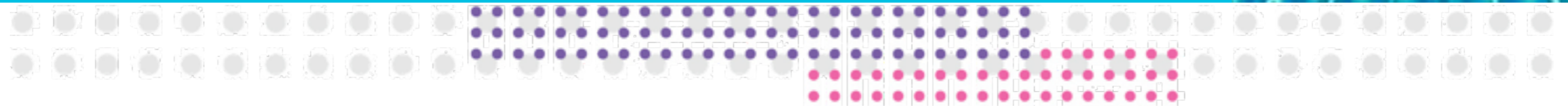
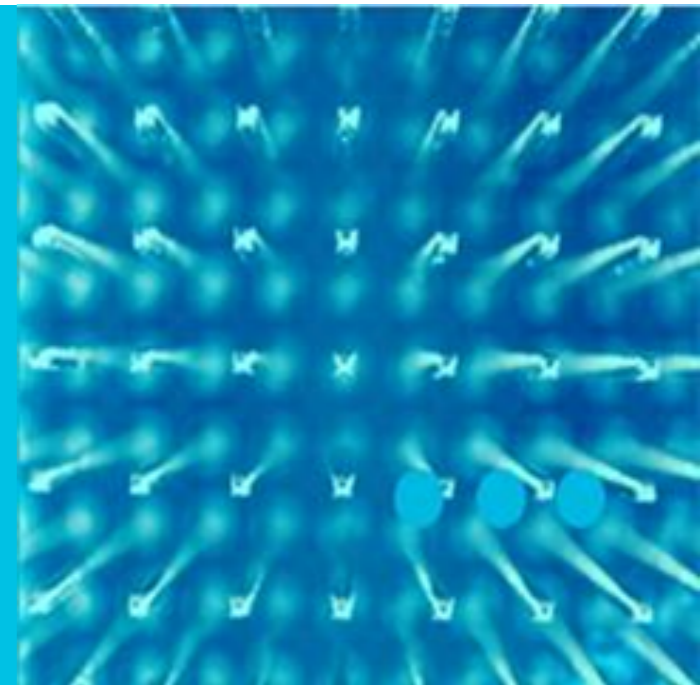




Indoor Localization and Robotic Cartography

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Goal: Indoor localization applications



Airports



Shopping Malls



Trade shows



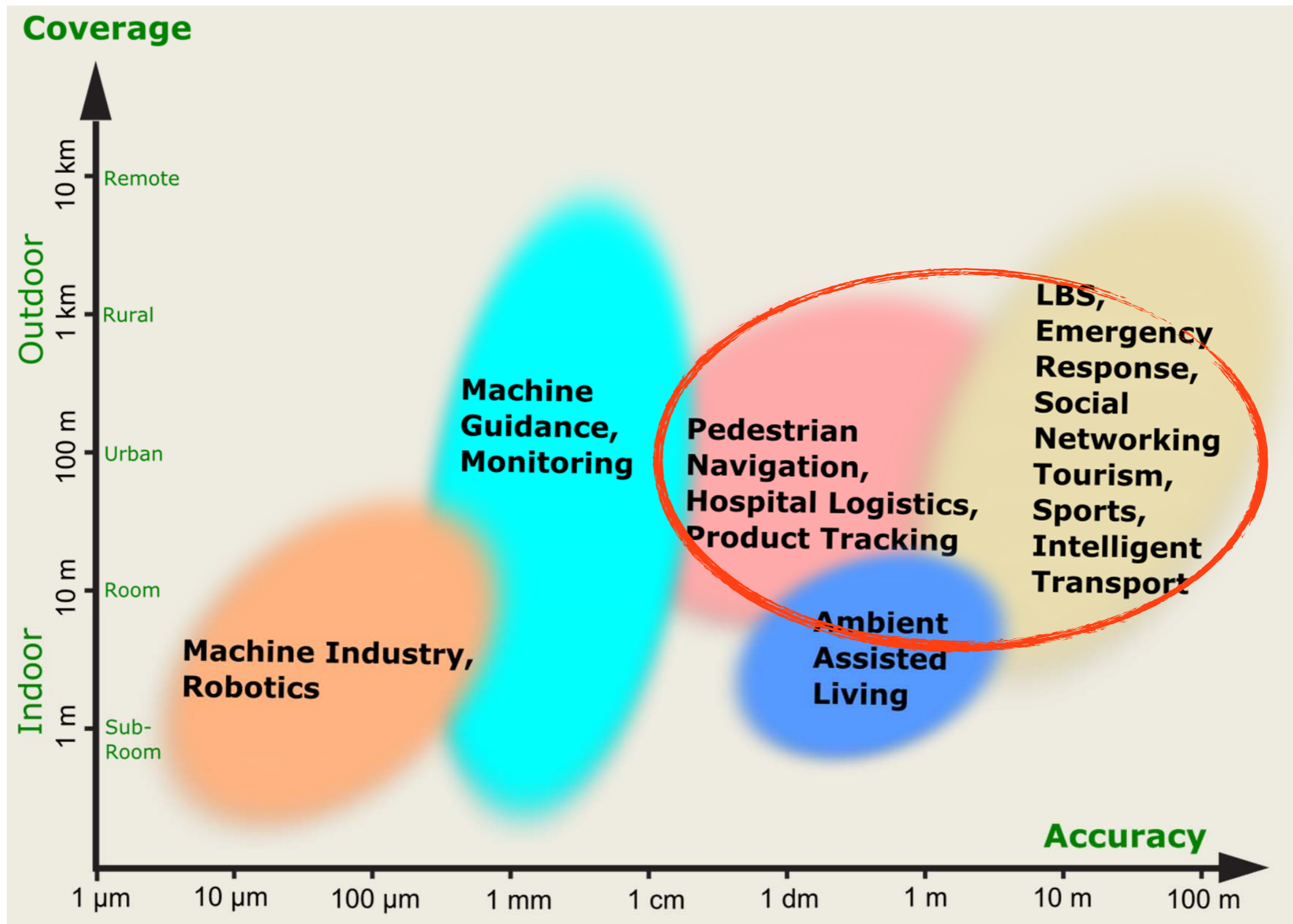
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Museums

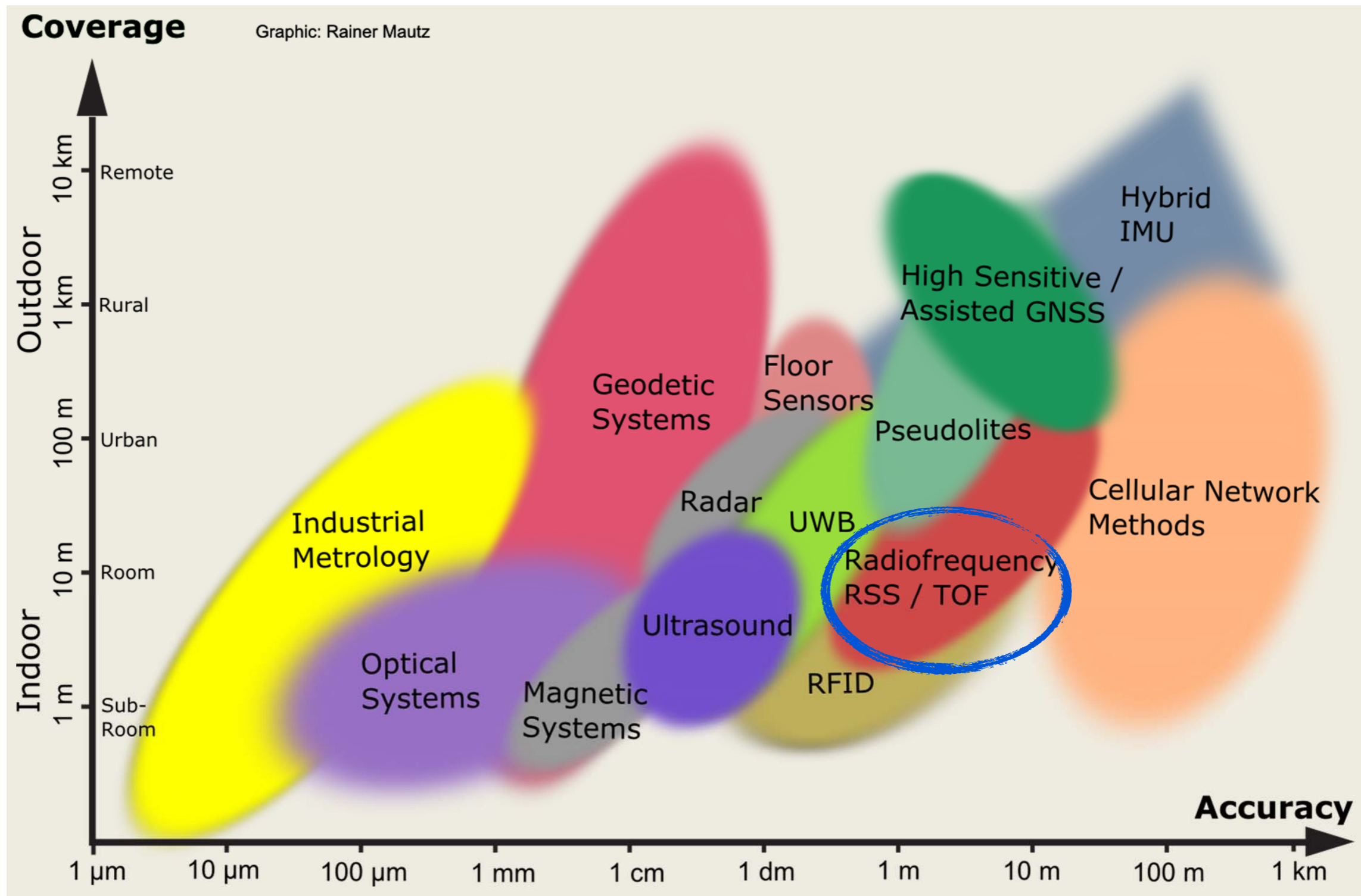
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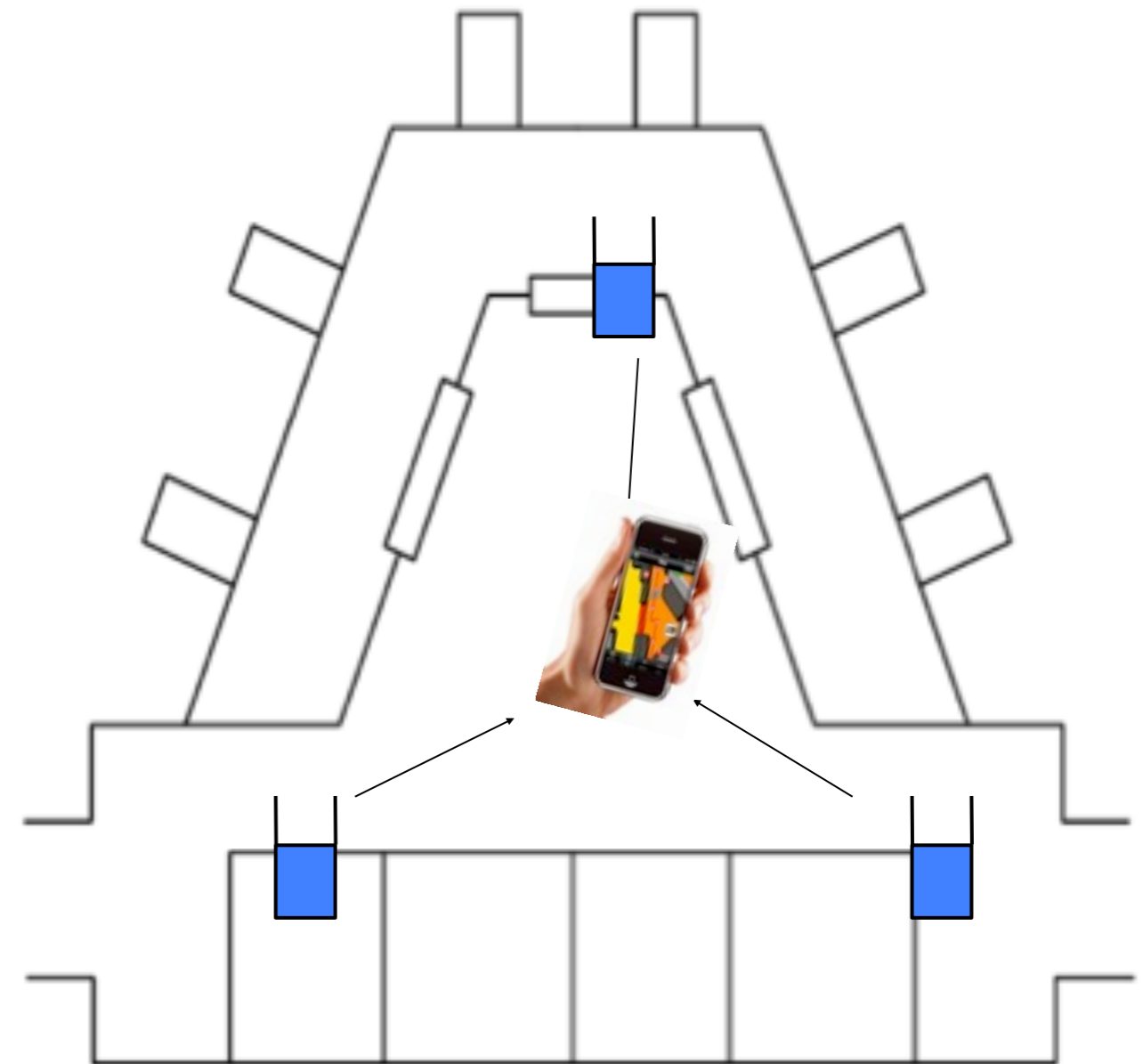
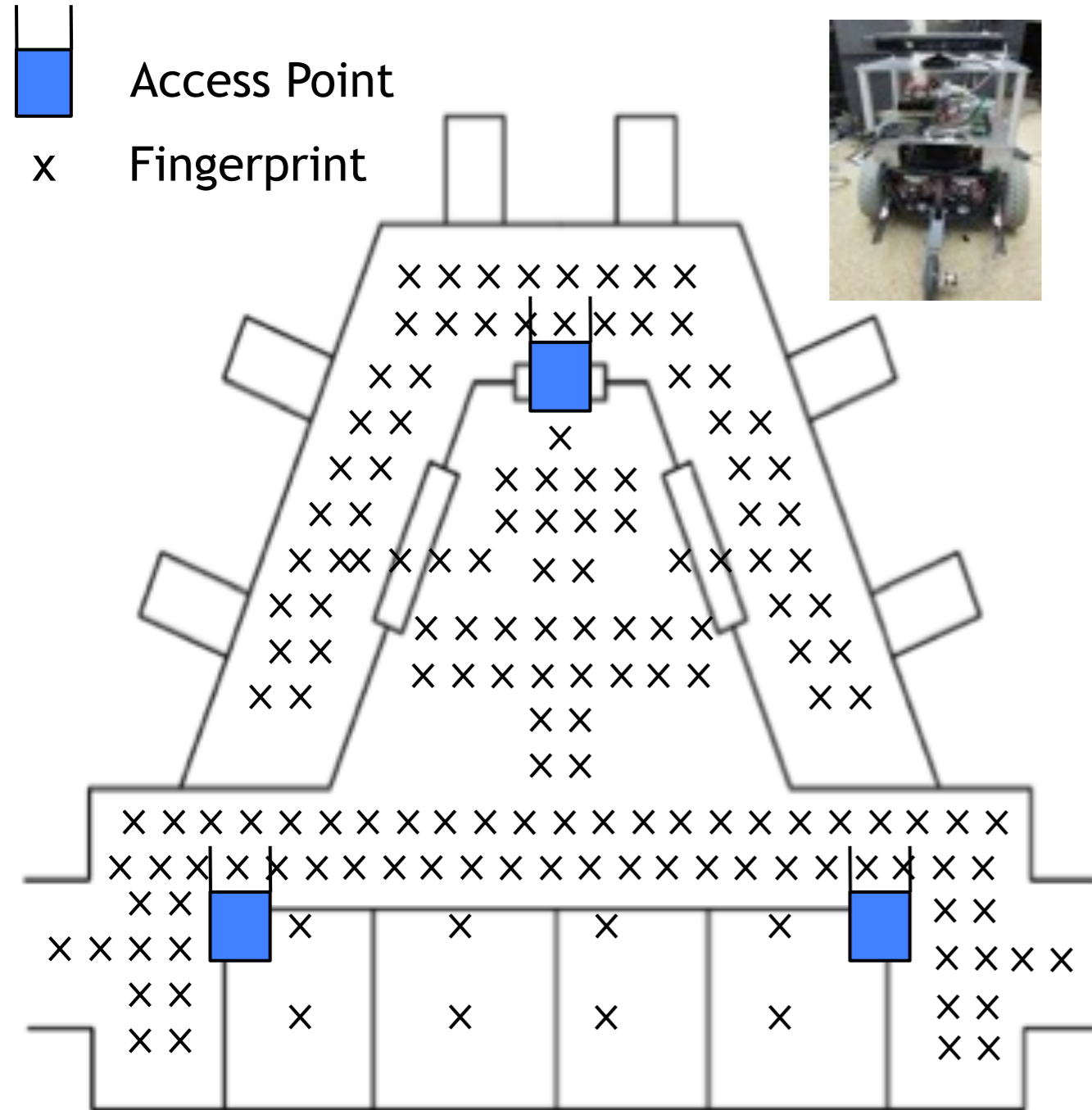


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Goal: Indoor localization using RF (WiFi) fingerprints

Fingerprinting

Tracking



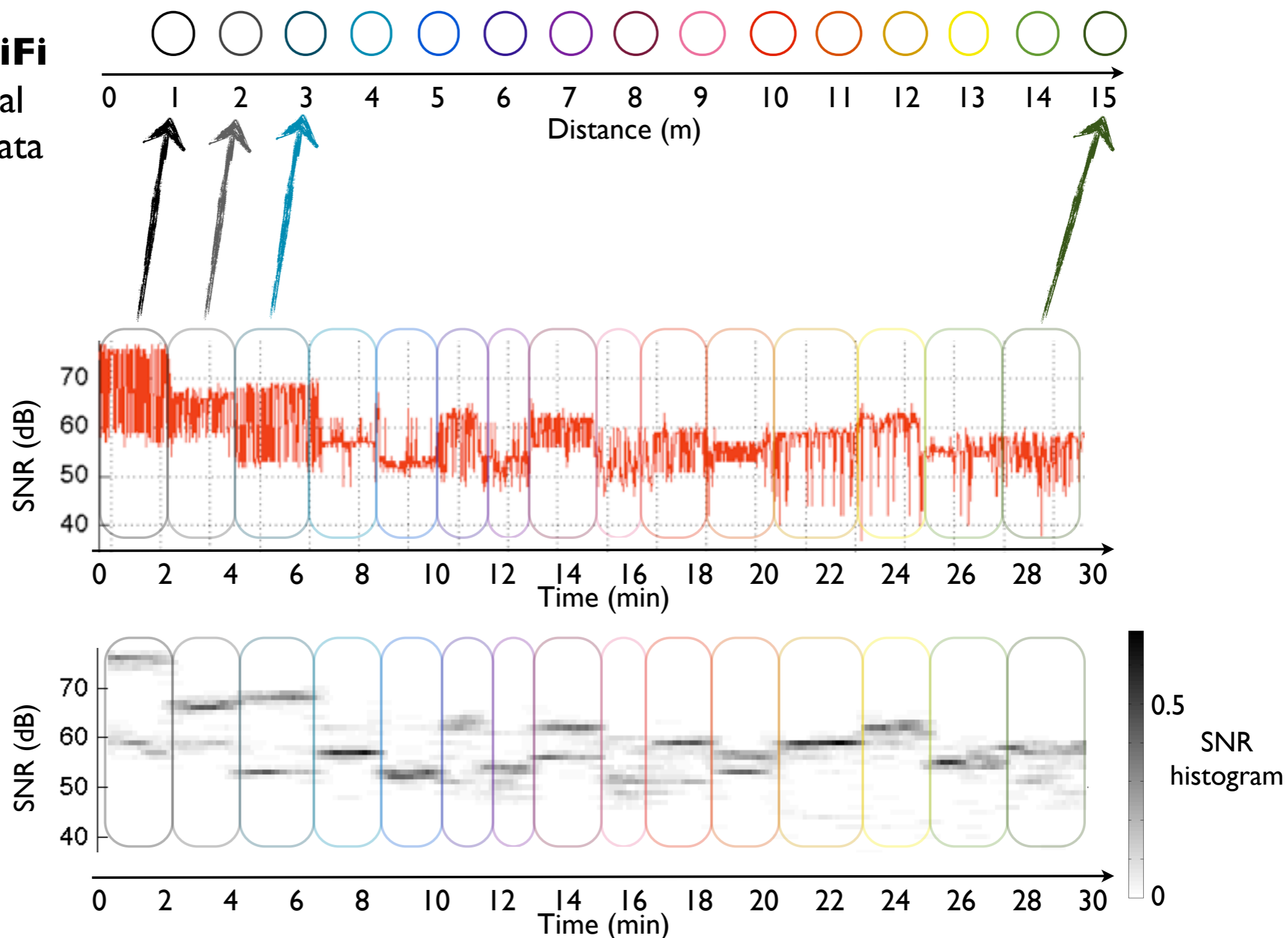
Problem: Non-Gaussian distribution of WiFi RSSI values

Experiment:

Acquire 30min of **WiFi RSSI** (Received Signal Strength Indicator) data along a **corridor**, at **15 locations** distant by **1m**

Measured RSSI oscillates considerably

Bin the RSSI into histograms: **bimodal** or **multimodal** distributions of **RSSI** values



Introduction: Prior art in WiFi based localization

Common approach

- Step 1) (training phase)
Fingerprinting the RSSI and location
- Step 2) (test phase)
Tracking location based on RSSI

Need to be able to compare multimodal distributions of RSSI

Algorithms

- Nearest neighbor matching
[Bahl & Padnamabhan, 2000]
- Kalman filtering
- Particle filtering
[Evennou et al, 2005]
- Model-free smoothing
[Chen et al, 2007]
- KL-divergence on Gaussians
[Miliotis et al, 2010]
- Naïve Bayes
[Castro et al, 2001; Roos et al, 2002]
- KL-divergence + statistical test
[Bargh & de Groote, 2008]

Major limitations

- Ignore the multimodal signal model in recorded RSSI values
- or lack an algorithm for regressing the location based on RSSI
- Need frequent retraining / recalibration
Can resort to automated fingerprinting, e.g., using an autonomous robot that records RSSI and associated location, every few nights
[Palaniappan et al, IPIN 2011]

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Methods: Kullback-Leibler divergence

Two distributions of RSSI values S

- **Fingerprint** distribution $q(S)$
- **Tracking** distribution $p(S)$

We assume that RSSI are discrete values

- If p or q are unknown, then $KL(p || q) = \text{infinite}$ (we set $KL(p || q) = \text{large value}$)
- Smooth the histogram of p and q using small value ϵ to avoid taking $\log(0)$ or divide by 0

$$KL(p || q) = \sum_s p(S = s) \log \left(\frac{p(S = s)}{q(S = s)} \right)$$

[Kullback & Leibler, 1951]

Methods: Kullback-Leibler divergence

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- Values expressed in dBm, e.g., values from -90dBm to 0dBm
- Alternatively, SNR (Signal-to-Noise Ratio), e.g., values from 0dB to 90dB (may need rescaling at tracking time)
- Bins of size 1dB, 2dB, 5dB?

$$KL(p||q) = \sum_s p(S = s) \log \left(\frac{p(S = s)}{q(S = s)} \right)$$

Symmetrized version of Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$D(p, q) = KL(p||q) + KL(q||p)$$

[Kullback & Leibler, 1951]

Methods: Kullback-Leibler divergence, multiple APs

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- **Fingerprint** distribution $q(S)$
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Multivariate signal S

- J different Access Points (APs)
- Conditional independence assumption between APs given the location l
- Sweep under the rug signal interference

$$p(\mathbf{S}|\{x, y\}) = \prod_{j=1}^J p(S_j|\{x, y\})$$

For a location l of coordinates $\{x_l, y_l\}$

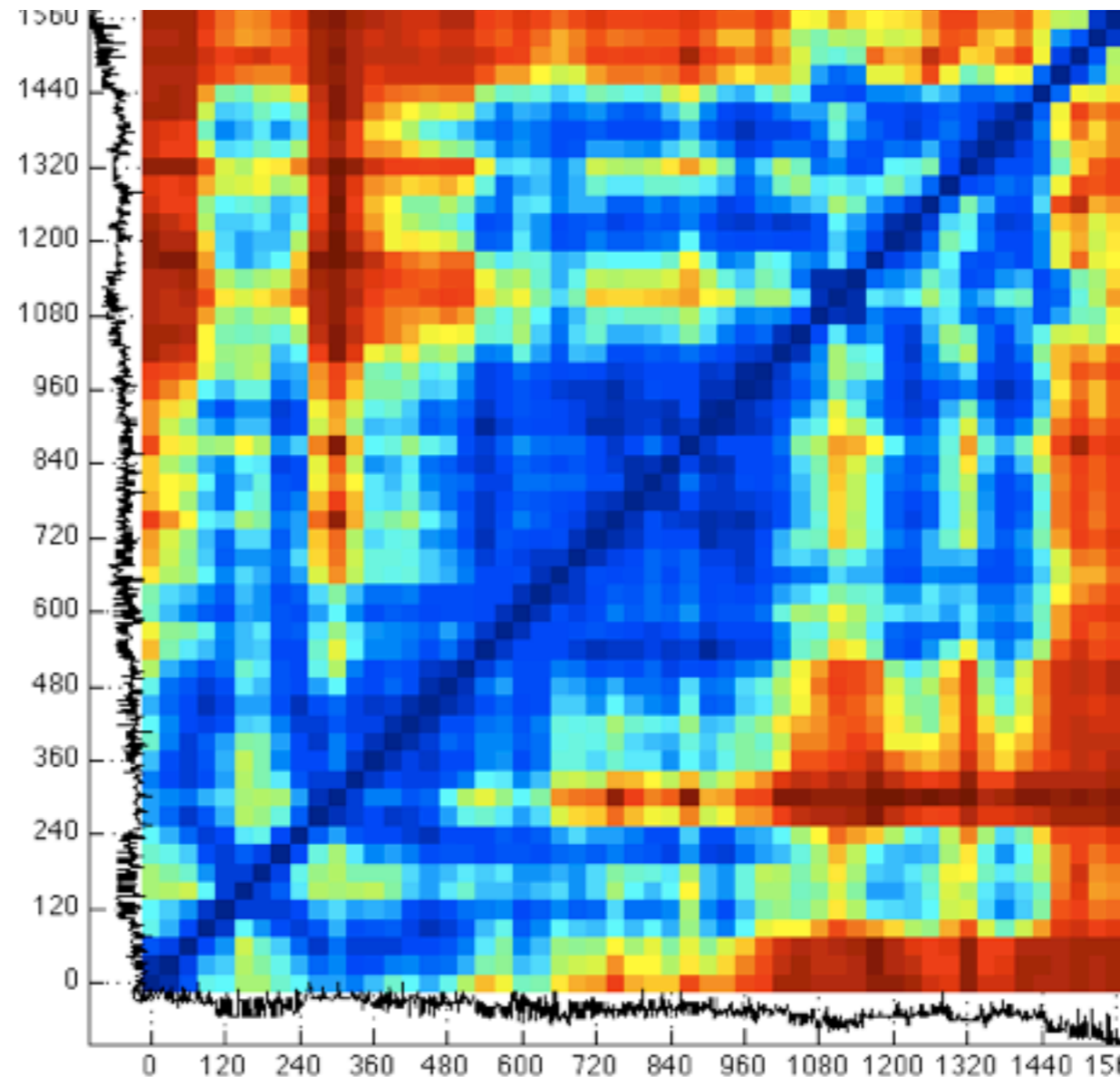
$$D(p, q_l) = \sum_{j=1}^J D(p(S_j|\{x, y\}), q(S_j|\{x_l, y_l\}))$$

Methods: Kullback-Leibler divergence kernels

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Fingerprint distributions q at different locations



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Methods: Kullback-Leibler divergence kernels

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Probabilistic kernel

- KL-divergence kernels
[Moreno et al, 2002]
- Alternative: Bhattacharyya kernel
[Jebara et al, 2004]

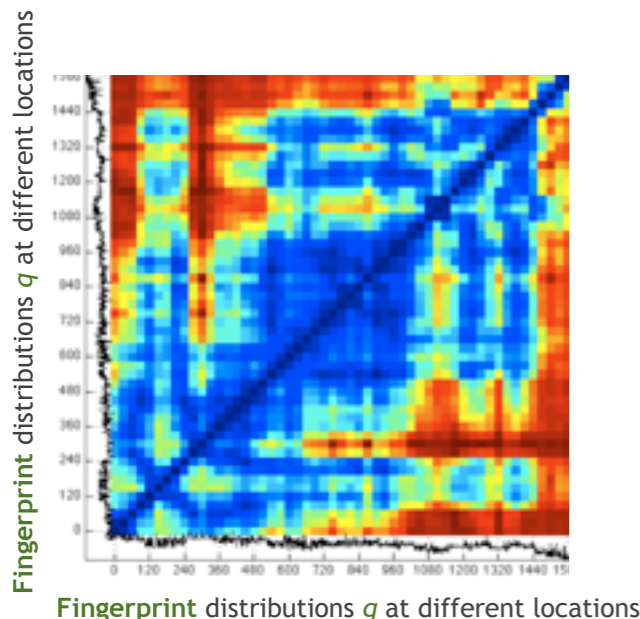
Kernel function

- Symmetric function $k(p, q)$ measuring the similarity of p and q
- $k(p, q) = 1$ when $p = q$
- $k(p, q)$ decays to 0 rapidly as p becomes distinct from q
- Positive symmetric definite

J conditionally independent access points

$$k(p, q) = e^{-\alpha \sum_{j=1}^J D(p(S_j | \{x, y\}), q(S_j | \{x_l, y_l\}))}$$

To cross-validate (e.g., leave-one-out) on training data



Methods: KL-divergence kernel regression

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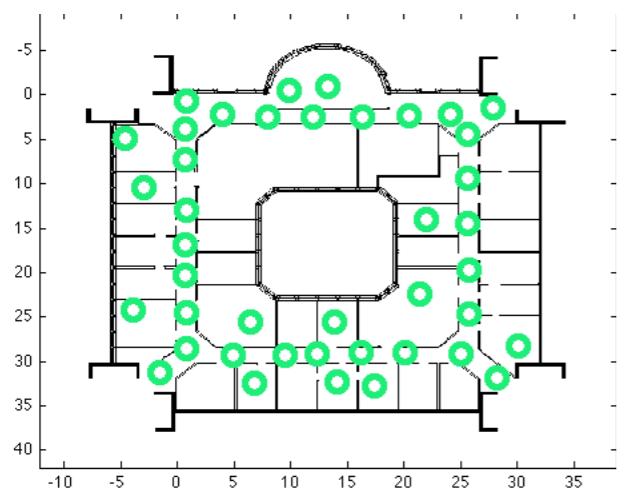
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Weighted Kernel Regression (WKR)
[Nadaraya, 1964]

- Simplest non-parametric regression
- Can define a neighborhood of size N , based on kernel similarity
- Alternative: Support Vector Regression [Smola & Scholkopf, 2004]

Fingerprint database

- **Fingerprint** distribution $q(S)$
- **Fingerprint** location $\{x_l, y_l\}$

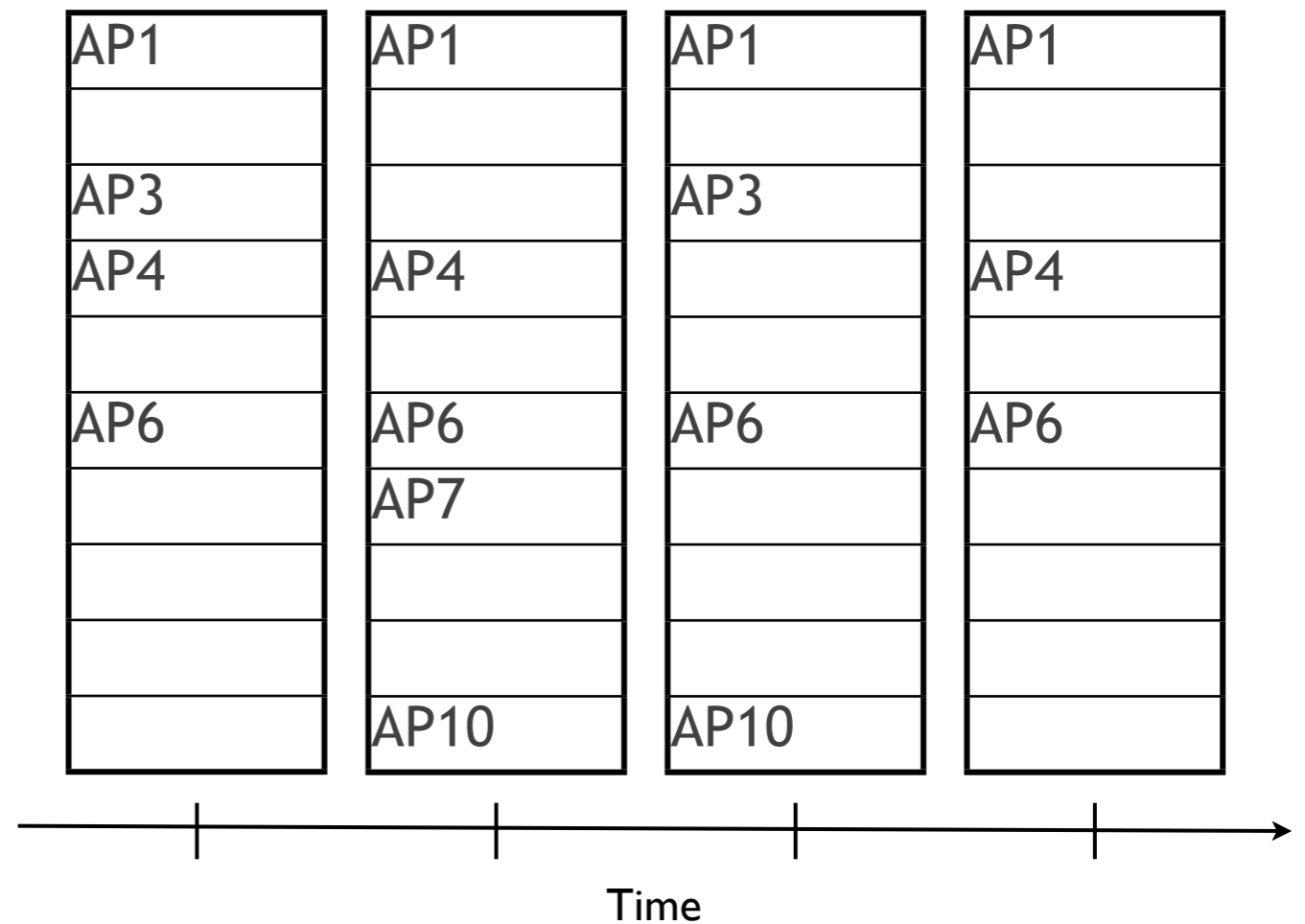


$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \frac{\sum_{\ell} (x_{\ell}, y_{\ell}) k(p, q_{\ell})}{\sum_{\ell} k(p, q_{\ell})}$$

Methods: Access Point connection histograms

Two distributions of Access Point connections S for J APs i.e., how many times we could connect to each of the access point j during sampling window of length τ

- **Fingerprint** distribution $q(S)$
- **Tracking** distribution $p(S)$
- Ignore the RSSI values
[Koski et al, 2010]



$$KL(p||q) = \sum_s p(S = s) \log \left(\frac{p(S = s)}{q(S = s)} \right)$$

Methods: Sampling RSSI during motion (**tracking**)

Trade-off when collecting RSSI during **tracking**:

- More samples (longer sampling window τ)
- Finer spatial resolution of fingerprints due to local signal variations (shorter sampling window τ)

Assume “linear” variation of RSSI distribution $q(S)$

- In small neighborhoods
- Local similarity of physical phenomena behind variations in RSSI

Cross-validated or chosen ad-hoc, (based on motion model prior)



$$q(\mathbf{S} | \lambda \{x_a, y_a\} + (1 - \lambda) \{x_b, y_b\}) \approx \lambda q_a + (1 - \lambda) q_b$$

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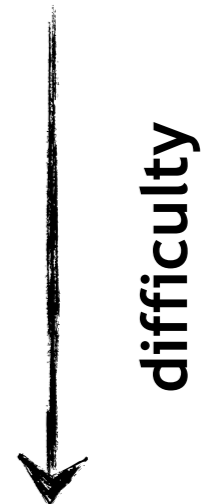
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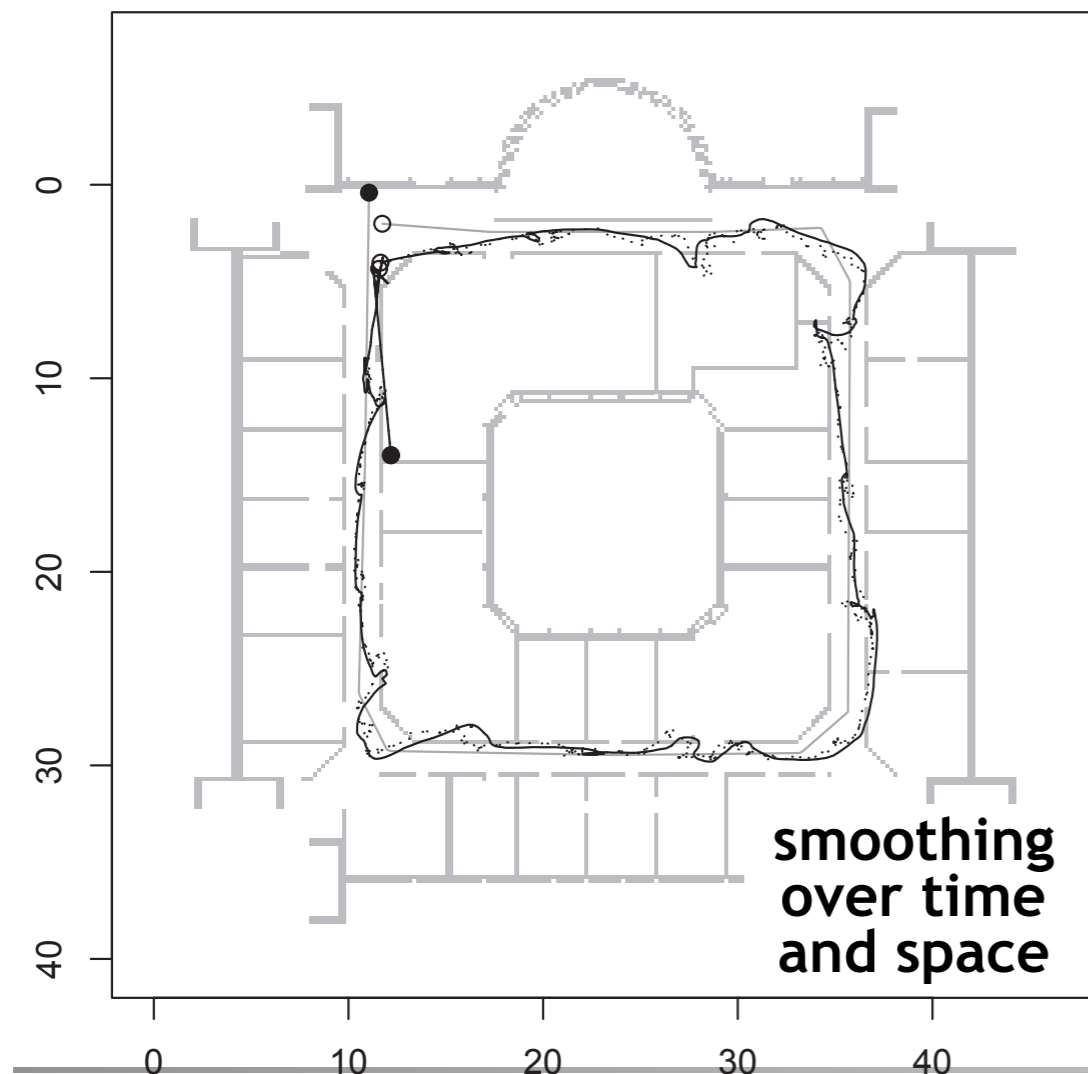
Results: 2D office space with dense fingerprinting

Results with 4 APs
set-up for the experiment

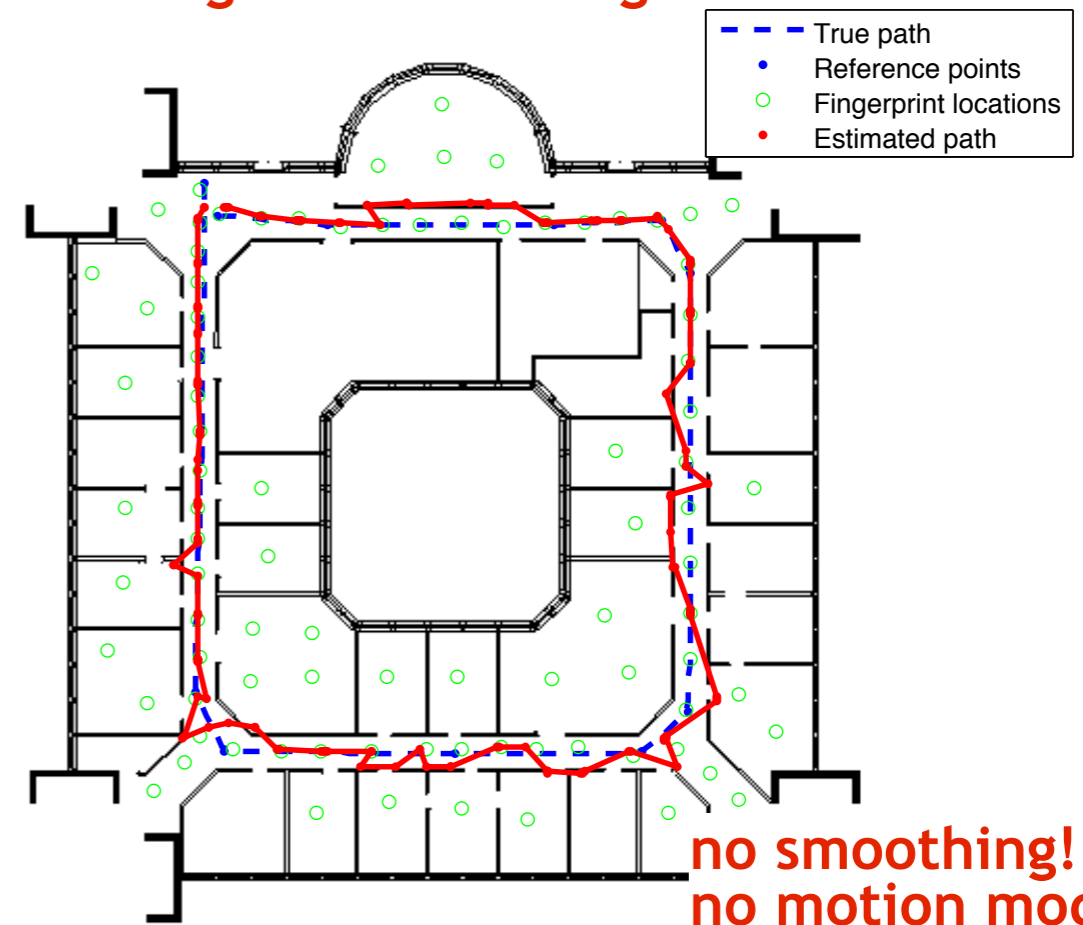
Data from France Telecom
[Evennou et al, 2005]

Technique	median	@90%
Kalman filter [Evennou et al, 2005]	2.0m	-
Voronoi particle filter [Evennou et al, 2005]	1.6m	-
Model-free tracking [Chen et al, 2007]	1.3m	2.5m
KL-divergence, 1 NN	1.25m	3.18m
KL-divergence, 3 NN WKR	1.06m	2.34m

Model free tracking [Chen et al, 2007]



KL divergence kernel regression using 3 nearest-neighbors



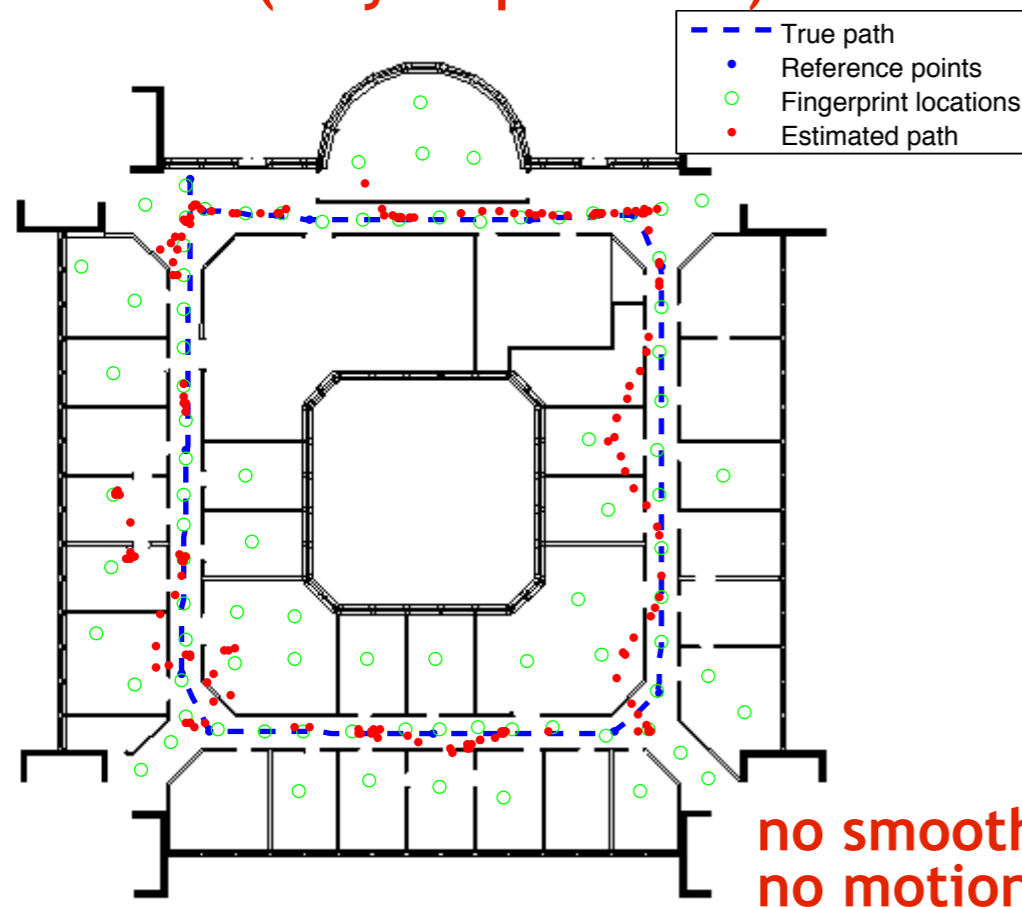
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Results with 4 (set-up)
+ 18 (ad-hoc) APs visible
during the experiment

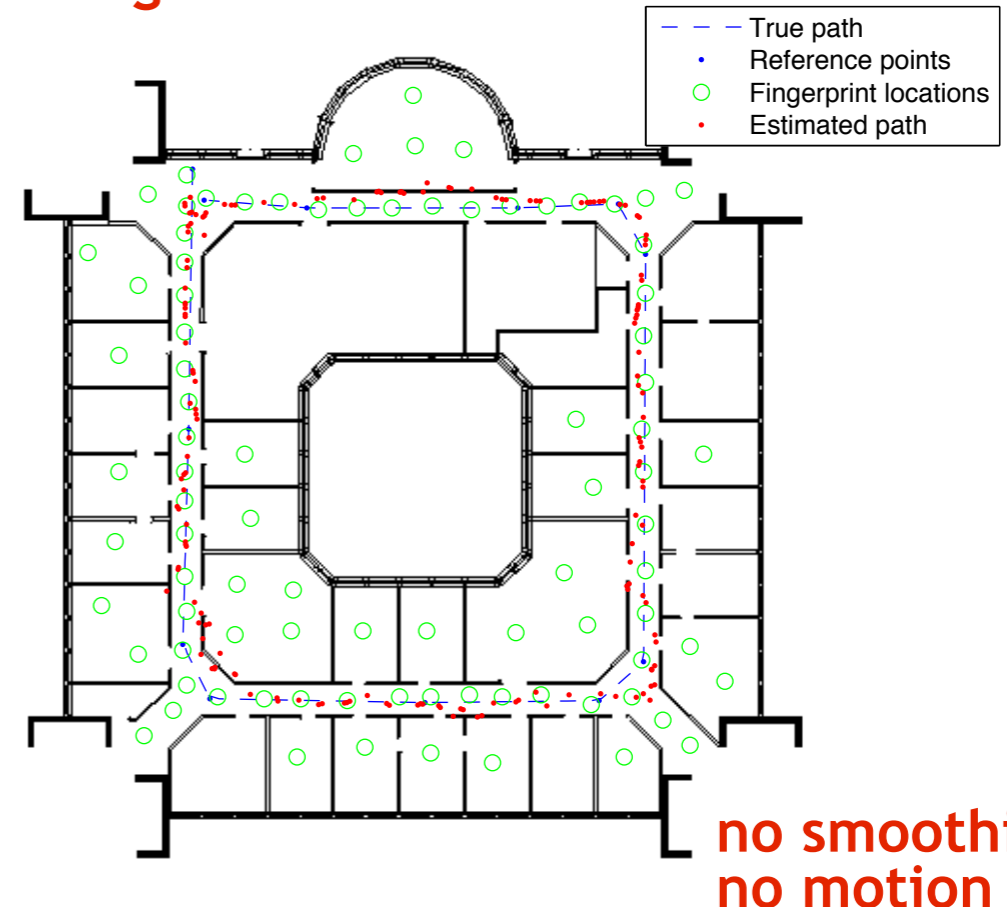
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[Evennou et al, 2005]

Technique	median	@90%
KL-divergence, with RSSI, 1 NN	1.16m	2.84m
KL-divergence, with RSSI, 6 NN WKR	0.96m	1.88m
KL-divergence, no RSSI, 1NN	1.94m	4.95m
KL-divergence, no RSSI, 27 NN WKR	1.90m	4.31m

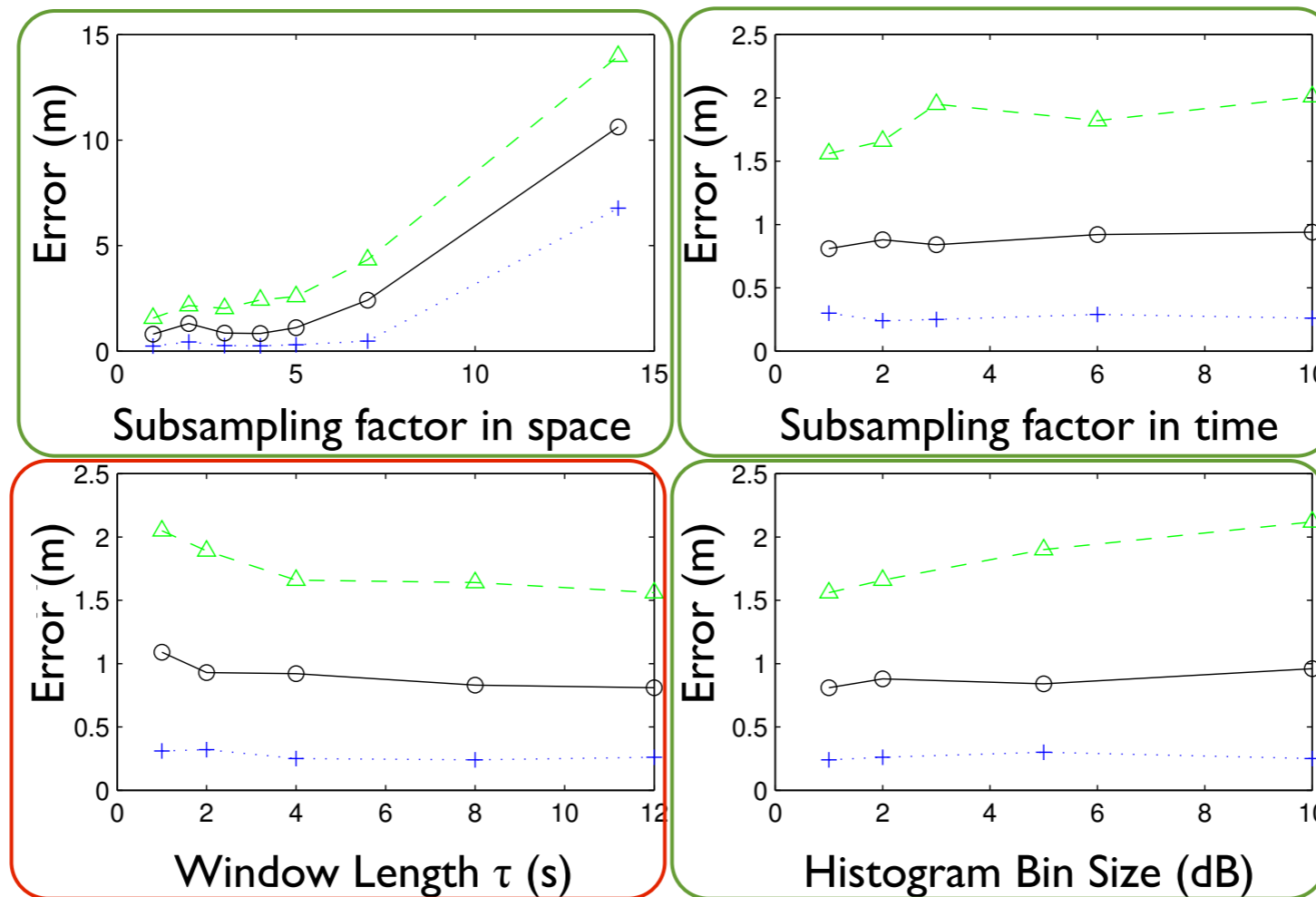
KL divergence kernel regression
using 27 nearest-neighbors,
no RSSI (only AP presence)



KL divergence kernel regression
using 6 nearest-neighbors,
using RSSI



Results: Effects of fingerprint and tracking parameters



Most important factors:

- Spatial density of fingerprints
- Number of fingerprint samples N (but no improvement beyond 20)
- Number of tracking samples n (or sampling window duration τ)

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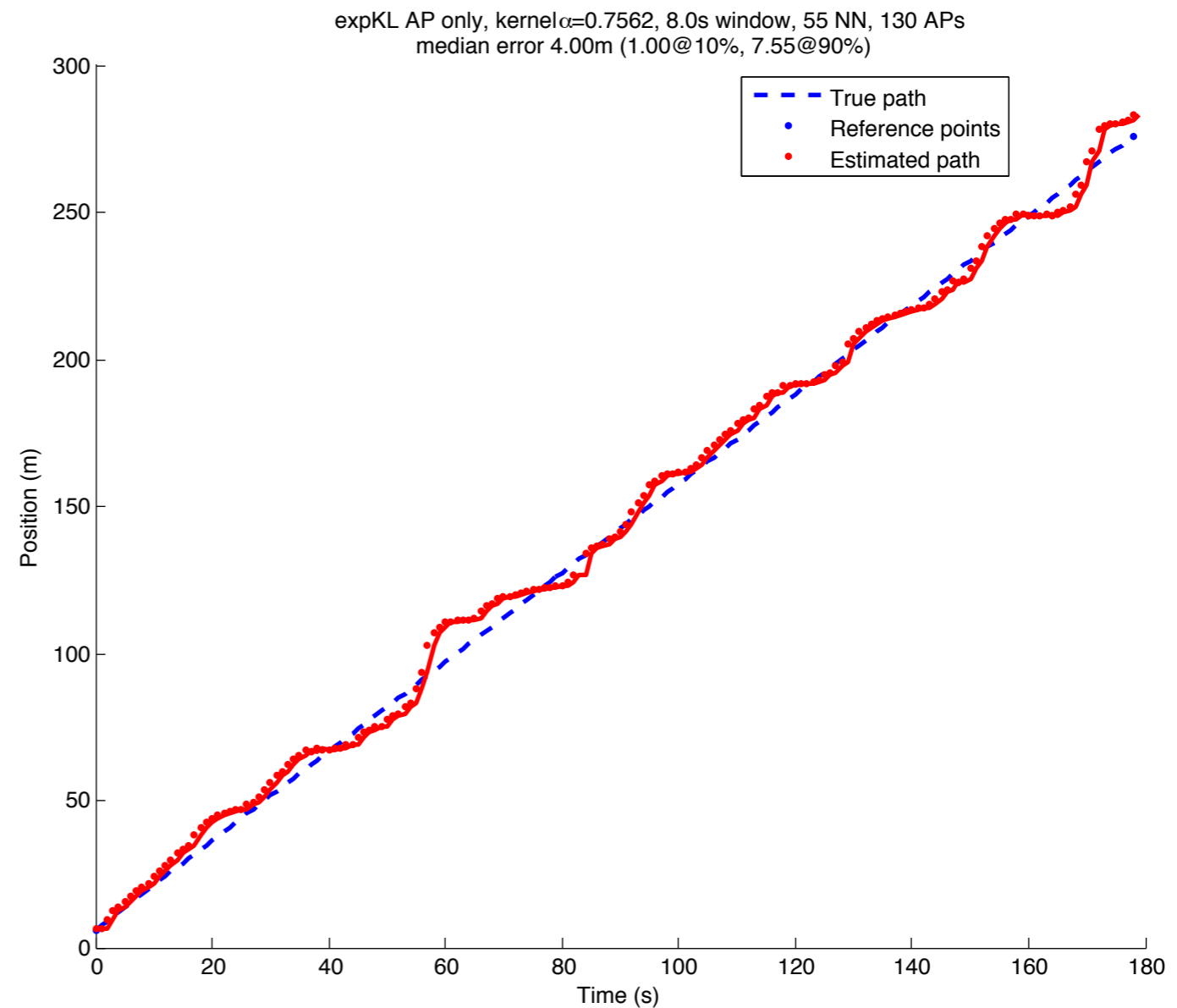
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Results: Fingerprinting “on the fly” while walking

Walk along 300m corridor
Observed 130 ad-hoc APs
Defined 55 fingerprints
Used only AP presence
(no RSSI)

Tracking results
(one week later)

median: 4m
error at 90%: 7.6m



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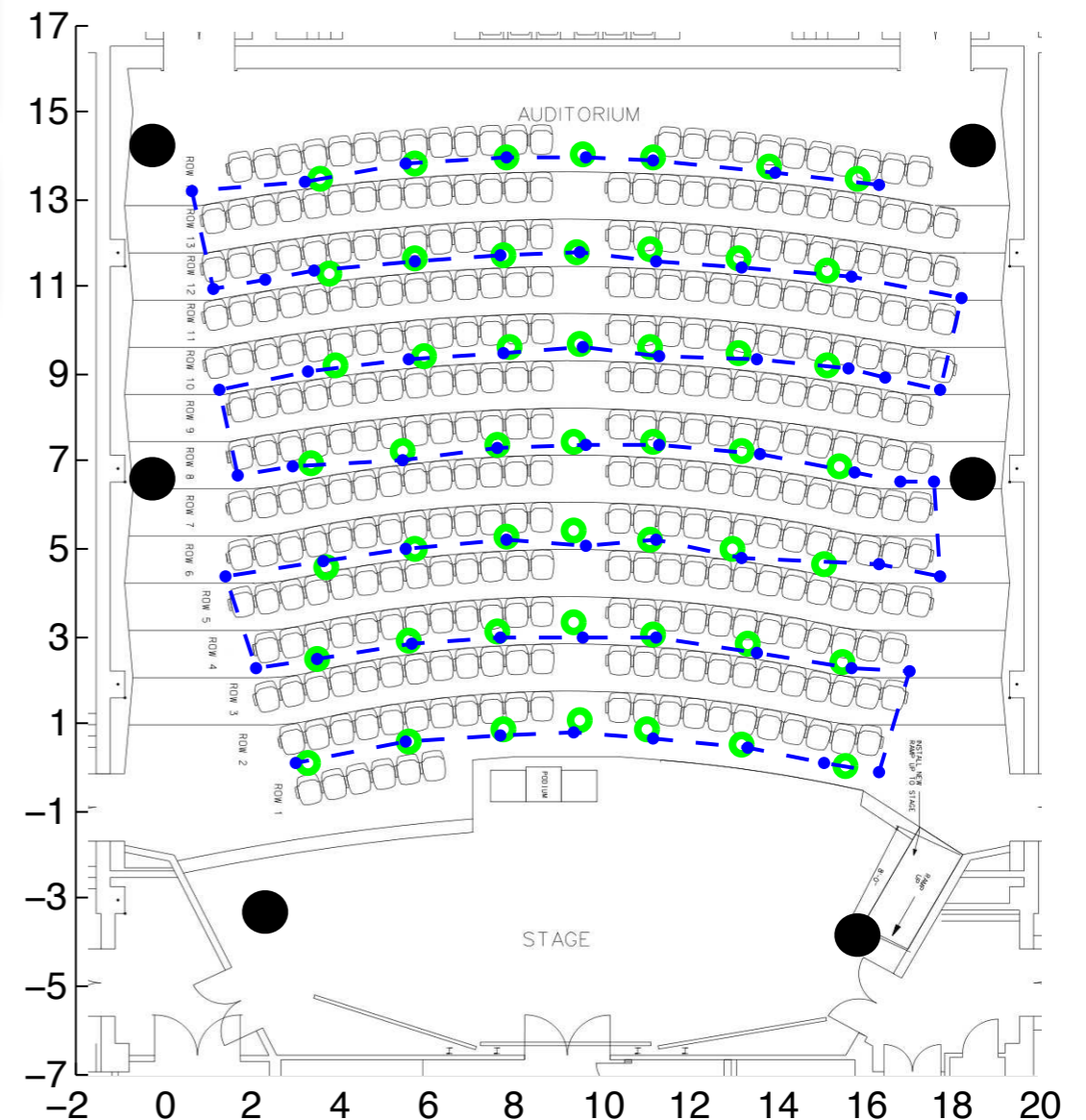
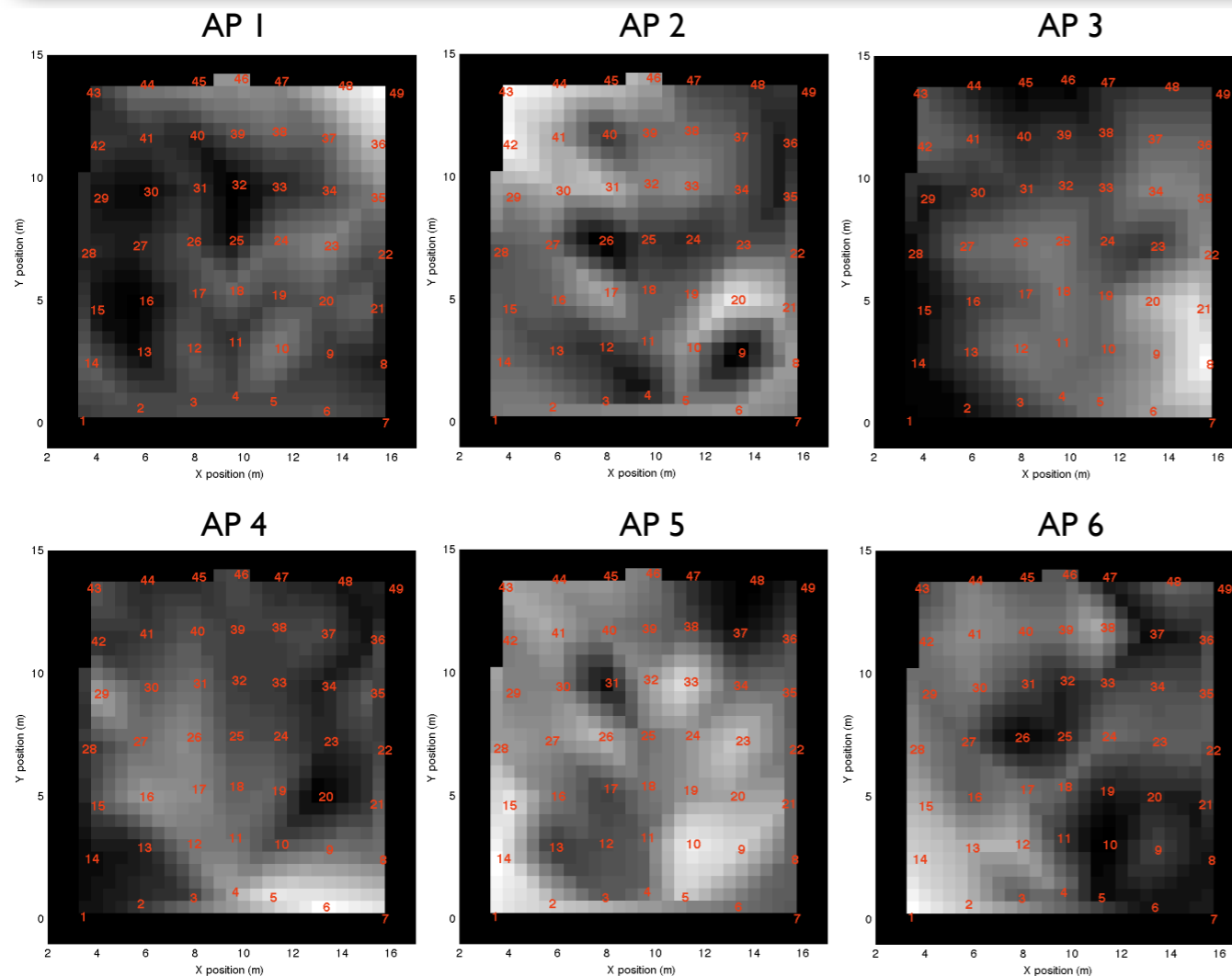
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Results: Open-space localization in an auditorium

Open space (auditorium)	median	@90%
KL-divergence, with RSSI, 4 NN WKR	4.7m	10.2m
KL-div. on Gaussians, with RSSI, 4 NN WKR	4.9m	8.2m
Random prediction	9m	15m

Narrow corridor	median	@90%
KL-divergence, with RSSI, 3 NN WKR	1m	2m

Set 6 APs in an auditorium



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Results: Sparse fingerprints in a complex public space

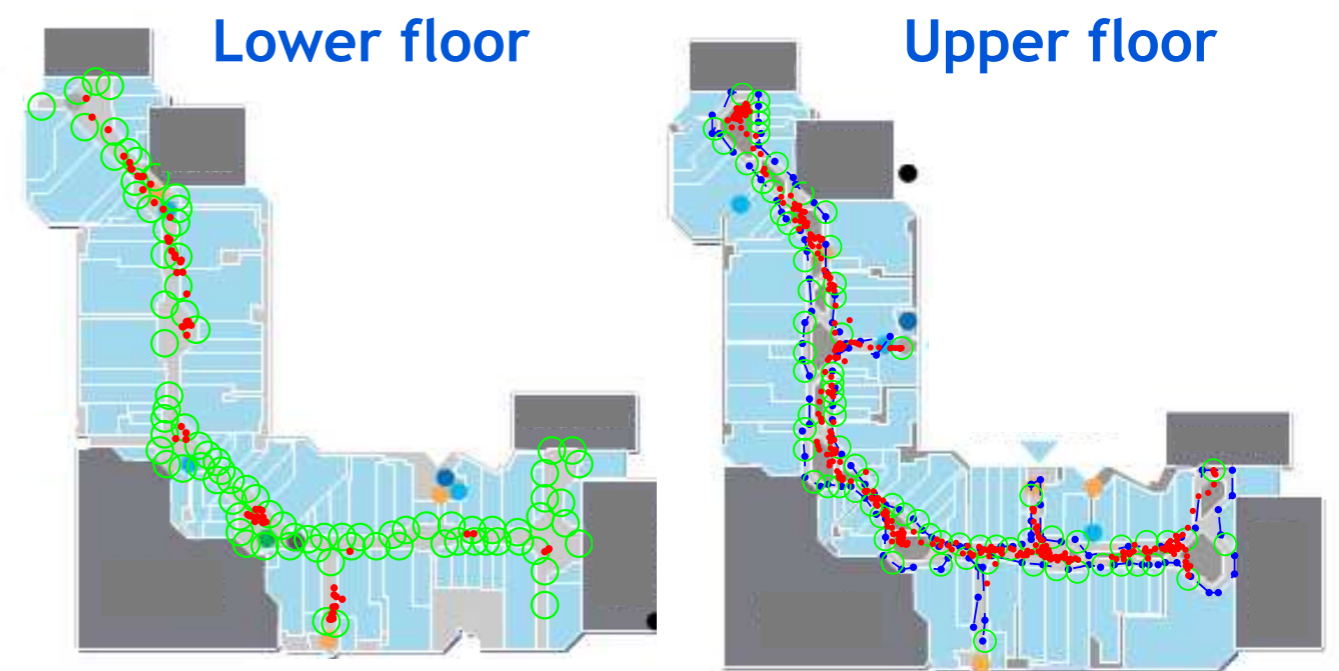
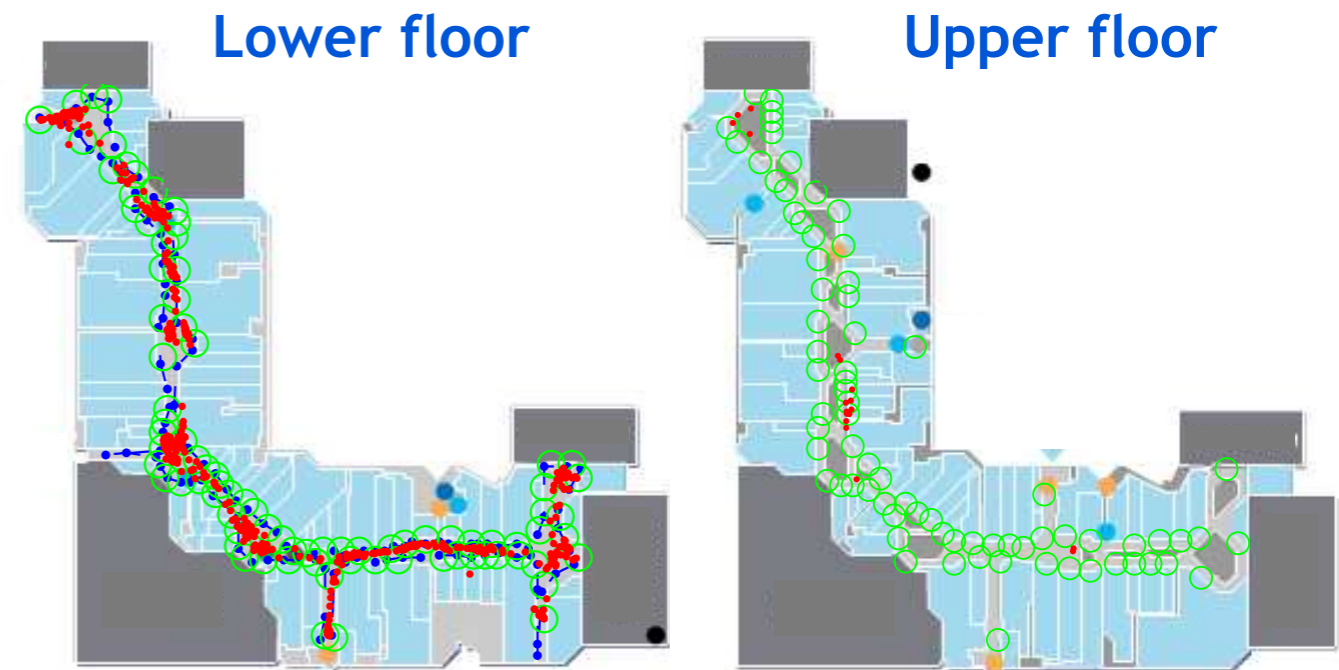
Tracking signal recorded on lower floor (3 days later)

Predictions on the lower floor	median	@90%	floor
KL-div., no RSSI, 31 NN WKR	10.3m	24.3m	89%
KL-div., RSSI, 8 NN WKR	8.2m	16.9m	96.2%
KL-div. Gauss, RSSI, 8 NN WKR	6.7m	14.8m	96%

We fingerprinted 500+ different MAC addresses (“APs”) that were available

Tracking signal recorded on upper floor (3 days later)

Predictions on the lower floor	median	@90%	floor
KL-div., no RSSI, 31 NN WKR	9.1m	17m	92.6%
KL-div., RSSI, 8 NN WKR	9m	17.1m	83.8%
KL-div. Gauss, RSSI, 8 NN WKR	8m	13.4m	84.4%



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Automated fingerprinting: Motivation for a robot

Indoor mapping robot capabilities

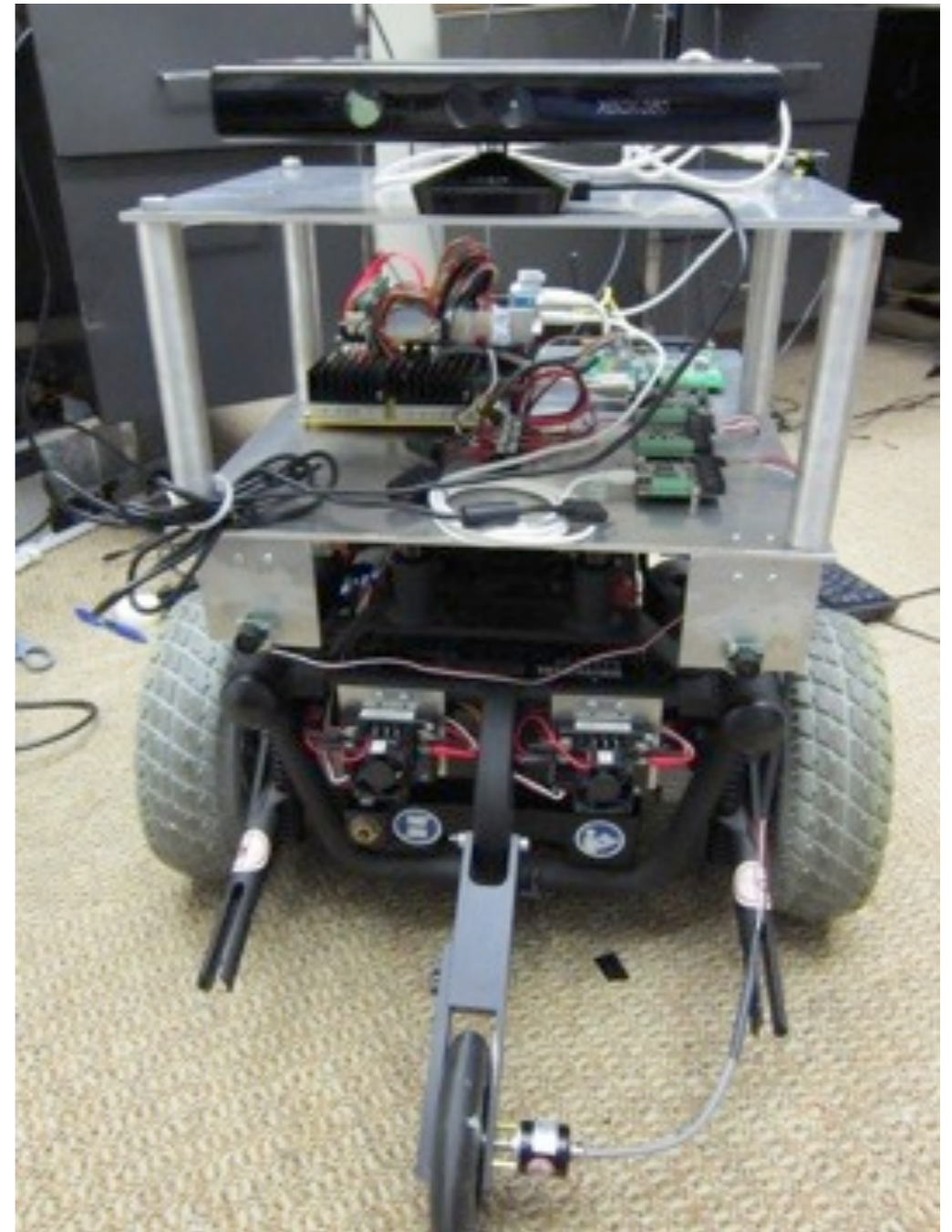
- Automated collection of RF signal
- Autonomous navigation through narrow corridors and open spaces
- Equipped with multitude of sensors

Advantages

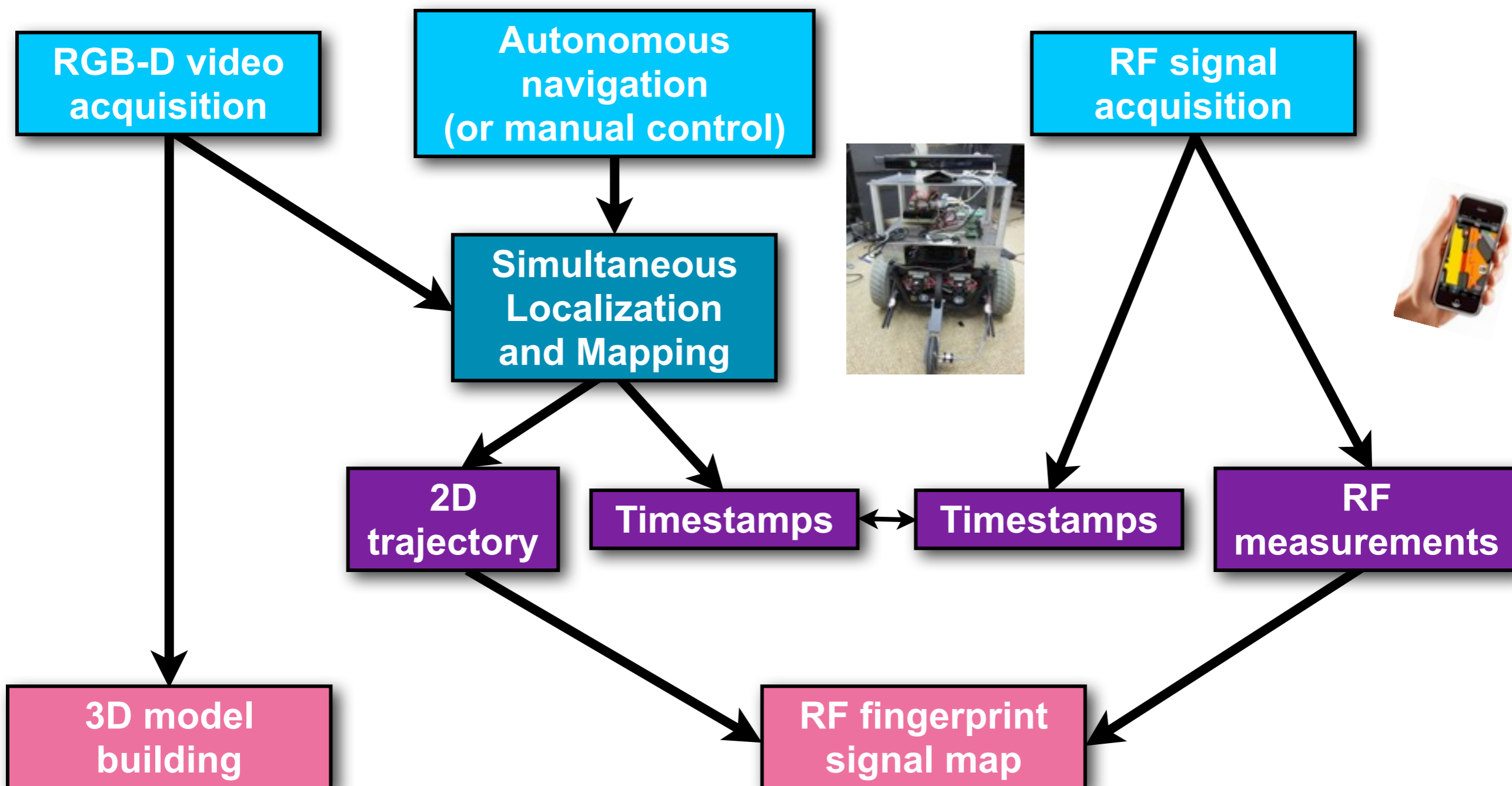
- Commercial-off-the-shelf hardware and free source software for easy replication
- Very long run-time
- Supports sensing payload up to 100 kg

Applications

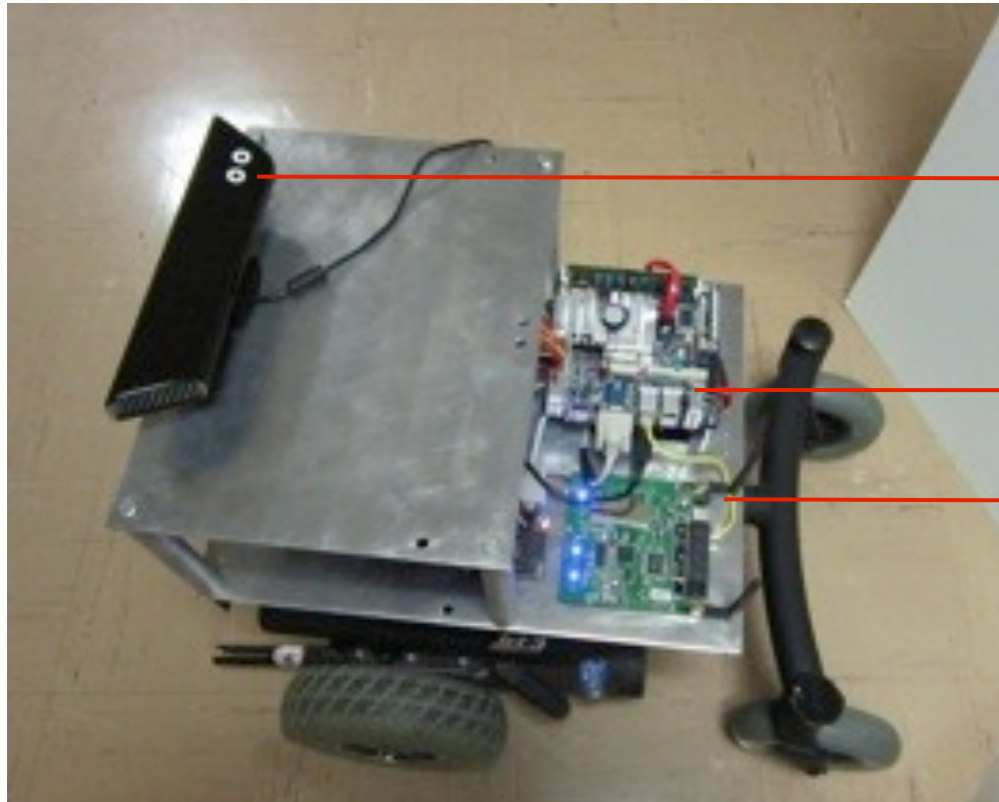
- Empirical test bed for novel methodologies
- Systematic evaluation of in-building mobile communication networks
- Surveillance applications



Automated fingerprinting: Process flow



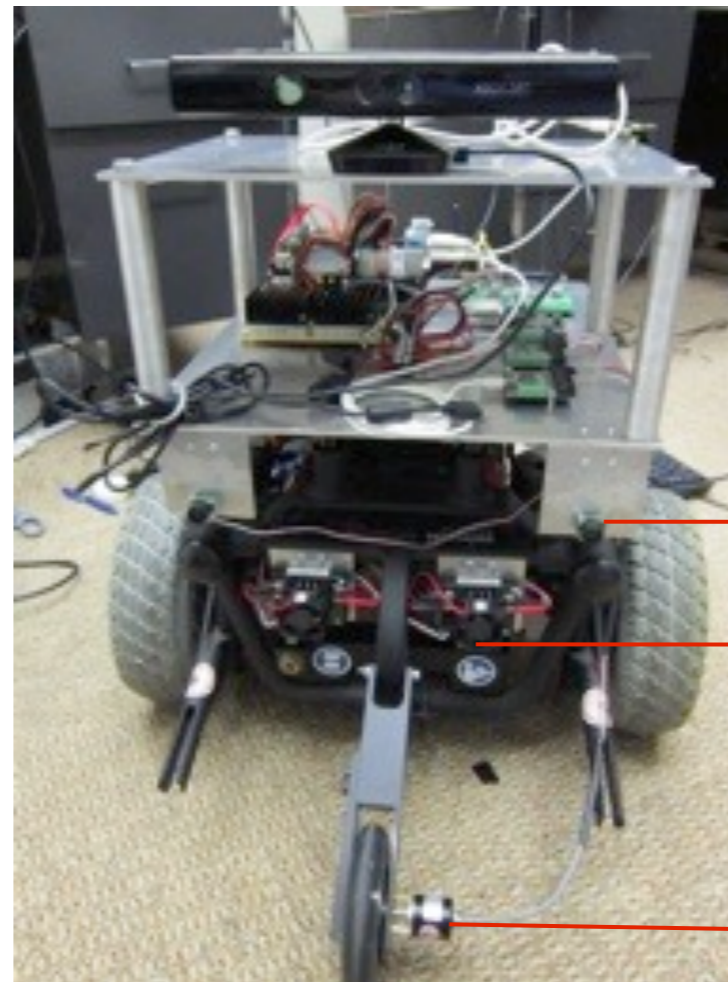
Automated fingerprinting: Using a mapping robot



Kinect RGBD sensor

Motherboard

Wireless router



Sonar

Motor controller

Optical encoder

Robot: WiFi-mapping Robot

Hardware

- Electric Wheel Chair base
- Microsoft Kinect for building 3D database
- VIA Mini-ITX motherboard 1.66 GHz and 4 GB RAM
- Linksys WiFi Router
- Sonar and Kinect for obstacle avoidance
- Microcontrollers
- Optical encoder for dead reckoning
- DC-DC convertors

Software

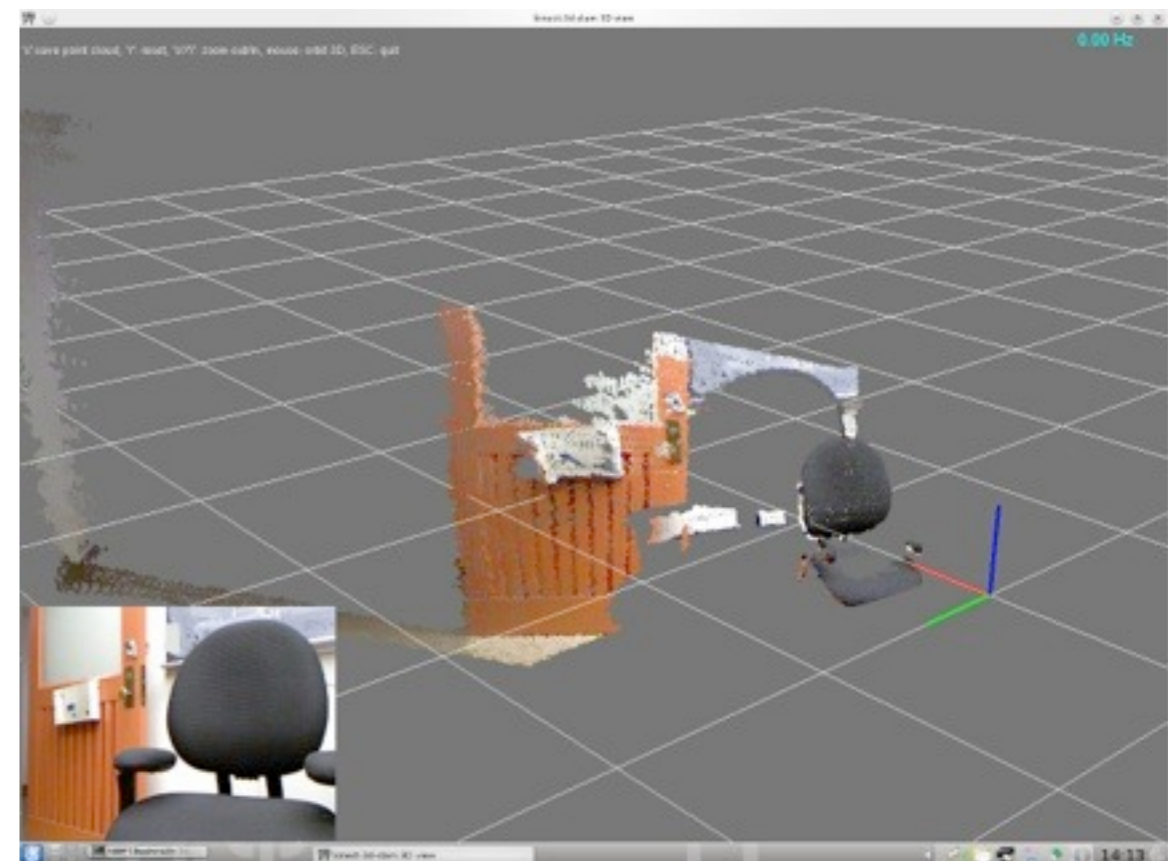
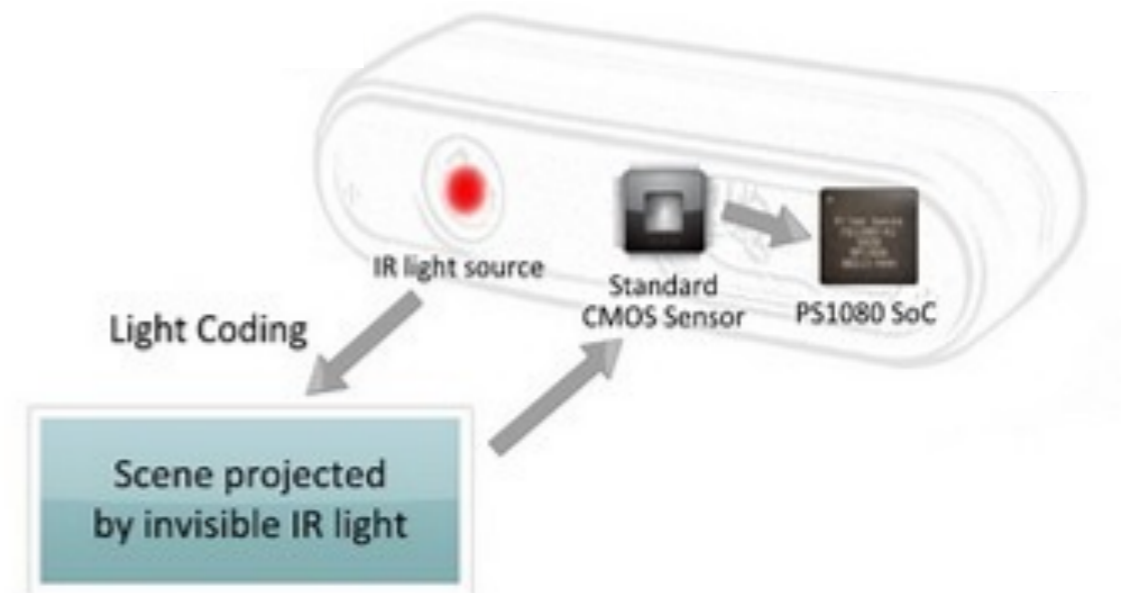
- Debian Linux O/S
- C, C++ for control and navigation

Specs

- Two 12V 32 Ah rechargeable batteries for 4 hours runtime
- Platform supports up to 100 kg of test and measurement equipment
- Multiple USB, RS232, RS422 ports for additional sensors and hardware
- 50 GB HDD for data storage

Robot: Using the Kinect sensor for 3D vision

- Full VGA resolution depth map acquired via infrared structured light
- Overlapping RGB video (needs calibration and rectification)
- OpenKinect/OpenNI software library

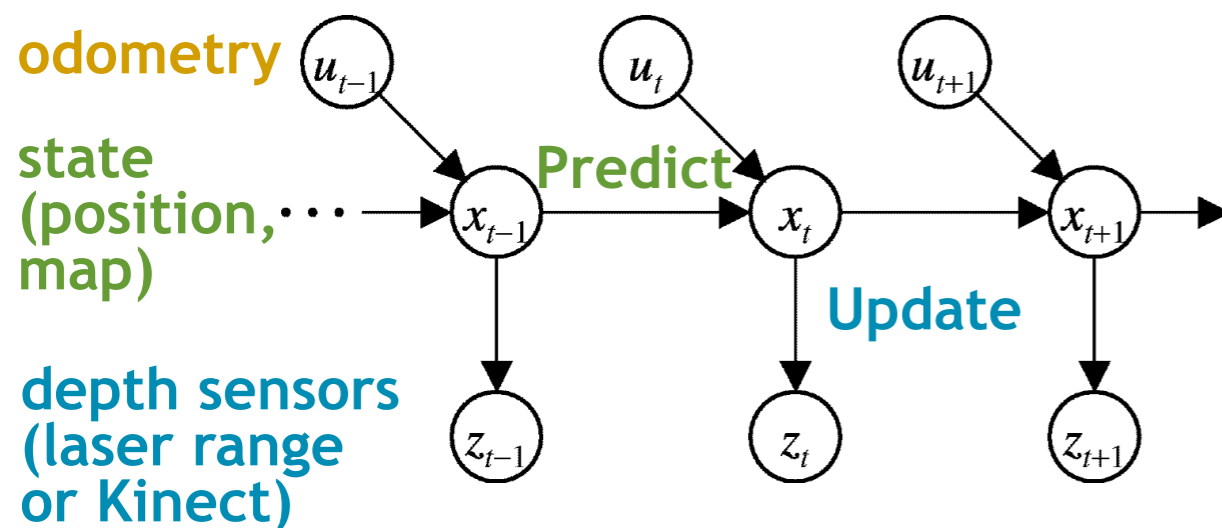


Robot: Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)

General SLAM principles

[Thrun et al, Probabilistic Robotics 2003]

- Integrate:
 - Input from (wheel) **odometry**
 - Motion model
- **Predict** the position and map (**state**)
 - State vector contains position and map
- Observe **sensors** (e.g., laser range)
- **Update** the state using observations



tinySLAM (real time)

[Steux & El Hamzaoui, ICARCV 2010]

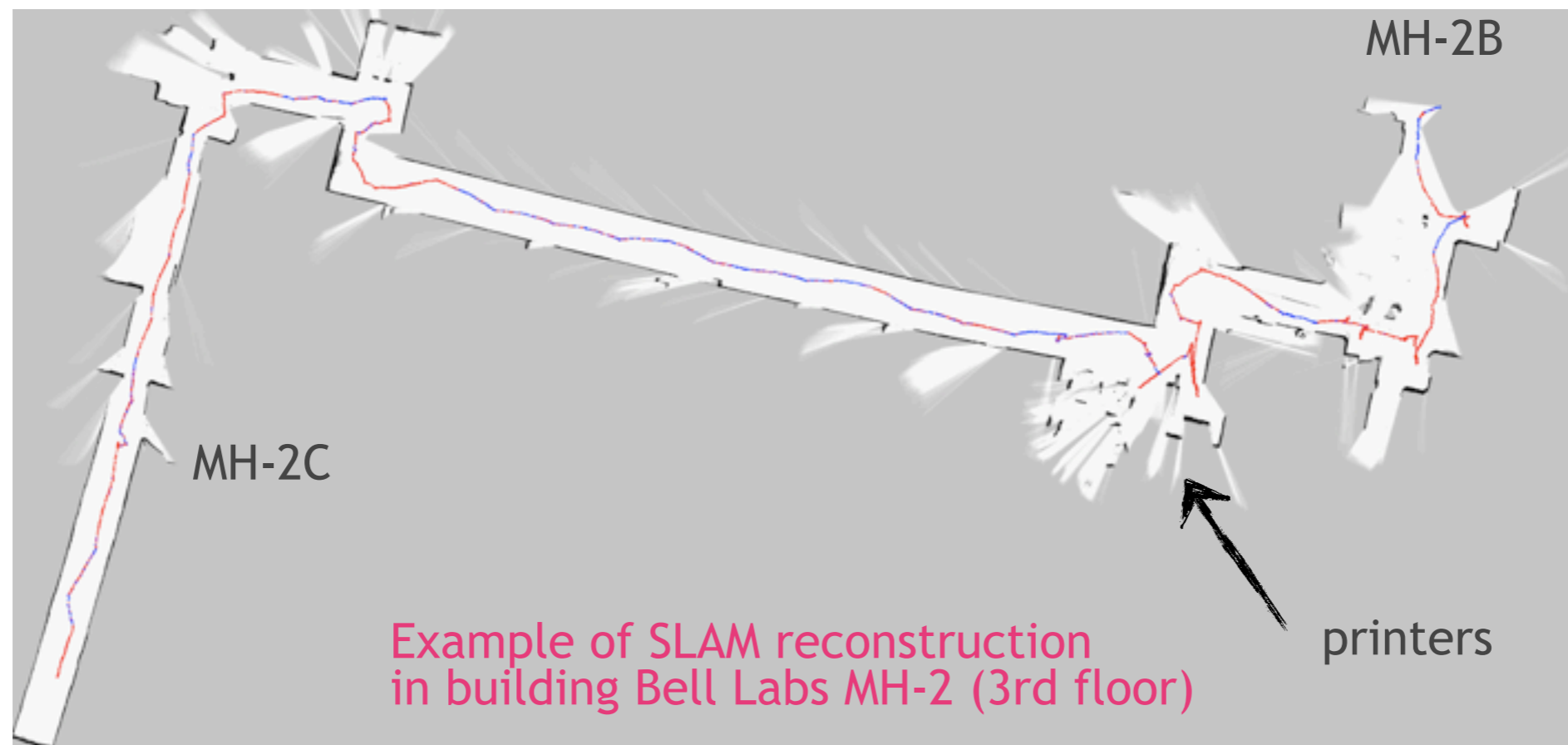
- Not probabilistic, approximate but fast
- Inputs:
 - Wheel encoder odometry
 - Rotation guess (from controls)
 - 2D “laser range” from Kinect
- We use it to compute the rotation angles

DP-SLAM (offline)

[Eliazar & Parr, IJCAI 2003; Eliazar & Parr, ICRA 2004]

- Particle-filter based
- Inputs:
 - Wheel encoder odometry
 - Rotation angles from tinySLAM
 - 2D “laser range” from Kinect

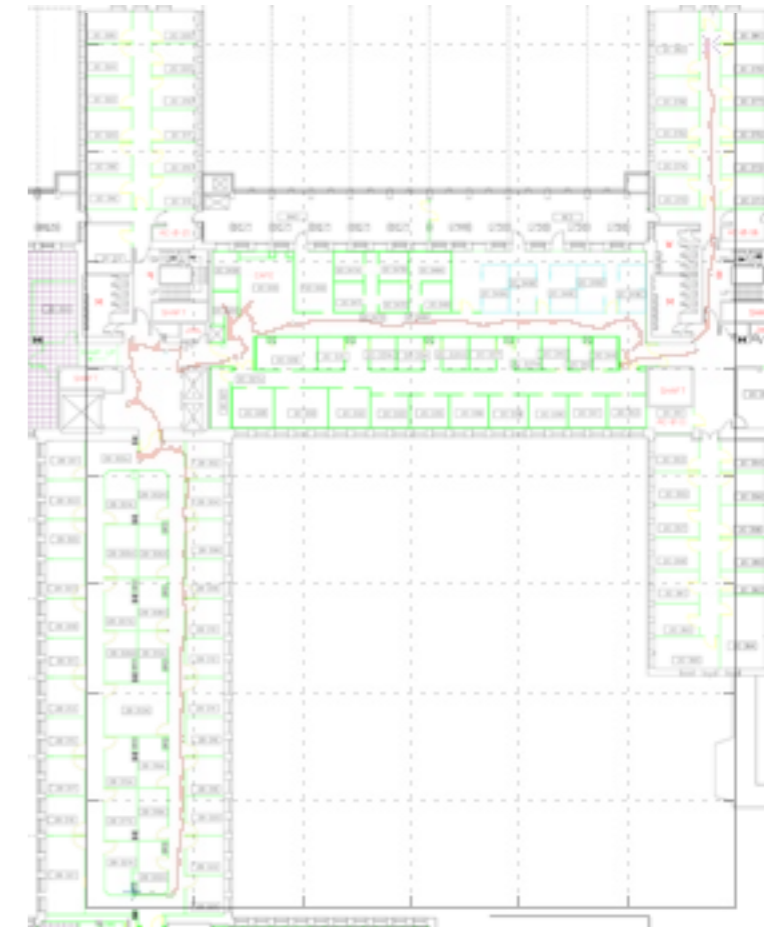
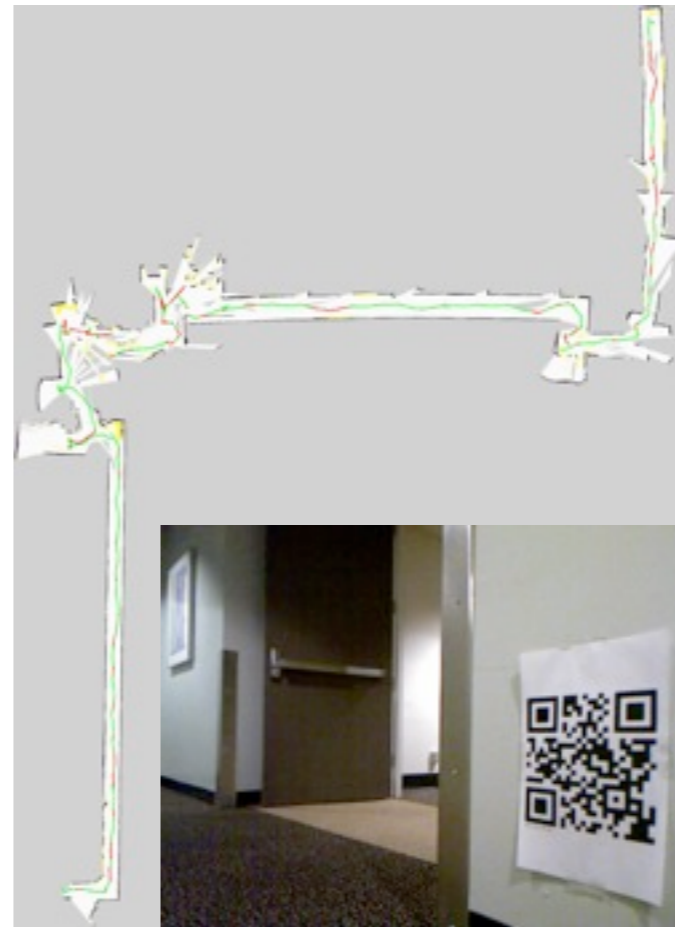
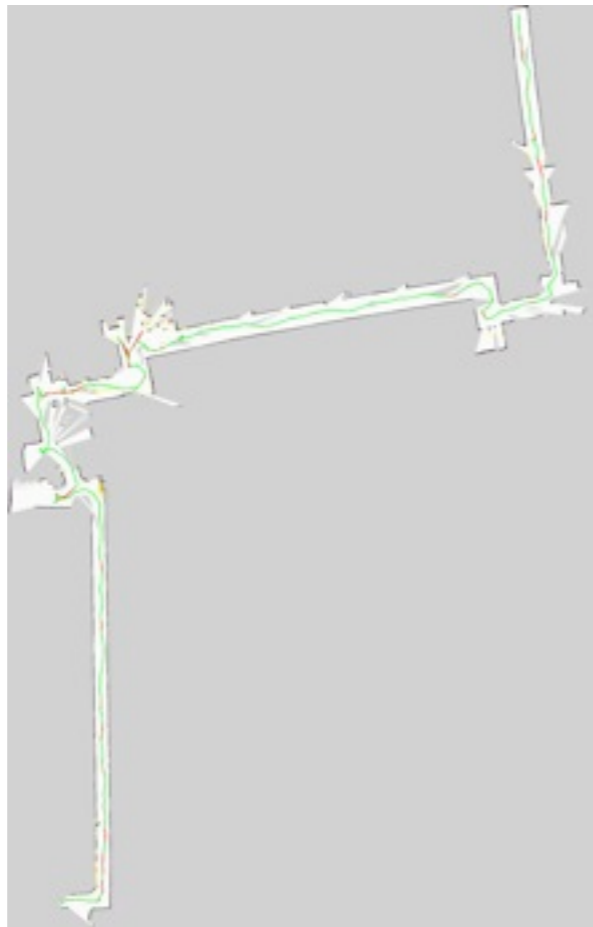
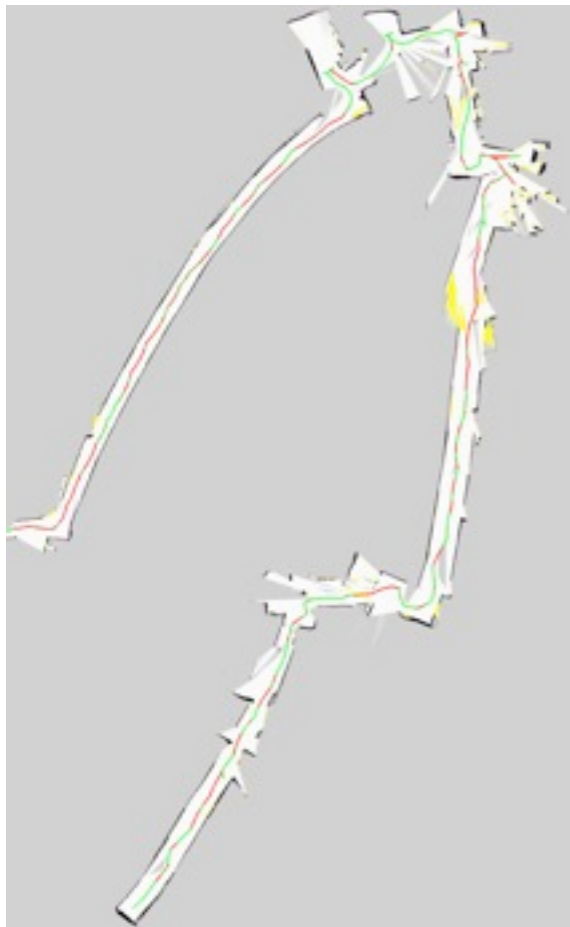
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Current limitations of SLAM [Steux & El Hamzaoui, 2010; Eliazar & Parr, 2003, 2004]

- Kinect sensor covers only 60 deg (laser ranges typically cover 180 deg)
- Kinect depth sensor works until 5.5m: problem in open spaces
- Slow processing speed of embedded hardware (e.g., no GPU-based computing abilities)
 - Most SLAM processing needs to be done offline
- Research in progress on loop closures

Robot: Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)



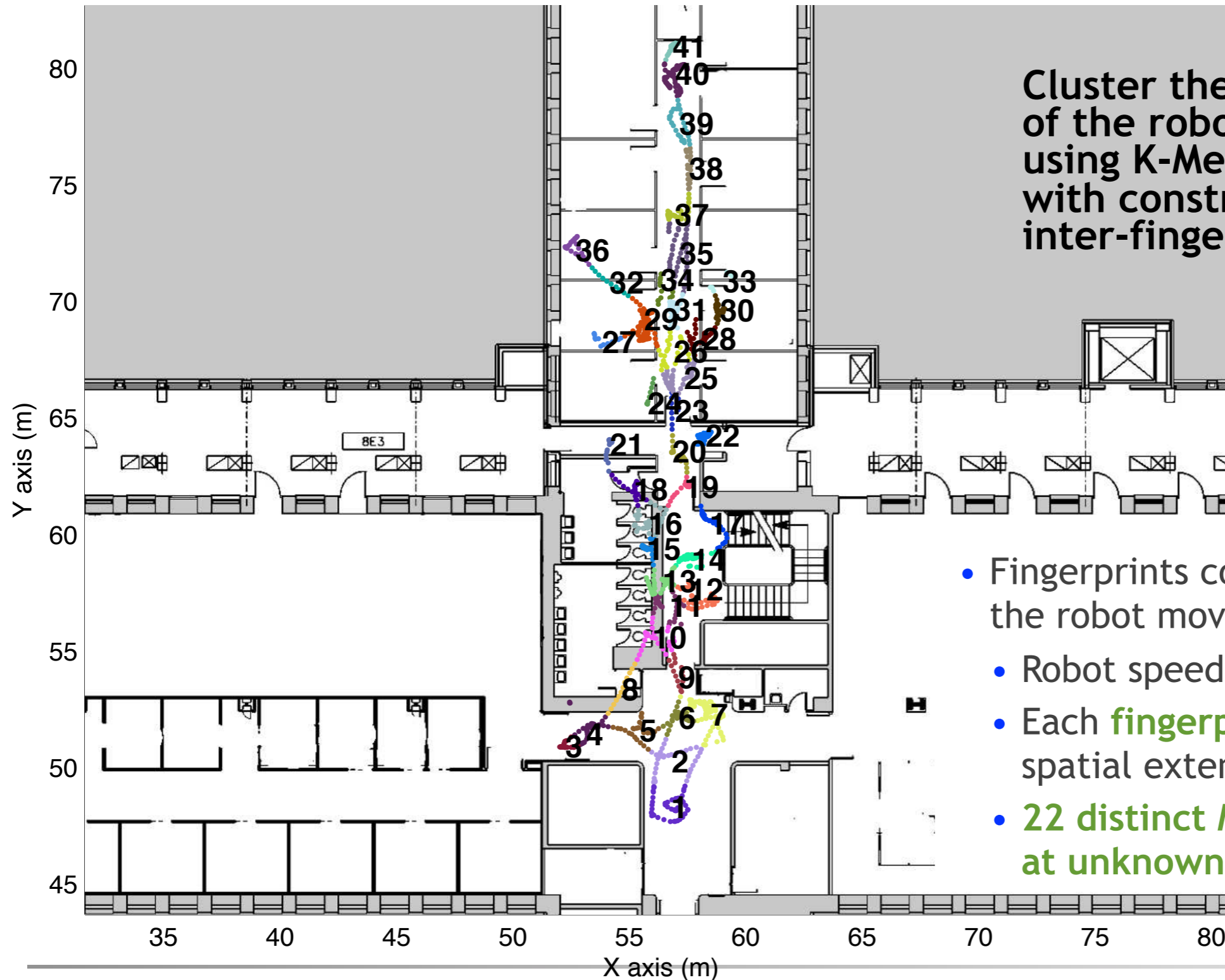
Trajectory from
wheel odometry

Trajectory from
particle filtering
SLAM
[Eliazar & Parr, 2003, 2004]

Trajectory
optimized using
absolute-position
landmarks
(self-describing
QR codes)
[Grisetti et al, 2007, 2010]

Optimized
trajectory
superimposed on
building blue prints

Automated fingerprinting: a corridor at Bell Labs

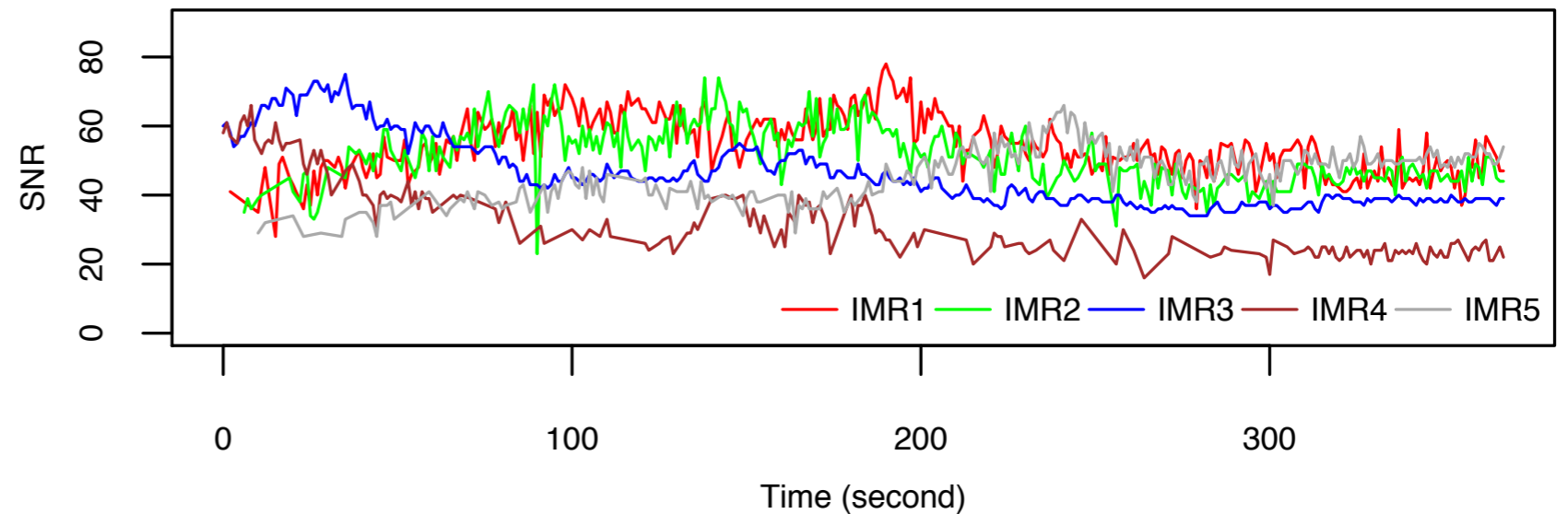


Cluster the path keypoints of the robot using K-Means algorithm with constraints on inter-fingerprint distance

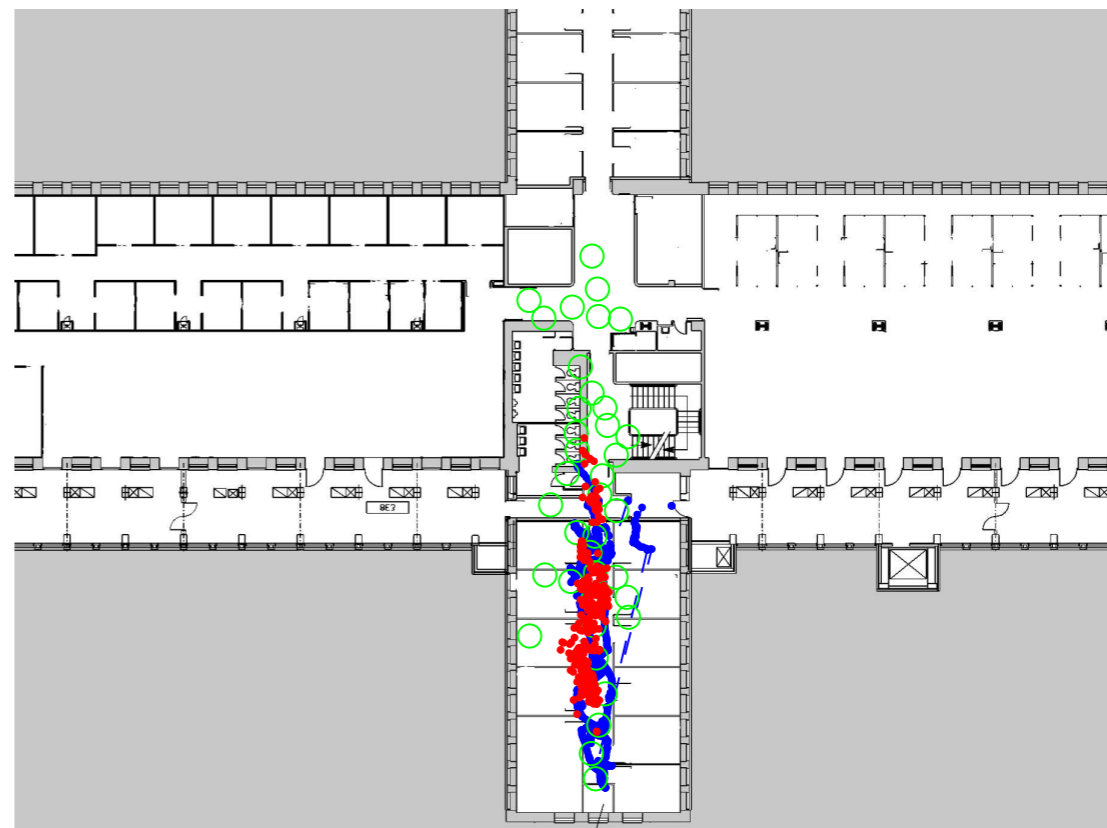
- Fingerprints collected on the fly as the robot moves
 - Robot speed: 0.23m/s
 - Each **fingerprint** spans 2m of spatial extent
 - **22 distinct MAC addresses (~ APs) at unknown locations**

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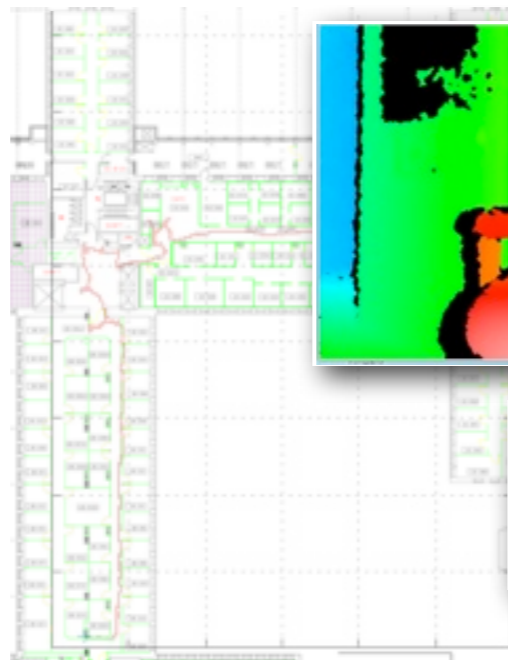
The signal recorded along a simple (linear) trajectory is extremely noisy



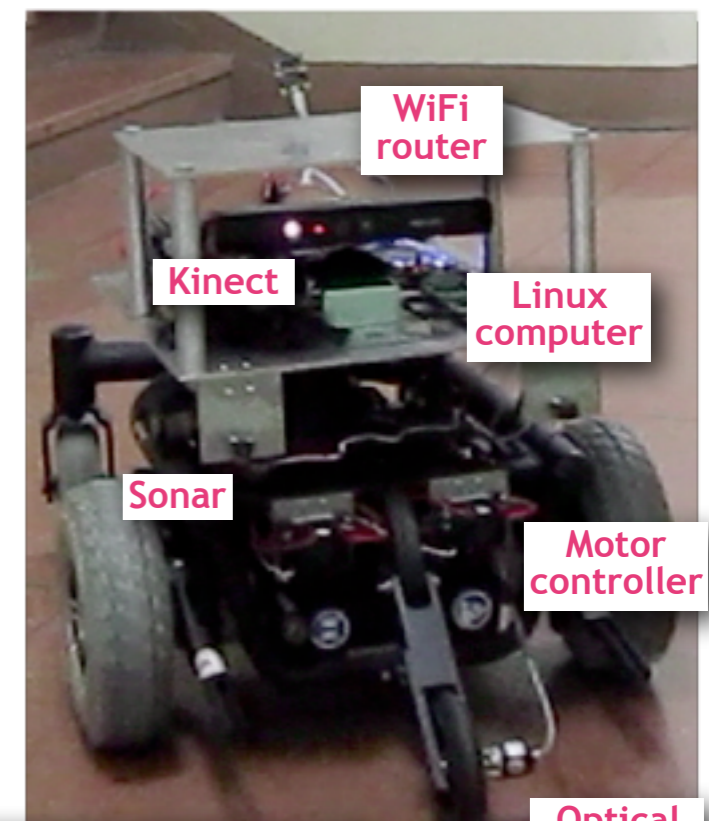
Tracking accuracy:
median: 3 m
error at 90%: 6 m



Automated RF Mapping: Using a self-localizing robot



Real-time (30Hz) precise RGB-D image (color + depth) up to 5.5m distance, using the Kinect sensor



WiFi router

Kinect

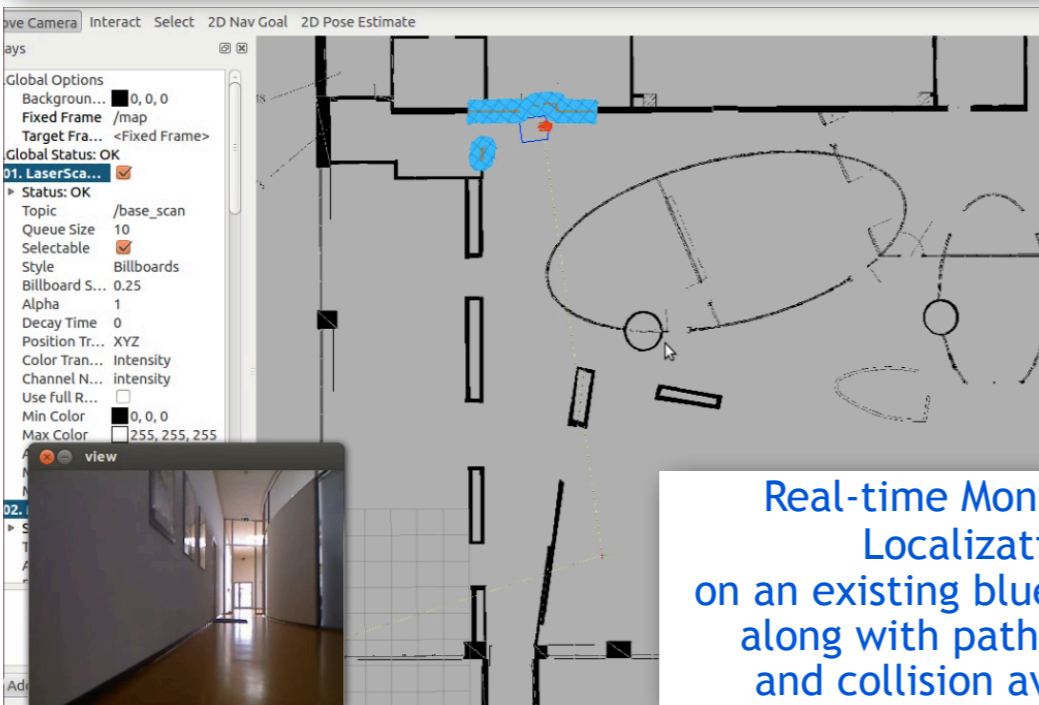
Linux computer

Sonar

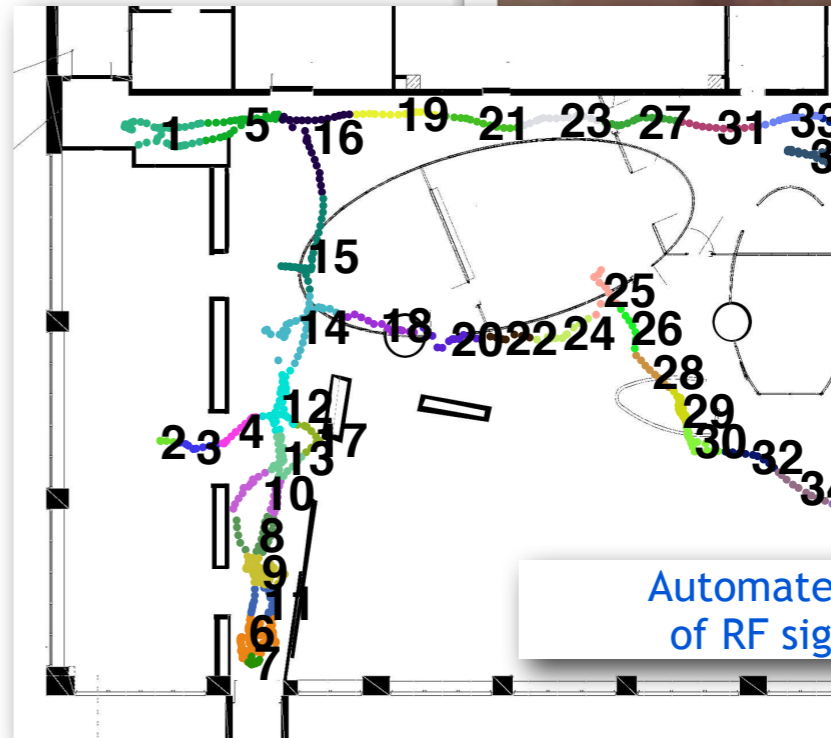
Motor controller

Optical encoder

Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) for map building from start (without blueprints), trajectory registration using self-describing QR codes



Real-time Monte Carlo Localization on an existing blueprint map, along with path planning and collision avoidance



Automated building of RF signal maps

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