Signal Processing Issues in Wireless Sensor Networks¹

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Signal processing plays a major role in the optimization of wireless sensor networks (WSNs), both at the physical layer of wireless transport and at the applications layer of distributed inference. This paper will review a number of recent results in this general area. These include results relating to the following: distributed and collaborative algorithms for inferential problems arising in applications of WSNs, sensor scheduling and energy tradeoffs in detection networks, energycollaboration tradeoffs in estimation networks, collaborative beamforming, and related issues. Details of most of these results can be found in the references cited below.

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