

# CSE610 Special Topics on Mobile Network & Mobile Sensing

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Lec04 Wireless Sensing



# Mobile Sensing

Leveraging the mobile devices to sense the physical world



Wi-Fi signal



5G signal



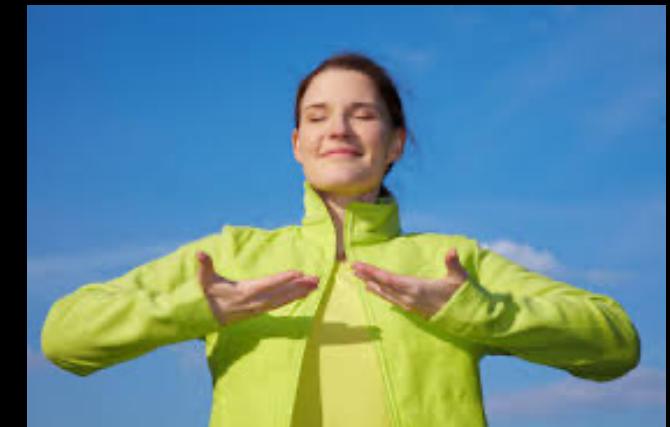
Acoustic signal



Localization

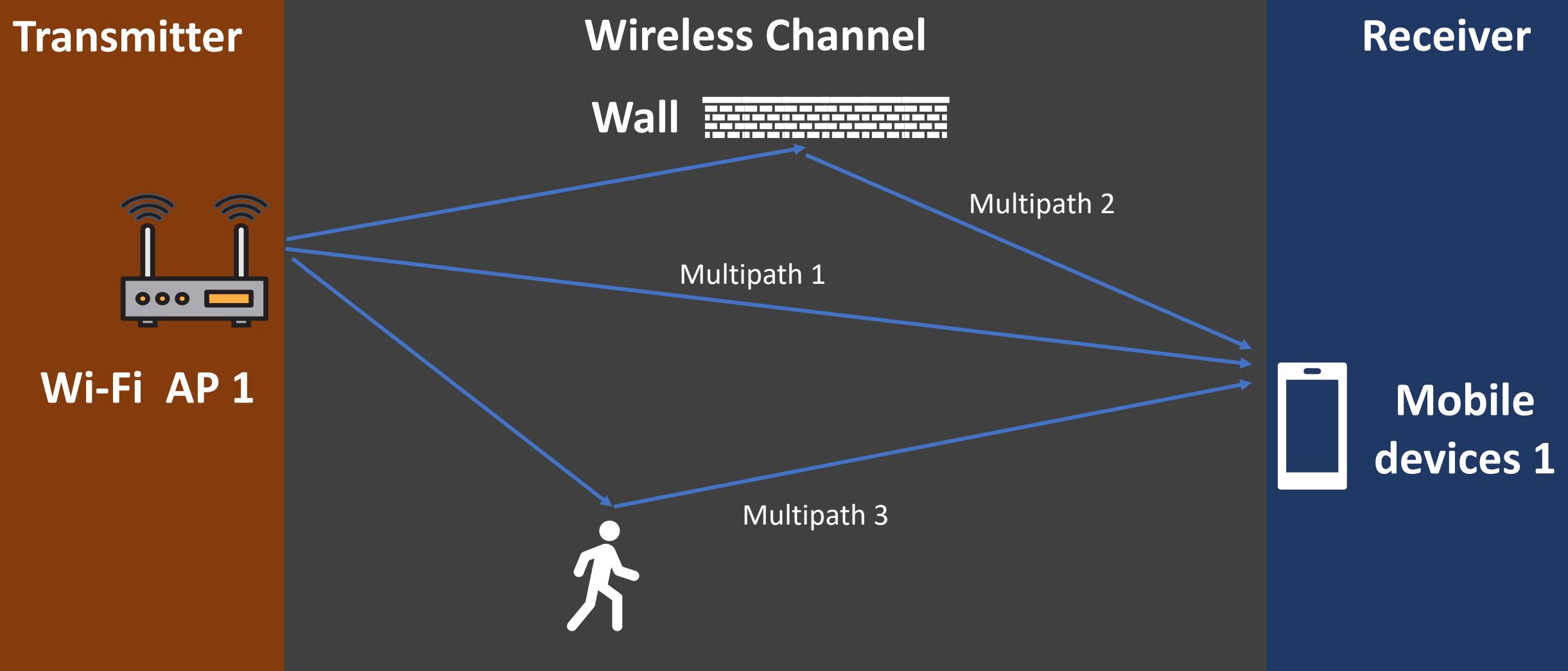


Gesture recognition

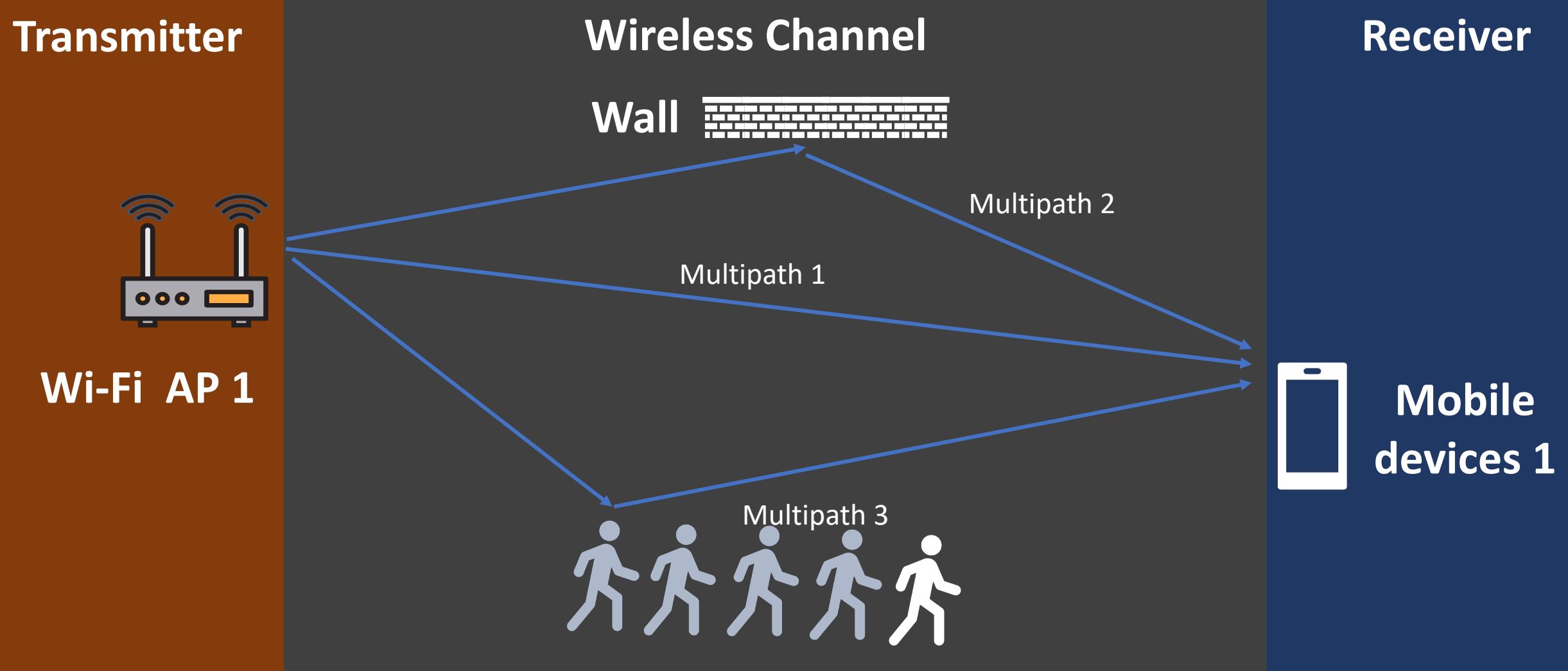


Vital signal: respiration

# Wireless channel



# Wireless channel



# Sensing Human Respiration

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Respiration rate is one vital sign that can provide the insight of one's **general state of health** and can be a **valuable indicator** of one's underlying medical conditions.

# Sensing Human Respiration

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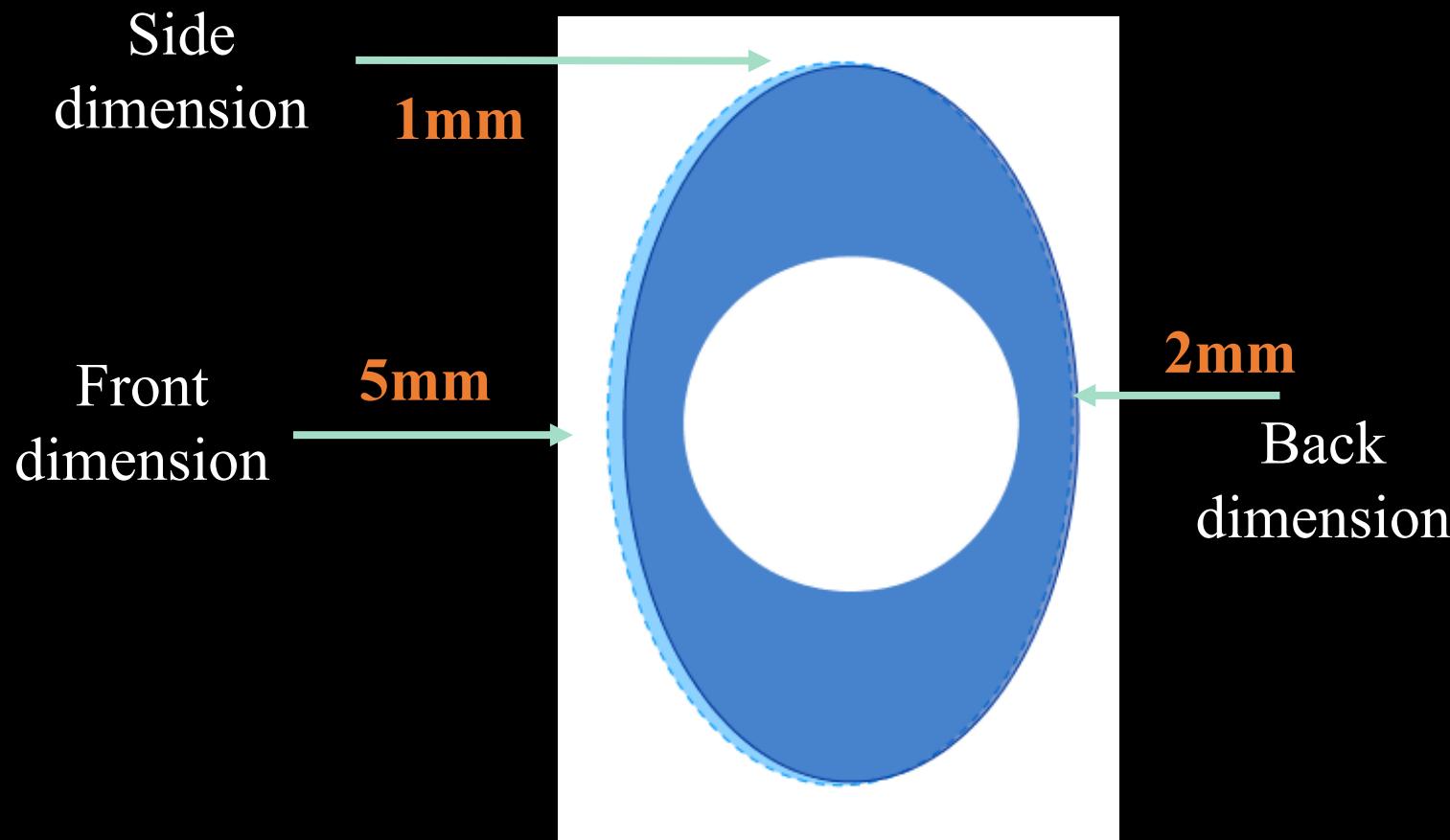
# Sensing Human Respiration



- **Pros:** Very accurate
- **Cons:** Expensive  
Intrusive  
Not convenient for long-term monitoring

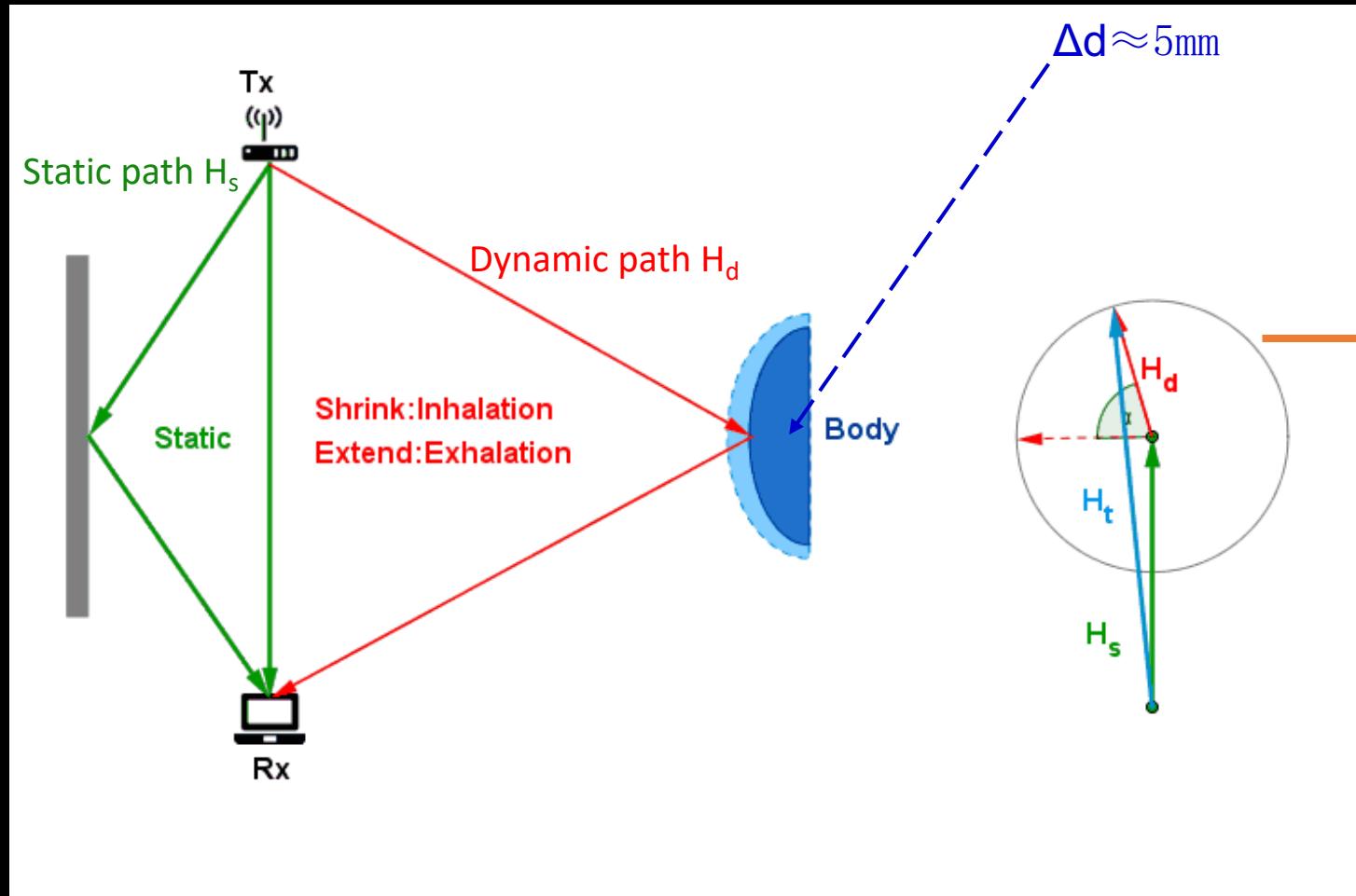
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**Human body is modeled as a cylinder with varying sizes**



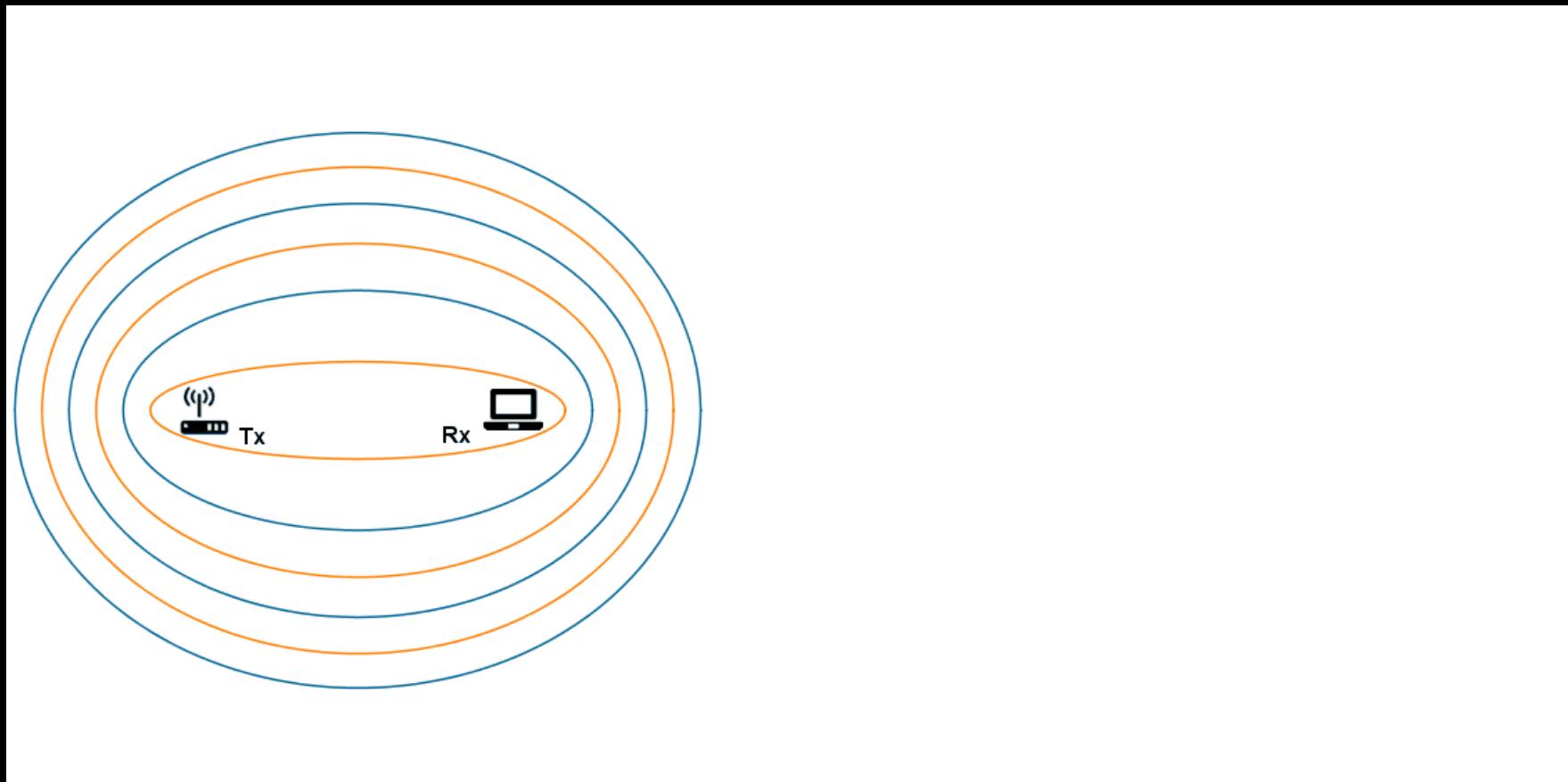
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Path length change  $\approx 1\text{cm} < 5.7\text{cm}$  (wavelength)



# Sensing Human Respiration

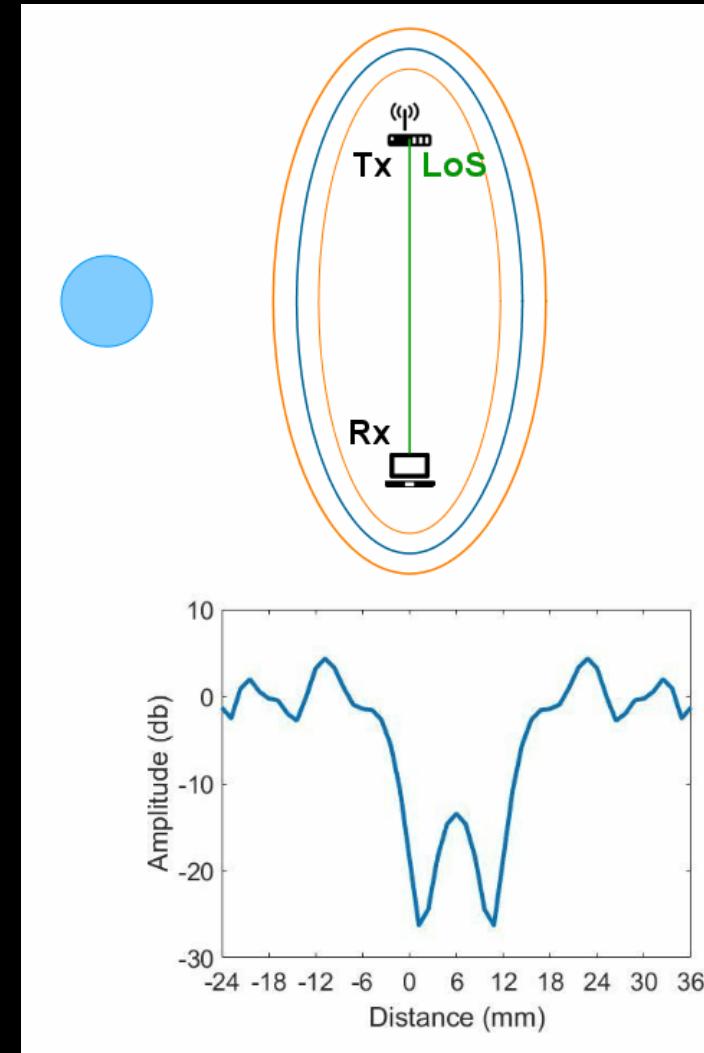
## Fresnel zones



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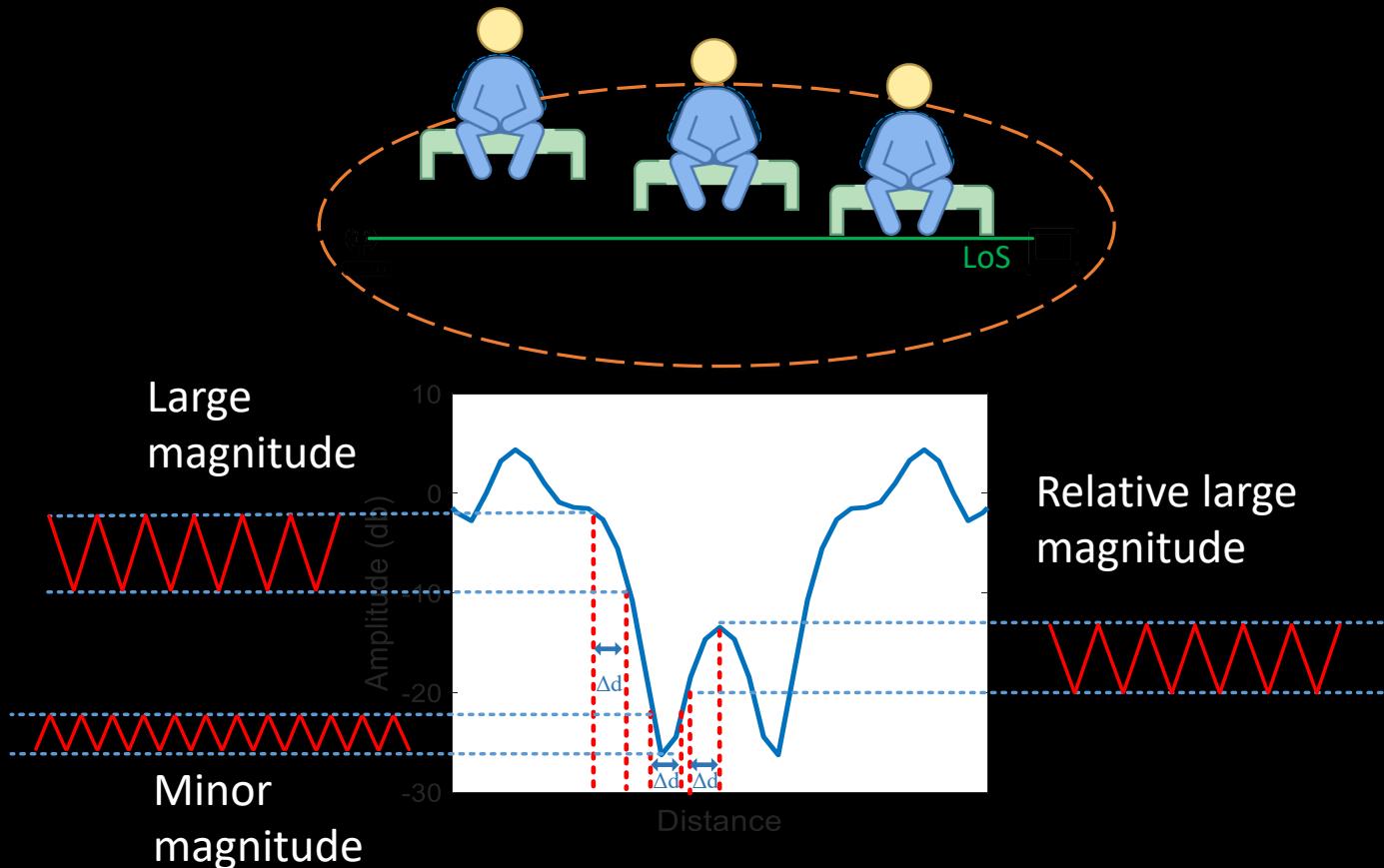
A circular cylinder moves across the first Fresnel zone

The signal strength varies with the location of the reflector

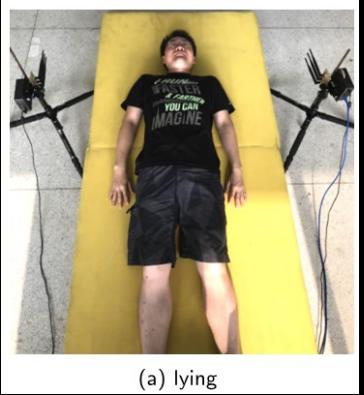


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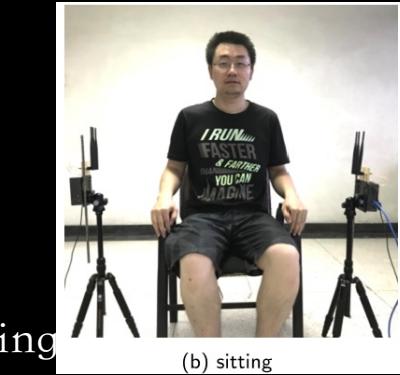
The location of the reflector (the human) determines the performance of the sensing system!



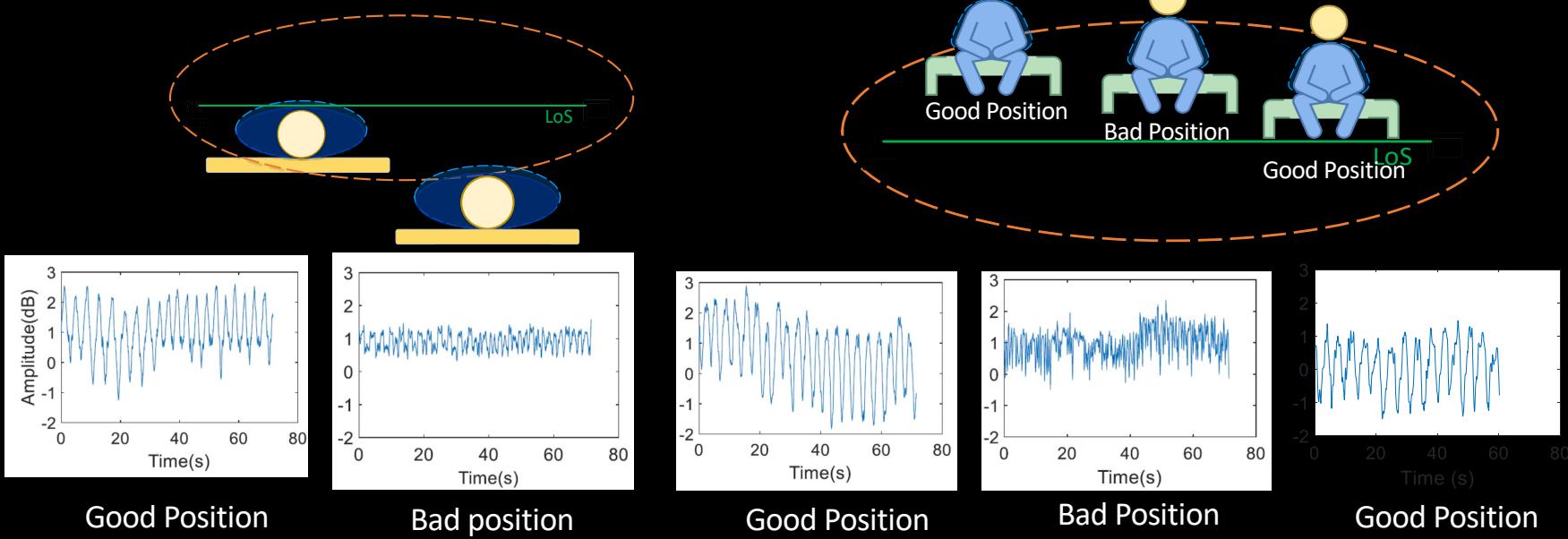
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Lying

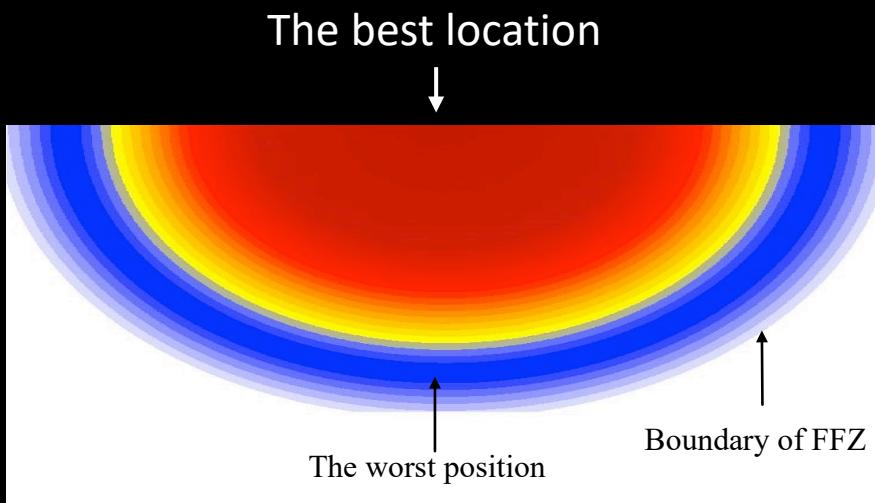


Sitting

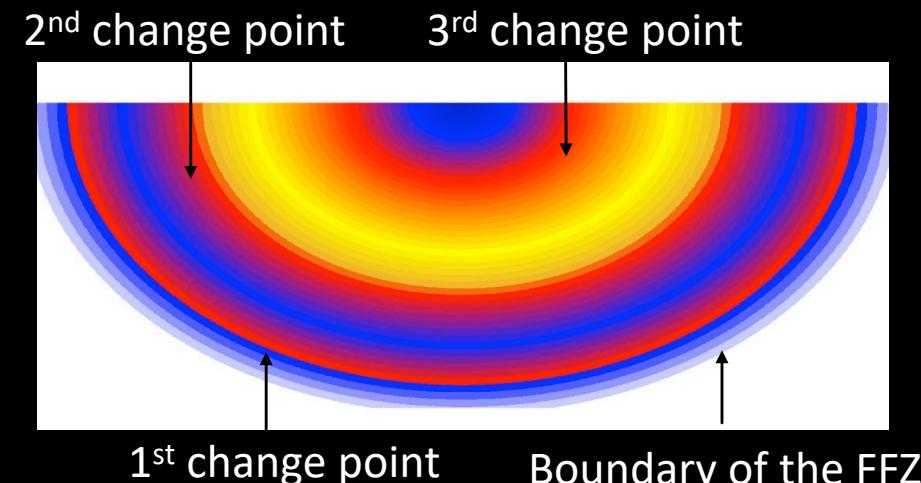


# Sensing Human Respiration

- Lying: the positions on the boundary of FFZ are bad positions, whereas **most inner positions** are good positions
- Sitting: alternating good and bad positions in FFZ



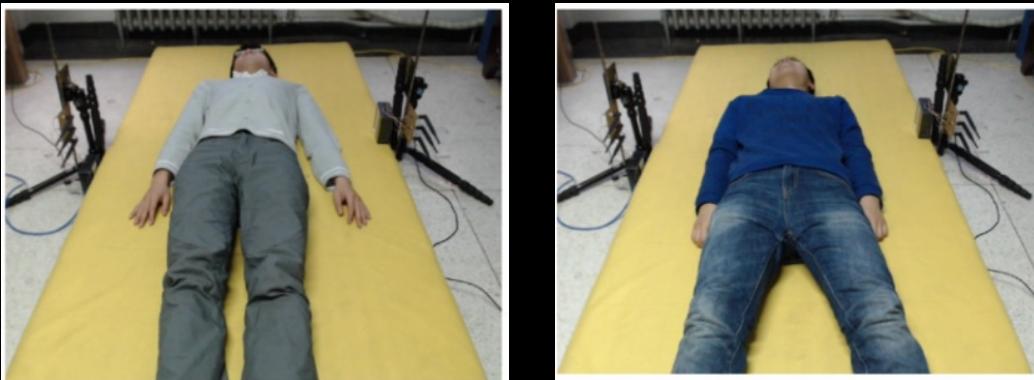
Lying



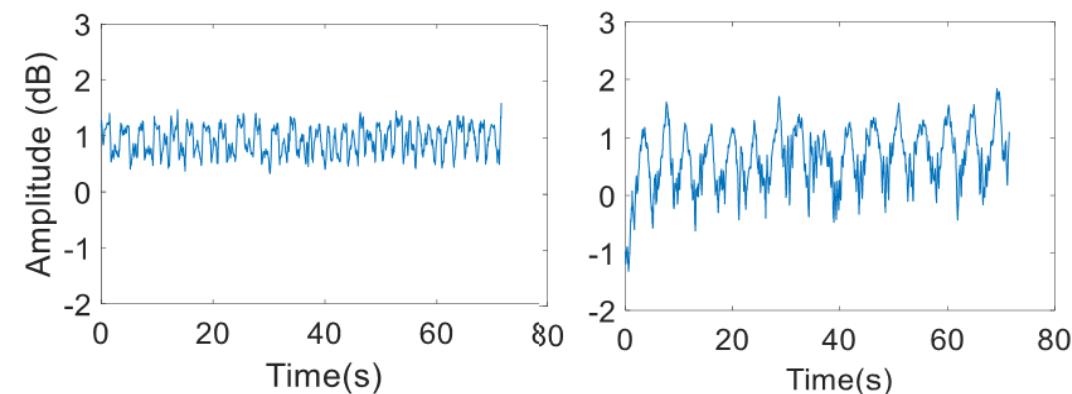
Sitting

# Sensing Human Respiration

A same location can be bad for person A but good for person B.



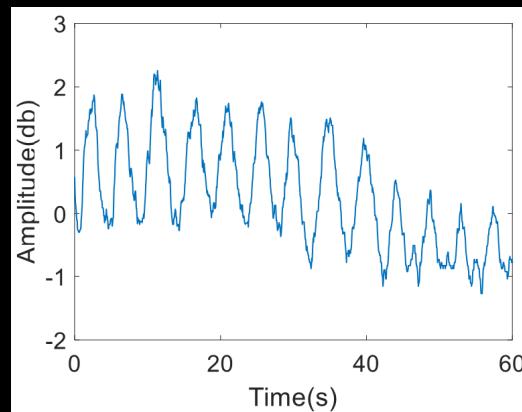
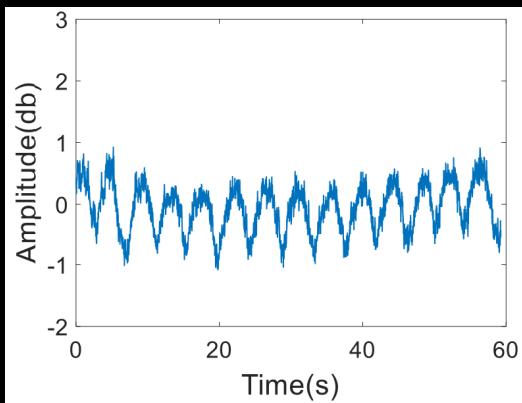
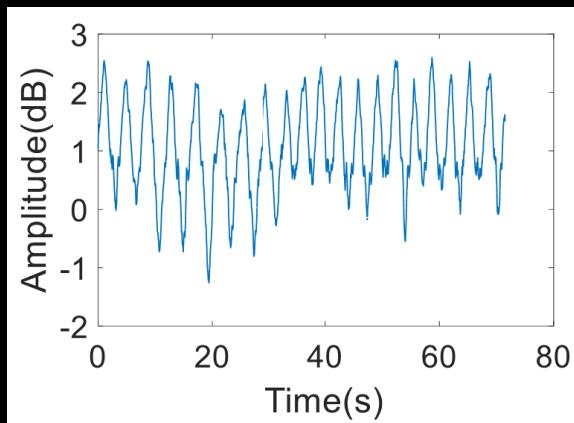
Body thickness  
person B=20cm



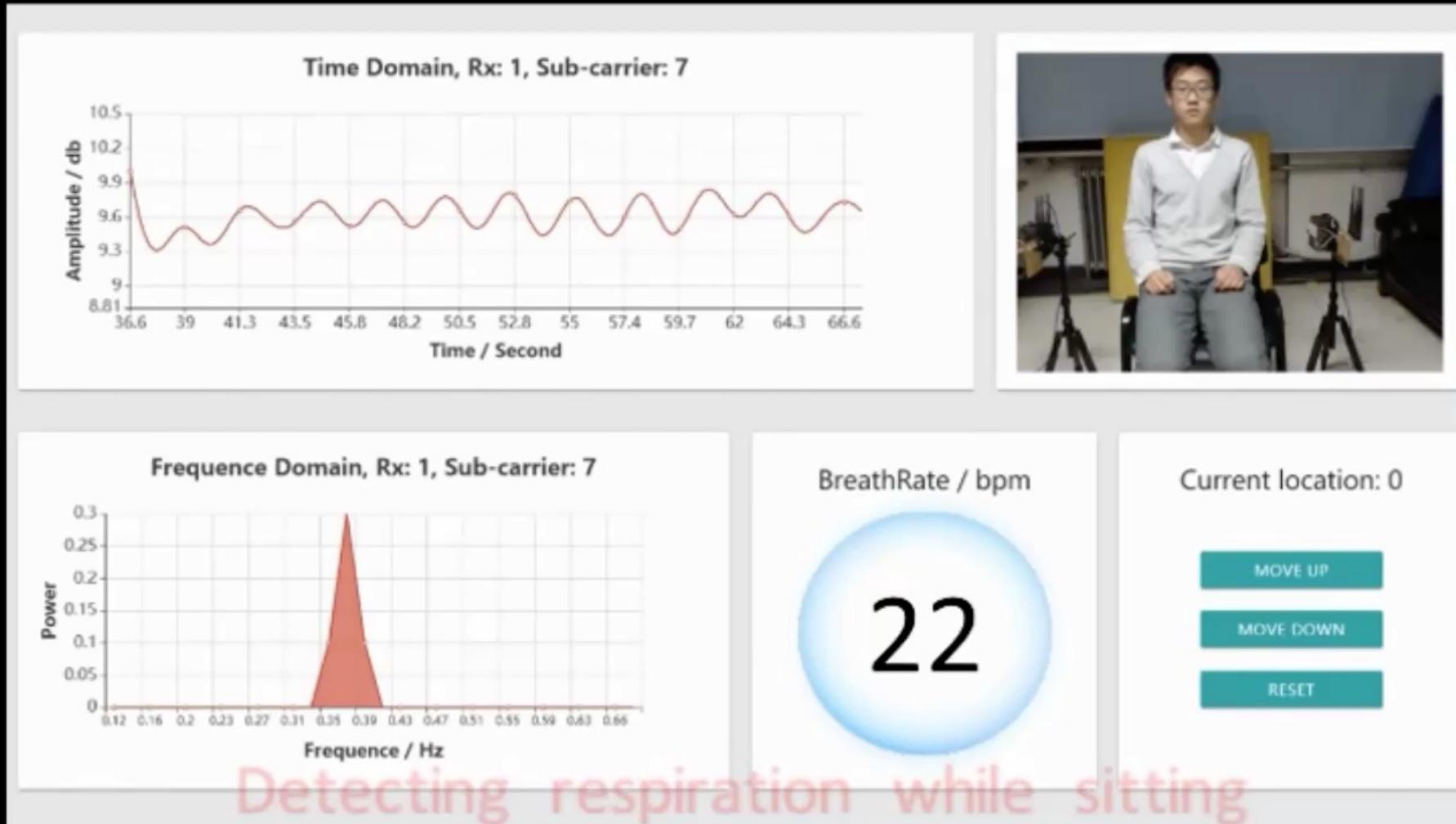
Body thickness  
person B=25cm

# Sensing Human Respiration

At a good position, **different lying postures** also affect the performance.



# Demo- the first-generation Wi-Fi base respiration sensing system



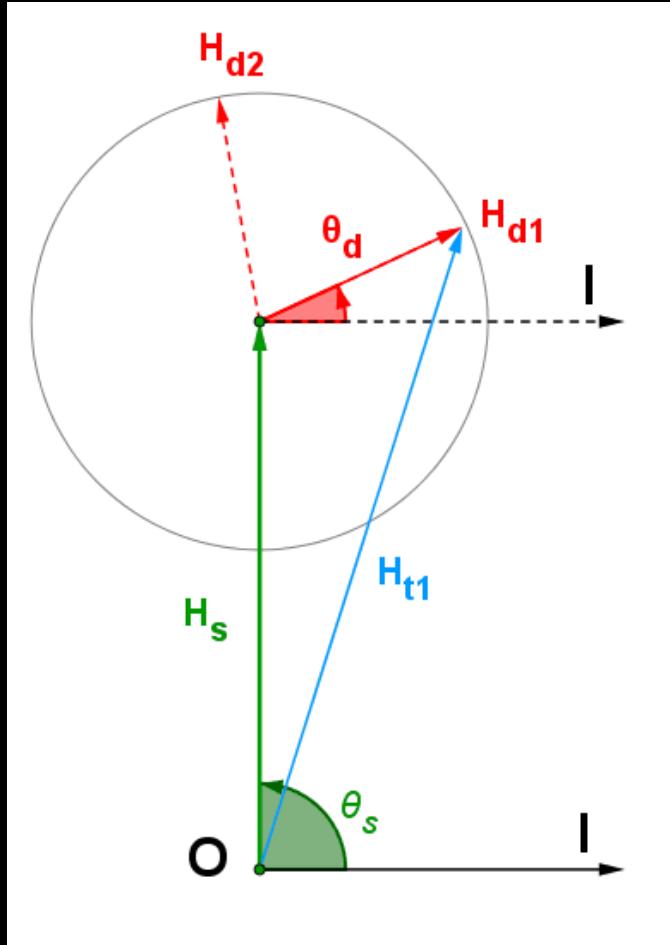
# Demo- the second-generation Wi-Fi base respiration sensing system

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FarSense: Extending the Range of WiFi-based Respiration Sensing with CSI Quotient

Can we improve the sensing performance?  
We still have bad locations!

# Quantifying the sensing performance



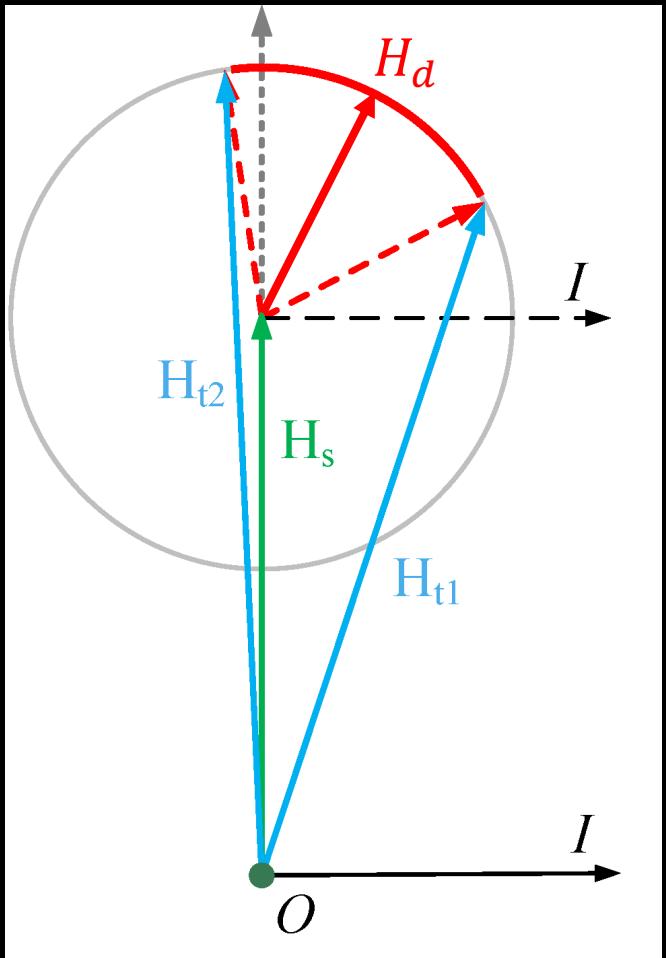
The amplitude difference

$$\Delta|H| = |H_{t2}| - |H_{t1}|$$

The amplitude of  
 $H_{t2}$

The amplitude of  
 $H_{t1}$

# First Factor: Distance

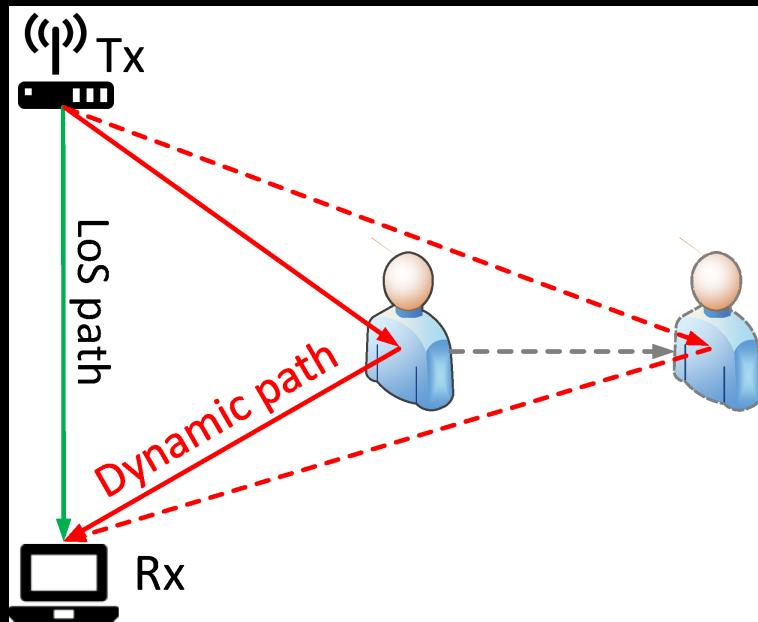


## Sensing Performance

$$\Delta|H| \propto |H_d| \sin \frac{\Delta\theta_d}{2} \sin \Delta\theta_{sd}$$

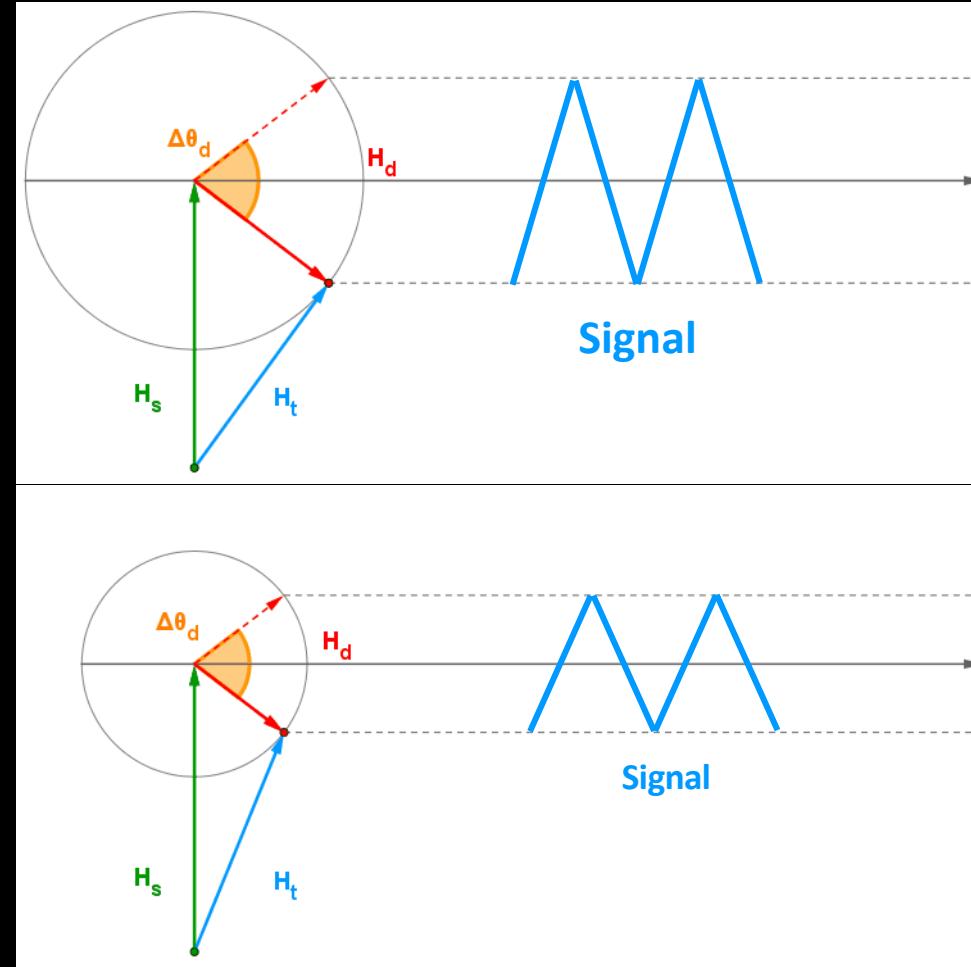
Distance between  
human and  
transceivers

# First Factor: Distance

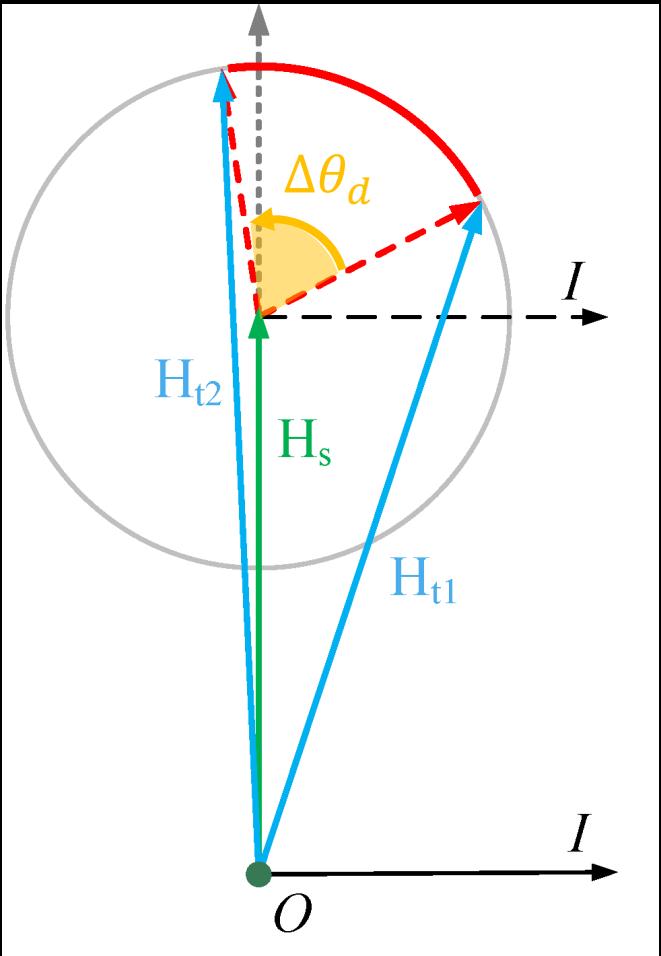


Near

Far



# First Factor: Displacement



## Sensing Performance

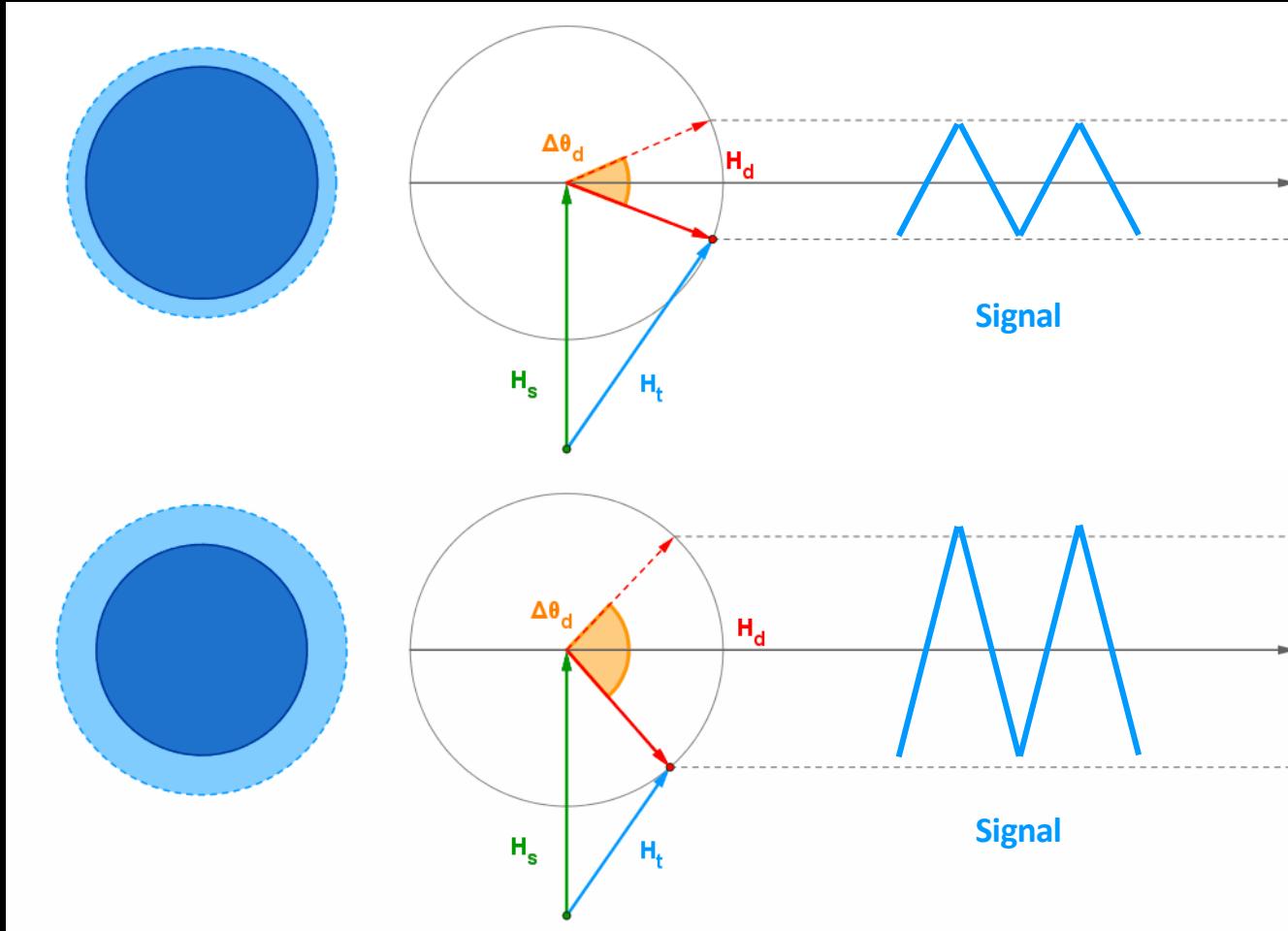
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Displacement of  
fine-grained activity

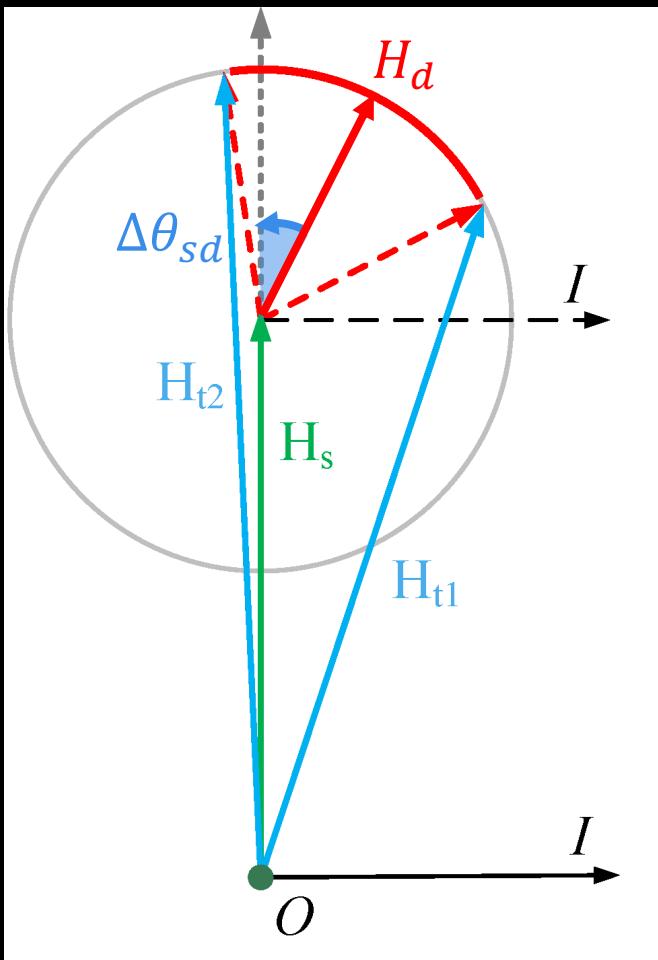
# First Factor: Displacement

Small  
displacement

Large  
displacement

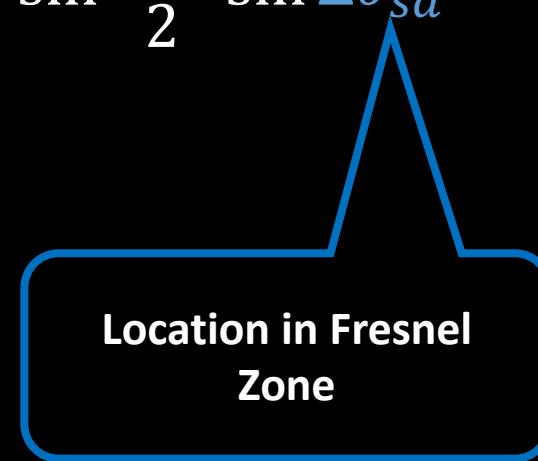


# First Factor: Location

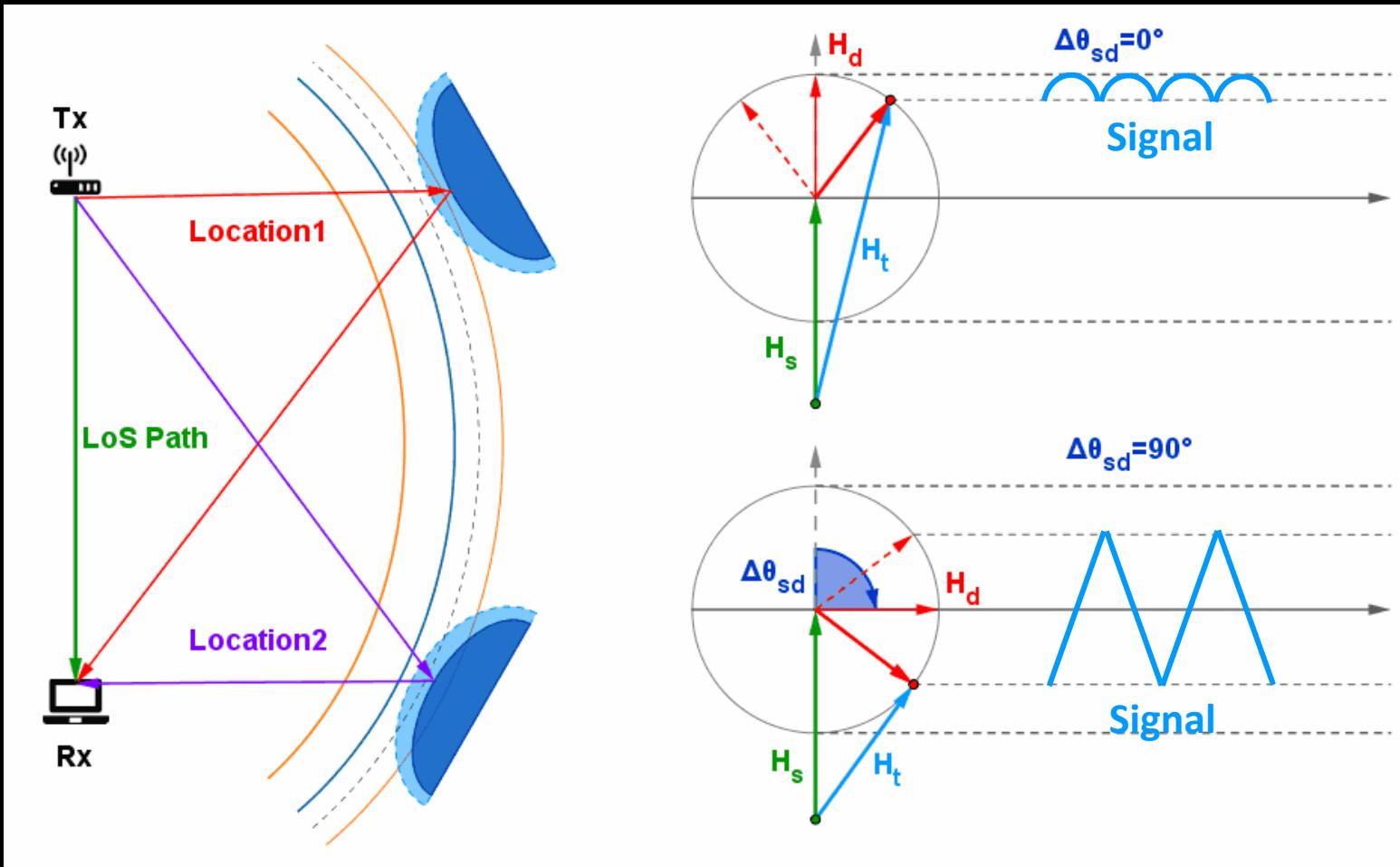


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# First Factor: Location



# The factors that affects the sensing performance

## Sensing Performance

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Distance between  
human and

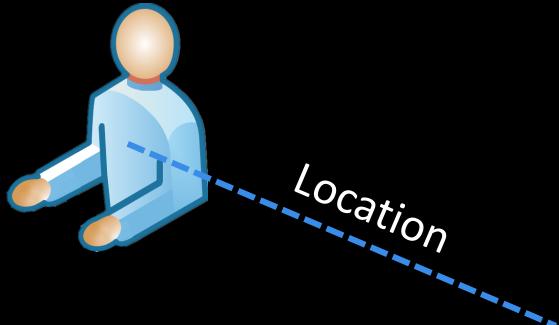
Displacement of  
fine grained activity

Location in  
Fresnel Zone

How can we improve the performance if the user  
is at a bad location?

# How to improve the performance

Ask the human to change his location

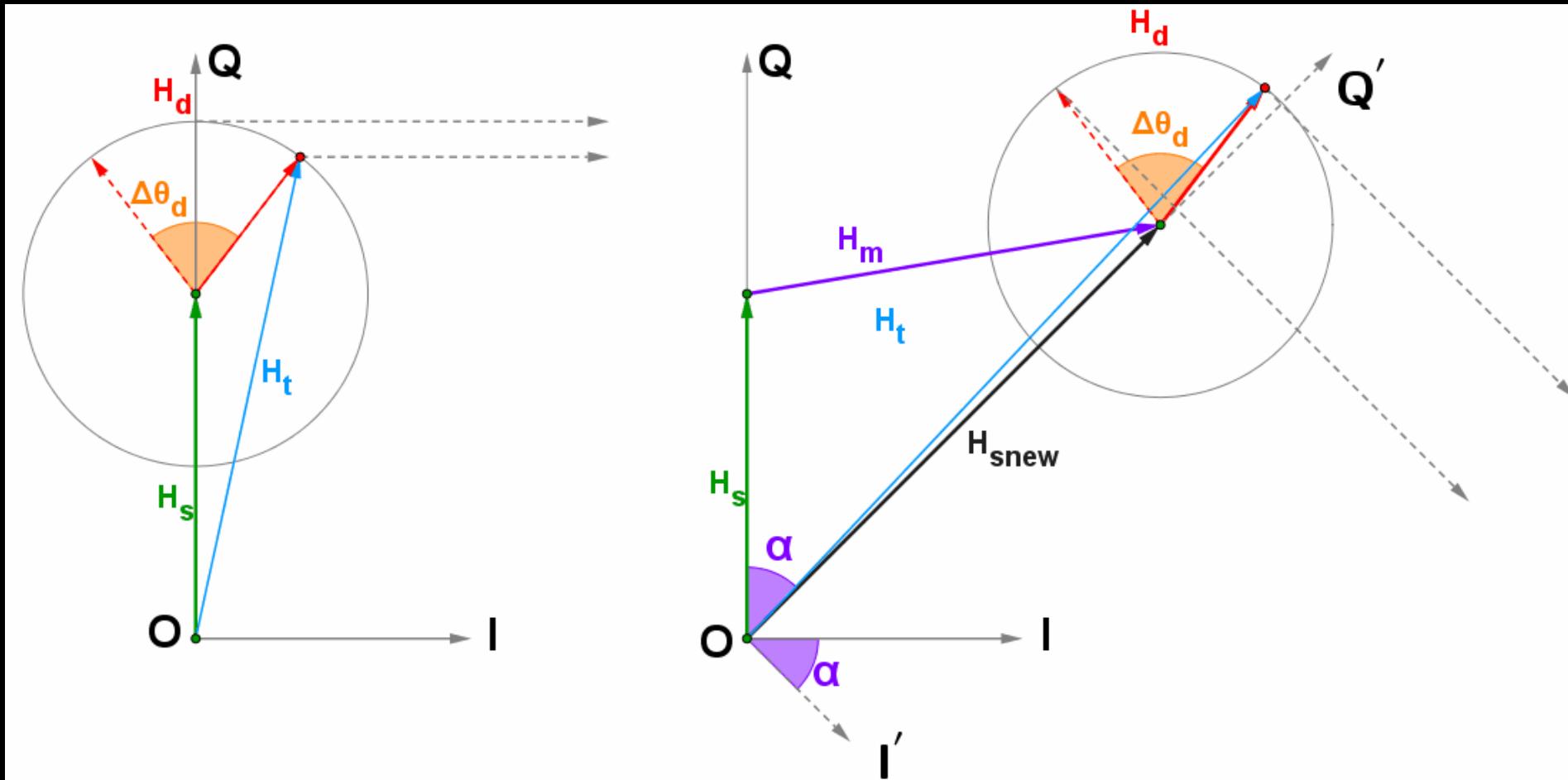


## Disadvantages:

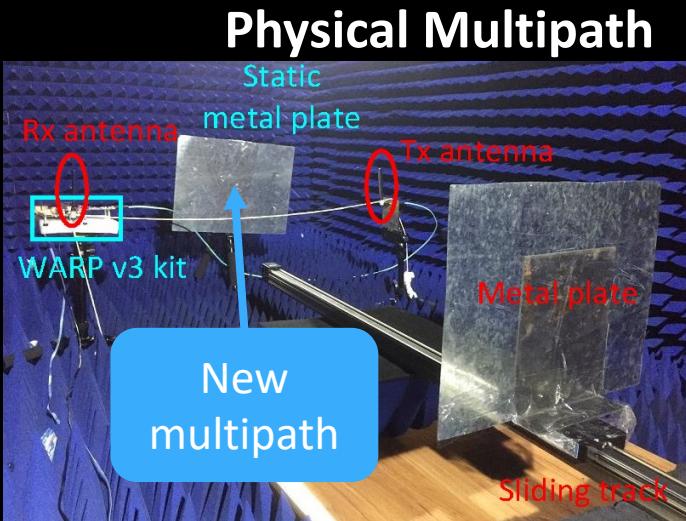
1. Intrusive
2. Difficult to change the location by a precise small amount say 5cm



# Improving the performance by adding multipath



# How to add a multipath?



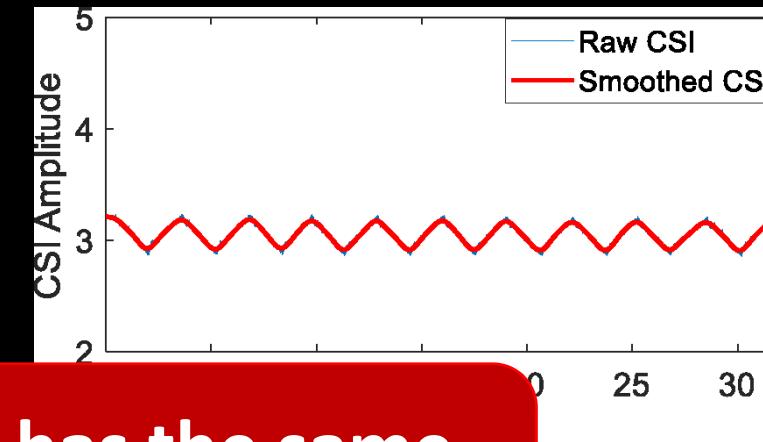
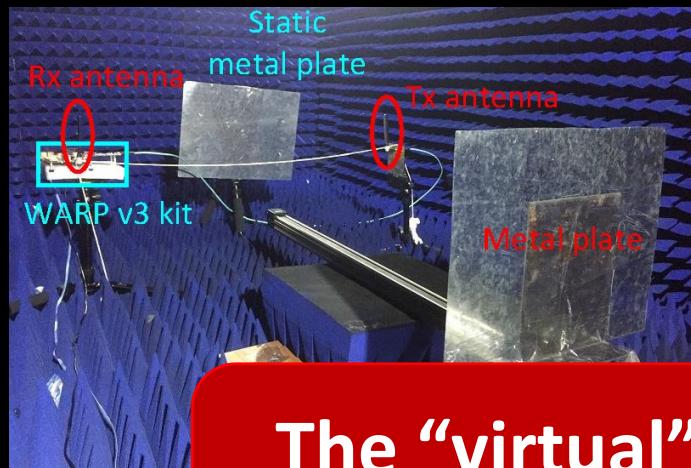
## “Virtual” Multipath

$$S_0 = (H_{t1}, H_{t2}, \dots, H_{tN})$$

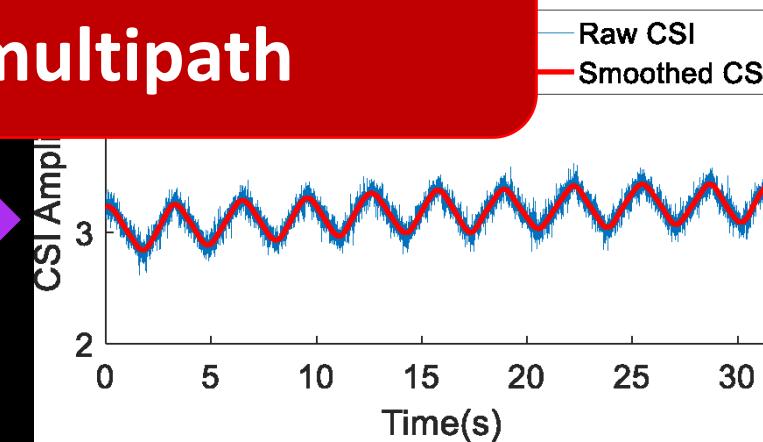
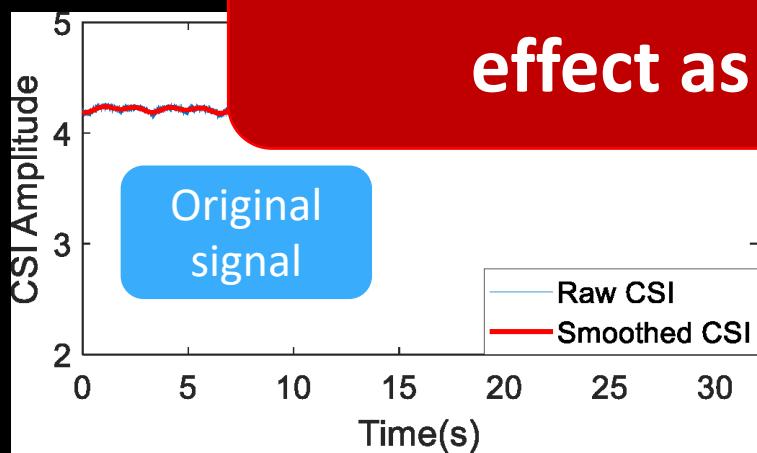
$$H_m = |H_m|e^{-i\theta_m}$$

$$S_m = (H_{t1} + H_m, H_{t2} + H_m, \dots, H_{tN} + H_m)$$

# How to add a multipath?



The “virtual” multipath has the same effect as physical multipath



Virtual

Emotion sensing using radio!

# Does my advisor like my research?

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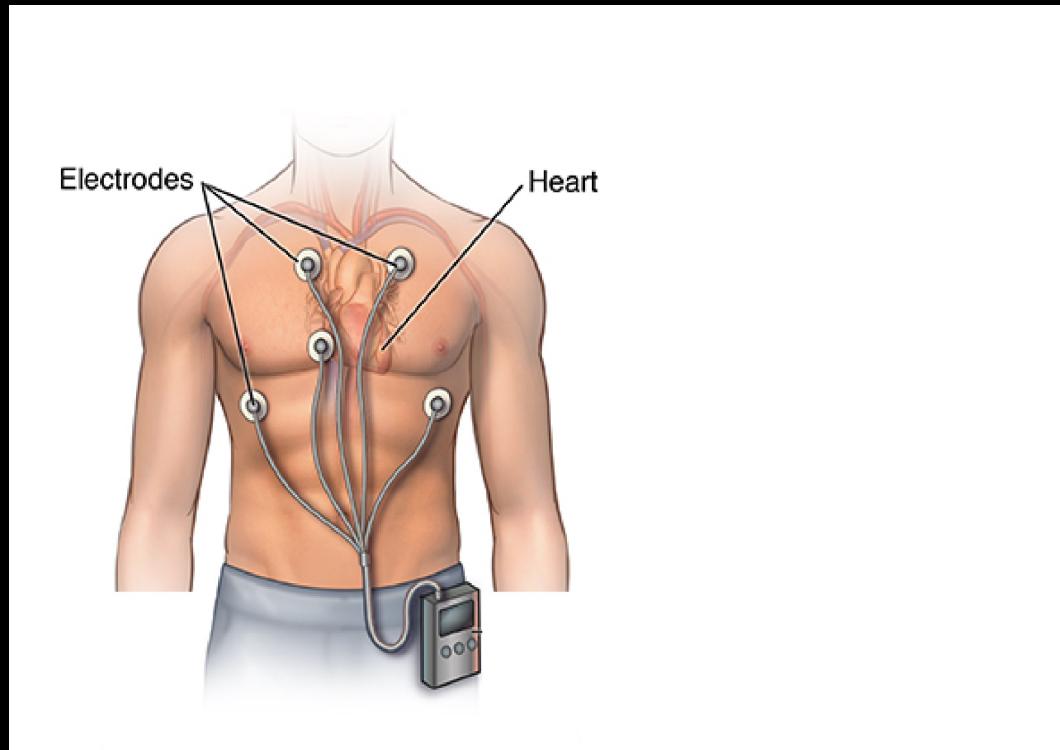


How can we tell people's emotions even if they don't show up on their faces?

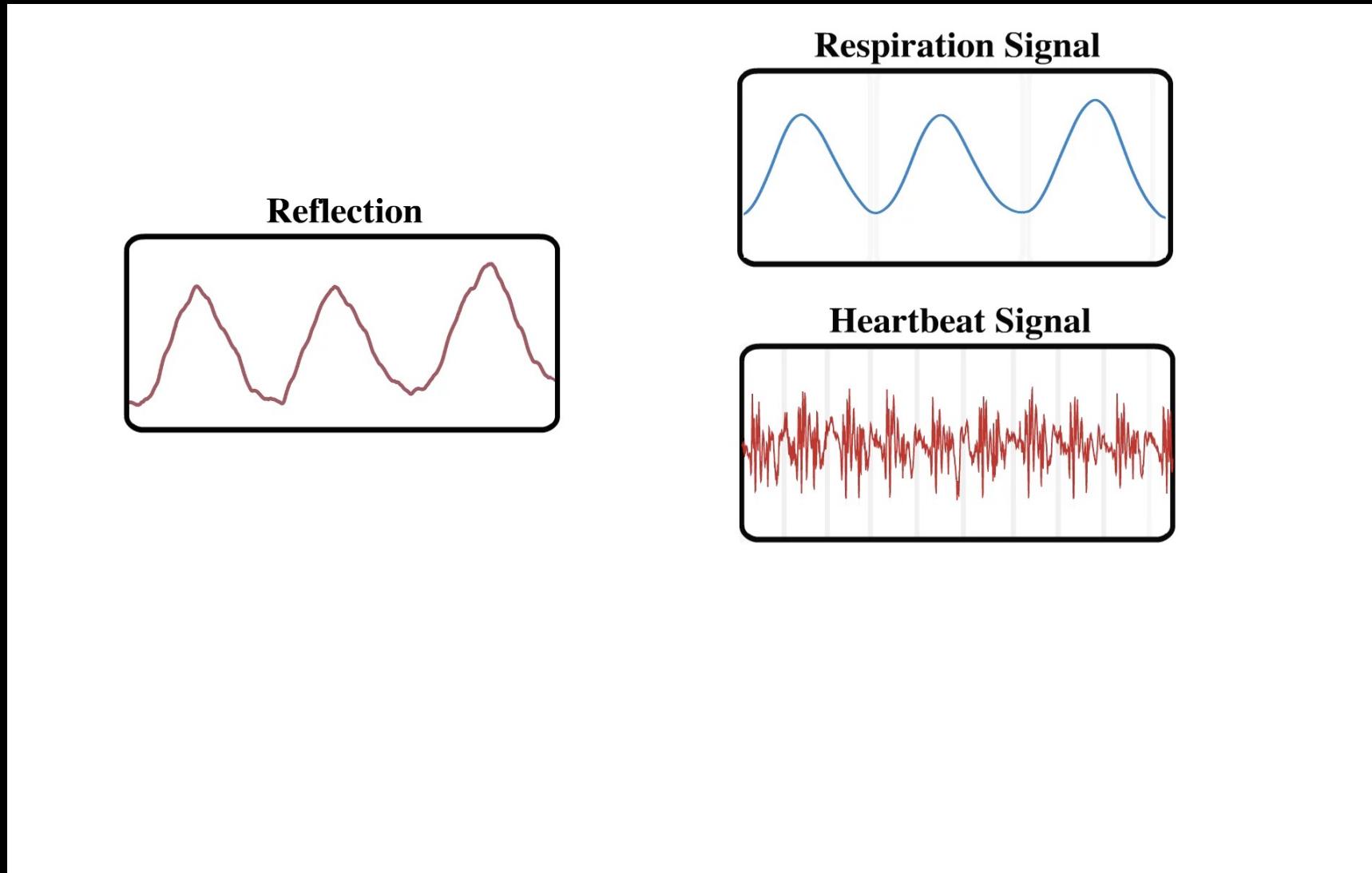


# Existing approaches measure vital signs

Use ECG to get very accurate heartbeats



# Key idea



# Heartbeat information is the key

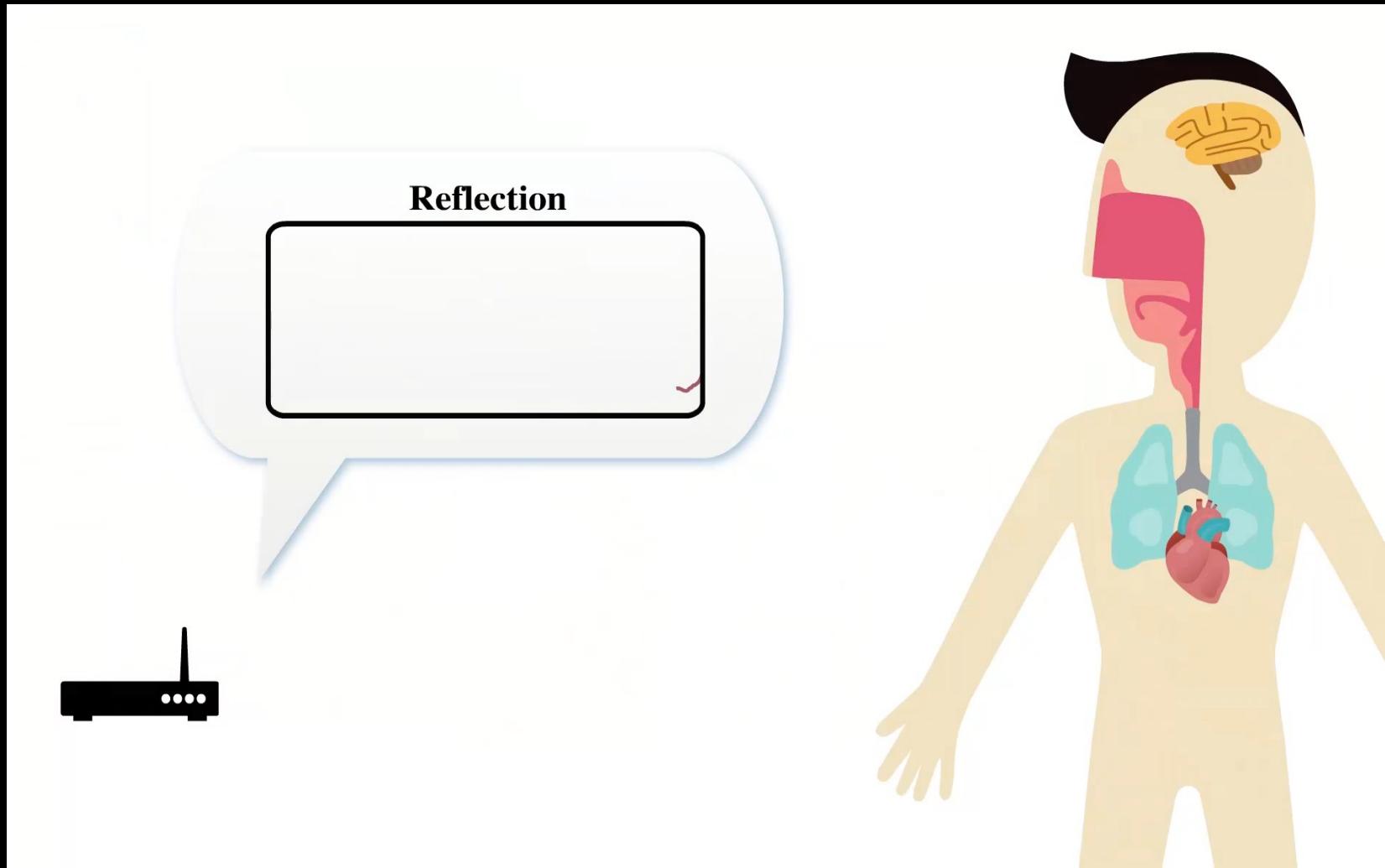
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- Emotion recognition needs accurate measurements of the length of every single heartbeat

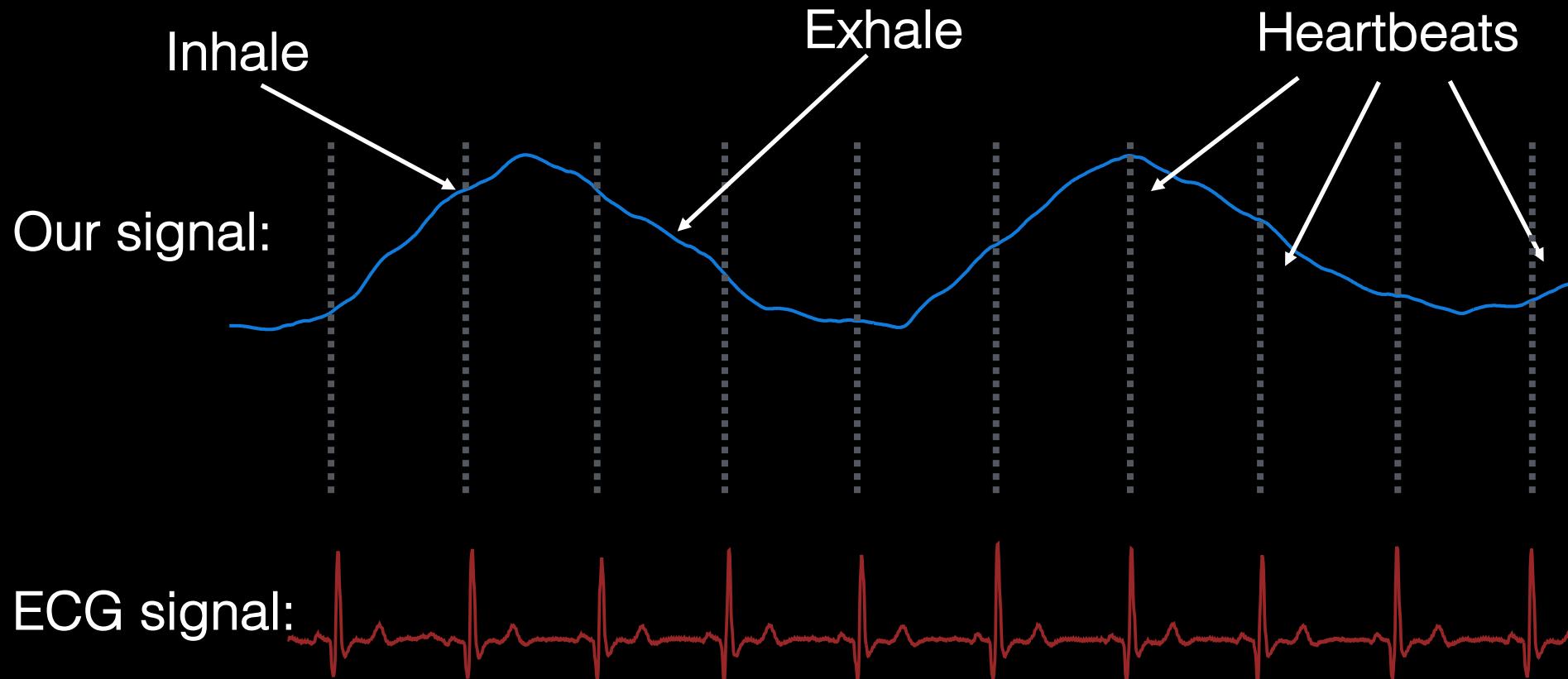


We need to extract IBI (Inter-beat-interval) with accuracy over 99%

Input: wireless signal reflected from human target



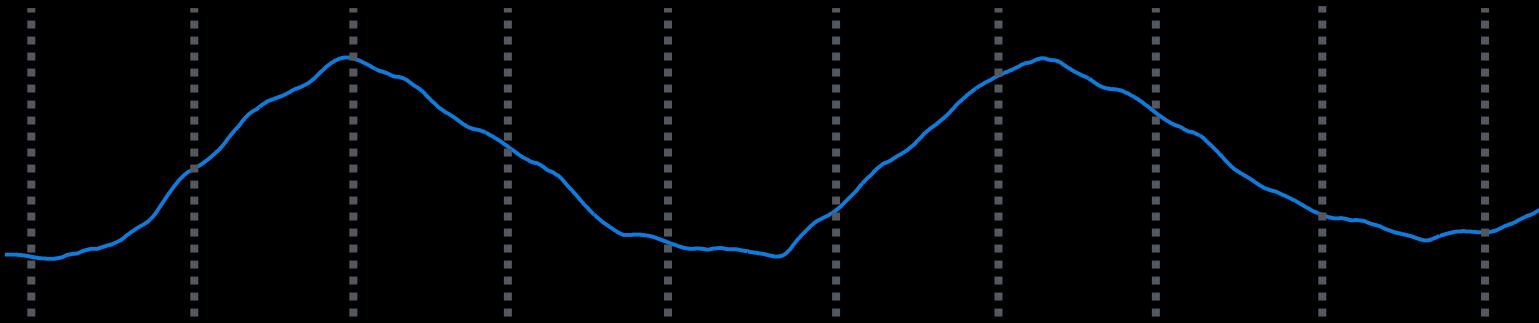
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How do we extract accurate IBI?

# Step 1: Remove breathing signal

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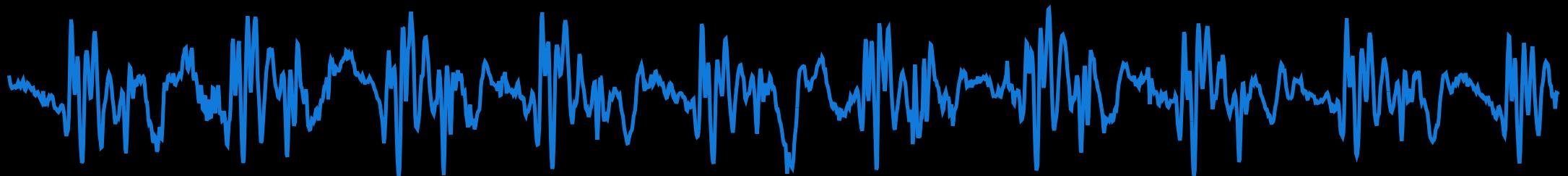


- Breathing masks heartbeats
- We use a filter
  - Heartbeat involves rapid contraction of muscle
  - Breathing is slow and steady

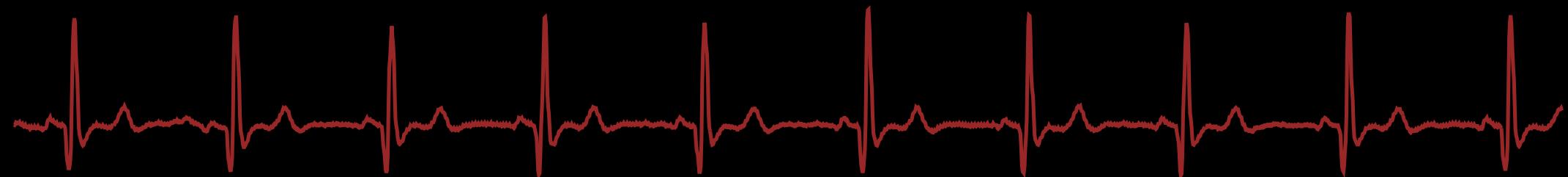
# Heartbeat signal

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- Output of acceleration filter



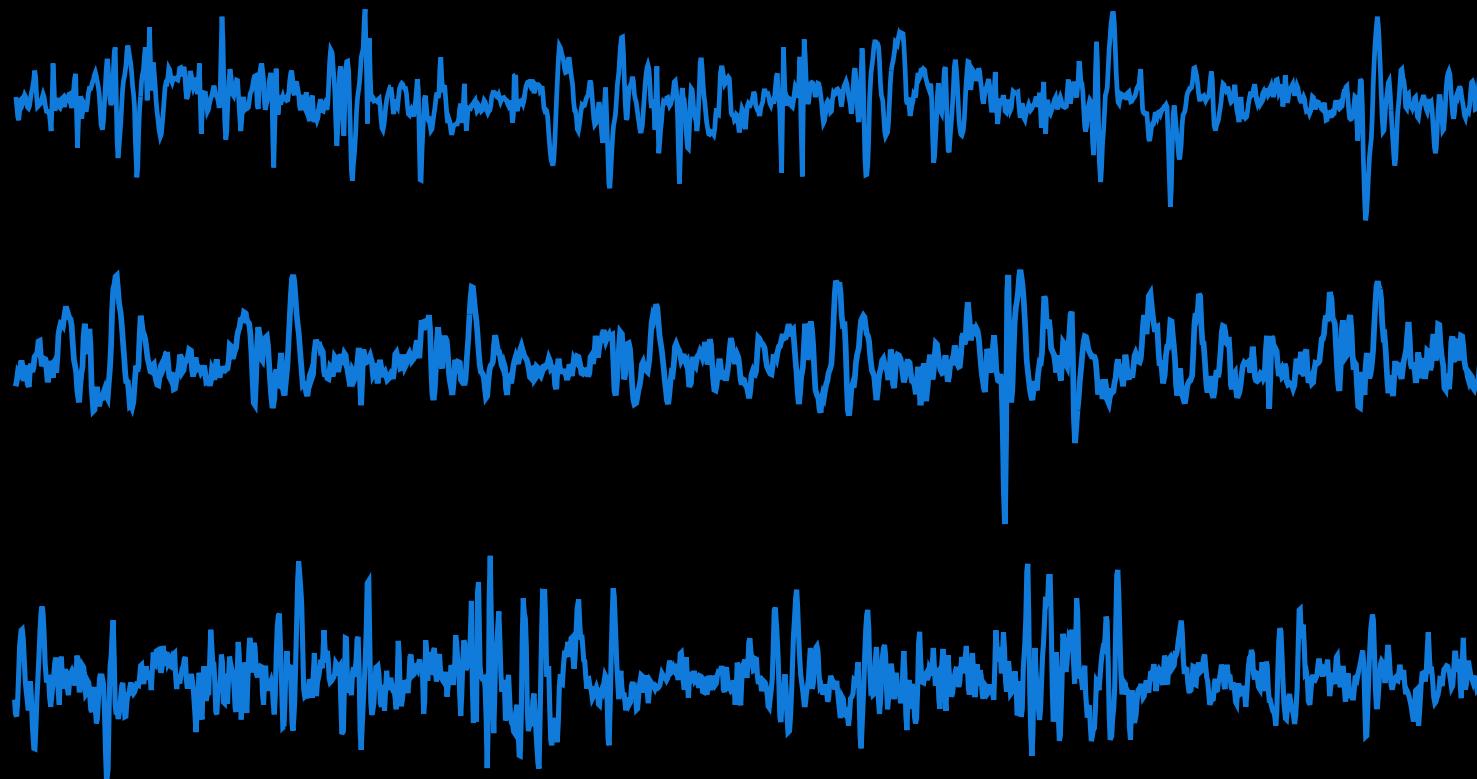
- ECG signal



# Heartbeat signal

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- Other typical examples:



# Step 2: Heartbeat segmentation

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- **Intuition:** heartbeat repeats with certain shape (template)
- If we can somehow discover the template, then we can segment into individual heartbeats

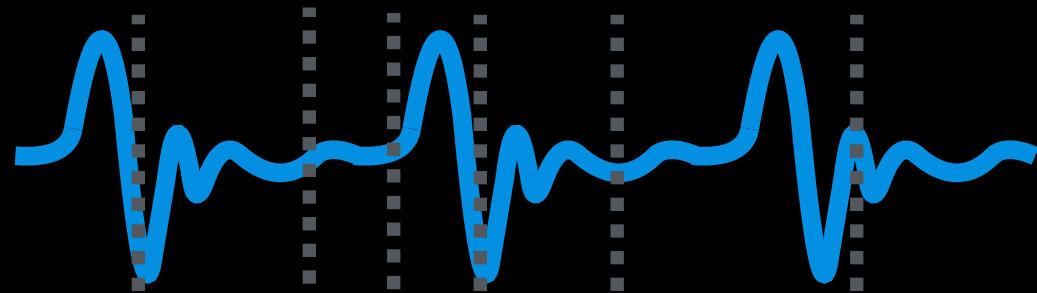
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Random template: 

**Segmentation Update**

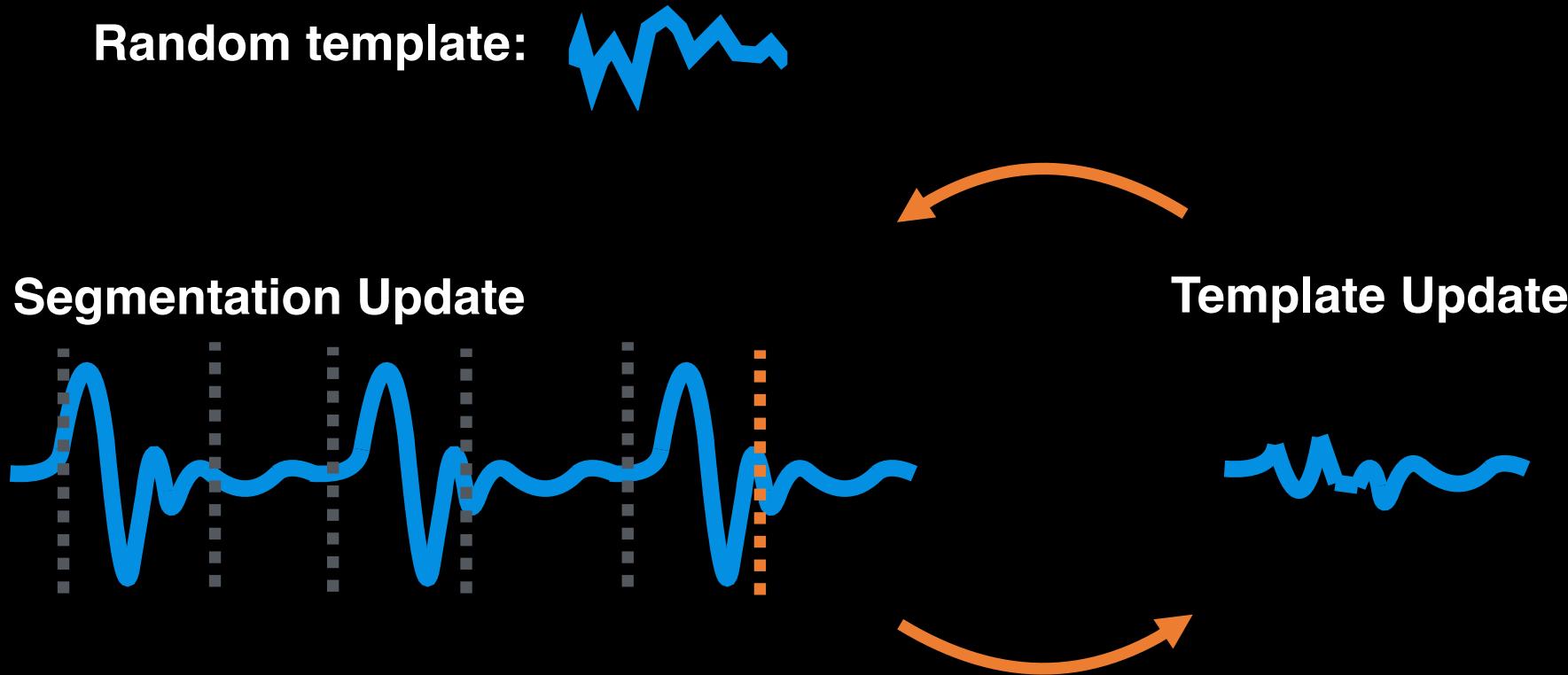


**Template Update**



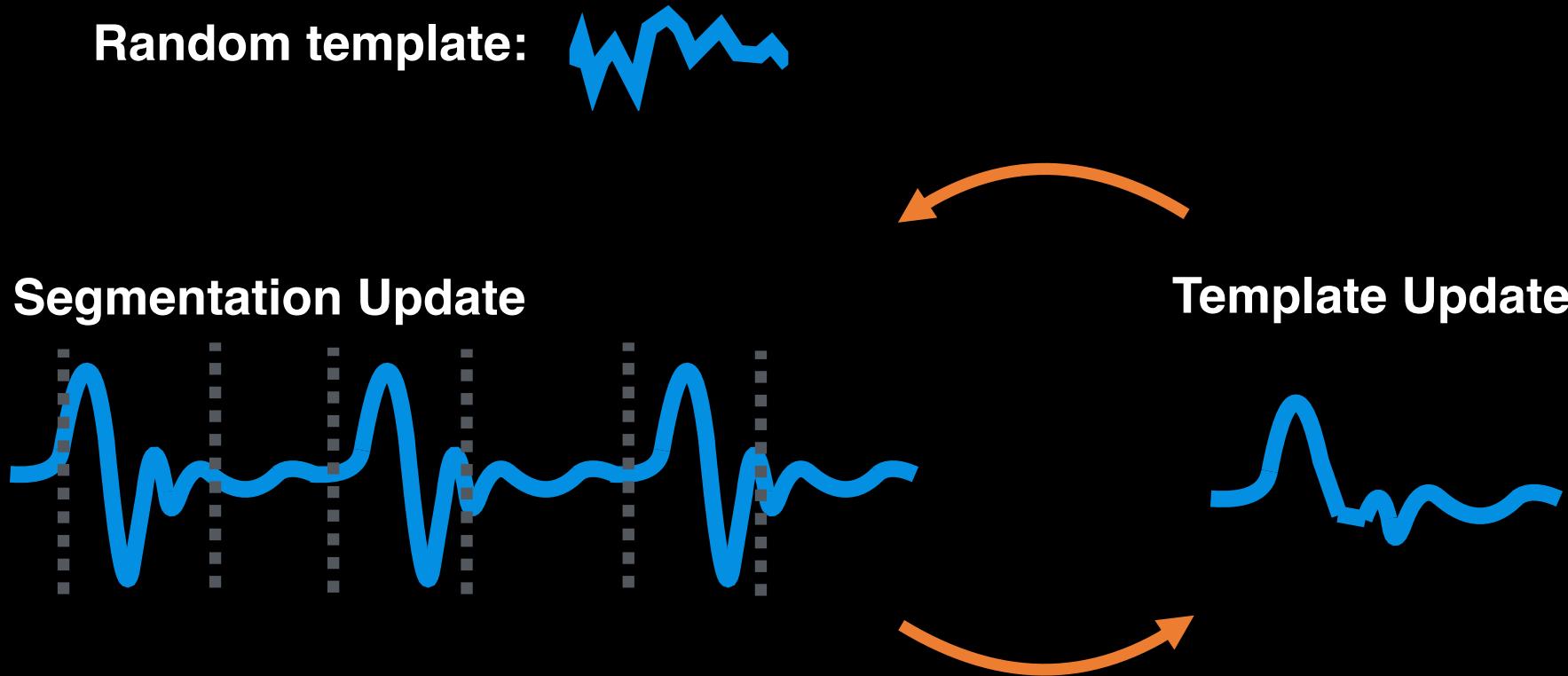
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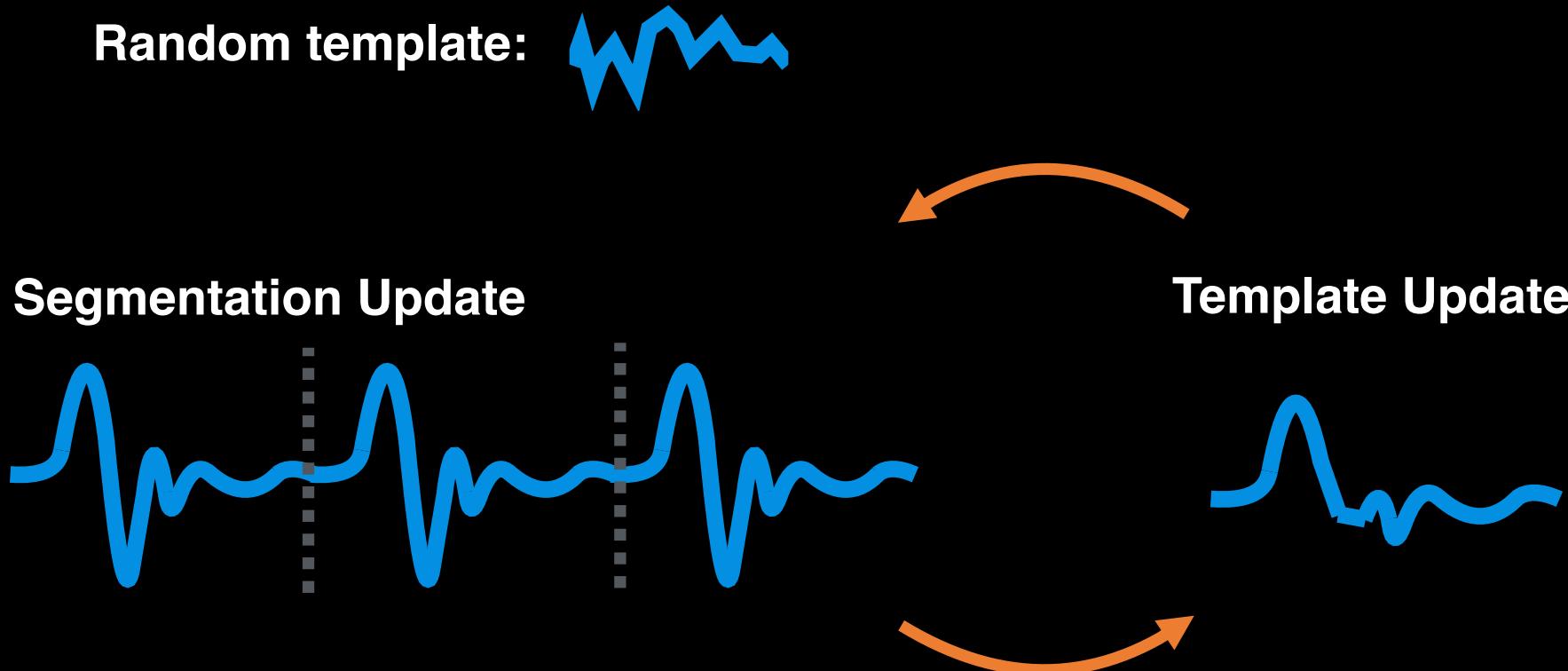
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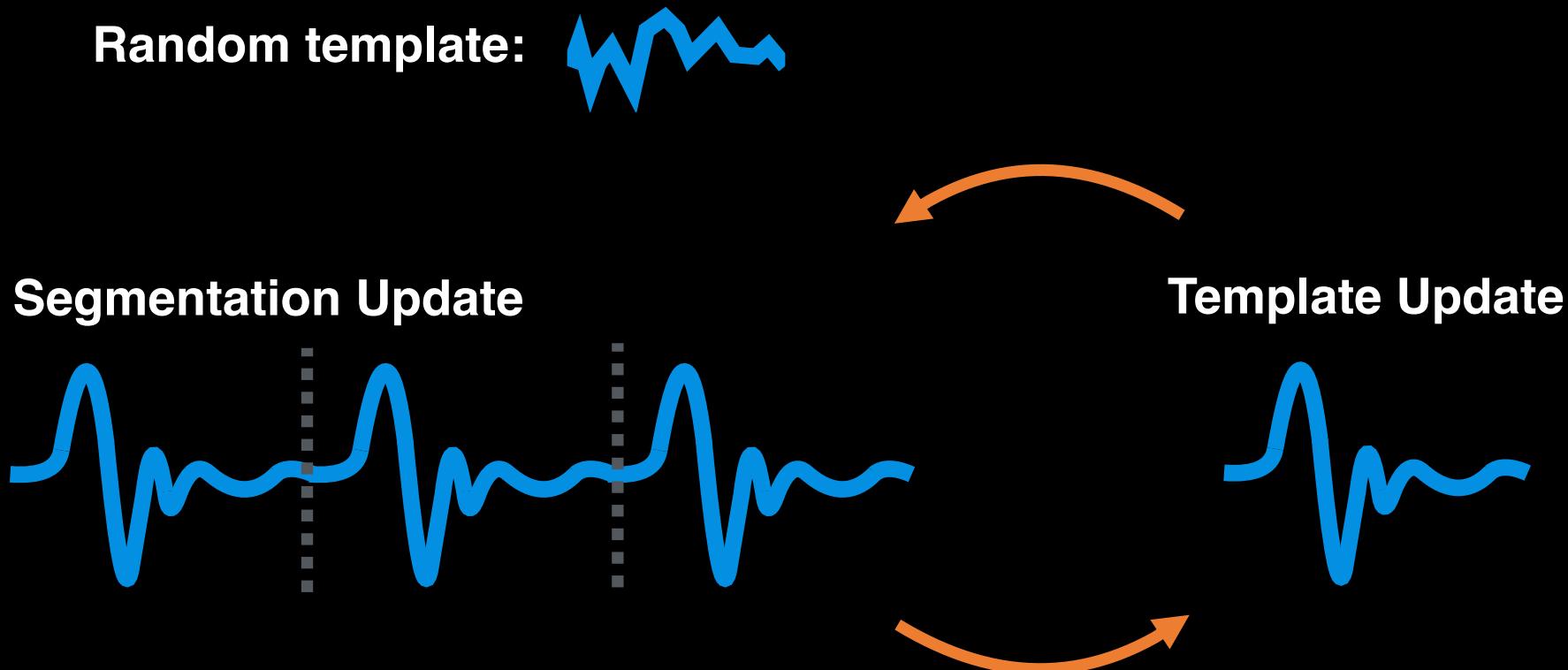
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From vital signs to emotions

# Physiological Features for Emotion Recognition

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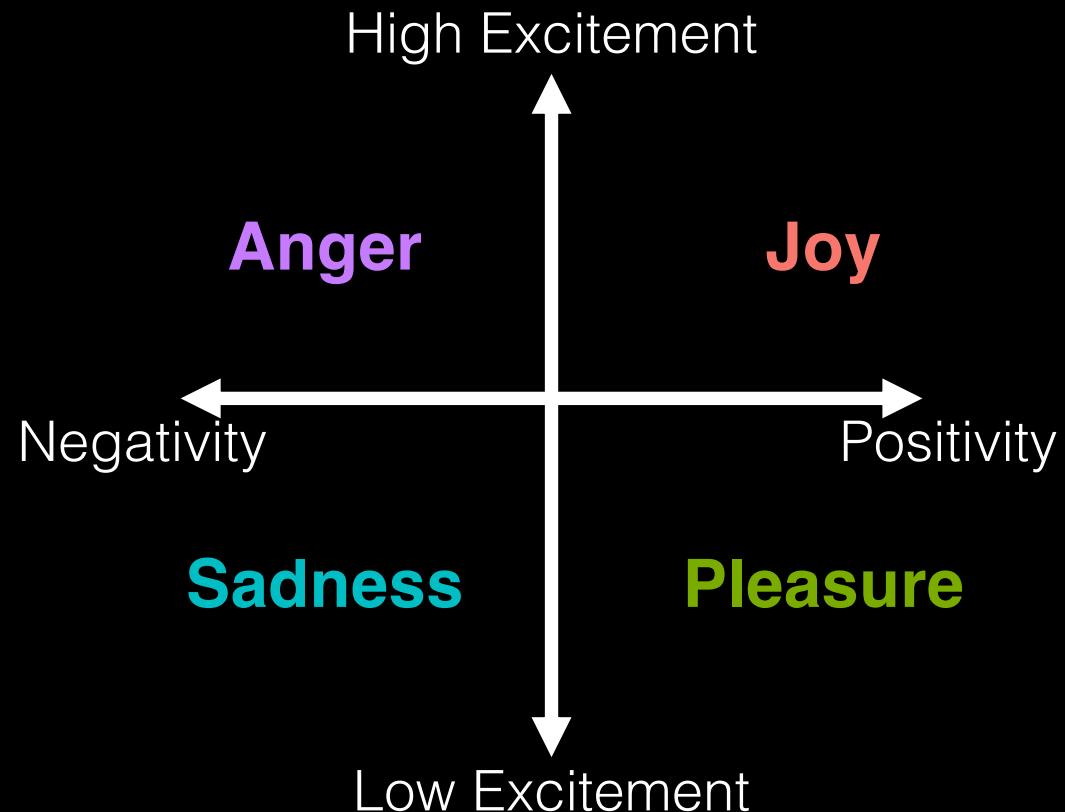
- 37 Features similar to ECG-based methods
  - Variability of IBI
  - Irregularity of breathing

# Emotion Classification

- Recognize emotion using physiological features
- Used L1-SVM classifier
  - Select features and train classifier at the same time

# Emotion Model

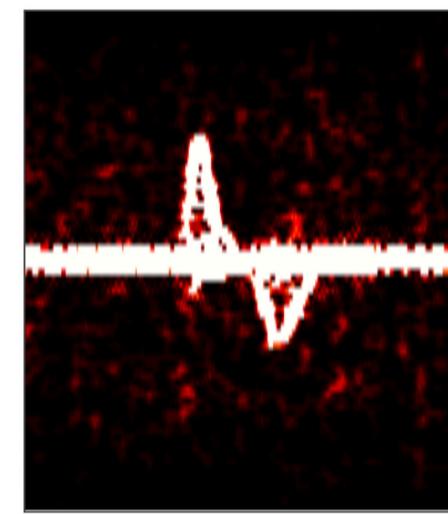
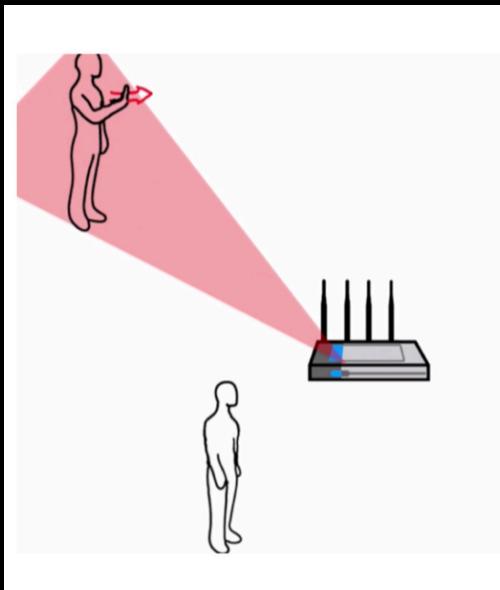
- Standard 2D emotion model
- Classify into **anger**, **sadness**, **pleasure** and **joy**



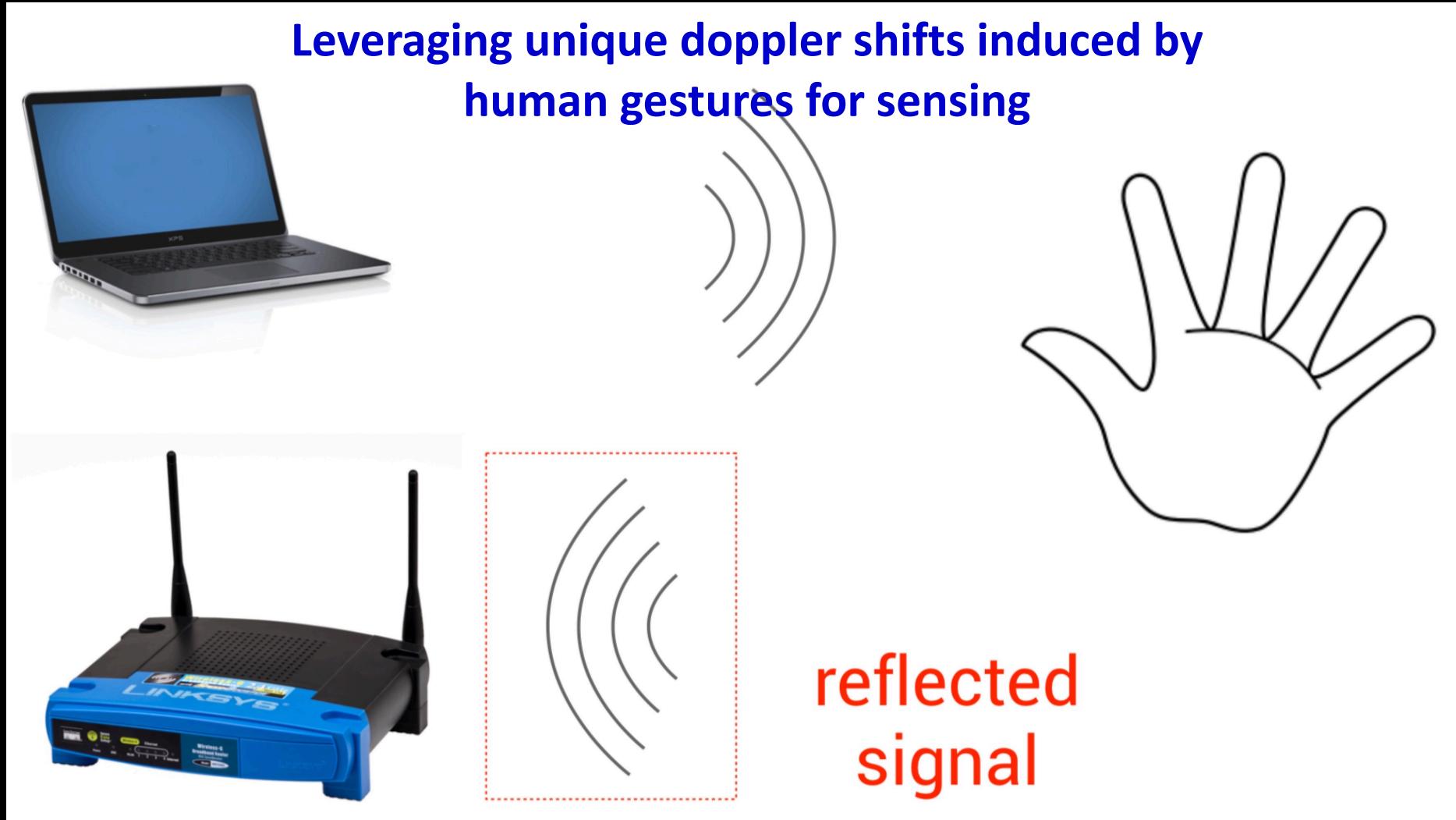
# Sensing Human Gestures with Wi-Fi

## WiSee: Whole-Home Gesture Recognition Using Wireless Signals

Qifan Pu, Sidhant Gupta, Shyam Gollakota, Shwetak Patel  
Mobicom 2013



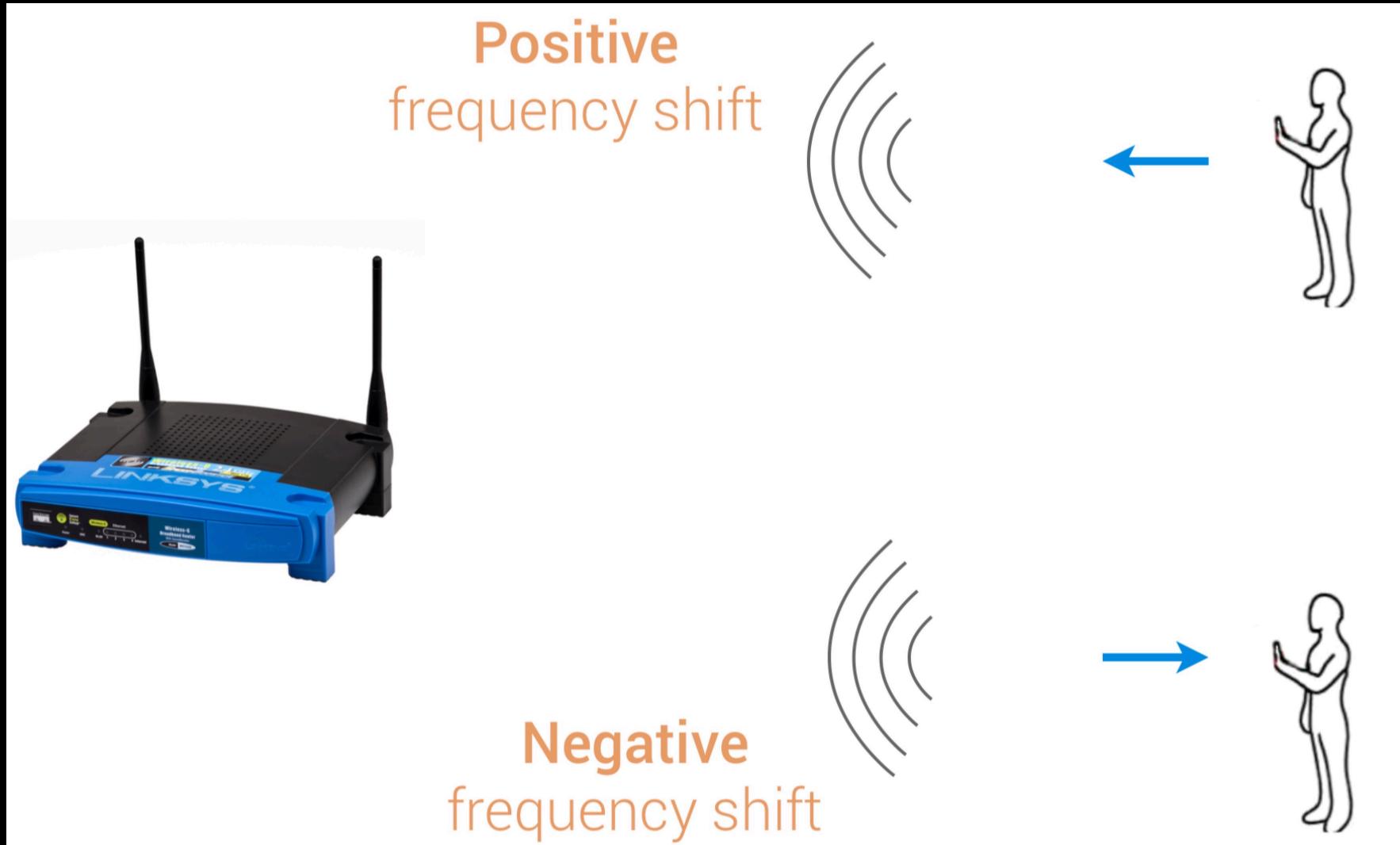
# Wi-Fi based gesture recognition



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- **Doppler Shift:**  $\Delta f = \frac{f_c \cdot v_{radial}}{c}$ 
  - $v_{radial}$  is the **radial** component of the receiver's velocity vector **along the path**
    - **Positive  $\Delta f$**  with **decreasing path length**, **negative  $\Delta f$**  with **increasing path length**
  - For WiFi signal  $f_c = 2.4 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $v = 0.5 \text{ m/s}$ 
    - **Doppler shift:**  $\Delta f = 8 \text{ Hz}$

# Wi-Fi based gesture recognition

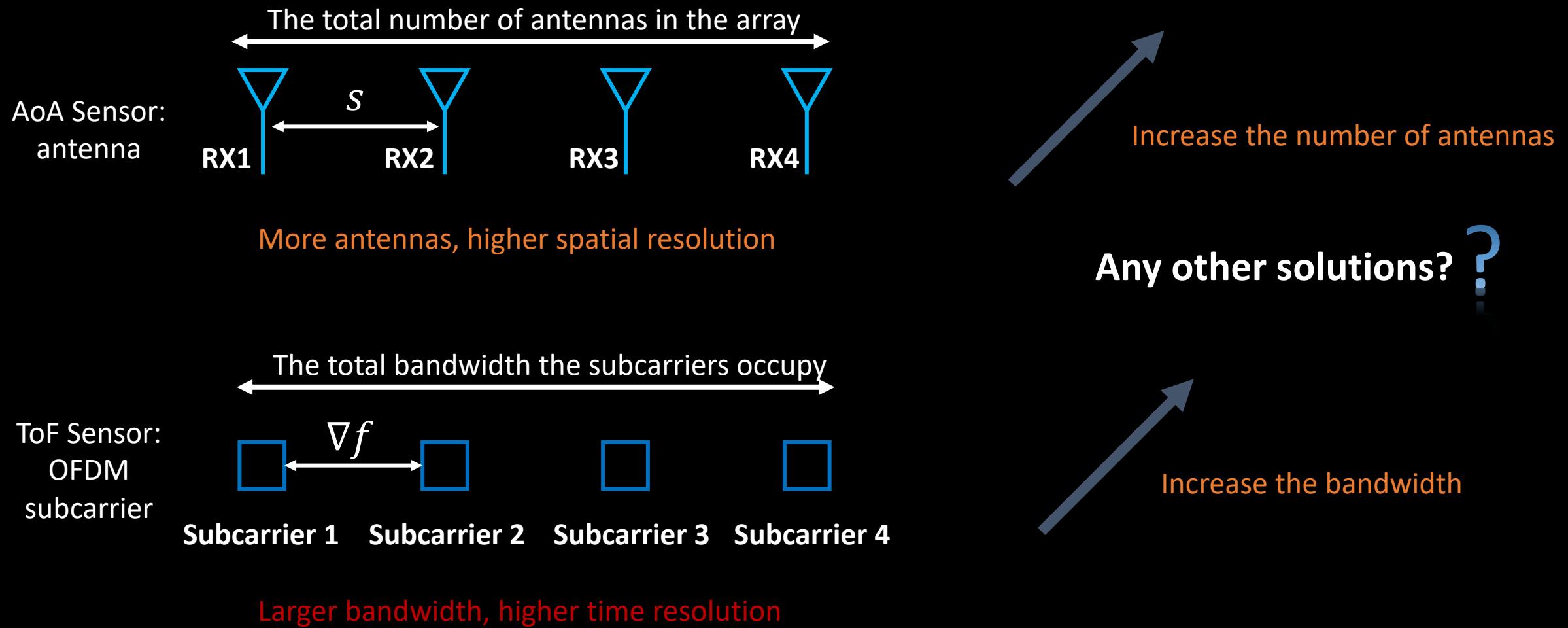
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- The frequency bandwidth for WiFi is 20MHz
- We want to measure an 8 Hz change which is 0.00004 % of 20MHz

We need to obtain a fine-grained  
Doppler shift

A few hertz

# ToF and AoA: Resolution



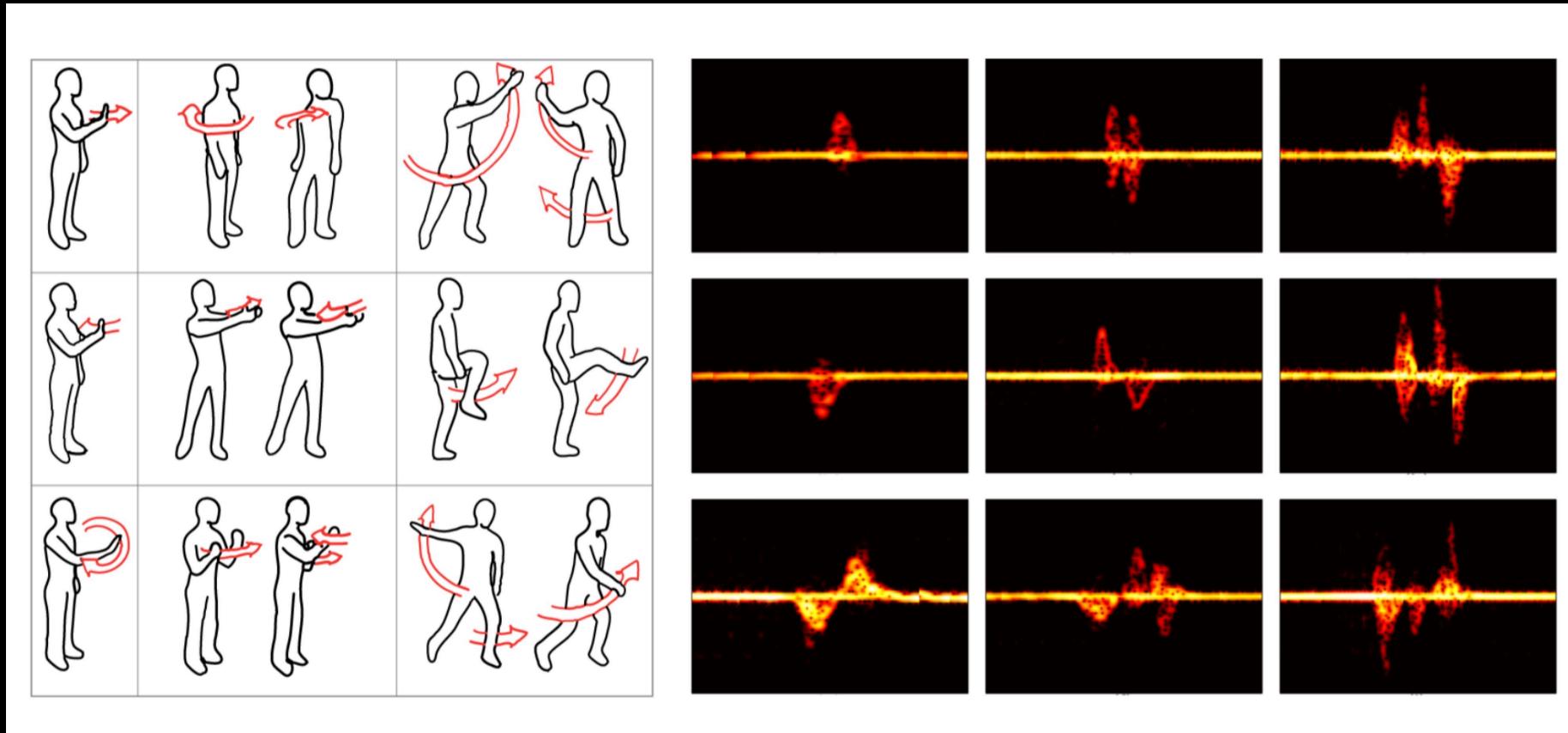
# Wi-Fi based gesture recognition

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- Increase the **observation time** to increase the resolution

If we increase the observation time to 1 second, we can achieve 1Hz resolution which is enough to detect a few Hz of doppler shift

# Unique Doppler shifts caused by different gestures



# Demo: Pioneer WiFi-based gesture recognition

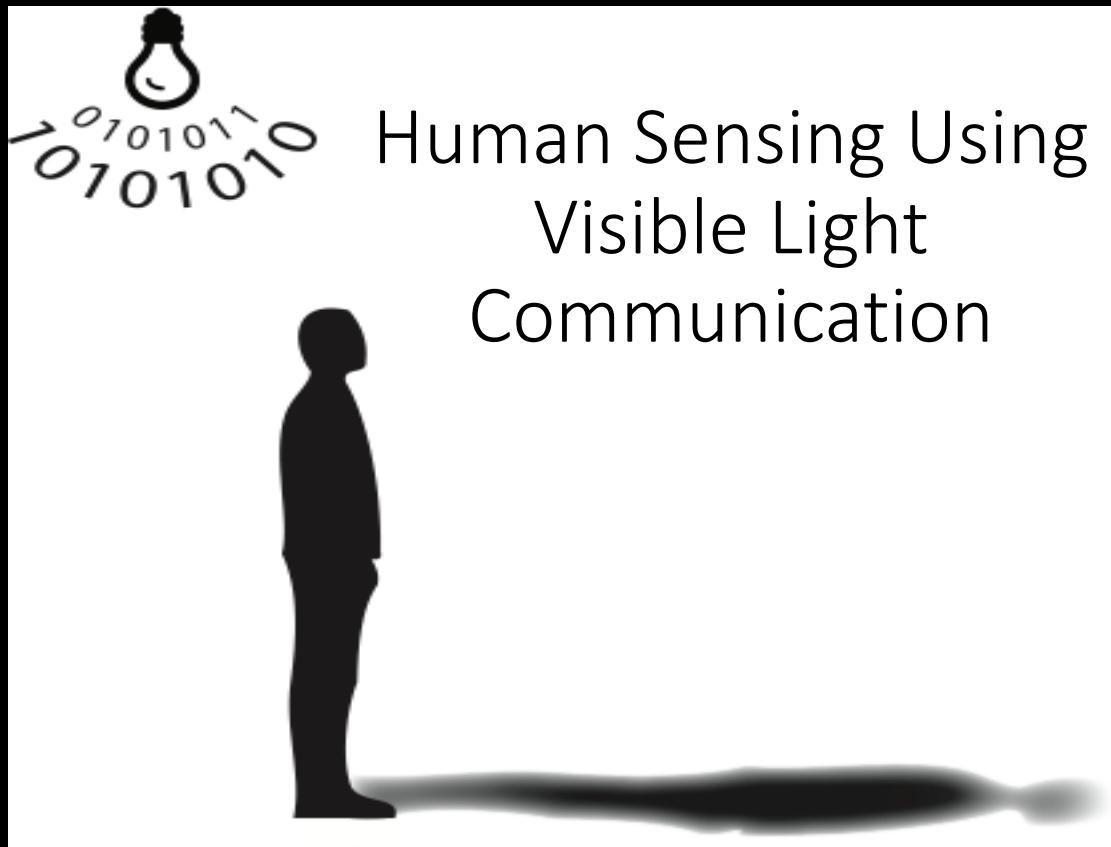
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# The state-of-the-art human sensing with WiFi

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# Sensing Human with Visible Light

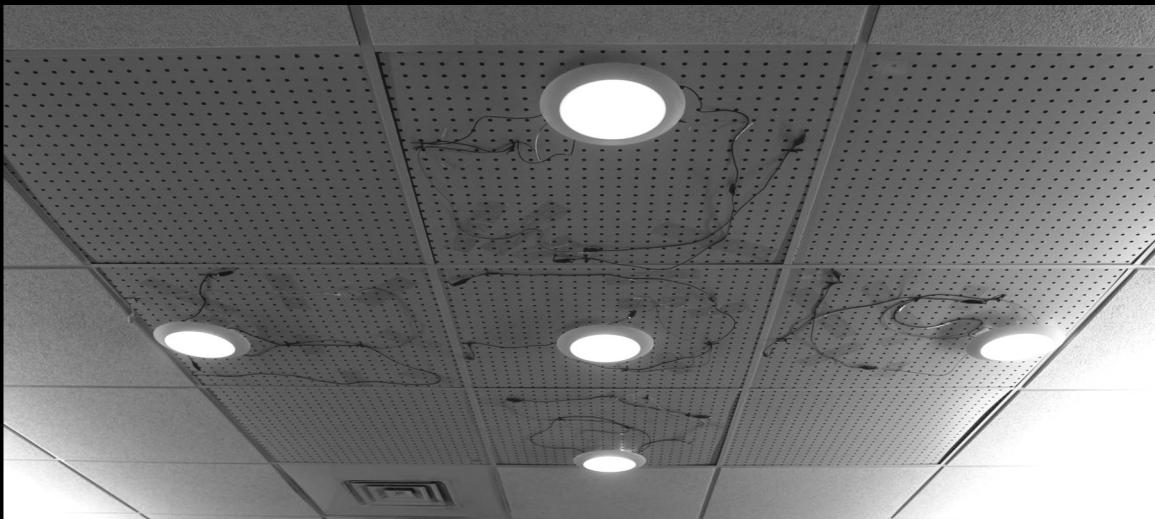


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- *Department of Computer Science  
Dartmouth College*

# Sensing Human with Visible Light

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- Leverage the ubiquitous light around us to sense what we do



# Sensing Human with Visible Light



## Human Sensing Using Visible Light Communication



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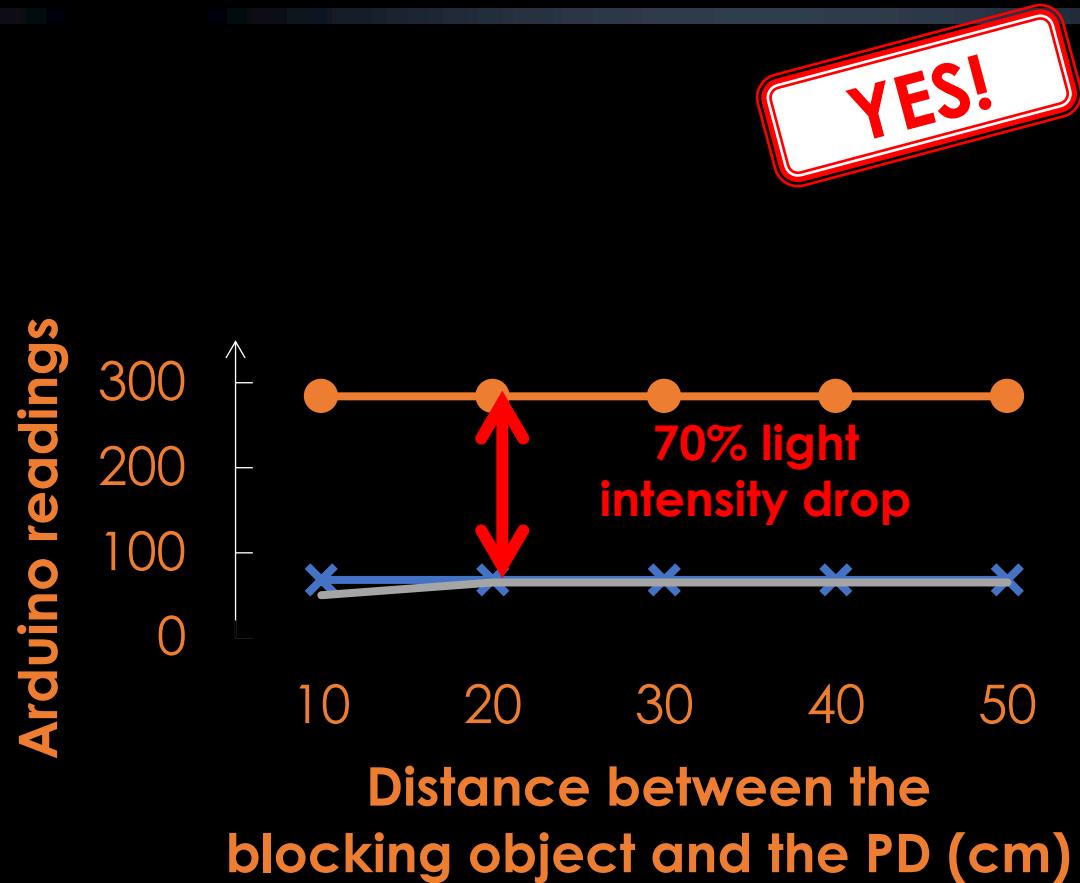
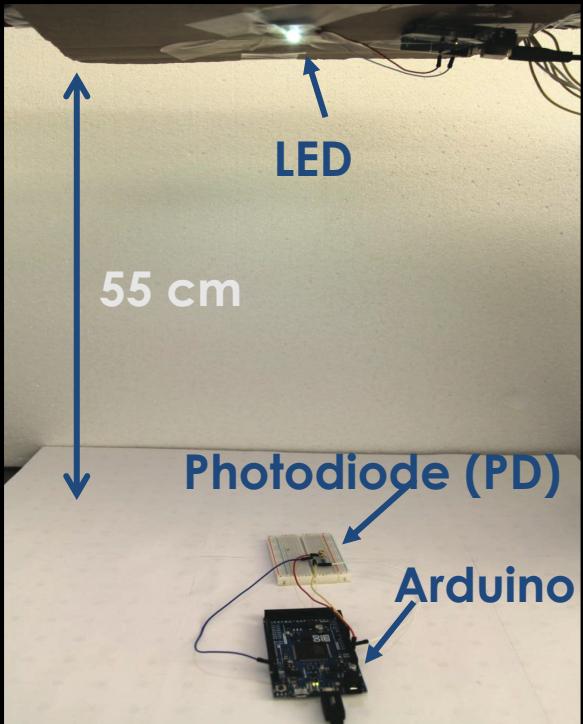
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Key ideas: shadows!



# Sensing Human with Visible Light



# Not That Simple

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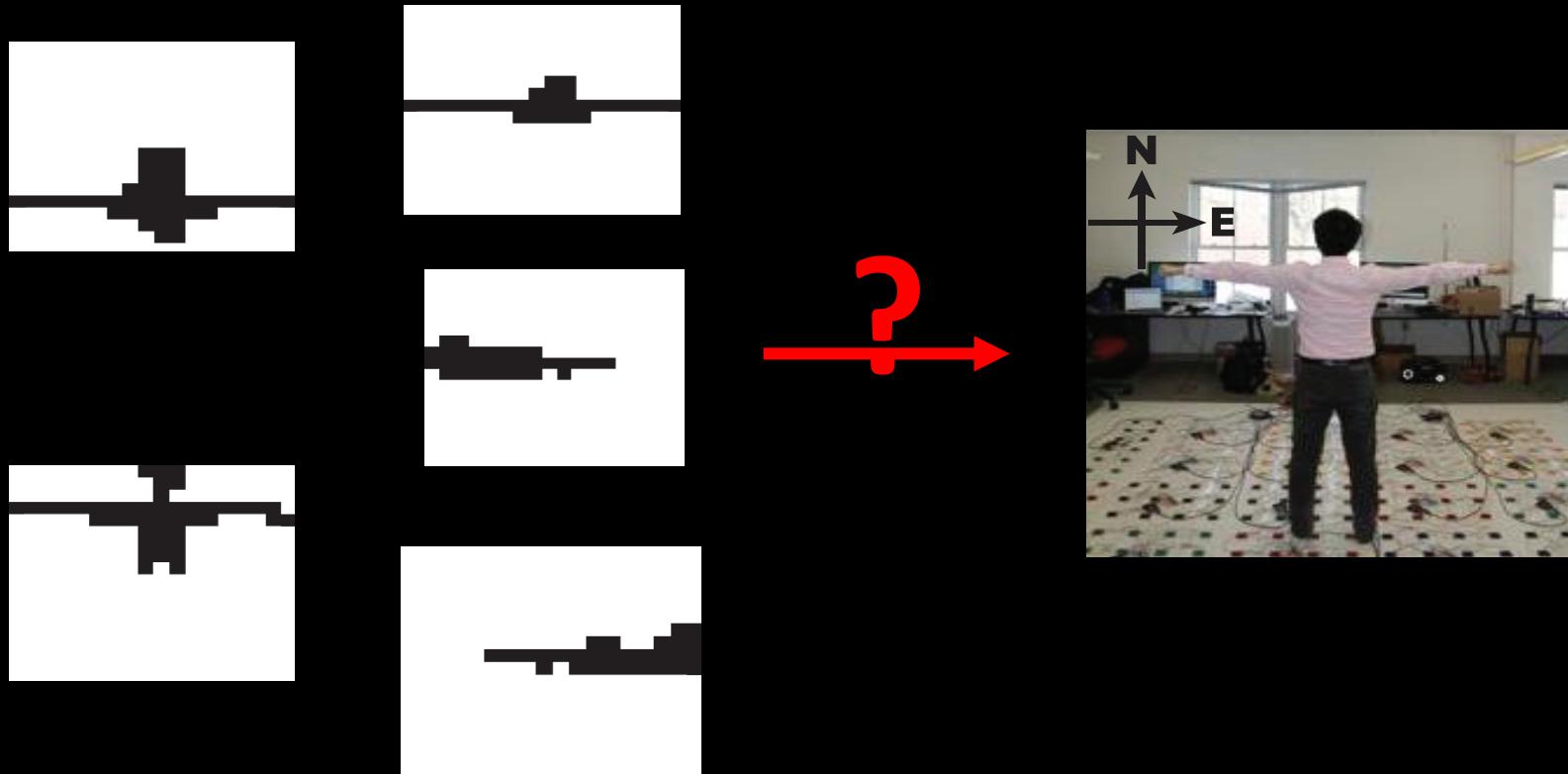
Challenge #1: Diluted and complex shadow under **multiple light sources**



# Not That Simple

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Challenge #2: Reconstruct a 3D posture from **2D low-resolution** ( $18 \times 18$ ) shadows



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Challenge #1: Multiple light sources

Separate light rays via **light beacons**

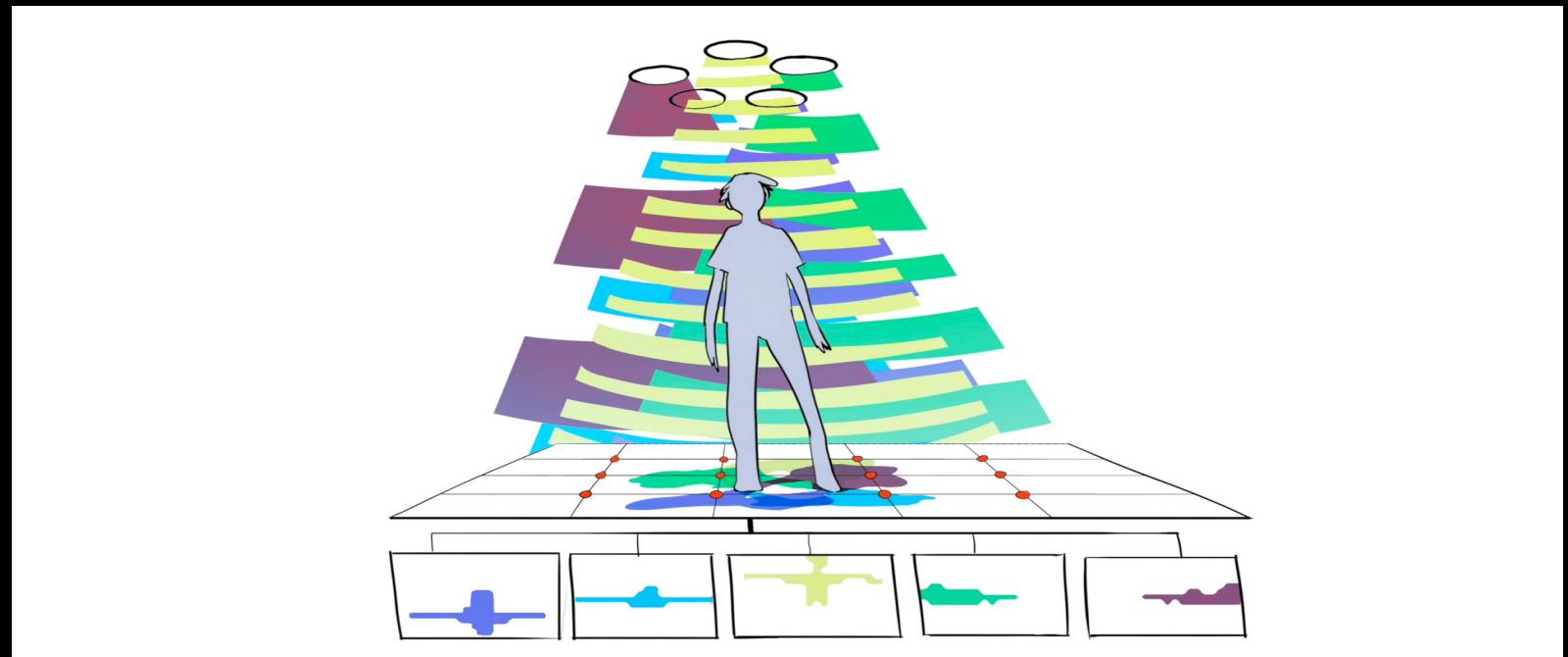


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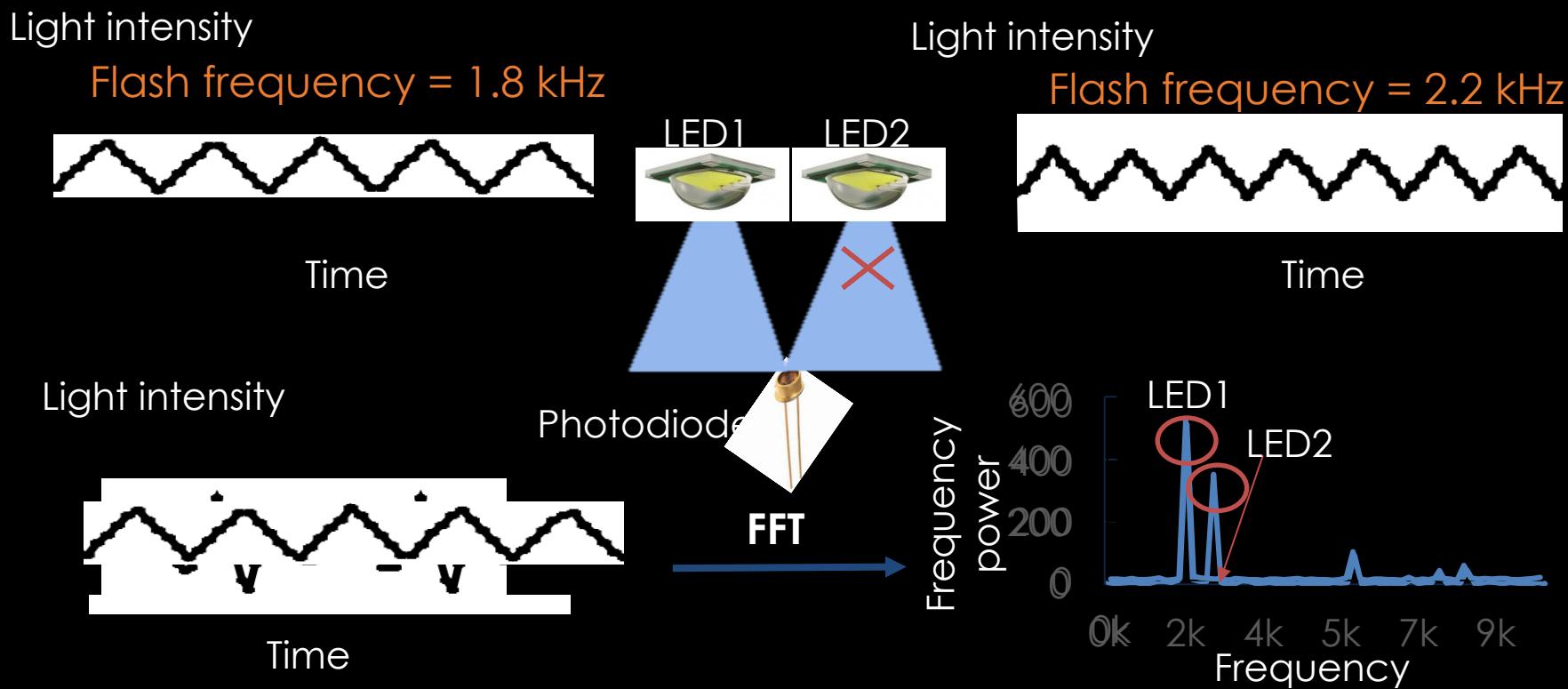
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Reconstruct a 3D  
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shadows



Seek a posture best  
fitting shadows cast  
in **multiple directions**

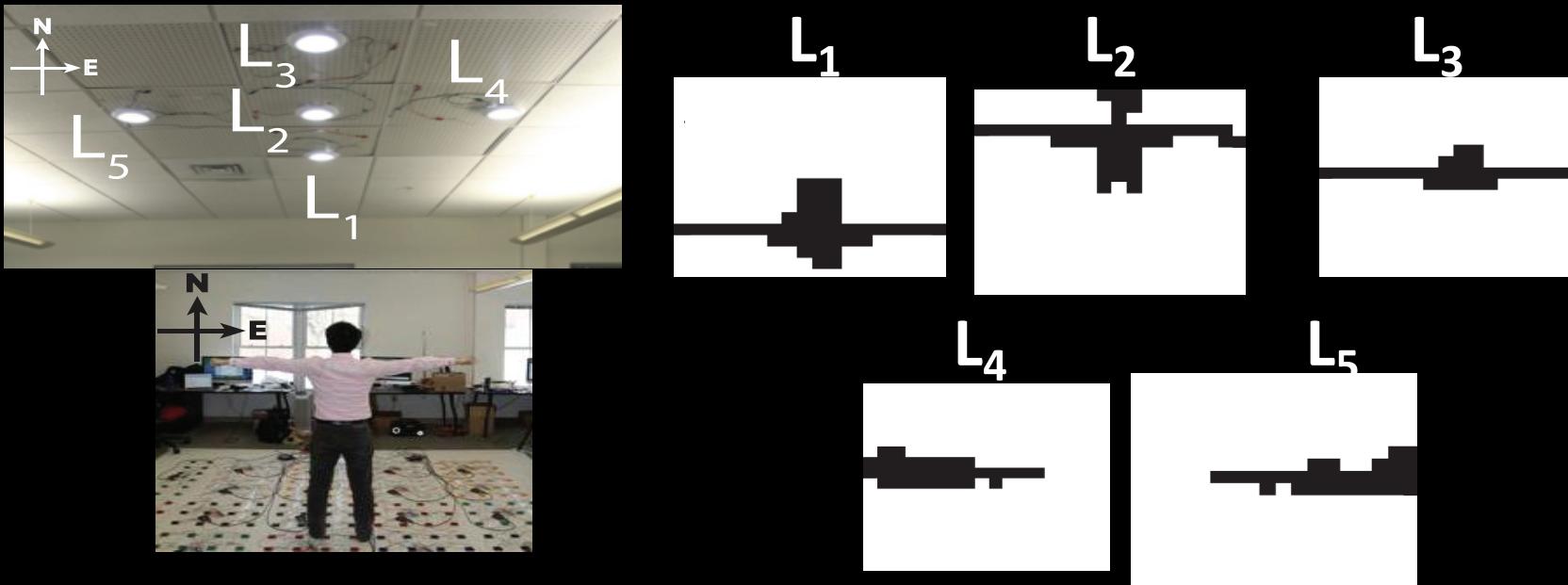


# Light Beacons



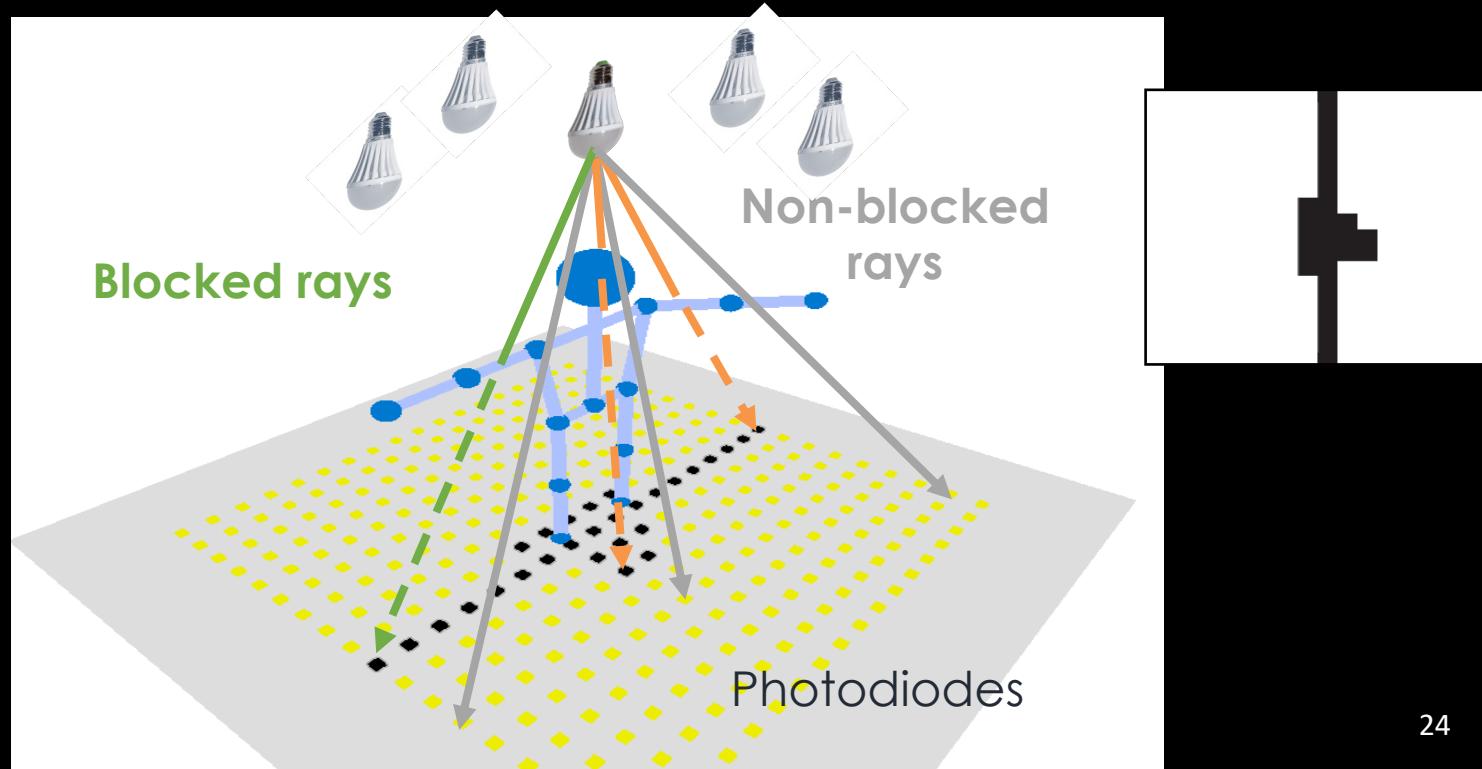
# Recover Shadow Maps

- Infer a **binary shadow map** cast by each single LED light



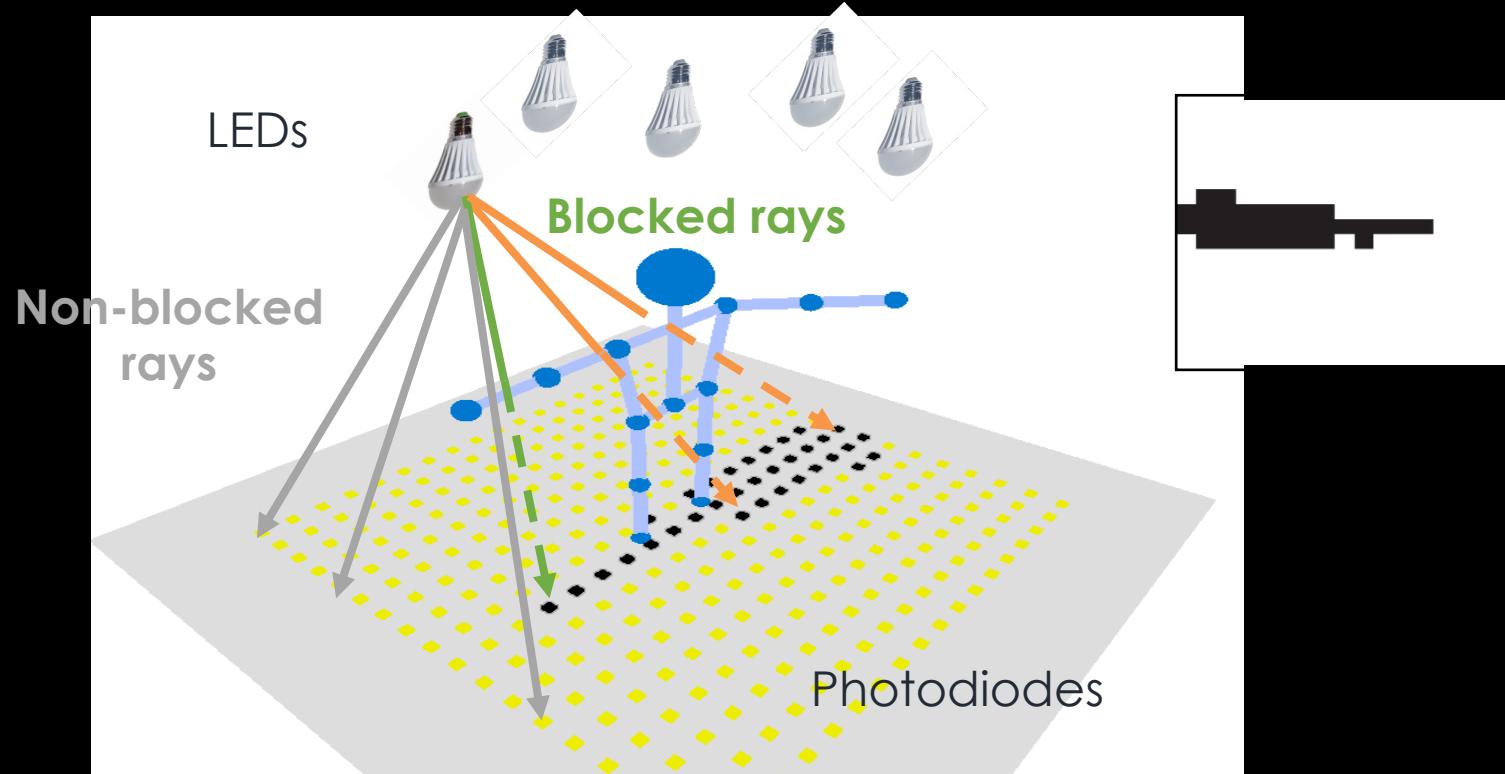
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- Search for the skeleton best matching observed shadow maps



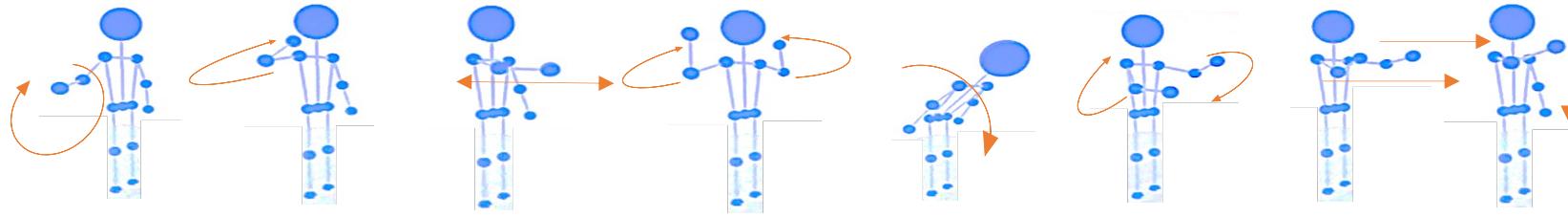
# Sensing Human with Visible Light

- Search for the skeleton best matching observed shadow maps

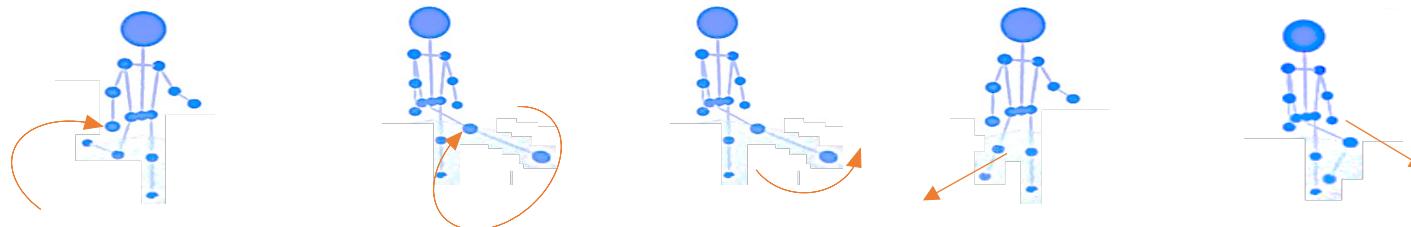


# Testing Gestures

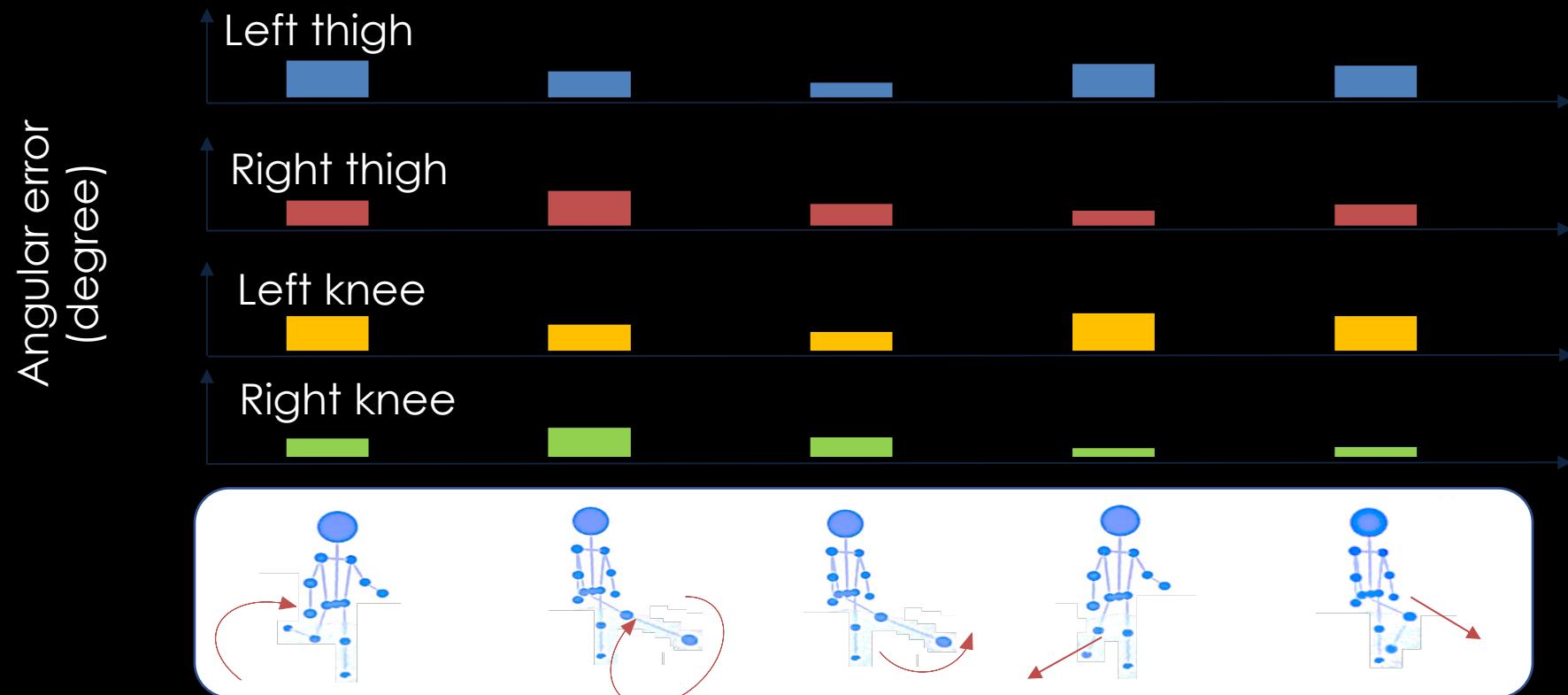
- 20 upper-body gestures



- 5 lower-body gestures



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11-degree mean angular error for four lower-body joints