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# Greedy Routing with Guaranteed Delivery Using Ricci Flow

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## About the Speaker

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## About the Talk

Greedy forwarding with geographical locations in a wireless sensor network may fail at a local minimum. In this talk, we propose to use conformal mapping to compute a new embedding of the sensor nodes in the plane such that greedy forwarding with the virtual coordinates guarantees delivery. In particular, we extract a planar triangulation of the sensor network with non-triangular faces as holes, and deform the network shape by using Ricci flow such that all the non-triangular faces are mapped to perfect circles. Thus, greedy forwarding will never get stuck at an intermediate node. The computation of the conformal map and the virtual coordinates is performed at a preprocessing phase and can be implemented by local gossip-style computation.

This is joint work with Xianfeng David Gu, Feng Luo, Rik Sarkar, Xiaotian Yin, and Wei Zeng.

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