



System Designs for Energy Harvesting Sensor Networks [1]

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Outline

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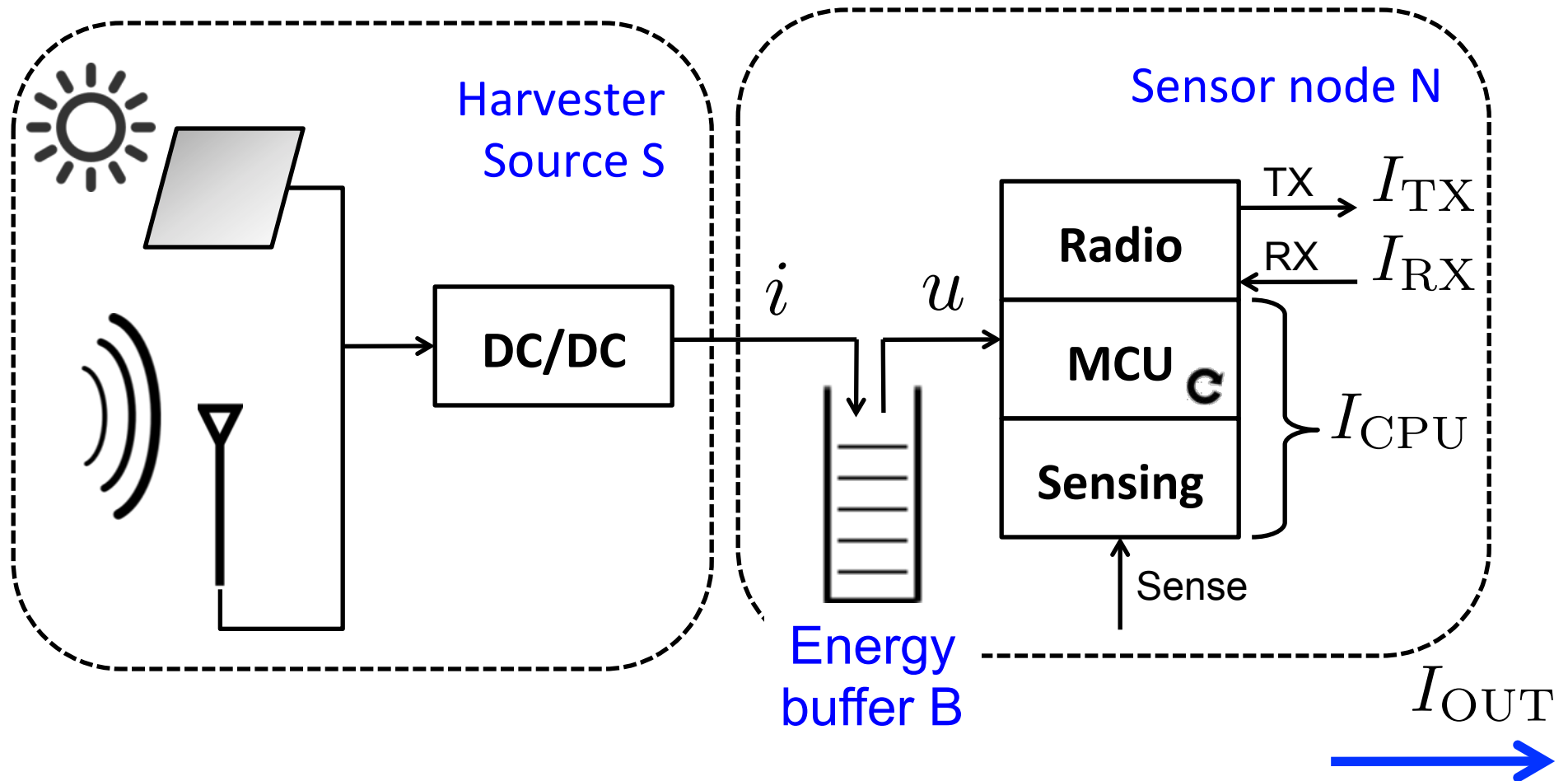


Motivation

- Is there any free lunch for EH WSNs?
- Challenge:
Energy source is there but ...
... it is **unreliable, erratic and intermittent**
- **Need for intelligent designs**
 - Adaptive energy management
 - Transmission vs Storage vs Scavenger Size

Reference Scenario (1/2)

Sensor Model



Reference Scenario (2/2)

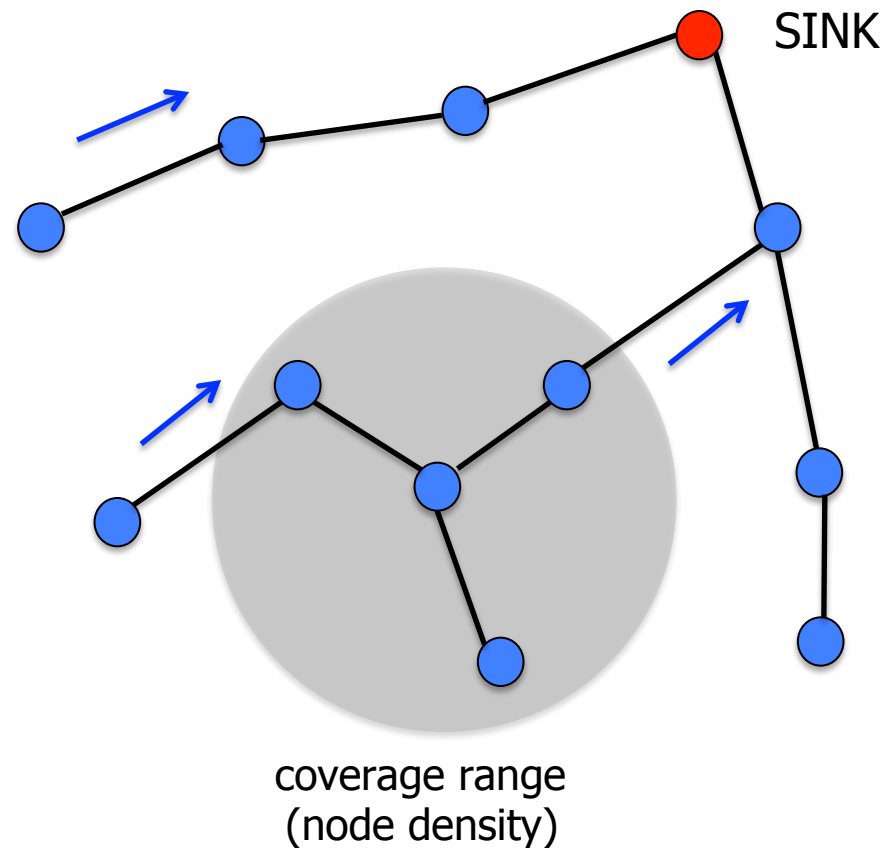
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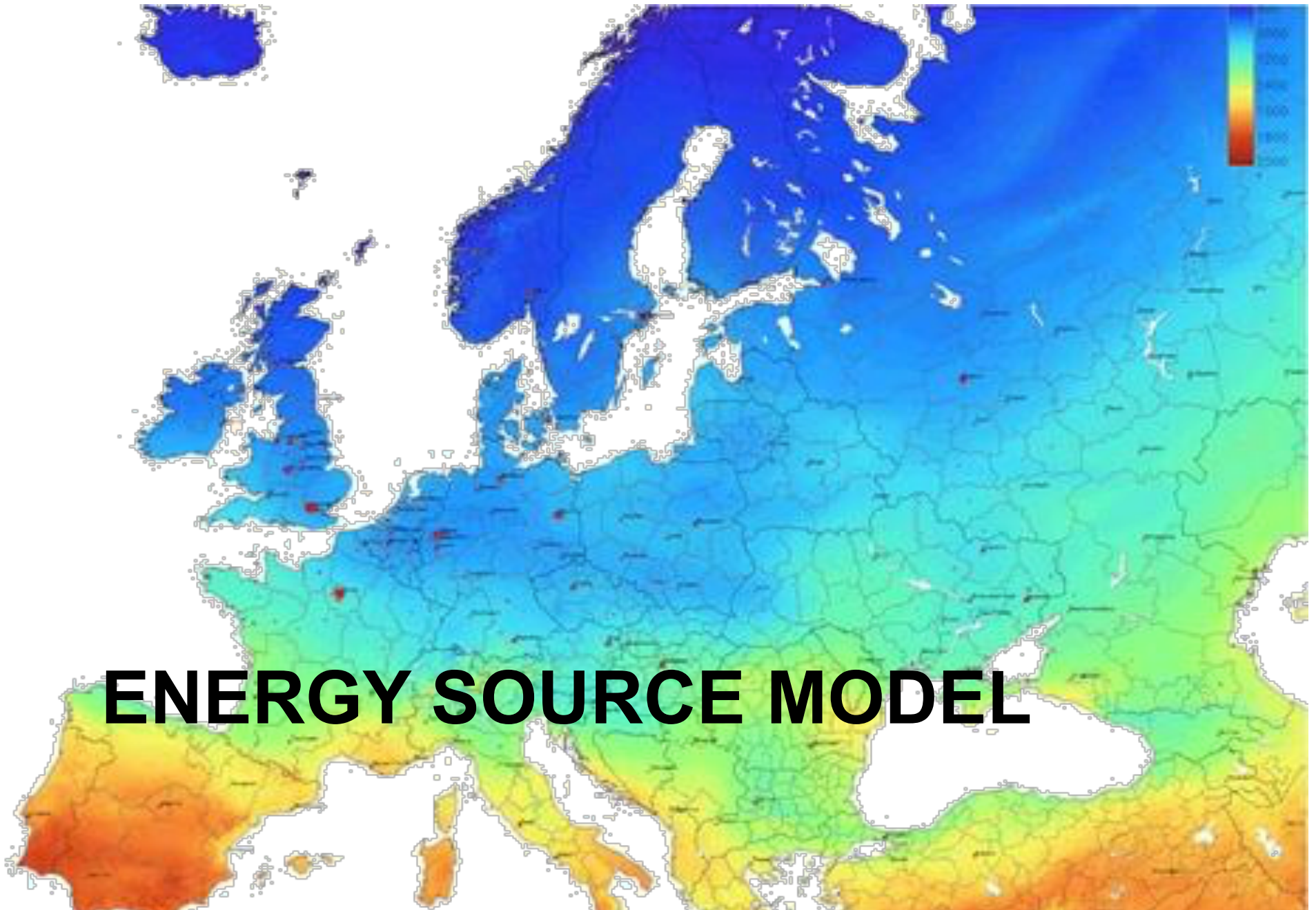
Scenario

- Multi-hop routing
- Data collection @ the sink
- Energy harvesting nodes

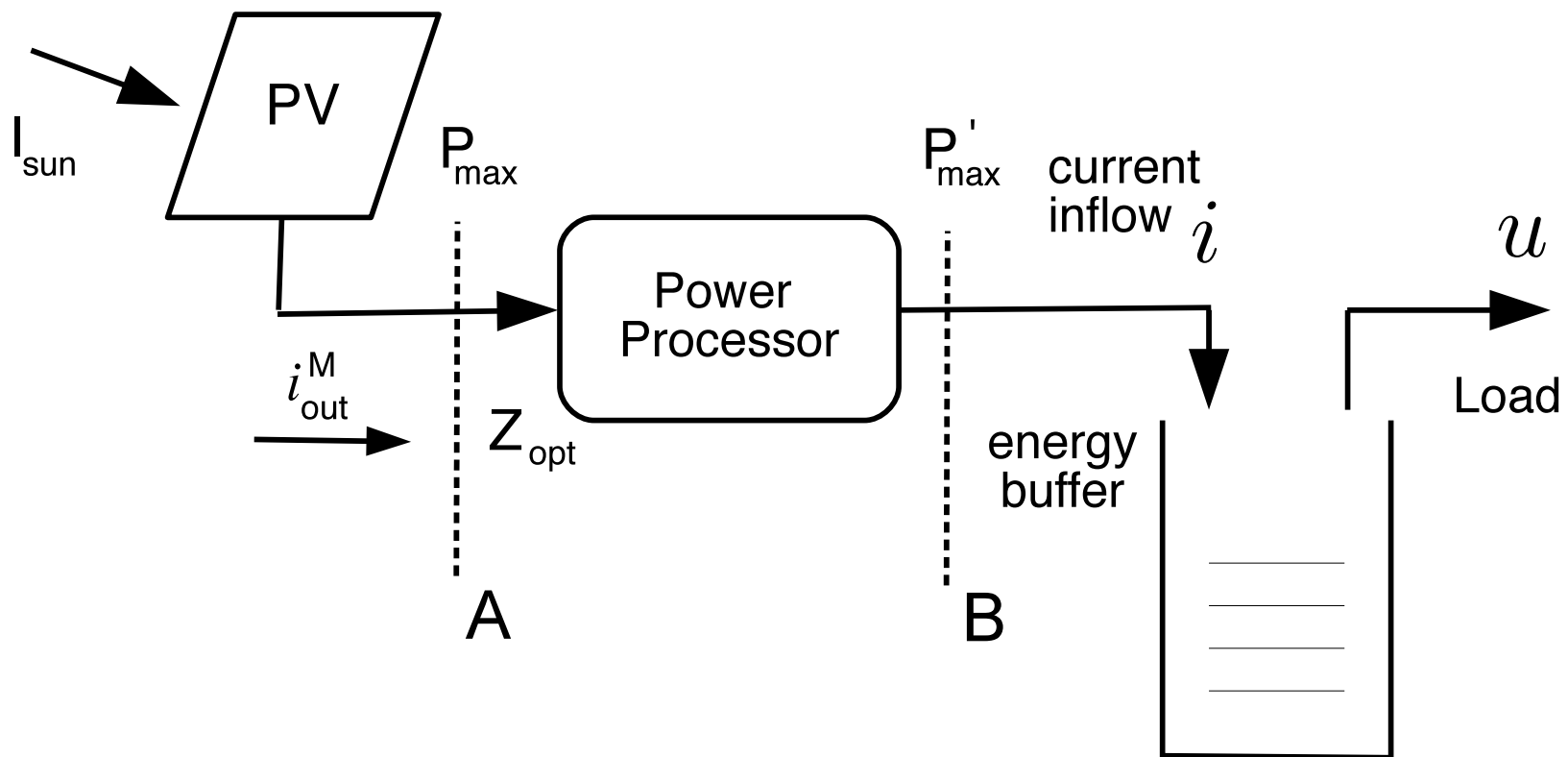
Aspects to model

- MAC (channel access)
- Routing
- Energy consumption
- Energy arrival

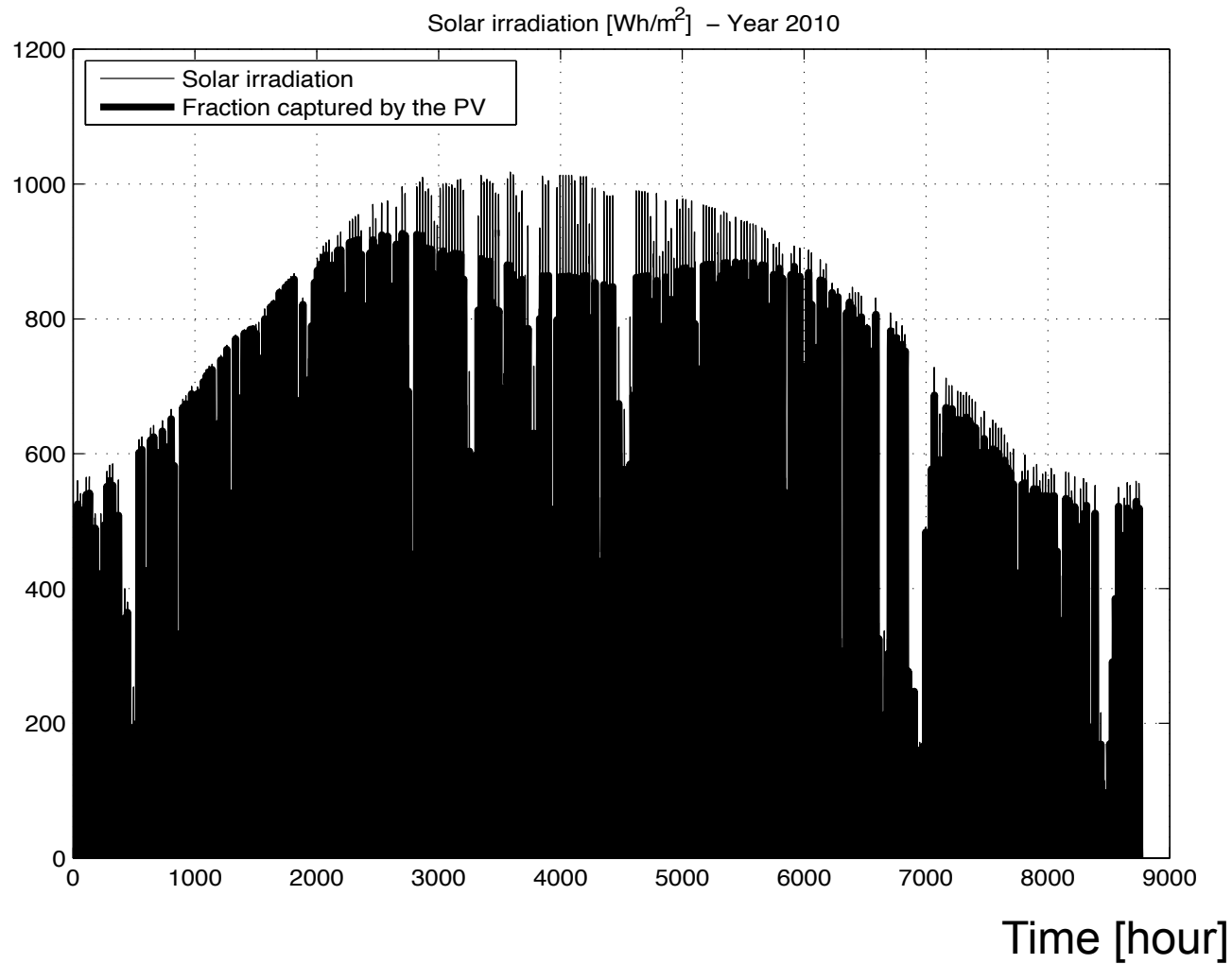




Energy Source Model



Solar Radiation Maps

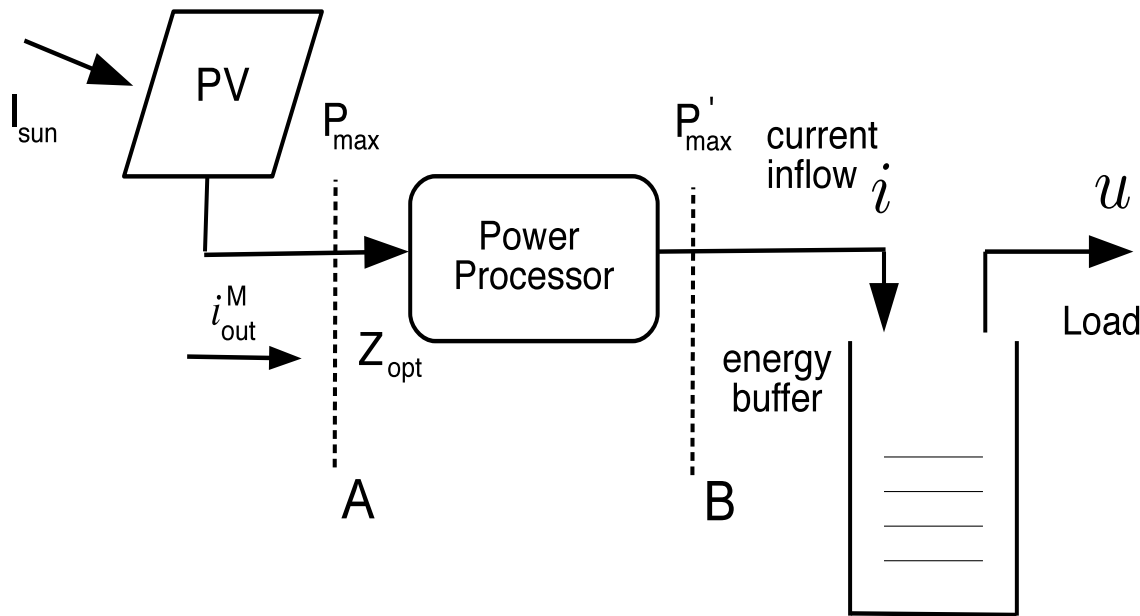


Example

Solar Irradiation for
Los Angeles in 2010

From NREL:
<http://www.nrel.gov/rredc/>

Harvested energy [2]



Statistical characterization of DC/DC out current

- Current intensity [A]
- Energy states (morning, afternoon, night, etc.)

Solar radiation maps:

- Latitude, longitude
- Orientation, tilt of the panel
- Day of year

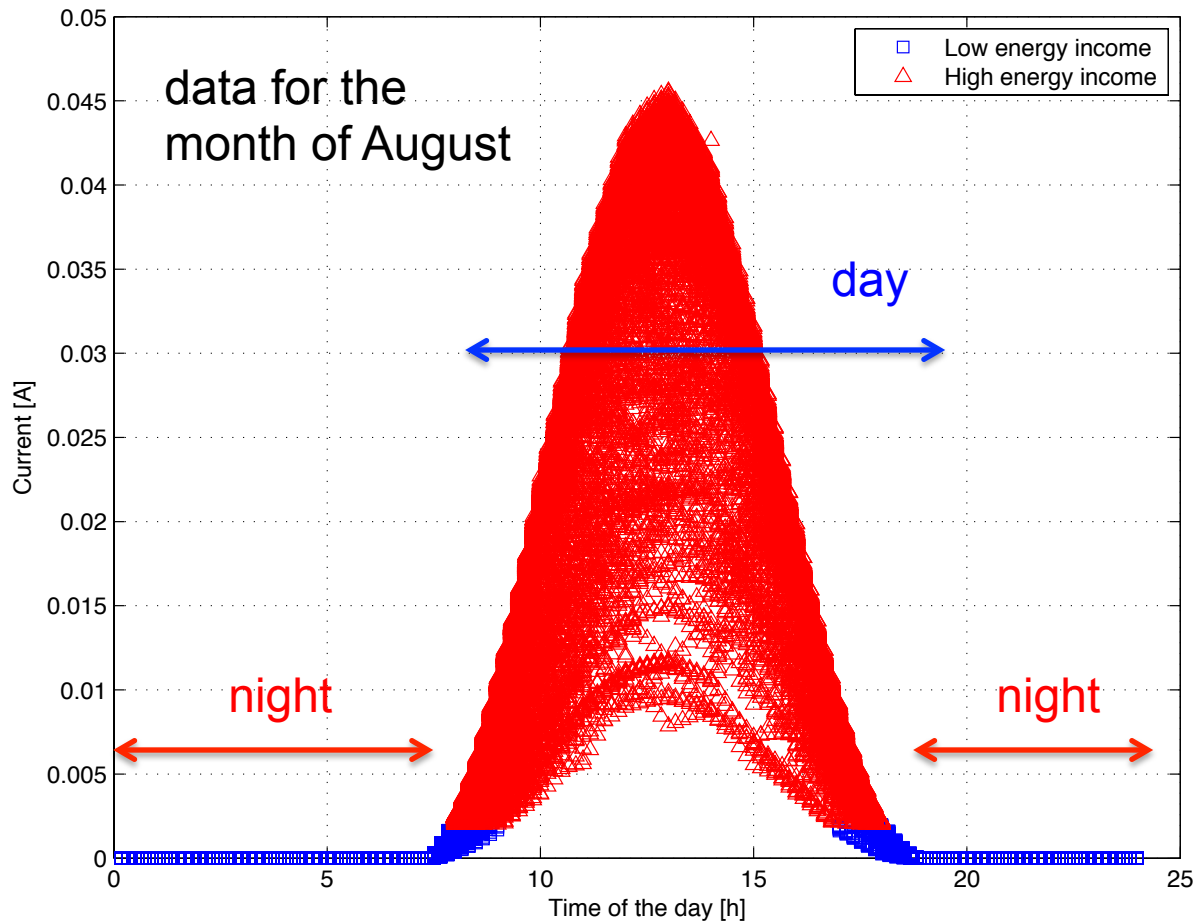
PV technology:

- Material
- Efficiency
- Panel size

DC/DC:

- Efficiency
- Optimal working point for the panel IV curve is assumed

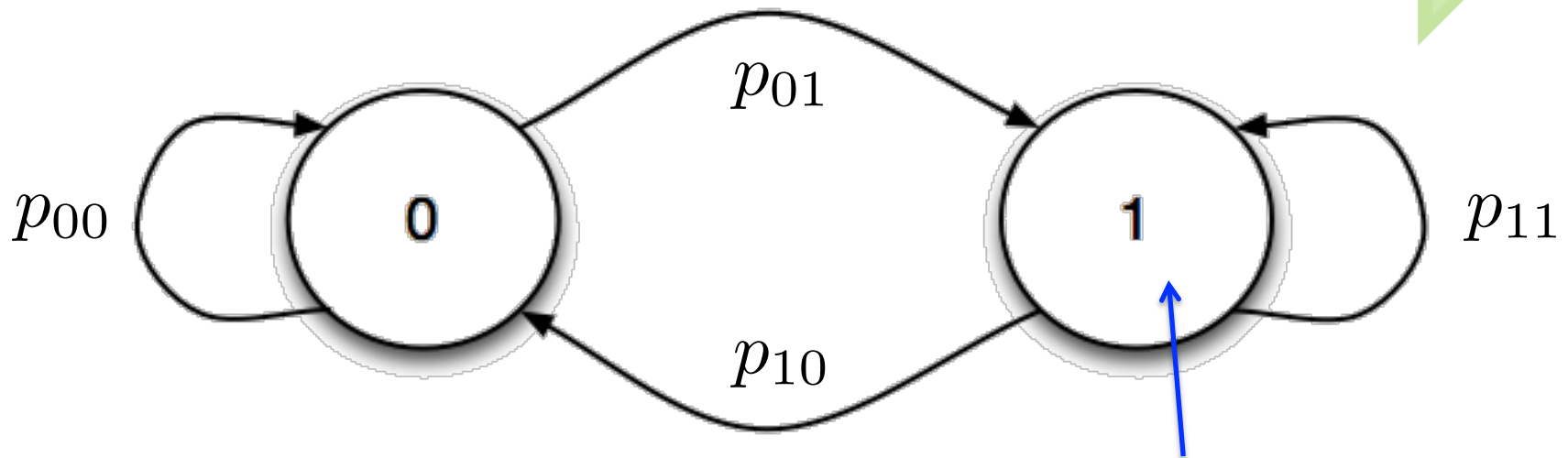
Example



Statistics (pdf)

- LA – August 1999-2010
- Day/Night data clustering
- Duration of “energy states”
- Current income in each

Semi-Markov Model (SMM)



Embedded chain probs

$$p_{10} = p_{01} = 1$$

$$p_{00} = p_{11} = 0$$

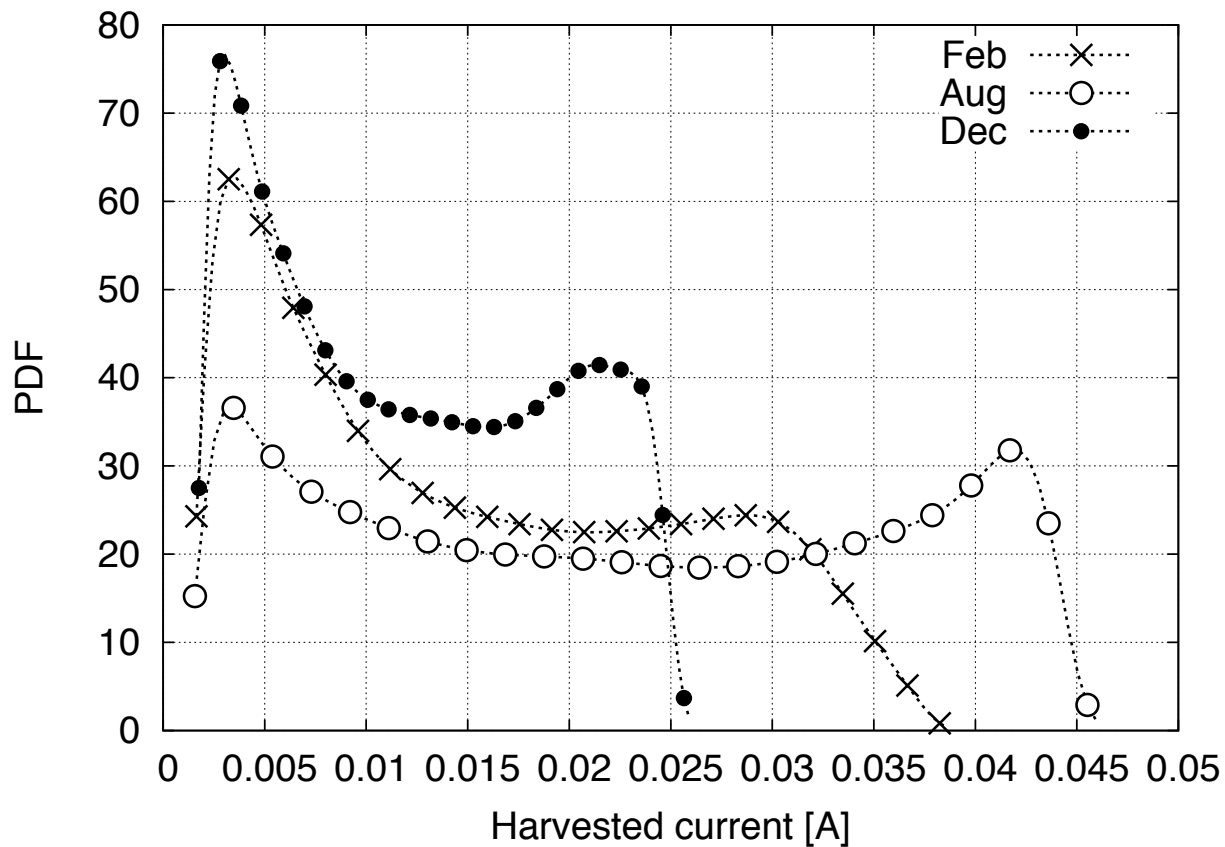
$f_c(i|x_s)$ harvested current

$f_d(\tau|x_s)$ permanence time

the approach has been generalized to any number of states

Statistics – input current $f_c(x|x_s)$

LA - from data collected in [1999-2010]

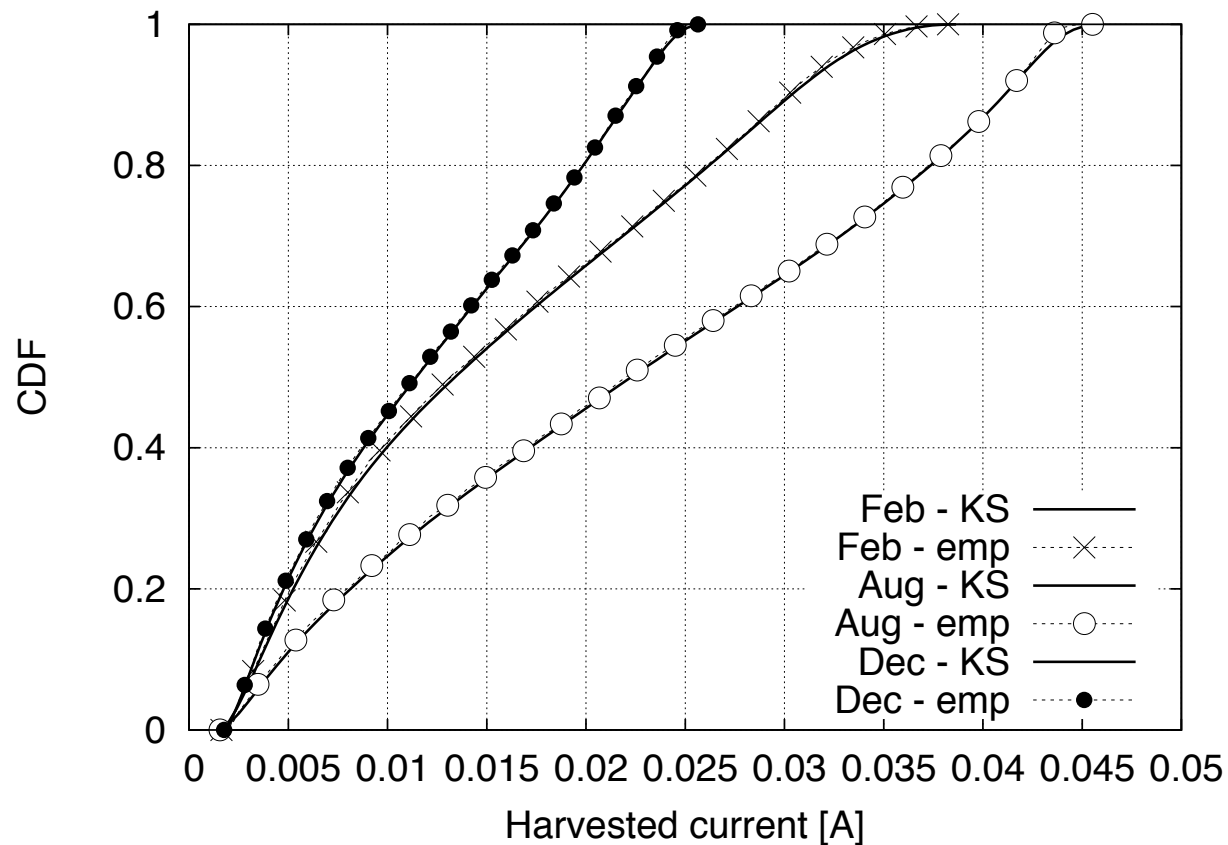


Solar module:
6x6 square-cm

State $x_s = 0$: day

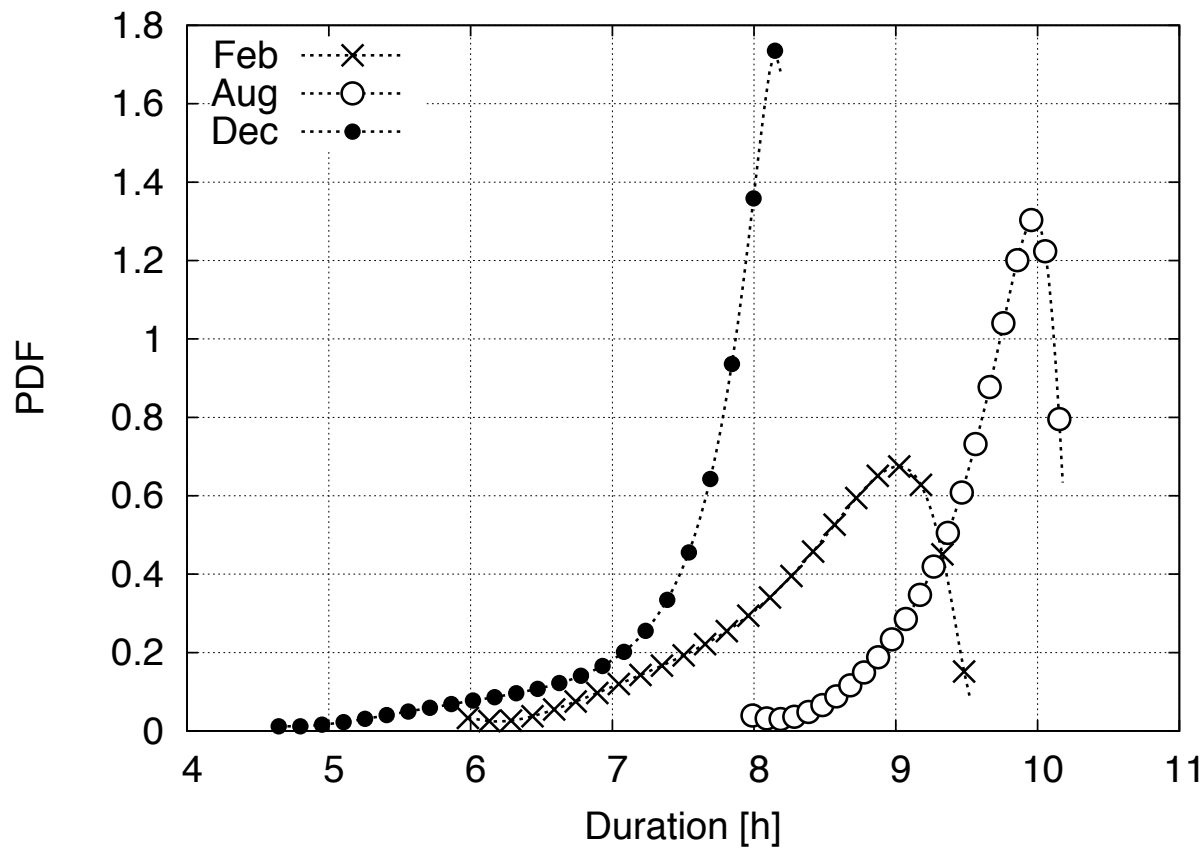
Statistics – input current cdf

LA - from data collected in [1999-2010]



Statistics – duration $f_d(x|x_s)$

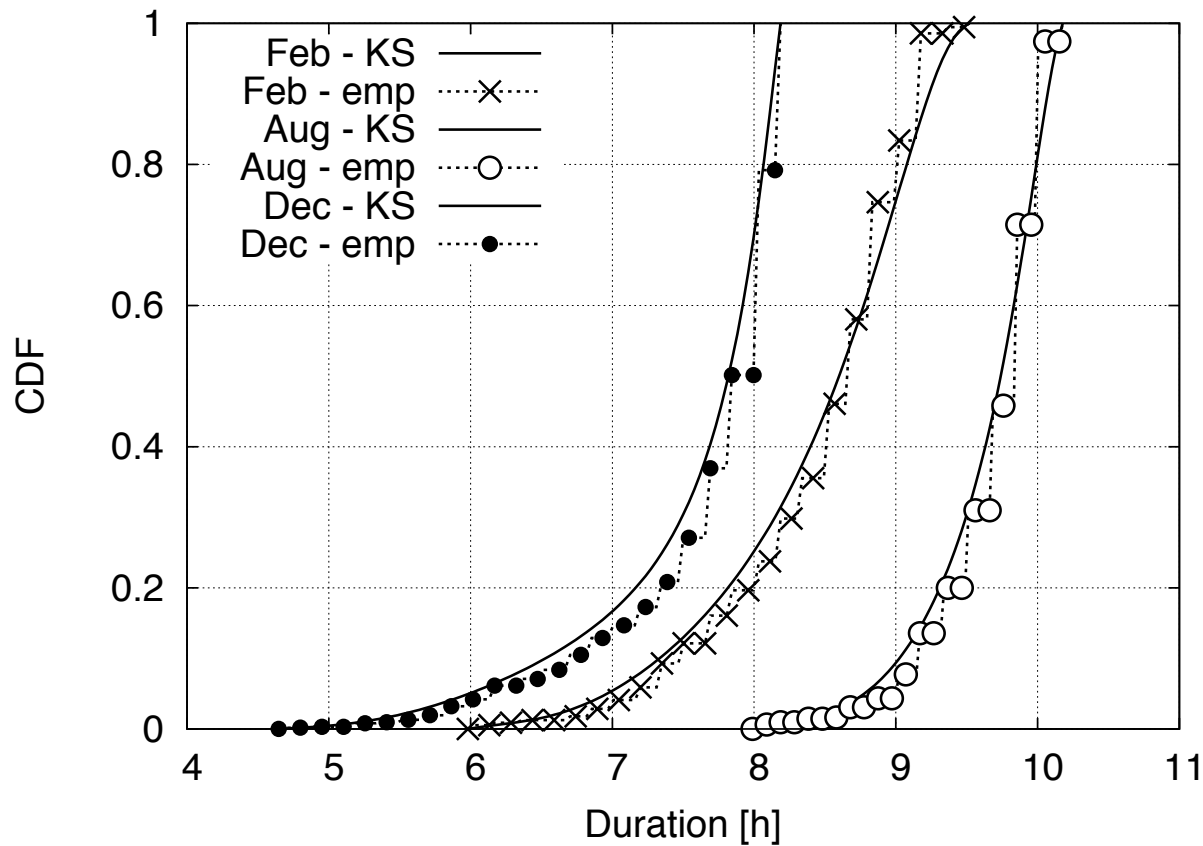
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State $x_s = 0$: day

Statistics – duration cdf

LA - from data collected in [1999-2010]



State $x_s = 0$: day

Stage

Stage

- time τ during which the SMM remains in one state

Energy income

- r.v. drawn @ beginning of stage from $f_c(i|x_s)$

Duration

- r.v. drawn @ beginning of stage from $f_d(\tau|x_s)$

Decision

- u : chosen @ beginning of stage

Δ -charge (q) in stage k

Balance between

- Control u (current drained)
- Input current i (from panel)
- Stage duration τ

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{– Control } u \text{ (current drained)} \\ \text{– Input current } i \text{ (from panel)} \\ \text{– Stage duration } \tau \end{array} \right\} q = (i - u)\tau$$

(for a given u , q is given by the product of two r.v.s.)

The resulting pdf $h(q | x_s, u)$ of the variation of charge in a stage is:

$$h(q | x_s, u) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{|\tau|} f_d(\tau | x_s) f_c(q/\tau + u | x_s) d\tau$$

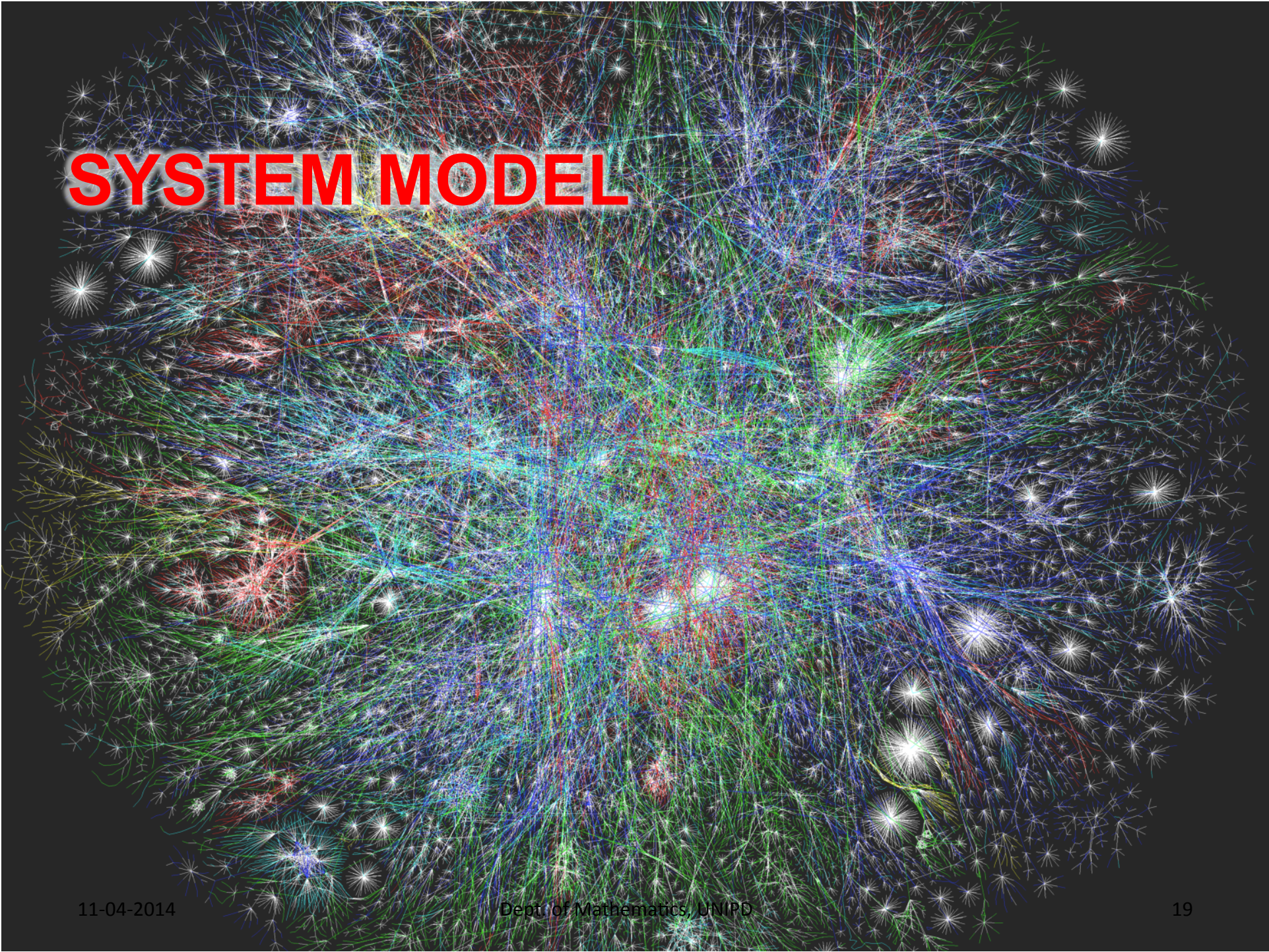
From SMM to DTMC

With $h(q | x_s, u)$ we

- Define an **equivalent** Discrete Time Markov Chain (DTMC)
- DTMC: time is slotted and slot duration is fixed
- When going from stage $k-1$ to stage k :
 - The resulting **Δ -charge is modeled through q** (pdf $h(q|x_s, u)$)
 - u is the control for the current stage k
 - x_s is the source state in the current stage k
 - **q is the variation of charge in the battery:**

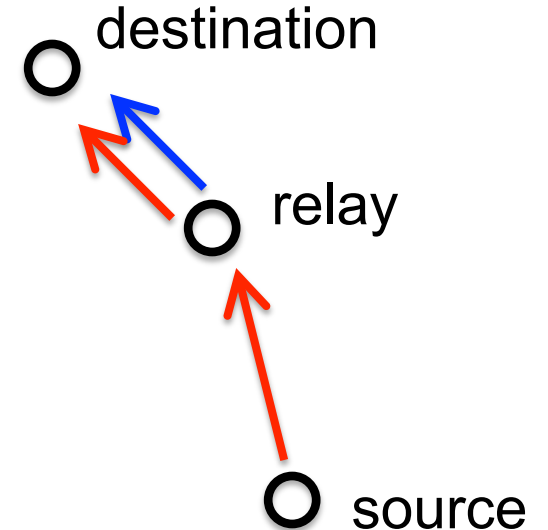
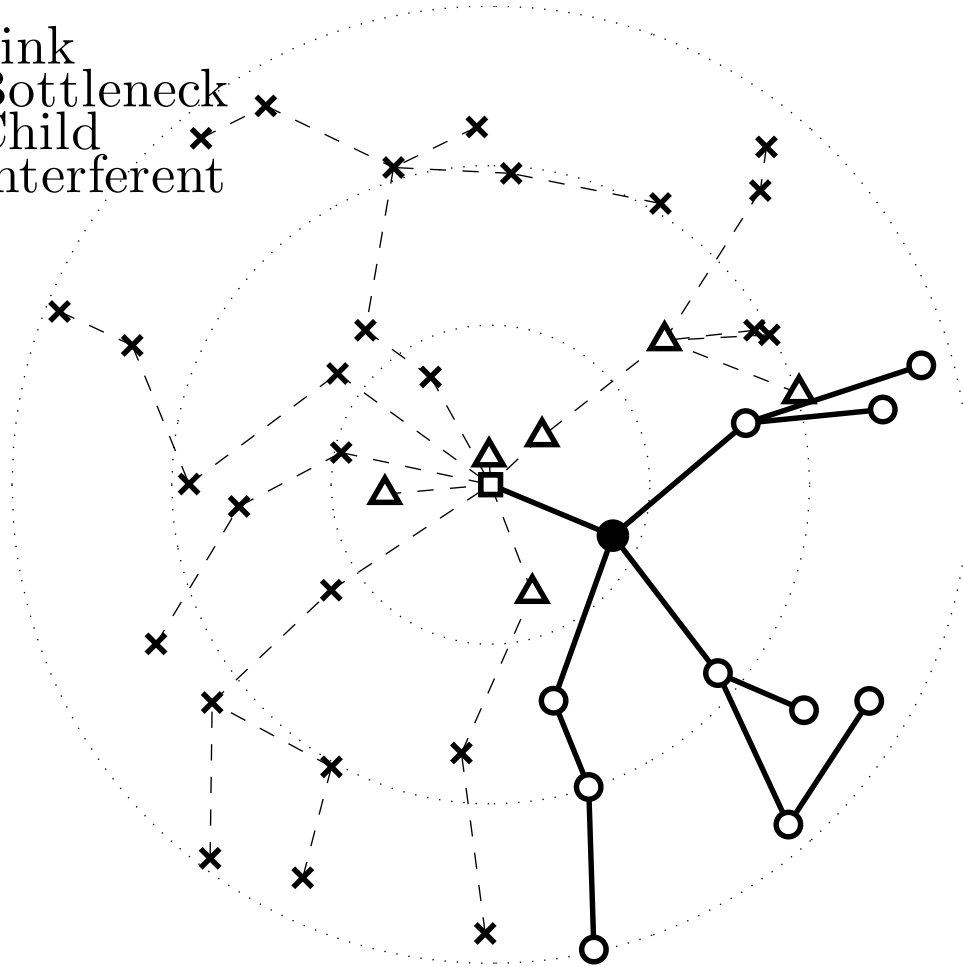
$$x_b(k) = \max\{0, \min\{x_b(k-1) + q, Q_{\max}\}\}$$

SYSTEM MODEL



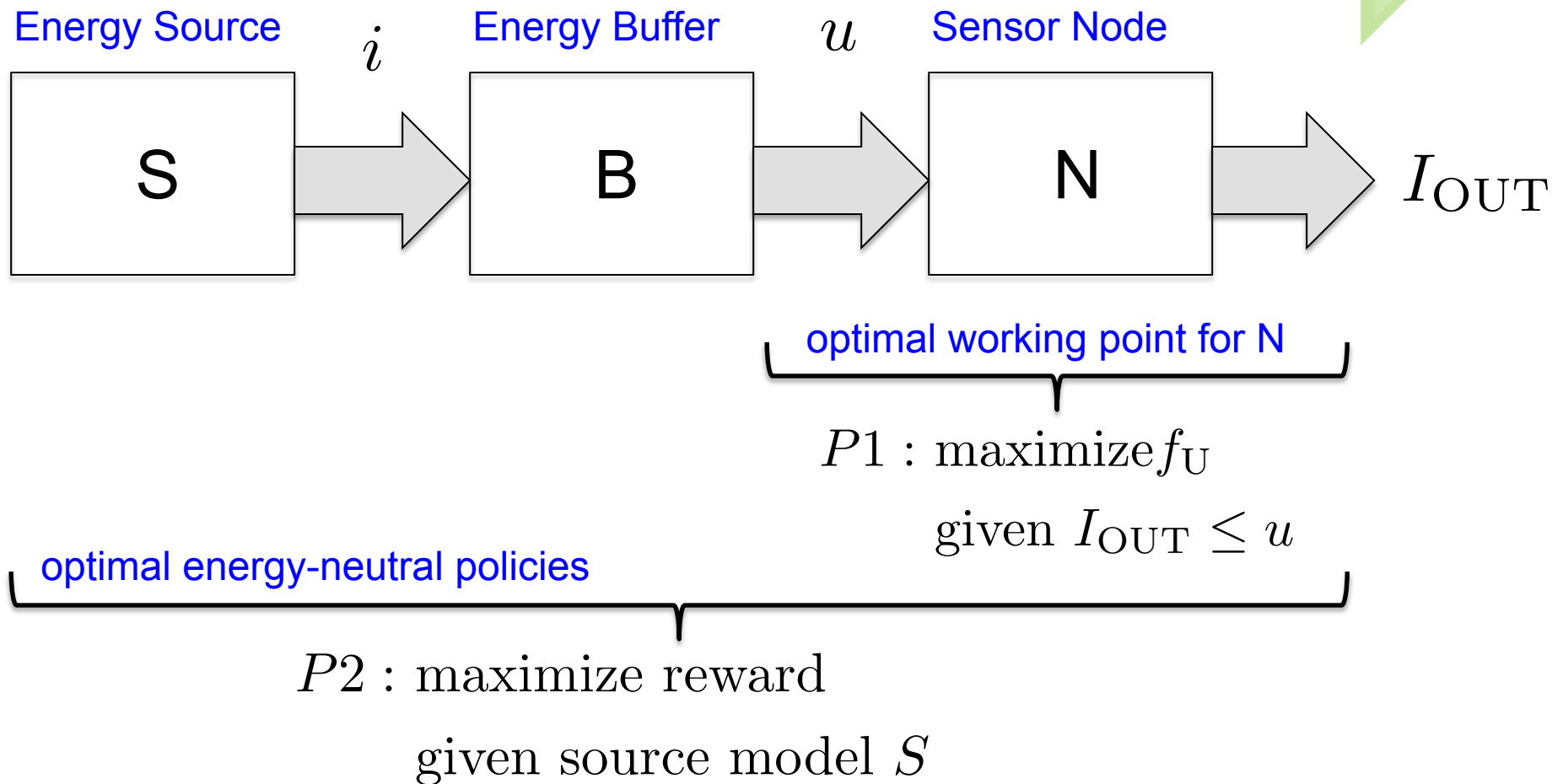
Topology, Routing & Bottleneck

- Sink
- Bottleneck
- Child
- △ Interferent



own vs relayed data

Optimization Framework



We optimize for the bottleneck node N → this assures network stability

Presentation Flow

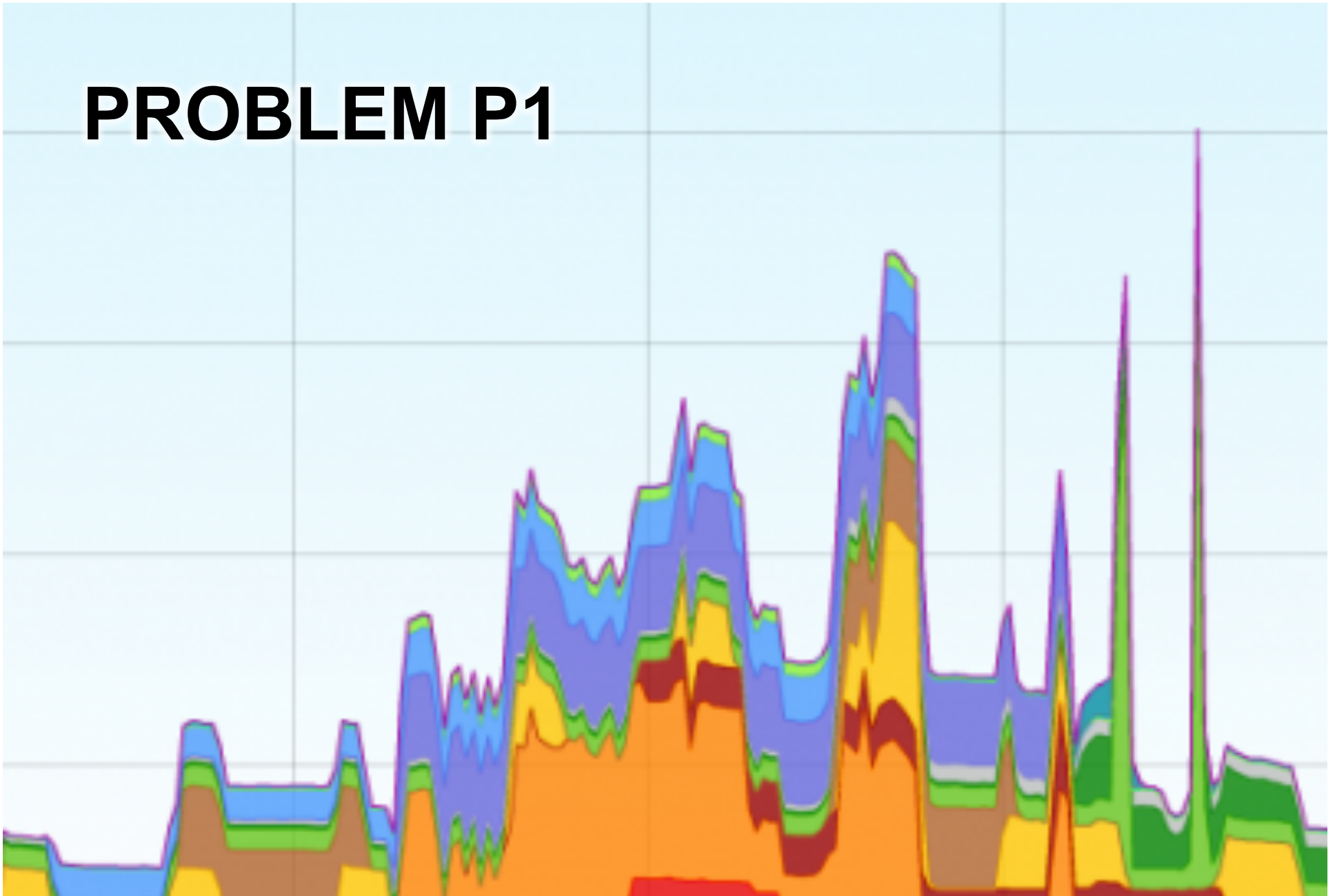
P1] optimal operational point, given u

- (inter-pkt TX time, duty cycle) $\rightarrow (t_U^*, t_{dc}^*)$

P2] energetically self-sufficient policies

- Online energy management
- Optimal behavior given the solution of P1
- Results

PROBLEM P1



Energy Consumption Model

- MAC (channel access)
- Network topology
- Data gathering
- Networking
- Processing

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X$$

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average time spent
in state X upon a
transition to that state

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X$$

Energy Consumption Model

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average time spent ...

visits per second to
state X (frequency)

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X$$

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- MAC (channel access)
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average time spent...

visits per second...

current drawn

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X$$

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average time spent...

visits per second...

current drawn

average current drained

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X$$

Energy Consumption Model

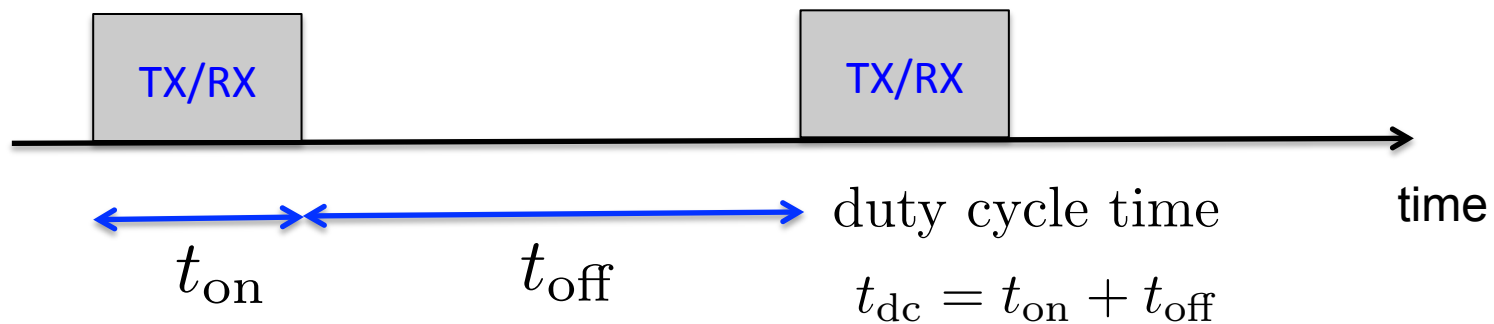
Adding up the contributions from all states

$$I_X = i_X t_X f_X \quad \text{Average amount of current drained in state X}$$

$$r_X = t_X f_X \quad \text{Fraction of time spent in state X}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{OUT}} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}} I_i \\ &= I_{\text{TX}} + I_{\text{RX}} + I_{\text{INT}} + I_{\text{CPU}} + I_{\text{IDLE-ON}} + I_{\text{IDLE-OFF}} \end{aligned}$$

MAC: duty-cycled WSN



- Energy consumption in TX, RX and IDLE is comparable
- Energy consumption is dominated by the PHY (radio)
- Commonly nodes are operated according to a duty-cycled approach
- The duty cycle d [%] is defined as:

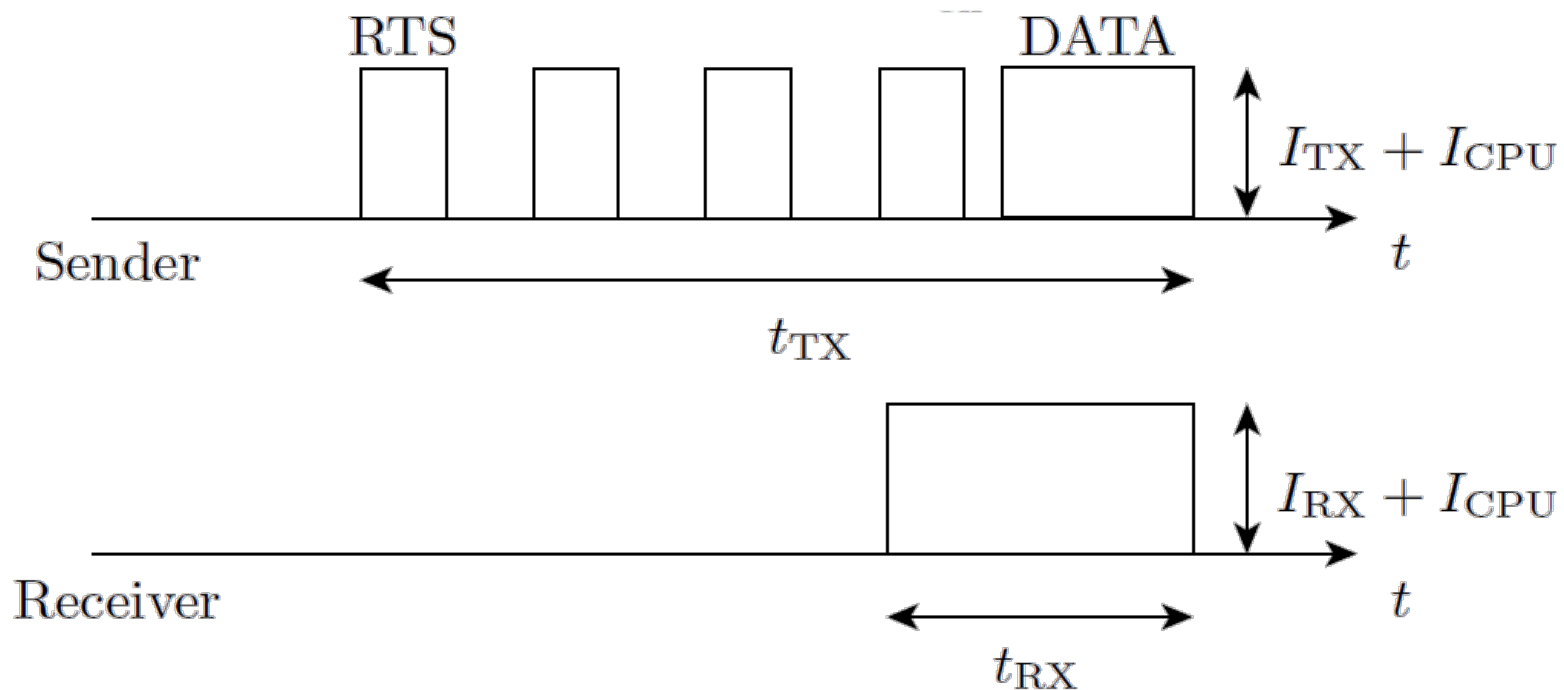
$$d = \frac{t_{on}}{t_{on} + t_{off}}$$

- d usually ranges between 0.01 \rightarrow 0.1 (nodes are awake 1 to 10% of the time)

MAC: access protocol

X-MAC is considered as the channel access technique

- allows asynchronous communication
- preamble-based
- transmitter initiated



Optimization Problem P1

$t_U \rightarrow$ average inter-packet transmission time

$t_{dc} \rightarrow$ duty cycle period ($t_{dc} = t_{on} + t_{off}$)

$I_{OUT} \rightarrow$ average current drained

$u \rightarrow$ maximum current drained

($u \rightarrow$ control action set by P2)

Optimization Problem P1

$$\text{maximize } f_U \\ t_U, t_{dc}$$

$$\text{subject to: } I_{OUT} \leq u,$$

$$r_x \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \chi_N,$$

$$t_U \geq 0, \quad t_{dc} \geq t_{on}.$$

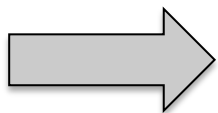
$$f_U = 1/t_U : \text{ pkt-TX rate [pkt/s]}$$

- Constraints are *posynomials* \rightarrow convex optimization is possible
- Closed-form solution is also possible

Optimization Problem P1

- We fix a network topology
- We fix a MAC protocol
- We fix a routing tree
- We specify all energy consumption figures (TX, RX, etc.)

result

 (t_U^*, t_{dc}^*)

- pair that maximizes the throughput [pkts/s]
- keeping the average energy consumption equal to u

System Parameters

Timings

$$t_{\text{on}} = 6 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{\text{off}} = 14 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{\text{CPU}} = 40 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{\text{RPL}} = 6 \text{ h}$$

Energy figures

$$i_{\text{TX}} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

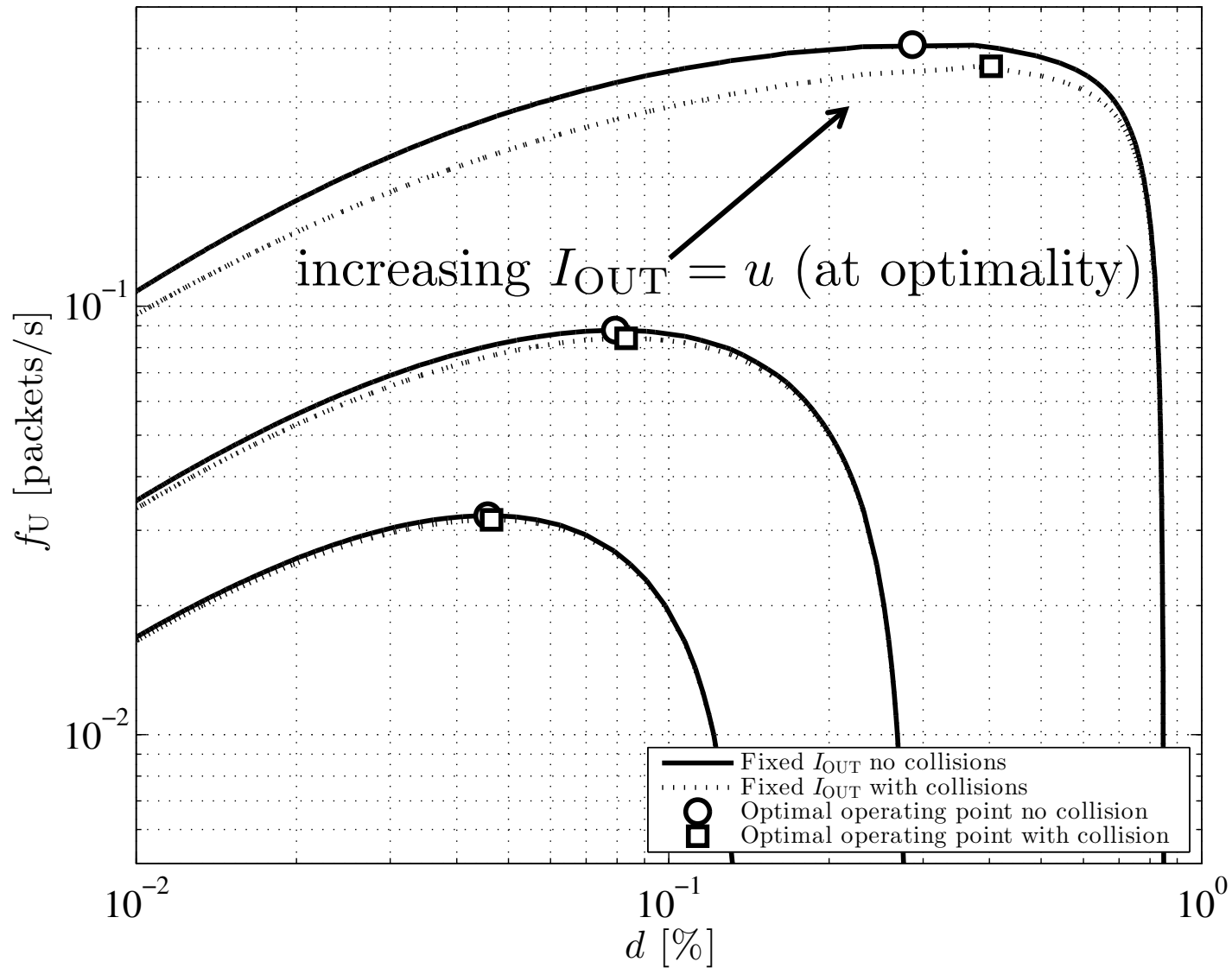
$$i_{\text{RX}} = 8.7 \text{ mA}$$

$$i_{\text{CPU}} = 26.6 \text{ mA}$$

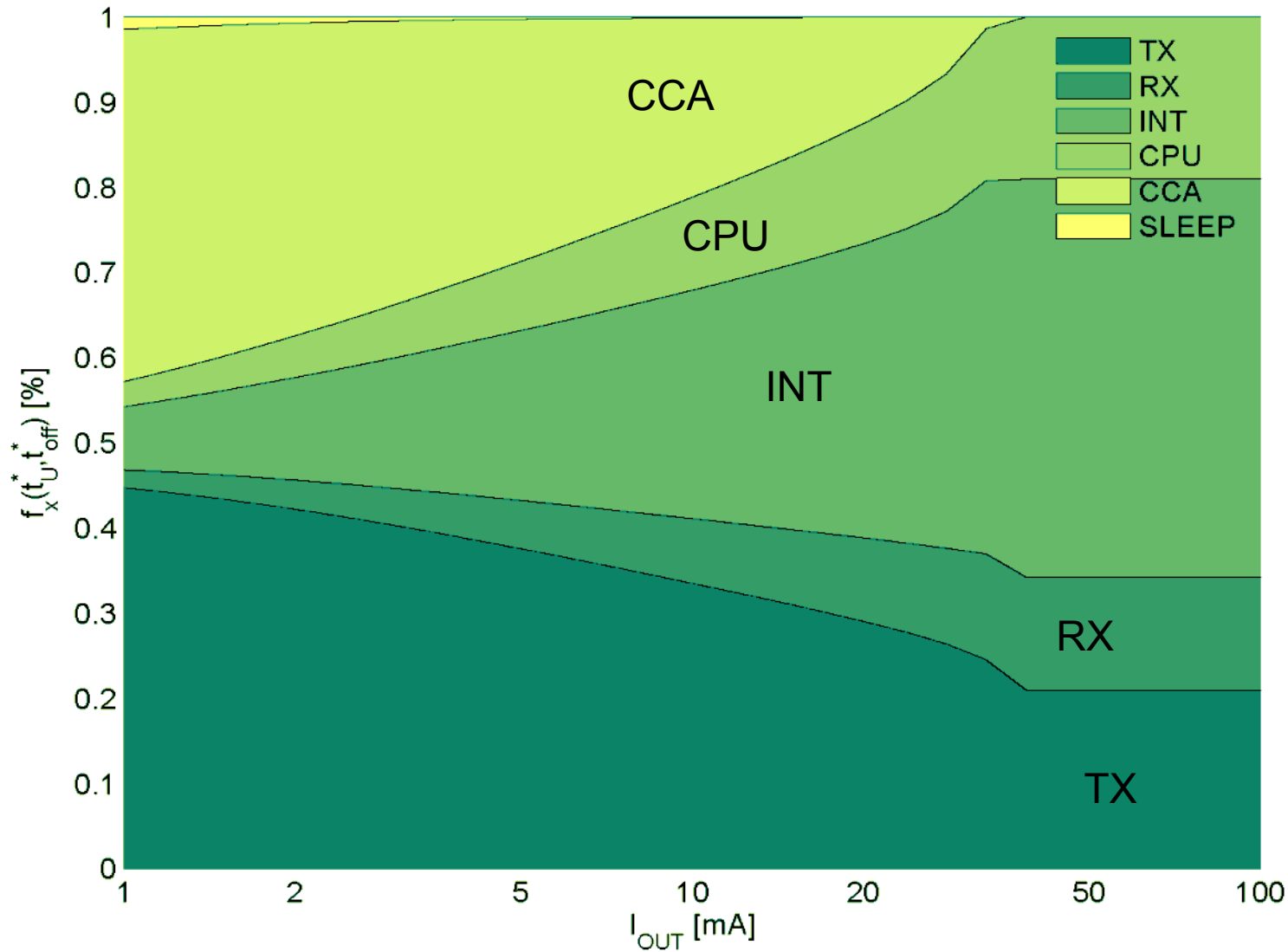
$$i_{\text{S}} = 0.015 \text{ mA}$$

$$K_{\text{U}} = 10$$

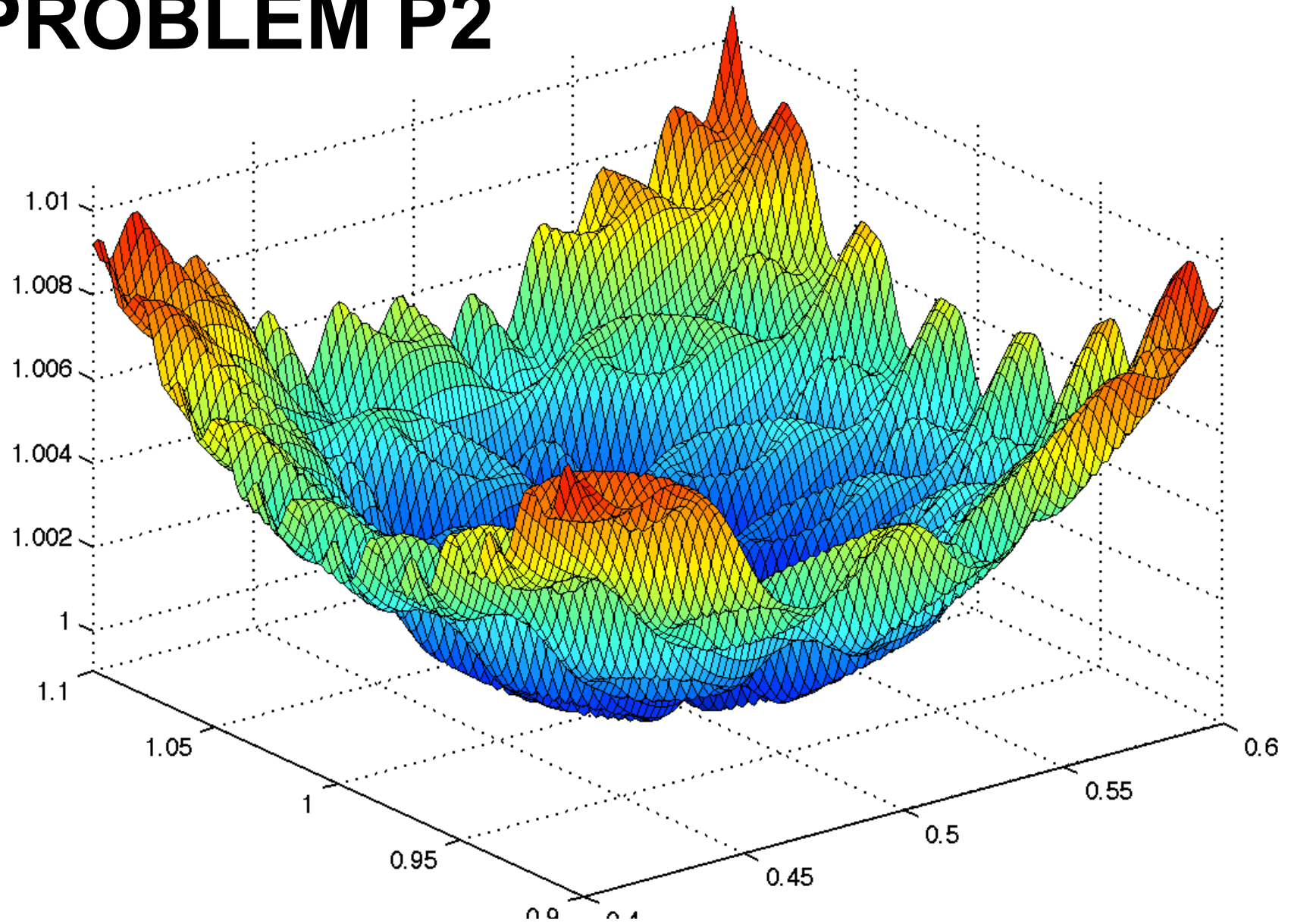
P1: Problem Solution



Energy Consumption Share



PROBLEM P2



Problem formulation

System state $S(k)=(x_b(k),x_s(k))$

- Energy buffer state $x_b(k)$ @ beginning of stage k
- Energy source state $x_s(k)$ during stage k

Control u_k

- Current drained by the node (I_{out})
- Immediate reward $R(u_k, S(k))$ (throughput [pkt/s])

Stage-Cost $C(u_k, S(k))$

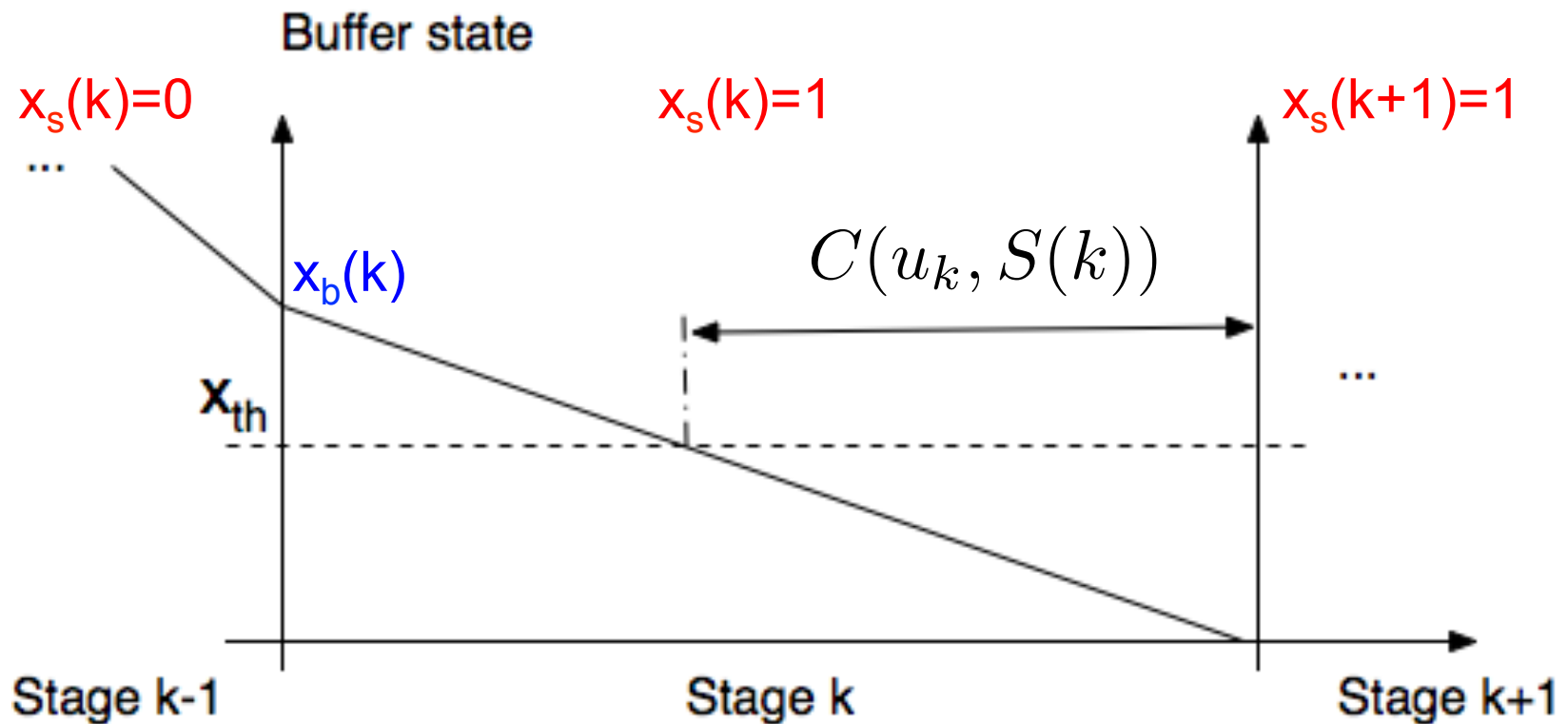
- Average time spent with $x_b(k) < x_{th}(k)$ (tunable threshold)

Stage-Reward $R(u_k, S(k))$

- Total reward: integral of $R(u_k, S(k))$ over the solution path

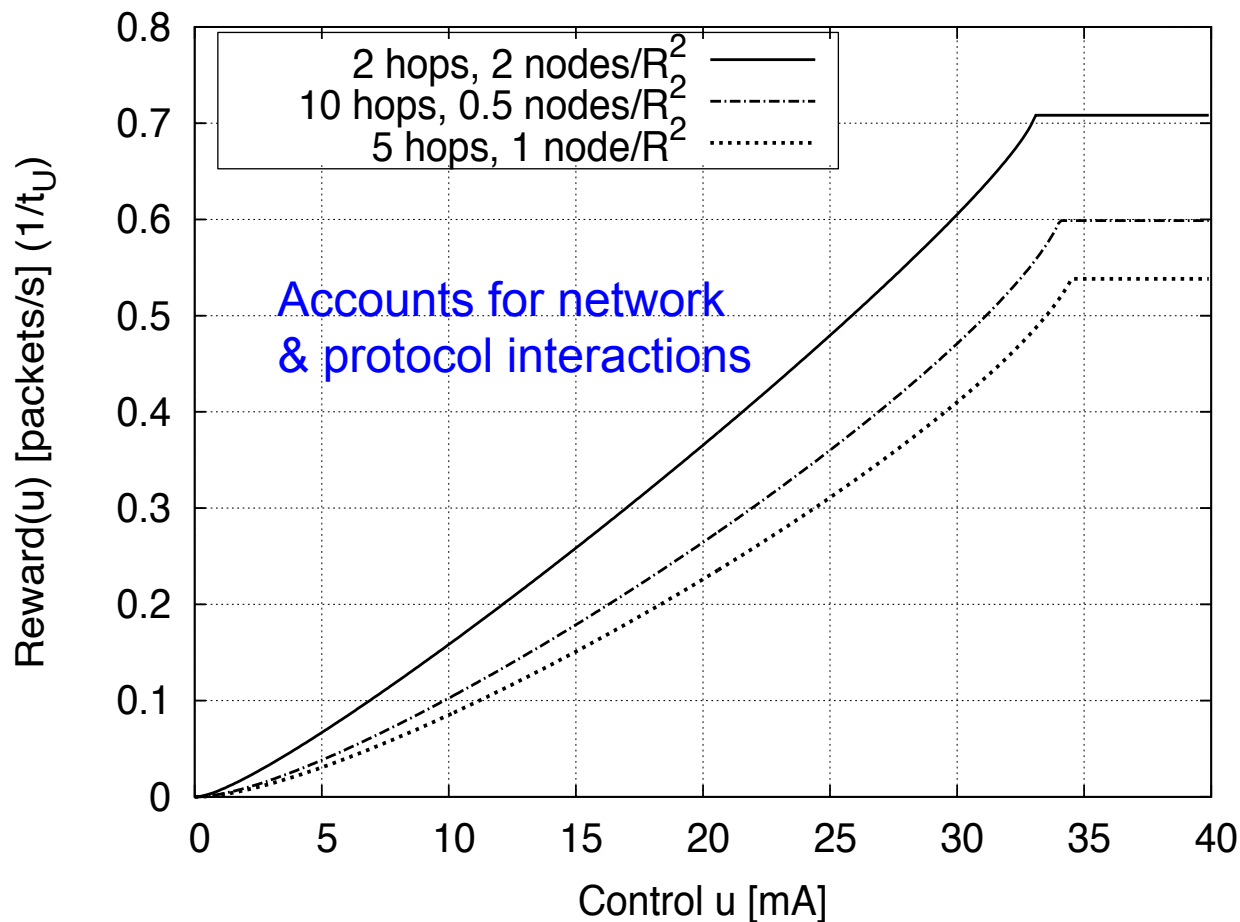
Single Stage Cost

Average single-stage cost: duration of time interval where $x_b(k) < x_{th}$



Single Stage Reward

$$R(u_k, S(k)) = 1/t_U^*$$



Average reward over a single stage k :

- $R(u_k, S_k)$ multiplied by the time during which $x_b > 0$ (non-empty buffer)
- $R(u_k, S_k)$ is obtained from the static energy consumption analysis of part A

Optimal Policies

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize}_{\pi} \left\{ \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} E \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \alpha^k R(u_k, S(k)) \middle| S(0) \right] \right\} \\ & \text{subject to: } \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} E \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \alpha^k C(u_k, S(k)) \middle| S(0) \right] \leq C_{\text{th}} \end{aligned}$$

Meaning

- **Find the policy π :** $u_k(S(k))$, for all $S(k)$ that maximizes the expected long-term throughput (reward)
- **Subject to** the fact that the long-term expected cost is smaller than a threshold

Remember: cost=fraction of time during which the energy buffer state is below x_{th}

Discount factor: control the look-ahead capability of the optimal policy

Lagrangian Reward

$$R_{\mathcal{L}}(u_k, S(k)) = R(u_k, S(k)) - \lambda C(u_k, S(k))$$

A lagrangian λ is introduced to balance

- Costs $C(u_k, S(k))$
- Rewards $R(u_k, S(k))$

The lagrangian is part of the solution

1. Choose λ
2. Solve optimal problem for this λ
3. Iterate over λ to find global optimum

Lagrangian Reward - rationale

$$R_{\mathcal{L}}(u_k, S(k)) = R(u_k, S(k)) - \lambda C(u_k, S(k))$$

- Large λ : cost prevails
 - Small reward
 - Small cost → cost constraint is satisfied whp
→ λ can be decreased
- Small λ : reward prevails
 - High reward (more aggressive policies)
 - Large cost → cost constraint is not satisfied
→ λ has to be increased

→ dichotomic search over λ

Lagrangian Bellman Equation

$$J(S(k)) = \max_{u_k \in U(S(k))} \left\{ \underbrace{E[R_{\mathcal{L}}(u_k, S(k))]}_{\text{Single-stage expected Lag. reward}} + \alpha \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} J(S'(k+1))h(q|x_s(k), u_k)}_{\text{Discounted future expected reward (from k+1 onwards)}} \right\}$$

$J(S(k))$: expected reward from stage k onwards

Single-stage expected Lag. reward

Discounted future expected reward (from $k+1$ onwards)

$$\begin{aligned} S'(k+1) &= (x_s(k+1), x_b(k+1)) \\ &= (1 - x_s(k), \underbrace{\max\{\min\{q + x_b, Q\}, 0\}}_{\text{Accounts for min and max energy buffer size}}) \end{aligned}$$

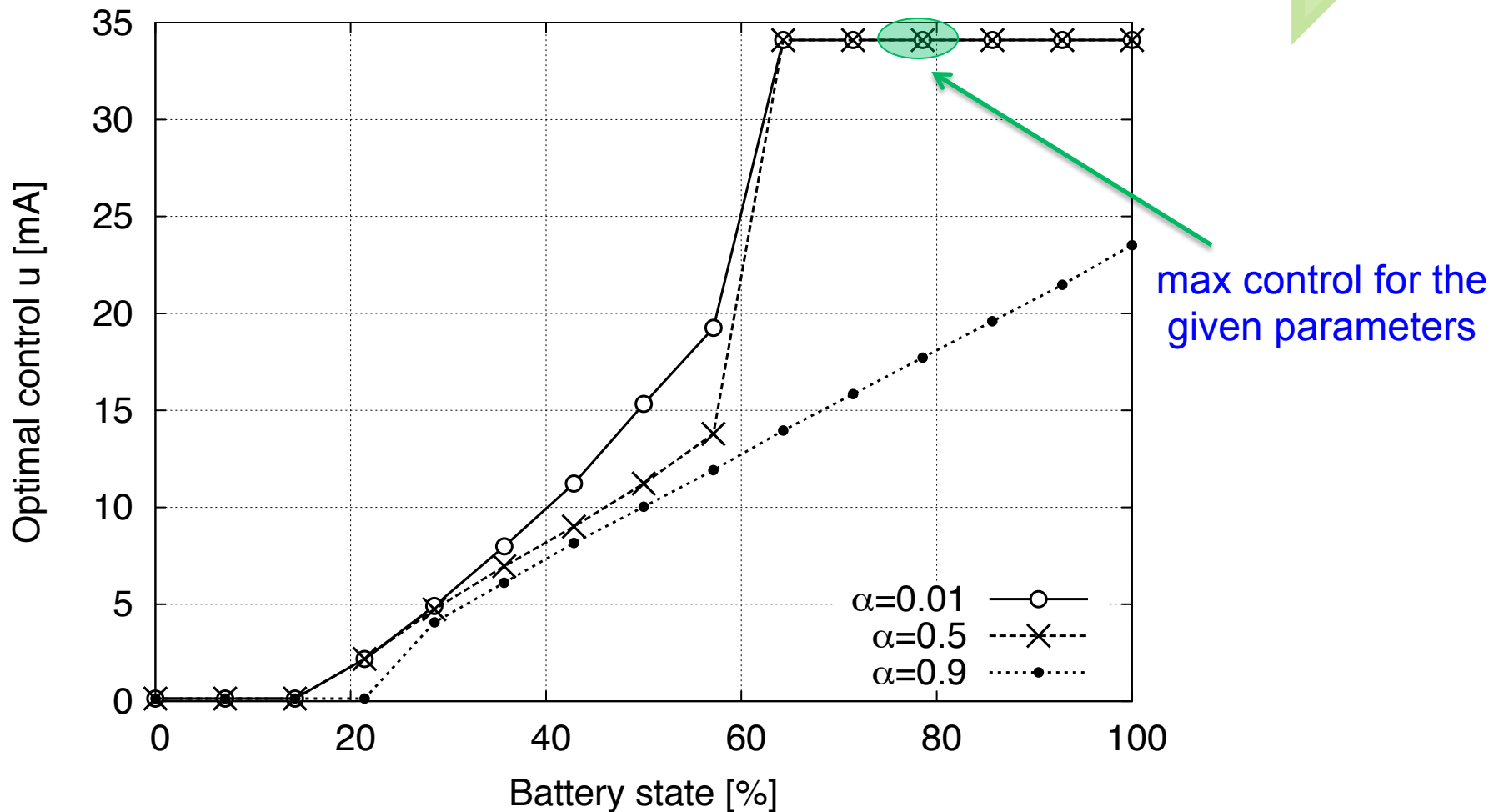
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Accounts for min and max energy buffer size

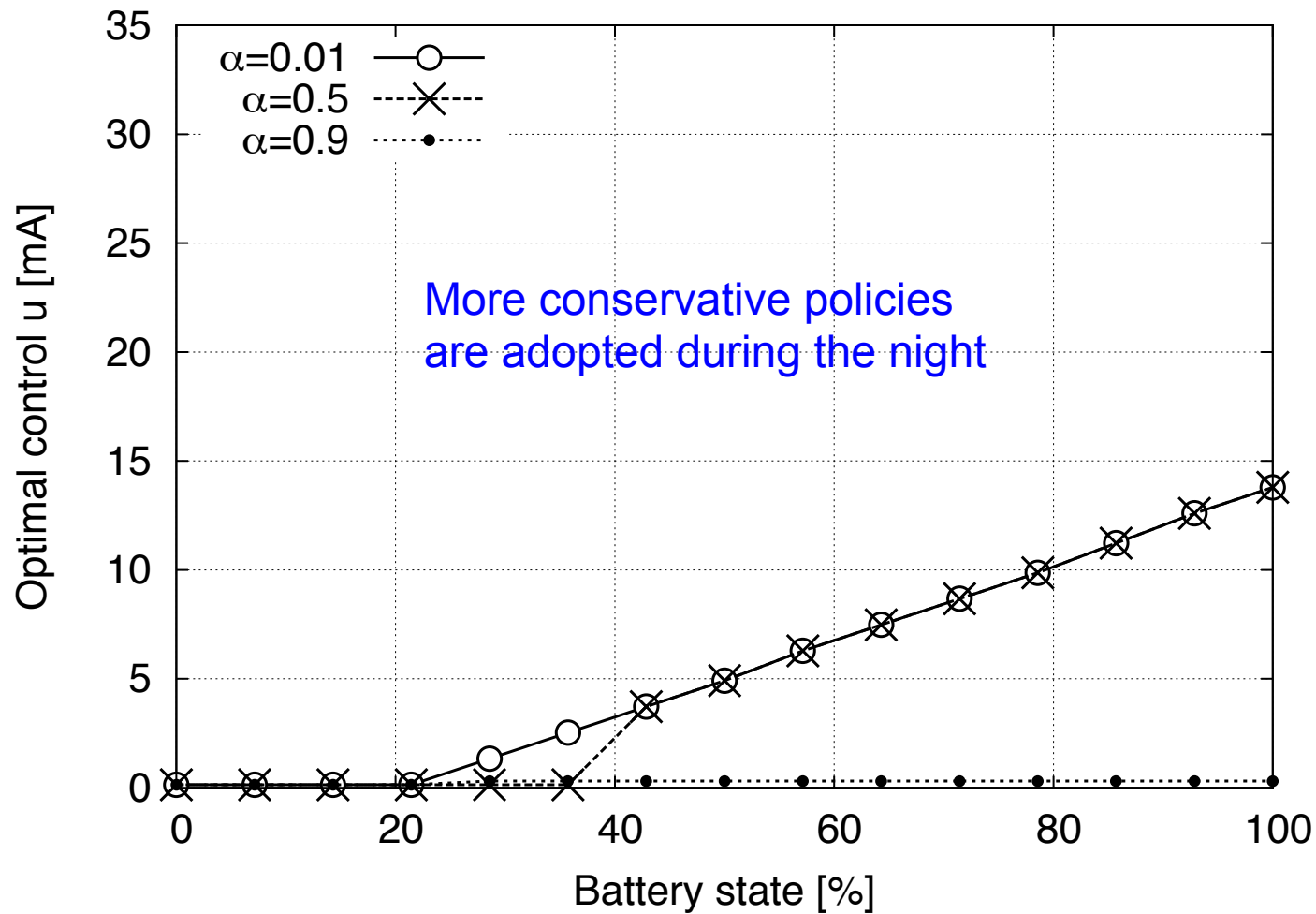
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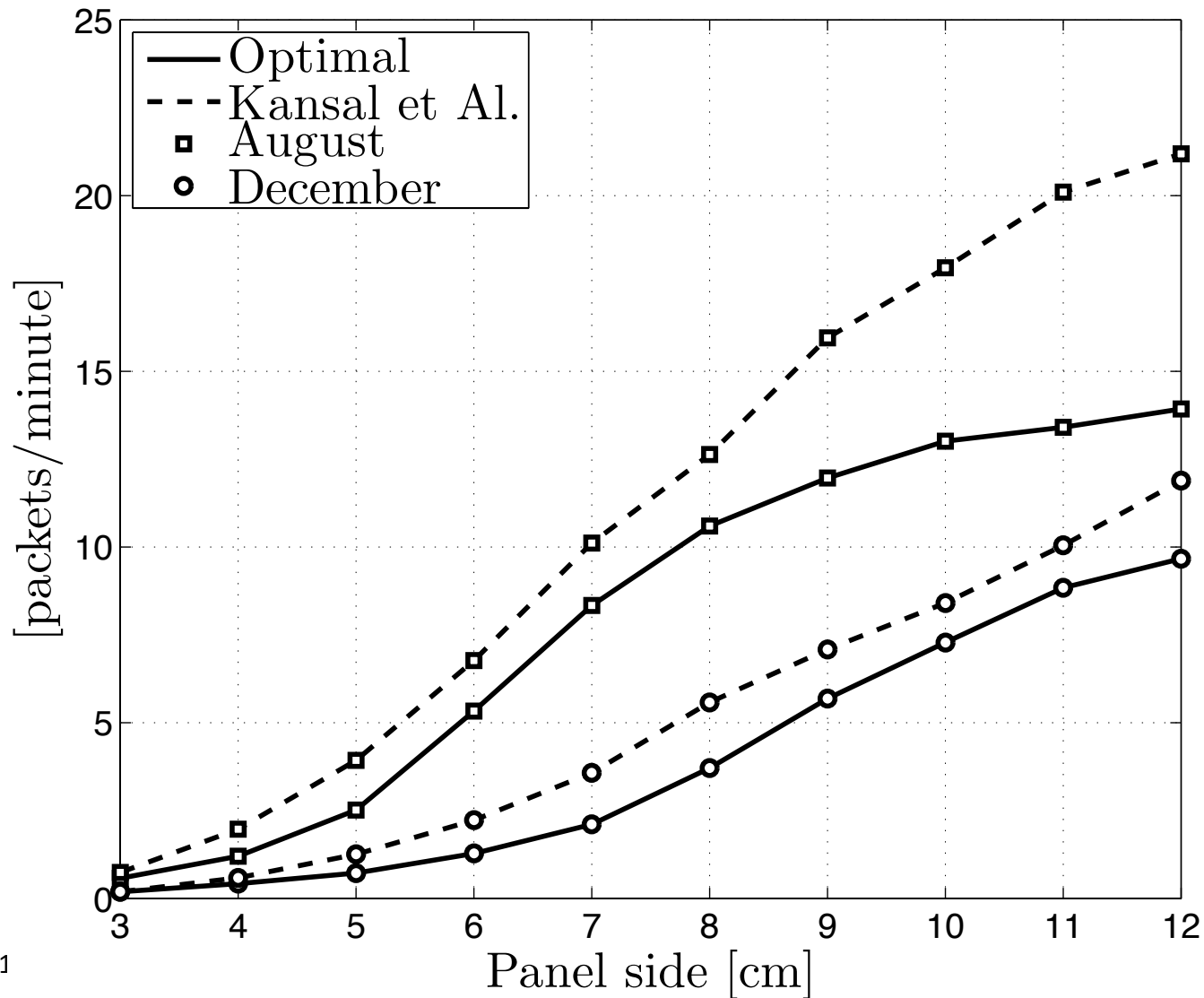
Results – Policies vs α (discount) state $x_s=0$ (day)



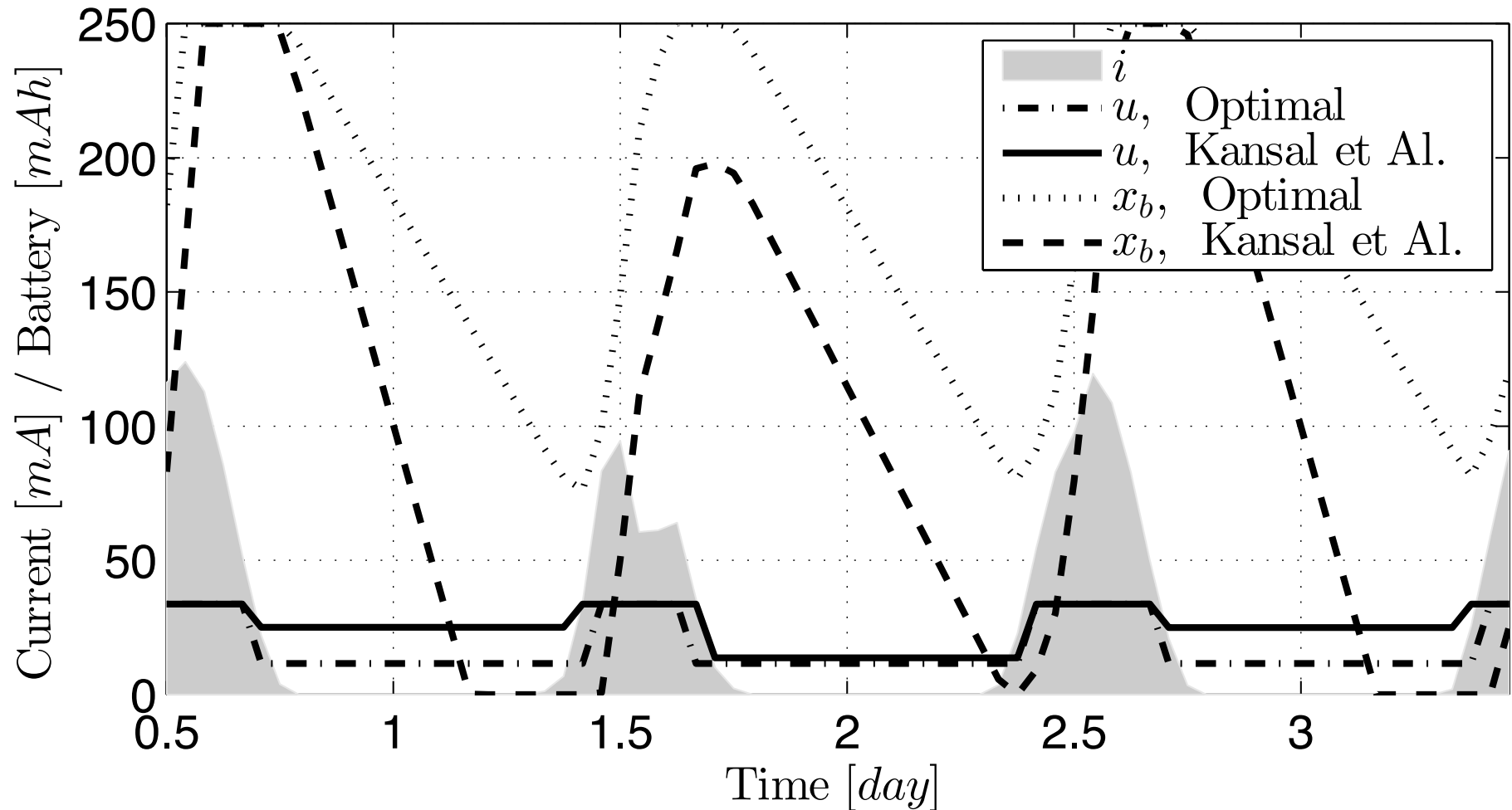
Results – Policies vs α (discount) state $x_s=1$ (night)



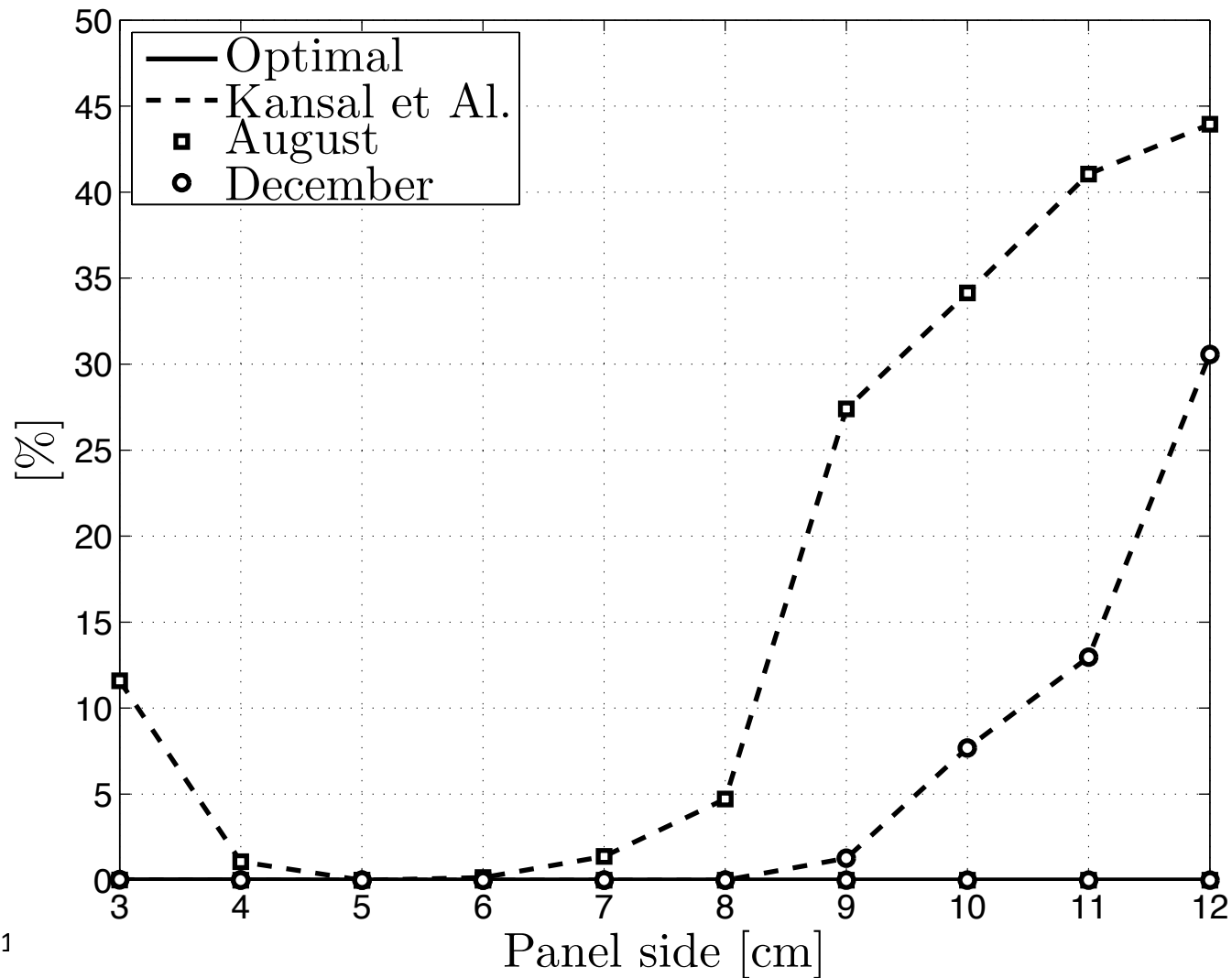
Throughput vs Panel Size



Outage vs Panel Size



Energy Outage vs Panel Size



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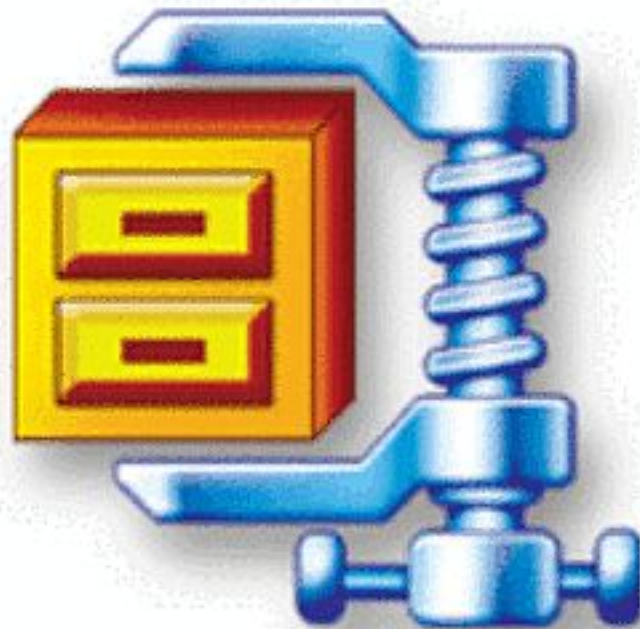
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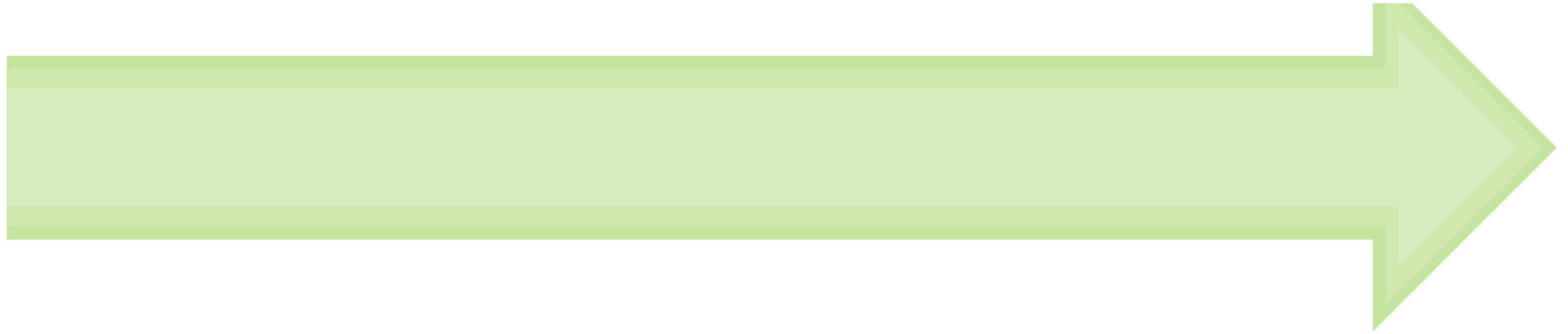
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Problem 1: Mathematical Details

Problem 1: topology

- n_c **number of children nodes**, i.e., total number of nodes in the subtree rooted at the bottleneck
- n_i **number of interfering nodes** (within the transmission range of the bottleneck)
- n_{int} **accumulated number of interfering packets from interfering nodes**, accounting for endogenous (their own transmissions) and exogenous (transmissions of their children nodes) traffic

Problem 1: DATA TX, RX

$$f_{\text{TX,DG}} = (1 + n_c)/t_U \quad \text{Transmitted and received packets per second due to Data Gathering (DG)}$$

$$f_{\text{RX,DG}} = n_c/t_U$$

Packet transmission time (including collisions)

$$t_{\text{TX}} = t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}}/2 + t_{\text{data}} + (f'_U/f_U - 1)t_{\text{dc}}$$

f'_U : TX frequency with collisions

f_U : TX frequency wo collisions

Problem 1: RPL & DODAG

- Destination Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph (DODAG)
- RPL defines new ICMPv6 messages:
 - **Dag Information Object (DIO)**: carries information that allows nodes to discover an DODAG instance, learn its config pars and select a parent node
 - **Destination Advertisement Object (DAO)**: used to propagate destination information upwards the DODAG
 - **Dag Information Solicitation (DIS)**: to solicitate the TX of a DODAG object from an RPL node (not used in the analysis)

Problem 1: DODAG upward routes

- Nodes periodically send **link-local** (broadcast) DIO messages
- Nodes listen for DIOs and use the information therein to construct a DODAG or maintain an existing one
- Based on the info on the DIOs a node chooses its parent so as to minimize the cost toward the DODAG root
- **Analysis:** DIOs are periodically sent by the nodes at a rate

$$1/t_{\text{rpl}}$$

Problem 1: DODAG downward routes

- Nodes inform parents of their present and reachability to their descendants by sending a DAO message
- DAOs are aggregated at intermediate nodes while sent upstream
- DAOs propagate from the leaves to the DODAG root node
- **Analysis:** DAOs are sent by the leaf nodes at a rate $1/t_{rp1}$

Problem 1: RPL TX, RX

1 DIO and 1 DAO msg from bottleneck, n_c DAOs from its children nodes:

$$f_{\text{TX,RPL}} = (2 + n_c) / t_{\text{rpl}}$$

1 DIO from parent, n_c DAOs from children nodes, n_i DIOs from inter. nodes:

$$f_{\text{RX,RPL}} = (1 + n_i + n_c) / t_{\text{rpl}}$$

NOTE: DIOs are not treated as interference as they are broadcast (*ergo* they are received and treated as legitimate packets)

Problem 1: interference

Rate of interfering packets:

$$f_{\text{INT}} = n_{\text{int}} \left(1/t_U + 1/t_{\text{rpl}} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1/t_U \quad \text{TX rate for data packets} \\ 1/t_{\text{rpl}} \quad \text{TX rate for RPL DODAG control packets} \end{array} \right.$$

Problem 1: current consumption figures

TX time for a single pkt transmission

$$I_{\text{TX}} = (i_c + i_t) [t_{\text{dc}}/2 + t_{\text{on}}/2 + t_{\text{data}} + (f'_U/f_U - 1)t_{\text{dc}}] \times \\ \times \left[\frac{(1 + n_c)}{t_U} + \frac{(2 + n_c)}{t_{\text{rpl}}} \right] \text{transmissions rate [pkt/sec]}$$

$$I_{\text{RX}} = (i_c + i_r) t_{\text{data}} \left[\frac{n_c}{t_U} + \frac{(1 + n_c + n_i)}{t_{\text{rpl}}} \right]$$

$$I_{\text{INT}} = (i_c + i_r) t_{\text{int}} n_{\text{int}} \left(\frac{1}{t_U} + \frac{1}{t_{\text{rpl}}} \right)$$

$$I_{\text{CPU}} = i_c t_{\text{cpu}} K_U / t_U$$

$$I_{\text{CCA}} = (i_c + i_r) d_c r_{\text{IDLE}}$$

$$I_{\text{OFF}} = i_s (1 - d_c) r_{\text{IDLE}}$$

Problem 1: current consumption figures

$$I_{\text{TX}} = (i_c + i_t) [t_{\text{dc}}/2 + t_{\text{on}}/2 + t_{\text{data}} + (f'_U/f_U - 1)t_{\text{dc}}] \times \\ \times [(1 + n_c)/t_U + (2 + n_c)/t_{\text{rpl}}]$$

$$I_{\text{RX}} = (i_c + i_r)t_{\text{data}} [n_c/t_U + (1 + n_c + n_i)/t_{\text{rpl}}]$$

$$I_{\text{INT}} = (i_c + i_r)t_{\text{int}}n_{\text{int}}(1/t_U + 1/t_{\text{rpl}})$$

$$I_{\text{CPU}} = i_c t_{\text{cpu}} K_U / t_U \Rightarrow \text{CPU time due to pkt generation (own traffic)}$$

$$I_{\text{CCA}} = (i_c + i_r)d_c r_{\text{IDLE}} \Rightarrow \text{CPU time due to IDLING – RADIO ON}$$

$$I_{\text{OFF}} = i_s(1 - d_c)r_{\text{IDLE}} \Rightarrow \text{CPU time due to IDLING – RADIO OFF}$$

$$\text{with } r_{\text{IDLE}} = 1 - r_{\text{TX}} - r_{\text{RX}} - r_{\text{INT}} - r_{\text{CPU}}$$

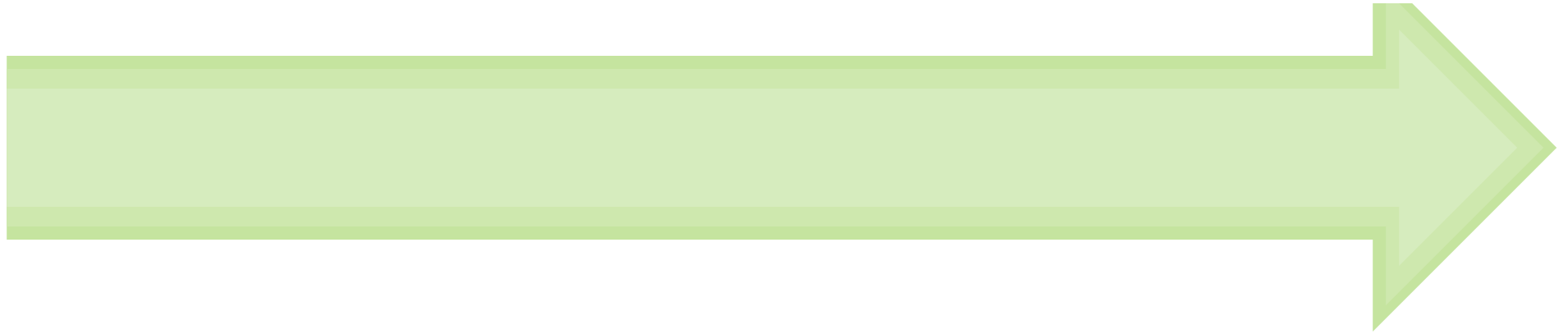
Problem 1: closed-form solution

1) $I_{\text{OUT}}(t_U, t_{\text{dc}}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}} I_i$ Total power consumption

2) $\frac{\partial I_{\text{OUT}}(t_U, t_{\text{dc}})}{\partial t_{\text{dc}}} = 0 \rightarrow t_{\text{dc}}^*(t_U)$ Optimal duty-cycle \rightarrow min. energy consumption for a given t_U

3) $I_{\text{OUT}}(t_U, t_{\text{dc}}^*(t_U)) - u = 0 \rightarrow t_U^*(u)$
Max. current budget $u \in [u_{\text{min}}, u_{\text{max}}]$

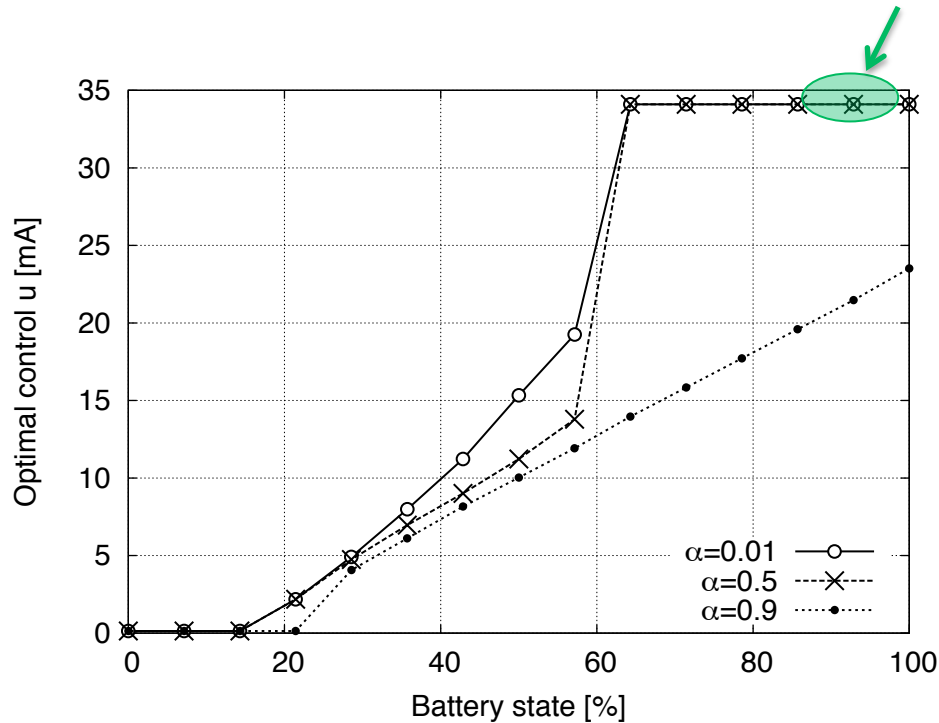
$t_U^*(u)$ \rightarrow Min. inter-packet TX time for given current budget u



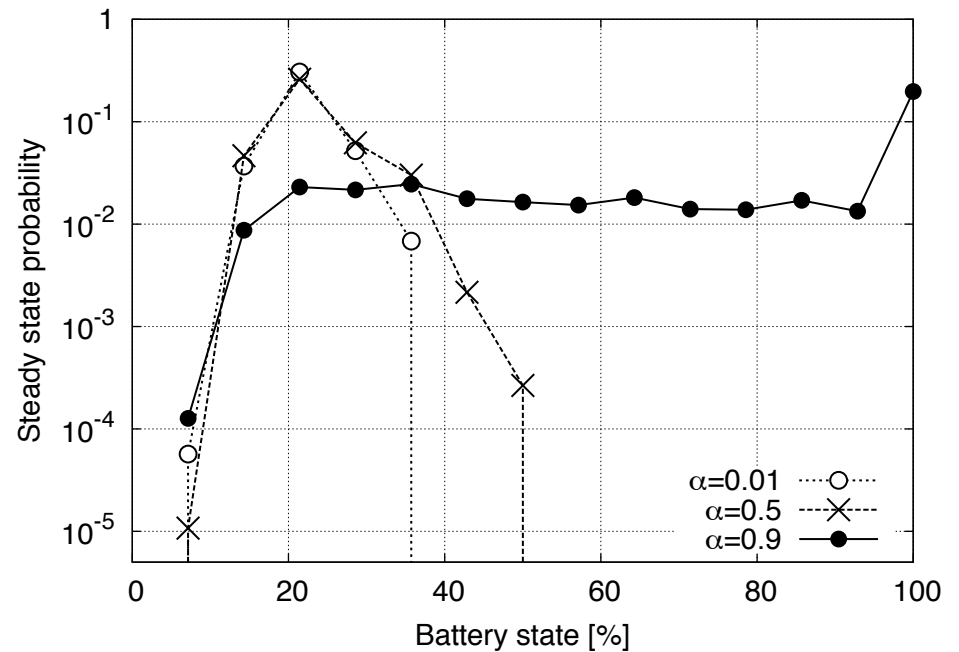
Optimal Policies: Additional Results

Results – Policies vs α (discount) state $x_s=0$ (day)

max. allowed control for the given network

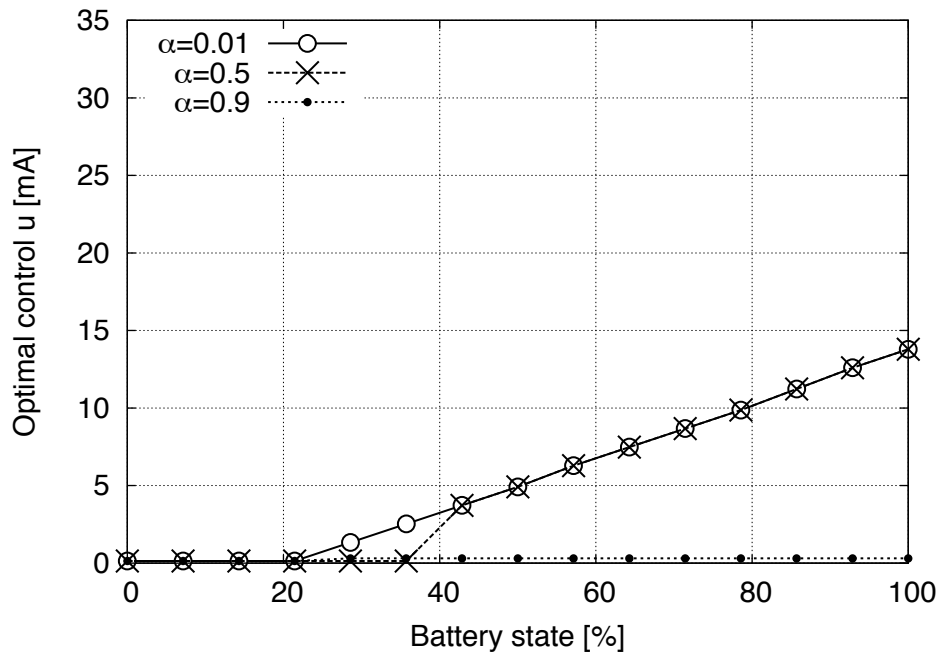


Optimal policy vs Buffer size

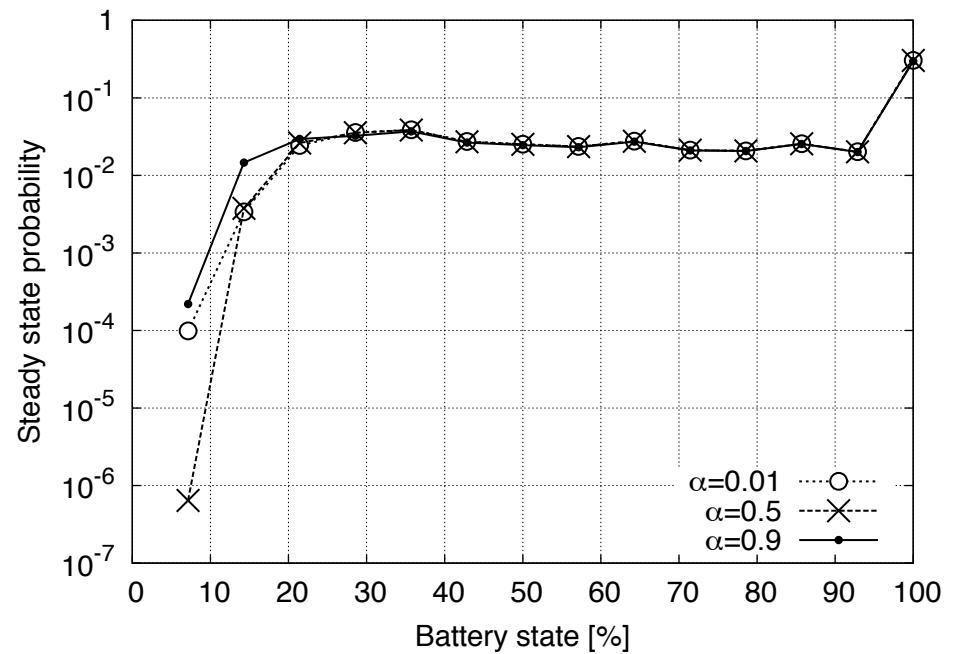


Corresponding stationary distribution

Results – Policies vs α state $x_s=1$ (night)



Optimal policy vs Buffer size

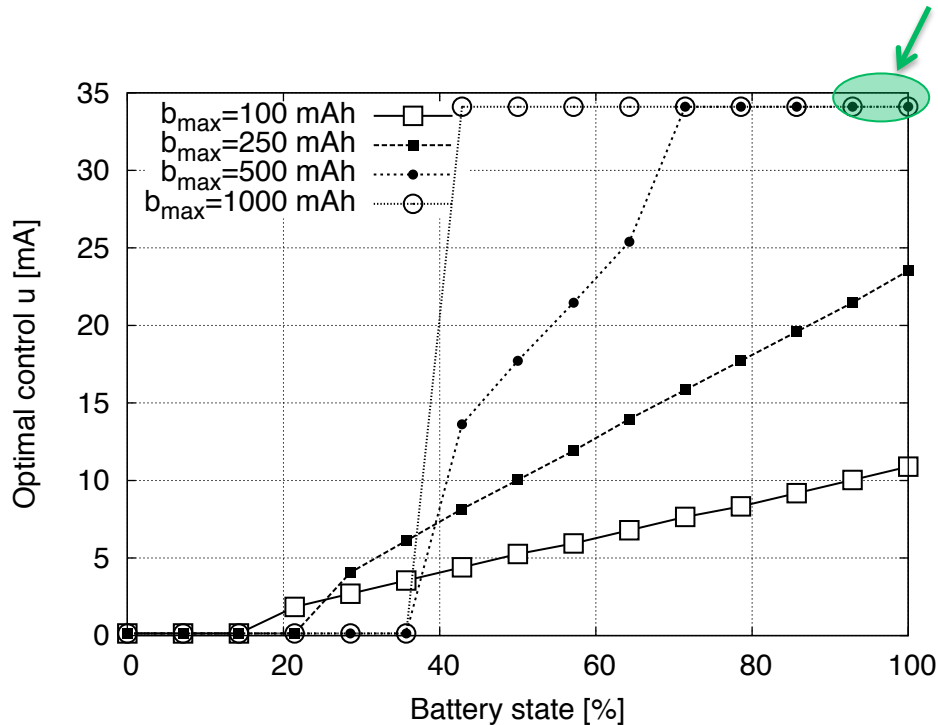


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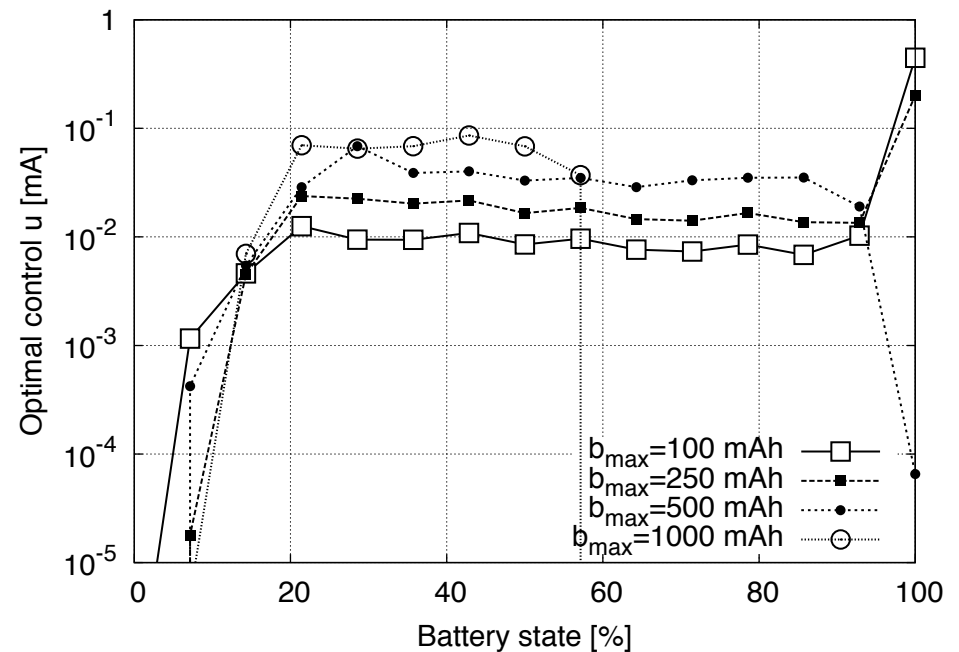
Results – Policies vs Buffer size

2-state EM - state $x_s=0$ (day)

max. allowed control for the given network



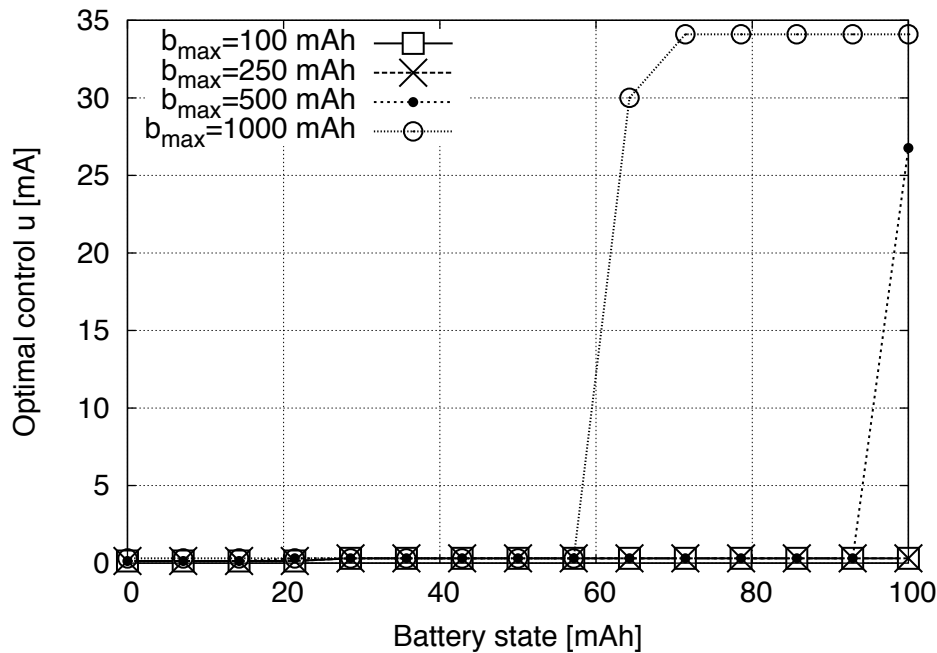
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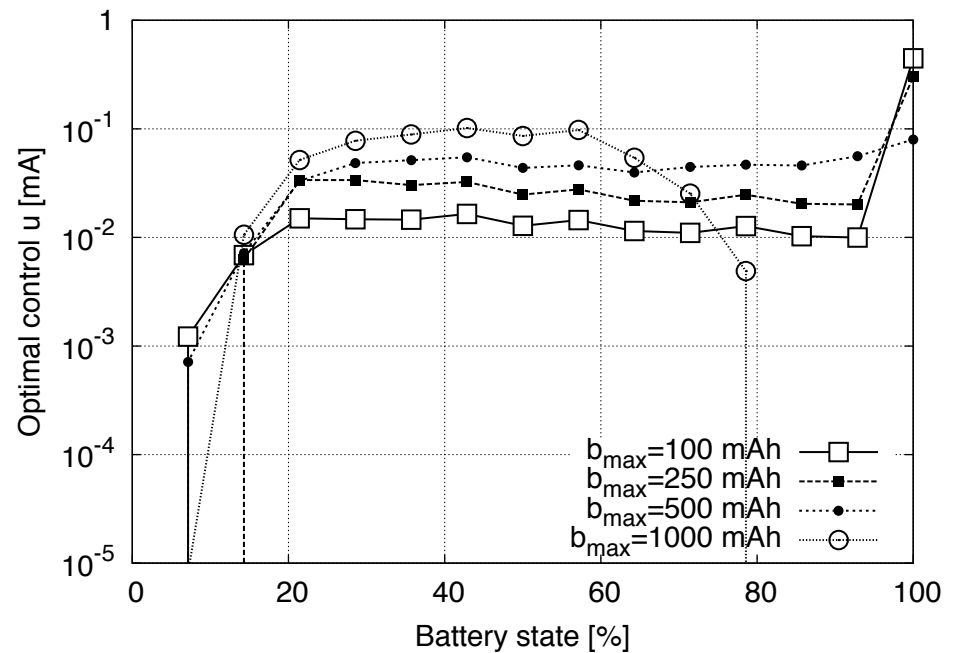
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Results – Policies vs Buffer size

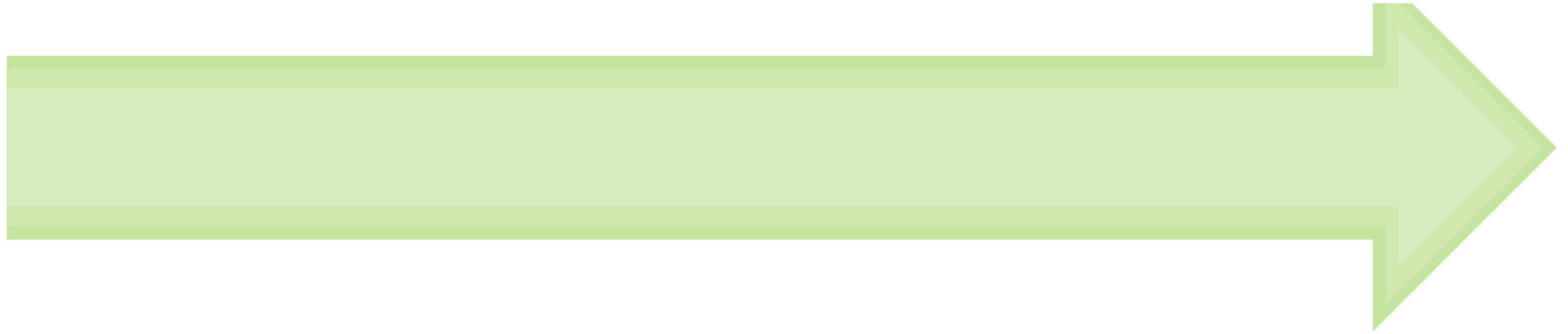
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Optimal policy vs Buffer size



Corresponding stationary distribution



Heuristic for Heterogeneous Energy Sources

Heuristic (1/2)

- DAOs are used to periodically report data (status of the nodes, etc.) to the DODAG root (i.e., the sink)
- We use these messages to periodically collect the energy buffer status **of all nodes**
- The sink decides which policy to adopt based on the **minimum among all buffer states**, $\min_i (B_i)$

Heuristic (2/2)

- The optimal policy is **computed for the bottleneck node** (worst case network parameters)
- This policy is used to decide the maximum energy consumption level for all nodes...
- ...based on the minimum among all buffer states, $\min_i (B_i)$

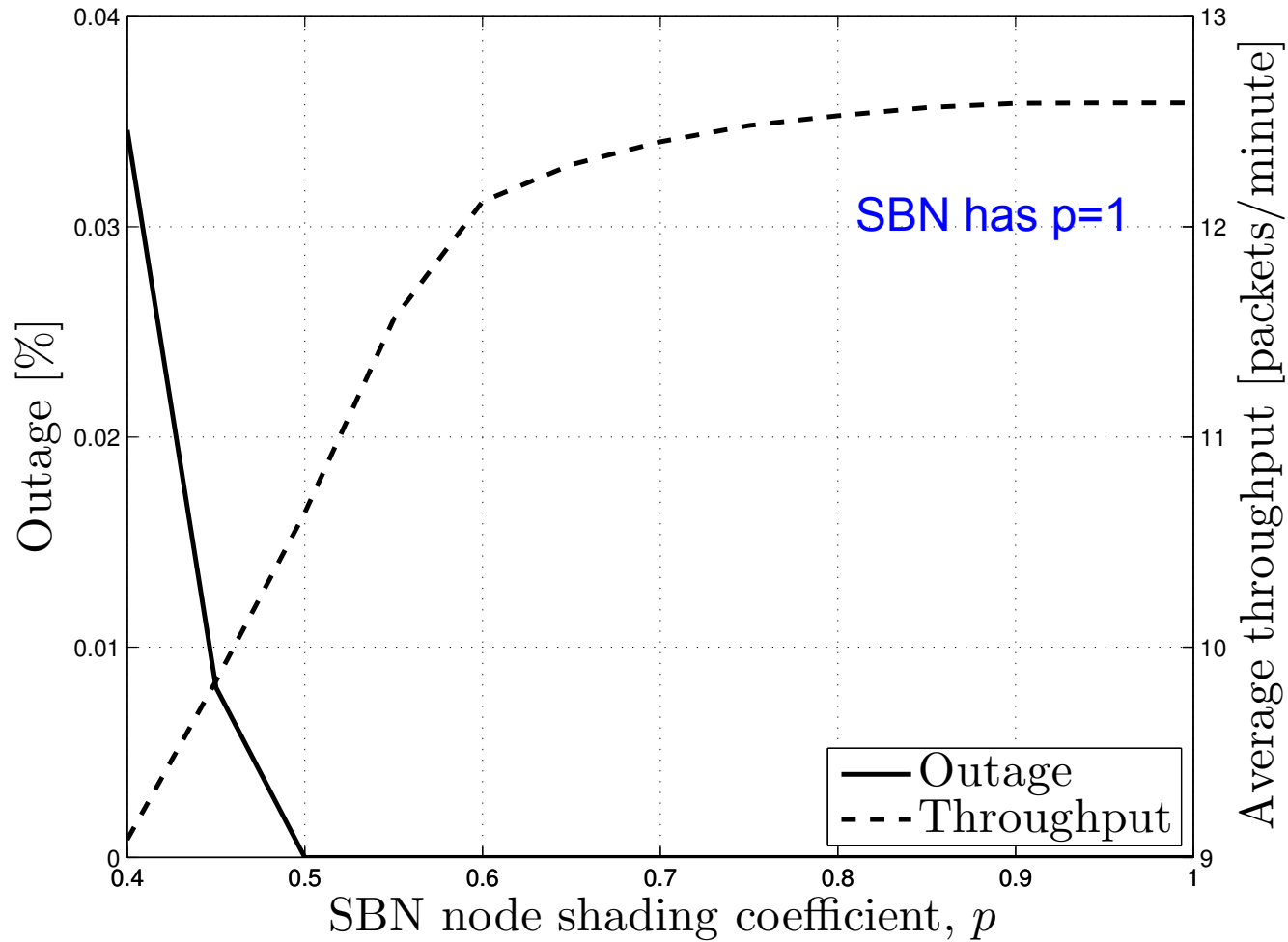
Outcome

- Policy will be suboptimal
- But will assure energy sustainability at all nodes

Heuristic – Results (1/2)

- **BN:** bottleneck node
- **SBN:** second-bottleneck node
 - Located in the sub-tree originating from the BN
 - With the second-highest energy consumption
- **Worst case assumption**
 - The BN has the same parameters n_i , n_{int} as the BN
 - As just one node less as its number of children, i.e., n_c-1

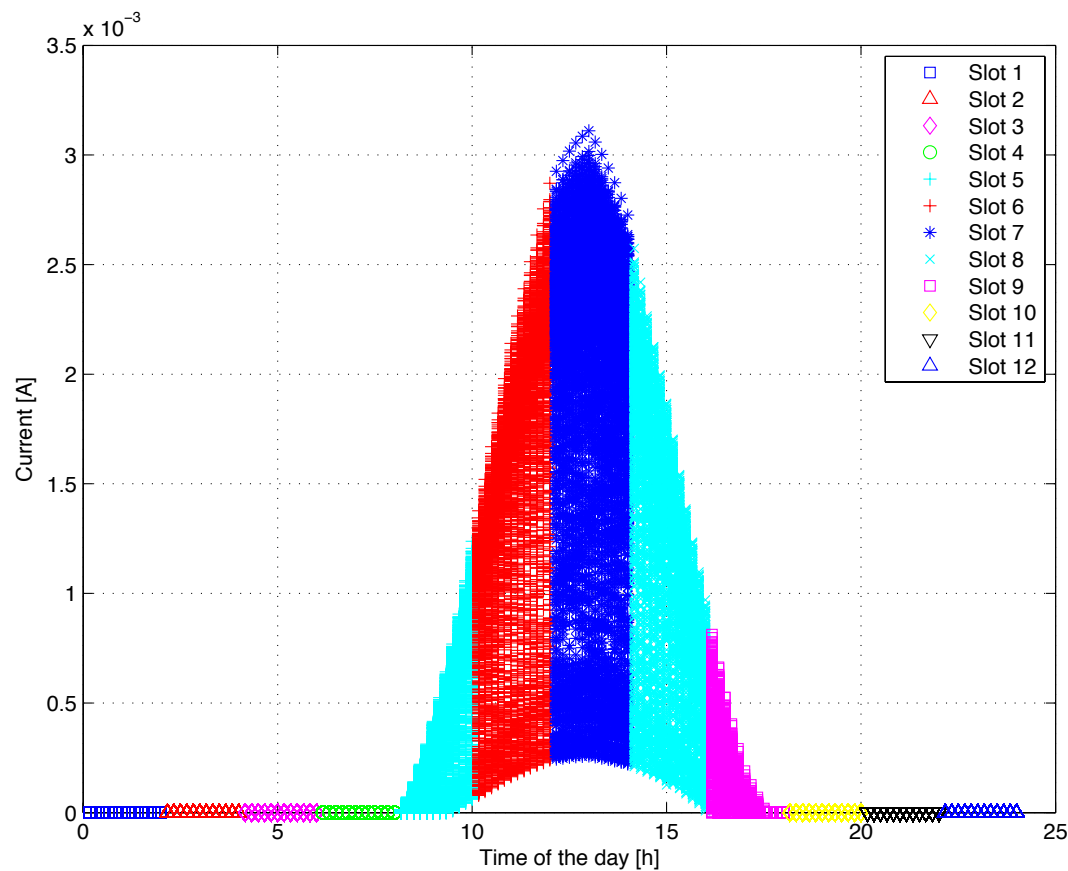
Heuristic – Results (2/2)





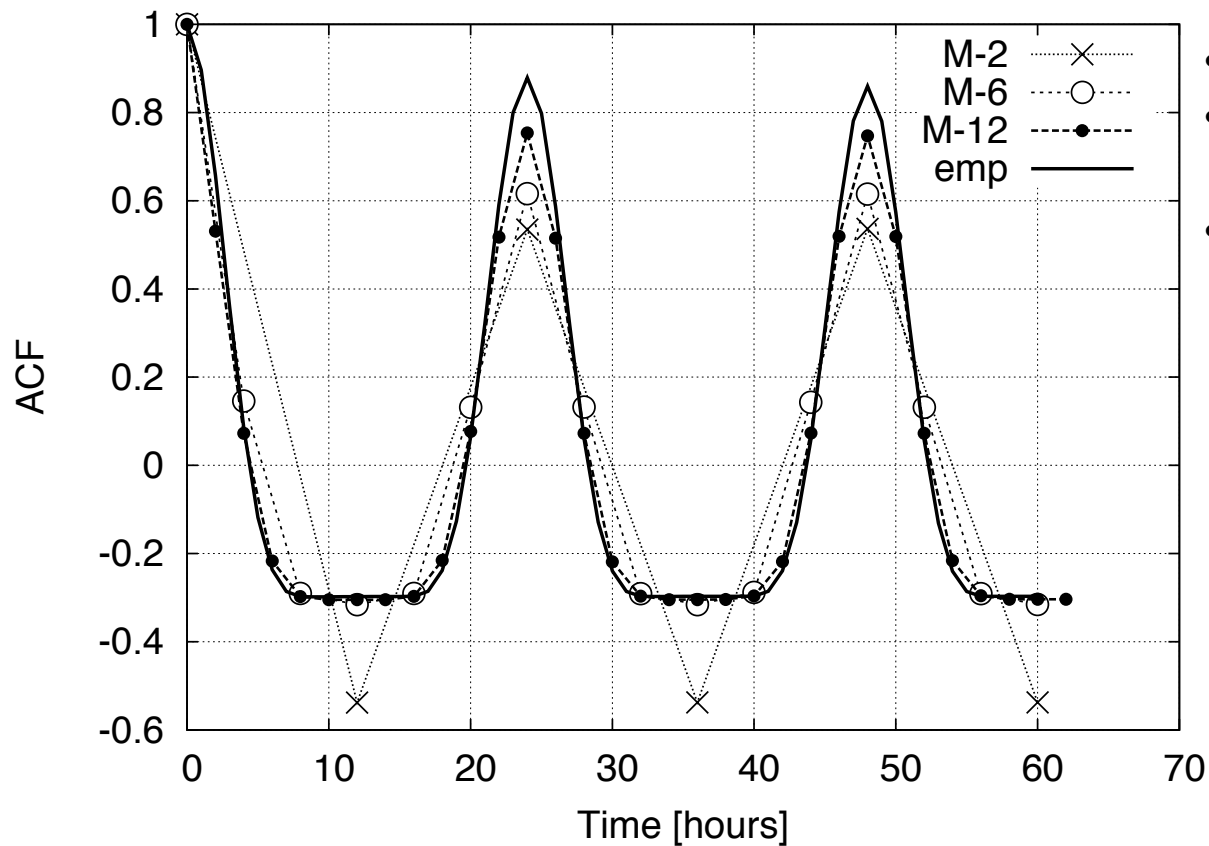
Energy Source Model: Additional Results

Slot-based clustering



- LA – January 1999-2010
- Slot-based data clustering
- Duration of “energy states”
 - constant
- Current harvested in each
 - Variable

Auto Correlation Function



- LA – January 1999-2010
- Slot-based data clustering
- Semi-MC with 2,4,6,12 states