Fine-Grained Vital Signs Estimation Using Commercial Wi-Fi Devices

Jiacheng Shang, Jie Wu Temple University

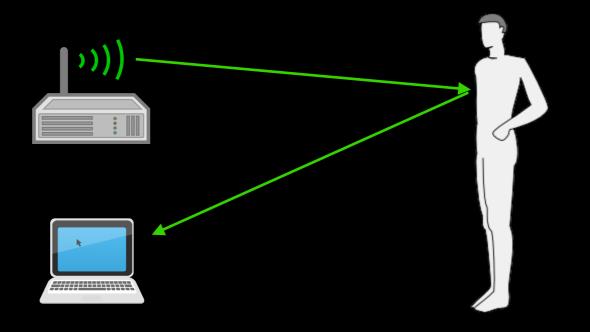
Applications



Applications



Wi-Fi Based Vital Signs Estimation

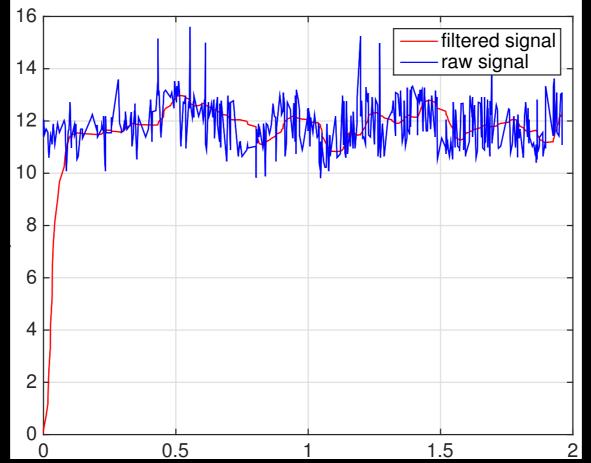


Advantages compared with traditional approaches

- Work without lighting
- No need to wear sensors
- Less intrusive to user privacy
- Lower cost

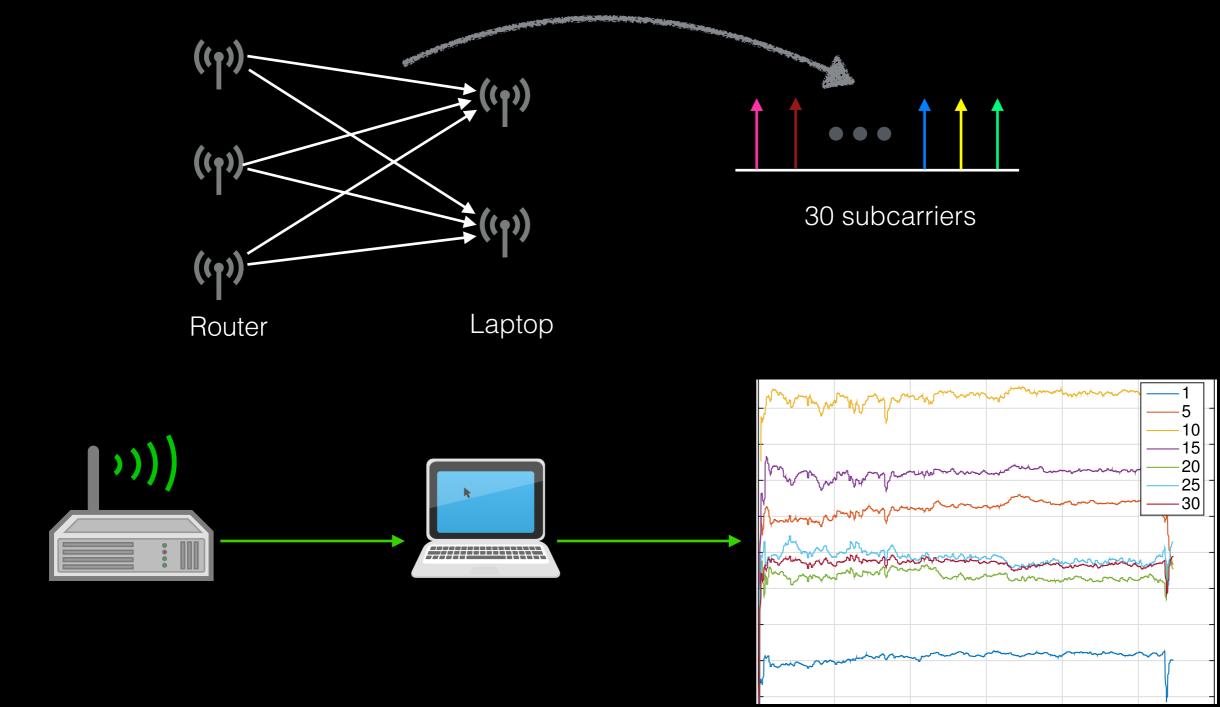
Observations

- Human chest movement can influence the Wi-Fi signal.
- We can get enough Channel State Information measurements within the duration of human chest movements.



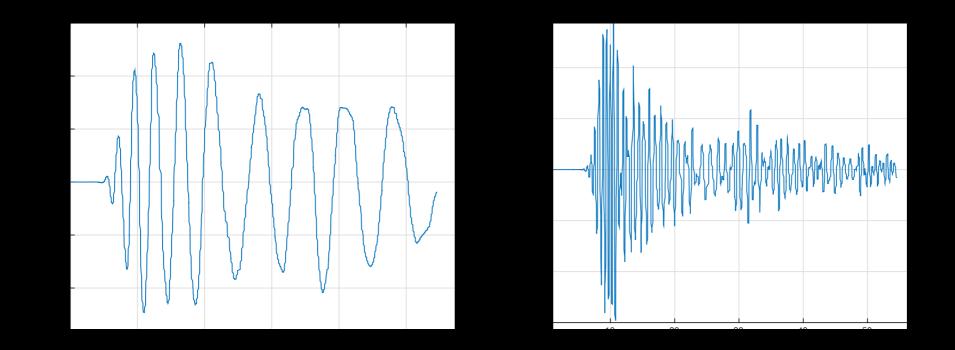
Solutions

Data Collection and Subcarrier Selection



Solutions

Breath and heartbeat have different frequencies.



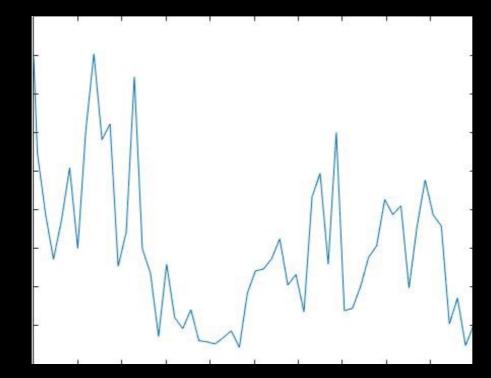
Then we can use the classic peak finding algorithm to find all the peaks within a time period

Additional System Component

What if the object has similar activities (like hand waving)?

➡ We need to eliminate these similar activities!

We will treat multiple peaks in a spectrum as possible chest movement frequencies and exploit Mean Squared Errors of time intervals between two neighboring peaks in each narrow frequency band.



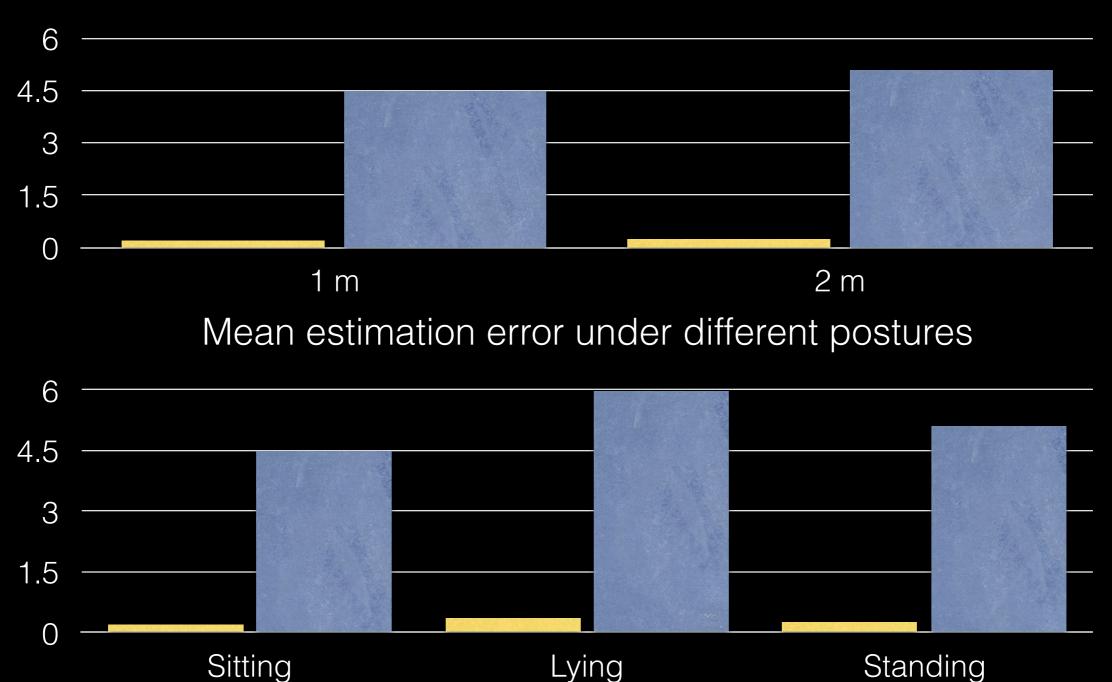
Experimental Evaluation

Hardware Setup

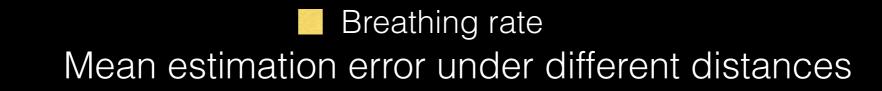
- Transmitter: TP-Link TL-WR1043ND Wi-Fi router
- Receiver: Lenovo X210 with Intel Link 5300 Wi-Fi NIC card
- Kernel modifications to the iwlwifi driver in the Ubuntu kernel

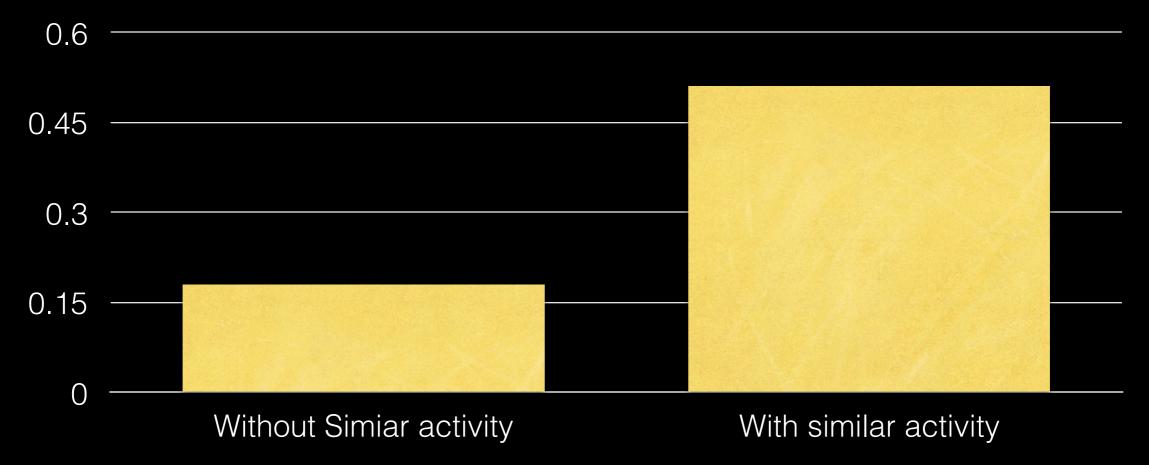
Experimental Evaluation

Breathing rate
Heart rate
Mean estimation error under different distances



Experimental Evaluation





Conclusion

- We show that Wi-Fi signals can be used to detect living people and estimate vital signs in rescue environments using commercial Wi-Fi devices.
- Our system can accurately estimate human vital signs under different distances, postures, and the influence of similar activities.