



# Large-scale Wireless Fingerprints Prediction for Cellular Network Positioning

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## Fingerprint **Prediction & Positioning**

- ❖ Introduction & Motivation
- ❖ Problem Formulation
- ❖ Algorithm Design
- ❖ Experimental Validation
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# Introduction



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## 911 Requirement: Localizing emergency caller



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## Challenge 1: Weak GPS Signal



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## Challenge 2: Device Constraint

### Smartphones are more common in Europe, U.S., less so in developing countries

*Percent of adults who report owning a smartphone*



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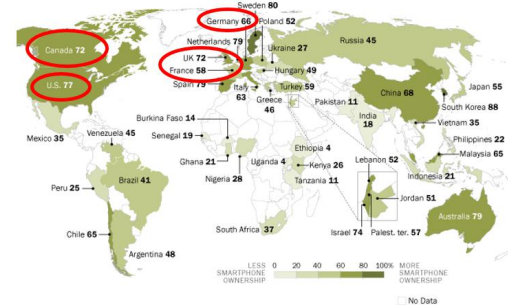
## Alternative: Fingerprinting localization

### Weak GPS Signal



### Cellphones as basic devices

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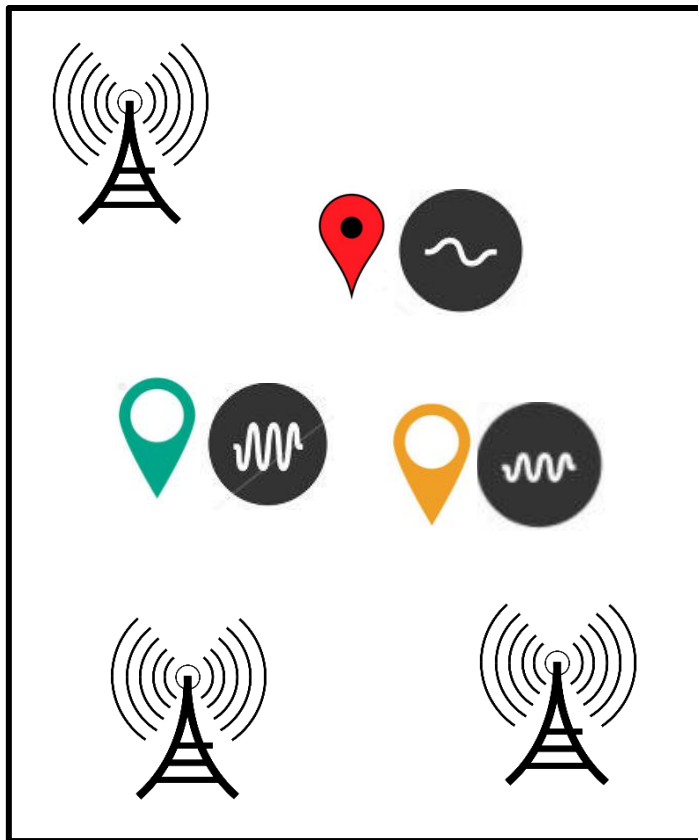
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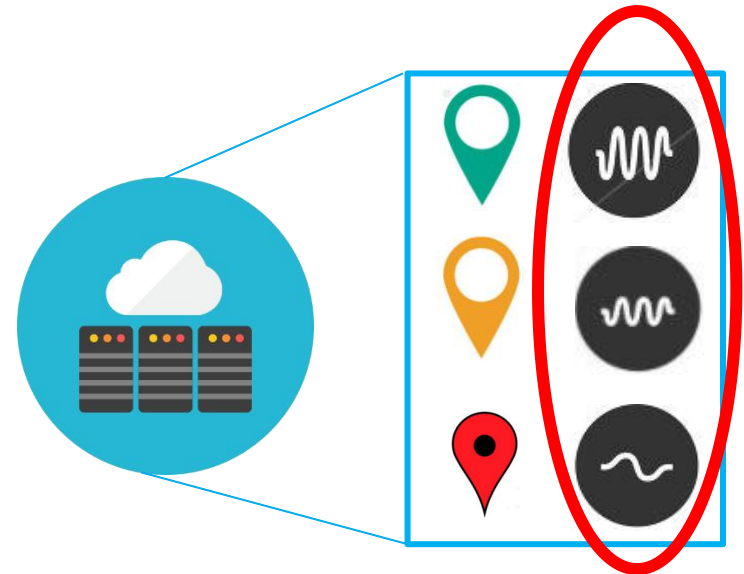
# Fingerprinting Localization

## ❖ **Method:** Offline phase + Online phase

### ■ Offline phase



**Wireless fingerprints**

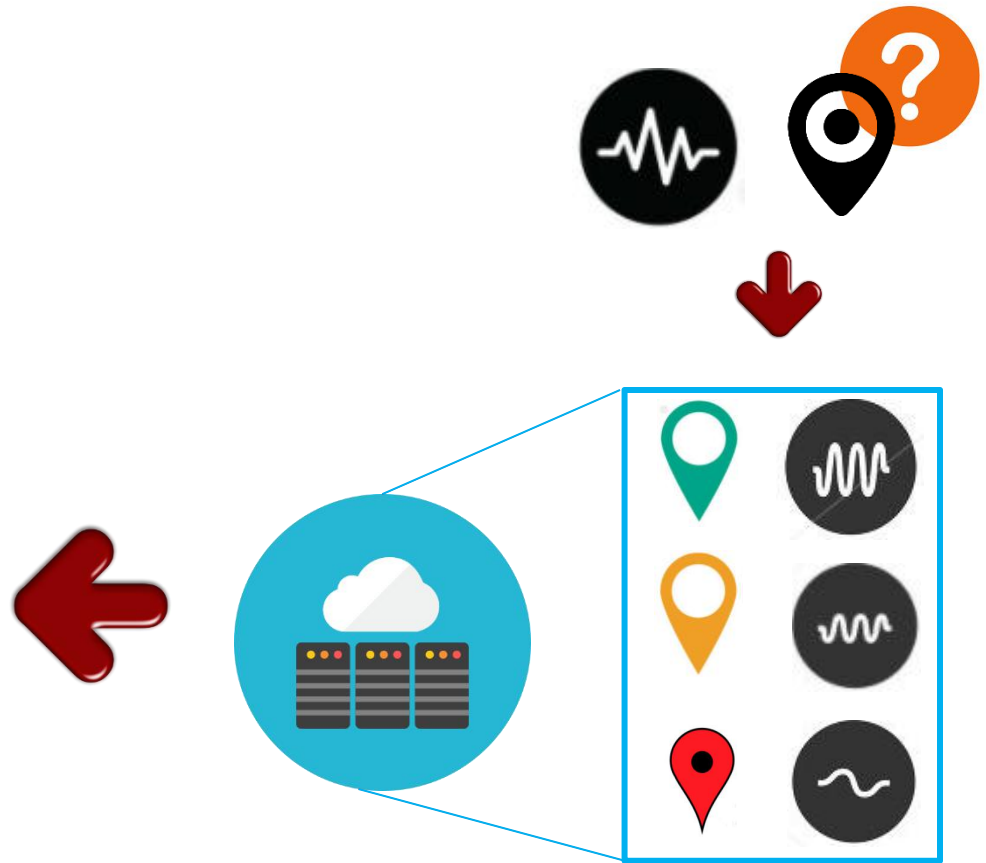
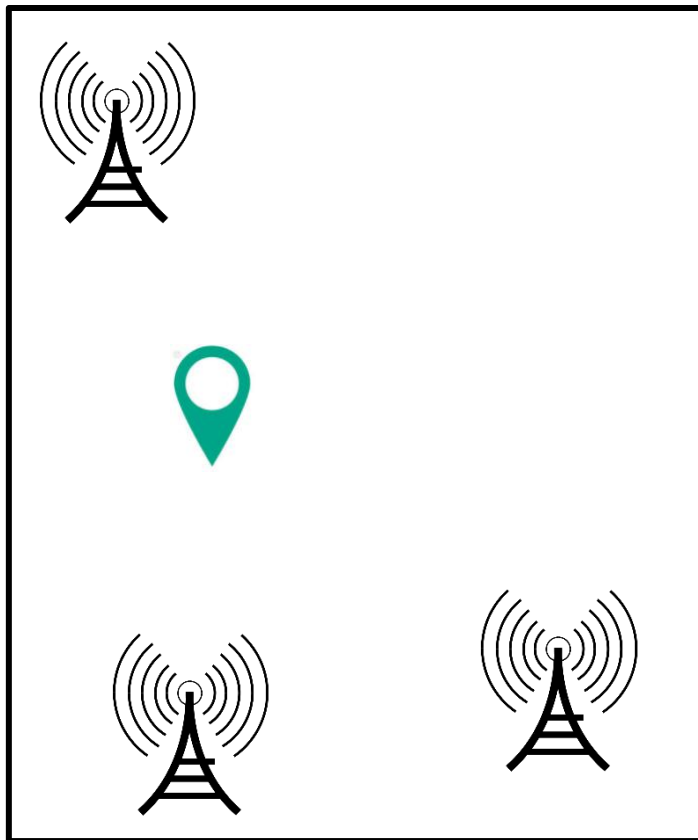


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### ■ Online phase

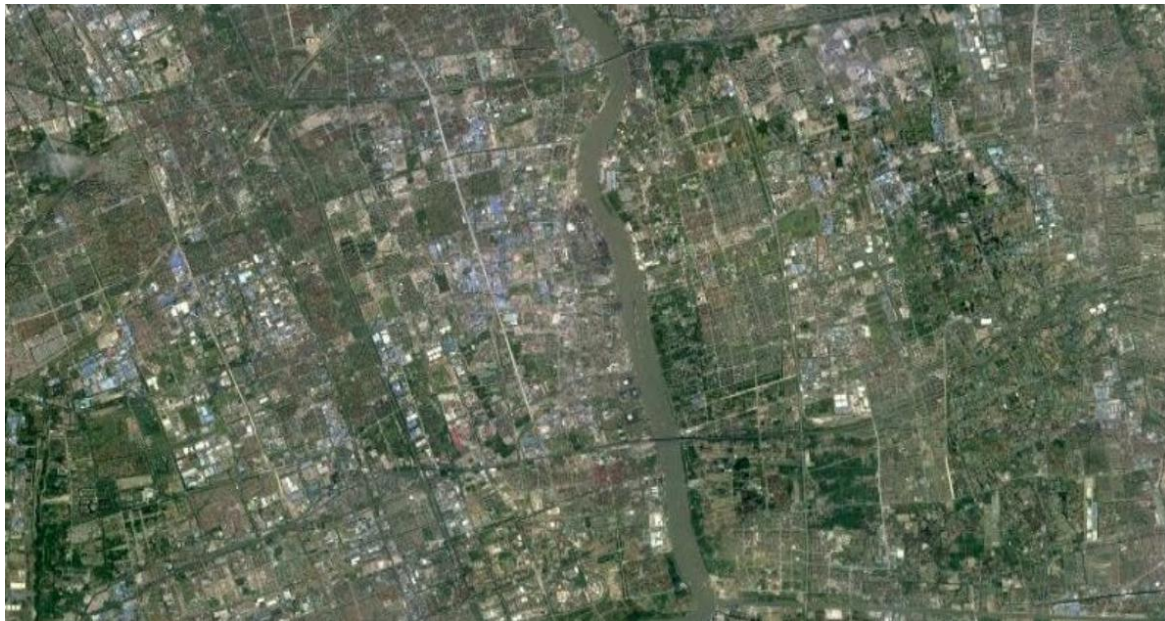


**Fingerprint Database**

# Challenge for Fingerprinting Localization

## ❖ Constructing Fingerprint Database

Large Area Outdoors



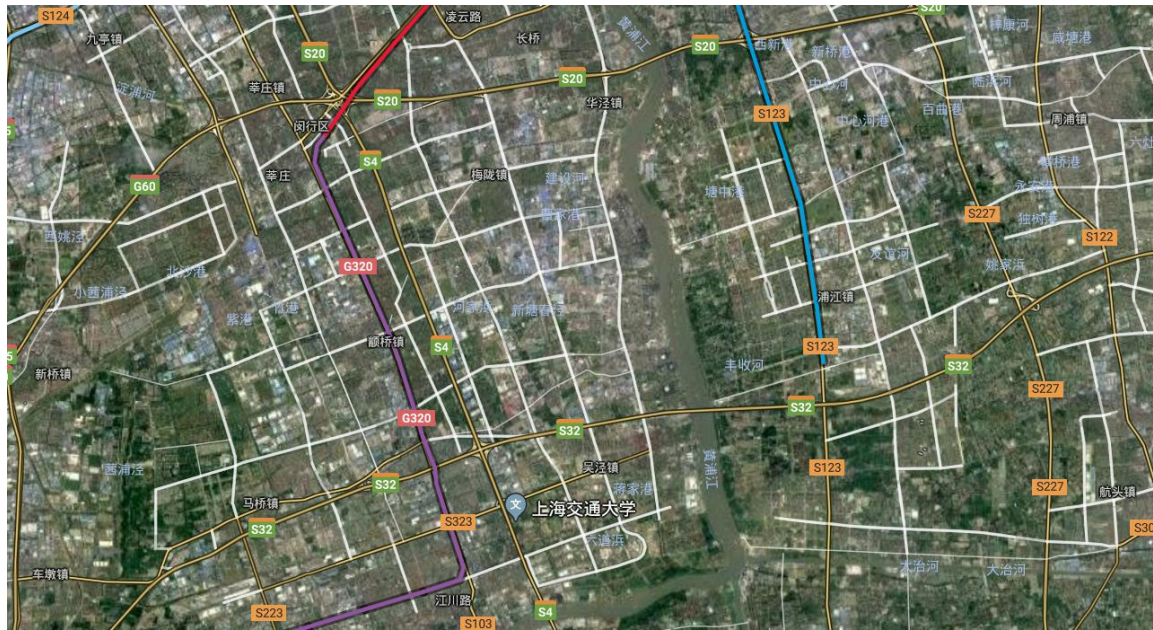
**Challenge:** Requiring a large number of sampled fingerprints

**Costly !**

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**Idea:** Sample easily available fingerprints, and predict others

**Fingerprint Prediction**

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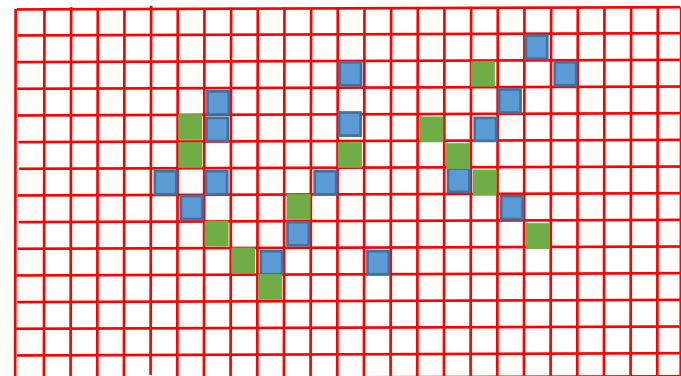
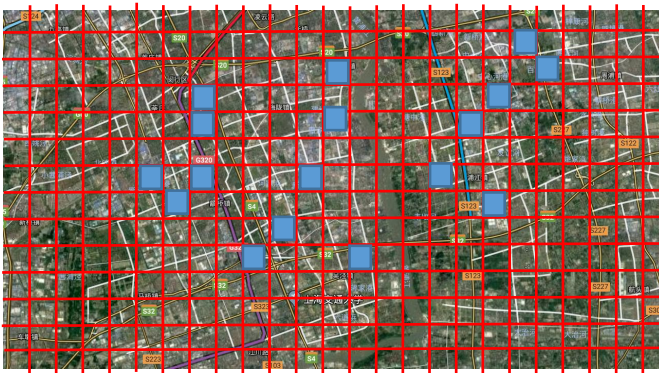
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# Problem Formulation

## ❖ Modeling Fingerprint Prediction

- Grid the target area
- Have some sampled areas
- **Predict** unsampled areas
  - Fingerprints do NOT change dramatically.
  - Fingerprints have correlation.

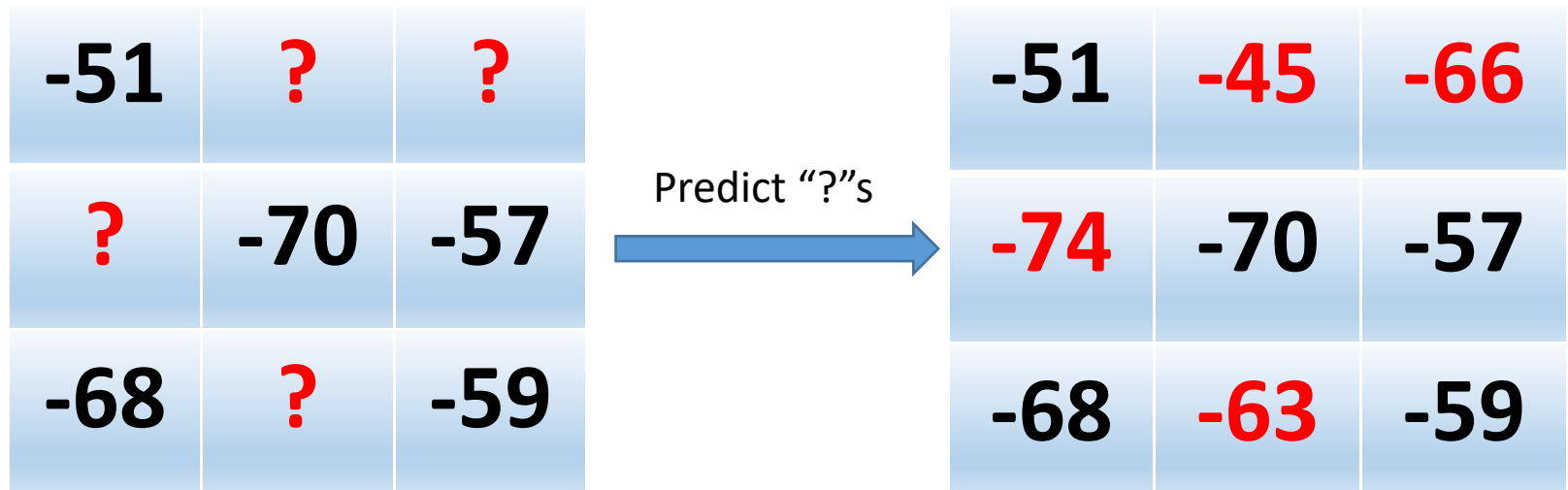


Target Area

- Sampled Fingerprint Value
- Predicted Fingerprint Value

# Problem Formulation

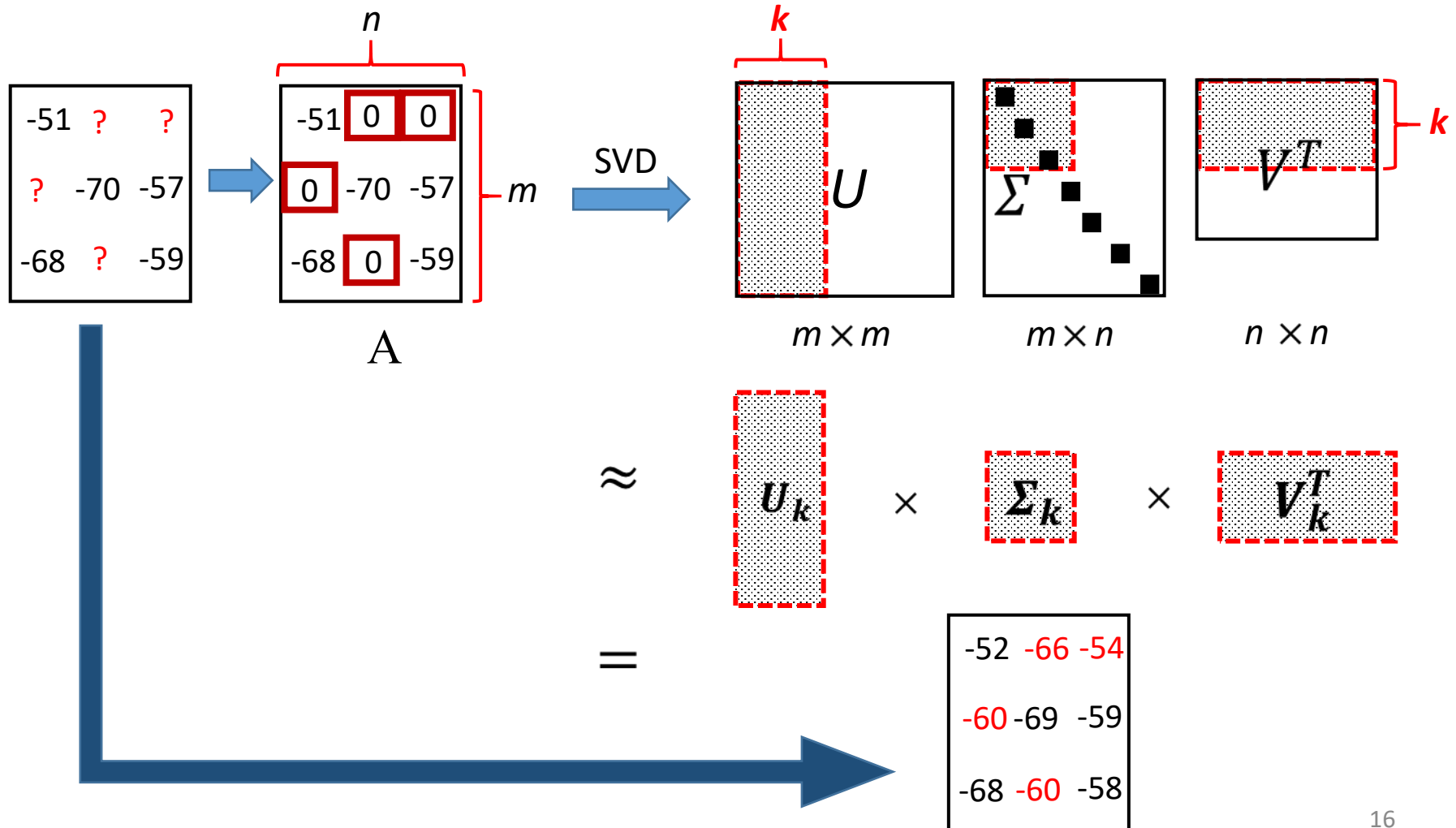
- ❖ Fingerprint Prediction -> Matrix Completion



**SVD** usually used to do the prediction

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## ❖ Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)





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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \text{dots} \end{bmatrix}_k \Sigma \begin{bmatrix} \text{dots} \end{bmatrix}_k^T \approx U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T = \hat{A}$$

The diagram illustrates the SVD decomposition of matrix  $A$  into  $U_k$ ,  $\Sigma_k$ , and  $V_k^T$ , which are then combined to form the approximation  $\hat{A}$ . Red dashed boxes and a bracket labeled  $k$  indicate the rank- $k$  approximation.

<b>-51</b>	?	?
?	<b>-70</b>	<b>-57</b>
-68	?	<b>-59</b>

SVD  
k=2

<b>-52</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>-54</b>
<b>-60</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>-59</b>
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Estimation **deviates** from the sampled value

# Problem Formulation

❖ Matrix Completion: **Minimizing the deviation**

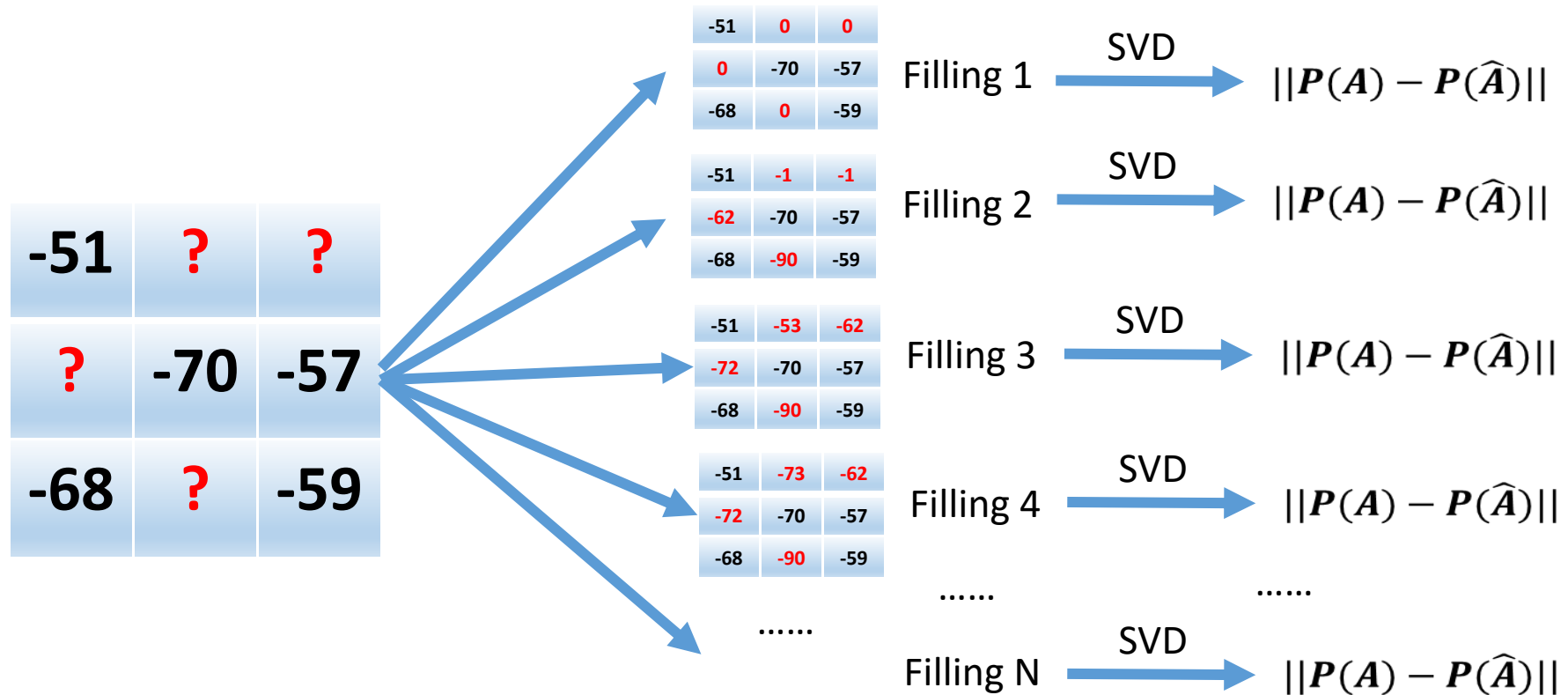
A :	-51	?	?	→	$\hat{A}$ :	-52	-66	-54
	?	-70	-57			-60	-69	-59
	-68	?	-59			-68	-60	-58

$$\min ||P(A) - P(\hat{A})||$$

$P(A)$ :	-51				$P(\hat{A})$ :	-52		
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# Problem Formulation

- ❖ Different fillings of  $A$  generate different results.



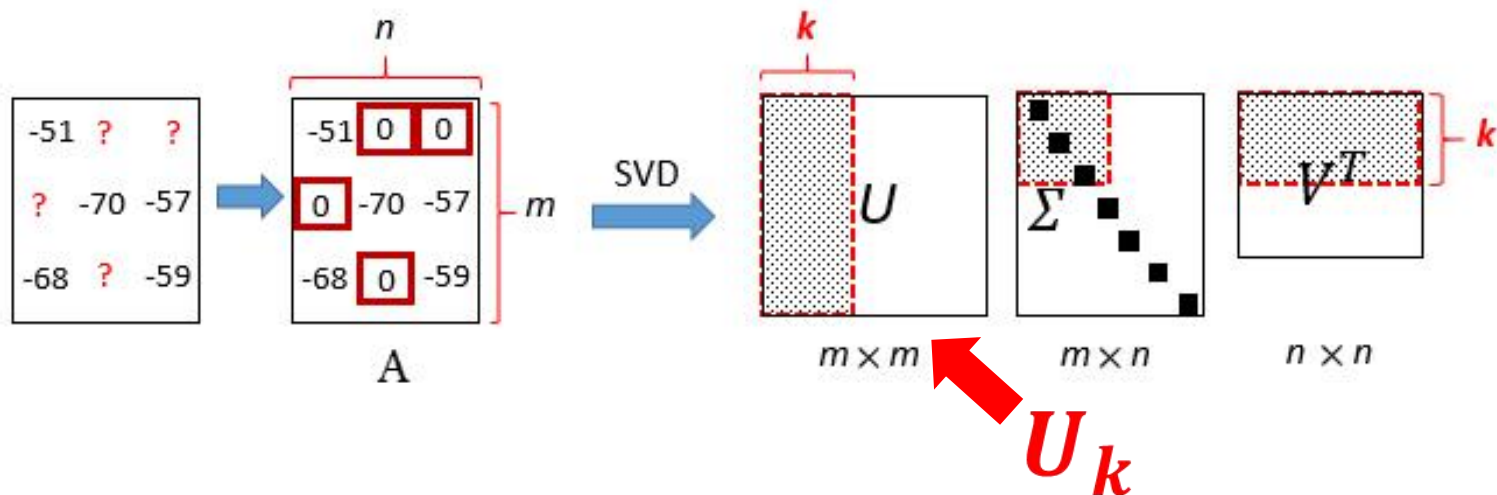
**Try all possibilities? Too costly!**

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# Deeper Insight of SVD

## ❖ Recall SVD



$$||P(A) - P(\hat{A})|| = f(U_k)$$

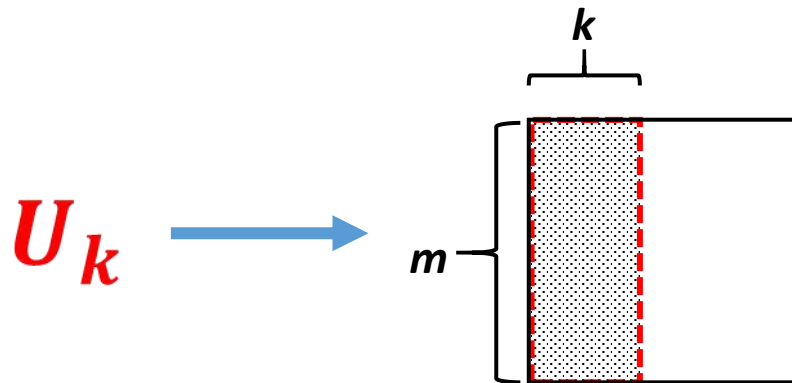
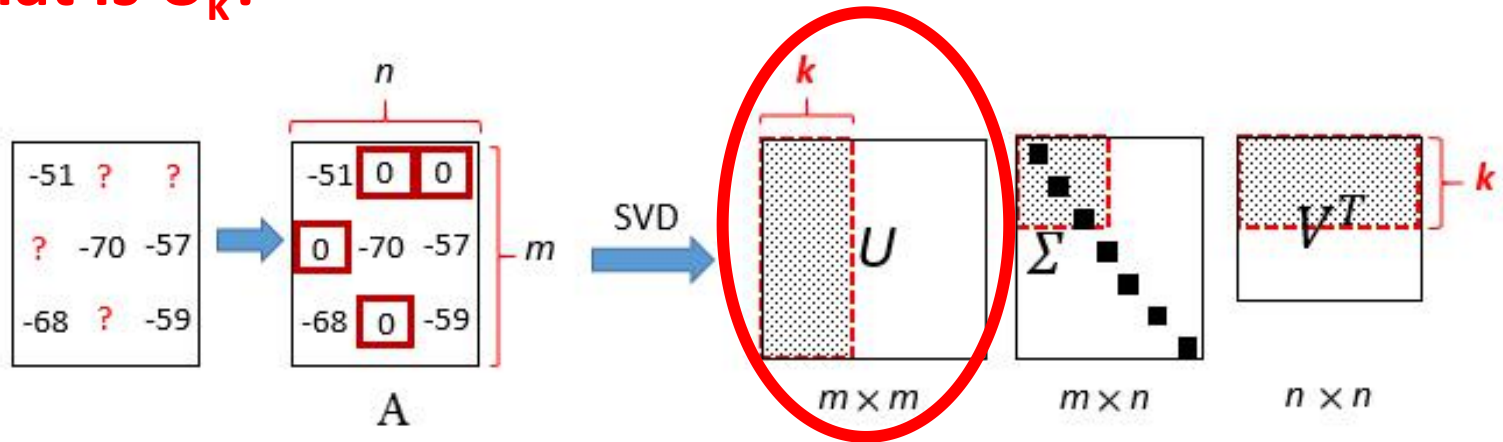


$$\text{min: } f(U_k)$$

**Best  $U_k$  leading to best estimation !**

# Deeper Insight of SVD

## ❖ What is $U_k$ ?

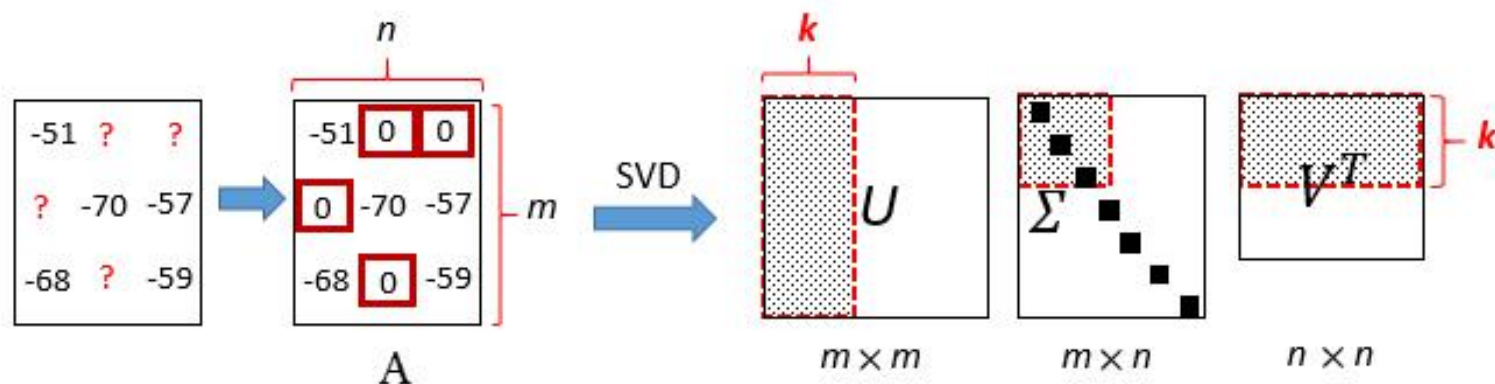


Part of the unitary matrix  $U$

$k$  orthogonal vectors in  $m$ -D space

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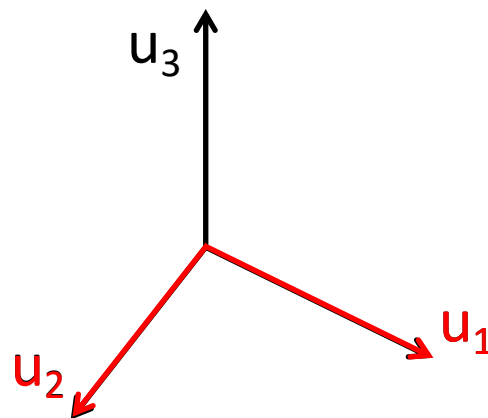
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Example:

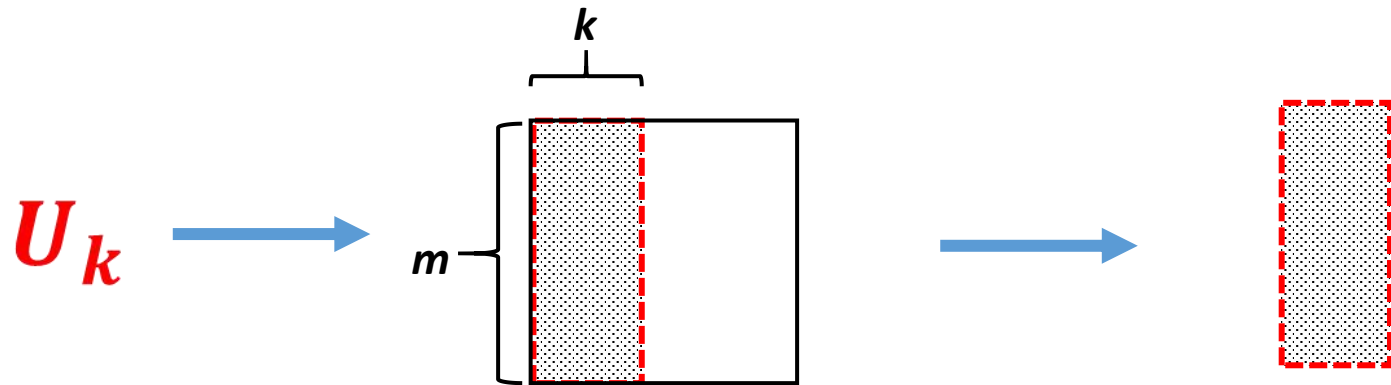
$$\begin{aligned}
 m=3 \\
 n=3 \\
 U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
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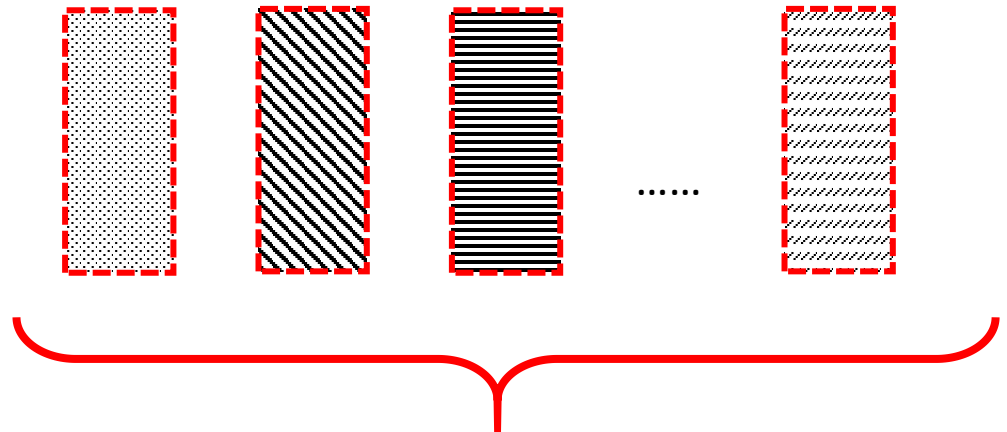


# Stiefel Manifold

## ❖ Stiefel manifold



All possible  $U_k$

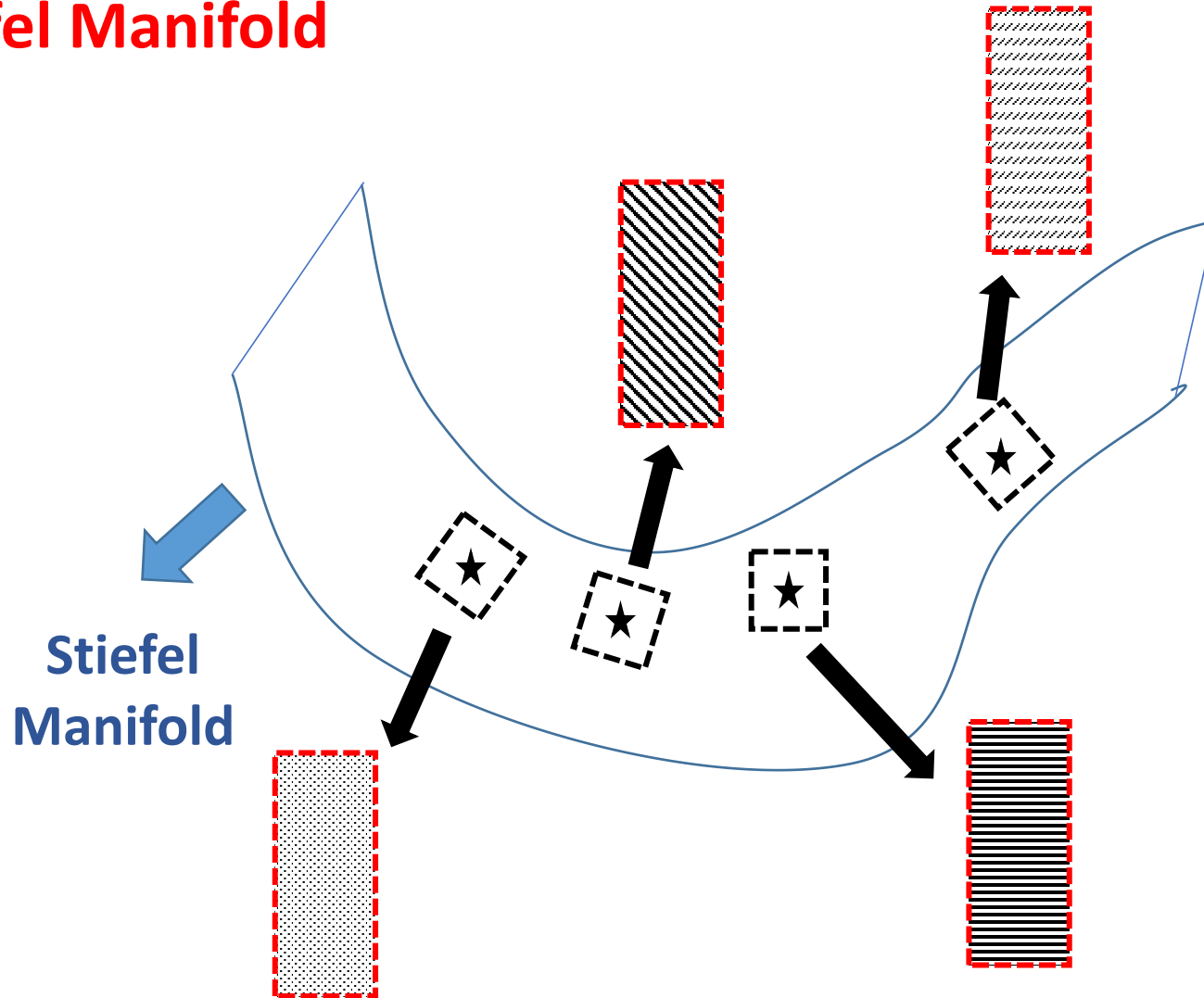


Stiefel manifold



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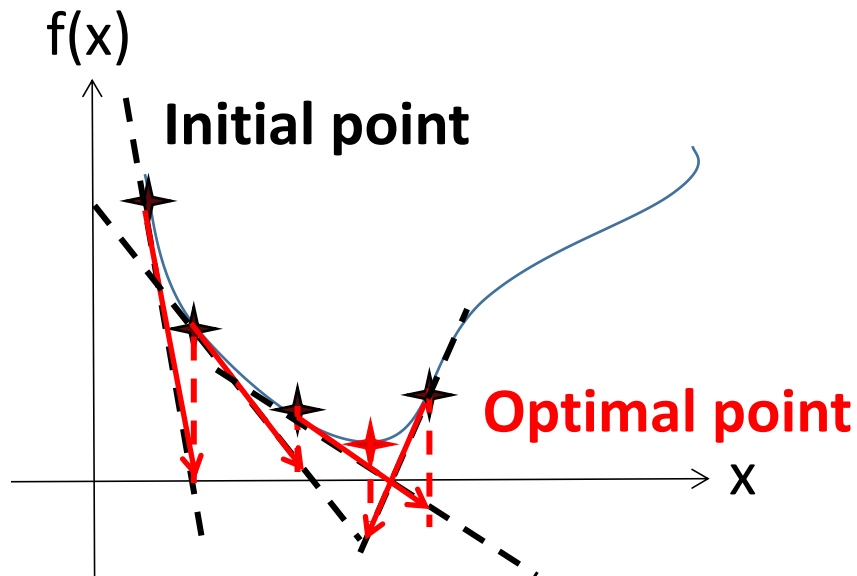


# Stiefel-Manifold based Optimization

- ❖ Finding the optimal  $U_k$  on Stiefel Manifold

$$\min: f(U_k)$$

**Recall:** Gradient Descent Method over real values



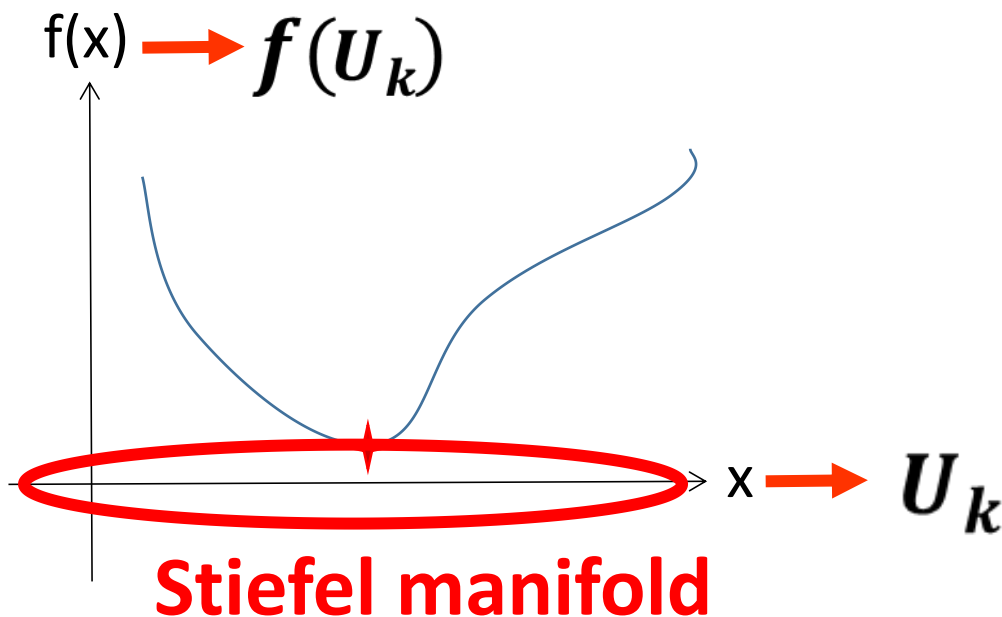
- ❖ Can we make an analogy?

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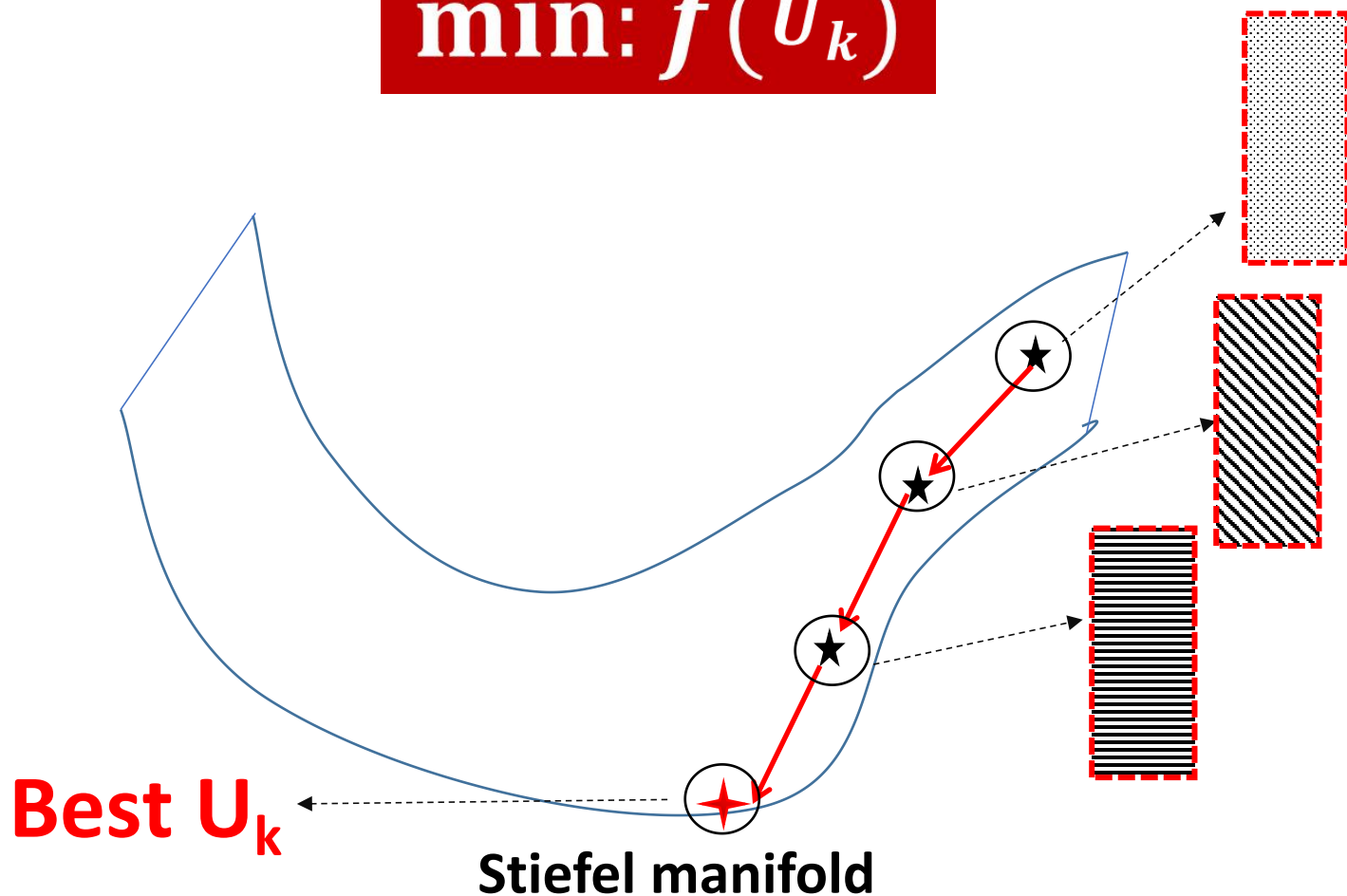
Stiefel-Manifold based Gradient Descent



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# Stiefel-Manifold based Optimization

## ❖ Design Details

### Stiefel-Manifold based Gradient Descent

$$\min_{\hat{A}} \|P_{\Omega}(A) - P_{\Omega}(\hat{A})\| \quad \longrightarrow \quad \min_{\substack{U_k: m \times k \\ w_j: k \times 1}} \sum_{j=1}^n \|[U_k w_j]_{\Omega} - [a_j]_{\Omega}\|_2^2$$

$F(U_k, w_1, \dots, w_n)$

## ❖ Descent Direction $\nabla_{U_k} F$

## ❖ Objective Simplification

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \|[U_k w_j]_{\Omega} - [a_j]_{\Omega}\|_2^2 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Convexity}} \quad \min_{x_j} \|[U_k x_j]_{\Omega} - [a_j]_{\Omega}\|_2^2$$

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❖ Iteration Equation

$$U_{t+1} = U_t + 2\eta_t \frac{r_t w_t^T}{\|r_t\| \|w_t\|}$$
$$r_t = P_{\Omega}(a_q - U_t w_t)$$

❖ Step Size

$$\eta_t = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|r_t\|}{\|w_t\|}$$

# Main Algorithm

## ❖ **SSOA**: Streamlined Stiefel-manifold Optimization Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1:** Streamlined Stiefel-manifold Optimization Algorithm (SSOA)

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**Input:**

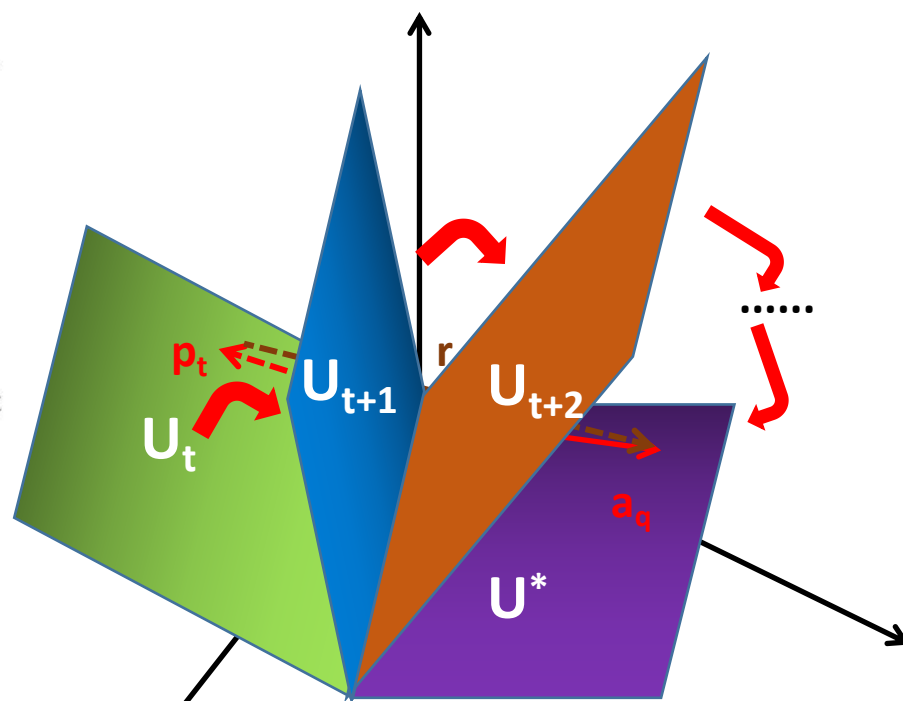
An initial column-orthonormal  $m \times k$  matrix  $U_0$ ;  
sample set  $\Omega$ ,  $m \times n$  sample matrix  $P_\Omega(A)$ ;  
maximum number of iteration  $T$ .

**Output:**

Estimated matrix  $\hat{A}$ .

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1:  $t = 0$ ;  
2: while  $t < T$  do  
3:   Randomly choose a column index  $q \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , get  
    $[a_q]_\Omega$ ;  
4:    $w_t = ([U_t]_\Omega^T [U_t]_\Omega)^{-1} [U_t]_\Omega [a_q]_\Omega$ ;  
5:    $p_t = U_t w_t$ ;  
6:    $r_t = P_\Omega(a_q - p_t)$ ;  
7:    $U_{t+1} = U_t + \frac{r_t w_t^T}{\|w_t\|^2}$ ;  
8:    $t = t + 1$ ;  
9: end while  
10:  $U \equiv U_t$ ;  
11: for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  do  
12:    $\hat{a}_i = U([U]_\Omega^T [U]_\Omega)^{-1} [U]_\Omega [a_i]_\Omega$ ;  
13: end for  
14:  $\hat{A} = [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \dots, \hat{a}_n]$ .
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**Recover the fingerprints**

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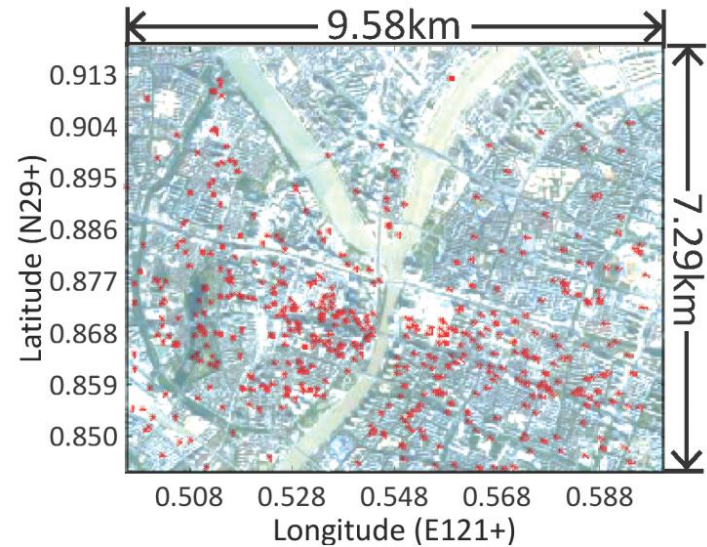
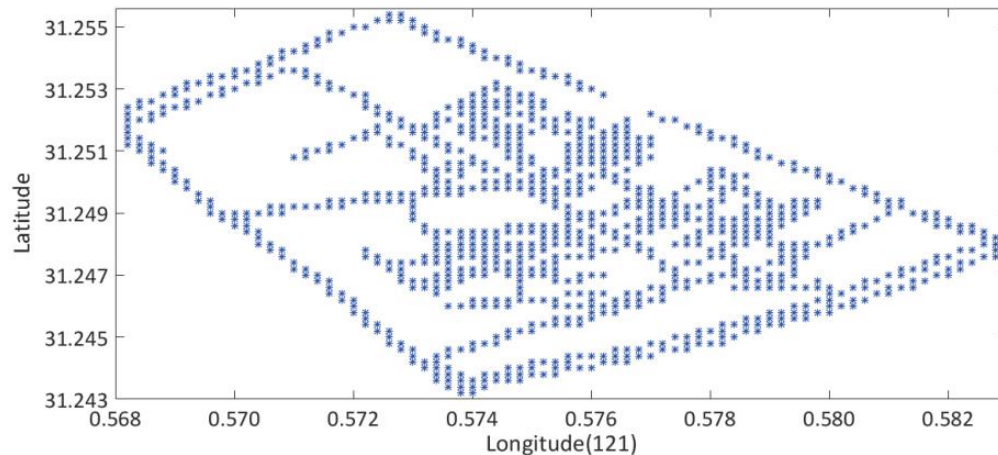
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# Experimental Validation

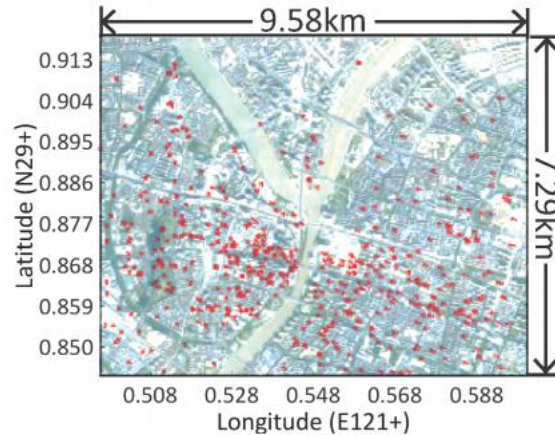
## ❖ Datasets

- ❖ **2.2 km<sup>2</sup>, ~60,000 records, Shanghai, China.**
- ❖ **69.8 km<sup>2</sup>, ~8,820,000 records, Ningbo, China.**

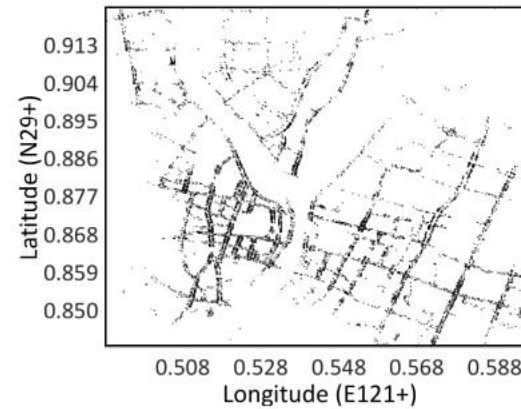


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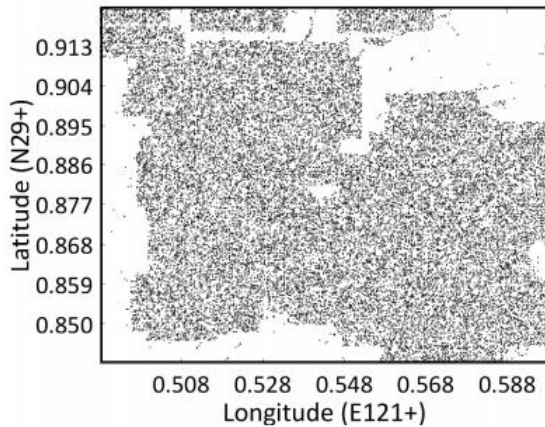
## ❖ Fingerprint Prediction



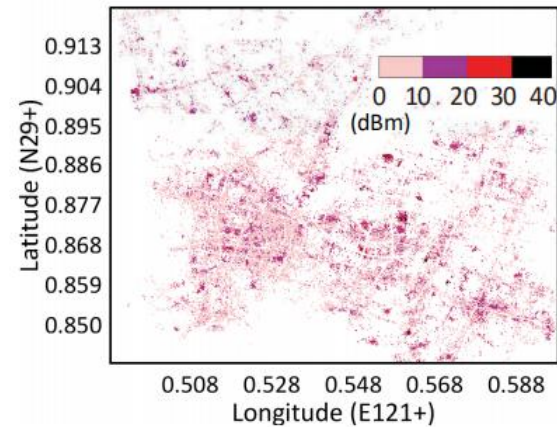
(a) Target region and BSeS distribution



(b) Fingerprints on main roads



(c) Predicted fingerprints

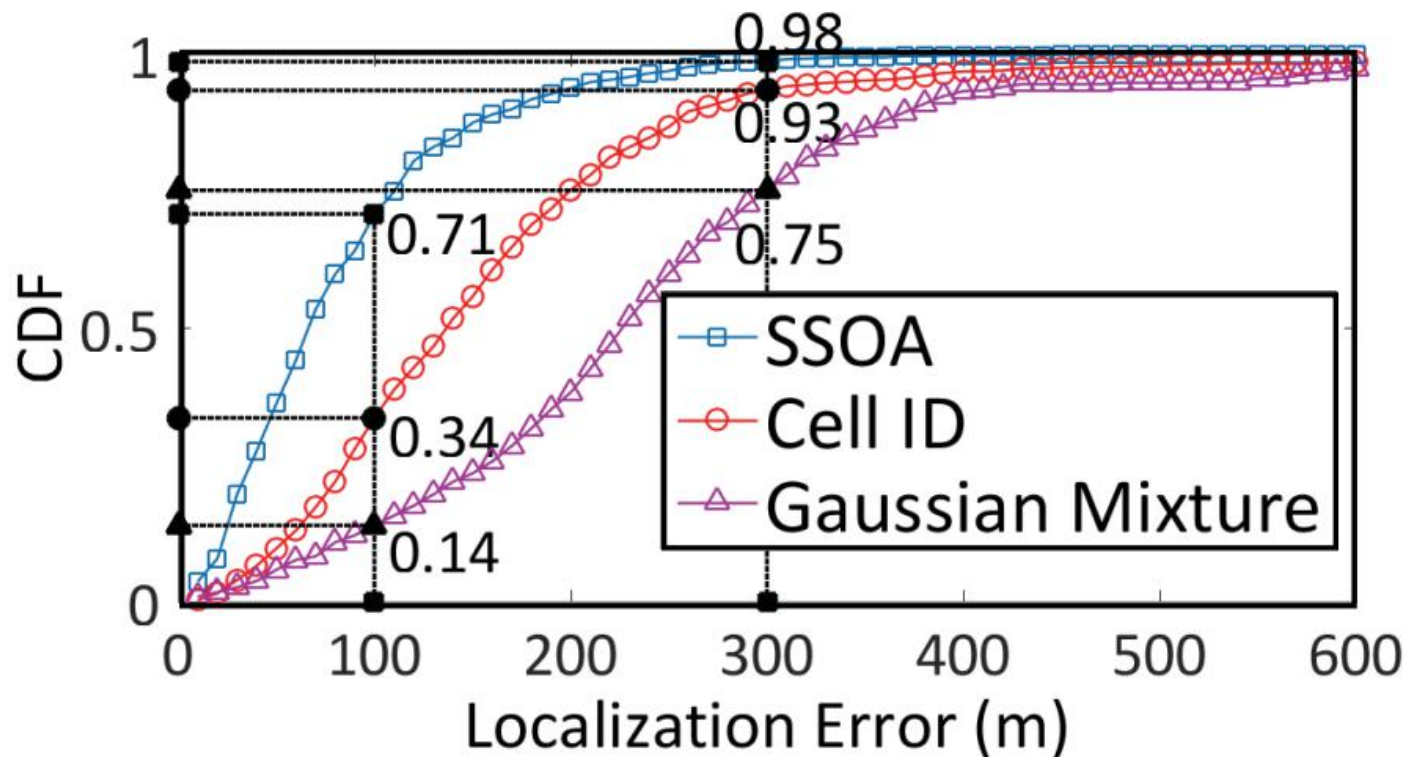


(d) Prediction errors distribution

# Experimental Validation

## ❖ Fingerprinting Localization

- Algorithms in comparison: **Cell ID, Gaussian Mixture Model.**





# Experimental Validation

## THE WIRELESS E911 LOCATION ACCURACY REQUIREMENTS [2]

For terminal-based and terminal-assisted positioning:

- 50m, 67% – within 50m for 67% of all calls measured at country level
- 150m, 95% – within 150m for 95% of all calls measured at county level

For network-based positioning:

- 100m, 67% – within 100m for 67% of all calls measured at county level
- 300m, 90% – within 300m for 90% of all calls measured at county level

Carriers must provide location, together with confidence and uncertainty data, for all emergency calls at the PSAPs.



**<100m 67%**

**<300m 90%**

	<100m	<300m
SSOA	71%	98%
Cell ID	34%	93%
GMM	14%	75%

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# Conclusion

- ❖ Proposed a **Streamlined Stiefel-manifold Optimization Algorithm (SSOA)** based on Gradient Descent.
- ❖ Validated our proposed mechanisms based on **large-scale real datasets**.

Please refer to the paper for more details about:

1. **Convergence** analysis of SSOA.
2. **Sliding window** mechanism for applying SSOA in real cases.
3. Theoretical analysis of **determining  $k$**  in  $U_k$ .
4. Experiment of fingerprint prediction on the **smaller dataset**.



**Thanks for Listening!**

**Q&A**

