



# Remote In-Building Motion Detection using Single Frequency Technique

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# Introduction

- Through-wall-sensing Applications:
  - Military & Law enforcement
  - Search and rescue



(www.extremetech.com, 2012)

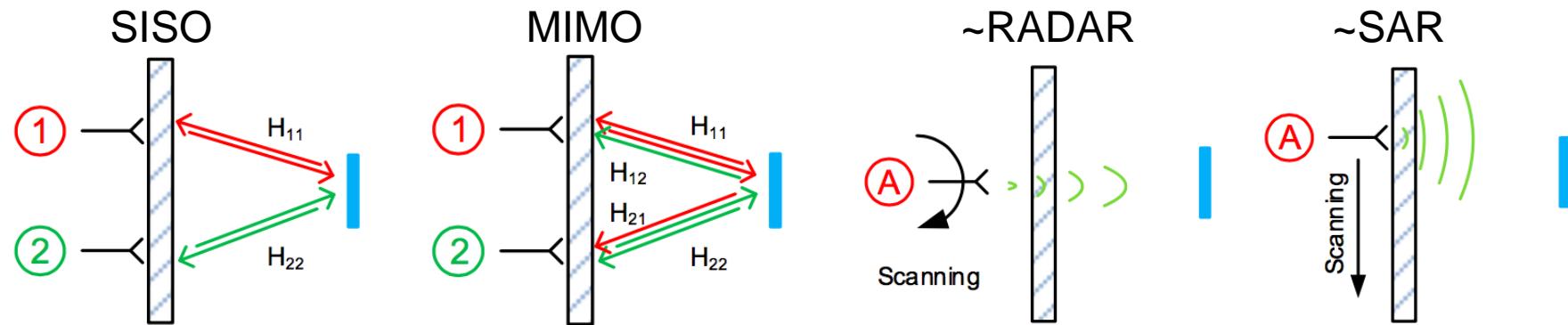


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➤ But which TTWS implementation is best for presence detection ?

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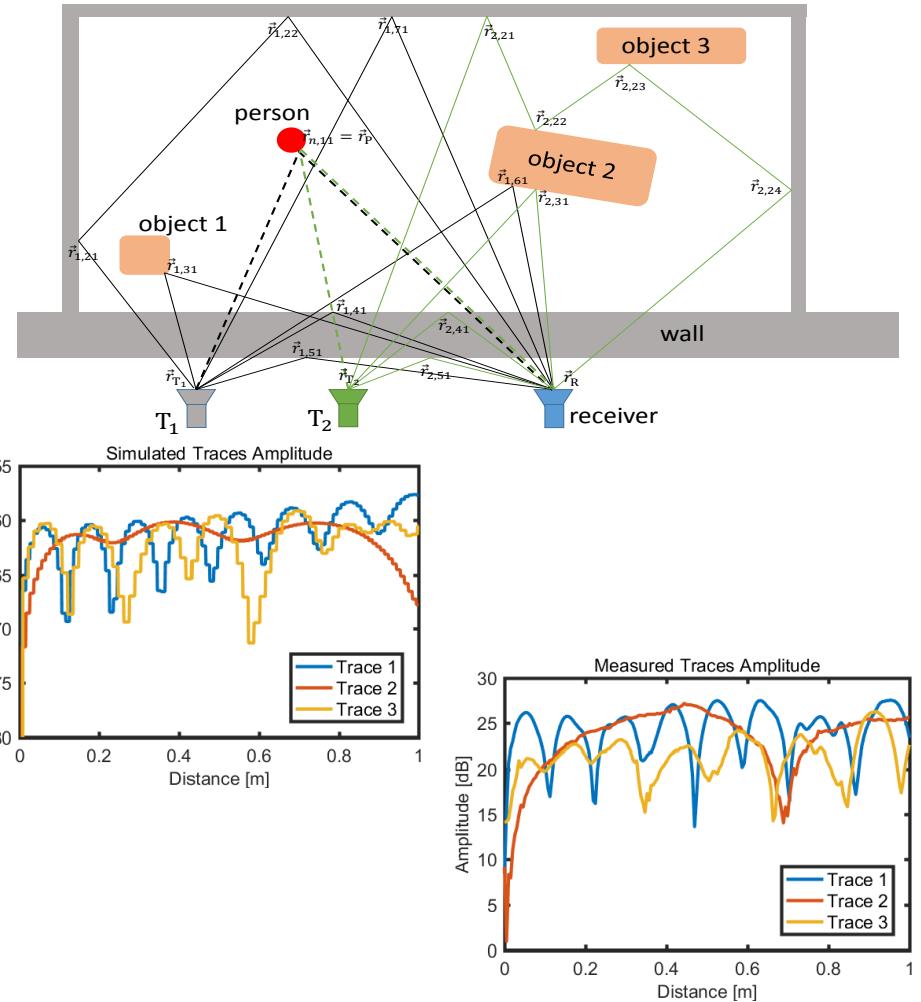
- Over the past years, we worked on
  - Active Sensing
    - Multi-static systems
    - Mono-static Systems



- Passive Sensing
    - Wifi standards
    - Mobile communication (2-4G) standards
- These systems provided very good results, but are rather complex...
- What can we do to have a simple and robust motion detection sensor?

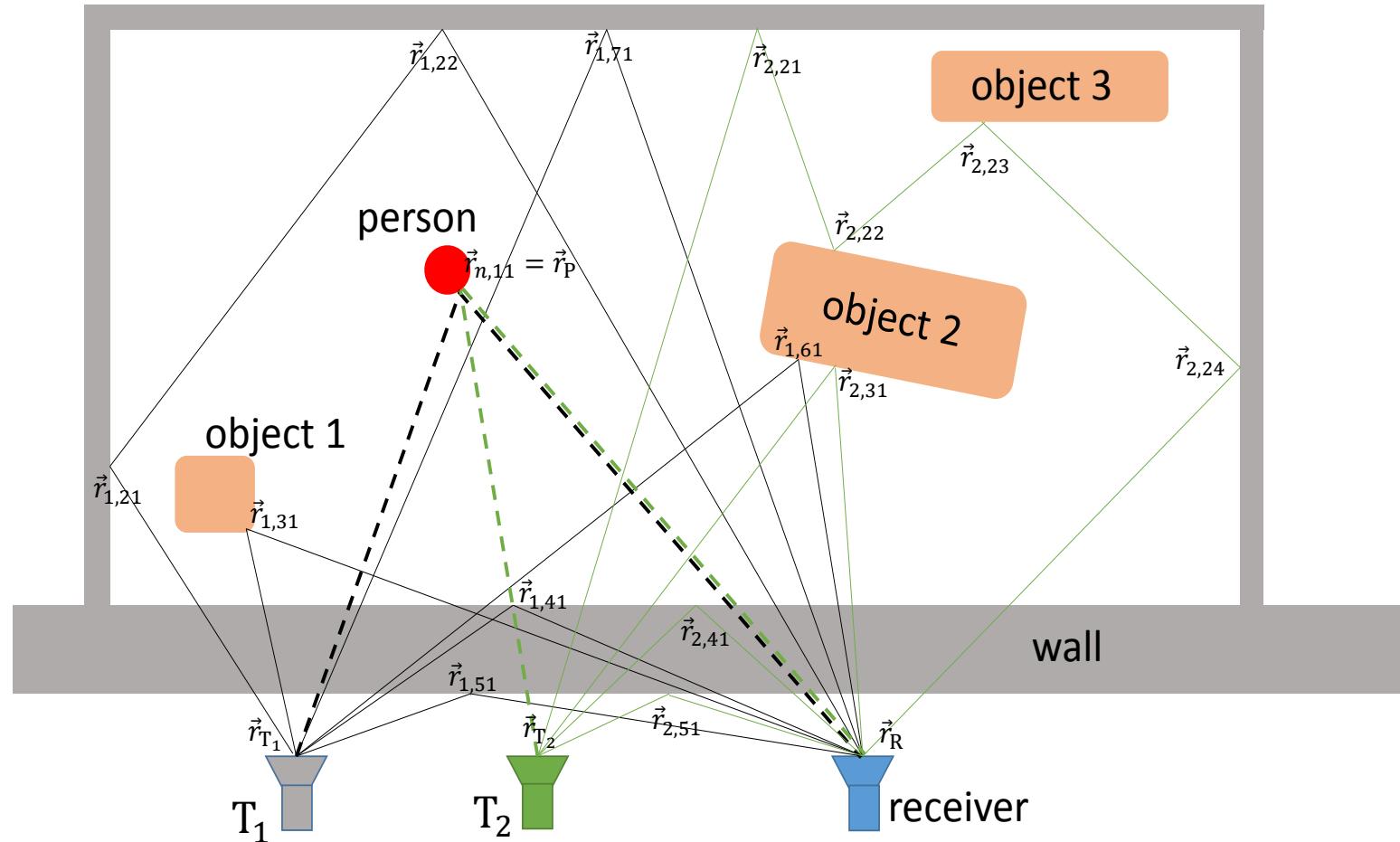
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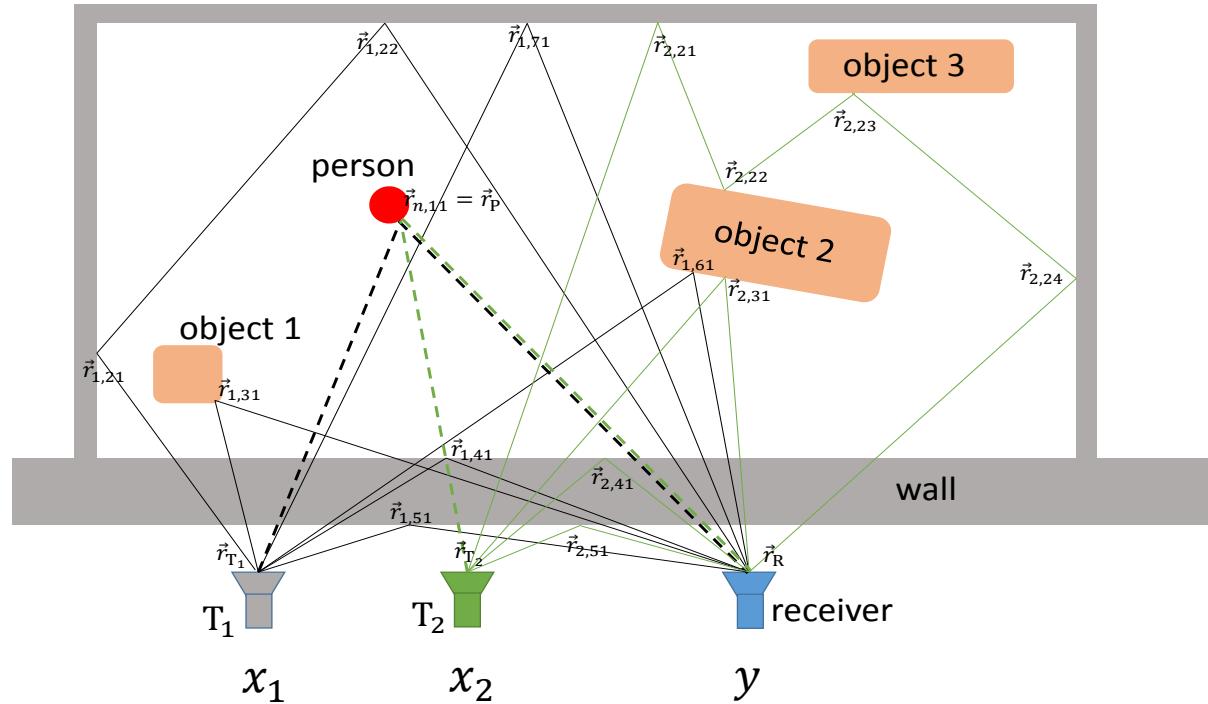


# Single Frequency Sensing

- Two transmitters creates destructive interferences on the receiver



# Single Frequency Sensing - Theory



- Received signal

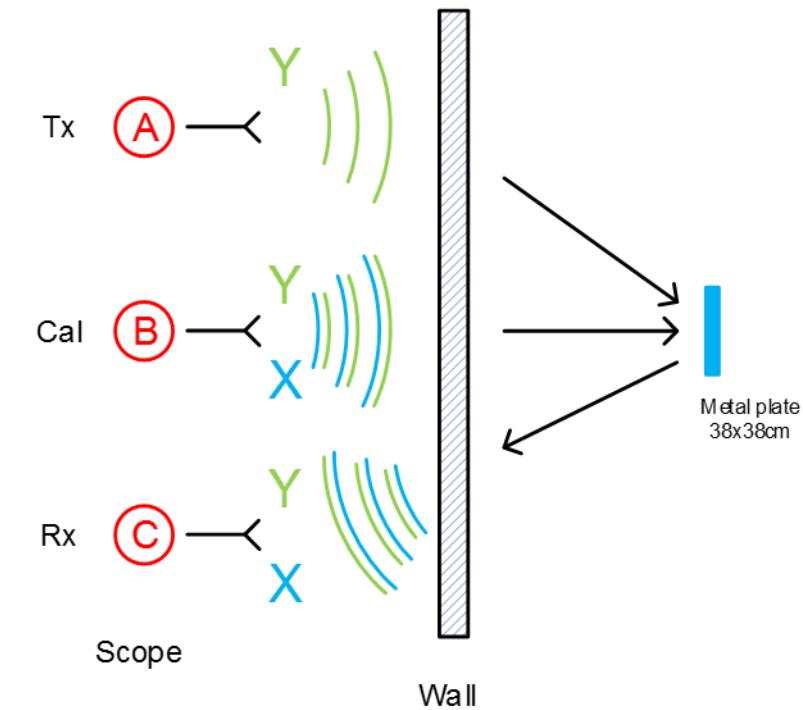
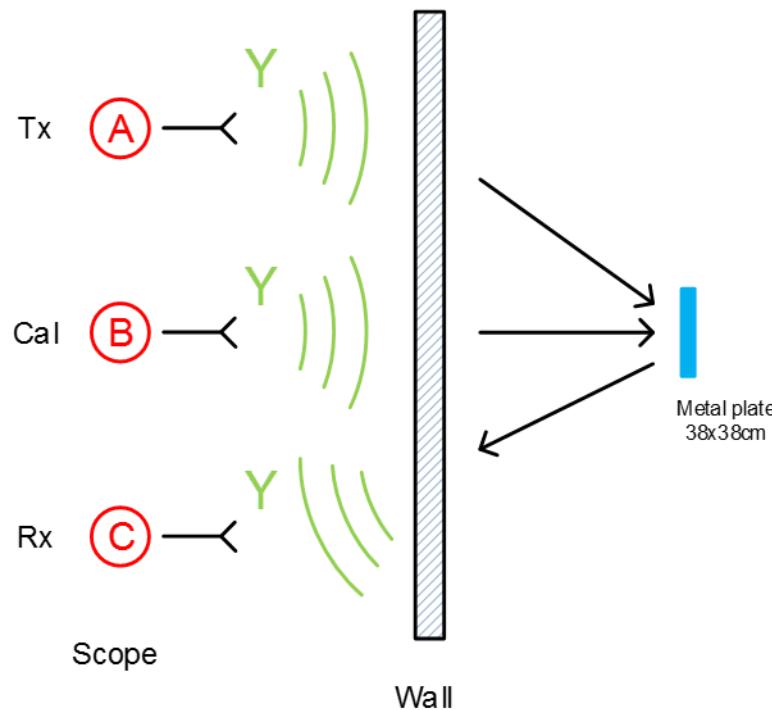
$$y = h_1 x_1 + h_2 x_2 = x_1 \sum_{\text{ith path}} h_{1i} + x_2 \sum_{\text{jth path}} h_{2j}$$

$$y(\vec{r}_P) = (dh_1(\vec{r}_P) - K_0 dh_2(\vec{r}_P)) \cdot x_1$$

0 if  $\vec{r}_P = \vec{r}_{P0}$

# Single Frequency Sensing - Calibration

- Single polarization nulling
- Dual polarization nulling



# Single Frequency Sensing - Calibration

- Signal at receiver given by:

$$y = h_1 x_1 + h_2 x_2$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_x \\ Y_y \end{bmatrix} = M_1 X_1 + M_2 X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1x} \\ X_{1y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{2x} \\ X_{2y} \end{bmatrix}$$

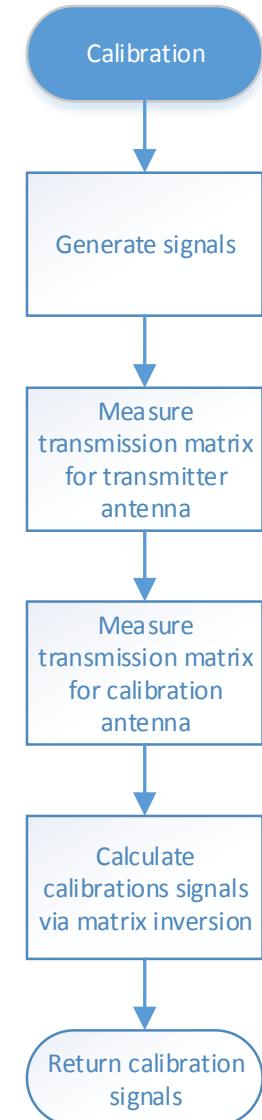
- At calibration:

$$M_1 X_1 + M_2 X_2 = 0$$

$$X_2 = -M_2^{-1} M_1 X_1$$

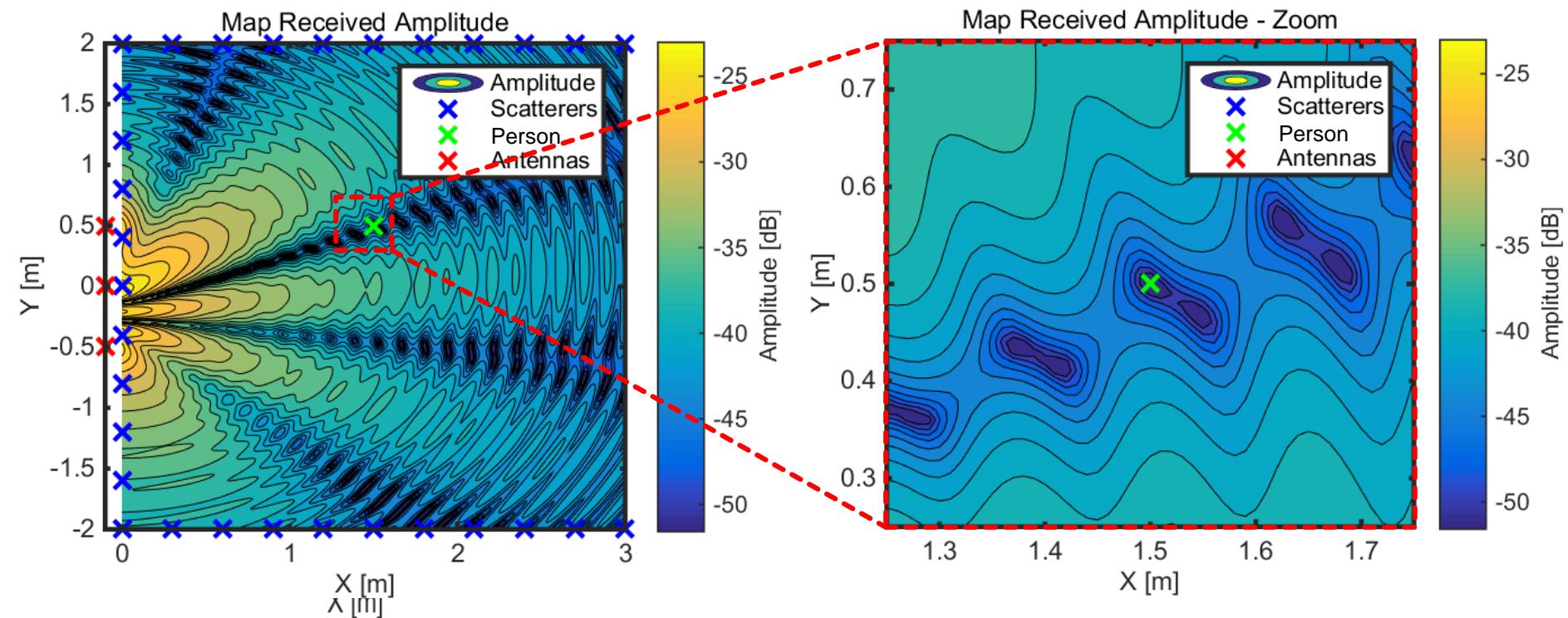
➤ Calibration derived from knowledge of  $M_1$  &  $M_2$

Calibrate using Amplitude, Phase, & Polarization



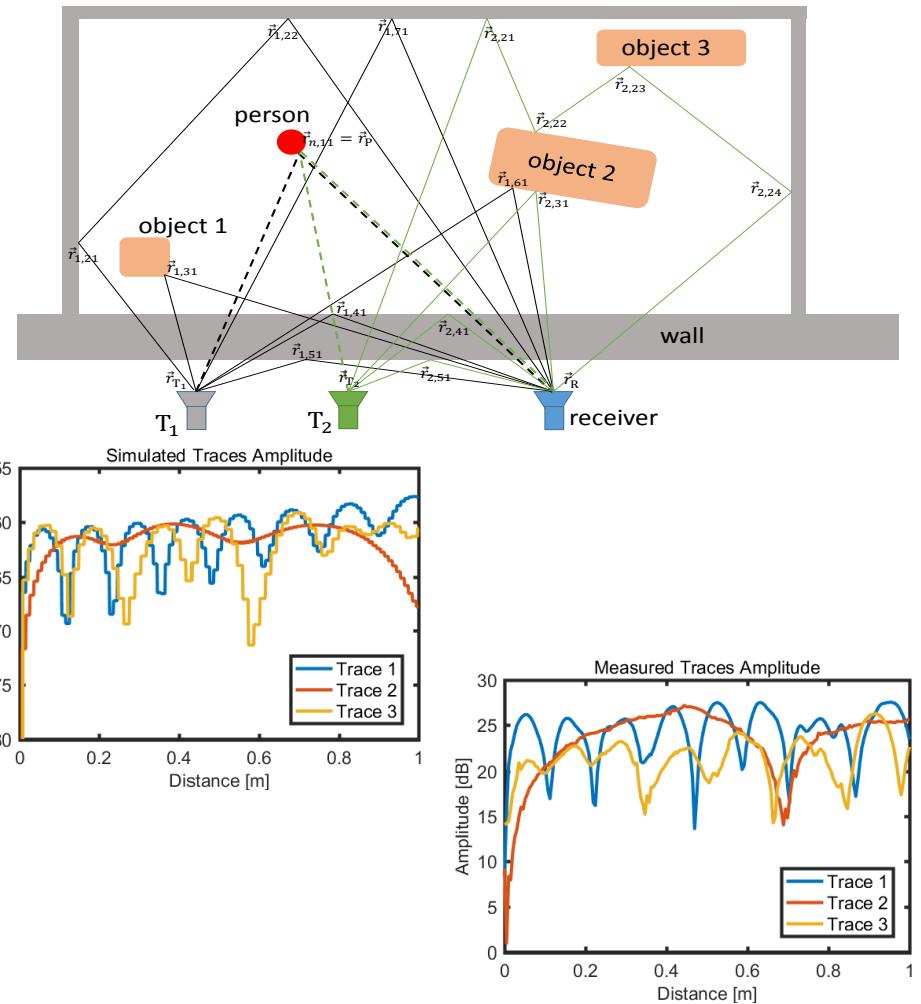
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- Amplitude Map (Matlab)



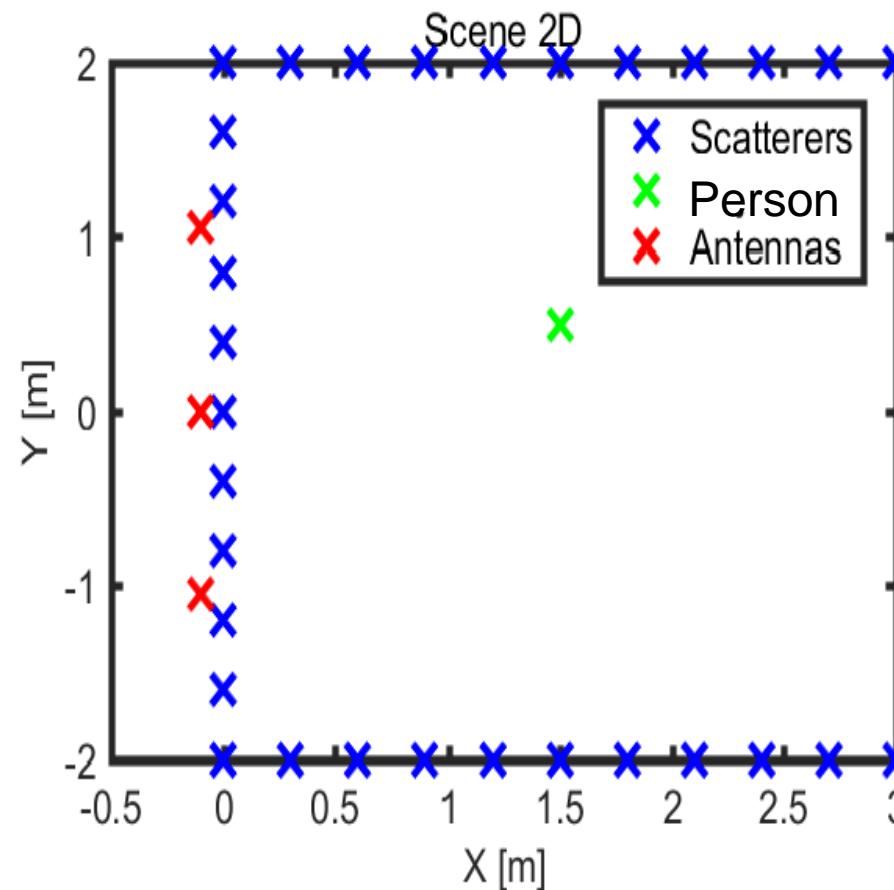
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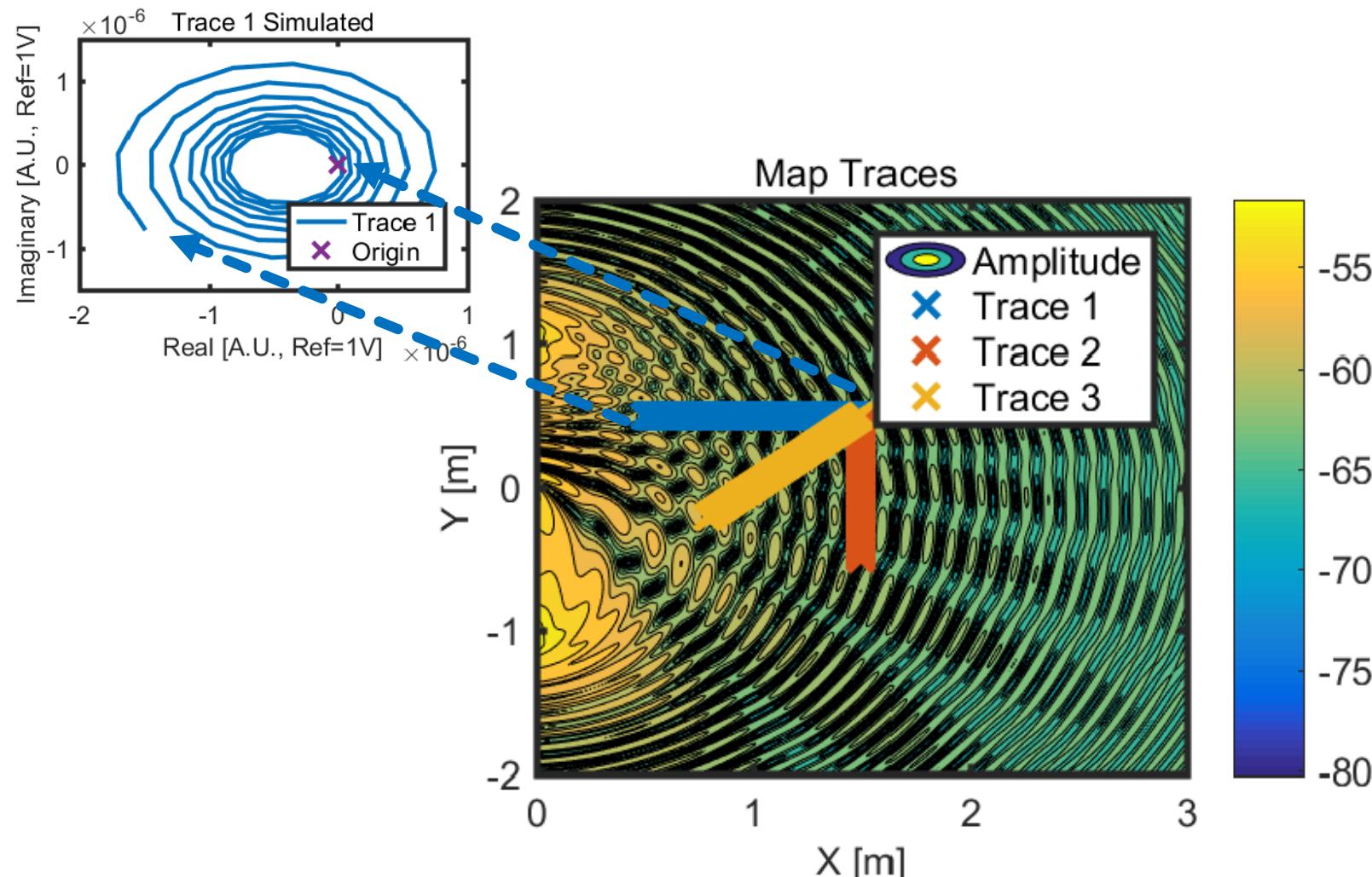
# Simulation Results

- Scene under Test



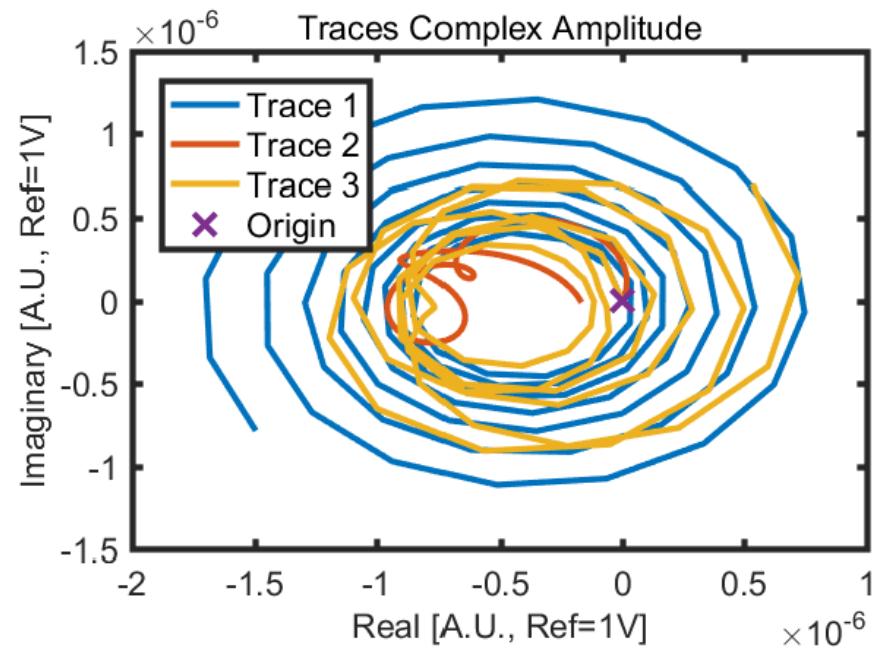
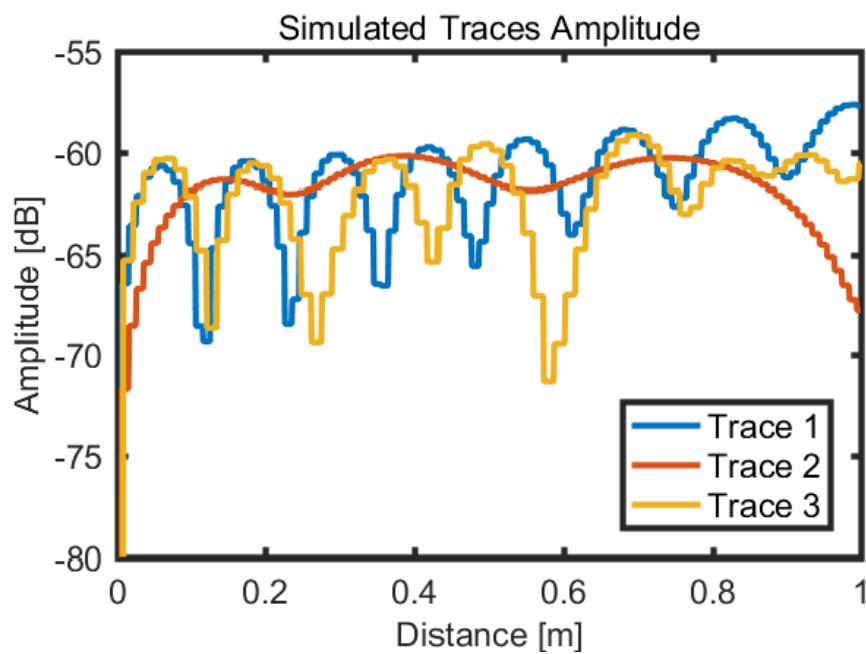
# Simulation Results – Amplitude Map

- Amplitude variation along predefined paths



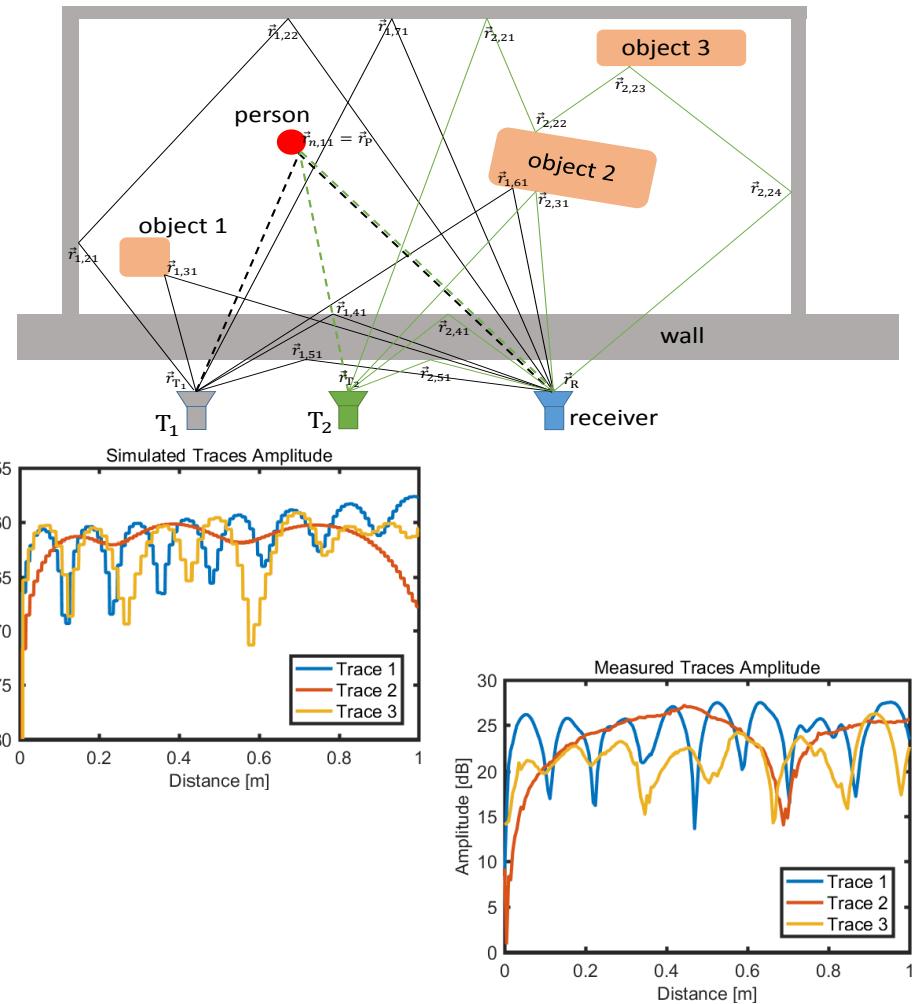
# Simulation Results - Traces

- Amplitude Traces
- Complex Traces



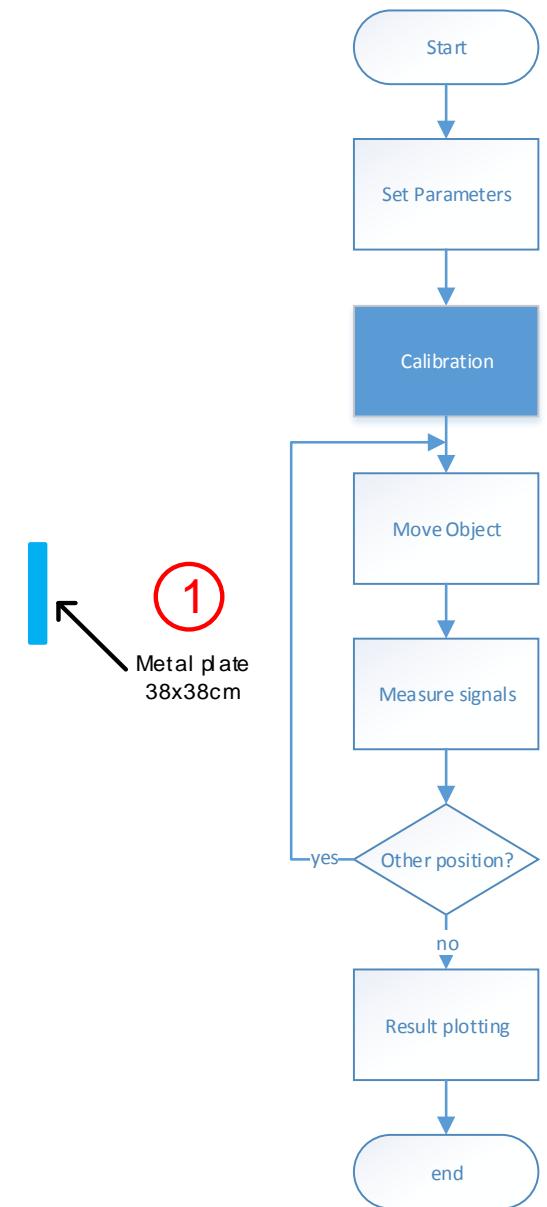
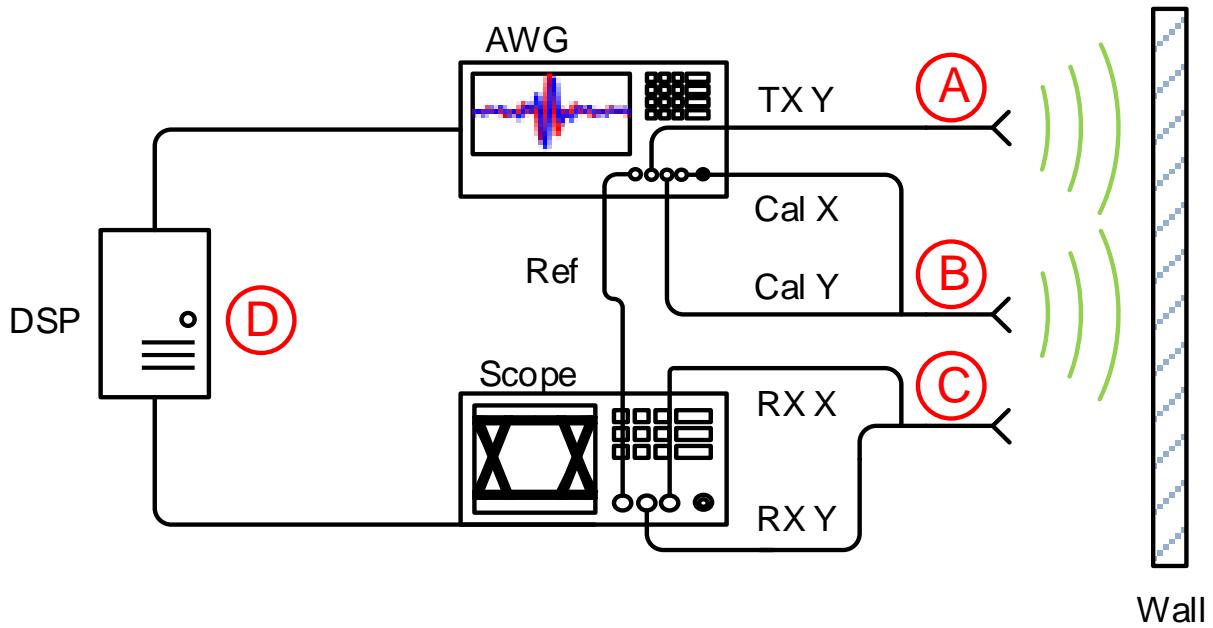
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# Experimental Results

- Setup

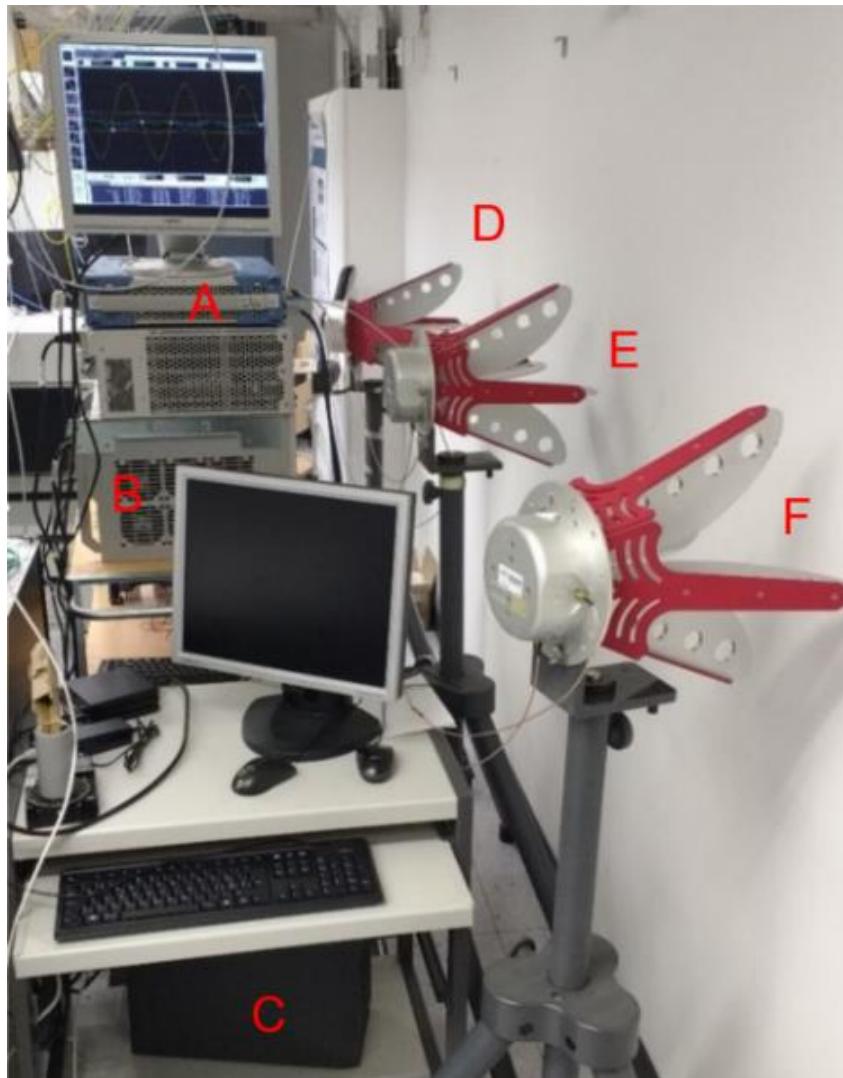


# Experimental Results - Setup

- Overview



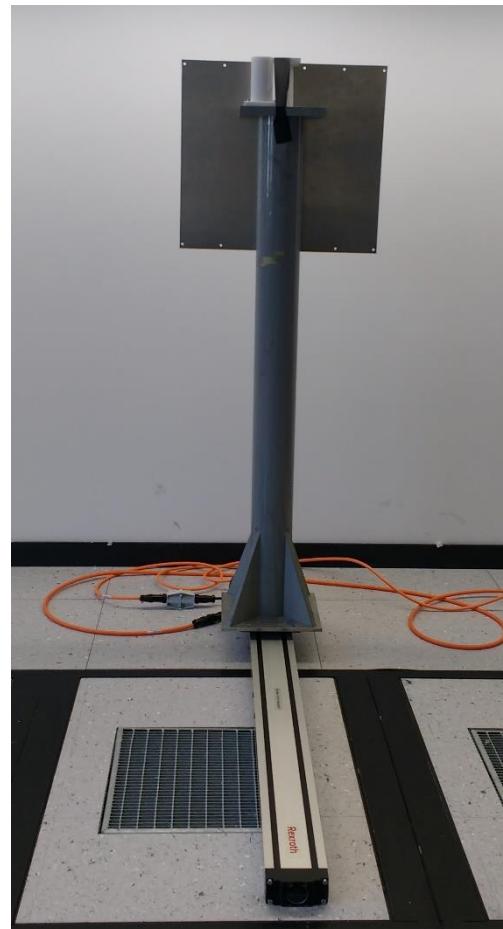
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- A. *Arbitrary waveform generator*
- B. *Oscilloscope*
- C. *Computer*
- D. *Transmitter*
- E. *Calibration Antenna*
- F. *Receiver*

# Experimental Results - Stage

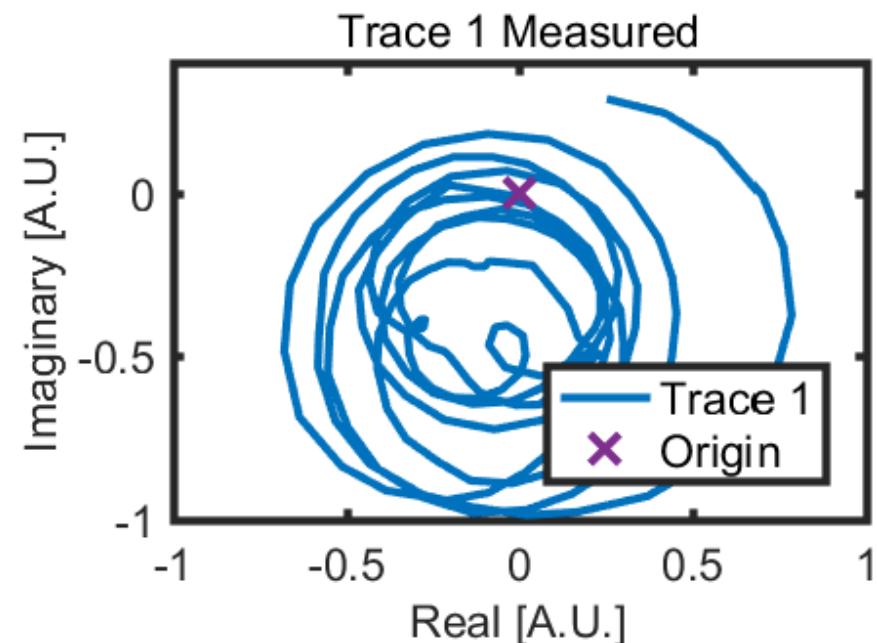
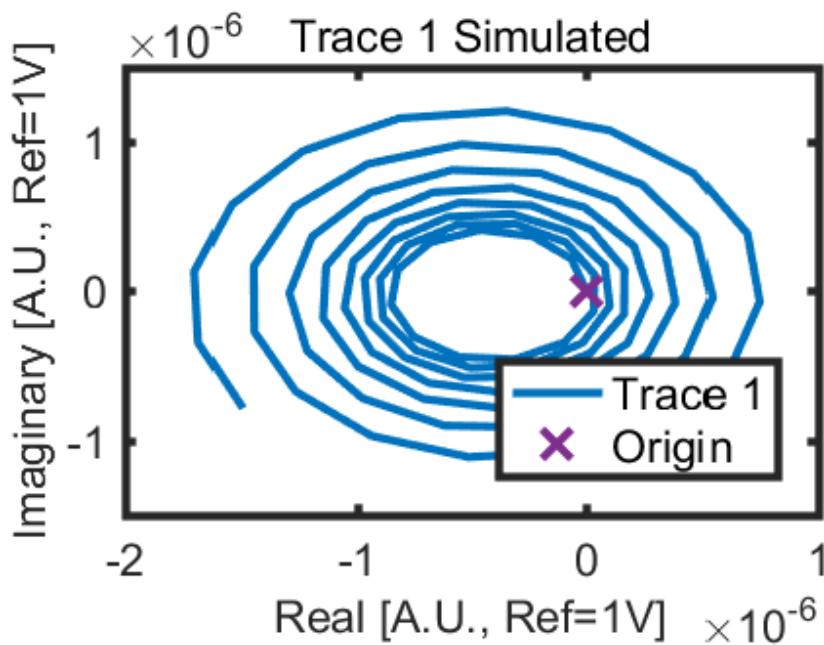
- Linear stage used for traces measurement



# Experimental Results - Traces

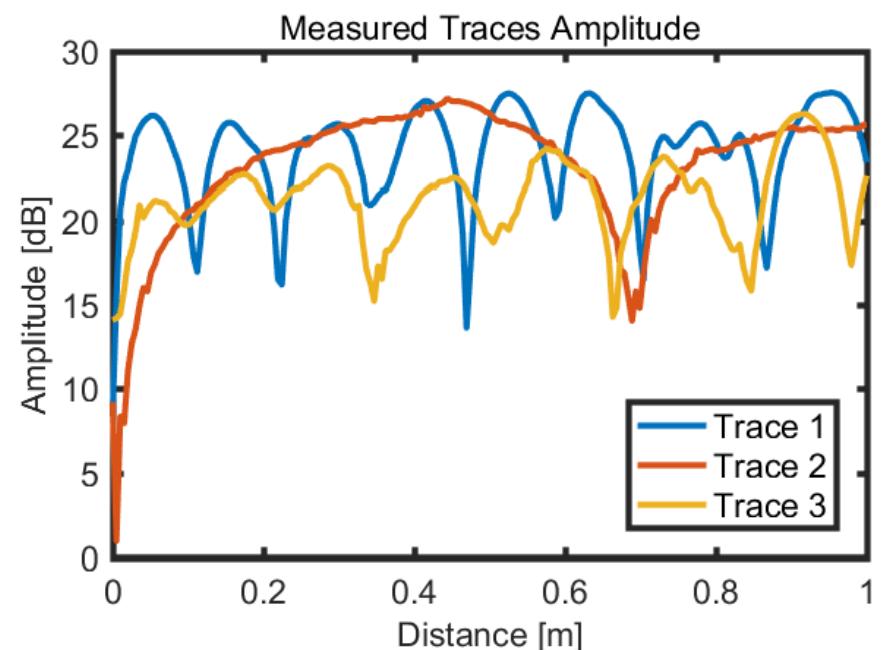
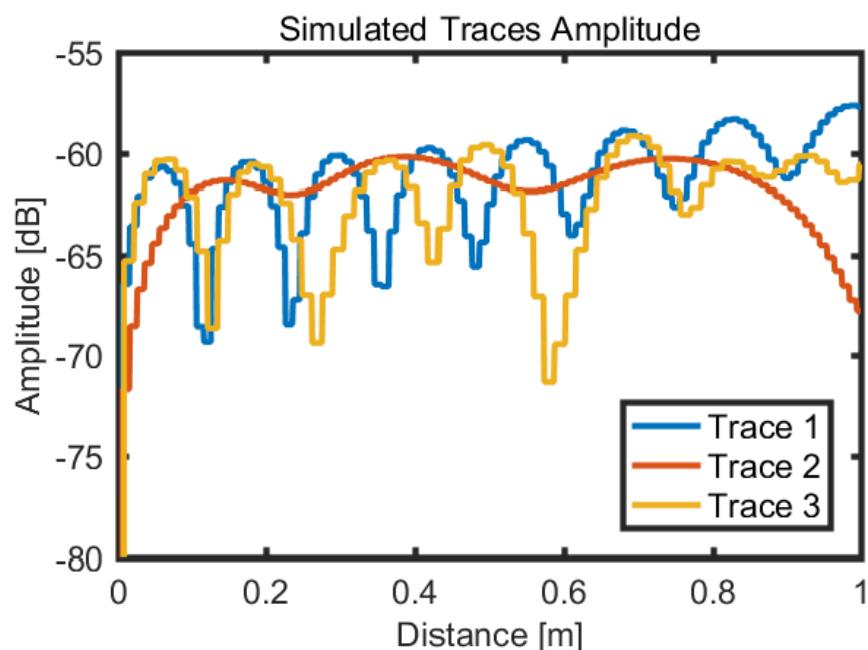
- Comparison Simulations / Measurements

CW @ 1.5GHz, with ~1mW transmitted power



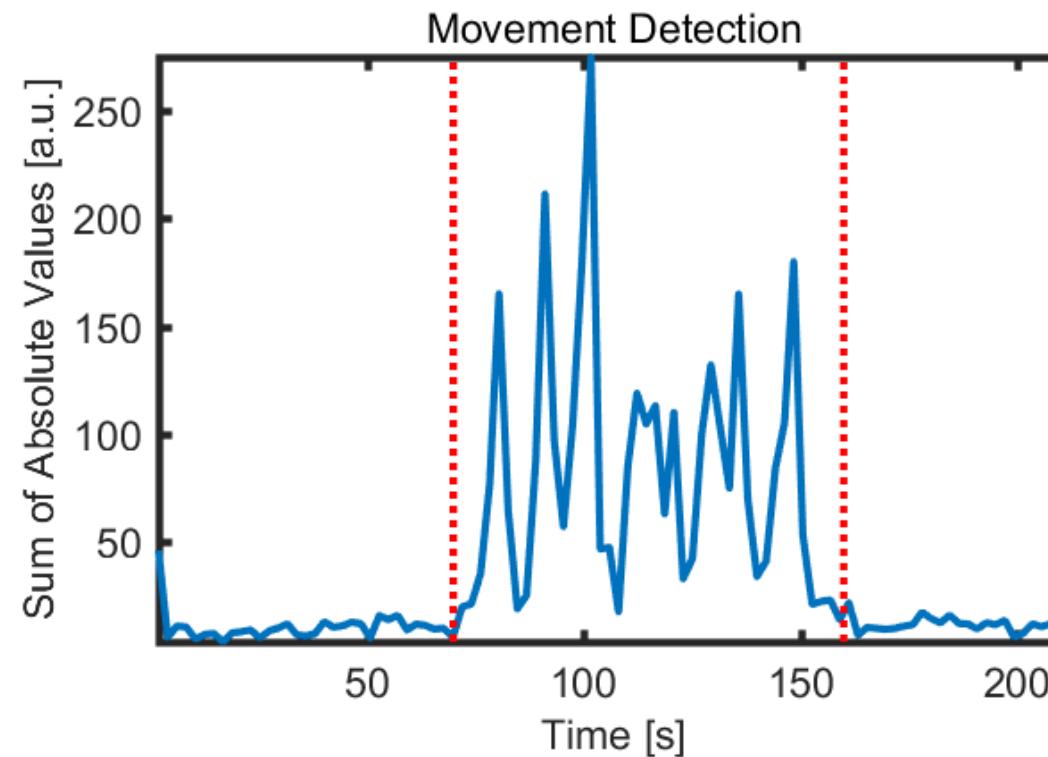
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# Experimental Results – Movement Detection

- 3 back and forth movement at 2m of the wall  
CW @ 1.5GHz, with ~1mW transmitted power



# Conclusion

- Robust concept with
  - High Sensitivity
  - Simple Hardware
- Electronic calibration (~500ms)
- Good match with experiment
- Next Steps:
  - Larger distances from wall
  - Handheld device integration
  - Frequency sweeping
  - Pulsed system ?
  - Nulling of comm. signals

