

# Lecture 4: Mobile Ad Hoc and Sensor Networks (I)

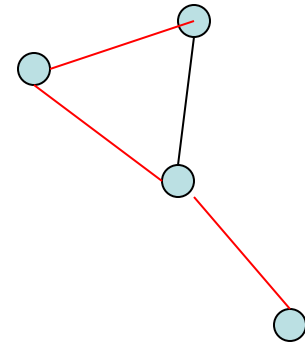
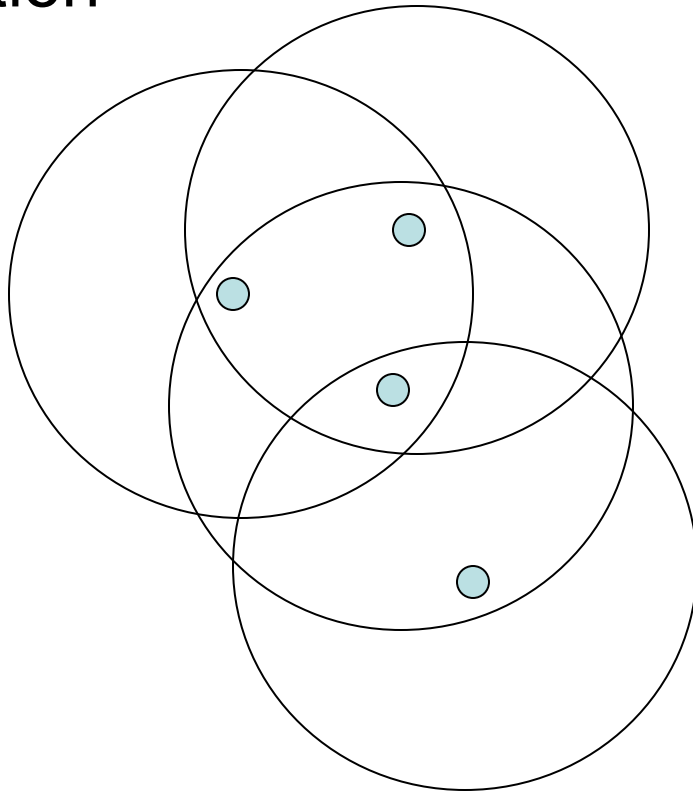
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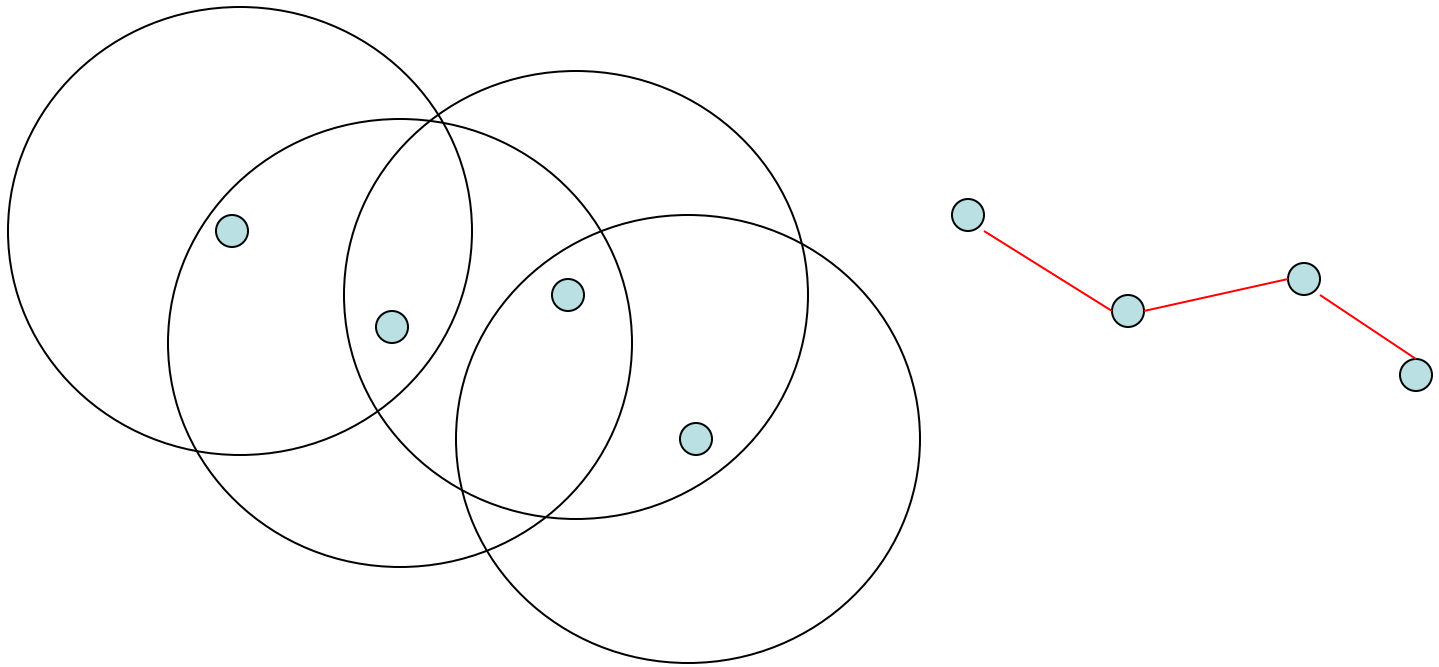
# Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

- May need to traverse multiple links to reach a destination



# Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

- Mobility causes route changes



# Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

- Formed by wireless hosts which may be mobile
- Don't need a pre-existing infrastructure
  - ie, don't need a backbone network, routers, etc.
- Routes between nodes potentially contain multiple hops
- Why MANET?
  - Ease, speed of deployment
  - Decreased dependence on infrastructure
  - Can use in many scenarios where deployment of a wired network is impractical or impossible
  - Lots of military applications, but there are others...

# Many Applications

- Personal area networking
  - cell phone, laptop, ear phone, wrist watch
- Civilian environments
  - meeting rooms
  - sports stadiums
  - groups of boats, small aircraft (wired REALLY impractical!!)
- Emergency operations
  - search-and-rescue
  - policing and fire fighting
- Sensor networks
  - Groups of sensors embedded in the environment or scattered over a target area

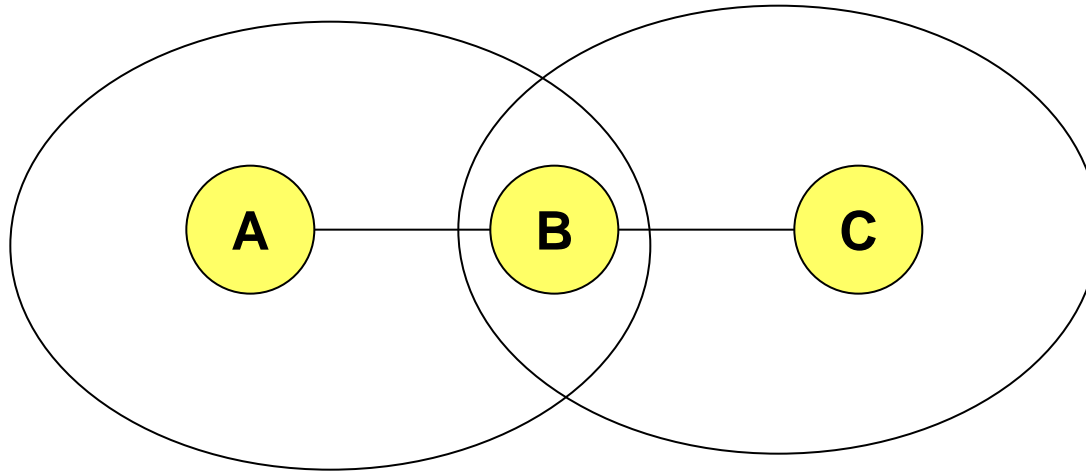
# Many Variations

- Traffic characteristics may differ
  - Bandwidth/timeliness/reliability requirements
  - unicast / broadcast / multicast / geocast
- Symmetric/Asymmetric Capabilities (hetero/homo-geneous)
  - transmission ranges and radios may differ
  - battery life at different nodes may differ
  - processing capacity may be different at different nodes
  - speed of movement different
  - only some nodes may route packets
  - some nodes may act as **leaders** of nearby nodes (e.g., “a cluster head”)

# Challenges

- Limited wireless transmission range
- Broadcast nature of the wireless medium
- Packet losses due to transmission errors
- Rapidly changing topology
- Mobility-induced route changes
- Mobility-induced packet losses
- Battery constraints
- Potentially frequent network partitions
- Ease of snooping on wireless transmissions
- Sensor networks: very resource-constrained!

# Hidden Terminal Problem



**Nodes A and C cannot hear each other**

**Transmissions by nodes A and C can collide at node B**

**On collision, both transmissions are lost**

**Nodes A and C are hidden from each other**



# First Issue: Routing

- Why is Ad hoc Routing Different?
- Host mobility
  - link failure/repair due to mobility may have different characteristics than those due to other causes
  - traditional routing algorithms assume relatively stable network topology, with few router failures
- Rate of link failure/recovery may be high when nodes move fast
- New performance criteria may be used
  - **route stability** despite mobility
  - **energy consumption** (because routers are not connected to power)

# Routing Protocols

- Proactive protocols
  - Determine routes independent of traffic pattern
- Reactive protocols
  - Discover/maintain routes only if needed (i.e., on demand)

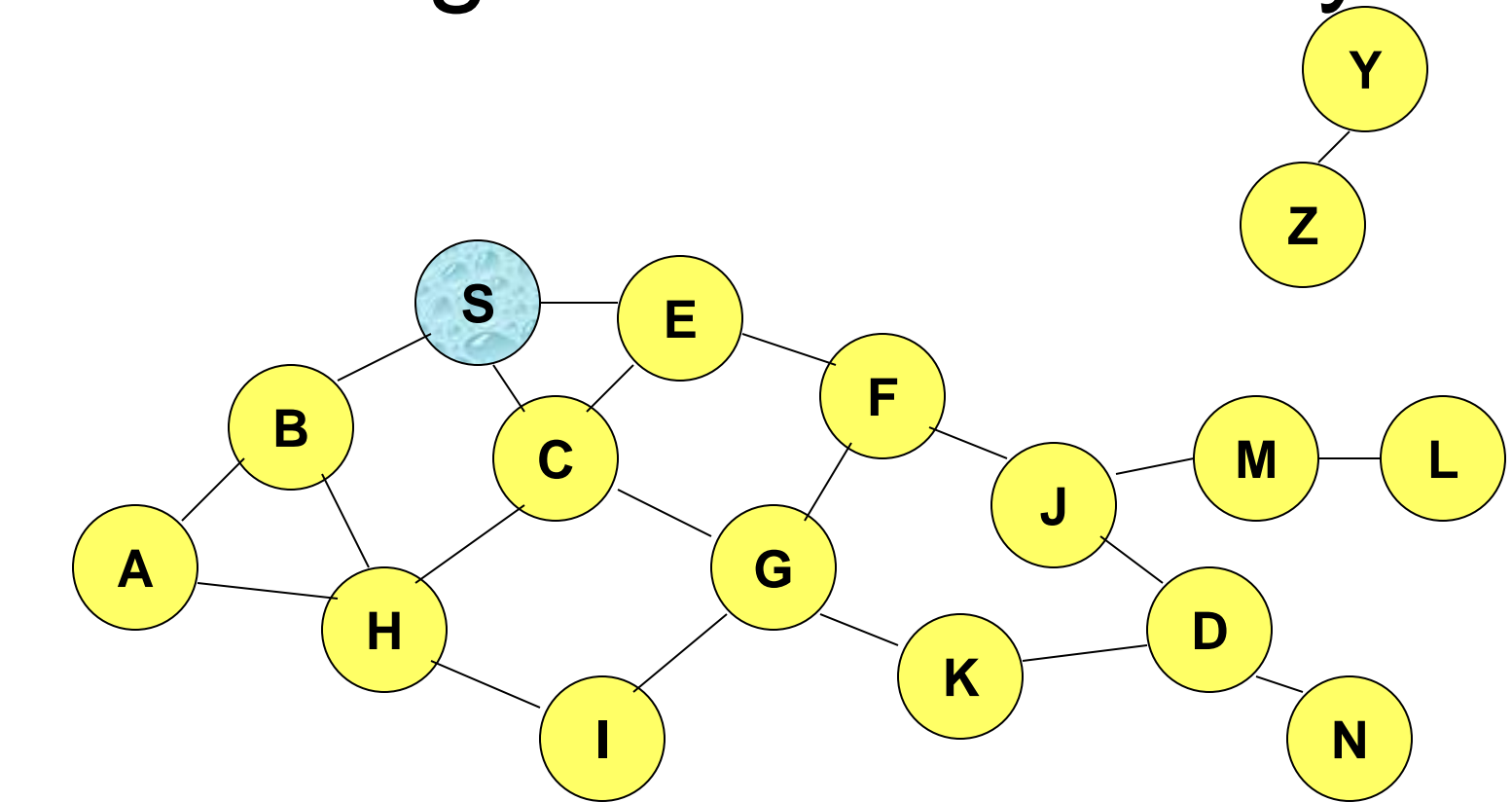
# Trade-Off: Proactive vs. Reactive

- Latency of route discovery
  - **Proactive** protocols may have **lower latency** since routes are maintained at all times
  - Reactive protocols may have higher latency because a route from X to Y will be found only when X attempts to send to Y
- Overhead of route discovery/maintenance
  - **Reactive** protocols may have **lower overhead** since routes are determined only if needed
  - Proactive protocols can (but not necessarily) result in higher overhead due to continuous route updating
- Which approach achieves a better tradeoff depends on the **traffic and mobility patterns**

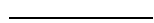
# Flooding for Data Delivery

- Sender S broadcasts data packet P to all its neighbors
- Each node receiving P forwards P to its neighbors
- Sequence numbers will be used to avoid the possibility of forwarding the same packet more than once
- Packet P reaches destination D provided that D is reachable from sender S
- Node D does not forward the packet

# Flooding for Data Delivery



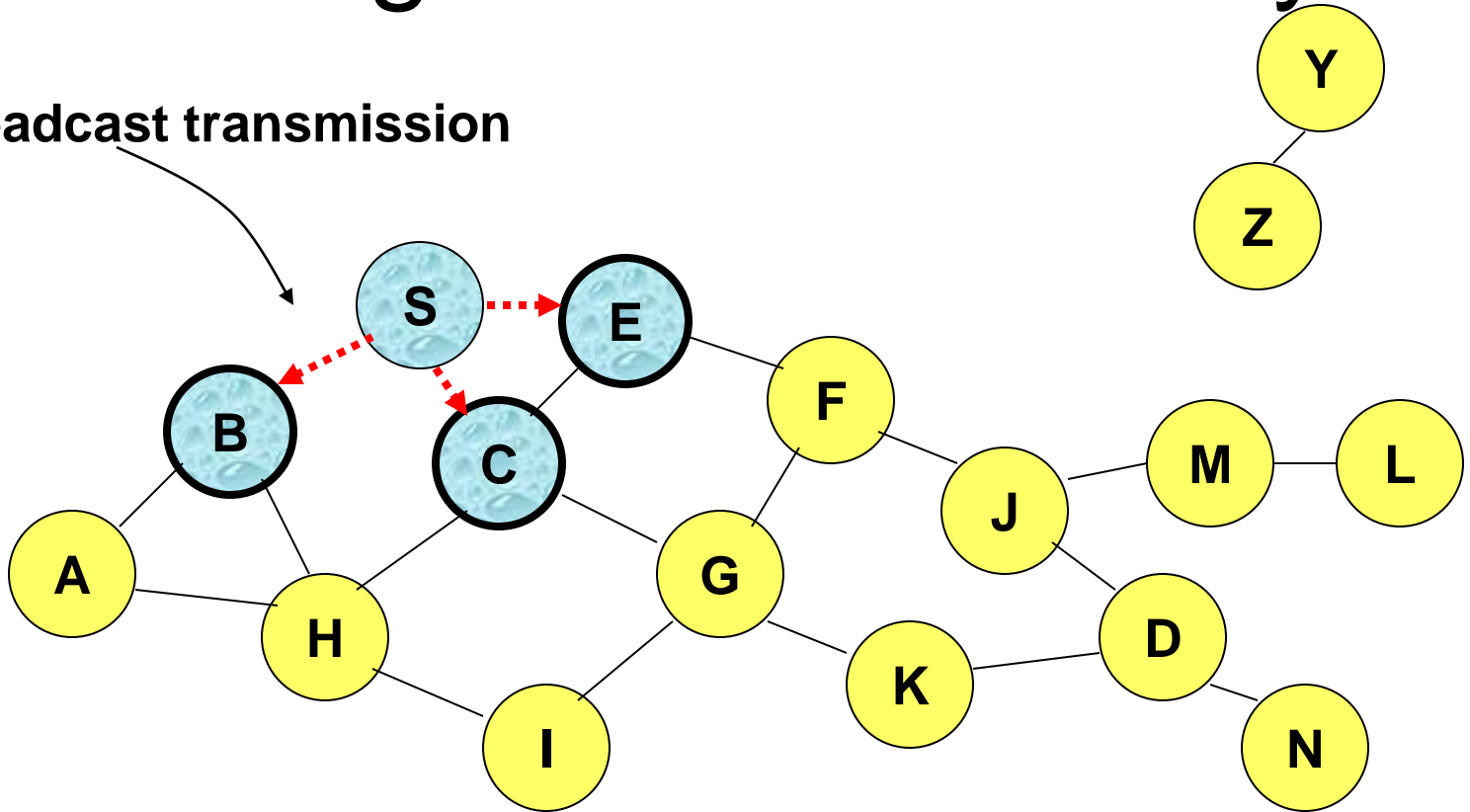
**Represents a node that has received packet P**



**Represents that connected nodes are within each other's transmission range**

# Flooding for Data Delivery

Broadcast transmission

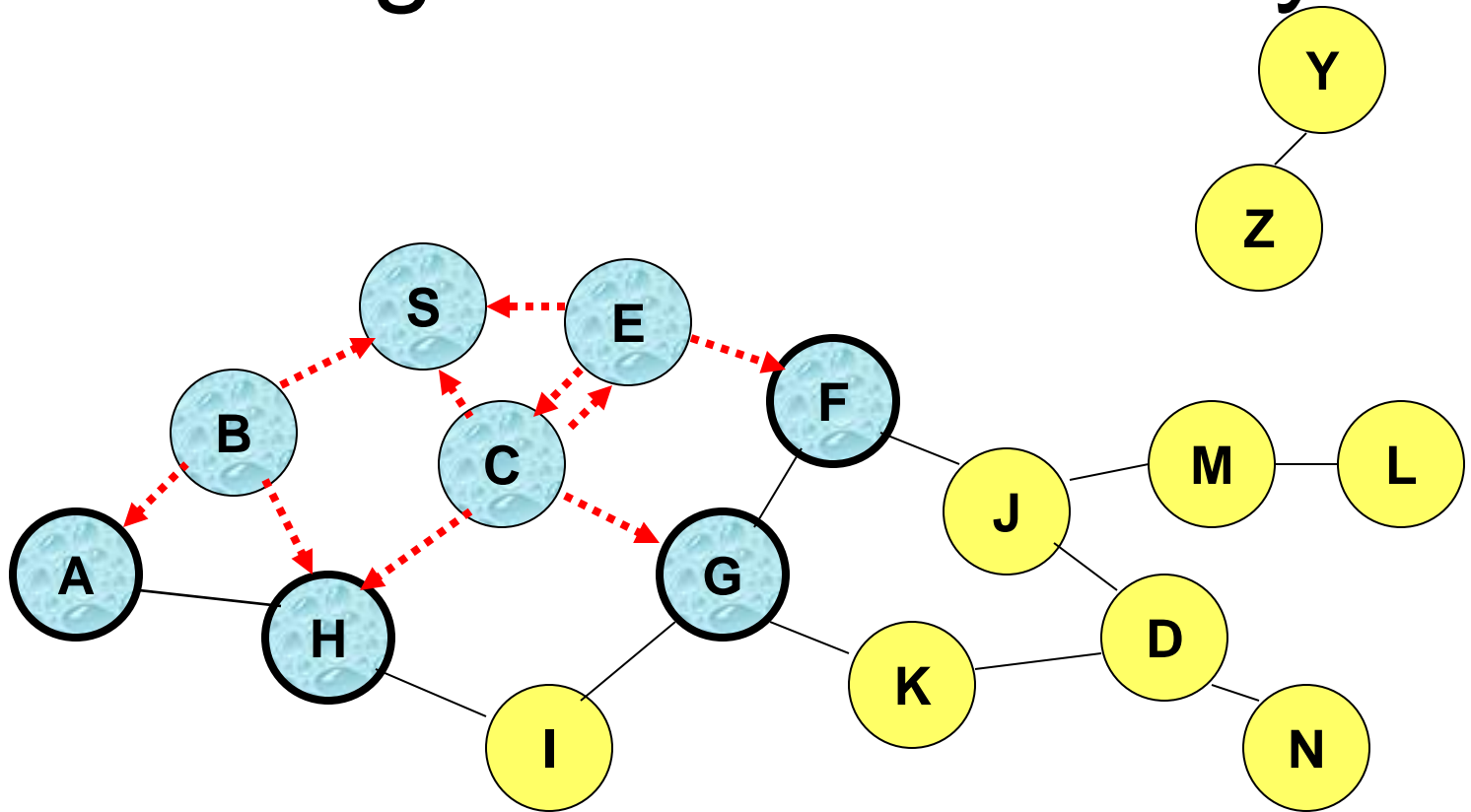


Represents a node that receives packet P for the first time



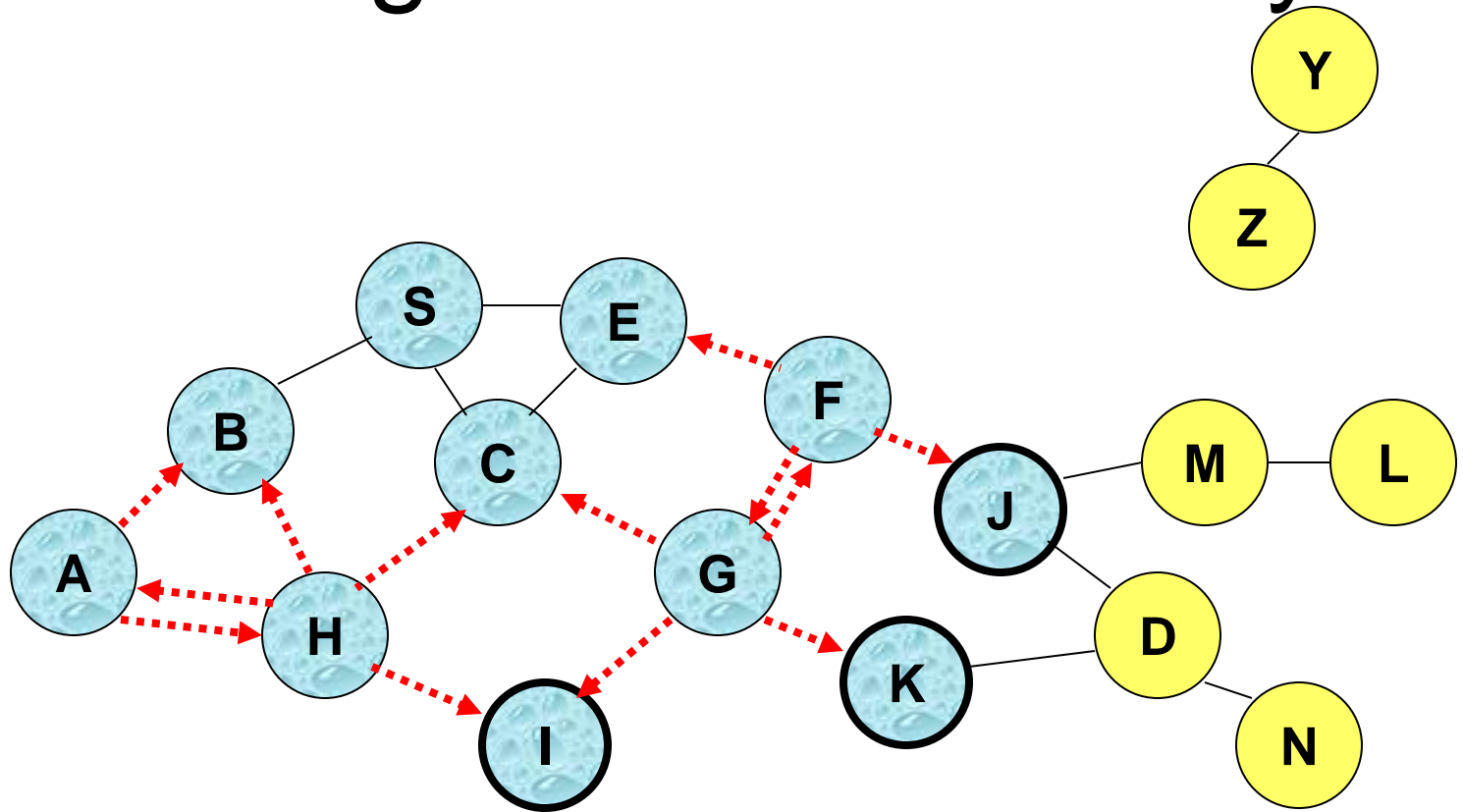
Represents transmission of packet P

# Flooding for Data Delivery



**Node H receives packet P from two neighbors:  
potential for collision**

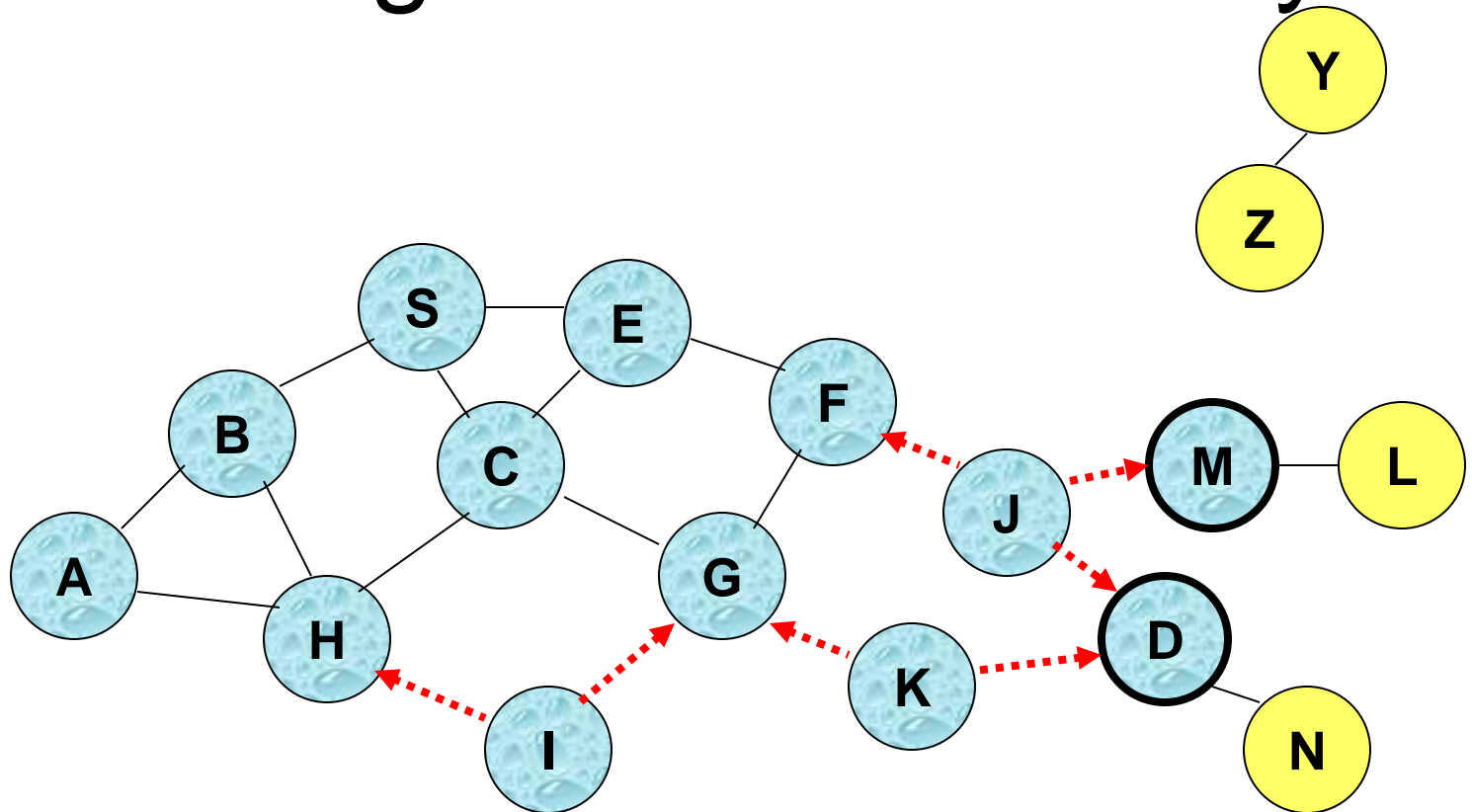
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Node C receives packet P from G and H, but does not forward it again, because node C has **already forwarded packet P** once



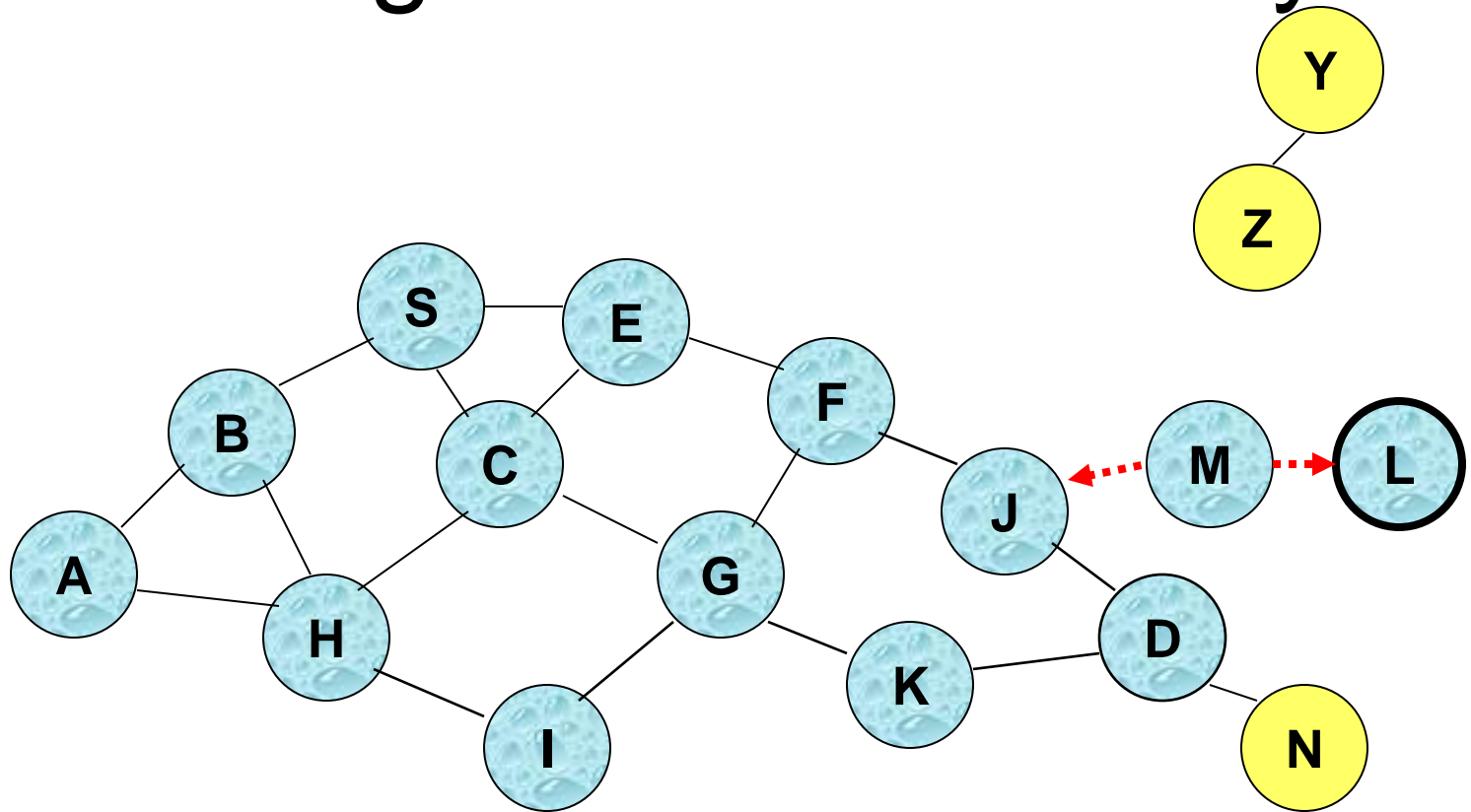
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Nodes J and K both broadcast packet P to node D  
Since nodes J and K are **hidden** from each other, their transmissions may collide

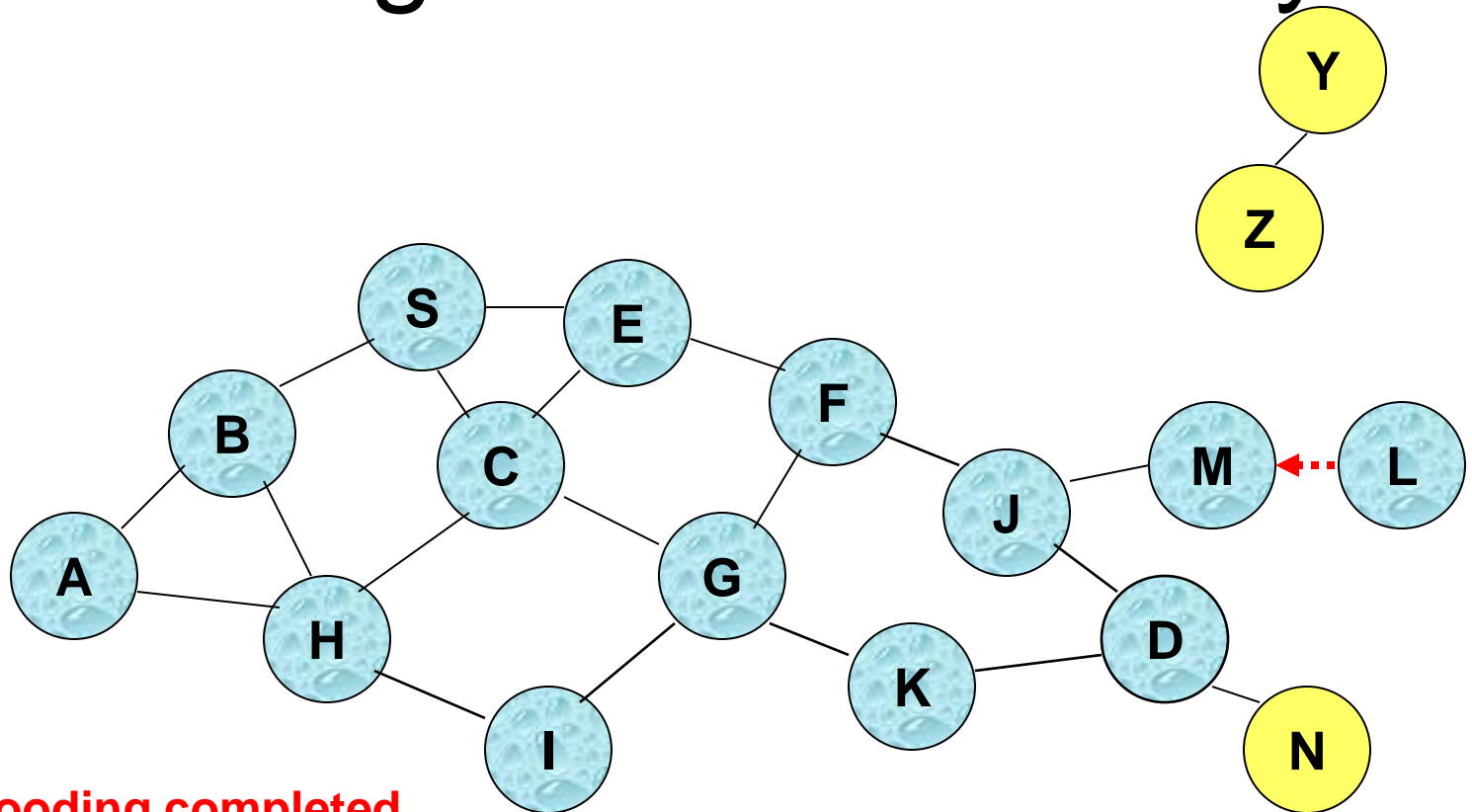
**=> Packet P may not be delivered to node D after all, despite the use of flooding!!**

# Flooding for Data Delivery



- Node D **does not forward** packet P, because node D is the **intended destination of packet P**

# Flooding for Data Delivery

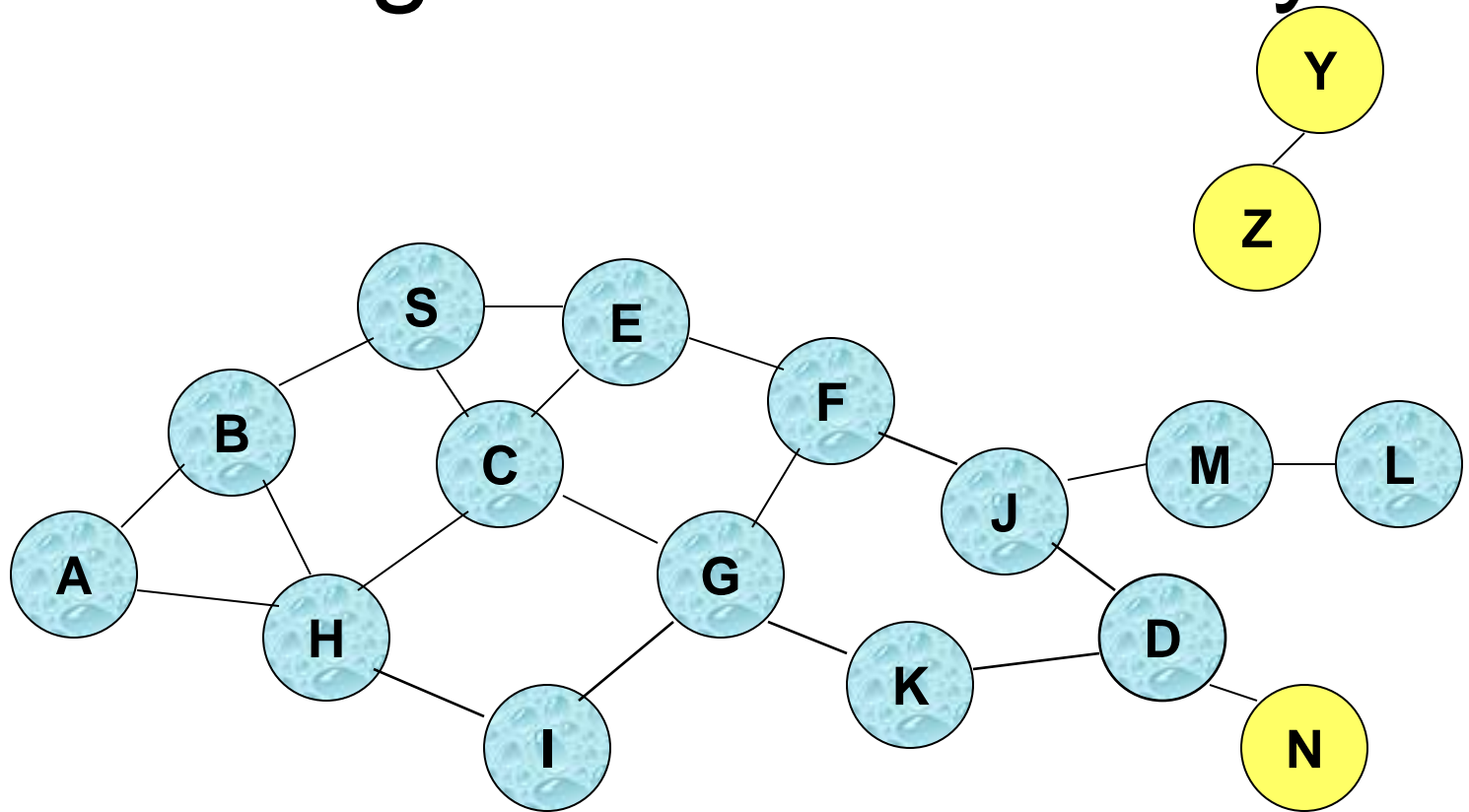


**Flooding completed**

Nodes **unreachable** from S do not receive packet P (e.g., node Z)

Nodes for which all paths from S go through the destination D also do not receive packet P (example: node N)

# Flooding for Data Delivery



Flooding may deliver packets to too many nodes  
(in the **worst case**, all nodes reachable from the sender  
may receive the packet)

# Flooding for Data Delivery: Advantages

- Simplicity
- Potentially **more efficient** when transmitting **small data packets** relatively infrequently and the overhead of explicit route discovery/maintenance incurred by other protocols is relatively high because of topology changes
- Potentially **higher reliability** of data delivery
  - Because of the existence of multiple paths
  - For high mobility patterns, it may be the only reasonable choice

# Flooding for Data Delivery: Disadvantages

- high overhead per packet
  - Flooding is expensive
- Potentially lower reliability of data delivery
  - Flooding uses broadcasting -- hard to implement reliable broadcast delivery without significantly increasing overhead
    - Broadcasting in IEEE 802.11 MAC is unreliable
  - In our example, nodes J and K may transmit to node D simultaneously, resulting in loss of the packet
    - in this case, destination would not receive the packet at all

# Flooding of Control Packets

- Many protocols perform (potentially *limited*) flooding of **control packets**, instead of **data packets**
- The control packets are used to discover routes
- Discovered routes are subsequently used to send data packets without flooding
- Overhead of control packet flooding is amortized over data packets transmitted between two consecutive control packet floods

# Metrics for Ad Hoc Routing

- Want to optimize
  - Number of hops
  - Distance
  - Latency
  - Load balancing for congested links
  - Cost (\$\$\$)
  - Route stability
  - Energy consumption
- Many existing ad hoc routing descriptions use # of hops
- More work recently on latency, load balancing, etc.

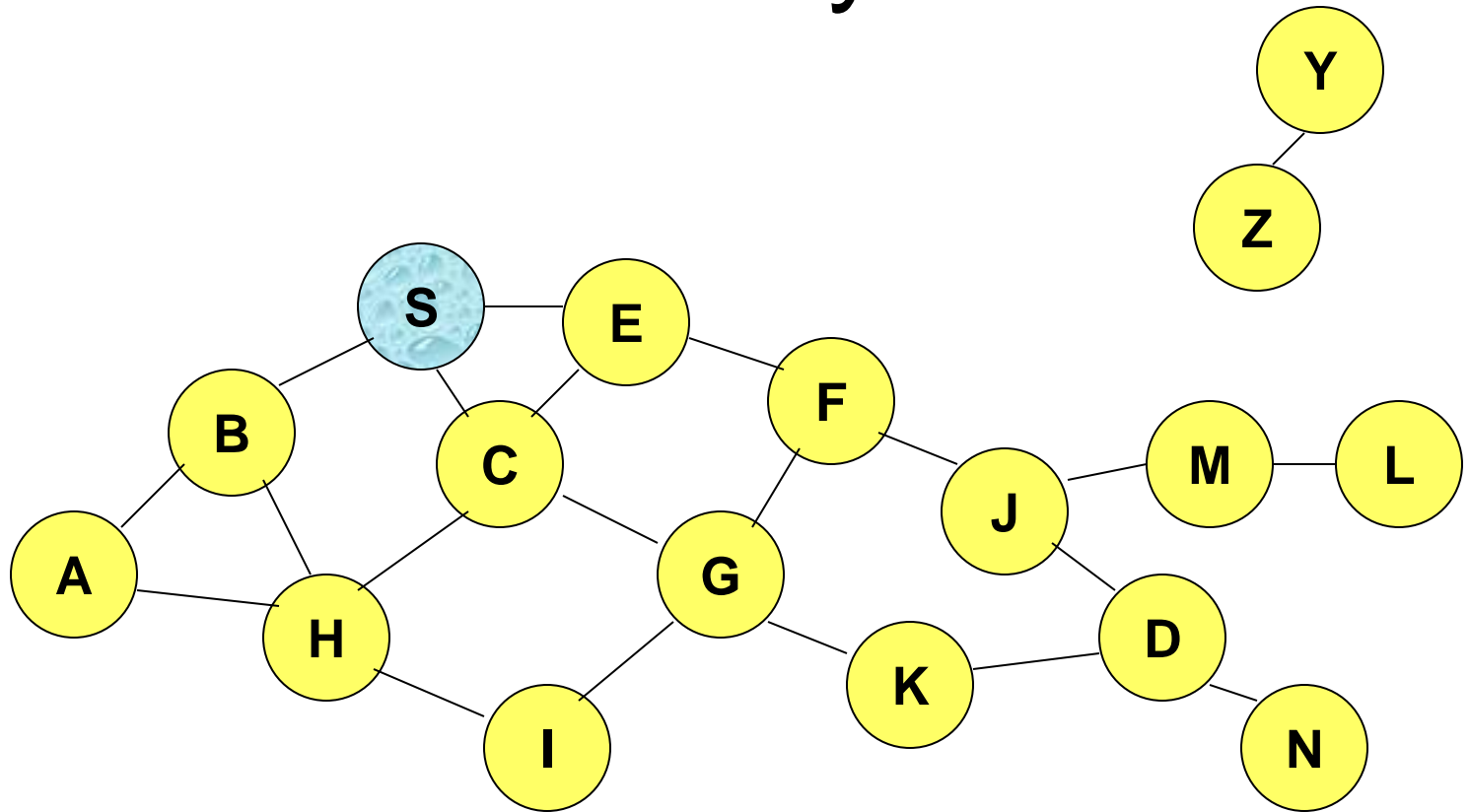


# Dynamic Source Routing – DSR

## (Ref [11])

- When node S wants to send a packet to node D, but does not know a route to D, node S initiates a **route discovery** by flooding a **Route Request (RREQ)** packet
- Each node **appends its identifier** when forwarding RREQ
- **A route if discovered will return from D to S**
- When node S sends a data packet to D, the entire route is included in the packet header
  - hence the name source routing
- Intermediate nodes use the **source route** included in a packet to determine to whom a packet should be forwarded
- **Reactive**: Routes are discovered on demand: only when a node wants to send data and the route to destination is not known

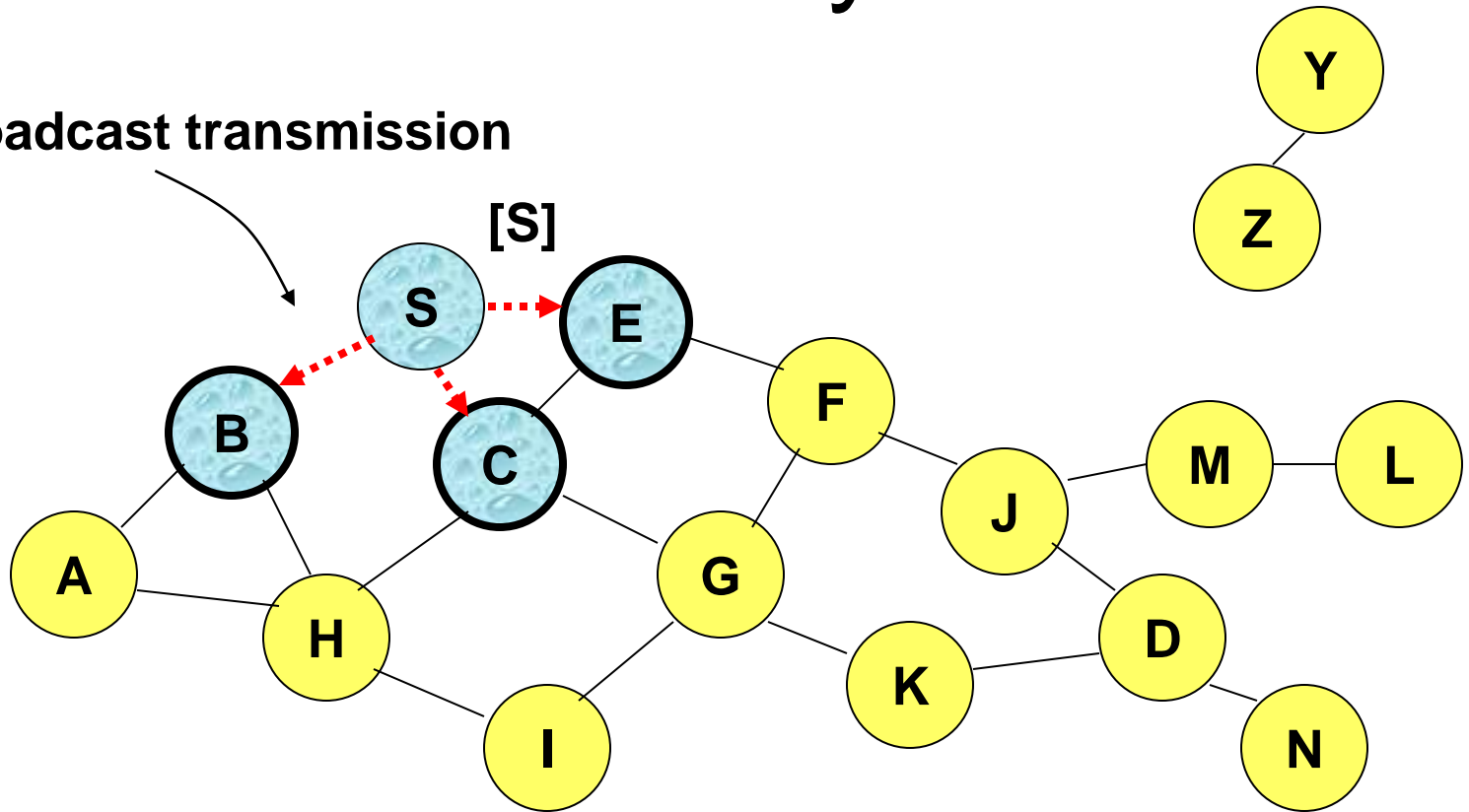
# Route Discovery in DSR



Represents a node that has received RREQ for D

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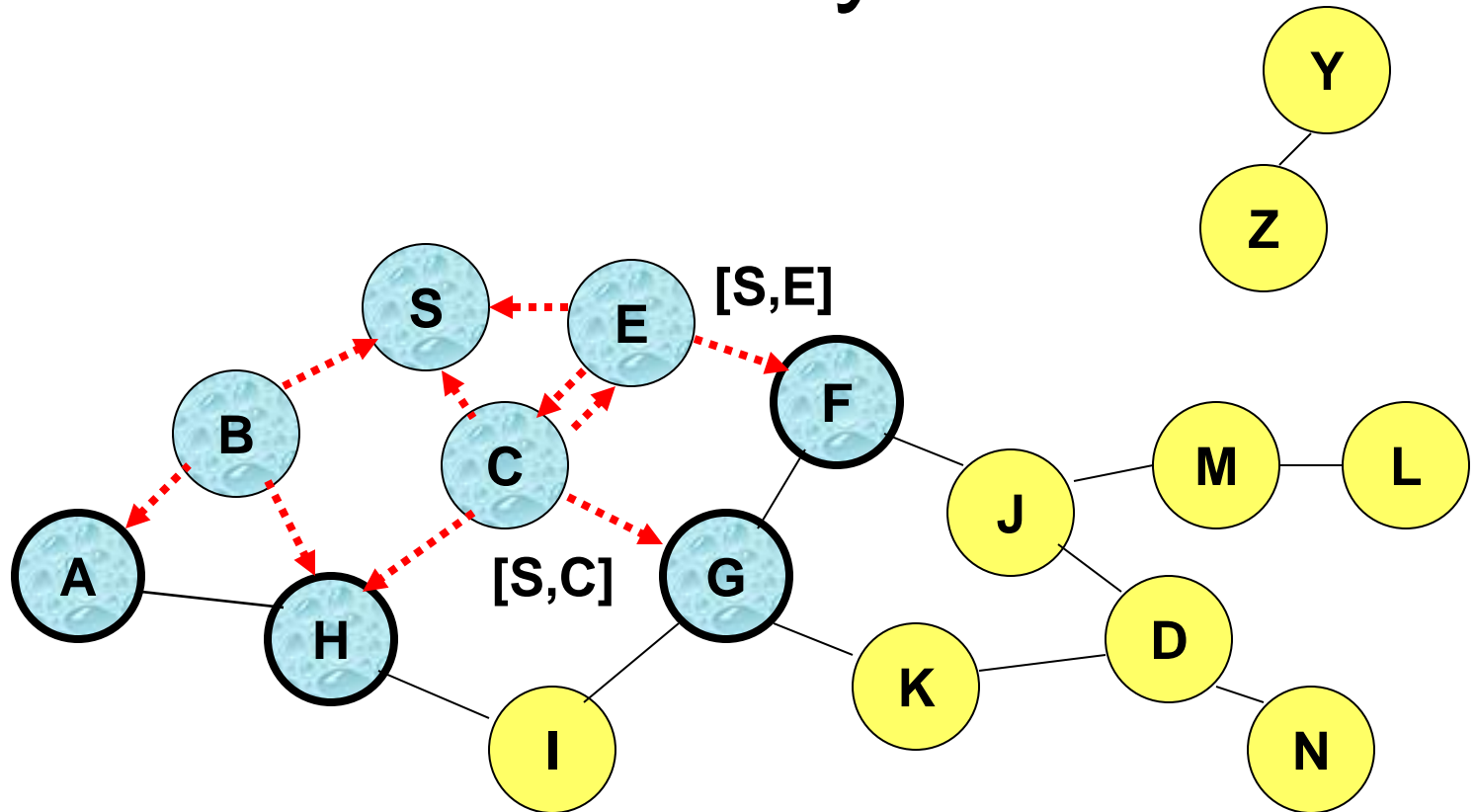
Broadcast transmission



..... → Represents transmission of RREQ

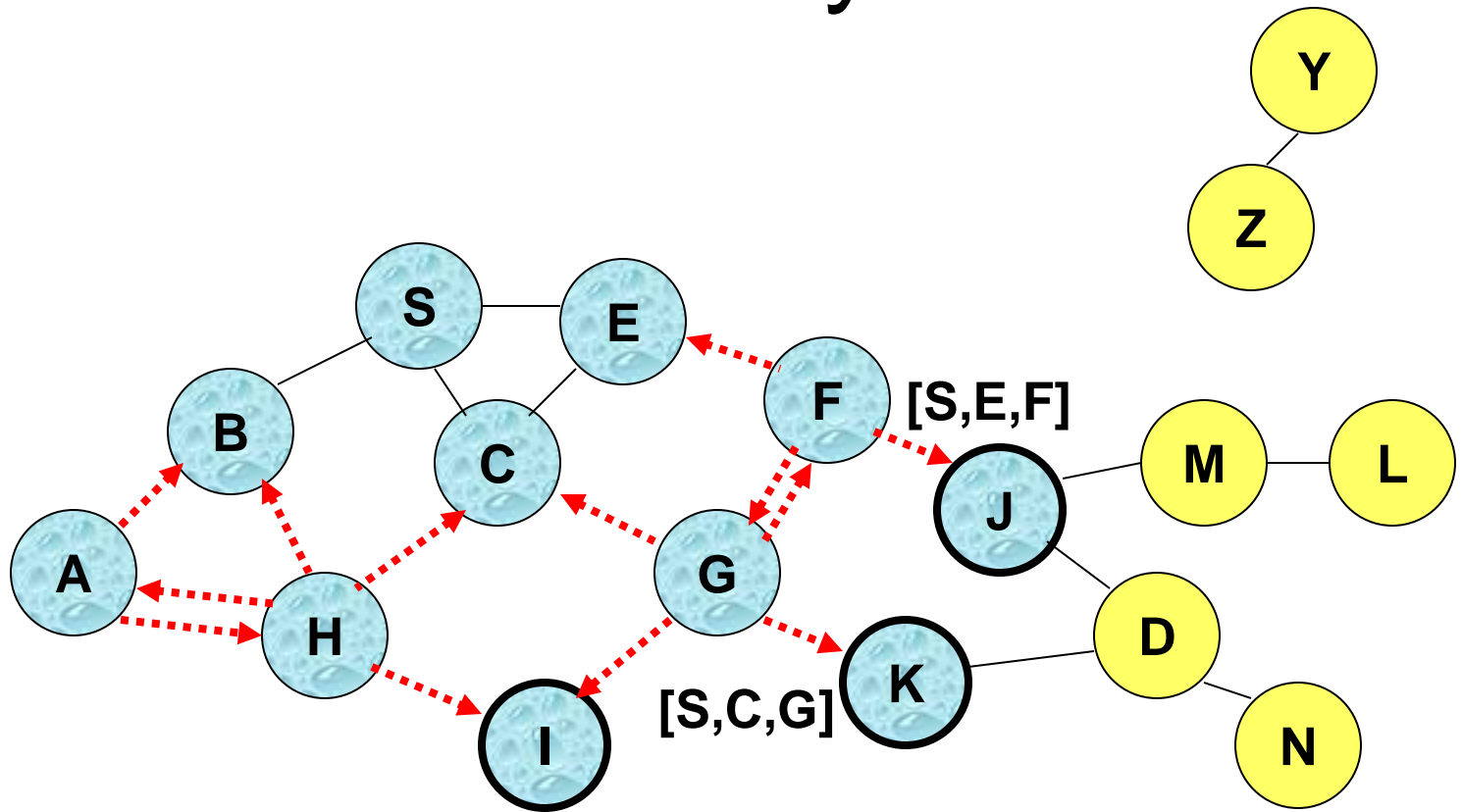
[X,Y] Represents list of identifiers appended to RREQ

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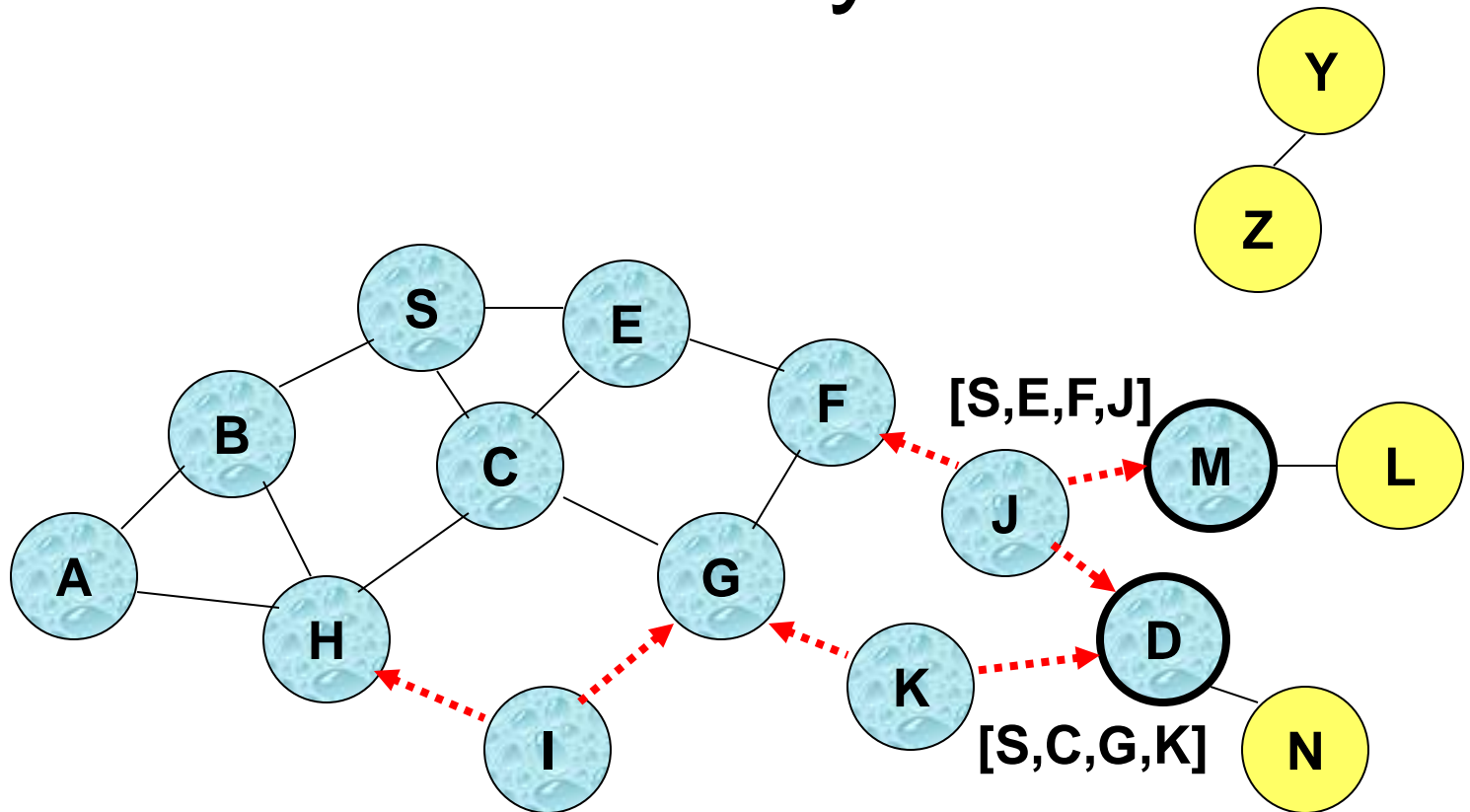
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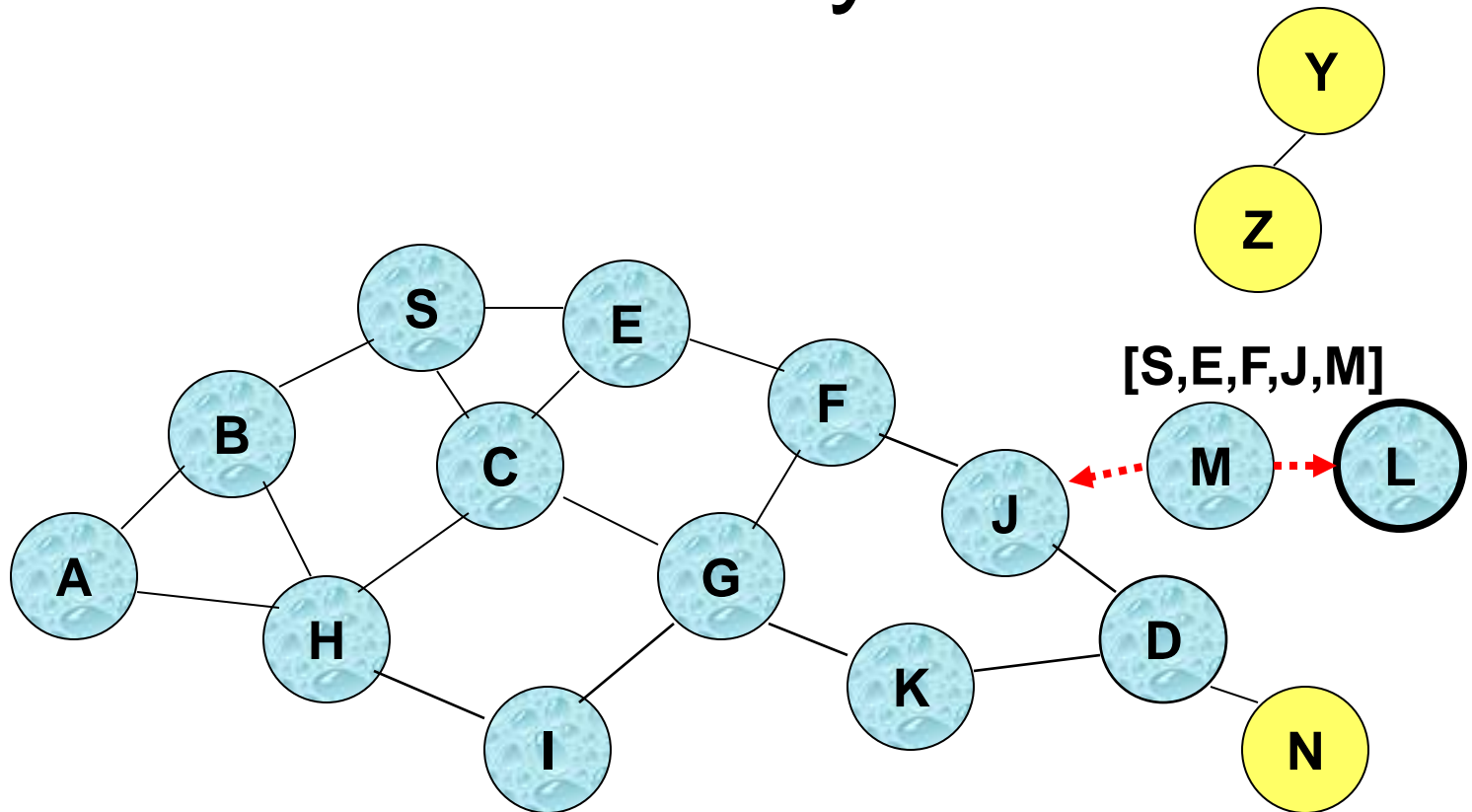
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# Route Discovery in DSR



Nodes J and K both broadcast RREQ to node D  
Since nodes J and K are **hidden** from each other, their **transmissions may collide** – can insert random delays before forwarding RREQ to avoid collision

# Route Discovery in DSR



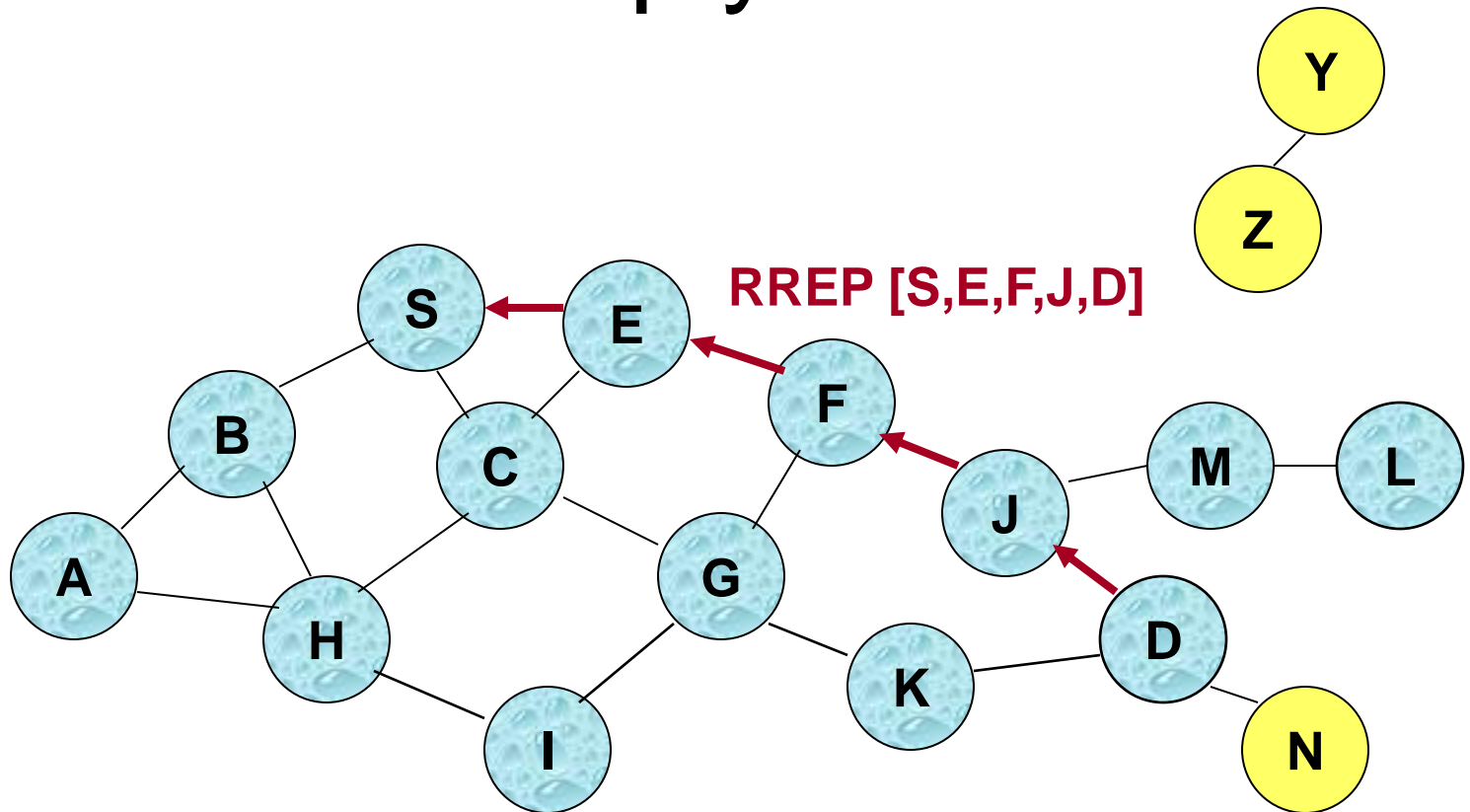
Node D **does not forward** RREQ, because node D is the **intended target** of the route discovery

# Route Discovery in DSR: Part 2

- Destination D, on receiving the first RREQ, sends a **Route Reply (RREP)**
- RREP is sent on a route obtained by reversing the route of RREQ
- RREP **includes the route** from D to S on which RREQ was received by node D
  - Node S on receiving RREP, caches the route included in the RREP

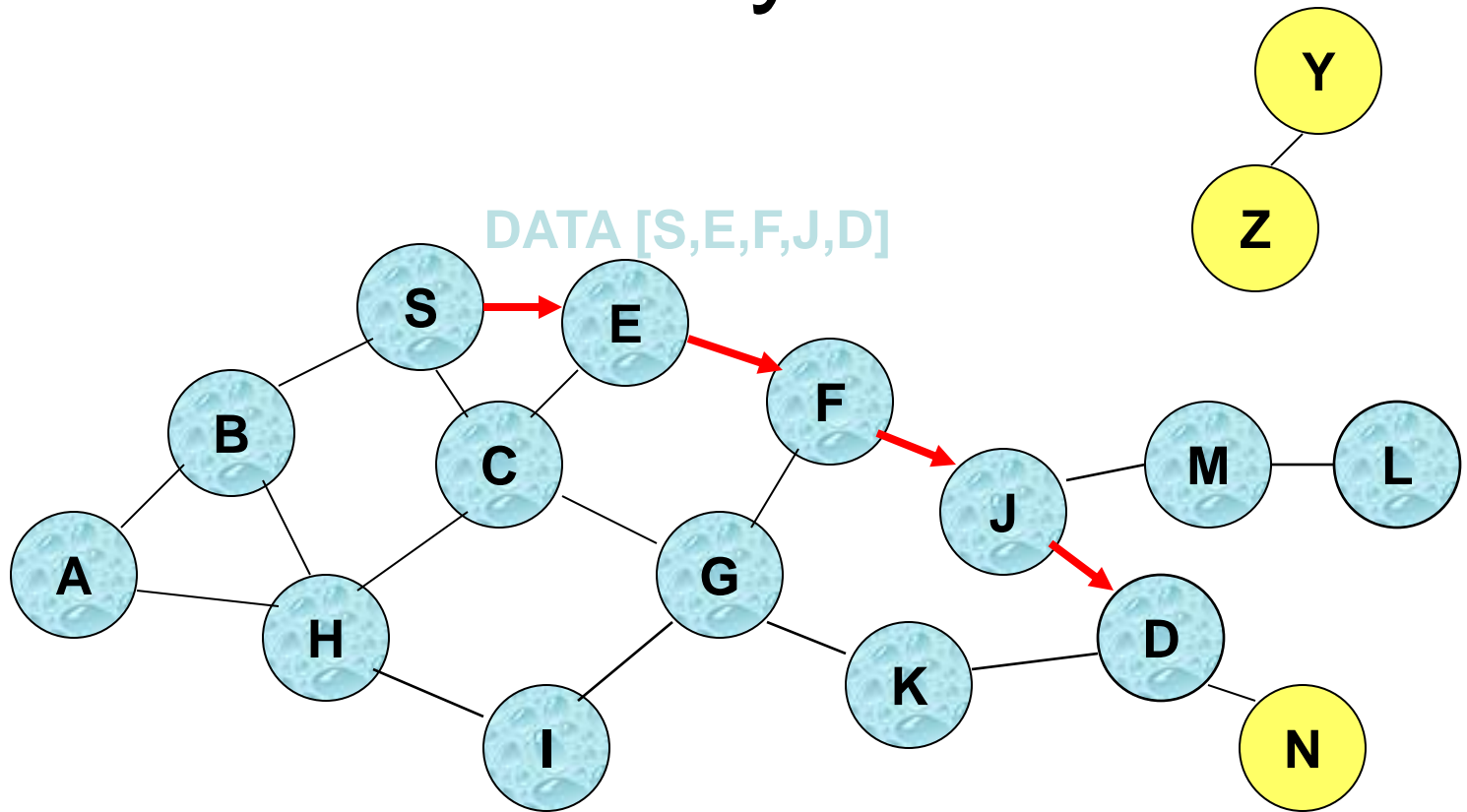


# Route Reply in DSR



← Represents RREP control message

# Data Delivery in DSR



**Packet header size grows with route length**

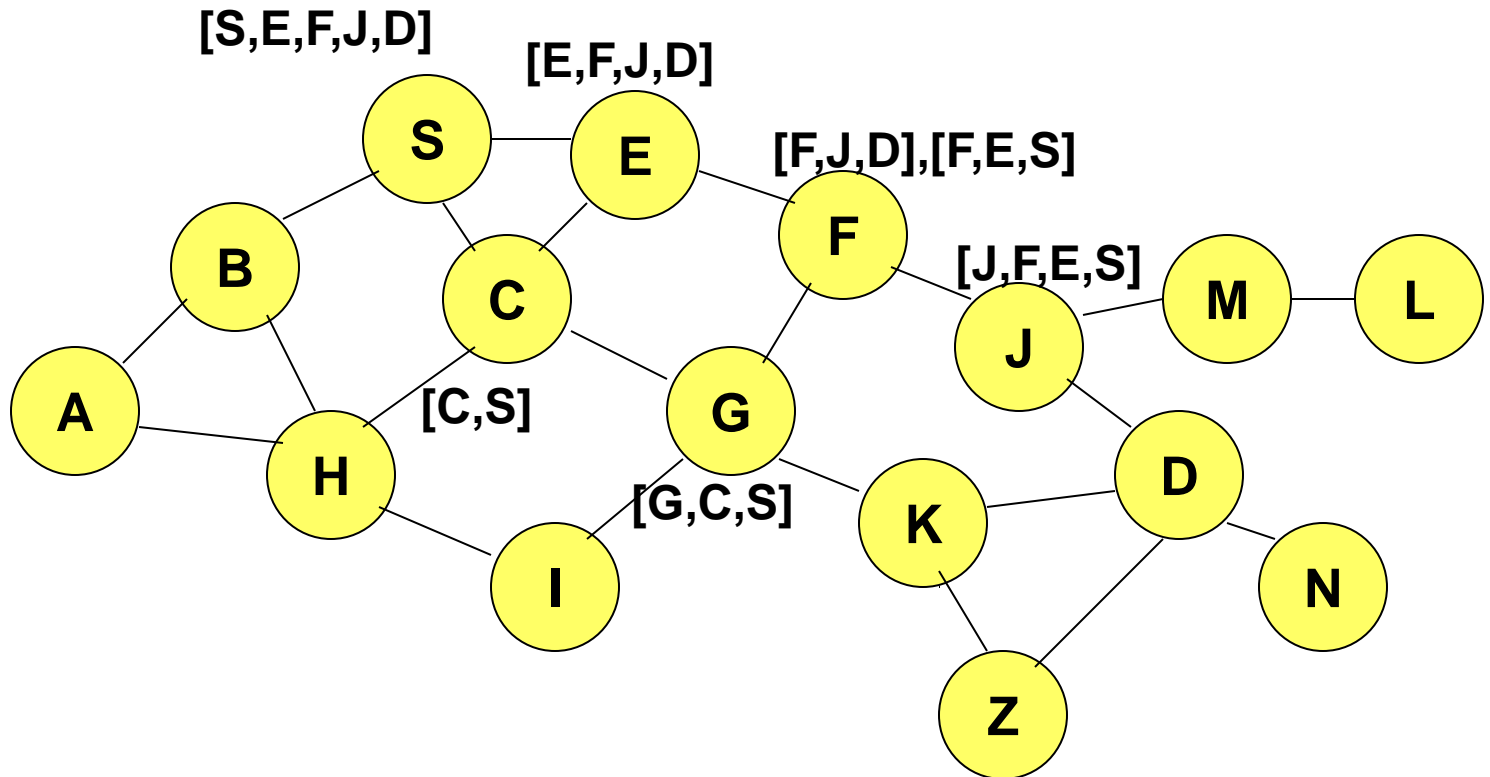
# DSR Optimization: Route Caching

- Each node caches a new route it learns by *any means*
  - e.g., When node **S** finds route **[S,E,F,J,D]** to node D, node S also learns route **[S,E,F]** to node F
  - When node **K** receives **Route Request RREQ [S,C,G]** destined for node D, node K learns of reverse route **[K,G,C,S]** to node S
  - When node **F** forwards **Route Reply RREP [S,E,F,J,D]** to S, node F learns route **[F,J,D]** to node D
  - When node **E** forwards **data** through route **[S,E,F,J,D]** (specified in the header), it learns route **[E,F,J,D]** to node D
- A node may also learn a route when it overhears data packets, even though it is not directly involved in the transmission

# Route Caching (2)

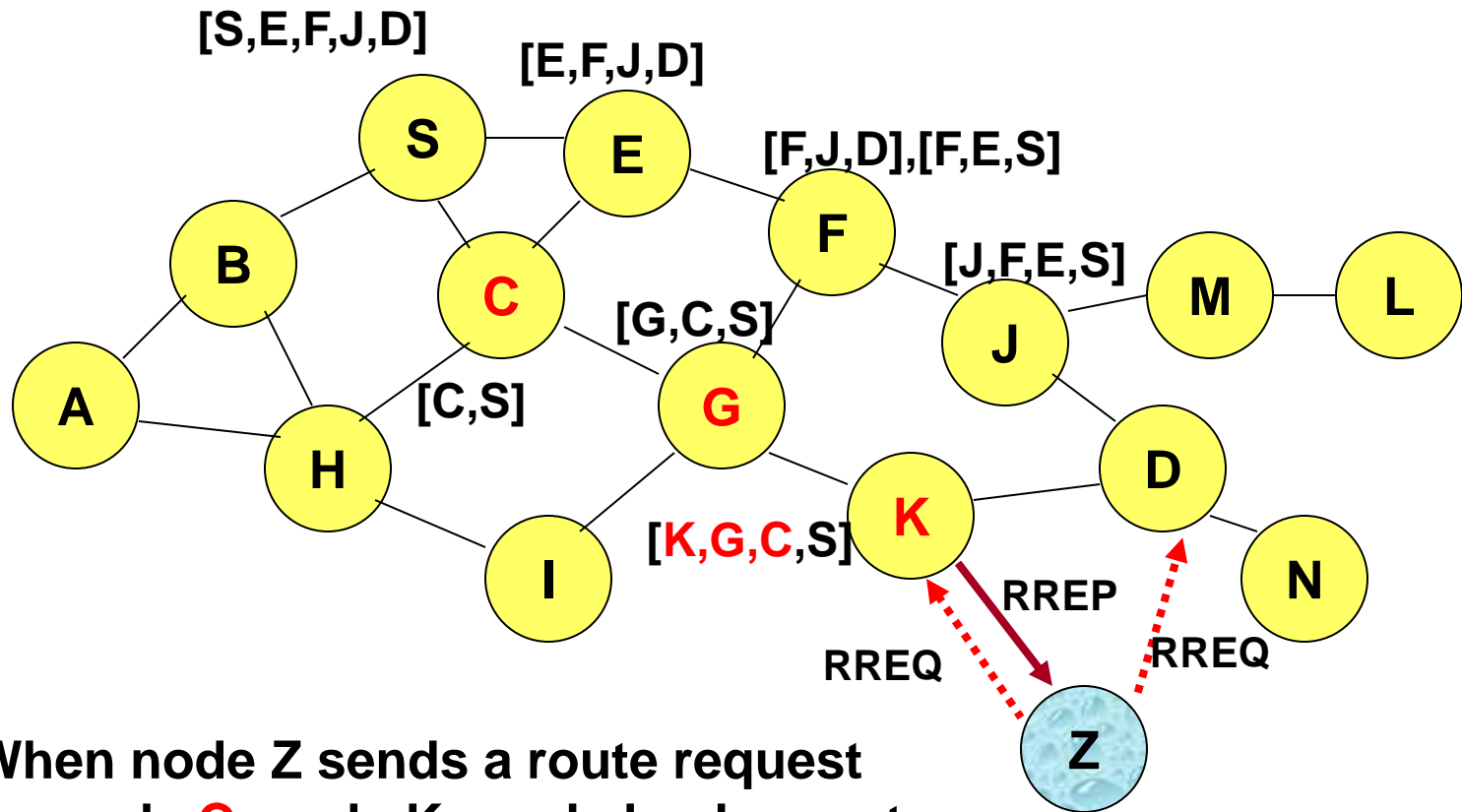
- Use of route cache
  - can speed up route discovery
  - can reduce propagation of route requests
- When node S learns that a route to node D is broken, it uses another route from its local cache, if such a route to D exists in its cache.
- Otherwise, node S initiates route discovery by sending a RREQ packet
- Node X, on receiving a **RREQ** for some node D, can send a **RREP** directly if node X knows a route to node D

# Route Caching (3)



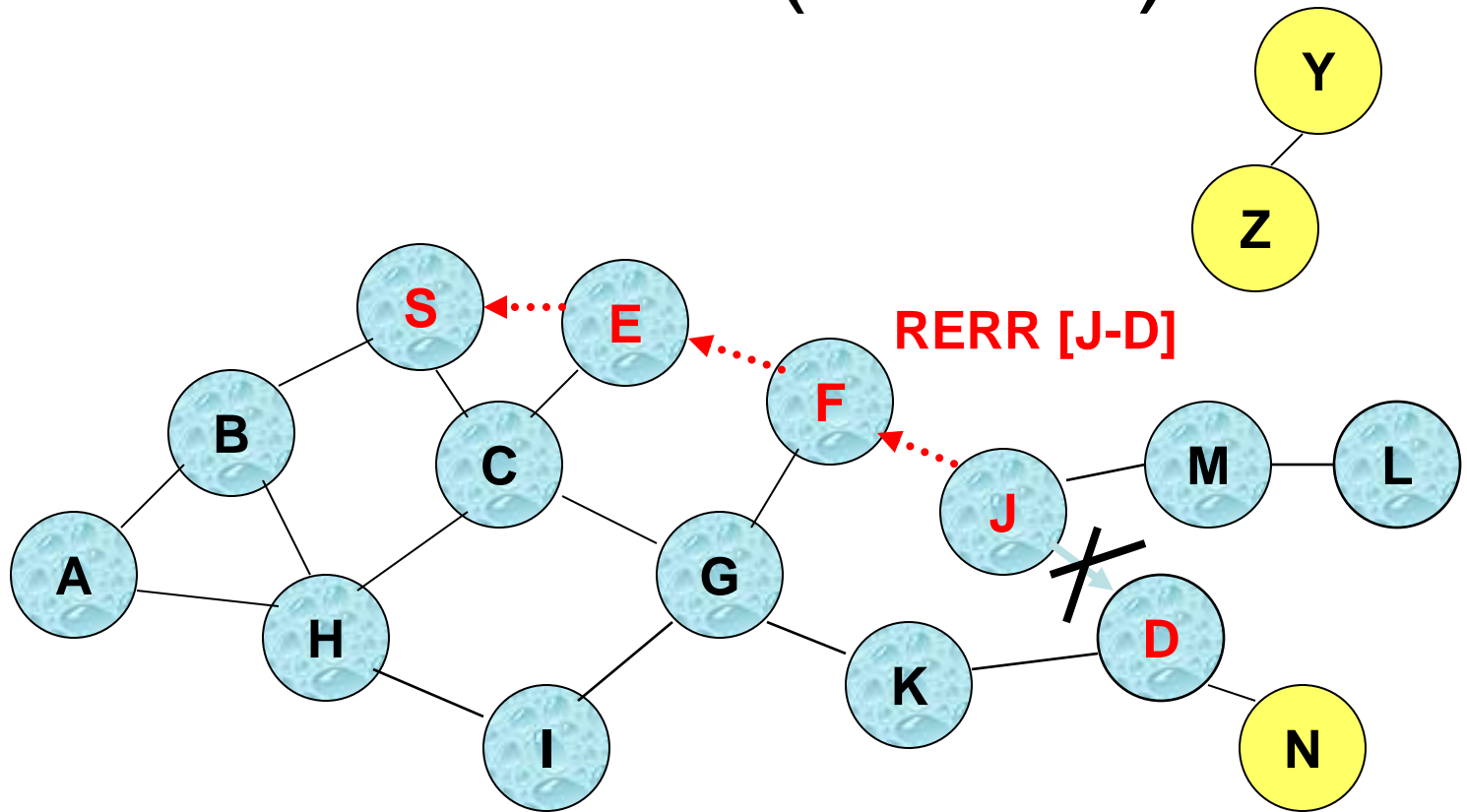
**[P,Q,R]** Represents a cached route in a node  
(DSR maintains the cached routes in a tree format)

# Route Caching (4)



When node Z sends a route request for node **C**, node K sends back a route reply [Z,**K,G,C**] to node Z using a locally cached route

# Route Error (RERR)



when J attempt to forward the **data packet** (with route **SEFJD**) to D but J-D fails, J sends a route error packet to S along route J-F-E-S

Nodes hearing RERR update their route cache to remove link J-D

# Route Caching: Beware!

- Stale caches can adversely affect performance
- With passage of time and host mobility, cached routes may become invalid
- A sender host may try several stale routes (obtained from local cache, or replied from cache by other nodes), before finding a good route
- It may be more expensive to try several broken routes than to simply discover a new one!
- Wireless link is unreliable, so news of broken routes through RERR may not even propagate completely!



# DSR Caching: Advantages

- Routes maintained only between nodes who need to communicate
  - reduces overhead of route maintenance
- Route caching can further reduce route discovery overhead
- A single route discovery may yield many routes to the destination, due to intermediate nodes replying from local caches

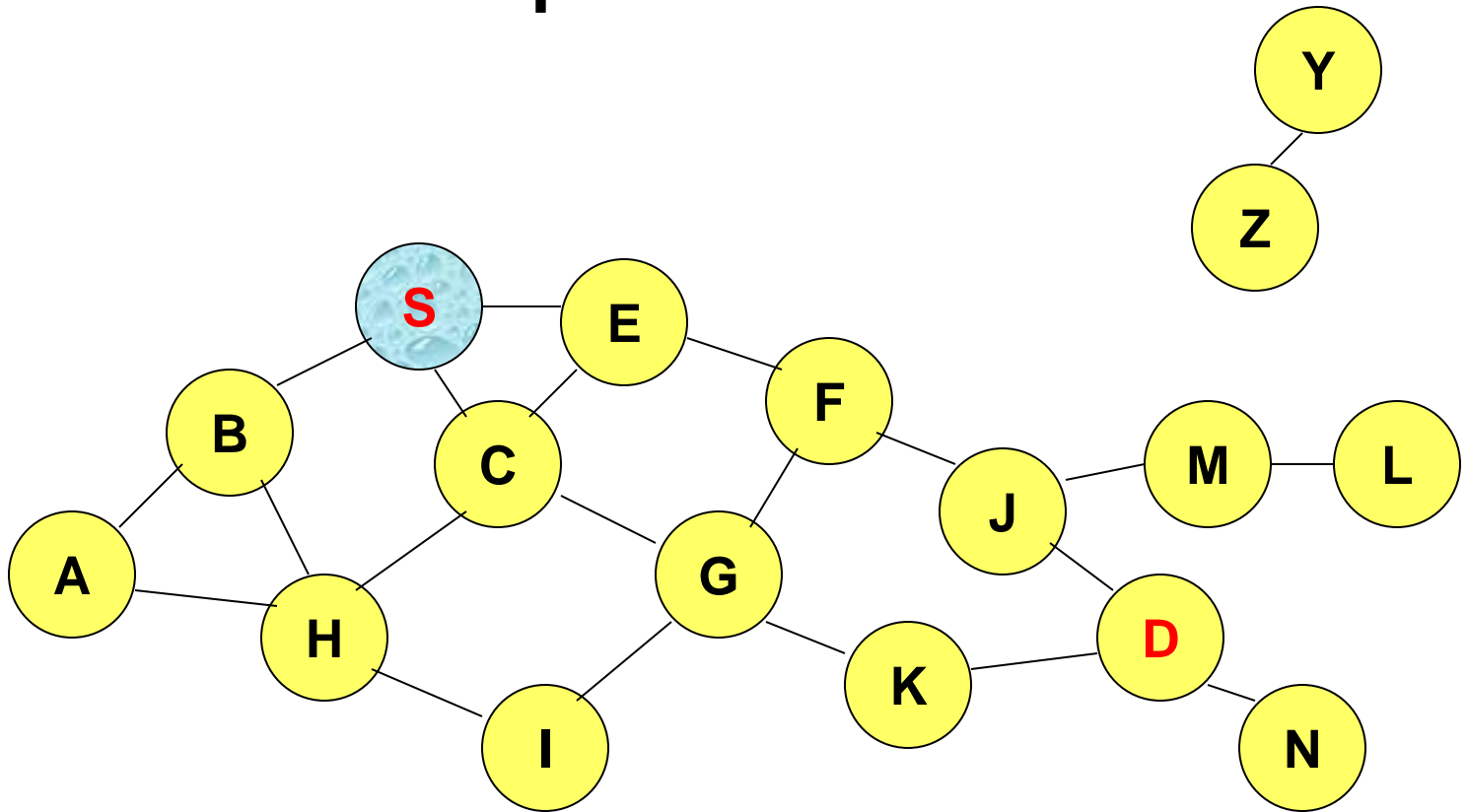
# DSR Caching: Disadvantages

- An intermediate node may send RREP using a **stale** cached route, thus **polluting** other caches
- This problem can be eased if some mechanism to purge (potentially) invalid cached routes is incorporated
  - Static timeout
  - Adaptive timeout of a link based on:
    - expected rate of mobility (mobility prediction is useful here)
    - observed link usage and breakage
- Contention if many RREP packets come back due to nodes replying using their local cache
  - **Route Reply Storm** problem
    - Don't send if overhearing another RREP with a shorter route

# Another Reactive Protocol: Ad-Hoc On-Demand Distance Vector (AODV)

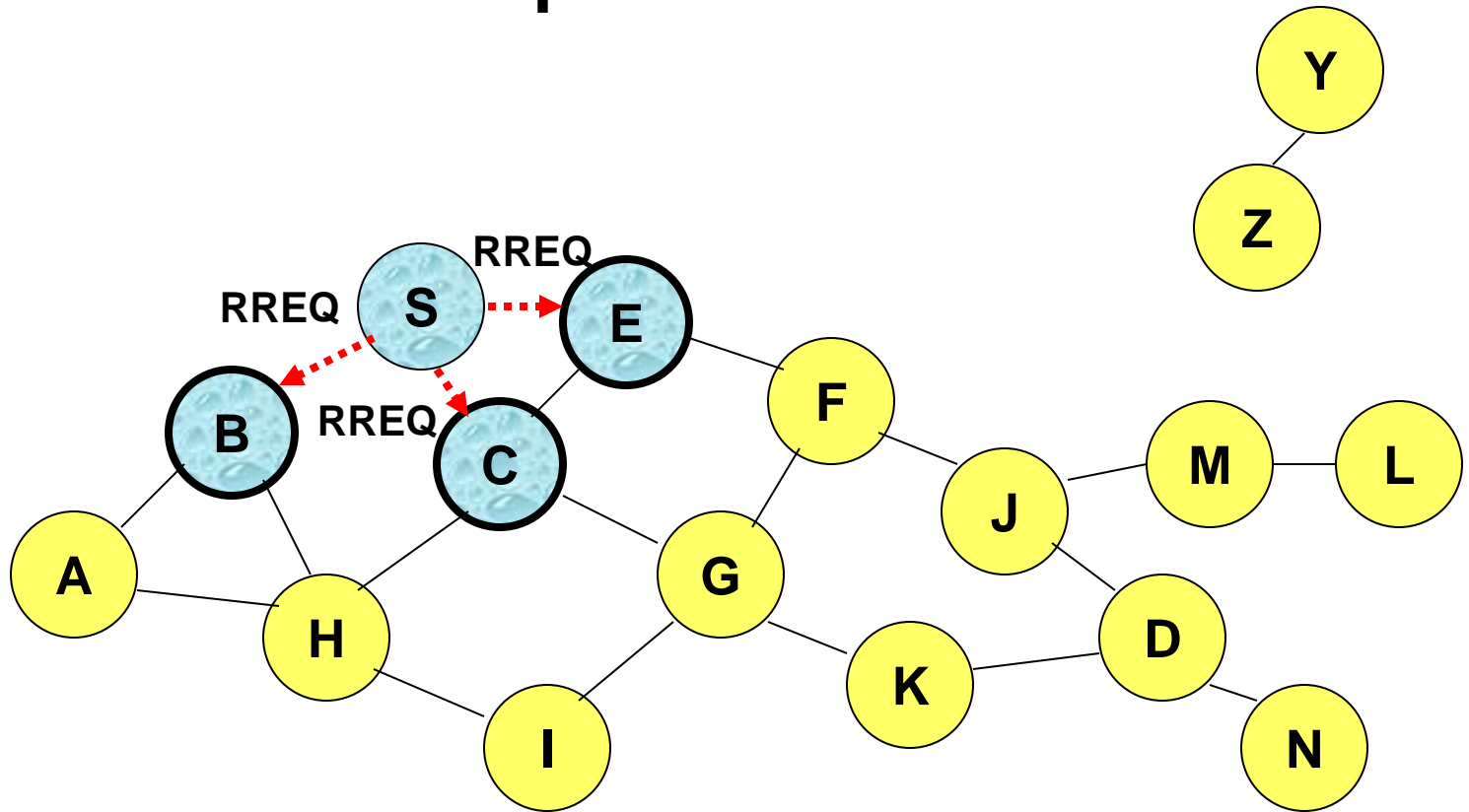
- Same RREQ-RREP-RERR format except that each node maintains a route table
- Significantly more complicated protocol than DSR, because avoiding routing loops is much more difficult
  - Loop elimination easy in DSR because the entire route is available!
- The following pictorial does not expose the complexity of AODV—just to give a basic idea

# Route Requests in AODV



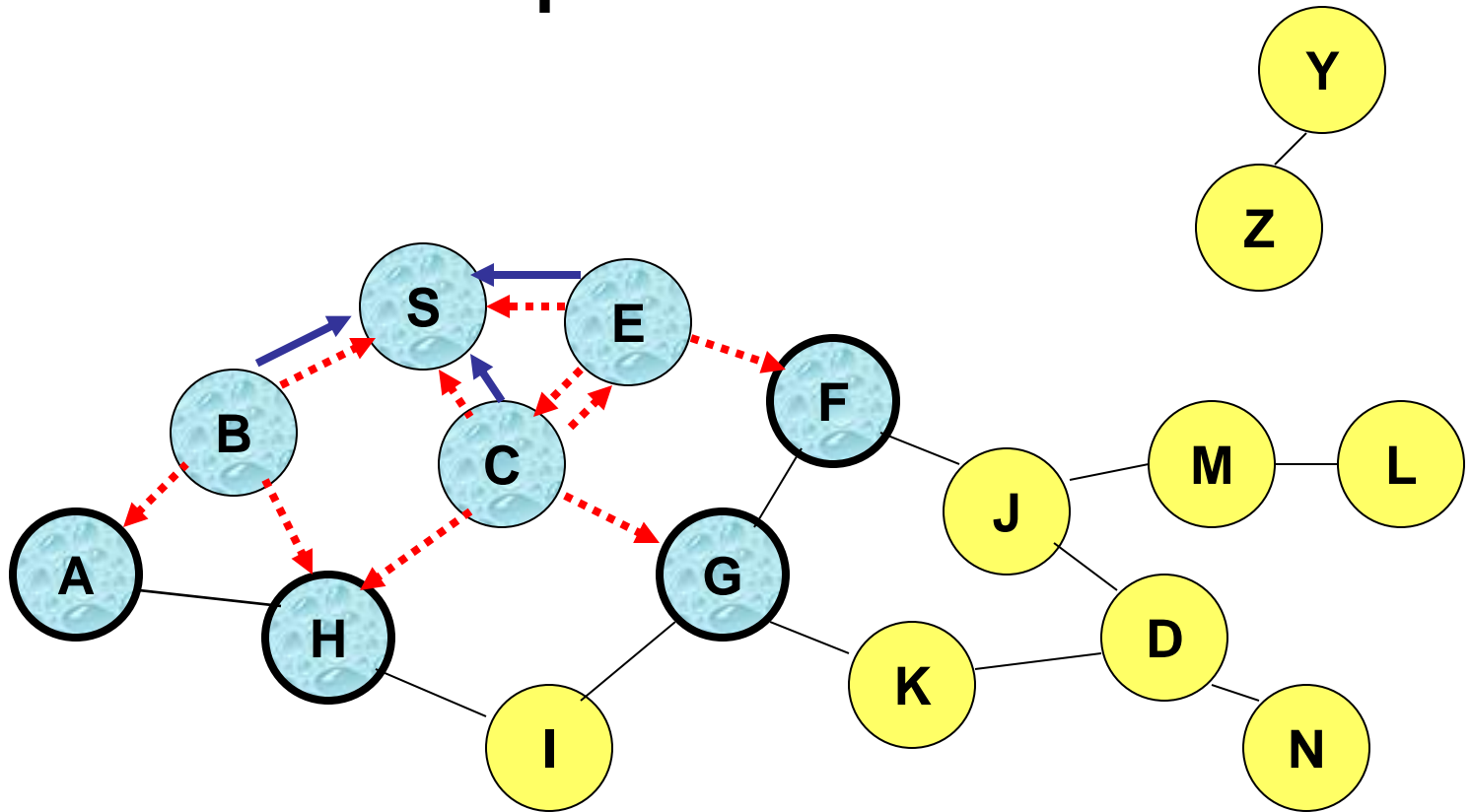
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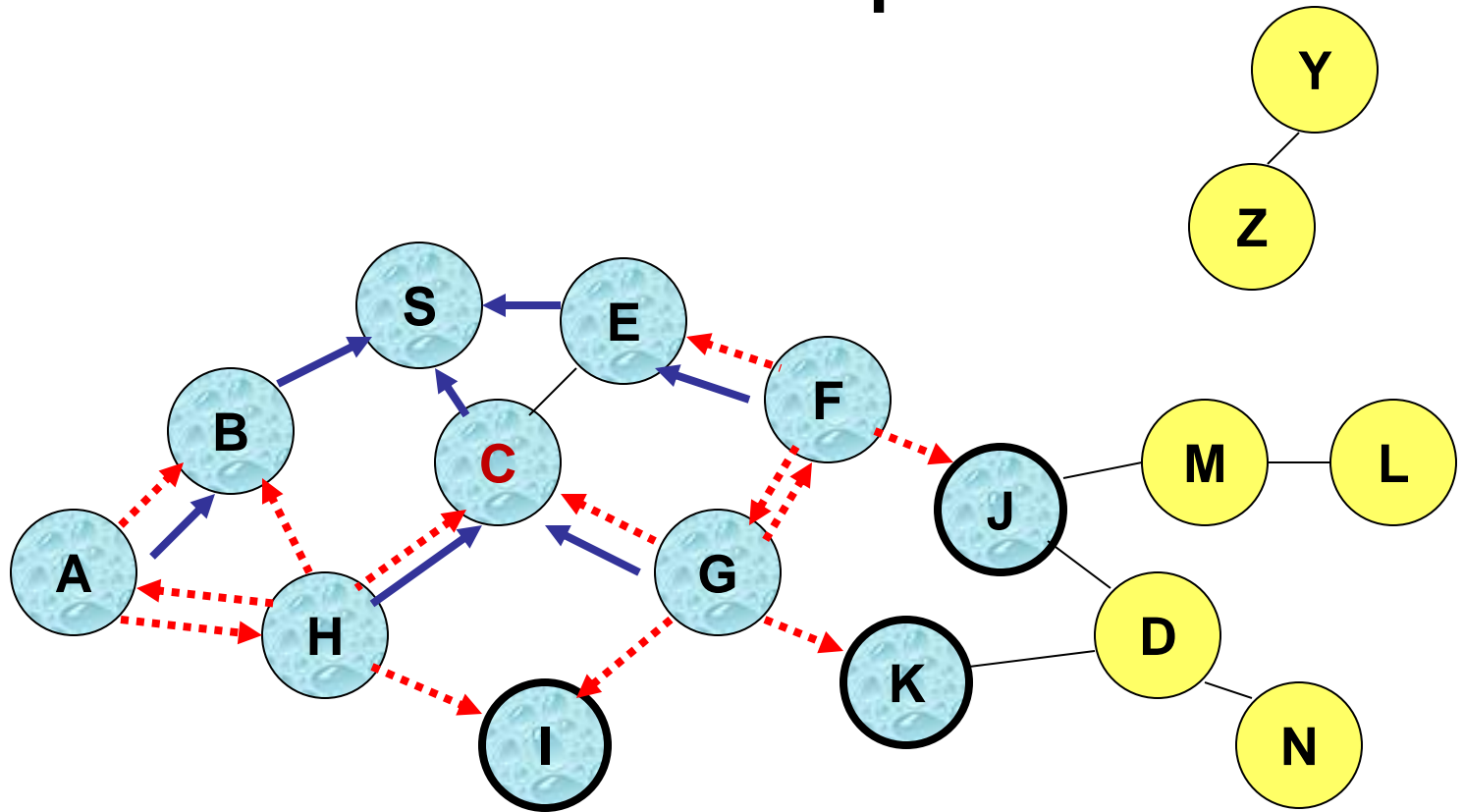
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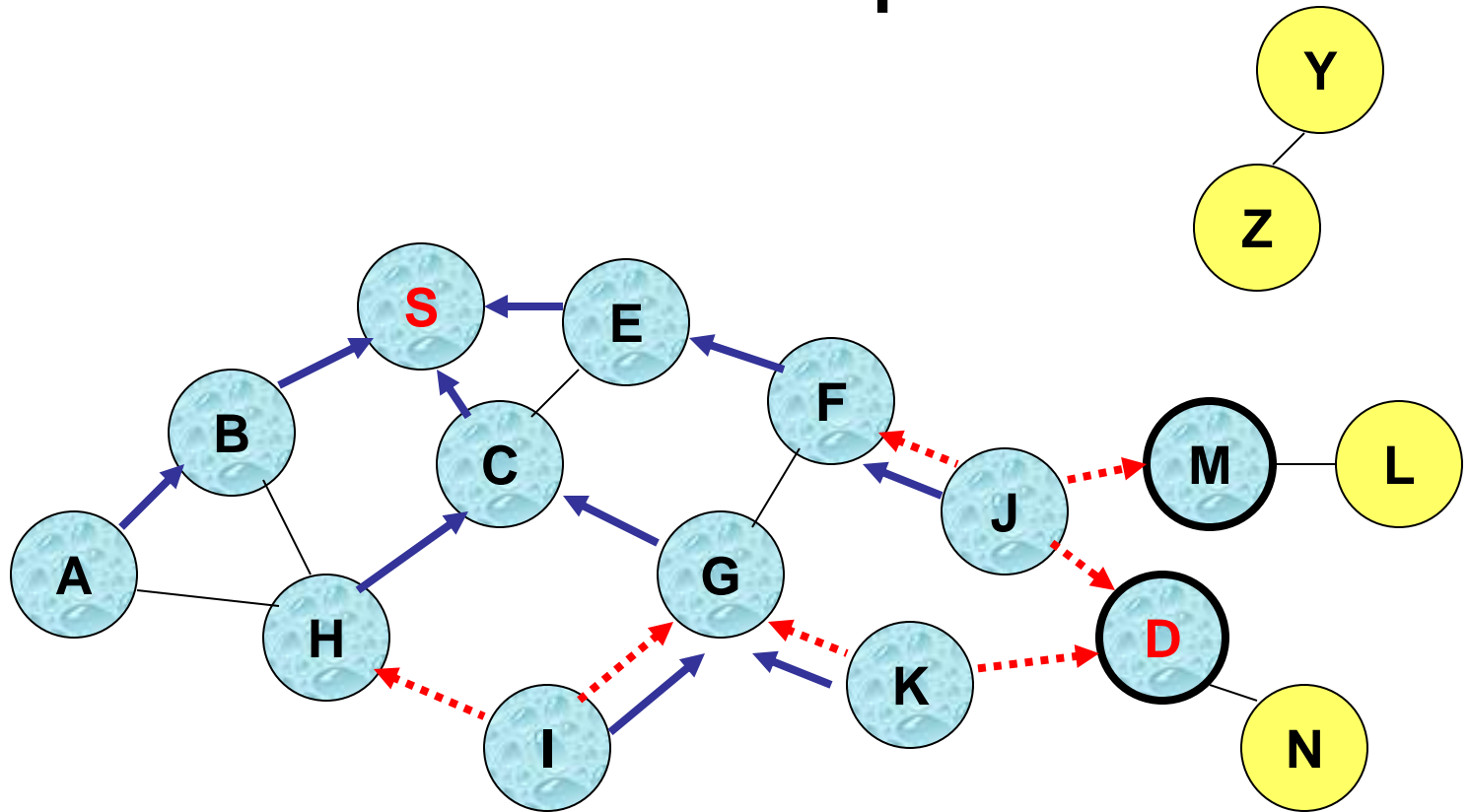
← Represents links on Reverse Path, recorded by Intermediate nodes in their route tables

# Reverse Path Setup in AODV



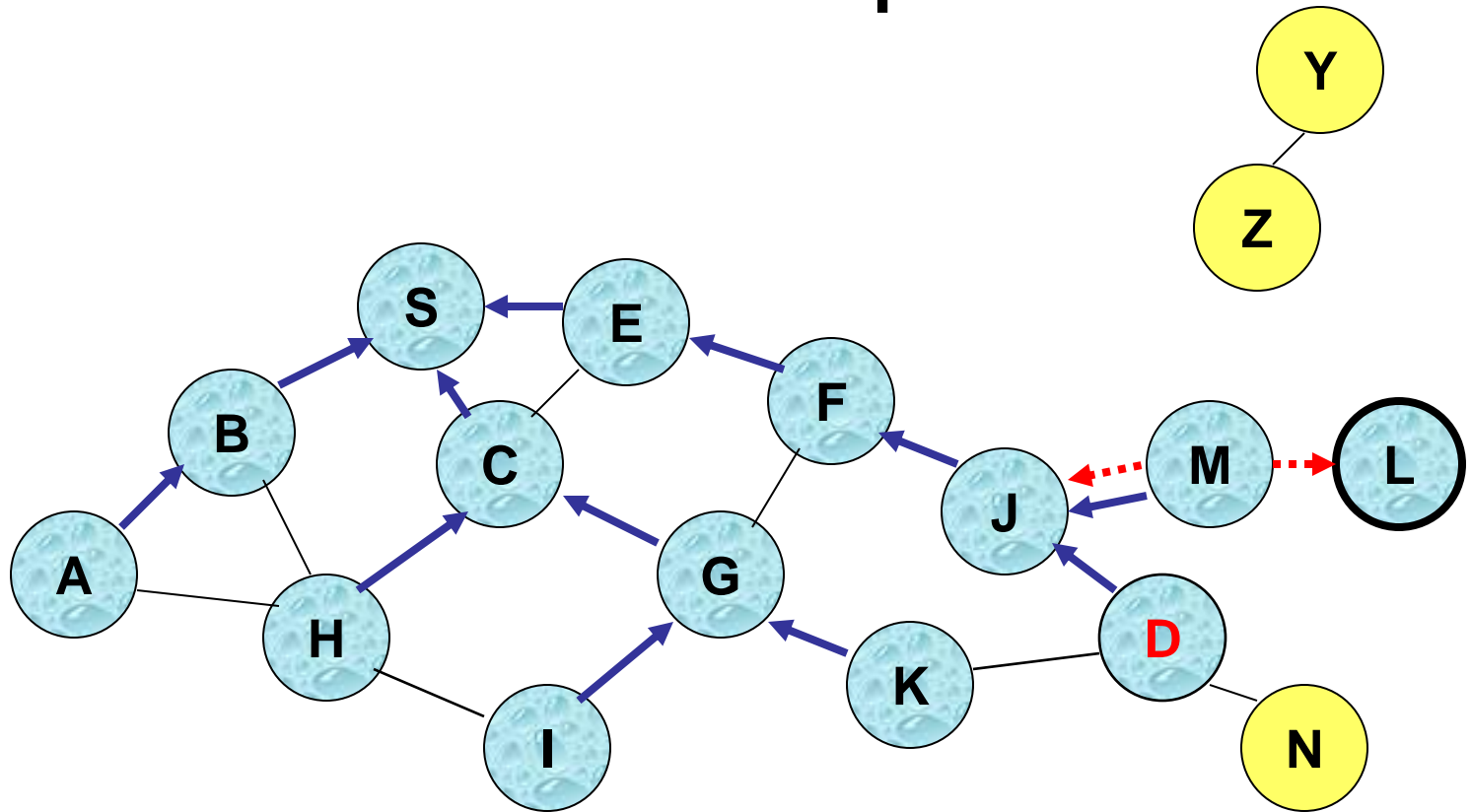
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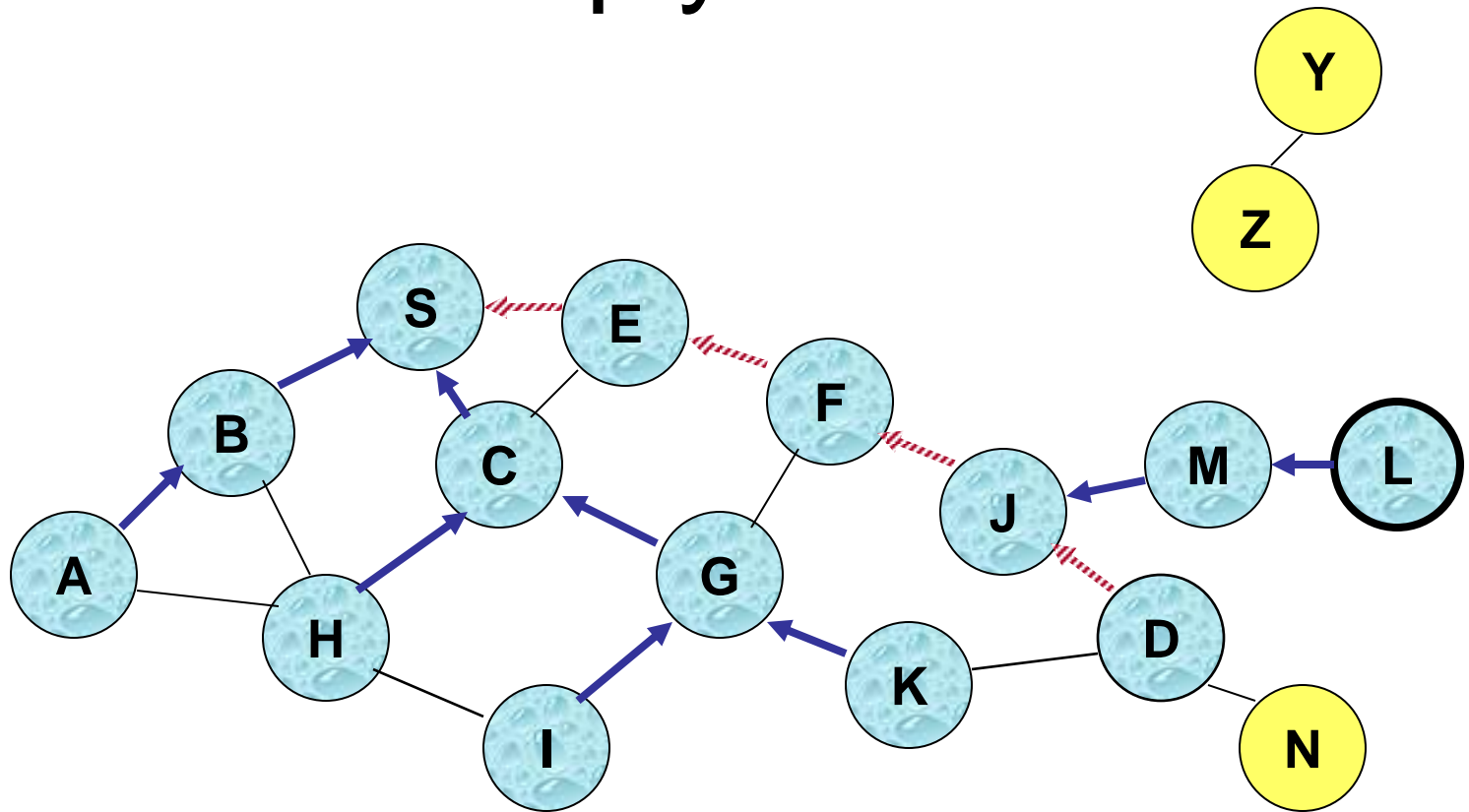


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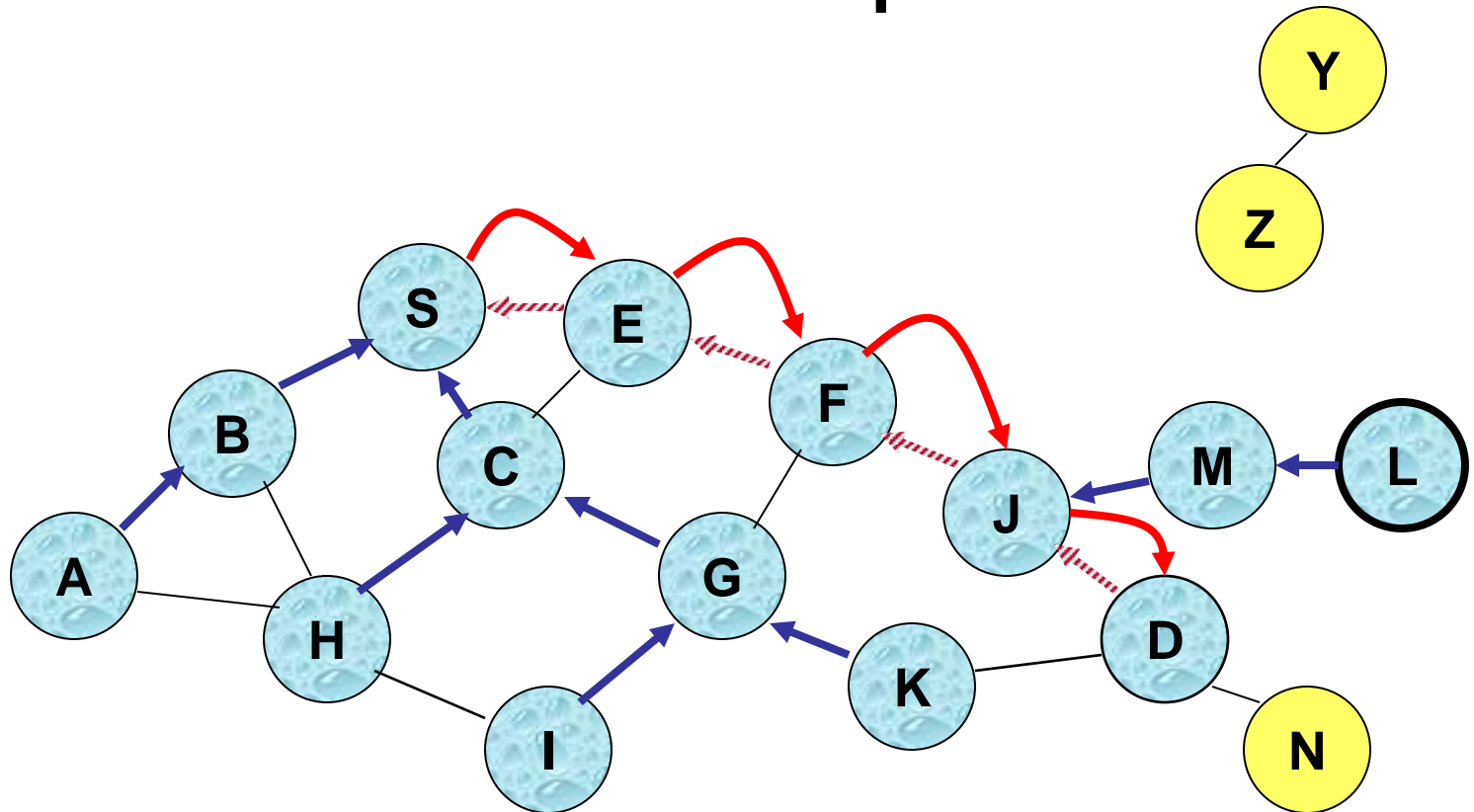
- When **D** receives RREQ, it **unicasts** RREP to **S** (without putting down the entire route on the packet).
- Since each node receiving the request caches a route back to **S**, the RREP can be unicast back from **D** to **S**

# Route Reply in AODV



 Represents links on path taken by RREP

# Forward Path Setup in AODV

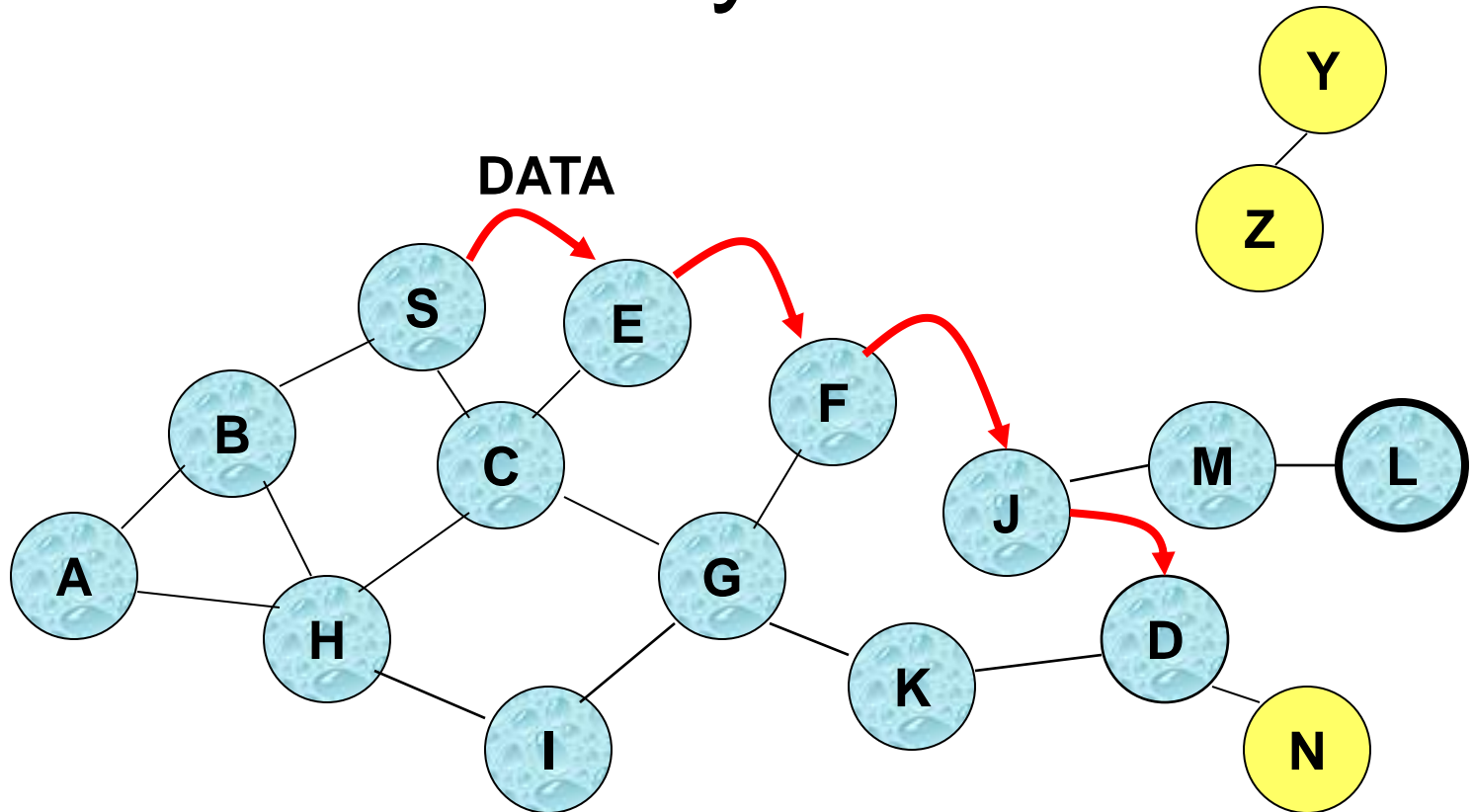


Forward links are recorded in the routing tables when RREP travels along the reverse path



Represents a link on the forward path

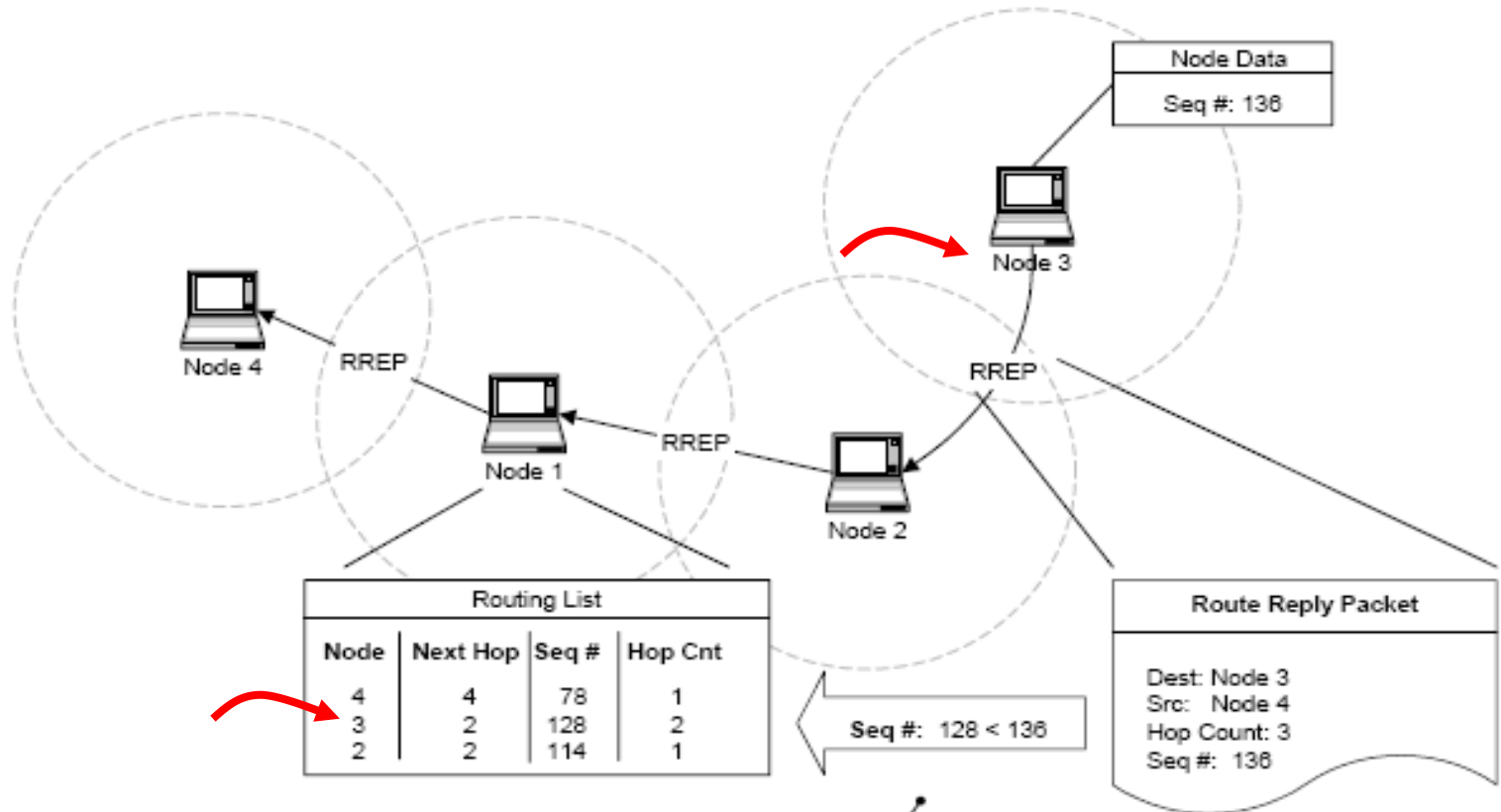
# Data Delivery in AODV



Each node uses links stored in the routing table to forward data packet.

Route is *not* included in packet header.

# Routing Table Format in AODV

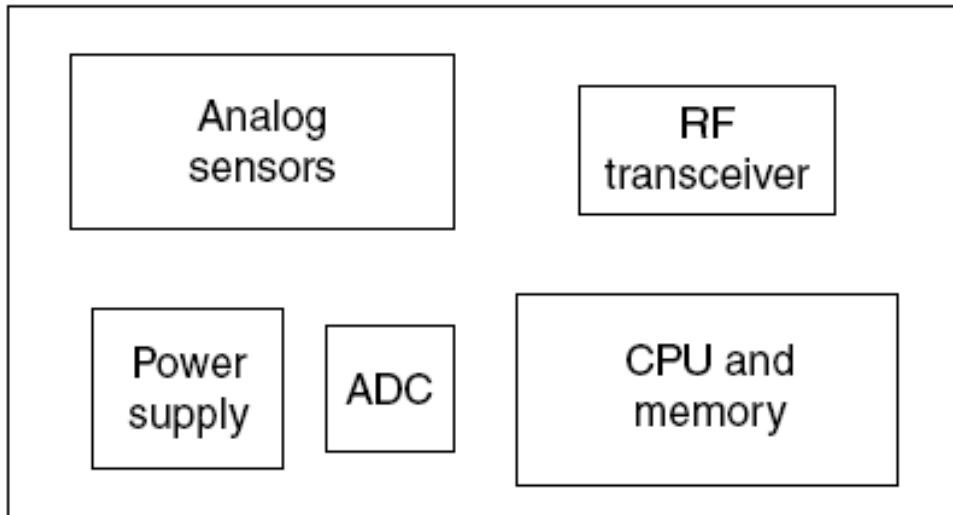


When Node 1 forwards the RREP it also compares it with the route it has in its Routing List. Since the RREP has a higher Sequence number it is newer than the one in the Routing list. Because of this, Node 1 updates its list with the new route.

# Wireless Sensor Networks

- Special case of the general ad hoc networking problem
- Much more resource constrained
- Special-purpose
- May have special restrictions, such as:
  - Re-deployment, movement impossible
  - Recharge impossible
  - Likelihood of many nodes being destroyed, or compromised (through capture)

# Typical Sensor Node



**Figure 8.1** Generic wireless sensor node.

# Typical Sensor Node Features

- A sensor node has:
  - Sensing Material
    - **Physical** – Magnetic, Light, Sound
    - **Chemical** – CO, Chemical Weapons
    - **Biological** – Bacteria, Viruses, Proteins
  - Integrated Circuitry (VLSI)
    - A-to-D converter from analog sensor to circuitry
  - Packaging for environmental safety
  - Power Supply
    - **Passive** – Solar, Vibration
    - **Active** – Battery power, magnetic energy



# Advances in Wireless Sensor Nodes

Consider Multiple Generations of [Berkeley Motes](#)

Model	Mica	Mica-2	Mica-Z	Imote2 (Intel)
Date	2002	2003	2004	2007
CPU	4 MHz	7 MHz	7 MHz	14MHz
Flash Memory	128 KB	128 KB	128 KB	32M
RAM	4 KB	4 KB	4 KB	256KB
Data rate	40 Kbps	76 Kbps	250 Kbps	250 Kbps

# Historical Comparison

Consider a 40 Year Old Computer

Model	Honeywell H-300	Mica 2
Date	6/1964	7/2003
CPU	2 MHz	4 MHz
Flash Memory	None	128 KB
RAM	32 KB	4 KB

# Smart Home / Smart Office/Cyber Physical Systems

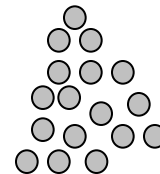
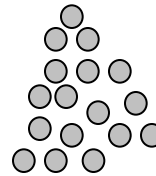
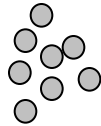


- Sensors controlling appliances and electrical devices in the house.
- Better lighting and heating in office buildings.
- The Pentagon building has used sensors extensively.

# Military

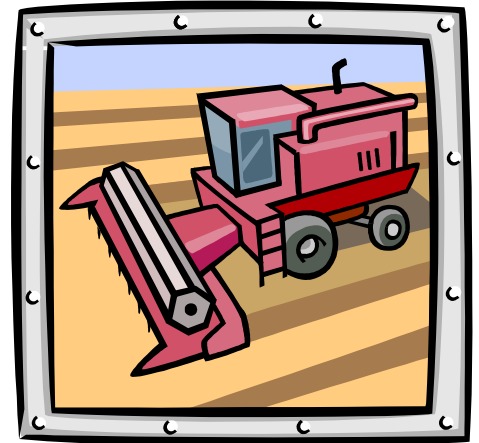


Remote deployment of sensors for **tactical monitoring** of enemy troop movements.



# Industrial & Commercial

- Numerous industrial and commercial applications:
  - Agricultural Crop Conditions
  - Inventory Tracking
  - Parts Tracking
  - Automated Problem Reporting
  - RFID – Theft Deterrent and Customer Tracing
  - Plant Equipment Maintenance Monitoring

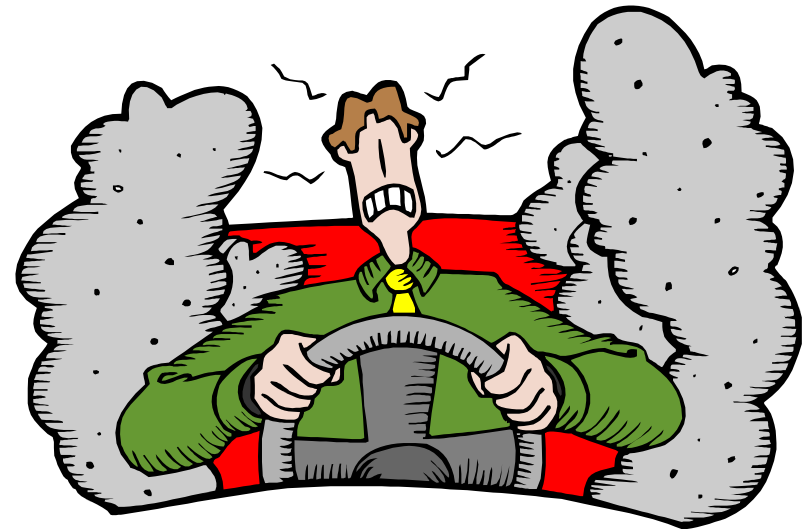


# Traffic Management & Monitoring



- ✓ Sensors embedded in the roads to:
  - Monitor traffic flows
  - Provide real-time route updates

- Future cars could use wireless sensors to:
  - Handle Accidents
  - Handle Thefts



# Query-based Sensor Networks

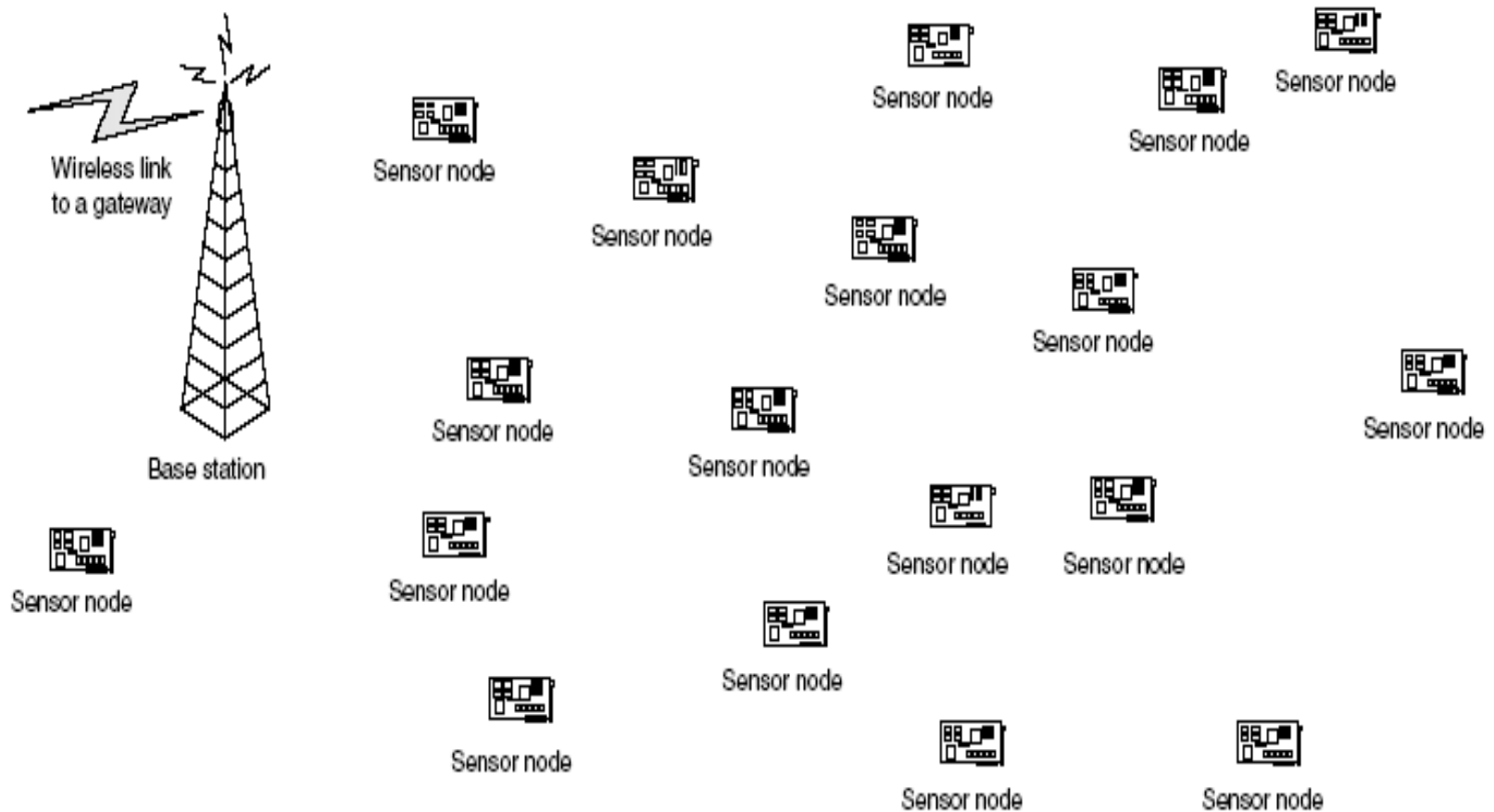


Figure 8.2 Sample wireless sensor network.

# Event-driven Responses from SNs

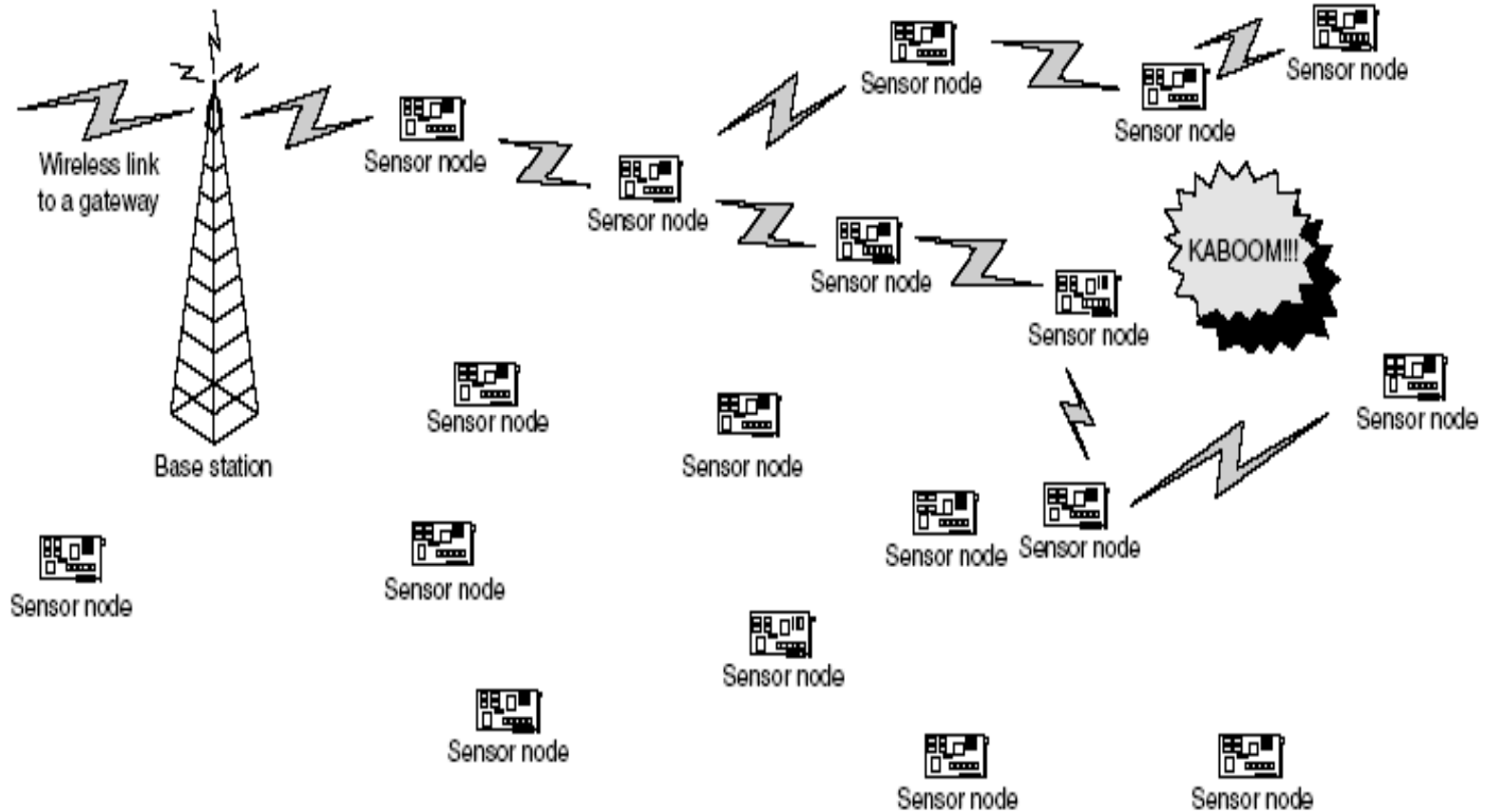


Figure 8.3 (a) Example of an event-driven sensor response.



# Periodic Responses from SNs

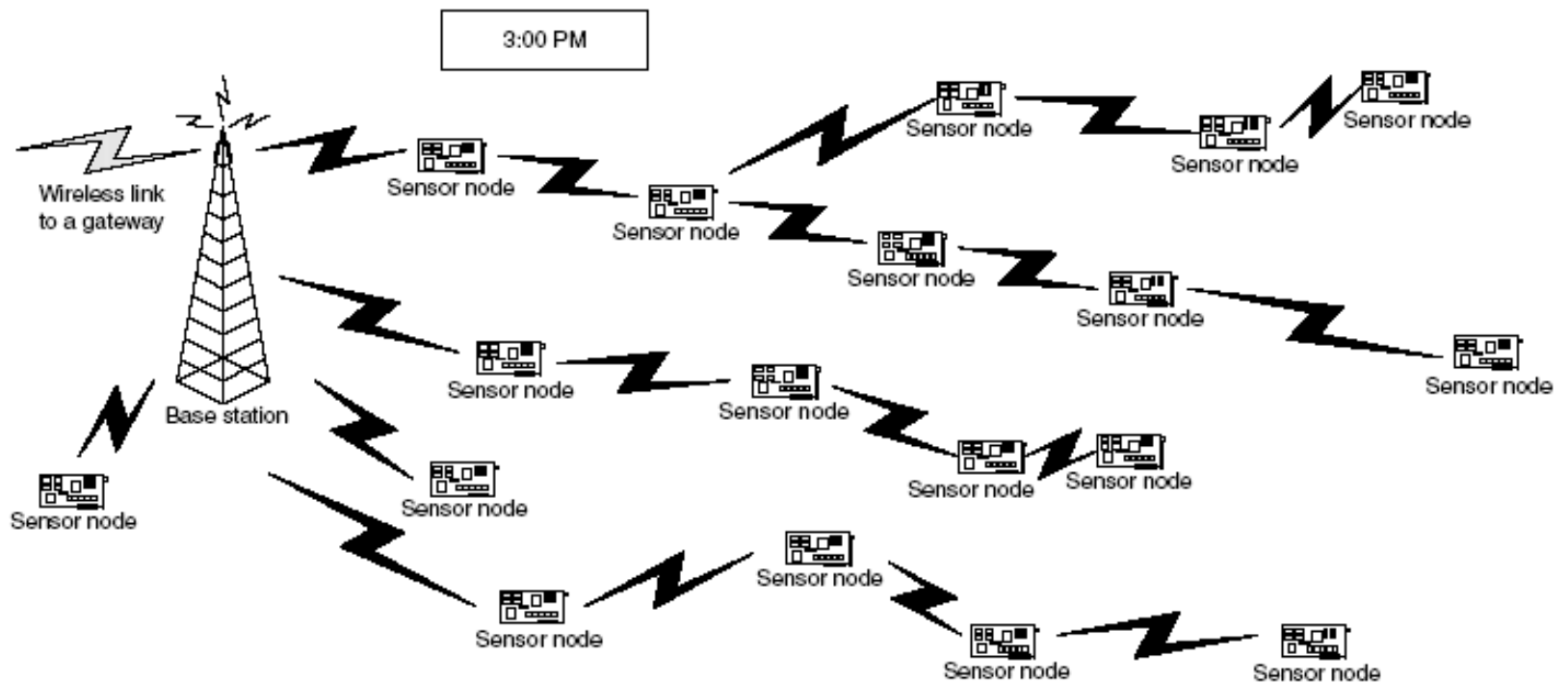


Figure 8.3 (b) Example of a periodic sensor response.

# Sensor Network Tasks

- Neighbor discovery
- Self configuration (e.g., radio range)
- Sensing, sensor data processing
- Data aggregation, storage, and caching
- Target detection, target tracking, and target monitoring
- Topology control for energy savings (on/off)
- Localization (relative position)
- Time synchronization
- Routing
- Medium access control

# Wireless Channel Conditions

- Limitations of wireless channels
  - Noise
  - Interference
  - Link Contention
  - Unidirectional Links



- But inherently a **broadcast** medium

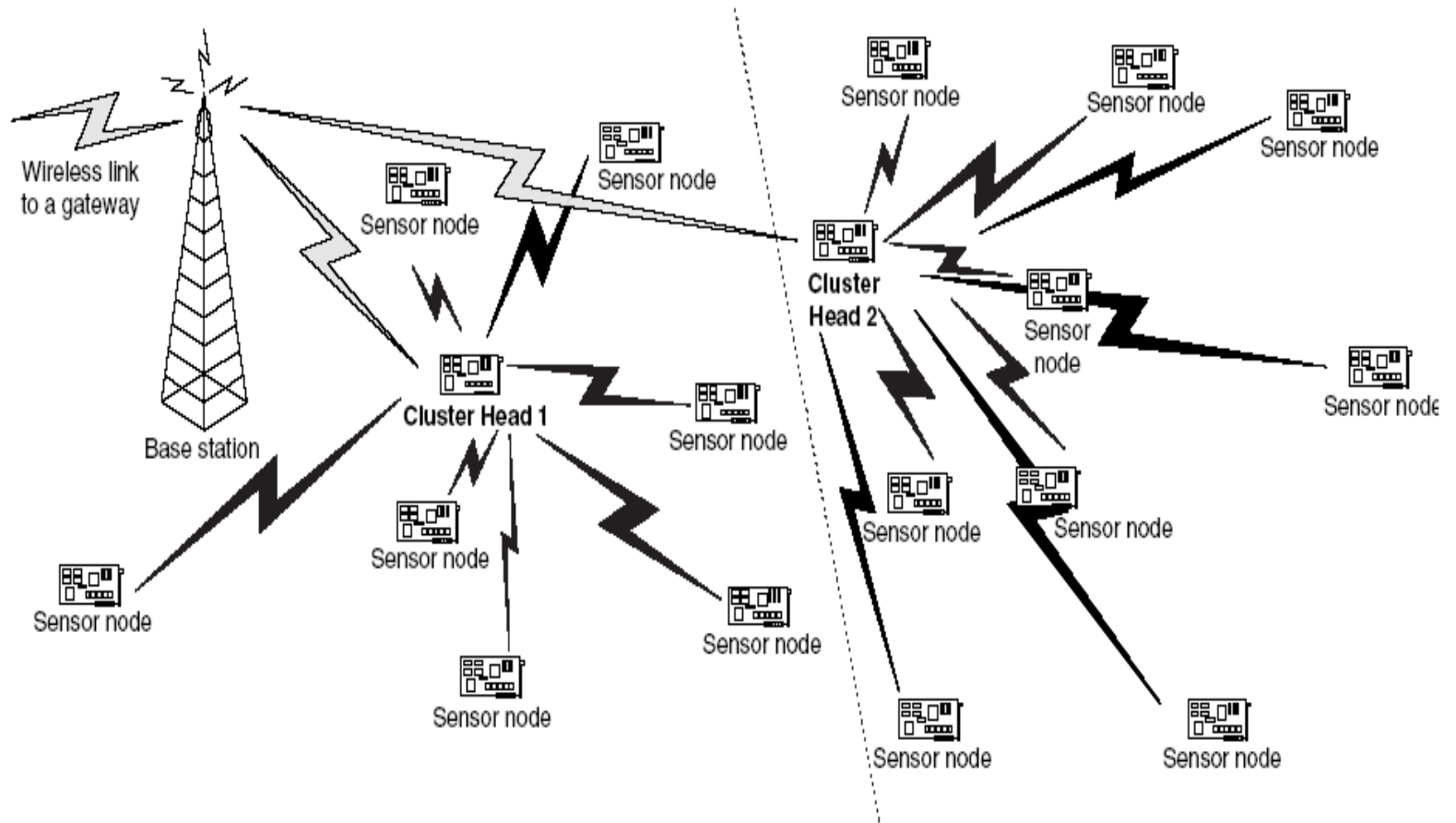
# Constrained Resources

- No centralized authority
- Limited power – **prolong life is a primary concern**
- Wireless communication: more energy consumed and less reliable
- Limited computation and storage – **lack of computation power/space affects the way security protocol is designed and caching/buffering can be performed.**
- Limited input and output options – light/speaker only makes diagnosis difficult

# Security Issues

- Storing large keys is not practical but smaller keys reduce the security
- More complicated algorithms increase security but drain energy
- Sharing security keys between neighbors with changing membership (due to node failure or addition) needs a scalable **key distribution** and **key management** scheme that is resilient to adversary attacks
- Challenge is to provide **security** that meets the application security requirements while conserving **energy**

# Clustering to Save Resources



# Clustering

- Divide the network into a number of equal clusters each ideally containing the same # of nodes
- Cluster heads form a routing backbone
- Data aggregation: Combining cluster data readings into a single packet can save energy

# Multihop Routing vs. Energy

- Multihop routing
  - **reduces energy consumption** (because energy consumed is roughly proportional to square of distance)
  - **Introduces extra delay**
- Energy consumed in transmitting a packet:
  - powering up the transmitter circuitry
  - proportional to packet size
  - proportional to square of distance
- How long should per-hop distance be?
  - if per-hop distance is too short, then
    - Cost of powering up the transmitter circuitry dominates
  - if per-hop distance is too long, then
    - Cost of packet transmission dominates
    - spatial reuse of bandwidth reduces
    - overhead increases for state information maintenance and scheduling because the number of neighbors within a hop increases



# LEACH Clustering

- LEACH rotates cluster heads to balance energy consumption
- Each cluster head performs its duty for a period of time
- Each sensor makes an independent decision in runs on whether to become a cluster head and if yes broadcasts advertisement packets
- Every node generates a random number ( $R$ ) in  $[0,1]$  and computes a threshold  $T = P/(1-P*(r \bmod(1/P)))$ . It decides to become a cluster head if  $R < T$ 
  - $P$ : cluster head rotation probability (e.g. 5%)
  - $r$ : the current round # in the range of  $[0, 1/P - 1]$  since last time it is a cluster head

# LEACH Clustering (cont.)

- Each sensor that is not a cluster head listens to advertisements and selects the closest cluster head
- Once a cluster head knows the membership, a schedule is created for the transmission from sensors in the cluster to the cluster head to avoid collision (e.g., based on TDMA)
- The cluster head can send a single packet to the base station (directly) over long distance to save energy consumption
- No assurance of optimal cluster distributions

# HEED Clustering

- HEED uses the residual energy info for cluster head election to prolong sensor network lifetime
- Probability of a sensor becoming a cluster head is:

$$CH_{prob} = C_{prob} \times \frac{E_{residual}}{E_{max}},$$

e.g., 5%

- Clusters are elected in iterations:
  - A sensor announces its intention to become a cluster head, along with a **cost** measure indicating communication cost if it were elected a cluster head
  - A non-CH sensor picks a candidate with the lowest cost
  - A non-CH sensor not covered doubles its  $CH_{prob}$  in iterations until  $CH_{prob}$  is 1, in which case the sensor becomes a cluster head (this is similar to LEACH)

# PEGASIS

- A chain of sensors is formed for data transmission (could be formulated by the base station)
- Finding the optimal chain is NP-complete
- Sensor readings are aggregated hop by hop until a single packet is delivered to the base station: effective when aggregation is possible
- Advantages: No overhead of maintaining cluster heads and no long-distance data transmission
- Disadvantages:
  - Inefficiency in data aggregation: Can use tree instead
  - Disproportionate energy depletion (for sensors near the base station): Can rotate parent nodes in the tree

# Aggregation/Duplicate Suppression

- Aggregation of information in a tree structure
  - In-network information processing such as max, min, avg
- Duplication Suppression:
  - On forwarding messages, sensor nodes whose values match those of other sensor nodes can simply **annotate** the message
  - Or just remain **silent**, on overhearing identical (or “similar enough”) values

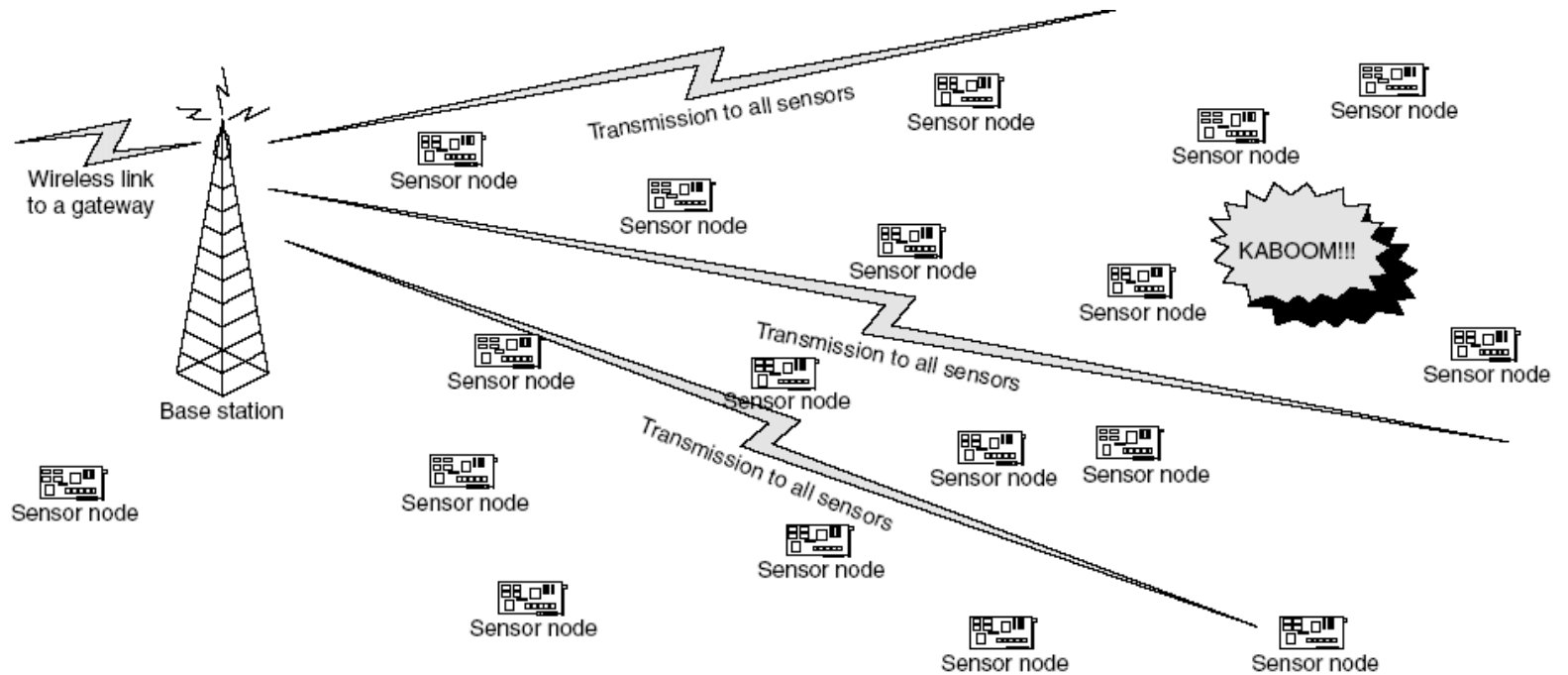
# Querying a Sensor Network

- Can have sensor nodes periodically transmit sensor readings
- More likely: Ask the sensor network a question and receive an answer
- Issues:
  - Getting the request out to the nodes
  - Getting responses back from sensor nodes who have answers
- Routing:
  - Directed Diffusion Routing
  - Geographic Forwarding (such as Geocasting)

# Query-Oriented Routing

- For query-oriented routing: Queries are disseminated from the base station to the sensor nodes in a feature zone
- Sensor readings are sent by sensors to the base station in a **reverse flooding** order
- Sensor nodes that receive multiple copies of the same message suppress forwarding

# Query: Asking a Question





# Response to Base Station: Initially

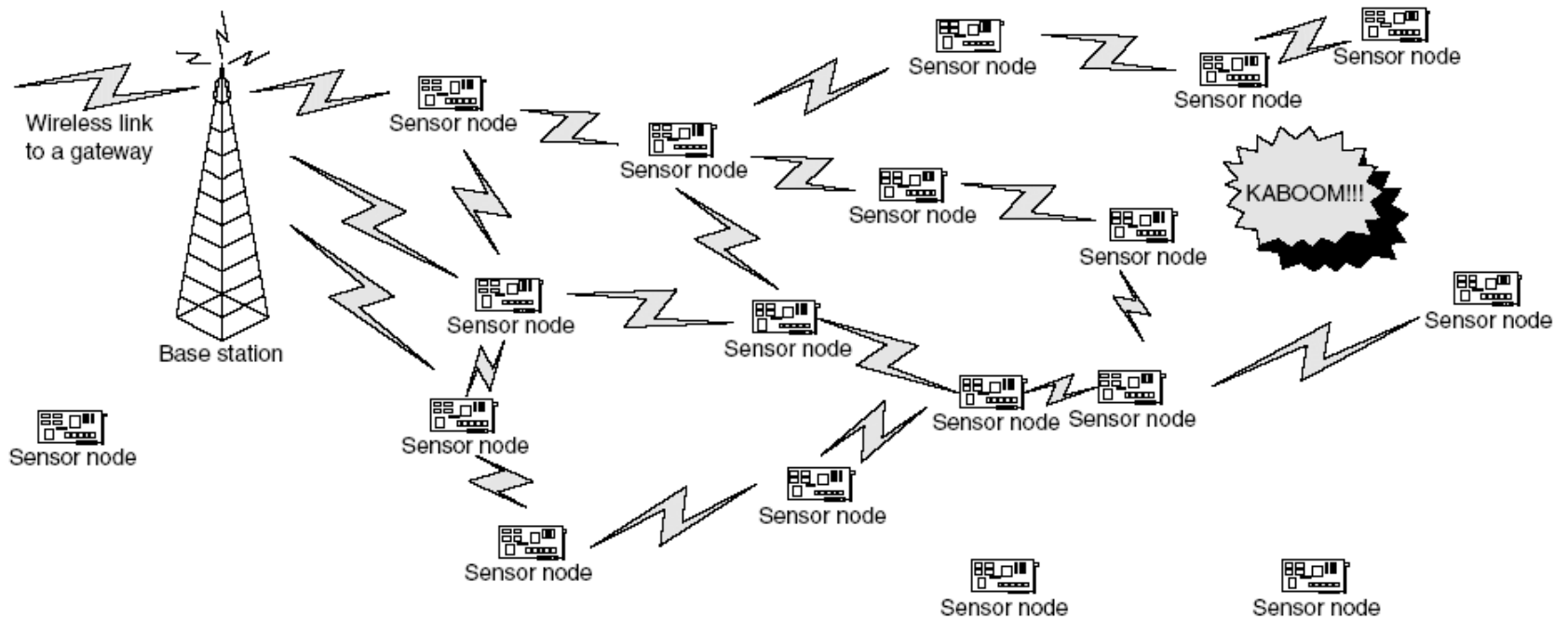


Figure 11.4 Initial processing of an event-driven query.

# Directed Diffusion Routing

- Direction: From source (sensors) to sink (base station)
- **Positive/negative feedback** is used to encourage/discourage sensor nodes for/from forwarding messages toward the base station
  - Feedback can be based on delay in receiving data
  - Positive feedback is sent to the first and negative feedback is sent to others
- A node will forward with low frequency unless it receives positive feedback
- This feedback propagates throughout the sensor network to suppress multiple transmissions
- Eventually message forwarding converges to the use of a single path with data aggregation for energy saving from the source to the base station

# Responses, After Some Guidance

Use directed diffusion based on positive/negative feedback to guide response message forwarding

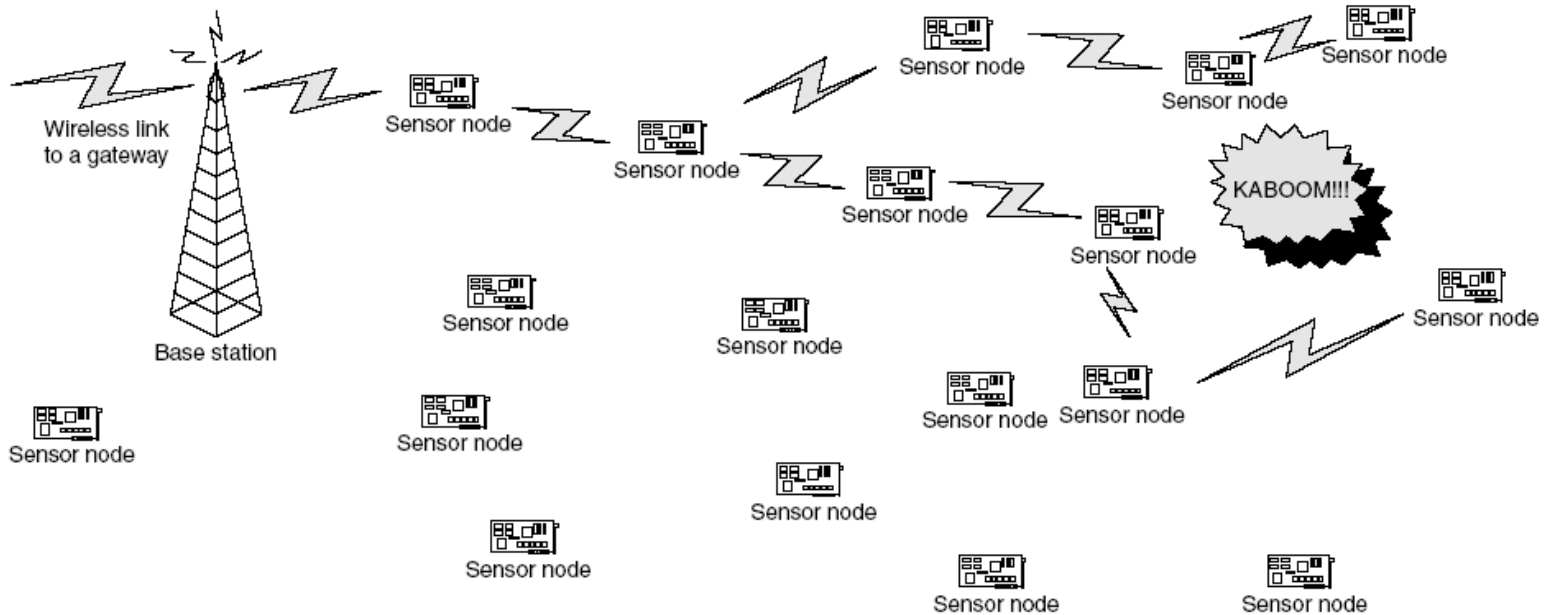


Figure 11.5 Directed diffusion routing paths after redundant path suppression.

# Geographic Routing [Ref. 12]

- For dense sensor networks such that a sensor is available in the direction of routing
- **Location** of destination is sufficient to determine the routing orientation
- Research issue:
  - Selecting reliable paths for delivering messages between sensors, or from sensors to a base station without excessively consuming energy
  - Determining paths that avoid “holes” – determining the boundary or perimeter of a hole through local information exchanges periodically to trade energy consumption (for hole detection) vs. routing efficiency

# Geographic Forwarding

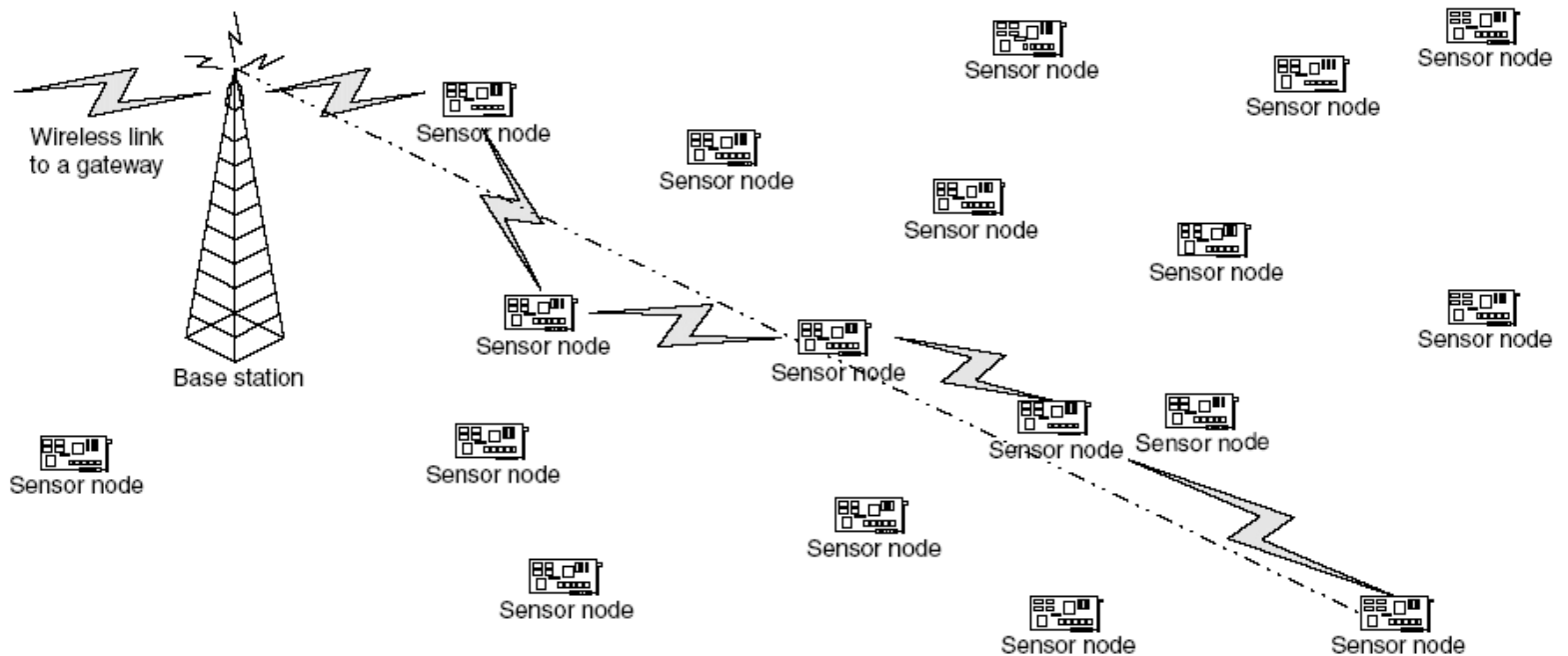


Figure 11.6 Simple example of geographic forwarding.

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