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Introduction and Motivation

- Big picture, what are the underlying reasons for the work?
 - > Apply Multilateration techniques to determine the source of an explosion

- What is the fundamental problem you are trying to solve?
 - > Can a smartphone sensor array be used to estimate the location of an explosion?
 - Timing and Location Accuracy
 - Detection of Explosions









Mission Relevance

- How does this work, and the problem you are trying to solve, relate to the NNSA mission?
 - > Explosion detection and source localization is a vital part of non-proliferation monitoring.
 - Utilizing smartphones as a ubiquitous sensors network.













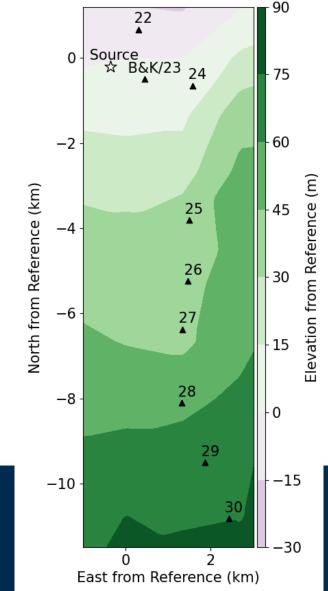
The Explosions and Sensors

- 3 explosion events
 - > Fuel Air Explosive (6.35 kg)
 - ➤ Three Simultaneous Detonations (2.72 kg)
 - ➤ One Detonation (3.63 kg)
- Source within 100 meters of all events





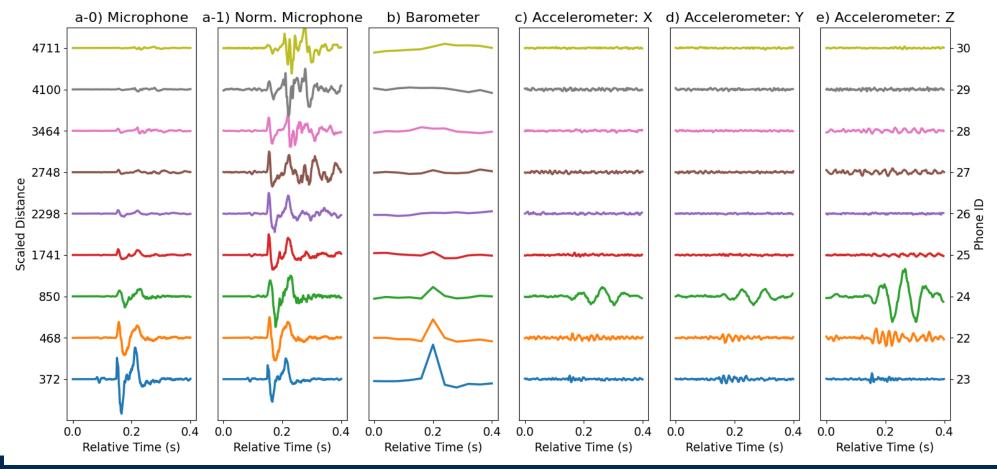








The waveforms – FAE



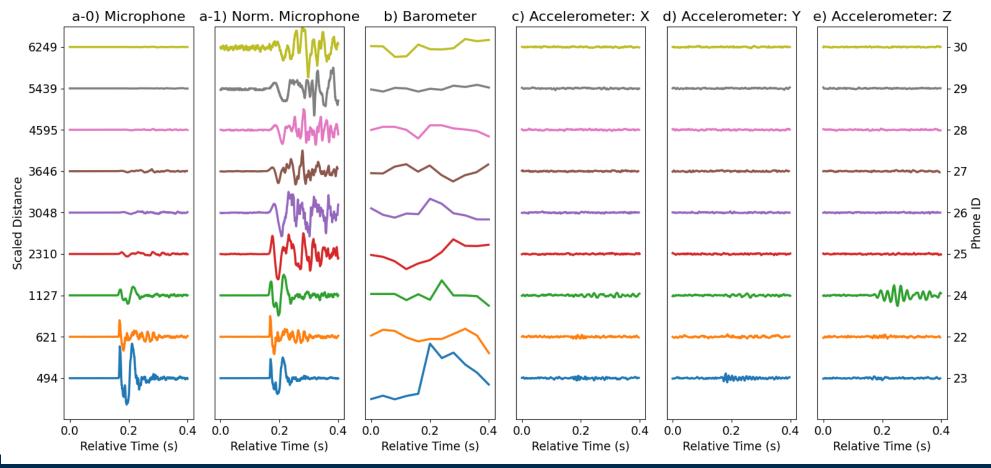








The waveforms – 3 detonations



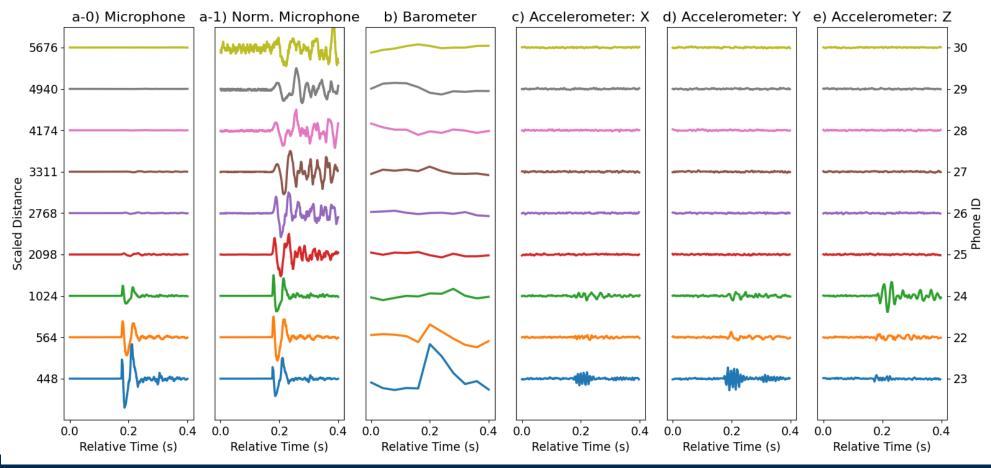








The waveforms – 1 detonation





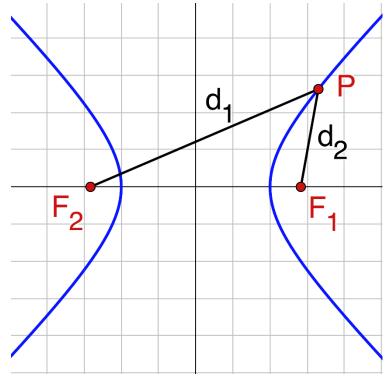






Multilateration (Hyperbolic Positioning)

- Method of determining the location of a source
 - ➤ Utilizes the Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA)
 - > Uses systems of hyperbolas between sensors
 - ➤ Minimum of 3 necessary for 2D multilateration
 - Chose point where hyperbolas overlap
- Calculate for each 3 sensor pairs
 - ➤ 9 smartphones = 84 combinations



https://www.andrews.edu/~rwright/Precalculus-RLW/Text/07-04.html

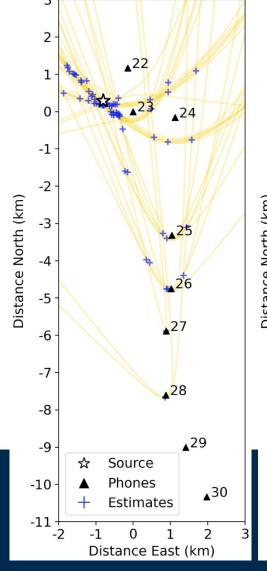


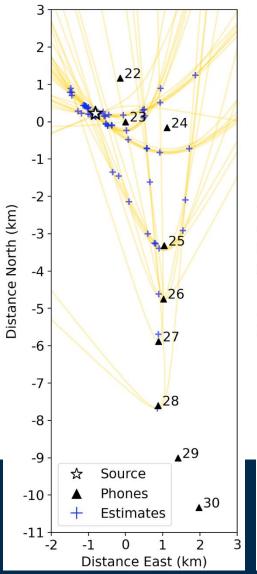


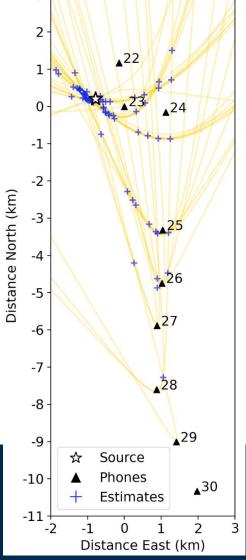




Multilateration Plots







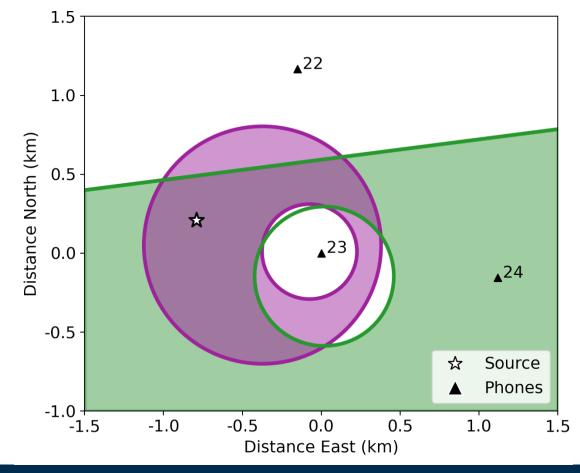






Vetting of the Estimates

- Inverse Distance Law
 - > Check 3 closest smartphones' sensor magnitudes
 - > Phone 23 / Phone 22
 - ➤ Microphone (2.00, 2.08, 2.14)
 - ➤ Barometer (2.18, 1.36, 2.54)
 - > Phone 24 / Phone 22
 - ➤ Microphone (4.20, 3.96, 3.39)
 - ➤ Barometer (2.97, 1.71, 2.85)
- Apollonius' definition of a circle
 - > Constant distance ratio between two points
 - ➤ When ration is greater or less than 1



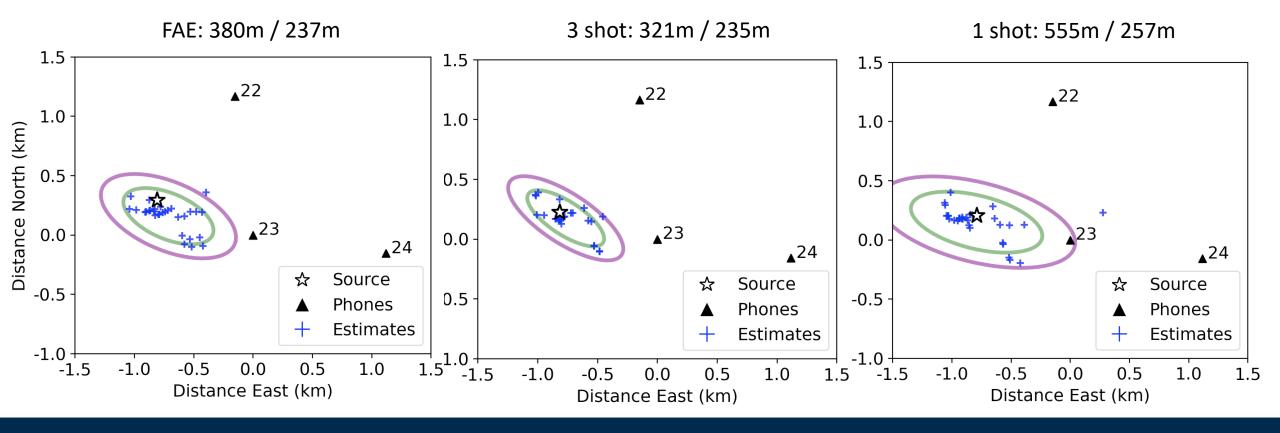






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Final Estimates











ETI Impact

- What is the impact of the ETI on your development?
 - ➤ Internship with Idaho National Laboratory
 - ➤ Data Collection of Explosions
 - Designs of the techniques for sensor deployments



- Personnel transitions: Plans for future relationship with national labs
 - Continued relation for Data Collections
 - ➤ Idaho National Laboratory
 - ➤ Nevada National Security Site
- Technology transitions
 - > Applying Multilateration Methods to other sets of explosion data









Conclusion and Future Work

- Quantitatively summarize the main results
 - > Multilateration with Smartphone Sensor Networks to determine location of explosions.
 - ➤ 95% confidence ellipses of 200~400 meters
 - ➤ Majority of estimates within 100 meters of source
- Provide concluding statements that interpret what the data mean in context of the NNSA mission

Smartphone Sensor Networks can be used as part of the arsenal of monitoring techniques for

non-proliferation.

Paper in Progress







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