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## Abstract

In computing clusters, there are different performance metrics, which often appear to be conflicting while being attempted to be optimized. For having such conflicting cases along with experiencing existence of heterogeneous environment, it is often difficult for the cluster administrators to select the right number and right combination of machines. As a remedy to this situation, in this thesis, we develop a technique through which cluster administrators can select the right set of machines to enhance cluster performance. In our solution, we integrate both cooling energy consumption and empirical performance characterization of clusters. To the best of our knowledge, existing studies do not integrate these two simultaneously in solving many-objective optimization problem for clusters. We exploit a many-objective optimization approach based on NSGA-III algorithm to solve our cluster problem. Our technique attempts to simultaneously optimize many objectives such as computation time, computation energy, cooling energy, and utilization. Subsequently, we demonstrate through both real experimentation and simulation that our technique mostly performs better than optimization approaches existing in the literature. In this study, we integrate cooling energy while evaluating cluster performance. Cooling energy consumption is one of the most significant parts of total energy consumed by clusters and similar distributed systems. However, little effort has been spent so far to integrate the cooling energy in simulators that are used for simulating the distributed systems. Therefore, we also perform integration of cooling energy consumption in a widely-known simulator of distributed systems namely SimGrid.

# Acronyms List

ACO = Ant Colony Optimization

BBO = Bio-geography Based Optimization

CT = Current Transformer

EA = Evolutionary Algorithm

KWh = KiloWatt hour

mins = Minutes

MOEA = Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithm

MOEA/D = Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithm based on Decomposition

NSGA = Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm

PSO = Particle Swarm Optimization

PT = Potential Transformer

VM = Virtual Machine

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## Chapter 1

### Introduction

Computing clusters are extensively used for distributed and parallel computing now-a-days [3]. In a computing cluster, machines are connected to work together so that they can be viewed as a single machine. Computing clusters are generally used for increasing computation speed, availability, fault tolerance, and scalability. They have a wide range of applicability in simulation, modeling, and experimentation. Examples of applications include galaxy formation simulation, modeling planetary movement, climate change prediction, traffic jam simulation, plate tectonics movement simulation, and experimentation with weather forecast. Fig. 1.1 shows the usage of parallel computing in different modeling, simulation, and experimentation. In traffic jam simulation, we have huge sample space. We have different types of vehicles, different conditions of roads, different pressure of vehicles at different hours of the day, etc. Combining all these things into the simulation is computationally expensive. Using just one machine to simulate all these things is infeasible as well. That is why parallel computing has become necessary and significant in modeling, simulation, and experimentation.

#### 1.1 Background

Parallel computing is necessary for modeling, simulation, and experimentation of complex real-world phenomena where rigorous computing power is necessary [1]. There are different architectures for implementing parallel computing. In the next section, we will describe those



Figure 1.1: Parallel computing usage in modeling, simulation, and experimentation [1]

architectures.

#### 1.1.1 Architecture of Computing Cluster

In a computing cluster, multiple machines work together to increase overall capacity. Fig. 1.2 shows the architecture of messaging among the machines of a computing cluster. Here, a central machine normally controls the other machines. There is a master machine that distributes a big task among several slave machines. The slave machines work and send their results to the master machine. Master machine generally maintains coordination among the slave machines and accumulate all the results. We can use different tools for the purpose of job distribution. Hadoop [4] and Yarn [5] are such kind of tools. A sophisticated mechanism such as MapReduce [6] normally runs to handle these distribution tasks among machines. A cluster administrator normally operates the cluster. There are different performance metrics which a cluster administrator wants to achieve. Next, we see the performance metrics for computing clusters.

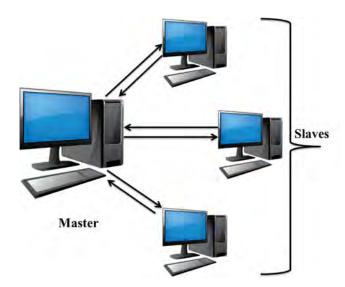


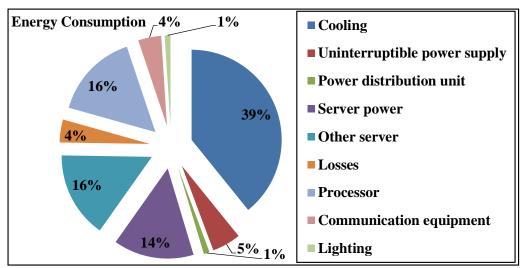
Figure 1.2: Master machine sends tasks to the slave machines. Slave machines will reply after finishing their tasks

#### 1.1.2 Performance Metrics for Computing Clusters

There exist several performance metrics for clusters [7] [8] in the literature. Here, some administrators may want to reduce the total computation energy, few others may want to reduce cooling energy consumption, and so on. In this thesis, we consider both the computation energy and cooling energy in combination. Besides, resource utilization and computation time are also important for some administrators. Therefore, we consider CPU usage and memory usage for resource utilization along with considering computation time.

#### 1.2 Motivation

In many cases, performance objectives of a computing cluster appear to be conflicting. For example, from our year-long collected laboratory data, we find that increasing the number of machines can reduce computation time. It can also decrease total energy consumption. However, increasing the number of machines may decrease resource utilization, and increase cluster maintenance cost as well, pertaining a conflicting scenario with the other objectives. Solving conflicting objectives is a classical problem and there exist myriad techniques in the literature available to solve multiple conflicting objectives [9]. However, little effort has been



(a) Energy consumption in data centers



(b) Data centers from USA consume 39% of their total energy consumption

Figure 1.3: Energy consumption in USA data centers [2]

spent to date to solve conflicting objectives in computing clusters to the best of our knowledge. Therefore, in this thesis, we motivate to propose a new approach to solve the conflicting objectives of a computing cluster.

After getting motivated to give a solution for selecting the right number and right combination of machines, we use our year-long laboratory data to formulate a many-objective optimization problem consisting objectives and constraints relevant to clusters. We perform empirical analyses over the data to facilitate solving the optimization problem. Our solution approach exploits a synergy between greedy method and NSGA-III algorithm. Exploiting the synergy, our solution gives a set of machines as its final output, which cluster administrator can adopt to operate. We test our solutions in a real setup as well as in simulation environment. We find our approach mostly performs better than other existing approaches for computing clusters. In our thesis, we put a special focus on cooling energy while experimenting with energy consumption. Distributed computing infrastructures such as computing clusters consume a considerable part of electricity consumption around the world and their extent of energy consumption is increasing day by day [10]. For example, an analysis on few data centers reports that around 39% of total energy consumption of the data centers pertains to cooling energy. Fig. 1.3 shows a breakdown of the total energy consumption in US data centers. This energy consumption can vary from place to place, environment to environment, and design to design. Consequently, success of any work related to energy consumption of such infrastructures vastly depends on proper realization of the cooling energy. One of the widely adopted methodologies for realizing different aspects of energy consumption is to perform simulation.

Different simulation tools have been developed for computing energy consumption. Among them NS-2 [11] and NS-3 [12] are the two most popular ones. However, NS-2 and NS-3 are yet to offer any support for measuring energy consumption in wired systems mimicking conventional distributed systems such as computing clusters. Both of these simulators are capable of measuring energy consumption for wireless systems.

SimGrid [13], being a simulation tool developed for simulating distributed systems, offers an energy plug-in for measuring energy consumption in wired systems. However, this energy plug-in is yet to consider cooling energy consumption that remains a significant part of energy consumption as mentioned above. Therefore, in this thesis, we motivate to perform necessary modifications in the plug-in to incorporate cooling energy consumption. Here, we integrate cooling energy consumption with the consideration of environment temperature,

maximum allowable temperature inside the machines, and the workload of the system under consideration. We perform validation of our integration through comparing our simulation results against that of real testbed experiments.

#### 1.3 Objectives of This Thesis

We identify the following objectives for this thesis:

- Propose a solution for the cluster administrator to select the right number and right combination of machines.
- Propose a many-objective optimization problem for cluster computing.
- Put special care for cooling energy which is an objective of the cluster.
- Integrate a cooling energy module in real testbed and simulation environment.
- Propose a solution approach for the many-objective optimization problem so that our solution will perform better.
- Rigorous experimentation to show how our suggested approach performs.

#### 1.4 Our Contributions

Based on our work on devising a new many-objective optimization technique for computing clusters and integrating cooling energy in simulation,

- We formulate a new many-objective optimization problem for computing clusters considering different relevant objectives and constraints. The objectives include cooling energy consumption, which is mostly ignored in contemporary studies. Besides, we consider our year-long collected laboratory data in formulating the problem.
- We develop a new technique exploiting both greedy method and NSGA-III algorithm to solve the many-objective optimization problem for computing clusters. Outcomes

of our technique pinpoint the set of machines that need to be selected to achieve the best-possible performance from a cluster in terms of all the considered cluster objectives.

- We use a well-established simulation platform namely SimGrid to experimentally evaluate performances of our proposed and other existing approaches, in diversified settings.
- To perform simulation in SimGrid with cooling energy, we point out necessary models that need to be incorporated in SimGrid to integrate the cooling energy consumption in it. Subsequently, we make necessary modifications in the existing SimGrid to incorporate the models. We simulate different distributed computing systems using our modified SimGrid module. Besides, we perform real testbed experiments with similar settings adopted in our simulation. We compare the simulation and testbed results to validate applicability of our proposed modified plug-in of SimGrid.
- Finally, we implement our proposed optimization technique along with existing ones in a real setup and evaluate their performances. Comparative analysis over all the experimental results demonstrates that our proposed technique can provide significant performance improvement in most of the cases compared to other existing ones.

The rest of the book is organized in the following way. In Chapter 2, we will show the background and related research studies. After that in Chapter 3, we will discuss about the many-objective problem formulation for the clusters. In Chapter 4, we discuss the methodology that we use to solve the problem which is formulated in Chapter 3. In the later two chapters we will show the experimental results in both real testbed and in simulation environment *SimGrid*. After that we will have a short conclusion including the future possible research directions.

# Chapter 2

## Related Work



(a) Large Linux cluster in University of Technology, Germany



(b) Home made cluster

Figure 2.1: Clusters in different size

Distributed computing can be implemented using different platforms such as clusters, grid, and cloud. In clusters, computing machines are connected through a local area network, whereas, in clouds or grids, machines are conventionally geographically distributed [14]. In this thesis, we mainly focus on cluster architectures. We can form clusters not only in a big setup as shown in Fig. 2.1(a) but also in a small home environment as shown in Fig. 2.1(b). We generally build clusters with similar performing machines while it is possible to make grid and cloud with varying performing machines.

As mentioned in Chapter 1, computing clusters as well as distributed systems can have conflicting objectives. In the literature, several research studies exist that intend to solve optimization problem pertinent to these objectives. Here, most of the studies focus on cloud having a little focus on clusters. Next, we present the existing studies.

# 2.1 Cloud Based Many-Objective Performance Optimization Techniques

Multi-objective optimization techniques are studied for virtual machine based cloud architectures [15]. There exist some other studies [16] [17], [18], which consider resource provisioning techniques in cloud computing. Besides the study presented in [19], focuses on minimizing cost and energy consumption. This study only considers two objectives and is specialized for cloud architectures. In this study, authors try to place the VMs in such a way that it provides the least increase in power consumption without violating the negotiated Service Level Agreements (SLAs). All these studies are not applicable to computing clusters owing to significant architectural gap between clusters and clouds. Moreover, they are not fully aware of cooling energy in cluster computing.

# 2.2 Cluster Based Many-Objective Performance Optimization Techniques

There are a few studies in the literature, which consider performance optimization in cluster computing. For example, the study in [8] presents a stochastic technique for performance optimization. This study first formulates an energy aware steady-state model. Then, it designs an optimization problem for resource provisioning. The authors introduces an uncertainty model, and they make a stochastic programming formulation based on the steady-state and uncertainty model. Later, an orthogonal weighted sum algorithm was used to generate pareto front solving the optimization problem. This study deals with many objective (more than three objectives [20]) optimization for upgrade cost, failure rate, power consumption, and number of completed tasks objectives. However, it does not consider any specialized many-objective optimization

technique, rather it uses a multi-objective stochastic technique. Nonetheless, existing study in the literature [9], [20] show that a specialized many-objective optimization technique performs better than a multi-objective optimization technique. Existing multi-objective optimization techniques show a number of problems relating to convergence, diversity, and computation time while solving many objective optimization problems [21].

# 2.3 Cluster and Cloud Based Many-Objective Performance Optimization Techniques

Some recent studies focus on multi-objective performance optimization in computing clusters and clouds. Examples include a Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) based technique [22] and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) based technique [23]. In [22], authors solve the problem of load balancing in cloud clusters with the objectives of minimizing the average workload of all servers in cloud clusters, the deviation of the workload, and the migration cost between servers using PSO based technique. In [23], authors simultaneously minimize resource wastage and power consumption in cloud architecture using ACO based technique. However, these techniques are yet to be extended for many-objective cases. Moreover, integrating empirical performance characterization of clusters is yet to be focused by all the techniques in the literature to the best of our knowledge. Such integration of empirical characterization is important as it exhibits a potential to reveal environmental impacts over performance of a cluster.

# 2.4 Generalized Many-Objective Optimization Techniques

There exist several generalized many-objective optimization techniques in the literature. Examples include MOGA [24], NSGA [25], NPGA [26], etc. Although these methods can be used to find multiple non-dominated solutions on many test problem cases, researchers realized the need of introducing more useful procedure to solve multi-objective optimization problems better. Accordingly, in the study presented in [27], researchers show the notion of elitism helps in achieving better convergence. Later, researchers found many real life problems have more

than three objectives. Optimization problems with more than three objectives are known as many-objective optimization problem [20]. Studies focusing on multi-objective optimization are not sufficient to solve many-objective optimization problems.

Diversity and convergence preservation are two important aspects in solving optimization problem. Research study [28] clearly shows that these two goals are contradictory, and usual genetic operators are not able to attain both goals at the same time. This problem is more severe for many-objective optimization problems. To solve many-objective optimization problems, a research study [29] suggests measures for 5-50 objectives. Other studies such as the study presented in [30] extends NSGA-II [31] using modified diversity-controlling operators to solve 6 to 20-objective problems. NSGA-II possesses some limitations in solving manyobjective optimization. Moreover, the study [32] claimed that NSGA-II is not suitable for many-objective optimization problems and suggests a collection of alternative metrics that can replace NSGA-IIs crowding distance operator for better performance. All these techniques are the modifications of the previously-suggested evolutionary algorithms to solve multi-objective optimization techniques. However, these solutions only address special test problems such as DTLZ problems [33]. More real-life and challenging problems are yet to be explored by these techniques. An alternative namely MOEA/D [34] attempts to solve the problems of previous studies, however, it is not tested for a large number of objectives. Finally, a recent technique namely NSGA-III [9] shows better performance for large number of objectives. At the same time, it exhibits capability to work with diverse real-life challenging problems. However, to the best of our knowledge, NSGA-III is yet to be investigated for many-objective optimization in clusters.

As one of the important objectives in this regard is energy consumption, we present an overview on existing studies on simulating energy consumption next.

# 2.5 Simulation of Energy Consumption in Distributed Systems

Measuring energy consumption has been investigated in various research studies [35], [36], and [37]. However, these studies mostly deals with ad-hoc networks. For example, the study pre-

sented in [38] presents an energy consumption model for mobile ad-hoc networks for measuring performance of routing protocols. This study uses NS-2 simulator for measuring energy consumption. Similar other study [39] also exists in the literature. Besides, some other studies focus on energy efficient protocols in wireless networks [40]. Nonetheless, only a few studies [41] aim at modeling energy consumption in distributed systems. An example of such studies [42] develops different APIs that are used in SimGrid. However, to the best of our knowledge, none of these studies has modeled the cooling energy to integrate it within total energy consumption. Nonetheless, SimGrid energy module has already been used by the studies presented in [43], [44], hence, integrating cooling energy with SimGrid is necessary to get more concrete and accurate results.

## Chapter 3

## **Problem Formulation**

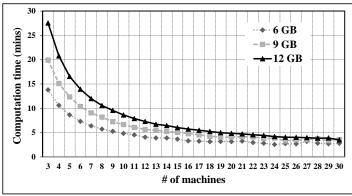
To formulate our research problem, we first conduct laboratory experiments for more than a year. In our experiments, we measure different metrics such as computation time, energy consumption, and resource utilization. We utilize the measured data to identify impacts of operational parameters on objectives of the cluster. Our experimental data demonstrate that objectives of a cluster get substantially influenced by environmental impacts. Here, we consider the number of machines, configuration of machines, network bandwidth, etc, as the operational parameters.

As outcome of our study vastly depends on definition of objectives of the cluster, we describe the objectives that we consider in our cluster. Then, we construct a mathematical model incorporating these cluster objectives, which eventually formulate our research problem. Note that in our model and problem formulation, more cluster objectives can be added if needed. However, in this thesis we confine our focus with four cluster objectives.

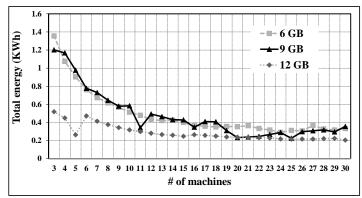
### 3.1 Cluster Objectives

We present the four cluster objectives which we adopt in this study, along with impacts of operational parameters over them, in the following way:

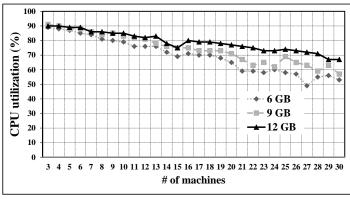
• Objective 1 - Decreasing computation time: Computation time refers to the time required to finish a task assigned to a cluster. Cluster administrators always want to decrease the



(a) Computation time comparison



(b) Total energy consumption comparison



(c) CPU utilization comparison

Figure 3.1: Comparative analysis of cluster objectives with an increase of number of machines

computation time so that tasks are finished within a shortest possible time. From Fig. 3.1(a), we can see that when we increase the number of machines, the computation time gets decreased. We make our experiment in different seasons of the year and find the same pattern which indicates the robustness of our experimental decision. Moreover, if we increase the workload, the computation time gets increased as well.

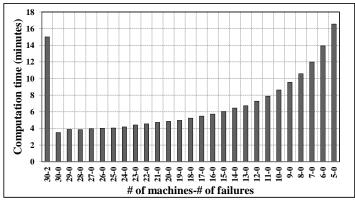
- Objective 2 Decreasing total energy: In computing clusters, we want to decrease total energy consumption. From Fig. 1.3, we can see cooling energy plays a significant role in total energy consumption (around 39%). Hence, we incorporate cooling energy module in total energy consumption. We describe the procedure to integrate cooling energy into the existing SimGrid in Chapter 5. From Fig. 3.1(b), we can see a trend line of decreasing energy consumption with the increase of number of machines. Decreasing energy consumption with the increase of number of machines is unusual, however, it was evident in our experiment. We describe a possible cause in Chapter 5.
- Objective 3 Decreasing cost: Cost to operate a computing cluster increases with the increase of number of machines. Cluster administrators want to decrease the cost of a cluster. With the increase of number of machines other costs like maintenance, utilities etc. will also be increased.
- Objective 4 Increasing utilization: Administrators also try to improve the resource utilization. When a machine runs it consumes a particular amount of physical memory and CPU usage. Getting more CPU and memory utilization with the help of fewer number of machines is more desirable than getting smaller CPU and memory usage with a greater number of machines. From Fig. 3.1(c), we can see CPU utilization decreases with the increase of number of machines.

In the following section we will discuss different environmental impacts over cluster objectives.

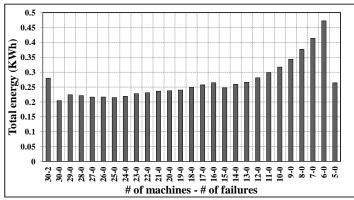
#### 3.2 Impacts of Different Factors on Cluster Objectives

Different environmental factors have significant impacts over cluster objectives. Here, we discuss how these factors have impacts on cluster objectives.

Impacts of Number of Machines: Cluster objectives are dependent on the number of operating machines. Number of operating machines has conflicting impacts over cluster objectives. By increasing number of machines, we can decrease computation time. At the same time, the



(a) Computation time comparison



(b) Total energy consumption comparison

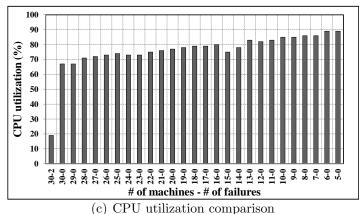


Figure 3.2: Comparative analysis of cluster objectives with different number of machines and with a presence of machine failure

total energy consumption will be decreased. We can fulfill these two objectives with the increase of number of machines. However, resource utilization will be decreased with the increase of number of machines. As more machines are now working, they will not be utilized according to their capacities. At the same time, the operating cost will also be increased, which is not

desirable. Hence, number of machines have conflicting impacts over cluster objectives. Fig. 3.1 shows the impacts of increasing number of machines.

Impacts of Configuration of Computing Machines: Configuration of computing machines have impacts on cluster objectives. High-performing computing machines can reduce the computation time. At the same time, these machines increase the overall cluster cost.

Impacts of Machine Failures: From our experiment, we see that failures can have a serious impact on computation time, total energy consumption and also in resource utilization. However, these impacts are highly dependent on workload. We find that impacts with smaller workload are more severe than the impacts with larger workload. From Fig. 3.2(a) we can see a comparative analysis. With workload of 12.6 GB, 30 machines with 2 failures have comparable performance to 6 machines with no failure. Here, along the X-axis, M-N denotes M number of machines with N number of failures. Hence, 30-2 denotes 30 machines with 2 failures. From Fig. 3.2(b), we can see that failures can cause a significant increase in energy consumption. Even 12 machines with no failure can be more energy efficient than 30 machines with 2 failures. From Fig. 3.2(c), we can also see the impact of failures in CPU utilization.

Based on these impacts we develop a mathematical model for many-objective optimization problem.

### 3.3 Proposed Problem Formulation

We define the configuration of a computing machine as the machine property. We can have different machine properties such as physical memory, processor speed, failure rate or network bandwidth. We represent these properties as  $P_1, P_2, P_3, ..., P_N$ , where N is the number of machine properties. We express the effectiveness of a computing machine using the term Machine Value, MV. We can define the machine value of a computing machine i by  $MV_i = w_1 \times P_1 + w_2 \times P_2 + w_3 \times P_3 + ... + w_N \times P_N$ .  $w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_N$  are the weights of N properties. In this thesis, we use CPU usage, memory usage, and network bandwidth as machine properties. We try to optimize the following four objectives in this thesis: (1) Minimizing computation time, (2) Minimizing total energy consumption, (3) Minimizing cost, (4) Increase utilization. Minimizing computation time: Computation time is dependent on the number of machines and machine value. As we said earlier, we will get a decrease in computation time with the

increase of number of machines. Computation time will also be decreased when the machine value is increased (using high performing machines). Let, there are  $N_M$  machines in the cluster. We can express the objective as:

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i(MV)_i \tag{3.1}$$

 $s_i$  is the decision variable, which describes an indicator function.  $s_i$  is 1 if we take  $i^{th}$  machine into our cluster and 0 if we do not take  $i^{th}$  machine. We can write:

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if machine } i \text{ is in the cluster} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, we make this optimization problem as a minimization problem and make necessary changes in all the objective functions. Hence, the objective function becomes:

$$min \sum_{i=1}^{N_M} (100 - s_i(MV)_i)$$
(3.2)

The machine value for any device i will be any value from 0 to 100. Computation time is also dependent on work load. If the workload gets increased then the computation time will be decreased. If the workload for machine i is  $W_i$ , then we get the following normalized value for the objective function:

min 
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} (100 - s_i(MV)_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i \times 100} \times PW_1 + \frac{W_i}{W_{max}(i)} \times PW_2$$
(3.3)

We use  $W_{max(i)}$  as the maximum allowable workload for machine i.  $W_i$  is the machine workload, which we assume  $\frac{Total_{workload}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}$ . This is because our simulation platform SimGrid normally distributes its workload among machines equally.  $PW_1$  and  $PW_2$  indicate the property weights. We assume similar effects from machine configuration and workload. That is why we give same 50-50 weights in both  $PW_1$  and  $PW_2$  of Eq. 3.3. We can also use a variable here if we intend to make different effects of machine configuration and workload.

Minimizing total energy consumption: Energy consumption is dependent on the number

Weight ratio	Computation time	Cooling energy (KWh)	Computation energy (KWh)	No. of selected machines	CPU usage (%)	Memory usage (%)
25-75	34.8	2.6	0.3	7	57.5	91.2
75-25	23.5	1.76	0.24	11	55.2	91.0

Table 3.1: Impacts of weight values in experimental results.

of cluster machines and temperature difference. From Fig. 5.4(b), we can see that total energy is decreasing with the increase in number of machines. If the temperature difference  $(T_{diff})$  decreases, the total energy consumption gets decreased. Let,  $T_E$  be the environment temperature. In our model, there is a range for allowable temperature.  $T_M$  is the maximum allowable temperature within the cluster, and  $T_L$  is the lowest value of allowable temperature range.  $T_D$  be the decision variable within  $T_L$  and  $T_M$ . We can describe  $T_{diff} = T_E - T_D$ . The cooling system needs to cool the system by  $T_{diff}$  amount. The maximum temperature difference can be  $T_{MaxDiff} = T_E - T_L$ . We can write the following objective function:

$$\min \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}{N_M} \times PW_3 + \frac{T_{diff}}{T_{MaxDiff}} \times PW_4$$
 subject to  $T_L \leq T_D \leq T_M$  (3.4)

We assume same weights for number of machines and temperature difference ( $PW_3$  and  $PW_4$ ) in Eq. 3.4. We can use different weights if we intend different effects of number of machines and temperature difference.

We can bias the solution for a specific objective by varying the weights. In Table 3.1, we can see the impacts of weight values in experimental results. 25-75 weight ratio indicates to give less weights (25%) in variables  $PW_1$  and  $PW_3$ . It gives around 75% weight to variable  $PW_2$  and  $PW_4$ . This 25-75 weight ratio selects less number of machines. Hence, computation time, and energy consumption gets increased as we select less number of machines. At the same time, CPU usage, and memory usage gets increased as we select less number of machines. 75-25 weight ratio give the opposite results.

Minimizing cost: Cost of the cluster is dependent on the number of machines and machine configuration. Cost will be increased with the increase of number of machines. High performing

machines will also increase the cost. We can write the objective function:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i(MV)_i \tag{3.5}$$

Maximizing utilization: Utilization will be increased if we decrease the number of machines. We multiply with 100 here to have a value within 0 to 100 range as we have all other objective values within this range.  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i$  indicates the number of selected machines and  $N_M$  indicates the number of total cluster machines. We can write the objective function as:

$$\min \ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}{N_M} \times 100 \tag{3.6}$$

If there are  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i$  number of machines and  $W_i$  workload, then there should be  $\frac{W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}$  work load per machine approximately. If  $HDD_i$  be the size of the hard disk of machine i, we can write the constraint as  $\forall i \frac{W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i} \leq HDD_i$ . Combining all the above objectives and constraints we can write:

 $\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} \frac{100 - s_i(MV)_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i \times 100} \times PW_1 + \frac{W_i}{W_{max}(i)} \times PW_2$   $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i} \times PW_3 + \frac{T_{diff}}{T_{MaxDiff}} \times PW_4$   $\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i(MV)_i$   $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i}{N_M} \times 100$   $subject to \begin{cases} \forall i \frac{W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i} \leq HDD_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^{N_M} s_i(MV)_i > 0 \end{cases}$   $T_I < T_D < T_M$ 

In Chapter 4, we will try to optimize the above optimization problem.

## Chapter 4

# Proposed Solution Technique

In Chapter 3, we described a many-objective optimization problem and there are many techniques to solve this problem which can be found in [20]. In our experiment, we use NSGA-III as our baseline algorithm. We make empirical analyses of the cluster environment to modify the NSGA-III algorithm. We use a greedy approach while modifying the existing NSGA-III algorithm.

Justification behind our Proposed Approach: We use a synergy between NSGA-III and greedy approach in solving our cluster problem. Applying greedy approach in evolutionary algorithm is not new. In [45], authors use a greedy crossover approach to solve traveling salesman problem [46]. In [47], the authors try to use a greedy approach with evolutionary algorithm in solving bounded-diameter minimum spanning tree problem. Authors try to solve a quadratic assignment problem based on greedy genetic algorithm in [48]. In most of the cases, later in this book in Section 6.1, we also show our greedy NSGA-III approach performs better than the existing NSGA-III algorithm which also validates our solution approach.

Several functions are usually participated in an optimization algorithm like selection, crossover and mutation. We use our analyses results to design these functions. In our optimization problem, selection decision of a machine is considered as a decision variable. If there are  $N_M$  number of machines then we will have  $N_M$  number of decision variables. We also consider the expected environment temperature (previously expressed as  $T_D$ ) as a decision variable. This expected temperature will be maintained by the cooling devices. Hence, our algorithm will finally give the number of machines to be active in the cluster, a selected set of machines and a

temperature, which needs to be maintained by the cooling devices. We will have the following decision variables:

$$s_1, s_2, s_3, ..., s_{N_M}, T_{AC}$$

Here,  $s_1, s_2, s_3, ..., s_{N_M}$  are the indicate variables which can be either 0 or 1.  $T_{AC}$  indicates the temperature which should be kept by the cooling devices. Now, we are describing different modifications over the functions which are actively used in optimization steps.

**Population Selection** From our experiment, we find that if the number of machines is below than a particular number then the computation time and total energy consumption are very high. From Fig. 3.1(a) and 3.1(b), we can see that the rate of decrement in computation time and total energy is very high when the number of machines is less than 6 to 8. After this range, we see a decrease in the changing rate significantly. Based on this observation, while we select population for the next generation, we eliminate the population which has fewer operating machines. In our case, we take this threshold value,  $T_h$  as  $\frac{N_M}{6}$ . We use jMetal [49] as the

#### **Algorithm 1** Population Selection

```
1: function SELECTPOPULATION(Threshold value, T_h)
2: G \leftarrow \text{Existing generation}
3: for each population p \in G do
4: populationSize \leftarrow populationSize(p)
5: if populationSize > T_h then
6: newGeneration.add(p)
7: Fill up the generation with random population
8: return newGeneration
```

objective optimization framework and modify the existing selection, mutation and crossover functions. Algorithm 1 shows the steps for population selection.

For a workload of 67.7 GB, we experiment in the simulation platform SimGrid to show the effects of different threshold values. We will present the details of experimental setup in later chapters. For now, we are just going to show the simulation results for threshold values of  $N_M$  from 2 to 8.

We can see the impacts of selection threshold in Table 4.1. We have a good value for computation time when we have  $N_M$  as 4. We have good values for cooing energy and computation energy when  $N_M$  is 6. When we take very small value for threshold  $N_M$ , chance is very high

Threshold value	Computation time (mins)	Cooling energy (KWh)	Computation energy (KWh)
2	11.1	0.43	0.92
4	9.5	0.31	0.66
6	9.7	0.24	0.53
8	10.2	0.32	0.68

Table 4.1: Impacts of selection threshold value in experimental results

Table 4.2: Impacts of selection threshold value in solutions of pareto-front

Threshold value	Total no. of solutions in the pareto front	No. of solutions with $< 6$ machines	No. of solutions with $>= 6$ machines
2	120	34	86
4	120	27	93
6	120	13	107
8	120	14	106

to have more population with with fewer number of machines. Table 4.2 shows the solutions of pareto-front. It is evident that when  $N_M$  is 2, there are 34 solutions among 120 solutions which have less than 6 machines in its pareto-front. When we increase the value of  $N_M$ , the number of solutions with less than 6 machines gets decreased. We found the lowest value when we have  $N_M$  as 6. Solutions with less than 6 machines have bad effects over cluster objectives. Hence, we try to ignore these solutions as our solution for the cluster administrator. We can use the elbow points to get the value of  $N_M$ . Before this elbow point we have a sharp change in the output. After this point, we have a smooth change. Fig. 4.1(a) to 4.1(f) show the values of elbow points. It indicates the elbow points in between 7 and 10.

Crossover: While making crossover we use a partition to separate machine selection variables and temperature variable as they are different forms of variables. We make crossover among machine selection variables while not mixing temperature variable with machine selection variable. From Fig. 4.2, we can see the crossover regions. Yellow portion and blue portion will have crossover separately. From Algorithm 2, we can see the crossover algorithm. We make three steps crossover modification. Following a greedy technique, we introduce biasness for the highly performing machines while we make crossover. This ensures a high chance of their

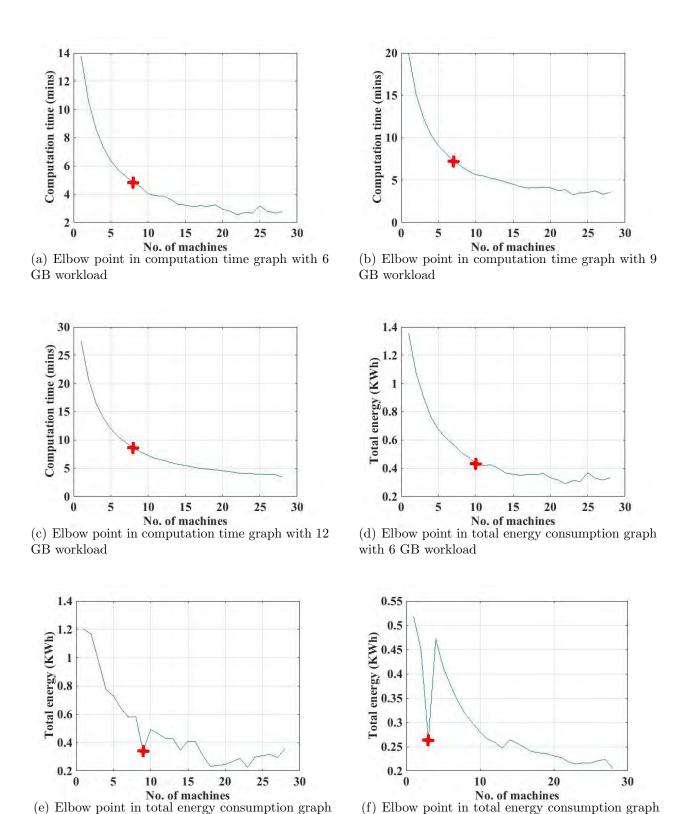


Figure 4.1: Elbow points in different graphs for getting the value of  $N_M$ 

with 12 GB workload

with 9 GB workload

#### Algorithm 2 Population Crossover

```
1: function CROSSOVER(Parent P_1, Parent P_2)
       C_1 \leftarrow \text{Chromosome set in } P_1
       C_2 \leftarrow \text{Chromosome set in } P_2
 3:
 4:
       size \leftarrow C_1.size() - 1
       i = 0
 5:
       while i < size do
 6:
 7:
           if C_1.get(i) \neq C_2.get(i) and Random.nextDouble() < crossOverProbability then
              Inter-change chromosome value
 8:
           noOfCluster \leftarrow 2
 9:
           Implement k-means clustering for all machine properties with noOfCluster
10:
           Find out the machines, which are in the top group for all the machine properties,
11:
   S_T.
12:
           Find out the machines, which are in the lowest group for all the machine properties,
   S_L.
13:
           if i is in S_T and Random.nextDouble() < insertProbability then
              C_1(i).set(1)
14:
              C_2(i).set(1)
15:
16:
           if i is in S_L and Random.nextDouble() < deletionProbability then
              C_1(i).set(0)
17:
              C_2(i).set(0)
18:
           i + +
19:
       if Random.nextDouble() < takeTopProbability then
20:
           rndProperty = Random.nextInt() mod noOfproperty
21:
           Take the top machine for rndProperty
22:
           Remove the lowest valued machine for rndProperty property
23:
       Update P_1 and P_2 according to the value of C_1 and C_2
24:
```

selection in the new generation. We describe the three steps crossover below:

- Half uniform crossover: We apply half-uniform crossover as our primary crossover technique. Crossover is made over 50% of the total chromosomes. As we have binary decision variable, we only make crossover when the particular chromosome is different from each other. We can see the half uniform crossover in lines 7 and 8 of Algorithm 2.
- Crossover based on clustering: We separate the  $N_M$  number of machines into two clusters for each property. Line 10 of Algorithm 2 shows this. We use Euclidean distance in k-means clustering to make two separate clusters. We deploy Cluster 3.0 [50] tool for clustering. We name these two clusters as high performing and low performing clusters. We make a set  $(S_T)$  of machines, which are in the high performing cluster for all properties

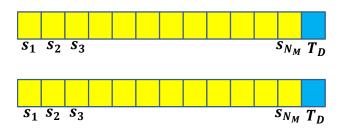


Figure 4.2: Crossover region for decision variables. Crossover will be made within yellow portion and blue portion separately.

and a set of machines  $(S_L)$ , which are in the low performing cluster for all properties. Line 11 and 12 of Algorithm 2 show this. From  $S_T$ , with some probabilistic condition, we take machines into our next generation. Besides, from  $S_L$ , with some probabilistic condition, we do not take that machine into our next generation. We can see this in lines 13-18 of Algorithm 2.

• Take the top and remove the bottom: With some probabilistic condition, we take the topmost machine for one property (which is also selected with some probabilistic process) and exclude the bottom most performing machine for that property. We see this from line number 20-23 of Algorithm 2.

Solution Filtering: Optimization methods give a pareto-front with multiple solutions. From Fig. 4.3, we can see four objective values for different optimization techniques. In these graphs, each line indicates one solution with four objective values. We only show fifteen solutions with all the objective values for the sake of clarity. Along the X-axis we take the objective numbers, and along the Y-axis we take the objective values. Solutions having a desirable value for one objective sometimes have an undesirable value for other objectives. These solutions are not acceptable since they make significant performance degradation for some objectives. Hence, we take only those solutions, which have values from 25% to 75% for all objectives. Among these solutions, based on the administrator defined weighted function, we select only one solution. We use the following function to converge four objective values into one value:

$$F_{total} = W_{obj1} \times V_{obj1} + W_{obj2} \times V_{obj2} + \dots + W_{objN} \times V_{objN}. \tag{4.1}$$

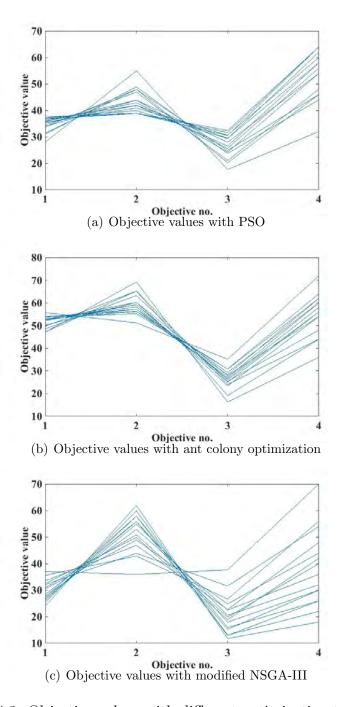


Figure 4.3: Objective values with different optimization techniques

In Eq. 4.1, every objective value,  $V_{obj}$ , should be within 25% to 75% of the corresponding objective value. In this way, we can filter out the solutions which do not have desirable values for all objectives. The weights of these objectives can be defined by the cluster administrator. After having the feasible solutions, we make a sorting over the feasible Solution, and take the top solution having the lowest merged objective value since we have a minimization problem

here. Algorithm 3 shows the filtering process. Here, firstBoxPlot indicates the 25% value and thirdBoxPlot indicates the 75% value.

#### Algorithm 3 Solution Filtering

- 1: **function** SOLUTIONFILTERING(objective Values, O)
- 2: **if** for all objectives  $o.val() \ge O.firstBoxPlot()$  and  $o.val() \le O.thirdBoxPlot()$  **then**
- 3: feasible Solution.add(O)
- 4: Sort feasible Solution in increasing order
- 5: return feasible Solution.get(0)

# Chapter 5

# Cooling Energy Integration in

## SimGrid

In the previous chapters, we mentioned that we integrate a cooling energy module into SimGrid to evaluate total energy consumption in clusters correctly. In this chapter, first, we will give an overview about SimGrid. Then we will show how we integrate cooling energy module into SimGrid. Later, we will show how we validate our model with real testbed setup.

#### 5.1 Overview on SimGrid

SimGrid [13] is a well-known simulation tool for distributed systems. It mainly supports C and Java programming language. Users can create simulation topology using XML format. To create topology, one must define the configurations of all the nodes along with the connections among them. One must describe a deployment scenario of the topology in another XML file. In XML format, one needs to mention about the description of jobs, their chunk sizes, selection of master, and slave nodes. SimGrid master distributes the jobs among the worker machines. SimGrid can measure the computation time to complete the jobs. Moreover, there is a module to calculate computation energy consumption. This energy uses workload and computation time while evaluating computation energy consumption. Though SimGrid can measure computation energy, it does not have any plug-in to measure cooling energy. Next, we will show the methodology that we use to measure cooling energy of computing clusters.

## 5.2 Proposed Methodology

As mentioned earlier, SimGrid can evaluate energy dissipations by the machines of a distributed system. However, this energy plug-in does not include cooling energy. Present energy plug-in first evaluates the CPU load. CPU load is dependent on the task that is intended to be done by the participant machines. Then the energy plug-in measures the necessary time to complete the task. This time is dependent on the processing power of the machines. Based on the CPU load and required time, SimGrid measures the energy consumption to complete the given task.

SimGrid has three types of energy consumption state. One state gets initiated when the CPU is in full-load, another state gets initiated when the CPU is idle, and the remaining state gets initiated when the CPU is totally off. All of these states are pertinent to measuring computational power, exhibiting no impact related to cooling power.

In *SimGrid*, we model cooling energy based on CPU load and temperature difference between environment and cluster temperature. Cooling energy is also dependent on many other factors, however, to correlate with the existing simplified model of energy consumption, we keep our model simple. We have the conventional heat formula as:

$$Q = C_p \times W \times DT \tag{5.1}$$

where Q denotes the generated heat,  $C_p$  means the specific heat. W refers the mass of the airflow per minute. This airflow is required to keep the temperature of the machines to a specific value, and the mass of the airflow is counted for a particular time. DT means the difference between environment temperature and maximum allowable temperature (we will give an example later).

Also, it is not very hard to write:

$$W = CFM \times D \tag{5.2}$$

Here, CFM denotes cubic feet per minute and D refers to density. We can validate this equation by observing the units. CFM refers to volume perminute and density refers to mass per volume. Multiplying both we get mass perminute which is the same unit that we have for W.

Putting the value of Eq. 5.2 to Eq. 5.1, we get the following equation:

$$Q = C_p \times CFM \times D \times DT \tag{5.3}$$

From Eq. 5.3, we consider the equation for airflow in a chassis as follows:

$$CFM = \frac{Q}{C_n \times D \times DT} \tag{5.4}$$

Specific heat of a room remains constant and at a certain place where the pressure is constant we can assume density also remains constant. Considering other heat losses through the chassis wall we can write the following formula [51] for Fahrenheit scale:

$$CFM = \frac{3.16 \times Q}{DT(F)} \tag{5.5}$$

Where DT(F) denotes the temperature difference in Fahrenheit scale. In Celsius scale it can be written as:

$$CFM = \frac{1.76 \times Q}{DT(C)} \tag{5.6}$$

For example, if the chassis has 200 watts of load, environment has temperature of 26° Celsius, and maximum allowable temperature is 38° Celsius, then in Celsius scale we can write:

$$CFM = \frac{1.76 \times 200}{(38 - 26)} = 44 \tag{5.7}$$

CPU load is responsible for heat generation. More heat will be generated with the increase of CPU load. As they show proportional relation, we can write Q as the CPU load instead of heat, for any given time and task.

Algorithm 4 shows the algorithm that we used in our experiment. Here, environment temperature is  $T_E$  and we need to keep the chassis temperature at  $T_A$ , which is the maximum allowable temperature. Then the difference will be  $T_E \sim T_A$ . This difference is the same difference that is showing in Eq. 5.5 and Eq. 5.6 as  $T_F$  and  $T_C$ . SimGrid provides the CPU load. Using this CPU load and temperature difference we calculate the value of CFM. We use

#### Algorithm 4 Cooling Power Integration Algorithm

- 1: function UPDATECOOLINGENERGY(Work-load, W)
- 2:  $T_E \leftarrow EnvironmentTemperature$
- $T_A \leftarrow MaximumAllowableTemperature$ 3:
- $\begin{array}{l} T_{Diff} \leftarrow T_E \sim T_A \\ CFM \leftarrow \frac{1.76 \times W}{DT(C)} \end{array}$ 4:
- 5:
- $Power \leftarrow PreviousPower + (CFM \times 47.82)$ 6:
- $ConsumedEnergy \leftarrow Power \times TimeForComputation$ 7:

**Parameter** Value No. of master 29 No. of slaves Intel Core 2 Duo Processor 2.4 GHz, 2.66 GHz and 2.8 GHz Processor base frequency Memory 1GB to 2GB  $\overline{OS}$ Ubuntu 14.04 LTS (x86)

Table 5.1: Simulation environment in laboratory

Table 5.2: Frequency and memory vs number of machines

Processor base frequency	Memory	No. of machines
2.4 GHz	1 GB	1
2.4 GHz	2 GB	2
2.66 GHz	1 GB	2
2.66 GHz	2 GB	8
2.8 GHz	2 GB	17

1 CFM = 47.82 W [52] to get the watt value corresponding to the CFM. Finally, we multiply this watt value with computation time to get the consumed energy.

#### Validation of Cooling Energy Integration 5.3

We validate our energy integration through comparing our simulation results against that obtained from real experiments performed in a real testbed. We briefly present the testbed settings following a comparative result.

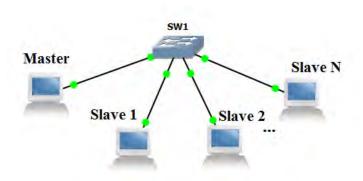


Figure 5.1: Topology of laboratory setup

#### 5.3.1 Testbed Settings

We prepare a testbed in a laboratory having thirty machines. Among them we select one as the master node and rest ones as slave nodes. Fig. 1.2 shows the distribution of tasks from the master node to slave nodes. To implement the distributed system, we use Hadoop [4] framework. We set up a distributed, multi-nodes (30 PCs) Apache Hadoop cluster backed by the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), running on Ubuntu Linux [53]. We vary the data size from 3.14GB to 12.6GB (with 4, 8, 12 and 16 files, each having 787 MB data) and the machine number from 5 to 30. We exploit this laboratory setup to get total energy and cooling energy consumption. For a particular data size and number of machines, we run the popular word-count task four times so that we can minimize the effects of outliers. Table 5.1 shows the lab environment in detail, Table 5.2 shows the number of machines based on frequency and memory, and Fig. 5.2 shows the snapshot of laboratory set-up. From Fig. 5.1, we can see the overall topology where a master and 29 slaves are connected through a switch.

We use two Arduino energy monitors to get computation energy and cooling energy. Each energy monitor has two current transformers and one potential transformer. In Fig. 5.3, left energy monitor collects current from air-conditioner #1 (AC-1), cluster current, and cluster voltage. Right energy monitor collects current from air-conditioner #2 (AC2), air-conditioner #3, and voltage from air-conditioner #2. We use these hardware tools to estimate the values of real power, apparent power, power factor, voltage, and current. We use power formula to get computation power and cooling power. Power consumed by air-conditions is considered as the cooling power. After that, using  $Work = P \times T$  formula we get the computation energy and cooling energy, where, P refers to power and T refers to time. One thing is to be noted



Figure 5.2: Snapshot of laboratory setup

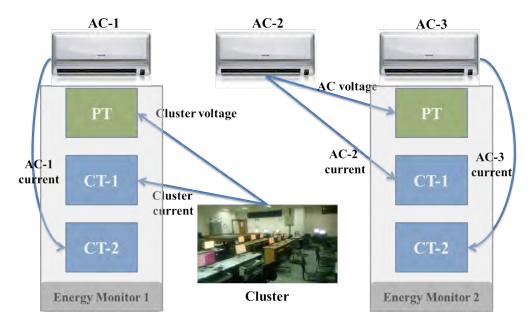
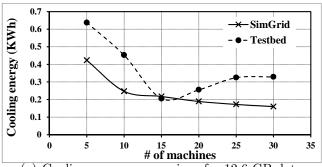
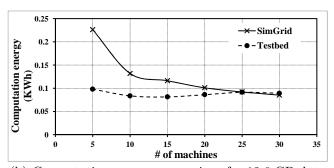


Figure 5.3: Testbed hardware setup for evaluating cooling energy and computation energy

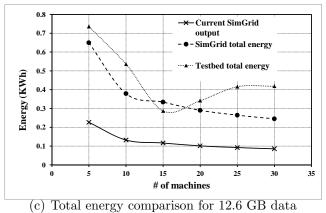
that, computation power means the power which is necessary to finish the given task by the participant machines. In the case of SimGrid, computation power can be measured by the existing energy plug-in. In this thesis, we use computation power and energy consumption (without cooling energy) interchangeably.



(a) Cooling energy comparison for 12.6 GB data



(b) Computation energy comparison for  $12.6~\mathrm{GB}$  data

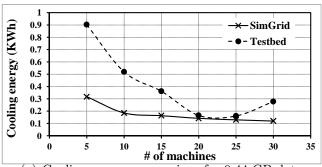


(c) Total chergy comparison for 12.0 GD data

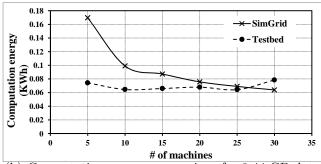
Figure 5.4: Energy comparison between SimGrid and Testbed for 12.6 GB data

Table 5.3: Average and standard deviation comparison between testbed and SimGrid

	Cooling energy consumption(KWh)				Computational energy consumption(KWh)			% deviation in SimGrid w.r.t. testbed				
Workload	Average		Std. deviation		Average		Std. deviation		Cooling energy		Computational energy	
	Testbed	SimGrid	Testbed	SimGrid	Testbed	SimGrid	Testbed	SimGrid	Average	Std. deviation	Average	Std. deviation
12.6 GB	0.367	0.235	0.156	.0975	0.088	0.125	0.006	0.052	36.1	37.7	41.6	766.7
9.44 GB	0.398	0.176	0.281	.073	0.069	0.094	0.006	0.039	55.7	74.0	35.6	550.0
6.3 GB	0.242	0.117	0.134	0.049	0.052	0.063	0.006	0.026	51.6	63.4	19.9	348.3
3.14 GB	0.146	0.058	0.058	0.025	0.030	0.031	0.002	0.013	60.2	48.6	5.1	500.0



(a) Cooling energy comparison for 9.44 GB data



(b) Computation energy comparison for 9.44 GB data

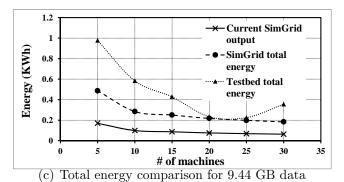


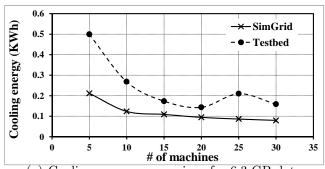
Figure 5.5: Energy comparison between SimGrid and Testbed for 9.44 GB data

## 5.3.2 Testbed Compatible Settings in SimGrid:

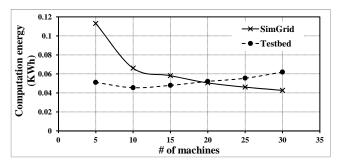
After setting up the real testbed, we try to imitate the lab environment into our *SimGrid* environment. To imitate the testbed, we need to make some conversion over parameter units as *SimGrid* uses a different unit system for measuring machine power. *SimGrid* uses FLOating Points per Second (FLOPS) unit for evaluating the power of machines. We use the following formula to evaluate FLOPS [54] [55] [56]:

$$FLOPS = N_s \times \frac{N_c}{N_s} \times \frac{Cycles}{second} \times \frac{FLOPS}{Cycle}$$

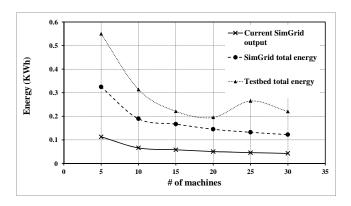
Here,  $N_s$  refers to the number of sockets,  $N_c$  refers to the number of cores per socket,  $\frac{Cycles}{second}$ 



(a) Cooling energy comparison for 6.3 GB data



(b) Computation energy comparison for 6.3 GB data



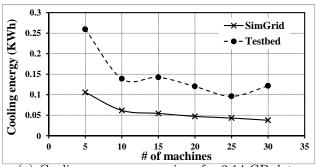
(c) Total energy comparison for 6.3 GB data

Figure 5.6: Energy comparison between SimGrid and Testbed for 6.3 GB data

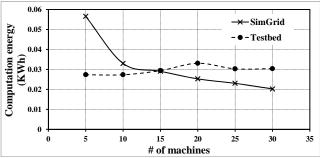
refers to the frequency of the machine, and  $\frac{FLOPS}{Cycle}$  refers to the floating point operations per cycle.

We adopt these values from the specifications of the laboratory machines. Table 5.5 shows the simulation environment.

We create each file using random texts of 787MB size. We use different number of files ranging from 4 to 16. Hence, we consider data size from 3.14GB to 12.6GB. In *SimGrid*, we have to give the number of chunks and the size of each chunk. We divide our total data size



(a) Cooling energy comparison for 3.14 GB data



(b) Computation energy comparison for 3.14 GB data

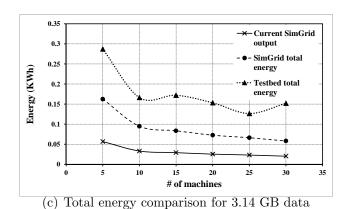


Figure 5.7: Energy comparison between SimGrid and Testbed for 3.14 GB data

into five thousand chunks. For example, 12.6GB data will be divided into equal sized five thousand chunks. This is a random value, however, other chunk sizes show similar results. We know from our early description that each node can have three power states. From our testbed experiment, we get most nodes consume 100W-120W power. The more the load, the more the power consumption. It is also known from our testbed experiment that when the machine is in idle state it dissipates 40W power. At power-off state, we have only 5W power consumption. Table 5.4 shows the power states. Fig. 5.8 shows how we measure cooling power and computation power. SimGrid generally divides a large file into small chunks similar

Power state | Consumed power |
Active state | 100W-120W |
Idle state | 40W |
Power-off state | 5W |

Table 5.4: Different power states and consumed power

Table 5.5: Simulation environment in SimGrid

Parameter	Value
# of master machines	1
# of slave machines	4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29
PC power	38,400-44,800 Mega FLOPS
PC power consumption	Peak: 100 - 120 W, idle: 40 W, power off: 5 W
Line bandwidth	100 kbps
Total # of files	4, 8, 12, 16
Size of each file	787 MB
Total data size	3.14. 6.3, 9.44, 12.6 GB
Maximum allowable temperature	22° C
Environment temperature	25° C

to Hadoop. Hence, if we use big files (more than 787MB) then the number of chunks will be increased, and the simulation will take much longer time to finish and will consume more cooling energy.

## 5.3.3 Experimental Results

We create an identical environment, and distribute same amount of work among nodes. We experiment the whole process similarly in both SimGrid and testbed platform. After that, we compare cooling energy, computation energy, and total energy between testbed and SimGrid. We can see the comparison from Fig. 5.4-5.7 for various data sizes. For each data size, these figures show the comparison for cooling energy, computation energy, and total energy. If we increase the number of machines, the energy gets decreased, and this is evident in all the graphs. It is visible from the fact that all the graphs have a downward slope. If we use smaller number of machines then all the machines need to work for a long time. At the same time, the overall power consumption gets decreased as we use smaller number of machines. However, the ratio of increasing computation time is much more greater than the decrease in power consumption. As we get energy from multiplying computation time with consumed power,

the overall energy consumption gets decreased with the increase in number of machines. On the other hand, if we use more number of machines, the machines need to work for a smaller amount of time and decrease consumed energy.

SimGrid previously had computation energy module. The comparison of computation energy between existing SimGrid and real testbed can be seen from Fig. 5.4(b). 5.5(b), 5.6(b), and 5.7(b). We can see a common pattern of decreasing computation energy as we increase the number of machines. Moreover, when the number of machines is 5, the difference between SimGrid and real testbed is bigger than other differences. SimGrid and real testbed have almost equal value when there are 15-20 machines.

We can see the cooling energy comparison graphs in Fig. 5.4(a). 5.5(a), 5.6(a), and 5.7(a). We can see, cooling energy comparison graphs follow a similar pattern as the existing computation energy comparison graphs. These graphs also show a big difference when the number of machines is 5, and show nearly same cooling energy when there are 15-20 machines. Hence, we can say that our modeled cooling energy curves follow the similar pattern of the existing computation energy curves.

We can see the total energy comparison from Fig. 5.4(c). 5.5(c), 5.6(c), and 5.7(c). "Current SimGrid output" line shows the total energy value if we do not integrate the cooling energy. SimGrid line shows the total energy after integrating cooling energy, and testbed total energy line shows the total energy for testbed. We can see from these graphs that if we do not integrate cooling energy, then the total energy value is far less than the actual value of the total energy. After integrating cooling energy, we can get a close total energy line between SimGrid and real testbed.

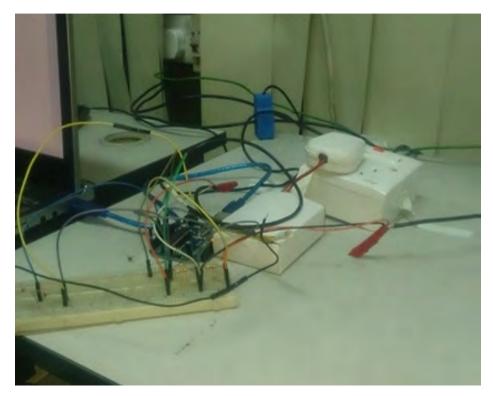
Both the results from SimGrid and real testbed have some variations, however, they are closely similar. If we do not integrate cooling energy with SimGrid, this difference will be more prominent.

In Table 6.2, we show the comparison of average value and standard deviation between testbed and SimGrid. We present the result for various workloads.

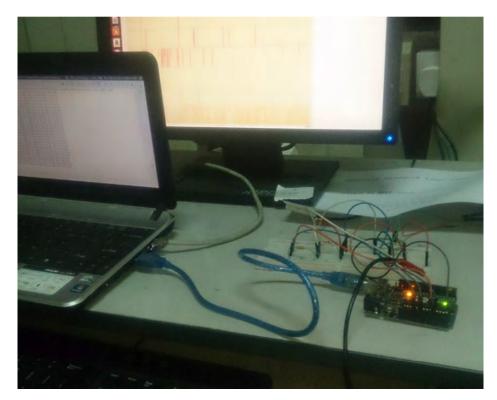
#### 5.3.4 Summary of Findings

We can summarize our findings as follows:

- Both the computation energy and cooling energy deviate similarly from the testbed energy consumption. Hence, our module for cooling energy is compatible with the existing energy model of SimGrid.
- Number of machines and energy consumption follow an inverse relationship. This inverse relationship is observable in our cooling energy model as well as existing computation energy model. Testbed result also validates this.
- In most cases, if we increase the workload then the consumed energy is increased. We get the similar trend for *SimGrid* simulation and testbed experiment, though there are some exceptions.
- Integrating cooling energy is necessary to get a closer total energy consumption to real testbed.



(a) Measuring computation power



(b) Measuring cooling power

Figure 5.8: Measuring computation and cooling power

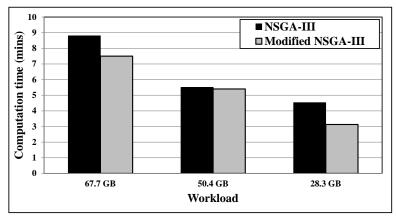
# Chapter 6

# **Experimental Results**

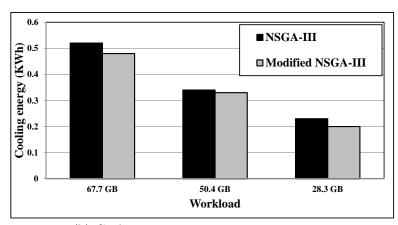
In this chapter, we will show the experimental results in both platform. We rigorously experimented our approach with other existing approaches in both real testbed and simulation platform SimGrid. In Chapter 4, we see the solution approach to solve the problem indicated in Chapter 3. We implemented an NSGA-III based algorithm. Hence, at first, we will see how our modified NSGA-III algorithm performs better than the existing NSGA-III algorithm. Then we will discuss our experimental results and present a comparative results among our approach and existing other approaches.

# 6.1 Validation Modified NSGA-III Performs Better Than NSGA-III

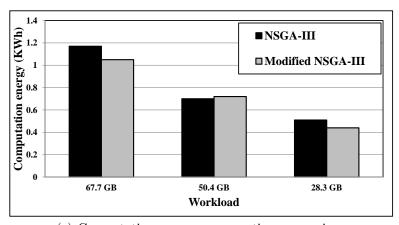
We use Table 6.1 for showing the modified NSGA-III technique performs better than the existing NSGA-III approach. We use different workloads from 28.3 GB to 67.7 GB. We use 30 machines cluster in this case. Fig. 6.1 shows the experimental results in *SimGrid*. From Fig 6.1(a), we can see the comparison for computation time. For 28.3 GB and 67.7 GB data, modified NSGA-III performs better than the existing NSGA-III algorithm. For 50.4 GB data, both NSGA-III and modified NSGA-III perform similarly. In Fig. 6.1(b), we can see the comparison for cooling energy consumption in different workloads. For each workload, we can see that modified NSGA-III performs better than the NSGA-III though for 50.4 GB data they are very



(a) Computation time comparison



(b) Cooling energy consumption comparison



(c) Computation energy consumption comparison

Figure 6.1: Comparison of NSGA-III and modified NSGA-III with various workloads in SimGrid with 30 machines cluster

close to each other. From Fig. 6.1(c), we can see another comparative result for computation energy. Here, modified NSGA-III performs better than the NSGA-III for data sizes 28.3 GB

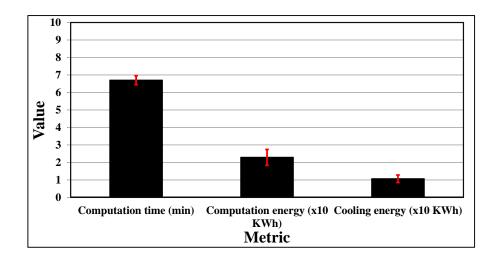


Figure 6.2: Average of computation time, computation energy, and cooling energy in various iterations with standard deviations

and 67.7 GB. NSGA-III performs better in this case for 50.4 GB data.

In real testbed, we perform the analysis for 31.5 GB data. We found NSGA-III needs 26 minutes 18 seconds to finish the task, however, modified NSGA-III needs 25 minutes 21 seconds to finish the task. Hence, modified approach performs better than the NSGA-III. Modified NSGA-III consumed slightly less cooling energy and computation energy too. Modified NSGA-III needs 2.07 KWh energy, whereas, NSGA-III needs 2.15 KWh cooling energy. For computation energy, modified NSGA-III needs 0.23 KWh energy and NSGA-III needs 0.25 KWh computation energy. NSGA-III has some improved result for CPU and memory utilization. It utilizes 74.7% CPU and 91.3% memory utilization. Modified NSGA-III, on the other hand, utilizes 72.0% CPU and 91.0% memory. As in most cases, modified NSGA-III performs better we use modified NSGA-III for solving the many-objective optimization problem. Next we will discuss about the simulation experimentation and then we will discuss about the experimental results for real testbed.

## 6.2 Effects of Number of Iterations over Performance

For a single setting, we run our NSGA-III algorithm for 10 times. We get different outputs. However, as we use a greedy approach, there are some machines which are selected more often than the other machines. At the same time, there are some machines which are selected less

Parameter	Value
# of master machines	1
# of slave machines	29, 49
PC power	4,000-38,000  Mega FLOPS
PC power consumption	Peak: 10 - 400 W, idle: 2.5-100 W, power off: 5 W
Line bandwidth	10-100 kbps
Total # of files	86, 64 and 36
Size of each file	787 MB
Total data size	67.7 GB, 50.4 GB and 28.3 GB
Maximum allowable temperature	20 − 23° C
Environment temperature	28° C
SimGrid version	3.12

Table 6.1: Simulation environment in SimGrid

than the other machines. Hence, over the solutions in different iterations we find a common pattern of selected machines. That is why when we evaluate performance we get a similar performance pattern over different iterations. From Fig. 6.2, we can see the average and standard deviation for various iterations. In most cases, we get performance values close to the average value as we select similar type of machines in each period. We use probabilistic conditions to select the machines after clustering and identifying the best or worst machine. This probability helps us not to select the biased machines all the time.

#### 6.3 Simulation Evaluation

We test our algorithm and other existing techniques in a simulation environment. We use 30 and 50 machines clusters to test our algorithm and compare other techniques with our technique. We use computation time, cooling energy, and simulation energy as our comparative parameters. We cannot get CPU utilization and memory utilization directly from *SimGrid*. Hence, we ignore these utilizations. We present utilization-based comparison in real testbed results.

## 6.3.1 Simulation Settings

For simulation we use a well-known simulation tool for distributed system named SimGrid [13]. Our modified SimGrid has energy plug-in, which can compute both computation and cooling

energy [57]. Table 6.1 shows the simulation environment in SimGrid. SimGrid uses different unit conventions while setting-up machines in clusters. The conversion between SimGrid unit and traditional unit can be found in Chapter 5. We use one master machine, and 29, 49 slave machines. In SimGrid each machine should be given a power value. We use 4000-38000 Mega FLOPs for giving the machine power values. We try to keep this value close to the real testbed setup machine properties. We have three different level of power consumption for the machines of SimGrid. We use up-to 400W when the machines are in full load, we use 2.5-100W when the machines are idle, and we use 5W power consumption when the machines are off. We use line bandwidth from 10 kbps to 100 kbps. There are 86, 64, and 36 files for which we implemented the typical word count job. Each data file had 787 MB of data making total data size of 67.7 GB, 50.4 GB, and 28.3 GB data respectively. We use 5° C difference in temperature. We use SimGrid 3.12 version for our simulation.

#### 6.3.2 Simulation Results

Figures from 6.3(a) to 6.3(d) show the simulation results in *SimGrid* for 30 machines and figures from 6.4(a) to 6.4(d) show the simulation results for 50 machines. We have the results for 67.7 GB, 50.4 GB, and 28.3 GB data. White bar indicates the results for modified NSGA-III, gray line indicates the result for Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) technique, and black line indicates the simulation results for Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) technique. In most of the comparison, white bar is below than the other two bars which indicate the efficacy of our proposed algorithm. Table 6.2 and 6.3 show the improvement made by our technique for 30 and 50 machines respectively.

## 6.3.3 Findings from Simulation Results

We test our algorithm with different workloads using the simulation environment of Table 6.1. Table 6.2 and 6.3 show the comparison. We take the following parameters as the cluster objectives:

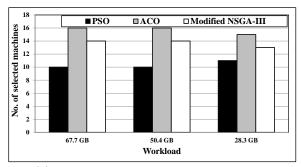
- Computation time
- Cooling energy

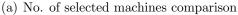
	Workload		Improvement over	PSO	Improvement over ACO				
	WOIKIOau	Time(%)   Cooling energy (%)		Comp. energy (%)	Time (%)	Cooling energy (%)	Comp. energy (%)		
	67.7 GB	21	13	10	43	10	5		
	50.4 GB	36	11	10	17	8	8		
Ì	28.3 GB	43	13	10	15	5	0		

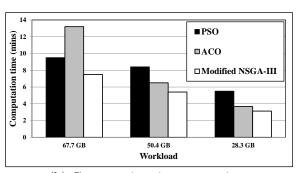
Table 6.2: Improvement over PSO and ant colony optimization with various workloads in SimGrid with 30 machines

#### • Computation energy

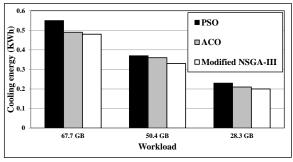
We use 67.7 GB, 50.4 GB and 28.3 GB workloads and consider 30 and 50 machines clusters. We can see from Table 6.2 and 6.3 that modified NSGA-III gives better performance than other methods for all three objectives in most cases. In Table 6.2, we show the improvement made by our modified NSGA-III algorithm over PSO and ant colony optimization technique for 30 machines. We can see the computation time is improved by 21%, 36% and 43% than PSO and we have 43%, 17% and 15% improvement over ant colony optimization with different workloads. Cooling energy is improved by 13\%, 11\% and 13.0\% than PSO. It is also improved by 10%, 8% and 5% than ant colony optimization. Computation energy is also improved by the modified NSGA-III algorithm. We have nearly 10% improvement over PSO and nearly 5% to 8% improvement over ant colony optimization. We also show the performance comparison for 50 machines in Table 6.3. Here, we have 10%-33% improvement over PSO for computation time. Modified NSGA-III also has up-to 59% improvement for computation and cooling energy over PSO. We have some negative values for energy also. Evolutionary approaches cannot guarantee to get the optimal values all the time. However, in most cases, modified NSGA-III performs better than the other existing approaches. Over ACO, modified NSGA-III gives improvement within 16% to 46% for computation time. We have 55% to 87% improvement for both cooling energy and computation energy. Now, we will show the experimental results for real testbed.



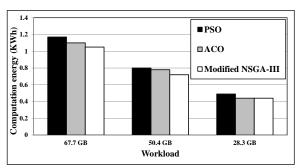




(b) Computation time comparison



(c) Cooling energy consumption comparison



(d) Computation energy consumption comparison

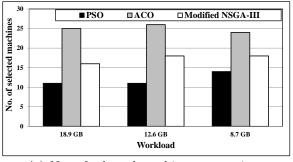
Figure 6.3: Comparison of different algorithms with various workloads in *SimGrid* with 30 machines cluster

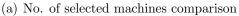
Workload		Improvement over	PSO	Improvement over ACO			
WOLKIOAU	Time(%)   Cooling energy (%)		Comp. energy (%)	Time (%)	Cooling energy (%)	Comp. energy (%)	
67.7 GB	38	59	59	16	55	55	
50.4 GB	33	36	38	41	79	79	
28.3 GB	10	-6	0	46	87	87	

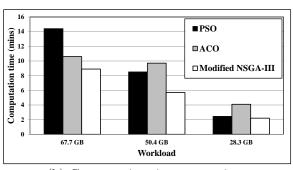
Table 6.3: Improvement over PSO and ant colony optimization with various workloads in SimGrid with 50 machines

### 6.4 Testbed Evaluation

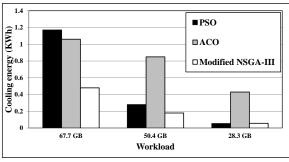
We test our algorithm and other existing techniques in a real testbed environment. We run our modified NSGA-III algorithm before implementing any workload into the cluster. After selecting the machines we only power on the selected machines. All other machines are in sleep state. We continuously log our data for each slave machines. We have some sensors too to measure different current and voltage to measure the power. Similarly, we also implement other approaches like ACO and PSO. We test these two techniques also in our laboratory environment.



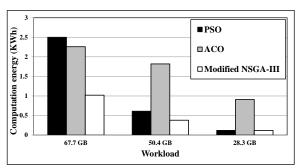




(b) Computation time comparison



(c) Cooling energy consumption comparison



(d) Computation energy consumption comparison

Figure 6.4: Comparison of different algorithms with various workloads in *SimGrid* with 50 machines cluster

## 6.4.1 Testbed Settings

Description of the testbed setup was presented in Chapter 5. We are also presenting the environment here as we made some changes in the configuration. Table 6.4 and 6.5 show the testbed configuration. We use 30 machines cluster to test our algorithm and compare other techniques with our technique. In this case also, we use one master machine and our cluster has 29 slave machines. We have different CPU frequency ranging from 2.4 GB to 2.8 GB. We have memory range from 1 GB to 2 GB. We use 5 to 100 MBPS. We have Ubuntu 14.04 LTS OS in all the machines.

Fig. 6.5 shows how we map our machines in the laboratory. We test our technique in a heterogeneous environment to see the effect of our greedy and NSGA-III technique. To create heterogeneity, we use *Wondershaper* tool to control the network bandwidth. Table 6.6 shows the network bandwidth of various machines. Note that, this is not the value that a machine could get. The table data is 8-10 times than the original value. *SimGrid* and real testbed use different unit conventions. Hence, imitating the real testbed into *SimGrid* is not completely

Parameter	Value				
No. of master	1				
No. of slaves	29				
Processor	Intel Core 2 Duo				
Processor base frequency	2.4 GHz, 2.66 GHz and 2.8 GHz				
Memory	1 GB to 2 GB				
Network B/W	5 to 100 MBPS				
OS	Ubuntu 14.04 LTS (x86)				
Total number of files	40, 24, 16, 11				
Size of each file	787 MB				
Total data size (custom made)	31.5 GB, 18.9 GB, 12.6 GB, and 8.7 GB				
Total data size (benchmark)	26 GB (1 file), 1 GB (1 file)				

Table 6.4: Experimental environment in laboratory

Table 6.5: Frequency and memory vs number of machines

Processor base frequency	Memory	No. of machines
2.4 GHz	1 GB	1
2.4 GHz	2 GB	2
2.66 GHz	1 GB	2
2.66 GHz	2 GB	8
2.8 GHz	2 GB	17

possible. Besides, we use different performance metrics for real testbed and simulation environment. In real testbed, we can get resource utilization, however, in the existing *SimGrid* we cannot get resource utilization.

#### 6.4.2 Testbed Results

We can see the testbed results in Figures 6.7(a) to 6.7(f). We use different workloads and consider the following five cluster objectives:

- Computation time
- Cooling energy
- Computation energy
- CPU usage
- Memory usage

Table 6.6: Machine ID with corresponding network  $\mathrm{B}/\mathrm{W}$ 

Machine ID	Network B/W (mbps)
0	18
1	35
2	50
3	40
4	27
5	20
6	65
7	25
8	100
9	100
10	30
11	60
12	49
13	40
14	8
15	69
16	13
17	19
18	92
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23	100
24	5
25	100
26	42
27	75
28	10
29	37

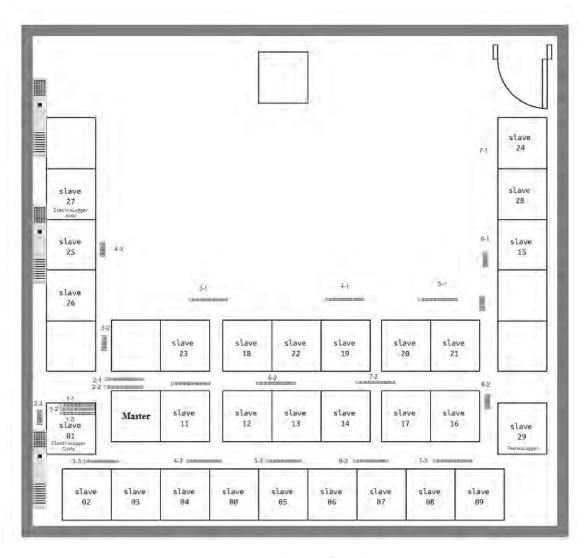
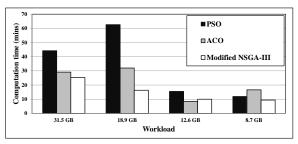
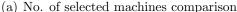


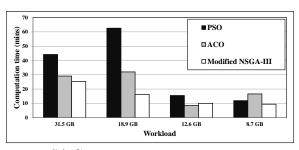
Figure 6.5: Lab map for cluster

Table 6.7: Improvement over PSO and ant colony optimization with various workloads in real testbed  $\,$ 

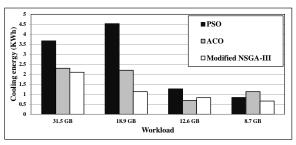
Workload	Improvement over PSO				Improvement over ACO					
	Time(%)	Cool ing energy (%)	Comp. energy (%)	CPU usage (%)	Mem. usage (%)	Time(%)	Cool ing energy (%)	Comp. energy (%)	CPU usage (%)	Mem. usage (%)
31.5 GB (custom)	43	75	22	1	5	13	49	28	23	4
26 GB (benchmark)	20	6	9	4	1	-16	-17	4	23	1
18.9 GB (custom)	74	75	63	127	5	49	49	58	159	0
12.6 GB (custom)	36	35	25	0	-1	-18	-20	10	27	3
8.7 GB (custom)	21	21	20	10	-7	43	42	56	130	1
1 GB (benchmark)	4	7	-13	4	0	0	21	-2	65	0



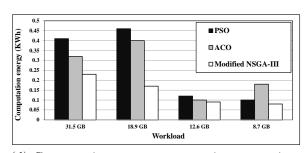




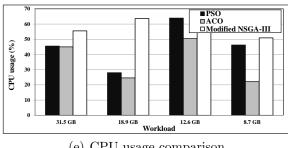
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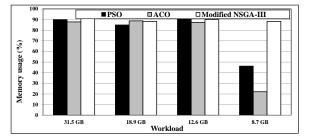
(c) Cooling energy consumption comparison



(d) Computation energy consumption comparison



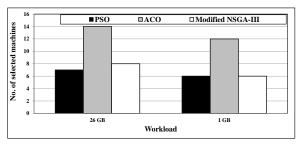
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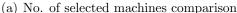


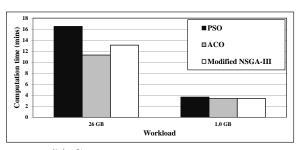
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Figure 6.6: Comparison of different algorithms with various custom made workloads in real testbed with 30 machines cluster

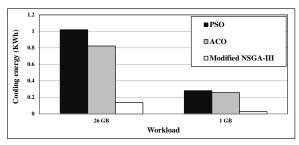
Along X axis, we take the workloads. We experimented with 8.7 GB, 12.6 GB, 18.9, and 31.5 GB of data. We also use benchmark data of 1 GB and 26 GB size [58]. In all the cases, white box indicates our modified NSGA-III approach, gray box indicates ACO, and black box indicates PSO technique. We can see from these graphs that, in most cases, white bars show better performance than the other two bars. We show all the comparisons among the techniques in Table 6.7.



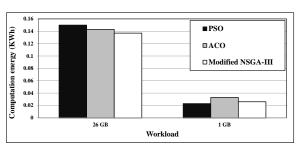




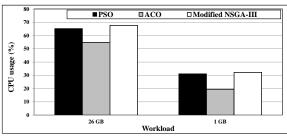
(b) Computation time comparison



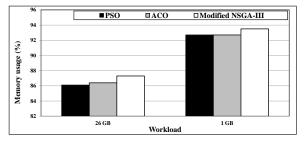
(c) Cooling energy consumption comparison



(d) Computation energy consumption comparison



(e) CPU usage comparison



(f) Memory usage comparison

Figure 6.7: Comparison of different algorithms with various benchmark workloads in real testbed with 30 machines cluster

## 6.4.3 Findings from Testbed Results

We compare our technique and other existing techniques in the real testbed mentioned in Figures 6.7(a) to 6.7(f) and in Table 6.7. As we previously mentioned, we take number of machines, computation time, computation energy, cooling energy, CPU usage and memory usage as our cluster objectives. We want to decrease the number of machines (to decrease cost), computation time, computation energy and cooling energy. At the same time, we want to increase the CPU and memory usage. From Table 6.7, we can see the comparison. With 31.5 GB data, NSGA-III performs better than the other three approaches. For the case of 18.9 GB

workload, NSGA-III shows significant improvement than the other two techniques for all the objectives. With 12.6 GB data, NGSA-III performs better for most of the cluster objectives. For 8.7 GB workload, though PSO has a better memory usage, NSGA-III performs better for all other objectives. For 31.5 GB data we have 43\%, 75\%, 22\%, 1\%, and 5\% improvement over PSO and 13%, 49%, 28%, 23%, and 4% improvement over ACO. In the case of 18.9 GB data, we have 49% to 74% improvement over computation time, 49% to 75% improvement over cooling energy, 58% to 63% improvement over computation energy, 127% to 159% improvement over CPU usage and 0% to 5% improvement over memory usage. In the case of 12.6 GB data, we have up-to 36% improvement over computation time, 35% improvement over cooling energy, 25% improvement over computation energy, 27% improvement over CPU usage and 3\% improvement over memory usage. For 8.7 GB data, we get upto 43\% improvement over PSO, 42% improvement over cooling energy, 56% improvement over computation energy, 130% improvement over CPU usage, and 1% improvement over memory usage. For benchmark data, with 26 GB data modified NSGA-III has 20% improvement in computation time, 6% improvement in cooling energy, 9% improvement in computation energy, 4% improvement in CPU usage, and 1% improvement in memory usage over PSO. Modified NSGA-III has no improvement in computation time and cooling energy, 4% improvement in computation energy, 23% improvement in CPU usage, and 1% improvement in memory usage over ACO. For 1 GB data, we have improvement in computation time, cooling energy, and CPU usage over PSO. We also have improvement in cooling energy and CPU usage over ACO.

# 6.5 Improvement over PSO and ACO in Real Testbed and SimGrid

We have close improvements over PSO and ACO in real testbed and SimGrid on an average. Fig. 6.8 shows the results. Here, gray box indicates percentage of improvement over PSO and ACO in SimGrid, and black box indicates percentage of improvement over PSO and ACO in real testbed. On an average, we can see both graphs are close to each other. Hence, we have similar type of improvements in SimGrid and real testbed which indicates the robustness of our approach. For each bar, we also show the error bars which was drawn by standard deviations.

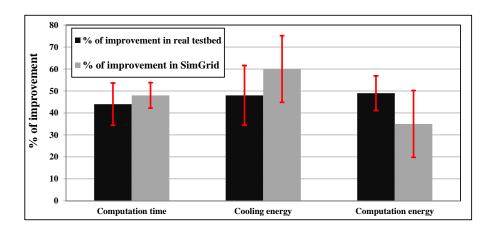


Figure 6.8: Improvement over PSO and ACO in Real Testbed and SimGrid

This helps us to understand what could be the lowest and highest values, and how they differ from the average value.

# Chapter 7

## Conclusion and Future Work

Solving conflicting objectives in clusters to provide administrators a set of machines is important, and only a few studies attempt to solve this problem for computing clusters. Moreover, the existing studies focus on optimizing single or multi-objective perspectives. On the contrary, in this thesis, we provide a many-objective solution for cluster administrators to select the cluster nodes. Here, we exploit a synergy between a greedy technique and NSGA-III algorithm to solve the many-objective problem. We test our technique with other existing techniques and show our proposed technique reveals the best set of nodes in most of the cases, which fulfill the cluster objectives. We experiment in a real testbed, which confirms robustness and efficacy of our technique. We also simulate our technique in a simulation platform named SimGrid to test in larger clusters. We add a cooling energy module into the existing SimGrid. To augment all these testing, we collect real data for a period of more than one year and conduct empirical analyses over the data. We consider different environmental settings in different seasons of the year to ensure robustness of the empirical analyses. Our technique engendered from the analyses can be used in real clusters to select the best combination of machines, which will fulfill the cluster objectives.

In our study, we use only one laboratory environment to experiment real testbed setup. In future, we need to deploy our model in different laboratory environments. We use NSGA-III as our base algorithm, as literature shows NSGA-III works well with many-objective optimization problems. Further experimental study is necessary to prove it in cluster environment. We also need to experiment with more number of machines in real testbed. There are many other

factors which have impacts on cooling energy. Among them room size, room cooling capacity, environment temperature are the most important ones. We need to incorporate those factors to get a more robust results. We only consider the word-count job, hence, different type of jobs should be tested with the discussed approaches. Moreover, we should test our experiment with various types of content.

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