



# Exploring Energy-Latency Tradeoffs for Sensor Network Broadcasts

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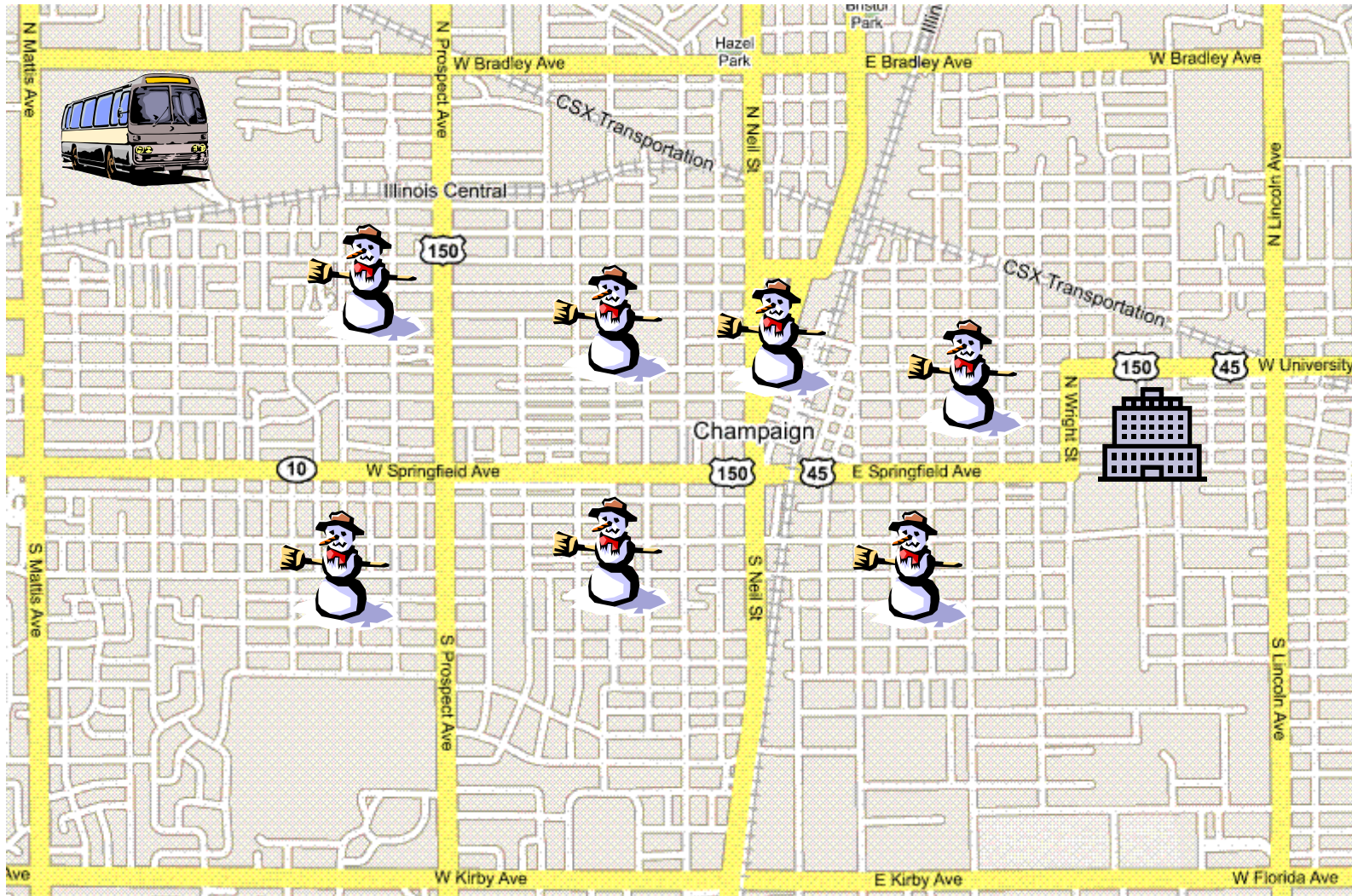
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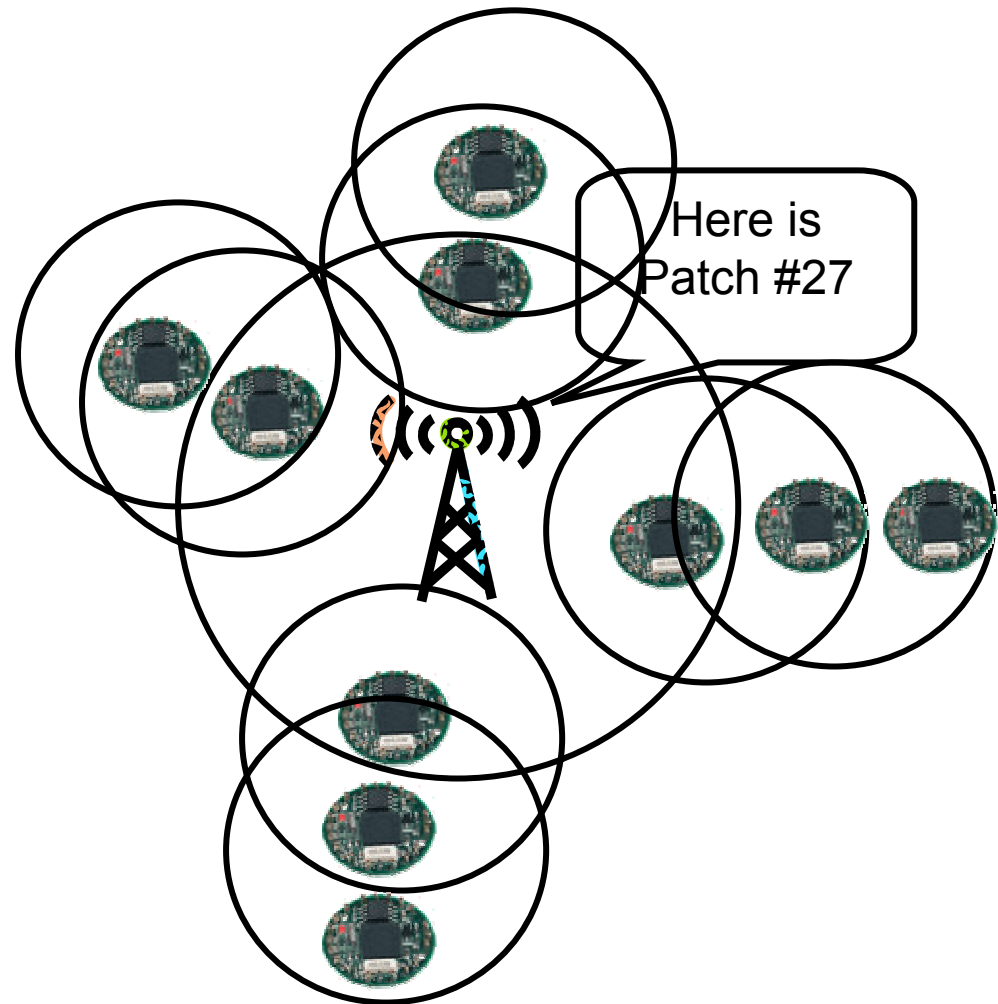
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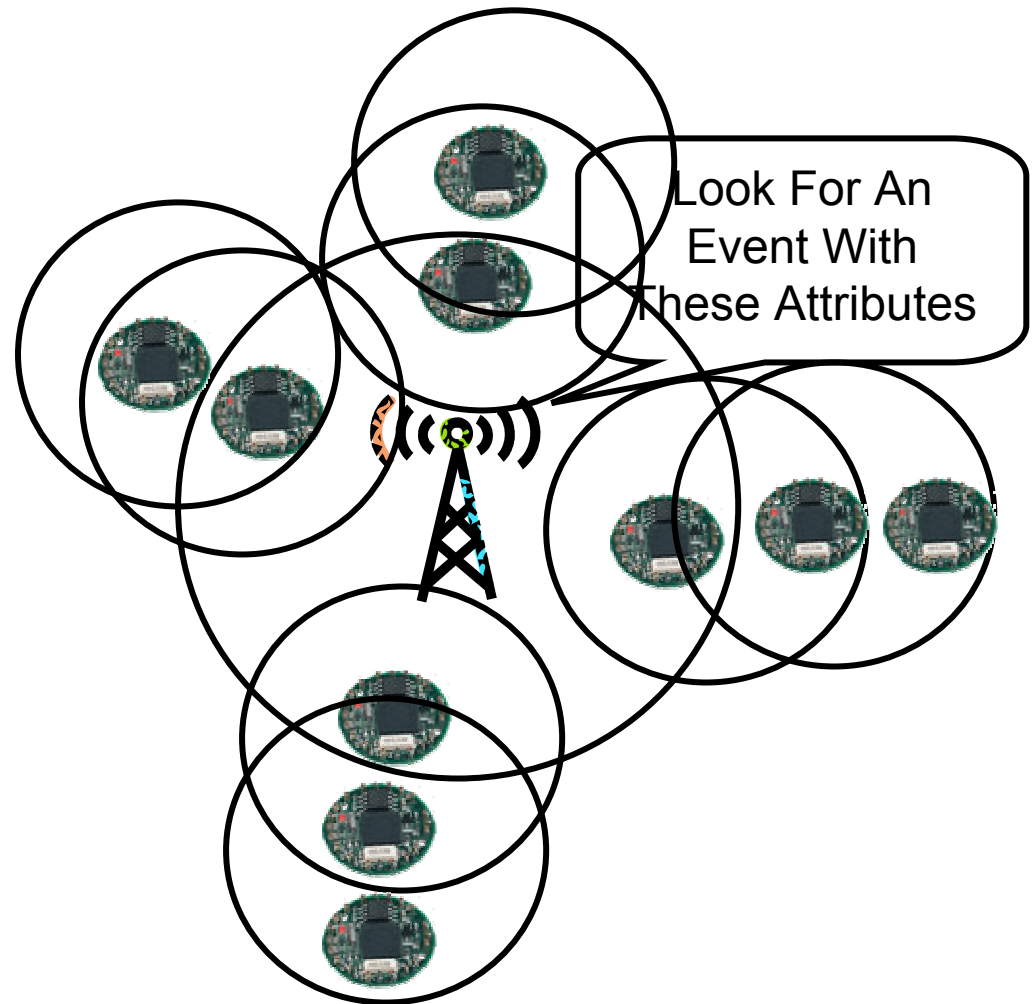
# Sensor Application #1

- Code Update Application
  - E.g., Trickle [Levis et al., NDSI 2004]
- Updates Generated Once Every Few Weeks
  - Reducing energy consumption is important
  - Latency is not a major concern

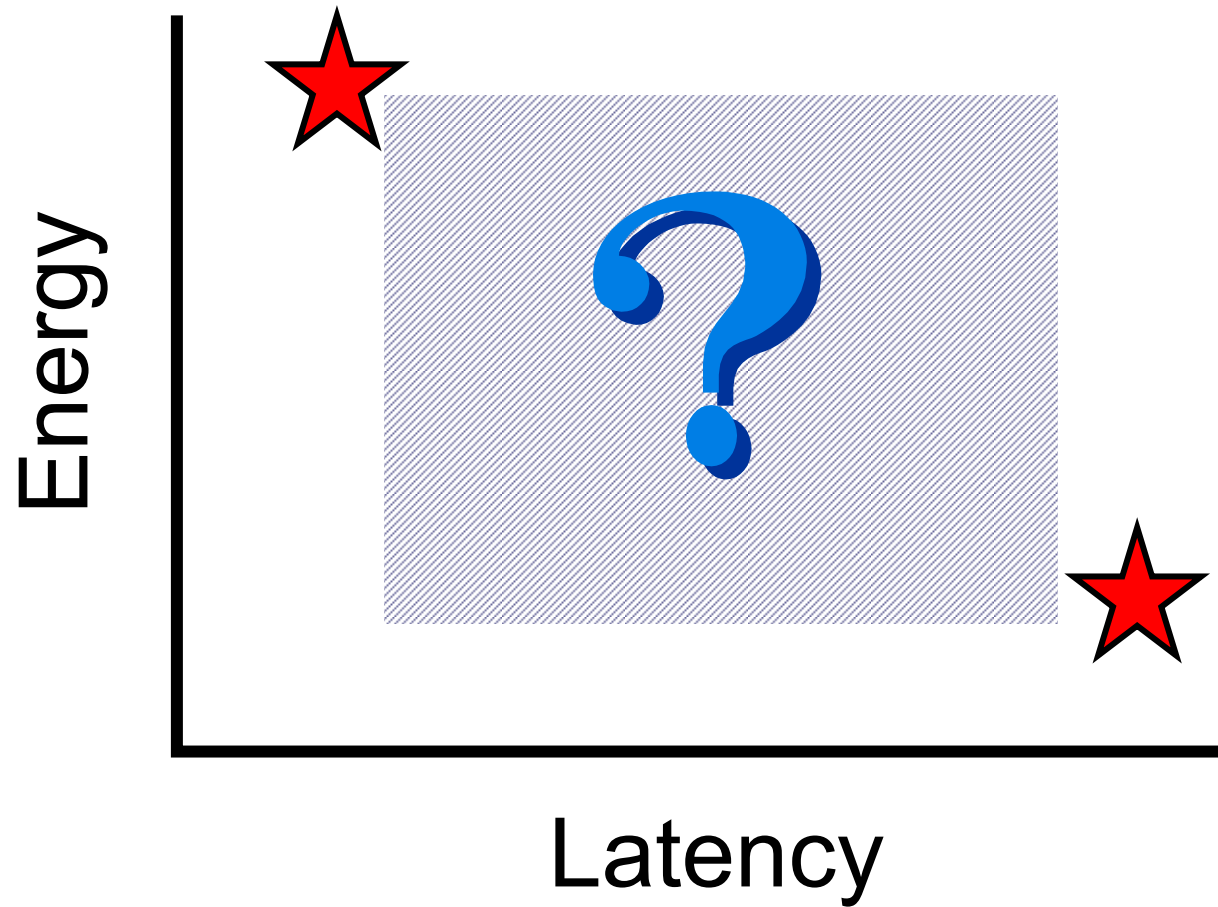


# Sensor Application #2

- Short-Term Event Detection
  - E.g., Directed Diffusion [Intanagonwiwat et al., MobiCom 2000]
- Intruder Alert for Temporary, Overnight Camp
  - Latency is critical
  - With adequate power supplies, energy usage is not a concern



# Energy-Latency Options

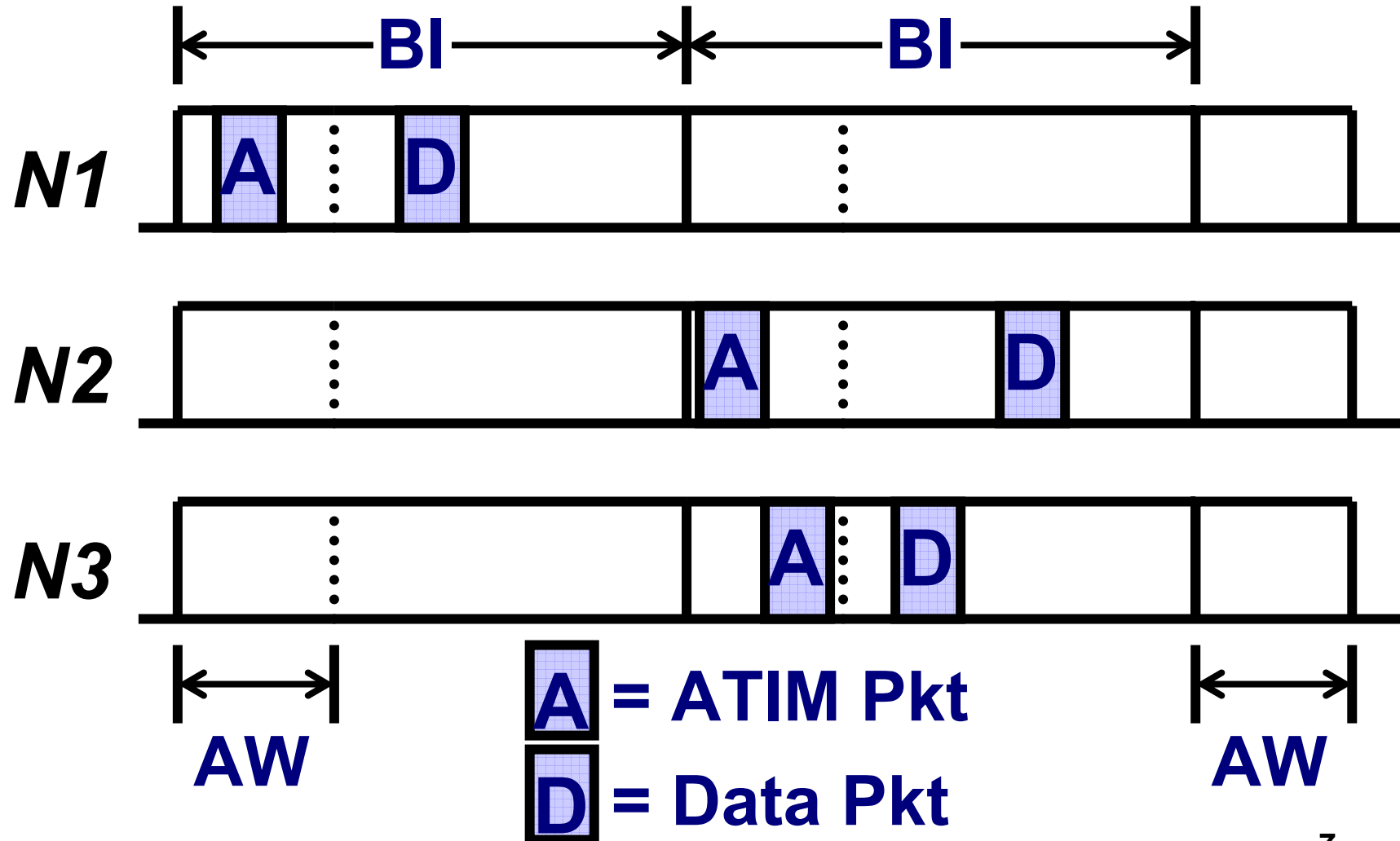
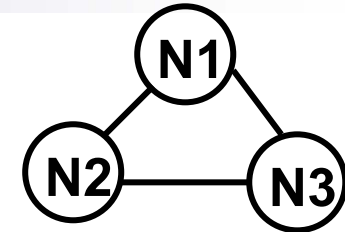




# Sleep Scheduling Protocols

- Nodes have two states: active and sleep
- At any given time, some nodes are active to communicate data while others sleep to conserve energy
- Examples
  - IEEE 802.11 Power Save Mode (PSM)
    - Most complete and supports broadcast
    - Not necessarily directly applicable to sensors
  - S-MAC/T-MAC
  - STEM

# IEEE 802.11 PSM Example With Broadcasts



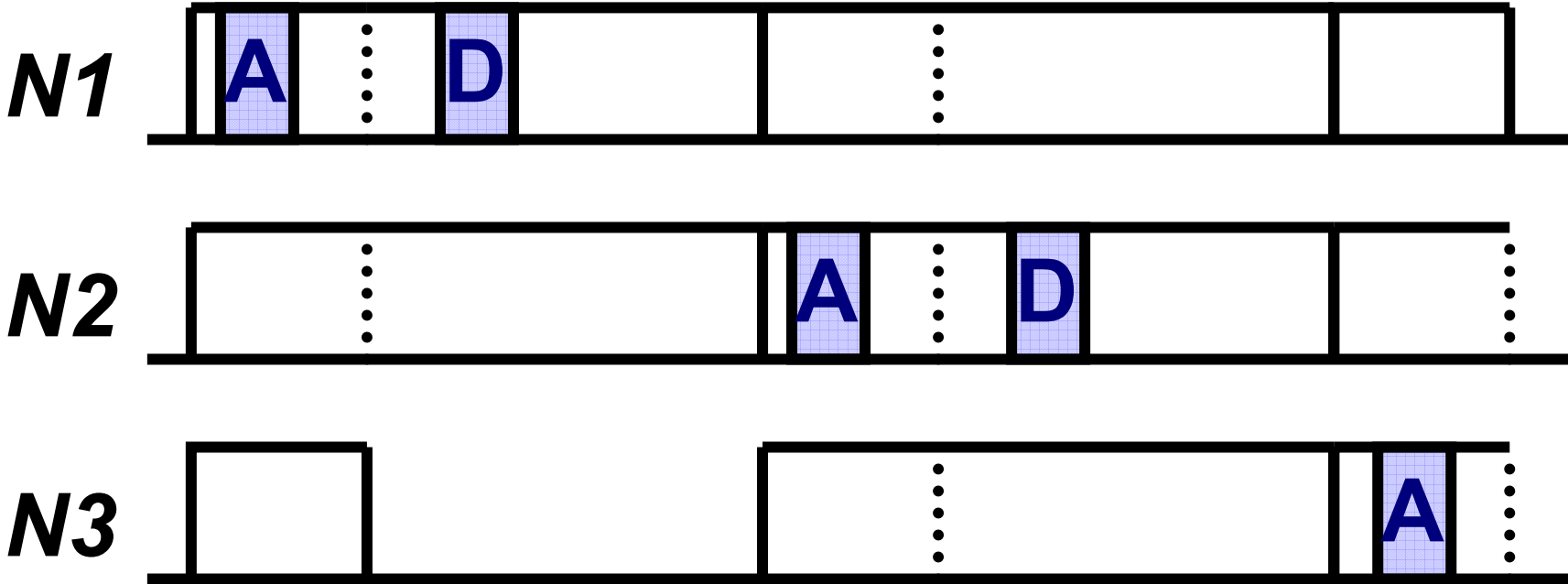


# IEEE 802.11 PSM

- Nodes are assumed to be synchronized
- Every beacon interval (BI), all nodes wake up for an ATIM window (AW)
- During the AW, nodes advertise any traffic that they have queued
- After the AW, nodes remain active if they expect to send or receive data based on advertisements; otherwise nodes return to sleep until the next BI

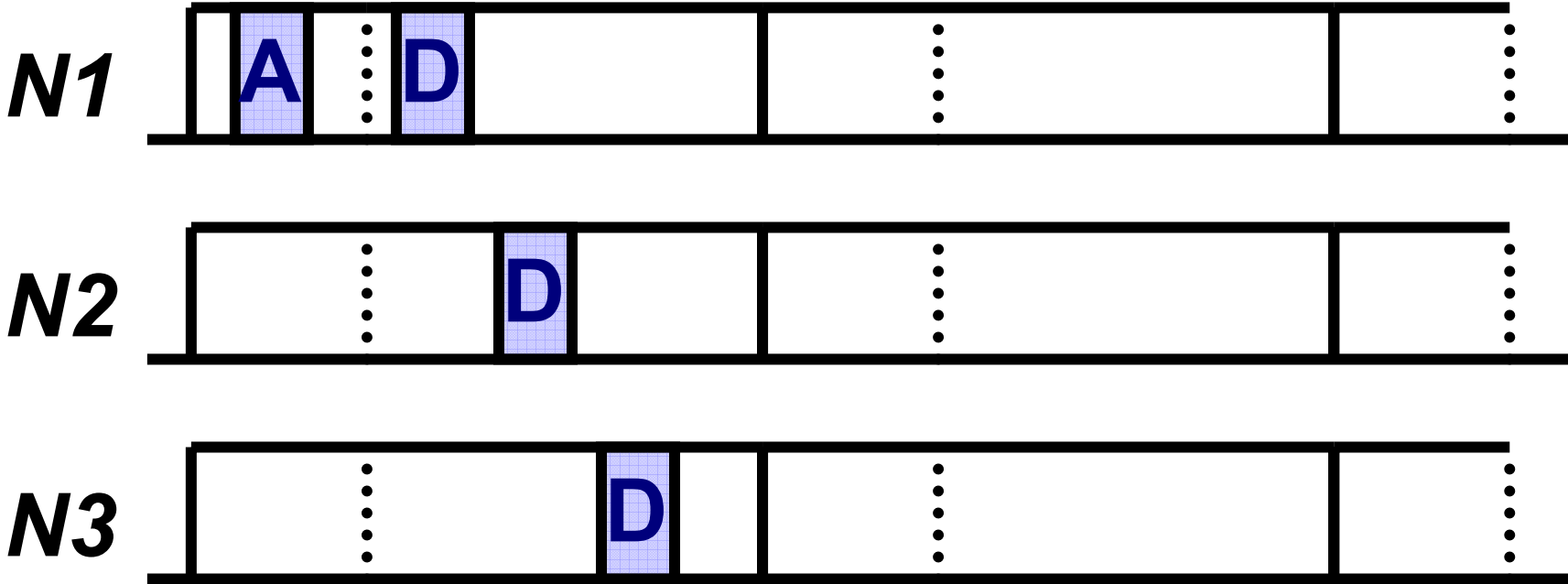


# Protocol Extreme #1



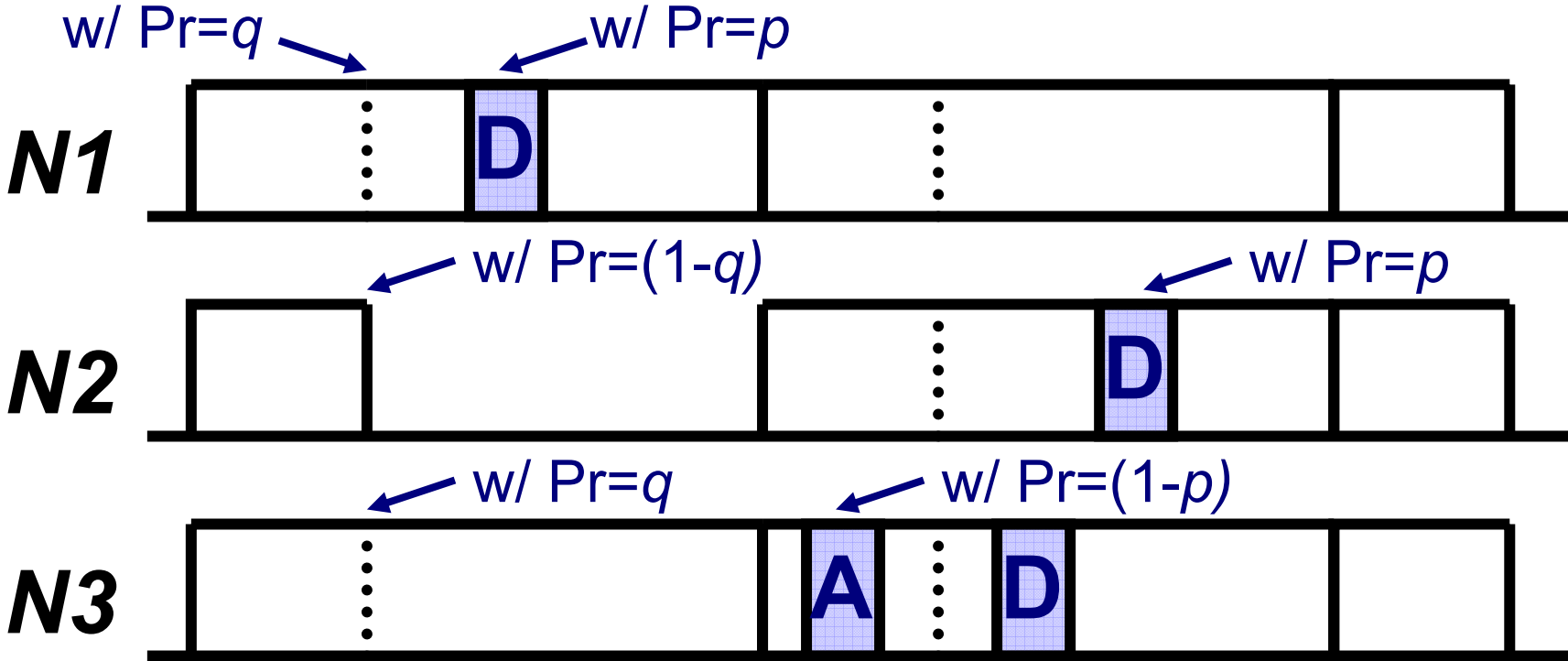
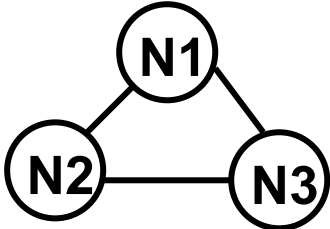
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**D** = Data Pkt

# Protocol Extreme #2




**A** = ATIM Pkt  
**D** = Data Pkt

# Probabilistic Protocol



**A** = ATIM Pkt  
**D** = Data Pkt



# Probability-Based Broadcast Forwarding (PBBF)

- Introduce two parameters to sleep scheduling protocols:  $p$  and  $q$
- When a node is scheduled to sleep, it will remain active with probability  $q$
- When a node receives a broadcast, it sends it immediately with probability  $p$ 
  - With probability  $(1-p)$ , the node will wait and advertise the packet during the next AW before rebroadcasting the packet

# PBBF Comments

- $p=0, q=0$  equivalent to the original sleep scheduling protocol
- $p=1, q=1$  approximates the “always on” protocol
  - Still have the ATIM window overhead
- Effects of  $p$  and  $q$  on metrics:

	Energy	Latency	Reliability
$p \uparrow$	---	↓ if $q > 0$	↓ if $q < 1$
$q \uparrow$	↑	↓ if $p > 0$	↑ if $p > 0$



# Analysis: Reliability

- **Bond (edge) percolation theory**
  - Determines the connectivity of a random graph
  - Different from Haas' Gossip-Based Routing which used site (vertex) percolation theory
- A **phase transition** occurs when the probability of an edge between two vertices is greater than the critical value
  - In this phase, the probability that an infinitely large cluster exists in a graph is close to one
- A **phase transition** occurs when the probability of an edge is less than the critical value
  - In this phase, the probability that an infinitely large cluster exists in the graph is close to zero



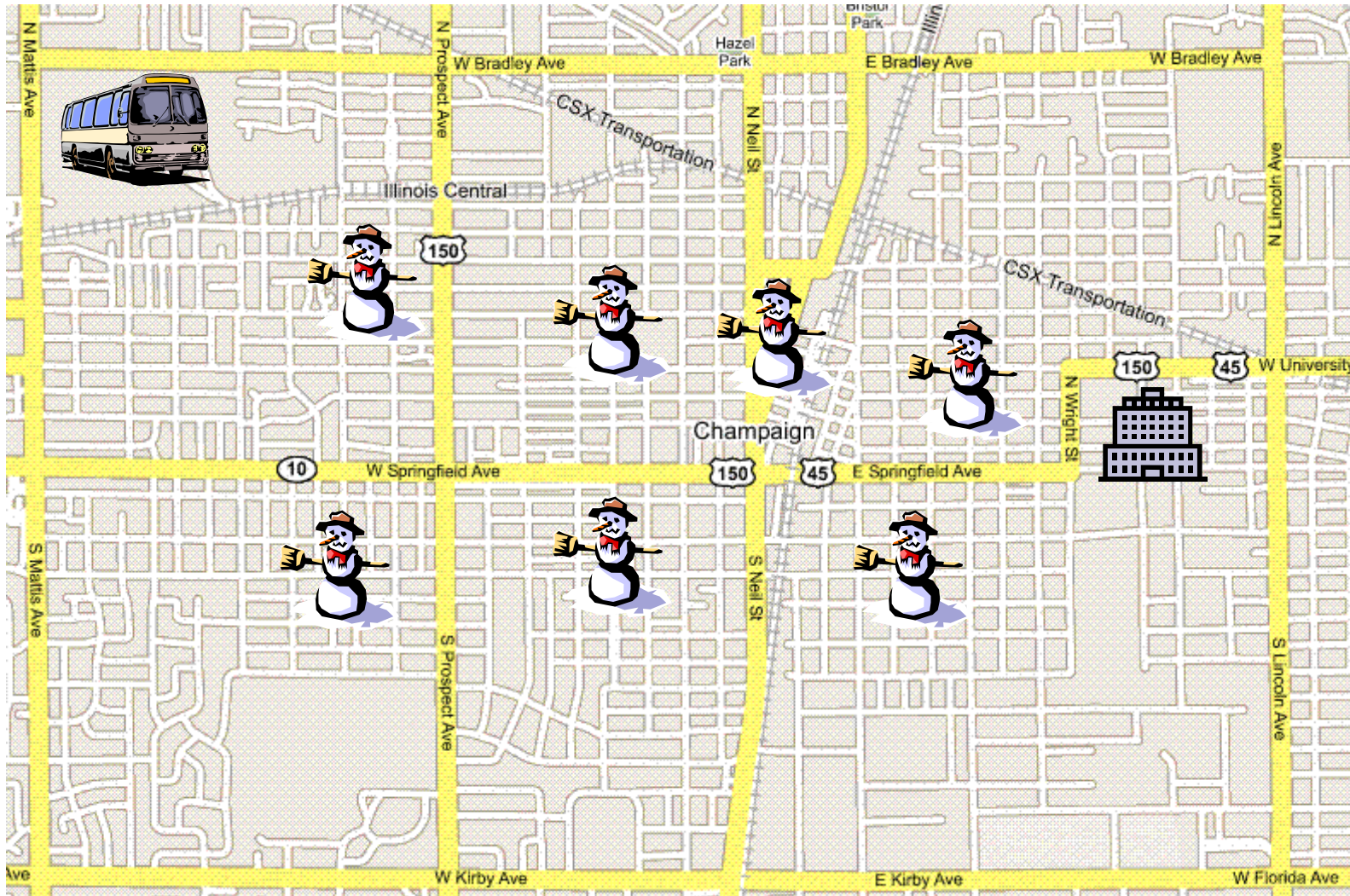
# Analysis: Reliability

- In PBBF, the probability that a broadcast is received on a link is:

$$pq + (1-p)$$

- Thus, if  $pq + (1-p)$  is greater than a critical value, then every broadcast reaches most of the nodes in the network
- Tested PBBF on grid topology with ideal MAC and physical layers

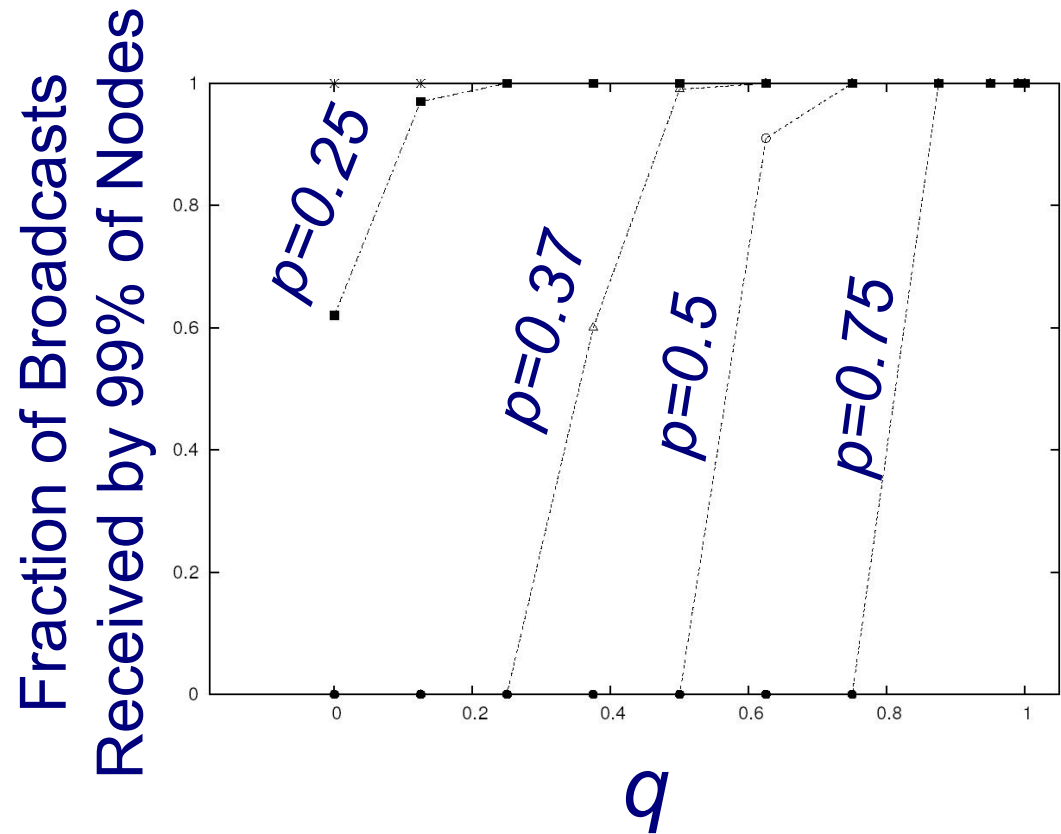
# Answer = 0.5





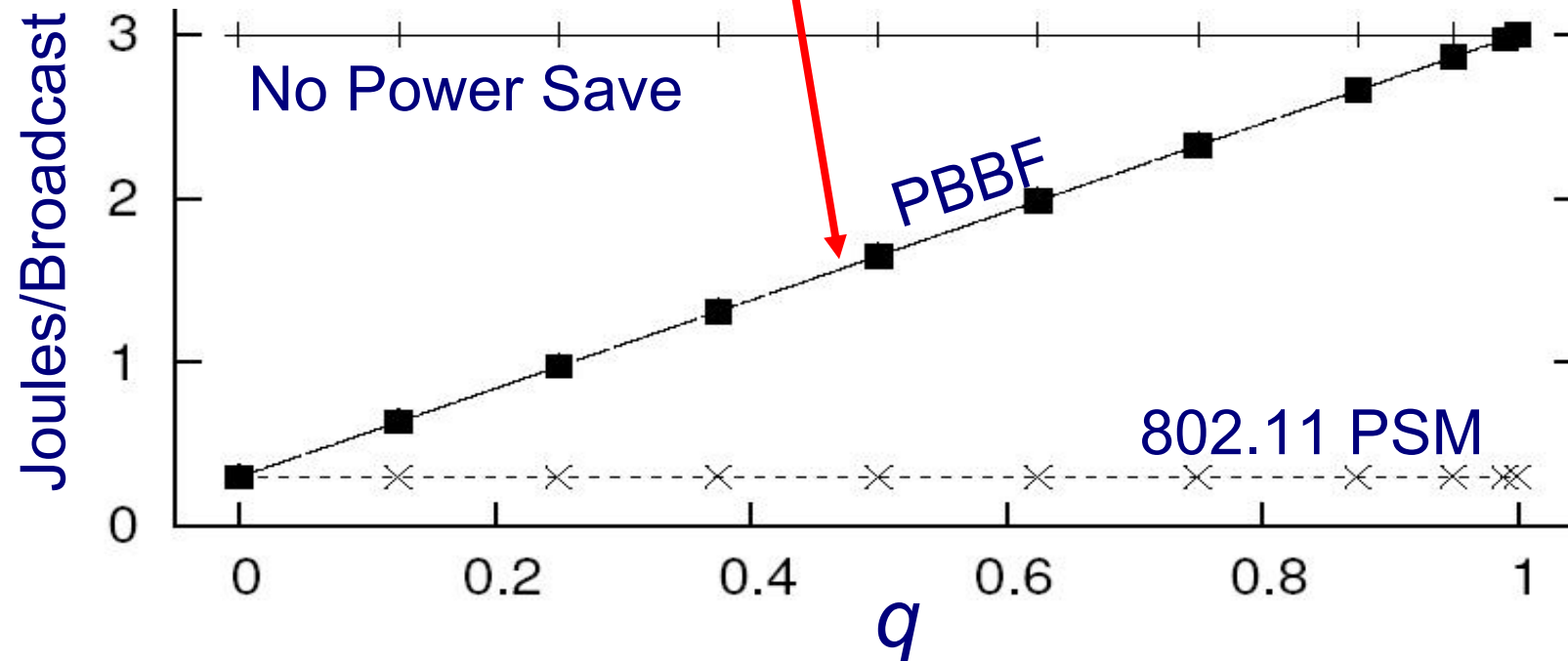
# Analysis: Reliability

- Phase transition when:  
 $pq + (1-p) \approx 0.8-0.85$
- Larger than bond percolation threshold
  - Boundary effects
  - Different metric
- Still shows phase transition



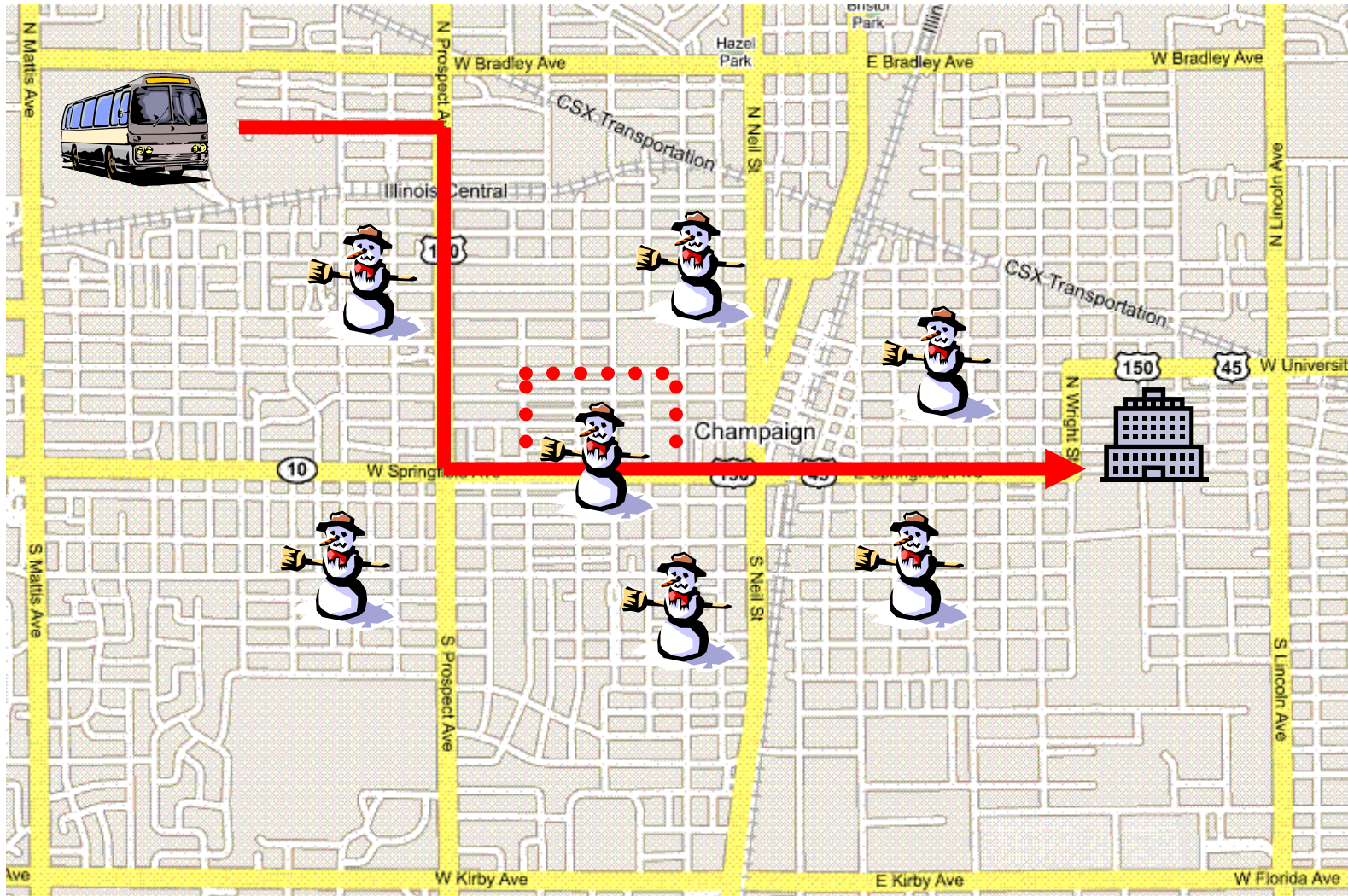
# Analysis: Energy

$$\approx 1 + q * [(BI - AW)/AW]$$

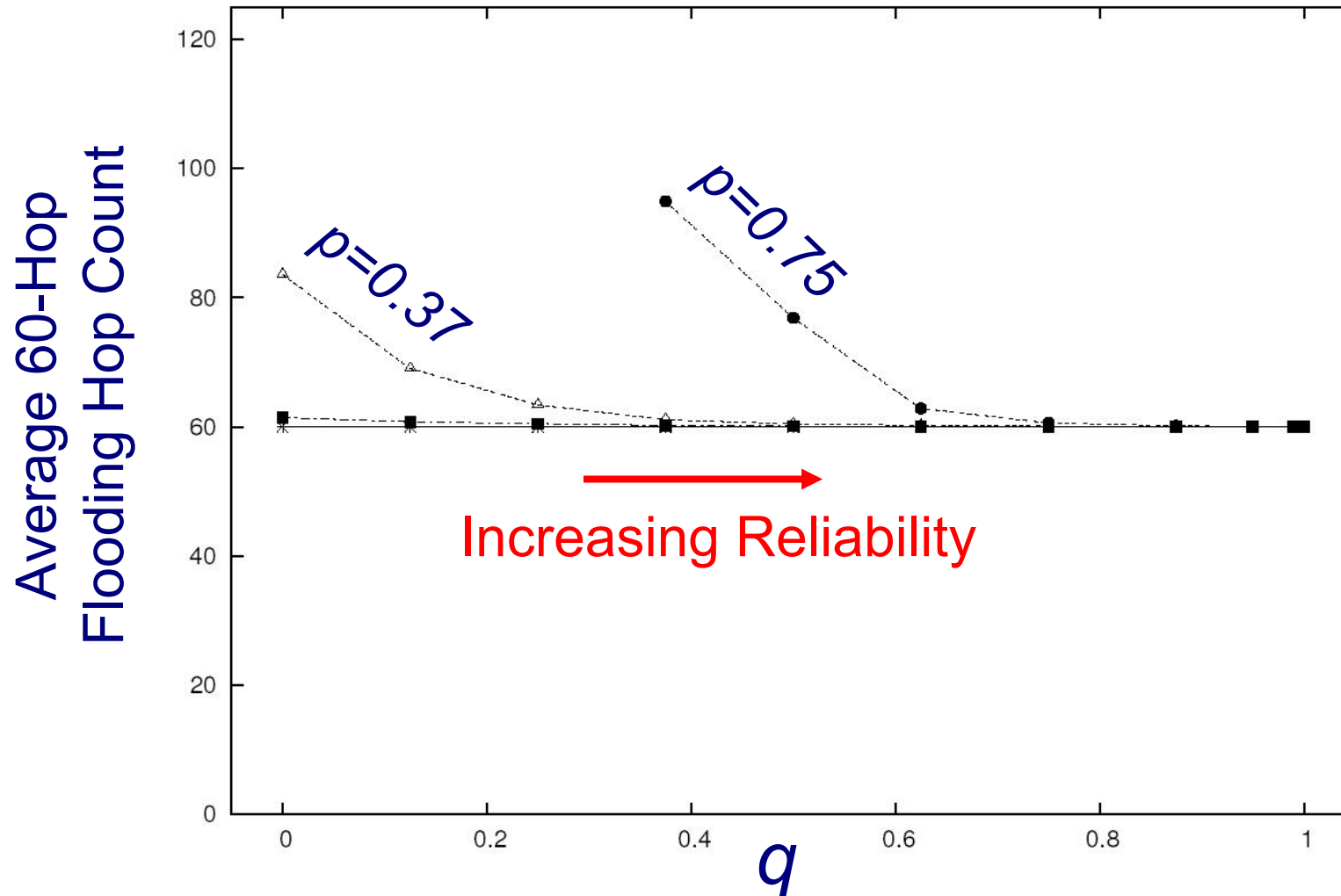


# Analysis: Latency

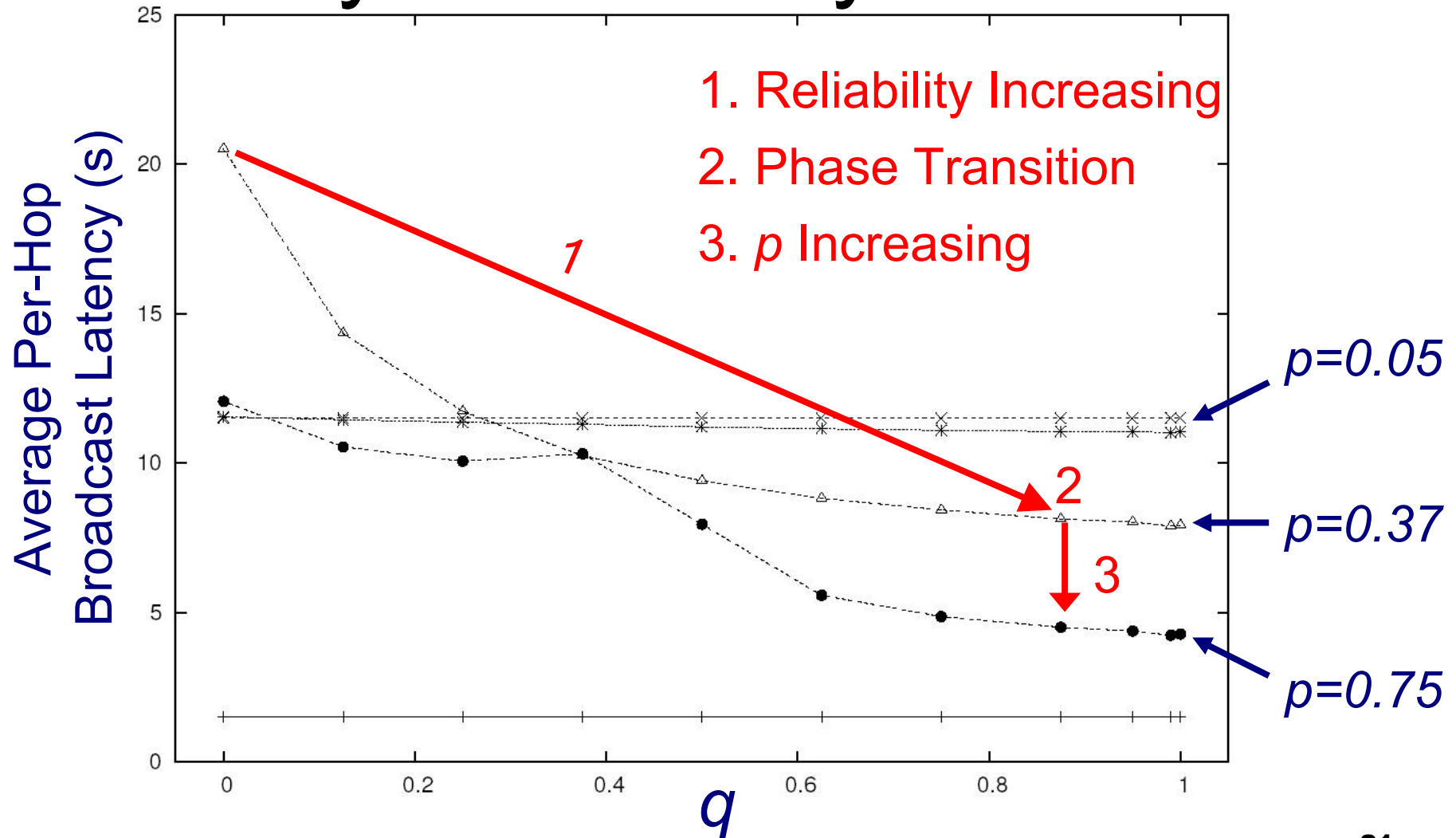
## Shortest Paths and Reliability



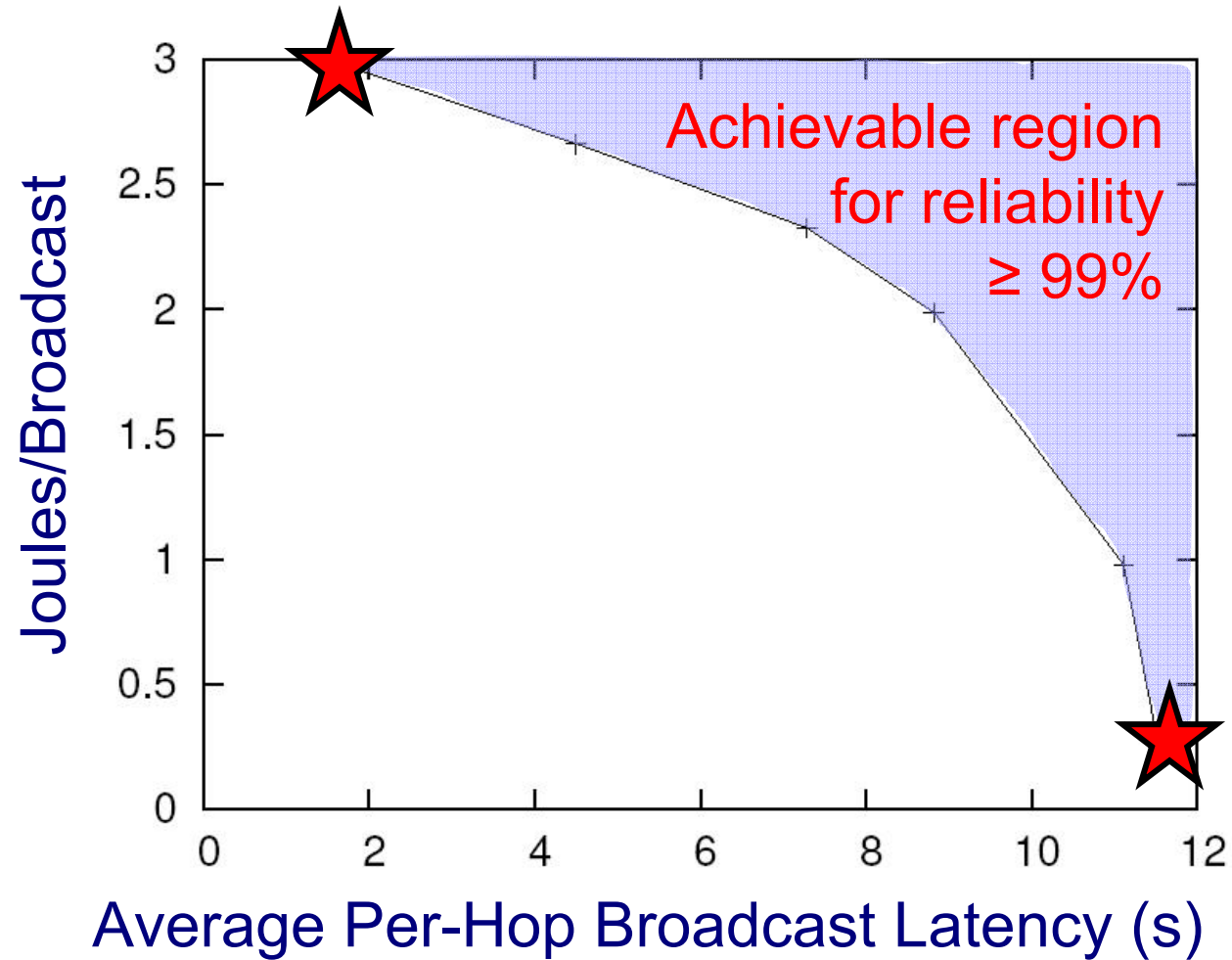
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# Analysis: Energy-Latency Tradeoff



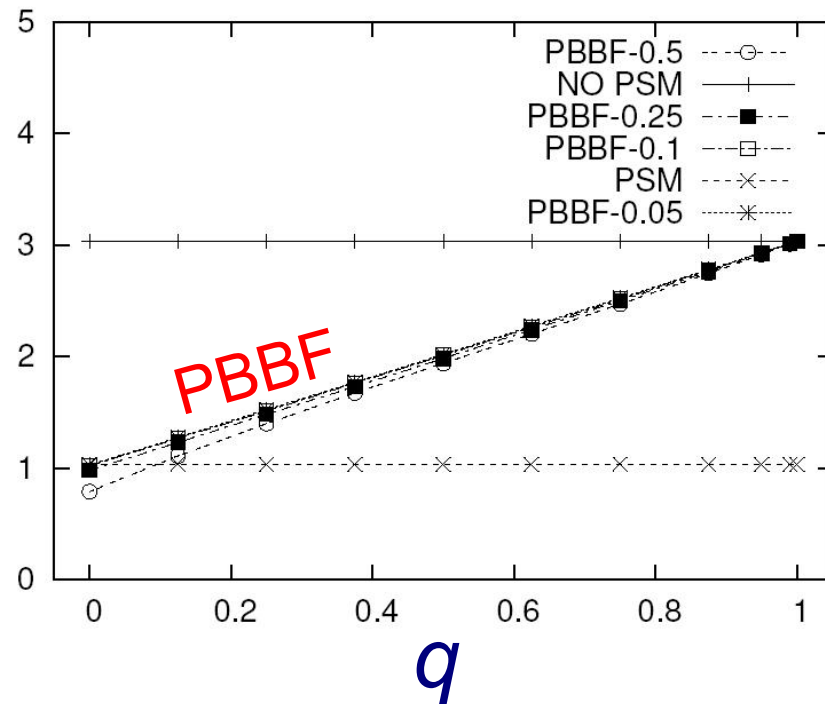


# Application Results

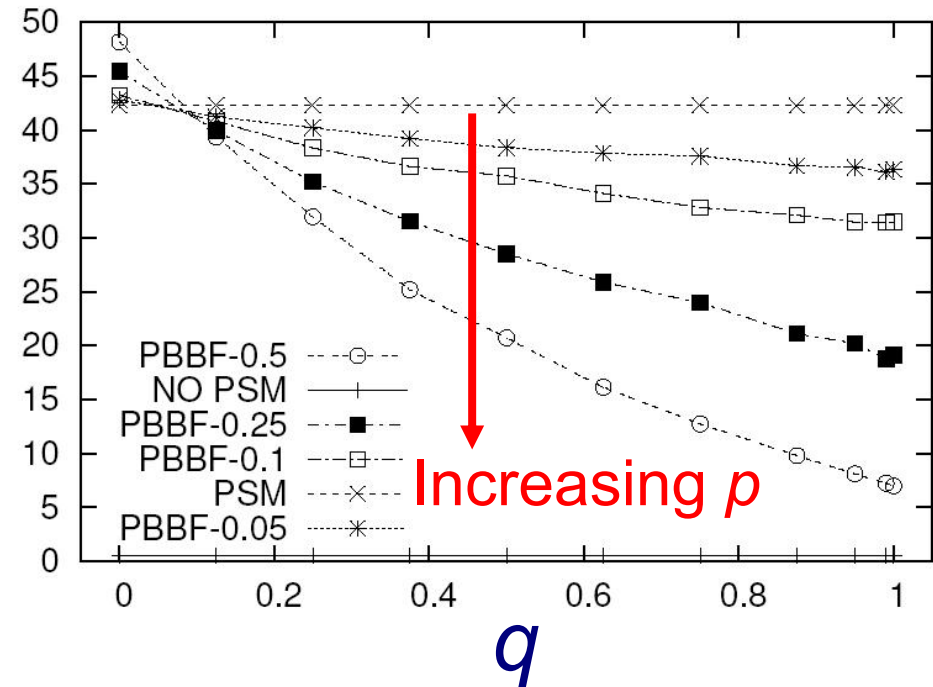
- Simulated code distribution application in *ns-2*, where a base station periodically sends patches for sensors to apply
  - 50 nodes
  - Average One-Hop Neighborhood Size = 10
  - Uniformly random node placement in square area
  - Topology connected
  - Full MAC layer

# Application: Energy and Latency

Energy  
Joules/Broadcast



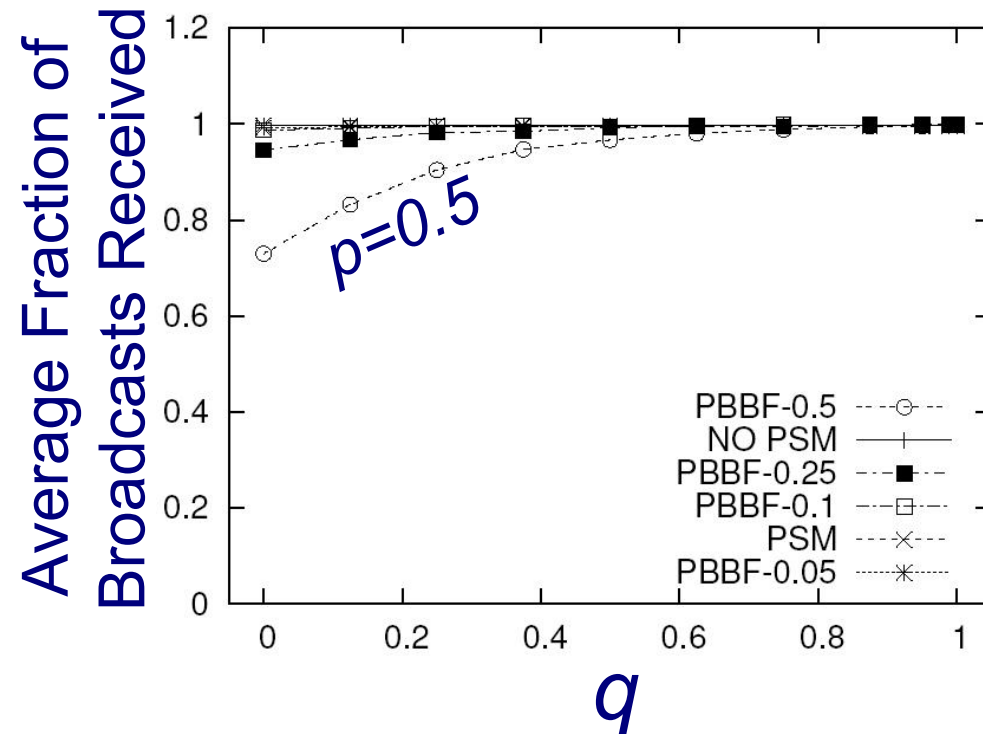
Latency  
Average 5-Hop Latency





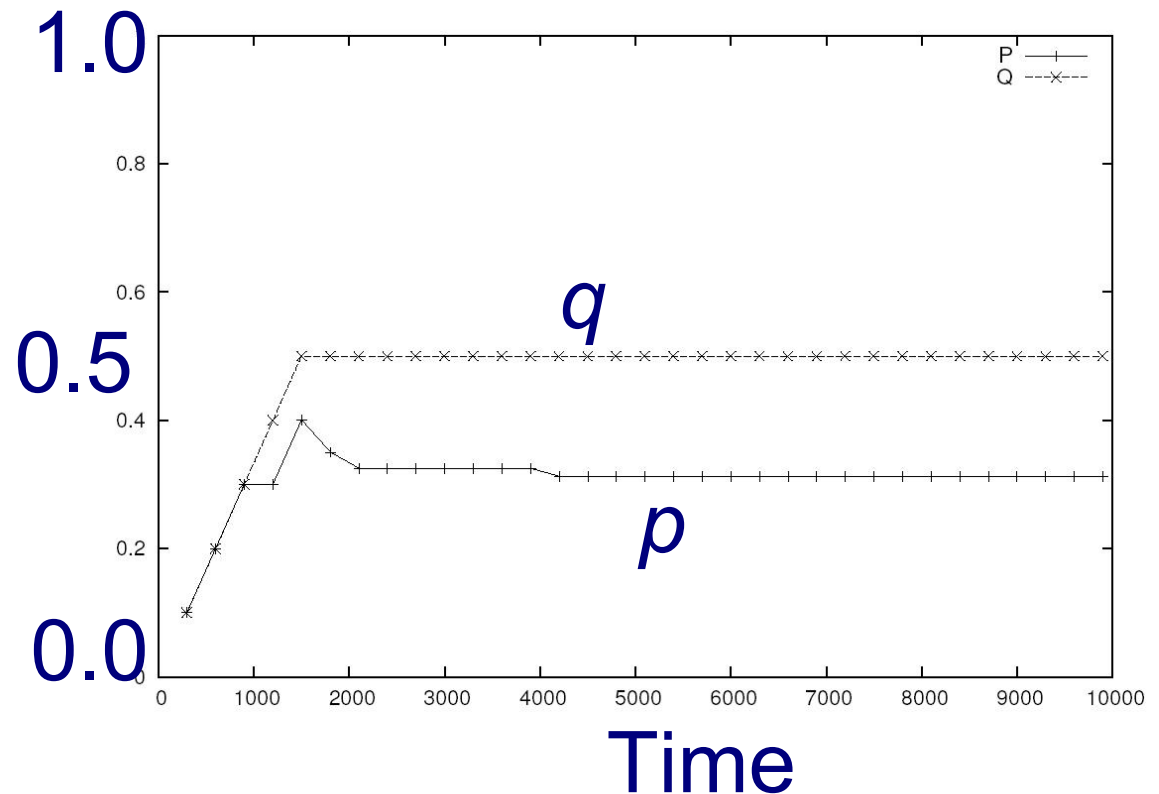
# Application: Reliability

- Different reliability metric
- Average fraction of broadcasts received per node
- Better fit for application

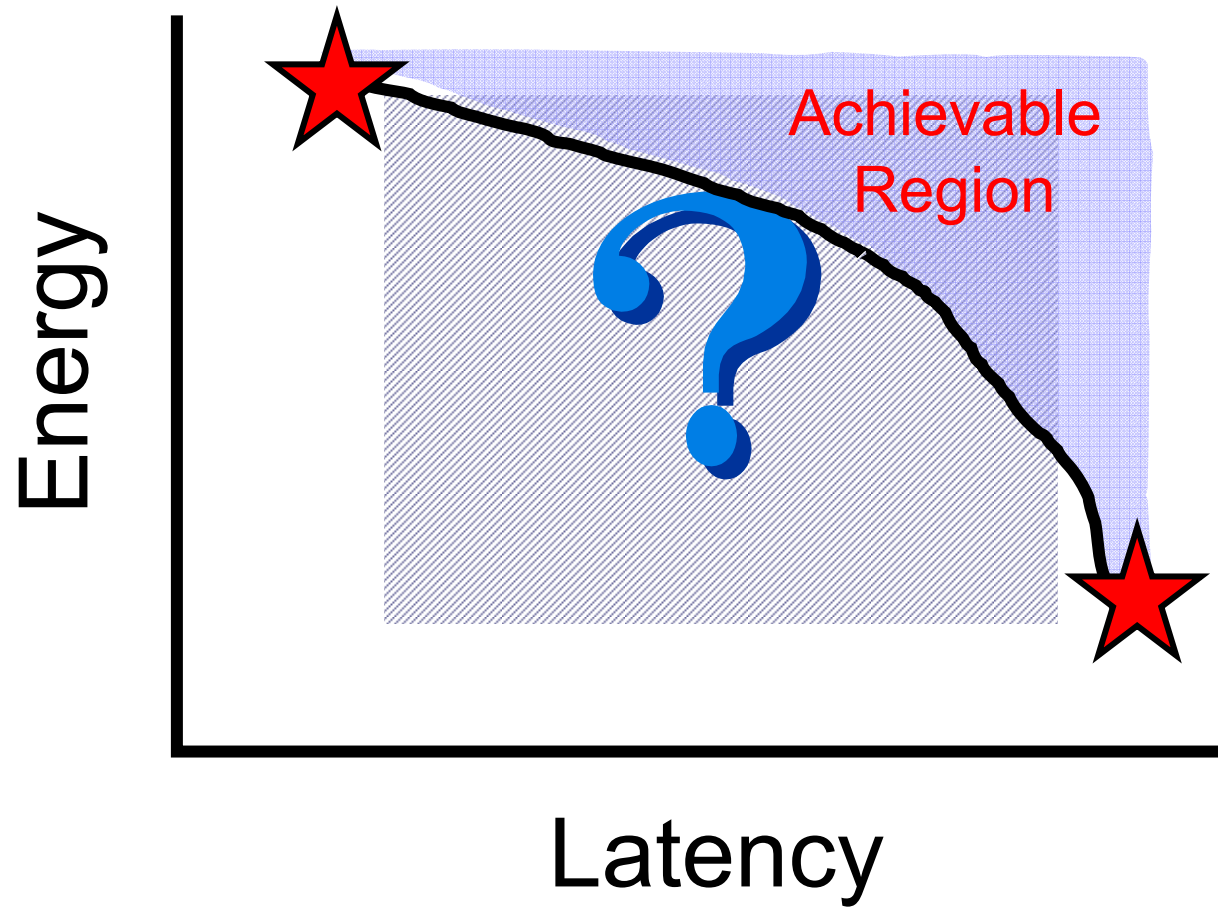


# Work In Progress

- Dynamically adjusting  $p$  and  $q$  to converge to user-specified QoS metrics
- E.g., Energy and latency are specified
- Subject to those constraints,  $p$  and  $q$  are adjusted to achieve the highest reliability possible



# Conclusion





# Questions???

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