Available online at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com/)

**ScienceDirect**

AASRI Procedia 5 (2013) 92 – 97

2013 AASRI Conference on Parallel and Distributed Computing and Systems

Comparative Analysis of Active and Passive Indoor Localization Systems

Nasrullah Pirzadaa,\*, M Yunus Nayanb, Fazli Subhanc, M Fadzil Hassan d,

Muhammad Amir Khan e

*a,b,d,e Department of Computer & Information Science Universiti Teknologi, PETRONAS, Malaysia*

*cDepartment of Information Technology, NUMl, Islamabd, Pakistan*

**Abstract**

The development of the location based services and rapid advancement in communication services has extensively increased the researcher’s interest in an area of the localization systems. In the context-aware computing, one of the key capability is location determination**.** At present**,** indoor location-based systems use various techniques like Time of Arrival (TOA), Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA), Angle of Arrival (AOA) and Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI). This work focus on the review of different active and passive indoor localization techniques developed over the period of time. The common localization techniques include the active localization systems as the person being detected and tracked carries the tag or any device attached. The other class called passive localization stand for the locating the person without the use of any tag or device. The analysis of the localization systems is based on the wireless technology applied, accuracy and precision positioning algorithm, scalability, complexity and costs. This paper compares different localization systems by analyzing pros and cons.

© 2013 The Authors. Published by Elsevier B.V. Open access under [CC BY-NC-ND license.](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/)

© 2013 The Authors. Published by Elsevier B.V.

Selection and/or peer review under responsibility of American Applied Science Research Institute

Selection and/or peer review under responsibility of American Applied Science Research Institute

*Keywords*: loclaization; location Estimation Techniques; device-free localization

# Introduction

Indoor Localization spot resolve has changed into a important component in most applications. Actually no standards ordinary regarding inside localization doesn't exist. Several systems may estimation the

2212-6716 © 2013 The Authors. Published by Elsevier B.V. Open access under [CC BY-NC-ND license.](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/) Selection and/or peer review under responsibility of American Applied Science Research Institute doi:10.1016/j.aasri.2013.10.063

positioning of any man or woman or target. Selecting the actual strategy to estimation spot can be program primarily based. It's possible to find the program that offers the actual accuracy along with precision essential for a specific program. Position conscious systems is usually a extremely important component for many examples for instance asset pursuing, medical care, spot based circle access, online games, producing, authorities, logistics, market, looking, security, guides, along with seminar courses.

The particular localization systems could be labelled into active and unaggressive systems as revealed inside Fig 1. Position pursuing approaches could be labelled into 2 different types: 1) systems demanding followed individuals to be able to participate make an effort to; and 2) systems using passive localization. Researchers have discovered two lessons that are also called active and unaggressive pursuing systems. By simply engaging make an effort to, many of us mean that anyone has an electric device which usually directs data with a location program supporting this to be able to infer of which person’s place. Sometimes your gadgets can also process recorded info and send the outcome intended for additionally finalizing to a program server managing your localization formula.



Indoor Localization System

Active System

Passive System

RFID

Bluetooth

Infrared

Ultrasonic

Ultra- Wideband (UWB)

Ultra- wideband

IEEE 802.11 WLANs

Device-free Passive

Physical Contact

Computer Vision

Standard TV

Hybrid Signals

Systems

Differential Air

Fig. 1. Localization technique taxonomy

Inside passive localization case, the position is approximated in line with the difference of your tested indicate or even online video course of action. Therefore the actual monitored individual seriously isn't transporting almost any electronics for anyone to infer the actual user’s placement. An additional distinction can be achieved including actual area, the spot inside the real-world. Another classification can be getting together with sites, residences, offices, eating places, or even to be a position online generally known as some sort of electronic area [1].

The actual indicates where individuals have interaction has altered dramatically. How many individuals making use of social networks, flash games or even some other online services increases each year. We consider some sort of electronic area to be a ”location” online in which individuals may match, chat or even reveal details. It's not some sort of actual area like a GPS organize or maybe a dimension that can figure out some sort of user’s area with a map, but instead it can be showed by the area on the web application The actual area type is the target of this customer survey thus a variety of area evaluation systems is going to be reviewed with this papers.

# Comparative Analysis of Active and Passive Localization

Real position course may be categorised straight into about three subcategories: illustrative places, spatial places as well as circle places [2]. An establishment linked to geographic items including mountains, waters, cities, streets, nations around the world or even various other set ups who have any account including brand, identifier, or even number is actually a illustrative position. Your spatial position signifies a place stated simply by two- or even three-dimensional coordinates within a Euclidean place. Spatial position can be used more within specialist purposes the place where as illustrative position will not offer enough details. Network position describes an establishment good topology of the marketing and sales communications circle. A new user’s device situation within a circle can be reached based on their World Wide Web Method (IP) target. Yet, in cell phone sites any circle position can be reached on the bottom gas stops used by the actual cell phone incurable.

The localization systems offered in the literature may also be categorised as household as well as out-of- doors localization systems. The GPS navigation [3, 4, 5, 6, 7] can be trusted pertaining to out-of-doors situation determination which technologies currently is executed in many mobile devices. The GPS navigation however are unable to approximate position within household conditions a result of the technologies obtain Line-of- sight (LoS) while hooking up for you to satellites. So systems had been created good proprieties connected with air waves which is often utilised inside a home. That course connected with localization systems would be the emphasis in this customer survey document.

The RSSI-based localisation methods are thought more attractive because of their simplicity along with robustness inside circumstances afflicted with multipath than the methods dependant on metrics including time period as well as point of view [8, 9]. The RSSI-based place opinion might be categorized the following: airport terminal aided, airport terminal primarily based along with system primarily based [10, 11]. The airport terminal aided mode is dependent on RSSI dimensions used by the concentrate on along with deliver to any server which can be taking care of the radio guide and it is operating the actual localisation criteria. With the airport terminal primarily based mode, the radio guide is made about the airport terminal along with utilized to look for the target’s place. The system primarily based process uses dimensions used environmental surroundings by Access points (APs) as well as Base stations (BSs). Interior localisation methods dependant on indication toughness get the main advantage of when using the active WLAN infrastructure, and so do not need just about any further deployment prices [12].

This RFID position evaluation is founded on electromagnetic communication involving RFID audience in addition to RFID tag words. This RFID tag words may be passive as well as active. The stove in the passive tag words is bound to approximately 1-2 m in addition to another negative aspect is the high expense connected with agreeable audience [13]. This active tag words have a lot longer selection all-around tens connected with yards that makes these ideal for greater situations.

Passive Localisation is the subsequent sort of localisation analysed with this paper. At present, the volume of passive methods remains decreased in contrast to your active localisation techniques. Passive Localisation may be used to identify in addition to course organizations with no requiring fastened electronics as well as tag words. A new strategy known as Device-free Passive (DfP) Localisation was unveiled recently [14]. DfP can certainly identify somebody supervising your changes in the RSSI signals within the cellular communication. Approaches like DfP may be used to utilize techniques together with security applications aiding your unexpected emergency responders, military causes, as well as police force coming to any scene in which entry in to a creating is usually probably harmful.

Table 1: Comparison between active localization systems

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| System | | Location Technologies | | Positioning Algorithm | Accuracy/Precision | Complexity | Scalability/Space dimension |  | Cost |
| SpotON (2000) | | Active RFID, RSSI | | Ad-Hoc Lateration | Depends on the Cluster size | Medium | Cluster at least tags/2D | 2 | Low |
| Ubisense (2005) | | UWB, TDOA, AOA | | Least square | Approx. 15 cm/99%  within 0.3 m | Moderate | Good, 2D, 3D |  | Medium |
| Ekahau RTLS (2000) | | WLAN, RSSI  IEEE 802.11  a/b/g/n | | Probabilistic | 2-3 m/50% within 2 m | Moderate | Good/2D |  | Medium |
| Microsoft RADAR (2000) | | WLAN, RSSI | | kNN,  Viterbi-like algorithm | 2-4.3 m/ 50%  within around 2.5 m and 90% within  around 4.3 m | Moderate | Good/2D, 3D |  | Medium |
| AeroScout (2011) | | TOA  triangulation, TDOA, RSSI in IEEE 802.11 | | AeroScout | 1-5 m | Medium | Good/2D |  | Low |
| Intel PlaceLab (2004) | | Tringulation, IEEE 802.11 | | Map-based triangulation | 20-30 m | Moderate | Good |  | Low |
| Skyhook WPS (2011) | | WLAN, GPS cell towers | | Hybrid location algorithm | 10-30 m/ 99.8%  within 10 m | Moderate | Good |  | Low |
| PinPoint 3D-iD | | UHF (40MHz) | | Bayesian | 1 m | Medium | Good |  | High |
| (2011) |  | TDOA 802.15.4 | IEEE | approach |  |  |  |  | |
| Active (1992) | badges | Infrared |  | Lateration | NA | Moderate | Poor/2D | High | |
| Active (2001) | Bats | Ultrsonic TOA | beacons, | Triangulation | 9 cm/95% within 9 cm | Moderate | Good/3D | Medium | |
| Rosum | TV | Broadcast | TV | Mult- | 30-50 m indoors 5 | Medium | Good/2D | Medium | |
| (2006) |  | from TV towers | | lateration | m outdoor |  |  | High | |
| BLIP (2003) | System | Bluetooth, RSSI | | NA | 10 cm-10 m | Moderate | Good/2D | Low | |
| MIT (2000) | Cricket | Beacons, RF (418 MHz)+ultrsound | | Least Square | Approx. 10 cm 99%  within 0.3 m | Moderate | Good/2D, 3D | High | |

Table 2: Comparison between passive localization systems

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| System | Location Technologies | Positioning Algorithm | Accuracy/Precision | Complexity | Scalability/Space dimension | Cost |
| Through- | Passive | Kalaman | 0.45 m | Medium | Good/2D | Low |
| Wall | RSSI, IEEE | Filter |  |  |  |  |
| Motion | 802.15.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tracking |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EasyLiving: | Video | Video | Approx. 10 cm | Medium- | Good/2D | High |
| Multi- | Images | Processing |  | High |  |  |
| person |  | Algorithm |  |  |  |  |
| (2000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Device-free | WLAN, | Bayesian | Approx. 18 cm | Moderate | Good/2D | Low |
| Passive | Passive | Inversion |  |  |  |  |
| Localization | RSSI, IEEE |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2007) | 802.11 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | a/b/g/n |  |  |  |  |  |
| TileTrack | Capacitance | Centroid of | 14.3 cm –Standing | Moderate | Poor | Low |
| (2009) | between |  | 40.7 cm – |  |  |  |
|  | multiple floor |  | Walking/80% |  |  |  |
|  | tiles and |  | within 10 cm |  |  |  |
|  | receiving |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | electrodes |  |  |  |  |  |
| AirBus | Differenttial | Feature | 68%-80% | Moderate | NA | Low |
| (2008) | air pressure | Extraction |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Algorithms |  |  |  |  |

This specific operate is targeted on a variety of productive along with unaggressive localization methods. Comparative kitchen tables (Table 1 along with Table2) demonstrated crucial elements claimed through developers from the materials. Sometimes, some particulars haven't also been observed or perhaps are not supplied by your developers. Fingerprinting could be the many used technique to release in house localisation devices. Inexpensive localisation devices applying WLAN-based methods tend to be dominant in the house. These kind of devices are applying existent instant structure and don't require completely new additional private computer hardware. Though the RFID is more desirable pertaining to compacted situations. There isn't any regular pertaining to in house localisation. Selecting any localisation process will depend on your granularity along with accuracy important for a specific sort of surroundings.

More a mix of both devices like Skyhook based on a variety of localization engineering are expected. Skyhook combines in house along with backyard localisation which in turn increases the performance along with robustness with the location process. A number of localisation elements like accuracy, detail, required time and energy to release a system can easily nevertheless is improved upon applying smart a mix of both algorithms along with mixing a variety of methods.

# Conclusion

This paper presents the review of some active and passive indoor techniques of localization. The tables presents the comparison of various aspects worked out by researchers in this field. Fingerprinting appears to be widely used technique to set up the indoor location system. Localization systems using WLAN application proved to be low cost and are dominating other location-base systems. On the other hand, RFID is apparently suitable for dense environments. The localization system used in specific environment required the accuracy

and granularity. In the paper other localization analyzed is the passive localization system. At present, in comparison to active localization the number of passive localization is reduced. A new concept called Device-free Passive (DfP) Localization was introduced recently. In DfP system target can be detected and track without the use of any hardware device attached or tag. The changes in the RSSI of wireless communication are used by DfP system to detected an object or human. The techniques like DfP is used for security purpose, armed forces or police to operate in a building where entry in the building can be dangerous.

# References

1. P. Vorst, J. Sommer, C. Hoene, P. Schneider, T. S. C. Weiss, W. R. andA. Zell, and G. Carle. Indoor Positioning via three Different RF Technologies. in Fourth European Workshop on RFID Systems and Technologies, 2008, pp. 1–6.
2. A.E. Kosba. Robust WLAN Device-free Passive Motion Detection. arXiv:1105.6084v2 [cs.NI] 12 Feb 2012.
3. G. Deak, K. Curran, and J. Condell. Wireless Sensor Networks - Smoothing algorithms for RSSI-based Device-free Passive Localization. Imaging. 2010.
4. U.R. Shikoska and D. Davchev. Localization in Wireless Sensor Networks, Sensors (Peterborough, NH), 2010, pp. 281-298.
5. Nafarieh. A Testbed for Localizing Wireless LAN Devices Using Received Signal Strength. Network, 2008, pp. 487-493.
6. J. Hightower and G. Borriella. Location Systems for Ubiquitous Computing, IEEE Computer, vol. 34, no. 8, 2001, pp. 57–66.
7. M. Youssef and M. Mah. Challenges : Device-free Passive Localization for Wireless. Evaluation, 2007,

pp. 0-7.

1. Y. Zhao and N. Patwari, Robust Estimators for Variance-Based Device-Free Localization and Tracking, October 2010, pp. 1-23.
2. B.N. Patwari and J. Wilson. RF Sensor Networks for Device-Free Localization : Measurements , Models , and Algorithms, Proceedings of the IEEE, vol. 98, 2010, pp. 1961-1973.
3. M. Moussa and M. Youssef. Smart Devices for Smart Environments: Device-free Passive Detection in Real Environments, Control. 2010.
4. Y. Zhao and N. Patwari. Noise Reduction for Variance-Based Device-Free Localization and Tracking. Communications Society, 2011.
5. M. Seifeldin and M. Youssef, A Deterministic Large-Scale Device-Free Passive Localization System for Wireless Environments, Elements, 2010, pp. 1-8.
6. A.E. Kosba and A. Abdelkader. Analysis of a Device-free Passive Tracking System in Typical Wireless Environments, Performance Evaluation.2007.
7. P. In. Indoor Localization With Wireless Sensor, Electromagnetic, vol. 109, 2010, pp. 441-474.