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A Novel  $k$ -Parent Flooding Tree for  
Secure and Reliable Broadcasting in  
Sensor Networks  
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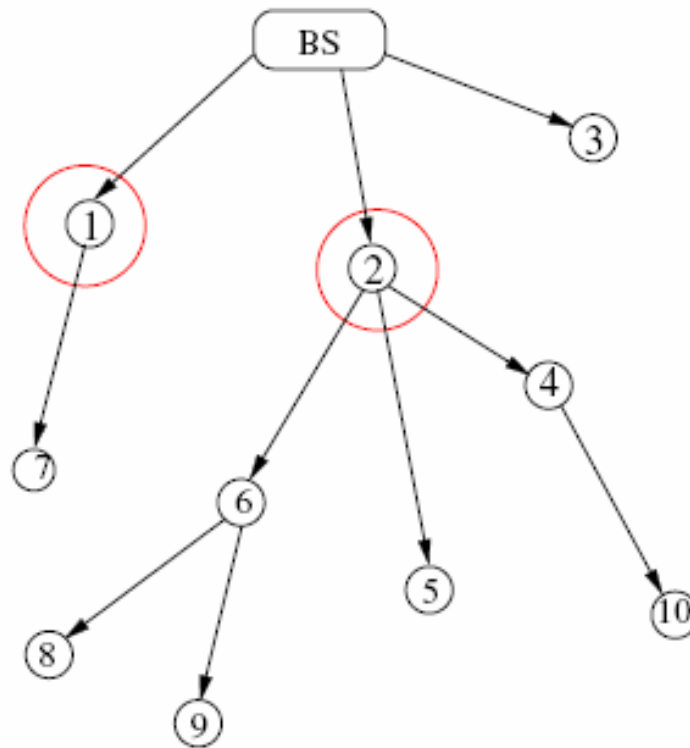
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# Introduction

- Broadcast has two important metrics:
  - Reliability
  - Security
- Unlike reliability, very few researchers have addressed the security metric.

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- **Denial-of-Broadcast Message attacks (DoBM)**

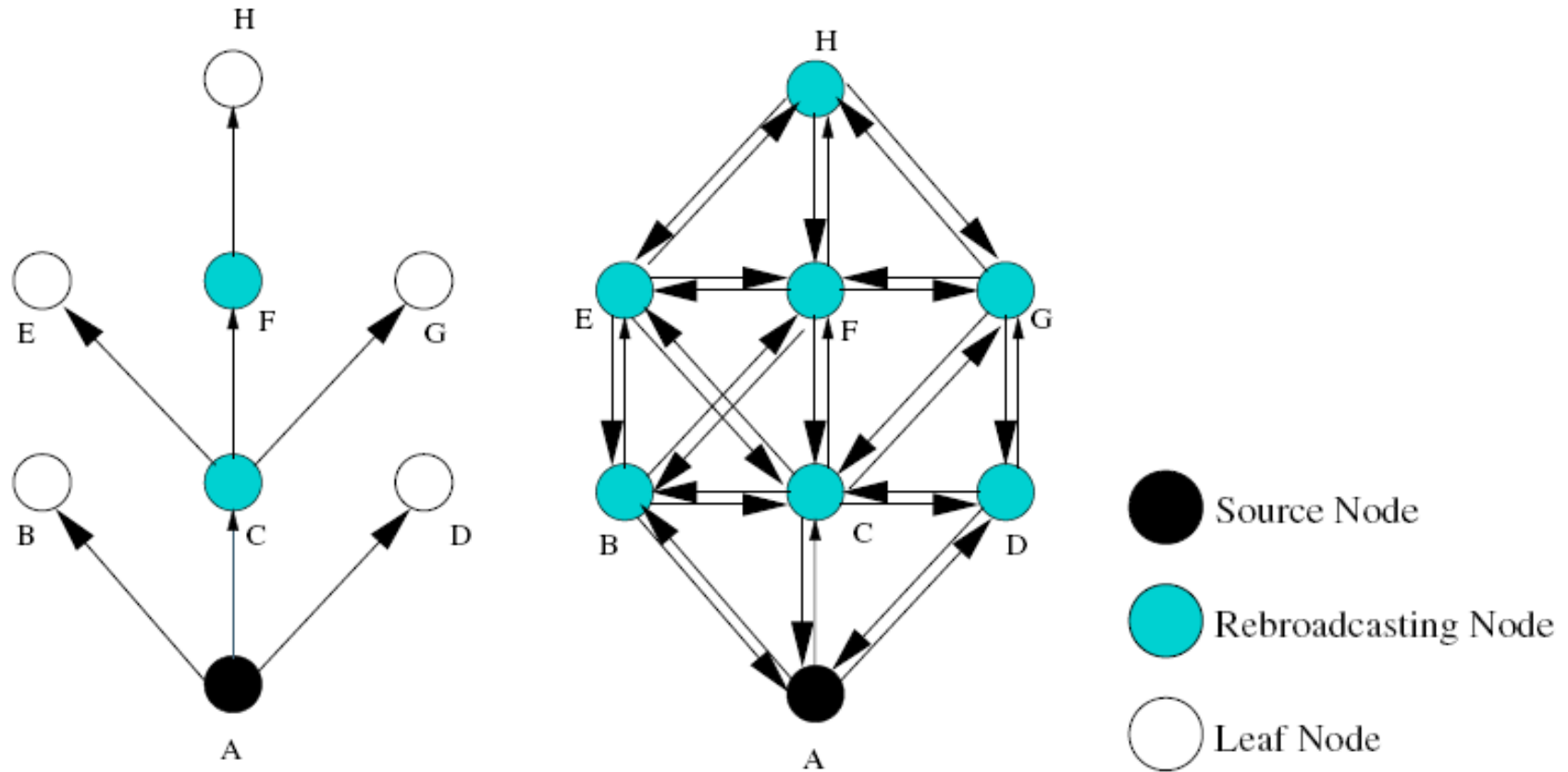


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# Blind flooding

- Advantage
  - reliable
- Disadvantage
  - high redundancy
  - waste energy
  - broadcast storm problem

# Flooding Tree Model (FTM)



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- Advantage
  - Attacker can be immediately detected.
- Disadvantage
  - The attacker can cripple a substantial portion of the network by compromising a single node with a large subtree.

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- k-FTM is proposed to retain the high detection rate of FTM but at the same time achieve a reliability close to blind flooding.



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## Related Work

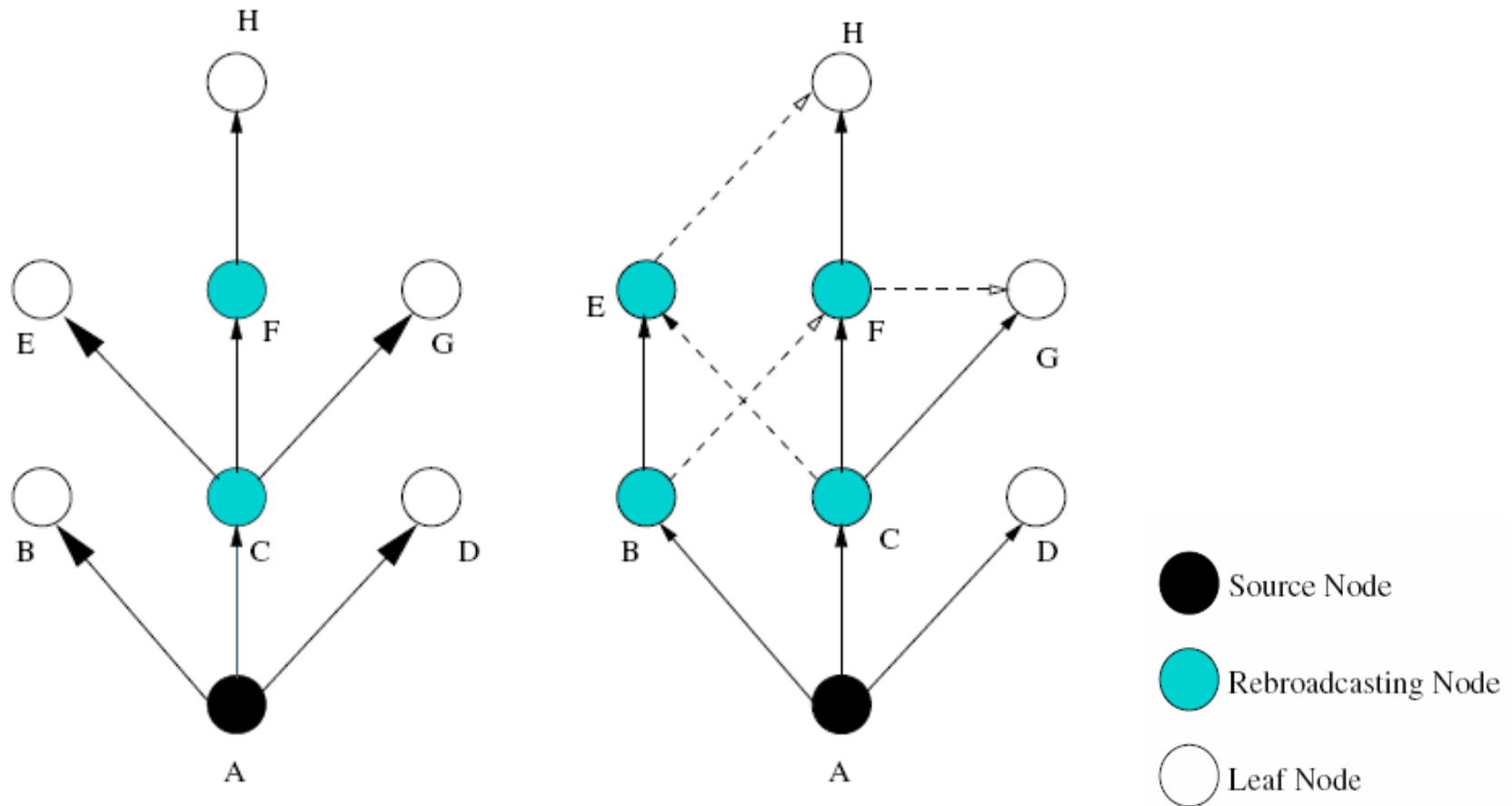
- Internal Node Based Broadcasting algorithm
- Secure Implicit Sampling(SIS)

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# Attacker Model and Assumptions

- The attacker's sole motive is to block the broadcast message to as many nodes as possible.
- ACKs are encrypted using pairwise key between each node and the base station.
- Uniform transmission range and the rate of message propagation is uniform.

# k-FTM



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# Working of k-FTM

- The base station maintains a malicious counter  $count_{mal}^i$  for each node  $i$  in the network to record its misbehavior.
- The base station also maintains a global counter,  $count_{glo}$ , that records the overall level of misbehavior in a network.
- The base station know the topology of the constructed k-FTM.

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# Working of k-FTM

- After k-FTM is constructed, the base station broadcasts encrypted messages, encoding in them which nodes are expected to acknowledge.
- If the nodes are expected to acknowledge, they send back an ACK.

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## Working of k-FTM

- The ACK of a node contains a k-bit field. If none of the  $k$ -parents of the sampled node  $i$  forward the message, then the base station will fail to receive an ACK from that node.
- If more than one non-ACK sampled nodes have same parent node  $i$  then  $i$ 's  $count_{mal}^i$  incremented and so is the global malicious counter  $count_{glo}$ .

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# Working of k-FTM

- The base station reconstructs the tree under three circumstances:
  - $count_{glo}$  exceeds the threshold.
  - $count_{mal}^i$  exceeds the node misbehavior threshold.
  - $Timeout_{tree}$  occurs.

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# Method for construct k-FTM

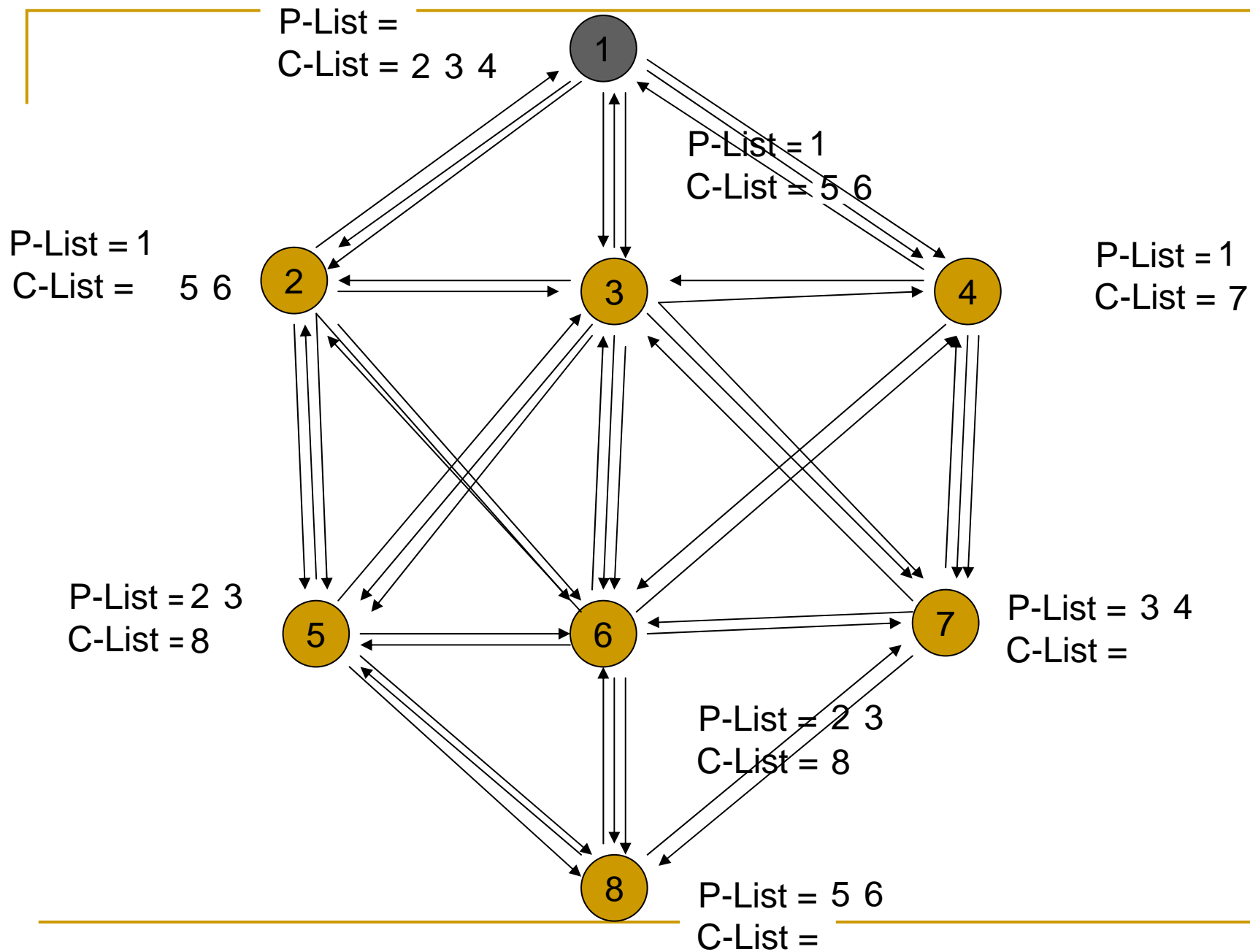
- Fastest First k-parents.

A node acknowledges as child to the first  $k$  nodes from which it receives the *Hello* message.

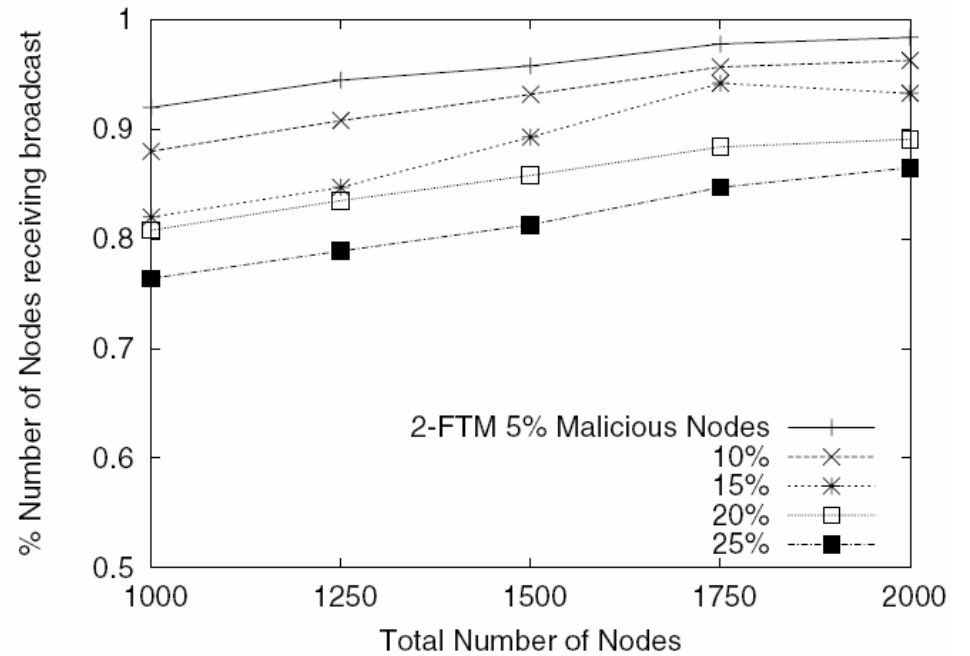
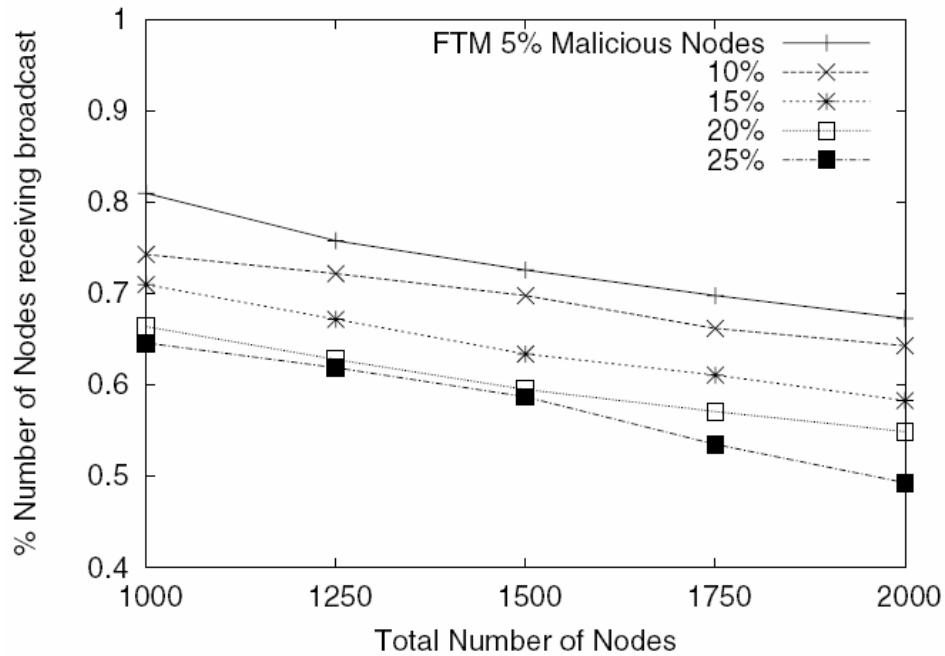
- Disjoint Path k-parents.

- Improved Disjoint Path k-parents.

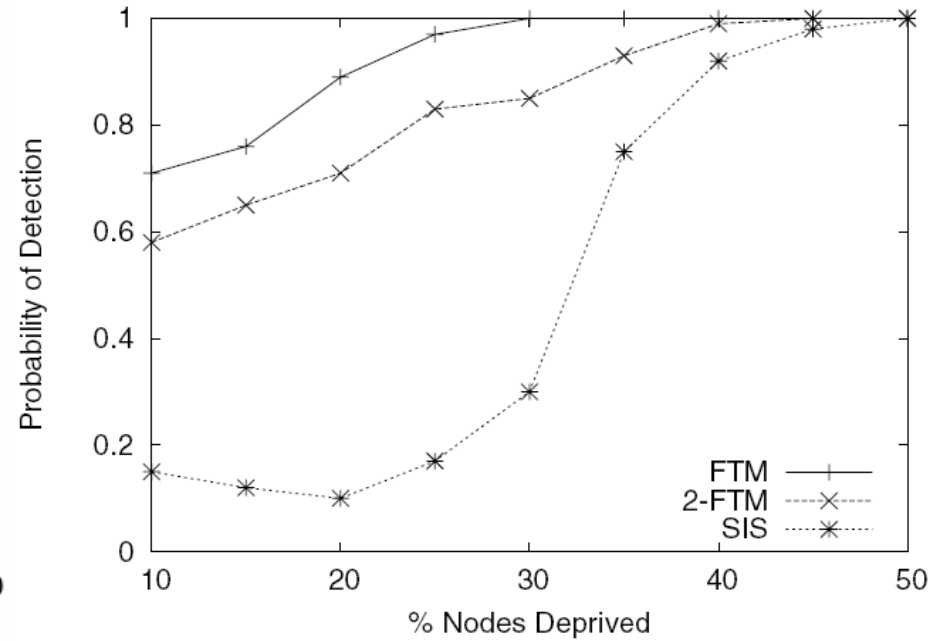
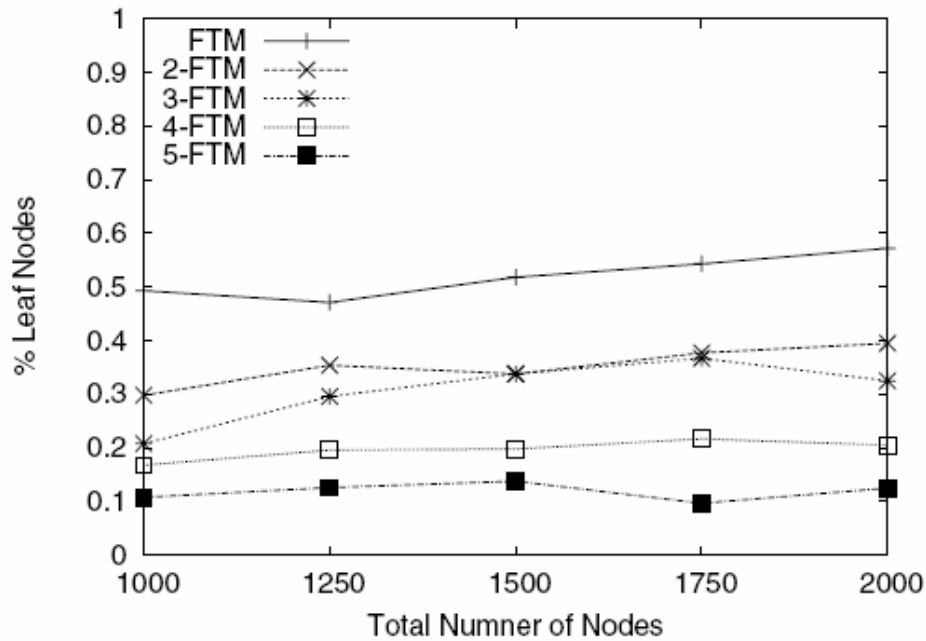




# Simulation



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# Conclusion

- *k*-parent Flooding Tree Model to efficiently address both reliability and security metrics of broadcasting in wireless sensor networks.