

# Antenna Pointer

University of Central Oklahoma  
School of Engineering, College of Mathematics and Science



## **Team 3 Members:**

Nathaniel Blair, E.E.

Joshua Nutter, M.E.

Cesar Vasquez, M.E.

**Faculty Advisor:** Dr. Tej Lamichhane

**Faculty Co- Advisor:** Dr. Evan Lemley

**Faculty Co-Advisor:** Dr. Nesreen Alsbou

**Industry Contact:** Jonathan Adams (FAA)

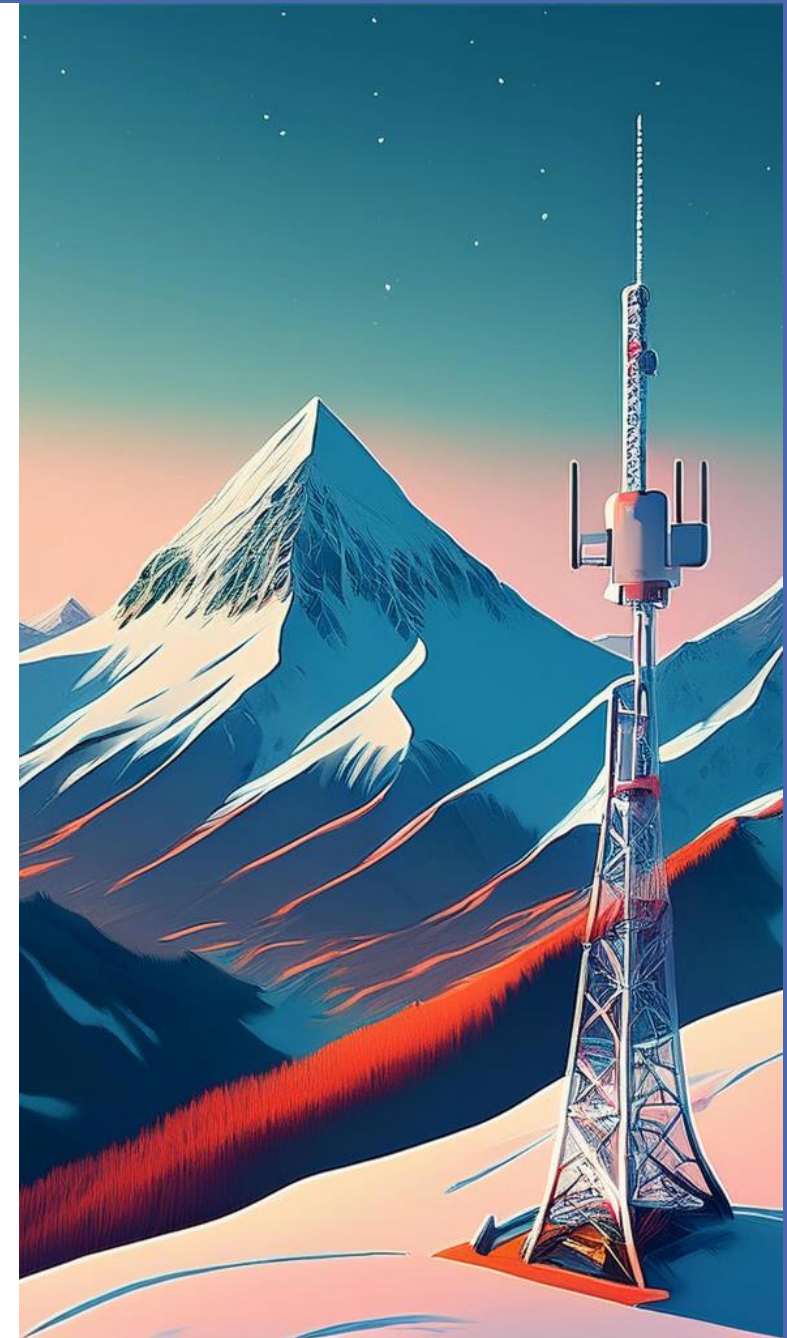
# Introduction

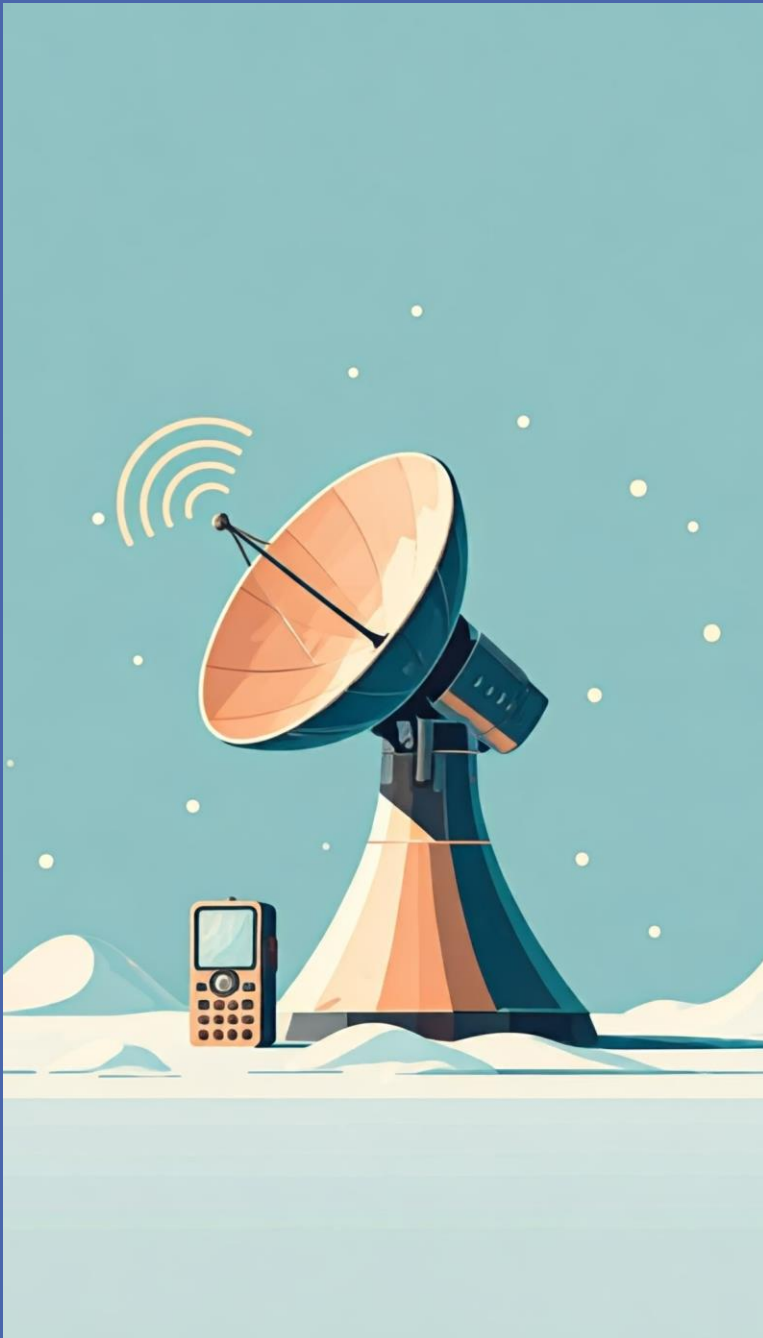
ASTI team with FAA

Setup antennas at FAA supported airports

- Point at geostationary satellites
- No hardline communication

Use compass and plumb bob for orientation





# Proposed Solution

## **Digital Handheld Device**

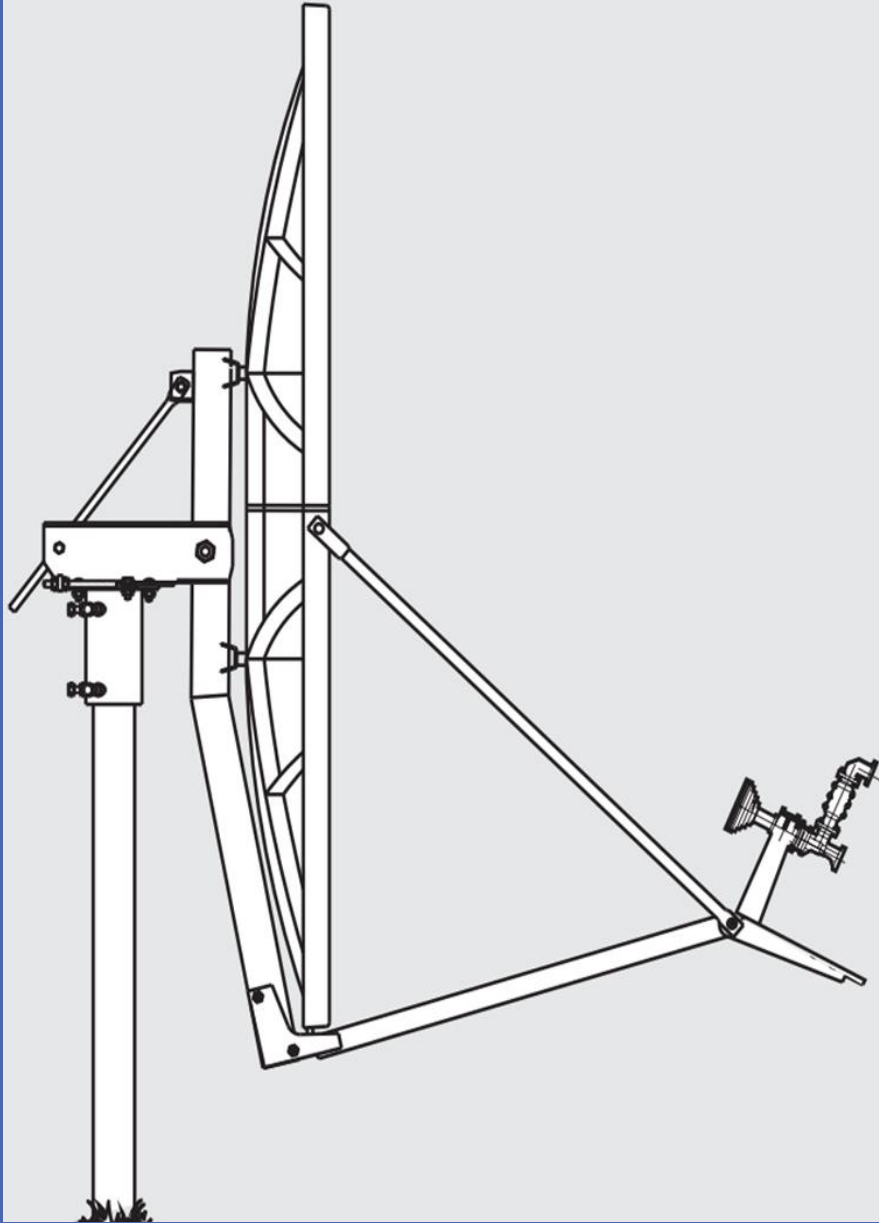
- Outputs current antenna orientation
- Battery powered, usable in cold weather

## **User Manual**

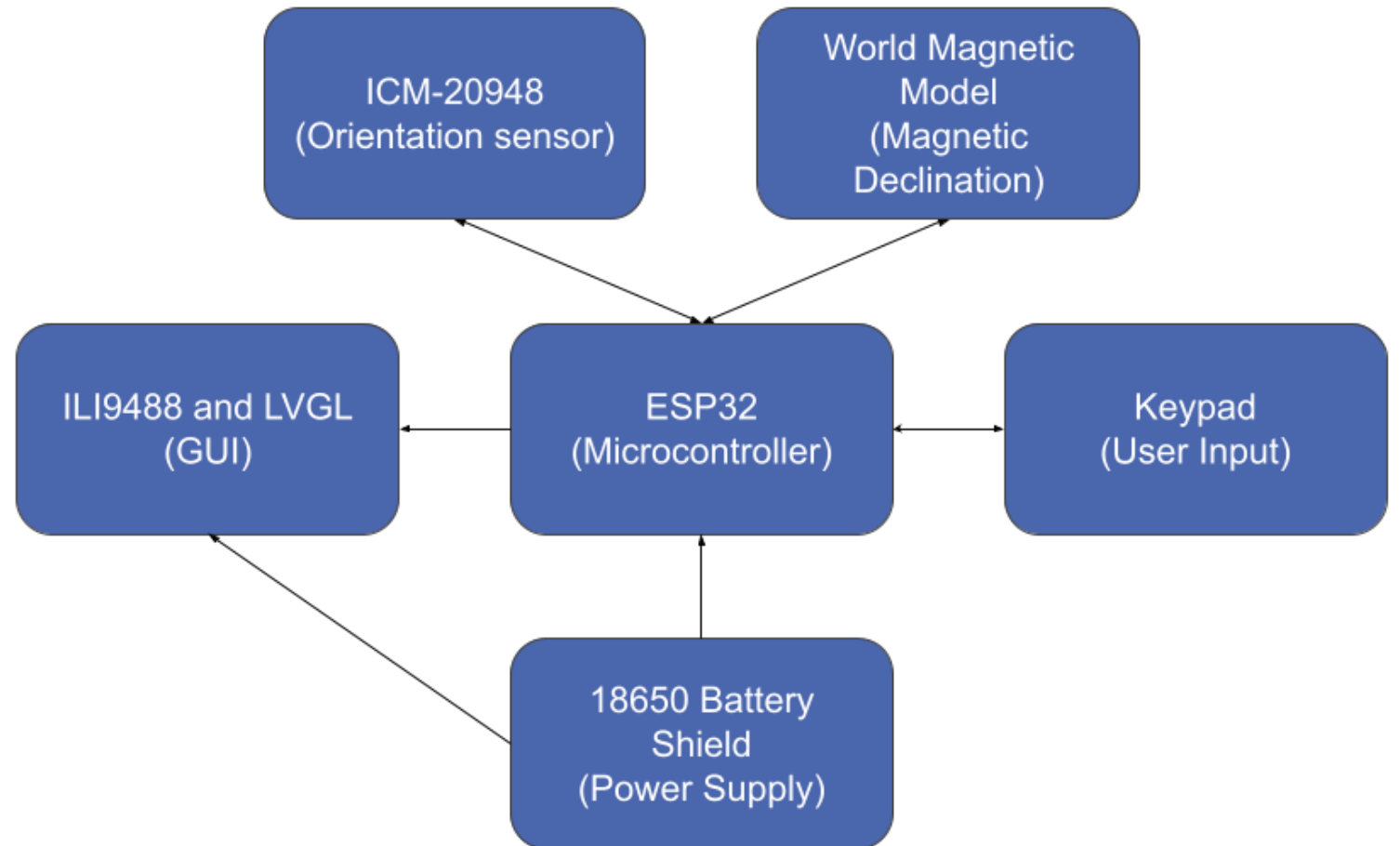
- How to use

## **Design Documentation**

- CAD Models
- Wiring Diagrams
- Software

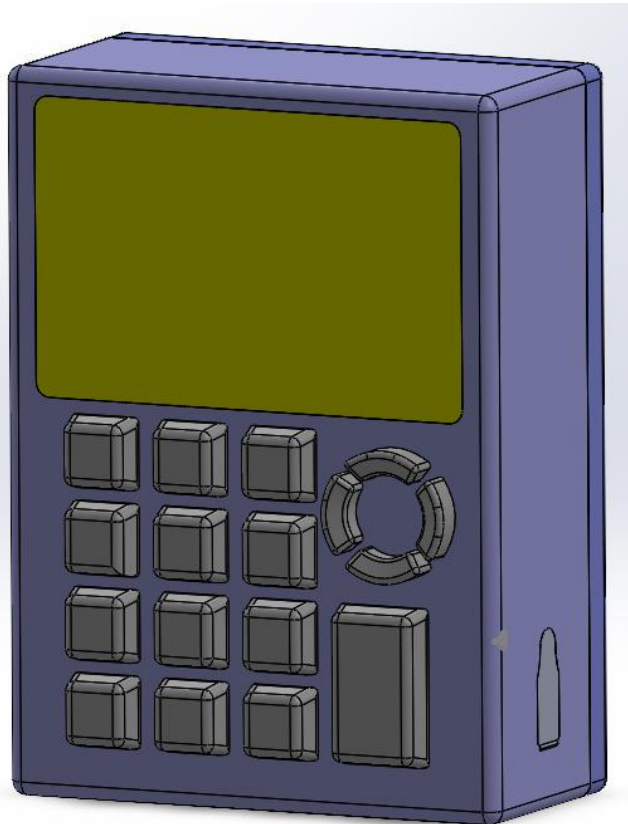


# Technical Structure

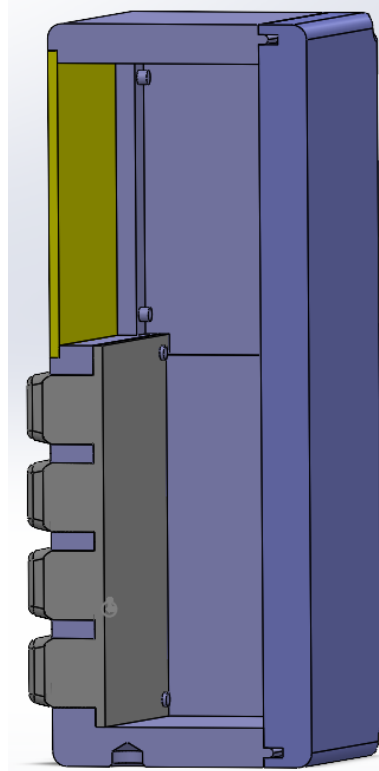


# Antenna Pointer Device Shell

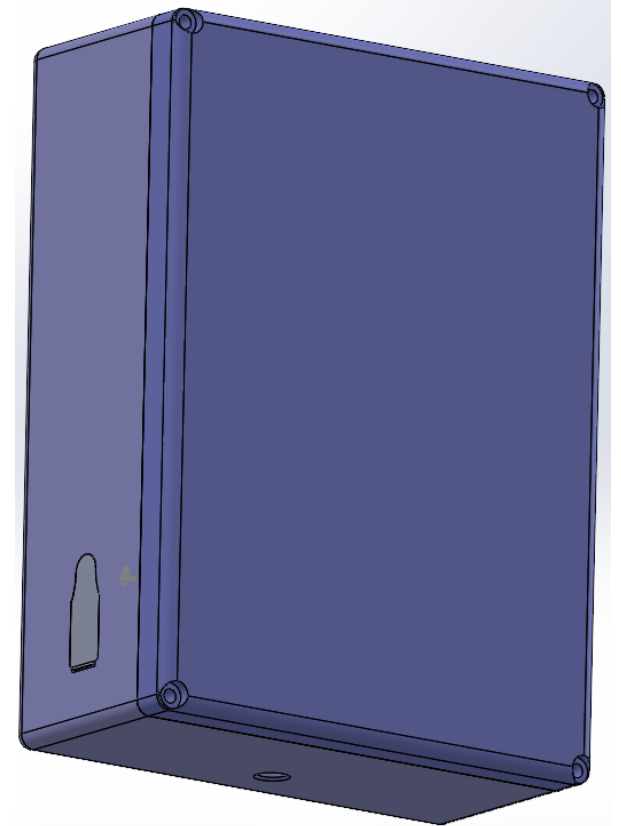
**Keypad**



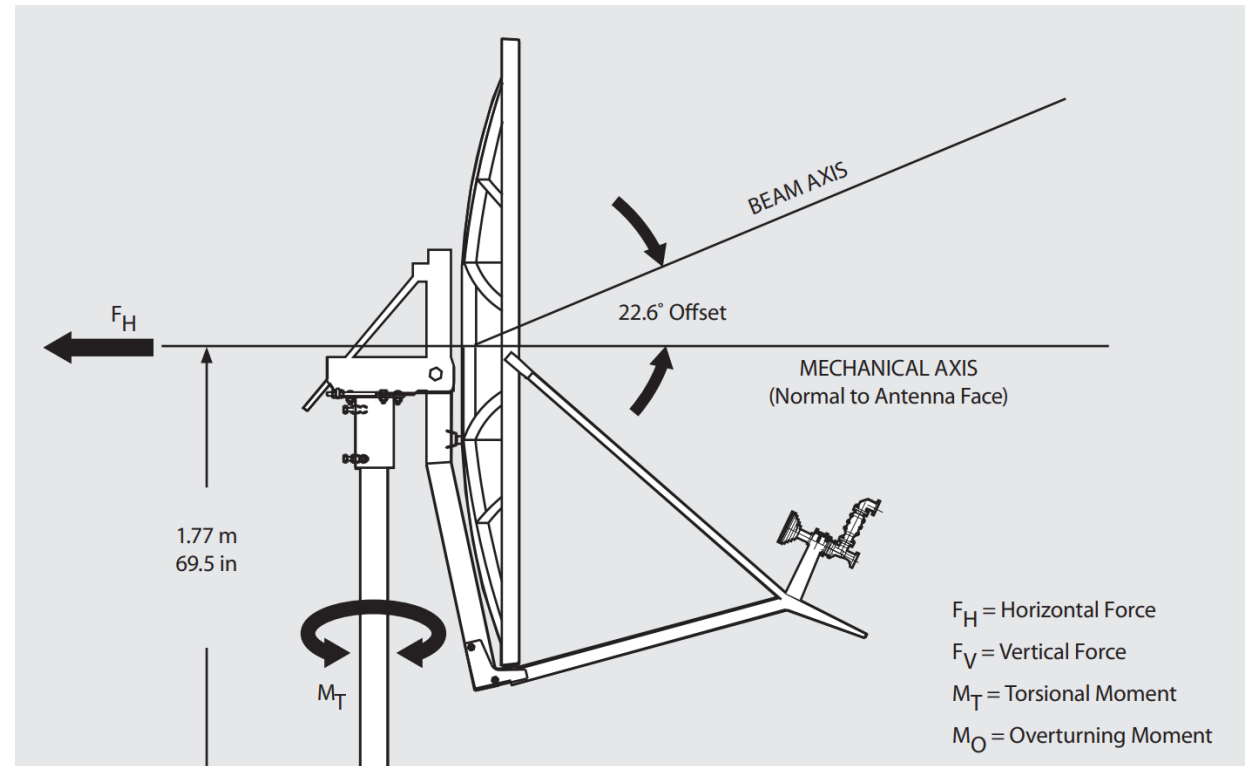
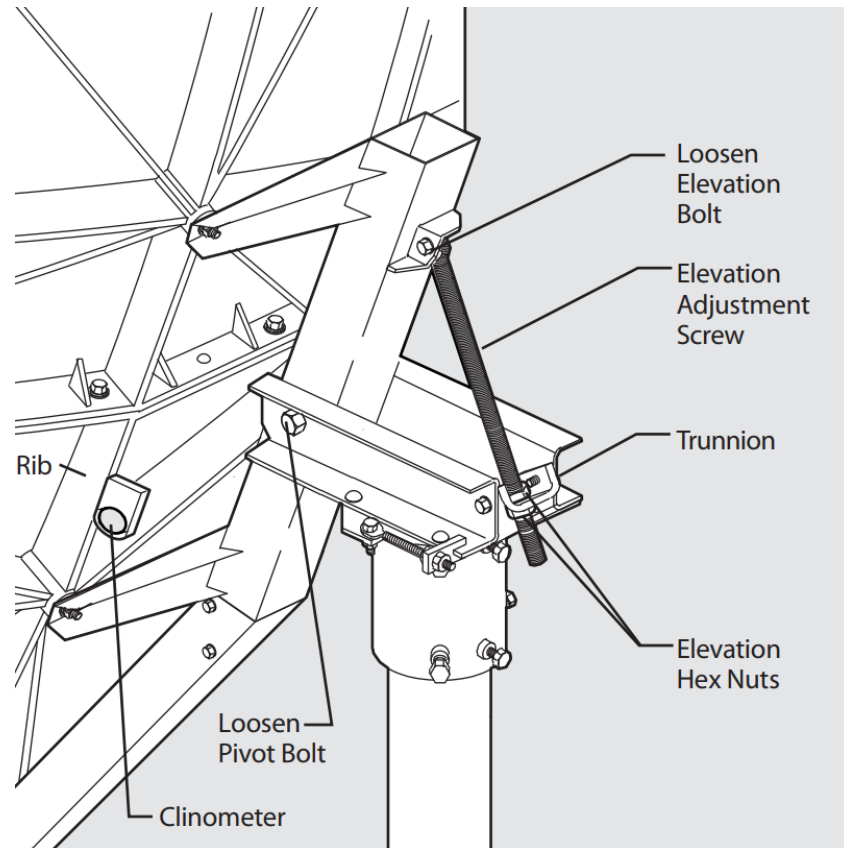
**Inside**



**Backplate**



# Schematics



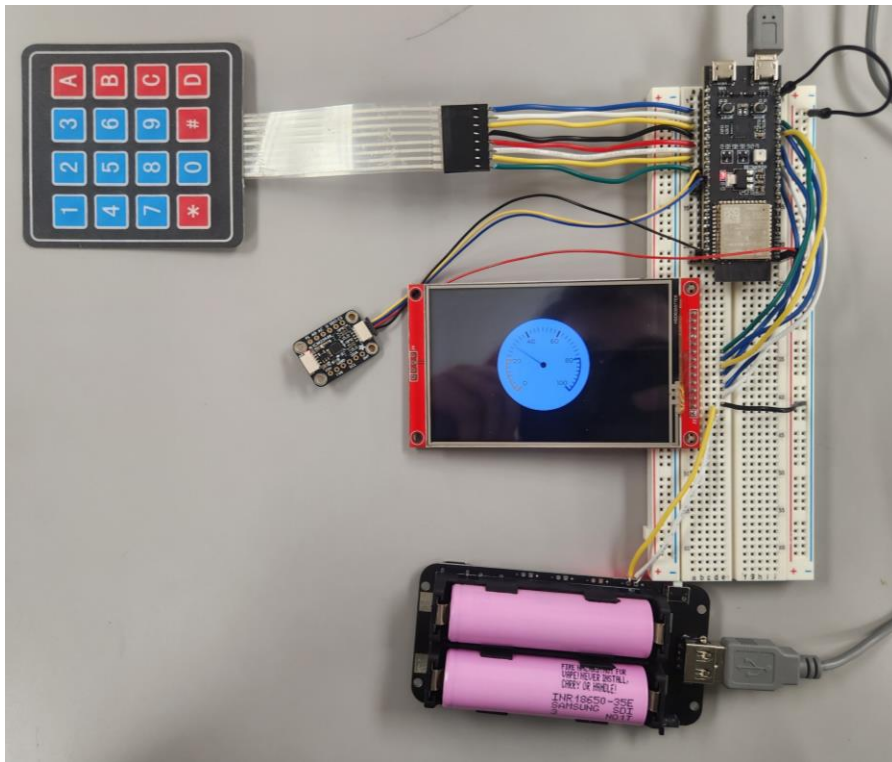




ANTENNA  
POINTER  
PROTOTYPE

# Electrical Prototype

## Circuit Layout



## Outputs

```
icm test: Azimuth: 80.749901 degrees  
icm test: Elevation: 11.916349 degrees
```

```
BUTTON TEST: BTN0: BUTTON_PRESS_DOWN  
BUTTON TEST: BTN0: BUTTON_PRESS_UP[220]  
BUTTON TEST: BTN0: BUTTON_SINGLE_CLICK
```

GitHub repository:  
[UCO\\_SD\\_TEAM3\\_AntennaPointer \[1\]](#)



# User Interface Prototype

## Input

Inputs

Latitude:  
61.2176 N

Longitude:  
149.8997 W

Antenna Offset:  
18.9°

Date:  
12/03/2024

ENTER

## Output

Outputs

Magnetic Declination  
14.5833° E

Magnetic Azimuth  
167.64°

True Azimuth  
153.6°

Antenna Offset  
18.9°

Device Elevation  
48.4°

Adjusted Elevation  
29.5°

BACK

# Impacts

## **Social**

- Communication is critical
- ATC and pilot communication
- Weather data
- Supports aircraft operations

## **Economic**

- Lower maintenance costs
- Device is relatively cheap



# Project Standards

## **Mechanical**

- ASME Y14.5:  
Dimensioning and Tolerancing




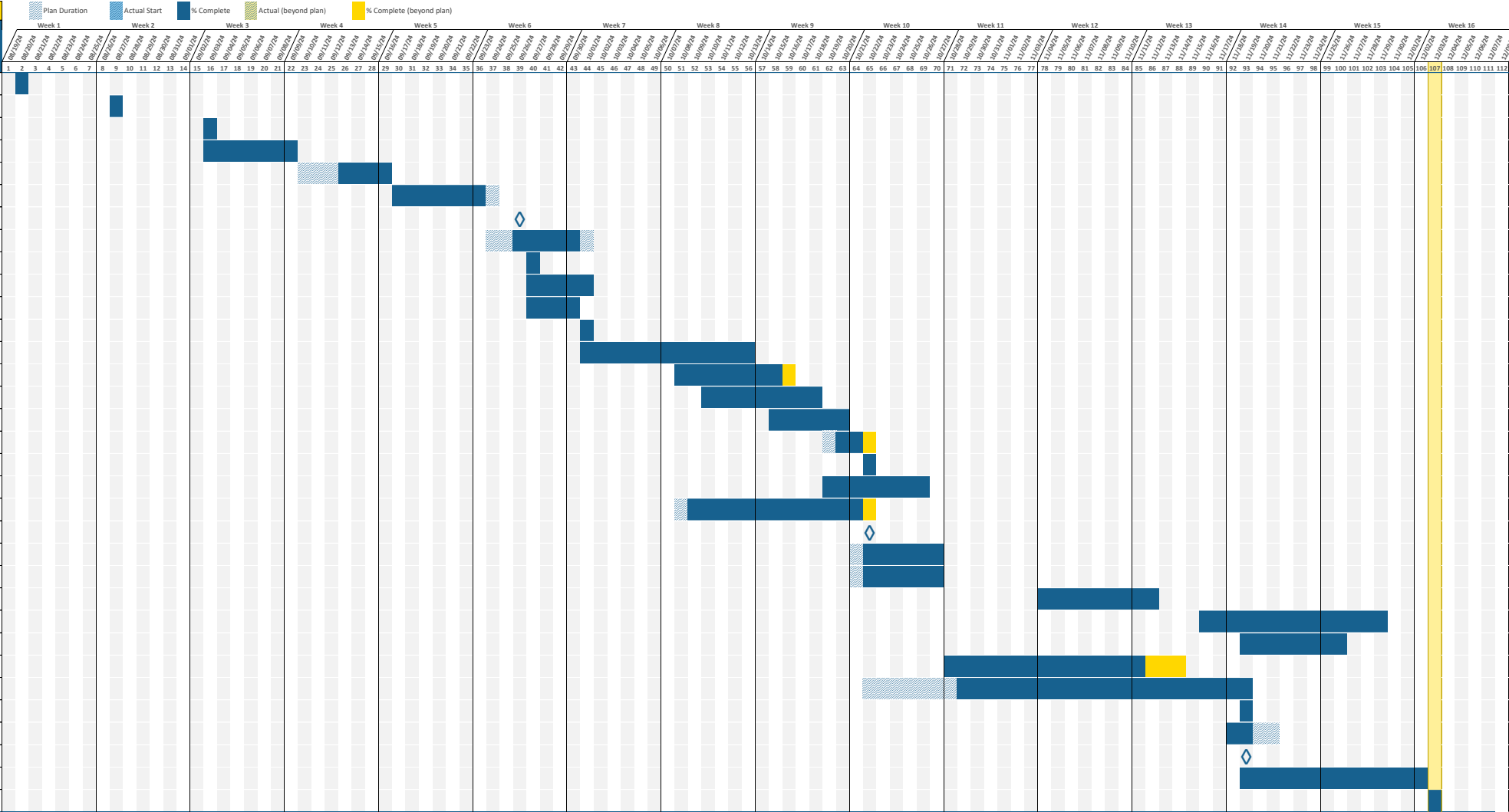
## **Electrical**

- IEEE 315:  
Graphical Symbols for Electrical and Electronic Diagrams
- IEEE P145:  
IEEE Draft Standards for Definition of Terms for Antennas




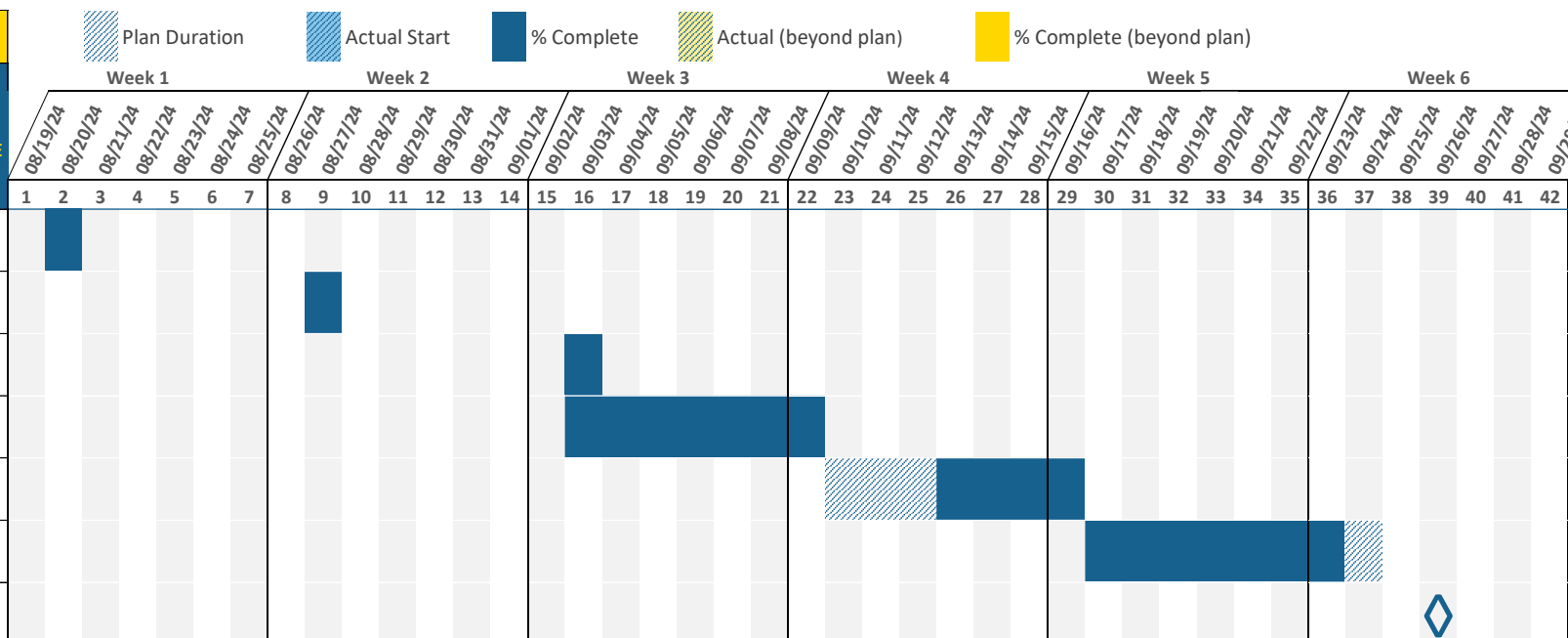
# Timeline

Team #3 Project Planner					Period:	107
ACTIVITY	PLAN START	PLAN DURATION	ACTUAL START	ACTUAL DURATION	PERCENT COMPLETE	
Choose team	2	1	2	1	100%	
Personal Project: Presentations 1	9	1	9	1	100%	
Personal Project: Presentations 2	16	1	16	1	100%	
Choose project	16	7	16	7	100%	
First meetings with advisor/contact	23	7	26	4	100%	
Literature review	30	8	30	7	100%	
Full team meeting to get on the same page on the scope of the project						
Project initialization	37	8	39	5	100%	
Setup lab	40	1	40	1	100%	
Research possible solutions	40	5	40	5	100%	
Work on presentation 1	40	4	40	4	100%	
Team #3 progress presentation 1	44	1	44	1	100%	
Create SolidWorks Prototype Antenna	44	13	44	13	100%	
Research purchase materials needed	51	8	51	9	100%	
Create SolidWorks Prototype Device	53	9	53	9	100%	
Create circuit for device	58	6	58	6	100%	
Work on presentation 2	62	3	63	3	100%	
Team #3 progress presentation 2	65	1	65	1	100%	
Create circuit for antenna	62	8	62	8	100%	
Order parts	51	14	52	14	100%	
Research done and primary parts ordered						
3D print antenna	64	7	65	6	100%	
3D print device	64	7	65	6	100%	
Device Fitment 1	78	9	78	9	100%	
Create abstracts	90	14	90	14	100%	
Create posters	93	8	93	8	100%	
Clean up code	71	15	71	18	100%	
Work on presentation 3	65	29	72	22	100%	
Team #3 progress presentation 3	93	1	93	1	100%	
Device Fitment 2	92	4	92	2	100%	
Circuit completed, primary code working, physical prototype made						
Work on final presentation	93	14	93	14	100%	
Final Presentation SD1	107	1	107	1	100%	



# Timeline

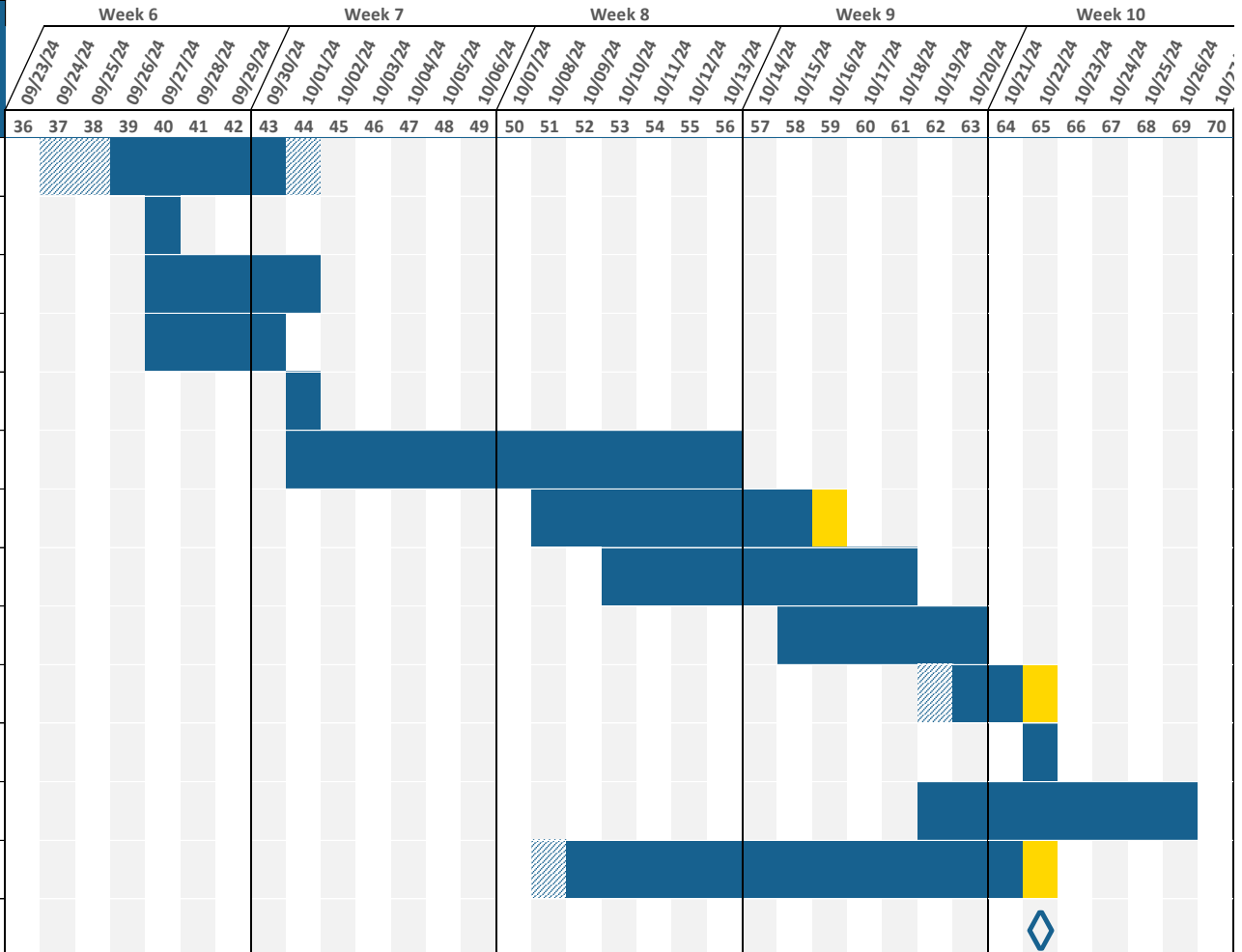
Team #3 Project Planner				 Period: 100	
ACTIVITY	PLAN START	PLAN DURATION	ACTUAL START	ACTUAL DURATION	PERCENT COMPLETE
Choose team	2	1	2	1	100%
Personal Project: Presentations 1	9	1	9	1	100%
Personal Project: Presentations 2	16	1	16	1	100%
Choose project	16	7	16	7	100%
First meetings with advisor/contact	23	7	26	4	100%
Literature review	30	8	30	7	100%
Full team meeting to get on the same page on the scope of the project					





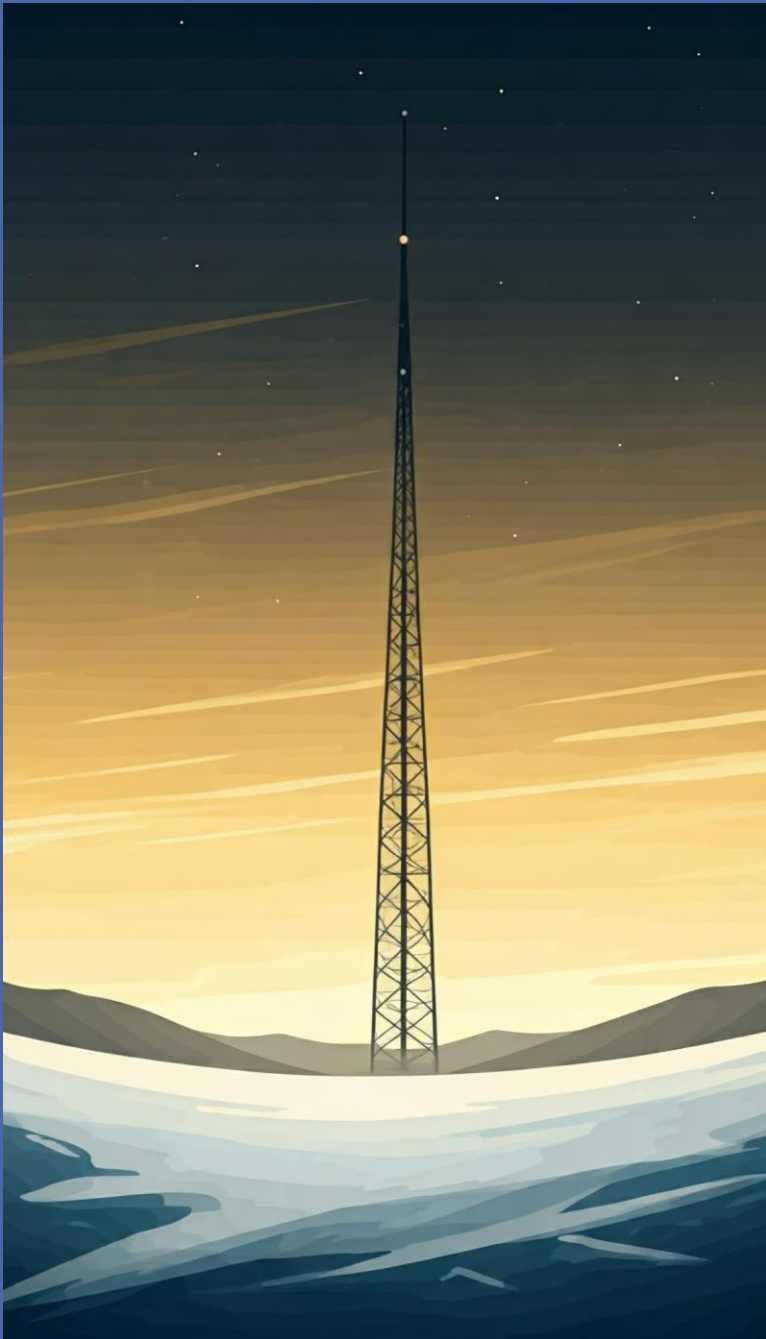
# Timeline

Team #3 Project Planner		Period: 100			
ACTIVITY	PLAN START	PLAN DURATION	ACTUAL START	ACTUAL DURATION	PERCENT COMPLETE
Project initialization	37	8	39	5	100%
Setup lab	40	1	40	1	100%
Research possible solutions	40	5	40	5	100%
Work on presentation 1	40	4	40	4	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 1	44	1	44	1	100%
Create SolidWorks Prototype Antenna	44	13	44	13	100%
Research purchase materials needed	51	8	51	9	100%
Create SolidWorks Prototype Device	53	9	53	9	100%
Create circuit for device	58	6	58	6	100%
Work on presentation 2	62	3	63	3	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 2	65	1	65	1	100%
Create circuit for antenna	62	8	62	8	100%
Order parts	51	14	52	14	100%
Research done and primary parts ordered					



# Timeline

Team #3 Project Planner			Period: 107		
Activity	Plan Start	Plan Duration	Actual Start	Actual Duration	Percent Complete
3D print antenna	64	7	65	6	100%
3D print device	64	7	65	6	100%
Device Fitment 1	78	9	78	9	100%
Create abstracts	90	14	90	14	100%
Create posters	93	8	93	8	100%
Clean up code	71	15	71	18	100%
Work on presentation 3	65	29	72	22	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 3	93	1	93	1	100%
Device Fitment 2	92	4	92	2	100%
Circuit completed, primary code working, physical prototype made					
Work on final presentation	93	14	93	14	100%
Final Presentation SD1	107	1	107	1	100%



# Future Work

## **Nathaniel:**

- Integrate all components
- Program GUI
- Calibrate sensor data (challenge)
- Custom button board

## **Joshua:**

- Design device clamp
- Experiment with extending IMU sensor
- Test device – orientation/accuracy

## **Cesar:**

- Design waterproof buttons
- Test material – resistance
- Redesign user interface

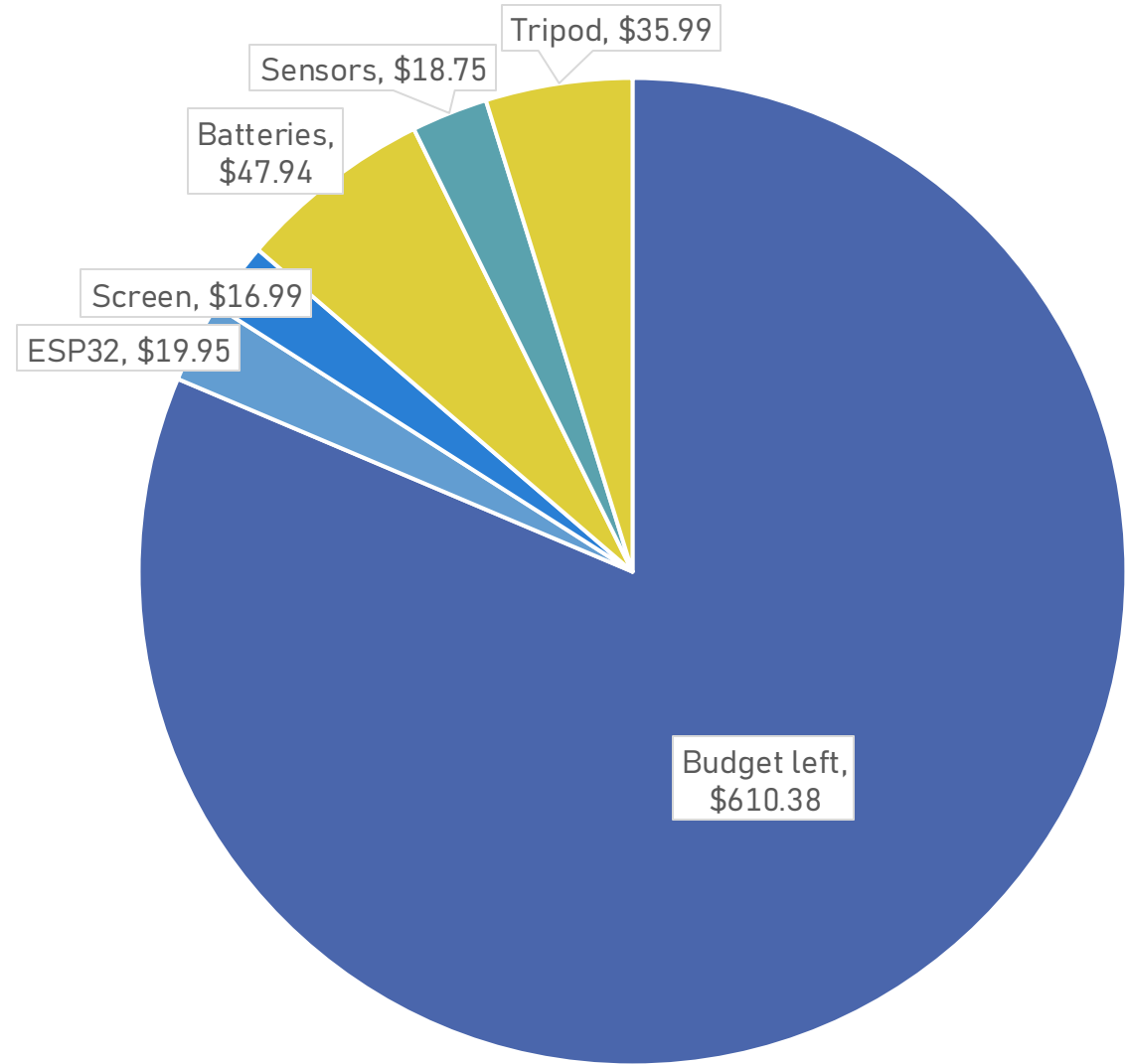
# Budget

## Spent so far:

- \$139.62 spent
- \$610.38 left

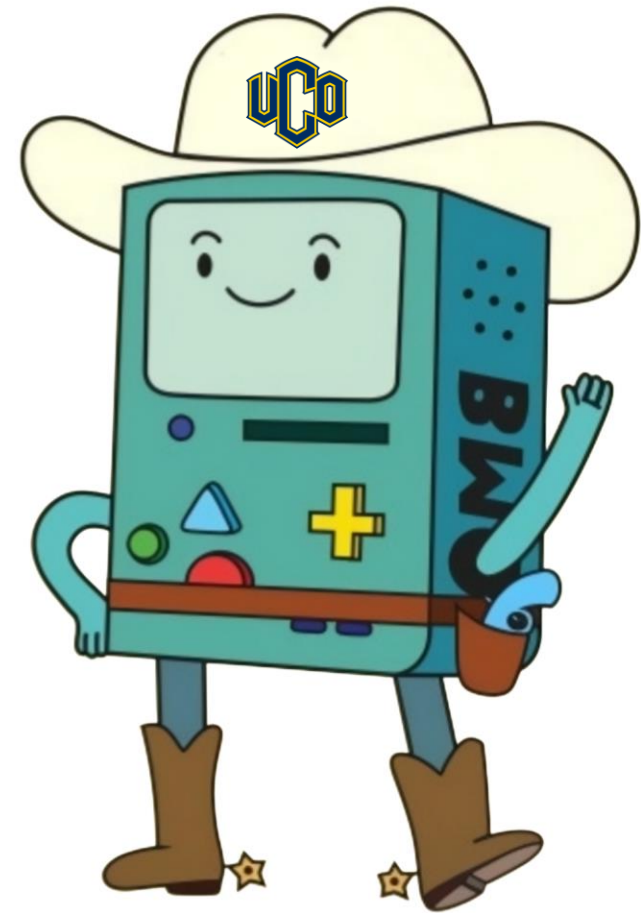
## Possible Future Costs:

- Custom keypad PCB, switches
- \$2.99 Satellite Finder App
- \$349.00 Silicone 40A Resin [2]
- Ceramic coated fabric
- Hardware



# Conclusion

- Improve installation time and cost of antennas
- Digital device that accurately determines antenna orientation





# REFERENCES

- [1] [https://github.com/zzAstro03/UC0\\_SD\\_TEAM3\\_AntennaPointer](https://github.com/zzAstro03/UC0_SD_TEAM3_AntennaPointer)
- [2] <https://formlabs.com/store/materials/silicone-40a-resin/>

The background of the slide features a dark blue gradient with a pattern of lighter blue question marks scattered across it. The word "QUESTIONS?" is centered in a large, white, sans-serif font, with a thin white horizontal line positioned directly beneath it.

# QUESTIONS?

---

Thank you

