

A photograph of a custom-built wind turbine. It features three long, thin wooden blades attached to a central black hub. The hub is mounted on a white vertical pole. The background is a clear, solid blue sky. The text 'DIY WIND TURBINE' is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

DIY WIND TURBINE

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2006



2007

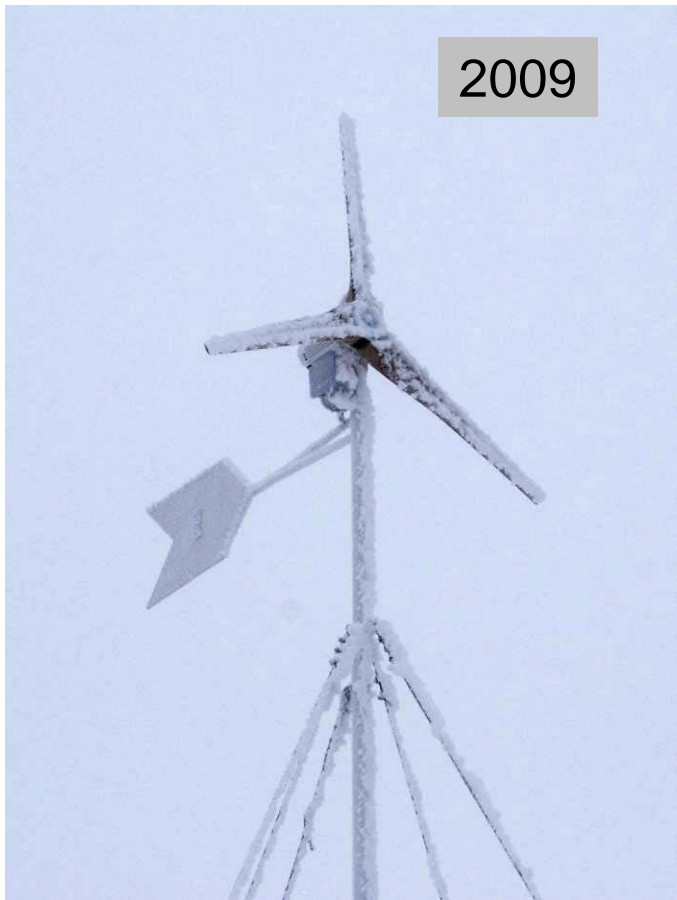


2007



2009

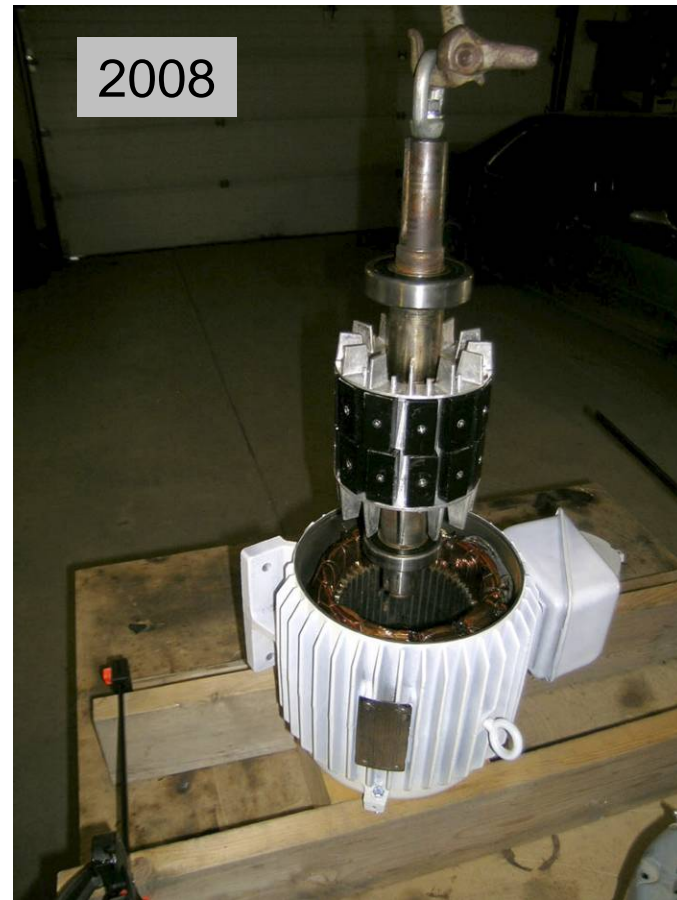
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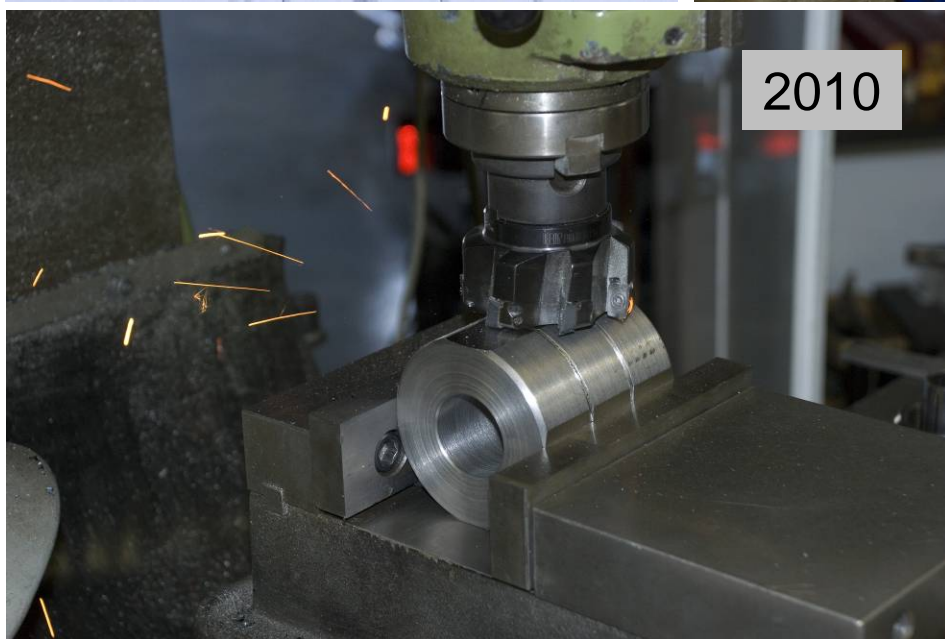
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2008



2010



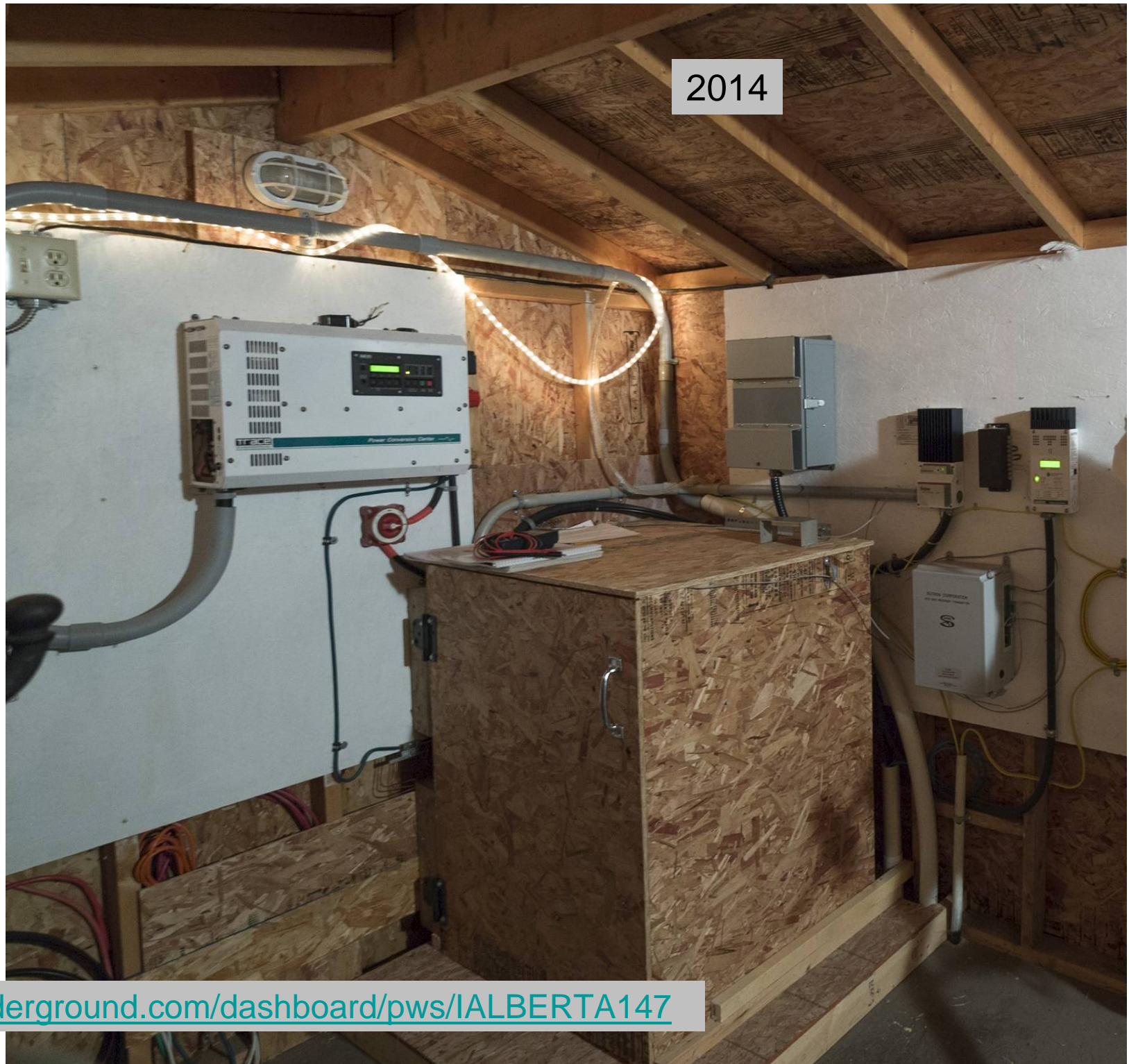
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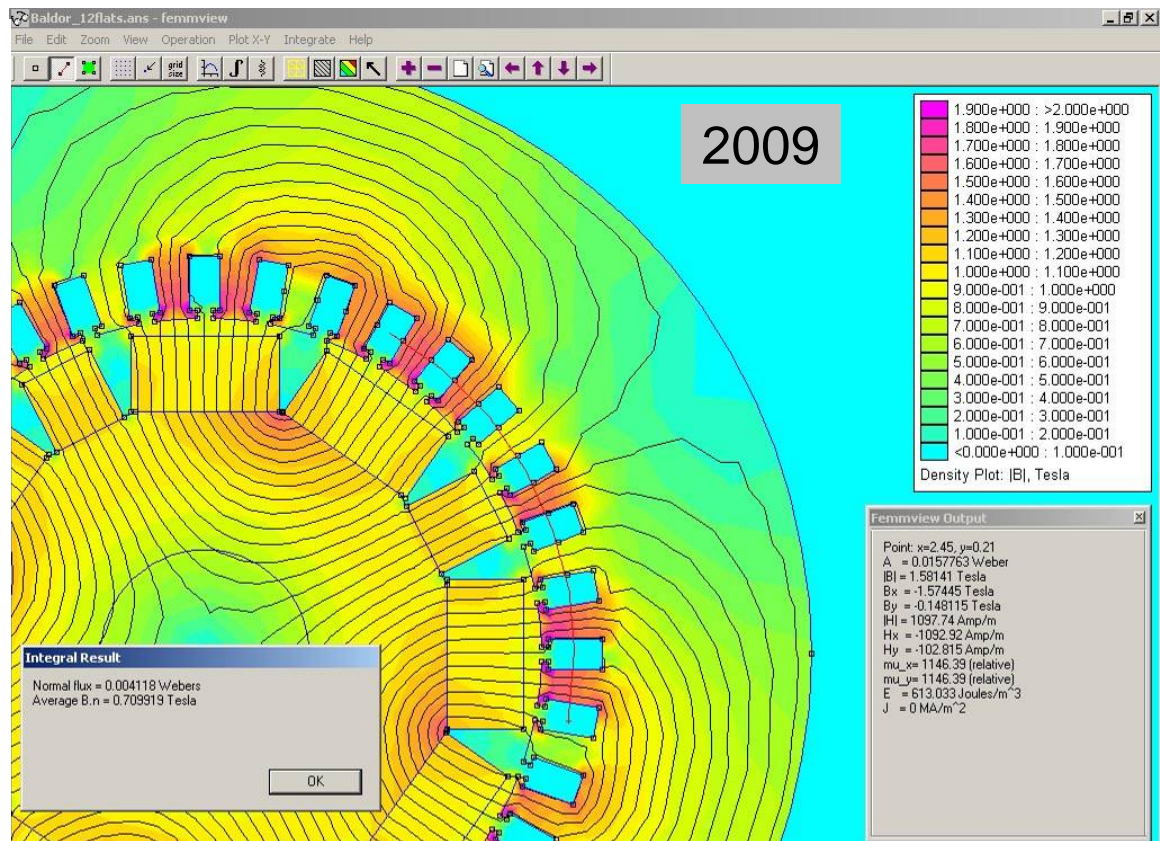
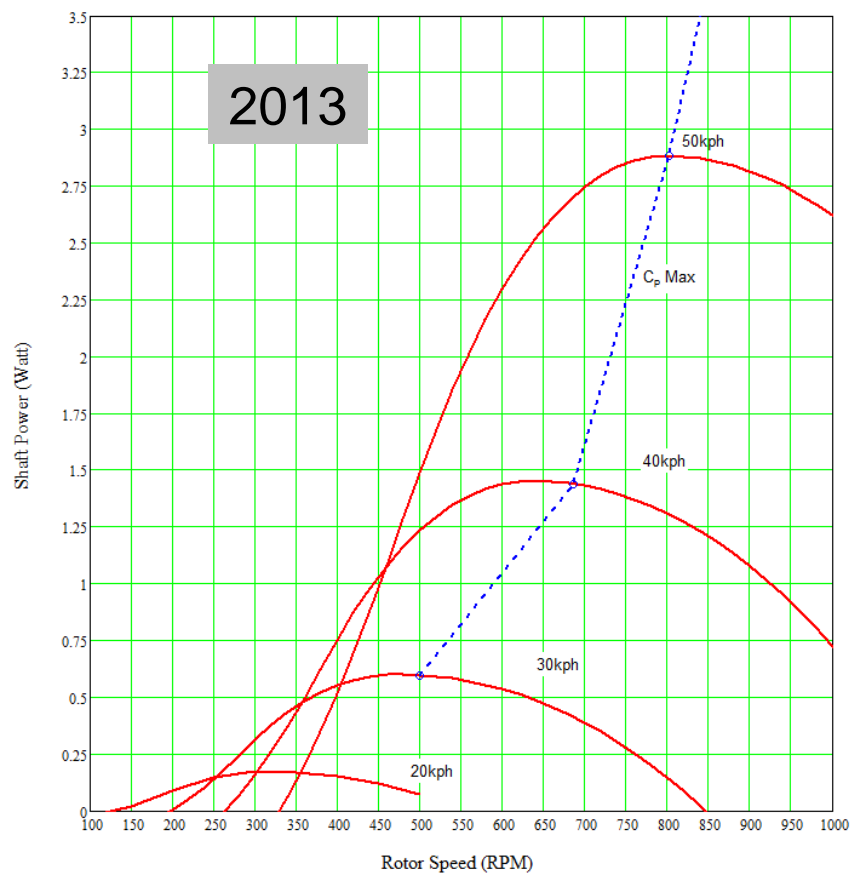
2012



2014



<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IALBERTA147>



- 20 kph
- 30 kph
- 40 kph
- 50 kph
- Peak C_p

2017



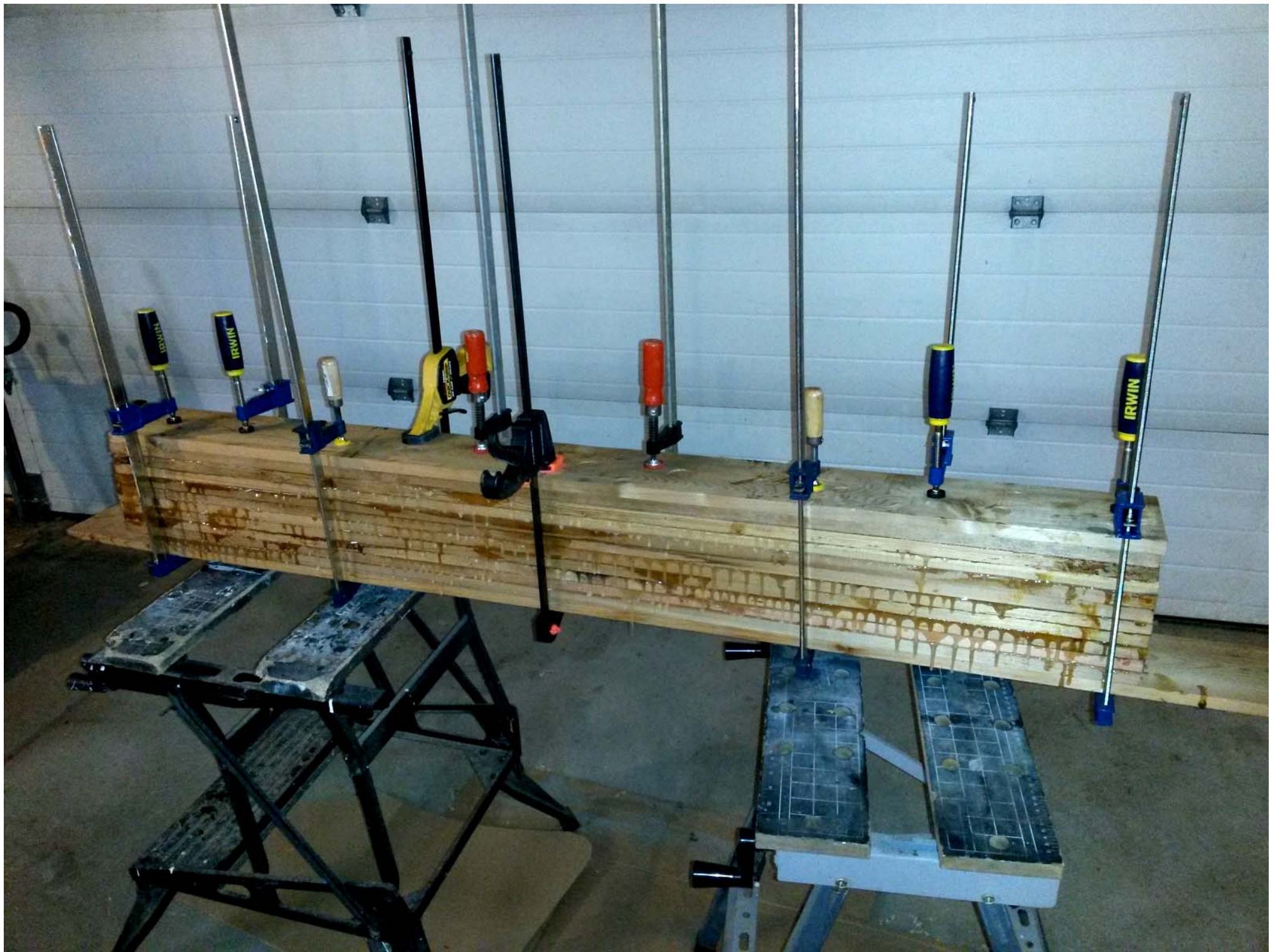
2017





2009-2019





**KNOT DOESN'T
MATTER.
IT'S CUT OFF.**

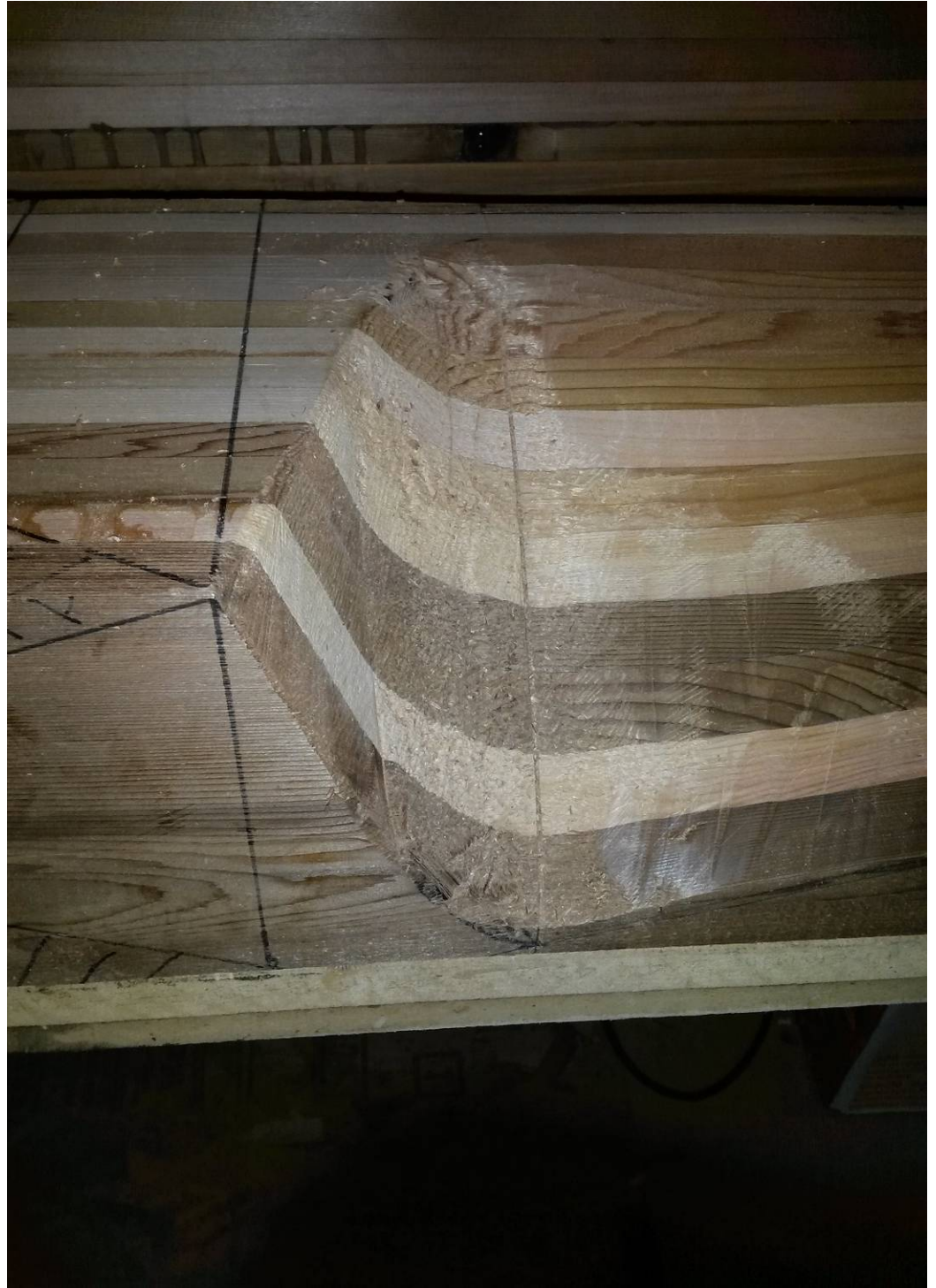


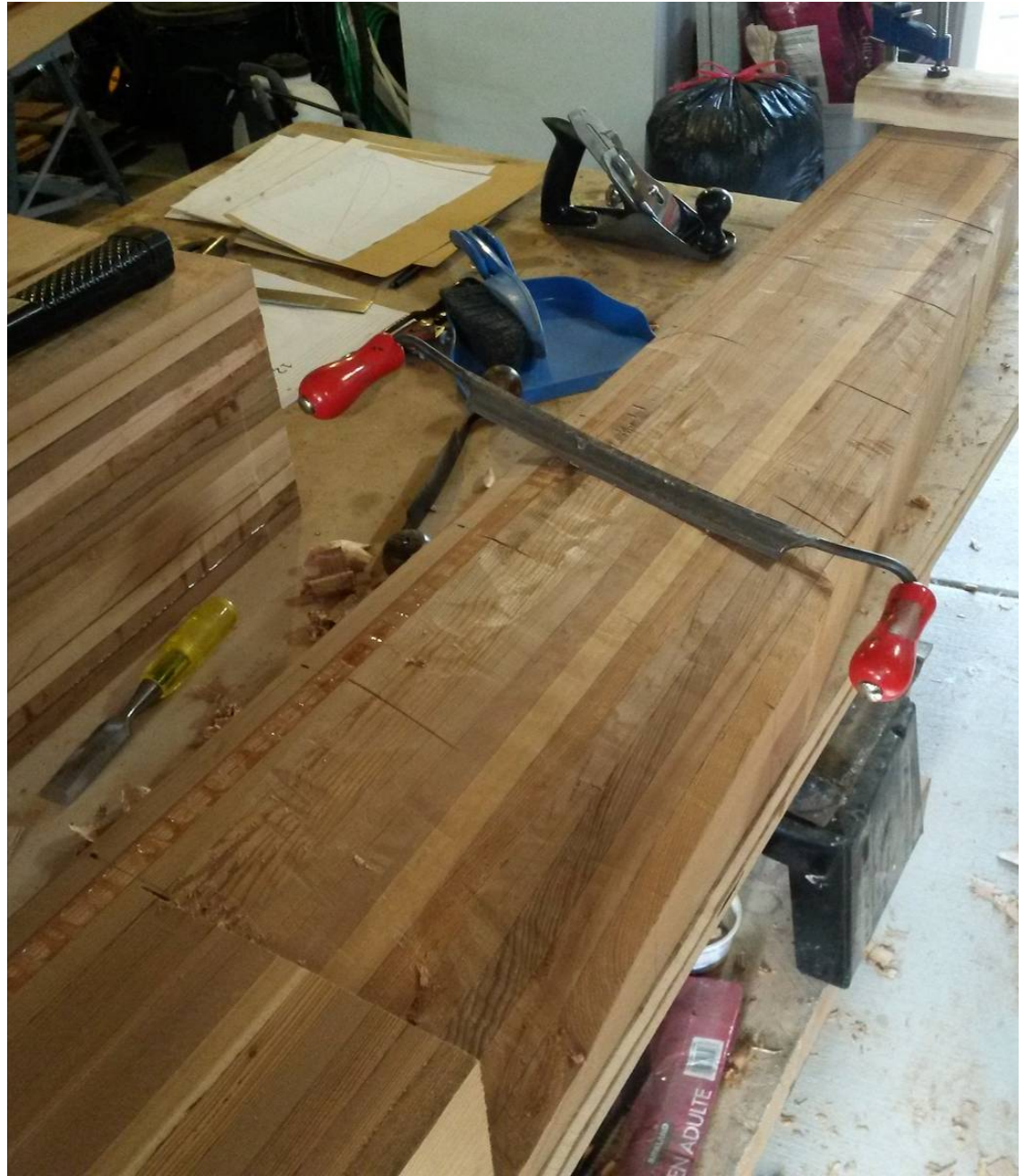




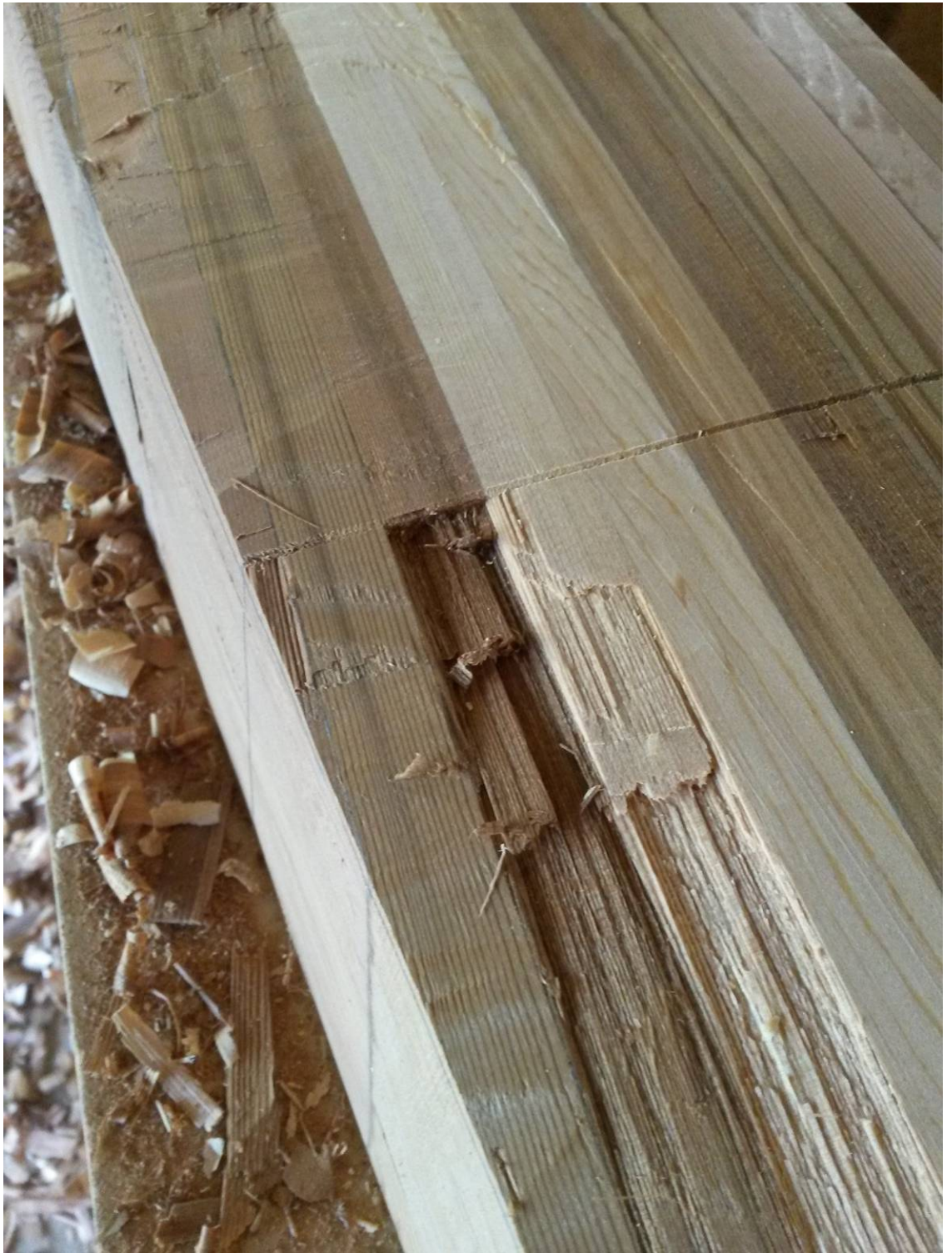
**TRAILING
EDGE LINE**





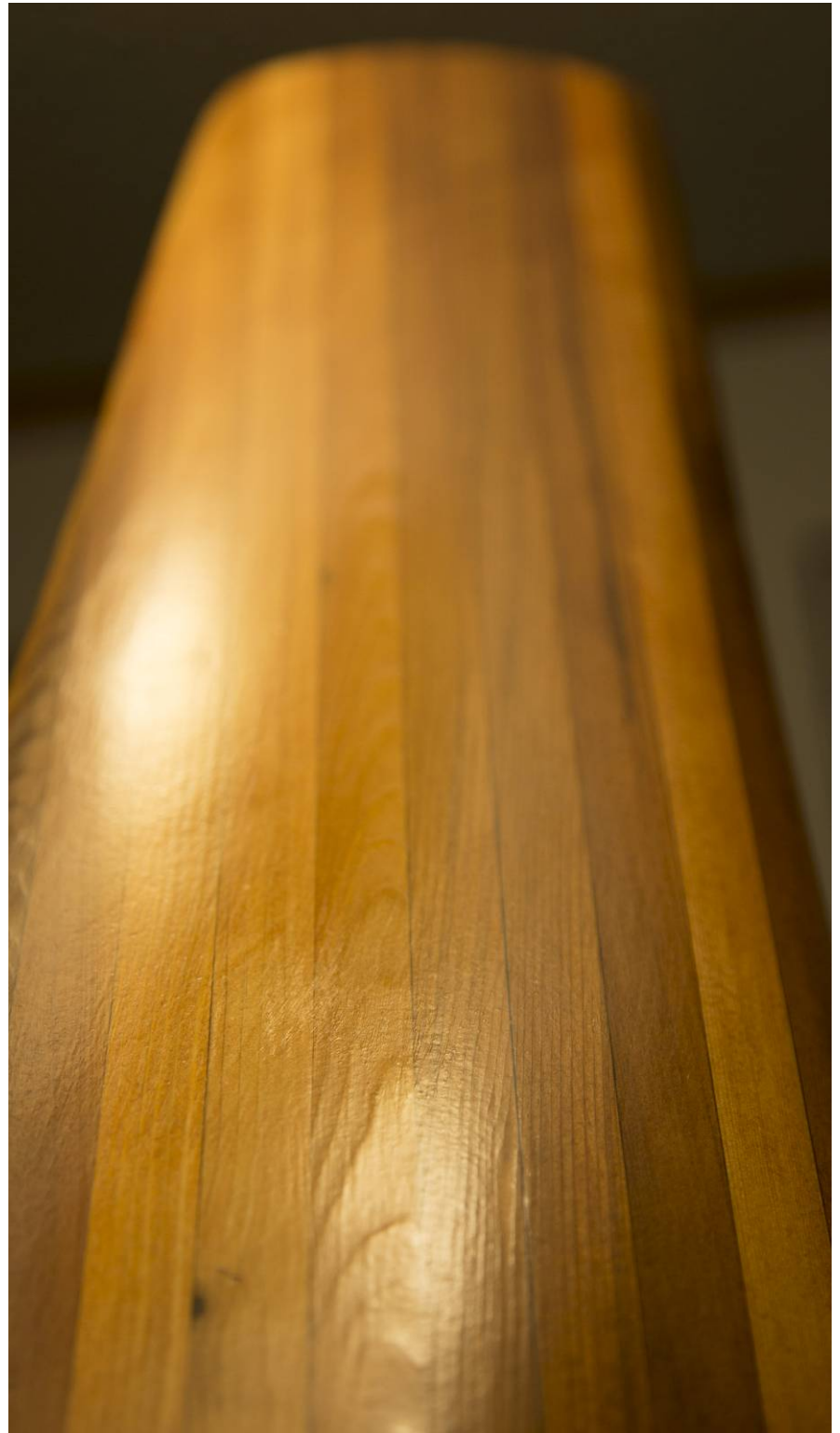


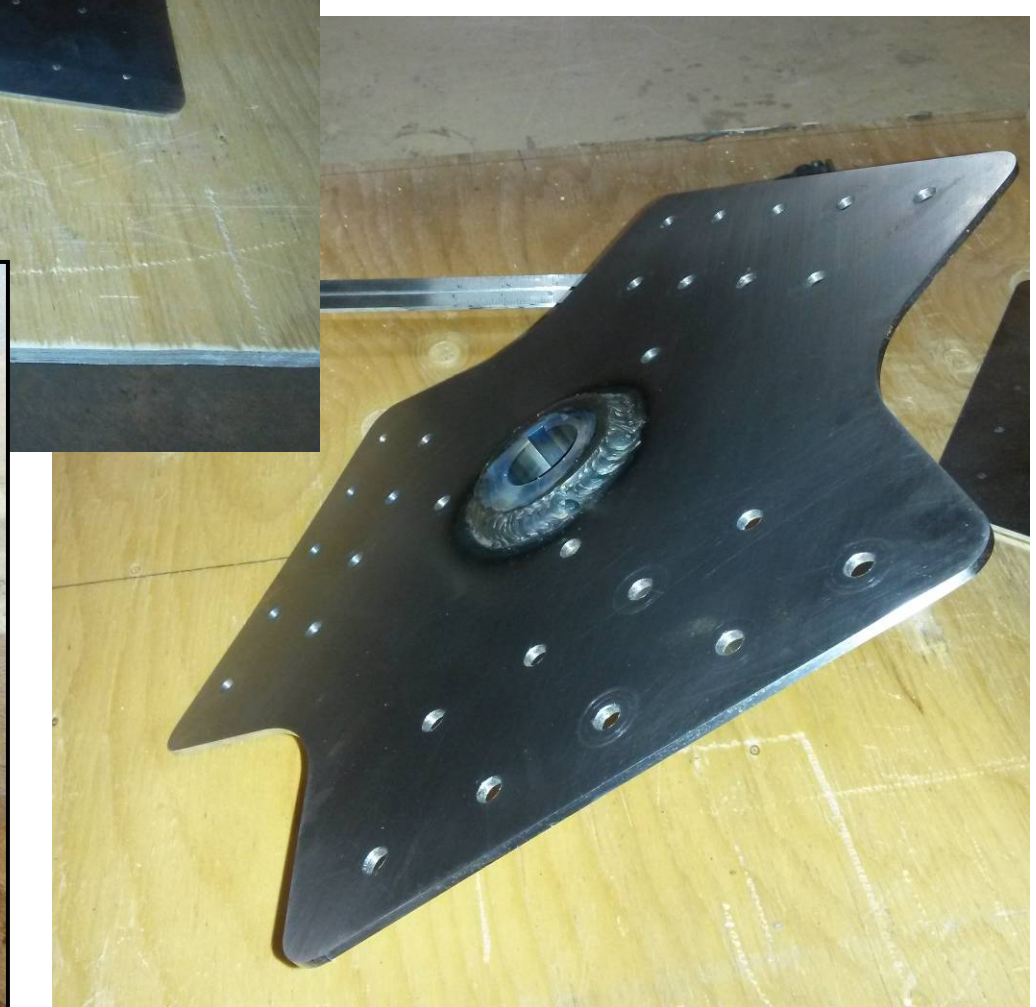
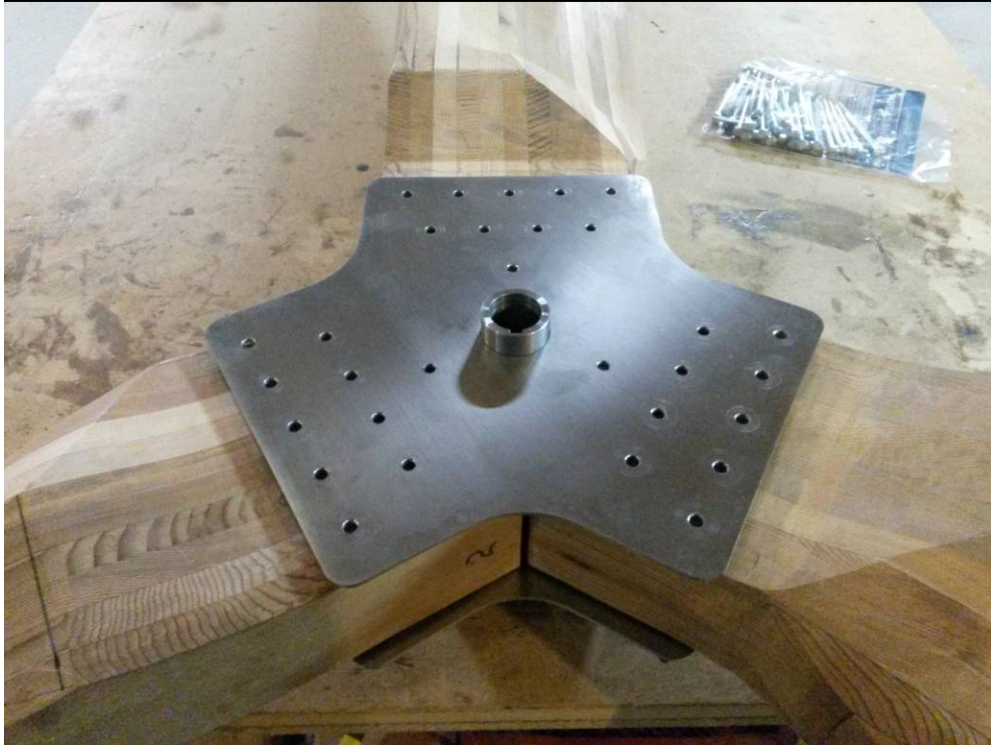
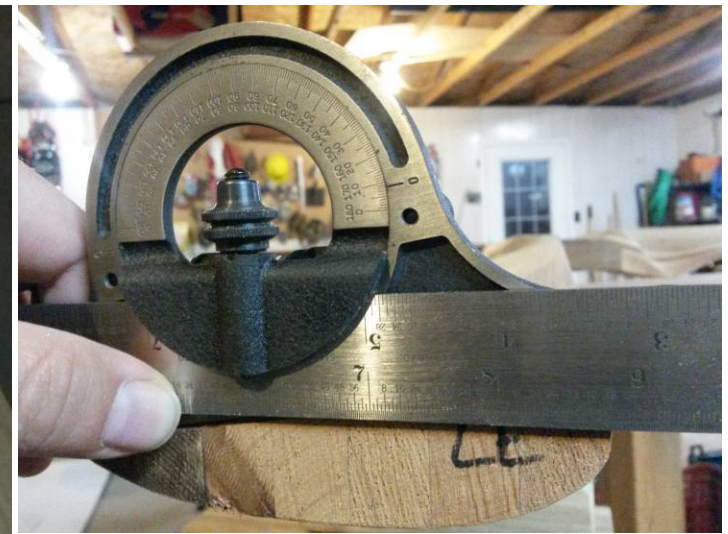
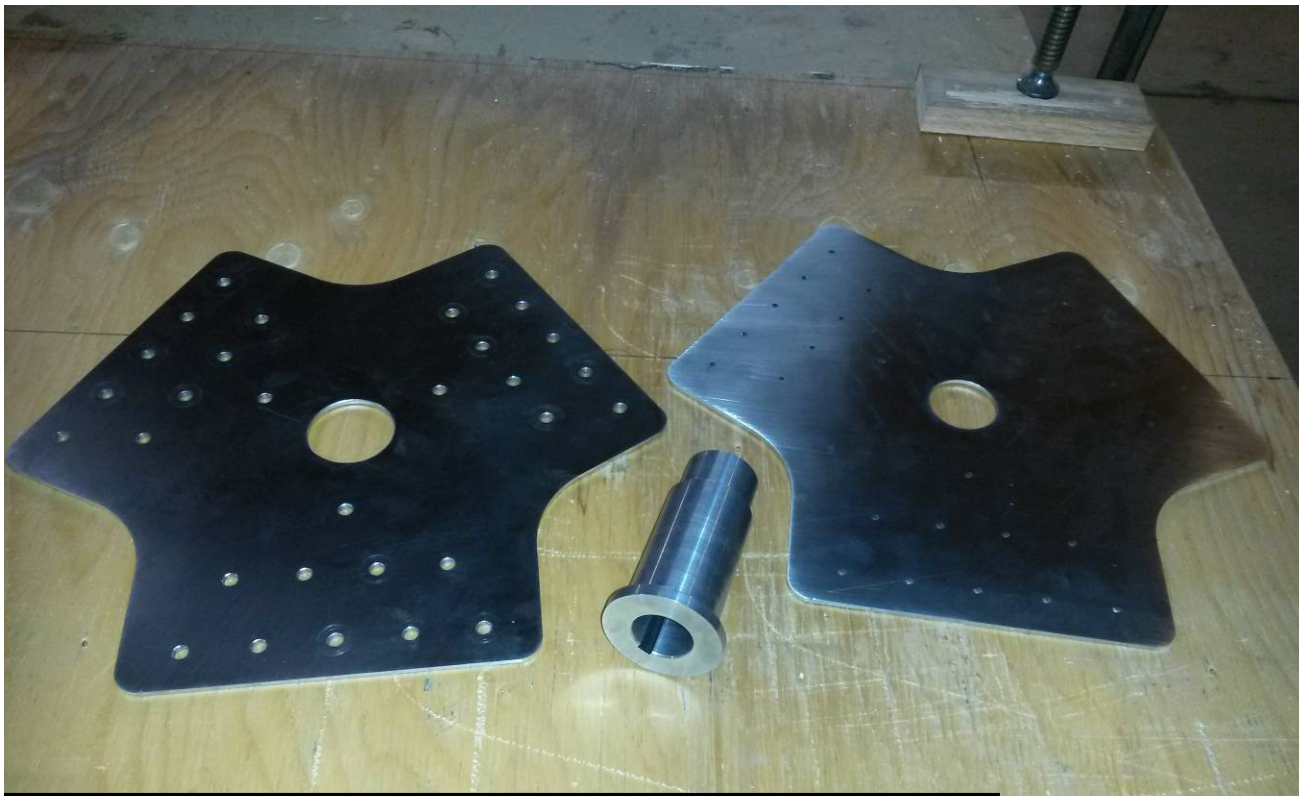


















PART 2

OPTIONAL

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND COMPARISON

WIND TURBINE GENERATOR

**CHARGE
CONTROLLER**

**2 YEAR
WARRANTY**



SHIPPING



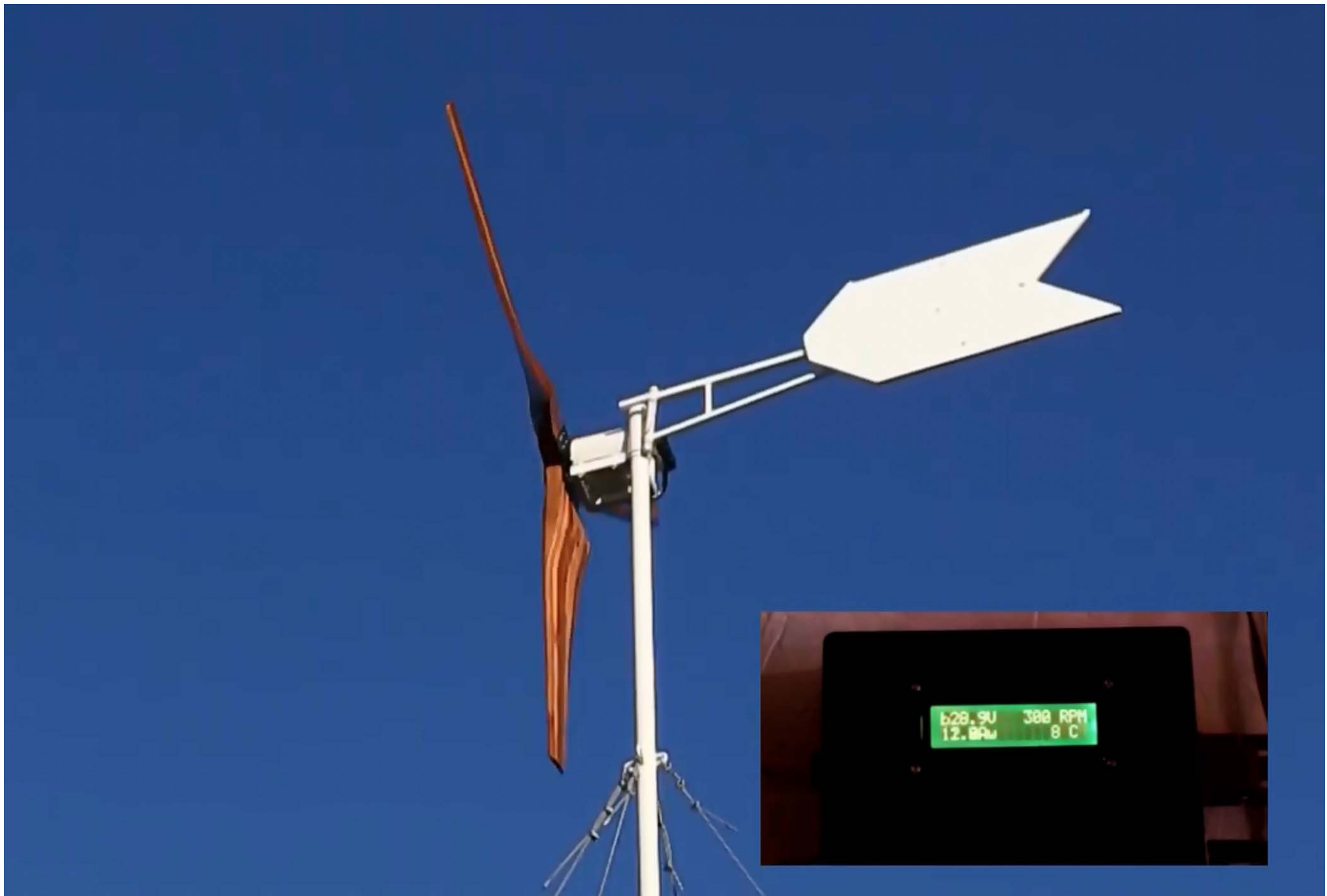
WHAT DO WE NEED?

700W

MORE POWER!

**24V
3BLADES**





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVhAKhYnYpo>

How can I accept a wind turbine that makes a measly 300-400 Watts, when I could buy one that offers 700 – 1000 – **1500** Watts? **More Power!**

The answer is that I'm not looking for peak power.

Power is only a part of producing energy.

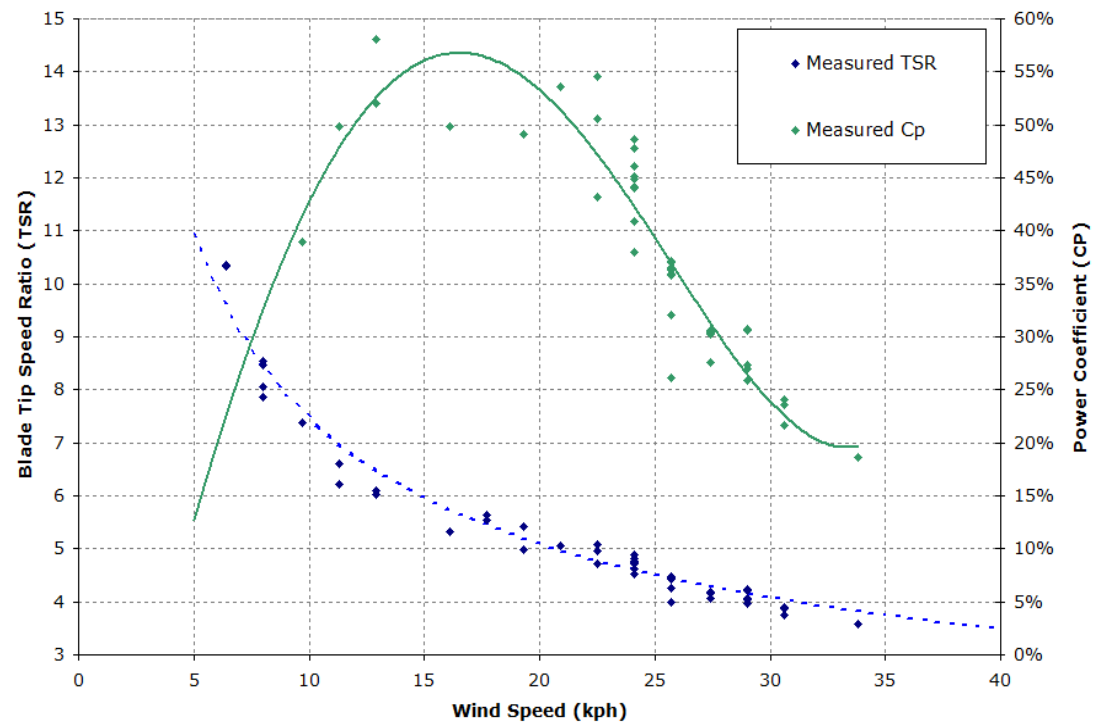
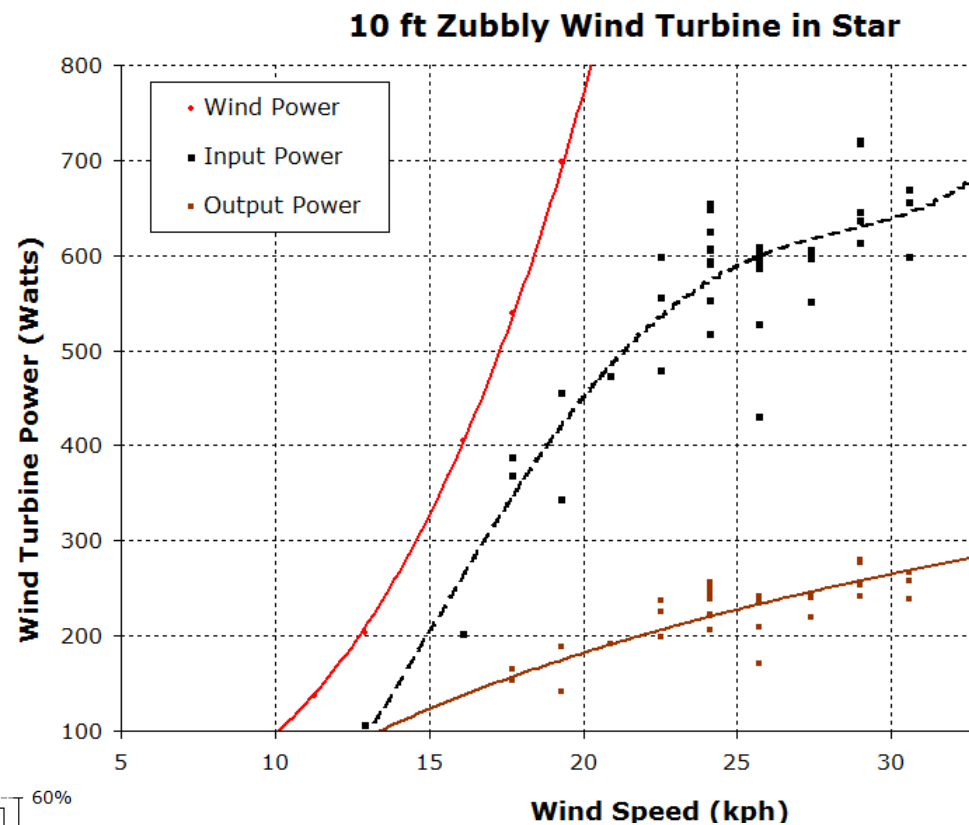
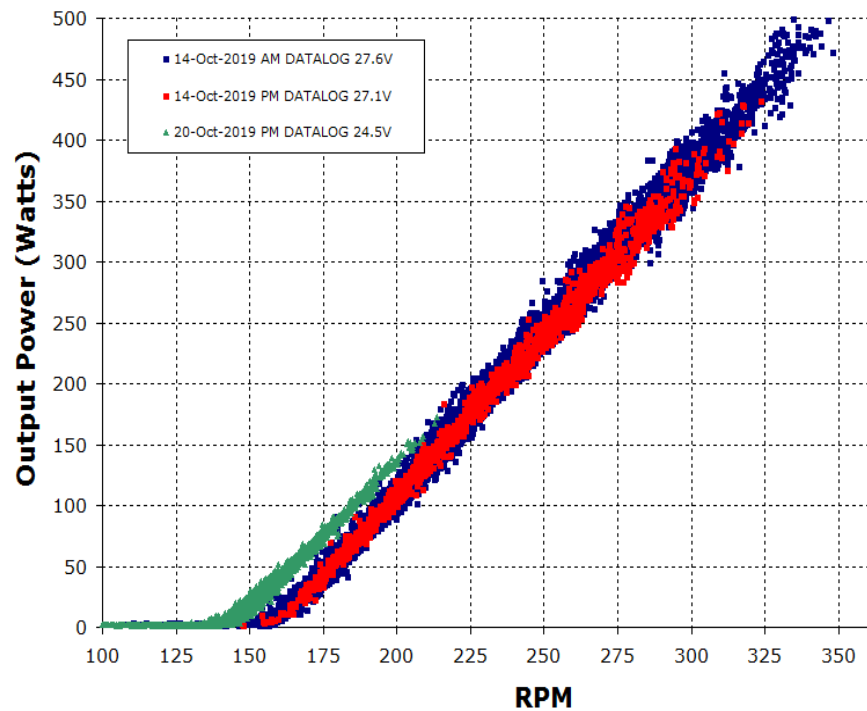
When the power is produced is more important.

Let's use an analogy:

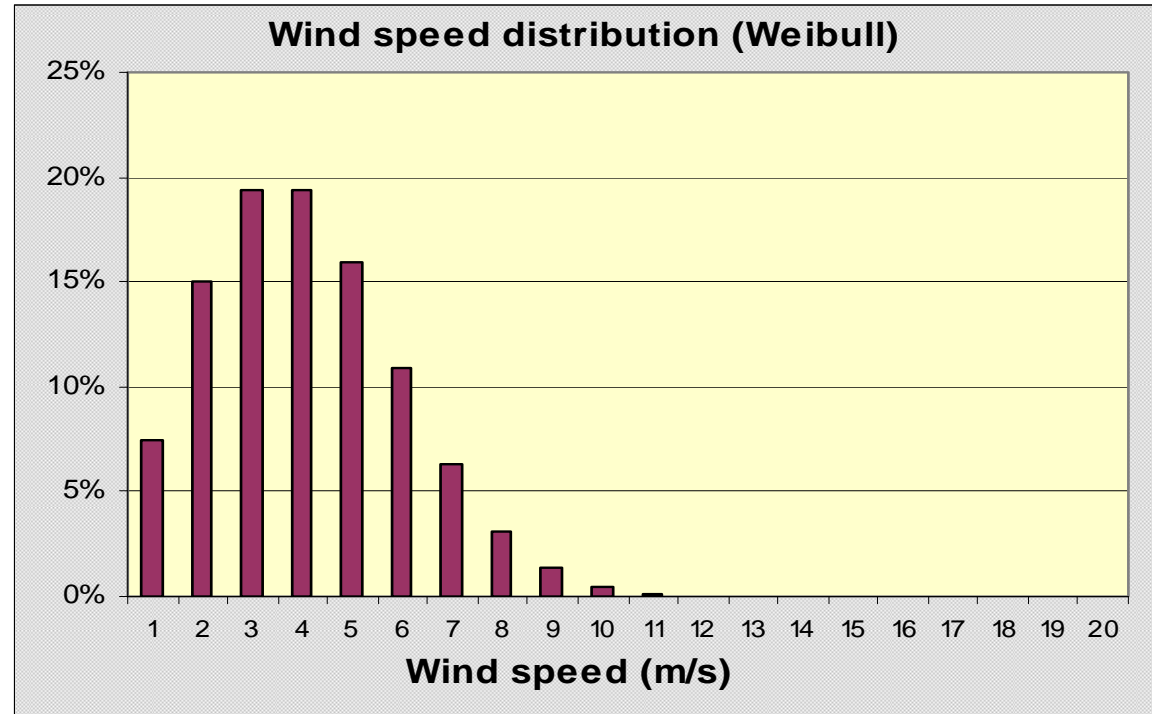
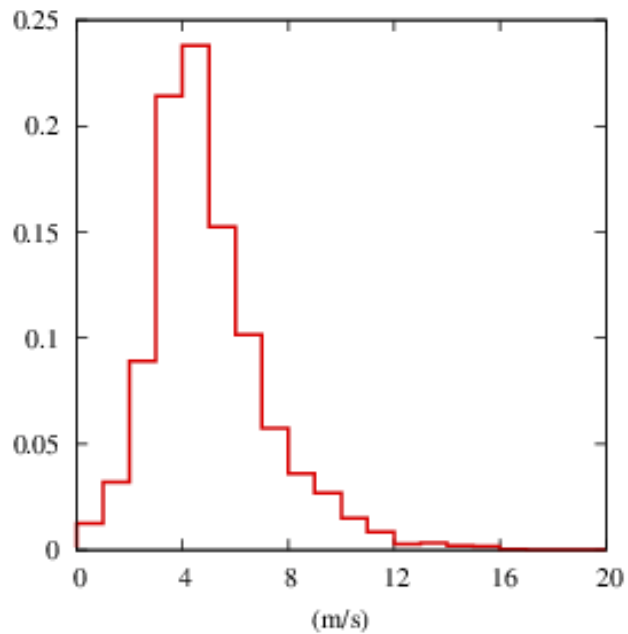
I can jump off the ground, and it takes about 2 kW for my body to do that.
My feet leave the floor at 16 kph.

So... that means I can run up the stairs of the Calgary Tower in 35 seconds.

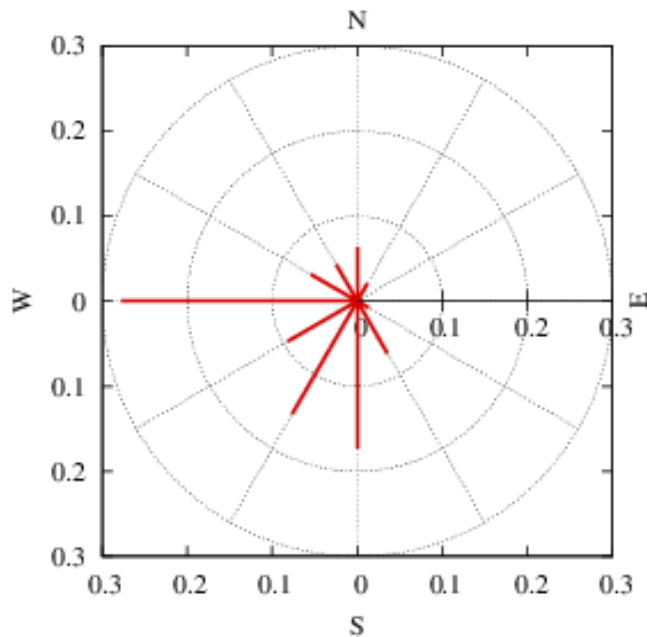
...Right?



WIND SPEED & ENERGY IN THE CALGARY AREA



<http://www.windatlas.ca/maps-en.php>



Atlas Average Wind (m/s) = 5.0
Site Altitude (m) = 1,000
Anemometer Height (m) = 30
Tower Height (m) = 15
Wind Shear Exponent = 0.290
Weibull shape factor K = 2.2
Turbulence Factor = 20%



Compare 2 Wind Turbines

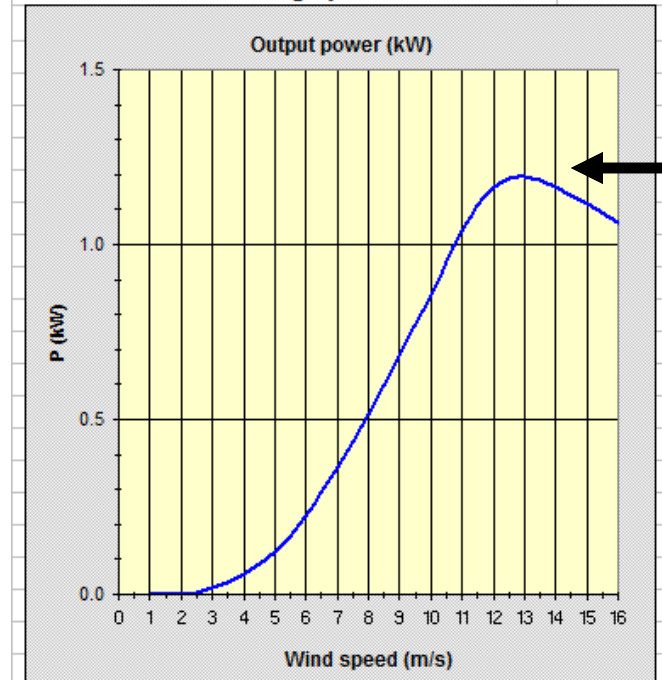


Bergey XL-1 (2.5 m diameter)

My Project (3.0 m diameter)

Daily Energy Output (kWh) =	2.1
Monthly Energy Output (kWh) =	64
Annual Energy Output (kWh) =	773
Average Output Power (kW) =	0.09
Hub Average Wind Speed (m/s) =	4.09
Air Density Factor =	-9%
Percent Operating Time =	77.1%

re: Bergey XL-1

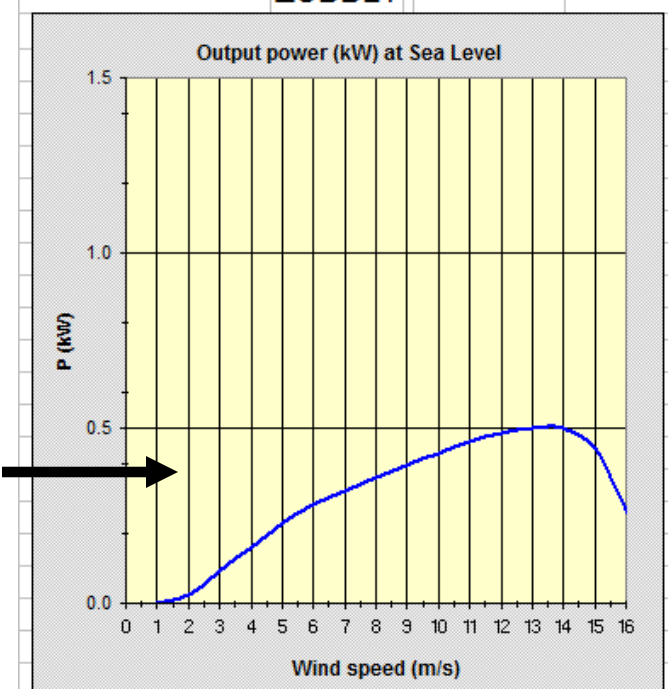


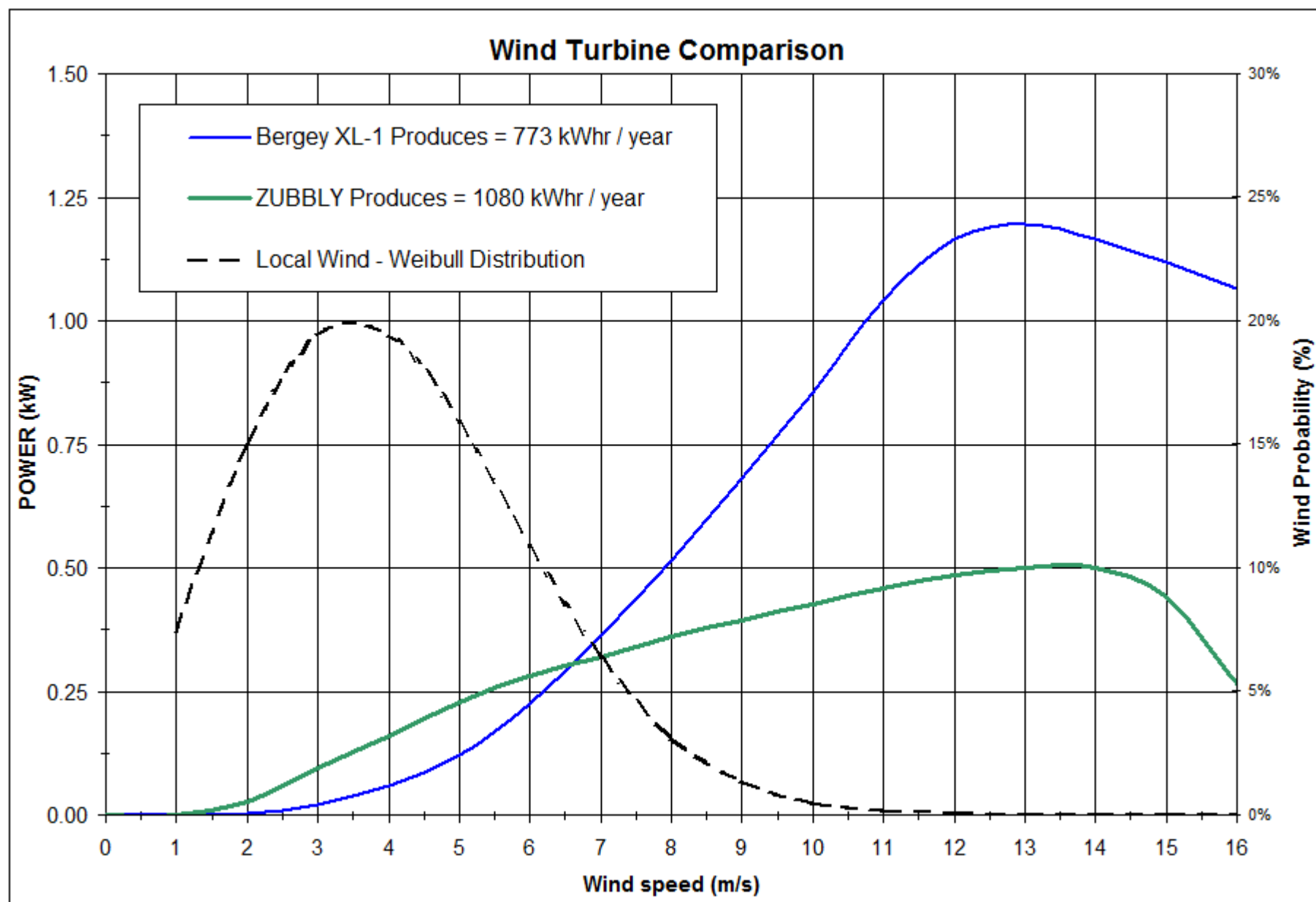
More Power!

Corrected to Sea Level

Daily Energy Output (kWh) =	3.0
Monthly Energy Output (kWh) =	90
Annual Energy Output (kWh) =	1,080
Average Output Power (kW) =	0.12
Hub Average Wind Speed (m/s) =	4.09
Air Density Factor =	-9%
Percent Operating Time =	77.1%

re: ZUBBLY





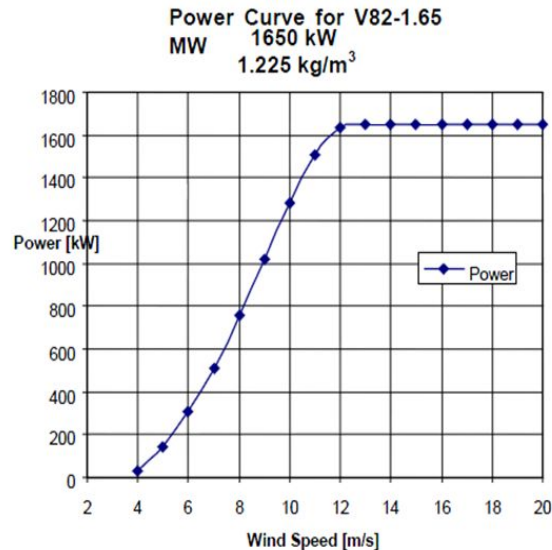
Bergey XL-1 Produces = 773 kWhr / year

ZUBBLY Produces = 1080 kWhr / year

More Energy!



How can we use this information?



- Estimate the potential production of a W.T.
- Compare different sites
- Compare different wind turbines

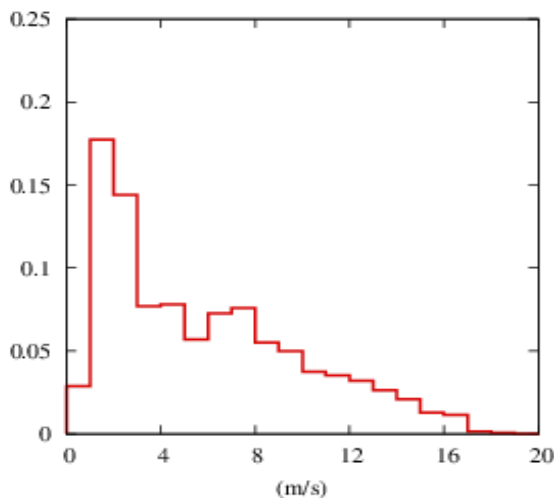
As citizens, landowners, and taxpayers:

- Figure out if a developer is *over-promising*
- Estimate the real value of a project (*big or small*)

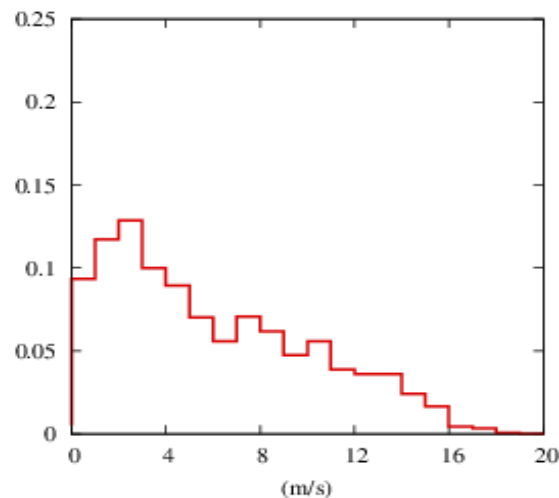
Compare three sites:
Oyen

Brocket

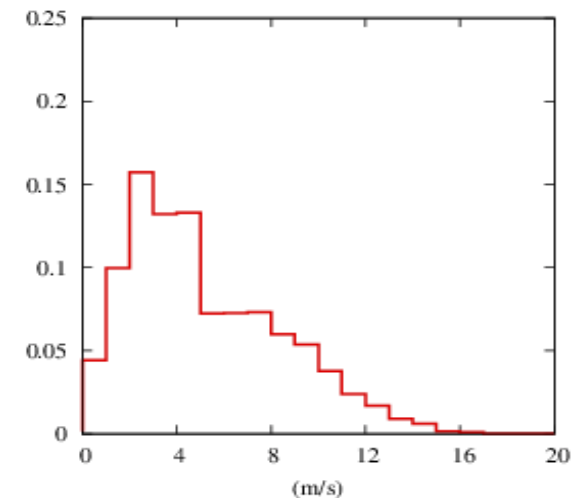
Magrath



3.5 GWhr / year



4.1 GWhr / year



3.0 GWhr / year