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Afternoon Session- Part 1  
Energy Harvesting  
Wireless Networks



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# Introduction

- Energy efficient communications for “regular” nodes
  - Better signal processing techniques
  - Power efficiency
  - MIMO
- New Paradigm: Communication with “rechargeable nodes”

- Wireless networking with rechargeable (energy harvesting) nodes:
  - Green, self-sufficient nodes,
  - Extended network lifetime,
  - Smaller nodes with smaller batteries.

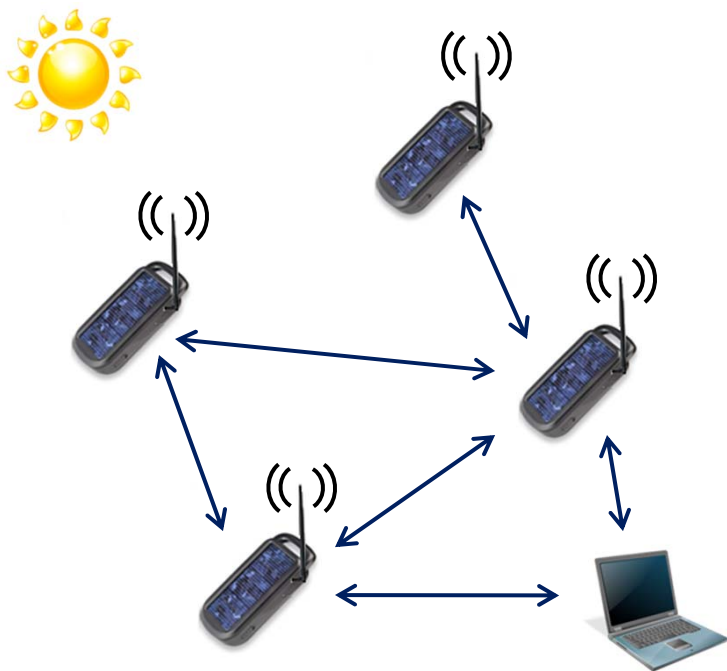
A relatively new field with increasing interest.

# Energy Harvesting

- Conventional energy supply requires:
  - Electrical wiring
  - Battery replacement
- **Energy Harvesting:**
  - Generating electricity from surrounding environment
  - light, vibration, heat, radio waves...

# Some Applications

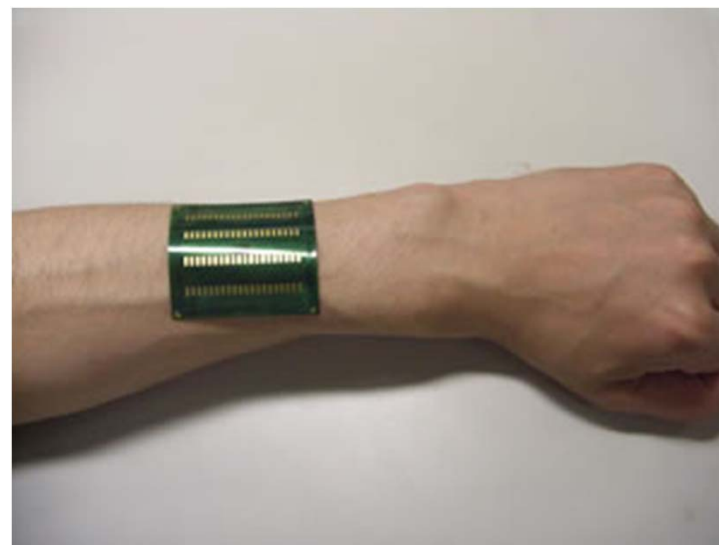
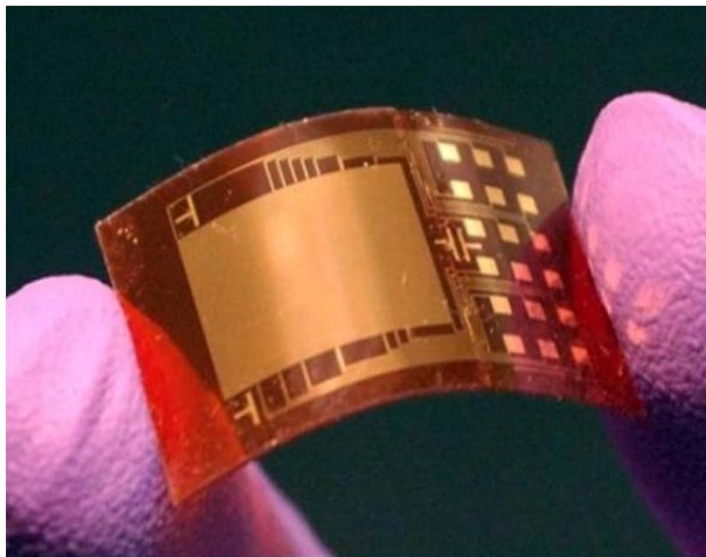
## Wireless sensor networks



Green communications

# Energy Harvesting

- Fujitsu's hybrid device utilizing heat or light.



- Nanogenerators built at Georgia Tech, utilizing strain



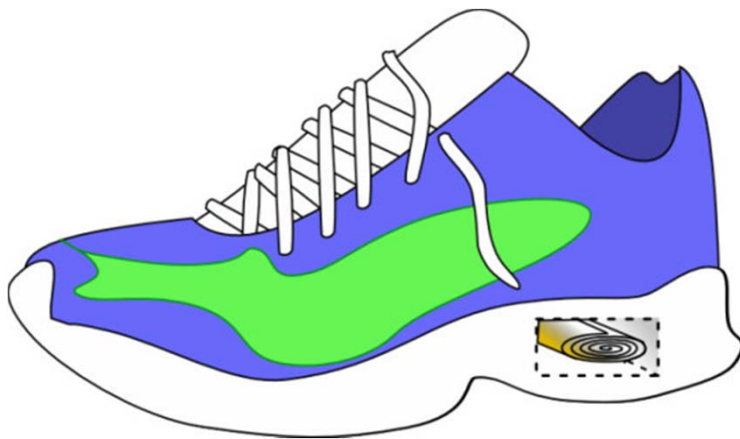
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# Energy Harvesting

- Various practical applications



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# Motivation

- **New Wireless Network Design Challenge:**  
A **set of energy feasibility constraints** based on harvests govern the communication resources.
- **Design question:**  
When and at what rate/power should a "rechargeable" (energy harvesting) node transmit?
- **Optimality? Throughput; Delivery Delay**



# Motivation

Many open problems related to all layers of the network design.

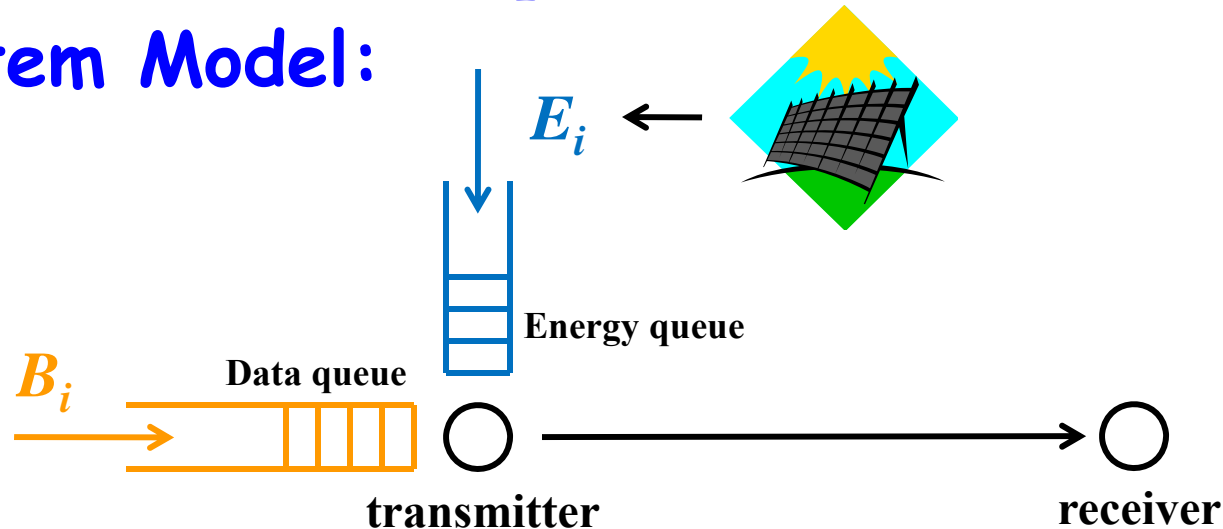
- Transmission scheduling
- Signal processing/PHY design
- MAC protocol design
- Channel capacity
- ...

# Remainder of this lecture

- Optimal Scheduling Policies for **one** Energy Harvesting Transmitter with the goal of maximizing throughput or minimizing transmission completion time for
  1. Infinite energy storage
  2. Finite Battery Capacity
  3. Fading Channel

# Optimal Scheduling [Yang, Ulukus 2010]

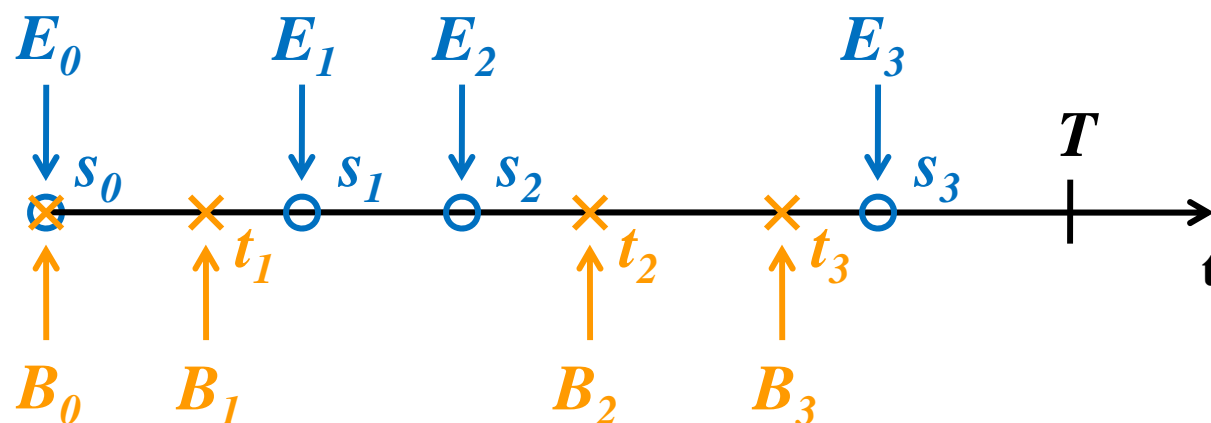
System Model:



- Single communication link, energy harvesting transmitter
- Energy and data arrivals to transmitter
- Transmitting with power  $p$  achieves rate  $r(p)$

# Optimal Packet Scheduling

## System Model:



- **Energy harvests:** Size  $E_i$  at time  $t_i$
- **Data packet arrivals:** Size  $B_i$  at time  $s_i$

All arrivals known by transmitter noncausally.

# Optimal Packet Scheduling (TCTM)

- **Problem:**

Find **optimal transmission power/rate policy** that minimizes transmission time for a known amount of arriving packets.

- What is the minimum  $T$  by which we can transmit all packets?: **Transmission Completion Time Minimization (TCTM)**

- **Constraints:**

Cannot use energy not harvested yet

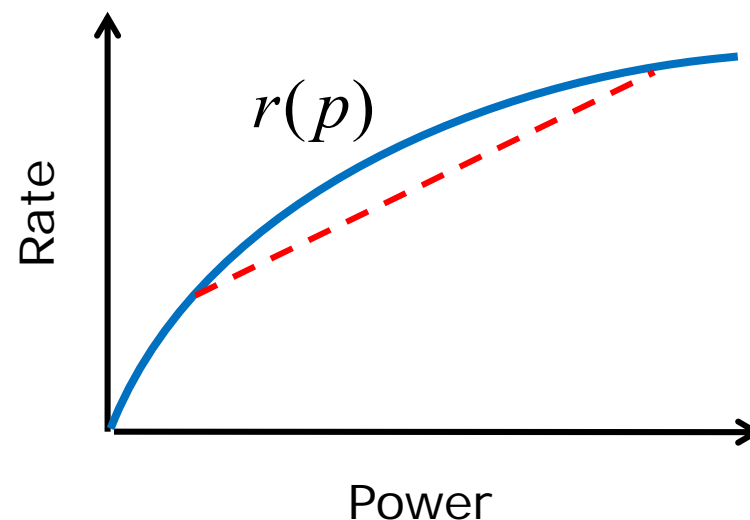
Cannot transmit packets not received yet

# Power-Rate Function

- Transmission with power  $p$  yields a rate of  $r(p)$

- Assumptions on  $r(p)$ :**

- $r(0)=0, r(p) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$
- increases monotonically in  $p$
- strictly concave**
- $r(p)$  continuously differentiable

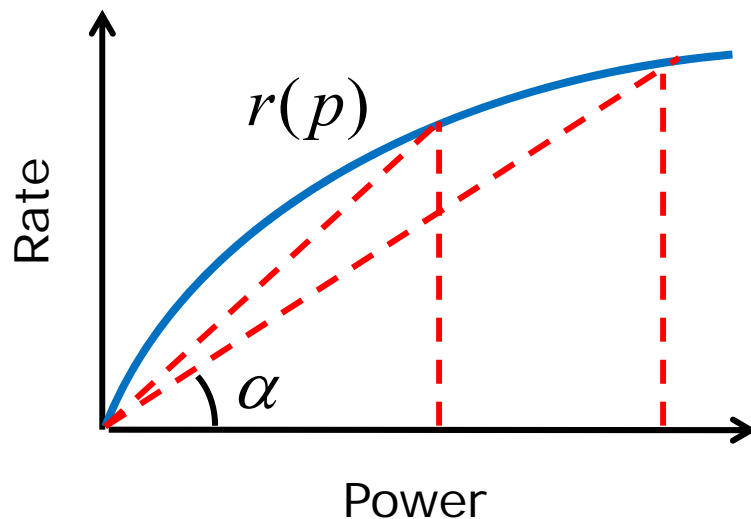


Example: AWGN Channel, 
$$r(P) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(1 + \frac{P}{N}\right)$$

# Power-Rate Function

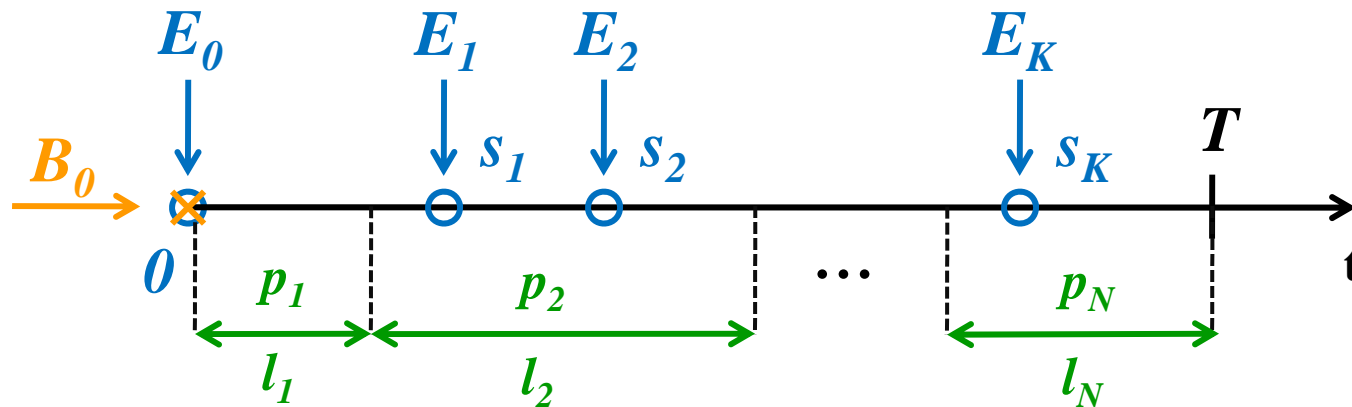
- $r(p)$  strictly concave, increasing,  $r(0)=0$  implies

$$\tan(\alpha) = \frac{r(p)}{p} \text{ is monotonically decreasing in } p$$



- Given a fixed energy, a longer transmission with lower power departs more bits (a la lazy scheduling)
- Also,  $r^{-1}(p)$  exists and is strictly convex

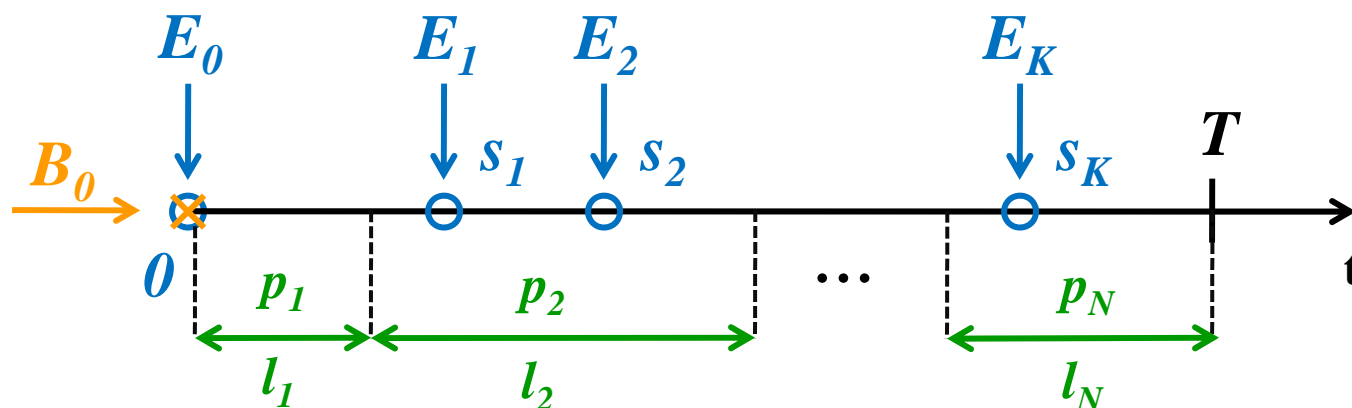
# Scenario I: Packets Ready before Transmission



- **Transmission structure:** Power  $p_i$  for duration  $l_i$
- **Harvested Energy:**  $E(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{i}} p_i l_i + p_{i+1} \left( t - \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{i}} l_i \right), \quad \bar{i} = \max \left\{ i : \sum_{j=1}^i l_j \leq t \right\}$
- **Departed bits:**  $B(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{i}} r(p_i) l_i + r(p_{i+1}) \left( t - \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{i}} l_i \right)$



# Scenario I: Packets Ready before Transmission



- Problem Definition:**  $\min T$   
s.t.  $E(t) \leq \sum_{i:s_i < t} E_i \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$   
 $B(T) = B_0$

## Necessary conditions for optimality

- **Lemma 1:** The transmit powers increase monotonically, i.e.,  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_N$

**Proof:** (by contradiction) assume not, i.e.,  $p_i > p_{i+1}$  for some  $i$

Energy consumed in  $l_i$  and  $l_{i+1}$  is  $p_i l_i + p_{i+1} l_{i+1}$

Consider the following constant power policy:

$$p'_i = p'_{i+1} = \frac{p_i l_i + p_{i+1} l_{i+1}}{l_i + l_{i+1}}$$

which does not violate energy constraint since  $p'_i < p_i$

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**Proof(cont'd):** Transmitted bits then become

$$\begin{aligned} r'_i \cdot l_i + r'_{i+1} l_{i+1} &= r \left( \frac{p_i l_i + p_{i+1} l_{i+1}}{l_i + l_{i+1}} \right) (l_i + l_{i+1}) \\ &> r(p_i) \frac{l_i}{l_i + l_{i+1}} (l_i + l_{i+1}) + r(p_{i+1}) \frac{l_{i+1}}{l_i + l_{i+1}} (l_i + l_{i+1}) \\ &= r(p_i) l_i + r(p_{i+1}) l_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

where inequality is due to **strict concavity of  $r(p)$**

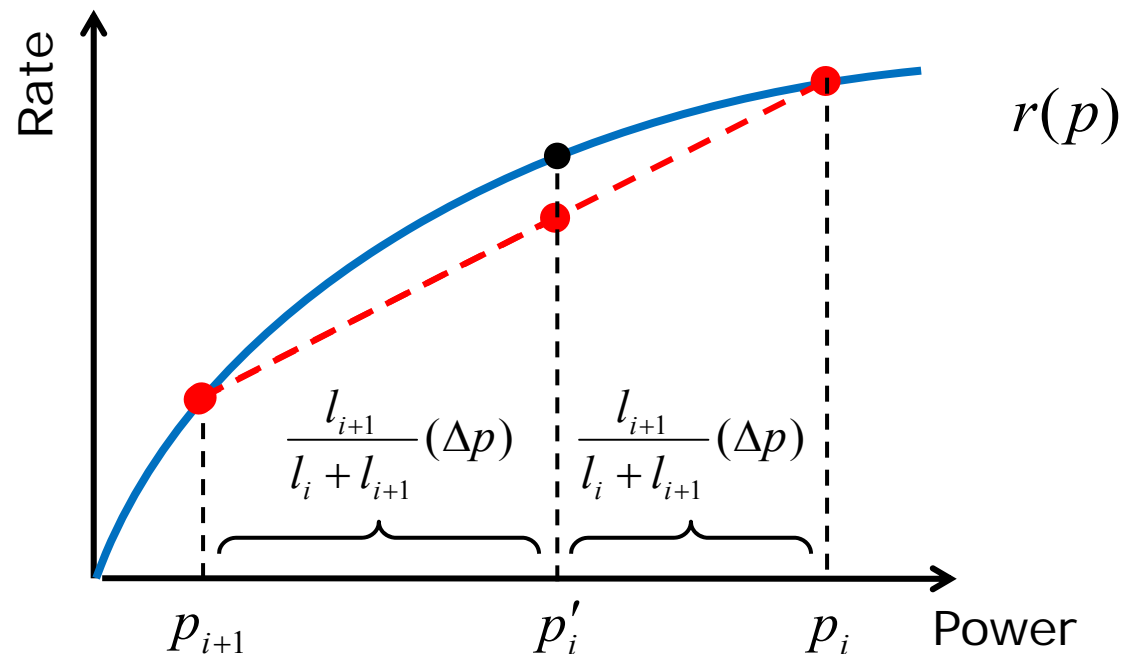
***Therefore  $p_i > p_{i+1}$  cannot be optimal***

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**Proof(cont'd):**

Time-sharing between any two points is strictly suboptimal for concave  $r(p)$



## Necessary conditions for optimality

- **Lemma 2:** The transmission power remains constant between energy harvests

**Proof:** (by contradiction) assume not

Let total consumed energy in epoch  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$  be  $E_{total}$ , which is available in energy queue at  $t = s_i$

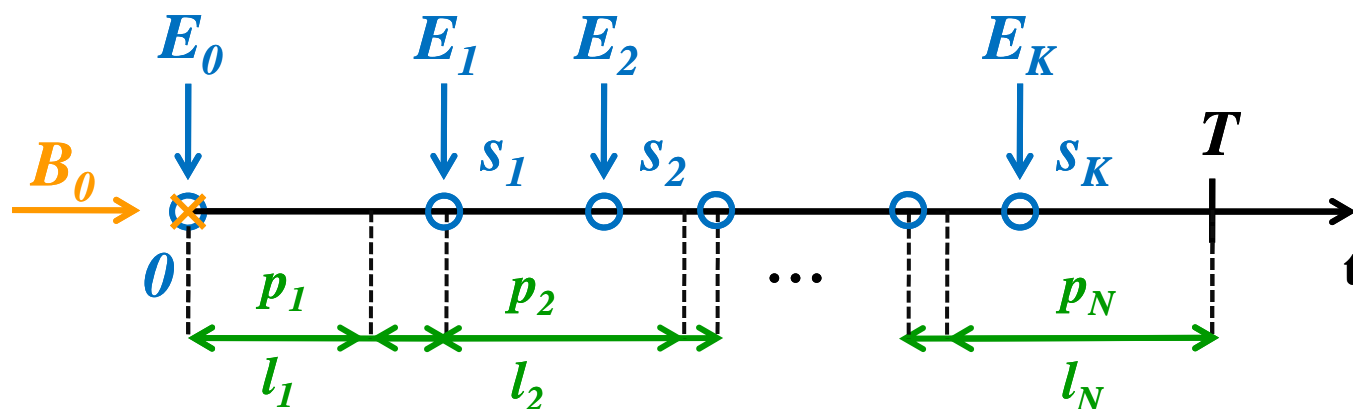
Then a constant power transmission

$$p' = \frac{E_{total}}{s_{i+1} - s_i}, \quad t \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$$

is feasible and strictly better than a non-constant transmission

## Necessary conditions for optimality

- Lemma 2: The transmission power remains constant between energy harvests



Transmission power only changes on  $s_i$

## Necessary conditions for optimality

- **Lemma 3:** Whenever transmission rate changes, energy buffer is empty

**Proof:** (by contradiction) assume not, i.e.,  $p_i < p_{i+1}$  for some  $i$  and energy buffer has  $\Delta$  energy remaining at time of change.

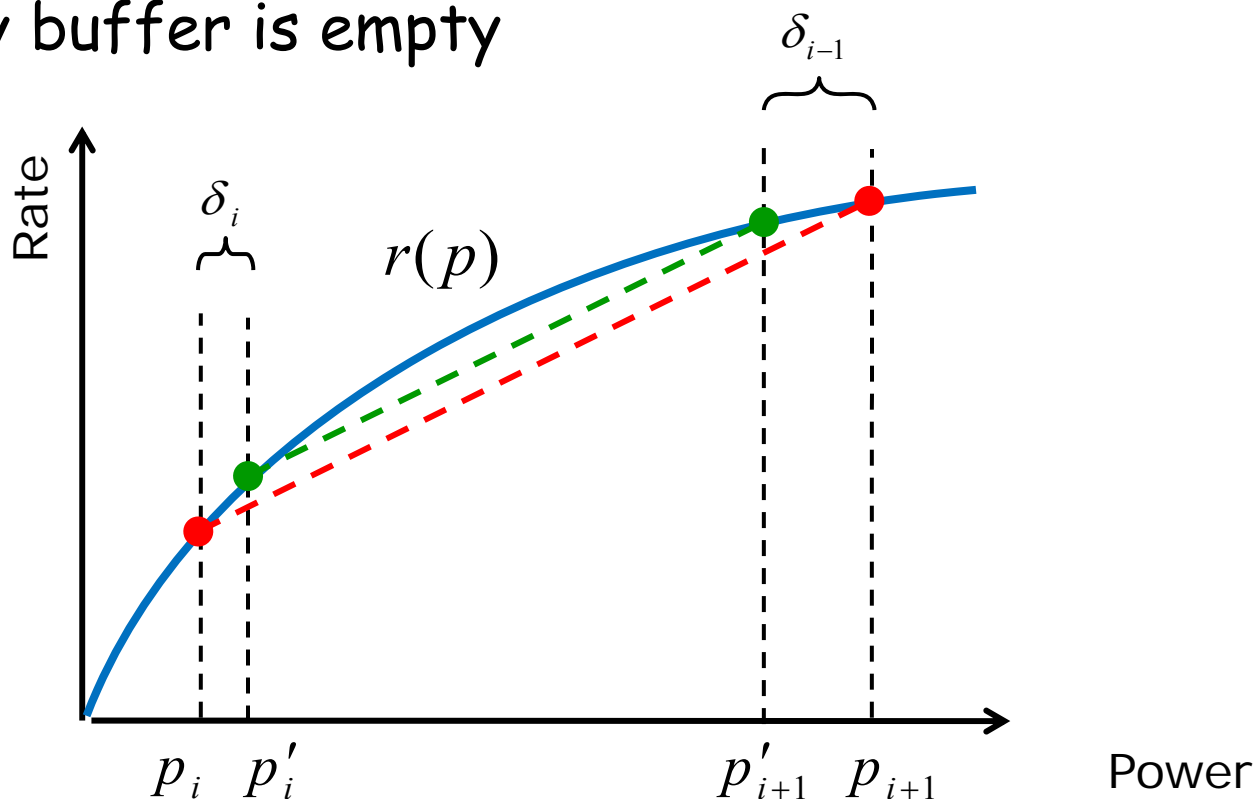
Choose  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_{i+1}$  such that  $\delta_i l_i = \delta_{i+1} l_{i+1} \leq \Delta$  and let

$$p'_i = p_i + \delta_i, \quad p'_{i+1} = p_{i+1} + \delta_{i+1}$$

Since  $\Delta$  amount of energy has moved from  $i+1$  to  $i$ , and this was available at the buffer, this policy is feasible

## Necessary conditions for optimality

- **Lemma 3:** Whenever transmission rate changes, energy buffer is empty





## Necessary conditions for optimality

### Summary:

- L1: Power only increases
- L2: Power constant between arrivals
- L3: At time of power change, energy buffer is empty

### Conclusion:

For optimal policy, compare and sort (L1) power levels that deplete energy buffer (L3) at arrival instances (L2).

# Optimal Policy for Scenario I

For a given  $B_0$  the optimal policy satisfies:

and has the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^N r(p_n) l_n = B_0$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$i_n = \arg \min_{\substack{i: s_i \leq T \\ s_i > s_{i_{n-1}}}} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=i_{n-1}}^{i-1} E_j}{s_i - s_{i_{n-1}}} \right\}$$

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# Algorithm for Scenario I

1. Find minimum number of energy arrivals required  $i_{\min}$

by comparing: 
$$A_i = r^{-1} \left( \frac{B_0}{s_i} \right) s_i \leq \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} E_j$$

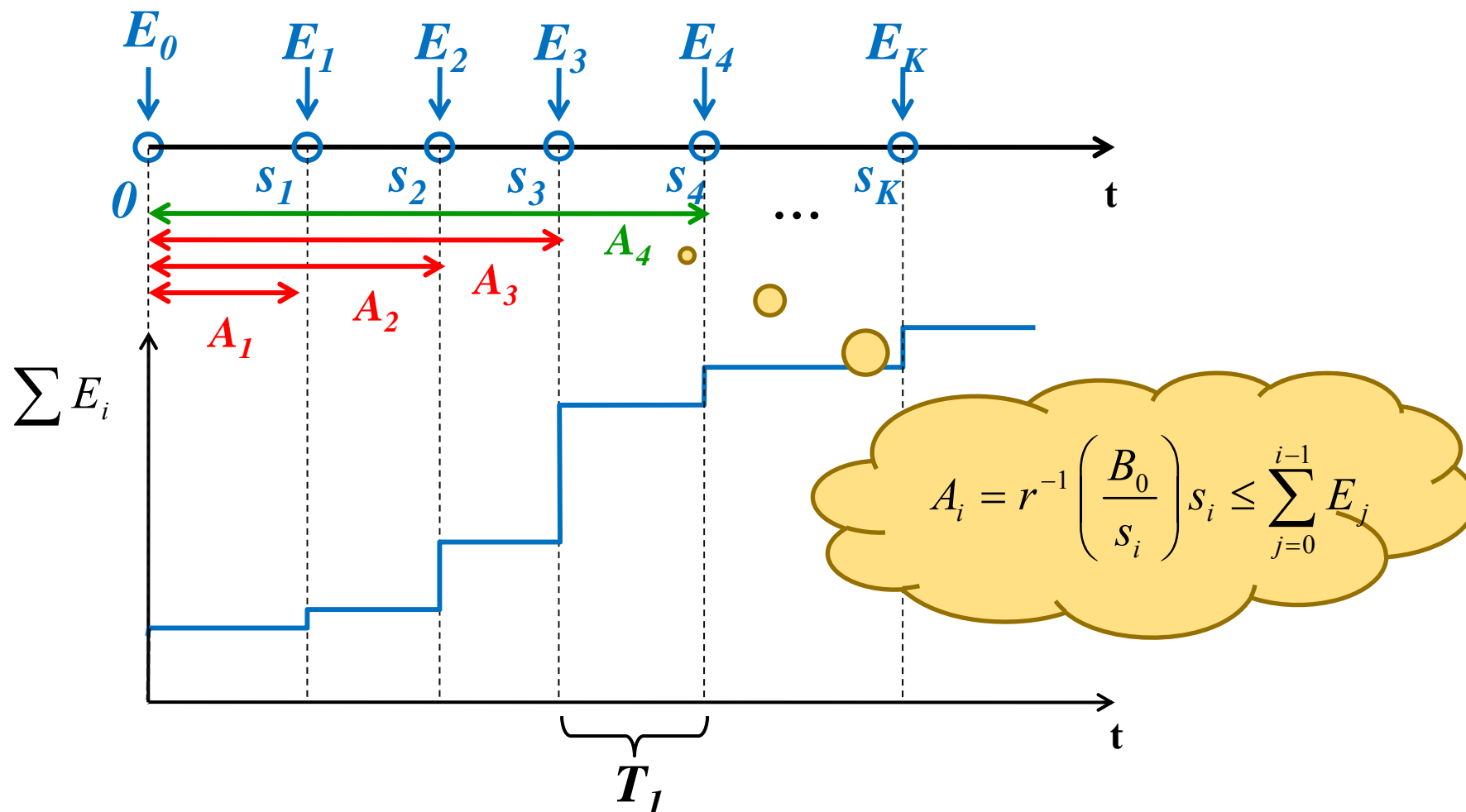
2. Find  $s_{i_{\min}-1} < T_1 < s_{i_{\min}}$  satisfying  $B_0 = r \underbrace{\left( \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} E_j}{T_1} \right)}_{\tilde{p}_1} s_i \cdot T_1$

3. Set  $p_1 = \min \left\{ \tilde{p}_1, \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} E_j}{s_i}, i = 1 \dots i_{\min} \right\} \right\},$

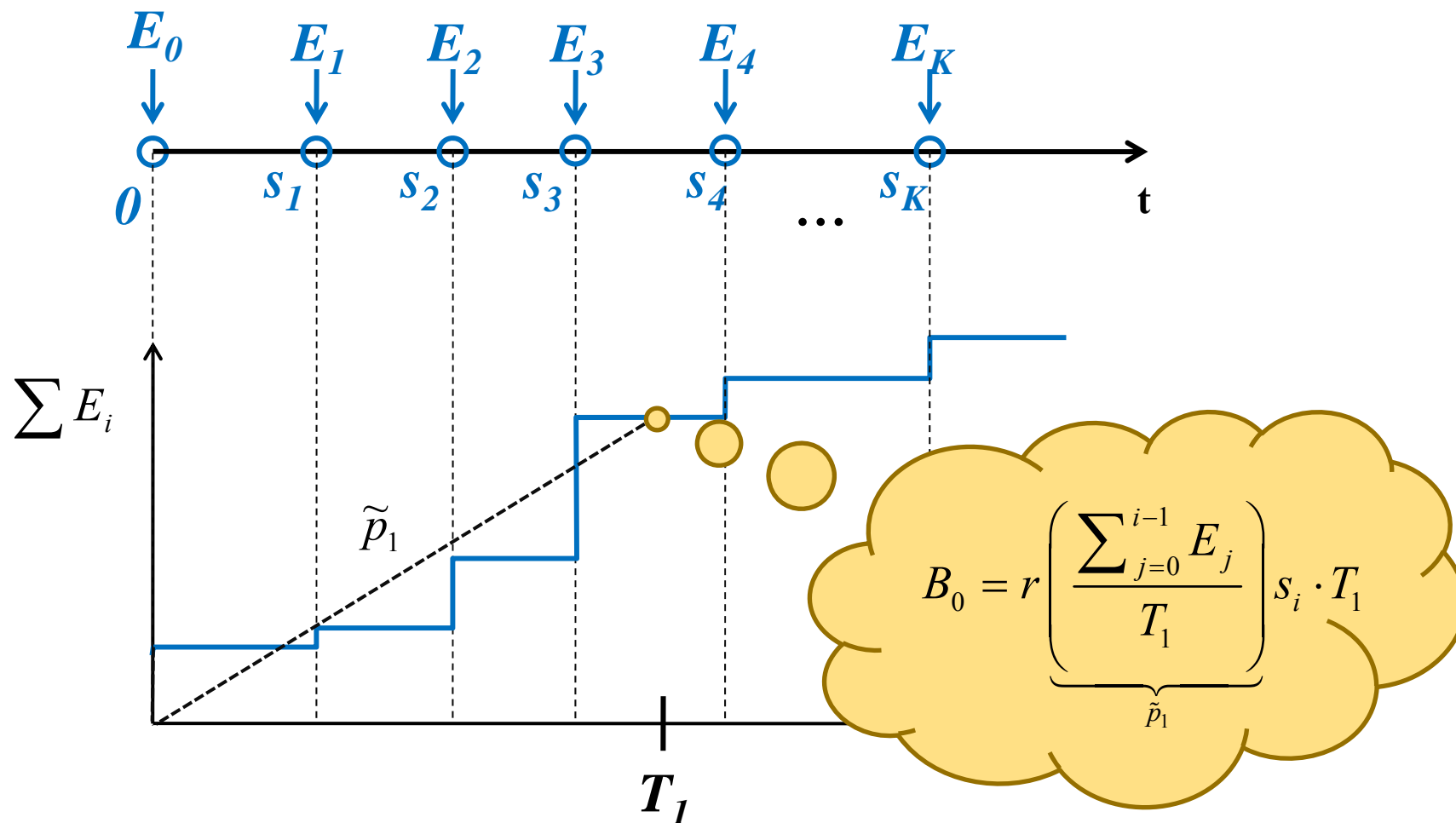
$l_1 = s_{i_1}$  where  $i_1$  is the minimizer of  $p_1$

4. Repeat starting from  $s_{i_1}$

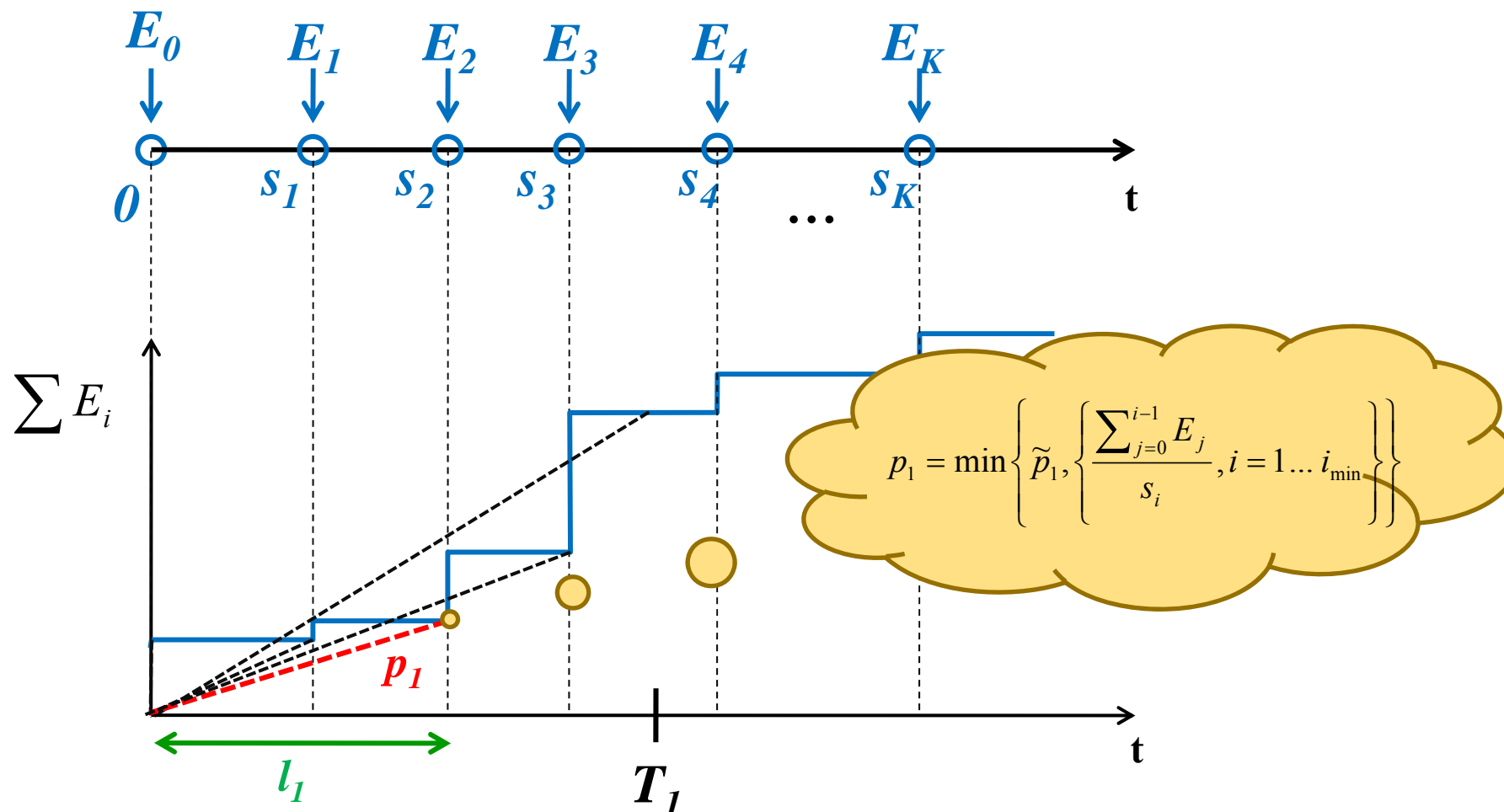
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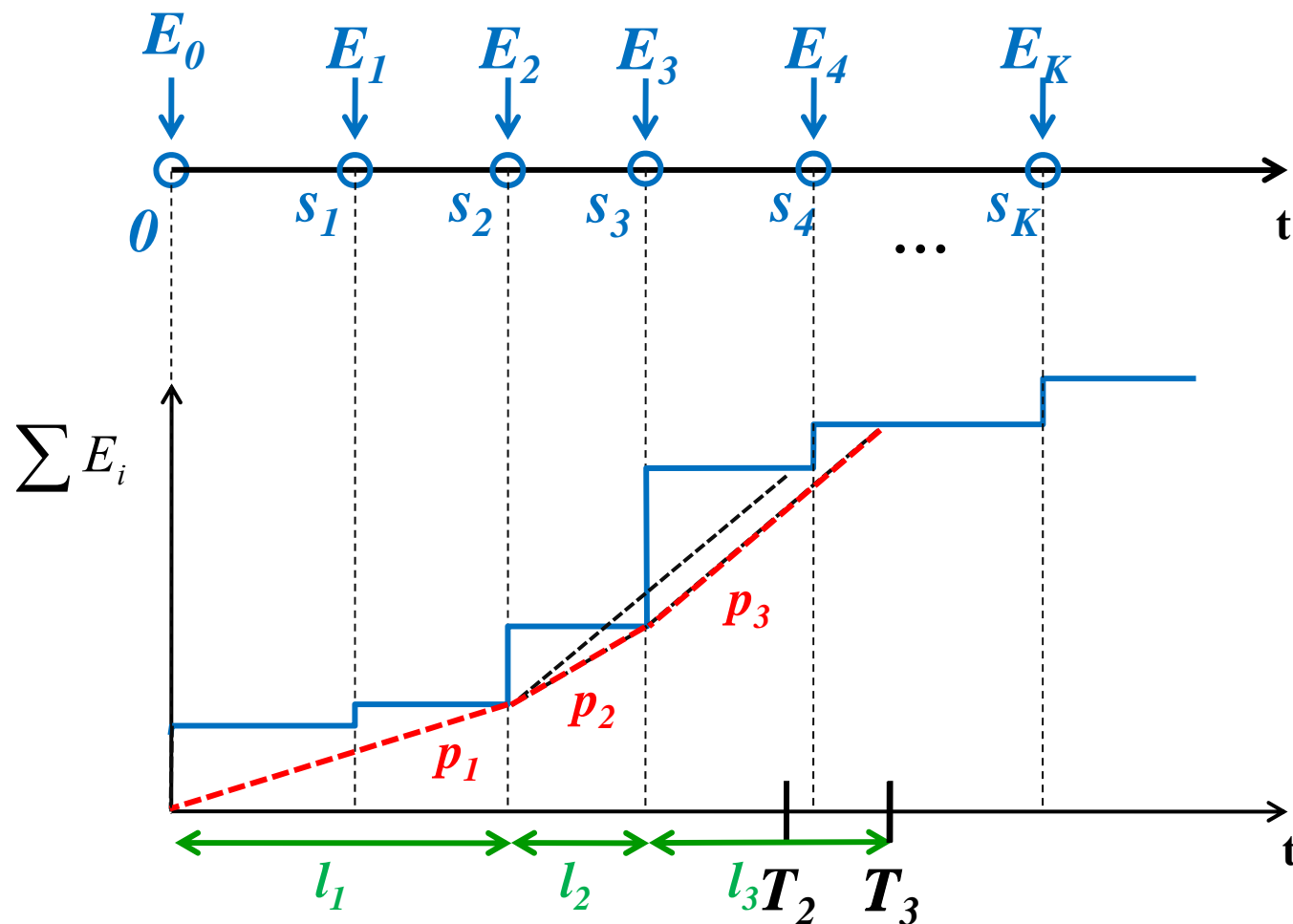
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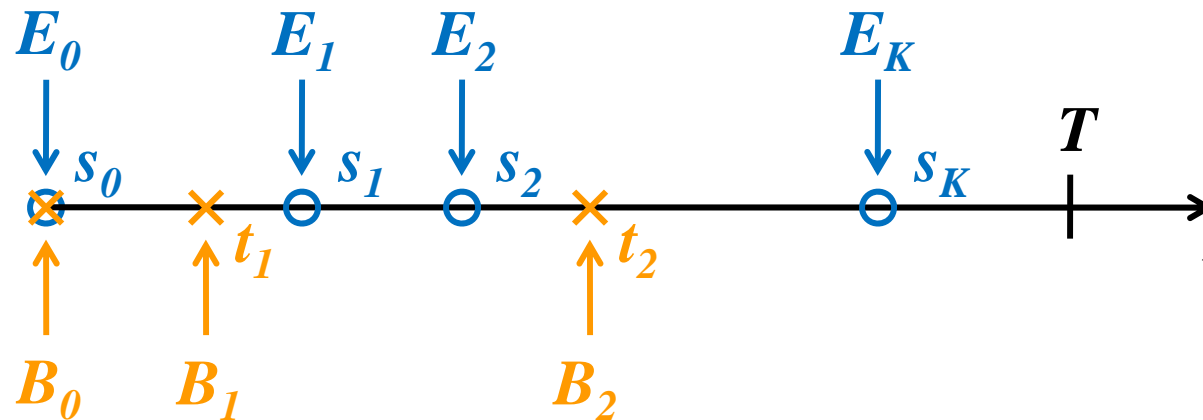
# Illustration - Step 3



# Illustration - Step 4



## Scenario II: Packets Arrive During Transmission



- Transmitter cannot depart packets not received yet!
- Additional packet constraints apply




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**Energy Causality** 

$B(t) \leq \sum_{i:t_i < t} B_i \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$

**Packet Causality** 

$B(T) = \sum_{i=0}^M B_i$

## Necessary conditions for optimality

- **Lemma 4:** Power only increases
- **Lemma 5:** Power constant between 2 arrivals of any kind
- **Lemma 6:** At time of power change
  - if  $t = s_i$  (energy arrival), energy buffer is empty
  - if  $t = t_i$  (packet arrival), packet buffer is empty

(Proofs are similar to Lemmas 1-3)

# Optimal Policy for Scenario II

The optimal policy satisfies  $\sum_{n=1}^N r(p_n) l_n = \sum_{n=1}^M B_i$

and has the form

$$r(p_1) = \min_{i: u_i \leq T} \left\{ g \left( \frac{\sum_{j: s_j < u_i} E_j}{u_i} \right), \frac{\sum_{j: t_j < u_i} B_j}{u_i} \right\}$$

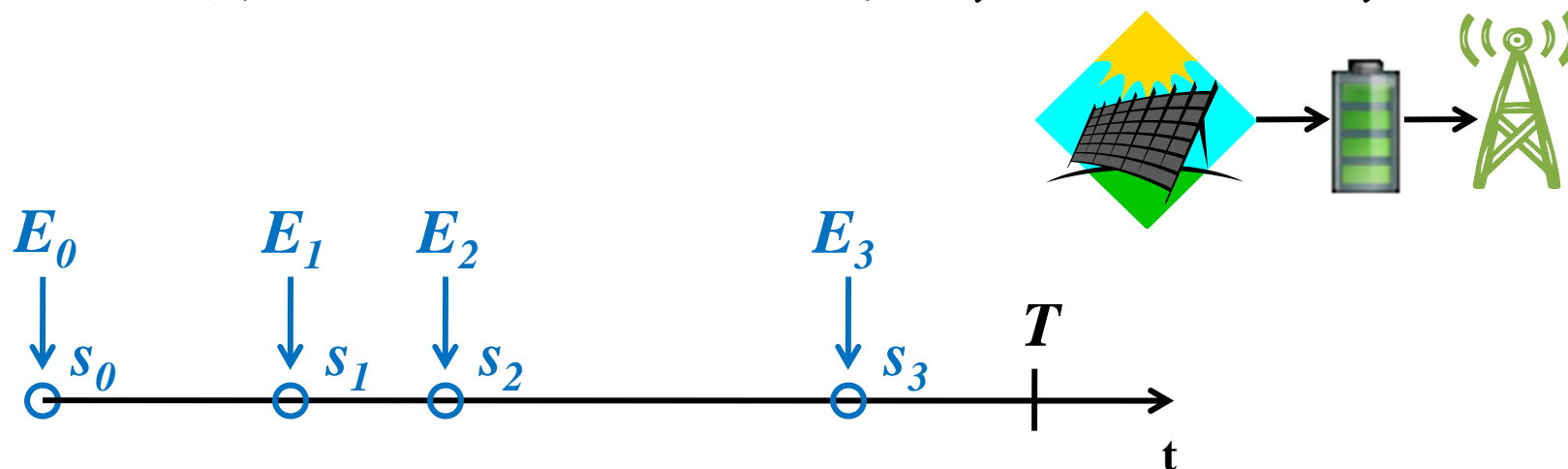
where  $\{u_i\}$  is the ordered combination of  $\{s_i\}$  and  $\{t_i\}$   
and subsequent rates are found iteratively

# Short-term Throughput Maximization (STTM) [Tutuncuoglu-Yener 2010]

- Maximize the throughput of an energy harvesting transmitter by **deadline  $T$** .
- Find **optimal power allocation/transmission policy** that departs maximum number of bits in a given duration.
- Up to a certain amount of energy can be stored by the transmitter → **BATTERY CAPACITY**

# System Model

- Energy arrivals of energy  $E_i$  at times  $s_i$



- Arrivals known **non-causally** by transmitter,
- Stored in a **finite battery** of capacity  $E_{\max}$ ,
- Design parameter: **power**  $\rightarrow$  **rate**  $r(p)$ .

# Notations and Assumptions

- Power allocation function:  $p(t)$
- Energy consumed:  $\int_0^T p(t) dt$
- Short-term throughput:  $\int_0^T r(p(t)) dt$
- Power-rate function  $r(p)$ : Strictly concave in  $p$
- Overflowing energy is lost (not optimal)

# Energy Constraints

(Energy arrivals of  $E_i$  at times  $s_i$ )

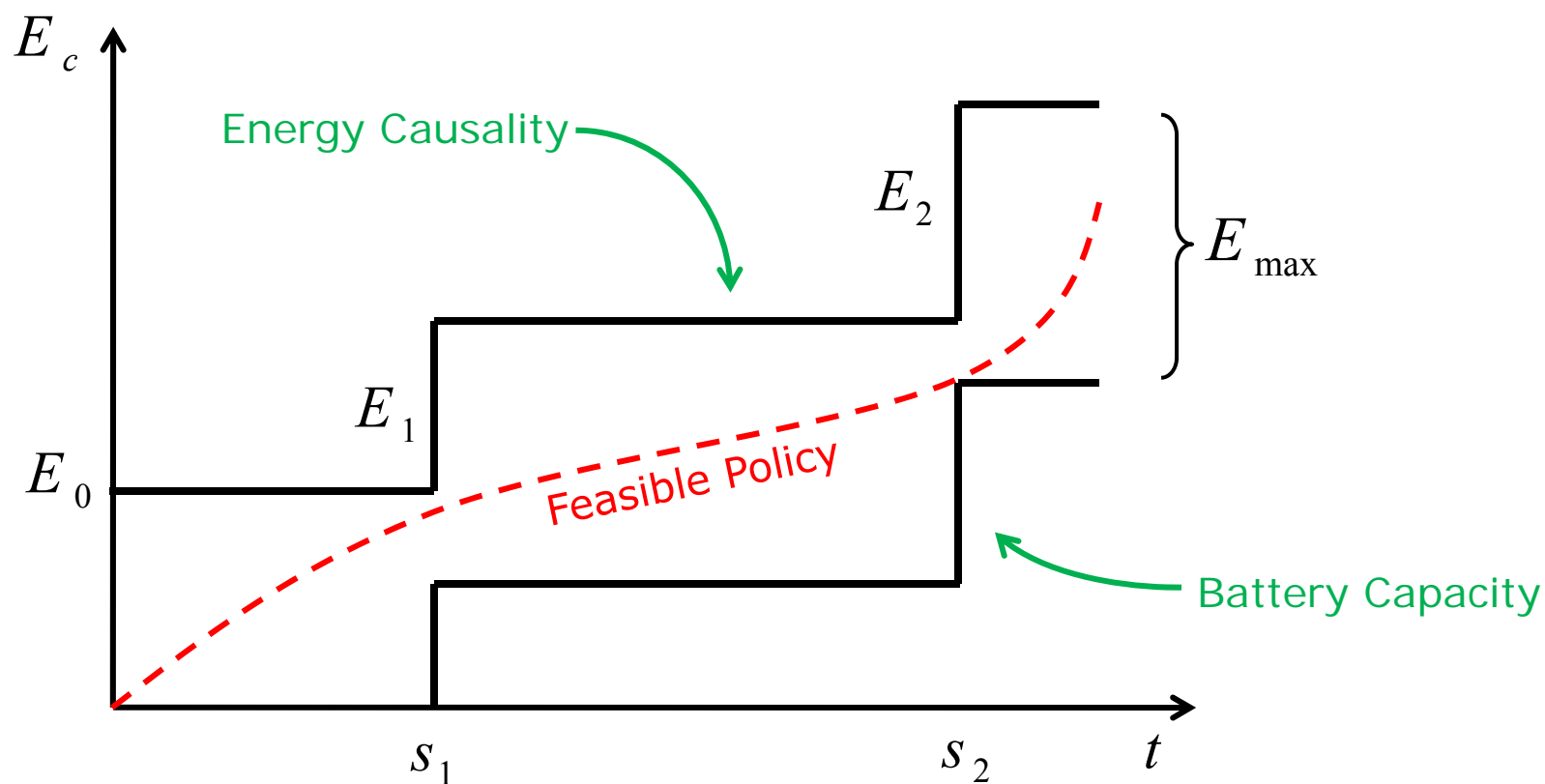
- **Energy Causality:**  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E_k - \int_0^{t'} p(t) dt \geq 0 \quad s_{n-1} \leq t' \leq s_n$

- **Battery Capacity:**  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E_k - \int_0^{t'} p(t) dt \leq E_{\max} \quad s_{n-1} \leq t' \leq s_n$

- **Set of energy-feasible power allocations**

$$\mathfrak{P} = \left\{ p(t) \mid 0 \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E_k - \int_0^{t'} p(t) dt \leq E_{\max}, \forall n > 0, s_{n-1} \leq t' \leq s_n \right\}$$

# Energy "Tunnel"





# Short-Term Throughput Maximization Problem

- Maximize total number of transmitted bits by deadline  $T$

$$\max_{p(t)} \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt, \quad s.t. \quad p(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$$

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- Convex** constraint set, **concave** maximization problem

# Necessary conditions for optimality of a transmission policy

- **Property 1:** Transmission power remains constant between arrivals.
- **Property 2:** Battery never overflows.

**Proof:** Assume an energy of  $\Delta$  overflows at time  $\tau$

$$\text{Define } p'(t) = \begin{cases} p(t) + \frac{\Delta}{\delta} & [\tau - \delta, \tau] \\ p(t) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \int_0^T r(p'(t)) dt > \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt \quad \text{since } r(p) \text{ is increasing in } p$$

# Necessary conditions for optimality of a transmission policy

- Property 3: Power level increases at an energy arrival instant only if battery is depleted. Conversely, power level decreases at an energy arrival instant only if battery is full.

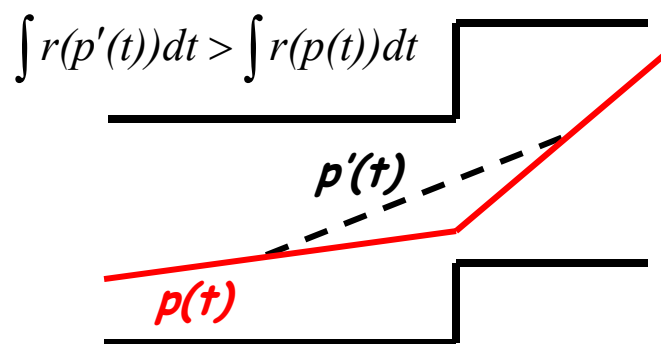
**Proof:** Let  $p(\tau^-) < p(\tau^+)$

Define  $p'(t) = \begin{cases} p(t) - \varepsilon & [\tau, \tau + \delta] \\ p(t) + \varepsilon & [\tau - \delta, \tau] \\ p(t) & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Feasible unless} \\ \text{battery is depleted} \end{array} \right)$

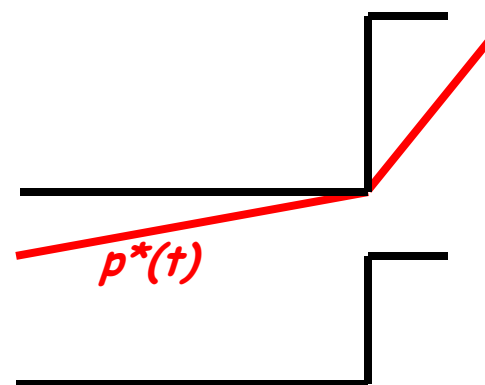
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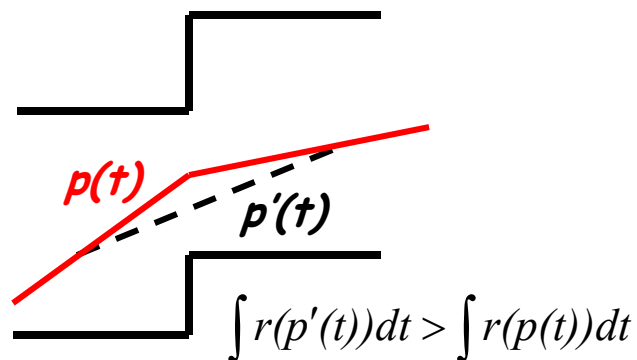
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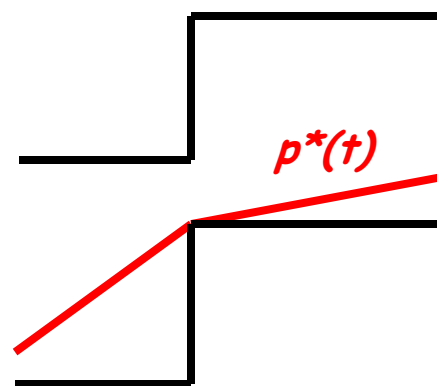
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# Necessary conditions for optimality of a transmission policy

- **Property 4:** Battery is depleted at the end of transmission.

**Proof:** Assume an energy of  $\Delta$  remains after  $p(t)$

$$\text{Define } p'(t) = \begin{cases} p(t) + \frac{\Delta}{\delta} & [T - \delta, T] \\ p(t) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \int_0^T r(p'(t)) dt > \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt \quad \text{since } r(p) \text{ is increasing}$$

# Necessary Conditions for Optimality

Implications of Properties 1-4:

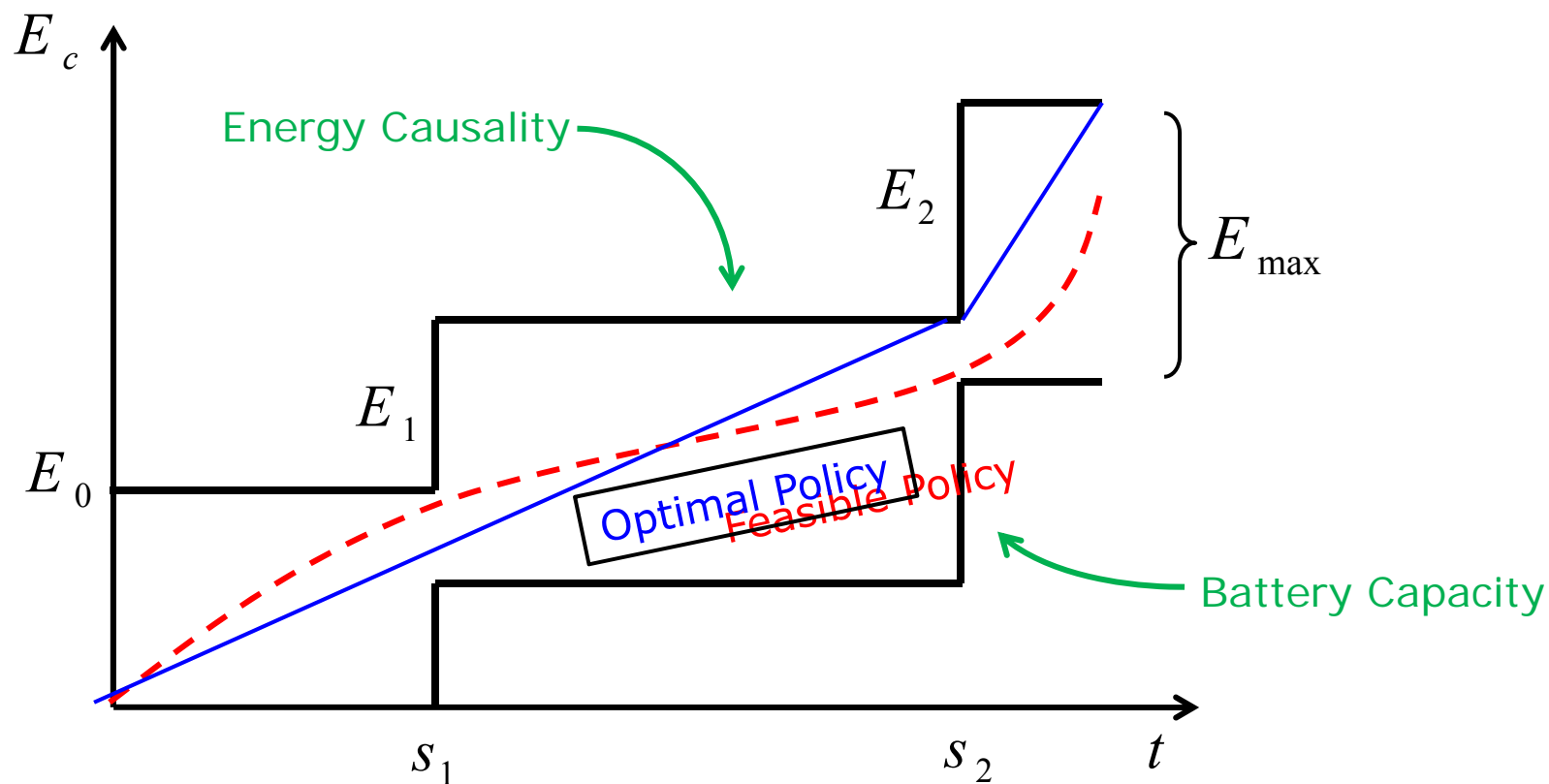
- **Structure of optimal policy:** (Property 1)

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} p_n & i_{n-1} < t < i_n \\ 0 & t > T \end{cases}, \quad i_n \in \{s_n\}, \quad p_n \text{ constant}$$

- For power to increase or decrease, policy must meet the upper or lower boundary of the tunnel respectively (Property 3)
- At termination step, battery is depleted (Property 4).



# Energy "Tunnel"



# Shortest Path Interpretation

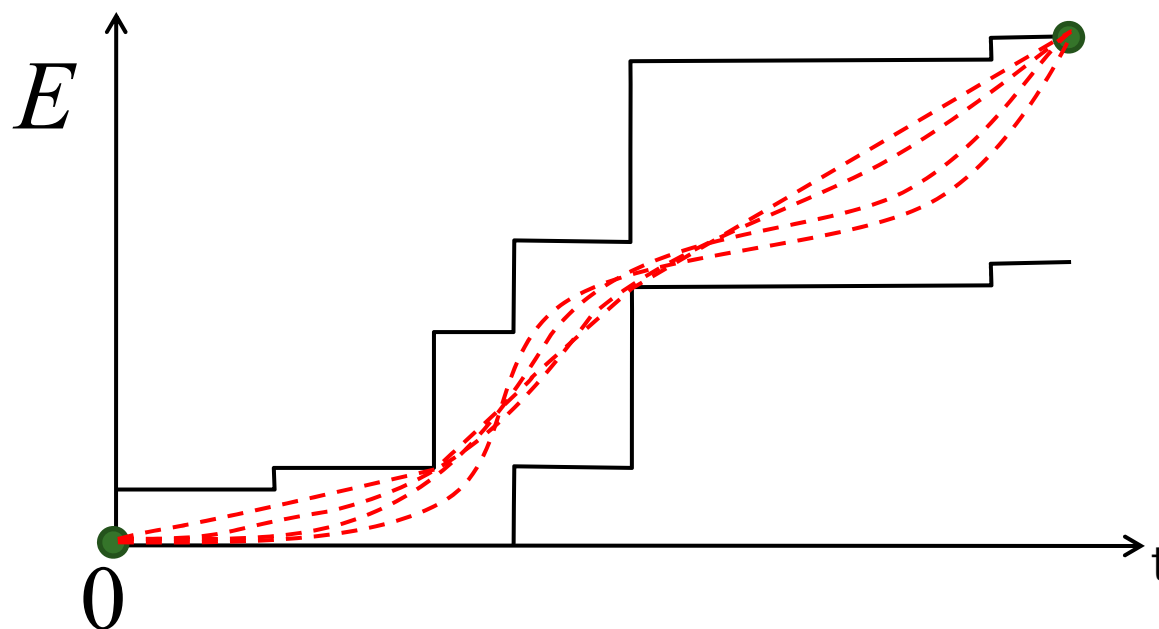
- Optimal policy is identical for any concave power-rate function!
- Let  $r(p) = -\sqrt{p^2 + 1}$ , then the problem solved becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{p(t)} \int_0^T -\sqrt{p^2(t) + 1} dt && s.t. \ p(t) \in \mathfrak{P} \\ & = \min_{p(t)} \underbrace{\int_0^T \sqrt{p^2(t) + 1} dt}_{\text{length of policy path in energy tunnel}} && s.t. \ p(t) \in \mathfrak{P} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The **throughput maximizing policy** yields the **shortest path** through the energy tunnel for any concave power-rate function.

# Shortest Path Interpretation

- **Property 1:** Constant power is better than any other alternative
- **Shortest path** between two points is a line (constant slope)



# Throughput Maximizing Algorithm (TMA)

- Knowing the structure of the policy, we can construct an iterative algorithm to get the tightest string in the tunnel.
- Note: After a step  $(p_1, i_1)$  is determined, the rest of the policy is the solution to a *shifted problem* with shifted arrivals and deadline:

$$E_0' = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} E_k - i_1 \cdot p_1, \quad T' = T - i_1, \quad n'_{\max} = n_{\max} - n_1,$$

$$E_n' = E_{n+n_1}, \quad s_n' = s_{n+n_1} - i_1, \quad \text{for } n = 0, \dots, n'_{\max}$$

- Essentially, the algorithm compares and find the tightest segment that hits the upper or lower wall staying feasible all along.

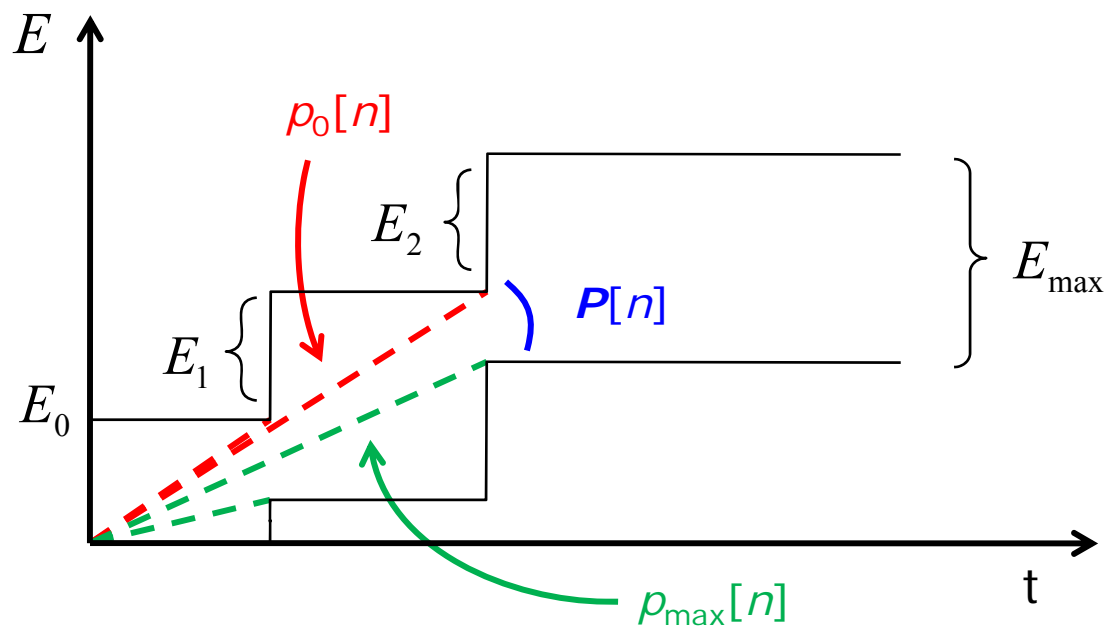
# Throughput Maximizing Algorithm (TMA)

$$p_{\max}[n] = \max \left\{ \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n E_k - E_{\max}}{s_n}, 0 \right\}$$

$$p_0[n] = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E_k}{s_n}$$

$$\mathbf{P}[n] = [p_{\max}[n], p_0[n]]$$

$$\mathbf{P}[n_{\max}] = \{p_0[n_{\max}]\}$$

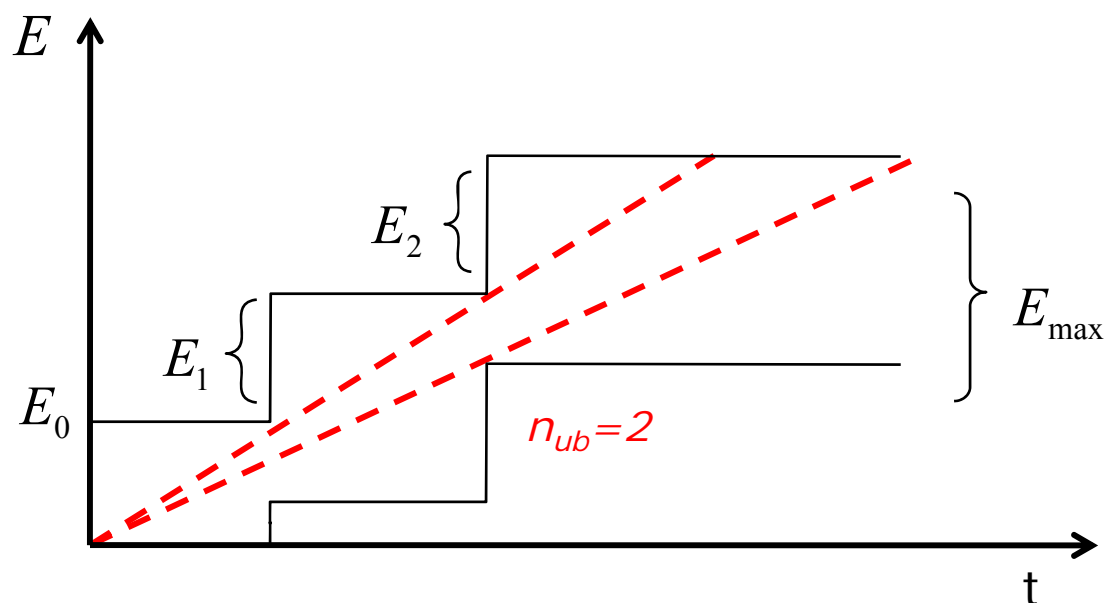


# Throughput Maximizing Algorithm (TMA)

$$n_{ub} = \max \left\{ n \mid \bigcap_{k=1}^n \mathbf{P}[k] \neq \emptyset, n = 1, 2, \dots, n_{\max} \right\} \quad \left( \text{Upper bound for the duration of the first step} \right)$$

- The transmission power must change before arrival  $n_{ub+1}$  to stay in the feasible tunnel

$\Rightarrow$  At or before  $n_{ub}$ , battery must be **empty** or **full** to allow the necessary change. (Prop. 3)



# Throughput Maximizing Algorithm (TMA)

1. Find  $n_{ub}$ . If  $n_{ub} = n_{\max}$  terminate with power  $(\sum_{k=0}^{n_{\max}} E_k) / T$
2. Determine relation between  $\mathbf{P}[n_{ub} + 1]$  and  $\bigcap_{k=0}^{n_{ub}} \mathbf{P}[k]$
3. Transmit based on the outcome of step 2 with:

$$n_1 = \max \{n \mid p_0[n] \in \bigcap_{k=0}^n \mathbf{P}[k]\}$$

$$p_1 = p_0[n_1]$$

$$i_1 = s_{n_1}$$

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4. Repeat for shifted problem with updated parameters:

$$E_0' = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} E_k - i_1 \cdot p_1, \quad T' = T - i_1, \quad n'_{\max} = n_{\max} - n_1,$$

$$E_n' = E_{n+n_1}, \quad s_n' = s_{n+n_1} - i_1, \quad \text{for } n = 0, \dots, n'_{\max}$$

# Alternative Solution

- Transmission power constant within each epoch:

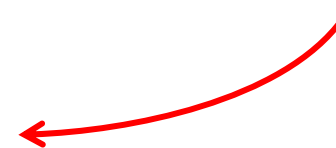
$$p(t) = \{p_i \quad t \in \text{epoch } i, i = 1, \dots, N + M + 1\}$$

- STTM problem expressed with above notation

$$\max_{p_i} \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot r(p_i) \quad (L_i: \text{length of epoch } i)$$

$$s.t. \quad 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^l E_i - L_i p_i \leq E_{\max} \quad \forall l$$

*Energy constraints:  
sufficient to check  
arrivals only*





# Water-filling approach

- Lagrangian function for STTM

$$\max_{p_i} \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot r(p_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) &= 0 \quad \forall j \\ \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) &= 0 \quad \forall j \end{aligned} \right.$$

(Complementary slackness conditions)

- KKT

$$\nabla \left( \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot r(p_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) \right) = 0 \text{ at } p = p^*$$

# Water-filling approach

- Gradient for  $k^{\text{th}}$  component

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nabla_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot r(p_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) \right) = 0 \quad \forall n \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot \underbrace{\nabla_k r(p_i)}_{\frac{\delta_{(i-k)}}{1+p_i}} - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i (\nabla_k p_i) \right)}_{\begin{cases} L_k & \text{if } j > k \\ 0 & \text{if } j < k \end{cases}} - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i (\nabla_k p_i) \right)}_{\begin{cases} L_k & \text{if } j > k \\ 0 & \text{if } j < k \end{cases}} = 0 \\
 &= L_k \cdot \frac{1}{1+p_k^*} - L_k \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j - L_k \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} \mu_j = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+p_k^*} = \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} (\lambda_j - \mu_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_k^* = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} (\lambda_j - \mu_j)} - 1 \quad \text{(Water Filling)}$$

# Water-filling approach

- Complementary Slackness

$$\lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) = 0 \quad \forall j$$

Conditions:

$$\mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) = 0 \quad \forall j$$

$\lambda_j$ 's are positive only when battery is empty  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) = 0$

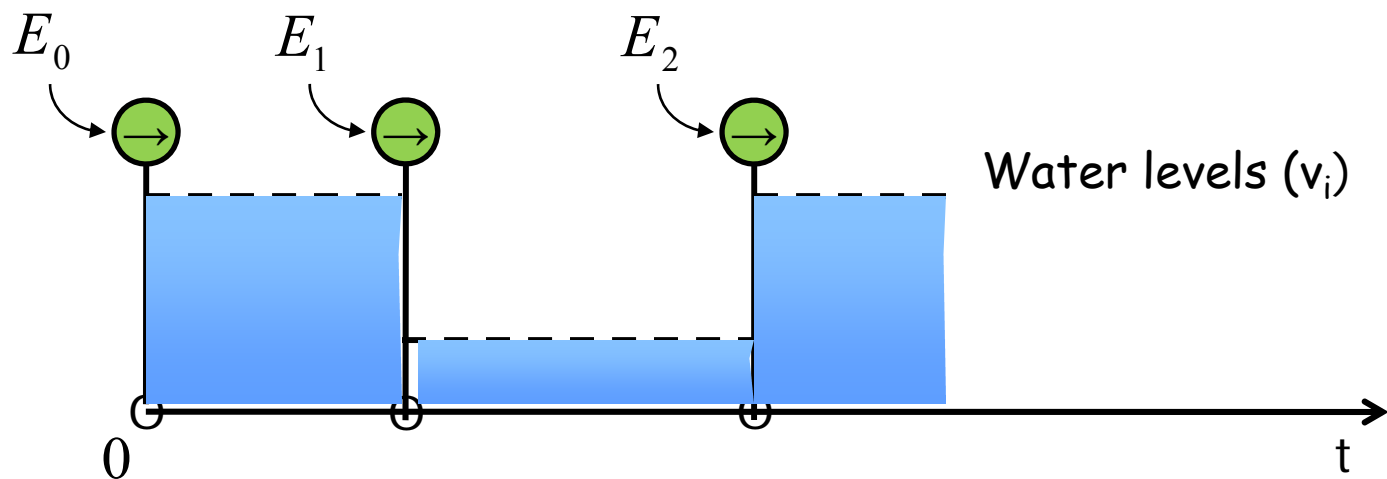
$\mu_j$ 's only positive only when battery is full  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) = 0$

$$p_k^* = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} (\lambda_j - \mu_j)} - 1$$

decreases at a positive  $\mu_j$   
increases at a positive  $\lambda_j$

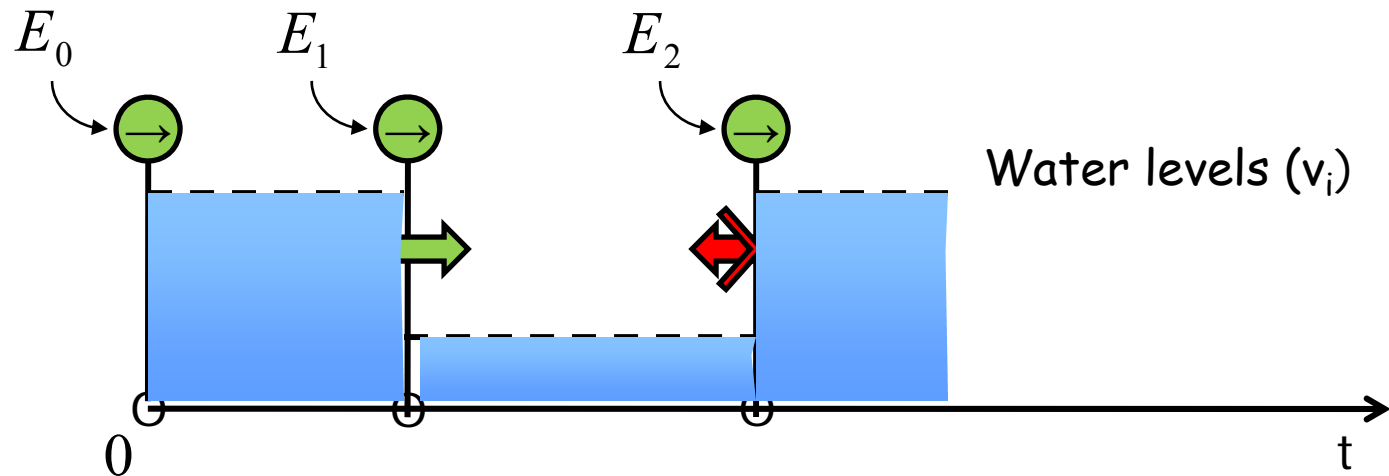
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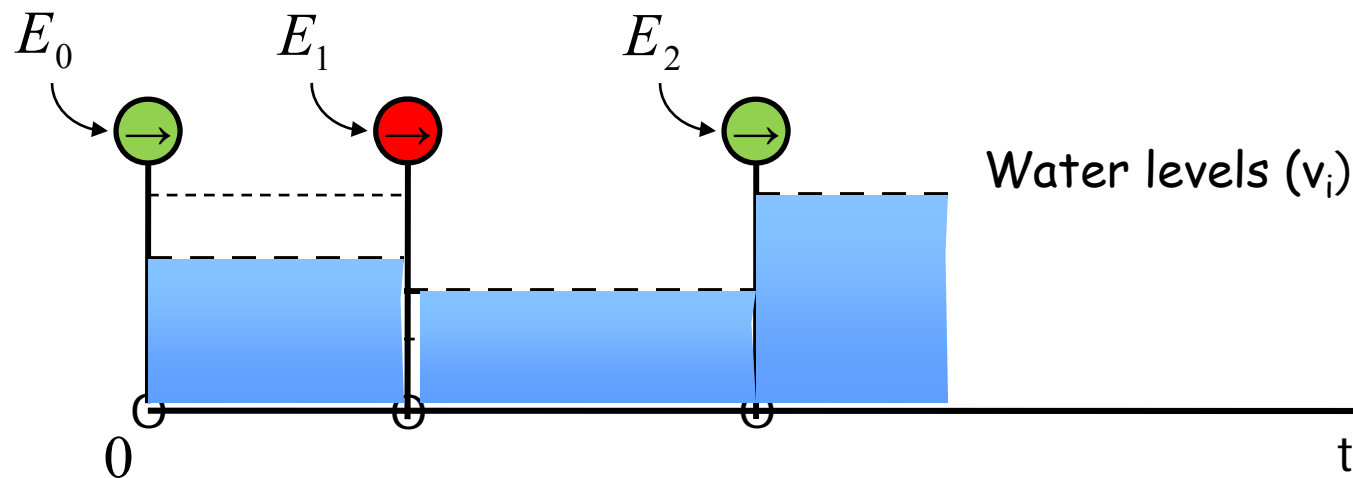
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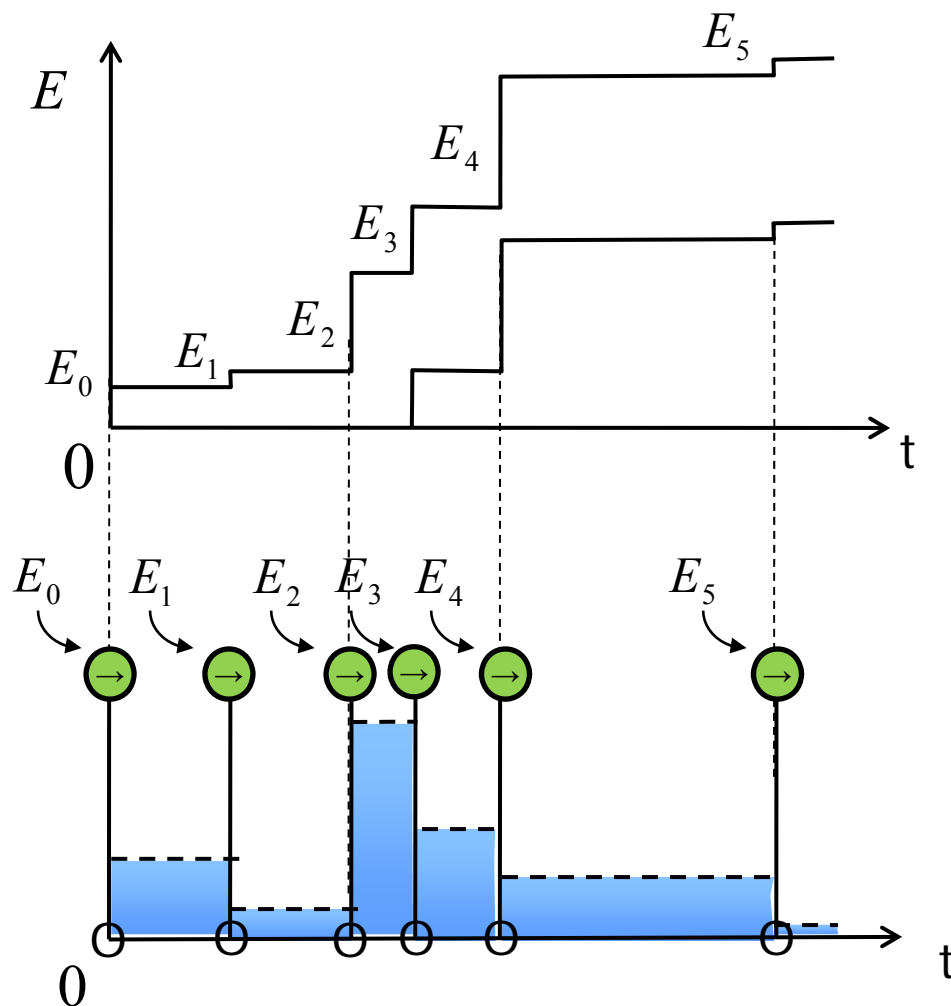


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  - **Battery Capacity:** water-flow limited to  $E_{max}$  by taps 

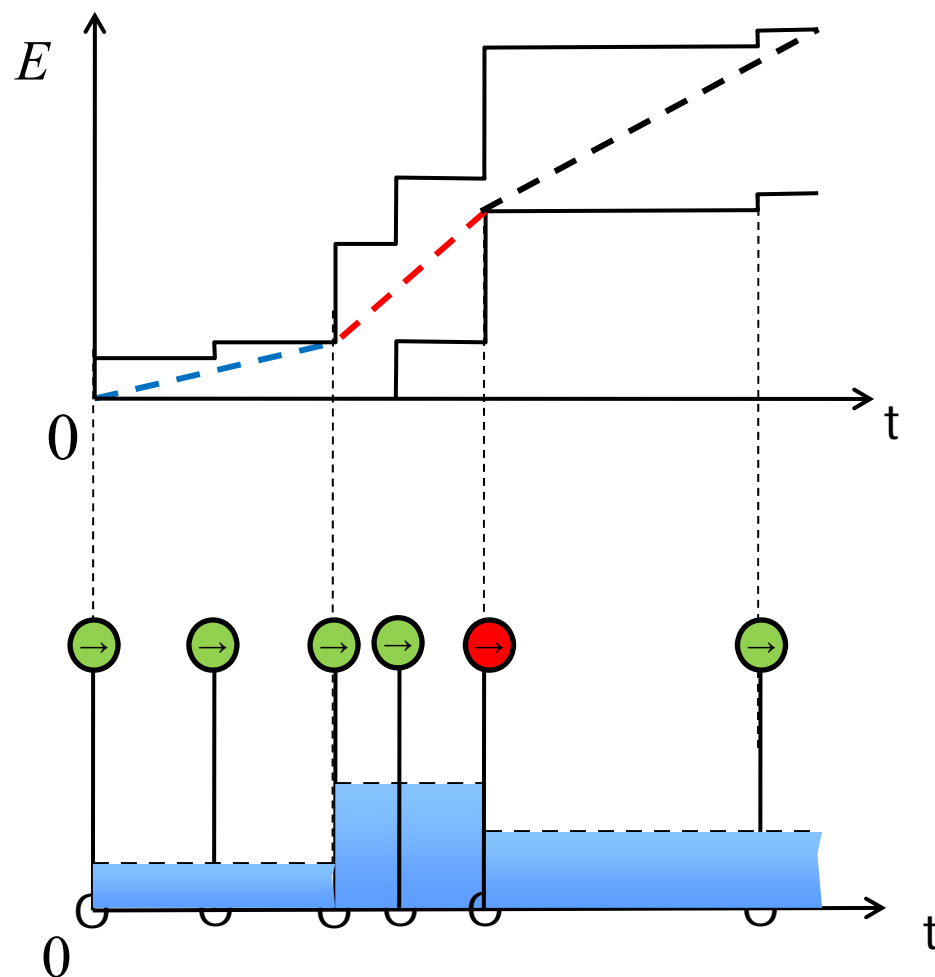


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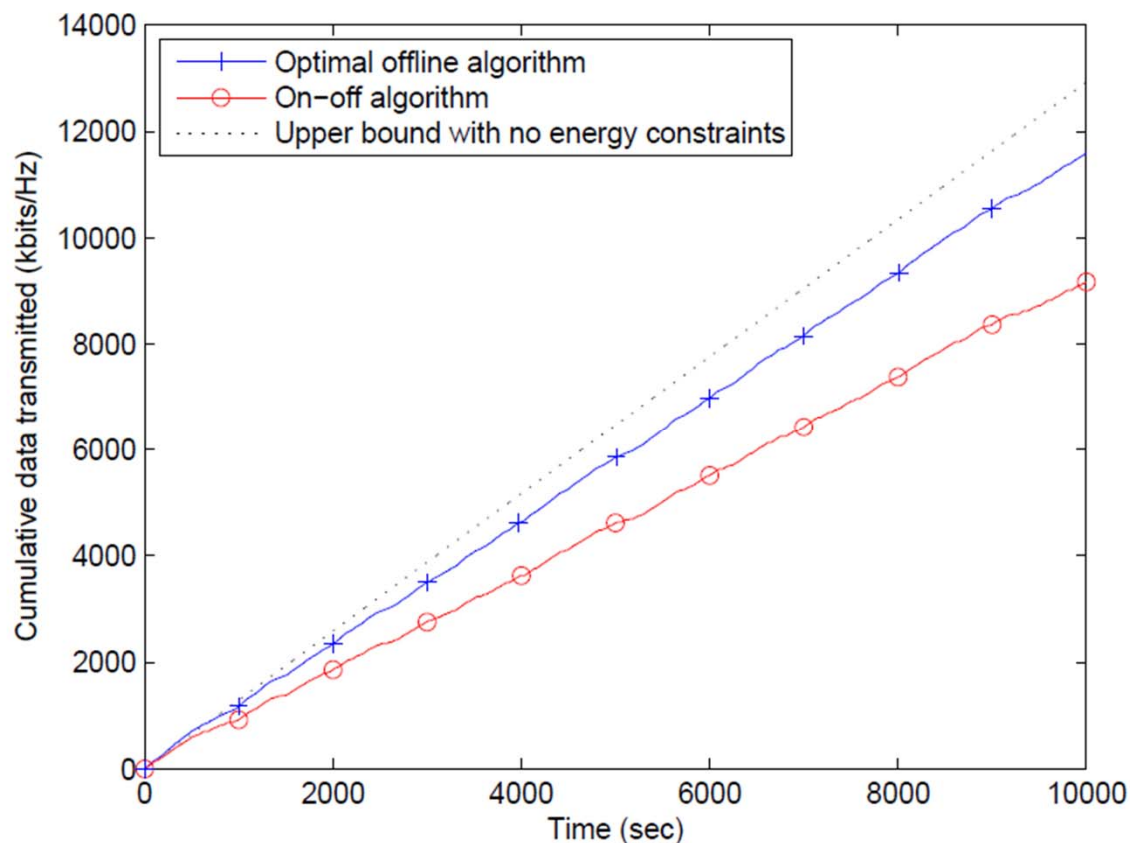
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# Simulation Results



- Improvement of optimal algorithm over an *on-off transmitter* in a simulation with truncated Gaussian arrivals.

# Transmission Completion Time Minimization with Finite Battery [Tutuncuoglu, Yener 2010]

- Given the total number of bits to send as  $B$ , finalize the transmission in the shortest time possible.

$$\min_{p(t)} T \quad s.t. \quad B - \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt \leq 0, \quad p(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$$

$$\mathfrak{P} = \left\{ p(t) \mid 0 \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E_k - \int_0^{t'} p(t) dt \leq E_{\max}, \forall n > 0, s_{n-1} \leq t' \leq s_n \right\}$$

# Relationship of STTM and TCTM problems

- Lagrangian dual of TCTM problem becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{u \geq 0} \left( \min_{p(t) \in \mathfrak{P}, T} T + u \left( B - \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt \right) \right) \\ &= \max_{u \geq 0} \left( \min_T \left( T + uB - u \cdot \underbrace{\max_{p(t) \in \mathfrak{P}} \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt}_{\text{STTM problem for deadline } T} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Relationship of STTM and TCTM problems

- Optimal allocations are identical:

STTM's solution  
for deadline  $T$   
departing  $B$  bits

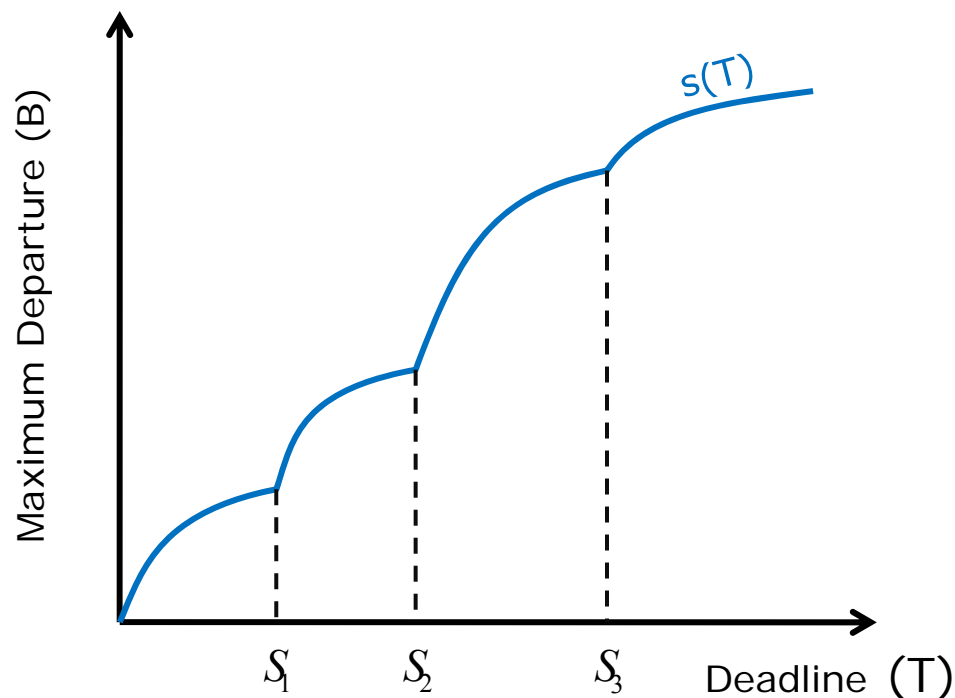
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TCTM's solution  
for departing  $B$   
bits in time  $T$

- STTM solution can be used to solve the TCTM problem

# Maximum Service Curve

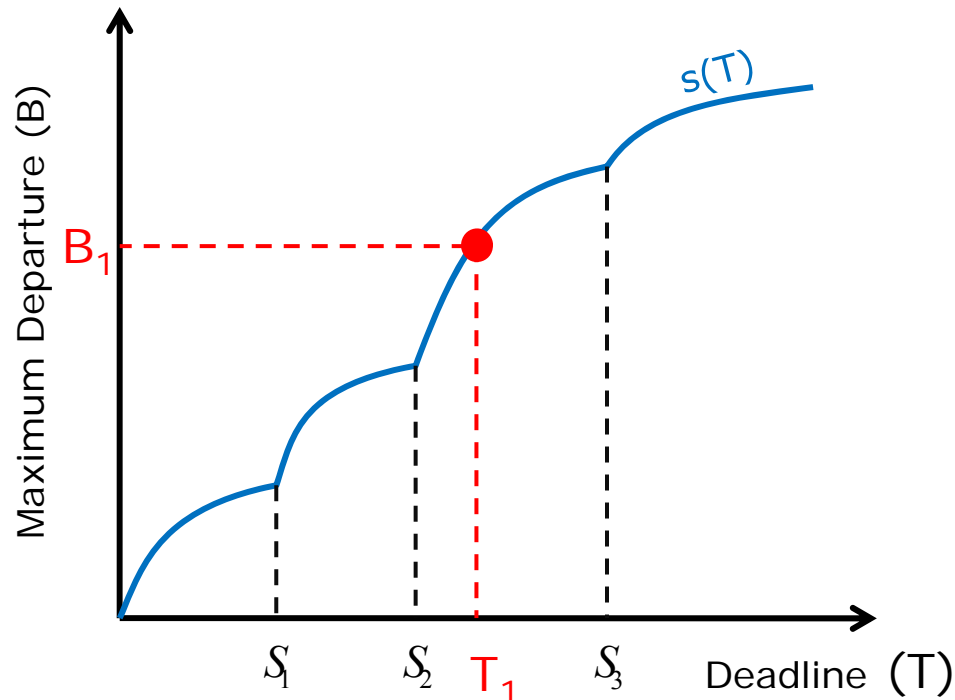
$$s(T) = \max_{p(t)} \int_0^T r(p(t)) dt, \quad s.t. \quad p(t) \in \mathfrak{P}$$



- Maximum number of bits that can be sent in time  $T$ .
- Each point calculated by solving the corresponding STTM problem.

# Maximum Service Curve

- Continuous, monotone increasing, invertible



- Optimal allocation for TCTM with  $B_1$  bits

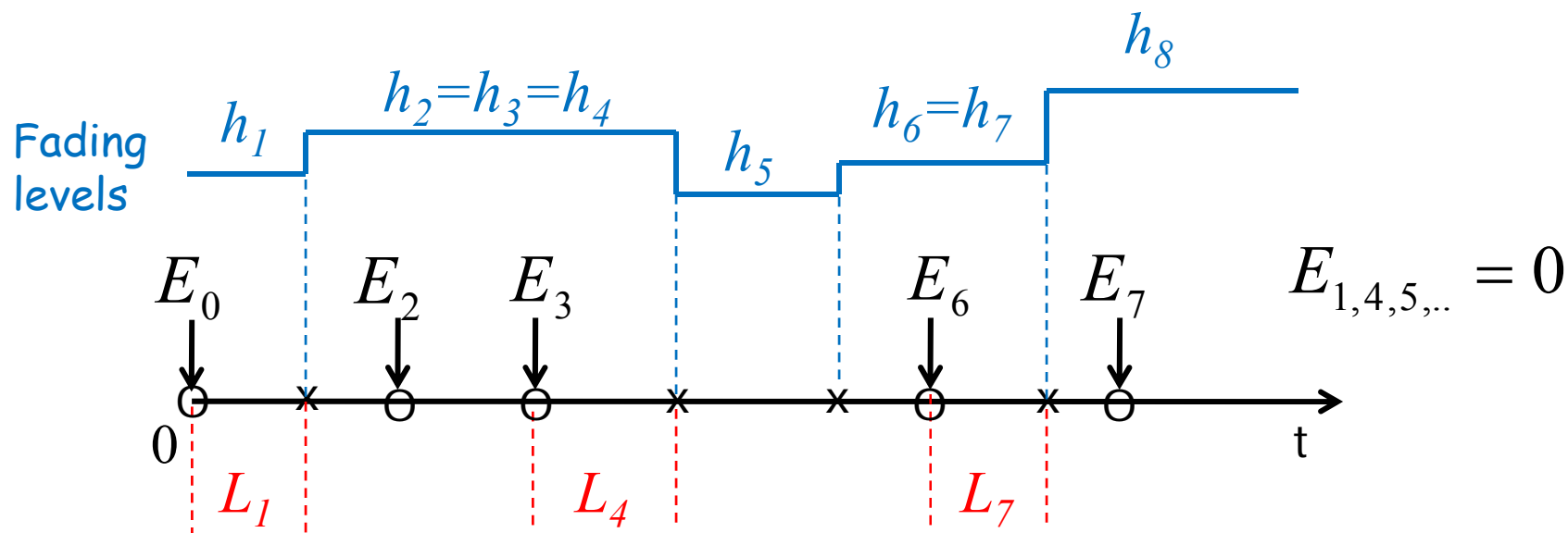
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Optimal allocation for STTM with deadline  $T_1$

# Extension to Fading Channels [Ozel et al 2010]

- Find the short-term throughput maximizing and transmission completion time minimizing power allocations in a **fading channel** with **non-causally known** channel states.

# System Model



- AWGN Channel with fading  $h$ :  $R(P, h) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + h.P)$
- Each "epoch" defined as the interval between two "events".
- Fading states and harvests known **non-causally**



# STTM Problem with Fading

- Transmission power constant within each epoch:

$$p(t) = \{p_i \quad t \in \text{epoch } i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N + M + 1\}$$

- Maximize total number of transmitted bits by a deadline  $T$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{p_i} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} \frac{L_i}{2} \log(1 + h_i p_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^l E_i - L_i p_i \leq E_{\max} \quad \forall l \end{aligned}$$

# STTM Problem with Fading

- Lagrangian of the STTM problem

$$\max_{p_i} \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} \frac{L_i}{2} \log(1 + h_i p_i) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} \eta_i p_i$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i p_i - E_i \right) &= 0 \quad \forall j \\ \mu_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^j E_i - L_i p_i - E_{\max} \right) &= 0 \quad \forall j \\ \eta_j p_j &= 0 \quad \forall j \end{aligned} \right| \begin{aligned} & \\ & \\ \text{(Complementary slackness conditions)} \end{aligned}$$

- **Solution:** *constrained* water-filling with

fading levels:

$$p_i^* = \left[ v_i - \frac{1}{h_i} \right]^+, \quad v_i = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=i}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j - \mu_j}$$

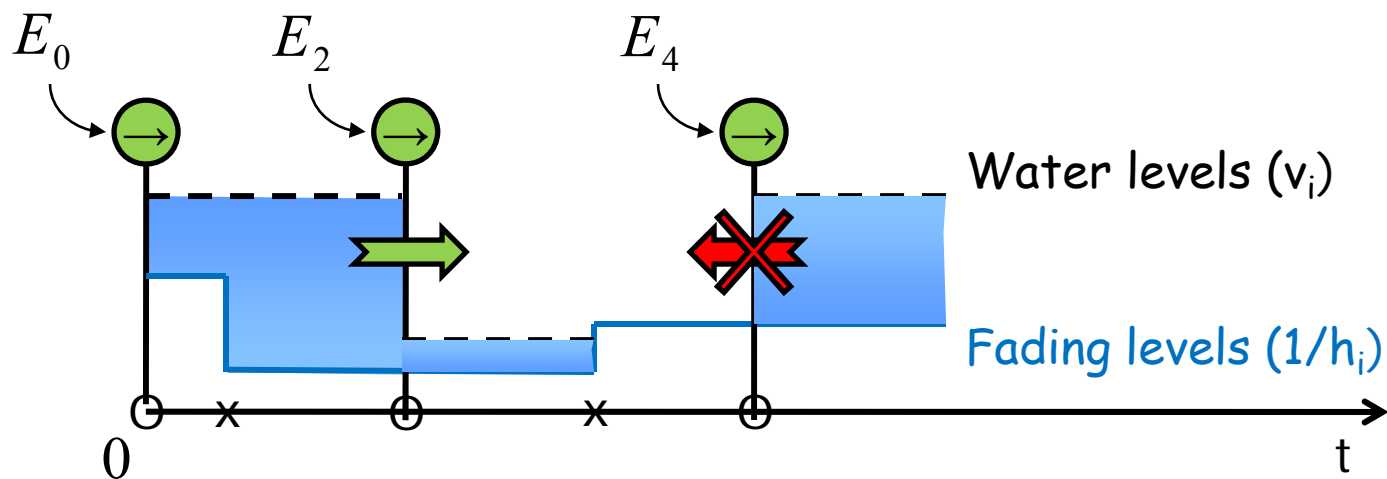
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 = \sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} L_i \cdot \underbrace{\nabla_k r(p_i)}_{\frac{h_k \cdot \delta_{(i-k)}}{1+h_k p_i}} - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i (\nabla_k p_i) \right)}_{\begin{cases} L_k & \text{if } j > k \\ 0 & \text{if } j < k \end{cases}} - \sum_{j=1}^{M+N+1} \mu_j \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^j L_i (\nabla_k p_i) \right)}_{\begin{cases} L_k & \text{if } j > k \\ 0 & \text{if } j < k \end{cases}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{M+N+1} \eta_i (\nabla_k p_i)}_{\eta_k} &= 0 \\
 = L_k \cdot \frac{h_k}{1+h_k p_k^*} - L_k \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} \lambda_j - L_k \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} \mu_j + \eta_k &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{h_k}{1+h_k p_k^*} = \sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} (\lambda_j - \mu_j) &\quad (\text{if } p_k^* > 0 \text{ is satisfied. Otherwise } p_k^* = 0 \text{ and } \eta_k > 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_k^* = \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{j=k}^{M+N+1} (\lambda_j - \mu_j)} - \frac{1}{h_k} \right]^+ \quad \text{(Water Filling)}$$

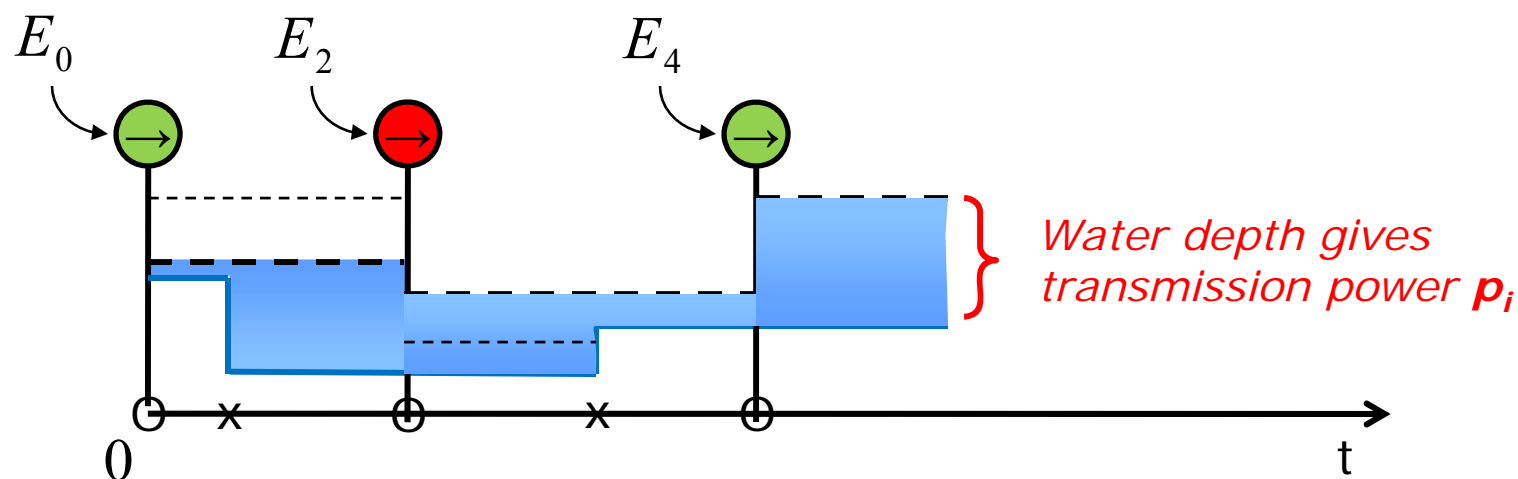
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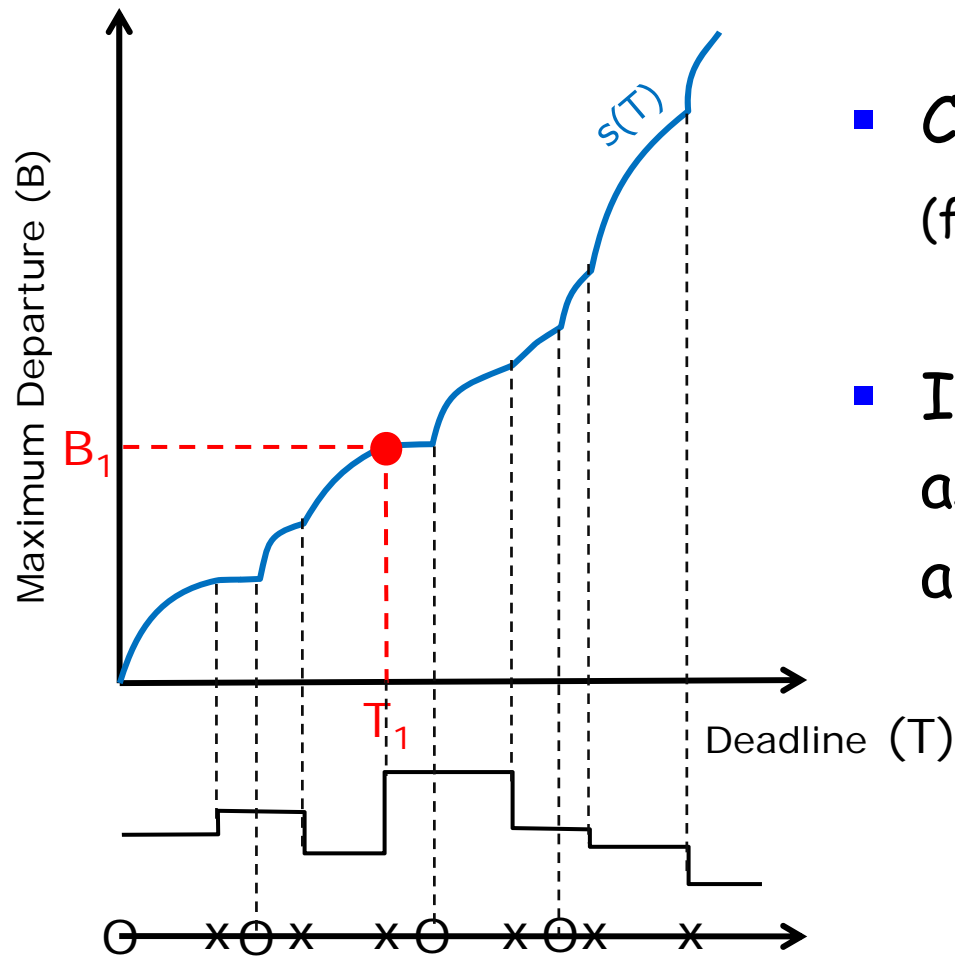


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# Maximum Service Curve



- Continuous, non-decreasing  
(flat regions when fading is severe)
- Inverse can be considered as the **smallest**  $T$  that achieves  $B_1$

# Online Algorithms [Ozel et al 2010]

Optimal online policy can be found using dynamic programming

- States of the system: fade level:  $h$ , battery energy:  $e$

$$J_g(e, h, t) = E \left[ \int_t^T \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + h(\tau)g(e, h, \tau)) d\tau \right]$$

$$J(e, h, t) = \sup_g J_g$$

- Quantizing time by  $\delta$ ,  $g^*(e, h, k\delta)$  can be found by iteratively solving

$$\max_{g(e, h, t)} \left( \frac{\delta}{2} \log(1 + h \cdot g(e, h, t)) + J(e', h', t + \delta) \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e' = e + \delta(-g(e, h, t) + P_{avg}) \\ h' = E[h(t + \delta) | h(t)] \end{pmatrix}$$

# Online Algorithms

## Constant Water Level

- A cutoff fading level  $h_0$  is determined by the **average harvested power**  $P_{avg}$  as:

$$\int_{h_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h} \right) f(h) dh = P_{avg} \quad f(h) : \text{Fading distribution}$$

- Transmitter uses the corresponding water-filling power if available, goes silent otherwise

$$p_i = \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h_i} \right)^+$$



# Online Algorithms

## Energy Adaptive Water-Filling

- Cutoff fade level  $h_0$  determined from **current energy** as:

$$\int_{h_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h} \right) f(h) dh = E_{current}$$

- Transmission power determined by water-filling expression:

$$p_i = \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h_i} \right)^+$$

- Sub-optimal, but requires **only** fading statistics.

# Online Algorithms

## Time-Energy Adaptive Water-filling

- $h_0$  determined by **remaining energy scaled by remaining time** as

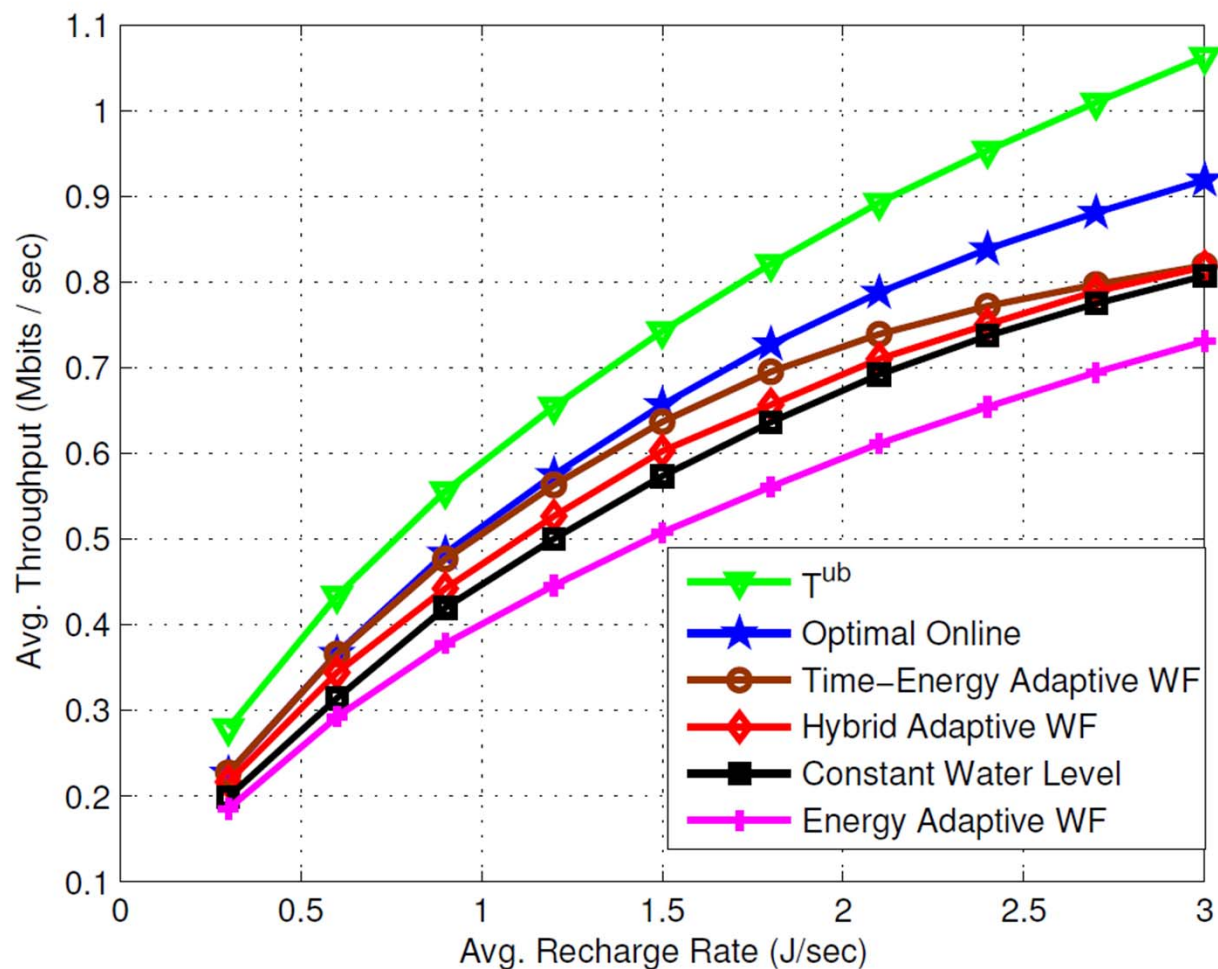
$$\int_{h_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h} \right) f(h) dh = \frac{E_{current}}{T - t}$$

## Hybrid Adaptive Water-filling

- $h_0$  determined similarly but by **adding average received power**

$$\int_{h_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{h_0} - \frac{1}{h} \right) f(h) dh = \frac{E_{current}}{T - t} + P_{avg}$$

# Simulations



Performances of the policies w.r.t. **energy arrival rates** under:

- unit mean Rayleigh fading
- $T = 10$  sec
- $E_{\max} = 10$  J.

# Conclusion

- New paradigm: Networking with energy harvesting nodes
- New design insights arising from new energy constraints
- Lots of open problems in this area!
- In this presentation, we covered optimal scheduling policies for one EH transmitter.
- **Next: Multiuser scenarios**

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