

# A Capacity-Aware Distributed Denial-of-Service Attack in Low-Power and Lossy Networks

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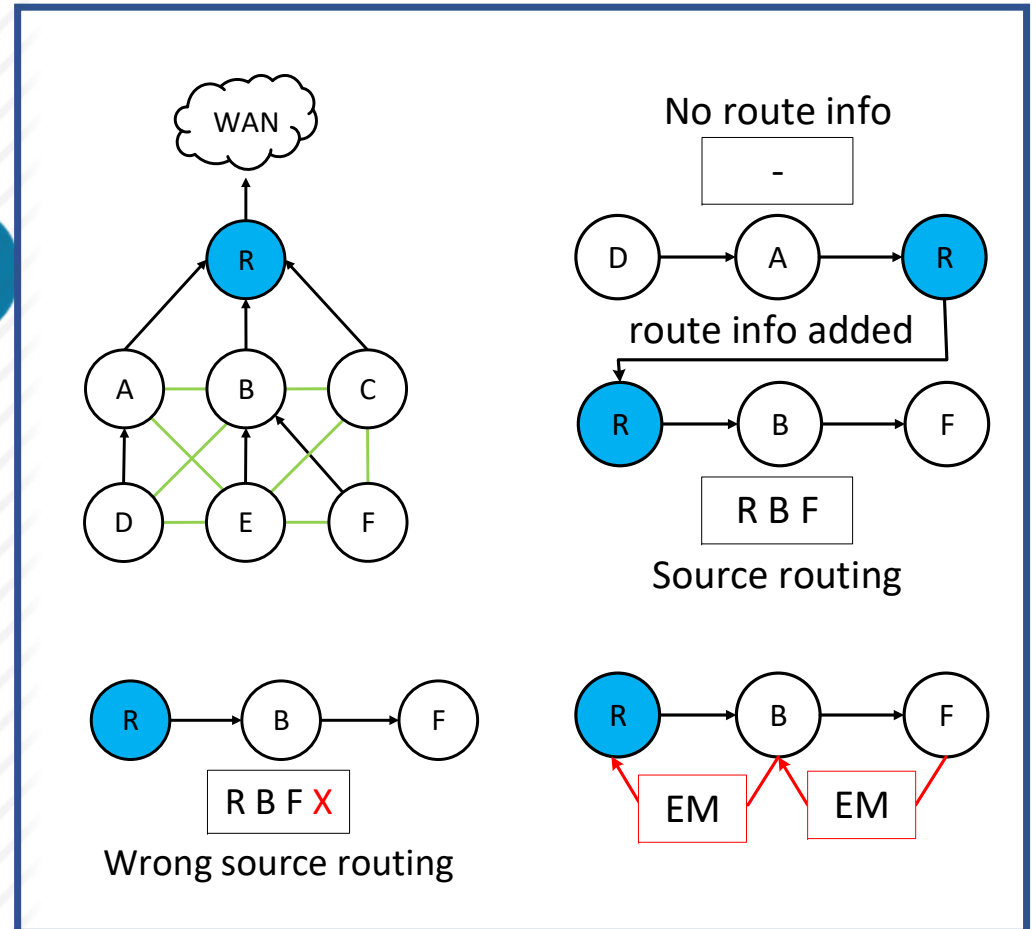
# Outline

- Low power lossy network (LLN) overview
- Distributed denial-of-service in LLN
- How it works
- Capacity aware DDoS attack in LLN (CADAL)
- Attack problem formulation
- Solution with multiple
- Simulation results
- Q&A



# Low Power Lossy Network (LLN) Overview

- Wireless network composed of nodes with limited storage, computation capability, and battery.
  - A highly capable node is connected to WAN.
- Routing:
  - Destination is directly adjacent in cyclic graph (DODAG) is used.
  - through the DODAG.
- When message cannot be delivered:
  - An error message is sent to source.

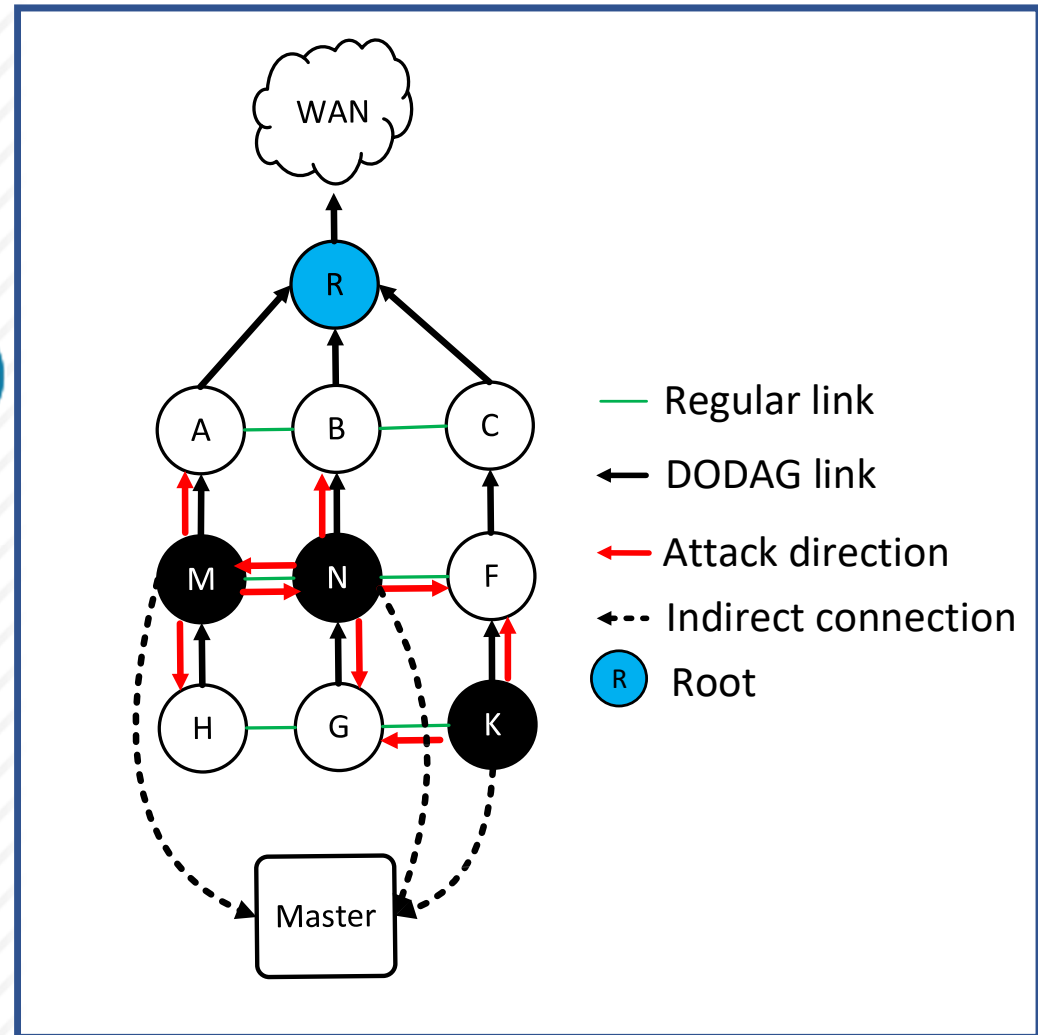


# DDoS Attack in IJNs

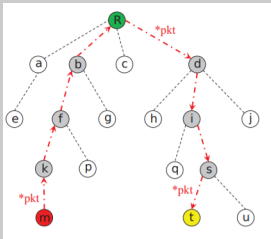
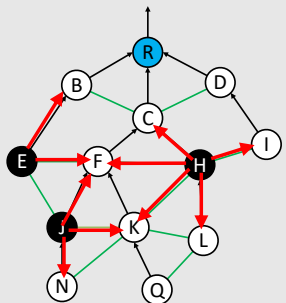
- Master controls attackers.
- Activates attackers.

Attack using error messages:

- Message sent with wrong routing information to the host.
- Neighbors receive message and sent to the source via root.
- Lot of error messages at root.

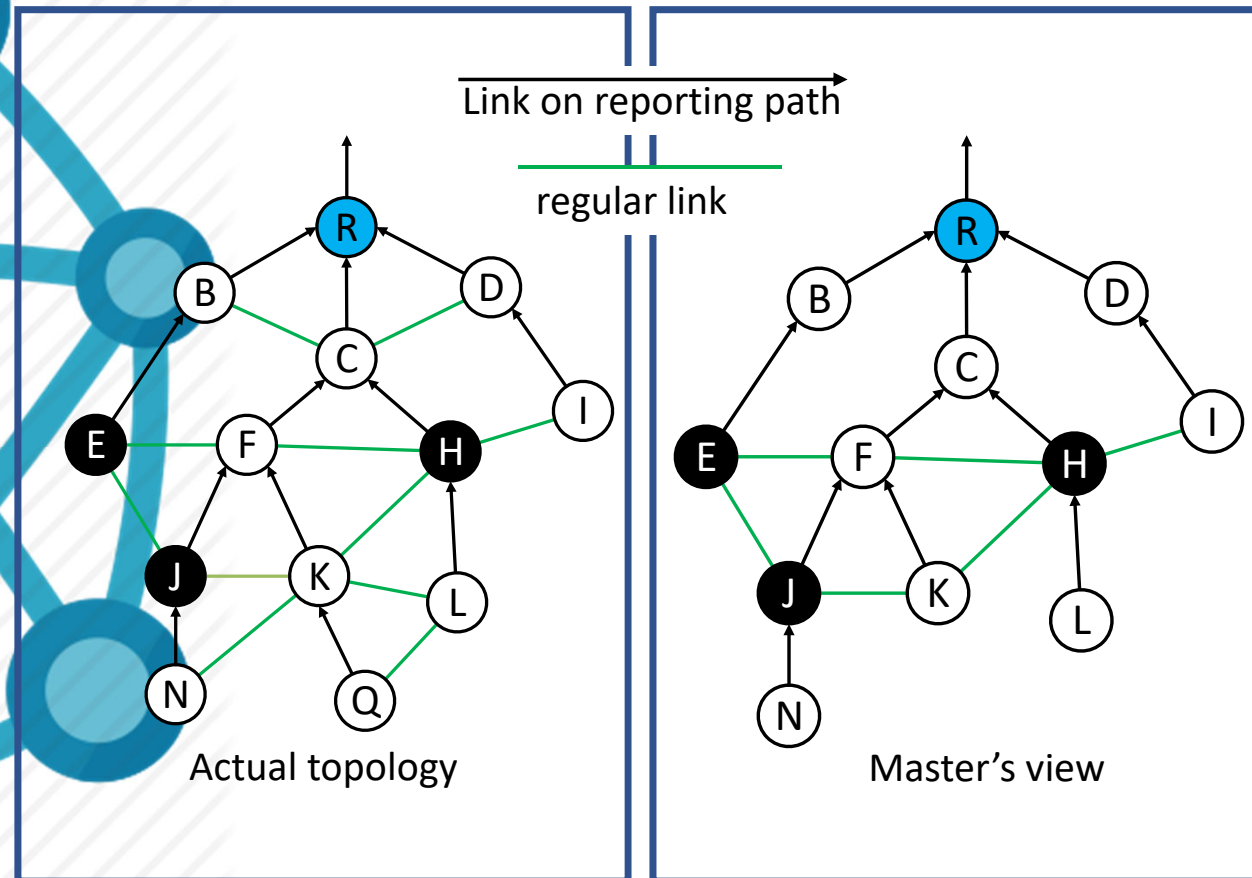


# Previous Work

Systems	Limitations
<p data-bbox="174 507 584 547">Energy depletion attack</p> <p data-bbox="174 608 981 699">Attackers send a lot of packets to a target node to exhaust its battery.</p>  <p data-bbox="174 810 1422 866">C. Pu, "Energy Depletion Attack Against Routing Protocol in the Internet of Things," in 2019 16th IEEE Annual Consumer Communications &amp; Networking Conference, Jan 2019.</p>	<ul data-bbox="1503 560 2049 651" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The whole network does not suffer.</li></ul>
<p data-bbox="174 890 506 930">Hatchetman attack</p> <p data-bbox="174 991 958 1082">All attackers send packets with wrong routing information to their neighbors.</p>  <p data-bbox="174 1246 1444 1302">C. Pu and T. Song, "Hatchetman attack: A denial of service attack against routing in low power and lossy networks," in 5th IEEE International Conference on Cyber Security and Cloud Computing, Jun 2018.</p>	<ul data-bbox="1503 895 2004 1082" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No coordination among attackers.</li><li>• Does not select the target neighbors optimally.</li></ul>

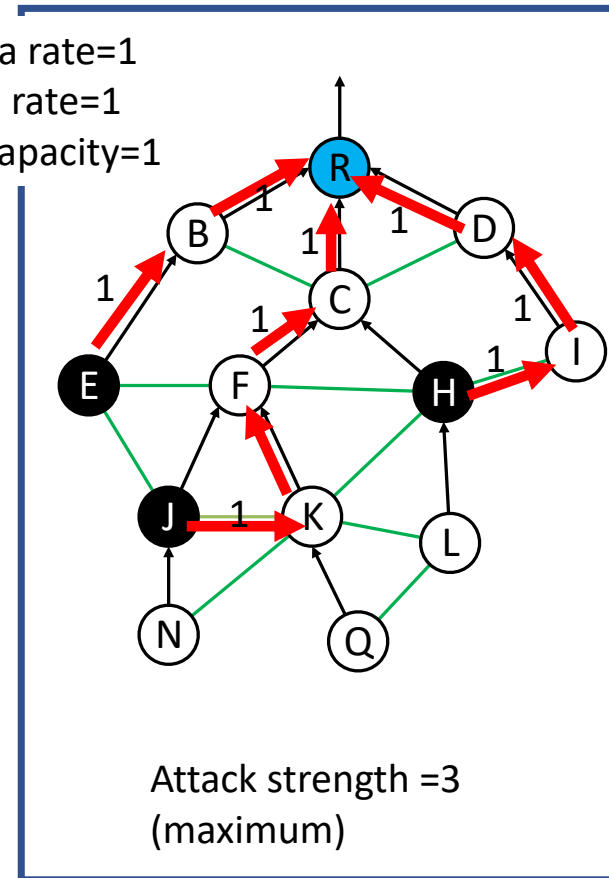
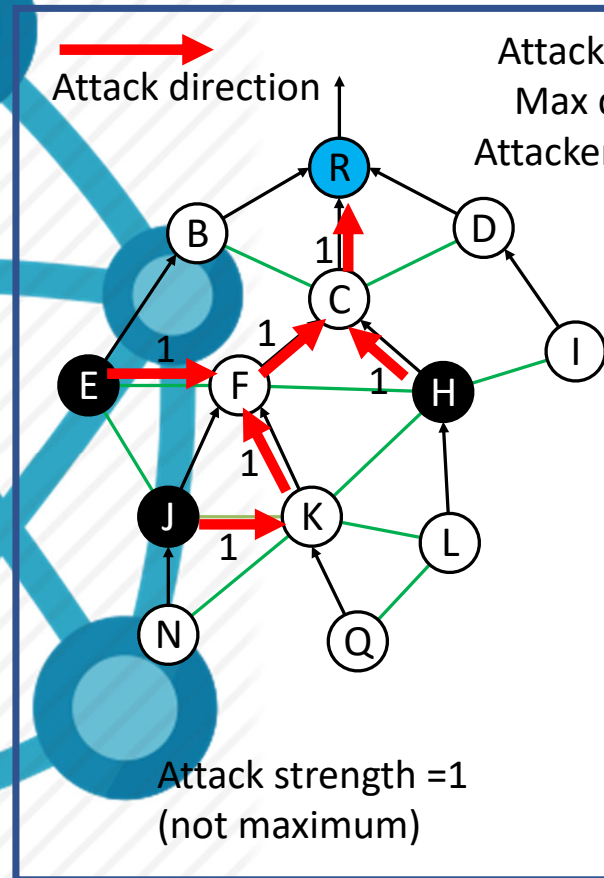
# Capacity-Aware DDoS Attack in LLN (CADAL)

- **Attackers**
  - Get reporting paths of neighbors by eavesdropping on their packets.
  - Send neighbors' reporting paths to the master.
  - Can attack a limited number of neighbors at the highest rate.
- **Master**
  - Formulate partial topology from reporting paths.
  - Selects a set of attackers and target neighbors to maximize attack strength.



# Problem Formulation

- **Attack Strength:**
  - Attack data receiving rate at root.
- **Problem:**
  - Find the smallest set of target neighbors.
- **Constraint:**
  - Attack strength must be the maximum.
  - Number of target neighbors of each attacker < attacker's capacity.



# Solution

- Step 1: Neighbor Pruning

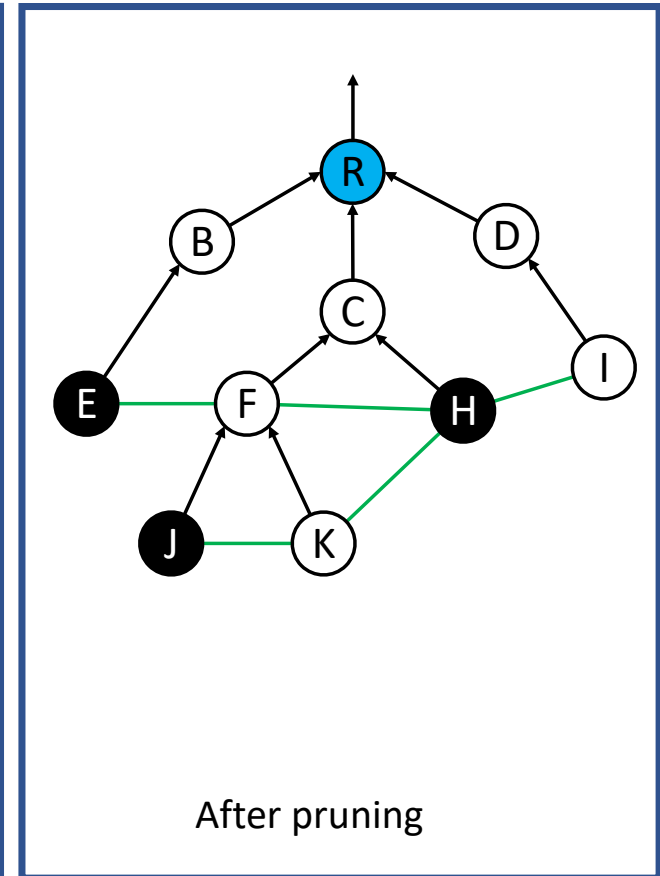
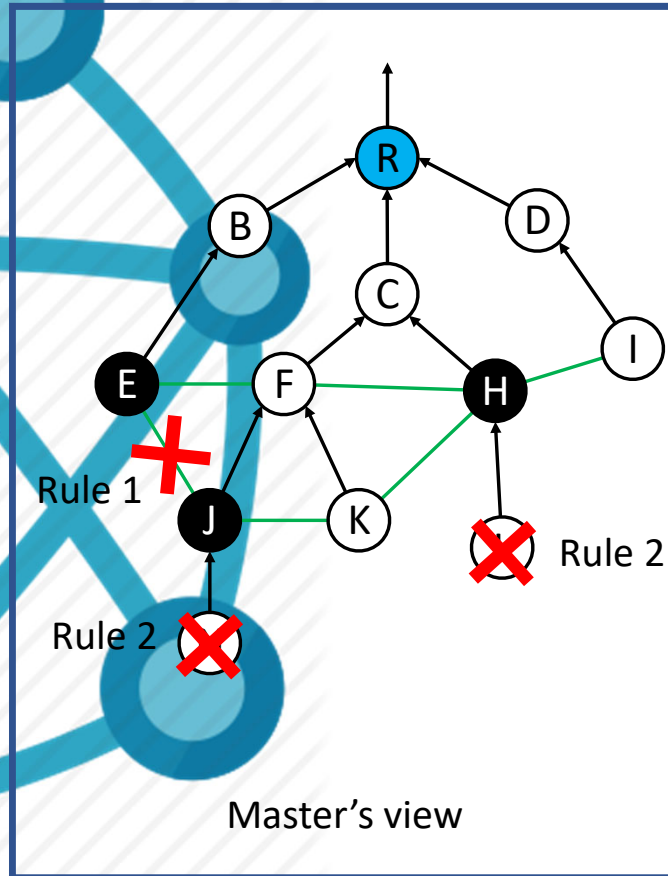
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- Step 2: Flow Graph Creation

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- Step 3: Optimal Target Set Computation

- Max flow problem solving





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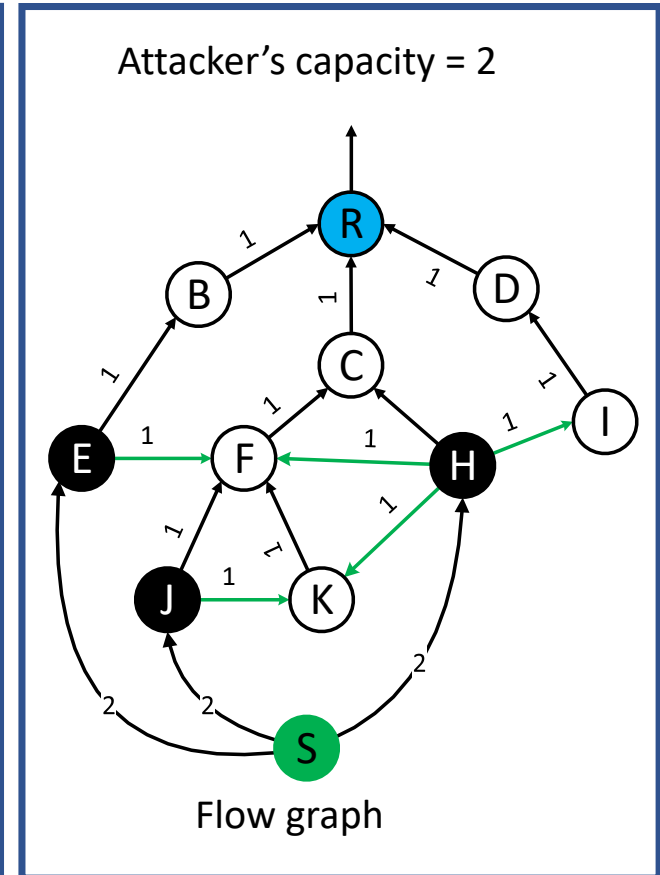
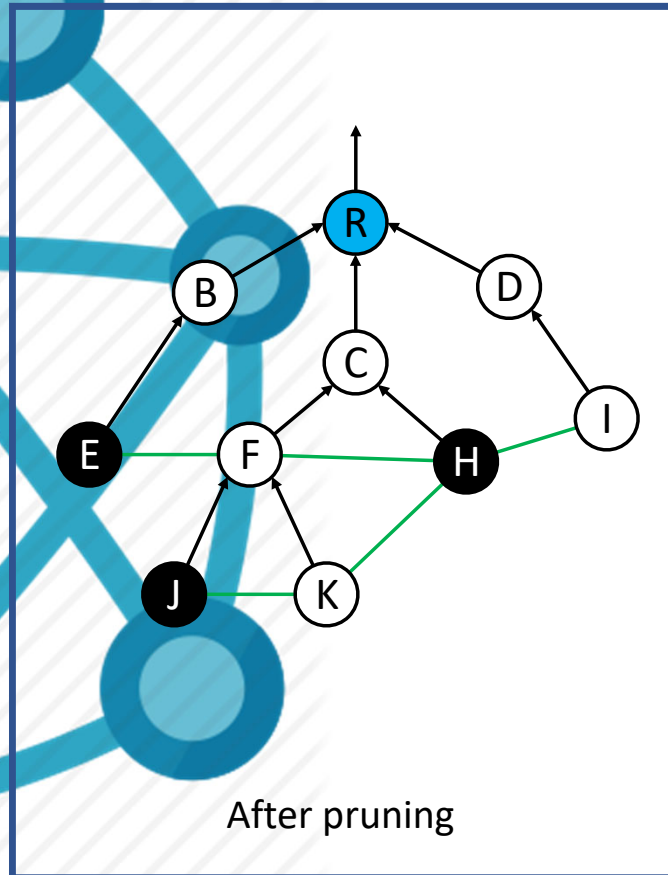
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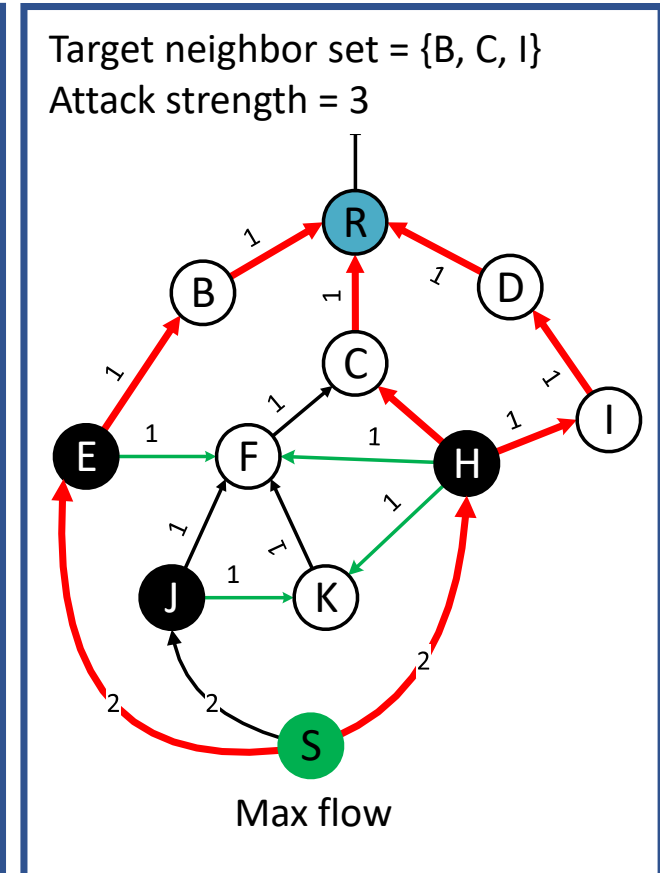
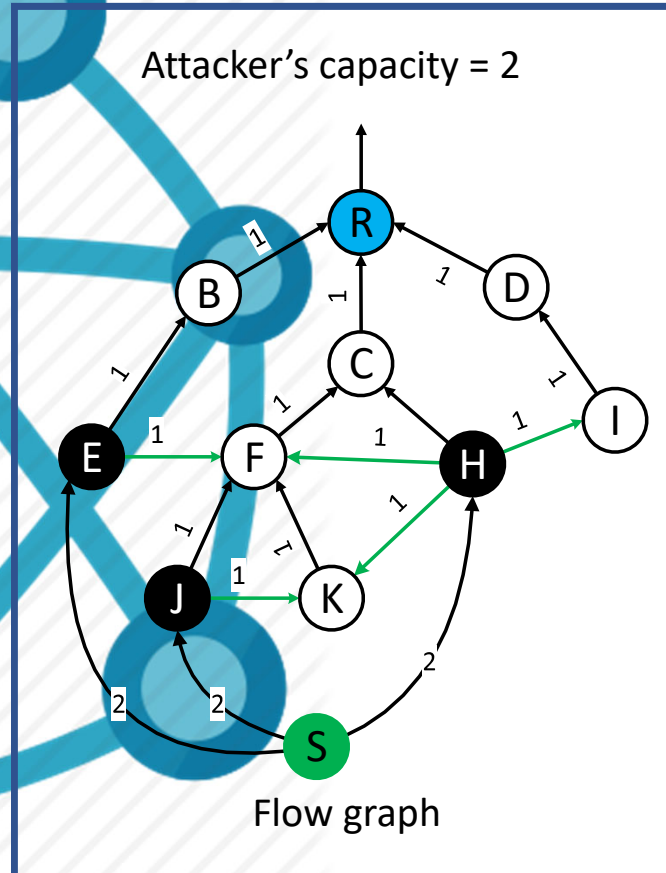
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Assignment: E->B, H->C, H->I

# Simulation: Random Tree Generation

## Topology I

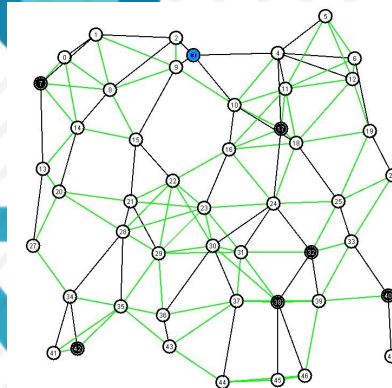
Nodes: 47  
 Attackers: 6  
 Edges: 131  
 Degree: 1-8

## Topology II

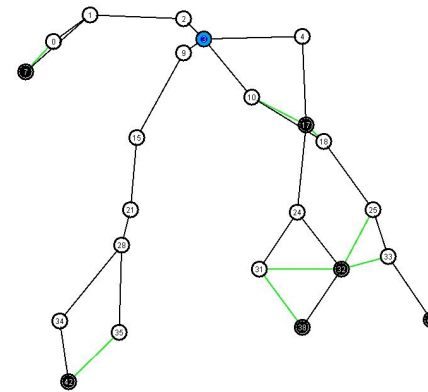
Nodes: 107  
 Attackers: 9  
 Edges: 558  
 Degree: 2-17

Unite disk graph  
 Randomly placed nodes (uniform)

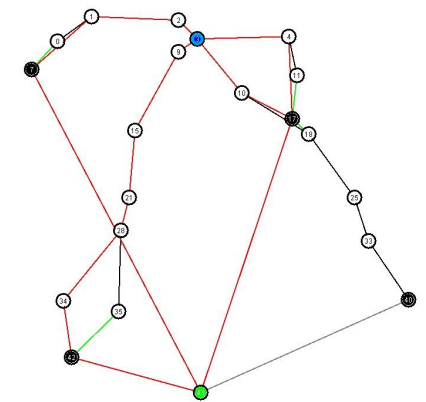
Area: 500x500  
 Neighborhood radius: 70  
 Attacker capacity: 2  
 Attacker ratio: 10%



Actual topology

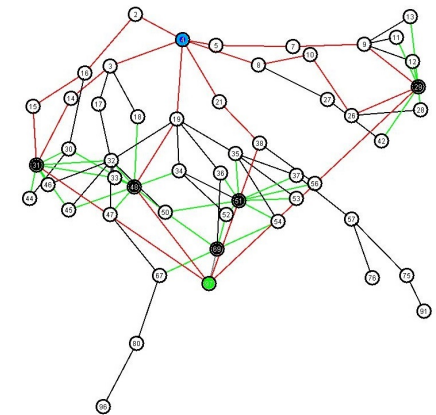
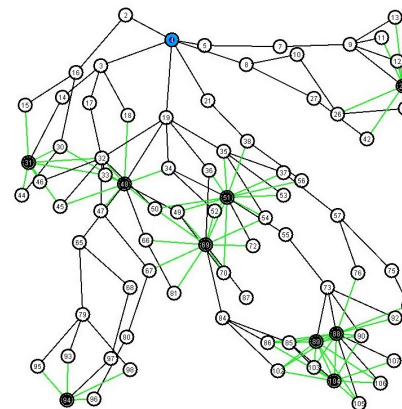
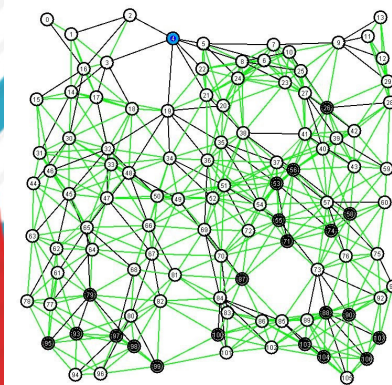


Master's view



Flow graph

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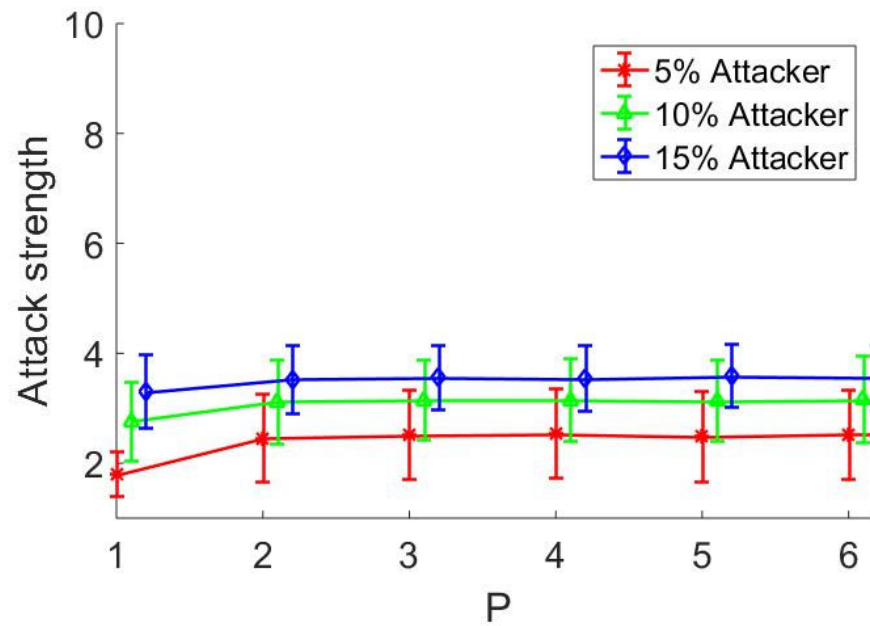


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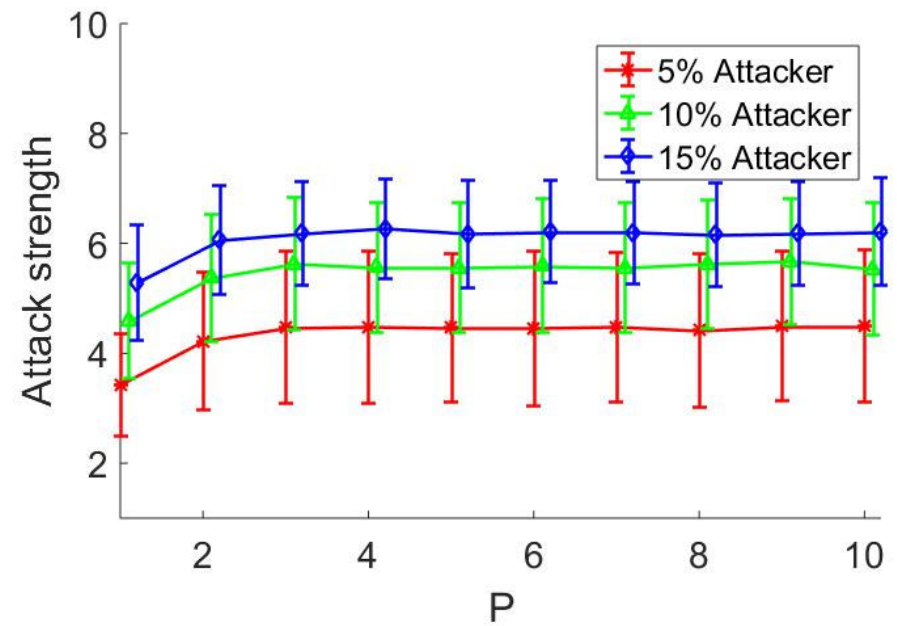


# Simulation: Different Attacker Capacities

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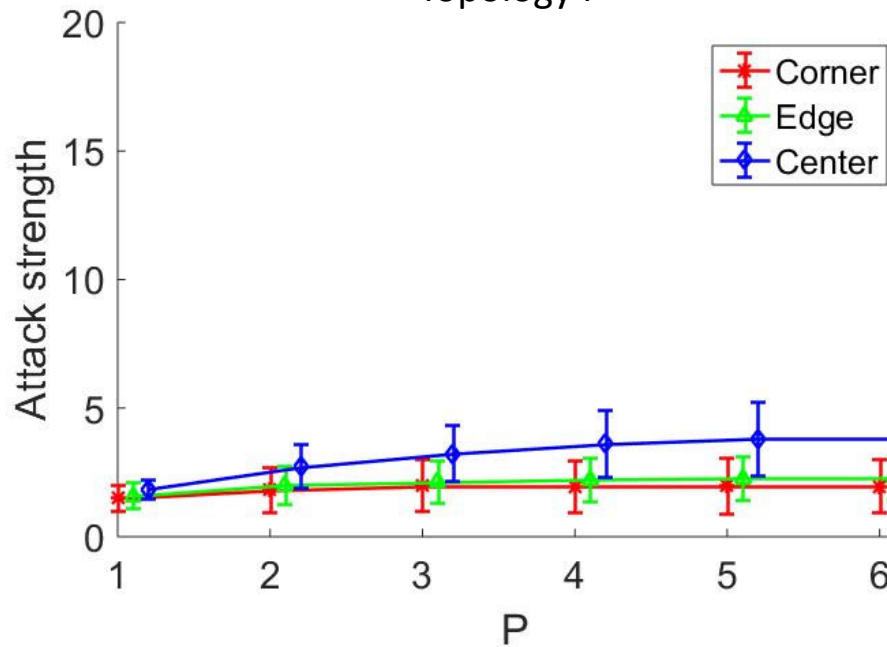
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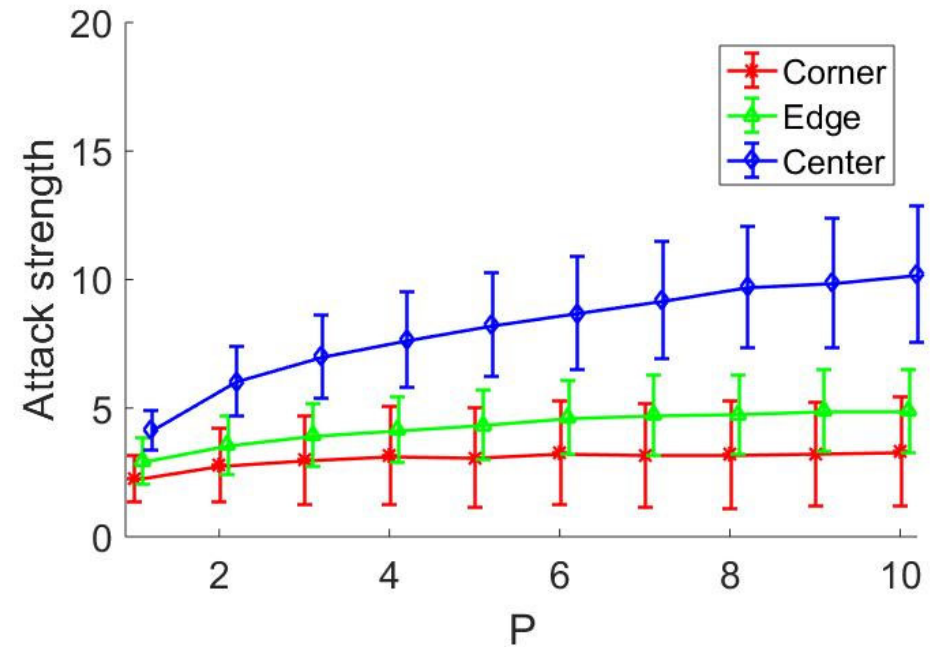
Attack strength becomes stable after a certain attacker capacity

# Simulation: Different Root Location

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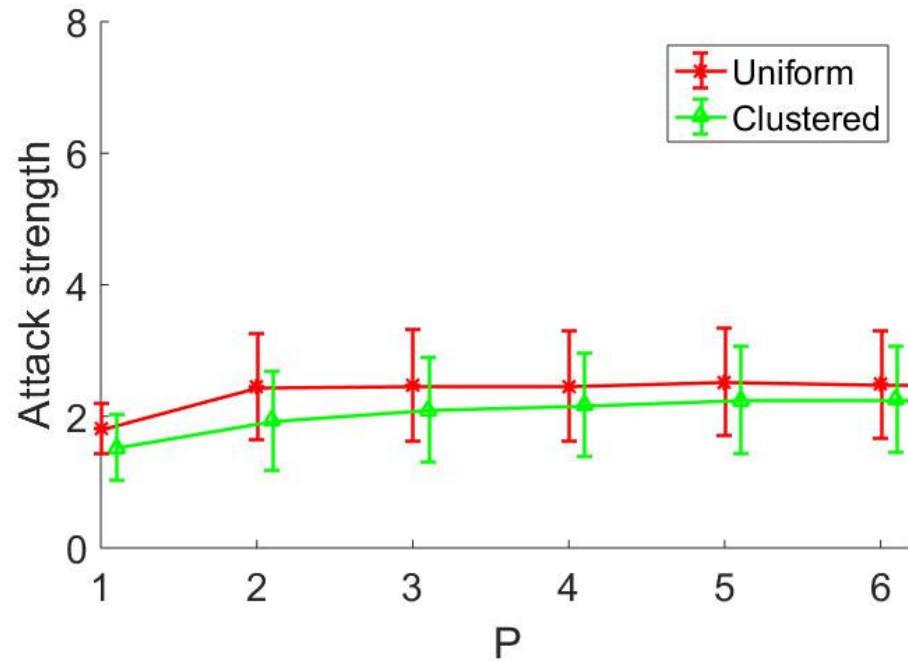
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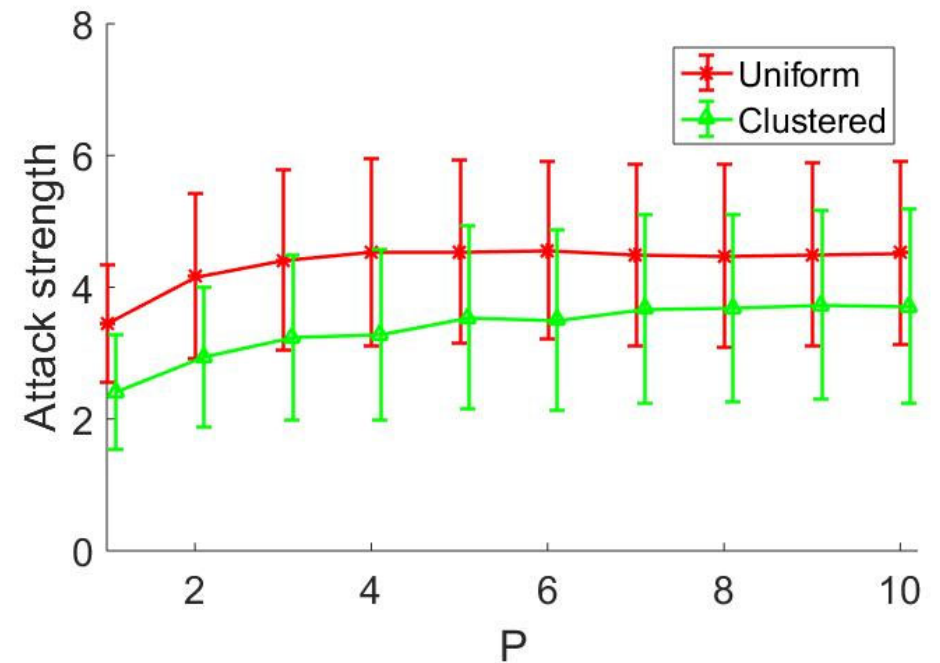
Root at center is more vulnerable than edge and corner.



# Simulation: Different Attacker Distribution



Topology II



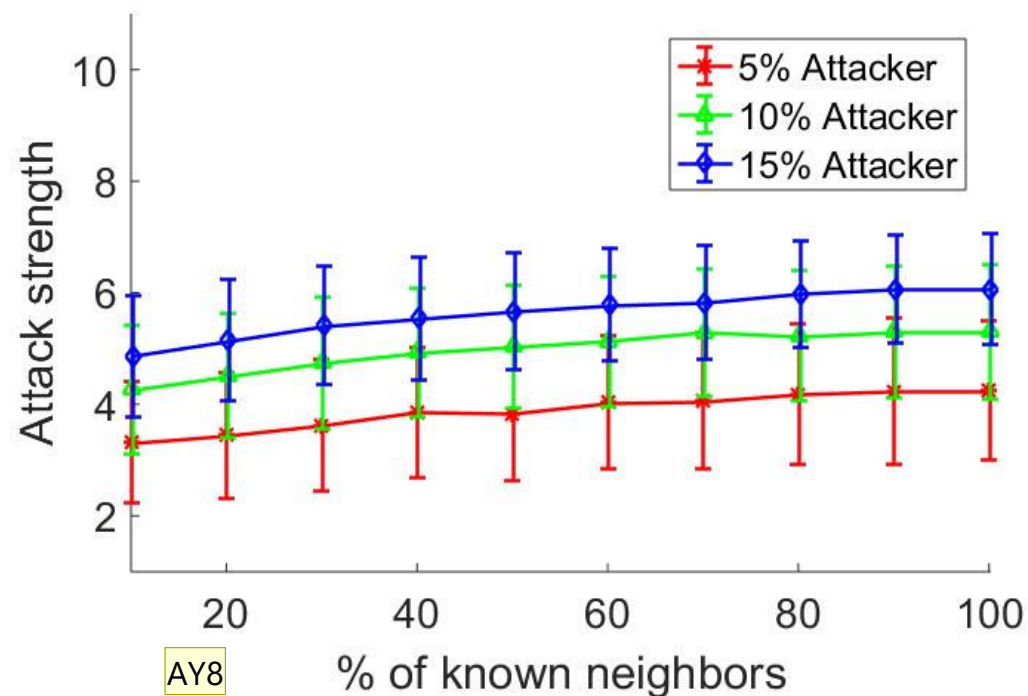
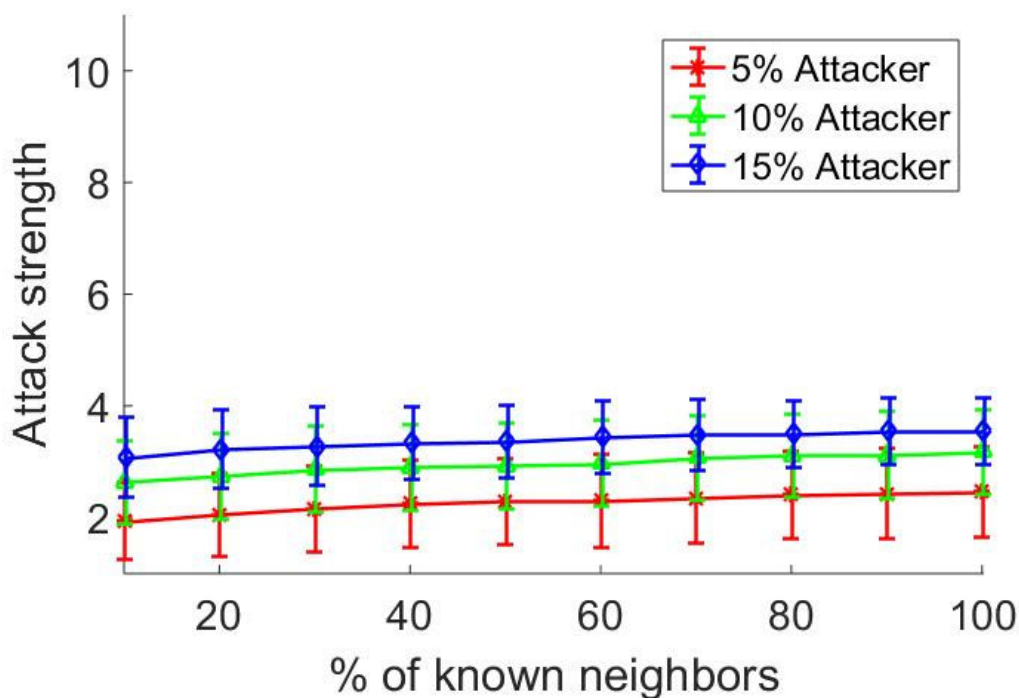
Distributed attackers are more powerful than clustered attackers.  
Attacker ratio =10%



# Simulation: Different Neighborhood Knowledge



Topology II



More knowledge about the neighborhood results in more powerful attack  
Attacker power (P)= 2



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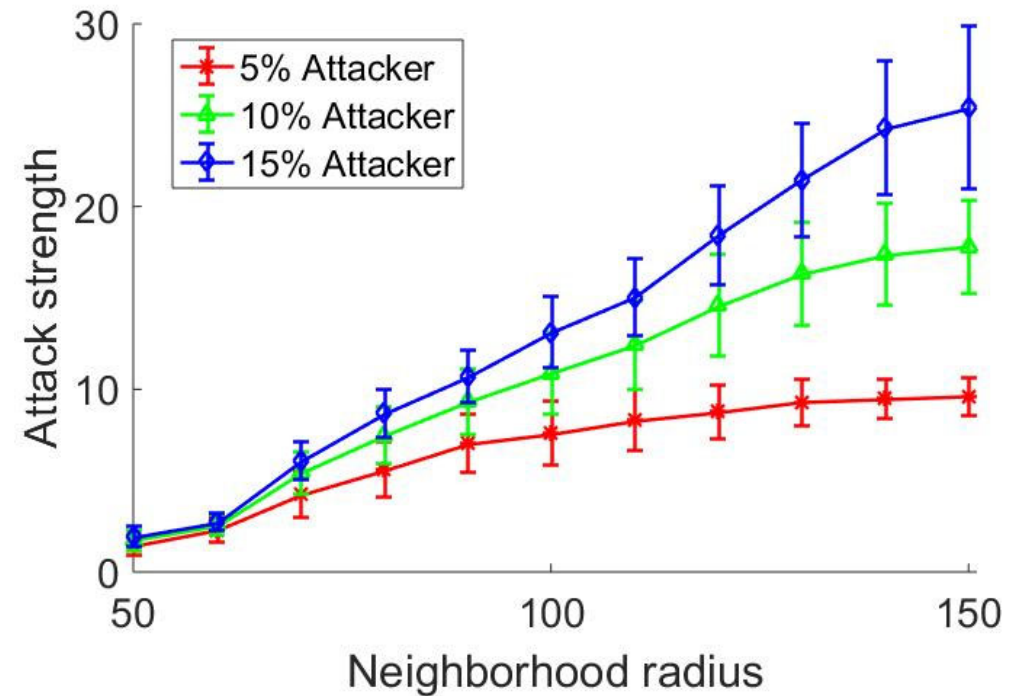
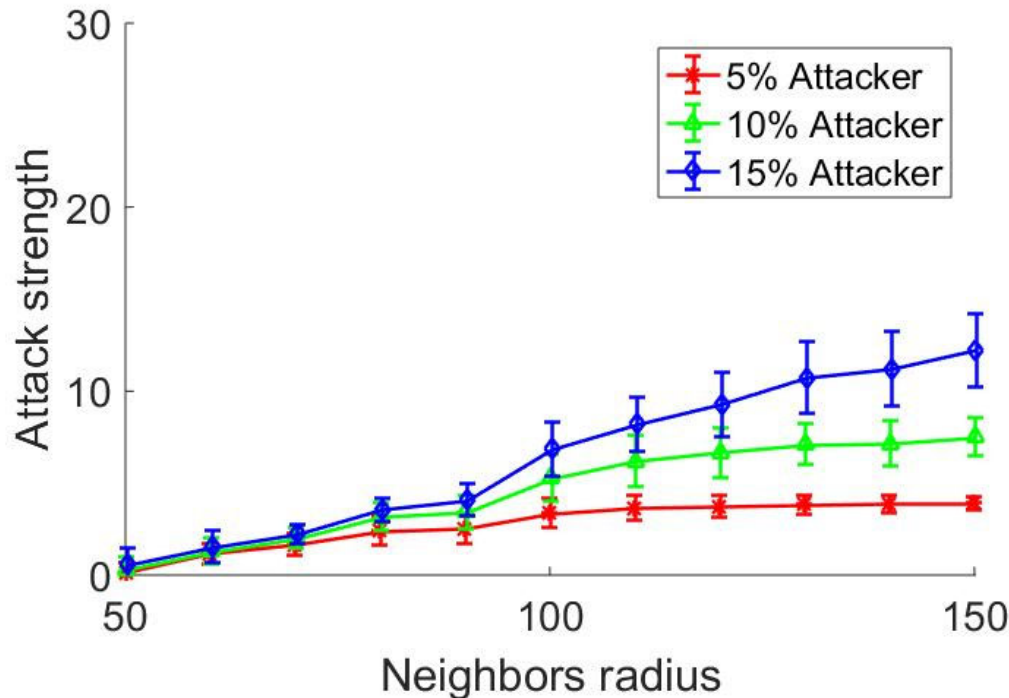
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# Simulation: Different Neighborhood Radius

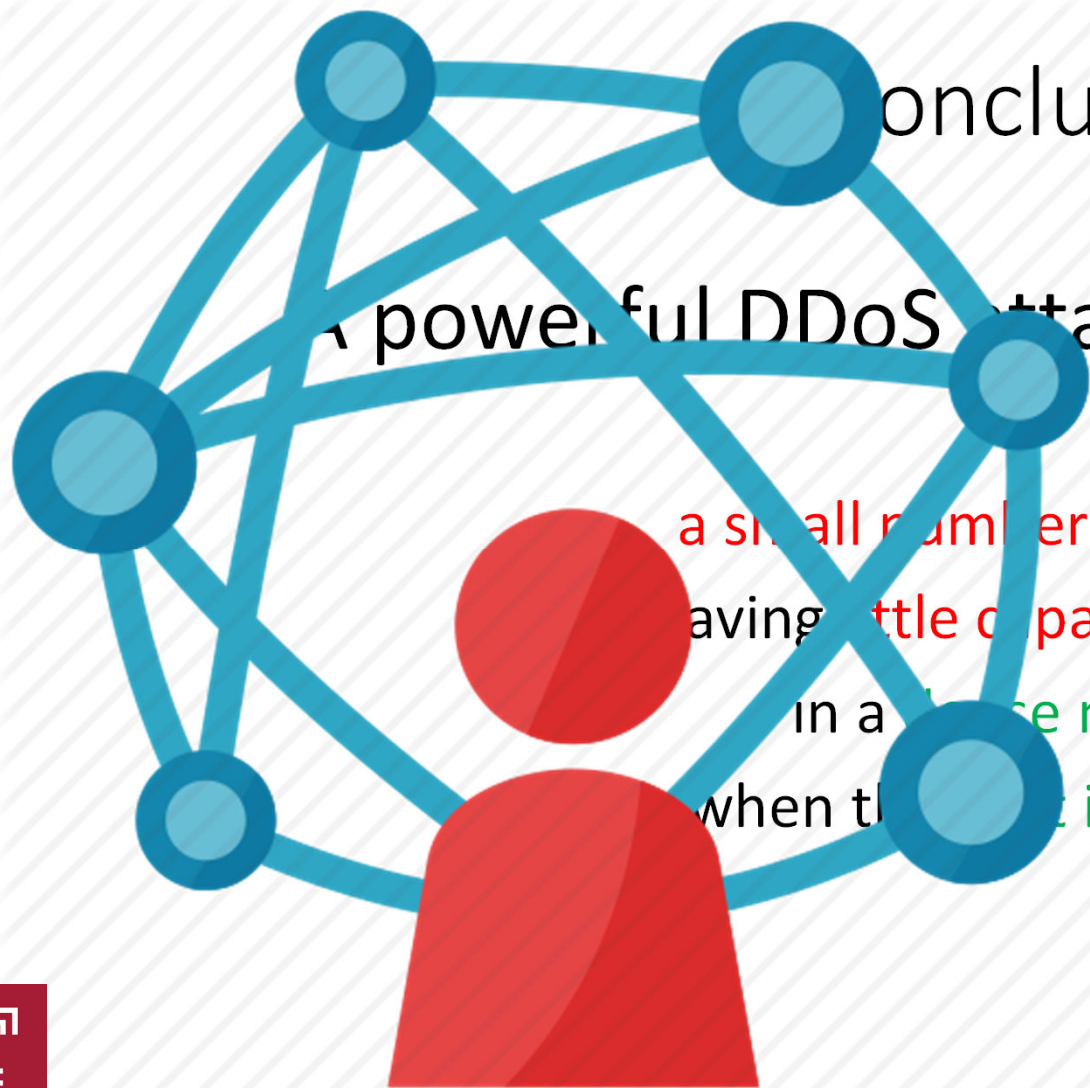


Topology II



The greater the neighborhood radius, the more the degree and attack strength  
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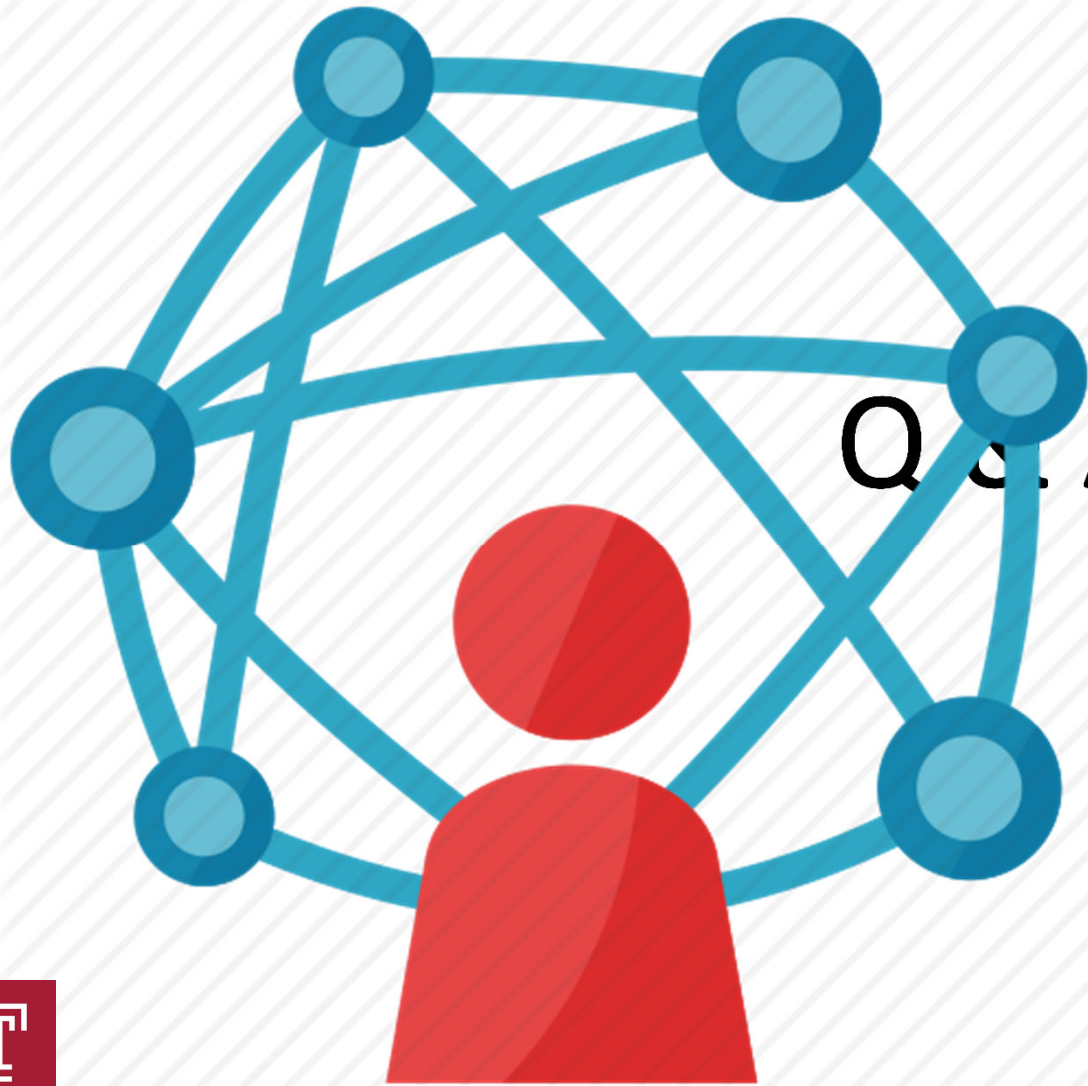


Conclusion

A powerful DDoS attack is possible with

a small number of attackers  
having little capacity of attack  
in a dense network  
when the target is in middle.





Q & A ???

