

# Deterministic Communication in the Weak Sensor Model

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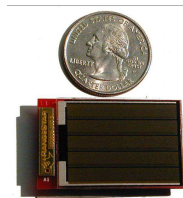
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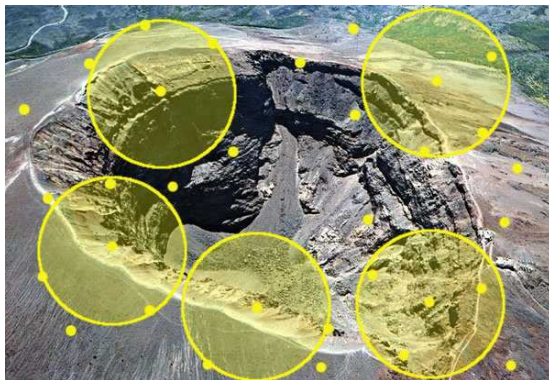
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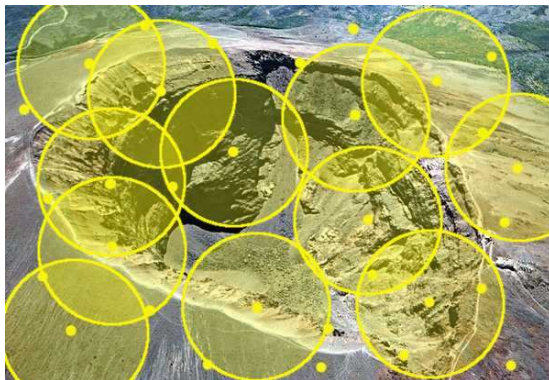
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# Node Constraints Models

## Sensor Networks

### THE WEAK SENSOR MODEL [BGI 92, FCFM 05]

- CONSTANT MEMORY SIZE.
- LIMITED LIFE CYCLE.
- SHORT TRANSMISSION RANGE.
- LOW-INFO CHANNEL CONTENTION:
  - RADIO TX ON A SHARED CHANNEL.
  - NO COLLISION DETECTION.
  - NON-SIMULTANEOUS RX AND TX.
- DISCRETE TX POWER RANGE.
- LOCAL SYNCHRONISM.
- ONE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION.
- NO POSITION INFORMATION.
- UNRELIABILITY.
- ADVERSARIAL WAKE-UP SCHEDULE.

*tx = transmission.*

*rx = reception.*

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# Related Work

- *Message passing:*

[ABLP'92] Each node receives from all neighbors in  $O(k^2 \log^2 n / \log(k \log n))$ .  $\rightarrow$  synchronous start.  $\omega(1)$ -degree bipartite-graphs requiring  $\Omega(k \log k)$ .  $\rightarrow$  not embeddable in GG.

- *Broadcast & gossiping:*

[CGR'00, CGOR'00, CR'03, CGGPR'02]  $\rightarrow$  synchronous start, global clock, etc.

- *Selection*

[Kowalski'05] Static,  $\exists O(k \log(n/k))$ , +[I'02]:  $O(k \text{ polylog } n)$ .  $\rightarrow$  synchronous start. Dynamic  $O(k^2 \log n)$ .  $\rightarrow$  nodes turn off upon succ. transmission.

- *Selective families:*

[I'02]  $\exists(k, n)$ -selective families of size  $O(k \text{ polylog } n)$ .

[DR'83]  $(m, k, n)$ -selectors must be  $\Omega(\min\{n, k^2 \log_k n\})$  when  $m = k$ .

[DBGV'03]  $(k, k, n)$ -selectors must be  $\geq (k-1)^2 \log n / (4 \log(k-1) + O(1))$  and  $\exists(k, k, n)$ -selectors of size  $O(k^2 \ln(n/k))$ .

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