# PRESENTATION OUTLINE: Distributed Graph Coloring 

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## 1 What is Graph coloring

- Explaining the problem statement for graph coloring
- What is the goal of graph coloring algorithms
- The definition of k-coloring


## 2 An Example

- A diagram showing a proper graph coloring of the peterson graph
- An explanation of what this coloring is (3-coloring of specific graph)


## 3 Distributed Graph coloring

- Brief explanation of distributed graph coloring
- Pose question: What is the ideal trade-off between minimal colors and minimal runtime?
- Ask why these colorings are useful (set up for next slide)


## 4 Applications

- Applications in job scheduling
- Application in network analysis (social networks, lte networks, etc)


## 5 What Makes a Good coloring?

- Motivate wanting bounds on the size of the colorings for graph coloring algorithms
- introduce the concept of reducing the number of colors in a larger coloring


## 6 A Lower Bound for Graph coloring

- Mention the greedy sequential algorithm that generates an $\mathrm{O}(\Delta+1)$ coloring.
- Introduce this coloring as a suitable lower bound for distributed graph coloring.


## $7 \quad$ An Upper Bound by Linial

- Introduce Linials paper presenting the $\mathrm{O}\left(\Delta^{2}\right)$ coloring algorithm in $\mathrm{O}\left(\log ^{*} n\right)$
- Discuss how color reduction algorithms can use Linials algorithm to generate a coloring to reduce
- Motivate where this can lead regarding future improvements


## 8 Linial's Algorithm

- Short explanation of how Linials algorithm works


## 9 Algorithm Optimality

- Discuss Linial's result that $O\left(\log ^{*} n\right)$ is optimal for distributed graph coloring algorithm
- Talk about how this has shifted research towards color reduction algorithms


## 10 color Reduction

- Detail color reduction, the typical round based approach to it, and its goal


## 11 Improving color Reduction

- Discuss the SV barrier and the algorithm that breaks it


## 12 A round-based scaleable algorithm for color reduction

- Introduce Maus's algorithm that scales between the two bounds


## 13 Maus's Algorithm

- Discuss how the algorithm works


## 14 Explanation of Algorithm

- Walkthrough of how Maus's algorithm reduces a coloring for a given small $\Delta$ and k


## 15 Implementation

- Short description of how the algorithm was implemented


## 16 Example of Algorithm

- Multiple slides showing a color reduction using Maus's algorithm on a simple example This will stretch over multiple slides


## 17 Experimental Results

- Detail the execution time of the algorithm and reduction amount on large colorings in practice.


## 18 Questions For Audience

- Why is research focusing on color reduction algorithms instead of coloring algorithms?
- Why do we have a lower bound of $O(\Delta+1)$ for our colorings?
- Could an $O(1)$ coloring algorithm (not color reduction) be possible?


## 19 Thanks

- Thank the audience and prompt for questions


## 20 References

- Slide showing references used throughout the presentation

