



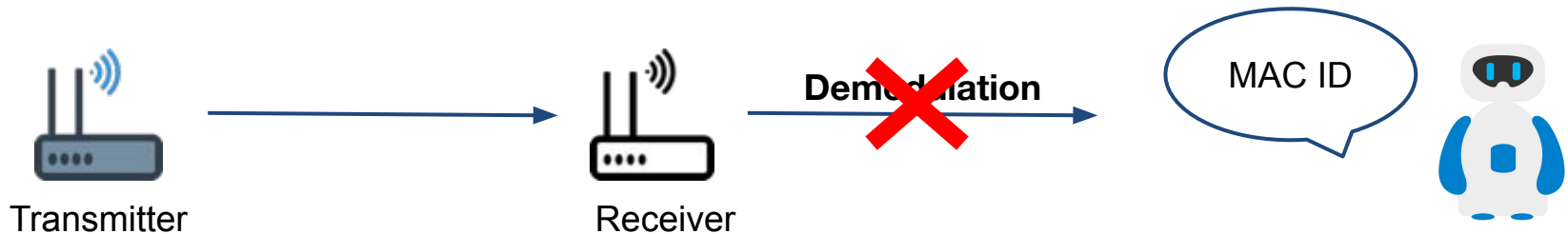
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MAC ID Spoofing-Resistant Radio Fingerprinting

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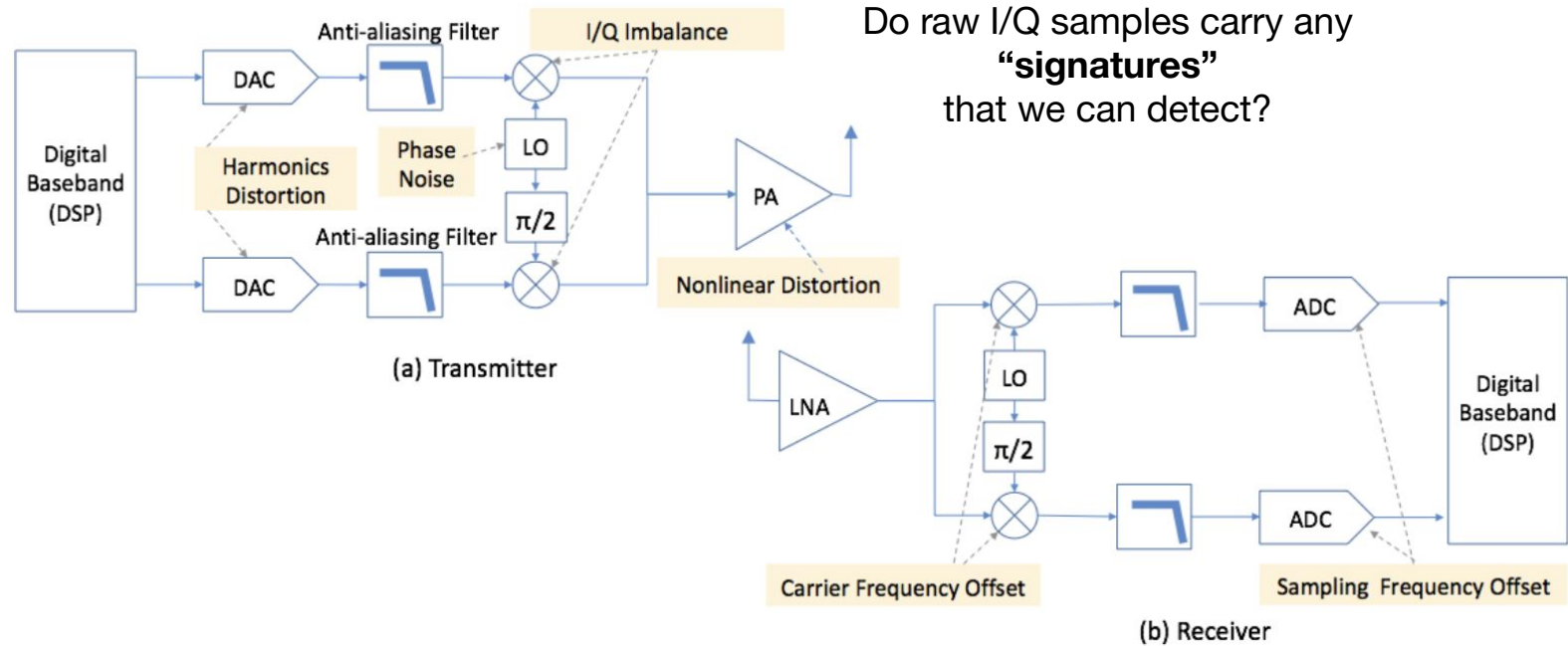
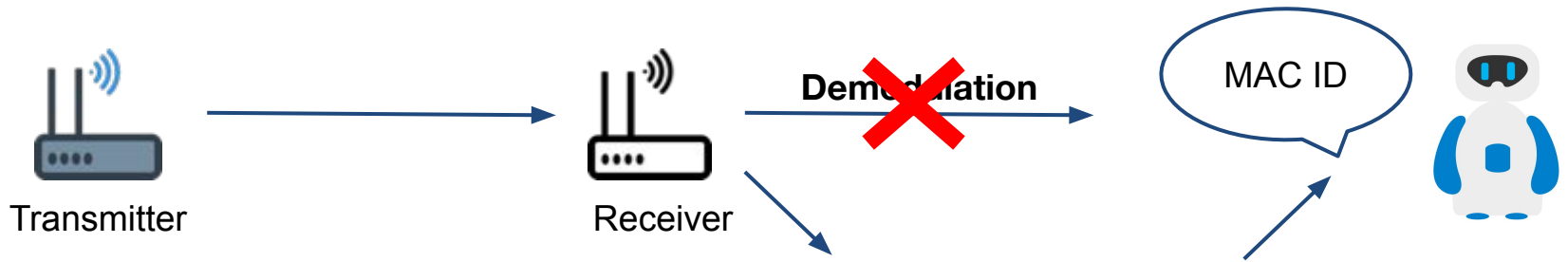


! Demodulation:

- protocol-specific
- limits ability of detection over new packet frame structures, channel bandwidths, modulation choices, and coding schemes

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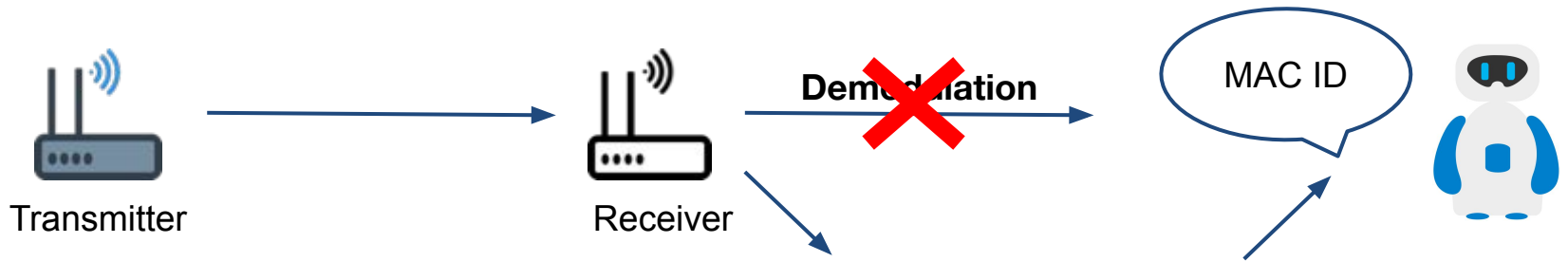


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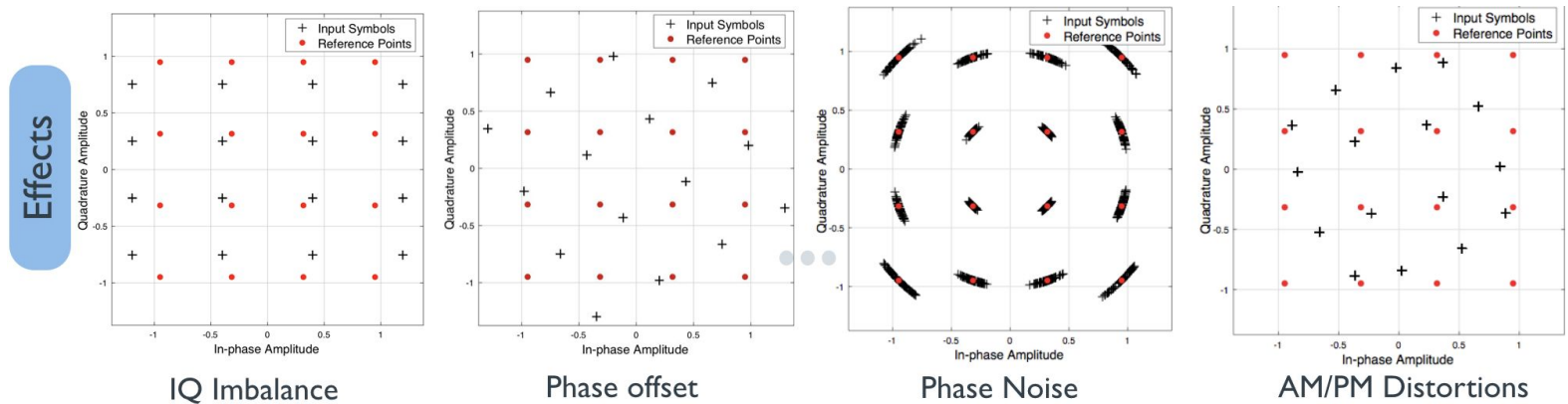


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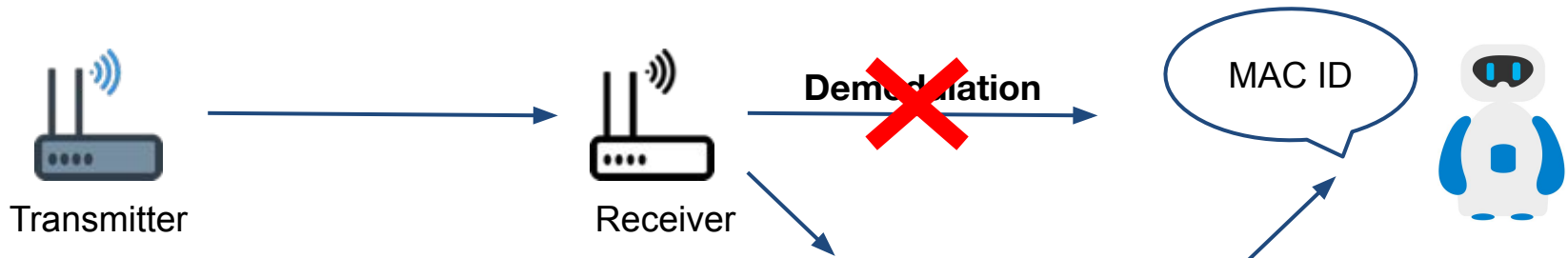
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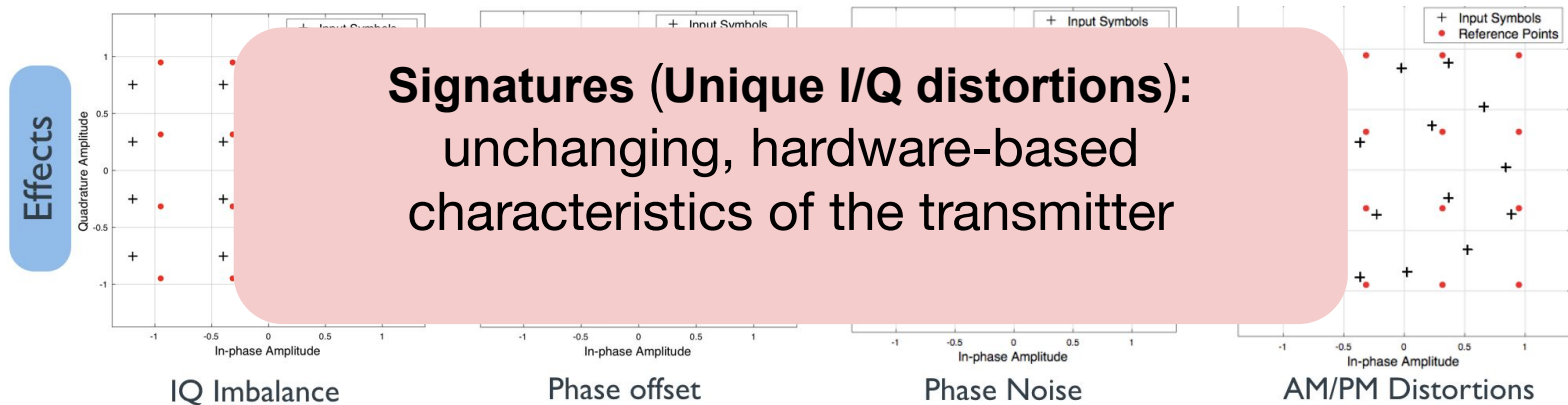
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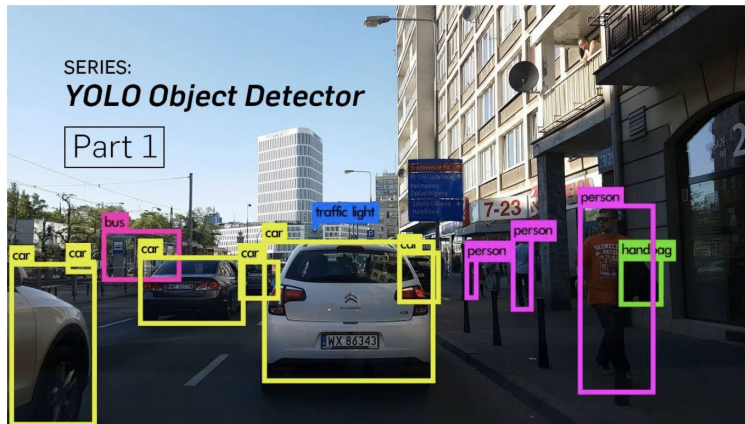
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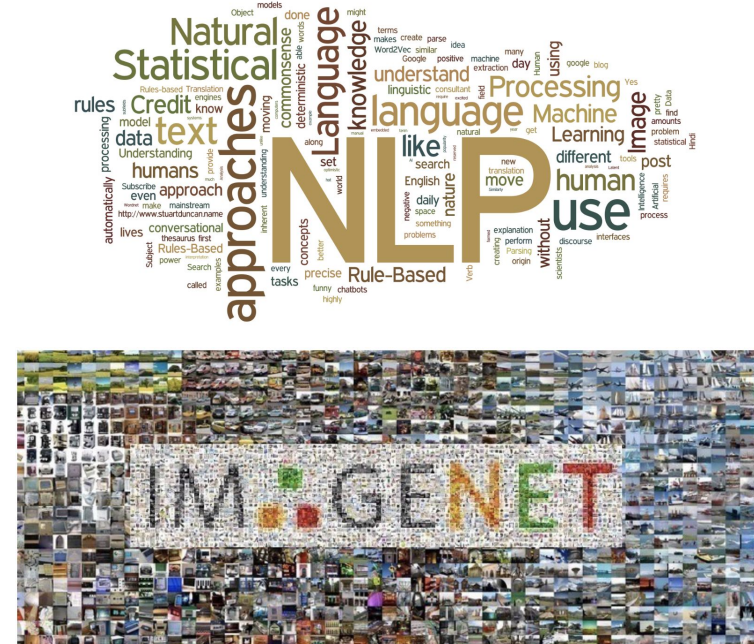


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 - Demonstrated performance record on numerous inference problems across application domains



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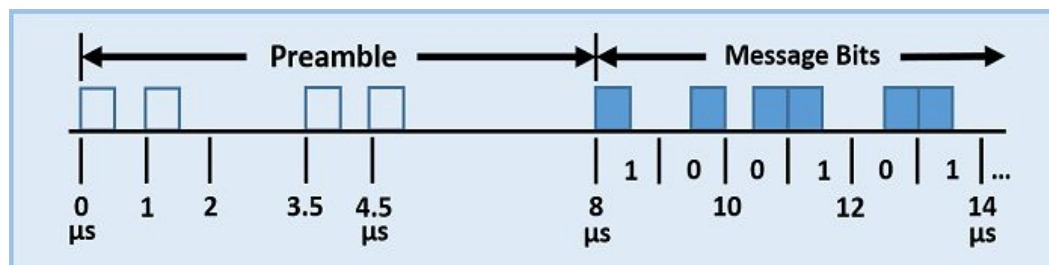
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- Unfortunately, almost all transmissions contain a strongly discriminative artifact, **the identity of the transmitting device**, which is often included in a transmitted packet

ADS-B



Source:

https://www.mathworks.com/help/examples/xilinx/ynqbasedradio_product/win64/zynqRadioHWSW_ADSBAD9361AD9364SL_ModeS_PPM.png

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- If latter...



MAC ID

66:55:44:33:22:11

Data

00000000000000



Transmitter

Our Contributions

- ❑ Slicing technique
 - makes the classifier **resistant** to learning **MAC IDs** as features

- ❑ Experiments on WiFi and ADS-B demonstrate slicing helps
 - **100 %** -> **bitwise identical** transmissions by 19 devices
 - **99.7%** -> **MAC ID** in the test set are shuffled



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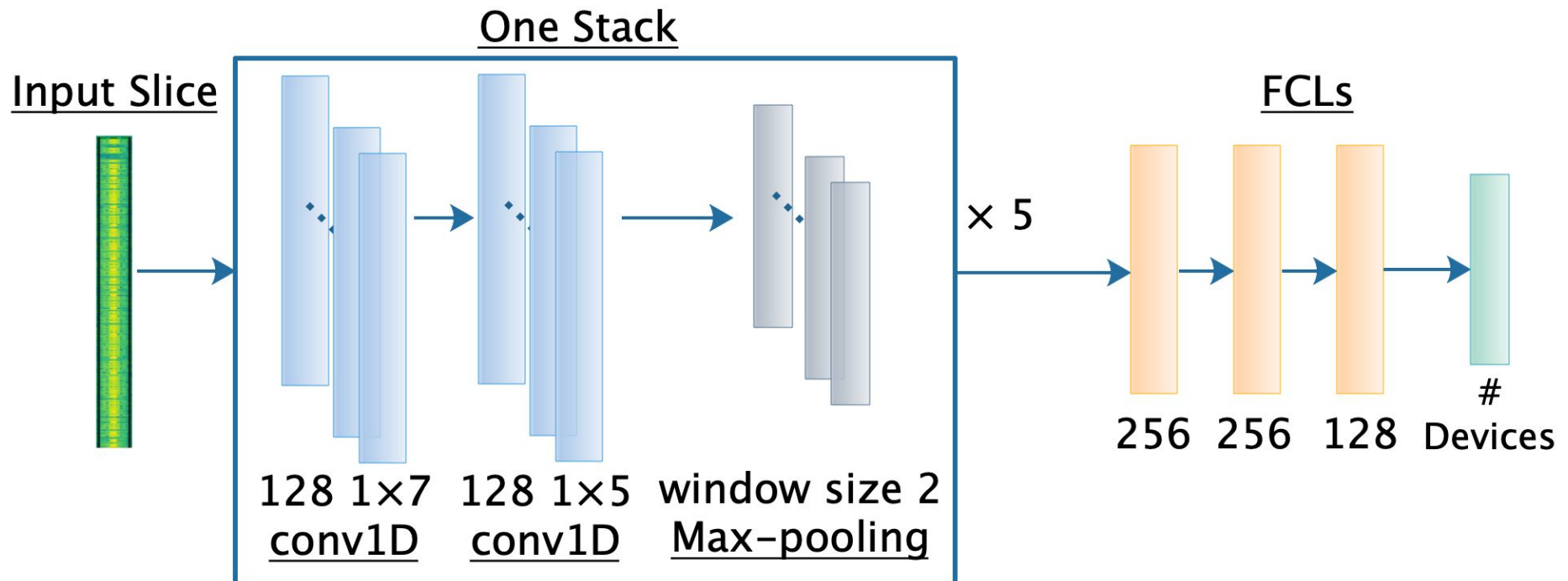
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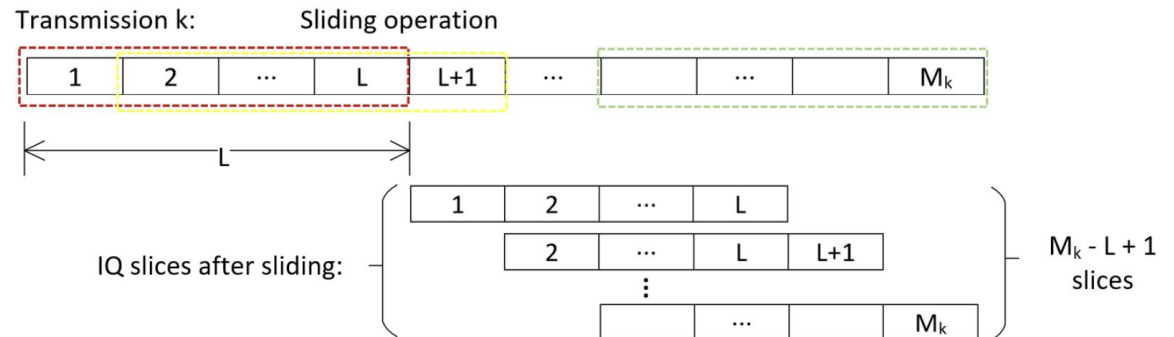
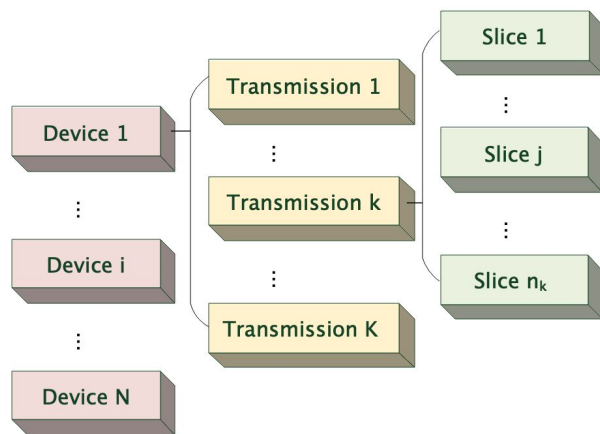
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- CNN Architecture



Methodology: Slicing

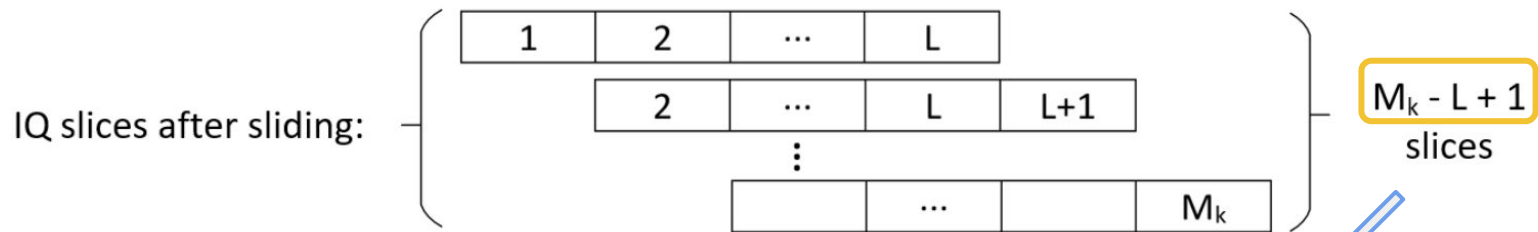
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Methodology: Slicing

- Randomized slicing:

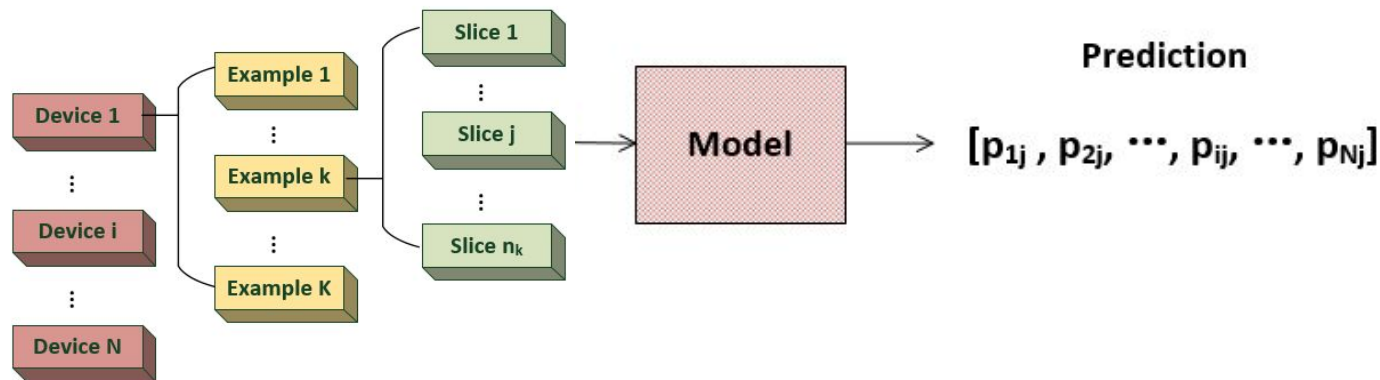


- For each transmission k , we sample $n_k = \frac{M_k - L + 1}{L} \cdot \kappa$ slices uniformly at random from all generated slices

Methodology: Testing

- We evaluate per-slice accuracy on test set
- We also evaluate per-transmission accuracy
 - Suppose there are N devices, and transmission k has n_k slices
 - p_{ij} is the probability of slice j classified as belonging to device i

- Sum of probability over all slices: $\hat{y} = \arg \max_i \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} p_{ij}$



Methodology

- Advantages of randomized slicing:
 - satisfies the requirement of fixed-size input for CNNs
 - improves classifier's ability to learn shift-invariant features
 - reduces computations during training



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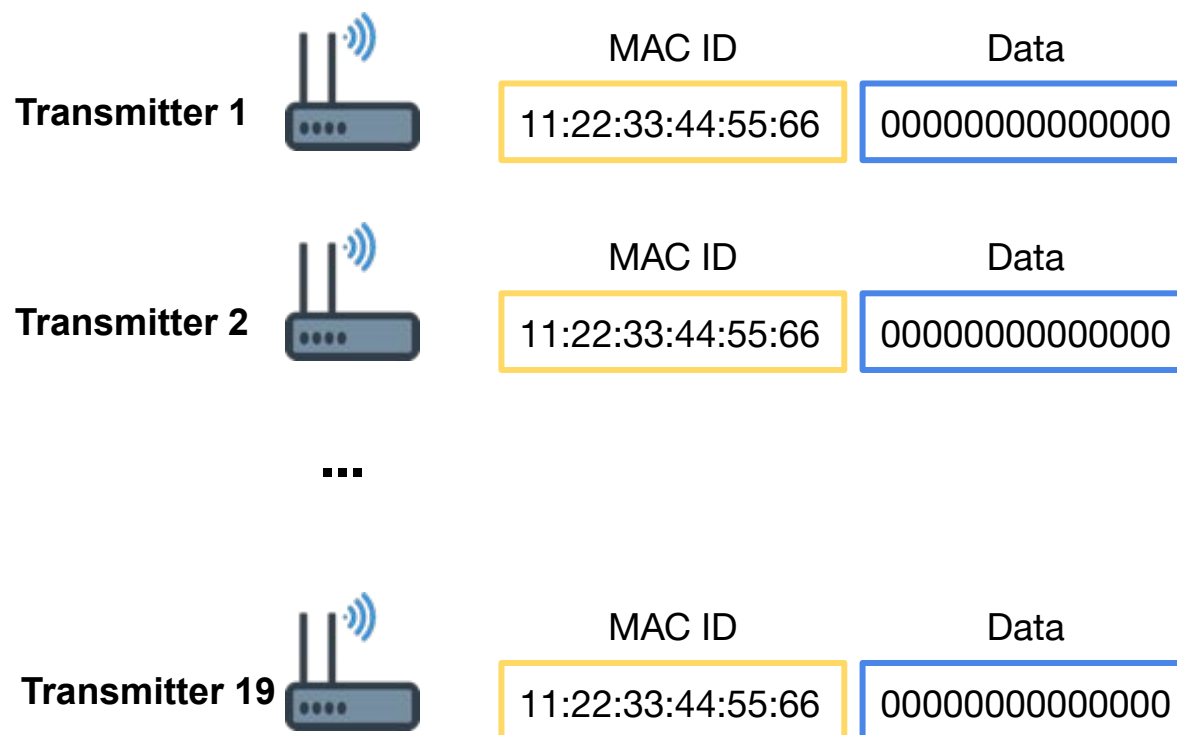


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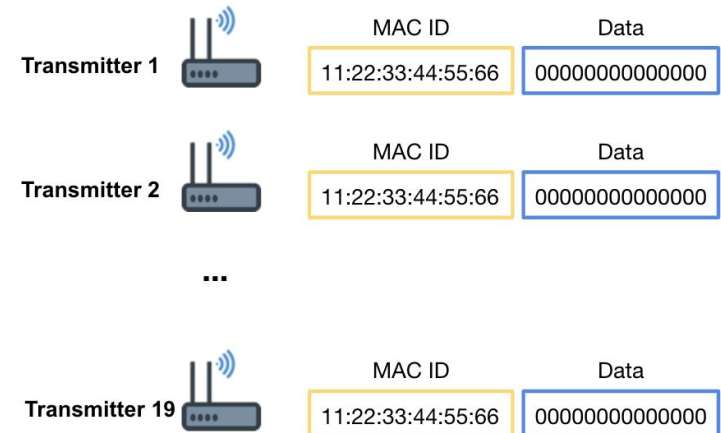
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| Bitwise Identical WiFi | 19 | 8953 | 2238 | 20088 |





- Results:

| Dataset | Slice length | Accuracy Per-slice / Per-transmission |
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| Bitwise Identical WiFi | 128 | 0.778/1.000 |



Experiments on WiFi protocol

- Datasets:
 - Scrambled MAC WiFi:
MAC IDs are randomly permuted among the signals in the test set.

| | | Training Set | | | Test Set | |
|---------------|---|--------------|-----------|---|----------|------------|
| | | MAC ID | Data | | MAC ID | Data |
| Transmitter 1 |  | 11:11:11 | asdlkn2p |  | 22:22:22 | 2ejrnlfddf |
| | | 11:11:11 | 23oidfkjn | | 33:33:33 | dfaldkflkd |
| Transmitter 2 |  | 22:22:22 | 130df093 | 33:33:33 | huhuhuhu | |
| | | 22:22:22 | 2odfoiejo | 11:11:11 | omomom | |
| Transmitter 3 |  | 33:33:33 | asasasas | 33:33:33 | qdfqfqdq | |
| | | 33:33:33 | vcvcvcvc | 11:11:11 | bhbhbhb | |

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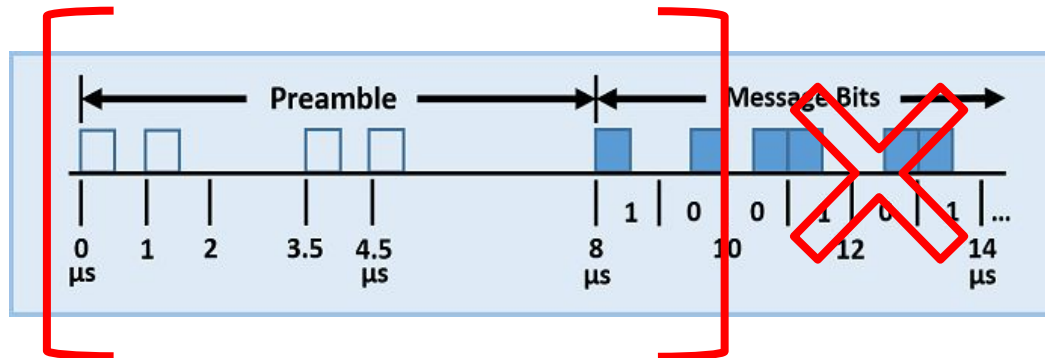
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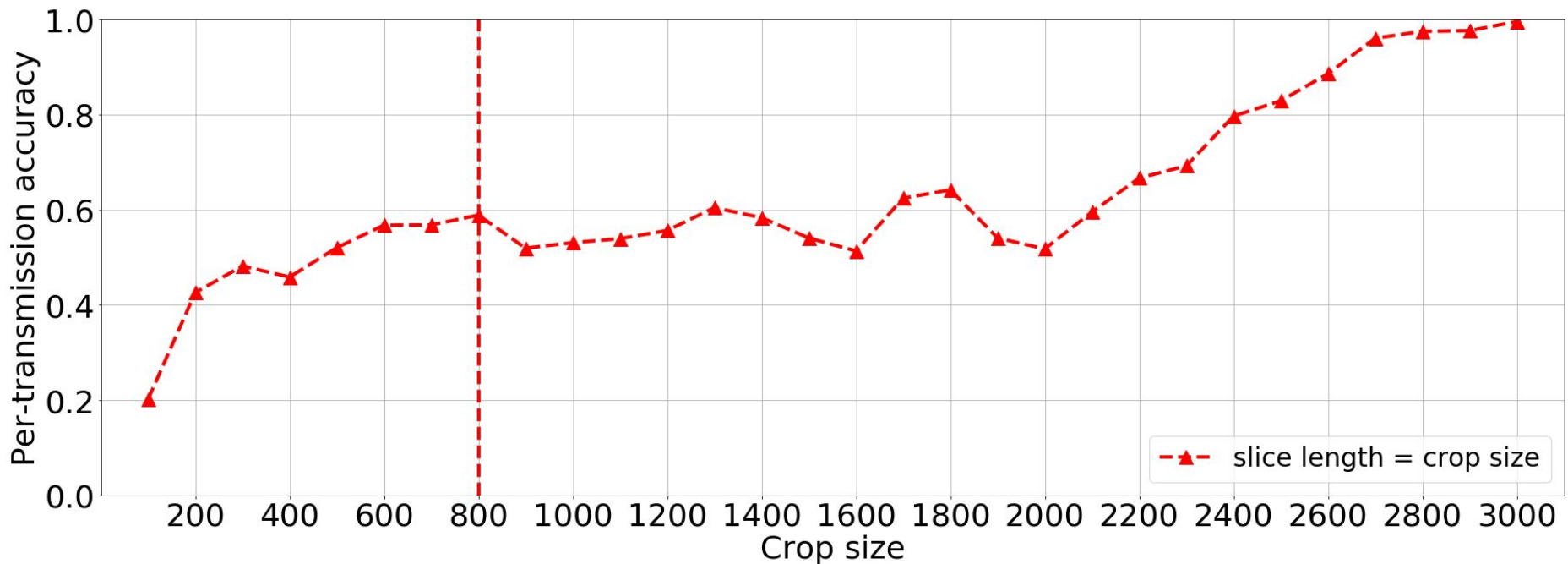


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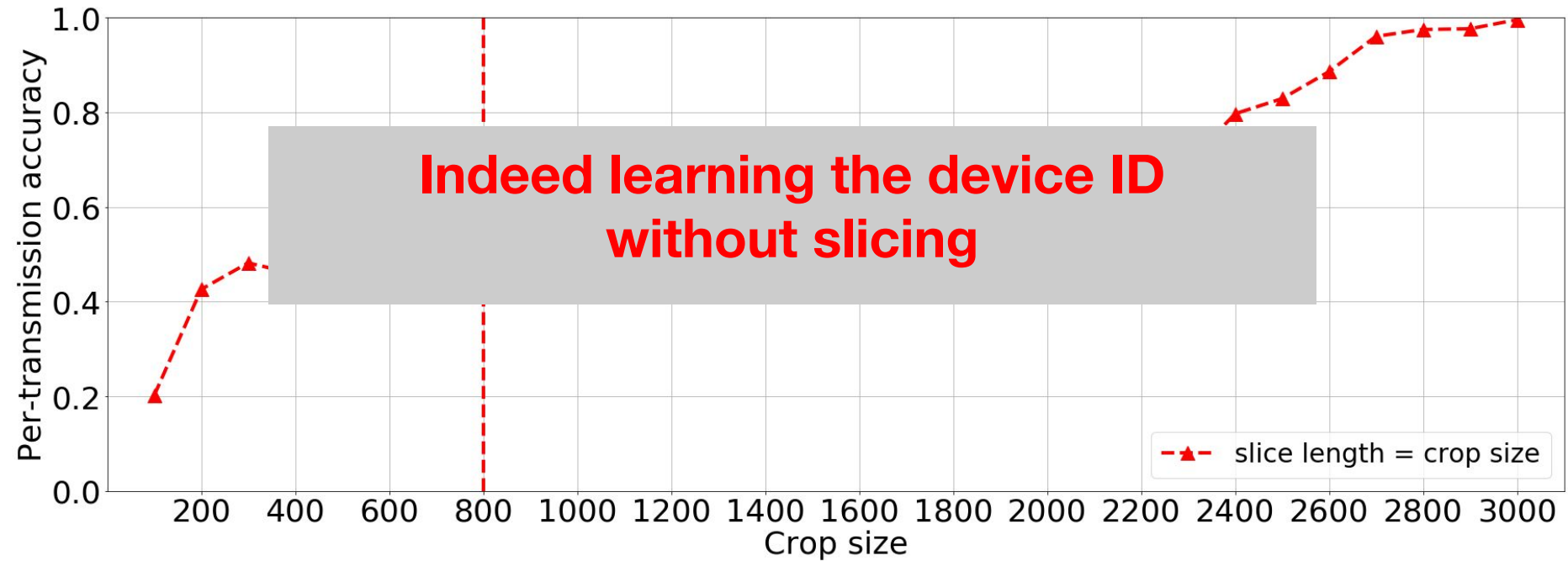


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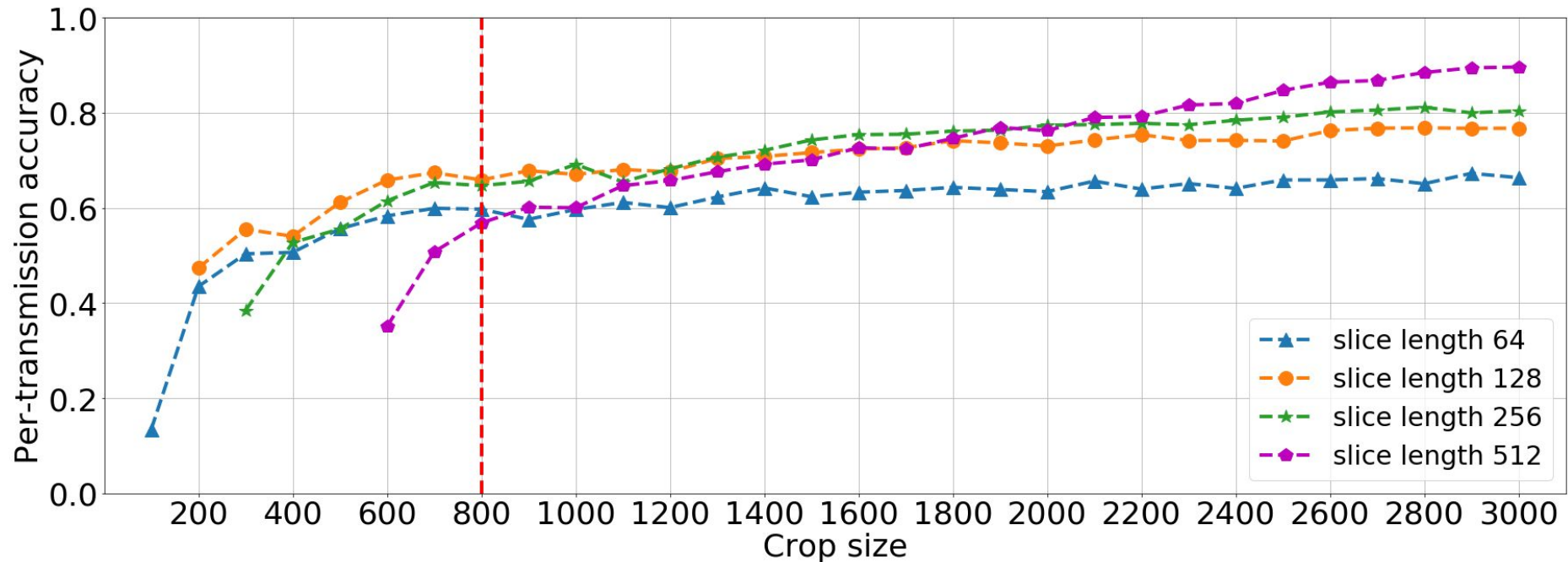


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Summary & Future Directions

- ❑ Classifying transmission slices
 - enhances **shift-invariance**
 - MAC ID spoofing-resistant
 - experiments on WiFi and ADS-B protocols.

- ❑ We are working on...
 - classification over >10K transmitters
 - beating channel variations



