

Indoor Robot Localization with WiFi Signal and Convolutional Neural Networks and Recursive Bayesian Estimation

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Abstract—This paper presents a robot localization system with WiFi signal where a Deep Learning framework utilized to fully exploit the information from signal maps of various Access Points (AP) available in an environment. Similar to conventional systems relying on the fingerprinting technique, the system is consisted of two stages: data acquisition and learning (offline), and localization (online). In offline stage, the signal maps for various AP's are constructed via Received Signal Strength (RSS) information and learned by a Convolutional Neural Network, whereas the online stage contains the proposed localization method based on an information fusion technique. Add some result once get it

I. INTRODUCTION

Since WiFi has become ubiquitous, it started being utilized in different applications varying from customer tracking indoors to robot localization. However it is available, the information can be extracted from is prone to (suffers from) being sparse and severely effected by infrastucture of environments where WiFi based systems are deployed. Amongst all the applications that WiFi signal can be used, localization is a problem where it is required to have higher level of success in localization accuracy and shorter localization time. *The main contributions of this paper is that the proposed technique can handle sparse, noisy RSS measurements acquired from the off-the-shelf AP's under LoS and NLoS situations, while achieving comparable localization accuracy to the state-of-the-art methods.*

The success of the systems relying on the WiFi signal, in general, suffers from the phenomenon called Multipath Effect where the AP is not in the direct line of sight and the EM waves from the AP where the received signal is propagated through non-line-of-sight, i.e. concrete and glass walls. Although there is some effort to either model or estimate the Multipath Effect to componsate its effects on the systems [1], it is still an open problem in the field in order to achieve the same level of success. *The proposed system can inherently handle multipath effect, since machine not only can reduce complexity of overall design of the system but also can generalize from the data.*

Another problem with the WiFi signal which makes it difficult to employ it as the main information source is that the signal acquired is not reliable. Figure 1 shows the acquired RSS information acquired with stationary client from the AP's both line-of-sight and non-line-of-sight positions in time. The figure clearly depicts that even for

stationary clients, WiFi information #gotta mention that deviation makes it not reliable. To be able to extract relatively reliable information, some hardware and software changes proposed to incorporate Channel State Information (CSI) provided by Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM) forming WiFi protocol. As [2] suggests/proves, the CSI information provides significantly reliable information. However, to be able to acquire CSI information, a specific type of NIC should be used with a specific type of firmware. This makes it hard to deploy proposed system on Embedded-devices, IoT's and robotic systems., *while the proposed system can be deployed to almost-any arbitrary system thanks to the simplicity of the design.*

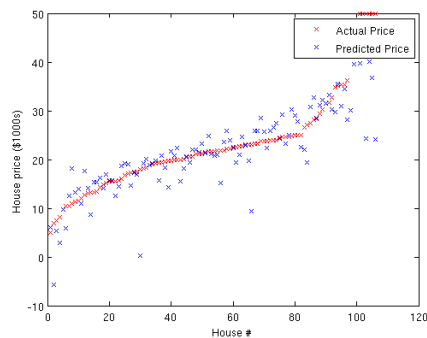


Fig. 1. Inductance of oscillation winding on amorphous magnetic core versus DC bias magnetic field

The paper is organized as follows. The following section reviews the literature regarding robot localization with WiFi signal. In Sec. III, we formalize the problem. Section IV thoroughly explains the proposed system. The experimentation and the results are in Sec. V. We outline our observation and conclusions in the final section.

II. RELATED WORK

A. Indoor Localization Based on Fingerprinting

Surveys: [3–5]. UnLoc [6]: zero supervising, no training; heavily depends on landmark extraction and dead reckoning. (mobile device)

Walkie-Markie [7]: spatial-pattern

Particle filter [8]: PF, dead reckoning

LiFS [9]: no radio map required heavily depends on multiresolution mapping.

Zee [10]: off-the-shelf hw, crowdsourcing

ArrayTrack [11]: One of the best

SpotFi [12]: One of the best

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B. Indoor Localization with Machine Learning

kNN: [5]
Neural networks: [13]
SVM: [14]
Deep-Fi [15]: Deep learning

III. PROBLEM FORMULATION

IV. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A. Offline Stage

- 1) *Data Acquisition:*
- 2) *Training:*

B. Online Stage

- 1) *Inference:*
- 2) *Information Fusion:*

V. EXPERIMENTATION

A. Experimental Setup

- 1) *Hardware:*
- 2) *Software:*

B. Results

VI. CONCLUSIONS

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