

Smart Space - An Indoor Positioning Framework

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- 1. Location Matters!**
- 2. Indoor Localisation Techniques**
- 3. SmartSpace Framework (SSF)**
- 4. Opportunities**

Location Matters!

“Location changes everything. This one input – our coordinates – has the potential to change all the outputs. Where we shop, who we talk to, what we read, what we search for, where we go – they all change once we merge location and the Web.”

Mathew Honan, WIRED magazine, 19.1.2009

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<http://www.waagner-biro.at/>

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for indoors yet!

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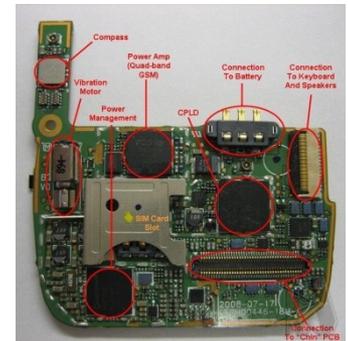
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Indoor Localisation Techniques

- **Location Fingerprinting (LFPT)**
 - Signal Strength Measurements
 - WLAN RSSI
 - GSM RSS
- **Inertial Measuring Units (IMUs)**
 - Accelerometer
 - Gyroscope
 - Electric compass
- **Marker based localisation**
 - QR-Codes
 - Display



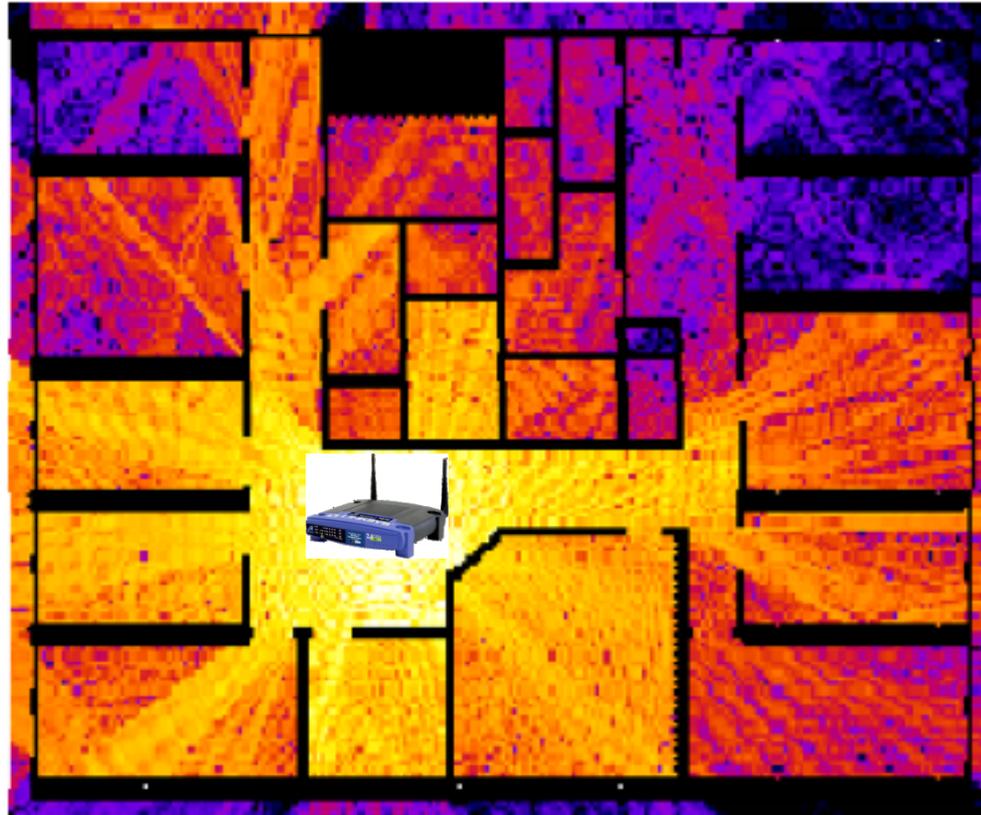
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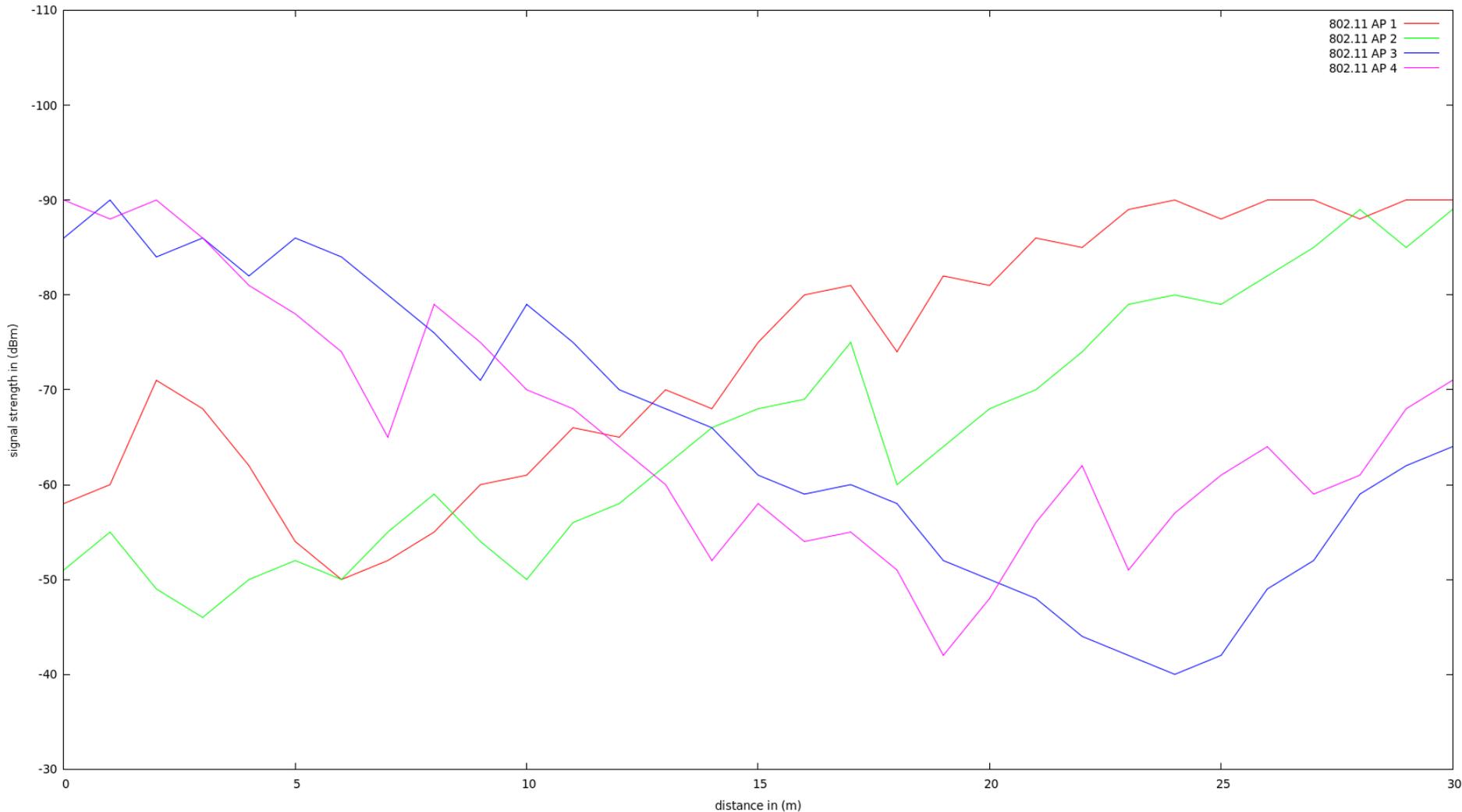
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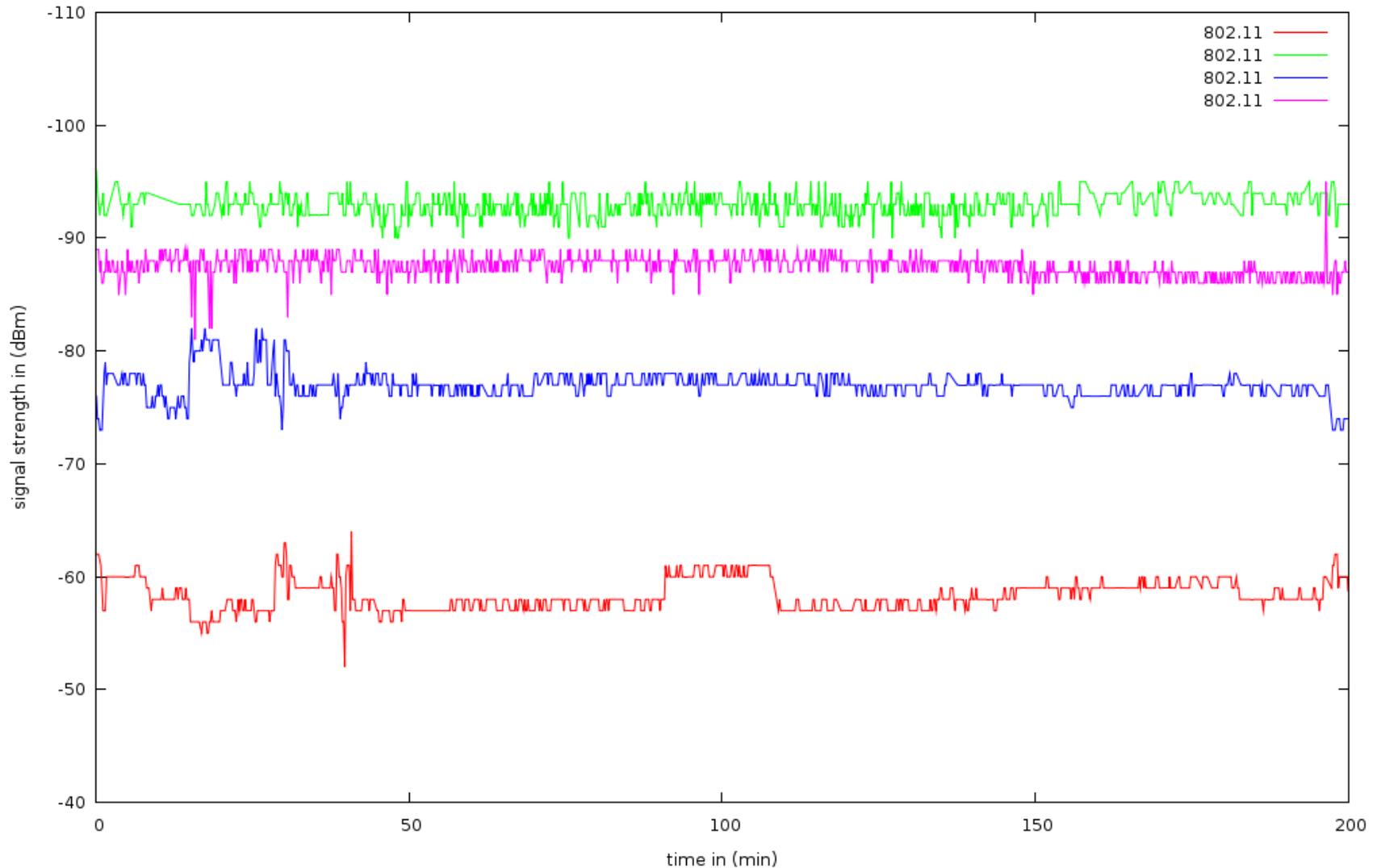
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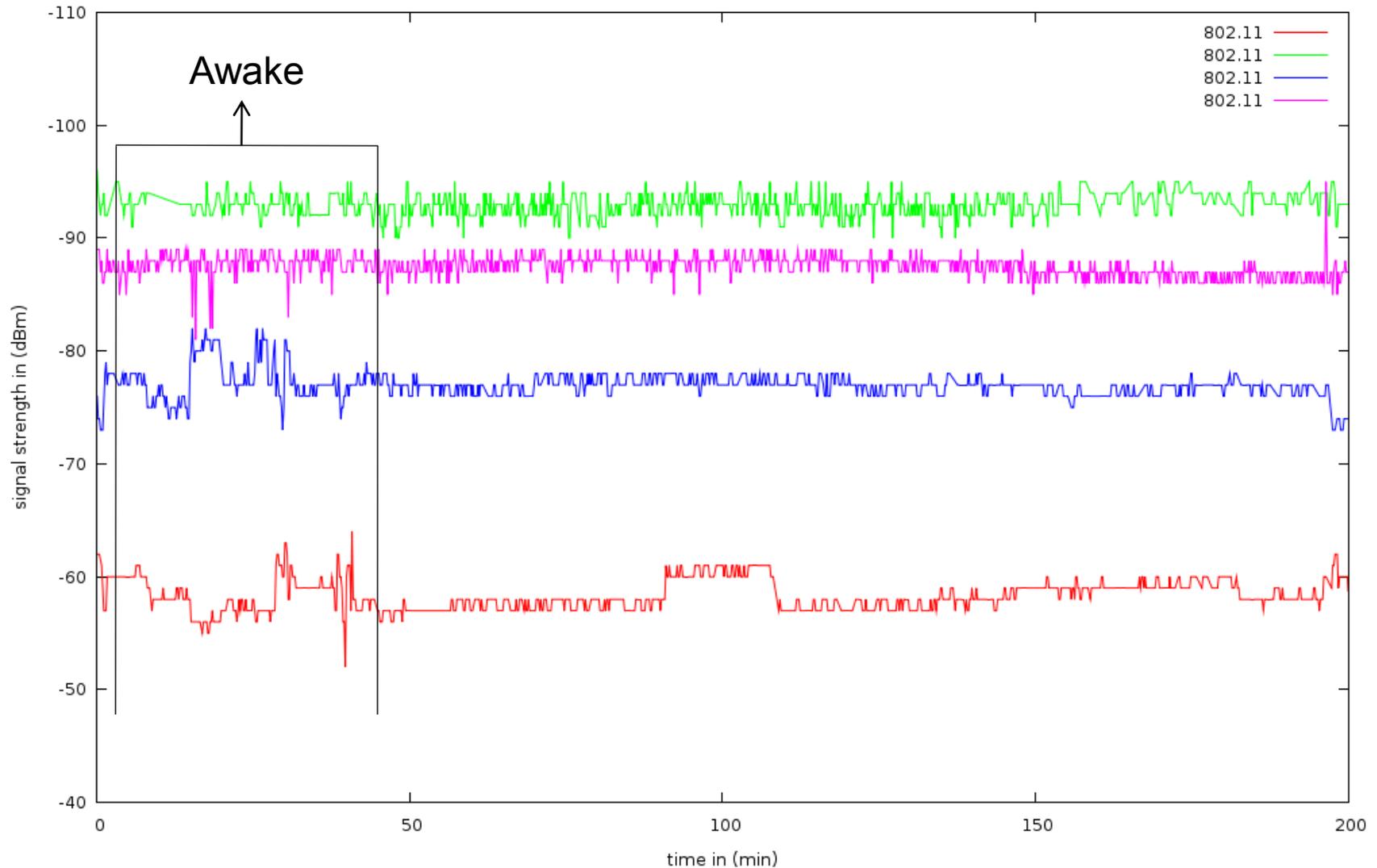
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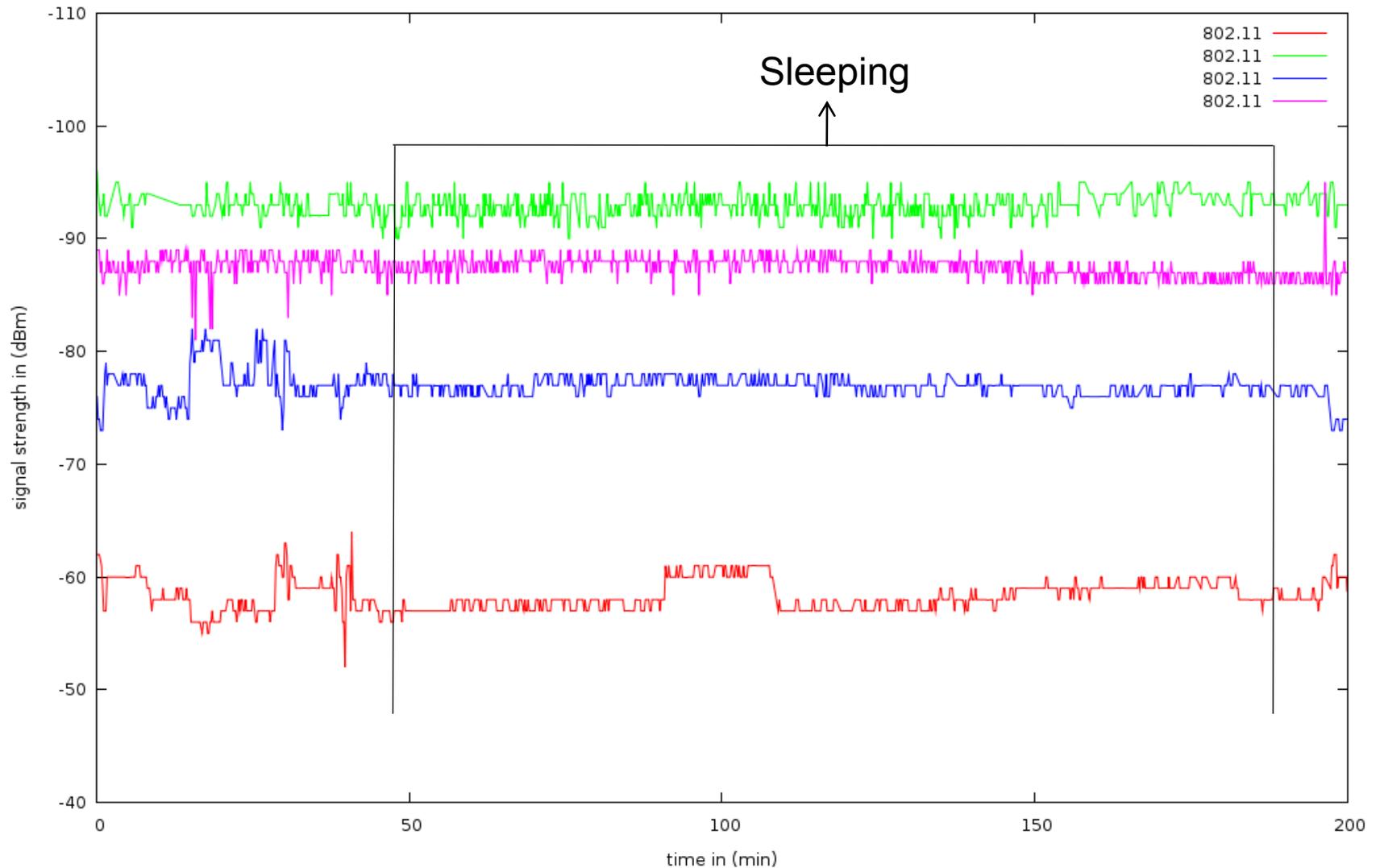
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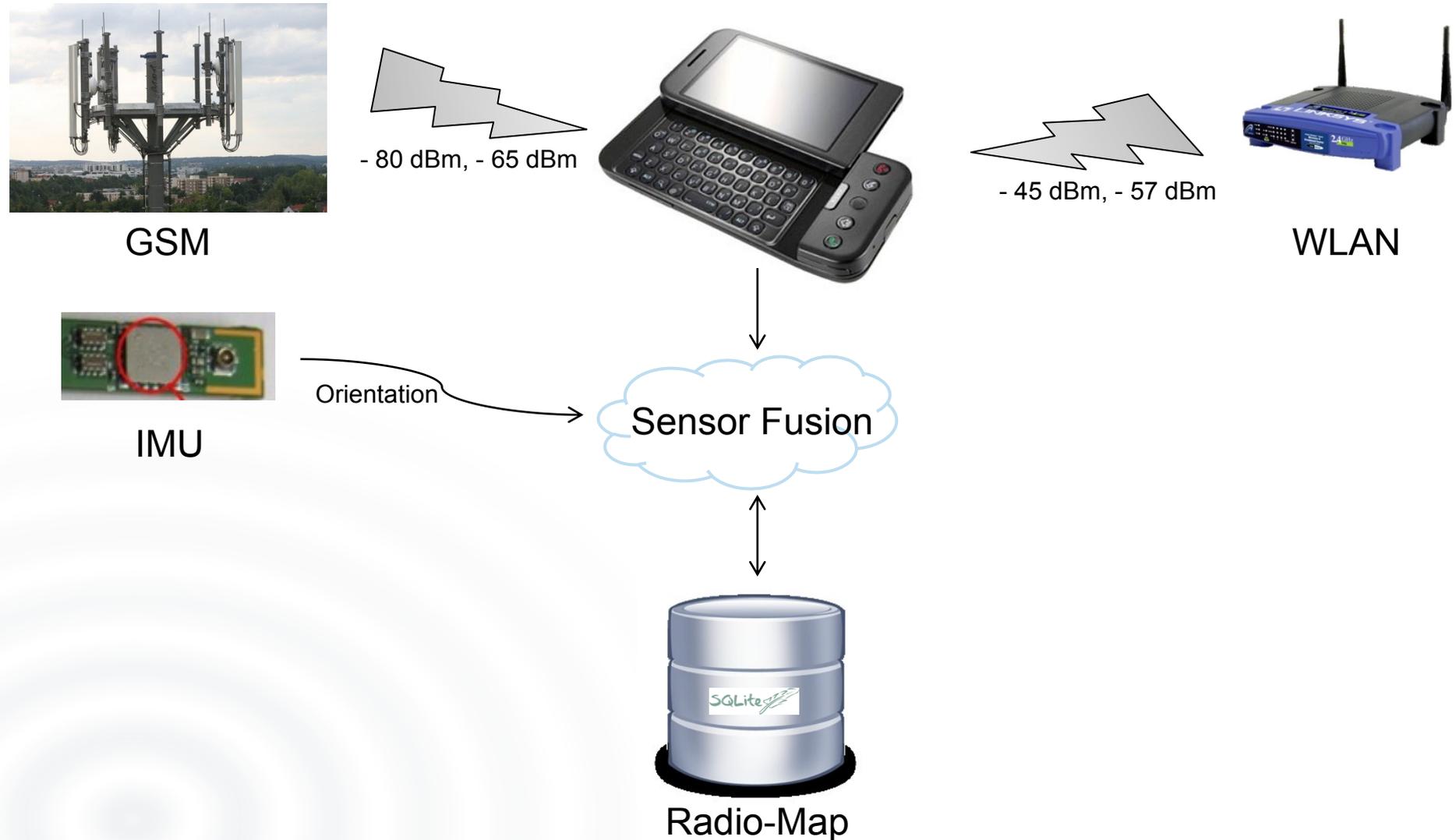
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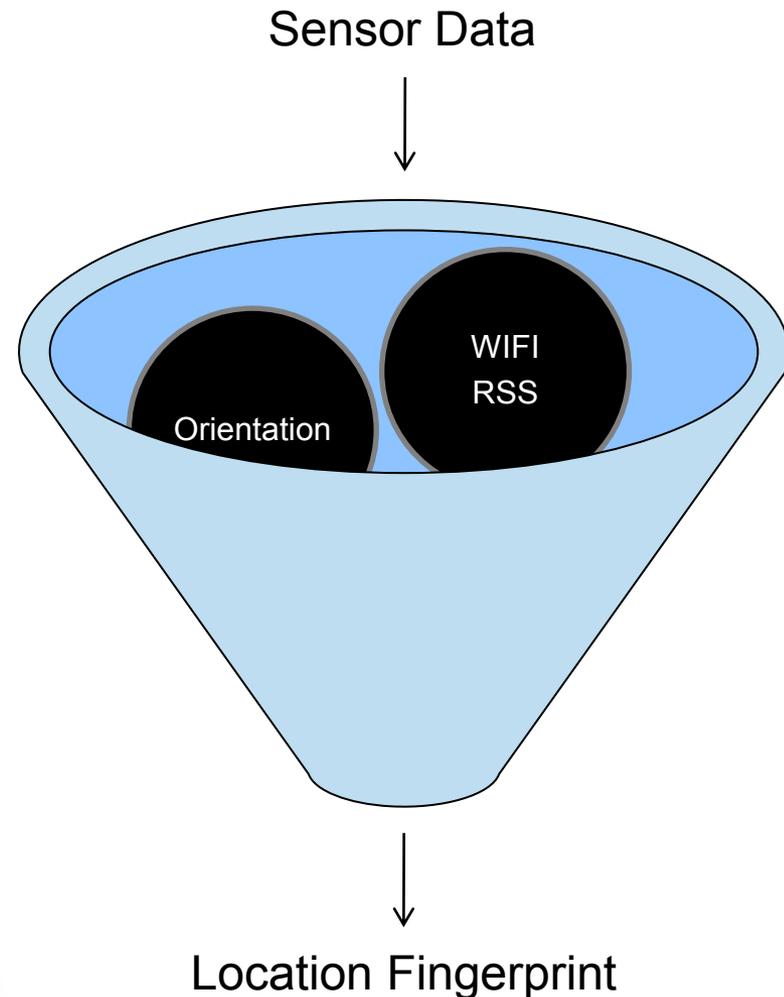


LFPT = collect environmental sensor data



LFPT – Sensor Fusion

- **Synchronize sensors**
 - Measurement count
 - Time
- **Normalize data**
 - Variance
 - Deviance
 - Algorithms
- **Fusionate data**
 - Kalman filters
 - Particle filters



LFPT – How-to

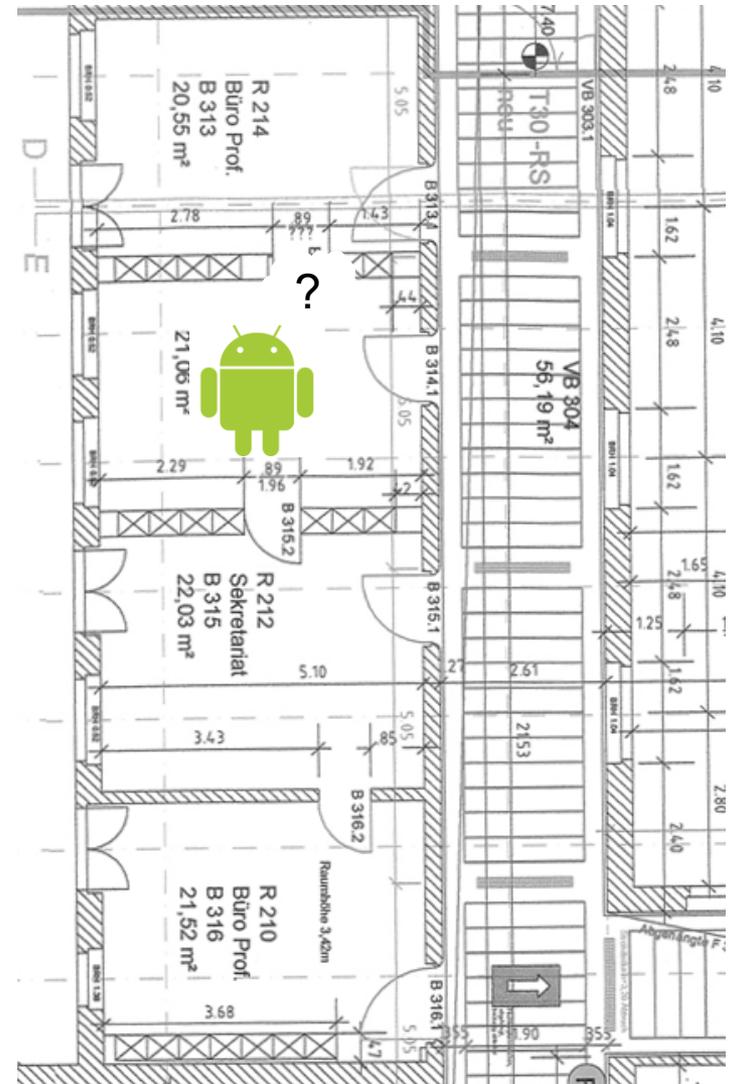
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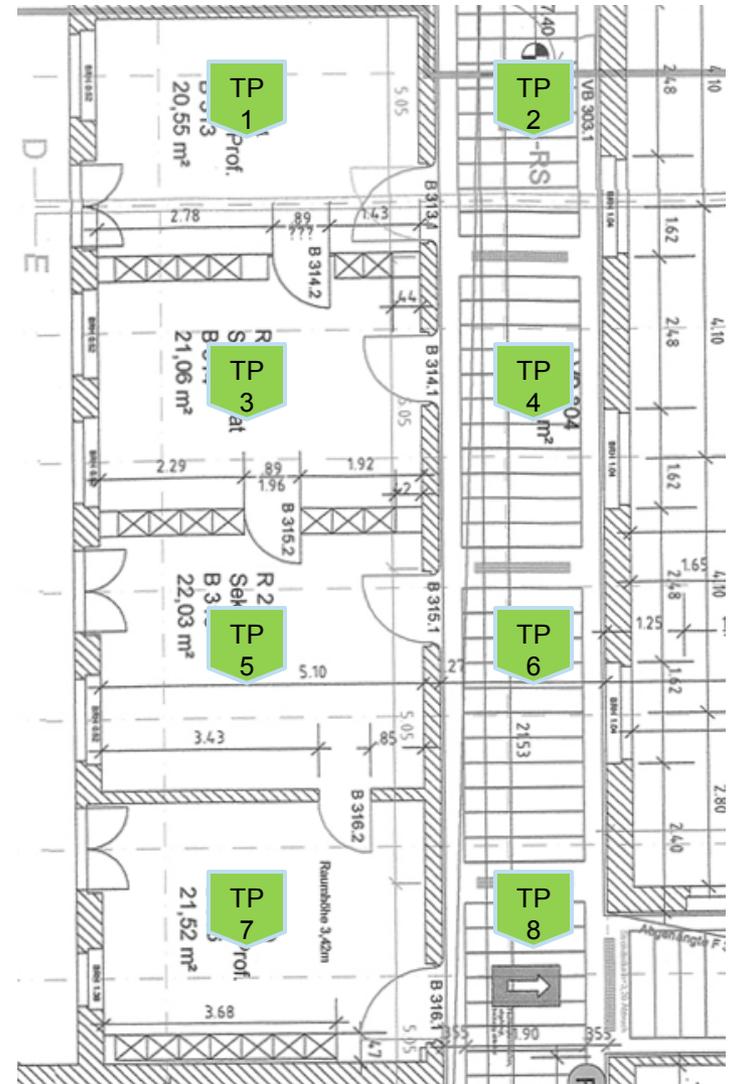
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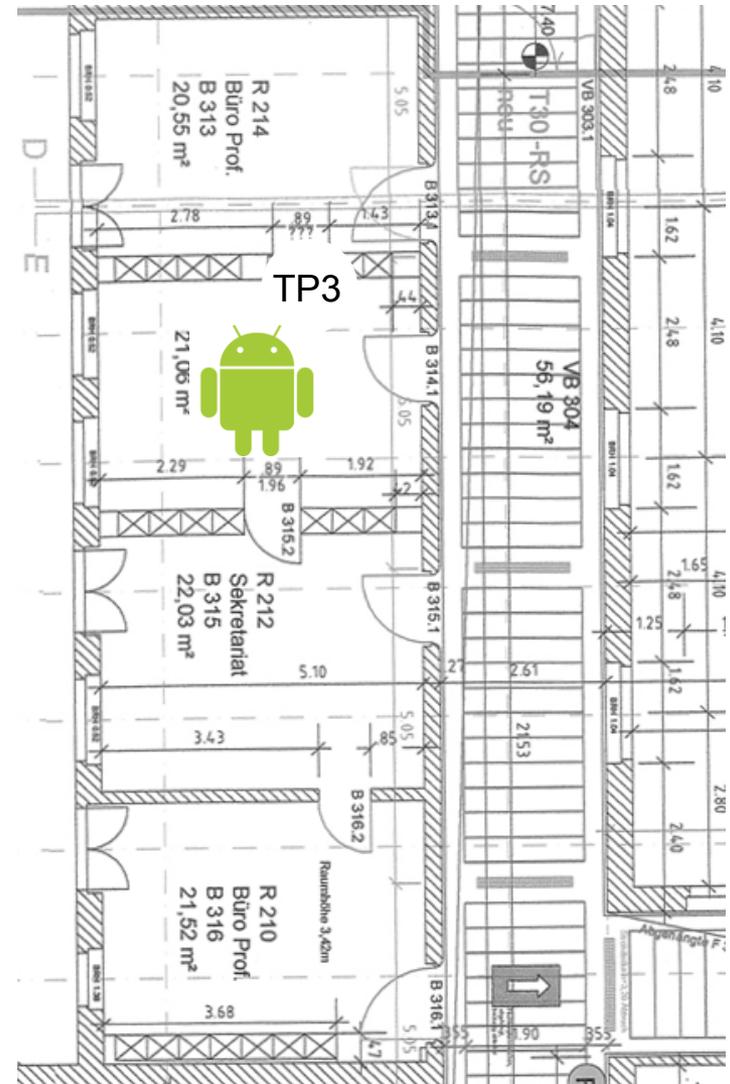
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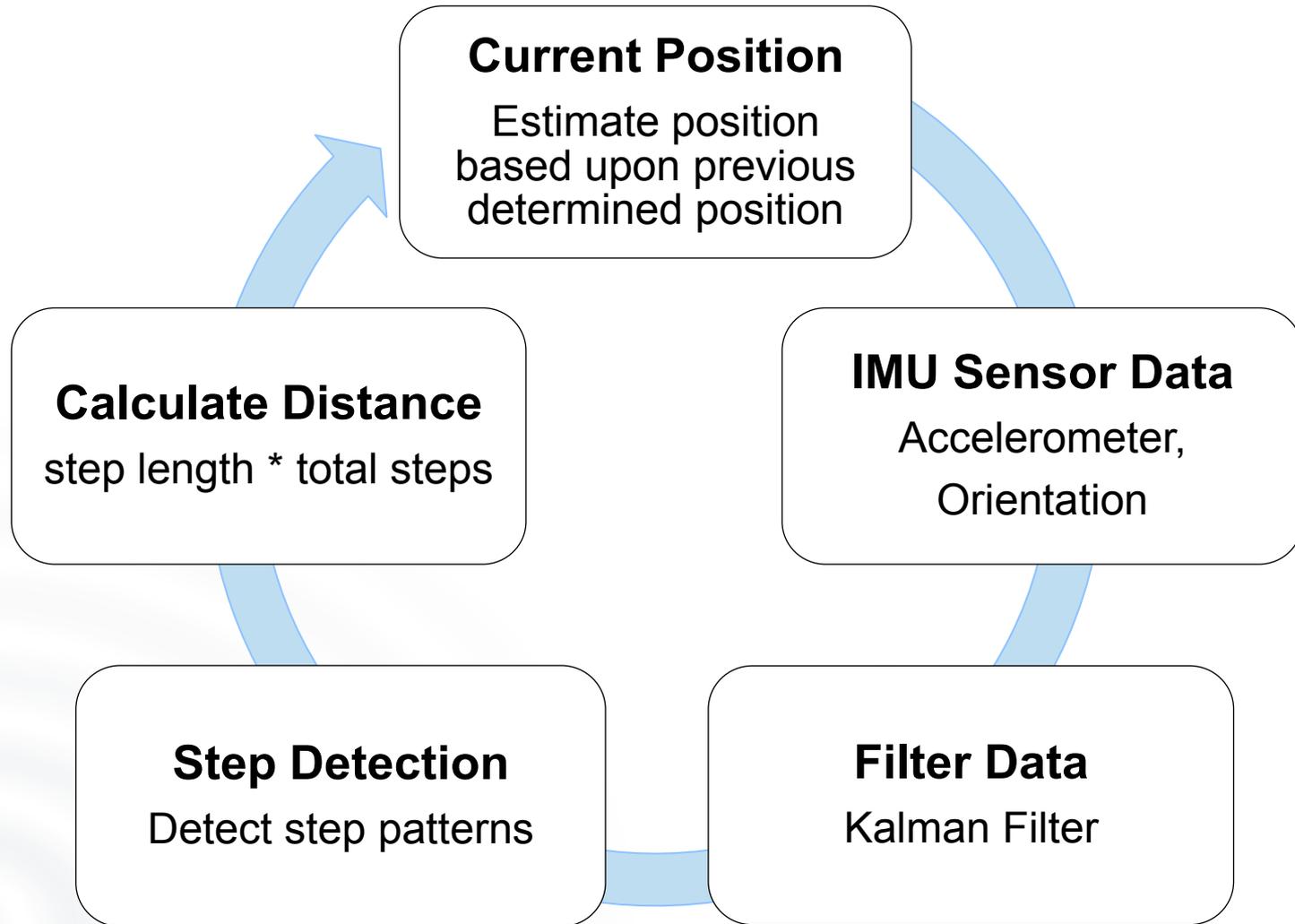
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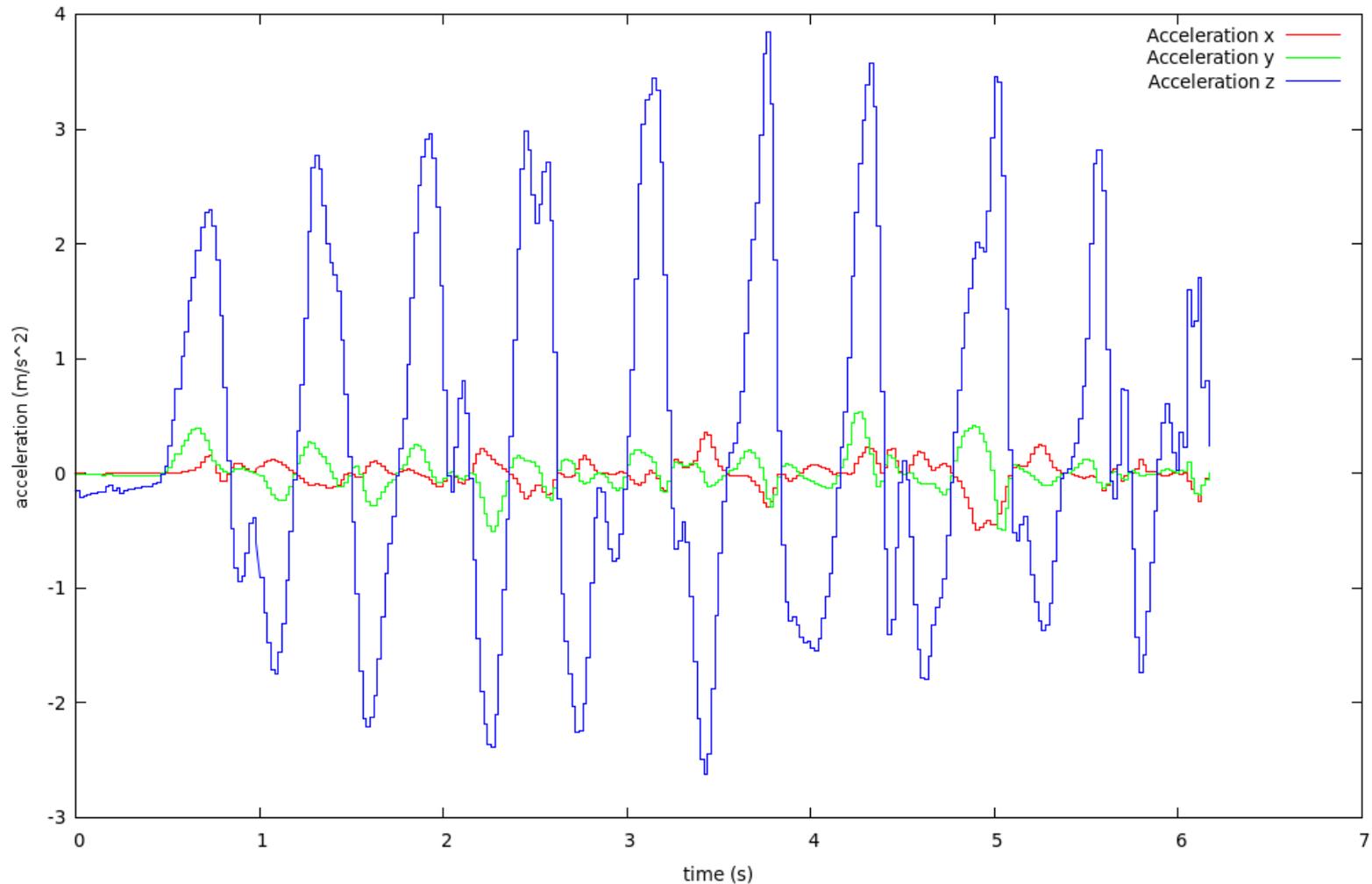
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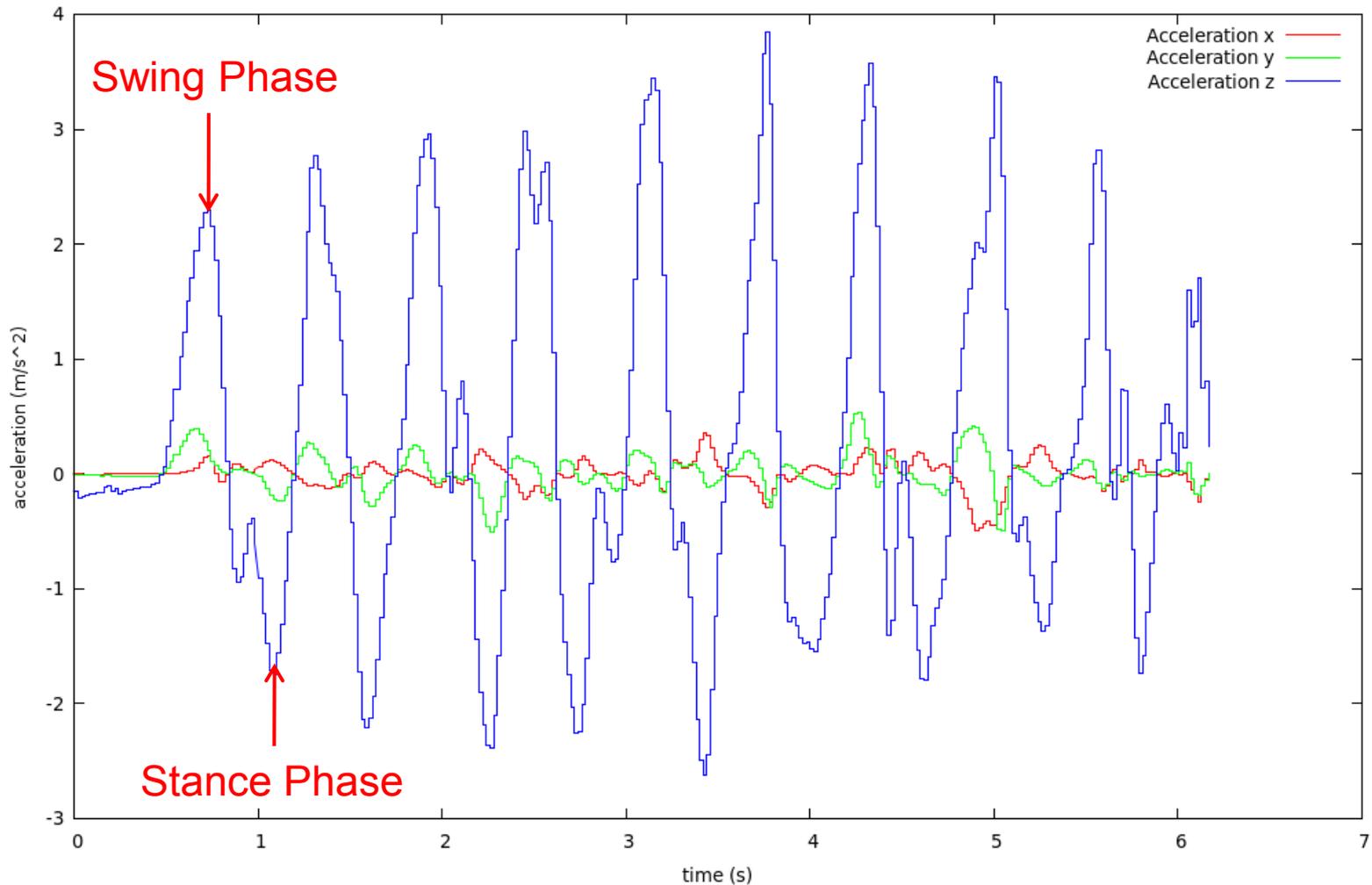
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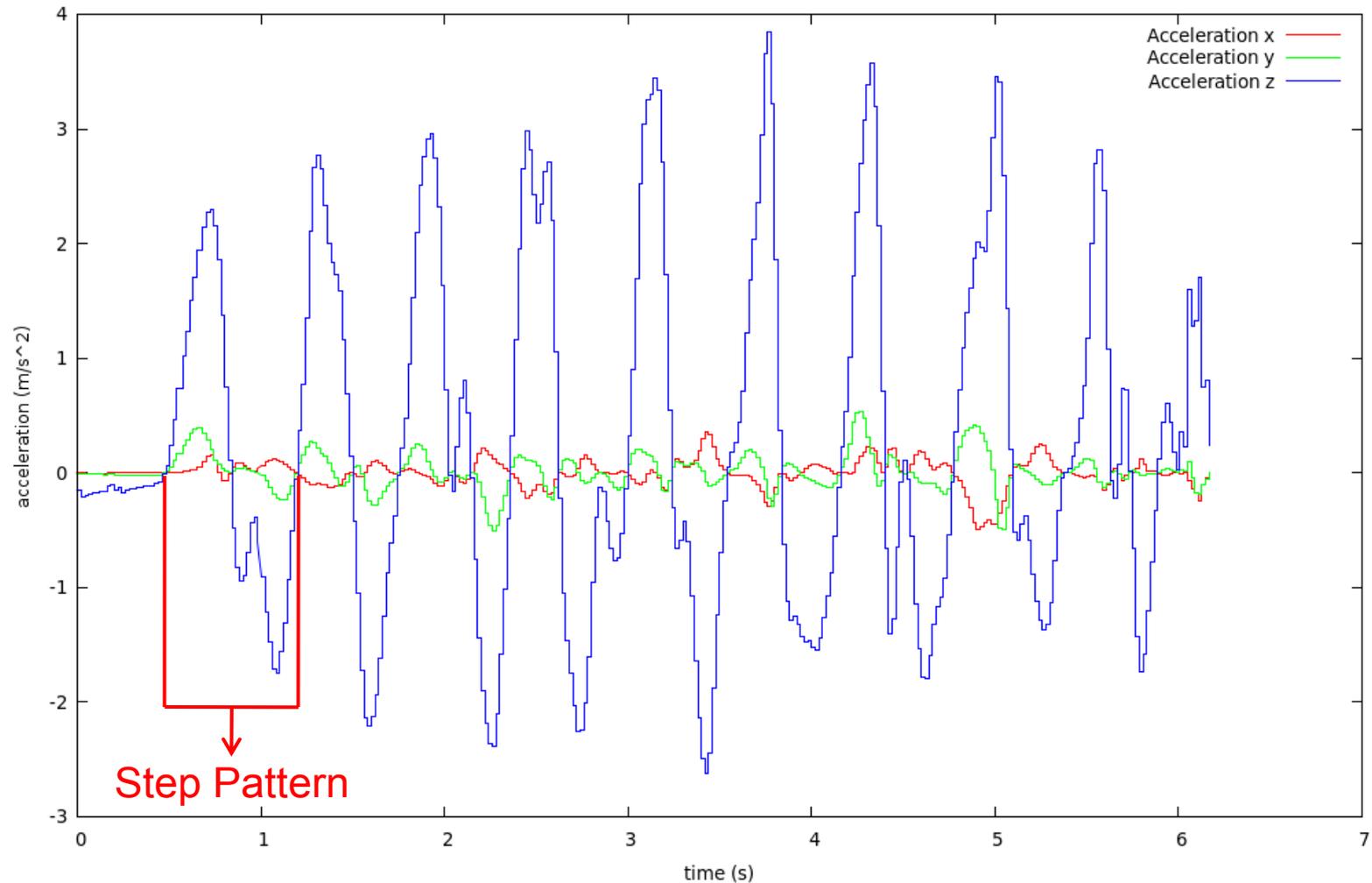
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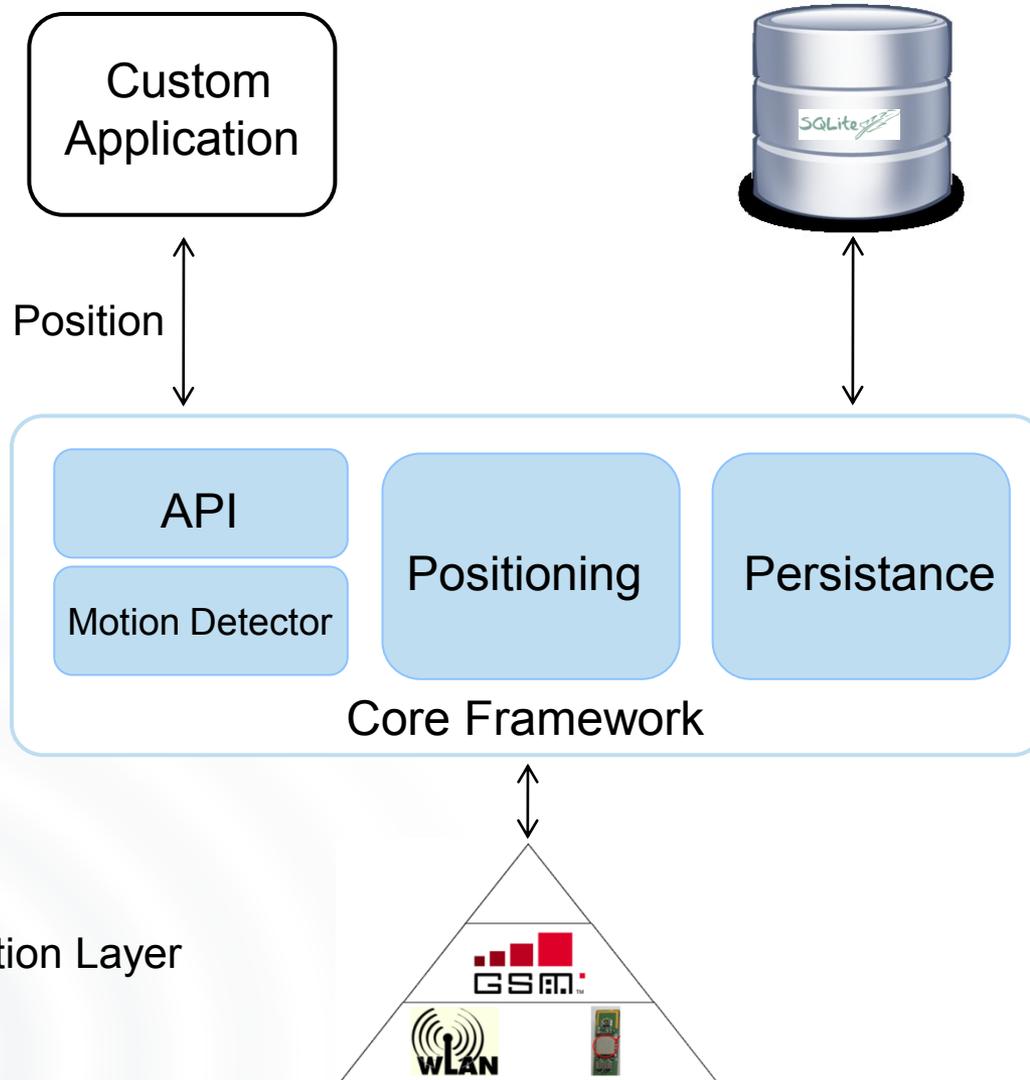
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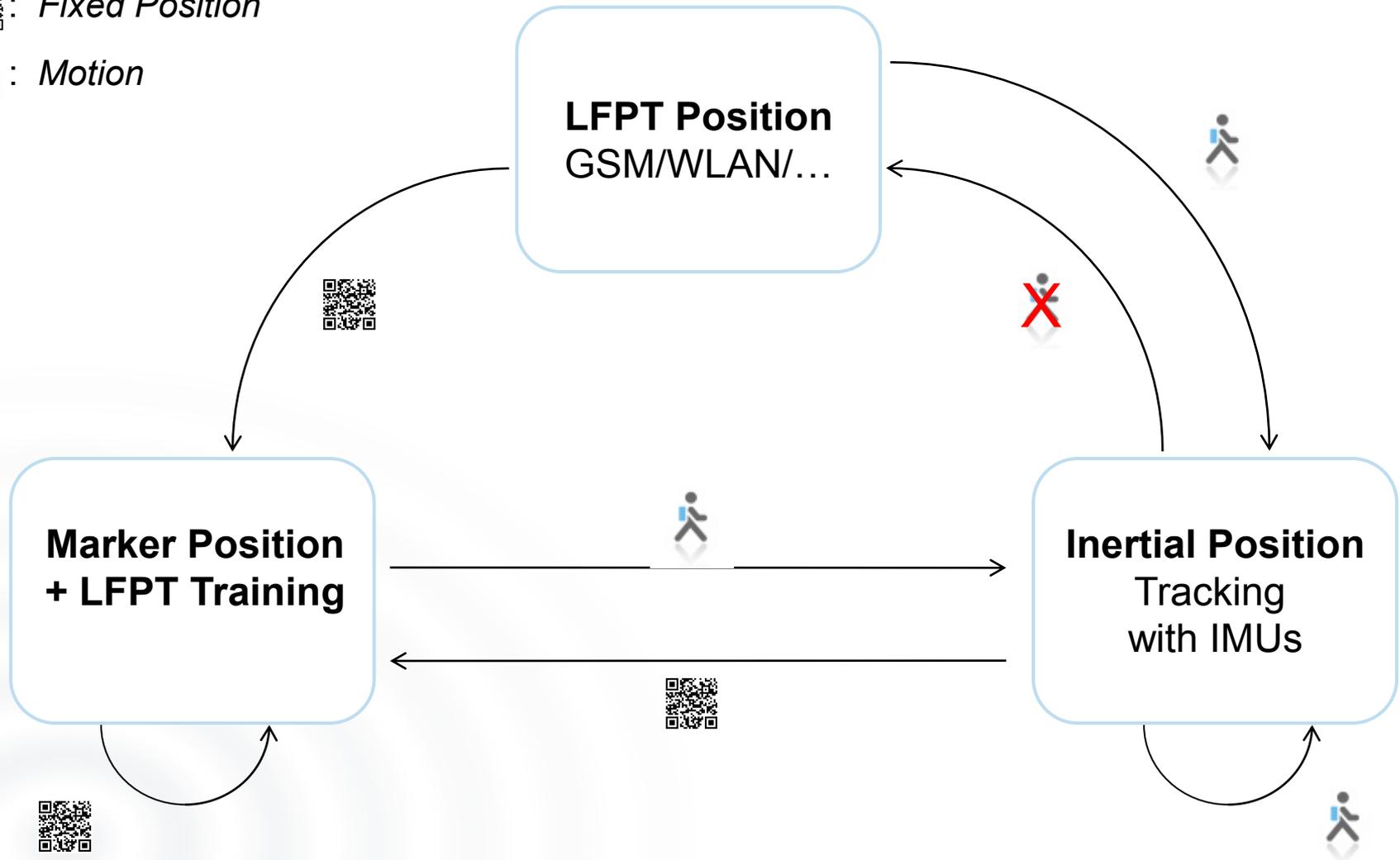


Sensor Synchronization Layer

SSF- Core Framework

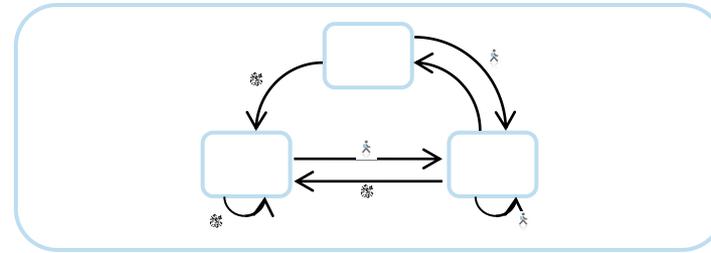
 : Fixed Position

 : Motion



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Core Framework



Synchronization Strategy

Sensor Fusion

Sensor Data Processing

Raw Sensor Data



Sensor Data Condensation

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New kinds of applications can be built

- **Context aware Applications**
 - Localization of resources
 - Automated service execution
 - Implicit context recording, for later retrieval
- **Household Applications**
 - Room profiles
 - Light applications
 - Energy saving
- **Shopping center**
 - Augmented (Reality) product search
- ...

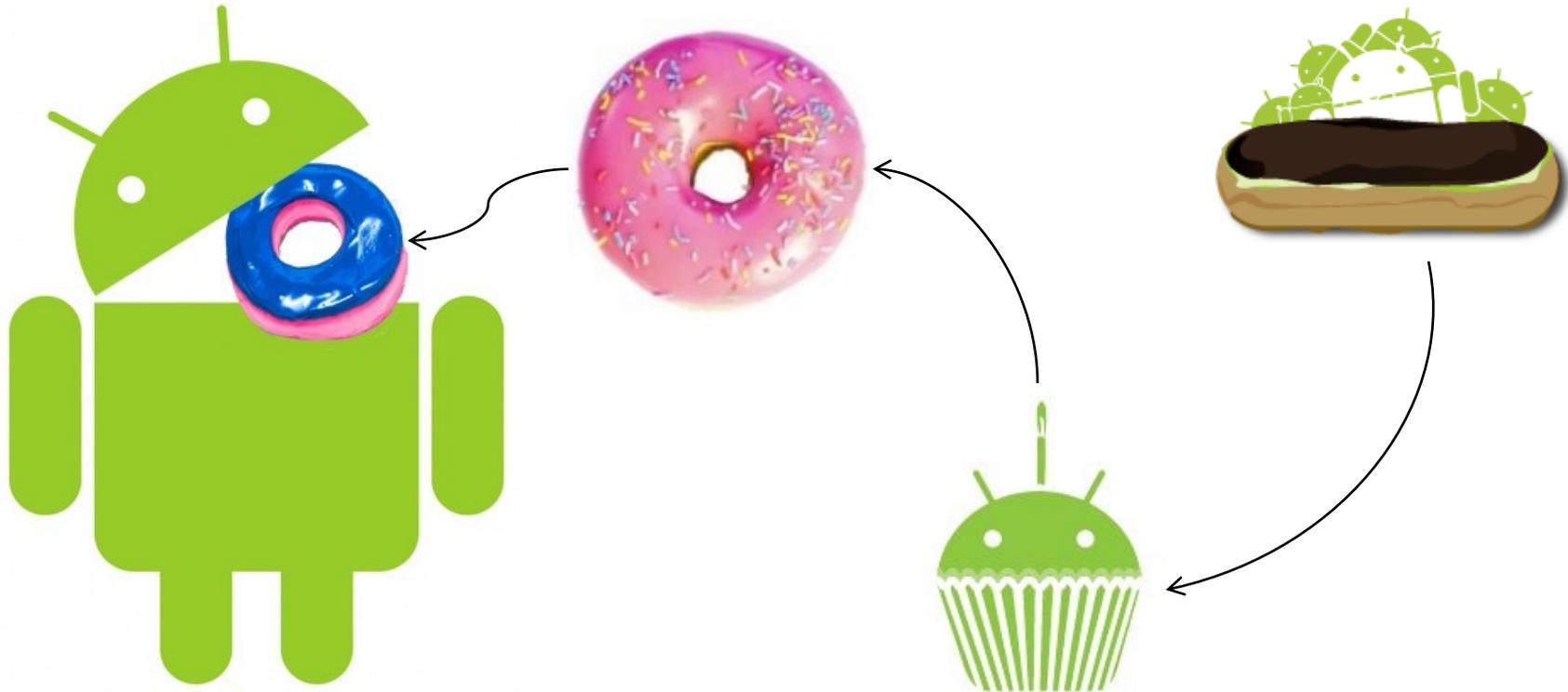
SmartSpace Platform: Summary

- Extends the android platform by indoor localisation capabilities
- Uses WLAN, GSM/CDMA, IMUs and Camera
- Uses existing RF-infrastructure
- Sensor Fusion
- On-site positioning
- Autonomous Learning
- Trainings .apk
- Open Source

Everybody can use it!

Thank you!

Take everything you can get and cope with it!



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Future of Localisation

