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S23 18500 Team C2: **WiSpider**

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Application / Use Case

- Hidden wireless devices are infringing privacy
  - Cameras, microphones, sensors, etc.
- We want to build a product to detect and locate these hidden Wi-Fi devices indoors
- Detect devices even if user is not connected to the same Wi-Fi network

Use-Case Requirements

Requirement	Metric	Reason
Cost	< $150	Accessible to a variety of end-users
Size/Weight	< 10lbs, 1ft^3	Carryable, easy to transport and use
Detection Rate	> 90%	Catch frequently-transmitting devices
Scan Time	< 5 min	Relatively quick for end-user to scan area
Lateral Accuracy	< 1m	Enough accuracy that user can then search manually within the detection zone
Detection Range	> 10m	Detect hidden devices in a large space
Detection Resolution	< 0.5m	Distinguish devices located near each other

Solution Approach

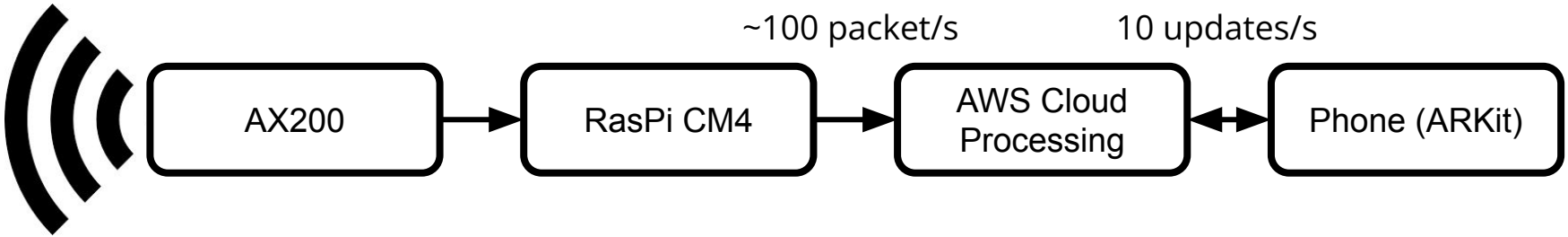
- Building a product with which a user can walk around a room and it will detect Wi-Fi devices and build a map of their locations
  - Limited to indoors, tracking non-moving devices
- Show the locations of detected devices to the end-user in an Augmented Reality visualization
  - Using the same cameras for self-localization and AR, hence there is no offset between visualization and tracking origin
  - User can then find devices manually within the ~1m detection zone

System Design - Components

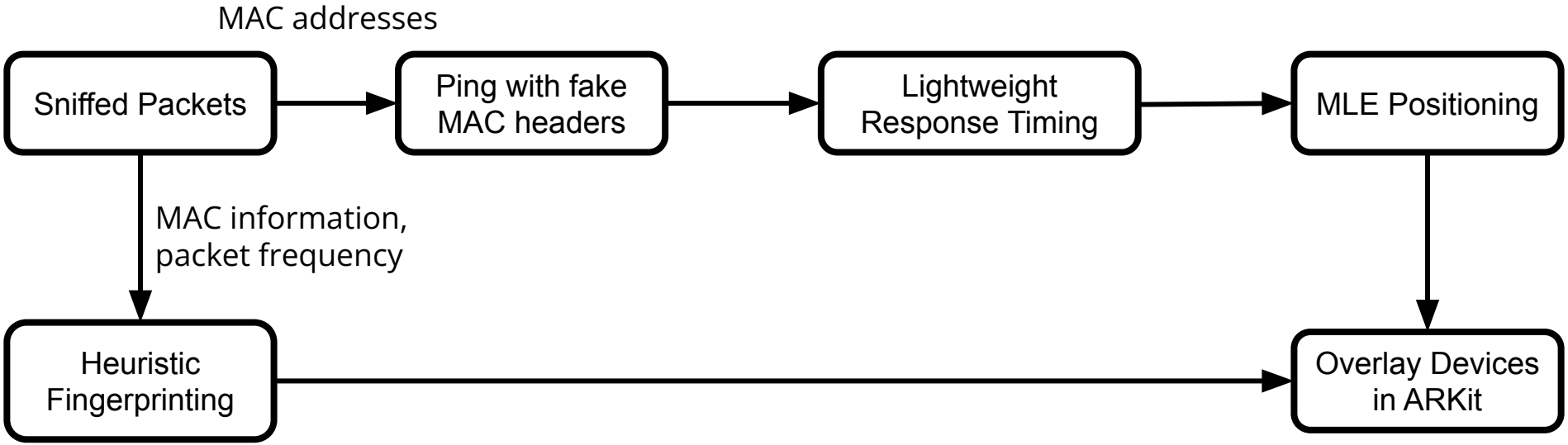
- Device detection
  - Passively-sniffing Wi-Fi packets to find devices
- Device pinging
  - Sending 802.11 pings to devices to measure ToF/RSSI/CSI
- Device location tracking
  - Grid histogram filter to estimate location of devices from ToF/RSSI/CSI
- Self-localization + AR visualization
  - Show user the relative location of detected devices

Design - Physical Layer

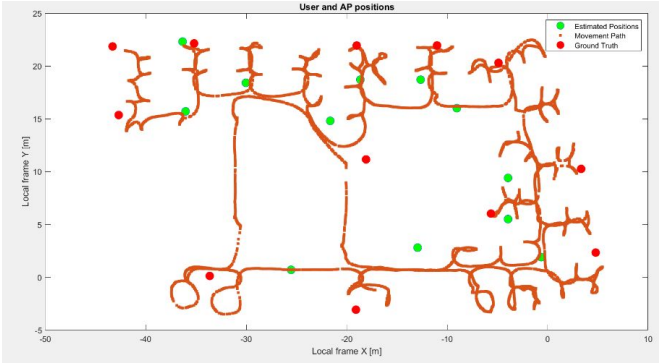
- AX200 WiFi Chip for receiving
  - PicoScenes to recover ToF, RSSI, CSI
- Directional + omnidirectional antennas
- Raspberry Pi for control and data uplink
  - Interfaces with AX200 WiFi card
- Phone for Localization and AR Visualization



Design - Algorithmic Layer



Signals / Localization System



Average ToF into per-device SIFS

Aggregate over 1000s of packets

Extract ToF from RasPi Timestamp

Remove tail-end NLoS samples

Match ToFs to probability distribution (from Intel RTT)

Incoming WiFi Packets

Compare relative RSS cross antennas

Estimate probability ‘arc’ per sample

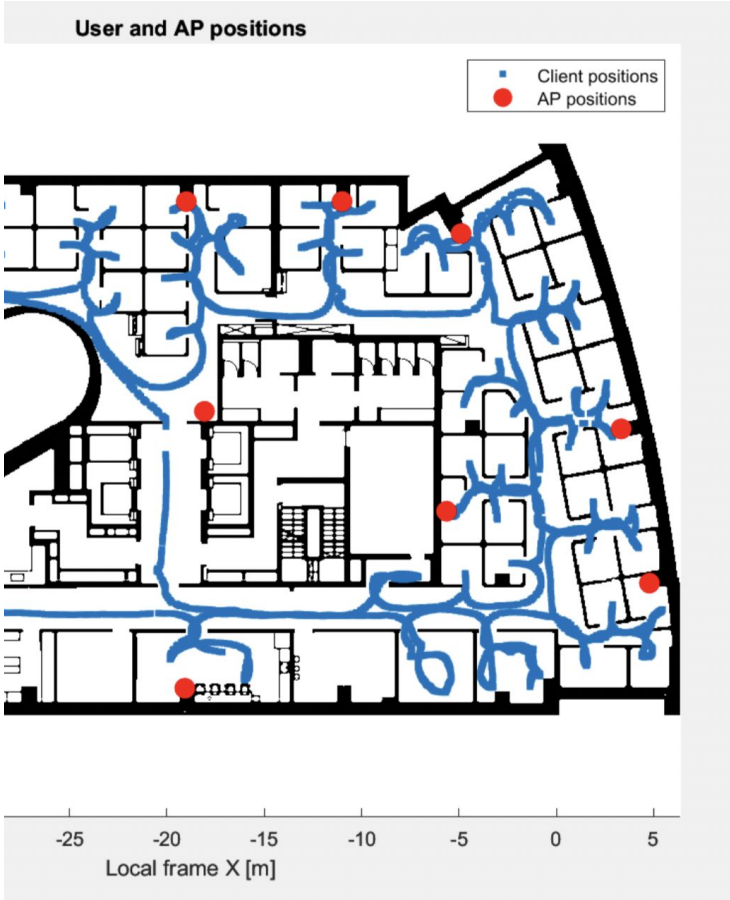
Grid Sum Maximum Likelihood

Implementation Plan

- Wireless data collection: AX200 Wi-Fi card + RasPi CM4 + PicoScenes
  - Off-the-shelf hardware / open-source software
  - Custom mechanical assembly of antenna array
- Wireless packet construction: Python w/ Scapy library
  - Custom code to craft packets + Linux network libraries to transmit them
- Localization/filtering algorithms: MATLAB scripts
  - Custom implementation of algorithms to detect and track devices
- Self-Localization + AR Visualization: ARKit on mobile phone
  - Will develop an interface using ARKit/WebXR to handle visualization

Testing Procedure

- De-risking: Manually sanity-testing each component before integration
  - Allows us to find workarounds to things that don’t work as expected
- Set up testbed in a room, try various different antenna movement patterns
  - Zig-zag through the room
  - Spiraling out from center of room
  - Rotating in-place at different points



Integration Testing

- Set up testbed with a variety of Wi-Fi devices
  - Different channels and data rates to test detection accuracy and range
  - Different kinds of devices: cameras, microphones, sensors, etc.
- Set an origin point, measure ground-truth location of each device
- Capture a variety of test traces (3min, 5min, 10min long traces)
  - Verify positional accuracy against ground-truth
  - Verify percentage of devices detected (and time taken to detect)
- Visually test that AR locations match the physical coordinates

Project Management

Anish - Antenna & sensing bringup, AR localization & visualization

Thomas - Tracking/filtering algorithm, Multipath/noise handling, Device localization

Ethan - Software bringup, MAC spoofing, Device metadata collection