

# **A Collaborative Bayesian Watchdog for Detecting Black Holes in MANETs**

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# Introduction

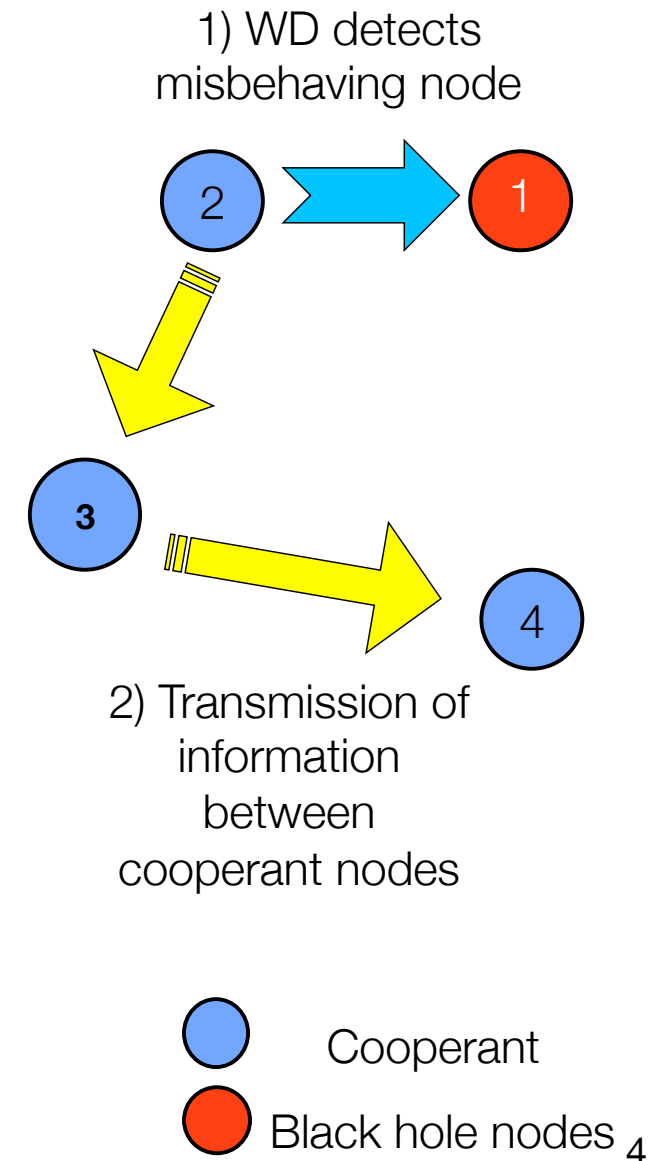
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- ◆ Goal
  - Improve the detection speed and accuracy of black hole nodes (misbehaving nodes) in a MANET (or DTN).
  
- ◆ Importance?
  - Misbehaviour: nodes refuse to forward other nodes' packets (black hole nodes).
    - Potentially, it could partition the network and seriously degrade its performance.
  - Increasing speed detection and accuracy results in a lower risk of network degradation in presence of a significant number of black holes

# Introduction

## ◆ Scenario

- MANET (or DTN) with an undefined number of cooperant and misbehaving nodes.
- All cooperant nodes have a watchdog
- Local watchdog detects (or not) misbehaving nodes (a POSITIVE)
- Detection could not be accurate
- Information about neighbouring nodes is transmitted between cooperant nodes.





# Introduction

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- ◆ A Watchdog...
  - Overhears wireless channel
  - Analyzes traffic to identify misbehaving nodes
  - Performs actions to cope with these misbehaviours
- ◆ Problems/challenges?
  - **Accuracy** (high level of false positives and false negatives), due to noisy channel and nodes' speed
  - **Detection delay**: amount of packets needed to assess a node's reputation → it also depends on the number of packets transmitted and the amount of misbehaving nodes



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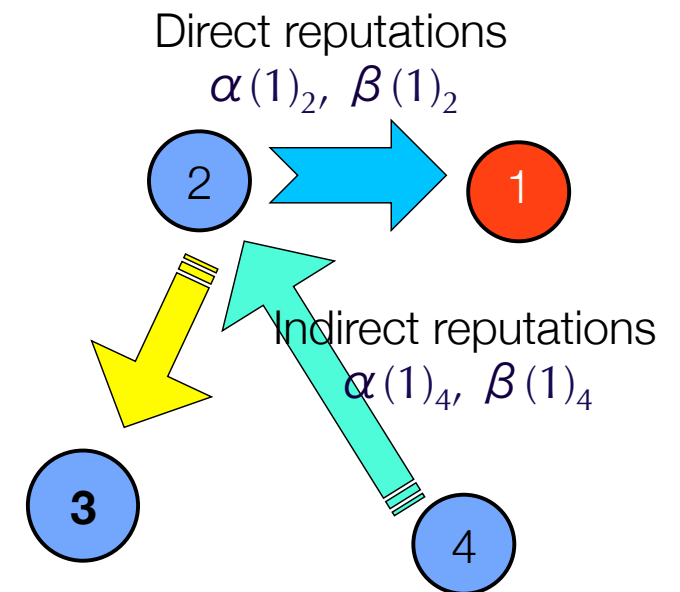


# Our approach

- ◆ Starting Point: Bayesian Watchdog
  - Previous work from our group
  - Uses a bayesian filter to analyze data captured by every individual watchdog to obtain reputations of its neighbouring nodes
    - Single approach: one node, one independent diagnostic about a suspect node
  - Based on an uncertainty function whose parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  represent node reputation.
    - If the relationship between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  exceeds a predefined tolerance level, the watchdog identifies that node as malicious
  - Results obtained through simulation: increases accuracy and detection speed compared to standard watchdogs

# Our approach

- ◆ Collaborative Bayesian Watchdog
  - Watchdogs analyze 'first-hand' information to obtain direct reputations  $(\alpha, \beta)$
  - Sharing these reputations between cooperant nodes provides 'second-hand' information, obtaining indirect reputations  $(\alpha', \beta')$
  - Confidence on cooperant nodes is also taken into account, modulating detection results (the  $\delta$  value)



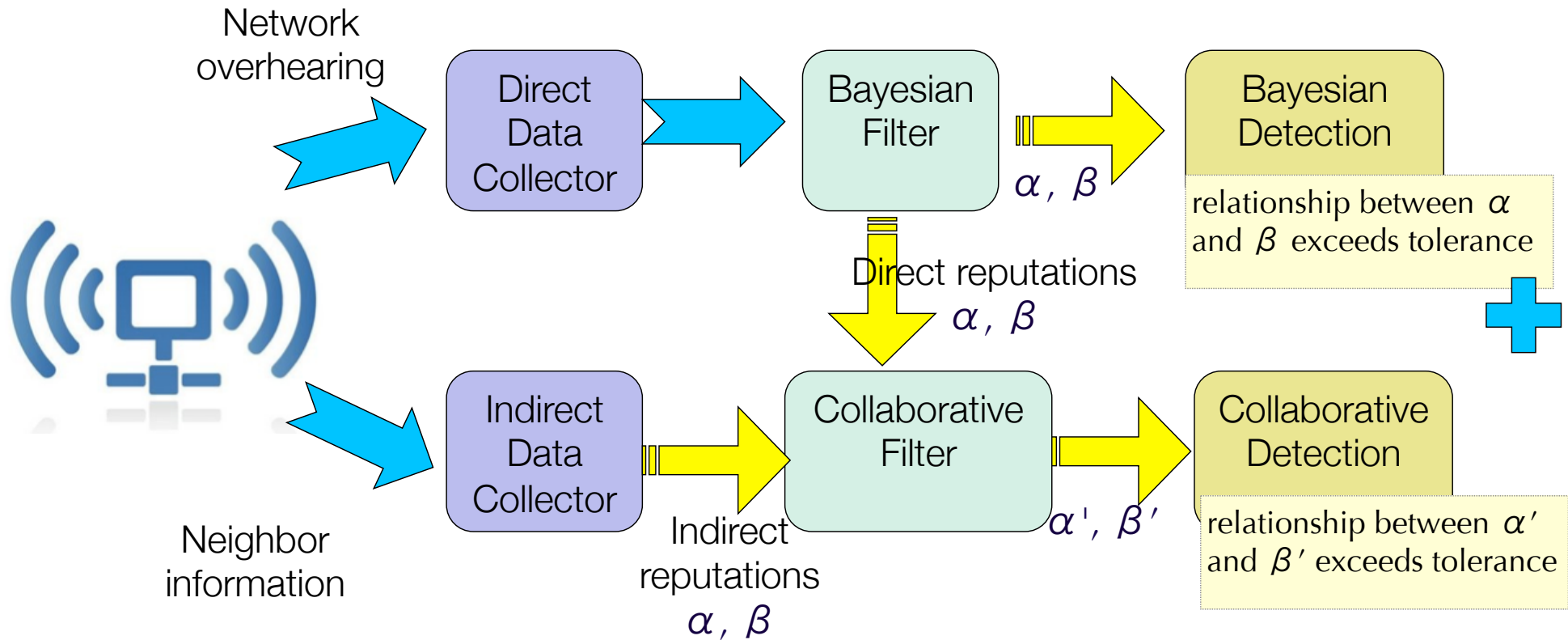
$$\alpha(1)'_2 = \frac{\alpha(1)_2 + \delta \cdot \text{mean}(\alpha(1)_j)}{2}$$

$\forall j \neq 2$  (neighbours)



# Our approach

- ◆ Implementation of collaborative watchdog





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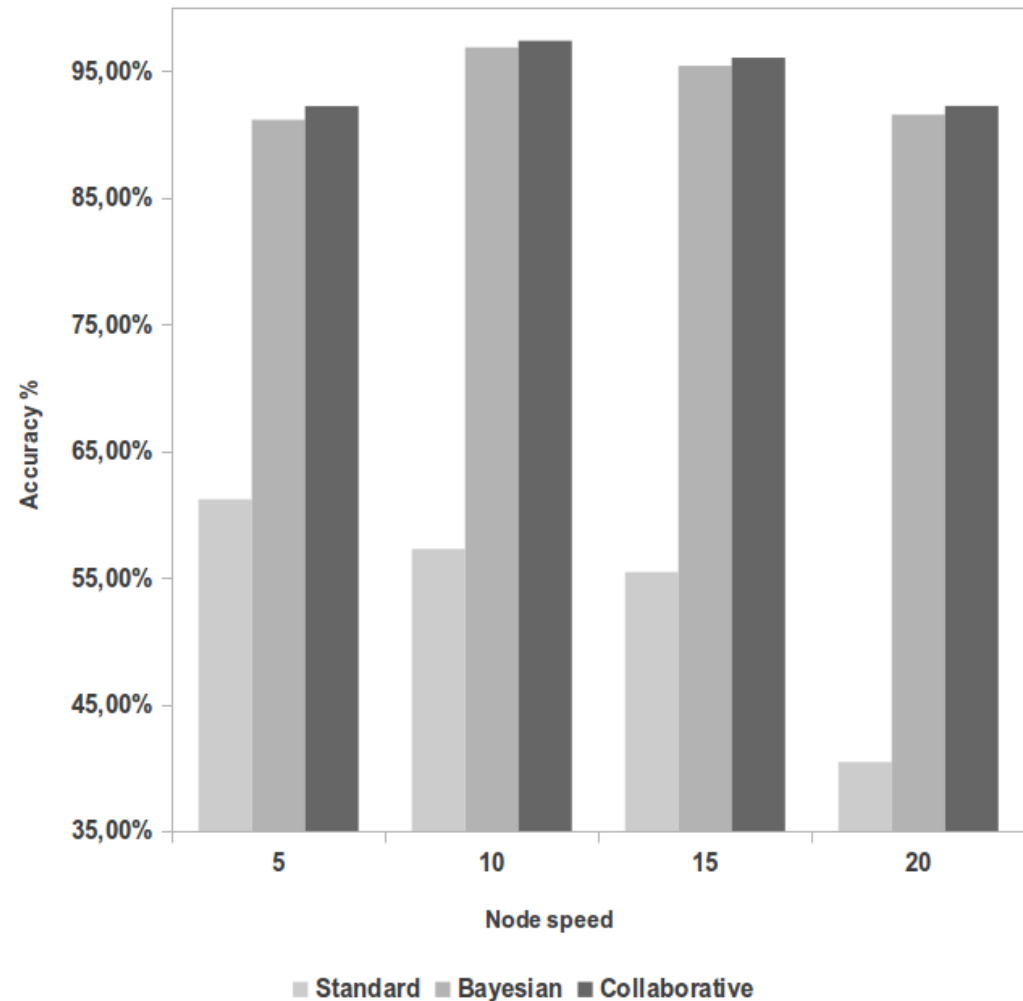
# Results

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- ◆ Experiment based on ns-2 simulator
- ◆ We implemented the Collaborative Bayesian Watchdog as a module.
- Simulation Environment
  - Mixed UDP Unicast CBR and UDP broadcast traffic patterns
  - 50 nodes
  - 10% of black holes
  - Node speed from 5 m/s to 20 m./s.
  - Simulation area 1000x1000 m.
  - Confidence on indirect reputations: 80% ( $\delta=0.8$ )

# Results

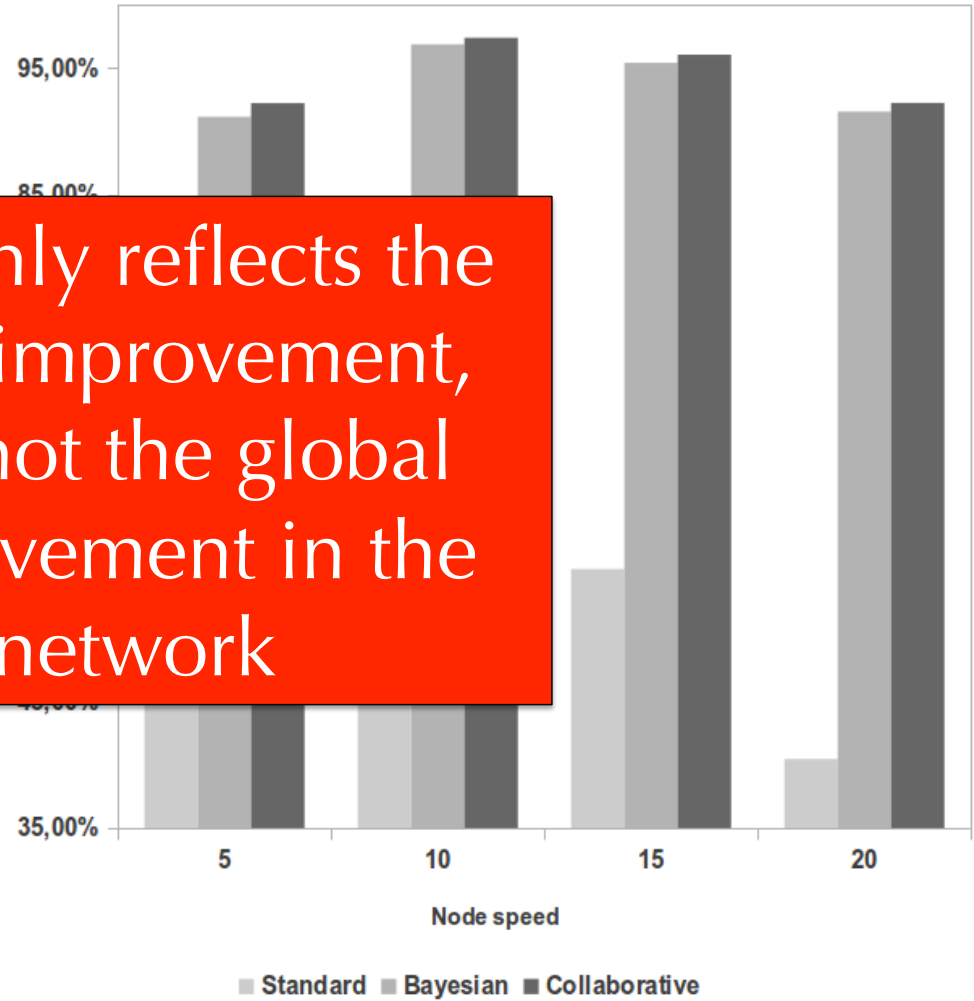
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# Analytical model

## ◆ Basic model

- N wireless mobile nodes
  - C collaborative nodes
  - S misbehaving nodes

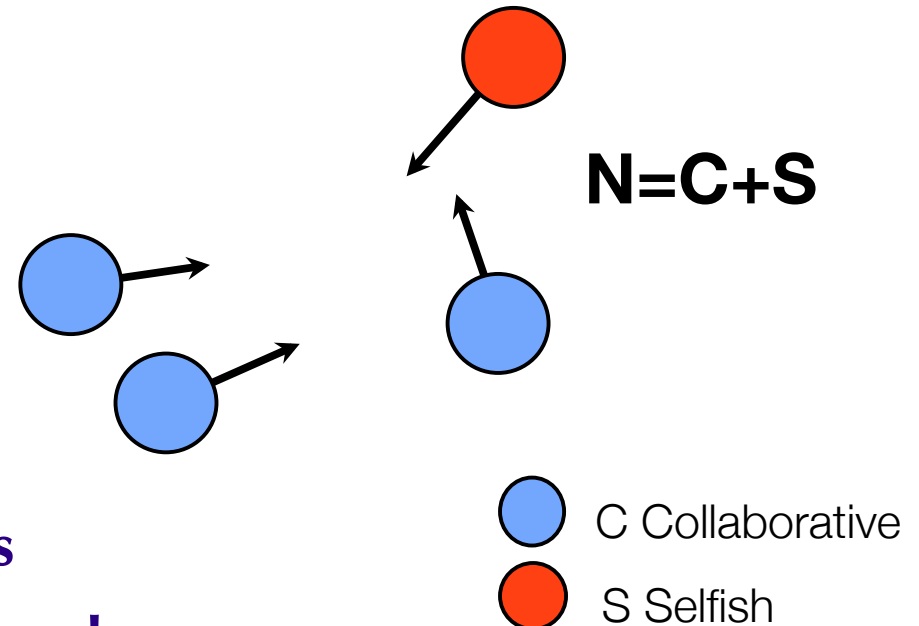
- Goal:

**Obtain time and cost all nodes**

**knows about the misbehaving nodes**

- ◆ Contact rate follows Poisson distribution  $\lambda$

- ◆ Model based in a CTMC (Continuous time Markov Chain)



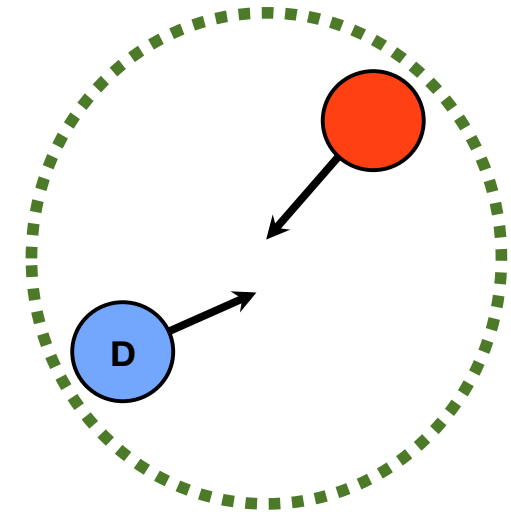
# Analytical model

◆ The model take into account two cases:

Case a: One of the nodes is a misbehaving node.

Detection using watchdog

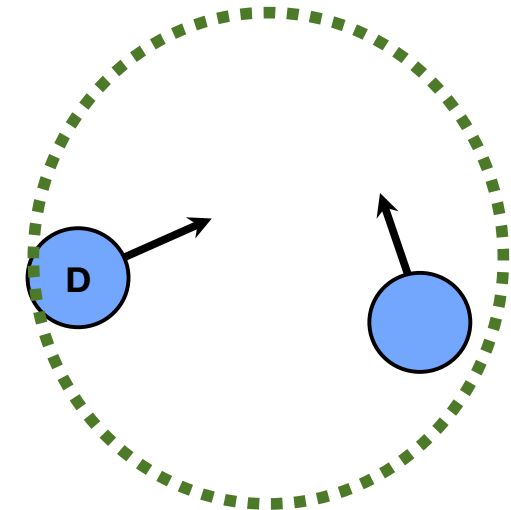
We model the case of detection using the probability of detection ( $p_d$ ).



Case b: Both nodes collaborative.

If one node knows the misbehaving node it transmits this information

We model the degree of collaboration (0: no collaboration, 1: full collaboration) as the probability of collaboration ( $p_c$ )

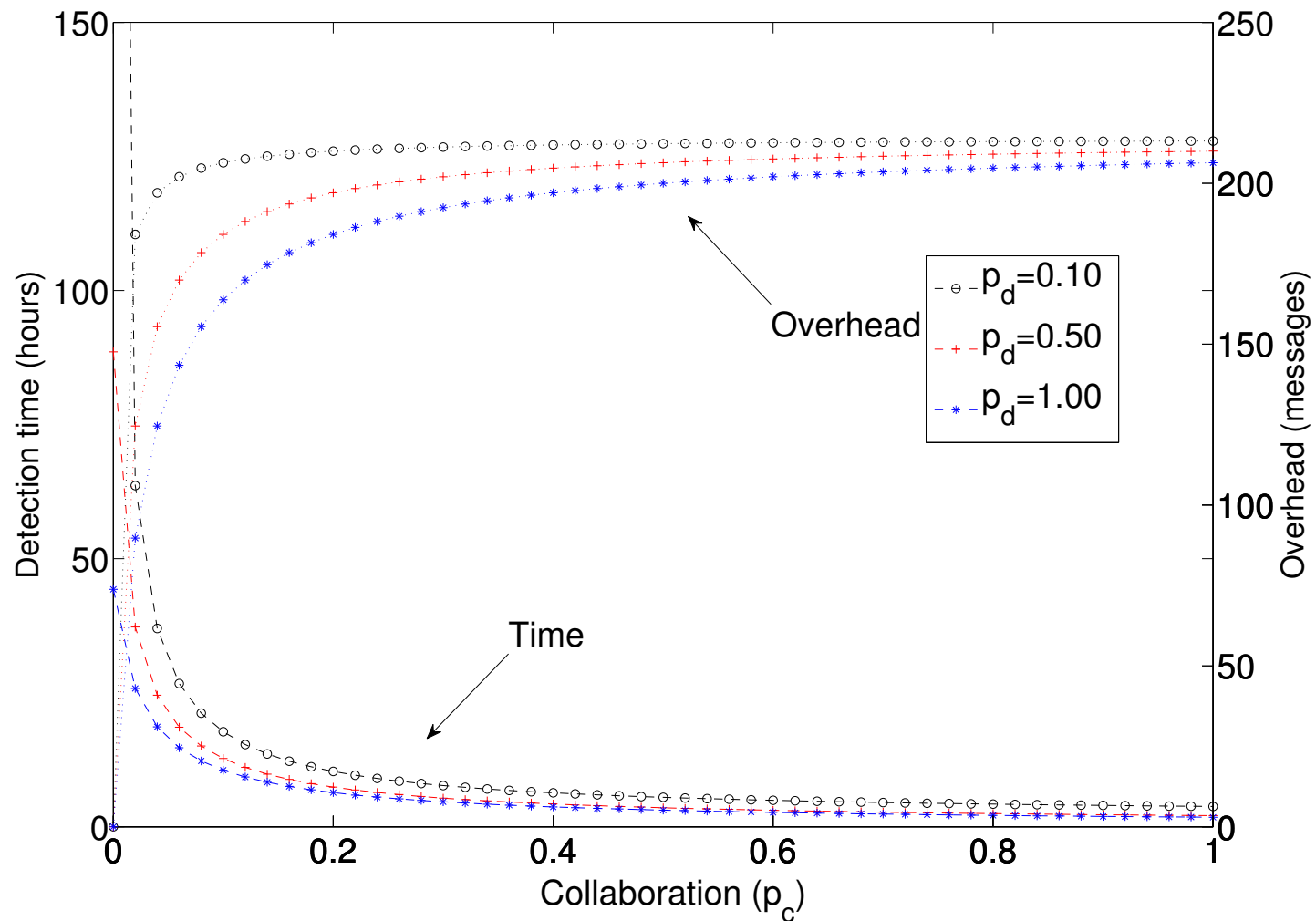






# Analytical model

## ◆ Influence of collaboration ( $N=50$ , $\lambda = 2.81 \times 10^{-5} s^{-1}$ )





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# Conclusions

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- ◆ We have introduced a new approach to detect misbehaving nodes using collaborative watchdogs.
- ◆ Simulation results show that our approach improves detection speed of black holes, and slightly increases the accuracy of that detection process.
- ◆ Analytical results show that the collaborative watchdog can reduce the overall detection time with a reduced overhead (messages cost).
  - ◆ This reduction is very significant when the watchdog detection effectiveness is low.
  - ◆ Furthermore, this reduction can be obtained even with a moderate degree of collaboration