

RF Localization

Traditional Methods

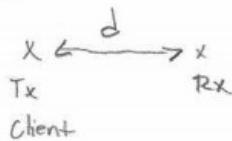
- RSSI (signal power)

- power of signal decays with distance.

- Angle of Arrival

- determine the angle at which a signal is arriving

RSSI

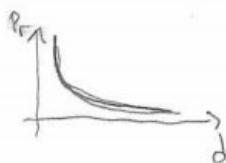


$$h_{\text{dir}} = \frac{\sqrt{G_t G_r} \lambda}{4\pi D} e^{-\frac{j2\pi D}{\lambda}}$$

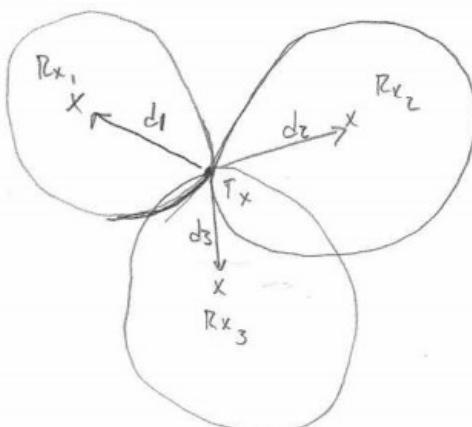
where Power $P_r = P_t G_t G_r \lambda^2$

$$\text{Power} = |h_{\text{dir}}|^2$$

- Map Power \rightarrow distance



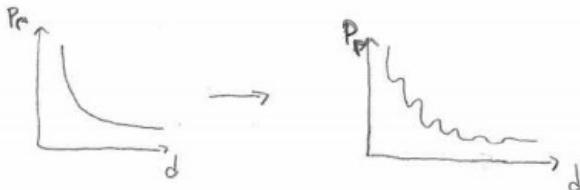
- Trilateration



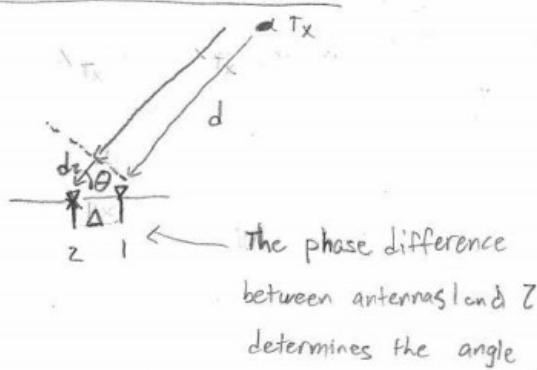
Challenges of RSSI

- i) Noise in the power lead to large deviations in D
- ii) Multipath - due to constructive and destructive interference

$$\frac{a}{d_1} e^{-j2\pi \frac{d_1}{\lambda}} + \frac{a}{d_2} e^{-j2\pi \frac{d_2}{\lambda}}$$

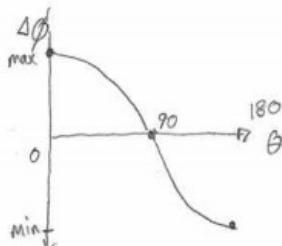


Angle of Arrival (AoA)



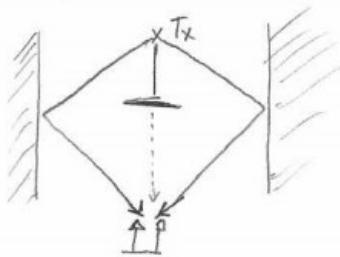
$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{d_Z - d_Y}{\lambda} = \frac{\Delta \cos\theta}{\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta\theta = \frac{2\pi \Delta \cos\theta}{\lambda}} \quad \text{AoA}$$



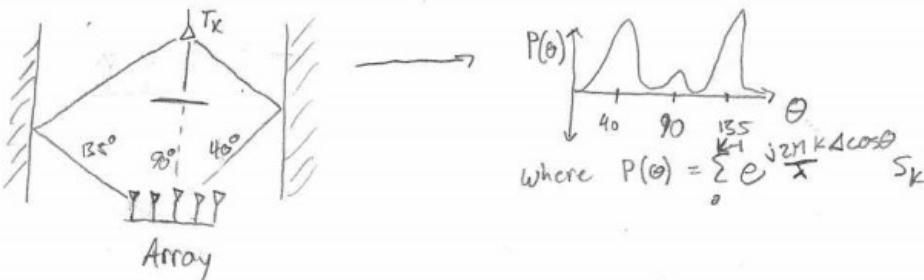
Issues

- 1) Can't distinguish front from back
- 2) The effect of noise is less between $20^\circ - 160^\circ$
- 3) Multipath

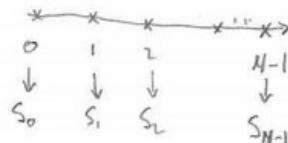


These complex numbers sum constructively and destructively
they create a false direction

Antenna Array



You can determine power at a given angle by projecting onto that specific angle

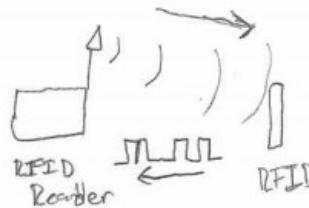


Remarks

- The antenna array gives us the multipath profile but not location
- Large arrays are expensive and cumbersome

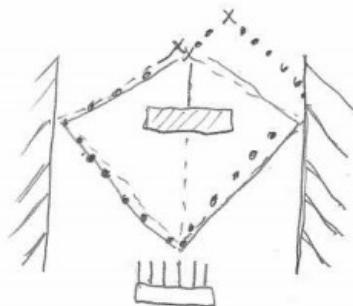
PinIt

- Works with RFIDs

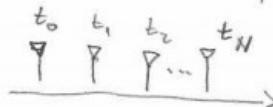


RFIDs reflect their unique pattern

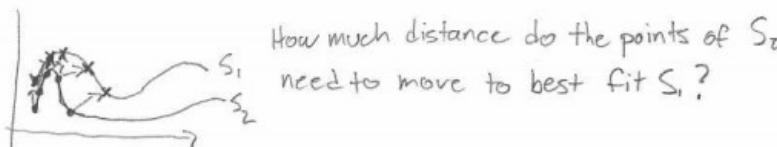
- 1) It localizes mobile RFIDs to reference RFIDs with known locations



- 2) Replace Antenna Array with a sliding antenna sampled in time



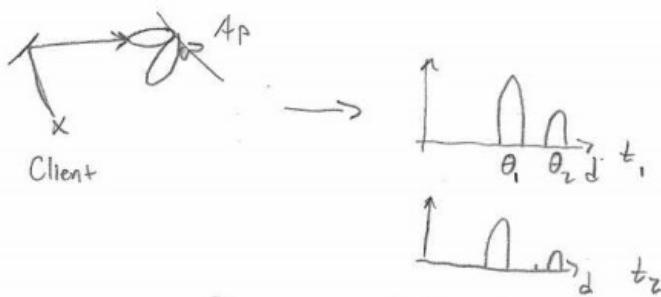
- 3) Use Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) to distinguish nearby RFIDs



Array Track

Array Track cannot work without Line of Sight

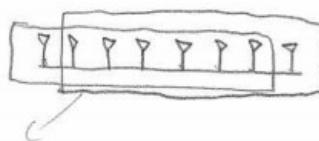
- The main concept of Array Track is that in your multipath profile, the angle of the direct path changes a lot less than the angles of the indirect paths.



By comparing which path is stable over a period of time, you can do a better job of eliminating the non-direct line of sight

Trick

If the client is still, they use 7 of the 8 antennas on the AP



Taking the 7 sets of 7 antennas emulates a moving antenna array