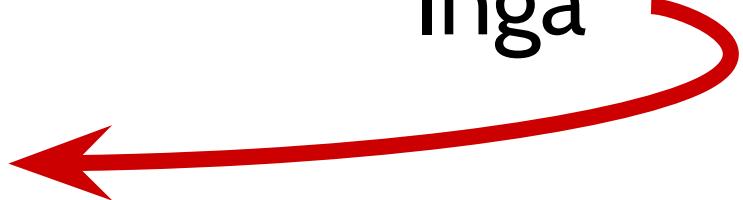


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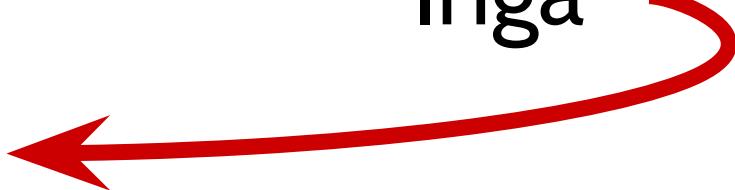


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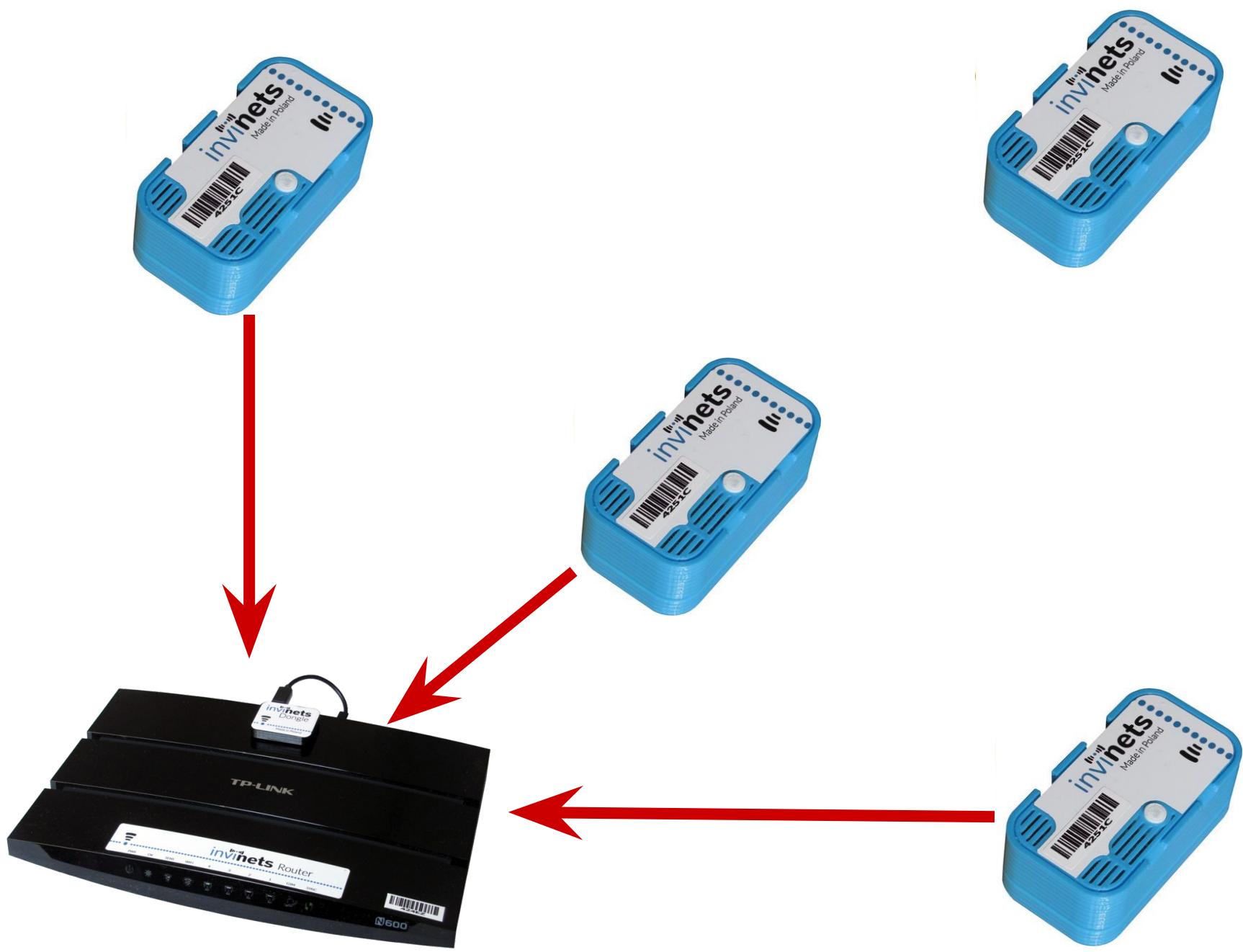
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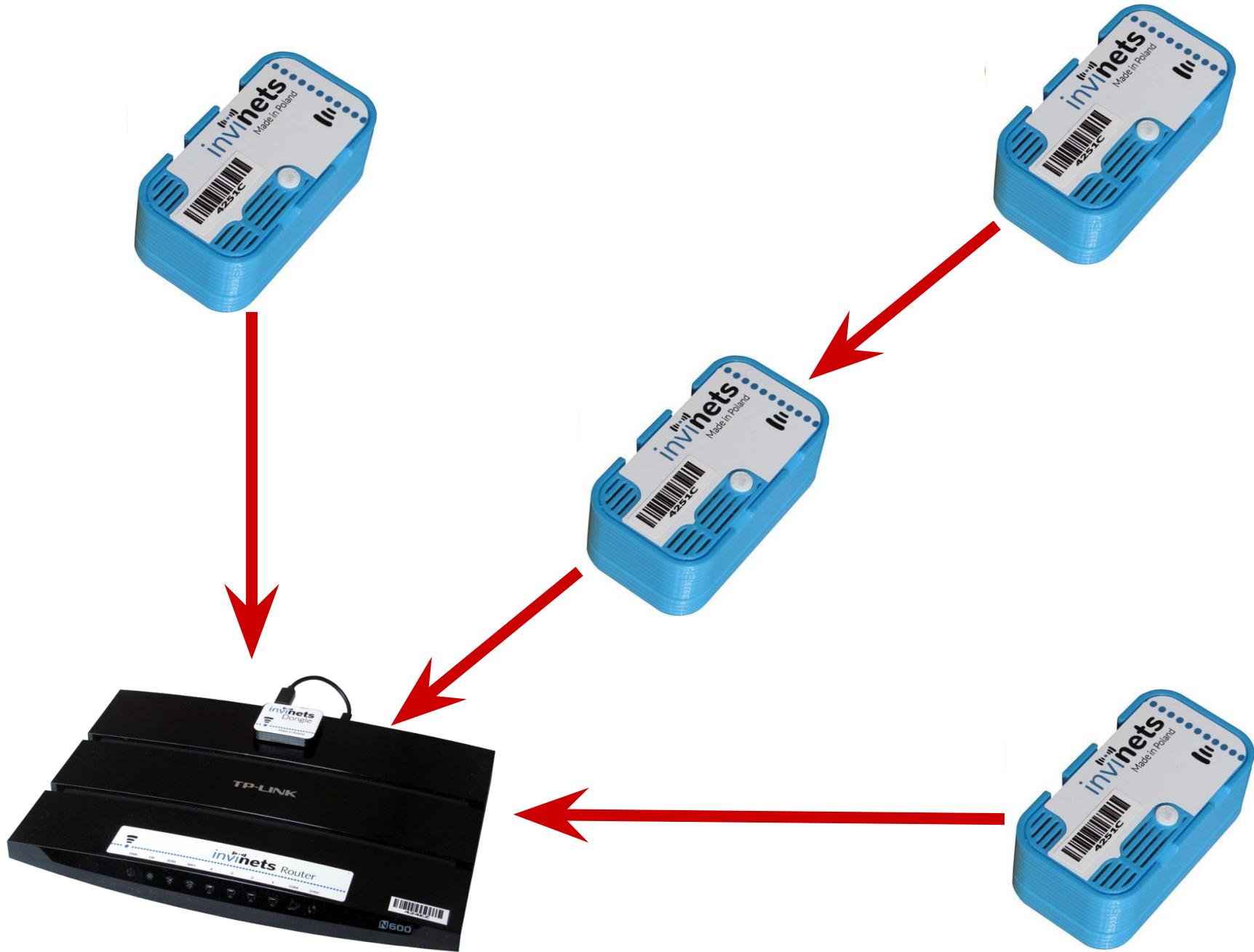


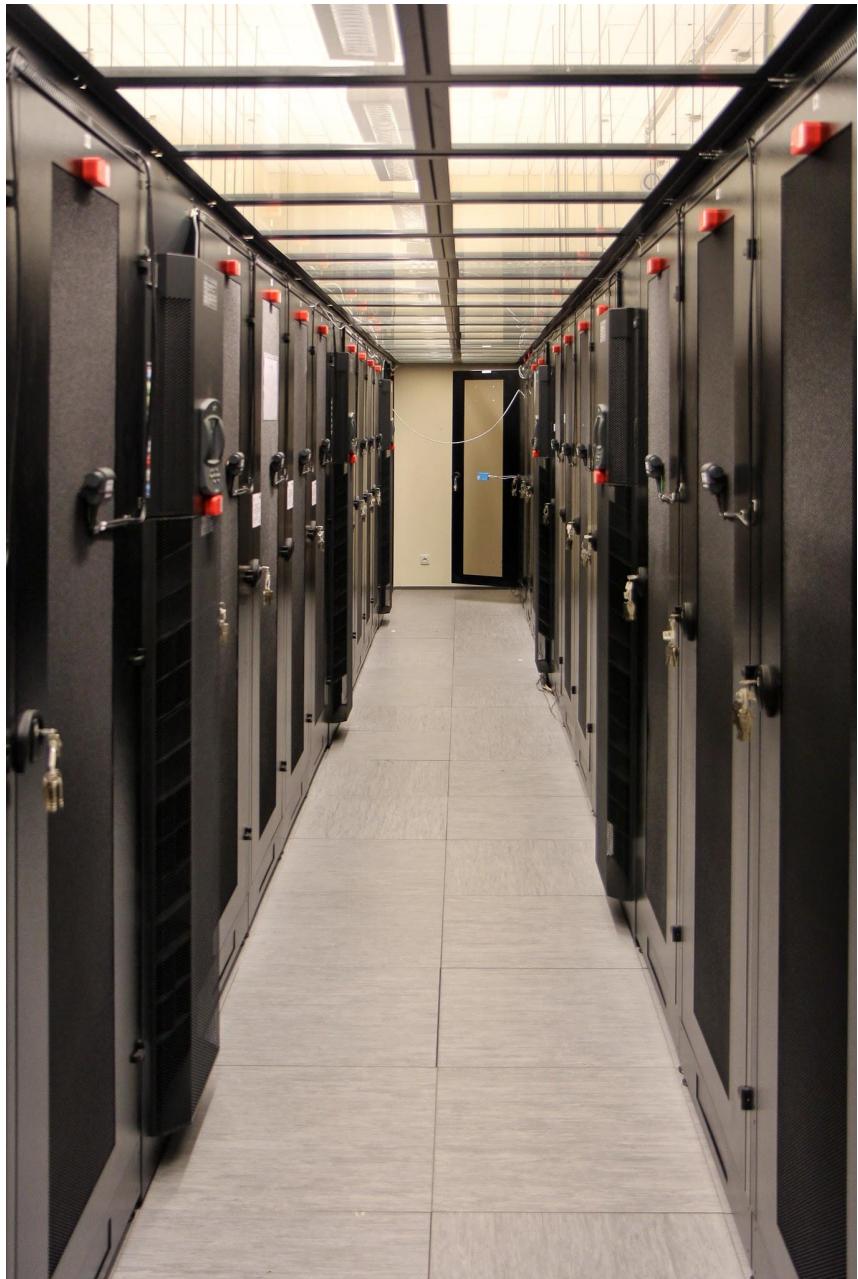
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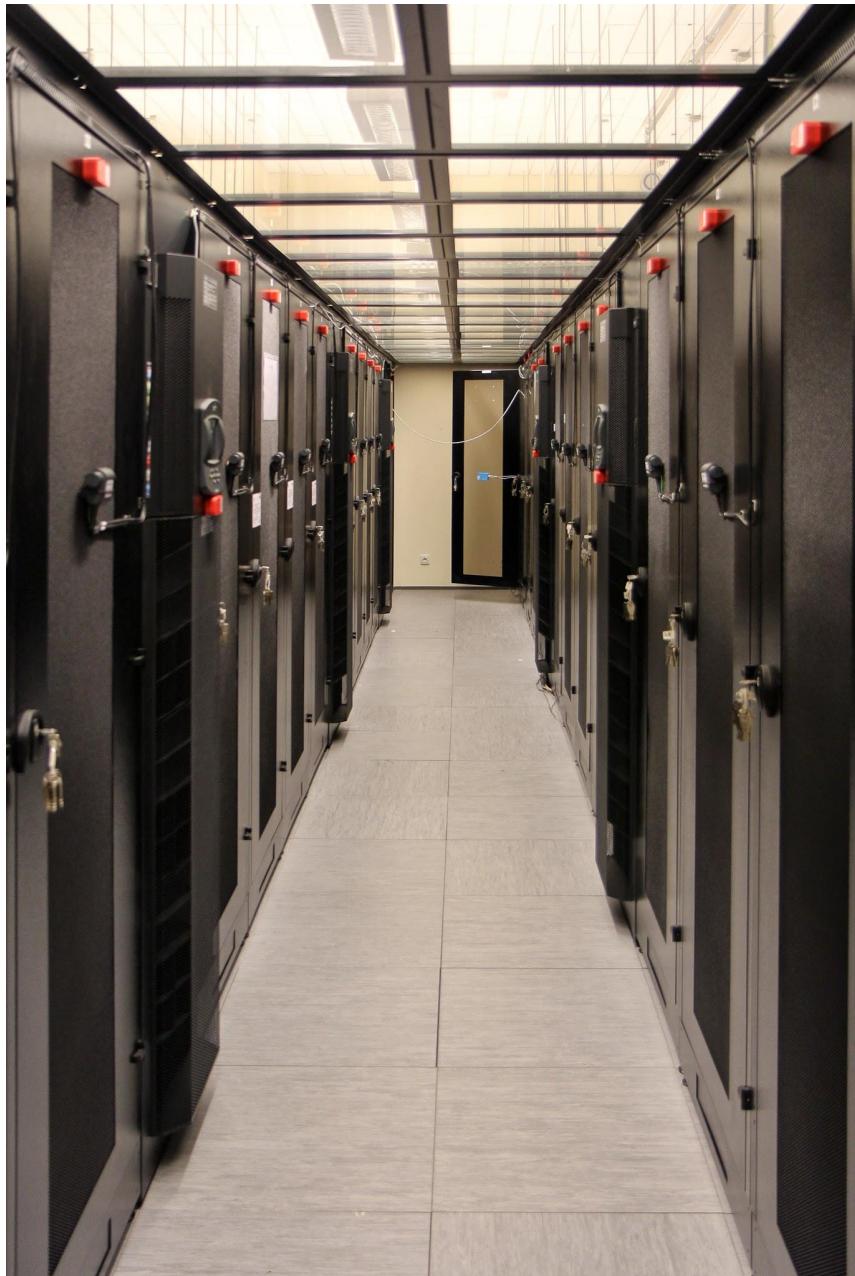


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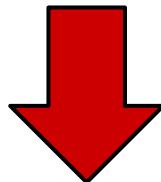
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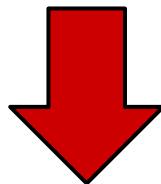
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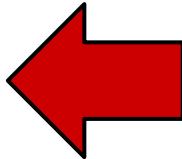
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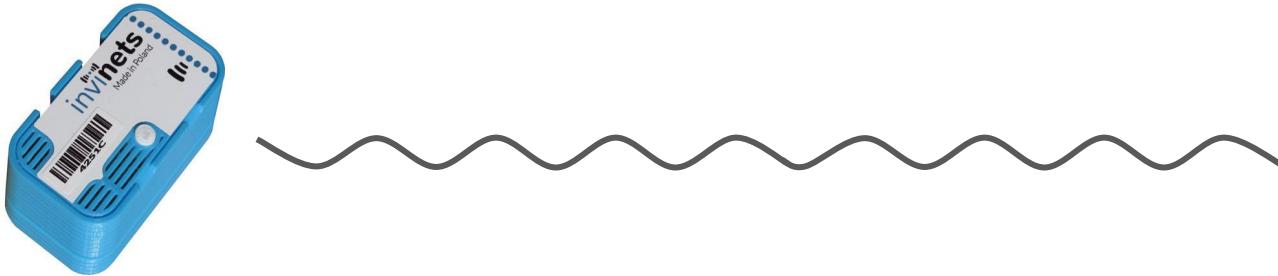
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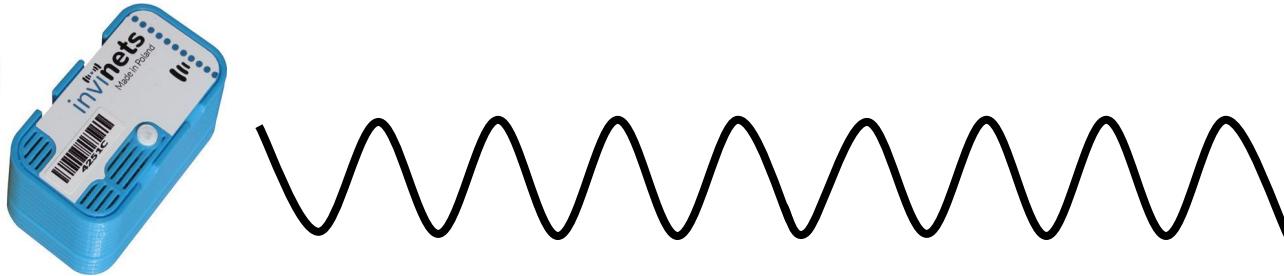
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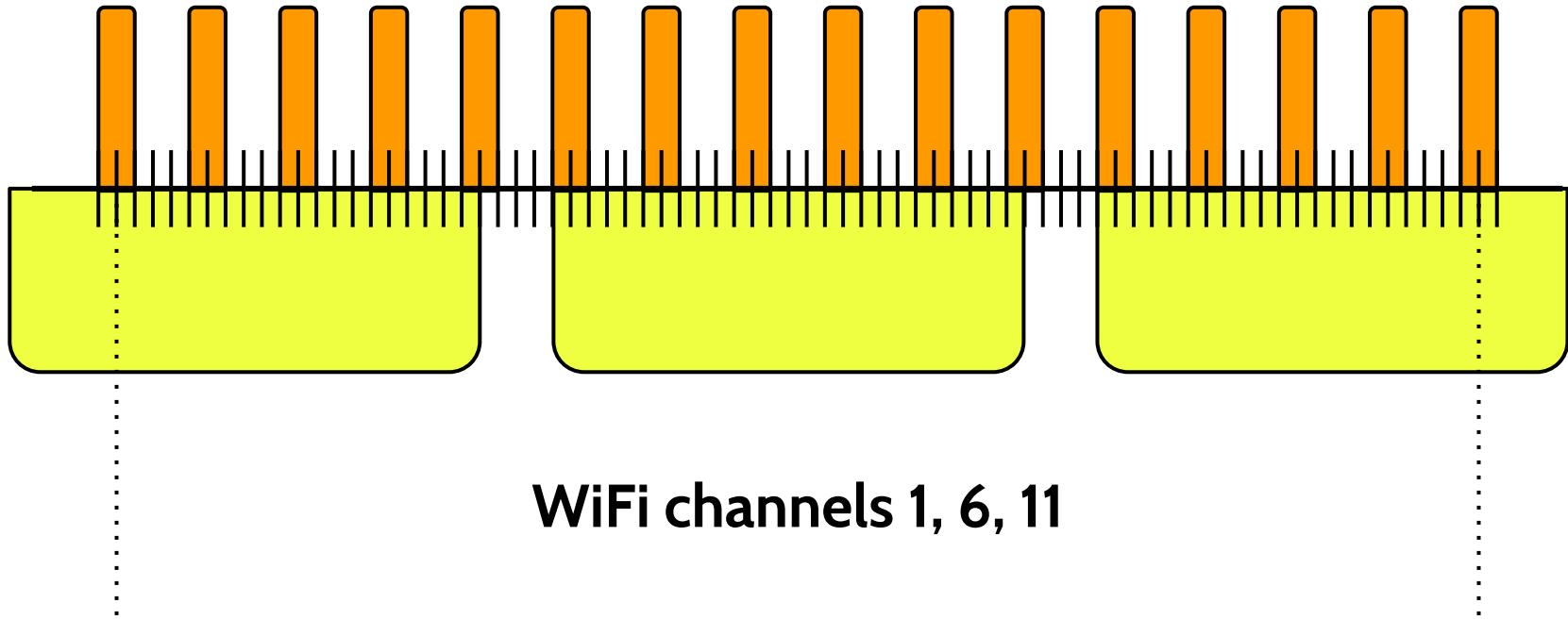
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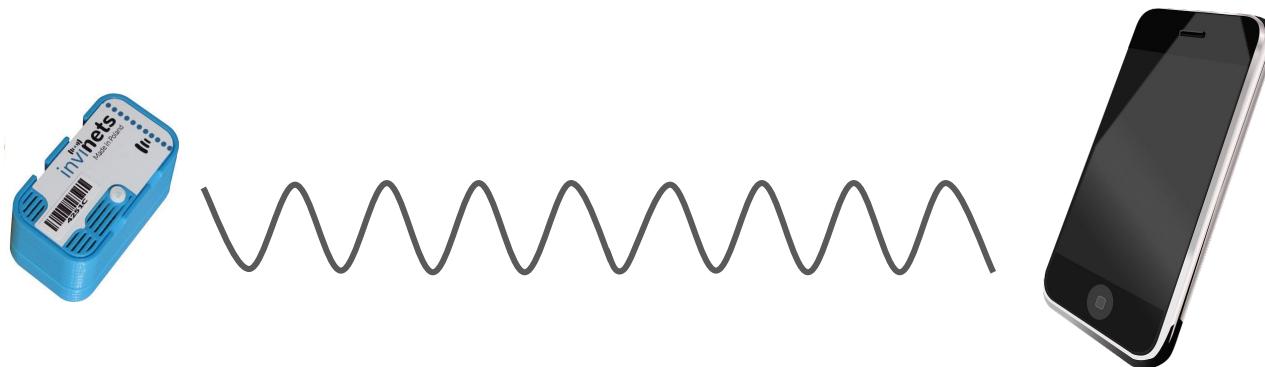
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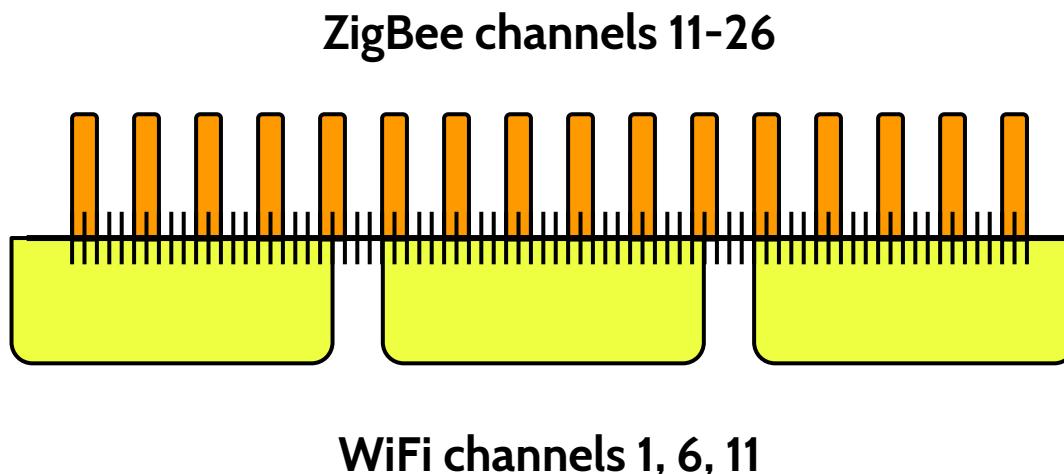
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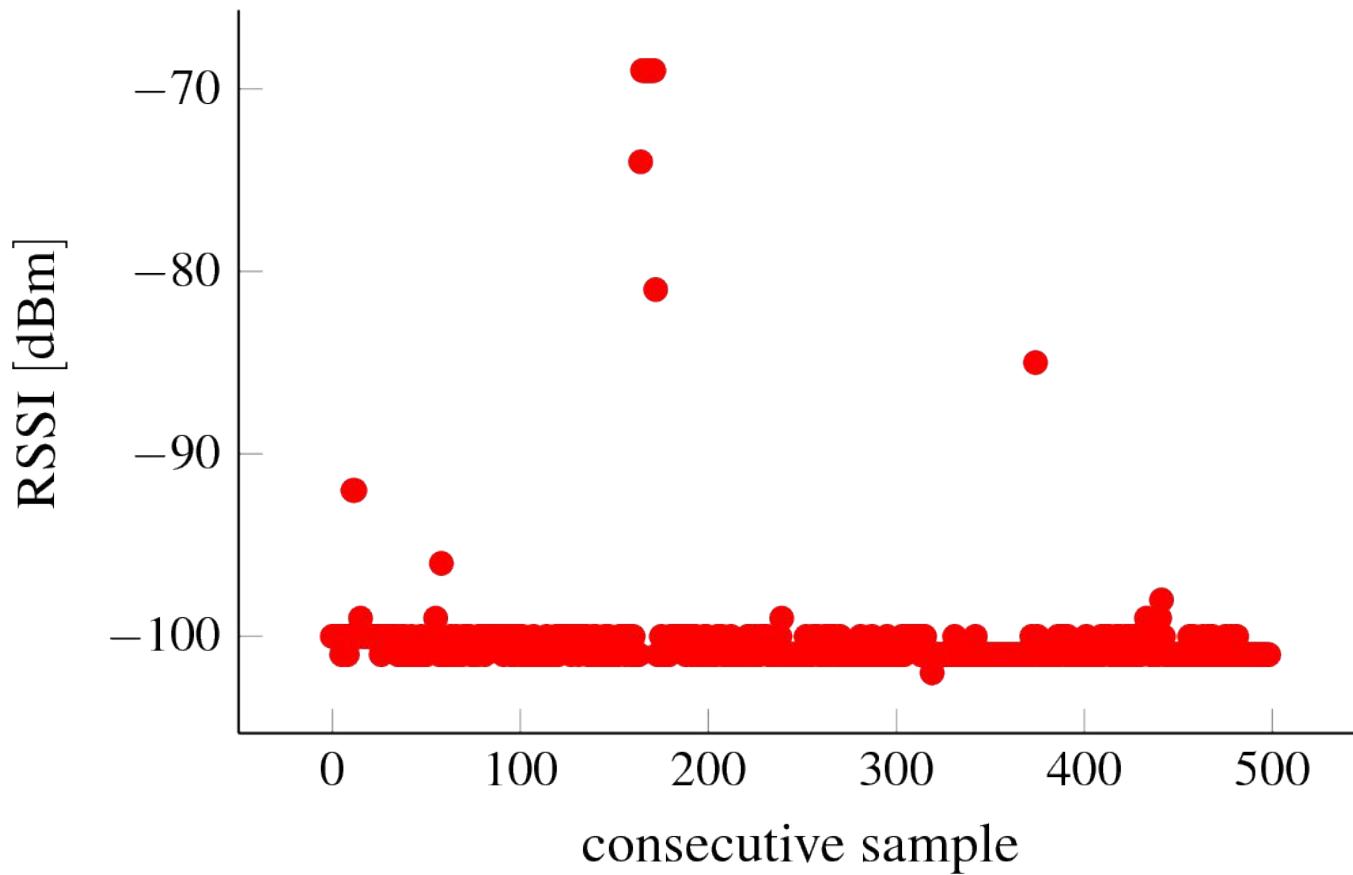
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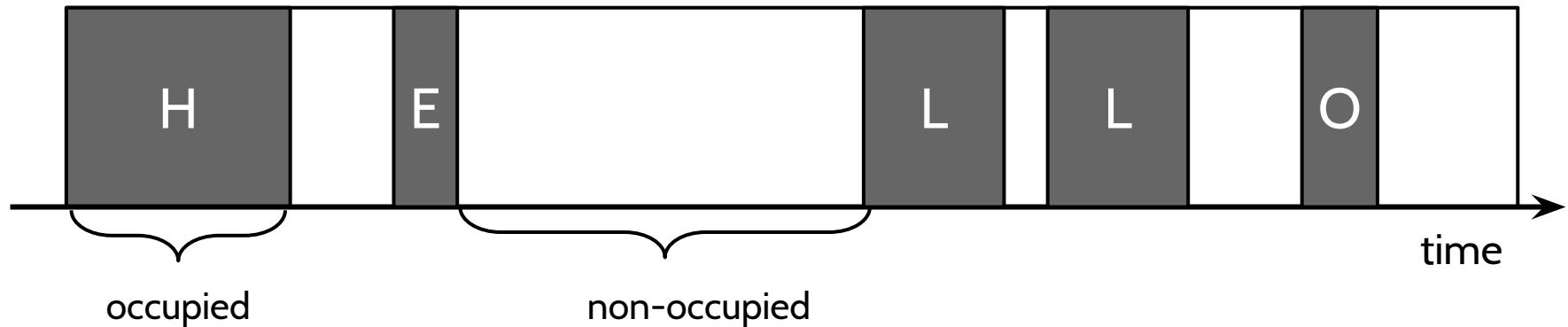
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ZigBee radio (CC2650 MCU) detects WiFi activity

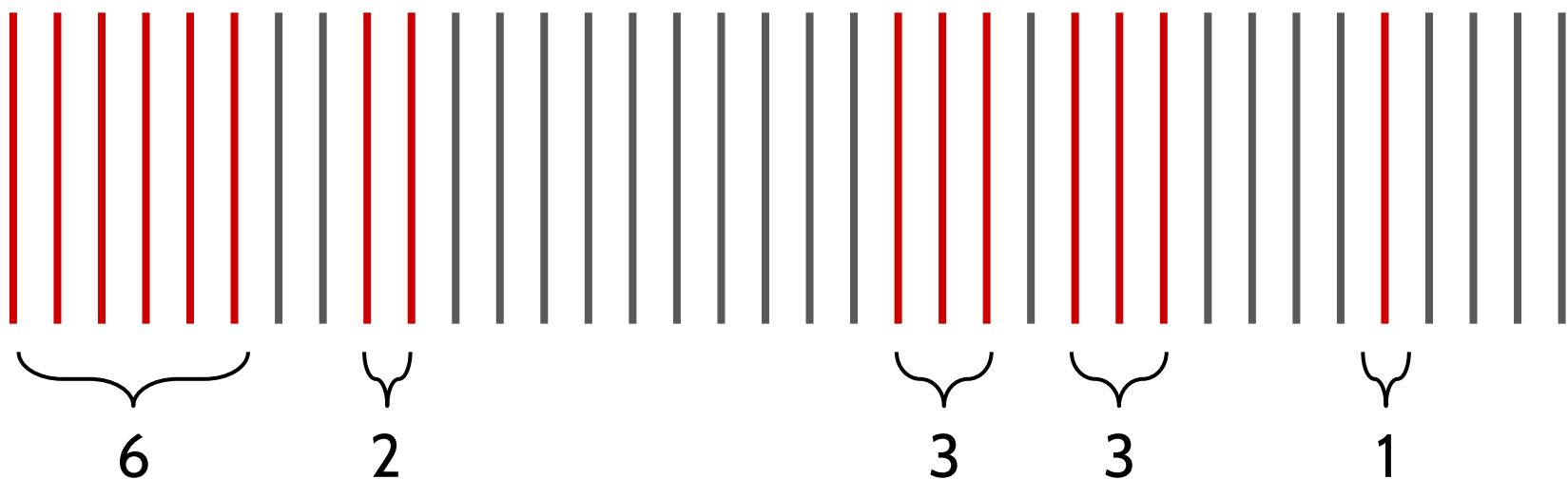
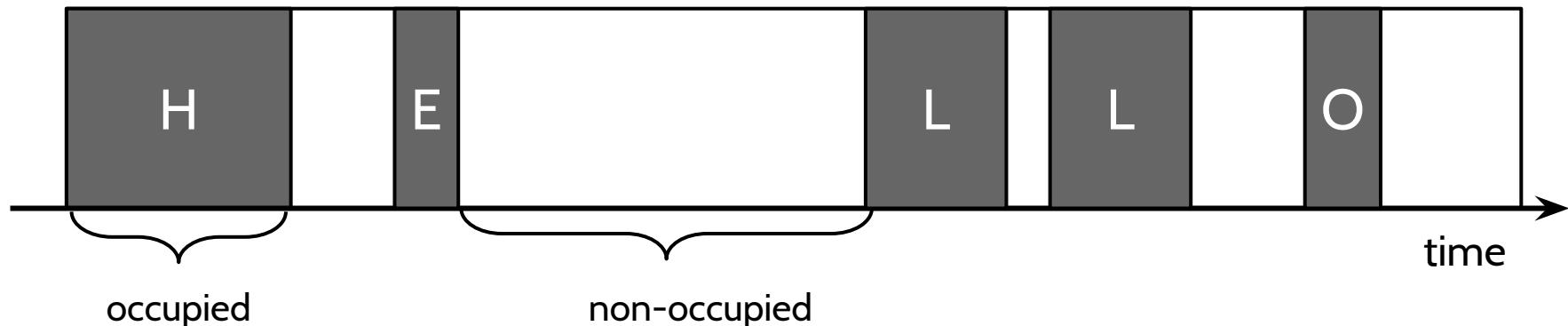
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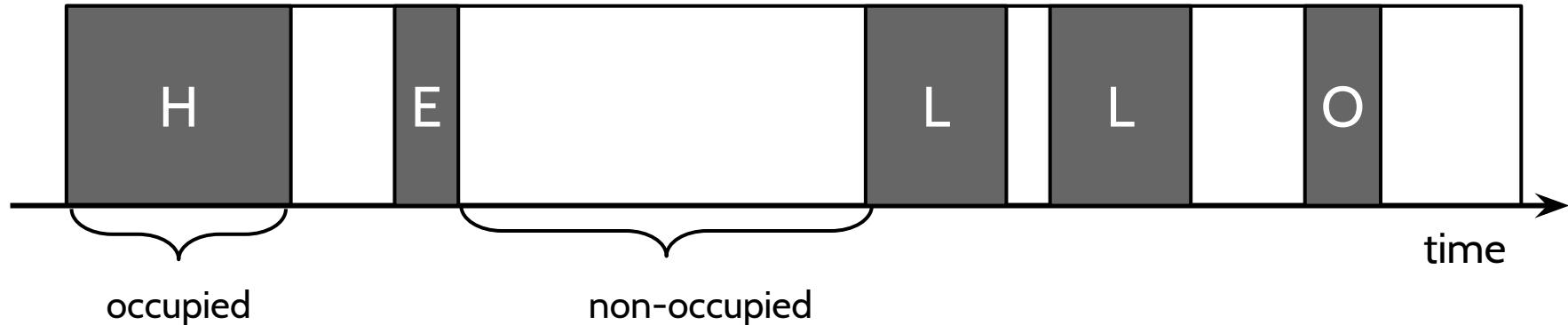
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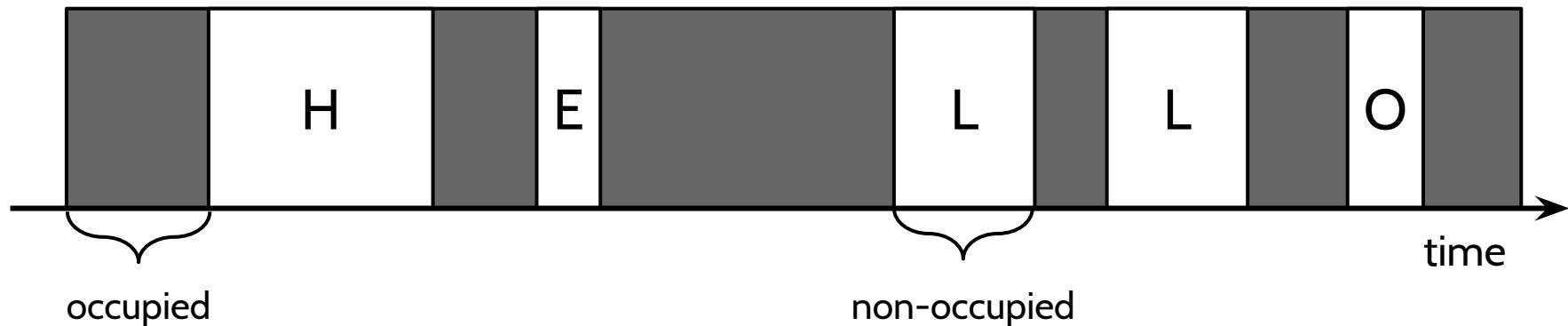


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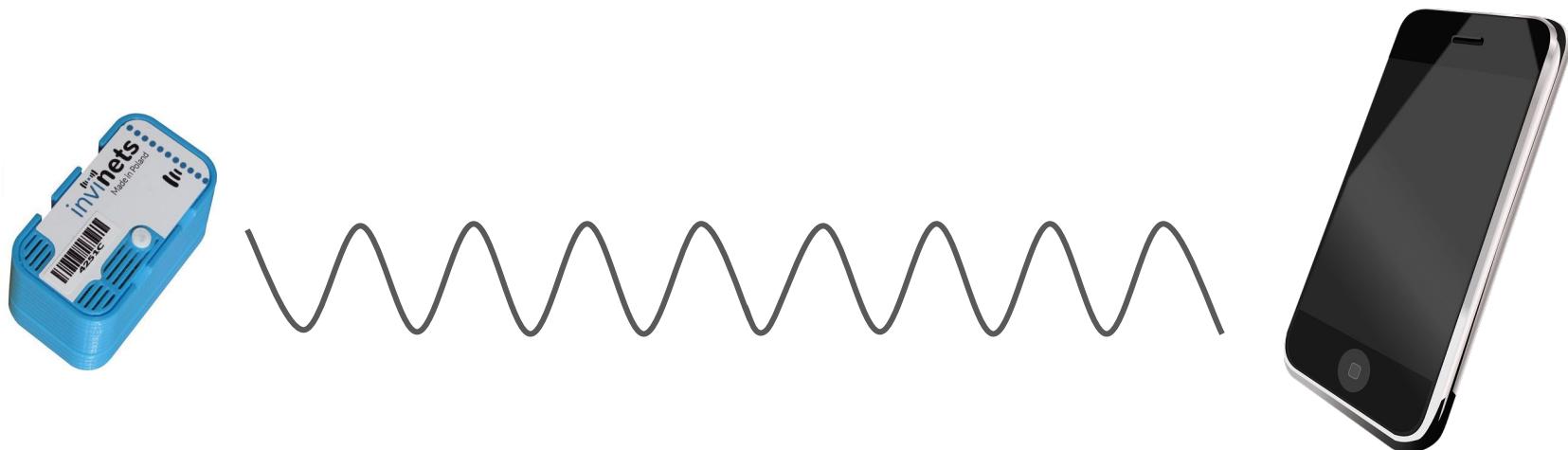
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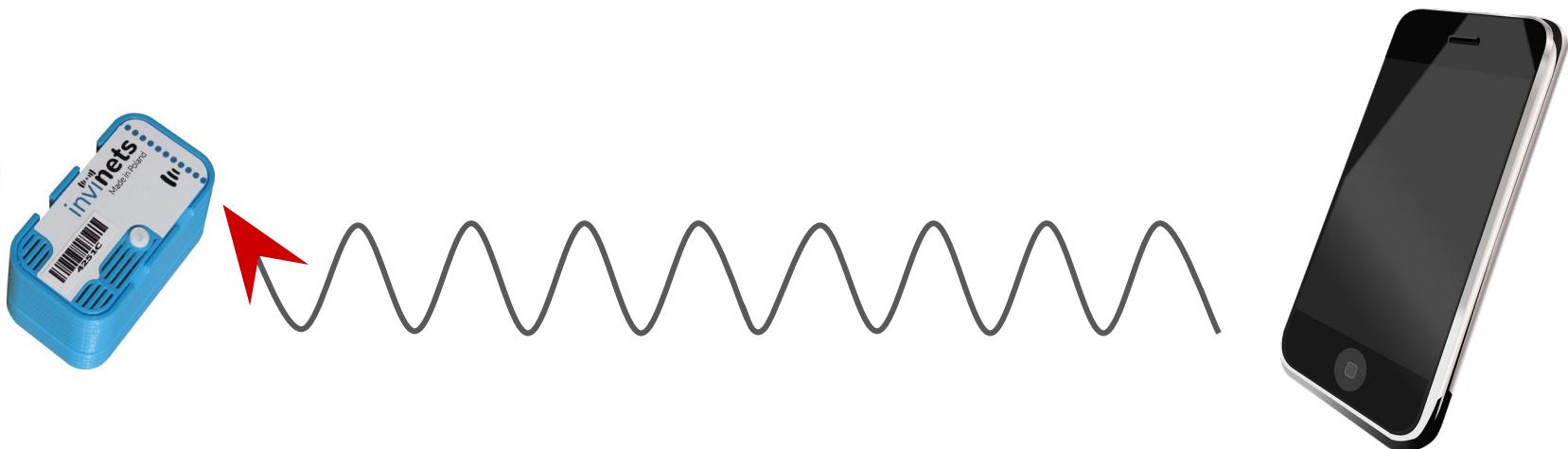
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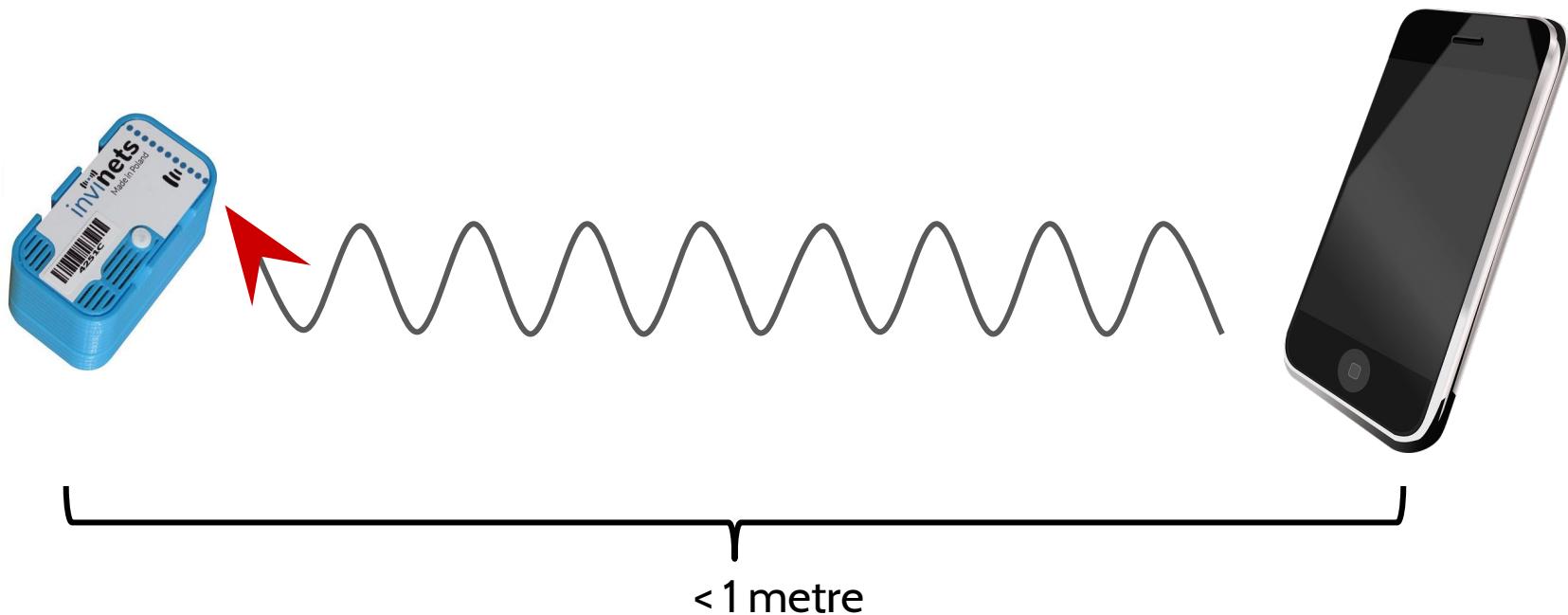
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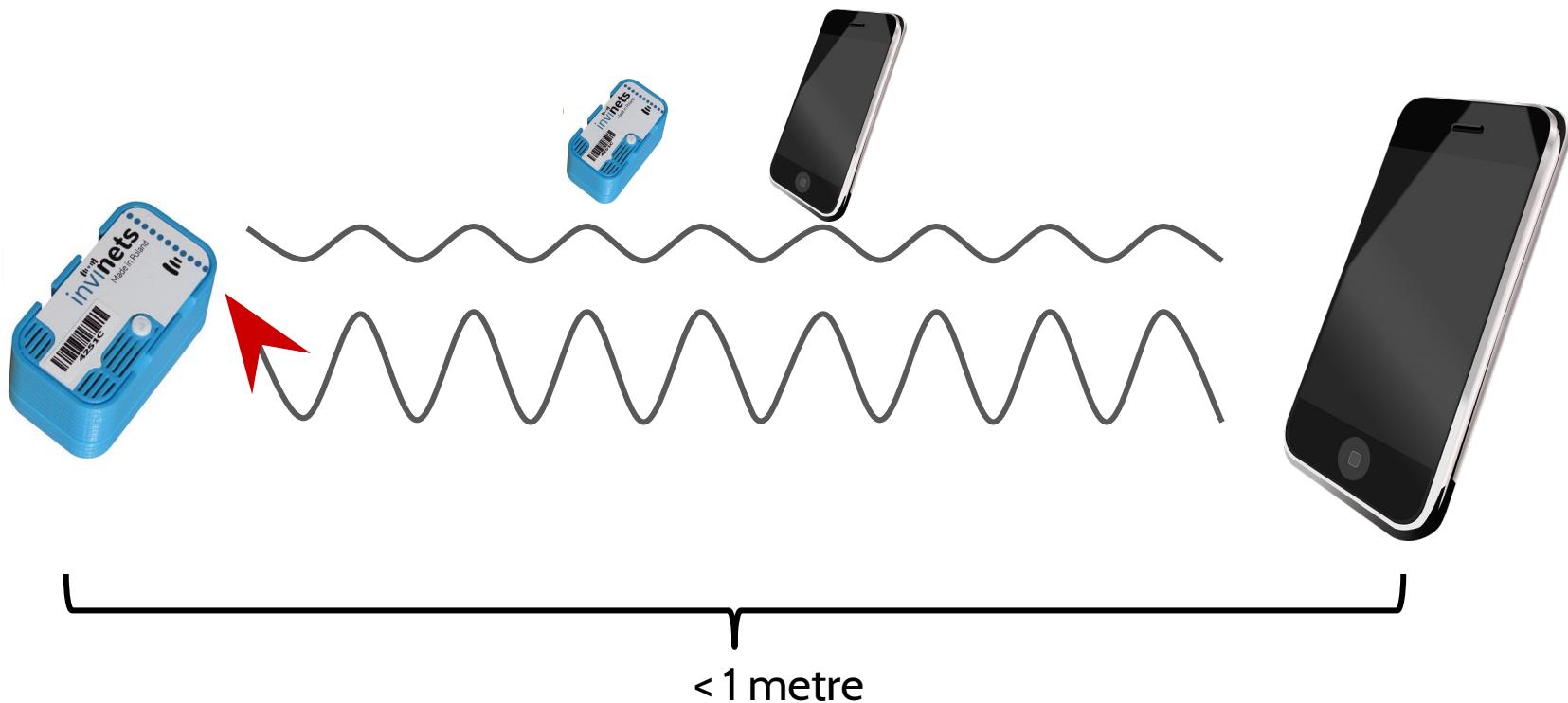
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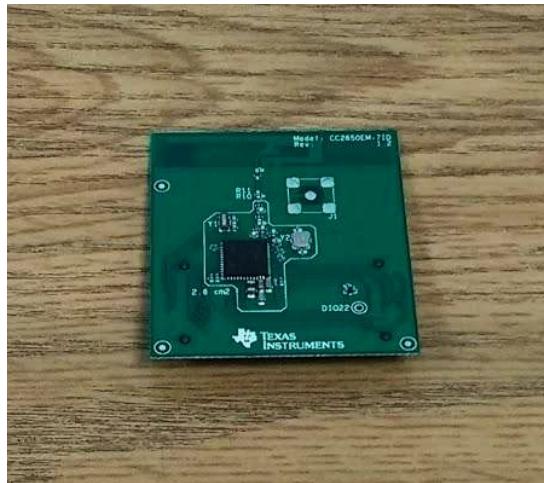
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Set the Alphabet

Evaluate

# The ZigBee Side

CC2650 MCU connected to SmartRF06



## Parameters:

- ★ RSSI sampling interval of 250  $\mu$ s
- ★ our own TinyOS-based OS
- ★ radio sensitivity of -100 dBm

# The Algorithm

(based on existing solutions: Esence and HoWiES)

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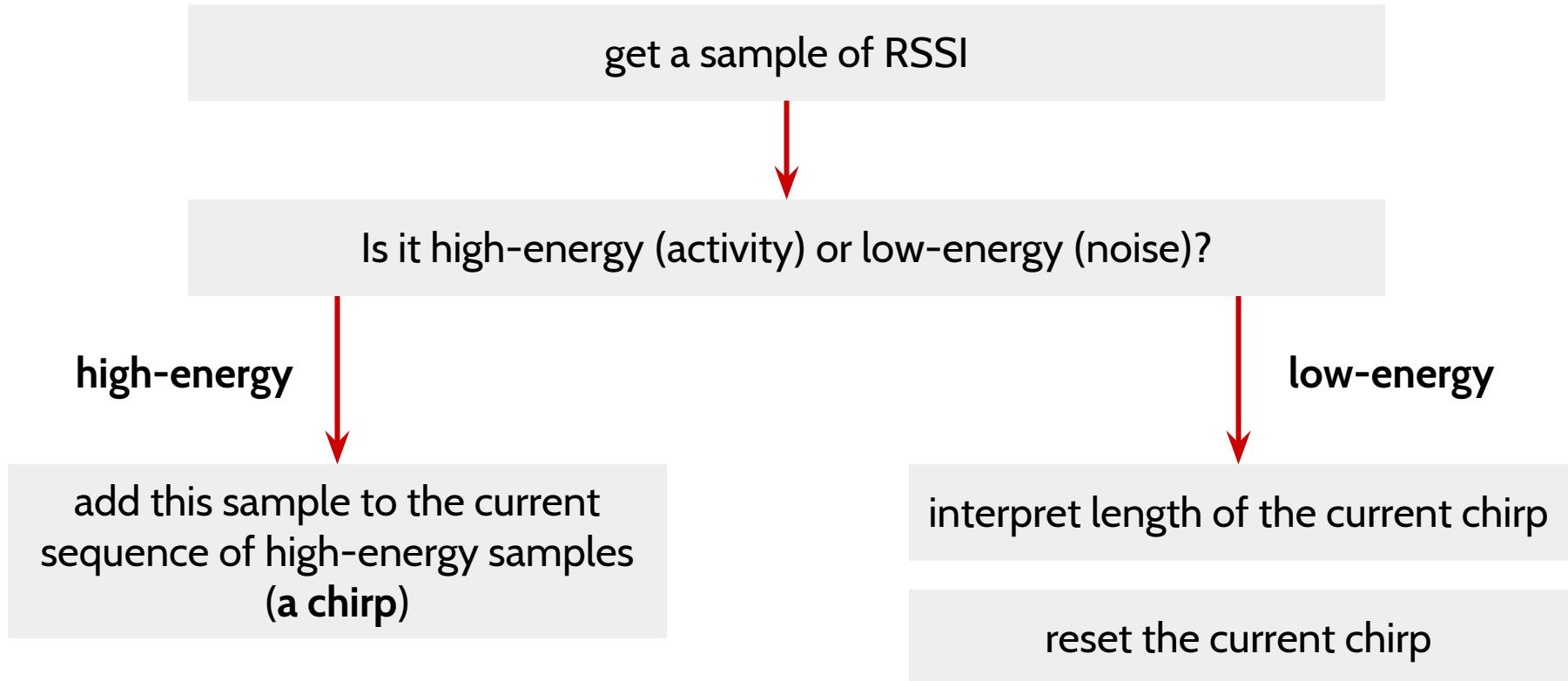
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add this sample to the current  
sequence of high-energy samples  
**(a chirp)**

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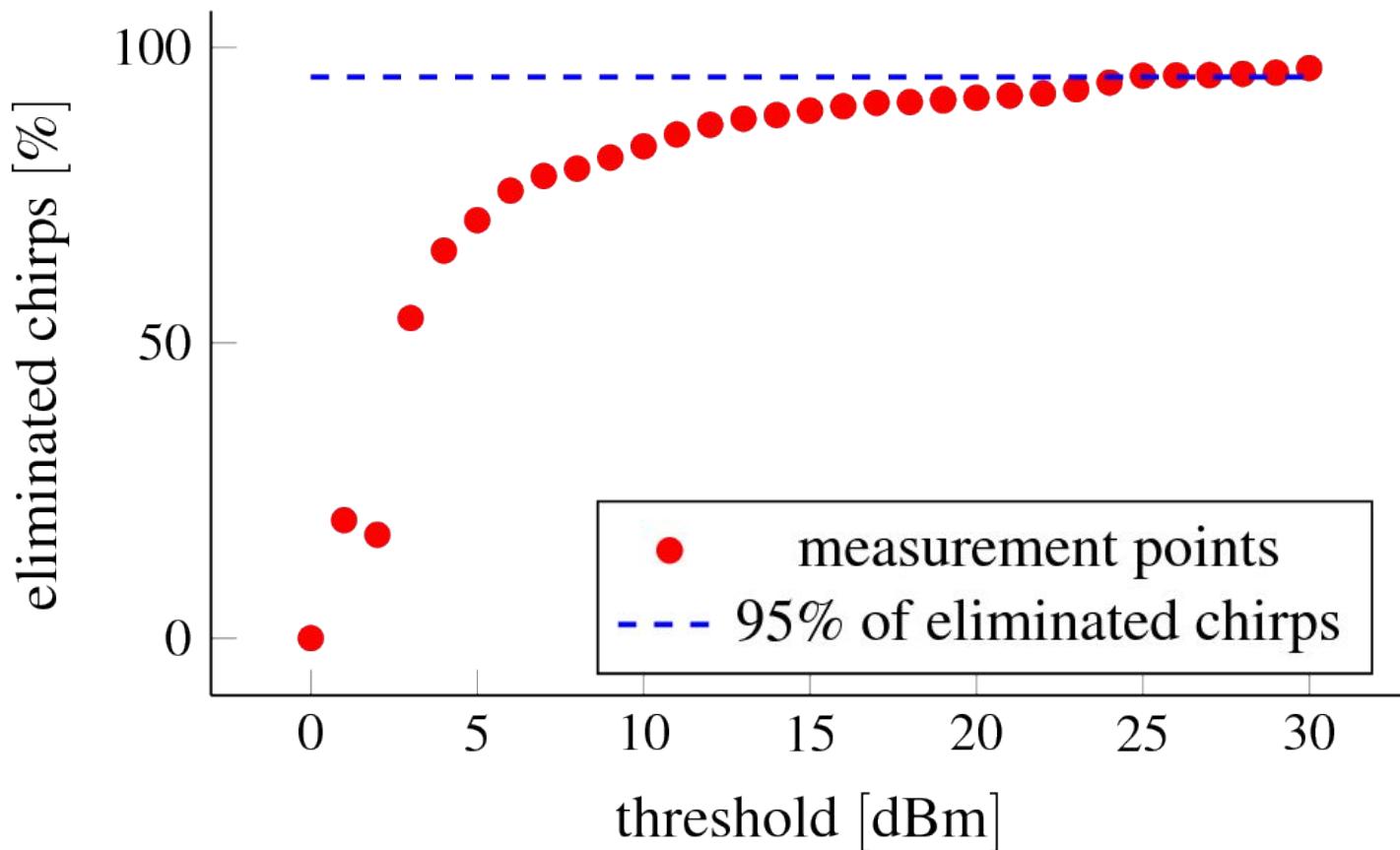


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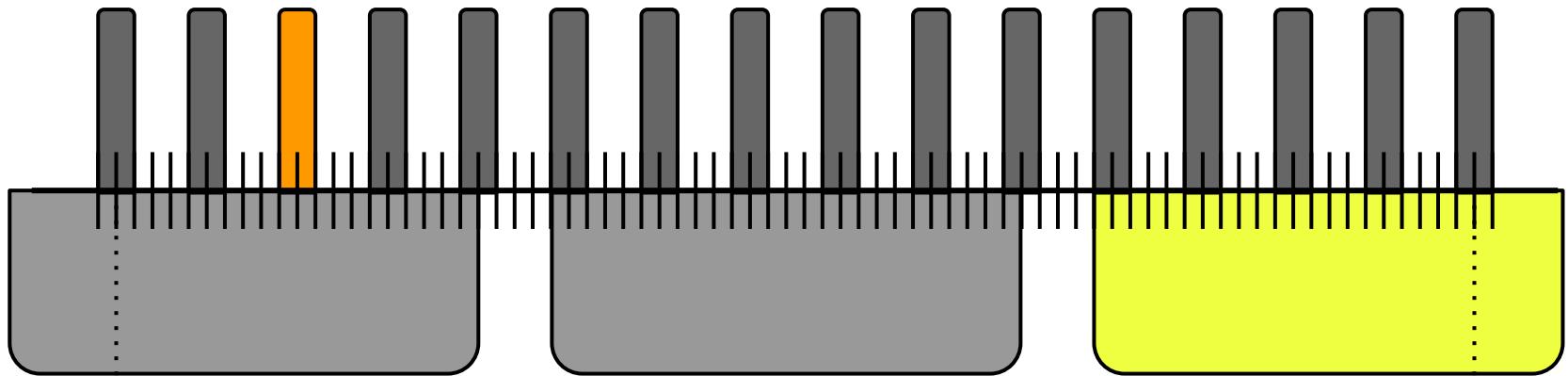
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## ZigBee channels 11-26



**WiFi channels 1, 6, 11**

2405 MHz

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Maybe we can hop over various channels and find the overlapping one?

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By default, AP sends broadcast messages at 1 Mbps.

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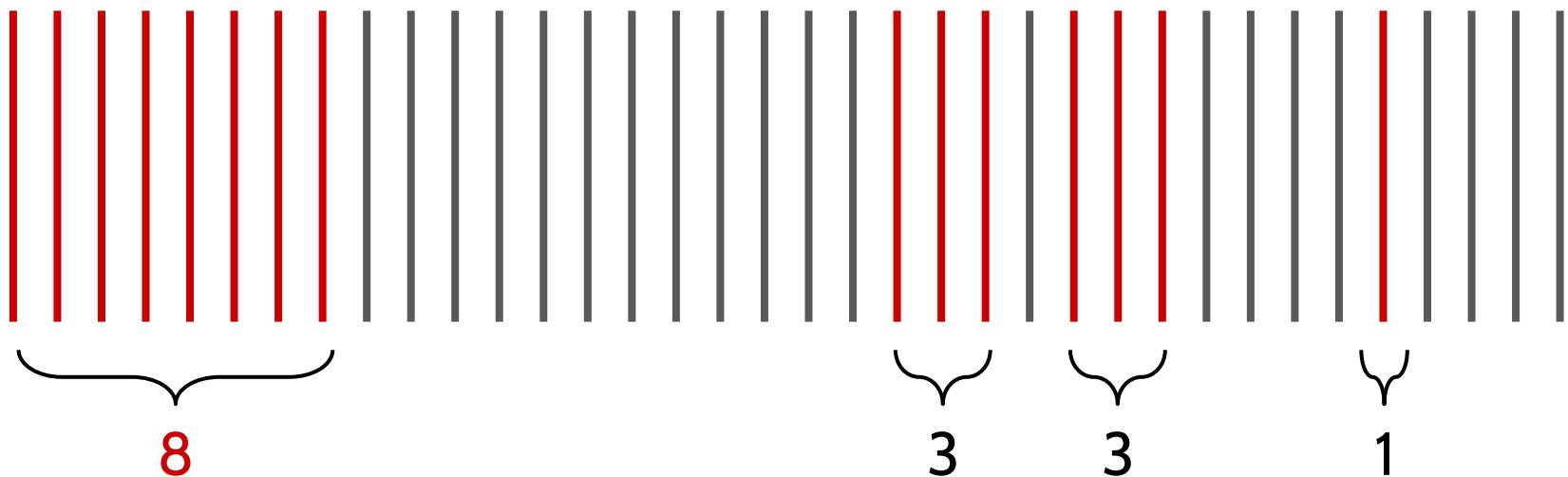
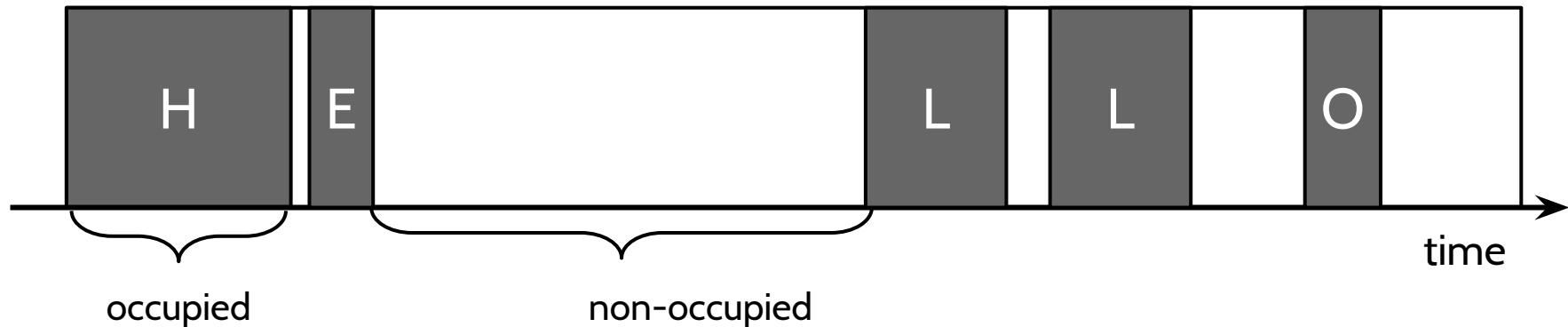


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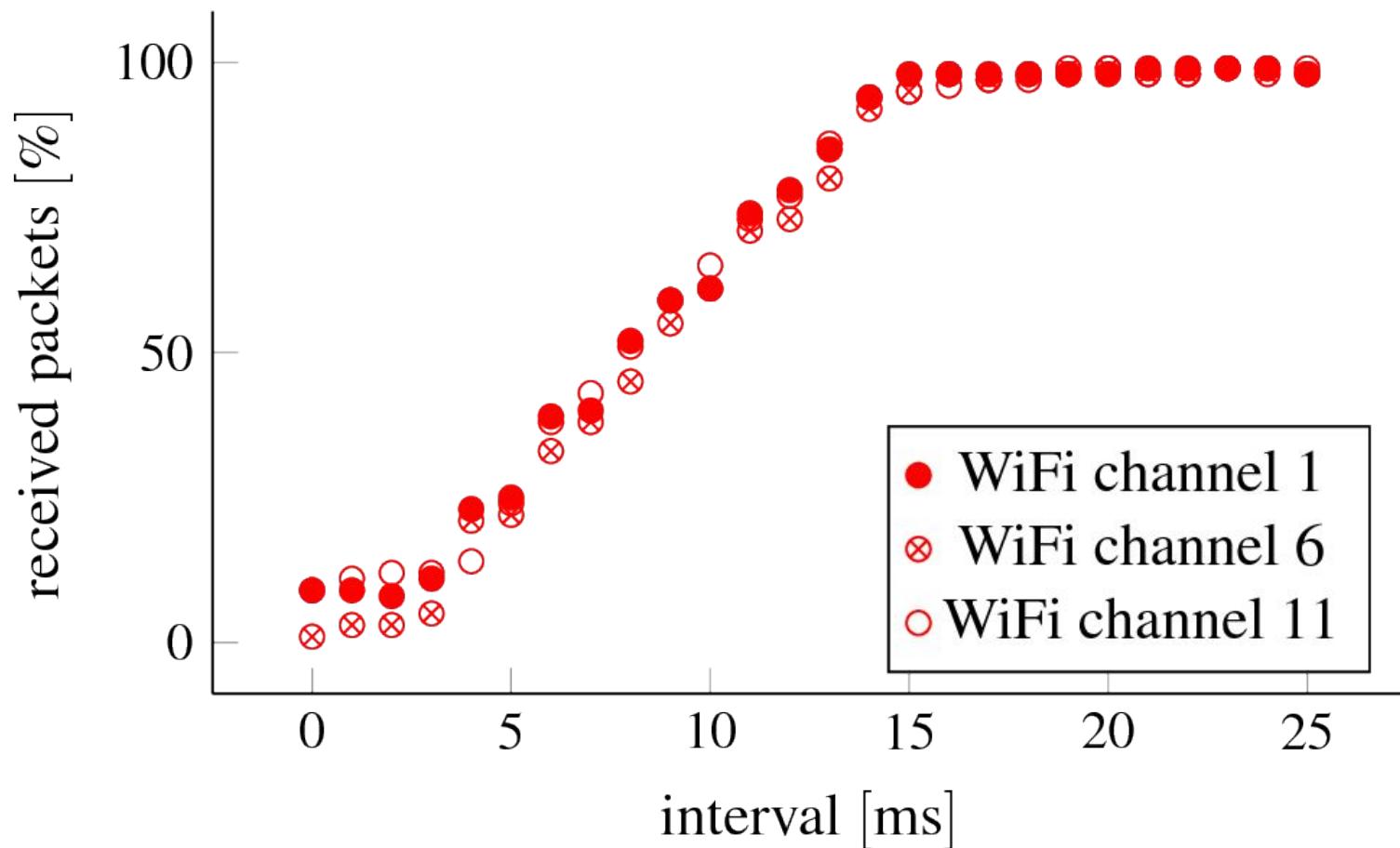


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We should test it!

# The Interval Between Packages



15 ms is pretty good. We chose 20 ms.

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# The Alphabet Letter



sends a packet of a certain size - a letter.

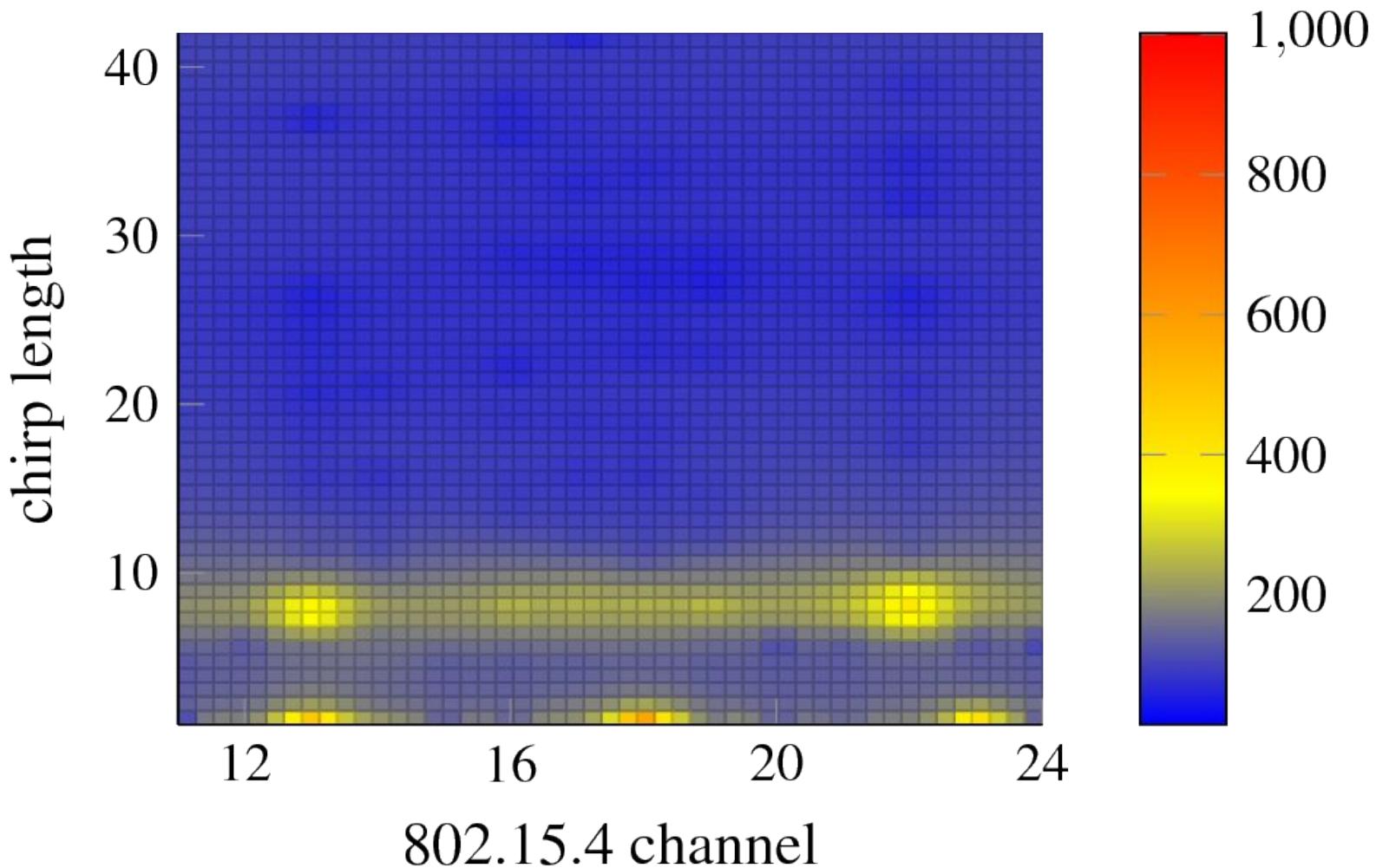
It takes some time.

The packet is detected as a sequence of  $N$  chirps by



The alphabet is a set of possible packet size.  
They need to be distinguishable from each other.

# Common Chirps



There are already many short chirps and 8-sample chirps in the air.

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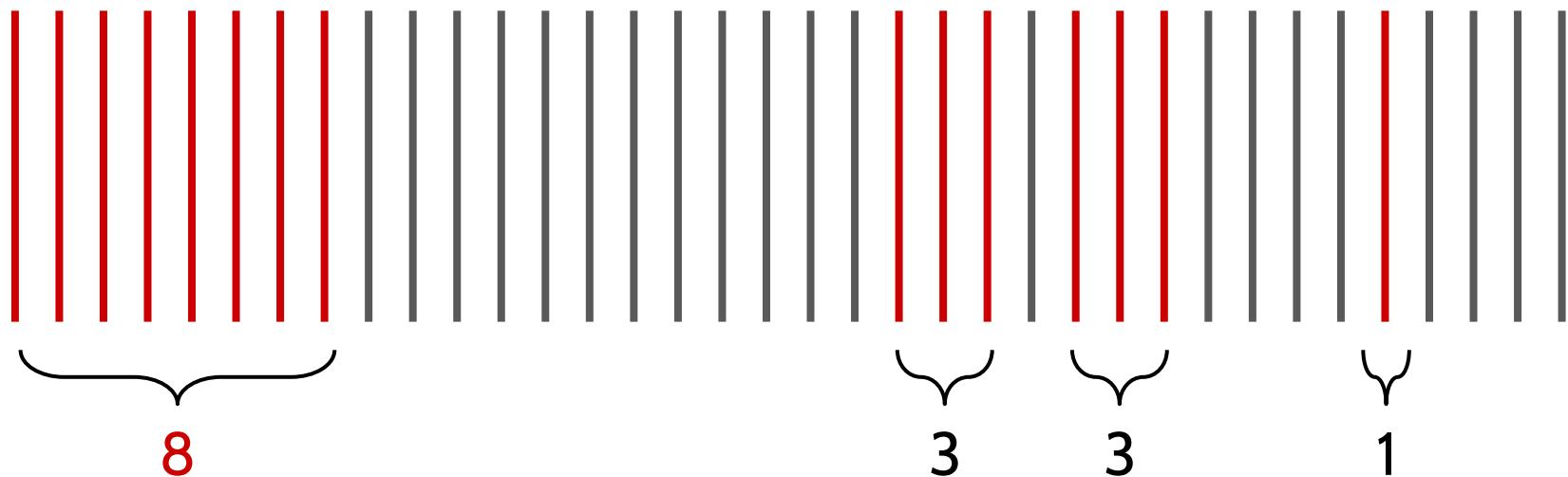
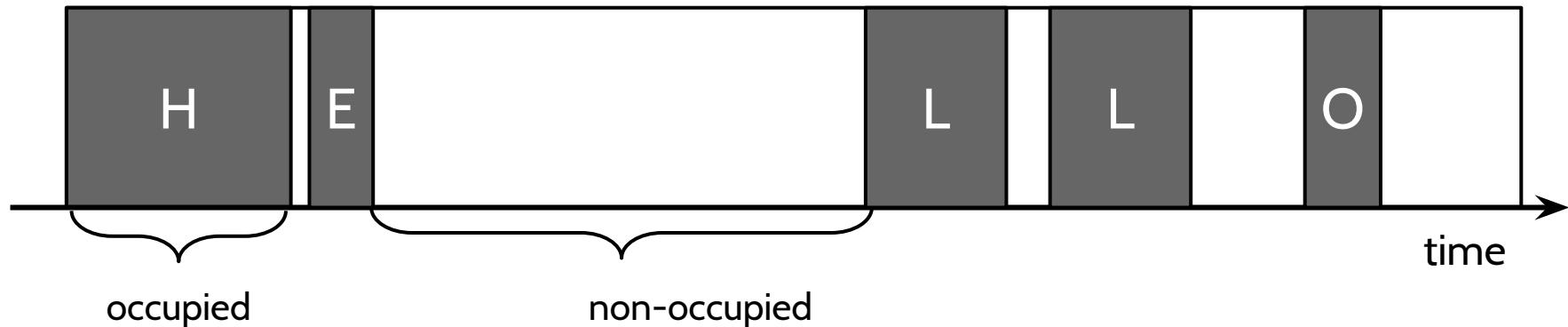
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Beacons-sticking forces us to eliminate packet lengths  
that theoretically generate (N+7) chirps.

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# First Evaluation

3 different smartphones

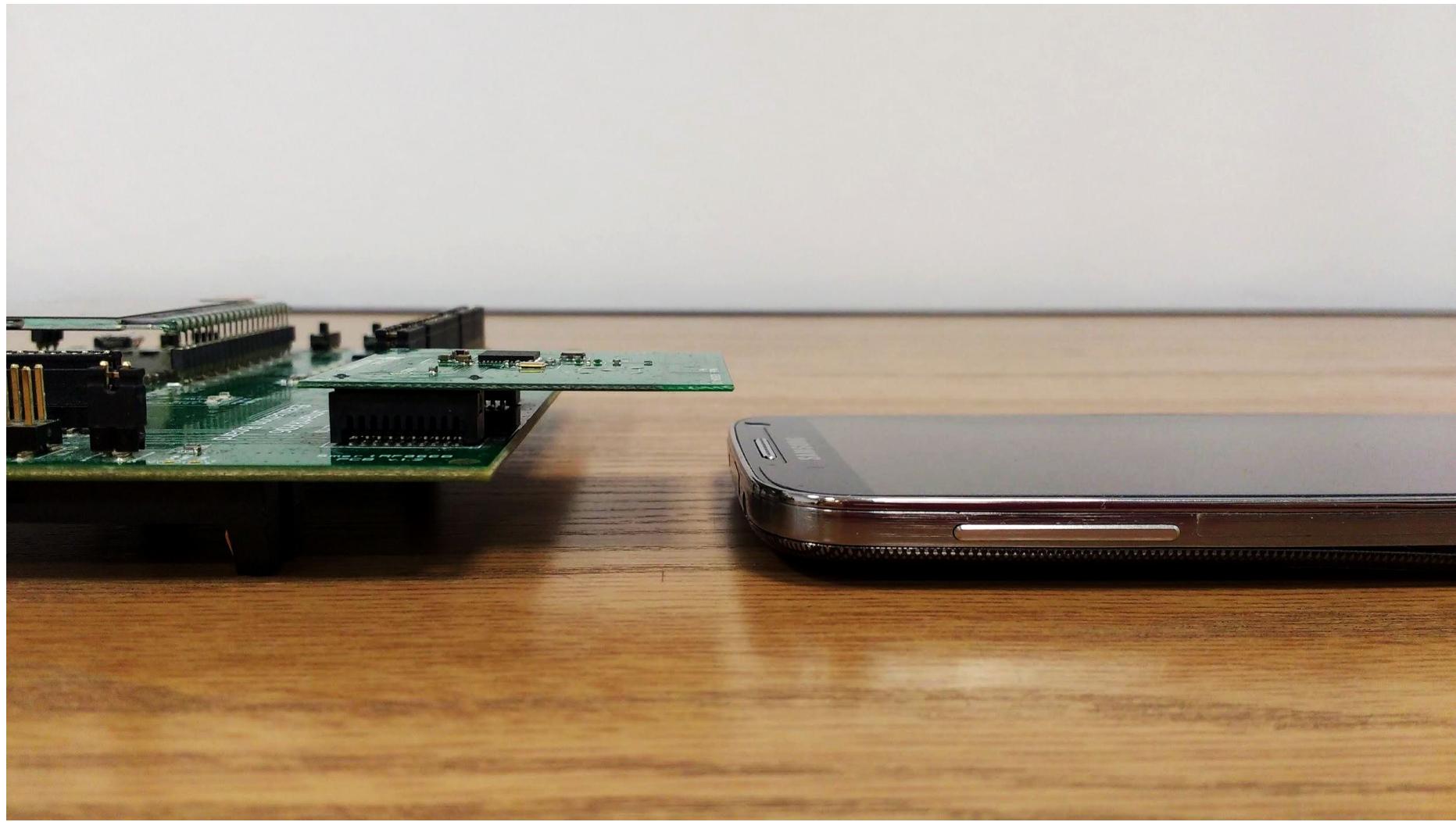
4 different environments (from quiet to moderately noisy)

overlapping channels

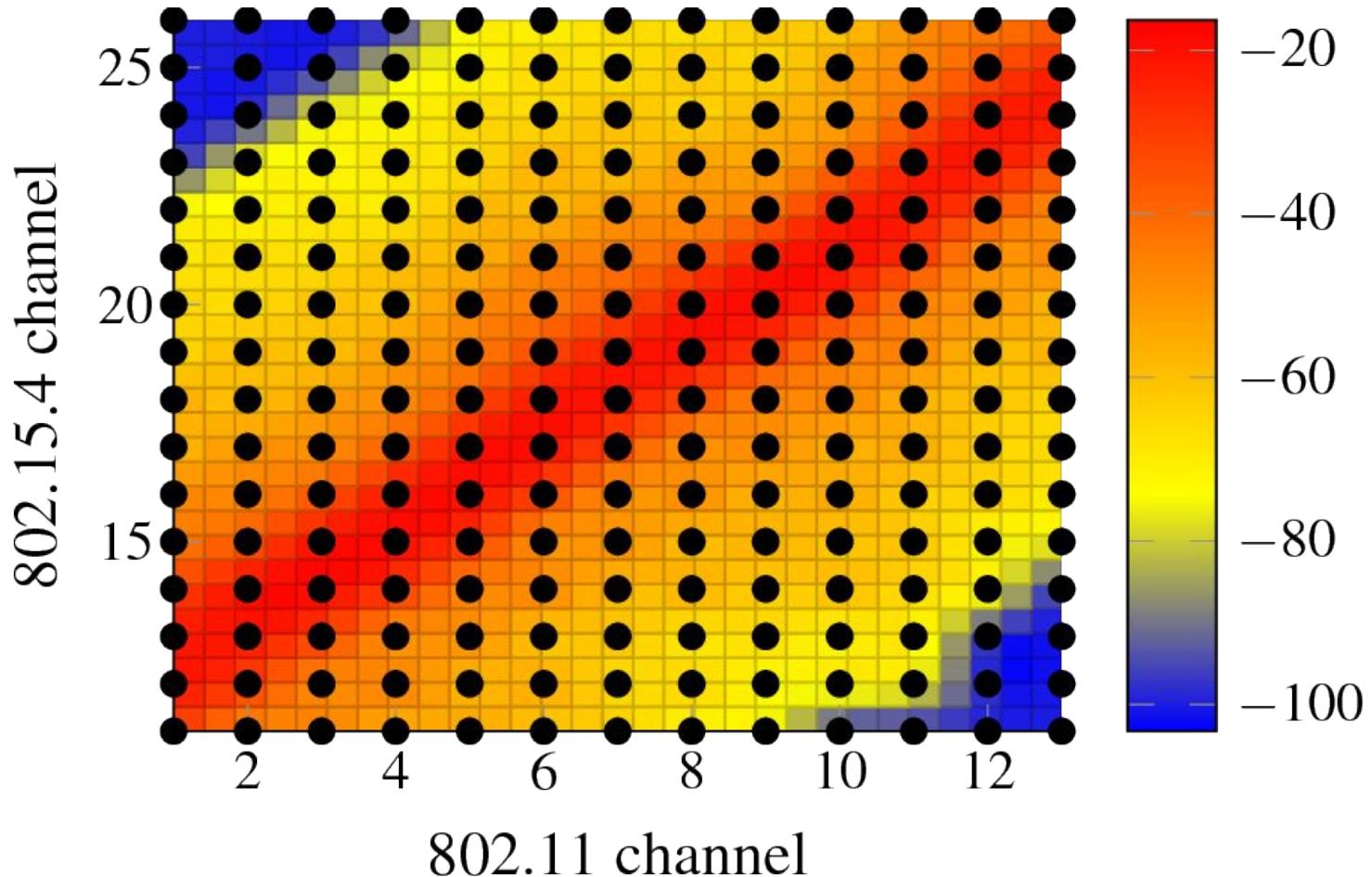
> 97 % accuracy

12Bps

# Close Proximity

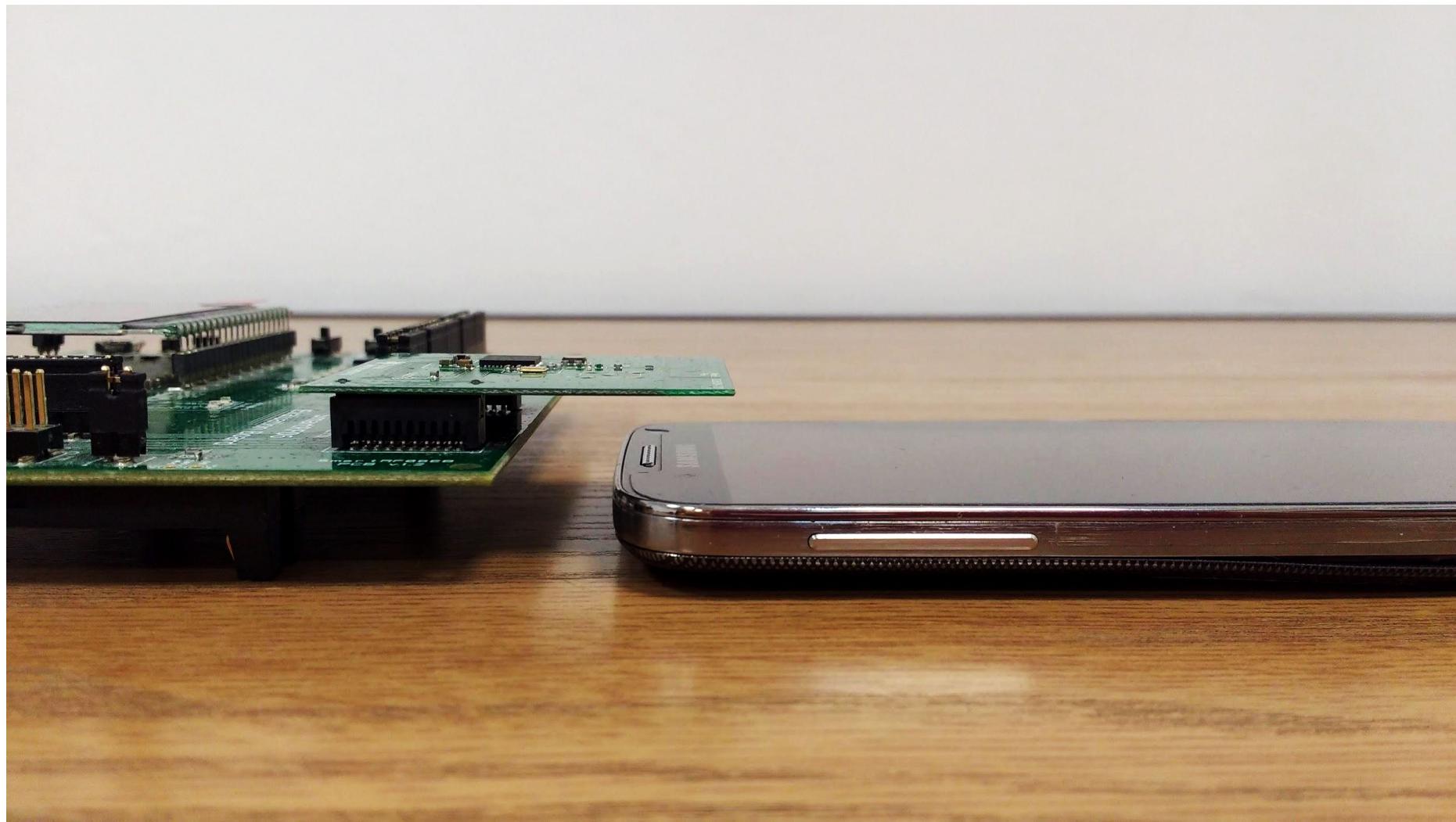


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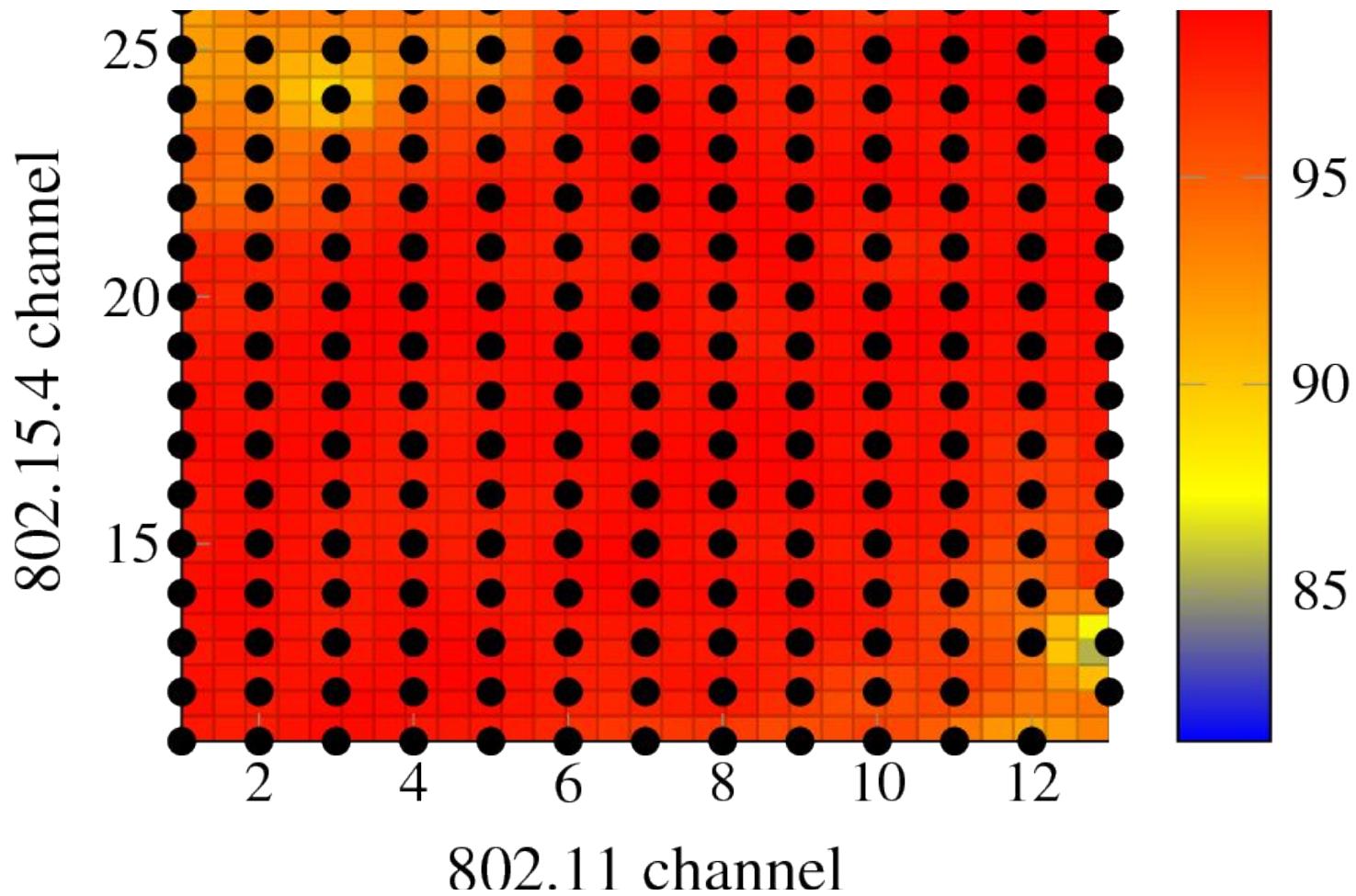


RSSI of decoded chirps for varying combinations of channels.  
Quiet environment. Distance: close proximity.

# Even Closer Proximity

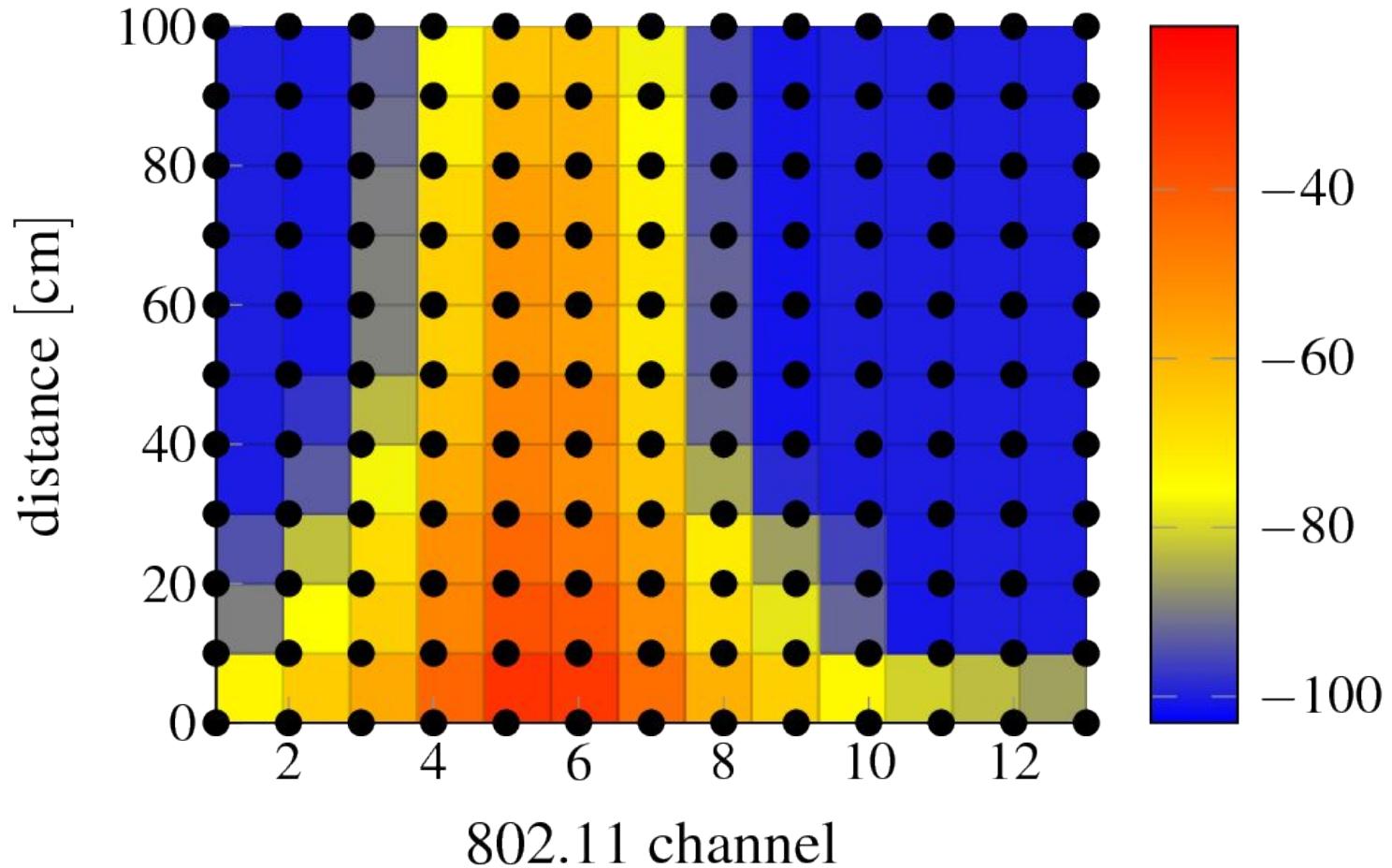


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Quiet environment. Distance: even closer proximity.

# Varying Distance



RSSI od decoded chirps for ZigBee listening on channel 17. Quiet environment.  
For CTC above -76 dBm: 97% accuracy of communication.

# Results

ZigBee should listen on one of its central channels (e.g. 17).

In a quiet environment CTC accuracy is above **95%** for all WiFi channels.

However it requires the devices to be very close to each other.

In case of noisy environments, hopping over channels might be necessary.

A lot depends on the adjusted value of  $E_{threshold}$ .

# The Final Algorithm

Listen with the maximal value of  $E_{\text{threshold}}$ .

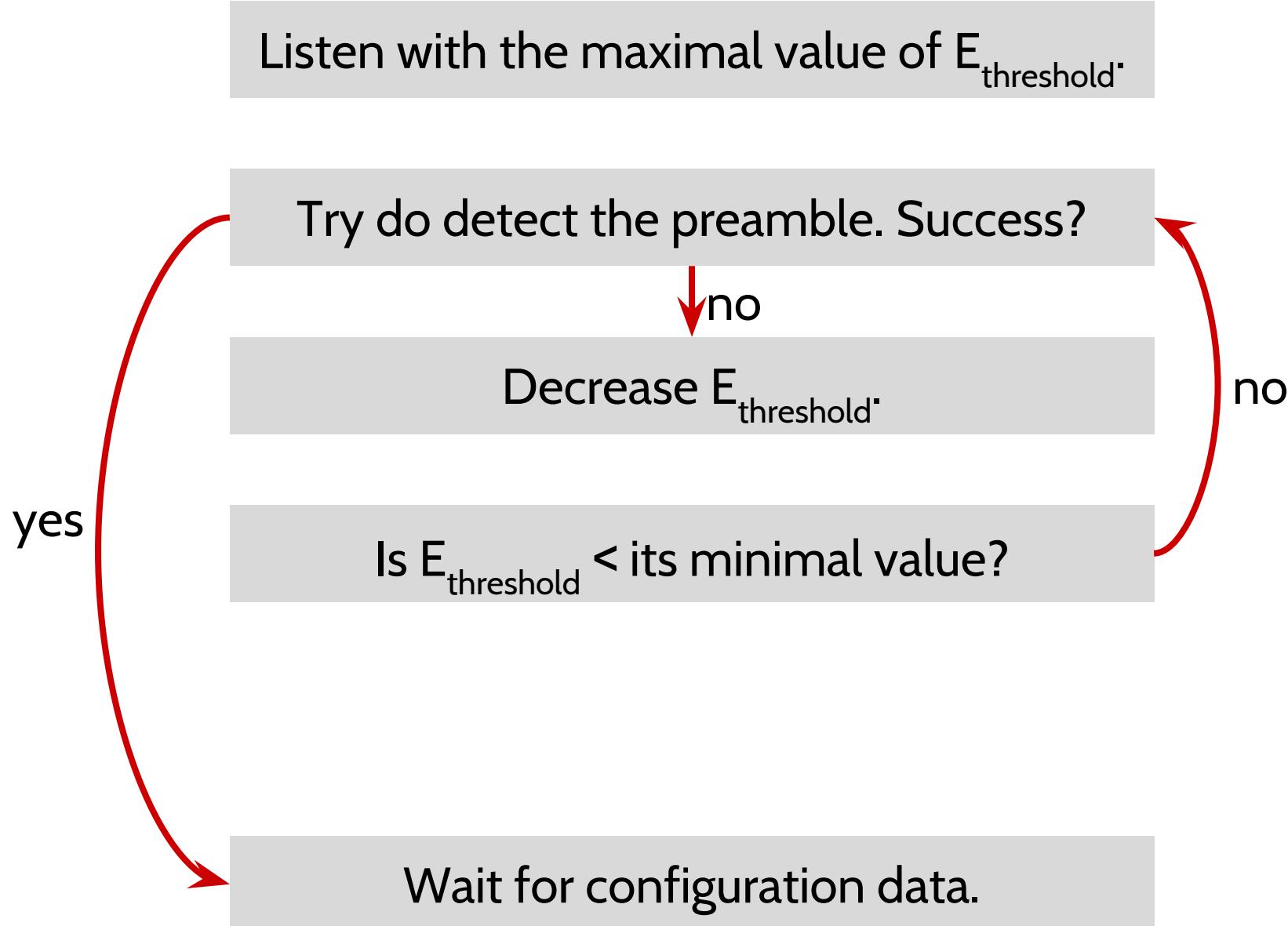
Try do detect the preamble. Success?

yes

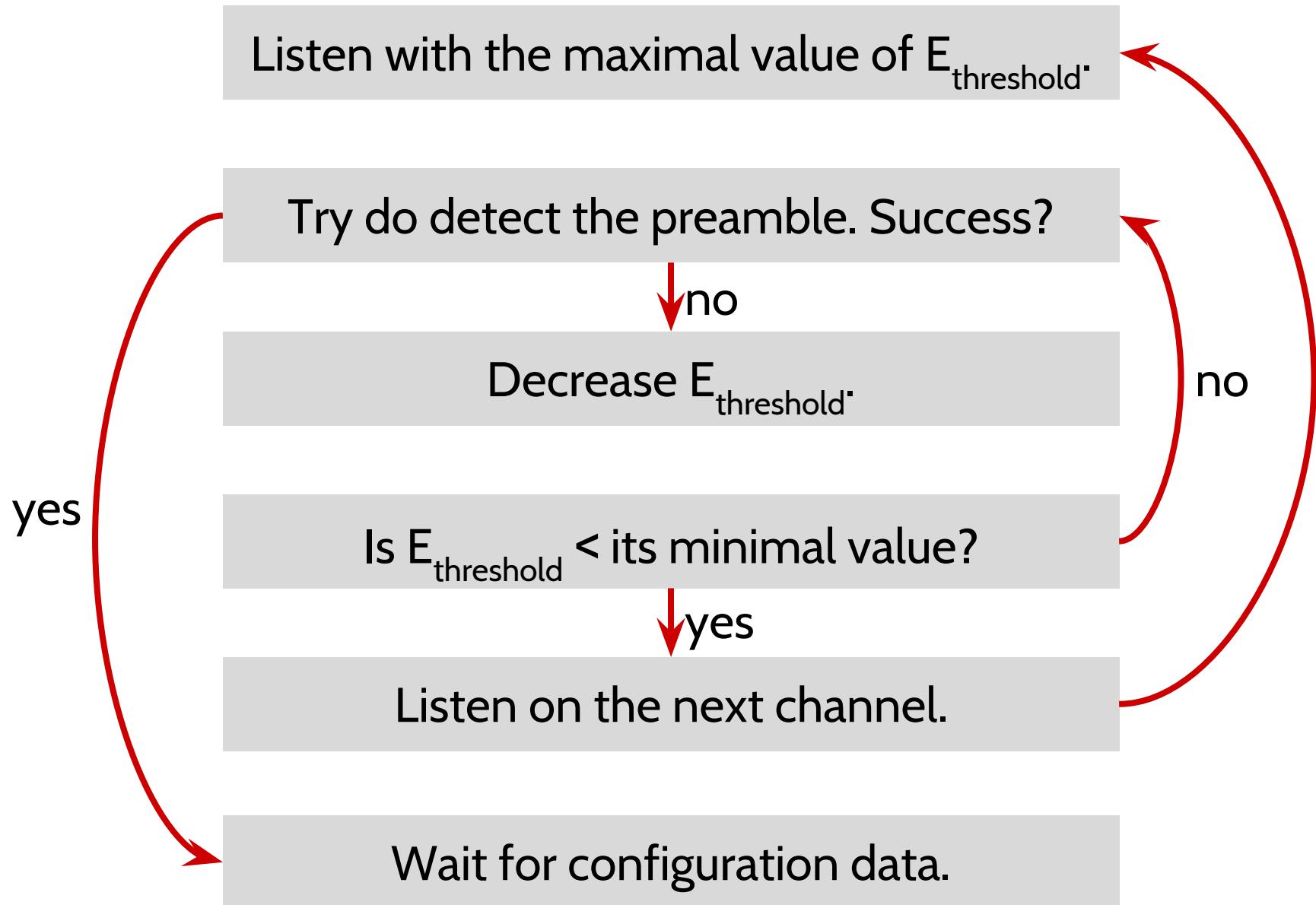


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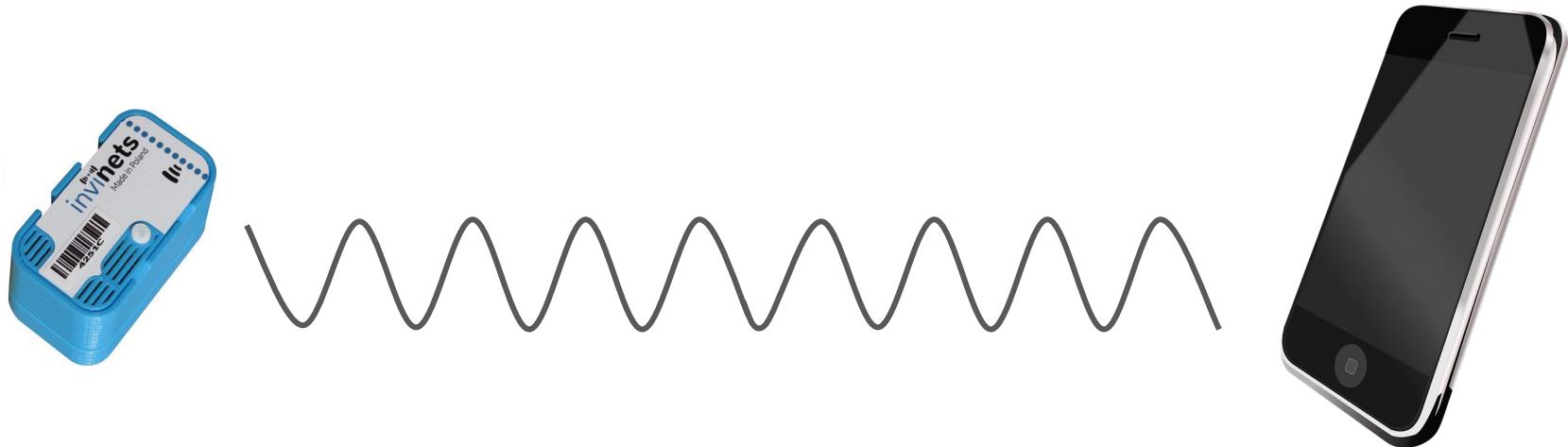
# It Was a Long Way

find appropriate RSSI threshold

choose inter-packets intervals

enforce the bit rate

deal with non-overlapping channels



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# The Noise Floor Estimate

Exponential moving average of detected low-energy samples:

$$E_{noise} := \min(\gamma, E_{sample} \cdot \alpha + E_{noise} \cdot (1-\alpha))$$

$$\alpha := 1/256$$

$$\gamma := -98 \text{ dBm}$$

We use every 80th low-energy sample.

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(based on Esence [1] and HoWiES [2])

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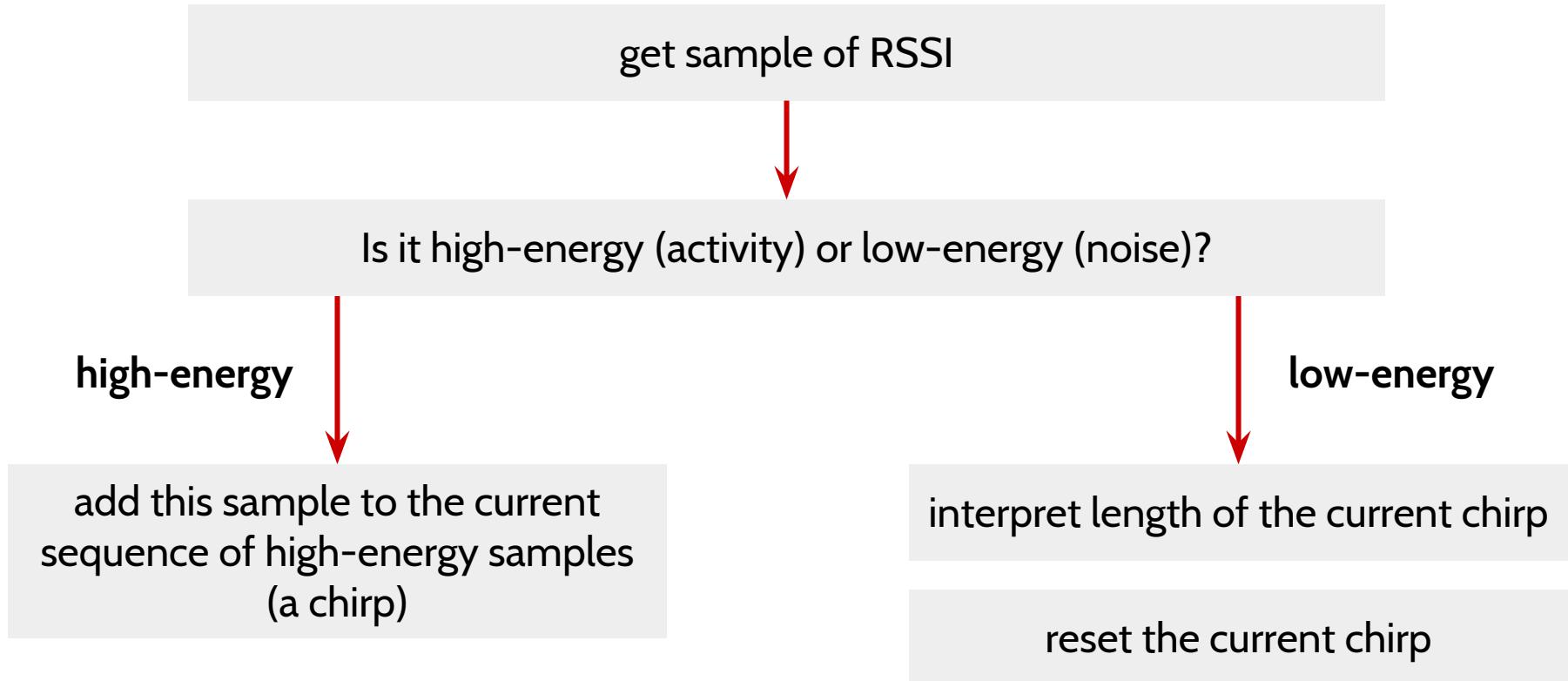
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