



# Personalized Fitness Assistance Using WiFi

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### Why Exercise?

- Accelerated pace of life has resulted in many of us adapting to a sedentary lifestyle
- People are required to have regular exercise to stay healthy







### **Motivation**

□ Work-at-home people/office workers can barely squeeze in time to go to dedicated exercise places.







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There is a trend for people to perform regular workout in home/office environments!





No space and time constraint!









## Why Exercise Monitoring?

Did I follow my plan? Is my movement correct?







Keeping track of your workouts

Avoid inefficient training or even accidental injuries





# **Traditional Fitness Assistants**



#### Desirable system:

- Workout statistic & workout assessment
- Doesn't require any attached sensors
- Incurs minimum involvement (e.g., w/o coach)





### Our Previous Work: Virtual Fitness Coach Empowered by Wearable Mobile Devices

### 🖵 Basic idea

- Recording the sensor readings on wearable mobile devices
- Exploring their capability of deriving fine-grained exercise information
- Assessing dynamic postures (movement patterns & positions) automatically during workout
- Intuition





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### **Our Goal**

Contactless smart fitness assistant



Device-free

Non-intrusive

Reuse of existing WiFi infrastructure









### **Basic Idea**

Different exercises involve different body movements
Such movements affect WiFi channels differently

Leverage WiFi channel information to obtain workout statistic and perform workout assessment





### **Capture Body Movements Using CSI**

- Exploit fine-grained CSI (Channel State Information) to detect body movements
- In an OFDM system, the received signal over multiple subcarriers is
  - Y = HX + N (X- transmit signal, N- noise)
    - H=Y/X -- Channel State Information (CSI)
    - ✤ H=he<sup>jw</sup> (h: amplitude, w: phase)







# **Exercise (Reps & Sets)**

#### Exercises consists of repetitive movements

Provide statistic information (e.g., how many sets and reps for a given exercise).



*Repetition:* one complete motion of an exercise

**Set**: a group of consecutive repetitions

Different exercises have distinct impact on CSI
Capture unique features of CSI readings to infer exercise type





# **System Design**





## **Workout Detection**

### Intuition

- Repetitive patterns are revealed in CSI readings collected during workout.
- Non-workout activities do not exhibit such characteristic .



CSI amplitude of one subcarrier with corresponding activity time frame.





# **Workout Detection (cont.)**





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# **Segmentation and Counting**





# Workout Interpretation (cont.)

#### Workout recognition

- Differentiate individuals as a user may share workout space with other family members or colleagues
- Feature extraction

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\* 8 time domain features extracted from each OFDM subcarrier, including maximum, minimum, mean, kurtosis, skewness, variance, median and standard deviation

#### Deep learning-based solution



### **Workout Assessment**

#### Anatomy of a repetition

- A repetition: from an initial position to a final position and then back to the initial position
- Good exercise repetitions: keep a constant rhythm (i.e., the time ratio between concentric contractions and eccentric contractions)







# Workout Assessment (cont.)

#### Two metrics

Work-to-rest ratio measures the ratio between the time of repetition and the following time of rest

 $T_w^{(i)}$ 

 $\pi^{(i)}$ 

Repetition tempo ratio: refers to the tempo (or speed) at which a user performs a repetition

Work-to-rest ratio =

**Repetition tempo ratio =** 
$$\frac{T_{r}}{\frac{T_{i2f}^{i}}{T_{f2i}^{i}}}$$

 $T_w^{(i)}\,$  : the time duration for the i<sup>th</sup> workout

- $T_r^{(i)}$  : the time duration of the rest followed by the i<sup>th</sup> workout.
- $T^i_{i2f}$  : the time duration from an initial position to a final position of the i<sup>th</sup> repetition
- $T_{f2i}^i$ : the time duration from the final position back to the initial position of the i<sup>th</sup> repetition.



# Workout Assessment (cont.)

- Perform workout assessment for each repetition based on the two metrics.
- Empirically set an upper and a lower bound so that the users can obtain feedback from the system.



the user completes the repetition too fast

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Below the lower bound means the user has a low speed from initial position to final position



# **Experimental Methodology**

#### 10 representative exercises

#### Two laptops (Tx-Rx)

Intel 5300 NICs

#### Data collection

- 20 volunteers (18 males and 2 females)
- Three different indoor venues over a 10-month time period

#### Evaluation metrics

Recognition accuracy;
Precision; Recall; F-1 Score;

Code	Exercise	Code	Exercise
Ex1	Standing biceps curl	Ex6	Tai Chi
Ex2	Lateral raise	Ex7	Dumbbell curl
Ex3	Leg stretch	Ex8	Pile squat
Ex4	Raise and squat	Ex9	Dumbbell triceps extension
Ex5	Leg press	Ex10	Body extension





## **Performance Evaluation**

#### DNN-based personalized workout recognition



Workout recognition : achieves 93% recognition accuracy and standard deviation is 2.6%.

- Robustness: corresponding precision, recall and F1 score are all around 93%.
- People identification : achieves 97% for 20 users.





# **Performance Evaluation (cont.)**

Impact of different heights of device placement (e.g., on the floor, table, furniture)





- Exercise recognition: Three height combinations (i.e., 1.3m 0.2m, 0.8m 0.8m, and 0.2m 0.2m) achieve over 94% accuracy for all five exercises.
- **People identification:** All heights achieves **97%** for 20 users.





## Conclusion

- Using ubiquitous WiFi signals can help users to achieve effective in-home/office workout.
- The DNN-based system can differentiate individuals on top of fine-grained workout recognition.
- Offering personalized fine-grained workout statistics including workout type, the number of sets, the number of repetitions and the user identity.
- Extensive experiments involving 20 participants demonstrate that the proposed system can achieve over 93% and 97% accuracy to identify the type of performed exercises and the user.







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# Methodology

#### Workout detection

Detect the CSI segment that is related to workout activities

### Workout interpretation

Provide personalized information about the workout type with statistic information (e.g., how many sets and how many repetitions)

#### Workout assessment

Assess workout in repetition level and provide feedback to users so as to help users correct their gestures









