



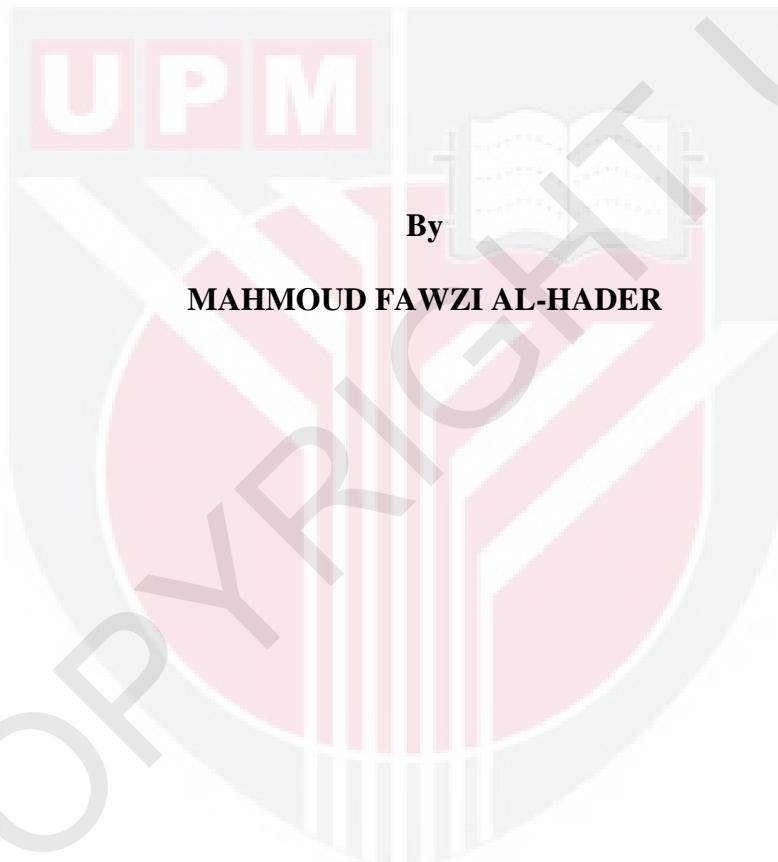
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The daily infrastructure networks' updates are very huge due to frequent new installations, replacements and enforcements which are subject to maintenance and operation on a frequent basis. The efficiency of the maintenance and operation workflow is strongly related to the geographical location of these infrastructure networks. Due to the huge daily updates of the infrastructure networks, the ability of collecting the updated locations using the current geospatial monitoring techniques is very difficult. This research brought forward a more efficient geospatial data updating technique for the infrastructure networks. The monitoring is needed to geospatially locate and update the physical infrastructure development which significantly enhances the performance of managing and maintaining the infrastructure assets.

The research concentrates on the polyethylene infrastructure materials, where power, water and communication networks are either covered or protected by polyethylene materials. The research conducted a technical comparison between the current geospatial data collection techniques and developed an overall performance evaluation in the sense of coverage capacity, objects extraction, data formats, time initialization of the systems and post processing time consumption. The use of mobile laser scanning technology had achieved the best evaluation performance. The evaluations were based on conducting a detailed data analysis, data collection, modelling and interpretation. Prior conducting the performance evaluation, the research investigates the mobile laser behaviour and recognition capabilities with respect to polyethylene infrastructure materials. Each material has different characteristics and accordingly has a different response (reflections and absorptions) to laser pulses, where this response is constant and only material dependent. The mobile laser pulses response constant for the polyethylene infrastructure materials has been concluded after analysing the pulses behaviour and its correlations with the mission ground speed and exposed scanned surface. The obtained mobile laser scanning constant for the polyethylene infrastructure material is 726 pulses/cm when the system ground speed is 16.49 km/h. The concluded mobile laser pulses constant were used to develop a mathematical method for re-planning the mobile laser scanning missions to obtain the best model for updating the polyethylene infrastructure networks. Mobile laser scanning using the improved planning missions can detect 97% of the polyethylene infrastructure networks in a very good performance.

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Pengemaskinian harian jaringan infrastruktur adalah amat sukar disebabkan pemasangan, penggantian dan pengukuhan yang tertakluk kepada proses penyelenggaraan dan operasi yang kerap. Kecekapan aliran kerja penyelenggaraan dan operasi adalah berkait dengan lokasi geografik jaringan infrastruktur tersebut. Disebabkan pengemaskinian harian yang amat besar terhadap jaringan infrastruktur tersebut, pengumpulan maklumat lokasi pengemaskinian menggunakan kaedah pemantauan geospatial yang sedia ada adalah amat rumit. Penyelidikan ini mengemukakan suatu kaedah pengemaskinian data geospatial yang lebih cekap untuk jaringan sistem infrastruktur. Pemantauan ini adalah diperlukan untuk mencari lokasi geospatial dan mengemaskini pembangunan infrastruktur fizikal, lantas meningkatkan prestasi pengurusan dan penyelenggaraan asset-asset infrastruktur.

Kajian ini ditumpukan terhadap bahan infrastruktur polyethylene, di mana saliran kuasa elektrik, air dan jaringan komunikasi ditutup atau dilindungi bahan polyethylene. Kajian ini menjalankan perbandingan teknikal di antara teknik-teknik pengumpulan data geospatial yang sedia ada dan membangunkan suatu penilaian prestasi menyeluruh dari segi kapasiti liputan, pengekstrakan objek, format-format data, pengawalan masa sistem-sistem, dan penggunaan waktu pasca-proses. Penilaian-penilaian itu adalah berdasarkan analisis data secara terperinci, pengumpulan data, pemodelan dan pentafsiran. Sebelum menjalankan penilaian prestasi, kajian ini menyiasat ciri-ciri laser mudah alih serta kebolehan pengesanannya terhadap bahan-bahan infrastruktur polyethylene. Setiap bahan mempunyai ciri-ciri tertentu dan mempunyai respons yang berbeza (pantulan dan serapan) terhadap denyutan laser, di mana respons ini konstan dan hanya bergantung pada bahan tersebut. Konstan respons denyutan laser mudah alih bagi bahan-bahan infrastruktur polyethylene telah ditentukan setelah menganalisis ciri-ciri denyutan laser mudah alih itu serta korrelasinya dengan kelajuan bumi misi dan permukaan terdedah yang diimbas. Konstan imbasan laser mudah alih bagi bahan infrastruktur polyethylene ialah 726 denyutan/cm bila halaju bumi sistem tersebut adalah 16.49 km/j. Konstan denyutan laser mudah alih ini digunakan untuk membangunkan suatu kaedah matematik untuk merancang semula misi imbasan laser mudah alih untuk mendapatkan model yang paling bagus untuk mengemaskinikan jaringan infrastruktur polyethylene. Pengimbasan laser mudah alih yang menggunakan perancangan misi

yang diperbaiki mampu mengesan 97% daripada jaringan infrastruktur polyethylene, prestasi yang agak memuaskan.



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