

Energy-aware server provisioning

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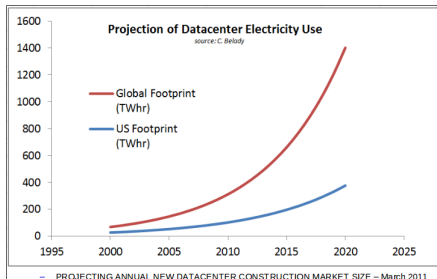
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- French start-up revolving around technology and environmental concerns.
- Investigating software oriented energy aware techniques in large scale and distributed environments
- <http://www.newgeneration-sr.com>
- AVALON research team in LIP laboratory
- Design models, systems, and algorithms to execute applications on resources
- <http://avalon.ens-lyon.fr>

Context

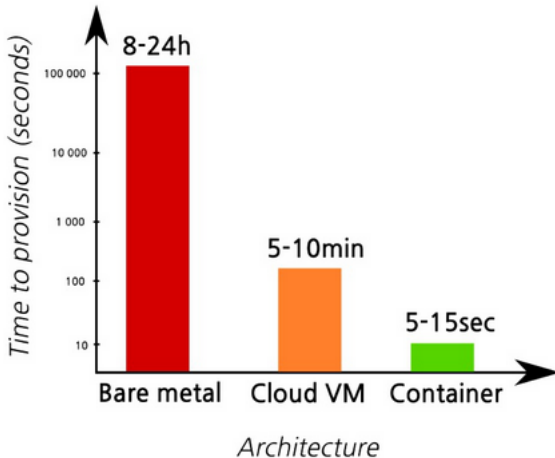
- Electric consumption of servers across the world doubled between 2005 and 2010
- ICT = 2 % of CO₂ emissions



Explosion of services: The Apple Example

- 300,000 Apps for iPad/800,000 for iPhone
- 45 000 square meters datacenter dedicated to the selling of Apps and the operating of iTunes software

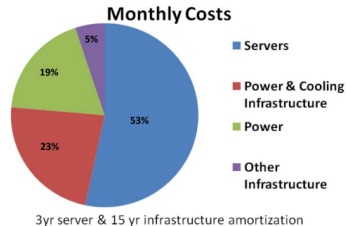
Time to launch a new instance



Motivation

Electric consumption represents more than 42 % of a datacenter total budget

- Supply of electricity
- Cooling of components



Source: Hamilton 2009

Aim

- Consuming less energy
- Generating less heat
- Minimizing performance degradation
- Keeping a scalable infrastructure

Our Approach

- Profiling: Know your hardware before you get to know your jobs
- Placement: Where should I put this task?
- Event management: What is happening on my platform?

Profiling of servers

Goal : Favorize the output of servers

Static Profile

- Initial calibration of the hardware
- Observation of disparities (up to 20 %) between similar nodes (Diouri et al., 2013)

Do not trust the hardware

Dynamic Profile

- Systematic collection of usage metrics
- Maximization of the server's output
- Dynamic adaptation of the workload

Provider and User preferences

Aim: Taking into account the willingness to be energy-efficient

User preference

- Indicate a trade-off between performance and energy savings

$Preference_{user} \in [-1, 1]$.

$$Preference_{user} \begin{cases} -1 & \Leftrightarrow & \text{maximize performance} \\ 0 & \Leftrightarrow & \text{no preference} \\ 1 & \Leftrightarrow & \text{maximize energy efficiency} \end{cases}$$

Provider preference

- Determine the number of resources available for computation

Be c the electricity cost and u the resource usage

$$Preference_{provider}(u, c) \rightarrow \frac{(1 - c) + 2u}{3}$$

Event management

Goal : Reactive dimensioning of the resources

Energy cost

- Favor the use of resources in off-peak periods
- Taking advantage of the negotiations cost

Conditions of temperature

- Avoiding excessive wear of components
- Prevent exploitation incidents

The DIET Middleware



Distributed Interactive Engineering Toolbox

Middleware for high-performance computing in heterogeneous and distributed environments

- Grid-RPC Paradigm
- Hierarchical structure : Scalability and Performance
- Open-Source, based on standards protocols
- Workstations, clusters, grids, clouds

Use in various scientific fields

Simulation, BioInformatics, Cosmology, Meteorology, ...

Scheduling process

- MA MasterAgent
- LA LocalAgent
- SeD ServerDaemon

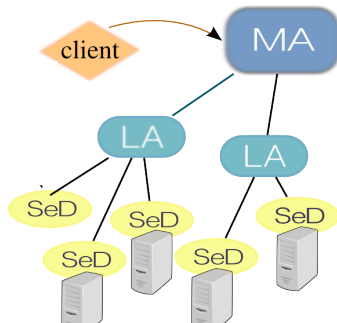
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Local Agent Performs (if needed) a sort of the servers

Server Daemon Collects and sends the performance estimation each computational resource

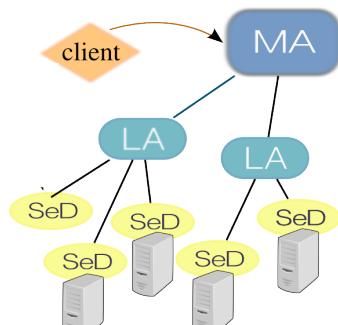
Plug-in schedulers

- Allow the developer to address specific needs over the scheduling subsystem
- Collection of performance estimation values



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A client submits a request

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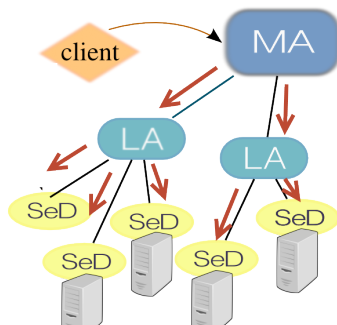
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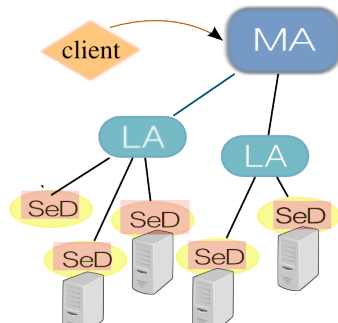
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The Master Agent contacts the available SeDs



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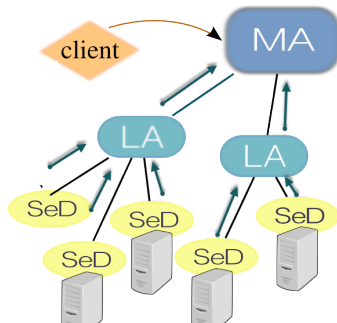
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Each SeD retrieves its performance metrics

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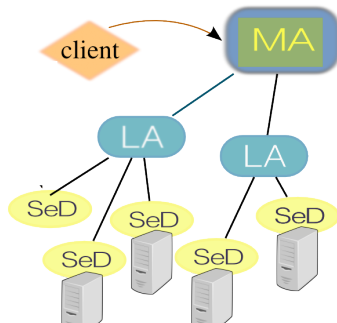
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Server Daemon Collects and sends the performance estimation each computational resource

Performance metrics are forwarded to the Master Agent

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SeDs are sorted based on the scheduling criteria

Scheduling process

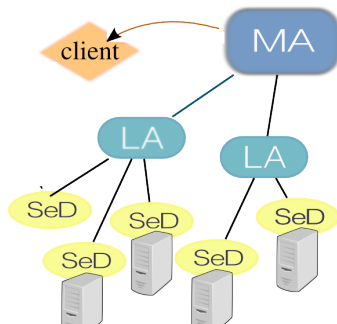
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The name of the first server is returned to the client



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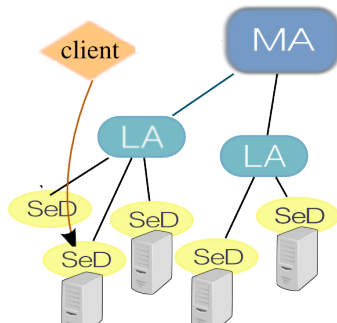
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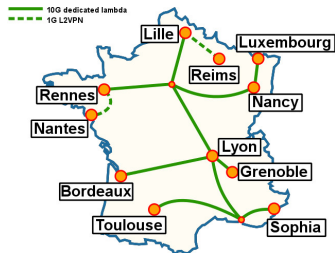
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The client addresses his request at the selected server



The Grid'5000 testbed

- Use of 3 clusters from Lyon site (Taurus, Orion, Sagittaire)
- Power consumption measures obtained using the Grid'5000 API

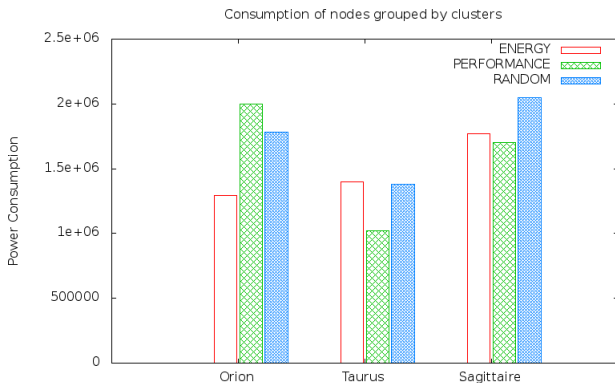


Comparison of 3 scheduling criteria

- ENERGY : Number of requests/power consumption
- PERFORMANCE : Number of floating operations per seconds (flops)
- RANDOM : Random distribution

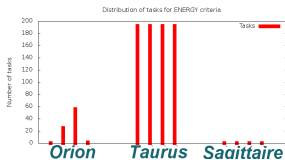
Results (1/2) : Comparison of the scheduling policies

- Execution of 1000+ tasks (CPU intensive)

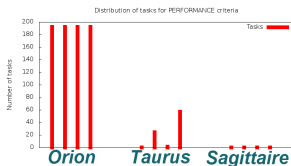


- Significant Energy Savings (up to 25%)
- Minor performance degradations (6

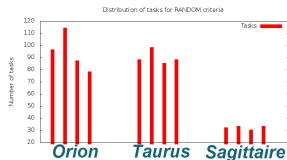
Distribution of tasks (4 nodes per cluster)



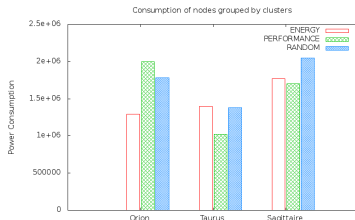
- ENERGY Criterion



- PERFORMANCE Criterion



- Random distribution



Context-aware provisioning : Events and Metrics

Events considered

- Scheduled events : Energy provider planning, normal conditions of temperature
- Unexpected events : Heat alerts, Hardware incidents

Considered metrics

- Energy cost
- Temperature

Taking into account the context of execution : Agenda et administrator rules

At each time interval, the scheduler checks the values of the metrics...

Comparison with thresholds

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<timestamp value="1385896446">  
  <temperature>23.5</temperature>  
  <candidates>8</candidates>  
  <energy_cost>0.6</energy_cost>  
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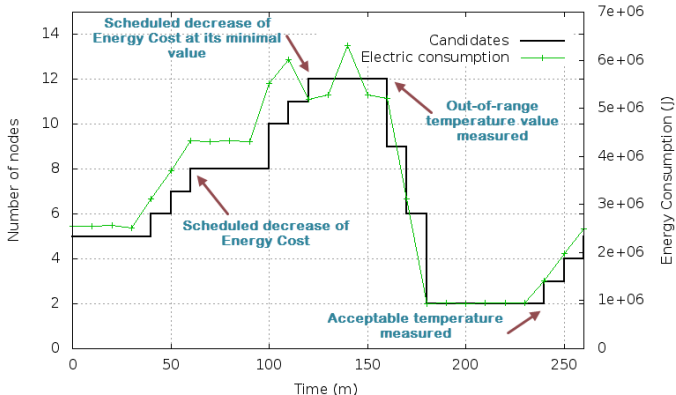
Figure: Sample of the agenda file

... and apply predefined rules.

Example : If the electricity price is below 0.5, the number of available servers (i.e. candidate servers) is set to its maximum value

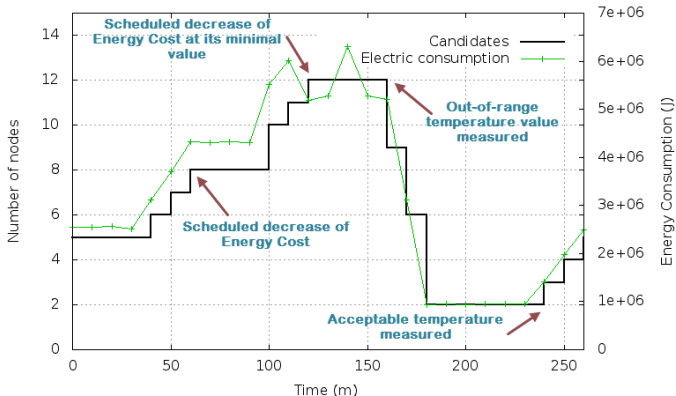
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Simulating the fluctuations of energy price and temperature



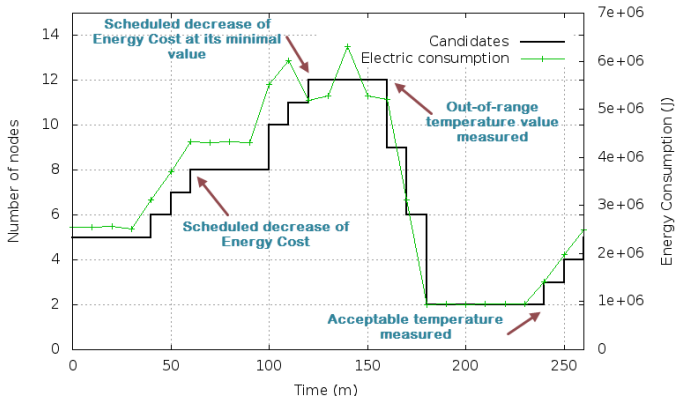
Startup : 5 computational servers available

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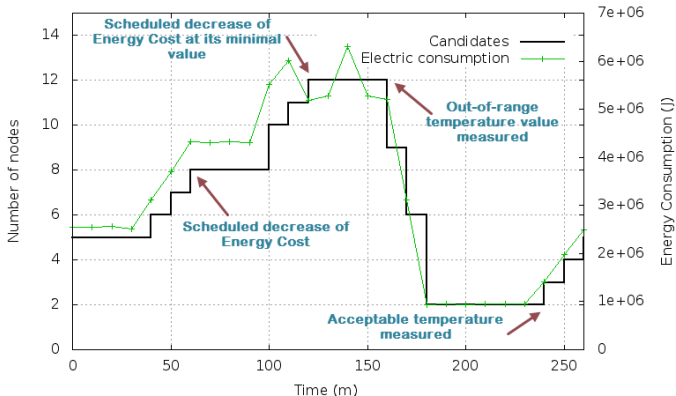
Event 1 : First decrease of energy cost. Progressive incrementation by a subset of nodes

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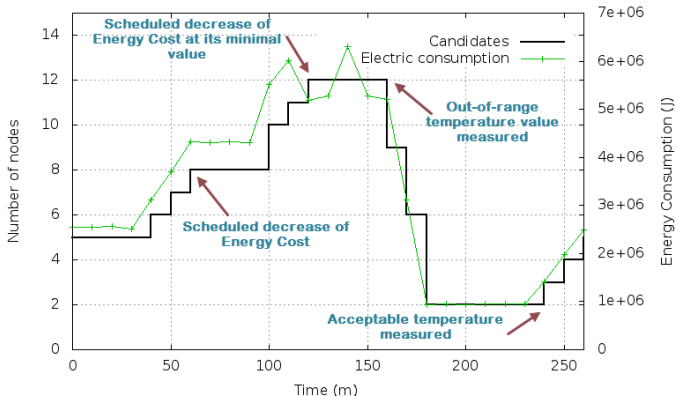
Event 2 : Second decrease of energy cost. The whole set of computational servers is in use

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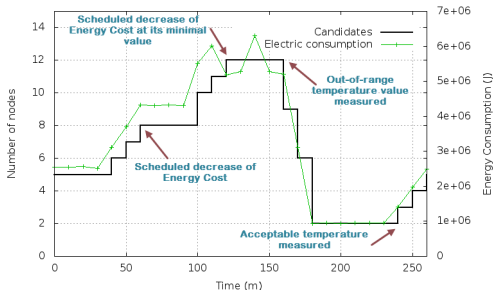
Event 3 : Instant raise of temperature. Minimal use of the infrastructure (2 servers)

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Event 4 : Acceptable temperature is measured. The number of nodes is incremented.

Results(2/2) : Automation of event management



Simulation of fluctuations of energy price and temperature

- The energy consumption of the infrastructure is automatically adapted according to the happening of events
- Third party monitoring/predicting tools can be integrated

Ongoing work

Towards a dynamic Service Level Agreement

- Taking into account the side effects of consolidation
- Maintaining an efficient use of resources

Integrating the cost of operations in the model

- Migrations, Reconfigurations, Standby, Shutdown... When is it relevant to execute them?

Summary

Dynamic characterization of servers profile

- Computational behavior on-the-fly
- Distribution of tasks according specific criterias
- Significant energy saving with minimal impact on the performance

Managing energy-related events

- Use of pre-defined thresholds
- Simple integration of third-party tools

Perspectives

- Taking into account spatial information
- Budget constrained scheduling

More information

To appear

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In HPPAC 2015: Workshop on High-Performance, Power-Aware Computing

Tutorial at the Grid'5000 School

- Using real-time data in your experiments

https://www.grid5000.fr/mediawiki/index.php/Kwapi_2014_School_tutorial

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Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?



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