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# University Challenge 2021

Indoor positioning and navigation

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# WELCOME!

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- Q&A Session

# INTRODUCTION

# YOUR MENTORS



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# THE CHALLENGE

**+150 Teams**



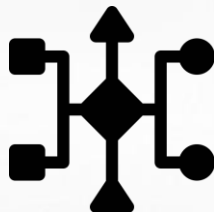
# 1 Challenge

**3** winning teams

# The Challenge



Team  
From 2 to 3



Develop and  
implement  
algorithm

0110  
1001  
1010

Data Set

# The Challenge

## Indoor Positioning

IPS systems employ geospatial data to estimate the position of a smartphone in challenging scenarios (e.g. inside a train station).  
Guided Navigation - Virtual or Augmented Reality - Location Sharing  
Business Intelligence - Security Services – POI Search

*Indoor Positioning Systems not only show the location to the user, they also improve the experience of many other applications, boosting the location context data availability, and creating the foundation for many scientific, technical, and industrial applications.*

# Judging Criteria

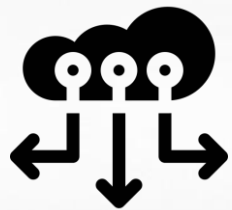
## **F-Score**

Precision and recall metrics combined into one scoring function, weighting the precision higher.

Finalists scoring calculated as a proportion of best performing algorithm (a score of 1.0) and the minimum accepted value (a score of 0)

## **Each task is weighted differently.**

The first task will account for 35% of the total score, and the second task for the remaining 65%.



**November 8, 2021**  
Registration closes



**November 26, 2021**  
End of challenge



**December 10, 2021**  
Winners Announcement

*1<sup>st</sup> Task Solution*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Task Release*

## Cash Prize Pool



2nd Place

**£5000**

+ A Huawei Watch 3 for each



1st Place

**£7000**

+ A Huawei Matepad Pro for each



3rd Place

**£3000**

+ A Huawei Band 6 for each

(Cash prizes will be divided equally between the team members)

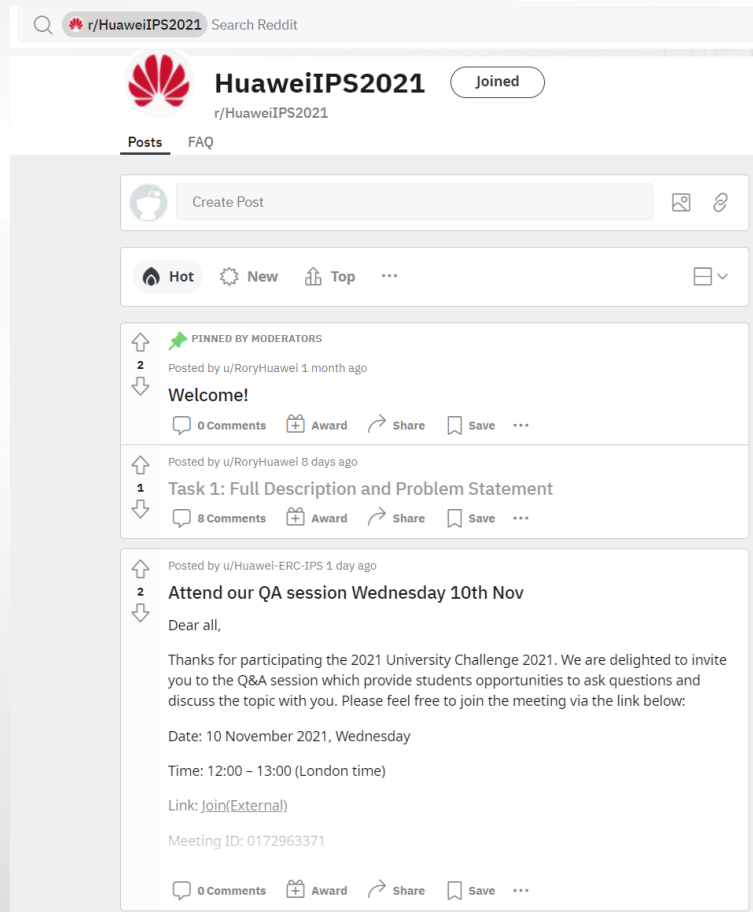
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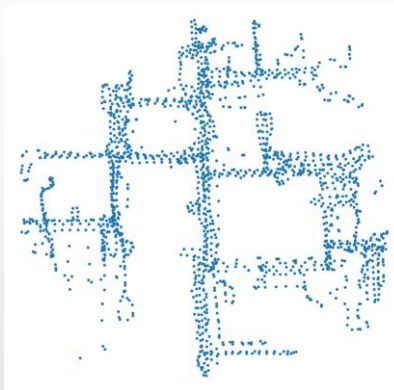
# TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

# Overview

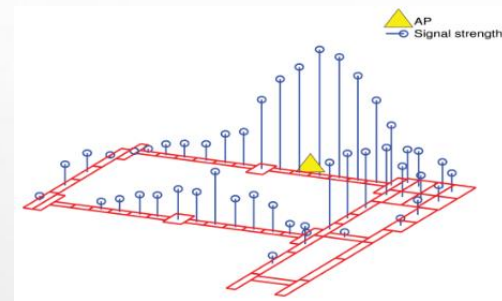
Overlay Positioning Data on maps



Radio Map (WiFi FPs)

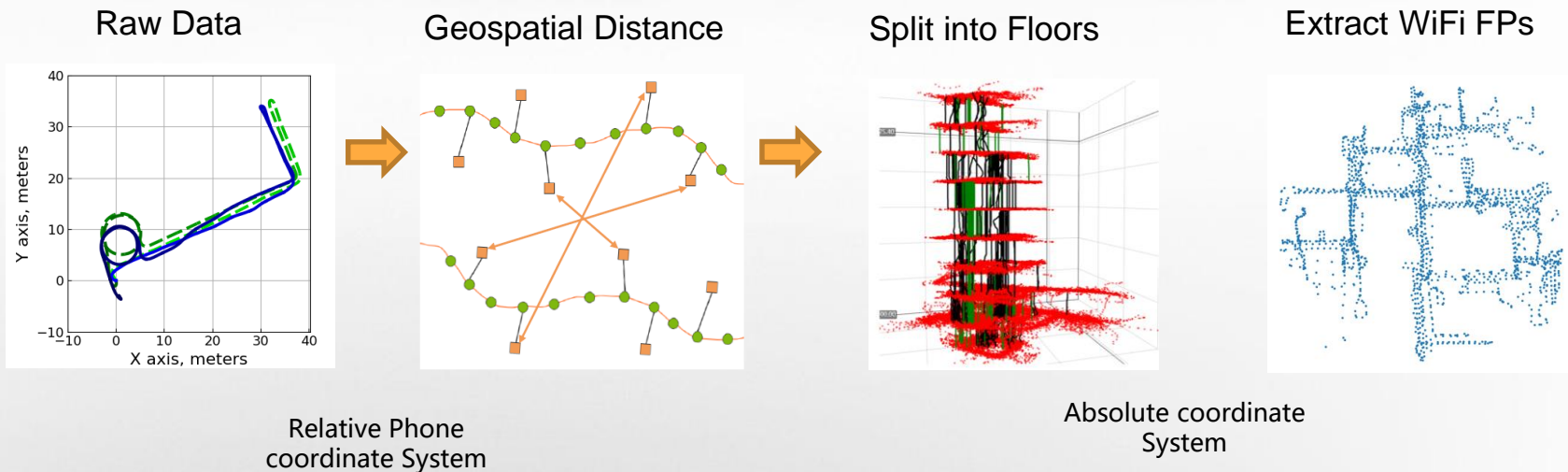


WiFi Signal Propagation



WiFi Fingerprinting is the most common source of location context indoors

# Is it a Data Science Problem?



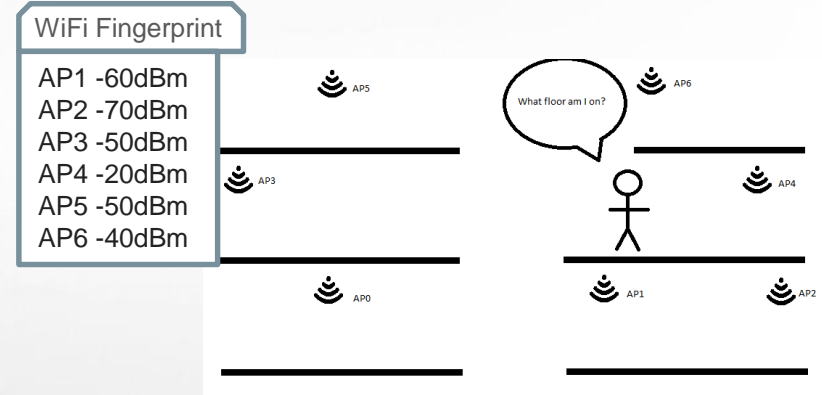
# First level

Begin by tackling a geospatial data estimation challenge with access to labelled dataset. You will need to analyse the data and train model to predict how far two data points are from each other (indoor spaces).

In order to continue to the second level you must obtain a minimum score in the first task. Don't let it be game over for your team

35% of final score

- ✓ Smartphone user is travelling in designated space in the presence of multitude of Wi-Fi emitters.
- ✓ Each emitter has a unique mac address.
- ✓ The smartphone will periodically record the **Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)** of each detected mac (in dBm).
- ✓ Standard log-loss free-space propagation models work well in free space, but not in indoor environments with walls and other obstacles.
- ✓ The complex and locally unique properties of the Wi-Fi environment make it very useful for indoor positioning systems.
- ✓ Given a set of Wi-Fi RSSI measurements or "fingerprints" from independent trajectories, we are interested in calculating how similar they are in Wi-Fi space as this is an indication of how close they are in real space.



## Second level

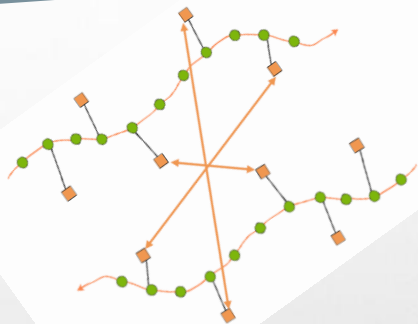
The second task will be a data classification/grouping challenge where teams will create clusters of data points represent physical areas from unlabelled data.

Only the top 6 teams will be invited to the finale. Be one of the few that advance to the final level!

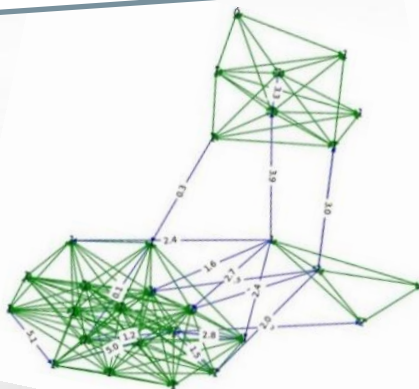
65% of final score

# Second level

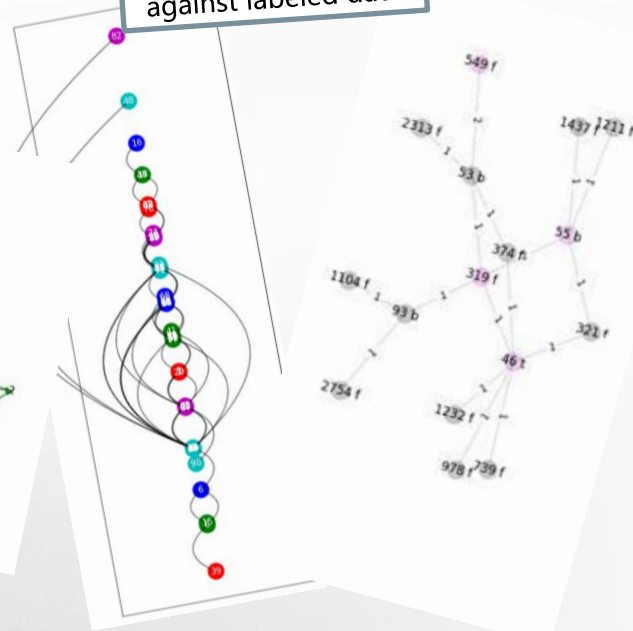
Solved the WiFi  
Geospatial Distances



Cluster the data into  
same floor groups



Verify the clusters  
against labeled data



# Final level

You've aced all the previous levels! Congratulations, you've made it to the last one!

Selected number of the finalist teams will be invited to present their solution in front of Huawei's jury at the virtual Award Ceremony.





# Q&A SESSION

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