

Geru: Optimising Data Gathering in Resource-constrained Networks

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The *Geru* project conducts fundamental algorithmic research on data gathering in wireless sensor networks. Our focus is on computationally efficient methods, computational complexity, and mathematically provable bounds of optimality.

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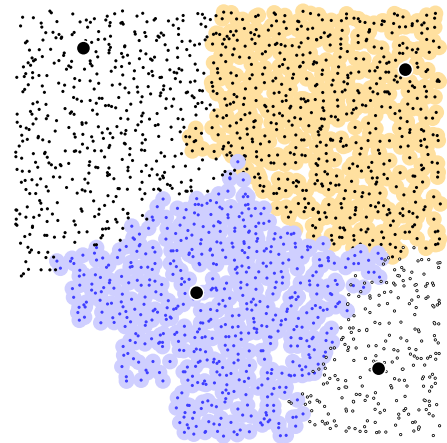
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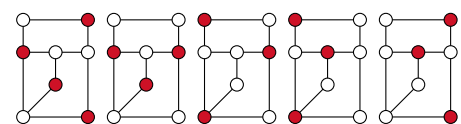
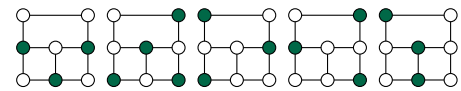
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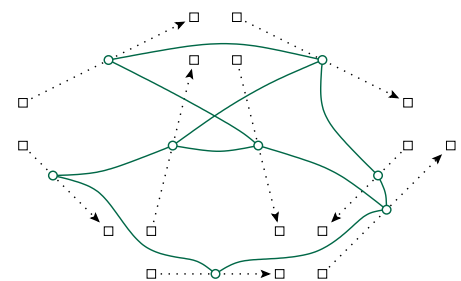
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Given a suitable set of anchor nodes (large dots), a sensor network can perform sleep scheduling near-optimally by using a *local approximation algorithm* where each sensor needs information from its local neighbourhood only [1].



A *sleep schedule* consists of dominating sets and associated time periods; an *activity schedule* consists of independent sets and associated time periods [3].



A wireless networks and a *local conflict graph*. In local conflict graphs, maximum-weight independent set can be approximated within a constant factor but there is no PTAS [4, 9].