

Less is More: Efficient RFID-based 3D Localization

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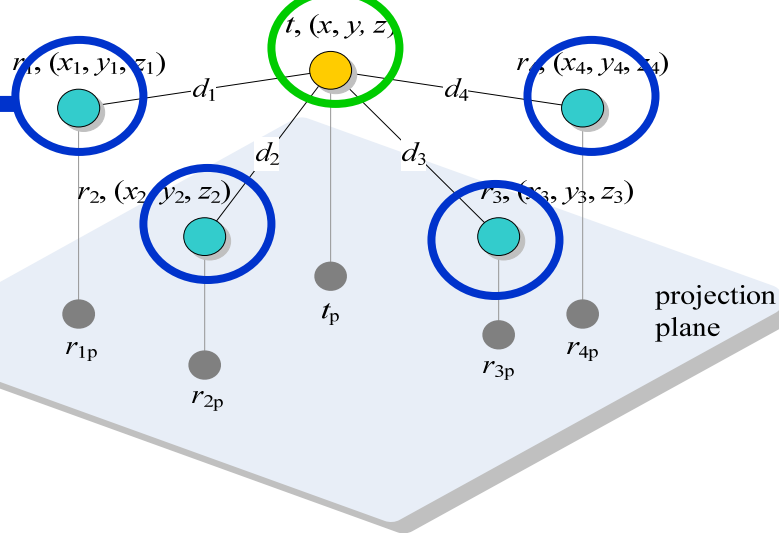
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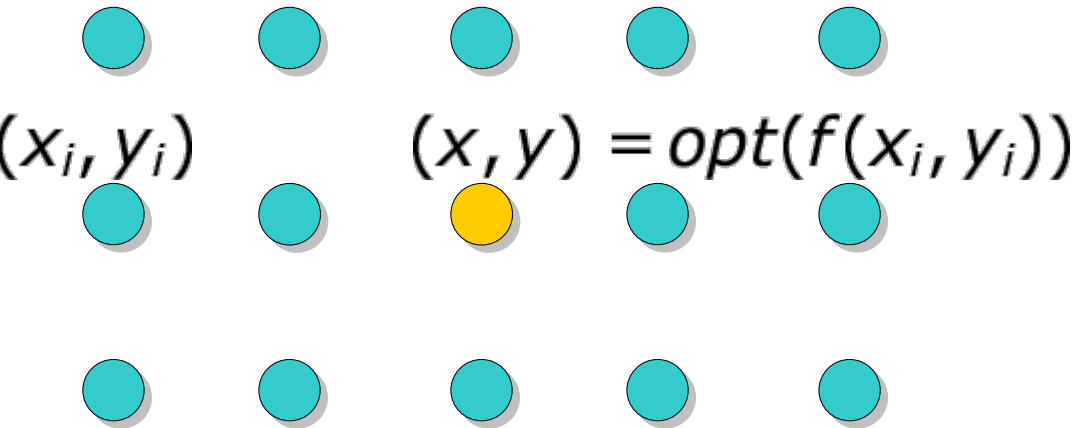
RFID 3D Localization

Leverage
Reference
Positions

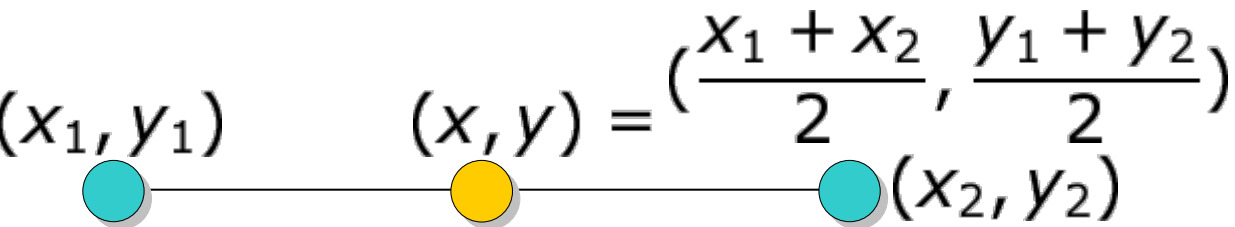
Estimate
Object
Positions



Proposal: Efficient Localization Scheme



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$$(x_1, y_1) \quad (x, y) = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) \quad (x_2, y_2)$$

Probing Some instead of Collecting All

Benefits

Still can locate ✓

Much more efficient ✓

May be even more accurate ✓

Behind The Scenes

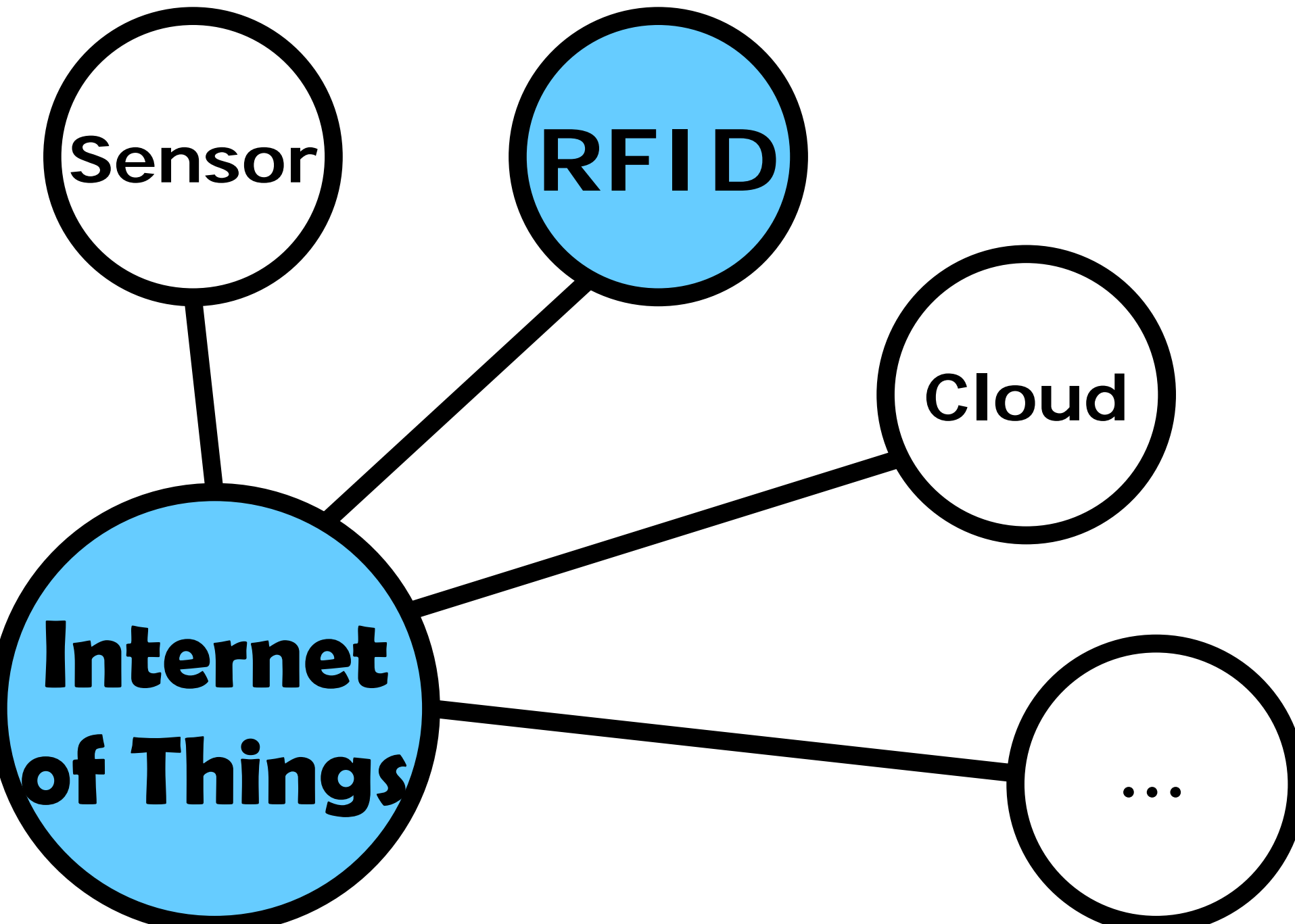
Why RFID?

Why RFID Localization?

Why Efficiency Matters?

RFID

Radio Frequency IDentification



Sensor

RFID

Cloud

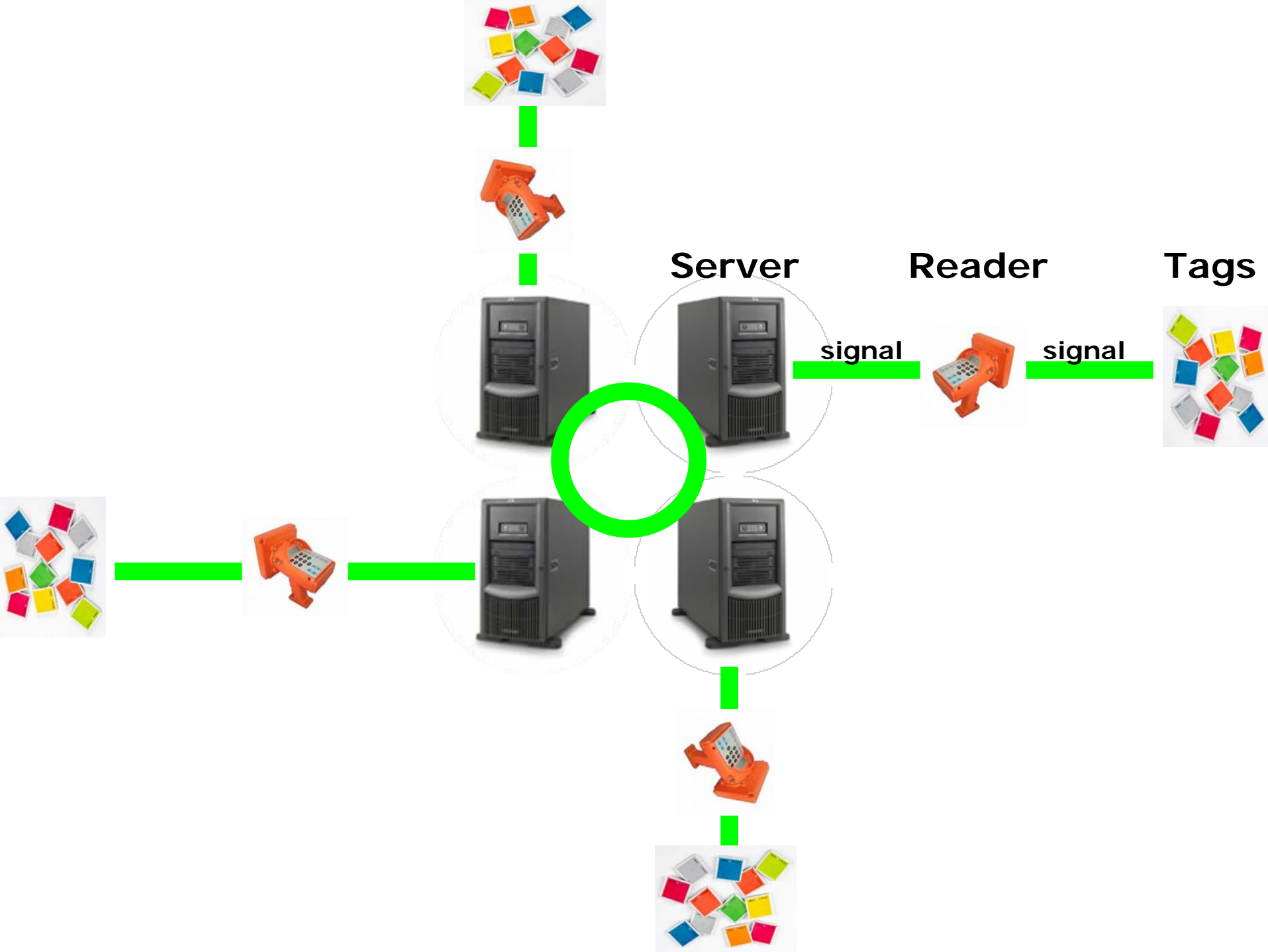
**Internet
of Things**

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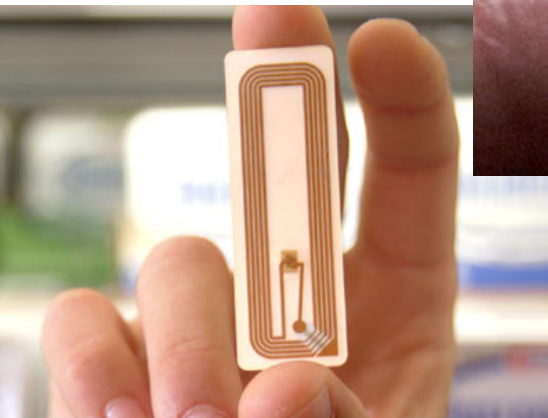
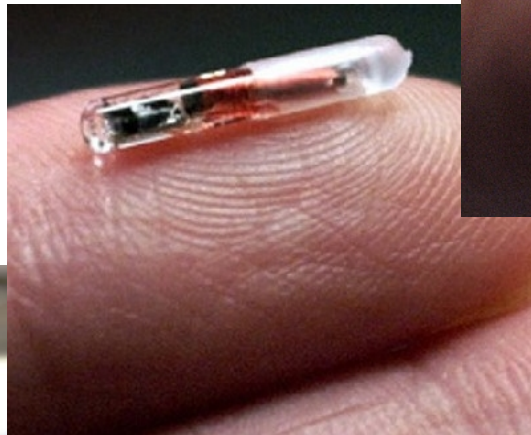
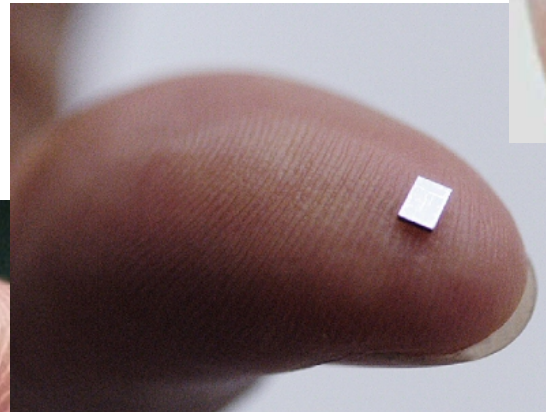
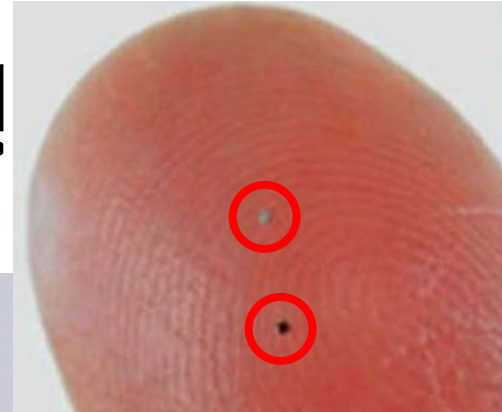
**RFID
Tag**

**Communicate
Compute**



RFID Powder

0.4 × 0.4 mm!





Location Is Important



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TAGS - > TAGS - > TAGS



1.35 Billion
2013 (Expected)

IDTechEx.com

Efficiency

Accuracy



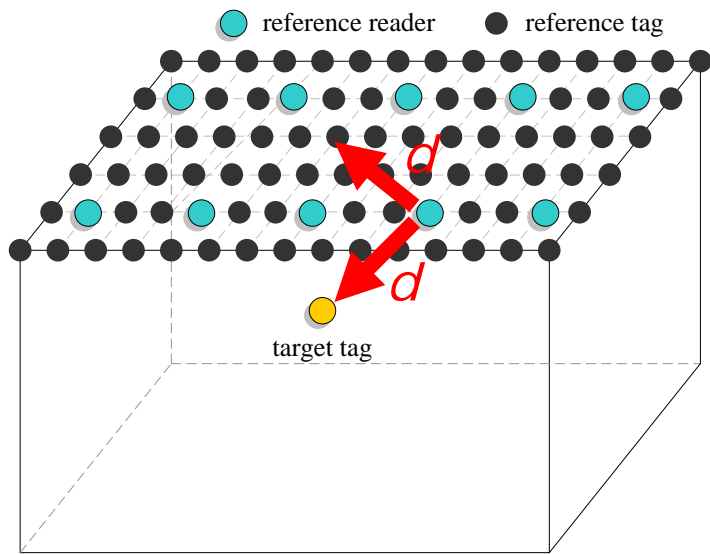
**Efficient Protocols
for Large RFID Systems**

RFID 3D Localization Schemes

Focus SOLELY On

Accuracy

Existing Work: Passive Scheme



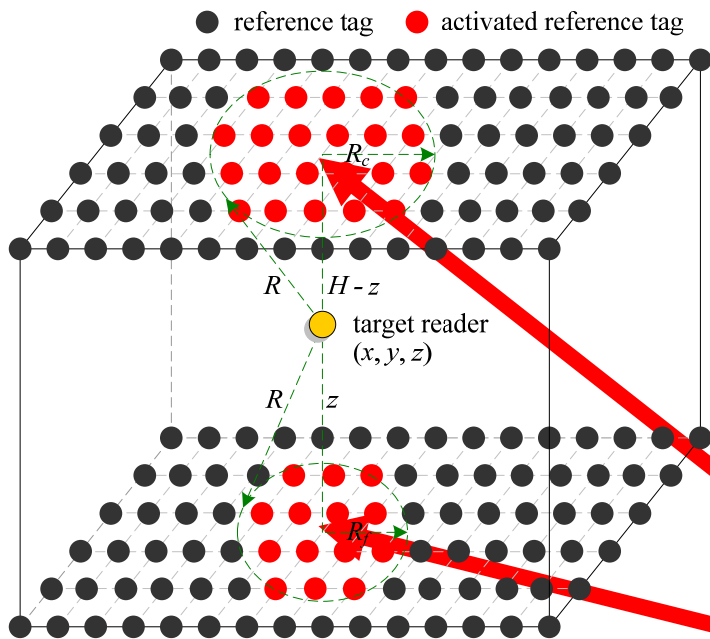
locate *target tag*

deploy *reference readers*
reference tags
(with known locations)

$$\text{dist}(\text{ref-reader}, \text{tar-tag}) \\ = \text{dist}(\text{ref-reader}, \text{ref-tag})$$

distances to ≥ 3 ref-readers locate a tar-tag

Existing Work: Active Scheme



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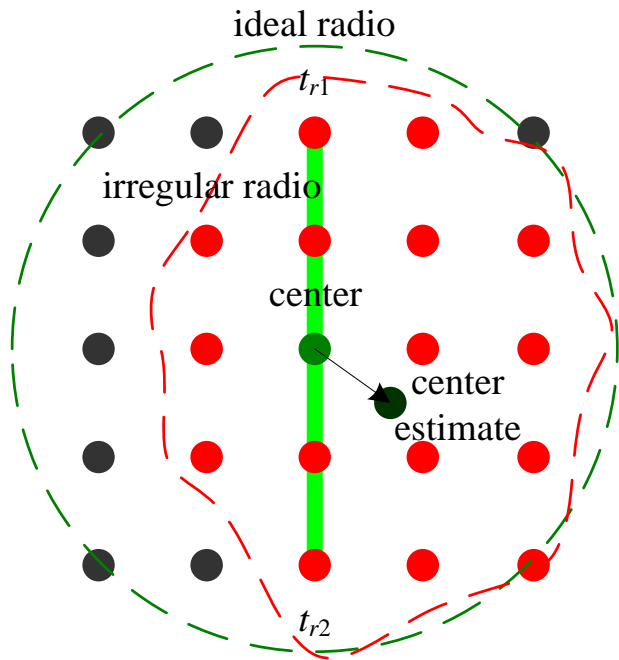
location estimation:

$$(x_c, y_c) = \min \sum (R_c - \sqrt{(x_c - x_i)^2 + (y_c - y_i)^2})^2$$

$$(x_f, y_f) = \min \sum (R_f - \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2 + (y_f - y_i)^2})^2$$

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{x_c + x_f}{2}, \frac{y_c + y_f}{2} \right); \quad z^2 + R_f^2 = (H - z)^2 + R_c^2 = R^2$$

Existing Work: Limitations



Inefficiency

read all activated tags

Contaminated Optimization

optimized location may not be accurate

Less references may yield

more accurate location estimate

Why Not Collect Less?

more efficient

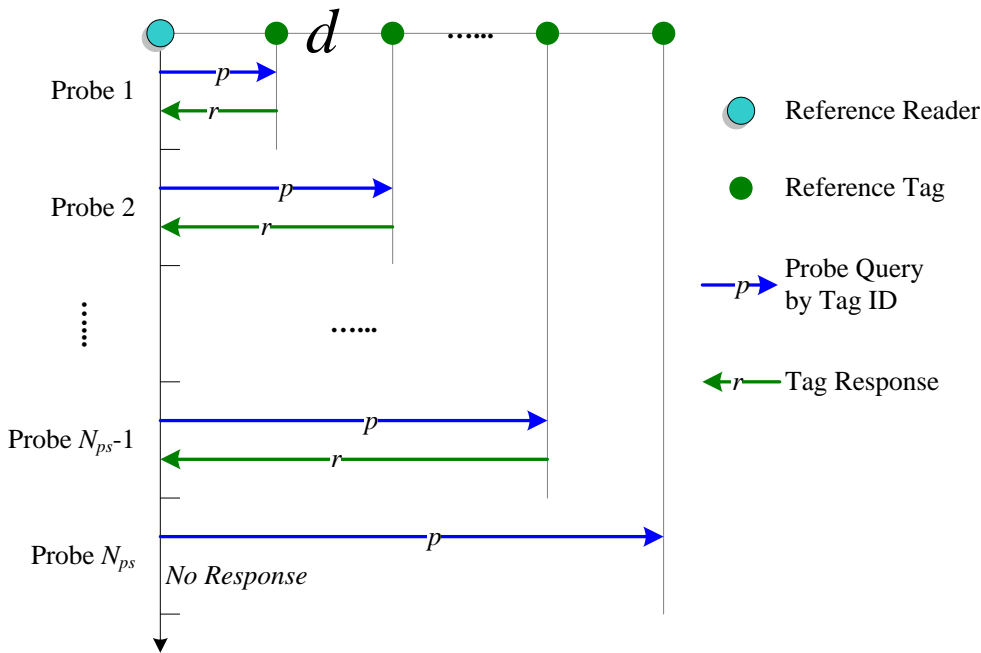
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Probe Some instead of Collect All

efficient passive scheme

efficient active scheme

Proposal: Efficient Passive Scheme



distance estimation

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estimate d_{eps} : distance from ref-reader to tar-tag

probe co-row/column ref-tags at power level l with increasing distance;

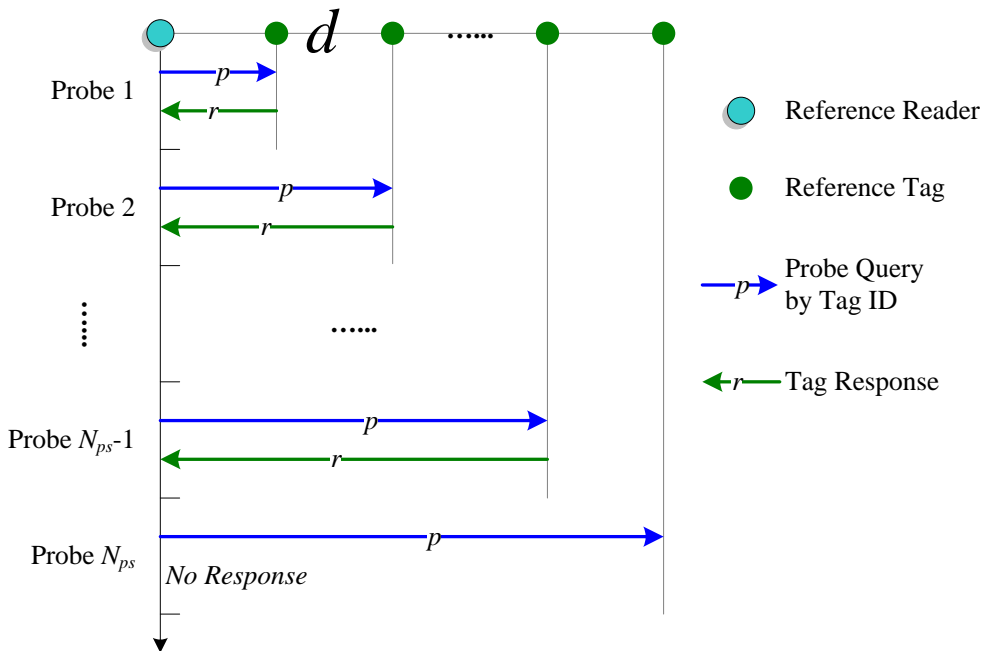
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distance estimates to ≥ 3 ref-readers + ref-reader locations

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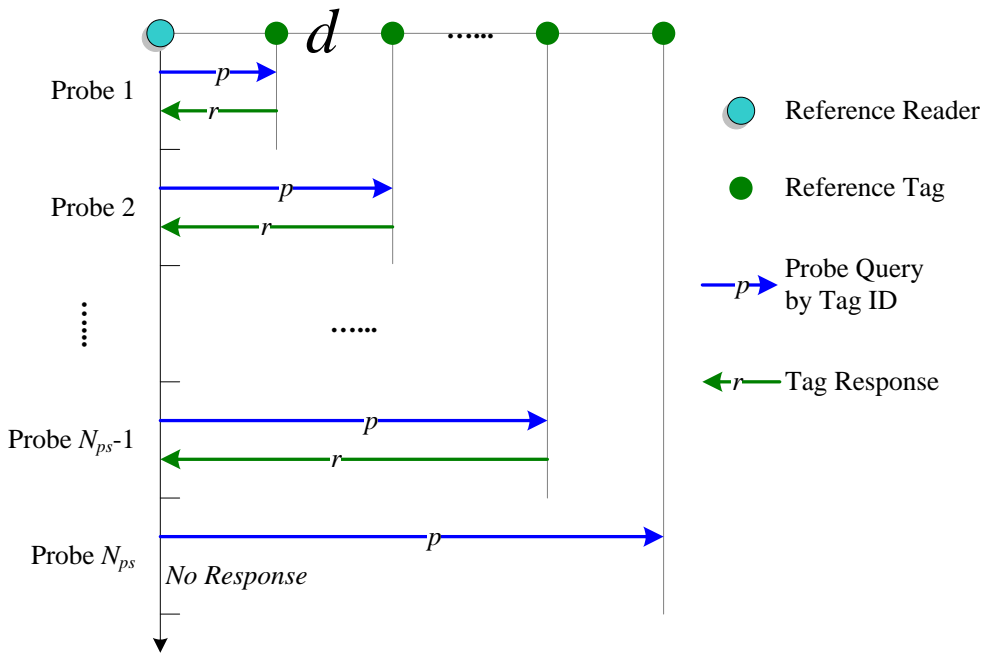
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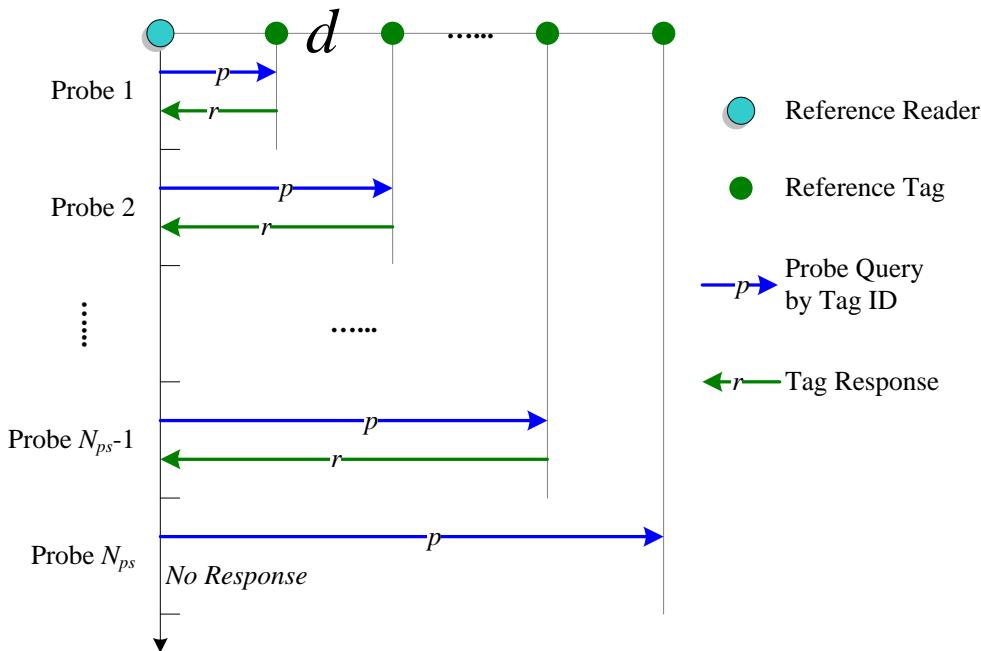
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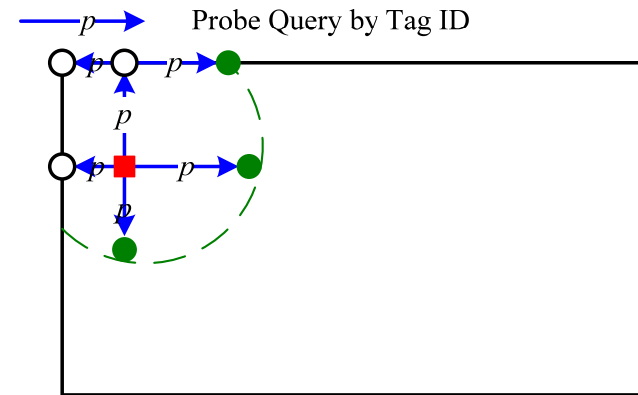
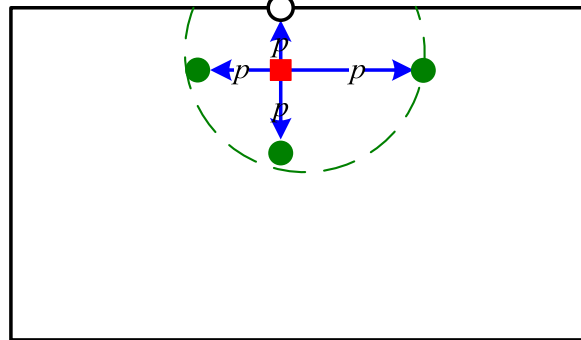
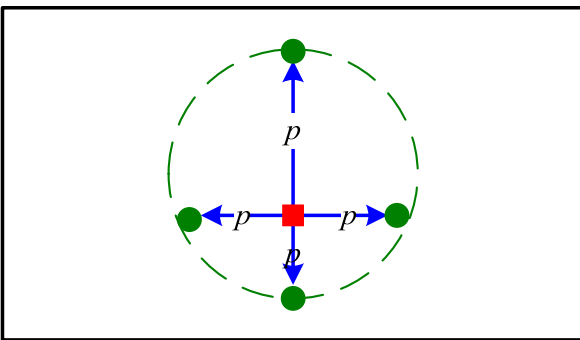
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Proposal: Efficient Active Scheme

■ Starting Tag ● Concyclic Reference Tag ○ Boundary Reference Tag \xrightarrow{p} Probe Query by Tag ID

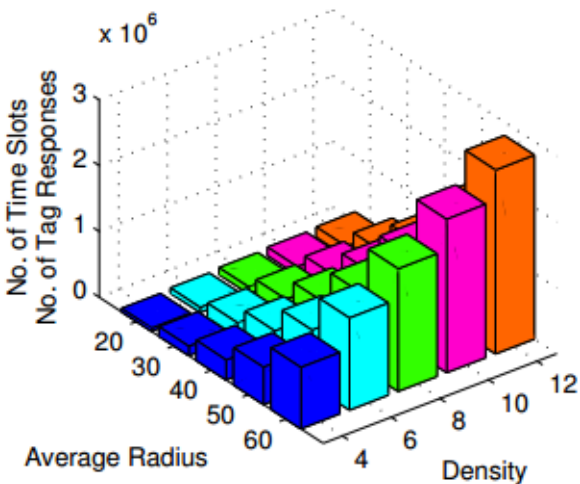


three nodes confine the center of
their circumscribed circle

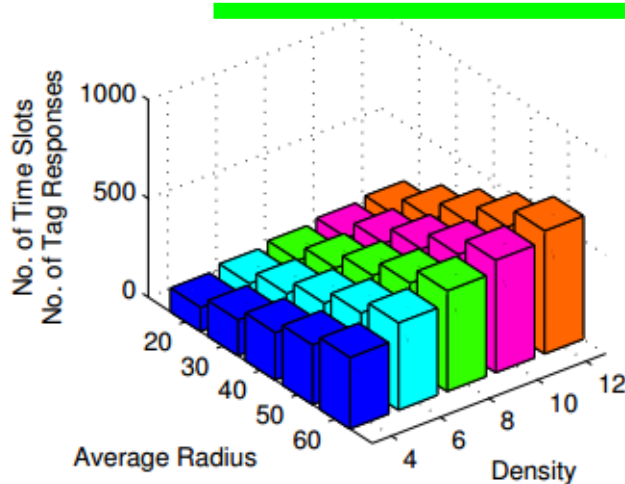
probe ≥ 3 concyclic reference tags

Simulation Results

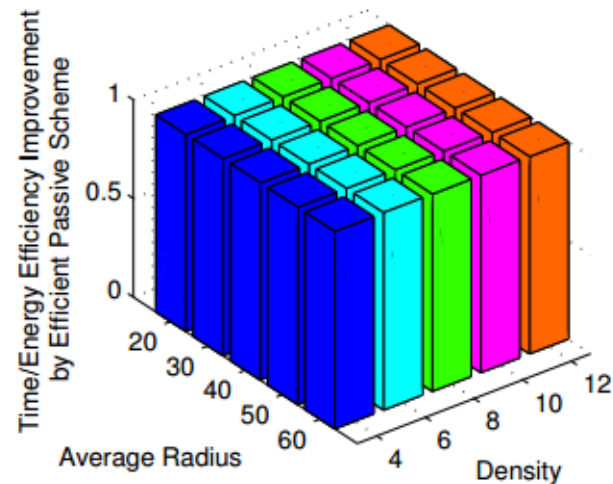
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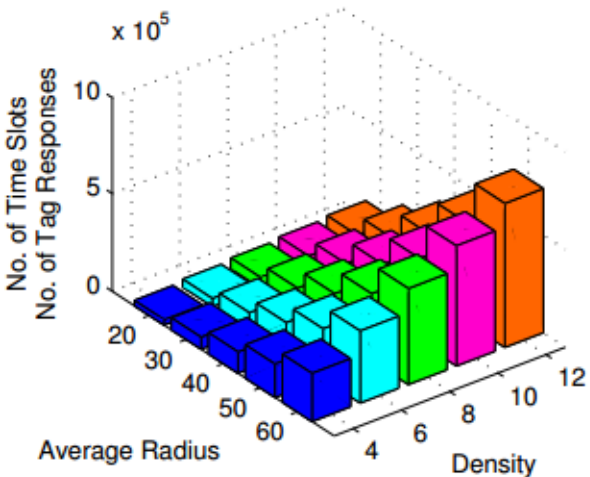
(b) Efficient Passive Scheme



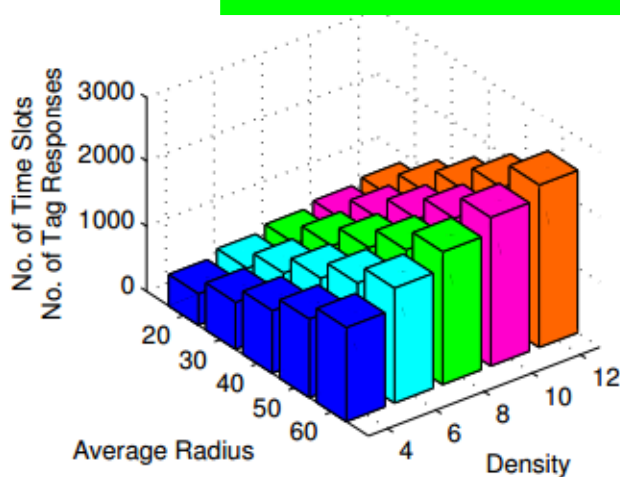
(c) Localization Efficiency Improvement



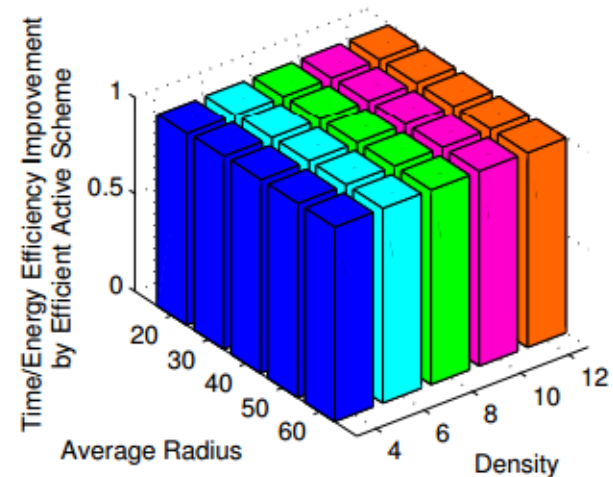
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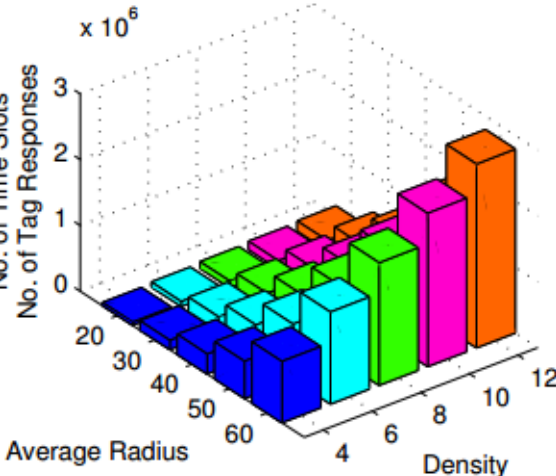


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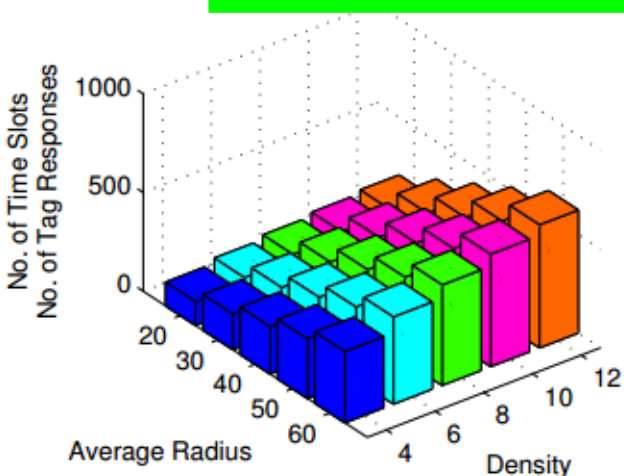


95% Efficiency Increase

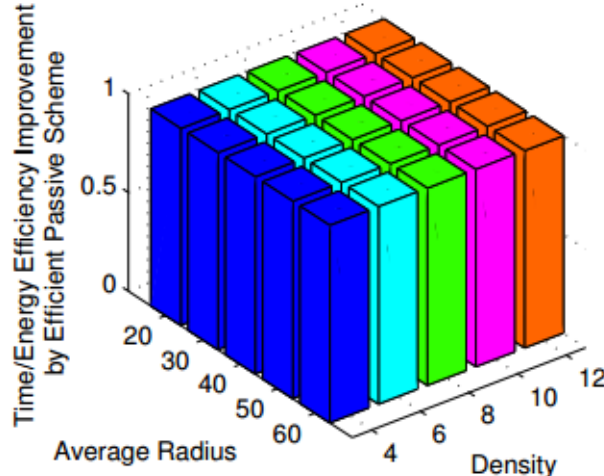
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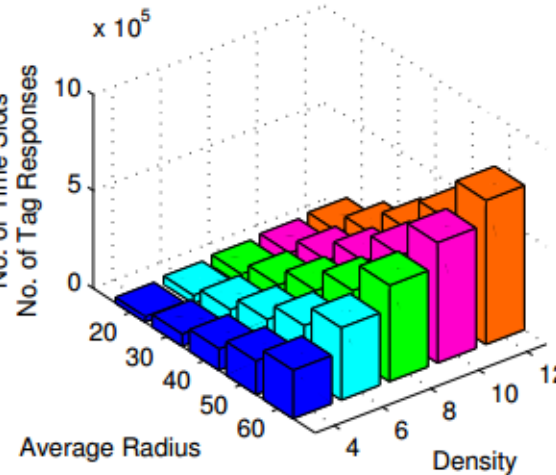
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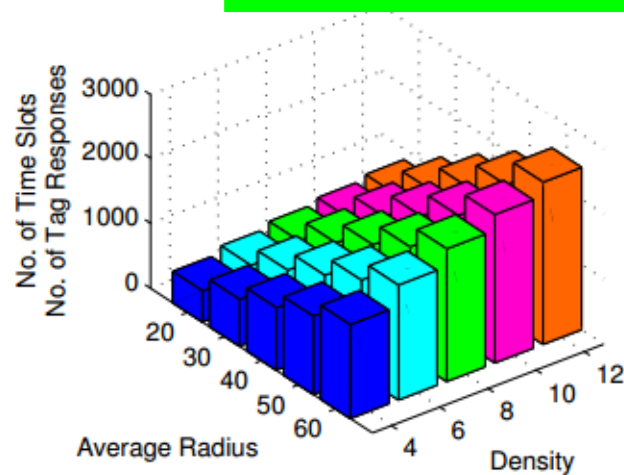
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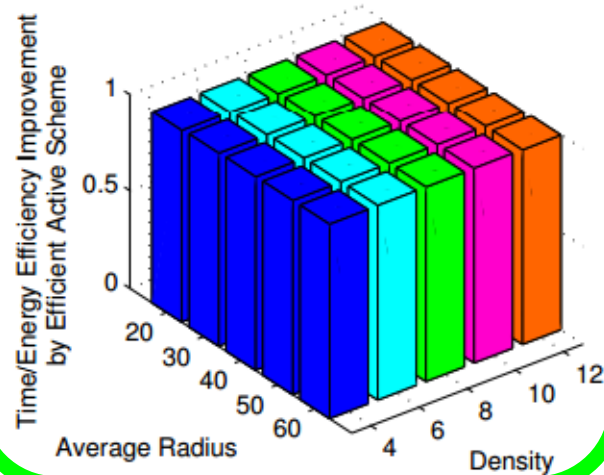
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Conclusion

RFID 3D Localization Made Efficient
but not necessarily less accurate

Future work: empirical evaluation
accuracy evaluation
localization application
(e.g., misplacement pinpointing, activity sensing)

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