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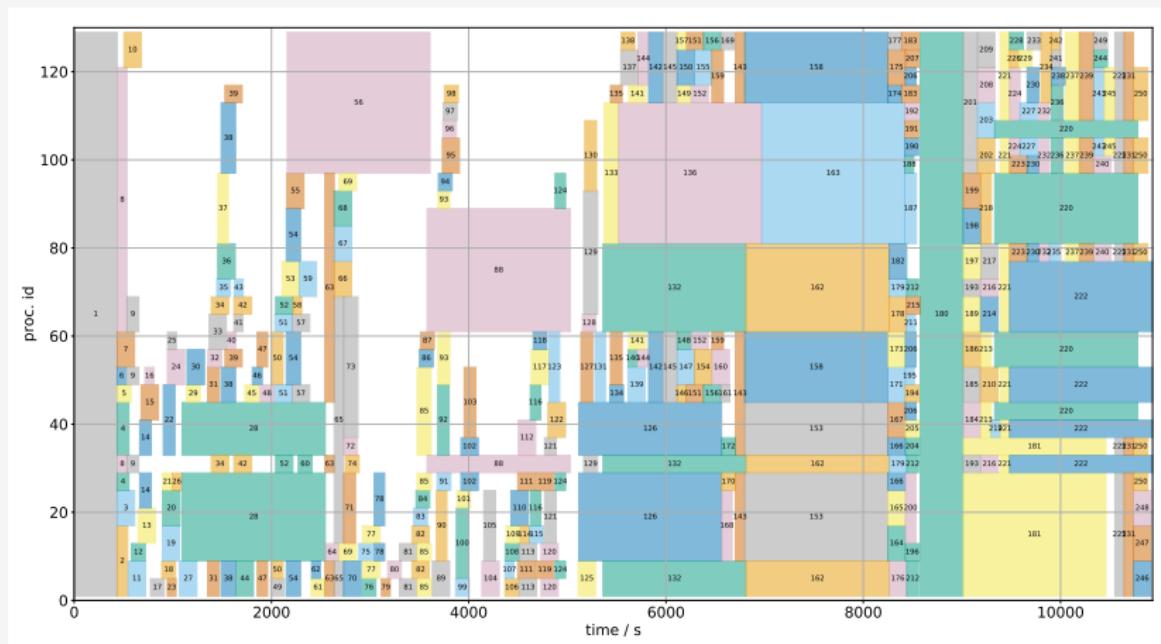
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Scheduling (~ Resource Allocation)



⇒ where? & when?

Scheduling (\sim Resource Allocation)

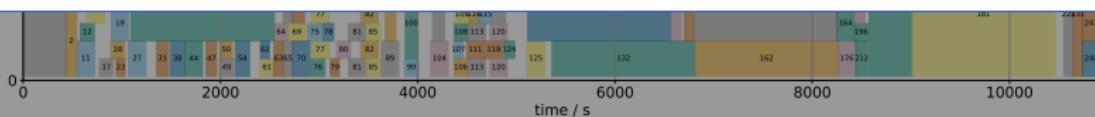


But simplistic models

Many sources of *extrinsic* variability:

Offline hardware spec., aging, . . .

Online phases (e.g., I/O, compute), failures, temperature, . . .



platform

tasks/jobs

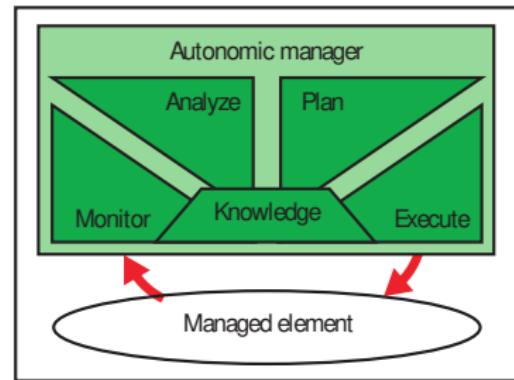
objective

\implies where? & when?

Feedback loops (à la Control Theory)

Autonomic Computing (Kephart et al. 2003)

- 1 monitor system state
- 2 choose (online) parameters
- 3 repeat



Control Theory

Challenges

- stability, accuracy, explainability
- transient vs. steady-state behavior

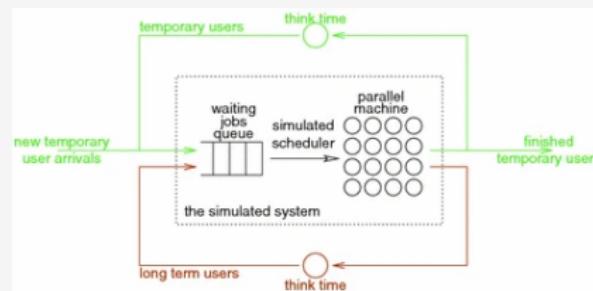
Gains

- simpler models
- adapt to actual behavior

Unexploited loops

Most scheduling approaches rely on an *unrealist* open-loop model.
They struggle/fail to catch for example:

- congestion
- user behavior (Feitelson 2016)



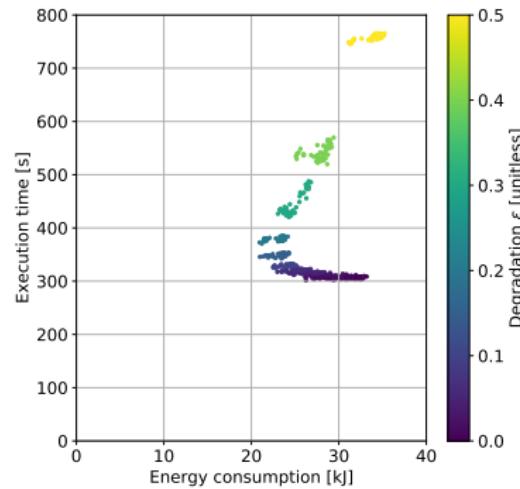
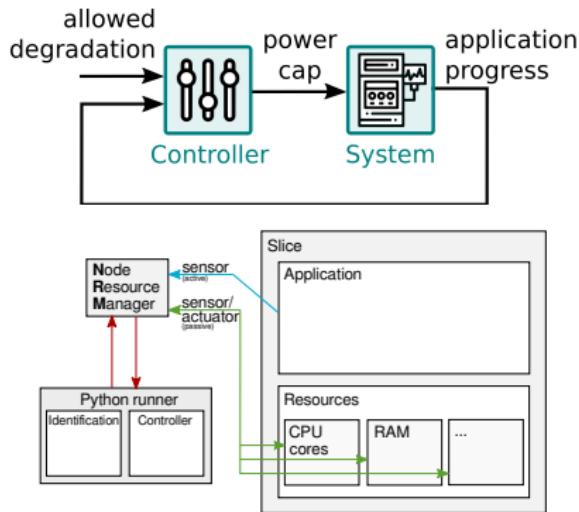
Classic workarounds: “cyclic” scheduling, more variables (increases models’ complexity), . . .

Existing usages/compositions: RAPL×NRM

(Cerf et al. 2021; Hawila et al. 2022), ongoing collab. ANL/Inria

Objective Reducing energy consumption while sustaining performance

Approach Dynamic power regulation using Control Theory

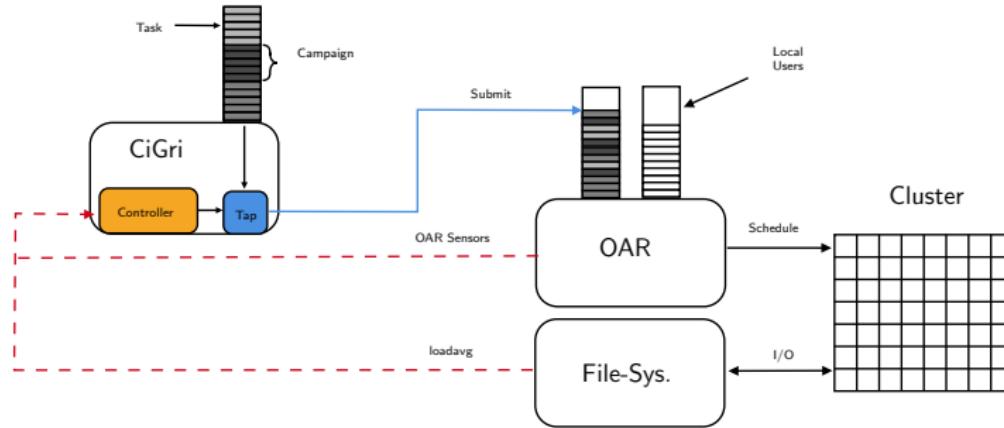


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(Guilloteau et al. 2022)

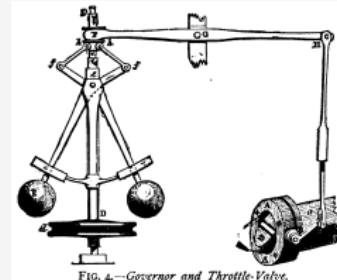
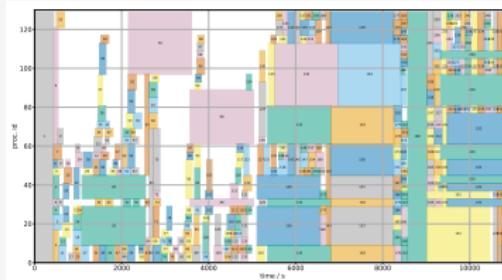
Objective Minimize wasted resources (idle node, killed BE jobs)

Constraint No (low?) impact on local users



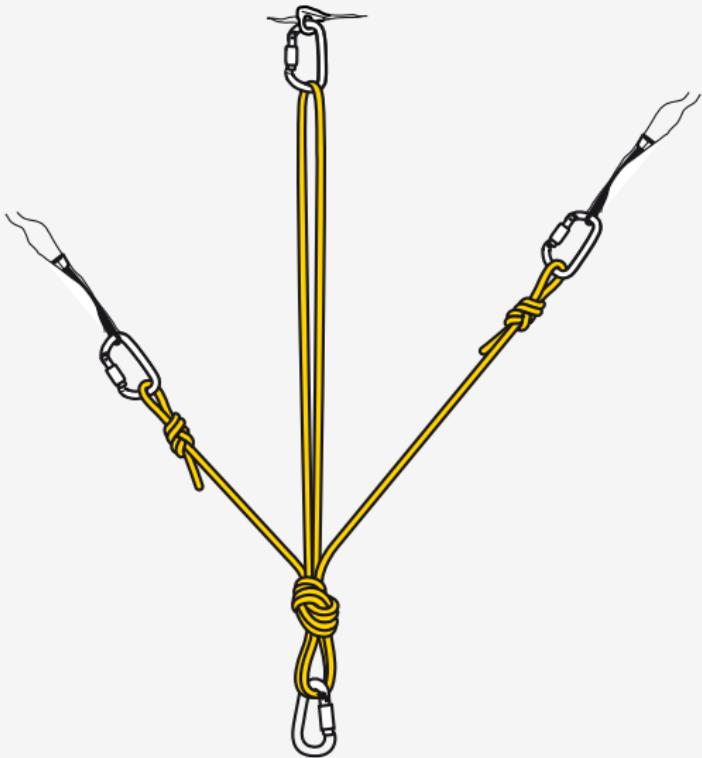
Potential combinations

Scheduling × Control Theory



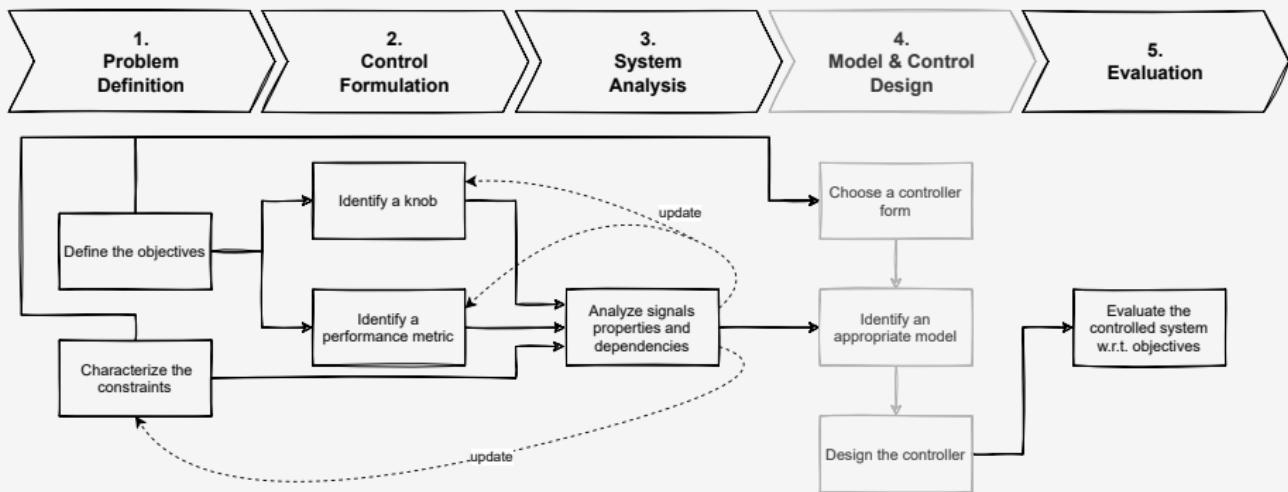
Open questions / Directions to explore

- what are the interesting properties to enforce?
- how to structure the loops?
- what to measure? what to control?
- what is the dynamic at play?



Backup slides

Control Theory Methodology



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