

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)

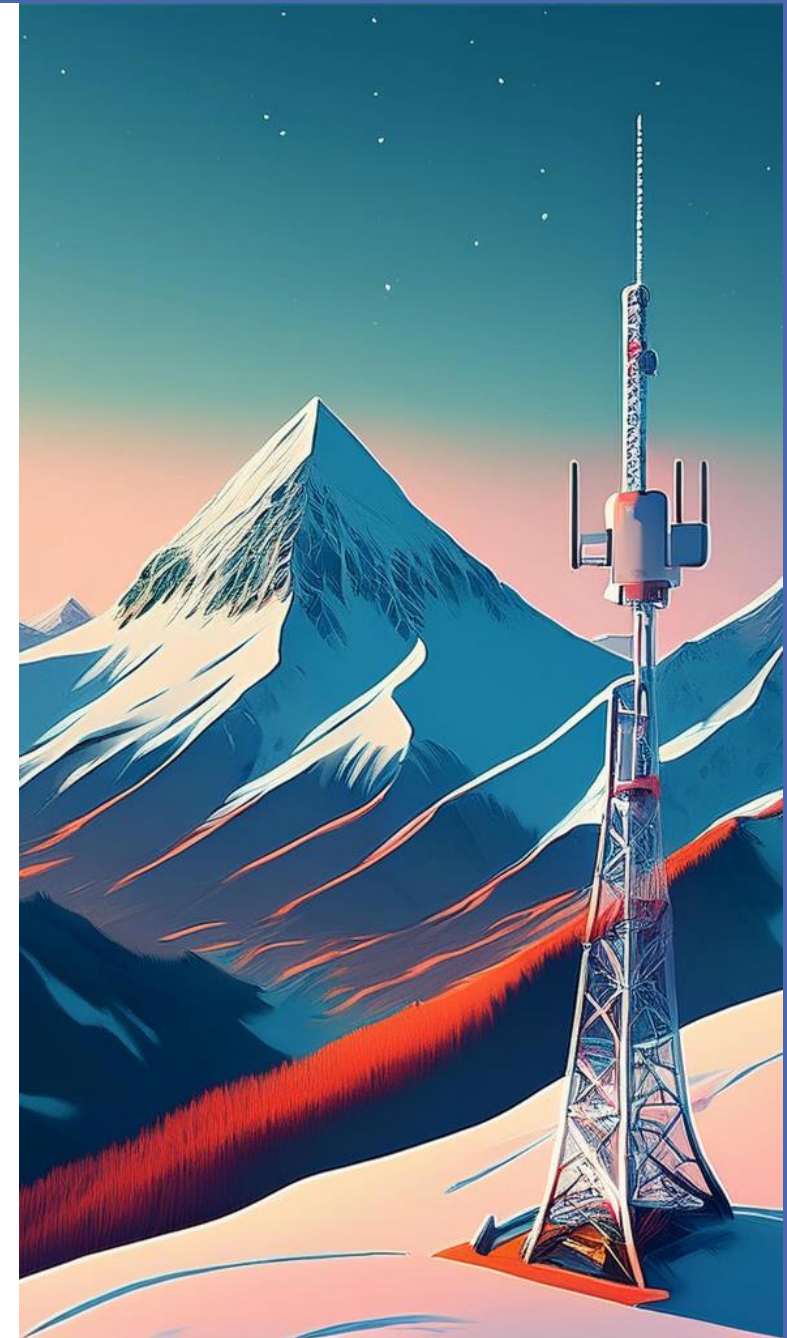
Introduction

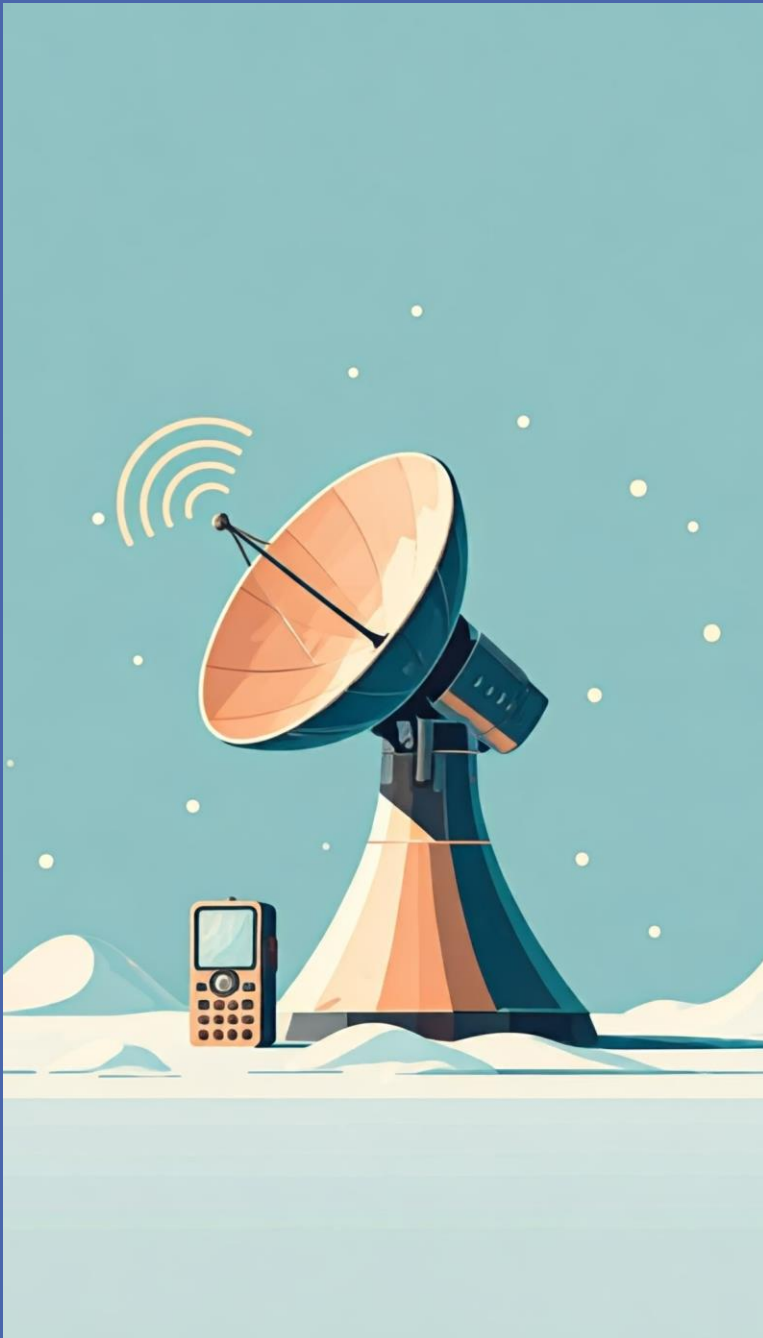
ASTI team with FAA

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

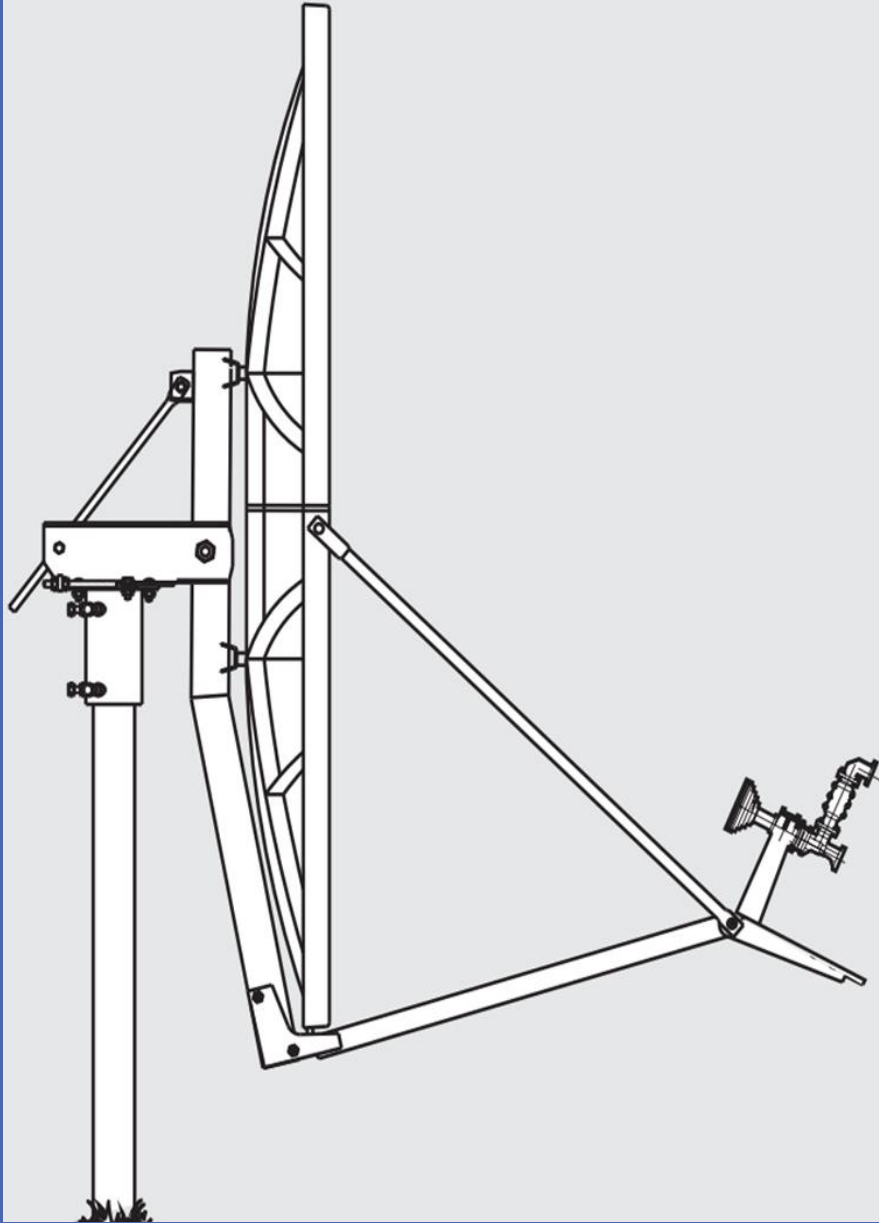
- Outputs current antenna orientation
- Battery powered, usable in cold weather

User Manual

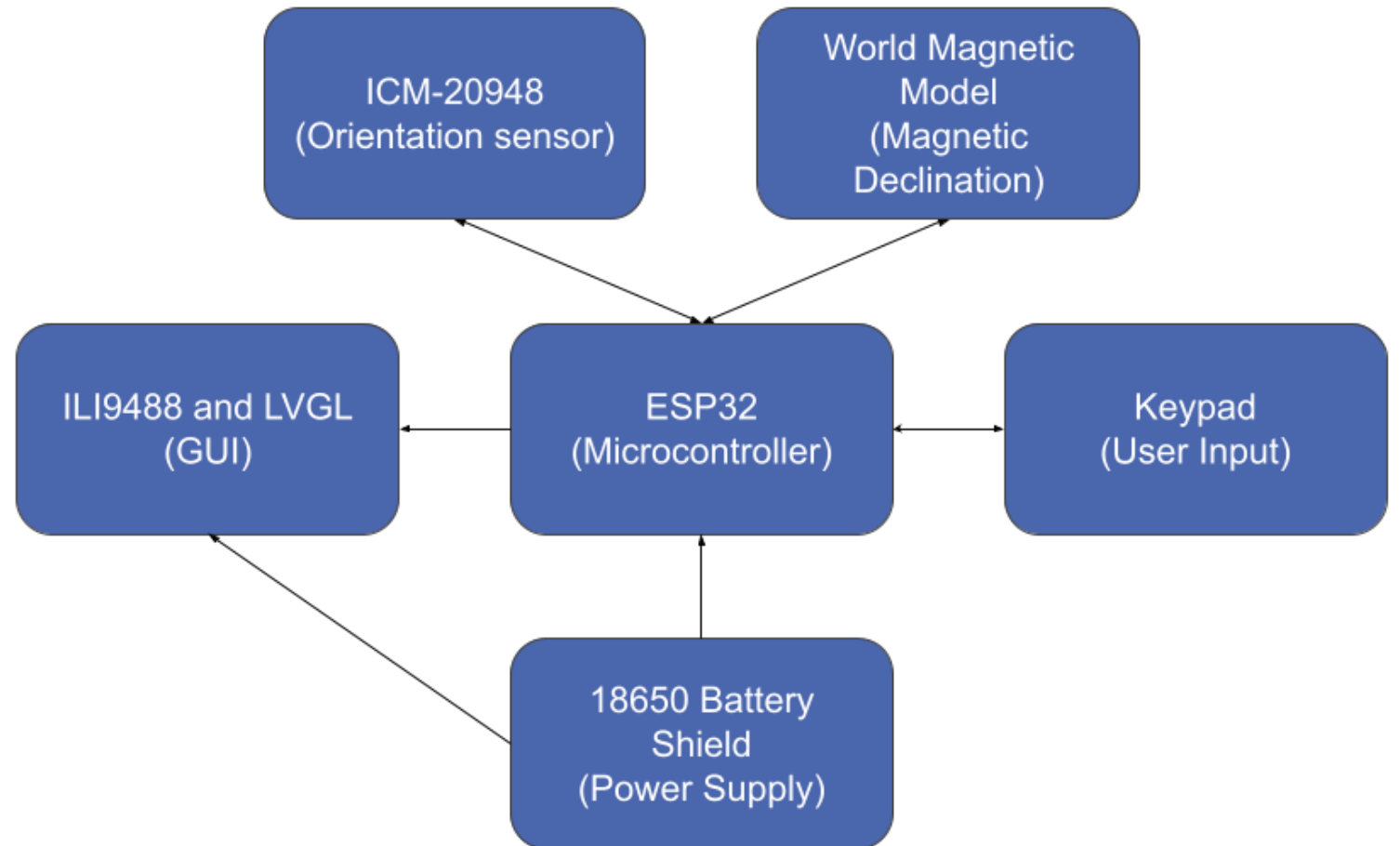
- How to use

Design Documentation

- CAD Models
- Wiring Diagrams
- Software



Technical Structure



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°

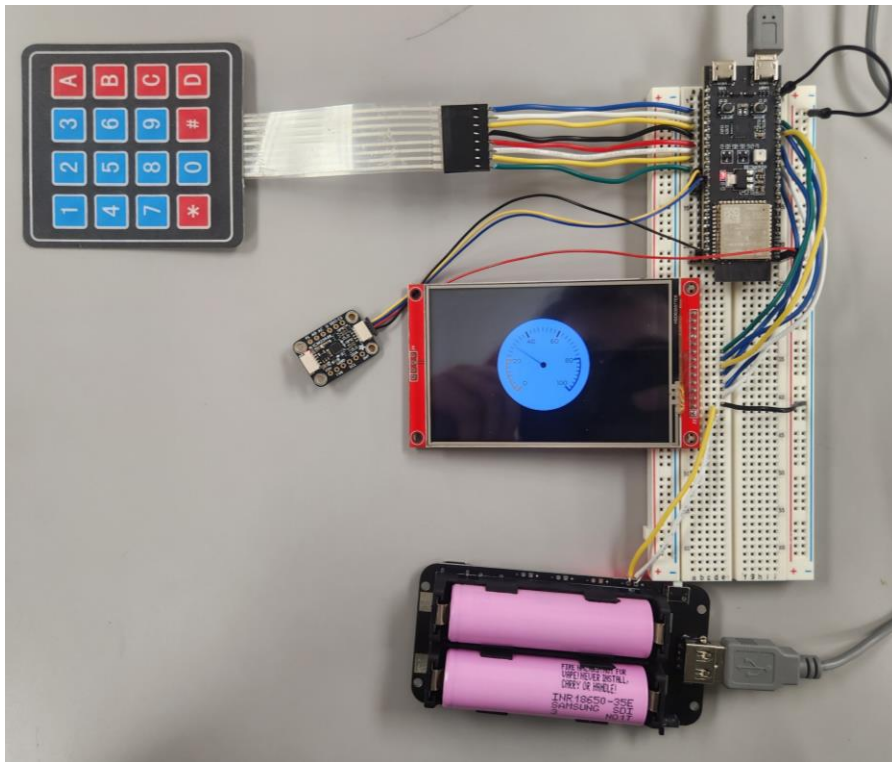
Device Elevation
48.4°

Adjusted Elevation
29.5°

BACK

Electrical Prototype

Circuit Layout



Outputs

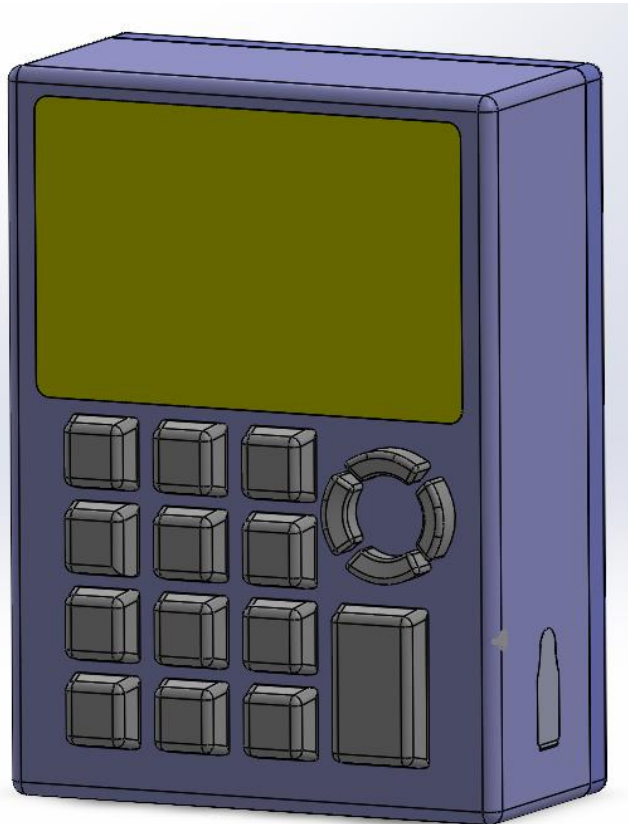
```
icm test: Azimuth: 80.749901 degrees  
icm test: Elevation: 11.916349 degrees
```

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

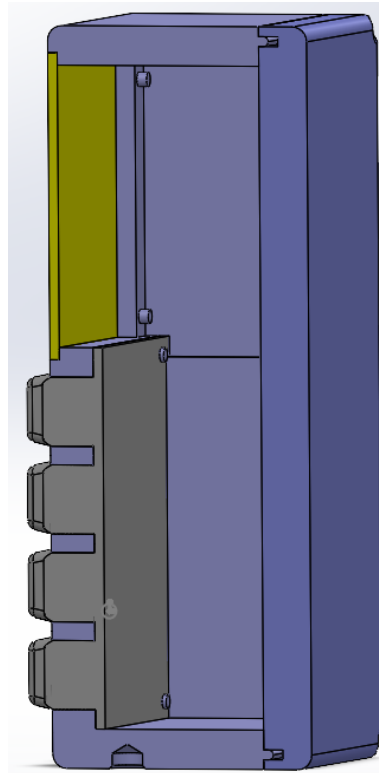
GitHub repository:
[UCO_SD_TEAM3_AntennaPointer \[1\]](#)

Antenna Pointer Device Shell

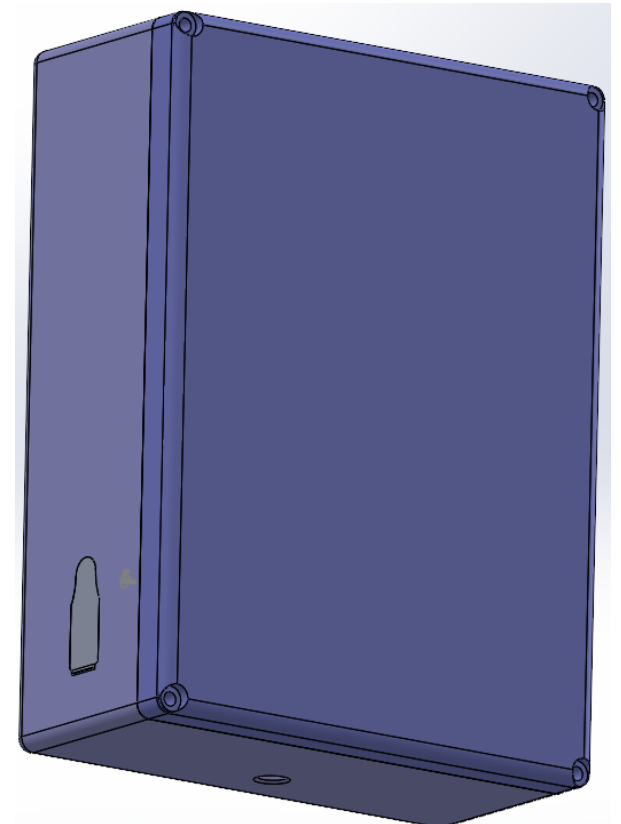
Keypad



Inside



Backplate





ANTENNA
POINTER
PROTOTYPE

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: 12/03/24

Plan Duration

% Complete

Actual (beyond plan)

% Complete (beyond plan)

Activity	Plan Start	Plan End	Plan Duration	Status	Percent Complete
Choose team	08/20/24	08/20/24	1	Complete	100%
Personal Project: Presentations 1	08/27/24	08/27/24	1	Complete	100%
Personal Project: Presentations 2	09/03/24	09/03/24	1	Complete	100%
Choose project	09/03/24	09/09/24	7	Complete	100%
First meetings with advisor/contact	09/13/24	09/16/24	4	Complete	100%
Literature review	09/17/24	09/23/24	7	Complete	100%
Setup lab	09/27/24	09/27/24	1	Complete	100%
Project initialization	09/26/24	09/30/24	5	Complete	100%
Work on presentation 1	09/27/24	09/30/24	4	Complete	100%
Research possible solutions	09/27/24	10/01/24	5	Complete	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 1	10/01/24	10/01/24	1	Complete	100%
Create SolidWorks Prototype Antenna	10/01/24	10/13/24	13	Complete	100%
Research purchase materials needed	10/08/24	10/16/24	9	Complete	100%
Create SolidWorks Prototype Device	10/10/24	10/18/24	9	Complete	100%
Create circuit for device	10/15/24	10/20/24	6	Complete	100%
Work on presentation 2	10/20/24	10/22/24	3	Complete	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 2	10/22/24	10/22/24	1	Complete	100%
Order parts	10/09/24	10/22/24	14	Complete	100%
Create circuit for antenna	10/19/24	10/26/24	8	Complete	100%
3D print antenna	10/22/24	10/27/24	6	Complete	100%
3D print device	10/22/24	10/27/24	6	Complete	100%
Device Fitment 1	11/04/24	11/12/24	9	Complete	100%
Clean up code	10/28/24	11/14/24	18	Complete	100%
Work on presentation 3	10/29/24	11/19/24	22	Complete	100%
Team #3 progress presentation 3	11/19/24	11/19/24	1	Complete	100%
Device Fitment 2	11/18/24	11/19/24	2	Complete	100%
Create abstracts	11/16/24	11/26/24	11	Complete	100%
Create posters	11/19/24	11/26/24	8	Complete	100%
Work on final presentation	11/19/24	11/28/24	10	Complete	100%
Final Presentation SD1	12/03/24	12/03/24	1	Complete	100%
Final Report	11/26/24	12/03/24	8	Complete	100%

Timeline

[illegible]



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

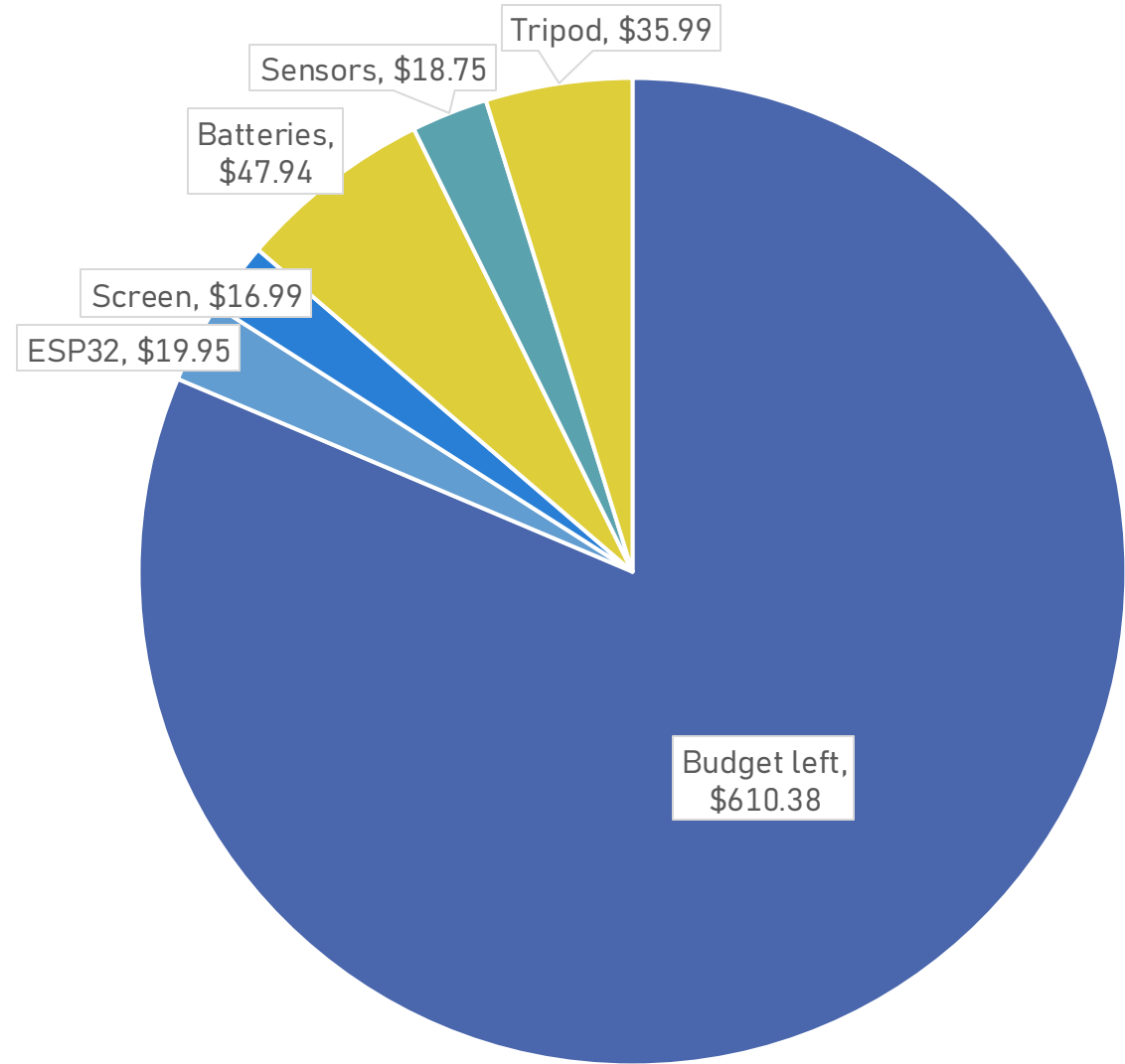
Budget

Spent so far:

- \$139.62 spent
- \$610.38 left

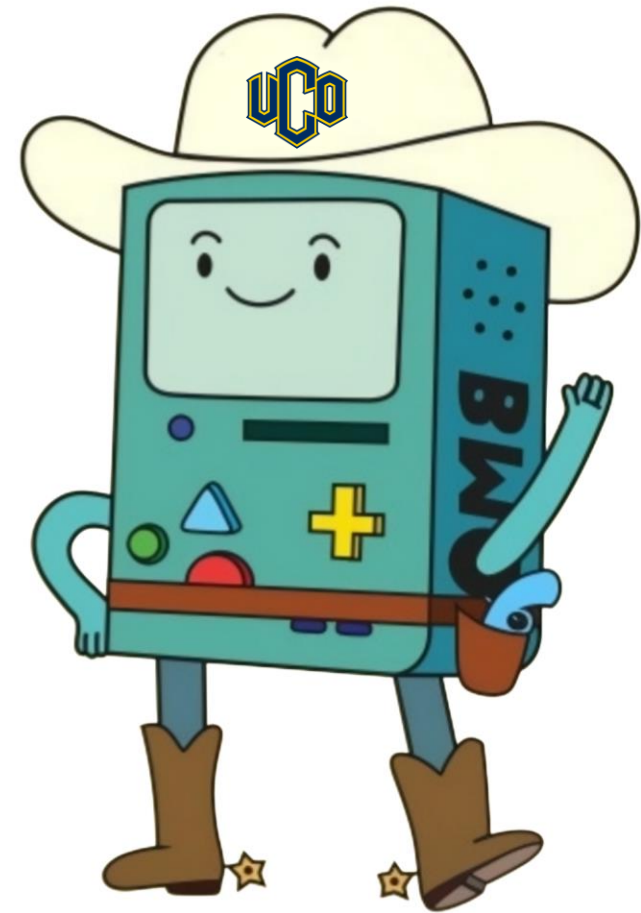
Possible Future Costs:

- 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
- [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

