

COST Action – Interact 20120

Deliverable HA1 – Database with data sets available

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Introduction and scope

COST INTERACT's open collaborative environment aims to share measurements, simulation scenarios and models, both within and beyond the Action. Datasets shared within different working groups (WGs) have been collected through the effort of Horizontal Activity 1 (HA1) WG, with the aim of providing ease of access and organize scientific activities (e.g., poster presentations, joint publications, machine learning challenges) leveraging the set of available resources.

The scope of the present deliverable is to sum up the main activities and actions undertaken by HA1 within INTERACT, COST Action 20120. The next sections will define:

1. The rules defined for sharing the data among members of the action.
2. The storing means of the HA1 datasets.
3. The list of currently available datasets with a brief description.
4. Description of the two COST INTERACT Machine Learning challenges as illustrative uses of the datasets.
5. The joint publications.

Storing means and data sharing rules

Dataset collected within HA1 are available on the dedicated website:

<https://interactca20120.org/wgs/datasets-2/>

HA1 datasets are not hosted on a dedicated server structure. It is the liability of authors willing to share the dataset to upload and store them on a public (e.g., Zenodo, Github, etc.) or private repository and provide a direct working URL link to the dataset. Resources under HA1 are available under two options:

1. Open access: The dataset is available to a larger audience via a public URL (listed on INTERACT website).
2. COST-only members: the dataset will be available, upon request, to members of CA20120 only.

A set of rules and best practices has been defined for open-access dataset contributors. A document "HA1 Dataset Guide for Contributors" is present online (<https://interactca20120.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HA1-Dataset-Guide-for-Contributors.pdf>), with the aim to summarize the recommended practices a dataset contributor should meet to maximize the scientific impact of their work and prevent anybody from using the dataset without proper citation. Below, some extracts of the documents are reported:

1) **License your dataset**

In case your dataset is not licensed, we strongly suggest doing so. Choosing a proper license for publicly available datasets can inhibit unwanted manners of data use. Creative Commons licenses are a good solution: they allow the dataset to be used under various conditions that depend on the kind of chosen license (e.g., non-commercial use, attribution, etc.). There exist six types of CC licenses. More information can be found here:

<https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/>

Most public repositories (e.g., IEEE Dataport, Zenodo, etc.) allow selecting a license when uploading a dataset by a simple user interface. If a different platform is used, it is still possible to associate a CC license to a dataset. Here a simple example is reported on how to do so for datasets shared via Github:

<https://github.com/santisoler/cc-licenses>.

2) Provide a clear bibliographic reference for citation

Help potential dataset users cite your work correctly: provide a clear bibliographic reference (e.g., Bibtex + plain text) of the work a user should cite in the URL of your dataset (for GitHub users, add it in the README file). A good example can be found here:

<http://log-a-tec.eu/uwb-ds.html>.

3) Provide a thorough README file

Every dataset is different. As a consequence, no unique format is required. Nevertheless, a standardized-format README file should be provided to describe the dataset thoroughly. A thorough README file is the most effective way to attract users to choose to work on your dataset. A good README file should contain:

- 1- Short description of how the dataset was collected (+ eventually a link to the dataset paper)
- 2- Dataset organization: here, you can describe how the data is organized in the whole dataset, how the data is stored in all the files, and the proper description of features.
- 3- Authors and bibliographic reference: see point 2.
- 4- License: information on the dataset license.

Example of a well-written README file:

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/zalando-research/fashionmnist>.

List of available datasets

An open call for dataset has been launched at the start of the action. By the time of writing this document, a total of 22 datasets have been collected.

The themes concern all three main working groups, as well as VT1. Below, a description of each dataset is reported in the following format:

- Title
- Dataset provider name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Brief description
- Accessibility option
- Possible use of the data

WG1

Analysis of 5G measurements - 1-40 GHz indoor UPCT measurements

Jose-Maria Molina-Garcia-Pardo, UPCT

14 LoS positions measured in a university room, from 1 to 40 GHz using omni antennas. More details <https://www.mdpi.com/2079-9292/9/10/1688>

Open access. Available via: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/josemmolina/indoor-140-ghz-mimo-measurements>

Education, research, or collaboration

Measured dataset for performance analysis of wireless systems (e.g., IEEE 802.11ad) in real-world 60 GHz indoor channels

Ladislav Polak and Jiri Blumenstein, Brno University of Technology, Department of Radio Electronics

The complete measurement results (measured 60GHz Multipath Channel)) are provided as an open dataset to be re-used by the research community. More details are available here (see title "Measured indoor 60 GHz fading channel model only": <https://github.com/jirimilos/802.11ad-phy-sim>

Open access. It is already available at:

https://github.com/jirimilos/802.11ad-phy-sim/tree/master/measured_channels

The main purpose of the (measured) dataset is to evaluate the performance of different wireless channels in real-world indoor millimeter wave channels (see e.g.,

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8906960>).

In the future, such a dataset can be also utilized in the training process of different machine learning models.

Indoor high-speed channel sounding measurements at 2.55GHz, 5.9GHz and 25.5GHz

Faruk Pasic, Vienna University of Technology, Institute of Telecommunications

Measurement results with corresponding description are provided in "Multi-band Wireless Channel Measurements in High-Mobility Environment" (<https://github.com/fpasic1/vienna-channel-sounding>)

Open-access.

Measurements are conducted to compare sub-6GHz and mmWave indoor wireless channels in a high-speed scenario. For all measured scenarios, the wireless channel is measured with the same transmit antenna positions and the same receive antenna position but with different center frequencies and velocities. This allows a direct comparison of the measured wireless channel in terms of fading environment and channel statistics. We provide results in terms of time-variant channel transfer functions for discrete-time (snapshots) and frequency (subcarriers).

Transmitter Identification and Fingerprinting based on RF Imperfections

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Hardware imperfections in RF transmitters introduce features that can be used to identify a specific transmitter among others. Currently, header size sometimes outweighs the payload size in IoT type small packets. Furthermore, headers are currently the only barrier against transmitter identification errors and transmitter impersonation on edge devices that don't have the resources to use cryptographic protocols. Therefore, a system able to identify a transmitter based on intrinsic hardware features could help reduce packet sizes and/or improve security.

Open-access. It is already available at: <https://wiki.cortexlab.fr/doku.php?id=tx-id>

This data set can be used to train supervised Deep Learning algorithms to recognize and differentiate several transmitters by focusing on the RF imperfections characteristic to each one of the transmitters.

5G New Radio propagation measurements in outdoor small cells operating at the 3.5 GHz frequency band

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5G New radio measurements with the Rohde & Schwarz® FSH 8 (and HE400 R&S directional antenna). The 5G New Radio signal is produced by R&S® SMM100A Vector Signal Generator, from Field Tests at the Covilhã aerodrome to assess received power in urban microcellular (Umi) scenarios (direct ray plus a reflection on the asphalt). The height of towers of "own cell" and "interference cell" base stations (gNBs), operating at 3.59 GHz, is 12.25 m. The use of spectrum was authorized by ANACOM (the Portuguese national regulatory authority for the communications sector), with a bandwidth of 20 MHz for each duplexing link.

COST-only members. Availability to be provided soon.

The urban microcellular Line-of-sight ITU-R propagation model for small cells is going to be considered. A breakpoint distance, d_{BP} , is assumed in the path loss model. Properly spaced eNBs/gNBs are considered. The objective is to tackle shared spectrum and CA in cellular systems. Whereas small cells with few tens of meters are considered, the upper layer of the heterogeneous network (HetNet) considers micro cells with cell length of few hundred meters. As cells shapes will quite adapt to the urban topology, a deployment of the heterogeneous cellular network with small cells tailored to the urban environment will be assumed. Based on the information about measurements and 5G New Radio cell towers, the Geolocation API delivers a location and accuracy radius. These services can be accessed directly using an HTTP request using the Geocoding API and Matlab. To show the fundamental capability, the following sample uses the Geocoding service via the Maps JavaScript API. To analyse the measured data, we have used the R&S® InstrumentView software. It allows for collecting data acquired by using Rohde & Schwarz FSH8 spectrum analyser. With this software, you can easily analyse

measurement data on the computer. The software displays waveforms, power, etc. and lets you add individual annotations. Cursors and automatic measurements support straightforward signal analysis.

A Measurement-Based Spatially Consistent Channel Model for Distributed MIMO in Industrial Environments

Christian Nelson, Sara Willhammar, Fredrik Tufvesson (Lund University, Sweden)

Measurement data from a distributed MIMO (D-MIMO) measurement campaign in an industrial environment at 3.7 GHz, a bandwidth of 35 MHz. 12 distributed infrastructure antennas and one user antenna (agent). The data contains complex channel transfer functions from the fully coherent infrastructure antennas sampled at 200 Hz, fast enough to track phase and perform Doppler processing. The three measured scenarios are: 1) the ref scenario where the agent was driving back and forth in the middle of the hall at a speed of approximately 0.8 m/s, 2) the loop scenario where the agent was driving two laps around machinery (parts of the loop is in a section of the industry hall where the ceiling is considerably lower, which will lead to a challenging radio channel environment with a lot of obstruction), and 3) the scan scenario where the agent is driving around in order to cover the majority of the accessible hall, including in between machines. With 449 active tones, for 5 measurements, each with a length between 60 s and 240 s, the result is 1 440 000 recorded channel transfer functions.

Open Access. Already available at: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14502428>

The measurements are described in: Nelson C, Li X, Fedorov A, Deutschmann B, Tufvesson F. "Distributed MIMO Measurements for Integrated Communication and Sensing in an Industrial Environment", *Sensors*. 2024; 24(5):1385.

- <https://doi.org/10.3390/s24051385>

- <https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/24/5/1385>

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.15936>

Channel characteristics and a channel model derived from the measurements can be found at:

- C. Nelson, S. Willhammar, F. Tufvesson, "A Measurement-Based Spatially Consistent Channel Model for Distributed MIMO in Industrial Environments" <https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.12646>

WiLi- Vehicular Wireless Channel Dataset enriched with LiDAR and Radar Data

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The WiLi dataset is freely available and open dataset containing vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) and vehicle-to-pedestrian (V2P) OFDM-based wireless channel measurement data including synchronised sensor data such as radar, LiDAR and high precision GPS. The wireless channel measurement is conducted at the carrier frequencies of 3.2 GHz and 5.81 GHz which are the most promising frequency bands in which future V2X communication systems will operate. The dataset contains the wireless channel measurement data of various V2X scenarios along with synchronized sensor information from a vehicle (radar and lidar). In addition to the wireless channel measurement data, the dataset also includes frame error rate measurements from a IEEE 802.11p based communication system, synchronized to the other measurement data.

Open Access. Already available at: <https://nextg.nist.gov/>

The data set can be used for model calibration, ML-based use cases such as object detection (radar, lidar) or wireless channel modelling via neural networks.

Full-polarimetric V2I MIMO channel sounding data sets @2.53GHz in urban environment, together with pertinent antenna array characteristics

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Seven measurement runs, selected from a measurement campaign in Bonn, Germany, are provided. The environment is urban, the context is V2I from an elevated base station, the set-up is fully polarimetric MIMO with two 16 dual-pol element stacked circular arrays, configured as two circular rings of 8 elements each. The frequency is 2,53GHz, the bandwidth 20MHz. For easy access of relevant quantities, data and meta data are stored in HDF5 format. For aiding interpretation of the data, full Tx and Rx array characteristics are included.

Open access. Already available at: https://refodat.de/receive/refodat_mods_00000061?lang=en

The data set is ideal for HRPE, because it provides calibrated MIMO-frequency responses along with the antenna array characteristics. Furthermore, large scale statistics and other channel analysis can be performed. Precise position information per snapshot is also included, allowing correlation analyses

WG2

Ultra-dense indoor Massive MIMO CSI dataset

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This dataset contains thousands of Channel State Information (CSI) samples collected using the 64-antenna KU Leuven Massive MIMO testbed. The measurements focused on four different antenna array topologies; URA LoS, URA NLoS, ULA LoS and, DIS LoS. The user's channel is collected using CNC-tables, resulting in a dataset where all samples are provided with a very accurate spatial label. The user position is swept across a 9 squared meter area, halting every 5 millimetres, resulting in a dataset size of 252,004 samples for each measured topology. To the best of our knowledge, this is the biggest open dataset containing measured MaMIMO CSI samples.

The Base Station (BS) is equipped with 64 antennas, each receiving a predefined pilot signal from each position. Using these pilot signals, the CSI is estimated for 100 subcarriers, evenly spaced in frequency over a 20 MHz bandwidth. As a result, the complex numbered matrix H represents the measured CSI for one location. This matrix spans N rows and K columns, with N being the number of BS antennas and K the number of subcarriers. For further details about the system, the National Instruments Massive MIMO Application Framework documentation can be consulted.

Open access. It is already available at

<https://ieee-dataport.org/open-access/ultra-dense-indoor-mamimo-csi-dataset>

The main purpose of the dataset is to develop localisation algorithms and explore the accuracy limits in an ideal scenario. It has been used in multiple studies to test several positioning methods. Furthermore, it can be used to study beamforming methods such as MR and ZF with real channels. It can also be used to visualise the spatial power distribution when using beamforming. I believe more things can be done with the dataset, any application where you need the channel of an indoor MaMIMO system with the exact location of the users.

Dataset for analysis of RSSI-based Indoor Localization employing LoRa in the 2.4GHz ISM Band

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The complete measurement results are provided as an open dataset to be re-used by the research community. The complete data are contained in log files, obtained by a LoRa receiver (a part of WiMOD iM282A starter kit). Measurements were provided in three different indoor rooms with different conditions for data transmission.

Open access. It is already available at: <https://github.com/xsimka/LoRa-Localization>

The main purpose of the dataset is to evaluate the performance of LoRa for indoor localization in the 2.4 GHz band. In the future, such a dataset can be utilized in the training process of different machine learning models.

Dataset for analysis of Bluetooth Received Signal Strength (RSS) at the inputs of four anchors placed along a single dimension to obtain device location

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The complete measurement results are provided as an open dataset to be re-used by the research community. The complete data are contained in a comma-separated values (.csv) text file, which has been preprocessed in the following steps:

- The raw measurement, collected as the received signal levels at anchors in the remote positioning mode, contain, for each anchor, four channel numbers and four corresponding RSS levels, as measured by four BLE modules (onboard each anchor). At this point, it is not assured that RSS levels at all three advertisement channels are recorded and that all values are valid. In the self-positioning mode, one measurement contains the same set of values, although taken in the opposite direction.
- All values where RSS level of -110 dBm was recorded are considered to be missing measurements as at this level the receiver fails to measure the actual received power level.
- In order to ensure there are no missing values, records from two consecutive measurements are taken as one sample. For each anchor, the first valid measurement is recorded in the sample and the remaining measurements are discarded (e.g., measurements from further antennas). This allows to clean the data set in such a way that no missing values appear in the data.

Open access. It is already available at: https://github.com/slaminam/Loc1D/tree/master/data_csv

The main purpose of the dataset is to evaluate the usage of machine learning algorithms for positioning in fixed conditions, where not many external factors are expected to influence the working of the position estimation. More details can be found in the corresponding article (with links on source codes written in Python): <https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/21/13/4605>

Performance and complexity of non-coherent cell-free massive MIMO

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A non-coherent cell-free (NC-CF) massive MIMO DMPK innovative approach is going to be proposed. This approach is characterized in terms of bit-error-rate (BER) performance and time complexity for Rician spatially correlated channels, for different number of access points (APs) with different number of antennas in each AP. The data provides the BER and complexity of different AP selection schemes, for several Monte Carlo realizations (the average is provided too).

Open access: <https://doi.org/10.21950/GVJZDL>

This data is useful to compare the BER and complexity of the proposed AP selection schemes with other ones, and with other NC-CF scenarios (i.e. different channel types, different number of antennas and APs, etc.) and techniques (i.e. energy detection). This data can also be used to extrapolate the BER and complexity for intermediate scenarios (i.e. other number of antennas, number of APs, etc.).

Datasets of Indoor Wireless Channel Measurements

Adriano Pastore, Armin Ghani, CTTC, Spain

This dataset consists of raw IQ measurements of a wireless indoor channel. It is intended primarily for researchers without access to software defined radio equipment, and should be helpful for understanding and investigating fundamental properties of real wireless channels (e.g., for channel modeling). more info in <https://zenodo.org/record/4895133>

Open access

The datasets measured under different parameters of channel can be used for different application. The primary purpose of this datasets is to provide scientists and researchers who are adopting Machine Learning (ML) methods in physical layer of a wireless communication system which allow them to feed real-world samples into trainable ML models in order to have the best performance in different possible scenario of a typical wireless channel. Therefore there is no need of physical transceivers to recording and using real channel measurement for their researching purposes. Another side use of this datasets is to help physical layer developers and testers specially in synchronization and demodulation of QPSK scheme because of real world measurements, this dataset contains all non-ideal effect of channel like noise, phase and frequency offset of sampling clock and phase and frequency mismatch of carrier oscillator which are critical challenges for designing good performance PSK receivers.

Datasets of Indoor UWB Measurements for Ranging and Positioning in Good and Challenging Scenarios

Ana Moragrega (CTTC (Centre Tecnològic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya), Spain)

This is a dataset of ranging and positioning measurements collected from an UWB development board (DWM1001 from Decawave). The Real Time Location System based on UWB (MDEK1001) is set up in a laboratory. Data were captured in the static laboratory environment with different conditions that affects to the positioning performance. In the lab, scenarios with different propagation conditions between the nodes and different geometries were set up. We consider good, challenging, and intermediate scenarios with: Line of Sight (LOS) and Non-LOS propagation conditions as well as easy and challenging geometries.

Open access. It is already available at: <https://zenodo.org/record/5996710#.Ylg1idNBw2w>.

These datasets may be used, for example, for investing and validating ranging and positioning algorithms in different scenarios.

A detailed description is provided in the file README.pdf:

<https://zenodo.org/record/5996710#.Ylg1idNBw2w>

UWB Indoor Channel Measurements

Klaus Witrisal, Erik Leitinger, Thomas Wilding (Graz University of Technology)

The database contains ultra-wideband channel measurements for different indoor environments containing a single agent and a varying number of anchors. The positions of all radio devices (antennas) are available as well as a floorplan (matlab file containing the floorplan and plotting function can be provided). Due to the used antennas (dipole antennas) the environment is well approximated to be 2-dimensional, with propagation happening mostly in the horizontal plane. The measurements were obtained with an M-sequence time domain channel sounder, hence time-domain signals are available directly. Measurements are available along trajectories throughout the environment or in a smaller region acquired by means of a remote positioning table. If multiple devices are available, the

measurements were taken consecutively and by means of RF switches, while ensuring that the environment remained stationary throughout all measurements. The use of RF switches and the positioning table allow to form synthetic arrays without calibration or mutual coupling issues. In addition, off-body channel measurements are available, including ground truth positions acquired with an optical tracking system.

Open access, an overview over some datasets can already be found at

<https://www.spsc.tugraz.at/databases-and-tools/uwb-indoor-channel-experimental-data.html> ,

including videos.

The measurements allow for an evaluation of, for example, multipath-assisted indoor navigation and tracking (MINT) or simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) approaches, but may be of use for any research topic dealing with (indoor) radio propagation. As all measurements were recorded consecutively but are fully coherent, forming of synthetic arrays to investigate array estimation algorithms is a main possible application.

Measured dataset for activity recognition and performance analysis (e.g. BER, ARQ) in VLC indoor channels

Joan Bas (SRCOM research unit, Centre Tecnològic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya (CTTC))

Light-based communications although they have a large bandwidth suffer blockage. However, this initial impairment can be used to develop activity recognition system and hybrid RF/optical systems. The uploaded dataset shows the raw data and the time to ARQ of Light-based communications when the obstacles are: i) a person walking slowly, ii) a person walking fast , iii) two person walking slowly and iv) a person with crutches.

Open access. It will be available at the following repository:

<https://github.com/joanbascttc/VLC-SRCOM>

The present data can be used for developing AI systems to improve the hand-over between RF and optical system, to increase the number of activities that can be recognized, or to improve the knowledge of optical channel statistic to name a few of the possibilities of this dataset.

WG3

Huawei MRC V2I measurement data

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The dataset was collected by performing uplink/downlink throughput measurements in Munich, Germany. The user side device was a vehicle with roof-mounted antenna (approx. 1.5 m height), and on the network side was a base station antenna mounted at the top of a building (height of the antenna with respect to the ground: 21 m). The measurements were collected at the center frequency of 3.41 GHz, with 40 MHz of bandwidth, with antenna gain of 15.5dBi (5dBi) at the base station (vehicle) side.

Open access under the [Open Data Commons Attribution](#) License. The data is available at <http://vehicle2x.net/v2x-measurements/>

Prediction of QoS for V2X communication, analysis of blockage, training ML algorithms to predict V2I link behavior

Smart Campus indoor climate dataset:

<https://smartcampus oulu.fi/knowledge/doku.php?id=services:indoor-climate-dataset>

System Loss in Body-to-Body BAN in Indoor and Outdoor at 2.45 GHz

Sławomir J. Ambroziak (Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland), **Luis M. Correia** (Instituto Superior Tecnico, University of Lisboa, Portugal)

Data consist narrowband measurement results of the system loss in body-to-body BAN at 2.45 GHz. Measurements were performed in indoor and outdoor environments. Six different on-body antenna placements were considered: right and left sides of the head, front side of the torso, front side of the waist and external sides of the right and left arms, at the wrist. Three walking scenarios were considered: Approach, Departure and Parallel.

COST-only members

Data can be used for development of system loss model, calculation of slow and fast fading, etc. Data can be also used for validation of channel simulators. Data may be used only under the condition of citation of the following publication, where the measurements have been described: *M.M. Ferreira, F.D. Cardoso, S.J. Ambroziak and L.M. Correia, "Influence of User Mobility and Antenna Placement on System Loss in B2B Networks," in IEEE Access, vol. 10, pp. 37039-37049, 2022, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2022.3163859.*

System Loss in Off-Body BAN in Indoor at 2.45 GHz

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Data consist narrowband measurement results of the system loss in off-body BAN at 2.45 GHz. Measurements were performed in a 7×5×3 m3 meeting room at Gdańsk University of Technology, with two different users and with consideration of the Tx antenna installed on a dielectric cardboard stand. The following three antenna locations were analysed: torso's front side, head's left side, and arm's right side. Five static and two dynamic scenarios have been considered. Measurements were also done for vertical and horizontal polarisation of off-body antenna.

COST-only members

Data can be used for development of system loss model, calculation of slow and fast fading, cross-polarisation discrimination ratio, etc. Data can be also used for validation of channel simulators. Data may be used only under the condition of citation of the following publication, where the measurements have been described: *S.J. Ambroziak et al., "An Off-Body Channel Model for Body Area Networks in Indoor Environments," in IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, vol. 64, no. 9, pp. 4022-4035, Sept. 2016, doi: 10.1109/TAP.2016.2586510.*

Two-layer Phantom-Based UWB Channel Measurements for IB2OB Scenarios.

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Measurement of the S21, S11 and S22 in the 3.1-8.5 GHz band, for in-body to on-body scenarios. Measurements were performed in a 2-layer container in which fat and muscle UWB phantoms were poured. The in-body antenna was submerged inside the muscle phantom, while the on-body antenna was located over the surface of the fat layer. Phantoms used have a high precision in the entire UWB frequency band, fitting to the dielectric properties of fat and muscle in the entire UWB frequency band. The number of measured points is: 12x11x2 in-body positions (in X, Y, and Z axis) and 5 on-body positions. Distance between antennas for every tx-rx combination is also provided.

COST-only members

Channel characterization for implant communications, and all kind of analysis in which the behaviour of the channel for IB2OB is necessary.

COST INTERACT Machine Learning Challenges

To promote the use of the datasets available through HA1, two machine learning competitions have been organized, each focusing on a distinct topic for WG1/2 and WG3, featuring a total of 17 teams of participants. Below, it follows an overview of the competitions' details:

WG1/2 challenge (PHY) - Direct localization using MIMO CSI measurements

COST INTERACT ML Challenge on PHY layer focuses on ML-based direct indoor localization using MIMO CSI measurements. Indoor localization based on radio fingerprints is an important topic at the intersection between Communications and Networking, and Machine Learning.

The dataset utilized for this challenge is the “Ultra-dense indoor Massive MIMO CSI dataset,” which is part of the datasets available via the HA1 working group. For a preliminary inquiry, in preparation for the challenge, participants can access this dataset from both

<https://interactca20120.org/wgs/datasets-2/>

<https://ieee-dataport.org/open-access/ultra-dense-indoor-mamimo-csi-dataset>

Additionally, the original paper in which the dataset was presented is available on IEEE Xplore.

It's important to note that the dataset that will be used in the challenge has undergone downsampling from its original version. This downsampled dataset is provided to participants as part of their starting kit. Since the original dataset is publicly available, it has been standardized with concealed mean and variance. This standardization ensures that participants exclusively use the provided dataset for training purposes. In terms of specifics, the dataset used for the challenge encompasses 15,000 samples of Channel State Information (CSI) for training, along with 5,000 samples each for validation and testing. Each CSI measurement is a 64×100 matrix of complex channels and is associated with a ground-truth 2D position.

The objective of the challenge is to train a machine learning model yielding the minimum positioning error on the test set, as elaborated upon in the section “Evaluation Criteria”. Participants are provided with a baseline script, implementing the model described in the original paper.

The competition followed a two-stage submission process, drawing inspiration from successful models such as Kaggle competitions. Winners among the participants have been selected according to achieved RMSE performance on a held-out test set

The challenge is available at:

https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/15314?secret_key=99b0bca3-705c-4a5f-bdfc-9c2d06a36718

WG3 challenge (NET) - Calibrated Predictive Quality of Service using on-field KPI Measurements

COST INTERACT Machine Learning challenge on NET Layer focuses on Calibrated PQoS using KPI measurements. The scope of this challenge is to perform calibrated probabilistic regression of the Uplink Throughput (Mbps), based on the observation of a set of three distinct radio KPIs (DL SNR(dB), DL Throughput (Mbps), UL SINR (dB)). Calibrated probabilistic regression refers to the ability to infer predictive confidence intervals which align with empirical confidence intervals.

In other words, the predicted confidence levels are representative of the true likelihood of observing the target variable within the provided intervals.

The dataset employed in this challenge has been collected by Huawei in the city of Munich, Germany, and is available at

<https://interactca20120.org/wgs/datasets-2/>

<https://ieee-dataport.org/documents/huaweimrcv2imeasurementdata>

The dataset gathers measurements conducted using a prototype 5G standalone system composed of one Huawei's base station and one user terminal in the city of Munich, Germany. Further information and numerical experiments can be found on IEEE Xplore. Similar to the adjustments made for the PHY Challenge, the dataset for this challenge has also undergone modifications compared to its original version. This has been undertaken to guarantee that participants exclusively employ the designated training data for model training, and the provided validation and test data for making predictions. Notably, certain features (such as LATITUDE and LONGITUDE of the measurements) have been excluded to add complexity to the learning process. Additionally, the dataset has been standardized using concealed mean and standard deviation values. Included in their starting kit, participants are provided with a baseline script that employs a shallow neural network trained via negative log-likelihood as an illustrative probabilistic regressor.

The competition followed a two-stage submission process, drawing inspiration from successful models such as Kaggle competitions. Winners among the participants have been selected according to their respective score on both the point predictions and the confidence intervals, with the confidence intervals having a higher weight for the final leaderboard.

The challenge is available at:

https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/15313?secret_key=2c8f82a2-7be6-4b55-aa24-e863671467d5

Joint publications

Two joint publications showcasing further use of some of the selected datasets from HA1 have been accepted for publication in IEEE Communications Magazine:

1. Pasic, F., Di Cicco, N., Skocaj, M., Tornatore, M., Schwarz, S., Mecklenbräuker, C. F., & Degli-Esposti, V. (2023). Multi-band measurements for deep learning-based dynamic channel prediction and simulation. *IEEE Communications Magazine*, 61(9), 98-104.
DOI: [10.1109/MCOM.003.2200718](https://doi.org/10.1109/MCOM.003.2200718)
2. Skocaj, M., Di Cicco, N., Zugno, T., Boban, M., Blumenstein, J., Prokes, A., ... & Degli-Esposti, V. (2023). Vehicle-to-everything (V2X) datasets for machine learning-based predictive quality of service. *IEEE Communications Magazine*, 61(9), 106-112.
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