

Indoor Positioning Using the OpenHPS Framework

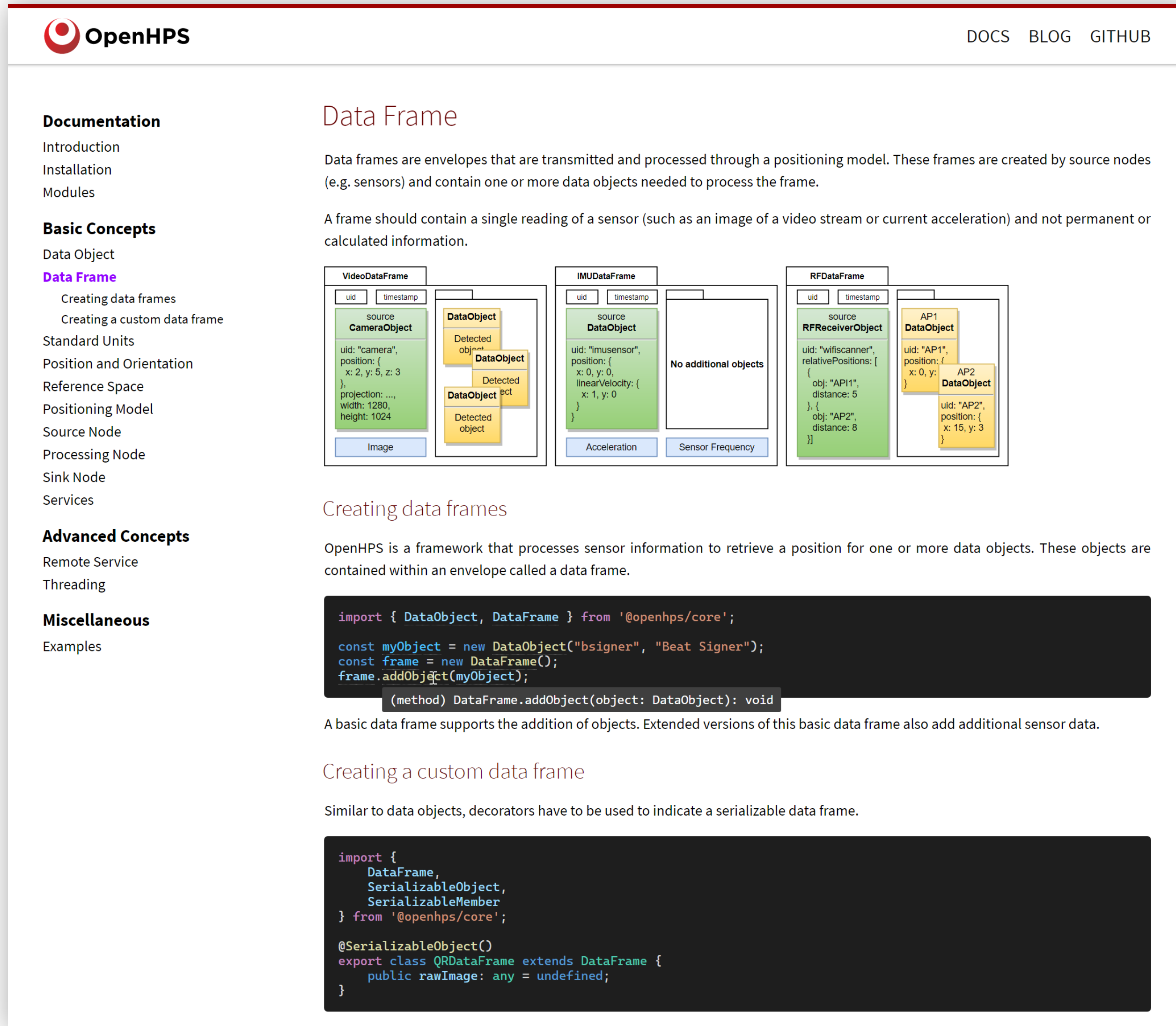
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What is OpenHPS?



An Open Source Hybrid Positioning System



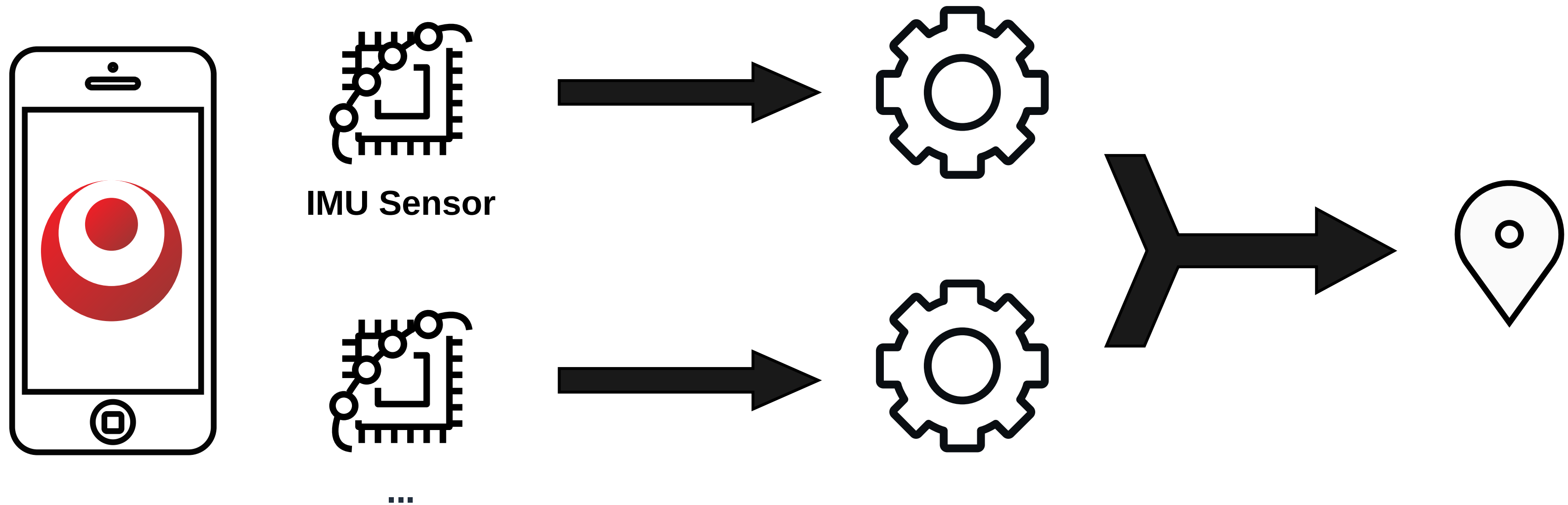
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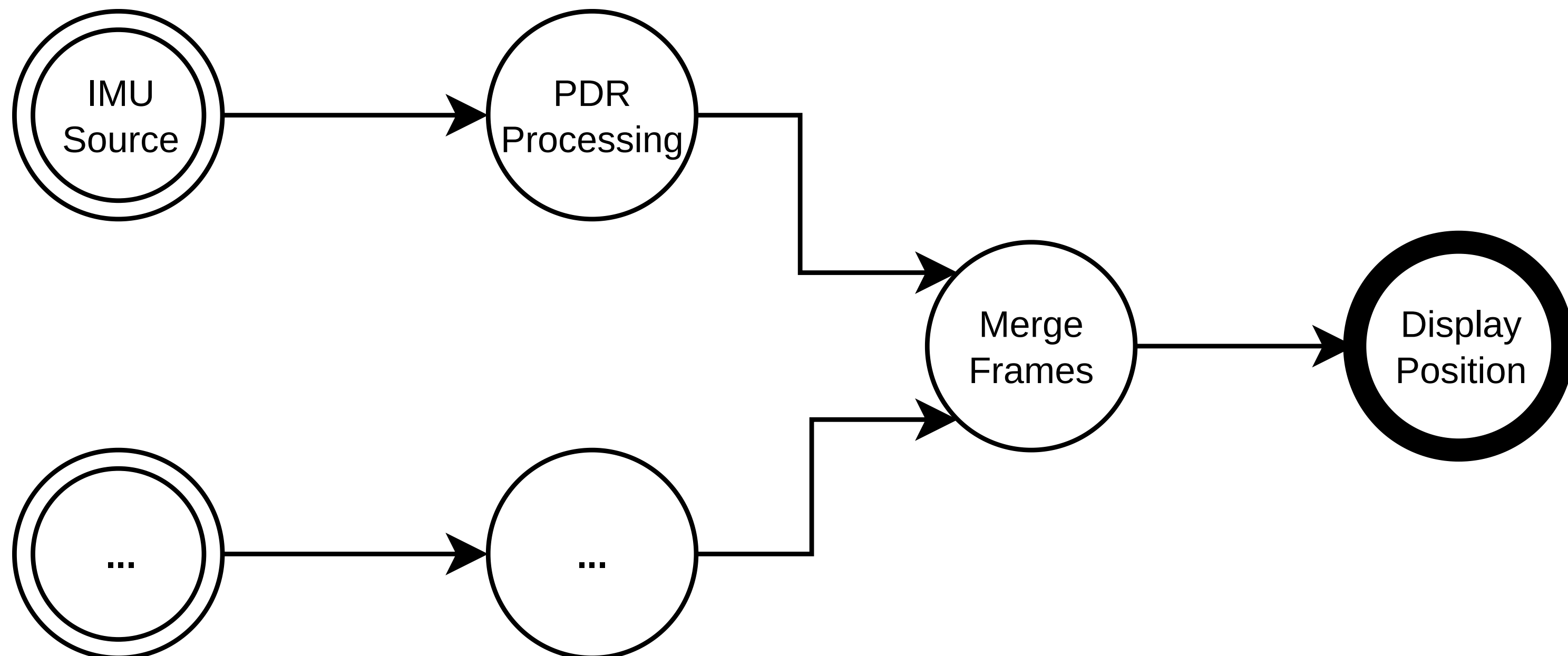
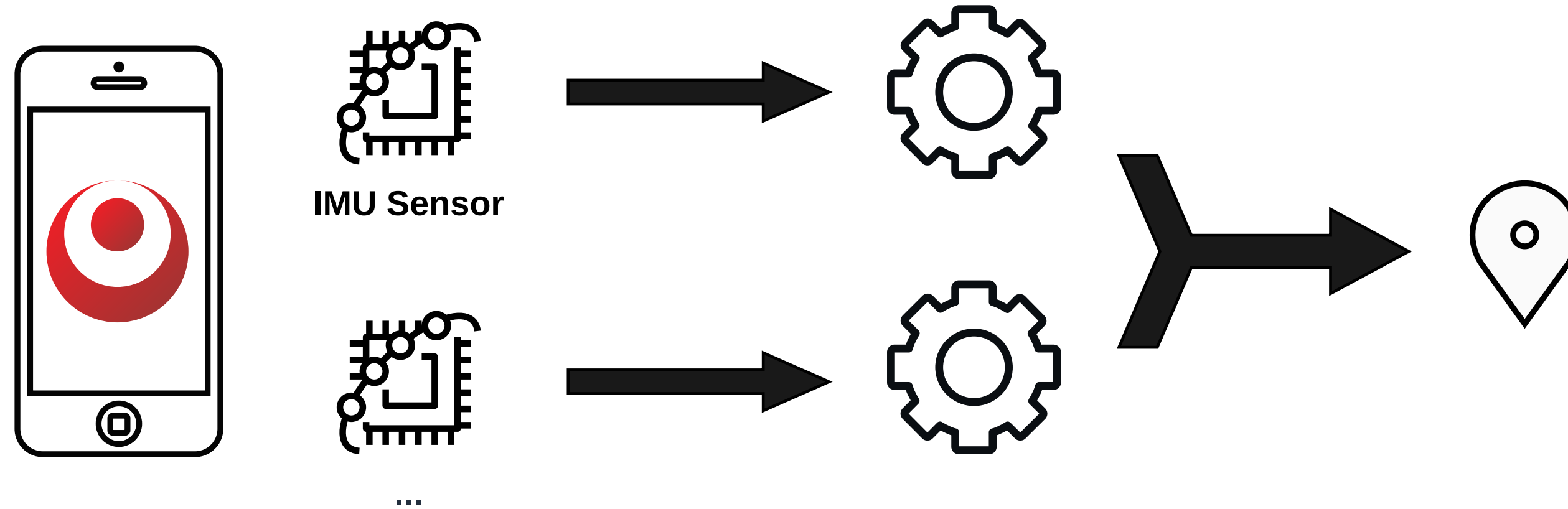
An Open Source Hybrid Positioning System

- ▶ Any technology
- ▶ Any algorithm
- ▶ Various use cases
- ▶ Flexible processing and output
 - Accuracy over battery consumption, reliability, ...
- ▶ Aimed towards
 - Developers
 - Researchers

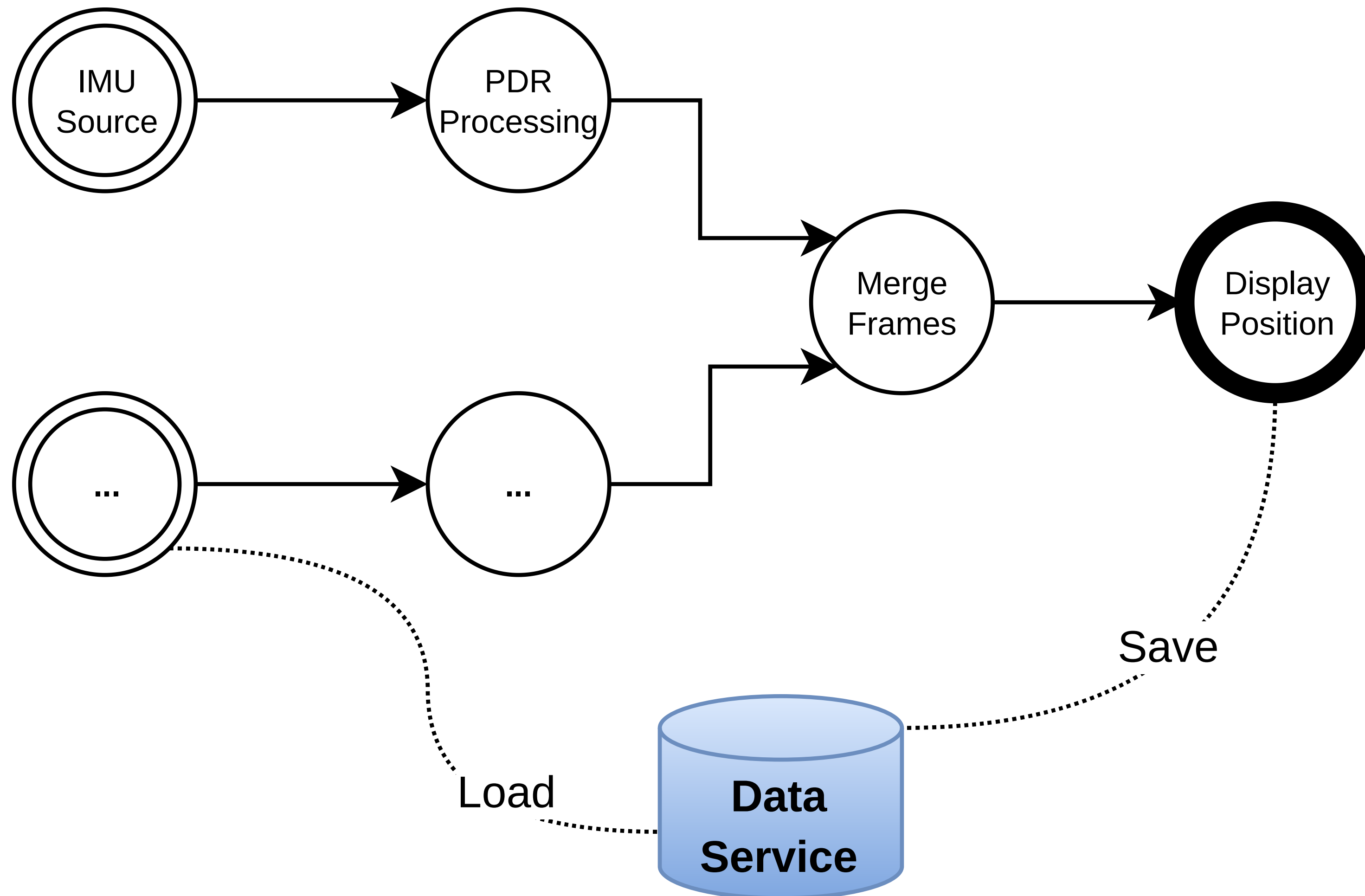
Process Network Design



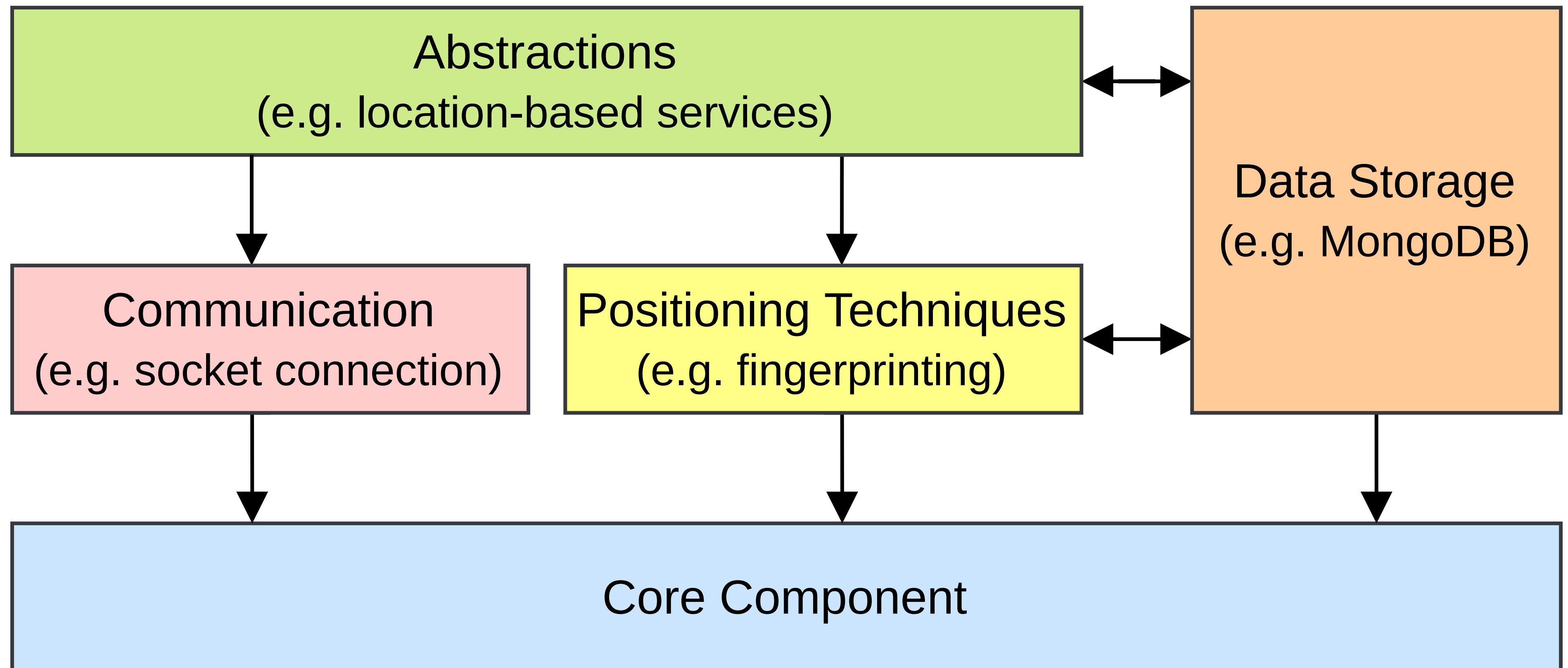
Process Network Design ...



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Modularity



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Communication

Socket, MQTT, REST API, ...

Data Storage

MongoDB, LocalStorage, RDF, ...

Positioning Algorithms

IMU, fingerprinting, OpenVSLAM, ...

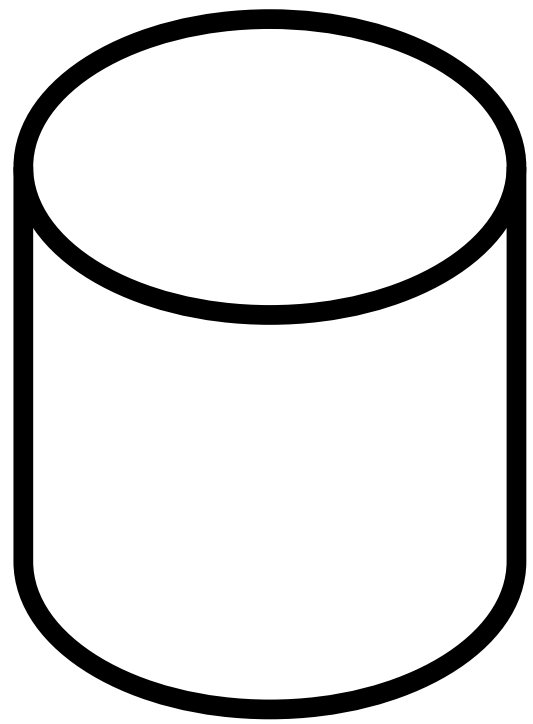
Abstractions

Geospatial, location-based services, geojson, ...

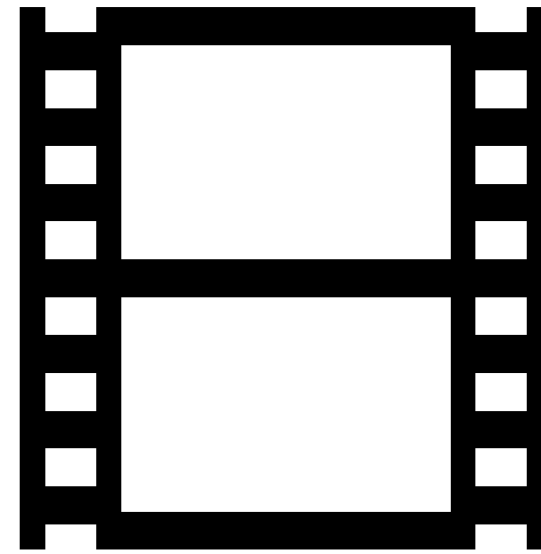
Other

React-Native, NativeScript, Sphero, ...

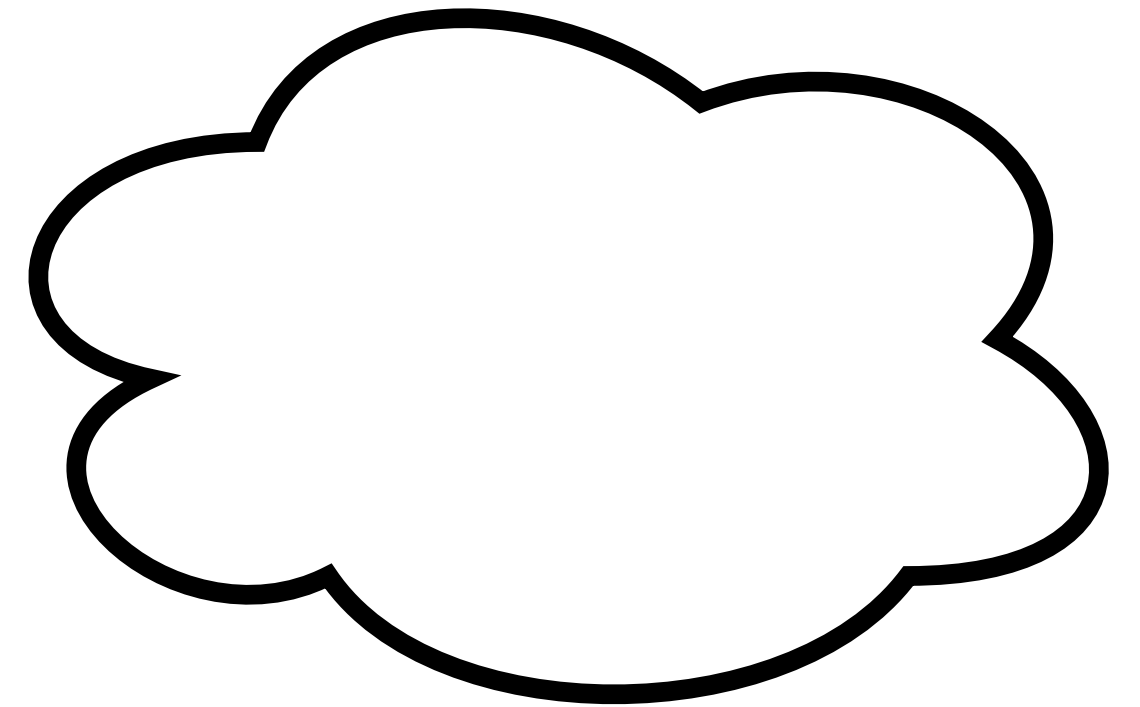
Data Processing



Knowledge

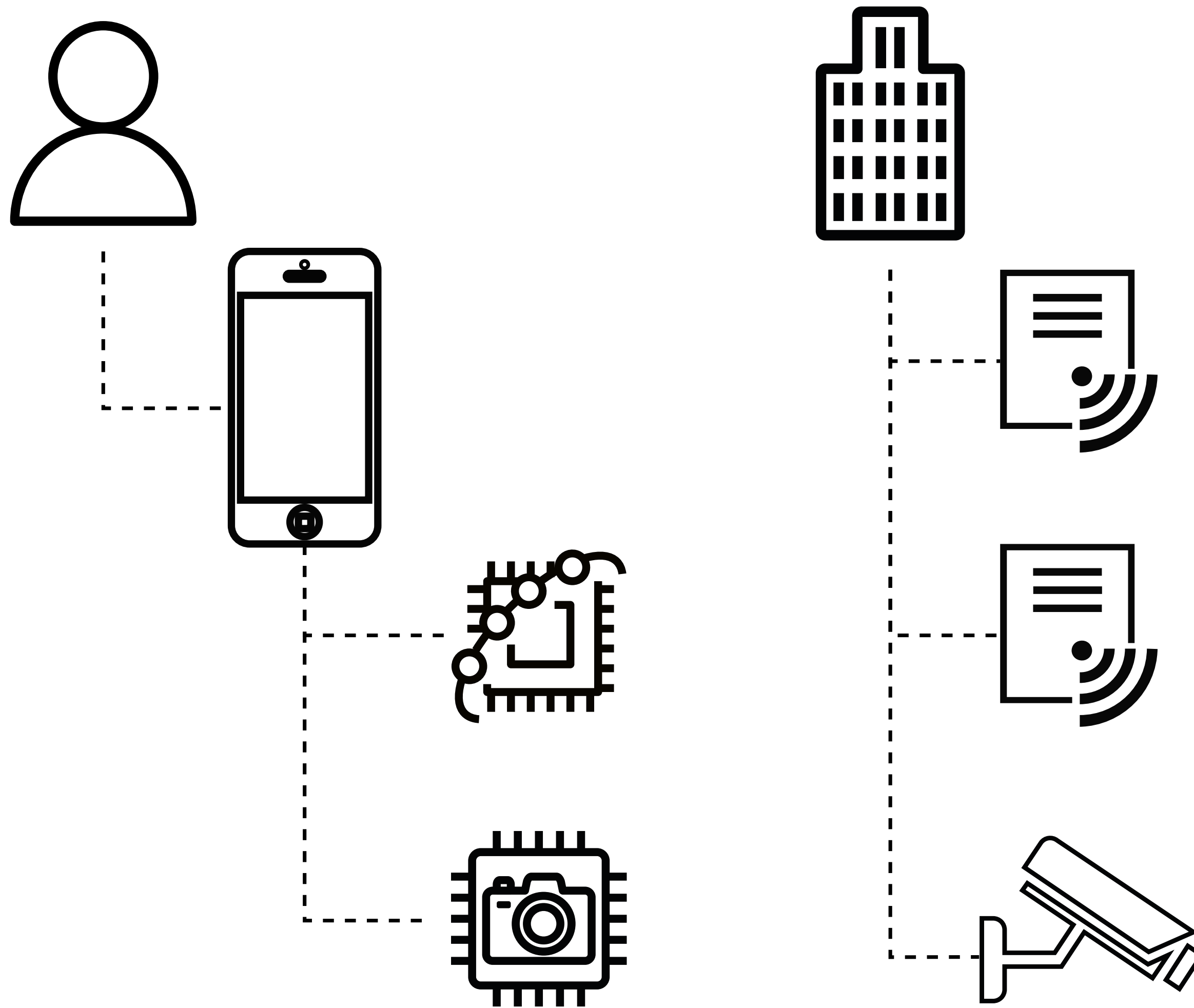


Raw Data



Processed Data

DataObject



Absolute and Relative Positions

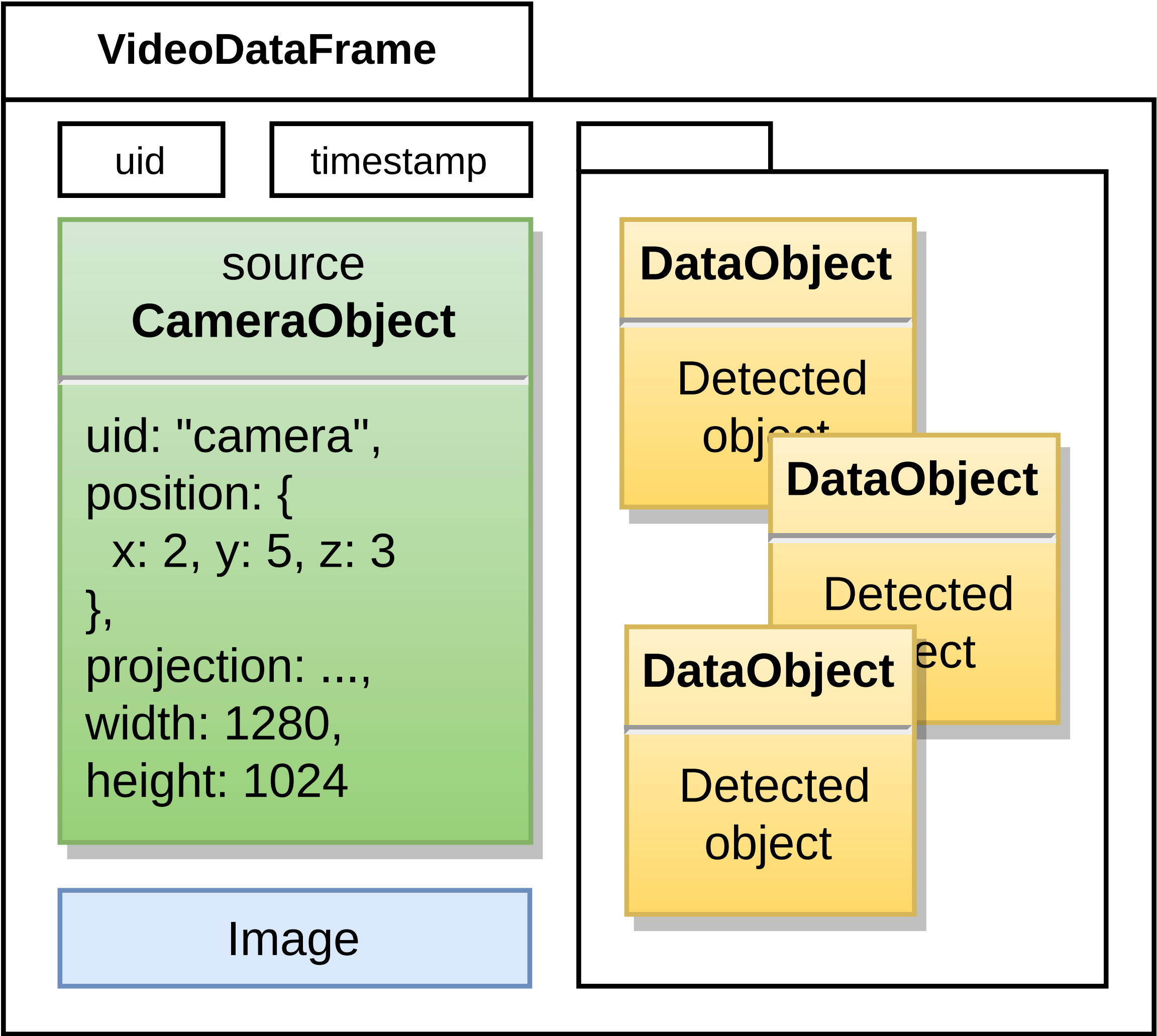
Absolute

- ▶ 2D, 3D, Geographical, ...

Relative

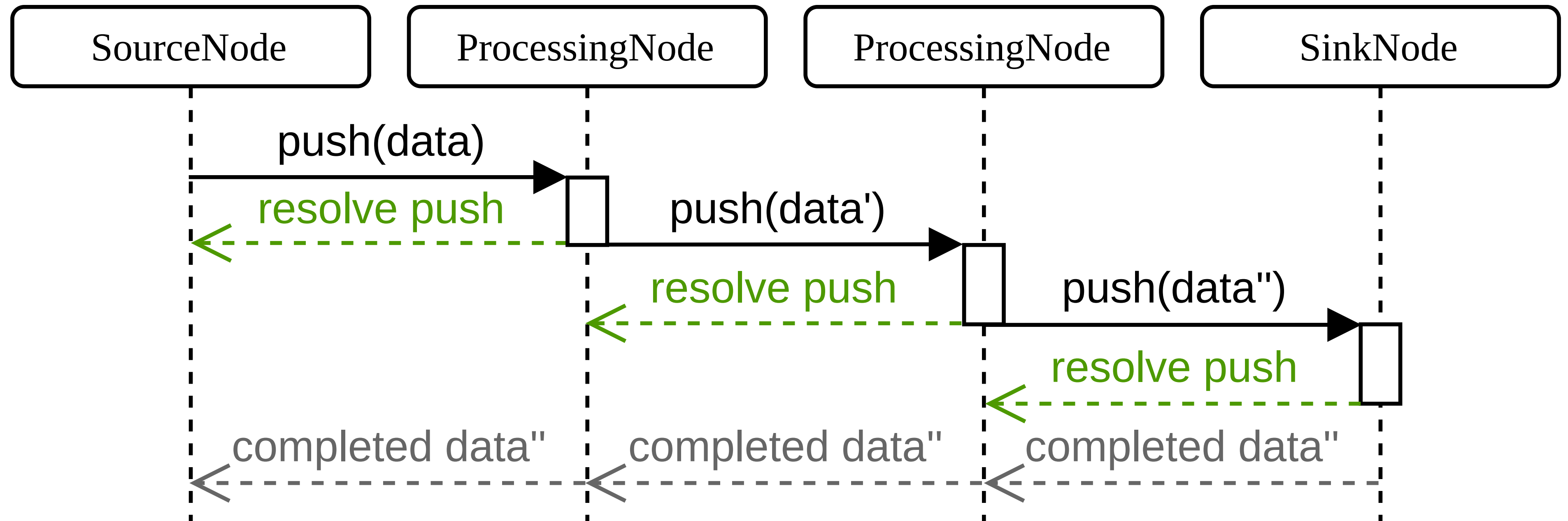
- ▶ Distance, angle, velocity, ...
- ▶ Relative to another *object*

DataFrame



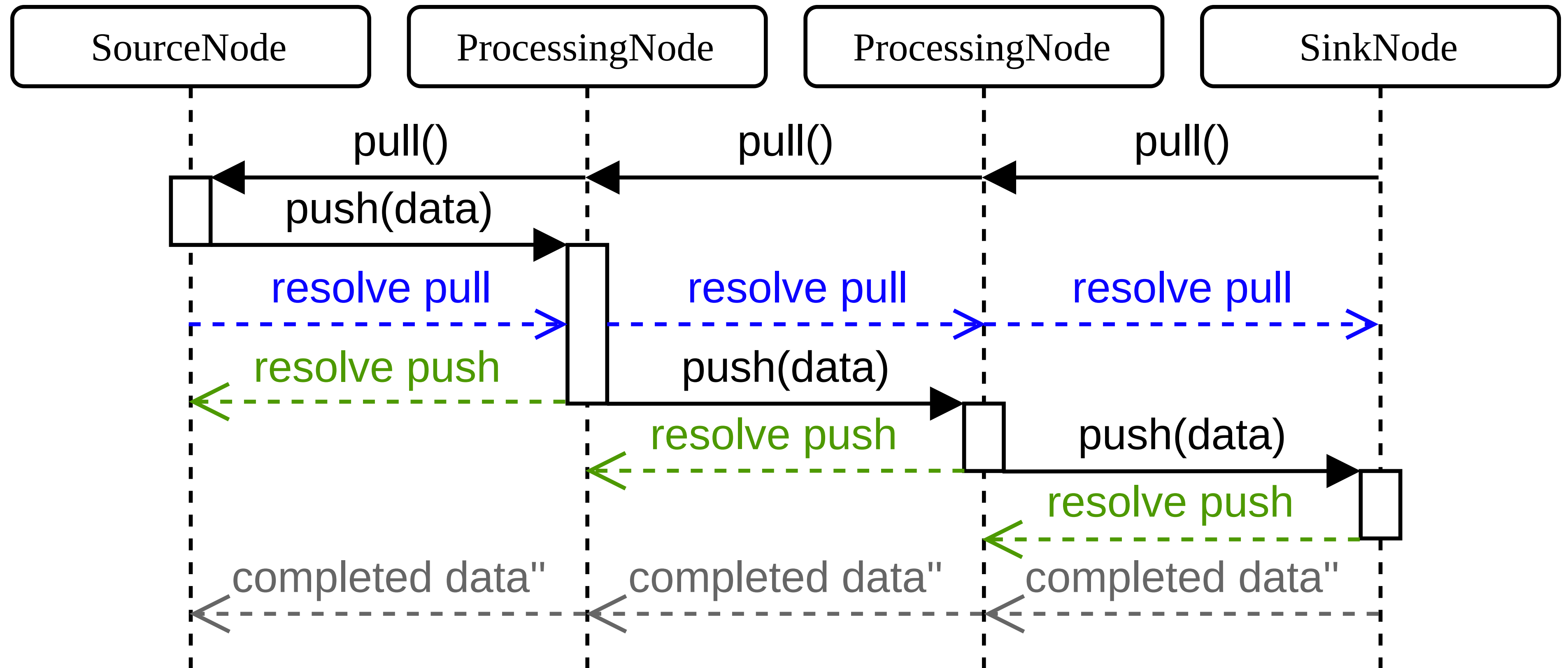
DataFrame ...

Pushing Data



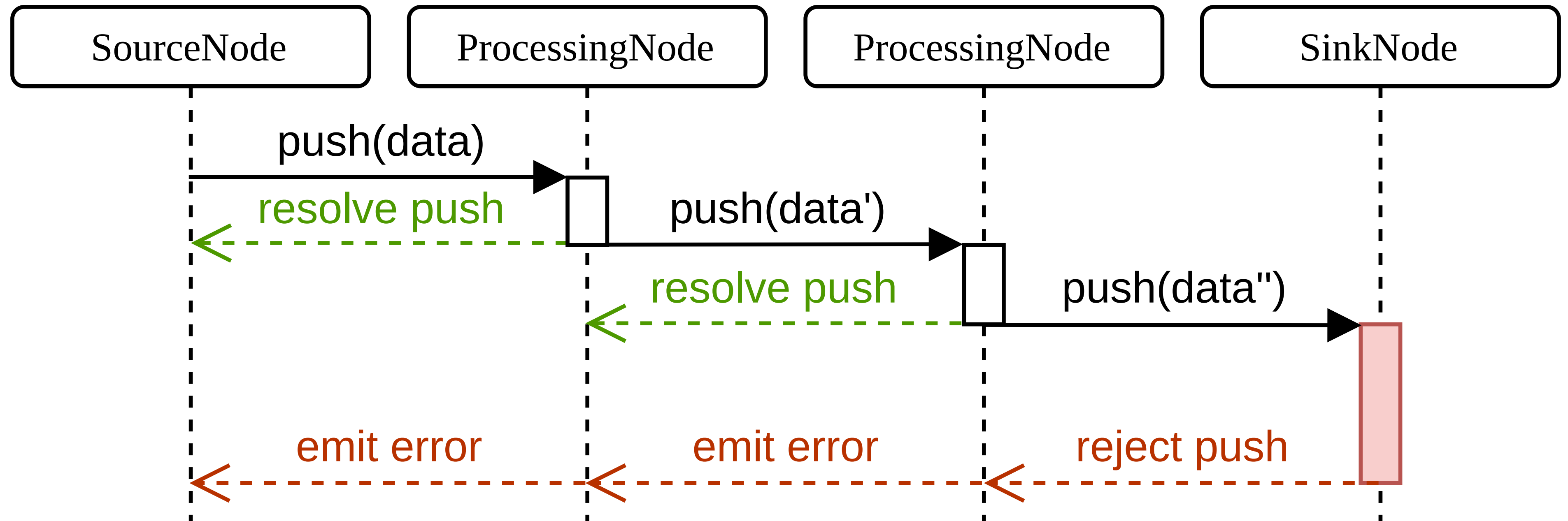
DataFrame ...

Pulling Data



DataFrame ...

Pushing Error



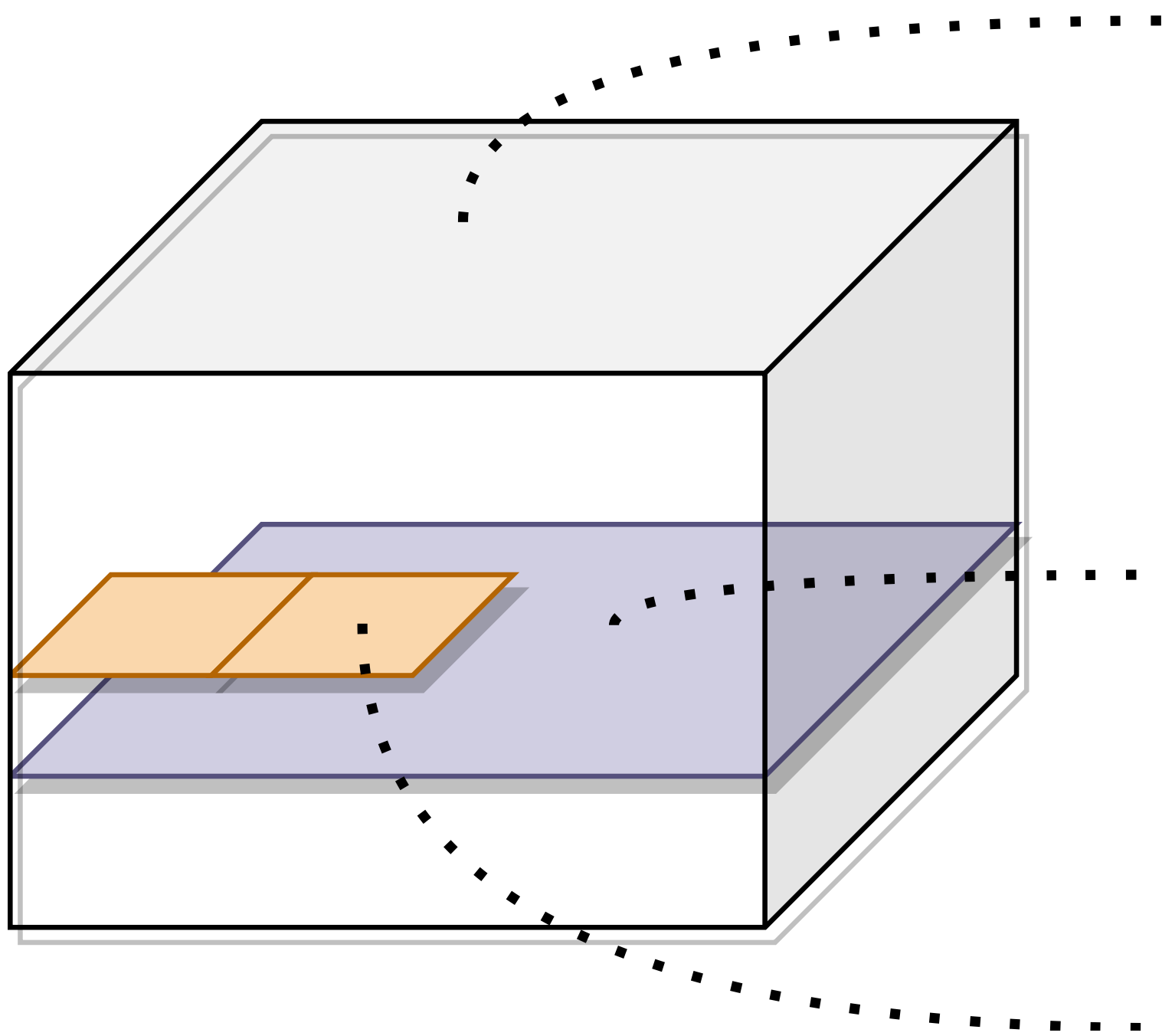
SymbolicSpace

An object that semantically defines a space

- ▶ Spatial hierarchy
- ▶ Graph connectivity with other spaces
- ▶ Geocoding
- ▶ GeoJSON compatibility
- ▶ Can be used as a location
- ▶ Can be extended ...



SymbolicSpace ...



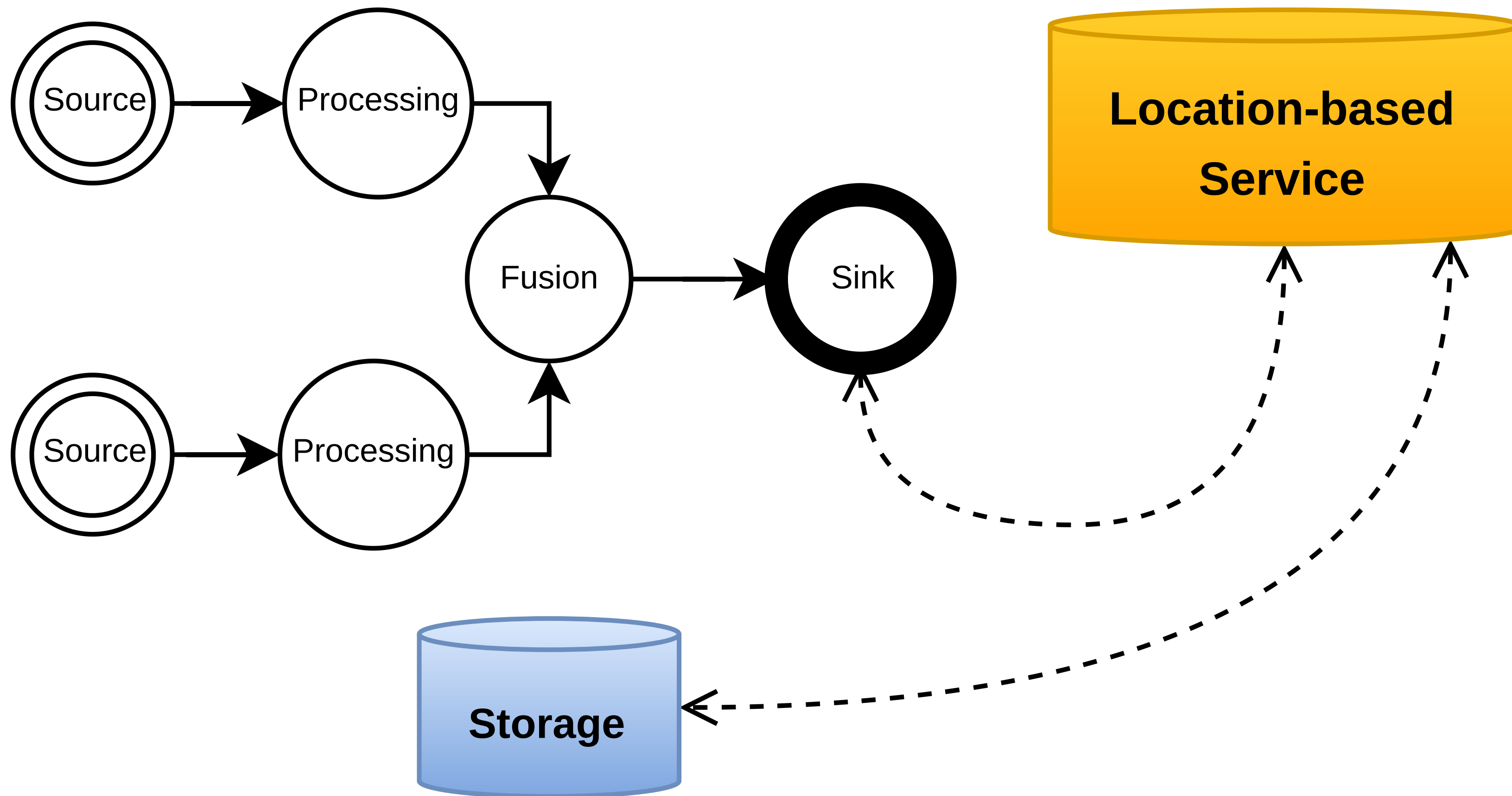
```
const building = new Building("PL9")
  .setBounds({
    topLeft: new GeographicalPosition(
      50.8203,
      4.3922),
    width: 46.275,
    height: 37.27,
    rotation: -34.04
  });

const floor = new Floor("PL9.3")
  .setBuilding(building)
  .setFloorNumber(3);

const office = new Room("PL9.3.58")
  .setFloor(floor)
  .setBounds([
    new Absolute2DPosition(4.75, 31.25),
    new Absolute2DPosition(8.35, 37.02),
  ]);
```

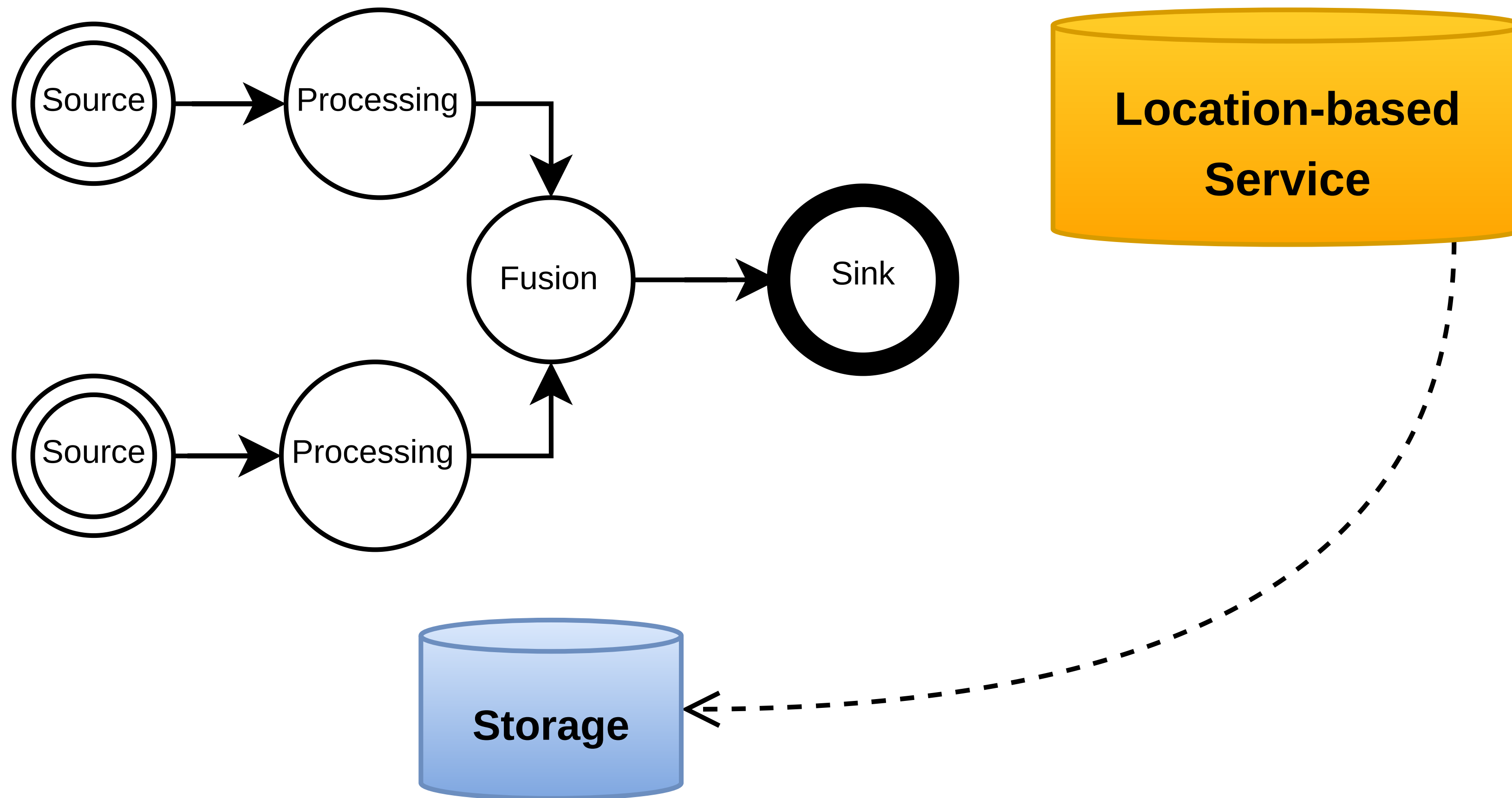
Location-based Service

`getCurrentPosition("me", ...)`



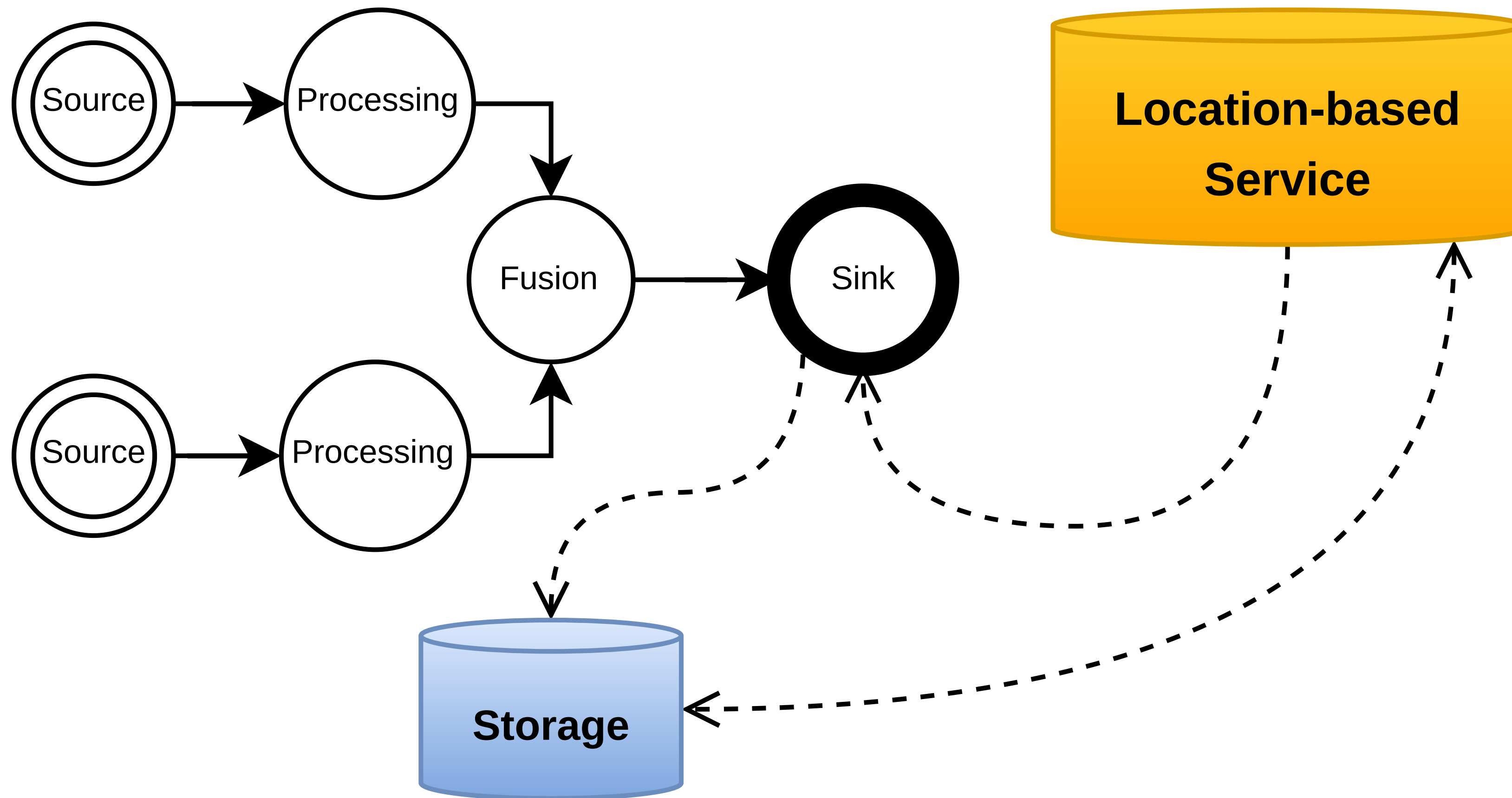
Location-based Service ...

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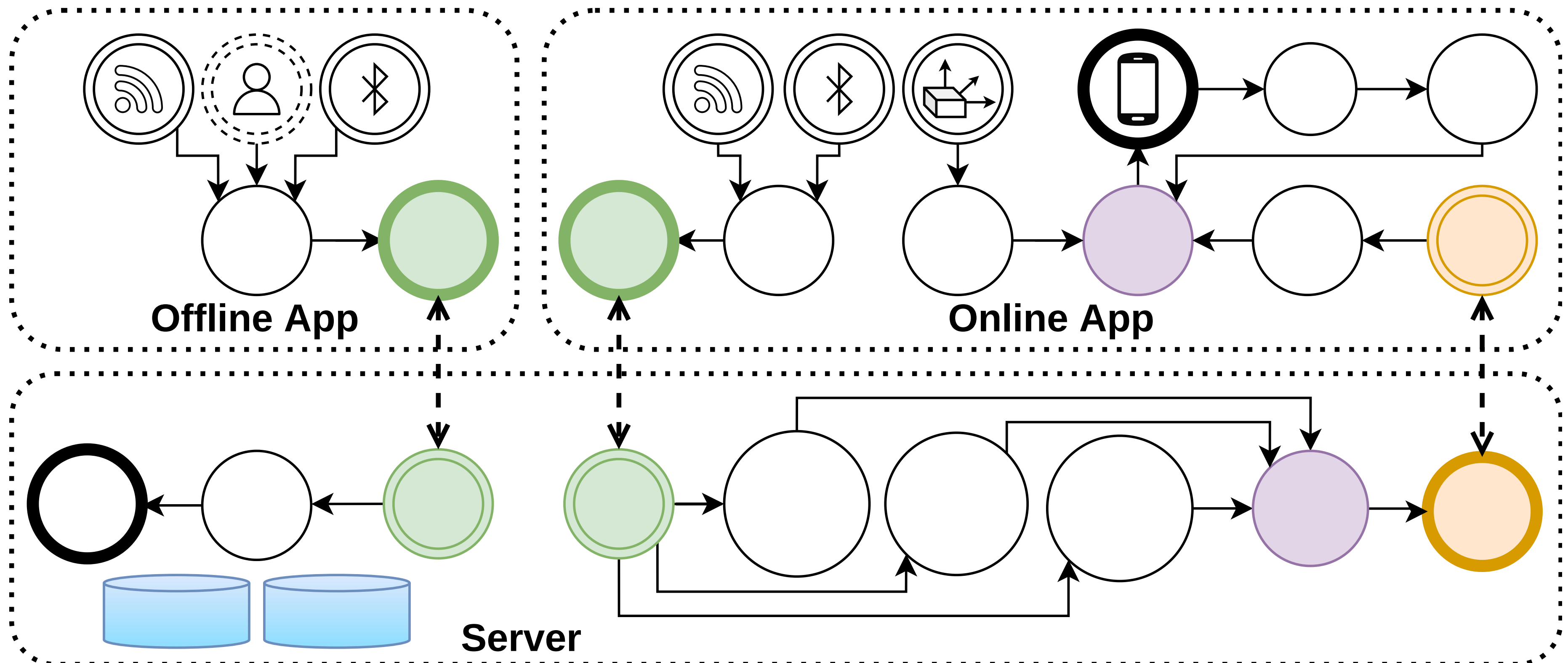
Location-based Service ...

`watchPosition("me", ...)`

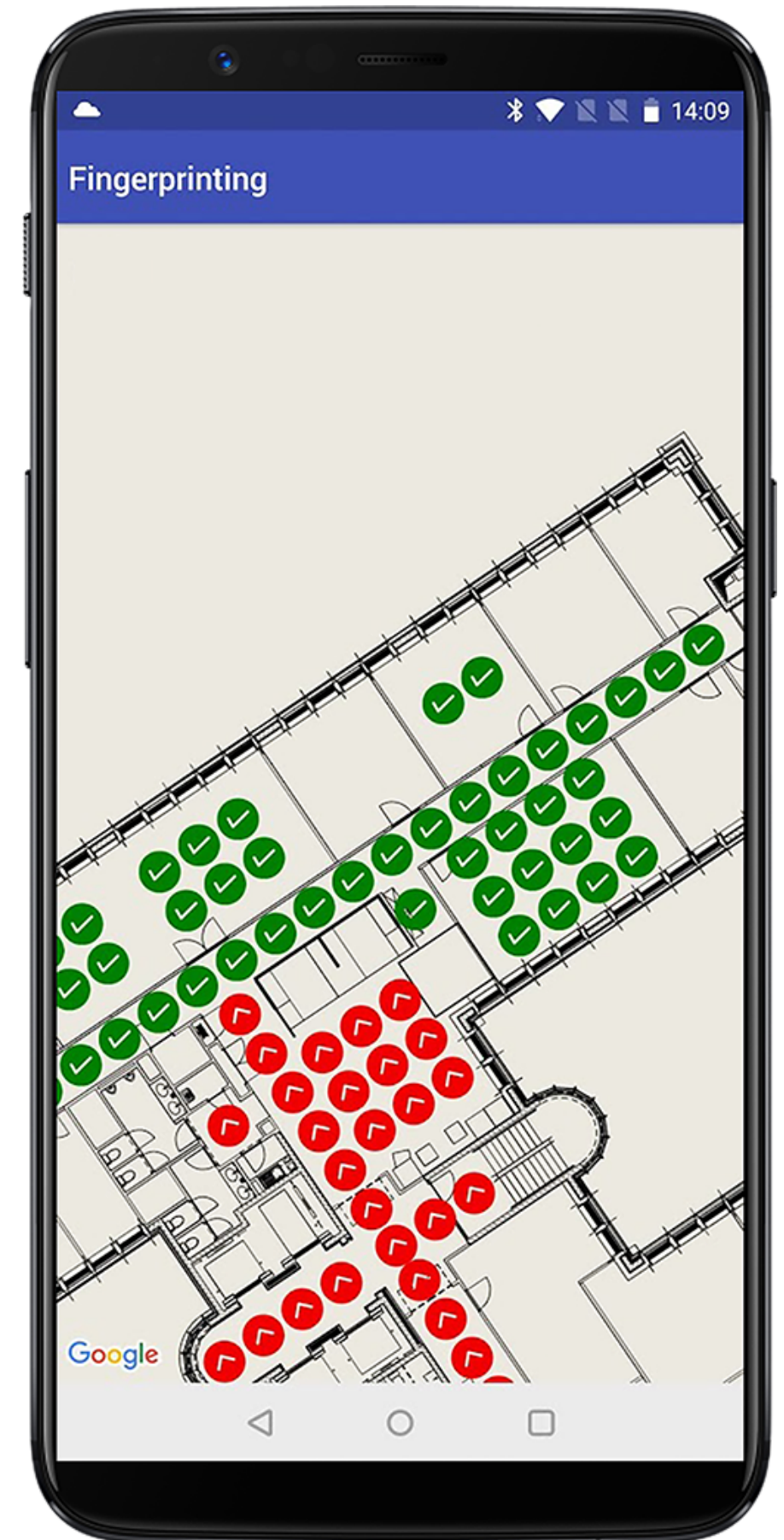
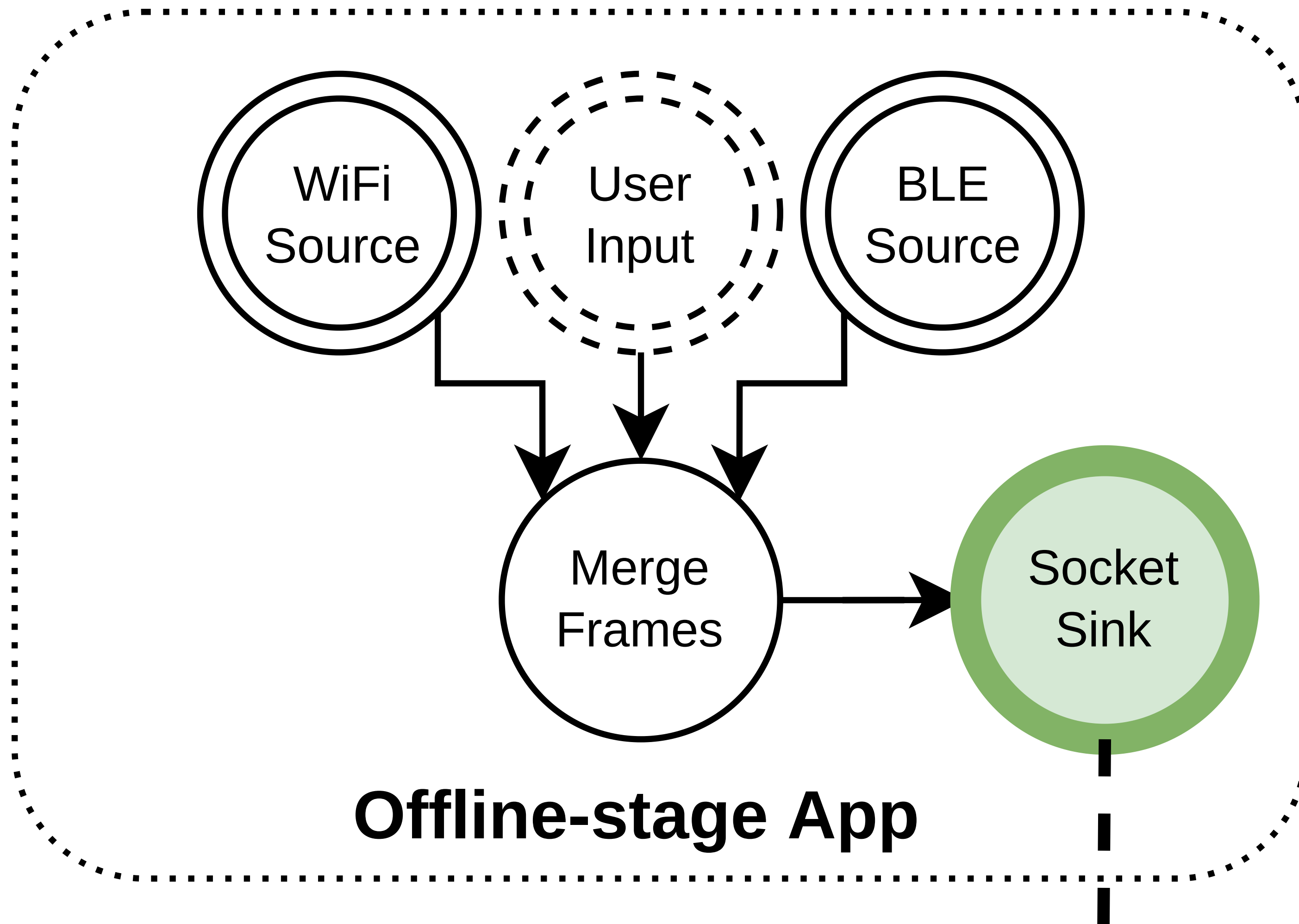


Demonstration

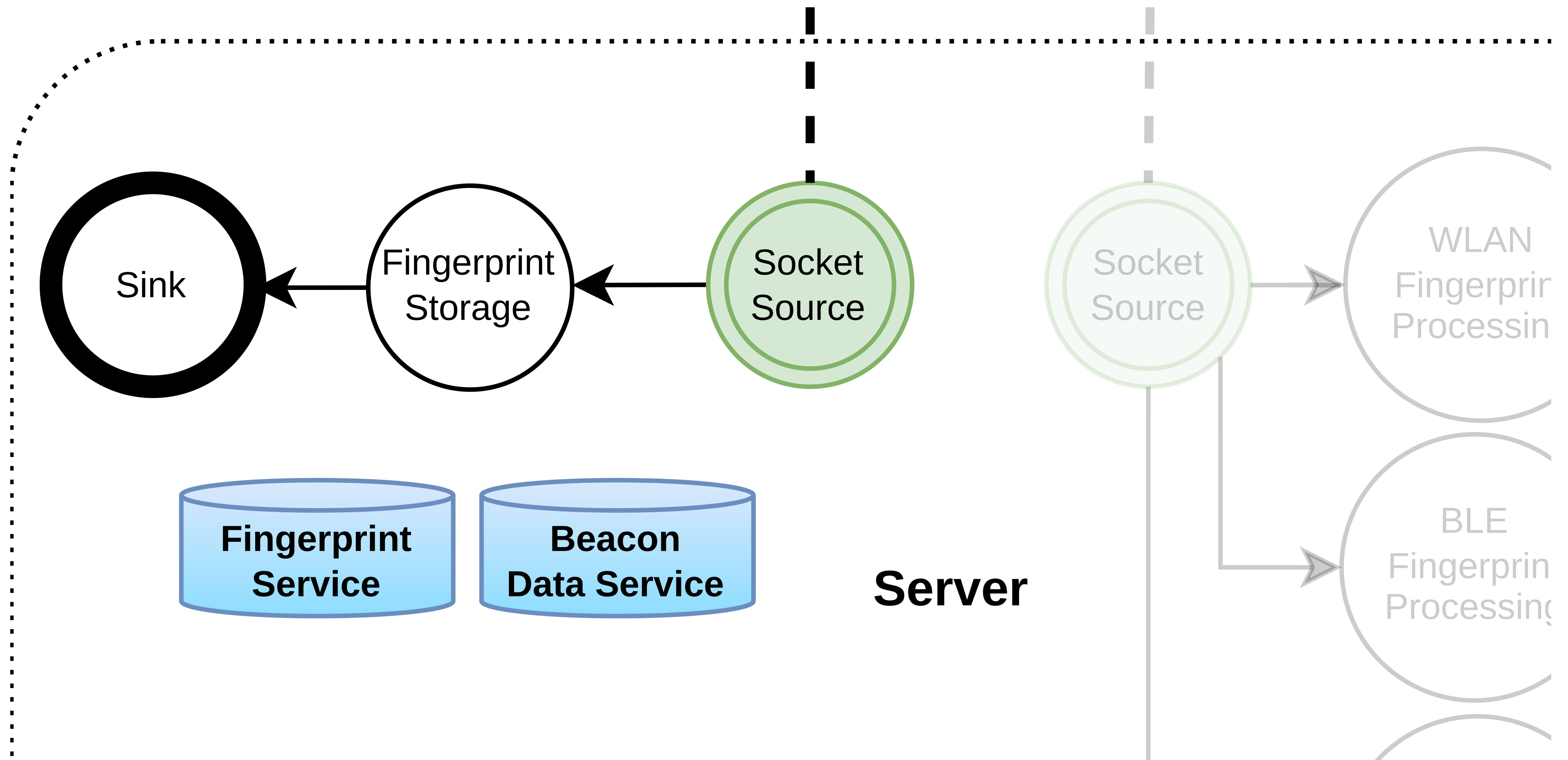
- ▶ Indoor positioning **use case**
- ▶ Use **existing techniques**
- ▶ Validation of **flexibility** and modularity



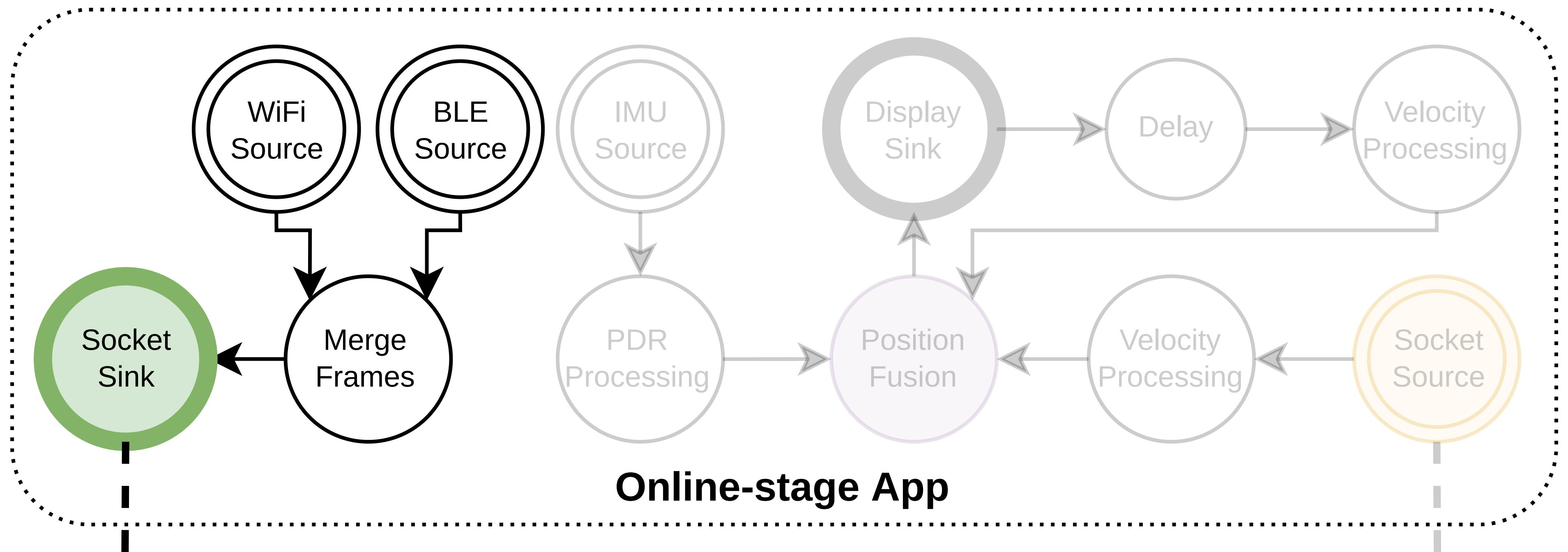
Positioning Model



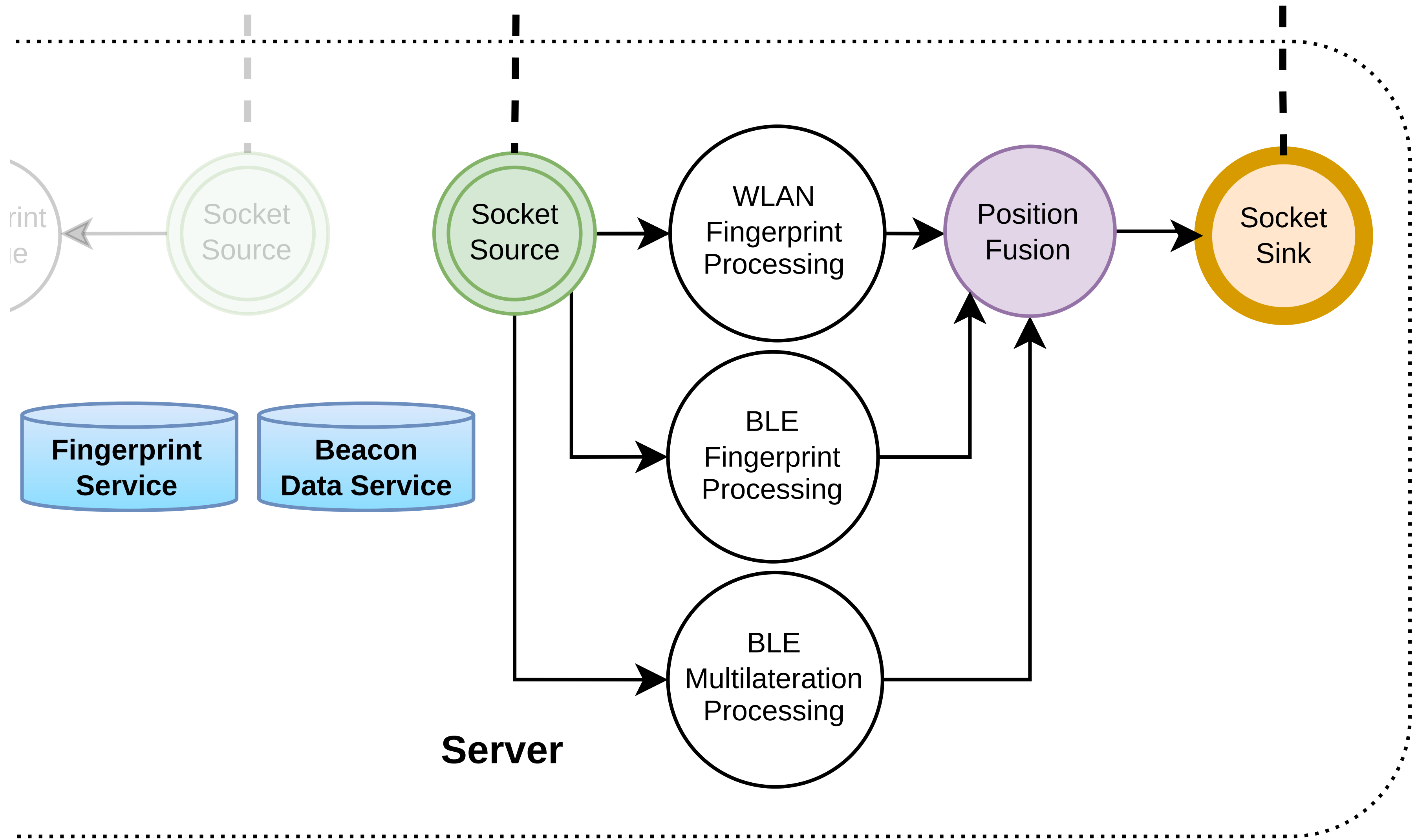
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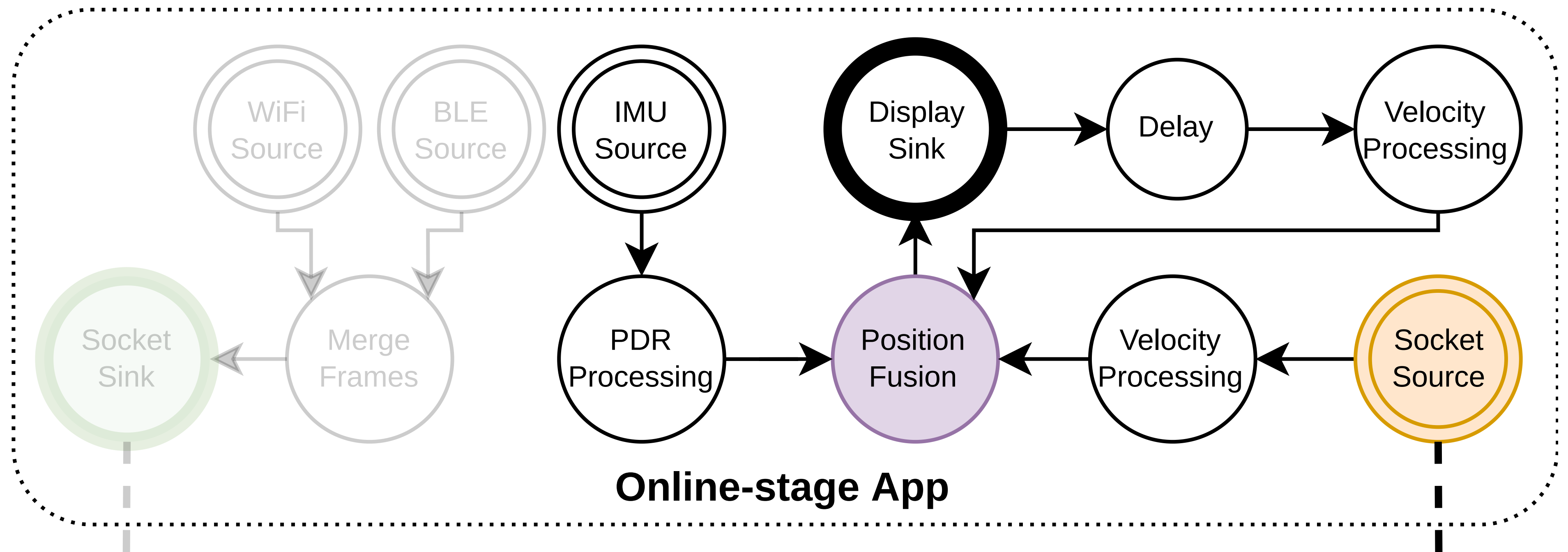
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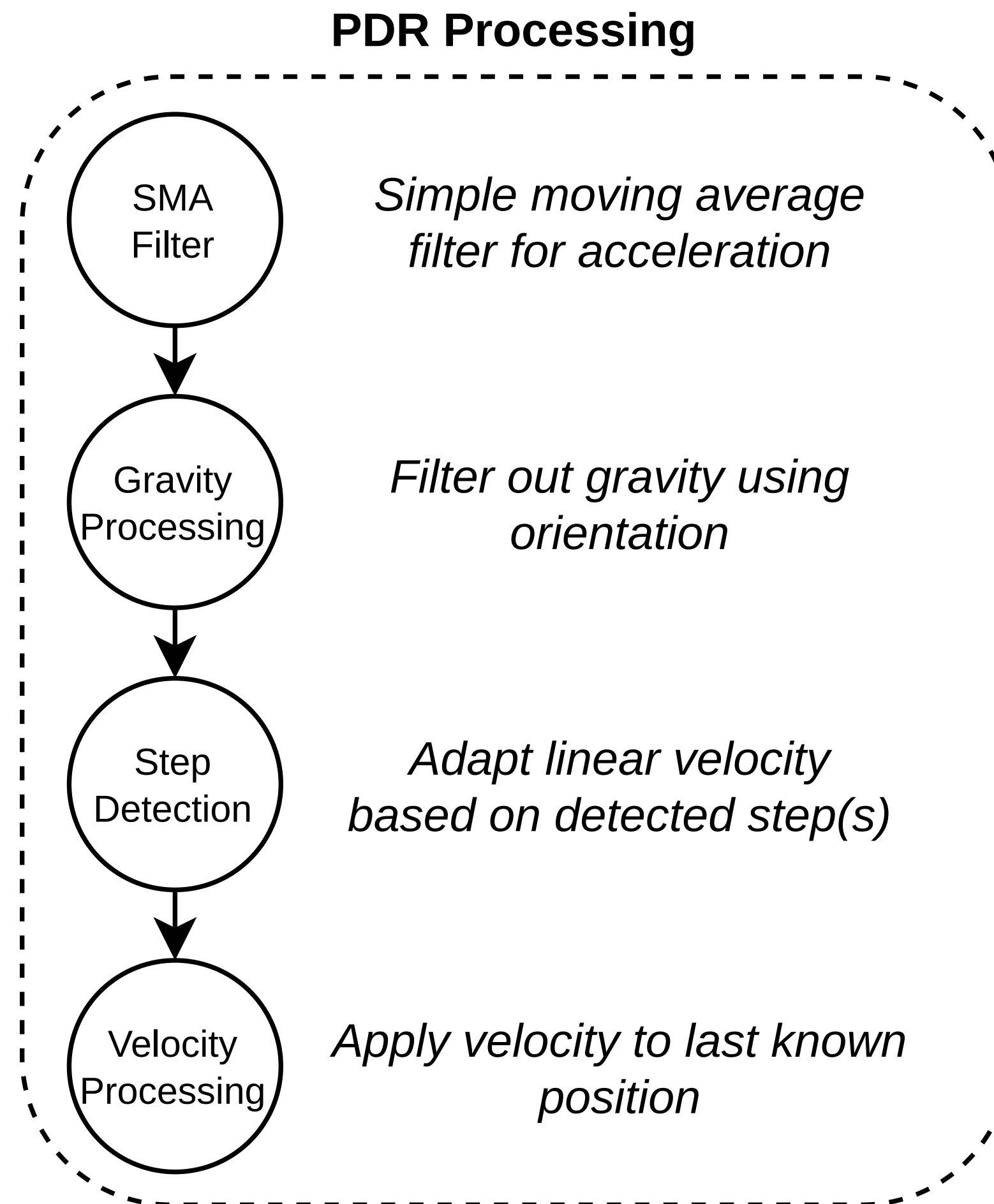


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Positioning Model

Online App

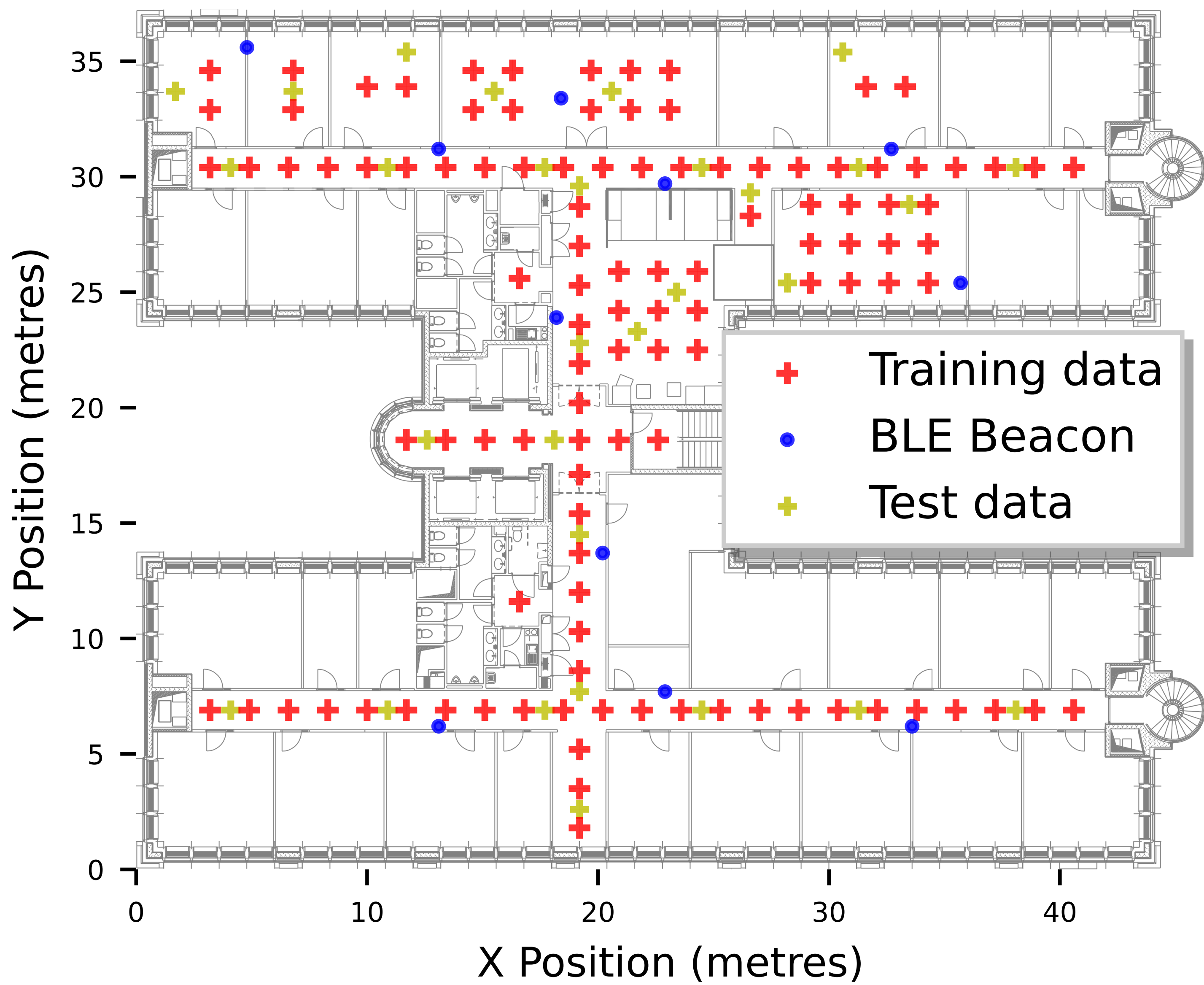


Positioning Model

Online App

```
ModelBuilder.create()  
  .addShape(GraphBuilder.create()  
    .from(new IMUSourceNode({  
      source: new DataObject(phoneUID),  
      interval: 20,  
      sensors: [  
        SensorType.ACCELEROMETER,  
        SensorType.ORIENTATION  
      ]  
    })))  
  .via(new SMAFilterNode(  
    frame => [frame, "acceleration"],  
    { taps: 10 }  
  ))  
  .via(new GravityProcessingNode({  
    method: GravityProcessingMethod.ABSOLUTE_ORIENTATION  
  })))
```

Dataset



Dataset ...

Total BLE Beacons: 11

Total detected WLAN access points: 220

Total stable WLAN access points: 199

	Training	Test
Datapoints	110	30
Total fingerprints	440	120
Duration (per orientation)	20s	20s
Avg. WLAN Scans (per fingerprint)	6	6
Avg. BLE Advertisements (per fingerprint)	16	15

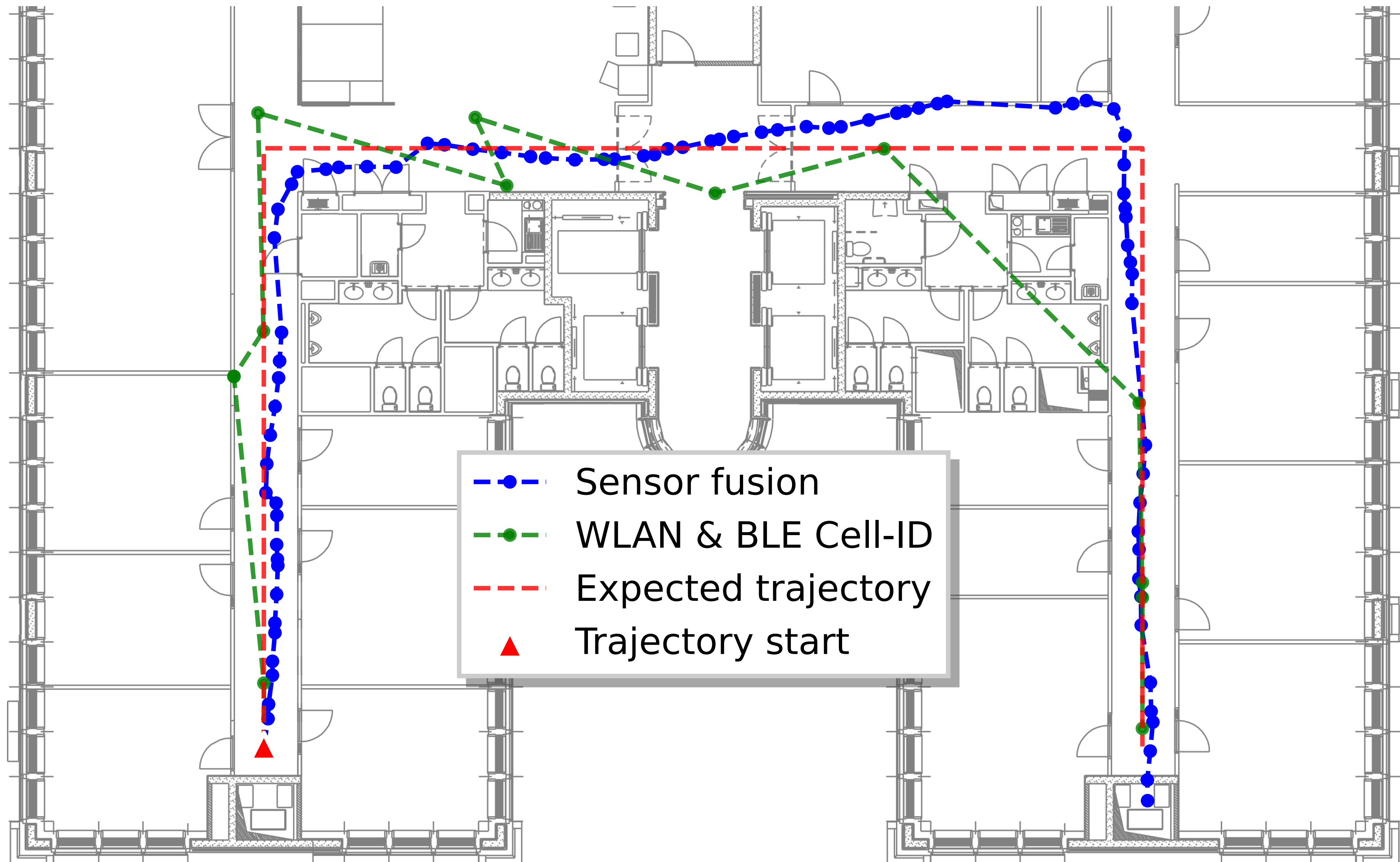
Validation Results

Static Positioning

	WLAN fingerprinting	BLE fingerprinting	BLE multilateration	Fusion
<i>failed points</i>	0	6	12	0
<i>average error</i>	1.23 m	3.23 m	4.92 m	1.37 m
<i>minimum error</i>	0.01 m	0.17 m	0.74 m	0.01 m
<i>maximum error</i>	4.77 m	15.39 m	19.26 m	9.75 m
<i>hit rate</i>	95.82 %	80.83 %	52.50 %	96.67 %

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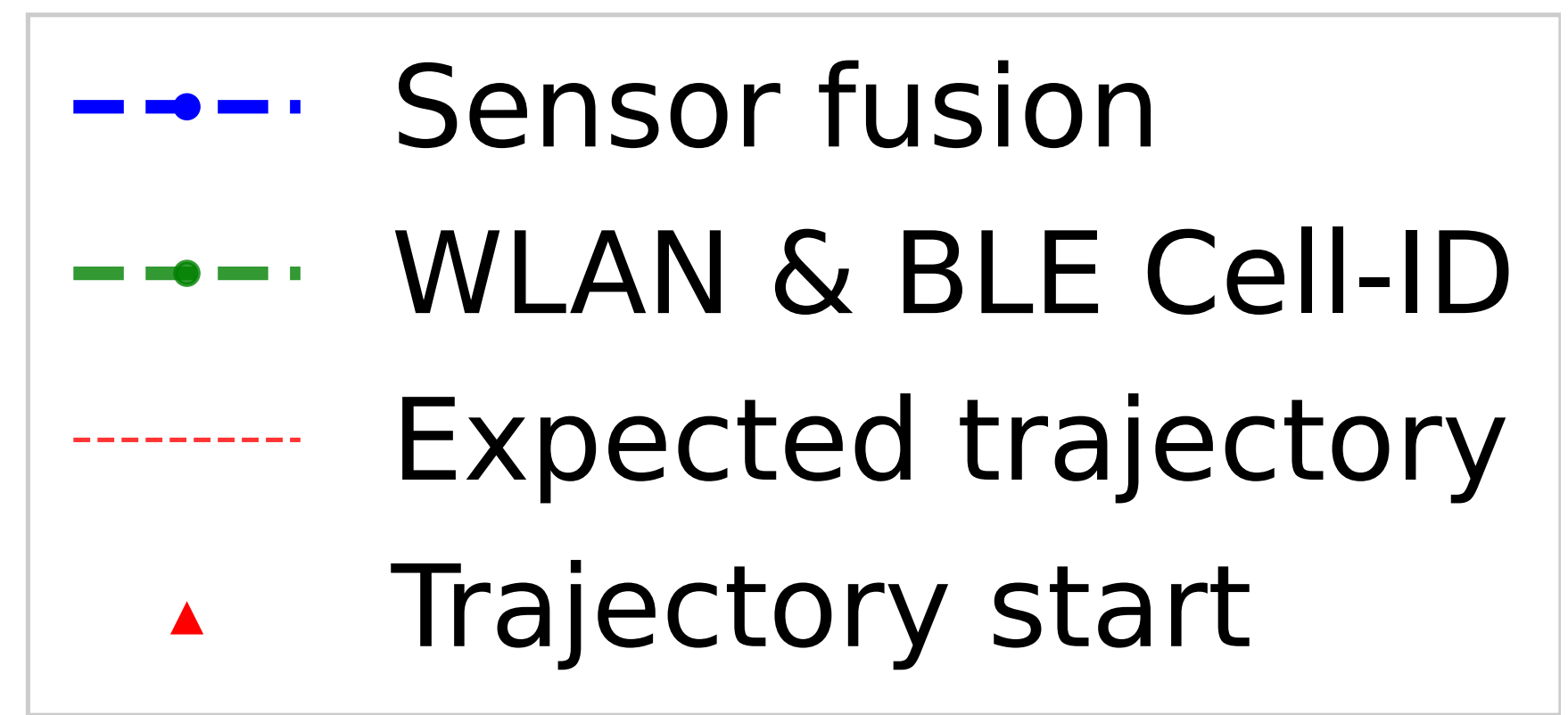
Trajectories



Validation Results ...

Trajectories

	WLAN + BLE	WLAN + BLE + IMU
<i>average error</i>	3.28 m	1.26 m
<i>maximum error</i>	9.60 m	3.10 m
<i>average update frequency</i>	3.04 s	0.52 s



Contributions and Conclusions

- ▶ OpenHPS: **open source** framework for hybrid positioning
 - Aimed towards **developers** and **researchers**
- ▶ **Abstractions** such as location-based services and spaces
- ▶ Validation of an indoor positioning use case
- ▶ Configurable and interchangeable **nodes** and **services**
- ▶ **Public dataset** with multiple orientations



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