

Remote Vital Sign Monitoring During Large Movements Using FMCW Radar

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Motivation and Contributions

- Real-world healthcare scenarios, e.g., patients shifting in bed, or monitoring uncooperative subjects, require robust non-contact vital sign monitoring (NCVSM) during movement
- Proposed solution for moving people using SISO FMCW radar : extends [1] by
 - (1) Sparsity-based localization scheme involving Kalman filtering for tracking people during large movements
 - (2) Signal separation framework leveraging cardiopulmonary patterns and movement dynamics
- The Extended Vital Signs-based Dictionary Recovery (E-VSDR) [1] method is then used to continuously estimate the heart rate (HR)
- Our signal separation approach yields superior NCVSM results compared to state-of-the-art separation methods

Extended Model for Non-Stationary People

- We suggest the following signal model based on SISO FMCW radar:

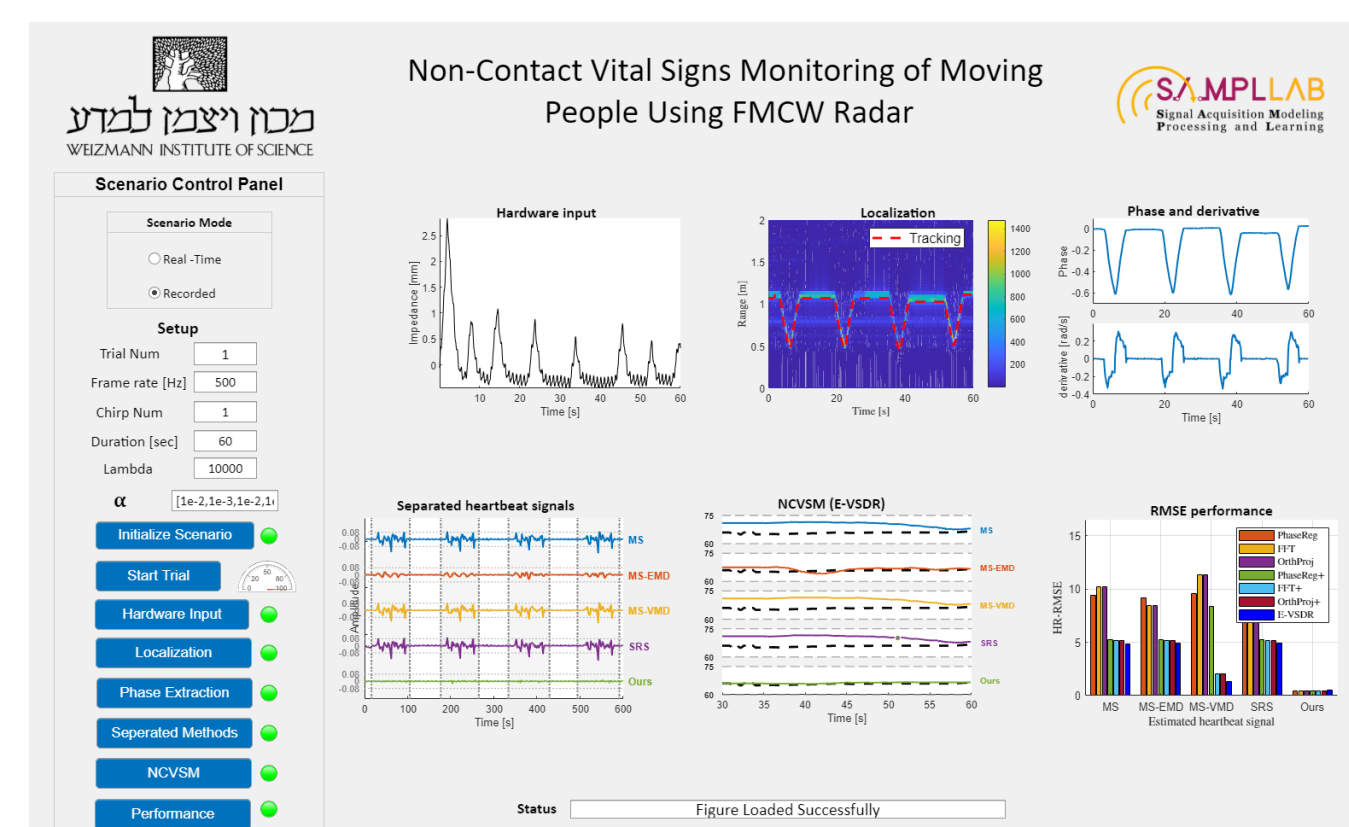
$$y_t[n, g] \triangleq \sum_{m=1}^M x_{t,m} \exp \left(j \left(2\pi f_m[l]nT_f + \frac{4\pi}{\lambda_{\max}} (d_m[l] + s_m[l]gT_g) \right) \right) + w_t[n, g],$$

$$f_m[l] = \frac{2S}{c} d_m[l] \quad d_m[l] \triangleq d_m^0 + d_m^w[l] + d_m^v[l]$$

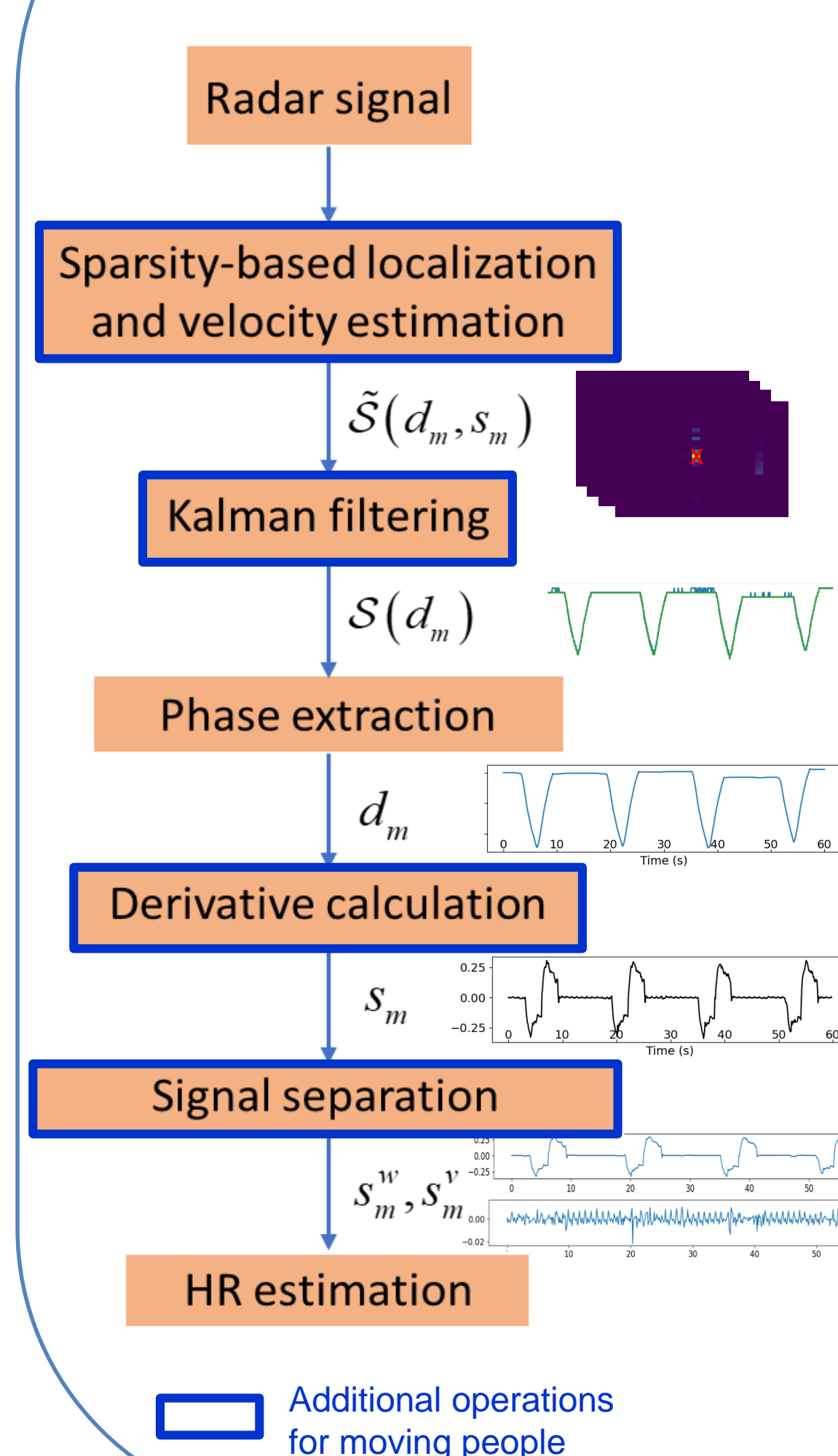
$$s_m[l] \triangleq s_m^w[l] + s_m^v[l] \quad d_m^v[l] \triangleq \sum_{q=1}^Q a_{m,q} \cos(2\pi f_{m,q} l T_s)$$

- $d_m^v[l]$ and $s_m^v[l]$ model the possible vibration of each object.
- $d_m^w[l]$ and $s_m^w[l]$ model the large movement of each object.
- The set $a_{m,q}$ determines the heartbeat pattern of each human
- Matrix form $\Rightarrow \mathbf{Y}_l = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_l\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{W}_l, \quad l = 1, \dots, L,$
 $\mathbf{A}(n, u) \triangleq \exp(j2\pi f_u[l]nT_s) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times U} \quad \mathbf{B}(p, g) \triangleq \exp(j\frac{4\pi}{\lambda_{\max}} s_p[l]gT_g) \in \mathbb{C}^{P \times G}$

Graphical User Interface



Localization and Signal Separation



- Sparse recovery for window localization

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{U \times P}} \|\mathbf{Y}_l - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_l\mathbf{B}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{X}_l\|_1, \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\mathcal{S}^{2D}\}_l \Rightarrow \{\tilde{d}_m, \tilde{s}_m\}_l$$

- Kalman filtering

$$\{\tilde{d}_m, \tilde{s}_m\}_l \Rightarrow \text{Kalman filter} \Rightarrow \{\tilde{d}_m\}_l \Rightarrow \{\mathcal{S}^{1D}\}_l$$

- Phase extraction

$$\mathbf{X}_{S_l} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{A}_S^H \mathbf{Y} \Rightarrow \hat{d}_m(l) = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \text{unwrap}(\angle(\mathbf{X}_{S_l}))$$

- Derivative calculation $\hat{s}_m(l) = \hat{d}_m'(l)$

- Signal separation

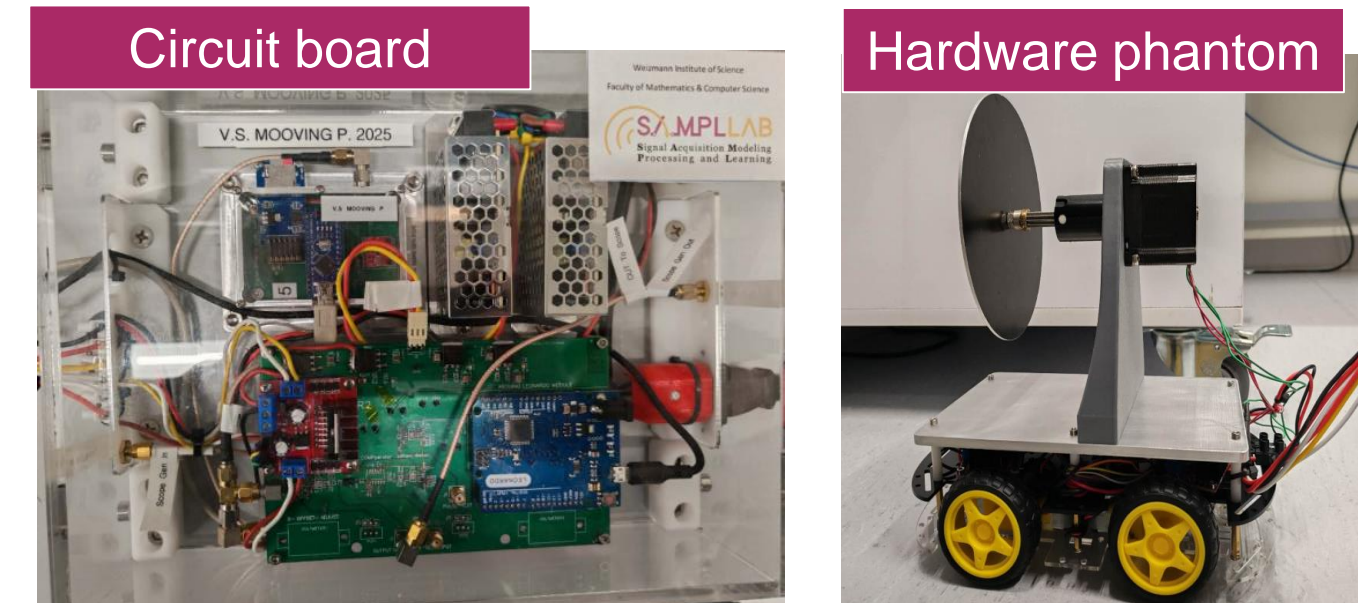
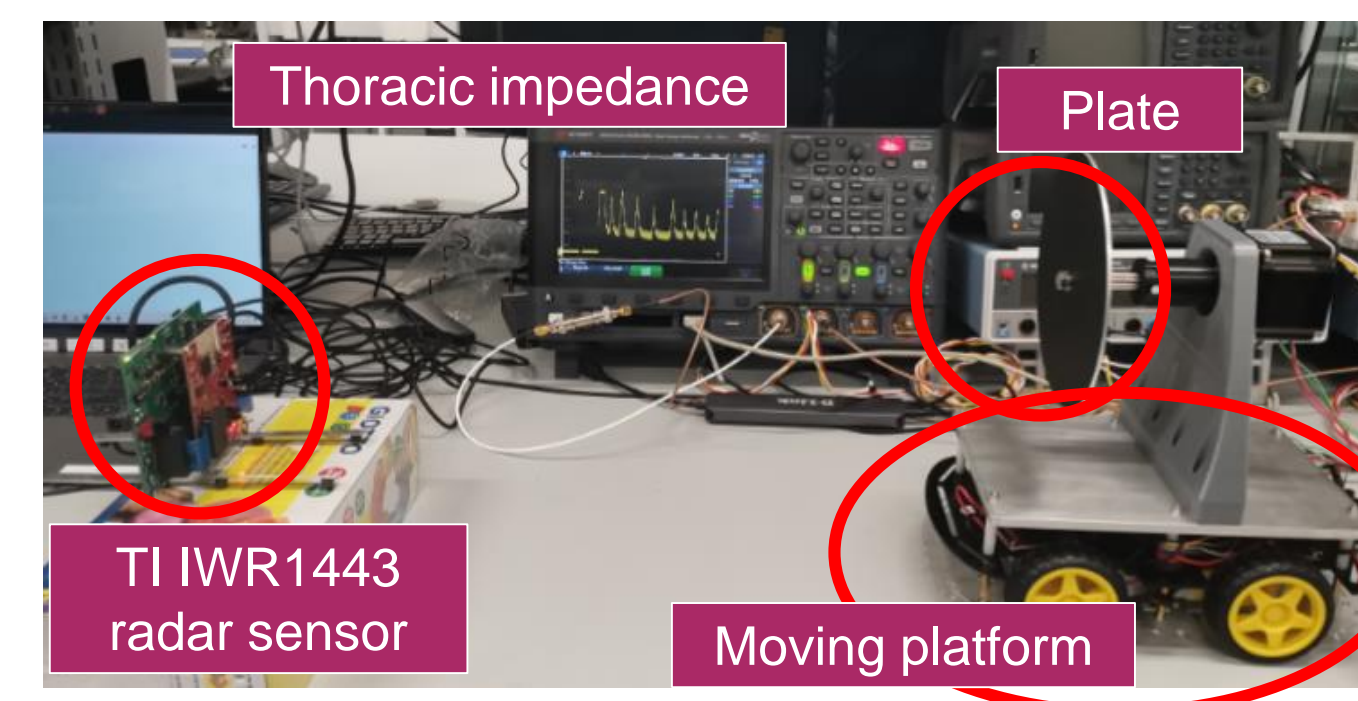
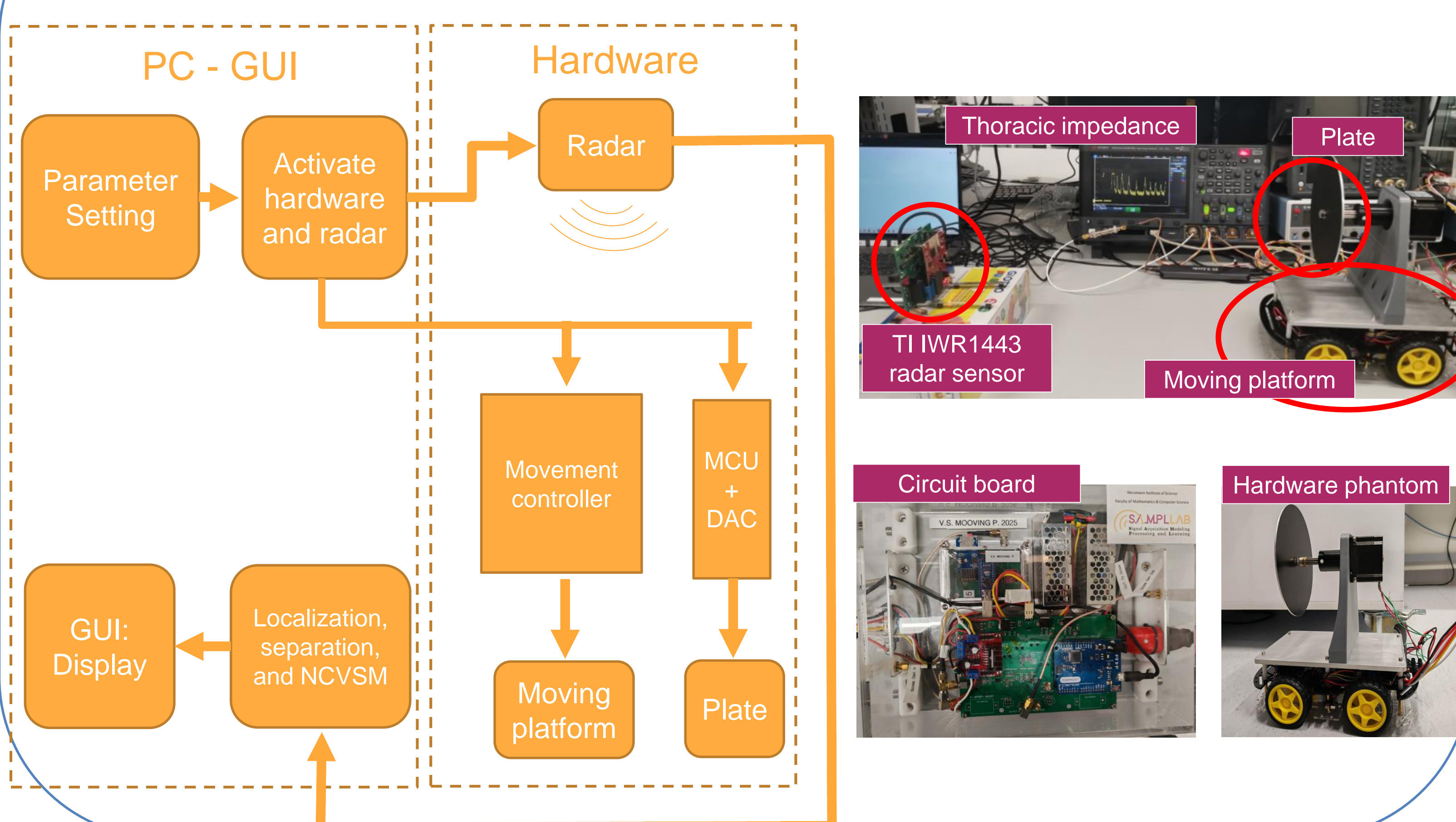
$$\min \{ \alpha_0 \|\mathbf{W}_F \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^w\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \|\mathbf{D} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v\|_2^2 + \alpha_2 \|\mathbf{D} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^w\|_1 + \alpha_3 \|\mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v\|_2 \}$$

$$s.t. \quad \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^w + \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v = \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m$$

Assumption: (1) Gradient (\mathbf{D}) of $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^w$ is sparse; (2) $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v$ is band-limited ($\mathbf{W}_F \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v$), smooth ($\mathbf{D} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v$), and unbiased ($\mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_m^v$)

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

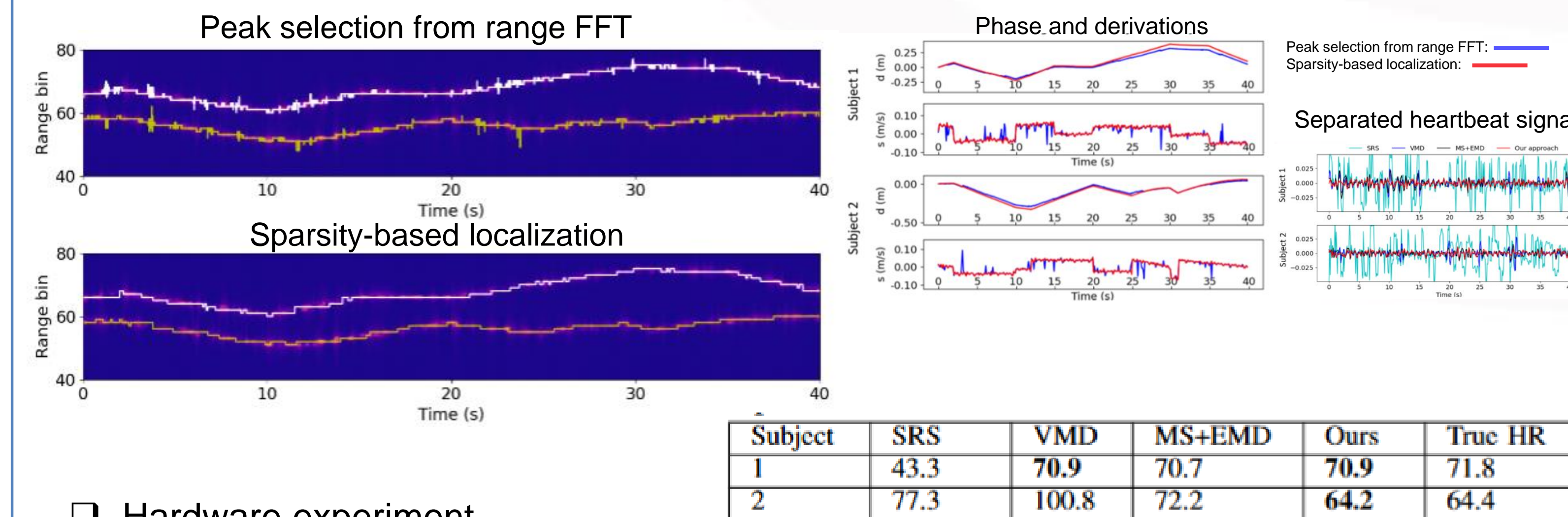
Hardware



Localization and NCVSM Results

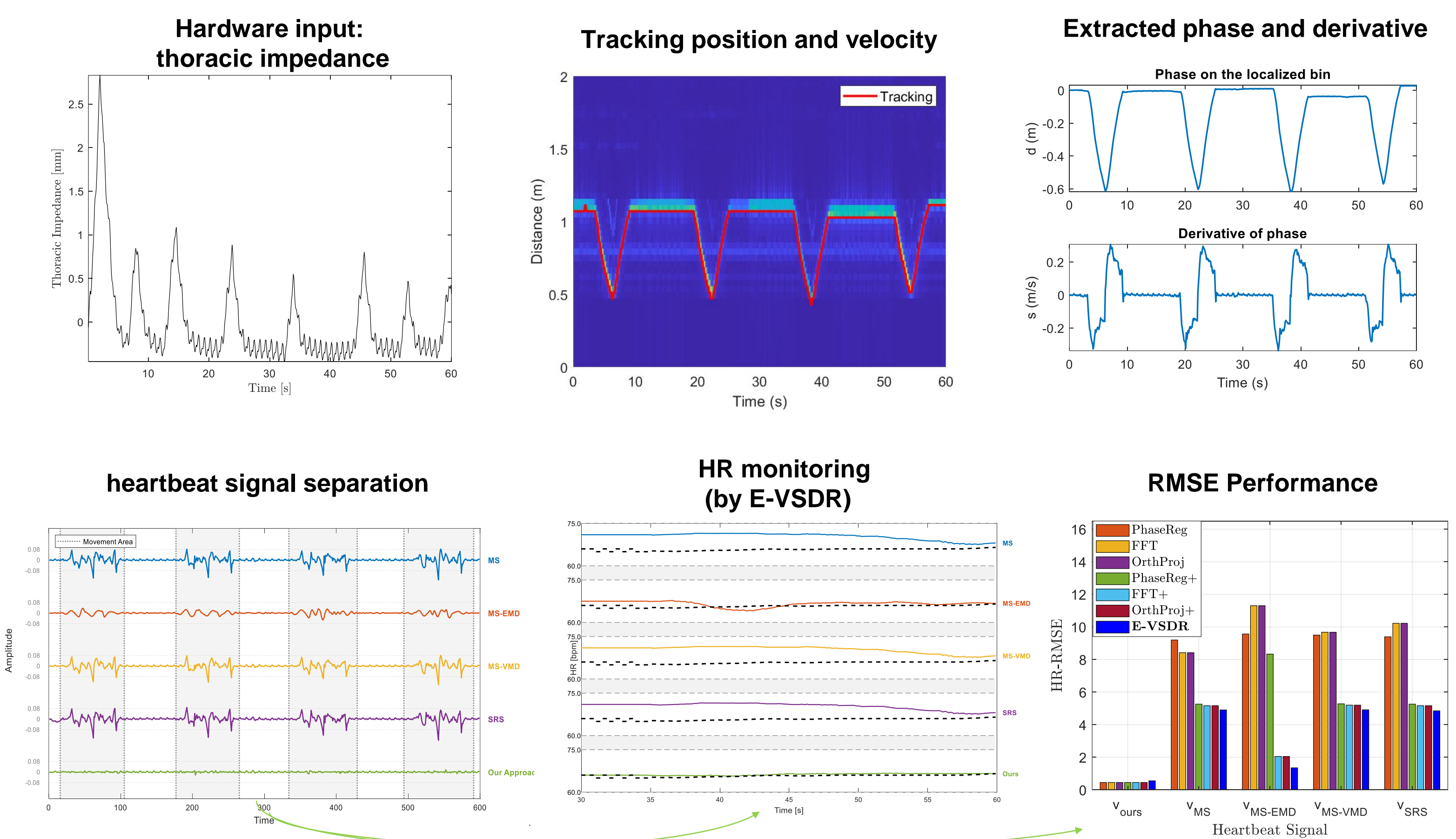
- Numerical simulations

- Two subjects separated in range. The starting distance is 2.5 [m] and 2.8 [m], respectively
- The subjects move at a piece-wise constant speed for a duration of 40 seconds
- The true HRs for the two subjects are 71.8 and 64.4 BPM, respectively.



- Hardware experiment

A dedicated platform where a mmWave FMCW radar is positioned on a table, while a movable platform holds a vibrating metal plate designed to mimic the motion of a human chest during large movements



Our separation technique yields accurate heart rate monitoring even during large movements!

