LOCALIZATATION ESTIMATION USING THE TECHNIQUE OF MULTI-SEQUENCE POSITIONING

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ABSTRACT

Wireless sensor networks (WSN) have been considered as promising tools for many location dependent applications such as area surveillance, search and rescue, mobile tracking and navigation, etc. In addition, the geographic information of sensor nodes can be critical for improving network management, topology planning, packet routing and security. Although localization plays an important role in all those systems, itself is a challenging problem due to extremely limited resources available at each low-cost sensor node. This study is focusing on using a distribution-based estimation method. The reason for selecting this method because it is considered an energy saving effort comparing to costly centralized localization scheme. The scope of the estimation in localization of sensor nodes is a Multi-Sequence Positioning (MSP) method that can be applied for a large-scale network in order to achieve accurate distance estimation in sensor deployments where the source of event has a line-of-sight to all sensors. The MATLAB is the programming will be used in the study. This is conceived as an extension of existing WSN programming frameworks. The evaluation was carried based on the error resulted from location estimation scenario compared to the current localization technique of Received Signal Strength (RSS) and the Time of Arrival (TOA). The result showed that MSP showed more efficiently in short and long range as compared to TOA. However, RSS proven to perform better than MSP in long range estimation. This was reasoned to different functional related measures in which RSS is usually perceive less obstruction and shielding of satellite signals whereas MSP can be effected by cellular networks in which it limited by the cell size.



ABSTRAK

Rangkaian sensor tanpa wayar (WSN) telah dianggap sebagai alat yang menjanjikan untuk banyak lokasi permohonan bergantung seperti pemantauan kawasan, mencari dan menyelamat, pengesanan mudah alih dan pelayaran, dan lain-lain Selain itu, maklumat geografi nod sensor boleh menjadi penting untuk meningkatkan pengurusan rangkaian, perancangan topologi, penghalaan paket dan keselamatan. Walaupun penyetempatan memainkan peranan yang penting dalam semua sistem-sistem tersebut, itu sendiri adalah masalah yang mencabar kerana sumber yang sangat terhad di setiap kos rendah nod sensor. Kajian ini memberi tumpuan kepada menggunakan kaedah anggaran berdasarkan pengedaran. Sebab untuk memilih kaedah ini kerana ia dianggap sebagai usaha menjimatkan tenaga berbanding dengan skim penyetempatan berpusat mahal. Skop anggaran dalam penyetempatan nod sensor adalah kedudukan Multi-Sequence (MSP) kaedah yang boleh digunakan untuk rangkaian berskala besar bagi mencapai anggaran jarak yang tepat di dalam pergerakan sensor mana sumber sekiranya mempunyai garis sight kepada semua sensor. MATLAB adalah bahasa pengaturcaraan perisytiharan akan digunakan dalam penyetempatan dan mereka bentuk algoritma kajian. Ini dianggap sebagai lanjutan daripada rangka kerja pengaturcaraan WSN yang sedia ada. Penilaian ini dijalankan berdasarkan kesilapan itu adalah akibat daripada senario anggaran lokasi berbanding dengan teknik penyetempatan semasa Kuat Diterima Isyarat (RSS) dan Masa Ketibaan (TOA). Hasilnya menunjukkan bahawa MSP menunjukkan lebih cekap dalam julat pendek dan panjang berbanding TOA. Walau bagaimanapun, RSS terbukti lebih baik daripada MSP dalam anggaran jarak jauh. Ini telah memberi alasan kepada langkahlangkah fungsian yang berbeza yang berkaitan di mana RSS biasanya melihat halangan kurang dan pelindung isyarat satelit manakala MSP boleh dilaksanakan dengan rangkaian selular di mana ia dihadkan oleh saiz sel.



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LIST OF SYMBOLS

WSN	Wireless Sensor Networks
APS	Ad-Hoc Positioning System
AOA	Angle of Arrival
GPS	Global Positioning System
MSPA	Matrix Transform-Based Self Positioning Algorithm
MDS	Multidimensional Scaling
NLOS	Non-Line-Of-Sight
ROM	Read-Only Memory
RSS	Received Signal Strength
RSSI	Received Signal Strength Received Signal Strength Indicator Time-Of-Arrival Time-Difference-Of-Arrival
TOA	Time-Of-Arrival
TDOA	Time-Difference-Of-Arrival
MSP	Multi-Sequence Positioning
	STAKAA



CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF PROJECT

A wireless sensor network (WSN) is a group of specialized transducers with a communications infrastructure for monitoring and recording conditions in diverse environment [1]. WSN have seen tremendous advancement in design and applications in the recent years. It involved deployment of huge number of wireless sensor nodes essentially for monitoring a certain area and collecting data [2].

A wireless sensor network of spatially distributed autonomous sensors is used to monitor physical or environmental conditions, such as temperature, sound, pressure, and to cooperatively transmit their data through the network to a main location. The more then networks are bi-directional, also enabling control of sensor activities. The development of WSNs was motivated by military applications such as battlefield surveillance; today such networks are used in many industrial and consumer applications, such as industrial process monitoring and control, machine health monitoring, and so on [3].

WSN applications including agriculture, transportation and automation. The wireless sensor mote and the network hardware subsystem play a vital role in sensing, monitoring and communication. Wireless sensor network (WSN) has emerged as a promising technology because of the recent advances in electronics, networking, and



information processing. Other applications include habitat monitoring, environmental observation and forecasting systems, health monitoring, etc. In these applications, many low power and inexpensive sensor nodes are deployed in a vast space to cooperate as a network [4]. As wireless sensor nodes are battery driven so they have energy constraints too and in this regard the main challenge becomes coverage of the entire area and also ensuring a prolonged network lifetime.

In wireless sensor networks, it is essential for nodes to be aware of their physical positions: firstly, in aforementioned applications, the collected data will be valueless if not associated with corresponding collecting places; secondly, many supporting techniques for wireless sensor networks require nodes knowing their positions, for example, geographic routing, and geographic key distribution [5].

During the past several years, there have been many to turn the vision of sensor networks into a reality. Some prototypes of sensor nodes have been developed, including Motes [6] at Berkeley, u AMPS [7] at MIT, and GNOMES at Rice. The elementary functions of sensor networks include localization, detection, tracking, and targeting. Besides military applications, civilian applications have been developed based on these elementary functions, which can be classified into habitat monitoring, environment observation, health and other commercial applications.

The process in which nodes obtain their positions is called localization. Many localization algorithms have been proposed in the past several years [8] [9]. According to whether precise range measurements (the distances or angels between nodes) can be obtained, these algorithms can be roughly classified into two categories [10]: range-based and range-free. Range-based algorithms usually require some special hardware in order to obtain accurate range measurements between nodes and usually achieve high localization accuracy.

Due to environmental concerns and to the limited lifetime of energy resources, an intensive research activity is being carried out in energy-efficient protocols and algorithms for wireless networks through distance estimation technique, trying to reduce the energy consumption of the different network activities [11].



1.2 RESEARCH PROBLEM

The problem of maximizing the network lifetime while satisfying the coverage and also energy constraints [2] represent a big challenge for effective transmission of signals and to fulfill the requirement of sensor network administration. Maintaining energy based on distance estimation is one of the major challenges concerning the design is the power consumption of the wireless sensor node. Low power consumption is mandatory to guarantee a long lifetime if a battery is used as a power source or to allow the use of an energy harvester [12].

Despite the ability of WSN to withstand harsh environmental conditions, the main problems associated with WSN is power consumption for nodes, when in most cases the ineffective distance estimation of sensors increases power consumption of sensors. Though work has been done to resolve this issue but mainly as the problem inherently involves time issues, so the problem formulation is time dependent [13].

Distance estimation is a key issue in range-free localization algorithms for wireless sensor networks. Approaches that assume isotropy of networks, such as Dv-hop and Gradient, cannot obtain accurate distance estimations in anisotropic sensor networks thus are not applicable to such networks [14]. Location and internodes distance estimation is of profound importance for various WSN applications. Similarly, estimation of the hop distance between two network locations is equivalent to estimating the minimum number of hops, which leads to maximization of the distance covered in multihop paths [15].

Based on the above, it is shown that less effort have been made by previous researchers to conceive energy saving protocols and algorithms and improve power sensitive network architectures by applying accurate distance estimation through low energy effort. Therefore, the researcher argues that currently the transmission of signals in WSN though the implementation of distance estimation technique is not effective to minimize the energy consumption in WSN. There may be some effect of shadowing and may results in packet loss, then proper mitigation or corrective measure must be followed in order to accurately measure distance through low energy effort [14].

In addition to that currently there are some approaches for distance estimation such as multihop distance estimation with Greedy approach [15] which attempts to minimize



the remaining distance to the destination in each hop, where some scholars argue this approach is still not a good solution for this problem [2].

Other approaches such as sensors anchor supervised distance estimation in anisotropic wireless sensor networks [14],Connectivity-Based Distance Estimation in Wireless Sensor Networks [16], are considered unreliable approaches to accurate estimate the distance between nodes in WSN. However, the researcher suggest that all these efforts for distance estimations were not effective to reduce power consumption and to the minimum of sensors in WSN. Also there no one combined technique for localization of sensor uses the measurement of the strength (RSS) and the time of arrival (TOA) of the received signal in one protocol, which will be proposed in this study.

1.3 THE RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

- 1. To investigate distance estimation algorithms based on previous effort through distribution-based estimation schemes.
- To examine the current sensor localization algorithms used to determine sensors' positions in wireless sensor networks.
- 3. To evaluate the proposed algorithms using the current localization technique in WSN those are based on the measurement of the strength (RSS) and the time of arrival (TOA) of the received signal.

1.4 THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE STUDY

This study is the first work considering importance of Accurate Distance Estimation through low energy effort in wireless sensor networks. The main contribution of this study is proposing an effective algorithm in realistic scenarios providing energy savings through combined technique for localization of sensor uses the measurement of the strength (RSS) and the time of arrival (TOA) of the received signal in one protocol. The finding of this study will guaranteeing a given accuracy in the distance estimations which contribute to the effort of energy saving in WSN as well as guarantee a desired accuracy in the localization result.

1.5 THE SCOPE STUDY

This study is focusing on using a distribution-based estimation method. The reason for selecting this method because it is considered an energy saving effort comparing to costly centralized localization scheme. The scope of the estimation in localization of sensor nodes is a Multi-Sequence Positioning (MSP) method that can be applied for a large-scale network in order to achieve accurate distance estimation in sensor deployments where the source of event has a line-of-sight to all sensors. The MATLAB is a declarative programming language will be used in the localization and designing the algorithm of the study. This is conceived as an extension of existing WSN programming frameworks.

1.6 RESEARCH OVERVIEW

The research is divided into five chapters as follow:

MINAI **Chapter 1:** The introduction of the thesis, which includes the introduction on the topic, the problem statement, the research questions and objectives, and research contribution.

Chapter 2: Presenting the necessary background information and related research for accurate sensor distance estimation algorithms in wireless sensor networks. The challenges for effective and robust sensor localization are also discussed.

The researcher proposes the concept of distance estimation in sensor networks. The application demands for differentiated sensor distance estimation are identified. Then, three differentiated sensor distance estimation methods based on multidimensional scaling techniques are proposed to get accurate position estimation and to reduce computation and communication costs that save energy efforts in WSN.

Chapter 3: The research methodology. The researcher proposes the methods and algorithms used accurate distance estimation in WSN.

Chapter 4: The centralized sensor distance estimation method is extended to a distributed sensor localization algorithm and a robust sensor localization algorithm. They are developed based on multidimensional scaling technique to deal with diverse challenging conditions. In the distributed sensor localization algorithm, multidimensional scaling and coordinate alignment techniques are applied to accurately estimate the distance of



adjacent sensors. The estimated positions of the anchors are compared with their true physical positions and corrected to achieve robust sensor localization.

Chapter 5: The research summarizes the contributions of this dissertation on distance estimation for energy efforts in WSN and the proposed algorithms for wireless sensor network systems. Then, examining potential extension based on the proposed approaches. Finally, the researcher discusses some directions for future work.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION



Many scholars show the importance of techniques used for power saving in wireless sensor networks through effective distance estimation because of environmental concerns and the shortage of battery life and limitation of energy resources, some researchers conducted an intensive research in energy-efficient protocols, while others focus on special algorithms for distance estimation and localization in sensor wireless networks, in an attempt to reduce the energy consumption for localization of sensors and save power for longer life time in order to use the sensor for other activities in the future. The research in localization and distance estimation for sensors in WSN is very active and important for economic sensor networks, and a number of works have be done on this topic considering the importance of energy consumption as an important factor in the design of power efficient localization techniques and algorithms. In this chapter we demonstrate the literatures and previous studies that have discussed energy saving efforts through distance estimation. In this paper, we explained different localization techniques and distance estimation methods and the main algorithms used for locating nodes in WSN.

2.2 WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS (WSN)

A wireless sensor network (WSN) is a computer network composed of sensor nodes distributed in different locations in a certain area for a specific purpose by transmitting wireless signals to the administration center. The sensors in WSN used in an infrastructure-based (base stations) or in a self organizing ad-hoc network in order to send specific information and required data for particular aim on their environment using sensors [17].

Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) is typically a sub-class of ad hoc networks. It is a network of sensors in order to monitor some phenomenon. This network of sensors has wide application in hard to reach places or hazardous areas, such as in the following areas [18]:

- Industrial monitoring functions, particularly in areas of difficult access; Aviation replacing wired acc Aviation - replacing wired networks, as they are already used today;
- Environment monitoring environmental variables in buildings, oceans forests, etc;
- Traffic monitoring of roads, parking lots, etc;
- Engineering monitoring (and modeling) structures.

Recent years have witnessed great advances in using WSN and embedded sensors. Wireless sensor nodes are typically integrate many great features such as small devices, low-power, low-cost, equipped with limited sensing, data processing and wireless communication capabilities, as well as power supply. Sensor Networks create exciting opportunities for large-scale, data-intensive measurement, surveillance, and analytical applications [19].

Sensors represent the network nodes and have been designed for many purposes such as for sending data about enemies in battle field and military as an early warning system for monitoring of country borders [20]. Therefore the estimation of distance of each node is very important and in some case may affect the security of the country. Error and inaccurate distance estimation of sensor nodes may lead to dangerous consequences where WSN used for surveillance and border monitoring.

Beyond military applications, sensor nodes have interesting civilian uses as illustrated below [21]:

• **Energy efficiency:** Red sensors are used to monitor the efficient use of electricity, as the case of Japan and Spain.

• **High security environments:** There are places that require high levels of security to prevent terrorist attacks such as nuclear power plants, airports, government buildings restricted passage. Here thanks to a network of sensors can detect situations with a simple camera would be impossible.

• **Environmental sensors:** Environmental control of vast areas of forest or ocean, would be impossible without sensor networks. The control of multiple variables such as temperature, moisture, fire, earthquakes and other. They also help experts diagnose or prevent a problem or urgency and minimize the environmental impact of human presence.

• **Industrial sensors:** Within factories complex systems there are quality control, the size of these sensors allows them to be where required.

• Automotive: Sensor networks are the ideal traffic cameras because they can inform the traffic situation in blind spots that do not cover cameras and can also inform drivers of the situation, should complement jam or accident, with what they have resilience to take alternative routes.

• **Medicine:** Another very promising field. With the downsizing that are experiencing the sensor nodes, the quality of life of patients who have to be checked his vital signs (pulse, pressure, blood sugar level, etc), you can improve substantially.

• **Automation:** Their size, economy and speed of deployment, make it an ideal home technology at an affordable price.

Sensors networks are always is a state of art project and belong to government. The widespread sensor networks nowadays show the importance of these networks for public purposes. One of the most famous applications of wireless sensor networks is weather monitoring in weather forecast stations, some of these networks are implemented by conventional telecommunications networks [22].



Based on the above, the research summarizes the main characteristics of wireless sensor network:

- Energy consumption restrictions for sensor nodes using short life batteries or constraints on power consumption.
- Difficulty for accurate distance estimation and exact localization
- Capability to deal with node failures
- Heterogeneousness of nodes
- Mobility of sensor nodes
- Scalability. Most of wireless sensor networks are installed in a large scale of deployment.
- Ability to withstand harsh environmental conditions
- Ease of use
- Cross-layer design

2.3 METHODS OF DISTANCE ESTIMATION IN WSN



Usually wireless sensor networks comprised of hundreds to thousands of cheap nodes with inhibited computing power and limited memory, where the short battery lifetime is the main obstacle in distance estimation of nodes. Even sensors are the most efficient ways nowadays for monitoring of areas and collecting essential data for particular purposes [23]. Localization is a very important issue for various sensor applications, and the accuracy of distance estimation should be high and localization must be low cost in wireless sensor networks. Besides distance estimation is vital for sensor network management such as topology control, boundary detection and so on [24].

The main purpose of sensor localization and estimation of distances between the nodes is to determine the location of sensors in a WSN via noisy measurements. The main measurements used for distance estimation include the following:

- 1. Received Signal Strength (RSS)
- 2. Time-of-Arrival (TOA)
- 3. Time-Difference-of-Arrival (TDOA)

The researcher argue that RSS currently is a popular method and most used in distance estimation mainly because of its low complexity and higher efficiency comparing to other methods and also considering the cost in software and hardware implementations, RSS in the best method in this distance measurement.

The estimation of distance of nodes in wireless sensor network is usually based on radio frequency techniques, which is based on measuring certain parameters of radio signal which is received by one node from other nodes, some of these parameters are very important for distance estimation such as the angle of arrival (AOA), The time of arrival (TOA), The received signal strength (RSS) [25].

There are great efforts by researchers and scholars in this topic and many researchers have developed special localization algorithms to enhance the accuracy of specifying the position of nodes sending the necessary data, including distance-based algorithms and connectivity-based algorithms [26]:

- 1. A distance-based localization algorithm is basically rely on measuring the distance and estimates the distance between nodes in WSN. This algorithm can achieve good results and high localization accuracy; where in most of cases the distance estimation are either unavailable or comes with huge errors.
- 2. Connectivity-based localization algorithm is a reliable algorithm for rough- grained areas that needs for high localization accuracy.

The distance estimation can be realized by using information such as received signal strength (RSS) and time of arrival (TOA).

RSS is defined as a voltage measured by a receiver's received signal strength indicator (RSSI) circuit. Often, RSS is equivalently reported as a measured power. Wireless sensor nodes communicate with their neighboring sensors, so the RSS of the transmitted signals can be measured by each receiver during common communication without presenting additional bandwidth or energy requirements [27].

Unfortunately, the RSS technique features significant estimation error mostly due to the several negative effects related to signal propagation. Those estimation errors are influenced by a few factors, such as manufacturing tolerances, antenna inadequacies and, most importantly, multipath effect [28]. The multipath effect causing an existence of fading points is often difficult to predict or mitigate. Furthermore the multipath effect is expected to be significantly stronger indoor than outdoor [26]. Most of the RSS-based methods require a relationship between the distance and the received power to estimate the position of unknown devices time difference of arrival (TDOA) [26].

The RSS method (using RSS measurements) depends on low-cost hardware and only provides coarse-grained distance estimates: by contrast, the TOA and TDOA methods can provide distance estimates with higher accuracies at the cost of extra hardware. Due to cost constraints, it is impractical to equip all sensors in a large-scale sensor network with extra hardware to obtain accurate distance estimates and thus accurate location estimates [9]. Although a number of onnectivity-based localization algorithms have been proposed, see e.g. achieving high localization accuracy usually demands a comparatively large number of anchor nodes, hereafter termed simply anchors, whose positions are known a priori (accordingly, we term other nodes whose positions are not known and need to be determined as sensors). Therefore. It is attractive to develop low-cost distance estimation methods with comparatively good accuracies. In this paper, we shall propose such a method which does not rely on extra hardware but provides comparatively accurate distance estimates [29].



Sensor localization is more beneficial in indoor environments where using the Global Positioning System (GPS) is impractical. However, in such environments, most connections among sensors are non-line-of-sight (NLOS). When the line-of-sight (LOS) path among sensor nodes is blocked, NLOS propagation occurs. As shown in Figure 2.1

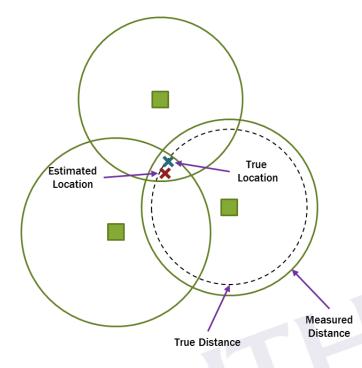


Figure 2.1: The technique of distance estimation of sensor nodes [27]



Localization accuracy is severely diminished from NLOS connections, since they have large bias errors which make the measured pair-wise distances much larger than their true values. NLOS problem can be divided into the three main scenarios. First, the estimator knows which connections are NLOS and also their distribution. In this scenario, the optimal performance is obtained if the exact distribution of NLOS is determined and considered in the estimator. Second, the estimator knows which connection are NLOS but their distribution is not known. It can be shown that the optimal performance in this scenario is obtained by the ML estimator neglecting NLOS connections and use only LOS connections. However, when sub-optimal estimators are used, using NLOS connections along with LOS ones can improve the performance as shown in Figure 2.2.

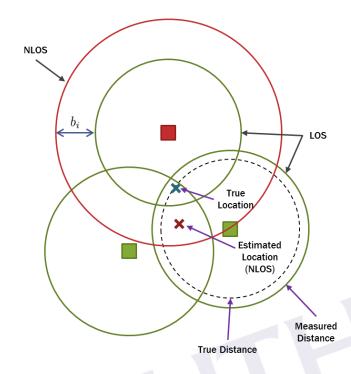


Figure 2.2: Distance estimation of sensor nodes method based on non-lineof-sight (NLOS) and line-of-sight (LOS) [27]



Moreover, the probability of incorrect identification is always non-negligible in this scenario. It is possible that a LOS connection is misidentified as a NLOS connection (false alarm) or vice versa (missed detection) which might significantly decrease estimation accuracy. Third, the estimator knows neither which connections are NLOS nor their distribution. The optimal accuracy is hard to define in this scenario, since it is difficult to distinguish NLOS connections. Robust estimators are such as the M-estimator and least median of squares (LMS) algorithm [30].

Emphasizes on the importance of the following three protocols for distance estimation [31]:

• **Beacon Protocol.** In beacon protocol, anchor node initiates the localization process. Localization wave originates from the center of the network and progresses towards the network boundaries. When this process stops, there is no way to provide localization facility to newly added nodes.

- **Continuous Ranging Protocol.** In continuous ranging protocol, unlocalized node starts localization process, and its drawback is that unlocalized node sends range message even if localization wave still does not arrive.
- **Optimized Beacon Protocol.** Optimized beacon protocol is the same as beacon protocol in which anchor nodes send range messages. However, when unlocalized node overhears three range messages, it starts localization process without waiting for neighbor node. When unlocalized node becomes localized node, it can localize other nodes as well.

In the following table, the researcher summarizes methods used by scholars on distance estimation of sensor nodes localization.

Research	Method
Nabil et al., (2013)	The analysis of their study show that beacon
	protocol achieves the shortest delay and
	optimized beacon protocol requires fewer
	messages as compared with beacon and
- KA	continuous ranging protocols. If estimation of
DIISTA	location of node results in an error which is
RFC	estimated by three neighbors' nodes.
Baoqi et al., (2010)	They present the distance estimation method
	under a generic channel model, including the
	unit disk (communication) model and the more
	realistic log-normal (shadowing) model as
	special cases. Under the log-normal model, they
	numerically study the bias and standard
	deviation.
Ziguo (2010)	The researcher invented a method called
	signature distance (SD) to achieve range-free
	localization of nodes beyond connectivity with

Table 2.1: Summary of distance estimation methods

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coordinate systems to efficiently merge them into
a global coordinate system and effectively
overcome the flip ambiguity problem.
In this study, an effective algorithm through the
This Study combined technique of (RSS) strength measurement
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Argues that the activities have to be optimized is the placement of the nodes are based on knowledge of the user's location or other surrounding objects to provide services and information that is useful and effective [32]. Furthermore, the identification of the correct position of the nodes can be used to optimize aspects of networks and services such as routing [33], then it will be the maximum energy saving.



Suggest that wireless devices in most of times have limited energy resources such as batteries [33]. Therefore, the sensors in WSN should be efficiently managed by selecting the right position depending on various factors that enhance the effort of energy saving and extend the lifetime of the network and the overall efficiency of the wireless network.

In the same context conclude that the approaches that use dedicated hardware are not efficient anymore, not effective for right localization of nodes and cannot be reliable in commercial off-the-shelf systems [34].

On the other hand, some scholars found that the radio system is the most part in wireless node that consumes energy, whereas other parts in the node such as the processor, and memory consume less power. Therefore any solutions includes the reduction of the complexity of algorithms associated with localization of nodes will not significantly reduce energy consumption significantly [35] [27].

Many scholars [36] [37] [38] [39] found that energy consumption in WSN cannot be independent from other consideration such as the distance between nodes. The accuracy and better estimation of nodes' positions should be considered as one of the main factors that increase energy consumption.

Indicate that the estimated distance of nodes is essential for locating the needed sensors and many other applications in wireless sensor networks [16]. In their study they developed a method that employs the maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) which is used to estimate the distances between a pair of neighboring nodes in static wireless sensor network, and using their information in local connectivity, i.e the numbers a non-common and common jump neighbors. They present the distance method estimation under a generic channel model, include the disk drive model (communication) and a more realistic log-normal model (shading) in special cases. According to the log-normal model, they numerically study the bias and standard deviation associated with their method and show long outperforms based on the received signal strength (RSS). Finally, the application of their proposed method is based on the actual measurement data and connectivity of sensor-based localization, and the superiority of the proposed method approved.

It can be concludes that the above findings by previous studies show that it could be highly probable to increase energy consumption if the distances between the nodes were not estimated properly.

State that when message travels from one node to another, the range is estimated by measuring time of flight of radio frequency [34]. When time of flight of radio frequency is used with two messages, it is known as two-way ranging (TWR) technique. In TWR mechanism, sensor network starts with at least three anchor nodes which are used as reference for unlocalized nodes. Clock synchronization is not necessary because anchor and unlocalized nodes have their own reference clocks .When unlocalized nodes become localized through trilateration method, they can localize other unlocalized nodes. The process continues until all unlocalized nodes become localized. To achieve high level of accuracy, nodes can refine their positions. Distance or range is estimated by measuring the round-trip time of signal transmission between anchor and unlocalized nodes [32]. TWR is suitable for WSNs because it is of low cost having less hardware requirements with less energy consumption. As mentioned above, TWR measures the round-trip time of signal transmission between two nodes. The emission of frames is triggered, and the



process is controlled by MAC layer .The principle of TWR to calculate different time stamps between two nodes is presented in the following equation [40].

$$D_{A,B} = V \frac{(t_4 - t_1) - (t_3 - t_2)}{2}$$

$$D_{A,B} = V(t_4 - t_1) - (t_3 - t_2)$$

Where V is the speed of light (radio signals), t_4 and t_2 are reception instants, and t_1 and t_3 are emission instants. Clock synchronization is not a problem in this technique because each node has its own local clock and time stamps are calculated on these local clocks. When distance is measured by this formula, relatively accurate location can be estimated.

Several authors proposed different protocols to analyze convergence speed and evaluate the communication cost related to energy. Different mechanisms are used to address some important issues such as the convergence conditions to achieve network wide localization, beginning and termination of the location propagation process, advantage of the broadcast nature of radio communications, and cooperation of nodes to reduce the number of exchanged messages and so energy consumption.

TWR has some issues such as clock drift in cheap sensor nodes, different response delays of nodes, and channel impairments.

2.4 THE CHALLENGES ON DISTANCE ESTIMATION OF NODES IN WSN

One major challenge in a WSN is to produce low cost and tiny sensor nodes. There are an increasing number of small companies producing WSN hardware and the commercial situation can be compared to home computing in the 1970s. Many of the nodes are still in the research and development stage, particularly their software. Also inherent to sensor network adoption is the use of very low power methods for radio communication and data acquisition [41].

In many applications, a WSN communicates with a Local Area Network or Wide Area Network through a gateway. The Gateway acts as a bridge between the WSN and the other network. This enables data to be stored and processed by devices with more



resources, for example, in a remotely located server [42].List the major difficulties that challenge accurate and efficient positioning of sensor nodes in wireless sensor networks in the following [43]:

• **Cost and energy constraints for every sensor node**. The demand for a low-energy and low-cost and the design at each node in WSN disallow accurate localization with hardware support. For example GPS [44], which is the most widely used technique in localization, can hardly be applicable for every sensor node in the network. Similarly, extra ranging modules, such as directional antennas, electronic compass, laser rangers, video cameras, etc, are severely limited due to their incompatible size, considerable cost or excessive power consumption [45].

• The scale of the Network. A wide scale wireless sensor network could potentially be a big challenge for energy saving and accurate estimation of proper distance between the nodes. In many cases wireless sensor network composed of a large number of nodes [6], [46]. It is also expected that future wireless sensor networks may include hundreds thousands or even multi millions of nodes [47] [34] which bear a great challenge to efforts for energy saving.

• Severe working environments. Wireless sensor networks in many cases are installed in harsh environment and in randomly deployed areas where the access to the land is very difficult and environment is not easy, such as conflict zones and battle field). In this case, self-organized localization without close-in human interference and calibration is essential [48].

Cross-layer is becoming an important studying area for wireless communications. In addition, the traditional layered approach presents three main problems [1]:

1. Traditional layered approach cannot share different information among different layers which leads to each layer not having complete information. The traditional layered approach cannot guarantee the optimization of the entire network.

2. The traditional layered approach does not have the ability to adapt to the environmental change.

3. Because of the interference between the different users, access confliction, fading, and the change of environment in the wireless sensor networks, traditional layered approach for wired networks is not applicable to wireless networks.

Argue that the estimation the distance of sensor nodes have many questions[49], and to solve the scientific community is trying to interesting research field WSN localization and have still plenty of spaces for new researchers such as the following:

1. The design of the founder of the localization algorithm should be costeffective, better distribution and localization algorithm.

2. The estimation position of sensor nodes is not appropriate using GPS, because it is not cheaper and not efficient energy technique, these are with a large number of hardware, and has a direct line of sight subject. If the GPS is installed at each intersection, then increases the size and cost of power distribution units. In addition, GPS is not energy efficient, much power consumption and is not suitable for network like WSN.

3. Based localization system for real design WSN work than other networks. How in WSNs, it is important to take into account all the constraints, for example, bass processor, limited memory, small data transfer speed and size.

4. The expectations of localization problem programs can lead to mistakes.

5. The accuracy is a very important factor to locate all nodes, if the estimated location of the node. When local node that coordinates misinformation and spread incorrect data.

6. The node density is an important factor in the development of localization algorithm. The distance estimation algorithm should be accurate with fewer number of beacon nodes.

7. A small number of nodes can be constructed, improve the accuracy and precision in the localization. As the number of nodes increased, the localization algorithm become less accurate [46].



2.5 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIOIN

Wireless sensor networks have many applications in which sensor nodes collect data from particular location and process it. However, it is an important task into consideration the location of data sending or the location of sensor transmitting the data. Localization and distance estimation is the most important task in WSN and defined in this study as the mechanism for locating nodes in WSN. There are many approaches for localization and accurate estimation of distance; however, such approaches are desirable which are capable to deal with limited resources in the wireless network.

The previous studies show the importance of distance estimation to sensor nodes and the needed accuracy to save cost and time for locating the sensor. Many scholars emphasizes that practical and effective solutions are required to perform the accurate localization in the efforts for an energy-efficient method.

The researcher suggest that the current methods for distance estimation and distance measurements such as RSS and TAO can be used for effective distance estimation but require further development to increase the accuracy in WSN and locate the right position nodes in WSN that can be used in energy-efficient algorithm. The researcher suggests these two methods can be used together and comparing their parameters with previous data saved in WSN database.

Based on previous studies, the challenges on accurate node positioning indicates that a solution designed for localization must be a sensor node friendly solution, where ensuring essential features such as energy efficient, short time, and low-cost, all these features of algorithms and techniques used for distance estimation efforts are assumed necessary.

The challenges on accurate node positioning indicates that a localization solution must be sensor node friendly, where features of low-cost, energy efficient, and small footprint are necessary.

The researcher concludes that it is important to reduce the amount of energy consuming during the localization of nodes, also reducing the amount of time should be considered as well. In other words, the signals received from the sensor should be used to



measure the exact parameter for the localization (e.g., RSS, TOA) and the energy consuming should be kept to the minimum. In addition to that a localization design must be network scalable, meaning that it should be cost-effective with both small and large scale systems.

Furthermore, it is found that previous studies proposed two types of cooperative algorithms either centralized or distributed. Where in centralized cooperative algorithms, the measurements of distance estimation are sent to a central processor unit, then the location of all source nodes are estimated simultaneously. Whereas in distributed algorithms, each source node is localized independently and estimated data are passed through the neighboring sensors. The distributed algorithms can also be implemented in a central processor, however, the location of source nodes are estimated one at a time and updated iteratively. Many scholars found that both estimation performance and robustness are improved by employing cooperative localization.

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHOD

3.1 INTRODUCTION

In this chapter introduces the methods that will be used for the analysis of data and accurately estimation of sensor node distance in localization task. The steps of the localization method will be introduced based on multi-sequence positioning and sensor nodes detection of event in sequential manner and synchronously.

3.2 THE METHOD

This study will use a distribution-based estimation method because it is energy saving effort comparing to costly centralized localization scheme. The estimation method is called Multi-Sequence Positioning (MSP) method that can be applied for a large-scale network in order to achieve accurate distance estimation in sensor deployments where the source of event has a line-of-sight to all sensors [43].

The basic operation of MSP is by extracting the relative information of sensor node location from multiple one-dimensional and simple orders of nodes as shown in Figure 3.1. (a) it shows the designed layout WSN with the use of anchor nodes and also target nodes.



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