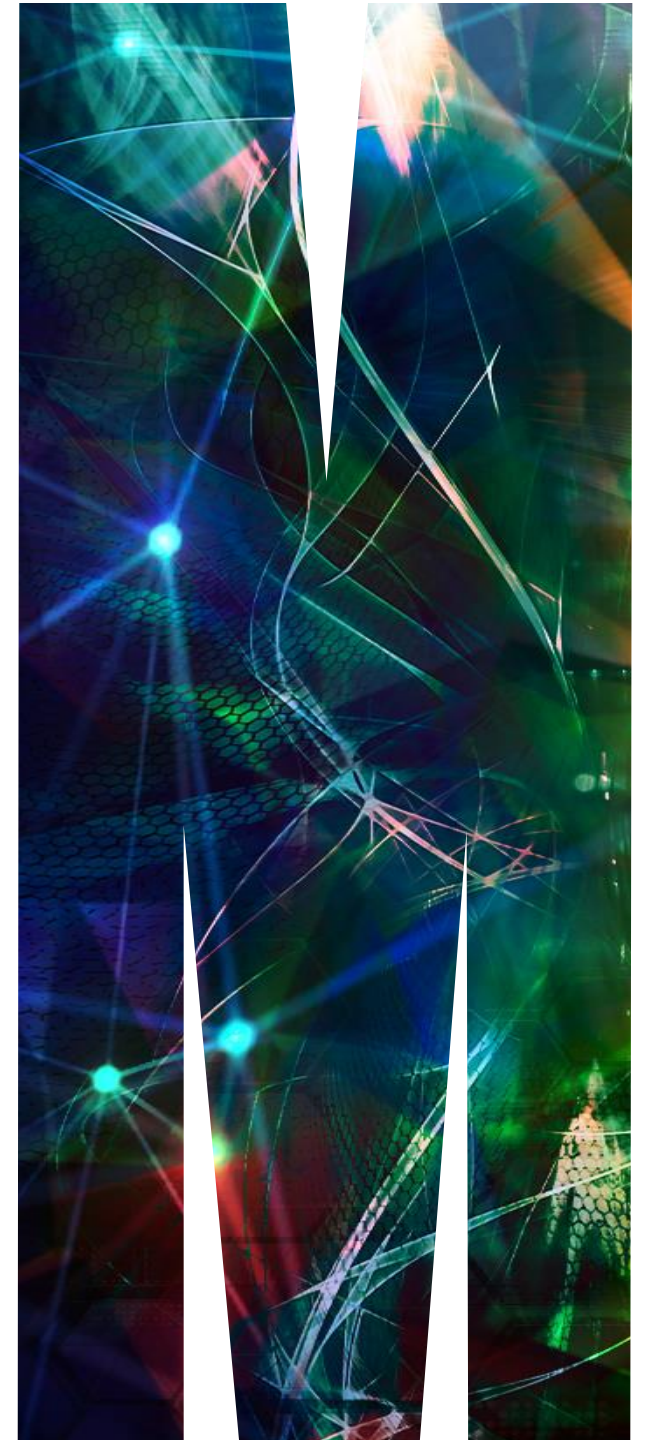


Novel Traffic Sensing Methods and Technologies for Non-Motorized Traffic Monitoring under Challenging Scenarios

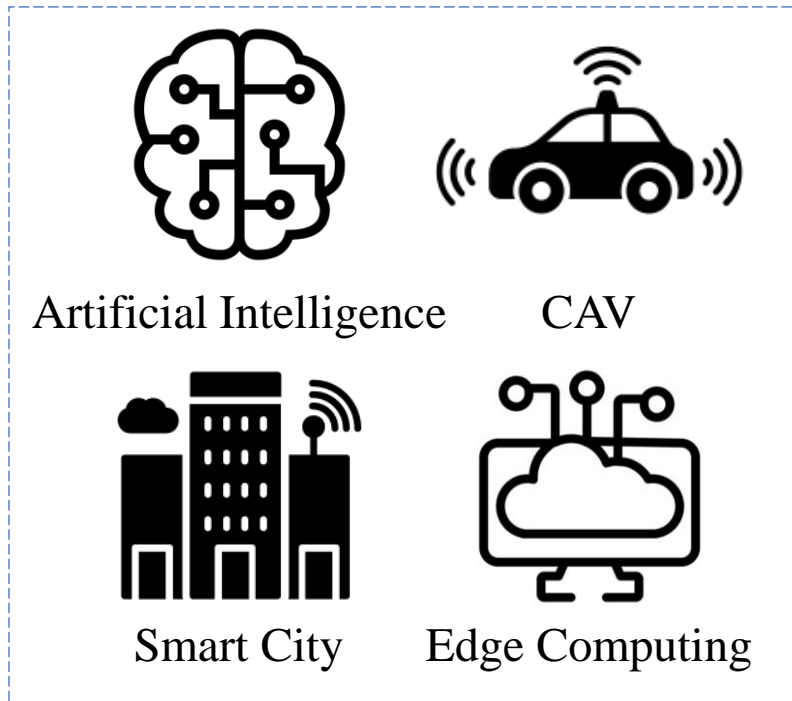
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Research Background



Interpretability
Sustainability
Safety



Traffic Data



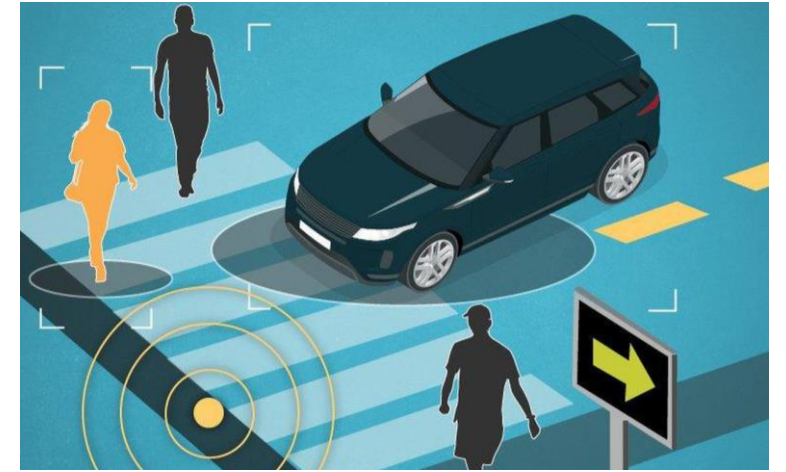
Reliability
Efficiency
Accuracy



Transportation Systems

Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing

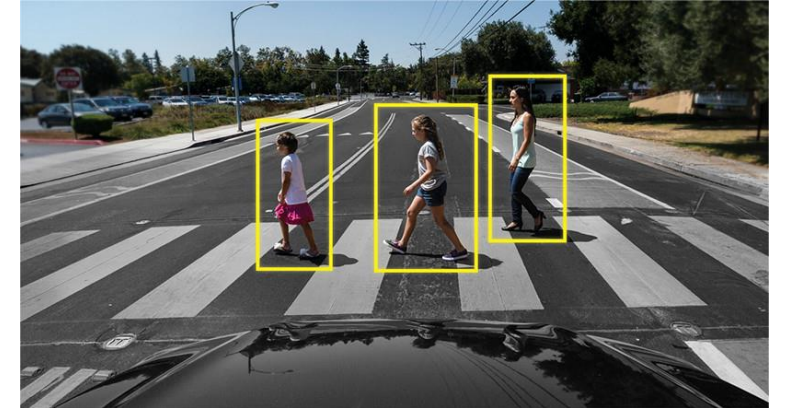
- Accurate, efficient, and reliable non-motorized sensing is needed
- Wrong detection results could cause traffic accidents



Smart Infrastructure



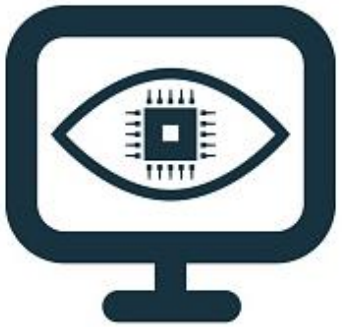
Wrong Detection Caused Crashes



Automated Vehicles

Existing Sensing Methods and Technologies

- On-board Unit (OBU), and Road-Side Unit (RSU)
- Loop detector, LiDAR, infrared-based sensing, computer vision, wireless sensing
- Vision-based is the most effective due to affluent information, and cost-effective features



Computer Vision



LiDAR



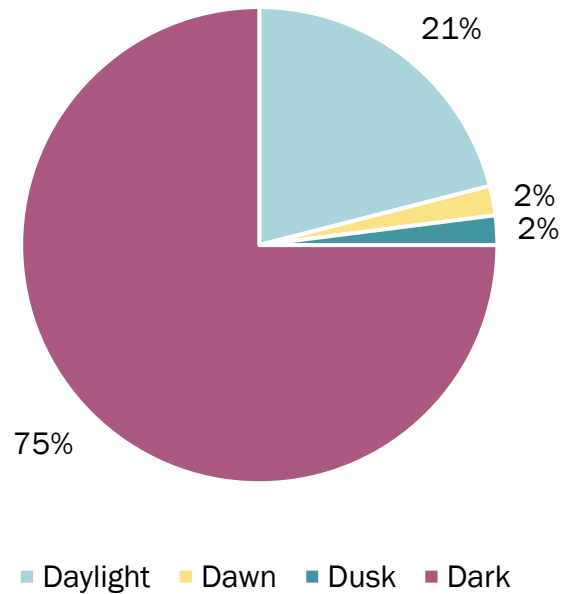
Infrared-based
sensing



Wireless Sensing

Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing with Low-Illumination

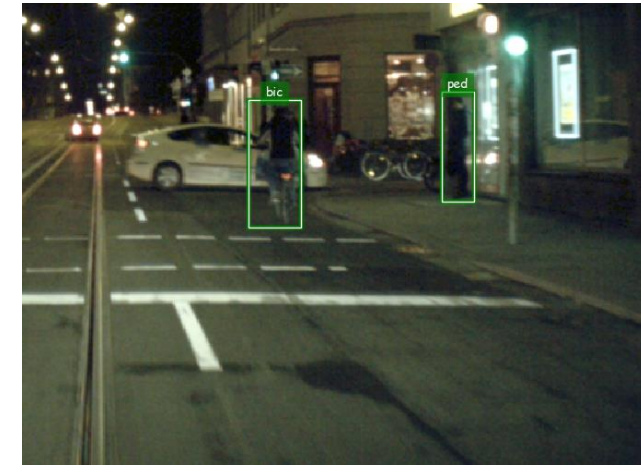
- Most pedestrian deaths occur at non-intersection locations, and at **night** (NHTSA).
- Vision-based sensing with Low-Illumination : 1) scarce texture information; 2) low contrast



Percentage of Pedestrian Fatalities



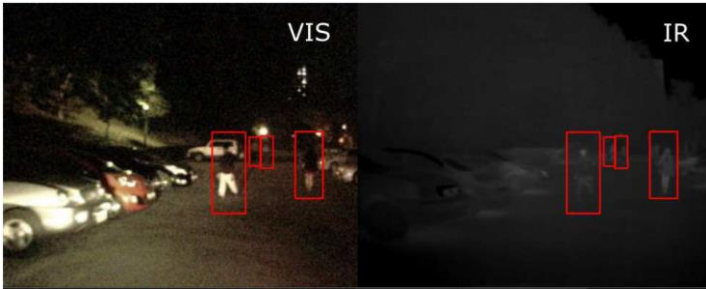
Vehicle Detection in Foggy Environment



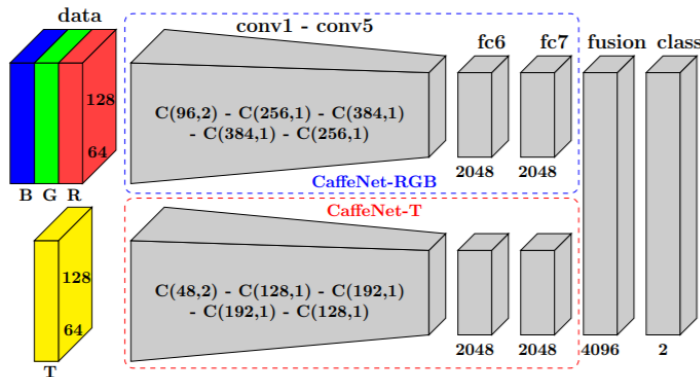
Non-Motorized User Detection with Low-Illumination

Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing with Low-Illumination

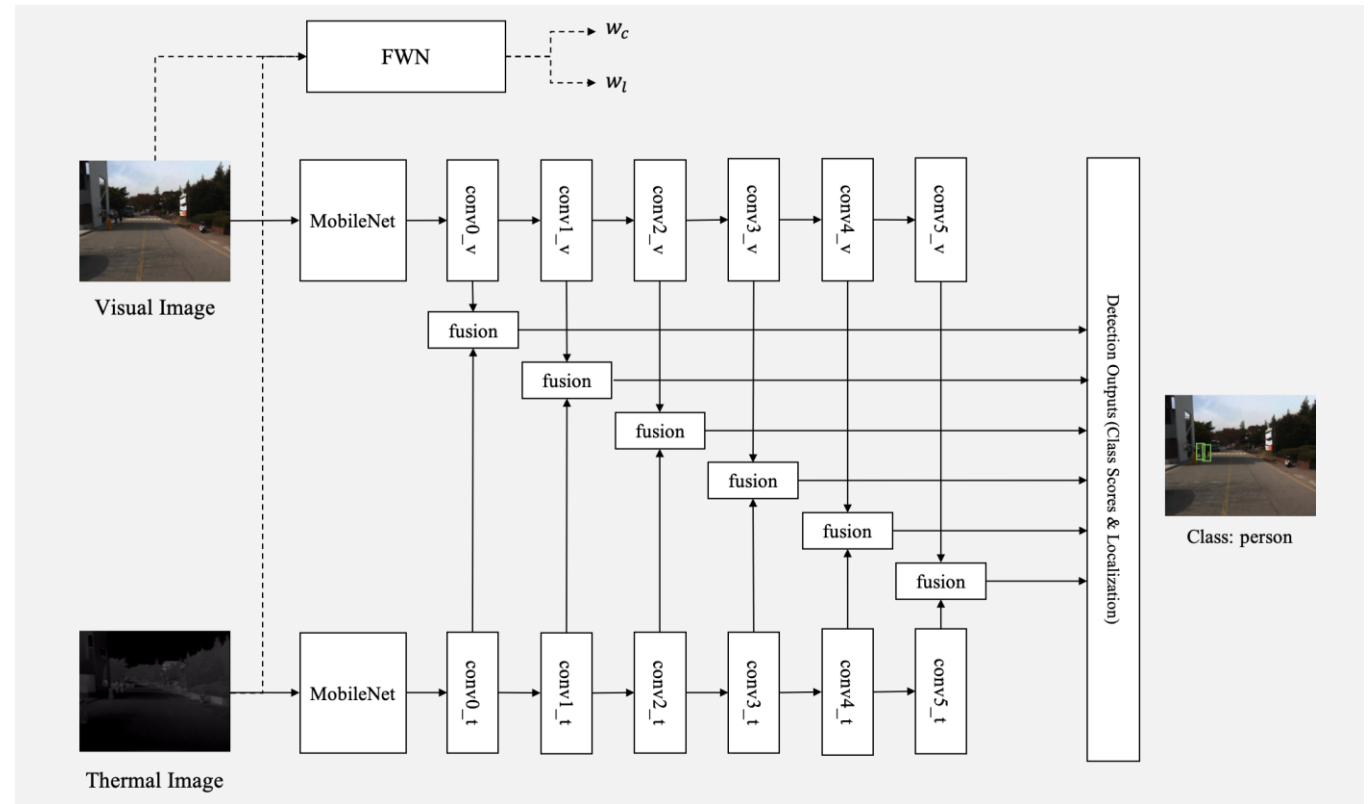
- System Design - Illumination and Temperature-Aware Multispectral Network (IT-MN)



Visible-Light and IR Image Fusion

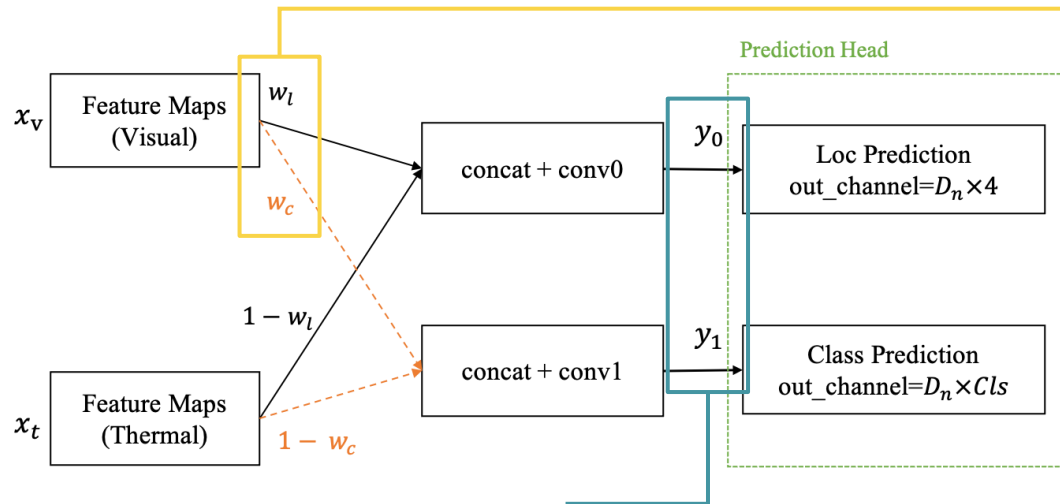


Multispectral Object Detection Framework



Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing with Low-Illumination

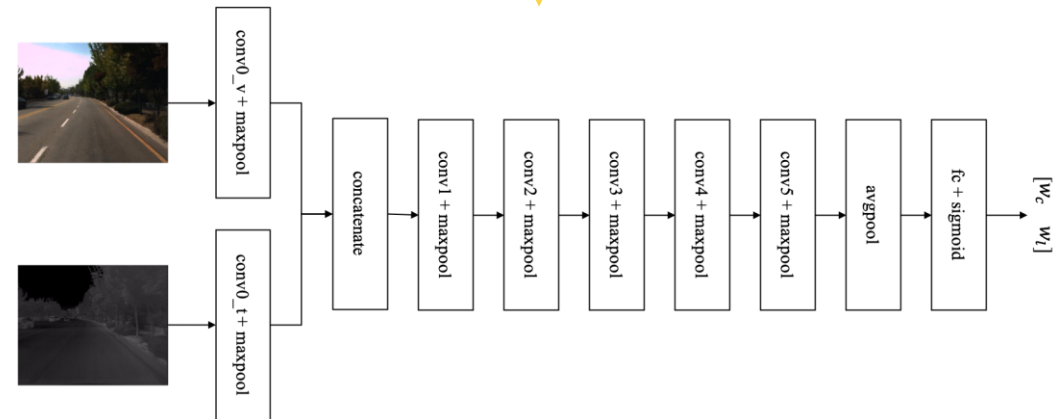
- Feature Fusion and Fusion Weight Computation



Framework of Localization and Classification Fusion

$$y_0 = f_0(w_l x_v + (1 - w_l) x_t)$$

$$y_1 = f_1(w_c x_v + (1 - w_c) x_t)$$

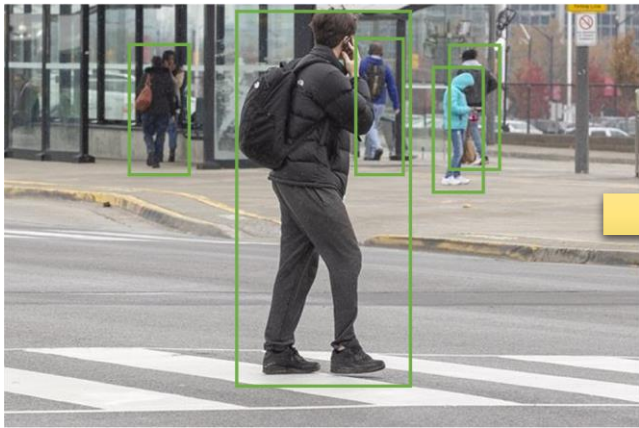


Framework of FWN (Fusion Weight Computation Network)

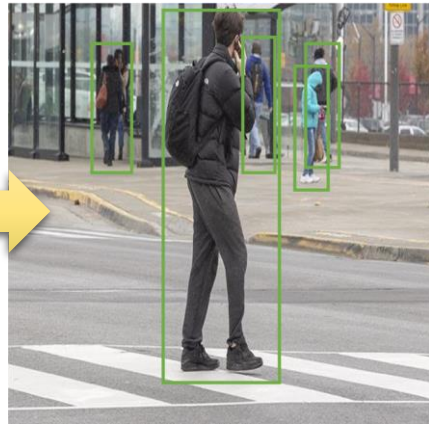
Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing with Low-Illumination

- Default Box Generation

One straightforward solution to decrease the computing complexity is reducing the default box (anchor) number.

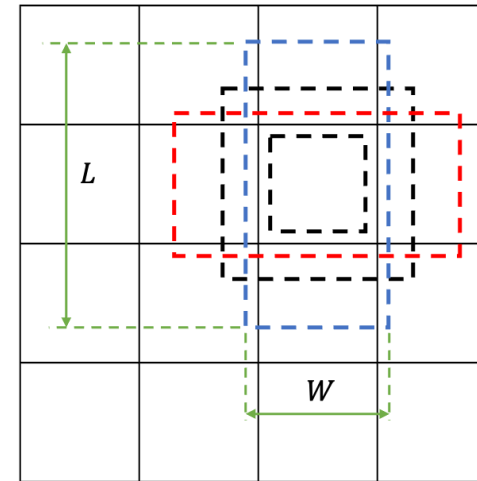


Pedestrian Image of Original Dimension

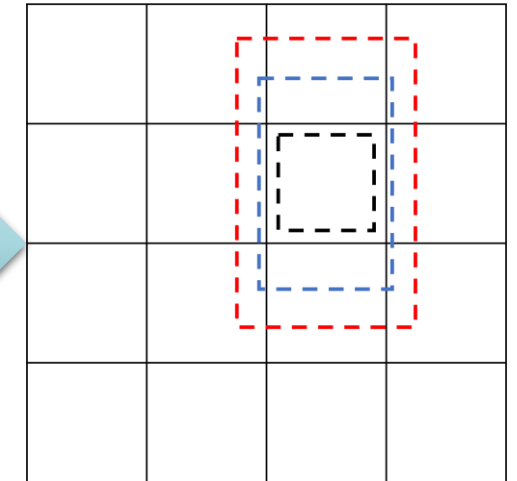


Pedestrian Image of Resized Dimension

In order to fit the model, the input image is resized to a square size.



Original Default Box



Optimized Default Box

Original box aspect ratios: 1, 2, 3, 1/2, 1/3

Optimized box aspect ratios: 1, 1/2, 1/3

Non-Motorized Traffic Sensing with Low-Illumination

- Performance Evaluation

Comparison of Mean MR, All Day, Daytime and Nighttime

	L-SSD	IATDNN	MLF-CNN	IT-MN	Q. IT-MN
MR (All)	43.06%	29.62%	25.65%	14.19%	14.55%
MR (Day)	50.73%	30.30%	25.22%	14.30%	14.67%
MR (Night)	35.38%	26.88%	26.60%	13.98%	14.29%

Comparison of Inference Time on GPU and Raspberry Pi
(Unit: Second per Frame)

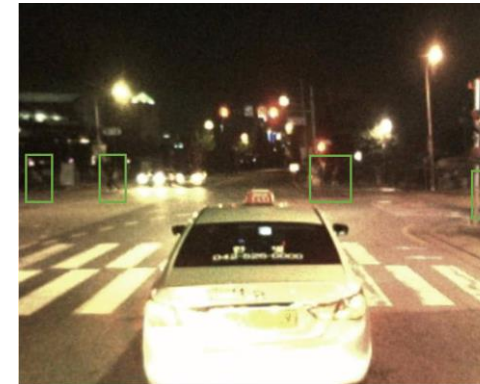
	L-SSD	IATDNN	MLF-CNN	IT-MN	Q. IT-MN
Speed (CPU)	0.03	0.25	0.15	0.03	-
Speed (GPU)	0.38	2.60	1.60	0.40	0.21



Day Road (Visible Light)



Day Road (Thermal)



Night Road (Visible Light)



Night Road (Thermal)

Too Much Data for Analysis



Large-scale sensor network



Multiple surveillance cameras



Multiple sensing tasks

Three “**More**”: more locations, more sensors, more sensing tasks

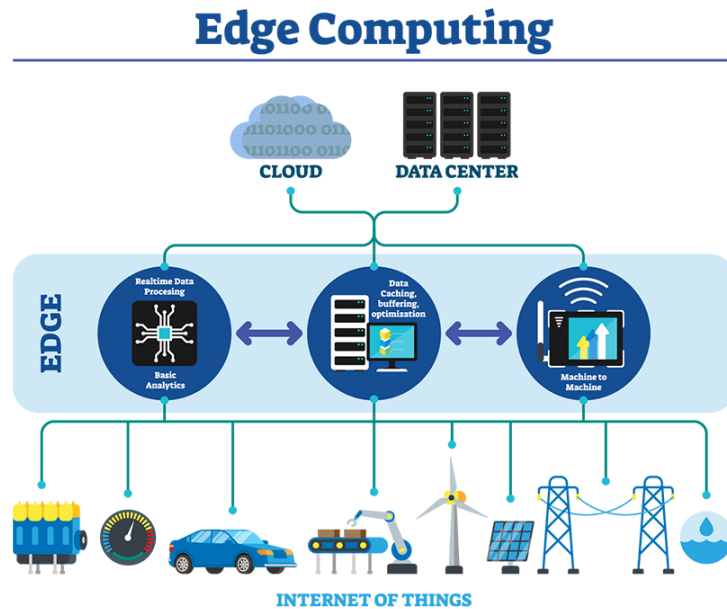
Cloud computing: All data collected at the frontend will be transmitted to the server for **processing** and **storage**.



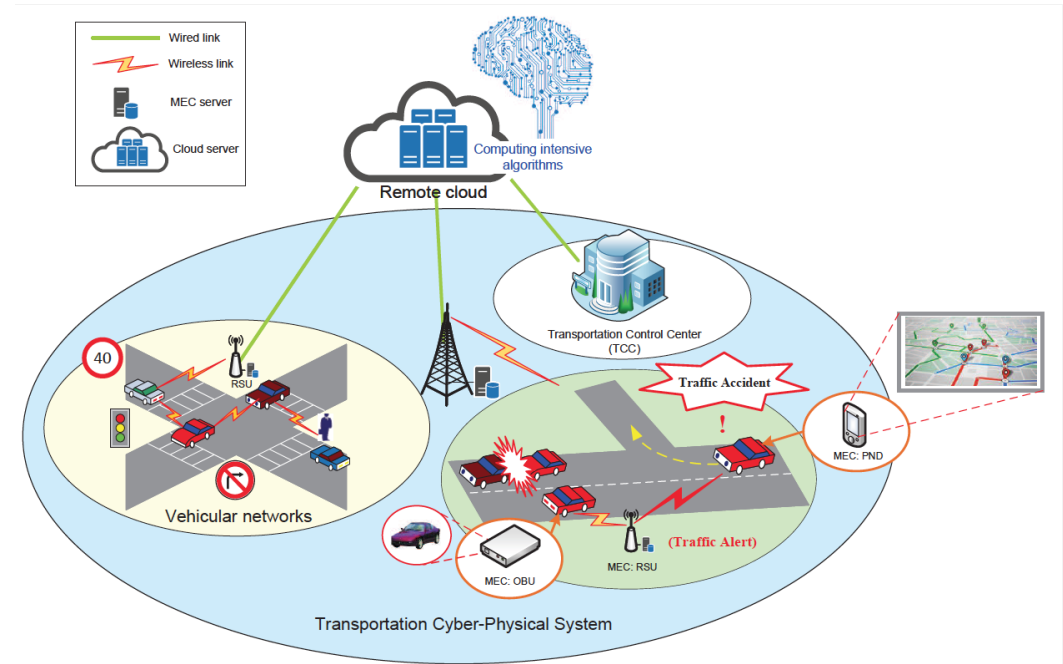
Cloud Computing Framework

Edge Computing

- Edge computing is a **distributed computing paradigm** that brings computation and data storage closer to the **sources of data**



The Edge Computing Infrastructure



Edge Computing in ITS

Advantages of edge computing:

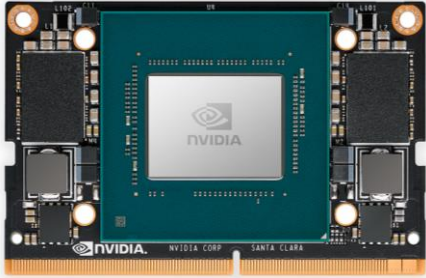
- 1) **Short latency** in large scale network
- 2) **Strong scalability** for deployment
- 3) **High privacy**, i.e., facial and speech information

Edge Computing

- Challenges of edge computing:

- 1) Weak computing power or low computing resources

Edge Device, e.g.,
Nvidia Jetson Xavier NX
(21 TOPS)



Cloud / Server GPU, e.g.,
Nvidia A100 (624 TOPS)



How to improve model efficiency?

- 1) Simplify model structure or select a smaller model

Example: Separable convolution:

$$12 \times 12 \times 3 \rightarrow 12 \times 12 \times 256$$

Traditional convolution ($5 \times 5 \times 3 \times 256$): **1,228,800**

Separable convolution ($5 \times 5 \times 1 \times 1$ and $1 \times 1 \times 3 \times 256$): **53,952**

- 2) Compress models, e.g., model quantization and pruning

Model quantization: reducing the parameter precision

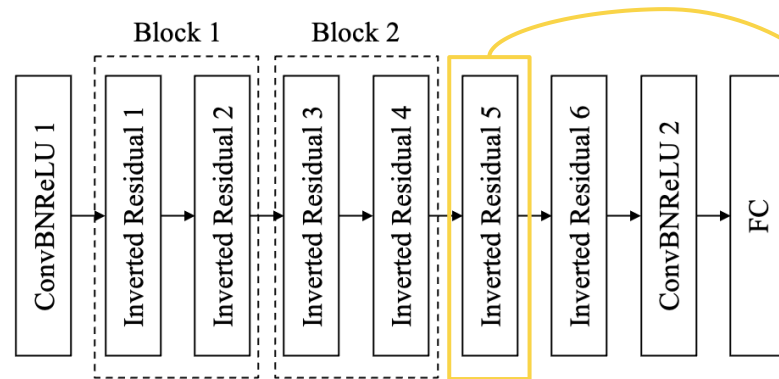
Model pruning: reducing connections between neurons

Bit Mask				Weight				Pruned			
1	0	1		.7	.2	.1		.7	0	1	
1	0	1	\otimes	-.2	.8	.9	\equiv	-.2	0	1	
1	0	1		.2	.1	.3		.2	0	1	

Pruning Strategy

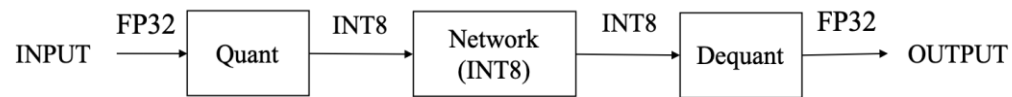
Quantized Neural Network for Crowd Estimation

- Model Framework and Quantization



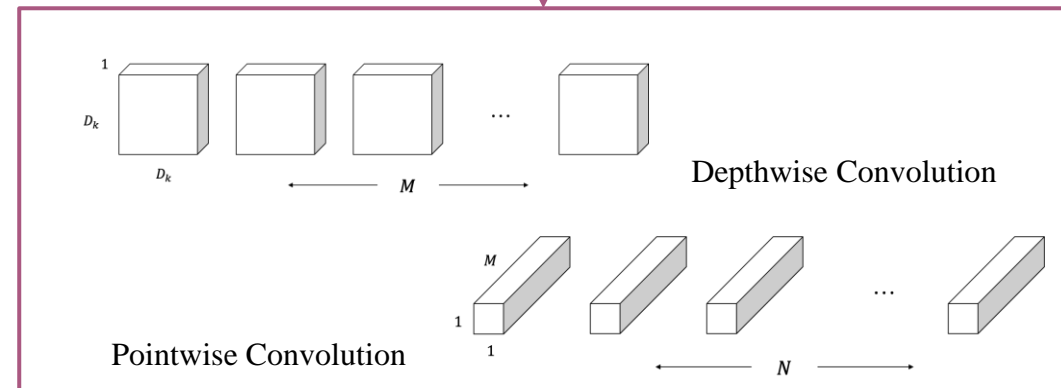
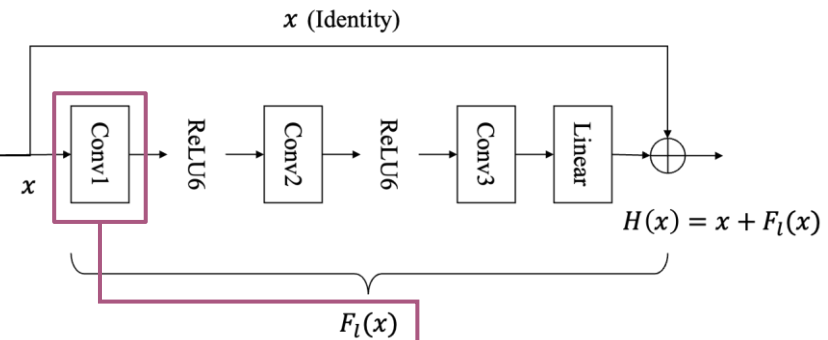
Framework of Detection Model

$$Q(x) = \lfloor x/s + z \rfloor$$



Framework of Quantization and Dequantization

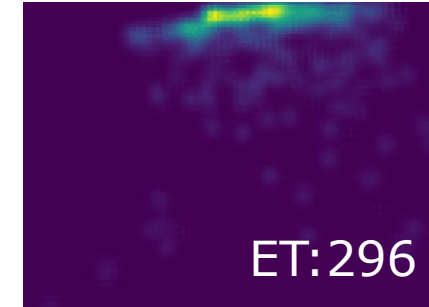
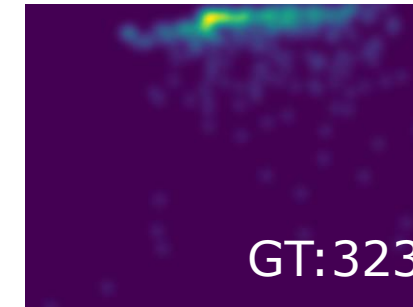
Framework of Residual Module



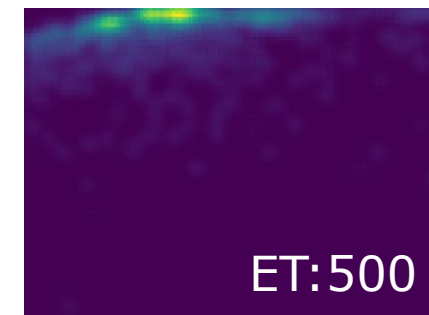
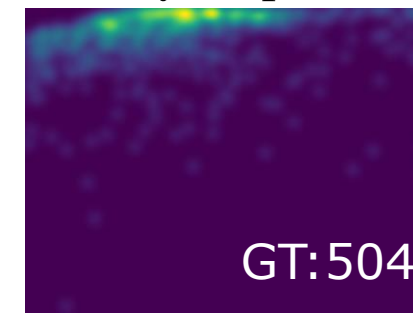
Quantized Lightweight CNN for Crowd Estimation

- Public Datasets: ShanghaiTech PartB
- 12 SOTA models for the comparison
- Highly improve efficiency without losing accuracy

Model	MAE	RMSE	Parameters(M)
DR-RESNET	14.5	21	0.028
MCNN	26.4	41.3	0.13
Switching CNN	21.6	33.4	15.11
CSRNet	10.6	16.0	16.2
MRCNet	10.3	18.4	20.3
OUR MODEL	11	17.6	10.07



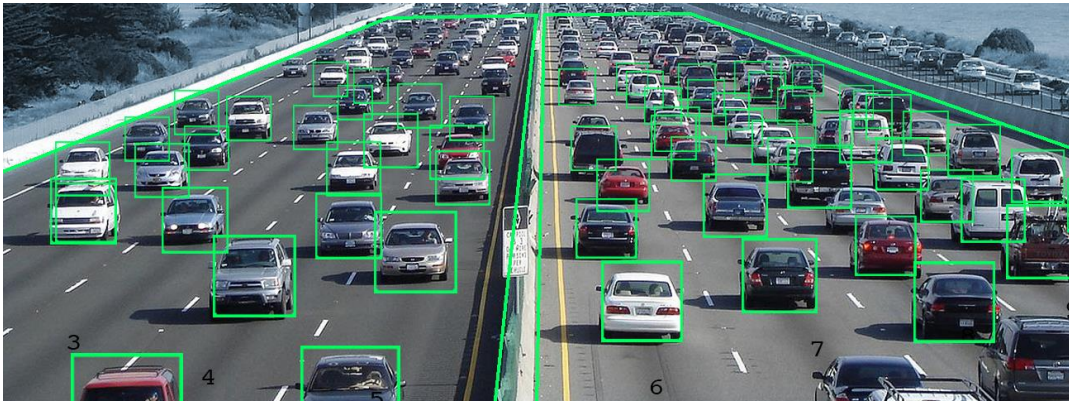
(d) Density maps of D4 level



(e) Density maps of D5 level

Traffic Sensing Theory

□ Traffic Sensing Theory



Point Detection

Traffic Parameters: Traffic volume, localized traffic parameters

Sensing Technologies: Loop detectors, microwave sensors, radar sensors, etc.

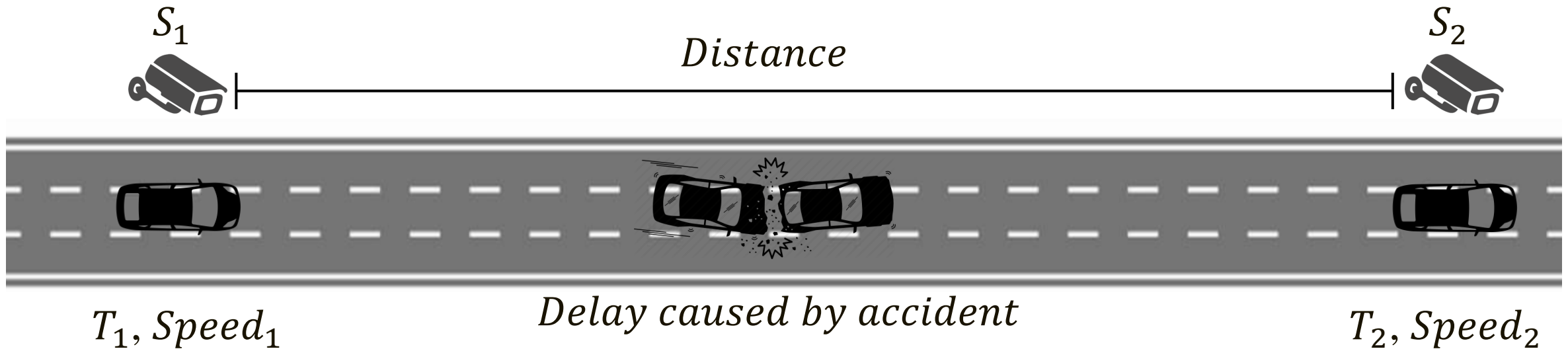


Re-Identification

Traffic Parameters: Traffic volume, localized traffic speed, travel time, trip trajectory

Sensing Technologies: Video-based sensing, etc.

Traffic Sensing Theory

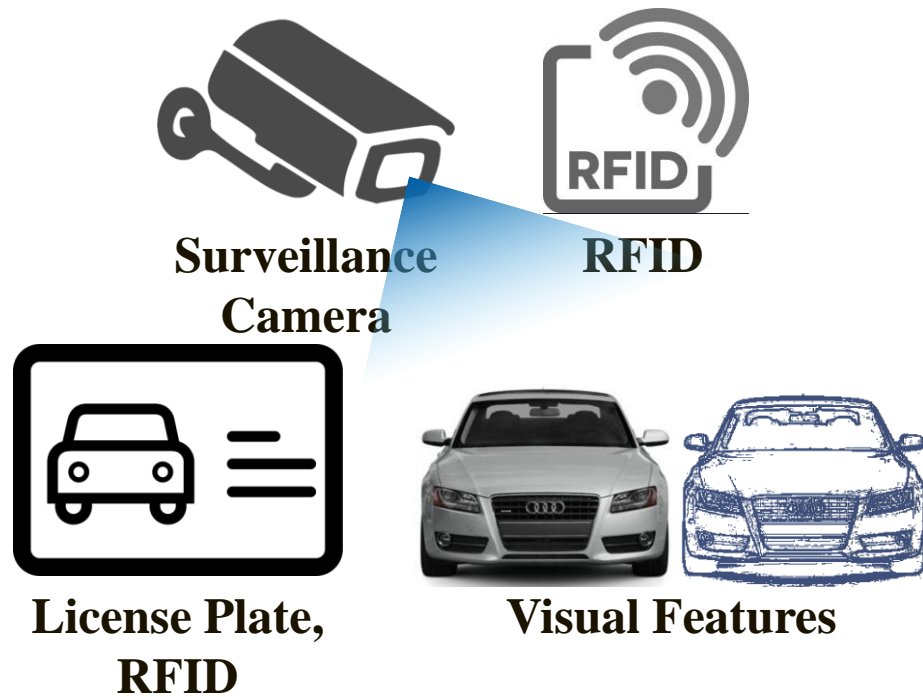


$$\text{Average Speed}_{\text{Point Detection}}^{S_1-S_2} = \text{average}(\text{Speed}_1, \text{Speed}_2)$$

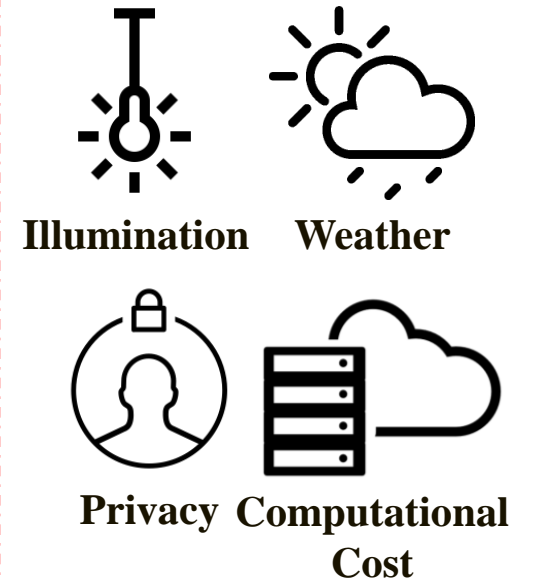
$$\text{Average Speed}_{\text{Re-Identification}}^{S_1-S_2} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{T_2 - T_1}$$

Limitations in Re-Identifying Non-Motorized Travelers

Motorized Vehicles



Transit Rider and Non-Motorized Travelers



Device-Based Wireless Sensing

- Capture Media Access Control (MAC) address of Wi-Fi and Bluetooth devices.
- A device is discoverable if Wi-Fi or Bluetooth is active and no connections yet.
- The detection range depends on the type of antenna being used.
- Typically, Wi-Fi 50-80 meters, Bluetooth 20-30 meters

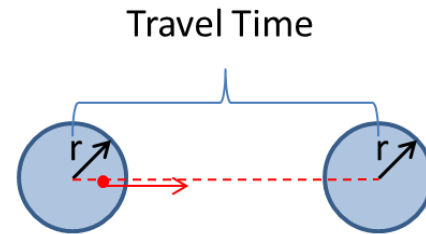


Limitations in Device-Based Wireless Sensing

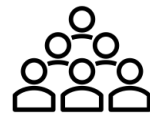
■ Traffic Mode Uncertainty



■ Localized Spatial Uncertainty



■ Population Uncertainty



Discoverable

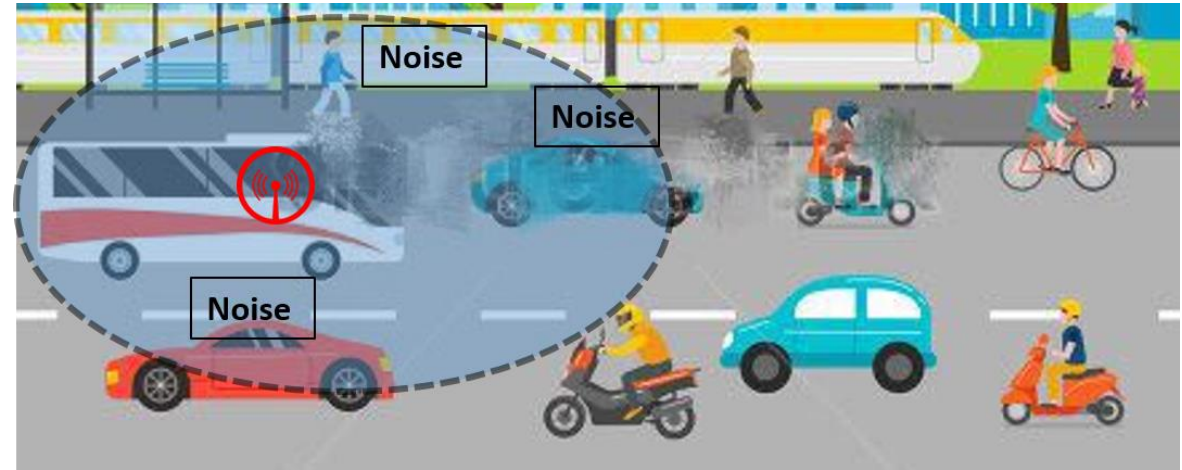
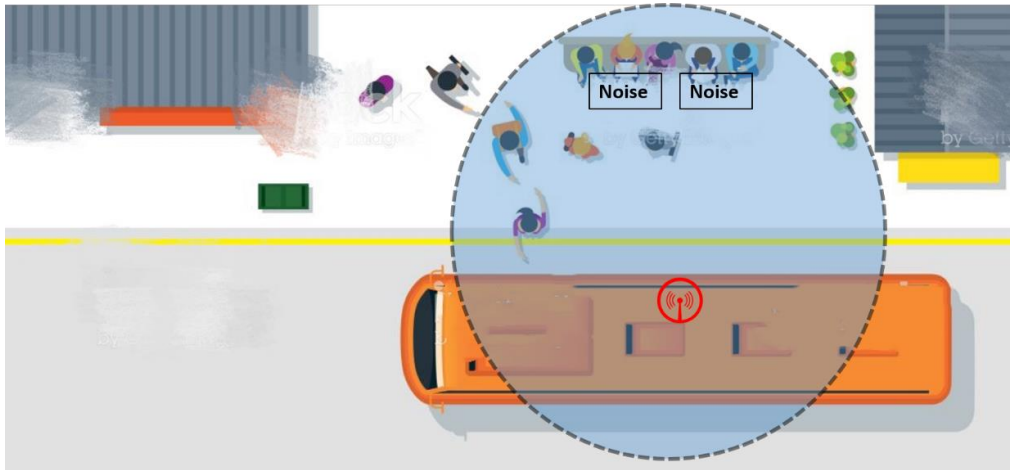


Indiscoverable

Proposed Method – Transit Rider

❑ Challenges

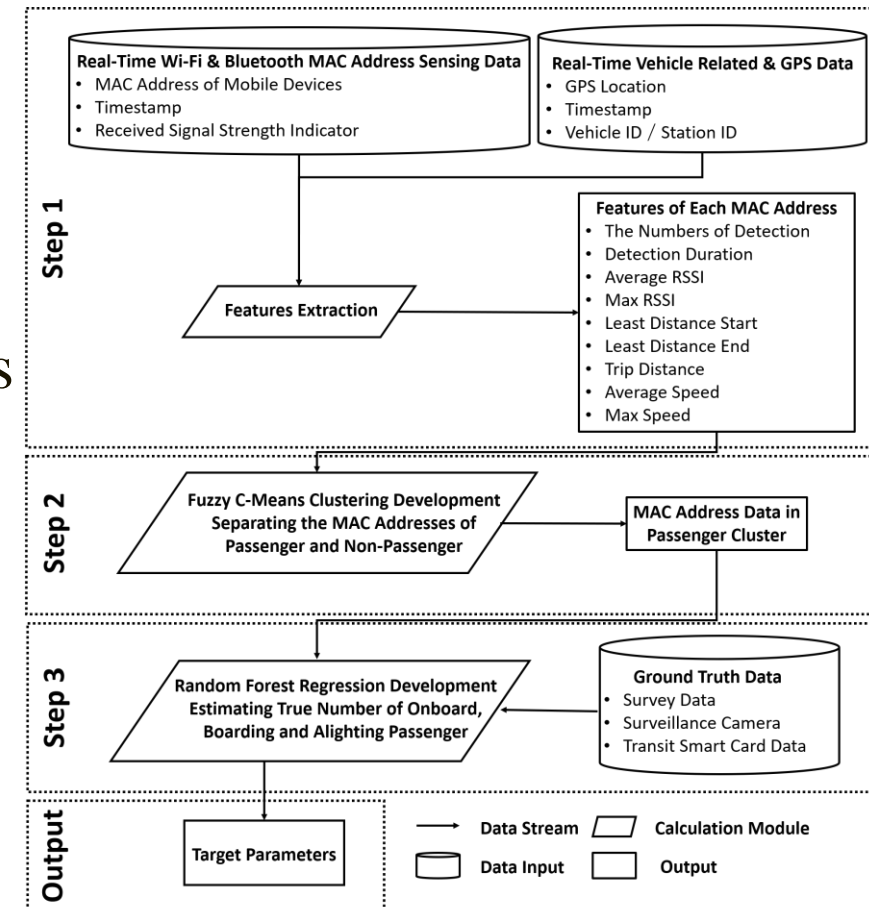
- Traffic Mode Uncertainty (Passenger & Non-Passenger)



- Population Uncertainty (Partial passengers carry discoverable mobile devices)

Proposed Method – Transit Rider

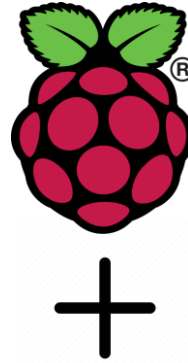
- ❑ **Traffic Mode Uncertainty** (Passenger & Non-Passenger) (Step 1 - 2)
 - Extracting features of each MAC address
 - Separating passenger and non-passenger MAC addresses based on Fuzzy C-means clustering
- ❑ **Population Uncertainty** (Step 3)
 - Estimating population ridership flow based on clustered passenger MAC addresses



Proposed Method – Transit Rider

❑ Customized Wireless Sensor

- Passive sensing Wi-Fi and BT Device
- Recording high-resolution GPS
- Transmitting data by cellular data



Compatible Power Bank

Data Processing Unit
(Raspberry Pi Zero)

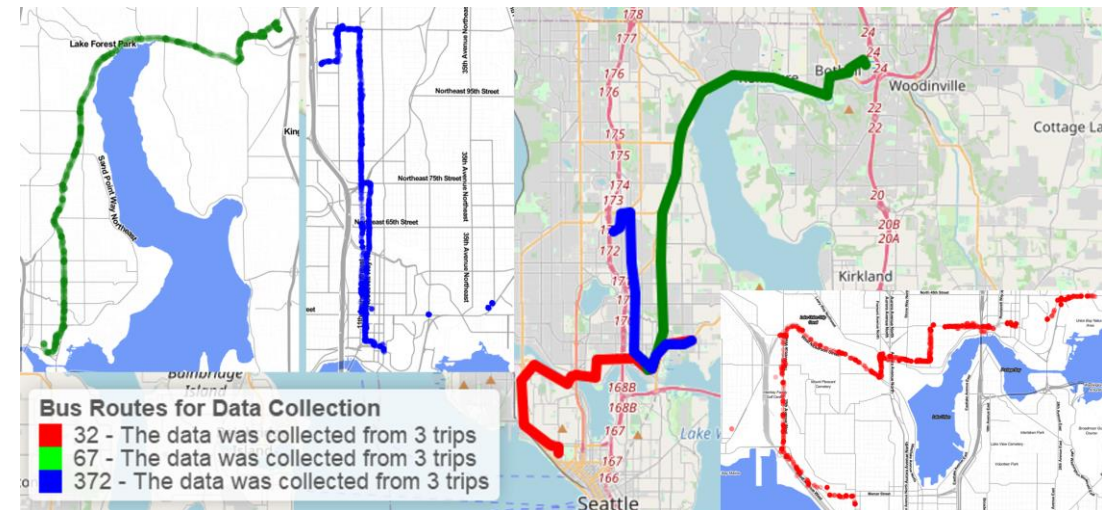
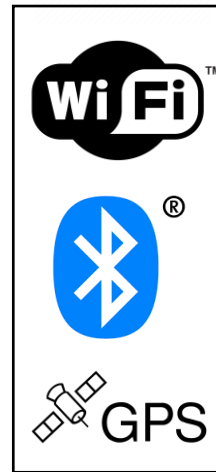
Customized USB Board
(Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS and
Real-Time Clock Modules)

4G Cellular Module

Customized Wireless Sensor

❑ Data Collection

- 3 transit routes (32, 372, and 67)
- 9 trips (3 for each)
- Manually collect Ground truth



Study Site

Proposed Method – Transit Rider

□ Results

- On-board, boarding and alighting riders
- The proposed method outperformed other baseline models
- Accuracy is about 85%

Boarding \ Alighting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total Boarding MAC	Total Ground Truth Boarding	Total Estimated Boarding
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	3
2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
3			0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2
4				0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
5					0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
6						0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
7							0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3
8								0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
9									0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
10										0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
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12												0	0	0	1	1	1	2
13													0	1	0	1	0	3
14														0	0	0	3	2
15															0	0	0	0
Total Alighting MAC	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	19	19	
Total Ground Truth Alighting	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	6		16	
Total Estimated Alighting	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	5			24

Stops	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Ground Truth Onboard Passenger	2	4	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	7	6	7	5	6	6
Onboard MAC of Each Stop	2	3	5	5	6	5	8	5	6	7	7	6	5	2	0
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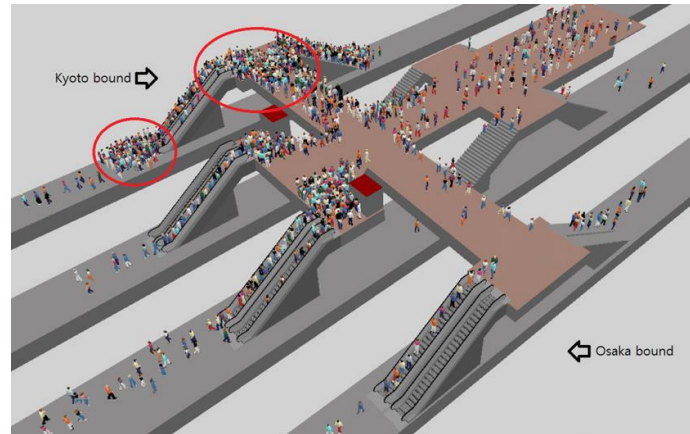
Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Introduction

- Non-motorized traffic information is important



Multi-Modal Traffic Signal
Control



Non-Motorized Traffic
Management

Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Methodology Overview

- **Localized spatial uncertainty** – correct traffic speed based on RSSI measurements
- **Traffic mode uncertainty** – identify traffic mode of each MAC trip based on extracted features using semi-PCM clustering (detection times, duration, and time difference)

Algorithm: Real-Time Multi-Modal Traffic Speed Estimation

Initialization: start time t_0 , time interval Δt

for road segments i in $\{1, \dots, N\}$ **do**:

 Extract all MAC trips M within time interval $[t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$

for MAC trip j in $\{1, \dots, M\}$ **do**:

 Correct traffic speed based on RSSI

 Extract features vector v_j of MAC Trip j

end for

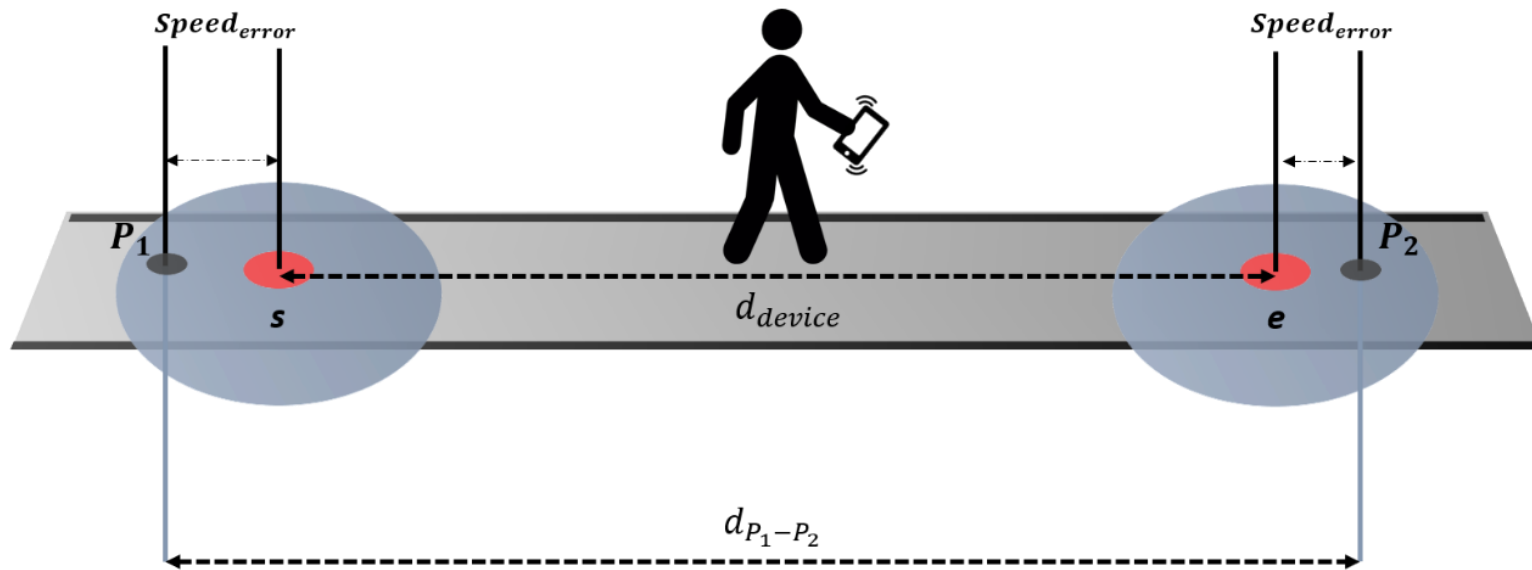
 Identify travel modes for all MAC trips M using Semi-PCM

end for

Output: average multi-modal traffic speed of all road segments for the time window $[t_0, t_0 + \Delta t]$

Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□Localized Spatial Uncertainty

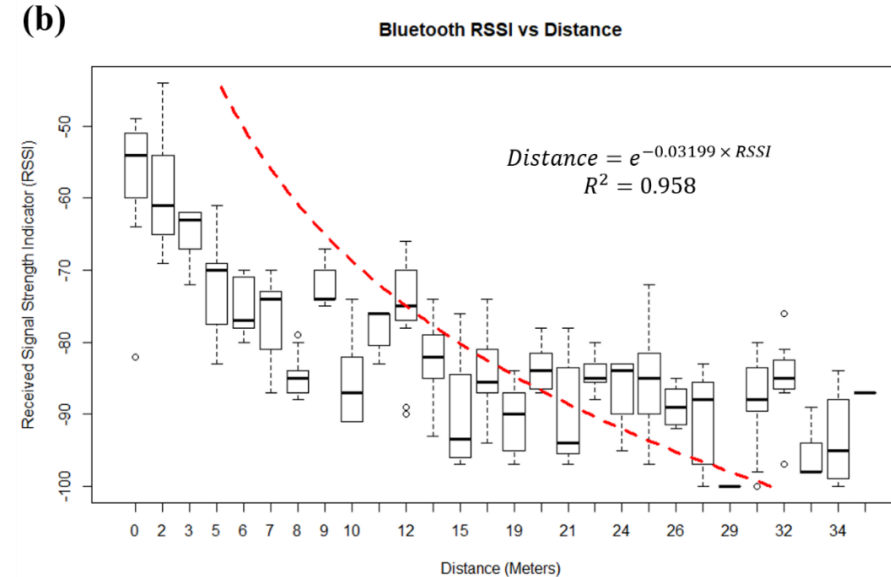
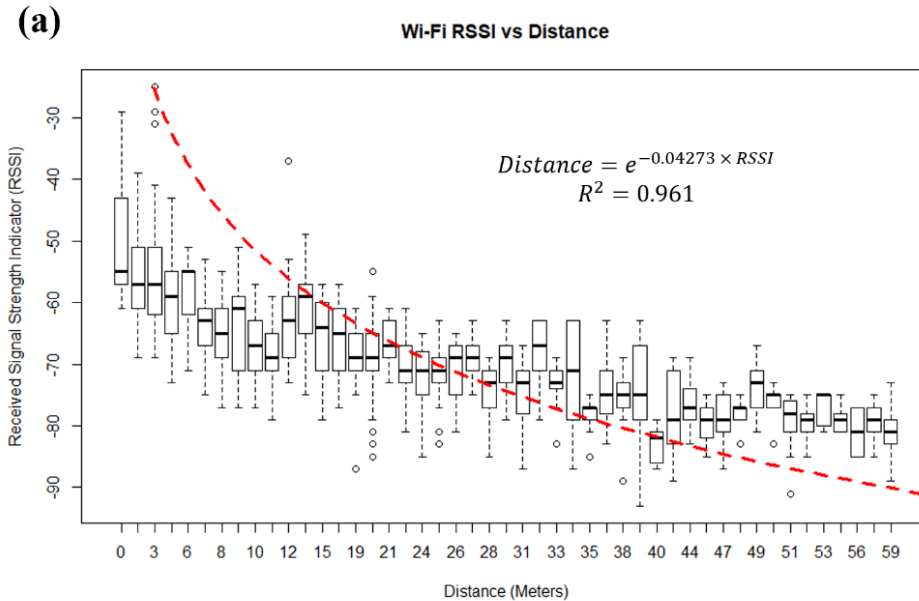


$$Speed_{estimated} = \frac{d_{device}}{TT_{P_1-P_2}}$$

$$Speed_{error} = \frac{|d_{device} - d_{P_1-P_2}|}{TT_{P_1-P_2}}$$

Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Localized Spatial Uncertainty



$$d_{Wi-Fi} = e^{-0.04273 \times RSSI}$$

$$d_{Bluetooth} = e^{-0.03199 \times RSSI}$$

Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Localized Spatial Uncertainty

- Correct traffic speed based on RSSI measurement and relative position to sensors
- Using all detected points to correct traffic speed for one trip

$$Corrected\ Speed_{s-e} = \begin{cases} \frac{d_{device} - d_s + d_e}{TT_{s-e}}, & \text{if } P^s = \{P_n^s | n \in (min, n]\} \text{ and } P^e = \{P_n^e | n \in (min, n]\} \\ \frac{d_{device} + d_s - d_e}{TT_{s-e}}, & \text{if } P^s = \{P_n^s | n \in [1, min)\} \text{ and } P^e = \{P_n^e | n \in [1, min)\} \\ \frac{d_{device} + d_s + d_e}{TT_{s-e}}, & \text{if } P^s = \{P_n^s | n \in [1, min)\} \text{ and } P^e = \{P_n^e | n \in (min, n]\} \\ \frac{d_{device} - d_s - d_e}{TT_{s-e}}, & \text{if } P^s = \{P_n^s | n \in (min, n]\} \text{ and } P^e = \{P_n^e | n \in [1, min)\} \end{cases}$$

$$Corrected\ Speed_{trip} = \frac{\sum_i^S \sum_j^E Corrected\ Speed_{i-j}}{S \times E}$$

Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Traffic Mode Uncertainty

▪ Randomly initialization will result in local optimal for a dataset

▪ Initializing hyper-parameters by a small set of labelled data

$$u_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{d_{ij}^2}{\eta_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}}$$

$$\eta_i = K \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N u_{ij}^m d_{ij}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^N u_{ij}^m}$$

$$\eta_i = \frac{\sum_{x_j \in (\text{labelled})} d_{ij}^2}{n_{\text{labelled}}}$$

Algorithm: Semi-Supervised PCM Clustering

Initialization:

The number of clusters C

The maximum number of iterations L

The fuzzification parameter m

Calculate the center of each cluster in labelled data $v_i^{(0)}$

Initialize η_i using Equation

Initialize $U^0 \in R^{C \times N}$, $u_{ij}^0 = U^0(i, j) \in [0, 1]$ using Equation

Repeat:

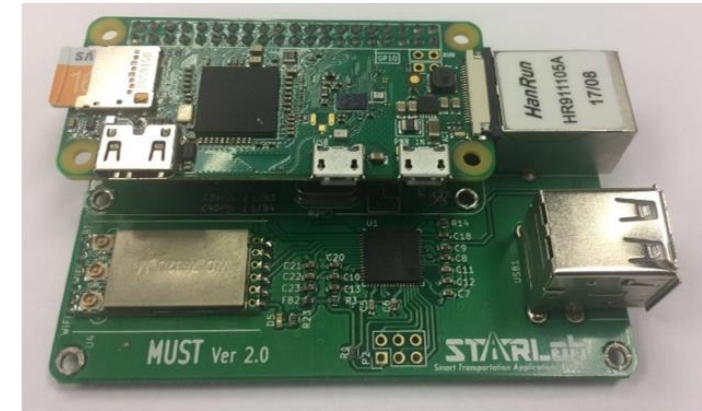
Update U^t , and Increment L

Until: $\|U^t - U^{t-1}\| \leq \varepsilon$ or $t \geq L$

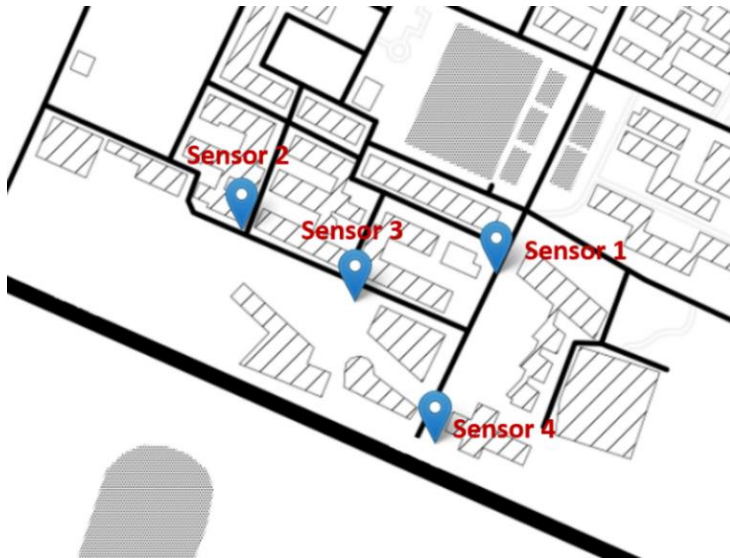
Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

❑ System Deployment and Data Collection

- Collect data by four customized wireless sensors for validation
- Ground truth data is collected by surveillance camera (traffic mode, traffic speed for different modes)



(a)



(b)



(c)

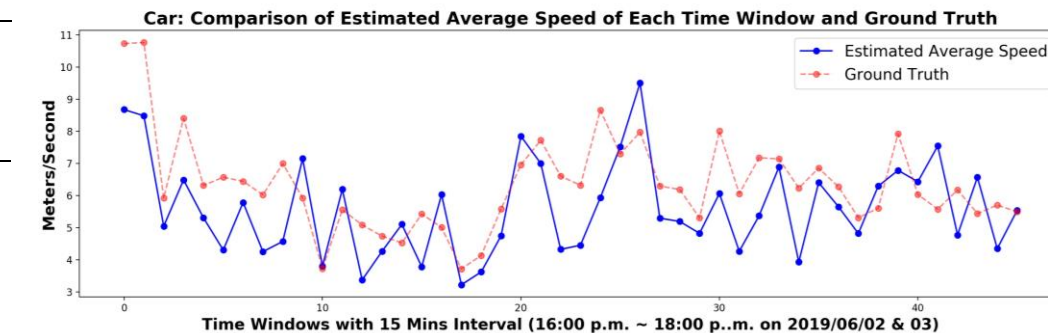
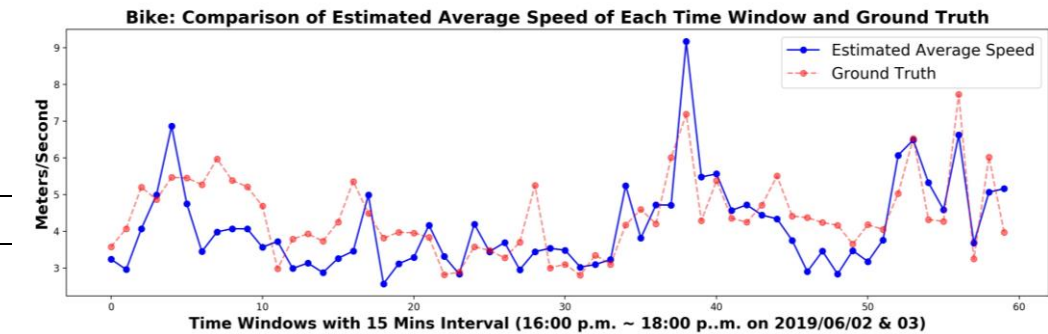
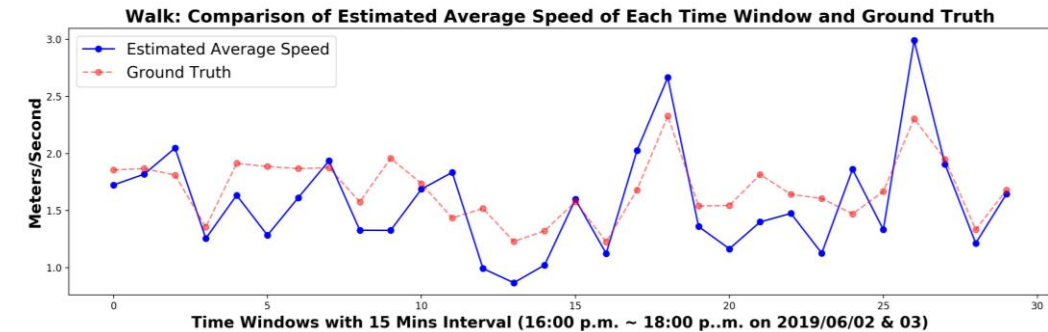
Proposed Method – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

□ Results – Multi-Modal Traffic Speed

- Overall traffic speed estimation accuracy is about 85%
- Car and walk modes got better performance than bike mode

Mode	Car		Bike		Walk	
	Original Speed	Corrected Speed by RSSI	Original Speed	Corrected Speed by RSSI	Original Speed	Corrected Speed by RSSI
MSE	2.2898	1.5235	1.0612	0.6867	0.1383	0.0943
MAE	1.2768	1.0507	0.8688	0.7094	0.3258	0.2537
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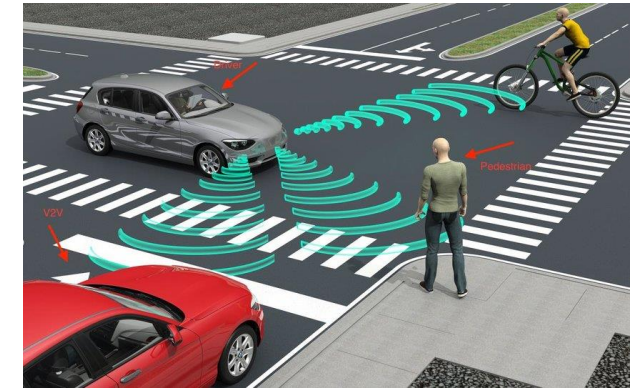
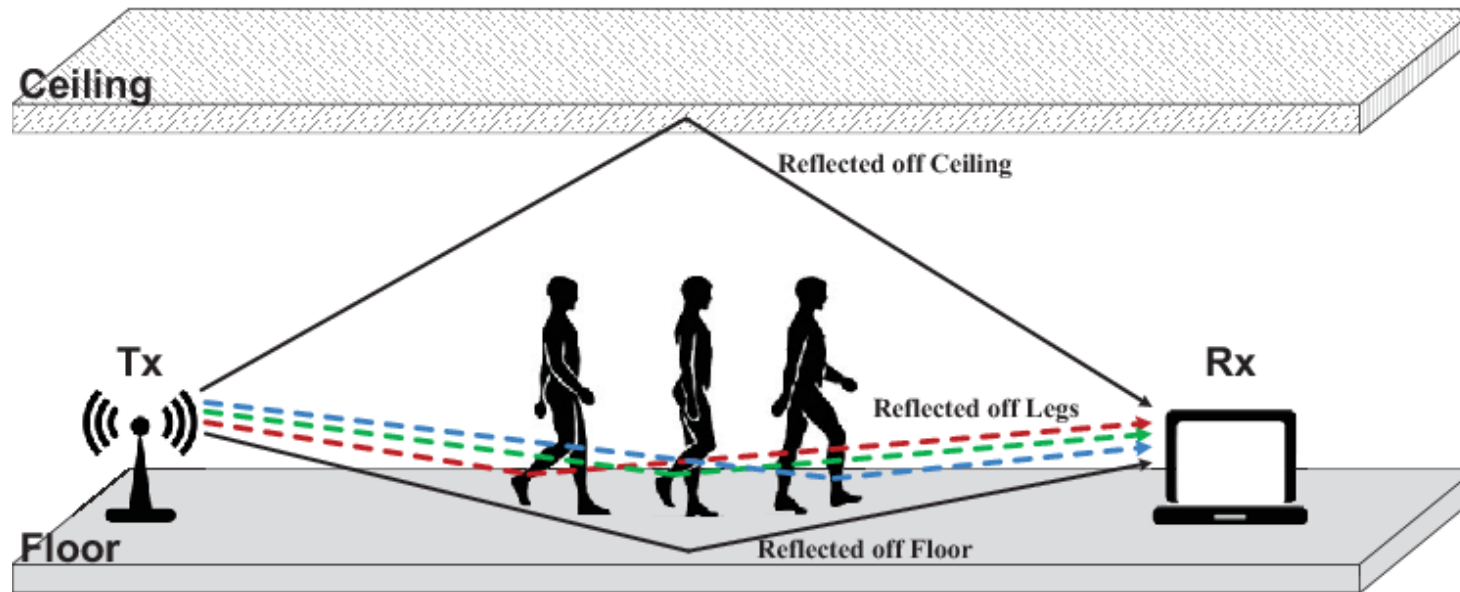
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Proposed Method – Pedestrian

□ Population Uncertainty – Device-Free Wireless Sensing

- Utilizing Wi-Fi Channel State Information (CSI)
- Detecting pedestrian existence, moving direction and moving speed.



Connected & Autonomous Vehicle



Pedestrian Crossing Signal System

Proposed Method – Pedestrian

□ Equipment Development and Experiment Design

- Conducting experiment in indoor and outdoor environment
- Investigating impacts of different sampling ratios and antennas



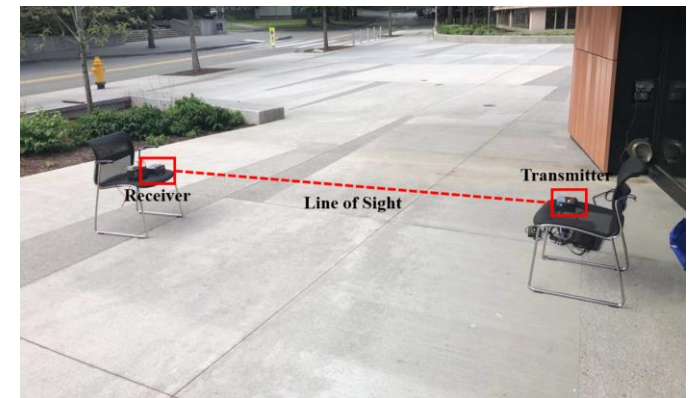
Indoor Environment



Sensing Equipment



Omni-directional and directional

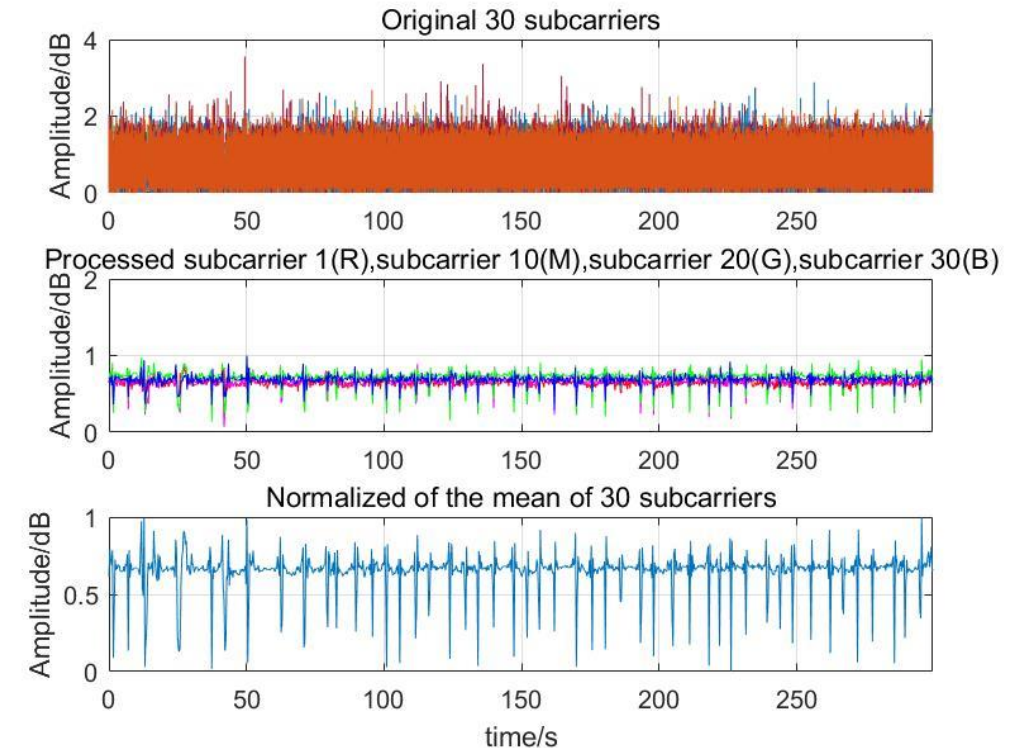


Outdoor Environment

Proposed Method – Pedestrian

❑ Wi-Fi CSI Pre-processing

- Filtering outliers using Hampel Identifier
- Imputing lose packets using Linear Signal Interpolation
- Smoothing CSI signal using Kalman Filter
- Denoising CSI signal using Wavelet Transform



Pre-processing Results of CSI Signal
collecting by 100 Hz in Outdoor

Proposed Method – Pedestrian

□ Pedestrian Existence Detection

- A parameter is calculated to represent the level of fluctuation of normalized average CSI amplitude at each timestamp

$$diff = \max(x(i:i + T)) - \min(x(i:i + T))$$

- A predefined threshold is used to determine whether a pedestrian is passing or not

$$threshold = \mu - p * \sigma$$

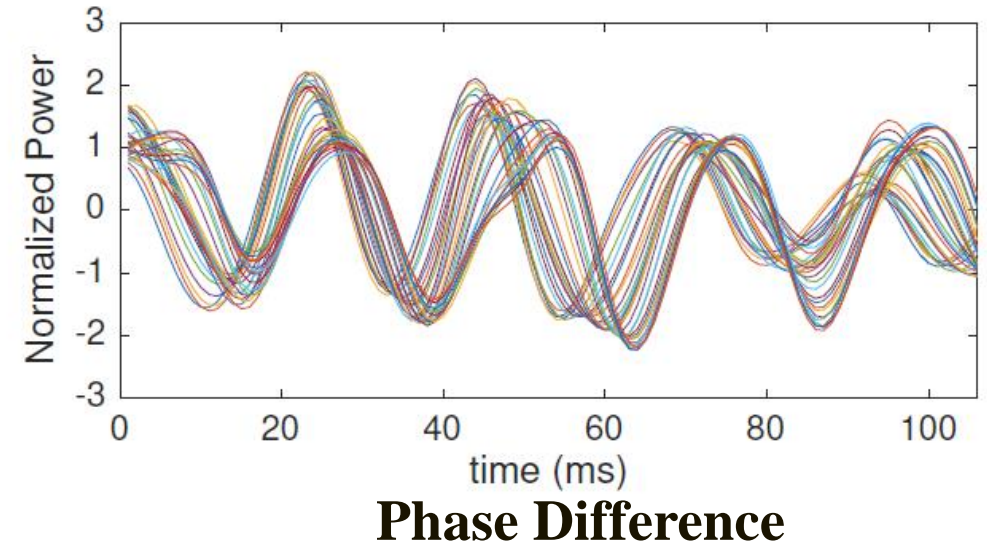
Sampling Ratio	Environment	# Pedestrian	# Detection	Accuracy
100Hz	Indoor-Omni	130	128	98.46%
	Outdoor-Omni	154	147	95.45%
	Outdoor-Di	99	98	98.99%
500Hz	Indoor-Omni	49	46	93.88%
	Outdoor-Omni	51	48	94.12%
	Outdoor-Di	102	100	98.04%
800Hz	Indoor-Omni	24	10	41.67%
	Outdoor-Omni	27	13	48.15%
	Outdoor-Di	96	90	93.75%

Proposed Method – Pedestrian

❑ Identifying Moving Direction

- CSI signal with longer waveform is perturbed first
- Utilizing phase difference to identify moving direction

$$\Delta\rho = 2\pi(d_1 - d_0)\Delta f/c$$



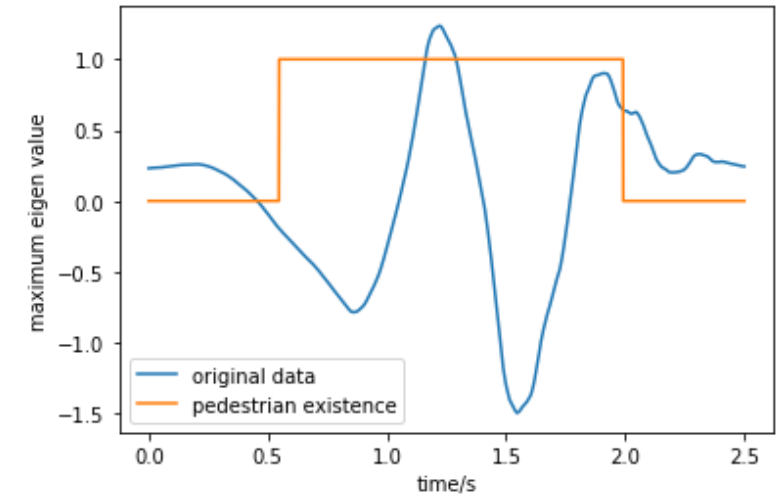
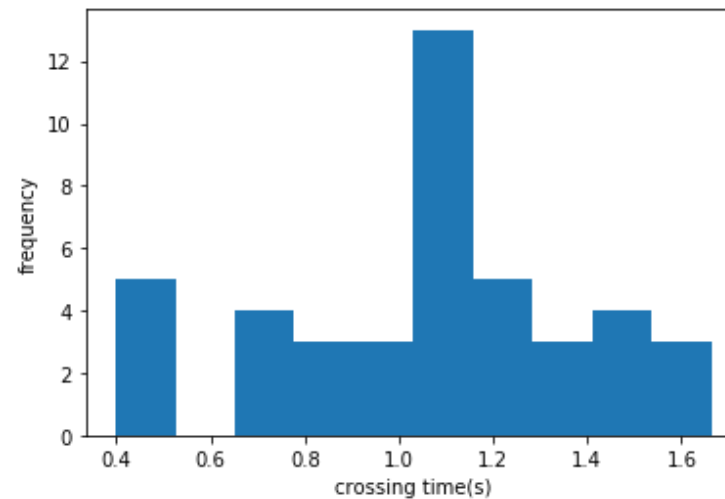
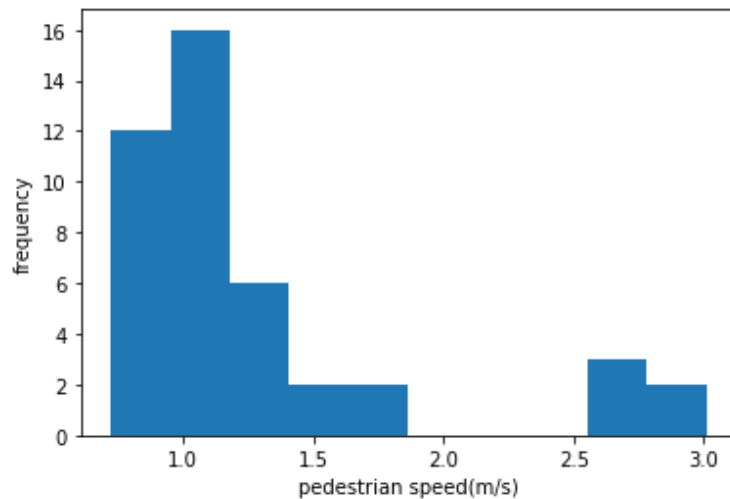
Detection Results

Environment	# Pedestrian	Direction 1		Direction 2		
		# Correct Detection	Accuracy	# Pedestrian	# Correct Detection	Accuracy
Indoor	65	65	100.00%	65	63	96.92%
Outdoor	77	71	92.21%	77	72	93.51%

Proposed Method – Pedestrian

□ Estimating Moving Speed

- The mean of speed is 1.29m/s with standard variation of 0.58m/s.
- After eliminating outliers, mean values is 1.13m/s, and standard deviation is 0.34m/s.

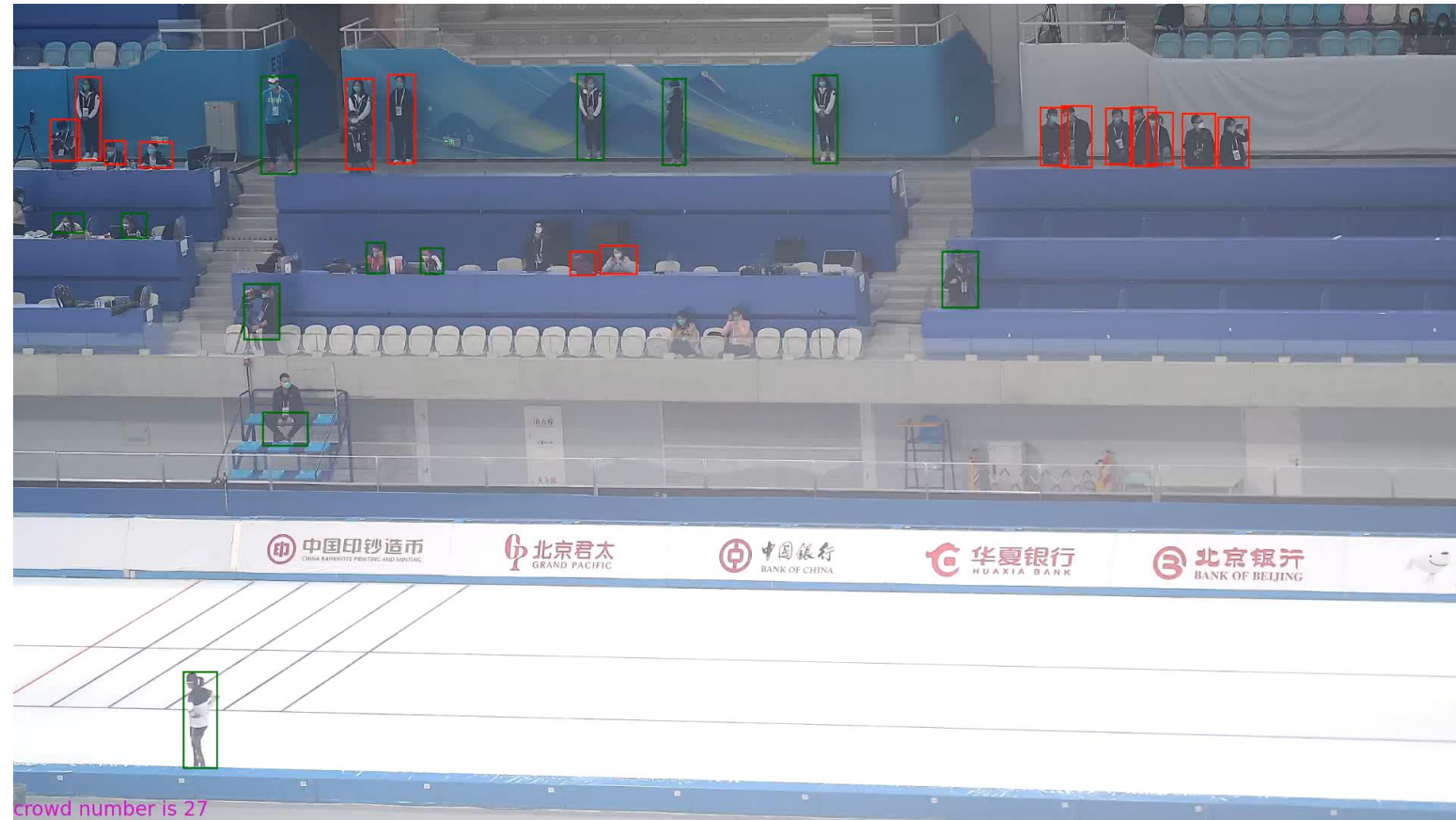


Detecting start and end time of pedestrian existence

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Implementations – Social Distancing Detection for 2022 Winter Olympic Games

- Estimating crowd density
- Detecting the social distance among crowd
- Generating warnings if audience are too close

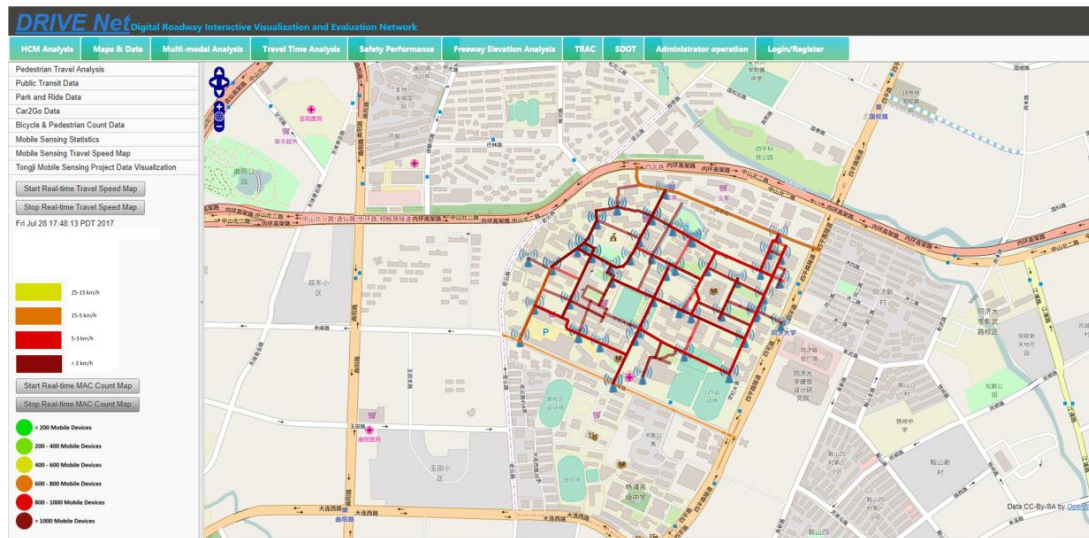


Implementations – Pedestrian Monitoring at Tongji University

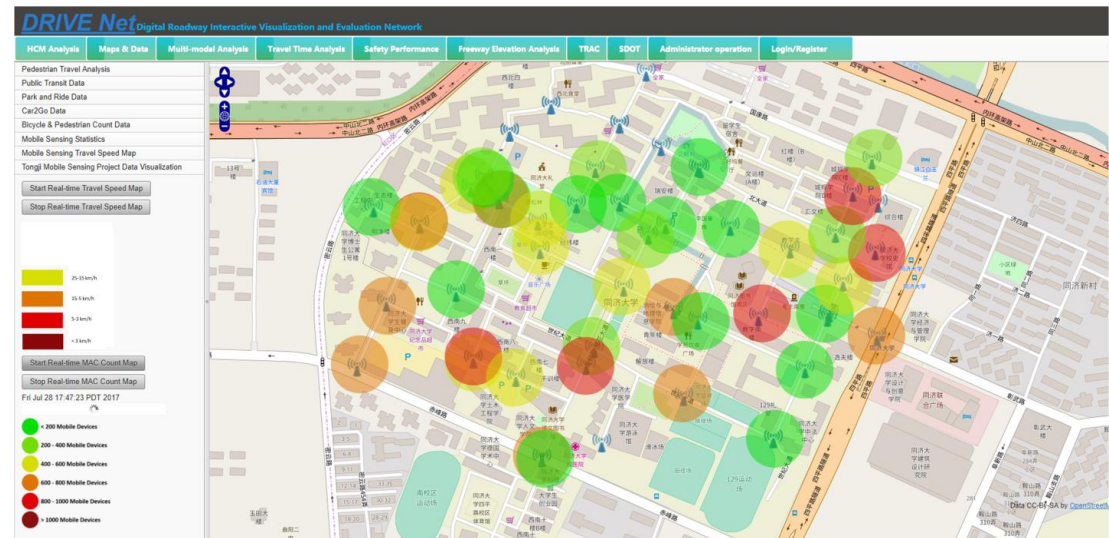
- Tongji University, Shanghai
- Over 100 sensors, 2017 - present



Sensing Device and Remote Server



Pedestrian Travel Time



Pedestrian Point Volume in Peak Hour



Thanks for your time!

Q&A