

# Sequencer-based Approach

- Special process elected as leader or sequencer
- Send multicast at process  $P_i$ :
  - Send multicast message  $M$  to group and sequencer
- Sequencer:
  - Maintains a global sequence number  $S$  (initially 0)
  - When it receives a multicast message  $M$ , it sets  $S = S + 1$ , and multicasts  $\langle M, S \rangle$
- Receive multicast at process  $P_i$ :
  - $P_i$  maintains a local received global sequence number  $S_i$  (initially 0)
  - If  $P_i$  receives a multicast  $M$  from  $P_j$ , it buffers it until it both
    1.  $P_i$  receives  $\langle M, S(M) \rangle$  from sequencer, and
    2.  $S_i + 1 = S(M)$
    - Then deliver it message to application and set  $S_i = S_i + 1$