Marvelmind Indoor Navigation System
Operating manual

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1. Version changes

V2019_05_27
- IMU axis positioning fixed
- Troubleshooting improvements
- Minor fixes and improvements

V2019_05_16
- Introduction of the Legend
- Added missing video on page 34
- Minor fixes and improvements

V2019_04_30
- DFU programming described
- Magnetic reset for Industrial beacons and DFU programming described
- Minor fixes

V2019_04_04
- Starting up the system description for different Starter Sets (NIA, Industrial NIA and IA)
- Sending path to robot described

V2019_03_18
- Starting up the system description for different Starter Sets

V2019_02_05
- Licenses described
- Minor fixes and improvements

V2019_01_29
- Mini-RX Inverse SW flashing described
- Added new types of beacons
- Minor fixes and improvements

V2019_01_12
- Mini-RX beacon and Mini-TX described
- IMU axis described
- Minor fixes and improvements

V2018_12_02
- Major new feature – support for 255 beacons and 255 submaps per modem
- New feature: user must setup handover zones between submaps to guarantee handover quality for complex maps with multi-floor and similar
- New feature: default wireless connection is setting is now 153kbps (used to be 38kbps).
  Radio profile 153kbps provides radio coverage range nearly as much as 38kbps and update rate nearly as high 500kbps, i.e. it is a middle of 38kbps and 500kbps, combining the best of both
- Correction: USB streaming in power save mode improved
- Correction: Zero IMU button in the Dashboard is improved, while button Reset IMU is removed completely
- Correction: ultrasound TX is not reset to 31kHz when Default button is pressed. Now, several types of ultrasonic frequencies supported, so 31kHz is not anymore a default ultrasonic frequency for all beacons
- Improved: both energy saving and tracking quality with Power Saving mode enabled
- Improved: only beacons with selected tick in the Dashboard lower menu will be accepted to the network – not any addresses. This improves predictability of the network, when there many beacons that may not belong to the network. Their attempts to join the network will be blocked
- Improved: now, submaps support up to 4 beacons only. More than that – build another submap. Up to 255 beacons and up to 255 submaps are supported per beacon
- Bug fix: improved map building with active hedgehog
- Bug fix: duplicated address might work incorrectly in some cases

V2018_11_08
- Real-time player feature described

V2018_08_30
- New SW features described
- New Dashboard view described

V2018_08_03
- Calibration of accelerometer described
- F.A.Q. updated
- Troubleshooting guide described
- Refreshed links
- Player feature described
- IMU feature described
- Minor fixes

V2017_12_29
- SW features paragraph updates
- General updates
- Sending path to robot
- Radio frequency band switch in latest Dashboard version
- Sending path to robot
- Paired beacons feature described
- Submap feature help video
- Different hedgehog colors in the Dashboard
- FAQ updates

V2017_11_01
- Added Sensors settings
- Added Dashboard features
- FAQ
- Fresh Dashboard screenshots
- General updates

V2017_09_08
- Added estimation of accuracy of distances measurement
- Added Raw inertial sensors data
- Added Communication of Pixhawk with Marvelmind mobile beacon
- Added Optimal settings for stationary beacons in small and big rooms
- Added Optimal settings for noisy environment

V2017_07_20
- Cleaned up description and some corrections were added
- Description of HW v4.5 removed from this manual and given in the previous version of the manual, which can be found here: http://www.marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind_navigation_system_manual_HW_v4.5.pdf
- Description of HW v4.9 added
- Introduced plastic housing for beacons and modem
- Introduced 915MHz variant for the US market (HW v4.9 only)
- General updates and description improvements
- Submaps described
- HEX and DFU firmware general updates + new links
- Obtaining raw data from inertial sensors
- Settings to get correction north direction
2. Executive summary

Marvelmind Indoor Navigation System is an off-the-shelf indoor navigation system, designed to provide precise (±2cm) location data to autonomous robots, vehicles (AGV), and copters. It can also be used to track moving objects via mobile beacons attached to them. Other applications include, for example, forklifts, virtual reality (VR) systems, helmets for construction workers or miners, etc.

The navigation system consists of a network of stationary ultrasonic beacons interconnected via radio interface in a license-free band, one or more mobile beacons installed on objects to be tracked and modem providing gateway to the system from PC or other computers.

Mobile beacon’s location is calculated based on a propagation delay of an ultrasonic pulses (Time-Of-Flight or TOF) between stationary and mobile beacons using trilateration algorithm.

The system can build the map of stationary beacons automatically (For Non-Inverse Architecture). In simple cases, no additional manual data input or any manual distance measurements are required. This map formed once can be frozen and stored in modem’s memory and the system becomes fully active within 7 to 10 seconds after the modem is powered.

Minimum configuration requirements (Non-Inverse Architecture) to ensure optimal performance of the Marvelmind Indoor Navigation System:

- For 3D (X, Y, Z) tracking: an unobstructed line of sight (hearing) between a mobile beacon and 3 or more stationary beacons within 30 meters
- For 2D (X, Y) tracking - an unobstructed line of sight (hearing) between a mobile beacon and 2 or more stationary beacons within 30 meters
Key capabilities:

<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Technical Specifications</th>
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<tr>
<td>Distance between beacons</td>
<td>- Reaches up to 50 meters in lab conditions (Mini-RX beacon to HW v4.9 with RX4 only) &lt;br&gt; - Recommended distance is 30 meters (Transducer4 on the first beacon is looking straight at the Transducer4 on the second beacon, other transducers are switched off)</td>
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<td>Coverage area</td>
<td>- Reaches up to 1000 m² with the Starter Set configurations &lt;br&gt; - Coverage for larger territories is provided using submap — similar to cells in cellular networks</td>
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<td>Location precision</td>
<td>- Absolute: 1–3% of the distance to the beacons &lt;br&gt; - Differential precision: ±2 cm</td>
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<td>Location update rate</td>
<td>- 1/20Hz to 25Hz (Ultrasonic based only) &lt;br&gt; - 100Hz with ultrasonic + IMU fusion enabled &lt;br&gt; - Can be set manually via Dashboard software &lt;br&gt; - Depends on the distance between mobile and stationary beacons (shorter distance—higher update rate) &lt;br&gt; - Depends on the number of mobile beacons (Non-Inverse Architecture; for Inverse Architecture no such dependency) &lt;br&gt; - Depends on the radio profile (500kbps vs. 38kbps) &lt;br&gt; - Slightly depends on the number of stationary beacons—dependence is not the same as for mobile beacons</td>
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<td>Power supply</td>
<td>Internal: 1000mAh LiPo battery (HW v4.9) &lt;br&gt; - Battery lifetime: from 2 days to several months depending on the mode of operations  &lt;br&gt; *For other types of beacons look to the comparison table</td>
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<td>External: micro USB – recommended for permanent use</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>Mobile beacon (HW v4.9) from the starter set:</td>
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<td>- 59 grams (including 1000mAh battery, HW v4.9 housing and 50mm antenna) &lt;br&gt; - 27 grams (HW v4.9, bare board w/o battery)</td>
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<td>Beacon size</td>
<td>Size: 55x55x33 mm (with 50mm antenna: 55x55x65mm) (HW v4.9)</td>
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2.1 Legend

![Important](image)
3. Basics of the system

3.1 What’s in the box

3.1.1. HW v4.9 Starter Set:
- 4 x Stationary beacons (HW v4.9)
  - 1 x Mobile beacon (HW v4.9) (aka “hedgehog”)
  - 1 x Modem/Router

* Starter set includes beacons without IMU. All pictures shown are for illustration purposes only. Actual product may vary due to product enhancement. Characteristics are the same or better unless stated otherwise.

3.1.2. Mini-RX Starter Set:
- 4 x Mini-RX beacons
  - 1 x Mobile beacon (HW v4.9) + IMU (aka “hedgehog”)
  - 1 x Modem/Router

*This is just an example of two starter sets. More options you can see on our site: Products
3.2 Indoor Navigation System architectures

Marvelmind Indoor Navigation System provides high-precision (±2cm) indoor coordinates for autonomous robots and systems (“indoor GPS”). A brief description of the key elements of the system is given on the scheme below.

Below you can see 2 types of architectures: Non-Inverse (NIA) and Inverse (IA): SW DIFFERS

Non-Inverse Architecture

- **Stationary beacons:**
  - Mounted on walls or ceilings
  - Measure distance to other beacons using ultrasonic pulses (time-of-flight)
  - Communicate with router wirelessly in ISM band

- **Mobile beacon:**
  - Installed on robot and interacts with it via UART or SPI or I2C or USB
  - May contain IMU (accelerometer + gyroscope + compass module)
  - Streams out location update up to 100Hz

- **Submaps:**
  - Advanced feature that allows building independent maps/clusters of beacons in separate rooms and thus covering large buildings (with area of thousands of m2) similar to cellular network coverage

- **Router/modem:**
  - Central controller of the system
  - Calculates position of mobile beacon up to 45 Hz
  - Communicates via USB/Virtual UART with Dashboard or robot

Inverse Architecture

- **Stationary beacon:**
  - Mounted on walls or ceilings
  - In Inverse system beacon belongs to the same submap should have different ultrasonic frequency
  - Communicate with router wirelessly in ISM band

- **Mobile beacon:**
  - Installed on robot and interacts with it via UART
  - Receives location update from router up to 45 times per second
  - Contains IMU (accelerometer + gyroscope + compass module)
  - Update rate doesn’t depend on the number of mobile beacons unlike in Non-Inverse Architecture
  - Distance from mobile beacon and stationary should be ≤50m

- **Submaps:**
  - Advanced feature that allows building independent maps/clusters of beacons in separate rooms and thus covering large buildings (with area of thousands of m2) similar to cellular network coverage
  - In Inverse Architecture every submap shouldn’t have beacons with repeating ultrasonic frequency
  - Available frequencies: 19, 25, 31, 45, 56 kHz

- **Router/modem:**
  - Central controller of the system
  - Calculates position of mobile beacon up to 45 Hz
  - Communicates via USB/Virtual UART with Dashboard or robot

Here you can see the differences between architectures: [Architectures comparison](#)
3.3 Indoor “GPS” System close-up and internal view

Here, you can see how system elements look like
- HW v4.9 beacon (without housing)
- HW v4.9 modem (without housing)

- Mini-RX beacon

- Mini-TX

- HW v4.9 beacon with Mini-TX size comparison
- Beacon Industrial-RX

- Beacon Industrial-TX
4. System elements

4.1 Stationary beacon

- Usually, mounted on the walls or ceilings above the robot with ultrasonic sensors facing down—to provide the most robust unobstructed ultrasonic signal coverage to the robot. However, for automatic landing and indoor navigation of copters, for example, it is recommended to install mobile beacon horizontally on the belly of the copter so that the beacon would be looking downwards.

- The position and orientation of the beacons should be chosen in a way that provides maximum ultrasonic signal coverage. System efficacy strongly depends on the quality of ultrasonic signal received by stationary beacons.

- Stationary beacons emit and receive ultrasound during the map configuration period. Once the map is formed and frozen, they only work as the receivers.

- Stationary beacons have no exterior differences with regard to mobile beacons.

- Inertial measurement unit (IMU) is not installed on the stationary beacons.

- The mobile and stationary beacons can be easily interchanged by selecting corresponding option (except for IMU) during configuration in the Dashboard.

- There are 433MHz and 915MHz versions available. A proprietary radio protocol is used for communication and synchronization. Other ISM bands are available upon request as well.

- Stationary beacon can be equipped with full-size 165mm antenna (for 433 MHz), which provides more robust radio connection between modem and beacons (for HW v4.9).
4.2 Mobile beacon a.k.a. “hedgehog”

- The mobile and stationary beacons can be easily interchanged by selecting the option in the Dashboard.

- The mobile beacons designed to be placed on a robotic vehicle, copter/drone, AGV, or helmet to trace its location. Formally speaking, location of the mobile beacon is traced—not the robot itself. Since the sizes and the location of the central point of the mobile beacon and the robot are different, the difference taken into account in the robot’s software (SW)

- It is recommended to place the mobile beacon horizontally to provide optimal ultrasonic coverage in the upper hemisphere.

- Its sensors must not be covered with anything that can reduce the strength of ultrasonic signal. For example, the system won’t normally work, if one puts the mobile beacon in a plastic box.

- The beacon’s coordinates are updated according to the rate set on the Dashboard.

- The system may contain one or several mobile beacons. Current implementation relies on a time-division multiple access approach. Thus, if two mobile beacons are activated, they share the same system bandwidth. It means that, if the 16 Hz update rate is selected in the Dashboard and there are 2 mobile beacons in the system, each beacon’s location will be updated with the rate of 16Hz/2 ~ 8Hz. If there are 3 mobile beacons => 16Hz/3 ~ 5Hz, etc. Future SW implementation may contain different solution that will improve update rates in setups with multiple mobile beacons.

- Location data is obtained either from the “hedgehog” via USB (virtual UART), UART, SPI, or from the modem/router via USB (virtual UART). More information on interfaces can be found here (Mini-RX beacon do not have pinouts, only over micro-USB).

- Data from the beacon sent in a streaming format identical to that of GPS (NMEA 0183).

- There are 433MHz and 915MHz (915/868MHz only for Mini-RX beacon) versions available. Proprietary radio protocol is used for communication and synchronization.

- The “hedgehog” has been successfully integrated with Windows PC, Linux machines, Raspberry Pi, Arduino boards, Intel boards, etc.
4.3 Modem/router

- Modem is the central controller of the system. It must be powered at all times when the Navigation System is working. It is recommended to use an active USB hub for that purpose or even a regular cellular phone USB power supply. A USB power bank can also be used.

- The modem is also used to set up the system, monitor it, and interact with the Dashboard.

- It can be placed anywhere within radio coverage for permanent radio connection with all beacons—usually in the radius of up to 100 meters with antennas from the Starter Set.

- Radio coverage further extended to a few hundred meters by using a lower bitrate of 38kbps and full-size (165mm for a 433MHz band) antennas, which have been tested to provide up to 400 m in ideal conditions.

- There are 433MHz and 915MHz versions available.

- A proprietary radio protocol used for communication and synchronization between modem and beacons.
4.4 Different types of beacons

1) HW v4.9 beacon

HW v4.9 beacon can be used in both the Non-Inverse Architecture (NIA) and in the Inverse Architecture (IA): [NIA and IA comparison](#)
2) Mini-RX beacon

The Mini-RX Beacon can be used in both the Non-Inverse Architecture (NIA) and in the Inverse Architecture (IA): [NIA and IA comparison]

The Mini-RX beacon HW differs from the regular Beacon HW v4.9 in several ways:

- It is an RX-only beacon, i.e. it can receive, but it cannot transmit ultrasonic signal
- The fact that it is RX-only makes it far more sensitive, i.e. you will get a longer range between Beacon HW v4.9 and Mini-RX v5.xx than between Beacon HW v4.9 and Beacon HW v4.9
- Mini-RX beacon can receive any ultrasonic frequency from the bands: 19kHz, 25kHz, 31kHz, 37kHz, 45kHz, 56kHz. The filter can be simply selected in the Dashboard. At the same time, the working ultrasonic frequency of Beacon HW v4.9 is HW-defined by ultrasonic sensors and can’t be changed
- Mini-RX beacon can receive several ultrasonic frequencies at once. That is used in Inverse Architecture. See the comparison: [NIA and IA comparison]
- The Mini-RX Beacon is significantly smaller than Beacon HW v4.9
- The Mini-RX Beacon can work with regular Beacons HW v4.9 in any combination as a part of a Starter Set or as a part of navigation systems and it is a superior RX-only replacement to HW v4.9. At the same time, since it is RX-only beacon, the Beacons HW v4.9 are here to stay as universal dual-use beacons
- The product is smaller than a regular beacon
- Can play a role of stationary beacon when imputing coordinates manually
- Can play a role of mobile beacon (in inverse system)
- Has digital microphone, which is more sensitive than regular sensors
- Can’t emit ultrasound
- Light weighted
- Can be water-protected
- The component of the Marvelmind Helmet and Marvelmind Watch

Mini-RX beacon may be over discharged. In that case do the following:

- Turn off the beacon with DIP switches and charge it for 1 hour. Then turn the beacon on, flash the latest SW via DFU Programming and charge it for 1 hour again
3) **Mini-TX beacon**

The Mini-TX is a TX only beacon, i.e. it can transmit, but cannot receive ultrasound

Comparison to Beacon HW v4.9:

- Smaller size and lighter: 47x42x15mm & 25g vs. 55x55x33mm & 62g (or 55x55x64mm with antenna)
- TX only, i.e. Mini-TX can only transmit ultrasonic and cannot receive. Beacon HW v4.9 is dual-use: can receive and transmit ultrasonic
- Battery – 250mAh vs. 1000mAh in a regular beacon. But Mini-TX has a new more efficient ultrasonic TX module, thus, battery lifetime in TX mode is even superior to the Beacon HW v4.9
- Tested battery lifetime with 8Hz – 96h. With lower update rate – nearly proportionally longer. Very efficient ultrasonic TX module
- Mini-TX has only USB (virtual UART) output – no additional pins
- Mini-TXs always have embedded IMU – newer and better, but it has 3D accelerometer and 3D gyroscope, but no magnetometer (which we do not recommend to use indoors anyway, due to magnetic field distortion indoor)
- Embedded antenna – smaller size, but smaller radio coverage ~50m with regular Modem HW v4.9 as compared with ~100m of Beacon HW v4.9 with Modem HW v4.9
- Range in ultrasonic is virtually on par with regular Beacon HW v4.9 – up to 30m with Beacon HW v4.9 as RX beacon. At the same time, for example, a combination of Mini-RX RX beacon + Mini-TX TX provide a better coverage and a stronger signal, than Beacon HW v4.9 + Beacon HW v4.9
- This HW is for the 915MHz band (US band) only, i.e. 433MHz (EU band) is not supported and not planned. Future HW versions will support another ISM band for the EU – 868MHz. With further limitation of radio coverage, this HW (the 915MHz version) can be used for the 868MHz band already now
4) **Beacon Industrial-TX**

- TX-only beacon – can transmit ultrasonic, but can’t receive it
- Electronics is IP67 protected
- Special IP67-protected 25-kHz transducers
- External antenna with SMA connector for extended radio range
- Corresponding IP67 connectors (male part) included
- No battery inside
- Extended working temperature range from -40°C to +50°C (not tested, provided by design)
- Embedded reset switch and DFU switch – magnetic control
- Two IP67 external connectors:
  - RS485 modification pinouts
  ![RS485 modification pinouts](image)
  - CAN modification pinouts
  ![CAN modification pinouts](image)
  - Can work together with modems with corresponding radio (radio bands must match)
  - Can work with any Mini-RX beacon or Beacon HW v4.9 with 25kHz ultrasonic sensors (radio bands must match)
  - Most of all designed to work together with Outdoor versions of Mini-RX beacons: Mini-RX “watch” HW v5.xx and heavy outdoor Beacon-RX-iP67 (radio bands must match)
  - Up to 30m with Beacon Mini-RX+IMU+Outdoor
  - Optional external IP67 converter ~110/220V to +12V

*Produced on request. Lead time – several days.*
5) Beacon Industrial-RX

- RX-only beacon – can receive ultrasonic, but can’t transmit it
- Electronics is IP67 protected
- Special IP67-membrane for ultrasonic sensor
- External antenna with SMA connector for extended radio range
- Corresponding IP67 connectors (male part) included
- No battery inside by default – external power bank or external power supply (+12V or +5V). But, optional variant with internal battery is possible
- Two IP67 external connectors:
  RS485 modification pinouts
  ![RS485 Modification Pinouts](image1)
  CAN modification pinouts
  ![CAN Modification Pinouts](image2)

- Extended working temperature range from -40°C to +50°C (not tested, provided by design) – only for the version without battery
- Embedded reset switch and DFU switch – magnetic control
- Can work together with modems with corresponding radio (radio bands must match)
- Supports wide range of ultrasonic frequencies: 19/25/31/37/45/56 kHz
- Most of all designed to work together with heavy-outdoor version Beacon-TX-25-IMU-IP67-RS485 – up to 30m range in ultrasonic
- Range in radio – up to a few hundred meters in open space with full-size antennas
- Optional external IP67 converter ~110/220V to +12V

*Produced on request. Lead time – several days
4.5 Beacon comparison

Here you can see more details about the different types of beacons:
5. Setting up the system (NIA)

5.1 Starter Set HW v4.9

The steps below describe the very first time you set up of the system. Beacons HW v4.9 and modem required.

5.1.1 Unpack the system. Watch the help video: https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_6Sk

5.1.2 Charge all the beacons using USB cable. Full charging takes about 1-2 hours

5.1.3 Turn the beacons on: Place DIP switches as shown on the picture below

5.1.4 Download SW Pack
5.1.6 Update all the beacons (HEX programming):

- Run the Dashboard and update the SW for all beacons and modem using Dashboard => Firmware => Choose the file => Program

- If you see the message “Not found modem connection to computer through USB” in the Dashboard or your PC does not recognize beacons/modem, it usually means that the STM32 driver is not installed. To install the driver, download it with link at top window in the Dashboard and run the installation file, then click on the link under and install the driver.

Ensure that:

(a) You are programming the modem’s SW to the modem and the beacon’s SW to the beacon

(b) You are using SW for HW v4.9, if you have HW v4.9; and you have the SW from the same SW pack, i.e., the Dashboard SW, modem SW, and beacon SW must be from the same SW pack. Don’t mix SW releases

If you have some problems with HEX programming, use DFU programming.

DFU programming or SW uploading is used when HEX SW uploading in the Dashboard cannot be used. For example, when you are updating from a very old SW version or when the SW includes major changes to the system and the only possible way to update the SW is via DFU programming.

- After the DFU SW upgrade, future SW upgrades can be done in a regular manner via the Dashboard

- To start programming, move the beacon’s DIP switch to the DFU programming mode, as described in the paragraph on DIP switch modes

- Download the latest SW package, unzip it, and select the proper version of the SW for your HW and for your frequency variant. Remember that for DFU programming, you should use DFU SW (DfuSe), not Dashboard’s .hex file

- Download DfuSe

- Here you will find different versions of DfuSe, v3.0.4 or v3.0.5, whichever works the best for your Windows: DfuSe v3.0.4 or DfuSe v3.0.5
DFU Programming:
- Put DIP switch into $Power = ON, \ DFU = ON$
- Connect the beacon via USB to your PC
- Run DfuSe
- Press the **RESET** button on your beacon
- In the upper left corner of the DfuSe program, you will see a device connected in the DFU mode
- Choose the DFU driver (file) for the beacon

- Click the **UPGRADE** button
- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the beacon. Make sure it takes 1–3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the “Choose” button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW you selected
- Move the DIP switch into $Power = ON, \ DFU = OFF$
- Start the Dashboard and press the **RESET** button on the beacon
- Check SW on the beacon afterwards
- Everything should be OK with SW now. DFU programming is complete

- Follow the same scenario for the modem:
- Here is the link for the modem DFU programming. The steps are similar to those for beacon DFU programming
After uploading DFU driver by DfuSe short circuit holes temporarily as shown on the picture (for v4.9) press **UPGRADE** button in the DfuSe program

After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the modem. Make sure it takes 1-3 seconds and does not happen immediately. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the "Choose" button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW to a different one

Disconnected the short circuit

Start the Dashboard and press **RESET** button

If you experience difficulties in DFU programming, please try the following:

- Use a different computer with a different version of Windows or another operating system
- Install a different DfuSe version (whichever works best with your Windows)

If you have uploaded the latest firmware for all of the boards, you can start to activate the system:

5.1.7 While the beacon or modem is connected to the Dashboard, click the **DEFAULT** button on the Dashboard to upload the default settings

5.1.8 Write down the beacon’s address for future use or change the address at your convenience as shown here
5.1.9 Press the RESET button on your beacons and modem after programming

5.1.10 After programming devices with the latest software, the modem and beacons are ready for use

5.1.11 Place the stationary beacons on the walls vertically in a way that will provide optimal ultrasonic coverage. It is recommended that you start with a simple 4m x 6m room or so and place the stationary beacons on the opposite walls at a height of 1.85m (default). After familiarizing yourself with the system, more complex configurations can be made. The help video can be found here

5.1.12 Connect the modem/router via USB to a Windows PC with the Dashboard installed

5.1.13 Run the Dashboard. In the left corner of the Dashboard, the modem should be shown as connected

5.1.14 Wake up all beacons by selecting them on the Dashboard panel

*Only 4 stationary beacons may be in 1 submap. If you wake up more beacons, create new submap for them or it won’t be displayed on the map and in the table of distances.*

5.1.15 It may take up to 7-10 seconds for the beacons to wake up

5.1.16 Notice, that if the modem is not active and is not powered, the beacons will go into sleep mode automatically after 1 minute

5.1.17 The system may run the frequency search, if it is the very first time you are waking up the beacons. If this step does not work, disconnect the modem and connect that beacon again via USB. Press the DEFAULT button in the Dashboard and the Read All button to make sure that the radio settings are the default ones

5.1.18 Check that the radio settings on the modem and the radio settings on the beacon are the same

5.1.19 Now you can check the height of the beacons, RSSI, radio channel, threshold, etc. on the panel on the right corner of the
In the current version one modem supports 255 beacons. If you do not see some of your connected beacons on the map, you may need to scroll to find their addresses.

Double click on the device both to put it into sleep mode and to wake it up.

The map will form and zoom in automatically.

If the map does not form well, check the table of distances in the left corner of the Dashboard. The cells must be colored in white; it means the distances between stationary beacons are measured correctly.

If you see in the table some empty cells or marked yellow/red, it is an indication that distances between some beacons are measured inconsistently or not measured at all. Try to re-position them because usually there is an obstruction of some sort in the between the beacons. It also may be different height of beacons’ position. Reset all these beacons.
5.1.25 Use View => Table of distances to monitor the measured distances between beacons

5.1.26 Freeze the map by clicking the button. Stationary beacons will stop measuring relative distances and will be ready to measure distance from the mobile beacon(s)

5.1.27 Turn on and wake up the mobile beacon following the same steps as with the stationary beacon. More details in our video: https://youtu.be/A4aRsjiH2-E

5.1.28 If you see on the devices’ panel in the Dashboard that the beacon is colored orange, it means there are some differences in some of the settings between beacons. For example, some sensors may be off or some ultrasonic or radio settings may be different. You can change the settings for sensors manually by clicking on the panel on the upper right corner of the Dashboard to change the cells from gray to green to turn on sensor. It is recommended that the default settings on all beacons and the modem are used if this is your first time using the system.

5.1.29 After you freeze the map of stationary beacons, wake up the mobile beacon. After it wakes up, it will be traceable within 5-7 seconds.

5.1.30 The system is now fully operational.
5.1.31 In the dashboard, you can upload a picture / map of your room. You can use a different picture for every floor. Go to Loading the floorplan.
5.2 **Starter Set NIA-01**

The steps below describe the very first time you set up the system. Mini-RX, HW v4.9 beacons and modem required.

Mini-beacons have different HW and SW from HW v4.9. Use Mini-beacon’s SW for Mini-beacons, HW v4.9’s SW for HW v4.9

5.2.1 Unpack the system. Take a look at a similar unpacking video of HW v4.9. The videos have certain differences but the basic are the same: [https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_6Sk](https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_6Sk)

5.2.2 Charge all the beacons using USB cable. Full charging takes about 1-2 hours

5.2.3 Turn the beacons on (Valid for HW v4.9. Mini-RX beacons are permanently ON): Place DIP switches as shown on the picture below (For HW v4.9)

5.2.4 Download **SW Pack**

5.2.5 Update all the beacons:

- Run the Dashboard and update the SW for all beacons and modem using **Dashboard => Firmware => Choose the file => Program**
If you see the message “Not found modem connection to computer through USB” in the Dashboard or your PC does not recognize beacons/modem, it usually means that the STM32 driver is not installed. To install the driver, download it through the link in the top window in the Dashboard and run the installation file, then click on the link under and install the driver.

Make sure that that:

a. You are programming the modem’s SW to the modem and the beacon’s SW to the beacon

b. You are using SW for 4.9, if you have HW v4.9; and you have the SW from the same SW pack, i.e., the Dashboard SW, modem SW, and beacon SW must be from the same SW pack. Don’t mix SW releases.

If you have some problems with HEX programming, use DFU programming:

DFU programming or SW uploading is used when HEX SW uploading in the Dashboard cannot be used. For example, when you are updating from a very old SW version or when the SW includes major changes to the system and the only possible way to update the SW is via DFU programming.

- After the DFU SW upgrade, futures SW upgrades can be done in a regular manner via the Dashboard.

- To start programming, move the beacon’s DIP switch to the DFU programming mode, as described in the paragraph on DIP switch modes (DIP switch in Mini-RX and Mini-TX situated inside the body. Carefully disassemble the body to access it.)

- Download the latest SW package, unzip it, and select the proper version of the SW for your HW and for your frequency variant. Remember that for DFU programming, you should use DFU SW (DfuSe), not Dashboard’s .hex file.

- Download DfuSe

- Here you will find different versions of DfuSe, v3.0.4 or v3.0.5, whichever works the best for your Windows: DfuSe v3.0.4 or DfuSe v3.0.5.

DFU Programming:

- Put DIP switch into Power = ON, DFU = ON (DIP switch in Mini-RX and Mini-TX situated inside the body. To switch it, carefully disassemble the body)

- Connect the beacon via USB to your PC

- Run DfuSe

- Press the RESET button on your beacon

- In the upper left corner of the DfuSe program, you will see a device connected in the DFU mode.
- Choose the DFU driver (file) for the beacon

- Click the **UPGRADE** button

- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the beacon. Make sure it takes 1–3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the “Choose” button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW you selected

- Move the DIP switch into **Power = ON, DFU = OFF**

- Start the Dashboard and press the **RESET** button on the beacon

- Check SW on the beacon afterwards

- Everything should be OK with SW now. DFU programming is complete

- Follow the same scenario for the modem:

  - Here is the [link](#) for the modem DFU programming. The steps are similar to those for beacon DFU programming

  - After uploading DFU driver by DfuSe short circuit holes temporarily as shown on the picture (for v4.9) press **UPGRADE** button in the DfuSe program

  - After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the modem. Make sure it takes 1-3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the “Choose” button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW to a different one

- Disconnect the short circuit
If you have uploaded the latest firmware for all of the boards, you can start to activate the system:

5.2.6 While the beacon or modem is connected to the Dashboard, click the DEFAULT button on the Dashboard to upload the default settings.

5.2.7 Write down the beacon’s address for future use or change the address at your convenience as shown here.

5.2.8 Press the RESET button on your beacons and modem after programming.

5.2.9 After programming devices with the latest software, the modem and beacons are ready for use.

5.2.10 Place the stationary beacons on the walls vertically in a way that will provide optimal ultrasonic coverage. It is recommended that you start with a simple 4m x 6m room or so and place the stationary beacons on the opposite walls at a height of 1.85m (default). After familiarizing yourself with the system, more complex configurations can be made. The help video can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOce7B2_6Sk

5.2.11 Connect the modem/router via USB to a Windows PC with the Dashboard installed.

5.2.12 Run the Dashboard. In the left corner of the Dashboard, the modem should be shown as connected.

5.2.13 Wake up all beacons by selecting them in the Dashboard on the panel.

5.2.14 It may take up to 7-10 seconds for the beacons to wake up.

5.2.15 Notice, that if the modem is not active and is not powered, the beacons will go into sleep mode automatically after 1 minute.
5.2.16 The system may run the frequency search if it is the very first time you are waking up the beacons. If this step does not work, disconnect the modem and connect that beacon again via USB. Press the DEFAULT button in the Dashboard and the Read All button to make sure that the radio settings are the default ones.

5.2.17 Compare the radio settings on the modem and the radio settings on the beacon. They must be the same.

5.2.18 Now you can check the height position of the beacons, RSSI, radio channel, threshold, etc. on the panel on the right corner of the Dashboard.

5.2.19 In the current version one modem supports 255 beacons. If you do not see some of your connected beacons on the map, you may need to scroll to find their addresses.

5.2.20 Double click on the device to put it into sleep mode or wake it up.

Only 4 stationary beacons may be in 1 submap. If you wake up more beacons, create a new submap for them, otherwise it will not be displayed on the map and in the table of distances.

5.2.21 Build the map:

RX beacons cannot build the map automatically, manual inputting of the coordinates is required.

Step 1. Open the Dashboard. You will see the table of distances.

Step 2. Use right mouse click on cell you want to enter the distance. Additional menu will open. There you can control the table of distances. Choose Enter distance for pair to enter the value.

Step 3. Now, enter measured (measure it with laser distance meter or so) value. That values would not change until you unfreeze or clear it. Even if beacons had been moved, distance would stay. Be careful with frozen cells because a small mistake can cause a significant impact on your tracking.

Step 4. Repeat for all cells.
5.2.22 Freeze the map by clicking the button. Stationary beacons will stop measuring relative distances and will be ready to measure distance from the mobile beacon(s).

5.2.23 Turn on and wake up the mobile beacon following the same steps as with the stationary beacon: https://youtu.be/A4aRsJH2-E

5.2.24 If you see on the devices’ panel in the Dashboard that the beacon is colored orange, it means there are some differences in some of the settings between beacons. For example, some sensors may be off or some ultrasonic or radio settings may be different. You can change the settings for sensors manually by clicking on the panel on the upper right corner of the Dashboard to change the cells from gray to green to turn on sensor. It is recommended that the default settings on all beacons and the modem be used if this is your first time using the system.

5.2.25 After you freeze the map of stationary beacons, wake up the mobile beacon. After it wakes up, it will be traceable in 5-7 seconds.

5.2.26 The system is now fully operational.
5.3  **Starter Set Industrial-NIA-01**

The steps below describe the first set up of the system.

This is a Non-Inverse Architecture. You can find the description and comparison of architectures [here](#).

Pay attention: Industrial beacons have different HW and SW from HW v4.9. It has different connectors, reset and DFU activation. Read more on [Industrial beacon page](#).

Industrial beacons have no battery, use power supply cable.

**Use Industrial beacon’s SW for Industrial beacons, v4.9 for v4.9.**

5.3.1 Unpack the system. Take a look at the similar unpacking video of HW v4.9. They are different, but have some similar basics: [https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_65k](https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_65k)

5.3.2 You do not have to charge Industrial beacons; they have no battery.

5.3.3 You do not have to turn it on - Industrial beacons are permanently ON.

5.3.4 Download **SW Pack**

5.3.5 Update all the beacons:

- Run the Dashboard and update the SW for all beacons and modem using Dashboard => Firmware => Choose the file => Program

  ![Dashboard Firmware Update](image)

- If you see the message “Not found modem connection to computer through USB” in the Dashboard or your PC does not recognize beacons/modem, it usually means that the STM32 driver is not installed. To install the driver, download it with link
at top window in the Dashboard and run the installation file, then click on the link under and install the driver.

Ensure that:

(c) You are programming the **modem's SW to the modem** and the **beacon's SW to the beacon**

(d) You are using SW for 4.9, if you have HW v4.9; and you have the SW from the same SW pack, i.e., the Dashboard SW, modem SW, and beacon SW must be from the same SW pack. Don’t mix SW releases

If you have some problems with HEX programming, use DFU programming:

DFU programming or SW uploading is used when HEX SW uploading in the Dashboard cannot be used. For example, when you are updating from a very old SW version or when the SW includes major changes to the system and the only possible way to update the SW is via DFU programming

- After the DFU SW upgrade, futures SW upgrades can be done in a regular manner via the Dashboard

- Industrial beacons have magnetic DFU mode and reset

- Download the latest **SW package**, unzip it, and select the proper version of the SW for your HW and for your frequency variant. Remember that for DFU programming, you should use DFU SW (DfuSe), not Dashboard’s .hex file

- Download DfuSe

- Here you will find different versions of DfuSe, v3.0.4 or v3.0.5, whichever works the best for your Windows: DfuSe v3.0.4 or DfuSe v3.0.5

DFU Programming:

- Activate DFU mode and reset the beacon (Industrial beacons have magnetic DFU mode and reset). Place first magnet (any strong and modern magnet) to the right side of the beacon (Step 1). After that, place second magnet to the left side of the beacon and remove it in a second, just to reset it (Step 2)
- Connect the beacon via USB to your PC
- Connect power supply cable to your beacon
- Run DfuSe
- In the upper left corner of the DfuSe program, you will see a device connected in the DFU mode
- Choose the DFU driver (file) for the beacon

![DfuSe Demo (v3.0.5)](image)

- Click the **UPGRADE** button
- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the beacon. Make sure it takes 1–3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the "Choose" button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW you selected
- Start the Dashboard
- Reset the beacon again
- Check SW on the beacon afterwards
- Everything should be OK with SW now. DFU programming is complete.

**DFU Programming for the modem:**

- Here is the link for the modem DFU programming. The steps are similar to those for beacon DFU programming.

- After uploading DFU driver by DfuSe short circuit holes temporarily as shown on the picture (for v4.9) press **UPGRADE** button in the DfuSe program.

- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the modem. Make sure it takes 1-3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the "Choose" button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW to a different one.

- Disconnect the short circuit.

- Start the Dashboard and press **RESET** button.

If you have uploaded the latest firmware for all of the boards, you can start to activate the system:

5.3.6 While the beacon or modem is connected to the Dashboard, click the **DEFAULT** button on the Dashboard to upload the default settings

5.3.7 Write down the beacon’s address for future use or change the address at your convenience as shown here

5.3.8 Press the **RESET** (Industrial beacons have magnetic re button on your beacons and modem after programming

5.3.9 After programming devices with the latest software, the modem and beacons are ready for use

5.3.10 Place the stationary beacons on the walls vertically in a way that will provide optimal ultrasonic coverage. It is recommended that you start with a simple 4m x6m room or so and place the stationary beacons on the opposite walls at a height of 1.85m (default). After
familiarizing yourself with the system, more complex configurations can be made. The help video can be found here.

5.3.11 Connect the modem/router via USB to a Windows PC with the Dashboard installed.

5.3.12 Run the Dashboard. In the left corner of the Dashboard, the modem should be shown as connected.

5.3.13 Wake up all beacons by clicking on the buttons in the Dashboard on the panel.

5.3.14 It may take up to 7-10 seconds for the beacons to wake up.

5.3.15 Notice, that if the modem is not active and is not powered, the beacons will go into sleep mode automatically after 1 minute.

5.3.16 The system may run the frequency search, if it is the very first time you are waking up the beacons. If this step does not work, disconnect the modem and connect that beacon again via USB. Press the DEFAULT button in the Dashboard and the Read All button to make sure that the radio settings are really the default ones.

5.3.17 Compare the radio settings on the modem and the radio settings on the beacon. They must be the same.

5.3.18 Now you can check the height position of the beacons, RSSI, radio channel, threshold, etc. on the panel on the right corner of the Dashboard.

5.3.19 In the current version one modem supports 255 beacons. If you do not see some of your connected beacons on the map, you may need to scroll to find their addresses.

5.3.20 Double click on the device to put it into sleep mode or wake it up.

Only 4 stationary beacons may be in 1 submap. If you wake up more beacons, create new submap for them. Or it won’t be displayed on the map and in the table of distances.

5.3.21 Build the map:

RX beacons are not possible to build the map automatically, so you have to build it manually.

Step 1. Open the Dashboard. You will see the table of distances.

Step 2. Use right mouse click on cell you want to enter the distance. Additional menu will open. There you can control the table of distances. Choose Enter distance for pair to enter the value.
Step 3. Now, enter measured (measure it with laser distance meter or so) value. That values would not change until you unfreeze or clear it. Even if beacons had been moved, distance would stay. Be careful with frozen cells because a small mistake can cause a huge impact on your tracking.

Step 4. Repeat for all cells.

5.3.22 Freeze the map by clicking the button. Stationary beacons will stop measuring relative distances and will be ready to measure distance from the mobile beacon(s).

5.3.23 Turn on and wake up the mobile beacon following the same steps as with the stationary beacon: https://youtu.be/A4aRsjH2_E

5.3.24 If you see on the devices’ panel in the Dashboard that the beacon is colored orange, it means there are some differences in some of the settings between beacons. For example, some sensors may be off or some ultrasonic or radio settings may be different. You can change the settings for sensors manually by clicking on the panel on the upper right corner of the Dashboard to change the cells from gray to green to turn on sensor. It is recommended that the default...
settings on all beacons and the modem be used if this is your first time using the system

5.3.25 After you freeze the map of stationary beacons, wake up the mobile beacon. After it wakes up, it will be traceable within 5-7 seconds

5.3.26 The system is now fully operational
6. Setting up the system (IA)

6.1 Starter Set IA-01

The steps below describe the very first time you set up of the system. Mini-RX-beacon, HW v4.9 beacons and modem required.

This is Inverse Architecture. Beacons HW v4.9 should have different frequencies. Use IA Software ONLY.

6.1.1 Unpack the system. Take a look at the similar unpacking video of HW v4.9. They are different, but have some similar basics: https://youtu.be/sOce7B2_6Sk

6.1.2 Charge all the beacons using USB cable. Full charging takes about 1-2 hours

6.1.3 Turn the beacons on (DIP switch in Mini-RX and Mini-TX situated inside the body. To switch it, carefully disassemble the body): Place DIP switches as shown on the picture below

6.1.4 Download SW Pack

6.1.5 Update all the beacons:
Run the Dashboard and update the SW for all beacons and modem using **Dashboard => Firmware => Choose the file => Program**

If you see the message “Not found modem connection to computer through USB” in the Dashboard or your PC does not recognize beacons/modem, it usually means that the STM32 driver is not installed. To install the driver, download it with link at top window in the Dashboard and run the installation file, then click on the link under and install the driver.

Ensure that:

(e) You are programming the modem’s SW to the modem and the beacon’s SW to the beacon

(f) You are using SW for 4.9, if you have HW v4.9; and you have the SW from the same SW pack, i.e., the Dashboard SW, modem SW, and beacon SW must be from the same SW pack. Don’t mix SW releases

If you have some problems with HEX programming, use DFU programming:

DFU programming or SW uploading is used when HEX SW uploading in the Dashboard cannot be used. For example, when you are updating from a very old SW version or when the SW includes major changes to the system and the only possible way to update the SW is via DFU programming:

- After the DFU SW upgrade, futures SW upgrades can be done in a regular manner via the Dashboard

- To start programming, move the beacon’s DIP switch to the DFU programming mode, as described in the paragraph on **DIP switch modes**

- Download the latest **SW package**, unzip it, and select the proper version of the SW for your HW and for your frequency variant. Remember that for DFU programming, you should use DFU SW (DfuSe), not Dashboard’s .hex file

- Download DfuSe

- Here you will find different versions of DfuSe. v3.0.4 or v3.0.5, whichever works the best for your Windows: **DfuSe v3.0.4** or **DfuSe v3.0.5**

DFU Programming:
- Put DIP switch into **Power = ON, DFU = ON** (DIP switch in Mini-RX and Mini-TX situated inside the body. To switch it, carefully disassemble the body).

- Connect the beacon via USB to your PC.

- Run DfuSe.

- Press the **RESET** button on your beacon.

- In the upper left corner of the DfuSe program, you will see a device connected in the DFU mode.

- Choose the DFU driver (file) for the beacon.

- Click the **UPGRADE** button

- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the beacon. Make sure it takes 1–3 seconds and does not happen instantly. Otherwise, the SW has not been uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the "Choose" button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW you selected

- Move the DIP switch into **Power = ON, DFU = OFF**

- Start the Dashboard and press the **RESET** button on the beacon

- Check SW on the beacon afterwards

- Everything should be OK with SW now. DFU programming is complete

Follow the same scenario for the modem:

- Here is the [link](#) for the modem DFU programming. The steps are similar to those for beacon DFU programming.
- After uploading DFU driver by DfuSe short circuit holes temporarily as shown on the picture (for v4.9) press UPGRADE button in the DfuSe program.

- After a couple of seconds, the DFU will be uploaded to the modem. Make sure it takes 1-3 seconds and does not happen immediately. Otherwise, the SW has not uploaded correctly. If the DFU appears to upload immediately, check the "Choose" button you used or change the version of DfuSe SW to a different one.

- Disconnect the short circuit.

- Start the Dashboard and press RESET button

If you have uploaded the latest firmware for all of the boards, you can start to activate the system:

6.1.6 While the beacon or modem is connected to the Dashboard, click the DEFAULT button on the Dashboard to upload the default settings.

6.1.7 Write down the beacon’s address for future use or change the address at your convenience as shown here.

6.1.8 Press the RESET button on your beacons and modem after programming.

6.1.9 After programming devices with the latest software, the modem and beacons are ready for use.

6.1.10 Place the stationary beacons on the walls vertically in a way that will provide optimal ultrasonic coverage. It is recommended that you start with a simple 4x6m room or so and place the stationary beacons on the opposite walls at the same height.

6.1.11 Connect the modem/router via USB to a Windows PC with the Dashboard installed.

6.1.12 Run the Dashboard. In the left corner of the Dashboard, the modem should be shown as connected.

6.1.13 Wake up all beacons by clicking on the buttons in the Dashboard on the panel.
6.1.14 It may take up to 7-10 seconds for the beacons to wake up.

![Image showing beacon status and options]

6.1.15 Notice, that if the modem is not active and is not powered, the beacons will go into sleep mode automatically after 1 minute.

6.1.16 The system may run the frequency search, if it is the very first time you are waking up the beacons. If this step does not work, disconnect the modem and connect that beacon again via USB. Press the DEFAULT button in the Dashboard and the Read All button to make sure that the radio settings are really the default ones.

6.1.17 Compare the radio settings on the modem and the radio settings on the beacon. They must be the same.

6.1.18 Now you can check the height position of the beacons, RSSI, radio channel, threshold, etc. on the panel on the right corner of the Dashboard.

6.1.19 It is possible to manage 255 beacons simultaneously. In current version one modem supports 255 beacons. If you do not see some of your connected beacons on the map, you may need to scroll to find their addresses.

**Only 4 stationary beacons may be in 1 submap. If you wake up more beacons, create new submap for them. Or it won’t be displayed on the map and in the table of distances.**

6.1.20 Build the map:

RX beacons are not possible to build the map automatically, so you have to build it manually

Step 1. Open the Dashboard. You will see the table of distances.

Step 2. Use right mouse click on cell you want to enter the distance. Additional menu will open. There you can control the table of distances. Choose **Enter distance for pair** to enter the value.
Step 3. Now, enter measured (measure it with laser distance meter or so) value. That values would not change until you unfreeze or clear it. Even if beacons had been moved, distance would stay. Be careful with frozen cells because a small mistake can cause a huge impact on your tracking.

Step 4. Repeat for all cells.

6.1.21 Freeze the map by clicking the button. Stationary beacons will stop measuring relative distances and will be ready to measure distance from the mobile beacon(s).

6.1.22 Turn on and wake up the mobile beacon following the same steps as with the stationary beacon: https://youtu.be/A4aRsijH2-E

6.1.23 If you see on the devices’ panel in the Dashboard that the beacon is colored orange, it means there are some differences in some of the settings between beacons. For example, some sensors may be off or some ultrasonic or radio settings may be different. You can change the settings for sensors manually by clicking on the panel on the upper right corner of the Dashboard to change the cells from gray to green to turn on sensor. It is recommended that the default
settings on all beacons and the modem be used if this is your first time using the system.

6.1.24 After you freeze the map of stationary beacons, wake up the mobile beacon. After it wakes up, it will be traceable in 5-7 seconds.

6.1.25 The system is now fully operational.
7. Dashboard menu and parameters

7.1 Dashboard general view

- This picture shows the Dashboard's general interface and items' positions
7.2 Table of distances

Table of distances shows the measured distance between all beacons. The map and its graphical visualization depends on distances, which is a very important part of the system.

There are two ways of measuring:

1) Measuring by ultrasound (automatic)
2) Measuring by user (manual)

*Measuring by ultrasound is impossible for Mini-RX beacons
*In noisy cases and cases with long distances it is better to use manual input

1) Measuring by ultrasound:
   
   - In most cases, the system builds the table of distances automatically. If everything is good, there would be figures in cells, they would be changing a little; the color of each cell would be white

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   - If color differs, check the colors’ definitions (next page) and solve the problem
   - Freeze the map only if cells are white

2) Measuring by user (necessary for Mini-RX beacons and noisy cases):
   
   - Use manual input if table of distances didn’t build. It may happen if environment is very noisy, or distances are very huge
   - In that case, cells’ color would be green
   - Be careful with figures because a small mistake in the values will cause mistakes in location

   How to freeze/enter distance manually:

   Step 1. Open the Dashboard. You will see the table of distances

   Step 2. Use right mouse click on cell you want to freeze/enter. Additional menu will open. There you can control the table of distances. Choose **Freeze distance for pair** to freeze it
Step 3. Now, cells are frozen. That values would not change until you 
unfreeze it. Even if beacons had been moved, distance would 
stay. Be careful with frozen cells because a small mistake can 
cause a huge impact on your tracking

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Freeze distance for pair
Freeze average for pair
Don’t use distance
Freeze all
Unfreeze all
Enter distance for pair
Clear cell

Step 4. Repeat for all cells

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- White means that everything is good, you can freeze the map
- Yellow means that something seems to be wrong, check distances and sensors before freezing
- Red means some critical misses, **DO NOT freeze the map**. Manually measure and enter distances
- Green means frozen distance, you can freeze the map, but be careful with values
7.3 Devices list

Devices list contains information about all the beacons in the system. It also allows to search, add and delete it.

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Devices in this section are divided into two types:

1) Stationary beacon (beacon)
   - Devices list allows user to manage devices
   - Use double click to put beacon into sleep mode

2) Mobile beacon (hedge)
   - Press right mouse button and additional menu will open
   - There you can:
     - Remove beacon from current submap
     - Remove beacon from the whole network
     - Manually setup coordinates (x, y, z)

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2) Mobile beacon (hedge)
   - Press right mouse button and additional menu will open
   - There you can:
     - Remove beacon from the network
     - Setup movement path
     - Upload zones (allowed and denied)
     - Manually setup coordinates (x, y, z)
7.4 Visualization settings

Visualization settings window has some functions to control visualization process:
- Clear map – clear all movement path
- Dots timeout – time of path’s existence (Video: Help: Dots timeout)
- Dots size mode – size of dots
- Save screenshot – files saves to Dashboard’s folder/screenshots
- Freeze screen – The map freeze, no updates of the path
7.5 Map Settings

Map Settings offer some helpful tools:

- **Save map** – saves map as `.ini` file into **Dashboard folder/maps**
- **Load map** – loads map from `.ini` format file
- **Erase map** – erases map and clears it
7.6 Modem/beacon's quick control panel

Control panel allows user to interact with devices. It can work with one device, or with all devices in the system.

List of functions:
- **Reset** – Resets device
- **Sleep** – Send device asleep (battery economy mode)
- **Wake up** – Wakes up device (from sleeping mode)
- **Default** – Drops all device’s settings to factory default
- **Time sync** – Sends time from your PC to hedgehog (for stream it out via UART)

Additional Ctrl feature:
To apply action to all beacons in the system, use **Ctrl + left mouse click** on button. Applicable only for buttons that turn **bold** while Ctrl is pressed.
7.7 Modem Settings

This bar allows user to adjust devices very precisely. It contains a lot of parameters for advanced usage.

Modem Settings

- **Unique processor ID for each device (beacon or modem)**

- **Location update rate settings:** 1/20Hz – 16Hz+. Notice that real update rate may be limited by distances between beacons or radio profile

- **Internal filter.** More – faster objects can be tracked. Less – better filtering against location jumps

- **Set of power saving features.** May not work in all settings or all SW releases. Keep disabled, if unsure

- **Averaging between location update measurements.** More value – less location jitter, but higher latency

- **Filter of distances (as opposed to filter of locations).** More – better filtering, but may be too conservative and “kill” good measurements

- **Keep Enabled normally.** Switch to cm for backward compatibility

- **If map is frozen, new beacons will be accepted in the map, if enabled**

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Enabling will allow direction along with location:
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**Selected radio profile with a set of profile settings.** Choose between 38kbps (better range and interference immunity, but slower); 153kbps – balanced; and 500kbps – the fastest, but the lowest radio range and least immune to interference.

**Logical address of the device.** Distinguish of beacon from another.

**One of a predefined radio frequency channels.**

**Modulation – a part of the radio profile. Only for advanced users.**

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- **Unique CPU ID**: Enable for mobile beacon and disable for stationary beacon
- **TBD**: Measured voltage of internal battery
- **NA**: Height – must be set for stationary beacons. Must also be set for mobile beacons in 1D or 2D modes
- **Time from the latest reset**:
Processor’s crystal’s temperature

Strength of the radio signal from this beacon to the modem, i.e., how the modem “hears” the beacon over radio. Keep below -25dBm and above -80...90dBm to avoid losses of packets. Lower end depends on radio profile and interference.

Select radio frequency band according to your HW: 433MHz or 915MHz

Real carrier frequency

Selected device’s address

Selected radio channel

TBD
### Calibration settings of embedded IMU:

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- **Real carrier frequency**
- **Radio profile** that is linked with many radio settings below. Helps to set them at once by choosing the profile. See similar in modem for more info
- **Device address** – shall be set for each beacon different under one modem
- **One of the pre-selected frequency channels**
- **Radio profile settings. No need to change manually. Only for advanced users**
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### Internal Settings

- **Power saving features. If not sure, keep default**
- **TBD**
- **Frequency of ultrasonic pulses – set according to your HW**
- **50% - default. 1% … 99% lower strength of ultrasonic. Keep default**
- **Number of ultrasonic pulses the TX beacon emits. More – stronger, but longer echo. For small distances – 1-10 periods. 20-30 – for 10-20 meters. For 20+ m – 50 periods**
- **Internal settings**
- **Automatic or manual gain control. Manual can be useful in special conditions: too high external audio noise, for example**
### AGC settings. For advanced users only

- **AGC desired level (0...1800.0)**: -500
- **AGC hysteresis (10...2000)**: 130
- **AGC step, dB (1...20)**: 3
- **Mode of threshold**: automatic
- **Minimum threshold (-10...-2000)**: -50
- **Threshold to noise, dB (3...100)**: 6
- **Signal detection**: by ADC
- **Periods for detector (3...50)**: 5
- **Min. speed of rise, LSB/cm (0.5...127.0)**: 5.0
- **Min. overrise for new front (0...200)**: 10
- **Coef. of estimated front quality (0...200)**: 8
- **Maximum line gradient down, % (0...200)**: 0
- **Maximum triple deviation, % (0...250)**: 150
- **Maximum points to skip (0...5)**: 2

### Deep ultrasonic trigger settings. For special cases only

- **Keep ADC**

### TBD

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Enable/disable sensor RX3 in map building mode
Enable/disable sensor RX4 in map building mode
Enable/disable sensor RX5 in map building mode
Enable/disable sensor RX1 in map frozen/regular work mode
Enable/disable sensor RX2 in map frozen/regular work mode
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**Interfaces**

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*Enable or disable receiving IMU+ultrasonic sensor fusion data with IMU update rate (100Hz)*

*Enable or disable receiving raw IMU data with IMU update rate (100Hz)*

**Georeferencing**

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*The same as with modem*

**Misc. settings**

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<td>Sleep with external power</td>
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**Hedgehogs pairing**

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<td>Pairing mode</td>
<td>no pairing</td>
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*Enable for Paired Beacons feature: https://youtu.be/aBWUALT3WTO*
7.8 **CEILLING and MIRRORING buttons on the Dashboard**

- The **MIRRORING** button allows the map to be displayed as a mirror reflection.

- The **CEILING** button shows where the mobile beacon is located with respect to the stationary beacons.

- When the arrow points up, it means that the mobile beacon is below the stationary beacons.

- When the arrow points down, it means that the mobile beacon is **above the stationary beacons**.
7.9 Radio frequency band and Carrier frequency

- For beacons and modems 433 MHz allowable Radio bands 315 and 433,
- For beacons and modems 915 MHz allowable Radio bands 868 and 915, but when using antennas at 433 MHz it is possible to use both 315 and 433 MHz

*Mini-RX beacons are 868/915MHz only*
7.10 Different hedgehog colors in the Dashboard

You can choose any color for your hedge, but it still has some permanent colors, which inform you about some tracking issues:

- **Blue** - normal mode and confident tracking
- **Orange** - system provides the best location data possible, but confidence is lower than blue
- **Transparent Blue** - lost radio packets
- **Transparent Orange** – weak ultrasonic coverage
8. SW feature/settings descriptions

8.1 Licenses

We added the licenses system. Now, you can order some additional features. It is not available in the basic Dashboard version, but you can easily purchase it if necessary. You can see the list on Marvelmind.com -> Products.

To order:
- Go to Marvelmind.com -> Products
- Choose features which you want to get (e.g. MMSW0001: 100Hz NMEA0183)
- Make an order.
- Pay for the feature (via PayPal or other methods).
- Order the feature via the Dashboard by providing modem's CPU ID or send us email with the modem's CPU ID:
  - Open Dashboard SW
  - Connect modem to the Dashboard via USB
  - Go to Licenses -> View/activate licenses
    - Choose the licenses which you have purchased.
    - Press Order licenses.
- Dashboard will generate a text

![License Key Generation Image]

- Send generated text to info@marvelmind.com

- We will generate the license key and send to you via email
- Place the license key into Dashboard/Licenses folder:
  - Connect modem to the Dashboard via USB
  - Go to **Licenses → View/activate licenses**
  - Choose "Open license key"
  - Choose the license file (be careful if you have licenses for multiple devices, check CPU ID carefully)

- The features become activated in the Dashboard.
8.2 Floors feature (FN0011)

The general view

Floor feature allows to build complicated multi-level maps. Every submap correspond some height, height corresponds to floors.
**Floor Settings**

- Every floor has its own adjustable height and its own floor plan.

- Use right mouse button on the floor area to see an additional menu. There you can change floor's height. You can also insert your floorplan for that floor (.png, .jpeg, .bmp, .tiff).

Floor 4 and 5 are enabled:
Floor 5 is enabled:

Floor 4 is enabled:

Loading the Floorplan
- Right mouse button click on the floor -> Load floorplan -> Choose file (.png, .jpeg, .bmp, .tiff).
- When the picture is loaded, you can drag the beacons to the points where they are actually located. After dragging two beacons, the picture with beacons will be combined in scale.
8.3 Submap Settings

Every submap has its own settings. To correspond your submap to a certain floor you need to adjust the height:

- To open that settings, use left mouse button on the submap icon -
- Change Submap Z shift value

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<tr>
<td>Starting set of beacons</td>
<td>0; 0; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3D navigation</td>
<td>enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Only for Z coordinate</td>
<td>disabled</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limitation distances</td>
<td>manual</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum distance, m (1..100)</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submap X shift, m (-320.00..320.00)</td>
<td>0.00</td>
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<td>Submap Y shift, m (-320.00..320.00)</td>
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<td>Hedge's height in 2D mode, m (-320.00..320.00)</td>
<td>1.35</td>
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8.4 Axis rotation feature (FN0002)

General view

Axis extension allows user to rotate the map. There are 90° gaps between views. It helps in case of multifloor tracking, when it is important to have a side view.

There are 3 directions of view:

- To change view, click on the icon

Example of views:

Y, X

X, Y
Vertical submap is a new feature for drone flights or some other specific cases. It gives the user an opportunity to get solid Z data for vertical movement.

Example: The drone flight

How to build vertical submap for stable Z:

1) For this configuration you need 6 stationary beacons.
2) Place 4 beacons on the ground, facing each other. (make a square, where the edge points are beacons, looking in the center)

3) Place two beacons high on a wall

4) Turn on RX4 only for beacons on the ground and RX4 and RX2 for beacons on the wall

5) Build the first submap (horizontal) consisting of all ground beacons

6) Change **Limitation distance** to **manual** and input the value in the submap’s settings

7) Freeze and lock it

8) Build the second submap (vertical) horizontally consisting of two wall beacons and two ground beacons (neighboring with wall beacons)

9) Now, freeze it

10) Press axis rotation button

11) Click on the axis you want to rotate your submap along (when you point the cursor on the axis, it became visible and pink-colored)

12) Enter the corner value (90° usually)
13) Choose submap 2 and enable “Only for Z coordinates” mode

14) Change **Limitation distance** value

15) Change views and check the map

16) Wake up mobile beacon

17) Track
8.6 Handover Zones Setting

User must setup handover zones between submaps to guarantee handover quality for complex maps with multi-floor and similar.

**How to setup handover zones:**

- Choose any submap

  ![Diagram showing handover zone setup]

  - Use **Alt + Left mouse click** on the other submap’s service zone border (neighboring)
  - Now, neighboring service zones are colored with green (dark green for chosen submap and light green for neighboring submaps)
Submaps feature (FN0004)

Submaps is a very powerful feature that allows building large maps (full business center, factory, warehouse with total area of 10,000..300,000 or more) based on smaller submaps (30..1000m2).

A submap is a part of the map. It includes a subset of used beacons covering part of the navigation area. Current version of Marvelmind system can include up to 10 submaps. Please also check our help video.

Follow these steps:

Step 1. Choose the beacons which will be added to certain submap0…submapN
Step 2. Connect the modem and put all the beacons into sleeping mode
Step 3. Click “erase map” button for removing some current settings of beacons and submaps
Step 4. Wake up all the beacons which should be served by submap0
Step 5. Wait a little for map will automatically build. If needed use mirroring function
Step 6. Freeze the submap
Step 7. Add the new submap by clicking “+” button. New submap is automatically chosen as active
Step 8. Wake up the beacons which should be served by submap1. By default, all the beacons are served by the last unfrozen submap
Step 9. If the new submap should include beacons which are at the moment served by previous submaps (intersected submaps) click on each beacon, then right-mouse-click=>Add to current submap
Step 10. If the new submap has 1 or 2 common beacons with previous submaps, it will settle as a part of the already built map. Two common beacons give a tight binding. If there is only one common beacon it’s possible to drag and drop the submap. If submaps do not have common beacons it is needed to drag and drop the selected submap using the mouse and holding down the CTRL button. Rotation of submap can be executed by using the mouse wheel
Step 11. Align submaps using M1/M2 parameter
Step 12. Set Service Zones for each submap
Starting submaps

- Hedgehogs do not belong to any submap and can move between sub-map areas. Hedgehogs can be served by multiple submaps at the same time. By default, the map consists of a single submap (Submap0).
- After adding new beacons to the system (waking them up), they appear in the first not frozen submap or in Submap0 if all beacons are frozen.
- Pressing the “+” button will add a new empty submap to the system.

- Press the button with the submap number (Submap0, Submap1 etc.) to select the corresponding submap.
- In this state, if the modem button is pushed, the list of parameters on the right side represents some of the parameters of the selected submap, for example, “Starting beacon trilateration,” “Starting set of beacons,” etc.
- The system after adding beacons to the Submap0, adding new submap and the selection of Submap0

- Now we have 4 beacons, all in Submap0 (it can be seen near the table of distances)

- When the submap selected, the context menu of beacons buttons (available by right clicking the mouse) have the functions of adding and removing the beacons from the submap. In the picture above, we are removing beacon 3 from Submap0.” Then we switch to Submap1 and add this beacon to the submap

- When the submap is selected, the beacons that do not belong to the submap are colored gray. In the same way, continue with removing beacon 10 from Submap0 and adding it to Submap1

- Now there are two beacons in Submap1, so this submap is built. “Submap 0” is built as well. Now we can freeze both submaps
- Pressing the “freeze map” button when the submap is selected will only freeze the selected submap. Pressing the “freeze map” button when the modem button is selected will freeze all submaps.

- Now we have two good submaps, but they are not correctly located relative to each other. On the right side exist the parameters of shift and rotation for the selected submap; they can be filled in by hands. But a more user friendly way is to drag and drop the selected submap using the mouse and holding down the CTRL button.

- Rotation of submap can be executed by using the mouse wheel. The mirroring button can also be used; it affects only submaps that are selected.

- After some movement, rotation, and mirroring of submaps, we can locate the submaps close to their real relative location

- Now the system is ready to use; we can wake up and track the mobile hedgehog

- In some cases the hedgehog can be lost between the submaps if this area is not covered by any of the submaps.
- Submaps can be removed from the system by using the context menu of the submap selection button (available with a right mouse click) M1/M2 parameter used for precise superposing submaps which do not have common beacons. This means that submaps cannot be aligned automatically.

To align submaps:

1. Build the system like in previous instruction (1-11)
2. Put M2 in mode on by clicking the icon. Place the hedgehog near the boundary between two submaps. You will see 2 orange hedgehogs blinking, this is how the hedge is seen in two submaps
3. To align submaps correctly (CTRL + scroll/drag) against each other, until the orange mobile beacons are fully overlapped
4. Replace hedgehog to 1 or 2 points and repeat replacing submap for better superposing
The next step is to set Service zones, which are zones where tracking is possible. If a mobile beacon is out of a service zone it cannot be tracked. If you built a complicated map, you have to make service zones correctly. Service zones must be crossing in order to provide correct and glide tracking.

**How to create a service zone:**

- Right mouse button on the submap icon -> Service zone

  ![Service zone menu](image)

- The service zone menu will open

  ![Service zone window](image)

  - Use **SHIFT + Left mouse button** on the map to create point.

  ![Creating a point](image)

  - Use **SHIFT + Left mouse button** on the point to delete it.

  ![Deleting a point](image)

  - Put points around submap, move them to provide service area for current submap. Service areas will cross each other. If hedgehogs get lost between two submaps expand the service area.

  ![Service area](image)
8.8 Paired beacons (FN0005)

- Two hedgehogs can be paired and work together as a single beacon without update rate reduction.
- Moreover, each beacon streams out in this mode not only its own location, but direction where the pair is facing. This feature hugely simplifies autonomous driving and flight. Here is an updated protocol with the changes.
- Please, also check our help video.

Follow these steps:

1. Wake up stationary beacons and freeze the map
2. Wake up two hedgehogs which were pre-installed on robot/copter/drone
3. Choose one beacon and go to “Pairing mode” parameter and activate
4. Write the “Address of paired beacon”, means number of the beacon, current selected hedgehog is paired with
5. Now choose location against center in parameters relatively the second beacon
6. Go to “Base of the pair” parameter and write actual distance between paired hedgehogs. Do the same for 2nd hedgehog.
8.9 Map settings

Save Map/Load Map feature and buttons are active now. You can build a very complex map with submaps and save all settings for the map, submaps, and all beacons including their ultrasonic gain, triggers, etc.
If you have multiple mobile beacons you can give each one its own color to make them recognizable on the map.

**How to change hedgehog color:**

- **Right mouse button** click on the hedge in the list of devices → **Setup color**
Choose any color which suits you and press **OK**

Now, the hedgehog and its tracking path will be colored
8.11 Payload streaming (FN0007)

- Mobile beacon streaming user payload to modem. See the table with speed vs. payload

- All measurements were made with update rate setting 16 Hz. Real update rate is limited by distance, radio profile and payload data size.
8.12 IMU feature (FN0008)

- This function allows to increase data update rate received from ultrasound beacon with IMU due to sensor fusion up to 100 Hz, using inertial sensors (accelerometer, gyroscope).

Required:
- Starter set
- Hedgehog with IMU
- SW and firmware version 5.85 or newer
- Ultrasound Update rate 4Hz or higher

Setup IMU feature:
Accelerometer calibration
- Before you start use the feature check whether accelerometer has been calibrated
- Check if hedge was not calibrated before. Was damaged or fall down
- Put hedgehog on a flat surface (antenna directs up) and connect to your PC. Run the Dashboard

Go to view => Accelerometer calibration in open window click autofill and clear table.
After all values will refresh. Next, click Pause (shift + space)
Then take the beacon (hedgehog) and tilt it to each side towards the ground (about 6 times). Rotate a little. You need to achieve x y z values:

- When antenna directs down $z = -1000$
  $\Rightarrow$ antenna directs up $z \approx 1000$

- So, one of the axis values always will be $-+1000$. Others $\leq 10$ (preferably less 10, but 25 is also permissible)

- Every time before calibrating the hedgehog click **Pause**

- Accelerometer calibrator will choose the best value for each axe. At the end click **Calibrate** and close the window

- Calibration is needed to determine $g$ value for each accelerometer axe

Start the system:

Setup the system as usual. It is described in paragraph Setting up the system.

After the ultrasound tracking has started, select the hedgehog in the Dashboard, go to menu **Interfaces** (on the right) and enable **Processed IMU data**. After that, it is recommended to bring the hedgehog to real estate and press the ZERO IMU button (right-bottom) for additional sub-calibration of the gyro. After 5 seconds the hedgehog will begin streaming the processed IMU data.

**Using Data in the Python Library Example:**

Description of the protocol for streaming data: (link)

To work with data, you need to use some ready-made library, or develop your own software tools that can work with the described protocol.

Our company provides ready-made libraries for working with IMU in the following languages:

- python (link)
- c ++ (link)
- java (link)

An example with 3D imaging of a path on IMU with a frequency of 100Hz in real time, here: [https://marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind-imu-tracker.zip](https://marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind-imu-tracker.zip).
8.13 IMU axis positioning

HW v4.9 IMU axis positions

Mini-TX IMU axis positions

Mini-RX beacon IMU axis positions
8.14 Player feature (FN0009)

This function is used to view the distance passed, the flight of the copter, etc. The player displays statistics on the maximum and average speed, the path traveled.

1. Go to **File=>player**

![Image of player interface]

2. This is how the starting player menu looks like

   - **Select log** – opens save log file
   - **Play** – launch the player
   - **RAW** – if clicked, player shows raw data
   - **Smooth** – if clicked, player shows smooth data
3. Now log is loaded. **Important:** for recording log file click **Save map** for saving all the beacons locations and attaching all the beacons to the log.

At the top of the player you can see 5 outputs:

- **Starting Log**
- **Start of Playback**
- **Currently Playing**
- **End of Log**
- **End of Playback**

Limited area distance between black triangles under slider. You can move triangles and zoom, place cursor on the slider + mouse wheel. Triangles limit the area in which player works and the statistics is calculated.
4. In play mode: grey points – RAW data, blue – Smooth

Choose the hedgehog will be displayed

In the main Dashboard window, you can turn off displaying service areas and stationary beacons by clicking Service areas visible, Stationary beacons visible.

Statistics displayed depends on the chosen hedgehog in the list

Max smooth forward, smooth backward – depth smoothing

Smooth threshold - smoothing ratio.
8.15  Real-time player feature (FN0010)

Real-time player is a feature, which makes the tracking path smoother. As far as it looks backward and forward it certain latency based on the selected parameters.

- **Real-time player turned on by default**
  - Real-time Player
    - Forward
    - Backward

- You can turn it off if you need less delay
  - Real-time Player
    - Forward
    - Backward
  - 5
  - 3

- You can tune it whether you need:
  - **Backward** – amount of dots which player ‘looks’ backward to provide smooth tracking
  - **Forward** – amount of dots which player ‘looks’ forward to provide smooth tracking

Tracking example:

Real-time player **turned off**
Real-time player turned on
Current Dashboard version supports additional timestamp. See the attached screenshot, the UNIX time in milliseconds is the first value.

In each line comma separated values, CSV:

- UNIX time in milliseconds (time since 1970.01.01)
- time from previous record in milliseconds
- time from running dashboard in milliseconds
- address of hedgehog
- X coordinate of hedgehog, meters
- Y coordinate of hedgehog, meters
- Z coordinate of hedgehog, meters
- address of stationary beacon
- raw distance from hedgehog to stationary beacon, meters

The last pair (beacon address, distance) is repeated n times equal stationary beacons quantity in the system.

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199784001756216,12287848,10.5,643,0.55,9,4.653,12.6,343,13.3,169,14,9.814,15.5,981,199784001756917,12287991,10.5,643,0.55,9,4.853,12.6,343,13.3,169,14,9.814,15.5,981,199784001762516,12287547,10.5,643,0.55,9,4.856,12.6,343,13.3,169,14,9.814,15.5,981,199784001768762,12287609,10.5,643,0.55,9,4.856,12.6,343,13.3,169,14,9.814,15.5,981,199784001778316,12287125,10.5,643,0.55,9,4.856,12.6,343,13.3,169,14,9.814,15.5,981,199784001778916,12287725,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001781206,12287729,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001783410,12287734,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,343,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001784331,12287765,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,343,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001787532,12287797,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,343,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001787597,12287847,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,343,13.3,171,14,9.811,15.5,980,199784001796831,12287900,10.5,646,0.558,9,4.656,12.6,347,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001806160,12287952,10.5,649,0.551,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001807847,12288000,10.5,649,0.551,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001814062,12288002,10.5,642,0.553,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001814080,12288002,10.5,642,0.553,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001817131,12288002,10.5,642,0.553,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001820332,12288125,10.5,642,0.553,9,4.656,12.6,348,13.3,169,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001826562,12288181,10.5,648,0.551,9,4.659,12.6,463,13.3,169,14,9.813,15.5,837,199784001831247,12288234,10.5,648,0.551,9,4.659,12.6,345,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,848,199784001837546,12288297,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,345,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,848,19978400183758,12288297,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,345,13.3,172,14,9.813,15.5,848,199784001839915,12288312,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001842131,12288341,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001846847,12288390,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001846890,12288390,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,171,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001854678,12288468,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,175,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001855060,12288468,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,175,14,9.812,15.5,846,199784001859397,12288515,10.5,651,0.549,9,4.659,12.6,346,13.3,175,14,9.812,15.5,846
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Unix time time since 1970.01.01 in milliseconds

Time from previous record, milliseconds

Time from running dashboard (milliseconds)

Hedgehog H10
X=5.651 m
Y=0.552 m
Z=0.459 m

Raw distances to stationary beacons:
N12: 6.346 m
N13: 3.375 m
N14: 9.812 m
N15: 5.846 m
9. Interfaces

Indoor “GPS” system supports many external interfaces that can feed measured location data to an external system (robot, copter, VR, etc.).

There are two different ways to obtain the mobile beacons’ location data from the system:

1. From the mobile beacons
   - Each mobile beacon knows its own position and does not know the positions of the other mobile beacons
2. From modem/router
   - Knows position of every mobile beacon in the system

Data from the mobile beacons and from the modem can be obtained at the same time, if necessary

A list of the supported interfaces is shown below.

More information on the interfaces can be found here:
http://marvelmind.com/#Interfaces.

Supported interfaces

- **Mobile beacon:**
  - UART
  - SPI
  - Virtual UART via USB
  - NMEA
- **Modem:**
  - UART
  - SPI
  - Virtual UART via USB
- **Integrated with:**
  - Windows (PC & tablets)
  - Linux
  - Mac OS
  - Android (beacon)
  - ROS (beacon)
  - Raspberry (beacon)
  - Arduino (beacon)
  - PixHawk (beacon)
- **Sample code:**
  - C
  - Python
9.1 Beacon HW v4.9 external interface 4x4 pinout top view
9.2 Modem HW v4.9 external interface pinout top view
10. **Advanced system settings and optimization**

Start using advanced settings only when you are confident with the system.

If you run into trouble, connect the beacon or modem to the PC via USB and use the **DEFAULT** button. It will upload “factory settings” to the board while keeping the device address untracked.
10.1 How to Place Beacons

**Avoid placing beacons on long sound-conducting objects**

This is very rare but may happen under some special circumstances.

The best practice is to place beacons (stationary and mobile) in places that would not result in the transfer of ultrasound energy from the beacon’s board/case directly to the place it is attached via a medium other than air. For example, solid attachment of a beacon to a long horizontal metal tube may result in the following:

- Sound emitted from the beacon propagates directly to the metal tube.
- Propagation losses inside metal are much smaller than in the air. Moreover, the tube may act as a low-loss waveguide.
- If the tube is solid enough and long enough, there may be an unusual effect where the receiving beacon receives the signal sooner than expected, i.e., sooner than the distance divided by the speed of sound in air. That happens because the speed of sound in metal is much higher than the speed of sound in the air. The ultrasound signal may even look stronger than the real signal propagated through the air due to the lower amount of losses of ultrasonic in metal than in the air.
- It is good practice to place beacons on something relatively soft or something that does not conduct sound.

**Place beacons in a way that provides the proper ultrasonic coverage. It must be one beacon in the line of sight of minimum 2 beacons. Try to locate them under ceilings to avoid shadows, walls etc.**

- Optimal settings for stationary beacons in small and big rooms.
- Use 30–50 ultrasonic pulses for larger places and the default 5 pulses for smaller places.
- Optimal settings for noisy environment.

There are several ways to reduce impact:

- Mobile beacons can be placed very close to the source of noise without harm, but stationary beacons should be placed further from the noise because they are receiving the ultrasound, whereas the mobile beacon is emitting the ultrasound.
10.2 Using the Oscilloscope

- Monitor the ultrasonic signal from one beacon to another
- Use Dashboard => View => Oscilloscope to monitor ultrasonic signals from one beacon to another
- It is a very powerful tool, because it also gives information on the background noise, level of the signal, echo, etc. With this tool, it is easy to set up the proper ultrasonic threshold on the Dashboard.

Echo
External noises look similarly. Thus, choose the ultrasonic threshold below this value, for example, -500 to 2000

Ultrasonic signal front

Choose the beacon to test

Type the reference beacon number. and press Enter
10.3 Proper Ultrasonic Signal Detection

When external noise is high, identify the source. Usual sources include:

- Ultrasonic-based volume or movement detection alarm systems
- Other robots using ultrasonic
- Parktronics
- Sources of very strong white or impulse noise (air guns, air press, cutters, vacuum cleaner, etc.)
- Rotors of drones/copters

- Marvelmind Indoor Navigation System uses proprietary 31kHz frequency for ultrasonic signal and employs additional filtering to combat external noise. This also makes the system rather immune against the “usual suspects.” However, if the external noise is too strong, its source is too close, or it’s emitting a strong signal on frequencies close to 31kHz or white noise, the system functionality can be affected.

- The best things to do in this case are to (1) identify the beacons that are affected. Usually, they are those that are the closest to the source of noise; (2) manually reduce the gain of the affected stationary beacons so that the signal from the mobile beacon would have a 1000–1800 amplitude. That would give the best signal-to-noise ratio. Don’t make the gain too high. The noise will be amplified, but the desired signal will be saturated and signal-to-noise ratio will be poor.

- The gain settings may be very non-linear. There is almost no change at 4000 to 3000. But around 2500, the gain starts reducing very quickly (1200 – for some HW versions). By setting the gain manually, it is possible to find the optimal gain to obtain the highest signal to noise ratio so the system can work even in very challenging external conditions.

- When the map is formed, only the mobile beacon is emitting, whereas stationary beacons are not. Thus, it does not matter how close the mobile beacon is to the source of the noise. However, it matters how close the stationary beacons are to those sources. Select the positions of the stationary beacons accordingly - place them further away from the noise sources.
10.4 Using hedgehog.log file

- The system automatically records all measured positions in the hedgehog.log file that is stored in the same folder as the Dashboard.exe file.

- The data is written in csv format; each line describes the position of one of the hedgehogs at a certain moment.

- The line format is described [here](#).
10.5 System Accuracy Evaluation

1) Accuracy of distance measurement.
   - Marvelmind navigation system can measure distances between beacons with accuracy of +/- 2 cm if correct ultrasound speed is used.
   - The ultrasound speed depends on several factors: temperature, pressure, and humidity. Other factors have an insignificant effect.
   - The main factor is temperature. In temperature range of -20…+50 °C the speed of ultrasound changes on about 0.6 m/ (s* °C). It gives distance error about (0.6 / 340) *100% ~ 0.17%/ °C. So caused by incorrect temperature setting absolute error of distance measurement is 0.17% of real distance between beacons. For example, with distance 30 meters and 5 °C error, this gives 0.85%*30 ~ 0.25 meters’ error. Marvelmind system allows to setup temperature of air in the system settings.

2) Accuracy of position measurement.
   - Marvelmind system uses trilateration algorithm to calculate position by distances. The inaccuracy of position calculation is related to inaccuracy of distances measurement and to geometry of relative location of stationary and mobile beacons.
   - Basic trilateration formulas are given in this article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilateration
   - As you see, the position of mobile beacons X, Y, Z is calculated from positions of 3 stationary beacons which are set by values of d, i, j. One of the beacons was shifted to (0,0) position to simplify formulas in the article. In formulas for X, Y we see d and j in denominators. This means that with low values of d and j small error of this value can cause significant position error.
   - Please see the picture of the beacons in the article - in more simple words, in means that if one of three beacons is close to line connecting other two beacons, it gives increased inaccuracy of locating mobile beacon.
   - For example:
     - assume d= 10, i= 5, j= 0.1, r1= 7, r2= 7, r3= 4.8
     - We get x= 5, y= 2.4375, z= 4.25
     - If we suppose that j=0.101 (0.1 cm error), we receive x= 5, y= -0.06, z= 4.89
     - You see very large Y error
   - Another example for Z. Assume mobile beacon is relative close to plane of stationary beacons:
     - d= 8, i= 4, j= 6, r1= 5.02, r2= 5.02, r3= 3.01
     - This gives X=4, Y= 3.01169, Z= 0.36
     - If we suppose r3= 3.0 (1 cm error), we receive X=4, Y= 3.016, Z= 0.44. Error on Z is about 8 cm
   - Also, with r1= 5, r2= 5, r3= 3, Z will be 0. As you see, low change of distances causes large change of Z value near the plane.
To calibrate an accelerometer on your beacon with IMU, you can do the following steps:

- Connect the mobile beacon via USB to the Dashboard

- Make sure that the beacon has IMU on board: open **View / Accelerometer menu** and **view / gyro data**. In the presence of IMU graphics in these windows should display the angular velocity and acceleration when moving the mobile beacon (turn it in hands). Close the window of the accelerometer and gyro data

- Open the calibration window: **View / calibrate the accelerometer**

- When calibrating, it measures the data of the free fall (gravity of the Earth) corresponding to each of the three axes X, Y, Z. The initial ones from these calculations remember the correction shifts indicated in the table as “Zero” and the correction factors indicated as “K”

- The switch at the right bottom of the window should be in the **AutoFill** position

- Before starting the calibration, click the **Reset** button at the top of the window - zeroing the current calibration results

- To calibrate: slowly, without jerking, manually turn the beacon in each of the 6 positions and keep it still for 1-2 seconds:
  - The starting position - the beacon lies on the table; the antenna is pointing upwards (calibration Z +)
  - The beacon is turned upside down, the antenna pointing down (calibration Z -)
  - The beacon is on the end, the sensor RX1 is pointing towards the table (calibration Y +)
  - The beacon rests on the end, the RX3 sensor points toward the table (calibration Y -)
  - The beacon rests on the end, the RX2 sensor is directed towards the table (calibration X +). In order not to interfere with the USB connector, the beacon can be placed on the edge of the table, so that the cable hangs down
  - The beacon rests on the end, the RX5 sensor points toward the table (calibration X -)

- In each measurement, the readings of the accelerometer are corrected by Zero and K. At the end of the measurement of 6 points 7.1 ... 7.6, in the serviceable accelerometer Zero should be close to zero, and K close to 1, see the screenshot. If not - check if you forgot any of the points 7.1 ... 7.6.

- To save the results, click **Calibrate**.
10.8 Settings to obtain correct north direction

- In some cases, it is necessary to obtain a correct north orientation of the map for NMEA output from Marvelmind system. For example, when using a Marvelmind mobile beacon as the navigation data source for Pixhawk installed on a copter, correct north is required for correct yaw control of the copter. The Marvelmind system cannot determine north automatically, so the user should make corrections after building and freezing the map. It can be done in one of two ways:

  1. Rotate the Marvelmind map using the dashboard, as shown on the attached screenshot
  2. You can also view the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsYXrtq7aVU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsYXrtq7aVU&feature=youtu.be)

- Enter the angle correction (the angle shown on screenshot) on the Pixhawk side from the Mission Planner of APM Planner

- Refer to the parameter "BCN_ORIENT_YAW": [http://ardupilot.org/copter/docs/parameters.html?highlight=bcn_orient_yaw](http://ardupilot.org/copter/docs/parameters.html?highlight=bcn_orient_yaw)

- Beacons may issue raw sensor data. To learn how to obtain this data, please check this protocol: [https://marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind_beacon_interfaces.pdf](https://marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind_beacon_interfaces.pdf)

- You can receive the data byte-by-byte and check for the required packet header

- See an example here: [http://www.marvelmind.com/downloads/2017_02_08_C_example.zip](http://www.marvelmind.com/downloads/2017_02_08_C_example.zip)
10.9 Communication of Pixhawk with Marvelmind mobile beacon

The Marvelmind mobile beacon can be connected to Pixhawk (and to any other hardware or software that inputs GPS according to the NMEA0183 protocol). The mobile beacon can send GPS data via UART and USB (virtual UART) interfaces. For further explanation, please check out this document.
10.10 Sending path to robot

1. The dashboard sends request to modem via USB. Procedure of sending these requests in dashboard is shown on second screenshot. This format of request is described in section 8 of modem protocol: 

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Modem transmits data to the hedgehog via radio, using our proprietary protocol.
2. the hedgehog communicates with robot via UART. Hedgehog sends data according to section 2.3.1 of this protocol: https://marvelmind.com/pics/marvelmind_beacon_interfaces.pdf

The robot should confirm receiving data by response packet shown in section 2.3

This communication on the robot side is implemented in the Arduino example on our site. As you can see in the protocol, robot should not request the waypoints, the hedgehog will send the waypoints when they will be transmitted from dashboard. But robot should confirm receiving each waypoint by this packet:

\[\{0x03,0x47,0x01,0x02,0x00, <2 bytes of checksum>\}\]

How to send a path:

- Choose mobile beacon in the dashboard
- **Right mouse button on it -> Set movement path**
  - Shift+Left mouse click to add point
- **Shift+Left mouse click on point**, to remove that point

- **Click on Upload path** to send it to robot

- Path loaded
10.11 Proper ultrasonic coverage

The single most important requirement for the system to work well is to have proper ultrasonic coverage

Each sensor has an ultrasonic beam of ~90 degrees. Outside of that range, the emitting power and sensitivity drops quite rapidly. From the left, right, or back of the ultrasonic sensor, the signal is highly attenuated. Thus, it is crucial to provide proper ultrasonic coverage for the area where the robot will be moving.

- It is also very important to provide proper ultrasonic coverage to the stationary beacons when the map is being formed
- Mobile beacon (“hedgehog” or “hedge”) is designed to be placed horizontally
  - The mobile beacon has four horizontal and one vertical sensor, each covering its own sector. Together, they cover 360 degrees horizontally and 180 degrees in the upper hemisphere. The lower hemisphere is highly attenuated, so don’t expect ultrasonic coverage in that area
- It is advised that the mobile beacon be placed as high as possible on the robot if the stationary beacons are above the mobile beacon. This minimizes shadows from other objects, people, etc.
- Example of proper positioning of the mobile beacon can be found here:
  https://youtu.be/PFgNPkLGCDk

- The beacon is placed horizontally and above other objects that can cast a shadow on the stationary beacons

- **Keep the radio signal's strength under control**

- The RSSI (Dashboard => right menu) of any beacon/modem must not be higher than -25dBm. Otherwise, the system may malfunction

  It is recommended the distance between the modem and beacons be no less than 0.5–1m. Beacons can be placed as close to each other as needed. If a beacon is extremely close to the modem, disconnect the antenna from the beacon. Monitor the Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI). It must be in the range of -25 to -70dBm. An RSSI of less than -70dBm will work too, but packet losses may start occurring. The quality of the radio connection very much depends on external interference as well because the used band is ISM (either 915MHz or 433MHz) and there are numerous co-existing systems.

  Use 30 - 50 periods (pulses) in settings instead of the default 5. Select:

  **Ultrasound settings => Number of periods**

  When you have large errors in position estimation (more than a 1m inaccuracy), use the embedded Oscilloscope on **Dashboard => View** to determine which stationary beacon is jammed

  Reduce the gain of the ultrasonic manually depending on your system
10.12 Sensors settings: example for 2D and mobile beacon

Beacon 2
RX1 and RX4 emit ultrasound in normal mode for better ultrasonic signal exchange with Beacon 3. In frozen mode RX2 added as working sensor. The rest sensors are turned off.

Changing sensors’ settings could be found in the panel in the upper right corner of the Dashboard during your beacon is connected to the computer.

Beacon 3
RX3 and RX4 emit ultrasound in normal mode for better ultrasonic signal exchange with Beacon 2. In frozen mode RX2 added as working sensor. The rest sensors are turned off.
10.13 Powering beacons

Depending on the type of beacon, may be internal battery, or external USB power supply, for more details check comparison table

Battery lifetime totally depends on the mode of operation and can be varied between several days to several months (or more for special applications)
11. Frequently Asked Questions

Please check this forum for more information. Here we will answer the most common questions.

1. What is the proper way to place the beacons?
   - The actual distance between beacons must be ≤ 30 m. Provide the line of sight from one beacon to minimum two others.

2. How far can beacons be located from modem?
   - In the open space the distance from the modem to the beacon can reach several hundred meters.

3. What if hedgehog shown as orange circle or transparent inside in the Dashboard?
   - Blue - normal mode and confident tracking
   - Orange - system provides the best location data possible, but confidence is lower, than blue
   - Transparent - lost radio packets or no ultrasound coverage

4. What is the obstacle for ultrasound?
   - The real obstacles for ultrasound are walls (concrete), glass, metal. If you need to cover a multiple-floor territory you can use our Submap feature in which case the tracking will not be interrupted.

5. How the system works in very low and very high temperatures?
   - System is designed for normal office-like conditions and temperatures 0 ºC - 40 ºC.
   - You can see some other types of beacon (outdoor, explosion safe, etc.) in the comparison table.
   - We also possible to produce some special versions, which will suit your case. Please write to info@marvelmind.com.

6. Are beacons resistant to explosions, dust, dirt, water, noise?
   - Low-frequency noise (motor noise, industrial equipment) does not interfere with the normal operation of the system.
   - You can see some other types of beacon (outdoor, explosion safe, etc.) in the comparison table.

7. What is the time of delay between positioning the object and respond?
   - The delay is directly proportional to the update rate. For example, if update rate is 16 Hz delay is 1.2:1.5x60ms.
   - The limit is 1.5x times the maximum distance between the stationary beacons. To expand the service area, please follow the instructions shown in the attached screenshot. Notice that positioning the mobile
beacon far from stationary beacons and close to their plane may result in increased positioning error because of bad geometry of measurement

8 How to define IMU or not IMU beacon?
- Check white sticker on the box and on the beacon's bottom /IMU - with IMU
- Connect beacon via USB: Dashboard => View => Accelerometer data

9 Can we use none-IMU beacon as mobile beacon or not?
- Yes, you can (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4aRsjH2-_E)

10 What is the reason to choose 915Mhz vs 433Mhz?
- The 915MHz version is designed for the US, Canada and Americas in general. The ISM band (license-free band for industrial, science and medical applications) in those countries is 915MHz
- In Europe, it is 433MHz
12. Troubleshooting check-list

If you have any problems with the system, follow this simple steps:

- **Update SW** on modem and beacons

- Now, connect all beacons and modem one by one and press **Default** button in the Dashboard (When updating the SW, please, press **Default** button to make sure that beacons really have default settings. Otherwise, modem may be calling on a wrong channel or something)

- Press **Erase map**
Check-list before starting the system:

- Make sure that you use correct SW. Inverse Architecture (IA) SW for Inverse system, Non-Inverse Architecture (NIA) SW for Non-Inverse system (Architectures comparison)
- Keep modem 1-2m away from beacons. If closer, the beacons radio may be overloaded
- Be sure that you use SW from the same pack
- When updating the SW, please, press Default button to make sure that beacons really have default settings. Otherwise, modem may be calling on a wrong channel or something
- Start with simple configuration (10x10m square, 4 stationary beacons)
- Do not obstruct line of sight between beacons
- Build the map first, freeze it, then wake up the “hedge”
- Number of periods. By default – 5; For longer distances, you shall put it 10-50

Mini-RX beacon may be over discharged. In that case do the following:

- Turn off the beacon with DIP switches
- Charge it for 1 hour
- Turn the beacon on, flash the latest SW via DFU Programming and charge it for 1 hour again
13. Contacts

For additional support, please send your questions to info@marvelmind.com