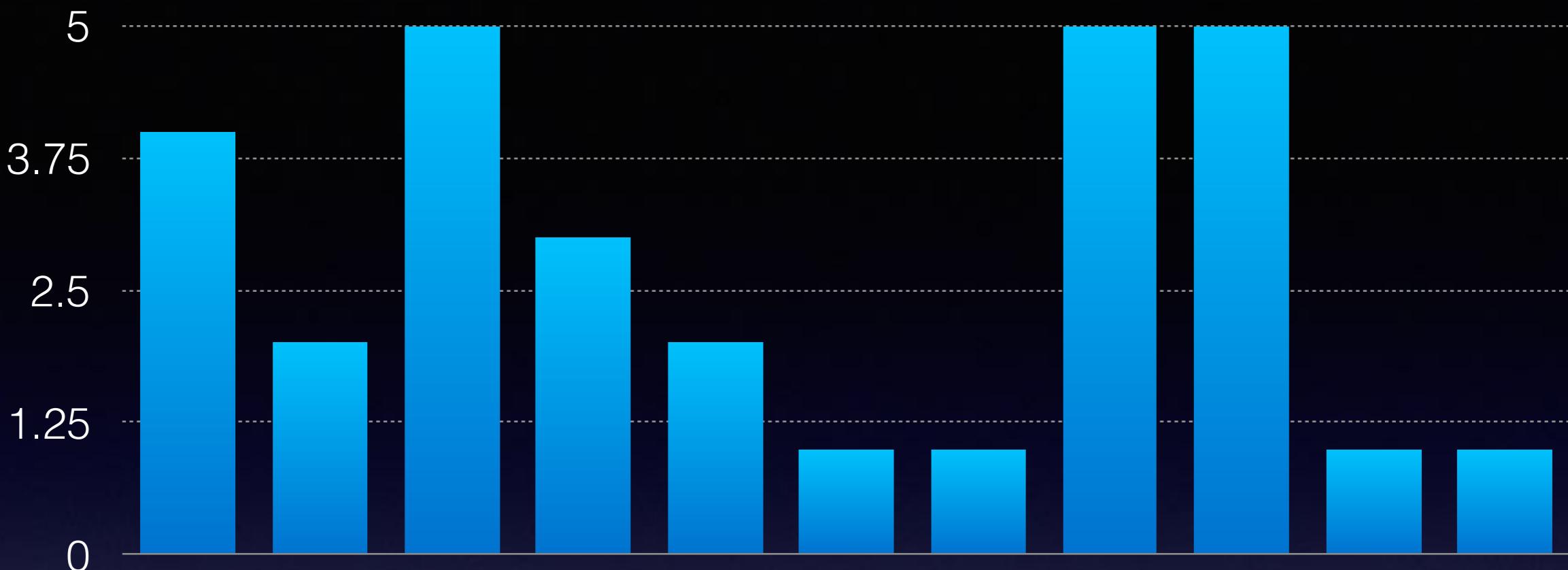


Mobile App Development for Research

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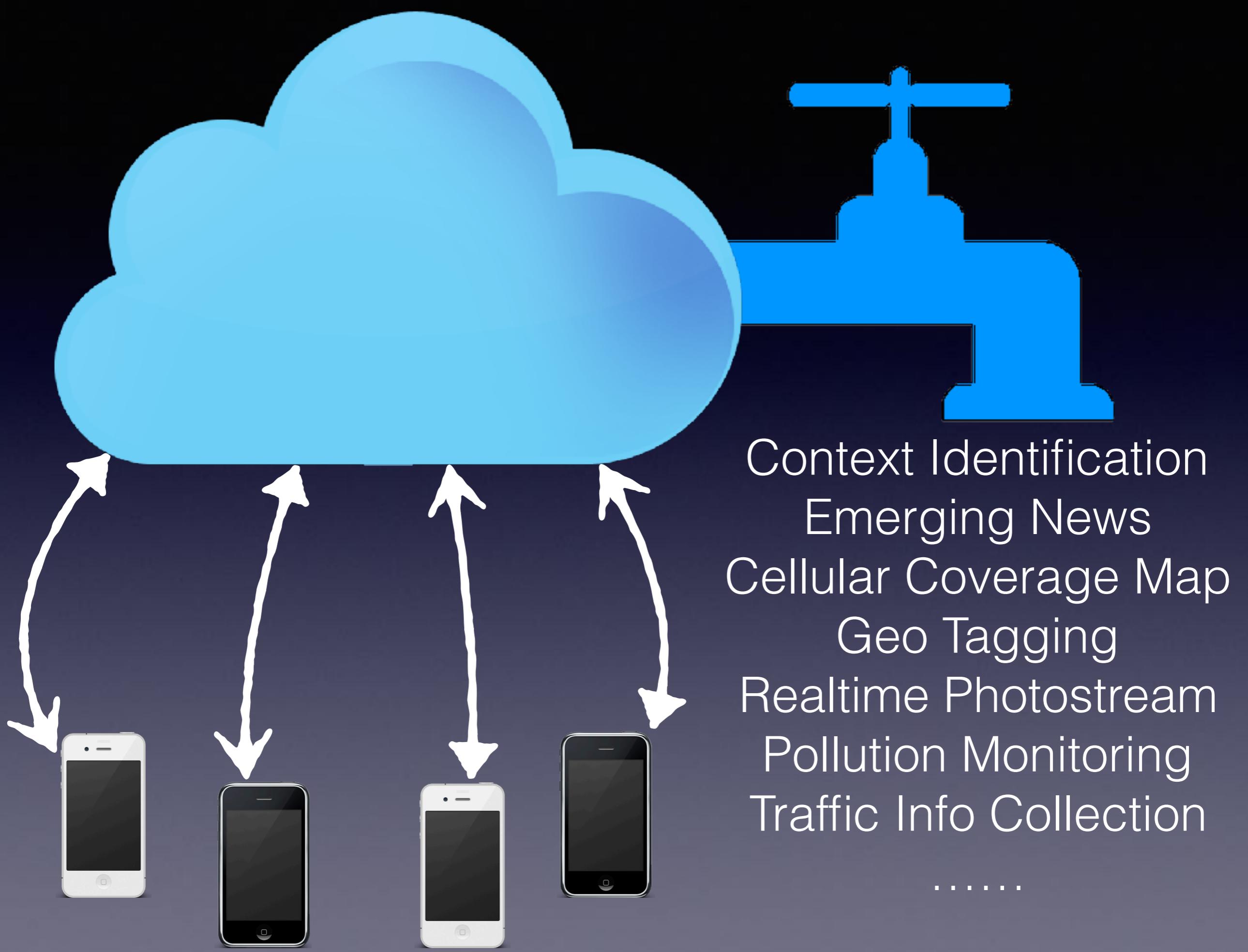
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How can we utilise
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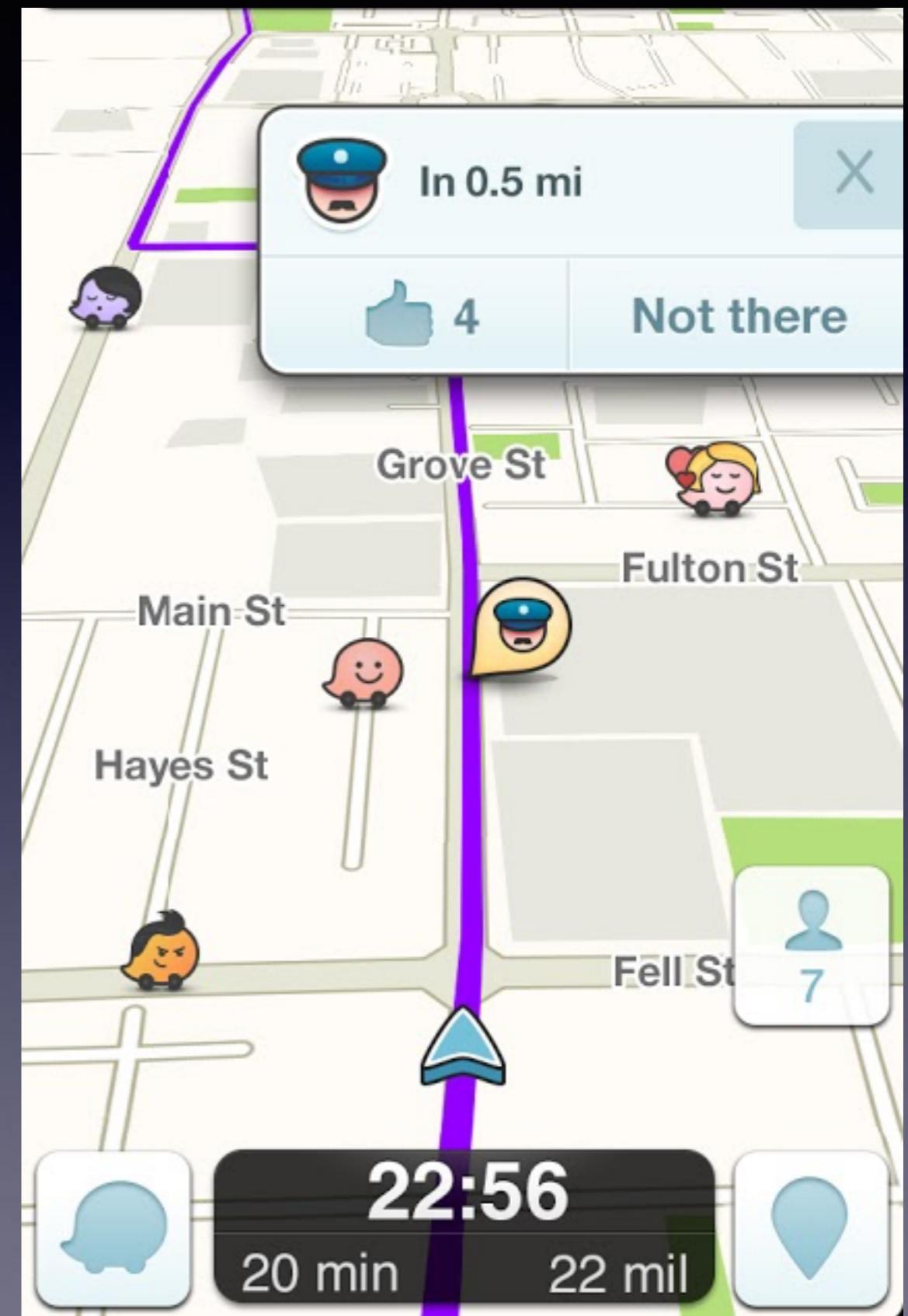
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Traffic Info Collection



waze by Google



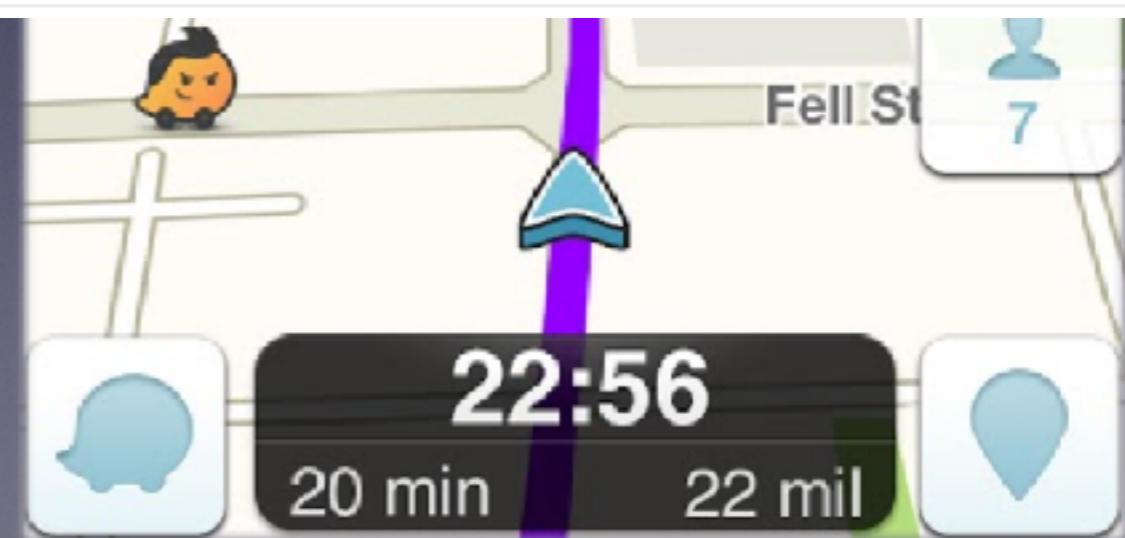
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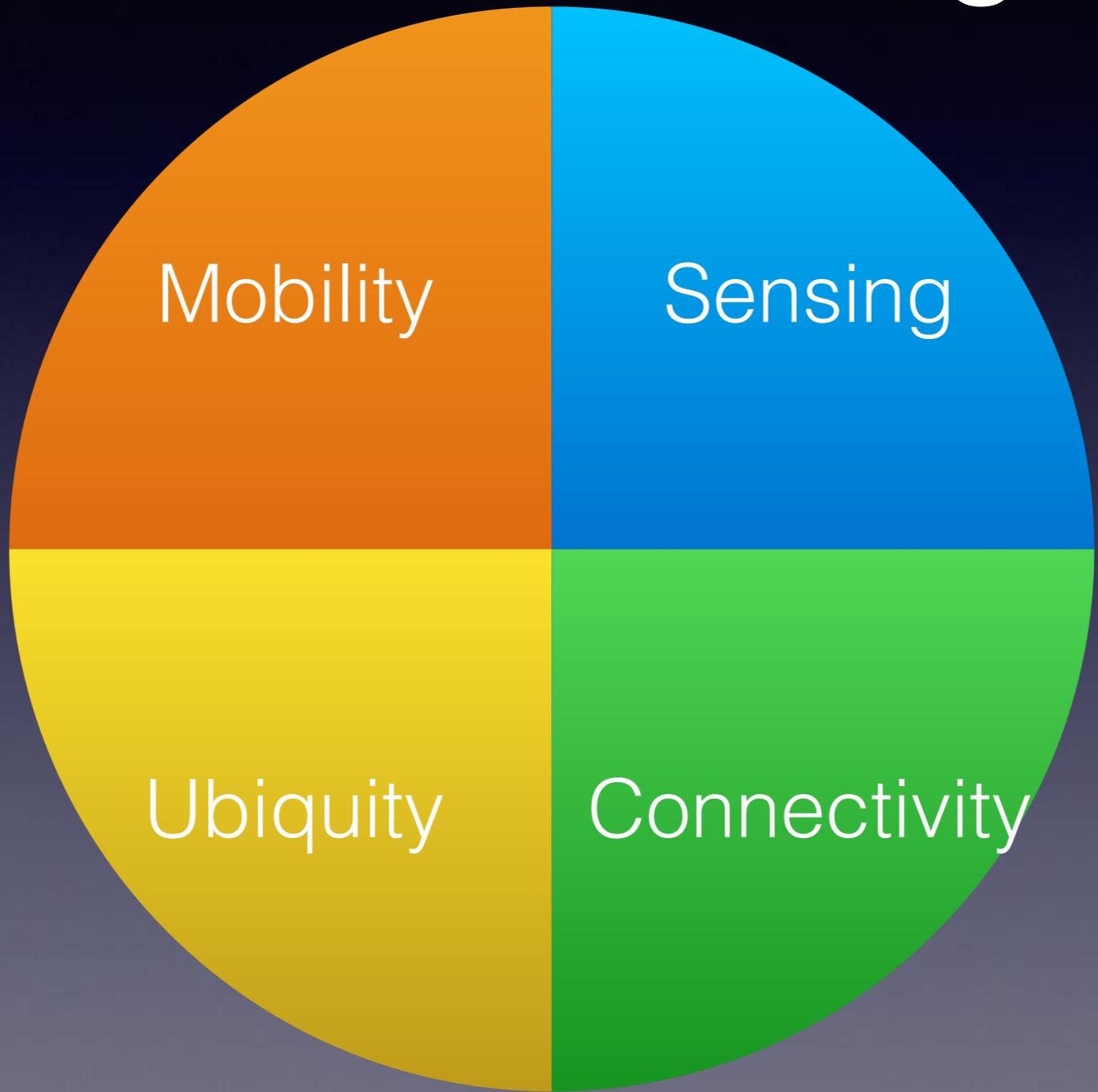
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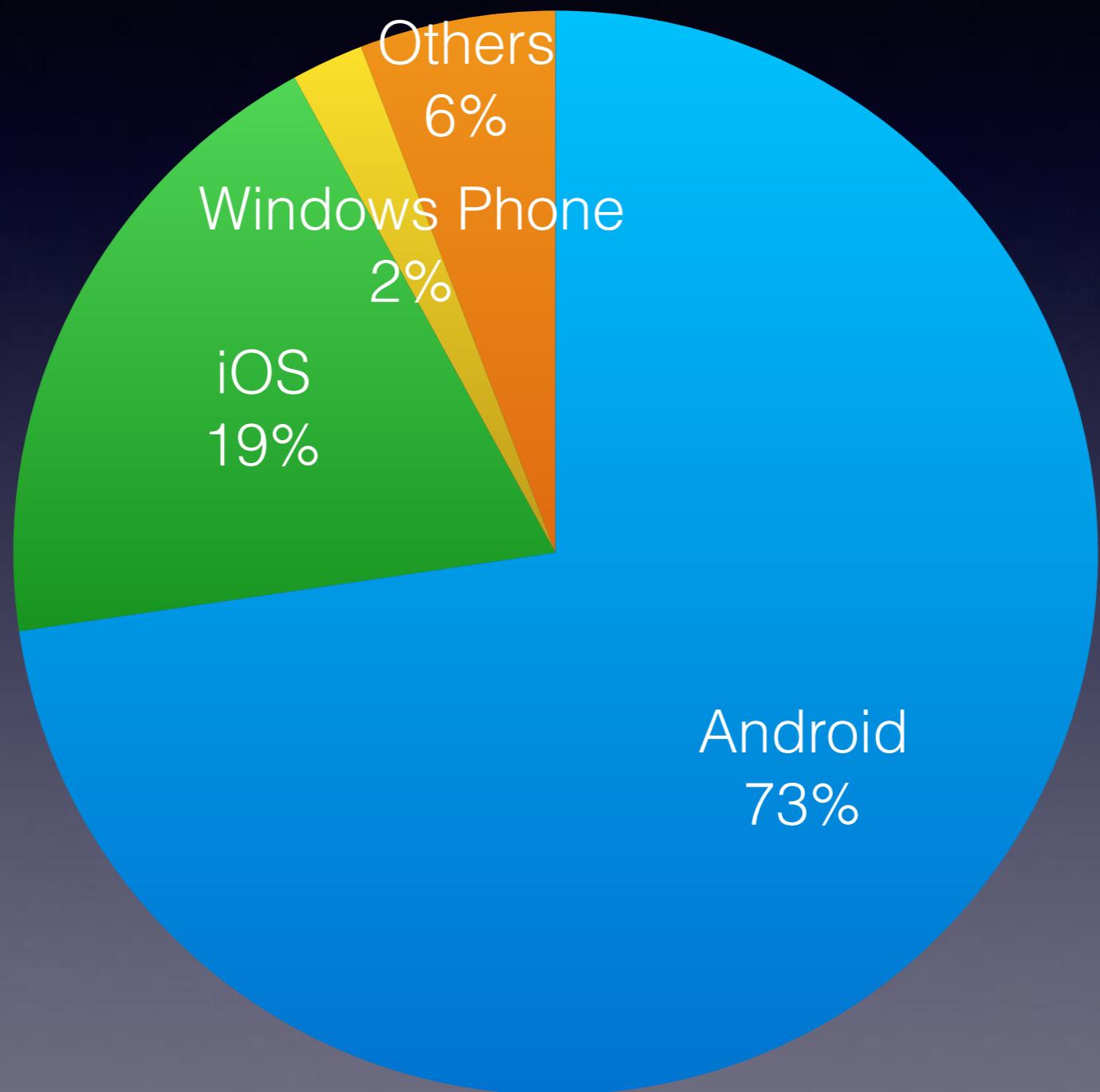
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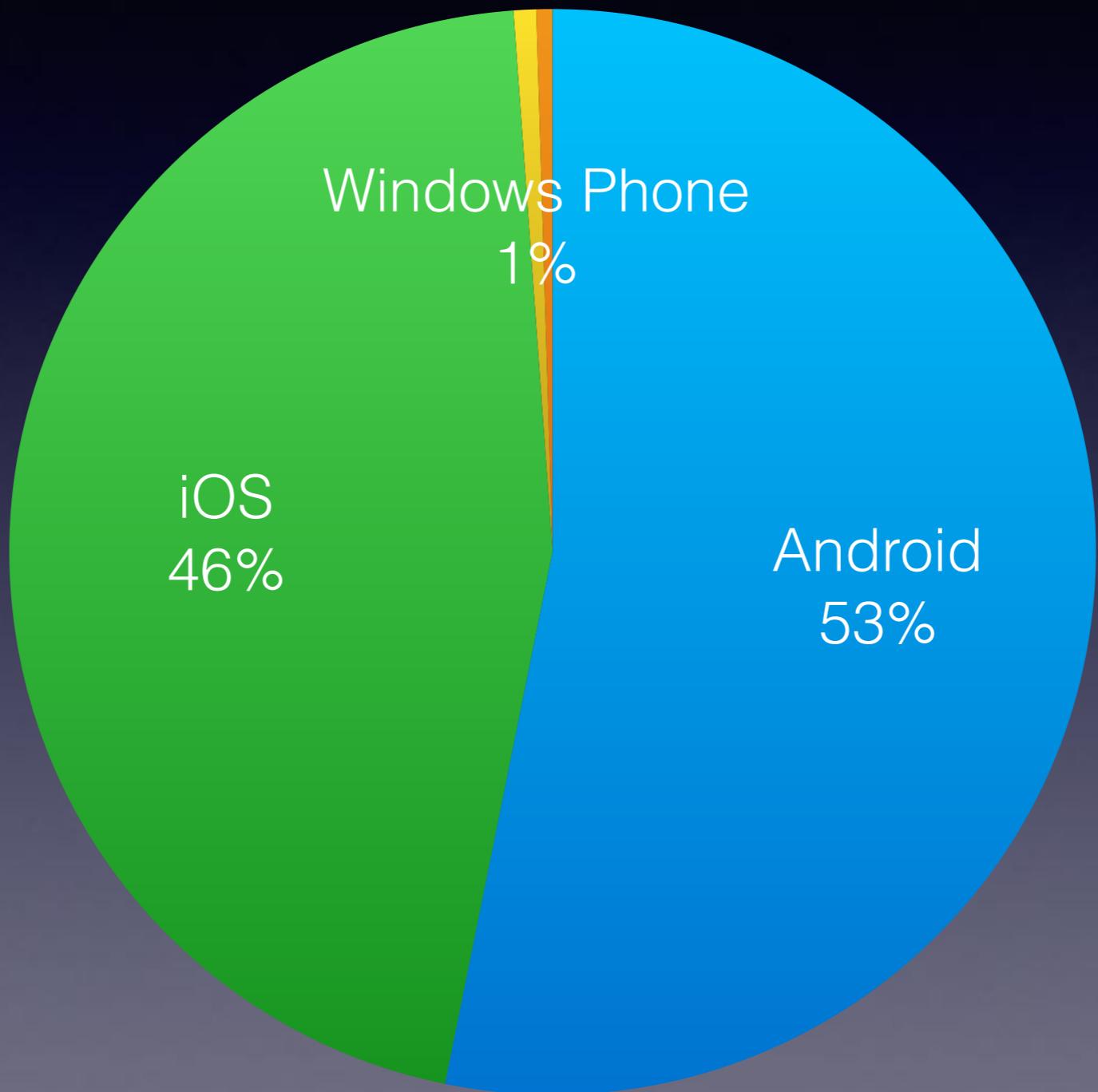
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Market Share — Worldwide



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Market Share — NZ

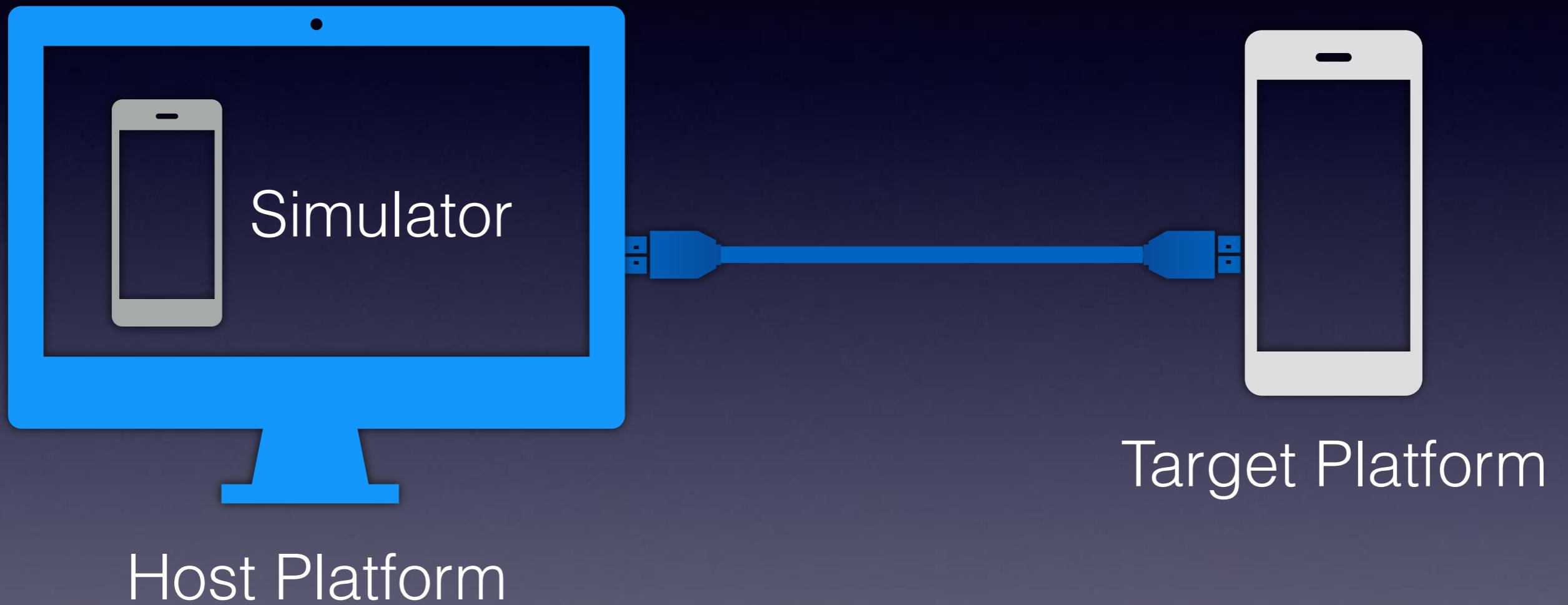


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Mobile App Development Key Features

1. Cross Platform Development
2. Energy Efficiency

Cross Platform Development



Dev Platform

Target Platform	Programming Language	IDE	Host Platform
Android	Java, Kotlin (SDK) C++ (NDK)	Android Studio	Windows / macOS / Linux
iOS	Objective C / Swift	XCode	macOS

Dev Platform (Unofficial)

	Programming Language	IDE	Target Platform
Xamarin	C#	Visual Studio	Android, iOS, Windows Phone Native
phonegap / cordova	HTML5 / JS / CSS	Any Text Editor	Browser + Extension

Demo: Hello World

Apps

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View (UI)

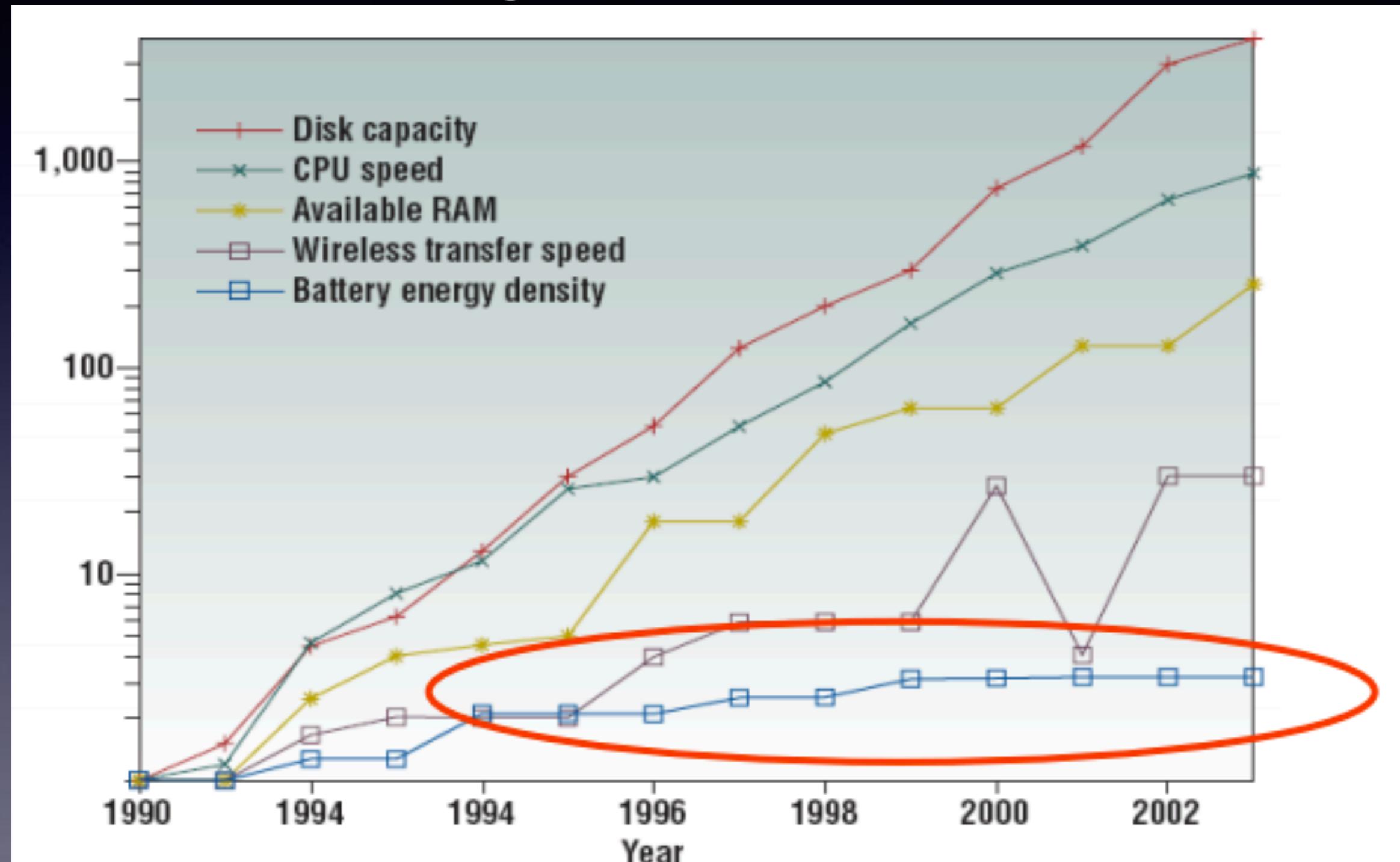
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Model (Code)

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Controller (Glue)

Energy Efficiency



Energy Efficiency



MacBook

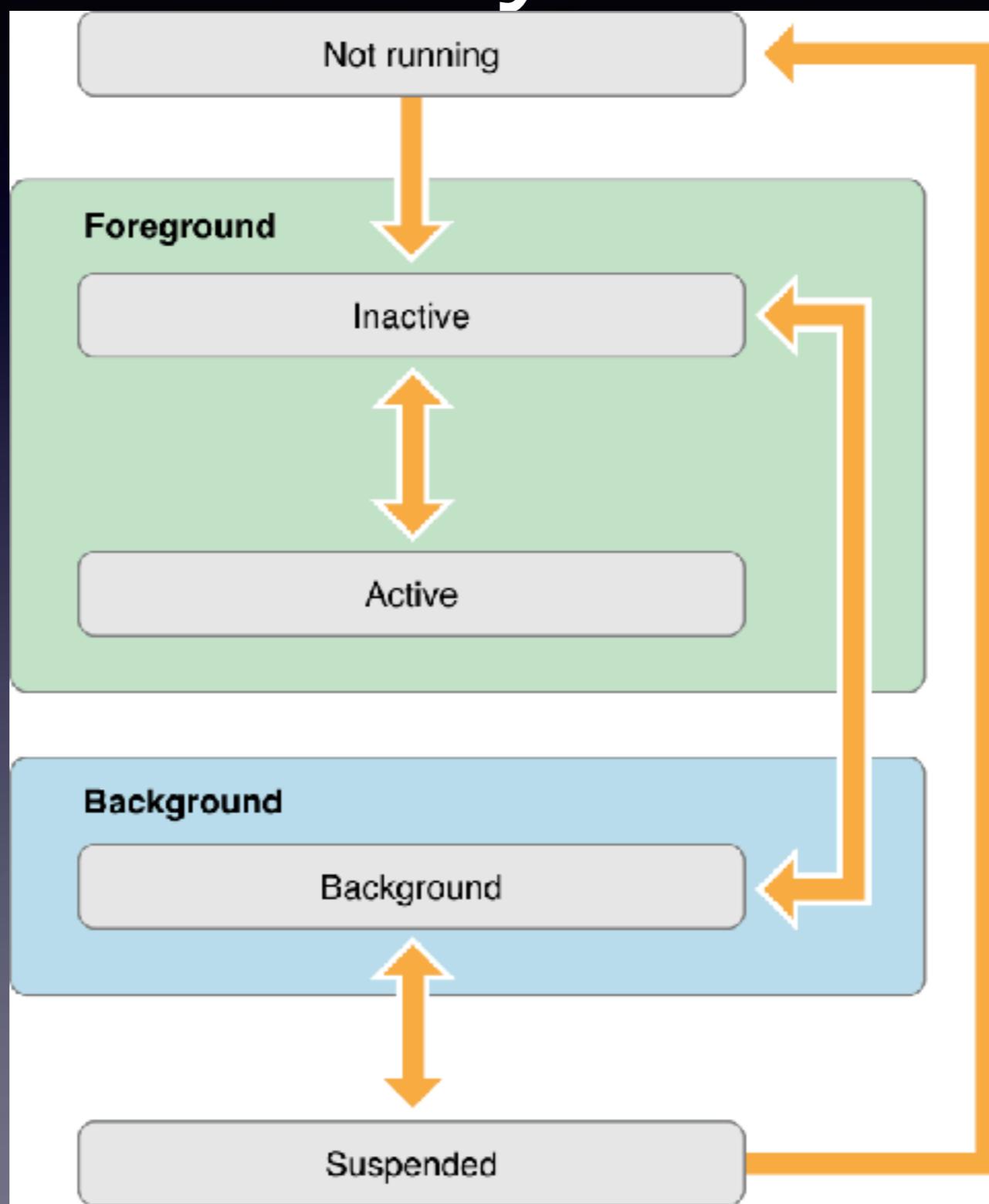


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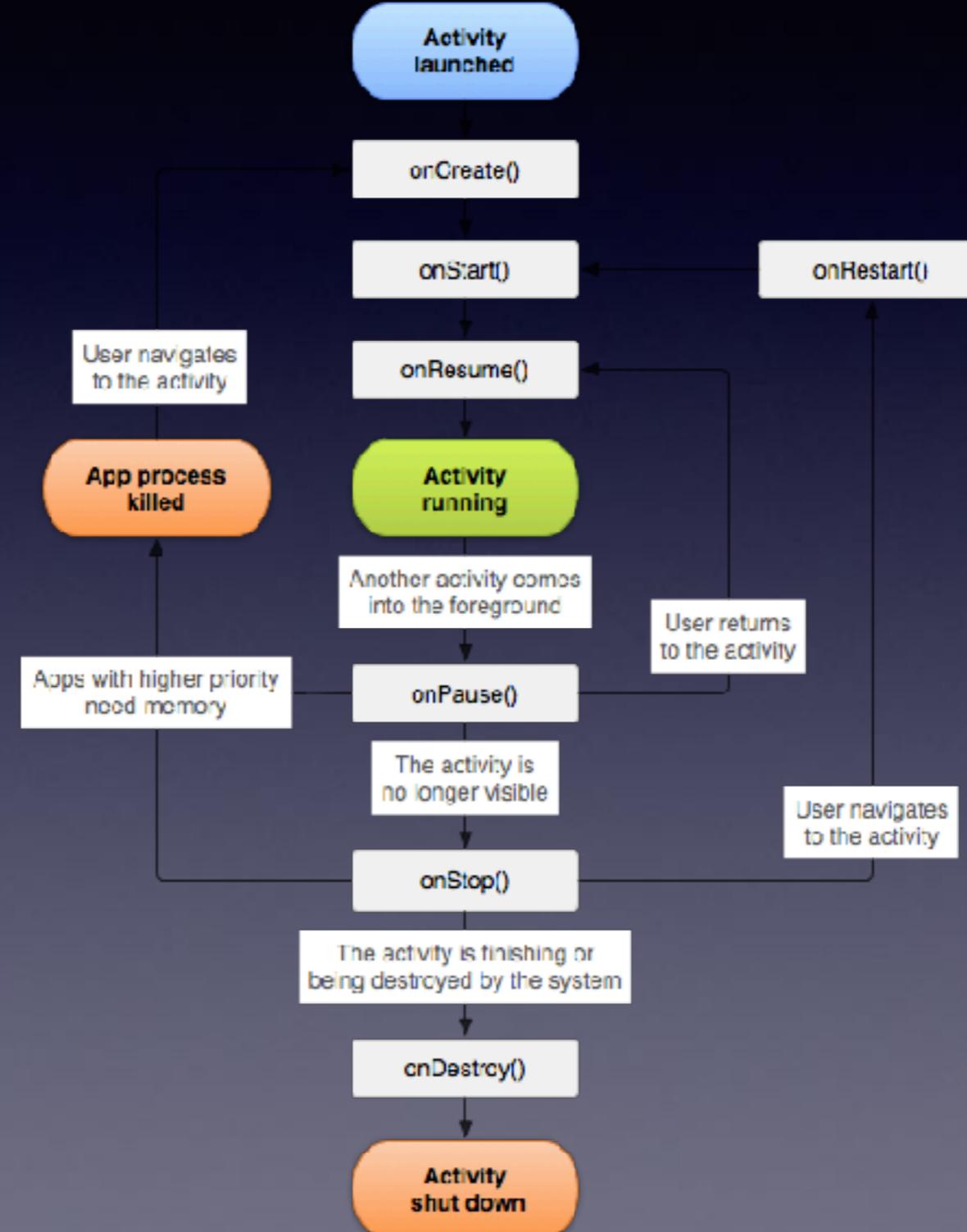
Energy Efficiency in App

- **Active**: respond to hardware events:
 - Low battery warning
 - Power connected / disconnected
- **Passive**: respond to operating system events:
 - Switch between foreground and background
 - Suspend / Resume

App Life Cycle — iOS



App Life Cycle — Android



BG Execution — Guideline

iOS

Android

Guideline

Guideline

Demo: App Life Cycle

App Distribution

	Android	iOS
Store	Google Play Store	App Store
Price	\$25 one time	\$99 / year
Review Process	Loose	Strict
Time to market	Fast	Slow

Follow the checklist: [iOS](#) [Android](#)

App Distribution — Unofficial

	Android	iOS
Direct Install	Turn off unidentified developer option	Jailbreak
Source code Distribution	Install Android SDK	Install Xcode

Part 1 Summary

Test on Real Devices

Battery Life Matters

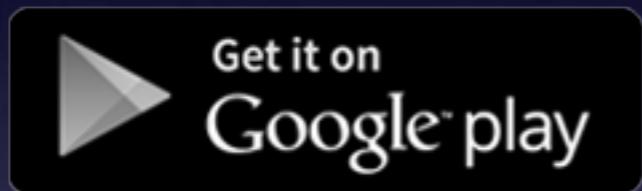
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Sensors

- Sensors have changed the phone industry.
 - One of the key feature of smartphone.
 - Enabling technology for:
 - Augmented reality
 - Innovative HCI
 - Context-aware applications



Learning Sensor Data



Sensors Multitool

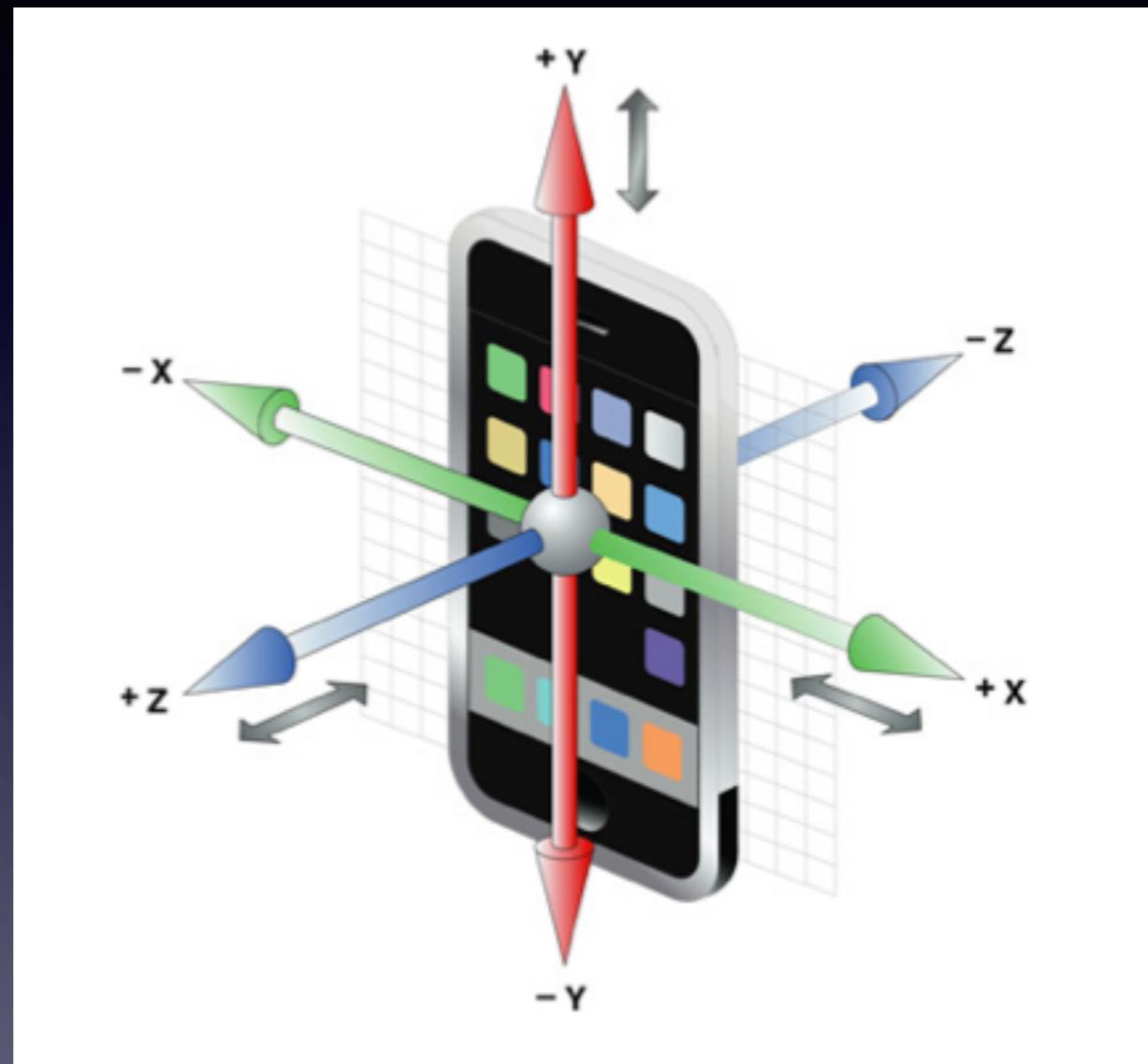


SensorKinetics

Accelerometer

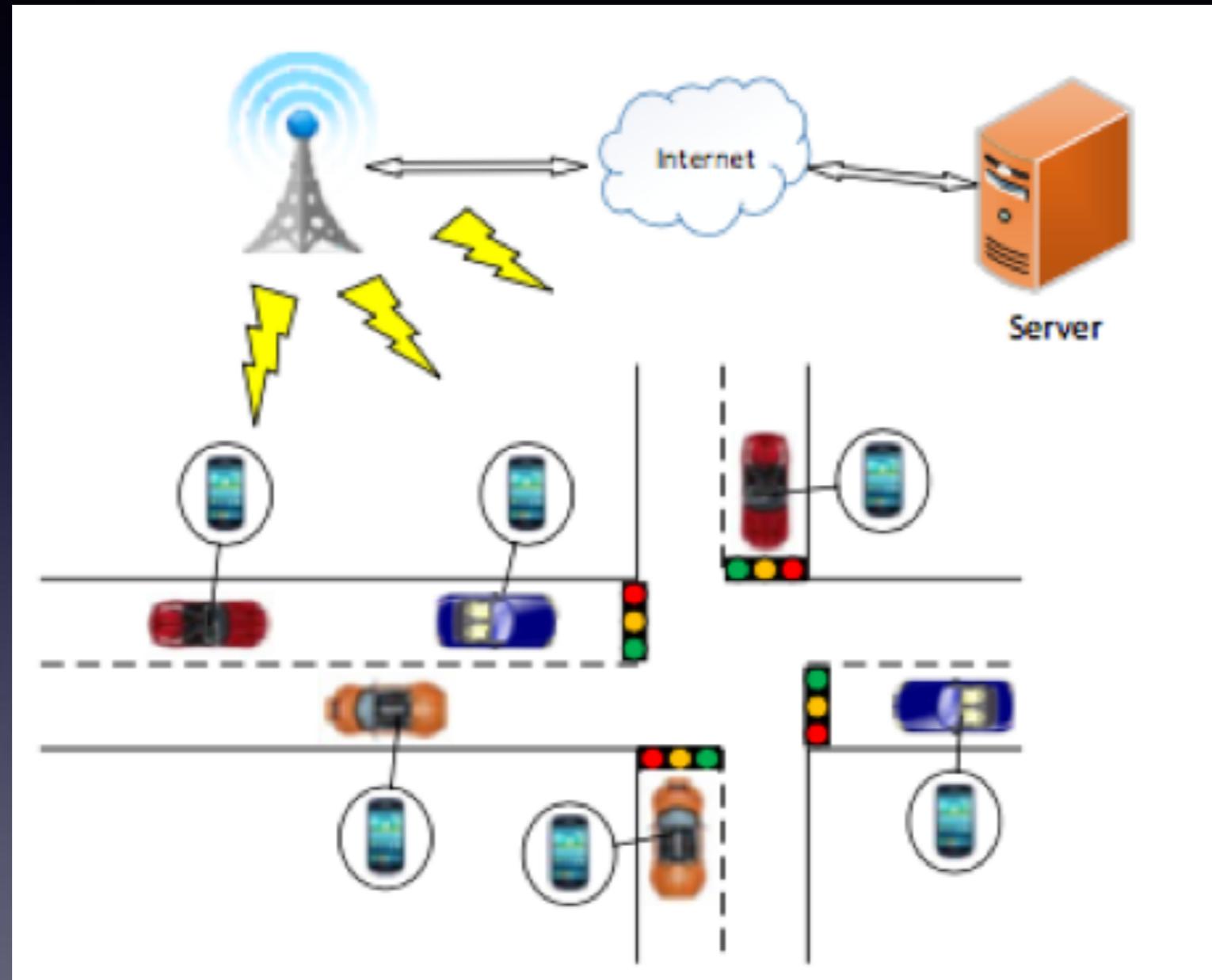
- Measures proper acceleration (acceleration it experiences relative to freefall), felt by people or objects
- Units: m/s^2 or g
- Most smartphone accelerometers trade large value range for high precision, iPhone range: $\pm 2\text{g}$, precision 0.018g
- Sample Applications:
 - Screen rotation
 - Free fall detection
 - Phone tap detection
 - Human behaviour detection

Axis



Phone frame <→ Earth frame

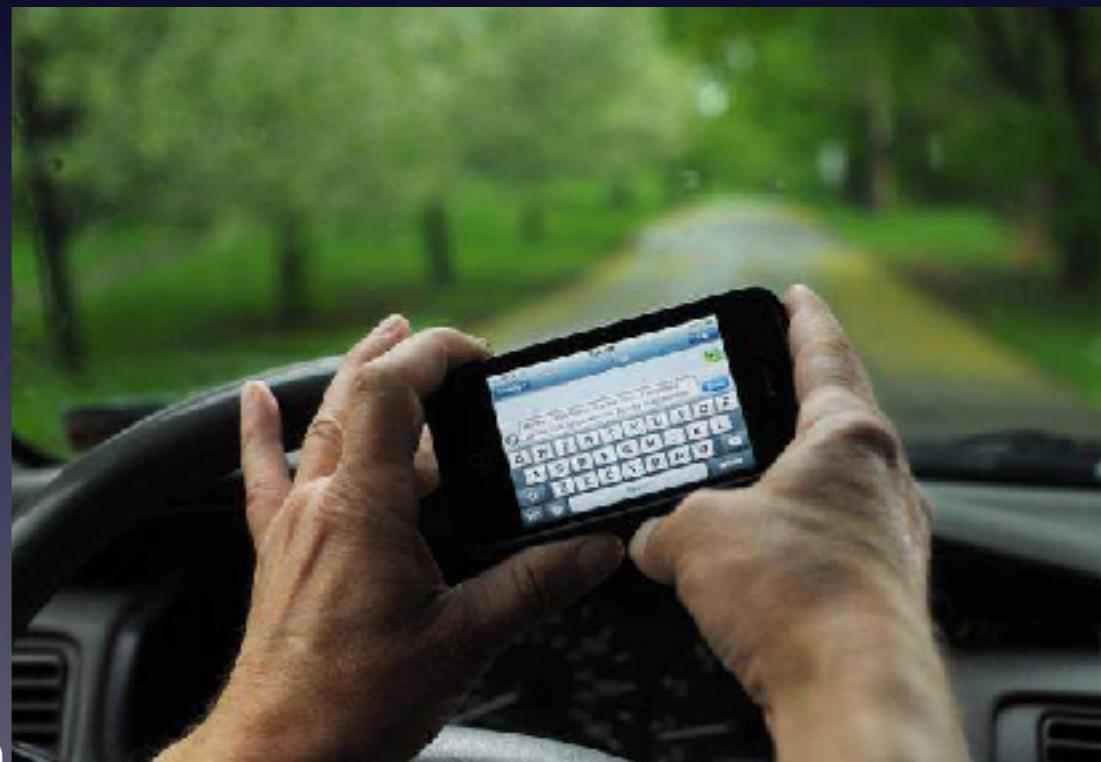
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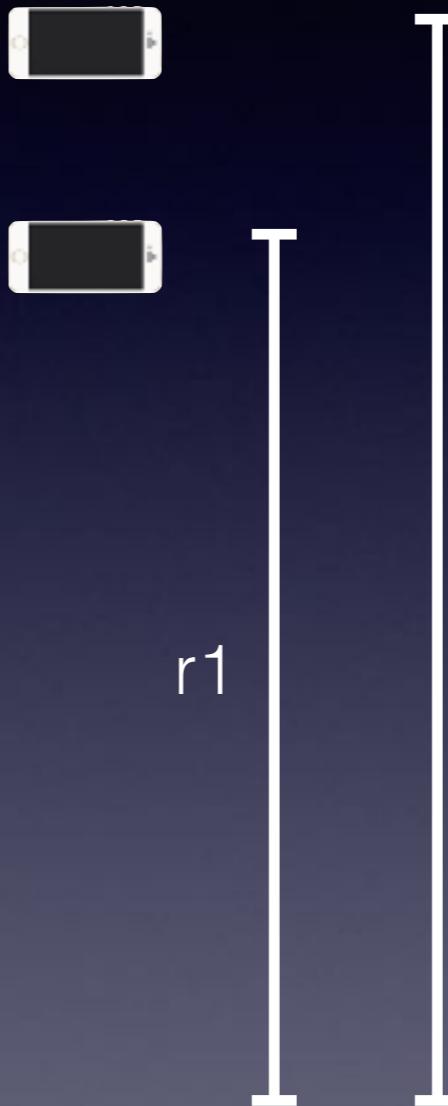
iLOC

- Fine-grained in-vehicle positioning can improve many vehicular applications
 - Accuracy
 - User experience
- Examples:
 - Drowsiness detection
 - Driver distraction reduction
 - Automatic profile switching



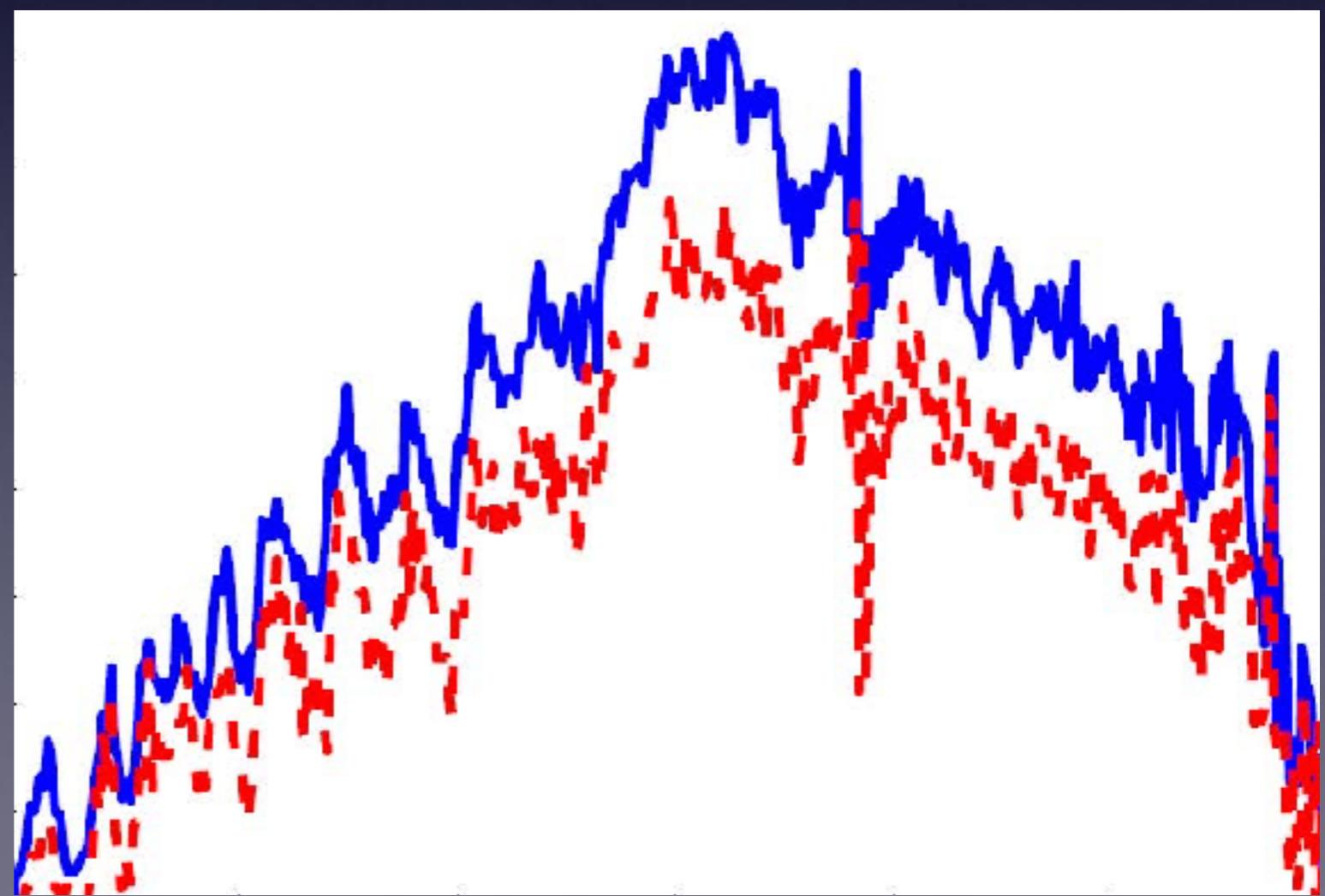
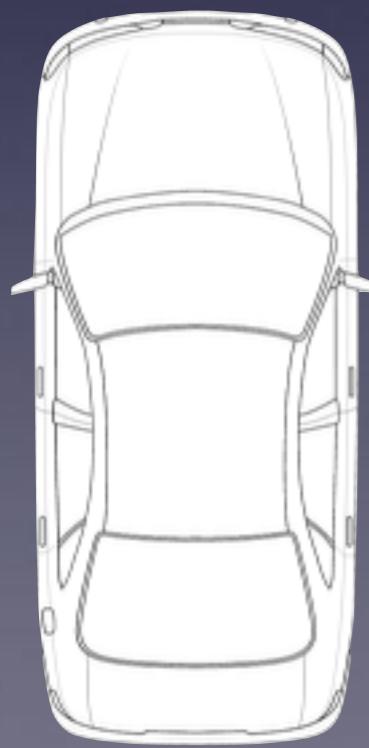
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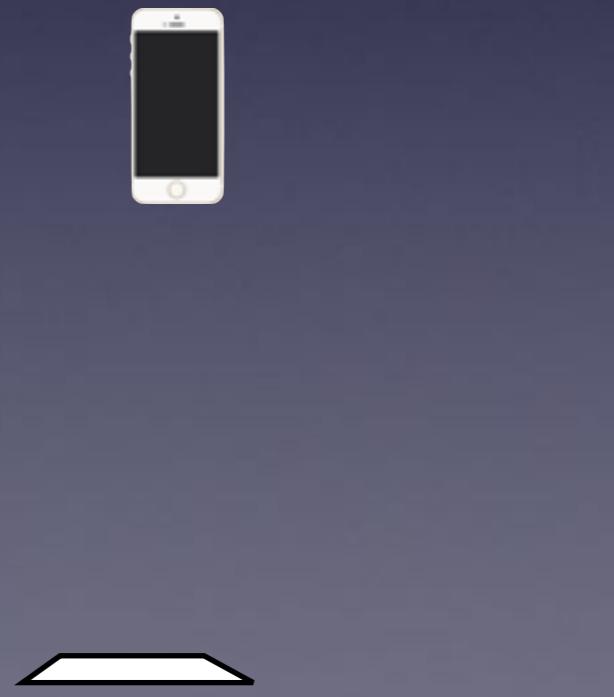
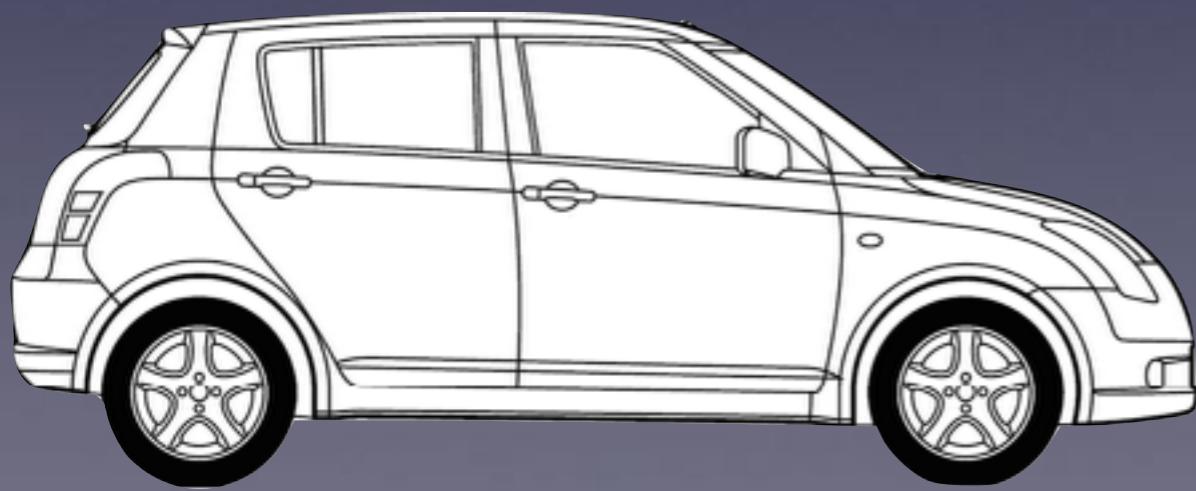
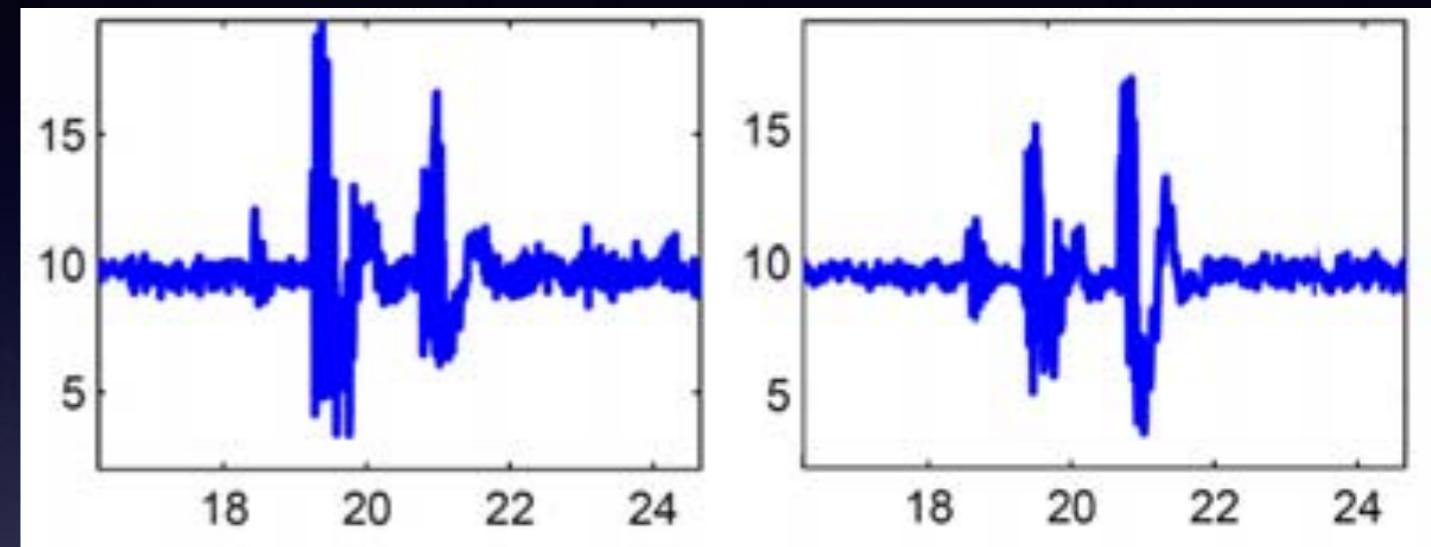


$$a_c = \omega^2 r$$

Left / Right Identification



Front / Back Identification



Gyroscope

- Detects the **changes** in the orientation
- Unit: rad / s
- Orientation can be computed from the angular rate that is detected by the gyroscope
- Sample apps:
 - AR games
 - Rotation detection

Texting & Driving Detection

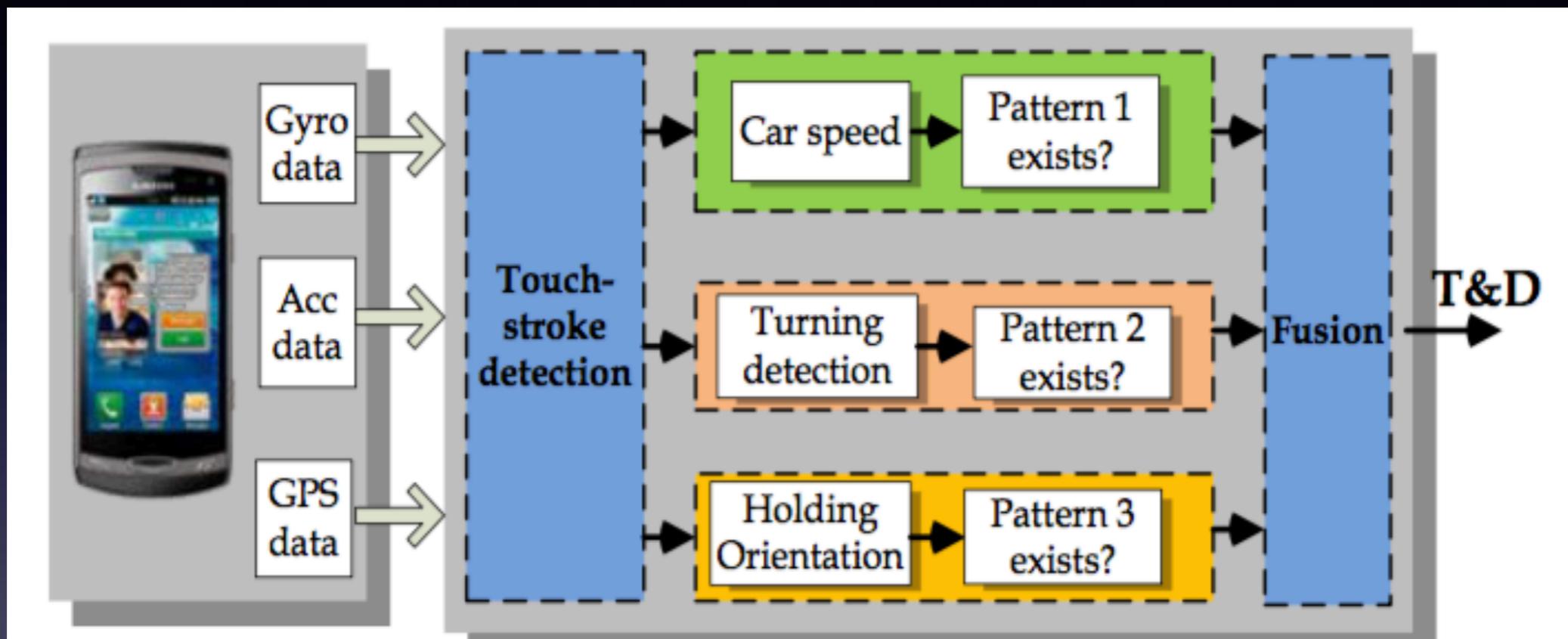
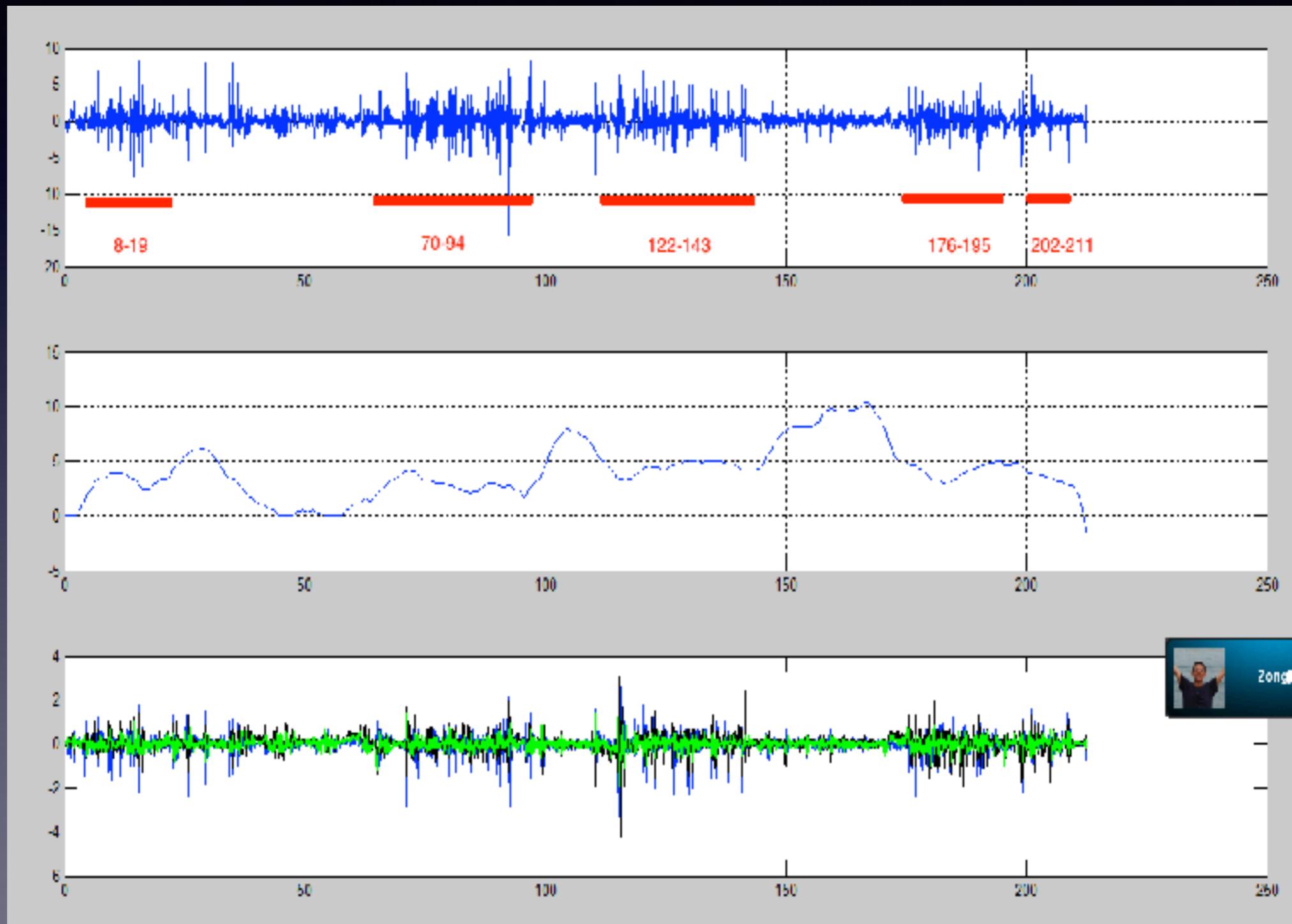


Fig. 1: The logic flow of the T&D system

Gyroscope --> keystroke



Magnetometer

- Measures the strength of **earth's magnetic field**
- Strength is expressed in tesla [T]
- iPhone magnetometer range: $\pm 2\text{mT}$
- Sample Apps:
 - Compass
 - Frame trans: phone frame -> earth frame.

Proximity

- Detect how close between the phone and the body.
- Precision: boolean or length.
- Sample Apps:
 - Disable touch during phone call. (Introduced in first generation of iPhone)

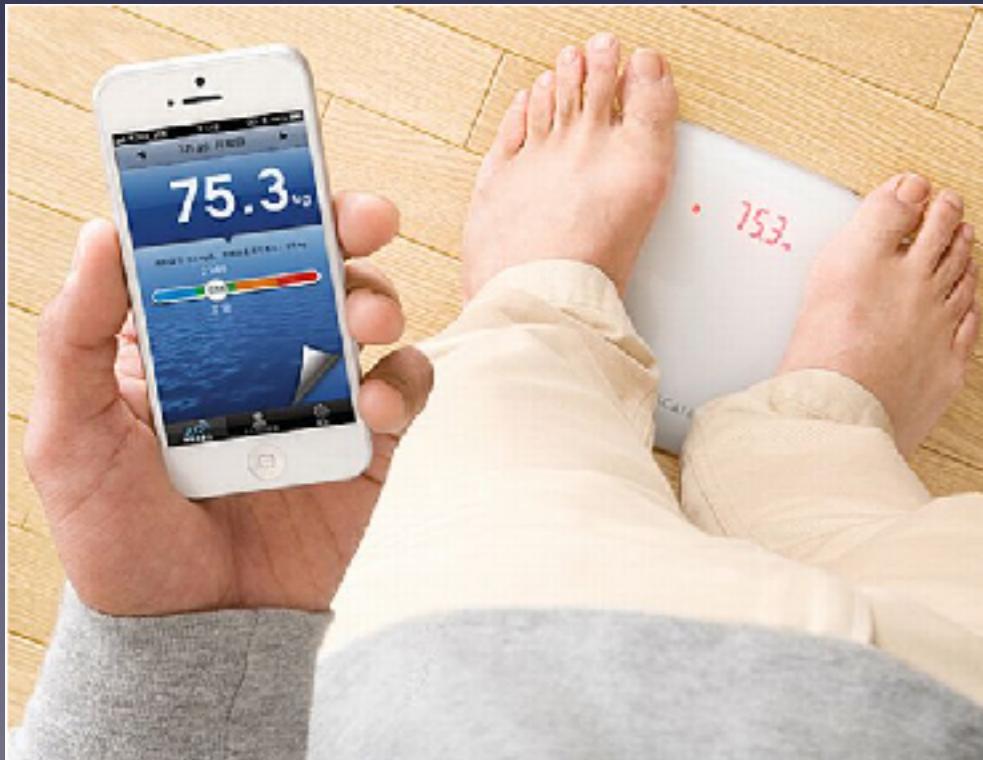
Luxmeter

- A.k.a. : Ambient light sensor
- Detect the light of the strength
- Sample Applications:
 - Screen auto brightness

barometer

- Measures atmospheric pressure
- Unit: hPa
- Sample applications:
 - Calculate altitude
 - Floors climbed

External Sensors



Are we missing something?

- Camera
- Microphone
- Wireless networks
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Camera

- Image Capture & Processing
- MIT researchers measure your pulse, detect heart abnormalities with smartphone camera
- Measuring heart rate with a smartphone camera
- App Store: Instant Heart Rate: Heart Rate & Pulse Monitor

Cellular Tower

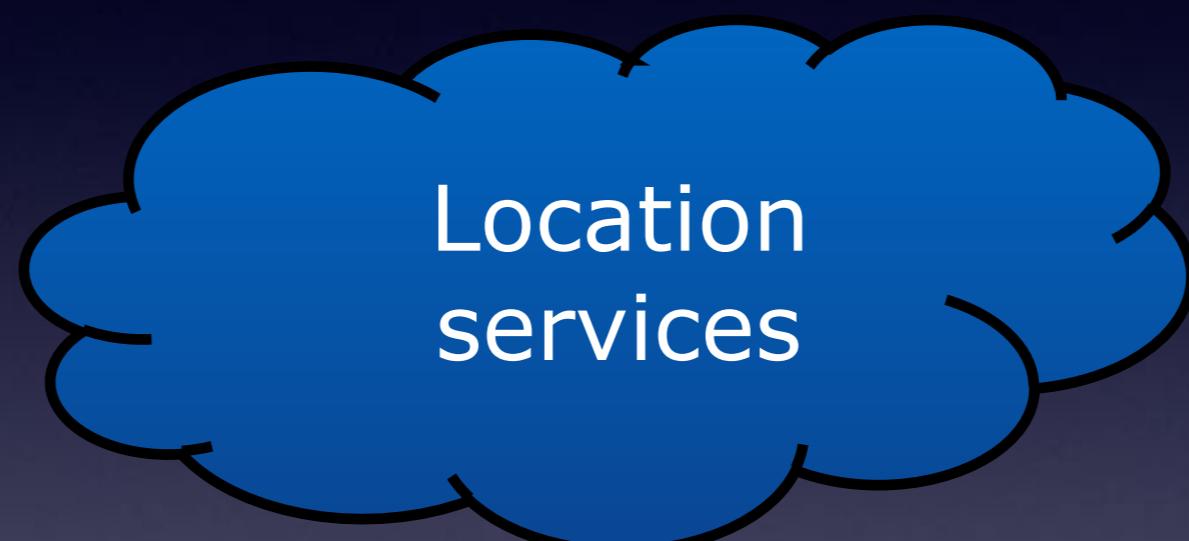


- Accuracy
- + Power
- + Speed
- Wilderness



GPS

- + Accuracy
- Power
- Speed
- Indoors



- +/- Accuracy
- +/- Power
- +/- Speed
- +/- Urban areas



WiFi

Wireless Networks

- RSSI: Received Signal Strength Indicator
- Indoor Localisation
- Respiration Monitoring
 - Contactless Respiration Monitoring Via Off-the-Shelf WiFi Devices
- Activity & Gesture Recognition
 - The telepathic phone: Frictionless activity recognition from WiFi-RSSI

Other Sensors

- Temperature
 - Crowdsourcing urban air temperatures from smartphone battery temperatures.
- Microphone
 - Ear-phone: an end-to-end participatory urban noise mapping system

Demo: Sensors

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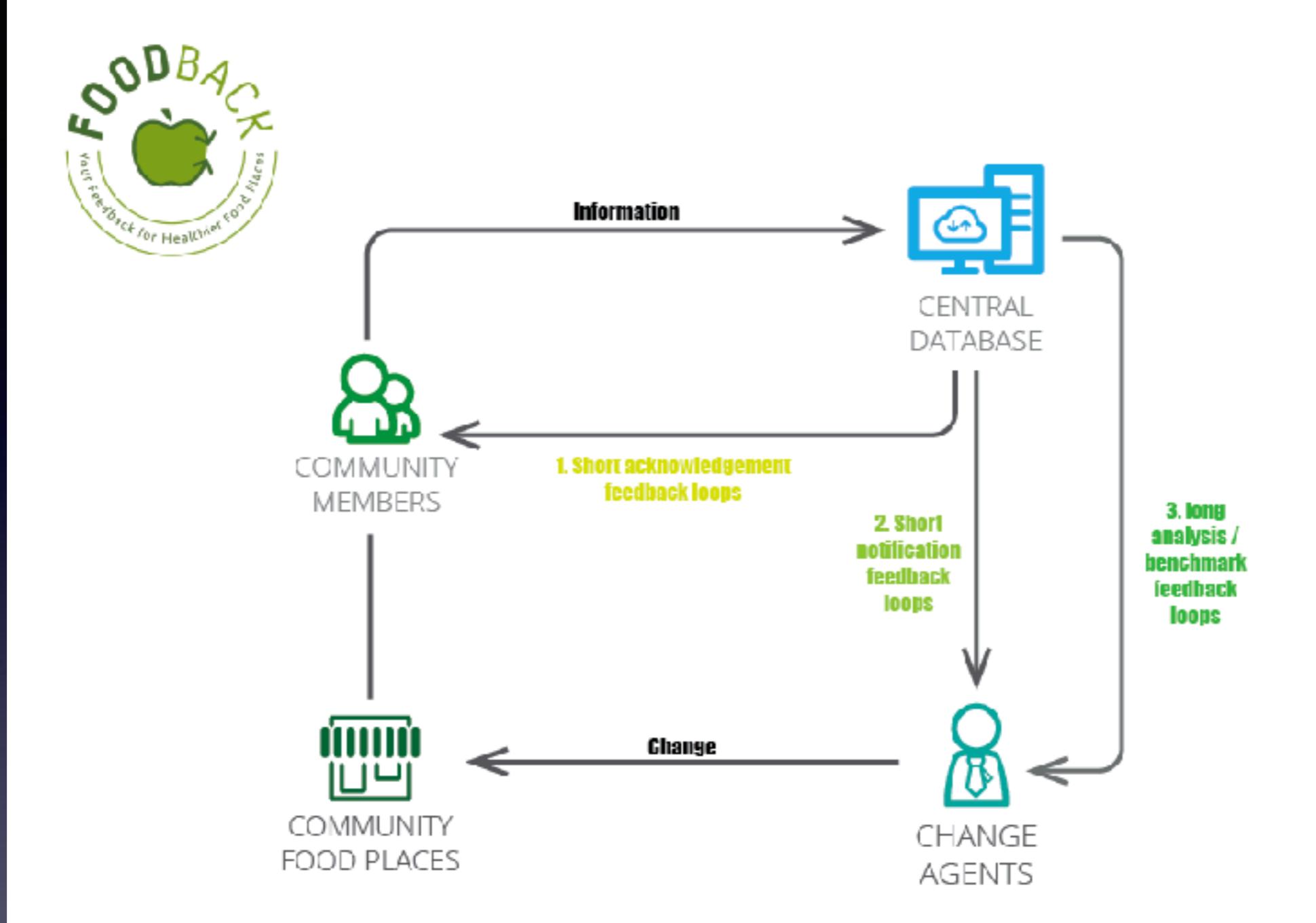
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