UWB and WiFi characterization for localization in construction sites

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ABSTRACT

High-precision location is becoming a necessity in the future Industry 4.0 applications that will come up in the near future. However, the construction sector remains particularly obsolete in the adoption of Industry 4.0 applications. In this work we study the accuracy and penetration capacity of two technologies that are expected to deal with future high-precision location services such as Ultra Wide Band (UWB) and WiFi Fine Time Measurement (FTM). For this, a measurement campaign has been done in a construction environment, where UWB and WiFi-FTM setups have been deployed. The performance of UWB and WiFi-FTM have been compared with a prior set of indoors measurements. Moreover, the impact of fusion of location technologies has been assessed to measure the potential improvements in the construction scenario.

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