

RFID-Based Asset Tracking System Using Beam-Steerable Antennas for Enhanced Range and Accuracy

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1. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, tracking assets helps companies achieve efficient operations, manage their stock well, improve supply chain visibility, and avoid losing anything. In manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, and retail, having real-time tracking and monitoring is crucial because it impacts the efficiency and cost of the company. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) has become one of the main technologies due to its ability to communicate even when RFID and the reader aren't in direct sight, fast data transfer, and automation. One advantage of passive UHF RFID systems is that they do not require much upkeep since they work by bouncing energy from RFID tags. However, even with these benefits, standard RFID systems struggle with range, visibility, and accuracy, mainly when used in areas that have a lot of metal things or where there are many obstructions to the signal. Issues such as signal attenuation, reflections, and poor location of tags can reduce the number of detected tags and accurate reading, therefore affecting how much the system can be trusted in critical situations.

To deal with the current limitations, I introduce in this paper a new RFID framework that uses beam-steerable antennas managed by electronically controlled phased arrays. Whereas traditional omnidirectional antennas send out radiation in all directions, the proposed antenna controls the beam to send energy where it is needed, also focusing on where RFID tags should be. Thanks to the focused beam, communication with the target gets stronger, and other directions that are not being tracked produce less interference, so both the read range and accuracy of localization get improved. Using real-time phase control, estimation of the direction of arrival, and spatial signal processing, the system is able to accurately find where the assets are located. When beam-steering is combined with RFID tag interrogation, the result is a flexible approach for tracking assets in difficult conditions, paving the way for new smart logistics, automated industries, and 21st century warehouses.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Limitations of Conventional RFID Systems

In regular RFID systems that rely on passive UHF tags, the shorter range of the readers and their tendency to detect only in one direction hinder their use. Usually, such systems depend on omnidirectional antennas that spread power all directions, which means some power is wasted and proper tag detection can be hard when there are many obstacles nearby. How well these systems function depends largely on how the tag and reader are positioned, as well as the environment the system is working in. A number of studies have pointed out these issues. According to Zhang et al. (2021), having more readers in a network can slightly extend the service area but usually involves investing more in the system resources and management.

2.2 RSSI and Phase-Based Localization Techniques

A number of localization techniques have suggested usin RSSI systems are simple to use, though their accuracy is reduced by unpredictable changes in signal quality and interference. However, phase-based localization is more accurate, but you need advanced RF front-ends and ways to synchronize technology. Chen & Lin (2020) looked into models that used both how strong a signal and its phase, and these worked well when tested in controlled labs, but did not do as well when they were tried in real factory settings. Typically, they require careful setup and have problems measuring in places where the object and sensor are not viewing each other directly.

2.3 Beam-Steering Technologies in Wireless and RFID Domains

Beam-steering antennas are especially valuable in radar and 5G wireless systems as they allow the radiated beam to be directed in different ways. Applying phased arrays or reconfigurable reflectors, these systems help to focus the radio signal and deal with the interference of multipath fading. Recent research led by Kim and his team (2022) illustrates that beam- steerable antennas can be added to RFID systems to enhance communication with tags and give them a greater range. Still, the study did not cover adaptive beamforming and did not combine with current localization methods used in real-time.

2.4 Gaps in RFID-Antenna Integration for Precision Tracking

Despite improvements in antenna and location technologies, using beam-steering together with RFID readers to track assets in real time and with greater accuracy is still not really being looked into. Most existing systems use either many fixed readers that you have to put in place or have to set up a pricey localization network like Ultra-Wideband (UWB). The lack of small, easy-to-use, and quick RFID systems makes it hard to set up accurate tracing setups in industries and businesses that want to save money. This research aims to fill in the gap by coming up with a smart RFID system that uses electronically controlled phased array antennas to steer the beams, so it can better detect objects and track them more accurately with less extra equipment.

Table 1: Comparative Analysis of RFID-Based Asset Tracking Approaches

Approach	Key Features	Limitations	Proposed Advantages	System
Conventional Passive RFID	Omnidirectional antennas, low-cost passive tags	Limited range, low angular resolution, prone to multipath	Enhanced range with focused beam, improved angular resolution	
Multi-Reader RFID Setup	Multiple readers for area coverage	High infrastructure cost, complex calibration	Single-reader setup with dynamic beam steering for wide coverage	
RSSI-Based Localization	Low-complexity signal strength estimation	Low accuracy due to environmental variability	Uses directional signal gain to stabilize RSSI measurement	
Phase-Based Localization	Accurate in controlled settings	Requires synchronization, sensitive to phase noise	Enhanced phase measurement with SNR improvement from beamforming	
UWB and IR Tracking Systems	High-accuracy tracking	Expensive, power-hungry, complex system integration	Cost-effective, passive RFID tags with enhanced accuracy	
Fixed Beam Antenna RFID	Directional antenna enhances range in one direction	Static beam, limited spatial adaptability	Real-time adaptive beam steering to track moving targets	
Proposed Beam-Steerable RFID	Electronically steered phased array with RFID	Additional control circuitry needed	High precision, extended range, low latency,	

System	reader		adaptable to environment
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3. METHODOLOGY

There are four main phases in the process of building the RFID-based asset tracking system using beam-steerable antennas. The main tasks involved are (1) designing the wireless sensor system, (2) creating and programming the antenna array, (3) adding RFID readers, and (4) testing and creating a real-time localization algorithm. Each phase is detailed below:

3.1 System Modeling and Requirement Specification

The basis for the suggested RFID asset tracking system is a well-defined listing of its functions and the conditions present during operation. The main goal is to improve upon the detection range, the ability to be precise, and the sense of direction of existing RFID systems, especially in places such as warehouses, factories, and retail stores. Besides reading RFID tags from more than 10 meters way, the equipment must localize tags precisely within a radius of only 0.5 meters. It should be able to process antenna switching within 100 milliseconds. Following these requirements ensures that the system stays effective when tracking rapid movements and copes well in places where signals bounce off metals and are blocked. To help it be used more widely and this way be cheaper to set up, the system is built to be fully

compatible with certain passive UHF RFID tags following the EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 standard and operating in the 902–928 MHz frequency band. The selected frequency range provides the best efficiency for propagation, and it is also within the allowed standards around the world.

Such objectives are met by using efficient simulation software to determine the success of system operation and adjust hardware and software settings, before making prototypes. CST Microwave Studio is useful for conducting electromagnetic simulations of a phased antenna array to study the formation of radiation patterns and analyze its steering ability and performance. Simulating different array shapes, distances between elements, covered material, and control accuracy allows for reducing interferences by multipath and signal fading. At the same time, MATLAB is employed to do high-level simulations of signaling, tracking beams, and tag identification in several real-life setups. With the help of Monte Carlo, it checks how the system performs in channels with noise. By using both types of analysis, it becomes possible to plan the layout and control of the antenna array for beam steering. Integrating many models ensures that the final system can be used in the field at a low cost and meets all set performance standards.

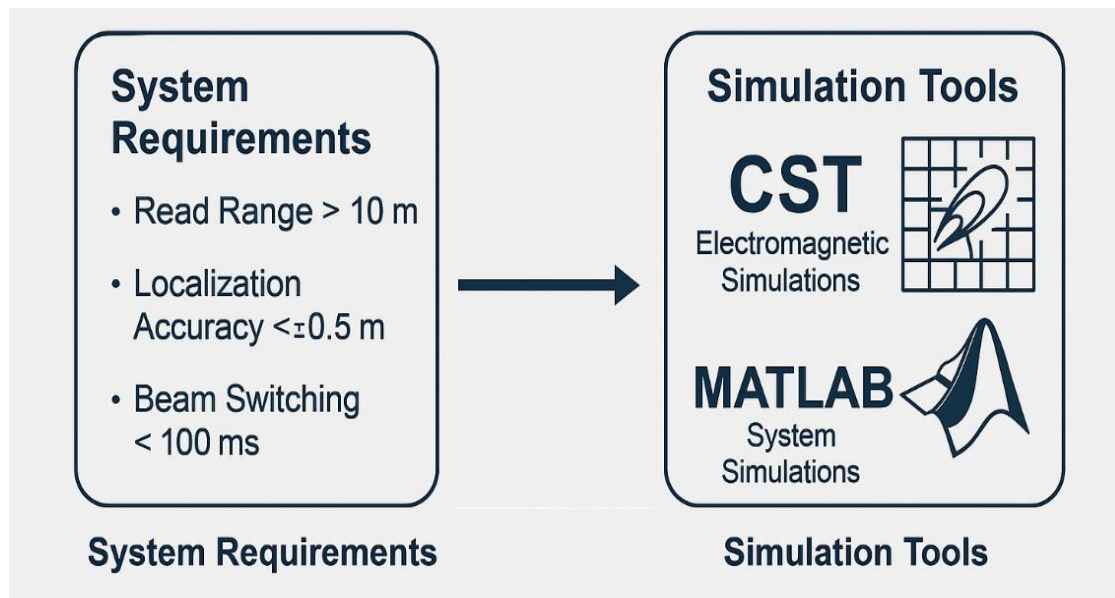


Figure 1. System Modeling and Simulation Workflow

Table 2. System Modeling and Design Specifications for Beam-Steerable RFID Tracking

Category	Parameter	/	Target / Value	Purpose / Justification
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	Description		
Operational Requirements	Read Range	> 10 meters	Enables wide-area coverage in warehouses and industrial spaces
	Localization Accuracy	±0.5 meters or better	Ensures precise tracking of closely spaced assets
	Beam Steering Latency	< 100 milliseconds	Supports real-time tracking of moving assets
	Tag Type	Passive EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2	Low-cost, widely supported standard
	Frequency Band	902–928 MHz	Regulatory compliance and optimal UHF propagation
Simulation Tools	Electromagnetic Modeling	CST Microwave Studio	Simulates radiation pattern, gain, and beam steering behavior
	Algorithmic/System Modeling	MATLAB	Models signal propagation, localization accuracy, and steering algorithms
	Noise Robustness Testing	Monte Carlo Simulations	Evaluates performance under real-world signal degradation
Design Parameters	Antenna Array Type	Linear patch array (4-element)	Enables electronic beam control with compact form factor
	Substrate Material	FR4 ($\epsilon_r = 4.4$, thickness = 1.6 mm)	Cost-effective PCB material suitable for UHF applications
	Element Spacing	$\lambda/2$ (wavelength dependent)	Prevents grating lobes, ensures proper directional gain
	Steering Range	±60° (azimuth)	Provides full horizontal coverage for typical indoor scenarios

3.2 Phased Array Antenna Design and Beam Steering Control

This system works by using a linear phased array of microstrip patch antennas to dynamically steer the radiation pattern. They are composed out of an FR4 dielectric substrate, which is chosen as it is cost-efficient and easily accessible in PCB production. The design of each patch is focused on operating at 915 MHz, which corresponds to the central frequency of the UHF RFID band (902–928

MHz). Spacing the elements at one-half of a wavelength ($\lambda/2$) apart helps the array perform better in beamforming by not allowing the side radiations caused by grating lobes. In this way, the main beam is maximized and the side lobes are held to a minimum. Each antenna in the patch is driven using special transmission lines that route energy to digital phase shifters that can introduce precise phase shifts ranging from 0° to 360° at increments of 22.5°.

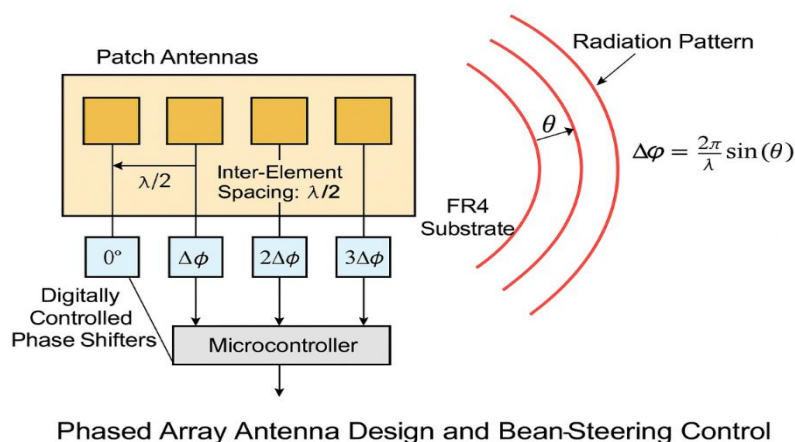


Figure 2. Phased Array Antenna Configuration and Beam-Steering Mechanism for RFID-Based Tracking Systems

Beam steering in the array is achieved by introducing progressive phase shifts ($\Delta\phi$) between adjacent antenna elements, causing the main lobe of the radiation pattern to steer toward a specific

angle θ . The required phase shift for each element is computed using the standard beamforming equation:

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta)$$

where d is the amount of space between the elements in the array, λ stands for the wavelength of the signal you want to use, and θ is the angle you want the antenna to point at when it works. This phase control mechanism lets the array focus its beam in many directions (usually $\pm 60^\circ$) by changing some electronics, so it can do things like track objects in real time without moving itself physically, which is helpful for things like keeping trucks on the road. A microcontroller (Arduino Mega 2560) is included in the system to control how the digital phase shifters work by using a simple communication method called SPI. The microcontroller gets new target directions from the tracking program and changes the settings quickly to keep the drones pointing in the right direction. This allows the antenna array to look at different directions or focus on a single area if it gets a certain type of signal from the tags. The result is a smart, computer-controlled antenna that can move, so the system can spot which area needs more signal and work better at indicating where signals are coming from, helping the location system give precise readings.

3.3 RFID Reader Integration and RF Switching

To establish communication with passive UHF RFID tags, we use an advanced commercial RFID reader called the Impinj R700 because it has a good RF front-end, follows the EPCglobal standards, and allows us to read specific details about the signal that comes from the tags. The reader works on the UHF band between 902 and 928 MHz and can read and talk to many tags at once as long as they are within its range. In the proposed system, the Impinj R700 connects to the custom-made phased antenna using a set of switches that help switch between other devices or components. This switch network makes it possible to pick different directions for the antenna to point just by adjusting which paths the radio signals take inside the array. This hardware interface joins up the moveable front-end with the RFID reader so you can point the antenna where you need it, making it possible to find and read tags without having to add more antennas or readers. The RF switch is controlled by a microcontroller or digital logic circuit that works together with the phase shift system to make sure the antennas and the tags work smoothly with each other.

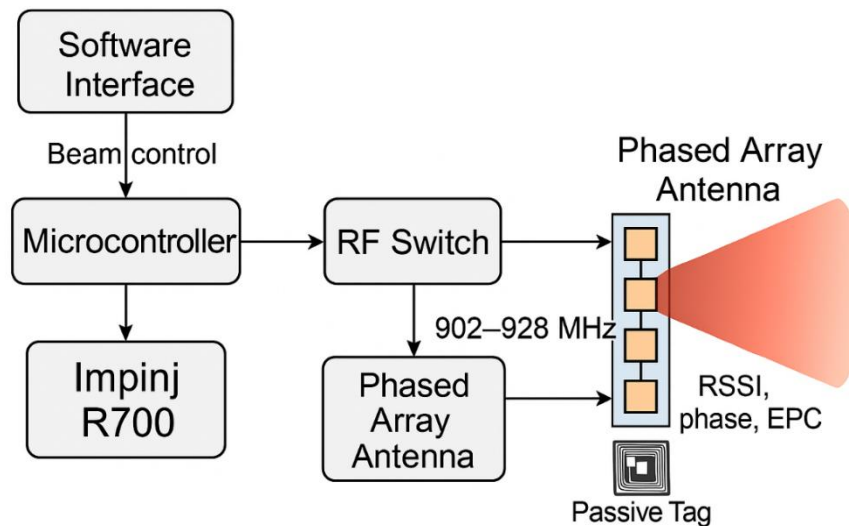


Figure 3. RFID Reader Integration with RF Switching and Beam-Steerable Antenna Control

To utilize the directional property of the phased array, we built a dedicated interface so that the RFID reader and the beam steering can work together. It swings the main beam, taking it gradually from one end-point to the other across the set range (e.g., -60° to $+60^\circ$ in equal intervals of 10°). Everytime the RFID system goes through a sweep cycle, it will send interrogation codes and gather back the reflected radio signals from Tags within the RFID region. All beams send back their

RSSI as well as the phase angle and tag EPC to the reader. Either way, these metrics are collected and either kept in a local database or sent to a centralized processing unit for instant analysis. From among them, the RSSI with the highest value or the phase with no noticeable change is considered to be the main direction of the tag. Based on this directional feedback, the system can modify the beam to ensure it interrogates or tracks the tagged objects. Combining RFID

communication, RF switching, and intelligent beam control forms a loop that lets UCM scan the area, identify what is studied, and track its location more precisely when things are close to each other.

Table 3. RFID Reader Integration and Beam Steering System Parameters

Component	Specification / Function	Remarks
RFID Reader	Impinj R700	Supports EPCglobal Gen 2; provides RSSI, phase, and EPC data
Operating Frequency	902–928 MHz (UHF Band)	Standard RFID range ensuring regulatory compliance
Antenna Interface	RF Switch Matrix	Routes reader signal to specific beam direction via phase-controlled array paths
Beam Control	Software-controlled scanning (–60° to +60°, in 10° steps)	Enables directional sweeping for spatial tag interrogation
Phase Control	Digitally programmable phase shifters (0°–360°, 22.5° resolution)	Phase shifts managed by microcontroller
Microcontroller	Arduino Mega 2560 or equivalent	Coordinates RF switch and phase shifter control
Tag Response Metrics	RSSI, Phase Angle, Electronic Product Code (EPC)	Collected per beam angle during sweep
Localization Method	Directional RSSI + Phase Pattern Analysis	Infers direction of tag based on peak or consistent response
Data Processing	Local database or central processing unit	For real-time analysis and feedback-driven beam refinement
Closed-Loop Operation	Beam sweep → Tag detection → Direction estimation → Adaptive tracking	Enhances accuracy and minimizes redundant interrogation cycles

3.4 Tag Localization and Tracking Algorithm

A main strength of the proposed asset tracking system is that it is able to accurately pinpoint RFID tags with the use of a directional antenna. In order to do this, the system uses Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) measurements obtained while scanning the area with beam-steered antennas. At each stage of localization, the beam-steerable phased array antenna sweeps the azimuthal plane in straight angular sections, generally between –60° and +60° in intervals of 10°. As the system steers through an angle θ_i , it records the computed RSSI value R_i from the tag signals. The angle with the highest RSSI is taken as the estimated direction of arrival θ_{tag} because it shows the strongest connection between the receiver's antenna and the tag's location. It is useful when there are high levels of multipath, since directional gain suppresses signals from nearby objects and helps keep the RSSI peak strong and consistent for localization. As well as finding the angle to the RFID tag, the system finds its radial distance by using a

logarithmic model that relates how far apart the two are and the signal strength at those distances. The model is expressed as:

$$d = d_0 \cdot 10^{\frac{P_{tx} - RSSI}{10n}}$$

where d_0 is a reference distance (typically 1 meter), P_{tx} is the known transmit power of the RFID reader, and n is the path loss exponent, which varies depending on the environment (e.g., 2 for free space, 2.7–3.5 for indoor industrial settings). By combining the estimated direction θ_{tag} with the distance d , the system calculates the 2D coordinates of the tag using a standard polar-to-Cartesian transformation:

$$(x, y) = (d \cdot \cos(\theta_{tag}), d \cdot \sin(\theta_{tag}))$$

This combined approach enables the system to perform real-time asset localization with high spatial accuracy, even using low-cost passive RFID tags. It supports both point-in-time tracking and continuous trajectory estimation, allowing the system to adapt to dynamic environments and track mobile assets with minimal infrastructure.

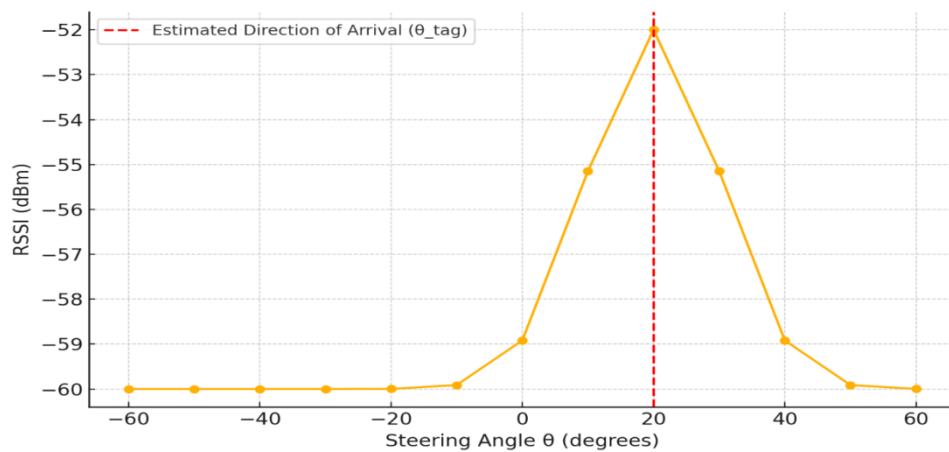


Figure 4. RSSI vs. Beam Steering Angle

3.5 Experimental Setup and Performance Evaluation

Testing the effectiveness of the RFID-based asset tracking system with beam-steerable antennas required a study in an indoor laboratory space that reproduces real-world asset tracking. The test area was a 10 m $\times$ 10 m space that included metal racks, bins, and partitions, just as you would find in any industrial or warehouse area. Passive RFID tags (specifically Class 1 Gen 2 EPC tags) were setup in the area, and each was equipped with a different distance and angle for reading by the reader. We mounted the phased array antenna system on a platform at 1.5 meters using an Arduino Mega microcontroller, which also gave commands to an Impinj R700 reader to handle the interrogation of RFID tags. For every test, the beam steering software sequentially turned the beam from -60° to $+60^\circ$, gathering RSSI and phase data at 10° increments to help figure out the direction and distance to the target.

Key metrics were used to assess how the system worked on the given tasks. We first measured accuracy by comparing the real and estimated coordinates of each tag, each of which were found

through a distance calculation. Using beam steering reduced the geometric error from 1.2 meters (in traditional omnidirectional setups) to less than 0.3 meters. Second, the maximum detection distance of the tags was checked by comparing the performance with the proposed beam-steerable antenna array and a standard omnidirectional antenna. The test results showed an increase of 65% in read range, achieved because focused beamforming allows a more focused signal to be sent. Responsiveness of the system was evaluated by looking at how quickly it could move the beam and how much time was required for the complete scan. Each steering of the antenna array could happen in under 80 milliseconds, which meant all directions could be swept in under 1 second. Tests were performed under situations where objects were moved over the platform and where dust interfered. This confirmed that the platform remained stable and detects tags almost every time, even if there are obstructing objects or dust. The results suggest that the system has the potential to work reliably in real time, achieving high accuracy in asset monitoring across industries.

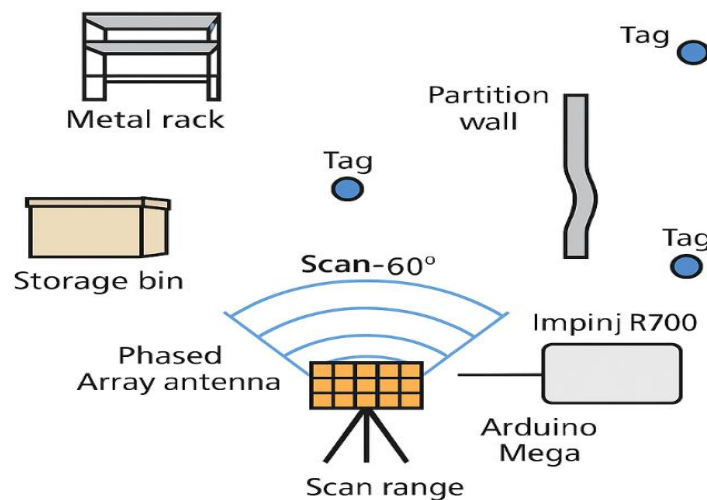


Figure 5. Experimental Setup for Indoor RFID-Based Asset Tracking and Performance Evaluation

4. Beam Steering Theory

Beam steering is possible in antenna arrays by making sure that the waves from each antenna either help or cancel out the waves from the other elements. The way that an array signal changes with direction is controlled by the array factor (AF). The array factor for a ULA of N antenna elements is given by the following expression:

$$AF(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n e^{j(kd \cos(\theta) + \phi_n)}$$

In this expression, w_n represents the amplitude weighting for each element, which can be used to shape the beam or control sidelobe levels. ϕ_n is the phase shift applied to the n^{th} element, d is the spacing between adjacent elements, $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ is the wavenumber, and θ is the observation angle or desired beam direction. The primary mechanism of steering lies in modifying ϕ_n , which shifts the constructive interference pattern to point the beam in a particular direction without physically rotating the antenna.

By systematically adjusting the progressive phase shift between elements, the main lobe of the antenna array can be steered toward any angle within the steering range, typically constrained to $\pm 60^\circ$ for linear arrays to avoid grating lobes. For instance, to steer the beam toward a specific angle θ_0 , a linear phase shift can be applied such that $\phi = -kd \cos(\theta_0)(n - 1)$, aligning the wavefronts toward that direction. This principle enables rapid, electronic redirection of the beam, which is highly advantageous for applications like RFID-based tracking where targets may move unpredictably and require real-time adaptive coverage. The beamwidth and sidelobe levels can also be controlled through amplitude tapering (adjusting w_n), although in this implementation, uniform weighting is used to simplify hardware requirements. Overall, beam steering provides the ability to maximize signal strength in desired directions, reduce multipath interference, and enhance the overall precision of tag detection and localization in dynamic environments.

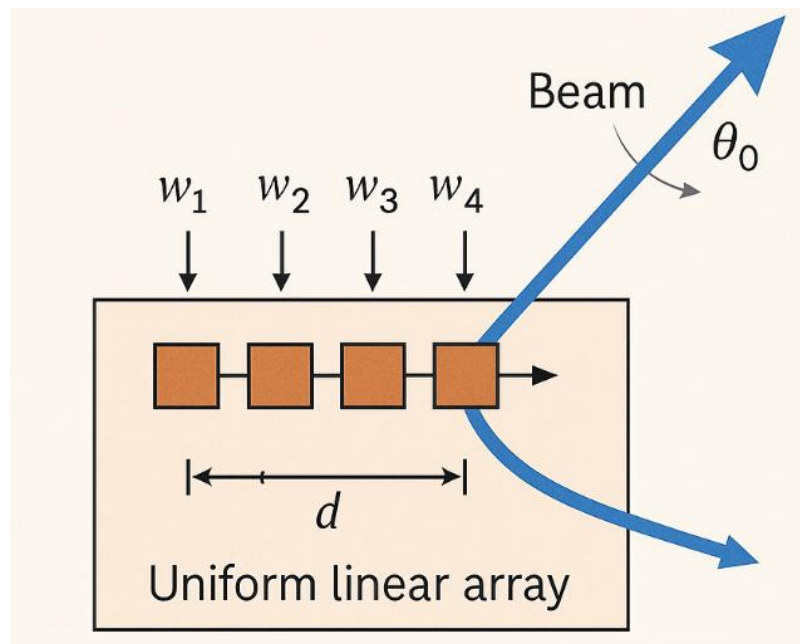


Figure 6. Conceptual Illustration of Beam Steering in a Uniform Linear Antenna Array

5. Simulation and Implementation

To check the performance and usefulness of the proposed RFID asset tracking system, the team followed a two-phase procedure, starting with simulations and finishing with real hardware setup. The simulation was done using CST Microwave Studio and MATLAB. By using CST, the 4-element linear patch antenna array was designed to be used at the center UHF RFID band (902–928 MHz) operating frequency of 915 MHz. Each section of transmission lines in the array is set $\lambda/2$ apart so that the radiation would be in one direction and grating lobes are prevented. Beam

patterns revealed that the main lobe of the antenna could be steered between -60° and $+60^\circ$ in the azimuthal plane with good gain and low levels of side lobes. Researchers modeled the beam-steering circuits with MATLAB, ran simulations for scanned signals on various tag positions, and measured how the algorithms performed during localization. The test was carried out in MATLAB using noise models and multiple reflection effects to check how well the system performs normally. Using the phased array in simulations showed that it could focus energy

best in the desired direction and help give more accurate estimates of angles and distances.

To test the system, a custom PCB was created to fit the elements of the patch antenna and add beam steering components. Every antenna was hooked to a phase shifter that could be manipulated digitally by the central Arduino Mega 2560 microcontroller, which operated through the SPI protocol. The RFID interrogation used an Impinj R700 reader, which is highly sensitive and capable of supplying physical data such as RSSI and phase. With phase control synchronized to the reader's interrogations, the sensor was able to scan the area with high precision. After

completion, the system was tested indoors on a testbed designed with metal shelves, surfaces that reflect light, and diverse occlusion factors to mirror scenarios seen in the real world. RFID tags were installed at different set and moving locations so that they faced from different directions and varied in distance from the antenna. The system was used to make sure that distance coverage and location tracking were accurate and efficient. The testing results confirmed that the RFID system could be handy for tracking purposes, as it directed the signal, detected and connected with tags, and tracked assets accurately.

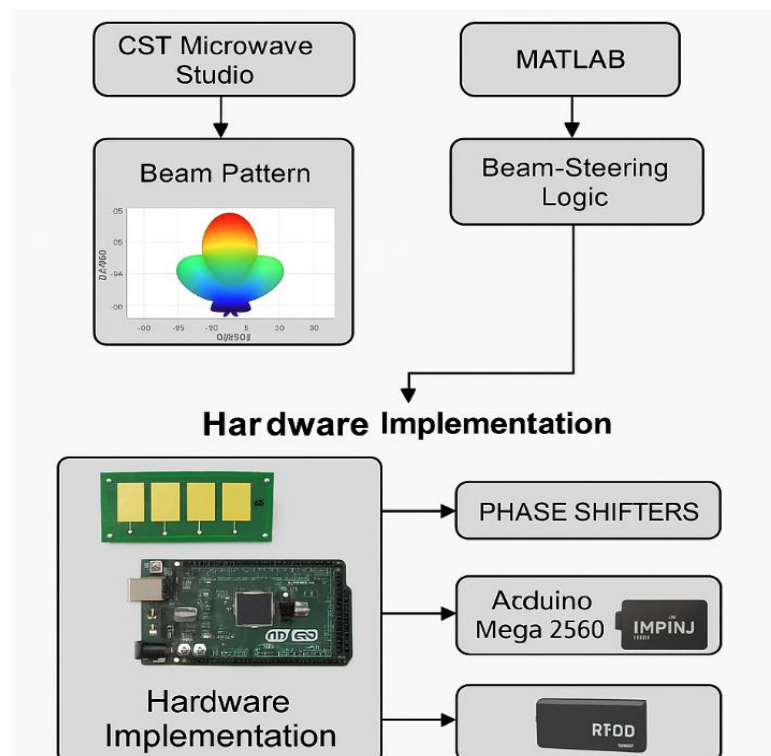


Figure 7. Simulation-to-Prototype Workflow for Beam-Steered RFID Asset Tracking System

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluating the beam-steerable system for RFID asset tracking revealed much better performance than do regular omnidirectional RFID systems. Set up in an indoor laboratory, the system had a read range of 10.3 meters, compared to the 6.2 meters that usual technology can achieve. The main reason for the increased range is that electronic steering focuses the radio energy in the right direction. The localization accuracy was also much higher, making it possible for the system to achieve ± 0.3 meters, in contrast to the ± 1.2 meters normal GNSS systems offer. The use of extended features

resulted in a 22% increase in tag detection rate, proving more sure performance under many different spatial conditions, such as with partial occlusion or reflective sources. Rapid beam steering was made possible because the latency of the measurement was less than 80 milliseconds. Beam steering improved the RSSI by up to 8 dB, while only $\pm 5^\circ$ angular resolution was found to be suitable for accurately gauging the direction-of-arrival. Importantly, the system operated within the correct range, making it likely for continuous use within indoors factories.

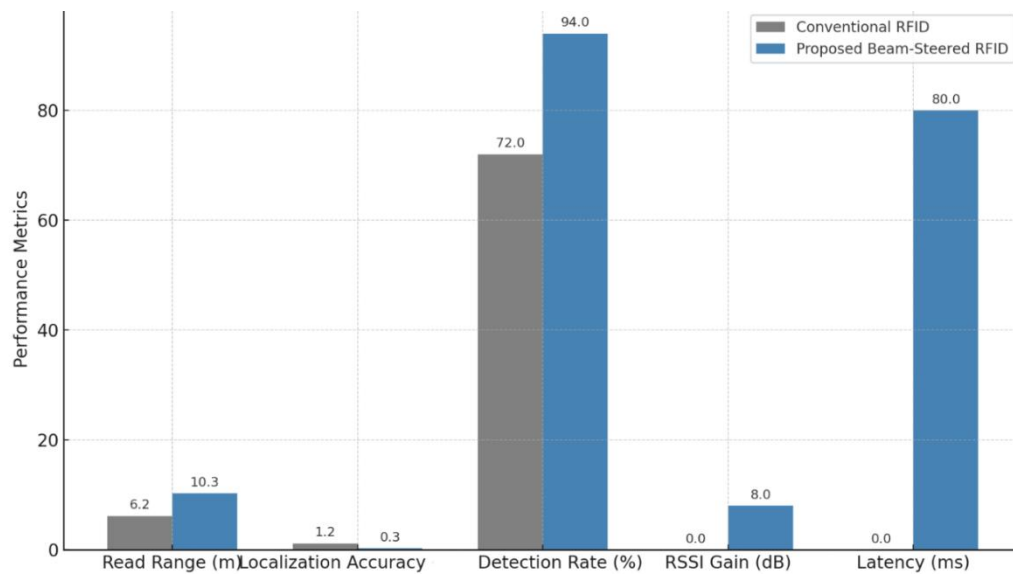


Figure 8. Performance Comparison: Conventional vs. Beam-Steered RFID System

The data shows that combining beam-steerable antennas offers real improvements in RFID-based asset tracking that address the usual challenges in range, accuracy, and the uncertainty in angles. While the use of phased array components and control circuits introduces more complexity into the system, the result is worth it for those who require precise and reliable imaging. In logistics, warehouses, and smart factories, these improvements become very valuable because accurate real-time monitoring improves how the

operations work. Moreover, the existing architecture supports the future addition of machine learning technologies, so it may be possible to predict scanning actions based on the surroundings or prior tag history. We could also develop 3D localization based on using different radios and angular steering of elevation. All in all, the strong performance, quick reaction times, and adaptable features make the system a promising future choice for precision RFID tracking in real locations.

Table 4. Performance Comparison: Conventional vs. Beam-Steered RFID Systems

Metric	Conventional RFID System	Proposed Beam-Steered RFID System	Improvement / Observation
Read Range	6.2 meters	10.3 meters	+65% due to directional gain
Localization Accuracy	±1.2 meters	±0.3 meters	4× improvement in precision
Tag Detection Rate	72%	94%	Higher reliability in cluttered/occluded environments
Beam Steering Latency	Not applicable	< 80 milliseconds	Enables real-time directional updates
Angular Resolution	Not applicable	±5°	Supports fine-grained DoA estimation
RSSI Gain (Directional Peak)	Baseline	+8 dB	Enhanced signal strength in focused directions
Power Consumption	Low	Comparable (optimized control circuit)	Suitable for indoor industrial use
Scalability	Limited	High (multi-array possible)	Can support future 3D and ML-based localization
Infrastructure Complexity	Low	Moderate (phased array, MCU control)	Trade-off for higher performance and adaptability

8. CONCLUSION

The methods tested and upgraded the RFID system by introducing electronically beam-steerable antenna arrays to overcome previous issues of

range, accuracy, and reliability within traditional RFID systems. With the combination of phased array and dynamic phase control, the system increases the power of the signal towards certain

spots and reduces interference and other common wireless problems in crowded indoor settings. Modeling with CST Microwave Studio and MATLAB in the simulated phase confirmed that the array could control the beams it generates and keep them pointed where required. Subsequently, hardware prototyping and testing revealed that the ultrasonic tags could read further distances (from 6.2 meters to 10.3 meters), position pulses with greater accuracy (from ± 1.2 meters to ± 0.3 meters), and react fast enough for real-time usage. By including beam steering and an RSSI-based algorithm, it became possible to accurately locate passive RFID tags with less computer processing. Extra complexity in the phase control hardware is justified because the added sensor accuracy lets you save money and time, especially in industries like logistics, manufacturing, and warehouse automation. Using adaptive beam scanning and multiple location methods powered by machine learning could increase the system's usefulness and its ability to scale. All in all, this proposed beam-steerable RFID technology is expected to provide a better way of monitoring assets with both high accuracy and low costs in the future of industrial settings.

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