



Smart Vortex Generator for Perpetual Remote Monitoring of Wind Turbine Blades using Solid State Batteries



24/7 Operation -30°C to +85 °C Extra thin < 5 mm BLE to 5G network

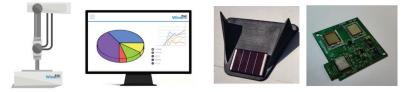


Ilika and WindTak are collaborating to design a Smart Vortex Generator (VG) for Wind Turbine Blades. WindTak's first generation VG can, when placed on the blade, increase the efficiency of turbine operation by 1-3% equating to a saving to the operator of up to \$20,000/year.





WindTak and Ilika are designing of a second-generation, perpetual, Smart VG, incorporating vibration sensor, BLE communication and an autonomous power circuit including a 2 mAh rechargeable solid state battery and vibration harvesting. The smart VG can sense changes in the vibration frequency spectrum of the blade, and provide a signature related to potential cracks, delamination, erosion... and avoid loss of operation until the next scheduled maintenance stop.



Component	Model
Solid State Battery	llika Stereax, 2 mAh, 3.5V
Accelerometer	Analog Devices MEMS
Bluetooth LE	nRF52840 BLE 5.2
Energy Harvester	PV/Vibrational

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