



Error Characteristics of APS (Ad Hoc Positioning Systems)

**Dragoş Niculescu and Badri Nath
Rutgers University**

<http://www.cs.rutgers.edu/~dnicules/research/>

motivation: ad hoc sensor networks



- **a sensor reports a phenomenon and its:**
 - **position**
 - **place it on a map**
 - **routing with small or no routing tables**
 - **orientation**
 - **remote navigation**
 - **fine grained control – camera orientation**
- **possible solutions**
 - **GPS + digital compass in each node**

related work



- **centralized**

- **convex optimization [Doherty00]**
- **multidimensional scaling [Shang03]**

- **infrastructure based**

- **Grid based [Bulusu00]**
- **Cricket, Cricket Compass [Priyantha01]**
- **RADAR [Bahl00]**

- **distributed**

- **SPA [Capkun01]**
- **AhLOS [Savvides01]**

terminology and assumptions



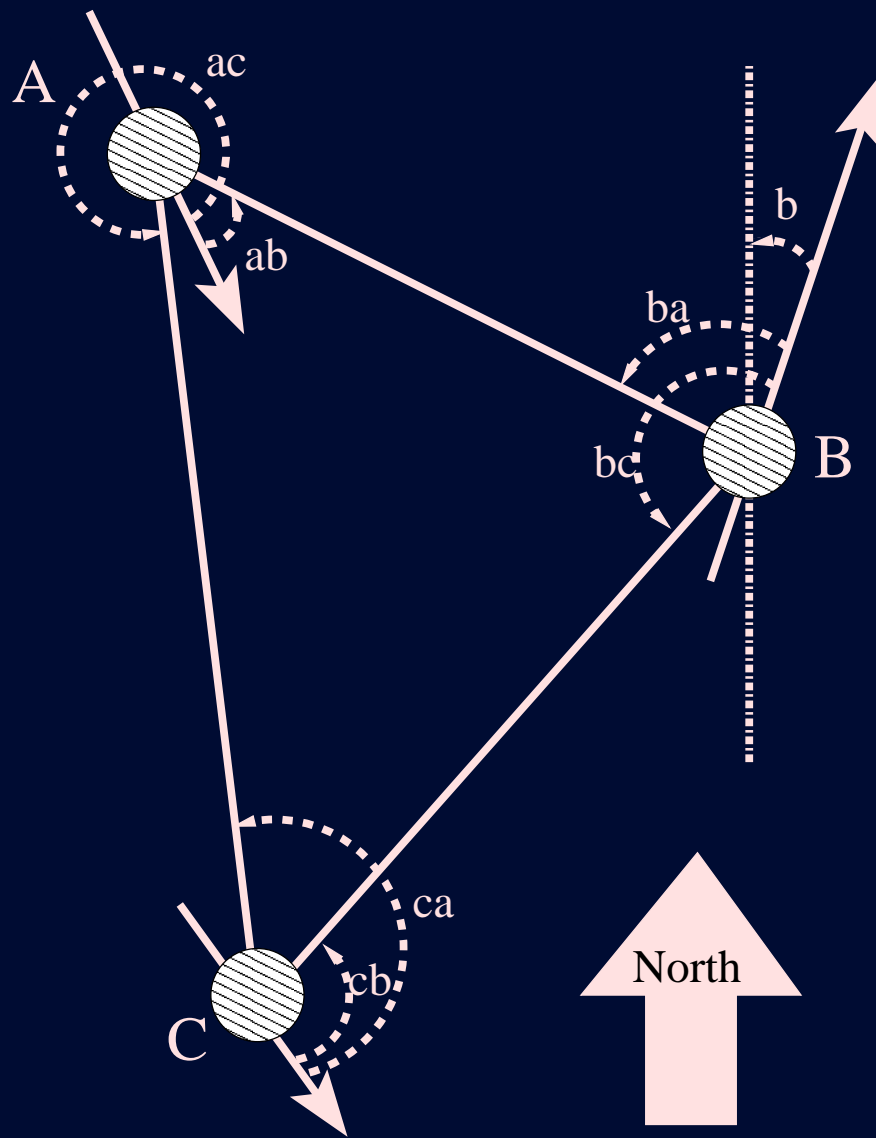
○ terminology

- **landmark** - a node knowing its position
- **bearing/AoA** - angle w.r.t. some objective
- **range** - measured distance to some objective

○ assumptions

- no additional infrastructure
- random deployment, low landmark ratio
- distributed / localized operation
- capabilities: AoA, ranging, none

node capabilities



○ Ranging:

- signal strength
- ultrasound
- UWB

○ AoA:

- Cricket[Pryiantha01]
- 5° error for $\pm 40^\circ$
- TDOA based

APS algorithms



| | Capabilities |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>DV-hop</i> | none |
| <i>DV-distance</i> | ranging |
| <i>Euclidean</i> | ranging |
| <i>DV-Bearing</i> | AoA |
| <i>DV-radial</i> | AoA+Compass |
| <i>DV-position</i> | ranging+AoA/Compass |

- motivation
 - related work
 - terminology
 - node capabilities
-
- APS - algorithm outline
 - example
 - one hop positioning
 - *DV-hop*
 - error
 - trilateration error
 - range error
 - position error
 - *DV-position*
 - error, simulation
 - *DV-radial* and *Euclidean*
 - parameter space
 - future work
 - summary
 - extra slides

single hop positioning



- **trilateration**
 - distances to three known points
- **triangulation**
 - angles between three known points
- **V.O.R.**
 - angles from three known points

APS algorithms outline

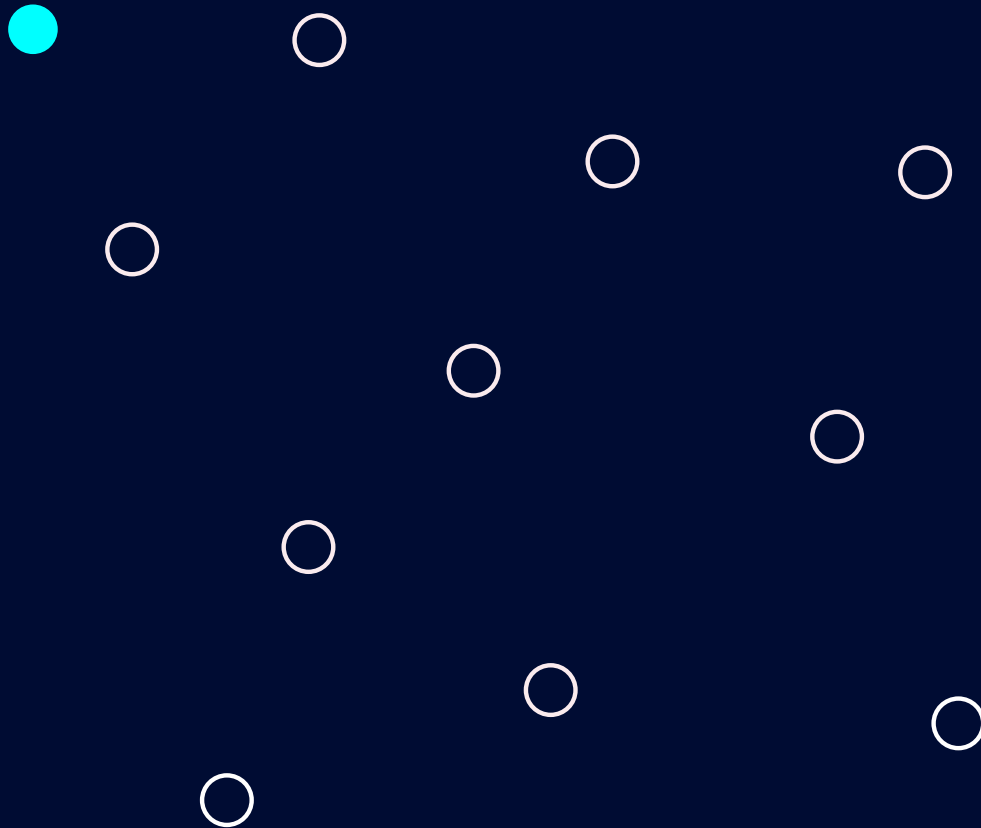


- **landmarks know their position**
- **regular nodes**
 - **find ranges/bearings to immediate neighbors**
 - **induction** → **infer ranges/bearings to faraway landmarks**
- **like in DV,**
 - **ranges/bearings are propagated hop by hop**
 - **each landmark is treated independently**

APS example



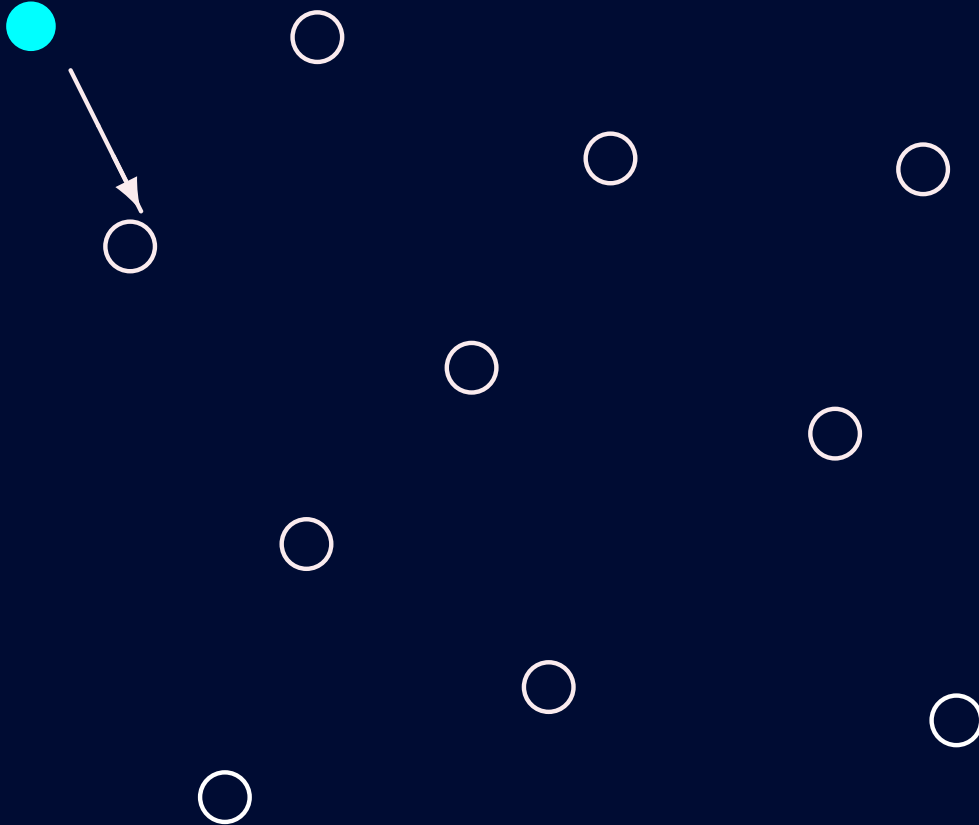
↓ ↑



APS example



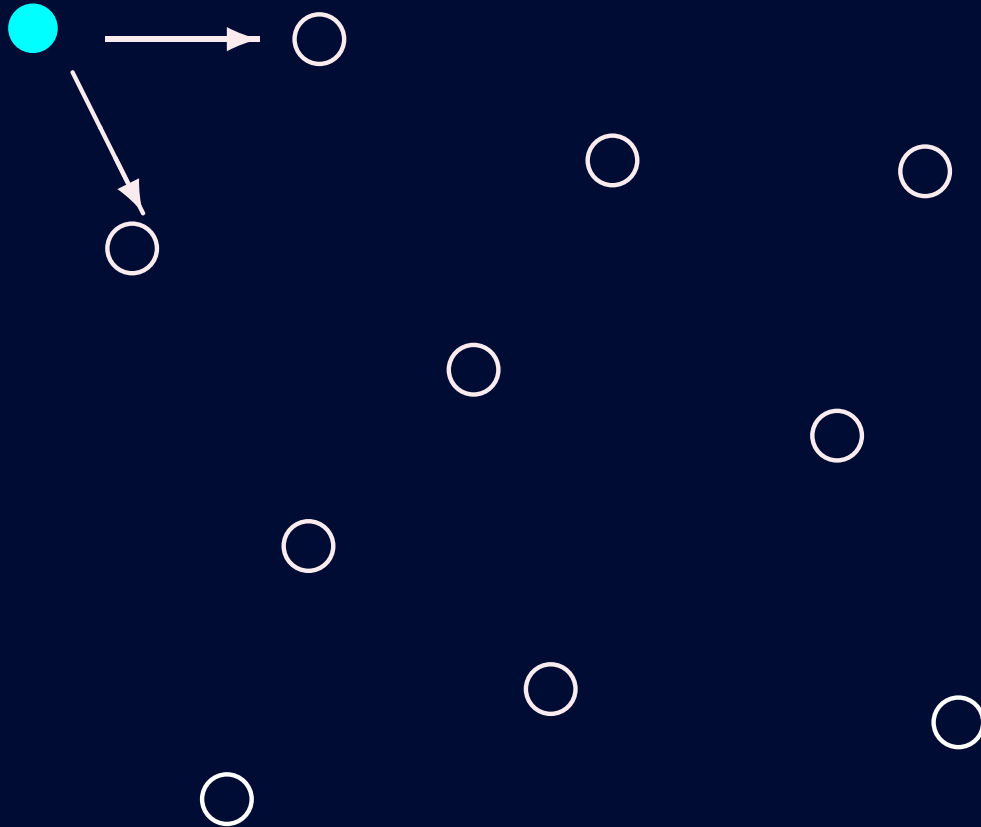
↓ ↑



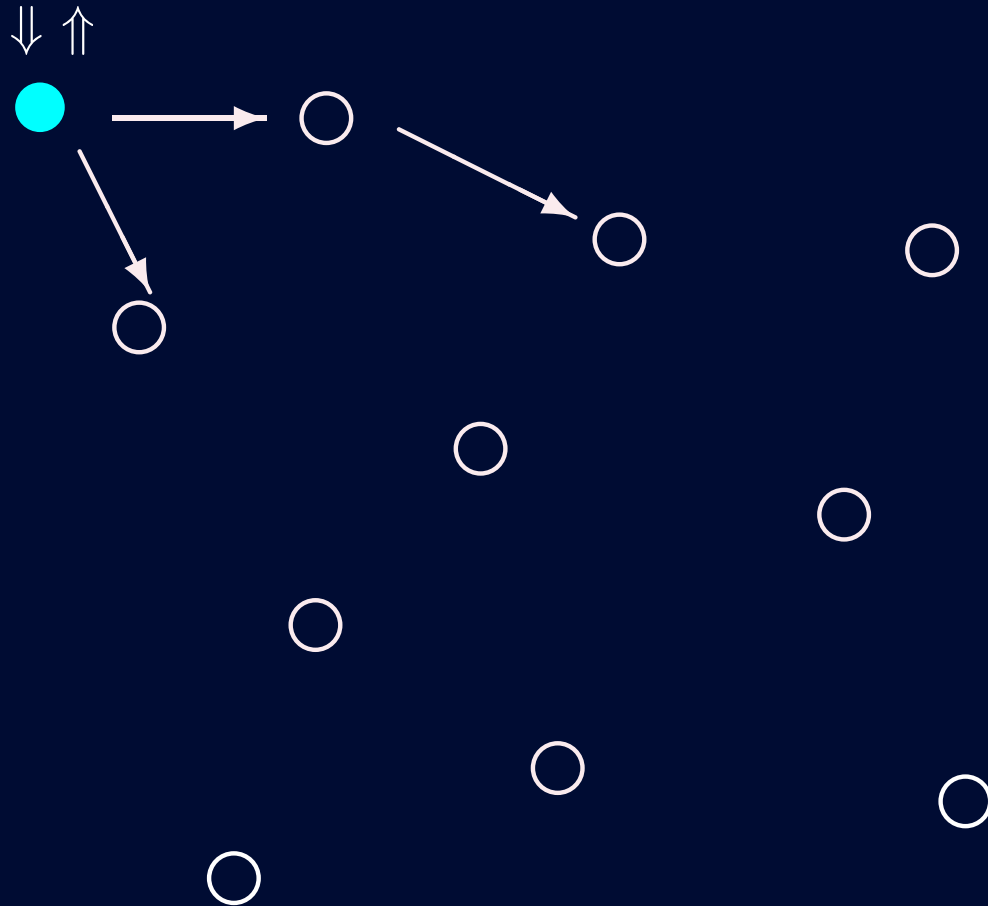
APS example



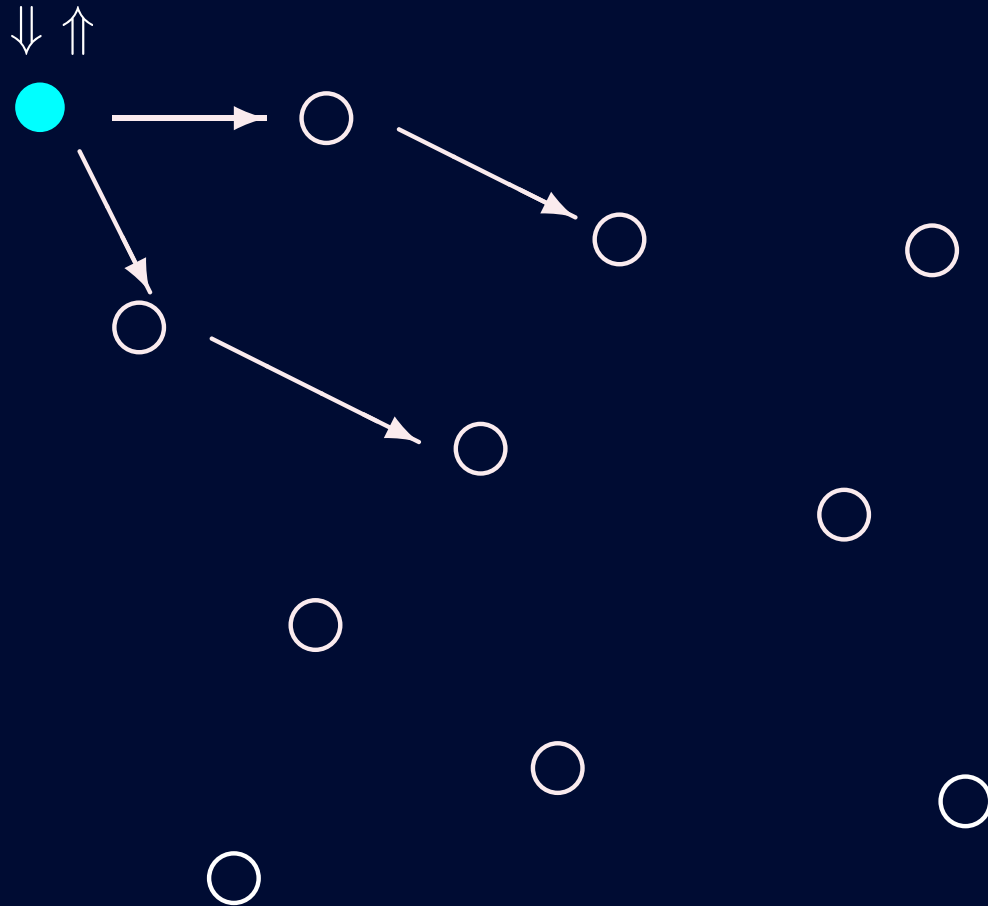
↓ ↑



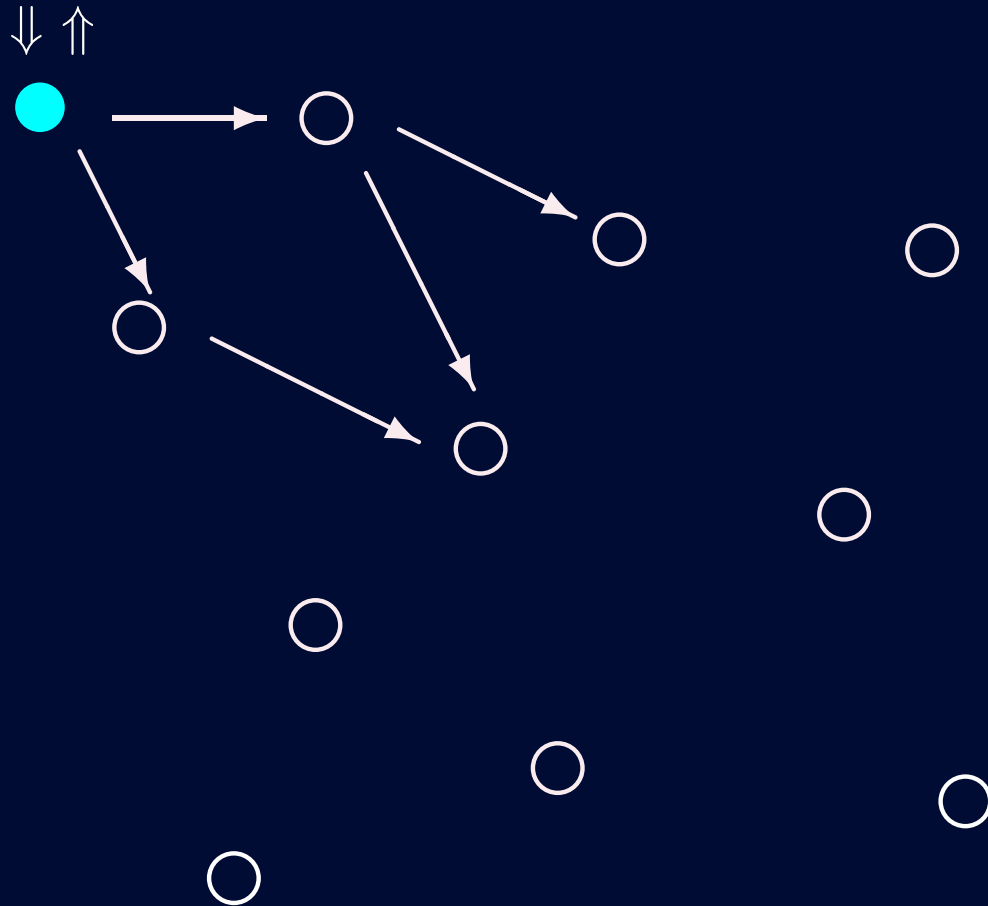
APS example



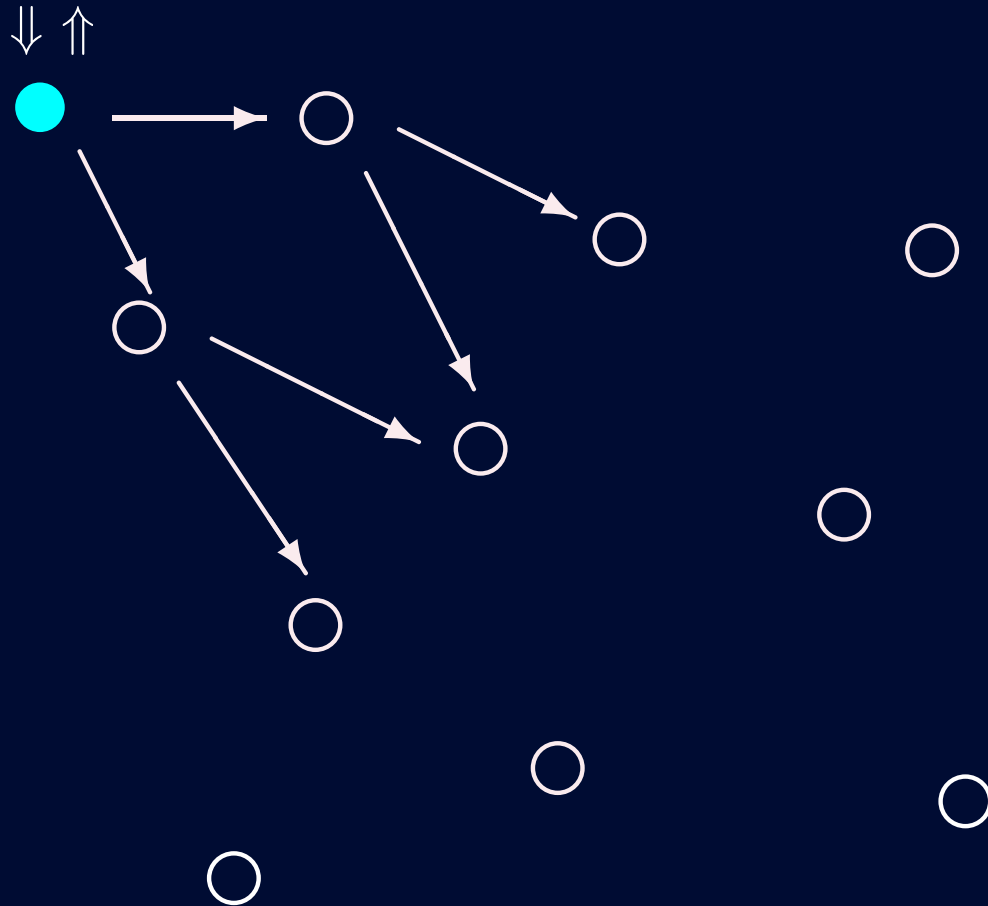
APS example



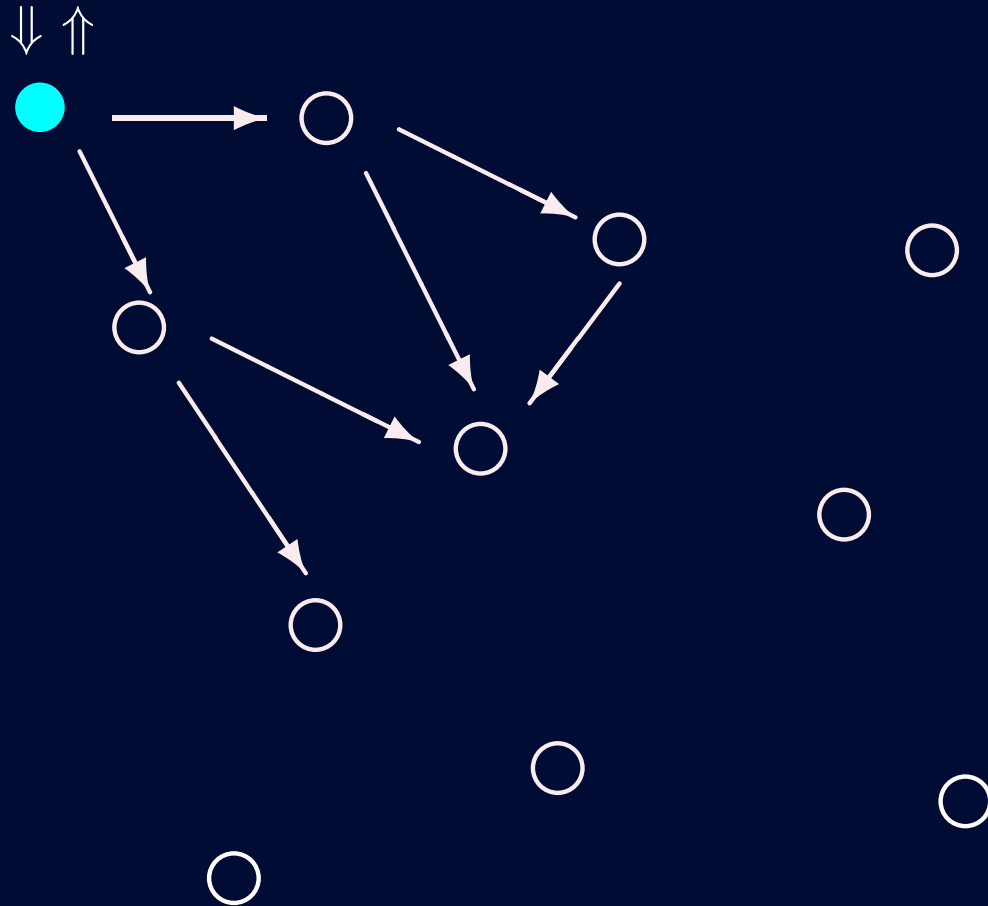
APS example



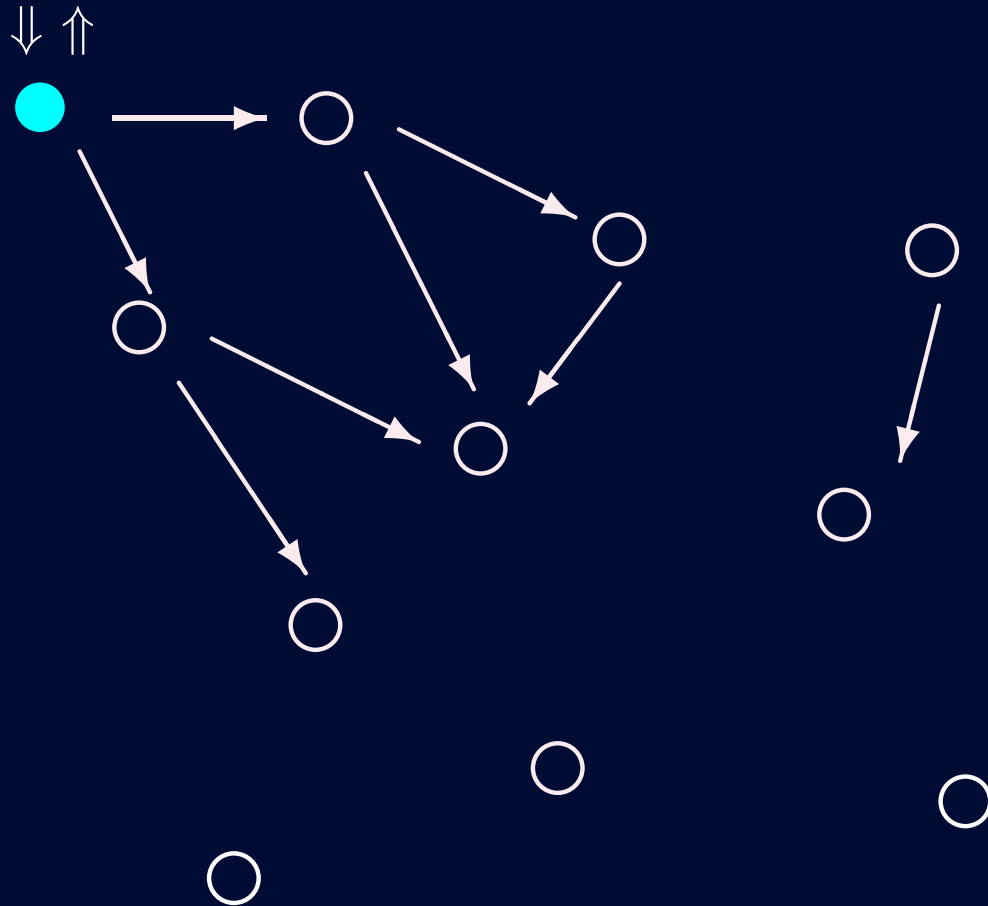
APS example



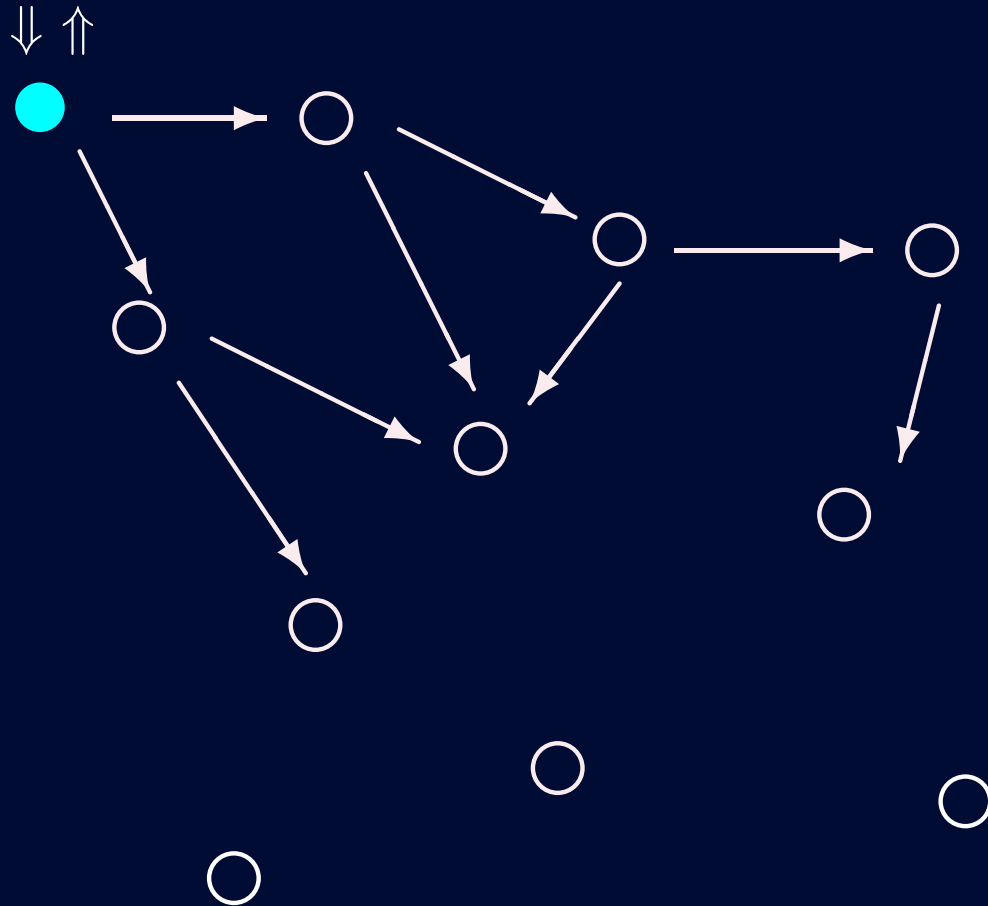
APS example



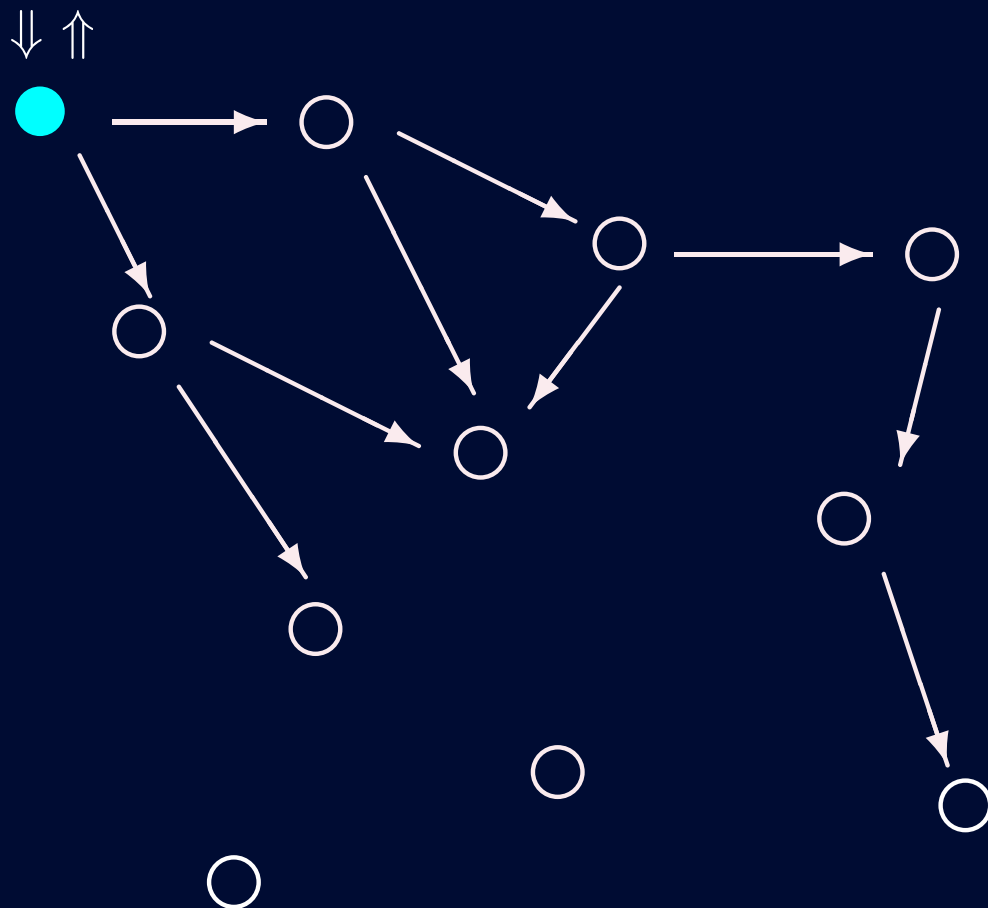
APS example



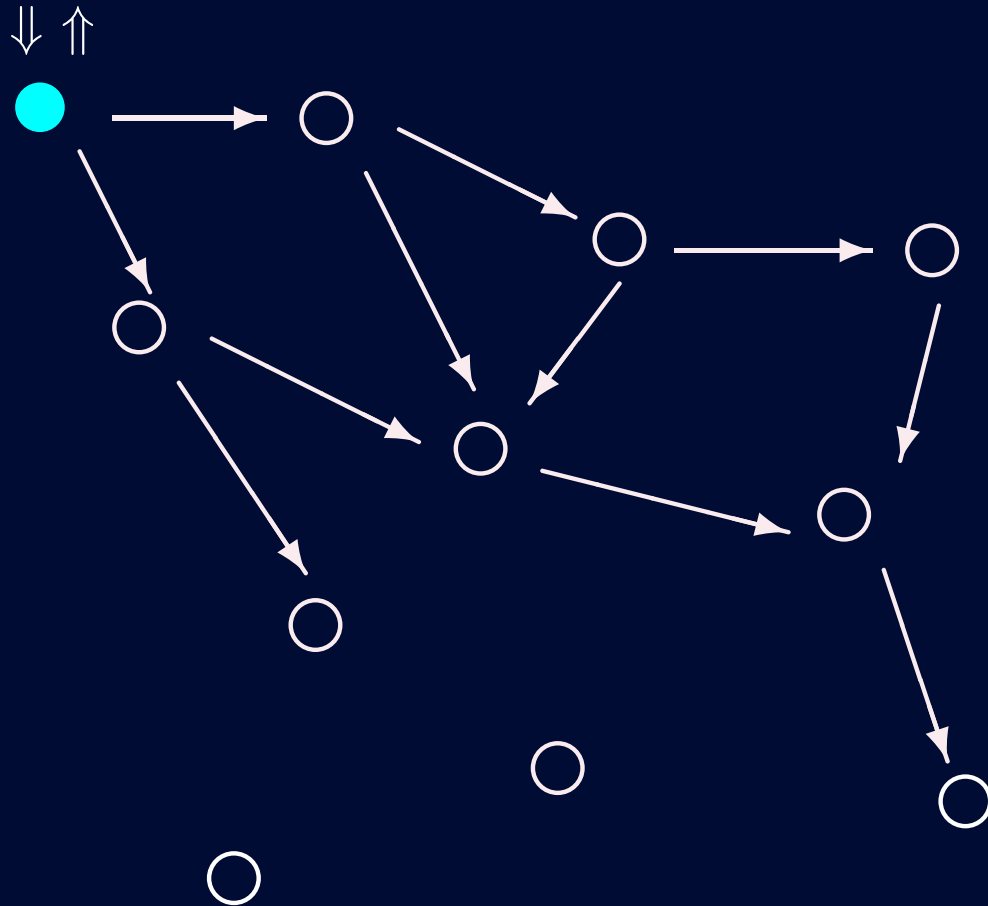
APS example



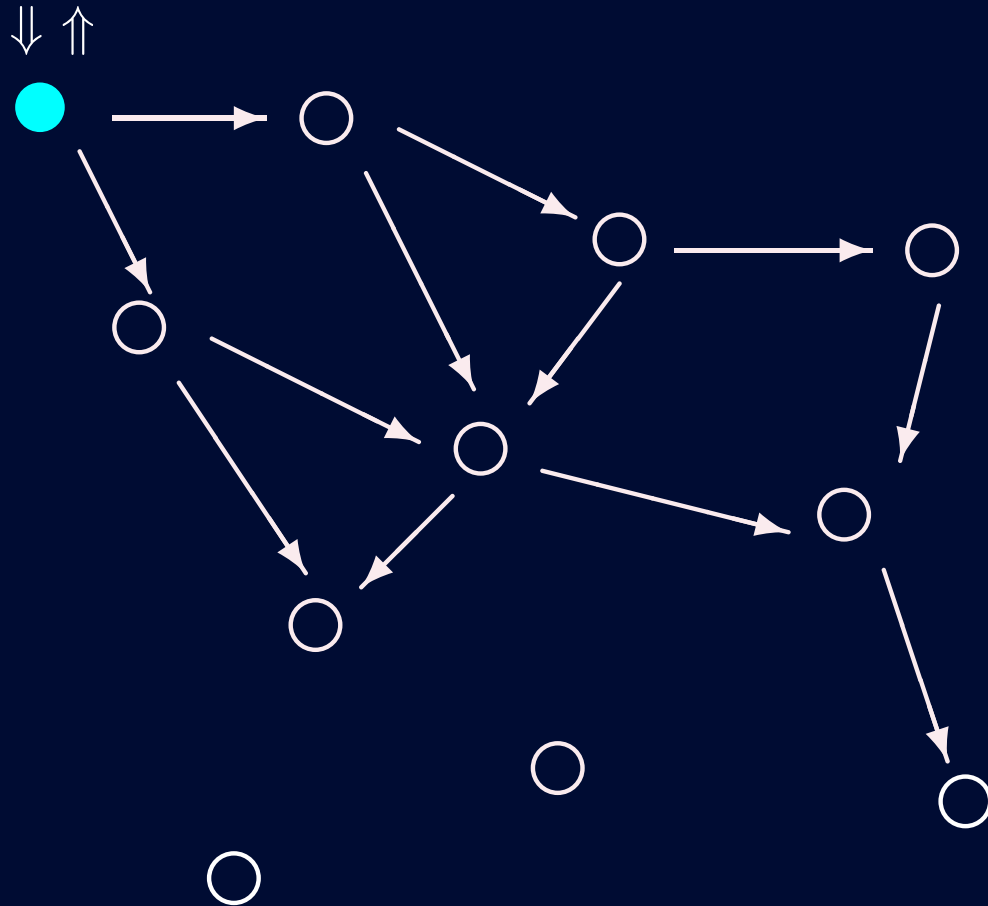
APS example



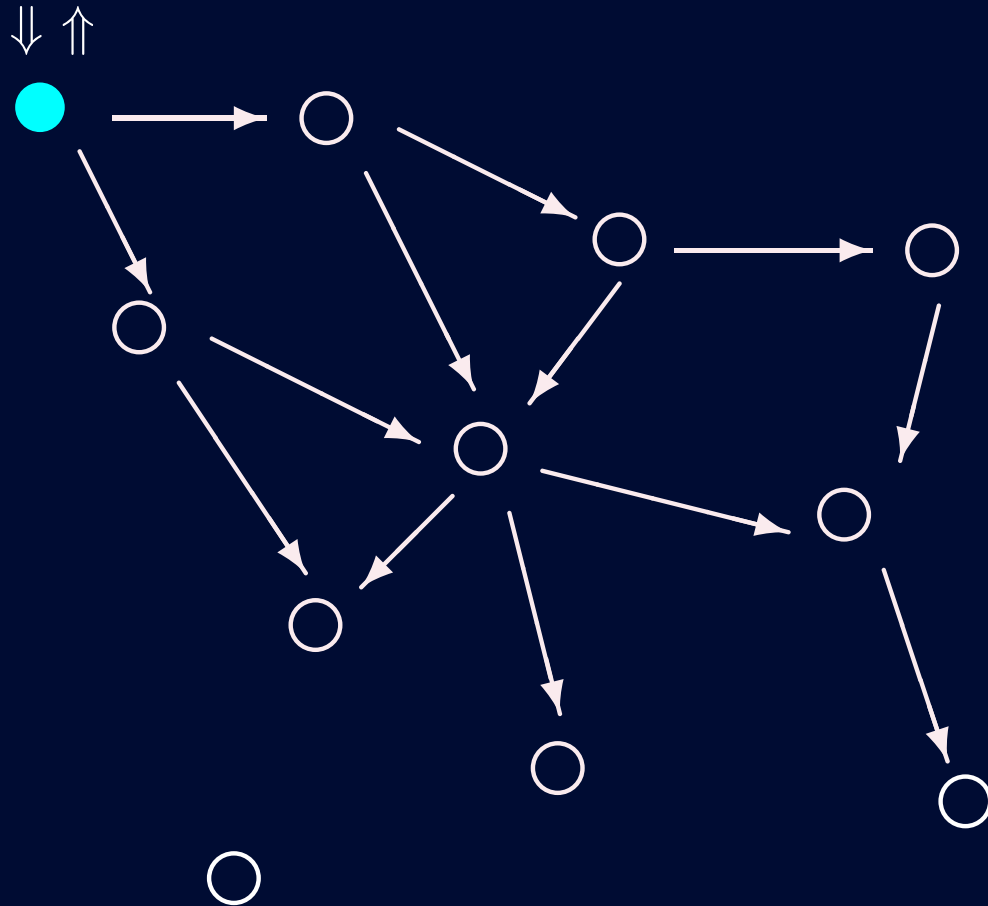
APS example



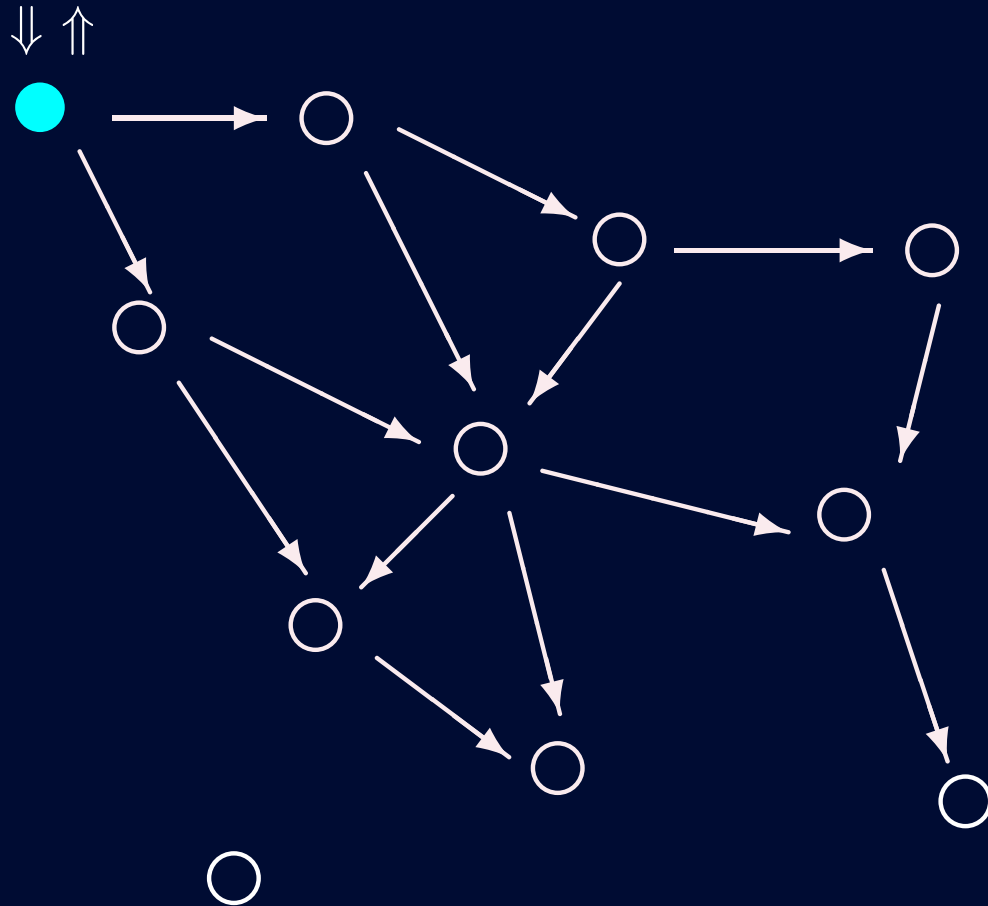
APS example



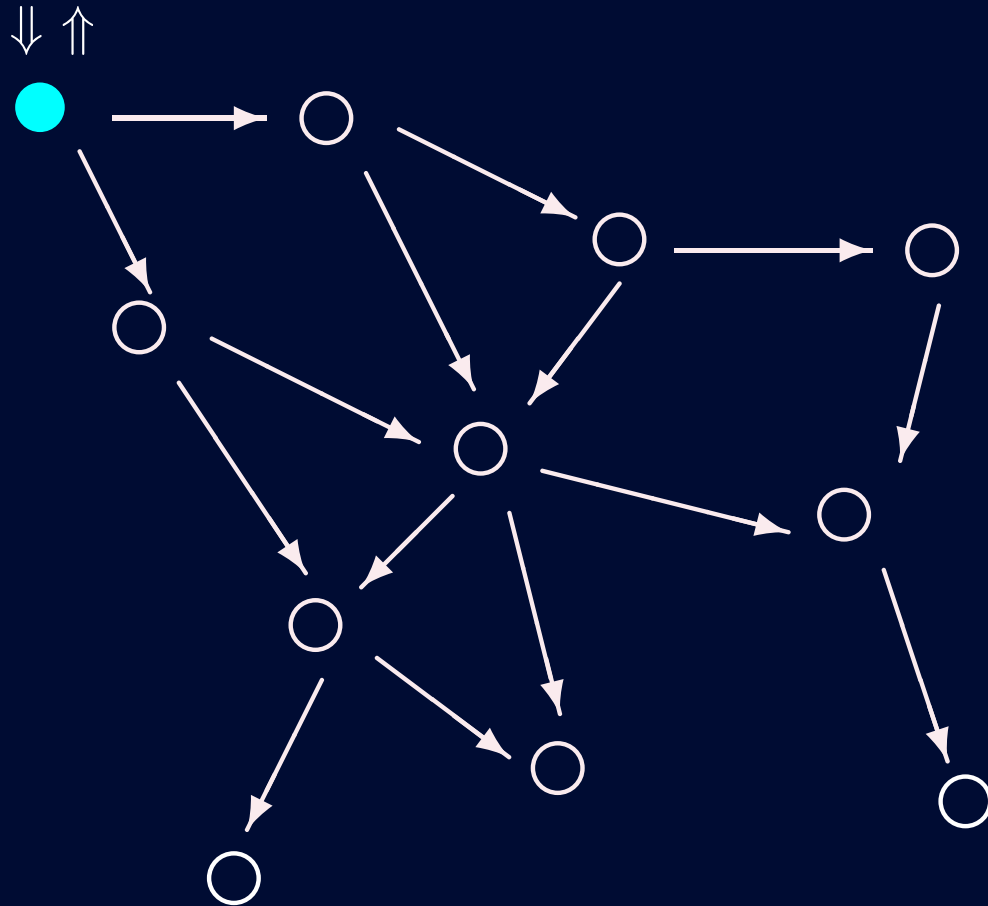
APS example



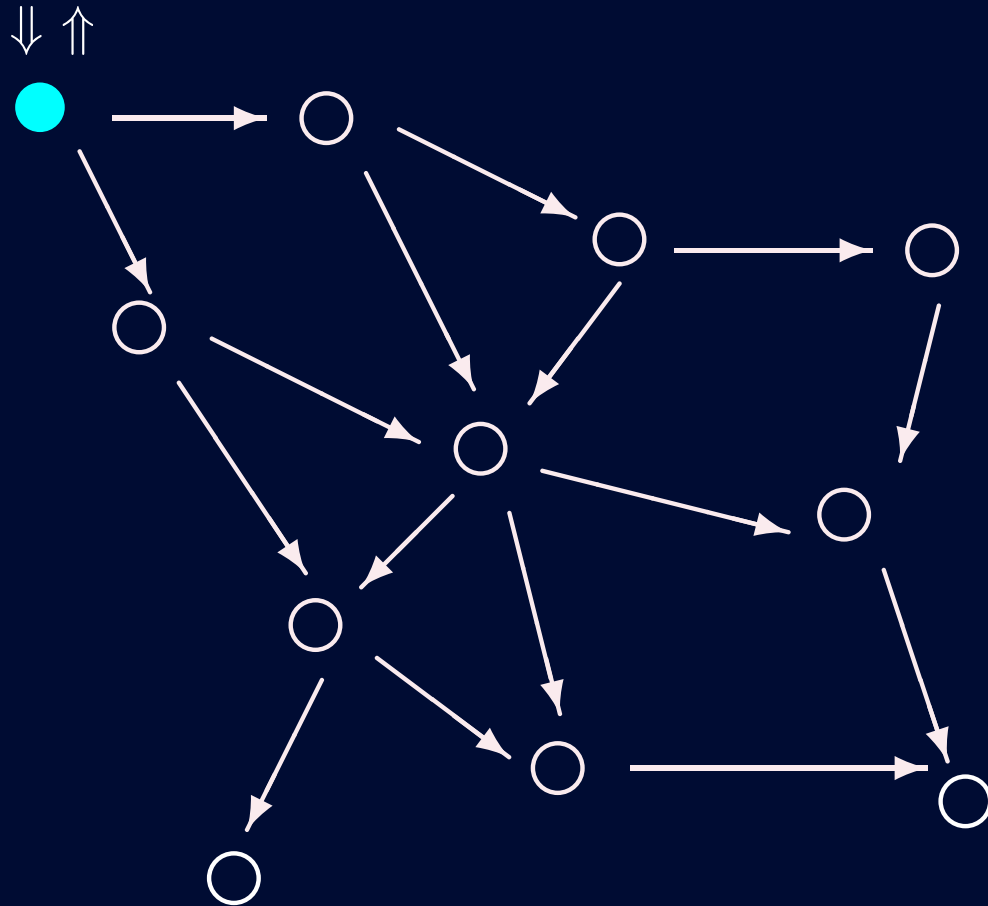
APS example



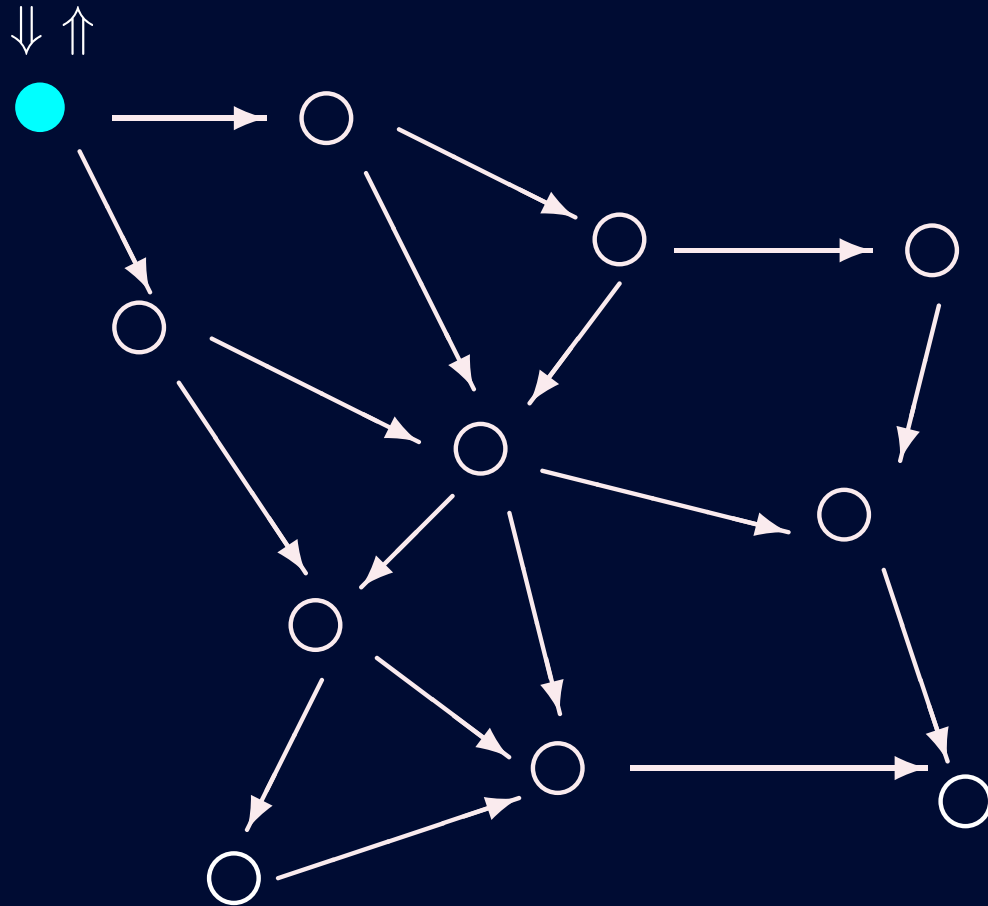
APS example



APS example



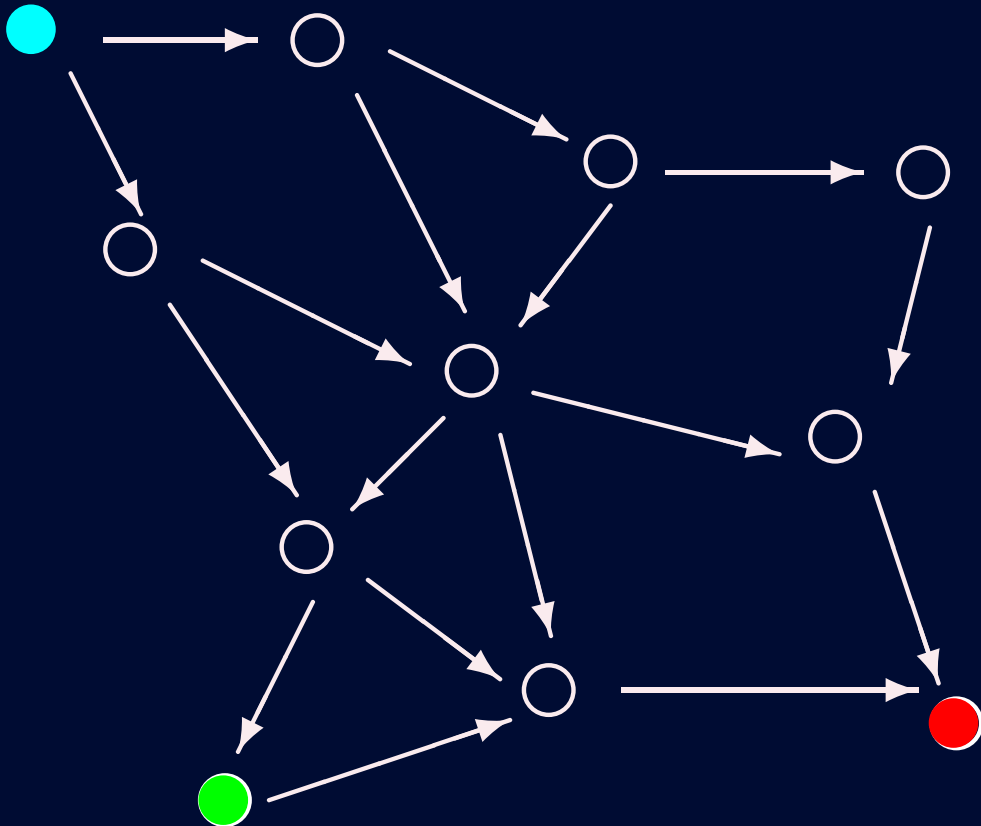
APS example



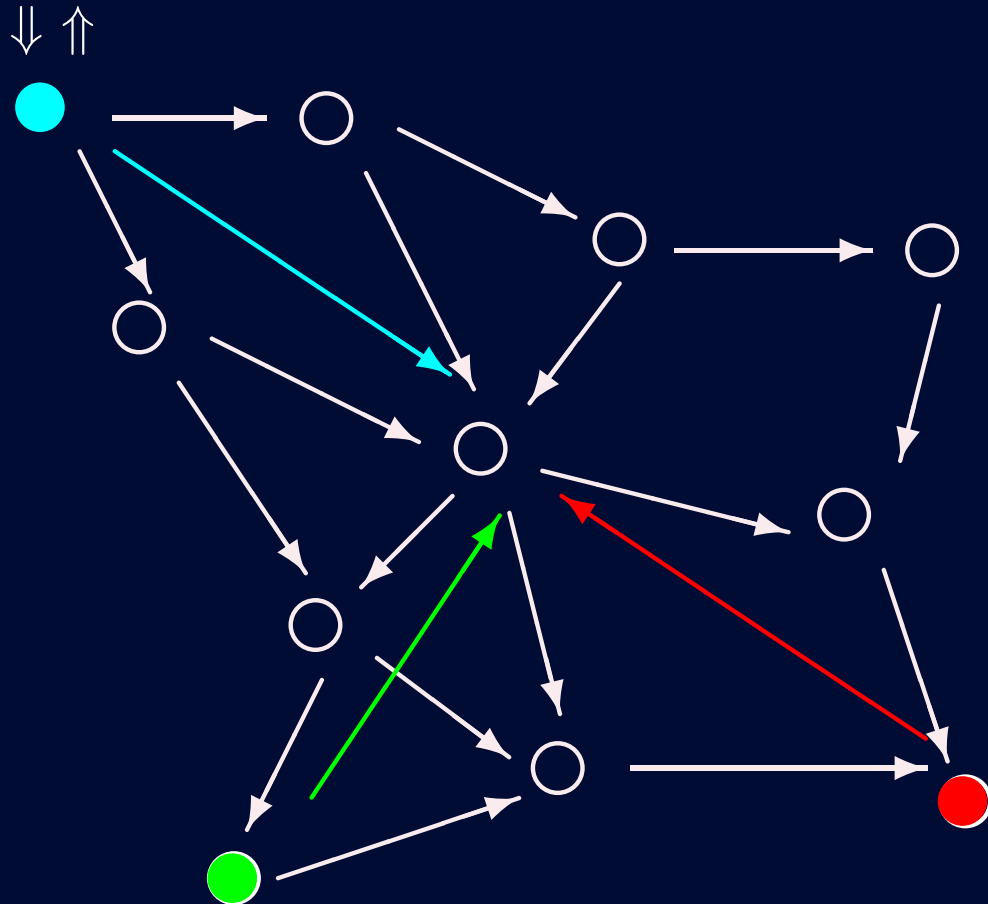
APS example



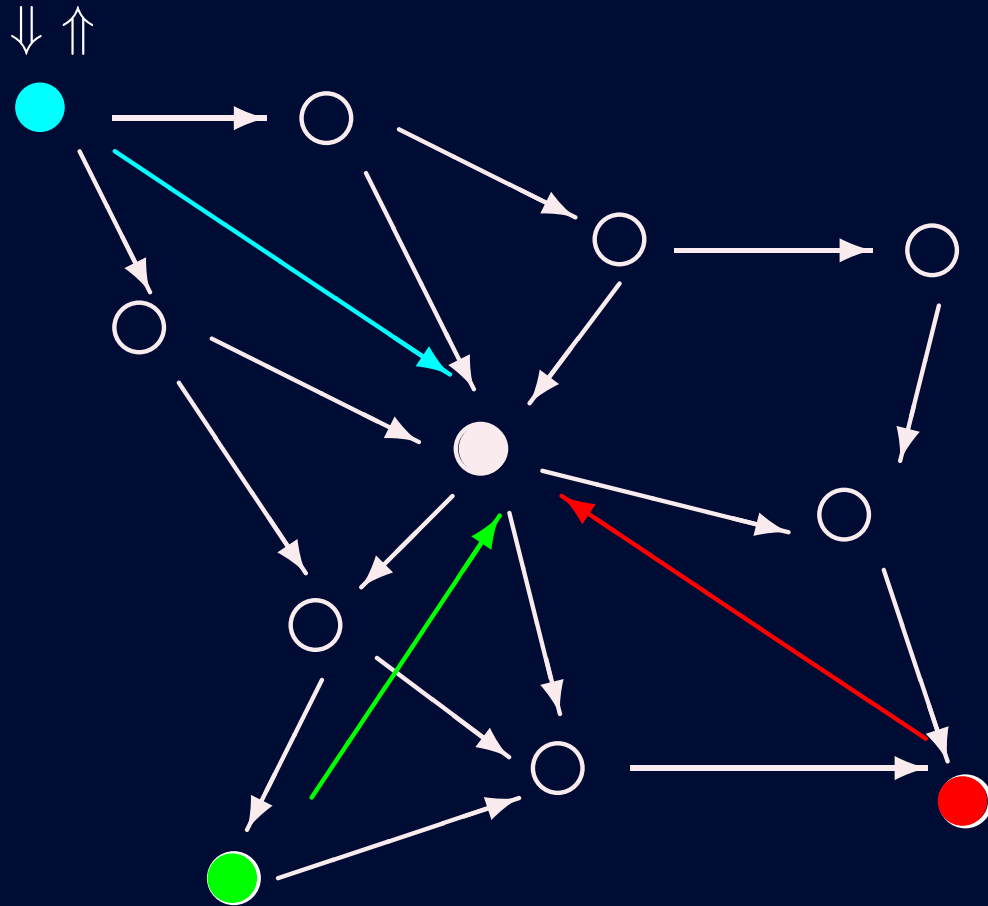
↓ ↑



APS example



APS example



DV-hop propagation



- **standard DV propagation**
- **each node maintains a table** $\{X_i, Y_i, h_i\}$
- **each landmark** $\{X_i, Y_i\}$

- **computes a correction** $C_i = \frac{\sum \sqrt{(X_i - X_j)^2 + (Y_i - Y_j)^2}}{\sum h_i}$
- **...and floods it into the network**

- **each node**
 - **uses the correction from the closest landmark**
 - **multiply its hop distances by the correction**

DV-hop error analysis

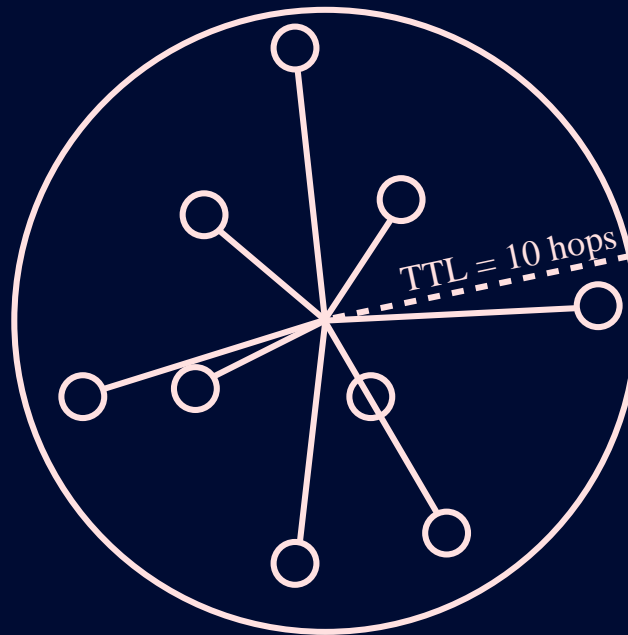


Q: how good are the obtained positions?

A: it depends on: density, landmark ratio, TTL.

Error CRLB derivation:

1. range error \rightarrow trilateration error lower bound
2. approximate range error for *DV-hop*
3. integrate over all landmarks



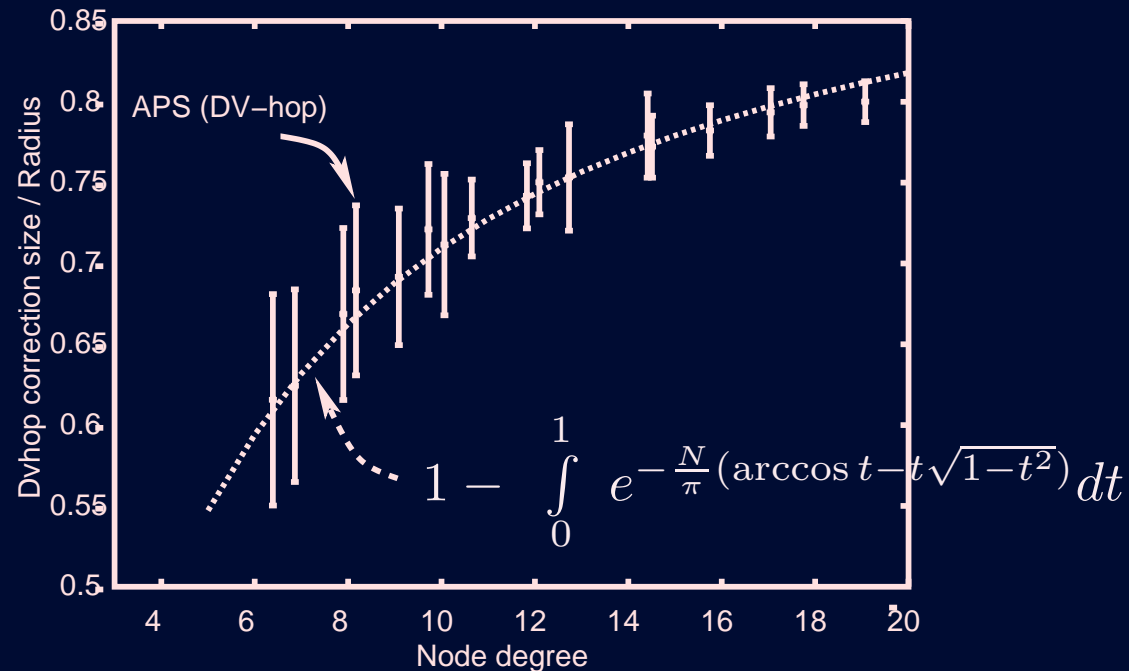
trilateration positioning error

- \mathbf{X}_i = coordinates of landmark i
- \mathbf{X} = true position
- ρ_i = distance to landmark i
- assumptions - ρ_i are
 - normal \rightarrow covariance W
 - independent
- position is a parameter
- Jacobian $J_0 = \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}}{\rho_i}$
- **CRLB(Cov[position]) = $(J_0^\top W J_0)^{-1}$**

DV-hop range error



- shortest path from node to landmark
- how many hops?
- estimate progress in one hop \approx



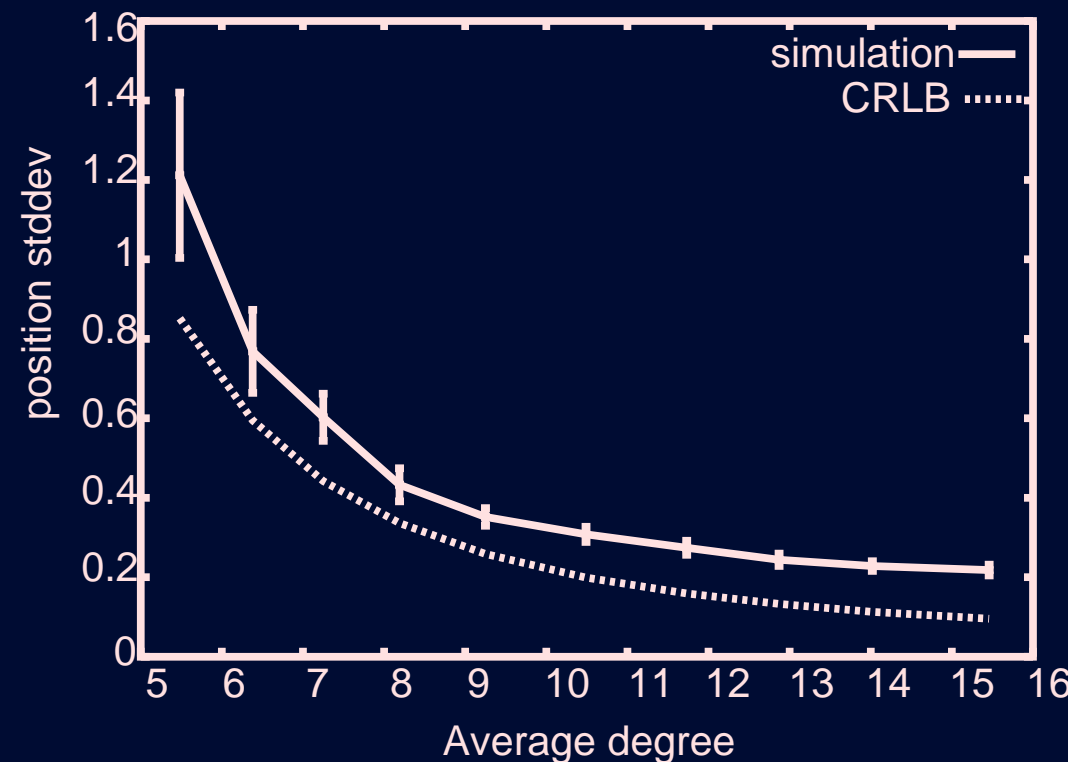
- range error variance \sim number of hops

DV-hop position error

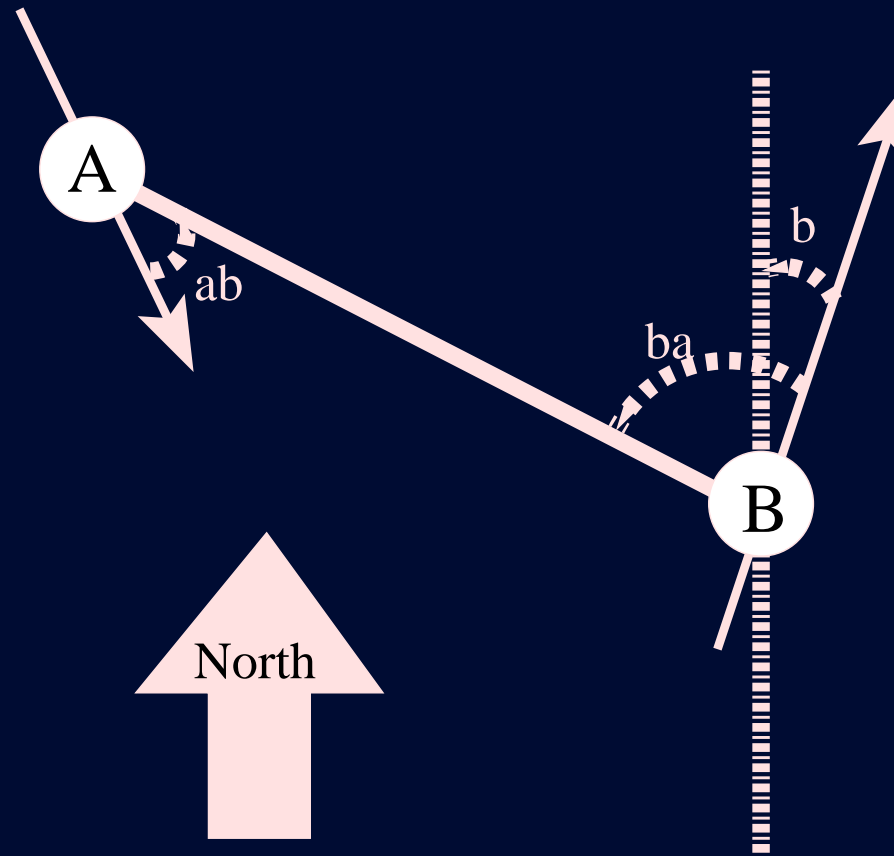


$$CRLB(cov[x \ y]) = \frac{1}{f \pi h \lambda E^2[z]} V[z] I_2$$

- f = landmark ratio
- h = TTL in hops
- $\lambda = \frac{\text{degree}}{\pi}$ = density
- z = progress per hop
 - depends on λ
 - no closed form

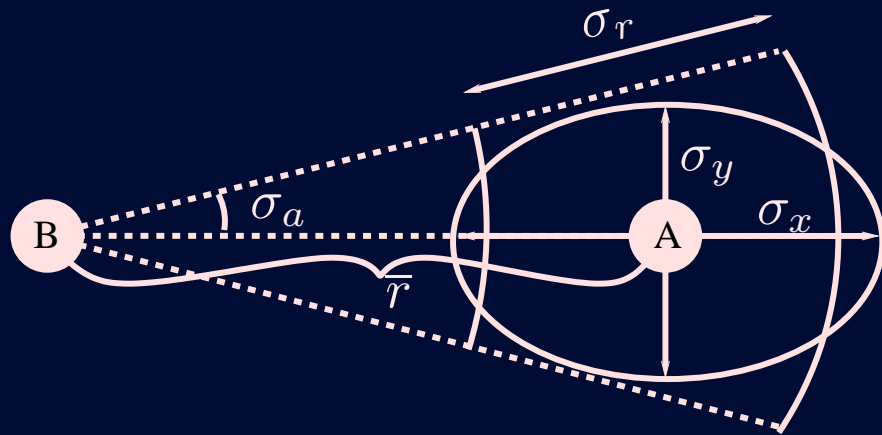


DV-position



- needs **both angle and range** measurements
- need compasses at least at landmarks
- one hop positioning

DV-position error



1. **approximate
one hop error**

2. **cumulate error along path
to landmark**

3. **combine landmarks
with Kalman filter**

4. **when $\sigma_a = \sigma_r = \sigma$**

$$Cov = \frac{1}{2f\pi h} \sigma^2 \frac{E[r^2]}{\lambda E^2[z]} I_2$$

$$U_A = U_B + R^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} R$$

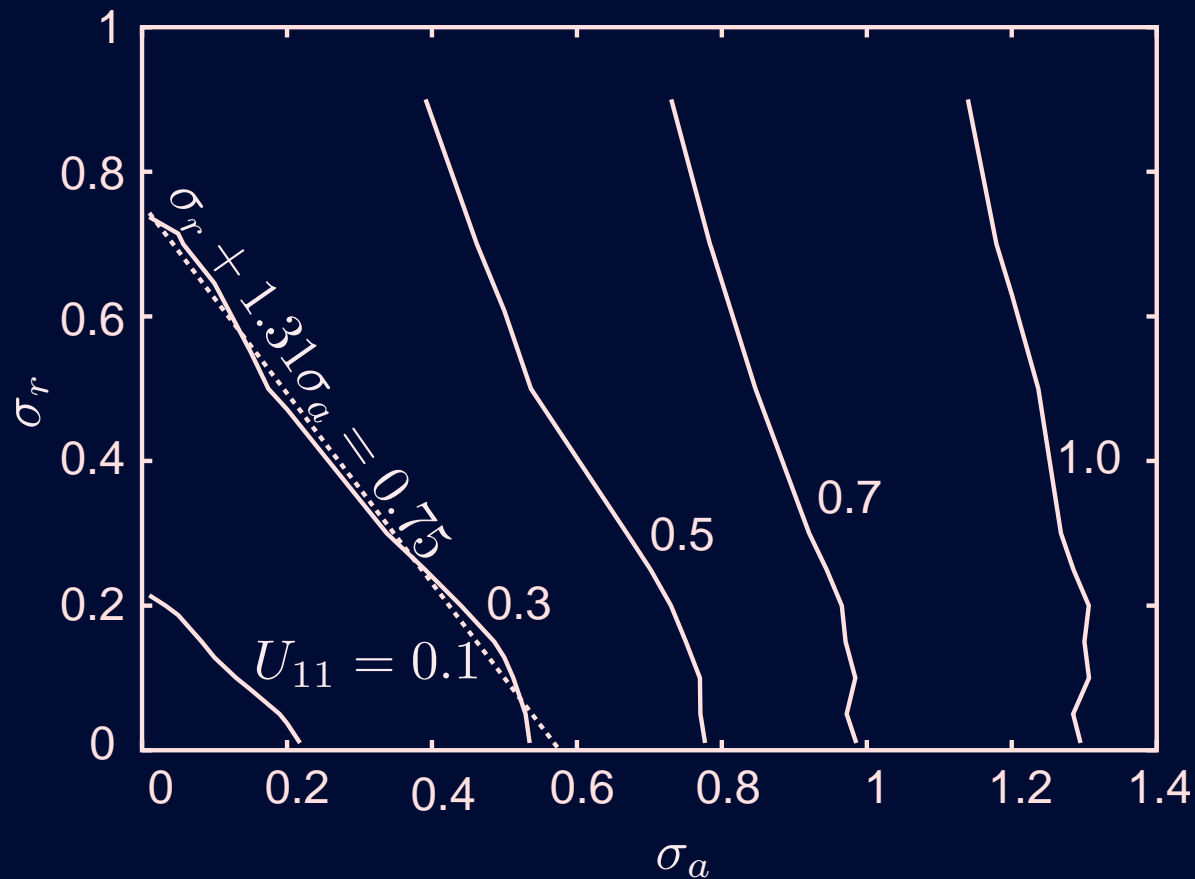
DV-position



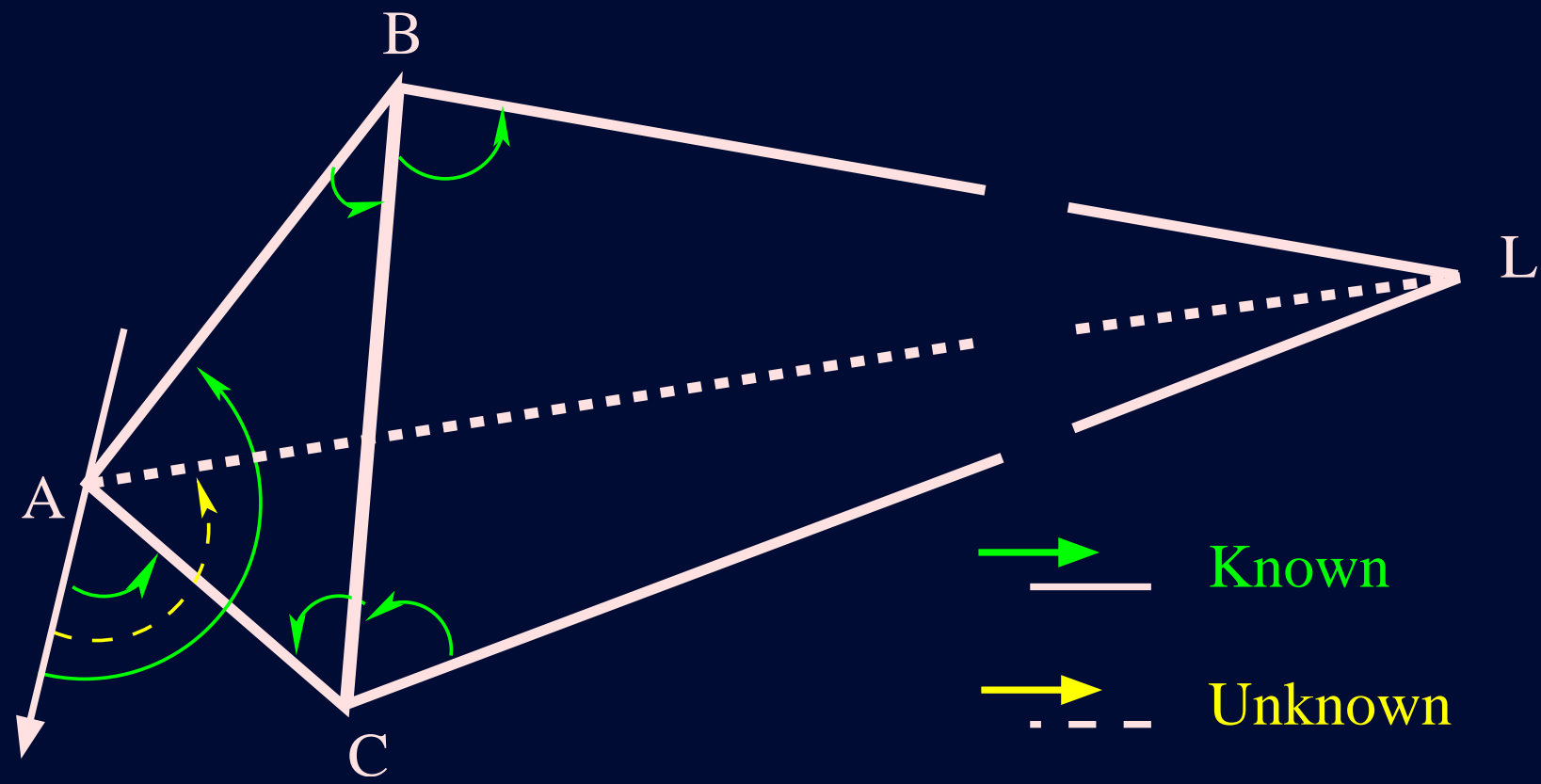
Simulation: 10000 nodes, $f = 1\%$, $\lambda = \frac{10}{\pi}$, $TTL = 15$

σ_a = **standard deviation in angle error** ($0.1 \simeq 5.7^\circ$)

σ_r = **standard deviation in range error**

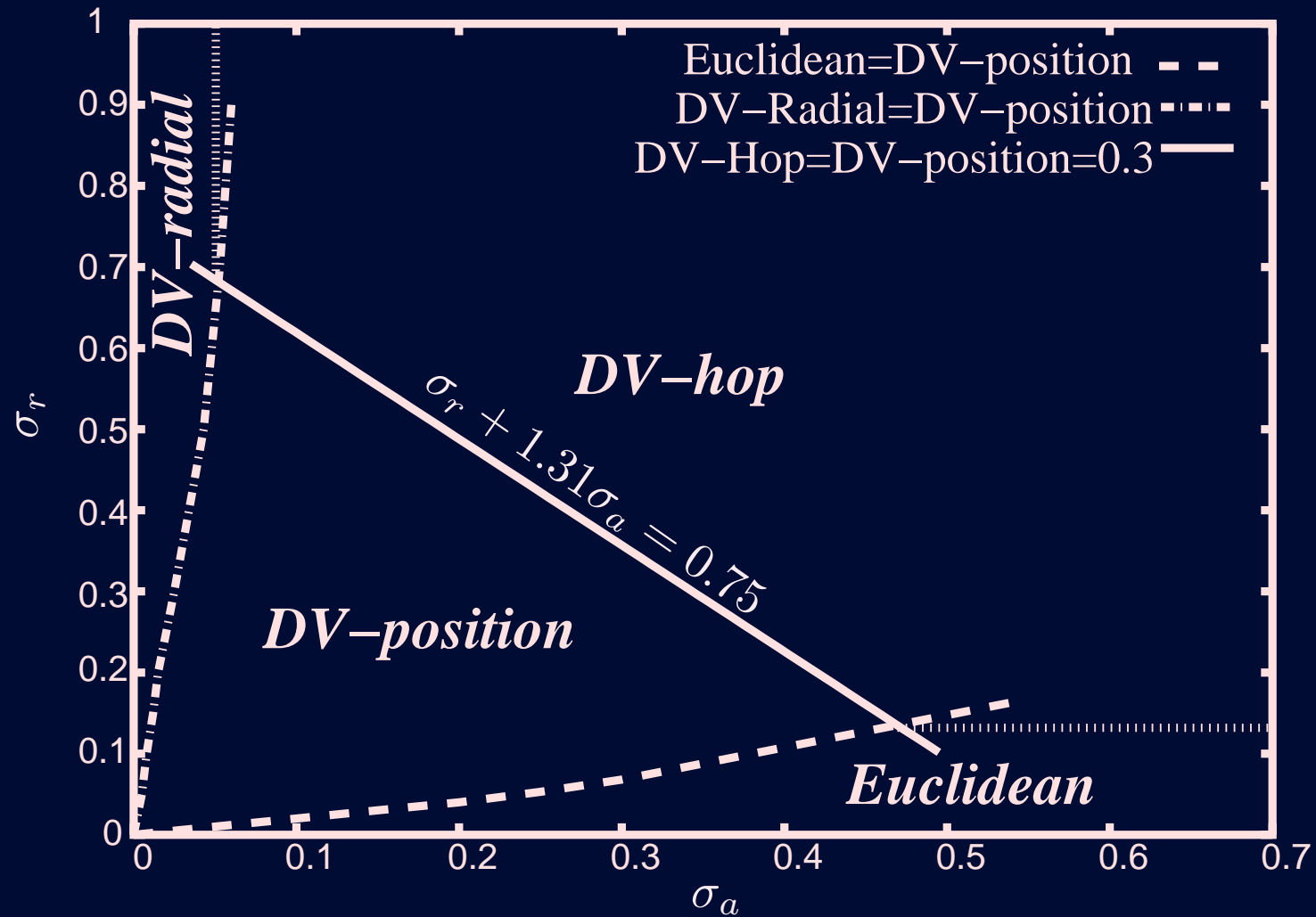


range only / angle only



- *DV-radial* → find bearing to L (yellow angle)
- *Euclidean* → find range to L (distance AL)

parameter space



future work



- **status**
 - *DV-hop* implemented on motes

- **node mobility**
 - a **moving landmark**
 - is a new landmark
 - mobile nodes are supported by static nodes
 - on demand positioning?

- **error analysis**
 - *DV-bearing* (angle based)
 - *Euclidean* (range based)

- **comparison to centralized schemes**

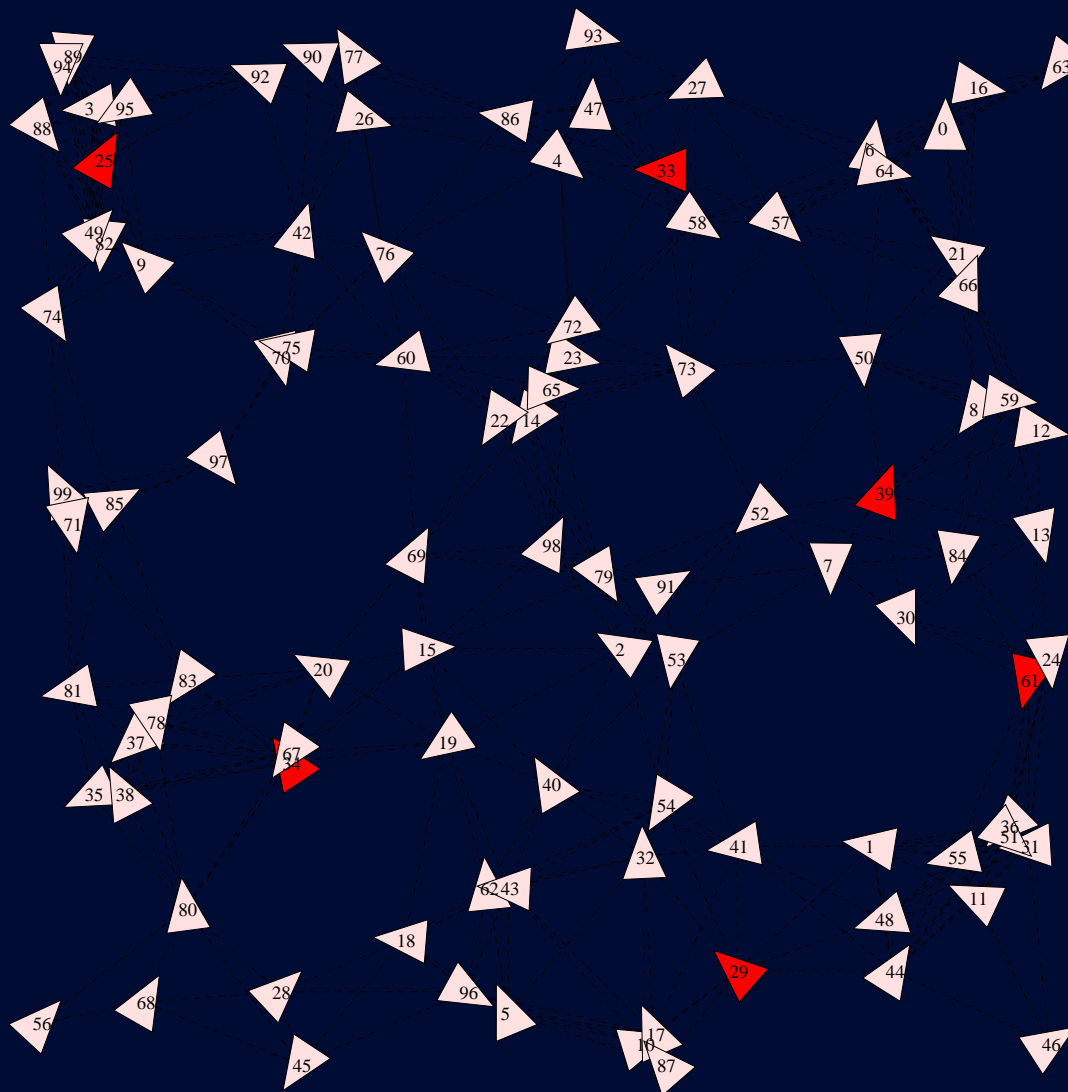
APS summary



- **Ad Hoc Positioning System (APS)**
 - **DV based positioning**
 - infrastructure free
 - distributed, localized, **multihop**
 - wide range of capabilities
- **APS accuracy **complex tradeoff****
 - hardware capabilities
 - network density, landmark ratio, TTL
 - quality of positions
- **only good hardware is better than “no hardware”**

- simulation
 - *Euclidean, DV-hop*
 - DV-radial
 - tracking
- DV-hop error
- AoA nodes
- error control
- trilateration
- triangulation
- V.O.R.

simulation

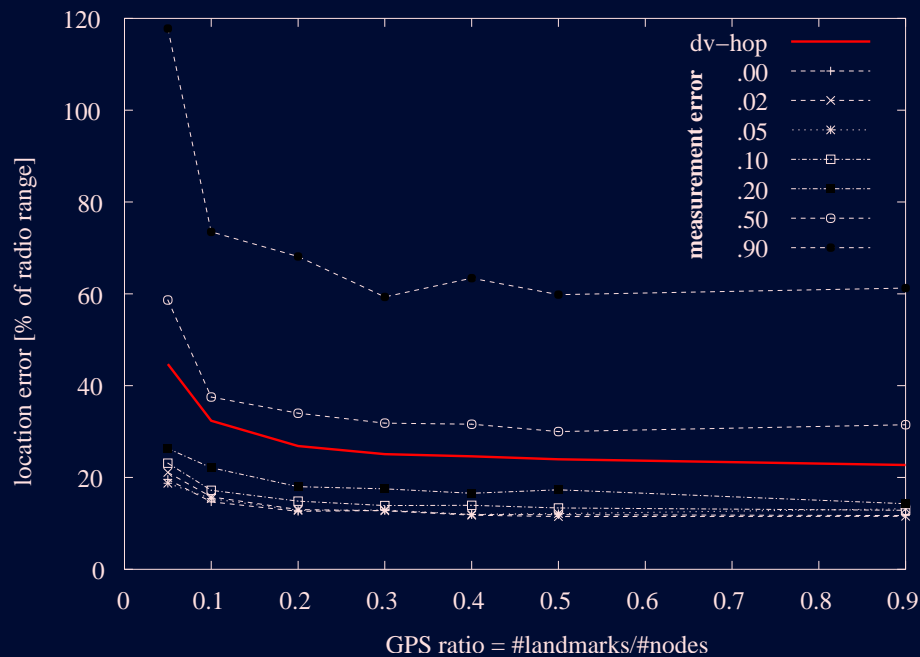


1000 nodes, $\text{degree} \simeq 10.5$, random unknown heading, white noise AoA measurements

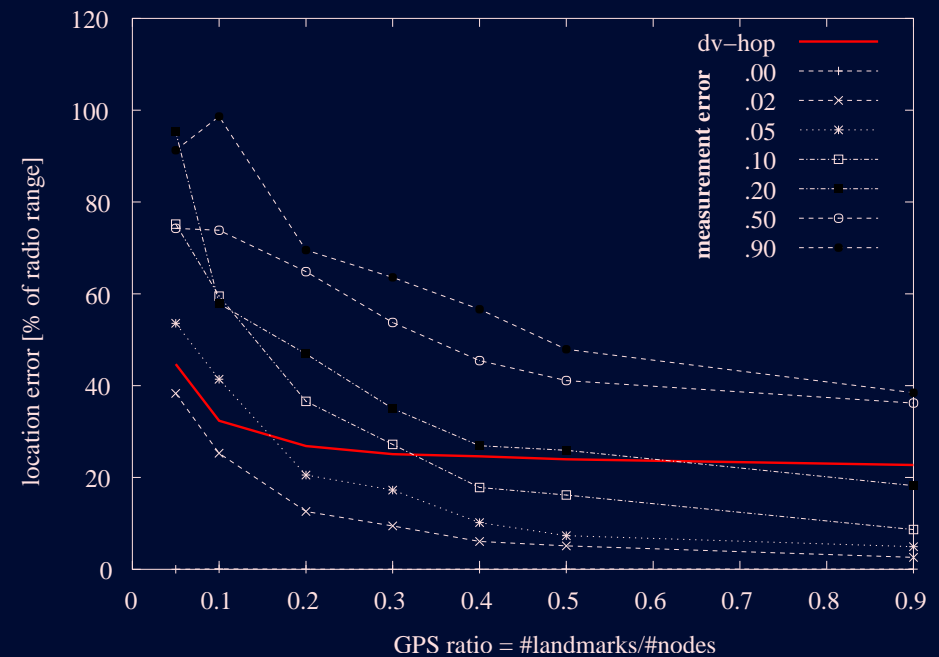
position error range based, range free



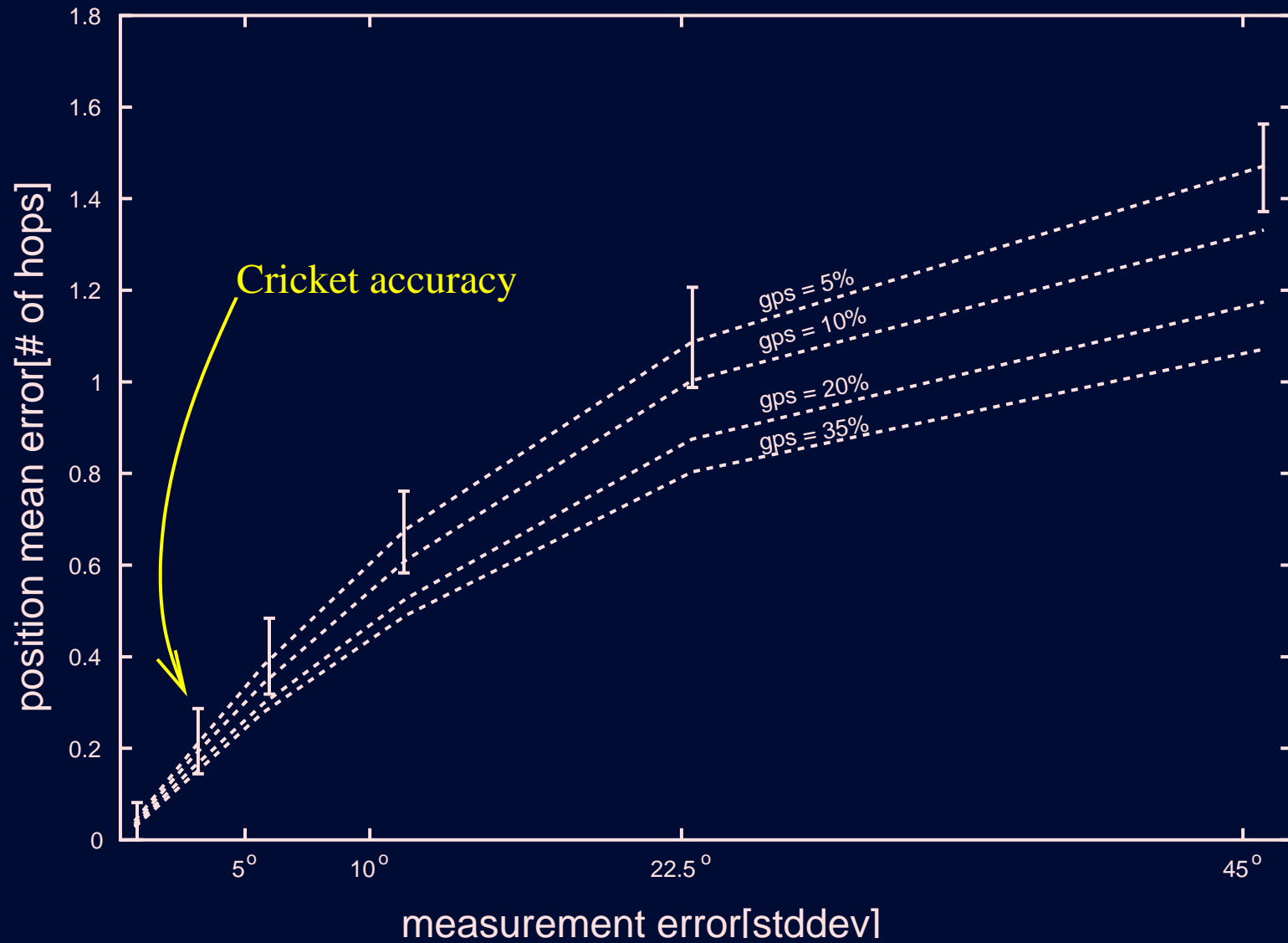
DV-distance



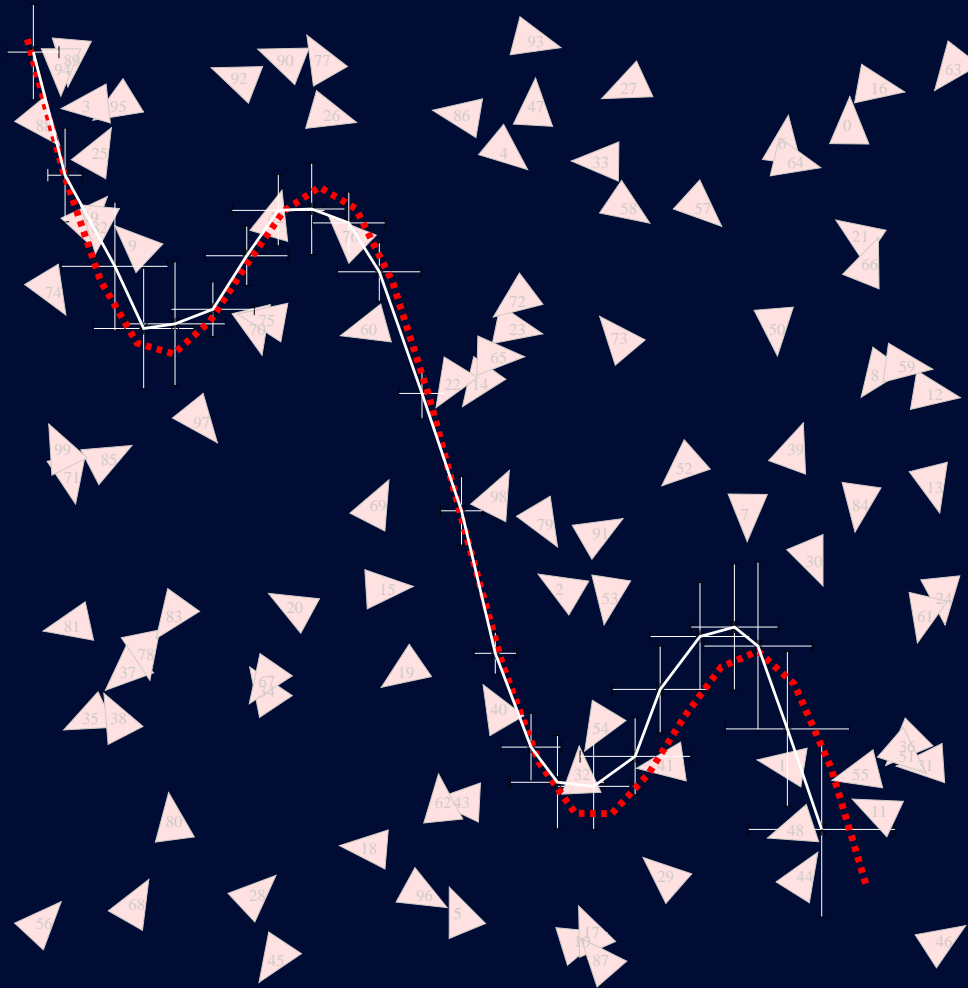
Euclidean



position error - AoA based



tracking example (AoA)



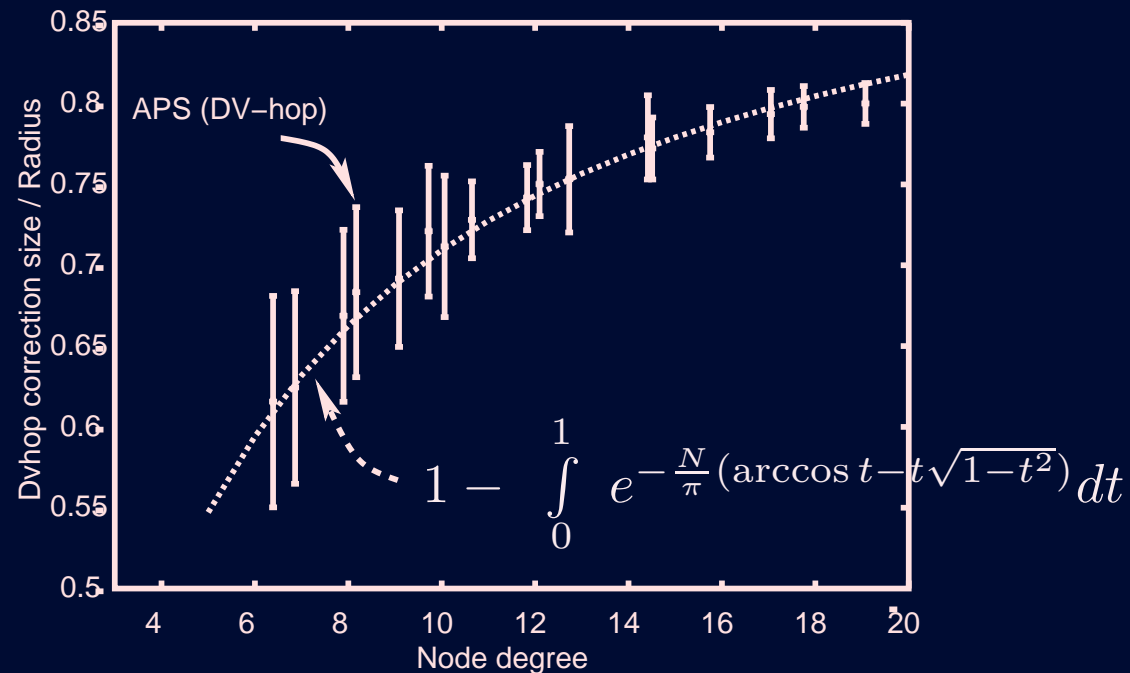
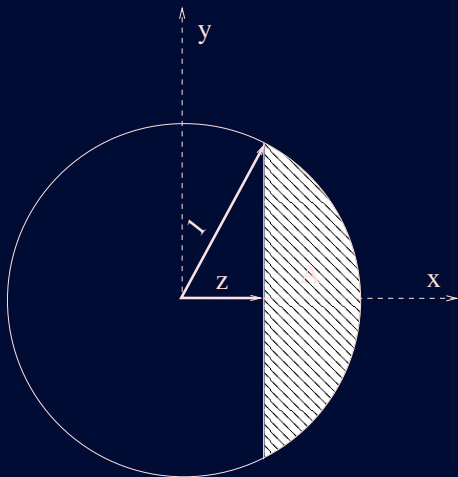
DV-hop error analysis



- MFR \rightarrow shortest path
- \bar{z} , σ_z expectation, deviation of MFR advancement

$$\bar{z} = 1 - \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{N}{\pi} (\arccos t - t\sqrt{1-t^2})} dt$$

$$\sigma_z = \dots$$



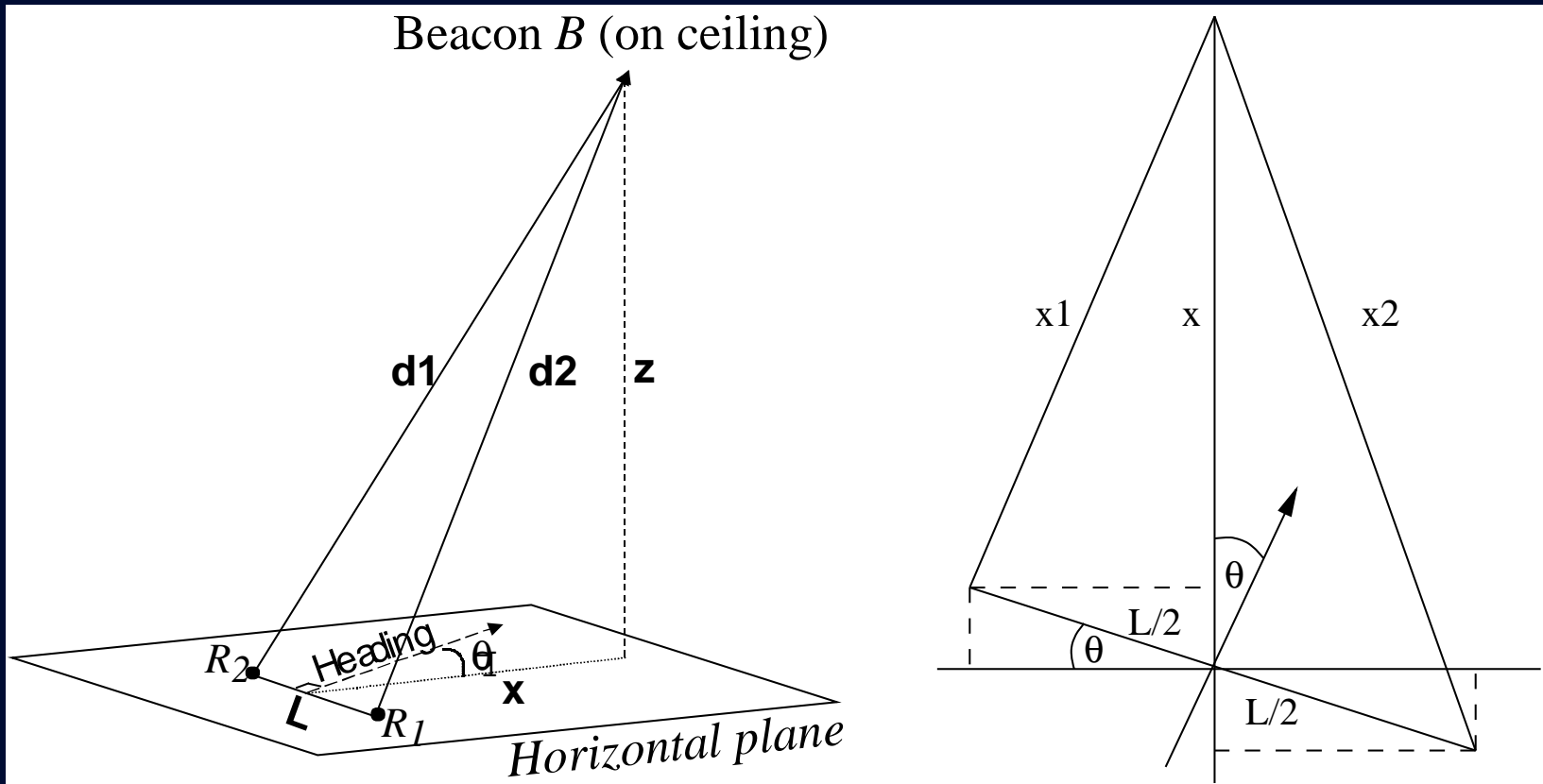
angle of arrival capable nodes



- **Cricket** compass - [Pryiantha01]
 - uses 5 ultrasound receivers
 - 0.8cm each
 - a few centimeters apart
 - TDoA
 - $\pm 10\%$ accuracy for angles < 40 degrees

- **Medusa** node - [Savvides2001]

Cricket - basic principle



Medusa node



trilateration



$$(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2 = (d_i + \epsilon_i)^2$$

$x_i, y_i \rightarrow$ *landmark coordinates*

$d_i \rightarrow$ *measured ranges*

- used in GPS
- can be linearized
- least squares not good for large outliers
- use weights \rightarrow variance of distances

triangulation



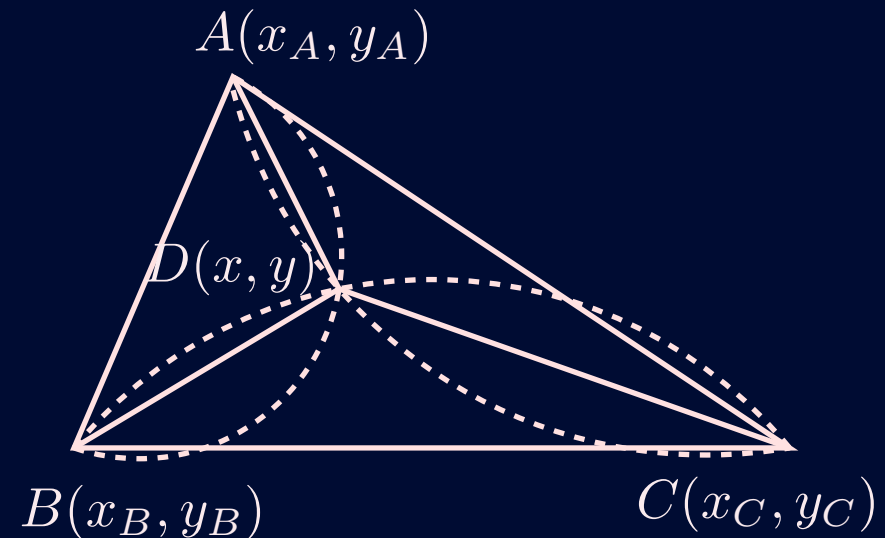
- Given

- positions of the landmarks (x_i, y_i) , $i = A, B, C$
- bearings to landmarks $\rightarrow \widehat{ADB}, \widehat{BDC}, \widehat{CDA}$

- a node may infer its:

- own position (x, y)
- bearing to North

- intersection of circles



triangulation



- each node obtains a table $\{X_i, Y_i, dir_i\}$ with coordinates and bearings to landmarks
- **how to find position?**
 - $\binom{n}{2}$ pairs of landmarks
 - intersect circles \rightarrow nonlinear system
 - distances to centers \rightarrow GPS problem
 - $\binom{n}{3}$ triplets of landmarks $\rightarrow \binom{n}{3}$ estimates \rightarrow centroid
 - $O(n)$ algorithm [Betke94] \rightarrow same accuracy
- **how to find absolute orientation?**
 - position + bearing to known point

$$a_i x + b_i y = c_i$$

$$\text{if } \cos(\alpha_i) = 0$$

$$a_i = 1$$

$$b_i = 0$$

$$c_i = x_i$$

else

$$a = \tan(\alpha_i)$$

$$b = -1$$

$$c_i = -y_i + x_i \tan(\alpha_i)$$

