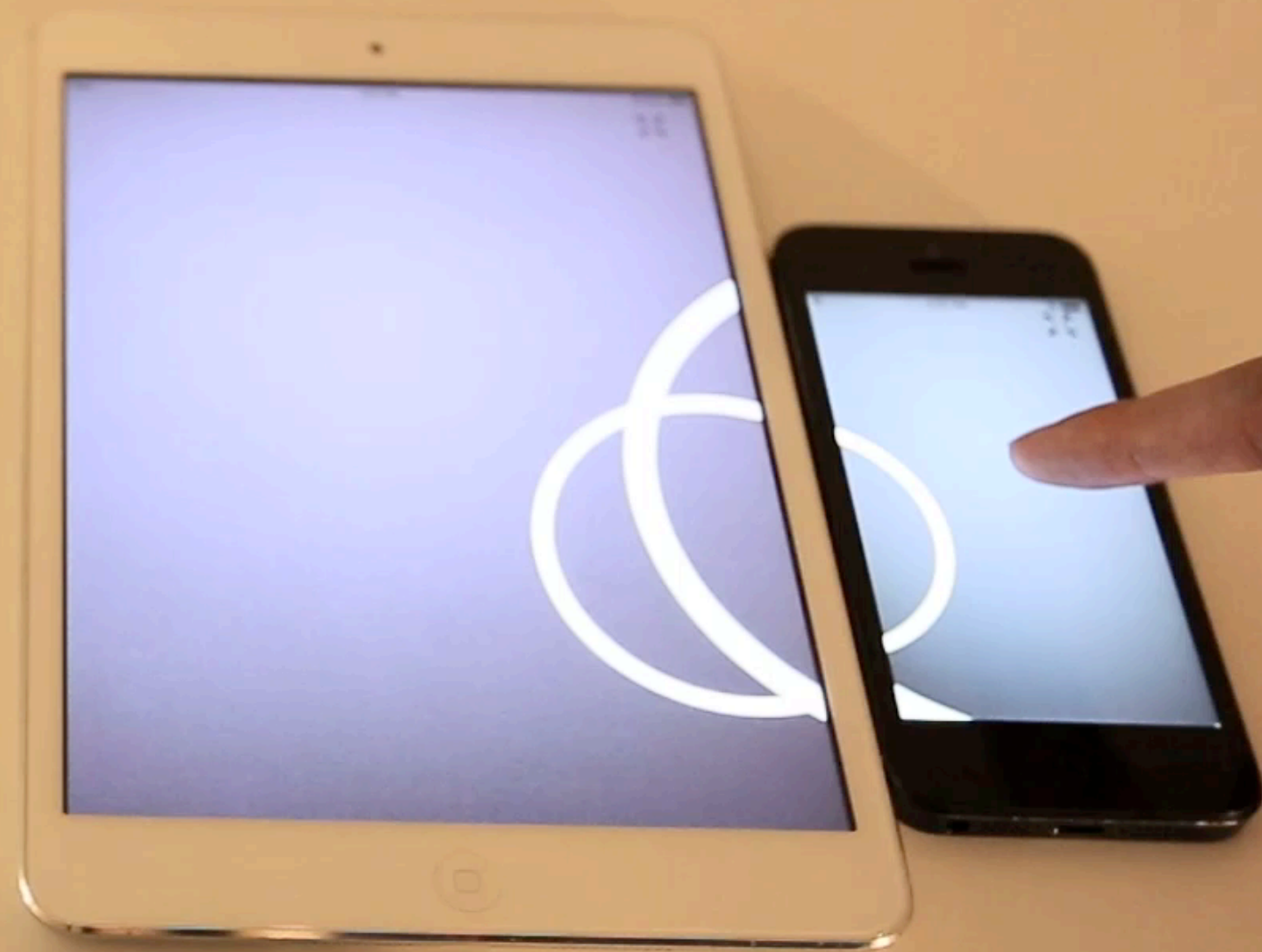


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Positioning Adjacent Device with Asymmetric  
Bluetooth Low Energy RSSI Distributions



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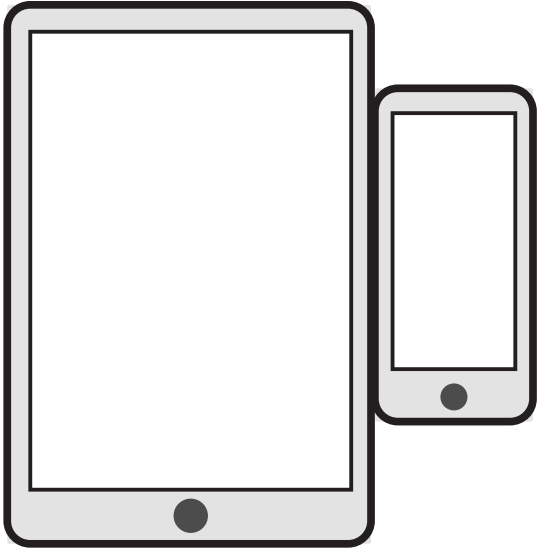
The devices remain independent even when they are just inches away.

radio

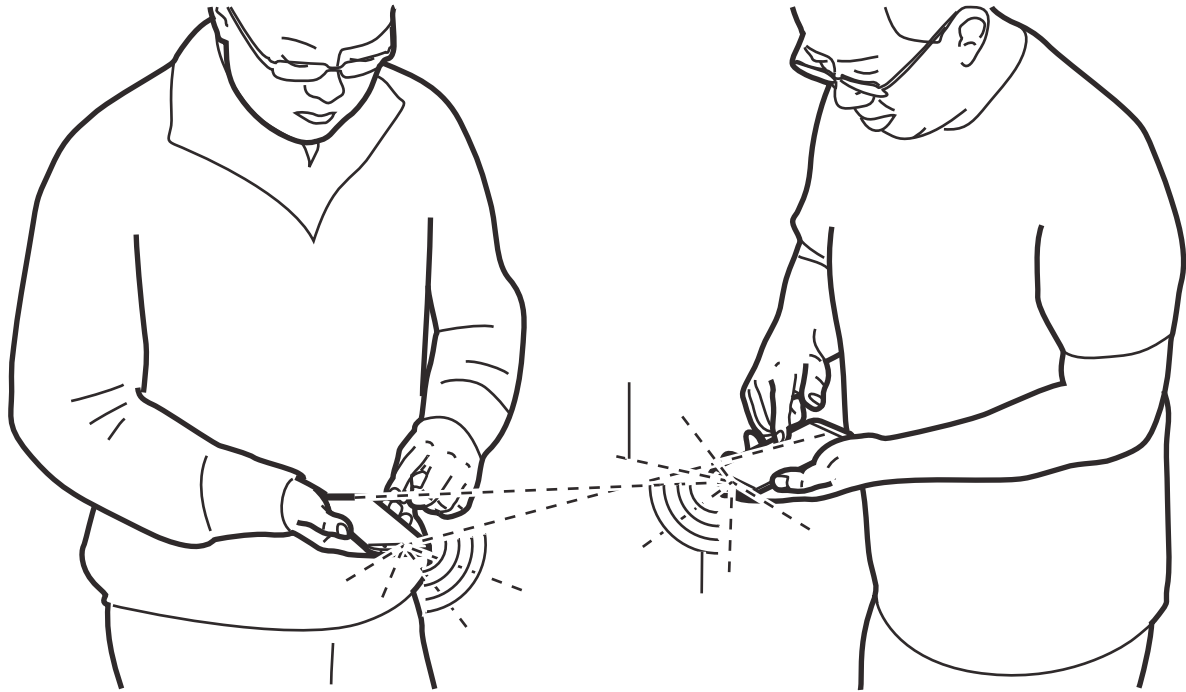
# Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)

0 cm    10 cm    2 m    90 m

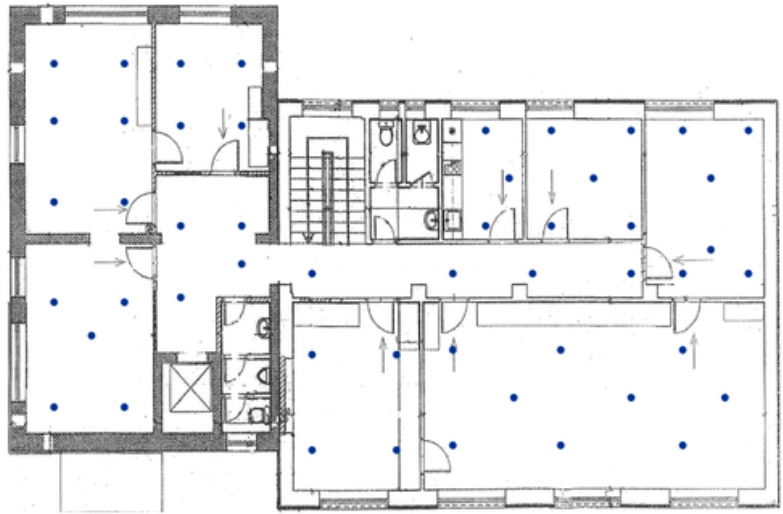
RSSI	...	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-75	-80	-90	-100	-110	-120	...
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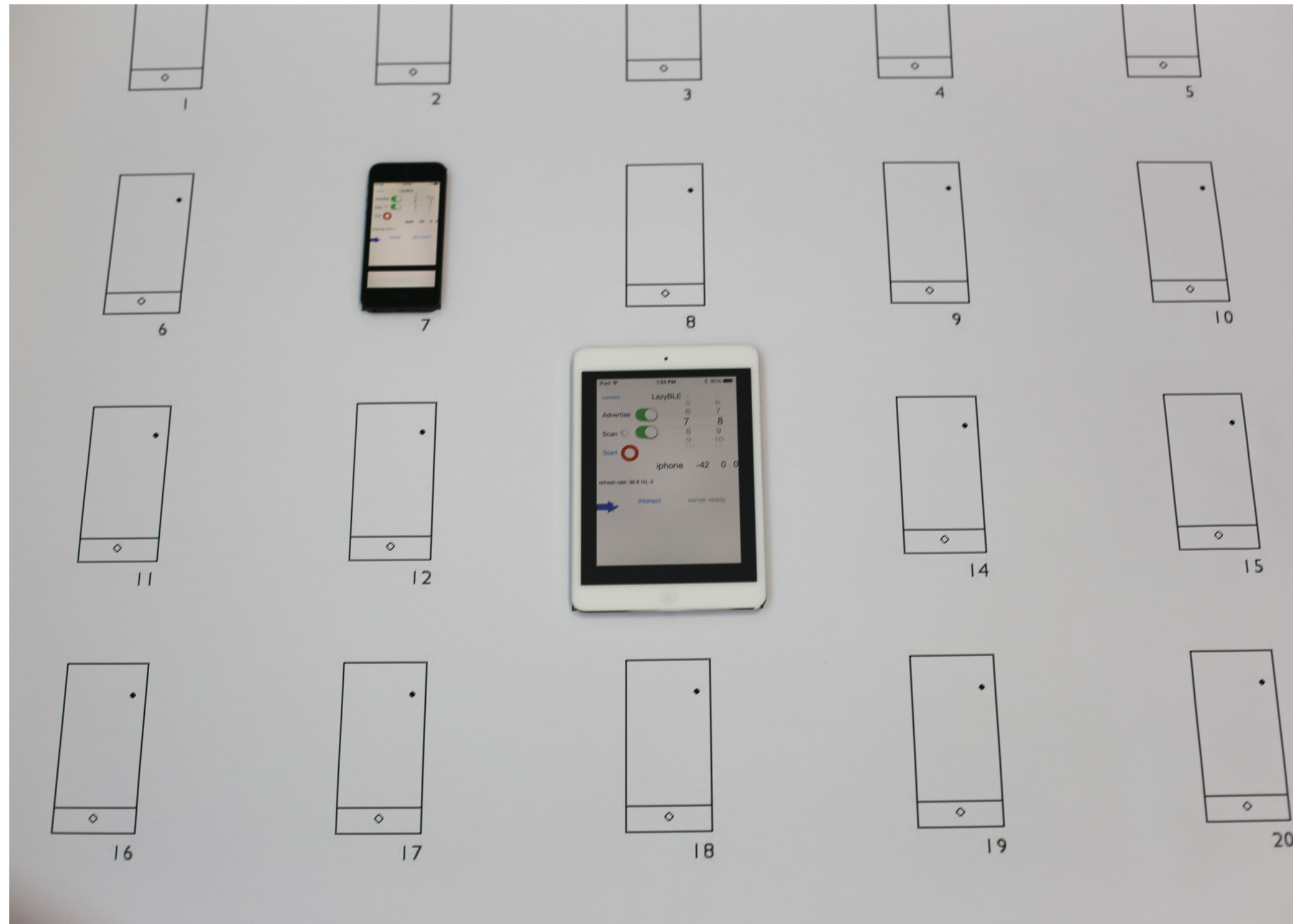


Tracko

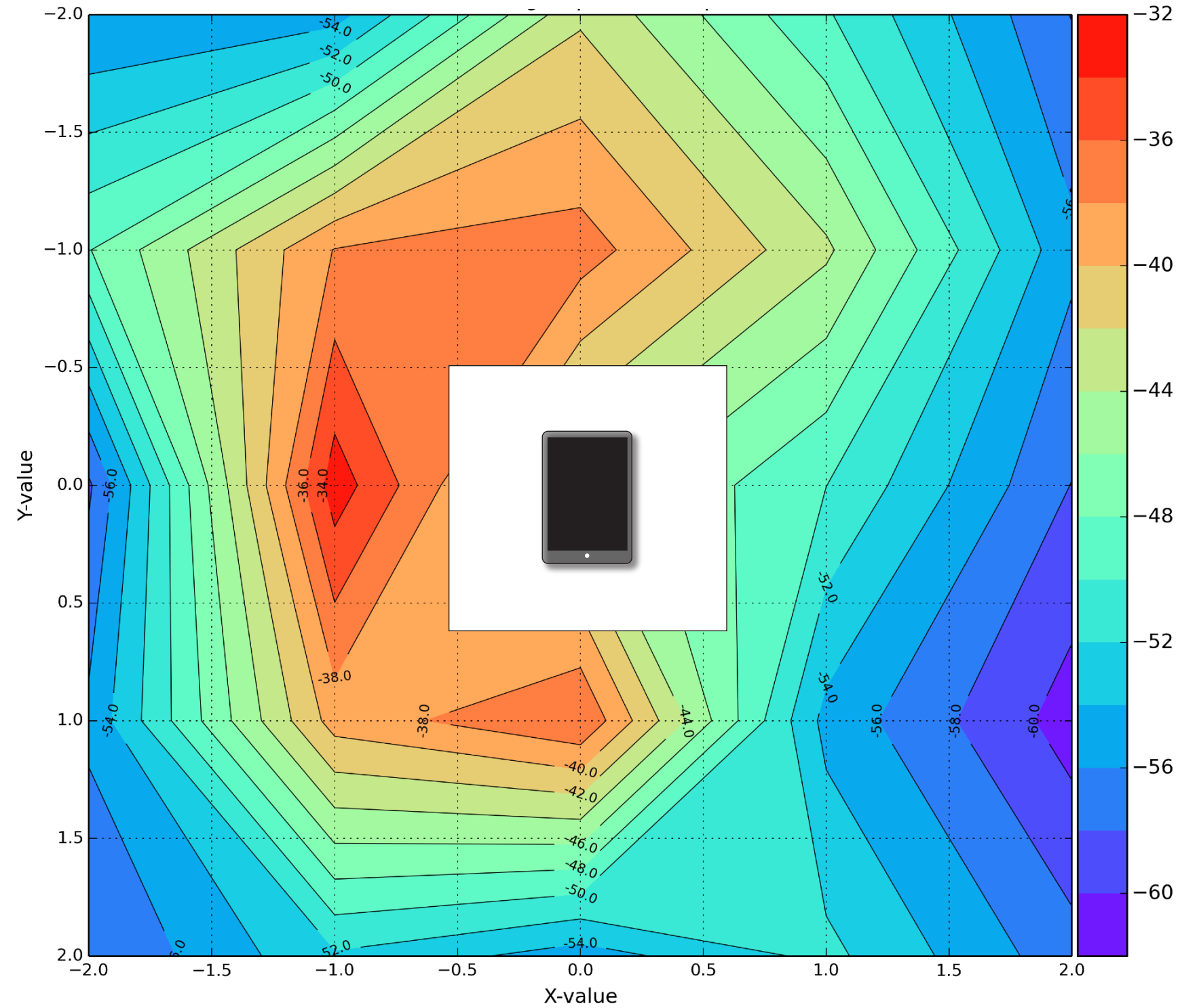


radio fingerprint

# RSSI readings of iPhone from iPad



# RSSI readings of iPhone from iPad



# Why?

1. Off-center placement of the antenna
2. the antenna design
3. different material and shielding properties of the device.

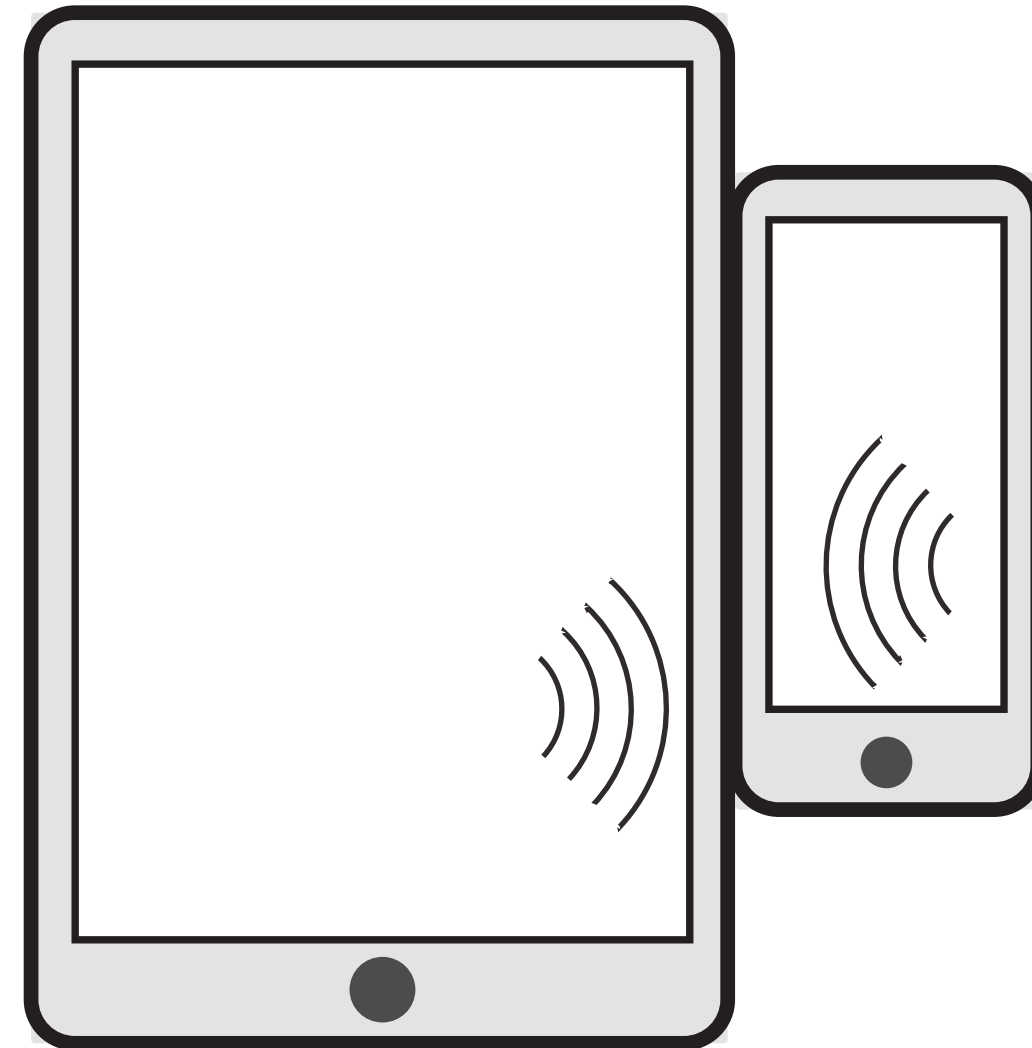


asymmetric  
RSSI distribution



# localization based on only two radios

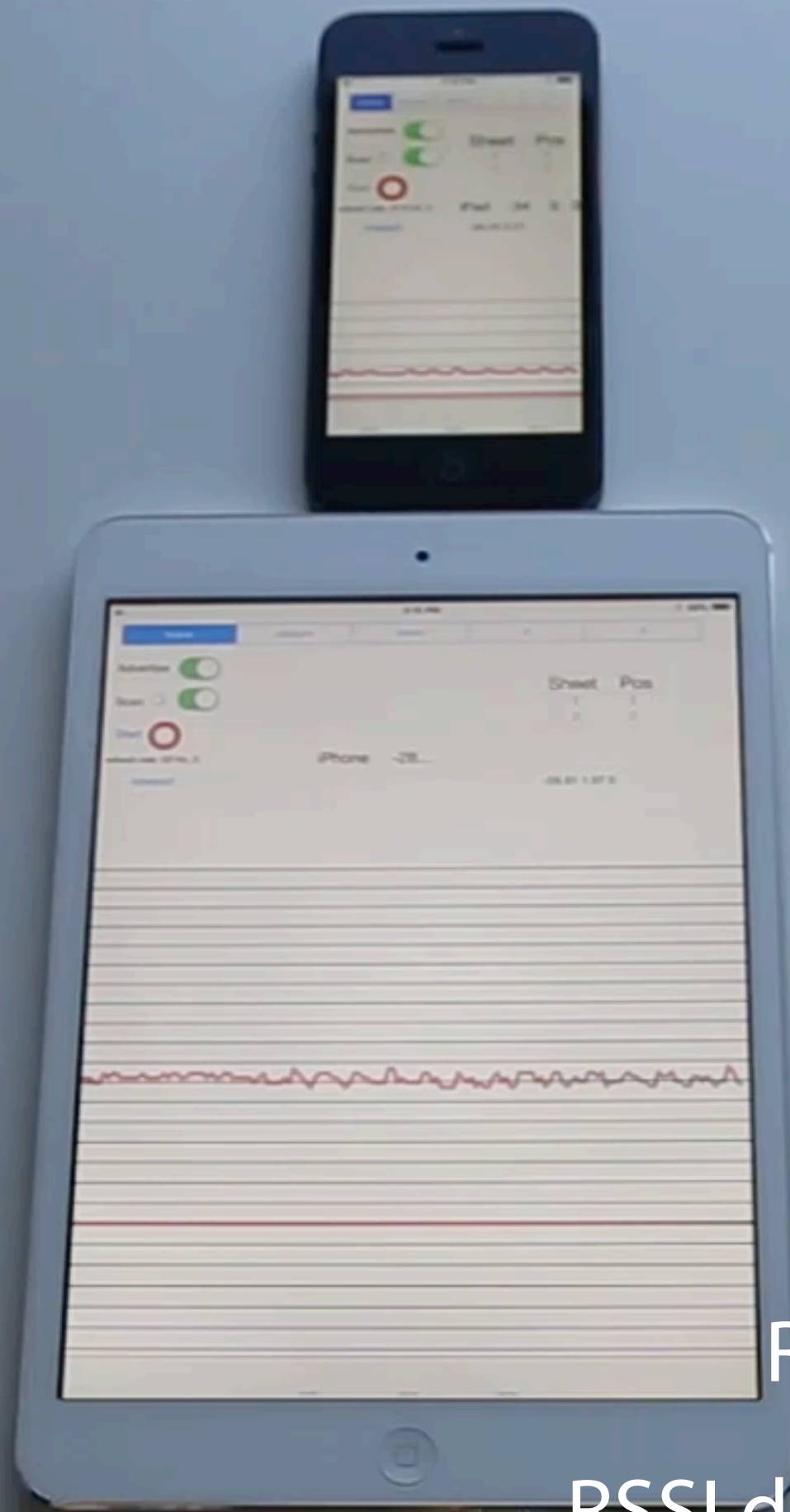
1. adjacent in same plane
2. accuracy in centimeters
3. only two radios



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a technique that implicitly locates the position of adjacent mobile devices placed in the same plane.

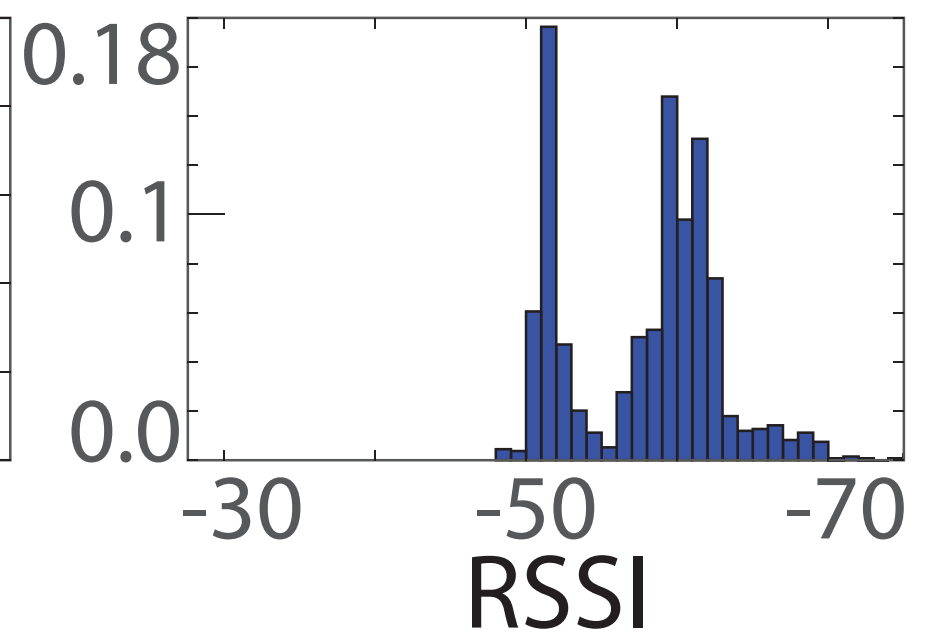
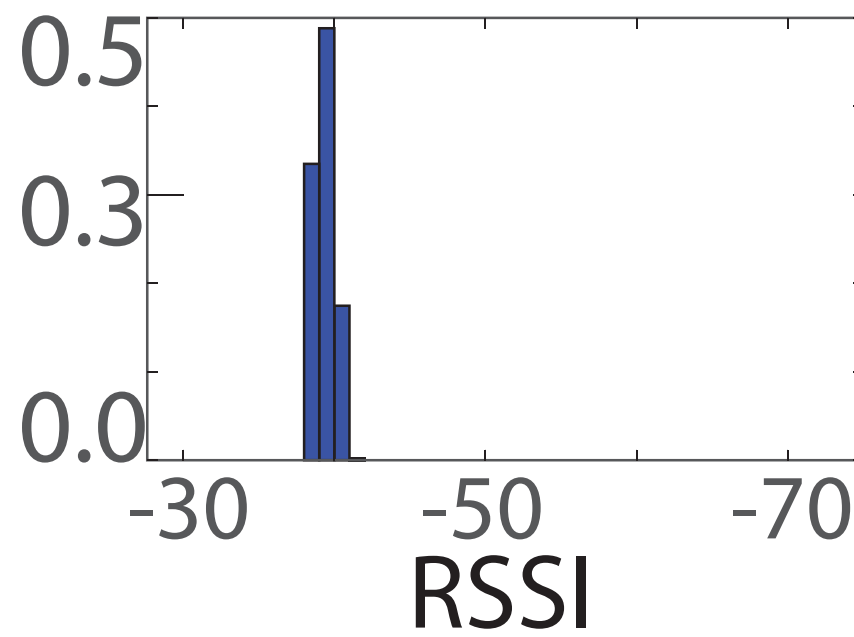
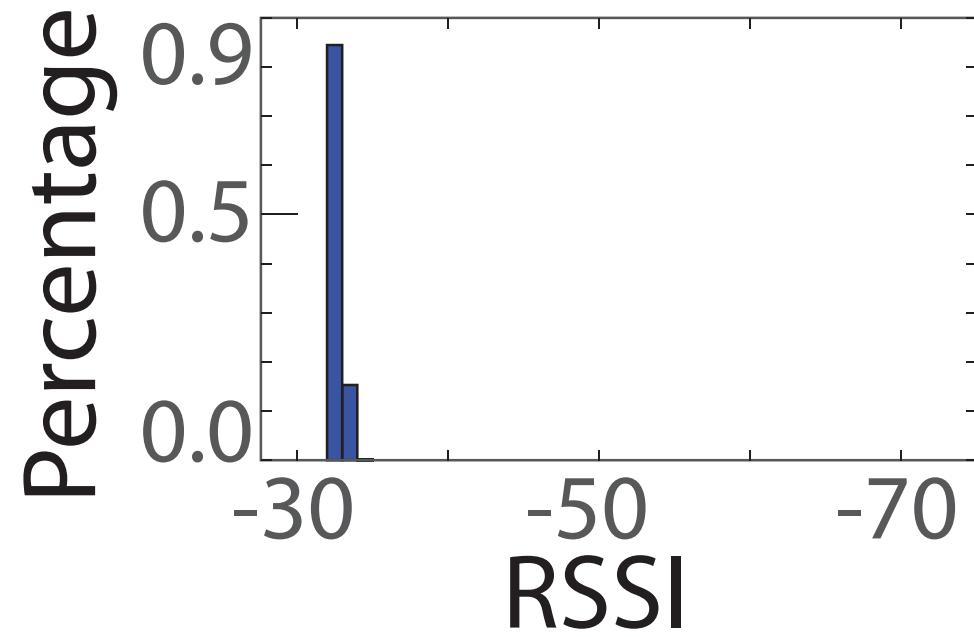
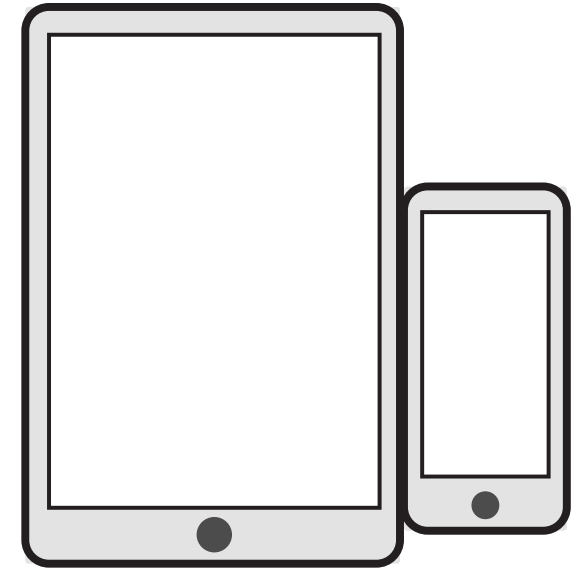
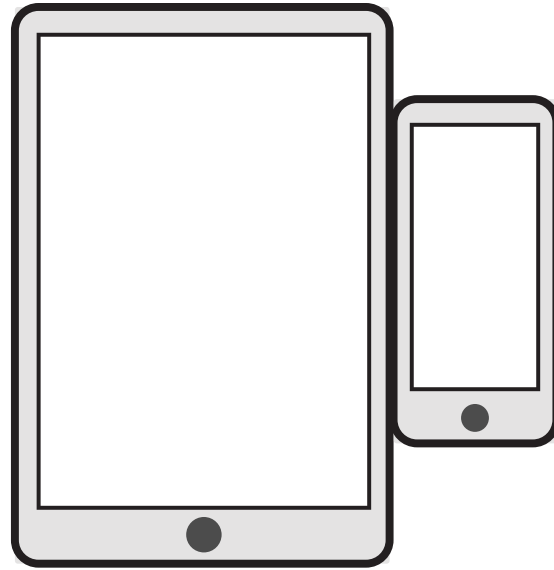
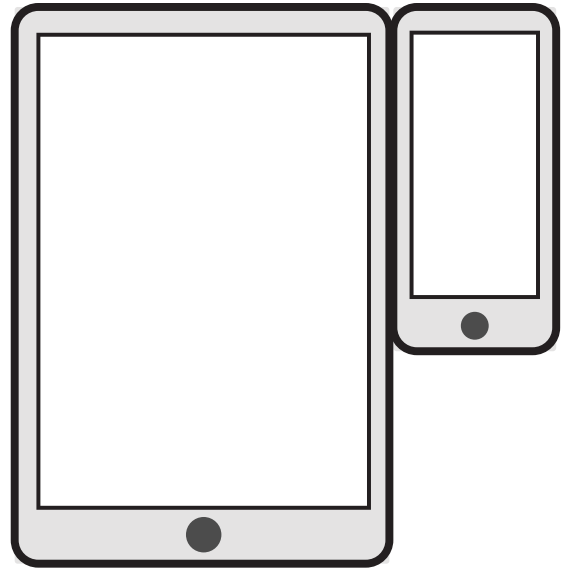




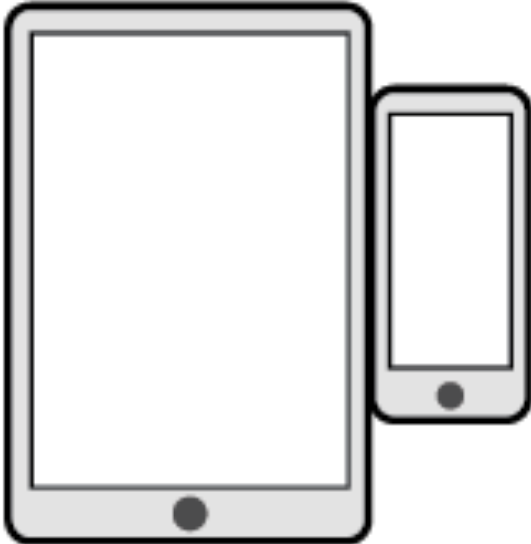
RSSI readings are repetitive in one position.

RSSI distributions are distinct between positions.

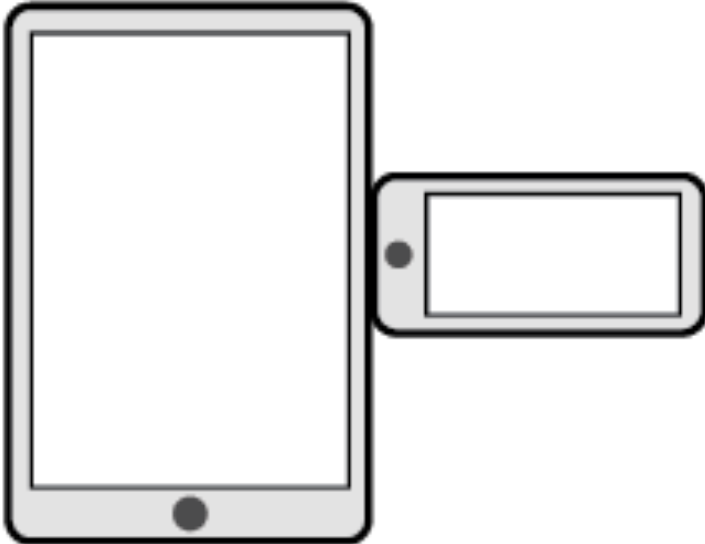
# RSSI distributions at three positions along the device



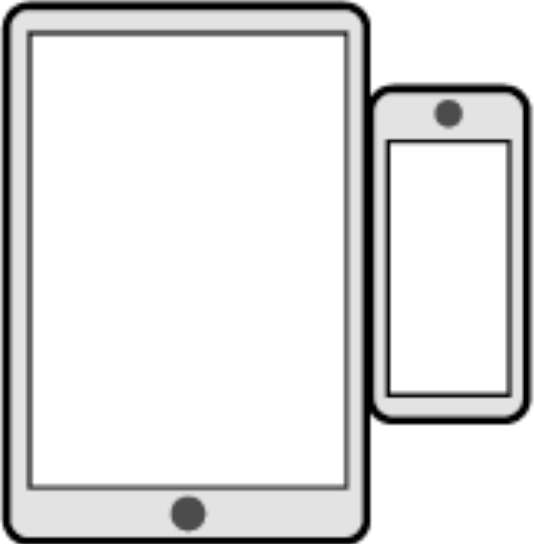
# infer the orientation with compass and gyro



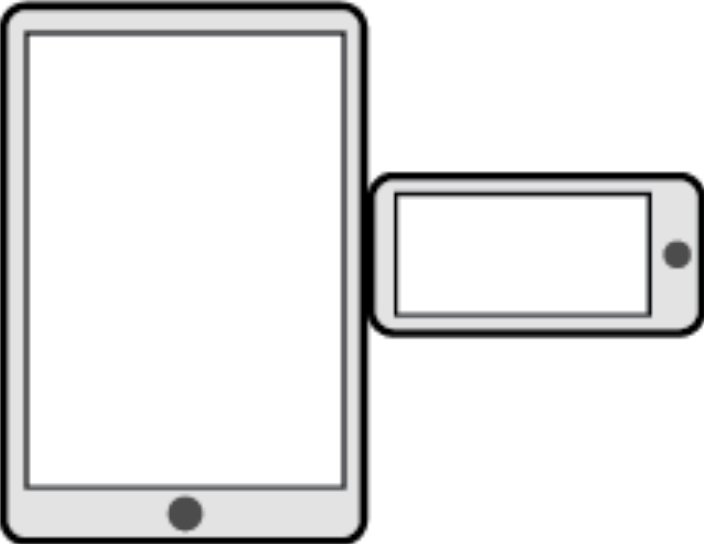
0°



90°



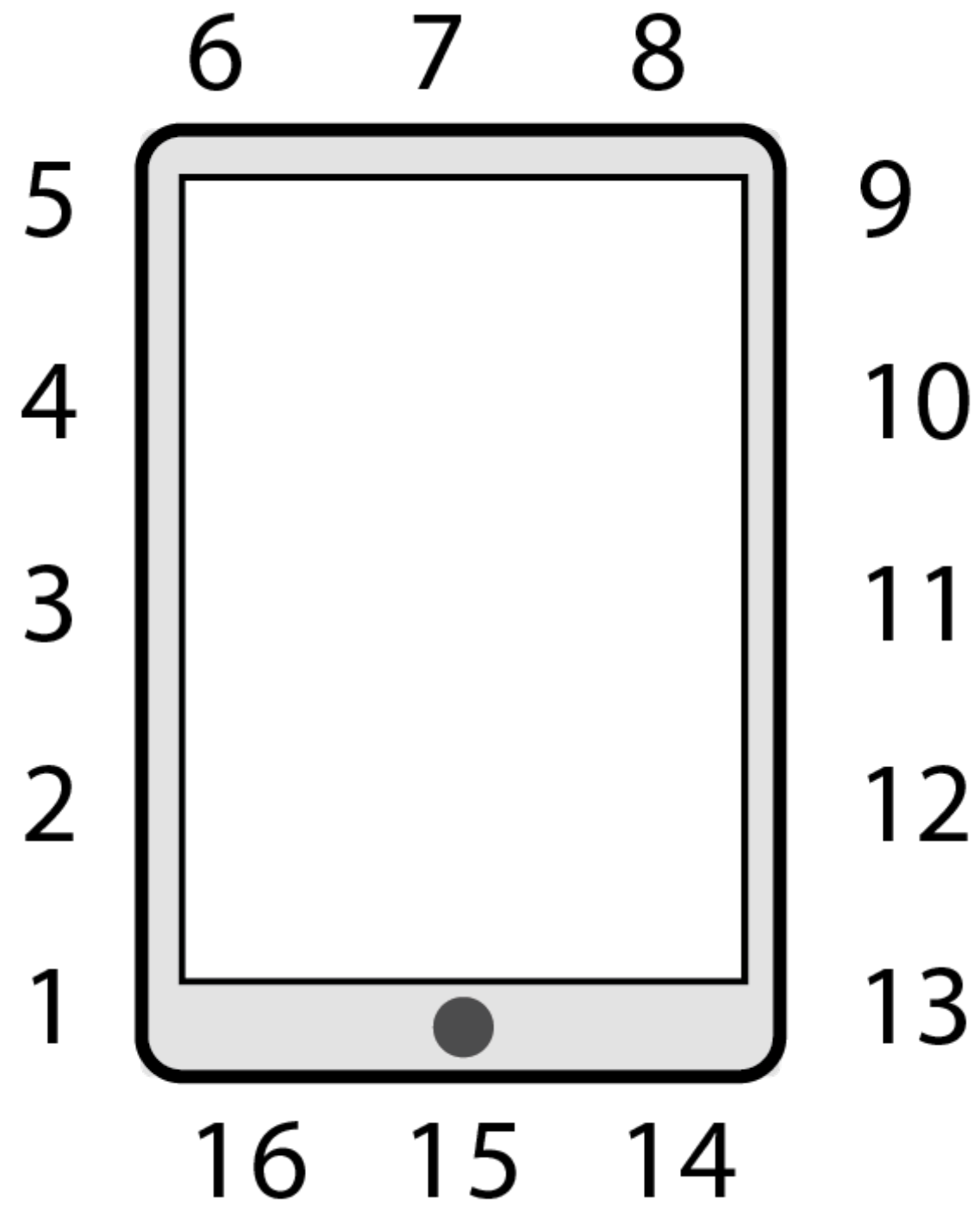
180°



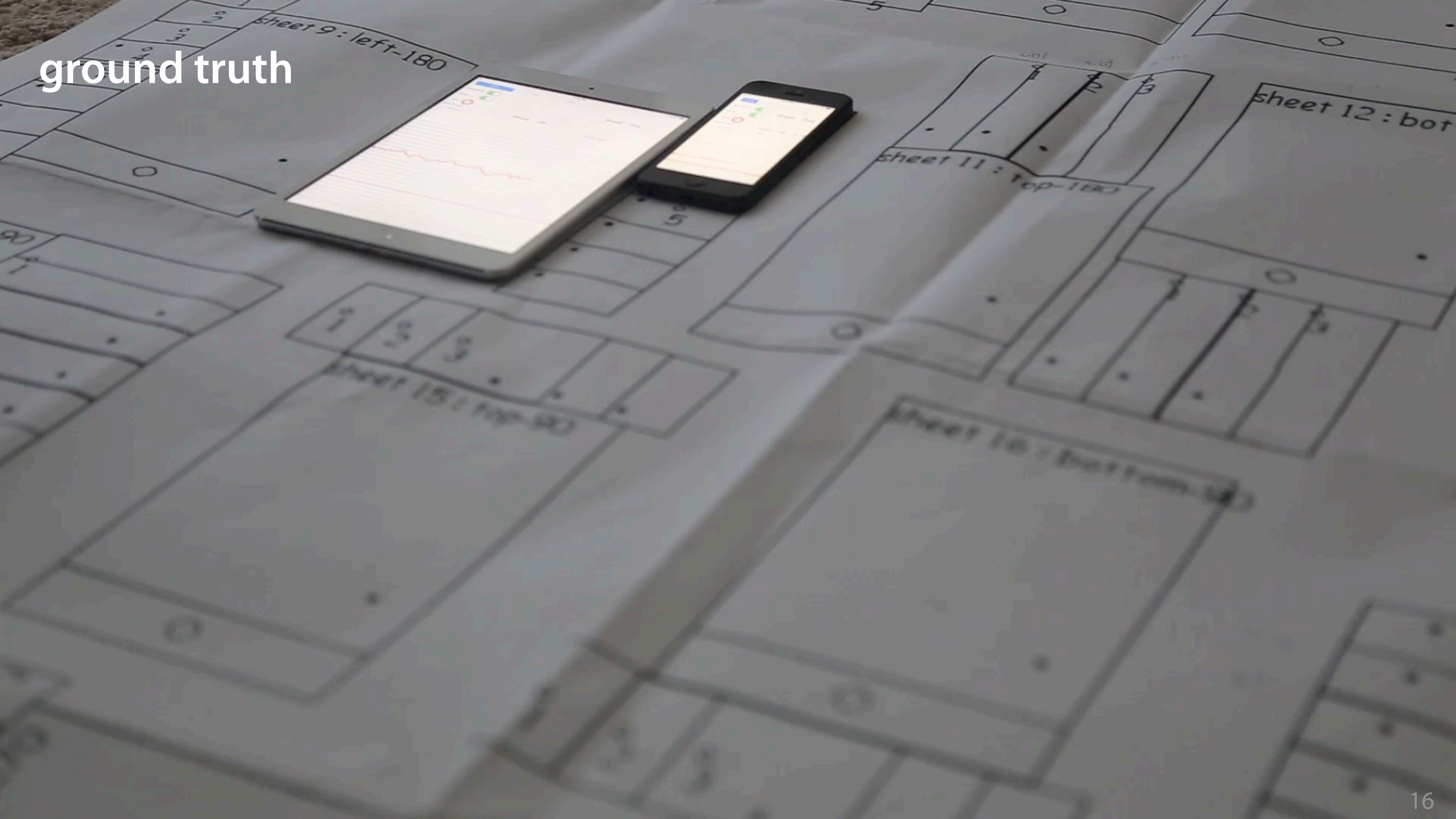
270°

# RSSI distribution model

# positioning around iPad

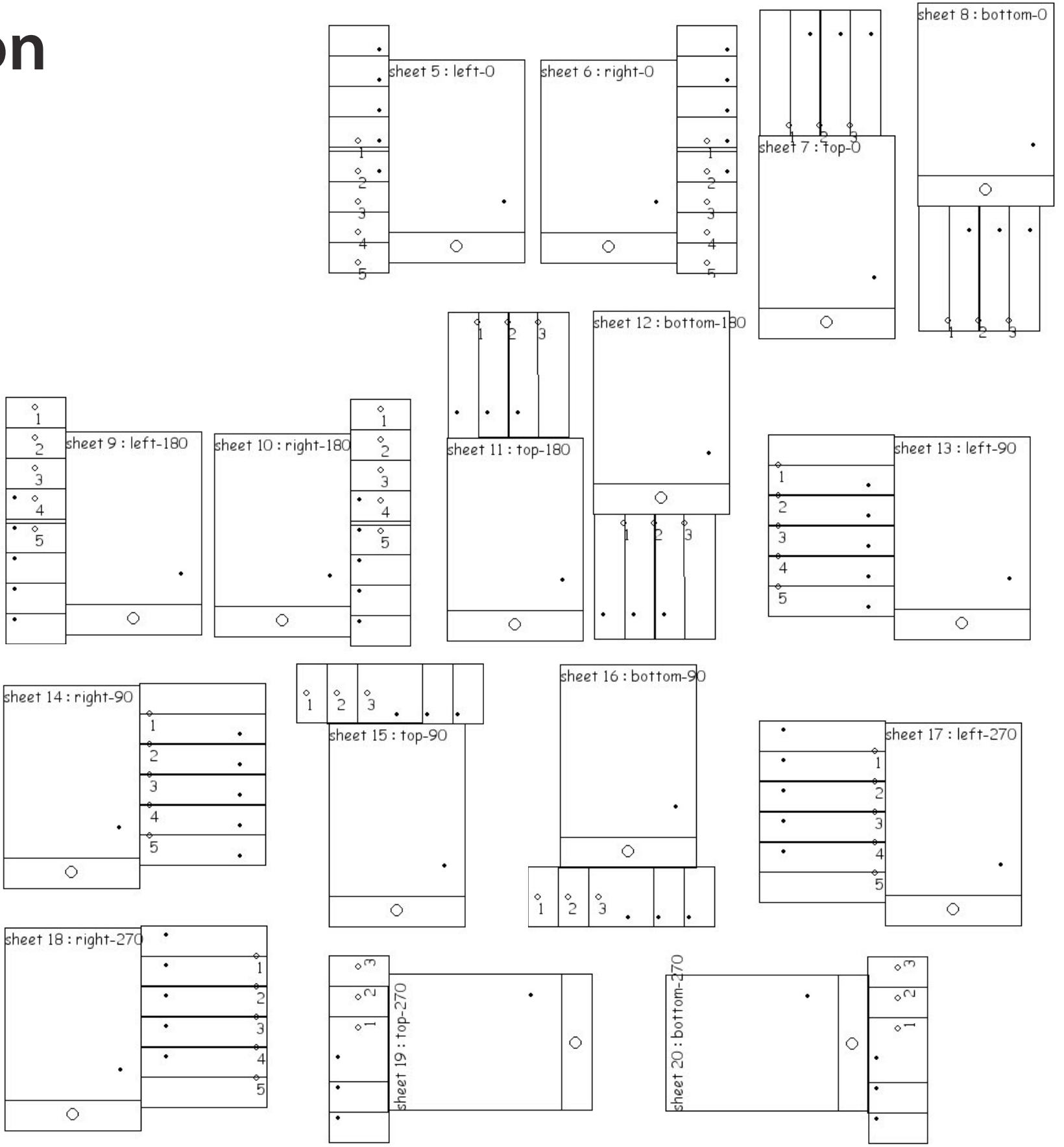


ground truth





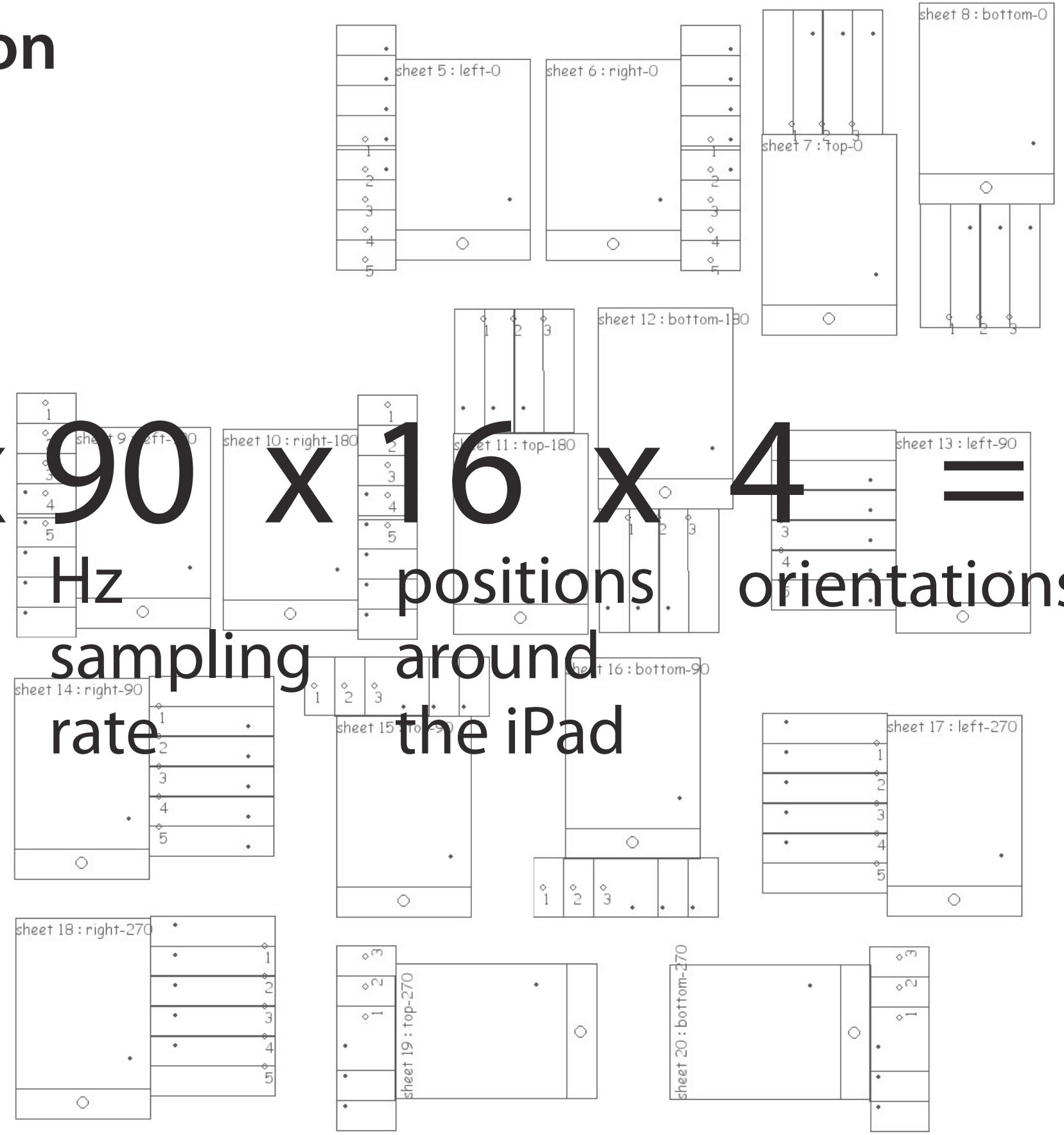
# data collection



# data collection

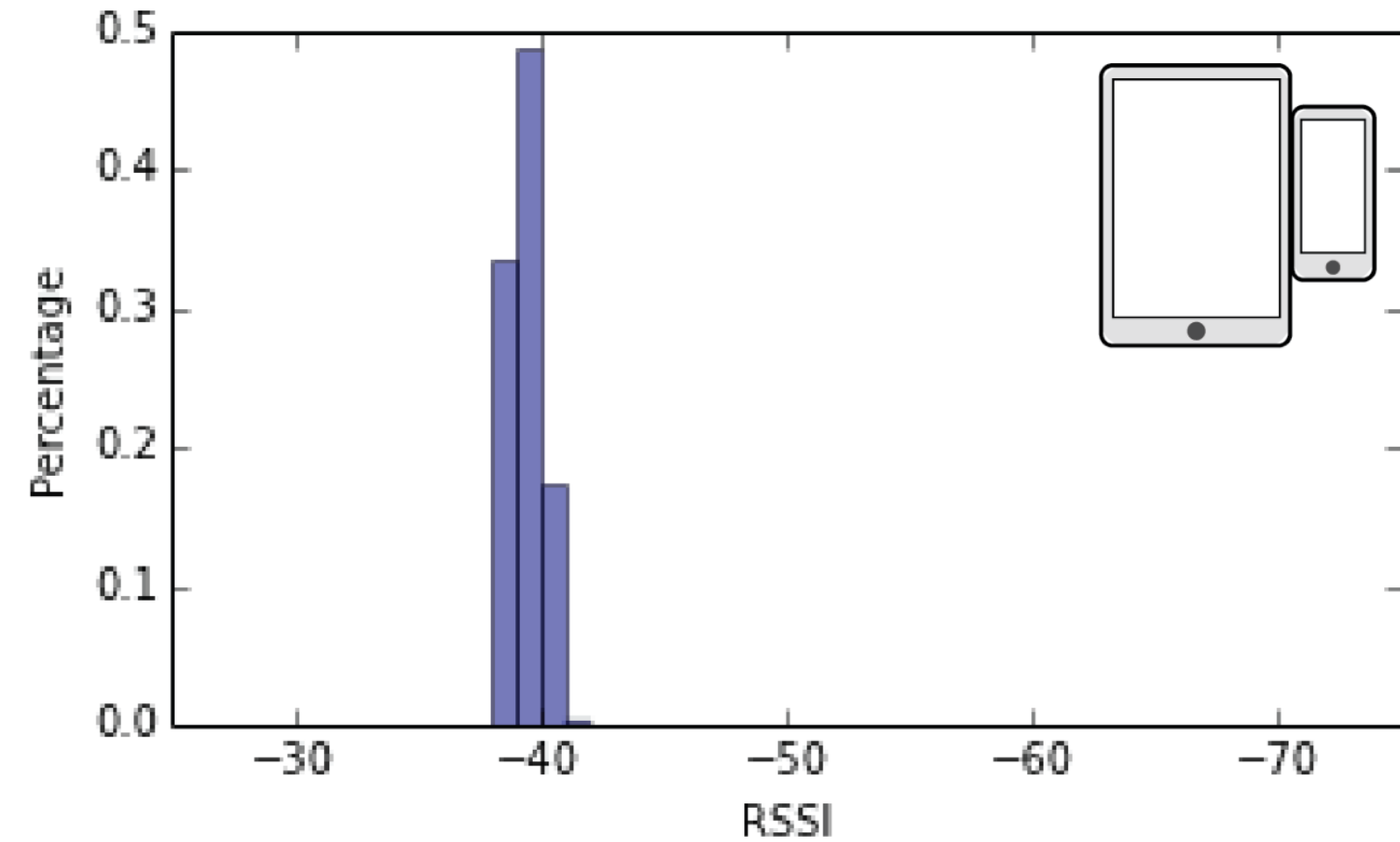
**30** x **90** x **16** x **4** = **172,800**

seconds per position      Hz sampling rate      positions around the iPad      orientations      RSSI readings



# Bayesian classification

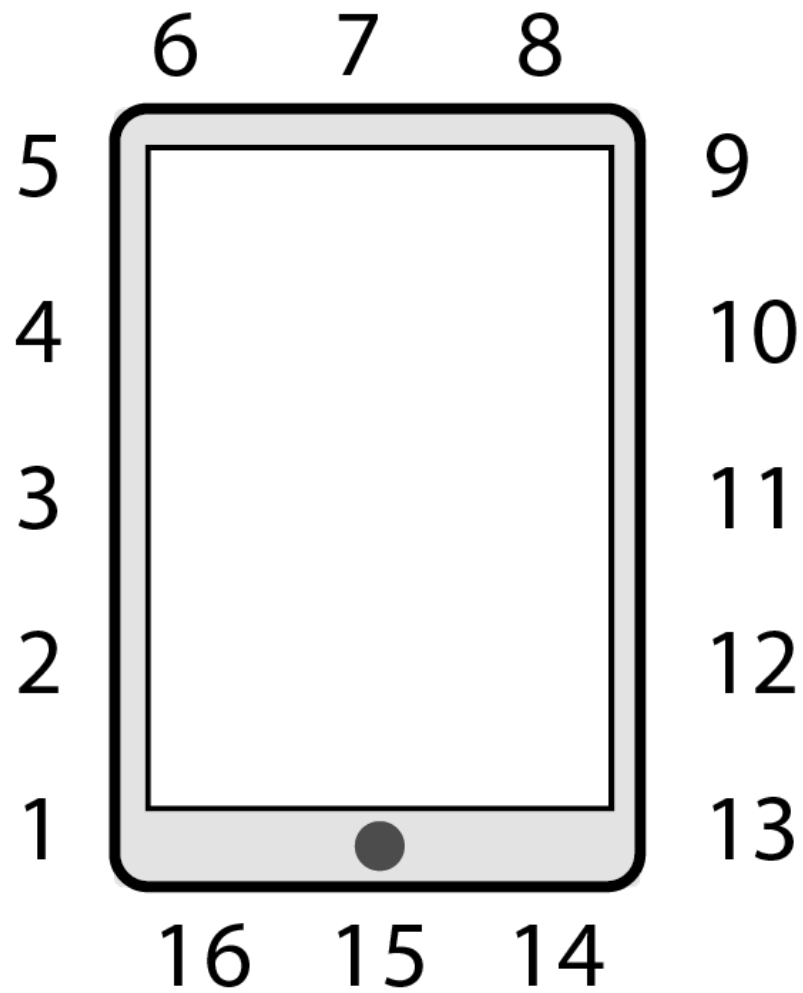
# discrete RSSI probability distribution



the possibility that RSSI  $x$   
happens at a specific position:

$$P(x|c) = \frac{\textit{count}(x)}{\textit{totalcount}}$$

# bayesian classification



given the readings from iPhone and iPad  
and the possibility distributions:

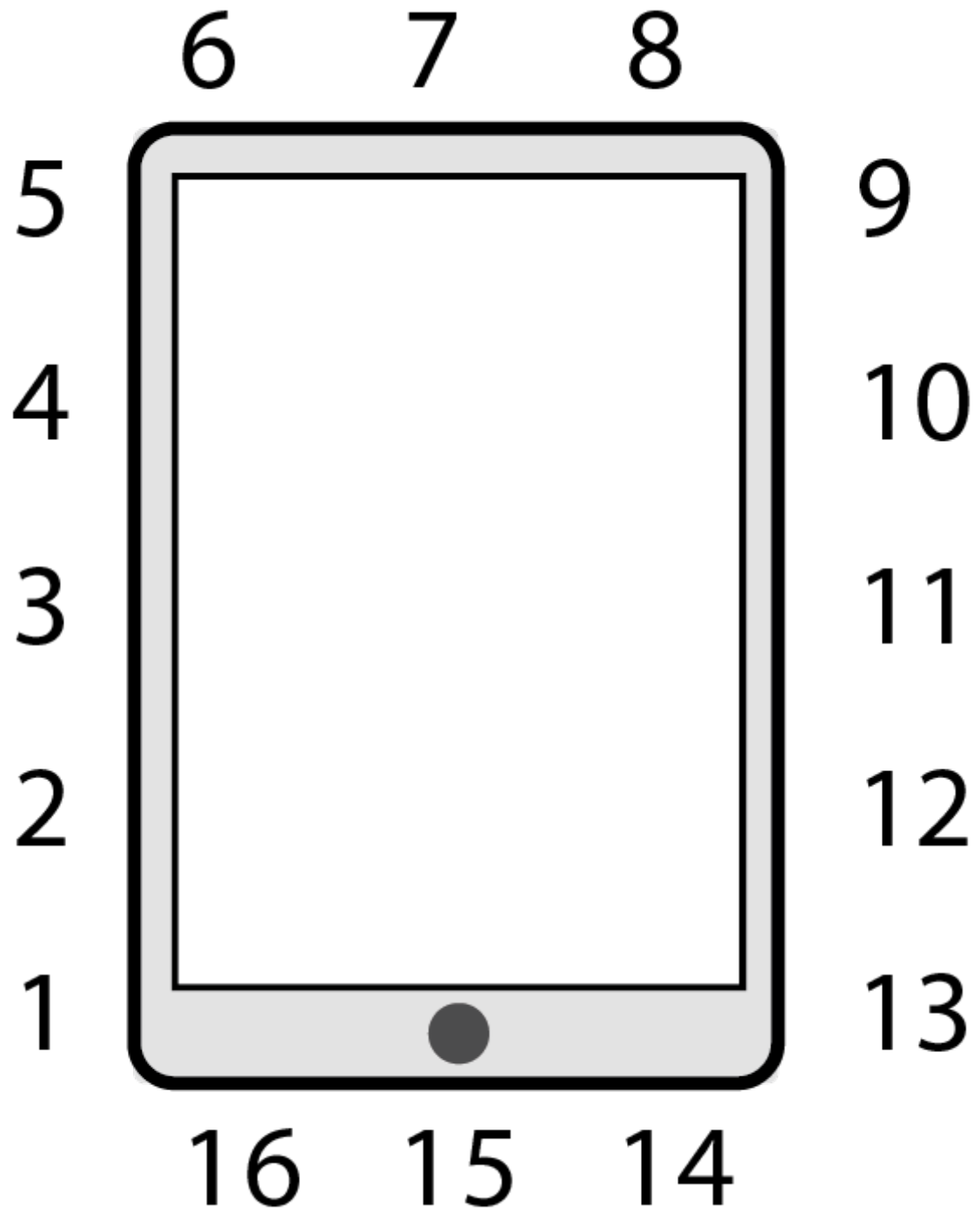
$$c^* = \operatorname{argmax}_c P(c|X, Y)$$

$$P(c|X, Y) = \frac{P(X, Y|c)P(c)}{P(X, Y)}$$

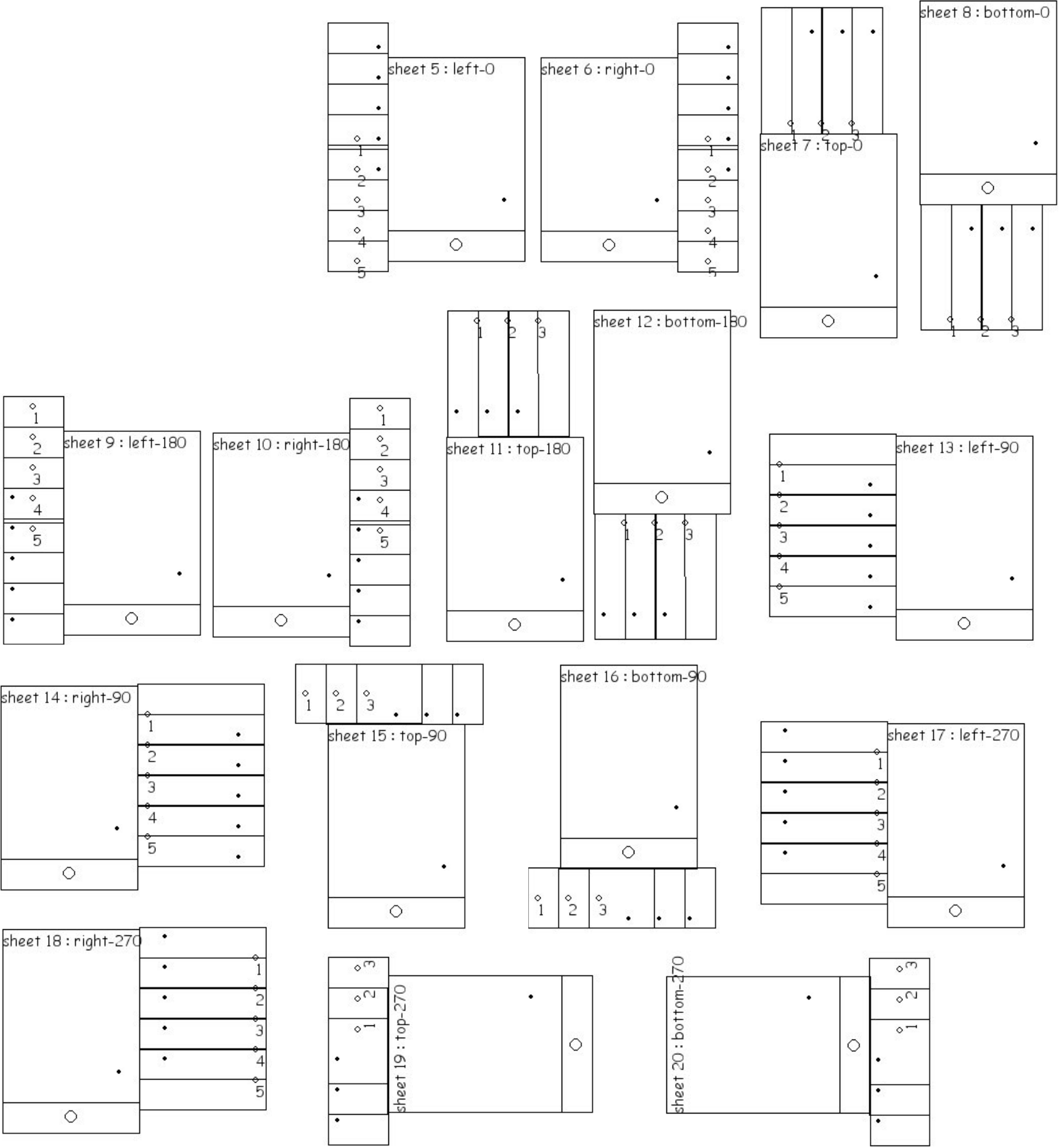
$$P(X, Y|c) \sim \log \left( \prod_{m=0}^k P(x_m|c) * \prod_{m=0}^k P(y_m|c) \right)$$

# evaluation and results

# evaluations with aligned positions



# data collection



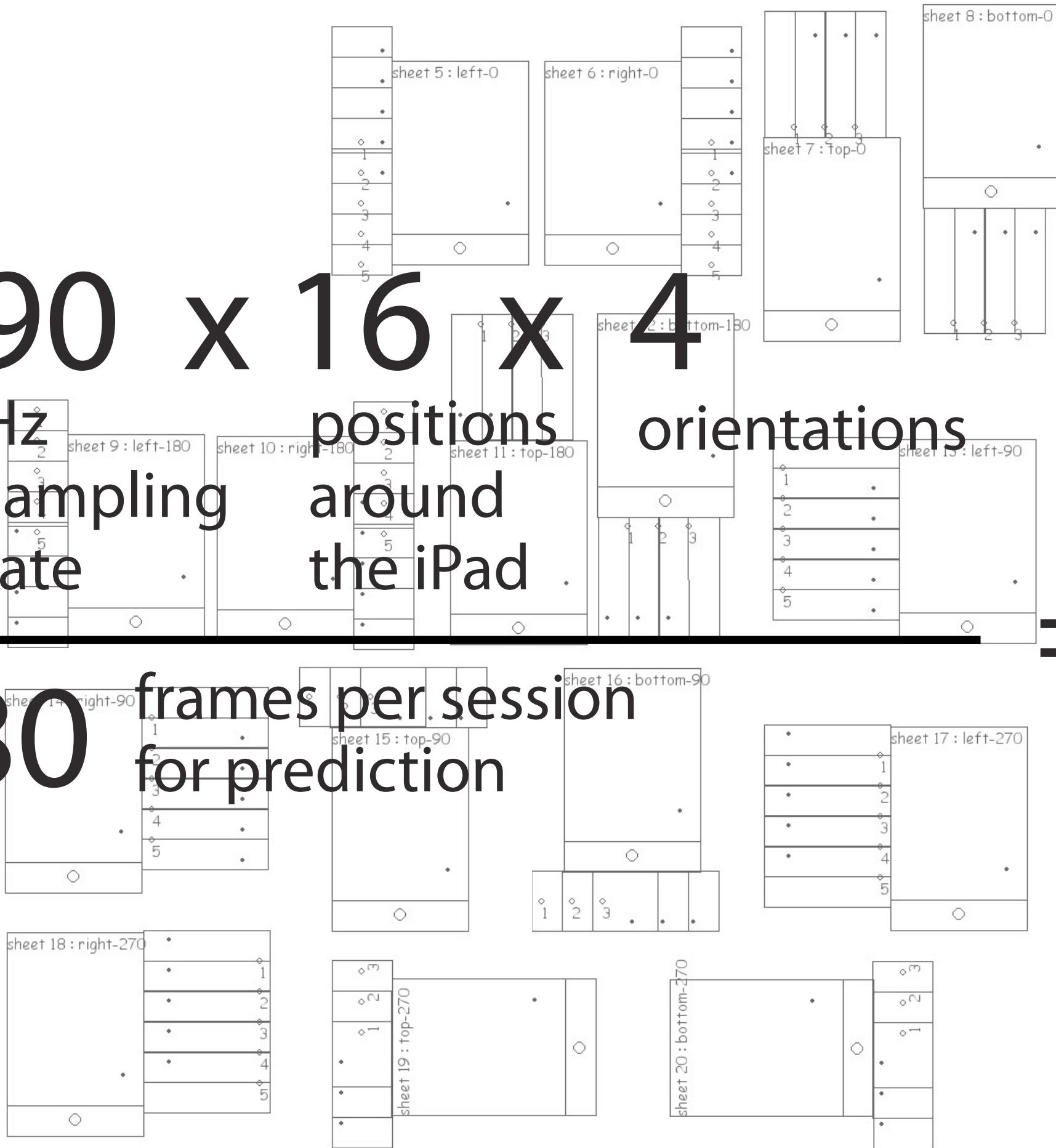


# data collection

**30** x **90** x **16** x **4**  
seconds Hz positions orientations  
per sampling around  
postion rate the iPad

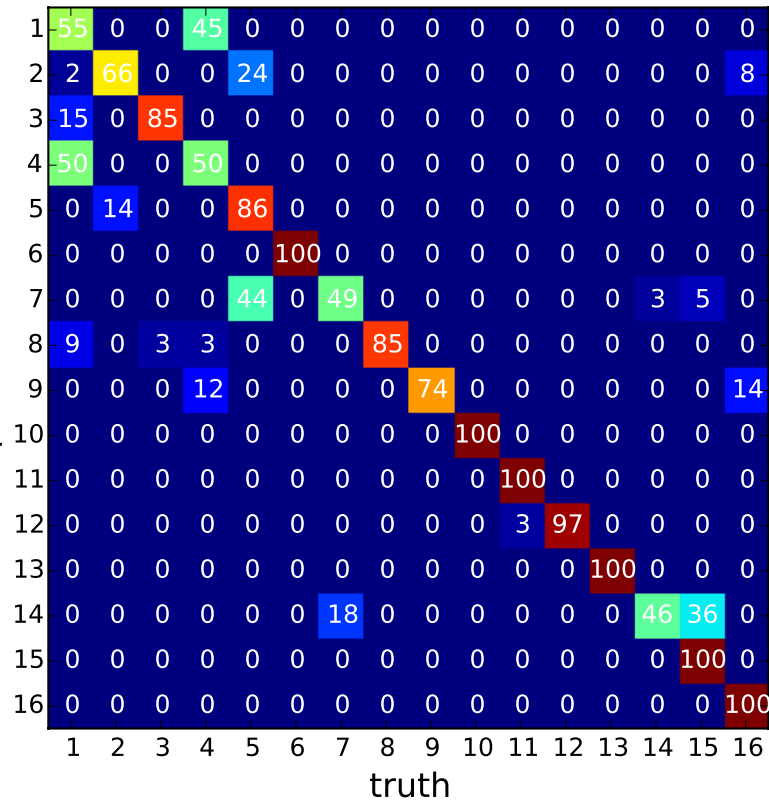
**80** frames per session  
for prediction

**= 2,160**  
predictions

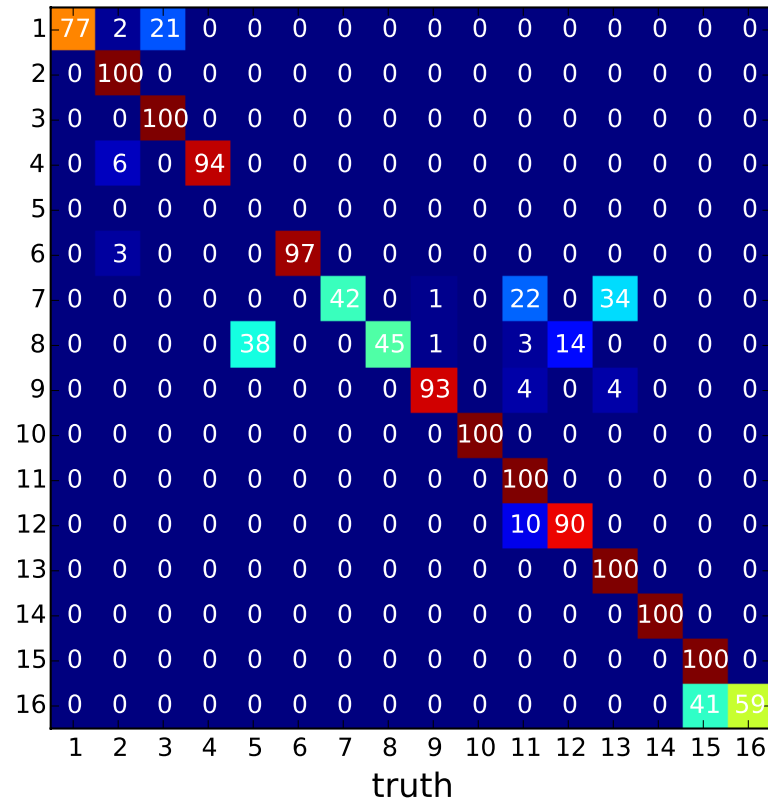


# evaluations with aligned positions

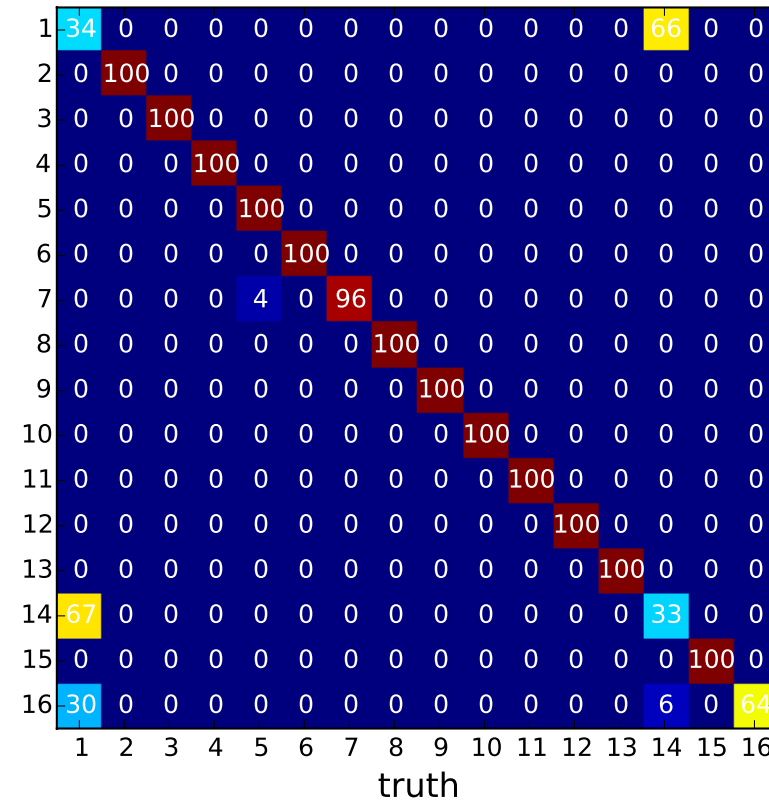
orientation: 0°



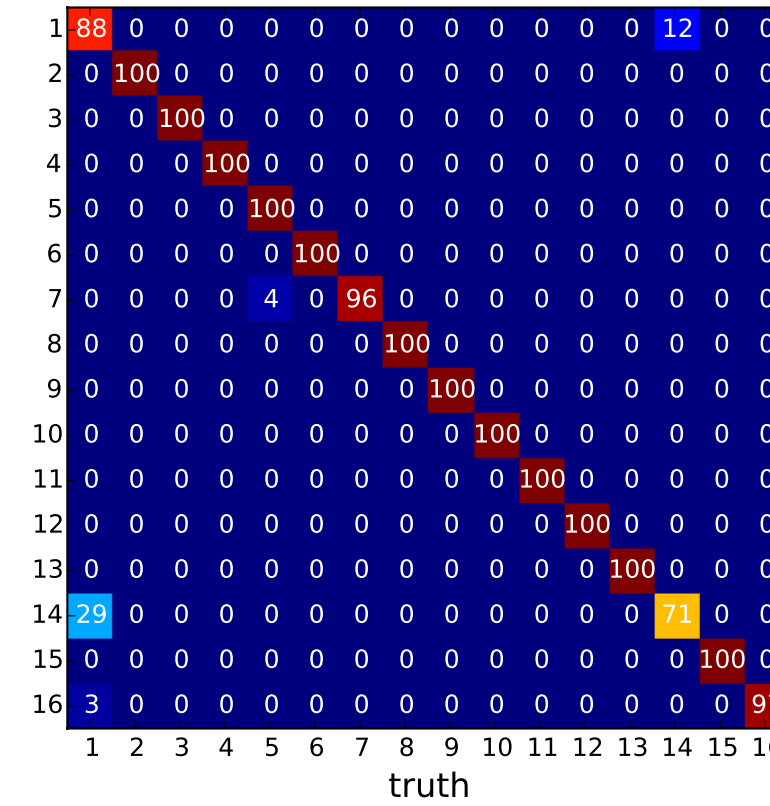
orientation: 90°



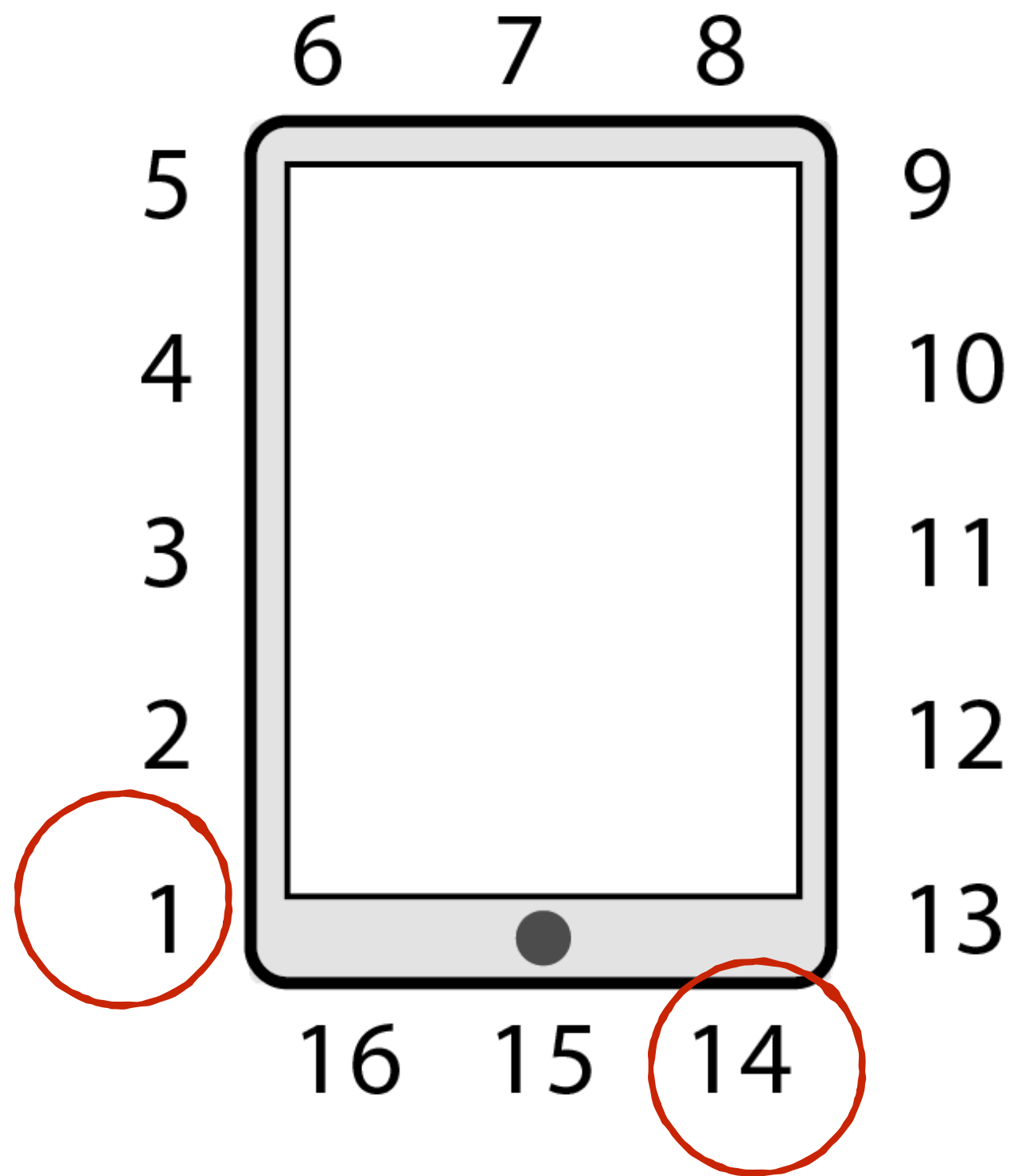
orientation: 180°



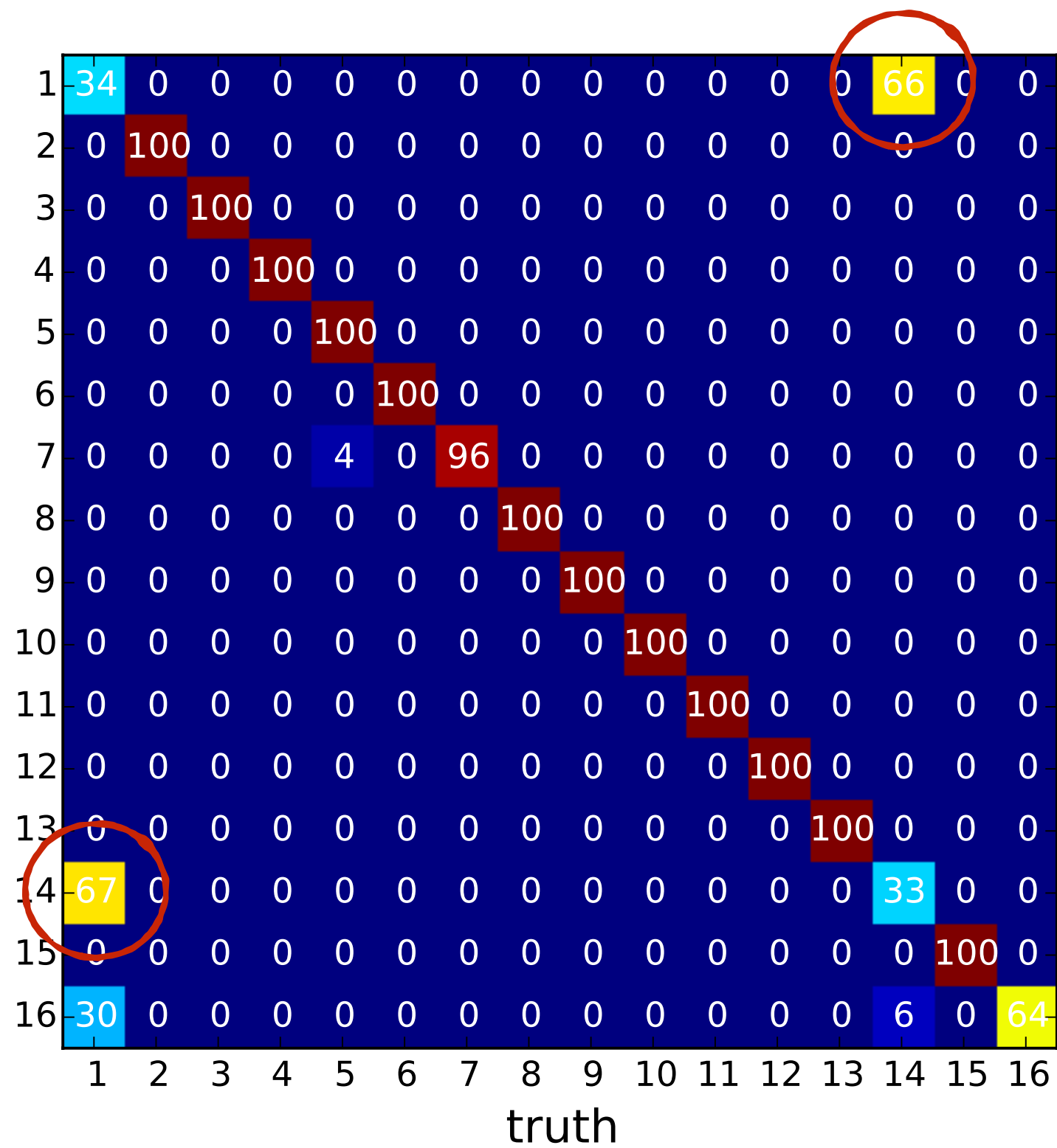
orientation: 270°



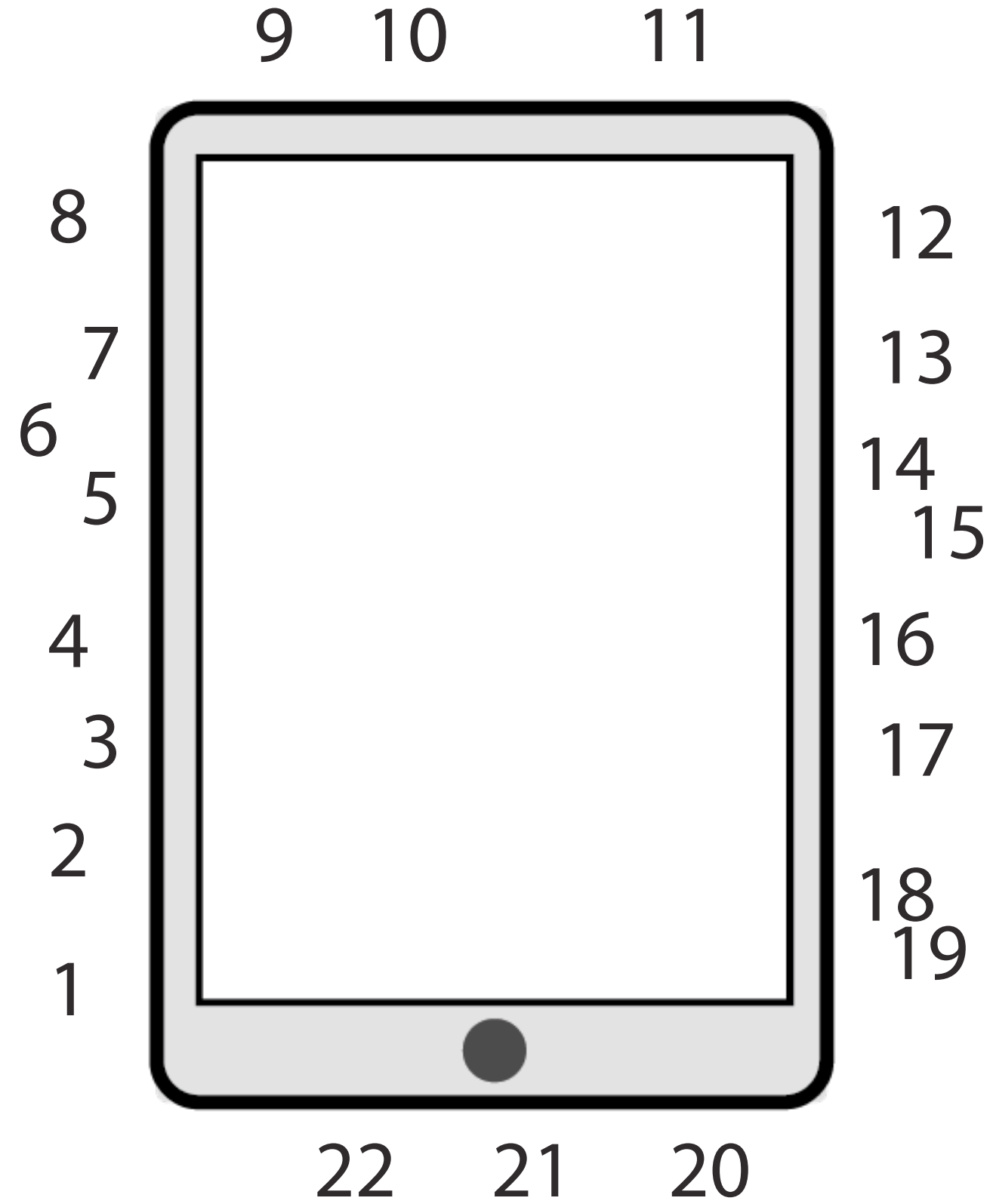
# ambiguity areas



orientation: 180°



# evaluations with unaligned positions

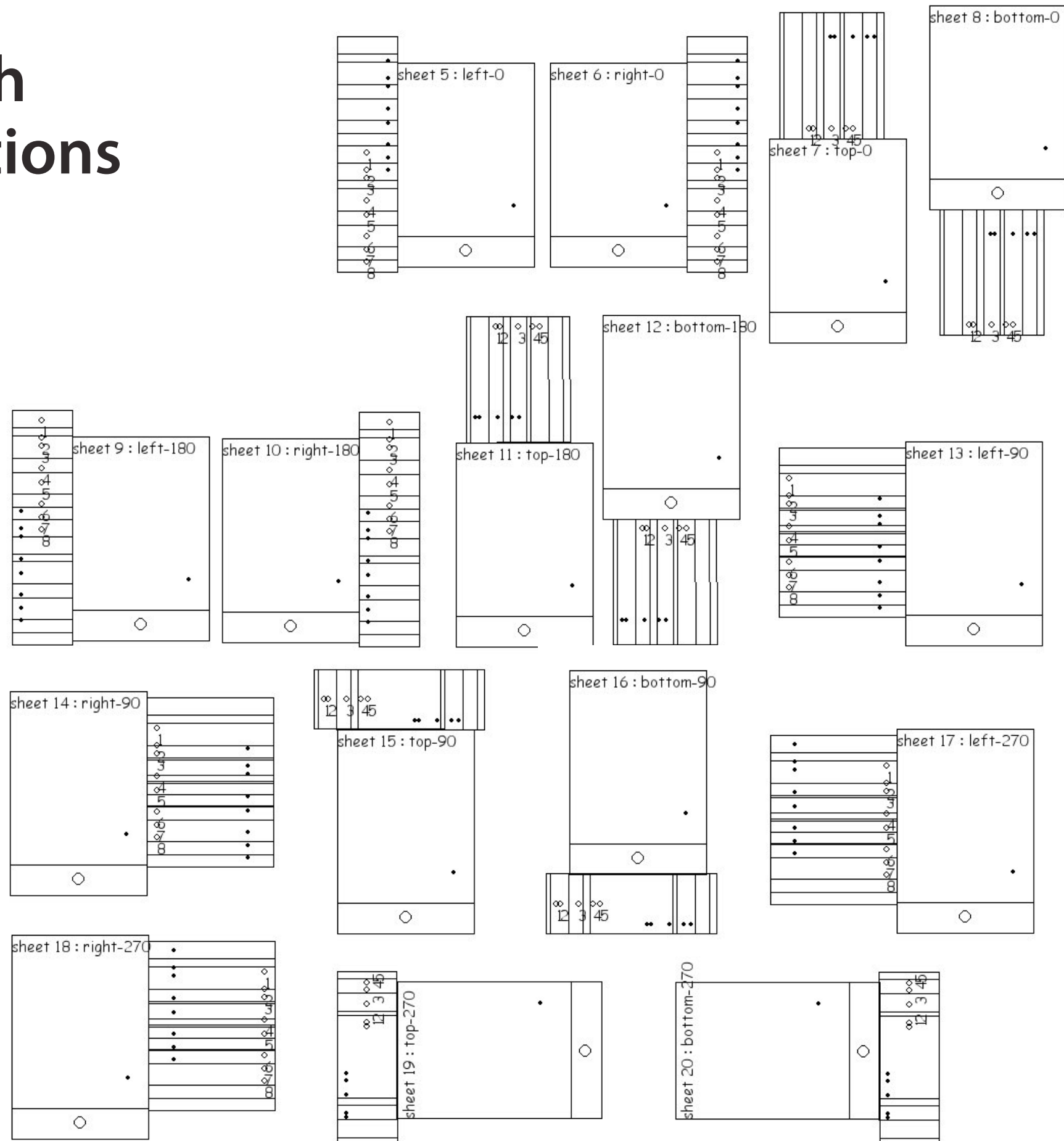


## position interpolation

linear interpolation of adjacent candidates with top scores

$$c_{final} = \frac{c^* * P(X|c^*) + c_{next} * P(X|c_{next})}{P(X|c^*) + P(X|c_{next})}$$

# evaluations with unaligned positions

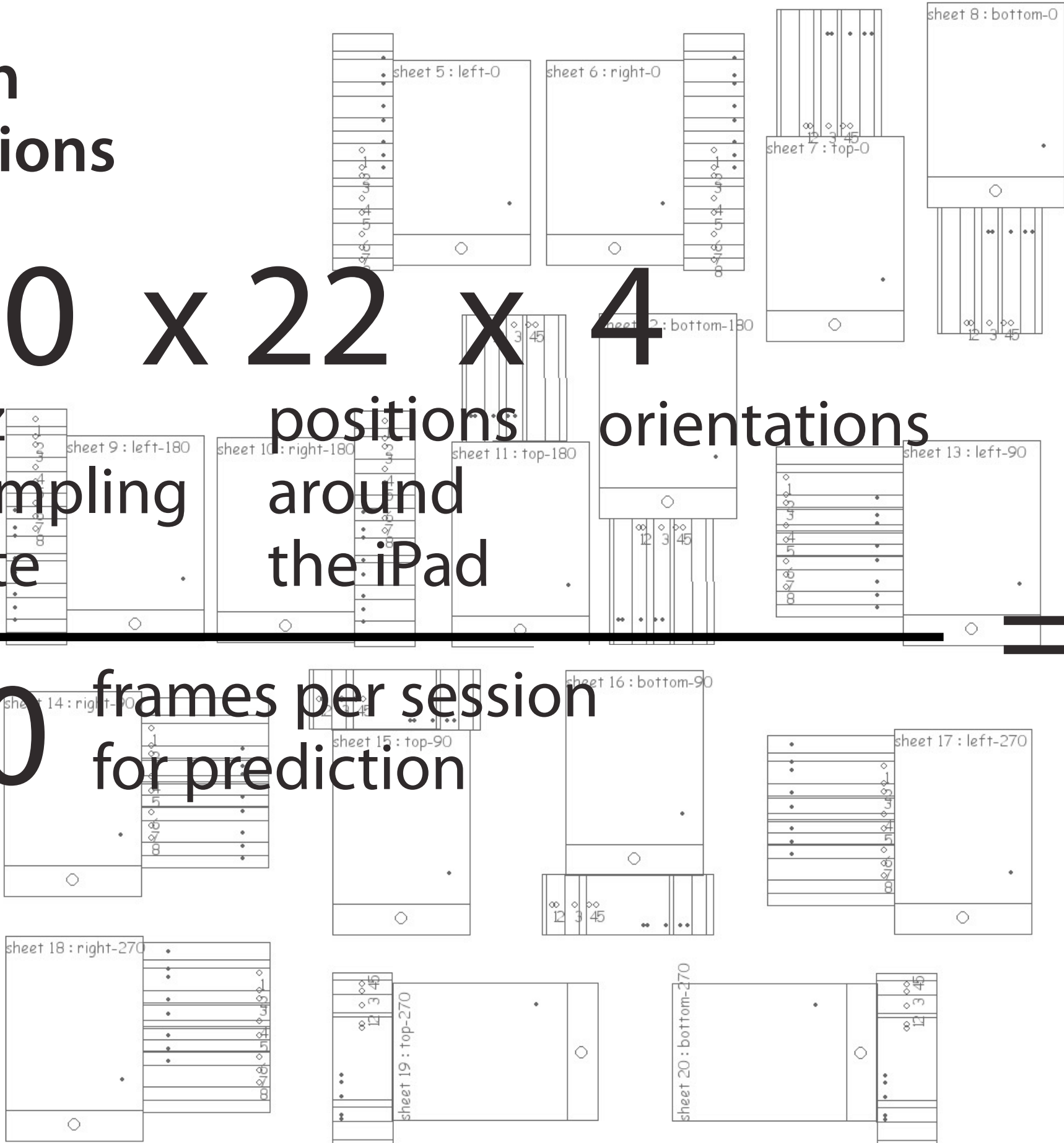


# evaluations with unaligned positions

**30** x **90** x **22** x **4**  
seconds per position  
Hz sampling rate  
positions around the iPad  
orientations

**80** frames per session  
for prediction

**2,970**  
predictions

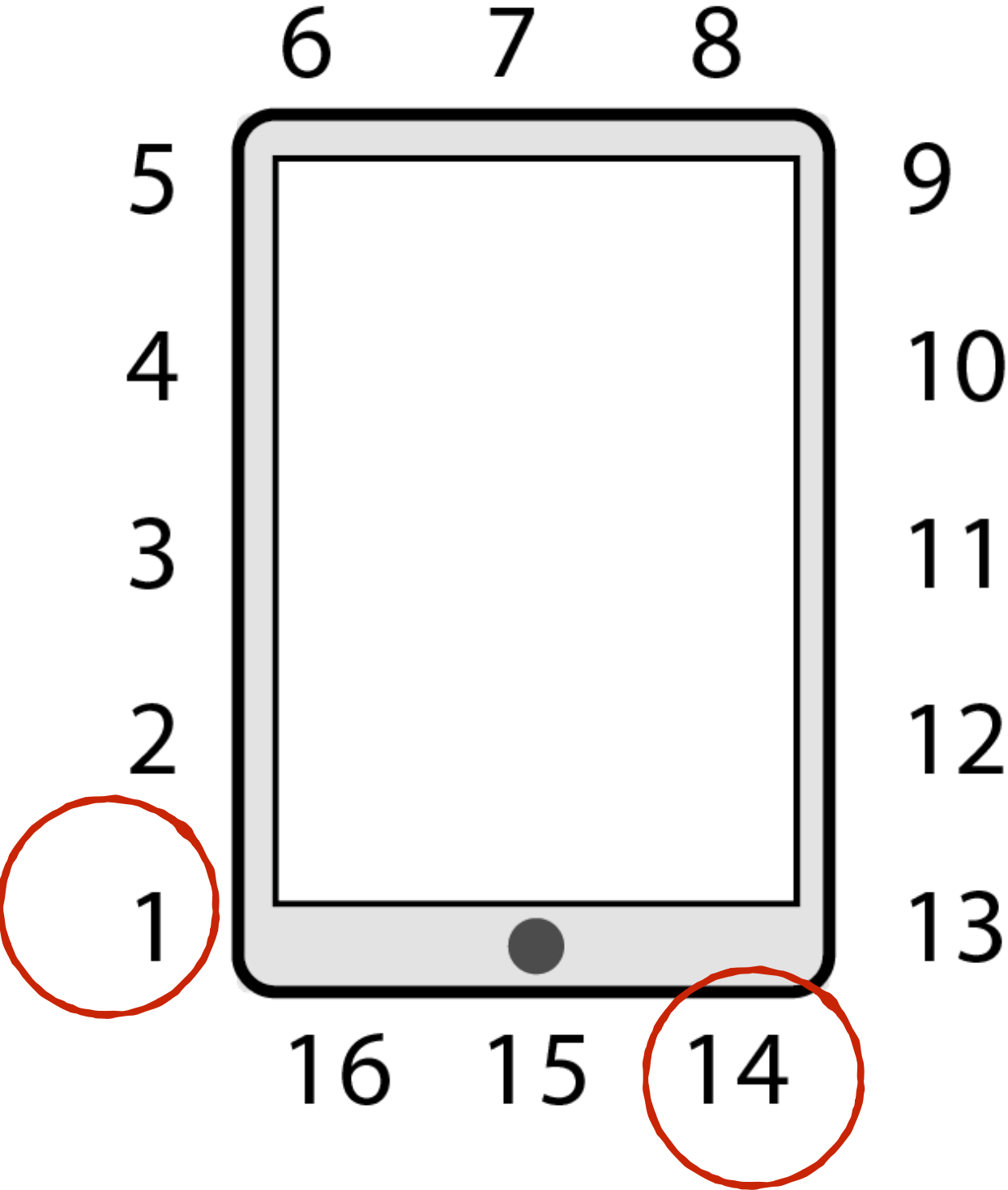


## evaluations with unaligned positions

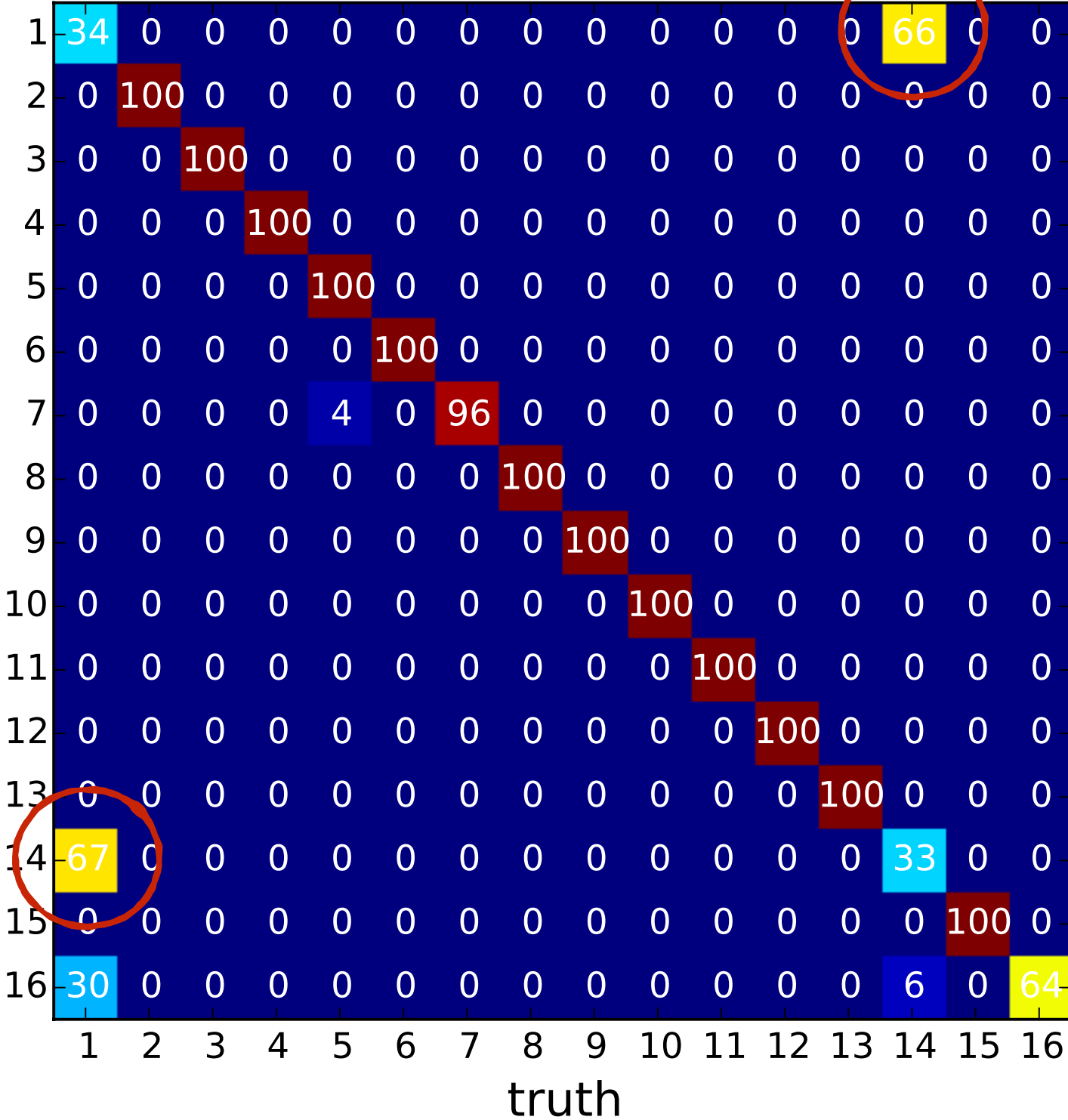
<b>Orientations</b>	<b>Top-1</b>	<b>Top-2</b>
$0^\circ$	63.75%	90.14%
$90^\circ$	41.79%	79.48%
$180^\circ$	50.87%	88.84%
$270^\circ$	50.92%	85.32%



# handle ambiguity areas

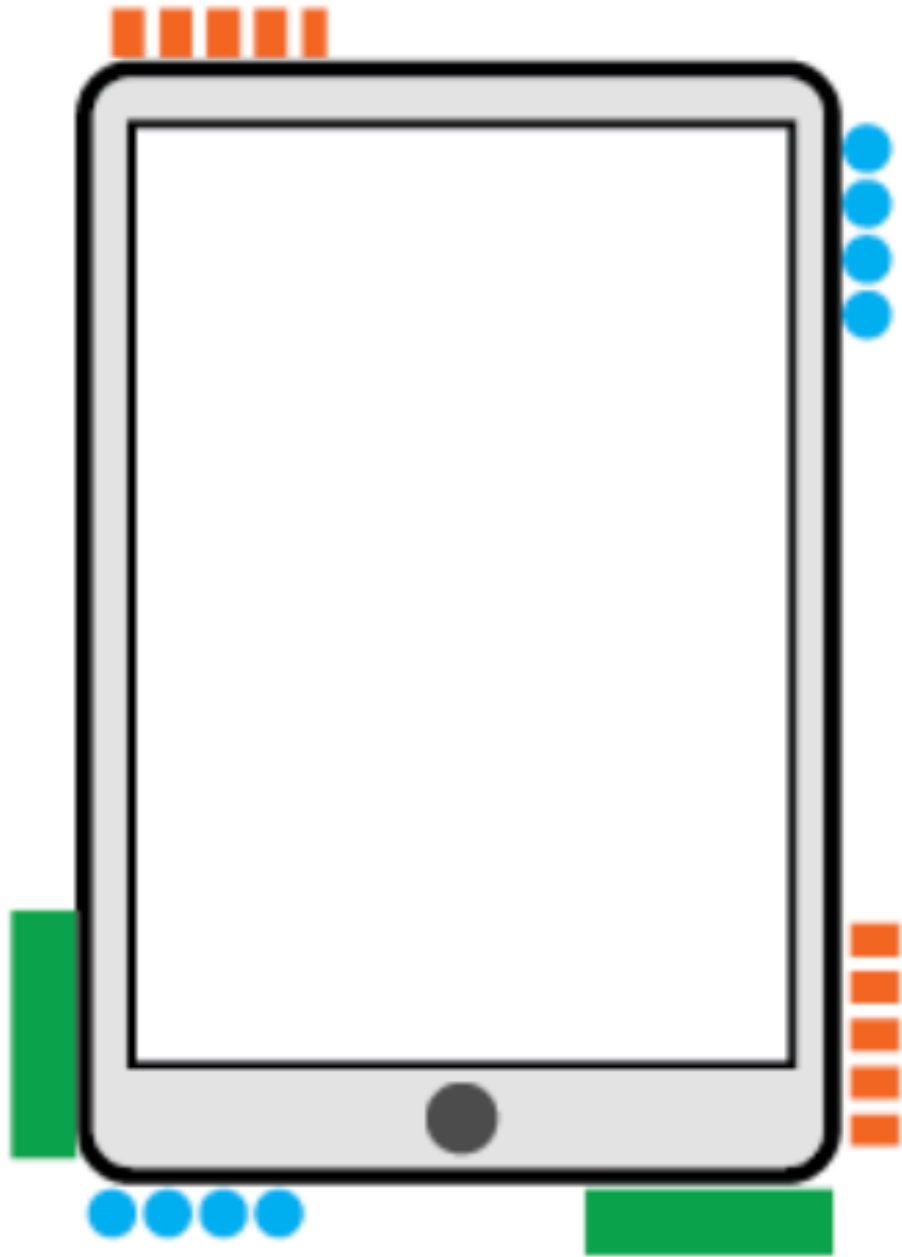


orientation: 180°



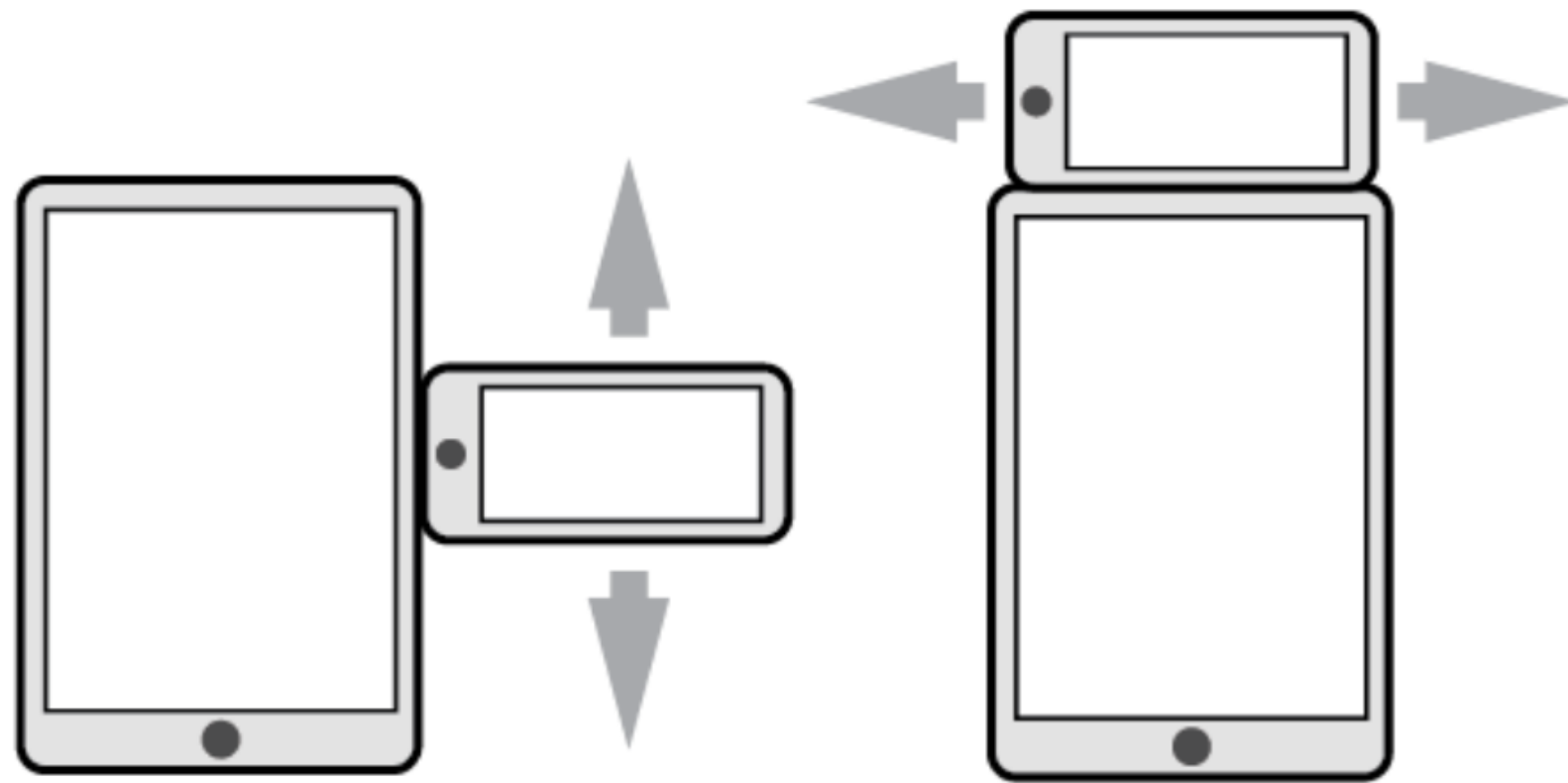
# sensor fusion in application

# ambiguity



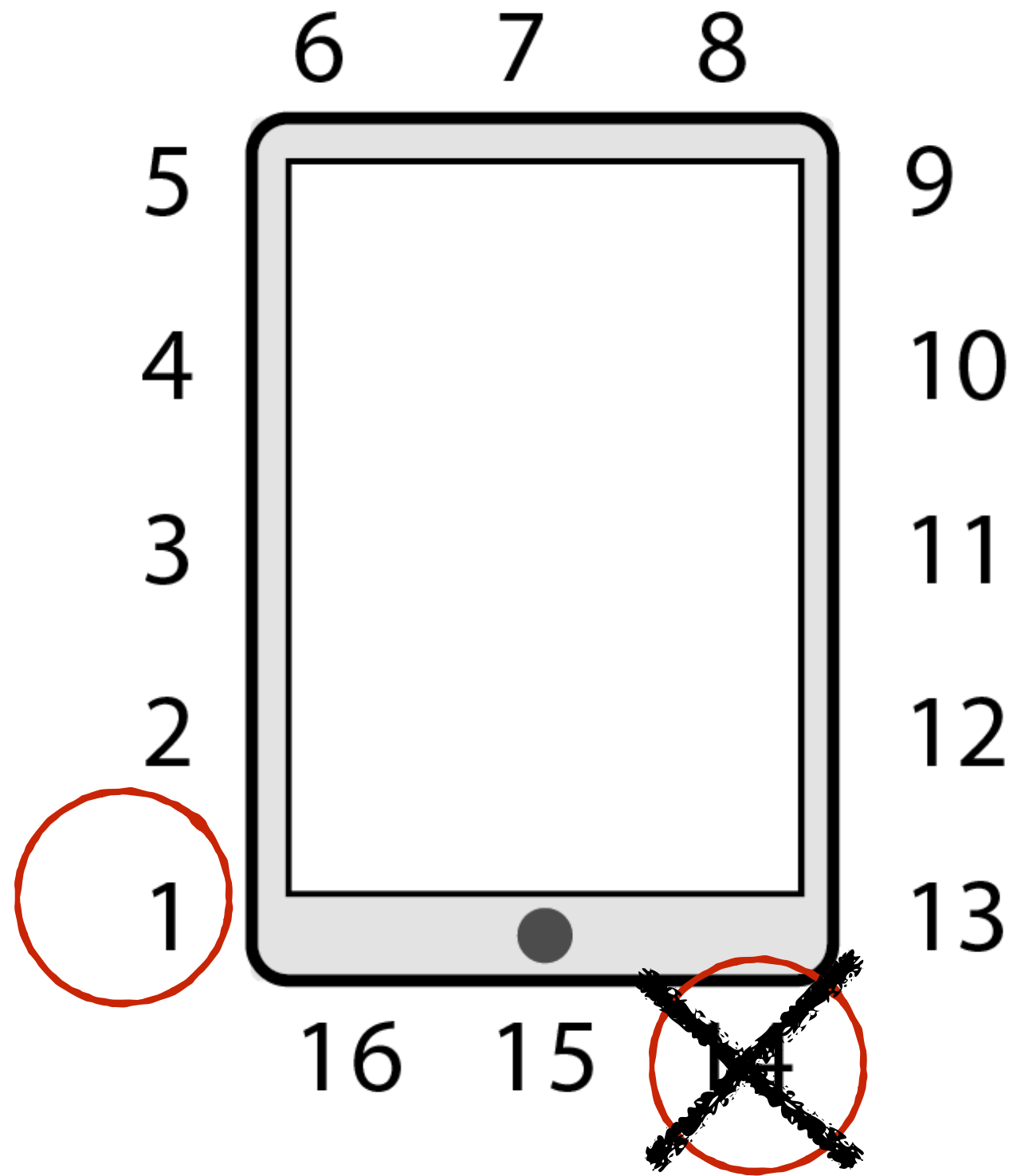
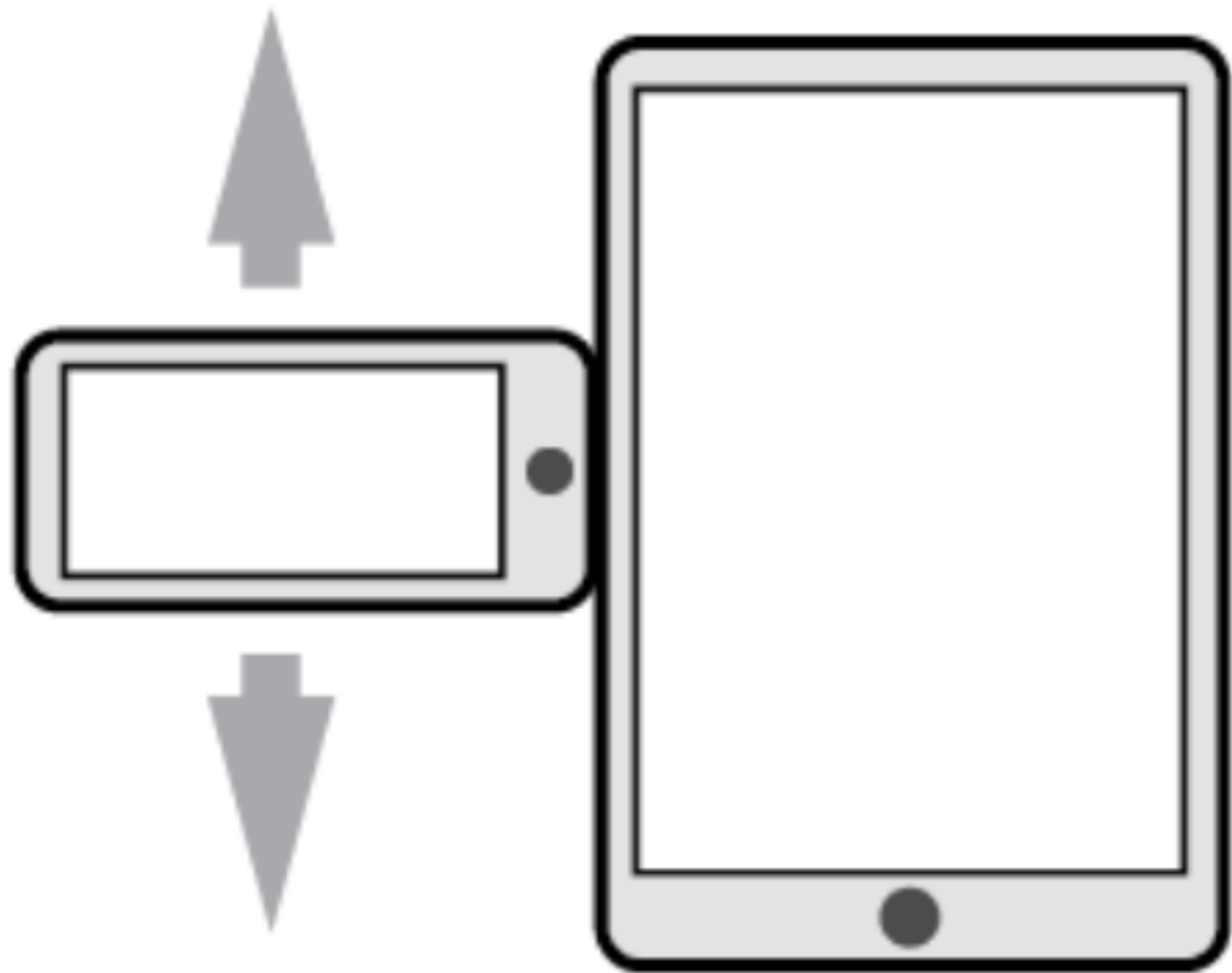
most ambiguity happens on different sides.

# ambiguity



the movement direction  
determines the device on long  
sides or short sides

ambiguity



future work

# generalizability

1. Other devices of the same type
2. Devices of different types
3. Additional device interference.
4. Battery level influences





same plane in the air





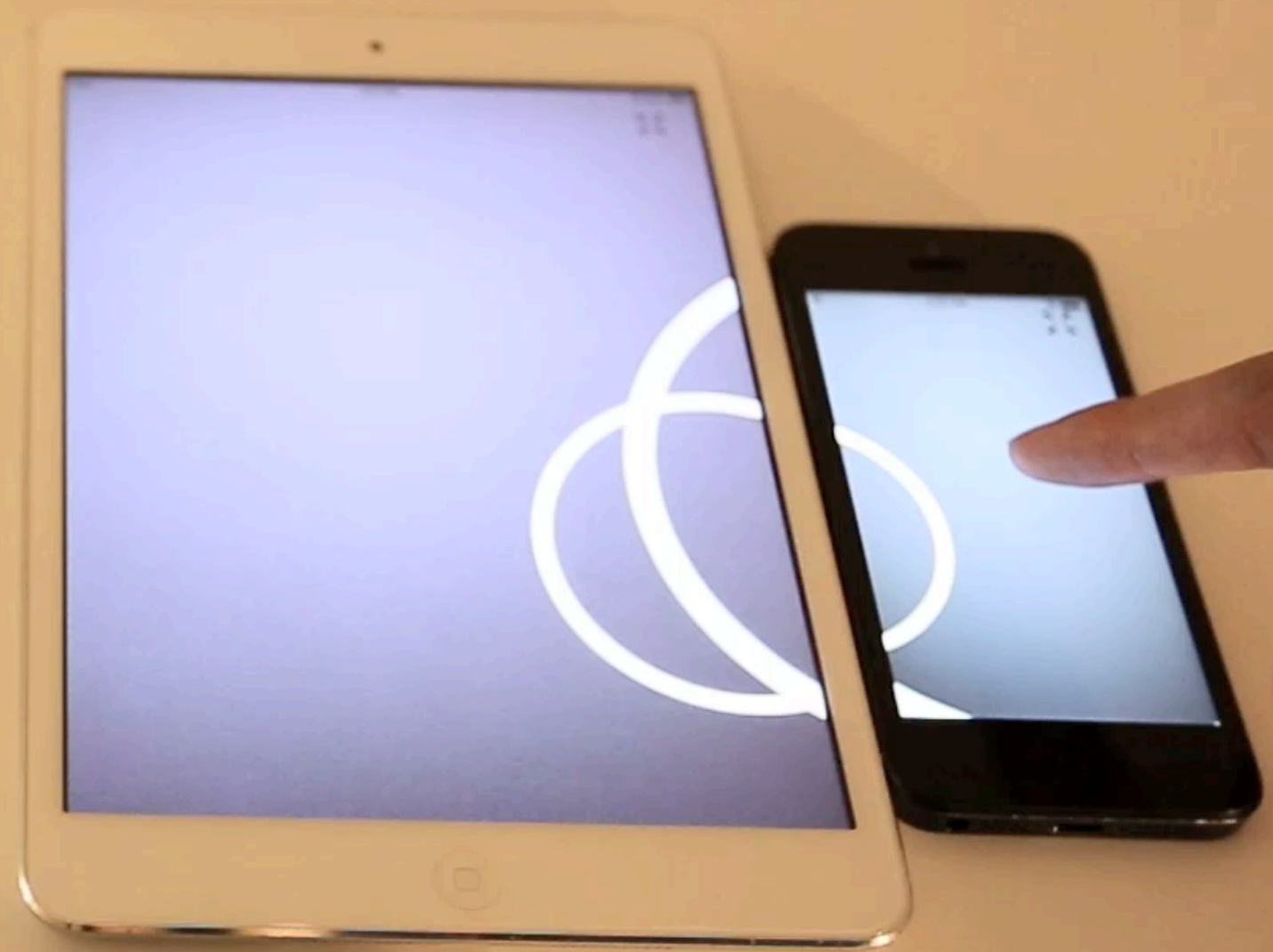
more angles than the same plane 41

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