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Many configuration parameters:

1. Task granularity
2. Scheduling strategies
3. Application structure

Emerging challenges:

1. Finding optimal combination of parameters for a given machine
2. Evaluate configurations on a wide variety of platforms
3. Quickly identify performance issues (e.g., bottlenecks)

Possible solution: Simulation
Our proposal

StarPU

Dynamic runtime for hybrid architectures. StarPU execution consists in scheduling a graph of tasks with data dependencies on the different computing resources.

Simgrid

Versatile simulator for distributed systems

Implementation:

- StarPU applications and runtime are emulated
- All operations related to thread synchronization, actual computations and data transfer are simulated
- Control part of StarPU is modified to dynamically inject computation and communication tasks into the simulator
- StarPU calibration and platform description is used by Simgrid
Results

- **hannibal**: 3 QuadroFX5800
- **attila**: 3 TeslaC2050
- **conan**: 3 TeslaM2075
- **frogkepler**: 2 K20

The graphs show performance metrics in GFlop/s for different matrix dimensions across various conditions and hardware configurations. The graphs compare the performance of Cholesky and LU algorithms under experimental conditions using SimGrid and Native methods.
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- Works fine now, but coming to this point was not easy
- We had to do many iterations of:
  1. Running complex beta code on several not always dedicated machines
  2. Comparing with simulations, debugging, understanding, remodeling and going back to step 1 until not satisfied

- With good results, we decided to make a reproducible article
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