

# Joint Panel with Industry and Research: Third-Party Solutions for Ice Mitigation



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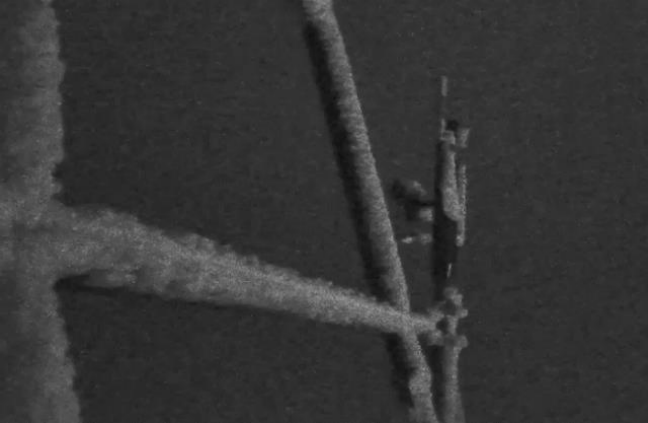
## EDF-re icing challenge and actions taken



- EDF-re started operating a large wind fleet in Eastern Canada in 2013
  - Icing losses were larger than expected
  - Significant icing accumulation led to extended shutdown periods and production loss
  - Project development for new projects was adjusted to include anti-icing capabilities
  - However, projects already commissioned needed a solution
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- After trying some optimisations with OEMs, EDF-re turned to retrofit IPS with the objective to recover more power production in winter time
  - Retrofit projects were developed in collaboration with Wicetec and Borealis.
  - Typical retrofit project cycle was: Assess icing losses over winter, select turbines for retrofit installation over the summer (short installation window), evaluate the performance over the following winter.
  - Another challenge which required collaboration was the installation of power distribution system in the hub to supply the required power for anti-icing operation
  - Challenging projects, but fortunately the retrofit IPS solutions allowed to implement very efficient anti-icing systems

# Severe icing in Eastern Canada

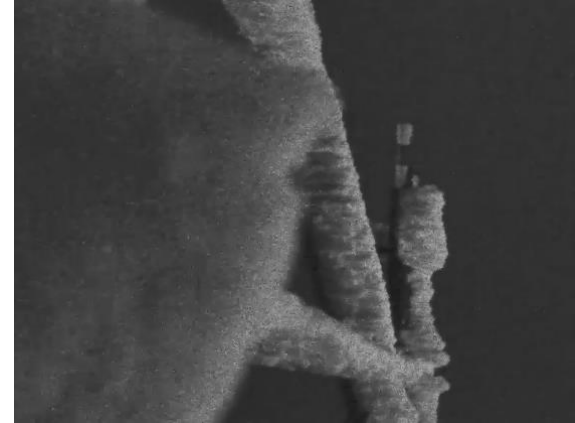
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Active ice accretion during 39 hours!



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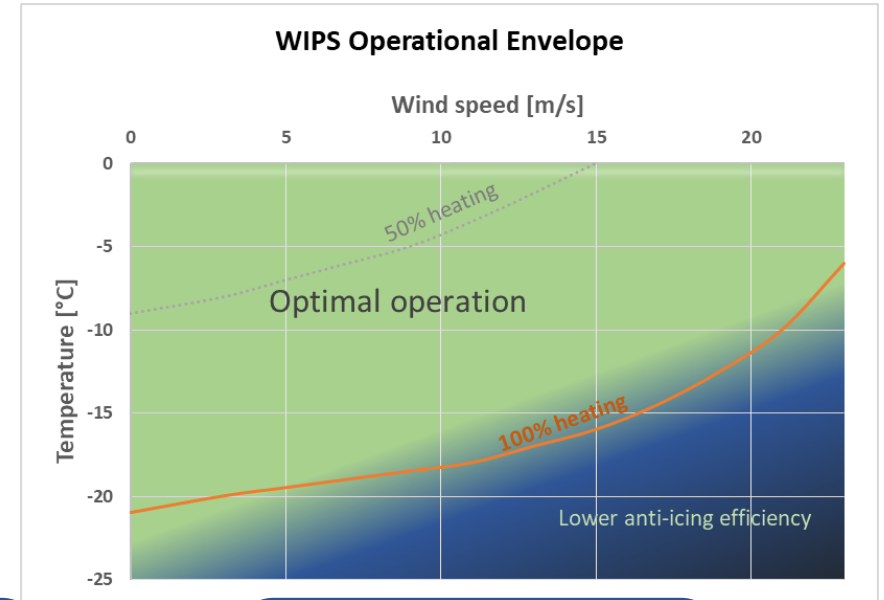
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**WICETEC**  
Ice Prevention Systems

# Solution

- Solution is surface heating
- New installations  
and



Retrofit

Downtower

Uptower

One long  
element

Modular  
elements



# Modular heaters

- Before installation
  - Manufacturing
  - Surface quality control
  - Electrical testing
- In case of a damage a single heater is easy to change





# Retrofit uptower installation

- Rain is not an issue anymore
- Wind still is!





# Modular heaters in operation

*Heated blades*

*Not-heated blades*

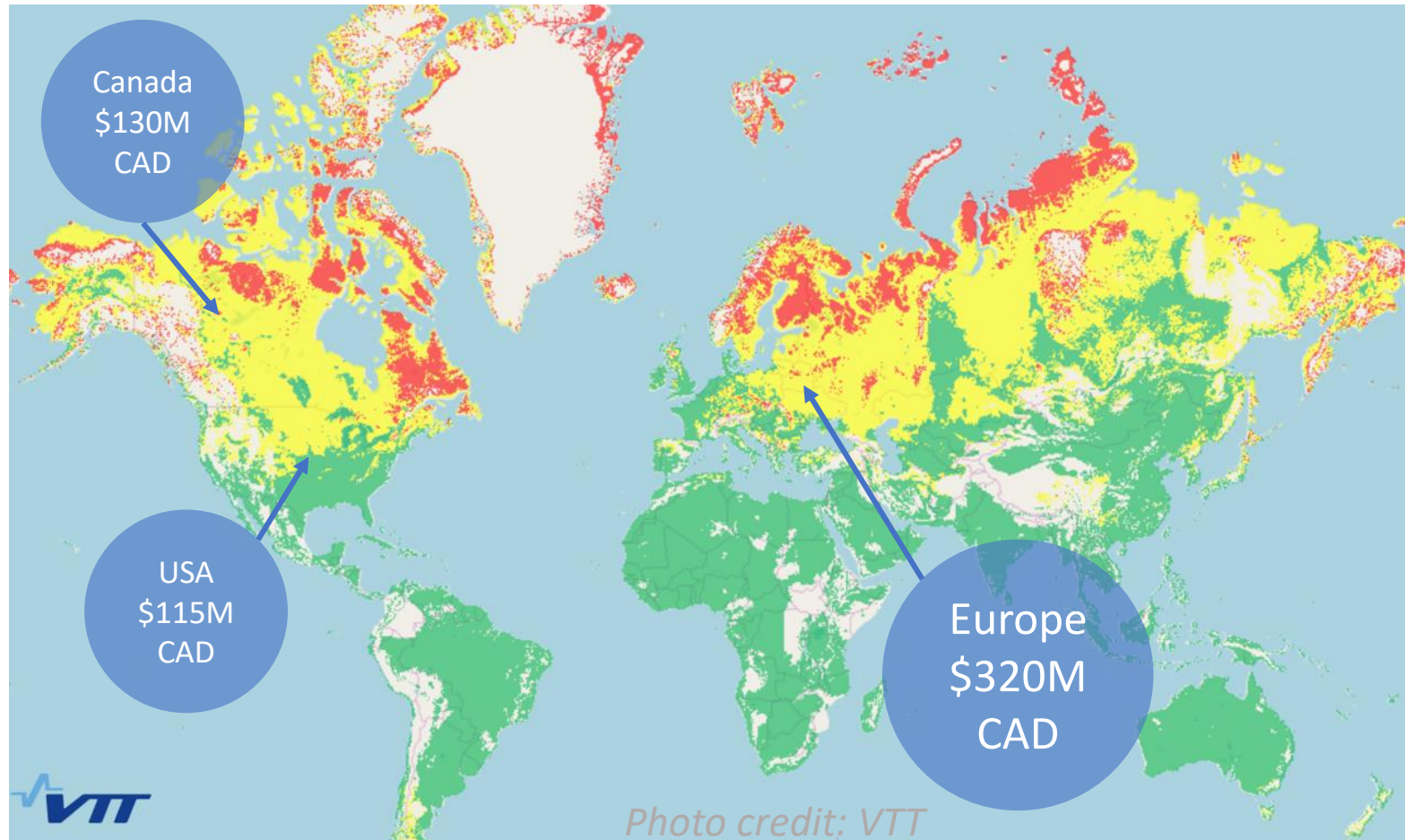


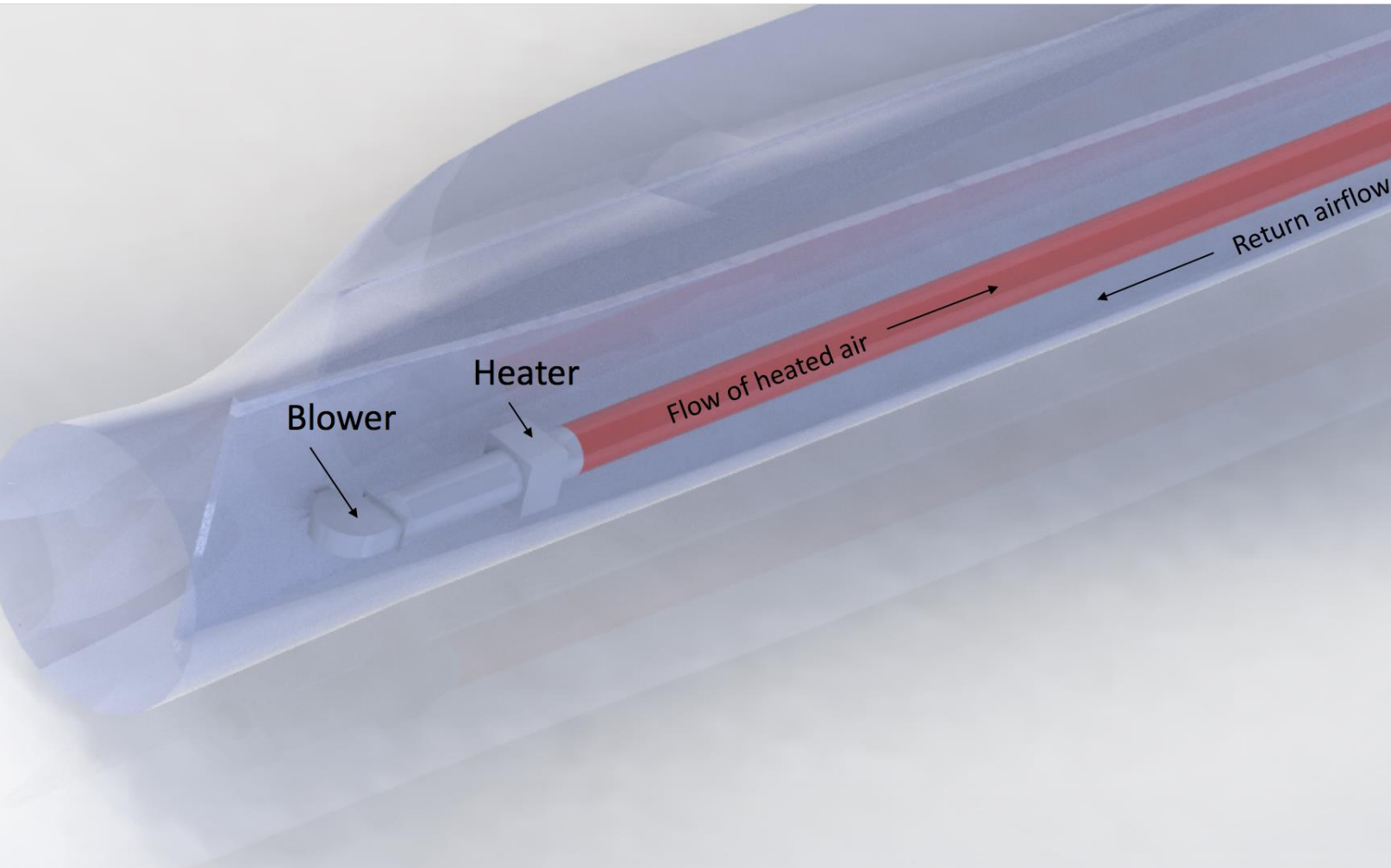
# Borealis Wind

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# Market & Annual Icing Losses (\$CAD)

- Map shows icing severity
  - Green – Low (Ice class 1)
  - Yellow – Moderate (Ice class 2)
  - Red – Severe (Ice class 3-5)
- \$600M annual icing loss
- \$1.5B Market size for retrofits
- 15% increase in installed wind turbines in 2020
- Red & Yellow areas (Ice class 2-5) on the map are target areas of our product





## Solution

Borealis Ice Protection System (“IPS”):

A patented blade heating system that uses heated air circulation to prevent and reduce ice buildup.

Can be offered for new turbines or as an after-market retrofit.

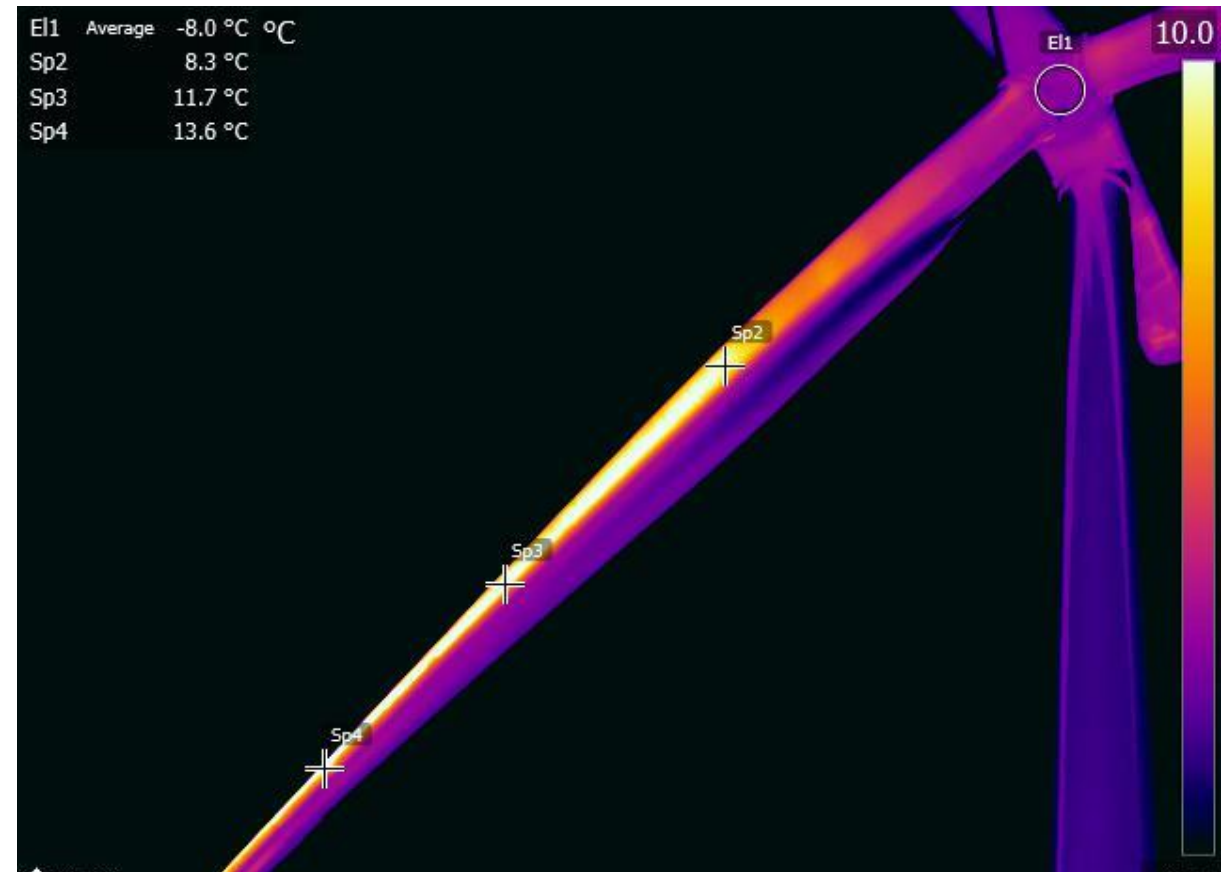
# Installation

- 3 days to retrofit the Borealis System prior to turbine construction
- 9 days to retrofit the Borealis System into a constructed turbine
- Schedule is designed to have the turbine operational overnight
- All materials are sized so they can be easily passed into the blade
  - Less than 50 cm x 50 cm in cross section
  - Less than 70 lbs.

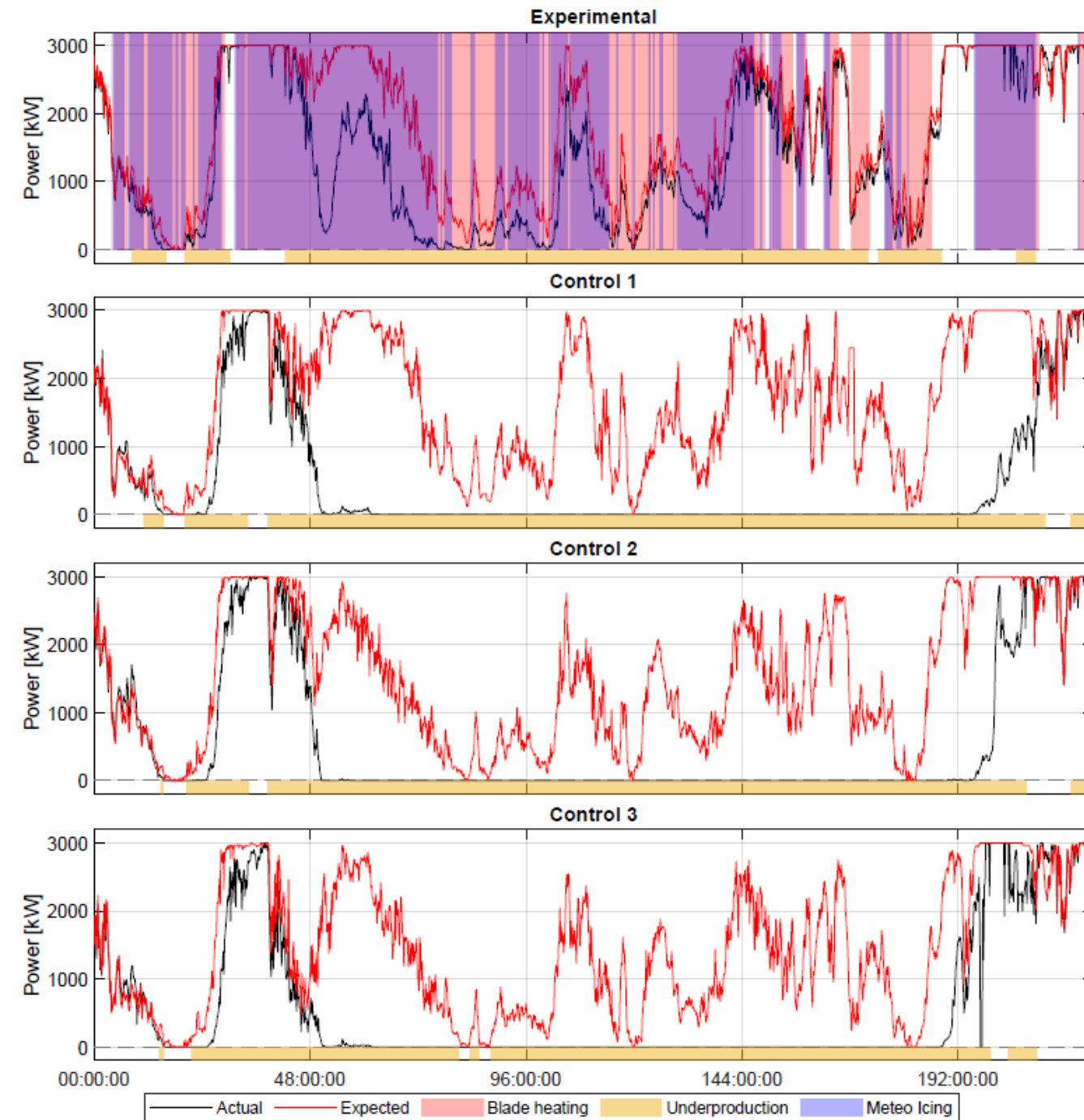


# Proven Technology

- 4 years of operational validation, first systems installed in 2018
- Sold 23 IPS in Canada with 5 different customers
- Revenue recovery in winter 2020/21 and 2021/22 of up to \$60k/turbine, representing a 6% revenue increase



# Example Icing Event



Results vs Control	Gain (MWh)	Recovery (%)
1	197	67
2	178	69
3	166	66

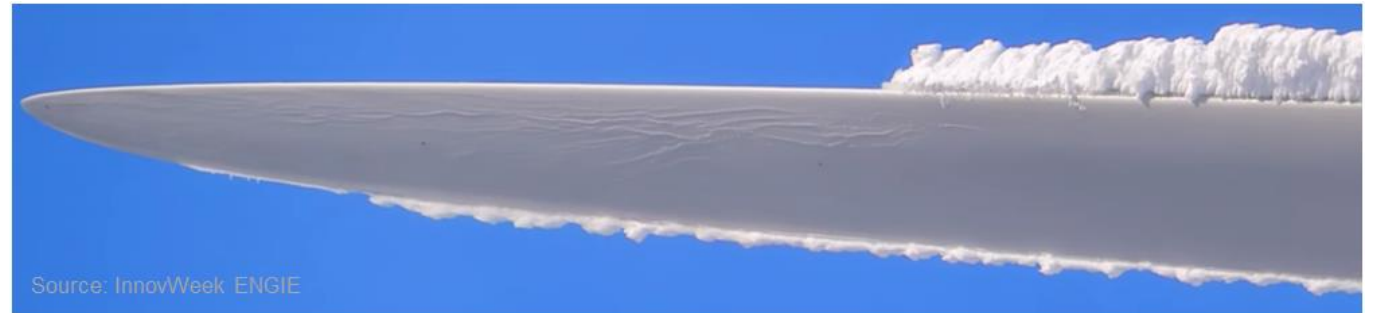
# Example De-Icing Operational Envelope

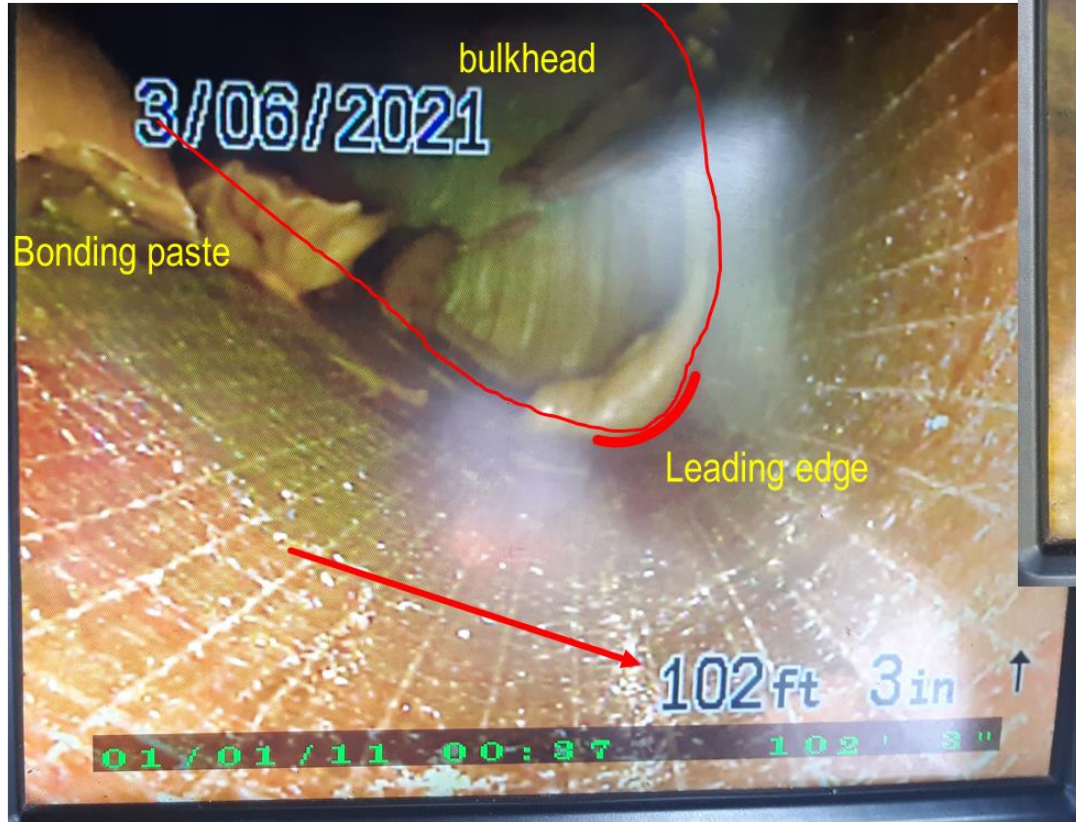
% of icing time	Wind [m/s]											
Temperature °C	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	inf
-20	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
-18	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
-16	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%			
-14	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
-12	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
-10	0.6%	1.3%	1.3%	1.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
-8	0.8%	2.0%	1.9%	1.4%	1.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
-6	1.2%	2.6%	2.5%	1.9%	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
-4	1.7%	3.4%	3.5%	2.7%	1.8%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
-2	2.7%	4.6%	4.5%	3.1%	2.3%	1.4%	0.9%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
0	5.0%	6.8%	6.5%	4.8%	3.4%	2.2%	1.1%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%

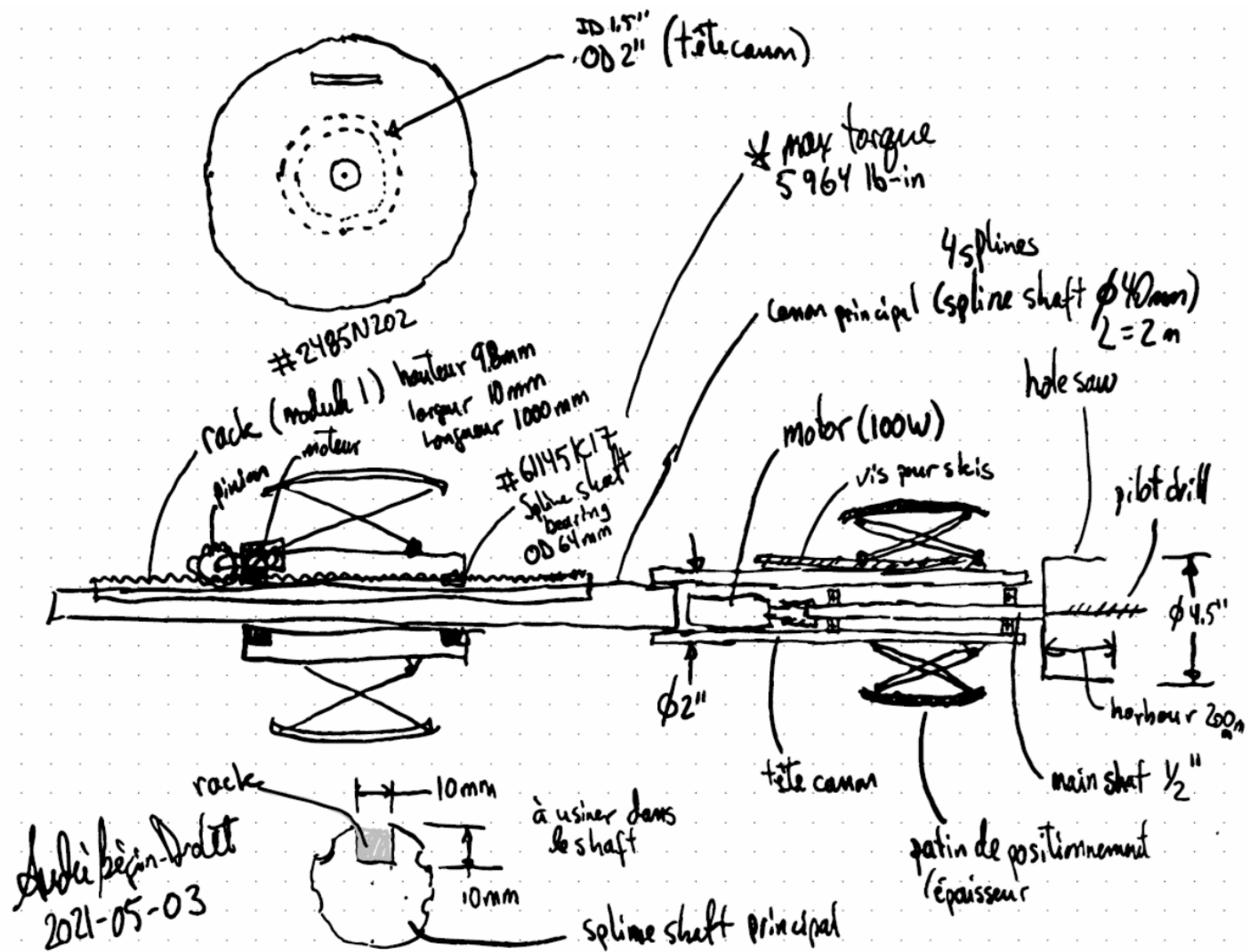


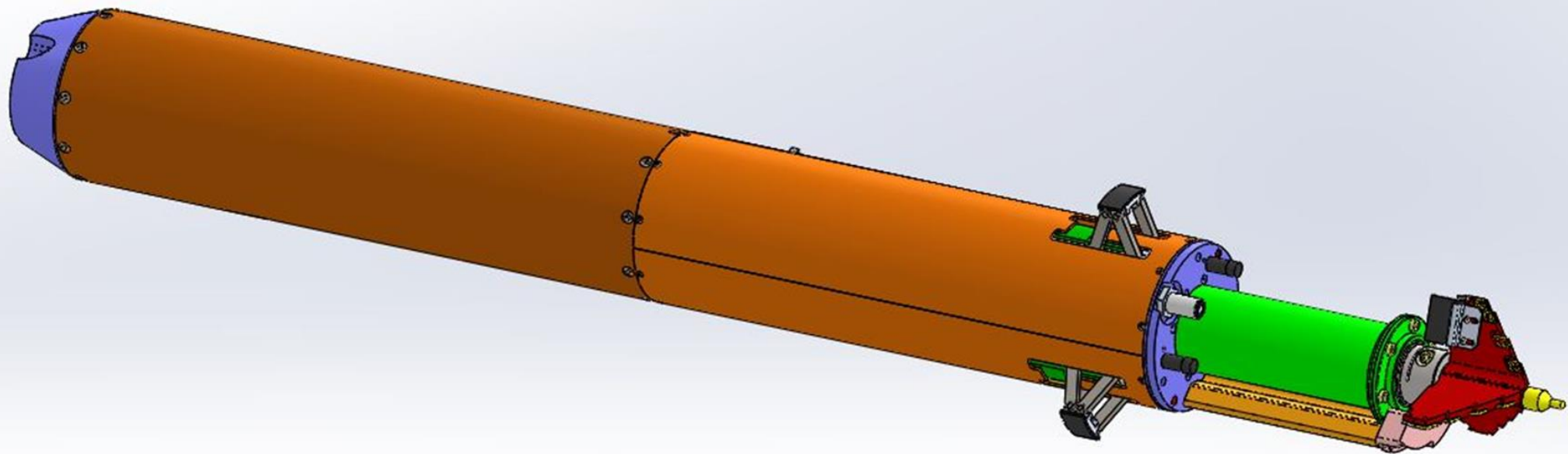
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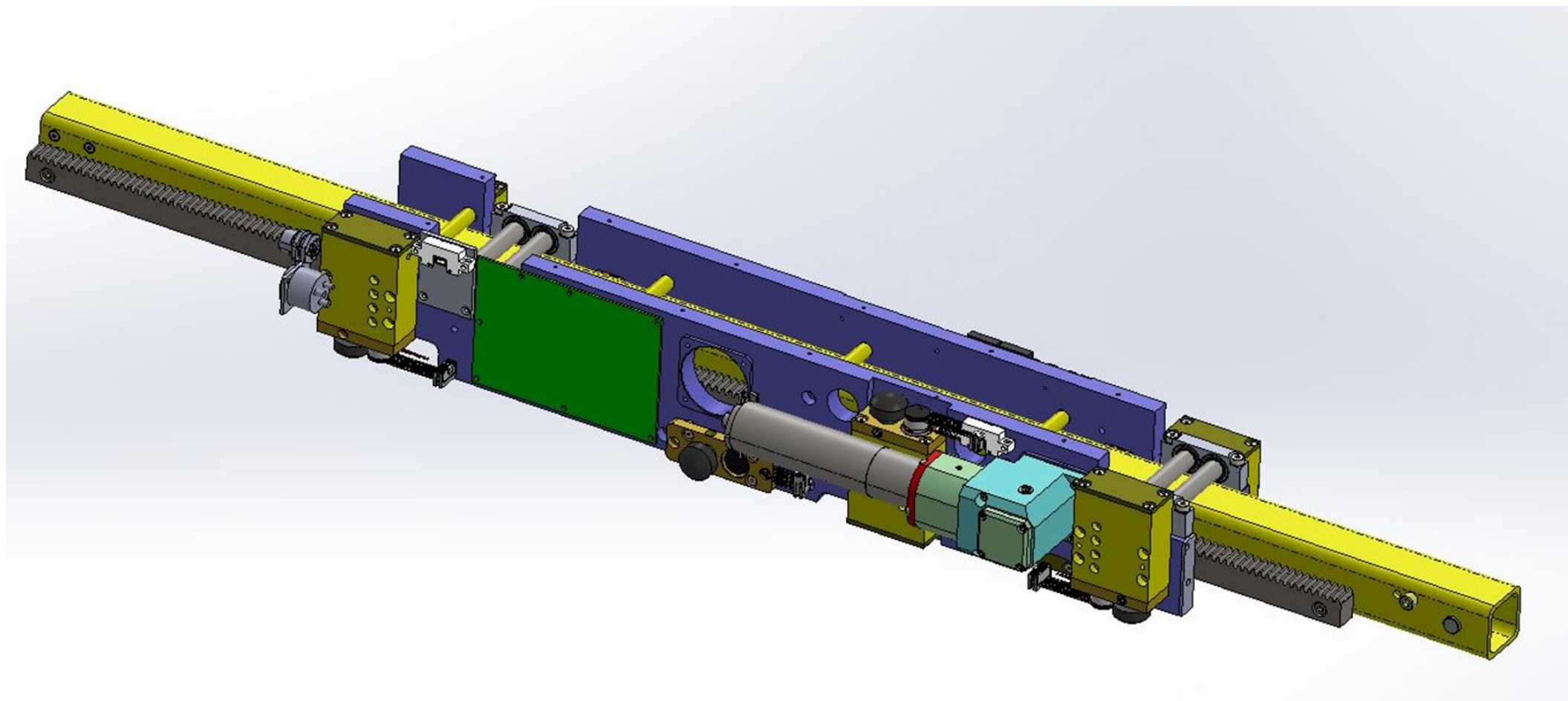
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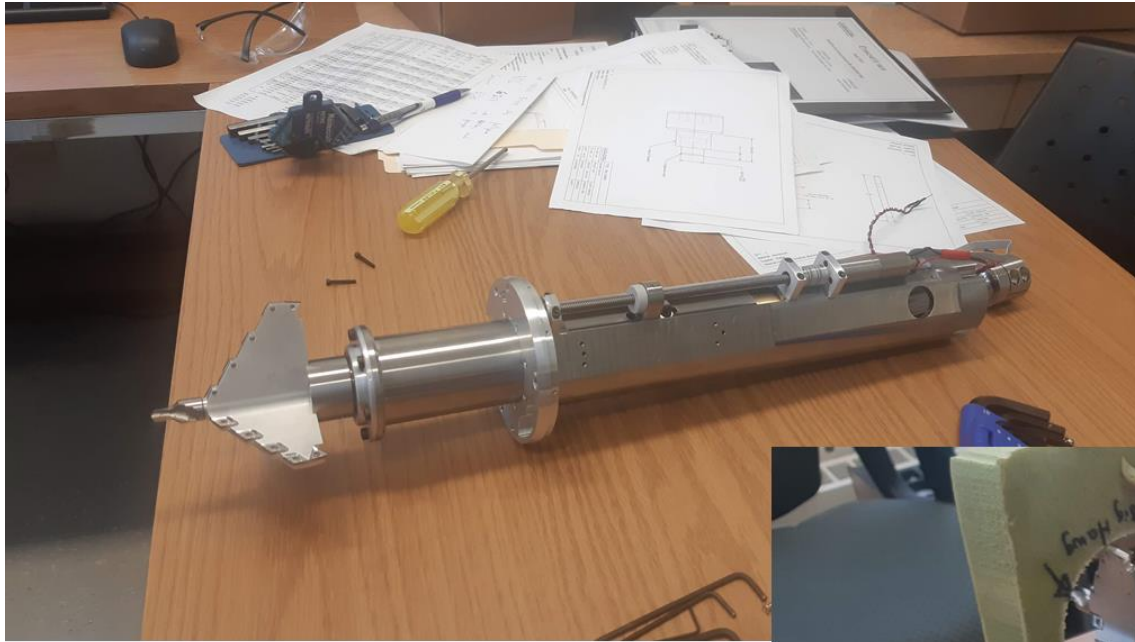


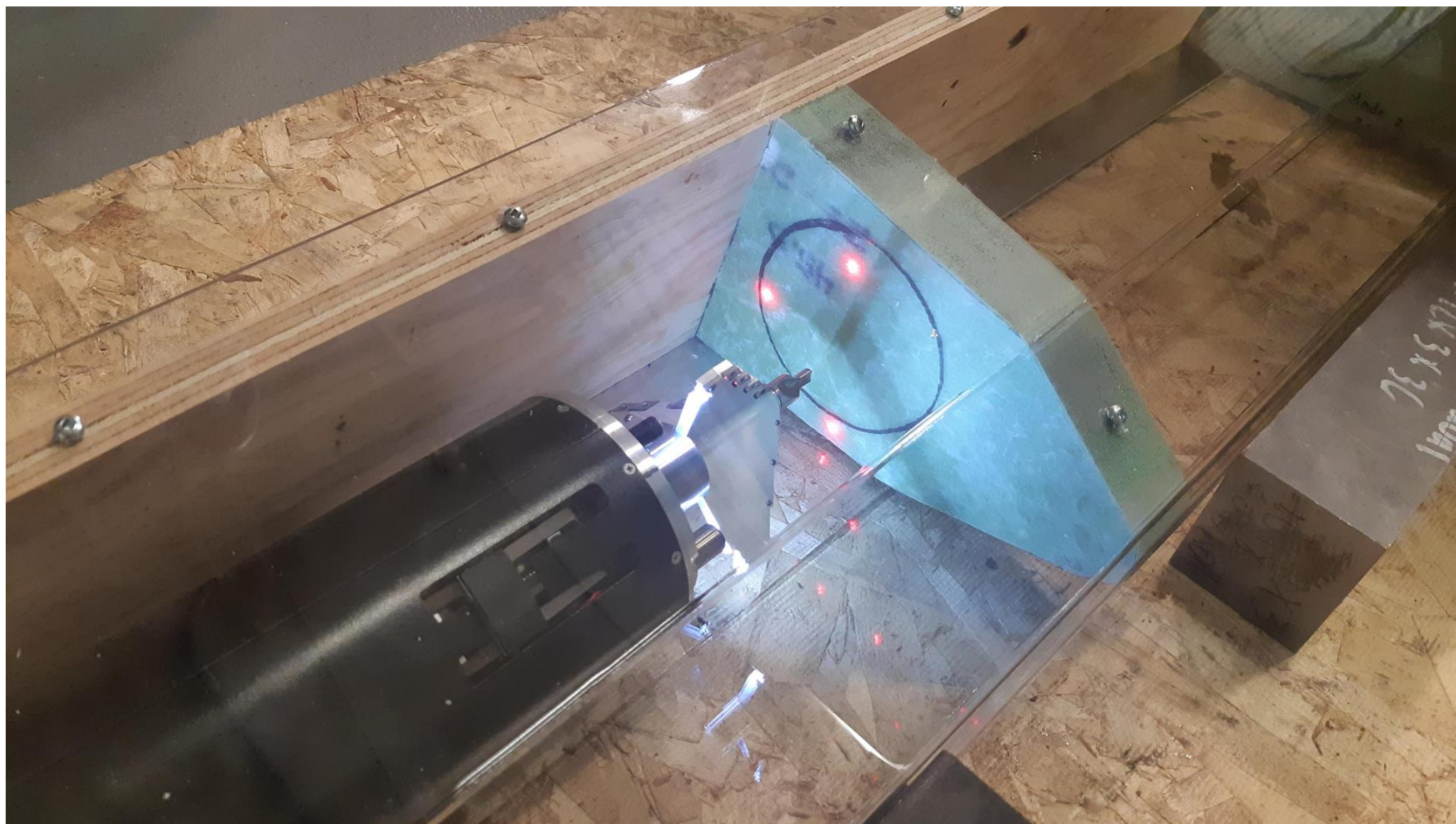


















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