

Smart walker for
clinical rehabilitation

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Milestone 1 Feedback



Addressing Feedbacks

Feedback

- Focus on Human Machine Interaction

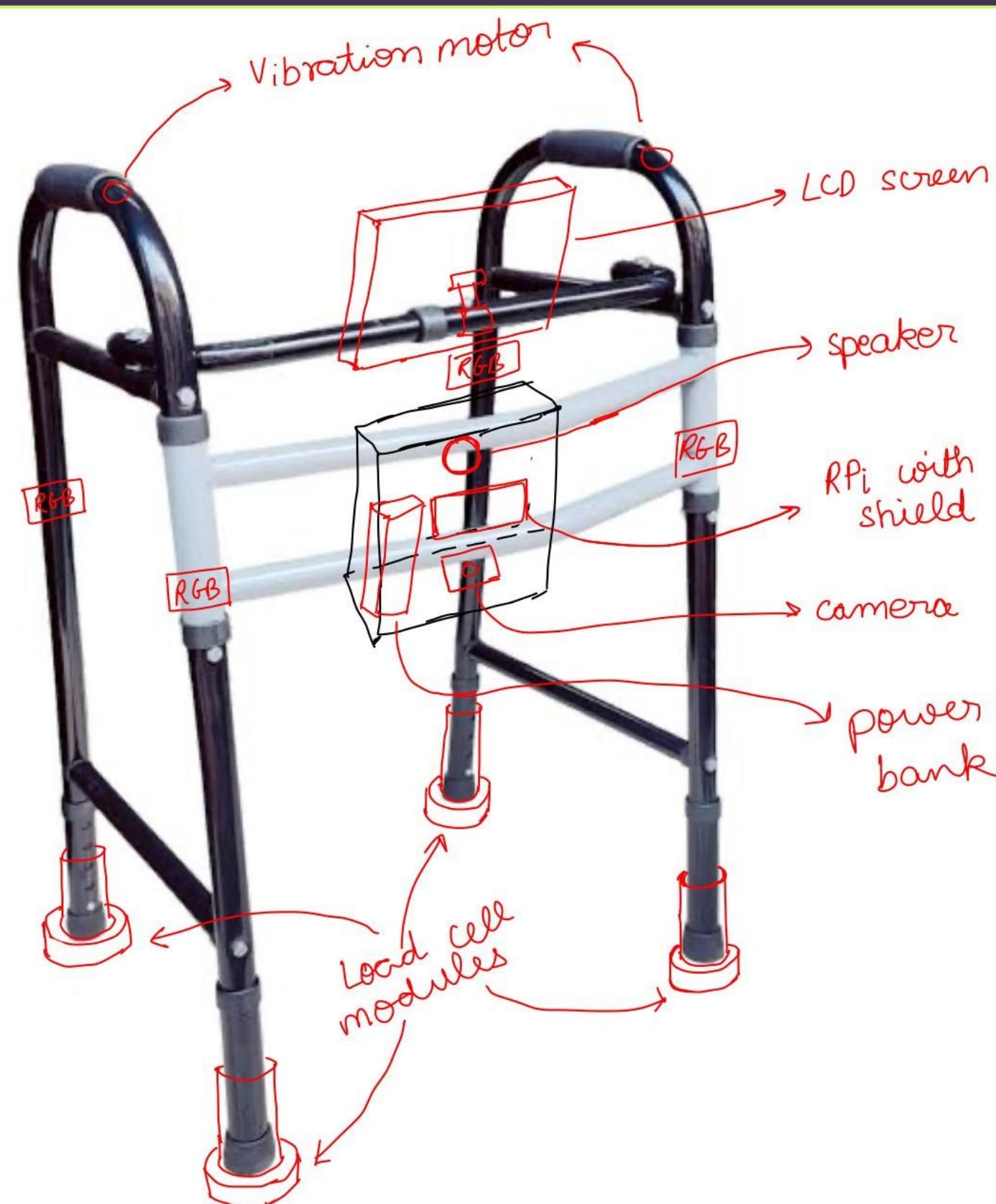
These issue causes :

- Incorporated haptic sensing for when to look at the screens

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Overview

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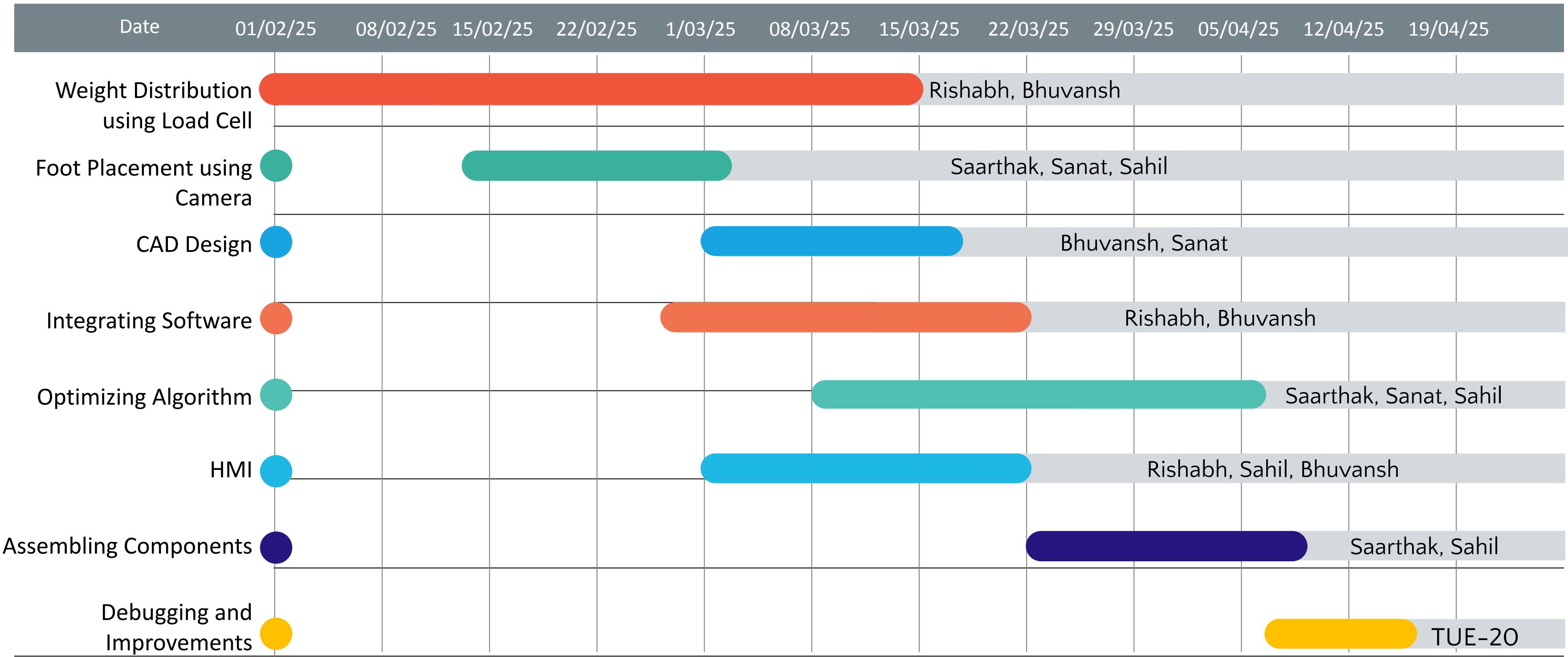
Key Components:

- Microcontroller – Raspberry Pi 5 for processing and control.
- Sensors – Load cell with HX710A ADC for weight measurement.
- Stereo camera - for pose detection.
- Communication Protocols – SPI for LED control, PWM for vibration motor, bit-banging for ADC communication.
- Display & Audio – Screen with HDMI interface; speaker for audio output.
- Software & Algorithms – YOLO-based pose detection, real-time data processing, and calibration techniques.

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Deviations and Progress

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Deviations:

- **Load Cell Delay:** The load cell hasn't arrived yet, so we've focused on testing other subsystems like pose detection and camera integration.
- **Stereo Module Compatibility:** The stereo module isn't compatible with Raspberry Pi 5, so for testing purpose we have used the camera module 2 noIR.



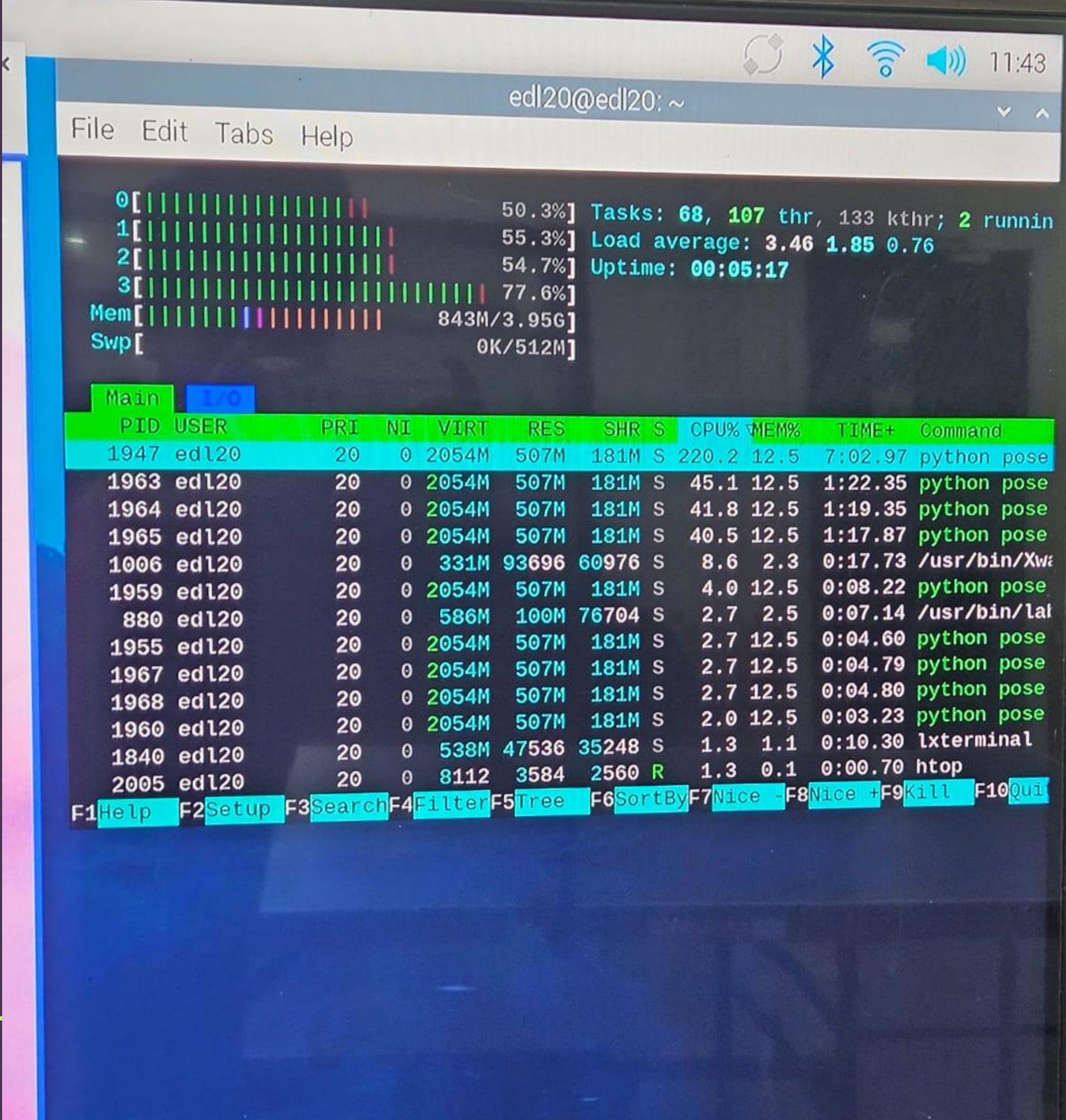
Technical Updates & Subsystem
Design

Load Cell & ADC Selection:

- The HX711 and HX710a ADC modules were evaluated for load cell data acquisition.
- The load cell's expected voltage output is ± 4.95 mV (max), while the ADC input range is approximately 12 mV for both HX711 and HX710a.
- Sampling Rate Considerations:
 - HX711: 10 SPS / 80 SPS
 - HX710A: 10 SPS / 40 SPS
 - Real-time applications need a minimum of 24 SPS, leaving us with two viable options: 40 SPS and 80 SPS. At higher sampling rates, noise and offset are lower for HX710A.
- Final Selection: While both will be used for prototyping, the HX710A has an integrated temperature sensor, aiding in calibration, making it the preferred choice for the final design. Also HX711 has extra channel which we are not using.

Pose Detection & Processing Load:

- The YOLO model was successfully tested for pose detection.
- CPU utilization was 60-70%, and GPU (HDMI output driving 1080p TV) was 70%.
- Since our final screen will have a lower resolution than 1080p, we expect even better performance.
- The model currently runs at 40-50 FPS, ensuring real-time pose tracking.



Communication & Bit-Banging Implementation

- The HX711 and HX710a ADC modules were evaluated for load cell data acquisition.
- On an oscilloscope, the generated pulse period was 8-10 μ s, well within the required range (min: 0.2 μ s, max: 50 μ s).
- CPU usage was minimal (1-2%).

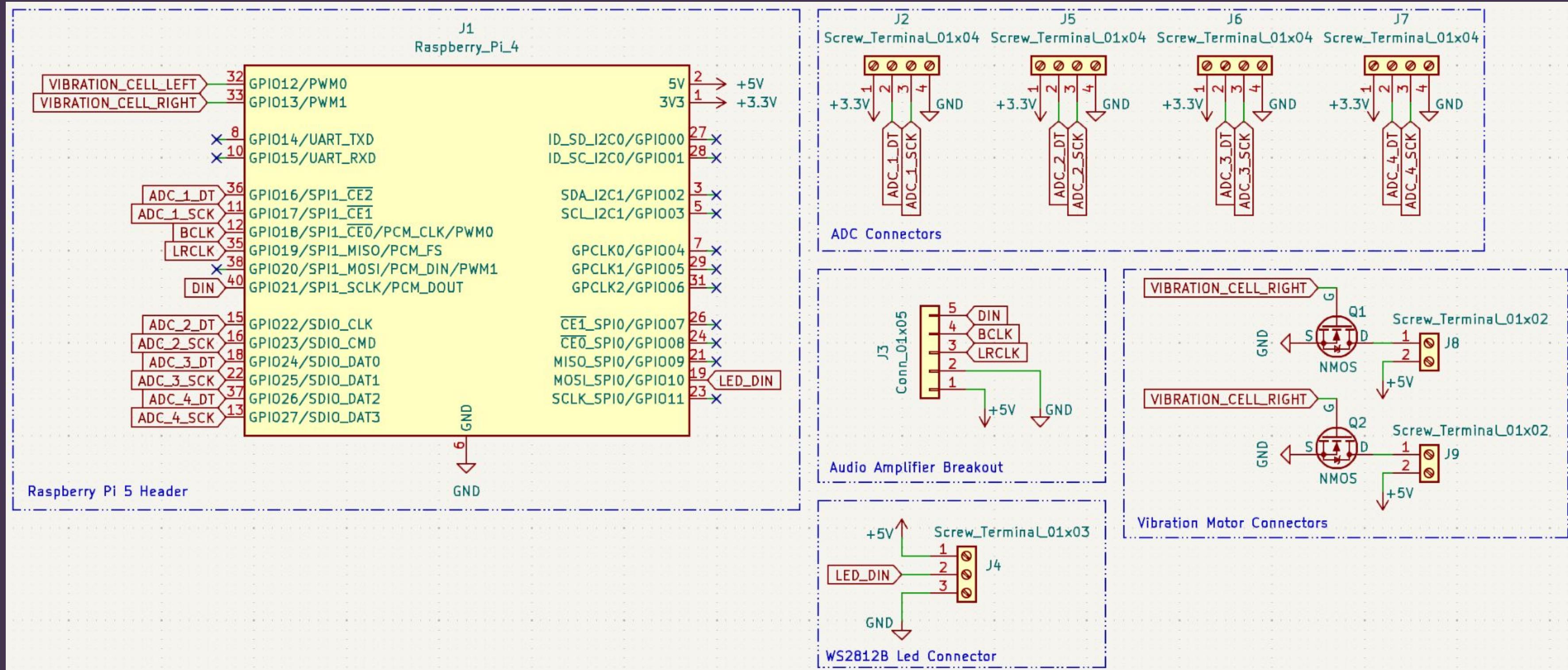
Peripheral Testing & Challenges

- **Vibration Motor:** Yet to be tested, but will use Raspberry Pi's hardware PWM (no CPU overhead).
- **LED Control:** SPI-based control, yet to be tested.
- **Camera Testing:**
 - Noir camera works but has a pinkish tint.
 - The normal camera is not functioning—we suspect hardware issues.
 - Plan: Test the normal camera on a Raspberry Pi 4 in the next lab session.
- **Audio Output Issues:**
 - PWM audio lacks a proper driver.
 - Alternative 1: MAX98357 I²S audio chip (dedicated breakout board slot in the design).
 - Alternative 2: A screen with built-in audio output.

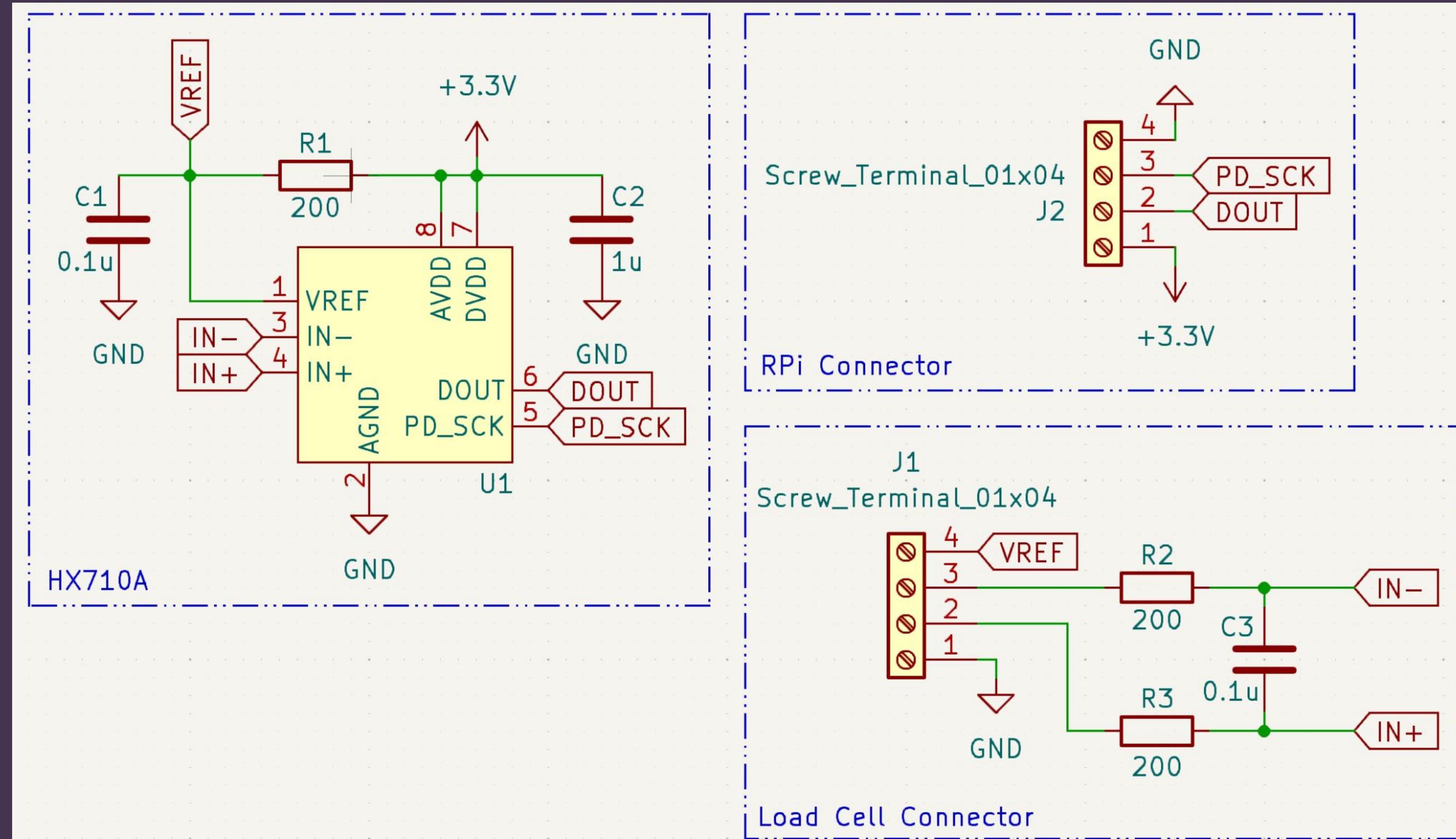


Circuit Diagrams

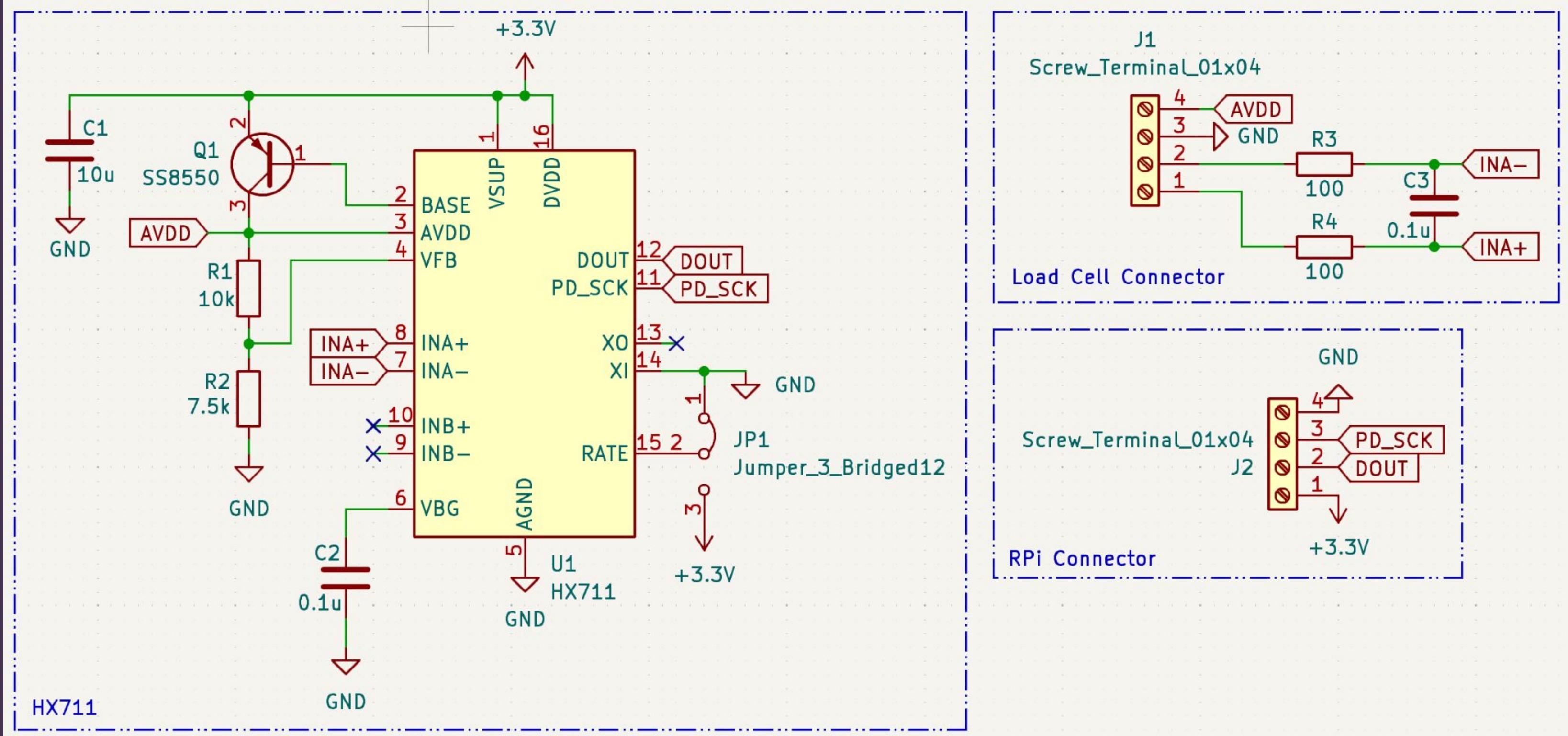
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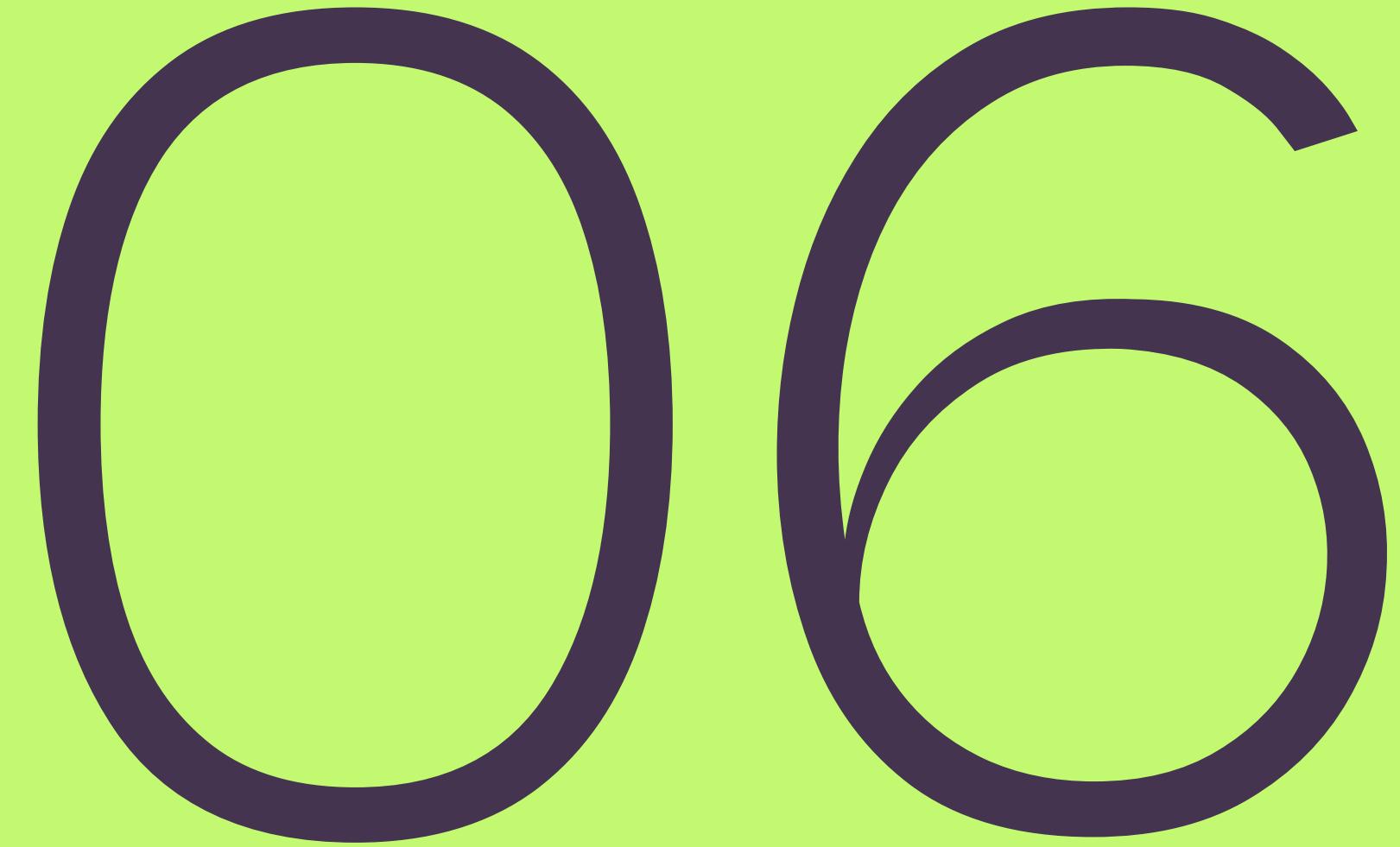


HX710A Load Sensor



HX711 Load Sensor





Test Plan & Results

Preliminary Testing

- Pose detection validated with real-time performance.
- Bit-banging for ADC communication tested successfully.
- Pending tests: vibration motor, LED, load cell integration, normal camera verification.

Intermediate Testing (Upcoming)

- Load cell integration once the component arrives.
- Further ADC performance validation.
- Camera compatibility testing on Raspberry Pi 4.
- LED and vibration motor tests.

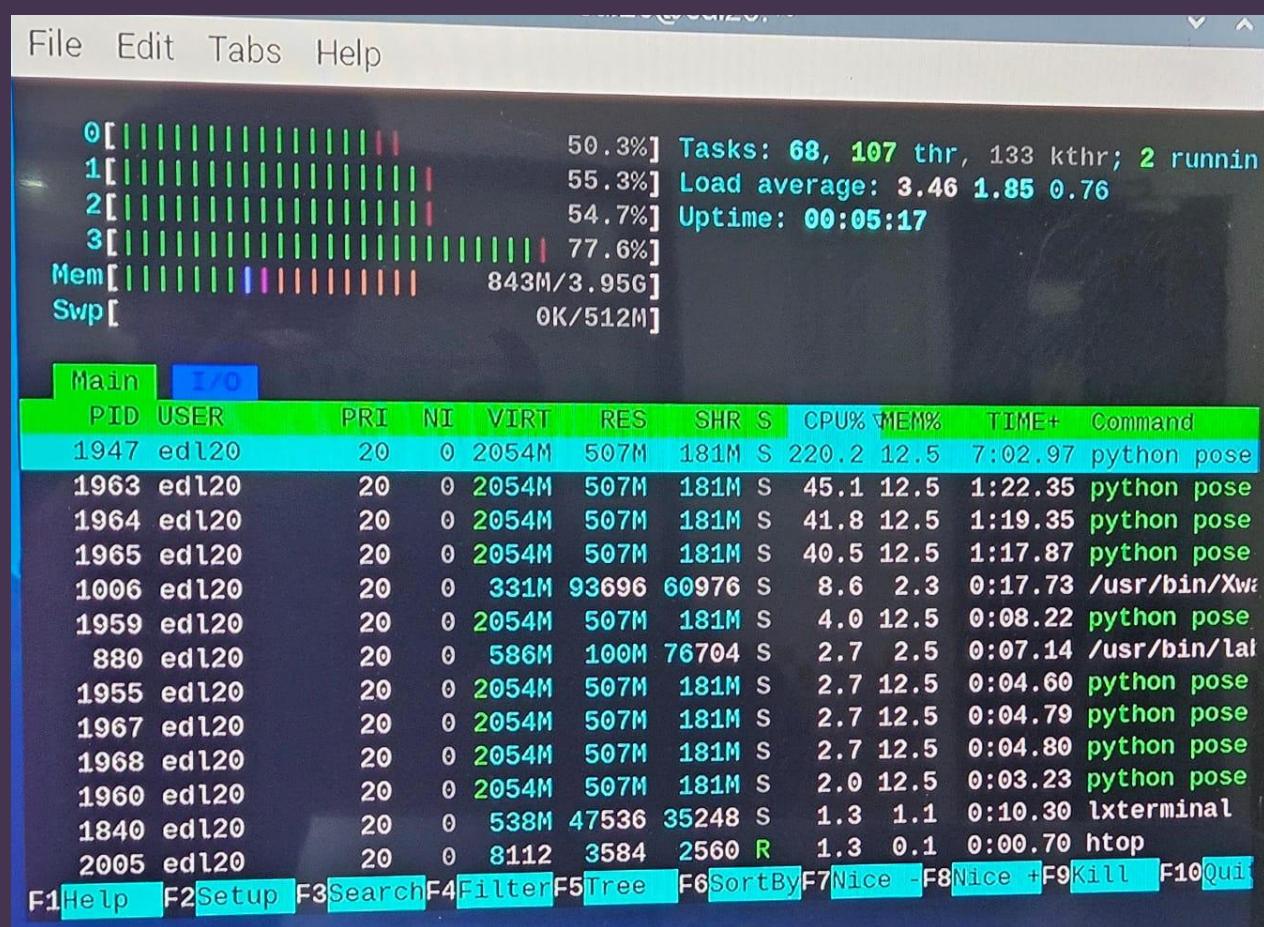
Final Testing & Prototyping Considerations

- Assembling the complete system with optimized ADC selection.
- Ensuring real-time data acquisition and minimal CPU load.
- Implementing I²S audio if PWM remains problematic.



Preliminary testing results

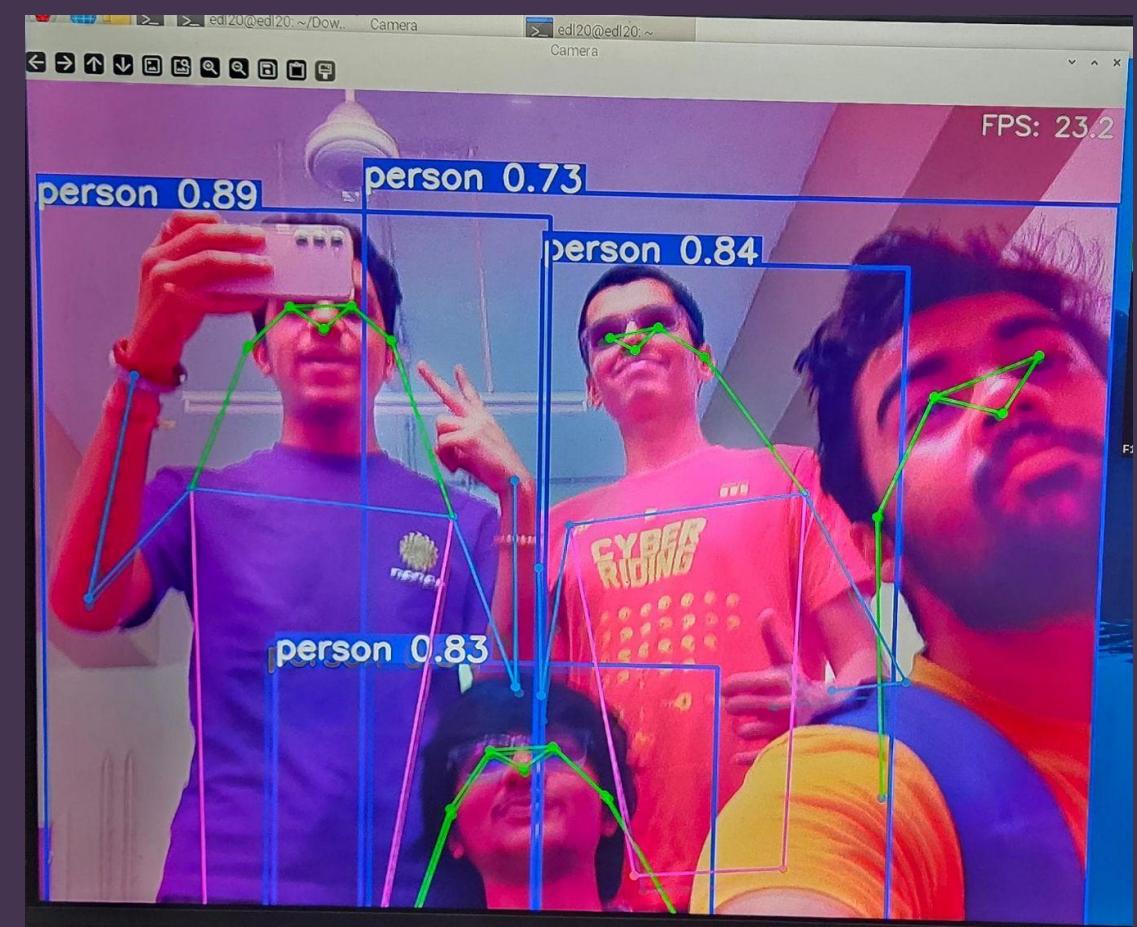
- Achieved 20-22 FPS for pose detection at the default clock speed of 2.4 GHz
- uses 50 percent of 3 cores on CPU.
- Boosted performance to 40-45 FPS by overclocking to 2.7GHz

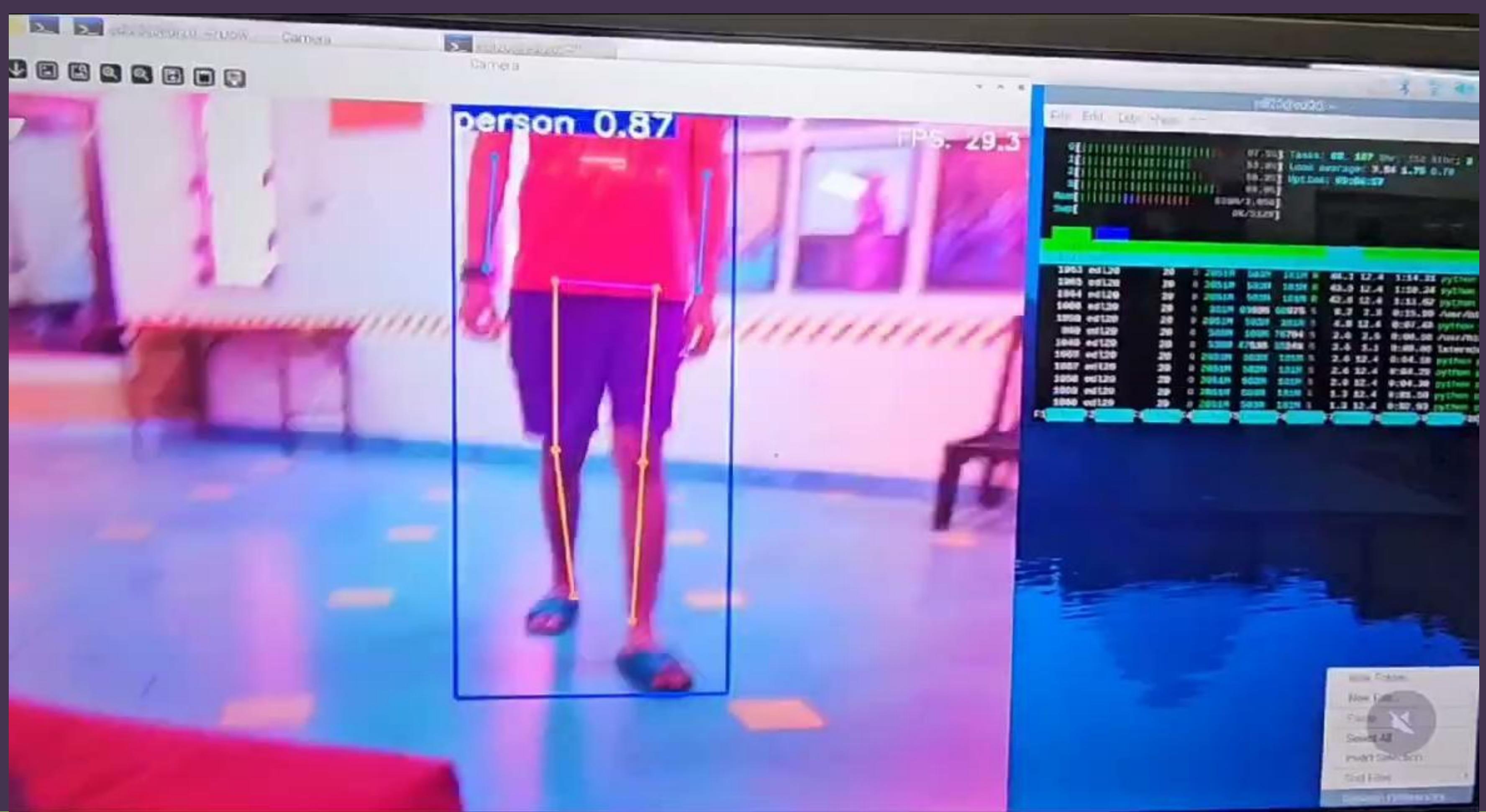


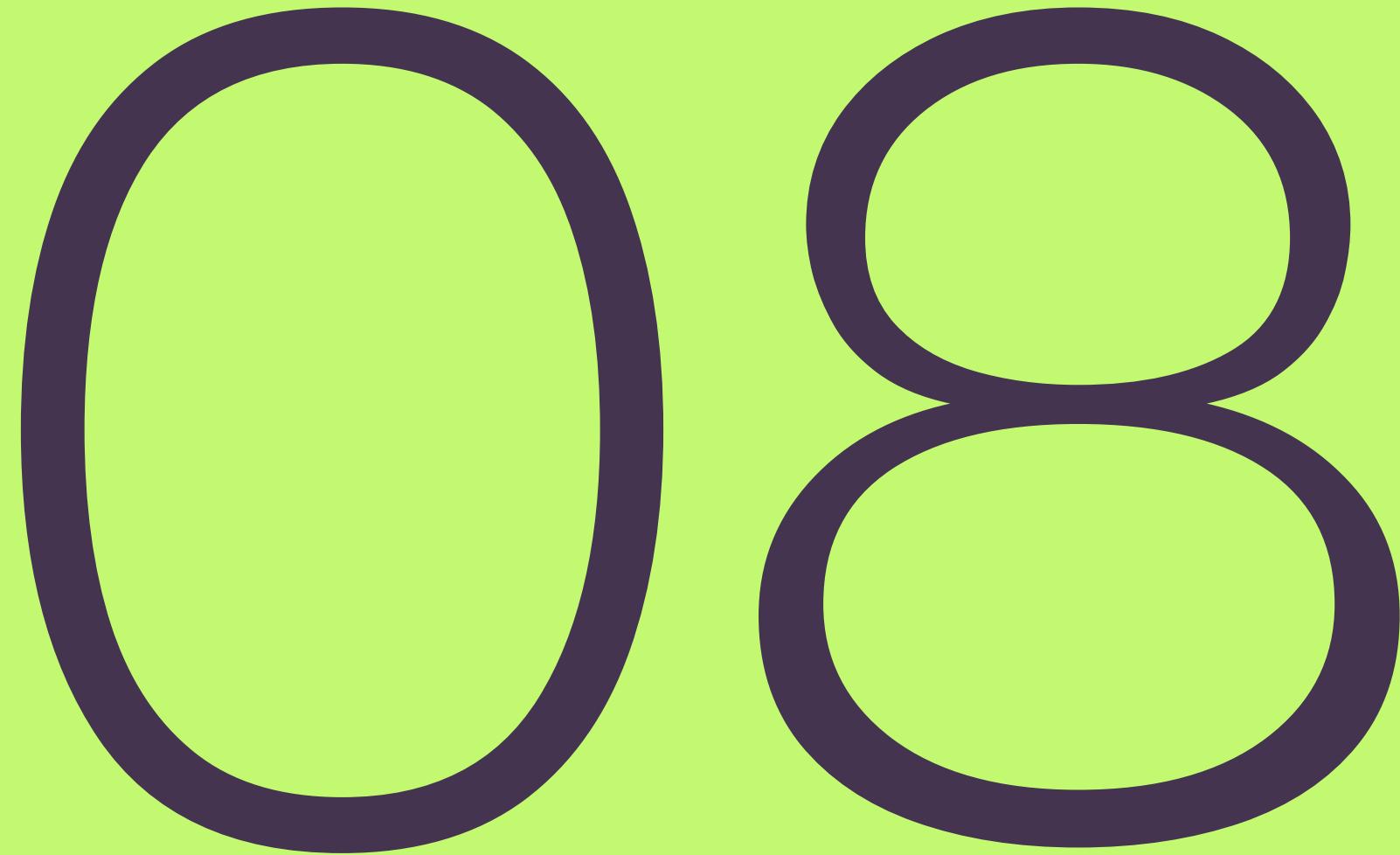
A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'htop' showing system statistics and a process list. The top section displays CPU usage bars for four cores (0, 1, 2, 3) and system metrics: Tasks: 68, Load average: 3.46, Uptime: 00:05:17. Below this is a table of processes:

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Thinking Ahead of Milestone

- Initiated CAD Designing, starting with Camera case for stable visual output
- Explored depth estimation using a single camera as an alternative to traditional stereo vision, aiming for a more efficient and cost-effective solution