

SURF-2022076 Kickoff Meeting: Scalable Representation of RSSIs for Multi- Building and Multi-Floor Indoor Localization Based on Deep Neural Networks

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Outline

- XJTLU Camus Information and Visitor Service System
- Wi-Fi Fingerprinting
- Review of Related Projects
- Plans for This Year

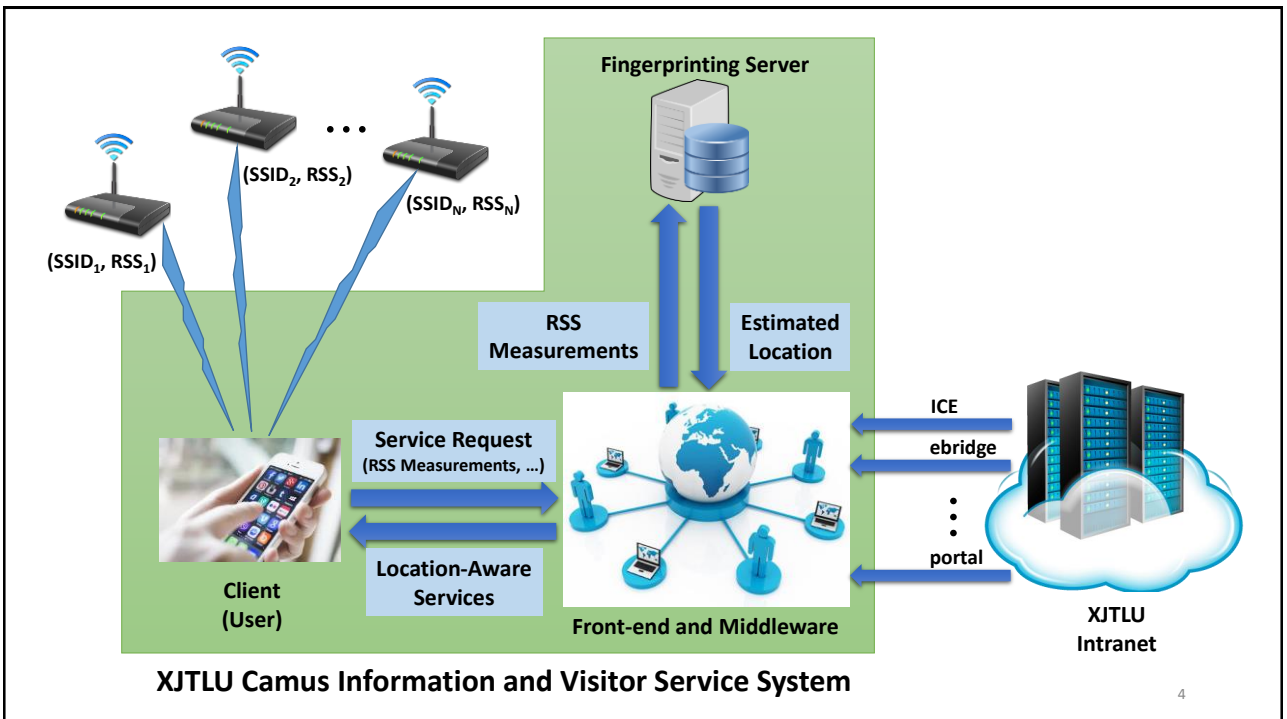
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XJTLU Camus Information and Visitor Service System

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Examples: Indoor Navigation and Location-Aware Service



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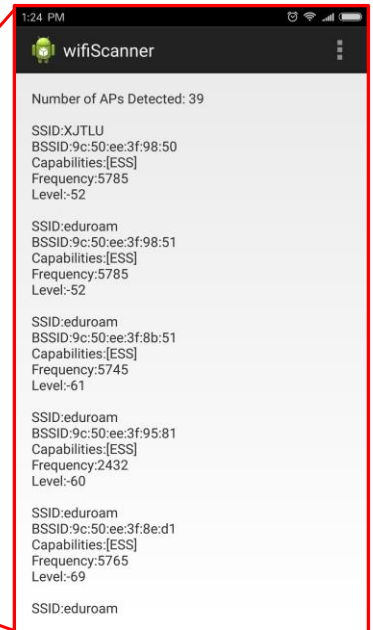
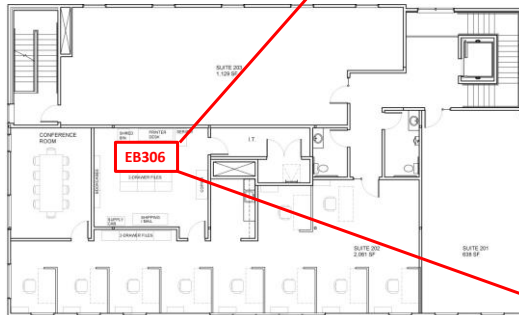
Wi-Fi Fingerprinting

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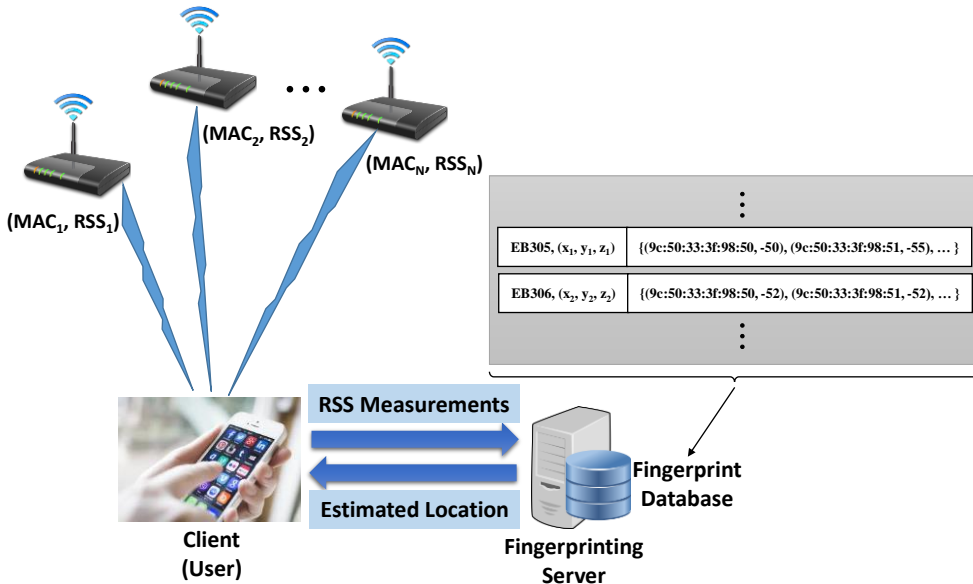
Location Fingerprint

- A tuple of $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F})$
 - \mathcal{L} : Location information
 - Geographic coordinates or a label (e.g., "EB306")
 - \mathcal{F} : Vector/function of *received signal strengths (RSSs)*
 - e.g., $(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_N)^T$ where ρ_i is the RSS from i_{th} access point (AP_i).



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Location Estimation

- Deterministic
 - **Nearest Neighbour Methods**
 - Neural Network Methods
 - Deep neural networks (DNNs) enabled by deep learning
- Probabilistic
 - Bayesian Inference
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
 - Gaussian Process Latent Variable Model (GP-LVM)

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Nearest Neighbour Methods*

- A simple approach based on the notion of distance in the signal space:
 - Given a fingerprint of $(\mathcal{L}, (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_N)^T)$ and an RSS measurement of $(s_1, \dots, s_N)^T$, the *Euclidean distance measure* between them is defined as

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (s_i - \rho_i)^2}$$

- Then, we find a fingerprint providing a minimum distance, \mathcal{L} of which is the estimated location.

* P. Bahl and V. N. Padmanabhan, "RADAR: An in-building RF-based user location and tracking system," Proc. of INFOCOM 2000, vol. 2, pp. 775-784, Mar. 2000.

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Major Challenges in Large-Scale Implementation

- **Scalability**
- **Localization accuracy**
- Non-stationarity of location fingerprints
 - Incremental/online learning algorithms with pruning/forgetting mechanisms*
- Passive vs. active location estimation
- Integration with other services
- Security/privacy issues

* R. Elwell and R. Polikar, "[Incremental learning in nonstationary environments with controlled forgetting](#)," Proc. IJCNN'09.

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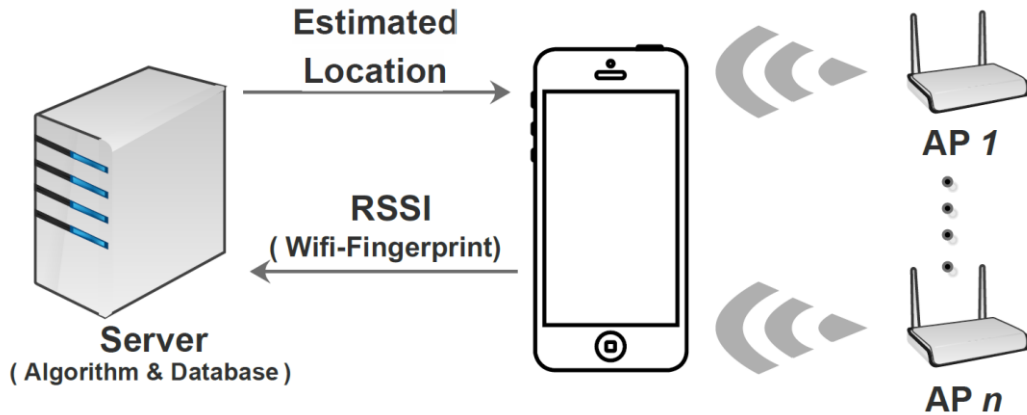
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SURF 2017: Indoor Localisation Based on Wi-Fi Fingerprinting with Fuzzy Sets

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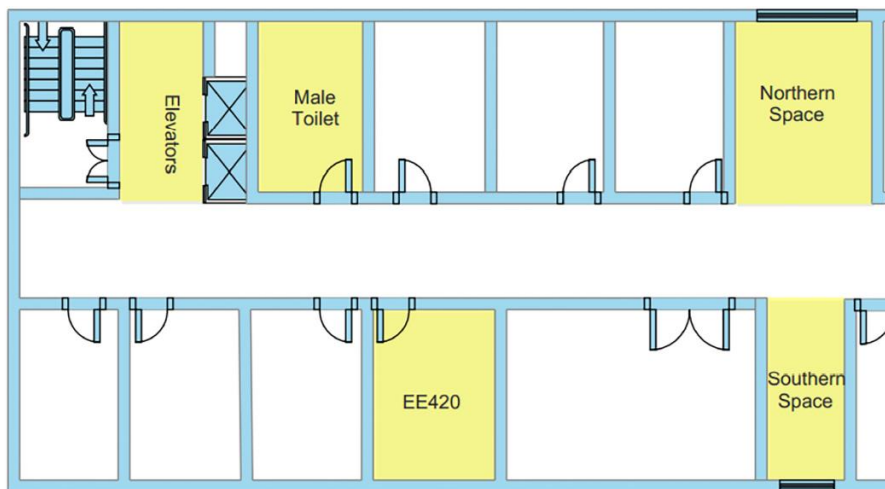
A Prototype of DNN-Based Indoor Localization System for Floor-Level Location Estimation



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A Partial Layout of the Fourth Floor of EE Building



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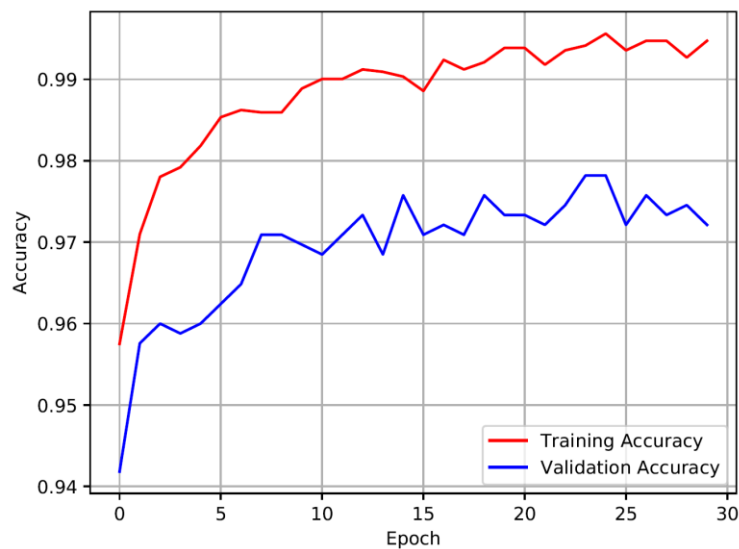
DNN Parameter Values for Floor-Level Location Estimation

DNN Parameter	Value
Ratio of Training Data to Overall Data	0.75
Batch Size	10
SAE Hidden Layers	128-64-8-64-128
SAE Activation	Hyperbolic Tangent (TanH)
SAE Optimizer	ADAM
SAE Loss	Mean Squared Error (MSE)
Classifier Hidden Layers	64-32-7
Classifier Activation	ReLU
Classifier Optimizer	AdaGrad
Classifier Loss	Cross Entropy
Classifier Dropout Rate	0.50
Classifier Epochs	30

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Training and Validation Accuracy of Floor-Level Location Estimation



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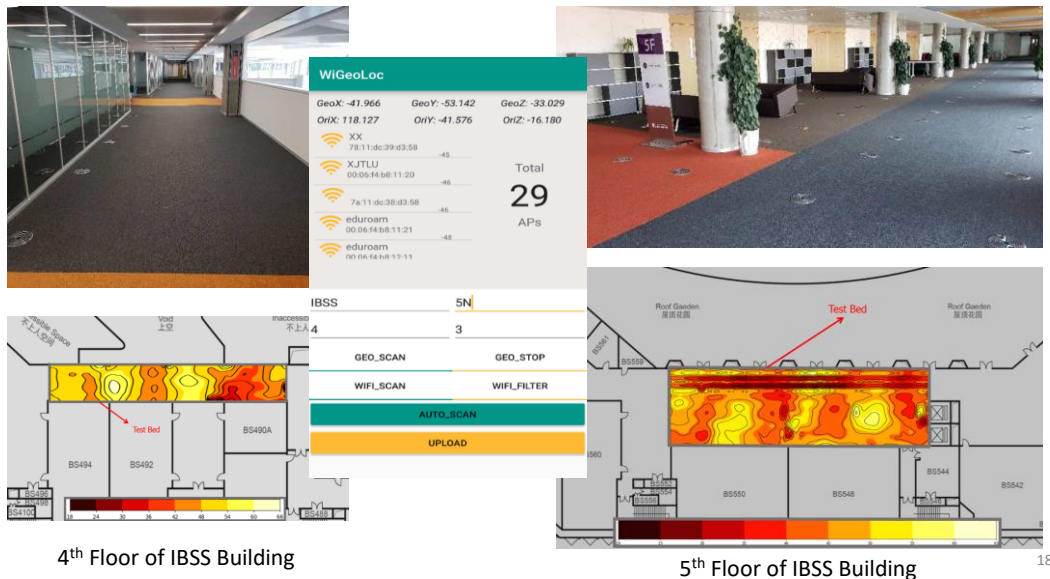
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SURF 2018: Trajectory Estimation of Mobile Users/Devices Based on Wi-Fi Fingerprinting and Deep Neural Networks

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Toward A Campus-Wide Indoor Localization System: Multi-Floor Indoor Localization with RSS/Geomagnetic Field in 2018

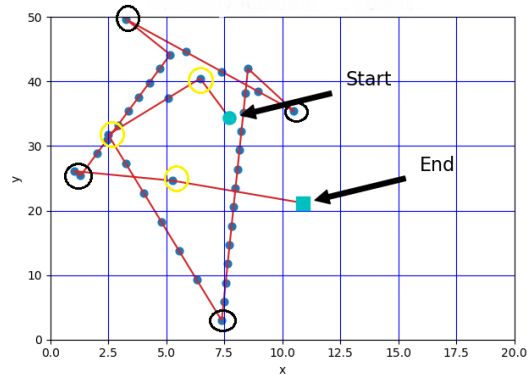


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Trajectory Estimation Based on Human Walking Model and LSTM

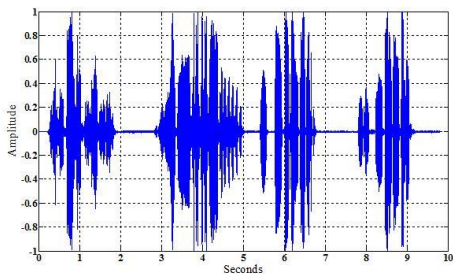
Data Processing – Random Waypoint Model (RWM)



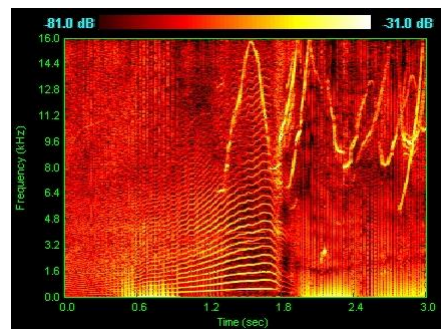
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Use of CNN for Time Series Data (e.g., Audio)

Time Domain



Spectral Domain

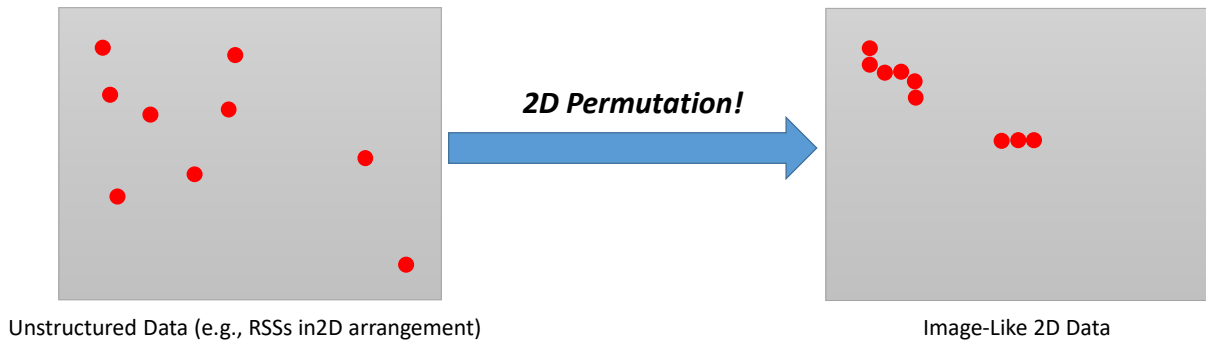


Treat the above as 2-dimensional image!

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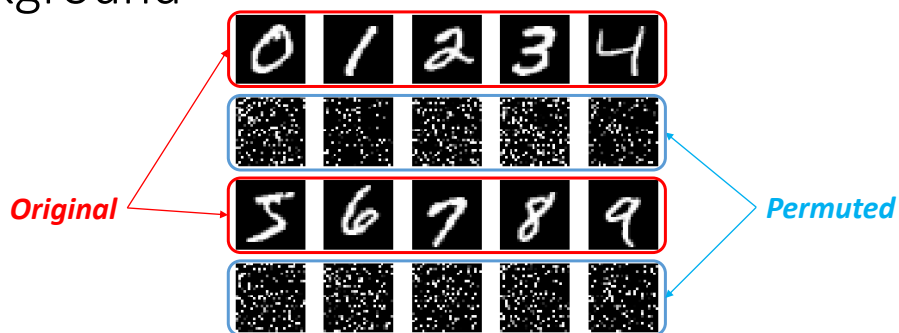
Mapping of Unstructured Data into Images



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Mapping of Unstructured Data into Images: Background



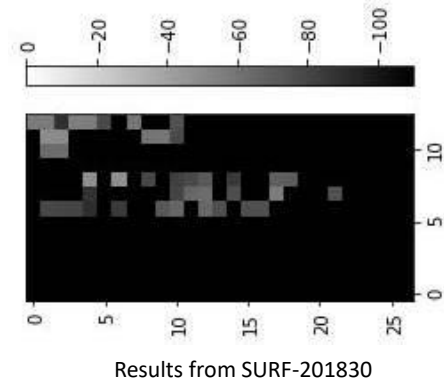
- CNN
 - With original data: 0.99
 - With permuted data: 0.98
 - 1% drop in accuracy
- Multi-layer perceptron (MLP)
 - With original data: 0.98
 - With permuted data: 0.98
 - Virtually no difference

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Mapping of Unstructured Data into Images: Challenges

- How to quantify the ***image-likeness***?
 - Number of connected regions (e.g., `skimage.measure.label`)
 - ...
- How to overcome the extremely huge ***size of the search space***?
 - e.g., # of possible permutation for MNIST image = $28^{28} \approx 10^{1930.50}$...



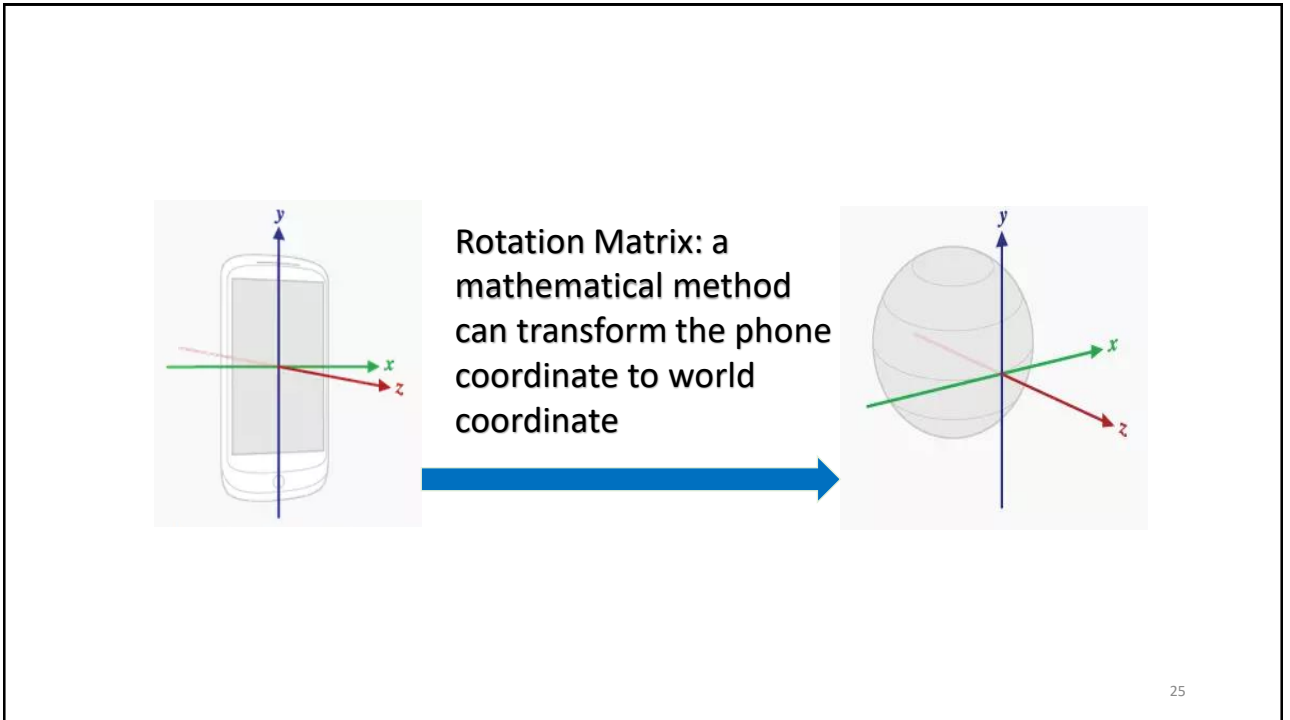
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SURF 2019: Analysis of XJTLUIndoorLoc Multivariate Dataset for DNN-Based Indoor Localization

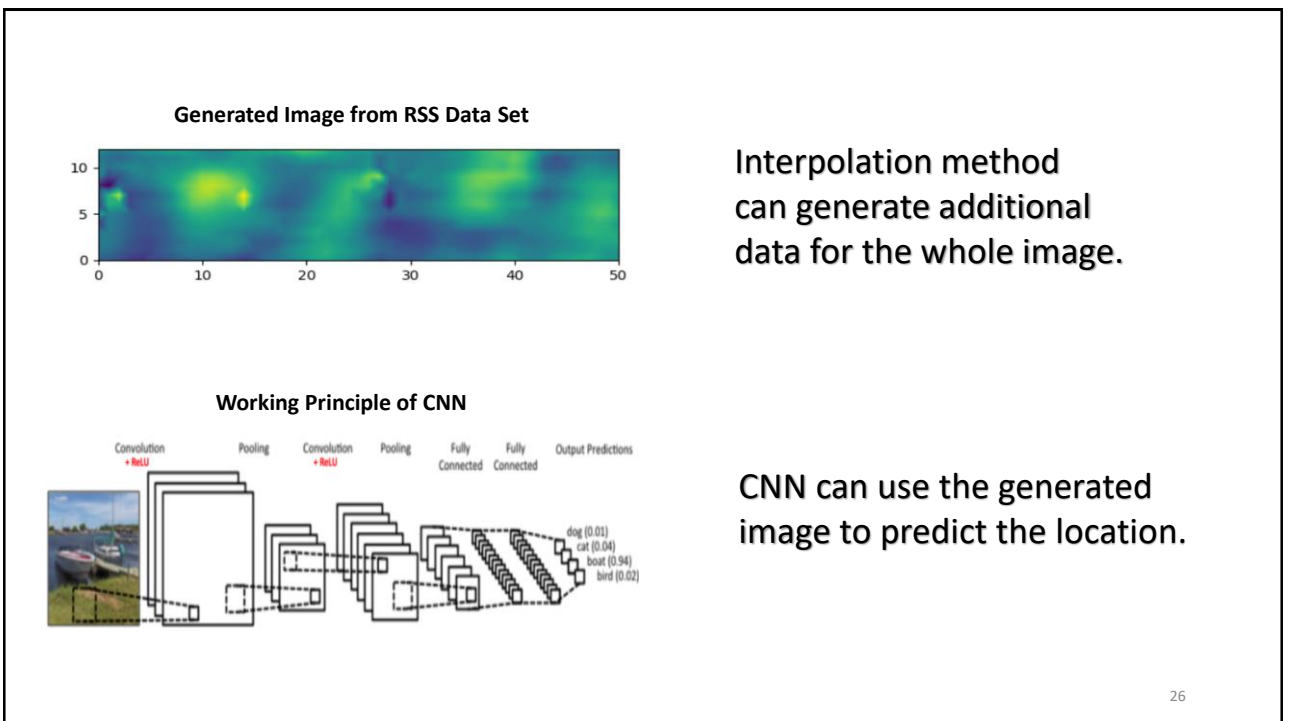
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Scalable DNN-Based Multi-Building and Multi-Floor Indoor Localization

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Changes in XJTLU Campuses



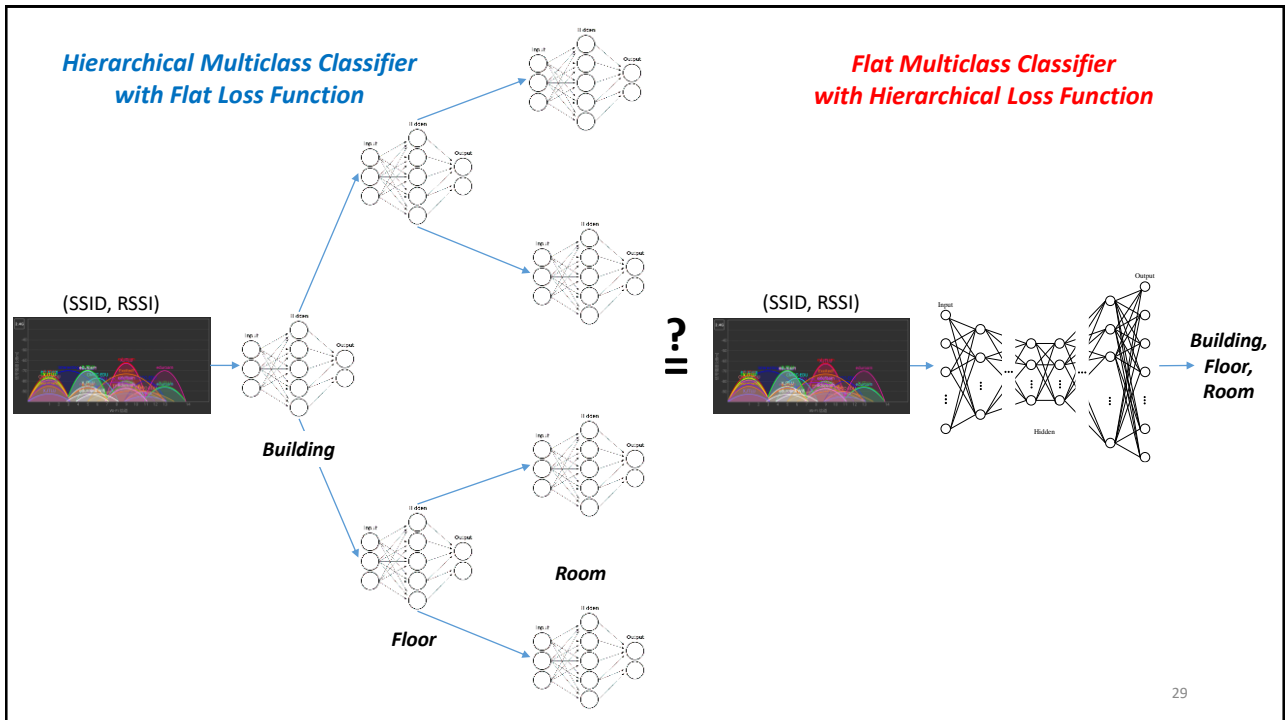
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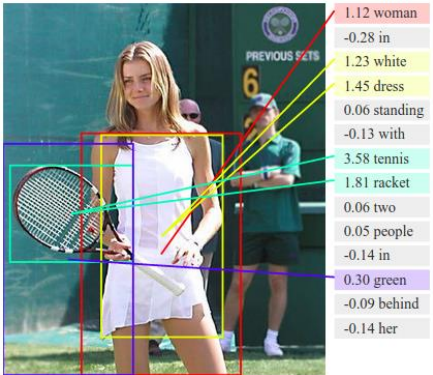
Two Ways of Representing Locations - 1

- Flattened labels
 - As one-dimensional vectors
 - e.g., "EB-3-06" (→ "Building_ID-Floor_ID-Location_ID")
 - For **multi-class classification**.
- Multi-labels
 - As multi-dimensional vectors
 - e.g., ("EB", "3", "06")
 - For **multi-label classification**.

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Multi-Label vs. Multi-Class Classification



1.12	woman
-0.28	in
1.23	white
1.45	dress
0.06	standing
-0.13	with
3.58	tennis
1.81	racket
0.06	two
0.05	people
-0.14	in
0.30	green
-0.09	behind
-0.14	her

Multi-Label Classification

- Multiple labels can be assigned to each instance.

Multi-Class Classification

- Classifying an instance into (*only*) one of multiple classes.
- A special case of multi-label classification.
 - Also called *single-label classification*.




	Image #1	Image #2	Image #3
Dog	-0.39	-4.61	1.03
Cat	1.49	3.28	-2.37
Horse	4.21	1.46	-2.27

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Two Ways of Representing Locations - 2

Scalability of the two representations

- In machine learning, categorical data containing labels are **one-hot encoded** (see the table on the right).

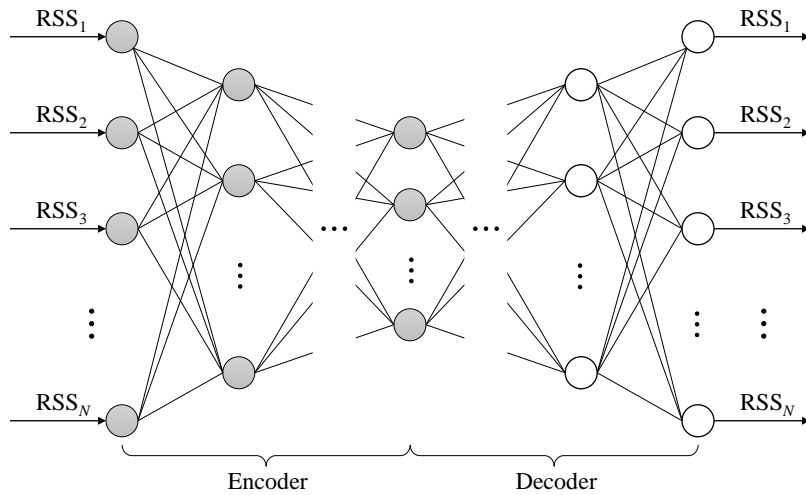
Dog	Cat	Horse
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

- A flattened label is one-hot encoded as a whole, while each component of a multi-label can be one-hot encoded independently, e.g.,
 - "EB-3-06" → "0...010...0" vs ("EB", "3", "06") → (0...01, 010...0, 10...0)
- For a campus with 10 buildings, 10 floors/building, and 10 locations/floor, **the number of bits** required for each representation with one-hot encoding is as follows:
 - Flattened labels: $10 \times 10 \times 10 = \underline{1,000}$
 - Multi-labels: $10 + 10 + 10 = \underline{30}$

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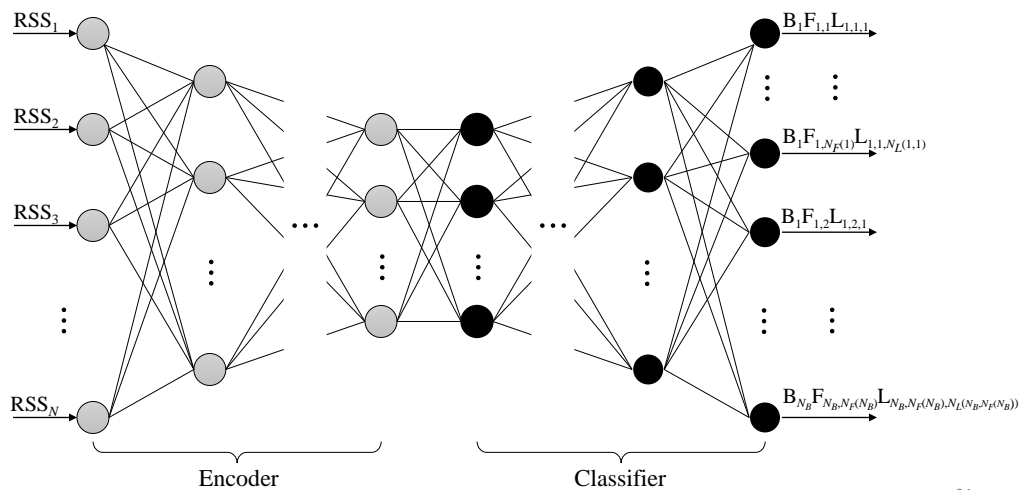
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Stacked Autoencoder (SAE) for the reduction of feature space dimension



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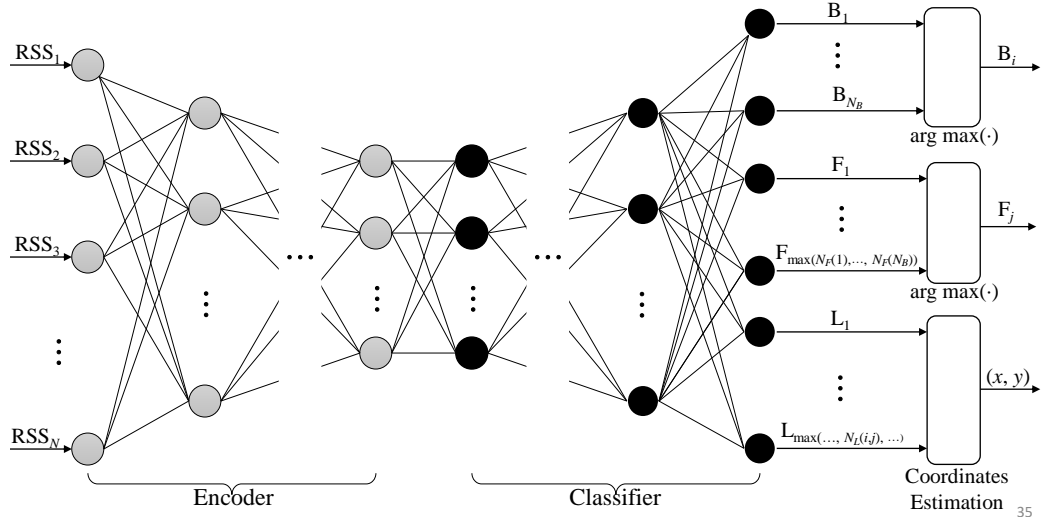
DNN Architecture for Combined Estimation of Building, Floor, and Location based on *Multi-Class Classifier* and Flattened Labels



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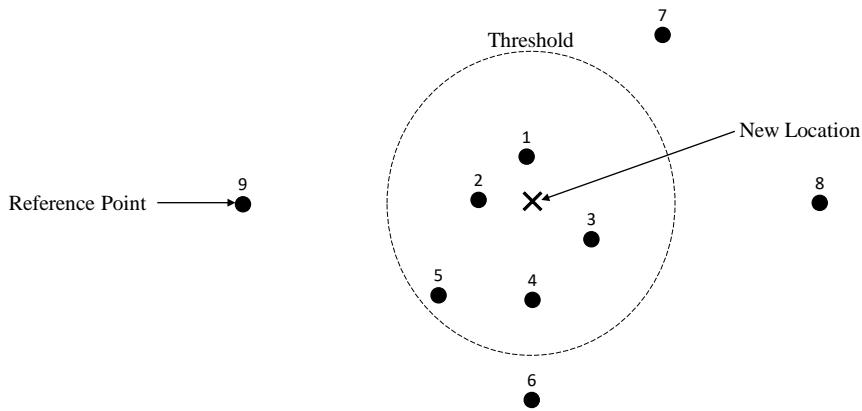
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DNN Architecture for *Scalable* Building/Floor Classification and Floor-Level Coordinates Estimation based on *Multi-Label Classifier*



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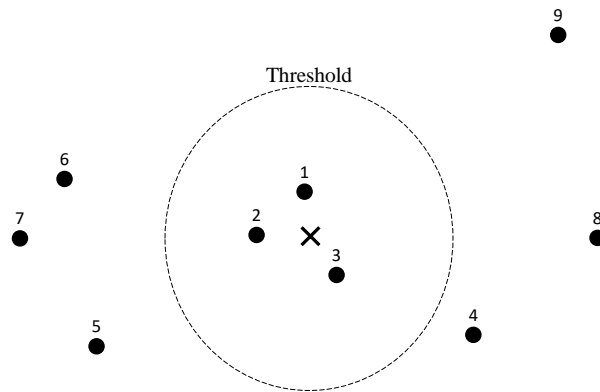
Location Coordinates Estimation: Many Reference Points Centred around A New Location



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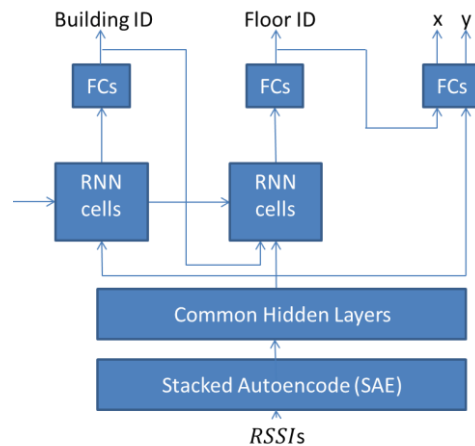
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Hierarchical Multi-Building And Multi-Floor Indoor Localization Based On Recurrent Neural Networks



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Plans for This Year

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Backgrounds

- Statistics of the RSSIs in UJIIndoorLoc database
 - Only few APs are detected at a given reference point among the campus-wide 520 APs.
 - This is a typical characteristic of multi-building and multi-floor Wi-Fi RSSI datasets unlike those of large-scale but open-space structures like arenas, auditoriums, and halls where there are no hierarchical structures.
 - There are even reference points without any RSSI, which could cause issues during the prediction.
 - They should be removed during the preprocessing.
 - Inconsistencies in RSSI reported by different HWs (e.g., Samsung vs Xiaomi) and OSs (e.g., Android vs iOS) in different units and scales.
- Possible scalable representation of RSSIs
 - Based on stacked autoencoders (SAEs).
 - Depends on the statistics of a training set.
 - Based on ordering of RSSIs.
 - Note that sorting numbers is one of the hardest tasks for artificial neural networks.
 - Further truncation based on RSSI values (e.g., K-strongest selection).
 - Percentage of total energy (e.g., 90% of total energy; similar to FM).
 - Threshold (e.g., discard RSSIs less than -90)

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Research Questions

- How can we represent in a scalable way large-dimensional RSSIs (e.g., 520-dimensional vectors in the UJIIndoorLoc database) as inputs to a DNN model for multi-building and multi-floor indoor localization?
- What are best DNN architectures for scalable representation of RSSIs (e.g., time series representation)?

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Project Plans

- **WP1: Scalable representation of RSSIs.**
 - To investigate the statistical properties of the RSSIs in the UJIIndoorLoc database.
 - To investigate the representation of RSSI data with a smaller dimension.
 - To investigate the effects of truncating week RSSI measurements.
- **WP2: DNN models for scalable representation of RSSIs.**
 - To implement and evaluate the performance of indoor localization of DNN models based on various architectures for the proposed RSSI representation from WP1.

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