

SensIT Collaborative Signal Processing Candidate Tracking Benchmarks v0.3

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Issues to Consider as we go

- What are the unique challenges of the scenario?
 - Is there a way to make the scenario more “fundamental” and focus on the challenge
- What information needs to be combined from multiple nodes, and how often?
- What are some likely queries?
- How would we benchmark success?
- Can this test be implemented as a real world experiment?

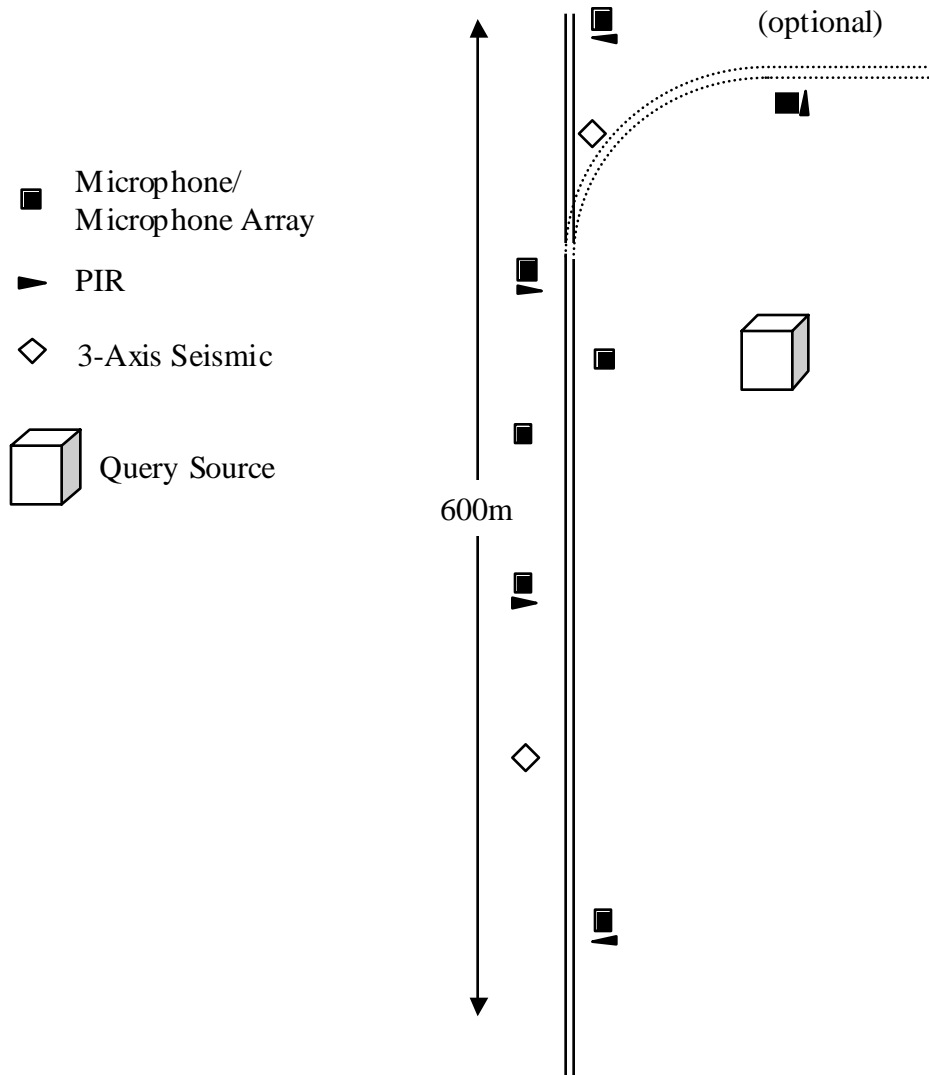


Assumptions

- Single vehicle unless otherwise shown
- Unless otherwise stated, vehicles attempt to maintain constant speed and do not shift gears
- Unless otherwise stated, vehicles start beyond the sensor field and arrive in sequence
- Complications to be handled as we get better:
 - Variation of acoustic signature with aspect
 - Acceleration, braking, and gear shifts
 - Changes the acoustic signals
 - Spatio-temporally varying propagation models
 - Node unreliability



Linear Array Laydown Example

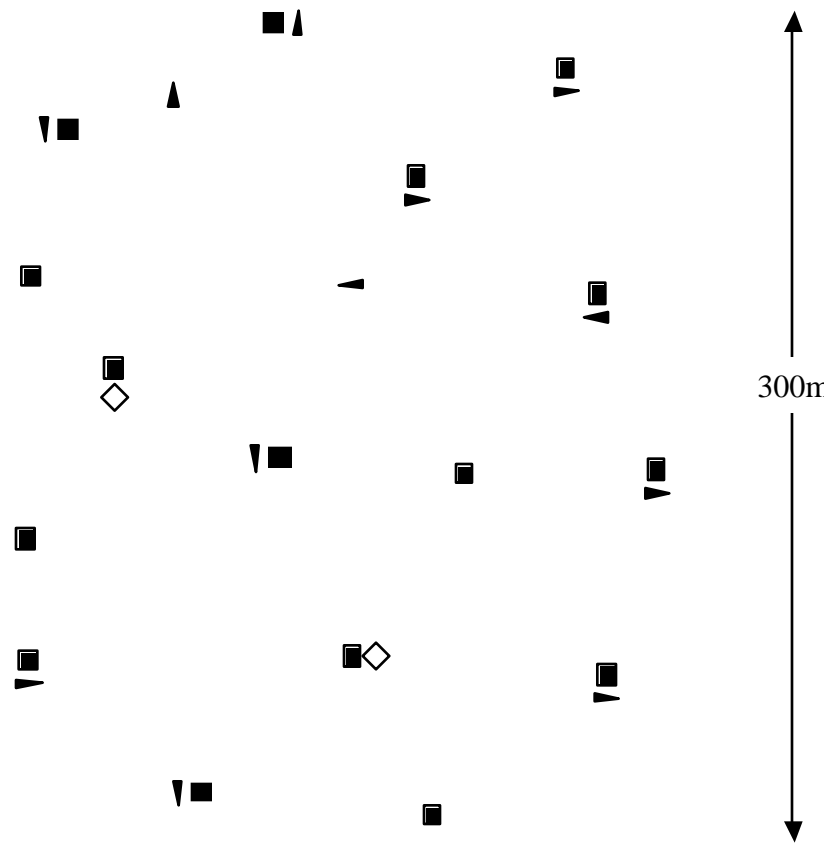


Nodes may continue along road (optional)



2D Array Laydown Example

- Microphone/
Microphone Array
- ▶ PIR
- ◇ 3-Axis Seismic



Randomly distributed in [X, Y, θ]

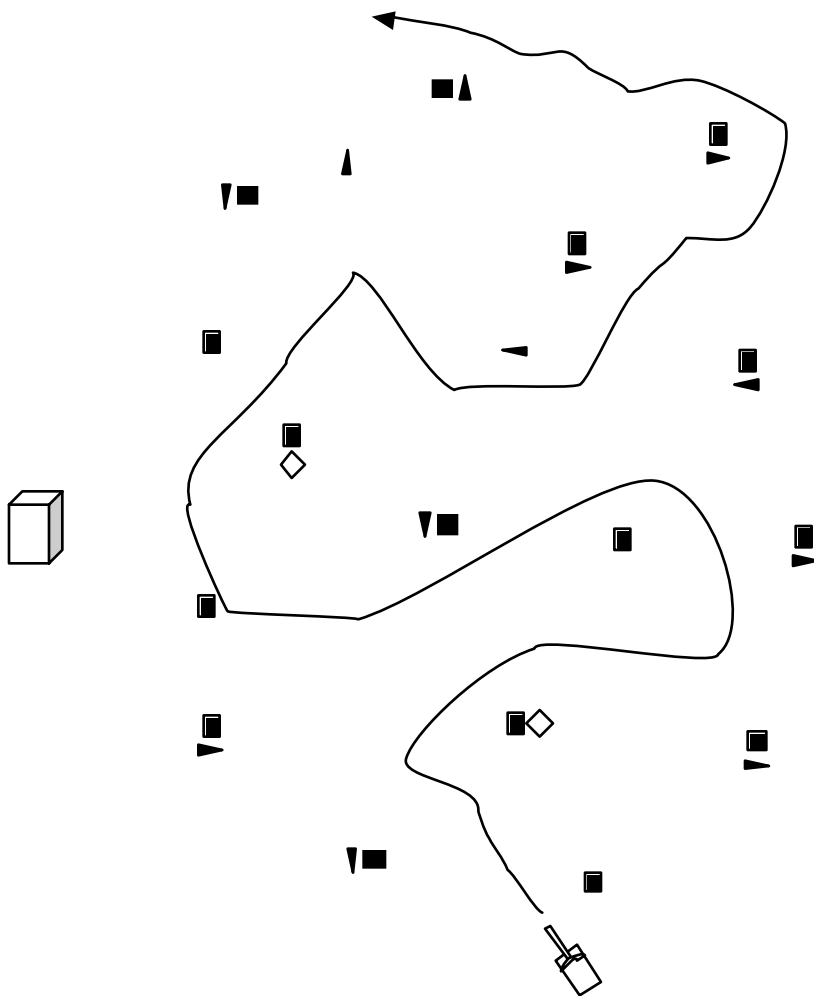


Benchmarking

- Generic Benchmarks
 - Energy Consumption
 - Total, per node (max, avg)
 - $f(\text{computation, communication})$
 - Detection Accuracy
 - Frequency of false positives, negatives
 - Detection Latency
 - Mean, max vs. query source location
 - Tracking accuracy
 - Mean, max, std.
 - $f(\text{desired output frequency})$
 - Tracking Latency
 - Mean, max vs. query source location
- Task-specific Benchmarks



2: Track Single Maneuvering Target



Task

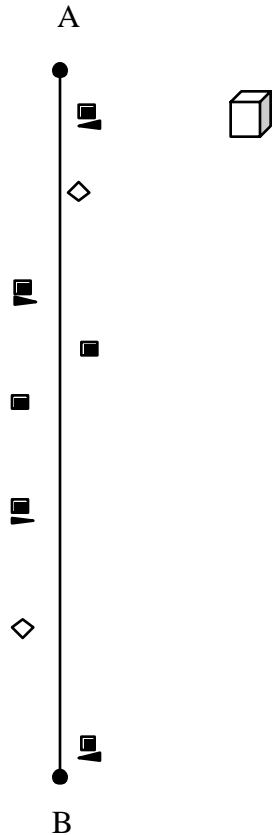
- Estimate target position vs. time

Challenges

- No road, hence no prior knowledge of vehicle trajectory
- Constant direction dynamics models no longer adequate
- Many sensors making simultaneous observations



3: Track Accelerating/Decelerating Target



Task

- Estimate target position vs. time

Challenges

- Vehicle signature time-varying
- Constant velocity dynamics models no longer adequate
- Gear shift requires maintaining internal discrete state (curr. gear)

*Vehicle begins stationary and idling at point “A”
Accelerates, maintains constant velocity
Decelerates and stops at point “B”*

Extra credit: Handle gear shifts



4: Count Stationary (idling) Targets



Task

- Count number of targets
- Locate targets

Challenges

- Multiple vehicles
- Unknown number of vehicles
- Cannot depend on peak-finding (CPA) of acoustic signal

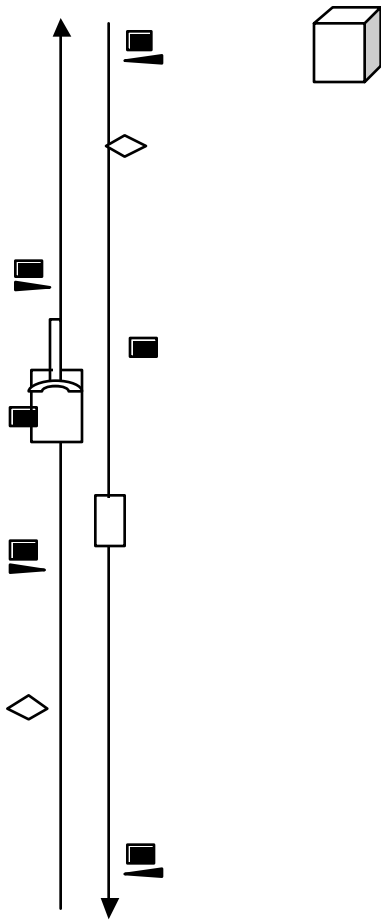
Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Accuracy of count

vs. dynamic range of acoustic outputs from ensemble of vehicles



5: Two-way traffic



Task

- Track target positions
- Estimate target crossing time

Challenges

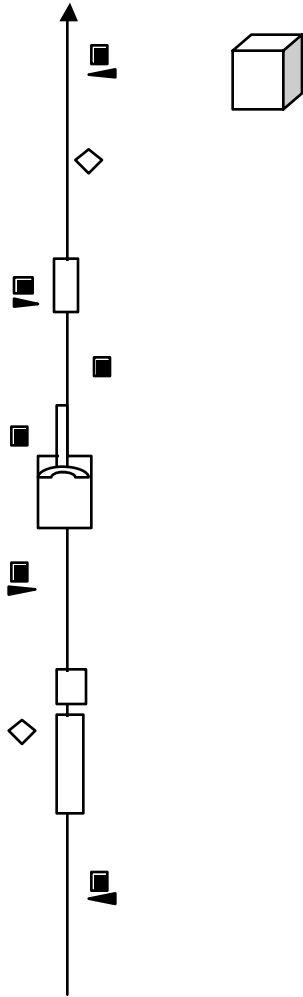
- Vehicles in close proximity, need to use dynamics to keep identities separate

Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Accuracy of crossing time estimate



6: Convoy on a Road



Vary inter-vehicle spacing to vary problem difficulty

Task

- Count number of vehicles of each type
- Determine order of vehicles

Challenges

- Multiple vehicles
- Classification and state information must follow vehicle along full length of road

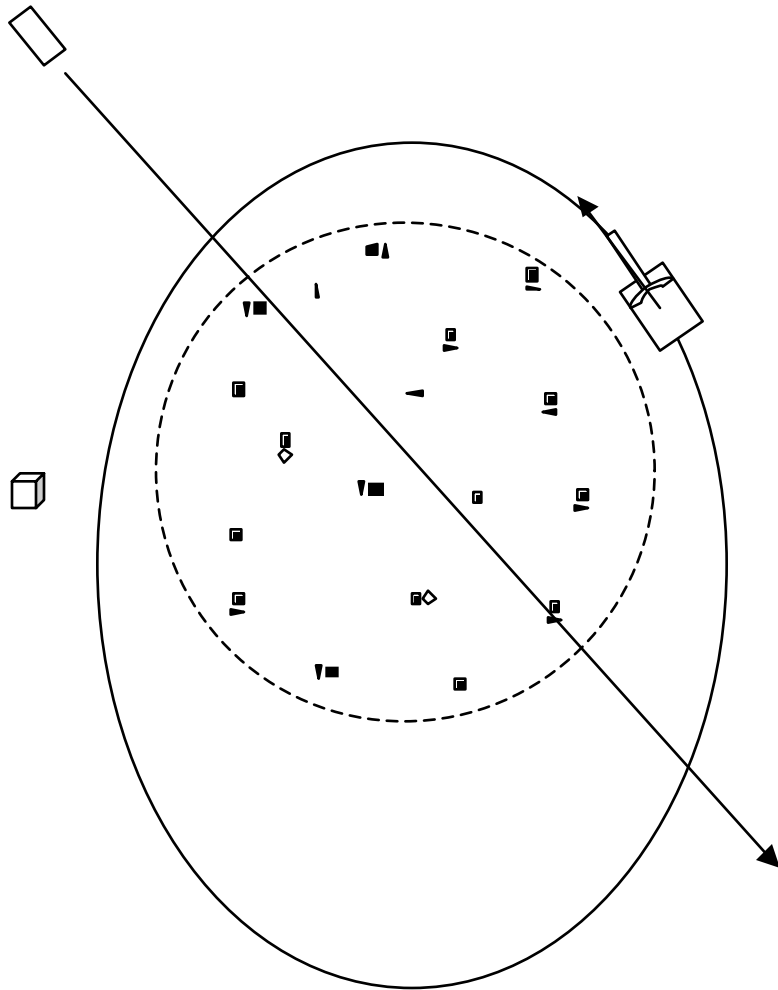
Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Accuracy of count & order

vs. vehicle spacing & convoy velocity



7: Perimeter Violation Sensing



Task

- Alert on violation of perimeter
- Ignore activity outside of perimeter (distractors)
- Identify violator type and track location

Challenges

- Filter out distractor
- Respond quickly while minimizing quiescent activity

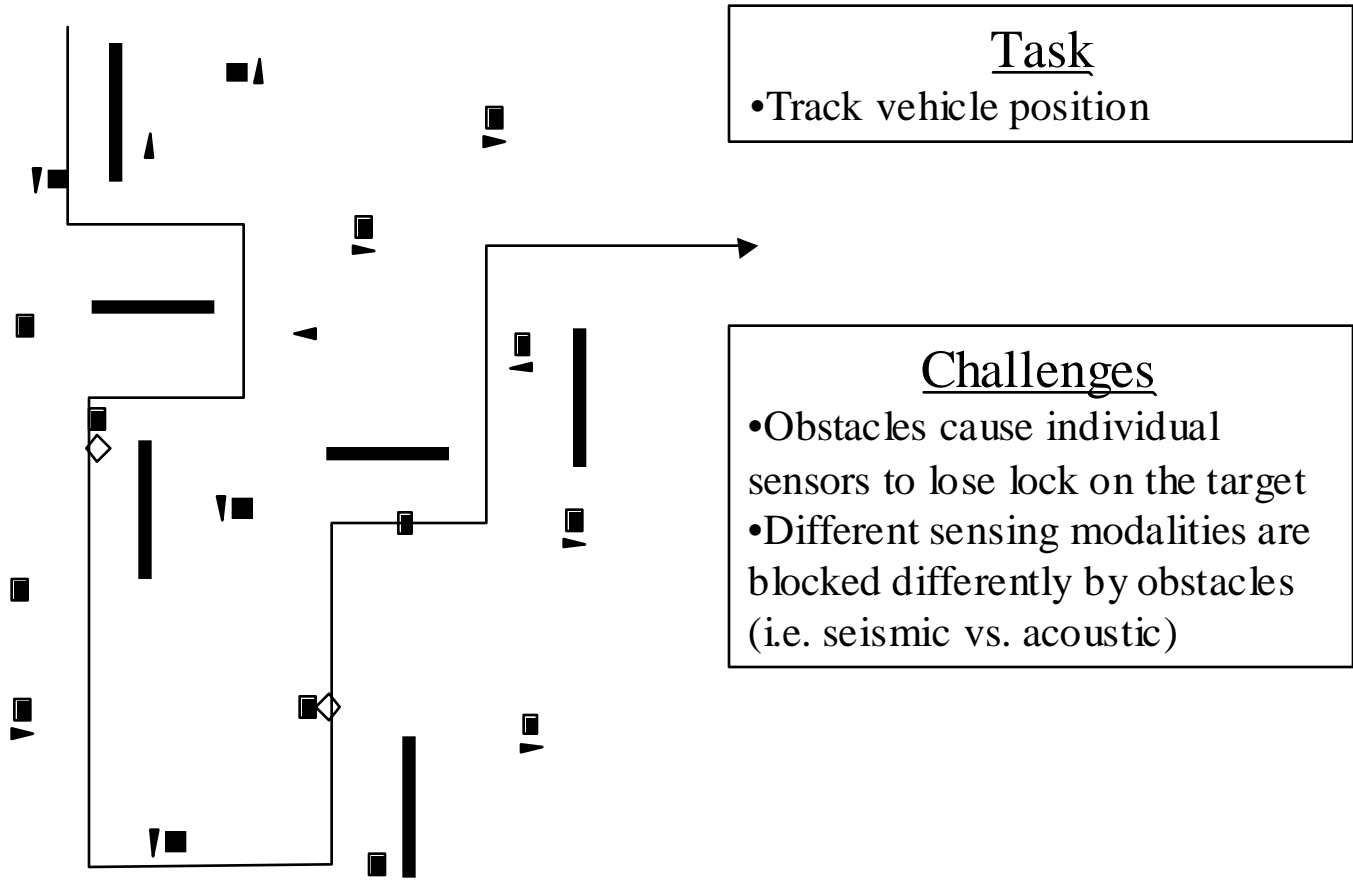
Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Detection delay
- Power usage during periods of no violation
- Frequency of false positives

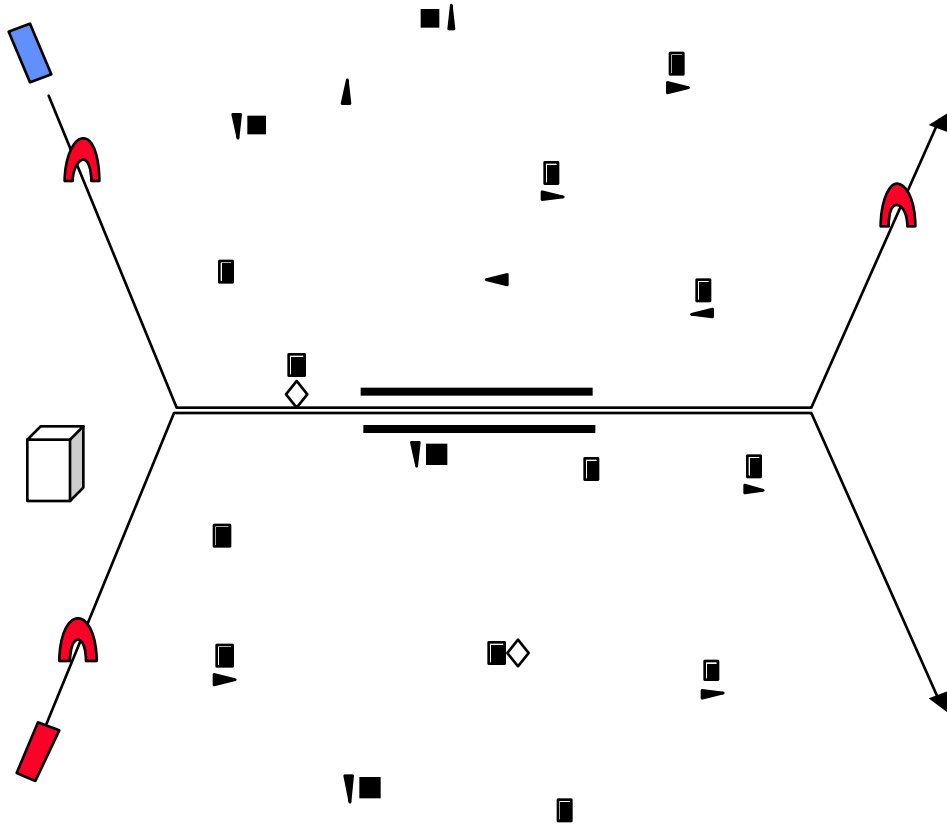
all vs. distractor/violator
source amplitude ratio



8: Tracking in an Obstacle Field



9: Road Junction Merge/Split on Localized One-Time Sensor



Targets can only be distinguished from each other by magnetometers (shown), which give one-time “red/blue” output when the vehicle passes over them.

Task

- Track targets
- Maintain target identities
- Re-establish identity of both targets when right-hand magnetometer is crossed

Challenges

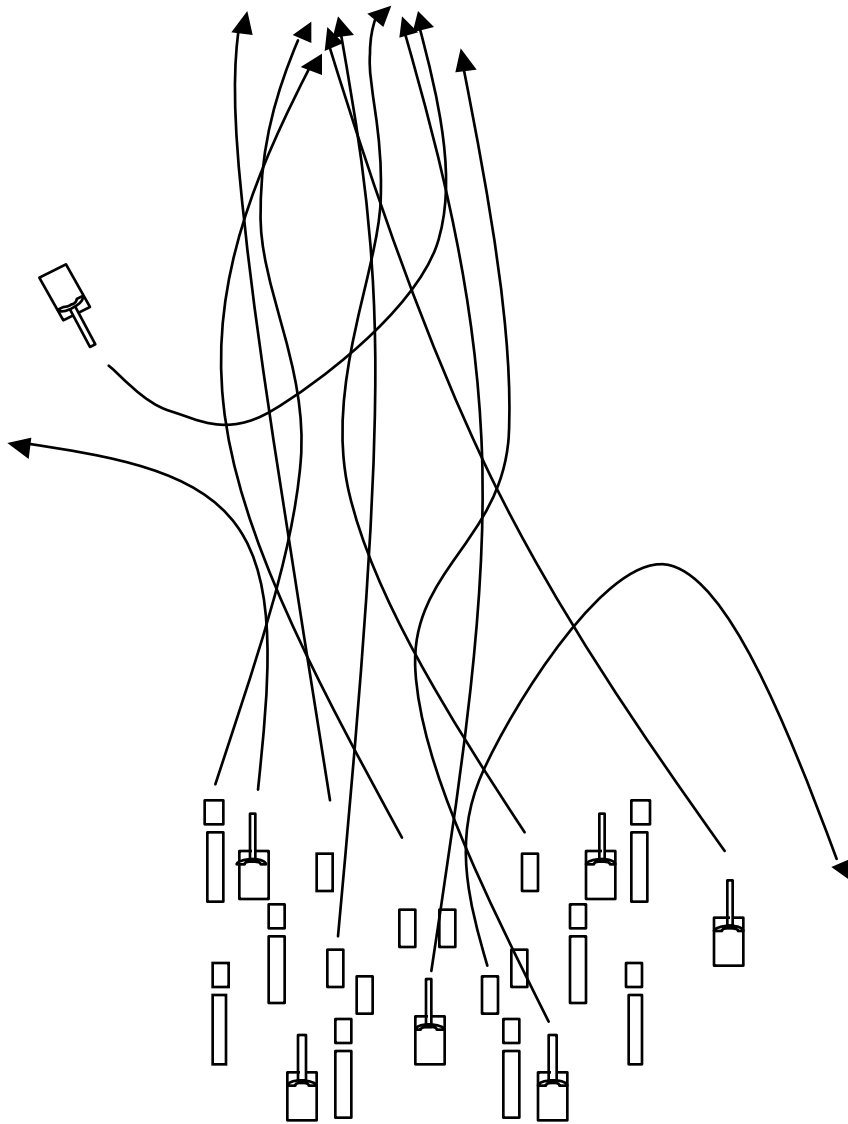
- Need to conserve number and type of targets as they pass through tunnel.
- Need to reason about targets – Seeing blue at top right mag. guarantees red at bottom.

Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Time to propagate data from RHS magnetometer to red car in the lower RHS



10. Cluster Behavior



Task

- Track cluster centroid
- Keep count of vehicles in cluster adjusting as some leave and join

Challenges

- Large number of targets
- Coalescing many similar targets, limiting exponential hypothesis blowup
- Measuring global properties of cluster (centroid, count) rather than properties of single target

Task-Specific Benchmarks

- Maximum number of targets which can be handled simultaneously
- Centroid accuracy