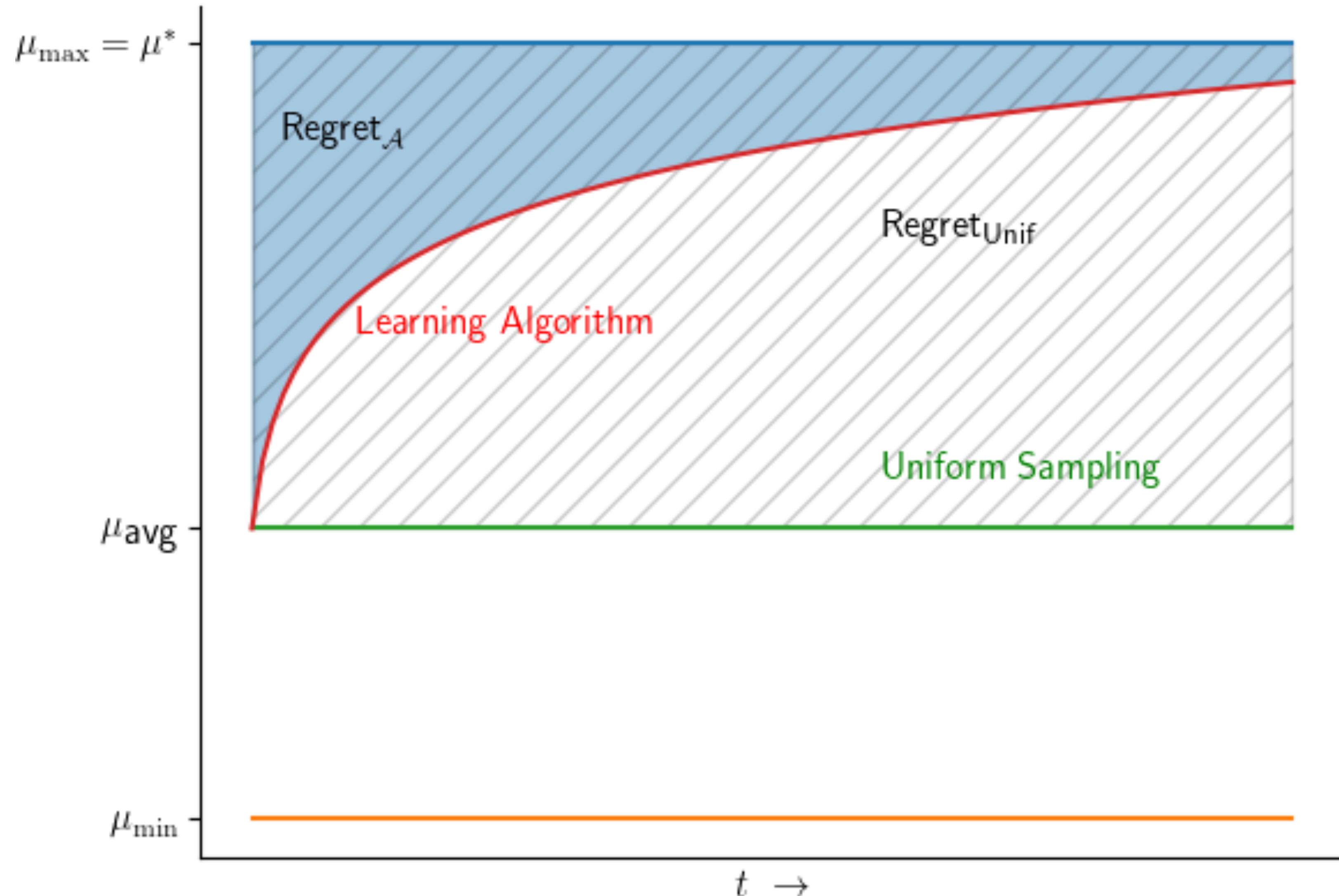


# Regret simplified



$$\mu_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{a=1}^K \mu_a$$

$$\mu_{\min} = \min_{a \in [K]} \mu_a$$

# How to get sub-linear regret ?

- **Explore sub-optimal arms:** We need to sample every sub-optimal arms infinitely often as budget  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , to be certain about their sub-optimality.
- What if we sample some sub-optimal arm finite no. of times? **The collected samples can be large with positive probability and the arm may appear good !!**
- **Exploit the best arm:** Our algorithm must satisfy:  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[N_{a^*}(T)]}{T} = 1.$