Artificial Intelligence for Campus Communication

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Motivation Challenges and Enablers

Challenges

- Specific requirements and applications of campus network management (e.g. TSN and cMTC
- High automation level required for operation without specific network operating experience
- Frequent reconfigurations of the entire infrastructure

Enablers

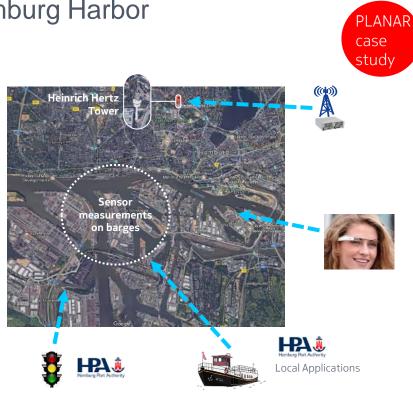
- ML-based methods that can dynamically adapt to changes in the environment
- Correlation of data from production and network management systems
- Environment models, e.g., a "digital twin"
- The context is more constraint than in wide area networks



Case Study: Predictive Location-Aware Network Automation for Radio The 5G network slicing testbed at Hamburg Harbor

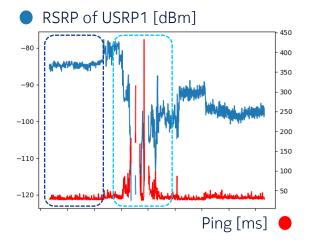
A live testbed created in the 5G MoNArch project demonstrating 5G slicing at the Hamburg Harbor:

- Three slices
 - eMBB: Local applications in the harbor
 - **IoT**: Emission sensor readings from barges
 - URLLC: Traffic light control
- Data collection
 - Slice-specific BTS KPIs: PRB usage, throughput, latency etc.
 - **UE measurements** from up to three ships including position (by GPS), RSRP, RSRQ, ping etc.
 - Collected for 6 months every 5 seconds ~3M records



Predictive Location-Aware Network Automation for Radio Problem statement

- IoT requires high reliability
- In certain areas of the testbed, coverage and mobility issues are observed in the IoT slice
 - Shadowing effects and/or
 - Long distances from the base station
- Reliable service must be guaranteed, but without overprovisioning of resources or compromising the performance of the other slices







Predictive Location-Aware Network Automation for Radio Prediction of Mobility and QoS/RSRP

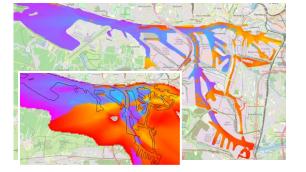
Radio Propagation Map:

- Based on UE measurements
- GPS position, RSRP

Mobility Pattern Prediction (MPP):

Prediction of barge movement using a convolutional neural network

Combining the mobility prediction with the coverage model, we were able to predict up to **90%** of the RLFs **40 seconds** ahead







Input sequence Ground truth Prediction





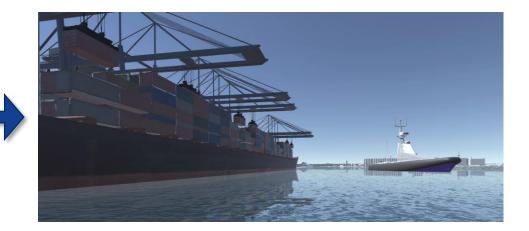
Predictive Location-Aware Network Automation for Radio Closed-Loop Automation Evaluation with Simulation

A digital twin of the testbed setup is mirrored in a simulator

- Full 3D model of the city of Hamburg and especially the harbor area
- Network topology and configuration as in the real testbed
- Traces of the movement of the real barges are collected from the testbed and imported into the simulation scenario
- The coverage issues of the real testbed can be **reproduced**

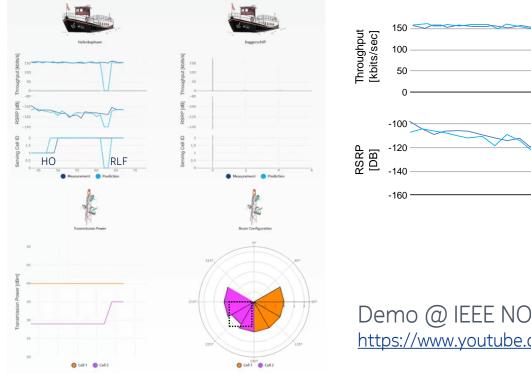


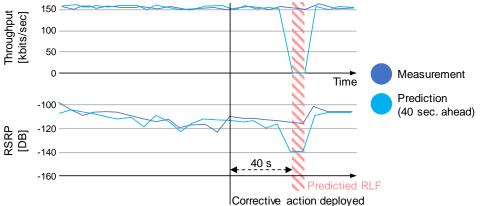






Predictive Location-Aware Network Automation for Radio (PLANAR) Demo



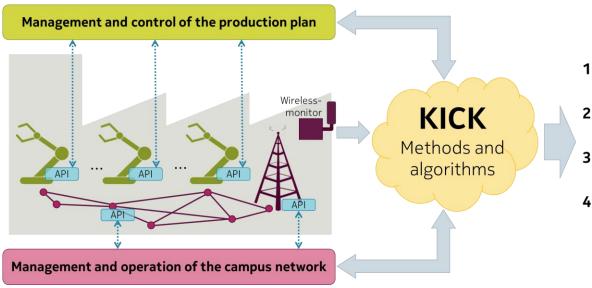


Demo @ IEEE NOMS 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMdBbLv2G98

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- **1. Optimization** across communication and production
- 2. Simplification of the campus network operation
- **3. Economical viability** of private networks in factories
- **4. Validation** of AI/ML methods in the joint production and communication worlds

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