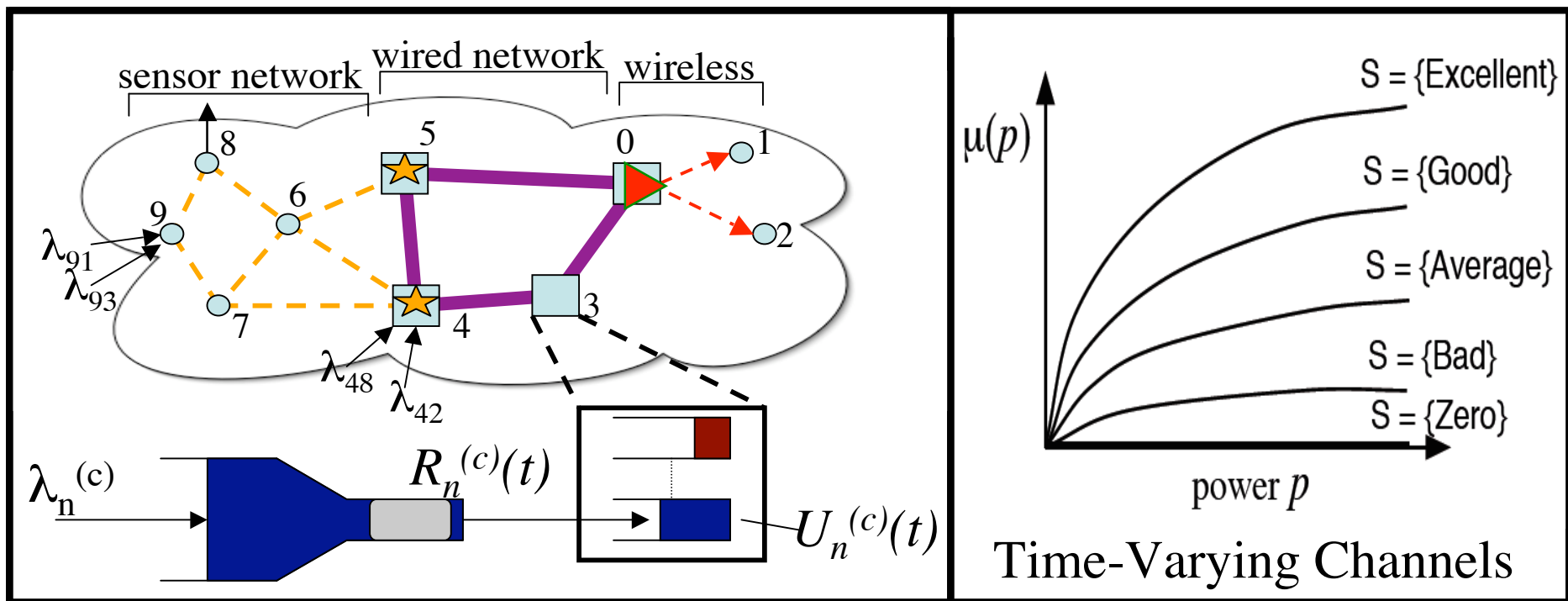




# Fairness and Optimal Stochastic Control for Heterogeneous Networks

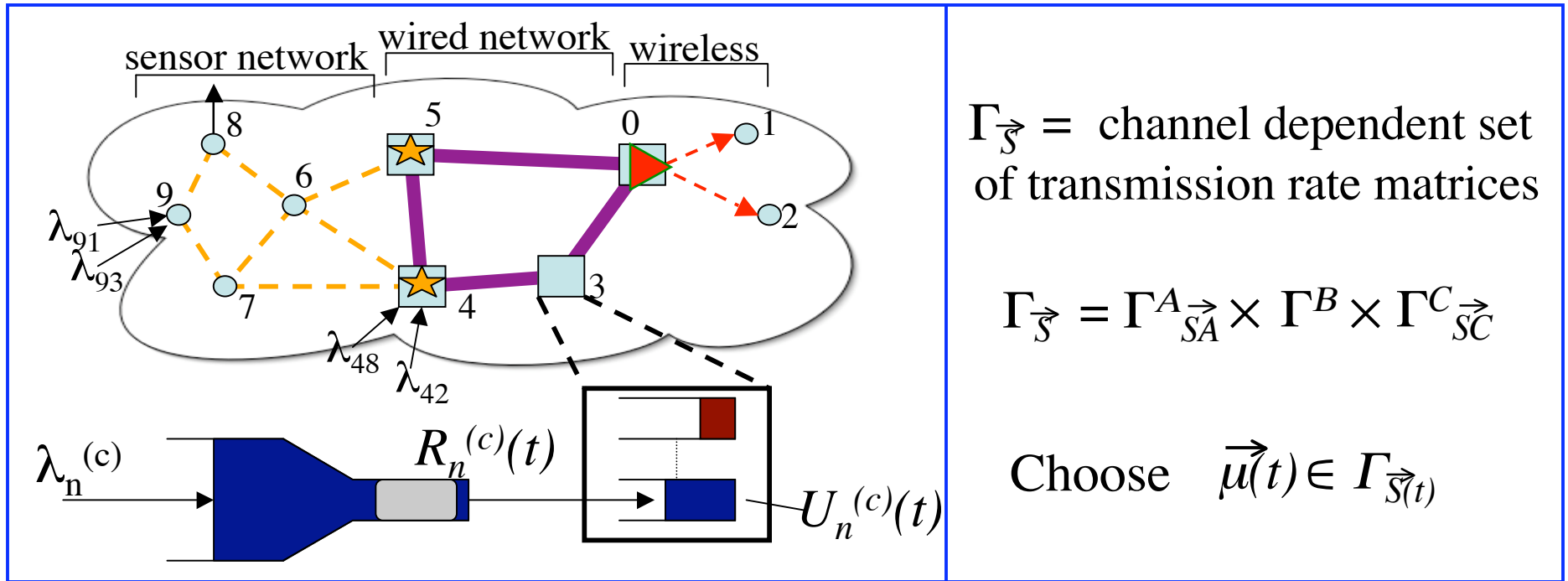


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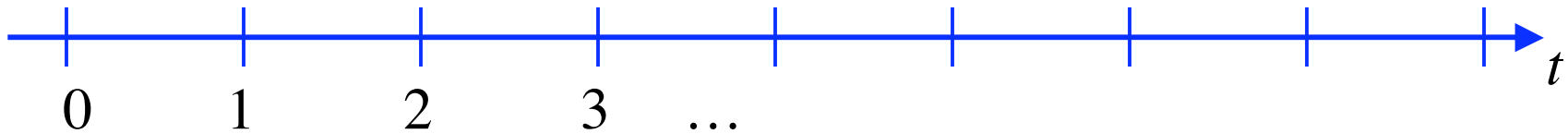
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A heterogeneous network with  $N$  nodes and  $L$  links:

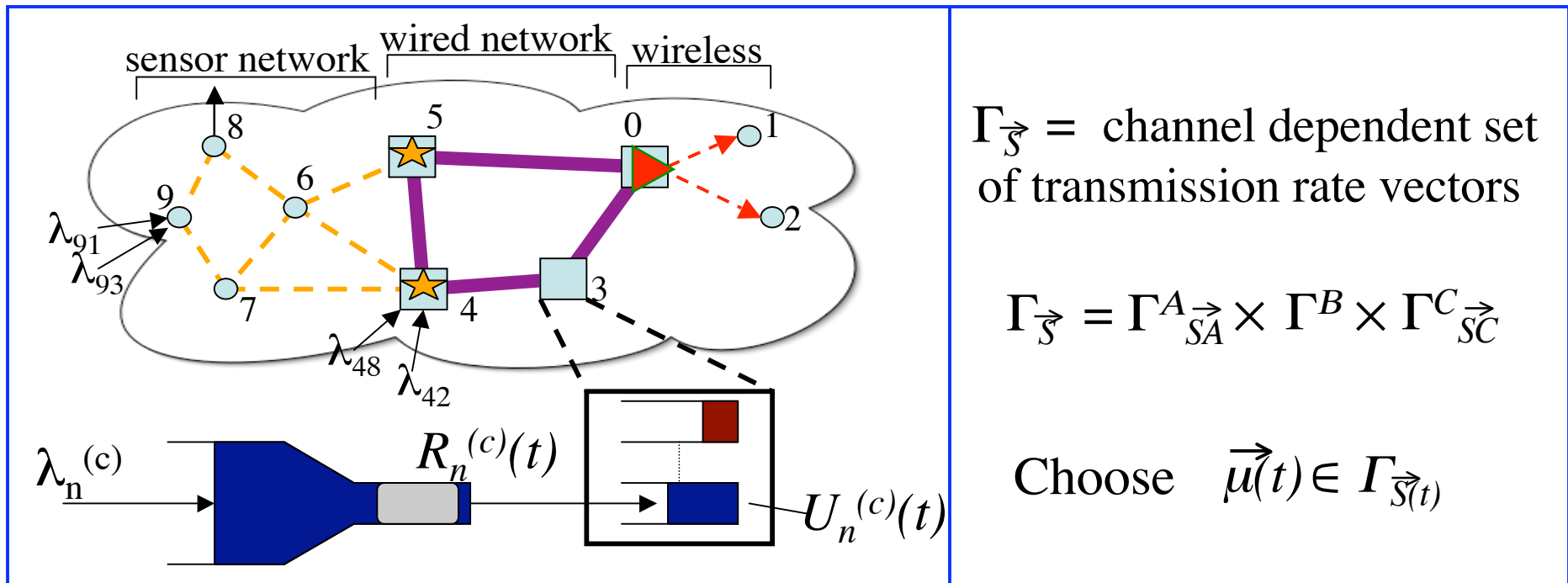


Slotted time  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$



Traffic  $(A_{ij}(t))$  and channel states  $\vec{S}(t)$  i.i.d. over timeslots...

A heterogeneous network with  $N$  nodes and  $L$  links:



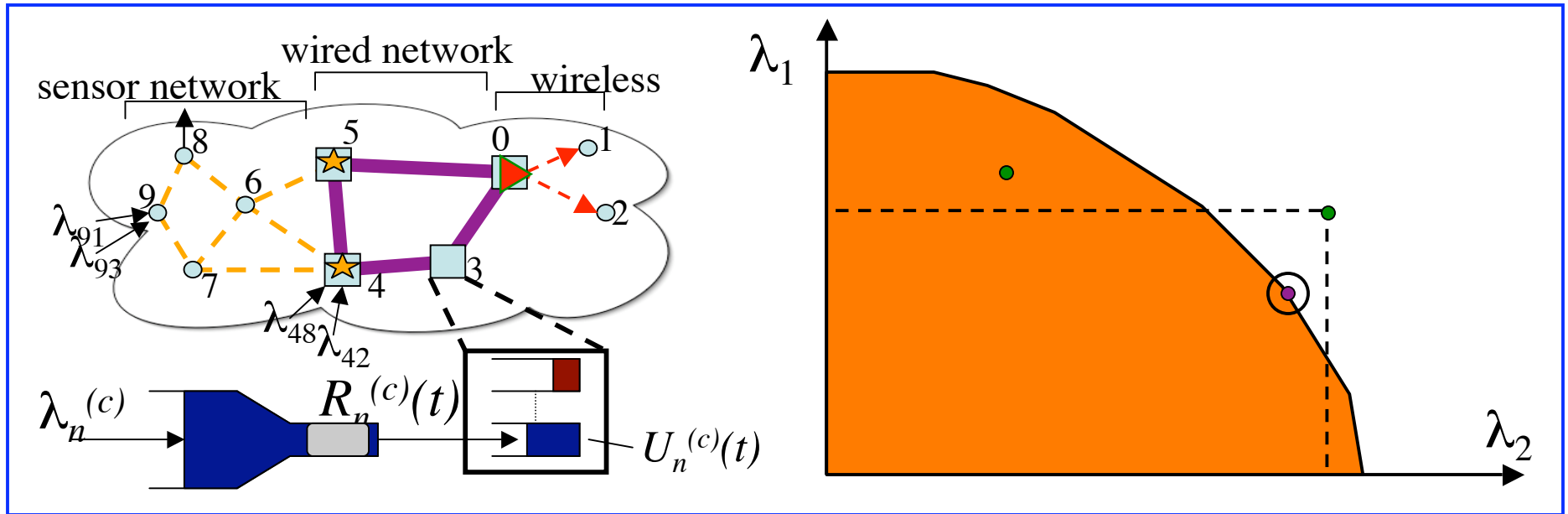
Input rate matrix:  $(\lambda_{ij})$  (where  $E[A_{ij}(t)] = \lambda_{ij}$ )

Channel state vector:  $\vec{S}(t) = (S_1(t), S_2(t), \dots, S_L(t))$

Transmission rate vector:  $\vec{\mu}(t) = (\mu_1(t), \mu_2(t), \dots, \mu_L(t))$

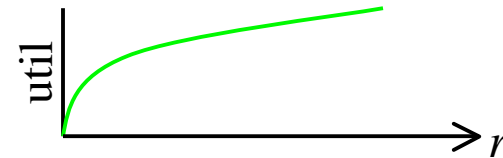
**Resource allocation:** choose  $\vec{\mu}(t) \in \Gamma_{\vec{S}(t)}$

**Goal:** Develop joint flow control, routing, resource allocation



$\Lambda$  = Capacity region (considering all routing, resource alloc. policies)

$g_{nc}(r_{nc})$  = concave utility functions



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize:} \quad & \sum_{n,c} g_{nc}(r_{nc}) \\ \text{Subject to:} \quad & (r_{nc}) \in \Lambda \\ & 0 \leq (r_{nc}) \leq (\lambda_{nc}) \end{aligned}$$

## **Some precedents:**

Static optimization: (Lagrange multipliers and convex duality)

Kelly, Maulloo, Tan, Oper Res. 1998 [pricing for net. optimization]

Xiao, Johansson, Boyd, Allerton 2001 [network resource opt.]

Julian, Chian, O'Neill, Boyd, Infocom 2002 [static wireless opt]

Lee, Mazumdar, Shroff, Infocom 2002 [static wireless downlink]

Marbach, Infocom 2002 [pricing, fairness static nets]

Krishnamachari, Ordonez, VTC 2003 [static sensor nets]

Low, TON 2003 [internet congestion control]

## Dynamic control:

D. Tse, 97, 99 [“proportional fair” algorithm:  $\max U_i/r_i$ ]

Kushner, Whiting, Allerton 2002 [“prop. fair” alg. analysis]

S. Borst, Infocom 2003 [downlink fairness for infinite # users]

Li, Goldsmith, IT 2001 [broadcast downlink]

Tsibonis, Georgiadis, Tassiulas, Infocom 2003 [max thrupt outside  
of capacity region]

## Stochastic Stability via Lyapunov Drift:

Tassiulas, Ephremides, AC 1992, IT 1993 [MWM, Diff. backlog]

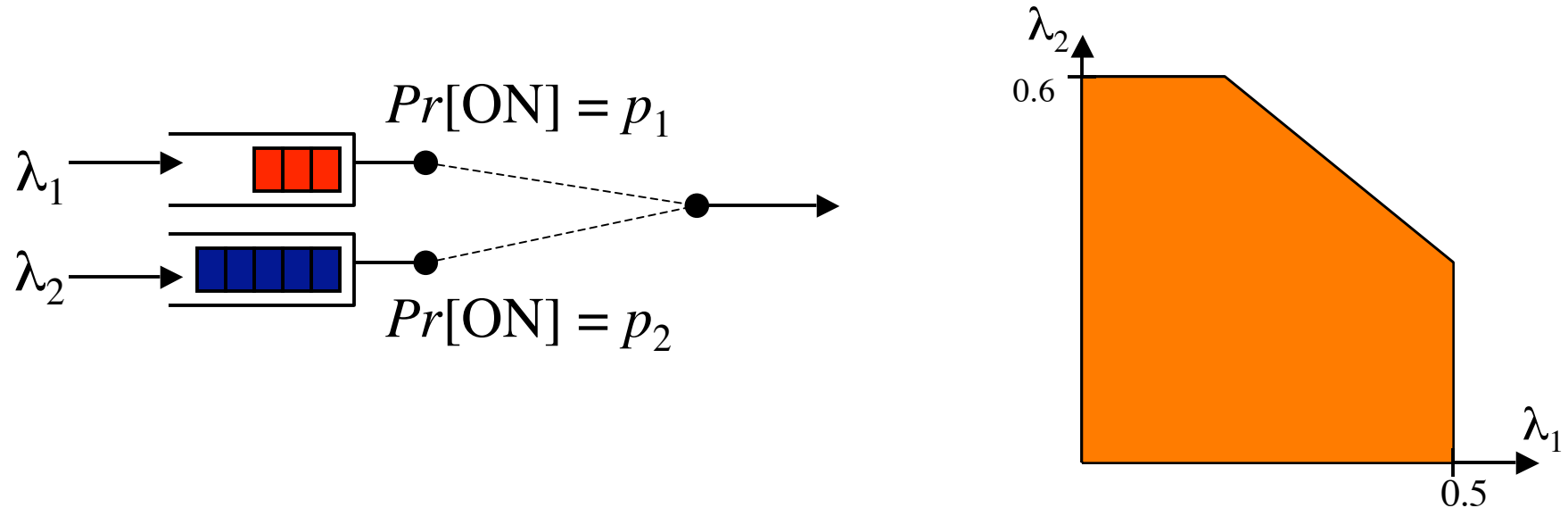
Andrews et. al., Comm. Mag, 2003 [server selection]

Neely, Modiano, Rohrs, TON 2003, JSAC 2005 [satellite, wireless]

McKeown, Anantharam, Walrand, Infocom 1996 [NxN switch]

Leonardi et. Al., Infocom 2001 [NxN switch]

Example: Server alloc., 2 queue downlink, ON/OFF channels



Capacity region  $\Lambda$ :

$$\lambda_1 \leq p_1 \quad , \quad \lambda_2 \leq p_2$$
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq p_1 + (1 - p_1)p_2$$

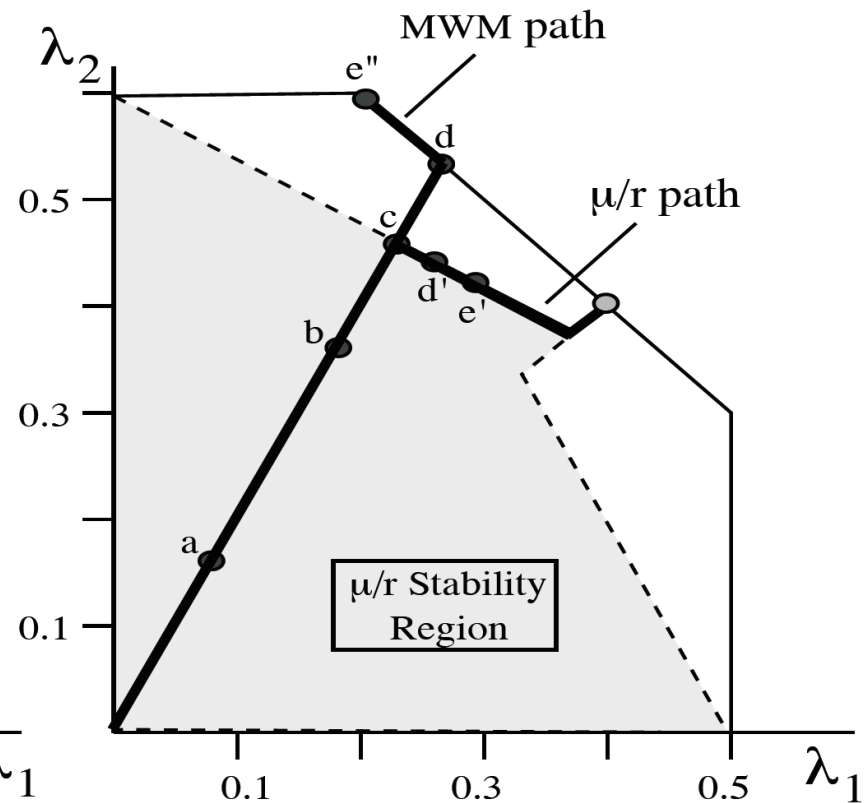
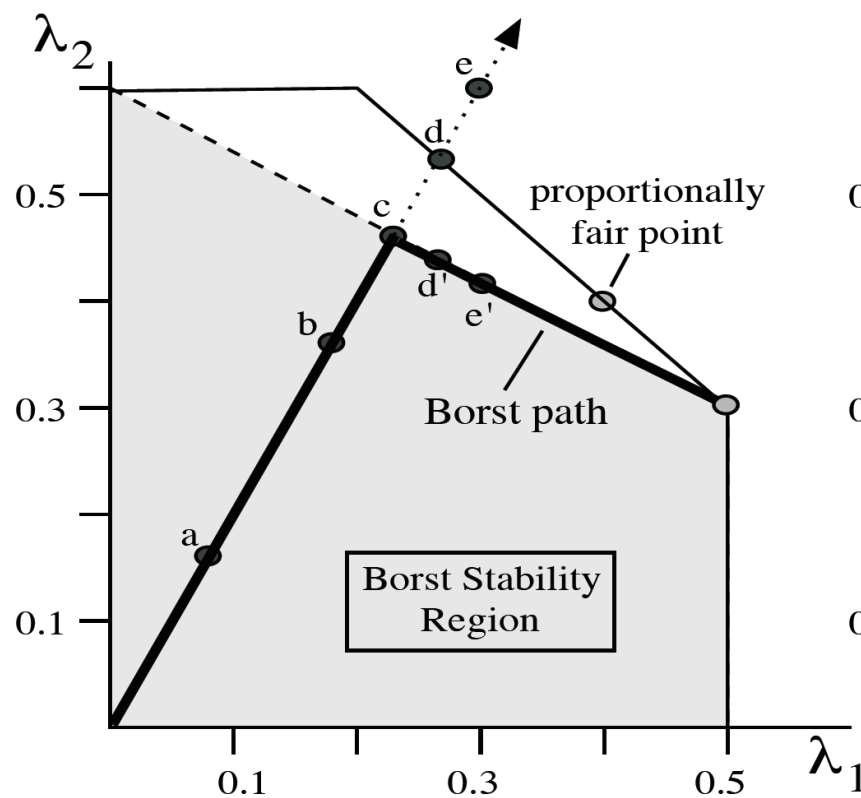
MWM algorithm (choose ON queue with largest backlog)

Stabilizes whenever rates are strictly interior to  $\Lambda$

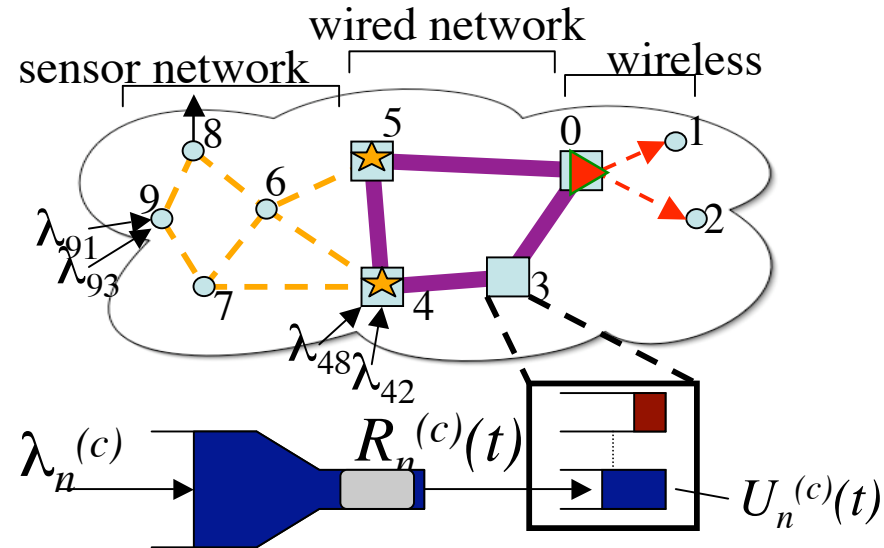
[Tassiulas, Ephremides IT 1993]

## Comparison of previous algorithms:

- (1) MWM ( $\max U_i \mu_i$ )
- (2) Borst Alg. [Borst Infocom 2003] ( $\max \mu_i / \bar{\mu}_i$ )
- (3) Tse Alg. [Tse 97, 99, Kush 2002] ( $\max \mu_i / r_i$ )



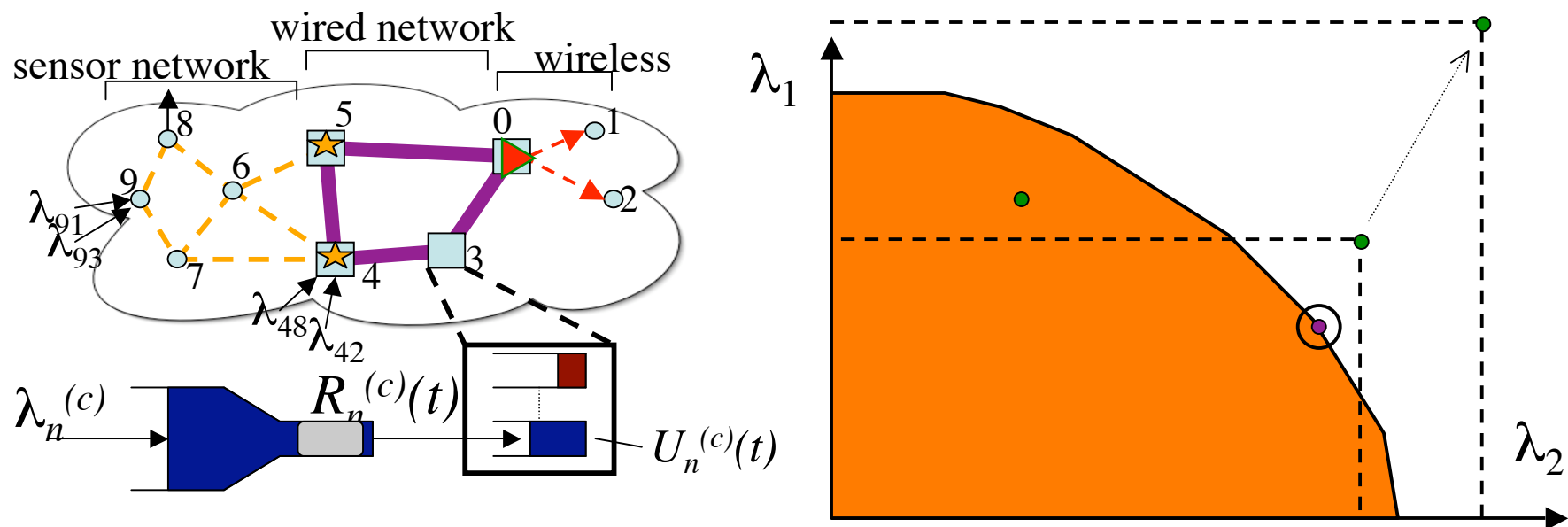




**Approach:** Put all data in a reservoir before sending into network. Reservoir valve determines  $R_n^{(c)}(t)$  (amount delivered to network from reservoir  $(n, c)$  at slot  $t$ ).

Optimize dynamic decisions over all possible valve control policies, network resource allocations, routing to provide optimal fairness.

## Part 1: Optimization with infinite demand



Assume all active sessions infinitely backlogged  
(general case of arbitrary traffic treated in part 2).

Maximize:

$$\sum_{n,c} g_{nc}(r_{nc})$$

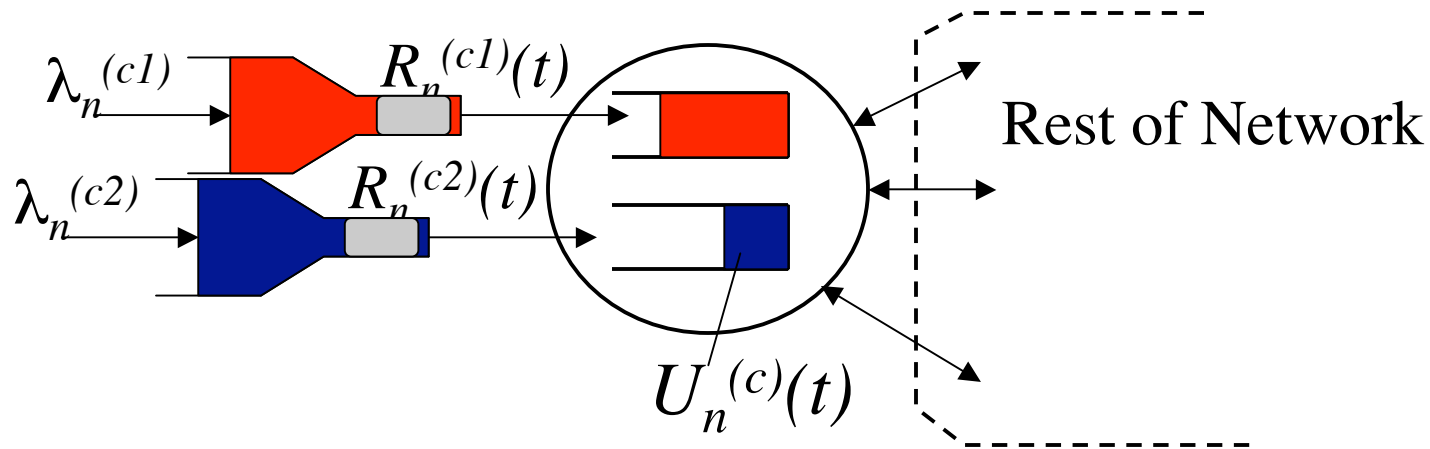
Subject to:

$$(r_{nc}) \in \Lambda$$

$$0 \leq (r_{nc}) \leq (\lambda_{nc})$$

## Cross Layer Control Algorithm (CLC1):

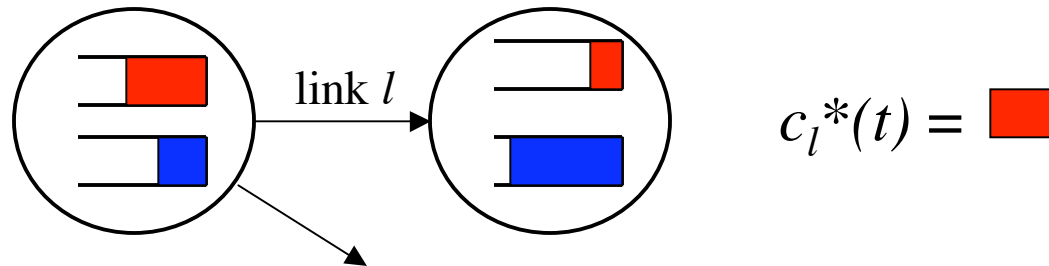
(1) **Flow Control**: At node  $n$ , observe queue backlogs  $U_n^{(c)}(t)$  for all active sessions  $c$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize : } & \sum_{c=1}^N \left[ V g_{nc}(r_{nc}) - 2r_{nc}U_n^{(c)}(t) \right] \\ \text{Subject to: } & \sum_{c=1}^N r_{nc} \leq R_n^{max} \end{aligned}$$

(where  $V$  is a parameter that affects network delay)

## (2) Routing and Scheduling:



For all links  $l$ , find the commodity  $c_l^*(t)$  such that:

$$c_l^*(t) = \arg \max_c \left\{ U_{tran(l)}^c(t) - U_{rec(l)}^c(t) \right\}$$

and define:

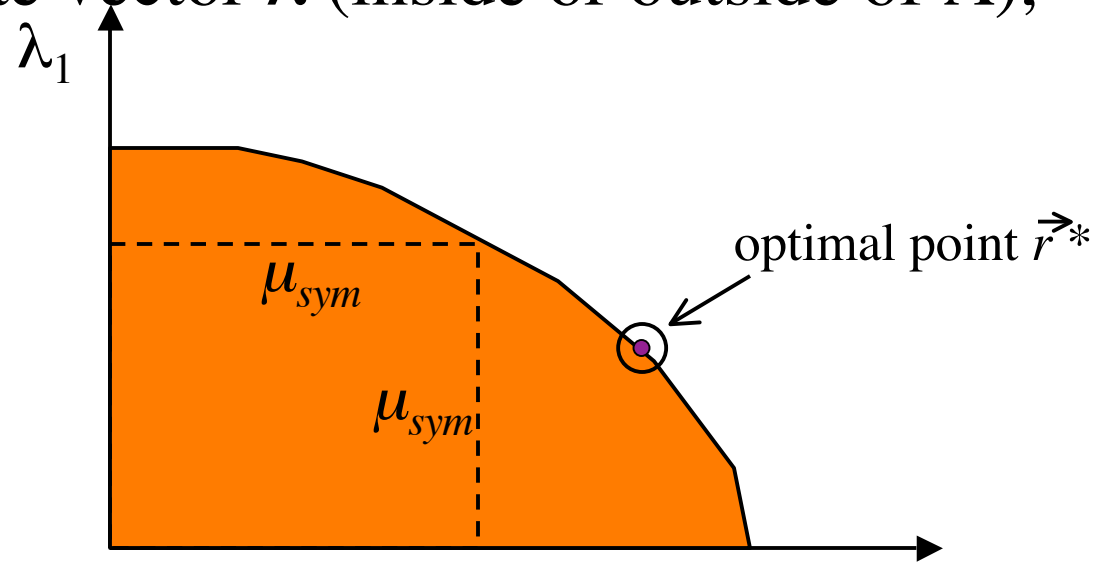
$$W_l^*(t) = \max[U_{tran(l)}^{c_l^*}(t) - U_{rec(l)}^{c_l^*}(t), 0]$$

(similar to the original Tassiulas differential backlog routing policy [1992])

(3) Resource Allocation: Observe channel states  $\vec{S}(t)$ . Allocate resources to yield rates  $\vec{\mu}(t)$  such that:

$$\text{Maximize: } \sum_l W_l^*(t) \mu_l(t) \quad \text{Such that: } \vec{\mu}(t) \in \Gamma_{\vec{S}(t)}$$

Theorem: If channel states are i.i.d., then for any  $V > 0$  and any rate vector  $\vec{\lambda}$  (inside or outside of  $\Lambda$ ),



Avg. delay: 
$$\overline{\sum_{nc} U_n^{(c)}} \leq \frac{N(B + VG_{max})}{2\mu_{sym}}$$

Fairness: 
$$\sum_{nc} g_{nc}(\bar{r}_{nc}) \geq \sum_{nc} g_{nc}(r_{nc}^*) - \frac{BN}{V}$$

(where  $B \triangleq \left( \mu_{max}^{in} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N R_n^{max} \right)^2 + (\mu_{max}^{out})^2$  )

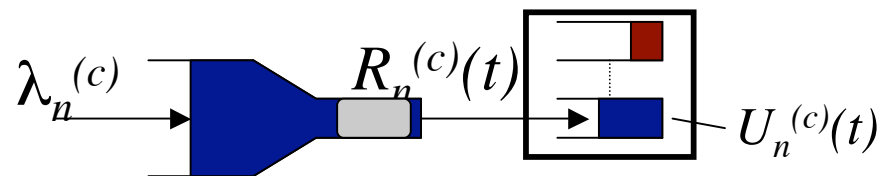
## Special cases:

(for simplicity, assume only 1 active session per node)

### 1. Maximum throughput and the threshold rule

Linear utilities:  $g_{nc}(r) = \alpha_{nc} r$

$$R_{nc_n}(t) = \begin{cases} R_n^{max} & \text{if } U_n^{(c_n)}(t) \leq \frac{V\alpha_{nc_n}}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

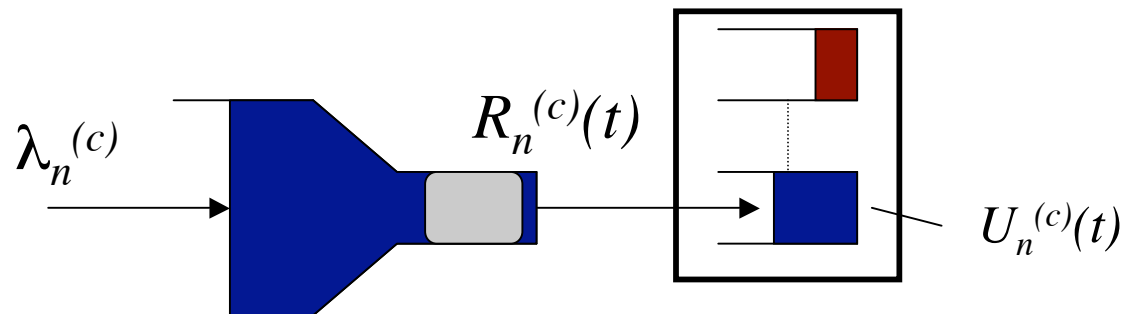


(threshold structure similar to Tsibonis [Infocom 2003] for a downlink with service envelopes)

## (2) Proportional Fairness and the $1/U$ rule

logarithmic utilities:  $g_{nc}(r) = \log(1 + r_{nc})$

$$R_{nc_n}(t) = \min \left[ \max \left[ \frac{V}{2U_n^{(c_n)}(t)} - 1, 0 \right], R_n^{max} \right]$$

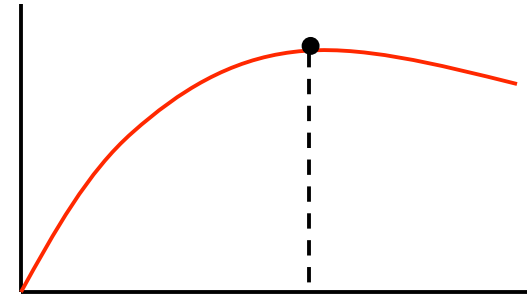


## Mechanism Design and Network Pricing:

greedy users...each naturally solves the following:

Maximize:  $g_{nc}(r) - PRICE_{nc}(t)r$

Such that :  $0 \leq r \leq R_{max}$



This is exactly the same algorithm if we use the following dynamic pricing strategy:

$$PRICE_{nc}(t) = U_{nc}(t)/V$$



Analytical technique: ***Lyapunov Drift***


*Lyapunov function:*  $L(\vec{U}(t)) = \sum_n U_n^2(t)$

*Lyapunov drift:*  $\Delta(t) = E[L(\vec{U}(t+1)) - L(\vec{U}(t)) \mid \vec{U}(t)]$

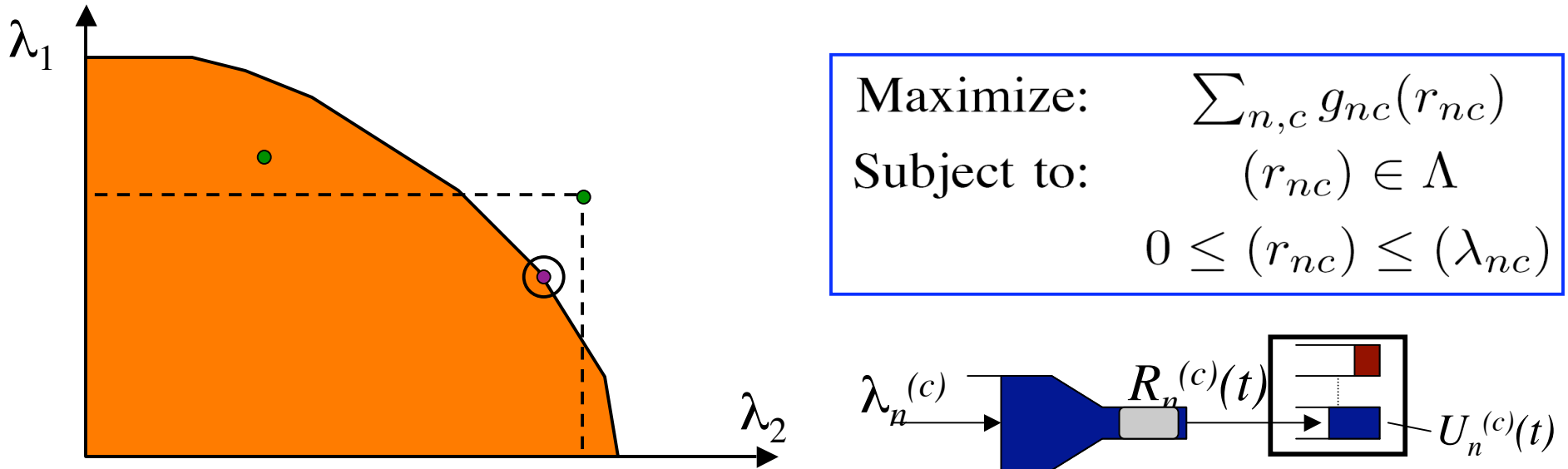
Theorem: (Lyapunov drift with Utility Maximization)

If for all  $t$ :  $\Delta(t) \leq C - \epsilon \sum_n U_n(t) - V E[g(\vec{r}(t)) \mid \vec{U}(t)] - V g(\vec{r}^*)$

Then: (a)  $\sum_n E[U_n] \leq \frac{C + VNG_{max}}{\epsilon}$  (stability and bounded delay)

(b)  $g(\vec{r}_{achieve}) \geq g(\vec{r}^*) + C/V$  (resulting utility) 

## Part 2: Scheduling with arbitrary input rates



Novel technique of creating flow state variables  $Z_{nc}(t)$

$$Y_{nc}(t) = R_{max} - R_{nc}(t)$$

$$Z_{nc}(t) = \max[Z_{nc}(t) - g_{nc}(t), 0] + Y_{nc}(t)$$

(Reservoir buffer size arbitrary, *possibly zero*)

**Cross Layer Control Alg. 2 (CLC2)**      Every timeslot and for each node  $n$ , choose  $R_{nc}(t) = r_{nc}$  to solve:

$$\text{Maximize: } \sum_c \left[ \frac{Z_{nc}(t)}{N} - U_n^{(c)}(t) \right] r_{nc}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Subject to: } \quad & \sum_c r_{nc} \leq R_n^{max} \\ & r_{nc} \leq L_{nc}(t) + A_{nc}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, the flow controllers at each node  $n$  choose  $\gamma_{nc}(t)$  for each session  $(n, c)$  to solve:

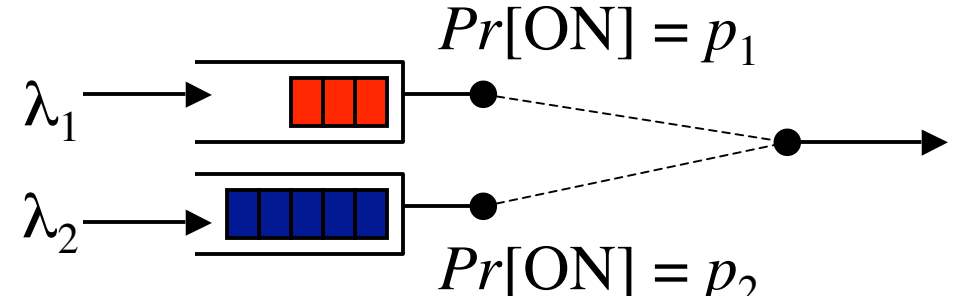
$$\text{Maximize: } V g_{nc}(R_n^{max} - \gamma_{nc}) + \frac{2Z_{nc}(t)}{N} \gamma_{nc}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \quad 0 \leq \gamma_{nc} \leq R_n^{max}$$

The flow states  $Z_{nc}(t)$  are then updated according to the  $Z_{nc}(t+1)$  iteration of the previous slide.

# Simulation Results for CLC2:

(i) 2 queue downlink



$$a) g_1(r) = g_2(r) = \log(1+r)$$

$$b) g_1(r) = \log(1+r) \\ g_2(r) = 1.28 \log(1+r) \\ \text{(priority service)}$$

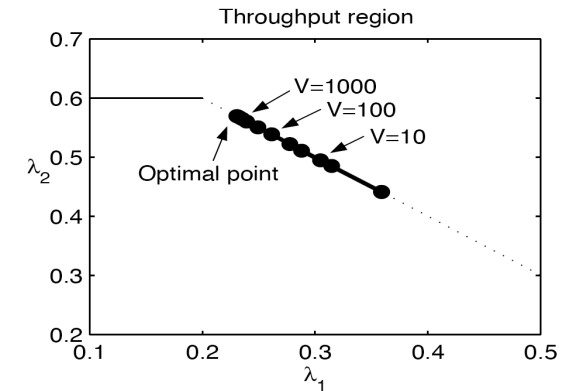
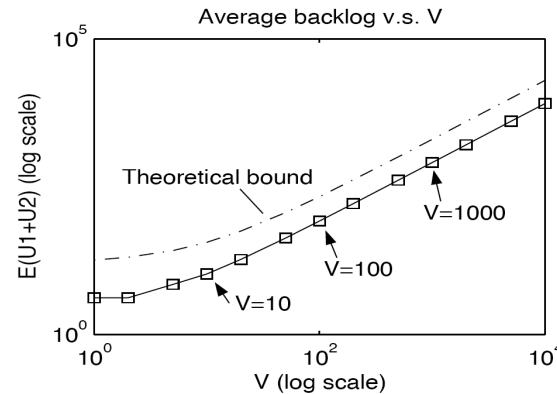
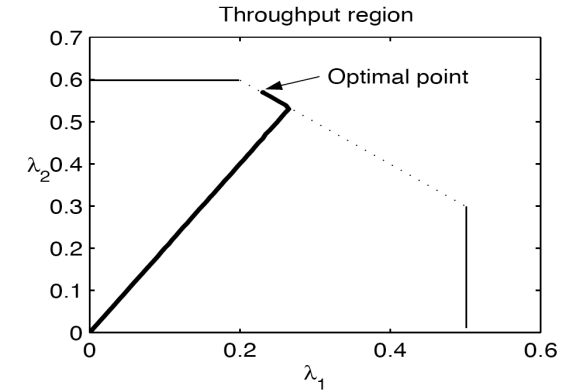
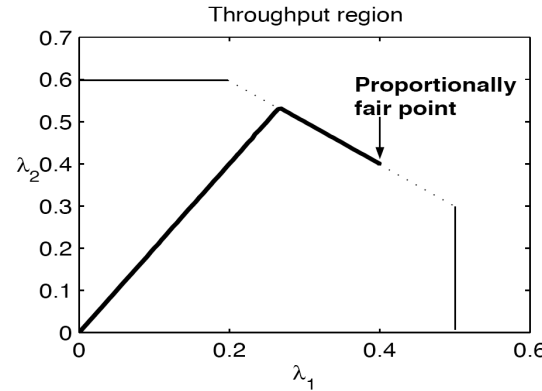


Fig. 3. Simulation of CLC2: (a) Linearly increasing  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  to  $(0.5, 1.0)$  for  $V = 10000$  and  $g_1(r) = g_2(r) = \log(1 + r)$ . (b) Modifying utility 2 to:  $g_2(r) = 1.28 \log(1 + r)$ . (c)-(d) Fixing  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (0.5, 1.0)$  and illustrating delay and throughput versus  $V$ .

(ii) 3 x 3 packet switch under the crossbar constraint:

Rates ( $\lambda_{ij}$ )			Throughput ( $r_{ij}$ )			Backlog ( $\bar{U}_{ij}$ )		
.45	.1	.4	.450	.100	.399	3.3	2.4	3.6
.1	.7	.15	.100	.695	.148	2.4	2.9	2.7
.4	.15	.4	.399	.149	.400	3.6	2.7	3.4

(a) Simulation of a switch with feasible traffic

.6	.1	.3
0	.4	.2
0	.5	0

proportionally  
fair

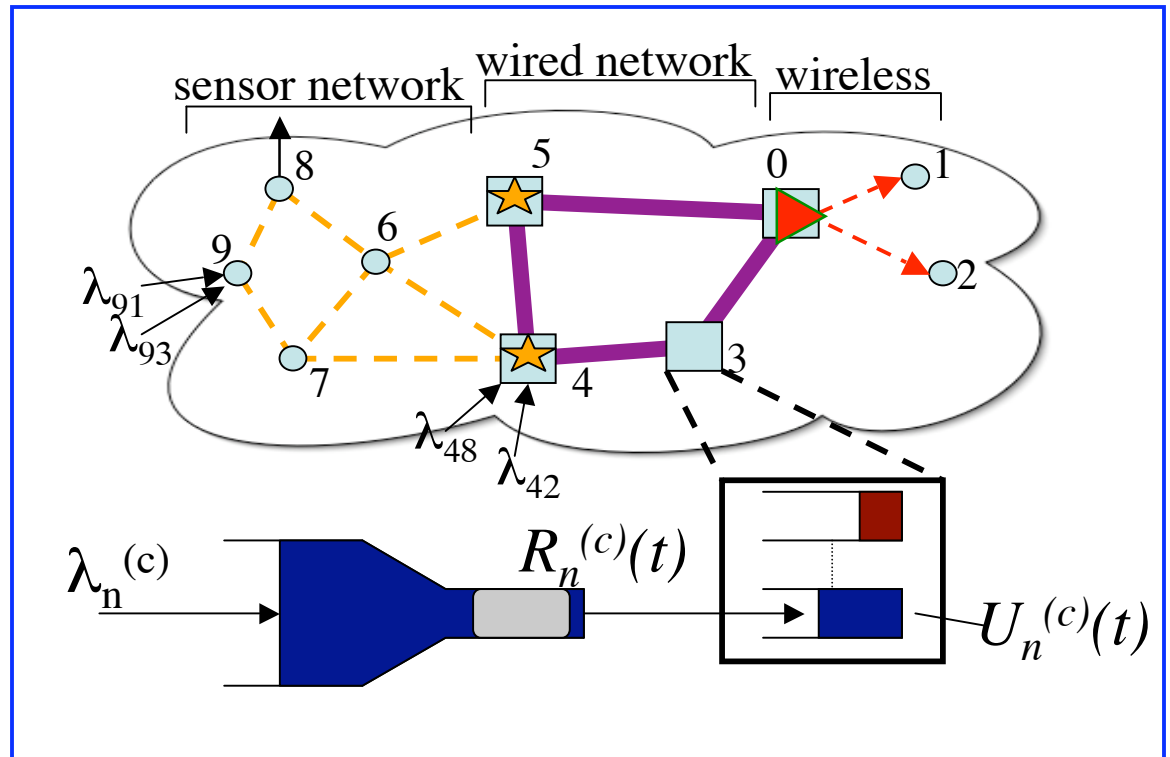
Rates ( $\lambda_{ij}$ )			Throughput ( $r_{ij}$ )			Backlog ( $\bar{U}_{ij}$ )		
.9	.2	.3	.598	.100	.298	31.6	45.3	32.1
0	.4	.2	0	.399	.200	0	14.1	.29
0	.5	0	0	.500	0	0	14.2	0

(b) Simulation of an overloaded switch

Fig. 4. Simulation results for the CLC2 algorithm with  $V = 100$  and zero reservoir buffers. Simulations were run over four million timeslots.

## Concluding Slide:

### (iii) Multi-hop Heterogeneous Network



$$\lambda_{91} = \lambda_{93} = \lambda_{48} = \lambda_{42} = 0.7 \text{ packets/slot} \quad (\text{not supportable})$$

The optimally fair point of this example can be solved in closed form:  $r_{91}^* = r_{93}^* = r_{48}^* = 1/6 = 0.1667$  ,  $r_{42} = 0.5$

Use CLC2,  $V=1000$  ----->  $\bar{U}_{tot} = 858.9$  packets  
 $r_{91} = 0.1658$ ,  $r_{93} = 0.1662$ ,  $r_{48} = 0.1678$ ,  $r_{42} = 0.5000$

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<sup>3</sup>Strictly speaking, the proportionally fair allocation seeks to maximize  $\sum_{nc} \log(r_{nc})$ , leading to  $\sum_{nc} \frac{\bar{r}_{nc}^{opt} - r_{nc}}{\bar{r}_{nc}^{opt}} \geq 0$  for any other operating point  $(r_{nc}) \in \Lambda$ . We use non-negative utilities  $\log(1 + r)$ , and thereby obtain a proportionally fair allocation with respect to the quantity  $\bar{r}_{nc}^{opt} + 1$ , leading to  $\sum_{nc} \frac{\bar{r}_{nc}^{opt} - r_{nc}}{\bar{r}_{nc}^{opt} + 1} \geq 0$ .