

# ZERO energy

*Recalling the past to create a sustainable future*

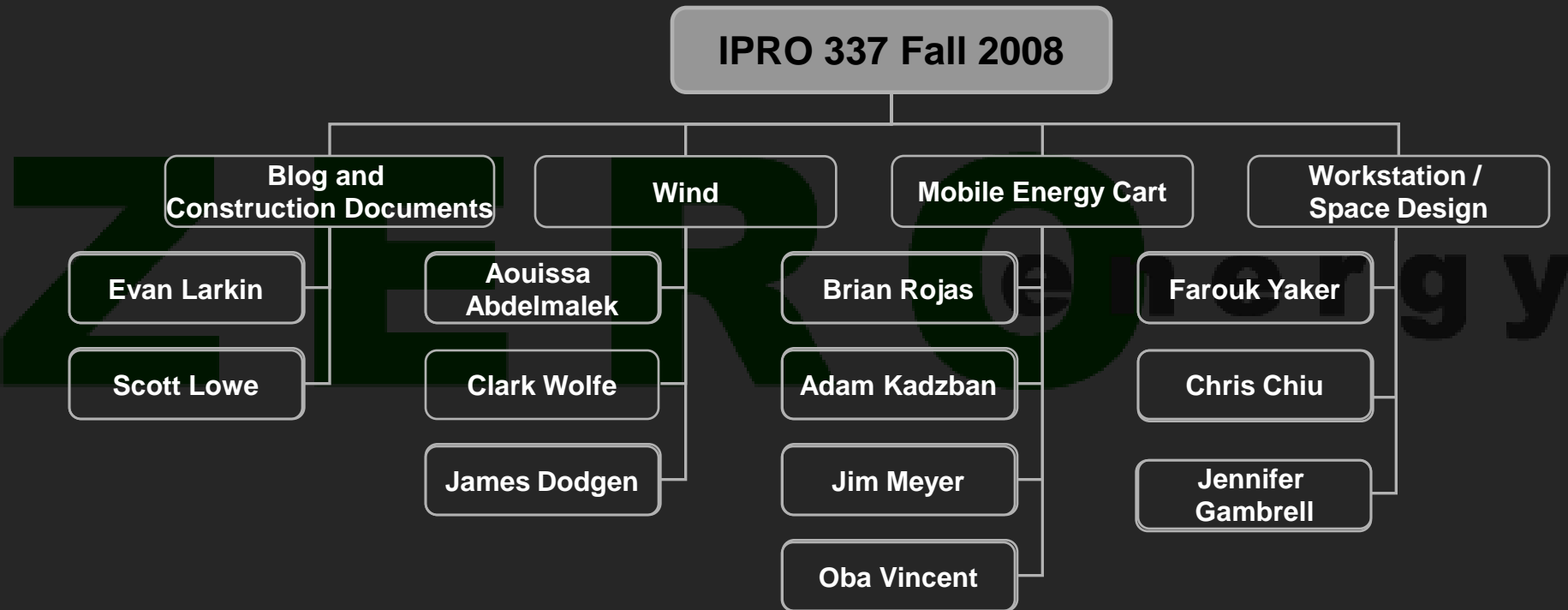
# Introduction

- Fourth floor of Machinery Hall
- Final goal: provide an opportunity for an energy conscious and environmentally friendly workspace for research
- Fall 2008 problem
  - Windmill construction
  - Construct mobile energy cart
  - Integrate with solar system
  - Design of space

# Team Development and Performance

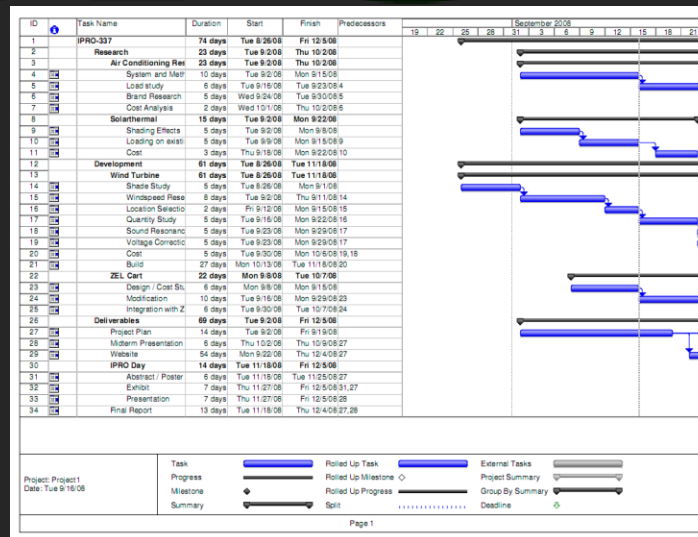
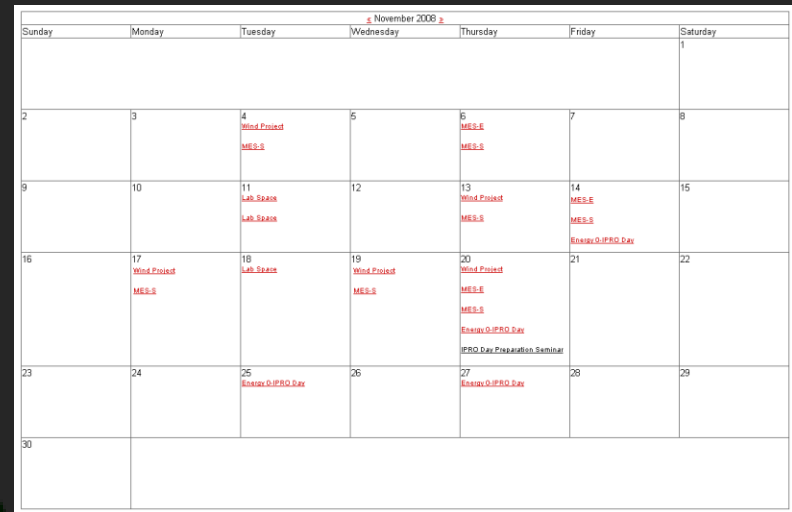
- Goals toward common purpose
- Regular meetings
- Focus on achieving a safe and work friendly research environment
- Organization
  - Wind Team
  - Mobile energy station team
  - Lab design team
  - Blog and Construction Documents

# Team



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- Calendar for scheduling
- Gantt chart for monitoring progress
- Regular meetings for adapting to change



# Project History

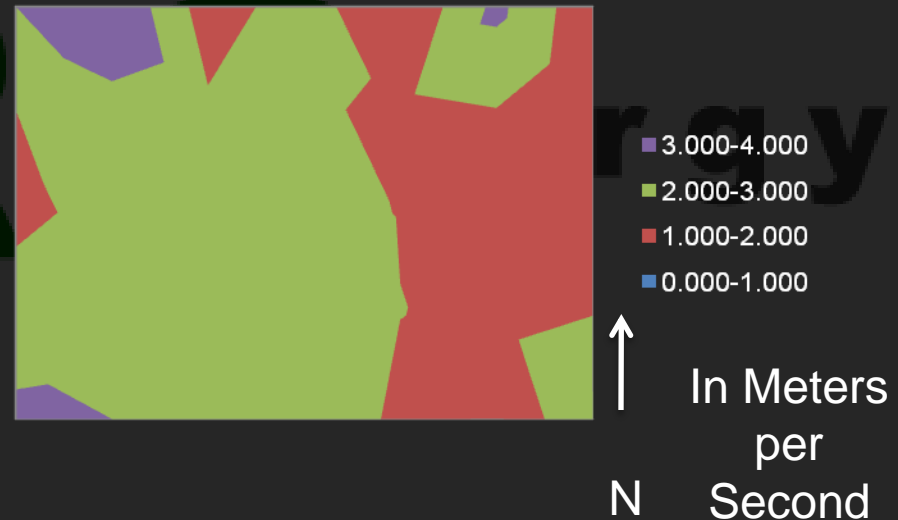
- Storage space for unused furniture and equipment
- Cleared out, large open space
- Existing solar cell array on roof
- Renovated office
- Research
  - Solar thermal
  - ZEL Rating



# Data Analysis and Tasks

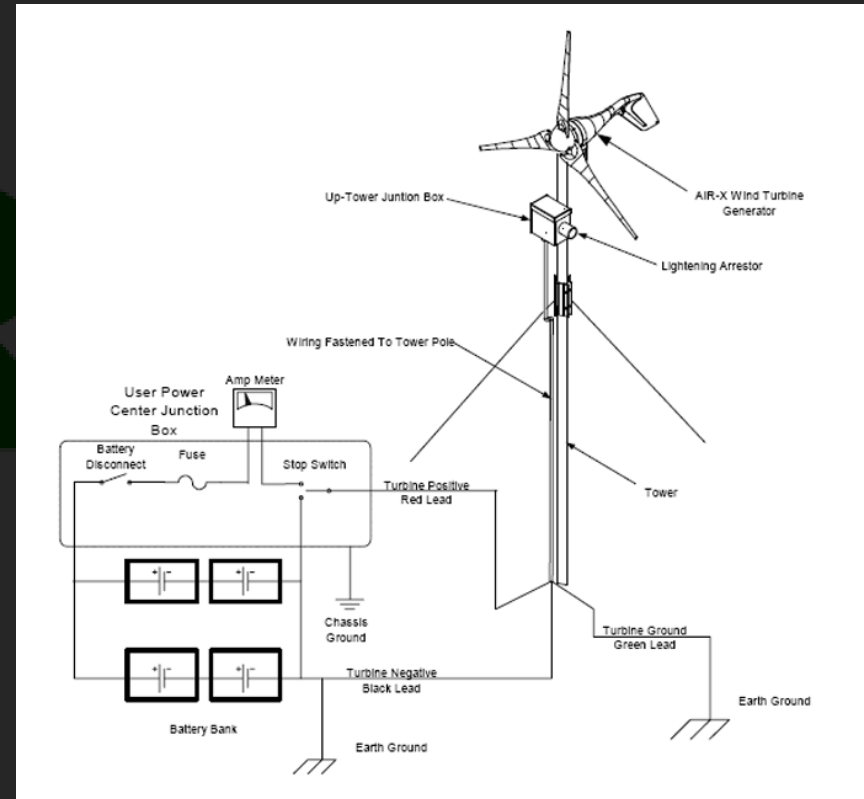
- Data Collection
  - Wind studies
  - Mobile energy station research
  - Electrical exploration
- Tasks Completed
  - Wind turbine assembly
  - Mobile energy station
  - Lab space renovation and design

Roof Plan of Machinery Hall



# Wind Tasks

- Design and Implement Wind Power
  - Proper location
  - Proper structure
- Integrate wind power into existing and new systems
  - Mobile Energy Station, Solar Panels, Battery Banks, etc.
  - All systems to work together
- Completed
  - Wind Turbine installed in a temporary location
  - Electrical system set up to record data











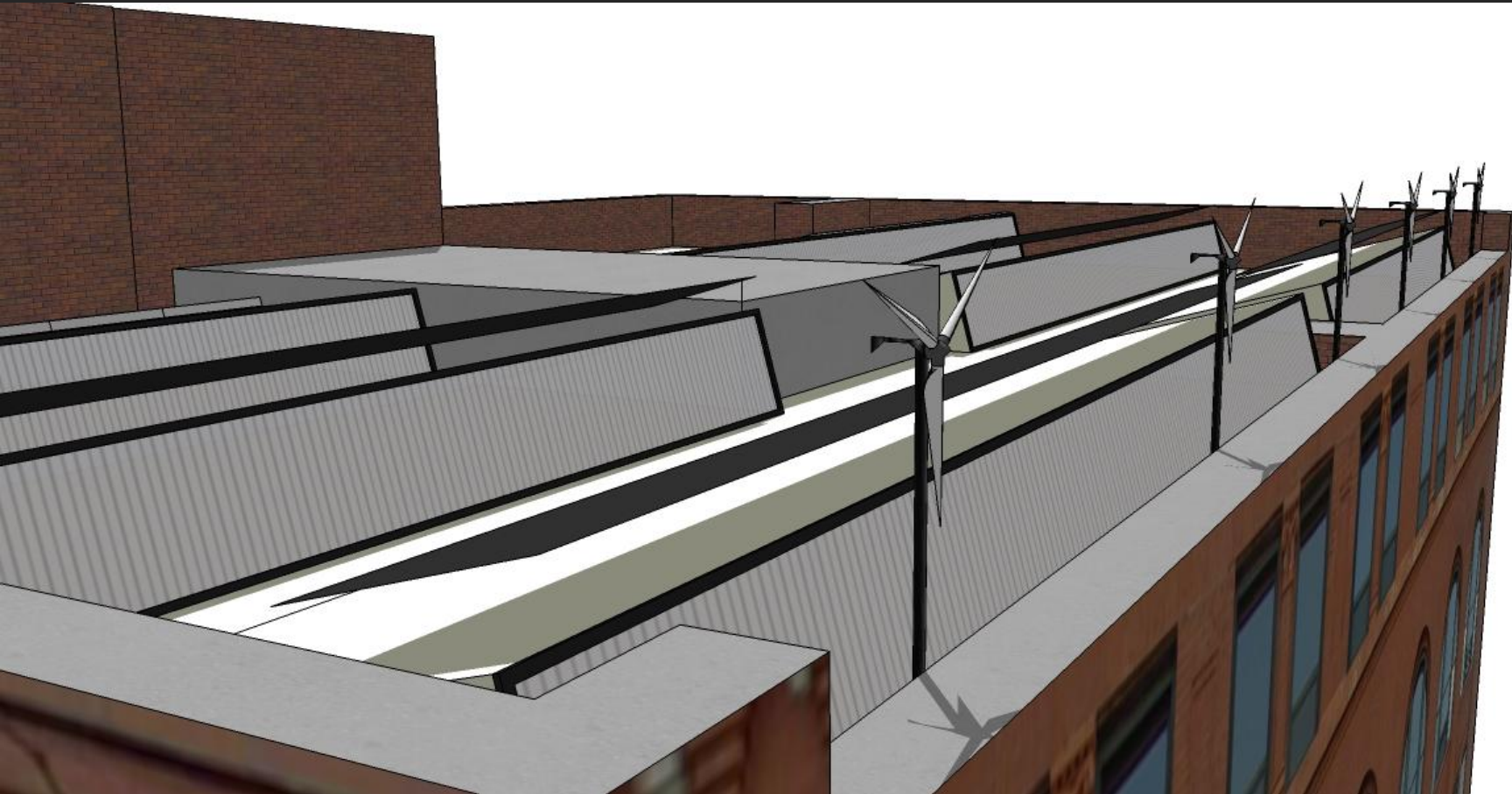


# Wind Results thus far

- Connected rated wattage – 60 Watts
  - Actual draw – 35 Watts
- Able to sustain battery level
- Running low power led lights

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# Wind Turbine array



# Mobile Energy Station

- Incorporate reserve energy from industrial equipment into Zero Energy Lab battery bank
  - Premise 1: 48 volt daytime equipment, fork lifts, cart
  - Premise 2: 48 volt nighttime equipment: floor sweepers and cleaners
  - Premise 3: Daytime renewable energy: sun/ PV
  - Premise 4: Nighttime and Daytime renewable energy: wind, biodiesel
- Design systems to take full advantage of reserve energy in battery systems

# Mobile Energy Station Tasks

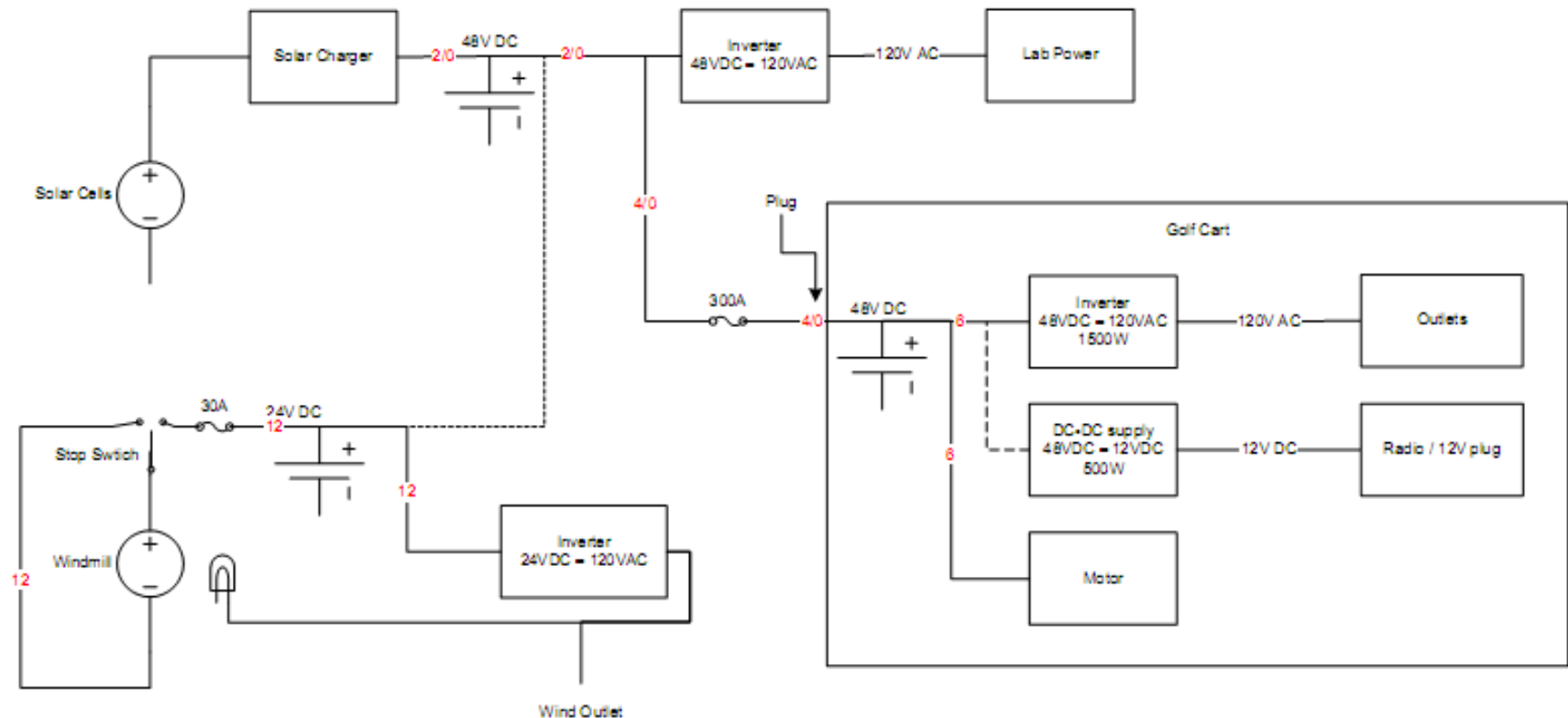
- Design and construct mobile energy station
  - Component Selection
  - Safe electrical integration study
  - Painting and rebuilding
- Completed
  - Inverter and DC-DC power installed
  - Cart painted and desk built





# Electrical System Design

----- Future Expansion  
—— 6 = DC Wire Size





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# Lab Space Tasks

- Architectural layout for renovation of main space on 4<sup>th</sup> floor
  - Overall plan
  - Renovation



- Completed
  - Desk constructed
  - Banner developed
  - Synergistic design

# Desk Assembly Demonstration



Portable work surfaces and storage desks

- Easily assembled/disassembled
- Convenient mobility and portability
- Minimum space storage
- Built-in modularity





# Conclusions and Benefits

- Have a running test of the proposed wind turbine
  - Testing for practicality of wind energy in Chicago
  - Benefit: added generating capacity to Zero Energy Lab
- Established Mobile Energy Station capabilities in the Zero Energy Lab
  - Convenient and portable power is available throughout the Lab
  - Benefit: Expanded battery bank for the Zero Energy Lab
  - Benefit: Easier access to power
- Lab space clear and renovation has begun
  - More clear area to work in
  - Benefit: The next IPRO group will easily be able to step in and continue building on the current lab design

# Impacts, Risks and Challenges

- Wind
  - Impact: Cleaner source of energy
  - Risk: Safe Mounting
  - Risk: Potential Electrical Hazard
  - Challenge: Selecting a location with sufficient wind density
- Mobile Energy Station
  - Impact: Available and easy energy provided to the lab
  - Risk: Potential Electrical Hazard
  - Challenge: Safe integration and use
- Lab Space Design
  - Impact: More effective use of space
  - Risk: Cost of new construction
  - Challenge: Making a cheap and useful work environment

# Ethical Considerations

- Safety
  - Wind Turbine Mounting
  - Electrical System properly installed
  - Proper preventative measures to protect users
- Monetary Funds
  - Proper allocation of grant funding
  - Proper cost analysis

# Achievements

- Good base for future wind advancement and construction
- Mobile energy station allows increased electrical capacity and convenient power access
- Lab design plan provides solid base for development into full fledged scientific facility

# The Future...

- Future IPRO teams will realize our dream of a Zero Energy Lab
- Analysis of wind turbine experiment results
- Continued expansion and integration of electrical power sources
- Work space design to a reality
- Mobile Energy Cart
  - Add more batteries for increased capacity
  - Add storage for better usability

Thank You

