


Flying Under the Radar

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Use Case



Universal Drone Attachment

Maximize usability and cover large areas despite difficult terrain

Break Cost Barrier

Our mmWave radar application is cheaper than drones currently used for SAR

Fire SAR Missions

Reach areas where traditionally used infrared fails

Human Detection

Detect and save locations of victims for efficient rescue





Quantitative Use-Case Requirements

Drone Compatible

30 minute
flight duration

Weighs <.5 kg

Area of ~12
square inches

Withstand Conditions

Alert user
around 100
degrees Celsius

Safe Detection

10 m detection
range

3 s end-to-end

.7 F1 score for
ML
architecture



Solution Approach

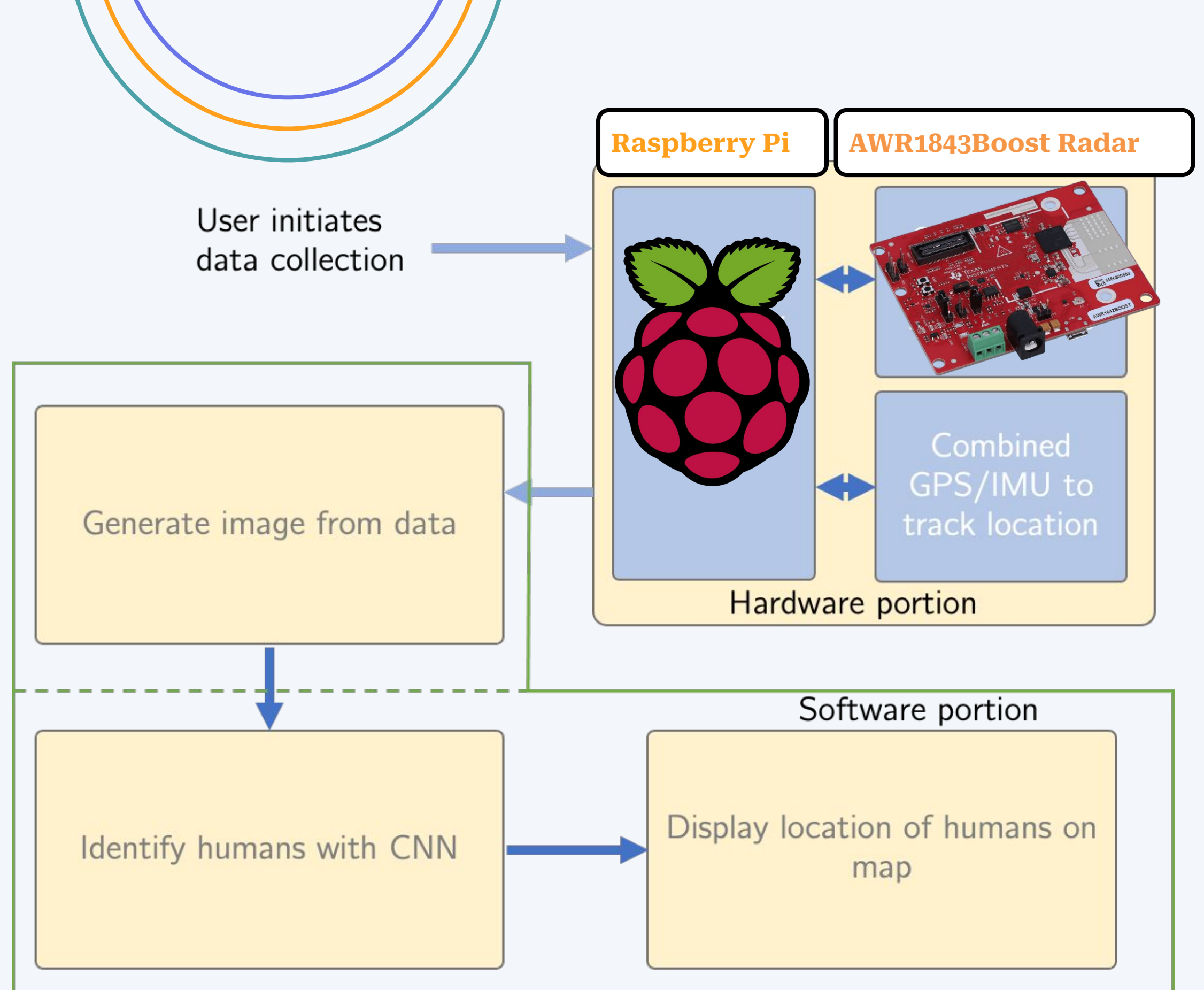
We propose a mmWave radar-based application robust to visible occlusions like fog or smoke that employs machine learning to accurately process the images and detect moving humans. Lastly, our web application frontend enables location saving to efficiently rescue victims.

Since Last Time: Improving Usability

- Alert user when device is reaching a temperature that will negatively affect functionality
- Loud beeping noise makes victims aware of device presence to make themselves more noticeable



System Approach





Hardware Approach

Radar data streamed to Raspberry Pi at 10 Hz via SPI

GPS/IMU data streamed to Raspberry Pi at 10 Hz via I2C

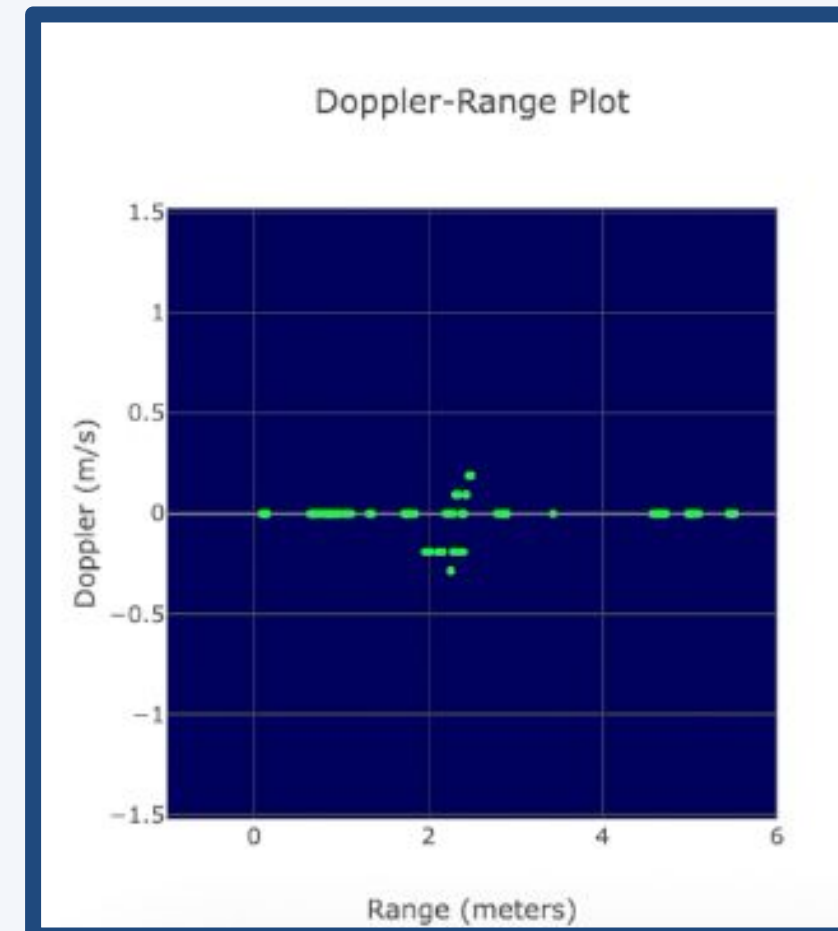
Temperature sensor data streamed at 1 Hz

On the Raspberry Pi

Construct range-Doppler map from raw radar data

Determine if temperature is too high: 1 if too high, 0 otherwise

Speaker beeps and can play a pre-recorded message



Stream range-Doppler map, location, orientation, and temperature notification data to base station computer via WiFi

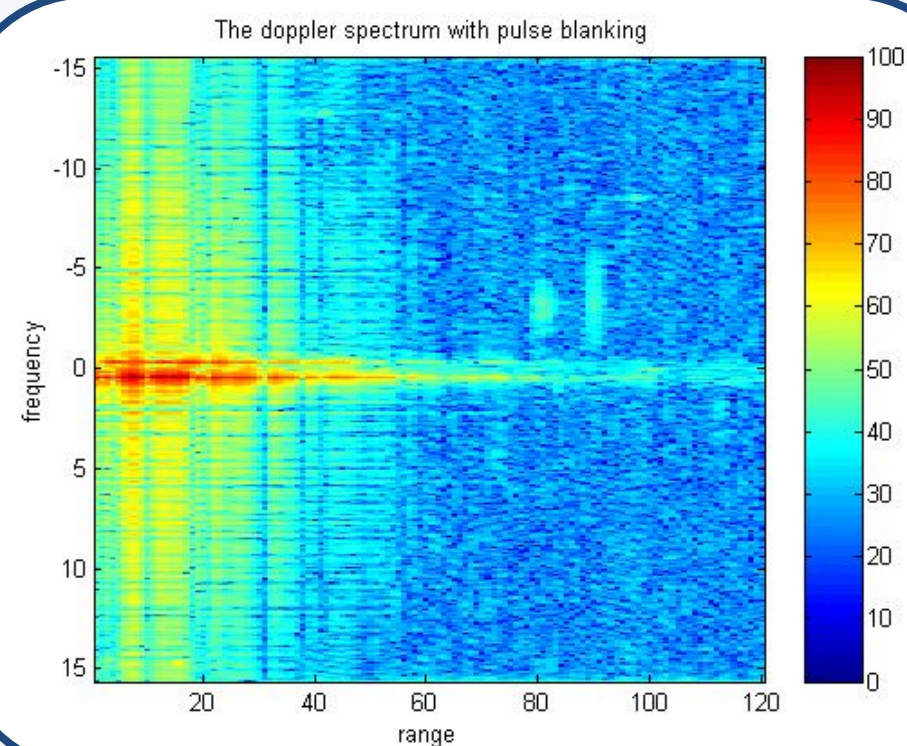


Software Approach

Pre-Processing

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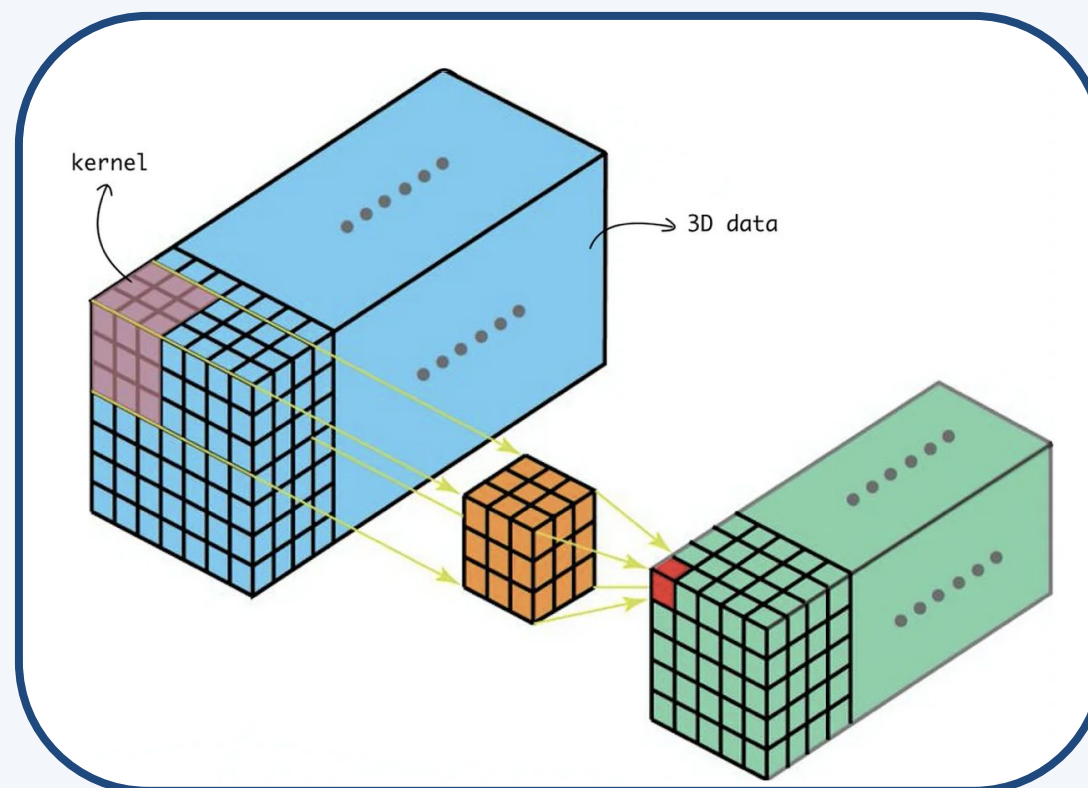
Constructing range-Doppler maps on Raspberry Pi



Classification

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3D CNN architecture embedded in web application



The ML architecture will be encapsulated in a Django model to be run in the web application, deployed on Amazon EC2.

Human Localization

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Determine location of human based on range and radar pose, and then record location on map

Network Output

1 - human detected, 0 - otherwise

Implementation Plan

mmWave radar	—	AWR1843Boost courtesy of CyLab
Raspberry Pi	—	RPi 4 with 8GB RAM from course inventory
3D printed chassis	—	PLA frame and radome printed at TechSpark
Temperature sensor	—	Adafruit TMP36 from TechSpark
GPS/IMU sensor	—	OzzMaker BerryGPS-IMUv4 purchased online
ML architecture	—	Keras API, drone radar dataset from Gent University
Google maps API	—	Will purchase online, easy integration into web app
Speaker	—	AS02008MR-LW152-R from previous coursework
9V Battery	—	Assembly powered by single 9V battery
Buck-Boost Converter	—	From previous coursework




Testing, Verification, and Validation

Quantitative Measures

- Timing (ms)
- Accuracy (%)
 - F1 Score
- Temperature (Celsius)

Risks & Unknowns

- Hardware
 - Increase data rate for accuracy
 - Decrease data rate for speed
 - ML
 - Tune hyperparameters
 - Web app
 - Reduce HTTP requests
 - Simplify html/css files
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Testing, Verification, and Validation

Test Inputs

- Temperature sensor: Heat gun
- Radar: Fog machine
- ML architecture: Drone Radar
Dataset - Smart Robot Lab
- Web app: Manual geolocation
inputs

Test Outputs

- Radar angular resolution: 15°
 - GPS/IMU localization accuracy: 0.5 m
 - Temperature sensor: 100° C
 - ML architecture: .7 F1 score
 - Web app timing: 10 ms
 - End-to-end timing: 3 s
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Drone Testing



We seek to test our sensor suite with the **DJI Matrice 100** drone after verification of our system:

- Integration with system on stationary, unpowered drone
- System functionality on hovering drone

Project Management



Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Acquiring radar			Blue											
Find a dataset			Yellow											
Set up web app				Orange	Orange									
Train ML architecture on dataset					Yellow									
Validate ML architecture						Yellow								
Capture radar images				Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue					
Radar integration with drone										Blue	Blue			
Finish frontend functionality								Orange						
Test ML architectures on radar images							Blue	Yellow						
Integrate ML architecture with web app									Orange					
Test whole pipeline (radar to web app)										Blue	Yellow	Orange		
Slack				Orange	Blue	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Yellow	Orange	Blue	Yellow	Orange	Blue

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