



Pizza Delivery Drone Team 4:

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Problem Statement

- Food delivery faces delays and added costs due to reliance on human drivers
- Third party delivery services can charge up to 30% of the price of a pizza for delivery → impacting restaurant profitability
- Restaurant owners struggle with driver availability during peak demand
- Customers dissatisfied due to long wait times and cold food
- Specifically focusing on Pizza deliveries
 - Target market is 2.5 billion deliveries annually in U.S. mainland (not including PR, USVI, AS etc)



Courtesy of phillyvoice.com

Requirement

- \$3000 landed cost per drone
- Drone capable of operating in different weather conditions
- Ensure pizza is delivered in an acceptable condition
- Ensure easy customer access to pizza
- Route optimization

Visualization

Drone Capability Overview



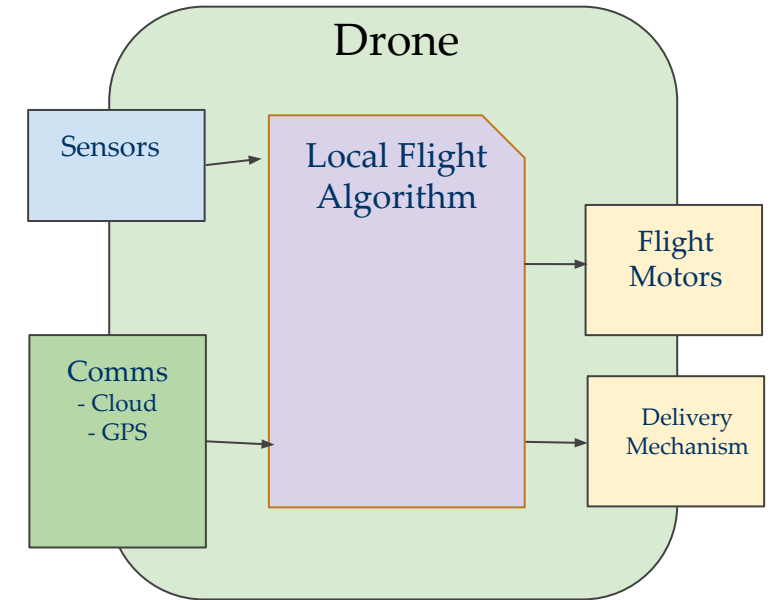
Wheelbase: 1 m (3.28 ft)

Max Payload: 5 kg (11.02 lb)



Propeller size: 0.4572 m (1.5 ft)

Est. Flight time: 30 min



Sensors: Monocular RGB camera, GPS

Deliverables



Proof of Concept Prototype

- Operates successfully in controlled test environment
- Smaller delivery load capability



Final Prototype

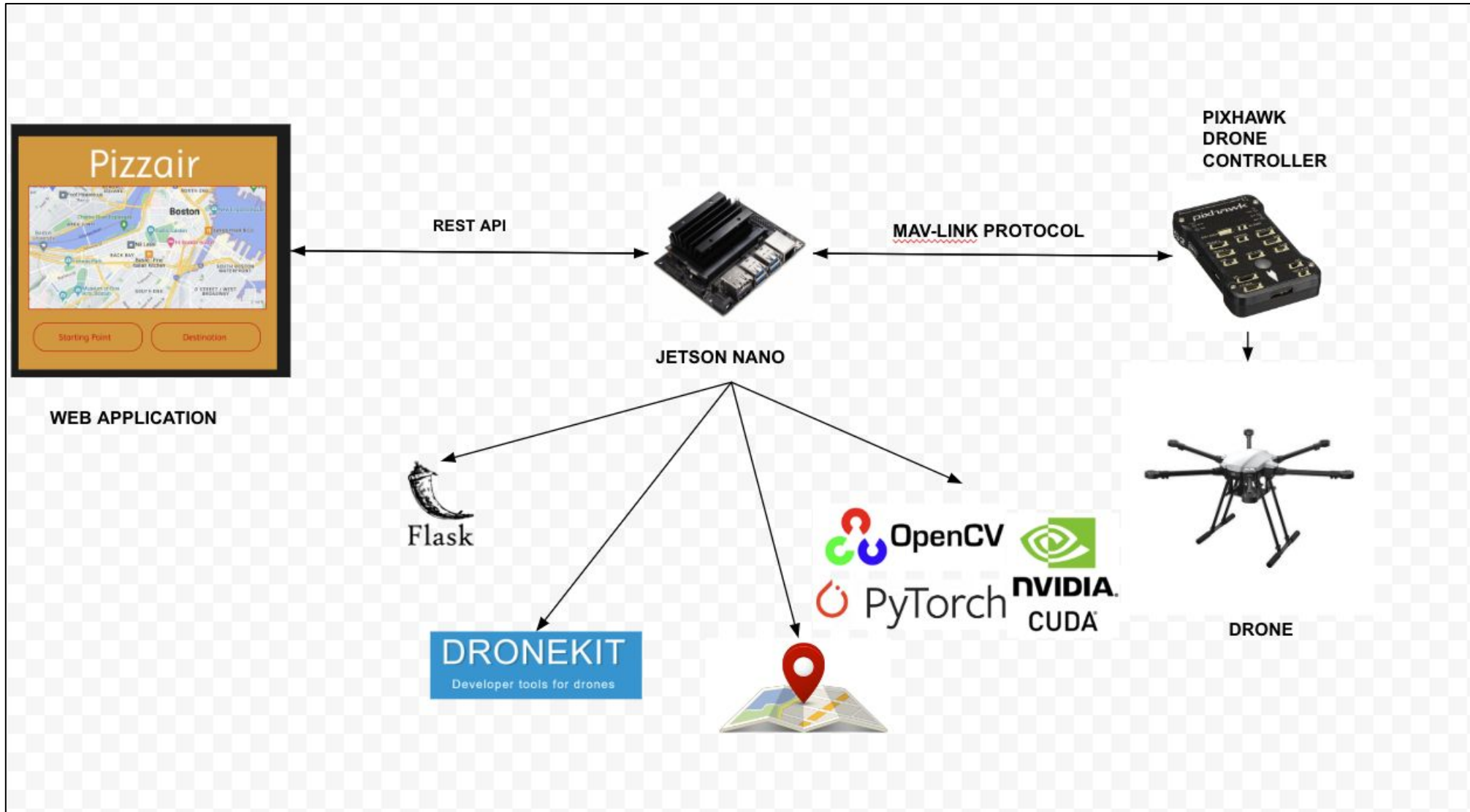
- Carrying case capable of maintaining temperature
- Harness mechanism allows easy access of pizza
- Keep pizza unharmed under bad weather conditions
- Under \$3000 per drone
- Compliant with FAA regulations



Navigation and associated codebase

- Self-navigate
- Send alert to customer + pizzeria regarding delivery
- Prioritize delivery routes if multiple orders are to be delivered in short span of time

Software Architecture Diagram



Payload Harness

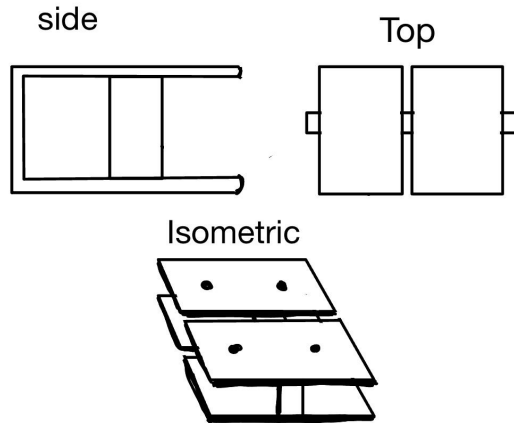
Mechanism

Possible Ideas

- string with 3 at least points of contact
- modified auto balancing camera gimbal
- modified leg basket

Current frontrunner:

Leg basket- wicker design



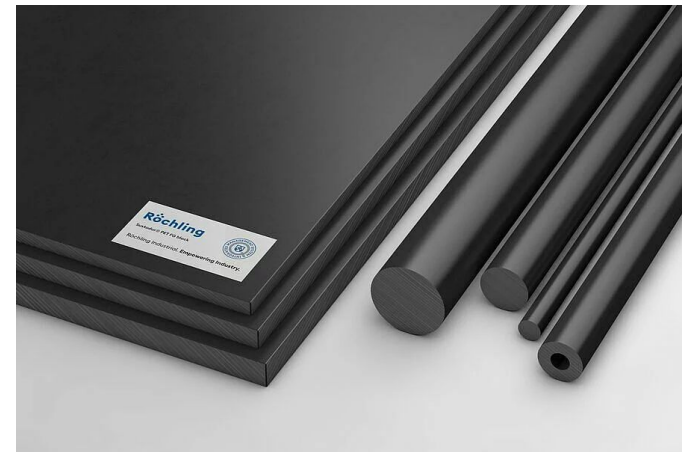
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Material requirements

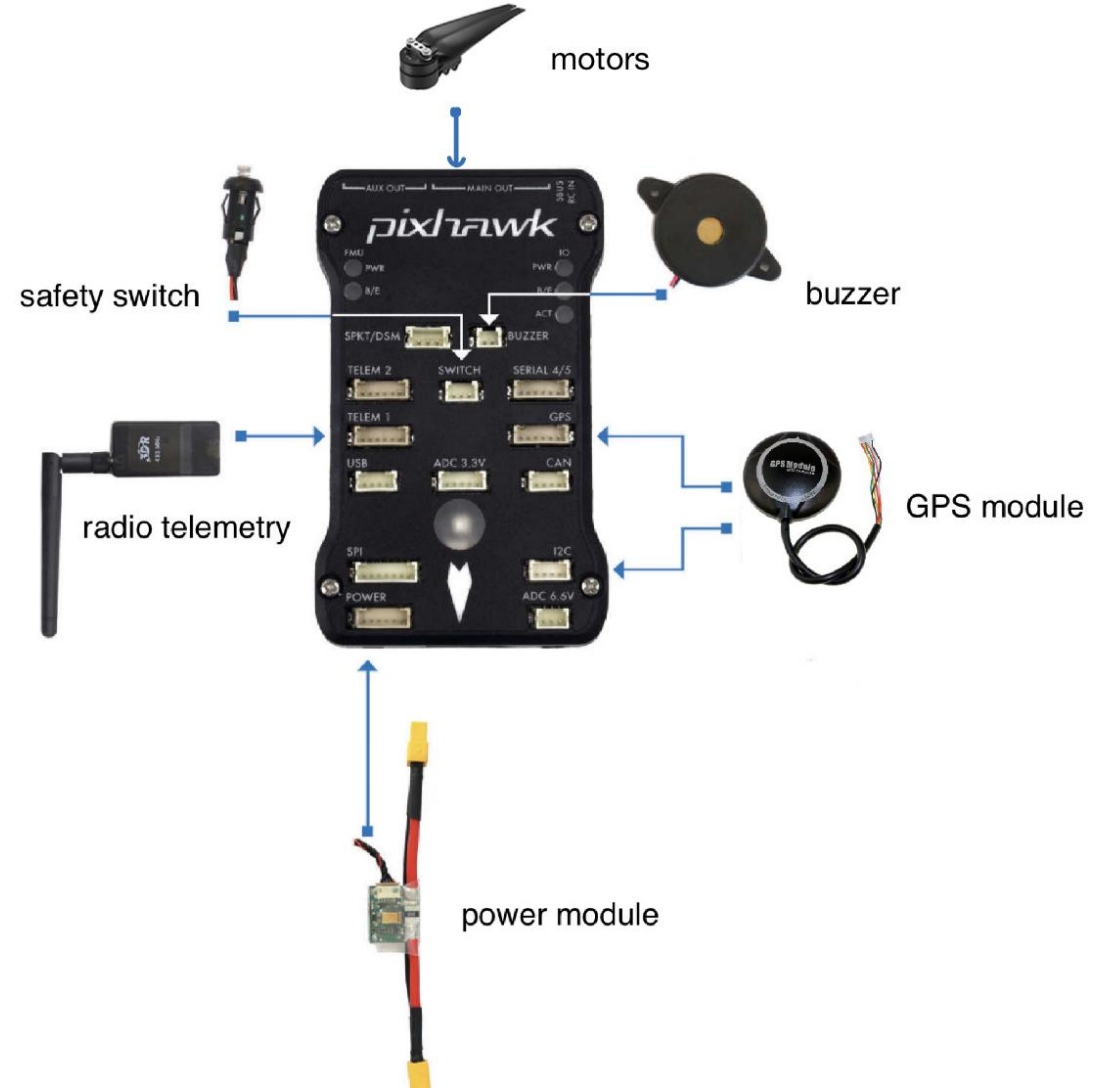
- strong enough to withstand travel
- heat insulating material
- lightweight

Current frontrunner:

Sustadur® PET FG black



Wiring



Power



Frame Weight: 2.75kg
Average Pizza Weight: 1.8kg



Ideal Hovering Time: ~**27** minutes
(with 6.85kg take-off weight)

Battery Specification:

Capacity: 16000mAh

Voltage: 22.2V

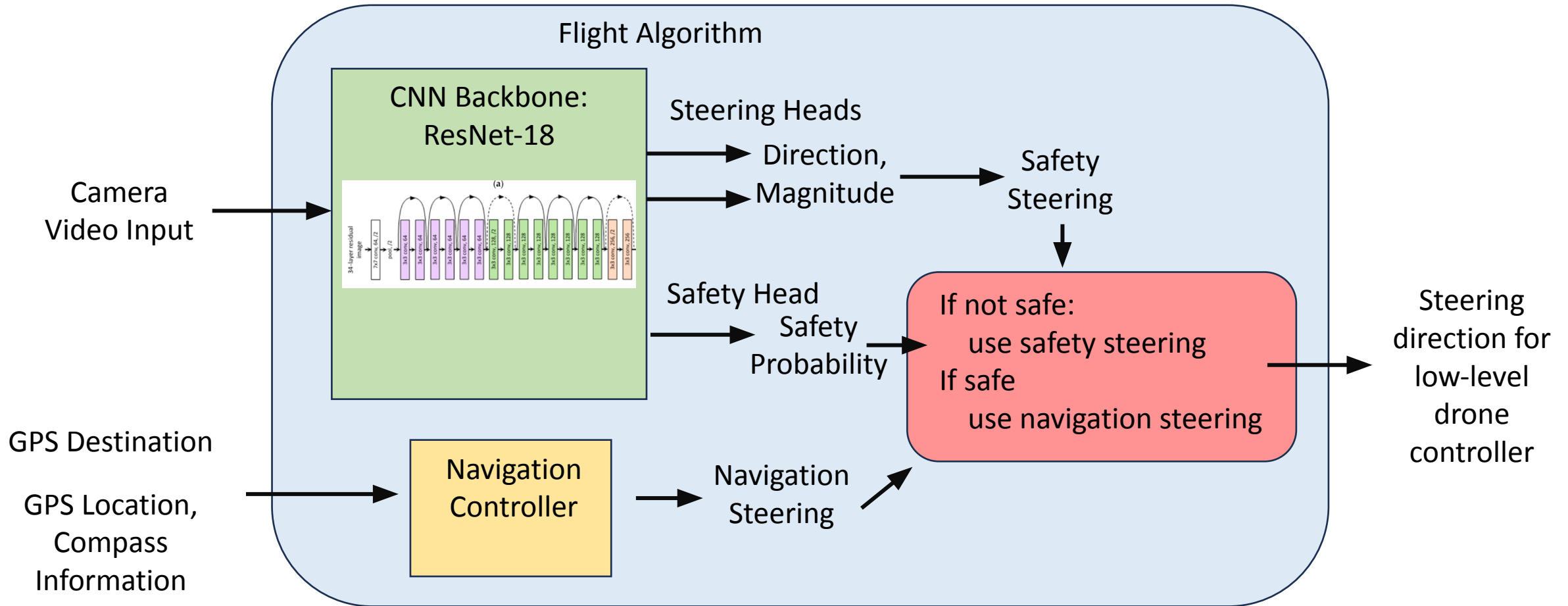
Discharge Rate: 15C

Max Burst discharge Rate: 30C

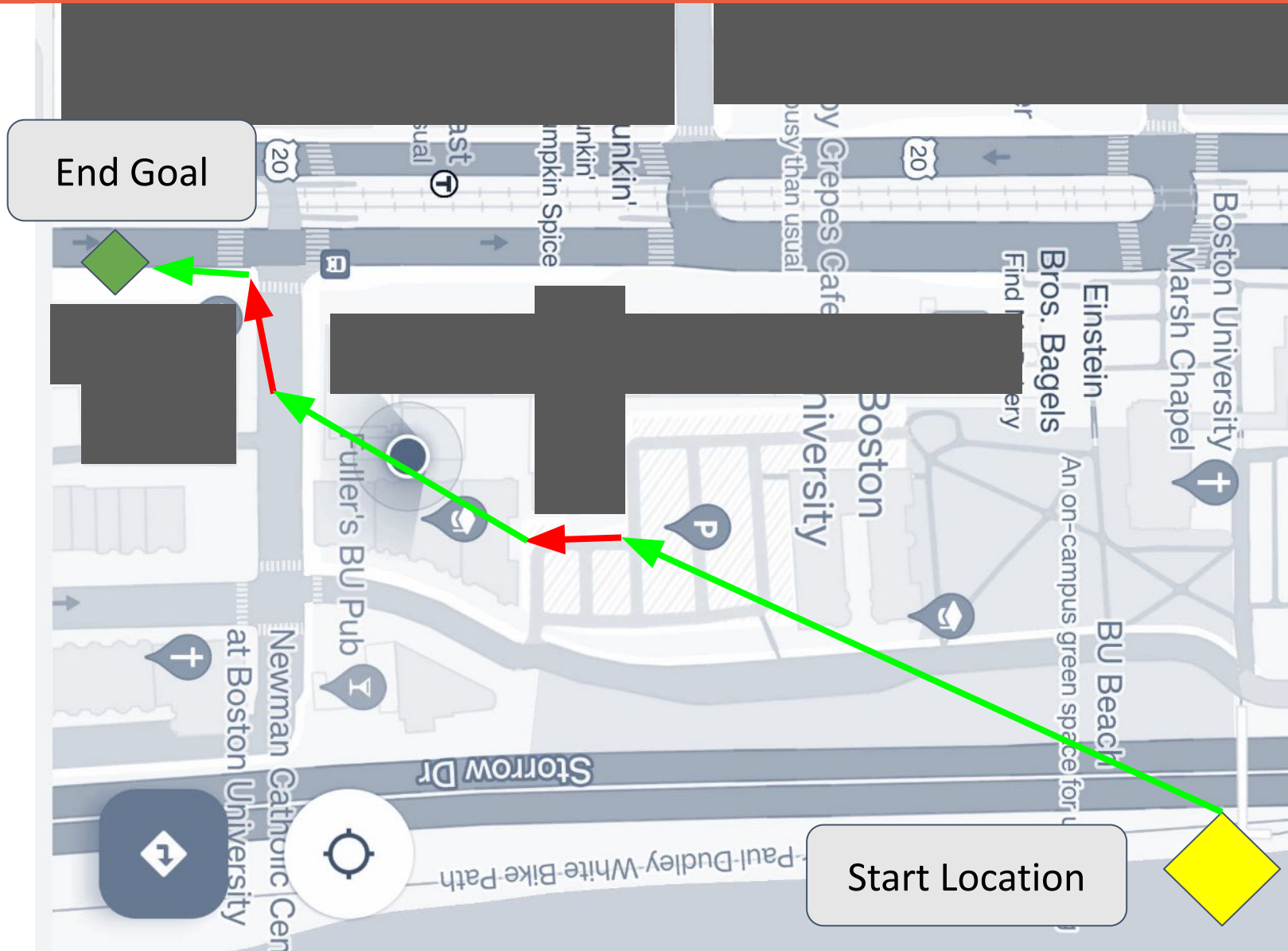
Configuration: 6S1P

Net Weight: 1932g

Flight Control - High Level Approach



Flight Algorithm - Example



Imitation Learning Data Collection

Data Collection

- Simulated drone trajectories in Watch Dogs 2
- Allows for diverse, high-fidelity video samples
- 7 minutes of data collected at HD, then downscaled and annotated to generate labels

Fly around environment, collect video

30,000 High-Fidelity Images



Steer: 0
Safe: 0

Annotate
frame by
frame

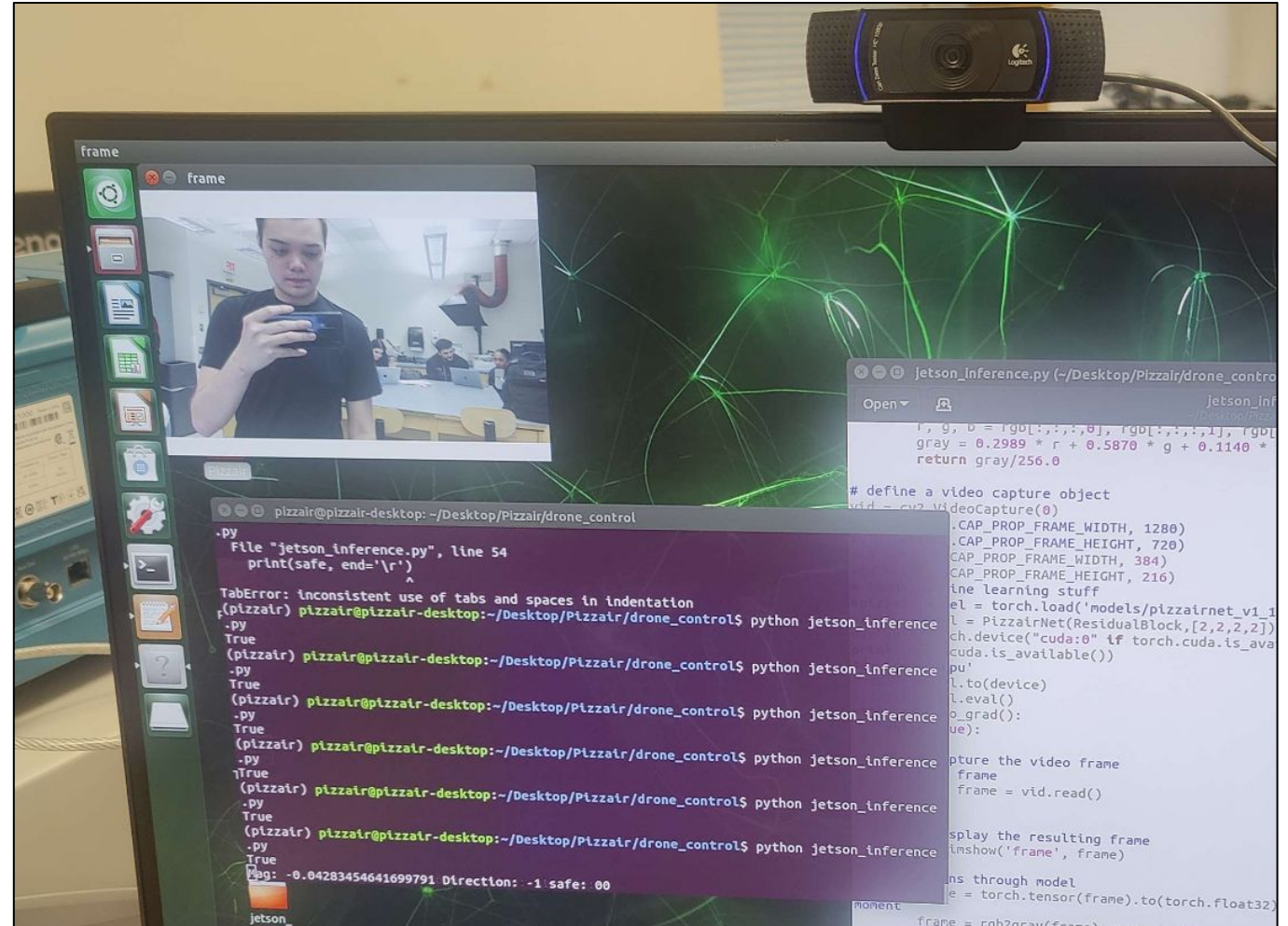
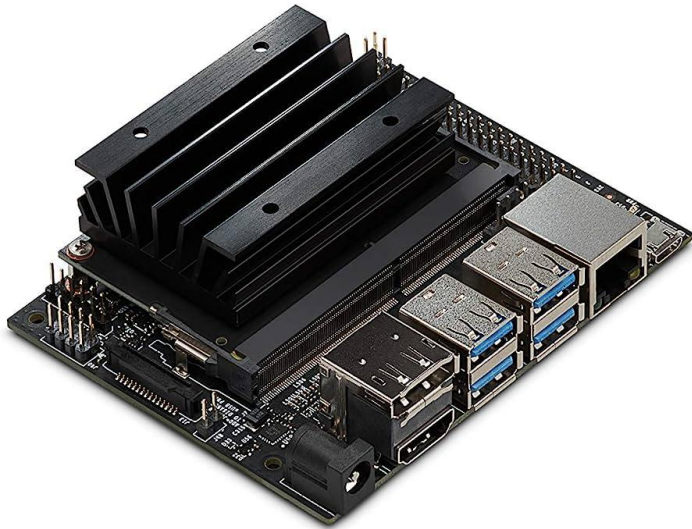
Steer: 0.5
Safe: 1

Control Algorithms on Hardware

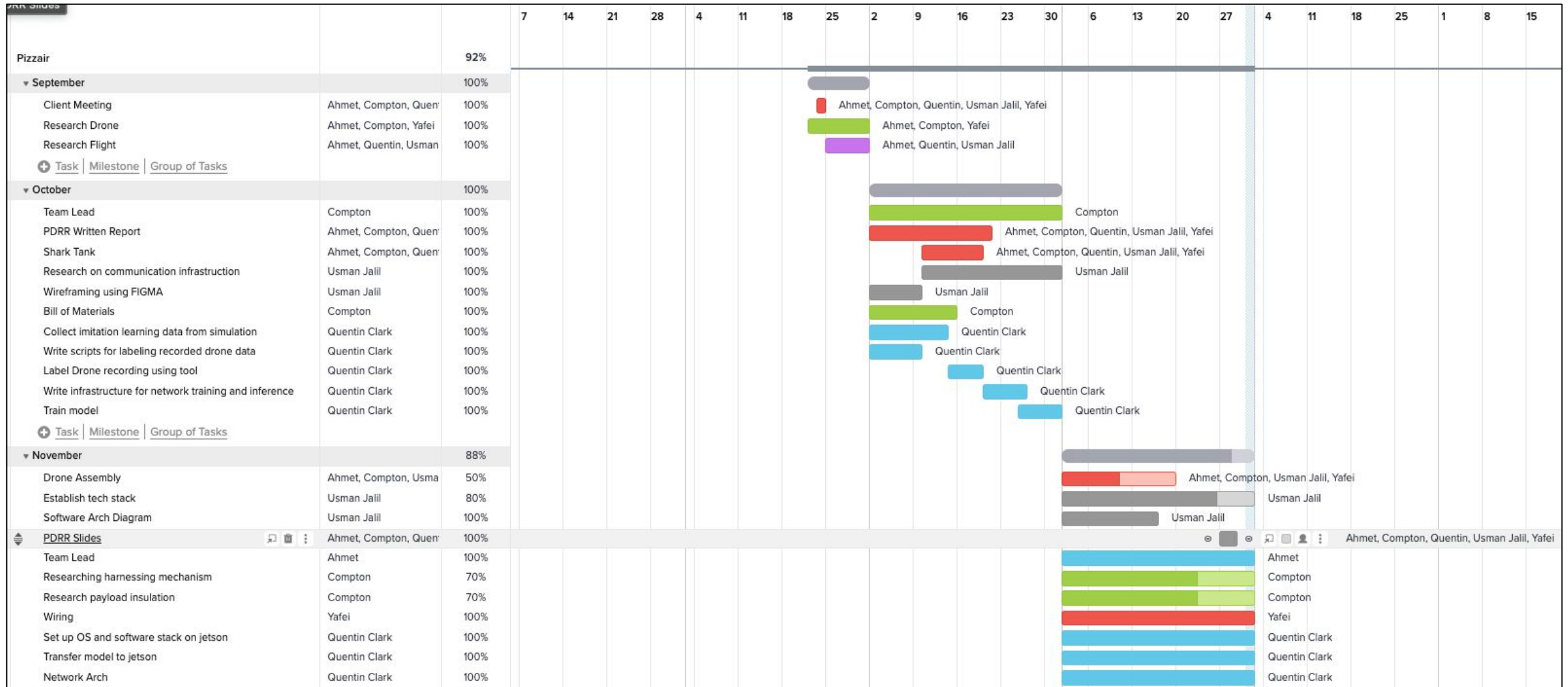
On-Drone Hardware: NVIDIA
Jetson Nano

Hardware-accelerated

Runs our algorithm at ~10 FPS



Gantt Chart



Schedule

Client Meeting – Dec 8, 2023

Application Development (client and server side) – Winter Break

In-person Testing – Early Next Semester

Functional Testing – Week of March 27, 2024

Customer Installation – April, 2024

ECE Day – May 5, 2024