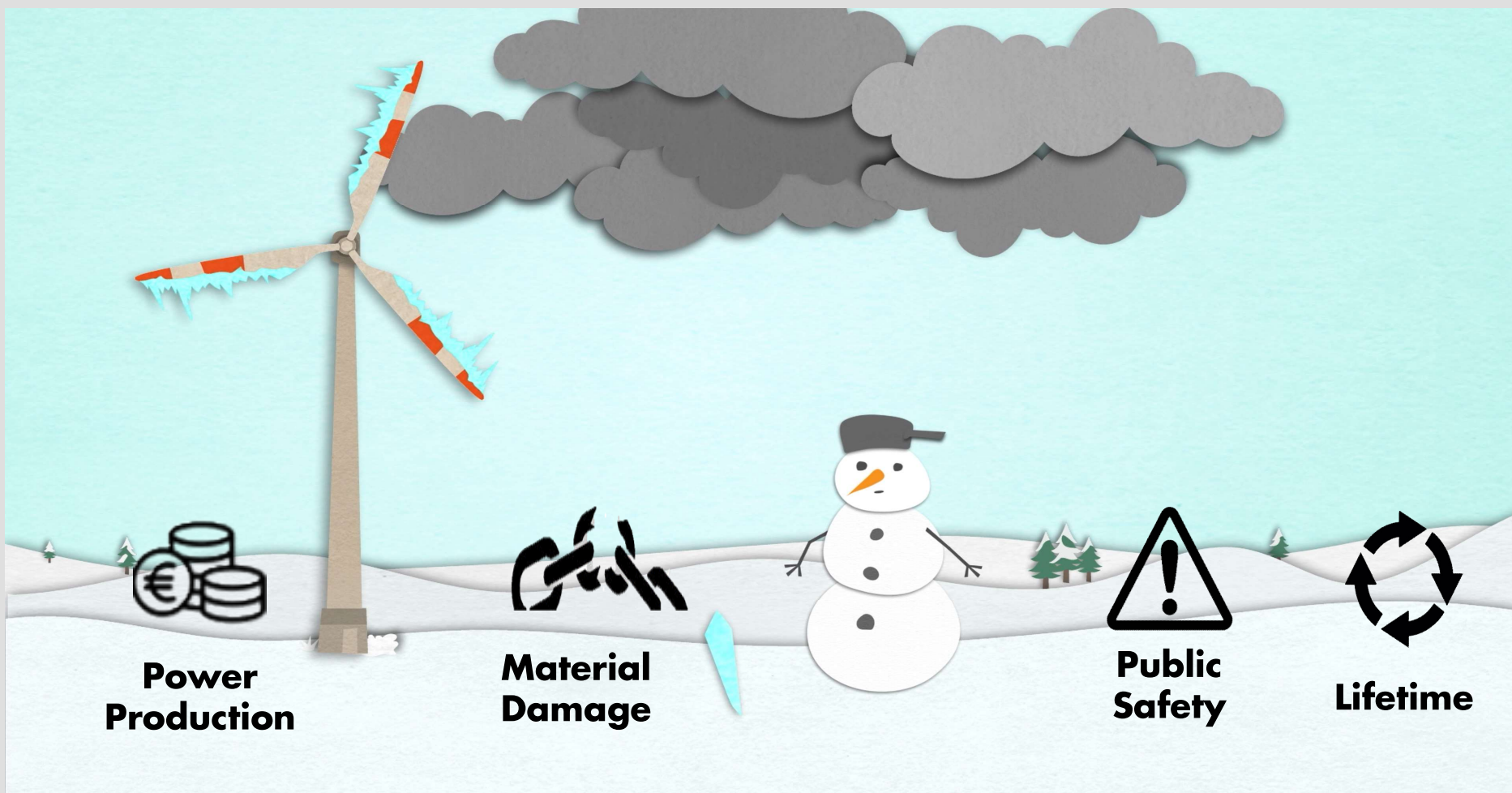




BLADE BASED ICE DETECTION IDD.BLADE ®

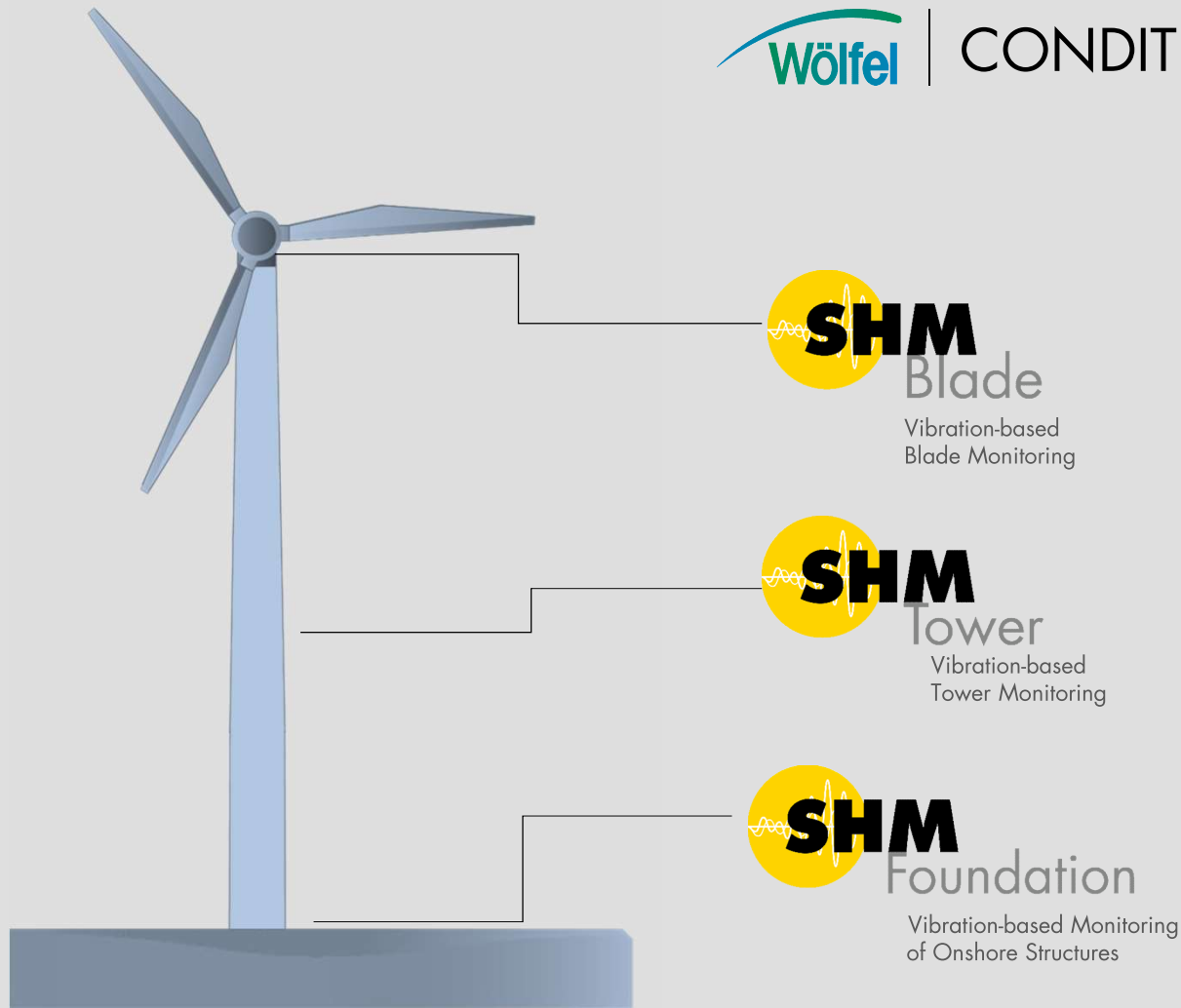
EFFICIENT OPERATION IN COLD CLIMATE

# IMPORTANCE OF BLADE MONITORING IN COLD CLIMATE





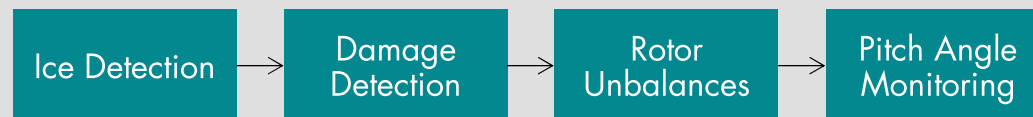
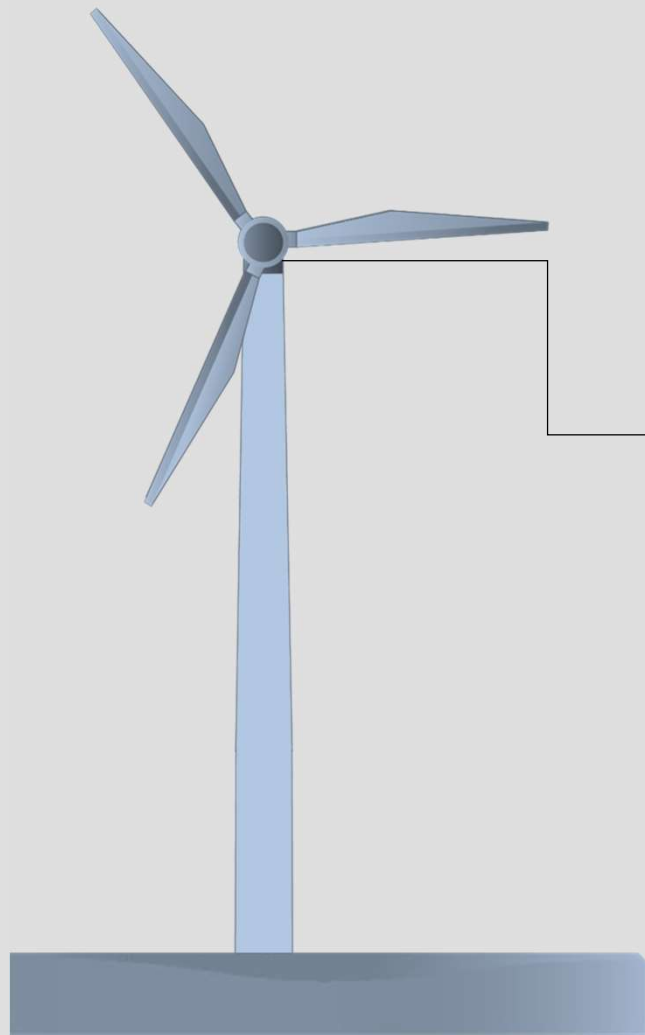
## CONDITION MONITORING PORTFOLIO



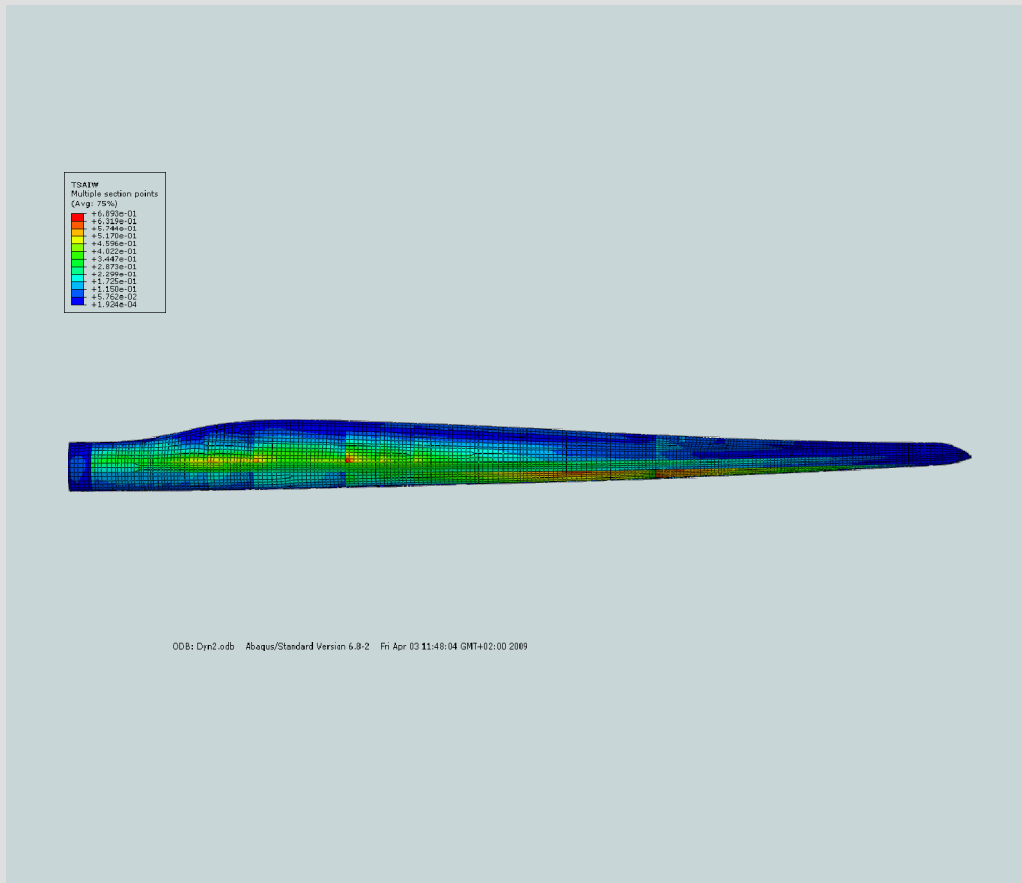
- Specialized for monitoring of the complete structure
- References throughout the whole wind industry
- Supplier to more than 10 OEMs
- Global install base: 1,800 systems



# WÖLFEL BLADE MONITORING



# VIBRATIONS PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ICING



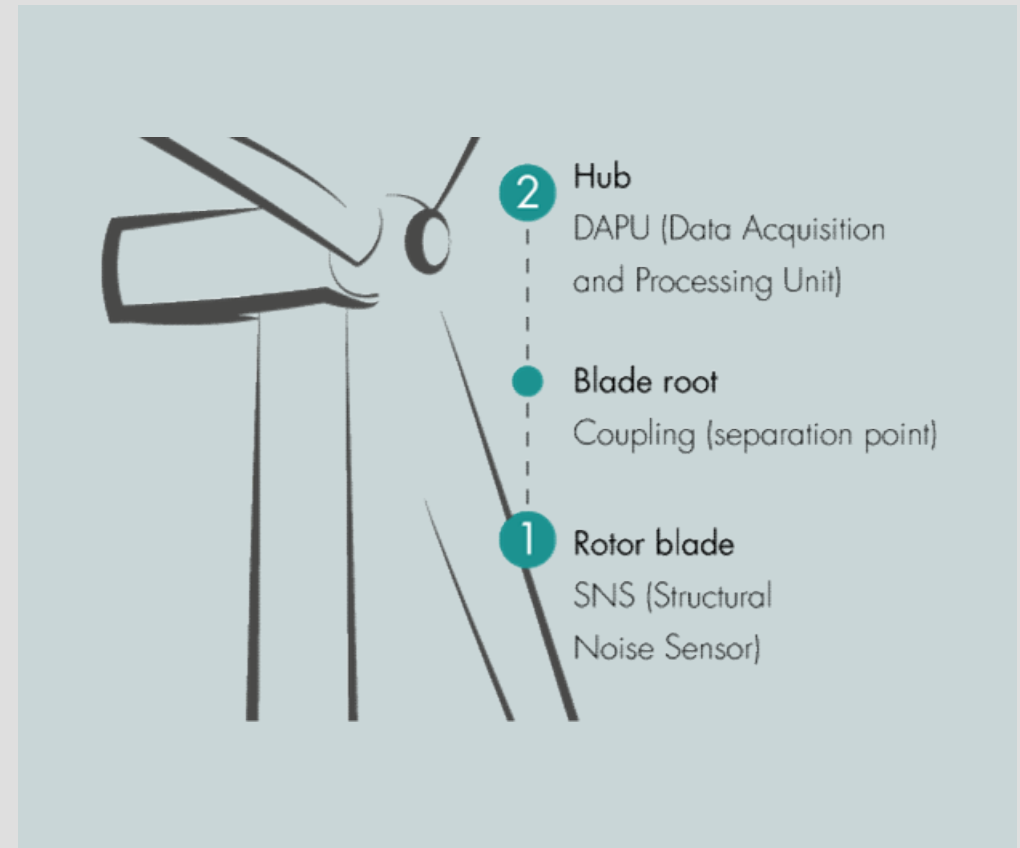
Structural damages and ice change the natural frequencies:

- Structural damages reduce the stiffness
- Ice increases the rotor blade mass

→ Rotor blade vibrations give us information about the state of the structure

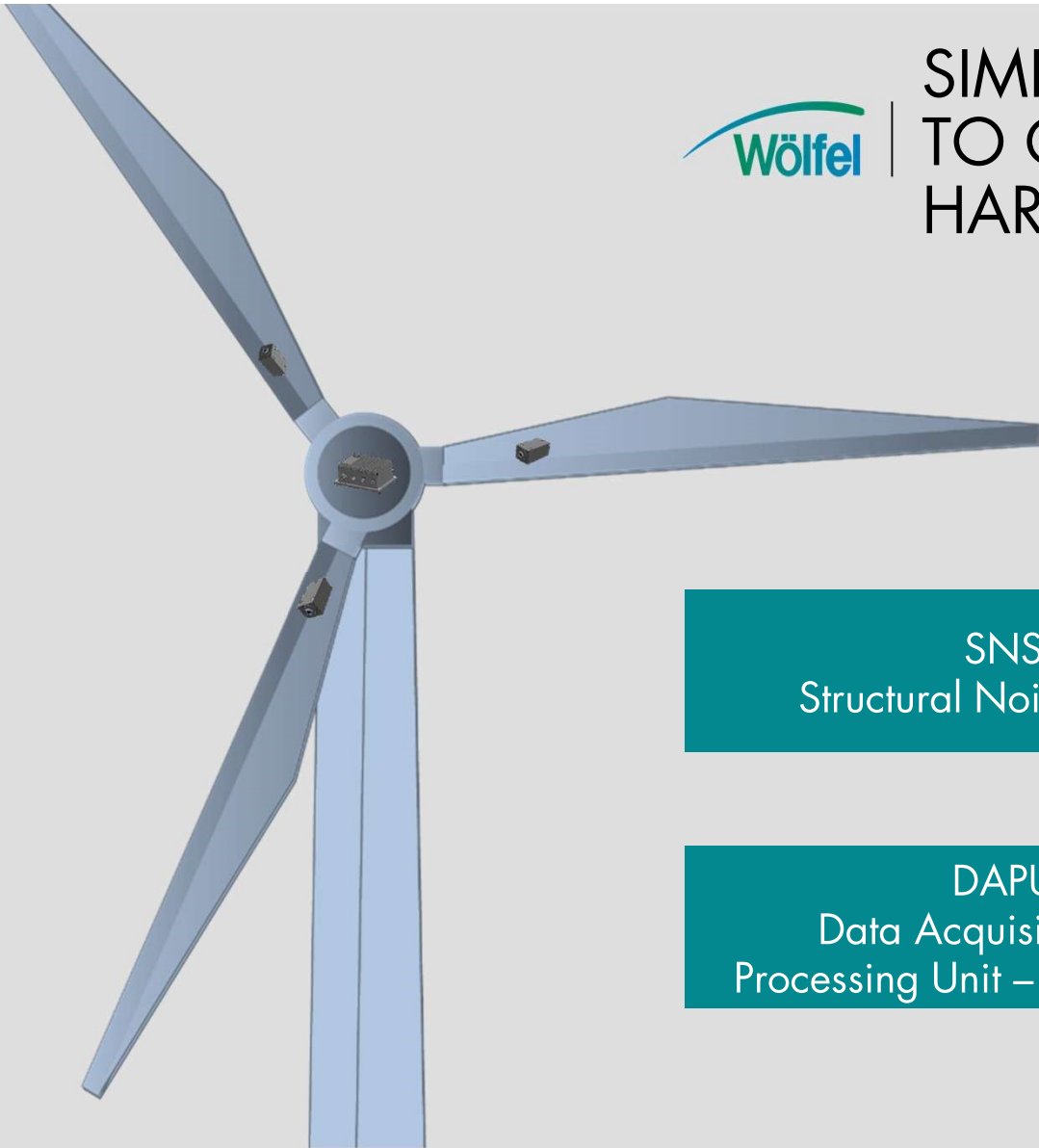
# SIMPLE AND RELIABLE DUE TO COMPACT AND ROBUST HARDWARE

- Structural Noise Sensors (SNS) measure vibration and sound in each rotor blade.
- The sensor signals are stored in the hub by the Data Acquisition and Processing Unit (DAPU).
- The data is evaluated automatically using the EOC and operating data provided by the wind turbine control system.
- Condition indicators are calculated.
- The WTG control system receives messages on the state of the system, damage and icing.



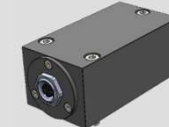


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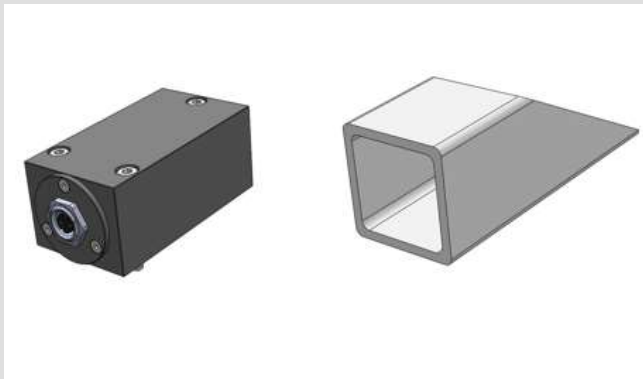
SNS  
Structural Noise Sensor

DAPU  
Data Acquisition and  
Processing Unit – Interface PLC





# SIMPLE AND RELIABLE DUE TO COMPACT AND ROBUST HARDWARE



Structural Noise Sensor (SNS)  
with mounting adapter



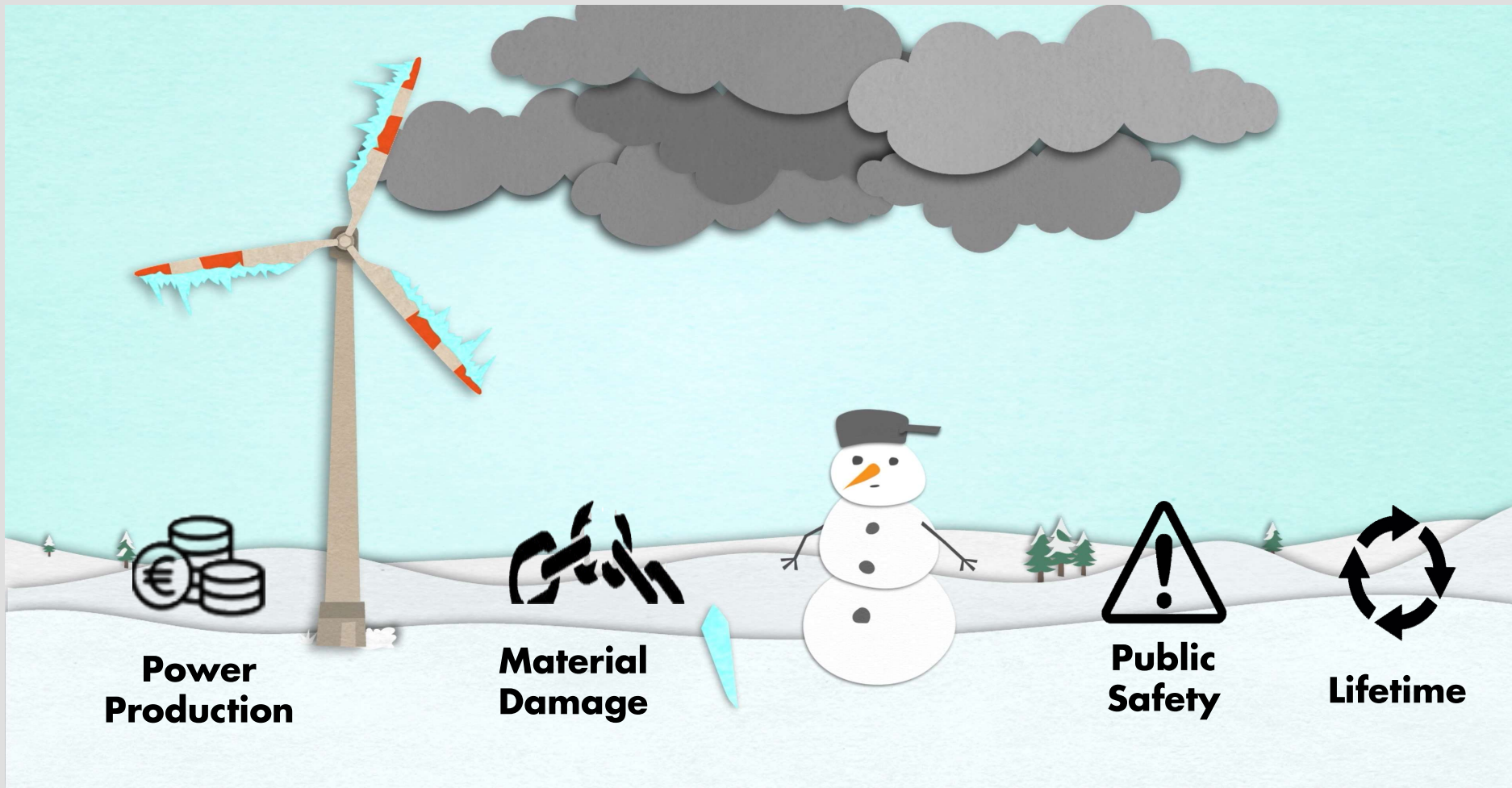
Metal-free cable with  
optical fibers or guaranteed  
lightning protection



Data Acquisition and Processing  
Unit (DAPU)



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# PUBLIC SAFETY BY AUTOMATED STOP AND RESTART

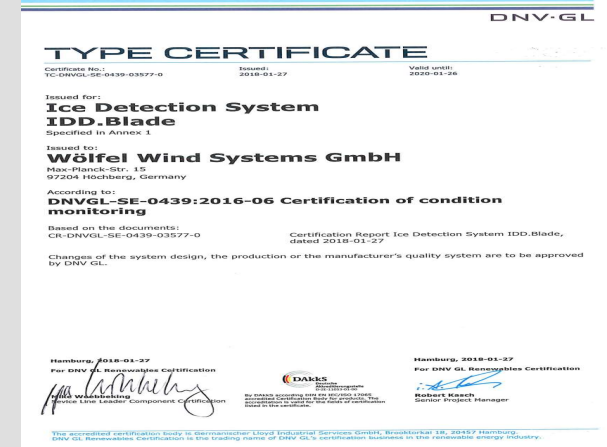
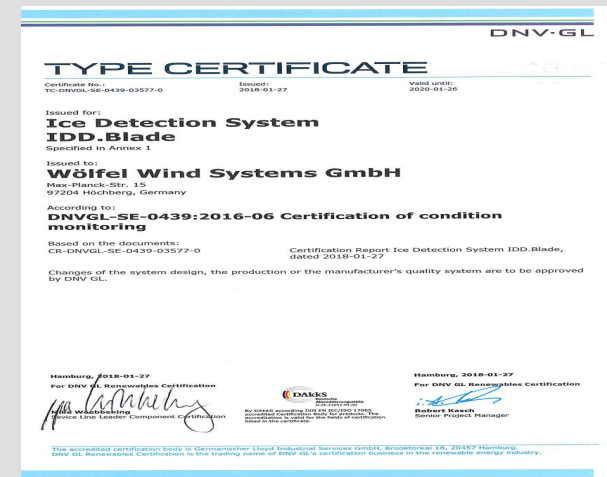


**Public Safety**

- **Hazard** to people as a result of flying ice chunks must be prevented. **No ice throw!**
- **Regulations** vary per country
- **State of the art** technology with increased security level.
- **Automatic Restart** certified



<https://www.americalexperiment.org/2018/02/mn-windturbineshutsafety-concerns-ice/>

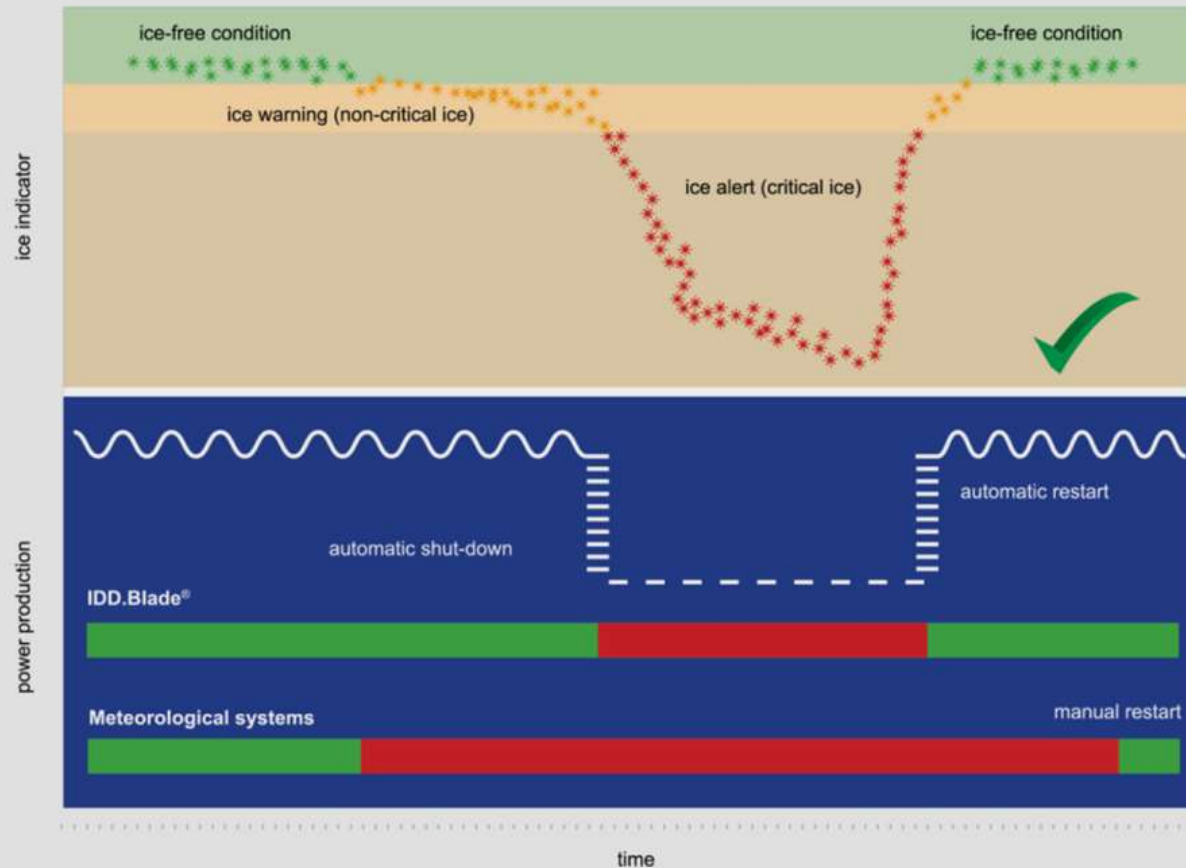




# AUTOMATIC RESTART INCREASES YIELDS EVEN FURTHER



**Power  
Production**



## Ice detection directly on the rotor blade

- Ice detection by measuring the vibration behavior of the rotor blade
- Individual on each rotor blade
- Automatic restart of the plant
- Individual/site-specific sensitivity setting
- Ice detection in all operating conditions and also in standstill (all pitch angles)
- Min. wind speed                      ~ 2.5 m/s      → Ice detection below the activation wind speed
- Updating ice indicator                ~ 5 min            → Automatic restart of the plant at any time





## AERODYNAMIC UNBALANCE IS A RELEVANT FACTOR

mic rotor unbalance (AU)...

uces the aerodynamic efficiency of the wind turbine and as a consequence its power output.

ds to very large increases in loading on the drivetrain, blades and tower.

ds to increased vibrations and as a consequence to higher noise emission.



**Material  
Damage**



# NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF WIND TURBINES SUFFER FROM UNBALANCE ON THE ROTOR

## 15% each

- Mass unbalance
- Aerodynamic unbalance
- Combined unbalance

**45%**  
Impermissible rotor unbalance

**25%**  
Tolerable rotor unbalance

**30%**  
Low rotor unbalance

Source: Auswuchten von WEA-Rotoren (Dr. Christoph Heilmann et al., WID Whitepaper: Bundesverband WindEnergie BWE 03/2015)



## HIGH PRECISION IN THE DETECTION OF AERODYNAMIC UNBALANCE

Blade unbalance detection helps to avoid severe damages by identifying turbines which add increased fatigue loads on the entire structure, especially on the tower and nacelle, as well as on the main components.

Integration of SHM. Blade pitch angle monitoring will lead to an increased life expectancy of the structure and the drive train components.

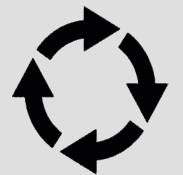
# A SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS: DETECTION OF AU BY PITCH ANGLE MISALIGNMENT





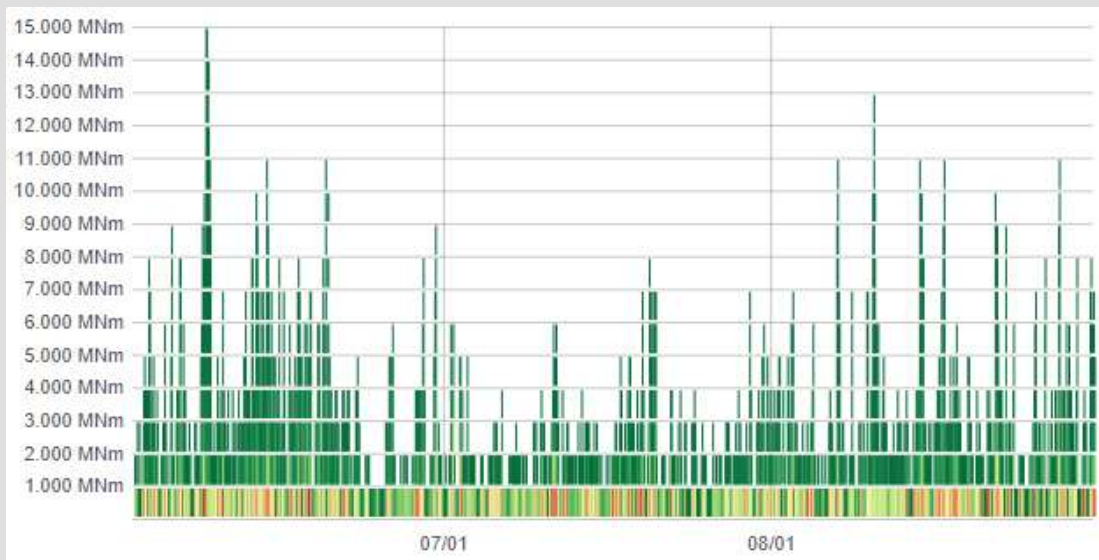


# TOWER MONITORING

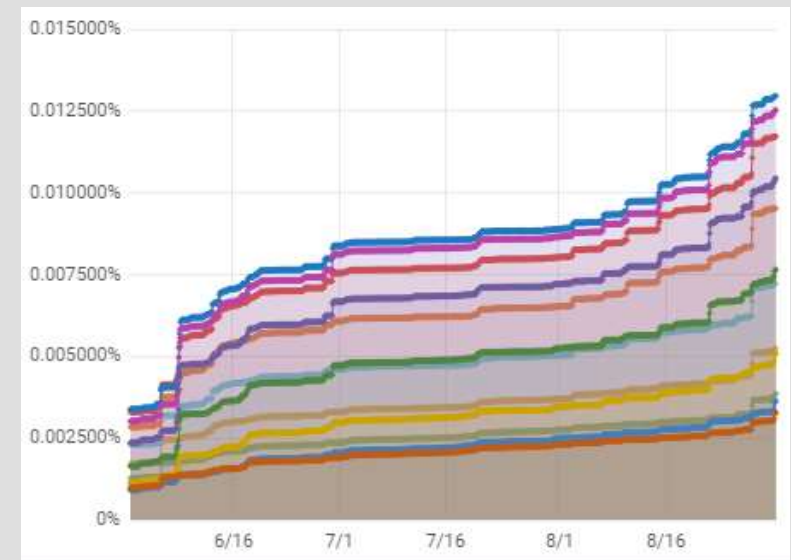


**Lifetime**

## Bending Moments in Tower Segments

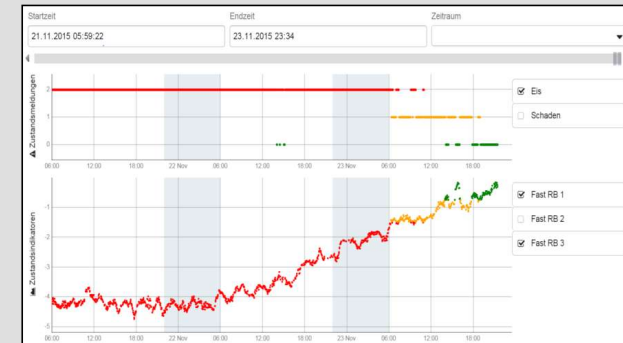
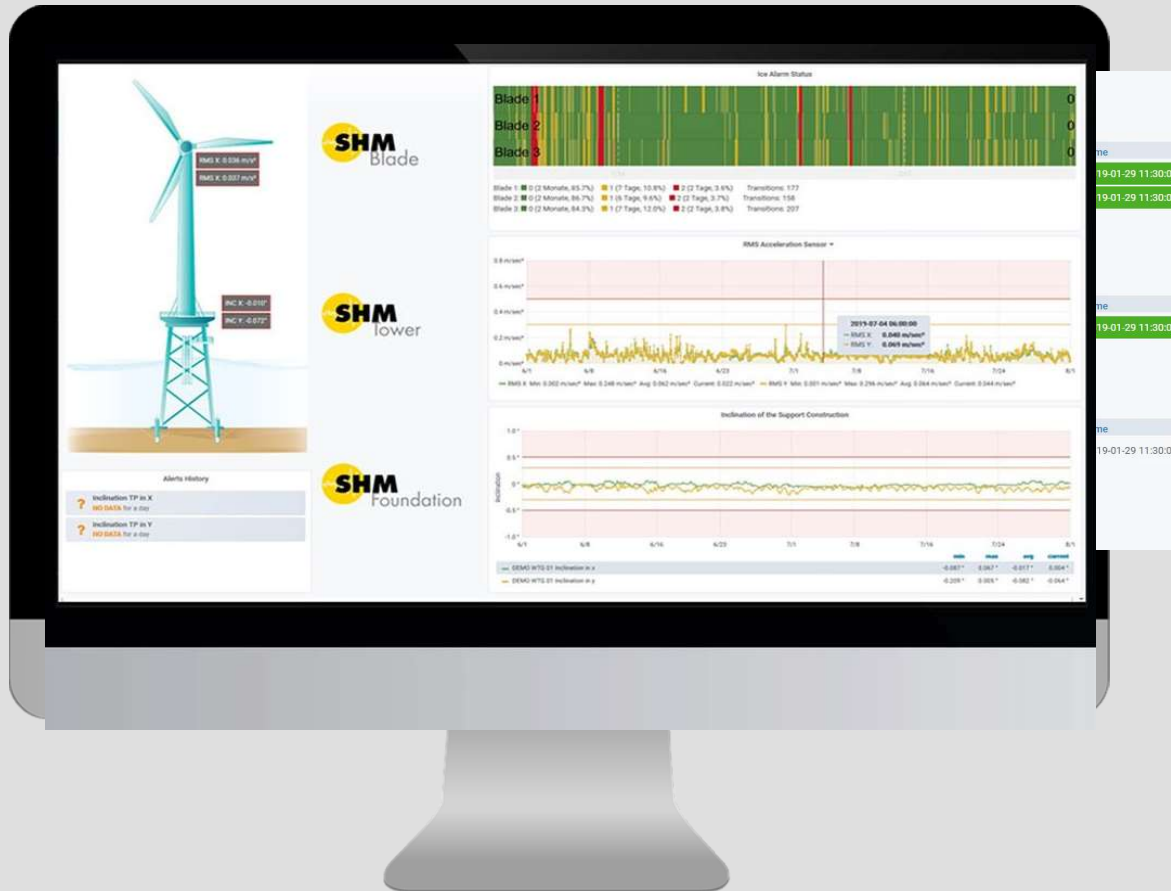


## Lifetime Consumption in Tower Segments





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