



Course in **Machine Learning 2** -- A.A. 2021/2022
Robotics Engineering

UJI Indoor Localization

Compare WLAN fingerprinting indoor localization algorithms

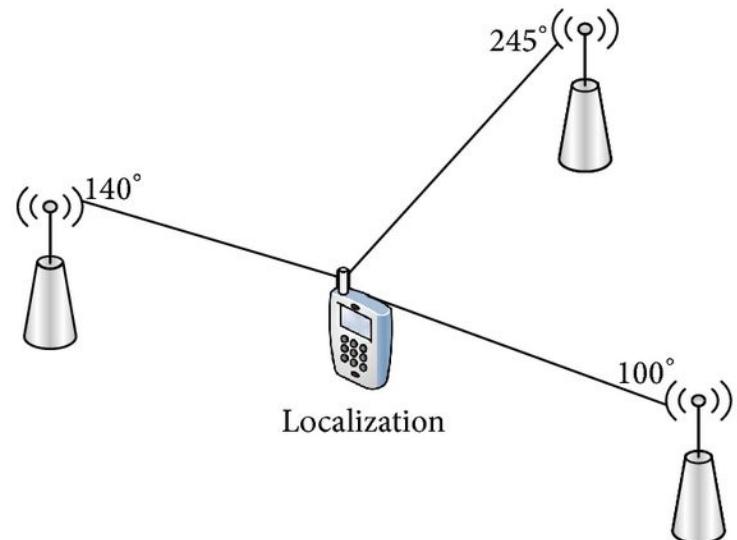
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Intro - the Problem

Main points of this work:

- a problem about **infrastructure-less 2D indoor localization** in a large scale environment
- *a problem with a paper*
- *Support Vector Regression* using the SciKitLearn framework





Intro - the Paper

The screenshot shows a search result for the "UJIIndoorLoc: A new multi-building and multi-floor database for WLAN finger based indoor localization problems" paper. The page includes the IEEE Xplore header, a search bar, and the following details:

- Title:** UJIIndoorLoc: A new multi-building and multi-floor database for WLAN finger based indoor localization problems
- Publisher:** IEEE
- Citations:** 190
- Full Text Views:** 4107
- Abstract:** Although indoor localization is a key topic for mobile computing, it is still very difficult for the mobile sensing community to compare state-of-art localization algorithms due to the scarcity of databases. Thus, a multi-building and multi-floor database based on WLAN fingerprinting is presented in this work, being its public access granted for the research. The here proposed database not only is the biggest database in the literature but it is also the first publicly available among other comprehensively described features, full raw information taken by more than 20 users and by means of devices is provided.
- Published in:** 2014 International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN)
- Date of Conference:** 27-30 October 2014
- Date Added to IEEE Xplore:** 28 September 2015
- INSPEC Accession Number:** 15487307
- DOI:** 10.1109/IPIN.2014.7275492

- Purpose: *making an extensive free dataset to allow other experts to test and compare different indoor localization algorithms using WAP fingerprints on a large scale environment*
- A well-known dataset (see [IPIN2015 competition](#))
- inside: short paper review, dataset characteristics, examples of data visualization, methodology to obtain data
- **Paper available on IEEE → [UJI Indoor Loc](#)** (a paper published on 2014)
- Samples collected in three buildings of the *Jaume I University (in Spain)* → [link Maps](#)



About the Dataset

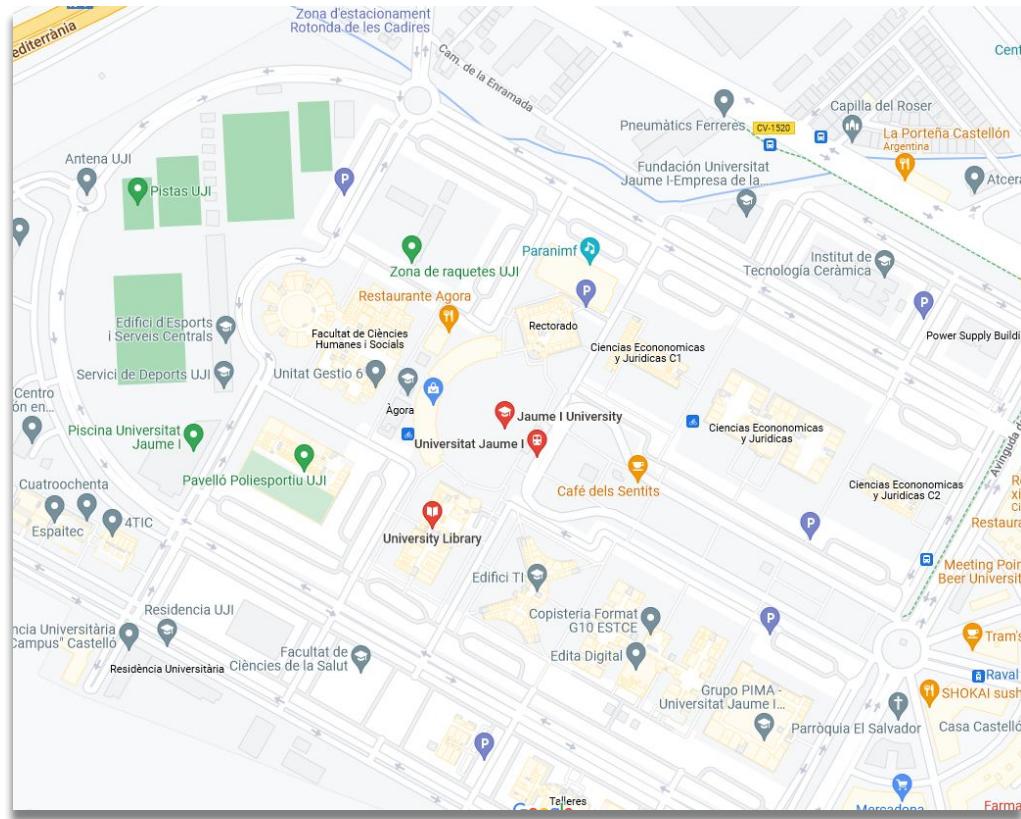
- already split into a training set and a test set (*calibration and operation*)
- 520 *Wireless Access Point*, using RSSI measure for each WAP
- WLAN fingerprints are collected using different models of smartphone
- main features: longitude, latitude, floor, timestamp, phone model, ...
- training set : 19,938 samples
- test set : 1,111 samples



[UJI on Kaggle](#)

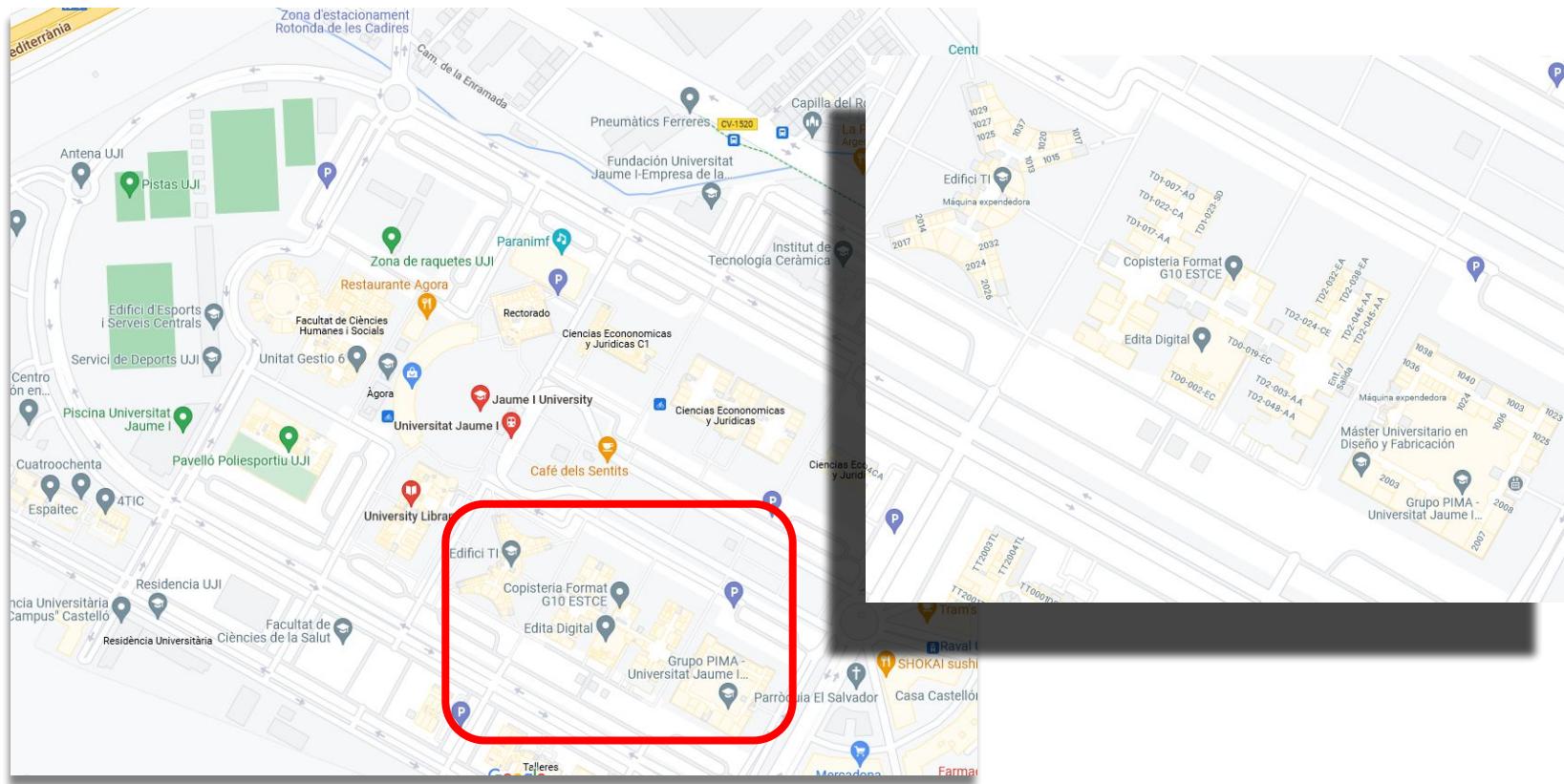


[UJI on UCI ML repository](#)



Infrastructure Less Approach

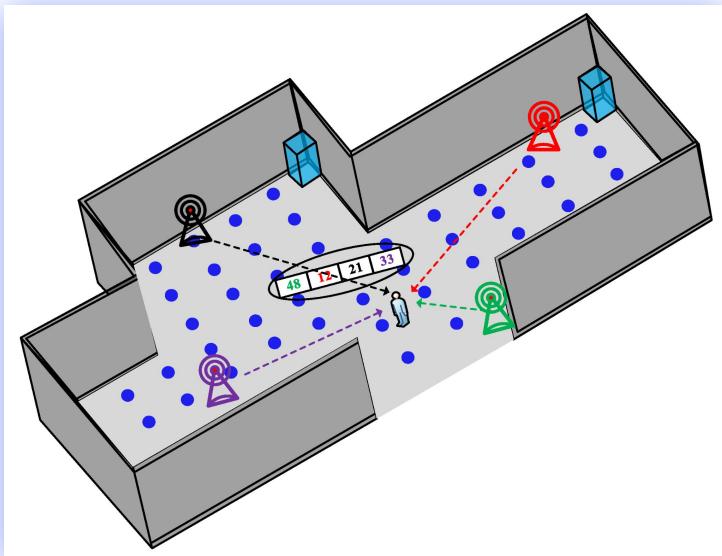
the localization system exploits WAP devices already available in the space, no specific localization system.



3 buildings over a surface of **~109Km²**.
520 Wireless Access Points across the area.



About our Problem



Problem Statement:

→ *Absolute Indoor Infrastructure-less 2D geometrical Localization*

- Given the 520 RSSI values of the WAP fingerprint at a unknown location, ...
 - ... *prediction of longitude and latitude of the user*
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- **Regression Problem** : 520 to 2



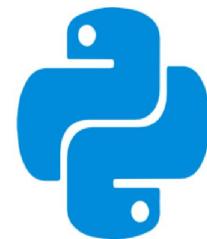
Our solution Strategy

A solution with **Support Vector Regression (SVR)**:

- robust and flexible machine learning algorithm
- able to apply *data compression* “learning by mistakes”
- *so many implementations already available*

Our strategy:

- **two different learning machines**, one for each coordinate to predict, same input space for each learner



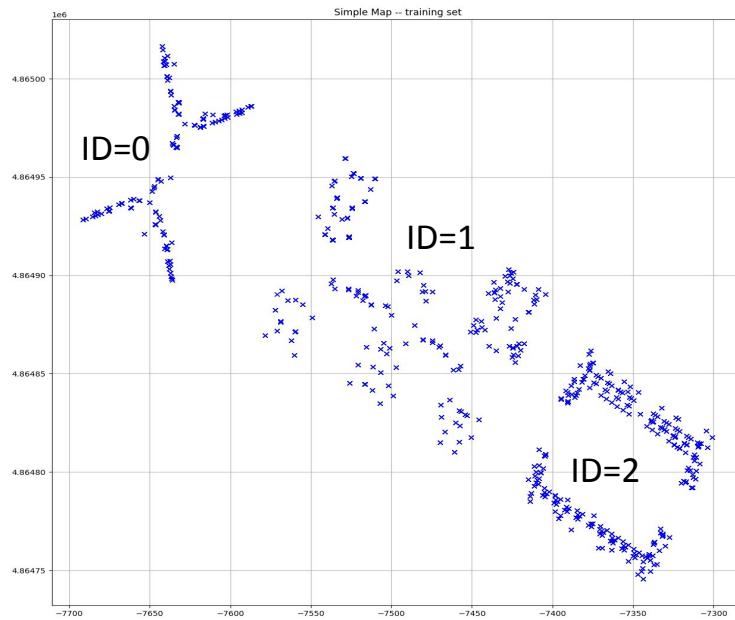
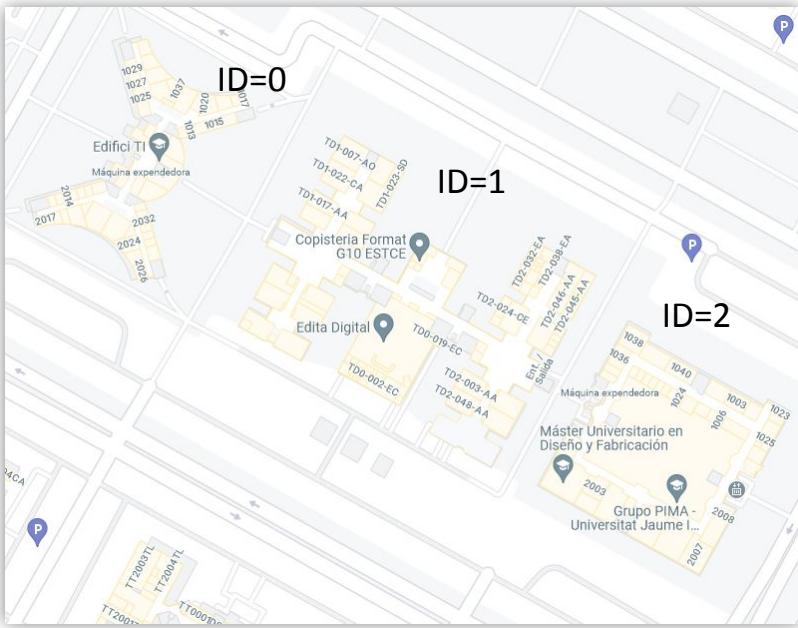


Data Preparation and Visualization

- samples taken from the sets using a uniform distribution
 - Training set: 70% (13,956 samples) out of 19,938 samples
 - Validation set: 30% (278 samples) out of 1,111 samples
- data visualizations, according to the paper (see later)
- *no data selection and handling*: data are simply taken *by chance* from the sets using a uniform distribution
- Standard normalization in [0, 1] of the inputs (using MinMaxScaler in sciKitLearn)



The real environment, as it appears on Google Maps:



The environment, obtained *from data*, over a small number of entries (13,956 training samples out of 19,938)



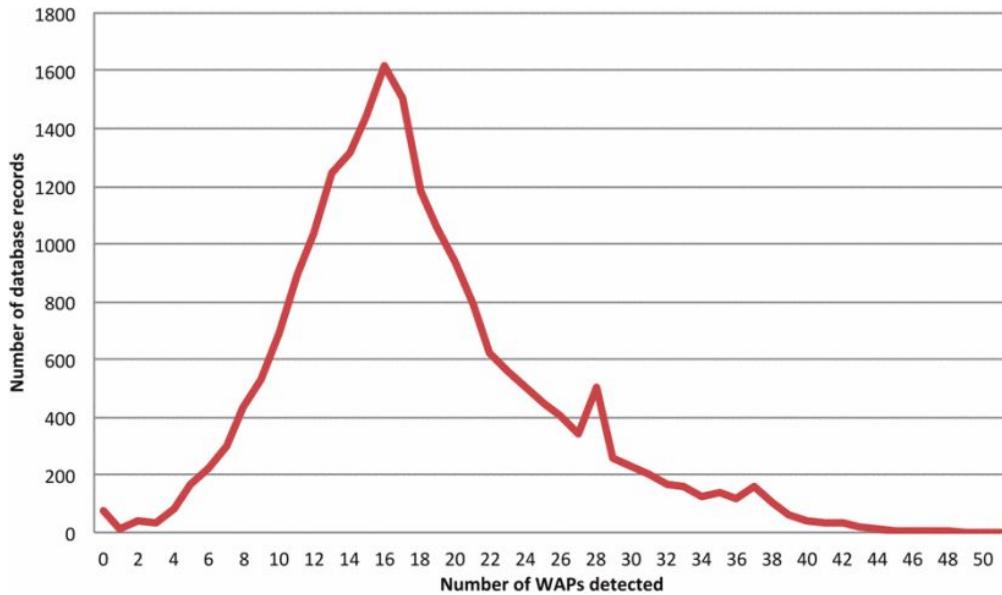
Visuals - 1 - num of WAP detected

(from the paper) About the graph:

- x axis : number of WAPs detected in a sample
- y axis: the number of samples detecting that number of WAPs

Observations:

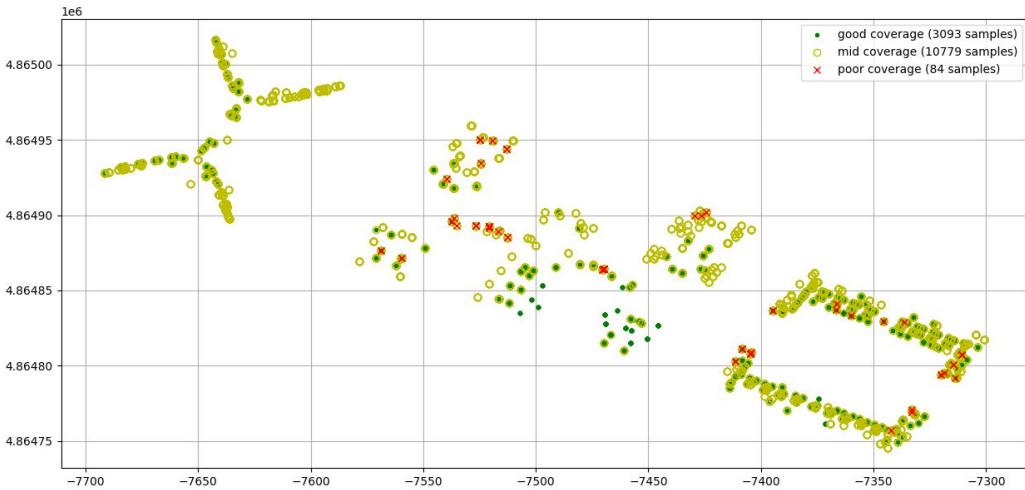
- hard to detect more than 23 WAPs
- few samples detect less than 3 WAPs
- working on a high number of WAP detections





Visuals - 2 - distribution map

Coverage analysis (num of WAP detected) -- mid N in [3, 23] -- threshold N=13 -- min dB=-inf



The map, obtained from the limited training set, shows:

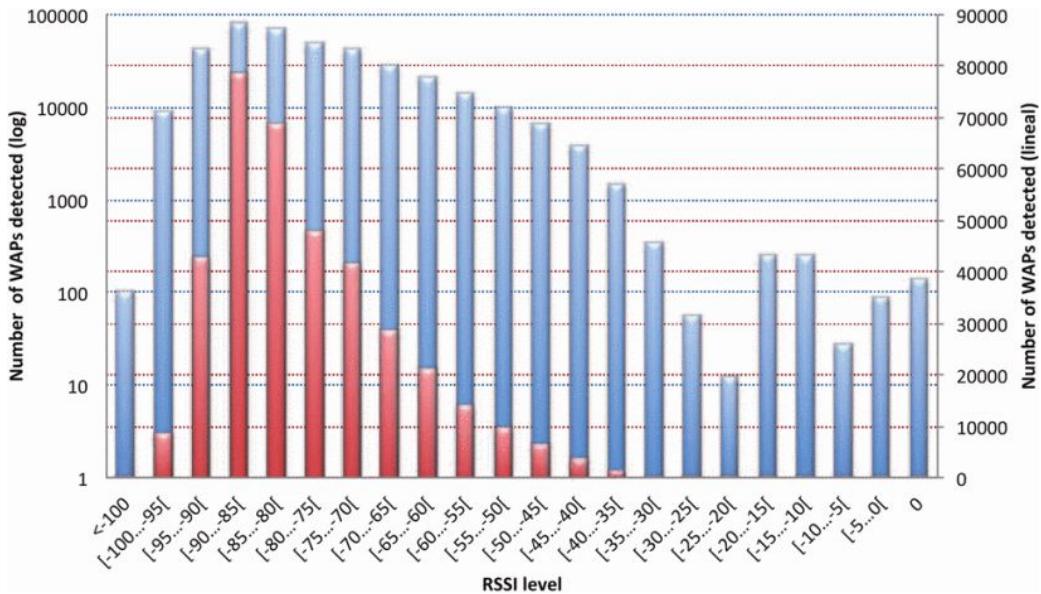
- (**red crosses**) points detecting less than 3 WAPs
- (**orange circles**) from 3 to 23 WAPs
- (**green points**) more than 23 WAPs

Observations:

- no emerging coverage regions across the map
- as observed before, most of points detect from 3 to 23 WAPs



Visuals - 3 - RSSI values



(From the paper) Distribution of values from the successfully detected RSSI values.

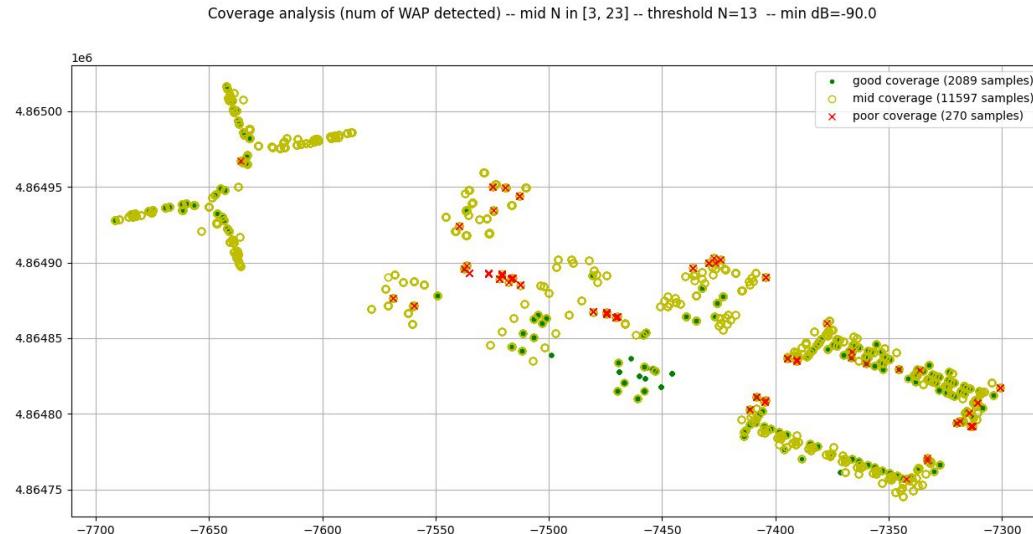
- red bars : num of samples in linear scale
- blue bars : num of samples in log scale

Observations:

- most of RSSI values are in a range from -90dB to -65dB
- working on small RSSI values from the WAPs



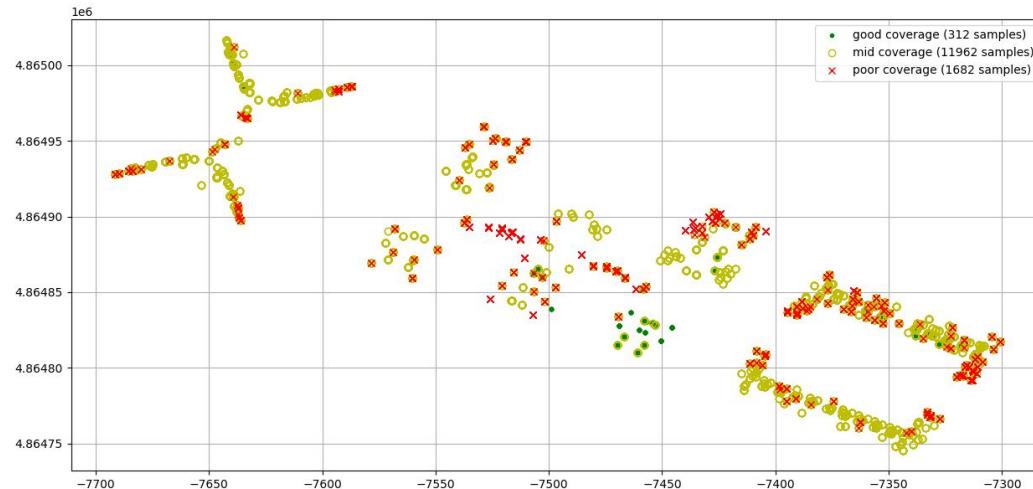
Visuals - 4a - distr. map with min RSSI





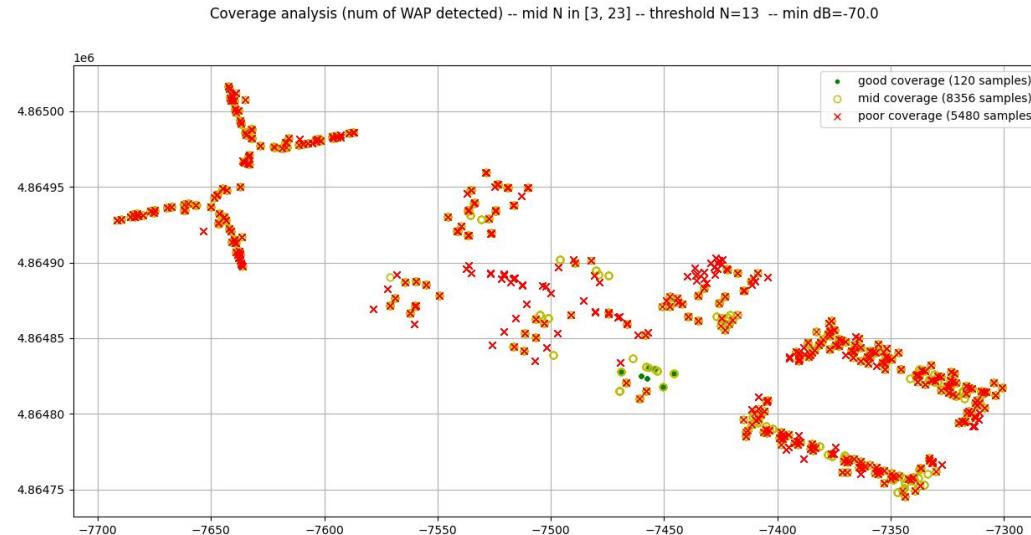
Visuals - 4b - distr. map with min RSSI

Coverage analysis (num of WAP detected) -- mid N in [3, 23] -- threshold N=13 -- min dB=-80.0





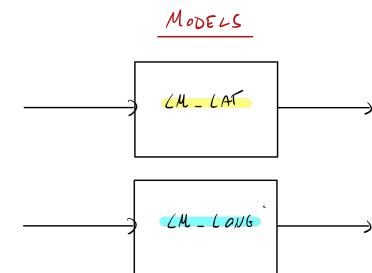
Visuals - 4b - distr. map with min RSSI





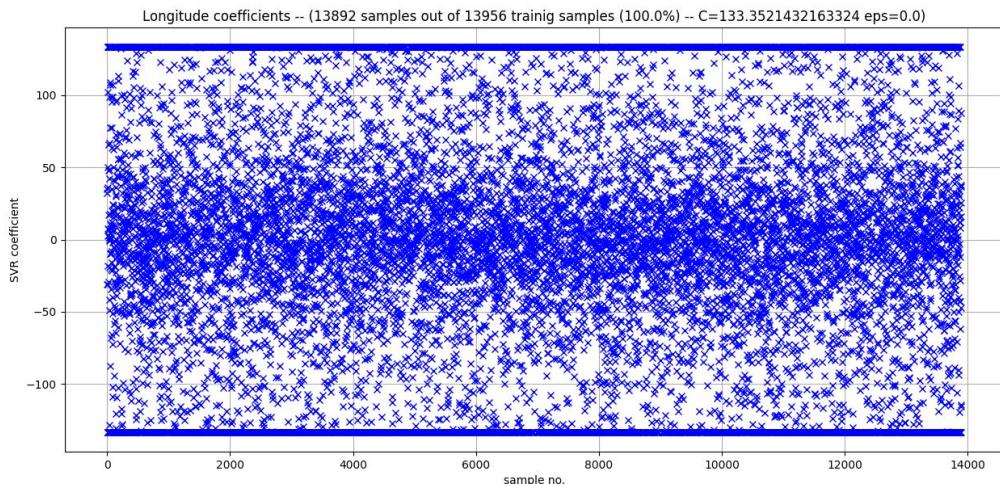
Model selection and Training

- First (experimental) Implementation with Colab
 - ... quite inefficient (almost 1h 30min for only the 28% of the training set)
 - Links: [the very first notebook](#), [learning longitude](#), [learning latitude](#), [data visuals](#)
- Second implementation spreading the job on many Py threads:
 - 1h 30min for the 70% of the training set, see the [training log](#)
 - see the project [On GitHub](#)
- Research range for the hyperparameters (1250 combinations with cross validation 2):
 - C : `logspace(-4, 3, 25)`
 - gamma: `logspace(-4, 3, 25)`
 - epsilon: `[0, 0.01]`





Model selection and Training



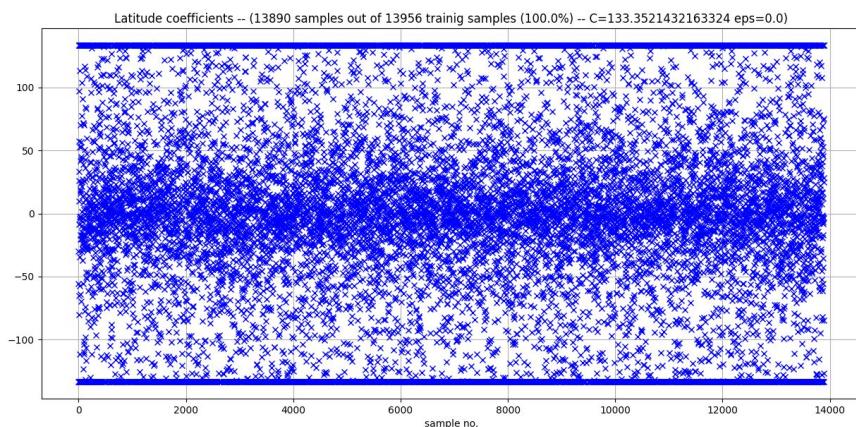
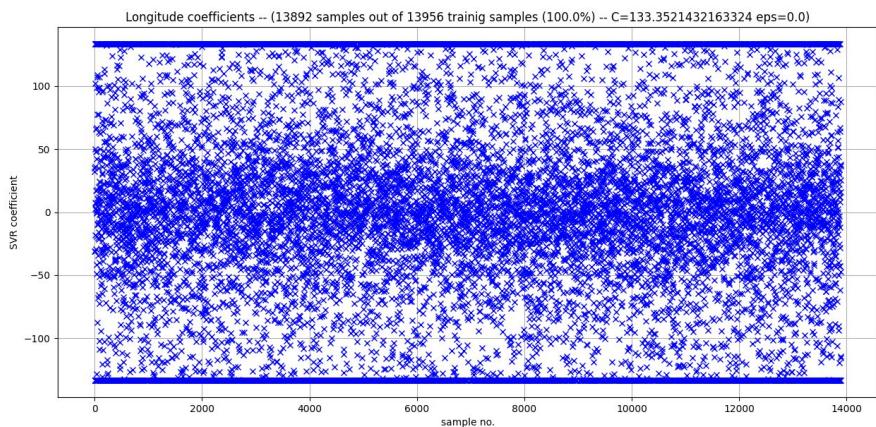
Functional form for SVR (from the [SciKit Learn documentation](#)):

$$\sum_{i \in SV} (\alpha_i - \alpha_i^*) K(x_i, x) + b$$

- almost dense solution, because of the small epsilon
- coefficients follow the expected behaviour: the difference between coefficients is between $-C$ and C .



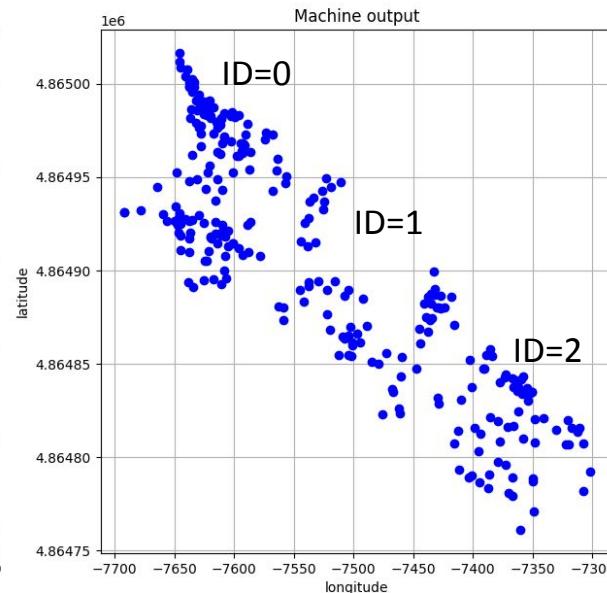
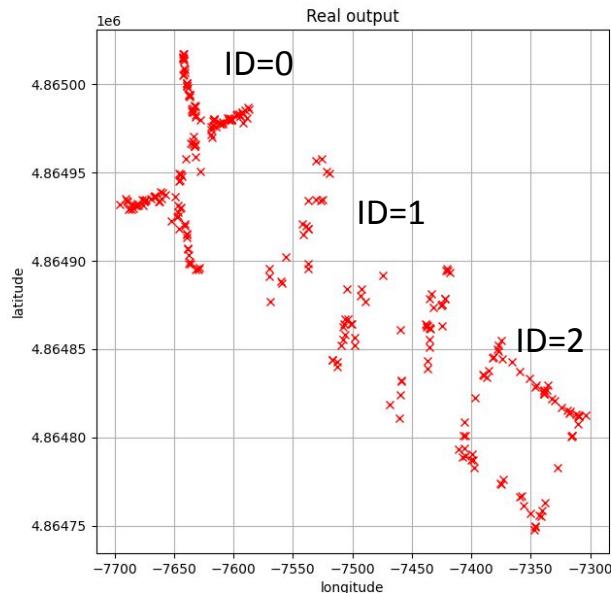
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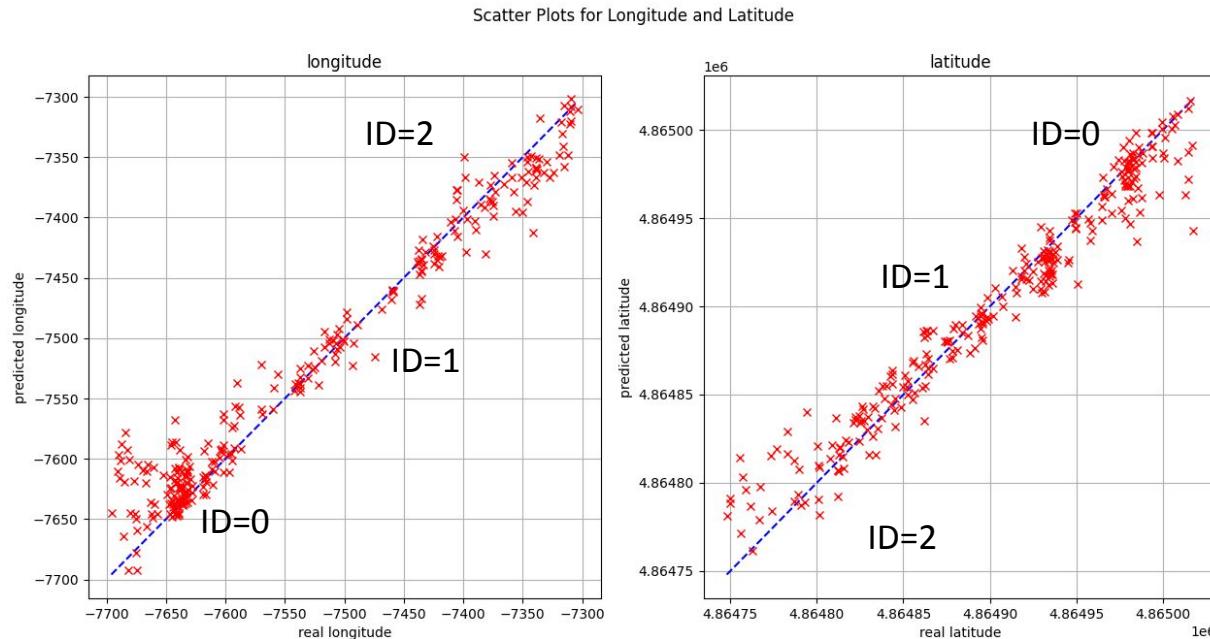
Results - 1 - first map comparison

Real output Vs. Machine output



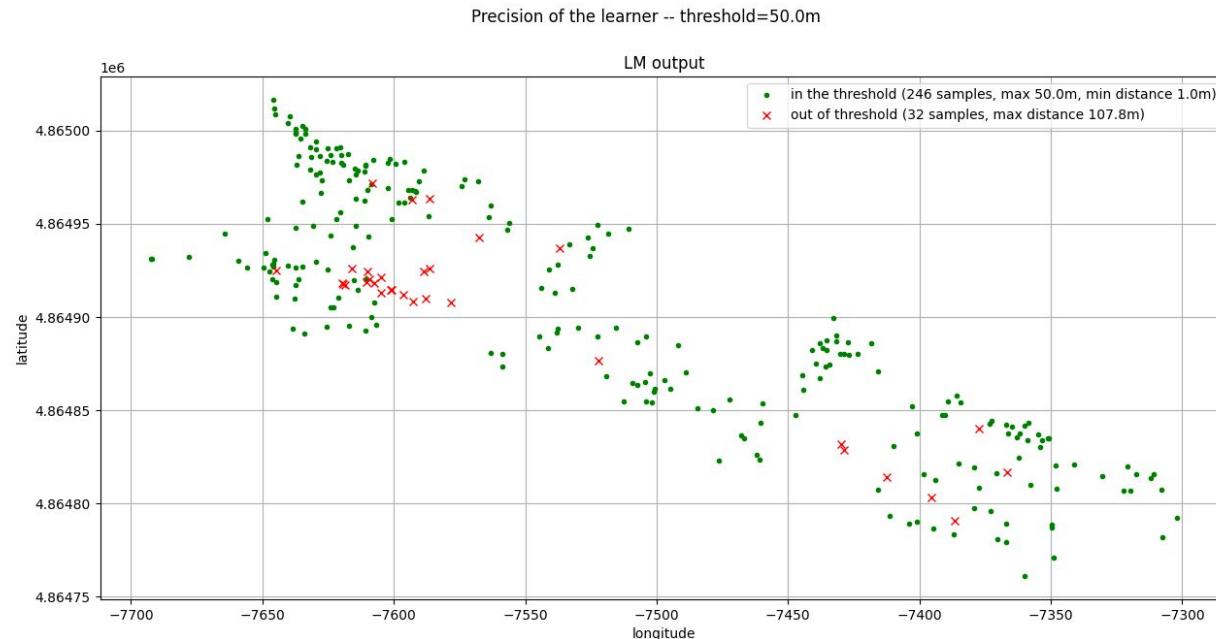


Results - 2 - scatter plot



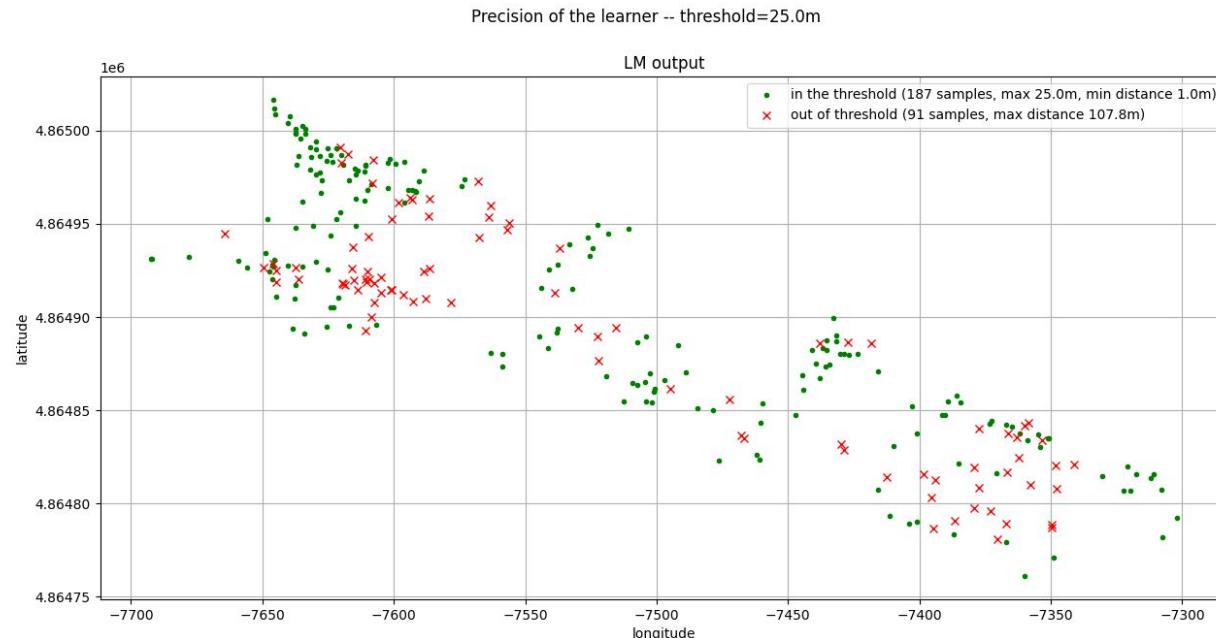


Results - 3a - precision in 50m



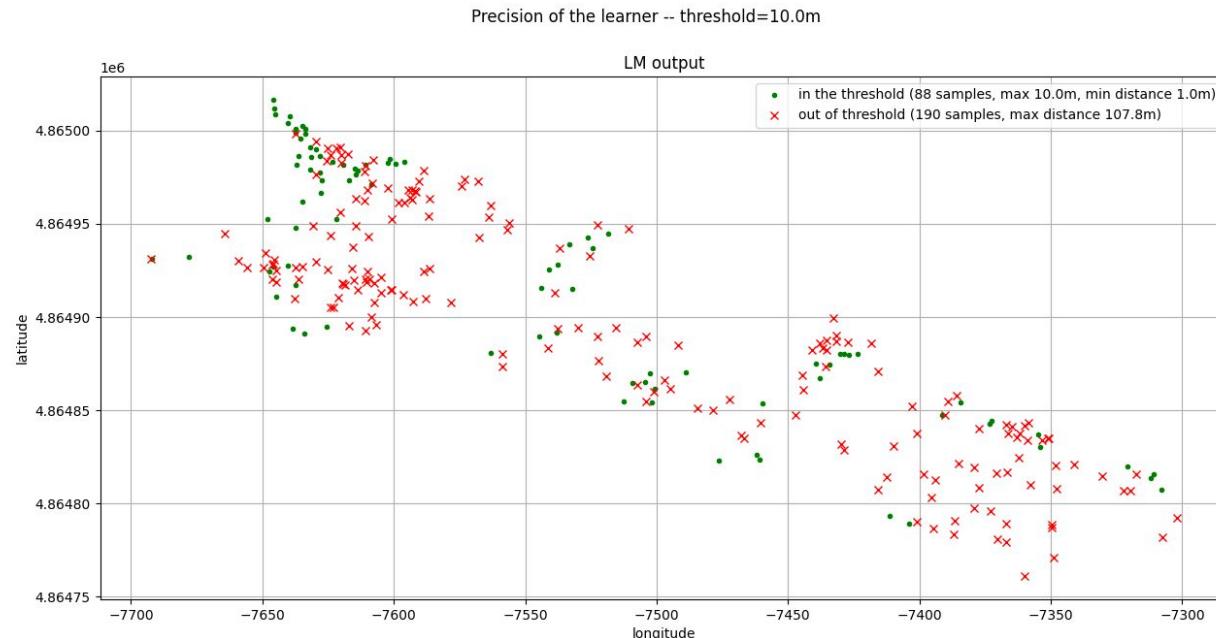


Results - 3b - precision in 25m



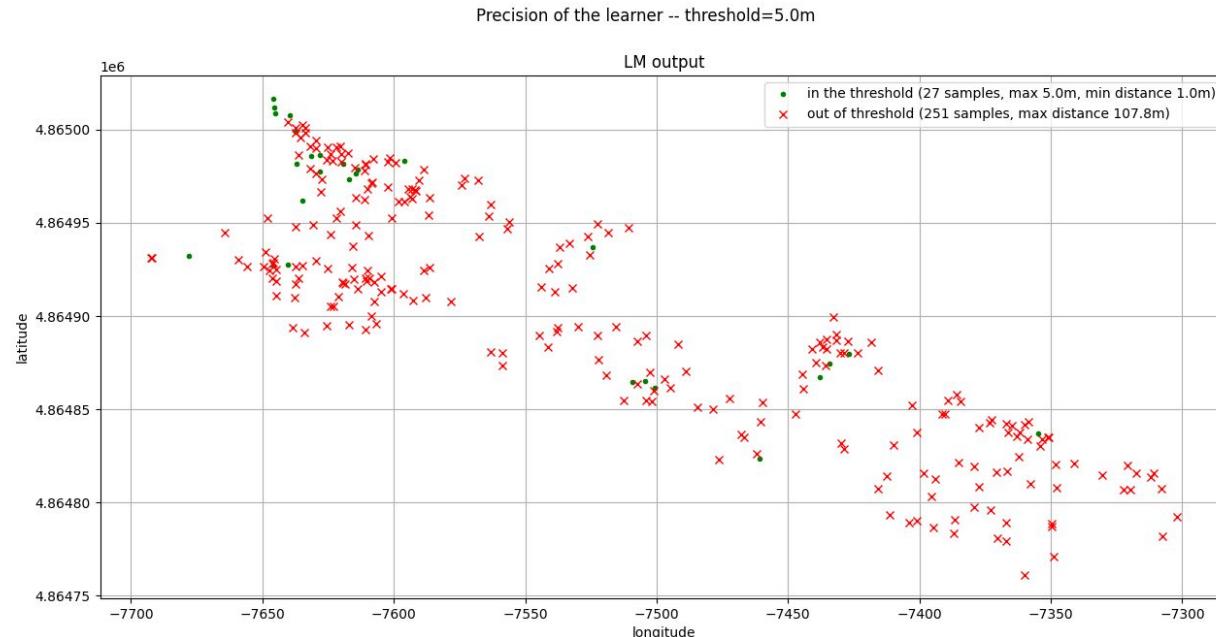


Results - 3c - precision in 10m





Results - 3d - precision in 5m





Links and Resources

- The dataset :
 - [on Kaggle](#)
 - [on UCI](#)
- The paper : [on IEEE xplore](#)
- ***The final version of the project***
 - [on GitHub](#)
- Colab Notebooks (Experimental):
 - [very first version](#)
 - [training Longitude, training Latitude](#)
 - [data analysis](#)

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