

Duet: Estimating User Position and Identity in Smart Homes Using Intermittent and Incomplete RF-Data

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Smart home!!

What technology is most needed in smart home?



<https://developers.google.com/assistant/smarthome/overview>

Sense

- Buttons and switches
- Sensor/sensor array
- Human-like commands :voice, gesture

Act

- Turn (things) on/off, adjust
- Give alerts
- etc.

Answer:

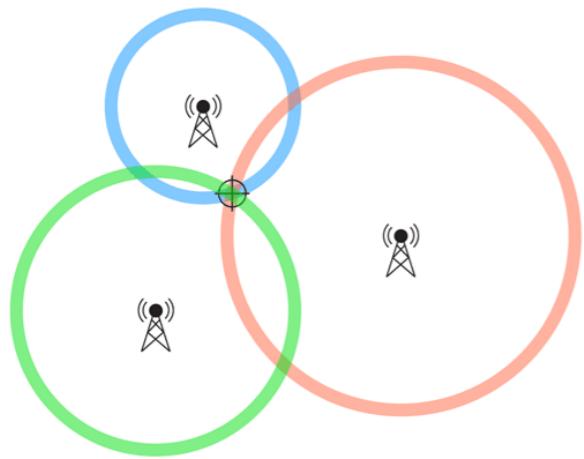
Human localization



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RF-based localization

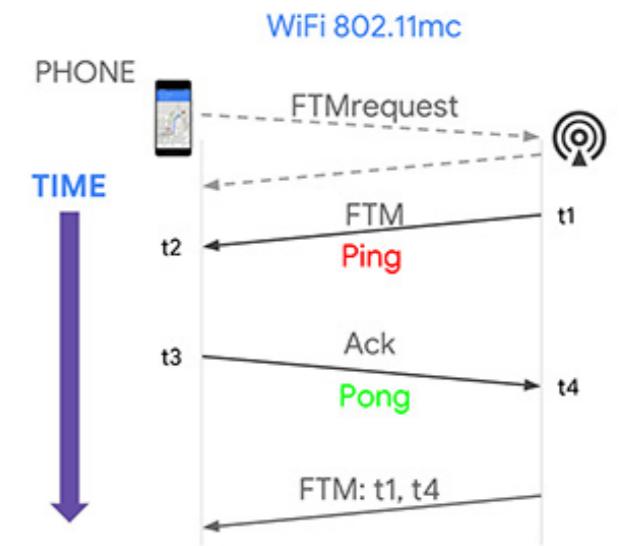


*Relative signal strength indicator
RSSI*

<https://cryptolok.blogspot.com/2017/08/practical-wifi-hosts-triangulation-with.html>



*Angle of arrival
AoA*



Time of flight

http://people.csail.mit.edu/bkph/ftmrtt_intro

Current state of development: **Sub-meter accuracy**

Device-based systems

57% = phone-carrying time

Device-free systems

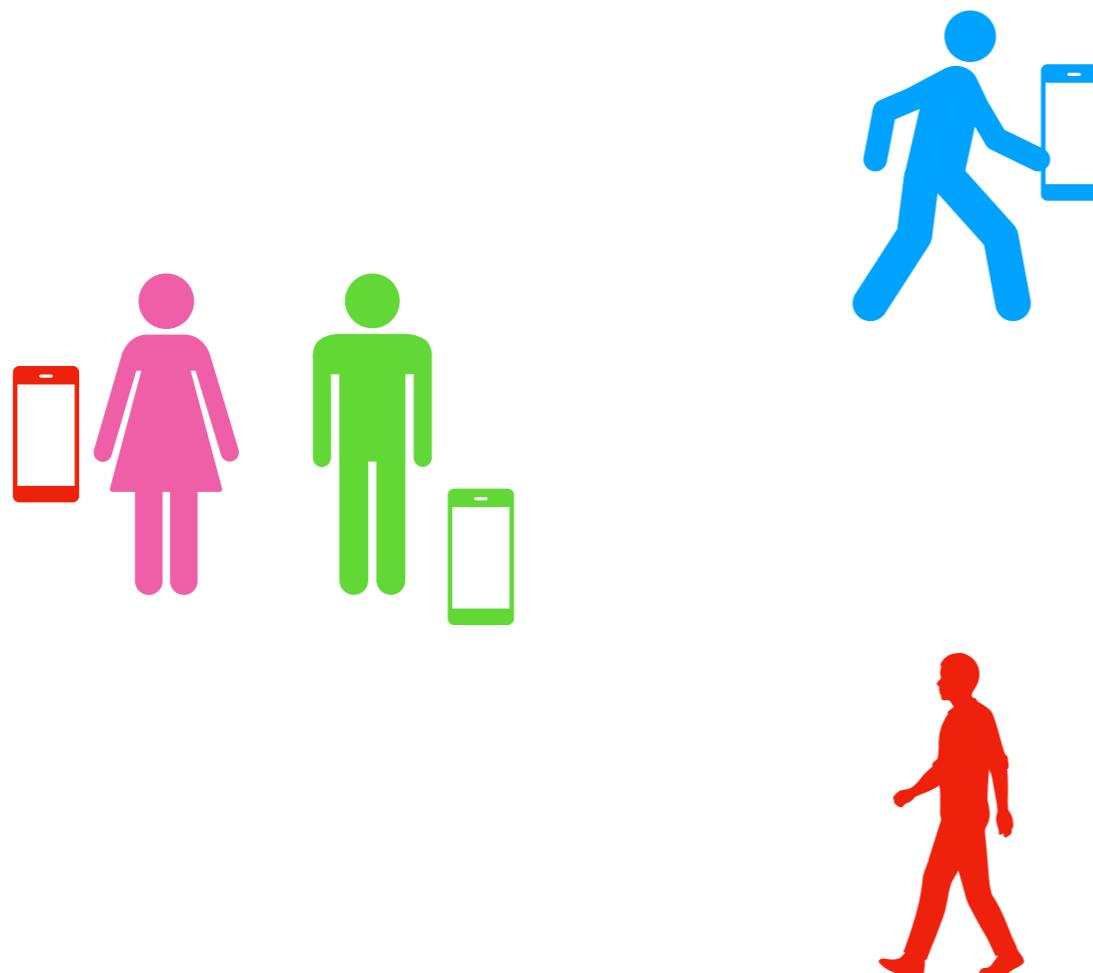
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Problem (1/3): identification

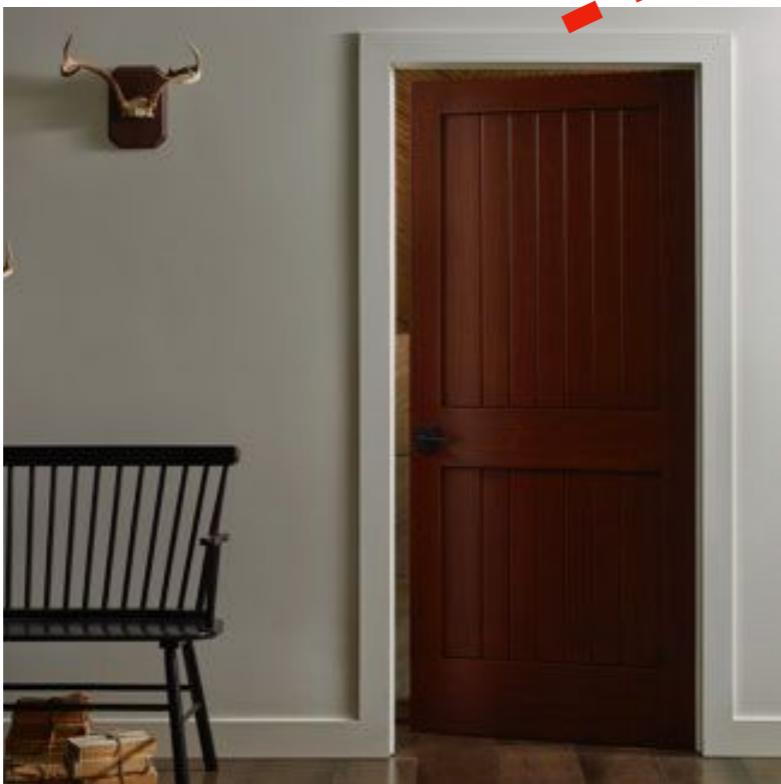
- Requires several APs
- Percentile error can be several meters
- People do not carry phone all the time



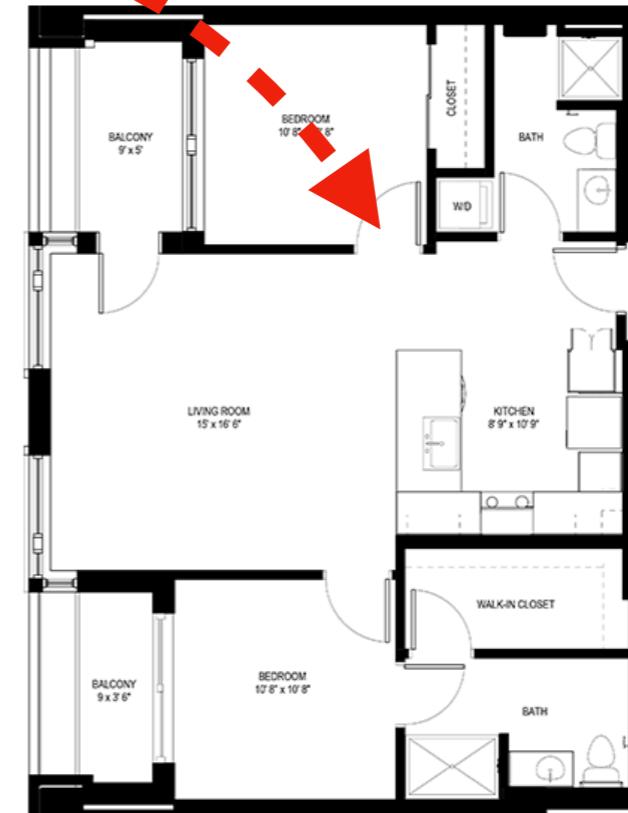
Duet's solution

**Match by trajectories,
not distance**

Problem (2/3): blockage/coverage



Where did {person} go?

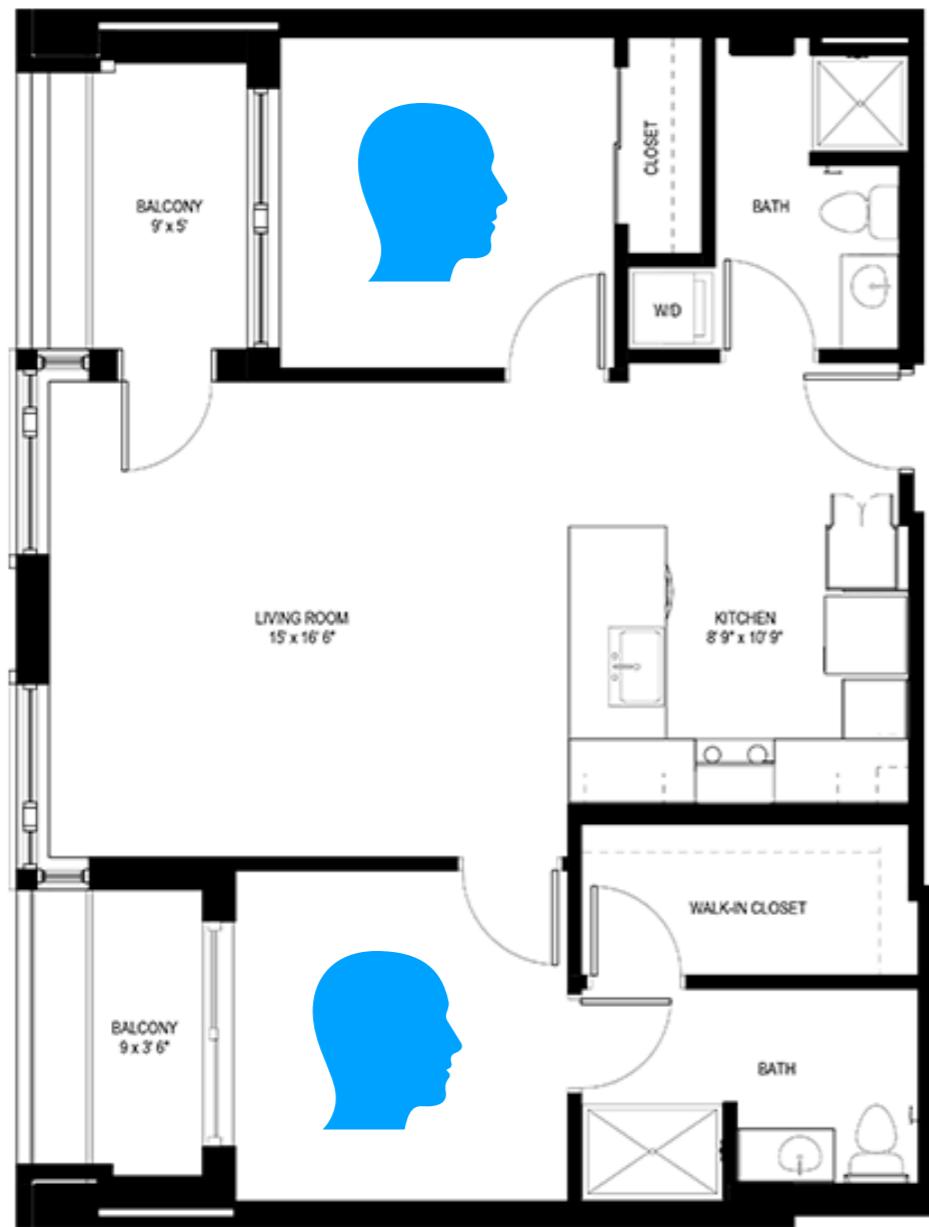


Duet:
Symbolic > absolute location
Hidden Markov Model
Soft constraint



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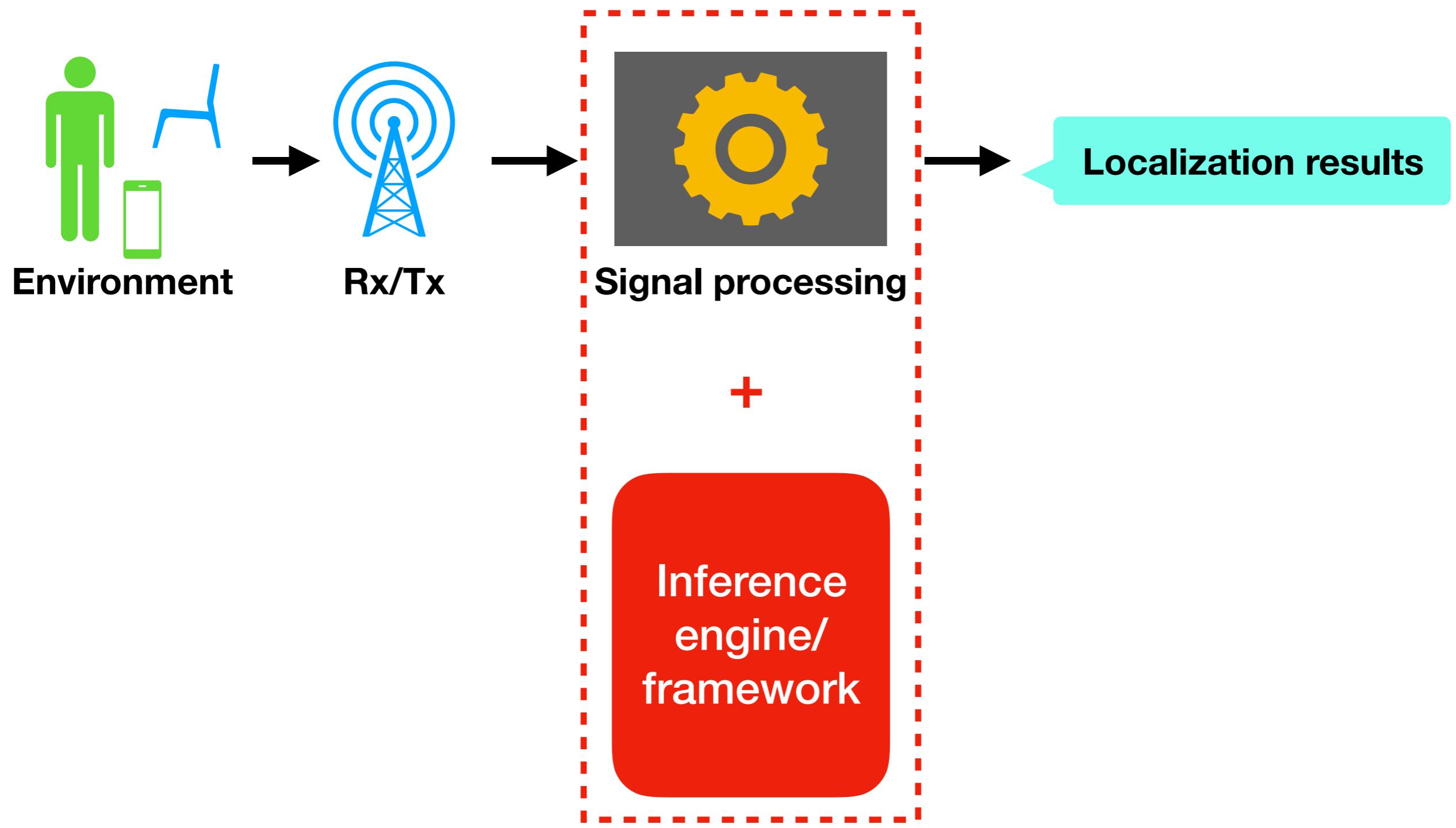
Problem (3/3): dependencies



- One person cannot be in two rooms.
- If a person enters an empty room, there should be one person in there.
- Etc.



What can we do?



Illustrative example

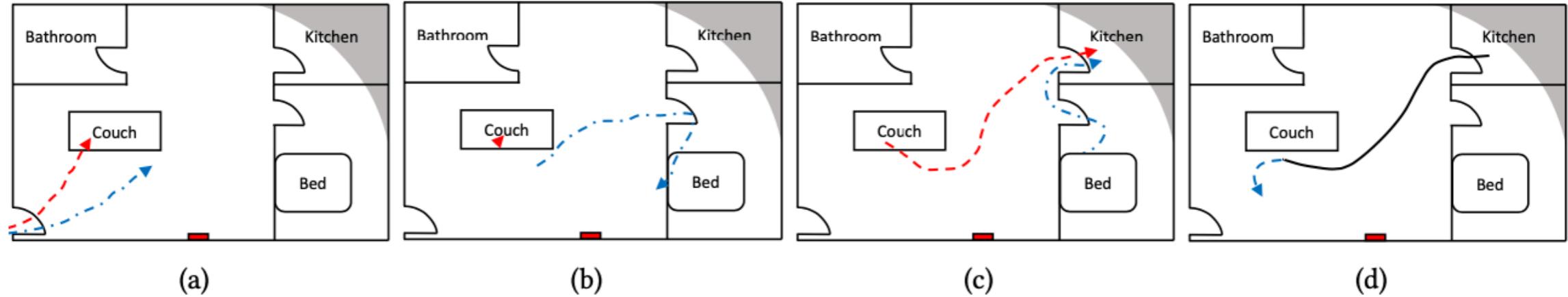
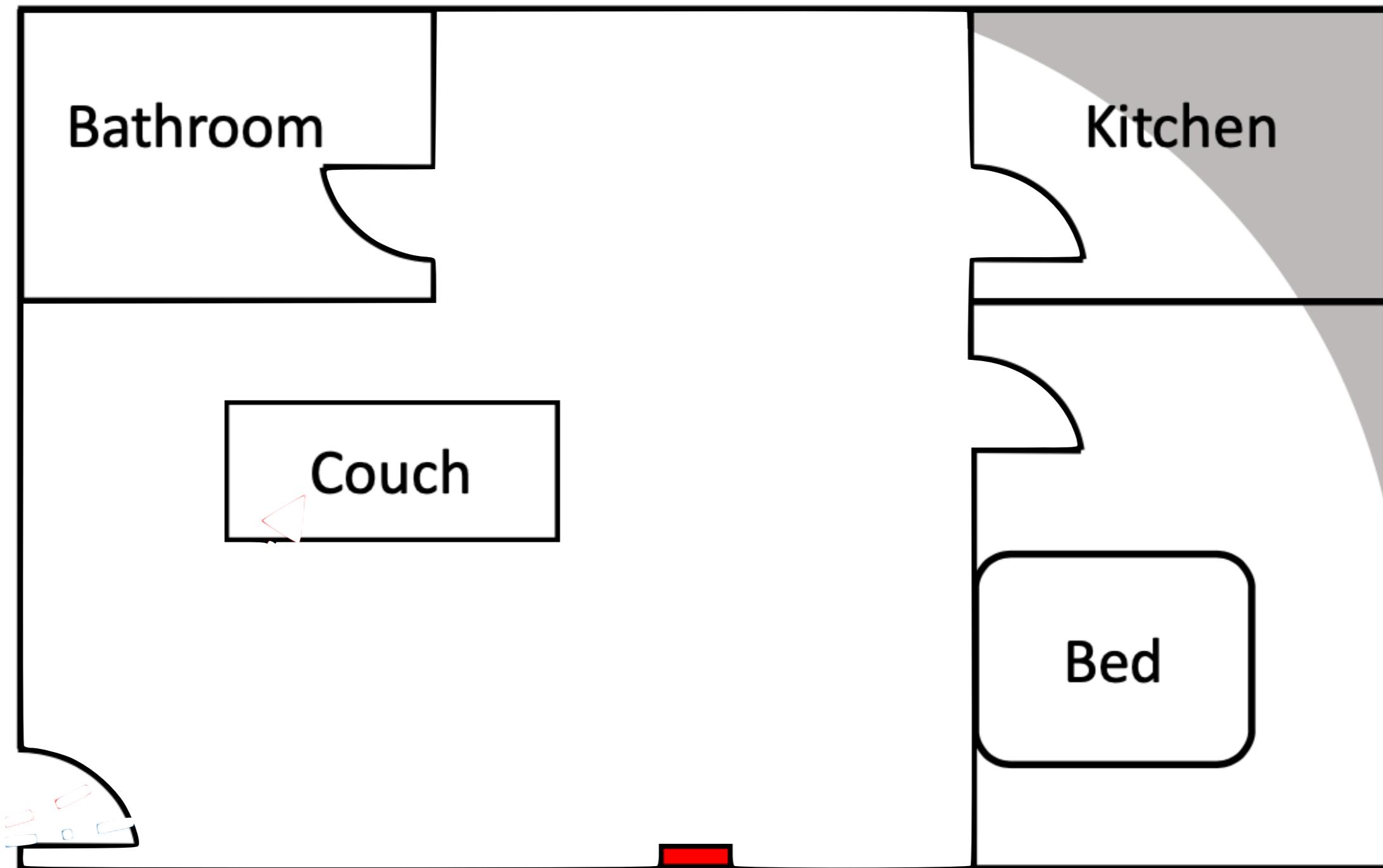


Fig. 1. **Example:** Alice (red) and Bob (blue) are tracked using Duet. The corresponding events and states are described in table 1.

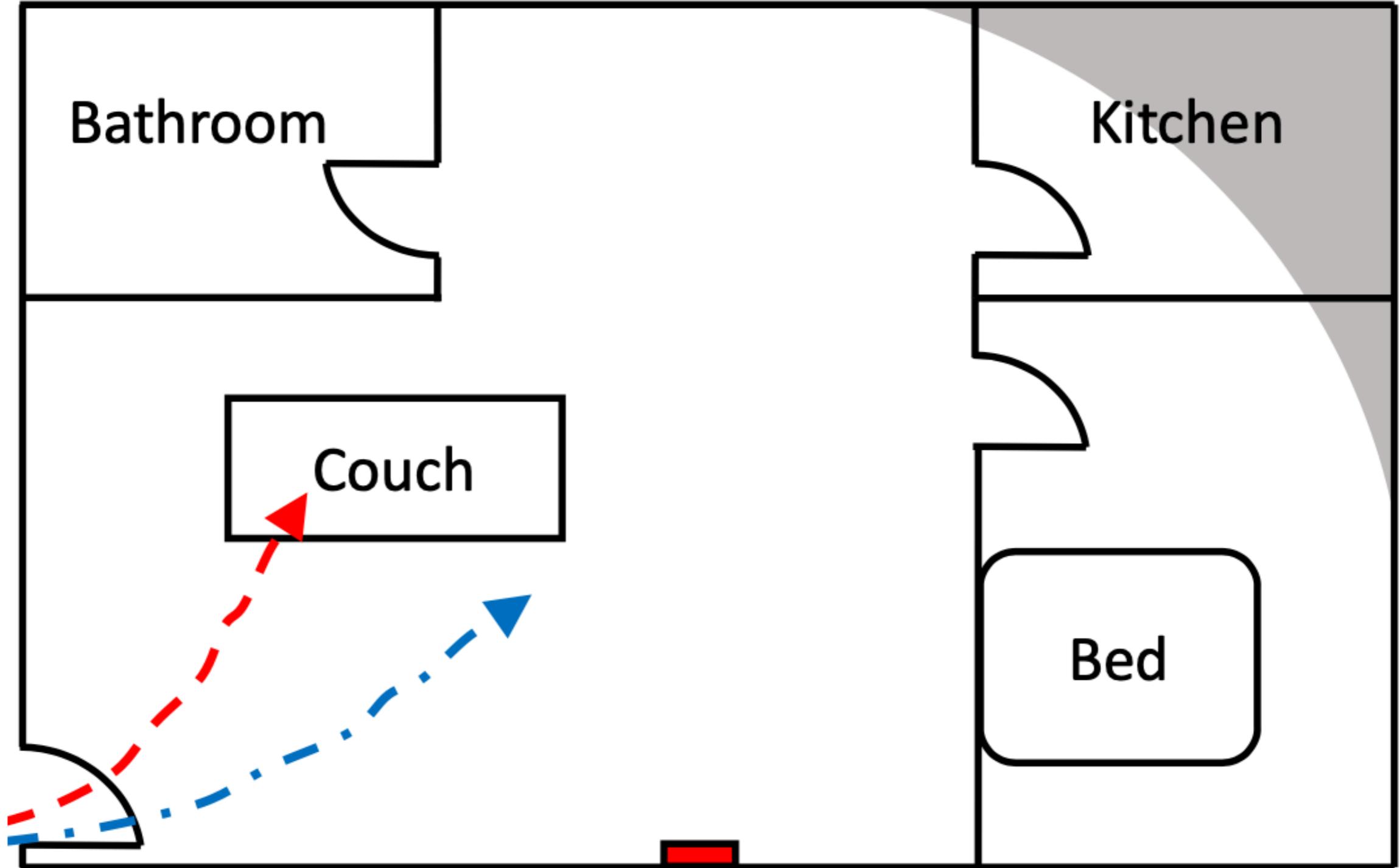
Table 1. **Example:** This table lists a sequence of home events (left column) and the corresponding Duet states (right column).

Event	Duet State
Alice (red) and Bob (blue) come in with their phones (Fig. 1(a)).	$v_1 = (\{Alice\}, LivingRoom), v_2 = (\{Bob\}, LivingRoom)$
Alice and Bob leave their phones behind; Alice goes to the couch to watch TV and Bob goes to the bed.	$v_1 = (\{Alice\}, Couch), v_2 = (\{Bob\}, Bed)$
Alice goes to the kitchen followed by Bob	$v_1 = (\{Alice\}, Kitchen), v_2 = (\{Bob\}, Kitchen)$
Bob comes out of the kitchen	$v_1 = (\{Alice, Bob\}, Kitchen), v_2 = (\{Alice, Bob\}, LivingRoom)$
Bob checks email on his phone	$v_1 = (\{Alice\}, Kitchen), v_2 = (\{Bob\}, LivingRoom)$

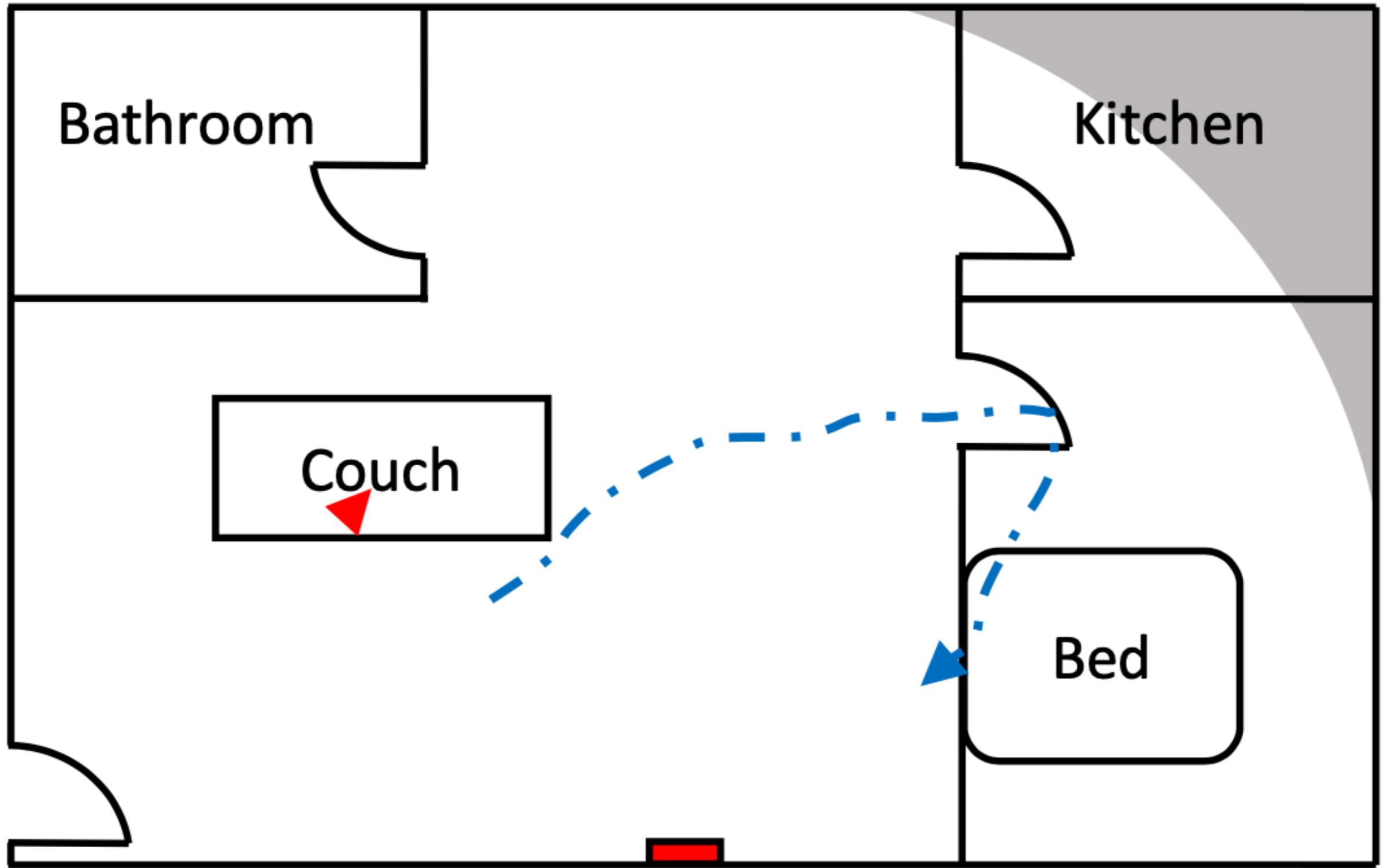




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$$v1 = (\{Alice\}, LivingRoom), v2 = (\{Bob\}, LivingRoom)$$

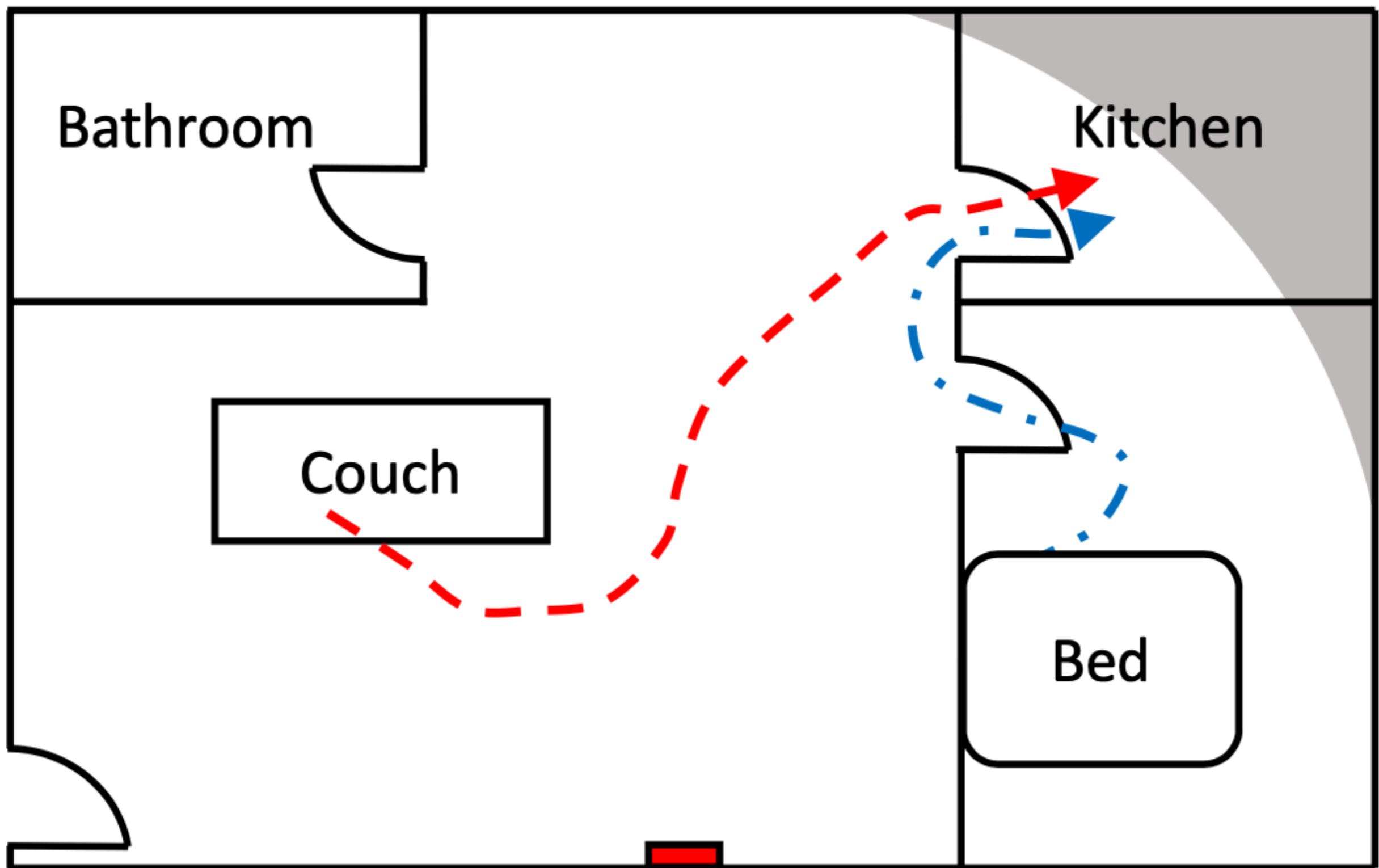

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$$v1 = (\{Alice\}, Couch), v2 = (\{Bob\}, Bed)$$



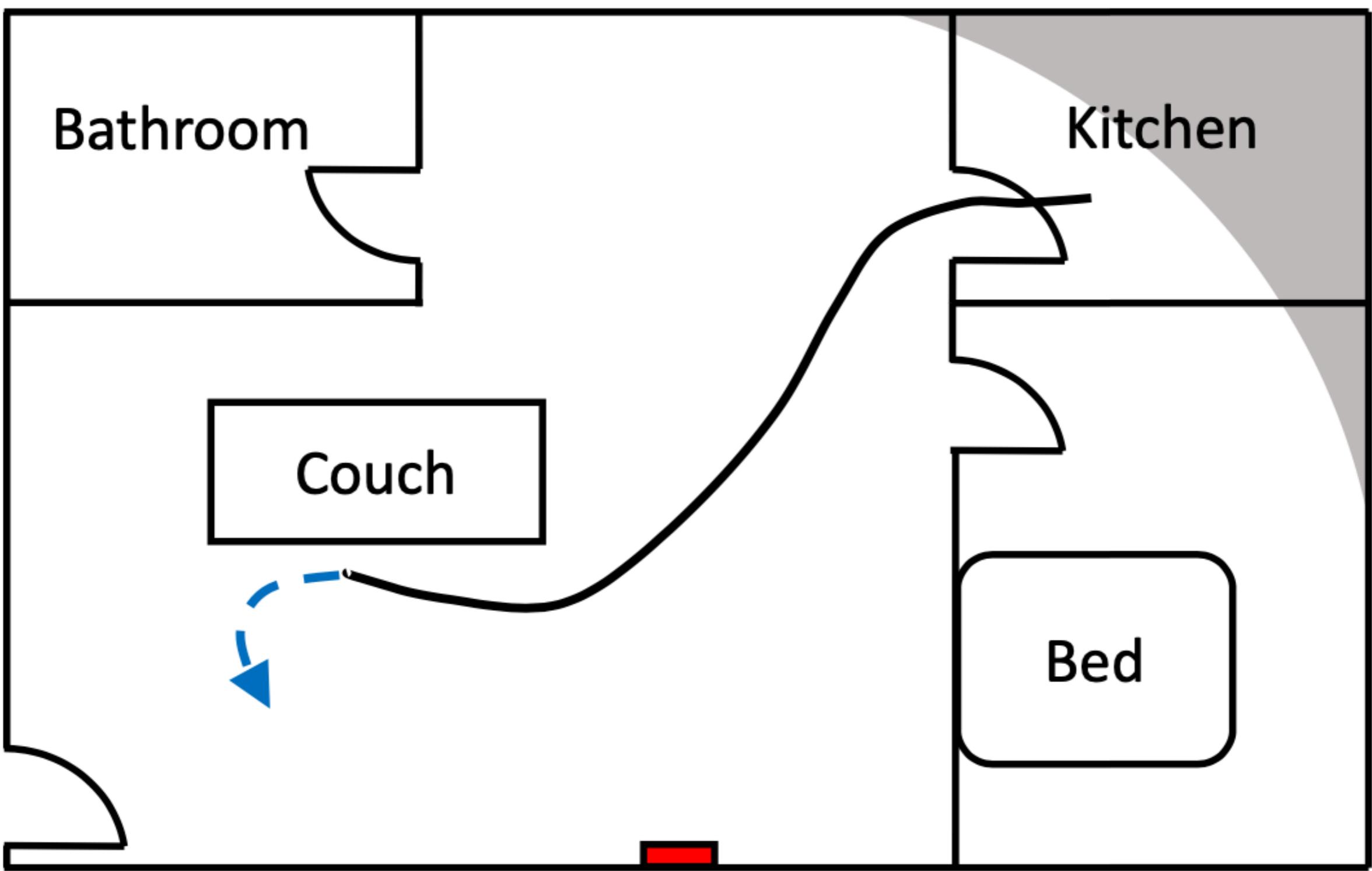
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$$v1 = (\{Alice\}, Kitchen), v2 = (\{Bob\}, Kitchen)$$



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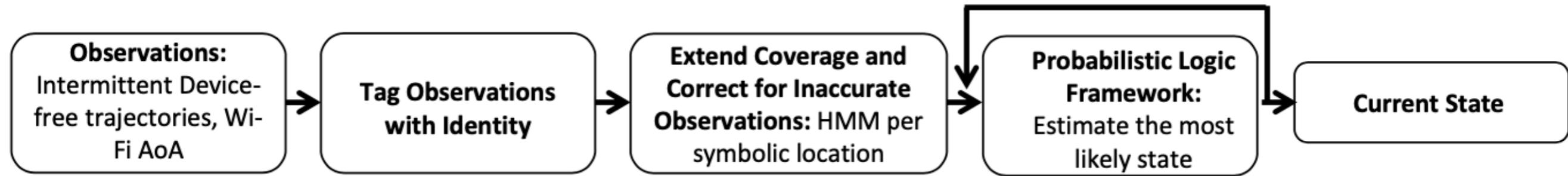
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Method



Components of Duet

Component

Location observation

Tagging observation

Extending coverage & correction

Reasoning and probabilistic framework

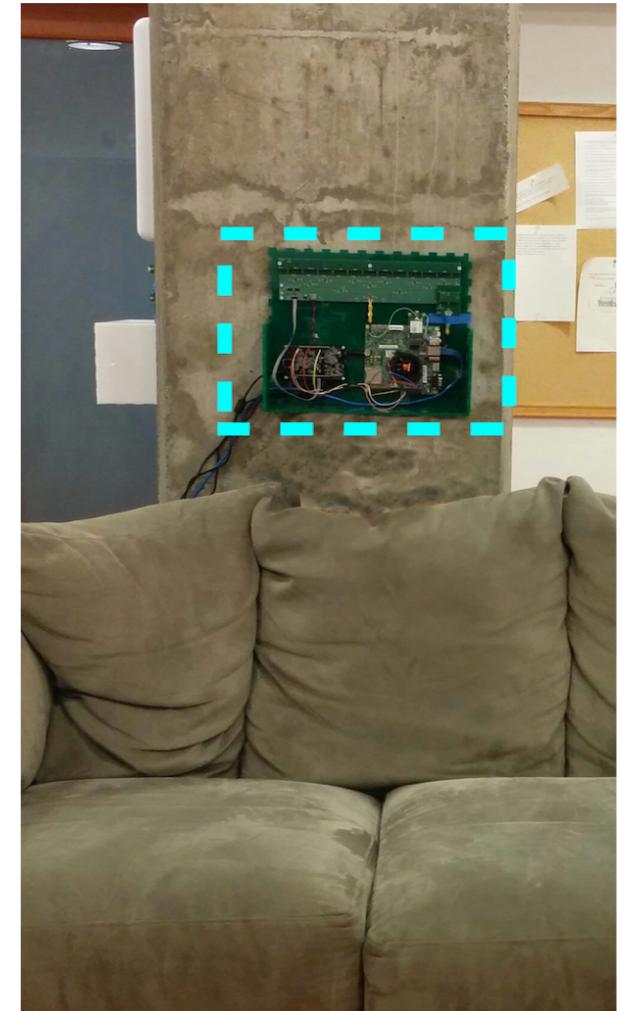
Description

Device-free and WiFi-based observations

Trajectory matching

HMM

Probabilistic framework based on first-order logic theory



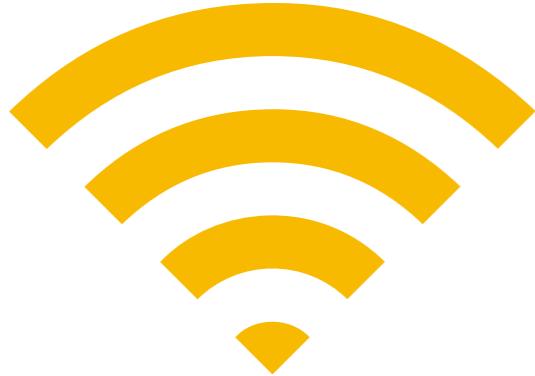
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Device-free observations

- FMCW (RF reflection)
- Sampling rate: 20ms
- Establish *tracklets*
- No identity
- Track only movements



- Single WiFi device
- Identification using MAC address
- Location estimation: angle of arrival (AoA)

WiFi-based observations

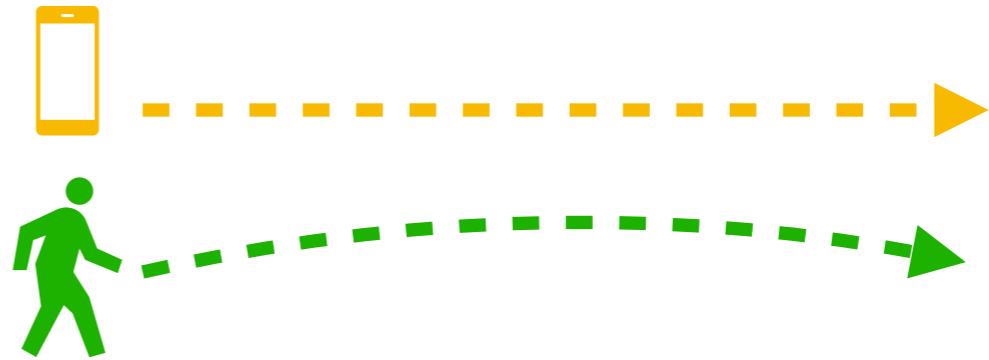
tracklets + spatial direction



Method

Tagging observations with identity

- Tagging observations
 - Trajectories matching
 - More correlation = higher score
 - Users with no phones are matched to virtual phones



Method

Extending coverage & correcting observations

- HMM Observations: entry event (O_{entry}), exit event (O_{exit}) number of tracklets ($O_{tracklets}$)
- HMM States: $S_k, S_{k \rightarrow k+1}, S_{k \rightarrow k-1}$
- Learning: Viterbi algorithm → emission & transition prob.
- Result: environment-independent HMM



Method

Reasoning with probabilistic logic

Context model and updating

Constraints:

- The same person can only be in ONE PLACE.
- Cannot enter certain region TWICE.
- Cannot leave if {person} is not IN.

Algorithm 1 Hypothesis Update Algorithm

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▷ Given: Hypothesis  $\mathcal{H}_{in} = (C_{in}, b_{in})$ ; Event as 4-tuple of person, area, type and score,  $e$ 
▷ Output: A set of hypothesis,  $\mathcal{H}_{out}$ 
▷ Initialize  $H_{out}$  to an empty set.

if  $type == entry$  then
     $v_{new}.P = p, v_{new}.I = [], v_{new}.R = r$ 
    for  $v \in C_{in}$  do
        if  $p \neq \mathcal{U}$  then  $v.I = v.I \cup p$  end if
    end for
     $\mathcal{H}_{out} = \{(C_{in} \cup v_{new}, b_{in} \times score)\}$ 
else if  $type == exit$  then
    for  $v \in C_{in}$  do
        if  $|(v.P - v.I) \cap \{p\}| > 0$  and  $v.R == r$  then
             $C_{new} = C_{in} \setminus v$ 
            for  $v' \in C_{new}$  do
                if  $p \neq \mathcal{U}$  then  $v'.I = v'.I \cup p$  end if
            end for
             $\mathcal{H}_{out} = \mathcal{H}_{out} \cup \{(C_{new}, b_{in} \times score)\}$ 
        end if
    end for
else
    for  $v \in C_{in}$  do
        if  $|(v.P - v.I) \cap \{p\}| > 0$  and  $v.R == r$  then
             $C_{new} = C_{in} \setminus v$ 
            for  $v' \in C_{new}$  do  $v'.I = v'.I \cup p$  end for
             $v.P = \{p\}, v.I = []$ 
             $\mathcal{H}_{out} = \mathcal{H}_{out} \cup \{(C_{new} \cup v, b_{in} \times score)\}$ 
        end if
    end for
end if
```



Method

Reasoning with probabilistic logic

Checking state validity:

- One identity for one variable
- No impossible states (invalid states)
- No invalid configurations

$$\exists x_1, \dots, x_K \bigwedge_{i=1}^K [In(x_i, v_i.P \setminus v_i.I) \wedge Ar(x_i, v_i.R)] \bigwedge_{i=1}^K \bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} [x_i \neq x_j]$$

First-order logic



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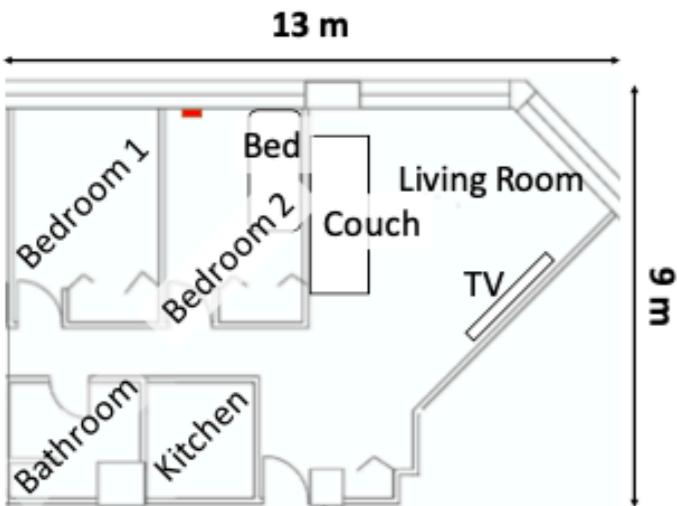
Implementation and evaluation

Implementation

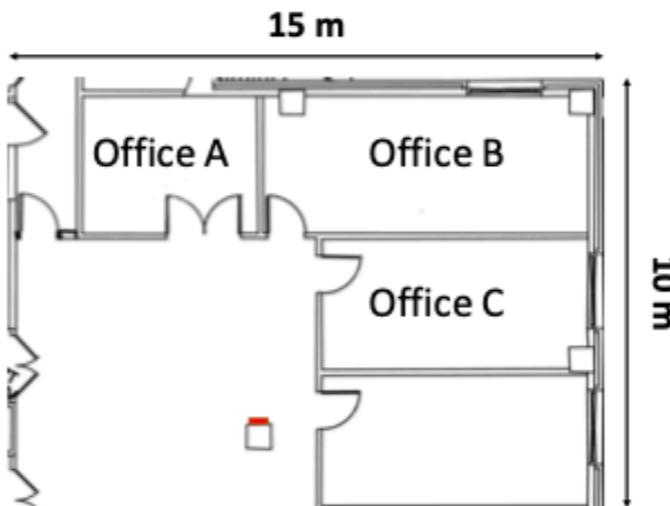
Location observation
Programming
HMM

Off-the-shelf WiFi array and custom PCB
Python and MATLAB
9 days training data

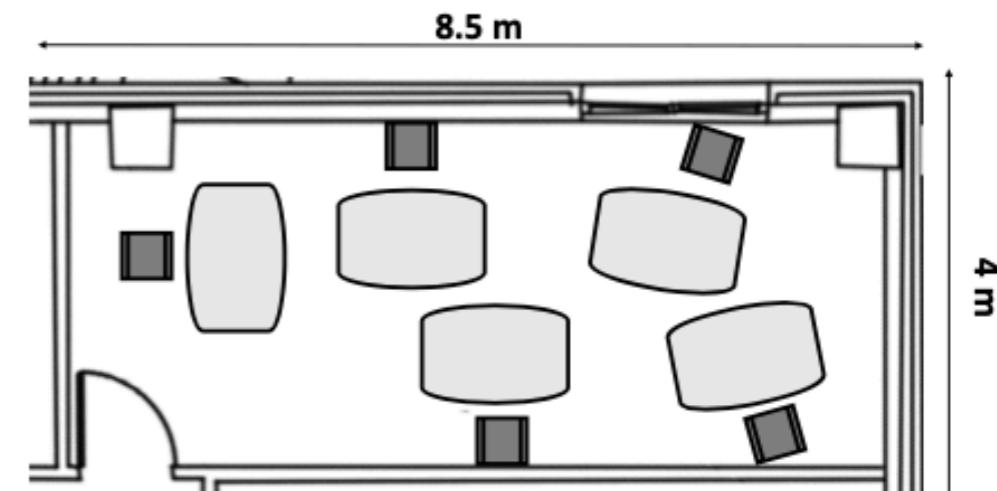
Evaluation



(a) Home



(b) Office



(c) Office B (Zoomed In)

2 people
2 visitors

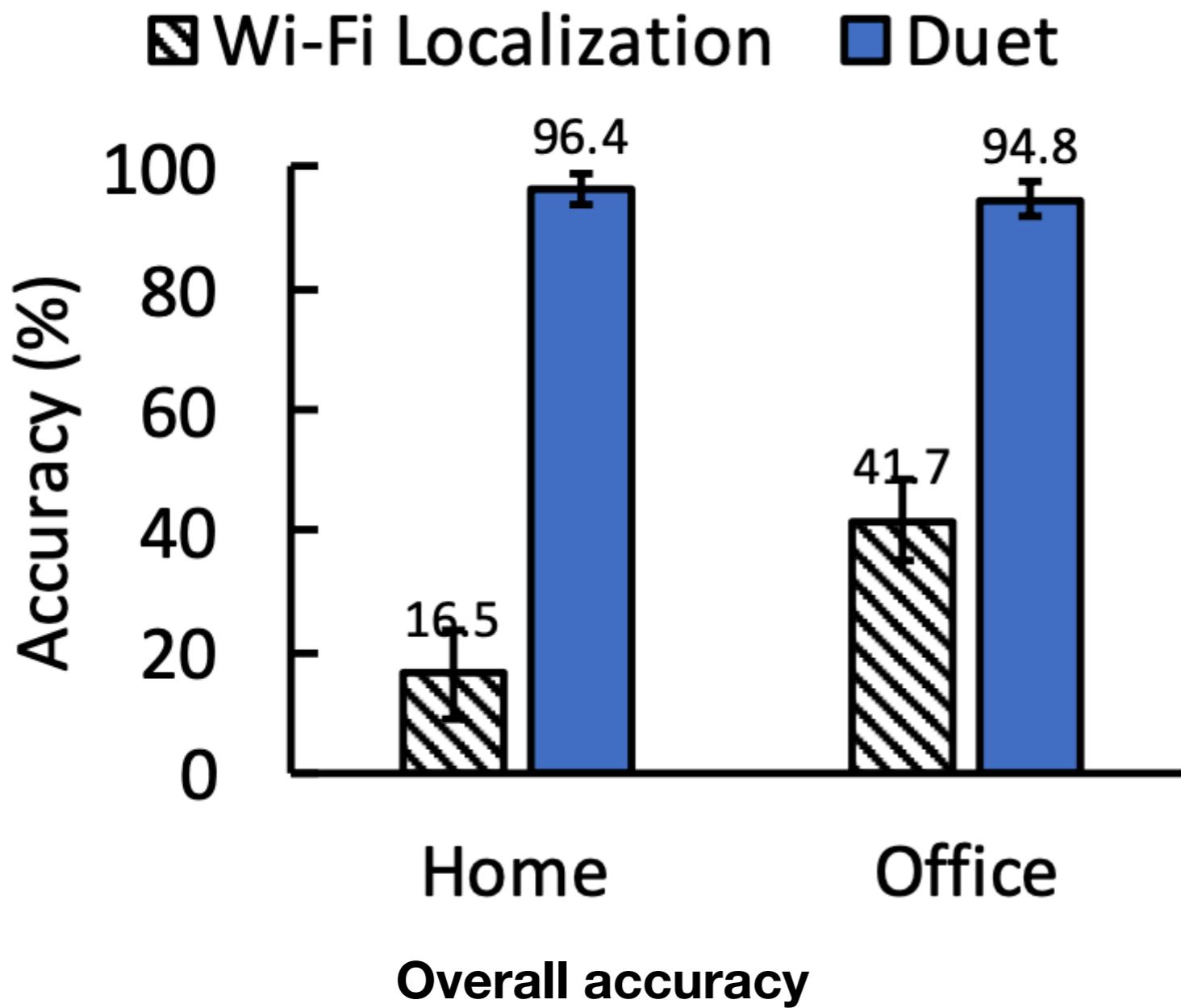
9 occupants

2 weeks
Manually labelled ground truth



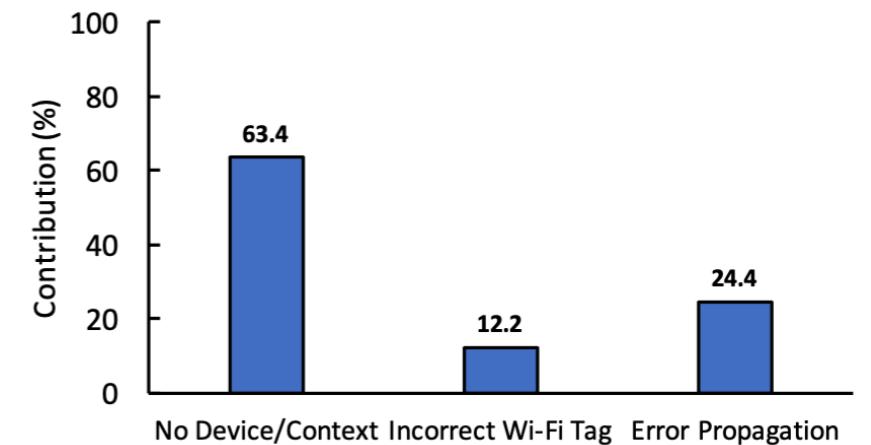
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Results

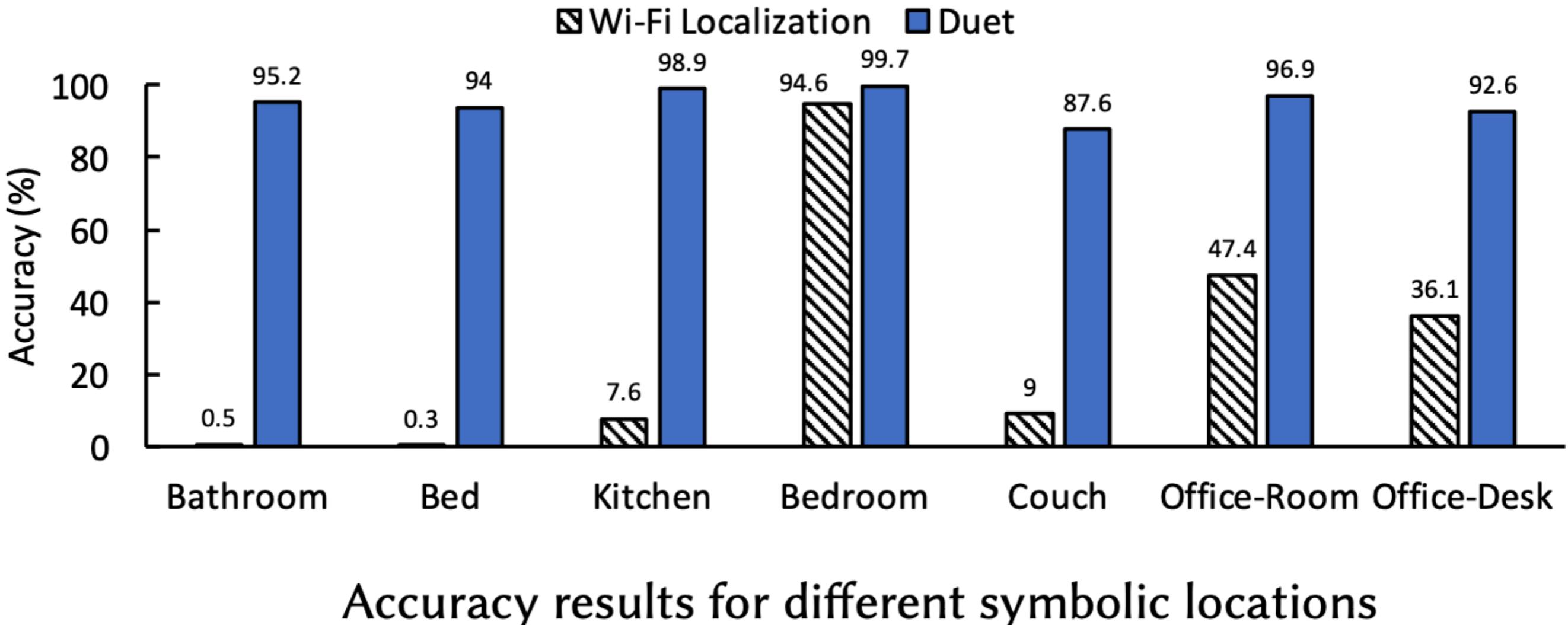


Errors:

- Insufficient context
- Incorrect Wi-Fi tagging
- Error propagation



Results



Wi-Fi Localization Error:

- People do not carry their phones with them ALL THE TIME.
- Duet can correct the errors while both observation methods make errors.



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Results

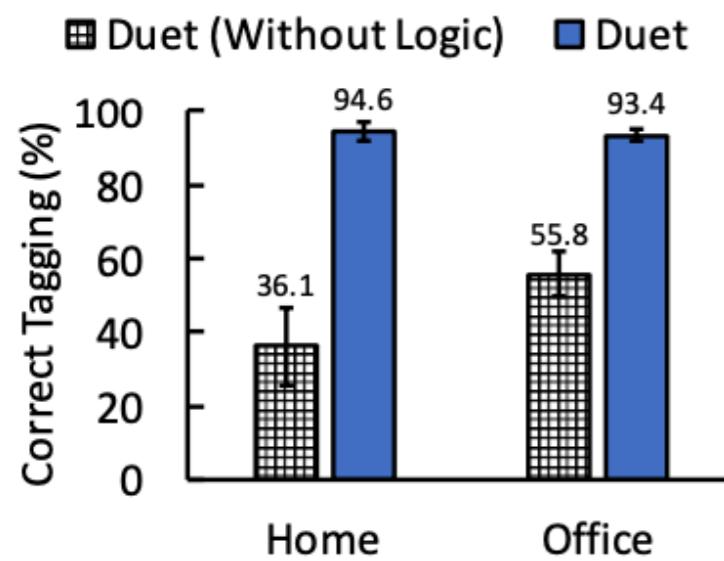


Fig. 8. Tagging Accuracy: Duet's reasoning framework improves the accuracy of identifying people corresponding to tracklets.

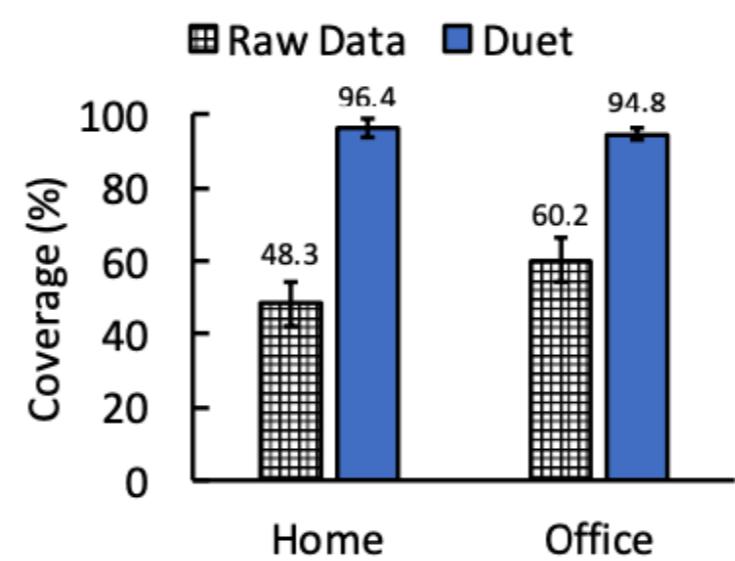


Fig. 9. Coverage: Duet expands the coverage of the underlying device-free system in both home and office deployments.

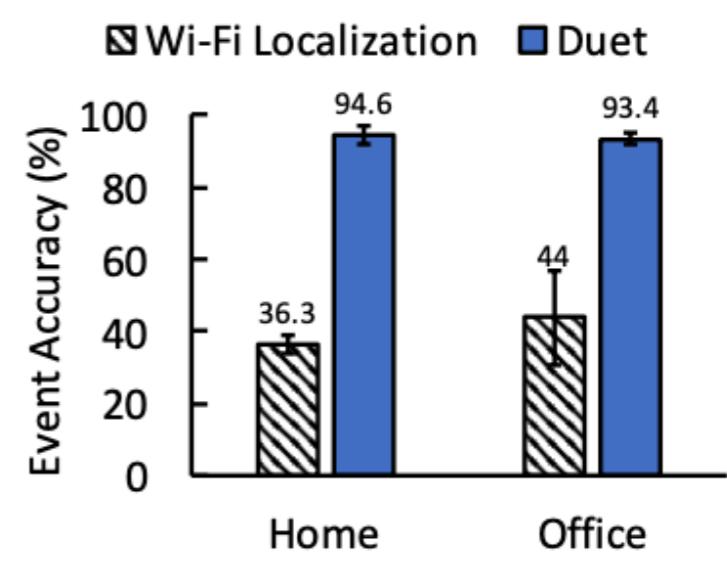


Fig. 10. Event Accuracy: The figure plots the accuracy of detecting entry and exit events.

**Trajectory tracking
& matching**

**Completely blocked
Stay stationary**

**Entry-exit detection
(5 seconds waiting time)**



Conclusion

