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FAST AND EFFICIENT FINGERPRINT-BASED LOCALIZATION AND TRACKING

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Location fingerprint is a common approach to GPS-less localization. In this approach, for good accuracy, the training set of sample fingerprints should be sufficiently large to be well-representative of the environment in terms of both spatial coverage and temporal coverage. As such, the computation required during the positioning phase can be expensive because we have to evaluate each new fingerprint against the training data repeatedly over time. It is desirable, therefore, to optimize computational efficiency, not just localization accuracy. Existing techniques are far from this goal due to their polarization toward only one criterion. This talk introduces our recent findings summarized into two parts: (1) given a fixed set of sample fingerprints obtained offline, using spatially hierarchical learning and graph regularization methods to improve both accuracy and efficiency, and (2) given no sample fingerprint in advance, using online learning methods to localize and track mobile devices in real time as sample fingerprints are obtained in a stream manner. The proposed research's goal is to result in localization and tracking solutions that are low-cost, yet fast and accurate.

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