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Development of a Sensor-based Portable Data Collection System for Climbers

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The Internet
of Things

Sports
Climbing

Enhance the sportive experience
through integrated technological
solutions

The Objective

Develop a System to collect Data
about Indoor Climbing Activity

The Approach

- Research of Existing Solutions
- Definition of Requirements
- Comparison of Alternatives
- Selection of Technologies

Current Research



Stereo
Cameras



Fitness
Wearables



Smart
Sensors

System Requirements

Non-Intrusiveness

Accuracy of Data

Respect for Privacy

Cost-Effectiveness

Broad Accessibility

Universal Applicability

Low/Zero Maintenance

For all Climbing Styles

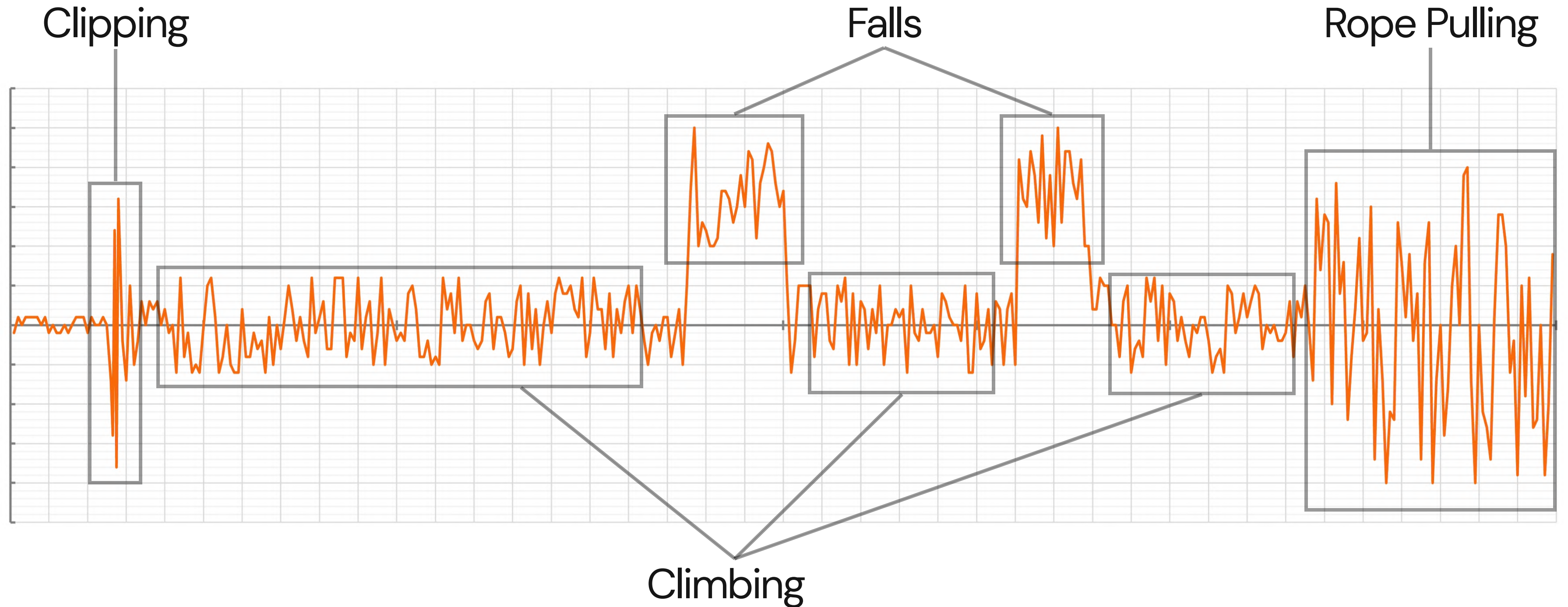


Sensors on Quickdraws

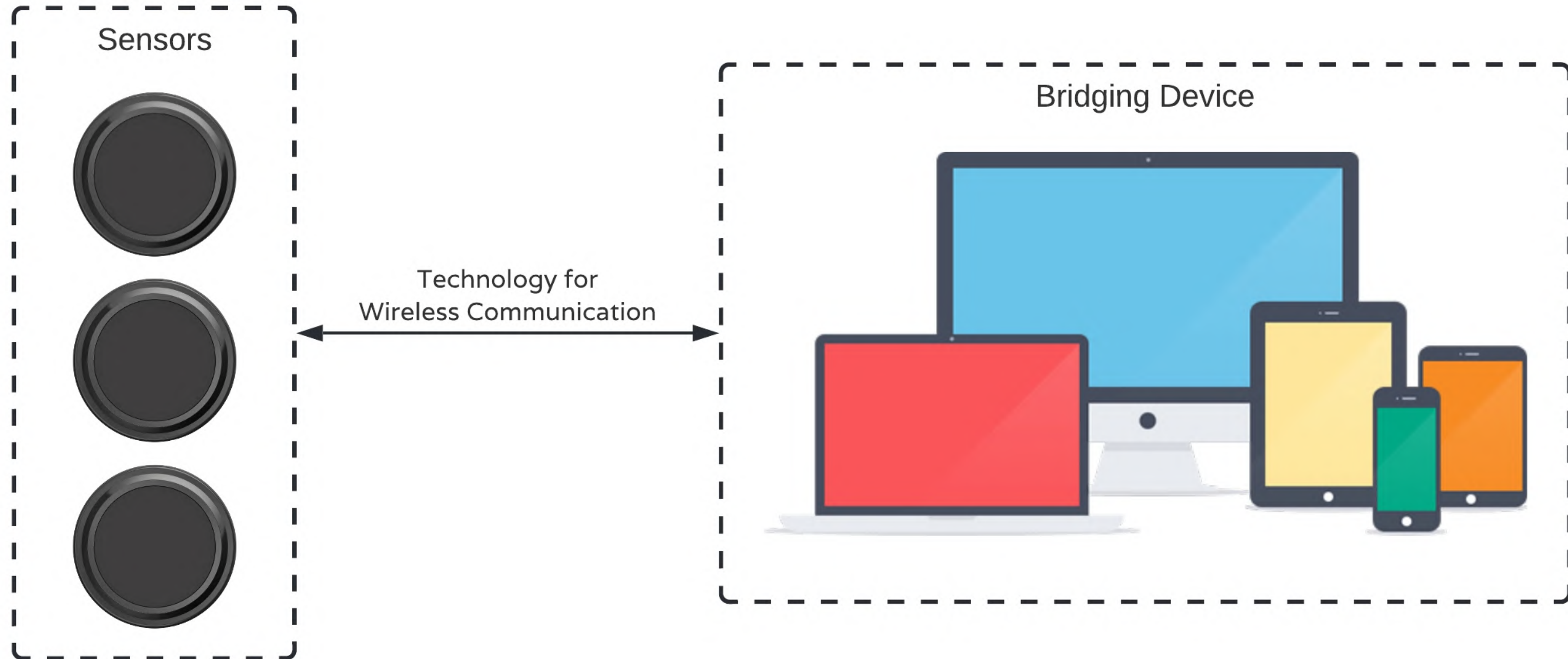
Not for every climbing style
Insufficient battery life
Stability of connection
Consistency of output

Possible Issues and Downsides

What Data can be collected?



Hardware Components



The Sensors



Several
Sensors

Resistant
Build
Structure

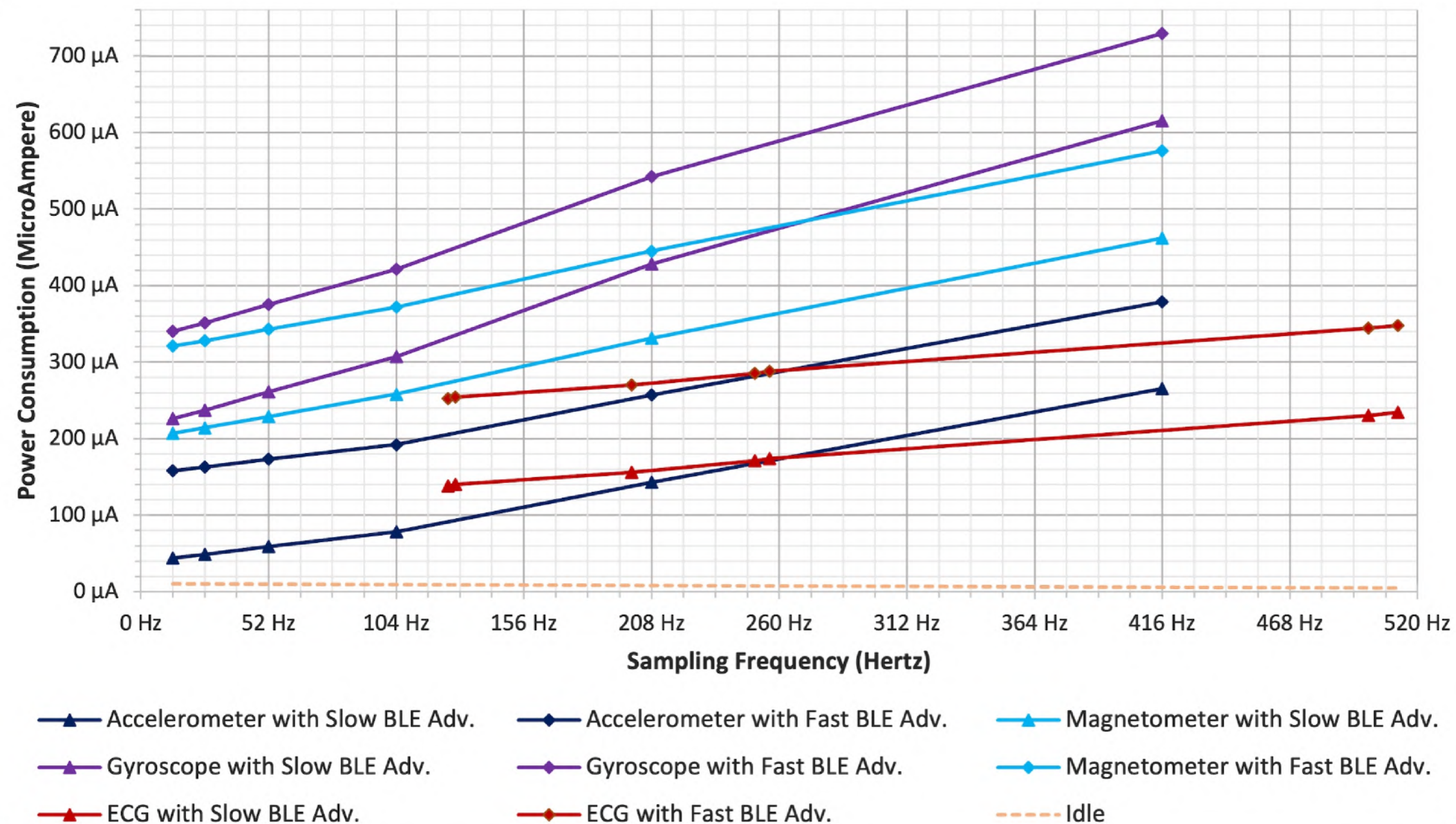
Long
Battery Life

Low Power
Components

Bluetooth
Low Energy

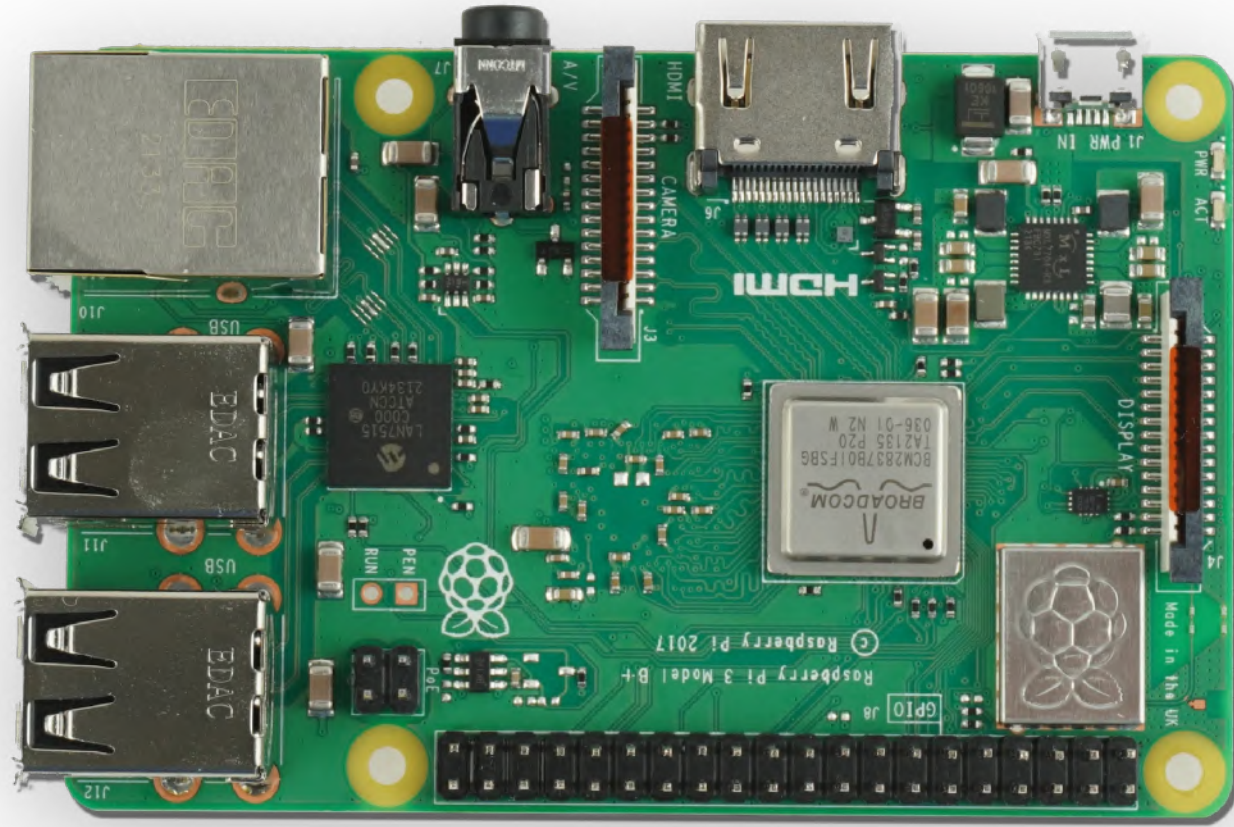
Open Source
Software Suite,
SDK and API

Lightweight



~ 18 days of estimated battery life

Bridging Device



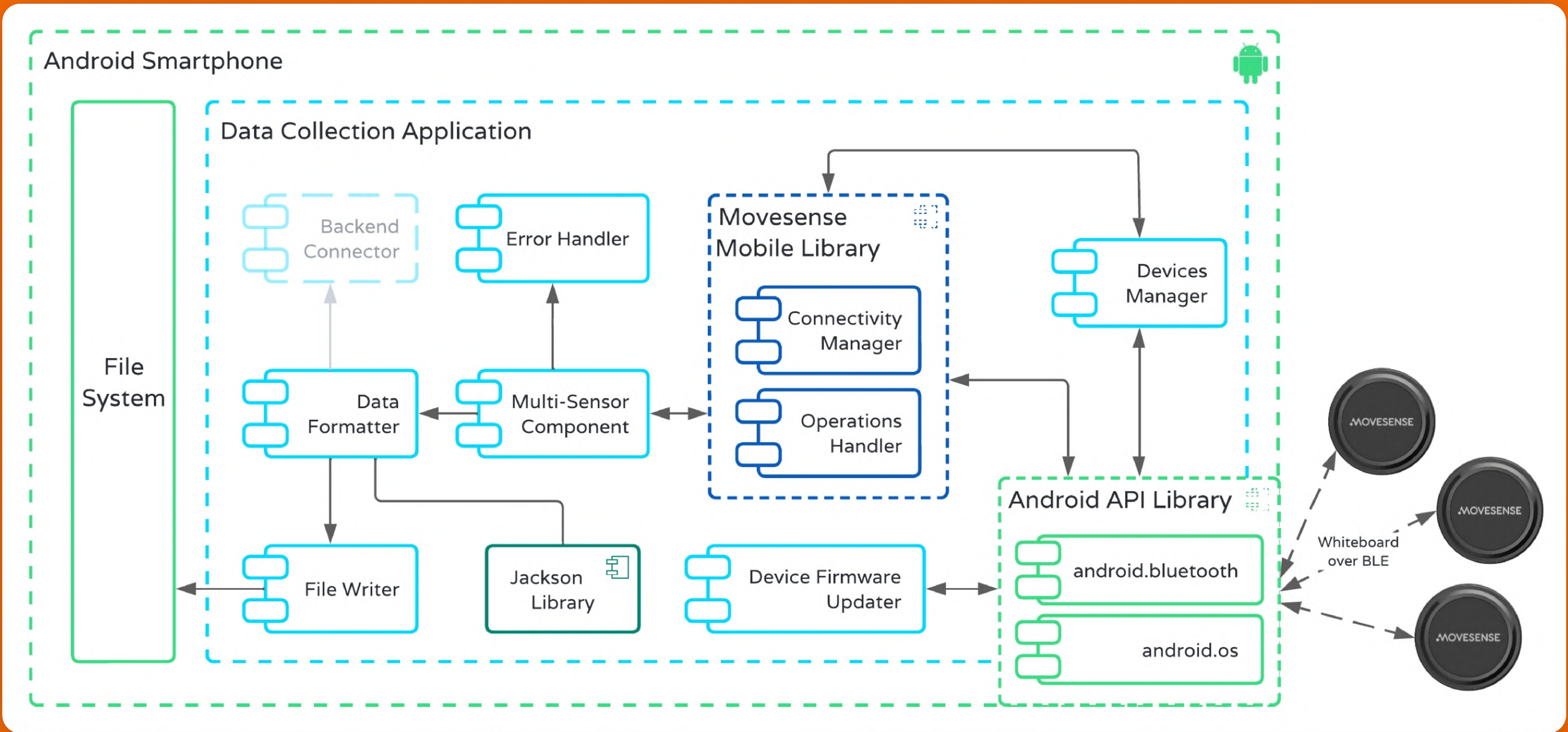
Mobile Library

Integrate Sensors With
Third-Party Mobile Apps

Device Library

Develop Custom
Firmware for Sensors

Movesense SDK



Architecture of the Data Collection System

The Data Formatter
standardizes the output
of the application,
using **JSON**

```
1  {
2    "type": "object",
3    "properties": {
4      "Timestamp": {"type": "integer"},
5      "Sensor": {
6        "type": "string",
7        "enum": [
8          "LinearAcceleration",
9          "AngularVelocity",
10         "MagneticField",
11         "HeartRate",
12         "Temperature"
13       ]
14     },
15     "Value": {
16       "type": "object",
17       "properties": {
18         "x": {"type": "number"},
19         "y": {"type": "number"},
20         "z": {"type": "number"}
21       }
22     }
23   },
24   "required": ["Sensor", "Value", "Timestamp"]
25 }
```

Evaluation of the solution
through unit tests

Validate the JSON file with the Schema in 4 edge cases

Disconnection of Sensor

Disconnection of Smartphone

Fatal Error of the Application

Smartphone Battery Dead

Measure the battery consumption of Accelerometer and Gyroscope

~ 18 days of estimated battery life

~ 17 days of battery life

System to Collect Data about Indoor Climbing Activity

using accelerometers and gyroscopes
applied on climbing quickdraws