Current trend on Indoor Localization for smart devices

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Motivation

- Large number of mobile and wireless applications are based on indoor localization technique.
- Now a days, smart devices comes with potential number of sensors that is being used by number of Indoor localization technique.
- New technologies in physical layer of wireless communication such as OFDM, MIMO etc. brings an addition dimension for Indoor localization technique.
- Find out the opportunity of using some addition metrics such as audio in regards indoor localization.

Indoor Localization in Different Perspective

- Nowadays, researcher addresses the indoor localization problem in mainly two perspective:
 - Indoor positioning
 - Logical location
- The granularity of the logical location is highly sensitive and that is defined by application requirements.

Different Categories

- Existing proposed approach of determining indoor localization can be broadly categorized in two classes:
 - i) Fingerprint approach and
 - ii) Measurement based approach.
- Fingerprint based indoor localization approach can be further categorized based on requirement:
 - Infrastructure
 - Non-Infrastructure

Fingerprint based approach

- Current trend
 - Using multiple sensors in smart phones.
 - Reduce the dependency over infrastructure requirement.
 - Utilizing certain signature/pattern in indoor environment.
 - Utilizing the advancement of PHY layer in WiFi stack

Utilizing Mobile phone Sensors

- Acoustic Signature of Background. [SurroundSense'09, Batphone'11]
- Utilizing the accelerometer, gyroscope and compass sensor in order to reduce the dependency over infrastructure. [UnLoc'12, WILL'12]
- Certain location in an indoor environment present certain properties which can be utilize to reduce the error indoor localization. [UnLoc'12, WILL'12]

PHY layer Information

- Utilizing Channel Frequency Response over multiple subcarrier of OFDM. [PinLoc'11]
- Reducing the impact of multipath effect over RSSI value by utilizing the Channel State Information. [FILA'12]
- Increase number of antennas in AP creates new opportunity to revisit indoor localization problem [Jie Xong, HotMobile'12]

Measurement Based Approach

- The measurement approach directly estimate the distance of the location with respect to some infrastructure. (Time of Arrival, Time Differences of Arrival etc)
- Utilize smartphone sensor to determine the distance traveled and direction to find out the indoor location.[CompAcc]
- Utilizing the characteristics of RSSI at different spectrum channels to identify the signal amplitude from the Line-of-Sight path. [Zhang'12]

Multimodal Based Approach

• Combining all sort of sensors(accelerometer, Compass, acoustic, camera, wifi, Bluetooth interface) for improvising the Indoor localization performance. [Vinyals'10]

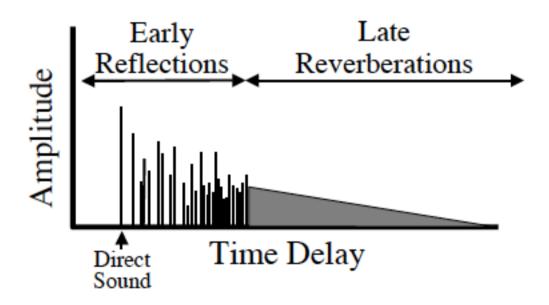
Opportunity of using Sound

Sound wave has some interesting properties compare to radio wave that made it interesting in regards of indoor localization

- Wavelength: large wave length
- Speed: Due to lower speed the delay and amplitude of sound arriving along different propagation path are easily perceptible.
- Coherence Phenomenon: the phase of the sound wave traveling along each propagation path highly depends on accurate path length.

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Impulse Response:



Thank you

Questions and Suggestions?