MEASURING THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF HPC SYSTEMS

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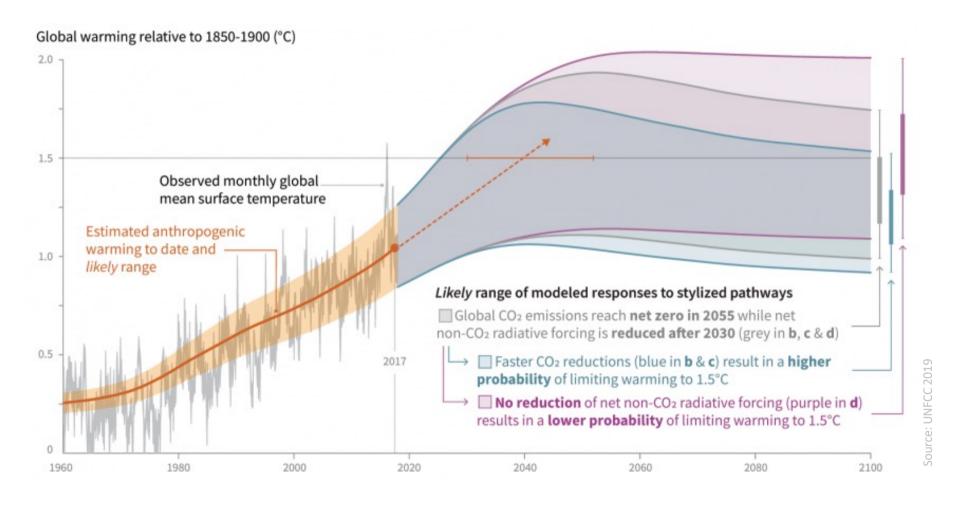
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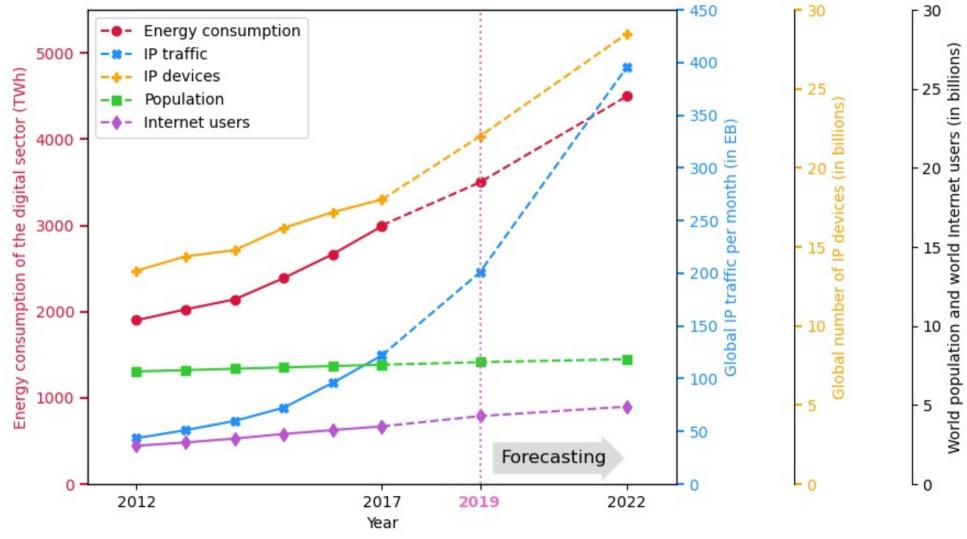
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Paris Agreement: 1.5° C



Objective in 2019: reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 8% each year

ICT energy consumption



ICT energy consumption grows by ~9% each year.

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My scientific context

- Energy consumption
- Large-scale distributed sytems
- Computing and networking parts
- Use phase



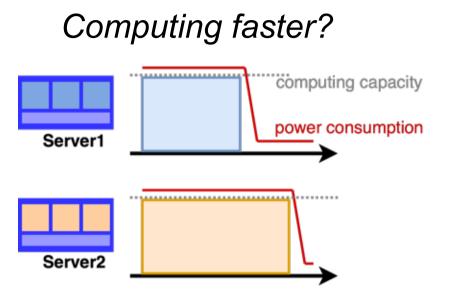
Started with Grid computing some years ago...

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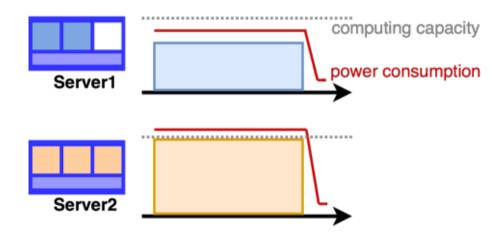
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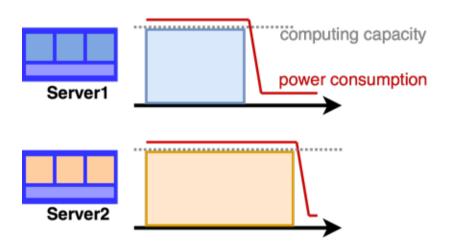
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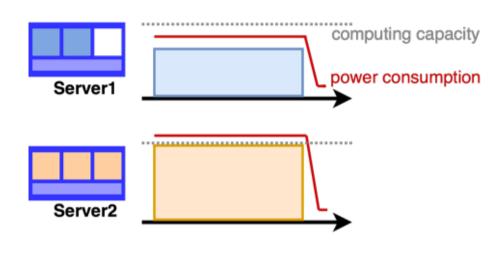


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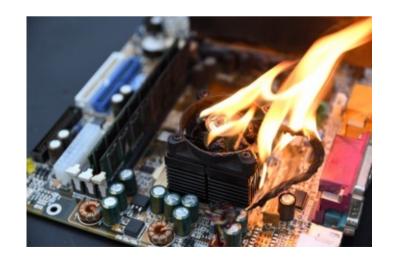
Computing faster?



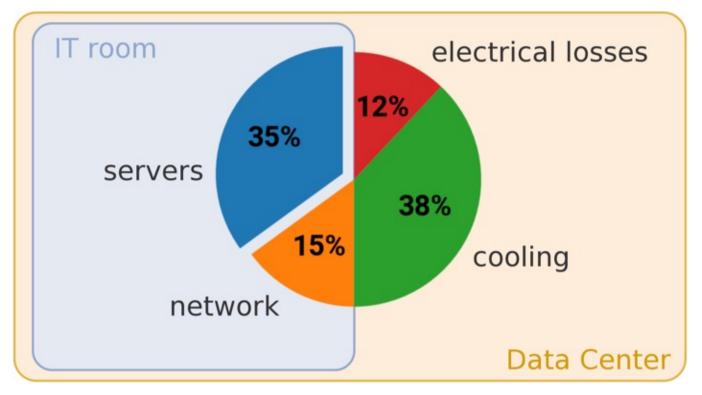
Computing slower?



Temperature matters.



How to measure energy efficiency in DCs?



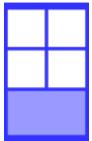
PUE: Power usage effectiveness

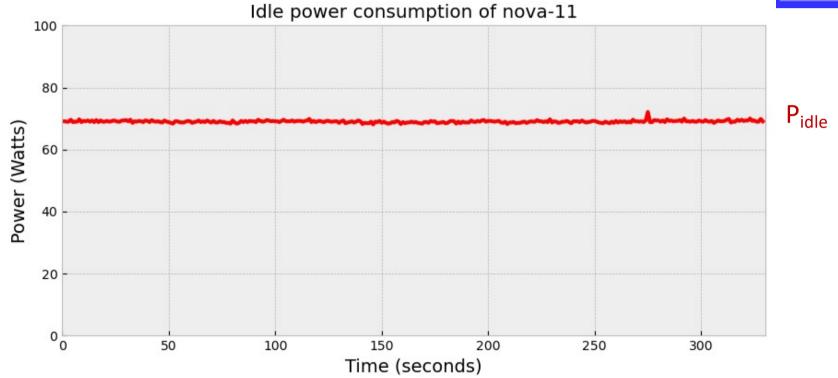
$$PUE = \frac{Total\ Facility\ Power}{IT\ Equipment\ Power}$$

the green grid

"Green Grid Data Center Power Efficiency Metrics: PUE and DCIE", Green Grid White Paper, 2008.

Idle server consumes nothing or little.

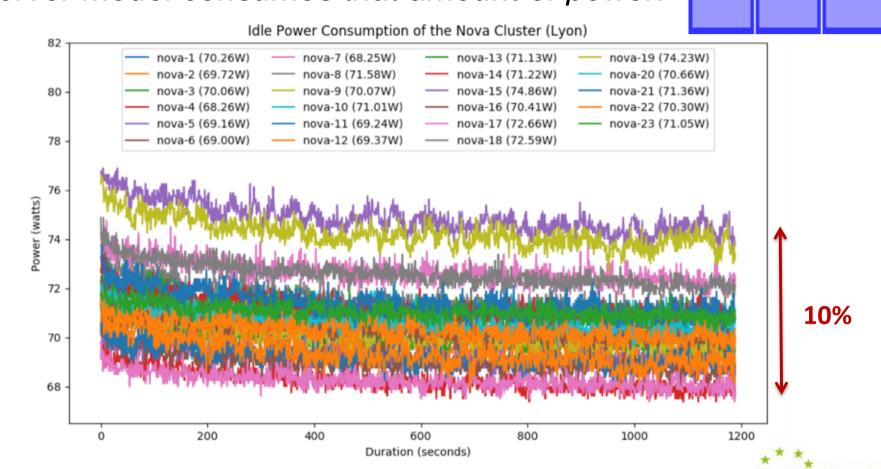




Nova node: 2 x Intel Xeon E5-2620 v4, 8 cores/CPU, 64 GiB RAM, 598 GB HDD (2016)

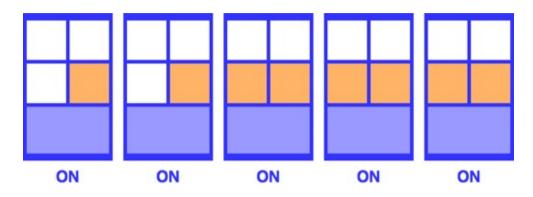


This server model consumes that amount of power.



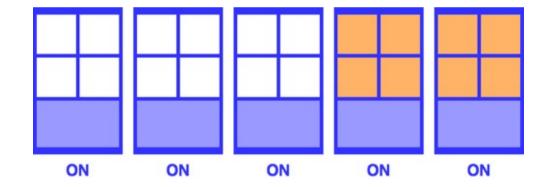
10% difference in idle and more at maximal consumption.

No chance for naive modeling



Naive model:

$$5 \times P_{idle} + 8 \times P_{process} = X \text{ Watts}$$



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Best configuration for power consumption? It depends.

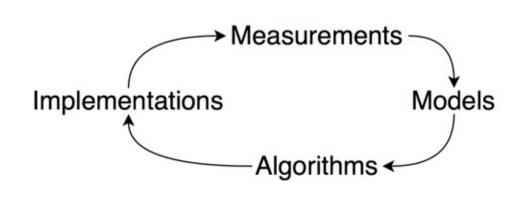
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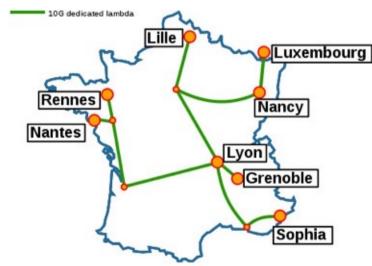
Energy consumption: a complex phenomenon

Need for wattmeters and sound experimental campaigns

- To understand
- To build robust models
- To get solid instantiations
- To obtain realistic algorithms

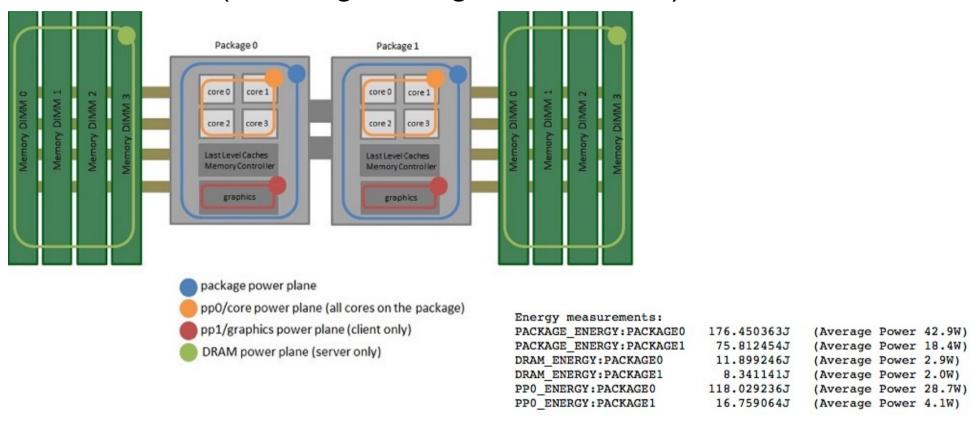






Performing measurements

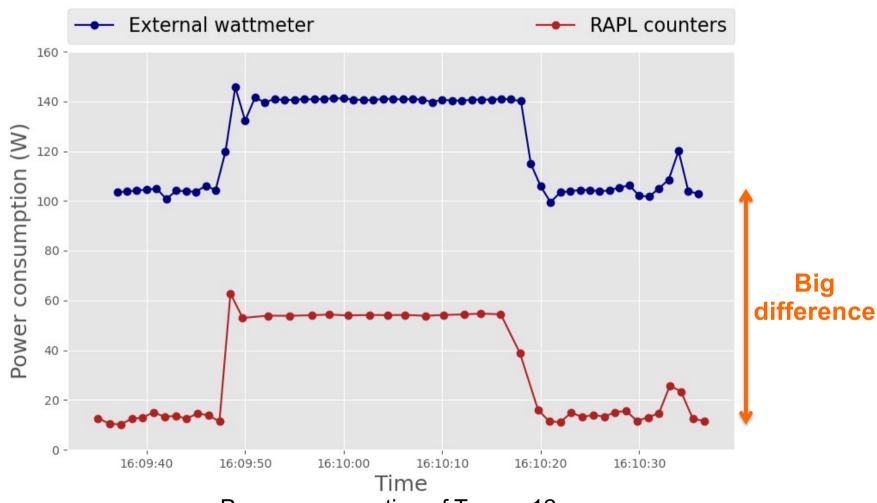
Intel's RAPL (Running Average Power Limit) interface



Warning: RAPL counters ignore a **large part** of the power consumption of servers.

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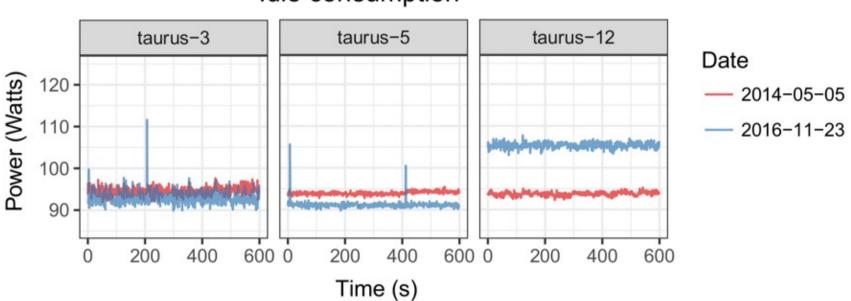
RAPL counters capture most of the power consumption of a server.



Power consumption of Taurus-12

Reproducibility?

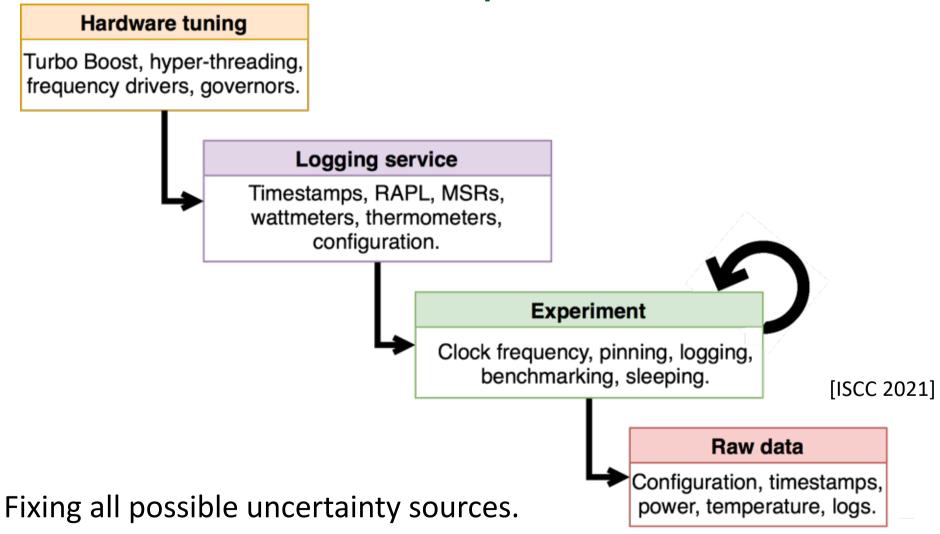
Idle consumption



[Cluster 2017]

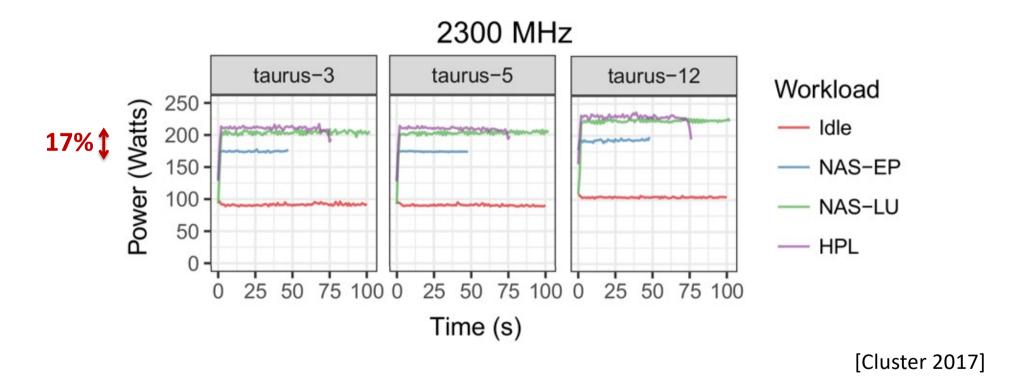
Idle power consumption varies over time.

Methodology for measuring server consumption



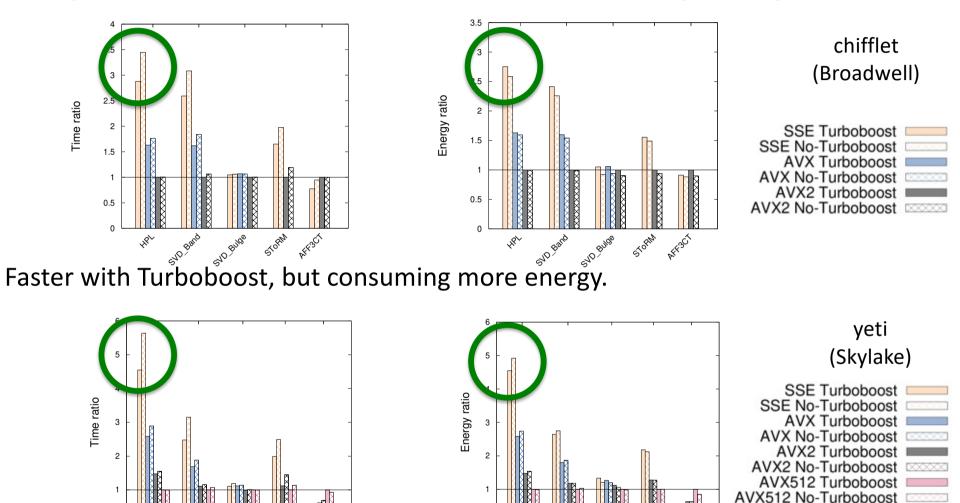
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The relation between power and CPU load is linear/quadratic/cubic.



17% difference in consumption for applications fully loading the server.

For a given application, there is a least consuming configuration.

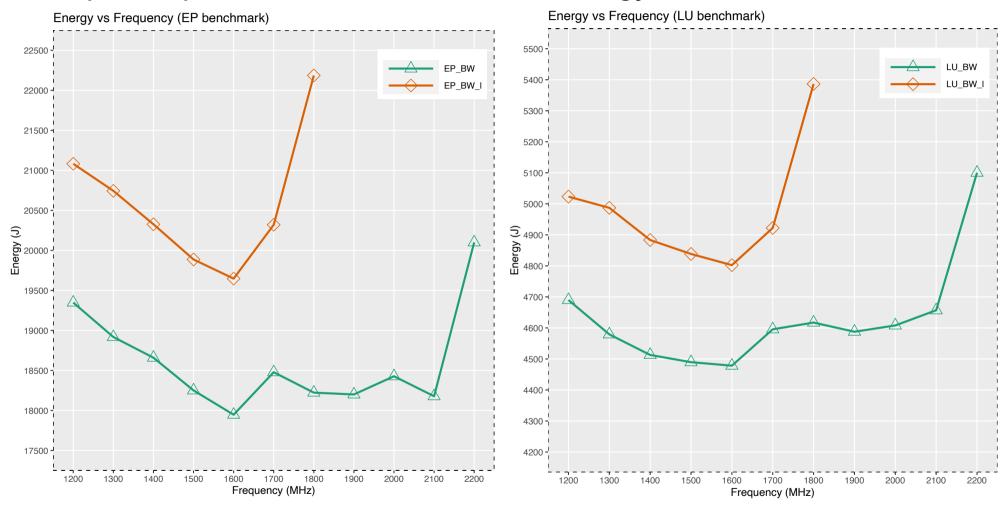


Faster with Turboboost, and comsuming less energy.

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[CCPE 2021]

Low power processors consume less energy.

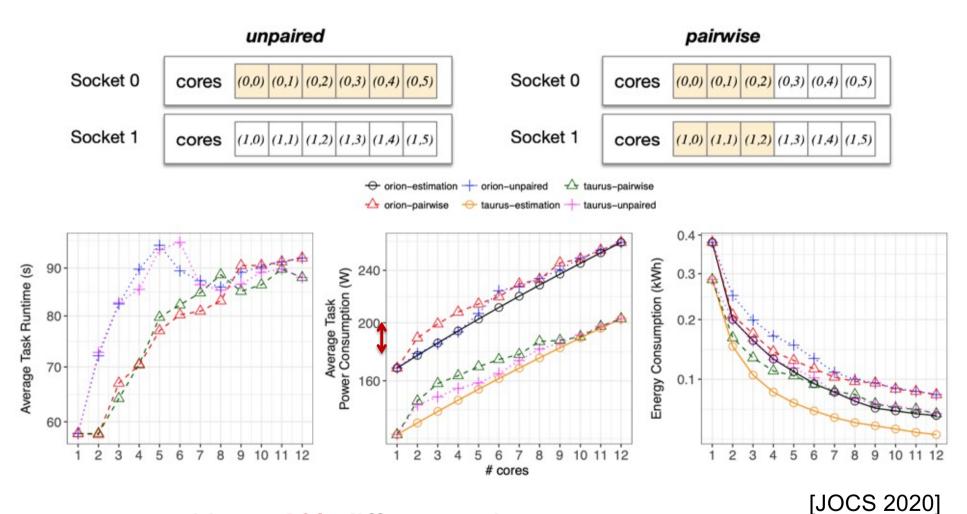


BW_I: Xeon E5-2630L v4 (Broadwell) -> low power processor (orange)

BW: Xeon E5-2630 v4 (Broadwell) (green)

[ISCC 2021]

Process placement onto cores

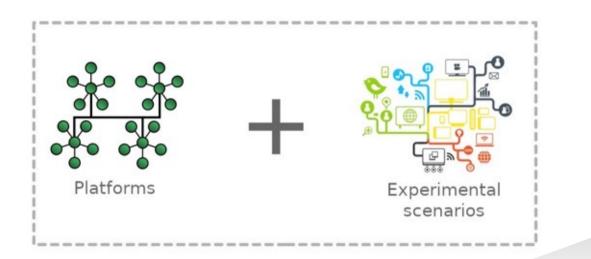


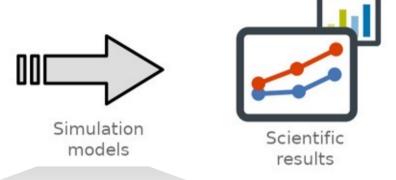
Up to 8% difference in average power consumption between unpaired and pairwise.

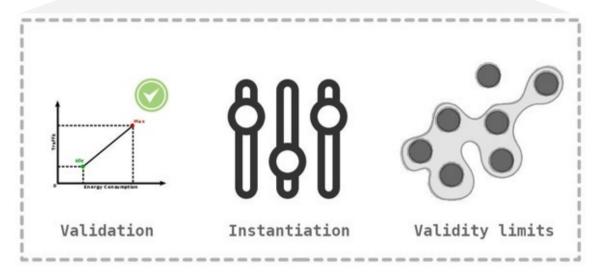
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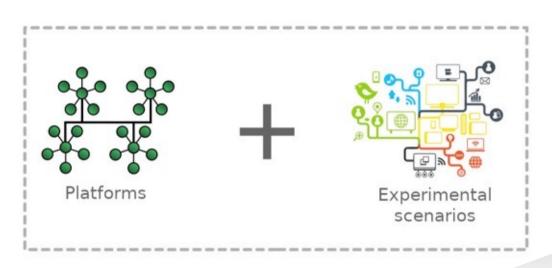
Simulating energy consumption

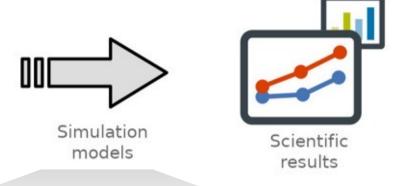


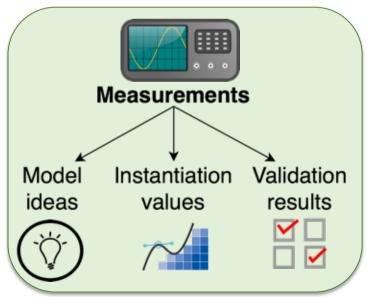


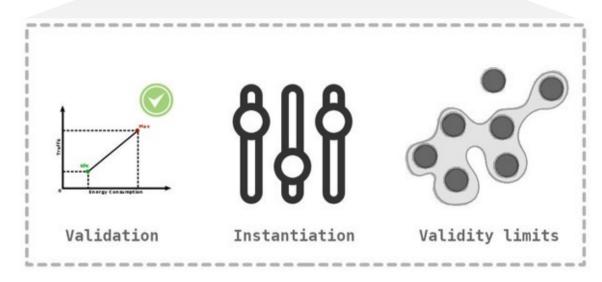


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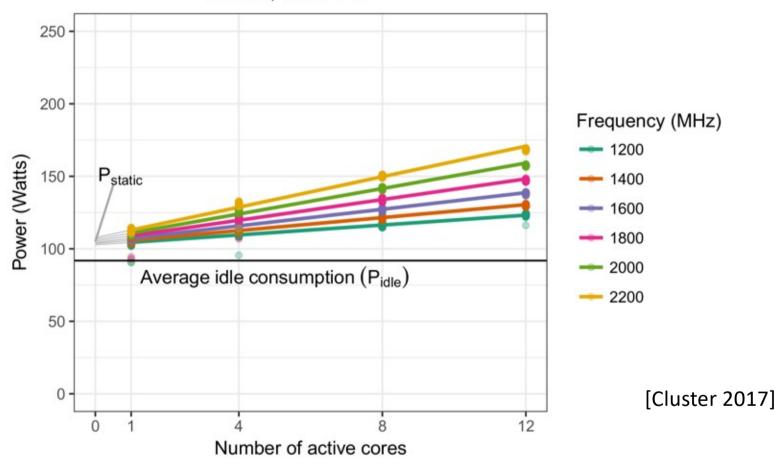






Server profiling

Taurus, NAS-EP

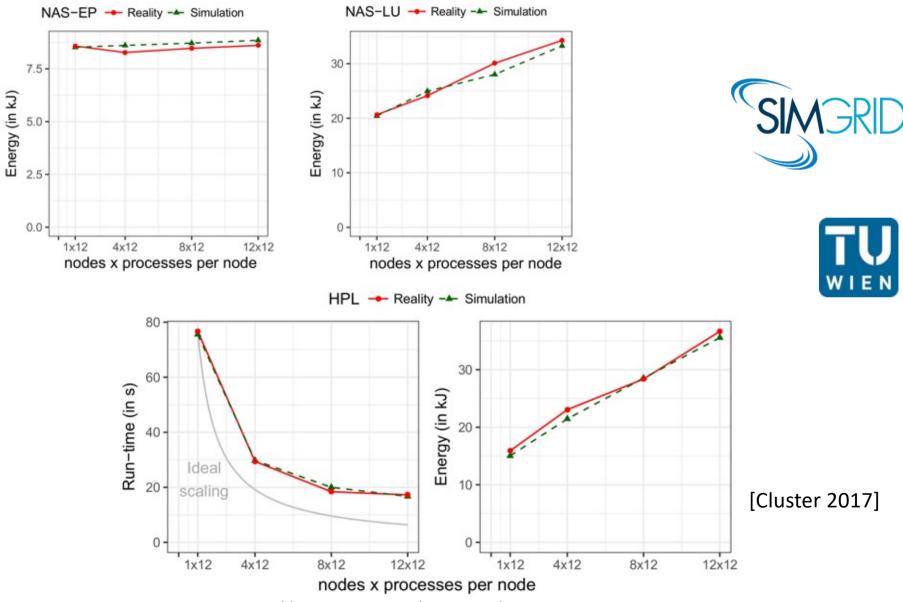


To do for each computing kernel.

At each frequency.

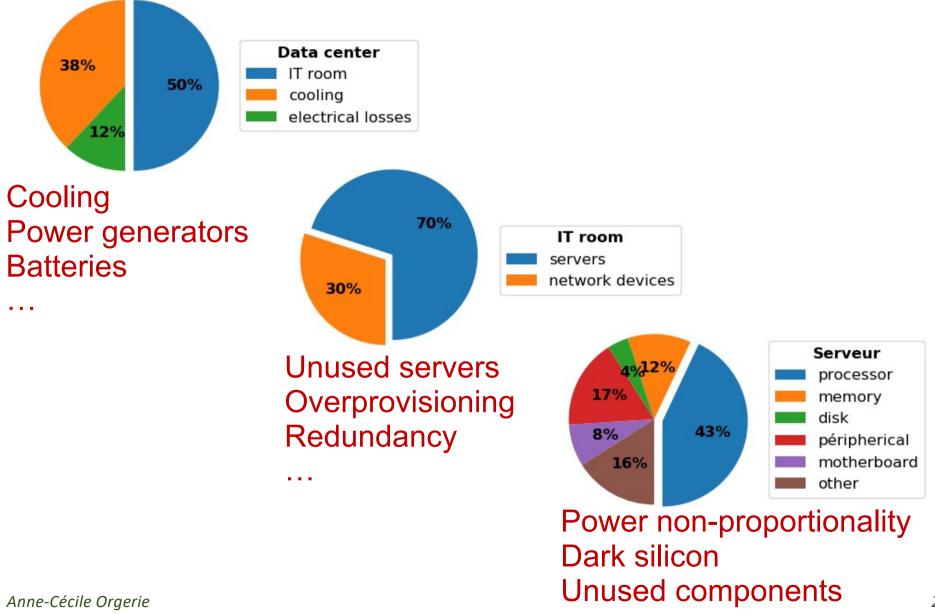
And each time we want to compare the model to real life.

Simulating server clusters



Reproducible results: https://gitlab.inria.fr/fheinric/paper-simgrid-energy

Wasted energy at all levels of data centers



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Models and simulation tools for what?

Capacity and energy planing

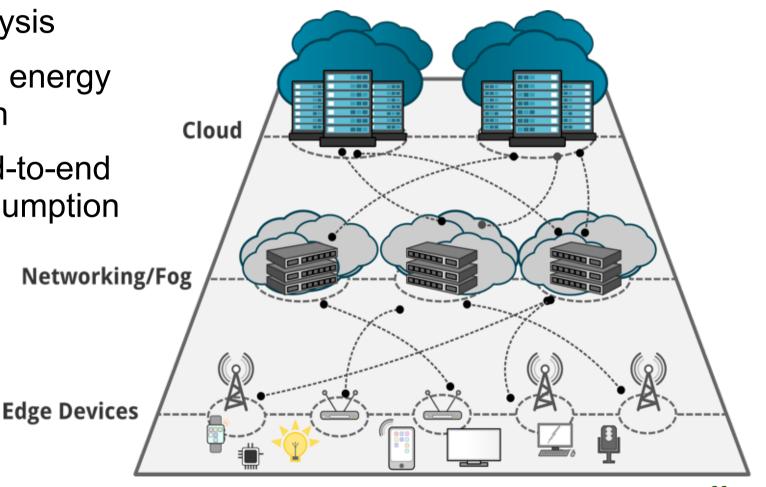
What-if scenarios

Algorithm analysis

Estimating VM energy consumption

Estimating end-to-end energy consumption

Closing doors



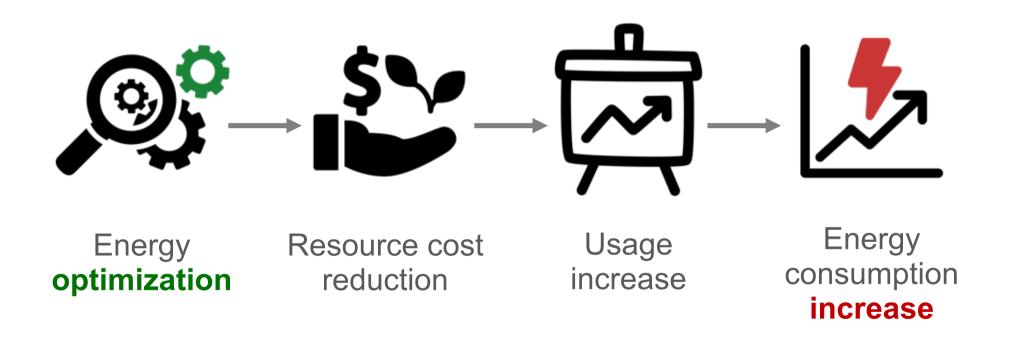
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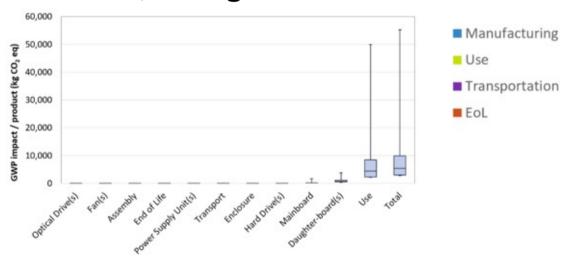


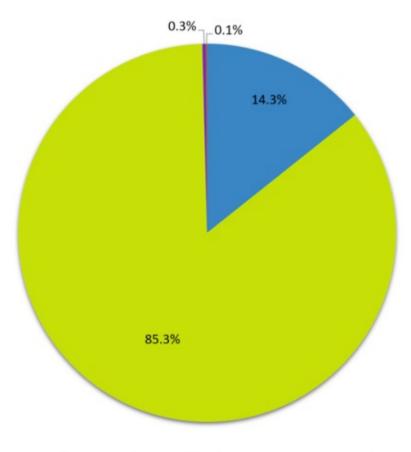
Beware of rebound effects!

Full life cycle of servers

Dell PowerEdge R430 (Nova cluster)

Estimated carbon footprint (by Dell): 8,150 kgCO2e

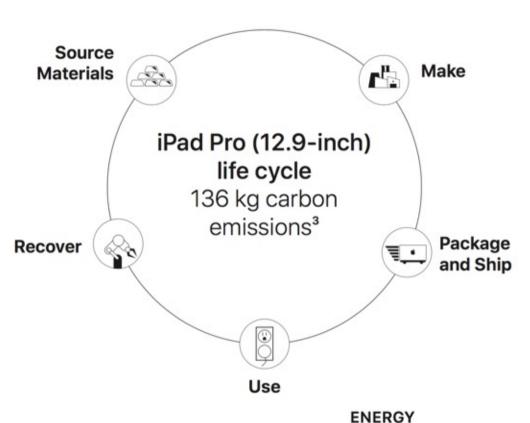




Assumptions for calculating product carbon footprint:

Product Weight	26.3 kg	Server Type	Rack	Assembly Location	EU
Product Lifetine	4 years	Use Location	EU	Energy Demand (Yearly TEC)	1760.3 kWh
HDD/SSD Quantity	x2 1TB 3.5" HDD	DRAM Capacity	16GB	CPU Quantity	2

Life cycle of end devices



iPad Pro (12.9-inch)

STAR limit

Uses more energy

kWh



iPad Pro (12.9-inch) life cycle carbon emissions



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Uses less energy

kWh

Source: Product environmental report, Apple, 2018.

Numerous other environmental impacts



Standard	ISO 14040:2006 and 14044:2006		
Database	Ecoinvent 2.2		
Method for impact assessment	Life cycle impact assessment classification and characterization factors according to CML 2001 as provided in the SimaPro 7.1.5 LCA tool		
LCA software	SimaPro 7.1.5		

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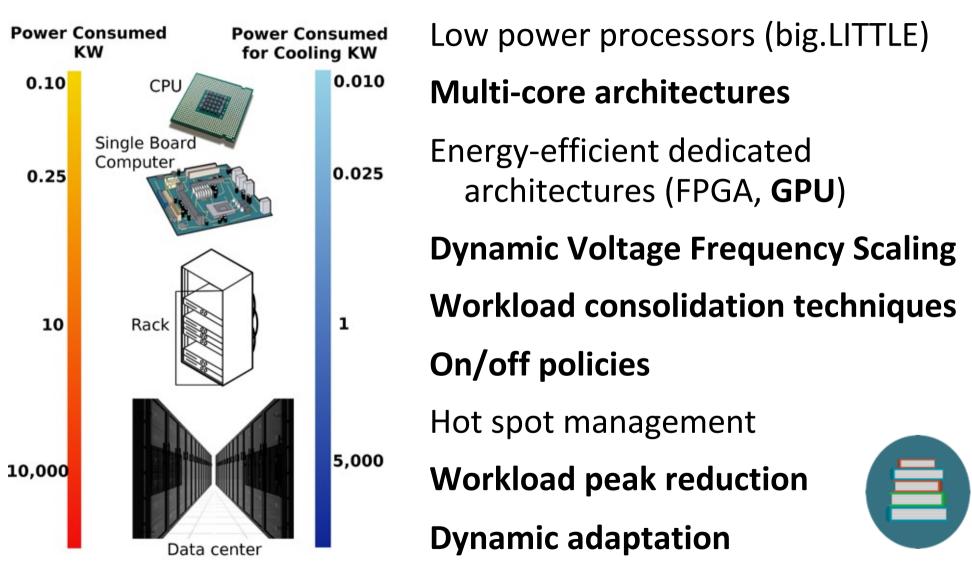


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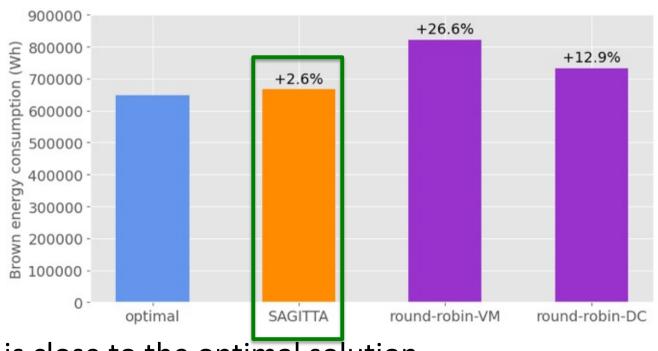
Saving energy



Designing energy efficient algorithms

5 DCs with 20 homogeneous servers each, no migration

Optimal solution (dynamic programming algorithm) => 2 weeks of computation on 30 Grid'5000 servers



SAGITTA is close to the optimal solution.

[Chapter2018]

VM migration algorithm

1. **Pre-allocation**: incoming VM requests

Best-fit

[...]

Expected value

- 2. Migration: moving running VMs between DCs with network constraints
 - a. Evaluate energy costs (VM migrations) and gains (expected remaining

green energy on DCs)

Expected value

Best-fit

b.Schedule the VM migrations between DCs

Dichotomy

- 3. Consolidation: packing VMs inside DCs
- 4. Allocation: actually send the commands to the servers
 - a.Switch ON/OFF servers
 - b.Deploy and migrate the VMs

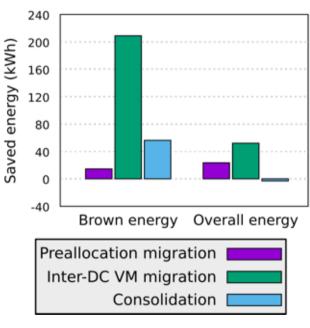
Energy-efficient algorithm dissection

9 DCs and 1,035 servers in total

Theoretical lower bound => best-fit on a single DC

State-of-the-art: MBFD, OOD-MARE





[SBAC-PAD2018]