

ABSTRACT**SET MODE PASSIVE LOCATION IN TOA/TDOA MODES**

The present invention addresses the resolving of the problems associated with the passive location of targets in TOA (Time of Arrival) or TDOA (Time Difference of Arrivals) mode.

The method of passively locating a target in TOA or TDOA mode
5 implements a meshing (subdivision) into blocks of the space in which the location area is situated. The set of the blocks that form this mesh is analyzed iteratively. On each iteration, each block of interest is subdivided into smaller identical subblocks. A block of interest is, according to the invention, a block including at least one point belonging to the location area
10 being sought for which the shape is to be determined. The iterative process is stopped when the size of the subblocks obtained on the current iteration corresponds to the desired resolution.

The invention applies in particular to the 2D or 3D location systems that include means for implementing TOA and TDOA modes or mixed
15 modes.

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