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Credits: https://www.gironde.fr/actualites/residence-florestine-innovation-technologique-et-sociale
“A disruptive solution to turn IT waste heat into a viable heating solution for buildings.”

The Qarnot platform:

- ~1,000 distributed QRads embedding
  ~3,000 diskless computing units (QMobos)
- ~20 local servers (QBoxes) with disks
- 1 global server (QNode) with a centralized storage server (CEPH)

Credits: https://www.qarnot.com
Qarnot Platform

QNode

Internet

CEPH

QBox

QRad

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Heating

requests
Computing Requests

Cloud tasks:
- Submitted to the QNode
- Have data-set dependencies in the centralized storage (CEPH)
- Have different priorities (low or high)

IoT tasks:
- Submitted to a QBox
- Have data-set dependencies in the QBox disk
- Have different priorities (low, high or very high)
- Should be executed locally

Tasks (\(=\) groups of \textit{sequential instances}) are submitted on-line.
Resources appear and disappear over time: the inhabitants decide!

- Available resources when heating is required (QRad is On)
- Unavailable resources when ambient air is too warm (QRad is Off)

→ Also depends on the task priority

Network uncertainties:

- Link failures
- Congestion/contention
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- Decide where to dispatch (groups of) **instances**
- Ensure global load-balancing

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- Regulate room temperature (via DVFS)
- Ensure heating needs are satisfied
Two-Level Scheduling Problem

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Need to reach 100% of platform usage.
⇒ An idle QRad is a lack of heating
Multiple Objectives

Different objectives for different users:

- **Cloud users**: Minimize waiting/completion time of tasks
- **IoT tasks**: “Nullify” responsiveness
- **Inhabitants**: Minimize distance to target temperature
- **Qarnot**: Maximize tasks throughput, minimize lack of heating
Qarnot Solution: Go On-line

Periodic reports (∼30 s) from QBox to QNode with:
- Number of resources available for each task priority
- Free space on disk

QNode-scheduling:
- Sort QBoxes by least available resources first (no temperature knowledge)
- Sort tasks by highest priority first
- For each task, dispatch as much instances as possible

QBox-scheduling:
- Retrieve data-set dependencies
- Schedule high priority instances on coolest QRads
- Schedule low priority instances on warmest QRads
Temperature Regulation

Frequency and temperature regulator in each QRad:

- In general: DVFS on QMobos to adapt power consumption

- When too hot: instances are killed and re-submitted to the QNode

- When too cold (lack of heating): “background” compute-intensive instances are generated (best-effort blockchain mining 😊)
Our objectives

Main goal: design, implement and test different placement and scheduling policies at both QNode- and QBox-level.

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⇒ Simulation is what you need!
**Simulation Tools**

**SimGrid**\(^1\): Large-scale distributed system simulator with execution and communication models.
→ Used to simulate platform and tasks execution.

**Batsim**\(^2\): Infrastructure simulator for jobs and I/O scheduling.
→ Used to drive the simulation, submit tasks and communicate with the decision process.

**Pybatsim**\(^3\): Batsim’s Python API exposing methods to easily communicate with the Batsim process.
→ Used to implement the QNode and QBox schedulers.

\(^1\)https://github.com/simgrid/simgrid
\(^2\)https://gitlab.inria.fr/batsim/batsim/tree/temperature
\(^3\)https://gitlab.inria.fr/batsim/pybatsim/tree/temperature
Developed Extensions

**Temperature model:** to compute the temperature of the QRad and ambient air, based on thermodynamics formulae.

**External events injector:** to replay a machine failure or a temperature change.

**Storage controller:** to manage storage entities and data movements.
Simulation Overview

Simulation process

SimGrid
- SimGrid kernel
- Batsim executor
- Instances executors
- Simulated platform

Decision process

PyBatsim
- QNode Scheduler
- Storage Controller
- QBox Scheduler

Interprocess communication
Variants of the QNode dispatcher:
- Standard
- LocalityBased
- Replicate3LeastLoadedDisk
- Replicate10LeastLoadedDisk
- FullReplicate (instantaneous transfers)

Standard Qarnot scheduler at QBox-level.

1-week simulation inputs from real logs of Qarnot.
QBox-level Scheduling

List of $n$ instances from Cloud or IoT, with for each instance $j$:
- An estimation of work $Work_j$
- A priority value $w_j$
- A release date $r_j$ (max arrival time of the dependent data-sets)

List of $m$ QRads, with for each:
- A number of QMobos
- A list of possible speeds of a QMobo
- The corresponding power consumption of each speed
- A diagram of target temperature over a day/a week
- The corresponding power diagram over a day/a week
QBox-level Scheduling

Temperature required

- 20°C (home)
- 16°C (work)

Power required

- 200 W (heating)
- 60 W (stable)
- 30 W (stable)

Time of the day

0 24

Power diagram
QBox-level Scheduling

**THE questions to answer:**

- Where to execute an instance?
- When to execute an instance?
- At which speed?

⇒ Similar to power capping problems

**Objectives:**

- Minimize $\sum_j w_j C_j$ (where $C_j$ is the completion time)
- Minimize power consumption distance to the power diagrams
Conclusions and Prospects

Preliminary results:

- Scheduling at the edge depends highly on heterogeneity and
dynamicity
- Simulating edge platforms is possible thanks to Batsim/SimGrid
- Data placement is not trivial


Current work:

- Try other placement policies at QNode-level, communicate more with
the QBoxes
- Study the QBox theoretical model
- Validate the temperature model
Many Thanks

WE NEED YOU!

Looking for temperature and power consumption of machines/cores in a cluster

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