

Defending Against Man-in-the-Middle Attacks on AODV Routing

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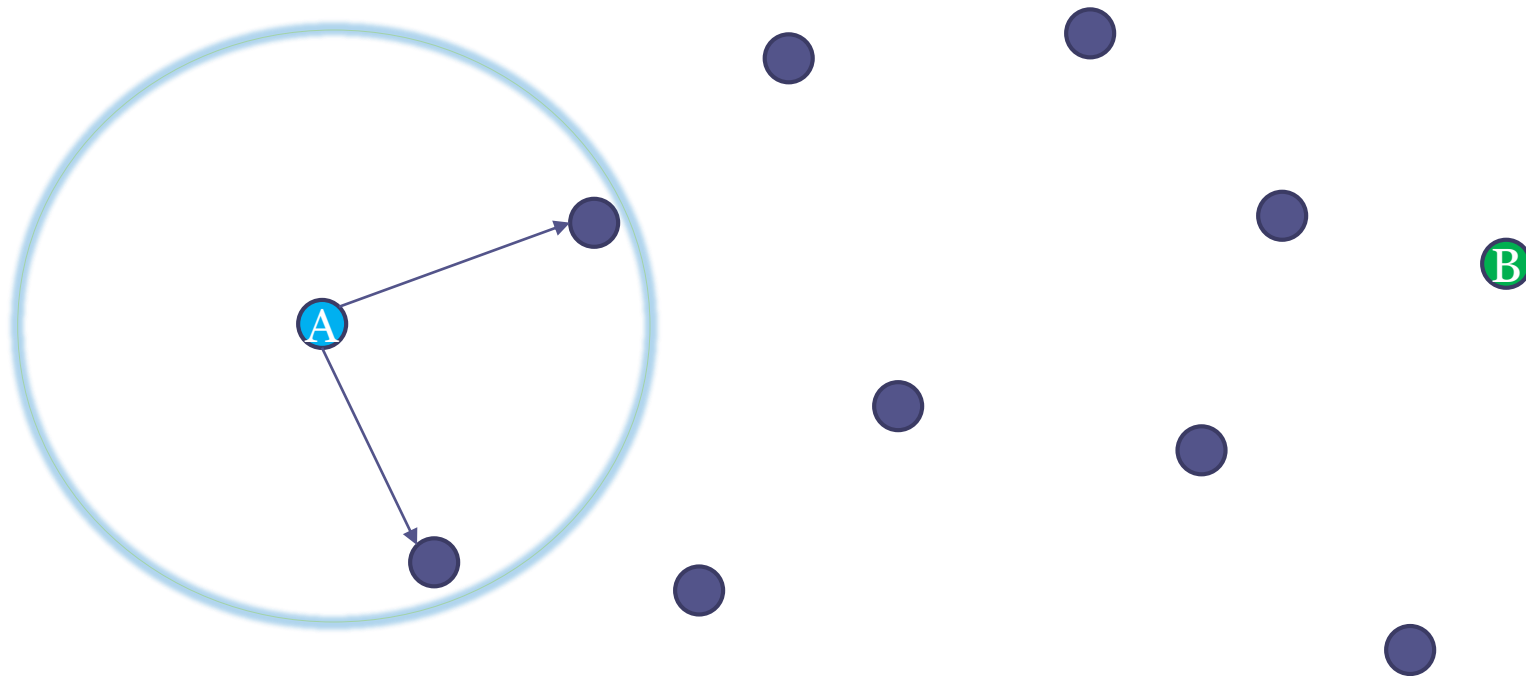
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What is AODV Routing?

- Ad-hoc On Demand Distance Vector Routing (AODV)
- This is the routing protocol used in ZigBee, a popular standard for wireless mesh networks.
- A mesh network is a topology in which each node relays data for the network.

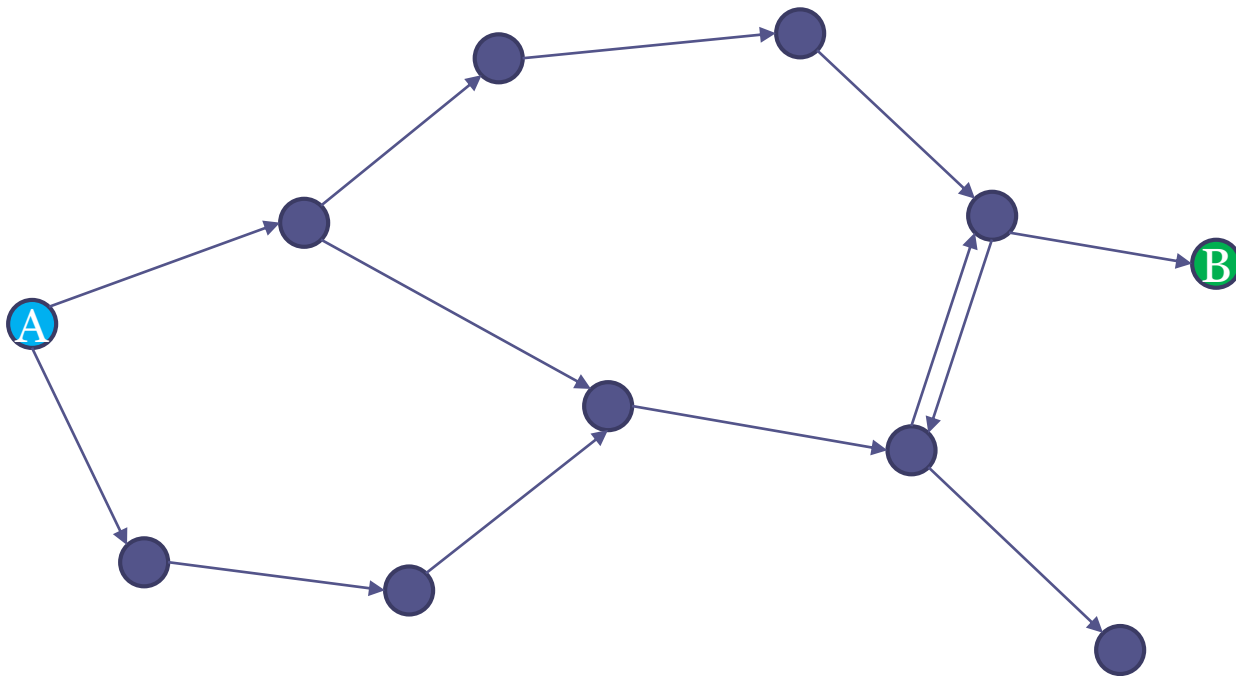
How does AODV work?

- Original sender broadcasts Route Request (RREQ).



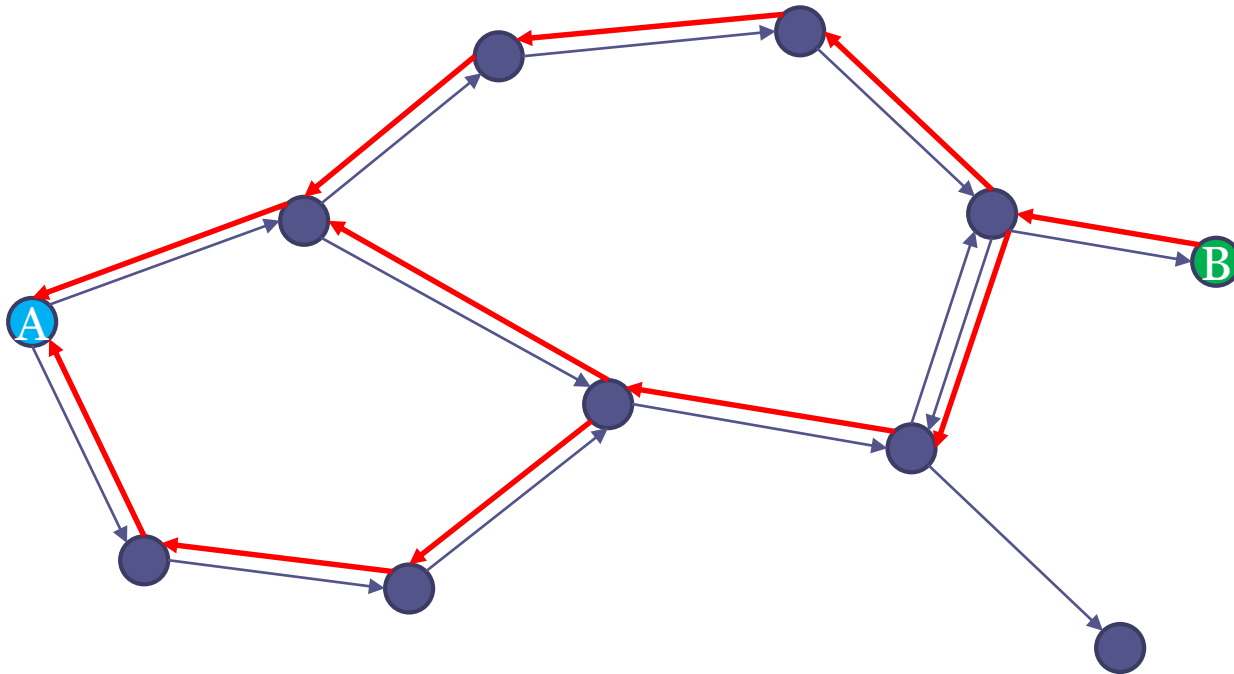
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- Intermediate nodes propagate RREQ.



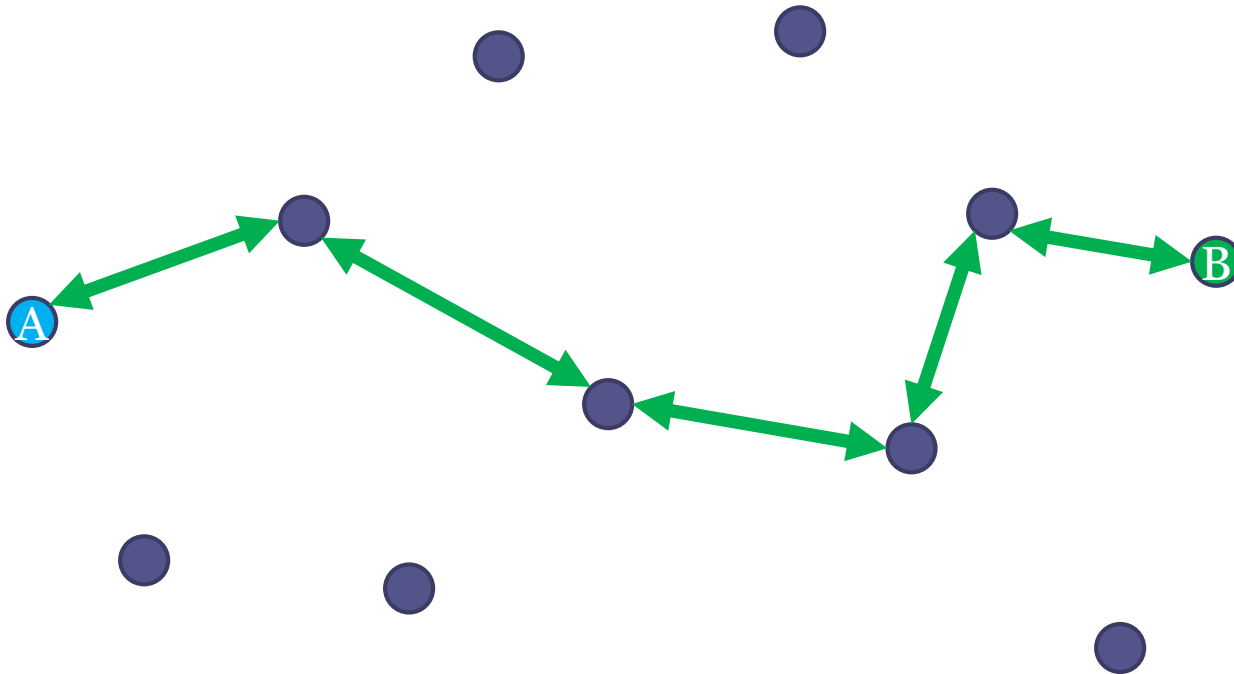
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- Destination node sends Request Reply (RREP) back to sender for each RREQ.



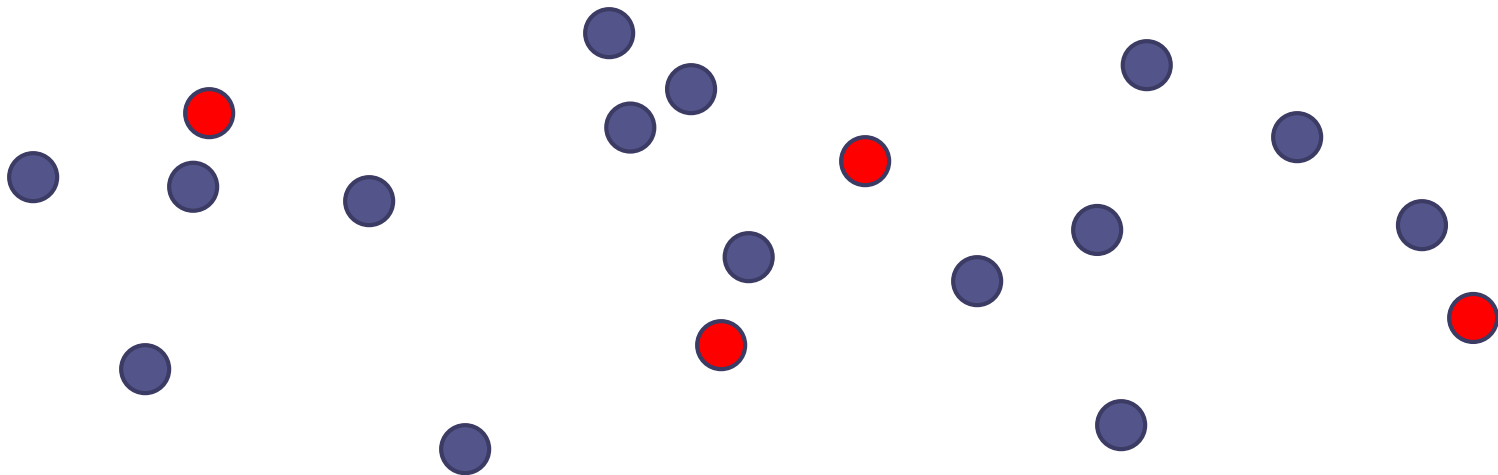
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- Sender uses lowest hop-count route to communicate with destination.



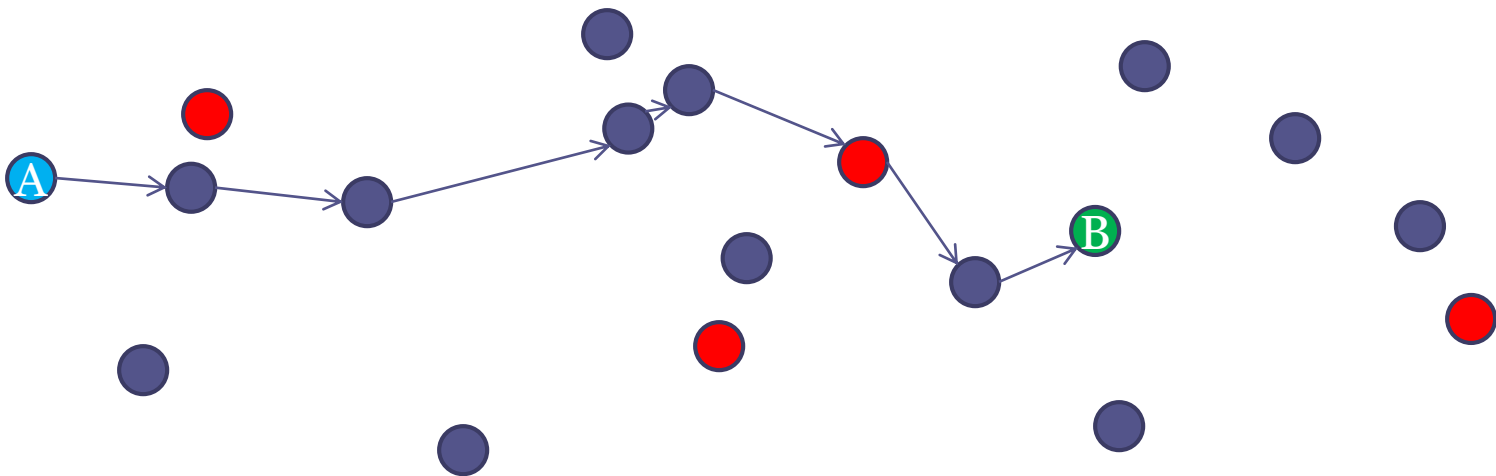
Attack Model (Initial Conditions)

- Of n deployed nodes, one or more are **captured** by an adversary.



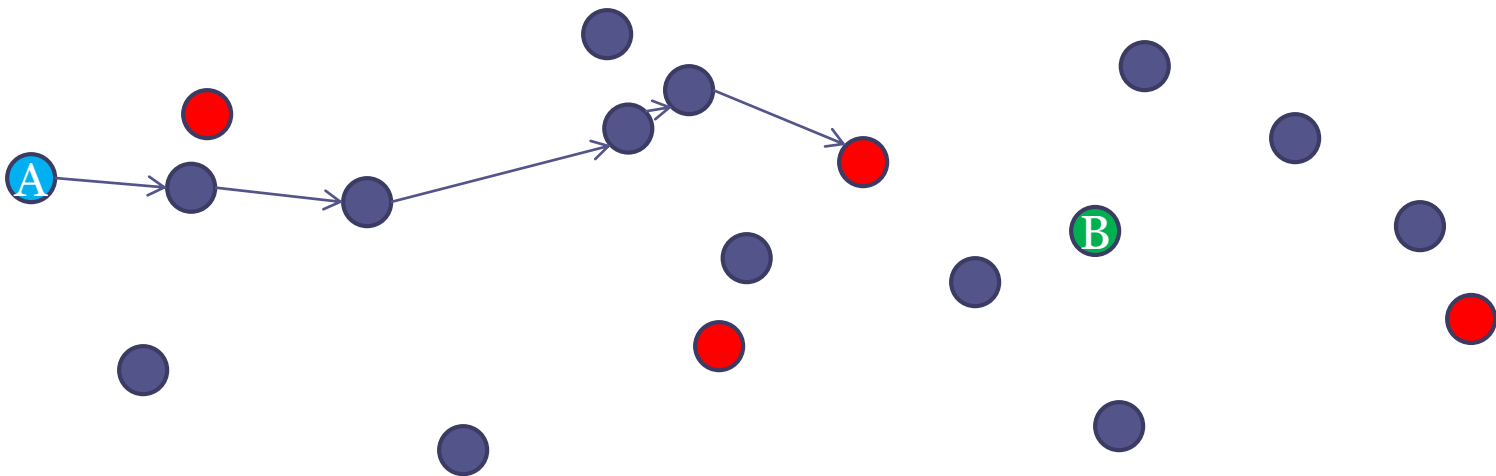
Attack Model (Exploitation)

- A **captured node** agrees to forward traffic on a route from **Node A** to **Node B**.



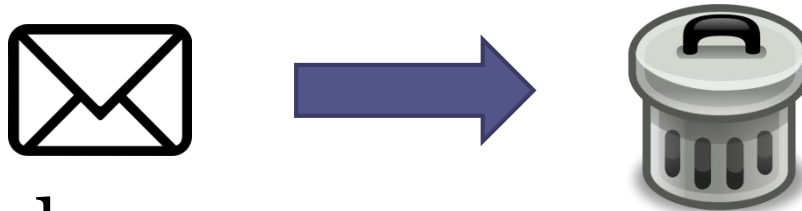
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- The **captured node** drops all packets rather than forwarding them.

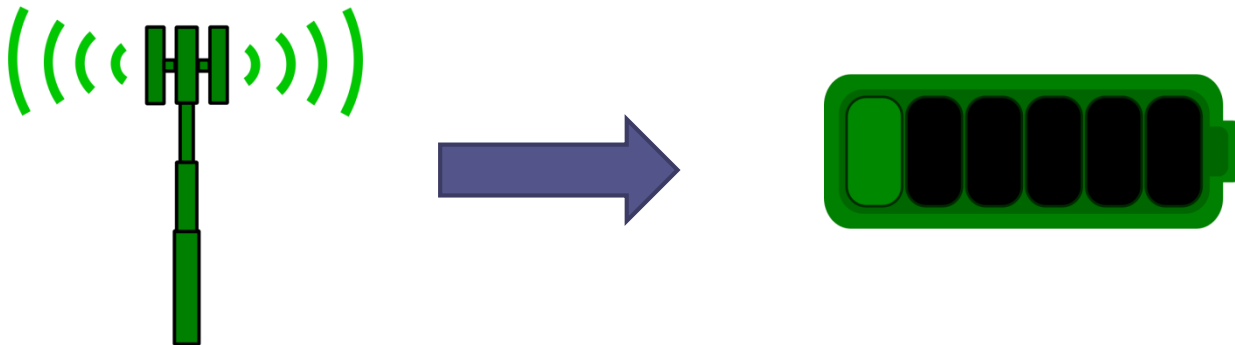


Attack Model (Results)

- Data loss
 - Packets never reach their destination.



- Energy loss
 - Nodes waste energy on radio communication.



Defensive Goals

- Primary Objective
 - Ensure that packets reach their destination if it is possible to do so.
- Secondary Objective
 - Minimize message complexity in order to reduce network transmissions.

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