

Geopositioning in the Active-Learning Classroom: Automating a technique to Improve Teacher Orchestration (Salitse MiniGrant)

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Physics Tracker



https://physlets.org/tracker/ Manual and automated object tracking on video





Using Tracker to track teacher position in the classroom



How do teachers [and students] manage their space resources in active learning classrooms?



Results from Two Classrooms: Each dot represents 5 sec



Tracking analysis of the teacher's physical location within classroom V and classroom D.

Limitations of Video Tracking

- Difficult to automate, labour intensive manual data collection the norm.
- Not that accurate [~1m]
- Issues of teacher moving off-camera, bending over etc. add to data problems.

Looking for a better way of tracking objects in the classroom.

Indoor Tracking Technologies

GPS [does not work reliably indoors, and has low resolution, although this is improving],

Wifi [maps to the relative strength of local wifi signals]

Blutooth beacons [very sensitive to signal obstruction

The UWB technology [Ultra Wide Band 500mHz] was chosen as the best for this application. This technology basically runs like a mini GPS, with tags measuring time-of-flight of signals to a series of anchors place around the room.

Pozyx: a recommended UWB 3D Developper's Kit

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Teacher Tracking in 3 Classrooms



Teacher Tracking N515





Teacher Tracking in B429





Teacher Tracking in D221





Multiple Tracking: Teacher/Tutor Simulation in D221



Tracking Head Orientation: Where does the teacher look?



Student Problem Based Learning Opportunity







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Where Next:

- Moving onto beta testing: more classrooms, same teacher/same activity in different classrooms.
- Lots of data: almost too much, requires a big data approach.
- Applications for student activities need to be further investigated and developed.