RFID-Based 3-D Positioning Schemes

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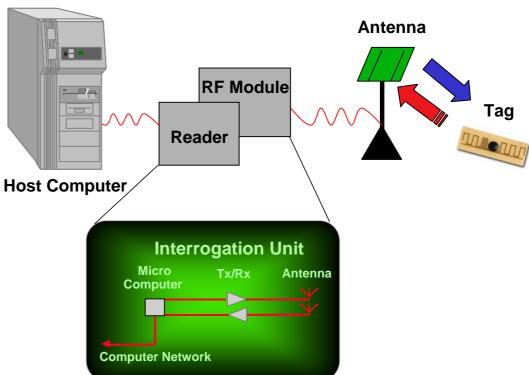
Outline

- Introduction
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- Passive Scheme
- Simulation
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- Conclusion



 Automatic identification technology

 Transponder, interigator, antenna



Characteristics

- No line-of-sight required
- Multiple simultaneous reads
- Long read range(active tag)
- Long life span
- Very low cost
- No (so) orientation sensitive





RFID Localization

An important application of RFID
 Localization (warehouse, shipping container,)



Indoor Localization

Infrared

- Active Badge
- IR emitter communicate with a network of sensors in the building
- Line-of-sight required, transmission range is short

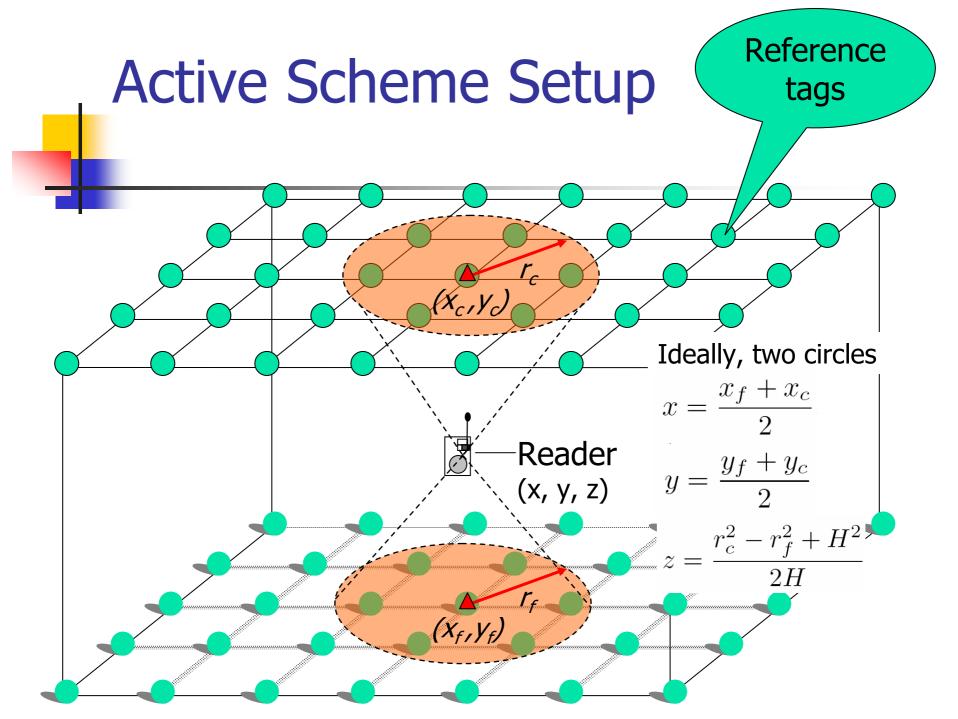
IEEE 802.11

- RADAR
- Combine empirical measurement and signal strength modeling to determine location
- NIC needed, not practical for small device

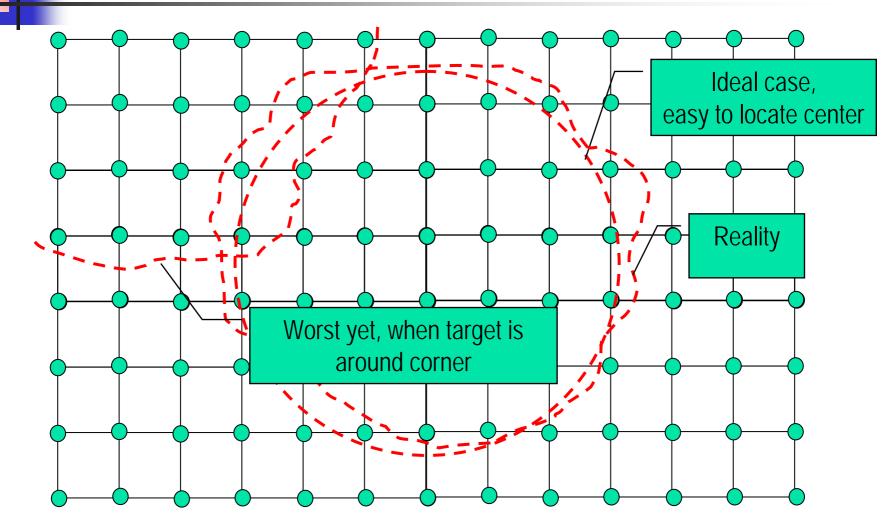
Indoor Localization

Ultrasonic

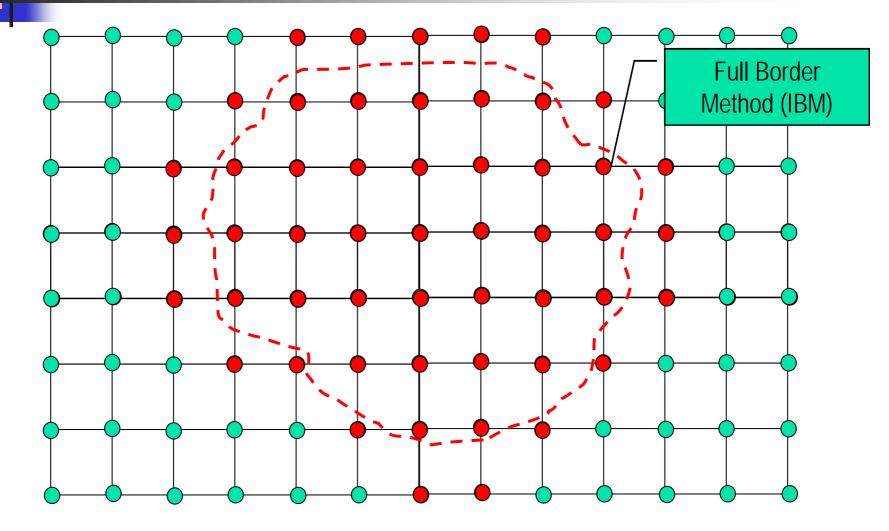
- Cricket Location Support System & Active Bat Location System
- Use time-of-arrival to measure distances
- High accuracy, expensive
- RFID
 - LANDARC
 - Use RFID tags as reference tags
 - Coarse accuracy, 2-D



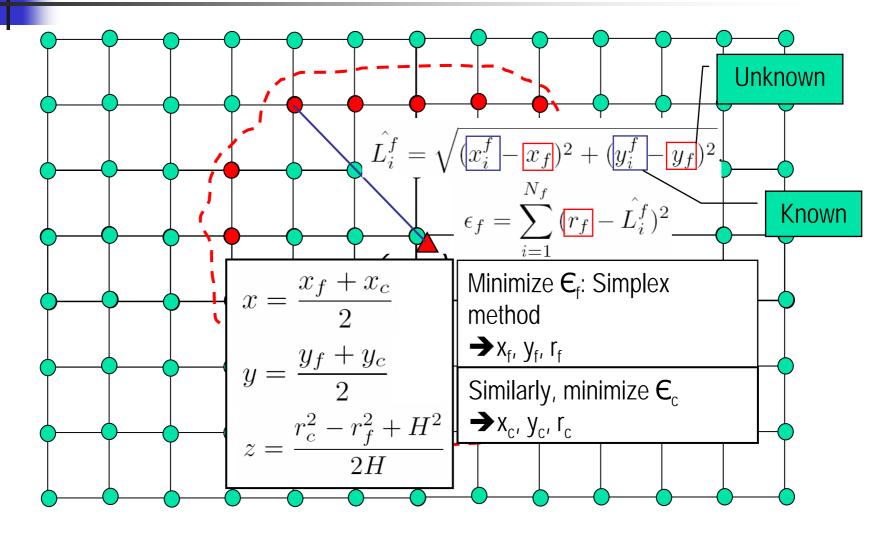
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Coordinate Calculation



Compensate Degree of Irregularity

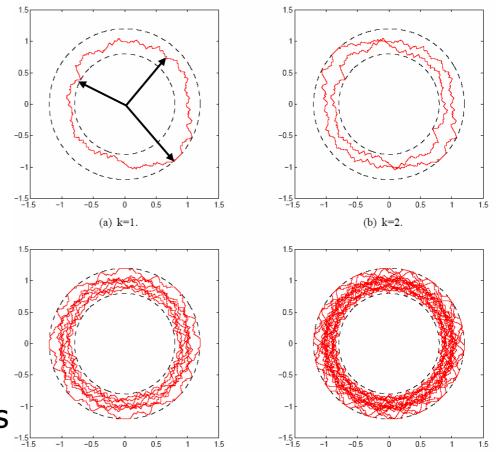
(d) k=8

Problem

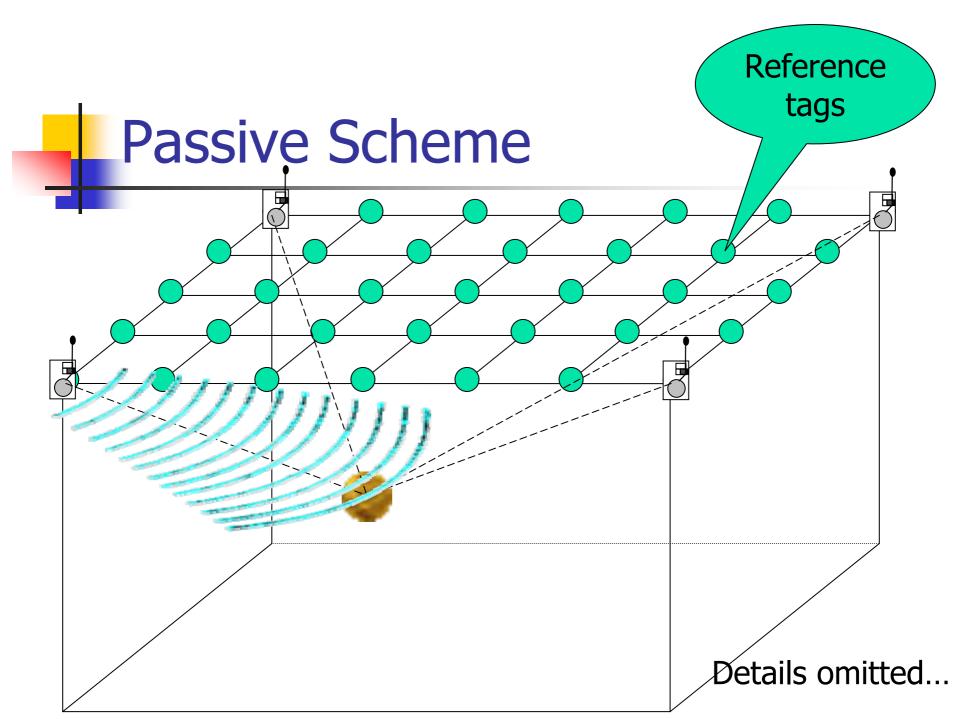
- Diff. antenna gains and path loss in different directions
- Imperfect circle

Solution

- Low cost antenna array with multiple radiation elements
- Superpose responses



(e) k=16.

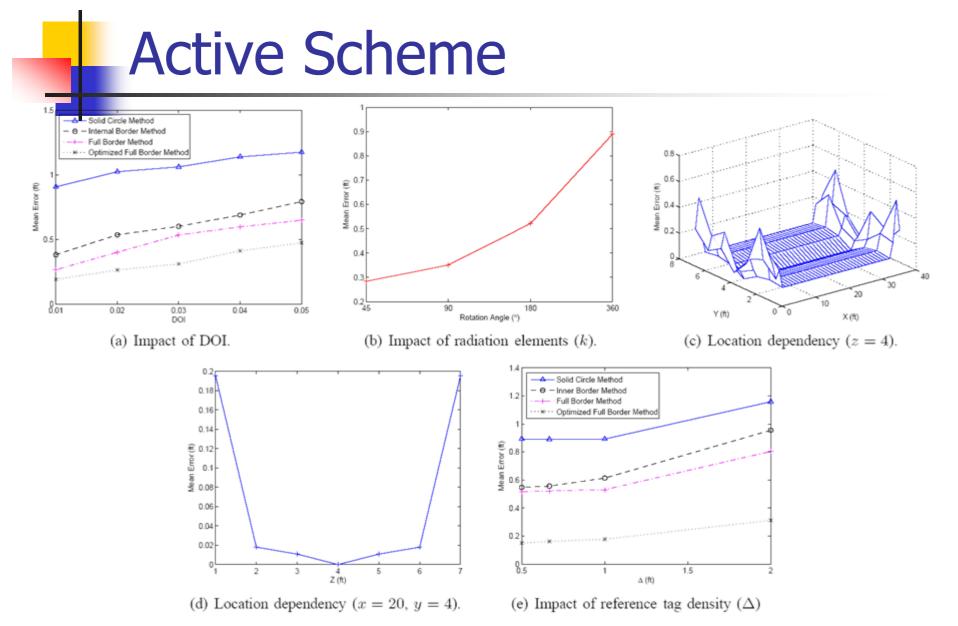


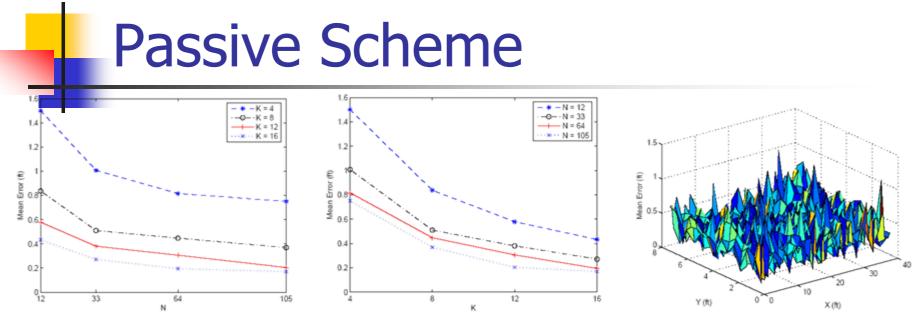
Performance Evaluation

- Analysis: analyze average error in coordinates of the target
 - skipped, see paper
- Simulations
- Experiments

Simulation Setup

- Space: 40'x8'x8'
- Simulation parameters
 - Degree of Irregularity (DOI)
 - Reference tags: Δ' apart, $\Delta=1$ by default
 - Location of target
 - Number of readers (for Passive Scheme)
 - Number of power levels (for Passive Scheme)

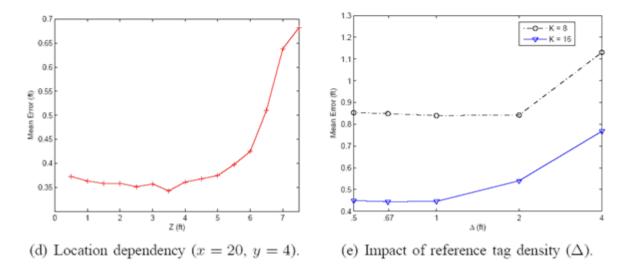




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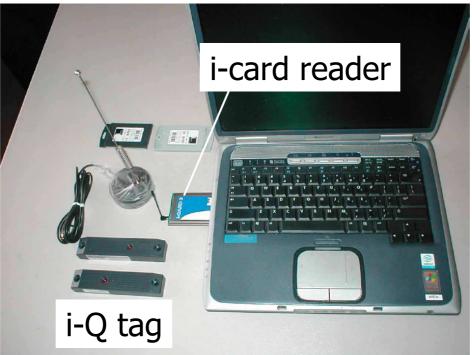
(b) Impact of the number of power levels (K).

(c) Location dependency (z = 4).

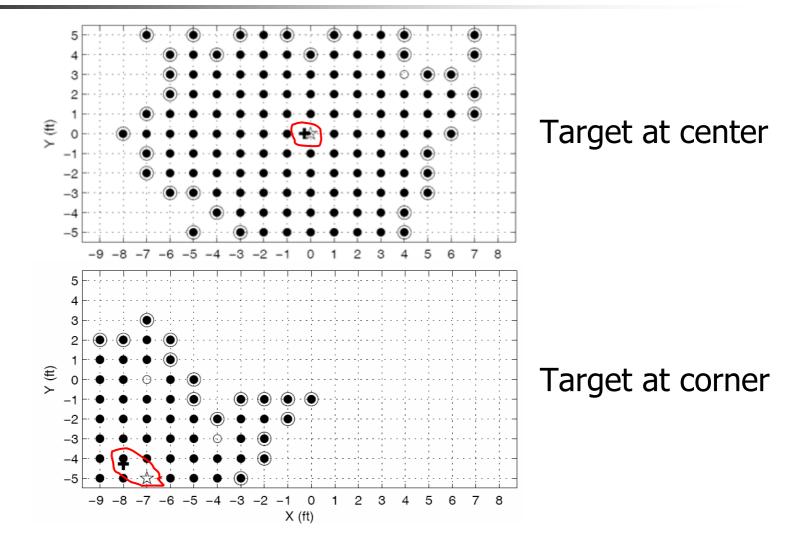


Experiment Setup

Space: 18.5'x11'x7' apartment room IDENTEC RFID kits



Experimental Result



Summary

Proposed two 3-D positioning schemes

 Both schemes are based on nonlinear optimization methods

	Active Scheme	Passive Scheme
Target	Reader	Tag
Reference Nodes	Tags	Tags and Readers
Reference Note Deployment	Ceiling and Floor	Ceiling (or Floor)
Range Free	Yes	Yes
Power Level	One	Multiple
Multiple Tracking	No	Yes
Positioning Time	Short	Long
Hardware Cost	Low	High
Error (ft)	0.2 - 0.5	0.3-3.0



Thank you!