



A device for early stage detection of diabetic foot ulceration

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Problem Statement

DIABETIC FOOT



- 60 million diabetic patients in India [Kaveeshwar, 2014]
- Patients suffer from peripheral neuropathy
 - Ulceration/amputation
- 2.2 °C temperature difference associated with ulcer formation [Fraivan et al, 2017]
- Early-stage detection using thermal imaging
- Separate high-risk from low-risk patients

Project Background

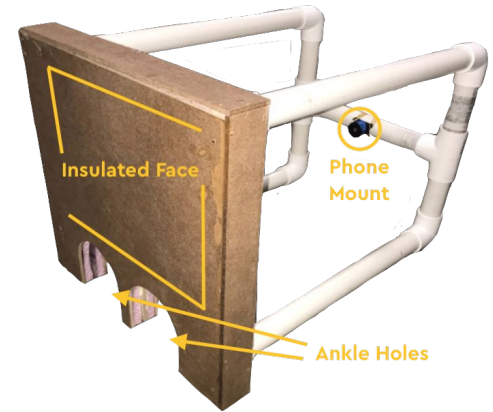
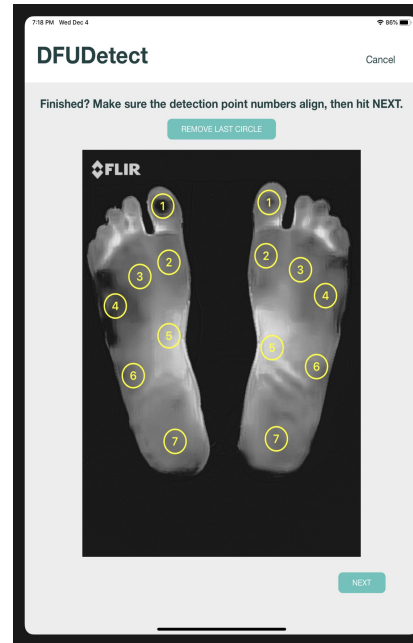
- Others have done similar work [Liu, 2015]
- Typically done in America
 - Much more money in healthcare
 - Looking for low cost detection method
- Looking for additional biomarkers to complement 2.2 °C



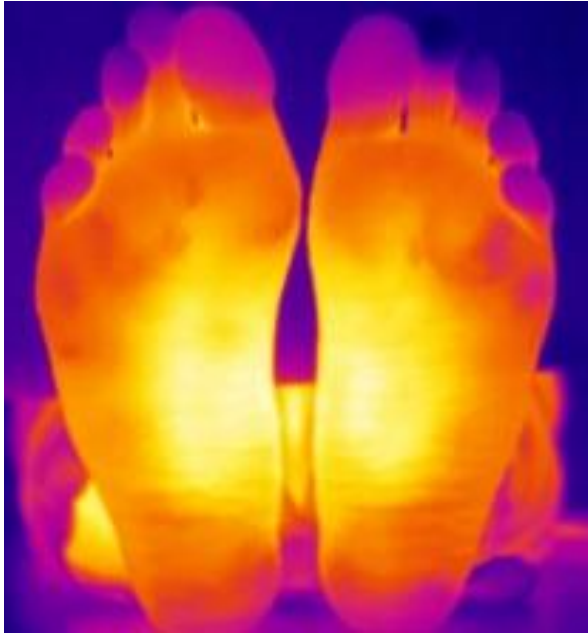
<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/diabetes/overview/insulin-medicines-treatments>

Last semester

- Fabricated an imaging booth
 - Insulation to eliminate noise
- Application to pick hot spots on feet
- Database for patient data



Product Design Specifications



- Apparatus to standardize capturing thermal images
- Low cost (<\$150)
- Transportable
- Chargeable battery to last full day
- Adequate resolution to detect hot spots

<https://healthtimes.com.au/hub/diabetes/23/news/nc1/thermal-imaging-improves-diabetes-related-foot-ulcer-assessment/3643/>

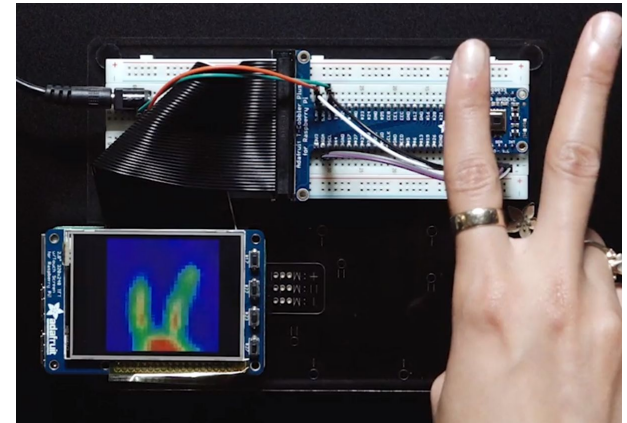
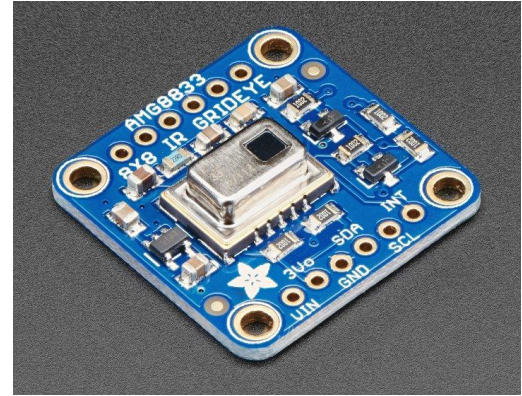
Design 1: FLIR One Camera + Phone

- 160 x 120 thermal resolution
- 1 hour battery life
- Cost: \$399
- +/- 1 degrees Celsius tolerance



Design 2: AMG8833

- \$40
- 8 x 8 grid display can be interpolated
- +/- 2.5 degrees Celsius tolerance
- 0 - 80 degree Celsius temperature range




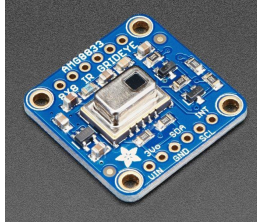

Design 3: MLX90640 Thermal Camera



- Thermal Resolution: 32x24 pixel
- Target temperature: -40°C - 300°C
- Operating temperature: -40°C - 85°C
- Accuracy: $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ - 1°C for ambient temperature 0-50°C
- Cost: \$59.95

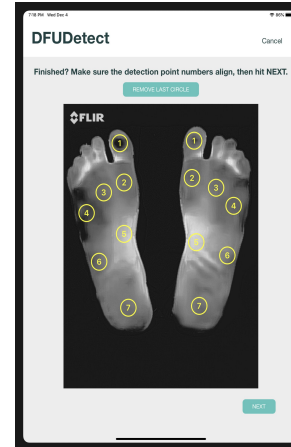
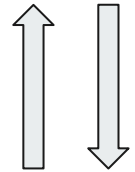
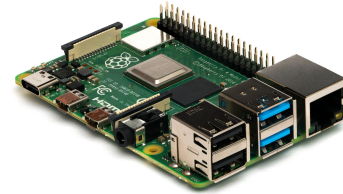
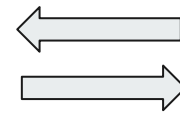
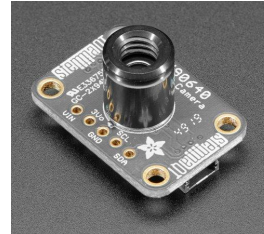
Design Matrix



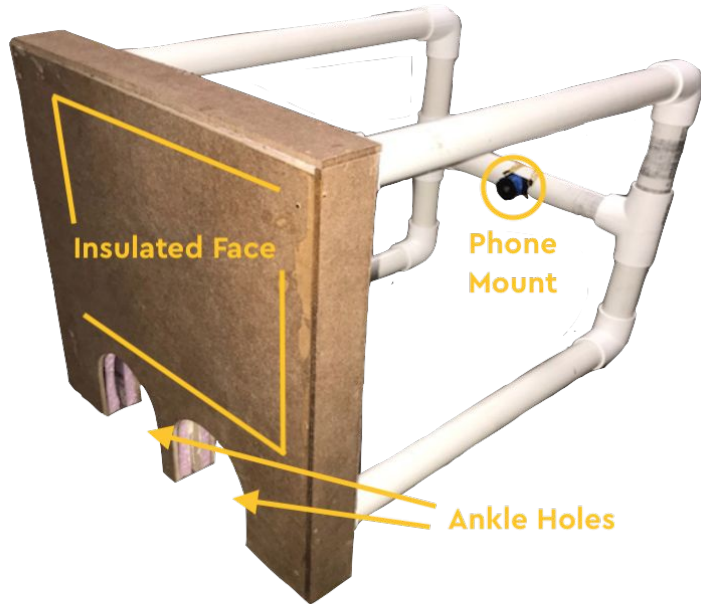
		Design		FLIR ONE Pro		Adafruit AMG8833		Adafruit MLX90640	
Criteria		Weight							
Accuracy	(15)	5/5	15	3/5	9	4/5	12		
Resolution	(30)	5/5	30	3/5	18	4/5	24		
Battery life	(20)	1/5	4	4/5	16	4/5	16		
Cost	(30)	1/5	6	5/5	30	4/5	24		
Ease of Fabrication	(5)	4/5	5	4/5	4	4/5	3		
Totals	(100)		60		77		79		

Final Design: MLX90640 + Raspberry Pi

- Fabrication Process:
 - MLX → Raspberry Pi (WiFi module)
 - Raspberry Pi → database
 - Database → iPad
 - Backwards connections
- Software:
 - Python + Database (Firebase) + IOS Mobile Application
- Testing:
 - Compare results to FLIR camera and current algorithm → Goal: 90 % similar results



Imaging Studio Improvements



- 3D printed housing for thermal imaging electronics
- Insulated face —> thinner, lighter materials
- Move foot inserts off ground —> uniform background
- Camera to foot distance adjustment
 - Telescoping rods
 - Drawer slider

Future Work

- Add additional electronic components
 - Battery + Battery Charger
 - RGB Camera
 - Distance Sensor
 - Low res display → real time foot alignment
- Team plans to go to India, Summer 2020
 - Applied for scholarships and in IRB process
 - Collect more patient images to improve predictive algorithms
- Software algorithms/machine learning → full mobile application



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Questions?