

ESP32 Antenna Array Can See WiFi

Video

From the youtube video description:

More information is available on the project website of the ESP32 antenna array “ESPARGOS”:

<https://espargos.net/>

Source code for Python library + demos: <https://github.com/ESPARGOS/pyespargos> (directory “demos/camera” for “WiFi camera” demo)

As a research assistant at the Institute of Telecommunications at the University of Stuttgart, I work on multi-antenna systems like (distributed) massive MIMO, with a focus on wireless channel measurement platforms and algorithms for processing channel measurements (classical and deep learning-based).

One day, my (incredibly talented) colleague Marc Gauger suggested to use ultra low-cost ESP32 chips instead of software defined radios for channel measurements. I was highly sceptical at first, but when he showed me a minimalistic prototype he had soldered together, I was intrigued by the idea of being able to demonstrate my algorithms in real time using WiFi signals. In a series of Bachelor's / Research theses, my excellent students Tim Schneider, David Engelbrecht and David Kellner helped me develop the ESP32 antenna array “ESPARGOS”.

Measured CSI dataset used for AoA / TDoA visualization: <https://espargos.net/datasets/data/es...> AoA / TDoA localization source code (needs some minor modifications to be applied to espargos-0005 dataset):

<https://github.com/Jeija/ToA-AoA-Augm...> Channel Charting source code for the animation in the video:

<https://github.com/Jeija/Geodesic-Unc...> Tutorial on Channel Charting: <https://dichasus.inue.uni-stuttgart.d...>

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