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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

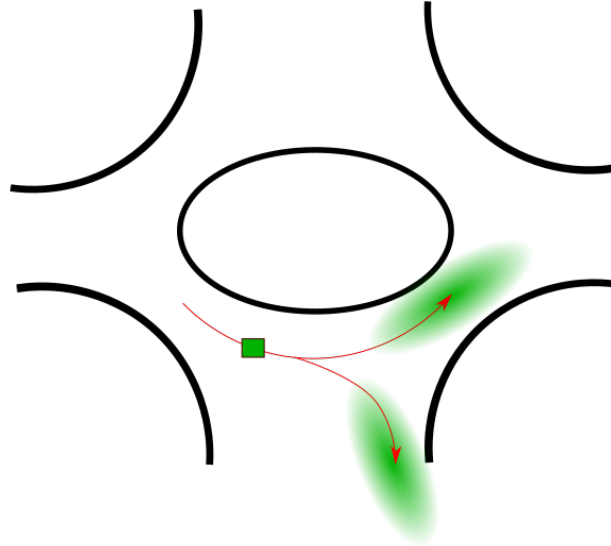
In recent years, more and more robots are deployed in not only industrial environments but also human populated areas. In order to fulfill their tasks, it is necessary for robots to interact and even cooperate with people. Therefore, tracking the locations of people in those environments has gained enormous attentions in robotics community. Besides, with the increasing popularity of artificial intelligence, robots are also expected to be intelligent enough to predict possible future locations of walking human even when encountered with occlusions or missing of sensor data. Enabled with an accurate tracking and prediction of human movements, robots are able to have a better understanding of the environment, which will facilitate interactions between robots and human.

The very first requirement for a robot to operate is to model the environment. A simple yet effective way is to use occupancy grid map representation of the environment (Moravec and Elfes, 1985). It decomposes the environment into cells with a predefined resolution, and the state of each cell is either *occupied* or *not occupied*. This representation has been extensively used in many different kind of robot tasks like simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM). The classical grid map representation treats the environment as static, which is not always the case in real scenarios. In other words, the environment can be dynamic since objects can move around in the environment. Object tracking addresses dynamics in environment explicitly, since it tracks and predicts how objects move. If there are more than one object involved at the same time, the tracking problem becomes multiple object tracking (MOT). In people tracking systems, the dynamics in environment refer to people location changes along the time horizon (i.e., trajectories).

Commonly, a tracking system is implemented as a multiple stage pipeline, which consists of object detection, data association, motion modeling and occupancy generation. When deal with a multiple object tracking problem, data association becomes very tricky. The classical way to perform data association is to maintain a list of known objects, and associates new observations with those objects. The main difficulty of this approach is to deal with *birth* (whether observation is from a new object) and *death* (whether a maintained object should

be deleted) of tracks explicitly (Gauvrit et al., 1997).

To address the data association problem, Coué et al. (2006) proposed *Bayesian occupancy filter* (BOF), which is an object tracking algorithm based on grid map representation of environment. It essentially avoids data association step in the tracking pipeline, since concepts of *objects* and *tracks* dose not exist in BOF framework. Rather than treat tracking problem from an *object* point of view, BOF addresses tracking from a *cell* perspective. That is to say, tracks are replaced by transitions of occupancies between cells over time. Meanwhile, BOF is robust to object occlusion thanks to the combination of *prediction* and *estimation* steps. This two-step mechanism is well suited for handling the consistency between occupancy predictions and past observations, therefore uncertainties incurred by occlusion is naturally handled in a probabilistic way. Over the past few years, there has been some extensions over BOF proposed in literature (Gindele et al., 2009; Brechtel et al., 2010; Llamazares et al., 2013).



**Figure 1.1:** This shows an illustration of a round-about. Cars can only drive in directions indicated by red arrows. The green rectangle represents a car at that location. Since we know that the car must drive in the specified directions, the possible locations of the car after a few time steps are indicated by the two green eclipses. This prior knowledge helps us track the dynamic objects since we have better chances to locate the car according to the motion pattern.

A tracking system usually predicts the state of the world (e.g., object location and velocity) based on past observations. Many tracking algorithms also incorporate motion models of the objects being tracked, since this allows us to utilize prior knowledge of object's motion cues. As an intuitive example, let us consider a round-about as shown in Figure 1.1, where cars can only drive in one direction. To track a car driving in a round-about, prediction of next possible locations of the car should always be on the side which allowed driving

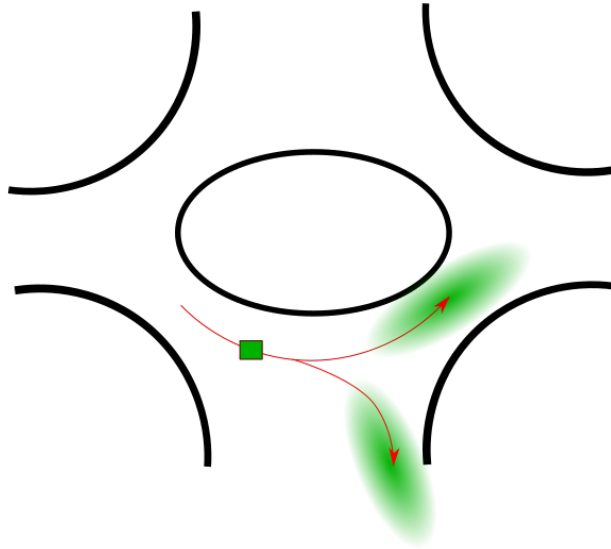
direction indicates, since we know that the car must follow that direction. Likewise, human tracking in indoor environments can also benefit from human motion patterns. For BOF and its variants, the objects being tracked are assumed to perform linear motion, which indicates that objects always move in the same direction as in the last time step. Although Gindele et al. (2009) proposed to incorporate prior map knowledge (BOFUM) to better model the motion dynamics based on cell context, linear motion is too simplistic to model actual human motion in indoor environments.

Based on our observations of human trajectories, we found two aspects very important for explaining human motion: 1) Unlike in free space, people have to move under spatial constraints in indoor environments. For example, people tend to walk along the central area between walls in a corridor and change their walking directions when they have to make turns. That is to say, the spatial constraints limit human motion patterns and therefore human motion is very place dependent. 2) People move continuously in time and space, which means they does not disappear or appear out of thin air. If a person is currently at a cell of a grid map, he or she has to walk through its neighboring cells first. In other words, future movement events starting from a region of interests are highly influenced by state changes of its neighboring cells. These observations motivates us to model human motion in a way that captures both **place dependency** as well as **spatial correlation** between cells.

In computer vision community, researches in machine learning over last few years has shown a lot of successes. Image classification algorithms based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs) has won all ImageNet classification challenges since 2012 (Russakovsky et al., 2015). Researches show that the depth of network plays a very important role in CNNs' performance. However, deep networks are more difficult to train due to poor gradient flow during back-propagation. Thanks to the development of ResNet (He et al., 2016) and DenseNet (Huang et al., 2016), the state-of-the-art CNNs can be as deep as over 1000 layers without training difficulties. Besides, fully convolutional neural networks (Long et al., 2015) are proven to be very powerful in solving semantic segmentation tasks thanks to its pixel-to-pixel classification ability. Jégou et al. (2017) extends the DenseNet to a fully convolutional neural network with an upsampling path for dealing with the problem of semantic segmentation.

It turns out that CNNs can achieve good results in not only computer vision tasks but also many other domains. For example, recurrent neural networks (RNNs) can be applied in automatic language translation (Cho et al., 2014). Deep reinforcement learning are good choice for teaching robots to perform human actions like grasping (Levine et al., 2016). Essentially, the reason why CNN works in those domains is that it is able to capture complex structure in data. Once a CNN learns that structure, it can generalize to cases that never occurs during training. Therefore, if we feed a grid map as input and human motion patterns as ground truth to a network, it should be able to learn the patterns after training with lots of data. We model human motion patterns as a set of conditional probabilities for every cell on the map. They represent how likely a person moves to one of

the neighboring cells, conditioned on which neighboring cell he or she comes from. Since these probabilities incorporate information about the incoming cell, the motion model captures spatial correlations between cells. Besides, they are different for each cell based on cell's context on the map, which means the learned motion pattern is expressive enough to predict different motions at different locations. In other words, our motion model is place dependent. In fact, similar idea of modeling motion patterns has been proposed by Kucner et al. (2013), but they need sensor observations from the map to learn motion pattern on that map. On the contrary, we exploit the power of CNNs so that our method can generalize to maps that have never occurs.



**Figure 1.2:** An example of future occupancy predictions of our method. The map shows a T-section, where only white spaces are walkable. Initially, a person is shown as a red rectangle and with velocity towards left. Since no further sensor reading is given, BOFMP propagates occupancies over time. After some time interval, most occupancies appear in both upper and lower branches of the corridor, which proves that our motion model successfully learns that people tend to make turns at the intersection. Besides, our BOFMP predicts more occupancies in the middle of corridors, since it learns that people are less likely to walk near walls.

The data we use for training network is generated from simulated human walking trajectories on SLAM-generated maps of real world offices. Once the network finishes learning, we can feed new maps to the network and obtain human motion patterns from network outputs. These motion patterns are then incorporated into BOF framework to perform human tracking in indoor environments. We call our tracking method as *Bayesian Occupancy Filter with Motion Patterns* (BOFMP). If only initial state of a person is given and no further observations are provided, our method is able to predict reachable areas after some time steps. Figure 7.1 shows an example of future occupancy predictions of our

method without sensor observations. It shows that our way of modeling human motion patterns enables BOF to propagate occupancies to reasonable areas.

The main contributions of this thesis work are:

1. We present a way of modeling human motion patterns that captures both place dependency and spatial correlations between cells. Besides, thanks to powerful generalization abilities of CNNs, our method can generate motion patterns on maps that are never seen by our model.
2. We incorporate the learned motion patterns into BOF framework seamlessly for human tracking in indoor environment, and achieve better tracking performance than baseline method. The whole pipeline of modeling motion pattern and tracking presented in this thesis work can be applied in other scenarios, such as car tracking in ADAS systems.

The rest of this thesis is organized as follows: Chapter 2 summarizes the related works and highlights the similarities and differences between our method and others in literatures. Chapter 3 introduces how BOF is derived and mathematical formulation of CNNs. Chapter 4 explains the detailed implementations, such as generation of dataset and BOF. Chapter 5 summarizes the dataset and presents the tracking performance of our method and the baseline. Chapter 6 concludes the thesis work and presents possible improvements on our method.





# Chapter 2

## Literature Review

### 2.1 Object Tracking

Wang et al. (2015) talks about the model-free and model-based object tracking with 2D laser scan.

Luber et al. (2011) has the similar idea of human tracking, but with a model-based approach. It talks about different approaches for data association.

Due to the difficulties in data association, BOFCoué et al. (2006) was introduced. Then introduce different variations of BOF.

### 2.2 Dynamic Environment Modeling

#### 2.2.1 Human Motion Modeling

In the early stage of human tracking, researches adopts simple and conservative motion models. Montemerlo et al. (2002) uses Brownian motion model for human tracking with Bayes filters. The Brownian motion assumes people take random directions at each time step and there is no dependence between time steps. In other words, Brownian motion does not assign human dynamics with any pattern other than dispersion. As a consequence, when there is no more observations, the predictions of people locations spreads out over a large area very quickly. This is a poor estimate as we know people normally does not move randomly. A better model is the first order motion model (a.k.a. linear motion model). For example, Meier and Ade (1999) used this model together with Kalman filter for human tracking. First order motion model

In the early stage of human tracking, researches adopts simple and conservative motion models, like Brownian motion (Montemerlo et al., 2002) and linear motion model (Meier and Ade, 1999). However, in reality people normally go from the starting point and follow some motion patterns until they reach destination instead of moving randomly according to Brownian motion. Likewise, people does not always move in the same direction as the last movement according to linear motion model, since they often need to make turns around corners. Some researchers proposed better ways to model people motion patterns. For example, Bruce and Gordon (2004) learns destinations by clustering real trajectories and uses a path planer to those destinations as a reference for human motion patterns. Liao et al. (2003) assumes that human tend to move along Voronoi graph of the environment and therefore constraint motion patterns by Voronoi graph.

Our motion model is different to above methods in two aspects: cell dependency and learning. We represent the environment as a grid map with each cell indicating a possible location. The Voronoi graph is constructed based on a global representation of the environment. It is predefined and only well suited for applications where high-level motion clue is needed (e.g., which rooms a person has visited). This kind of motion clues are too less precise to be used for recovering a person’s exact location. Instead, in order to get a finer motion model, we decompose the task of modeling human motion pattern into cell level tasks of modeling change of directions. For each cell, we learned how likely a person’s moving direction changes for the next time step based on actual human trajectories. On the other hand, although a path planer to the learned destination defines an effective path, it does not necessarily cover the motion dynamics at every possible locations and assumes no dependency between these locations. One intuition we captured based on observations of people motion is that, for a cell in the map, the state of neighborhood cells is a strong indicator of its state.

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Moravec and Elfes (1985) introduced grid map as a representation of environment. However, it assumes the environment is static.

Kucner et al. (2013) talks about literatures that try to adapt grid map to dynamic environments. Notably, Meyer-Delius et al. (2012) relaxes the static assumption by introducing a HMM for each cell in the map. However, those approaches assume independences between cells, which is not the case in reality. Therefore, Kucner et al. (2013) proposed conditional transition map which models the probabilities of exit direction conditioned on enter direction. Moreover, Wang et al. (2014) models dynamic environments using IOHMM, which incorporates both spatial and temporal information for modeling motion patterns.

## 2.3 Neural Networks

# Chapter 3

## Background Knowledge

### 3.1 Bayesian Occupancy Filter (BOF)

#### 3.1.1 Bayesian Filtering

#### 3.1.2 Bayesian Occupancy Filter Formulation

#### 3.1.3 BOF with Map Knowledge and Motion Model

### 3.2 Fully Convolutional Neural Network

#### 3.2.1 Densely Connected Convolutional Networks (DenseNets)

#### 3.2.2 Fully Convolutional DenseNets

### 3.3 Metrics



# Chapter 4

## Implementation Details

### 4.1 Human Trajectory Simulation

### 4.2 Architecture of Neural Network

### 4.3 Implementation of BOFUM

Before tracking starts, the occupancy and velocity probabilities are initialized uniformly, i.e.,

$$P_c\{O = occ\} = P_c\{O = nocc\} = 0.5P_c\{V = v\} = 1/\text{number of velocities}$$

### 4.4 Hyperparameter Tuning



# Chapter 5

## Results

### 5.1 Overview of Datasets

#### 5.1.1 Simulated Dataset

#### 5.1.2 Real Dataset

### 5.2 Evaluation of Tracking Performance

#### 5.2.1 Tracking on Simulated Data

#### 5.2.2 Tracking on Real Data





# Chapter 6

## Outlooks

### 6.1 End to End Training

### 6.2 Future Work



# Chapter 7

## Summary of Results

This thesis focuses on human tracking in indoor environments, such as offices and factories. In those environments, since there exists static obstacles, e.g., walls, tables, the tracking algorithm needs to differentiate between static obstacles and moving humans. One general tracking algorithm from literature is called as *Bayesian Occupancy Filter*(BOF). It represents the environment as a grid map, and it predicts the occupancy probability of each cell for every time step. An improved version of BOF is *Bayesian Occupancy Filter Using Map knowledge*(BOFUM). As its name indicates, it utilizes prior map knowledge about how likely a tracking object might be on different locations on a given map.

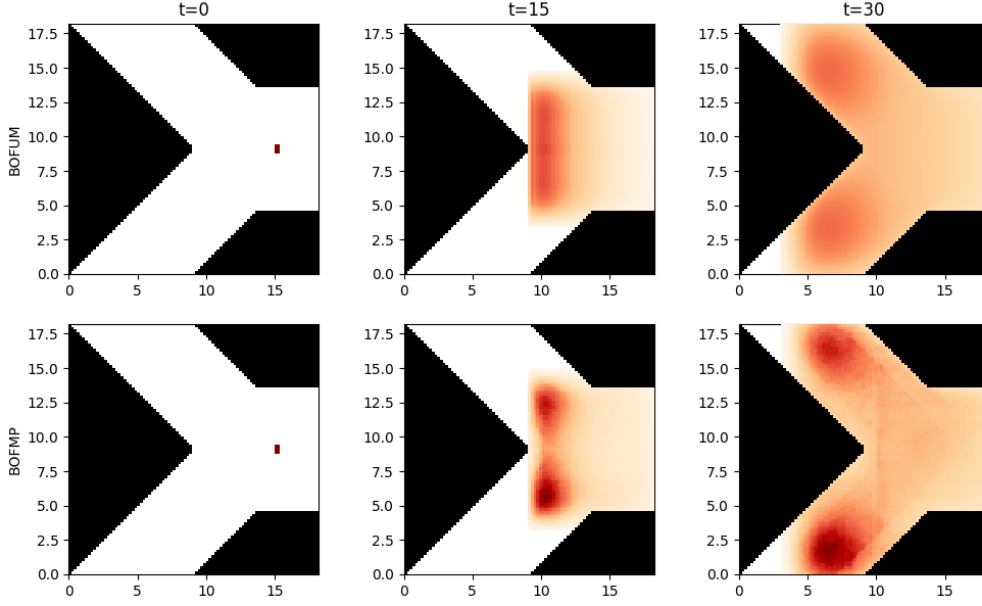
Human trajectories in indoor environment follow some motion patterns. For example, when there is corridor, humans tend to walk in the middle of the corridor, instead of walking besides the walls. To incorporate this human motion into tracking algorithm, we proposed *Bayesian Occupancy Filter Using Motion Pattern*(BOFMP). The idea is shown in Figure 7.1.

The main contributions of this thesis work are summarized as following:

1. Neural Network Training.
2. Human Trajectory Simulation.
3. Object Tracking using Bayesian Occupancy Filter
4. Comparison between BOFUM and BOFMP

### 7.1 Neural Network Training

To capture human motion patterns, we trained neural networks to learn how a walking person changes directions at different locations on a given map. Mathmatically, there are two ways to represent the motion pattern, either using conditional probability or joint



**Figure 7.1:** Occupancy predictions for BOFUM and our proposed BOFMP after several time steps. The map shows a T-section. At  $t = 0$ , a person is shown as a red rectangle and with initial velocity towards left. At  $t = 15$ , the person encounters intersection. BOFUM has no information about human motion pattern, and continues to propagate occupancy towards left. Our BOFMP knows that humans are likely to turn to either upper or lower corridors. At  $t = 30$ , since occupancies going left vanish due to the wall, BOFUM predicts occupancies in corridors, but they are biased towards walls on the left. Our BOFMP predicts more occupancies in the middle of corridors, since it knows humans are more likely to walk in the middle.

probability. For the former one, given a grid map as input, the network learns for each given grid cell  $c$  on the map, the probabilities of next possible velocity  $V$  conditioned on last velocity  $V^-$ :

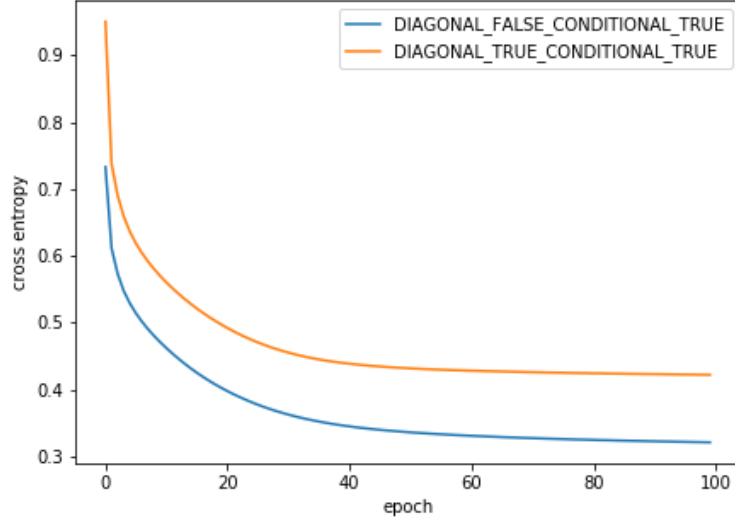
$$P_c\{V|V^-\}$$

Alternatively, the network can also learn the joint probability:

$$P_c\{V, V^-\}$$

Theoretically, it is always better to have joint probability, since conditional probability can be calculated from joint probability by marginalization and Bayes's rule. However, due

to reasons explained in Section 7.2, we are not able to get accurate joint probabilities as ground truth. Therefore, the network is trained to learn  $P_c\{V|V^-\}$ .

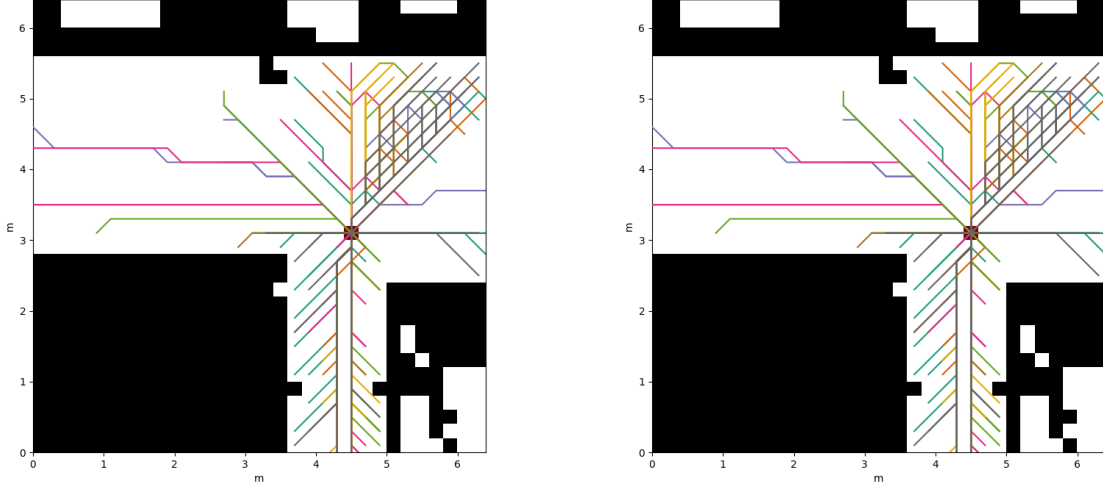


**Figure 7.2:** Cross entropy loss for training networks. We trained networks to learn conditional probabilities  $P_c\{V|V^-\}$ . The green line shows training dynamics using data generated with directions "left, right, up and down". The yellow line also takes diagonal directions into account, which has 8 directions in total. Naturally, since more directions implies higher complexity, the overall loss for yellow line is higher than green line.

The network consists of 31 convolutional layers. It has both down-sampling path for extracting high-level features and up-sampling path for recovering full resolution. The network is trained with mini-batches of size of 128, and is optimized with Adam optimizer. The training runs for 100 epoches, with early stopping patience of 15 epoches. Figure 7.2 shows the cross entropy loss during training.

## 7.2 Human Trajectory Simulation

To acquire enough amount of data for training our network is expensive, especially when we have to consider all possible motion changes for every cell in a grid map. For non-diagonal directions, there are  $4 \times 4 = 16$  possible motion changes. For diagonal directions, it goes up to  $8 \times 8 = 64$ . To get statistically sound motion pattern probabilities, it requires to record human trajectories on many different maps over a long period of time. However, due to practical reasons, we are not able to get that much real data. Instead, we simulate human trajectories with A-star algorithm from 6 real world maps with a total free space



**Figure 7.3:** *Left:* One example map crop as network input. The map has size of  $32 \times 32$  cells, with resolution of  $0.2m/cell$ . It also shows trajectories that goes through the red cell. *Right:* Visualization of conditional probability  $P\{V|V^-\}$  for the red cell on left map. The axis shows velocities on  $x, y$  directions. Outer axes represent last velocity  $V^-$ , and inner represent next velocity  $V$ . One can see that  $P\{V = (-1, -1)|V^- = (-1, -1)\} = 0.21$  and  $P\{V = (0, -1)|V^- = (-1, -1)\} = 0.79$ . This indicates that if a person reaches the red cell from upper right, it is very likely he will go downwards.

area of ca.  $6.6 \times 10^3 m^2$ . For each cell on the map, we try to sample 5 trajectories starting from that cell. With those trajectories, we can calculate motion pattern probabilities. Then we take random crops of size  $32 \times 32$  cells from the real world maps as network inputs, and their corresponding probabilities as outputs.

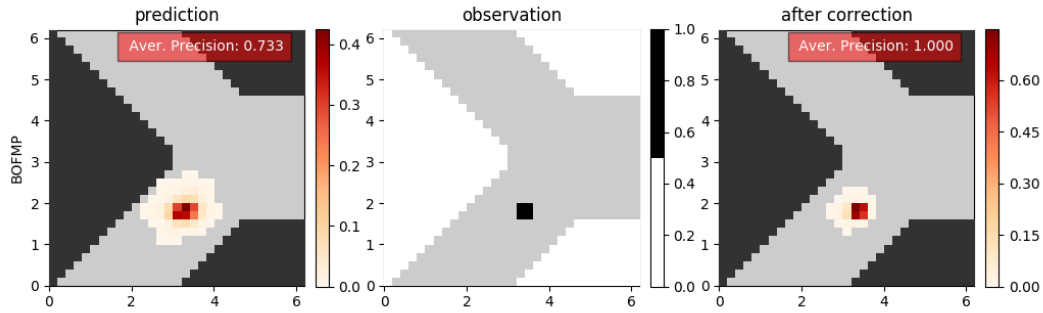
Figure 7.3 shows one example of network input and the ground truth for one cell on the map. The number of samples we generated are summarized as follows:

	training	validation	test
number of samples	27,119	4,785	3,760

### 7.3 Object Tracking using Bayesian Occupancy Filter

Generally, Bayesian filter works in a recursive way and the filtering process can be decomposed into two stages: **prediction** and **correction**. For each time step, it firstly predicts the next state. After prediction, when the new measurement is obtained, it corrects its

prediction based on measurement. For Bayesian occupancy filter used in tracking applications, the state of world is represented by, for each cell on the grid map, the probabilities of cell's velocities and occupancy. However, the measurement gives information about only whether a cell is occupied or not at each time step. In order to make predictions for the next time step, the filter has to infer velocities of each cell based on past occupancy information from measurements. Figure 7.4 shows how BOFMP filter updates at one time step.



**Figure 7.4:** One filtering step of BOFMP filter. At last time step, the tracking object goes from up to down. Based on motion pattern, BOFMP predicts that there are possibilities that this object will turn to left-down and keep going downwards. After measurement shows that this object still goes downwards, BOFMP corrects its predictions and attenuates probabilities of turning left-down. Since the measurement adds additional information for BOFMP to make better predictions, the average precision increases after correction step.

## 7.4 Comparison between BOFUM and BOFMP

To compare the performance of BOFUM and BOFMP, we consider two scenarios:

1. **tracking.** Measurements are given at each time step, and we evaluate consistency between occupancy prediction and the ground truth at every time step before a certain time point  $t$ .
2. **future prediction.** From time point  $t$  on, the measurement is no longer given. Then we evaluate occupancy predictions with ground truth for the next  $n$  time steps.

The parameters of a BOF filter are:

1. **extent  $e$ .** It determines the maximum velocity of a cell. For example, if extent is 7, the velocities are in range  $[-3, 3]$  cells/time step on both  $x$  and  $y$  axis. Since our neural network only models velocities within  $[-1, 1]$ , we need firstly extend it to higher velocities. The details on how we do this will be explained in the thesis.

2. **noise variance**  $\delta^2$ . Both BOFUM and BOFMP assume the tracking object has a constant velocity, with a Gaussian distributed acceleration noise. This parameter determines how likely an object accelerates or decelerate.
3. **omega**  $\Omega$ . In the correction step of BOF filters, measurements from sensors are incorporated into filter's prediction. Since sensor could be noisy, this parameter determines how much do we trust our measurements. The sensor used for our tracking application is laser rangefinder, which is rather physically reliable and therefore has a low  $\Omega$  value.

The possible metrics that could be used for measuring the consistency between occupancy prediction and ground truth are: *cross entropy*, *f1 score* and *average precision*. We choose average precision as our metric and the reasons will be detailed in the thesis. To prove that our method is able to make predictions according to human motion pattern, we tune the parameters based on filter's performance for future predictions. For both filters, we randomly sample 100 sets of parameters from parameter ranges listed in Table ??, evaluate on tracking cases with time steps of 16 and calculate average precision for every time step over all tracking cases. Note that value range of noise variance  $\delta^2$  for real data is higher than for simulated data. This is because in real data, there are higher uncertainties with human motion and sensor failures. The measurement is lost at time step  $t = 9$ , and we select the best set of parameters based on the average of average precisions for the next 8 time steps.

	value range for simulated data	value range for real data
$e$	{3, 5, 7}	{3, 5, 7}
$\delta^2$	[0.1, 0.6]	[0.2, 0.7]
$\Omega$	[0.01, 0.2]	[0.01, 0.2]

**Table 7.1:** Parameter ranges for BOF filters.

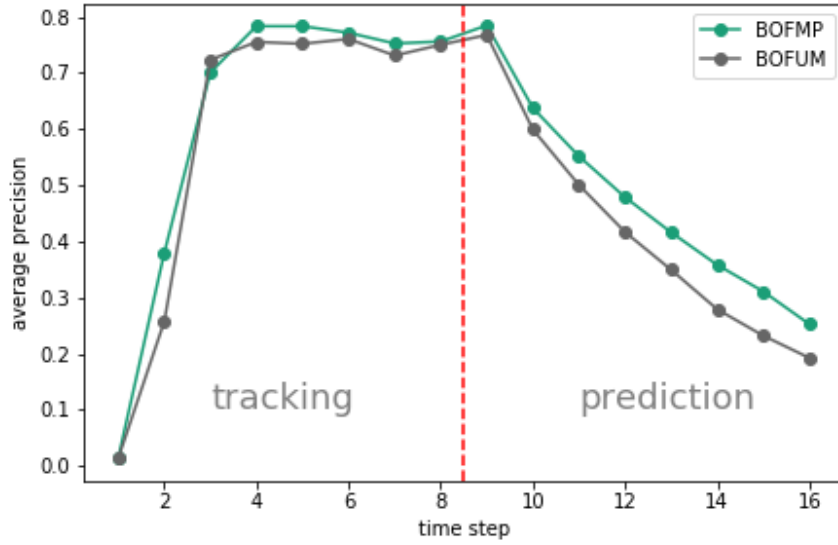
#### 7.4.1 On simulated data

We generated 500 tracking cases as validation set for tuning filter parameters and 500 tracking cases for test set. Validation and test cases are generated from different maps, and on each map, there are either one or two walking humans. We firstly tuned the parameters on validation set for BOFUM and BOFMP individually. Then we apply both filters with their best parameters on test set. The best set of parameters and its corresponding average precision from  $t = 9$  to  $t = 16$  on test data are listed in Table ?. Figure 7.5 shows mean of average precision over 500 test cases for each time step.



	$e$	$\delta^2$	$\Omega$	average precision for $t = 8 : 16$								mean
BOFUM	7	0.556	0.0164	0.767	0.599	0.500	0.416	0.349	0.279	0.232	0.192	0.417
BOFMP	7	0.373	0.0353	0.785	0.637	0.552	0.479	0.416	0.358	0.311	0.252	0.474

**Table 7.2:** Best parameters for BOFUM and BOFMP on simulated data.



**Figure 7.5:** Evaluation results on test data. The average precision for both filters start with values close to zero. Since we highly trust our measurements (low  $\Omega$ ), both filters are able to successfully track the objects within 3 time steps. The fact that average precision keeps a high value from  $t = 3$  to  $t = 8$  indicates that both filters can predict very well for the next immediate time step. Starting from  $t = 9$  (see the red dash line), measurements are no longer given. The prediction is still accurate for the next time step ( $t = 9$ ), but decreases progressively over time. This is expected, since without measurements, the state of world becomes more and more uncertain. Even though, we can see that our BOFMP have a higher average precision value than BOFUM at almost every time step, which indicates the improvements of our method in both tracking and future prediction stages.

Figure 7.6 shows how BOFUM and BOFMP perform tracking on one case from test data. In this example, a person is walking from the lower door towards upper door. The grey curve on the map shows the trajectory of the person. At  $t = 8$ , the person walks with upwards velocity of 1 cell/time step. Both algorithms track the person very well with average precision of 1.0. At  $t = 9$ , the measurement is lost and future prediction stage of tracking starts. At  $t = 10$ , BOFUM predicts that the person will still goes upwards, with a low possibility going other directions. However, since BOFMP knows there is a door above, it predicts that the person is also very likely going to that door, and therefore turns

to upper left. At later time steps, BOFMP continues to predict occupancy probabilities towards upper door as well as other possible directions (i.e., door on the left and empty space on the right). On the contrary, BOFUM still propagates most occupancies upwards. At  $t = 16$ , since the object accelerates to higher velocity, most of occupancy predictions of BOFMP are left behind the tracking object.

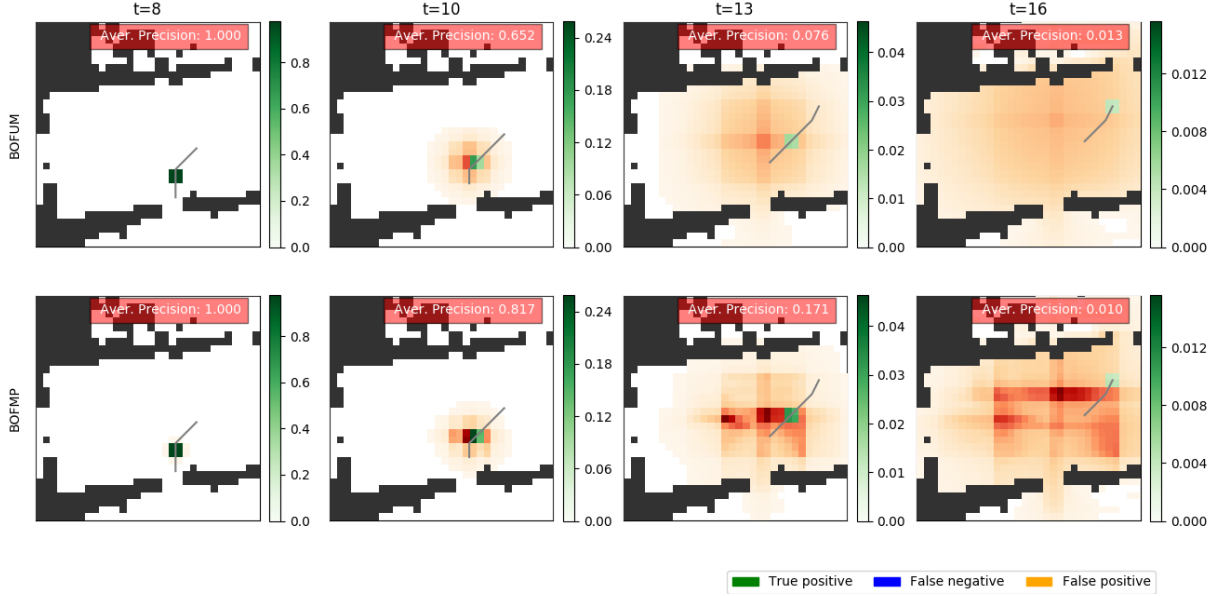


Figure 7.6: One example of tracking case from test data.

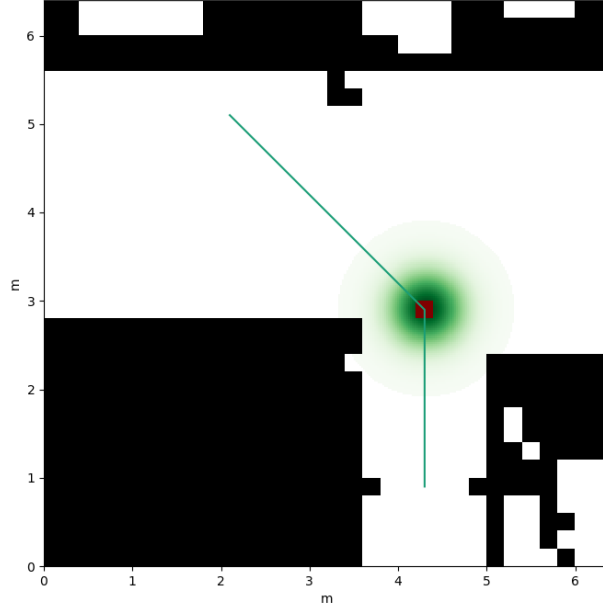
## 7.4.2 On real data

Although our neural network are trained on simulated human trajectories, we expect that our method also outperforms BOFUM on real tracking cases. We recorded human trajectories on two different ground plans by a laser rangefinder mounted on a robot. After processing raw laser data, we get 500 tracking cases for validation from one of the ground plans and 244 for test from the other.

### Spatial blurring of motion probabilities

The simulated trajectories do not always reflect real human's motion patterns. This is because, as shown in Figure 7.7, humans are more flexible to decide when to make turns.

Therefore, to better adapt to real data, we introduce a technique that blurs the motion probabilities  $P_c\{V|V^- = v\}$  of a cell  $c$  spatially into its neighbors if a *turn* is detected. A *turn* on cell  $c$  for velocity  $v^-$  is defined as:



**Figure 7.7:** A turn on simulated human trajectory. In order to reach the goal location in upper left corner, the simulated trajectory shows that a person will make a turn from going up to going up-left at location indicated by the red square. However, in real scenarios, a person is more flexible in deciding where to make that turn and he might turn at any location in the green area.

$$turn_c(v^-) = \begin{cases} True, & \text{if } \arg \max_v (P_c\{V = v | V^- = v^-\}) \neq v^- \\ False, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For each turn detected from motion pattern, we apply Gaussian blur spatially to its neighbor cells' motion probability  $P\{V | V^- = v^-\}$ . As a consequence, another two parameters, blur extent  $blurExt$  and blur variance  $blurVar$ , are introduced and their value ranges are listed in Table ??.

	<i>value range</i>	<i>note</i>
$blurExt$	$\{3, 5, 7, 9\}$	determines how far the Gaussian blur can reach
$blurVar$	$[0.5, 2]$	variance of the Gaussian kernel used for blurring

**Table 7.3:** Parameters introduced by spatial blurring and their value ranges.

### Motion keeping for future prediction

Our proposed BOFMP, just like BOFUM, is *memory-less*. That is to say, the last step of tracking stage has absolute influence on future predictions, and the steps before the last

step has no influence at all. In the real data we recorded, a time step equals to 0.25 second in real time. However, this short period of time is not able to summarize human's motion in the past time steps. Therefore, we propose to add moving average velocity of last few steps to the predicted velocity  $P\{V_{pred}\}$ , and then calculate next velocity  $P\{V\}$  from it. This process of incorporating moving average velocity is called as *motion keeping*. It starts from the beginning of future prediction stage and the influence of moving average velocity is exponentially decreased over the following time steps.

Motion keeping also introduces new parameters. Assume the measurement is lost since time step  $t_{lost}$ , the new parameters are:

1. **window size**  $w$ . It determines how many last time steps are considered when calculate moving average velocity .
2. **initial motion factor**  $initMF$ . This coefficient determines at the beginning of future prediction stage (i.e.,  $t = t_{lost}$ ), how much of moving average velocity  $P\{V_{ma}\}$  is incorporated into predicted velocity  $P\{V_{pred}\}$ .
3. **keep motion factor**  $keepMF$ . This constant is the base of the exponential function used to decrease moving average velocity  $P\{V_{ma}\}$  over the following time steps. Therefore, for  $t \geq t_{lost}$ ,

$$factor = initMF \times keepMF^{(t-t_{lost})} \quad (7.1)$$

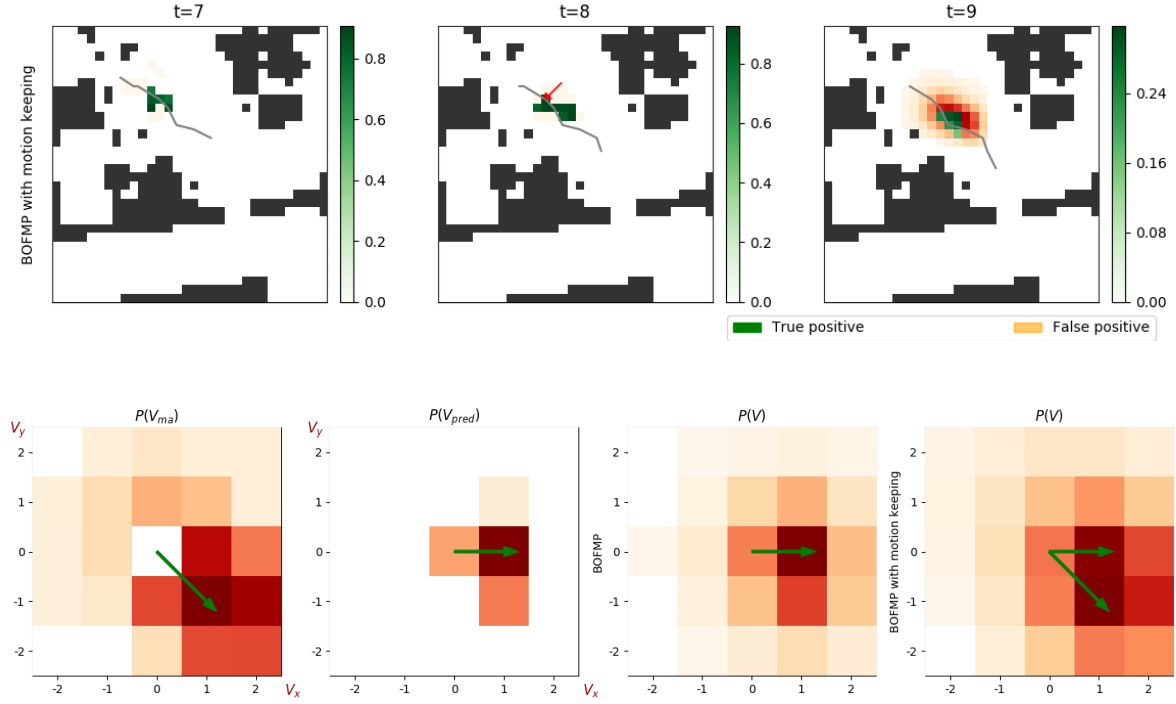
$$P\{V_{merge}\} = factor \times P\{V_{ma}\} + (1 - factor) \times P\{V_{pred}\} \quad (7.2)$$

The value ranges of these parameters are listed in Table ?? . One example of tracking on real data using motion keeping is shown in Figure 7.8.

	<i>value range</i>
$w$	$\{2, 4, 6\}$
$initMF$	$[0.3, 0.8]$
$keepMF$	$[0.3, 0.8]$

**Table 7.4:** *Parameters introduced by motion keeping and their value ranges.*

We randomly sample 100 sets of parameters for each scenario, evaluate them on validation set, and select the best set of parameters based on the mean of average precisions for the future prediction stage ( $t = 9 : 16$ ). The best parameters are shown in Table ??.



**Figure 7.8:** *Up:* Three tracking steps of BOFMP with motion keeping. A person is walking from upper left towards lower right. The measurement is lost at  $t = 9$ . *Down:* Velocities of the cell pointed by the red arrow at  $t = 8$ . On each plot, the most possible direction is shown by the green arrows. Based on measurements from  $t = 7$  and  $t = 8$ , the predicted velocity  $P\{V_{pred}\}$  shows it is more likely the occupancy will propagate towards right for the next time step. However, past motion trend, which is represented by  $P\{V_{ma}\}$ , shows it is more likely to move to lower right. As a consequence, BOFMP with motion keeping shows there are possibilities going both right and lower right, which is more realistic in this tracking example.

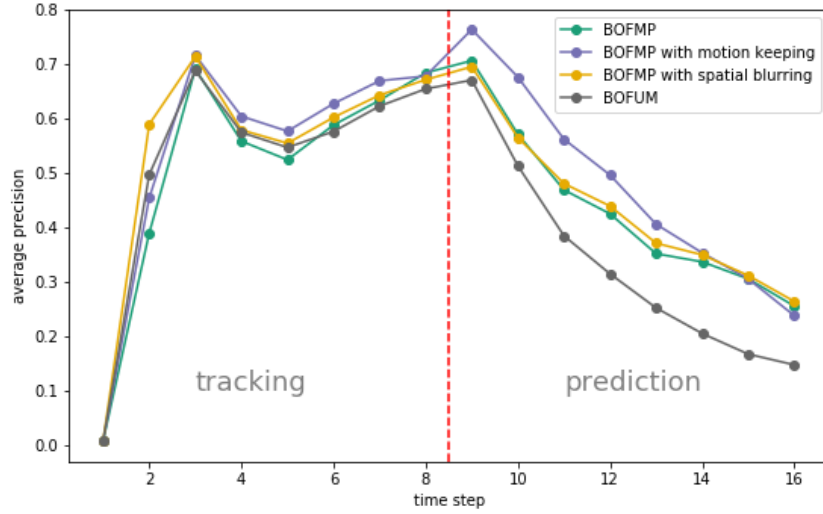
	$e$	$\delta^2$	$\Omega$	$blurExt$	$blurVar$	$w$	$initMF$	$keepMF$	mean a.p.
BOFUM	5	0.677	0.152	-	-	-	-	-	0.302
BOFMP	5	0.649	0.191	-	-	-	-	-	0.321
BOFMP spatial blurring	5	0.636	0.100	5	1.093	-	-	-	0.327
BOFMP motion keeping	7	0.744	0.026	-	-	4	0.563	0.707	0.381

**Table 7.5:** Best parameters for BOFUM and BOFMP on real data.

Then we apply each filter with its best parameters on test data of 244 tracking cases. Figure 7.9 shows the average precision for each time step, and Table ?? lists the average precision in future prediction stage and their mean. Compared with BOFUM, our methods have performance gain of 29%, 31% and 43% respectively.

	average precision for $t = 9 : 16$								mean
BOFUM	0.670	0.512	0.384	0.314	0.252	0.205	0.167	0.148	0.331
BOFMP	0.705	0.570	0.468	0.424	0.351	0.336	0.305	0.255	0.427
BOFMP spatial blurring	0.694	0.564	0.480	0.439	0.371	0.349	0.311	0.264	0.434
BOFMP motion keeping	0.762	0.675	0.561	0.496	0.405	0.353	0.305	0.238	0.474

**Table 7.6:** Future predictions for BOFUM and BOFMP on real data.



**Figure 7.9:** Evaluation results on real test data. Like for simulated data, average precision starts with values close to zero, and increase rapidly over the next two time steps. From  $t = 3$  to  $t = 8$ , average precisions keep rather stable at high values, which proves that filters predict very well for the next immediate step. In future prediction stage ( $t = 9 : 16$ ), average precisions decrease severely as time horizon increases, since the state of the world becomes more uncertain. However, our BOFMP and its variations are still better than BOFUM for every time step in this stage.

To conclude, we proposed a Bayesian occupancy filter that utilizes human motion pattern for tracking humans in indoor environments. The motion patterns are gained from a neural network which is trained on simulated human trajectories. Our proposed method outperforms BOFUM on both simulated and real tracking cases. One of the most important advantages of our method is that, although the motion pattern is derived from simulated data, it is applicable on real tracking scenarios.

# Chapter 8

## Formatting

### 8.1 Figures and Tables

Figures and tables need to include a caption. This can be done with the LaTeX-command `\caption{}`. To be able to reference figures and tables, a `\label{}` must follow the caption.



Figure 8.1: Ein PHD Comic

The labelled figures and tables can be referenced via `\ref`, e.g. Figure 8.1.

Parameter	Value
Transmission Power	23 dBm
Center Frequency	2.6 GHz
Channel Bandwidth	15 kHz
Shadowing Correlation Distance	40 m
Noise Density	-174 dBm/Hz
Antenna Heights	1.5 m

Table 8.1: Simulation Parameters and Values





# Appendix A

The appendix may contain some listings of source code that has been used for simulations, extensive proofs or any other things that are strongly related to the thesis but not of immediate interest to the reader.



# Appendix B

## Notation und Abkürzungen

This chapter contains tables where all abbreviations and other notations like mathematical placeholders used in the thesis are listed.

AP	Access Point
CQI	Channel Quality Indicator
DCI	Downlink Control Information
D-SR	Dedicated Scheduling Request
D2D	device to device
eNodeB	evolved Node B or E-UTRAN Node B
FDD	Frequency Division Duplexing
H-ARQ	Hybrid-Automatic Repeat Request
IoT	Internet of Things
LTE	Long Term Evolution
MCS	Modulation and Coding Scheme
OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing
PDCCH	Physical Downlink Control Channel
PDSCH	Physical Downlink Shared Channel
PRB	Physical Resource Block
PUCCH	Physical Uplink Control Channel
PUSCH	Physical Uplink Shared Channel
RACH	Random Access Channel
SC-FDMA	Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access
SR	Scheduling Request
SRS	Sounding Reference Signal
TDD	Time Division Duplexing
UE	User Equipment



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