

Exploiting Energy- Aware Localization with Social Network Based Interaction in Mobile Phones

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ABSTRACT: Observational research on the social impact of cell phone usage in public places suggests that the mere presence of cell phones in public conflicts the private and public spheres and inhibits social interaction with proximate others, saving the energy of the mobile phones, storage of user profile data and making sharing quickly becomes difficult. In addition to mobility, another defining characteristic of mobile systems is user social interaction. To manage this entire problem two methods have been proposed, initially E-Shadow method is proposed for distributed mobile local social networking system. E-Shadow has two main components: (1) Local profiles. They enable E-Shadow users to record and share their names, interests, and other information with fine-grained privacy controls. (2) Mobile phone based local social interaction tools. E-Shadow provides mobile phone software that enables rich social interactions. In second design and prototype an adaptive location service for mobile devices, a-Loc, that helps reduce this battery drain. The proposed design is based on the observation that the required location accuracy varies with location, and hence lower energy and lower accuracy localization methods. It continuously tunes the energy expenditure to meet the changing accuracy requirements using the available sensors. A Bayesian estimation framework is used to model user location and sensor errors. Experiments on real world Windows Mobile phones and large-scale simulations show that our system disseminates information efficiently; it helps receivers find the direction of a specific location with accuracy. The experiments demonstrate that can recognize not only whether a social interaction is taking place, but also the type of social interaction, distinguishing between formal and informal user social settings. Focusing on helping behaviour in particular, Results Indicate That While On The Cell Phone, Users Are Less Likely To Offer Help.

Index Terms- E-Shadow, Mobile Phone, Layered Publishing, Direction-driven Matching, Energy- Aware Localization, Bayesian Estimation framework and Social Interaction Network

1. INTRODUCTION

Recent news articles are reporting a dramatic increase in the use of battery-powered, mobile, lightweight, handheld devices often equipped with wireless interfaces [1-2]. Examples of such ubiquitous devices include cell-phones and PDAs, music players like Zune, and gaming devices like PSP. The number of mobile systems for these devices is also quickly growing. Their key challenge is providing functionality in a dynamic and often unreliable network environment. This need has led to a flurry of research on the design and implementation of new protocols and applications that can handle and perhaps exploit the primary characteristic of this new environment user mobility.

In addition to user mobility, another defining characteristic of mobile systems is user social interaction. A variety of new applications focus on facilitating social activities in pervasive systems. For example, new Internet dating services allow clients to use their cell-phones' Bluetooth radios to detect when they are in the proximity of a person that matches their interests [3]. Other companies are offering file-sharing software for mobile phones that allows users to share ring-tones, music, games, photos, and video [4]. In these new mobile systems, information exchange is driven by the users' social interactions: friends use their

cell-phones to share photos or song collections; strangers with similar dating profiles are notified when they are near each other.

Cell phone usage can be defined as any application of the cell phone as a tool, including talking, text messaging, gaming, or the sheer accessibility of the instrument. Originally the cell phone served as a tool for business management. Now, cell phones serve as a tool for social connection, in other words, managing social relationships. Across qualitative and quantitative studies, users of the cell phone all report using their phone for social purposes. However, scholars have argued the cell phone might actually serve as a tool for social isolation [5]. Therefore, the social use of cell phones has proven to be a rich area for communication research, with researchers exploring various ways in which cell phone use affects social interaction, both isolating and connecting involved persons. In the wave of human centered pervasive computing [6], mobile phones are becoming a major driving force to lubricate social networking among people with its powerful communication and sensing capabilities [7], [8].

Monitoring of social interactions using mobile phones is typically based on sensing proximity or on detecting speech activity. A frequently applied approach for inferring social activity through the detection of proximity relies on

the use of Bluetooth [9-10]. Since the Bluetooth communication range is in the order of ten meters, this approach provides only a coarse spatial granularity in recognizing interpersonal distances; therefore, the knowledge about proximity between individuals is used to model the dynamics of social interactions at large scale rather than detecting each single social encounter which takes place at small spatio-temporal scale. As an alternative, Wyatt et al. [11] proposed the method of extracting audio data features using microphones from a pair of co-located mobile phones, in order to detect who was speaking and when thus detecting face-to-face interactions. The algorithm does not capture raw audio data but a set of features which does not contain verbal information. However, the microphone-based approaches are sensitive to false positives as nearby conversations can be unintentionally picked up. In addition, activating a microphone typically entails compromising privacy and ethical issues – in a number of situations audio data cannot be obtained due to legal or ethical norms [12].

This paper provides a solution that uses non-auditory sensors embedded in the current smart phones to detect the occurrence of social interactions which occur on a small spatio-temporal scale. Develop a system service, named a-Loc, that automatically adapts location energy and accuracy based on dynamically varying sensor characteristics as well as application needs. Furthermore, demonstrate high predictive power of spatial parameters to detect social context of face-to-face interactions. The goal is to provide a tool for acquiring a better insight into social activity of subjects and the contexts of individual social interactions thus to potentially support the research in social networks analysis and the investigation of formal/informal structures.

II. BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

People build expectations based on prior experiences and knowledge of similar situation. For example, do not expect to interact with strangers unless it is necessary (e.g., emergency). Therefore, it is safe to assume that when one is on the cell phone, he or she does not expect to interact with strangers, for the chance of initiating a conversation with strangers is small to begin with. However, the social norm of helping others who are in need can break the usual interaction expectation with strangers. Although literature shows that are less likely to interact with unfamiliar social proximate others, argue that the presence of a cell phone further decreases the possibility of that interaction.

Raento et al. [14] were one of the first who proposed mobile phone data collection for large-scale context sensing. More recent algorithm for identifying social groups and inferring frequency/duration of meetings within each group was proposed by Mardenfeld et al. [15] who tested their approach on the Reality Mining dataset. In addition to modeling the patterns of person-to-person interactions, Do and Gatica-Perez [16] showed that it is possible to infer different interaction types using a

probabilistic model applied on longitudinal Bluetooth data. However, Bluetooth scans indicate the presence of nearby devices in a radius of 10 m, which does not provide sufficient information to detect an ongoing social interaction which takes place on a small spatio-temporal scale; rather, such an approach is used to model the longitudinal dynamics of social interactions.

In order to address the limitation of Bluetooth scan to detect actual face-to-face proximity between subjects, the Virtual Compass project [17] estimates interpersonal distances using RSSI analysis of Bluetooth and Wi-Fi signals. By applying empirical propagation models, the approach achieves the median accuracy between 0.9 m and 1.9 m while also detecting position of subjects in 2D plane. However, the lack of subjects' orientation information might not be sufficient for modeling the occurrence of face-to-face social interactions. It is a peer-based relative positioning system that uses Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radios to detect nearby mobile devices and places them in a two-dimensional plane.

E-SmallTalker [18] is a system that leverages Bluetooth Service Discovery Protocol. This article has been accepted for publication in a future issue of this journal, but has not been fully edited. Content may change prior to final publication. Exchange user-defined contents without establishing a connection are similar applications in this category. These applications also have some issues. First, applications like Nokia Sensor need users frequent intervention to manually configure Bluetooth or Wi-Fi connections.

SurroundSense [19] is a mobile phone based system that explores logical localization via ambient fingerprinting collected from different sensors embedded on mobile phones. E-Shadow does not need to decide a target's absolute position; instead, it uses a new human-assisted localization approach that mainly focuses on deciding at which direction the target locates.

III. PROPOSED ENERGY AWARE BASED SOCIAL NETWORK FOR MOBILE PHONES

Introduce our solutions to efficient and selective information publishing designed for the E Shadow system. To have it continuously on and broadcast E-Shadow information will deplete the battery very soon. In this light, propose another solution, called layered publishing in total three layers:

1. WiFi SSID: On the first layer, 'abuse' WiFi name to broadcast E-Shadow information within a range of 40-50 meters. Put the information to share in WiFi SSID field. Others can acquire the information by a simple scan, thus obviating annoying connection setup processes. However, the WiFi SSID field is very limited. It can contain only 32 bytes information on the Windows Mobile system.

2. Bluetooth Device Name: Back up WiFi SSID with Bluetooth device name. May easily use

Bluetooth device names to publish hundreds of more bytes. This is the second layer. On this layer, also 'abuse' Bluetooth device name to disseminate information. So it can also achieve unobtrusive information delivery, with the low energy consumption of Bluetooth as a plus. Interestingly, find that the Bluetooth device discovery range is more than previously thought. In our experiments, find it can typically reach up to 20 meters.

3. Bluetooth Service Name: If Bluetooth device name is still not enough, can publish more information in the Bluetooth service name/description. Its communication range is 10 meters. Then put the most detailed information on this layer. It may also include invitation for further interactions, such as clues to solicit a message or wireless connections.

After receiving the information from nearby people, the receiver may naturally want to know who and where the E-Shadow owner is to facilitate further social interactions. As a real-world example that provides a concrete test case for a-Loc, consider mobile search. Mobile search is an important application for two reasons. First, there is a much larger number of mobile devices than desktops, and these devices are rapidly becoming capable of obtaining information from the Internet, through either full fledged smartphone browsers such as Mobile Safari or limited capability browsers using WAP, iMode etc. This has made mobile search the fastest growing mode of search usage. Secondly, mobile search is especially important to search service providers such as Google, Yahoo, and Microsoft because a significant fraction of mobile searches involve searching for local services or products. This type of mobile search is easiest to monetize, not merely through advertisements accompanying search results but also through transactions initiated based on those results.

At a high level, a-Loc considers multiple factors that affect location estimation, including a prediction of the user's location, the error performance of location sensors, energy costs, and application accuracy requirements. Figure 1 shows the key components of our proposed system, and they are discussed below.

Dynamic Accuracy Requirement: This block provides the location accuracy needed by the applications. For the mobile search-based applications, provide a method to compute the accuracy requirement based on the entities searched but in other cases, the accuracy need may be directly specified by the application.

Sensor Energy Model: These models characterize the energy used by each available location sensor for obtaining location. Then experimentally measure this for the modalities used and also compare the data to similar measurements on other phones.

Dynamic Sensor Accuracy Model: This model is developed for each sensor to characterize the quality of location information that it offers.

Sensor Selection Algorithm

The sensor selection algorithm determines the location sensor to be used at each timestep. The algorithm includes a method to model the user location trajectory and uses the sensor data as available to improve the location estimates. A Bayesian estimation framework is used to combine the sensor data and predicted location to provide a maximum likelihood estimate. The goal of the selection algorithm is to determine the most energy efficient sensor to be used, such that the required location accuracy can be achieved.

variable $x(t)$, that takes values in a two dimensional space. Suppose the location observation from sensing modality i at time t is denoted $z_i(t)$ as before. Suppose $\overline{z(t)}$ represents all observations made up to the time instant t , i.e. $\overline{z(t)} = \{z(t), z(t-1), \dots, z(0)\}$ for any i . Then, the probability distribution of location at current time t given all previously made observations and prior models is given by $p(x|\overline{z(t-1)})$. Formally, the location estimate after using modality i is characterized by the posterior probability distribution $p(x(t)|z_i(t))$. For each sensor modality i , can use the spread of the distribution of $x(t)$, given a reading from that modality $z_i(t)$, as a measure of the error in the estimated location. The trace of the covariance matrix is used to characterize this spread for the two dimensional distribution, much like variance is used for one dimensional random variables. The error for modality i given an observation, denoted $e_i(t)|_{z_i(t)}$, becomes,

$$e_i(t)|_{z_i(t)} = \text{tr}\{\text{Cov}(x(t)|z_i(t))\} \quad (1)$$

The computation of the covariance matrix requires the posterior distribution, which can be computed using the sensor accuracy model and the prior location distribution, via Bayes rule:

$$p(x(t)|z_i(t)) \propto p(z_i(t)|x(t))p(x|\overline{z(t-1)}) \quad (2)$$

Compute the error that would result from using modality i before spending the energy to obtain $z_i(t)$, compute multiple posteriors $p(x(t)|z_i(t))$ for different possible $z_i(t)$, that may be observed, resulting in a different error estimate for each of the multiple possible observations, $z_i(t)$. Then take a weighted average of these error estimates, where the weights are the probabilities of getting different observations $z_i(t)$ for modality i . The probability of getting an observation $z_i(t)$, depends on the current location, and since do not have the current location, use an estimate for the probability of getting observation $z_i(t)$. The probability distribution of the observations is obtained using the distribution of predicted location as follows:

$$\hat{p}(z_i(t)) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} p(z_i(t)) \text{tr}\{\text{Cov}(x(t)|z_i(t))\} dx(t) \quad (3)$$

Where $p(z_i(t)|x(t))$ comes from the sensor accuracy model, and $p(x(t))$ comes from the location prediction. The weighted average of $e_i(t)|_{z_i(t)}$ for all the possible observations $z_i(t)$ becomes,

$$\hat{e}_i(t) = \int_{Z|x(t)} \hat{p}(z_i(t)) \text{tr}\{Cov(x(t)|z_i(t))\} dz_i(t) \quad (4)$$

Where $Z|x(t)$ represent the support of $\hat{p}(z_i(t))$. This $\hat{e}_i(t)$ quantitatively characterizes the expected error for modality i at the current time step. Having computed the estimated accuracy $\hat{e}_i(t)$ of sensor i the sensor selection problem can be expressed as ,

$$\hat{l} = \arg \min_{i \in \mathcal{L}} E_i(t) \quad \text{subject to} \quad (5)$$

$$:\hat{e}_i(t) < e_r^2(t)$$

Where e_r represent the desired location accuracy and $E_i(t)$ represents the energy used by modality i . Square of the desired accuracy is used since variances and trace of covariance matrix characterize error as a square of the variable estimated.

Direction-driven Matching

As the user is not very sensitive to the distance traveled, allow him to walk a certain route to help decide the direction where the signal comes. In our design, allow users to manually input the direction and distance every time he walks. Then the phone will take the measurements and make calculations. For illustration purposes, expound our mechanism using a triangular route. Measurements are taken at every turning point. However, in open field, suggest users to walk along a five-point semi-octagonal route, as is shown by $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$. This route is very natural for a person to walk in a crowd, and provides information about RSSI change in all possible directions. After all RSSI measurements are taken in, compare each pair of the RSSIs and then partition the space to get. If a line points from A to B , then RSSI at B is larger than that at A . It means that the source is located nearer to B . If draw a perpendicular bisecting line of edge AB , the source is in the subplane the arrow points at. It results in the upper-right corner with slant lines, where consider the source point is located. This region may be infinite in range. However, can easily bound it with a circle of maximum wireless communication range. Then draw a bisector of this region to give the direction.

IV. EXPERIMENTATION RESULTS

Proposed work has conducted extensive experiments and large-scale simulations to validate our design. The results are reported below. Evaluate the system performance which including its collection time, energy consumption and accuracy for deciding the walking directions.

Collection time

The experiments work is conducted to proposed work to show how fast a receiver can collect information from different wireless devices. In the experiments, have one device to be the receiver and let other mobile devices.

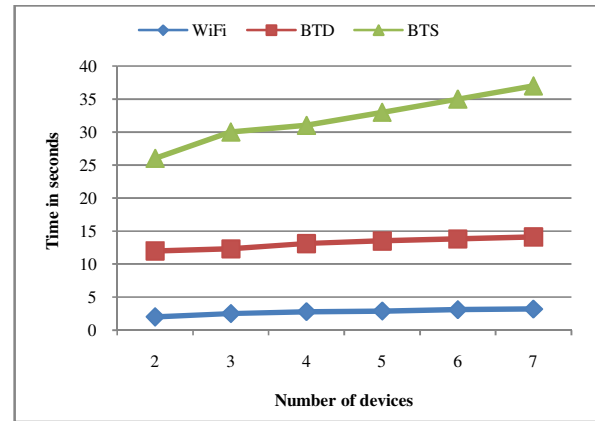


Fig. 1. The collection time for Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization with increasing number of devices

The Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization collection time on the receiver side is shown in Fig. 1. As can be seen from the figure, it takes the least time, i.e., at most 2 seconds, to collect E-Shadow information on the WiFi layer. The collection time stays almost constant with increasing number of simultaneously working devices. However, it takes much longer on the BTD layer, i.e., around 10-15 seconds. And on the BTS layer, need 25-35 seconds to find other E-Shadow profiles. The long delay can be attributed to Bluetooth's scanning mechanism. Bluetooth needs around 10 seconds to do device scanning. After other devices are found, it needs to query the device for the device name and the service names. The latter is normally much longer and hence takes more time, especially when the service does not exist.

Energy Consumption

Experimentation work is conducted to evaluate the power consumption of Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization, when it works in the server mode, i.e., broadcasting Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization, and the client mode, i.e., collecting Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization.

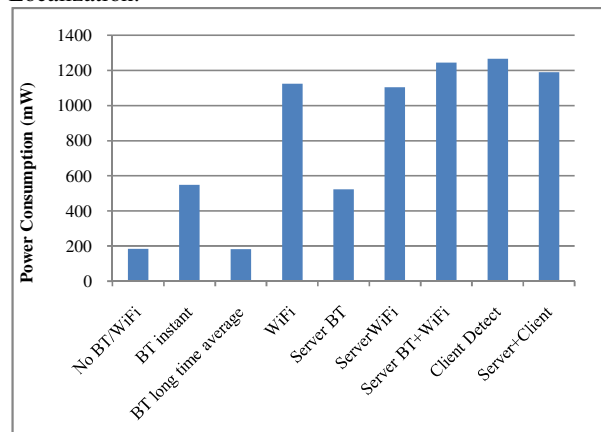


Fig. 2. Energy consumption of Energy-Aware Localization

Fig. 2 the energy consumption of each possible state of the mobile phone, where Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization system is installed. It is a common phone status of Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization client version. The power consumption is close to 185 mW. Also working WiFi interface consumes 1145 mW, almost twice the energy of a Bluetooth interface. However, over a long time, Bluetooth have much lower average power consumption at around 185 mW. If Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization the server version on with only WiFi, the power consumption is around 1312 mW. For E-Shadow with Bluetooth aggressively broadcasting, this value is a little over 550 mW. However, with both of them on, it only consumes around 1300 mW. On the Client side, assume both the WiFi and Bluetooth are open, and the power consumption is about 1300 mW, when users are browsing and calculating directions. If the mobile phone runs in both the server and client mode, the power consumption is similar to that of a fully operating Exploiting Energy-Aware Localization server.

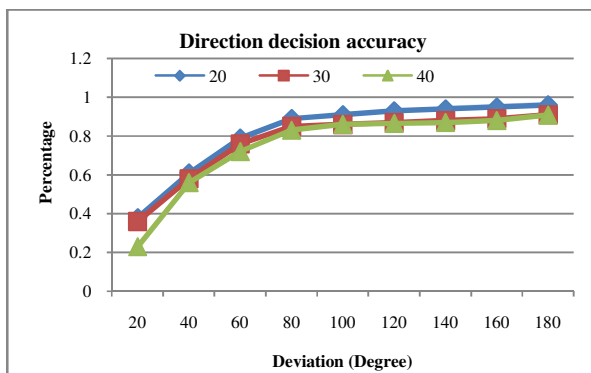


Fig 3. Directional Localization Simulation Results

The CDF distribution of the deviation angle is shown in Fig.3. Each CDF line is based on 10,000 samples. Start our tests from three distances, i.e., 40 meters, 30 meters and 20 meters. Walk a semi-octagonal path with edge length of 5 meters. At each turning point of the path, take 5 RSSI measurements with noise of 6 dB added. The algorithm may fail to give a direction due to noisy signals. It is an intuitive result, because the wireless signal at a closer range is strong and that helps the algorithm.

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Understanding social interactions is important for a number of disciplines, including social psychology, epidemiology, medicine, economics and anthropology. The solutions for continuous (mobile) monitoring of social interactions are typically based on the use of dedicated devices which introduces a set of issues including subjects' stigmatization and consequently their behavioral change. Propose the E-Shadow concept is an electronic personal image broadcast with one's mobile phone. The proposed method have also designed and implemented the E-Shadow system on real world mobile phones. The design can broadcast E-Shadow information efficiently in a

layered and dynamic manner. Presented the a-Loc system that can automatically tune the location energy and accuracy trade-off by continually adapting to the dynamic location sensor characteristics and application needs. The end result is a system service that can free applications of the burden of location error and energy management. The structured approach systematically models multiple factors that influence location estimation using a probabilistic framework. In our future work, will further explore ways for cueing users to connect with new people using E-Shadow, e.g., by locally storing a list of contacted devices and highlighting discovered devices not on this list. Users should be able to tell at a glance if there are nearby strangers whom they might like to meet and their distance.

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