

CS7351 传感系统原理与设计

Principles and Design of Sensing Systems

位置感知 & 定位技术

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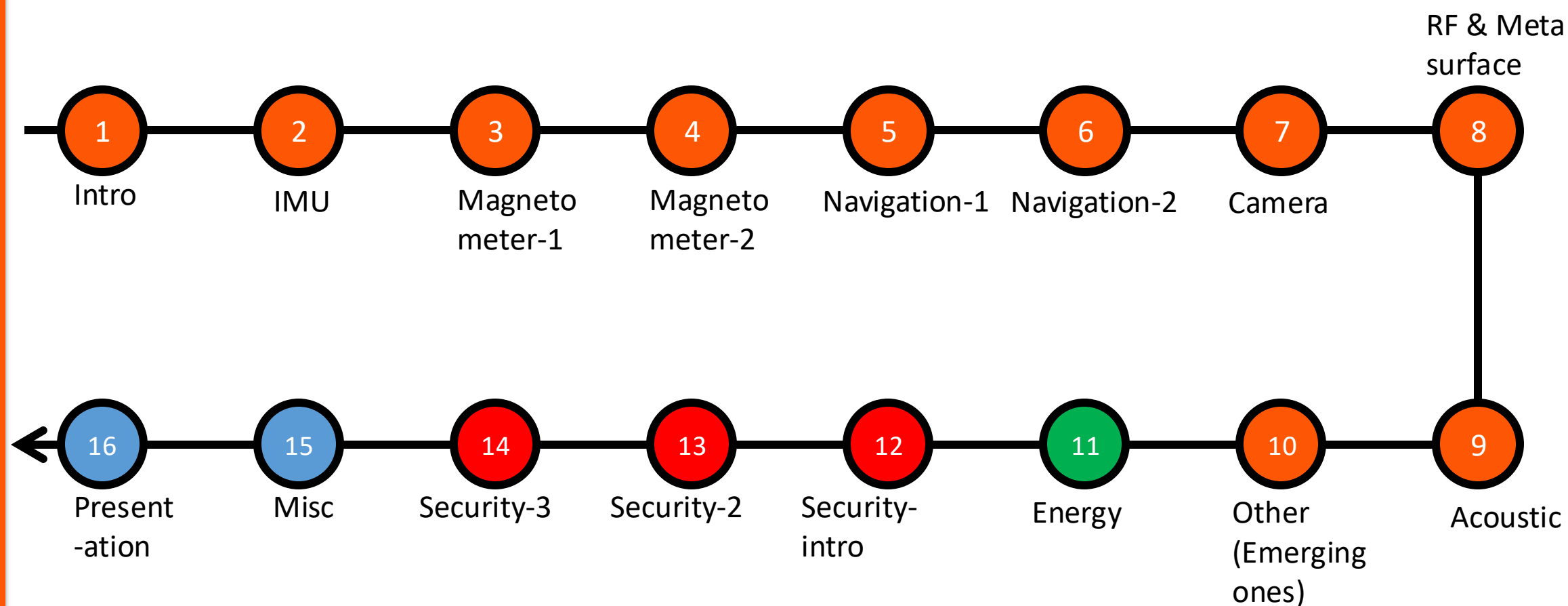
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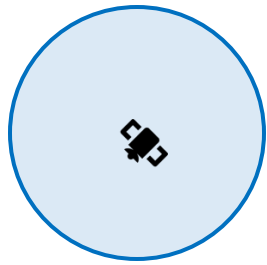


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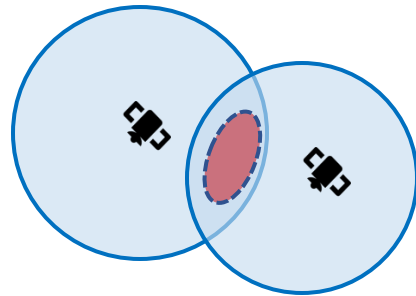




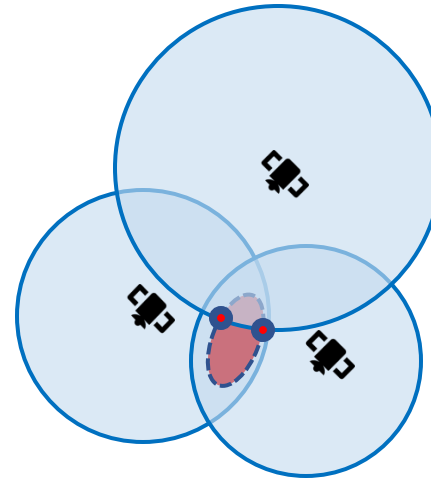
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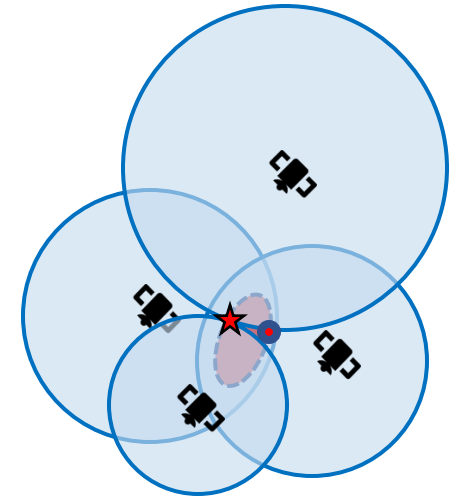
Finding a sphere



Locating a surface



Locating two points



Finding the point

- Trilateraization

$$\begin{aligned}(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2 &= c(t_{rx} - t_{tx,1})^2 \\(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2 + (z - z_2)^2 &= c(t_{rx} - t_{tx,2})^2 \\(x - x_3)^2 + (y - y_3)^2 + (z - z_3)^2 &= c(t_{rx} - t_{tx,3})^2 \\(x - x_4)^2 + (y - y_4)^2 + (z - z_4)^2 &= c(t_{rx} - t_{tx,4})^2\end{aligned}$$

接收设备时间

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直接使用 t_{rx} 误差会很大!



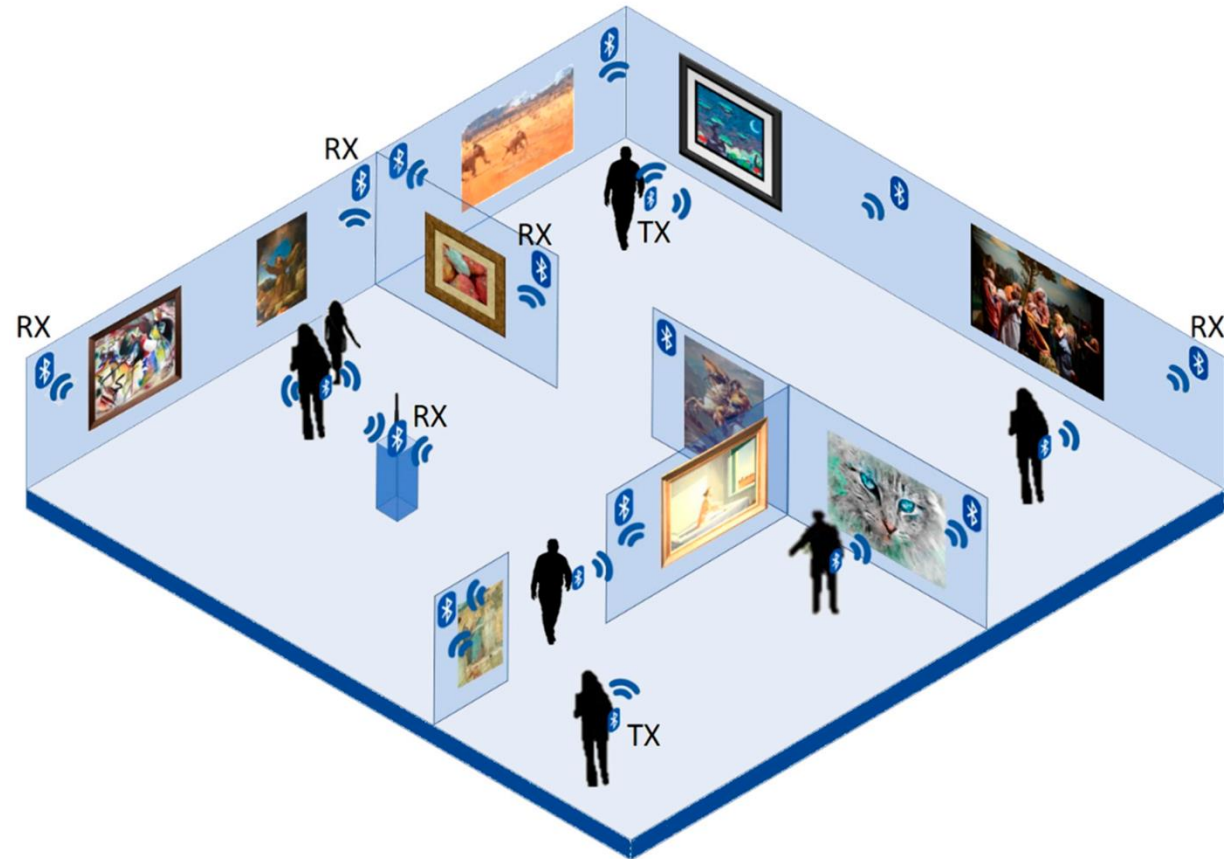
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Goal of indoor localization

- The goal is positioning *things* within a building
 - Where can I find **X**?
 - **X**: where am I located?
 - **X** and **Y**: are we near each other?





Localization Classes

- **Absolute** location
 - X, Y, Z position based on already known infrastructure locations
 - For example, GNSS and base station
 - Installed localization hardware known as *anchors*
- **Relative** location
 - Position relative to other devices
 - Might only need a few devices
 - For example, how far is the smartphone from the computer?



Localization knowledge

- What kind of a result is useful?
 - You are at {15, 27.5, 1}
 - You are in Room 224
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 - Depends on the application
- Additional systems on top of the localization method can translate between location representations



Accuracy notation

- “40 cm median accuracy”
 - Majority of measurements are within 40 cm of reality!
 - *What about the other half?*
- 90th percentile error is often more important for real-world applications



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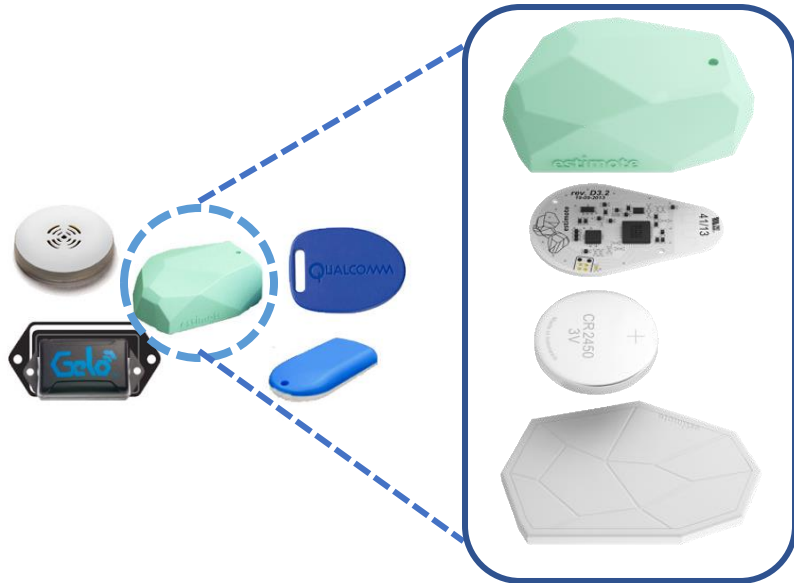
RSSI Ranging with Bluetooth low-energy (BLE) Signal



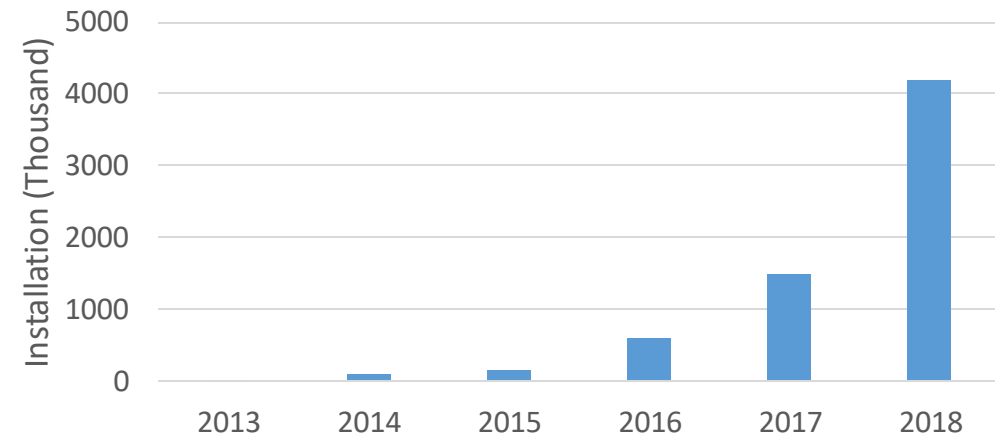
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Background: BLE Beacon



US Beacon Installed Base Forecast^[1]

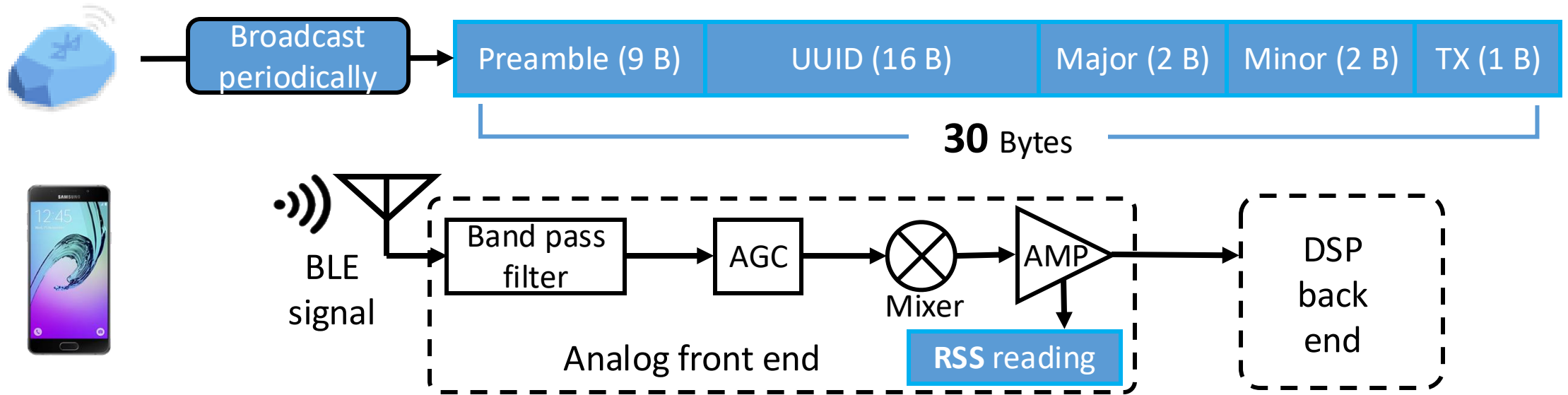


- **BLE beacon**: a class of BLE devices that broadcast their IDs to nearby devices
 - Light-weighted, low-power design (2-year battery life)
- Main usage scenario: measuring proximity in a retailer store
- Estimated market of **\$52B** by year 2020

[1] <http://www.businessinsider.com/google-looks-to-secure-bluetooth-beacon-communications-2016-4>



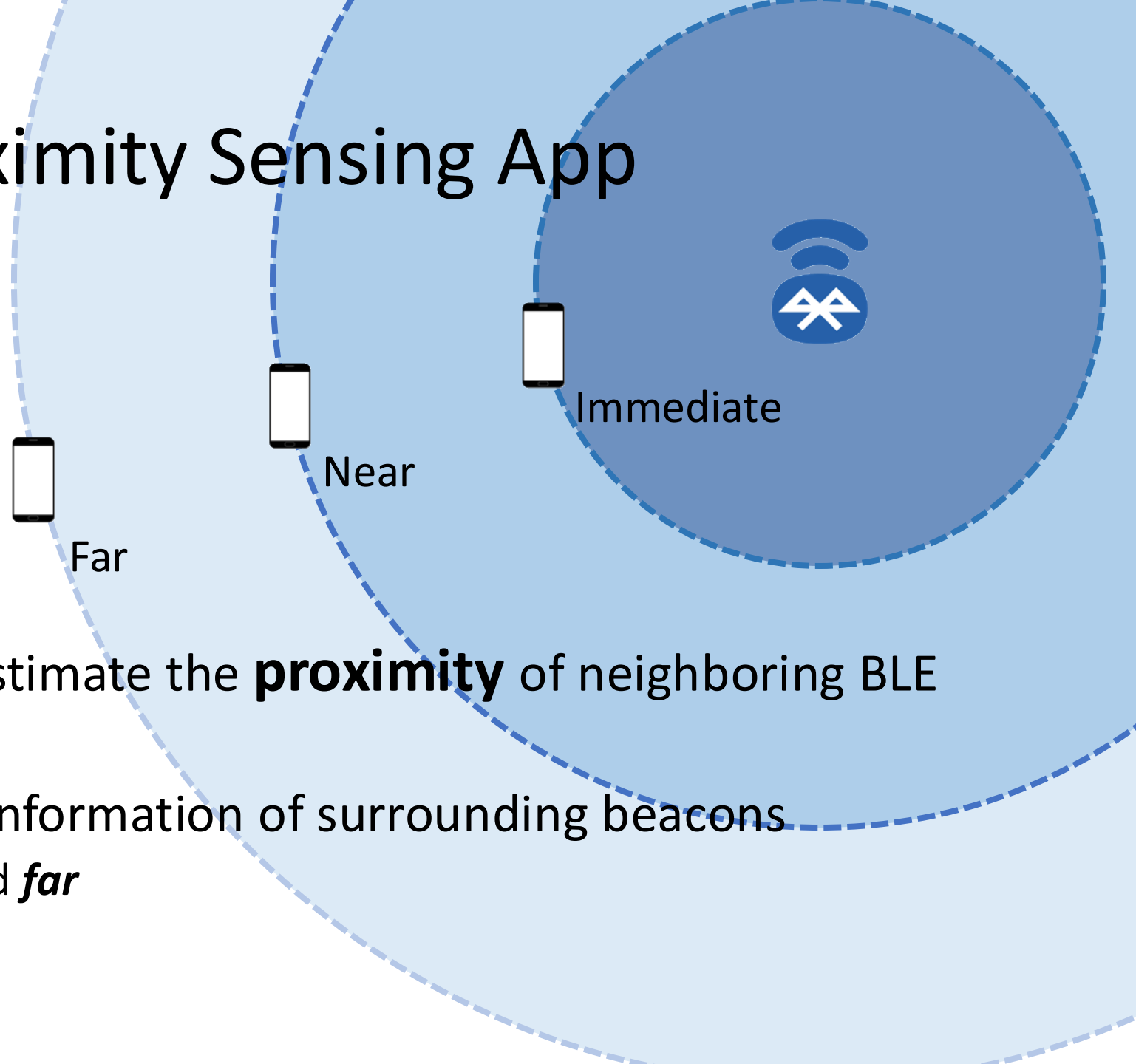
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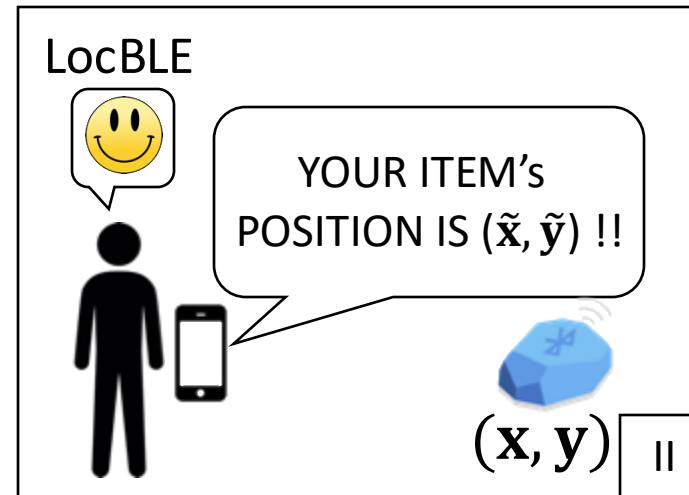
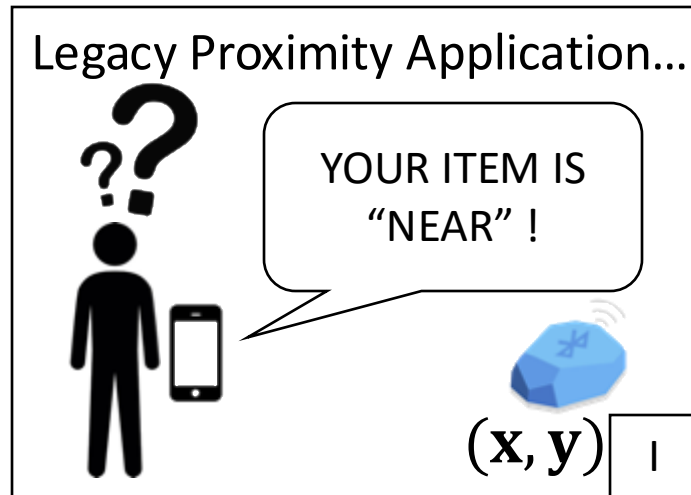
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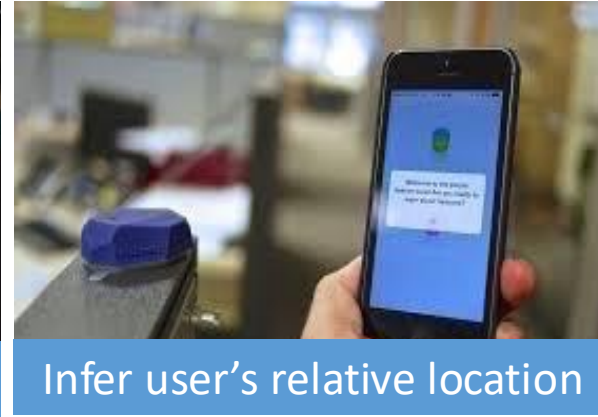
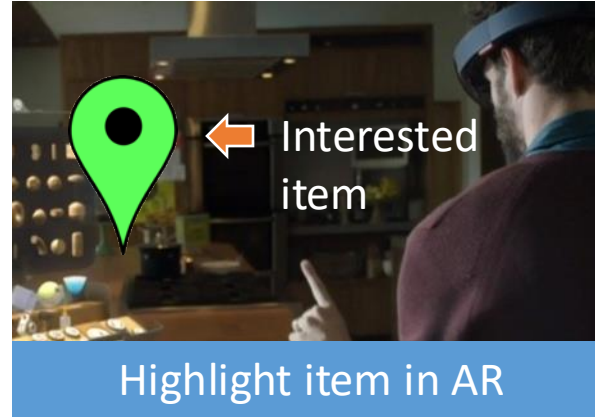
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- Usability is limited – only proximity information is provided



Benefits from Estimating Beacons' Location



- Use-cases

- Locate lost item(s)
- Highlight interested item(s) in AR
- Infer user's relative location
- "Last meter" navigation: fine-grained localization for augmenting GPS navigation



Locating BLE Beacons – why it's Challenging?



- AC powered RF transmitter
- Bandwidth: 40 MHz for 802.11 n
- Connectivity: both send and receive

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- **< 500 mA·h** battery designed for 3-year lifetime
- Bandwidth for BLE signal **2 MHz** ea. sub-channel
- Connectivity: only send

- Constraints stem from the nature of BLE beacon signal
 1. Limited transmission **power** – for sustaining years of usage
 2. Narrow **bandwidth** – only **2 MHz** bandwidth for each sub-channel
 3. Limited **connectivity** – only capable of sensing BLE advertisements



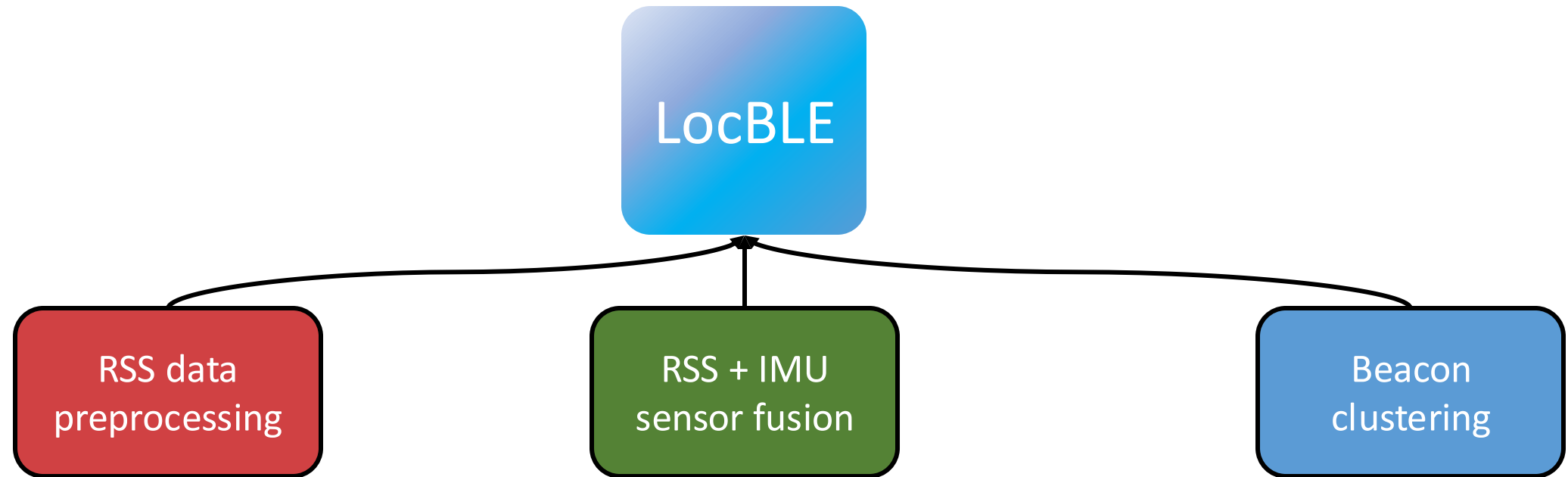
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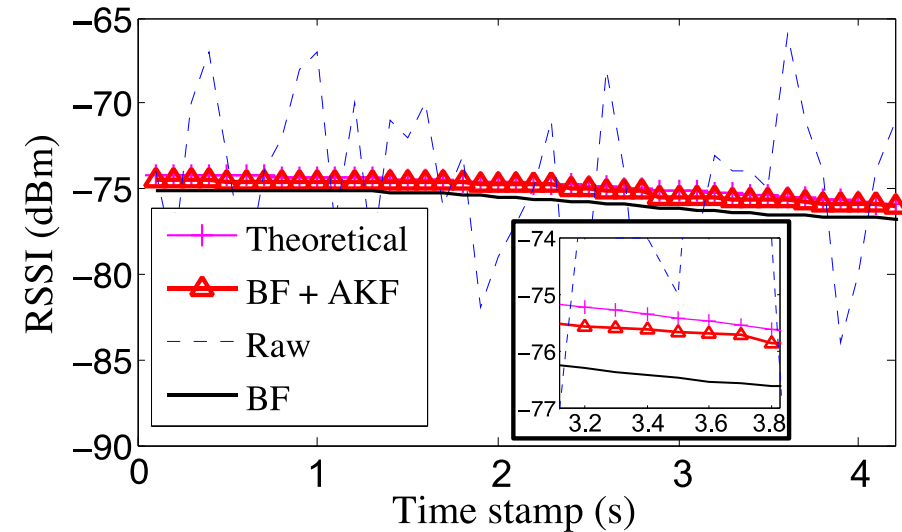
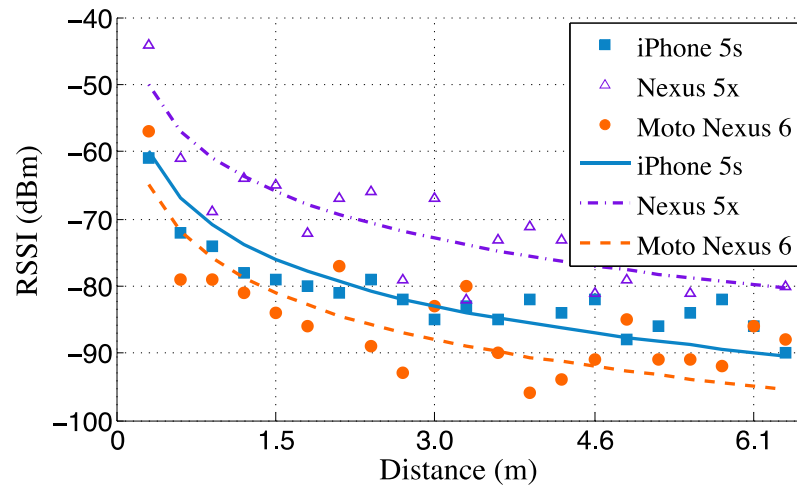
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- **3** key modules



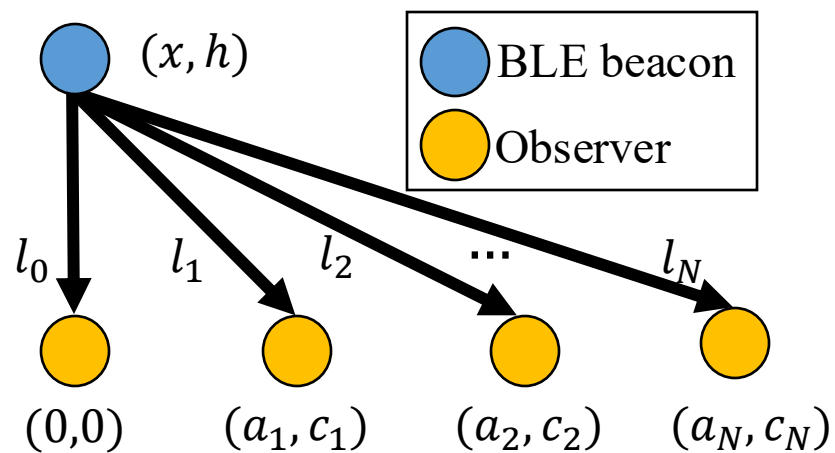
I: Mitigate RSS Signal Fluctuation



- RSS – distance (path loss) model: $RSS = \Gamma - 10n \log(d)$
- Estimate **path loss exponent** n and **path loss offsets** Γ
 - Path loss exponent – varies with environment
 - Path loss offsets – vary with environment and hardware configuration(s)



II. RSS + IMU Sensor Fusion



- Problem formulation: RSS reading + user's movement

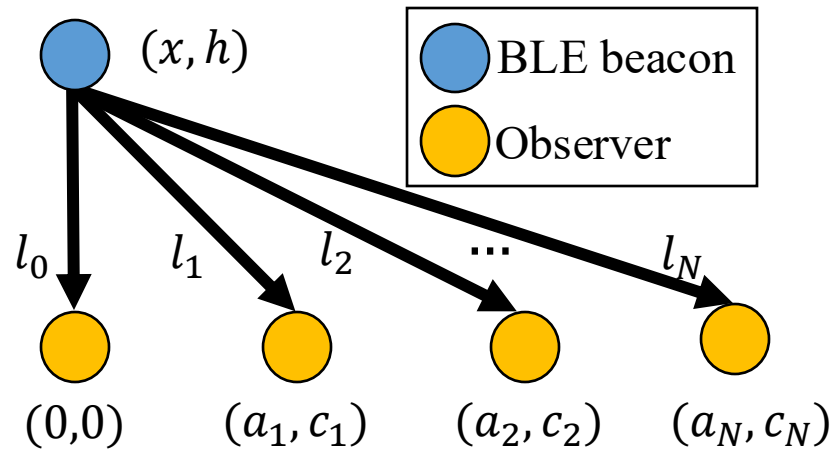
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Measured by BLE receiver

Estimate target



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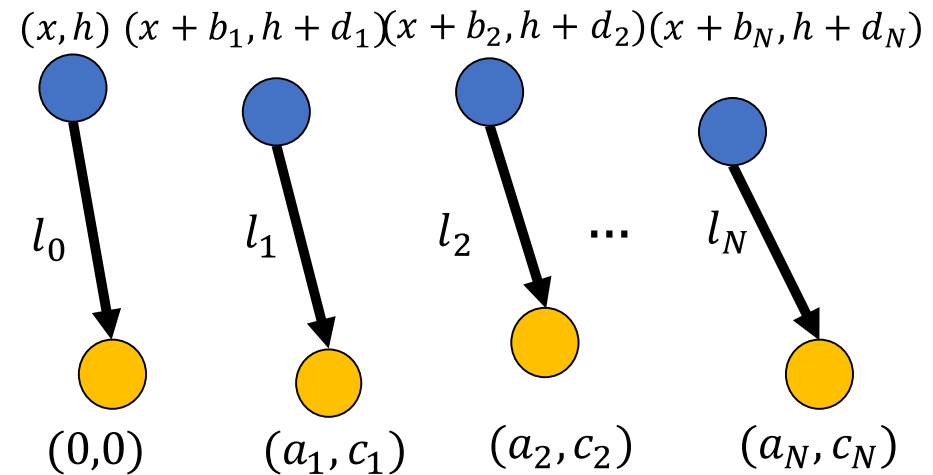
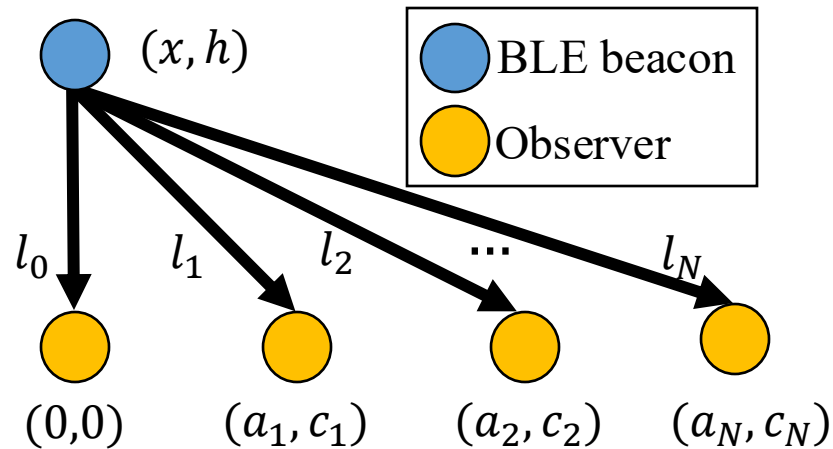
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Diagram illustrating the problem formulation and sensor fusion:

- Measured by BLE receiver:** RSS (Received Signal Strength)
- Measured by IMU sensor:** a_i (horizontal displacement) and c_i (vertical displacement)
- Estimate target:** x (horizontal position) and h (vertical position)



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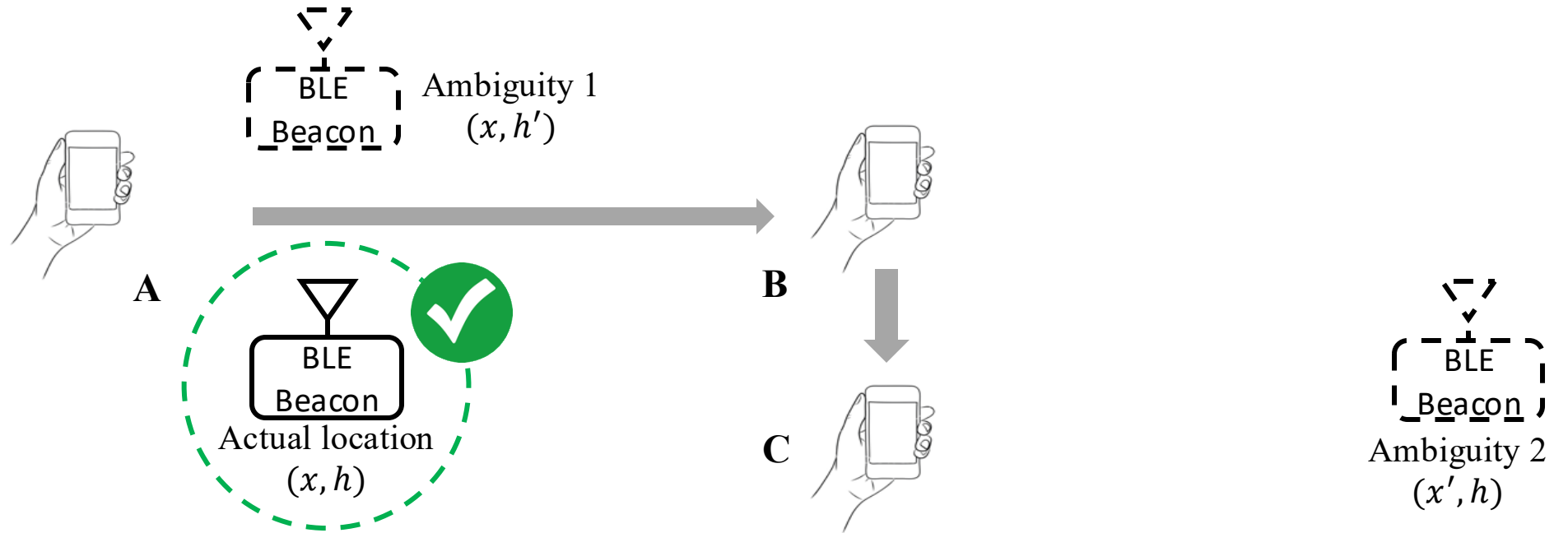
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Measured by
observer's/target's IMU sensor



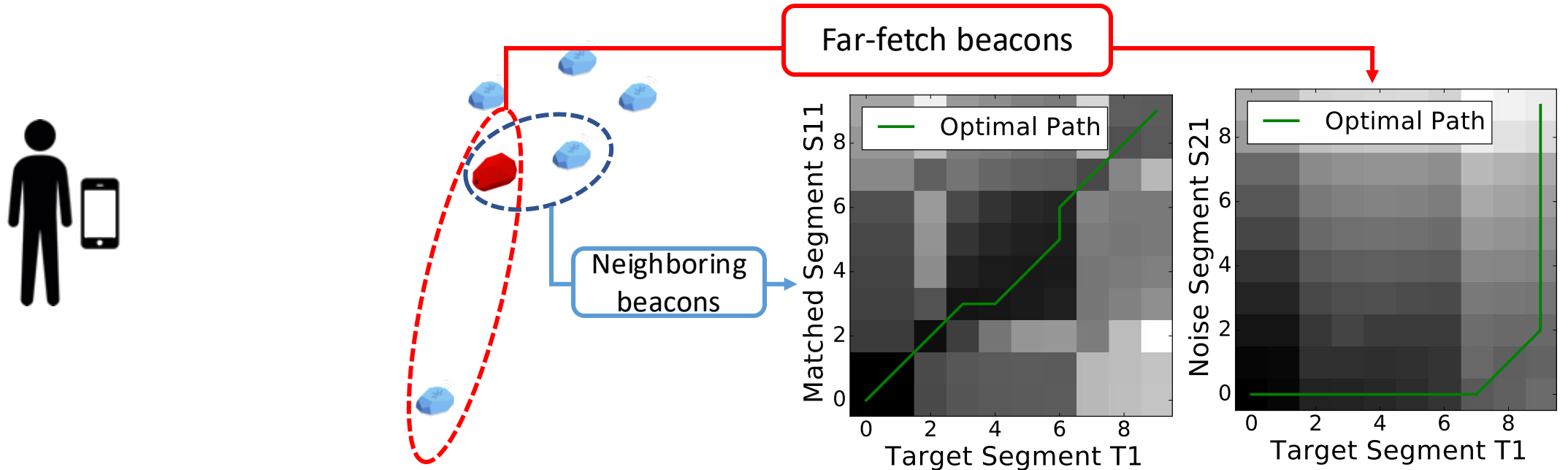
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- “**L-shaped**” movement process
 - Resolve *symmetric* issue
 - Accumulate enough data for sensor fusion



III. Clustering Algorithm



- Refine estimation results by leveraging neighboring beacons
- Clustering
 - Formulate cluster based on dynamic time warping (DTW) distance



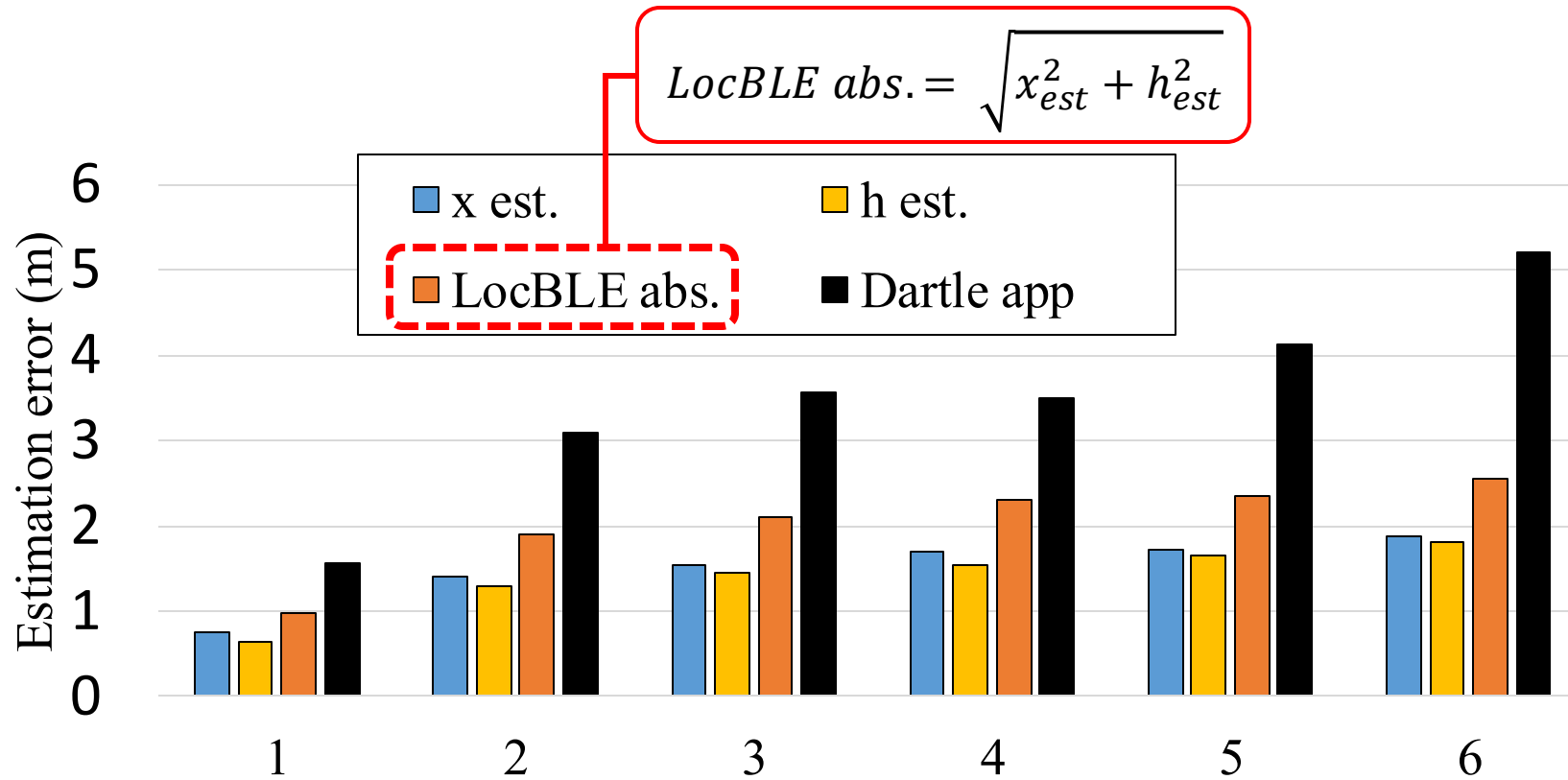
Evaluation

Index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Image									
Name	Meeting room	Hallway	Bedroom	Living room	Restaurant	Store	Labs	Hall	Parking lot
Scale	$5 \times 5 (m^2)$	$8 \times 3 (m^2)$	$7 \times 7 (m^2)$	$7 \times 7 (m^2)$	$9 \times 10 (m^2)$	$9 \times 10 (m^2)$	$8 \times 10 (m^2)$	$9 \times 11 (m^2)$	$16 \times 15 (m^2)$
Acc. (m)	0.8 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.5

- Implementation:
 - LocBLE on both Android and iOS platforms
 - Tested on iBeacon protocol
 - **9** experimental environments



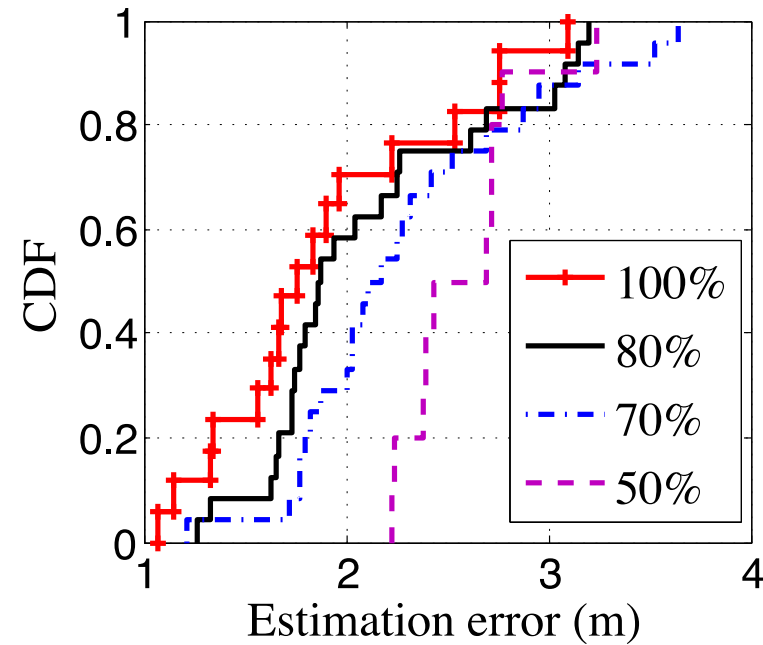
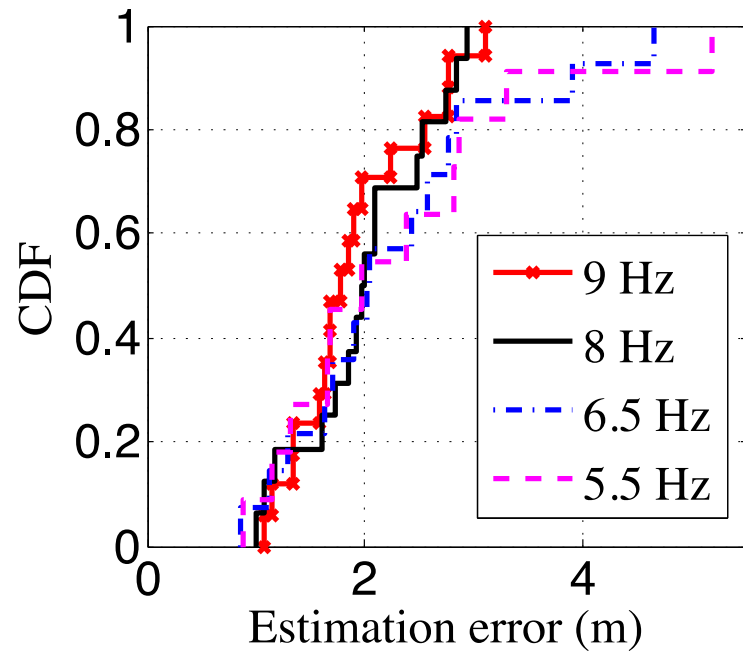
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- Estimating stationary beacons' locations



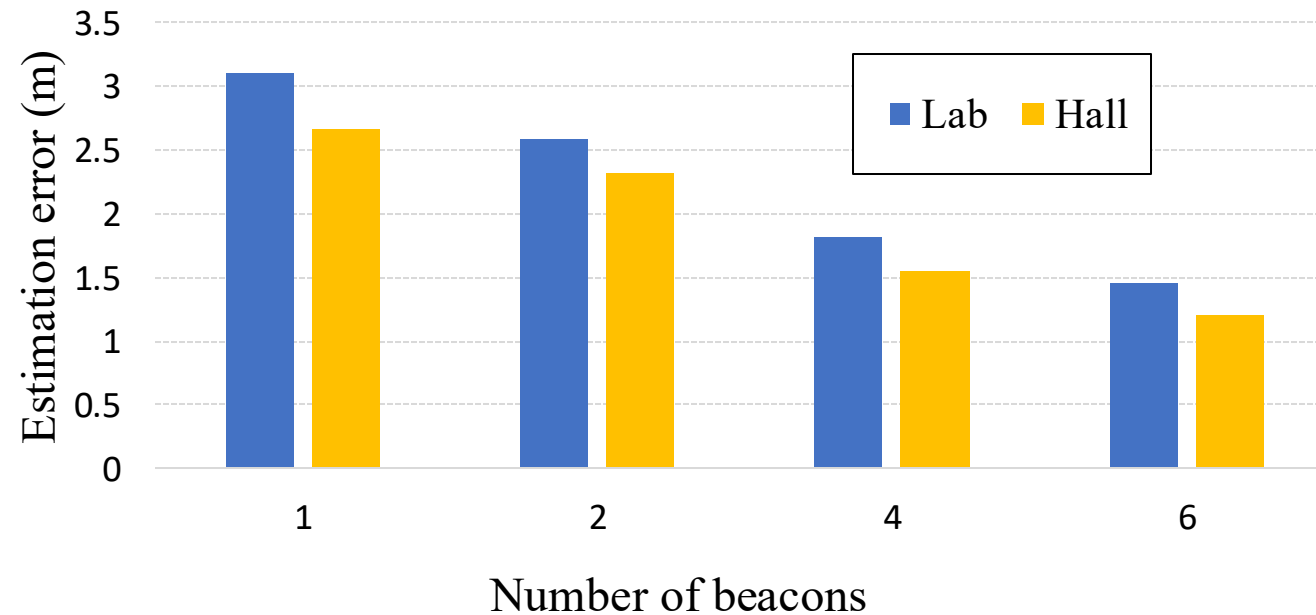
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- Changing RSS sampling frequency
- Varying length of data trace for location estimation



Evaluation



- Clustering Performance: estimations from neighboring devices **mitigate** the impact of noisy RSS readings





Conclusion



Comic credit: Rich Stevens @ imore.com

- Smartphone-based application for estimating location of nearby commodity BLE beacons
- 3 key components for extracting location information
 - RSS signal preprocessing
 - RSS + IMU sensor fusion
 - Clustering
- Achieved ~ 2 m localization accuracy in various environment



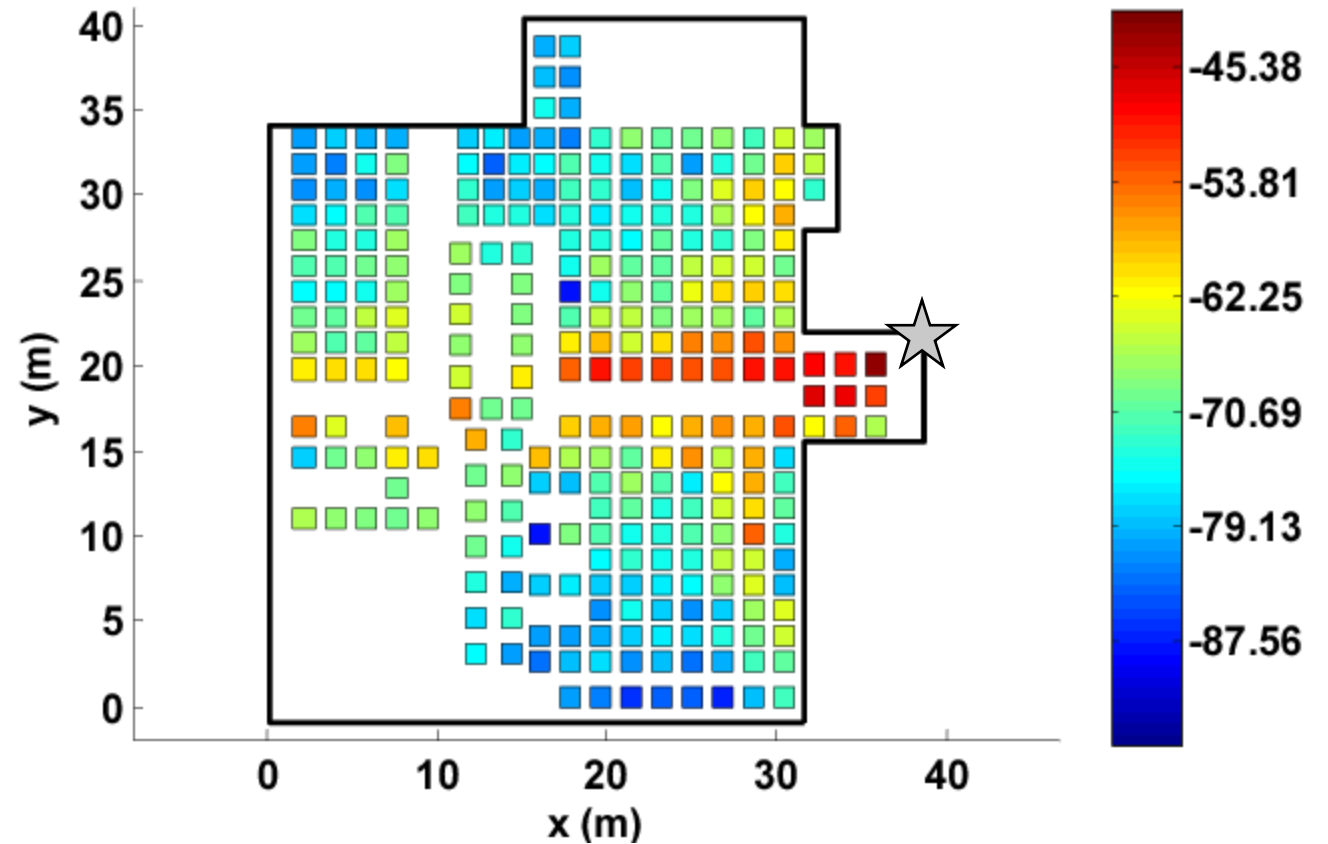
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Fingerprinting overview

- At setup time, for many locations throughout building
 - Measure signal strength to Network Access Point
- At run time, for the device that wants a location
 - Measure signal strength to Access Point
 - Look up measurement in database to get location





Fingerprinting improvements

- Measurements can use several Access Points simultaneously
 - Improves accuracy quite a bit
- We can use many existing resources
 - Cellular networks can do fingerprinting
 - Deploy your own BLE beacons throughout environment



Fingerprinting challenges

- Effort to create database in the first place
- Environment is not stable
 - Signal strength changes as chairs, doors, and people move
- Measurements vary between devices
 - Differ based on antennas, cases, how you hold it, etc.

State-of-the-art: median accuracy of 0.5-1.5 meters



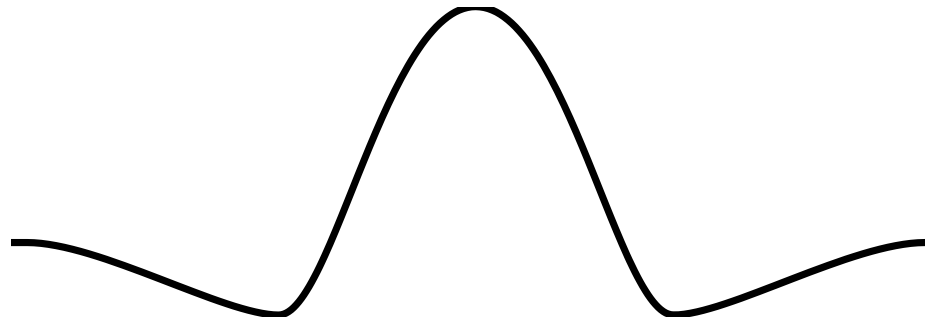
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Improving accuracy

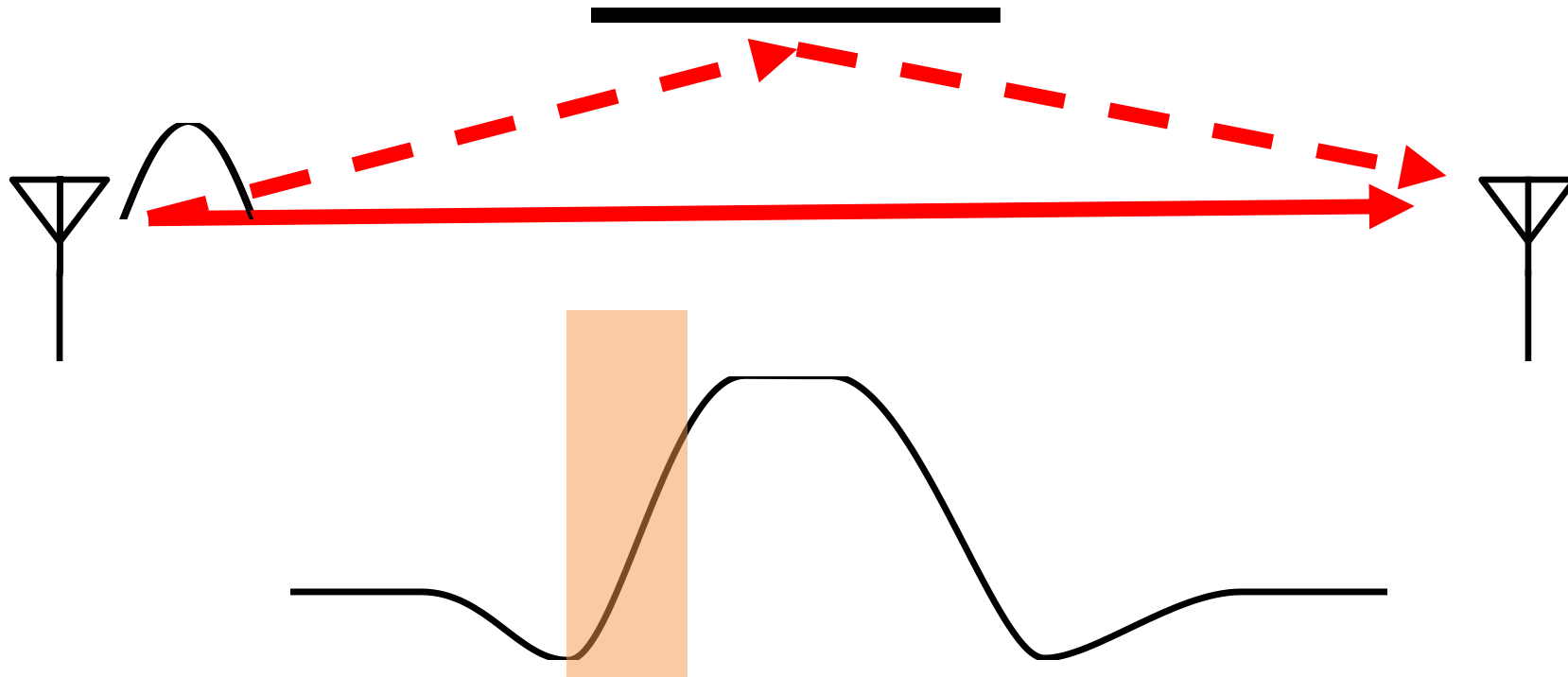
- To get high accuracy, let's return to trilateration
- Plan: Send an RF signal from one device and time how long it takes to reach another
 - Brief transmissions rather than continuous ones like GNSS
- Problem: When does this signal arrive?
 - Need to measure the “arrival time” accurately





Multipath problem

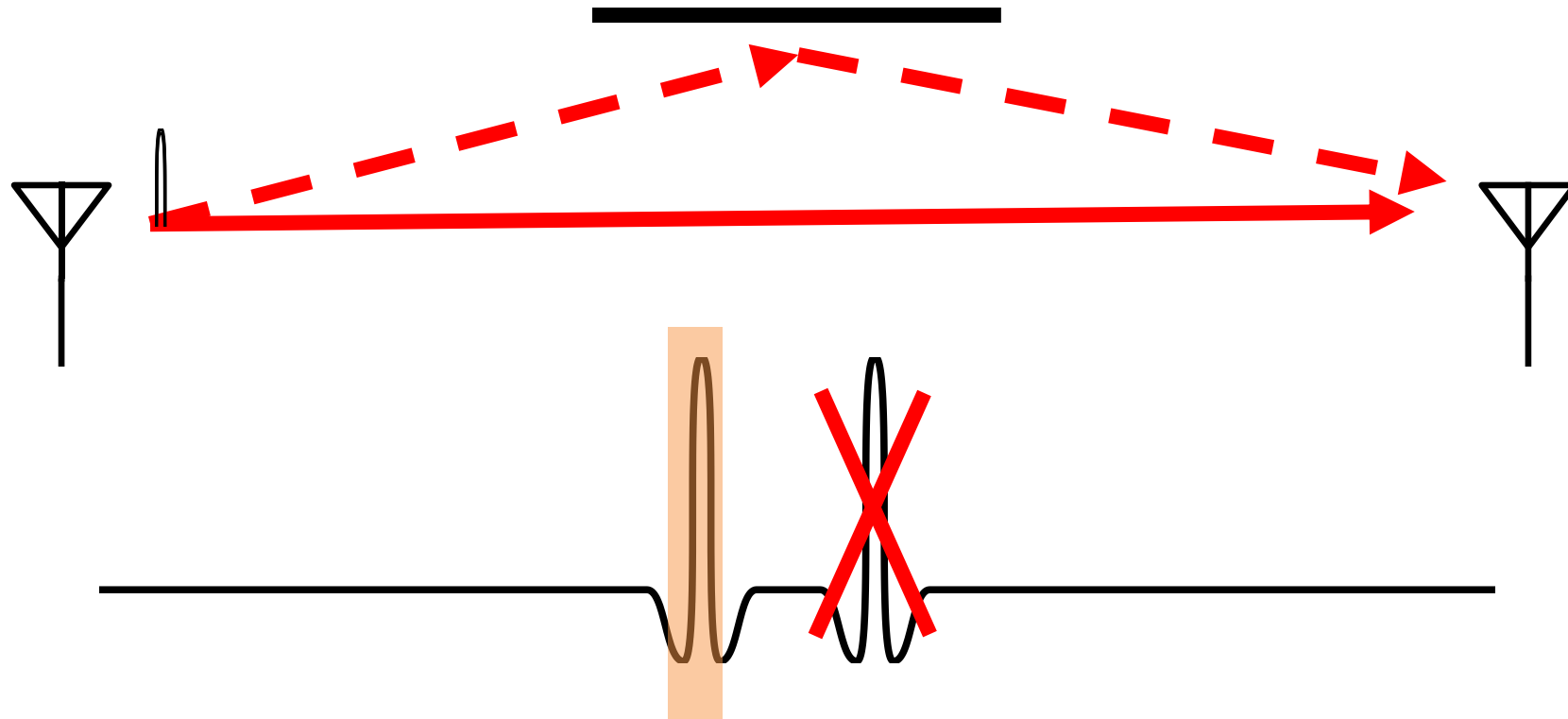
- Real-world signals bounce off of things in the environment
 - Multiple, time-delayed versions of signal arrive at antenna
 - Result smears out the arrival of energy in time
 - More reflections mean more peak energy, but longer rise time
 - This **isn't predictable**. Depends on the exact environment configuration





Why does ultra-wideband yield better localization performance?

- Wider bandwidth makes the RF pulse **narrower in time**
 - Make it narrow enough, and multipath **becomes entirely separate**





Ultra-wideband localization system

- Narrow ultra-wideband pulses makes arrival timing easier
- The rest is a copy of well-known techniques
 - Deploy anchors in the environment with known positions
 - Measure distance between anchors and device
 - Time of Flight (if anchors transmit)
 - Time Difference of Arrival (if devices transmit)
 - Trilateration to find position



Ultra-wideband localization system





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Ultrasound

- Advantages
 - Solves the barrier problem
 - Human spaces already designed to contain sound
 - Easier to get high-accuracy results
 - Sound is $\sim 1,000,000\times$ slower than light
 - **Less synchronization is needed** to get same accuracy
- Disadvantages
 - More energy to transmit
 - Slower update rate (still sub-second)
 - Limited range
 - Pets can hear it





ARKit (and other AR techniques)

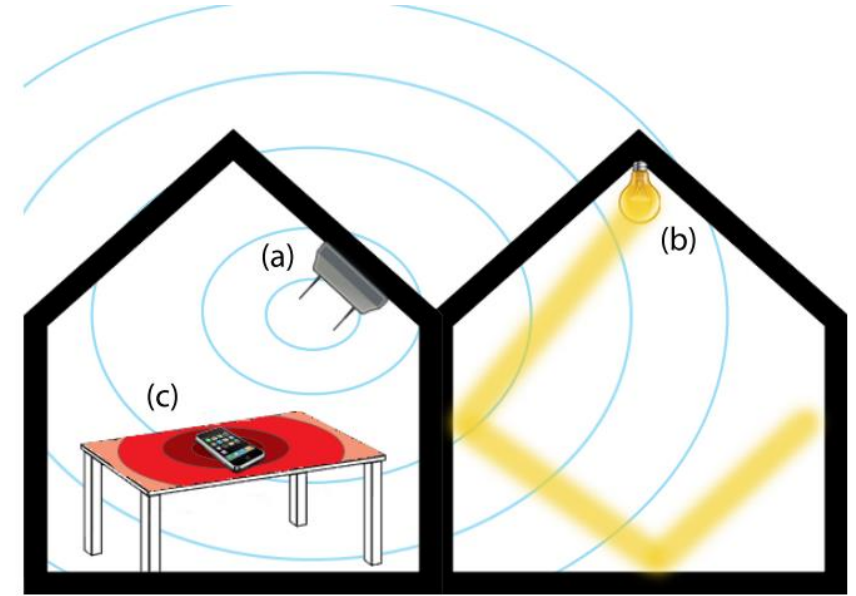
- Leverage smartphone cameras for positioning
 - Pictures of a user's surroundings can be compared to floorplan
 - Related to SLAM techniques (Simultaneous Localization And Mapping)
- Can build an incredibly accurate system
 - With a bit of bootstrapping
 - Probably applies most to robotics use cases





Vibrations

- Determine shared context of a table
 - Vibratory motors and IMUs are common
 - Signaling demonstrates nearby devices



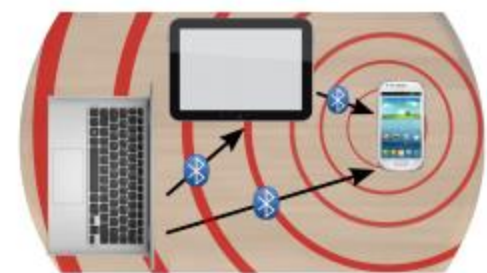
(a) Establishing a first-time Bluetooth connection



(b) Desktop detection for pre-connected devices



(c) Connecting with hidden table-level services



(d) Establishing a desktop area network



RF Antenna Array + AoA

- Antenna arrays can be used to determine the angle of an incoming signal
 - Allows the use of normal RF communication (WiFi or BLE)
- BLE 5.1 includes AoA localization

