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Smartphone Positioning Indoors

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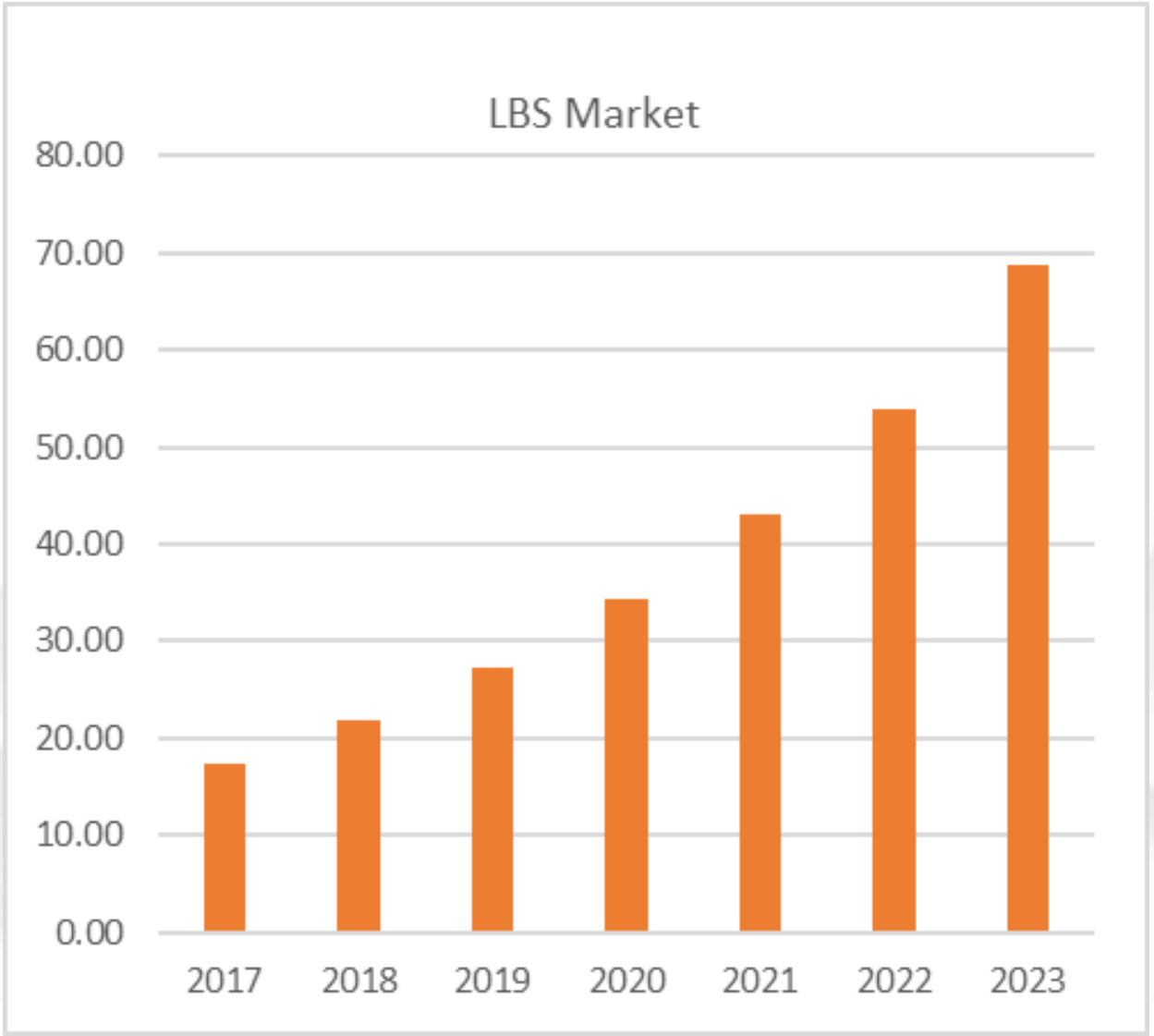
Your Phone Knows Where You Are

“Where am I？”

The Market Size of LBS and RTLS

The Location-Based Services (LBS) and Real-Time Location Systems (RTLS) market size was valued at USD 17.38 billion in 2017 and is projected to reach USD 68.85 billion by 2023, at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 25.4% during the forecast period. The base year considered for the study is 2017 and the forecast period is from 2018 to 2023.



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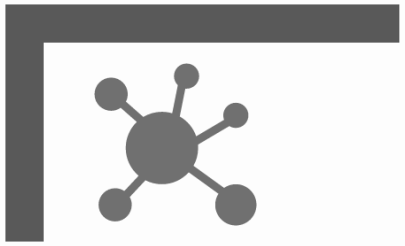
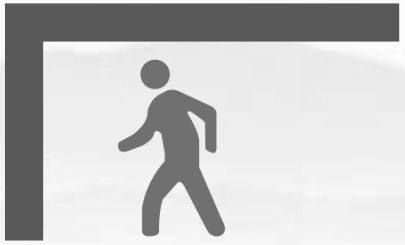
Challenges for Indoor Positioning



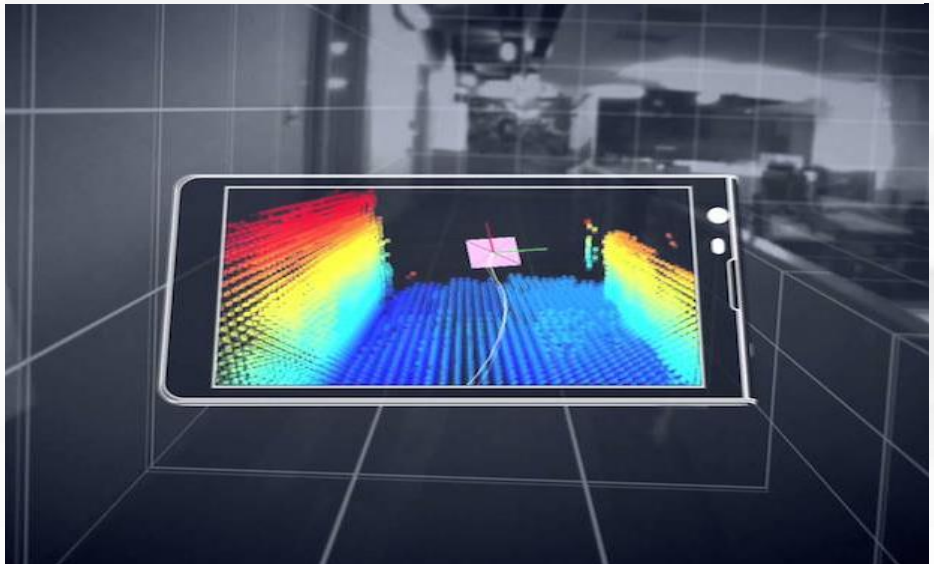
Complex topology

Complex radio environment



Complex human motion patterns

Visual Positioning Service – A Google Core Technology



Google

iBeacon – An Apple Technology

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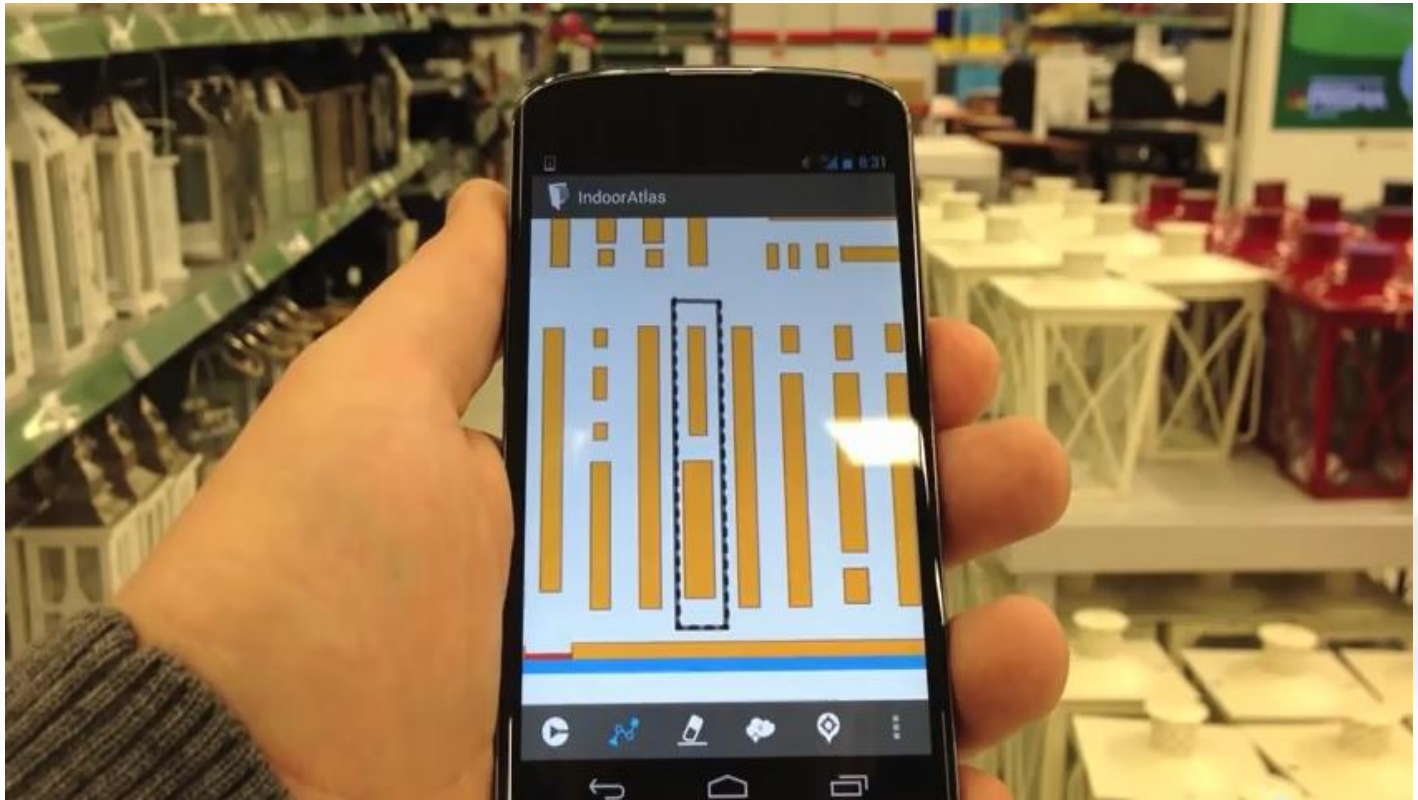
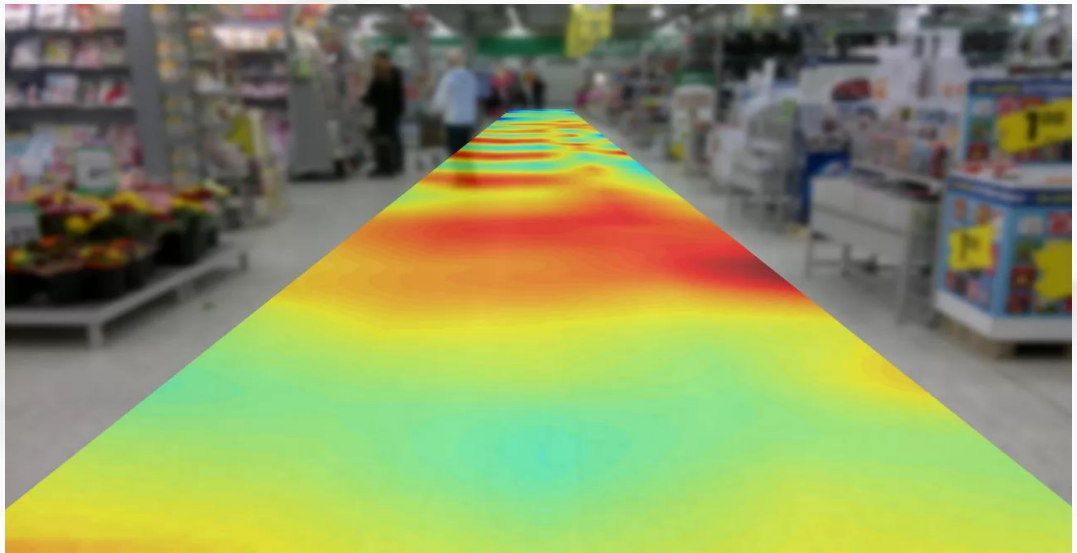
Baidu: Magnetic Fingerprinting

IndoorAtlas





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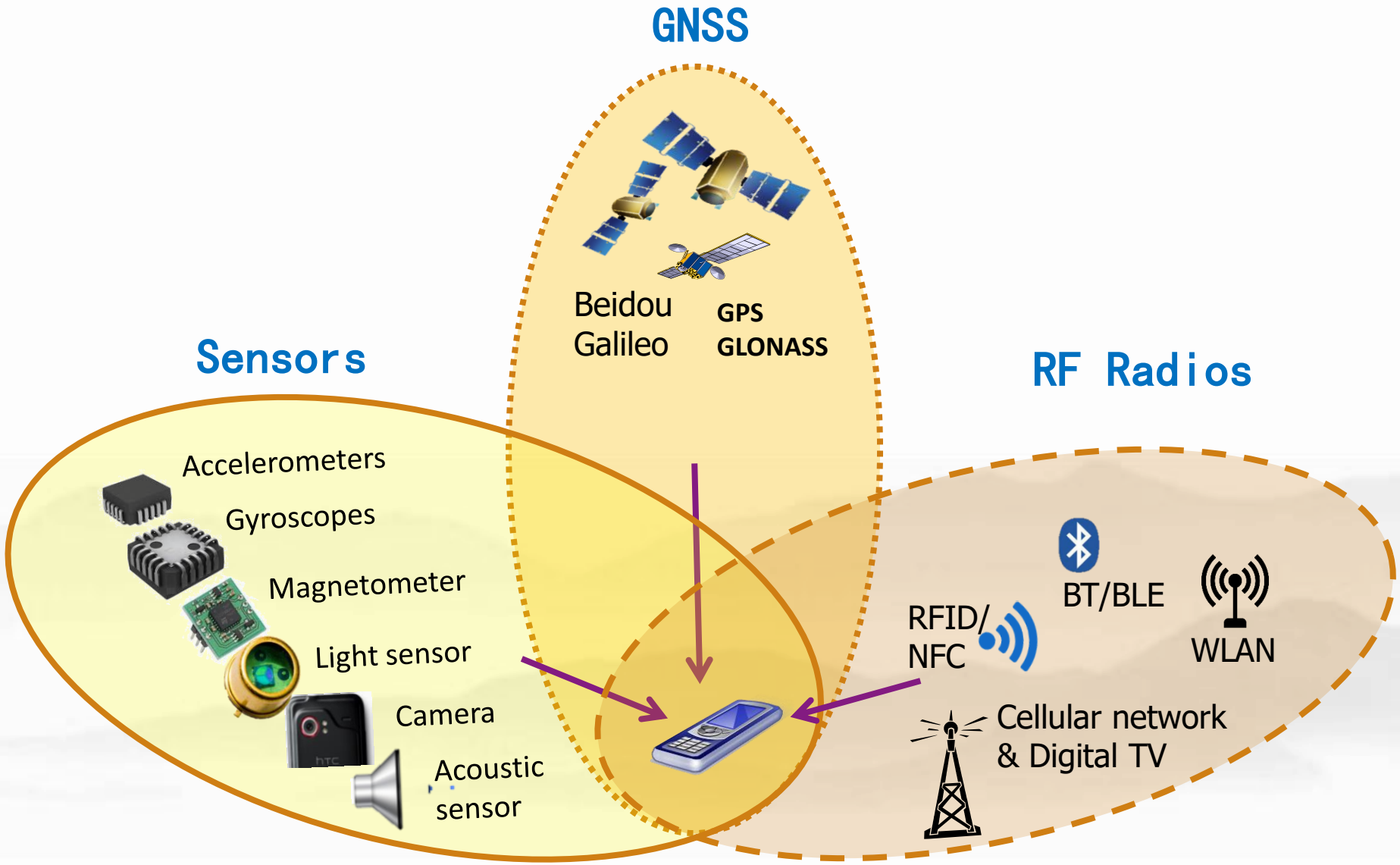
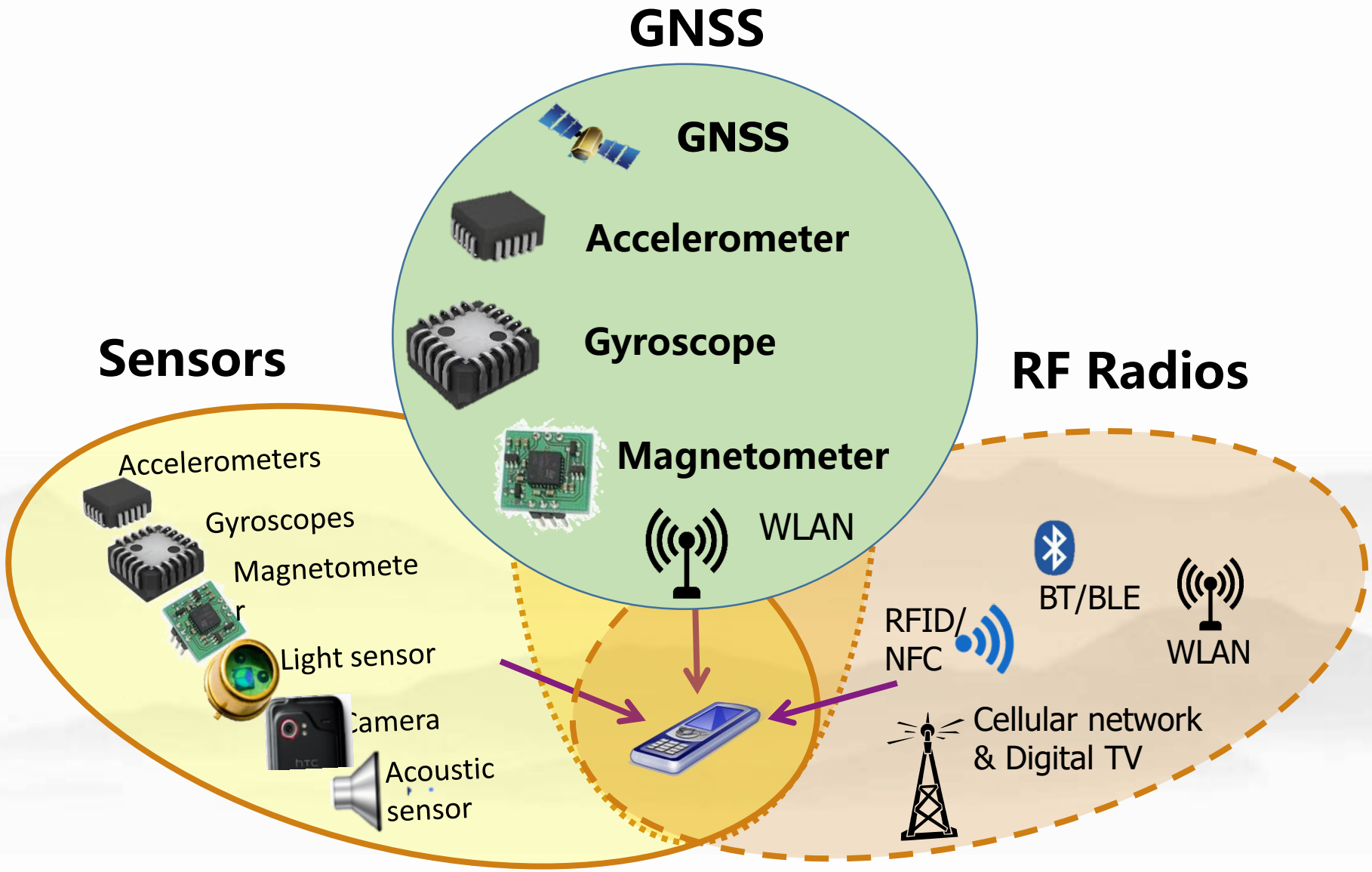


Positioning With WiFi， Sensors and GNSS



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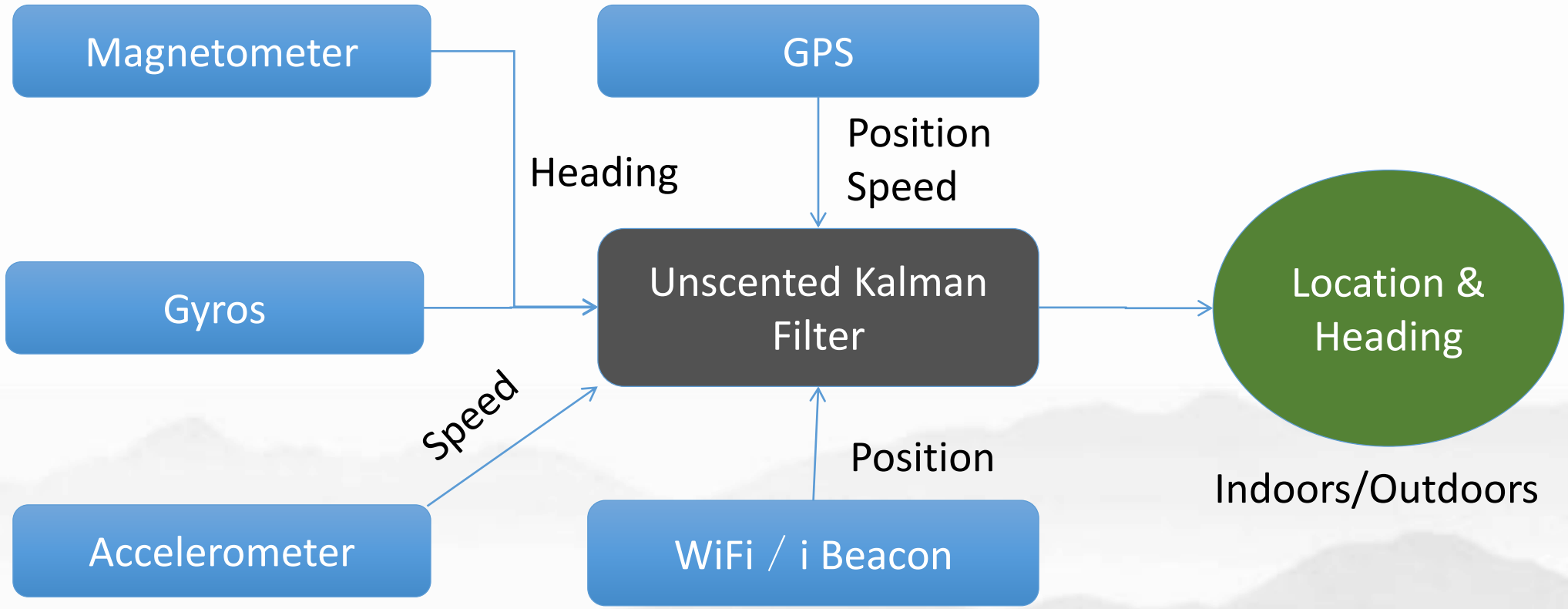

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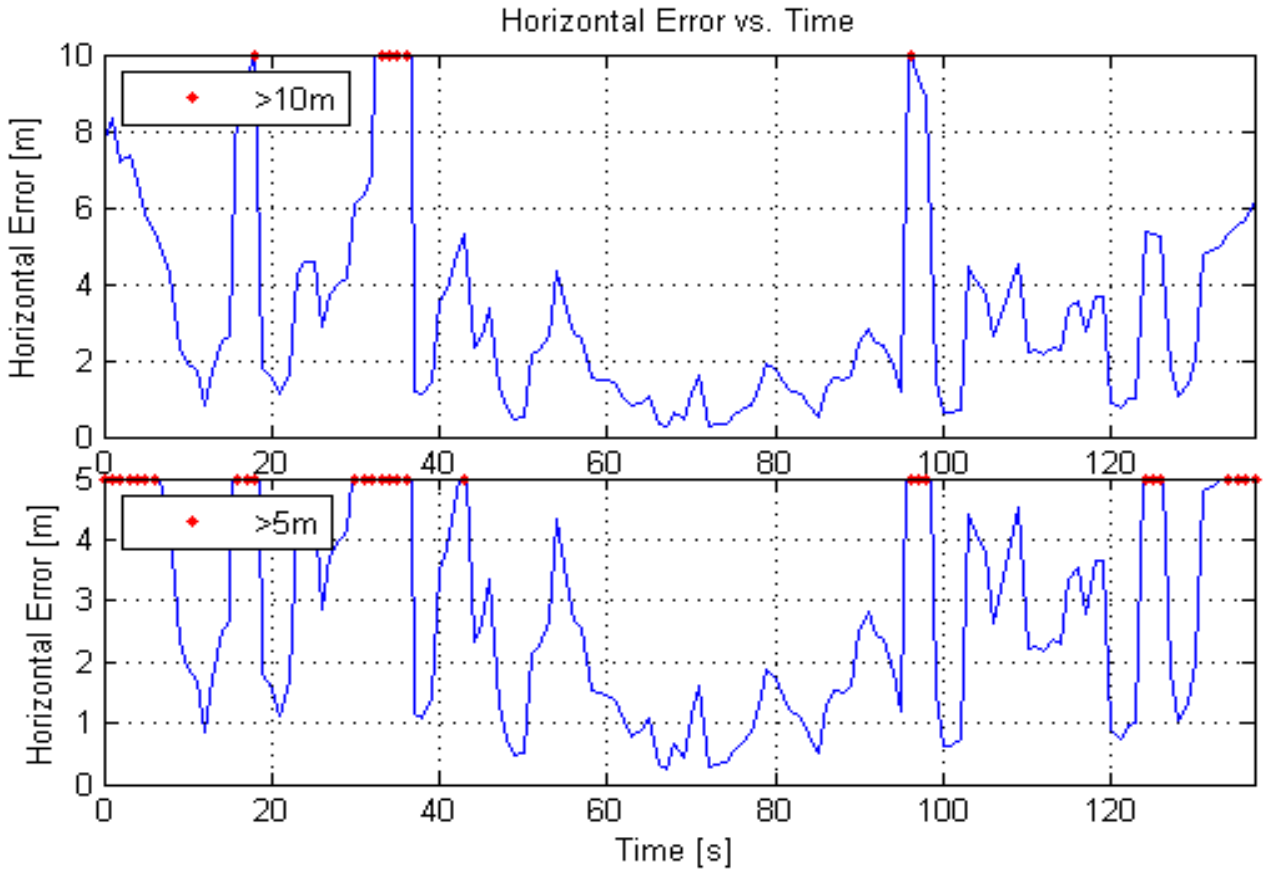
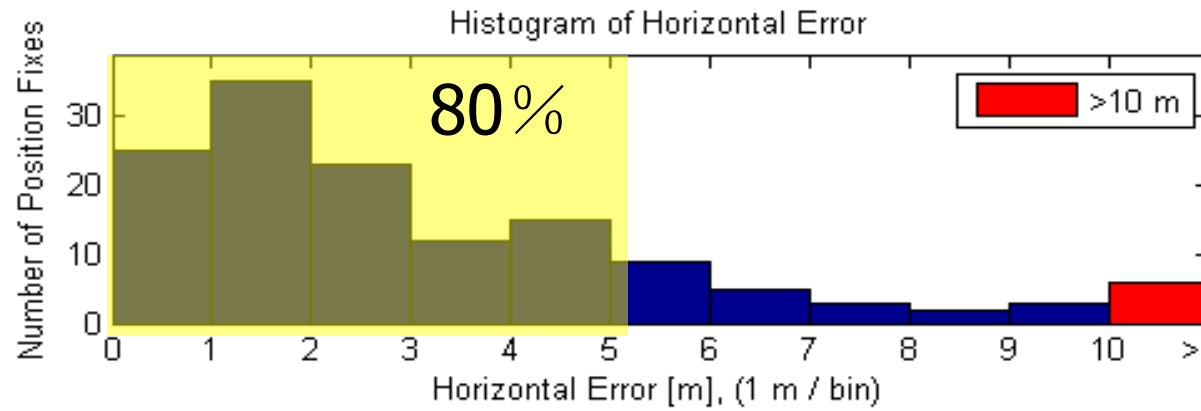
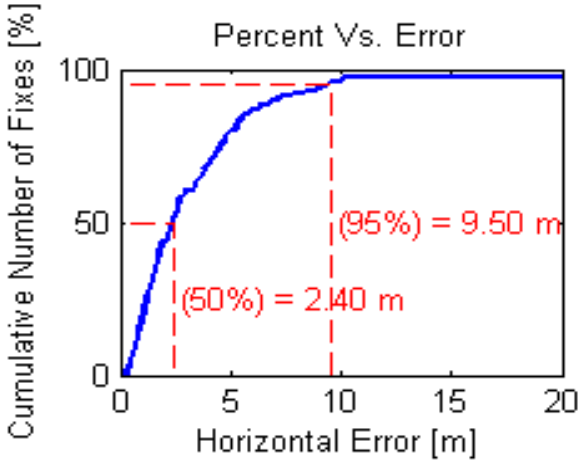
Positioning Accuracy

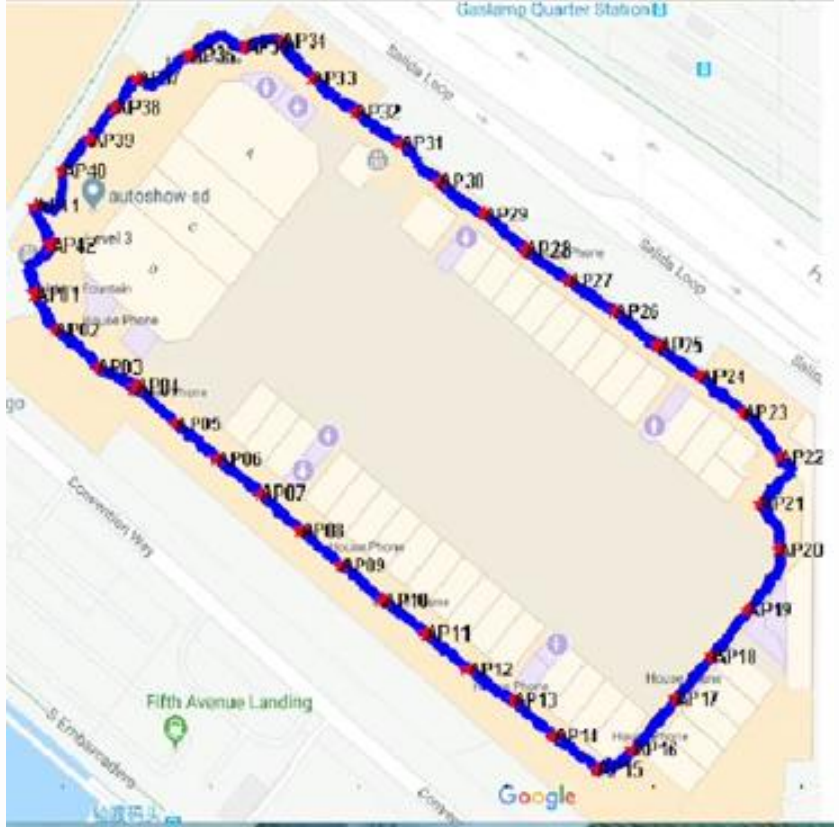






Testing Date: June 21, 2015
First Fix: 01:57:32 (UTC)
Last Fix: 01:59:49 (UTC)
Availability: 100 %
Error < 5 m: 79.71 %
Error < 10 m: 95.65 %
Maximum Error: 21.95 m
Mean Error: 3.52 m
Standard Deviation: 3.83 m

Ground Truth: GPS/INS



Real-Time： 2-5 meters under typical indoor environment

PerfLoc: NIST indoor Positioning Competition

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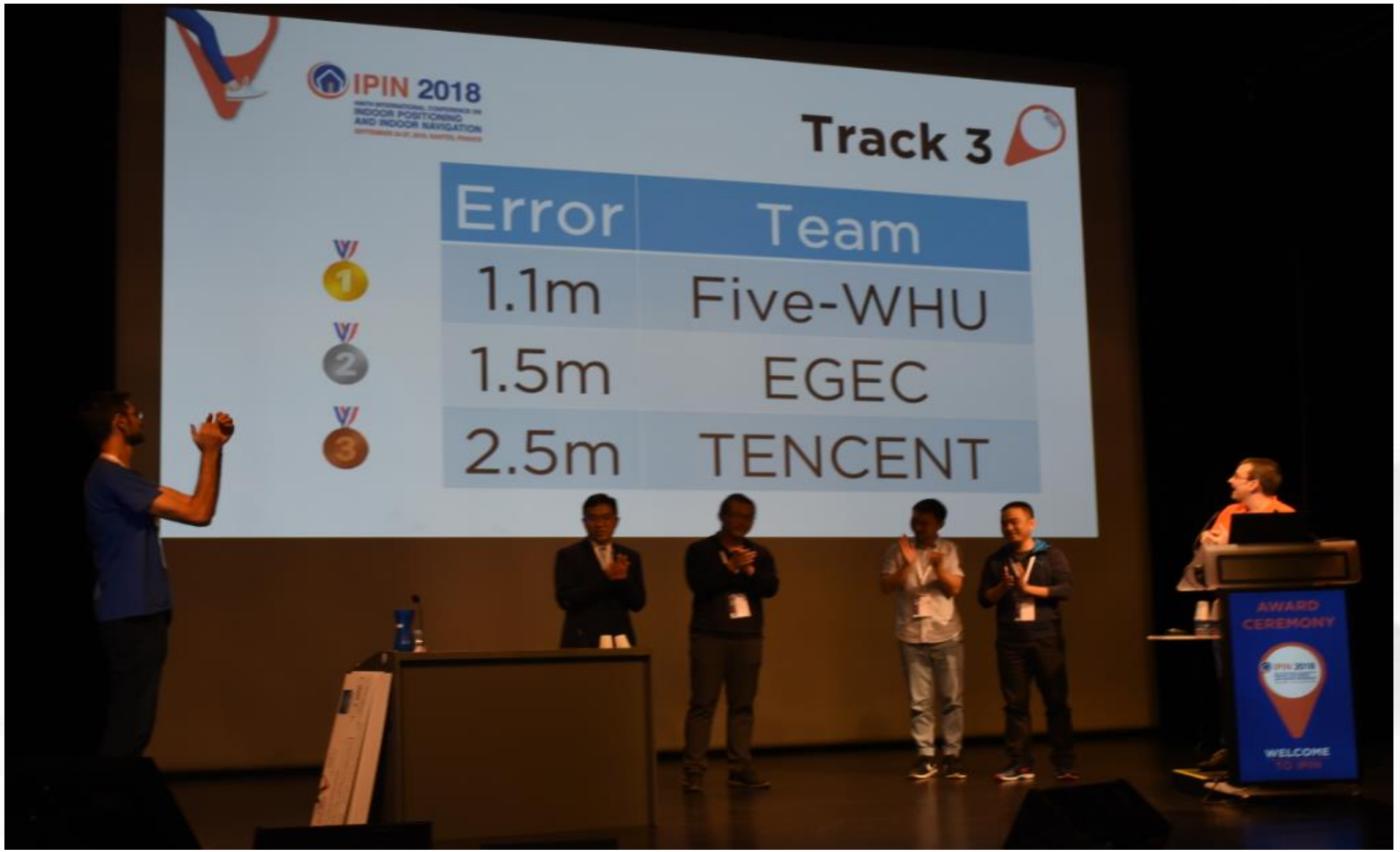
Post-Processing Accuracy



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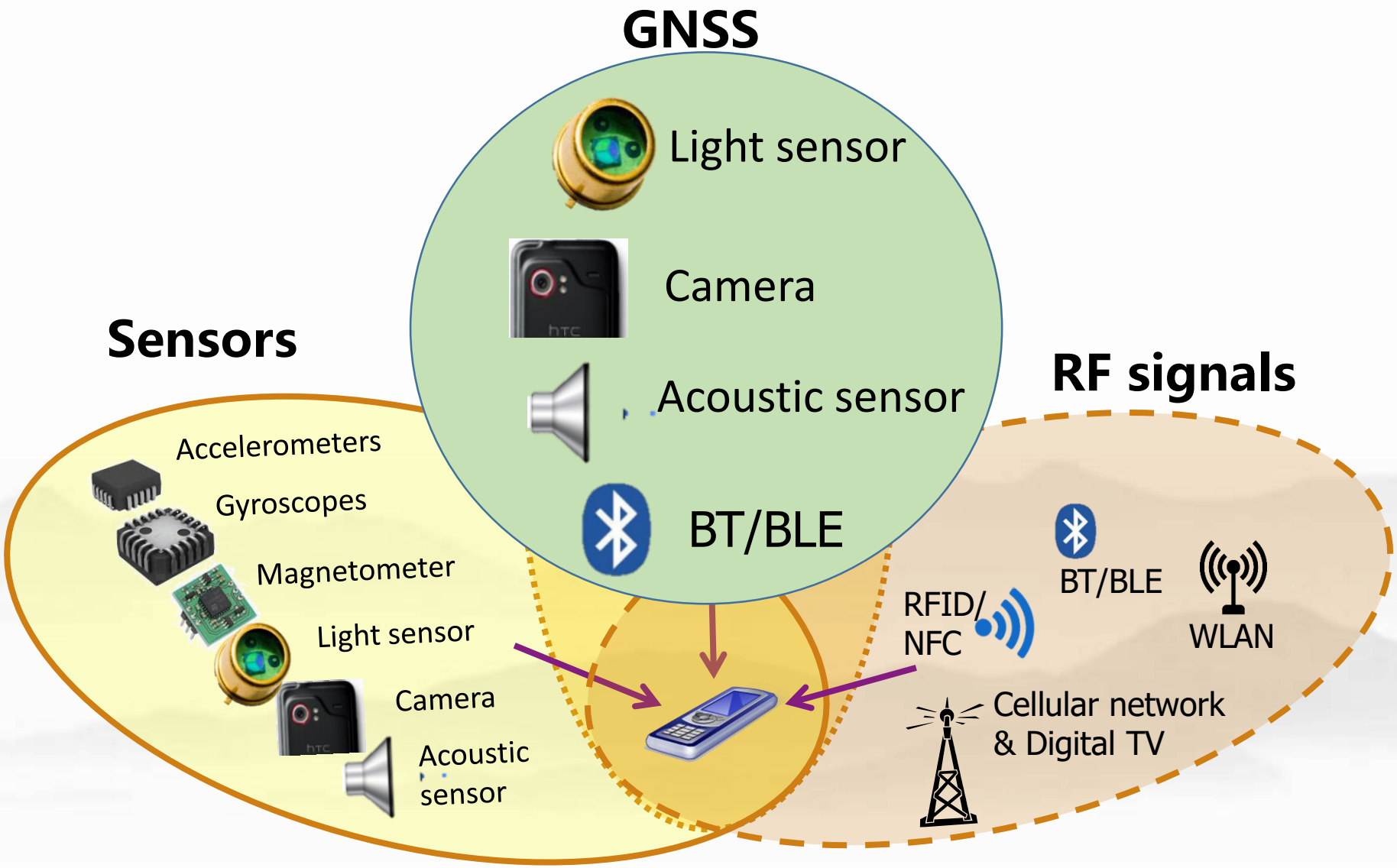
Positioning with New Sensors



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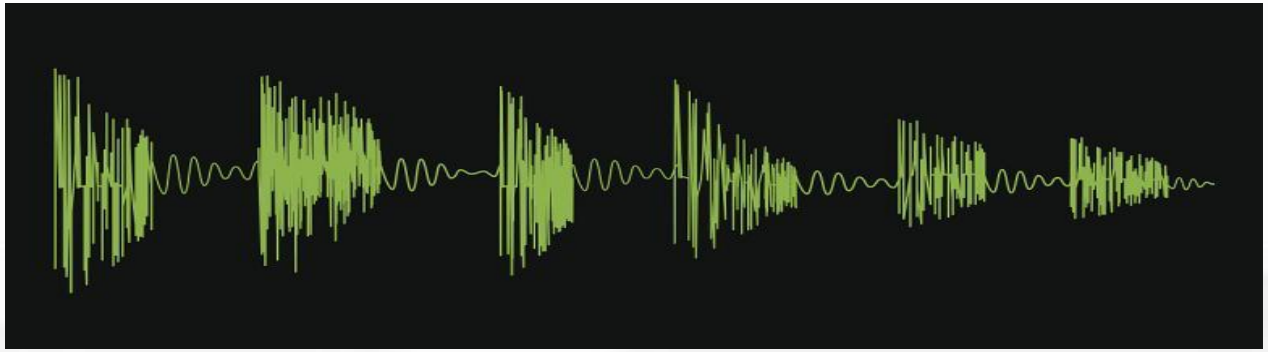
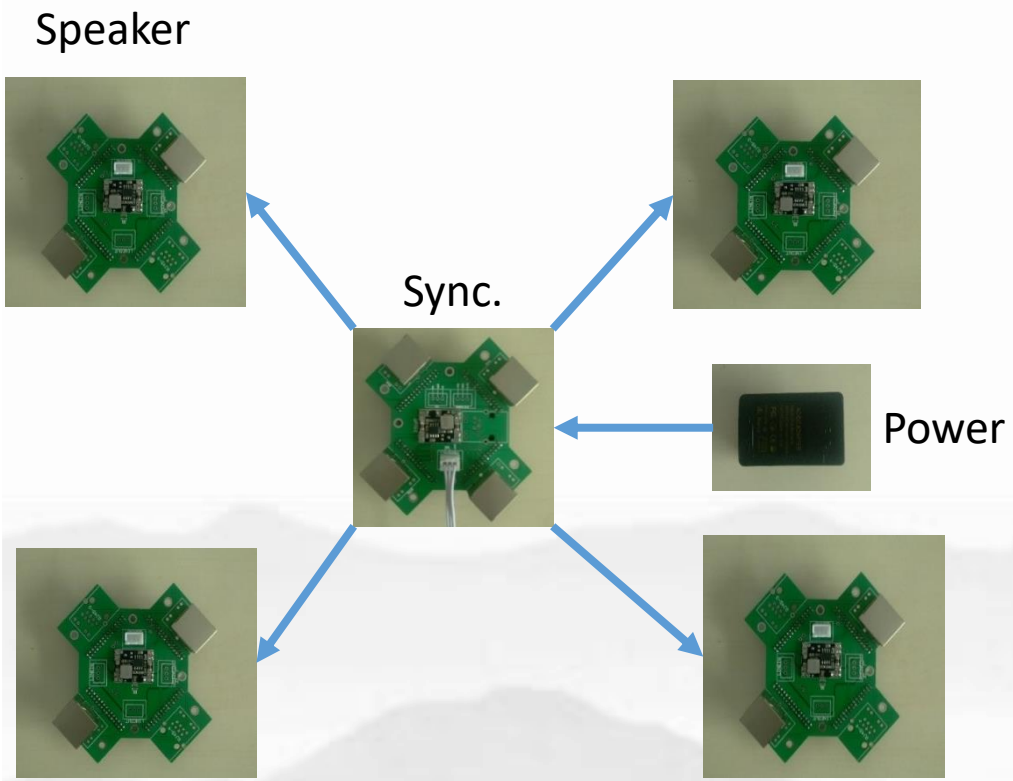
Positioning Based on Acoustic Signal

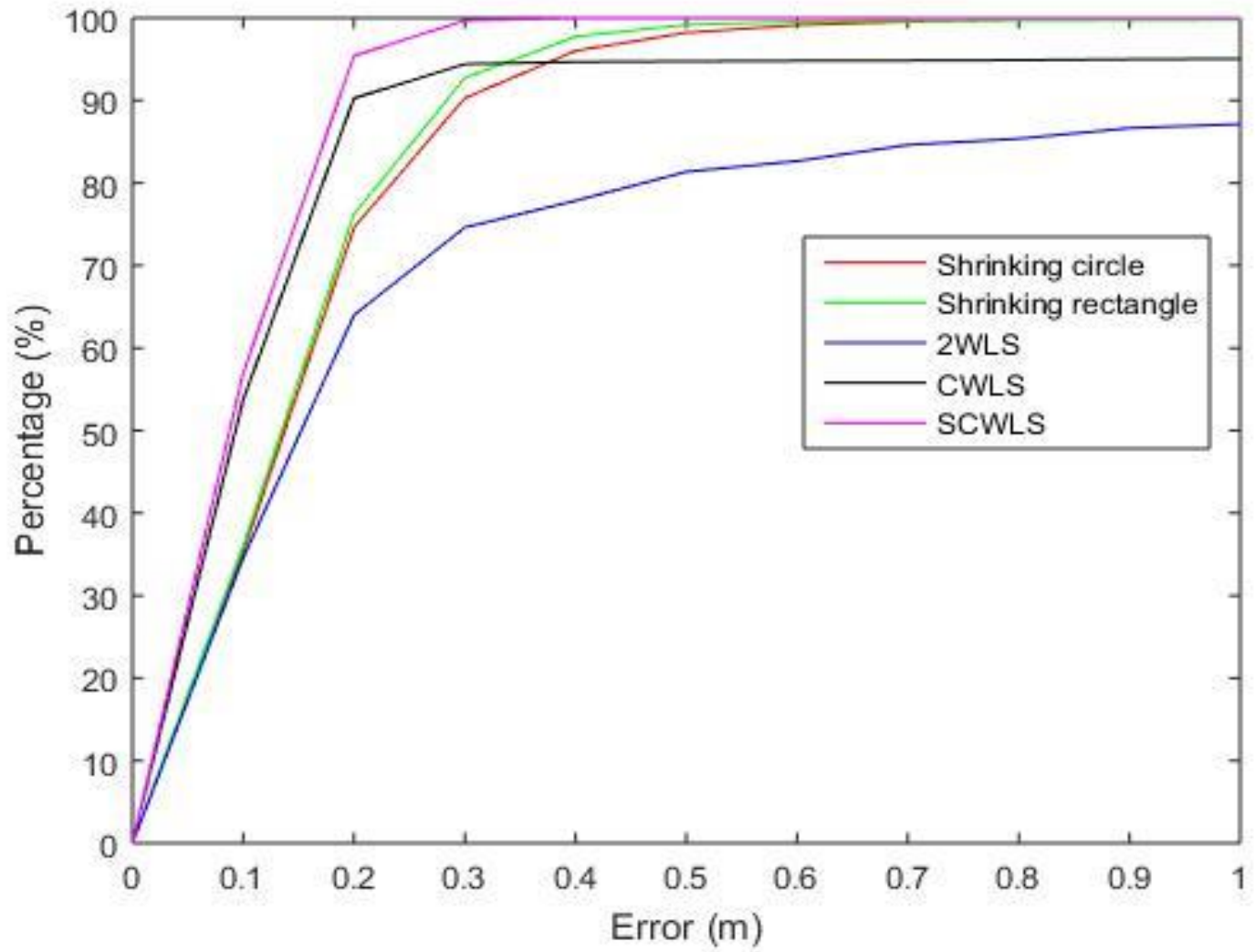


Acoustic Ranging Positioning

- **Using the Mic and Speakers of the Smartphone**
- **Working spectrum ranges from 16-21KHz Not hearable by human, not interfered by human voices**
- **The speed of sound is slow compared to RF signals, therefore, the clock synchronization requirement is not high.**
- **Measure TOA**
- **Positioning accuracy：decimeters**
- **Effective Range：5-20m**



Positioning Accuracy



0.2 m at 95%

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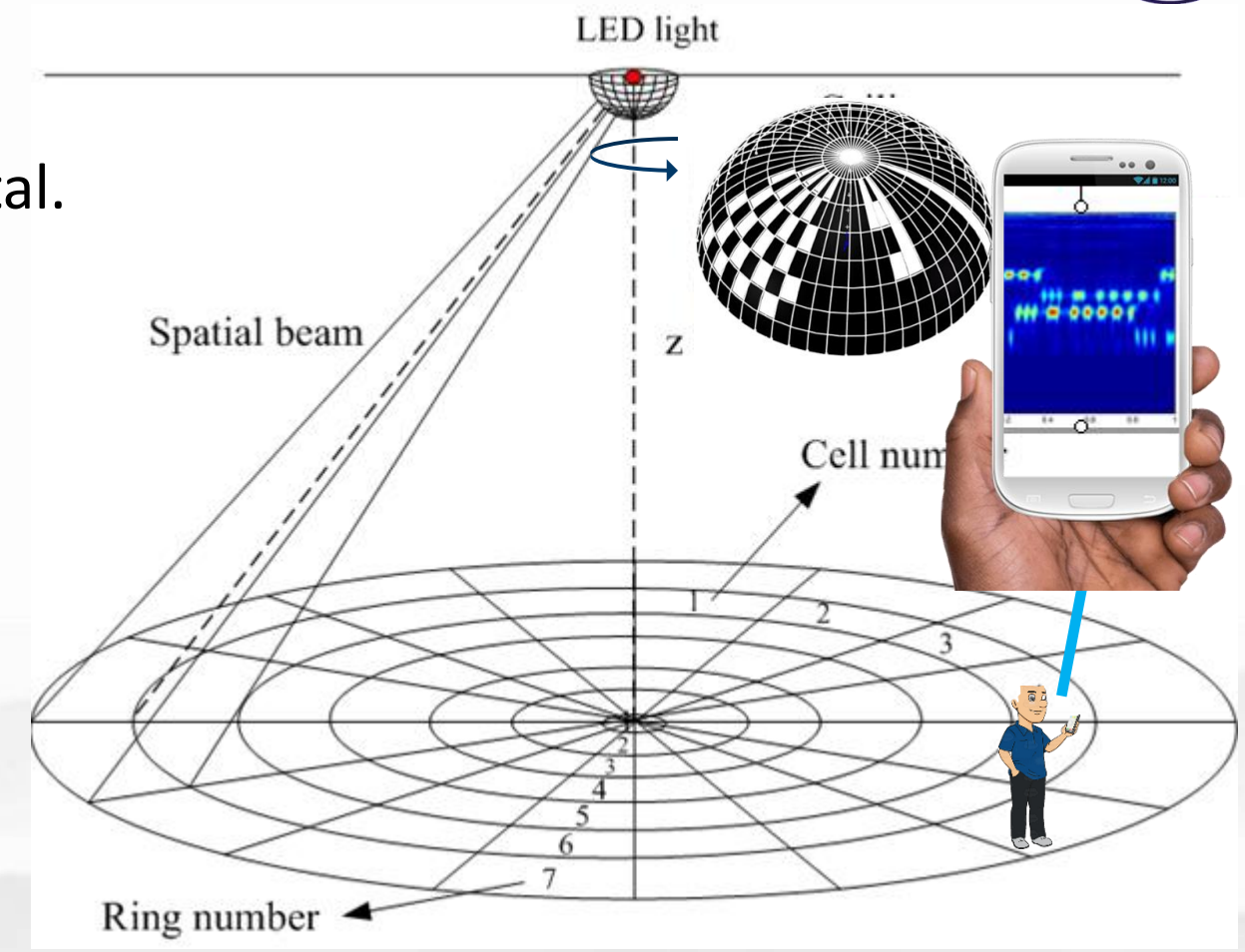
Positioning Based on Light Signal

Positioning Using Light

- An light shade is divided into 8 rings， each ring has 48grids, there are 384 sectors in total.
- Each sectorial grid can be opened (0) or closed (1), by rotating the shade, the light sensor of the smartphone can receive different light patterns in different sectors.
- A sector is identified by the light patterns.
- No hardware change is needed from smartphones
- Positioning accuracy is 5-10cm.
- Single Station Positioning for Small Indoor Space



Light source： 850 nm Infrared

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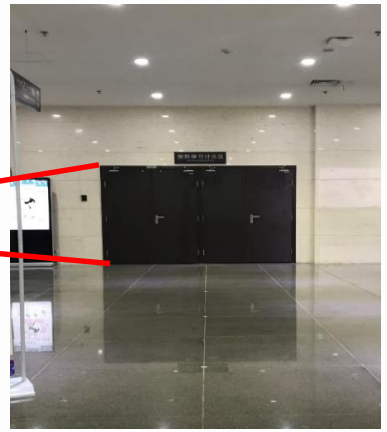
Visual Positioning with Point-Line-2D-3D Objects

Human Eyes vs Smartphone Camera

5 Types of smartphones



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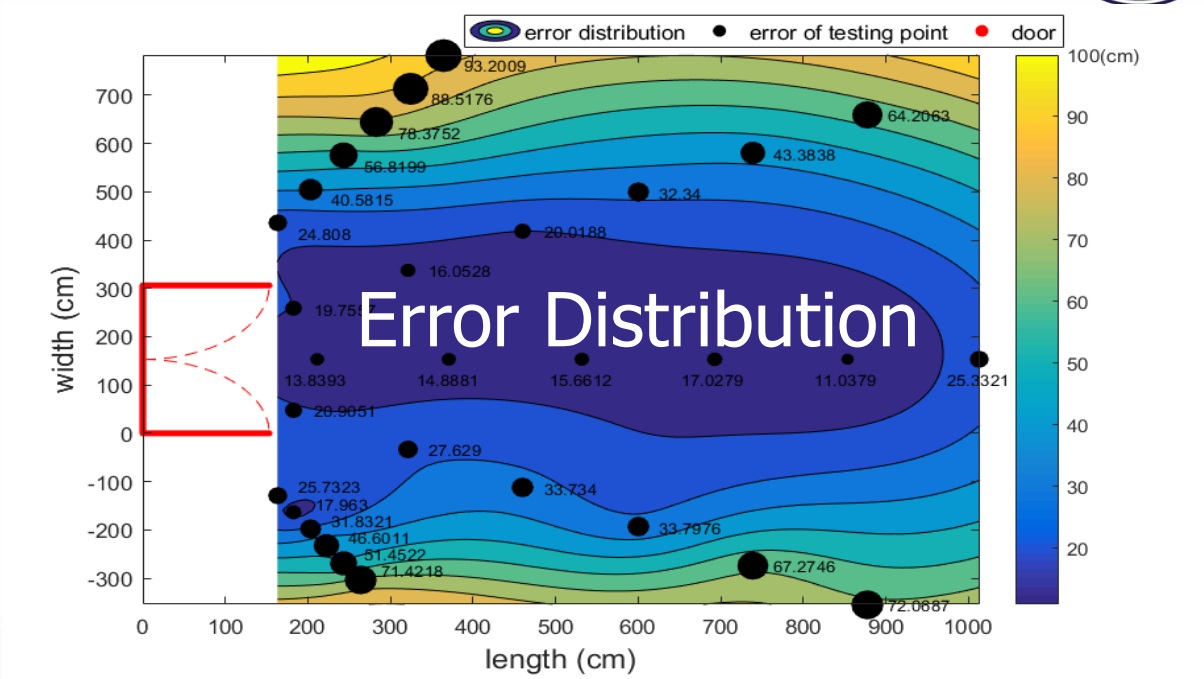

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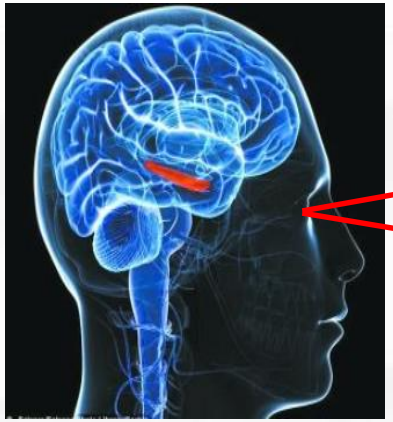

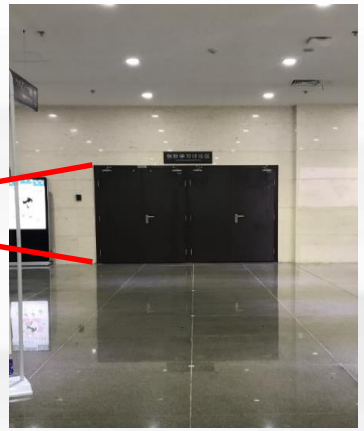

Positioning Error

Human Brain	Phone Camera
0.73m	0.31m

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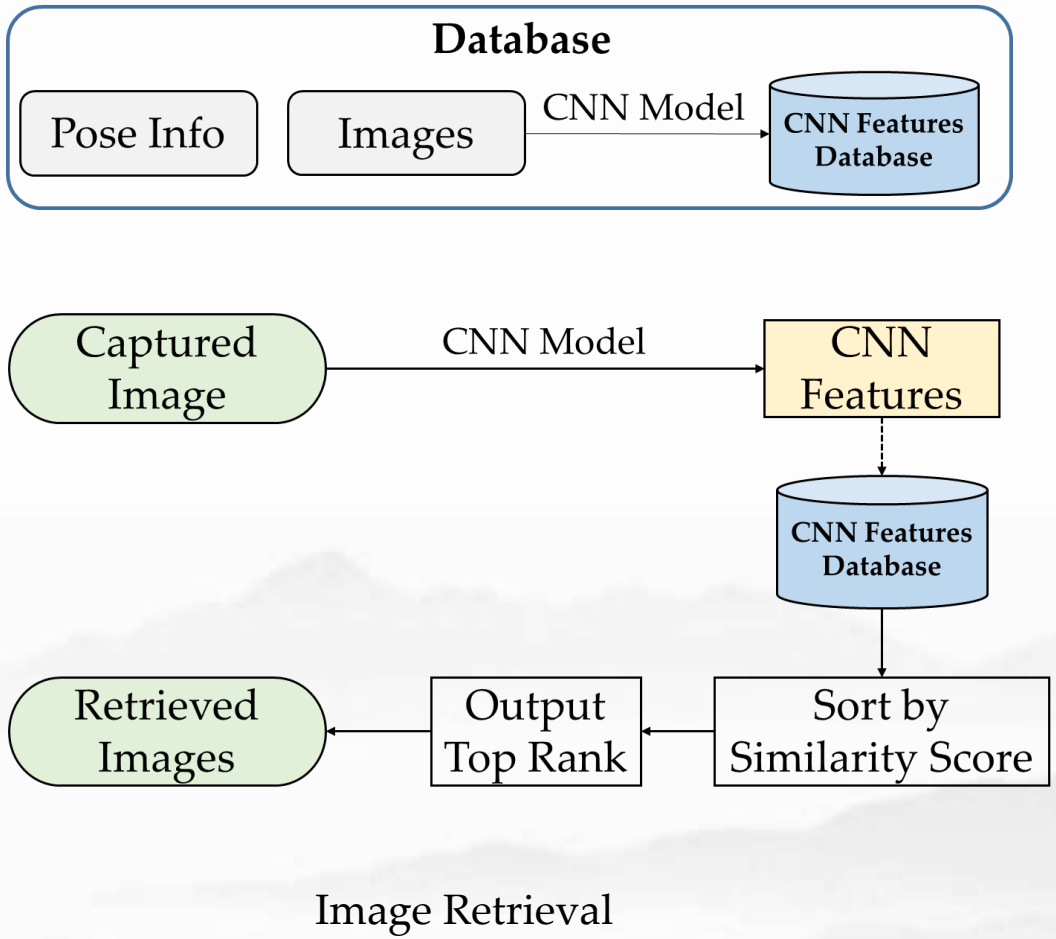
Indoor Visual Positioning aided by CNN-based Image Retrieval



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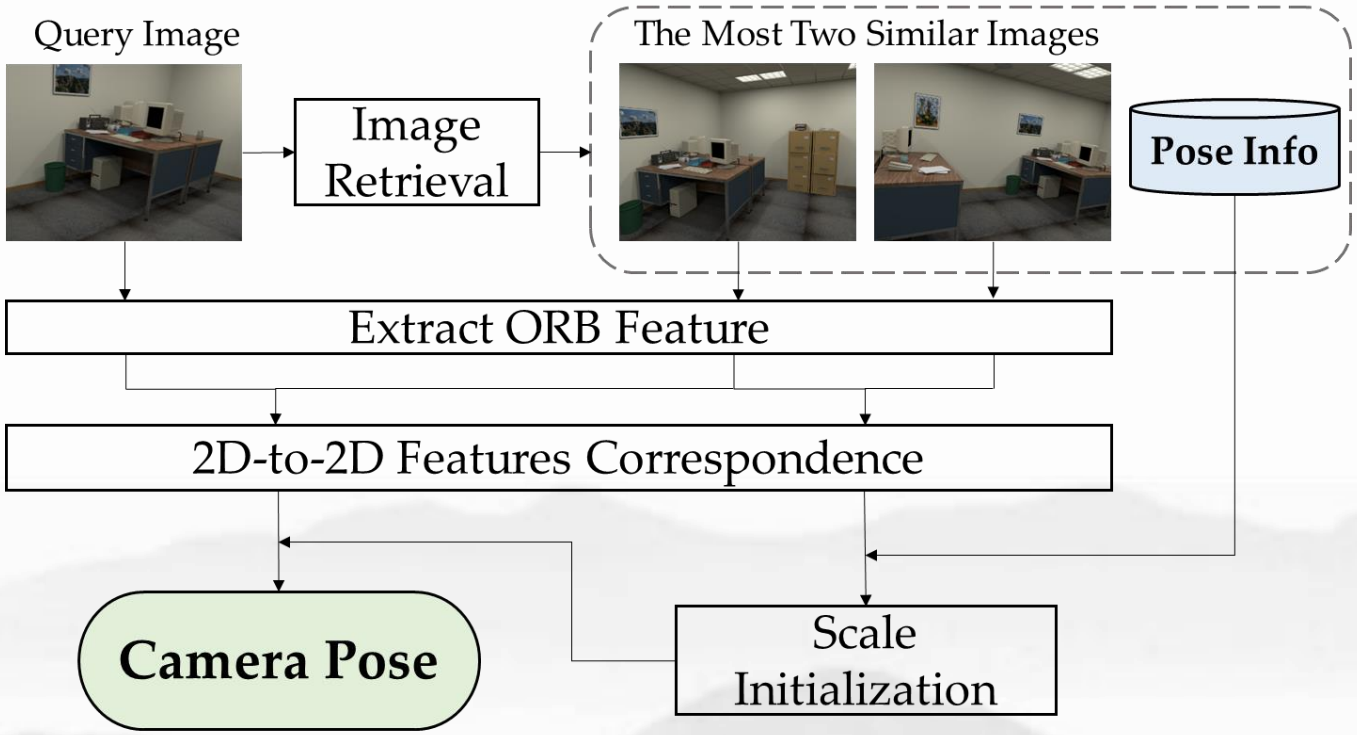

Pose Estimation

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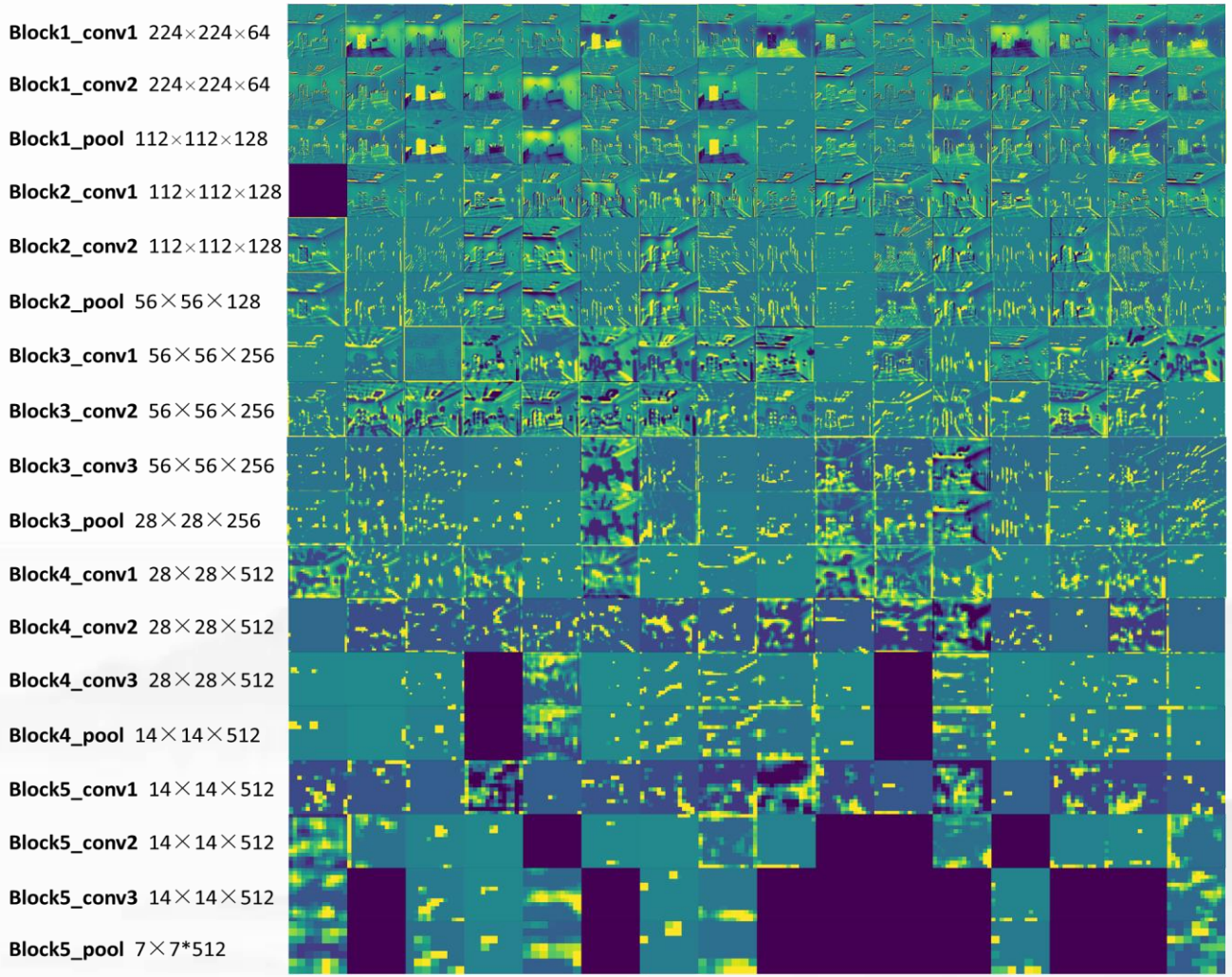
CNN-Features



Convolution layers visualization

- **Employ CNN model to extract features**
- **Rank images from database by feature similarity**

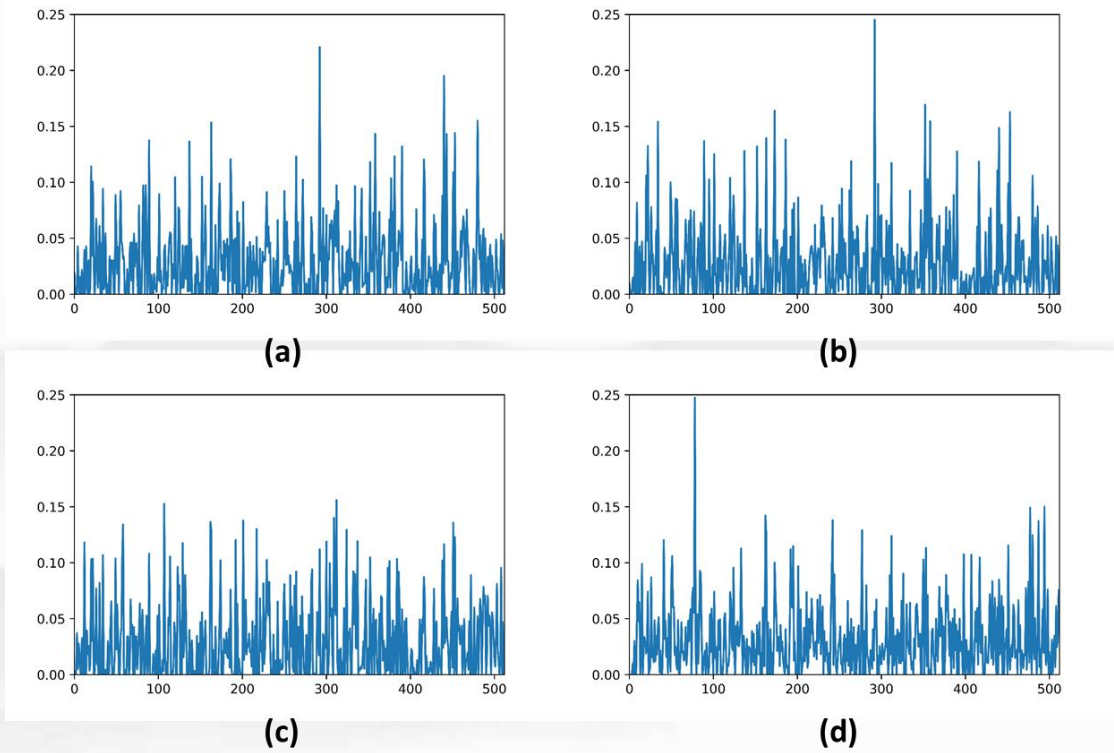


Image feature vectors visualization

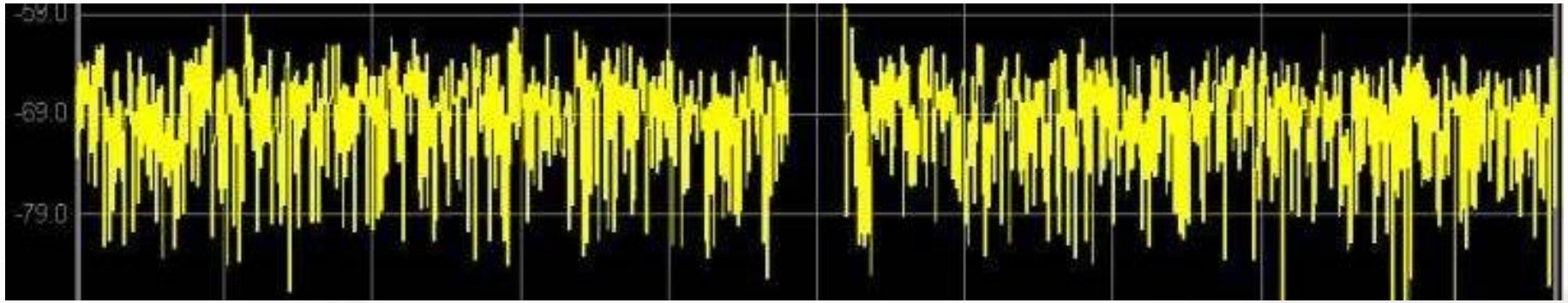
Positioning Errors

Comparison based on the ICL-NUIM dataset

Method	Living Room 1495 Samples	Office Room 1533 Samples
PoseNet	0.60m, 3.64°	0.46m, 2.97°
4D PoseNet	0.58m, 3.40°	0.44m, 2.81°
CNN+LSTM	0.54m, 3.21°	0.41m, 2.66°
ours	**0.36m**, 4.36°	**0.31m**, **2.47°**

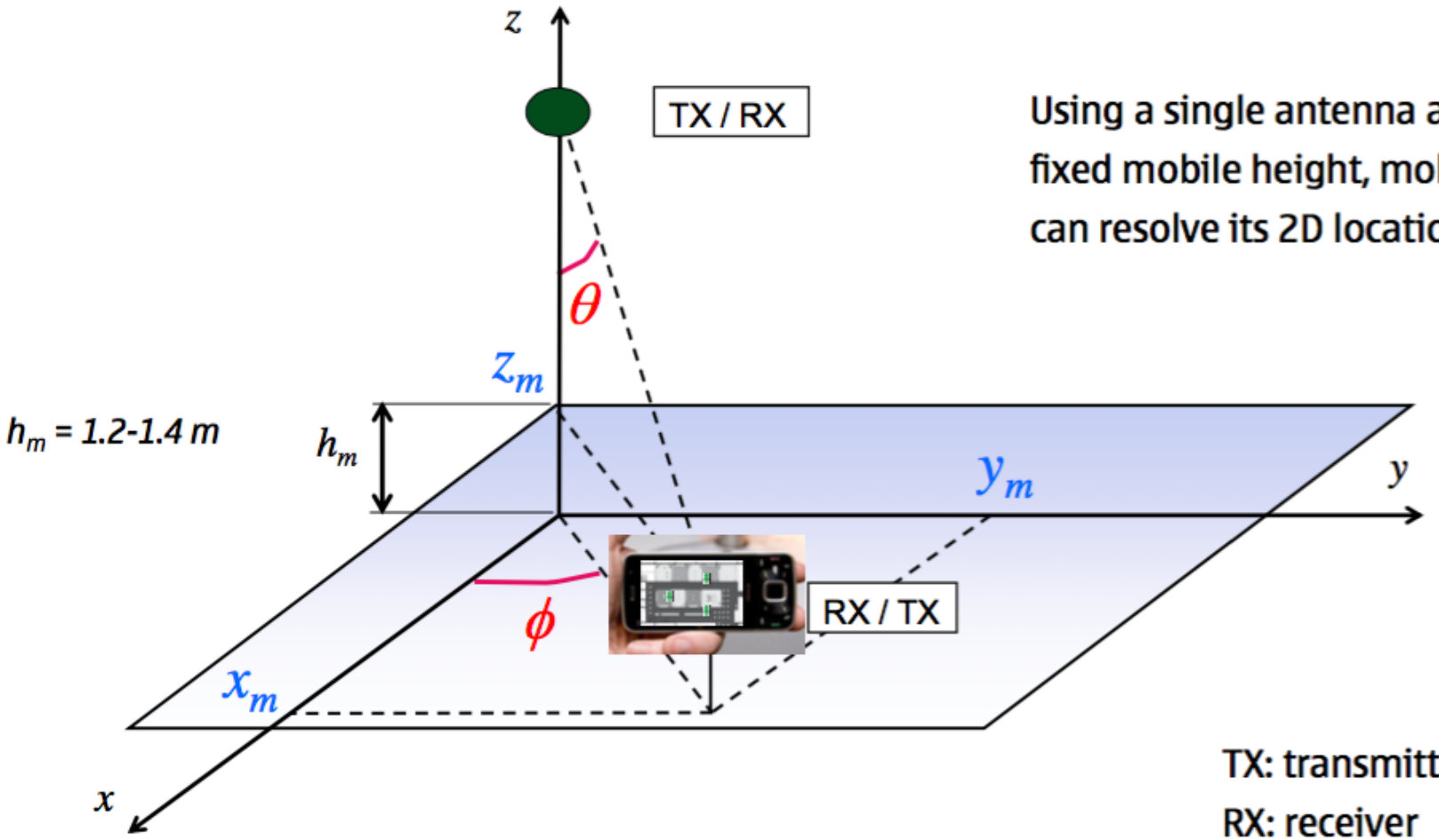
- Better position accuracy, Comparable orientation accuracy;
- Much fewer images in database construction period (Training images vs. Reference images);
- 3D-Modeling Free;
- Training Free;
- A set of images with high-precision pose is the key.

Positioning Based on RF Signal



Nokia BLE Antenna Array

Localization Principle with a Single Positioning Beacon



Using a single antenna and fixed mobile height, mobile can resolve its 2D location

TX: transmitter

RX: receiver

Positioning With an BT Antenna Array

- A pseudolite-based approach
- Broadcast BS positions in WGS-84
- TTFF (Time To First Fixed) 0.1 Sec.
- Low-cost, easy for installation
- Positioning update rate 1-10Hz
- Positioning accuracy: 1-2m

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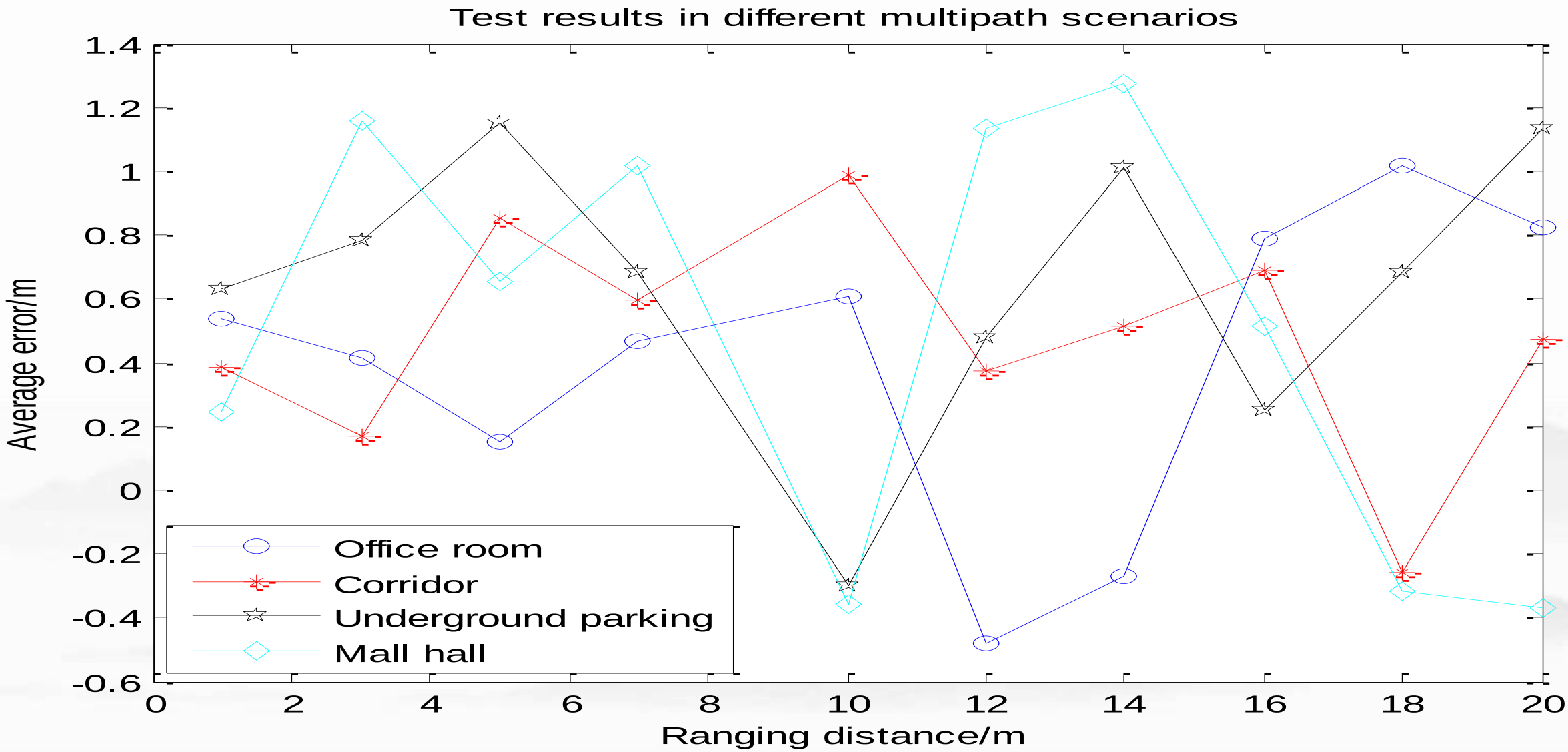
Wi-Fi Round Time Trip Ranging

Wi-Fi AP

Based on 802.11mc

Wi-Fi –RTT Ranging Accuracy



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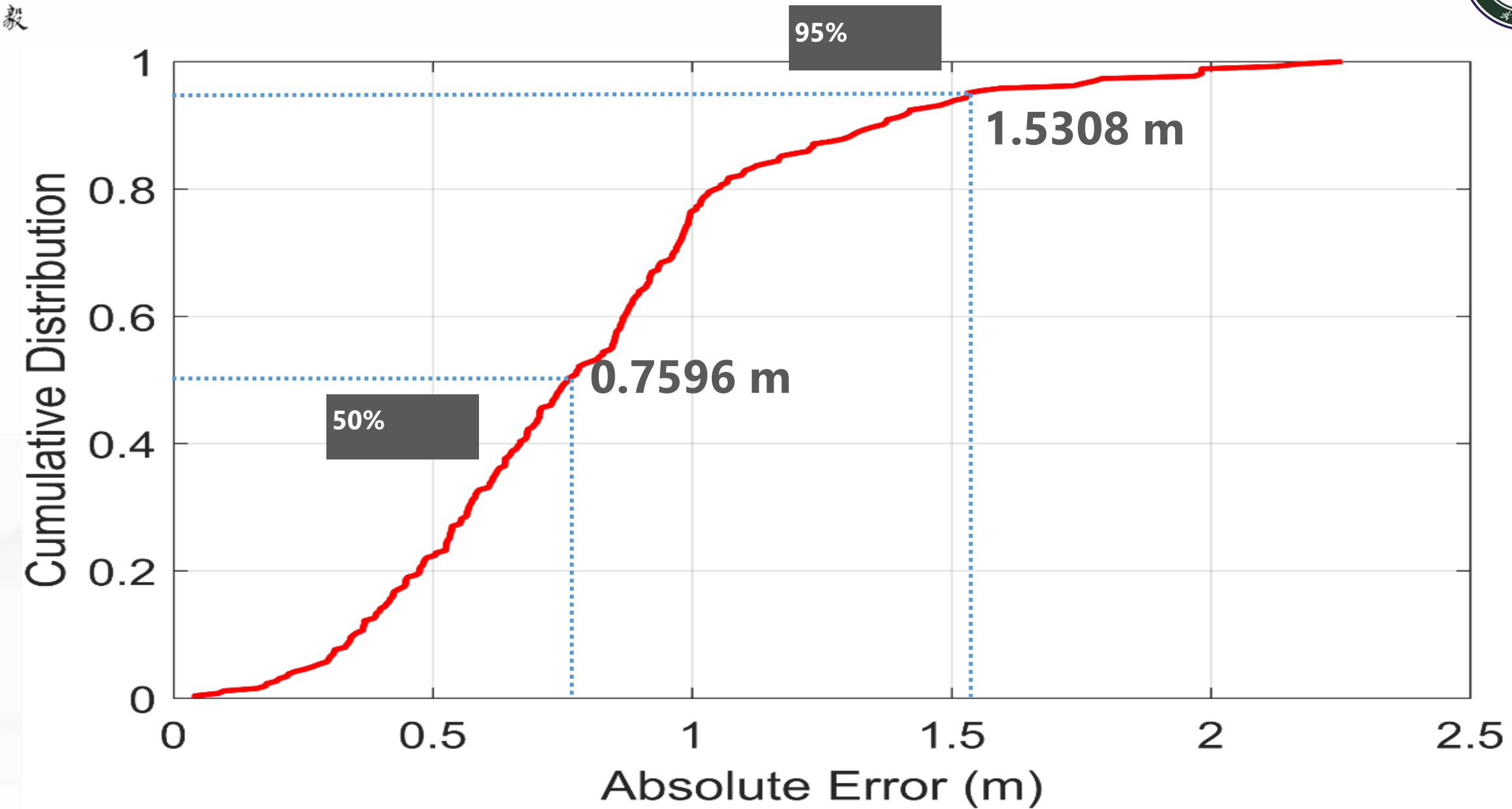

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Conclusions

- There are lots of positioning technologies for indoor, however, there is no such an indoor positioning technology that works like GNSS for outdoor.
- Using the built-in sensors and RF radios, smartphone positioning can achieve an accuracy of about 2-5meters in real time and about 1 meter by post processing.
- High precise indoor positioning technologies are capable to deliver centimeter level accuracy, but effective coverage of a single base station is limited. The new Wi-Fi ranging technology will resolve this problem partly.
- Integration of multiple positioning sources is probably the best option for complex indoor environments

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