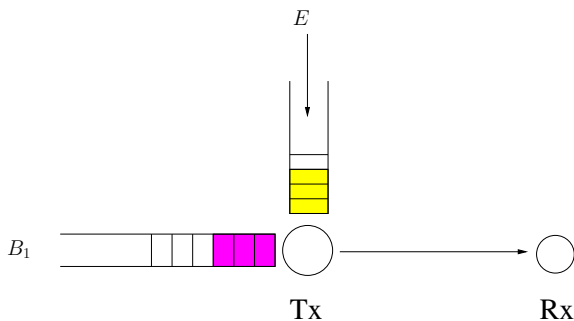


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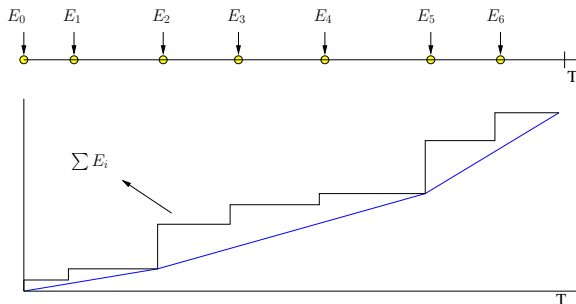
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## So Far, We Learned...

- ▶ **Single-user** communication with an energy harvesting transmitter.
- ▶ Energy arrives (is harvested) **during the communication session**
- ▶ Transmission policy is **adapted to energy arrivals**
- ▶ Two dual objectives:
  - ▶ minimize transmission completion time
  - ▶ maximize average throughput

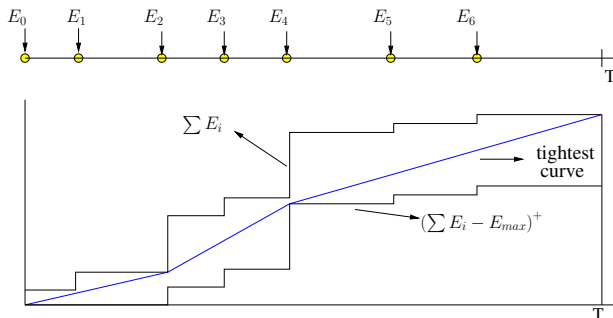


## The Optimal Policy for $E_{max} = \infty$



- ▶ Upper staircase is the cumulative energy arrivals
- ▶ Feasible energy consumption lies below the staircase
- ▶ Transmit power remains constant in each epoch
- ▶ **The tightest curve under the cumulative energy arrival staircase**

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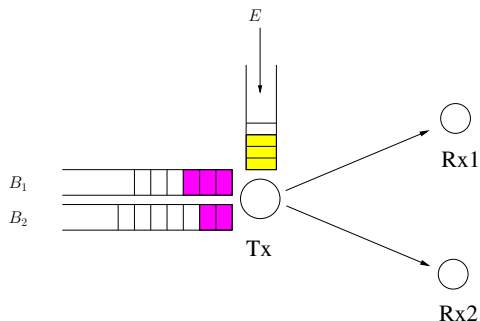


- ▶ Upper staircase: energy arrivals
- ▶ Lower staircase: finite battery constraint (no overflows)
- ▶ Any feasible energy consumption curve must lie **in between**
- ▶ Power remains constant in each epoch
- ▶ **The tightest curve in the feasibility tunnel**

# Scheduling in Multi-user Energy Harvesting Systems

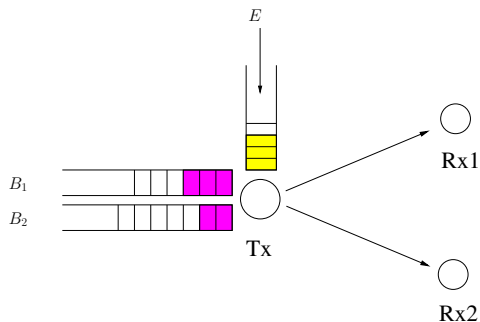
- ▶ Extend the system model to a multi-user setting
- ▶ **Broadcasting** with an energy harvesting transmitter
  - ▶ An energy harvesting transmitter sends messages to two users
  - ▶ E.g., a wireless access device sending different messages to users
- ▶ **Multiple access** with energy harvesting transmitters
  - ▶ Energy harvesting transmitters communicating with a single receiver
  - ▶ E.g., multiple sensors sending data to a center

## Broadcasting with an Energy Harvesting Transmitter



- ▶ **Energy** arrives (is harvested) **during the communication session**.
- ▶ Assume battery has **infinite storage capacity**:  $E_{max} = \infty$
- ▶ Broadcasting data to two users by **adapting to energy arrivals**
- ▶ Objective: **minimize the transmission completion time**

## Broadcast Channel Model



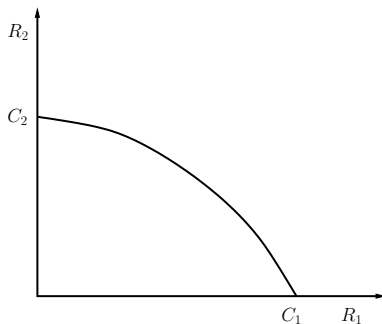
- ▶ AWGN broadcast channel:

$$Y_1 = X + N_1, \quad Y_2 = X + N_2$$

where  $N_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $N_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

- ▶  $\sigma^2 > 1$ : 2nd user is **degraded**
- ▶ We call 1st user **stronger** and 2nd user **weaker**

## Broadcast Channel Model



$$r_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (1 + \alpha P)$$

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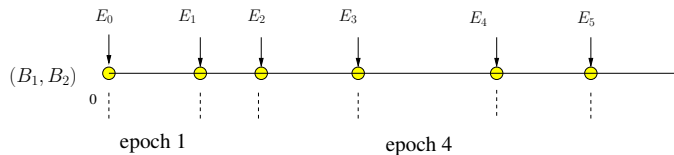
- ▶ We work in the  $(r_1, r_2)$  domain:

$$P = 2^{2(r_1+r_2)} + (\sigma^2 - 1)2^{2r_2} - \sigma^2 \triangleq g(r_1, r_2)$$

- ▶  $g(r_1, r_2)$  is the minimum power required to send at rates  $(r_1, r_2)$



## Energy Model

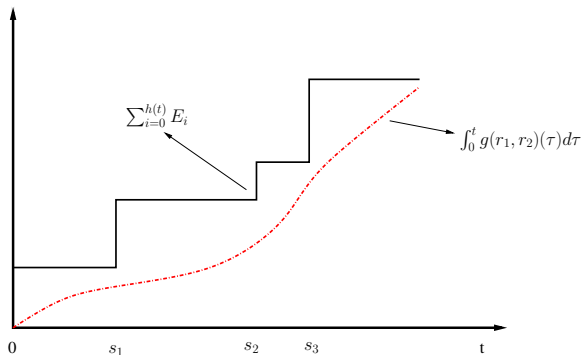


- ▶ Energy is *harvested* **during the course of communication**.
- ▶ We will consider **offline** policies.
- ▶ **Energy causality** constraints: energy that has not arrived cannot be used

$$\int_0^{t_i^e} g(r_1, r_2)(\tau) d\tau \leq \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} E_j, \quad \forall i$$

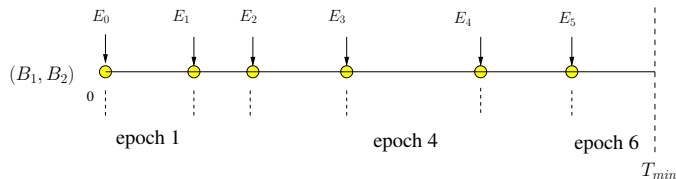
## Constraints on the Power Policy

- ▶ Energy arrivals known deterministically **a priori**



- ▶ Upper staircase: energy arrivals
- ▶ Any feasible energy consumption curve must lie **below the upper staircase**

## Problem Formulation

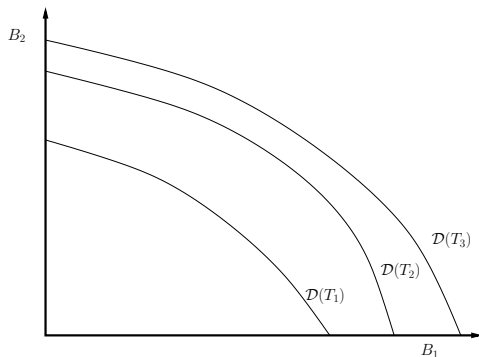


- ▶ **Minimize transmission completion time** of  $(B_1, B_2)$  bits.
- ▶ **By adapting the transmission** to the energy arrivals.
- ▶ **Subject to energy causality constraints**

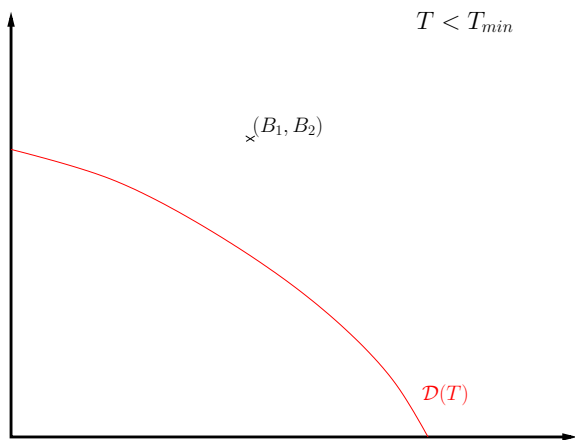
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## Dual Problem: Finding the Maximum Departure Region

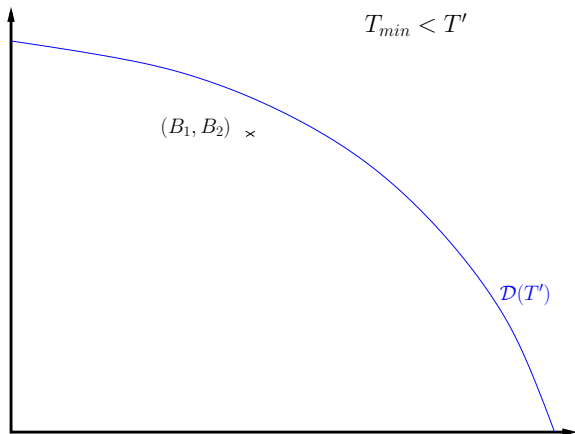
- ▶ The maximum departure region  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ : union of  $(B_1, B_2)$  pairs achievable by some rate allocation policy that satisfies the energy causality constraint.
- ▶  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  monotonically increases with  $T$ . For example, when  $T_1 < T_2 < T_3$ :



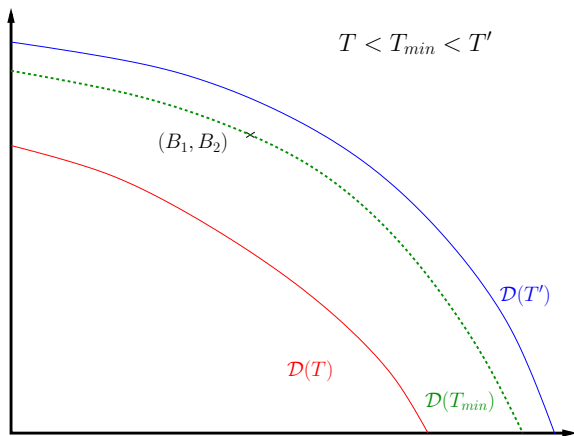
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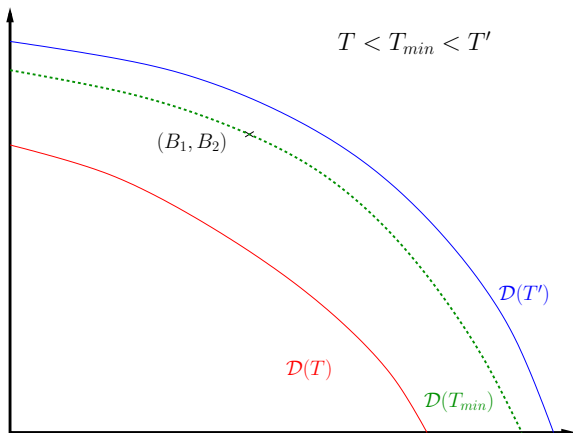


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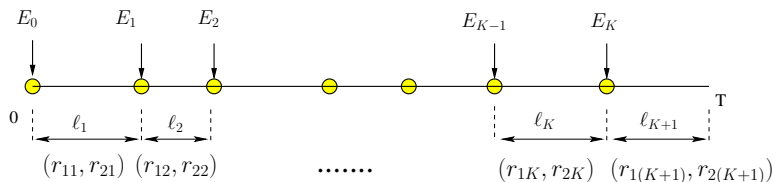
- ▶ These problems are dual because: if  $(B_1, B_2)$  bits can be transmitted in  $T_{\min}$  then  $(B_1, B_2)$  must be in  $\mathcal{D}(T_{\min})$ .





## Dual Problem: Maximum Departure Region

- Find  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  for a given  $T$ .



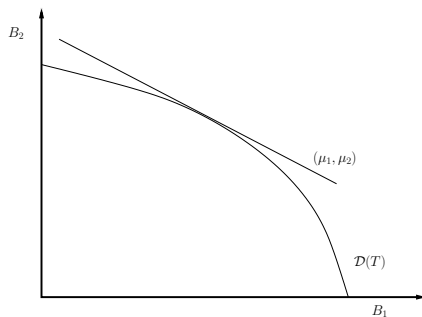
- Transmission rates, and power, **remain constant** between energy harvests.
- Denote the rates that go to users as  $(r_{1i}, r_{2i})$  over epoch  $i$ .
- The **power** at epoch  $i$ :  $g(r_{1i}, r_{2i})$
- The **energy spent** during epoch  $i$ :  $g(r_{1i}, r_{2i})\ell_i$
- The **energy causality constraint** reduces to constraints on  $(r_{1i}, r_{2i})$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^k g(r_{1i}, r_{2i})\ell_i \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i, \quad k = 1, \dots, K+1$$

## Dual Problem: Maximum Departure Region

- ▶  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is a strictly convex region.
- ▶ Characterize  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  by solving optimization problems for all  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{r_1, r_2} \quad & \mu_1 \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} r_{1i} \ell_i + \mu_2 \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} r_{2i} \ell_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^k g(r_{1i}, r_{2i}) \ell_i \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i, \quad k = 1, \dots, K+1 \end{aligned}$$



## Dual Problem: Finding the Maximum Departure Region

- ▶ The Lagrangian function

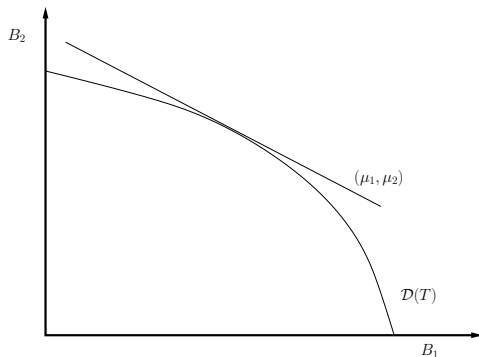
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- ▶ Total power in terms of Lagrange multipliers

$$P_i = \max \left\{ \frac{\mu_1 + \gamma_{1i}}{\sum_{k=i}^{K+1} \lambda_k} - 1, \frac{\mu_2 + \gamma_{2i}}{\sum_{k=i}^{K+1} \lambda_k} - \sigma^2 \right\}$$

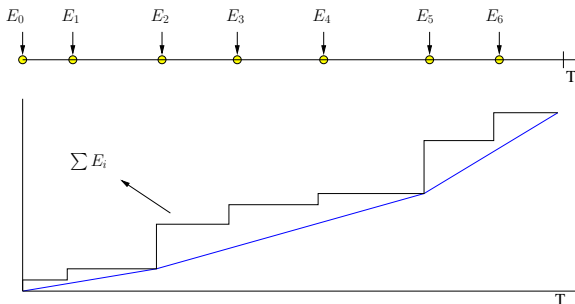
## A Structural Property of the Optimal Policy

- ▶ Optimal total transmit power,  $\{g(r_{1i}^*, r_{2i}^*)\}_{i=1}^{K+1}$ , is independent of  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ .
- ▶ In particular, it is the same as the optimal single-user transmit power.



## Single User Optimal Policy

- ▶ Single user optimal policy is found by calculating the **tightest curve** below the energy arrival curve:



- ▶ Slope of the curve is the allocated power
- ▶ Power is monotonically increasing

## Full Structure of an Optimal Policy

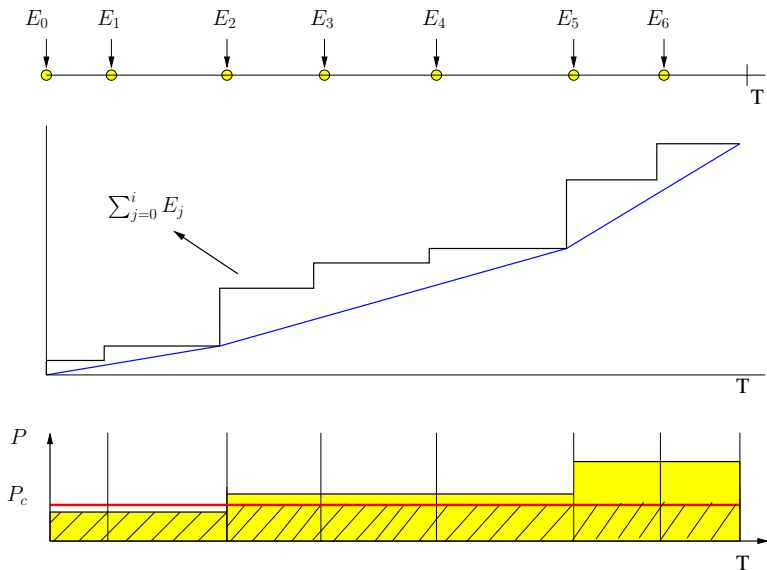
- ▶ Total transmit power is the same as the single-user case.
- ▶ The power shares follow a cut-off structure:
- ▶ Cut-off level  $P_c$

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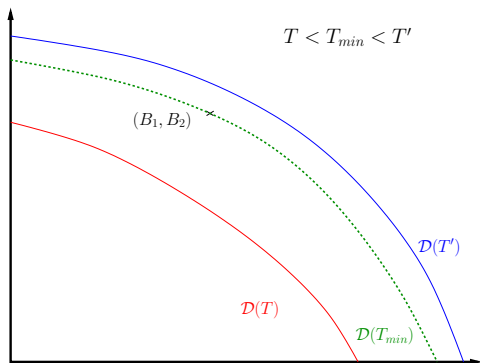
- ▶ If below  $P_c$ , then, only transmit to the stronger user
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- ▶ Extreme cases:
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## The Structure of an Optimal Policy



## Back to the Transmission Completion Time Minimization Problem

- ▶  $(B_1, B_2)$  and  $\{E_i\}$  are given
- ▶ Find the minimum time to transmit  $(B_1, B_2)$  subject to **energy causality**.
- ▶  $(B_1, B_2)$  point must lie on the **boundary of  $\mathcal{D}(T_{min})$** :

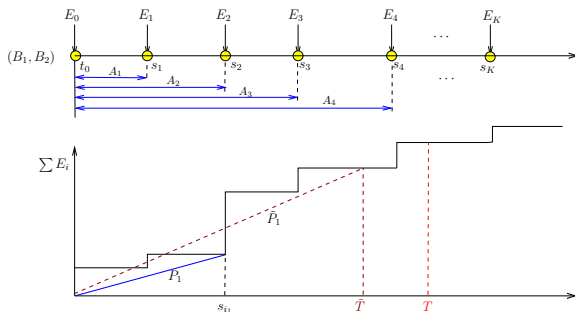


- ▶ Use derived structure of the optimal policy
- ▶ **Transmissions for strong and weak users must end at the same time.**



## Algorithm to Find the Optimal Policy

- Find  $P_1$ : the power level allocated at the first epoch



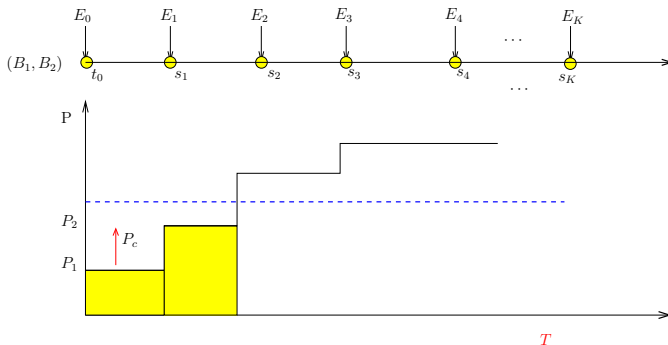
- Set  $P_c = P_1$  and calculate

$$T = \frac{B_1}{\frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_c)}$$

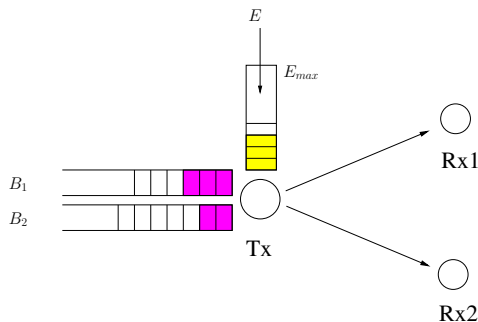
- Calculate  $D_2(T, P_c)$ : bits sent for weaker user by  $T$  treating  $P_c$  as noise.

## Algorithm to Find the Optimal Policy

- ▶ If  $D_2(T, P_c) > B_2$ , decrease  $P_c$ .
- ▶ Otherwise find  $P_2$ : the next allocated power level. Repeat the procedure
- ▶ Once  $D_2(T, P_c) = B_2$ , stop.



## Broadcast Channel with Finite $E_{max}$

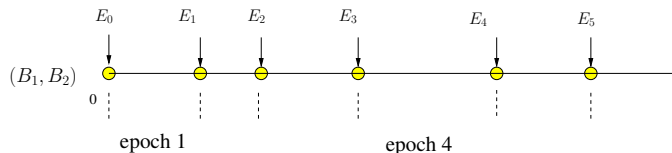


- ▶  $(B_1, B_2)$  bits to be sent and **battery capacity**  $E_{max} < \infty$
- ▶ AWGN broadcast channel:

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- ▶  $N_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $N_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  with  $\sigma^2 > 1$
- ▶ 1st user **stronger** and 2nd user **weaker**

## Broadcast Channel with Finite $E_{max}$



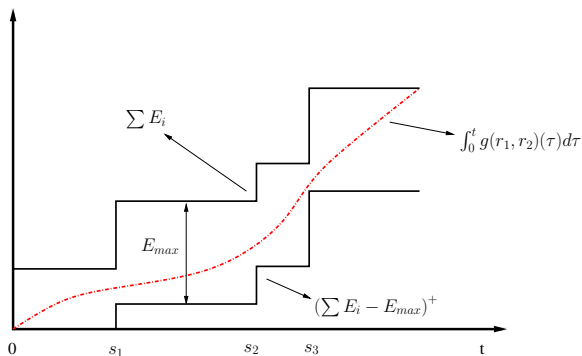
- ▶ Incoming energies are smaller than  $E_{max}$ :  $E_i \leq E_{max}$
- ▶ **Energy causality** constraints: energy that has not arrived cannot be used

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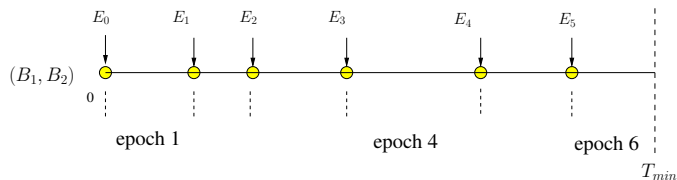
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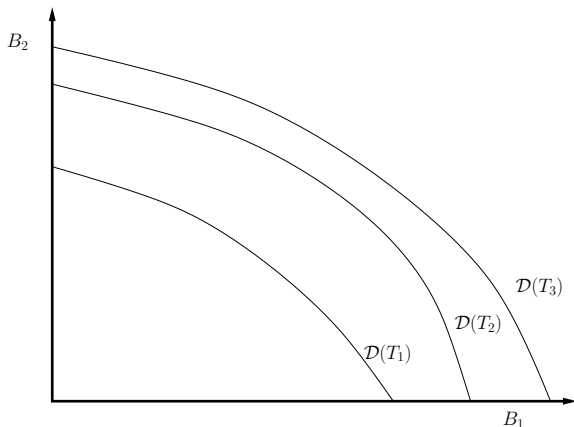
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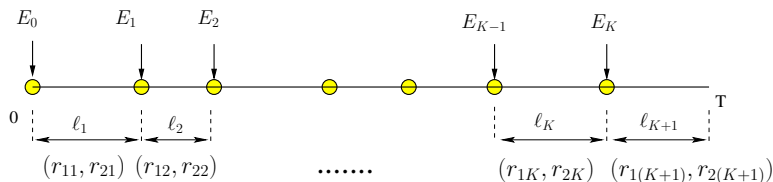
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## Dual Problem: Finding the Maximum Departure Region

- ▶  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ : union of  $(B_1, B_2)$  pairs achievable by some rate allocation policy that satisfies the **energy causality** and **no-energy-overflow constraints**.



## Dual Problem: Maximum Departure Region



- ▶ The transmission rates, and hence the transmission power, **remain constant** between energy harvests in any optimal policy
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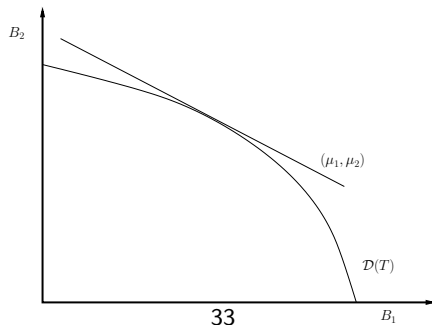
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## Dual Problem: Finding the Maximum Departure Region

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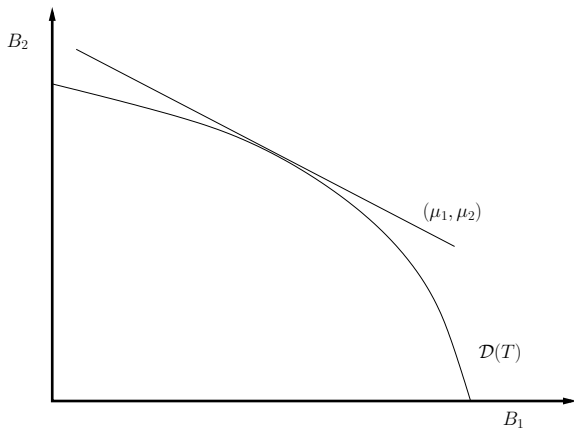
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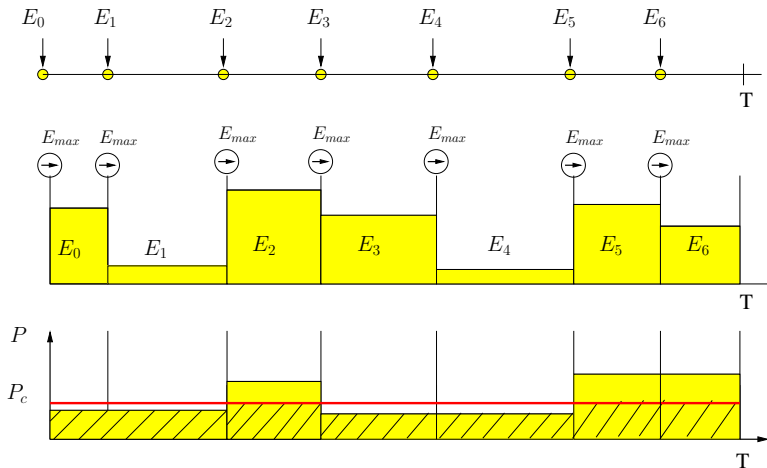
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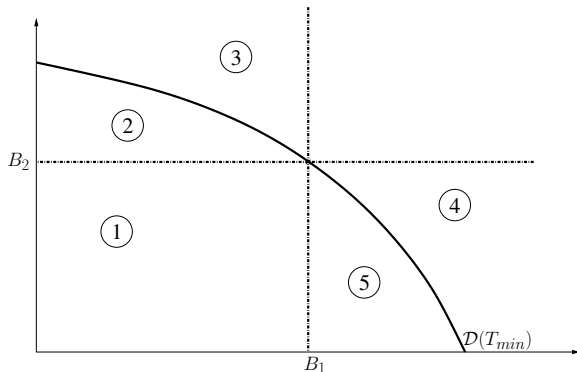
- ▶ If below  $P_c$ , then, **only the stronger user**
- ▶ Otherwise, **stronger user's power share is  $P_c$** .
- ▶ Extreme cases:
  - ▶ If  $\mu \leq 1$ , only the stronger user's data is transmitted
  - ▶ If  $\mu \geq \sigma^2$ , only the weaker user's data is transmitted
- ▶ **Powers are not monotonically increasing due to finite  $E_{max}$** .
- ▶ **Need to devise a new algorithm.**

## The Structure of an Optimal Policy



## Back to the Transmission Completion Time Minimization Problem

- ▶  $(B_1, B_2)$  and  $\{E_i\}$  are given
- ▶ Find the minimum time to transmit  $(B_1, B_2)$  subject to
  - ▶ energy causality
  - ▶ no-energy-overflow
- ▶ We divide the positive quadrant in 5 regions as follows

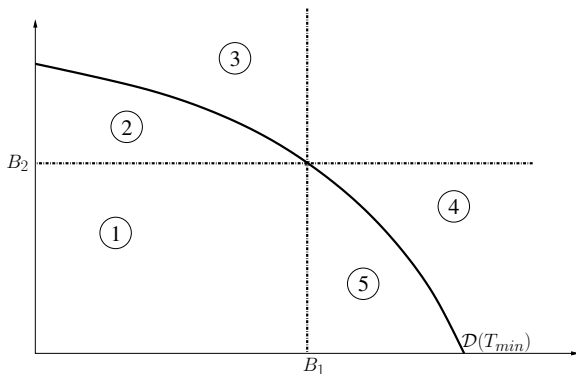


## Algorithm to Find the Optimal Policy

- ▶ Start with an arbitrary  $P_c$  and calculate

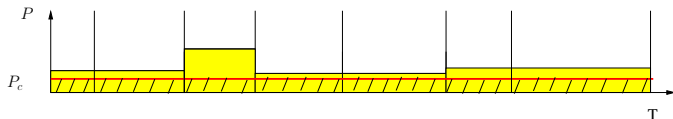
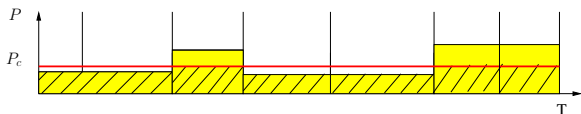
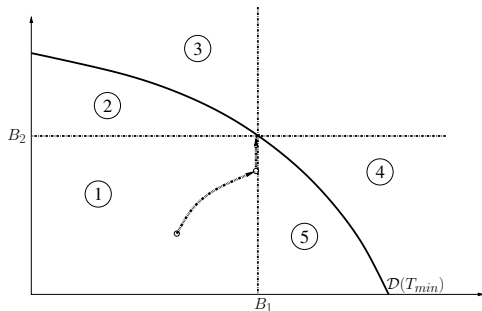
$$T = \frac{B_1}{\frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_c)}$$

- ▶ Assume, WLOG, we start in ①. Decrease  $P_c$  and recalculate  $T$
- ▶ There are **two possible cases**.



## Algorithm to Find the Optimal Policy

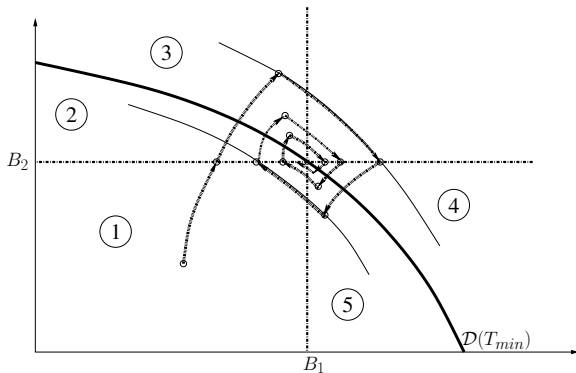
- ▶ In case  $B_1$  is achieved, iterations on  $P_c$  is sufficient.





## Algorithm to Find the Optimal Policy

- ▶ Otherwise, iterate  $P_c$  and  $T$  separately.
- ▶ Suitable step size updates exist **due to continuity**.



## Conclusions for the Broadcasting Scenario

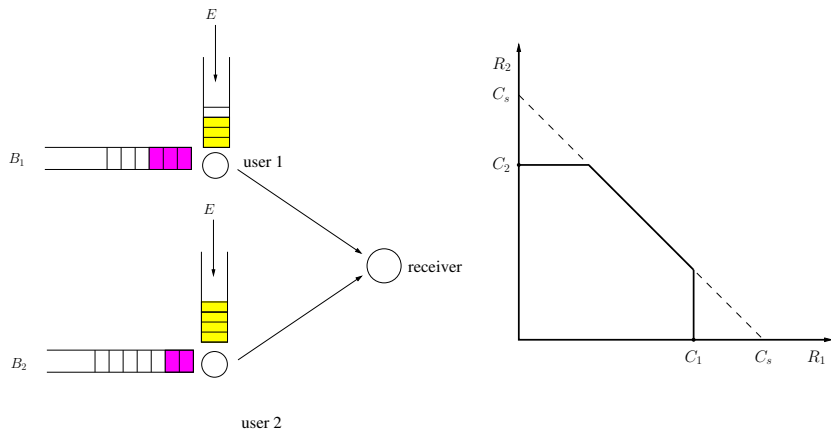
- ▶ Energy harvesting transmitter with infinite and finite capacity battery
- ▶ Transmission completion time minimization in a broadcast setting
- ▶ The dual problem: maximization of the departure region.
- ▶ Obtain the structure such as
  - ▶ the monotonicity of the transmit power
  - ▶ the cut-off power property
- ▶ Use structural properties to devise an algorithm

## Optimal Packet Scheduling: Multiple Access Channel

- ▶ AWGN MAC channel  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + Z$ ,  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- ▶ The capacity region is a **pentagon** denoted as  $\mathcal{C}(P_1, P_2)$ :

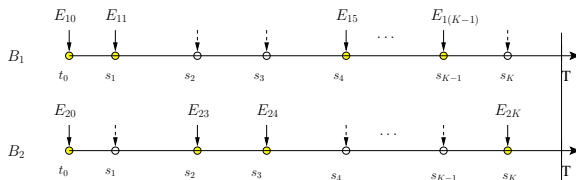
$$R_1 \leq f(P_1), \quad R_2 \leq f(P_2), \quad R_1 + R_2 \leq f(P_1 + P_2)$$

where  $f(p) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + p)$ .

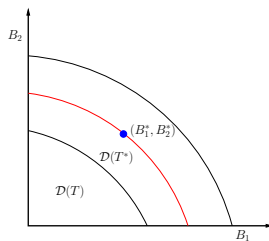


## Problem Formulation

- ▶ Given  $(B_1, B_2)$ , minimize transmission completion time,  $T$ .



- ▶ Start with the **dual problem**:



## Characterizing $\mathcal{D}(T)$

- ▶ Transmission rate remains constant between energy harvests.
- ▶ For any feasible transmit power sequences  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$  over  $[0, T)$ , the departure region is a **pentagon** defined as

$$B_1 \leq \sum_{n=1}^N f(p_{1n})l_n$$

$$B_2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^N f(p_{2n})l_n$$

$$B_1 + B_2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^N f(p_{1n} + p_{2n})l_n$$

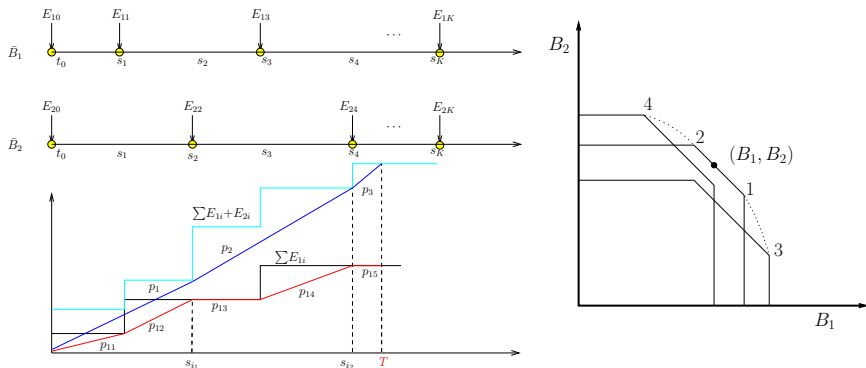
- ▶  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is a **union of  $(B_1, B_2)$**  and **convex**.
- ▶ For any  $T' > T$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is strictly inside  $\mathcal{D}(T')$ .
- ▶ The boundary points maximize  $\mu_1 B_1 + \mu_2 B_2$  for some  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \geq 0$ .

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2$$

- ▶ The problem becomes  $\max_{p_1, p_2} B_1 + B_2$ .
- ▶ Sum of powers has same “majorization” property as in single-user.
- ▶ Merge energy arrivals of the users, get the optimal sum powers,  $p_1, \dots, p_n$
- ▶ Each feasible sequence of  $p_{1n}$  and  $p_{2n}$  gives a pentagon.
- ▶ Union of them is a larger pentagon: dominant faces on the same line.
- ▶ Need to identify the boundary of this larger pentagon.

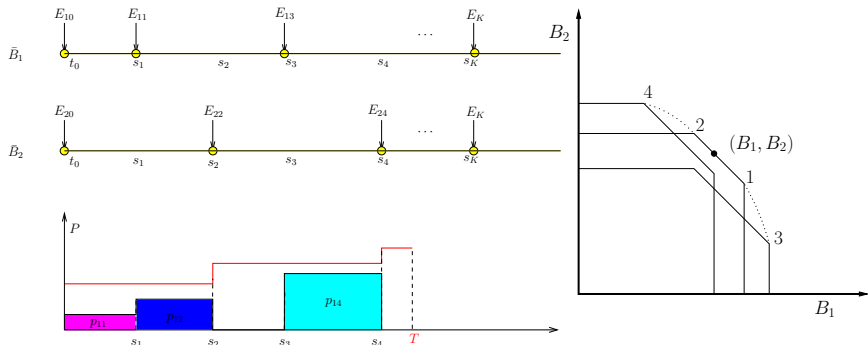
## Achieving Corner Points of the Boundary

- ▶ Maximize  $B_1$  s.t.  $B_1 + B_2$  is maximized at the same time  $\Rightarrow$  **point 1**.
  - ▶ Equalize the transmit powers of the first user as much as possible
  - ▶ **Additionally:** both users' energy constraints are tight if sum power changes.



$$\mu_1 = 0 \text{ or } \mu_2 = 0$$

- ▶ Maximize  $B_1$  or  $B_2 \Rightarrow$  a single-user scenario.
- ▶ Given  $p_{1n}^*$ , maximize  $B_2$ : backward/directional waterfilling with base level  $p_{1n}^* \Rightarrow$  point 3.





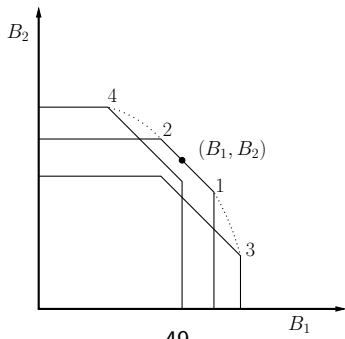
$$\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$$

- ▶ Each boundary point corresponds to a corner point on some pentagon.
- ▶  $\mu_1 > \mu_2 \Rightarrow$  achieving **points between point 1 and point 3**:

$$\max_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2} \quad (\mu_1 - \mu_2) \sum_n f(p_{1n}) l_n + \mu_2 \sum_n f(p_{1n} + p_{2n}) l_n$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{n=1}^j p_{1n} l_n \leq \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} E_{1n}, \quad \forall j : 0 < j \leq N$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^j p_{2n} l_n \leq \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} E_{2n}, \quad \forall j : 0 < j \leq N$$



## Generalized Iterative Backward Waterfilling

- ▶ Solve the problem via **generalized iterative backward waterfilling**:
- ▶ Given  $\mathbf{p}_2^*$ , solve for  $\mathbf{p}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{p}_1} \quad & (\mu_1 - \mu_2) \sum_{n=1}^N f(p_{1n}) I_n + \mu_2 \sum_{n=1}^N f(p_{1n} + p_{2n}^*) I_n \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{n=1}^j p_{1n} I_n \leq \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} E_{1n}, \quad 0 < j \leq N \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Once  $\mathbf{p}_1^*$  is obtained, we do a **backward waterfilling** for the second user.
- ▶ We perform the optimization for both users in an **alternating** way.
- ▶ The iterative algorithm converges to the global optimal solution.

## Minimizing $T$ for a Given $(B_1, B_2)$

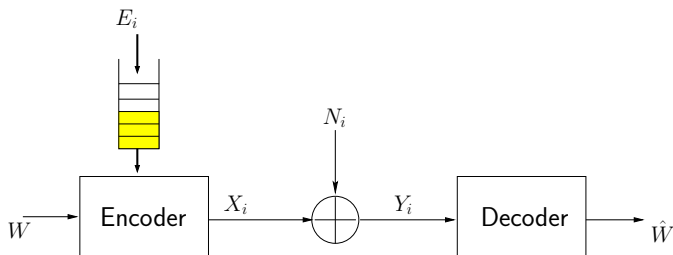
- ▶ Need to obtain optimal power policy and rate policy at the same time.
- ▶ First calculate  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  for  $t = s_1, s_2, \dots, s_K$ .
- ▶ Locate  $(B_1, B_2)$  on the maximum departure region.
- ▶ If  $(B_1, B_2)$  is outside  $\mathcal{D}(s_i)$  but inside  $\mathcal{D}(s_{i+1})$  for some  $s_i$ , then,  $s_i < T < s_{i+1}$ .
- ▶ Solve this optimization problem in two steps.
  1. Find a power policy to minimize  $T$  s.t  $(B_1, B_2)$  is within  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ , **convex optimization**.
  2. Find a feasible rate allocation within the capacity regions, **linear programming**.
- ▶ Complexity is reduced: the number of unknown variables is about half.

## Conclusions for the Multiple Access Scenario

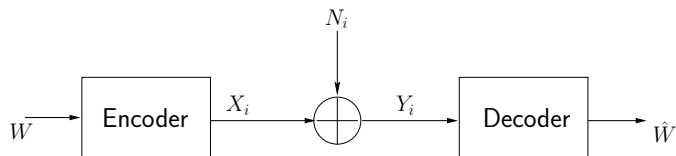
- ▶ Energy harvesting transmitters sending messages to a single access point.
- ▶ Transmission completion time minimization in a multiple access scenario.
- ▶ The dual problem: maximization of the departure region.
- ▶ Obtain the structure using generalized iterative waterfilling.

## Information Theoretic Analysis of Single-User Energy Harvesting Communication

- ▶ Energy is not available up front, **arrives randomly** in time.
- ▶ Energy can be saved in the **battery** for future use.
- ▶ Transmission is interrupted if battery energy is run out.
- ▶ What is the **highest achievable rate**?



## Classical AWGN Channel



- ▶ AWGN channel:

$$Y = X + N$$

- ▶ Average power constraint:

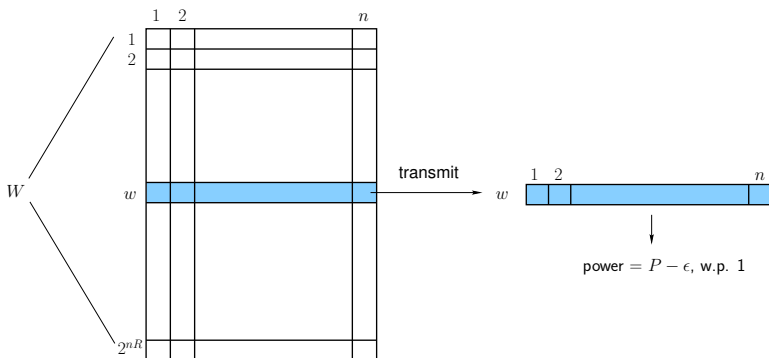
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \leq P$$

- ▶ **AWGN capacity formula** with an **average power constraint  $P$** :

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(1 + P)$$

## Achievability in the Classical AWGN Channel

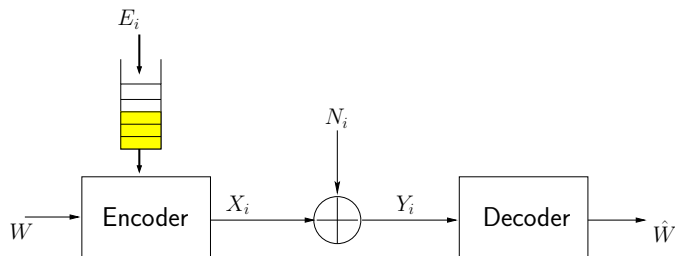
- ▶ Generate codebook with i.i.d. Gaussians with zero-mean, variance  $P - \epsilon$ .



- ▶ By [SLLN](#), codewords so generated **obey the power constraint w.p. 1**,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \rightarrow P - \epsilon, \quad \text{w.p. } 1$$

## Energy Harvesting AWGN Channel Model



- ▶ Code symbols are constrained to the battery energy at each channel use:

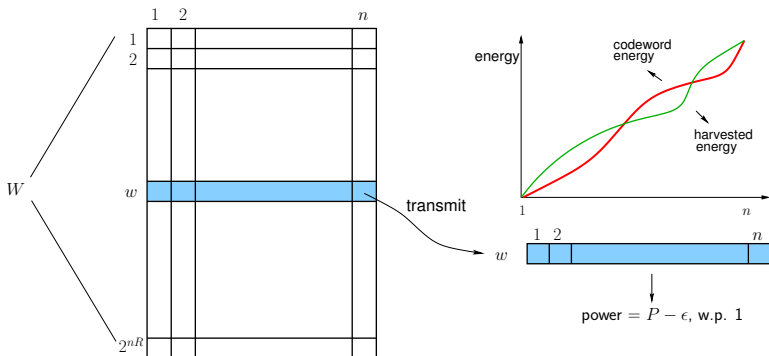
$$\sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^k E_i, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- ▶ **Energy harvesting:**  $n$  constraints.
- ▶ **Average power constraint:** a single constraint,  $k = n$ .
- ▶  $E[E_i] = P$ : **average recharge rate.**
- ▶ Battery storage capacity is **infinite.**



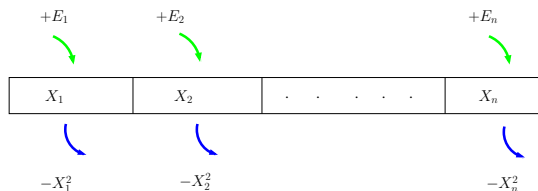
## Achievability in the Energy Harvesting AWGN Channel: Major Concerns

- ▶ If we generate an i.i.d. Gaussian codebook with zero-mean, variance  $P - \epsilon$ .



- ▶ How do we design the codebook such that:
  - ▶ all codewords are energy-feasible for all channel uses.
- ▶ Do we need energy arrival state information:
  - ▶ causally, non-causally or not at all, at the transmitter and/or receiver.

## The Capacity with Energy Harvesting



- ▶ **Upper bound:** Average power constrained AWGN capacity:

$$C \leq \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P)$$

- ▶ **This is an upper bound because:**

- ▶ Average power constraint imposes a single constraint:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \rightarrow P \quad (\text{by SLLN})$$

- ▶ While energy harvesting imposes  $n$  constraints:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n E_i, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

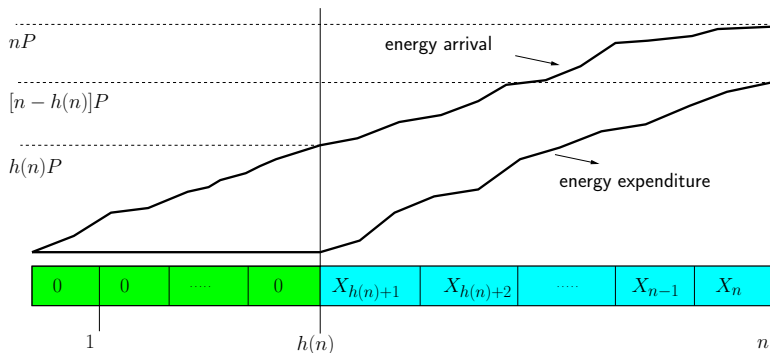
- ▶ **Our contribution:** This bound can be achieved.

## Achieving the Capacity

- ▶ Probability of error  $P_e = \Pr(E_1 \cup E_2)$ :
  - ▶  $E_1$ : decoding error
  - ▶  $E_2$ : violation of energy constraints
- ▶ A first approach: Design a codebook that obeys all  $n$  energy constraints.
- ▶ **An alternative approach:**  
Design a simple codebook and show the insignificance of energy shortages.
- ▶ We will follow the second approach.
- ▶ Two achievable schemes:
  - 1) Save-and-Transmit scheme
  - 2) Best-Effort-Transmit scheme

## Save-and-Transmit Scheme

- ▶ Save energy in the first  $h(n)$  channel uses, do not transmit.
- ▶ In the remaining  $n - h(n)$  channel uses, send i.i.d. Gaussian signals.
- ▶ Saving period of  $h(n)$  channel uses makes the remaining symbols feasible.
- ▶ Choose  $h(n) \in o(n)$  so that saving incurs no loss in rate, i.e.,  $h(n)/n \rightarrow 0$ .



## Save-and-Transmit Scheme

- ▶ When  $E[X_i^2] = P - \epsilon$ ,
  - ▶  $h(n) \in o(n)$  guarantees no loss in rate.
  - ▶  $h(n) \rightarrow \infty$  guarantees sufficient energy storage.
  - ▶ An  $h(n)$  that works is  $h(n) = \log(n)$ .
- ▶ When  $E[X_i^2] = P$ ,
  - ▶ Additionally, we need  $E[e^{E_i^\gamma}] < \infty$  for some  $0 < \gamma < 1$ .
  - ▶ Then, we need  $h(n) > n^{1/\alpha}(\log(n))^{1/\gamma}$ , for some  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ .
  - ▶ An  $h(n)$  that works is  $h(n) = \sqrt{n}(\log(n))^2$ .
- ▶ Hence, for  $E[X_i^2] \leq P$ , there exists an  $h(n)$  such that **achievable rate**:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n} I(X^n; Y^n) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=h(n)}^n I(X_j; Y_j) \\ &= \frac{n - h(n)}{2n} \log(1 + P) \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P)\end{aligned}$$

## Best-Effort-Transmit Scheme

- ▶  $X_i$ : i.i.d. Gaussian.
- ▶  $S(i)$ : battery energy in the  $i$ th channel use.
- ▶ If  $S(i) \geq X_i^2$ , put  $X_i$  otherwise put 0 to the channel.
- ▶ Mismatch between the codewords and the transmitted symbols.
- ▶ Battery energy updates:

$$S(i+1) = S(i) + E_i - X_i^2 \mathbf{1}(S(i) \geq X_i^2)$$

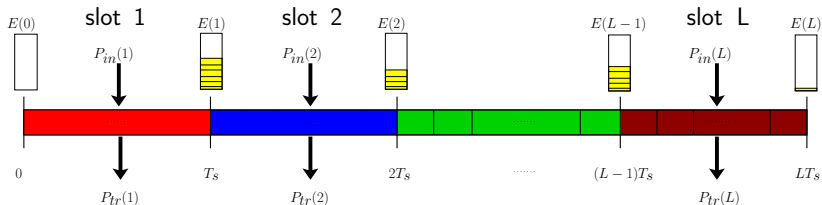
- ▶ Since  $E[X_i^2] = P - \epsilon$ , only finitely many symbols are infeasible.
- ▶ Finitely many mismatches. Inconsequential for joint typical decoding.
- ▶ Rates  $< \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P)$  are achievable.

## Conclusions So Far

- ▶ AWGN capacity with i.i.d. recharge process is equal to the capacity with average power constrained to average recharge rate.
- ▶ Two-achievable schemes:
  - ▶ Save-and-Transmit scheme
  - ▶ Best-Effort-Transmit scheme
- ▶ **Next:**
  - ▶ Energy arrival rate changes in large time slots.

## The Large Time Scale Case

- ▶ Average recharge rate changes in large time slots.
- ▶ We consider  $L$  time slots.





## Optimizing the Average Throughput

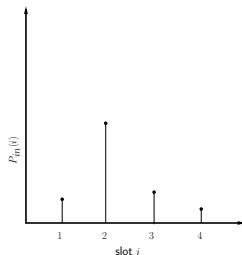
- ▶ We optimize **average throughput** over  $L$  slots subject to **energy causality**:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_{tr}(i)) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} P_{tr}(i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} P_{in}(i), \quad \ell = 1, 2, \dots, L \end{aligned}$$

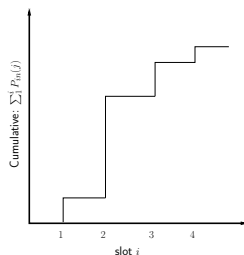
- ▶ Objective function is **Schur-concave**.
- ▶ The solution: **most majorized** feasible power vector.

# Optimum Power Control Algorithm

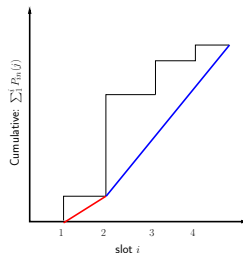
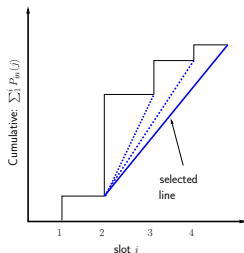
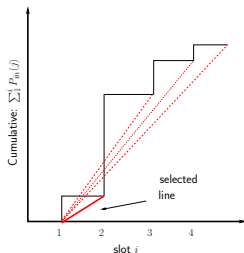
- ▶ Make the transmit power **as constant as possible**.
- ▶ Select the feasible line with the **minimum slope**.



Deciding  $P_1$



Deciding  $P_2-P_4$



## Numerical Example

- ▶ Given the input power sequence:  $P_{in}(1), P_{in}(2), \dots, P_{in}(L)$ .
- ▶ Use the developed optimum power control algorithm.
- ▶ Lower bound: no power control.

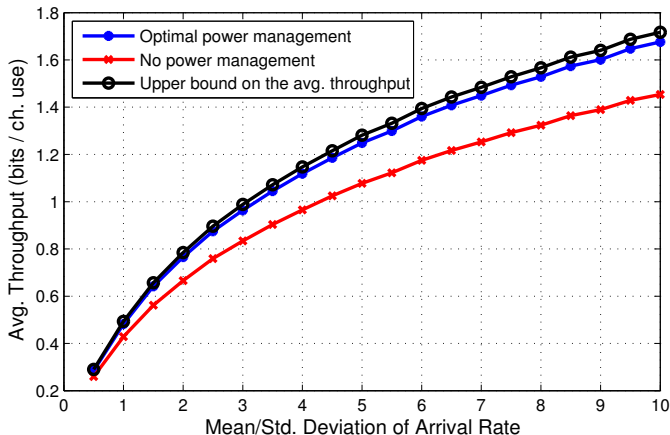
$$T_{lb} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + P_{in}(i))$$

- ▶ Upper bound: all power is available at time zero.

$$T_{ub} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L P_{in}(i) \right)$$

## Numerical Example: $L = 20$ Slots

- ▶  $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^L$  are i.i.d. exponential random variables.



## Conclusions

- ▶ AWGN capacity with i.i.d. recharge process is equal to the capacity with average power constrained to average recharge rate.
- ▶ Two-achievable schemes:
  - ▶ Save-and-Transmit scheme
  - ▶ Best-Effort-Transmit scheme
- ▶ Optimal power control in a large scale time constrained system.
  - ▶ Optimal power vector: most majorized feasible vector subject to causality.

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