

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL POSITIONING SYSTEM FOR A PIPE-LESS PLANT

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1 Introduction

Add your name to the file name

2 Pipeless Plant

2.1 Existing setup

2.2 Problems with the Existing Setup

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- Fish eye
- Sunlight..

3 Selection Process

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3.1 Triangulation¹

Summary

Since our plant has a specified size in which the location of multiple objects has to be performed the method of Triangulation is one promising technic in which research was made. Triangulation was already a common principle of measurement in the 18th century and it's divided between active and passive triangulation. Passive triangulation is a geometrical method based on two measurement stations which positions are known exactly. At these two measurement points angles of the desired point in space are measured to compute the localization in the specified coordinate system (x, y, z) with trigonometrical formulas. With respect to the two measurement points which were already used in the 18th century nowadays two cameras are installed to perform a geographical method of 3D object-data estimation fig. 1 [1].

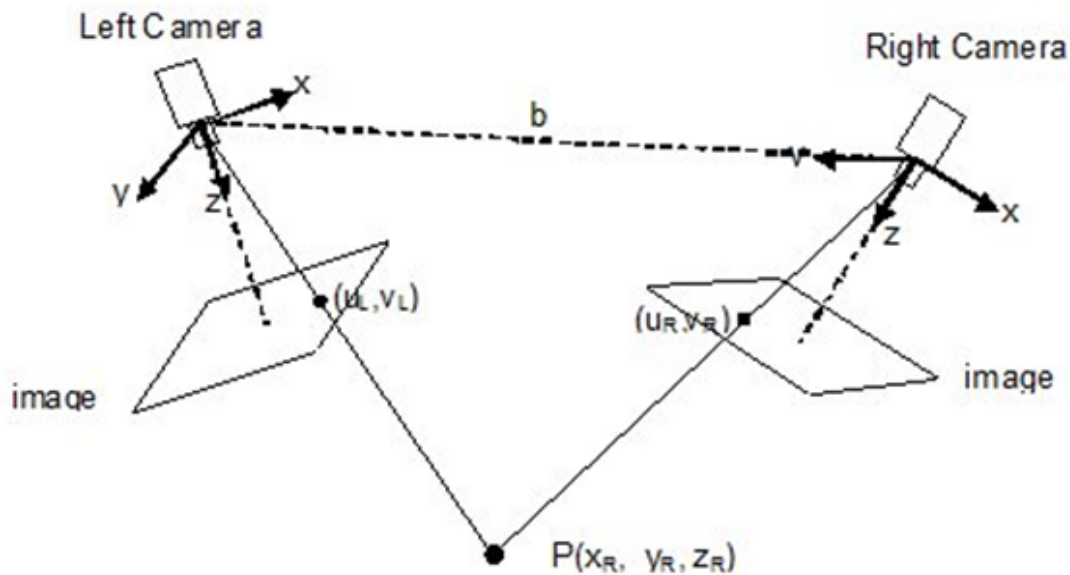


Figure 1: Passive Triangulation set-up with two cameras

To Solve the problem, it is necessary to know the parameters of the left and the right camera visualized in the figure. In theory the triangulation is trivial, since each and every point of the images of the respective cameras maps to a line in 3D space. If a pair of corresponding points, in the case of the pipes less plant it would be an AGV, is found the projection of a point x in

¹Stefan

3D space can be computed. Active triangulation in comparison to passive triangulation needs one camera and at least one source of structured light (e.g. Laser). As the passive way here the geometrical location and orientation of the camera and light source is space need to be known. Two possible set-ups with either a laser point and a stripe as structured light are shown in fig. 2 [2].

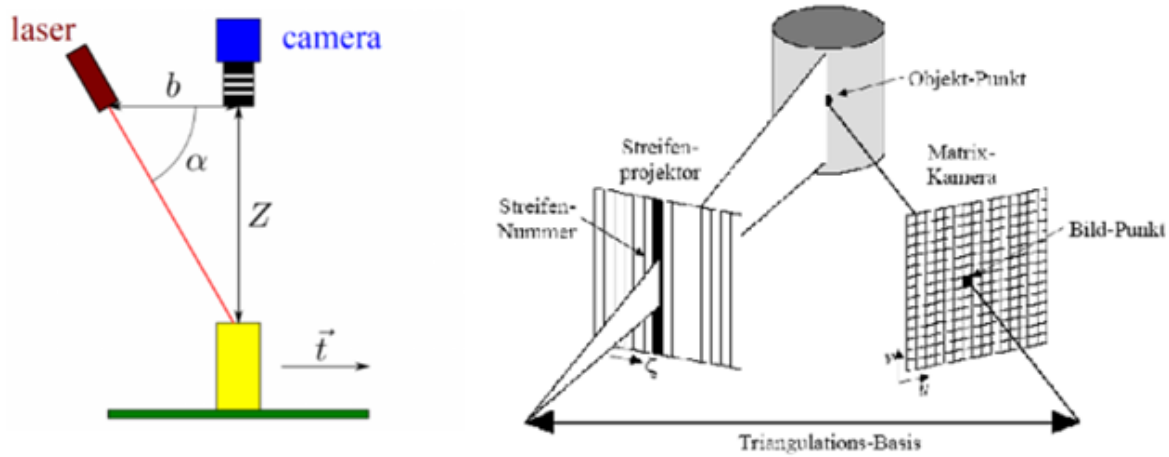


Figure 2: Active Triangulation

To solve the active triangulation problem, the structured light has to point on object which location is desired to estimate, in the case of the pipe less plant it would be the AGV. If this point is found on the 2D image of the camera, a triangulation with basic trigonometrical formulas which are using the properties and parameters of the camera and light source can be performed and the position of the AGV is estimated.

Implementation

One possible way to implement a solution for the passive triangulation is to attach 2 high resolution cameras with USB 3.0 for a fast data transmitting on two edges of the plant being not on each others opposite side as shown in fig. 3.

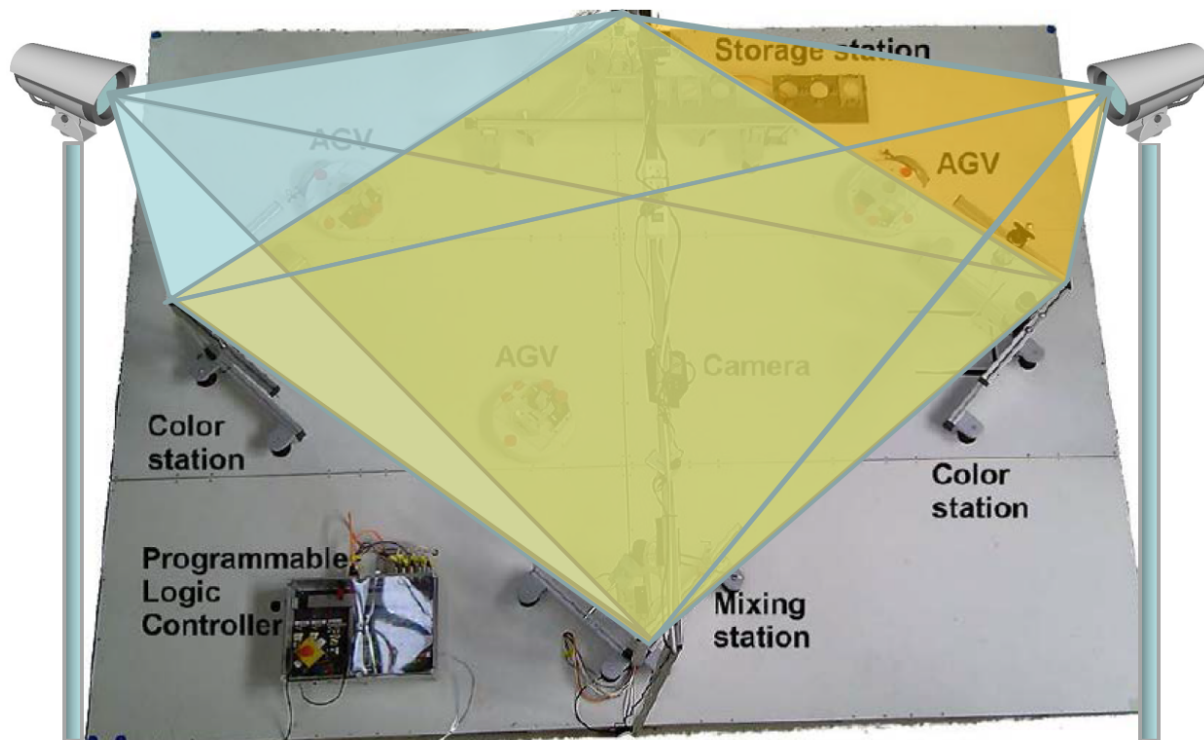


Figure 3: Impmentation of passive triangulation

The left and right camera are sequentially taking pictures which are transmitted to the plants computer where the image processing takes place.

Pro and con

Based on the made research, two tables with advantages and disadvantages of the two RFID systems are created.

Passive Triangulation	
Positive	Negative
Upgrade to USB 3.0 for faster data transmitting possible	Light dependent
Upgrade to a camera with higher resolution to reduce measurement error possible	New concept of orientation may be needed
No Fish-Eye-Lense problem	Limited range of observation
Low cost	

Table 1: Positive and Negative Points of Passive Triangulation

Active Triangulation	
Positive	Negative
Upgrade to USB 3.0 for faster data transmitting possible	New unknown laser technology is needed
Upgrade to a camera with higher resolution to reduce measurement error possible	High costs for several Laser (one per AGV)
Easy detection of laser points on camera image	Laser needs to move while AGVs are moving
	Limited range of observation
	Light dependent

Table 2: Positive and Negative Points of Active Triangulation

3.2 Pattern Recognition

Summary

Implementation

Pro and con

3.3 RFID²

Summary

One of the possible solutions to solve the challenging problem of indoor localization is the use of the Radio-frequency Identification (RFID) technology. The mainly areas of this technology is indeed still supply chains, transport, manufacturing, personnel access, animal tagging, toll collection [reference 4](#), but has also become popular in localizing objects and persons. Where in the main applications only the identification has to be realized, also the strength of the signals is important to estimate the position of a certain object.

The main idea of those systems is that a reader detects a tag and reads its information. The technology can be divided into three main types: passive, semi-passive and active systems. A passive system, like it is been shown in fig. 4, consists of a reader, which is connected to an antenna and a computer and a passive tag.

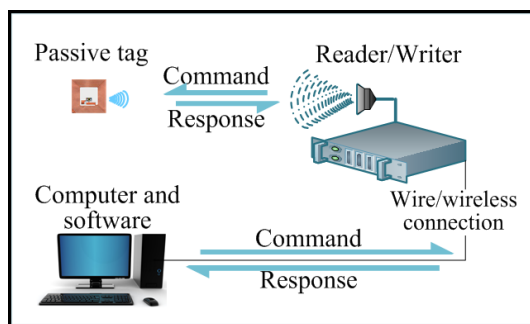


Figure 4: Passive RFID System

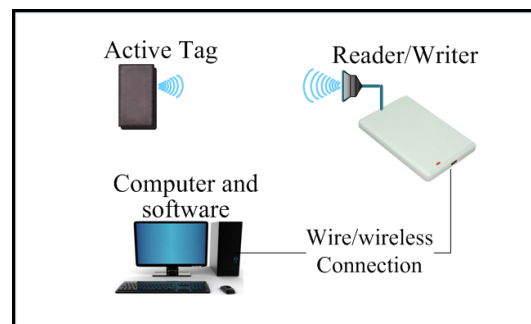


Figure 5: Active RFID System

The system is called passive, because the power supply will be realized by the radio signal of the reader. In case where the tag is in the reading range of the reader, the tags gets enough power to send predefined information (for example ID) back. The active system (see fig.5) in comparison has an active tag which has an own power supply. The semi-passive tag has a battery build in that the the tag has more power to communicate, but is not used to generate radio frequency signals.

Another classification of RFID systems is the frequency of the radio waves. It can reach from 0.135 MHz (Low Frequency) to 5875 MHz (Super High Frequency). The table 3 gives an overview about the systems related to reading ranges, reading rates and the ability to read near metal or water.

It can be seen that the passive systems in general have a smaller reading range then the active systems and has a bigger data rate. But it has also to be take into account, that passive tags a way cheaper then active tags.

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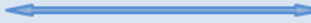

	LF	HF	UHF	SHF
FR (MHz)	< 0.135	3~28	433-435, 860-930	2400~2454 5725~5875
RR(P)	≤ 0.5 m	≤ 3 m	≤ 10 m	≤ 6 m
RR(A)	≤ 40 m	300 m	≤ 1 km	≤ 300 m
TRR	Slower	 Faster		
ARMW	Better	 Worse		
FR: Frequency Range RRP: Typical Reading Range of Passive Tags RRA: Typical Reading Range of Active Tags TRR: Tag Reading Rate ARMW: Ability to Read near Metal or Water				

Table 3: Overview RFID systems

Implementation

There are mainly two different ways to realize a localization system of the AGVs in the pipeless plant. Based on the fact that the plant has a size of 3 by 4 meter, the tracking can be carried out by passive system in which a couple of passive tags on the floor can be used as landmarks. In this case the reader plus the antenna would be placed on the AGV and localize with the help of the detected tags. The other systems consists of three or four reader in each corner of the plant and an active tag on each AGV.

Pro and con

Based on the made research, two tables with advantages and disadvantages of the two RFID systems are created.

Active RFID system	
Pro	Con
Light independent	Prototype more expansive (3 reader + active tags)
Space unlimited	Datarate is related to the amount of detected tags a the same time
Localization only has to be realized in a bigger area - medium accuracy	Anticollision need, cause more AGVs are used at the same time
Wired communication between reader and computer possible	Signal strength can be influenced by environment (metal or water)
Simple algorithm (Trilateration)	

Table 4: Pro and cons of active RFID system

Passive RFID system	
Pro	Con
Light independent	Communication between AGV and computer has to be realized
Space unlimited	Data rate is related to the amount of detected tags a the same time
Localization only has to be realized between four tags (small area) - high accuracy	Anticollision need, cause more tags are detected at the same time
Simple algorithm (Trilateration)	
Prototype cheap (1 reader + passive tags)	

Table 5: Pro and cons passive RFID system

3.4 Map-Based Localization

Summary

Implementation

Pro and con

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4 Theoretical Background

4.1 Radio Frequency Identification (Abdul)

4.2 Trilateration³

Trilateration is a method to compute the intersection point of three circles/spheres. For this, it is necessary to know the three center of the circles/spheres plus their corresponding radii. The basic idea to estimate the intersection point is to use the mathematical description of a sphere:

$$r^2 = (x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2 + (z - z_1)^2 \quad (1)$$

where $(P_n = (x_n, y_n, z_n))$ is the center of the sphere [3]. A few assumption can be made to simplify (1) for the 2D indoor localization on a floor. First of all, the z-component of all spheres can be neglected. Another assumption is that we define the origin of the first circle as the center of the coordinate system, the second along the x-axis with an distance (d) and the third shifted in x- (i) and y-direction (j), which is illustrated in following fig.

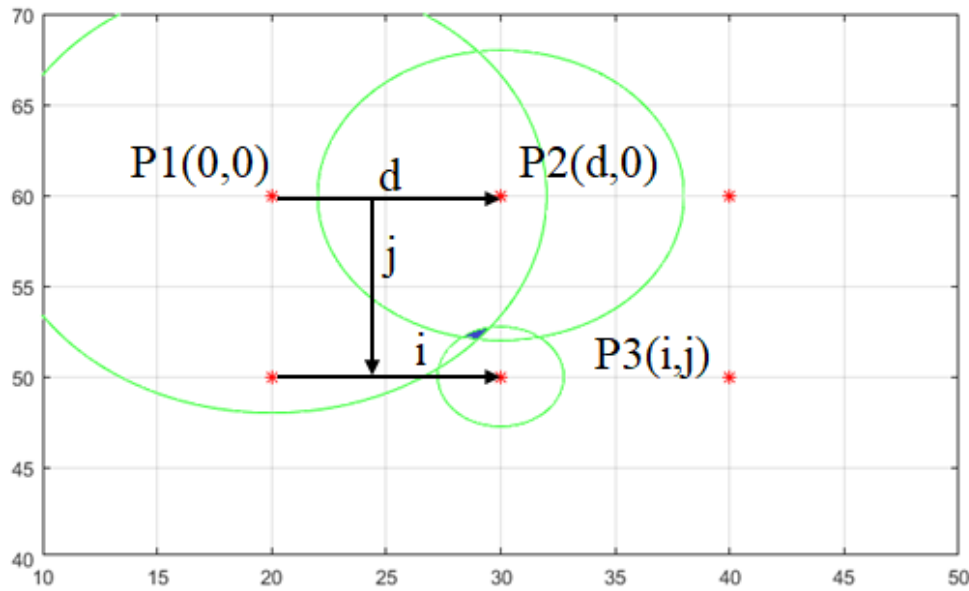


Figure 6: Overview Trilateration

With known positions of the center of the circles d, i and j can be computed in the following

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way[3]:

$$d = |P_2 - P_1| \quad (2)$$

$$e_x = \frac{1}{d}(P_2 - P_1) \quad (3)$$

$$a_x = P_3 - P_1 \quad (4)$$

$$i = e_x \cdot a_x \quad (5)$$

$$a_y = (P_3 - P_1) - i * e_x \quad (6)$$

$$e_y = \frac{a_y}{|a_y|} \quad (7)$$

$$j = e_y \cdot a_x \quad (8)$$

It has to be notice that P_1, P_2 and P_3 are 2D vectors, which represents the x- and y-coordinate of the points.

After knowing these values, the relative distance from the origin of the coordinate system can be computed with the help of (1) and the center of the circles $P_1(0,0)$, $P_2(0,d)$ and $P_3(i,j)$ as follows:

$$x_t = \frac{r_1^2 - r_2^2 + d^2}{2 * d} \quad (9)$$

$$y_t = \frac{r_1^2 - r_3^2 + i^2 + j^2}{2 * j} - i * \left(\frac{x_t}{j} \right) \quad (10)$$

The absolute position of the intersection point is computed in following way:

$$P = P_1 + e_x * x_t + e_y * y_t \quad (11)$$

It can be seen, that those equations are using the first two points plus radii to estimate the x-coordinate and first and third point plus the estimated x-coordinate to estimate the y-coordinate.

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5 Hardware⁴

5.1 RFID reader and antenna⁵

The RFID reader from KTS Systeme (see fig.7) is a HF Modul (frequency around 13.56 MHz). It contains a full-fledged microcontroller with a high-performance RFID transceiver IC. It has a 1.27 mm pitch pin-headers for THT mounting. The connection to an external antenna can be realized via a Single ended 50 Ω connection or via Pin Header U.FL. jack, which was used in this project.

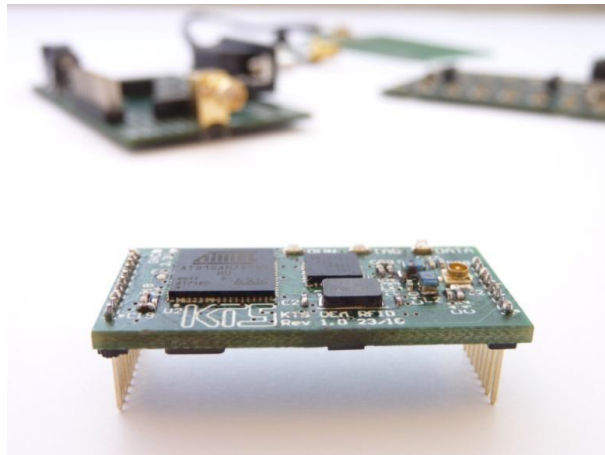


Figure 7: RFID reader KTS Systeme RFIDM1356-001

The communication to other devices is realized via a UART compatible serial interface via pin 6 (RX) and 7 (TX). The power supply is a 5 V DC connection via pin 1 (VCC) and pin 10 (GND). The reader is standardized to ISO 15693 and ISO14443A/B and has the overall dimensions 36 x 16 x 4 mm [LxWxH][4].

The reader has three LEDs:

- Green: Run - Lights when reader receives power
- Yellow: Tag - Lights when a tag is detected
- Red: Data - Lights when data transfer to or from a tag

To configure the reader, KTS Systeme provides also a software (Tag2Image) for free. The reader was configured to scan the environment in an automatic anti collision mode (AT+Scan=AC,RSSI). Anti collision means that multiple tags can be detected at the same time and is highly important in this project. The output of the scan is a continuous information of the Identification (ID) and the Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) of the detected tags. For example means: SCAN:+UID=E00402000018313E,+RSSI=7/6 that the tag with

⁴Stephan and Abdul

⁵Stephan

the ID (in hex) E00402000018313E was detected with a RSSI of 7/6. For the RSSI is the first number the value for the main and the second for the auxiliary receiver channel. In this project only the first number of the RSSI was used. The RSSI is an integer value from 0...7 and gives an information about the distance between the antenna and the detected tag. 0 stands for the maximum reading range which was mentioned to be around 15 cm. A detailed relation was figured out experimental during the project and will be explained later in this report. An AT Command Reference Guide is also available on <http://rfid.kts-systeme.de/downloads/>.

The antenna (fig. 8) is a HF PCB Antenne (PCBA1356_8) also from the company KTS Systeme. It has a dimension of 80 x 80 mm. The connection to the reader is realized by a SMA jack and has a self-impedance of 50Ω . The antenna is designed for passive tags in a frequency range around 13.56 MHz and has a maximum power of 1W.



Figure 8: RFID Antenna KTS Systeme PCBA1356_8

The antenna and the reader are connected with a SMA to U.FL. adapter cable.

5.2 RFID tag ?

5.3 Wifi modul (Abdul ?)

5.4 HW setup?!? (Abdul ?)

6 Simulation⁶

The simulation was carried out to answer important design questions before the real implementation phase. Another idea was also to create artificial RFID reader data to test and simulate the algorithm, which will be explained in chapter 7.

To answer the design questions, the simulation has these parameter (Appendix 11.1 Line 1-50):

- the size of the simulation space
- distance between the tags
- distance between the first/last row/column of tags and the boarder of the simulation space
- diameter of the robot
- position of the antenna related to the origin of the robot
- the relation between RSSI and the distance antenna and tag
- initial start position and orientation
- difference between the measurement points of the initialization procedure
- optional: cycle time and speed of the robot (for another procedure)
- logging parameter (look of the logged text file)

Foregone tests lead to a distance between the tags of 10 cm. This was founded on the fact that in this case at least 4 tags are detected at the same time (maximum reading range of 14 cm). In this case are around 121 tags needed for every square meter, which turned out to be realistic number for a small plant size.

6.1 Emulator

To create artificial RFID reader data, the emulator was able to write all detected tags together with information about the measuring point into a text file. During the initialization procedure, which was the main focus in this project, the robot turns around 360° and makes measurements every 45°.

The emulator computed at each measurement point the distance from the center of the antenna to the neighbouring tags. If a tag was closer than the maximal reading distance, the emulator wrote the detected ID of the tag together with its RSSI into the text file.

The RSSI is, as explained earlier, an integer value from 0...7. 0 defines in this case a distance from 14 to around 10 cm from the antenna to the tag. In the first version of the emulator the RSSI was on the basis of the information from a paper [5] and mentioned a consistent increasing of the RSSI while the distance between the tags and the antenna gets smaller.

During own measurements has been found out that this relation was inconsistent. Therefore the second version of the emulator was updated and creates more realistic data.

⁶Stephan

6.2 RSSI Measurements with real hardware

The relation of the RSSI is not just related to the distance between the antenna and the tag. It also depends on the orientation of the plain of both components. The tests with the real hardware was performed in a setup where the tags was placed on a floor and the antenna was parallel to the floor at a hight of 1.5 cm. The reason for this was the fact that the antenna should be placed directly under the robot. Tbl. 6 and fig. 9 present the results of the measurements.

RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indicator)	0/0	1/1	2/2	3/3	4/4	5/5	6/6	7/7
Maximal distance antenna to tag [cm]	14	9.8	9	8	7	6	3.5	2.8
Middle distance antenna to tag [cm]	5	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	4	-	-
Minimal distance antenna to tag [cm]	-	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.2	-	-	-

Table 6: Relation between RSSI and distance antenna to tag (data)

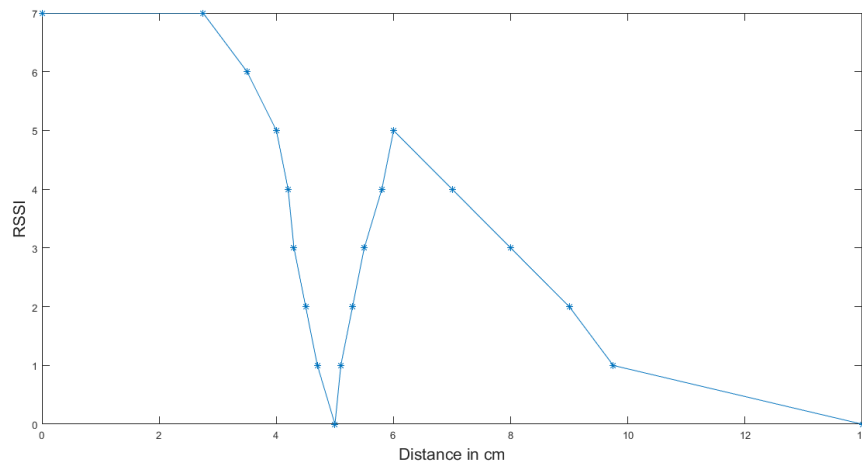


Figure 9: Relation between RSSI and distance antenna to tag

It can be seen that there exists a blind spot at a distance of 5 cm where the RSSI drops to 0. The consequence is now that it is not trivial to build up a relation from the RSSI back to the correct distance.

6.3 Simulation with emulated data

The idea of the final implementation is to estimate the initial position and orientation of the robot. A first version of an algorithm to solve this problem was created in matlab. The first part of these algorithm was the emulator which simulated the 360° turn and recorded the tag information. The second part was the solver which is also explained deeper in the chapter 7.

The first version of the solver which estimates the initial position and orientation based on the consistent RSSI data was quickly build up. After observing an inconsistent behaviour of the RSSI the simulation as well as the solver were updated.

6.4 Results

The application of the emulated data on the solver indicates the following results:

	Avg. accuracy position (x-, & y-direction) [mm]	Avg. Accuracy orientation [°]
Data mentioned in paper	2	<1
Own recorded data (blind spot)	10	20

Table 7: Results Simulation

As can be seen from tbl. 7, there is a sufficient good match between the estimated position and orientation of the robot for the consistent RSSI data. On the other hand results the inconsistent RSSI data in significant differences in the estimation of the position and orientation of the robot. The reason for this is the higher complexity of the algorithm to first estimate the correct distances related to RSSI values and then start to estimate the position based on those distances.

A small error in the estimation of the position of the antenna at the first measurement point leads also to a big error in the computed orientation of the robot.

7 Implementation

7.1 Communication (Abdul and/or Stefan)

7.2 Initialization procedure ⁷

In the start-up phase, before running the pipe less plant with its AGVs the correct position and orientation of each and every vehicle is not known . Even though the controller is able to compute the position of the AGVs antenna in each point of time ($t=0$ included), several AGV positions in the plants operation space can be described by one single antenna position. In fig. 10 four possible AGV positions with one common antenna position are pointed out.

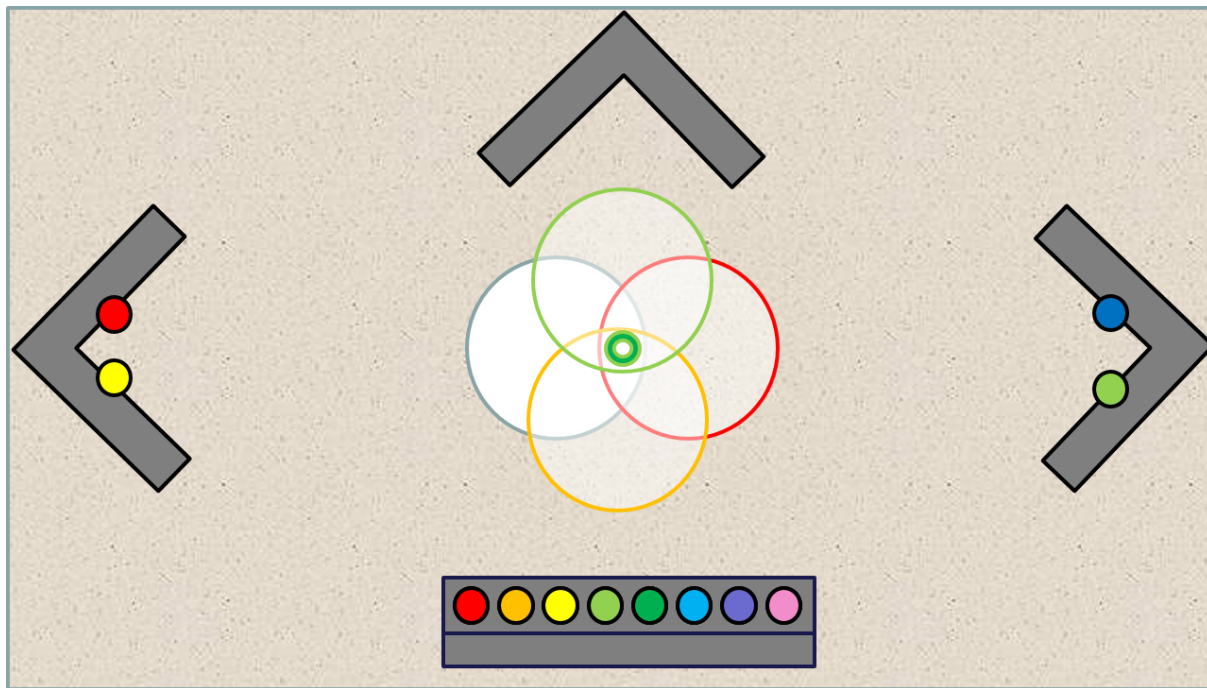


Figure 10: Different possible positions for one antenna position

Since this information is crucial for the plant, a procedure was set up to determine the starting positions of each and every AGV at time $t=0$. According to the fact, that the position and orientation of a single AGV is unknown at time $t=0$, some potential are taken into account. For instance, the plant contains several obstacles like the mixing stations, vessel storage, charging stations, plant edges and even other vehicles as represented in fig. 11.

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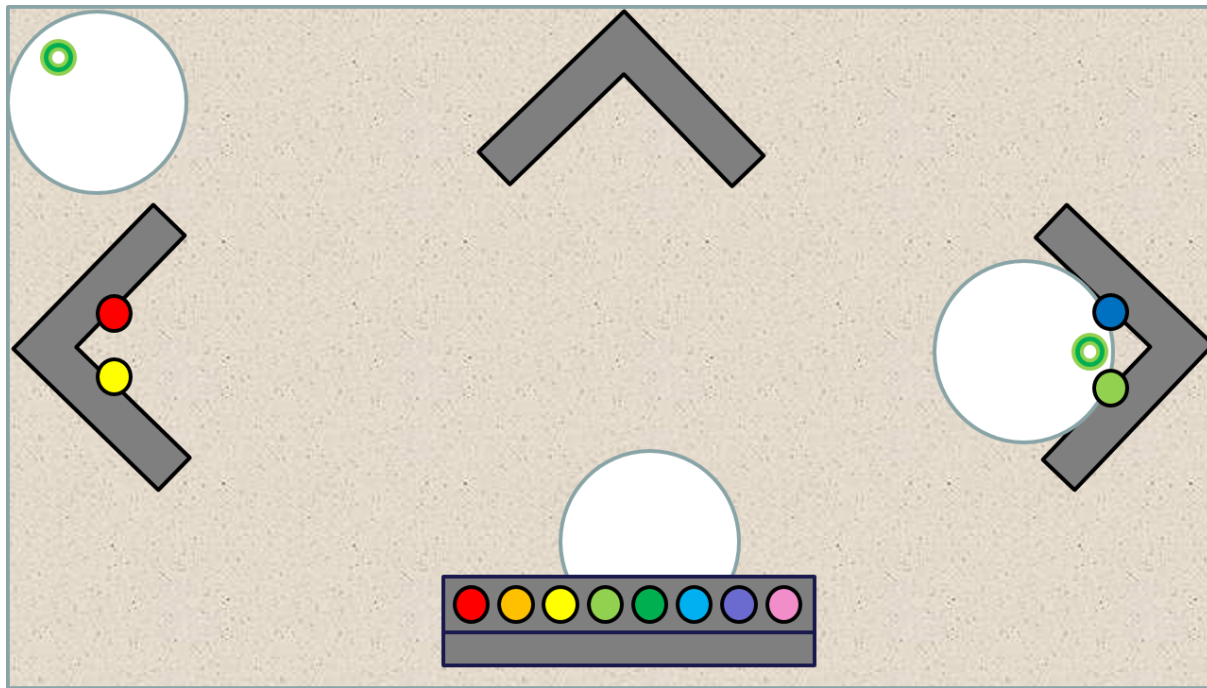


Figure 11: Possible hazards/obstacles

With respect to these potential hazards collisions during the initialization procedure have to be avoided. This is realized by taking advantage out of the AGVs ability to turn around its own axis without a change of the AGVs center point x and y position. This ability of the AGV leads the way that each and every robot performs an initialization turn of 360° in which measurements are taken every 45° to estimate the specific positions and orientations of the AGVs. Furthermore, the decision process of the antenna position under the robot is dominated by the fact that the position of the center point does not change during a turn around its own axis. During the 360° turn the intervals in which the measurements have to be taken need to be known by the controller. The determination of these measurement points can be computed in two different ways. On the one hand the encoders of the AGV-wheels can be used to estimate the performed rotation. On the other hand, the time of a complete turn can be measured and used as a parameter in the procedure. In terms of simplicity the second option is used in the initialization procedure. fig. 12 represents a sequential flow chart which describes the movement and data processing during the initialization procedure.

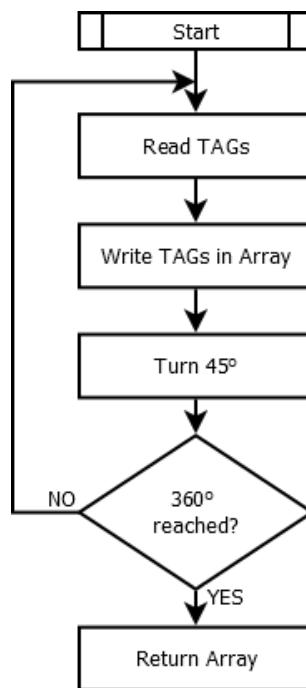


Figure 12: Flow Chart: Initial Procedure 360 degree turn

An initialization procedure for AGV No. 1 was created and is started in the GUI in the Test environment. In the first place an integer number is given to the field called Sleeptime. This integer number is interpreted as milliseconds and describes the time of rotation. Even though a time for a complete turn of 360° has been found at around 1125ms it has to be said that this time strongly depends on the battery charge of the AGV. After the desired turning time is given to the GUI the initialization is started by pushing the button Initialization, located over the input box 13.

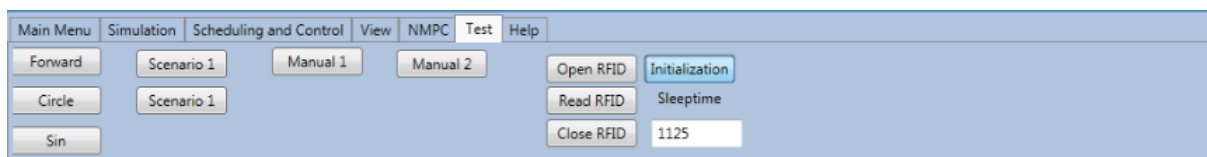


Figure 13: Test environment in GUI

In the second step after the procedure was started all the available IDs and their respective RSSI in the current reading range of the RFID-Reader are read. The reading is performed

in the Automatic Scan mode of the RFID reader. With the included timestamp for every measurement a delay of minimum 30ms between each and every TAG-Information was detected. With respect to this delay the antenna has to stop a specific period of time at each measuring point to deliver correct data of all the reachable TAGs. Experience has shown, that a measuring time between one and two seconds, in which every 100ms measurements are taken, the best results are delivered. In order to save the single TAG information of each and every measuring point an initially empty Array with 14 rows and 8 columns was created. The number of rows is derived by the fact that measurements are taken at every 45° .

$$Rows = 360/45 \quad (12)$$

$$Rows = 8 \quad (13)$$

The first seven entries of a row in the array is filled by the received TAG IDs and the last seven entries are filled by the respective RSSI.

The number of columns is derived by the fact that at each and every measurement point in the used test environment, information of maximal seven TAGs can be read.

$$Columns = max.no.ofTAGs * 2 \quad (14)$$

$$Columns = 7 * 2 \quad (15)$$

$$Columns = 14 \quad (16)$$

Once the received data is saved in its corresponding row, the AGV turns around 45° to place the antenna at the next measuring point. A AGV turn is realized by setting the velocity of the right and left wheel in different directions. During the turning sections the velocity is set to 100 mm/s or rather -100 mm/s. This procedure of reading information, writing information in the initialization array and turning 45° to the next measuring point is repeating itself until a 360° turn is performed. After a successful initialization turn the corresponding Array of measurement information can look like the example in table 8.

4	1	5	2	3			0	0	1	7	0		
5	3						2	3					
3	5						2	2					
9	8	6	5				1	1	1	2			
9	7	8	6	4	5		2	0	6	0	0	2	
4	7	5	8				0	2	3	3			
5	4	7	8	1			2	5	0	0	0		
2	4	1	5				0	2	2	0			

Table 8: Filled Array after 360 degree turn

7.2.1 Recording and filtering data ⁸

To read the UID and RSSI of all the TAG laying in the reading range the RFID-Reader is set to its Automatic mode and its Anticollision is switched on. During this mode packages of strings with a length of 35 characters are reviewed by the plans computer. Even though these 36 character strings contain all the information of the TAG which is needed some effort has to be taken to separate the useful parts which are processed in localization algorithm.

With exception of the information each and every string contains, the structure itself is always the same. In the first five characters the substring “SCAN:” are found and deleted for the further process. The first important character is found in the sixth slot of the string. Here either a “+” or a “-” is written. With help of this sixth slot it is distinguished if the current reading is either a complete or incomplete one. In order to guarantee the correctness of the reviewed information the measurements are filtered by the “textit+” and the measurements in which a “-” is included are ignored in the further processes. After the indicator for complete and in complete readings an introduction to the UID is indicated by “UID= ” and cut out of the string. The next 16 characters define the unique identification of the specific TAG. As a last useless information which has to be cut out a string with the structure “.RSSI=” is found directly after the UID. As a result the sixteen character hexadecimal UID and its respective RSSI are separated from the reviewed string. Since the ordered TAG UIDs differ each other just in the last three numbers these numbers are transformed in a decimal number before UID and RSSI is used for further computations.

String Transformation	
Complete	Incomplete
SCAN:+UID=E00401503A5BD691,+RSSI=0/0	SCAN:-UID=E00401503A5BD4E4
UID=E00401503A5BD691,+RSSI=0/0	
E00401503A5BD691 0/0	
1681 0	

Table 9: String preparation

7.2.2 Analysing data ⁹

In the next step of the Algorithm the previous described filled Array is analyzed. To estimate the position and orientation of the AGV the Array has to include two valid sets of each two valid measuring points. During this analyzation the single measurement point-sets are validated in terms of following restrictions:

- 1.: At the two valid measurement point each contains at least three TAGs
- 2.: The two measurement points in one set need to have a distance of 180° to each other.

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In terms to get the adequate sets of measurement points the array is analyzed row by row. The stepwise workflow is visualized in fig. 14.

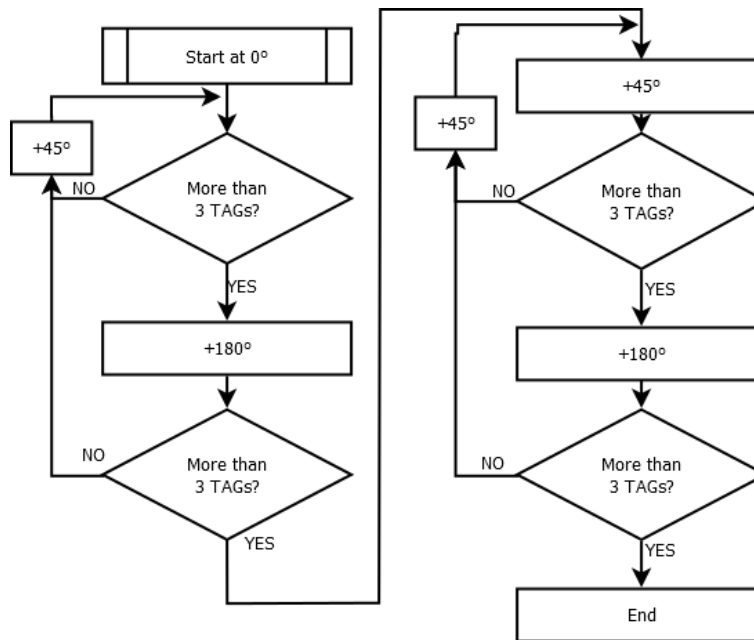


Figure 14: Flow Chart: Analizing Measurment Points

Initially the first row which represents the measurement at the point zero degree is checked in terms of the numbers of readable TAGs. If this specific number is higher or equal tree the transition is acknowledged as true and the same query will be performed at the measurement point with a distance of 180° to the former measurement point. If this next measurement point can be described as valid as well the first valid set of two measurement points is found. If, on the other hand, the number of readable TAGs are less than 3, which means that the triangulation algorithm cannot be performed, the current measurement point is ignored and the next point with a distance of 45° is evaluated. Each of this sets of two measurement points [degree] is saved as a 1x2 Array called Solution 1 and Solution 2 is used for the estimation of the position of the measurement points which is explained in the section 7.2.4 Estimation of initial position and orientation.

7.2.3 Selection of correct distance related to RSSI ¹⁰

In a first step the multiple occurring data points (see tbl.6) are divided into three groups (max, middle and min) where max means the maximal possible distance related to one RSSI and so

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on.

The measurements has shown that it is not trivial to define the correct distance related to most of the RSSI. The involved algorithm selects the correct distance out of the multiple possible solutions and is shown in fig. 15:

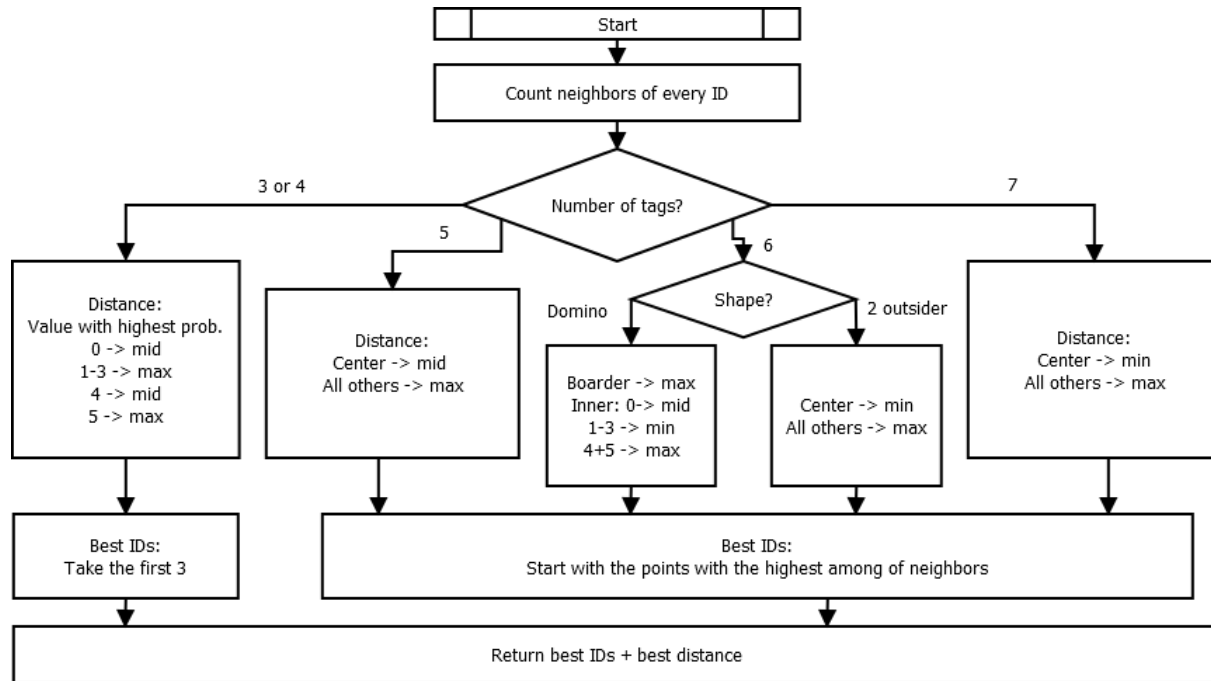


Figure 15: Flow Chart: Selection of correct distance and most proper IDs

To distinguish between the multiple possible solution for one RSSI, the algorithm defines the shape of the pattern of tags based on the number of tags at each measurement and the number of the neighbours each tag has. At each measurement point are in this scenario several numbers (4-7) of detected tags possible. The different shapes can be found in the tbl. 10.

Going back to the flow chart fig.15 the first step is to count the number of neighbours each tag has. With this information, the position of the tag in the pattern can be detected. For example is a tag with 3 neighbours in a pattern of 5 tags the center of this pattern.

After the number of tags at each measurement point and the position of each tag are defined, the selection of the correct distance will be performed based on the highest probability. To know the highest probabilities an analysis of measurements with emulated data has been done.

As an example are leading 4 detected tags to the fact that the position of the antenna should be very close to the center of this square. If in this case a RSSI of 4 is detected, the middle value (5.8 cm) will be taken.

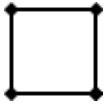


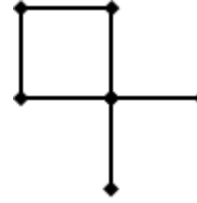
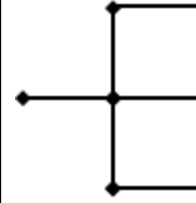
Number of detected tags	4	5	6 (Domino)	6 (2 alone)	7
Unique shapes					

Table 10: Possible shapes of pattern

Afterwards the most suitable three IDs will be selected, in case where more than three are detected. The algorithm takes at first the ID with the highest amount of neighbours, because these tags are close to the position of the antenna and have probably a value of 6 or 7 and are uniquely defined. In the case where several tags with the same number of neighbours, the first ID (number increasing) will be taken.

The return of the function is an array (2x3) with the indices of the chosen IDs and the correct distance. The correct distance will be indicated by the number 0,1 and 2. 0 means the maximal, 1 the middle and 2 the minimum possible value related to one RSSI. For example leads

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

to the choice of the maximal value of the RSSI of the fourth detected ID and the minimum value of the RSSI of the third and the fifth ID in the recorded array at this measurement point.

7.2.4 Estimation of initial position and orientation ¹¹

As mentioned in chapter ??, the main idea to estimate the initial position is to find the intersection point, which lies in the middle of the measurement points.

To compute this position, the algorithm uses trilateration at every suitable measurement point to estimate its position. For trilateration are three defined positions plus three radii necessary, which are available after the selection of the correct distance and proper IDs.

As follows from the fig.16 shown above, the intersection point is found by computing two linear functions which go through two corresponding points (blue lines). The center of the robot is then the intersection of those two linear functions and can be computed by the following equation:

$$x = \frac{(x_1y_2 - y_1x_2)(x_3 - x_4) - (x_1 - x_2)(x_3y_4 - y_3x_4)}{(x_1 - x_2)(y_3 - y_4) - (y_1 - y_2)(x_3 - x_4)} \quad (17)$$

$$y = \frac{(x_1y_2 - y_1x_2)(y_3 - y_4) - (y_1 - y_2)(x_3y_4 - y_3x_4)}{(x_1 - x_2)(y_3 - y_4) - (y_1 - y_2)(x_3 - x_4)} \quad (18)$$

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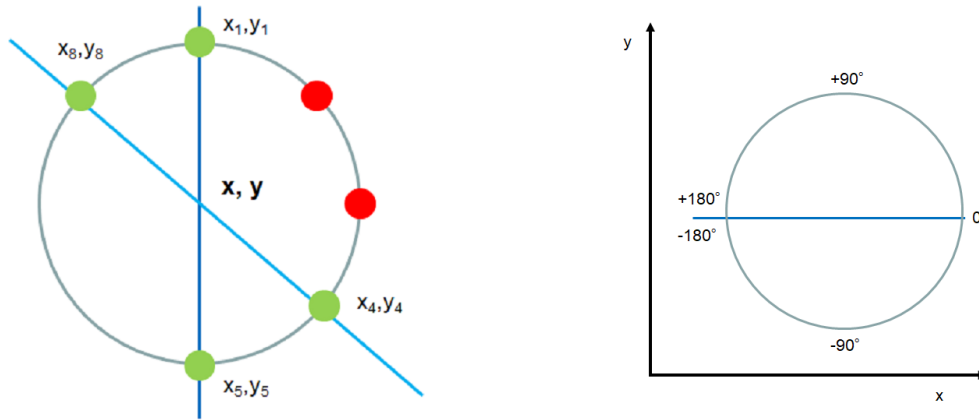


Figure 16: Computing the center of the robot Figure 17: Orientation of robot in absolute angle

Theoretical are all eight measuring points suitable points (at least four IDs found). But for the case that the real measurements differ from the theory, the algorithm just needs four suitable points.

After the initial position as well as the positions of 4 measurement points are known, the algorithm computes the orientation based on those information. The relative angle between the center and the first measurement point will be computed with the $\arctan2$ function and leads to an orientation $-180^\circ < \Theta \leq 180^\circ$ as shown in fig.17.

To compute the absolute angle, the angle of the measurement point has to be subtracted and 180° has to be added. This is caused by the fact that the antenna is placed on the back of the robot and the absolute orientation should be the direction of the front. After this computation, the initial position and orientation of the robot are known.

7.3 Test setup¹²

In order to verify the validity of the initialization procedure, we carried out experiments with the components mentioned in chapter 5. The beginning of these experiments were the reconstruction of one of the AGVs with this HW setup. After we added all components to the AGV we realized the power supply via a powerbank and the USB connection of then wifi modul. The plan is to replace this in the future with a direct connection to the battery of the AGV. Fig.18 gives an overview of the test setup and shows also that for the prototype, the reader and the wifi modul was just stuck with Sellotape on the upper layer of the AGV.

The test platform was a field of 9 tags which were stuck on a piece of carton. The IDs and its positions are shown in tbl.11.

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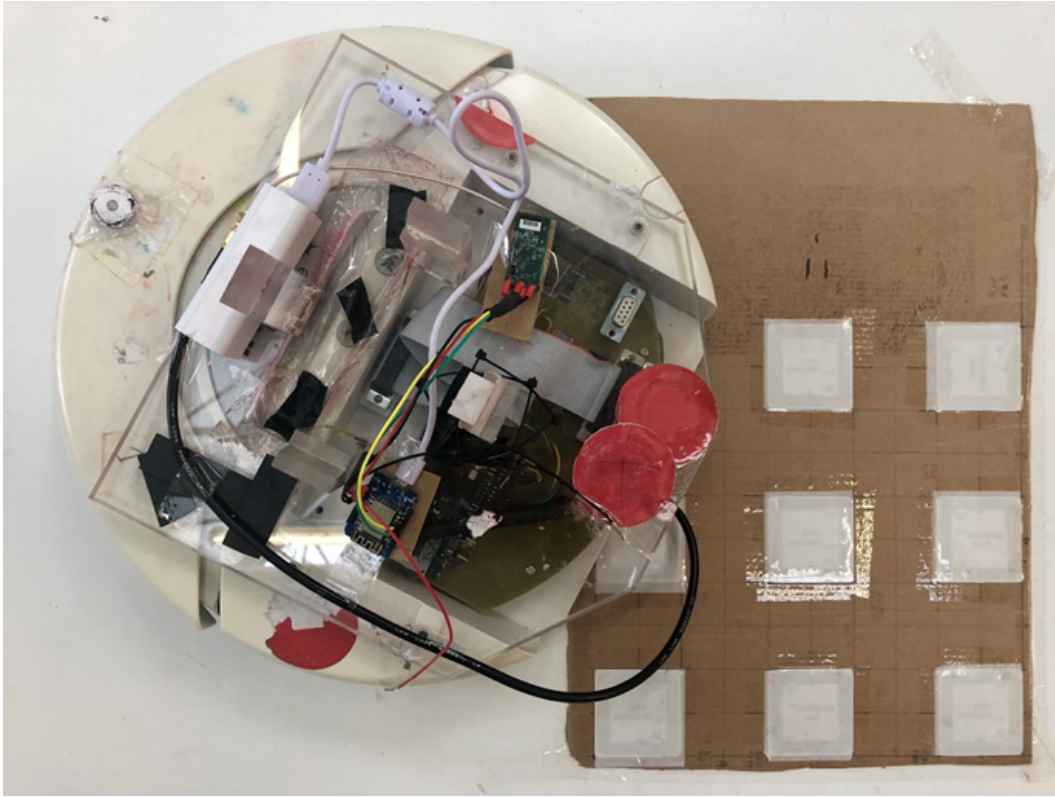


Figure 18: testing setup for initialization procedure

X-dir. [mm]	0	100	200	0	100	200	0	100	200
Y-dir. [mm]	0	0	0	100	100	100	200	200	200
ID tag [hex]	AE4	689	47A	586	785	ADC	BF4	691	78D
ID tag [dec]	2788	1673	1146	1414	1925	2780	3060	1681	1933

Table 11: Positions of the IDs in the test setup

The reason for the small setup was the fact that until the end of the project only 10 tags were available. One of the following steps should be to extend the platform with more tags.

The initialization procedure was started via the GUI. A time value was added in the GUI to perform the 45° turns. This number was around 1125 ms and is highly correlated to the battery status of the AGV.

7.4 Results¹³

A couple of tests on the test setup (previous section) were performed to compare the good results created with the simulated data with real measurements. The result of the position estimation was directly plotted in the console. The initial position was 200 mm in x- and y-direction and a varying orientation (0° , 90° , 180° and -90°). Fig.19 and fig.20 illustrate the actual measurement results and the desired position in x- and y-direction.

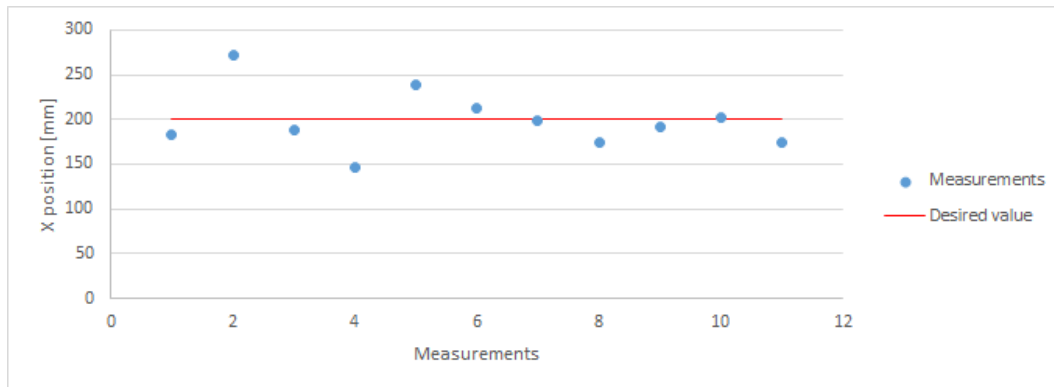


Figure 19: Estimated position in x-direction

The average of the absolute error of the position in x-direction was 24.5 mm. The minimum and maximum error were 2 mm and 72 mm.

The average of the absolute error of the estimation of the position in y-direction is with 23.3 mm, a minimum error of 3 mm and an maximum error of 77 mm very similar to the results from the estimation of the x-direction. The computation of the overall error of the position has an average derivation of 37.5 mm and a minimum and maximum error of 6.3 mm and 77 mm.

For the estimation of the orientation, the average of the absolute error was 23° with a minimum and a maximum value of 3.9° and 37.5° . The measurements also shows that an estimation of the position with a big error not necessarily leads to a big error in the estimation of the orientation (see measurement 4 in fig.19,20 and 21).

An extension of the results could also be an analyse of the estimated positions of the antenna

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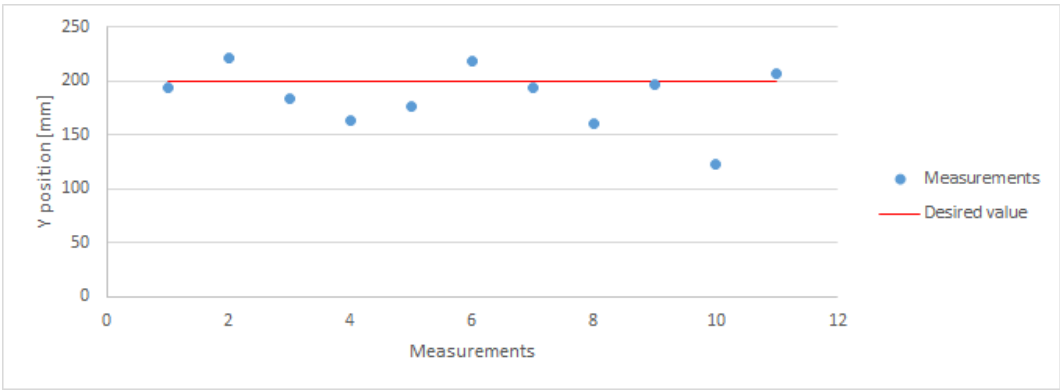


Figure 20: Estimated position in y-direction



Figure 21: Estimated orientation

at the measurement points. Those points were also plotted in the console.

8 Conclusion¹⁴

The developed localization solution was for the pipeless plant, a prototype of a chemical production plant which has a size of 3 by 4 meter. In this plant the vessel will be transported by AGVs from one station to another. In the actual setup only a camera, which is installed above the plant, was used to detect the AGVs and estimate their positions. The problem with this technology is the bad detection of the LED pattern from the AGVs during bright light conditions and also the space limitation. Another big disadvantage was the big computation effort which made the system also very slow. The main task of this project was to find an alternative tracking solution. During the project group phase different localization technologies were evaluated. With respect to the outgoing researches about Triangulation, Map-Based-Localization, Pattern recognition and localization via Radio Frequency Identification the last RFID based localization of the AGV with passive tags as landmarks turned out to be the most promising among those four. With information of a similar project realized by the FH Dortmund a model to evaluate sample data and a localization algorithm was created in Matlab. This results of the simulation were promising and therefore used during the decision making process about the actual Hardware setup. With an demonstrator board with the size of 30 cm x 30 cm the initialization procedure algorithm was implemented in which the AGV performs a 360 degrees turn and estimates its position and its orientation based on measurements during this movement. With respect to this solution it can be said that it is possible to assemble a reader on an AGV and detect passive TAGs with its antenna in a range of 14 cm. It also has been out that an inconsistent relation between the received signal strength (RSSI) of the detected TAGs and the distance based on the RSSI is not generally trivial and was only solved in a rather simple and unreliable way during the project. Based on the results computed by the initialization procedure, it can be concluded that it is possible to estimate the position of the AGV with an average accuracy of around 2.5 cm and an estimation error of the orientation of around 23 degrees. Compared to the former localization set up this solution, especially with respect to the orientation error, are not perfectly satisfying and just minimal requirements are fulfilled. The received data from the RFID reader have furthermore clearly shown that the anti-collision algorithm used by the reader leads to an unknown amount of time until each and every TAG in the detection area is identified. Summed up a model based demonstrator was realized which on the one hand does not improve the accuracy of the localization of the plant especially with respect to the orientation but on the other hand a promising technology for indoor localization with light independency, respectively cheap costs and highly scalability was found.

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9 Future Work¹⁵

After a proof-of-concept for an RFID based localization system has been build and a first demonstration set-up has been build the disadvantages and limitations of the prototype were evaluated. According to these results several points of improvement and extension were found and categorized into a hardware and a software section.

9.1 Hardware

- The AGVs are feed by an included 12V battery which provides the power for all included electronical devices. This 12V power supply is available on board and is suggested to be used. Currently the WiFi-Module and the RFID-Reader are fed by an external powerbank since a 5V power supply is needed. In terms of one centralized power supply a 12 V to 5 V converter can be installed and connected to the new hardware.
- As a first set-up a demonstration area of 3 x 3 TAGs was developed. In this rather small area initialization procedure was developed but a real time localization while a trajectory is followed by an AGV was not possible since the 30cm x 30cm was simply too small. For future research in terms of localization on a specified trajectory additional TAGs can be included to the area of operation. Since the RFID concept is highly scalable the only change that needs to be made in the algorithm is the insertion of the additional TAG into the lookup table.
- Currently the only Robot No. 1 is the only AGV which is equipped with the RFID technology. To run the plant with multiple AGVs the remaining robots need to be upgraded.

9.2 Software

- During the initialization procedure a 360 degrees turn is performed. The degrees are divided by the change of degree over time. But it needs to be said that this movement is highly dependent on disturbances like changing battery charge and plant underground. For the future developers it is suggested to use the encoders of the robot wheels as a determination of the orientation instead of the parameter time.
- As an alternative localization technology was found several code lines in the VisualStudio can be deleted since the camera and image processing is simply not used anymore. With a clean code an improvement of processing time will be achieved.
- As a last point it can be said that even though a localization with RFID is now possible the results are not 100 percent reliable and the accuracy especially with respect to the orientation is not satisfying so far. As an improvement the triangulation algorithm is to be optimized and or a second RFID-Antenna is to be added under the AGV to reduce measurement errors.

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11 Appendixes

11.1 Appendix A: Emulator RFID data (Matlab)

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1 %% -----
2 % Description:  Emulator, which creates txt file like the reader
3 %              RSSI related to the real measurements
4 %              For the Initialization procedure, turn around 360°
5 % Date:        12.06.2018
6 % Created by:  Stephan Vette
7 % -----
8 %% RFID signal emulator
9 clear all
10 clc
11 close all
12 % Initializing
13 l1 = 100; % length of the plant, x [cm]
14 l2 = l1; % width of the plant, y [cm]
15 d1 = 10; % distance between tags [cm]
16 d2 = 0; % distance last tag <-> boarder [cm]
17 r1 = 14; % radius of the reading range of every tag
18 r2 = [r1, 9.75, 9.0, 8.0, 7.0, 6.0, 5.8, 5.5, 5.3, 5.1, 5.0, 4.7, 4.5, 4.3, 4.2, 4.0,
19       3.5, 2.75, 0]; % distances at certain RSSI
20 r4 = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7]; % array with the
21       different RSSI values
22
23 r3 = 33/2; % radius of the robot
24 d3 = 10; % distance between origin robot and origin antenna [cm]
25
26 angle1 = 45; % angle between the measurement points in the init procedure
27
28 gammal = deg2rad(22.5); % Start orientation of robot [rad]
29 robStart = [22.5, 51.5]; % Start position of robot in x, y [cm]
30
31 robSpeed = 0.1; % Speed robot [m/s]
32 cycleT = 100; % Cycletime in [ms]
33
34 mode = 1; % mode=1: tracking all available tags, which are nonzero
35           % mode=2: tracking only changes in the RSSI signals
36 mode_hex = 0; % activate or deactivate hex ID
37
38 % For the name of the txt file
39 measuementNumber = num2str(11); % Number of measurement
40 % Two possibilities for the content of the txt file
41 % 1. Without filtering. Exactly like the reader creates data
42 % text0 = '<\r>';
43 % text1 = 'OK';
44 % text2 = 'SCAN:+UID=';
45 % text3 = '+RSSI=';
46
47 % 2. Filtered data. Without unusable information.
48 text0 = ' ';
49 text1 = ' ';
50 text2 = ' ';
51 text3 = ' ';
52
53 %% Error check
54 if mod(l1/d1,1)~=0
55     error('Length of platform not dividable by distance between tags');
56 elseif mod(l2/d1,1)~=0

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54     error('Length of platform not dividable by distance between tags');
55 end
56
57 %% Computing position of antenna
58 numTagsX = (l1-2*d2)/d1 +1;
59 numTagsY = (l2-2*d2)/d1 +1;
60 numTags = numTagsX * numTagsY;
61 antPos = robStart + d3 * [cos(gammal), sin(gammal)];
62
63 %% Display the setup, write important information into a seperate txt file
64 d1_str = num2str(d1);
65 l1_str = num2str(l1);
66 l2_str = num2str(l2);
67 numTags_str = num2str(numTags);
68
69 msg0 = ['Your plane is ',l1_str,'cm x ',l2_str,'cm.'];
70 msg1 = ['You chose a distance of ',d1_str,'cm and need ', numTags_str,' Tags!'];
71 disp(msg0);
72 disp(msg1);
73 nameTxt = ['NumTags',measumeenteNumber,'.txt'];
74 fileNumTags = fopen(nameTxt,'w');
75 fprintf(fileNumTags,'%6d\n',numTags); % Write the number of tags in file
76 fprintf(fileNumTags,'%6d\n',l1); % Write the size of the plant in file
77 fprintf(fileNumTags,'%6.4f\n',gammal); % Write the starting angle
78 fprintf(fileNumTags,'%6d\n',robStart(1)); % Write the starting pos
79 fprintf(fileNumTags,'%6d\n',robStart(2)); % Write the starting pos
80 fclose(fileNumTags);
81
82
83 %% Drawing environment
84 figure(1)
85 x1 = [0 l1 l1 0 0];
86 y1 = [0 0 l2 l2 0];
87 plot(x1, y1, 'LineWidth',2)
88 xlim([-5 (l1+5)]);
89 ylim([-5 (l2+5)]);
90 hold on
91
92 % Position of the tags
93 ID = 1:numTags;
94 [Tagx,Tagy] = meshgrid(d2:d1:l1-d2,d2:d1:l2-d2);
95 plot(Tagx,Tagy,'r*')
96 % Circles
97 radiipl = ones(numTagsX,1)*r1;
98 for k=1:numTagsX
99     tempx = Tagx(1:end,k);
100     tempy = Tagy(1:end,k);
101     temppos = horzcat(tempx,tempy);
102     viscircles(temppos,radiipl,'Color','k','LineStyle',':', 'LineWidth',0.25);
103 end
104 robX = robStart(1);
105 robY = robStart(2);
106 plot(robX,robY,'bO','LineWidth',3);
107 plot(robX,robY,'r:');
108 viscircles([robX,robY],r3,'Color','k','LineWidth',0.25);
109 plot(antPos(1),antPos(2),'bs');
110 xlabel('Length platform in cm')
111 ylabel('Width platform in cm')
112 title({'Position and reading range of tags';'Start-, endpoint and path of the robot'});

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113 hold off
114 pause(1)
115
116 %% Animation and loggin
117 xUpdateAnt = antPos(1);
118 yUpdateAnt = antPos(2);
119 deltaR = deg2rad(angle1); % A new measurement after every XX°
120 % Txt file name
121 name = ['Meas.StartingProc.like.reader.real.data',measuementeNumber, '.txt'];
122 fileID = fopen(name,'w');
123
124 % Data stored in variables
125 dataRSSI = zeros(8,numTags);
126 streamDataRSSI = zeros(1,numTags);
127 streamDataRSSIold = zeros(1,numTags);
128 timeStep = 1; % current measurement step
129
130 % antPos = robStart + d3 * [cos(gammal), sin(gammal)];
131 figure(2)
132 for l=0:360/angle1
133     deltaR_temp = deltaR * l;
134     xUpdateAnt = robStart(1) + d3 * cos(gammal + deltaR_temp);
135     yUpdateAnt = robStart(2) + d3 * sin(gammal + deltaR_temp);
136     plot(x1, y1, 'LineWidth',2)
137     hold on
138     xlim([-5 (l1+5)]);
139     ylim([-5 (l2+5)]);
140     [Tagx,Tagy] = meshgrid(d2:d1:l1-d2,d2:d1:l2-d2);
141     plot(Tagx,Tagy, 'r*')
142     plot(robX,robY, 'bO', 'LineWidth',1);
143     plot(robX,robY, 'r:');
144     plot(xUpdateAnt,yUpdateAnt, 'bs');
145     xlim([-5 (l1+5)]);
146     ylim([-5 (l2+5)]);
147     viscircles([robX,robY],r3, 'Color','b', 'LineWidth',0.5);
148     for k=1:numTagsX
149         tempx = Tagx(1:end,k);
150         tempy = Tagy(1:end,k);
151         temppos = horzcat(tempx,tempy);
152         viscircles(temppos,radiipl, 'Color','k', 'LineStyle',':', 'LineWidth',0.25);
153     end
154 hold off
155
156 % Creating measurements
157 antPosnew=[xUpdateAnt,yUpdateAnt];
158 for m = 1:numTags % m = current number of tag
159     m_str = num2str(m);
160     tempTag=[Tagx(m),Tagy(m)];
161     tempD = pdist([antPosnew; tempTag], 'euclidean');
162
163     % Display if tag is in range or not
164     if tempD > r1
165         streamDataRSSI(m) = 0;
166         if (streamDataRSSI(m) ~= streamDataRSSIold(m)) && mode == 2
167             if mode_hex == 1
168                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%s%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,dec2hex(m, 16),
169                     text3,k(end),text0);
170             elseif mode_hex == 0
171                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%d%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,m,text3,k(end),

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        text0);
171         end
172         fprintf(' %d %d %d\n',l*angle1,m,'0');
173     end
174     elseif tempD <= r1
175         % disp(['Label ',m_str,' in range!!!!!!!!!!!!!!']);
176         % Relation distance <=> RSSI
177         k_temp = find(r2>=tempD);
178         k = r4(k_temp);
179         dataRSSI(timeStep,m) = k(end);
180         streamDataRSSI(m) = k(end);
181         if (streamDataRSSI(m) ~= streamDataRSSIold(m)) && mode == 2
182             if mode_hex == 1
183                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%s%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,dec2hex(m, 16),
184                     text3,k(end),text0);
185             elseif mode_hex == 0
186                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%d%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,m,text3,k(end),
187                     text0);
188             end
189             fprintf(' %d %d %d\n',l*angle1,m,k(end));
190         elseif mode == 1
191             if mode_hex == 1
192                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%s%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,dec2hex(m, 16),
193                     text3,k(end),text0);
194             elseif mode_hex == 0
195                 fprintf(fileID, '%d %s%d%s%d%s\n',l*angle1,text2,m,text3,k(end),
196                     text0);
197             end
198             fprintf(' %d %d %d\n',l*angle1,m,k(end));
199         end
200     end
201     streamDataRSSIold = streamDataRSSI;
202     pause(cycleT/1000)
203     timeStep = timeStep + 1;
204 end
205 savefig('Figure2.fig');
206 fclose(fileID);
207
208 %% Results
209 % figure(3) % plot for the max value of every tag
210 % dataRSSIinoT = reshape(max(dataRSSI),[numTagsX,numTagsY]);
211 % plot3(Tagx,Tagy,dataRSSIinoT,'*');
212 % xlabel('Length platform in cm')
213 % ylabel('Width platform in cm')
214 % title('Max RSSI signal of every tag')
215
216 figure(4) % plot of the RSSI signal which are non zero vs. time
217 dataRSSIsum = sum(dataRSSI);
218 IDclear = find(dataRSSIsum ~= 0);
219 IDstr = string(IDclear);
220 dataRSSIclear = dataRSSI;
221 dataRSSIclear(:, all(~any(dataRSSI), 1))) = []; % and columns
222 plot(dataRSSIclear);
223 xlabel('Measurement points')
224 ylabel('RSSI')
225 ylim([0 360/angle1])
226 legend(IDstr,'FontSize',6);
227 title('RSSI Signal of every non zero tag')

```

11.2 Appendix B: Receiving data from reader via Wifi (C#)

```
1 using System;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.Linq;
4 using System.Text;
5 using System.Windows;
6 using System.IO;
7 using System.Threading;
8 using System.Net;
9 using System.Net.Sockets;
10 using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.SchedulingModule;
11 using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.FeedForwadModule;
12 using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.RoutingModule.PathAndVelocityPlanning.
    DataTypes;
13 using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.CameraModule.CameraForm;
14 using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.CameraControl.CameraControlClass;
15 using System.Windows.Threading;
16 using System.Diagnostics; // Process
17 using System.Globalization;
18 using Emgu.CV.WPF;
19 using System.Threading.Tasks;
20 using System.Collections.Concurrent;
21
22 namespace MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.RFID
23 {
24     public class receive
25     {
26         public string[] availablearray=new string[1];
27         public void connect()
28         {
29             try
30             {
31                 Console.WriteLine("Connecting");
32                 TcpClient tcpClient = new TcpClient("192.168.0.100", 8883);
33                 if (tcpClient.Connected)
34                 {
35                     Console.WriteLine("Connected to server");
36                 }
37             }
38             catch (Exception e)
39             {
40                 Console.WriteLine("Connection Failed");
41             }
42         }
43
44         public void reading(CancellationTokens ct)
45         {
46             if (ct.IsCancellationRequested == true)
47             {
48                 ct.ThrowIfCancellationRequested();
49             }
50         }
51     }
52 }
```

```
49     }
50
51     Console.WriteLine("Connecting");
52     TcpClient tcpClient = new TcpClient("192.168.0.100", 8883);
53
54     if (tcpClient.Connected)
55     {
56         Console.WriteLine("Connected to server");
57     }
58
59     using (StreamReader STR = new StreamReader(tcpClient.GetStream()))
60     {
61         string recieve;
62         char[] trash = new char[16];
63         char[] UID = new char[3];
64         char[] RSSI = new char[3];
65         long milliseconds, seconds, minutes;
66         string UID_, RSSI_, RSSI__;
67         string[] array = new string[1];
68
69         List<string> RSSI__;
70         int UID_DEC=0;
71         int RSSI_int = 0;
72
73         while ((recieve = STR.ReadLine()) != null && !ct.
74             IsCancellationRequested)
75         {
76             if (ct.IsCancellationRequested)
77             {
78                 try
79                 {
80                     ct.ThrowIfCancellationRequested();
81                 }
82                 catch (AggregateException e)
83                 {
84                 }
85             }
86
87             if (recieve.Contains("+"))
88             {
89                 List<string> Worte = recieve.Split(new string[] { "OK",
90                     "<\r>", "\n", "", "SCAN:+UID=", "+RSSI=" },
91                     StringSplitOptions.RemoveEmptyEntries).ToList();
92                 string Wort = string.Join("", Worte.ToArray());
93
94                 using (StringReader sr = new StringReader(Wort))
95                 {
96                     sr.Read(trash, 0, 13);
97                     sr.Read(UID, 0, 3);
98                     UID_ = new string(UID);
```

```

97         sr.Read(trash, 0, 1);
98         sr.Read(RSSI, 0, 1);
99         RSSI_ = new string(RSSI);
100     try
101     {
102         UID_DEC = Int32.Parse(UID_, System.Globalization
103             .NumberStyles.HexNumber);
104     }
105     catch (Exception e)
106     {
107     }
108 }
109
110 RSSI__ = RSSI_.Split(new string[] { "," },
111     StringSplitOptions.RemoveEmptyEntries).ToList();
112 RSSI___ = string.Join(",", RSSI__.ToArray());
113 try
114 {
115     RSSI_int = Int32.Parse(RSSI___);
116 }
117 catch (Exception e)
118 {
119 }
120
121 milliseconds = DateTimeOffset.Now.Millisecond;
122 seconds = DateTimeOffset.Now.Second;
123 minutes = DateTimeOffset.Now.Minute;
124 array[0] = minutes + " " + seconds + " " + milliseconds
125     + " " + UID_DEC + " " + RSSI_int;
126 //File.AppendAllText(AppDomain.CurrentDomain.
127     BaseDirectory + "\\pythonfiles\\python_1robot\\
128     RFID_Data.log", minutes + " " + seconds + " " +
129     milliseconds + "\t UID: " + UID_ + " RSSI: " +
130     RSSI___ + "\r");
131 //File.AppendAllText(AppDomain.CurrentDomain.
132     BaseDirectory + "\\pythonfiles\\python_1robot\\
133     RFID_Data_original.log", hour + ":" + minutes + ":"
134     + seconds + ":" + milliseconds + "\t" + recieve + "\r");
135 //Console.WriteLine(minutes + " " + seconds + " " +
136     milliseconds + "\t" + " " + UID_ + " " + RSSI___);
137 }
138
139     this.availablearray[0] = array[0];
140 }
141 }
142
143 public void disconnect()
144 {
145

```

```
136         TcpClient tcpClient = new TcpClient();
137         tcpClient.Connect("192.168.0.100", 8883);
138         tcpClient.Close();
139
140     }
141 }
142 }
```

11.3 Appendix C: Initialization procedure (C#)

```

1  using System;
2  using System.Collections.Generic;
3  using System.Linq;
4  using System.Text;
5  using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.CameraModule.CameraForm;
6  using System.Threading;
7  using MULTIFORM_PCS.GUI;
8  using MULTIFORM_PCS.Gateway.ConnectionModule;
9  using MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.RFID;
10 using System.Threading.Tasks;
11 using System.Collections;
12
13 namespace MULTIFORM_PCS.ControlModules.MPCModule
14 {
15     public class Position
16     {
17         public int X = 0;
18         public int Y = 0;
19     }
20
21     public class PositionD
22     {
23         public double X = 0;
24         public double Y = 0;
25     }
26
27     class Init
28     {
29         public static void initialize(Int32 time)
30         {
31             int messungen = 100;
32             //Gateway.ConnectionModule.ConnectionCTRLModule.GetInstance().
33                 setCTRLForRobot(0, 0.0, 100.0, 0.0, 8.0, 0.0, 0.0, 3.0);
34             receive initial = new receive(); //Create a new instance of
35                 class Receive
36             var tokenSource = new CancellationTokenSource();
37             var token = tokenSource.Token;
38             Init compare = new Init();
39             string[] rfid_signals = new string[messungen];
40             int currentRobot = 0;
41             int[] RobotAssingment = new int[] { 0, 1, 3 };
42             Gateway.CTRLModule.GetInstance().camCtrl.
43                 processFrameAndUpdateGUI();
44             RobotDiscription[] RobotArray = new RobotDiscription[] { Gateway
45                 .CTRLModule.GetInstance().camCtrl.RobotA, Gateway.CTRLModule
46                 .GetInstance().camCtrl.RobotB,
47                 Gateway.CTRLModule.GetInstance().camCtrl.RobotC };
48             double[][] velocity1 = new double[RobotArray.Length][];
49             string[,] Signals = new string[messungen,8];

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```

45     velocity1[currentRobot] = new double[] { 0, 0 }; //Starts the
        Robot
46     Gateway.CTRLModule.GetInstance().getRobotRemoteCTRL(
        RobotAssingment[currentRobot]).forward(velocity1[
        currentRobot], 0, 0, 0); //Sends velocity to Robot
47     //Opening a new Task which works in the background to read data
        from RFID Antenna
48     Task t = Task.Factory.StartNew(() => initial.reading(token));
49     Thread.Sleep(1000);
50     for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++)          //9 Because of 8 measurements
        every 45 degree
51     {
52         for (int j = 0; j < messungen; j++)    //in this for loop we
            find all the reachable TAGs
53         {
54             Signals[j, i] = initial.availablearray[0];
55             Thread.Sleep(100);
56         }
57         velocity1[currentRobot] = new double[] { 100, -100 }; //
            Starts the Robot
58         Gateway.CTRLModule.GetInstance().getRobotRemoteCTRL(
            RobotAssingment[currentRobot]).forward(velocity1[
            currentRobot], 0, 0, 0); //Sends velocity to Robot
59         Thread.Sleep(time); //time the robot needs for a 45 degree
            turn
60         velocity1[currentRobot] = new double[] { 0, 0 }; //Stops
            the Robot
61         Gateway.CTRLModule.GetInstance().getRobotRemoteCTRL(
            RobotAssingment[currentRobot]).forward(velocity1[
            currentRobot], 0, 0, 0); //Sends velocity to Robot
62     }
63
64     tokenSource.Cancel();    //close the reading Thread
65     try
66     {
67         Task.WaitAll(t);
68     }
69     catch (AggregateException e)
70     {
71     }
72     finally
73     {
74         tokenSource.Dispose();
75     }
76     Console.WriteLine("END\r\r");
77
78     Array[] Liste = new Array[8];    //List of arrays each array in the
        array contains the data of a special position (45°, 90°,...)
79     string[,] Init_array = new string[8, 14];    //Array filled with
        signal strengthes and ID of every degree position
80     string temp_ID="begin", temp_RSSI;    //Substrings of Data

```



```
81     int counter;    //Counter for the row in the Init_Array
82     Console.WriteLine("");
83
84     for (int j = 0; j < 8; j++)
85     {
86         counter = 0;
87         for (int i = 0; i < messungen; i++)
88         {
89             try
90             {
91                 temp_ID = Signals[i, j].Substring(Signals[i, j].Length -
92                 6, 4);    //seperation of UID in the string
93                 if (temp_ID == "2788")
94                 {
95                     temp_ID = "1";
96                 }
97                 if (temp_ID == "1414")
98                 {
99                     temp_ID = "2";
100                 }
101                 if (temp_ID == "3060")
102                 {
103                     temp_ID = "3";
104                 }
105                 if (temp_ID == "1673")
106                 {
107                     temp_ID = "4";
108                 }
109                 if (temp_ID == "1925" || temp_ID == "1025")
110                 {
111                     temp_ID = "5";
112                 }
113                 if (temp_ID == "1681")
114                 {
115                     temp_ID = "6";
116                 }
117                 if (temp_ID == "1146")
118                 {
119                     temp_ID = "7";
120                 }
121                 if (temp_ID == "2780")
122                 {
123                     temp_ID = "8";
124                 }
125                 if (temp_ID == "1933")
126                 {
127                     temp_ID = "9";
128                 }
129             }
130             catch (AggregateException e)
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131         Console.WriteLine("Array incomplete");
132     }
133
134     temp_RSSI = Signals[i, j].Substring(Signals[i, j].Length -
1, 1);    //seperation of RSSI in the string
135     if (temp_ID != Init_array[j, 0] && temp_ID != Init_array[j,
1] && temp_ID != Init_array[j, 2] && temp_ID !=
Init_array[j, 3] && temp_ID != Init_array[j, 4] &&
temp_ID != Init_array[j, 5] && temp_ID != Init_array[j,
6] && temp_ID != Init_array[j, 7])    //check if the UID
already exists in the Init_array
136     {
137         //Filling Init_Array
138         Init_array[j, counter] = temp_ID;
139         Init_array[j, counter + 7] = temp_RSSI;
140         counter++;
141     }
142 }
143 }
144
145 int rowLength = Init_array.GetLength(0);
146 int collength = Init_array.GetLength(1);
147 string str;
148 string headline = "|" + "ID 1" + "|" + "ID 2" + "|" + "ID 3" + "
|" + "ID 4" + "|" + "ID 5" + "|" + "ID 6" + "|" + "ID 7" +
|" + "ST 1" + "|" + "ST 2" + "|" + "ST 3" + "|" + "ST 4" +
|" + "ST 5" + "|" + "ST 6" + "|" + "ST 7" + "|";
149 System.Console.WriteLine(headline);
150
151 for (int k = 0; k < rowLength; k++)
152 {
153     str = "|" + Init_array[k, 0] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 1] + "
|" + Init_array[k, 2] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 3] + "
|" + Init_array[k, 4] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 5] + "
|" + Init_array[k, 6] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 7] + "
|" + Init_array[k, 8] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 9] + "
|" + Init_array[k, 10] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 11] + "
"    |" + Init_array[k, 12] + "    |" + Init_array[k, 13]
+ "    |";
154     System.Console.WriteLine(str);
155 }
156
157 // Solver
158 // Different Positions
159 Position Starting = new Position();
160 Position Antenna1 = new Position();
161 Position Antenna2 = new Position();
162 Position Antenna3 = new Position();
163 Position Antenna4 = new Position();
164
165 //Initialization for Position estimation

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```

166         float m1 = 0.000f;
167         float m2 = 0.000f;
168
169         float RobStartx_fl = 0.000f;
170         float RobStarty_fl = 0.000f;
171
172         double angle;
173         double angleTemp;
174
175         int null_counter = 0;
176         int[] check_row = new int[8];
177         for (int m = 0; m < rowLength; m++)
178         {
179             null_counter = 0;
180             for (int n = 0; n < 7; n++)
181             {
182                 if (Init_array[m, n] == null)
183                 {
184                     null_counter++;
185                 }
186             }
187             check_row[m] = 7 - null_counter; //Array of elements with
188             the number empty places of each init_array row
189             System.Console.WriteLine("The number of elements at " + m *
190             45 + "° is: \t" + check_row[m]);
191         }
192         bool solution_found = false; //true if initialization process
193         is solvable
194         bool solution1_found = false; //true if one possible point is
195         found
196         bool solution2_found = false; //true if two possible points
197         are found
198         int count = 0;
199         int[] solution1 = new int[2]; //Array with the both degree
200         numbers of solution 1
201         int[] solution2 = new int[2]; //Array with the both degree
202         numbers of solution 2
203         while (solution_found == false)
204         {
205             while (solution1_found == false)
206             {
207                 if (check_row[count] >= 3)
208                 {
209                     if (check_row[count + 4] >= 3)
210                     {
211                         solution1[0] = count;
212                         solution1[1] = count + 4;
213                         break;
214                     }
215                     if (count >= 2) //if we reach the 180 degree
216                         there will be no solution for this

```

```

209         initialization turn
210     {
211         System.Console.WriteLine("NO SOLUTION FOUND!!!");
212         ;
213         break;
214     }
215     count++;
216 }
217 System.Console.WriteLine(count);
218 count = count + 1;
219 while (solution2_found == false)
220 {
221     if (check_row[count] >= 3)
222     {
223         if (count >= 8)
224         {
225             Console.WriteLine("Out of Range Exception caused
226                             in Array: count");
227         }
228         if (check_row[count + 4] >= 3)
229         {
230             solution2[0] = count;
231             solution2[1] = count + 4;
232             solution_found = true;
233             break;
234         }
235         if (count >= 3) //if we reach the 180 degree
236                             there will be no solution for this
237                             initialization turn
238         {
239             System.Console.WriteLine("NO SOLUTION FOUND!!!");
240             ;
241             break;
242         }
243         else
244         {
245             //count = count - 1;
246             break;
247         }
248     }
249 }
250 System.Console.WriteLine("Solution No. 1 found at: " +
251     solution1[0] * 45 + " degree -- " + solution1[1] * 45 +
252     " degree");
253 System.Console.WriteLine("Solution No. 2 found at: " +
254     solution2[0] * 45 + " degree -- " + solution2[1] * 45 +
255     " degree");
256 }
257
258 // Providing the distance with the highest probability

```

```

250      // Input:  # of tags, all IDs of the tags
251      // Output: best fitting IDs (e.g.[3 4 5] if 3rd, 4th and 5th
           are best ones)
252      //          the correct distance <-> RSSI signal (e.g.[2 1 3]
           for middle, max and min)
253      int[,] best_arr1 = new int[2, 3];
254      int[,] best_arr2 = new int[2, 3];
255      int[,] best_arr3 = new int[2, 3];
256      int[,] best_arr4 = new int[2, 3];
257
258      int[] temp_input1 = new int[7];
259      int[] temp_input2 = new int[7];
260      int[] temp_input3 = new int[7];
261      int[] temp_input4 = new int[7];
262
263      int[] temp_inputRSSI1 = new int[7];
264      int[] temp_inputRSSI2 = new int[7];
265      int[] temp_inputRSSI3 = new int[7];
266      int[] temp_inputRSSI4 = new int[7];
267
268      for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
269      {
270          for (int j = 0; j < 14; j++)
271          {
272              if (Init_array[i, j] == null)
273              {
274                  Init_array[i, j] = "0";
275              }
276          }
277      }
278
279      for (int m = 0; m < 7; m++)
280      {
281          temp_input1[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[0], m]);
282          temp_input2[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[1], m]);
283          temp_input3[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[0], m]);
284          temp_input4[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[1], m]);
285
286          temp_inputRSSI1[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[0], m
           + 7]);
287          temp_inputRSSI2[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[1], m
           + 7]);
288          temp_inputRSSI3[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[0], m
           + 7]);
289          temp_inputRSSI4[m] = Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[1], m
           + 7]);
290      }
291
292      best_arr1 = CorrectID_Distance(temp_input1, temp_inputRSSI1,
           check_row[solution1[0]]);
293      best_arr2 = CorrectID_Distance(temp_input2, temp_inputRSSI2,

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```

294         check_row[solution1[1]]);
295     best_arr3 = CorrectID_Distance(temp_input3, temp_inputRSSI3,
296         check_row[solution2[0]]);
297     best_arr4 = CorrectID_Distance(temp_input4, temp_inputRSSI4,
298         check_row[solution2[1]]);
299
300     // Position of the antennae
301     Antenna1 = Trilateration(IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[
302         solution1[0], best_arr1[0, 0]])), IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(
303         Init_array[solution1[0], best_arr1[0, 1]])),
304         IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1
305         [0], best_arr1[0, 2]])), Int32.Parse(
306         (Init_array[solution1[0], best_arr1
307         [0, 0] + 7])),
308         Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[0],
309         best_arr1[0, 1] + 7])), Int32.Parse(
310         Init_array[solution1[0], best_arr1
311         [0, 2] + 7])),
312         best_arr1[1, 0], best_arr1[1, 1],
313         best_arr1[1, 2]);
314
315     Antenna2 = Trilateration(IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[
316         solution1[1], best_arr2[0, 0]])), IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(
317         Init_array[solution1[1], best_arr2[0, 1]])),
318         IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1
319         [1], best_arr2[0, 2]])), Int32.Parse(
320         (Init_array[solution1[1], best_arr2
321         [0, 0] + 7])),
322         Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution1[1],
323         best_arr2[0, 1] + 7])), Int32.Parse(
324         Init_array[solution1[1], best_arr2
325         [0, 2] + 7])),
326         best_arr2[1, 0], best_arr2[1, 1],
327         best_arr2[1, 2]);
328
329     Antenna3 = Trilateration(IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[
330         solution2[0], best_arr3[0, 0]])), IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(
331         Init_array[solution2[0], best_arr3[0, 1]])),
332         IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2
333         [0], best_arr3[0, 2]])), Int32.Parse(
334         (Init_array[solution2[0], best_arr3
335         [0, 0] + 7])),
336         Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[0],
337         best_arr3[0, 1] + 7])), Int32.Parse(
338         Init_array[solution2[0], best_arr3
339         [0, 2] + 7])),
340         best_arr3[1, 0], best_arr3[1, 1],
341         best_arr3[1, 2]);
342
343     Antenna4 = Trilateration(IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[
344         solution2[1], best_arr4[0, 0]])), IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(

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314         Init_array[solution2[1], best_arr4[0, 1]]),
        IDtoPOS(Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2
315            [1], best_arr4[0, 2]])), Int32.Parse(
            (Init_array[solution2[1], best_arr4
            [0, 0] + 7])),
            Int32.Parse(Init_array[solution2[1],
            best_arr4[0, 1] + 7]), Int32.Parse(
            Init_array[solution2[1], best_arr4
            [0, 2] + 7])),
316         best_arr4[1, 0], best_arr4[1, 1],
            best_arr4[1, 2]);

317
318     Console.WriteLine("1st Antenna " + Antenna1.X + " and " +
            Antenna1.Y);
319     Console.WriteLine("2nd Antenna " + Antenna2.X + " and " +
            Antenna2.Y);
320     Console.WriteLine("3rd Antenna " + Antenna3.X + " and " +
            Antenna3.Y);
321     Console.WriteLine("4th Antenna " + Antenna4.X + " and " +
            Antenna4.Y);

322
323     //Console.ReadKey();
324     // Alternative estimation of the centre of the robot + position
325     //m1 = ((float)Antenna2.Y - (float)Antenna1.Y) / ((float)
            Antenna2.X - (float)Antenna1.X);
326     //m2 = ((float)Antenna4.Y - (float)Antenna3.Y) / ((float)
            Antenna4.X - (float)Antenna3.X);
327     //RobStartx_fl = (1 / (m1 - m2)) * (m1 * (float)Antenna1.X - m2
            * (float)Antenna3.X - (float)Antenna1.Y + (float)Antenna3.Y)
            ;
328     //RobStarty_fl = m1 * (RobStartx_fl - (float)Antenna1.X) + (
            float)Antenna1.Y;

329
330     //Starting.X = (int)RobStartx_fl;
331     //Starting.Y = (int)RobStarty_fl;
332
333     Starting.X = (((Antenna4.X-Antenna3.X)*(Antenna2.X*Antenna1.Y-
            Antenna1.X*Antenna2.Y)-(Antenna2.X-Antenna1.X)*(Antenna4.X*
            Antenna3.Y-Antenna3.X*Antenna4.Y)) /
334         ((Antenna4.Y - Antenna3.Y) * (Antenna2.X -
            Antenna1.X) - (Antenna2.Y - Antenna1.Y)
            * (Antenna4.X - Antenna3.X)));
335     Starting.Y = (((Antenna1.Y - Antenna2.Y) * (Antenna4.X *
            Antenna3.Y - Antenna3.X * Antenna4.Y) - (Antenna3.Y -
            Antenna4.Y) * (Antenna2.X * Antenna1.Y - Antenna1.X *
            Antenna2.Y)) /
336         ((Antenna4.Y - Antenna3.Y) * (Antenna2.X -
            Antenna1.X) - (Antenna2.Y - Antenna1.Y)
            * (Antenna4.X - Antenna3.X)));

337
338     Console.WriteLine("Robotstarting Position at:" + Starting.X + "

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339         mm, " + Starting.Y + "mm");
340
341         // Computing the orientation of the Robot
342         //angle = (Math.Atan2(y, x)) * (180 / Math.PI);
343         angleTemp = (Math.Atan2((Antenna1.Y - Starting.Y), (Antenna1.X -
344             Starting.X))) * (180 / Math.PI);
345         Console.WriteLine("Angle temp " + angleTemp);
346         angle = angleTemp - (double)(solution1[0]*45.0); // in deg
347         Console.WriteLine("Angle wrong direction " + angle);
348         if (angle <= 0.0)
349         {
350             angle = angle + 180;
351         }
352         else
353         {
354             angle = angle - 180;
355         }
356         Console.WriteLine("Robotangle: " + angle + "°");
357     }
358
359     // Procedure and function
360     // Method to compute the norm of a vector
361     public static double Norm(PositionD p) // get the norm of a vector
362     {
363         return (Math.Pow(Math.Pow(p.X, 2) + Math.Pow(p.Y, 2), 0.5));
364     }
365
366     //Methode to compute the position based on the ID in [cm], Output in [mm
367     ]
368     public static Position Trilateration(Position point1, Position point2,
369         Position point3, int r1t, int r2t, int r3t, int best1, int best2,
370         int best3)
371     {
372         //double[] dist = new double[] { 10.5, 10.0, 9.5, 9.0, 8.0, 6.0,
373             5.0, 4.0 }; // FH paper
374         double[,] dist = new double[3, 8] { { 14, 9.75, 9.0, 8.0, 7.0, 6.0,
375             3.5, 2.75 },
376             { 5.0, 5.1, 5.3, 5.5, 5.8, 4.0,
377                 3.5, 2.75 },
378             { 5.0, 4.7, 4.5, 4.3, 4.2, 4.0,
379                 3.5, 2.75} }; //
380         Approximation of our
381         measurements
382
383         Position resultPose = new Position();
384         PositionD ex = new PositionD();
385         PositionD ey = new PositionD();
386         PositionD aux = new PositionD();
387         PositionD auy = new PositionD();

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379         PositionD aux2 = new PositionD();
380         double r1;
381         double r2;
382         double r3;
383         r1 = dist[best1, r1t];
384         r2 = dist[best2, r2t];
385         r3 = dist[best3, r3t];
386
387         // For testing purpose
388         //Console.WriteLine("1st radius " + r1);
389         //Console.WriteLine("2nd radius " + r2);
390         //Console.WriteLine("3rd radius " + r3);
391
392         //Console.WriteLine("1st point " + point1.X + " " + point1.Y);
393         //Console.WriteLine("2nd point " + point2.X + " " + point2.Y);
394         //Console.WriteLine("3rd point " + point3.X + " " + point3.Y);
395
396         //unit vector in a direction from point1 to point 2
397         double p2p1Distance = Math.Pow(Math.Pow(point2.X - point1.X, 2) +
            Math.Pow(point2.Y - point1.Y, 2), 0.5);
398         ex.X = (point2.X - point1.X) / p2p1Distance;
399         ex.Y = (point2.Y - point1.Y) / p2p1Distance;
400         aux.X = point3.X - point1.X;
401         aux.Y = point3.Y - point1.Y;
402         //signed magnitude of the x component
403         double i = ex.X * aux.X + ex.Y * aux.Y;
404         //the unit vector in the y direction.
405         aux2.X = point3.X - point1.X - i * ex.X;
406         aux2.Y = point3.Y - point1.Y - i * ex.Y;
407         ey.X = aux2.X / Norm(aux2);
408         ey.Y = aux2.Y / Norm(aux2);
409         //the signed magnitude of the y component
410         double j = ey.X * aux.X + ey.Y * aux.Y;
411         //coordinates
412         double x = (Math.Pow(r1, 2) - Math.Pow(r2, 2) + Math.Pow(
            p2p1Distance, 2)) / (2 * p2p1Distance);
413         double y = (Math.Pow(r1, 2) - Math.Pow(r3, 2) + Math.Pow(i, 2) +
            Math.Pow(j, 2)) / (2 * j) - i * (x / j);
414         //result coordinates
415         double finalX = 10 * (point1.X + x * ex.X + y * ey.X);
416         double finalY = 10 * (point1.Y + x * ex.Y + y * ey.Y);
417         resultPose.X = (int)(finalX);
418         resultPose.Y = (int)(finalY);
419
420         return resultPose;
421     }
422
423     // Methode to compute the position based on the ID in [mm]
424     public static Position IDtoPOS(int ID)
425     {
426         Position FinalPos = new Position();

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427         int[] posx = new int[9] { 10, 10, 10, 20, 20, 20, 30, 30, 30 };
428         int[] posy = new int[9] { 10, 20, 30, 10, 20, 30, 10, 20, 30 };
429         // For a 3x3 testing field
430         FinalPos.X = posx[ID - 1];
431         FinalPos.Y = posy[ID - 1];
432         return FinalPos;
433     }
434
435     // Find neighbours of the IDs
436     public static int[] FindNeig(int[] arrID, int numTags)
437     {
438         // Init
439         int[] neighbours = new int[numTags];
440         int[] tempNeig = new int[4];
441
442         // Find the number of neighbours
443         for (int m = 0; m < numTags; m++)
444         {
445             // Init
446             neighbours[m] = 0;
447
448             // Take actual ID and compute the possible neighbours
449             tempNeig[0] = arrID[m] - 11;
450             tempNeig[1] = arrID[m] - 1;
451             tempNeig[2] = arrID[m] + 1;
452             tempNeig[3] = arrID[m] + 11;
453
454             for (int v = 0; v < 4; v++)
455             {
456                 foreach (int tempinput in arrID)
457                 {
458                     if (tempinput == tempNeig[v])
459                     {
460                         neighbours[m] += 1;
461                     }
462                 }
463             }
464         }
465         return neighbours;
466     }
467
468     // Methode to compute the best IDs and correct distances
469     public static int[,] CorrectID_Distance(int[] arr, int[] arrRSSI, int
numTags)
470     {
471         // Inputs
472         /* arr = Array of all IDs
473          * arrRSSI = Array of all RSSI
474          numTags = Int with the num of tags found
475         */
476         // Init

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477     int[,] best = new int[2, 3];
478     int[] dist = new int[numTags];           // Array which contain the
        best distance (max(0),middle(1),min(2))
479     int[] neighbours = new int[numTags];
480     int i = 0;
481     int p = 4;
482
483     // Compute the neighbours
484     neighbours = FindNeig(arr, numTags);
485
486     // Switch case for the different possible shapes
487     switch (numTags)
488     {
489         case 3:
490             Console.WriteLine("3 Tags -----");
491             for (int l = 0; l < neighbours.GetLength(0); l++)
492             {
493                 if (neighbours[l] == 0)        // Detect outlier and
                    boarder
494                 {
495                     dist[l] = 1;                // stay max
496                 }
497                 else if (neighbours[l] <= 3)    // Detect outlier and
                    boarder
498                 {
499                     dist[l] = 0;                // stay max
500                 }
501                 else if (neighbours[l] == 4)    // Detect the inner,
                    change it to min/middle
502                 {
503                     dist[l] = 1;                // change it to middle
504                 }
505                 else if (neighbours[l] > 4)    // Detect the inner,
                    change it to min/middle
506                 {
507                     dist[l] = 0;                // change it to middle
508                 }
509                 // all other numbers are at the boarder
510             }
511             // Select the best 3 readings
512             i = 0;
513             p = 4;
514             while (i < 3)                      // Start for the first ID
515             {
516                 for (int h = 0; h < neighbours.GetLength(0); h++)    //
                    looks for a fitting
517                 {
518                     if (neighbours[h] == p && i < 3)    // hit must be
                        same value and less then 3 hits
519                     {
520                         best[0, i] = h;                // index of the

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521         best ID
           best[1, i] = dist[h];           // info about
           max, mid and min of this ID
522         i += 1;
523     }
524     else if (i >= 3)
525     {
526         break;
527     }
528 }
529 p -= 1;
530 }
531 break;
532 /*
-----
*/
533 case 4:
534     Console.WriteLine("4 Tags -----");
535     for (int l = 0; l < neighbours.GetLength(0); l++)
536     {
537         if (neighbours[l] == 0)           // Detect outlier and
           boarder
538         {
539             dist[l] = 1;                   // stay max
540         }
541         else if (neighbours[l] <= 3)       // Detect outlier and
           boarder
542         {
543             dist[l] = 0;                   // stay max
544         }
545         else if (neighbours[l] == 4)       // Detect the inner,
           change it to min/middle
546         {
547             dist[l] = 1;                   // change it to middle
548         }
549         else if (neighbours[l] > 4)       // Detect the inner,
           change it to min/middle
550         {
551             dist[l] = 0;                   // change it to middle
552         }
553         // all other numbers are at the boarder
554     }
555     // Select the best 3 readings
556     i = 0;
557     p = 4;
558     while (i < 3)                         // Start for the first ID
559     {
560         for (int h = 0; h < neighbours.GetLength(0); h++) //
           looks for a fitting
561         {
562             if (neighbours[h] == p && i < 3) // hit must be

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563         {
564             best[0, i] = h; // index of the
                    best ID
565             best[1, i] = dist[h]; // info about
                    max, mid and min of this ID
566             i += 1;
567         }
568         else if (i >= 3)
569         {
570             break;
571         }
572     }
573     p -= 1;
574 }
575
576 break;
577
578 /* -----
579 */
580 case 5:
581     Console.WriteLine("5 Tags -----");
582     for (int l = 0; l < neighbours.GetLength(0); l++)
583     {
584         if (neighbours[l] <= 2) // Detect outlier and
                    boarder
585         {
586             dist[l] = 0; // stay max
587         }
588         else if (neighbours[l] == 3) // Detect the inner,
                    change it to min/middle
589         {
590             dist[l] = 1; // change it to middle
591         }
592         // all other numbers are at the boarder
593     }
594     // Select the best 3 readings
595     i = 0;
596     p = 4;
597     while (i < 3) // Start for the first ID
598     {
599         for (int h = 0; h < neighbours.GetLength(0); h++) //
                    looks for a fitting
600         {
601             if (neighbours[h] == p && i < 3) // hit must be
                    same value and less then 3 hits
602             {
603                 best[0, i] = h; // index of the
                        best ID
604                 best[1, i] = dist[h]; // info about
                        max, mid and min of this ID

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647         dist[l] = 0;           // stay max
648     }
649     else if (neighbours[l] == 3)    // Detect the
        centre, change it to min
650     {
651         dist[l] = 2;           // change it to min
652     }
653     // all other numbers are at the boarder
654 }
655 break;
656 default:
657     Console.WriteLine("Default case");
658     break;
659 }
660 // Select the best 3 readings
661 i = 0;
662 p = 4;
663 while (i < 3)                    // Start for the first ID
664 {
665     for (int h = 0; h < neighbours.GetLength(0); h++)    //
        looks for a fitting
666     {
667         if (neighbours[h] == p && i < 3)    // hit must be
            same value and less then 3 hits
668         {
669             best[0, i] = h;                // index of the
                best ID
670             best[1, i] = dist[h];          // info about
                max, mid and min of this ID
671             i += 1;
672         }
673         else if (i >= 3)
674         {
675             break;
676         }
677     }
678     p -= 1;
679 }
680
681 break;
682
683 /*
684 -----
685 */
686 case 7:
687     Console.WriteLine("7 Tags -----");
688     for (int l = 0; l < neighbours.GetLength(0); l++)
689     {
690         if (neighbours[l] <= 3)    // Detect outlier and
            boarder
691         {
692             dist[l] = 0;           // stay max

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690     }
691     else if (neighbours[l] == 4)        // Detect the centre,
        change it to min
692     {
693         dist[l] = 2;                    // change it to min
694     }
695     // all other numbers are at the boarder
696 }
697 // Select the best 3 readings
698 i = 0;
699 p = 4;
700 while (i < 3)                          // Start for the first ID
701 {
702     for (int h = 0; h < neighbours.GetLength(0); h++)    //
        looks for a fitting
703     {
704         if (neighbours[h] == p && i < 3)    // hit must be
            same value and less then 3 hits
705         {
706             best[0, i] = h;                // index of the
                best ID
707             best[1, i] = dist[h];          // info about
                max, mid and min of this ID
708             i += 1;
709         }
710         else if (i >= 3)
711         {
712             break;
713         }
714     }
715     p -= 1;
716 }
717 break;
718 default:
719     Console.WriteLine("Default case");
720     break;
721 }
722 foreach (int ee in best)
723 {
724     Console.WriteLine(ee);
725 }
726 return best;
727 }
728 }
729 }
```