

Vad säger bl.a. vindkraftsbranschen själv om vindkraftverk i kallt/isigt klimat (extraordinär klimatzon)?

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- Vindforsk III, projekt V-313, ”VINDKRAFT I KALLT KLIMAT”:

- Moln/nedisningsproblematiken måste vi förstå bättre.
- Att vi kan förvänta oss nedisning i princip, i hela landet. Mindre risk i södra Sverige, med undantag för sydsvenska höglandet. Störst är risken i norra Sverige, norra och inre Svealand och norrut.
- Att följande projekt uppges vara pilotprojekt inom ’kallt klimat’:
 - Storskalig vindkraft i fjällmiljö – O2Vindkompaniet AB
 - Storskalig vindkraft i norra Sverige – Sjevind AB
 - Pilotprojekt Uljabuoda – Skellefteå Kraft AB
 - Pilotprojekt Storrún – Dong Energy

- Av Göran Ronstens (VindRen) presentation vid Vintervinds konferens i Piteå 3-4 februari 2010 - “**IEA RD&D Wind Task 19 - Wind Energy in Cold Climates**” framgick bland annat följande:

Conclusions with respect to icing:

- We’ve got started!
- Items in red need attention. Se IEA RD&D Wind, Task 19, bild
- Relevant icing measurements at relevant heights for model verification of wind turbine specific icing do not yet exist
- Site specific modelling verification studies needed - to be followed by regional icing studies at 1 km resolution
- Commercial de-/anti-icing systems not yet available for medium and severe icing conditions.
- Detailed national mapping
- O&M issues to be looked into

Göran Ronsten uppgav även, att han tror att problemet med nedisning är underskattat och att nedisningsproblem är mycket svårare på 100 meters höjd än vi har i kraftledningshöjd. Dessutom uppgav Göran Ronsten bl.a. också, att ”andra problem är att isstycken kan lossna och givetvis orsaka skador om människor träffas”. ”Ljudet från vindkraftverken har också en tendens att öka i samband med nedisning.”

Nedisning och avisning är alltså enligt vindkraftsbranschen själv, fortfarande ett olöst problem!

- IEA RD&D Wind Task 19 - Wind Energy in Cold Climates uppger också, att ”Commercial de-/anti-icing systems not yet available for medium and severe icing conditions”.

- IEA uppger även bl.a. i Task 19:s slutrapport, av 2.4.2009, 4.3 Key findings – **Safety**, att “**No fallen ice chunks have been found further than 5 rotor diameter from the tower base of a wind turbine. The size of fallen ice chunks can be everything between few grams to several kilograms. Thus, there is a clear need to protect the risk area ...**”.

NOTERA även, att i Statens Officiella Utredningar, SOU, 1999:75 uppges, att ”det finns rapporter om att blad/bladdelar lossnat och isbitar har slungats iväg från vindkraftverk på mer än 300 m avstånd”. Notera att vid denna tidpunkt var navhöjden 60 meter och rotordiametern 60 meter, dvs. $5 \times 60 = 300$ meter.

- Av tester som tillverkare av vindkraftverk utfört framgår bland annat att **iskast, som är en farlig säkerhetsrisk, förekommer i stort sätt alltid under och efter varje avisningscykel**
- Av testresultat framgår också, att det är tre (3) gånger vanligare att isbitar kastas ut via rotorbladens spets än från rotorn.
- IEA Wind Energy Projects in Cold Climate, Edition 2009 (sidan17)
"Turbine operation with iced blades may not be permitted in certain countries or permitted only in case of rime ice, **as glaze ice is considered dangerous. However, rime ice can be almost as dense as glaze ice, so there is no obvious reason to make such an exception**".
- Av rapporten “Wind Energy Projects in Cold Climate, Edition 2009” (sida 22-23) framgår också följande:
 - **4.4 Wind measurement; ”Wind measurements in Cold Climate can be challenging”.**
“Many factors can reduce their quality and availability”. **“No sensor can stay ice free under all conditions”.**
 - **4.5 Ice detection; “only few, if any, of the ice detectors are well proven”.**

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- IS commercially available:
 - Heated wind sensors for project development
 - Turbines for low temperatures
 - Ice mapping services e.g. local icing maps
 - Models for calculation of ice accretions
 - De-icing for mild icing climate
- **NOT available commercially**
 - Long term icing statistics e.g. through national met services
 - **Reliable and calibrated ice detectors**
 - **Models and methods for calculation of ice loads and ice induced loading on wind turbines**
 - Verified method for the estimation of the effects of atmospheric icing on energy production

- Question marks?
 - **Wind turbine technology for severe icing climate. Improve the understanding of the risks and the mitigation strategies regarding ice throw.**

SUMMARY ON KEY FINDINGS

- Requirement number one – **reliable site data** often omitted due to the extra cost. Tools i.e. ice maps and appropriate measurement systems available
- **Cold climate solutions especially anti- and de-icing solutions for heavy icing conditions and acceptable ice detection not yet commercially available in the market**
- The economical risks involved in cold climate wind energy projects are not fully taken into account in the project development phase. Methods to estimate the effects of ice on energy production have been developed to assess the risks for investor.
- **The ice induced extra loading wind turbines can stem from increased operation in rotor imbalance and increased number of start/stop cycles. There are no requirements concerning these loads in the present standards.**
- The market for cold climate wind technology, including wind farms, remote grid systems and stand-alone systems is showing growth in Canada, Sweden, Norway and Finland.
- **Wind turbines will be build in numbers on areas where cold climate criterions will be met regardless of slow progress in technology development side**

Definition of cold climate site / conditions:

Normal climate ambient temperatures:

- $\theta_{\text{mean year}} = 15^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\theta_{1\text{year min/max}} = -20 \text{ to } +50^{\circ}\text{C}$ (survival temperature)
- $\theta_{\text{min/max operation}} = -10 \text{ to } +40^{\circ}\text{C}$ (operational temperature)
- standard air density $\rho = 1.225\text{kg/m}^3$

Cold climate criterion and ambient temperatures:

- 9 days per year below -20°C (appr. $p=0.02$)
- operation of turbines below -15°C
- manufacturer defines $\theta_{\text{mean year}}$, $\theta_{1\text{year min}}$, $\theta_{\text{min operation}}$

Cold Climate Class A (e.g. Cartwright)

- identical to approach up to now (Rev. 1 to 3 of Technical Note):
- high air densities and wind speeds $\geq v_{\text{rated}}$ occur simultaneously
- can be assumed to be fulfilled, if mean air density $\rho_{\text{mean year}} \geq 1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3$ for $v \geq v_{\text{rated}}$
- air densities calculated with
- $\theta_{\text{mean year}}$
- $\theta_{1\text{year min}}$
- $\theta_{\text{min operation}}$

Cold Climate Class B (e.g. Pincher Creek)

- new in Rev. 4
- high air densities and wind speeds $\geq v_{rated}$ do not occur simultaneously
- application of lower extreme air densities
- $\rho_{1\text{year min}}$ is calculated with $\theta_{1\text{year min}} + 35\text{ K}$
- $\rho_{\text{min operation}}$ is calculated with $\theta_{\text{min operation}} + 25\text{ K}$
- corresponds to approach for normal conditions (of existing guidelines)
- $\rho_{\text{mean year}}$ is calculated with $\theta_{\text{mean year}}$

Example for temperatures and air densities

- $\theta(\text{example})$ $\rho_{\text{acc. Class A}}$ $\rho_{\text{acc. Class B}}$
- $\theta_{\text{mean year}} = +5\text{oC}$ 1.269 kg/m³ 1.269 kg/m³
- $\theta_{1\text{year min}} = -40\text{oC}$ 1.514 kg/m³ 1.317 kg/m³
- $\theta_{\text{min operat}} = -30\text{oC}$ 1.452 kg/m³ 1.317 kg/m³
- basis: ideal gas law with standard air pressure
- corrections for different altitudes possible

Information for safety and control system

- Adjustment of safety concept and safety / control system to cold climate conditions
- Description of measurement instruments and sensors
- Systematic consideration of possible faults
- Description of start-up procedure(s)
- Overheating protection on heatings

Information for automatic ice detection

- Ice detection systems (ice sensors) can be certified according to GL Guideline
- Useful hints and requirements are included in the Technical Note, Rev. 3 for GL 2003/2004 (for GL 2010 this is included in the Guideline itself).

GL-Technical Note for Cold Climate – An Overview

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Further improvement of certification rules required to account for specific demands on cold climate certification.

Additional Technical Note on Icing?

- cold climate sites and icing of wind turbines are not necessarily connected
- demand for independent technical note on icing
- e.g. with standard ice classes 3 days per year, 10 days, 20 days,...
- displays icing capabilities of turbine (ice class X) clearly in certificate (not somewhere hidden in different certification reports)

Vestas erfarenheter av is - utdrag:

- **Kunder investerar fortfarande i projekt med risk för isbildning**
- **Is faller/sprids från turbinen under vintern detta utgör en säkerhetsrisk!**

http://windren.se/WW2011/45_Vestas_Plagborg.pdf

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