6.808: Mobile and Sensor Computing

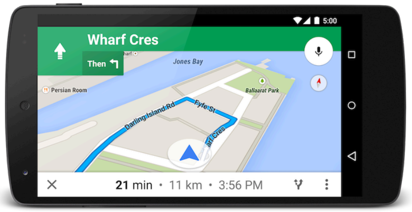
aka IoT Systems

Lecture 2:
Fundamentals of IoT Localization

What is Wireless Positioning (aka Localization)?

The process of obtaining a human or object’s location using wireless signals

Applications:



- Navigation: both outdoors (GPS) and indoors (e.g., inside museum)
- Location based services: Tagging, Reminder, Ads
- Virtual Reality and Motion Capture
- Gestures, writing in the air
- Behavioral Analytics (Health, activities, etc.)
- Locating misplaced items (keys)
- Security (e.g., only want to give WiFi access to customers inside a store)
- Delivery drones

What are the different ways of obtaining location?

- Radio signals: GPS, Cellular, Bluetooth, WiFi
- Ultrasound signals: similar to those used in NEST
- Inertial
- Cameras, Vision, LIDAR

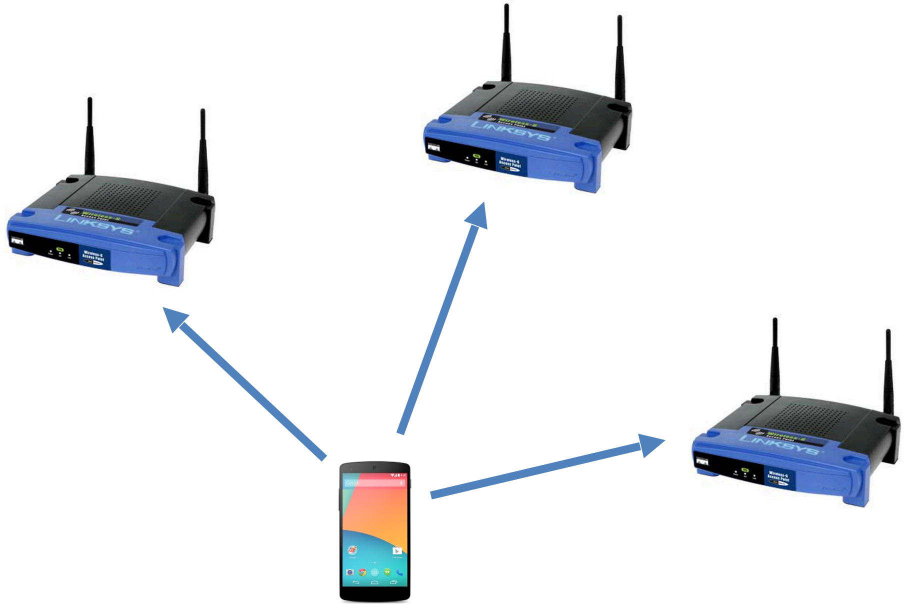
Focus of this lecture

We will discuss the localization techniques in increasing order of sophistication

Who performs the localization process?

- Device based: A device uses incoming signal from one or more "anchors" to determine its own location

- Network based: Anchors (or Access points) use the signal coming from device to determine its location



- Example: GPS

- Example: Radar

1) Identity-based Localization

Idea: Use the identity and known location of anchor nodes

Example:

- Wardriving -- been used to improve the accuracy of GPS
- WiFi indoor localization

Localize by mapping to one of those locations.

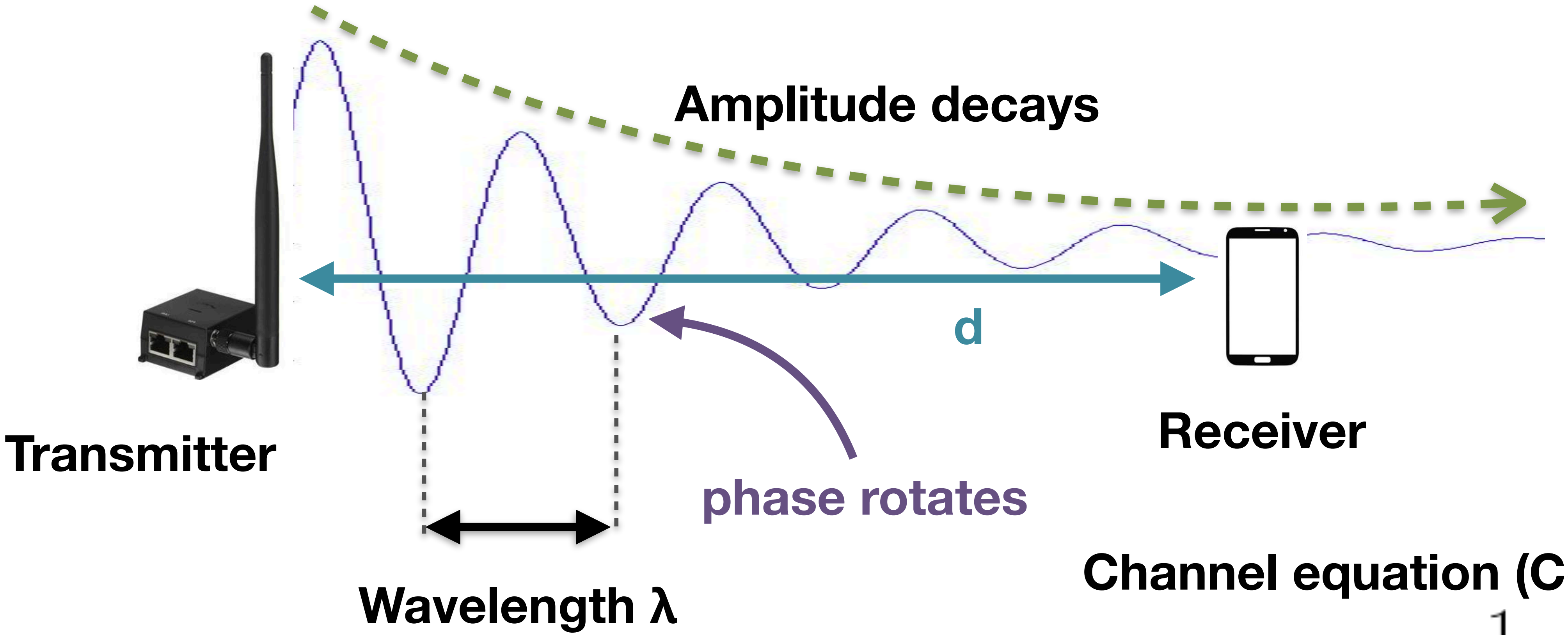
Pros? Cons?

2) Received Signal Strength (RSSI)

Idea: Higher power -> closer; lower power-> further

In fact, we can extract more information about exact distance from measured power. Need to understand more about wireless signals

Wireless Signals are Waves



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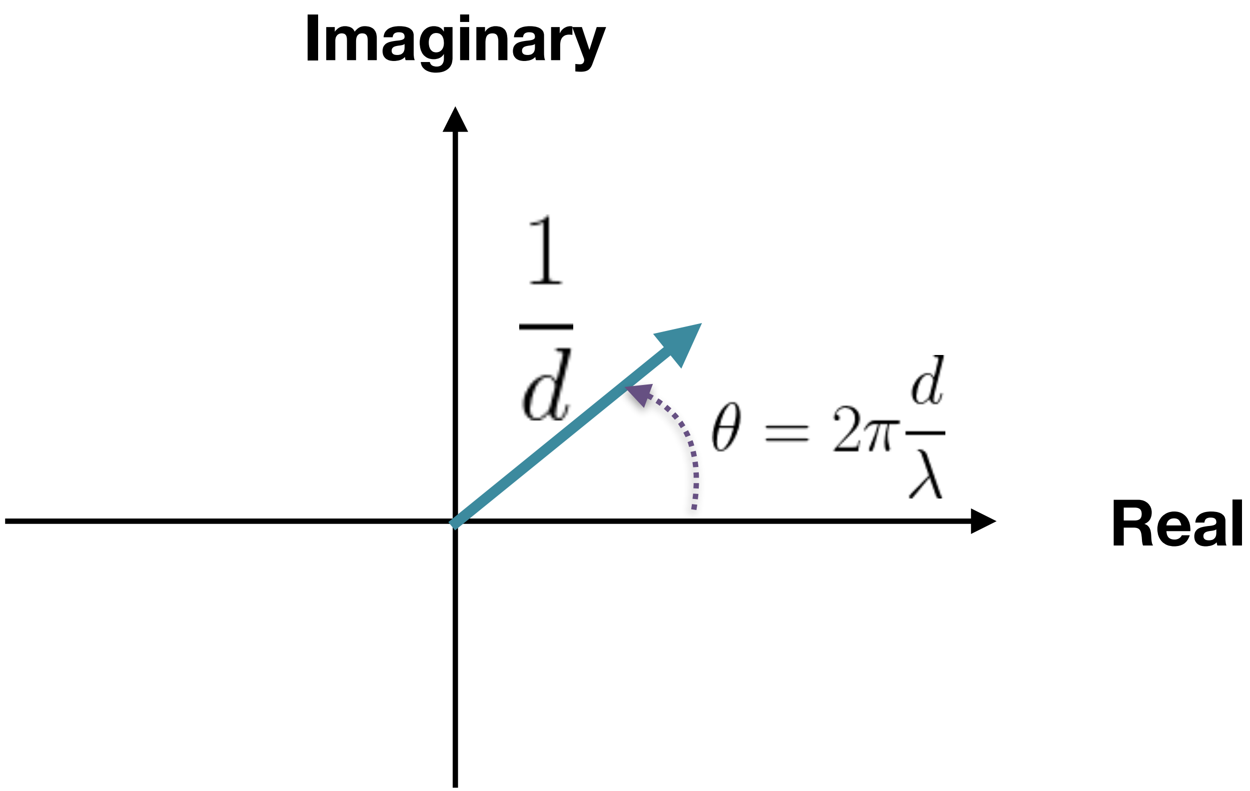

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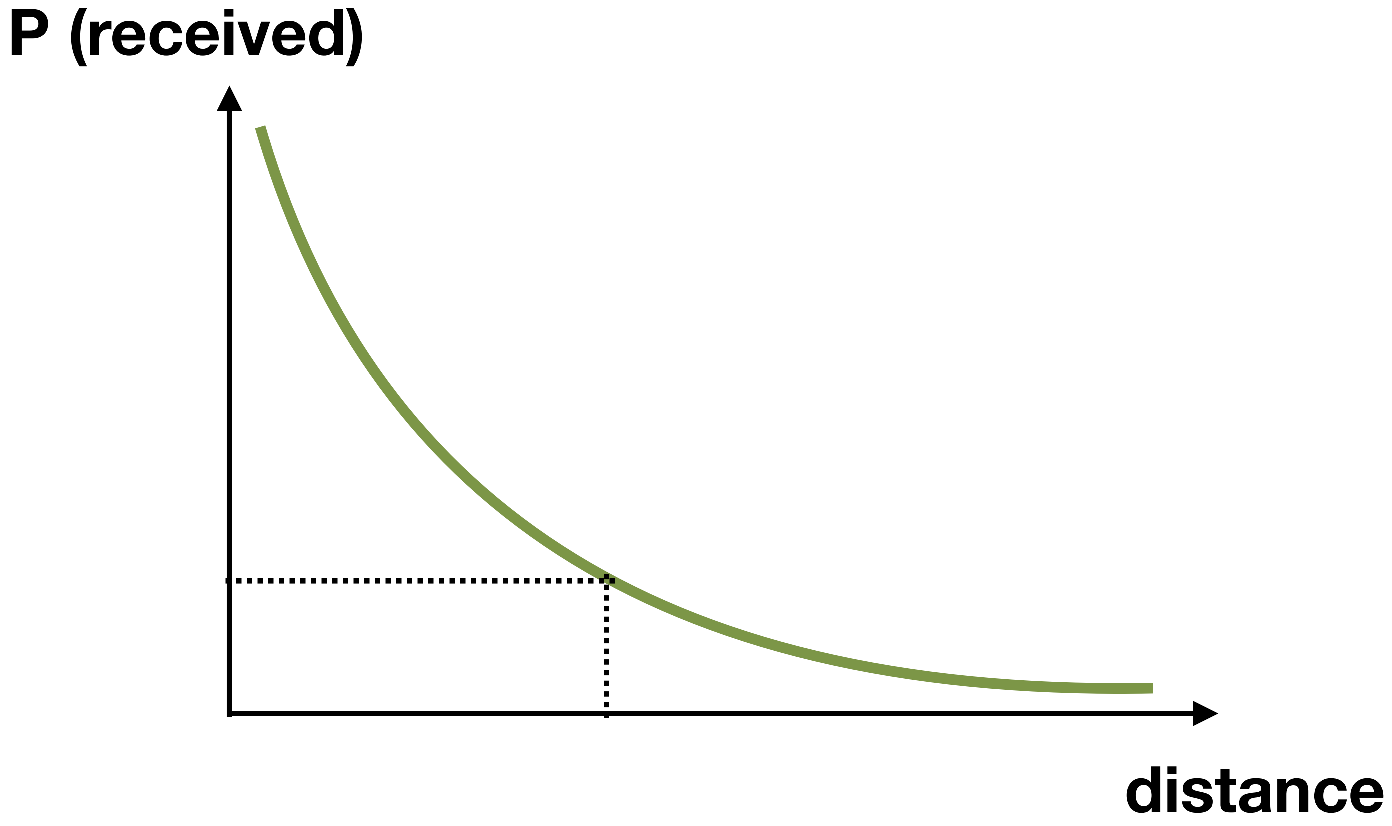
From power to distance

Power is proportional to $1/d^2$



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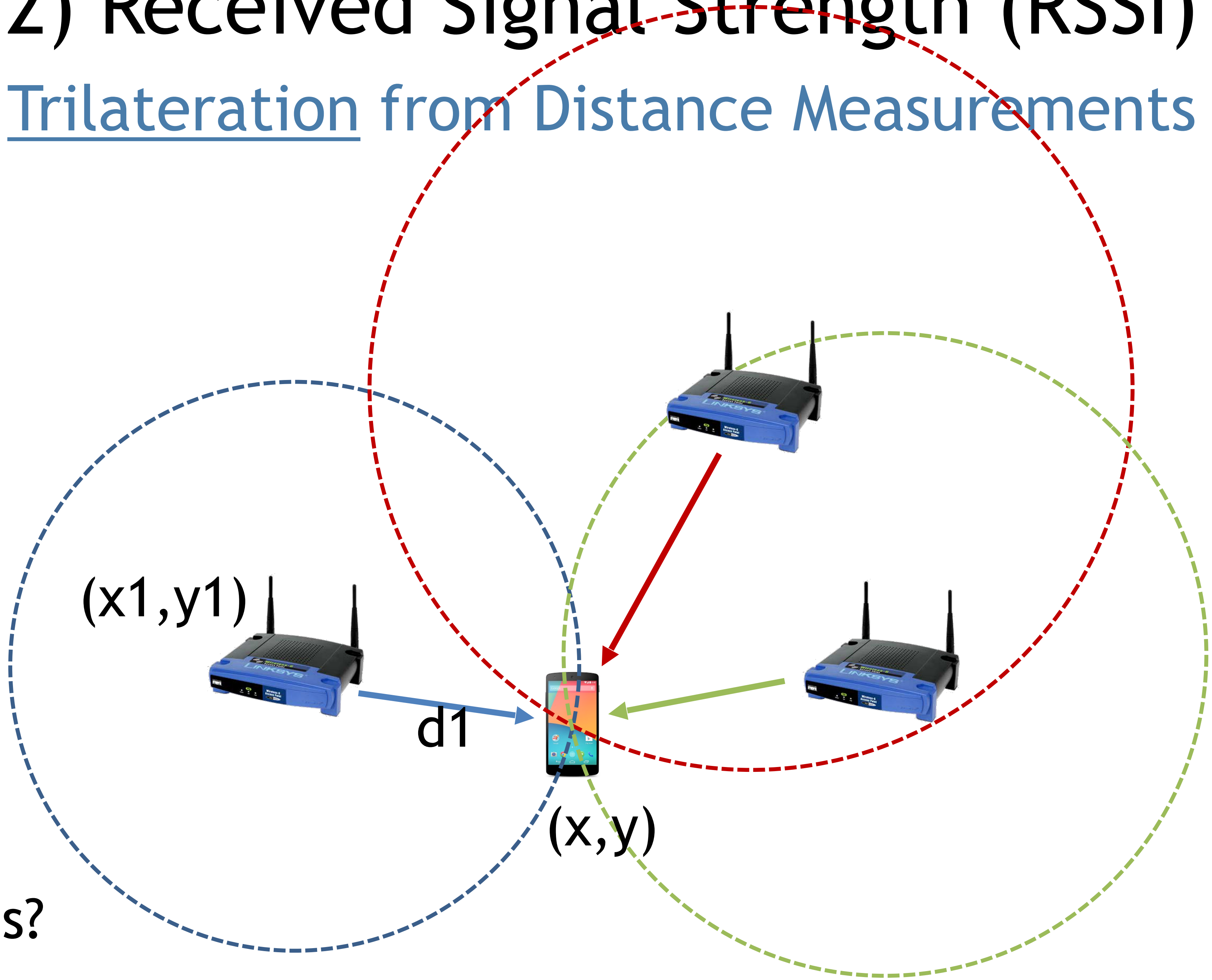
Trilateration from Distance Measurements



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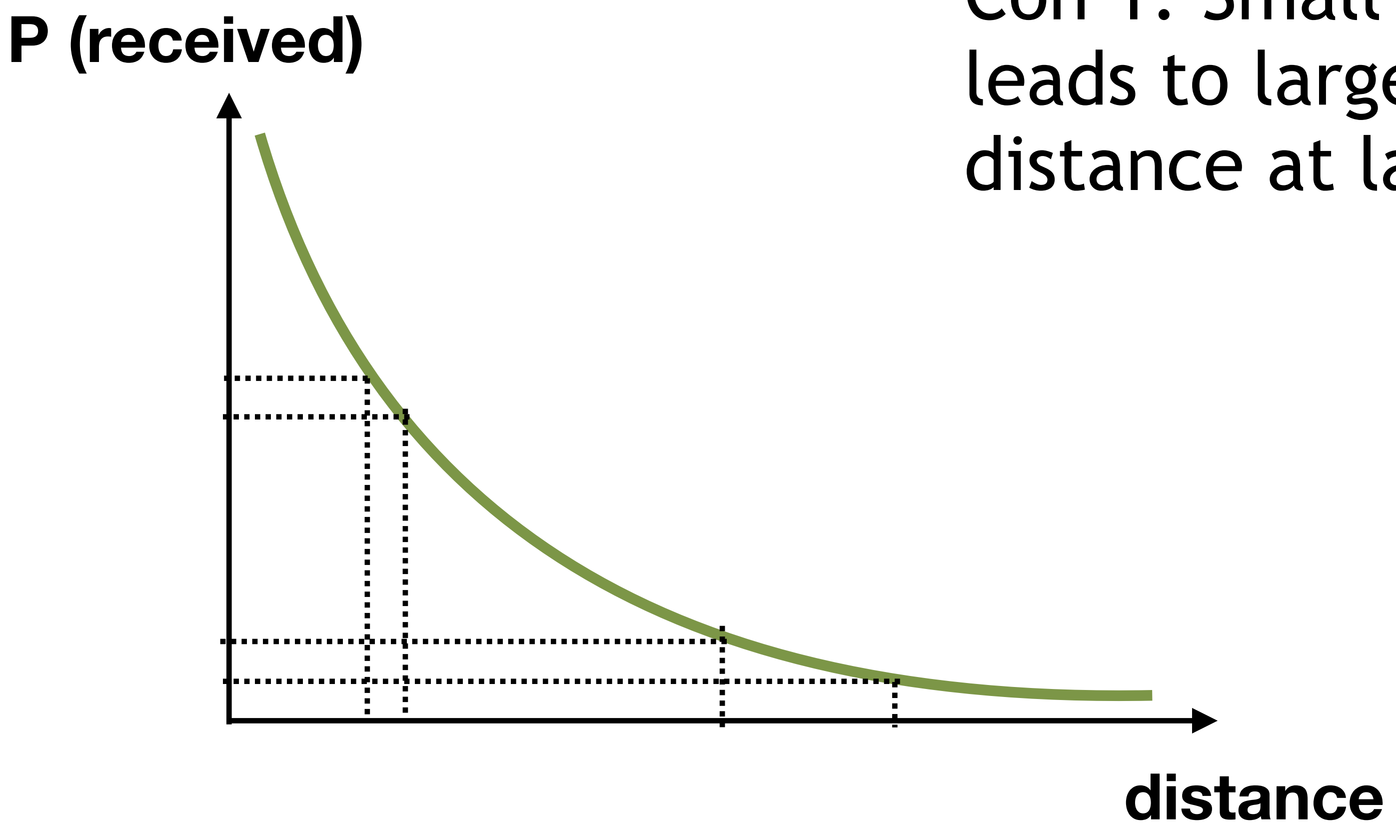

Con 1: Small change in power leads to large deviations in distance at larger distances

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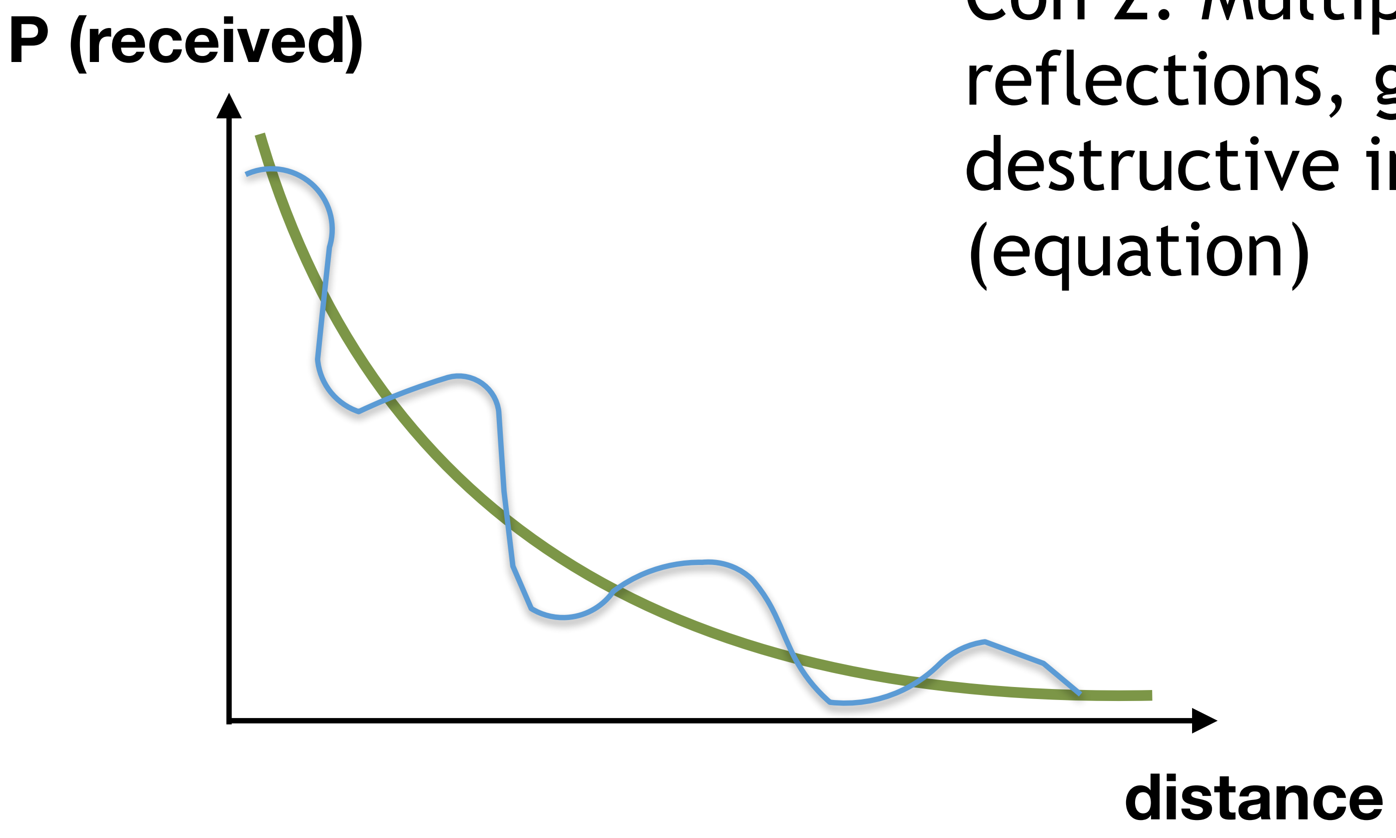

Con 2: Multipath: Due to reflections, get constructive and destructive interference (equation)

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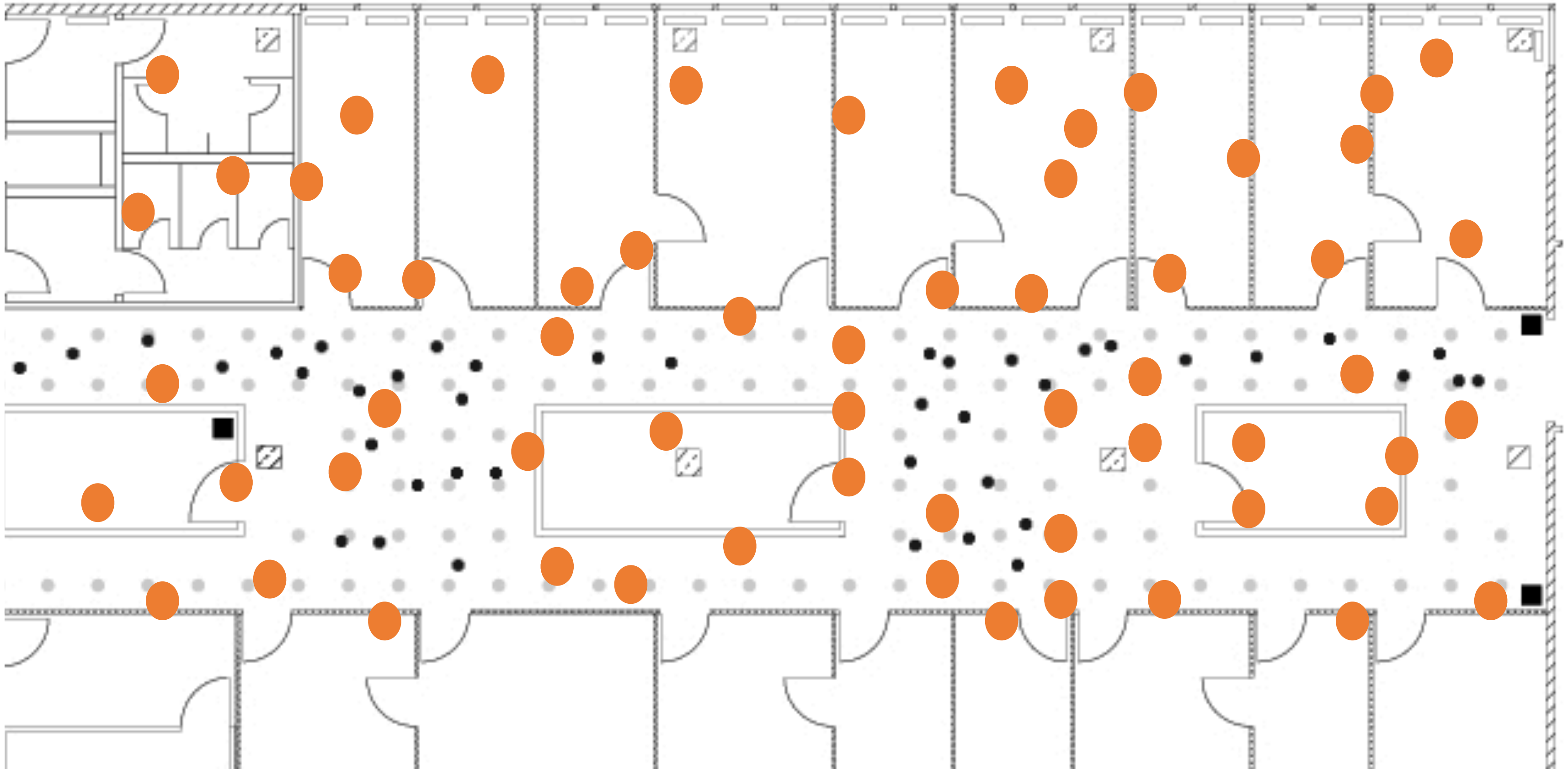
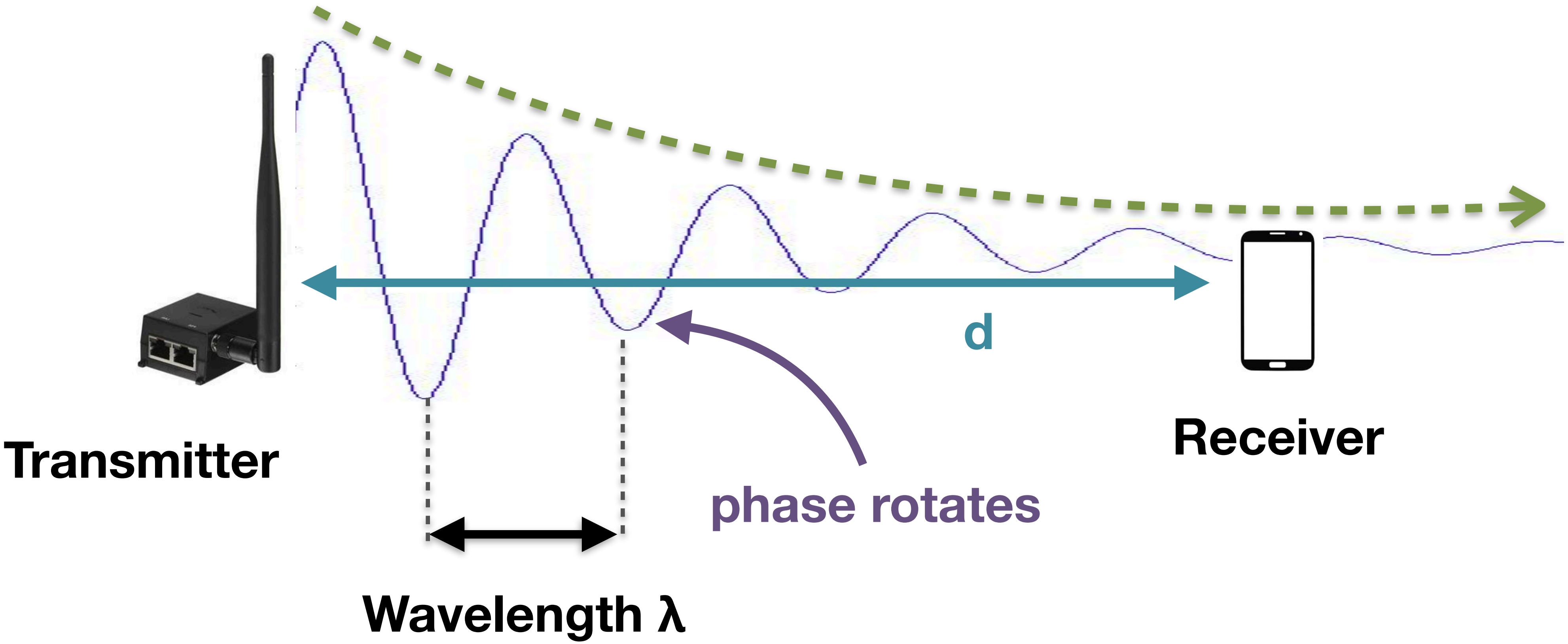
<u>Solution:</u> Fingerprinting
i.e., measuring device records signal strength fingerprints at each location



Pros? Cons?

3) Use the Signal "Phase"

Phase $\phi = 2\pi \frac{d}{\lambda}$

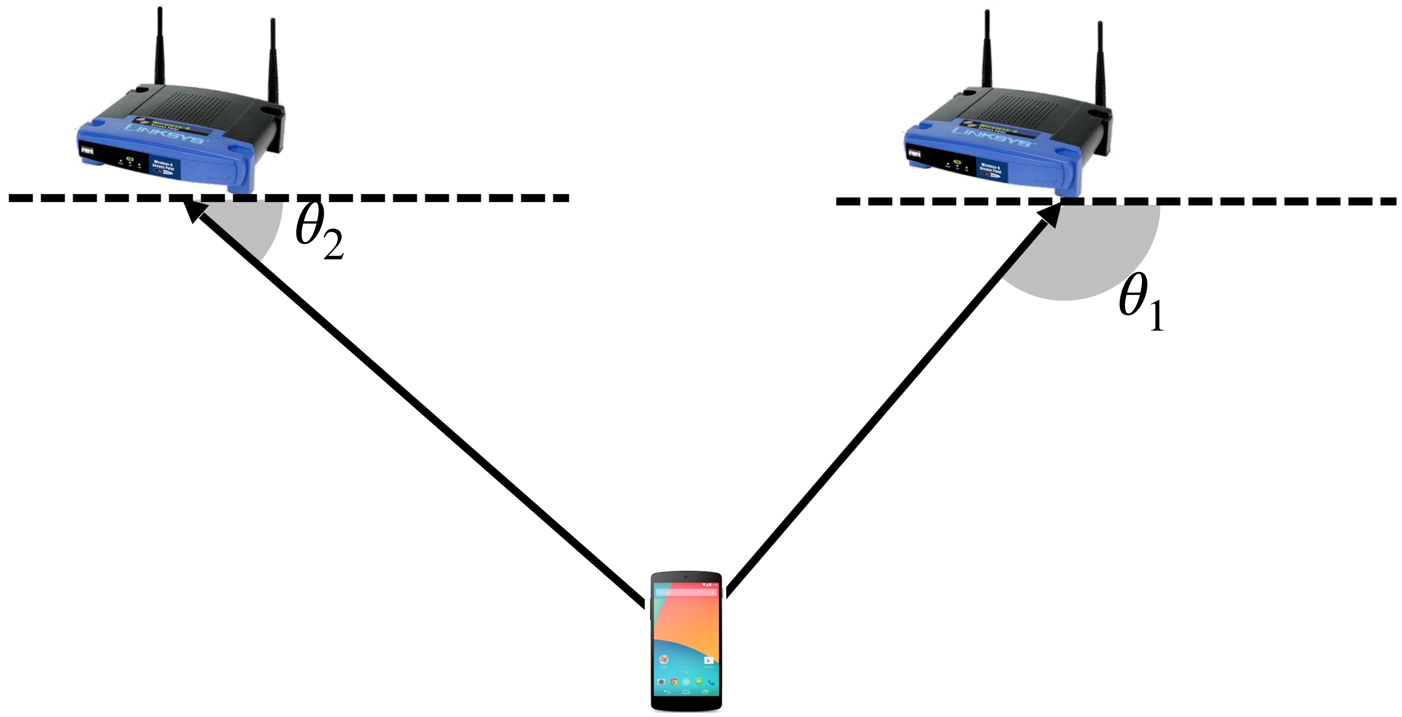


Pros? Cons?

4) Use Angle of Arrival (AoA)

Triangulation from Angular Measurements

Measure Angle of Arrival (AoA) from device to each AP



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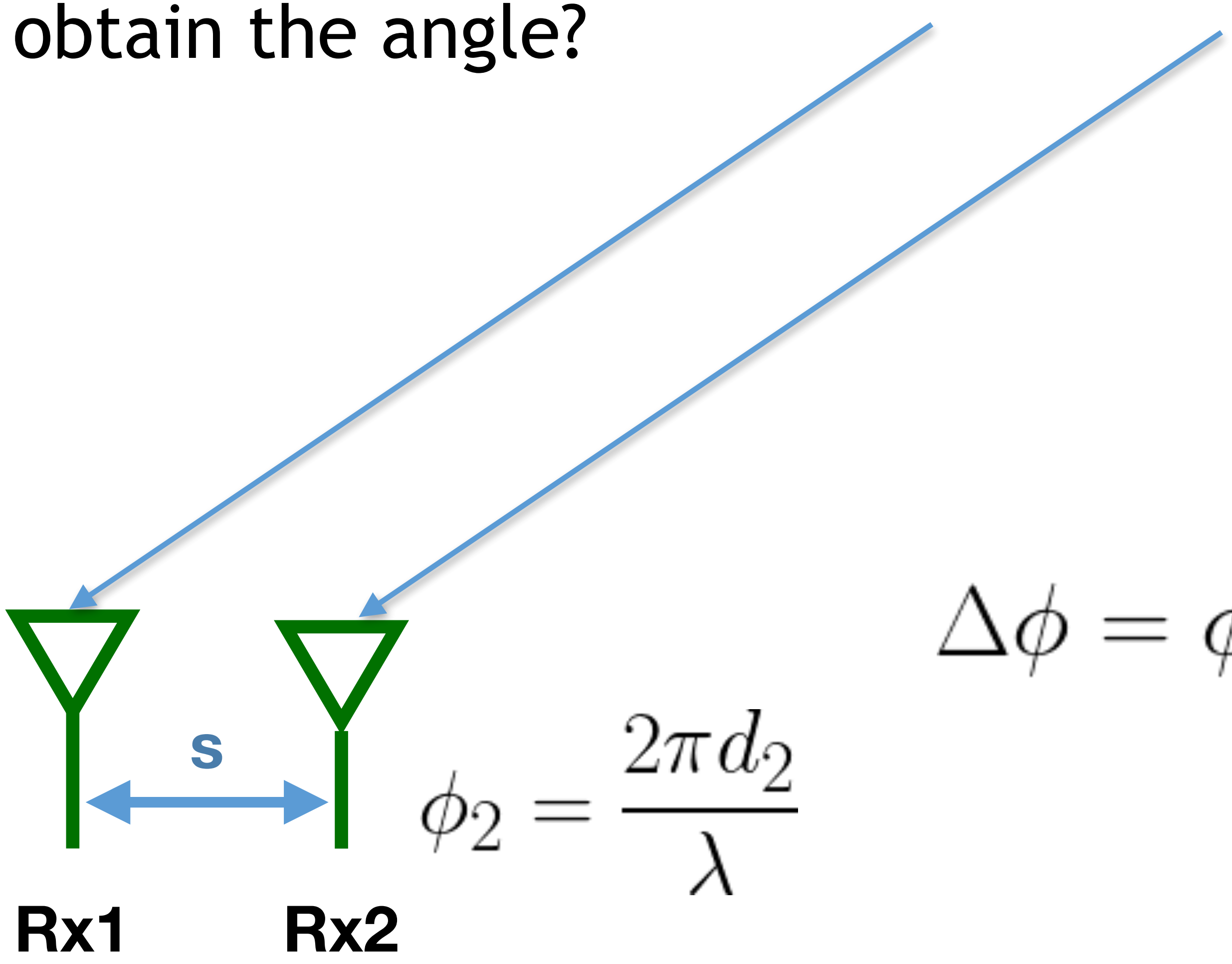
How can we obtain the angle?

$$\phi_1 = \frac{2\pi d_1}{\lambda}$$



$$\phi_2 = \frac{2\pi d_2}{\lambda}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2 = \frac{2\pi s \cos\theta}{\lambda}$$

Issues?

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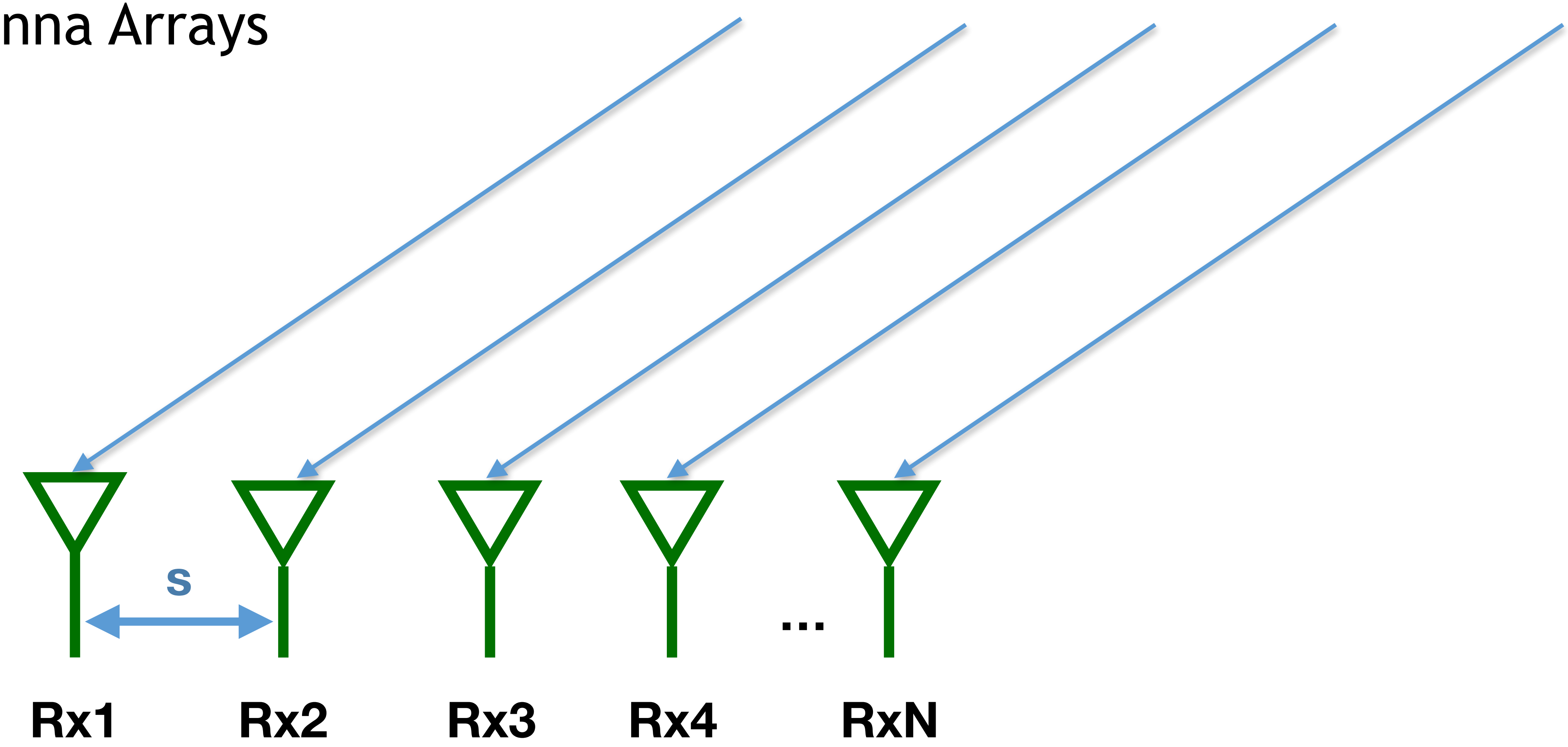

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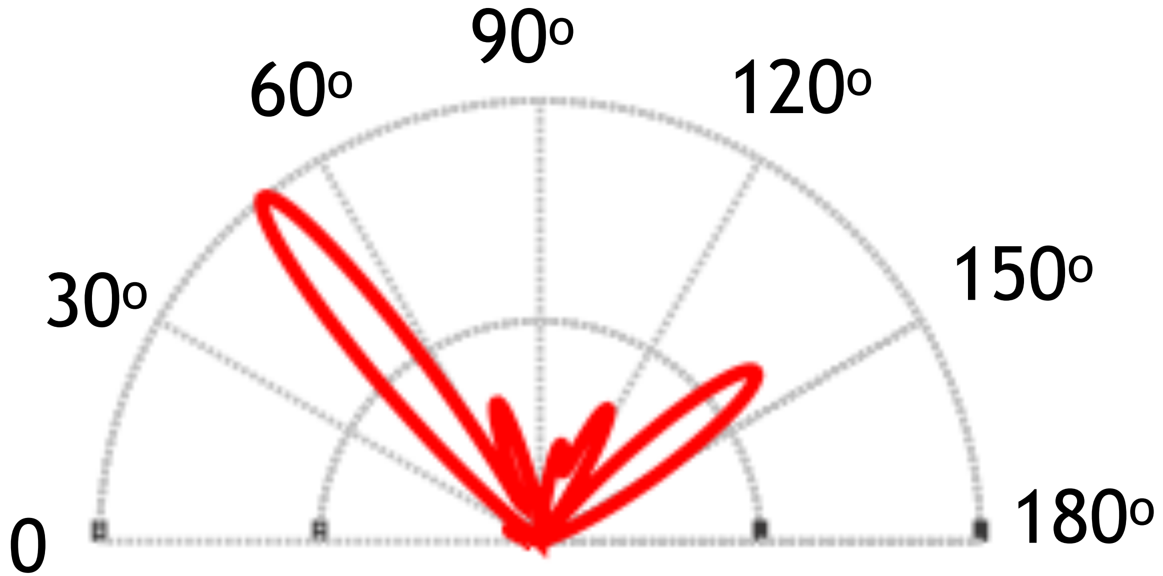
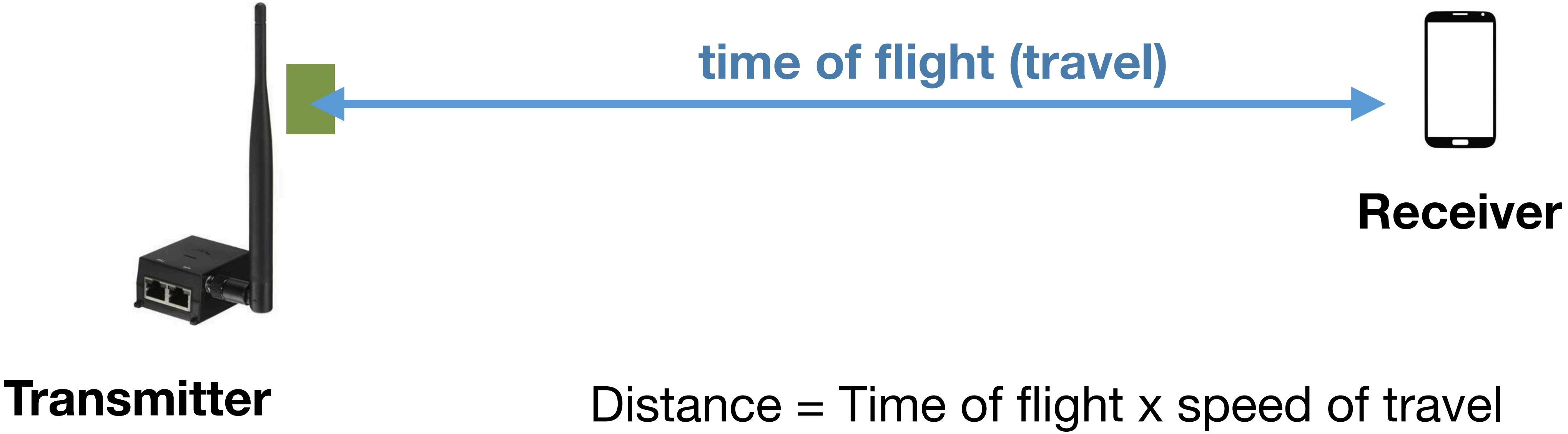


How do we know which direction corresponds to the direct path?

5) Measure the Time-of-Flight (ToF)

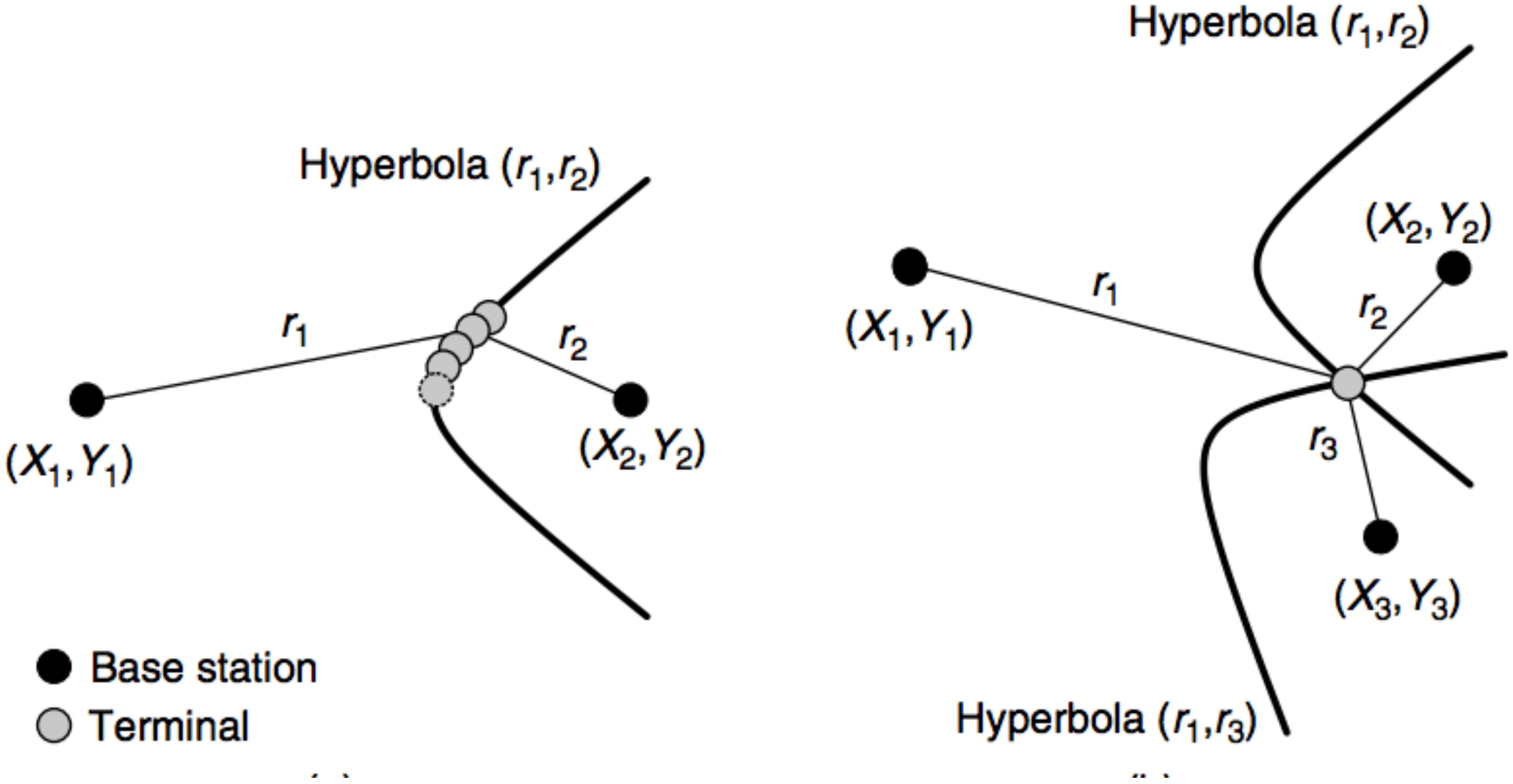


Distance = Time of flight x speed of travel

Can use trilateration (intersection circles/spheres)

How do we know when the signal was transmitted?

6) Time-difference-of-arrival (TDoA)



State-of-the-Art Techniques?

- Sophisticated Combinations of these techniques, e.g.,:
- Combine AoA with time-of-flight
- Use circular antennas and combine with inertial sensing
- Perform synthetic aperture radar and DTW
- Synthesize measurements from multiple frequencies
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