



RF-Wise: Pushing the Limit of RFID-based Sensing

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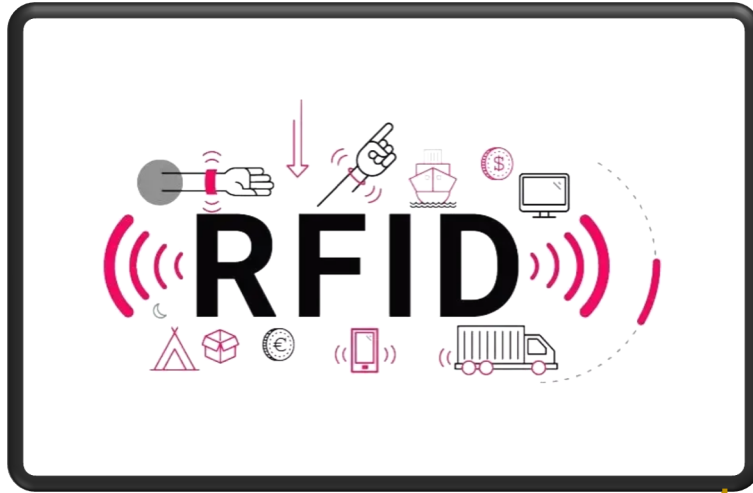
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Motivation



**Radio Frequency
Identification**

Retail



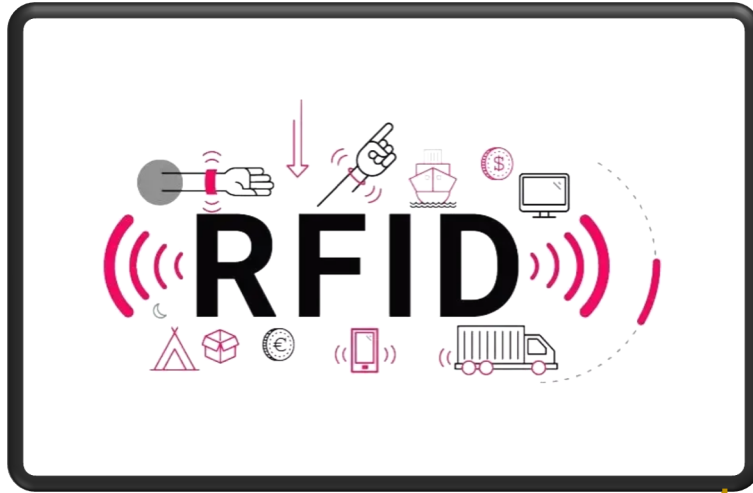
Access Control



Storage



Motivation



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Identification**

Material identification



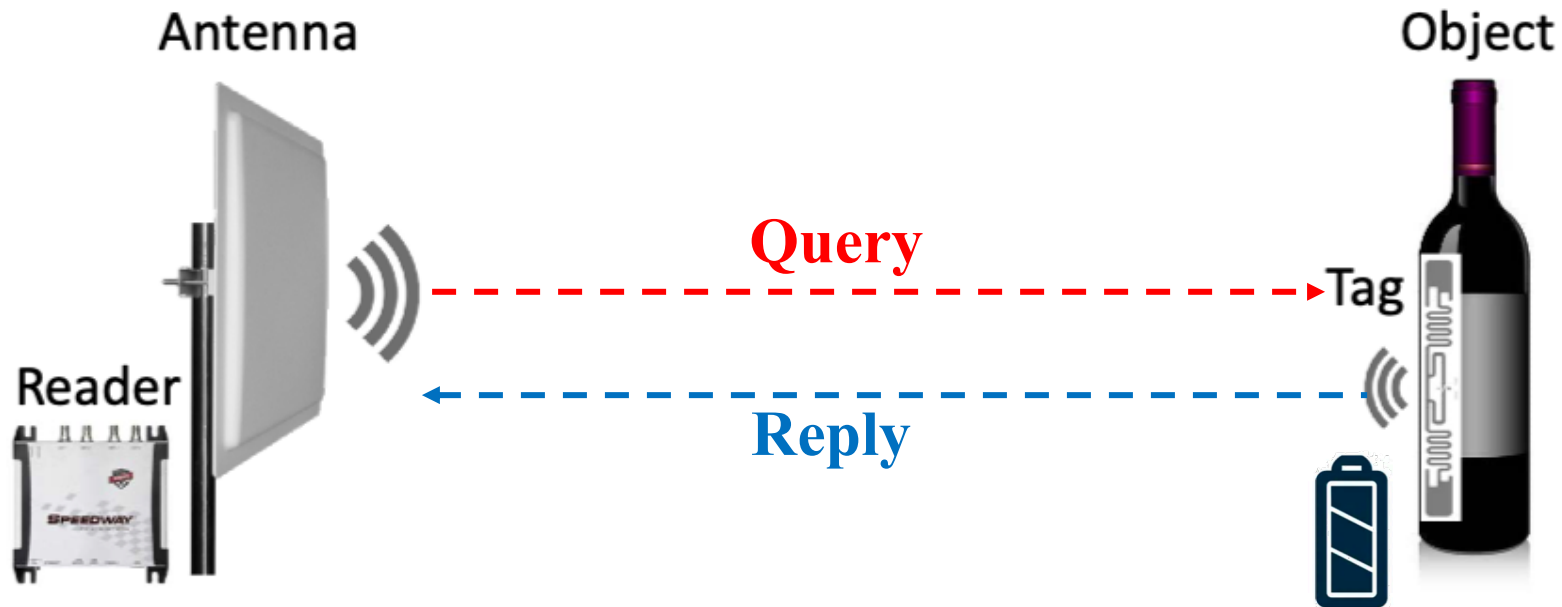
Localization



Gesture recognition



Motivation



Single-dimensional sensing feature!

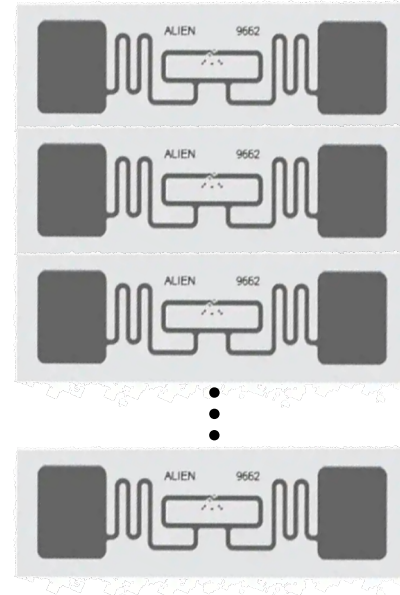
Phase /RSS/Doppler shift

Motivation



Antenna Array

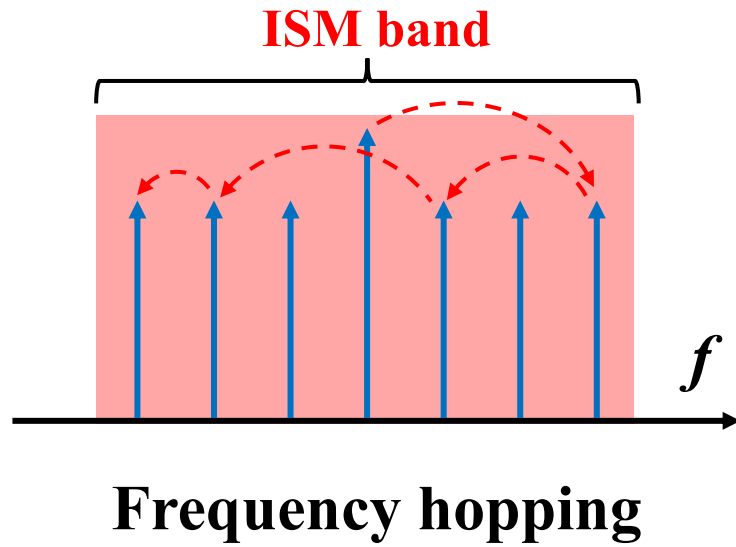
Higher cost



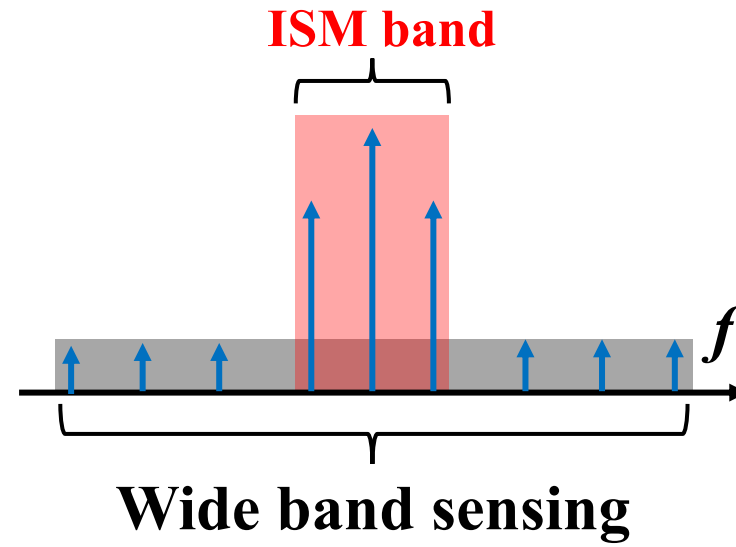
Tag Array

Collision

Motivation



Large latency



Large overhead

Motivation



**Can we improve RFID sensing
without such extra costs and overhead?**

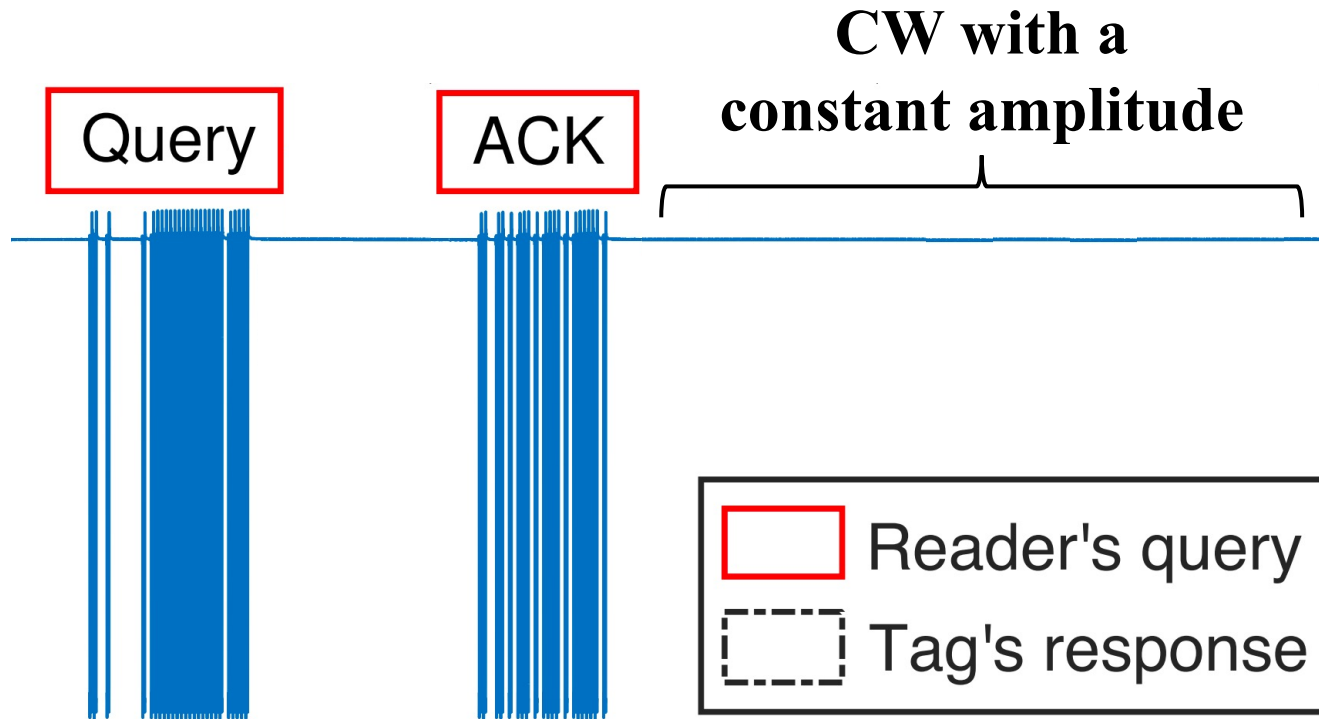
RF-Wise brings a positive answer!

- **Multiple-frequency sensing**
- **No extra devices**
- **One tag only**
- **Within the ISM band**



RF-Wise Design

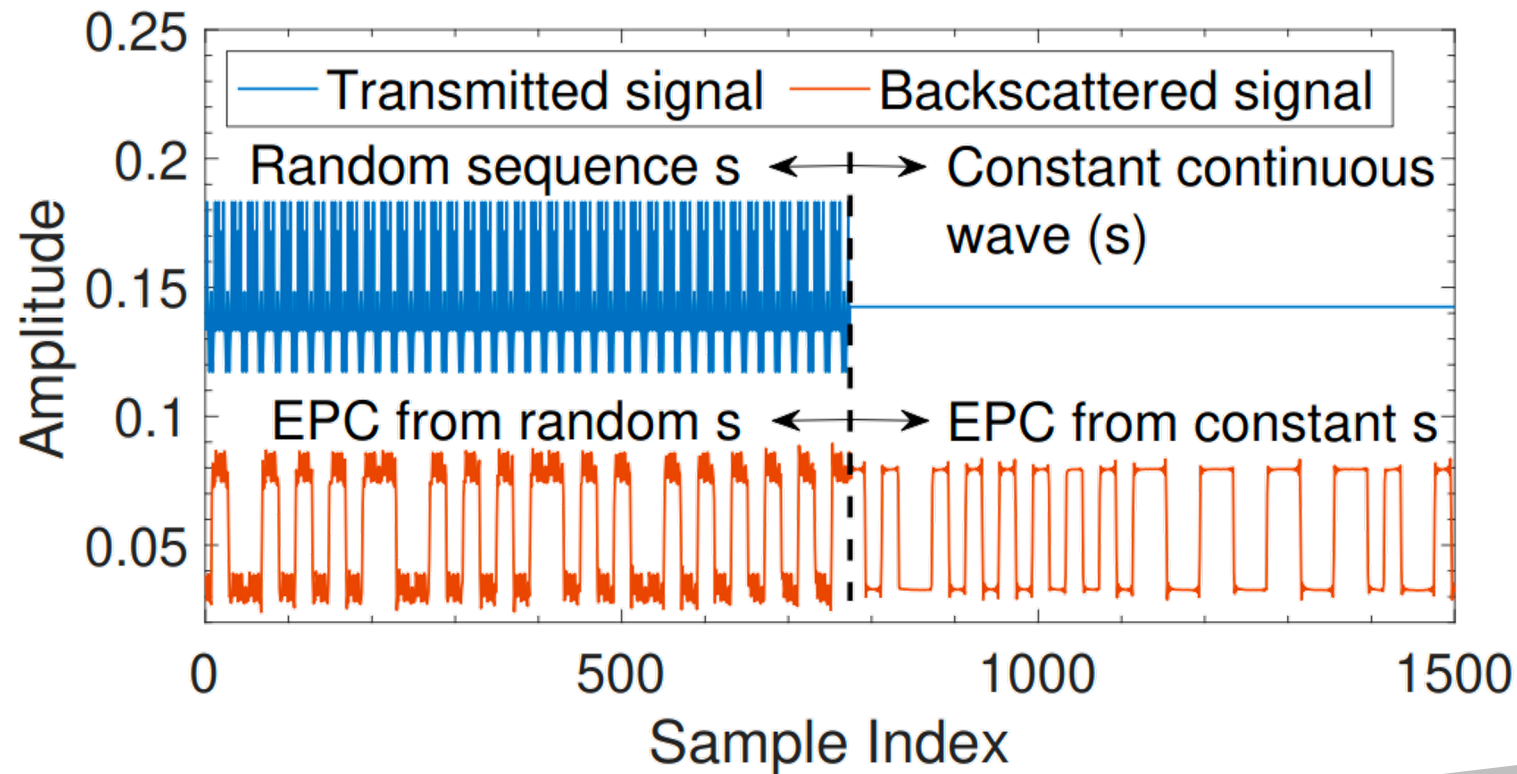
➤ RFID communication



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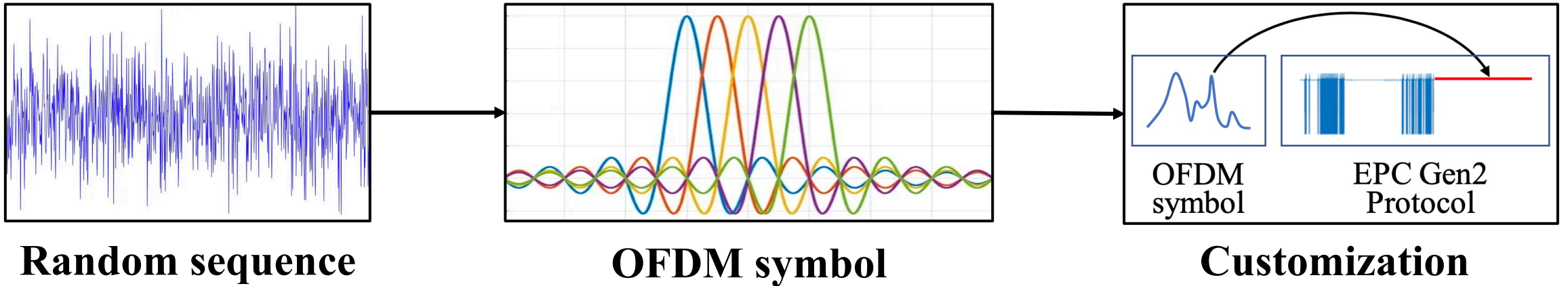
➤ Observation

- ❑ Tag's backscattering is not sensitive to the waveform format of the continuous wave.



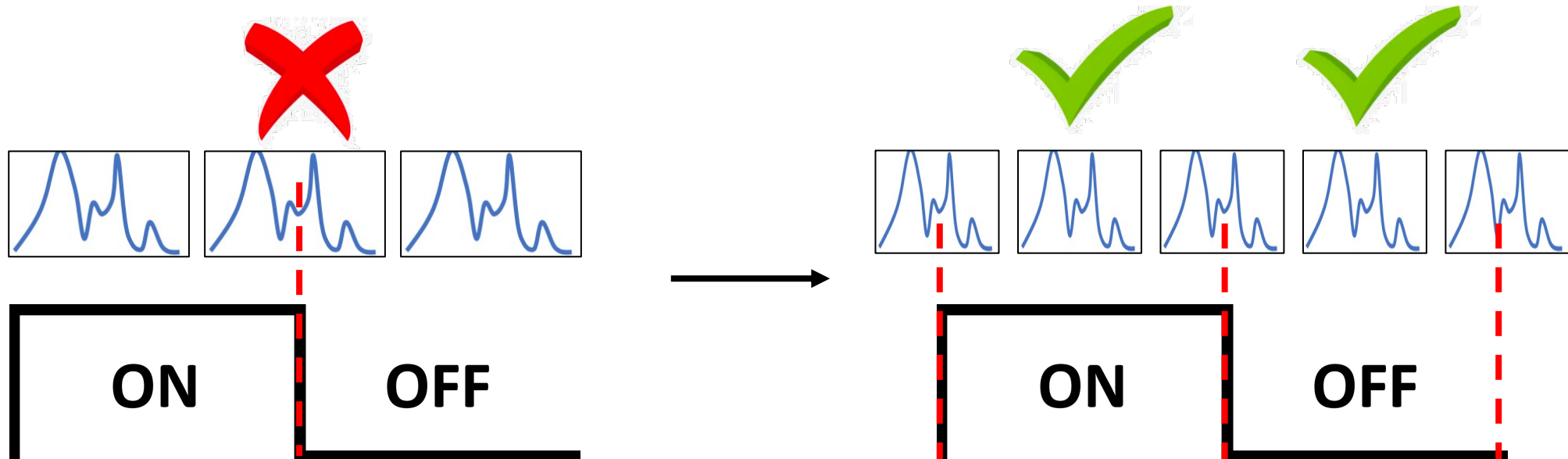
RF-Wise Design

➤ Signal customization



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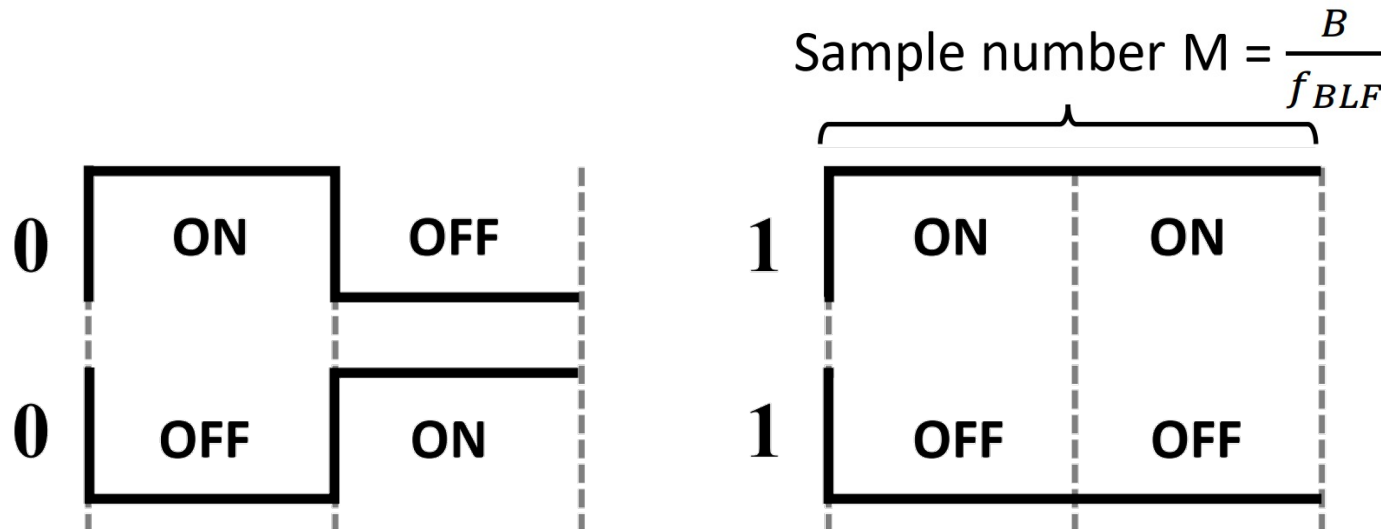
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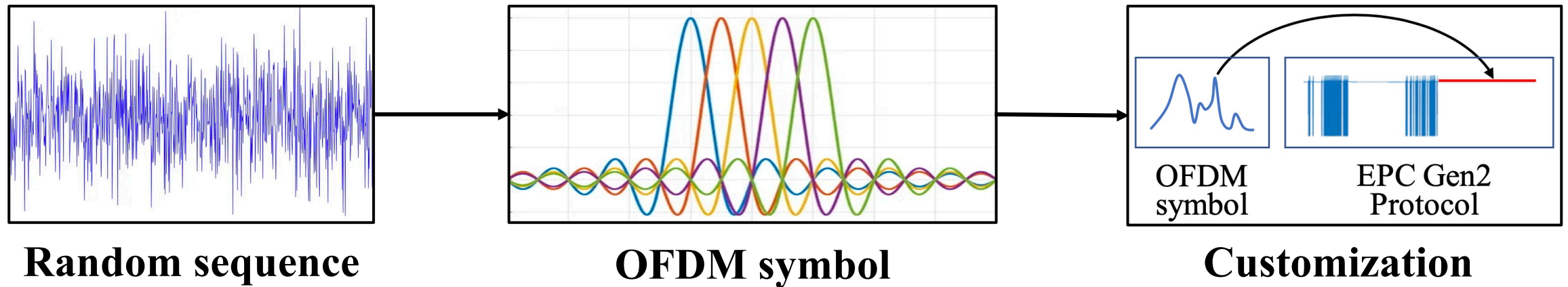
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$$L_{OFDM} < \frac{B}{2f_{BLF}} \longrightarrow L_{OFDM} < \frac{B}{\mu f_{BLF}}, \begin{cases} \mu = 2 & \text{for bit 1} \\ \mu = 4 & \text{for bit 0} \end{cases}$$



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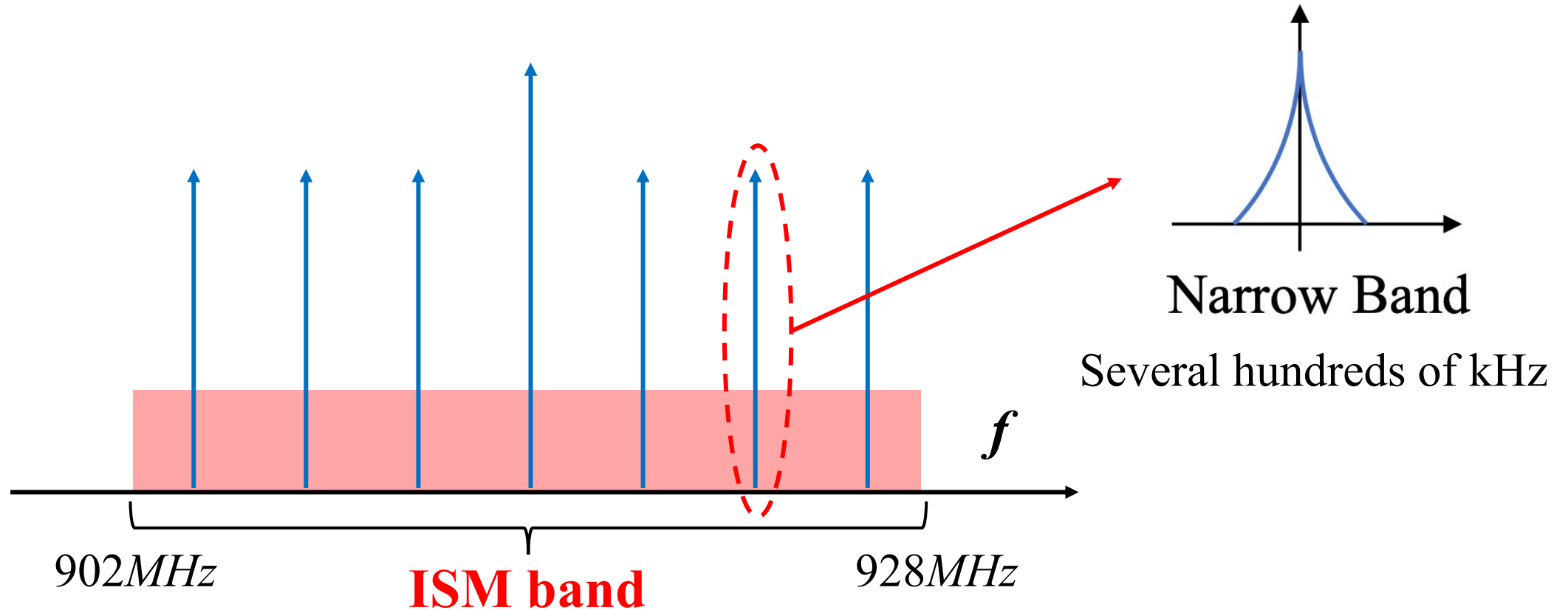
➤ Signal customization



- $E_{\text{OFDM}} < E_{\text{require}} \rightarrow$ No tag's reply
- $\alpha \cdot E_{\text{OFDM}} > E_{\text{require}} \rightarrow$ Tag's reply cannot be decoded
- $\beta \cdot E_{\text{OFDM}} + E_{\text{CW}} > E_{\text{require}} \rightarrow$ Tag functions well

RF-Wise Design

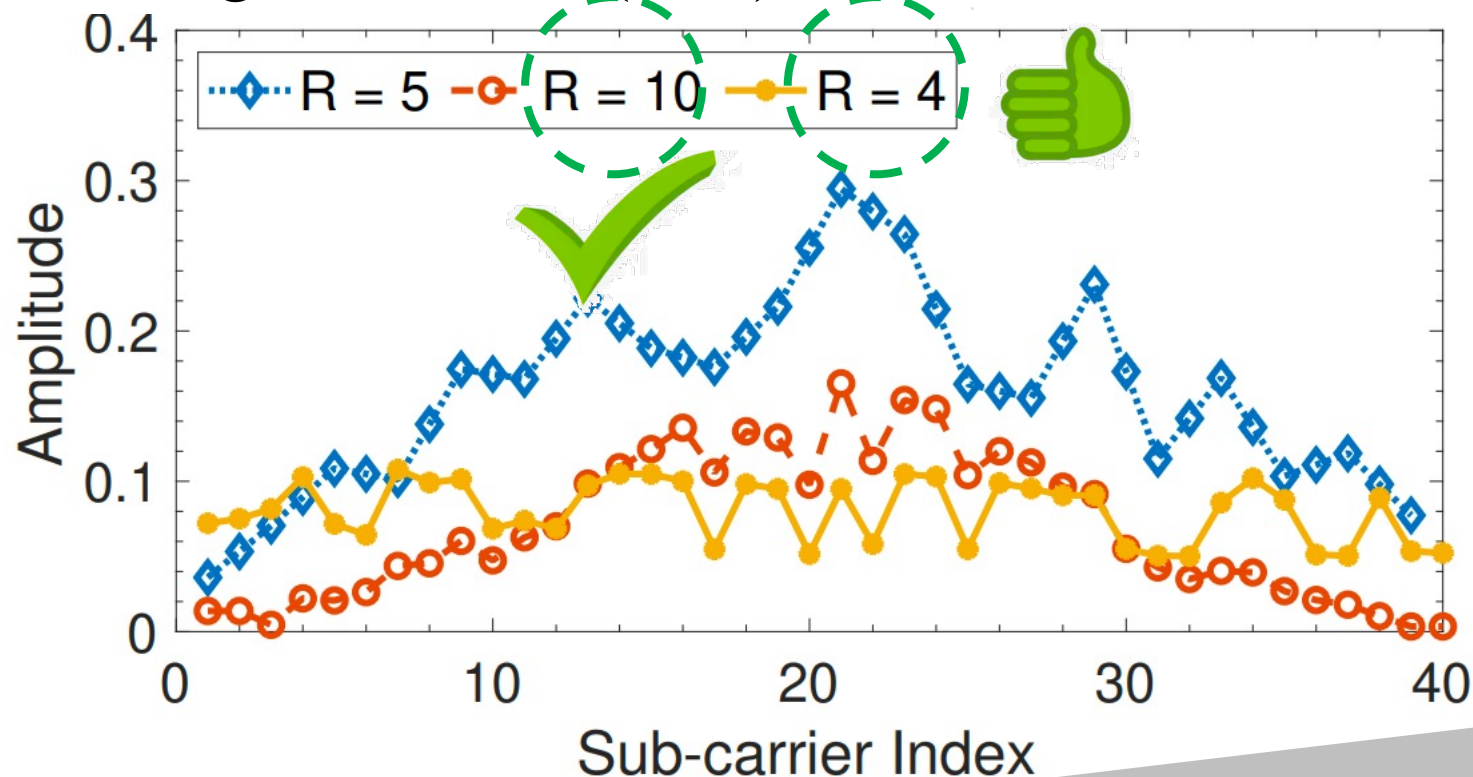
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 - → RFID parameters

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\{\theta_B\}} B, \\ \text{s.t. } & \textcircled{1} B \leq B_u, \\ & \textcircled{2} \frac{r}{B} \in \{2^i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \\ & \textcircled{3} L_j(B, \theta_B) \in N_+, \quad j = 1, \dots, 4, \end{aligned}$$

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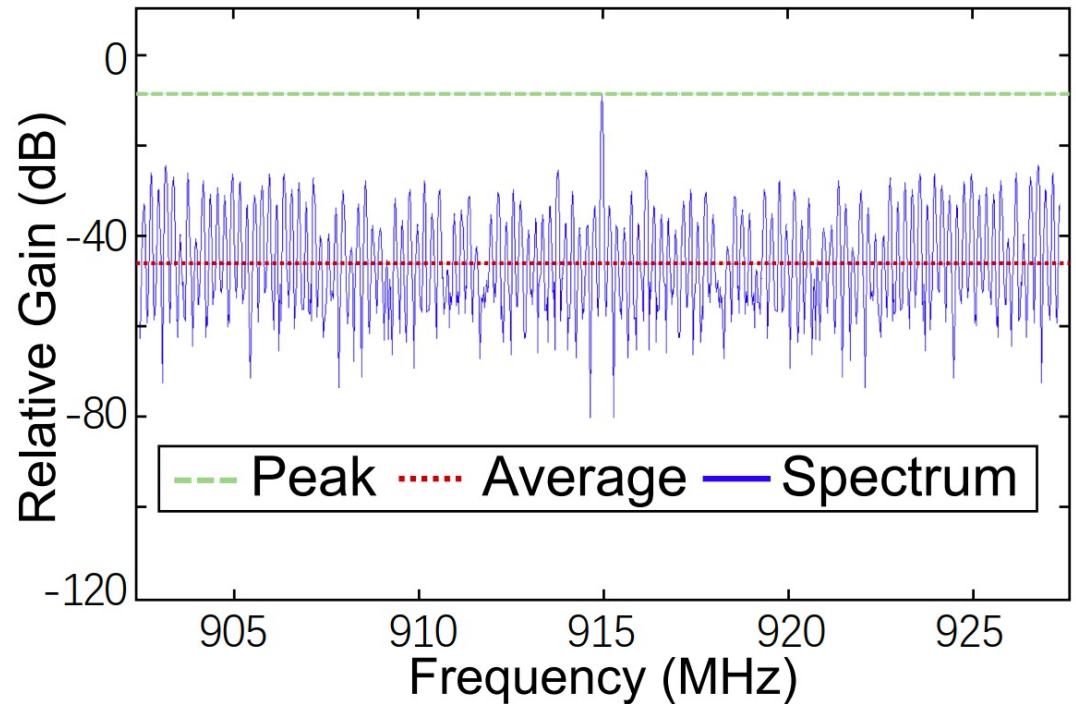
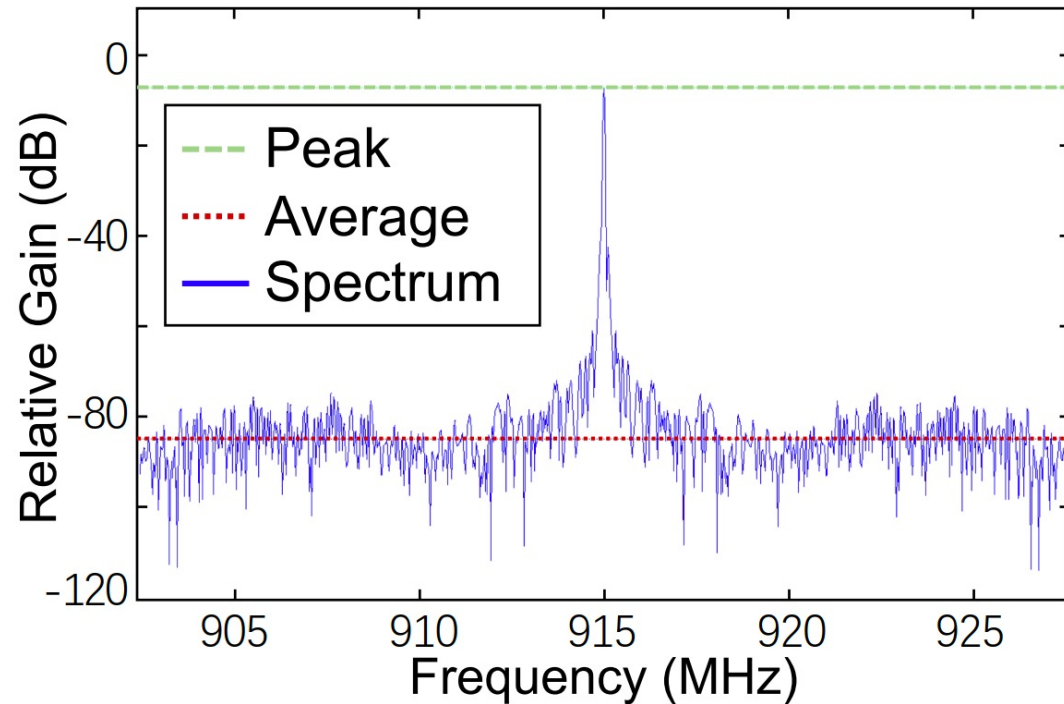
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SETTING OF RFID'S META PARAMETERS USED IN RF-WISE. THE CENTRAL FREQUENCY OF RFID COMMUNICATION IS SET TO 915 MHz.

f_{BLF}	P_{TRcal}	P_{RTcal}	P_{Tari}	P_{T_1}	P_{T_2}	P_{DC}
50 KHz	160 μs	60 μs	20 μs	180 μs	380 μs	90 μs

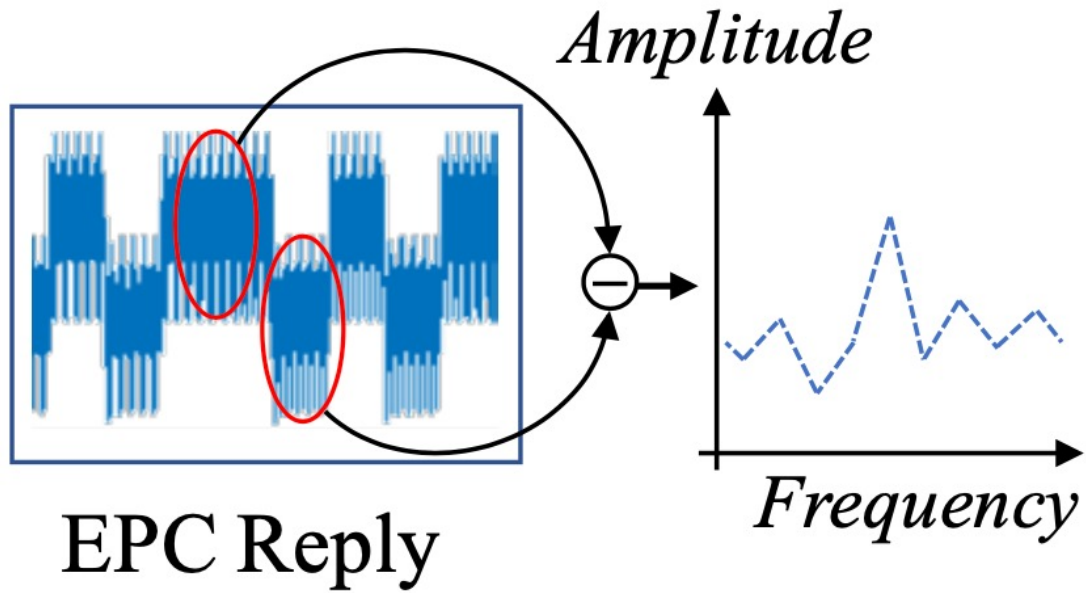
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➤ Feature extraction



$$\mathcal{F}_{sta} = \frac{1}{q_1} \sum_{i=1}^{q_1} H_i^1(on) - \frac{1}{q_2} \sum_{j=1}^{q_2} H_j^1(off)$$
$$\mathcal{F}_{dyn} = \mathcal{H}^{0/1} = \{H_i^{0/1}\}_{i=1}^{q_3}$$

Annotations for the stationary feature formula:

- $f_{target} + f_{env}$ points to $H_i^1(on)$
- f_{env} points to $H_j^1(off)$

Evaluation

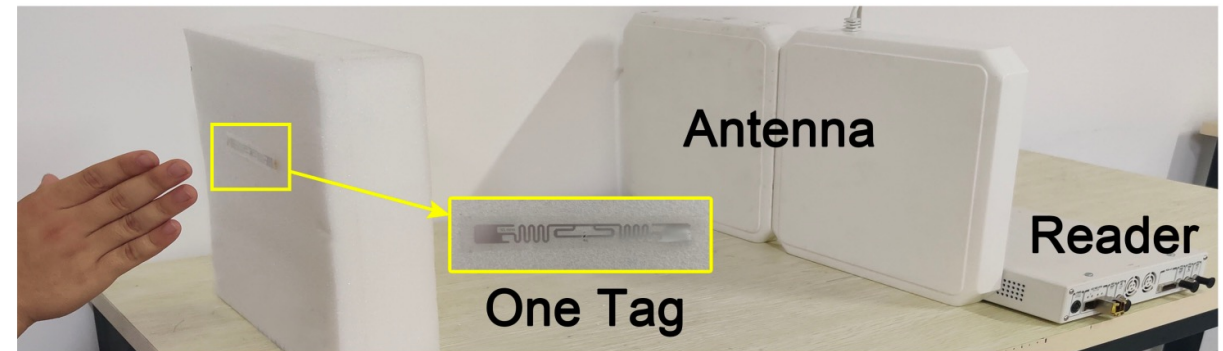
- Hardware:

- USRP X310 with SBX-40 daughterboard
- Laird S9028PCR antenna
- Alien 9640 RFID tag
- X520-DA1 network adapter
- 10 Gigabit Ethernet Cable

- Software:

- GNU Radio 3.7
- UHD 3.15
- Ubuntu 18.04

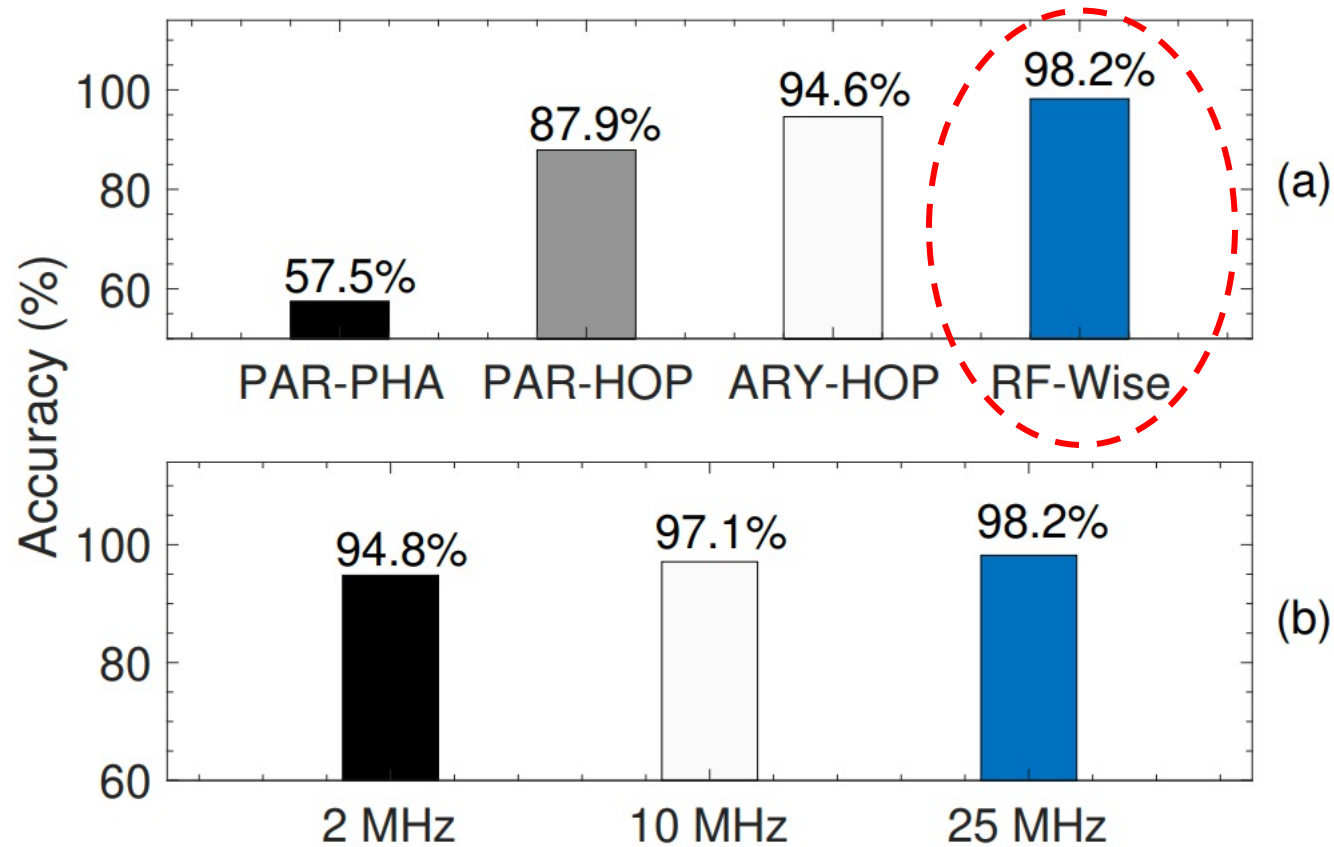
Liquid classification



Gesture recognition

Evaluation

➤ Liquid classification



- ① **PAR-PHA**: one pair of tags (PAR) and signal's phase information (PHA)
- ② **PAR-HOP**: one pair of tags (PAR) with frequency hopping (HOP)
- ③ **ARY-HOP**: tag array (ARY) and the frequency hopping (HOP)
- ④ **RF-Wise**: one tag, frequency multiplexing and 25 MHz bandwidth

Evaluation

➤ Liquid classification

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Liquids
1	1																		1 Beer
2		0.95										0.02	0.02			0.01			2 Coffee
3		0.003	0.96					0.017				0.01	0.01						3 Coke
4				0.98										0.007		0.01	0.003		4 Detergent
5				0.01	0.99														5 Juice
6		0.007				0.99											0.003		6 Honey
7							0.99										0.01		7 Oil
8	0.01		0.02					0.96				0.01							8 Pepsi
9				0.003		0.003			0.99				0.003						9 Red Bull
10										0.99			0.01						10 Saline water
11								0.003			0.98					0.017			11 Skimmed milk
12			0.01									0.98				0.01			12 Sprite
13												0.013	0.98		0.007				13 Sweet water
14				0.013	0.007									0.98					14 Vinegar
15	0.01														0.99				15 Water
16					0.003						0.02		0.003			0.97		0.003	16 Whole milk
17																	1		17 Wine
18																		1	18 Yogurt

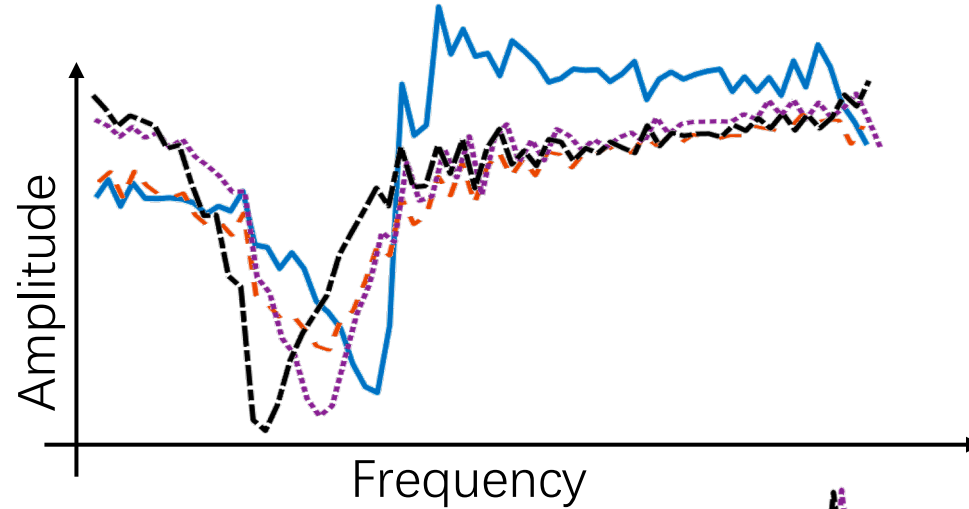
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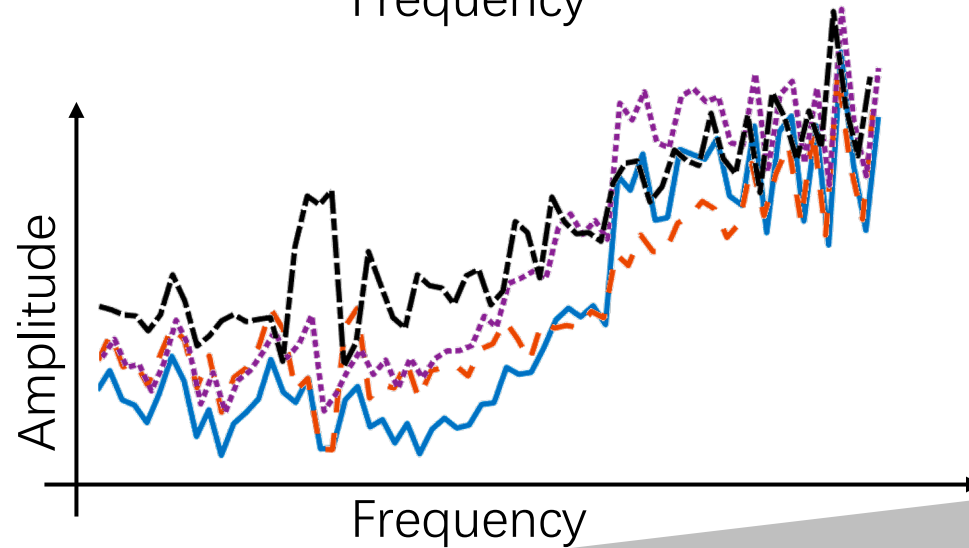
Fresh Milk

After 1 hour
After 2 hours
After 4 hours



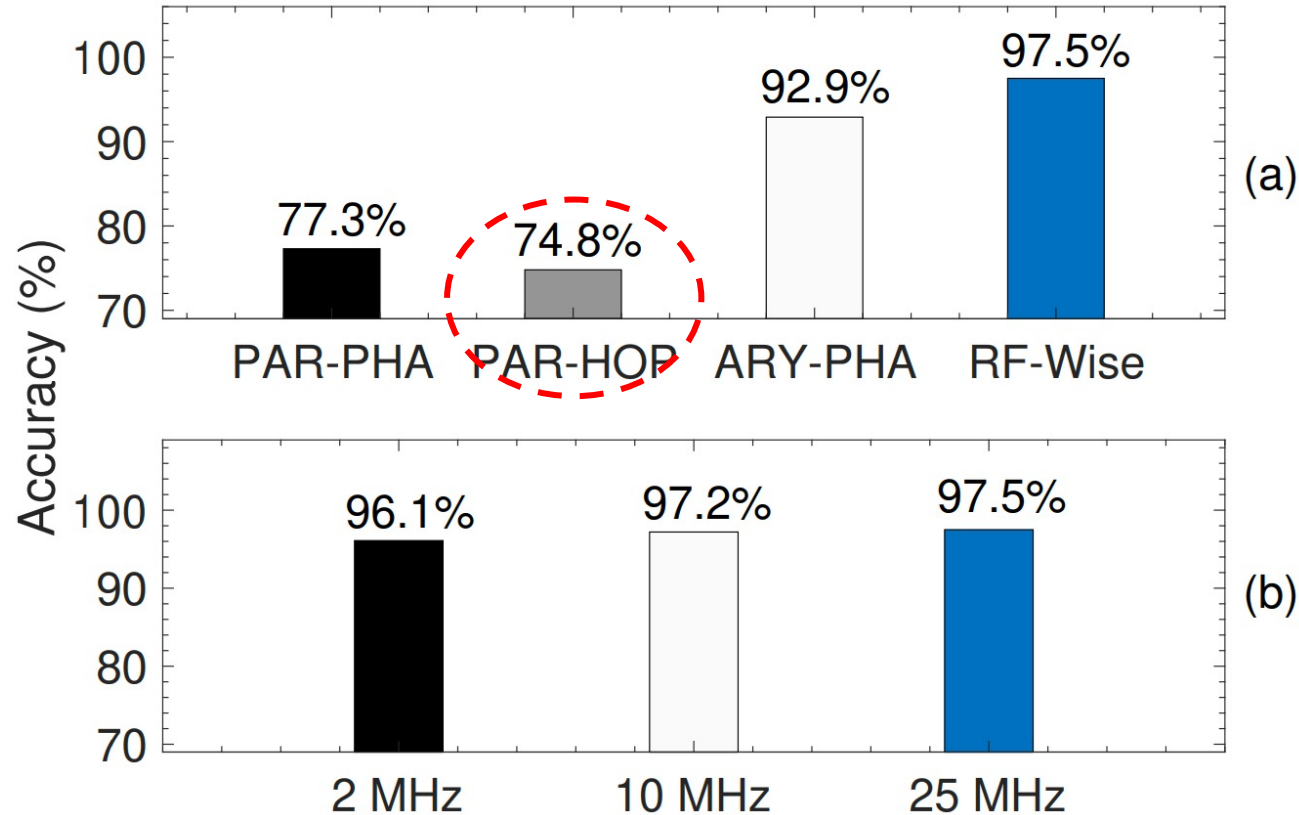
Wine

w/ 2.5% water
w/ 5.0% water
w/ 7.5% water



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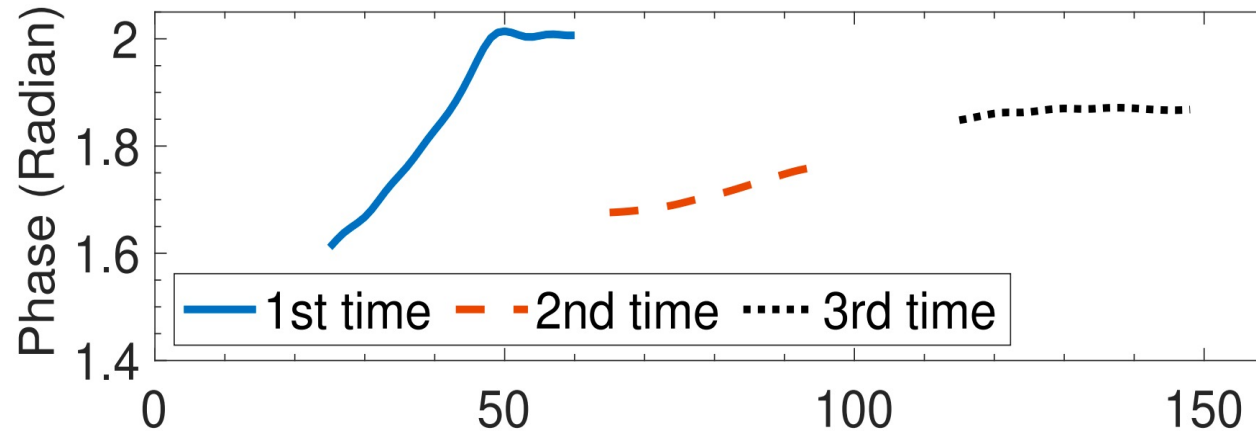
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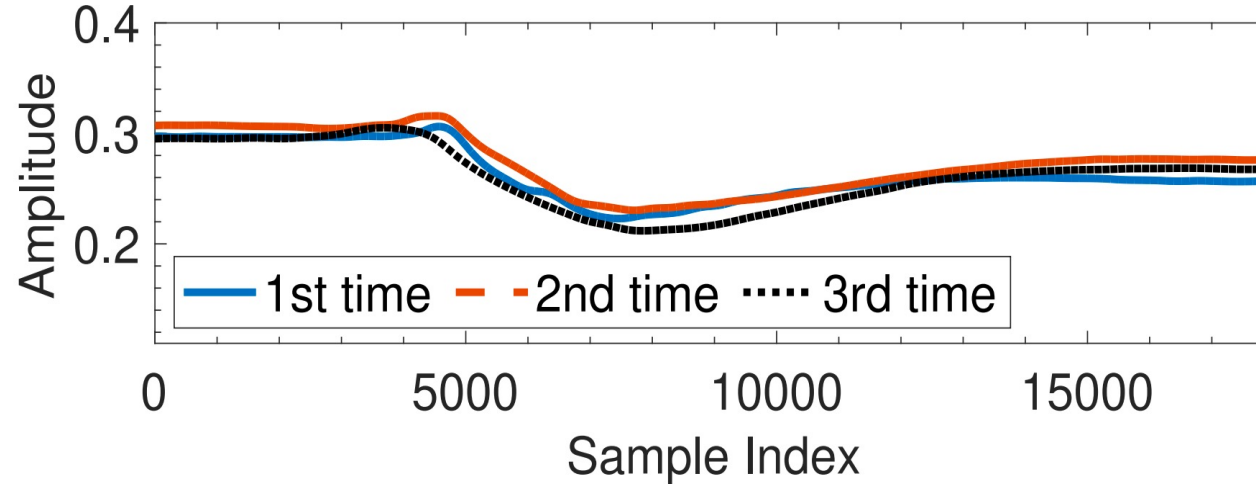
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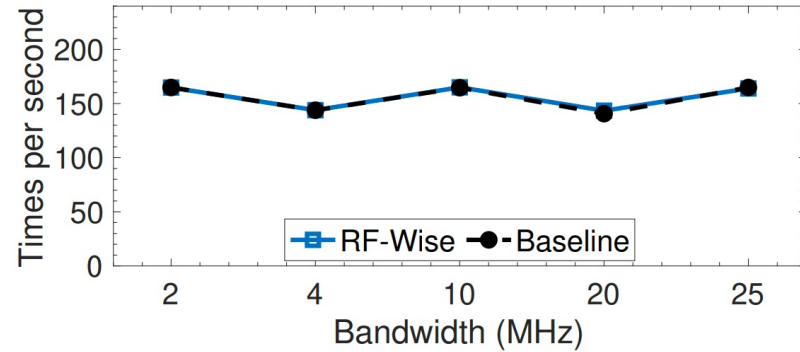
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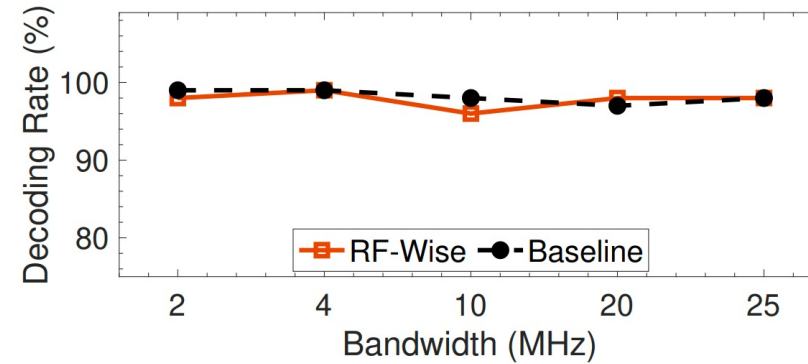
(b) Features from RF-Wise

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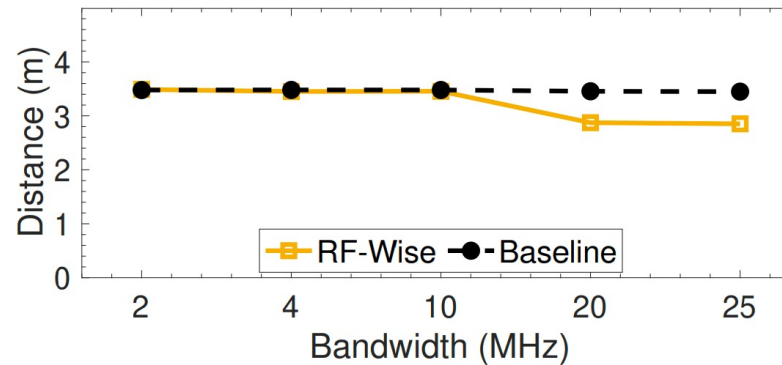
➤ Compatible to RFID communication



(a) Reading rate v.s. Bandwidth



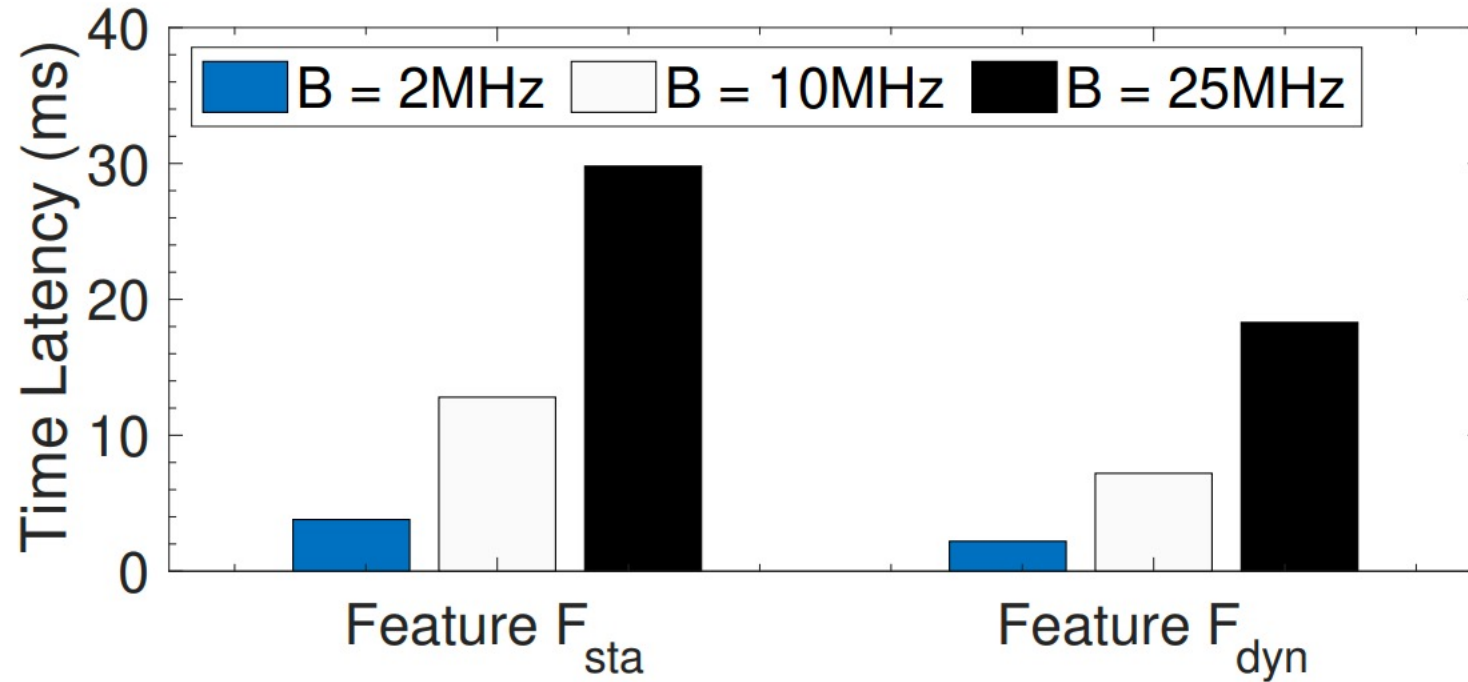
(b) Decoding rate v.s. Bandwidth



(c) Reading distance v.s. Bandwidth

Evaluation

➤ Latency



Conclusion and Q&A

- First work to collect the fine-grained CSI-like sensing features from the RFID signal.
 - <https://cui-zhao.github.io/RF-WISE/>