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Projects and Theses

General Remarks

Your Project

Localization

Computational Complexity

Peer-to-Peer Networks

Telocate

MIMO and Near-Field

Visual Cryptography

Cryptography

General Remarks

What, where, how?



Our Group

Who, what, where?

- **People**

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- Sneha Mohanty
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- **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 $(r^2 + (1 - r)^2 (1 - \frac{1}{n}))$ times the potential in round t . Formally: $\mathbb{E}[\Phi_{t+1} | \Phi_t = \phi] \leq (r^2 + (1 - r)^2 (1 - \frac{1}{n})) \phi$.

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:

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

$$= \sum_{i,j} \left(\underbrace{r \left(v_{i,j} - \frac{w_i}{n} \right)}_a + \underbrace{\sum_{k:f(k)=i} (1-r) \left(v_{k,j} - \frac{w_k}{n} \right)}_b \right)^2 \quad (18)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{r^2 \left(v_{i,j} - \frac{w_i}{n} \right)^2}_a^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} 2r \left(v_{i,j} - \frac{w_i}{n} \right) \sum_{k:f(k)=i} (1-r) \left(v_{k,j} - \frac{w_k}{n} \right)}_{\lambda ab} \quad (19)$$

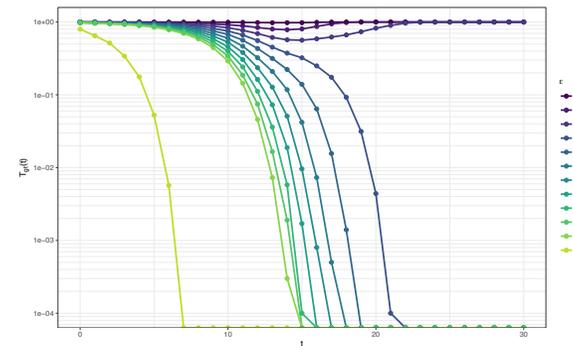


Figure 15: Tail weight $T_{gt}(t)$ of 10000 nodes aggregating the average using *Random-Call-Pull*. The inputs to the nodes are constant and uniformly distributed from the interval $[0, 100]$.

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

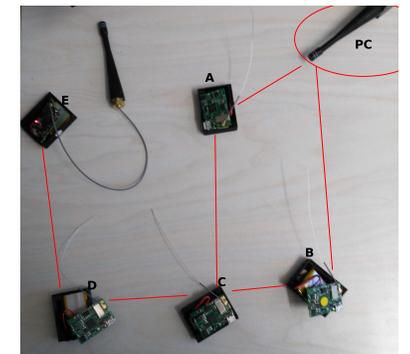


Figure 13: Experiment with ignore lists for each node

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

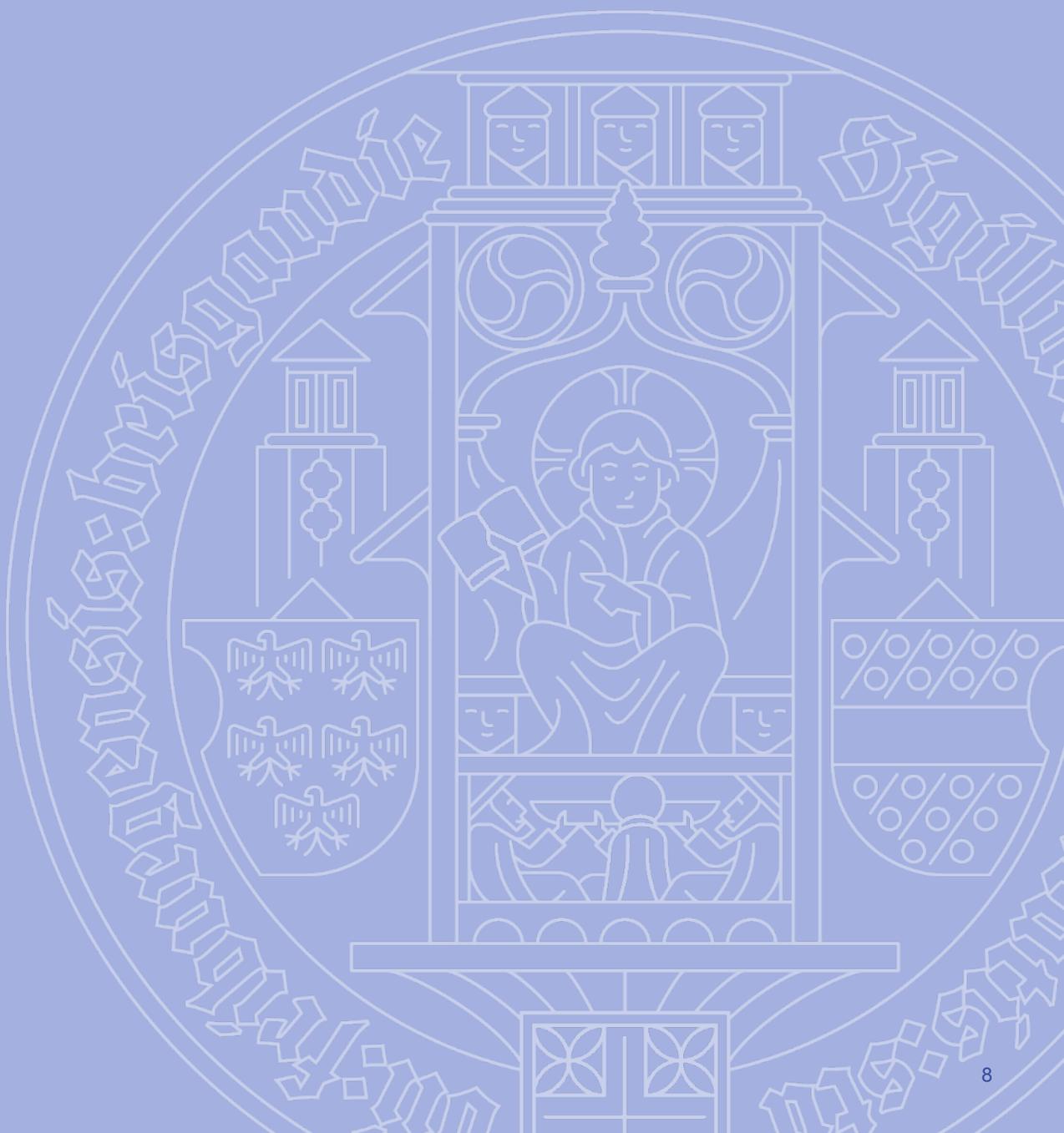
- stay in contact with your contact person
- report difficulties, new insights, successes

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 fInD 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

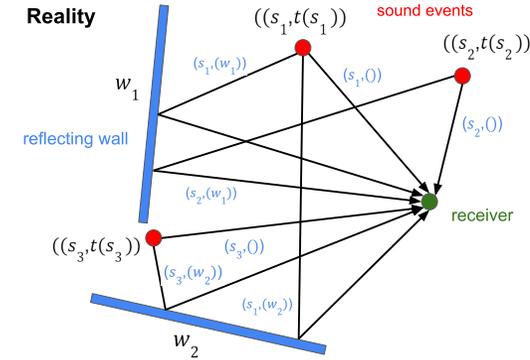
Localization

ILDARS, Self-Calibration
Signal Processing

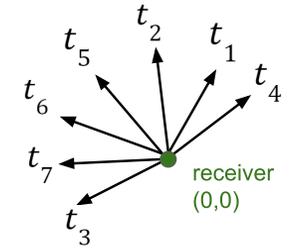


ILDARS

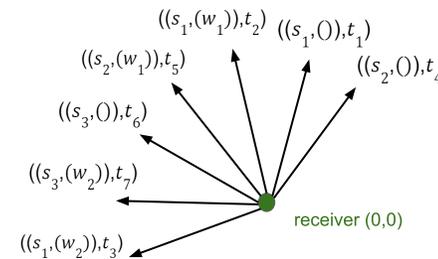
- A silent bat hears some other bats
 - can detect the direction and the time of a sound signal
 - can be directed or reflected signal
- Question:
 - What can a silent bat locate?
 - ILDARS problem (Indoor Localization problem based on Directed and Reflected Signals)
- **Oracle version:**
 - The names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



ILDARS Problem



Oracle ILDARS problem

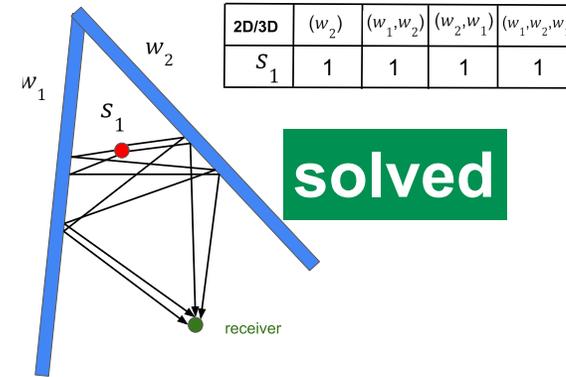


Characteristic Table

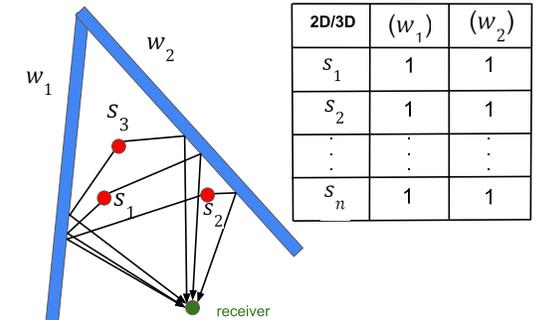
Line of sight			
2D	()	(w_1)	(w_2)
S_1	(d_1, t_1)	(d_2, t_2)	(d_3, t_3)
S_2	(d_4, t_4)	(d_5, t_5)	\emptyset
S_3	(d_6, t_6)	\emptyset	(d_7, t_7)

Oracle-ILDARS

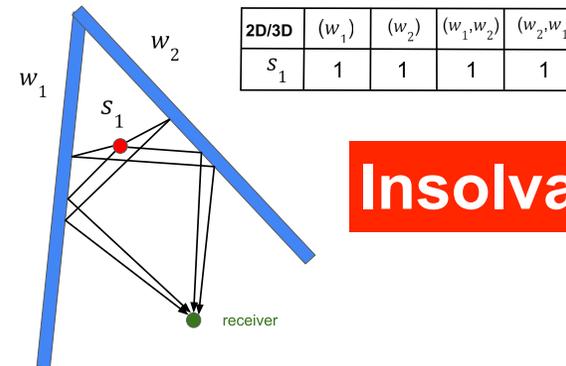
- Task:
 - Which cases of Oracle ILDARS are solvable?
- Literature
 - Mohanty, S., What can a Silent Bat Locate?, draft, 2023
- Contact
 - Christian Schindelbauer, Sneha Mohanty



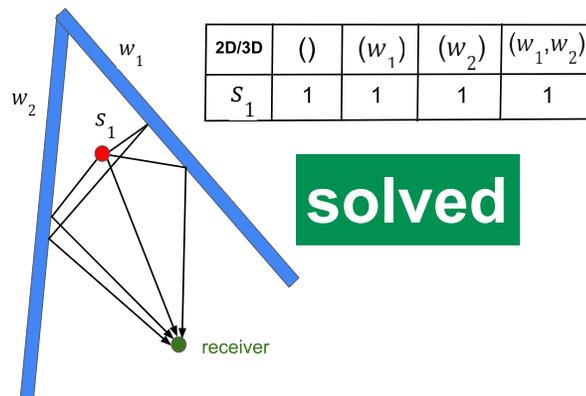
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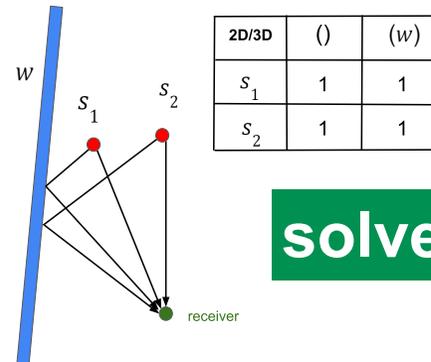
Insolvable



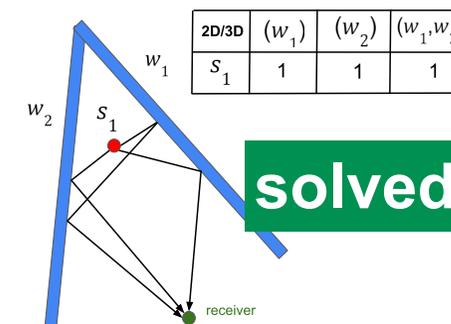
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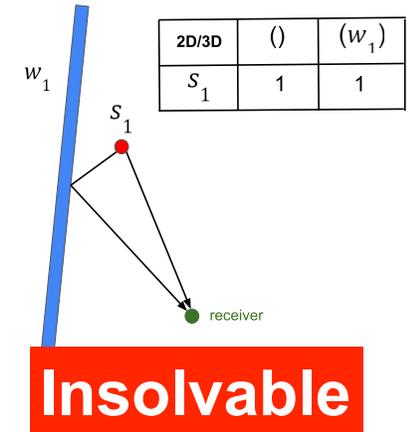
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Insolvable

Oracle-ILDARS

- **Task:**

- Which cases of Oracle ILDARS are solvable?

- **Ongoing Work**

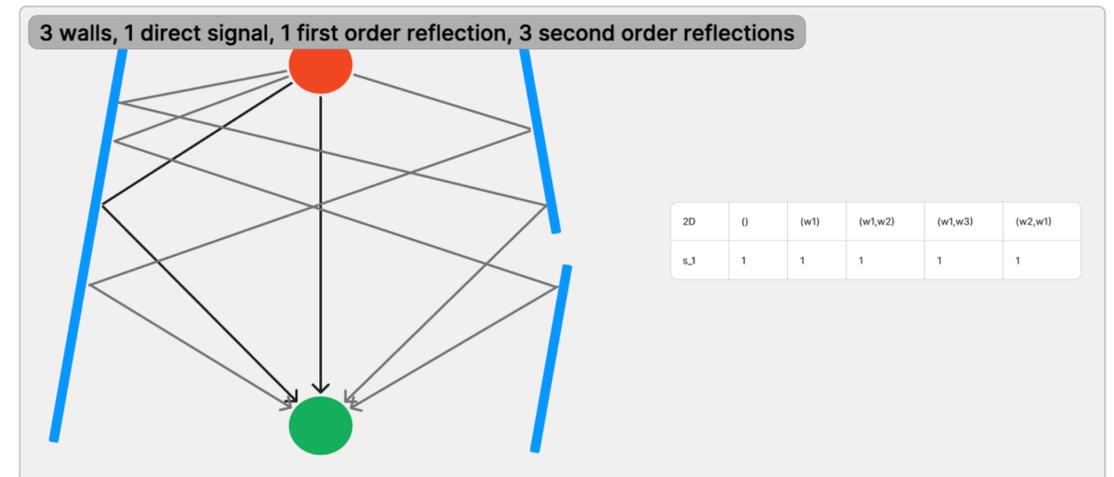
- 1 sender, 1 receiver, 2 walls, 2D

- **Topics**

- 1 sender, 1 receiver, 3 walls in general position, 3D
- >1 senders, 1 receiver, 2 walls, 2D
- 1 sender, 1 receiver, >2 walls, 2D
- >1 senders, 1 receiver, 2 walls, 3D
- ... general case

- **Contact**

- Christian Schindelbauer, Sneha Mohanty



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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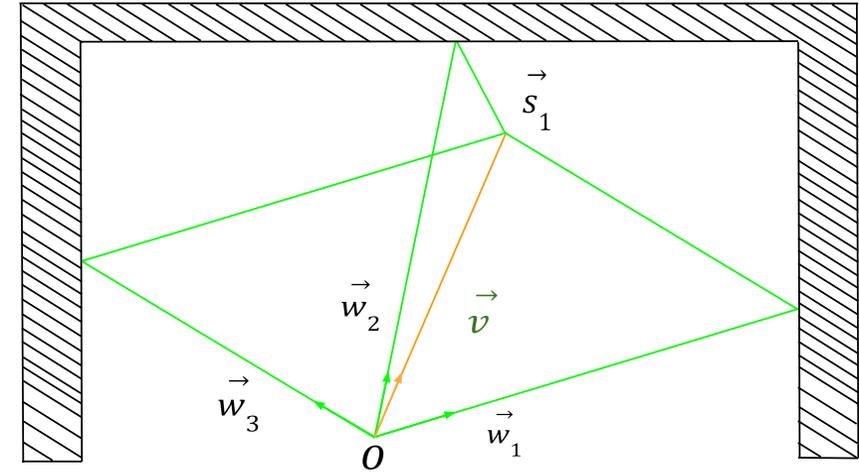


Fig. 1. Receiver device at position o receives one direct and multiple reflected signals from sound source s_1



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
- Contact
 - Christian Schindelbauer, Sneha Mohanty

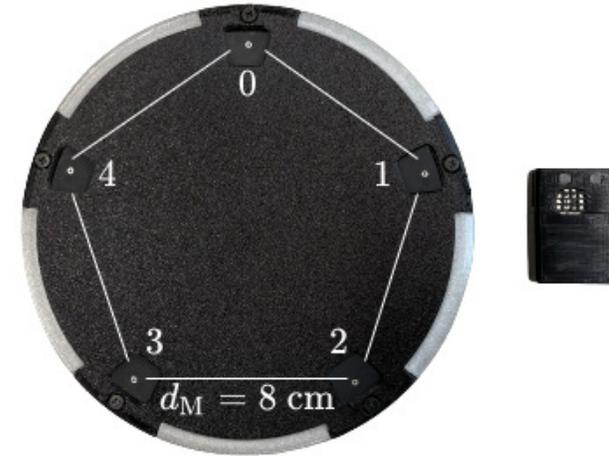


Fig. 2. The AoA ultrasonic receiver composed of 5 microphone placed on a pentagon of length $d_M = 8$ cm (on the left) and the ultrasonic speaker tag (on the right).

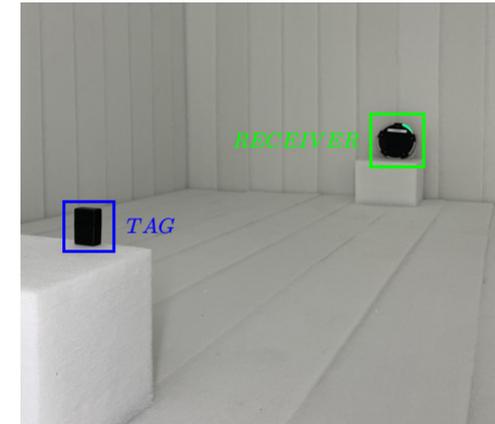


Fig. 3. Test setup in the ultrasonic anechoic chamber. The receiver and tag are place at 1 m distance, facing each other.

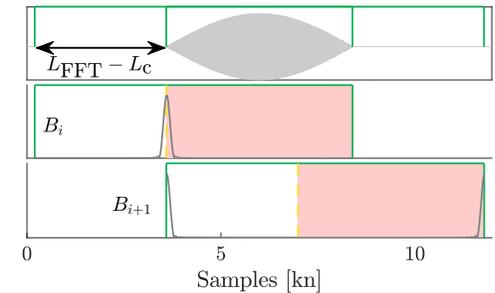
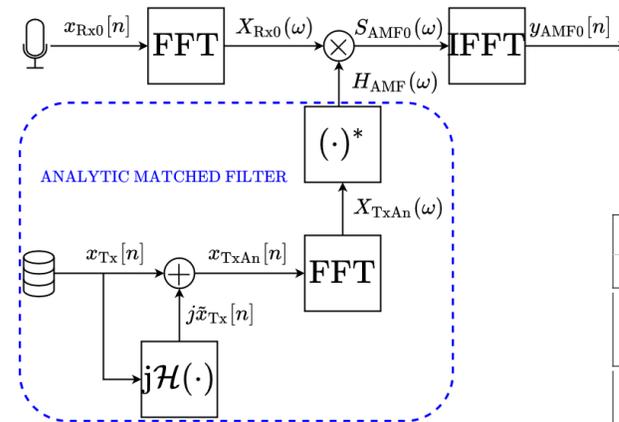


Fig. 8. Peak search limit case. *Top plot:* Both blocks entirely include the chirp stored in the ring buffer. *Middle and bottom plot:* The chirp is included in both B_i and B_{i+1} , however only the half compressed pulse is present in the peak search region.

ILDARS Simulation for Complex Scenarios

- **Task**

- **Multiple Reflections** (recursive Half-Circle-Lemma)
- **Complicated Scenarios**
- **Producing Input triples** (current project)
- **Integrate the System**

- **Literature**

- Mohanty, Müller, S, Simulation of a first prototypical 3D solution for Indoor Localization based on Directed and Reflected Signals, Poster IPIN, 2023

- **Contact:**

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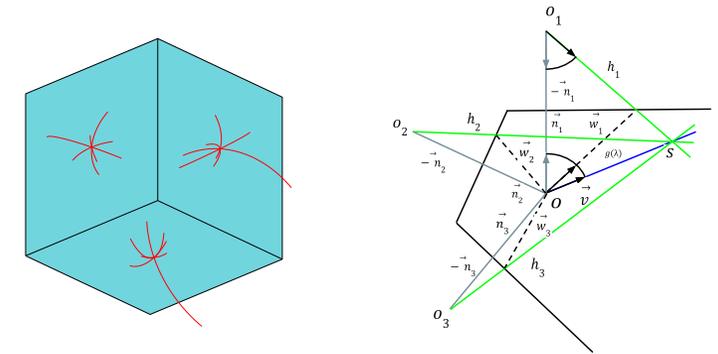


Fig. 3. Circular Segments from three different walls

Fig. 7. Closest Lines extended

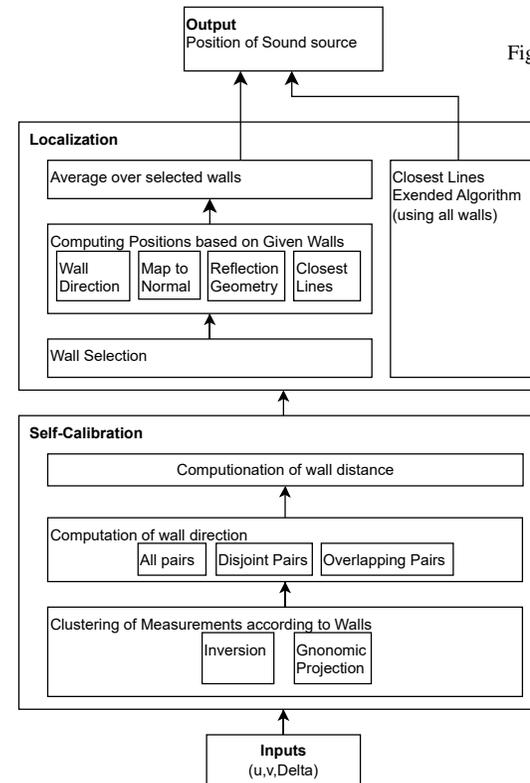
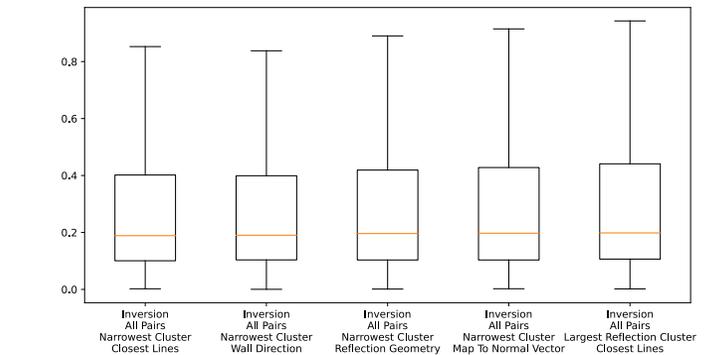
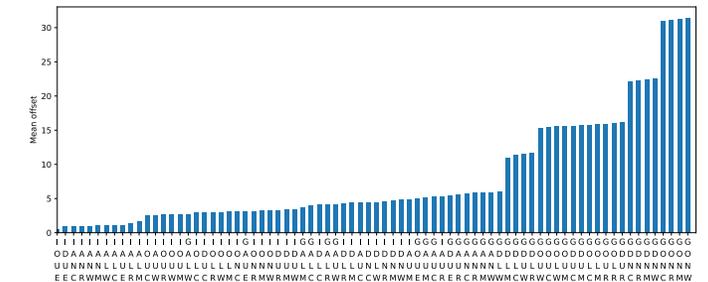
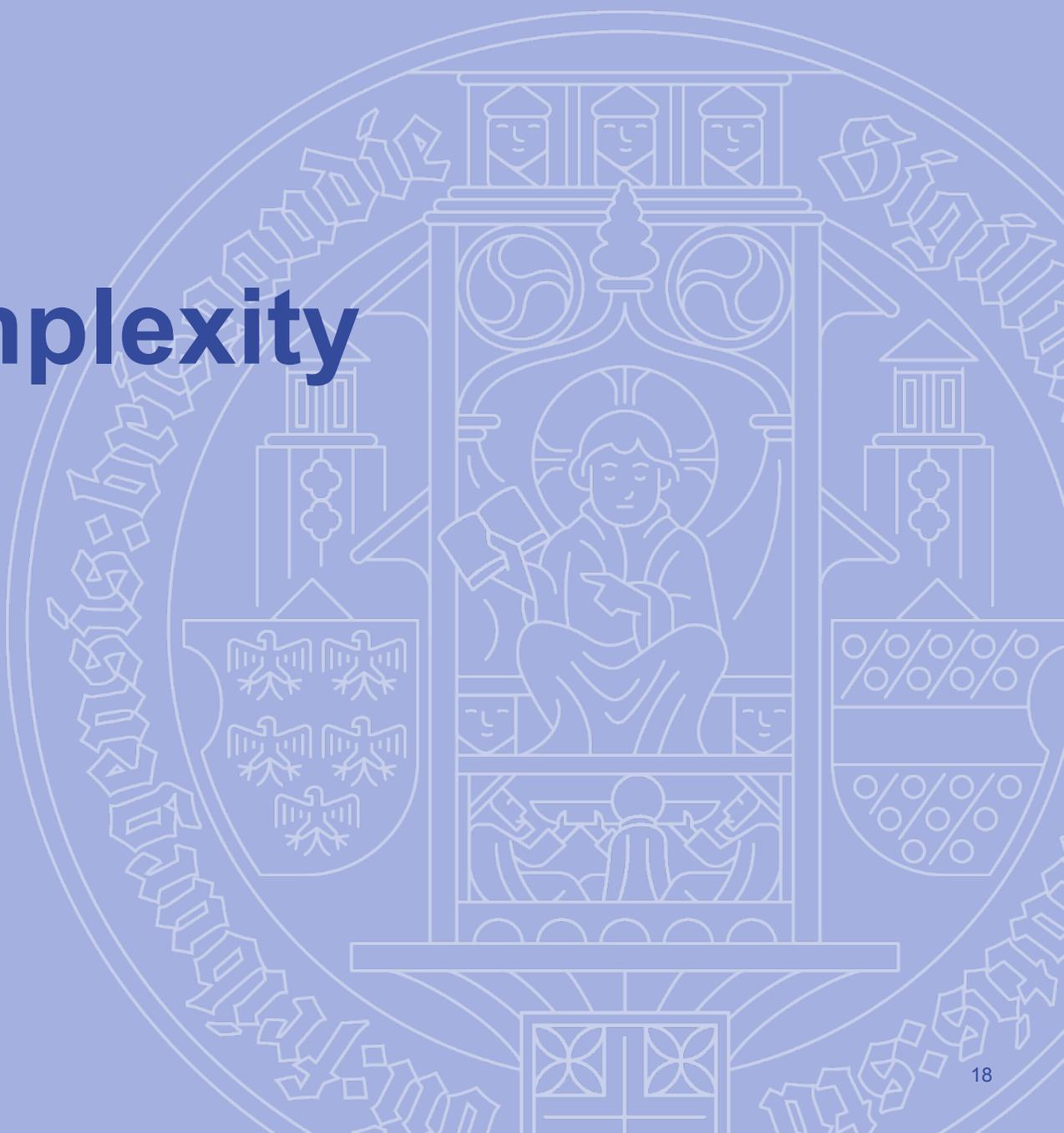


Fig. 2. Design of the ILDARS system



Computational Complexity

Proving the hardness



Computational Complexity of Ray tracing and Illumination

- One result thesis

- 2-D RayTracing is RE hard

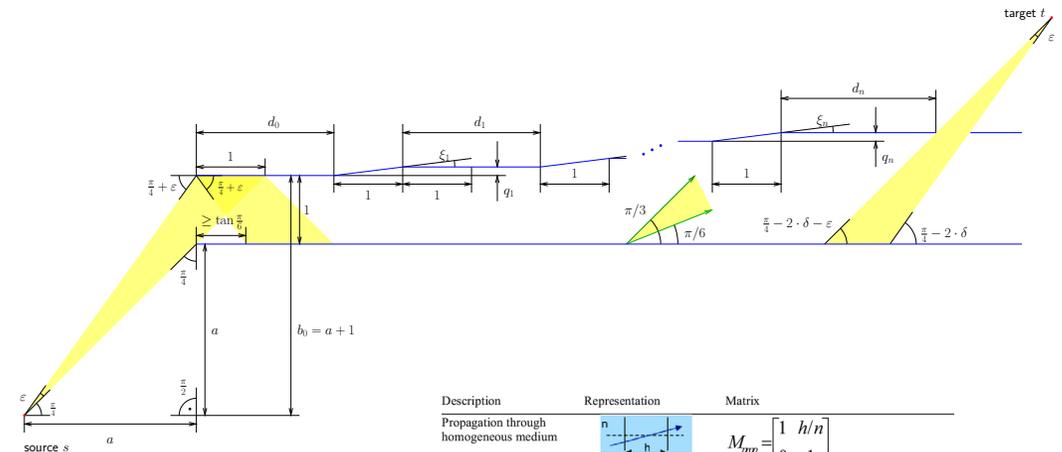
- Tasks (theory)

- 2-D RayTracing is RE Hard under the ABCD-model

- 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.*



Description	Representation	Matrix
Propagation through homogeneous medium		$M_{prop} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h/n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Refraction at a planar boundary		$M_{ref} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n_1/n_2 \end{bmatrix}$
Refraction at a spherical boundary		$M_{sph_ref} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -(n_2 - n_1)/n_2 ROC & n_1/n_2 \end{bmatrix}$
Transmission through a thin lens		$M_{lens} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1/f & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Reflection from a planar mirror		$M_{refl} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Reflection from a spherical mirror		$M_{sph_refl} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2/ROC & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Propagation through radial gradient index (GRIN) medium		$M_{GRIN} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(gh) & \sin(gh)/g \\ -g \sin(gh) & \cos(gh) \end{bmatrix}$

Computational Power of Mirrors

- **Mirrors are computational tools**

- Input/output Direction, offset, time
- What is the computational power

- **Tasks**

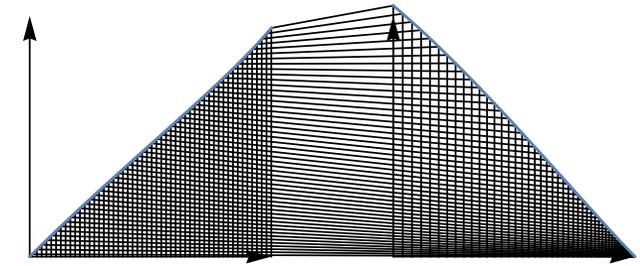
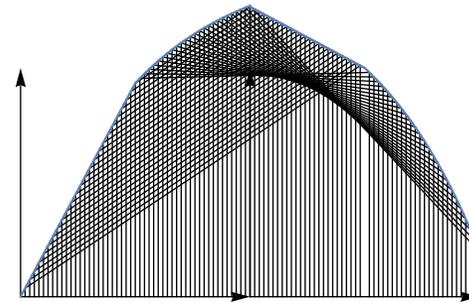
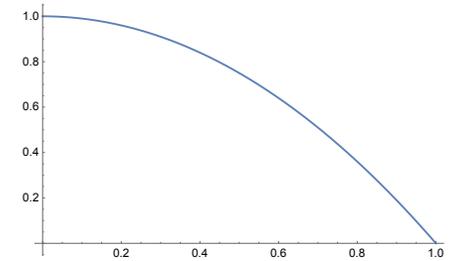
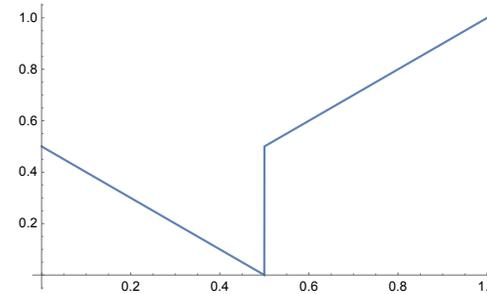
- Create mirrors performing given operations
- Prove that it is hard to compute when a signal of a point has arrived at a target
- Design mirror system that compute complex tasks or fulfill other properties
 - e.g. an aerodynamic car mirror using multiple reflections

- Literature

- Serge Tabachnikov. Geometry and billiards, volume 30. American Mathematical Soc., 2005.

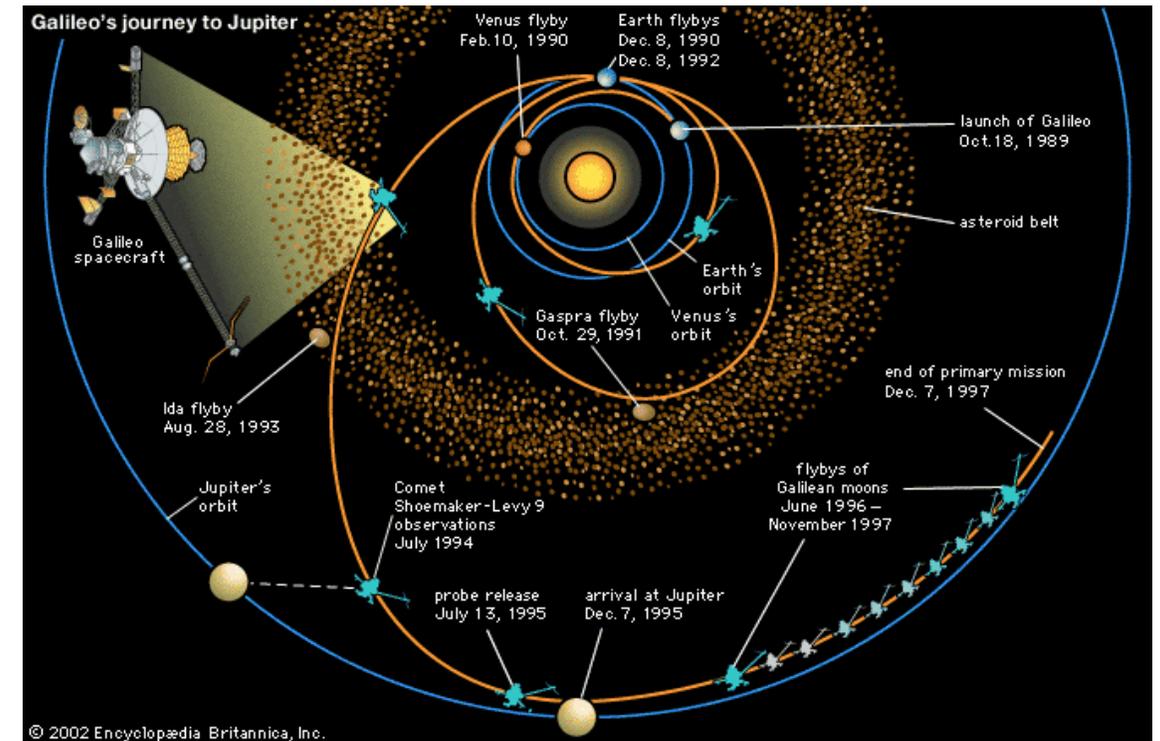
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Computational Complexity of Gravity Assist

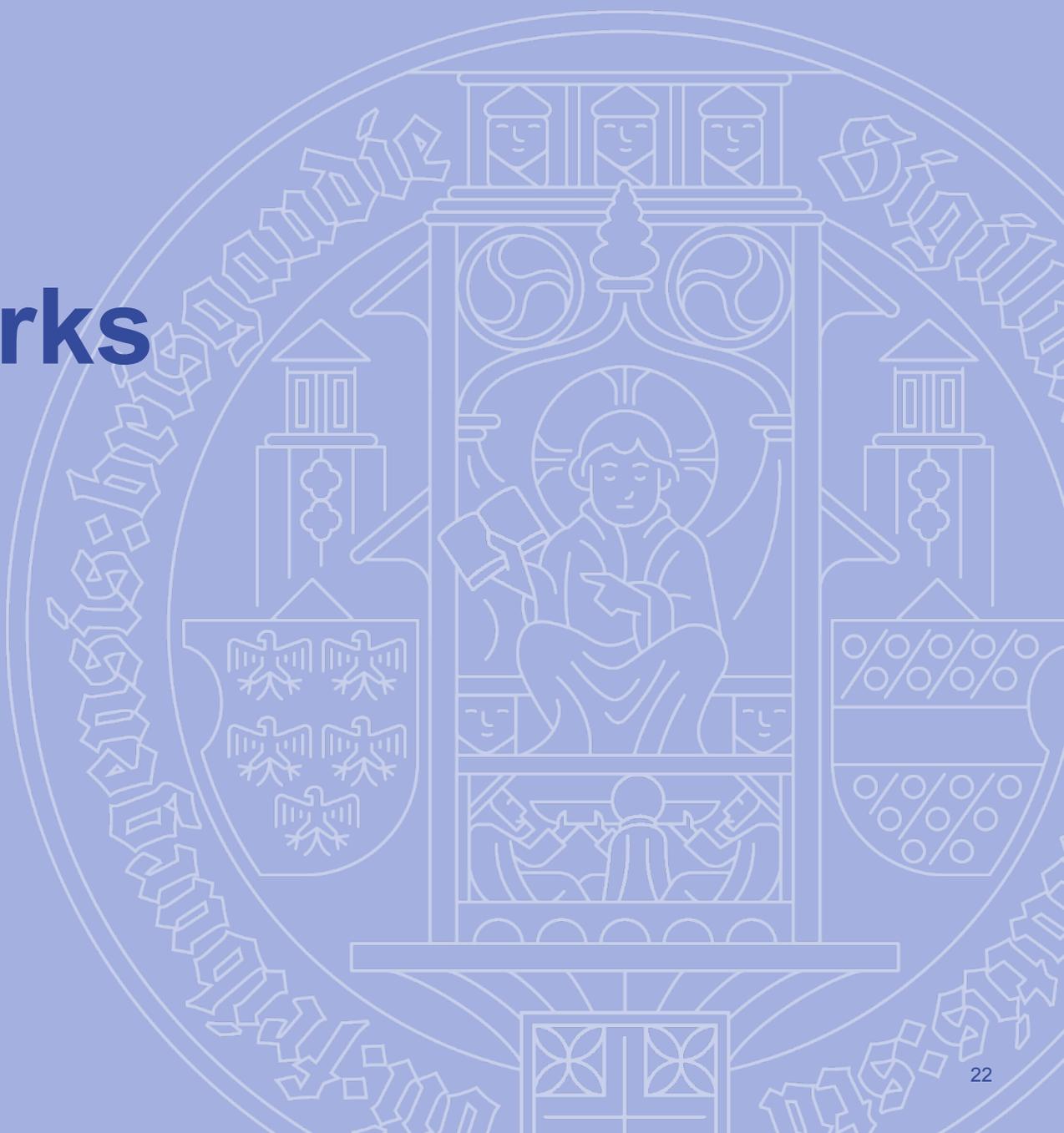
- **Problem**
 - given moving planets in space
 - compute the fastest rocket path to reach a target
- **Tasks (theory)**
 - Show that Gravity-Assist is NP-hard



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Peer-to-Peer Networks

Everybody is equal



Rumor Spreading and Graph Transformation

- **Tasks (theory/simulations)**

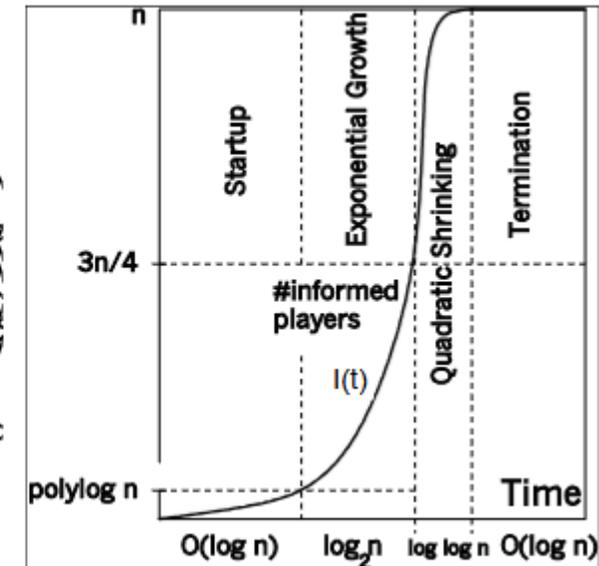
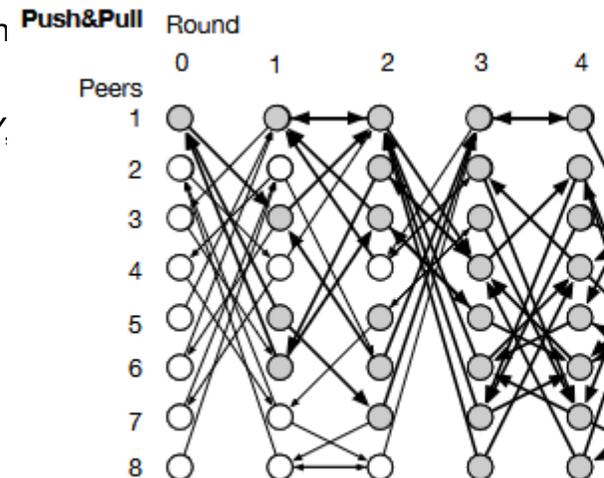
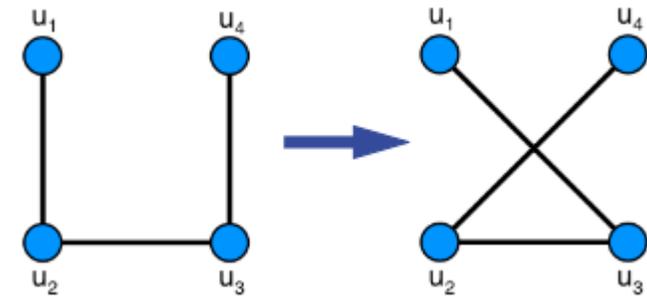
- Combine Rumor Spreading (PushSum, PullSum, Push-PullSum) with Random Graph Transformations
- Distributed Connectivity Tester

- **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.
- Giakkoupis, G., Sauerwald, T., Stauffer, A. (2014). Randomized Rumor Spreading in Dynamic Graphs. In: Esparza, J., Fraigniaud, P., Husfeldt, T., Koutsoupias, E. (eds) Automata, Languages, and Programming. ICALP 2014. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 8573. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-43951-7_42

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Random Directed Network Operations and Expanders

• Questions

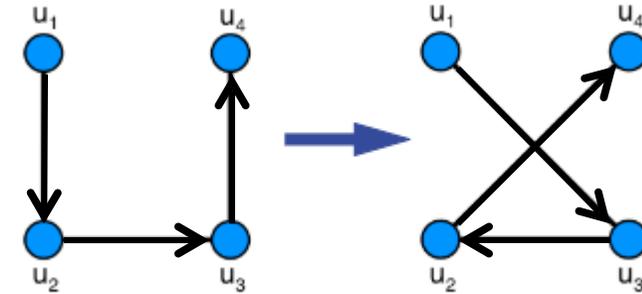
- Does Pointer-Push&Pull converge in time $O(n \log n)$
- Does directed Flipper converge fast?

• Literature

- Csóka, E., & Grabowski, Ł. (2022). On directed analogues of expander and hyperfinite graph sequences. *Combinatorics, Probability and Computing*, 31(2), 184-197
- George Giakkoupis. 2022. Expanders via local edge flips in quasilinear time. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2022)*. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 64–76.
- S. Nugroho and C. Schindelhauer, "DiFlip: Directed Flip-Chain Operation for Regular Directed Graph," 2024 International Symposium on Parallel Computing and Distributed Systems (PCDS), Singapore, Singapore, 2024, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/PCDS61776.2024.10743739.

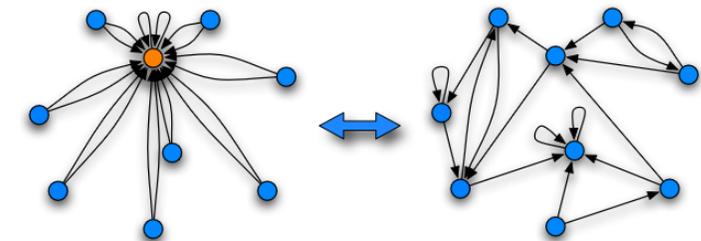
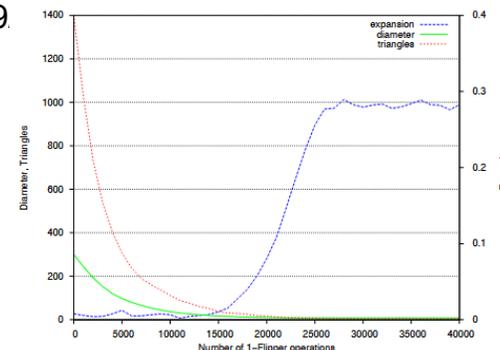
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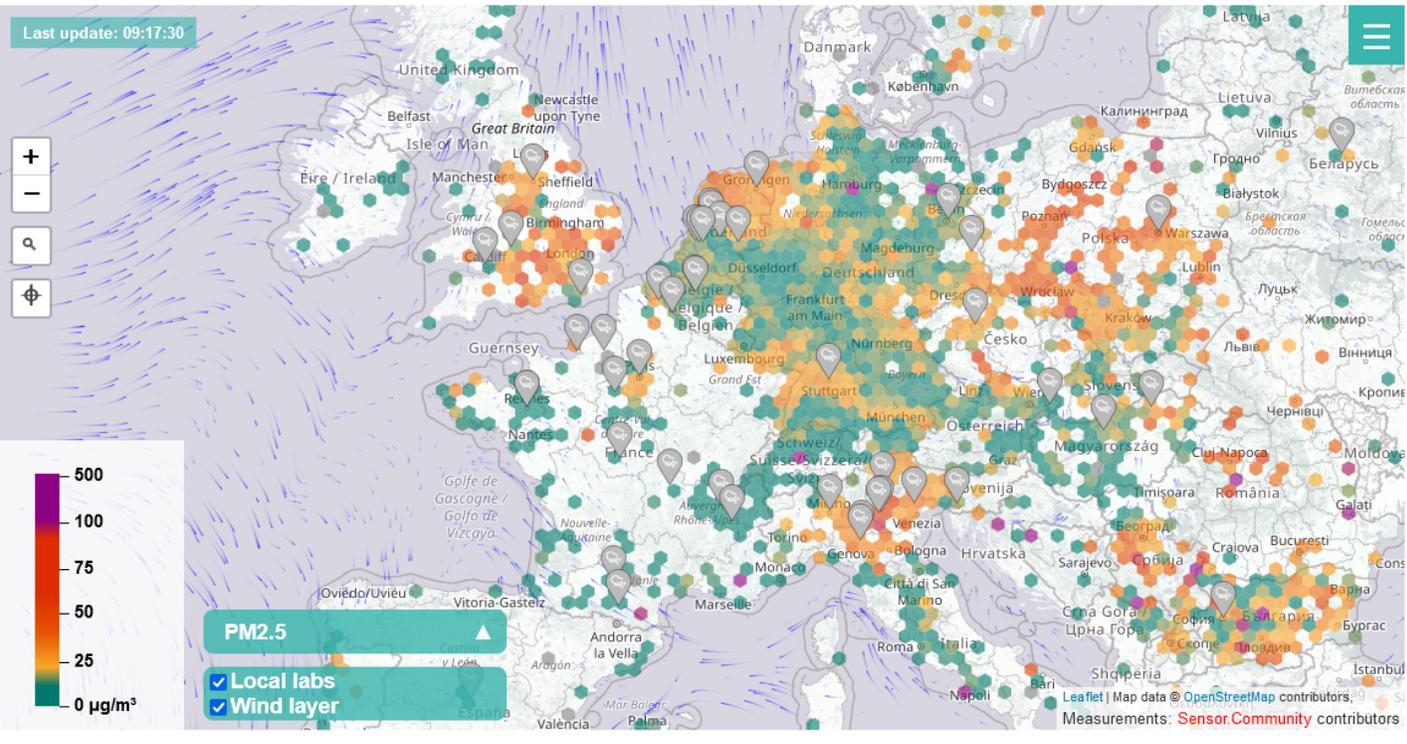


Pointer-Push&Pull:

- choose random node $v_1 \in V$
- do random walk v_1, v_2, v_3
- delete edges (v_1, v_2) and (v_2, v_3)
- add edges (v_2, v_1) and (v_1, v_3)



Data Aggregation in Peer to Peer Network



- **Consider**
 - Sensors and data from sensor.community
- **To do**
 - Build P2P-sensor data network Compute/Simulate the asynchronous rumor spreading
 - on the same hardware
 - Providing
 - Aggregation Function (Min, Max, Average, Sum, Count)
- **Contact**
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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.

Source picture: <https://sensor.community/en/>

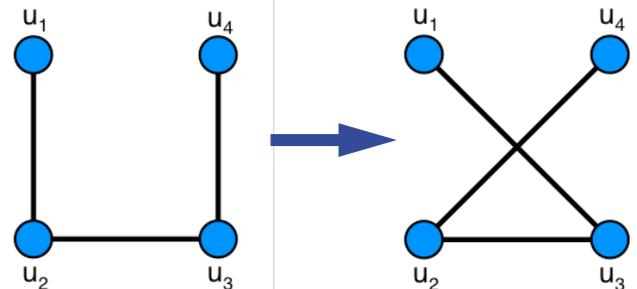
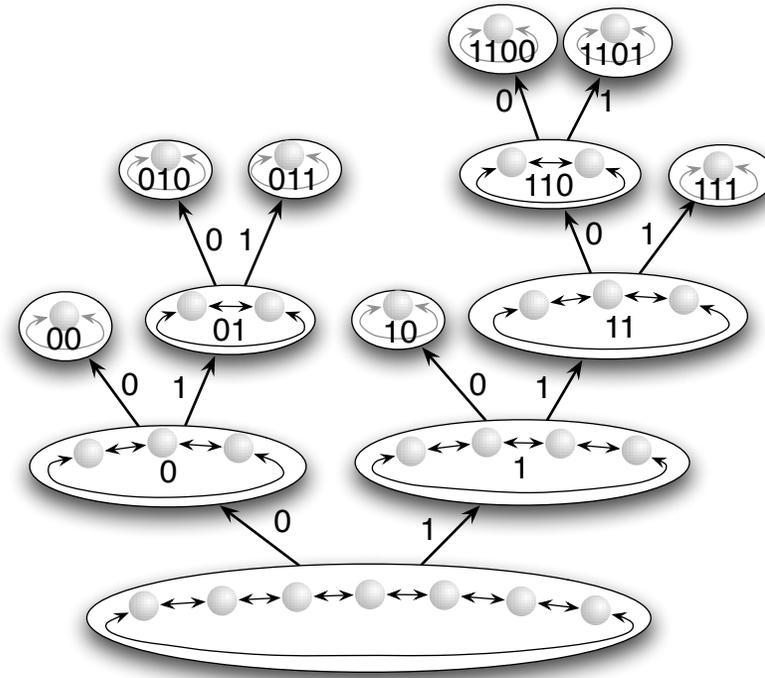
Self-Stabilization Flipping P2P

- **Task (Theory or Simulations)**

- Self-Stabilizing SkipNet
- using Random Flip operations

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Expanders via Local Edge Flips in Quasilinear Time

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ABSTRACT

Mahlmann and Schindelhauer (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 $d = \text{poly}(\log n)$, an expander is reached after each vertex participates in at most $\text{poly}(\log n)$ 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.

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1 INTRODUCTION

In [24], Mahlmann and Schindelhauer proposed a very simple and elegant process to transform any given connected d -regular graph into a d -regular expander.¹ This process consists of a sequence of *flip operations*. A flip operation on graph $G = (V, E)$ chooses a 3-path $abcd$ of G u.a.r., and if neither of the edges ac and bd exist already, then edges ab and cd are removed, and are replaced by edges ac and bd ; otherwise, the operation does not modify the graph.

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 fewer 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 $(G_t = (V, E_t))_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$, induced by a sequence of flip operations is called a *flip-chain*, and it converges to the uniform distribution over all connected 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 w.h.p. [23, 24].

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

Random Directed Network Operations and Expanders

• Question

- Does Pointer-Push&Pull converge in time $O(n \log n)$
- Does directed Flipper converge fast?

• Literature

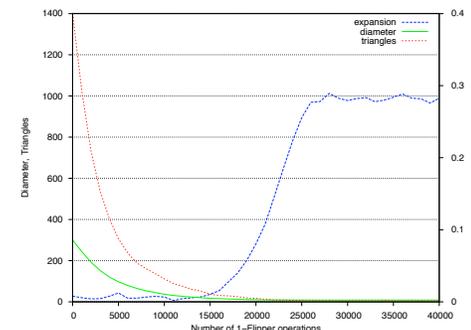
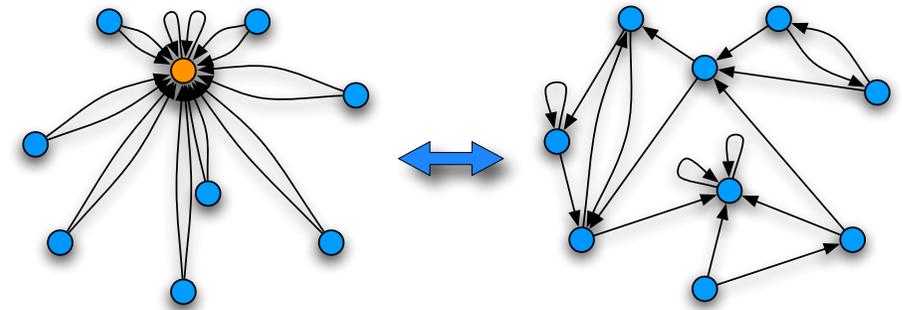
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Pointer-Push&Pull:

- choose random node $v_1 \in V$
- do random walk v_1, v_2, v_3
- delete edges (v_1, v_2) and (v_2, v_3)
- add edges (v_2, v_1) and (v_1, v_3)



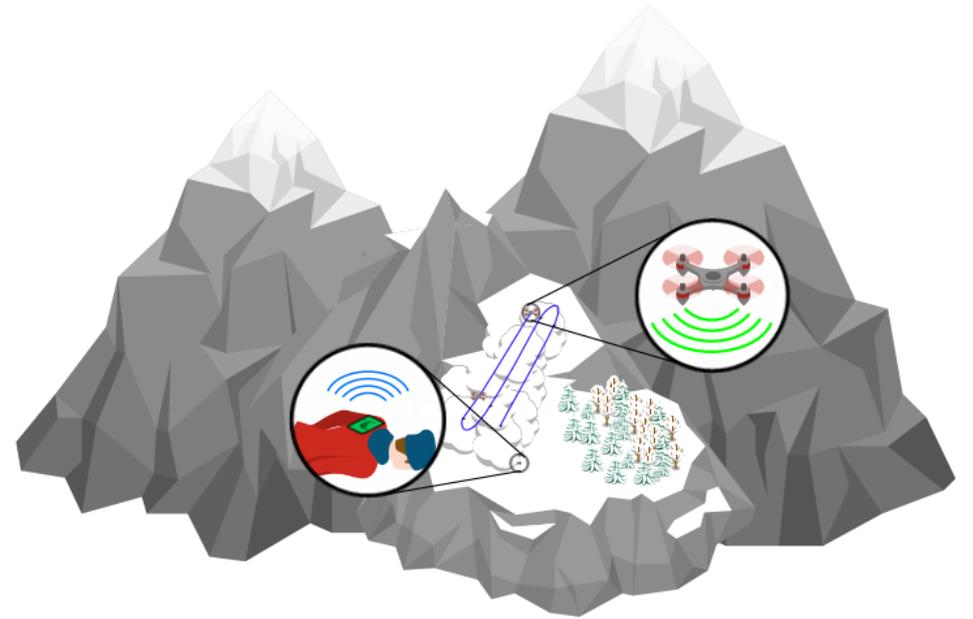
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Professional Localization



avaRES

- **Accelerate and make safer the detection and localization of missing or buried persons, especially in winter, by means of an autonomously flying search-radar system**
- Goal:
 - Locate a linear transponder using an I/Q Doppler radar attached to a drone
 - Estimate drone absolute localization and attitude estimation using GNSS and IMU data
 - Data fusion, estimation of optimal rescue trajectory
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Bidirectional PWM Control Scheme

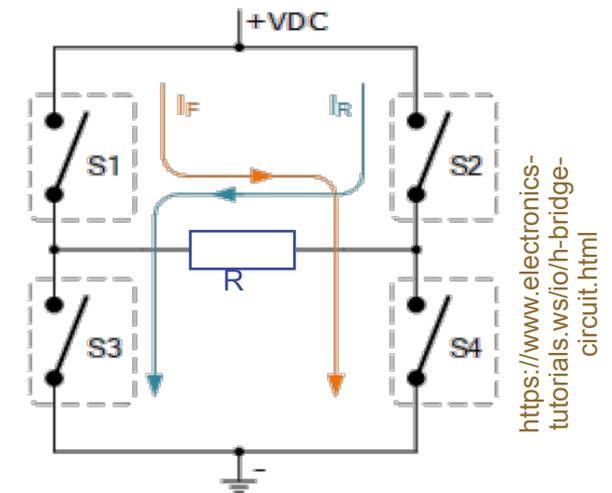
- **Development of an Embedded System for Generating a Bidirectional PWM Current to Control the Heating Process of a Resistive Heating Element**

- Goal:

- System based on H-bridge topology to generate bidirectional heating current for preventing platinum migration in a thin-film heating element
- Adequate control scheme through soft- or hardware to avoid shoot-through when switching the current direction
- Simultaneous heating of the element and sensorless temperature estimation to enable real-time temperature control
- Design and evaluation of soft- and hardware components

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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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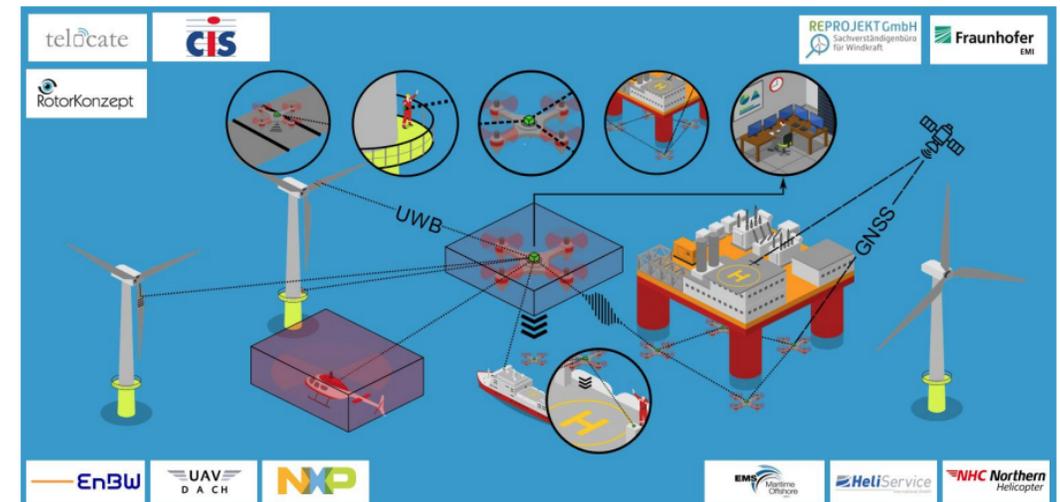
- **A system for enhancing municipal resilience at large-scale events.**
- Goal:
 - Estimate location and movement of crowds
 - Privacy and data security are crucial
 - Paxcounters in the city, data anonymized and sent to gateway
 - Analyze validity of recorded data, data forwarding and storage, bloom filter flow/volume, forecasting
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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)**

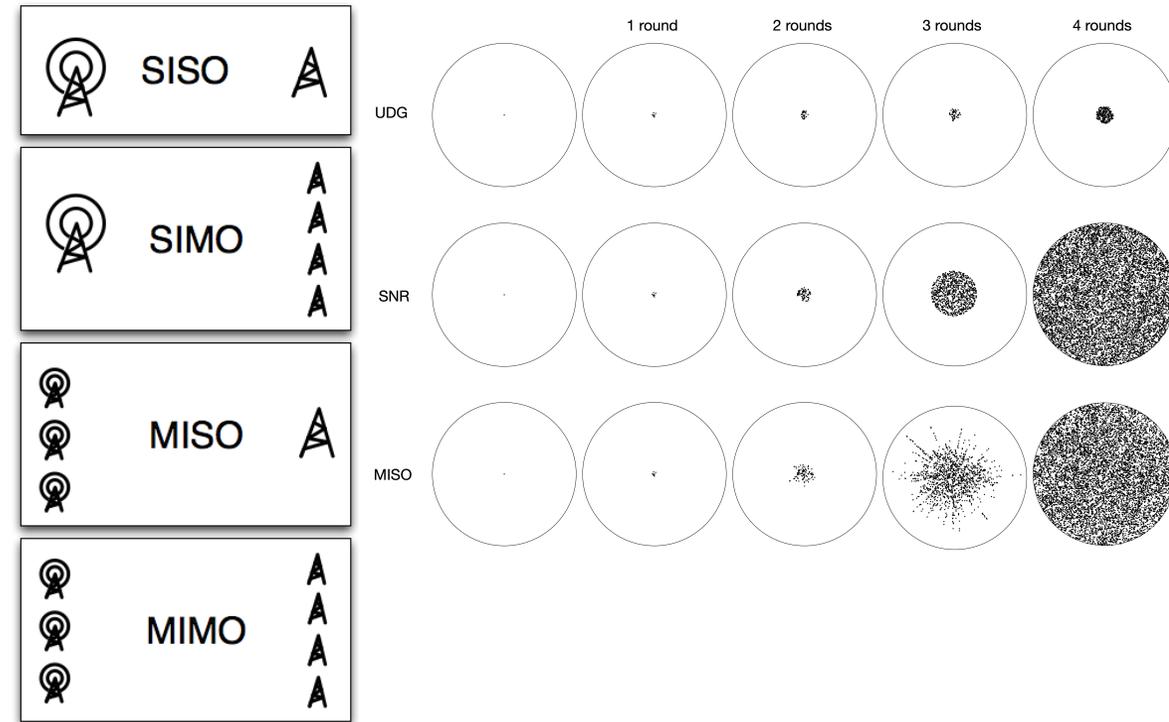
- Is there a MIMO-Multicast with Multiplexing Gain
- Parallel broadcast in 3D
- Concurrent Multicast with multiplexing gain/diversity gain tradeoff

- **Literature**

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- **Supervisor:**

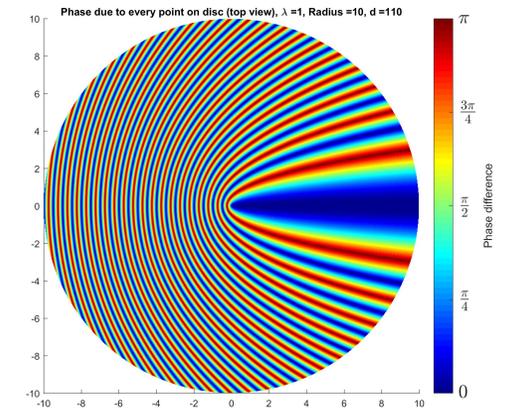
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- MIMO capacity (with waterfilling)

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\min}} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{P_i \lambda_i^2}{N_0} \right)$$

$$\text{with } P_i = \left[\mu - \frac{N_0}{\lambda_i^2} \right]^+$$



Near-Field Antenna Fields.

• Questions

- Test of the validity of near-field models
 - using Zuhrt, Balanis, Hertz Model
- Do Near-Field models scale?

• Tasks

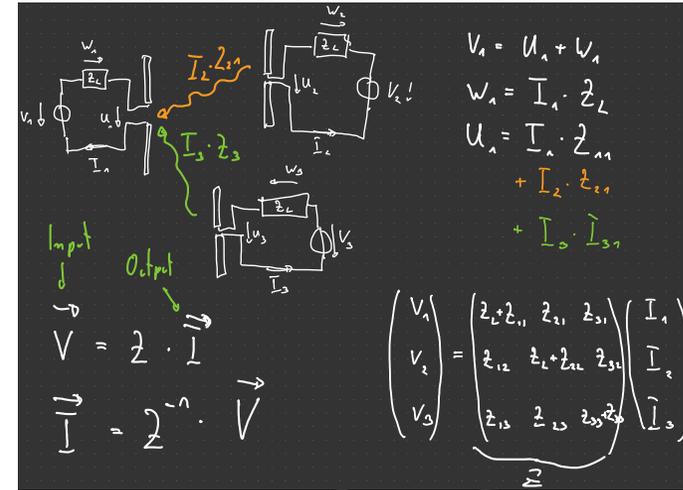
- Simulation of large antenna fields in the Near-Field
- Finding worst case position for near-field communication
- General Near-Field-Simulator

• Literature

- Abhishek Sharma, Analyzing the Properties of Near-Field Coupling Matrices for Large Antenna Systems, Master Thesis 2022

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Zuhrt's Model

$$Z_{nm} = R_{nm} + iX_{nm}$$

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

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

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

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

$$C = k_0 \sqrt{a^2 + (b+l)^2} + (b+l)$$

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

$$\frac{8\pi R_{nm}}{Z_0} = -\cos(k_0 b) [-2\text{Ci}(A) - 2\text{Ci}(A') + \text{Ci}(B) + \text{Ci}(B') + \text{Ci}(C) + \text{Ci}(C')] + \sin(k_0 b) [2\text{Si}(A) - 2\text{Si}(A') - \text{Si}(B) + \text{Si}(B') - \text{Si}(C) + \text{Si}(C')]$$

$$\frac{8\pi X_{nm}}{Z_0} = -\cos(k_0 b) [2\text{Si}(A) + 2\text{Si}(A') - \text{Si}(B) - \text{Si}(B') - \text{Si}(C) - \text{Si}(C')] + \sin(k_0 b) [2\text{Ci}(A) - 2\text{Ci}(A') - \text{Ci}(B) + \text{Ci}(B') - \text{Ci}(C) + \text{Ci}(C')]$$

Hertz's Model

$$Z_{nm} = \frac{3}{2} R_{nn} \left[\left(\frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x^3} \right) + j \left(\frac{\cos x}{x} - \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x^3} \right) \right]$$

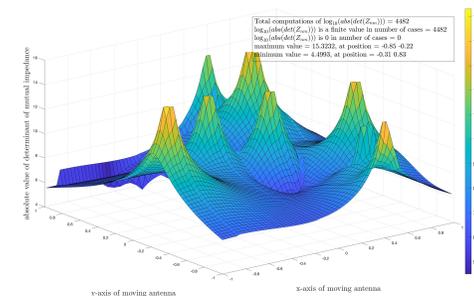


Figure 20: 3D surface plot of the computations of the logarithm of the absolute value of the $|Z_{nm}|$ is plotted against all the possible positions with respect to the 8 fixed dipoles in all of the instances.

Visual Cryptography

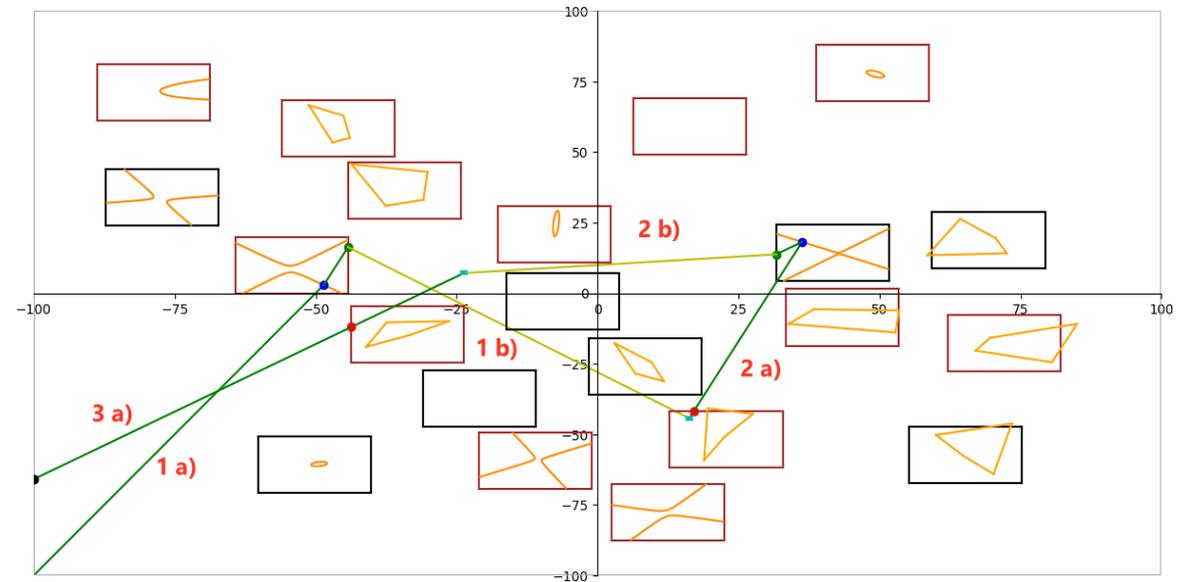
Harvesting the Complexity of Mirrors for Encryption



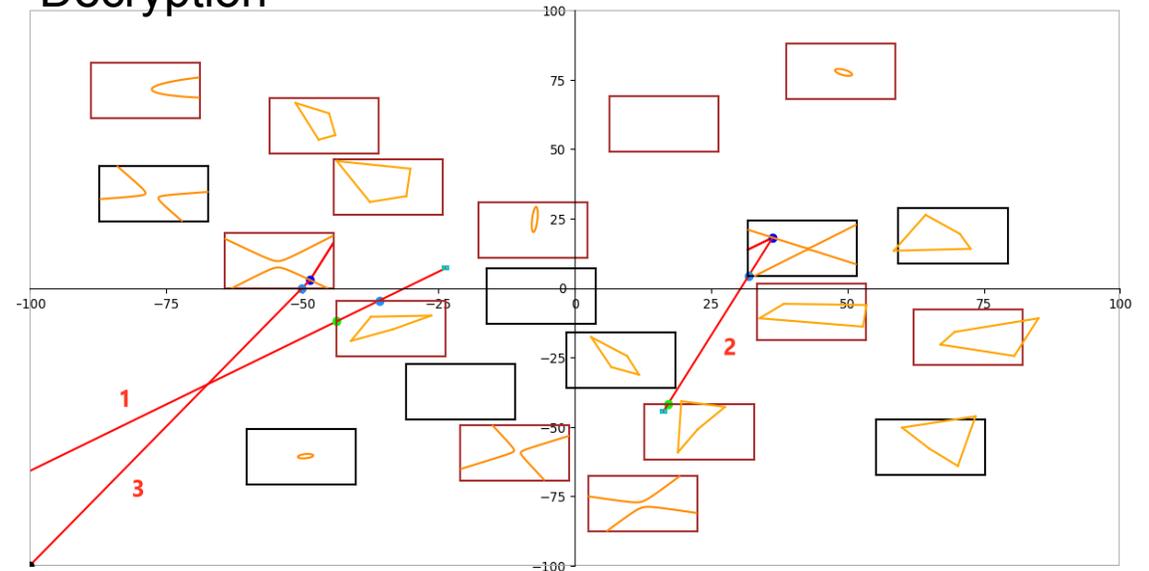
Visual Cryptography

- 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 form a complex symmetric key crypto system
- **Literature:**
 - Mohanty, Peairs, S., „Introducing Gate Based Ray Tracing Cryptography“, EasyChair Preprint no. 10450, 2023

Encryption

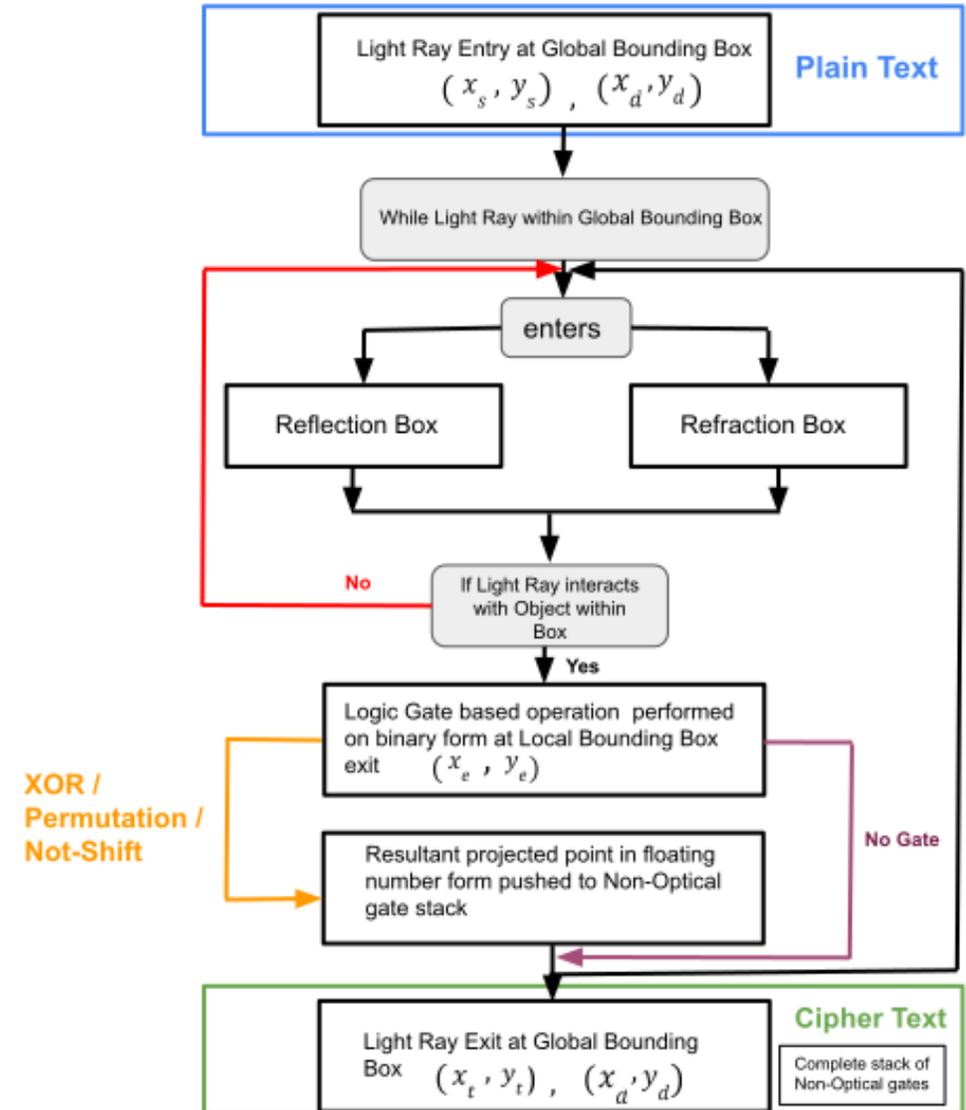


Decryption



Components of the Cryptographic system

- **Plaintext** includes starting x and y coordinates of the Global bounding box (GBB) and the initial direction of light ray
- **Ciphertext** includes exit direction of light ray, its exit point coordinates as well as the stack of projection boxes, or Non-optical gate boxes.
- **Key** includes 3 elements: Global bounding box, Cryptographic element as well as the Local bounding box (LBB) parameters



Tasks: Improvements

- **Changes to the key**

- add bouncing mechanism for the light ray, angle restrictions at point of entry and enforce density ranges
- optimal global bounding box to local bounding box ratios

- **Ciphertext morphing**

- permute the ciphertext stack, interweave its components and perform other complicated operations to it until we get an output of form (c1,c2) instead of returning the original stack of non-optical gate boxes

- **Optimize the components of the key**

- by removing explicit information about the rotation and translation operations, but by making these implicit

- **Analysis of the Precision**

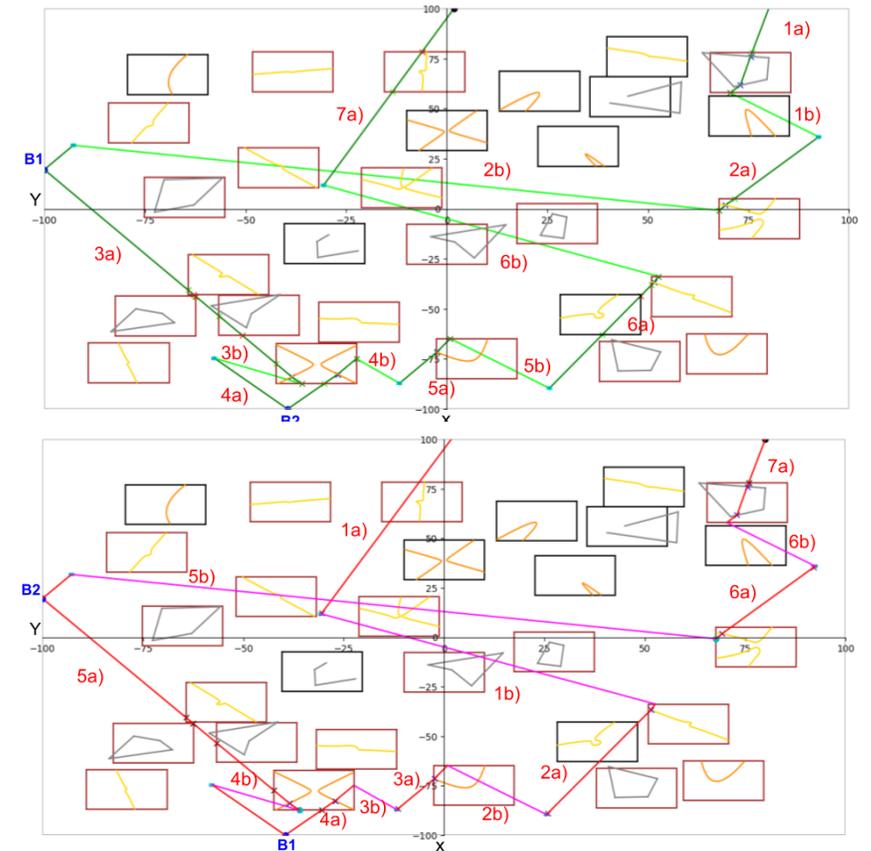
- how many bits of precision are affected by each operation
- how to make sure that the function is guaranteed to be invertible

- **Computational Complexity**

- analyse theoretical run-time and propose improvements
- how to get a time-invariant version

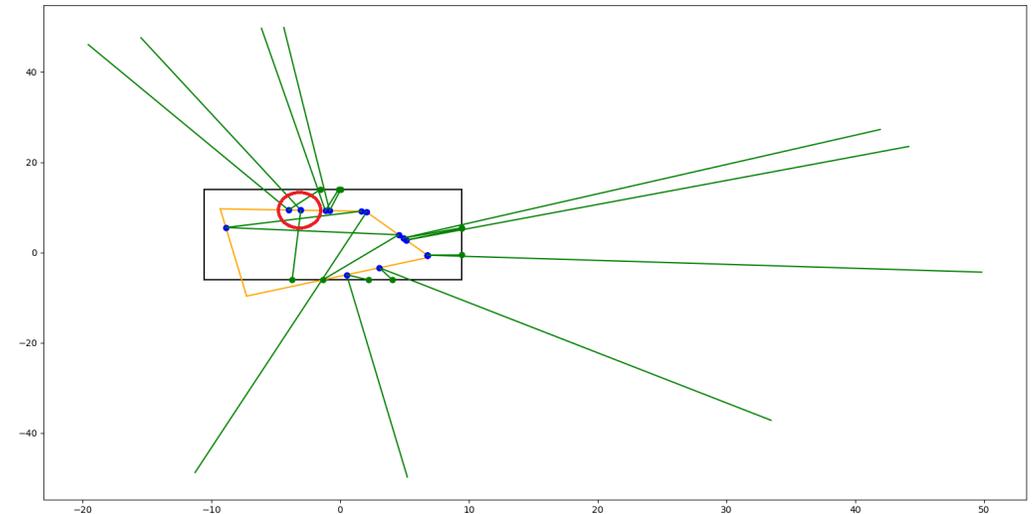
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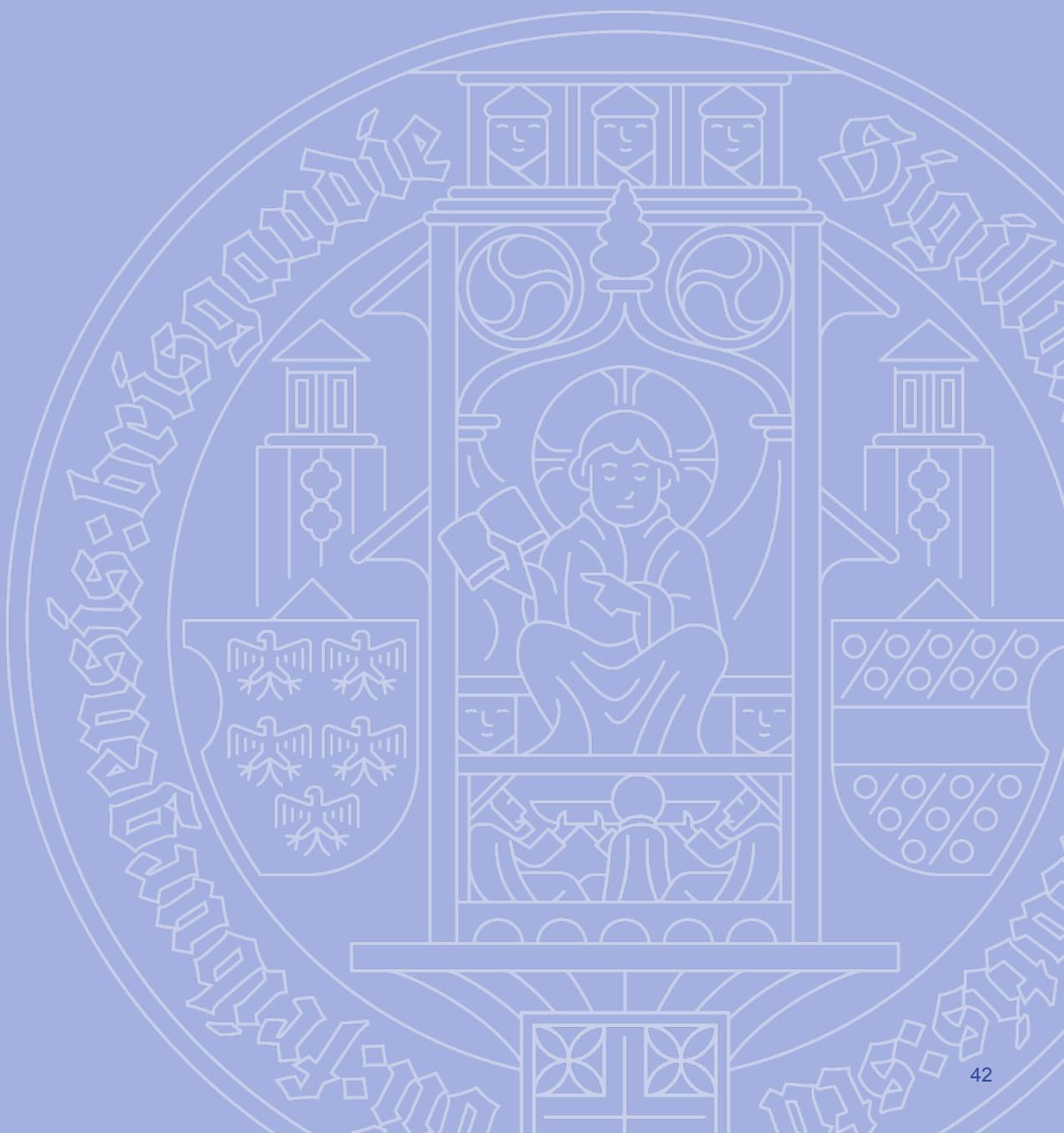
Task Designing Attacks

- **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



Tasks: Mental Card Games

- **Vision: Implement the most efficient Mental Card Game**
 - on a Smartphone
- **Tasks**
 - Mental Card Games built on Lattice Codes (taken)
 - Mental Card Games using **Private Computation and Commitments**
 - A **P2P-Communication** in RUST
 - The **Software Architecture** of a Mental Card Game build on mobile Devices (taken)
- **Efficient representation** of Pedersen Commitments using QR-Codes
- **Phone-to-phone communication** in Rust for Mental Card Games
 - Bluetooth
 - WiFi Direct
 - QR Codes
- **A non-secure Mental Card Game on Smartphones**
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