

Cooperative indoor localization using multipath channel information

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Motivation

- indoor positioning requires infrastructure, e.g. physical anchors
- omit physical anchors by employment of multipath propagation model and cooperation among agents
- reflective surfaces (e.g. wall segments, windows, . . .) act as physical anchors

Contribution

- indoor localization exploiting multipath propagation of radio frequency channels
- use floorplan information only

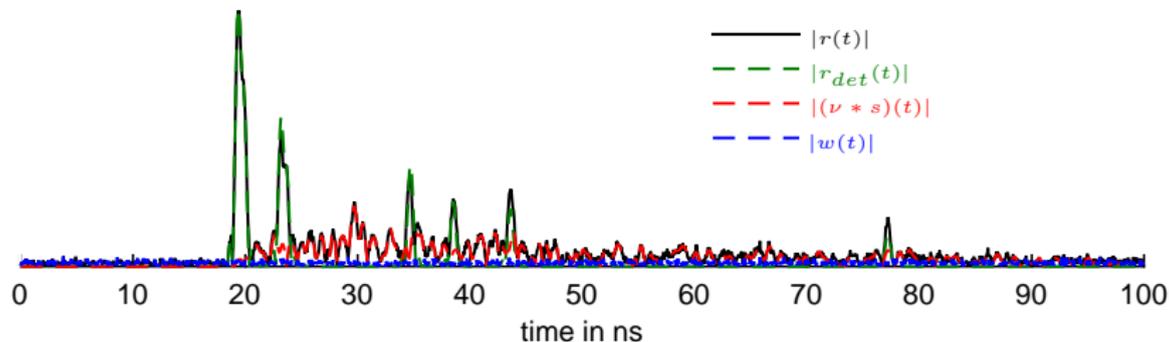
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SIGNAL & CHANNEL MODEL

Received signal¹

$$r(t) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k s(t - \tau_k) + (\nu * s)(t) + w(t)$$



SIGNAL & CHANNEL MODEL

Received signal²

$$r(t) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k s(t - \tau_k) + \nu(t) * s(t) + w(t)$$

with delay τ_k denoted as

$$\tau_k = \frac{1}{c} \|\mathbf{p}^{(m)} - \mathbf{p}_k^{(m')}\|$$

with agent positions $\mathbf{p}^{(m)}$ and virtual anchor positions $\mathbf{p}_k^{(m')}$

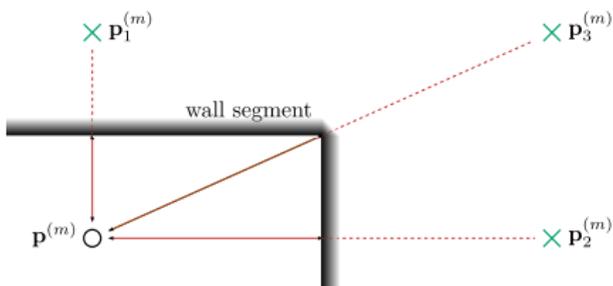
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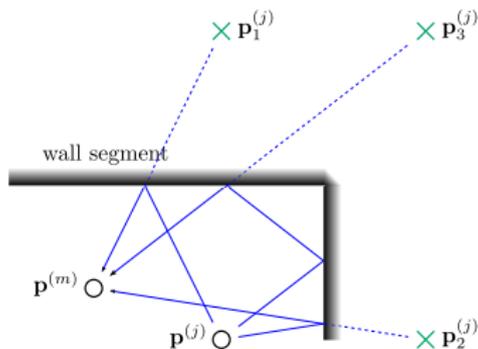
Measurement function

$$\tau_k = \frac{1}{c} \|\mathbf{p}^{(m)} - \mathbf{p}_k^{(m')}\|$$

Multipath propagation model



Mono-static measurement



Bi-static measurement

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³J. Kulmer, E. Leitinger, P. Meissner, K. Witrisal: Cooperative Multipath-Assisted Navigation and Tracking: A Low-Complexity Approach, Future Access Enablers of Ubiquitous and Intelligent Infrastructures. Springer 2015

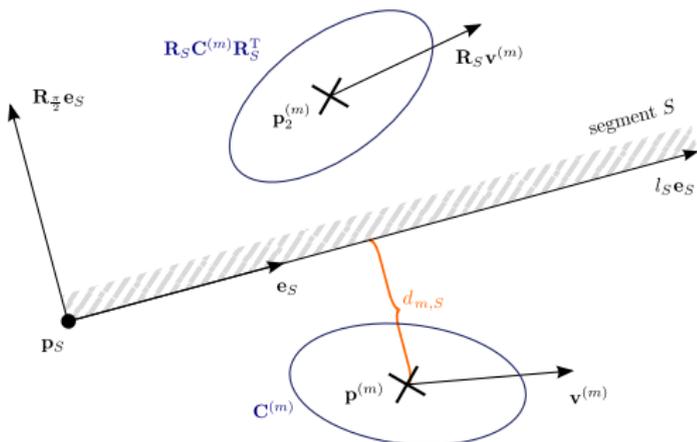
MULTIPATH PROPAGATION MODEL

Position uncertainty and velocity of agent m

- agent m 's position described by $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{p}^{(m)}, \mathbf{C}^{(m)})$
- and velocity $\mathbf{v}^{(m)}$

Relation to virtual anchors

- virtual anchor position, uncertainty and velocity are determined by reflector alignment \mathbf{R}_S



PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Linear state space model

$$\text{motion model: } \mathbf{x}_n = g(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) + \mathbf{n}_{a,n}$$

$$\text{measurement model: } \mathbf{z}_n = h(\mathbf{x}_n) + \mathbf{n}_n$$

Measurements

- self measurement
 - agent transmits and receives simultaneously (both antennas placed next to each other)
 - measurement results are independent on neighboring agents
- relative measurement
 - measurement between two agents (cooperative)
 - measurement results depend on both agent's positions

PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Extended Kalman Filter

- prediction step
 - linear constant-velocity model
- update step
 - measure impulse responses of each self and relative measurement
 - estimate channel parameters α_k and τ_k of each measurement
 - τ_k covers delay information
 - α_k covers reliability
 - predict deterministic delays
 - associate deterministic and measured delay
 - estimate agent positions by linearization of the multipath propagation model

MEASUREMENTS

Setup

- two agents move along trajectories
- floorplan is known (34 reflectors: windows, doors, concrete walls)
- no additional physical anchors

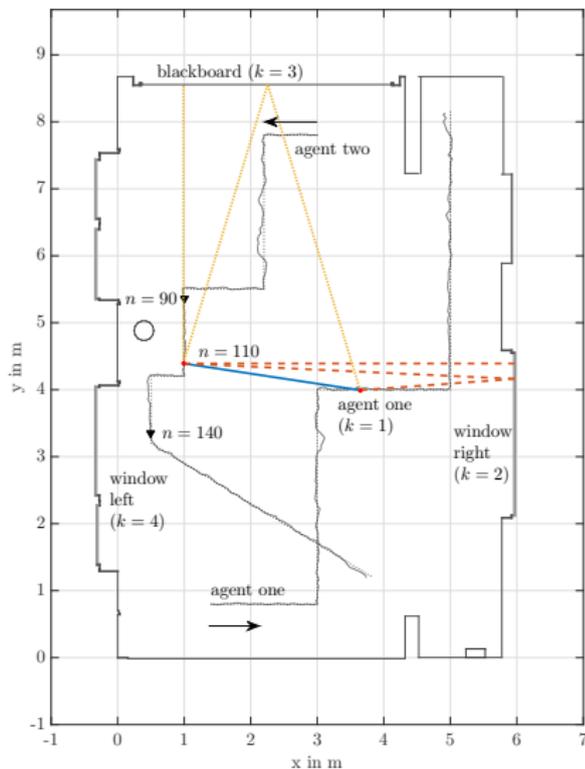
Channel measurements

- two self measurements
- one relative measurement
- impulse response shaped with raised cosine of 2GHz bandwidth at 7GHz carrier frequency

MEASUREMENTS

Proof-of-concept

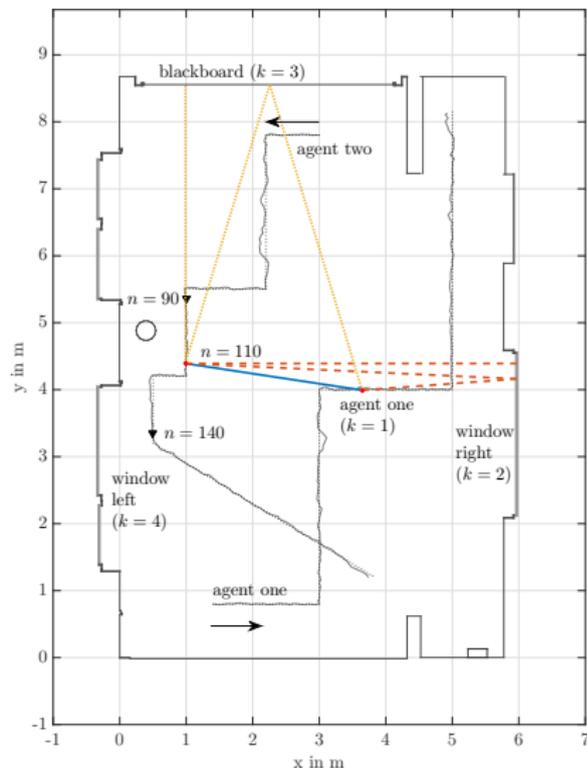
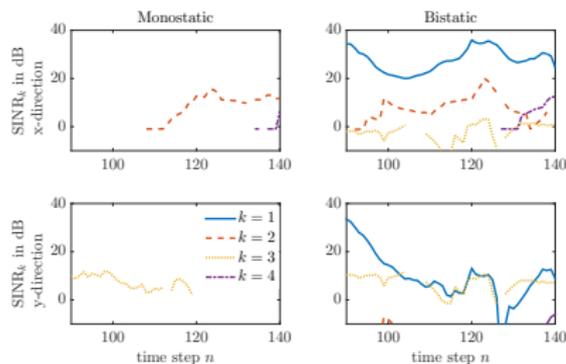
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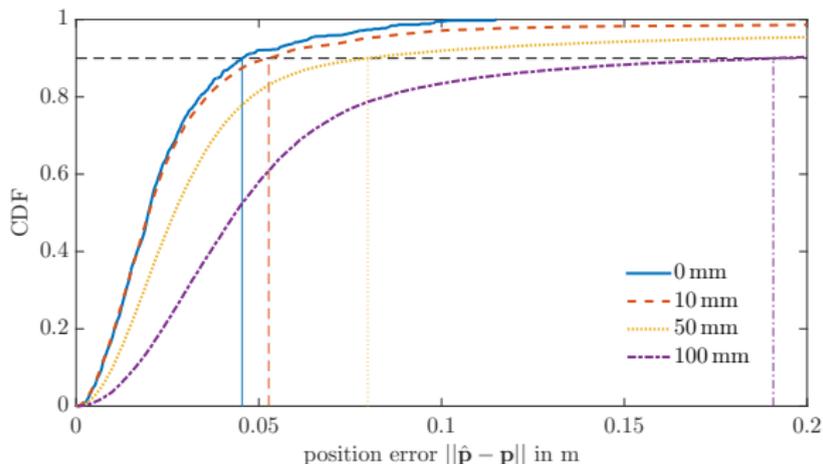
- estimated MPCs of agent two
- reliability of MPCs



MEASUREMENTS

Impact of floorplan accuracy

- virtual anchor positions rely on provided floorplan
- add uniform distributed noise to floorplan segment positions



SUMMARY

Conclusion

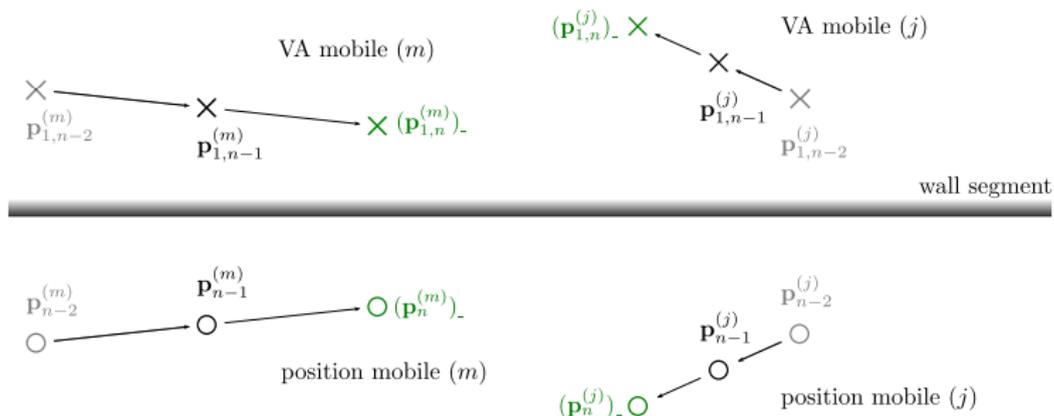
- Anchorless, cooperative localization using multipath components
- Focus on robustness and accuracy
- Assumptions
 - no external interference
 - perfect synchronization between agents
 - floorplan is provided with high accuracy

Future work

- Distributed localization
- Cognitive positioning

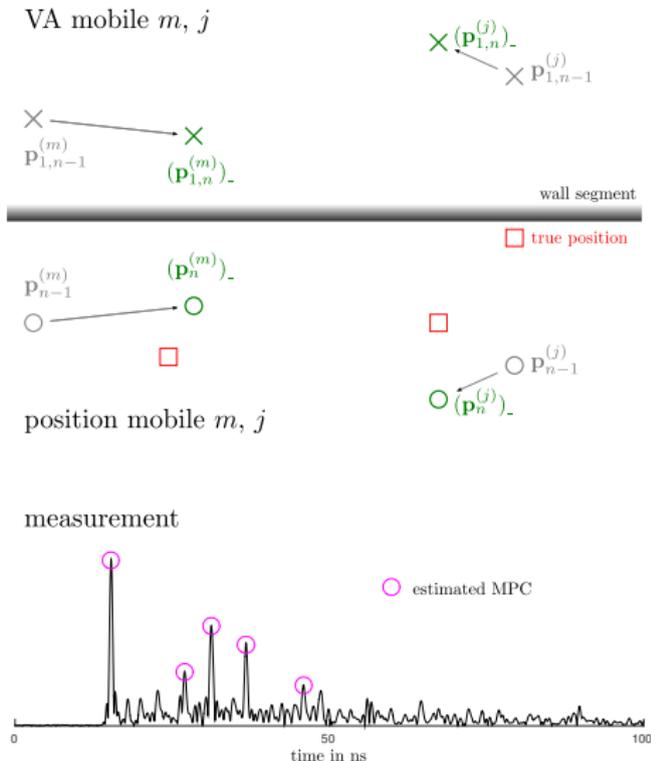
IMPLEMENTATION

- Prediction step
 - constant velocity motion model
 - virtual anchor (VA) movement dependent on the floor plan



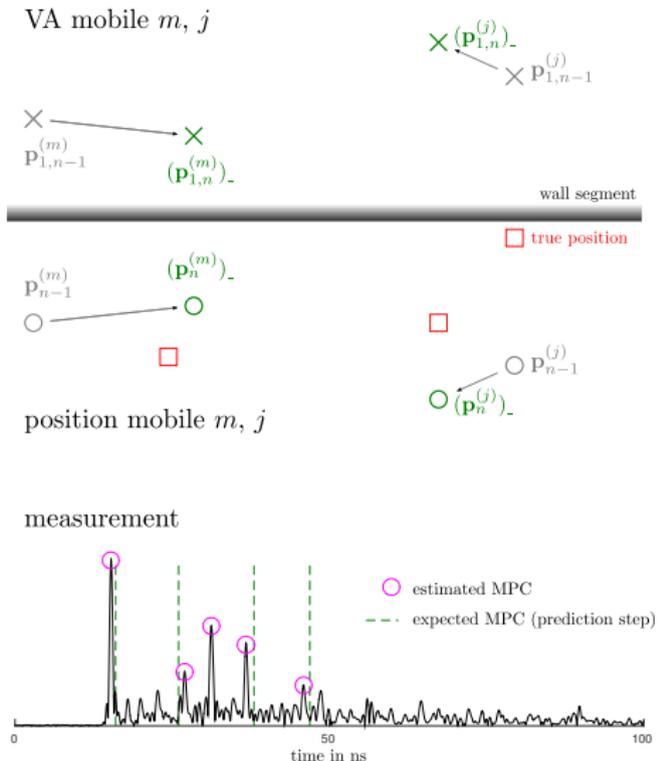
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- Update Step
 - Perform measurements of each mobile
 - Estimate arrival time of multipath components
 - Compute expected delays given the virtual anchors
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