# Collegiate Wind Competition 2019

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# **Project Description**

- Collegiate Wind Competition- U.S. Department of Energy
  - Held in Boulder, CO for the 2019 competition
  - Fifth team representing NAU at the Competition
- Multidisciplinary Team



# Background

- Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine
  - Axis of rotation parallel to ground
  - Able to produce energy in strong winds



- Vertical Axis Wind Turbine
  - Axis of rotation is perpendicular to ground
  - Produce energy in low wind speeds



Figure 2: Vertical Axis Wind Turbine [1] Tanner

Figure 1: Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine [1]

#### Background

- Active vs. Passive Yaw Systems
  - Passive:
    - Short or no boom with large vane
    - Long boom with smaller vane
  - Active:
    - Use of motor to direct wind turbine
- Disc Brakes vs Dynamic Brakes
  - Disc:
    - Brake pad with stainless steel rotor disc
  - Dynamic:
    - Uses cogging torque from electric generator to brake

# Benchmarking

- 2017 NAU Design
  - Single tail yaw
  - Four blade HAWT
  - Open Nacelle
  - Honorable Mention



Figure 3: NAU '17 [4]

- 2018 NAU Design
  - Two Tail yaw
  - Three Blade HAWT
  - Open Nacelle
  - $\circ$  6th out of 12 teams



Figure 4: NAU '18 [5]

- 2017 PSU Design
  - Single Tail Yaw
  - Three Blade HAWT
  - Open Nacelle
  - Best Test Turbine



Figure 5: PSU '17[2]

#### **Customer Requirements**

- Produce power
- Minimize cost
- Compact & Portable design
- Strong & Durable
- No Two Tail Yaw Design

#### Engineering Requirements

- Rotor and non-rotor turbine area should enclosed 45x45x45 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Turbine fits through 61x122 cm<sup>2</sup> door in one assembly
- Withstand wind speed of 20 m/s
- Cut-in wind speed between 2.5m/s and 5 m/s
- Tested between 5 and 11 m/s for 60 seconds
- Base plate no thicker than 16.1mm
- Base plate withstand 50 N-m

# House of Quality

- Initial House of Quality
- Legend below for benchmark

A	'17 NAU
В	'18 NAU
С	'17 PSU

		Engineering Characteristics									Bench	marki	ing	. 1	
Improvement Direction	D	D	D	U	N/A	U	U	D	D						
Units		\$	cm <sup>*</sup> 3	mls	%	cm <sup>*</sup> 2	Ksi	+	lb	min					
Customer Needs	Customer Weights	Minimize Cost	Volume(45×45×45)	Cut-in Speed(2.5-5)	Yaw Rate(up to 180)	Area (61×122)	Yield Strength	Number of Cycles to Failur	Weight	Assembly Time	1 Poor	N	3 Acceptable	4	5 Excellent
Cost Effective	5	9		2	-	3	3	1	3	3		1	C	AB	
Compact	5	1	9			9	1	1	3	3	1	(		8 8	ABC
Optimize Efficiency	4	3		9	9	1		1						AB	С
Effective Direction mechanism	5		-	1	9		1	1		1			В	A	С
Easy Start up	5	1		9	1	1	1.1.1.1		1			(		AB	С
Strong	3	3		1	1		9	3	3	2				AC	В
Durable	3	3	_	1		1	9	9	3	3				AC	В
Lightweight	2	3					3	3	9				В	AC	
Portable	2		3		8	3		1	3	9					ABC
Raw Score		86	51	92	68	78	80	63	72	57	668				
Relative ₩eight %		12.87%	7.63%	13.77%	13.32%	11.68%	11.98%	9.43%	10.78%	8.53%	%001				
Rank Order			9	1	2	5	4	7	6	8	1	1			

Table 1: Initial House of Quality

#### Schedule

- Used Gantt project template in Excel
- Team is behind
- More tasks to be added as the semester progresses

ACTIVITY	PLAN START	PLAN DURATION	START	ACTUAL	PERCENT COMPLETE	PF	RI	OI	os																
						1	2	3	3 4	1 5	5 6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	2
Website Setup	3	3	18		30%			1			1														
Website Update(s)	6	70			0%						1														
House of Quality	15	4	16	2	100%			2	_																
Benchmarking	10	5	15	2	95%			L																	
Research Design(s)	10	10	16		45%																				1.11

Figure 6: Portion of Project Schedule for Fall Semester

# Budget

- \$700 +/- \$50
  - Previous teams have done the project for about \$500
  - Past teams have not budgeted for testing supplies
  - Travel and Board funds have already been allocated

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