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“Dynamic Node Collaboration for Mobile Target Tracking in Wireless Camera Sensor Networks”

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Abstract

With the rapid advances in computer and wireless communications techniques/devices, wireless camera sensor networks are becoming feasible and attracting more and more research attention recently. Providing with much more comprehensive and accurate sensing information, wireless camera sensor networks outperform many other types of wireless sensor networks in the mobile target tracking and localization which play a critical role in both military and surveillant applications. In this talk, we focus on the dynamic node collaboration schemes for mobile target tracking and localization in wireless camera sensor networks. Unlike the traditional sensing models, we develop a nonlinear localization-oriented sensing model for camera sensors by taking the perspective projection and the observation noises into account. Based on our sensing model, we apply the sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) technique to estimate the belief state of the target location. In order to implement the SMC based tracking mechanism efficiently, we propose the dynamic node collaboration scheme, which can balance the tradeoff between the quality of tracking and the network cost. Our scheme deploys the dynamic cluster architecture which mainly includes the following two components. First, applying the importance sampling principle, we design a scheme to elect the cluster heads during the tracking process. Second, we develop an optimization-based algorithm using the continuous entropy and mutual information techniques to select an optimal subset of camera sensors as the cluster members for estimating the target location cooperatively. We use the simulation results to validate and evaluate our proposed schemes. We also discuss the future potential research directions in the mobile target tracking/localization using wireless camera sensor networks and the other related areas.

Biography

Xi Zhang (IEEE, S'89-SM'98) received the Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering and computer science (Electrical Engineering-Systems) from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. He is currently an Associate Professor and the Founding Director of the Networking and Information Systems Laboratory, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station, USA. He was with the Networks and Distributed Systems Research Department, AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hills, NJ, and with AT&T Laboratories Research, Florham Park, NJ, in 1997. He has published more than 180 research papers. He received the U.S. National Science Foundation CAREER Award in 2004 for his research in the areas of mobile wireless and multicast networking and systems. He received the Best Paper Awards in the IEEE WCNC 2010, IEEE GLOBECOM 2009, and IEEE GLOBECOM 2007, respectively. He received the TEES Select Young Faculty Award for Excellence in Research Performance from the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University, College Station, in 2006.

Prof. Zhang is currently serving as an Editor for the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS, an Editor for the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, an Associate Editor for the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VEHICULAR TECHNOLOGY, a Guest Editor for the IEEE JOURNAL ON SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS (J-SAC) for the special issue on "wireless video transmissions", a Guest Editor for IEEE JOURNAL ON SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS (J-SAC) for the special issue on "broadband wireless communications for high speed vehicles", an Associate Editor for the IEEE COMMUNICATIONS LETTERS, the Guest Editor for the *IEEE COMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE* for the special issue on "advances in cooperative wireless networking", the Guest Editor for the *IEEE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE* for the special issue on "next generation of CDMA versus OFDMA for 4G wireless applications", an Editor for the JOHN WILEY'S JOURNAL ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND MOBILE COMPUTING, an Editor for the JOURNAL OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS, NETWORKING, AND COMMUNICATIONS, an Associate Editor for the JOHN WILEY'S JOURNAL ON SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, and an Area Editor for the ELSEVIER JOURNAL ON COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS, and is also serving as a Guest Editor for JOHN WILEY'S JOURNAL ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND MOBILE COMPUTING for the special issue on "next generation wireless communications and mobile computing".

Prof. Zhang is serving or has served as the Technical Program Committee (TPC) Co-Chair for IEEE INFOCOM 2013, TPC Chair for IEEE GLOBECOM 2011, the General Chair for IEEE ICC 2011 – Workshop on Advanced Networking Technologies for Smart-Service-Oriented Clouding Computing, TPC Vice-Chair for IEEE INFOCOM 2010, the General Chair for ACM QShine 2010, TPC Co-Chair for IEEE INFOCOM 2009 - Mini-Conference, TPC Co-Chair for IEEE GLOBECOM 2008 - Wireless Communications Symposium, TPC Co-Chair for the IEEE ICC 2008 - Information and Network Security Symposium, Symposium Chair for IEEE/ACM International Cross-Layer Optimized Wireless Networks Symposium 2006, 2007, and 2008, respectively, the TPC Chair for IEEE/ACM IWCMC 2006, 2007, and 2008, respectively, the Poster Chair for IEEE INFOCOM 2008, the Student Travel Grants Co-Chair for IEEE INFOCOM 2007, the Panel Co-Chair for IEEE ICCCN 2007, the Poster Chair for IEEE/ACM MSWiM 2007 and IEEE QShine 2006, Executive Committee Co-Chair for ACM QShine, the General Chair for ACM QShine 2010, the Publicity Chair for IEEE/ACM QShine 2007 and IEEE Wireless COM 2005, and the Panelist on the Cross-Layer Optimized Wireless Networks and Multimedia Communications at IEEE ICCCN 2007 and WiFi- Hotspots/WLAN and QoS Panel at IEEE QShine 2004. He has served as the TPC members for more than 70 IEEE/ACM leading conferences, including IEEE INFOCOM, IEEE GLOBECOM, IEEE ICC, IEEE WCNC, IEEE VTC, IEEE/ACM QShine, IEEE WoWMoM, IEEE ICCCN, etc.