

# WiHF: Enable User Identified Gesture Recognition with WiFi

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# Motivation: Gesture Recognition



Smart Home



Virtual Reality



Security Surveillance

## *The Robots of Dawn :*

*"Every time I lift my arm, it distorts a small electromagnetic field that is maintained continuously across the room. Slightly different positions of my hand and fingers produce different distortions and my robots can interpret these distortions as orders. I only use it for simple orders: Come here! Bring tea! and so on."*

*--- Isaac Asimov, 1983*

*It brings security concerns without the performer's identify.*

# Motivation: User identification

**User identified** gesture recognition.

*The semantic meaning of diverse gestures & who I am?*

# Hufu – Authorization of the Troop

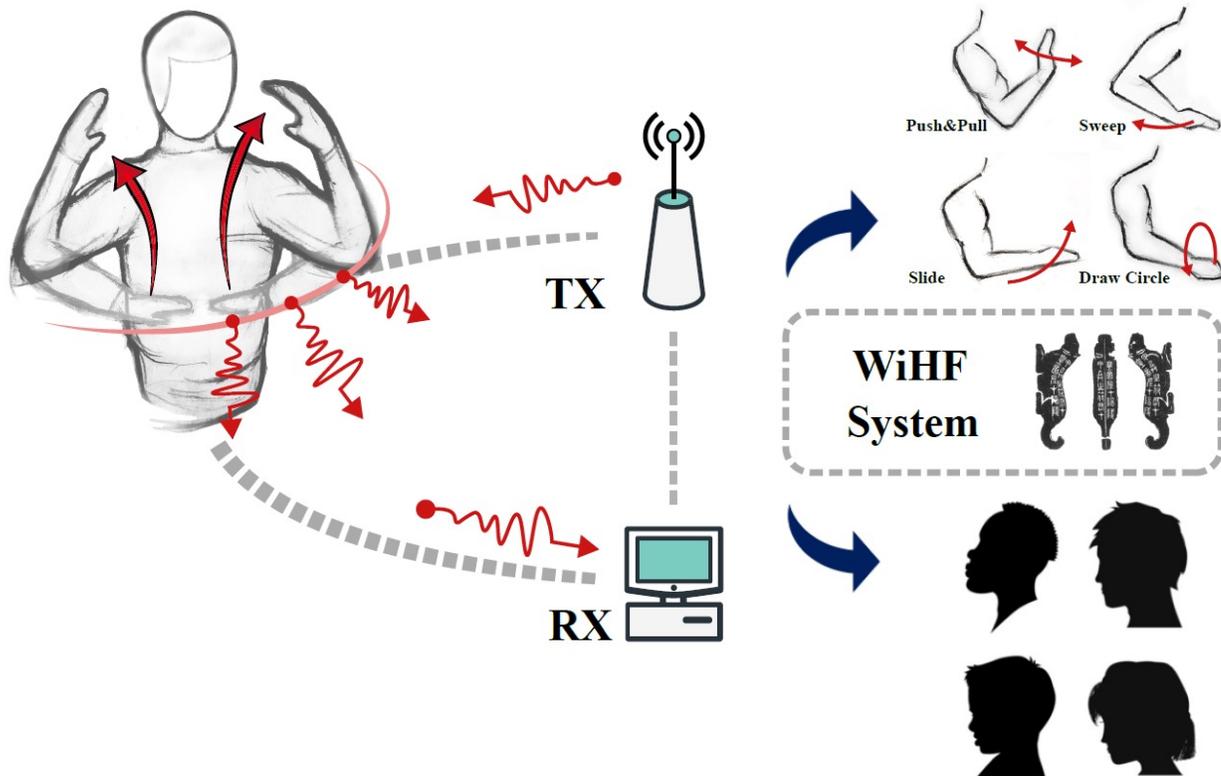


*Military messages*



*Authenticate the holder*

# Motivation: Applications



*User identified gesture recognition:*

- Access control
- Content recommendation
- VR customization

# WiFi based User Identification

## User identification

### The human gait:

- WifiU UbiComp '16
- Wiwho IPSN 16'
- AutoID AAAI 18'

### The location-oriented activities:

- WiPIN GLOBECOM '19
- Cong Shi et MobiHoc 17'

## Comparable work

### WiID

ACM IMWUT '18 &  
UbiComp '18

- known gesture information
- cumbersome for cross-domain scenarios

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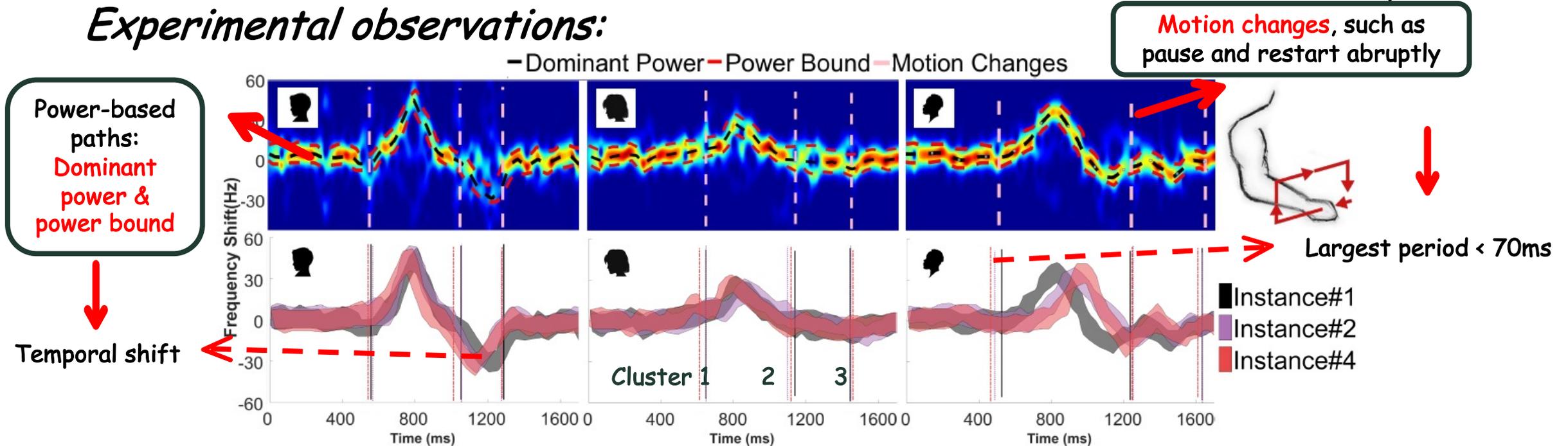
- Feature design: Recognize gestures while identifying users *simultaneously*.

# Preliminary and Observation

## Theoretical support:

- The arm gestures are **representative for user identification**.  
--- WiID, Ubicomp 18'
- A **domain-independent feature** for cross-domain scenarios.  
--- Widar3.0, Mobisys 19'

## Experimental observations:



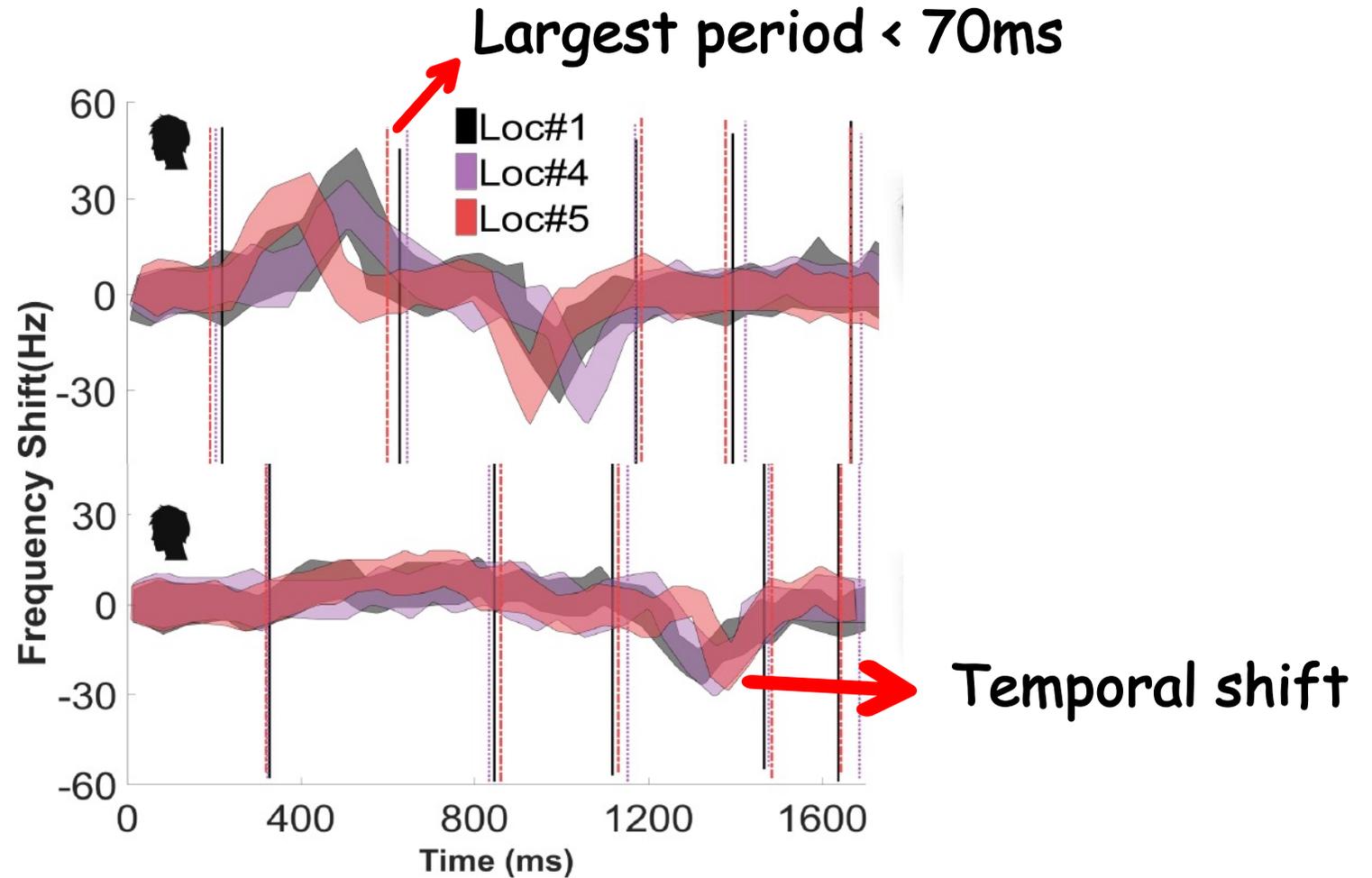
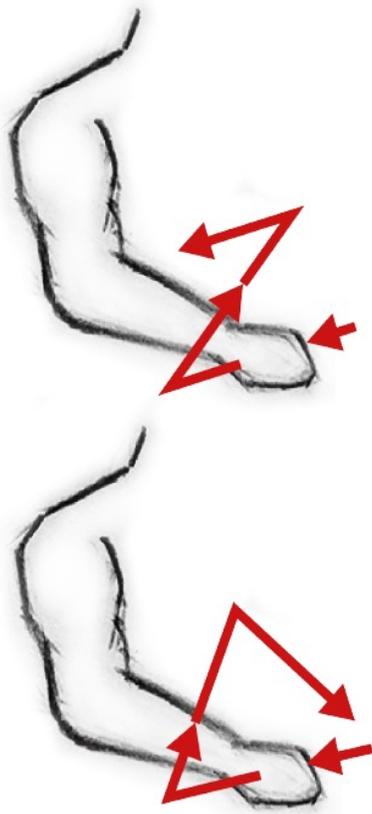
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The *stability* across domains:



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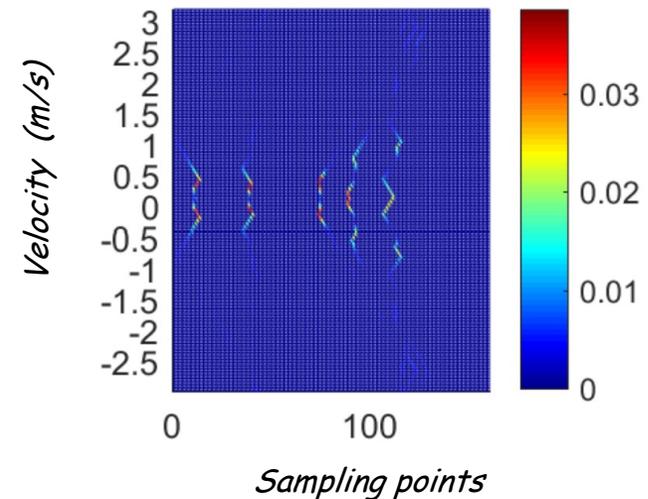
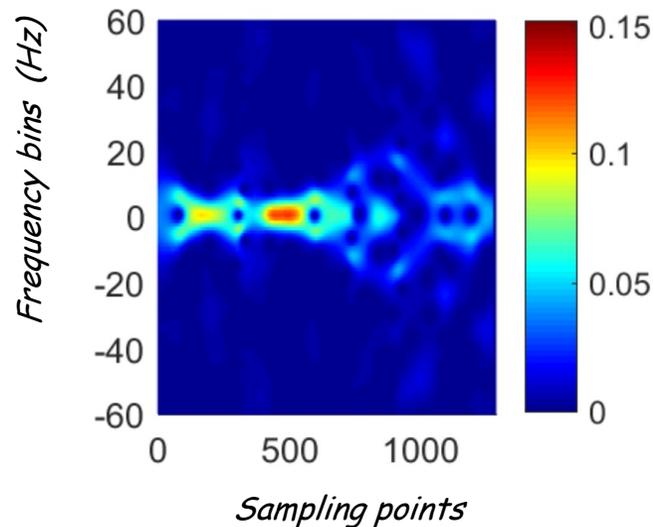
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- Computation efficiency: Efficient enough to be running in **real time**.

# Pattern Extraction

*To obtain motion change pattern **efficiently** :*

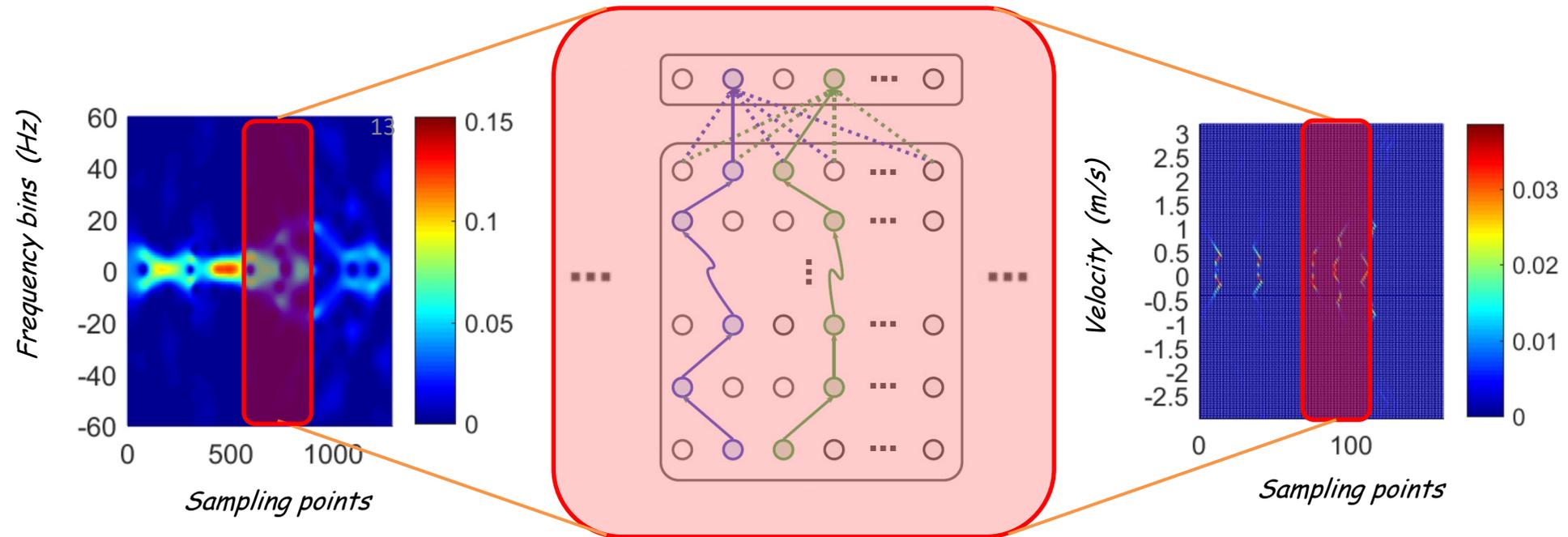
- Derive the spectrogram of denoised WiFi signals using STFT*
- Associate the derivative of the spectrogram with motion changes*

*Derivative derivation of the spectrogram is computation-intensive*



# Pattern Extraction

Borrow the idea of *Seam Carving Problem* in computer graphics for content-aware image resizing.



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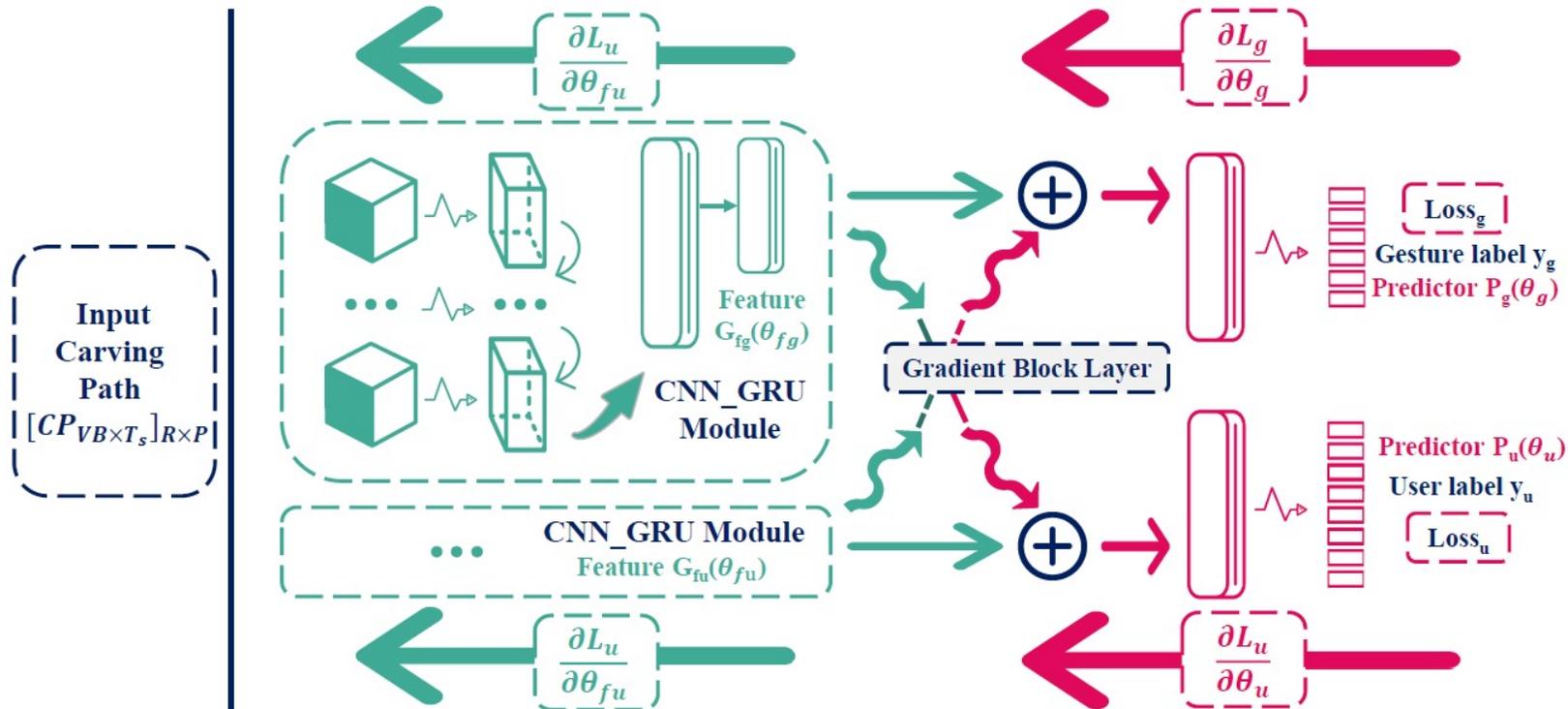
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- Dual tasks: bootstrap each other by **learning collaboratively**.

# Collaborative Dual-task

## *Collaborative learning for dual tasks:*

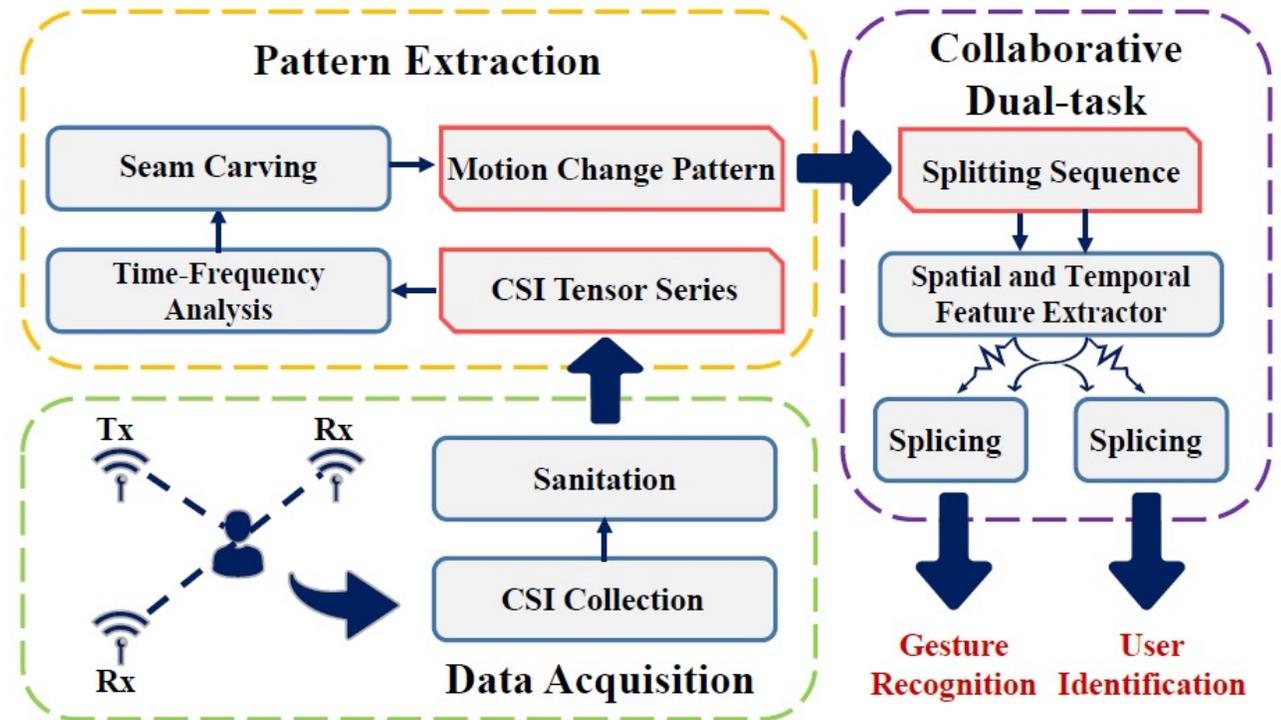
*Feature splicing using the gradient block layer (**slicing factor = 0**)*

- Predict collaboratively while avoiding the loss propagations.*



# WiHF: Pipeline

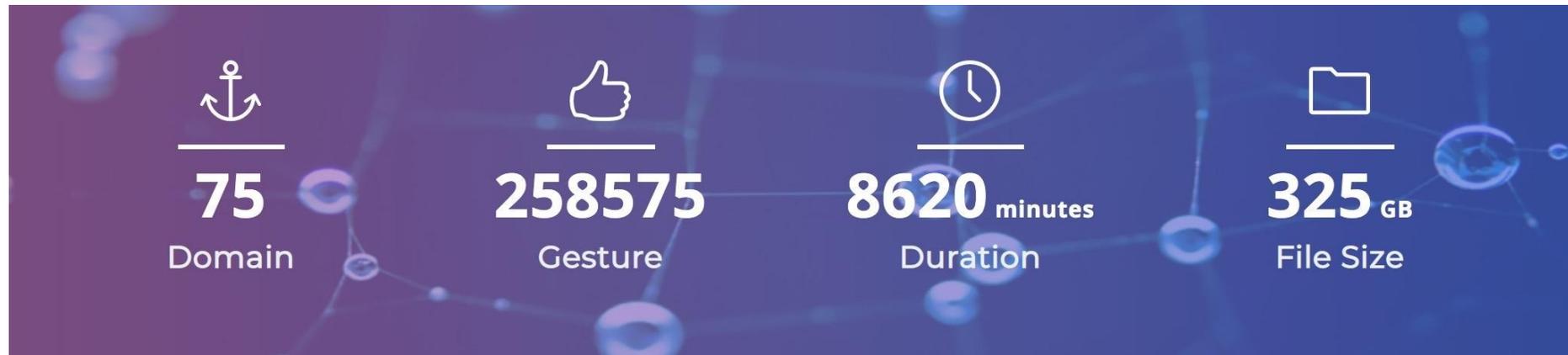
- Channel State Information (CSI) Preprocessing.
- *Motion change pattern extraction.*
- *Collaborative dual-task Deep Neural Network (DNN).*



# Dataset

## *Widar3.0 public dataset:*

- The dataset can be found in <http://tns.thss.tsinghua.edu.cn/widar3.0/index.html>.
- 9 gestures x 16 users x 75 domains (3 environments x 5 locations x 5 orientations).



- *In use: 9 gestures x 9 users x 75 domains .*

<b><i>Feature Dataset</i></b>	<b><i>Comment</i></b>
HuFu Mini (HuFuM)	Compare the cross-domain gesture recognition with Widar3.0
HuFu Extend (HuFuE)	Explore the impact of gesture <b>duration</b> on user identification
HuFu	Explore the impact of gesture <b>complexity</b> on user identification

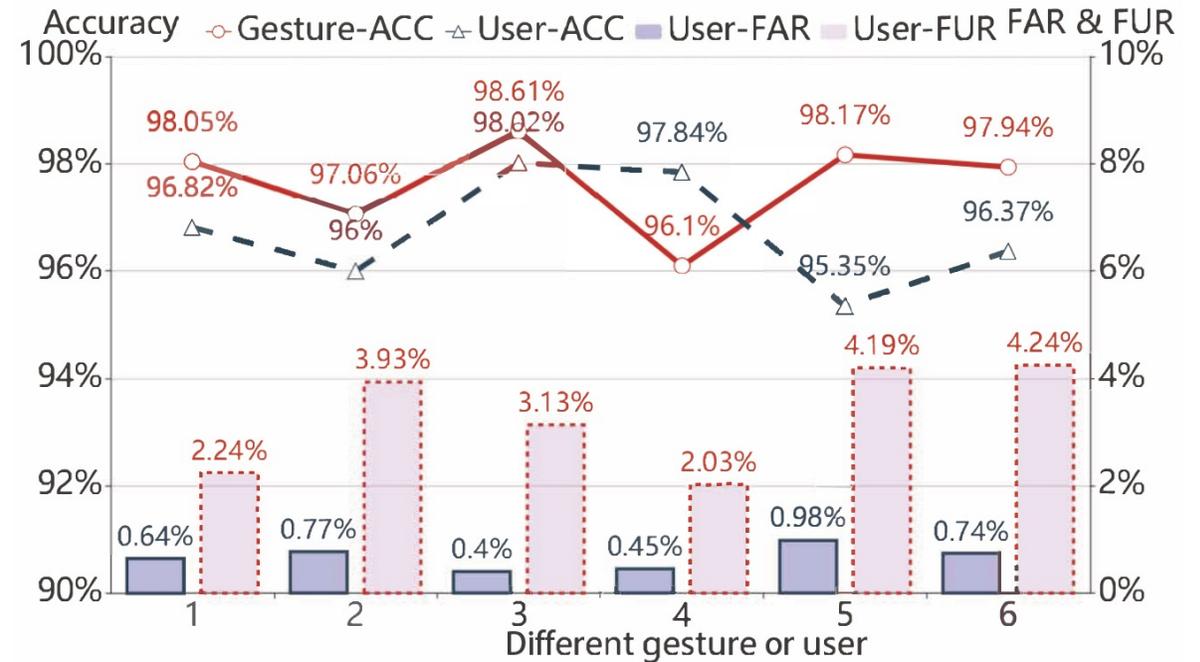
# Evaluation

## Metric:

- $ACC = \frac{TruePositive}{TruePositive + FalsePositive}$
- $FAR = \frac{FalsePositive}{FalsePositive + TrueNegative}$
- $FUR = \frac{FalseNegative}{FalseNegative + TruePositive}$

## Accuracy (in-domain):

- User identification: **96.74%**
- Gesture recognition: **97.65%**



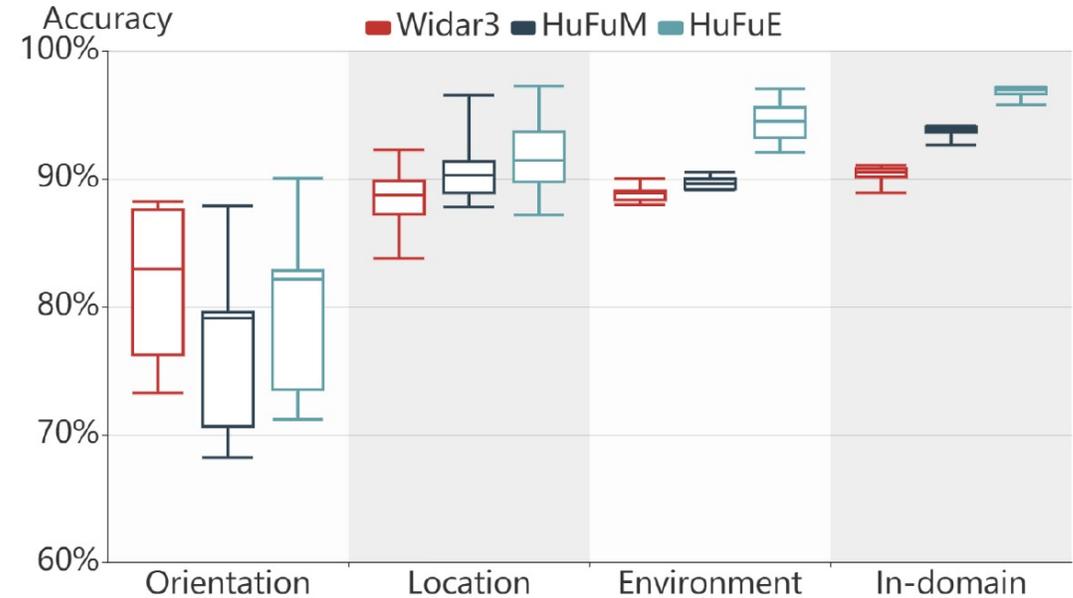
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## *Cross-domain gesture recognition:*

- *WiHF achieves comparable performance with the-state-of-the-art work (**Widar3.0** **Mobisys19'**) across domains.*

## *Latency:*

- *The processing time of WiHF is reduced by 30x.*



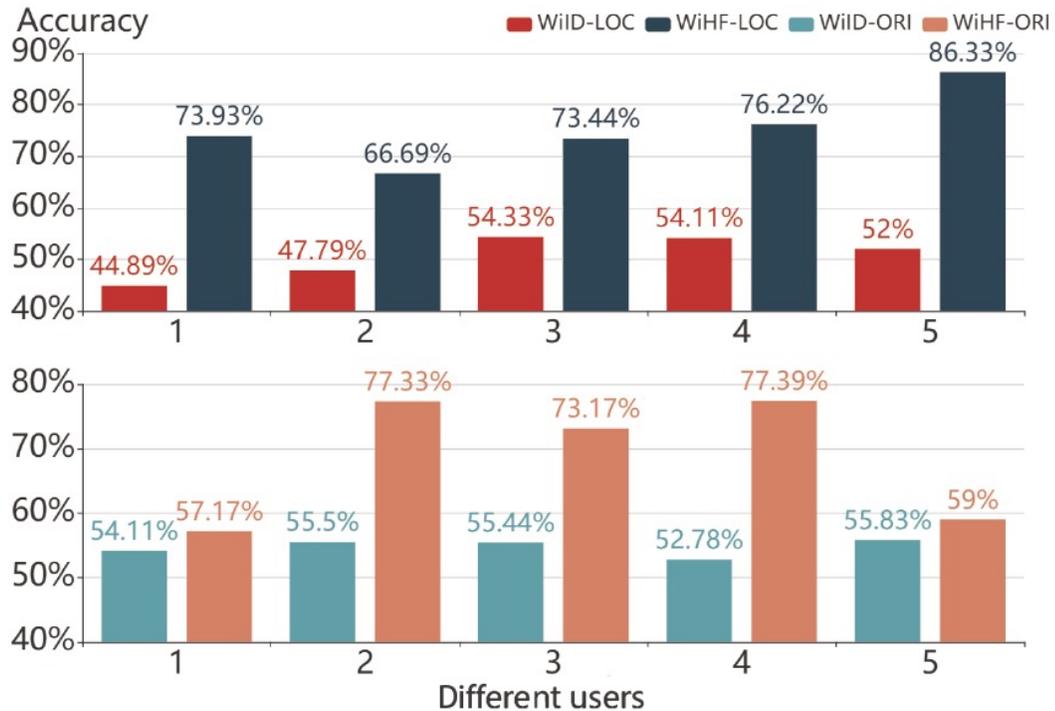
	Widar3	HuFuM	HuFuE	HuFu
Signal Processing	0.162s	0.992s	1.312s	1.557s
Feature Extraction	70.29s	0.194s	0.358s	0.379s
Total Time Consumption <sup>a</sup>	70.61s	1.462s	2.162s	2.488s
Gesture Duration	1.619s	1.619s	3.238s	3.669s

<sup>a</sup>It includes procedures for loading data, signal processing, feature extraction and recognition & identification.

# Evaluation

TABLE 3  
Accuracy for the In-domain Testing on HuFu Feature Dataset

User Identification	WiID	WiHF
In-domain	68.95%	96.74%



## *Comparative study:*

- *WiHF outperforms **WiID** for in-domain user identification.*

## *Cross-domain user identification:*

- *Consistent performance with the observation.*
- *WiHF suffers severely for edge orientations.*

# Evaluation

#Gesture		6	7	8	9
Gesture Recognition	In-domain	97.65%	96.14%	95.33%	93.11%
	Location	92.07%	85.81%	84.92%	83.81%
	Orientation	82.38%	74.46%	72.72%	74.55%
User Identification	In-domain	96.74%	97.19%	97.29%	95.33%
	Location	75.31%	68.00%	70.65%	71.36%
	Orientation	69.52%	66.43%	68.34%	70.59%

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	Orientation	82.38%	83.81%	79.62%	80.64%
User Identification	In-domain	96.74%	92.56%	93.76%	94.43%
	Location	75.31%	66.98%	64.70%	65.26%
	Orientation	69.52%	63.26%	55.86%	57.26%

<sup>a</sup>The target label denotes the test dataset.

*WiHF satisfies the requirements of the smart home scenario.*

# Conclusions

- WiHF designs a **domain-independent motion change pattern** of arm gestures and a dual-task network that can recognize gestures and identify users **collaboratively**.
- WiHF achieves **the comparable cross-domain gesture recognition** with the state-of-the-art method, but the processing time is **reduced by 30×**.
- *WiHF demonstrates the feasibility of cross-domain user identification but requires sophisticated gesture design.*

# Thanks!

## Q&A

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