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# Theses and Projects at CoNe

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# **Projects and Theses**

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Cryptography

# **General Remarks**

What, where, how?



# **Our Group** Who, what, where?

- People
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  - Saptadi Nugroho
  - Peter Krämer
  - Dr. Joan Bordoy (Telocate)
  - Dr. Johannes Wendeberg (Telocate)
  - Dr. Fabian Höflinger (Telocate)
- Partners
  - Telocate
  - Prof. Dr. Stefan Rupitsch





# **General Remarks** What is a project? What is a thesis?

- Study programs at the Faculty
  - Computer Science, Embedded Systems Engineering, (IMTEK, SSE)
  - Bachelor, Master, (PhD, PostDoc)
- Project
  - Bachelor project (6 ECTS)
  - Master project (18 ECTS)
- Theses
  - Bachelor Thesis (15 ECTS)
  - Master Thesis (30 ECTS)

## Projects

- are practical and should train for your future work as an engineer/IT specialist
- help us to perform research
- can be the warm-up phase for a thesis
- Theses
  - is the plural of thesis
  - is an academic individual work of the student
    - i.e. could lead to a scientific publication

# **Types** What kinds of projects/theses exist?

## Theory

- Mathematical treatment of a topic
  - i.e. Theorem, Lemma, Proof

#### **Practical Work**

- Design, Implementation, Set-up, Testing
- of programs or embedded systems

## **Experimental Work**

- Design of an experimental buildup
- Documentation of the setup, experiments and surrounding
- Analysis of the experiment and conclusion
  - may involve programming, building a system, etc.

**Lemma 7.** The expected potential in round t + 1 is at most  $\left(r^2 + (1-r)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$ times the potential in round t. Formally:  $\mathbb{E}\left[\Phi_{t+1}|\Phi_t = \phi\right] \leq \left(r^2 + (1-r)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)\phi$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof in [5]. The key difference is the parameter r. For ease of notation, the time indices are dropped. Given all  $v_{i,j}$  and all calling assignments f(i) = k at time t the potential in the next round can be computed as:

$$\Phi_{t+1} = \sum_{i,j} \left( rv_{i,j} + \sum_{k:f(k)=i} (1-r) v_{k,j} - \frac{rw_i + \sum_{k:f(k)=i} (1-r) w_k}{n} \right)^2$$
(17)
$$= \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{r\left(v_{i,j} - \frac{w_i}{n}\right)}{n} + \sum_{k:f(k)=i} (1-r) \left(v_{k,j} - \frac{w_k}{n}\right) \right)^2$$
(18)

$$=\underbrace{\sum_{i,j}r^{2}\left(v_{i,j}-\frac{w_{i}}{n}\right)^{2}}_{a^{2}}+\underbrace{\sum_{i,j}2r\left(v_{i,j}-\frac{w_{i}}{n}\right)\sum_{k:f(k)=i}\left(1-r\right)\left(v_{k,j}-\frac{w_{k}}{n}\right)}_{2nh}$$
(19)



Figure 15: Tail weight  $T_{gt}(t)$  of 10000 nodes aggregating the average using Random-Call-Pull. The inputs to the nodes are constant and uniformly distributed from the interval [0, 100].

Design and Implementation of a Simulation Environment for Peer-to-Peer based Data Aggregation of Time-Series Data Alexander Weinmann June 29, 2021



Figure 13: Experiment with ignore lists for each nod

GasLok Network Protocol Philip Klein 2020

# **Timeline of a Project/Thesis**

## Preparing

- contact the contact person
- work out the specifics of the task
- get the literature
- get the material

## Starting

- register with the examination office
- kickoff presentation at the Oberseminar
  - contact Sneha Mohanty

## Working

- go to meetings
  - especially if you think there is nothing to report

- stay in contact with your contact person
- report difficulties, new insights, successes

## Finishing

- deadlines of theses are strict
  - except you break your arm or leg
  - then apply for an extension at the examination office
- projects have no fixed deadline
- submit your thesis to the examination office
- or submit your project report to your contact and to the chair (me)
- make a final presentation

# **Your Project**

Everything you have ever dreamt of



# **Many Industrial Projects and Theses are Scams**

- Famous, prestigious companies are scamming students
- Promise thesis
  - "tHe OnLy tHiNg yOu nEeD iS tO flnD a sUpErVisiNg pRoFeSSor"
  - offer some money
- BUT
  - finding a supervisor is their job
  - offered theses are often not academic
  - offered money is way below your pay grade
  - They want hard work for cheap money

- If you find a supervisor and start such a thesis
  - Plus
    - Money and a thesis
    - contact to company
  - Minuses
    - you have two bosses
    - you cannot publish your results NDA
    - worse grades, less money
    - finding a job is not a problem
    - you are wasting your only chance to get into academic research

# The good industrial theses and Pitch your idea.

- The good industrial theses
  - the supervisor is in the field, e.g. computer scientist
  - supervisor has a publication record
  - contacts to universities have been established
  - they are interested in publishing the results
- Good industrial projects
  - projects work much better than theses with industry
  - but, they do not know how grading works...

- or just going YOUR WAY
- You have an original idea
  - tell us about it
  - show us that it has academic potential
  - show us the relation to our research
    - or at least the name of the chair
- You work out the fine print
  - own literature research
  - own risk
  - but also your own chance of doing your thing

# Localization

ILDARS, Self-Calibration Signal Processing



# **ILDARS**

- A silent bat hears some other bats
  - can detect the direction and the time of a sound signal
  - can be directed or reflected signal
- Question:
  - What can a silent bat locate?
  - ILDARS problem (Indoor Localization problem based) on Directed and Reflected Signals)
- Oracle version:
  - The names of the reflecting walls are given
    - e.g. in a characteristic table
- Literature
  - Mohanty, S., What can a Silent Bat Locate?, draft, 2023





#### **Characteristic Table**

receiver (0,0)

| Line of sight         |                  |                  |                   |  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2D                    | ()               | $(w_{1})$        | (w <sub>2</sub> ) |  |
| <i>s</i> <sub>1</sub> | $(d_{1},t_{1})$  | $(d_{2}, t_{2})$ | $(d_{3},t_{3})$   |  |
| <i>s</i> <sub>2</sub> | $(d_{4},t_{4})$  | $(d_{5}, t_{5})$ | Ø                 |  |
| <i>s</i> <sub>3</sub> | $(d_{6}, t_{6})$ | ø                | $(d_{7}, t_{7})$  |  |

# **Oracle-ILDARS**

- Task:
  - Which cases or Oracle ILDARS are solvable?
- Literature
  - Mohanty, S., What can a Silent Bat Locate?, draft, 2023
- Contact
  - Christian Schindelhauer, Sneha Mohanty







# **Two Receiver Calibration Problem**

- The Two-walls-no-LOS-Oracle ILDARS is equivalent to two
  receiver calibration problem
- Question: How to calibrate two receivers using pairs of incoming signals
  - Given the direction and the time of arrivals at two receivers with unknown distances and orientation
  - In which direction is the other receiver and in which distance?
- Task:
  - Test optimization methods to solve it
  - Find a closed form solution if possible
- Contact
  - Christian Schindelhauer, Joan Bordoy



# **Silent Bat in Sound Architecture**

- In the silent bat approach we have assumed walls in general position
- Question
  - Can we transfer the results to parallel and rectangular mirrors?
  - How about new shapes (planes, spheres, cylinders)
- Task
  - Find algorithms to detect such walls and perform localization
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Fig. 1. Receiver device at position o receives one direct and multiple reflected signals from sound source  $s_1$ 



Localization

Average

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# **Signal Processing for ILDARS**

- Based on several incoming signals
  - predict pairing and order of reflection
  - differentiate and detect reflected and LOS signal
- Literature
  - Gabbrielli, 3-D Angle of Arrival Ultrasonic Indoor Localization System with Chirp Spread Spectrum Multi-User Identification, PhD Thesis, 2023
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• Task

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# **Computational Complexity**

Proving the hardness

# **Computational Complexity of Mirrors**

- One result thesis
  - 2-D RayTracing is RE hard
- Tasks (theory)
  - Find alternative proofs for hardness
  - Loop construction
  - Complexity of Arrival time
- Literature
  - Adejoh, Jakoby, Mohanty, S., "Complexity Bounds for Illumination and Ray Tracing in 2D", draft, 2023
  - John H. Reif, J. Doug Tygar, and A. Yoshida.
     Computability and complexity of ray tracing. Discrete & Computational Geometry, 11:265–288, 1994.

**Theorem 7.** The illumination problem restricted to simple plane mirrors in 2D is NP-hard, if an exponential number of reflections is allowed.



# **Computational Power of Mirrors**

- Mirrors are computational tools
  - Input/output Direction, offset, time
  - What is the computational power
- Tasks
  - Create mirrors performing given operations
  - Prove that it is hard to compute when a signal of a point has arrived at a target
  - Design mirror system that compute complex tasks or fulfill other properties
    - e.g. an aerodynamic car mirror using multiple reflections
- Literature
  - Serge Tabachnikov. Geometry and billiards, volume 30. American Mathematical Soc., 2005.
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# **Peer-to-Peer Networks**

Everybody is equal

# **Data Aggregation in Peer to Peer Network**



Smart sensor agents can communicate with each other in a communication network to exchange data. Each sensor agent produces measurement data. In this project we will try to simulate asynchronous data aggregation using data from sensor.community.

- Given
  - Sensors and data from sensor.community
- To do
  - Compute/Simulate the asynchronous rumor spreading
    - Aggregation Function (Min, Max, Average, Sum, Count)
- Literature
  - Ormándi, R., Hegedűs, I., Jelasity, M. (2011).
     Asynchronous Peer-to-Peer Data Mining with Stochastic Gradient Descent. In: Jeannot, E., Namyst, R., Roman, J. (eds) Euro-Par 2011 Parallel Processing. Euro-Par 2011. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 6852. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.
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Source picture: https://sensor.community/en/

# Self – Stabilized Local Load Balancing

- Question
  - Is Push&Pull-Sum a good method for Load Balancing
- LIterature
  - Dinitz, Y., Dolev, S. & Kumar, M. Local Deal-Agreement Algorithms for Load Balancing in Dynamic General Graphs. Theory Comput Syst 67, 348–382 (2023). https://doi.org/ 10.1007/s00224-022-10097-6
  - Nugroho, S., Weinmann, A., Schindelhauer, C. (2023).
     Adding Pull to Push Sum for Approximate Data Aggregation.
     In: Dolev, S., Schieber, B. (eds) Stabilization, Safety, and
     Security of Distributed Systems. SSS 2023. Lecture Notes in
     Computer Science, vol 14310. Springer, Cham.
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# **Flipping P2P**

- Task (Theory or Simulations)
  - Chord/CAN/Pastry/Kademlia Network
  - using Random Flip operations
- Literature
  - Lecture P2P-Networks, S., Sommer 2023
  - George Giakkoupis. 2022. Expanders via local edge flips in quasilinear time. In Proceedings of the 54th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2022). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 64–76. https://doi.org/10.1145/3519935.3520022
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#### Expanders via Local Edge Flips in Quasilinear Time

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#### ABSTRACT Mahlmann and Schindelhaue (2005) proposed the following simple

process, called flip-chain, for transforming any given connected d-regular graph into a d-regular expander: In each step, a random 3-path abcd is selected, and edges ab and cd are replaced by two new edges ac and bd, provided that ac and bd do not exist already A motivation for the study of the flip-chain arises in the design of overlay networks, where it is common practice that adjacent nodes periodically exchange random neighbors, to maintain good connectivity properties. It is known that the flip-chain converges to the uniform distribution over connected d-regular graphs, and it is conjectured that an expander graph is obtained after  $O(nd \log n)$ steps, w.h.p., where n is the number of vertices. However, the best known upper bound on the number of steps is  $O(n^2 d^2 \sqrt{\log n})$ , and the best bound on the mixing time of the chain is  $O(n^{16}d^{36}\log n)$ . We provide a new analysis of a natural flip-chain instantiation which shows that starting from any connected d-regular graph. for  $d = \Omega(\log^2 n)$ , an expander is obtained after  $O(nd \log^2 n)$  steps. w.h.p. This result is tight within logarithmic factors, and almost matches the conjectured bound. Moreover, it justifies the use of edge flip operations in practice: for any d-regular graph with d = poly(log n), an expander is reached after each vertex participates in at most poly(log n) operations, w.h.p. Our analysis is arguably more elementary than previous approaches. It uses the novel notion of the strain of a cut, a value that depends both on the crossing edges and their adjacent edges. By keeping track of the cut strains, we form a recursive argument that bounds the time before all sets of a given size have large expansion, after all smaller sets have already attained large expansion.

#### ACM Reference Format

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

In [24], Mahimann and Schindelhaue proposed a very simple and elegant process to transform any given connected *d*-regular graph into *a d*-regular expander. This process consists of a sequence of *flip operations*. A flip operation on graph G = (V, E) chooses a 3-path *adv* of G u.a.r., and *i* neither of the edges *a* can *b d* exits already, then edges *ab* and *cd* are removed, and are replaced by edges *a* can *b d*; otherwise, the operation does not modify the graph.

<sup>A</sup> A flip operation does not change the degrees of vertices, and does not disconnect a connected graph. Moreover, it is a very local operation, as it affects only four vertices, at distance at most three apart. This is minimal, in the sense that no edge switching operation involving lever than four vertices preserves the degrees, and the only shallower subgraph than a 3-path is the 3-star, for which there are no degree-preserving operations [6].

The Markov chain  $(G_t = (V, E_t))_{t \in M_t}$  induced by a sequence of flip operations is called a  $A_{t}(p) - totan,$  and it converges to the uniform distribution over all connected and d-regular graphs on V, if the initial graph  $G_0 = (V, E_0)$  is connected and d-regular [24]. Moreover, based on experimental evidence, it has been conjectured that  $t = O(nd \log n)$  operations suffice to ensure that graph  $G_t$  is an expander who, [25, 24].

A motivation for the study of flip-chains arises in the design of

# **Rumor Spreading and Graph Transformation**

- Tasks (theory/simulations)
  - Combine Rumor Spreading with Random Graph Transformations
  - Distributed Connectivity Tester
- Literature
  - Lecture P2P-Networks, S., Sommer 2023
  - George Giakkoupis. 2022. Expanders via local edge flips in quasilinear time. In Proceedings of the 54th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2022). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 64–76.
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# **Random Directed Network Operations and Expanders**

- Question
  - Does Pointer-Push&Pull converge in time O(n log n)
  - Does directed Flipper converge fast?
- Literature
  - Csóka, E., & Grabowski, Ł. (2022). On directed analogues of expander and hyperfinite graph sequences.
     Combinatorics, Probability and Computing, 31(2), 24-197
  - George Giakkoupis. 2022. Expanders via local edge flips in quasilinear time. In Proceedings of the 54th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing (SFOC 2022). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 64–76.
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# **Telocate**

**Professional Localization** 



# **ALISA**

- Al and Localization Based Picking System with Intelligent Scannerless Work Glove
  - Goal: optimize logistics, simplify picking process
  - Smart glove with pressure sensors and ultrasound speaker
  - Recognize hand gestures, locate glove
- Contact:
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  - Johannes Wendeberg





# FOOTPRINT

- Collection of materials, machines and traffic flows for the calculation of the CO2 footprint of road construction site
- Goal
  - Estimate and reduce CO2 footprint of road construction sites
  - Ultra-wideband (UWB) localization, inertial measurement units (IMUs) and GPS to detect machine usage
  - Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) to detect traffic
  - Analyze data, fuse sensors, detect inefficiencies
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# LoCA

- Safe UWB-based localization and collision avoidance in offshore wind farms for installation, inspection and maintenance
- Goal
  - Drone localization and collision avoidance in offshore wind farms
  - Distance measurements (UWB) to infrastructure and other drones
  - Robust algorithm, error analysis, error reduction
     using other drones
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# **MIMO and Near-Field**

Understanding the physical foundations of communication

# MIMO

- Tasks (theoretically/practical)
  - Is there a MIMO-Multicast with Multiplexing Gain
  - Parallel broadcast in 3D
  - Concurrent Multicast with multiplexing gain/diversity gain tradeoff
- Literature
  - S., C., Oak, A. and Janson, T., 2019, September. Collaborative Broadcast in Rounds. In International Symposium on Algorithms and Experiments for Sensor Systems, Wireless Networks and Distributed Robotics (pp. 119-136). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
  - S., Lecture Algorithms for Wireless Communication, 2022
  - Thomas Janson, Energy-Efficient Collaborative Beamforming in Wireless Ad Hoc Networks, 2015
  - Tim Mugele, Simulation and Analysis of Different Variants of a Collaborative Broadcast Algorithm Regarding Different Path-Loss-Models, Bachelor Thesis, 2020
- Supervisor:
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# Near-Field Antenna Fields

- Questions
  - Test of the validity of near-field models
  - Do Near-Field models scale?
- Tasks
  - Simulation of linear array in the Near-Field
  - Finding worst case position for near-field communication
  - General Near-Field-Simulator
- Literature
  - Abhishek Sharma, Analyzing the Properties of Near-Field Coupling Matrices for Large Antenna Systems, Master Thesis 2022
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 $C = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + (b+l)^2} + (b+l)$  $\bar{C} = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + (b+l)^2} - (b+l)$ 

 $B = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + (b - l)^2} + (b - l)$  $\bar{B} = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + (b-l)^2} - (b-l)$ 

 $A = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + b^2$ 

 $\bar{A} = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - b^2$ 

Hertz's Model



 $+\sin(k_0 b)[2\operatorname{Ci}(A) - 2\operatorname{Ci}(A') - \operatorname{Ci}(B) + \operatorname{Ci}(B') - \operatorname{Ci}(C) + \operatorname{Ci}(C')]$ 

Figure 20: 3D surface plot of the computations of the logarithm of the absolute value is plotted against all the possible positions with respect to the 8 fixed dipoles in all of the instances

# Visual Cryptography

Harvesting the Complexity of Mirrors for Encryption

# **Visual Cryptography**

- Cryptography based on Ray Tracing
  - of a light ray through a 2D/3D setup
- **Optical** objects in 2D cartesian coordinates
  - Parabola, Hyperbola, Line segments
  - as well as generic 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree objects
- Light ray
  - reflected or refracted from objects
  - pass through non-optical, Boolean logic gates
    - like XOR, Matrix-Mix and NOT-Shift
- Together they from a complex symmetric key crypto system
- Literature:
  - Mohanty, Peairs, S., "Introducing Gate Based Ray Tracing Cryptography", EasyChair Preprint no. 10450, 2023

## Encryption





# Task: Extension to 3D

- Extension to 3D cartesian coordinate system
- inclusion of new objects such as
  - sphere
  - hyperboloid
  - paraboloid and
  - generic 3D objects#
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Encryption

Decryption

# **Task Designing Attacks**

- Single reflection case
  - Interpolation of object hit-points to 'compute' object
  - Lagrangian, Newtonian and Spline-based technique comparisons
- Multiple reflection and refraction case
  - Use Bounding Volume Hierarchies to detect multiple collisions in a sub-region
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# Cryptography

## Mental Card Games and Peer-to-Peer



# **Bullet Proofs for Mental Card Games**

## • Tasks

- Given a formal description of a card game
  - automatically construct all interactive zeroknowledge games for playing the game only (without trusted third party)
  - Design an interpreter/compile which translate card game languages into interactive proof systems
- Implement the most efficient Mental Card Game
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