

# I know your MAC Address: *Targeted tracking of individual using Wi-Fi*

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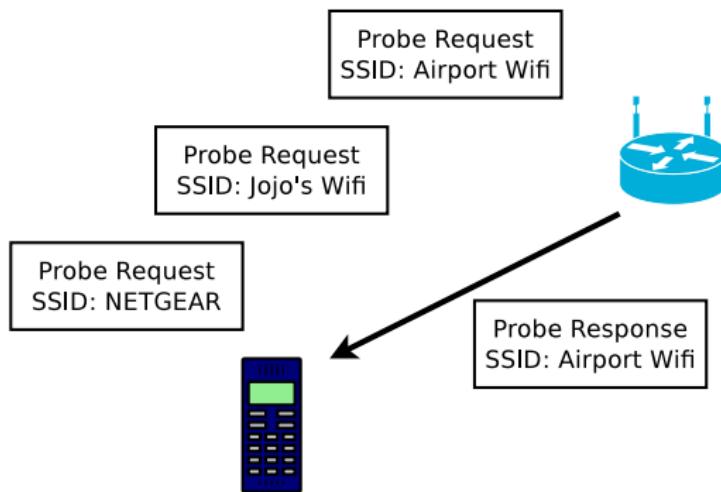
# Mobile Information Leakage

- Your mobile phone leak sensitive informations

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- MAC address and SSIDs
- Easy to collect with appropriate hardware and software

- Active Wi-Fi service discovery





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MacDonald FreeWiFi  
NETGEAR  
Wi-Fi de Michel  
Freebox\_E3729

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What can be inferred from SSIDs ?

- Link with company/organisation/university

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- Full Name of the owner or friend/colleague

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C. Lauradoux personnal network

Angela Merkel's iPhone

R. Stallman's MacBook-Pro

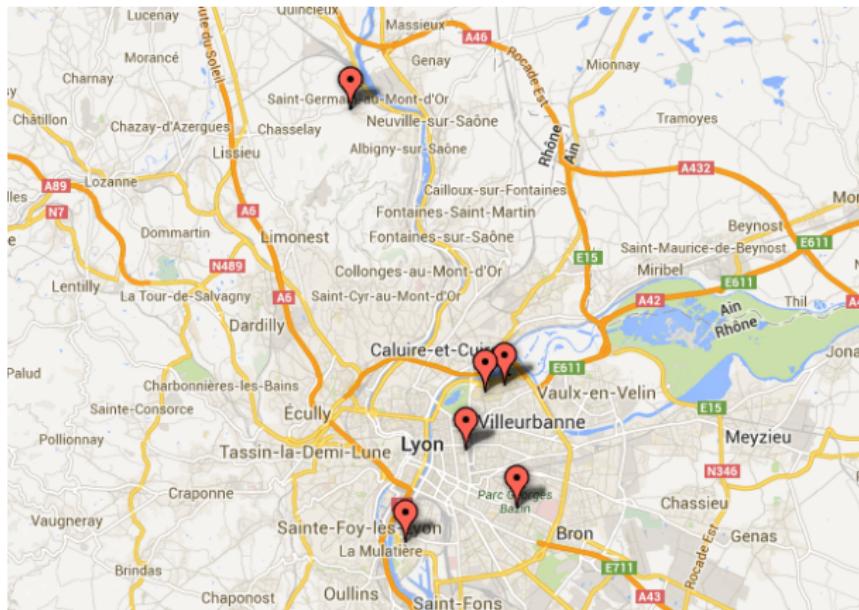
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# Mobile Information Leakage IV

- Geolocation of visited places [5]

- Using Wi-Fi geolocation DB (Wigle.net, openbmap, ...)
- SSID → Geolocation coordinates

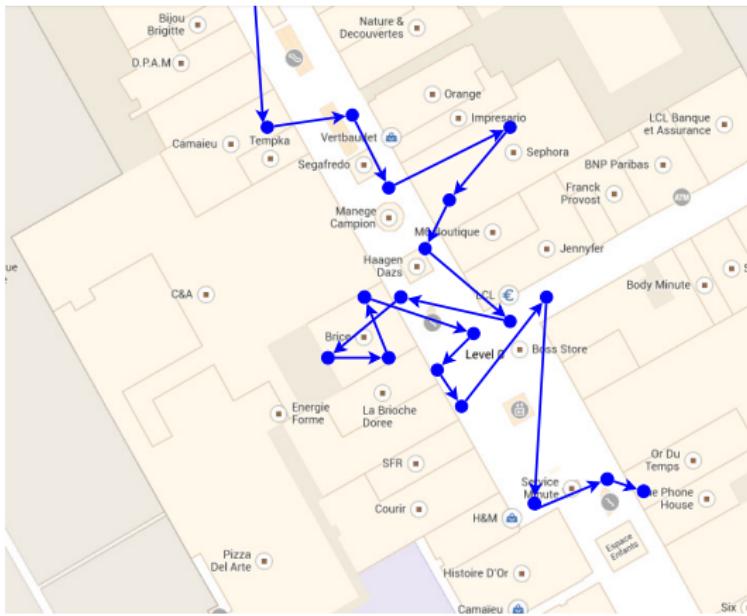


- Social links between device owners
  - By measuring the similarity between lists of SSIDs [2]



# Physical tracking

- MAC address : A unique ID perfect for tracking
  - Wi-Fi tracking and Physical analytics [6]



# Problem statement I

- Lots of information but who is behind ?



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# Problem statement II

- Getting the link between individual and a MAC @
- Foward problem: Identity → MAC @
  - without physical access
  - without getting noticed
  - with a high probability



- How to collect Wi-Fi traffic (while on the move)
  - A Laptop or Tablet
  - Wi-Fi interface supporting monitoring mode
  - Network traffic analysis tools (tcpdump, wireshark)

- Random encounters in the street are usually short
- Filter out noise (MAC@ of random individual) to only keep your target
- The actual attack :
  - ① Follow the target in the street for N minutes while monitoring Wi-Fi channels
  - ② Search in the capture for the device that appear during the full capture



# Stalker attack II

- How long is enough ?

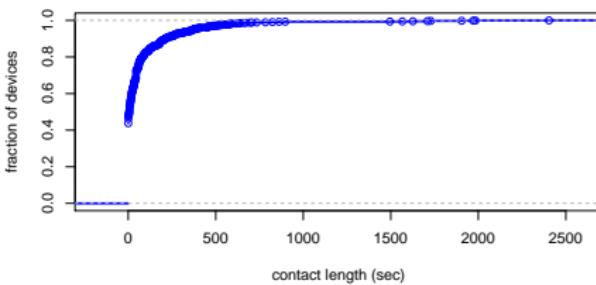
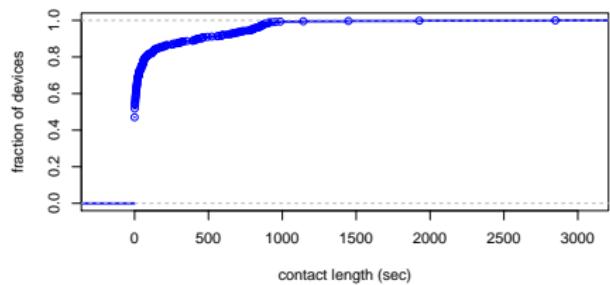
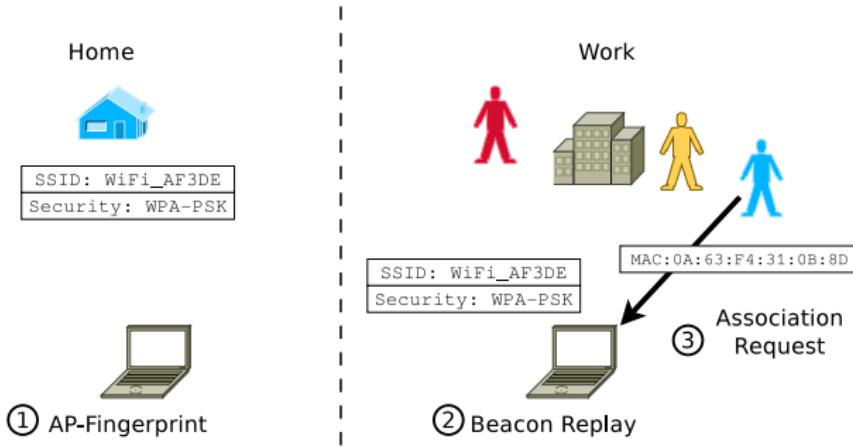


Figure: CDF of contact length during a random walk in the street

- All contact shorter than 40 minutes, and majority of them shorter than 15 minutes
- If multiple candidates: reiterate the attack to narrow down the target MAC@

- The home/work location pair [4]
- Unique identifier in most cases
- Uniquely identify your target based on its home and work address

# Beacon replay attack I



- ① Acquire target's home and work location
- ② Go at home and capture a fingerprint of the Wi-Fi environment : beacons of visible APs
- ③ Go at work and replay the beacons
- ④ Target phone will be the only device to respond to your beacons

- Limitation : only work with 'unique' SSIDs (Freebox\_34567) and not with common SSIDs (FreeWiFi)

- High-profile individual tracking
  - Deploy monitoring nodes in {St Tropez, Concert venue, Airport}
  - Receive notification when target in range of a monitoring mode
  - Know at what exit you need to be to get a {Autograph,Picture,Line of shoot} (Great for paparazi and stalkers)
- Cheap and distributed monitoring plateform already available : Snoopy[3] and CreepyDOL [7]



- Who were you with today ?
  - Jealous husband can plant a monitoring software on Wife phone and identify her lover
  - Spy can remotely plant a monitoring software on target's phone and discover social and professional circles
    - Actually used by Flame malware with bluetooth version<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup><http://www.symantec.com/connect/blogs/flamer-recipe-bluetoothache>

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- Targeted attack
  - Rogue access point
  - MiTM attacks



- Wi-Fi boobytrap
  - Trigger an action when targeted device is in close range
    - Where action ∈ {Detonate bomb, Play birthday song, Play prank}
    - Target ∈ {Best friend, professor, president}

- Wi-Fi devices are leaking a lot of information
- Identification of individual MAC@ possible
  - Stalker and Beacon-replay attack
- Lot of funny/scary applications
- Future work: solve the backward problem
  - Identity → MAC@



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