

EEL 4915 – Senior Design II

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FriendlyEyes



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Electromechanical system designed to emulate the role of human vision in scanning our surroundings while walking, aimed to offer an alternative to the white cane while providing wider functionality.

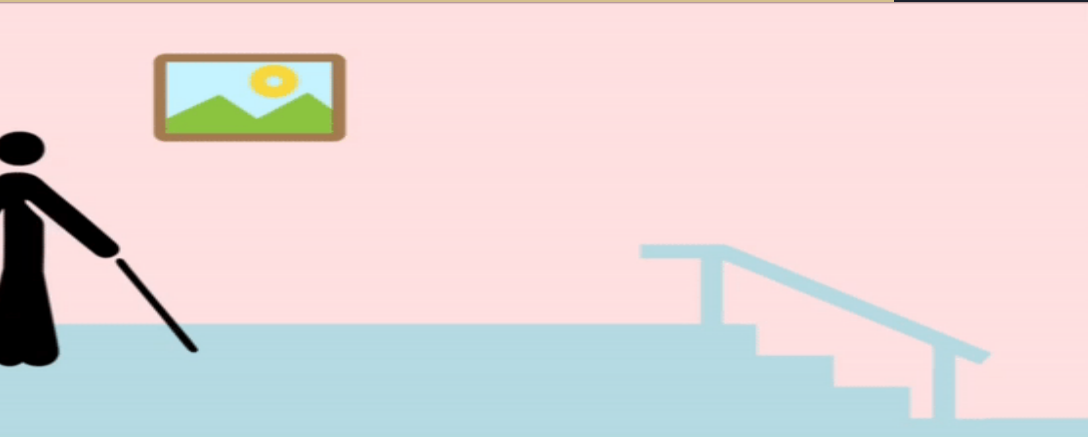
Background & Motivation

- According to the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, there is an estimated 43 million people living with blindness around the world, and 295 million people living with moderate to severe visual impairment.
- There have not been any significant breakthroughs in this regard.
- No available solution accounts for more than one or two necessary functions.



Define where in space an object is located, as well as how far it is relative to self,

Engage a state of alert when something is coming our way, &



the possibility of falling because of terrain changes.

Requirement Specifications

FriendlyEyes must be able to scan user's field of view up to 7 m away and produce a mechanical output.

FriendlyEyes must issue and prioritize alerts prompted by objects coming into 10 m from the user and doing so with speeds faster than 2 m/s relative to the Earth.

FriendlyEyes must keep track of its distance from the ground and alert the user of sudden changes in the level of the terrain ahead of an incident.

FriendlyEyes must produce all alerts within 1/8 seconds of sensing.

FriendlyEyes must be powered by a rechargeable battery, and the system must run for ≥ 8 hours on a single charge.

FriendlyEyes must be safe for anyone who wears it; therefore, it must:

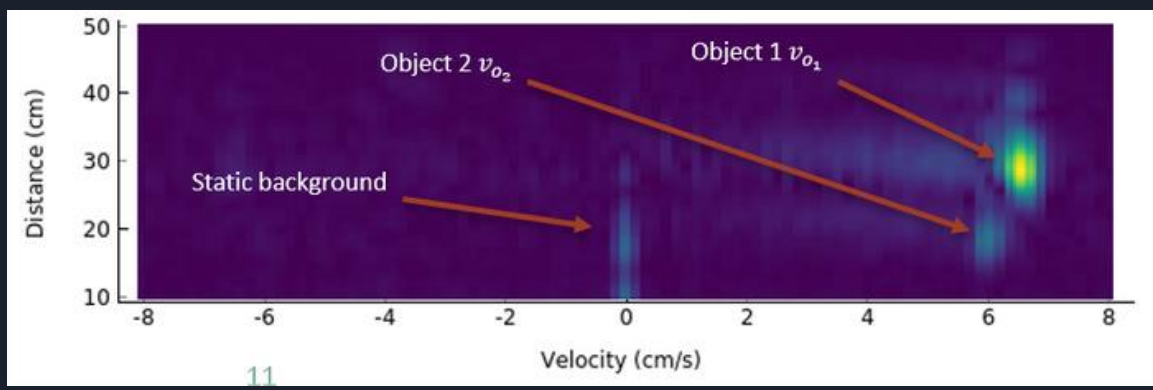
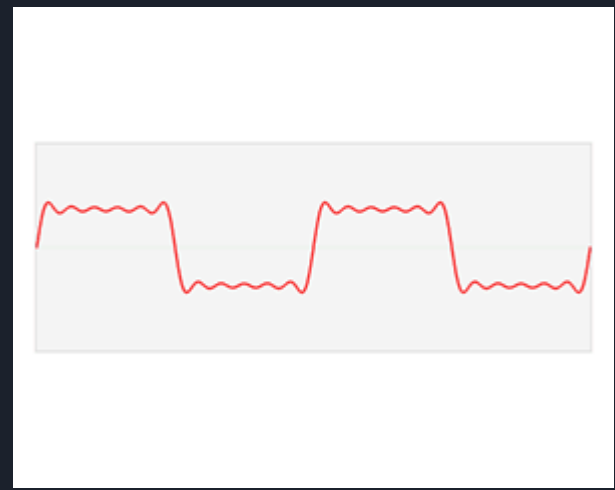
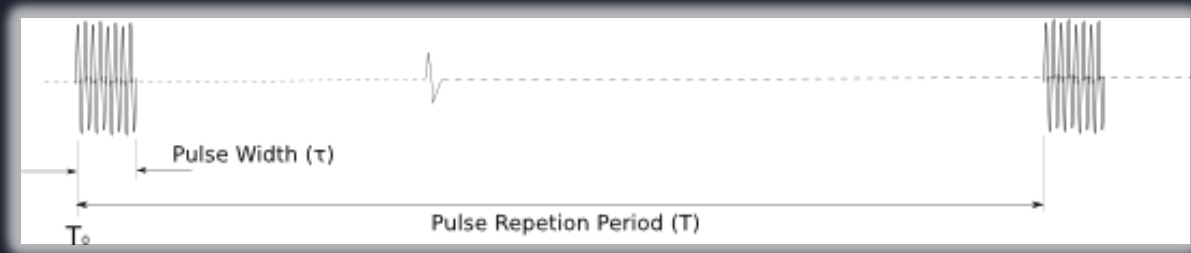
- .be able to assess known and common dangerous materials such as glass,
- .keep its temperature low,
- .handle the risk for ESD,
- .and go through an arduous testing procedure.



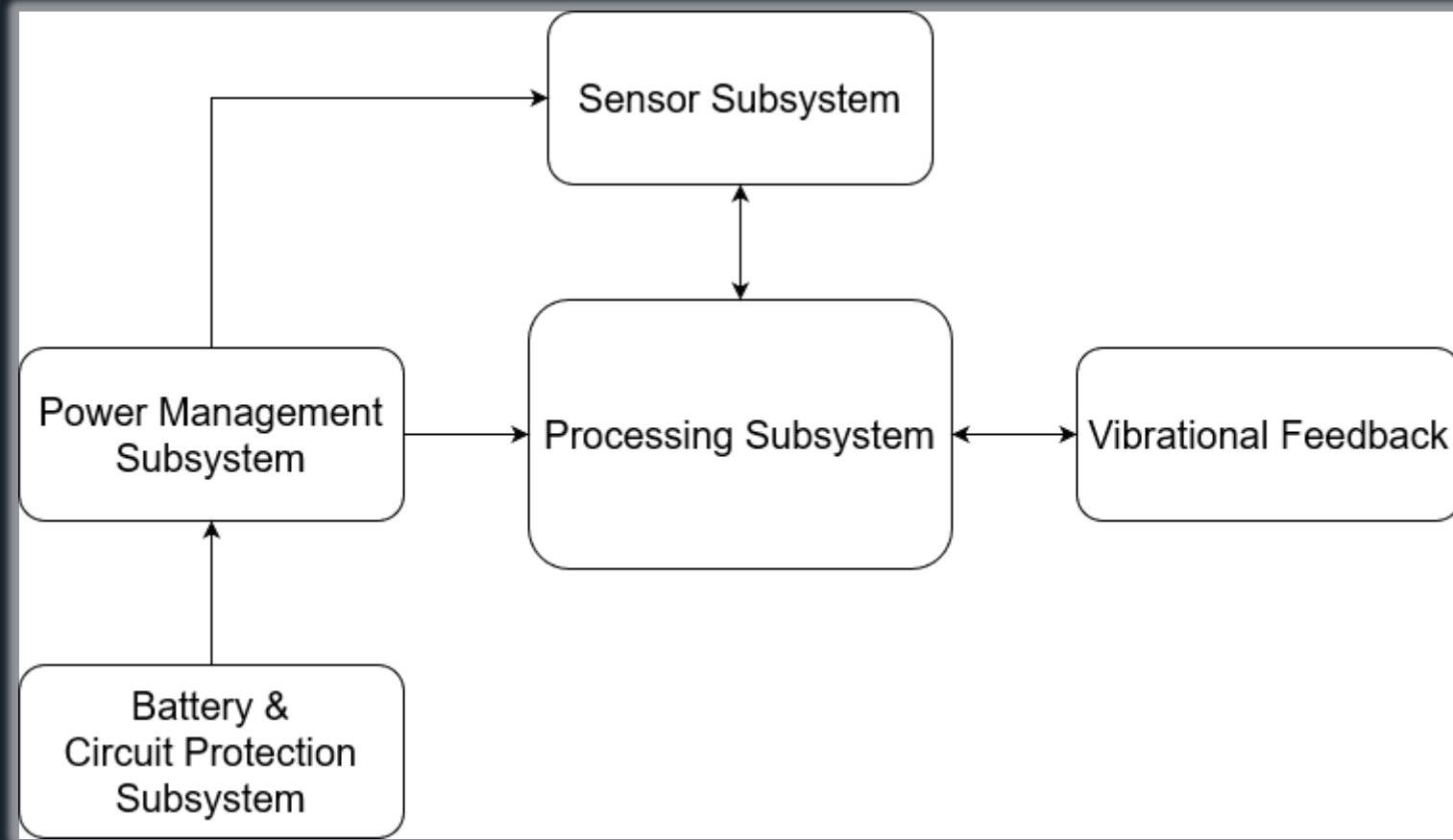
Proposed Solution

“to implement an electromechanical system housed within a piece of clothing that takes input from sensors, performs calculations and outputs a localized vibration, all powered from a rechargeable battery.”

Working Principle



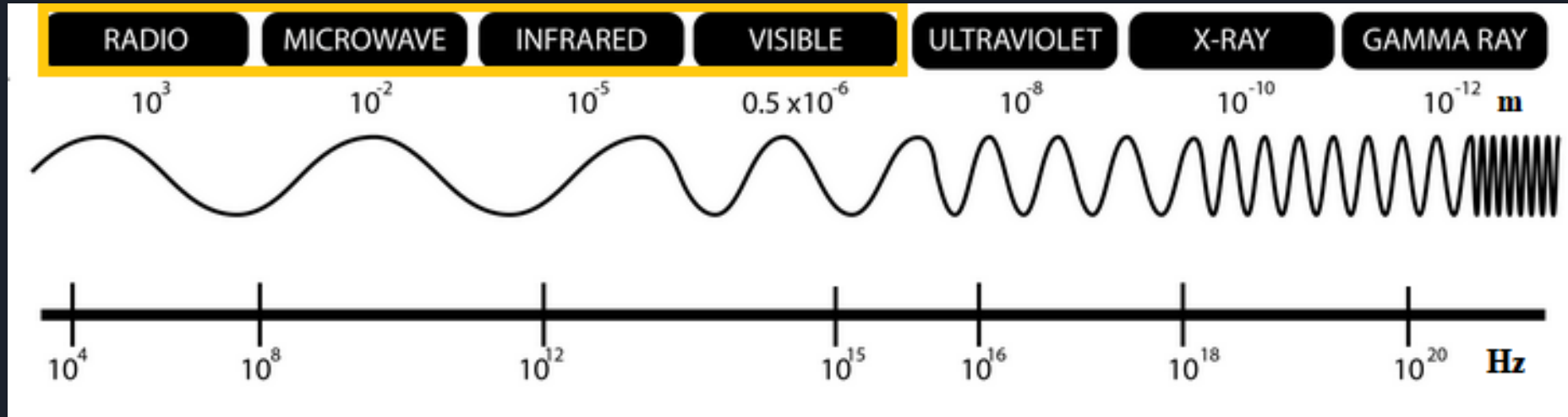
Simplified Block Diagram



Wireless Sensing Technologies

| | Acoustic | Radio | | | Optical | | |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Parameter | Ultrasonic | Instrumentation | Continuous-wave | Doppler | Pulsed | Infrared | LiDAR |
| Best for | Distance | Navigation | Motion | Motion, Presence | Distance, Position | Motion, Presence | Motion, Presence, Distance, Position |
| Range | Green | Red | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green |
| Weather | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow |
| Cost | Green | Red | Red | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Yellow |

Wireless Sensing Technologies



Acconeer A1 PCR sensor

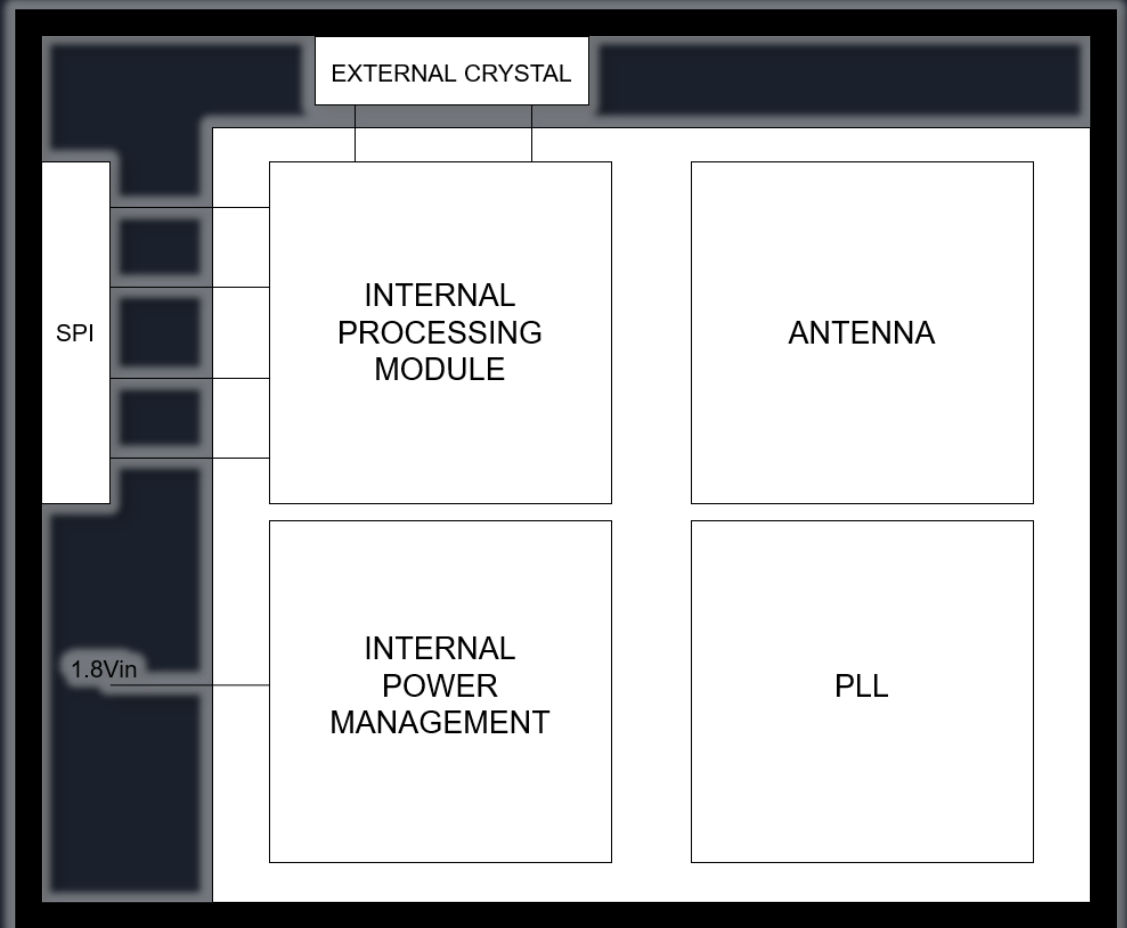
Main Characteristics

60GHz operating frequency

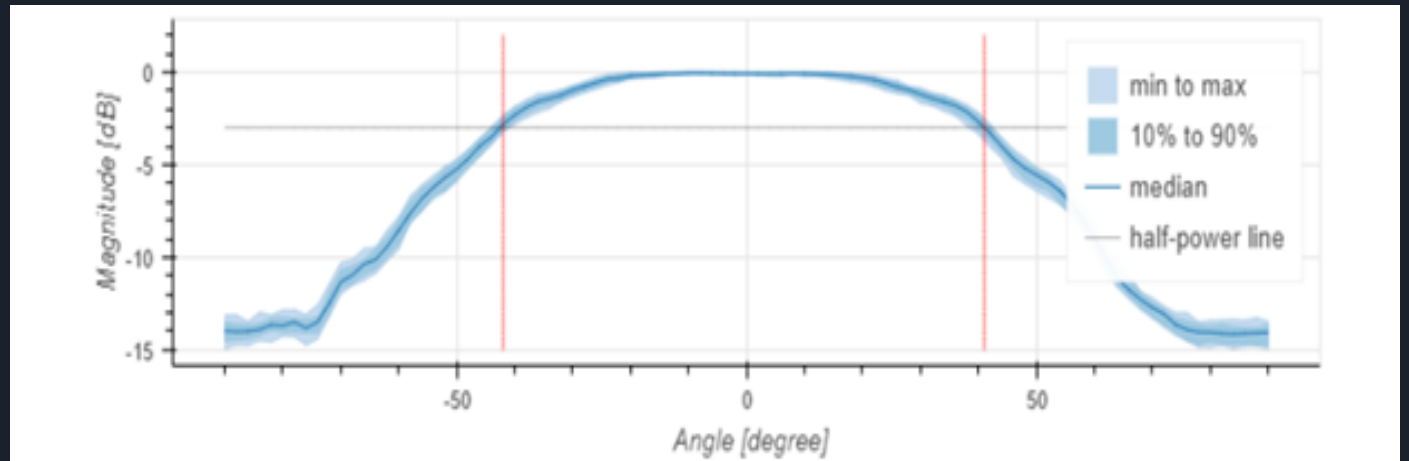
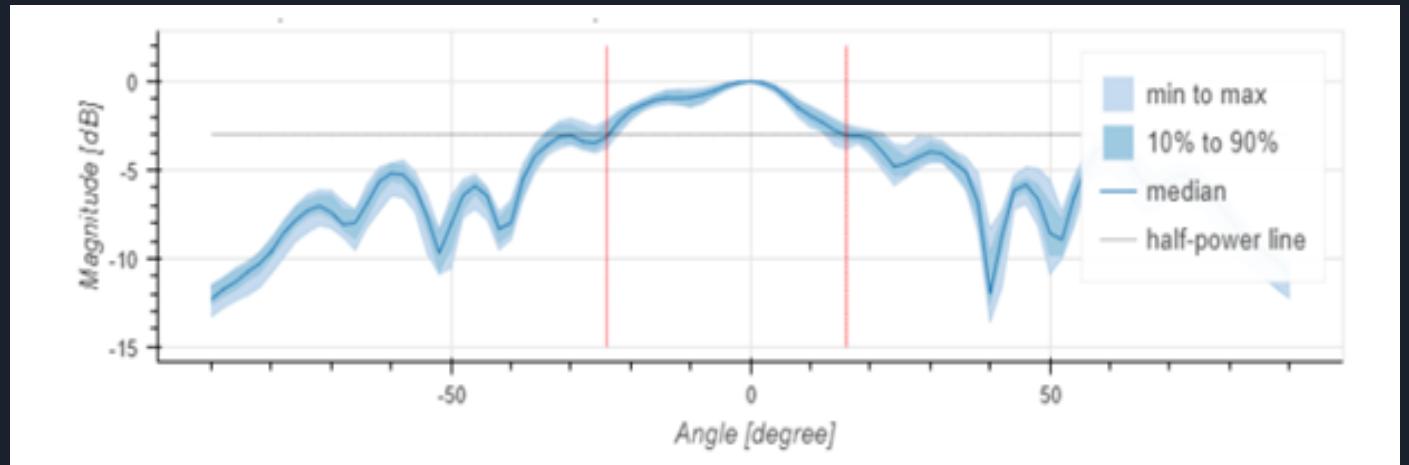
SPI communication

~\$11 (IC) + ~\$3 (PMIC & misc)

20mW consumption at 100Hz refresh rate



- Half-power beamwidth: 40(E-plane)/80(H-plane)



InnoSent INS-3330

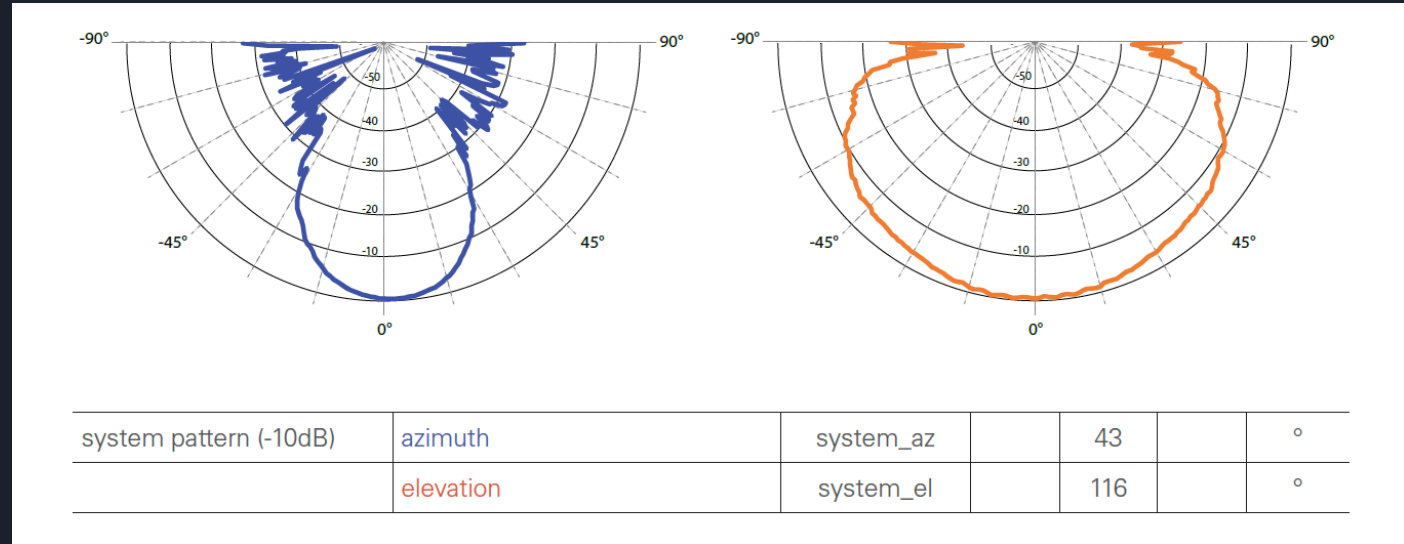
Main Characteristics

24GHz operating frequency.

UART communication.

On-board DSP.

Application specific



DFRobot URM09

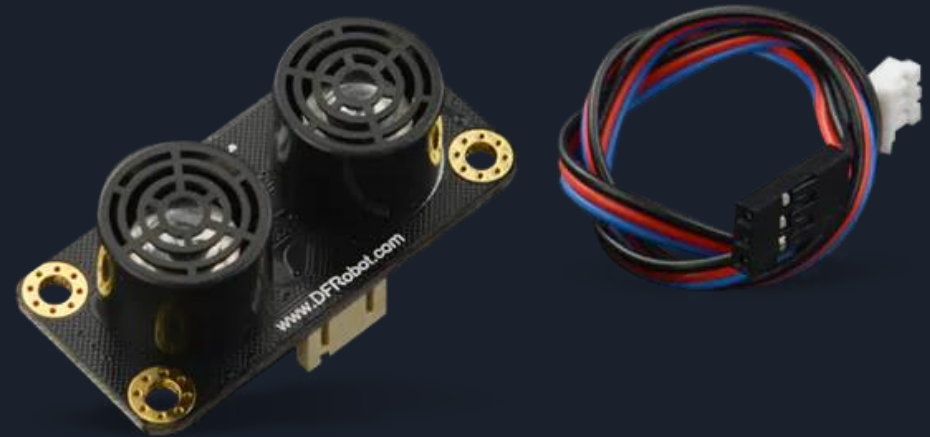
Main Characteristics

Ultrasonic operating frequency.

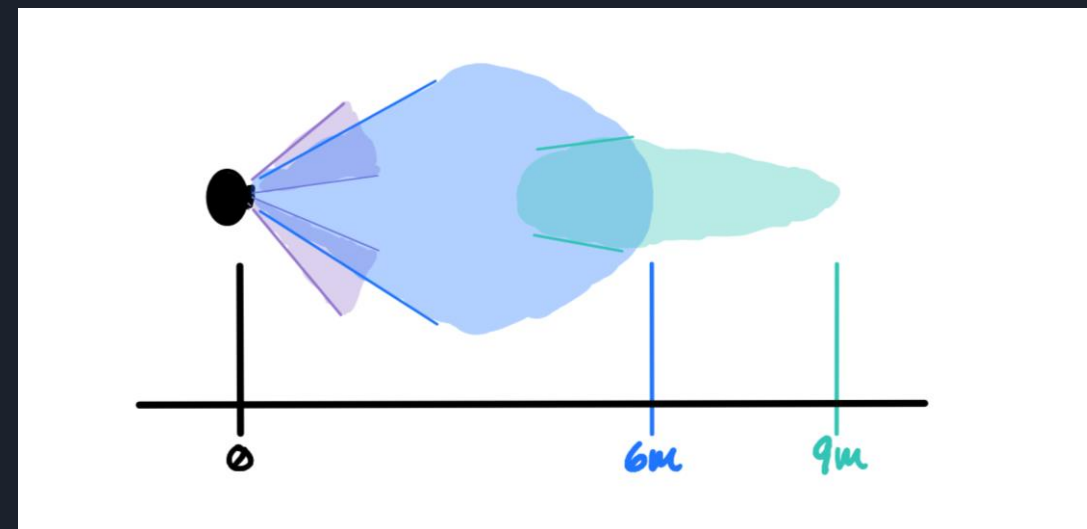
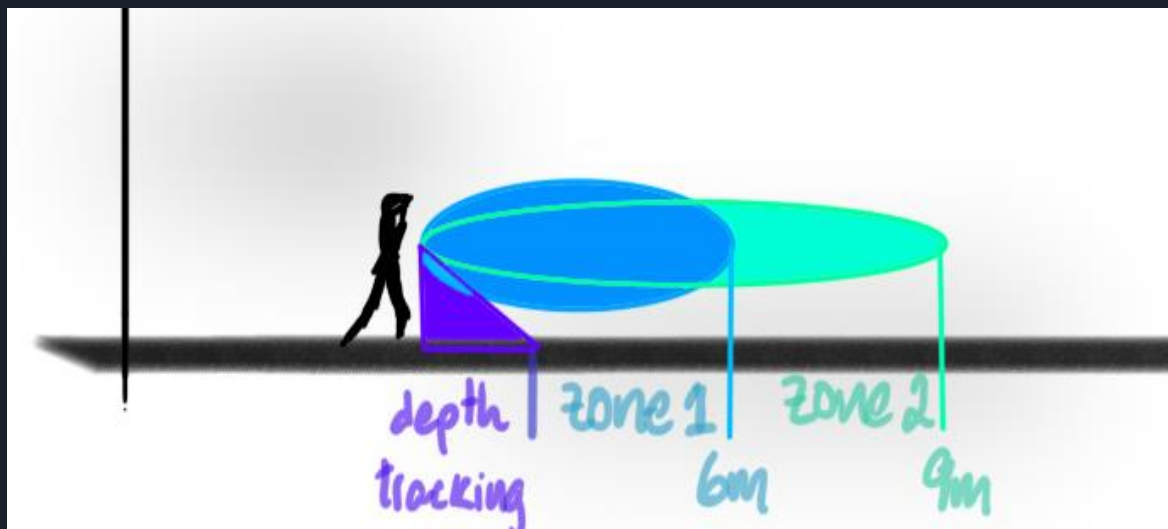
1-Wire communication.

Limited computational requirements.

Cheap, easy to obtain, and integrate



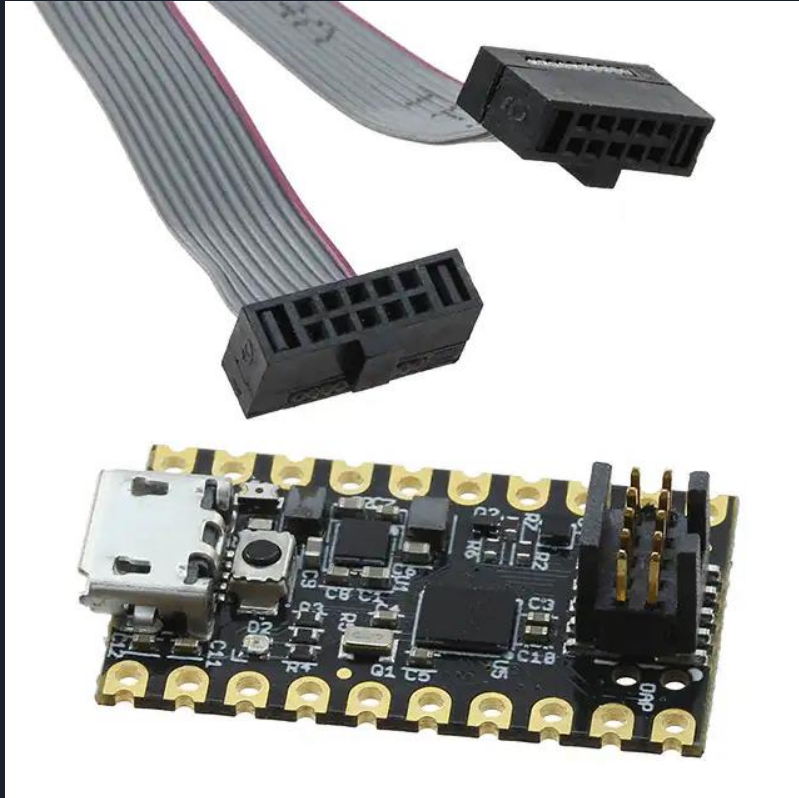
| Sensor module: | A1 | INS-3330 | URM09 |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| Denomination | Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Depth-tracking |
| Operating frequency | 60GHz | 24GHz | <50kHz |
| Communication interface | SPI | UART | 1-Wire |
| Range covered | (0.3 – 6)m | (5 – 9)m | N/A |
| Power consumption | | | |
| Input Voltage | 1.8V | 5V | 5V |



MCU Selection

| | MSP430 FR5964 | NXP K32L2B | STM32 F048C6 | ATmega 328P | MAX 32625 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Storage | 256 | 256 | 32 | 32 | 256 or 512 |
| (kilobytes) | | | | | |
| Random Access Memory | 8 | 32 | 6 | 2 | 128 or 160 |
| (KB) | | | | | |
| ADC Resolution | 12-bit | 16-bit | 12-bit | 10-bit | 10-bit |
| CPU Speed | 16 MHz | 48 MHz | 48 MHz | 16 MHz | 96 MHz |
| GPIO Count | 68 | 50 | 37 | 23 | 40 |
| Communication Peripherals | 4 I2C, 4 UART | 2 I2C, 1 UART, 1 SPI | 1 I2C, 2 USART, 2 SPI, 1 USB 2.0 | 1 I2C, 2 SPI, 1 USART | 2 I2C, 3 UART, 3 SPI, 1 USB 2.0 |
| Voltage Range | 1.8v – 3.6v | 1.71v – 3.6v | 1.65v – 1.95v | | 1.14v - 3.6v |
| Price | \$2.68 | \$3.42 - \$5.14 | \$2.02 | \$2.60 | \$10.52 |
| (USD) | | | | | |

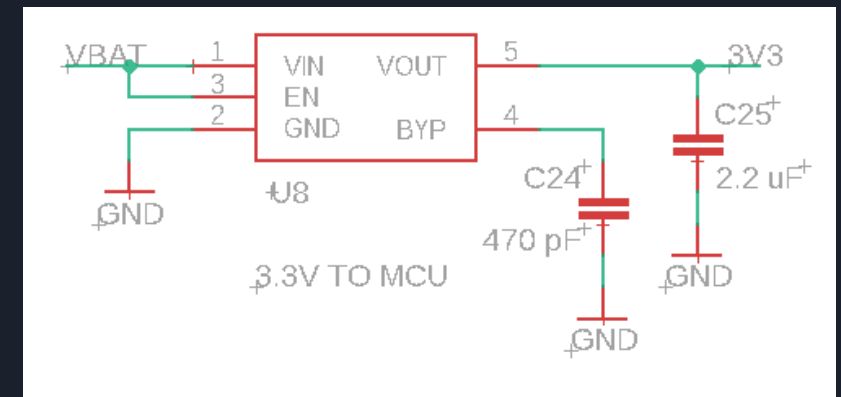
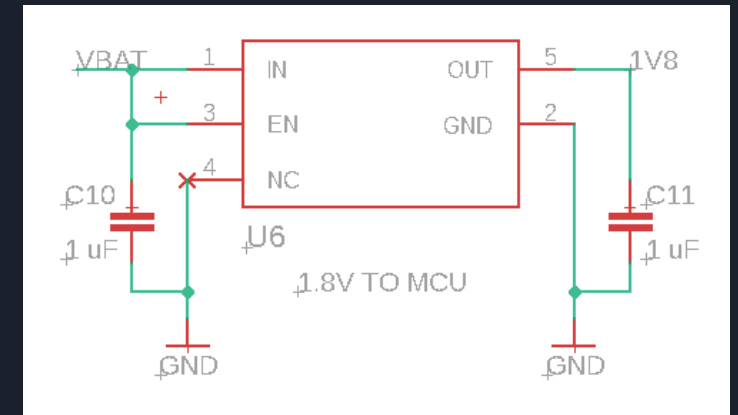
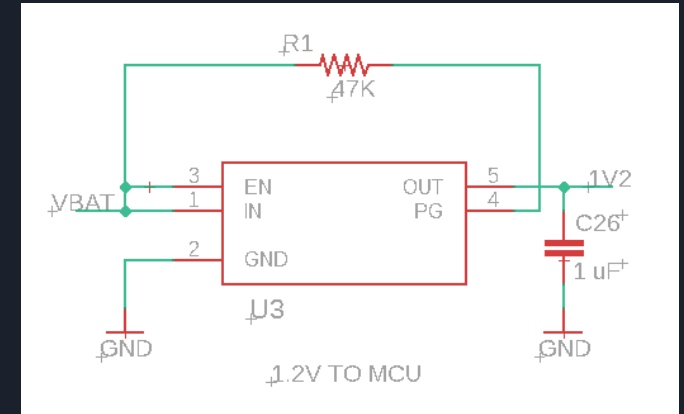
Development Board/SDK



- MBED and MBED Studio
- *Standardization* of ARM MCUs via Hardware Abstraction
- Many resources available

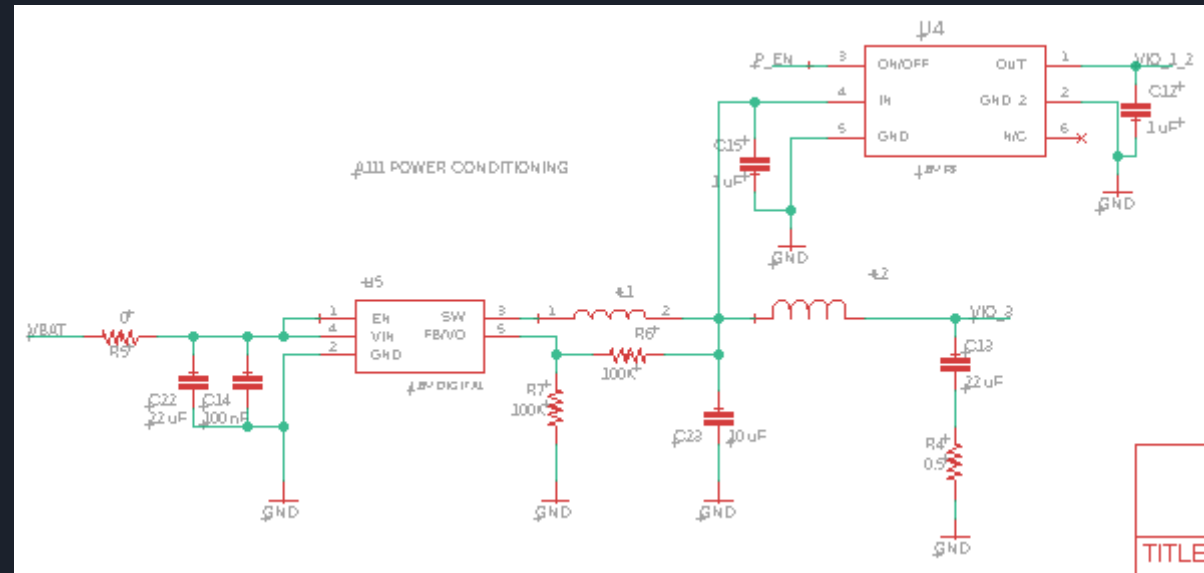
Microcontroller Power Delivery

- **NCP115ASN180T2G**
 - 1V8 fixed output voltage, 300mA maximum output current
 - 1V7 to 5V5 input voltage range
- **MIC5205-3.3YM5-TR**
 - 3V3 output voltage, 150mA maximum output current
 - 2V5 to 16V input voltage range
- **MIC5258-1.2YM5-TR**
 - 1V2 output voltage, 150mA maximum output current
 - 2V6 to 6V input voltage range
- These three voltage regulators supply power to the MAX32625 processor.



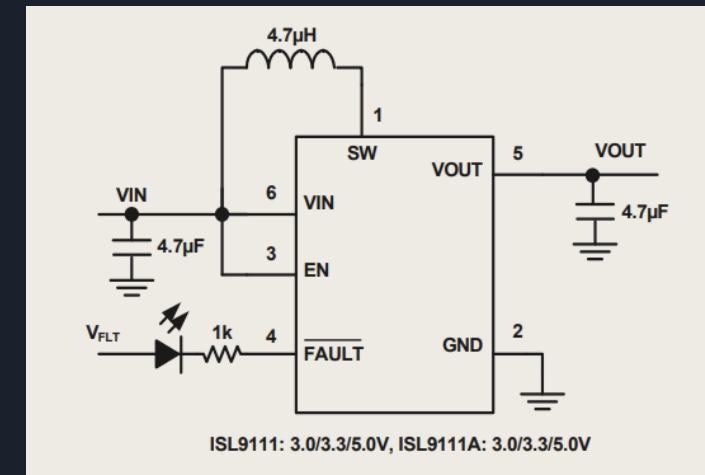
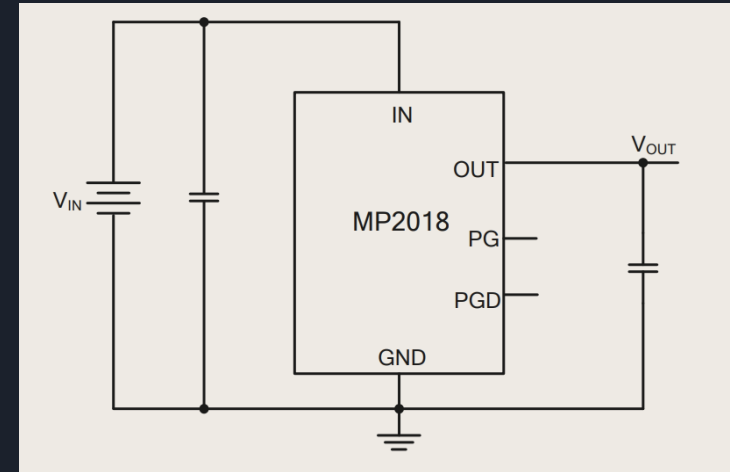
A1 Power Conditioning

- **ST1S12G18R**
 - Selectable fixed output voltage of 1.2V and 1.8V, 700mA maximum output current
 - 2.5V to 5.5V input voltage range
- **SIP32431DR3-T1GE3**
 - High -enable logic load switch
 - Programmable voltage: 1.8V
 - 1400mA maximum output current
 - 1.5V to 5.5V input voltage
- These two voltage regulators are used to power the A111 radar sensor.



INS3330 & URM09 Power Delivery

- ISL9111AEH50Z-T7A
 - 5V output voltage, 800mA output current
 - 0.5V to 4.8V input voltage range
- This voltage regulator supplies power to the INS3330 radar sensor and the URM09 ultrasonic sensor.
- MP2018GZD-33-P
 - Selectable 3.3V or 5V fixed output voltage regulator, 5000mA maximum output current
 - 3V to 16V input voltage range
- This MP2018 voltage regulator will be used for battery charging and stability.



Main Components' Power Requirements

| | A111 | MAX32625 | INS3330 | URM09 |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Voltage | 1.8V | 3.3V, 1.8V, 1.2V | 5V | 3.3V to 5.5V |
| Current Draw | 300mA | 100mA | 55mA | 20mA |
| Power Consumption | 540mW | 330mW | 275mW | 100mW |
| Powered By: | SIP32431DR3-T1GE3 | MIC5205-3.3YM5-TR (3V3), NCP115ASN180T 2G(1V8) and MIC5258-1.2YM5-TR (1V2) | ISL9111AEH50Z-T7A | ISL9111AEH50Z-T7A |

Secondary Batteries

| Battery Types | Lithium-Ion | Lithium-Polymer | Nickel-Cadmium | Nickel-Metal Hydride | Lead Acid |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rechargeable | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Nominal Voltage | 3.7V | 3.7V | 1.2V/cell | 1.2V | 2V |
| Energy Density | 100-265 Wh/kg | 185-220 Wh/L | 50-75 Wh/kg | 170-420 Wh/L | 80-90 Wh/kg |
| Shelf Life | 3-6 years | 3-5 years | 1.5-3 years | 3-5 years | 2 years |
| Cost | High (\$140 per kWh) | High (about \$100 per kWh) | Low (about \$7.50 per kWh) | Medium (about \$83 per kWh) | High (about \$500 per kWh) |

Battery Constraints, Size, and Integration



→ Constraints:

- ◆ Small
- ◆ Lightweight

→ Size:

- ◆ 115 grams
- ◆ 99.0mm x 67.0mm x 8.1mm

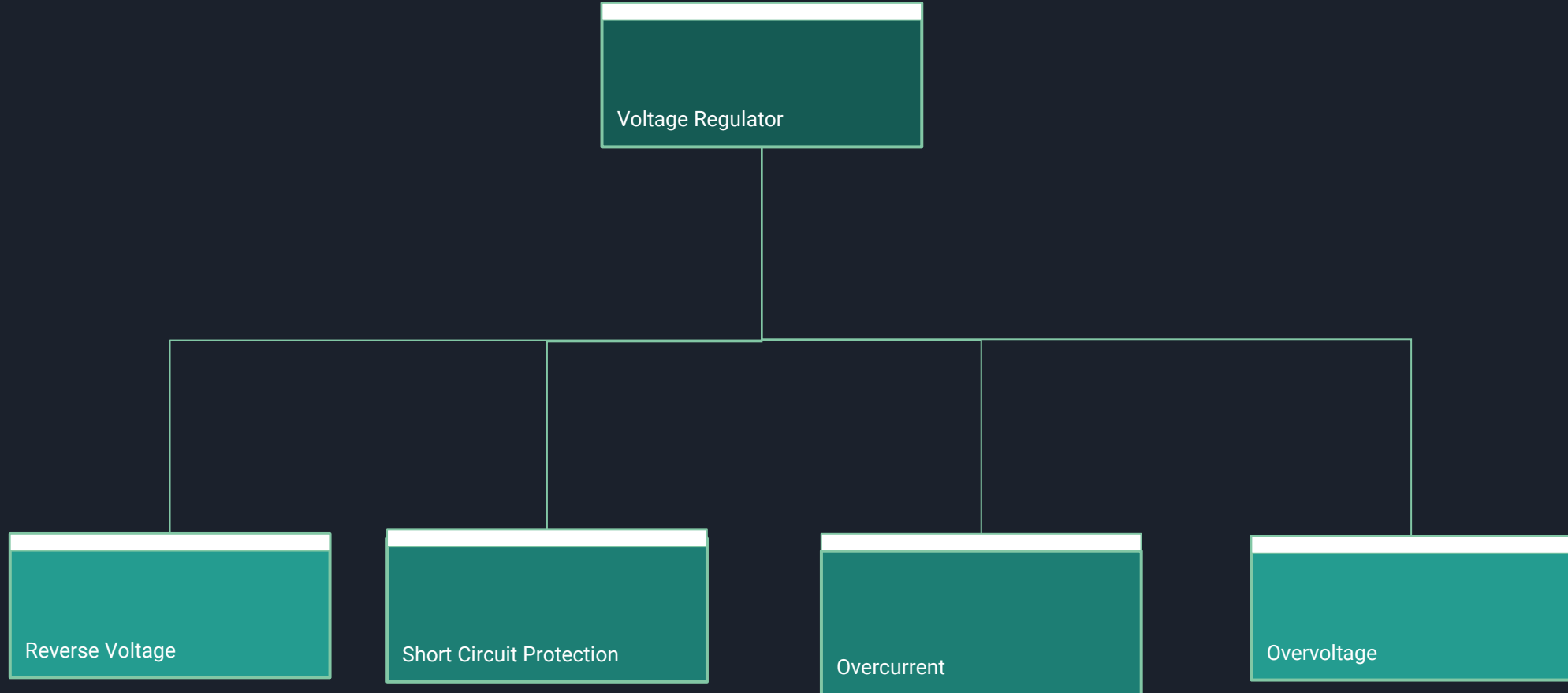
→ Integration:

- ◆ The battery will be attached to the vest near to the Power PCB

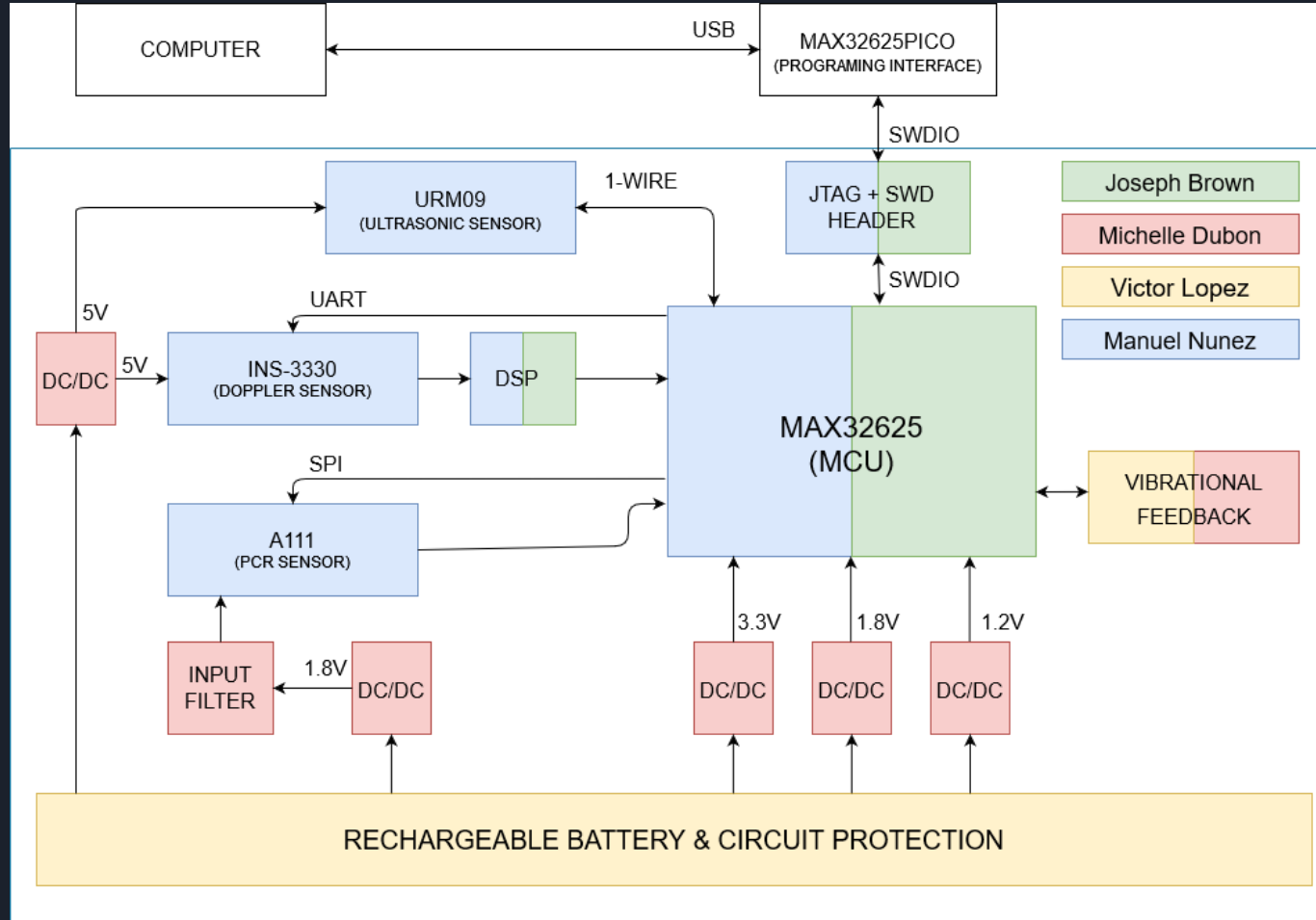
Charging Station



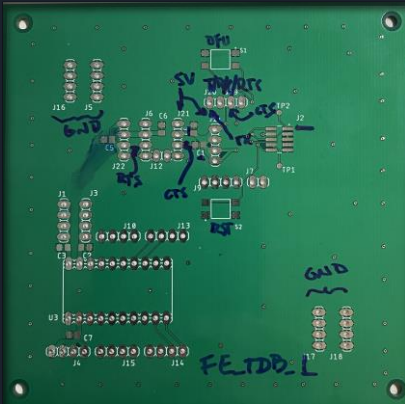
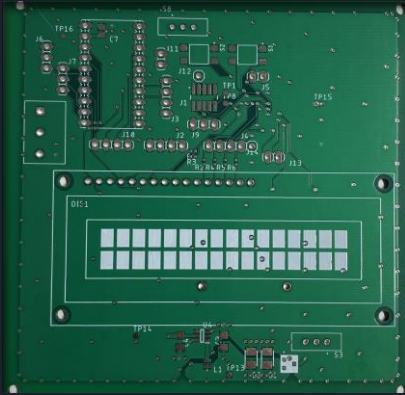
Security System



Comprehensive System Block Diagram



Integration Progress



Phased approach

Sensor & Processing Subsystems

- Interfaced all hardware separately.
- Successfully flashed MCU on standalone implementation.
- Tested A1, INS3330, URM09 with provided code and GUIs.
- Mapped system-level software architecture.
- Defined next steps

Battery Subsystem

- Early signs that our battery meets requirements.
- Setting up battery characterization process.
 - Charge and discharge tests
 - Dedicated IC to collect data.

Difficulties

- Resolution vs Cost, tilt, lenses.
- Integration
- Wiring distribution/vibrating motors position
- Time available for testing

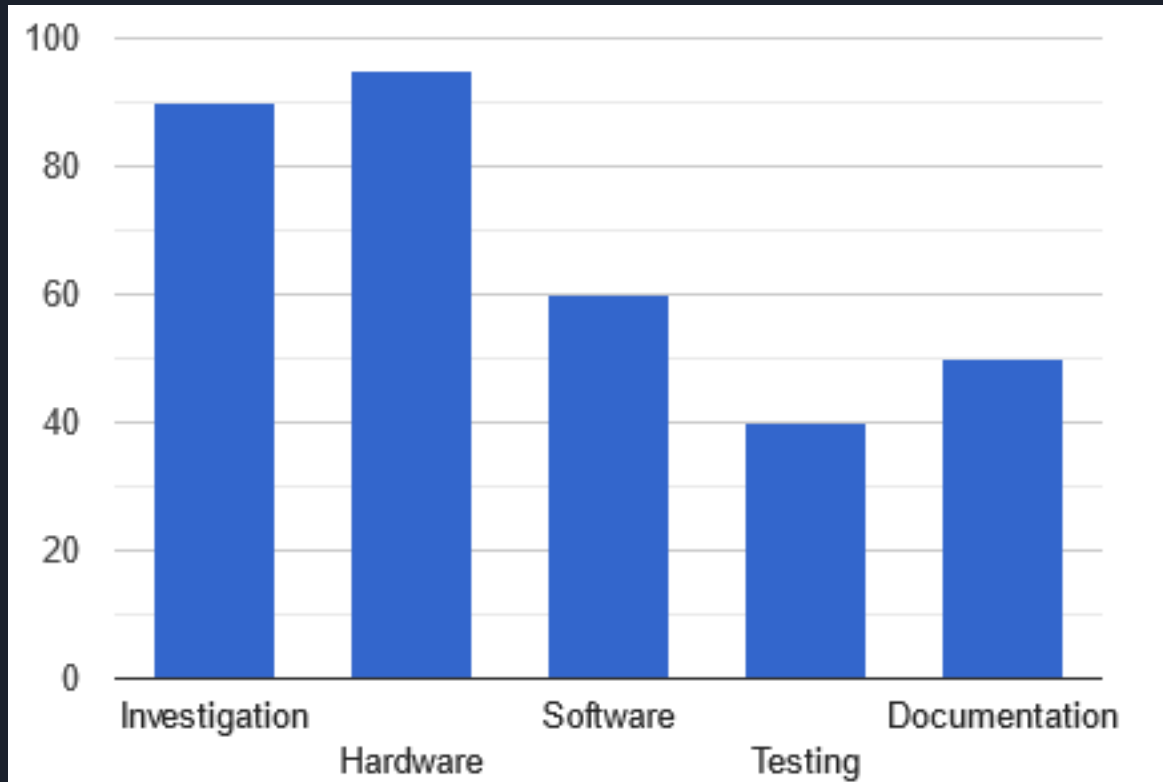


Next Steps

- Continue testing and characterization process,
- Integration
- ESD Considerations
- Move towards first stretch goal

Budget

| Subsystem | Item | Cost |
|--|---|-----------|
| Sensor Subsystem | A1 INS-3330 URM09 | \$48.30 |
| Processing Subsystem | MAX32625 | \$7.35 |
| Power Management Subsystem | 6x PMIC | ~\$5.00 |
| Battery and Circuit Protection Subsystem | LiPo Battery + AC-DC charging system | ~\$40.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | Common components, PCB fabrication, etc | ~\$15.00 |
| | | ~\$115.00 |



Progress %