

# CWC SkyAux

Client: Dr. Venkata Yaramasu

GTA: Jason Foster

Members:

Calum Eikenberry

Carlos Najera

Nicholas Wurtz



*Speaker: Carlos Najera*

# Introduction

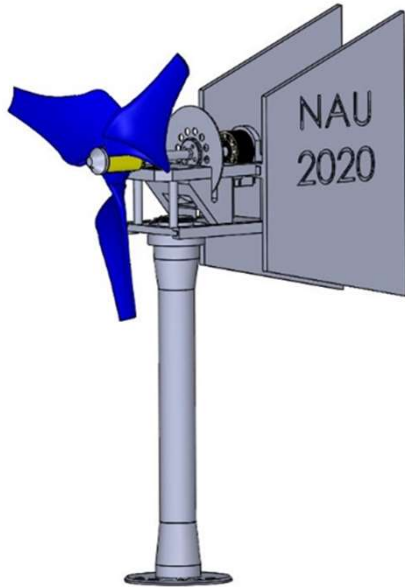
## Department of Energy Collegiate Wind Competition

- CWC 2020 was a wind turbine competition in Denver Colorado.
- NAU's team consists of 4 sub-teams (2 ME, 2 EE).

Description	Possible Points	Score
<b>Technical Design Report (200 points)</b>		
Concise, readable, and descriptive with logical flow	15	
Presents and communicates technical information clearly and intelligently	15	
Design objective description for test turbine	20	
Static performance analysis	20	
Mechanical loads analysis and associated safety factors (including yaw system if present)	20	
Electrical analysis (including both loads and storage element)	20	
Controls analysis (including storage element)	20	
Software documentation and description (including storage element if applicable)	20	
Engineering diagrams including mechanical and electrical drawings	25	
Results from laboratory and/or field testing	25	
	Subtotal	
<b>Private Q&amp;A Session (50 points)</b>		
Demonstrated understanding of technical design during Q&A	50	
	Subtotal	
	Total	

Speaker: Carlos Najera

# Project Motivation



- Generate interest in renewable energy in undergraduate and graduate students.
  - Students gain deeper understanding of renewable energy systems.
- Improve efficiency of wind turbines through creative new designs.
  - Allow college students to test new and experimental designs safely and with professional guidance.
- Represent NAU in national competition that will showcase accumulated knowledge of our college careers.

*Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz*

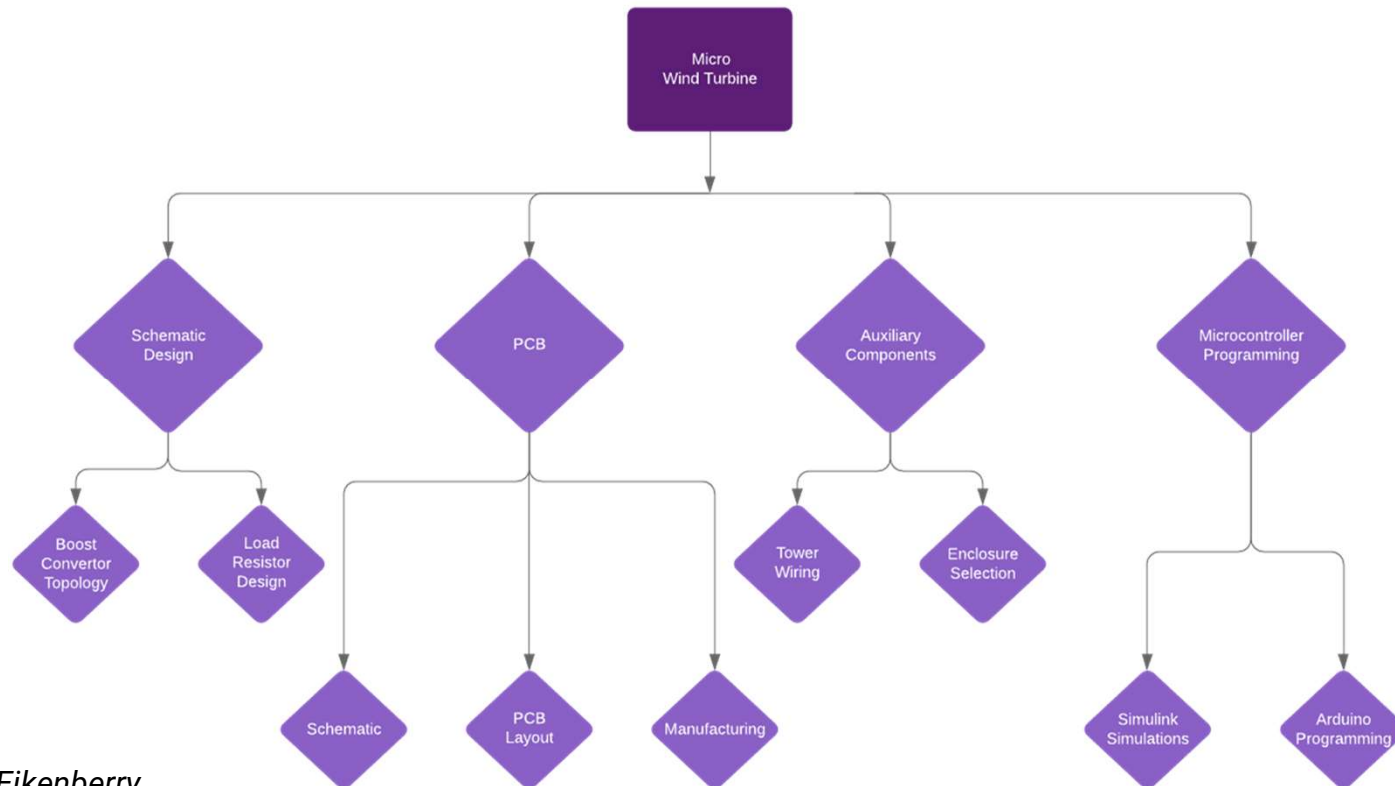
# Project Approach



- Assess the expectations presented by the Department of Energy (DOE).
  - Low cut-in speed design.
  - Multi-faceted brake system.
  - Synchronous boost topology.
- Meets needs of client.
  - PCB design (component spacing, routing).
  - 3 phase synchronous AC motor.
  - Low forward voltage components.

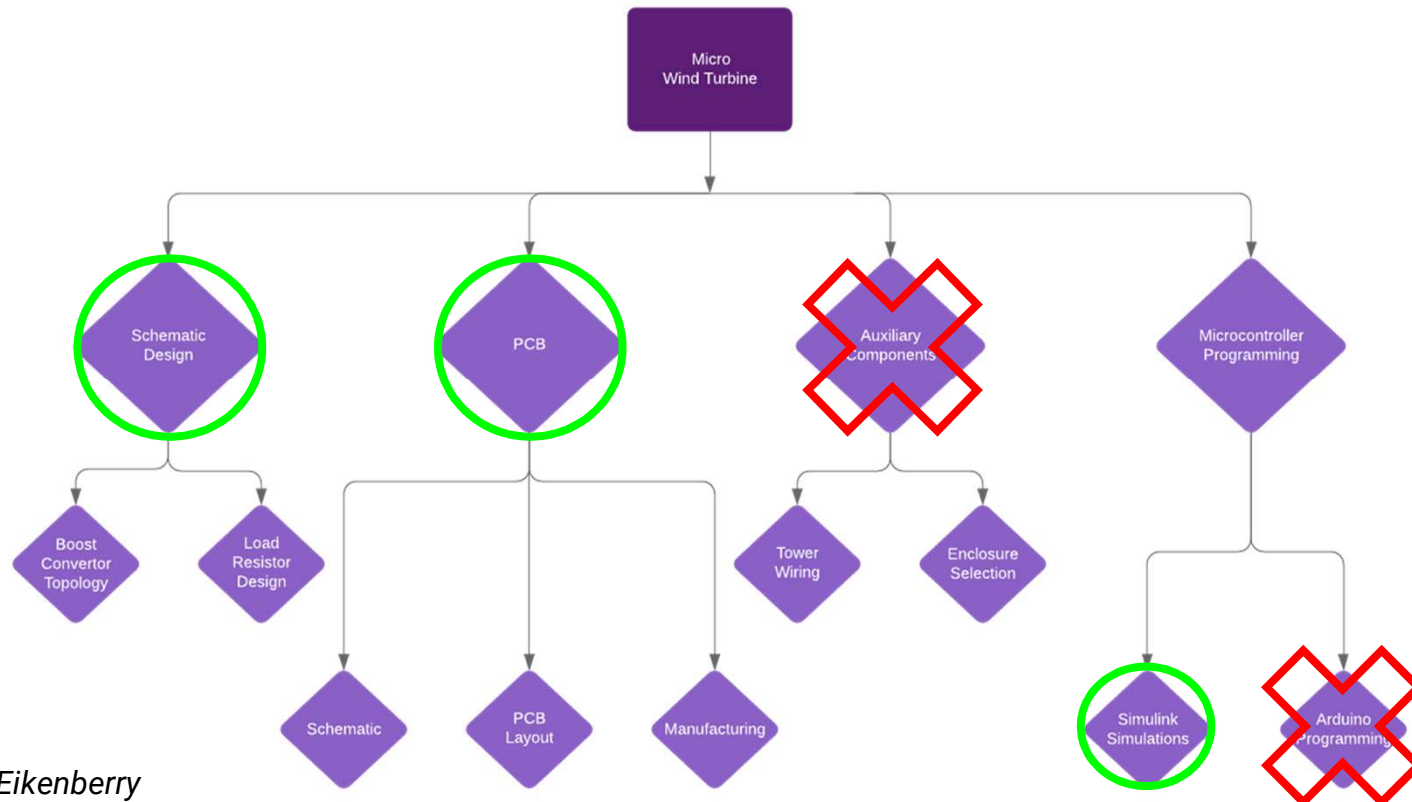
Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz

# Current Work Breakdown Structure



Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# Current Work Breakdown Structure



Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# Prototypes

## Three-phase Full-bridge Rectifier

---

- FUS45-0045B
- Simulink model

## Enamel Enclosure Mounting

---

- Reuse of old enclosure
- Aluminum backing, plastic mounting screws
- NEMA-1 Standards

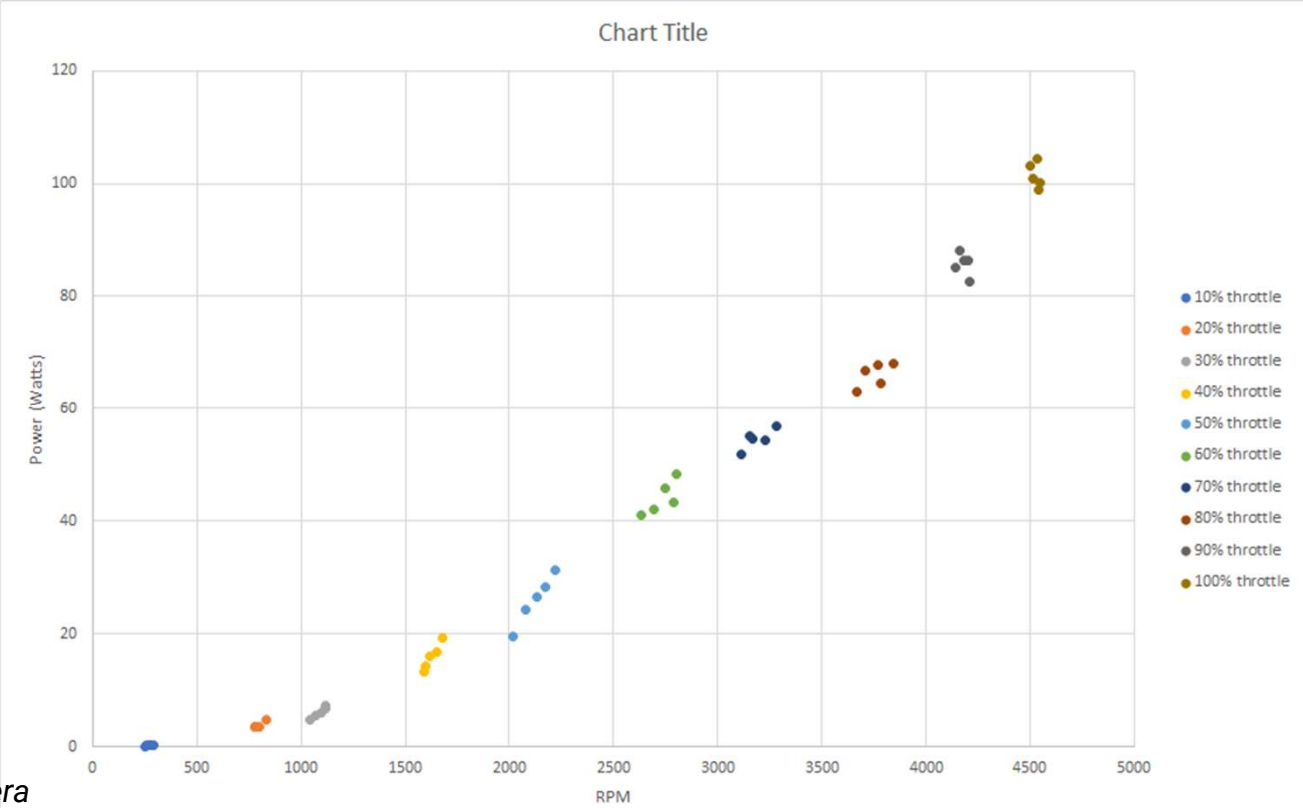
## Turbine Generator

---

- 3-Phase AC
- Used with drill for early-stage testing
- Dynamometer used for late-stage testing

*Speaker: Carlos Najera*

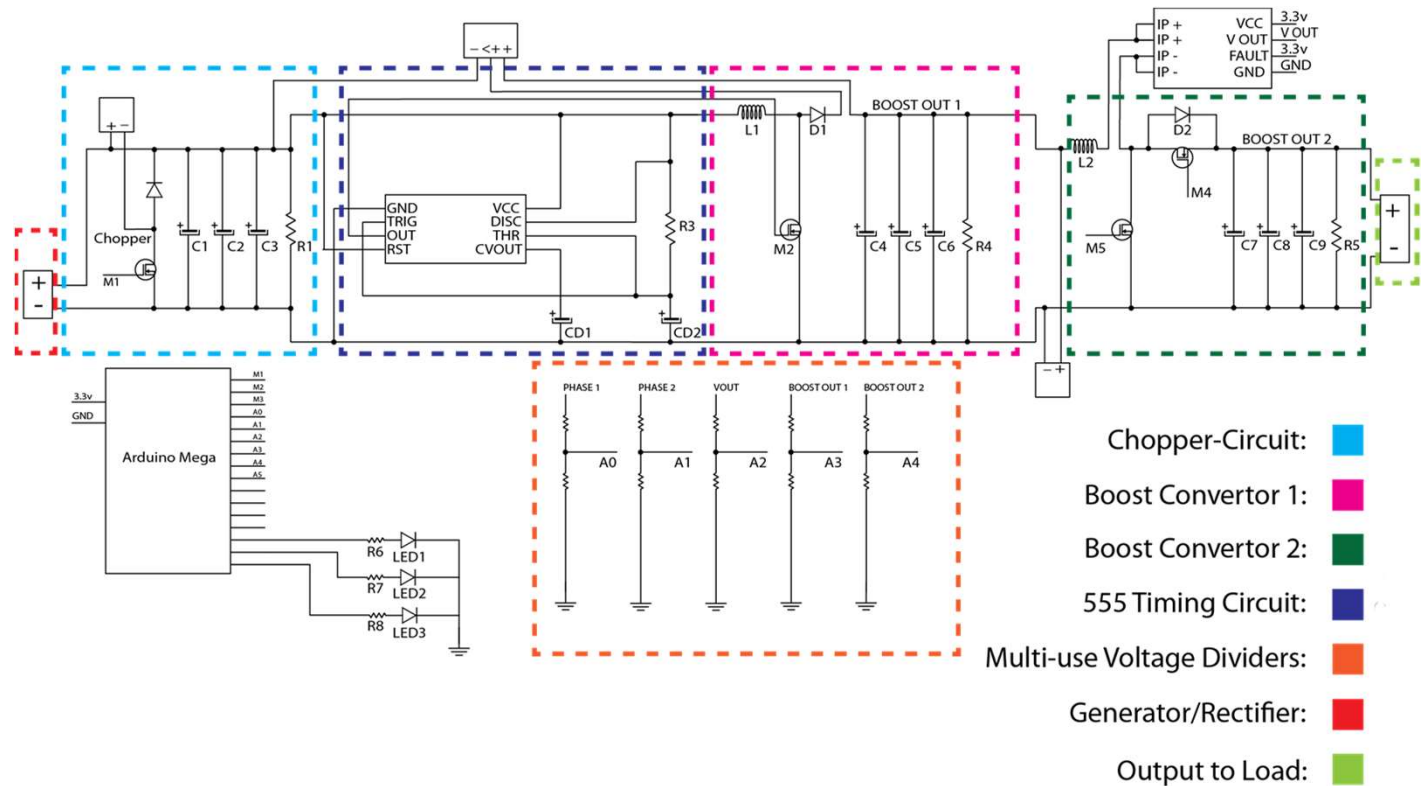
# Power Curve



Speaker: Carlos Najera

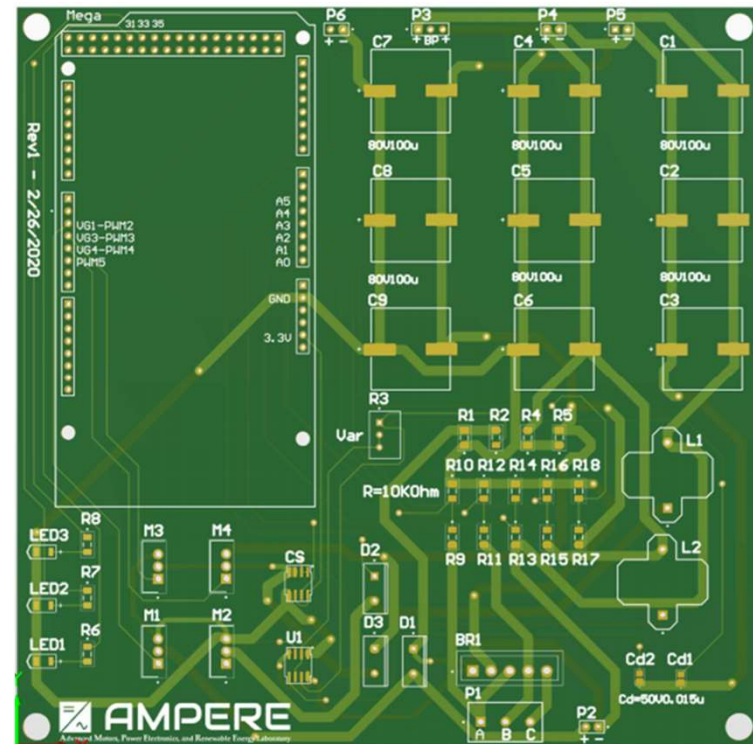


# Schematic Design



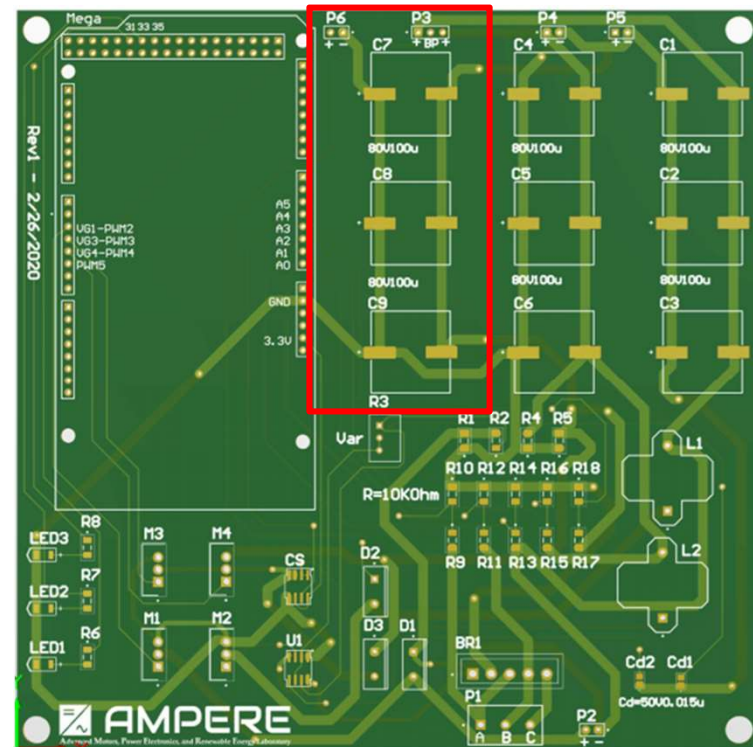
Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# PCB Testing Features



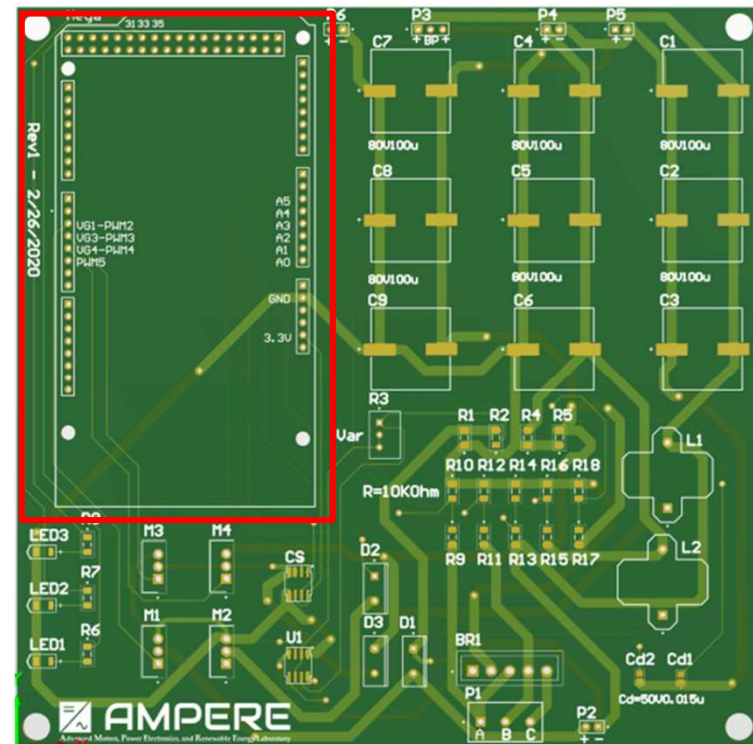
Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# PCB Testing Features: Additional Capacitors



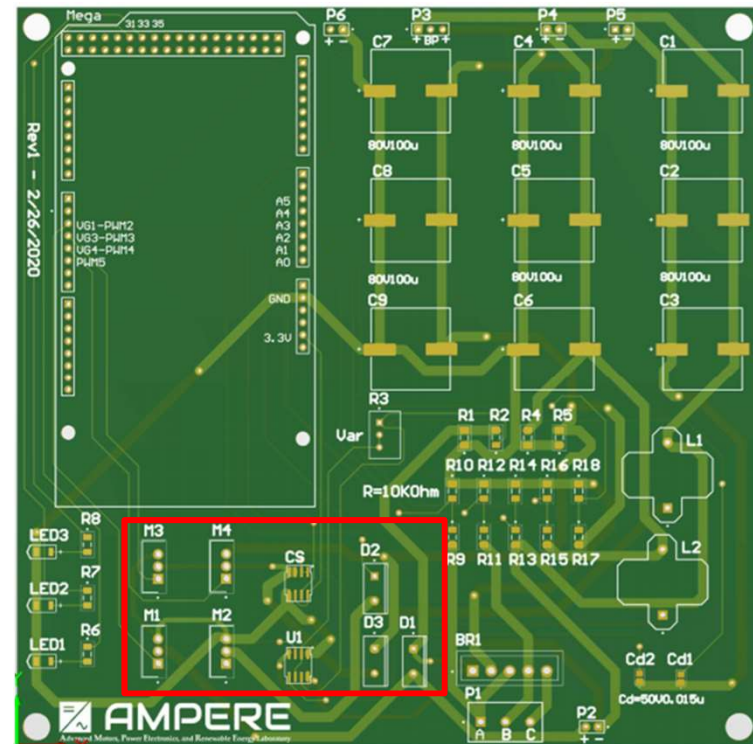
Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# PCB Testing Features: Arduino Mega Vias



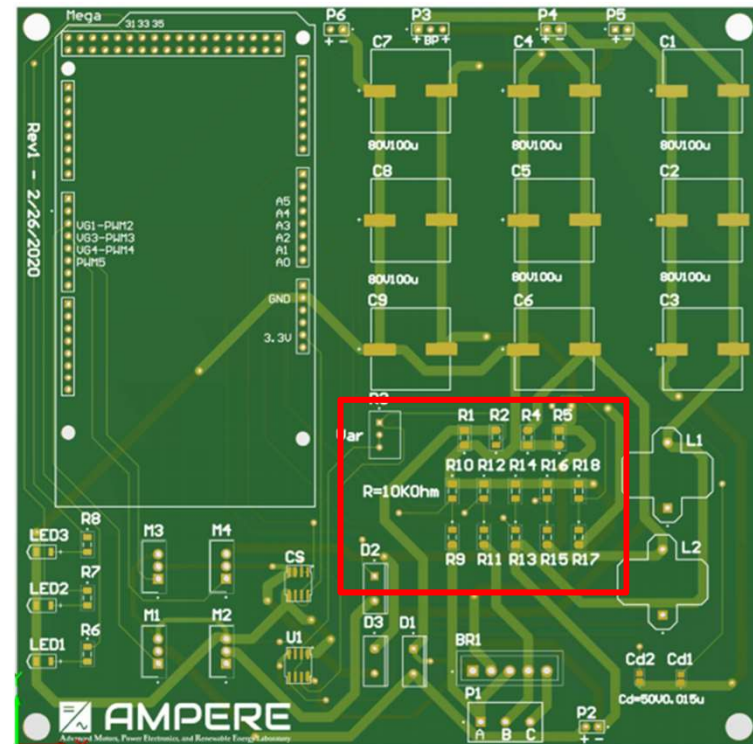
Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# PCB Testing Features: Mosfet and Diode Footprints



Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

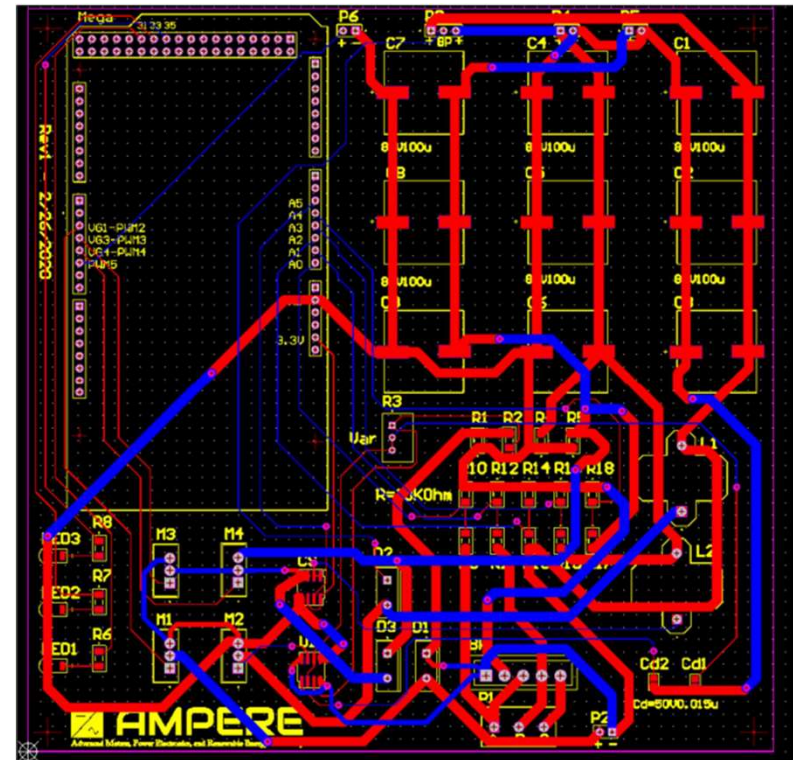
# PCB Testing Features: 1206 Resistors and Inductors



Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

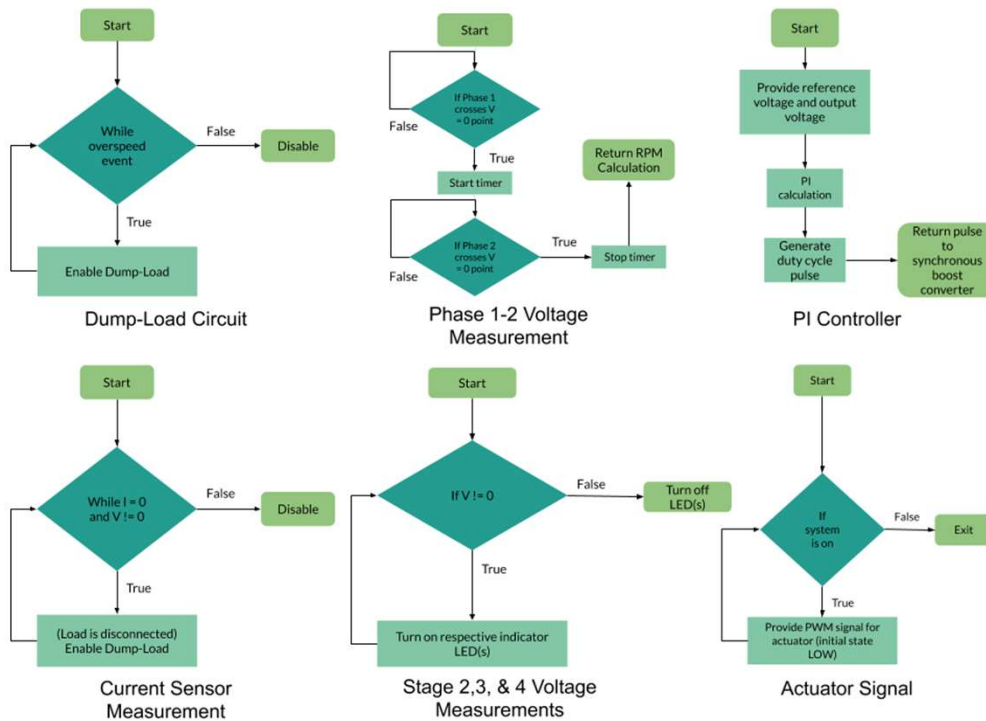


# PCB Routing: Communication vs Power



Speaker: Calum Eikenberry

# Microcontroller Programming



- Designed in conjunction with the DC-DC team.
- Intended to provide visual feedback.
- Implements three brake systems.
  - Button press.
  - Disconnection from PCC.
  - Power above determined limit.

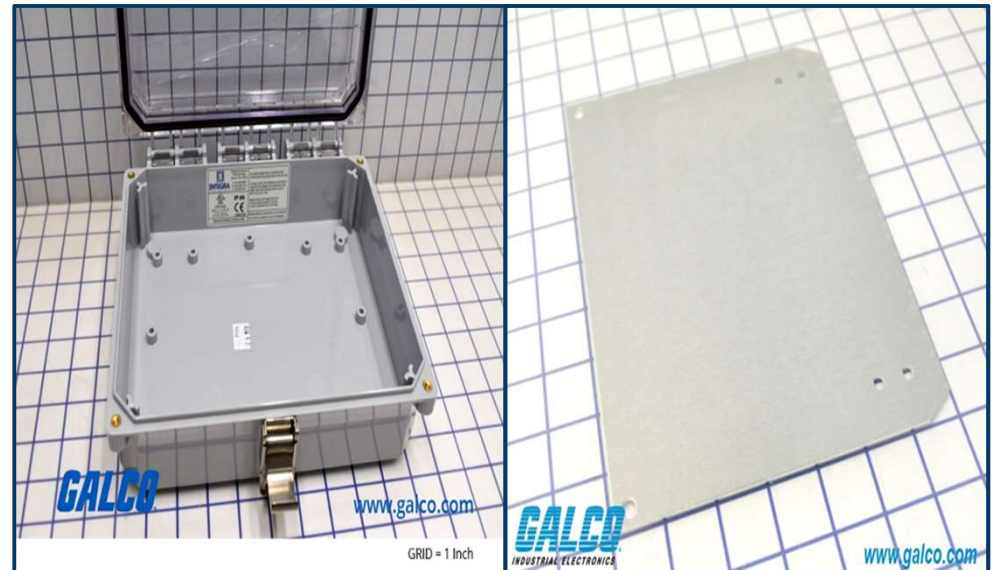
Speaker: Calum Eikenberry



# Enamel Enclosure

Protection against contact with the enclosed equipment  
Protection from objects and personnel from shock hazard  
Protection against a limited amount of falling dirt  
Protection against accidental contact with live parts

- Original idea vs New idea.
- Aluminum sheet.
- Plastic mounting screws for PCB and Aluminum plate.
- Meets NEMA-1 standards.



Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz

# Design & Aesthetics

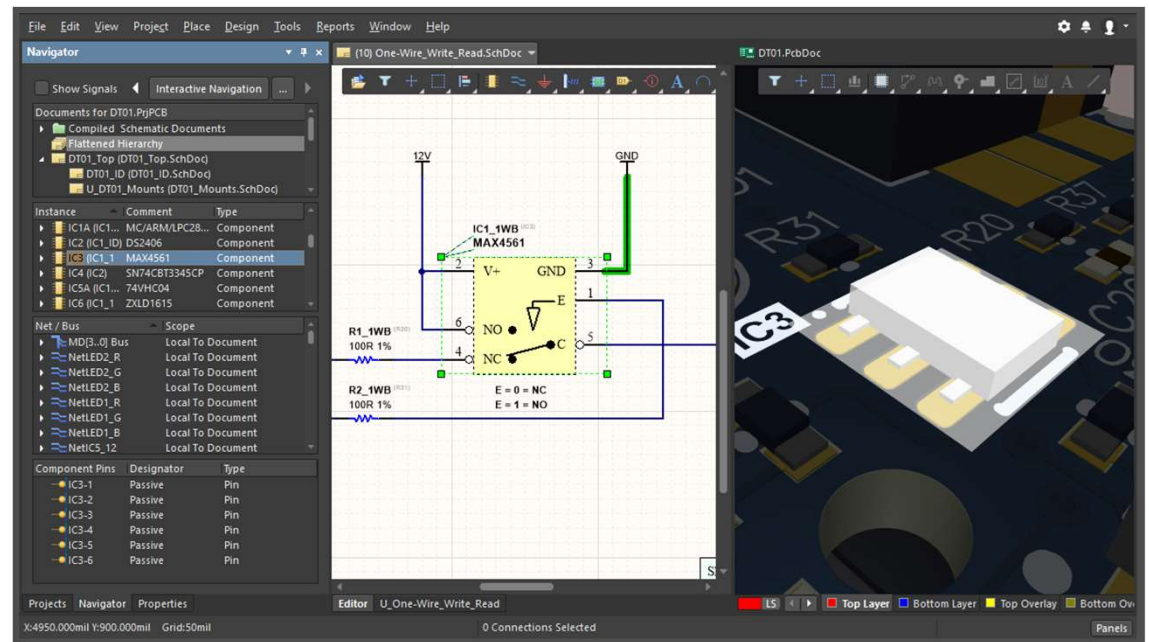
- Main aesthetic design aspect will be designs that will go onto the tower itself once a final design is chosen.
- ME team intended on creating an engraved plaque.
- Enamel enclosure was to contain the bulk of our designs.



*Speaker: Carlos Najera*

# Assisting Other Teams

- Client has requested we assist other teams.
  - Designing unique footprints.
  - Schematic design.
  - Layout and routing.
- Training juniors within the software environments.
  - Altium Designer
  - Simulink
  - Arduino IDE



Speaker: Carlos Najera

# Documentation

## NAU Technical Design Report

**NOTE: Rules state 20 page maximum including cover page**

**ME IMAGE**

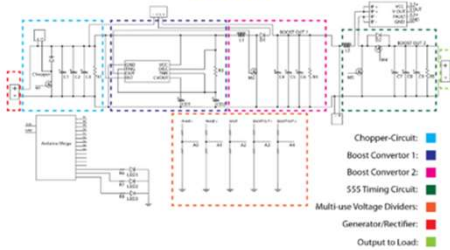


Figure 2. Turbine Electrical System



2019-2020

**Put roles and emails for each, primary authors:**

Student Authors: Lucas Duncan, EE Auxiliary Team Lead: Calum Eikenberry [c/e223@asu.edu](mailto:c/e223@asu.edu),  
EE DC-DC Converter Team Lead: Nigel Grey [ng474@asu.edu](mailto:ng474@asu.edu), Ethan Maltevarne, Daniel Massaglia,  
Marina McCue, Matt Mensell, ME Brake Design: Sean Veden [j/s2@asu.edu](mailto:j/s2@asu.edu)



## Collegiate Wind Competition Guidance Manual

Altium Designer and Other Useful Resources

Authors:  
Humoud Abdumalek, Mohammed Almutairi, Calum Eikenberry, Nigel Grey,  
Ceros Najera, Nicholas Wurtt

Large amounts of post COVID-19 Pandemic meeting time has been dedicated to the reporting of progress, design decisions, and illustrating.

*Speaker: Calum Eikenberry*

# Challenges & Difficulties

## The Problems

- Learning new software.
- Communication errors with the client.
- Difficult to digest competition rules and milestones.

## The Potential Solutions

- User Manual.
- Form a great top-level understanding of the rules and work one's way down.
- Make sure one's understood ruleset are consistent with client expectations.

*Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz*

# Carlos Najera



- Lead for aesthetic design of CWC components.
- Schematic creation and illustration for the CWC and Dr. Yaramasus' other research needs.
- Research aid in parts selection for PCB components.
- Primary researcher on load resistor selection and load circuit design.

*Speaker: Carlos Najera*

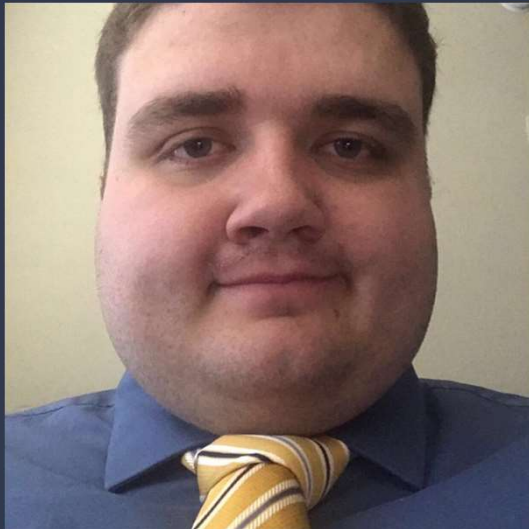
# Calum Eikenberry



- Team lead for the Auxiliary Sub-Team.
- The creation of the CWC2020 User Guidance Manual for the CWC2021 Team.
  - This includes image guides for multiple programs and techniques.
- Lead the PCB design process.
  - Assisted other teams in learning the programs.
- Maintained communication with the Principle Investigator David Willy and the Collegiate Wind Competition staff.

*Speaker: Calum Eikenberry*

# Nicholas Wurtz



- Lead researcher for enclosure.
  - Includes idea for using older enclosure to cut costs and time.
- Assisted with PCB design.
  - Routing and submitting orders.
- Assisted with component selection for PCB.
  - Rectifier, voltage and current sensors, 1206 footprint component selection.
  - Researched external wiring for outside the enclosure.
- Assisted with illustration work for final reports.

*Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz*



# Final Product

The best course of action is to prepare future teams and point out our own pitfalls.

- Physical
  - PCB manufactured and in AMPERE Lab.
  - Components purchased for future testing.
- Digital
  - Simulations within MATLAB Simulink.
- Preparing 2021 CWC
  - User manual will continue progress until next year.
  - Final product will assist with understanding research requirements, software, and hardware limitations.

*Speaker: Nicholas Wurtz*

# Closing

- A concise final schematic.
- Minimal physical project realization.
- A greater appreciation for wind energy.
- Still preparing for competition in June.

*Speaker: Calum Eikenberry*

