

# Suspicion Mechanism

- Distinguish multiple suspicions of a process
  - Per-process *incarnation number*
  - *Inc #* for  $pi$  can be incremented only by  $pi$ 
    - e.g., when it receives a (Suspect,  $pi$ ) message
  - Somewhat similar to DSDV (routing protocol in ad-hoc nets)
- Higher inc# notifications over-ride lower inc#'s
- Within an inc#: (Suspect inc #) > (Alive, inc #)
- (Failed, inc #) overrides everything else