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An overview of Energy Efficiency for Data Center and Cloud Computing

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ABSTRACT: Energy consumption cost and environmental result are dynamic task to cloud computing. Datacentres are the backbone of cloud computing. They proceed to be challenging issues to energy efficiency. Cloud computing is providing utility-oriented IT services to users worldwide. Customary on a pay-as-you-go model, it permits website hosting of pervasive purposes from customer, scientific, and business domains. Nevertheless, datacentre's web hosting Cloud functions consume huge amounts of energy, contributing to high operational cost and carbon footprints to the environment. We focus on the development of dynamic resource provisioning and allocation algorithms that that consider the synergy between various data center infrastructures (i.e., the hardware, power units, cooling and software), and holistically work to boost data core energy efficiency and performance. In detailed, this paper proposes (a) architectural standards for energy-efficient management of Clouds; (b) energy-efficient useful resource allocation policies and scheduling algorithms considering quality-of-service expectations, and contraptions energy utilization traits; and (c) a novel software technology for energy-efficient management of Clouds.

KEYWORDS: Cloud Computing, Data Center, Energy Efficiency, VM Consolidation

I. INTRODUCTION

The designers have always primarily focused on improving the performance of computing systems and hence the performance has been steadily growing driven by more efficient system design and increasing density of the components described by Moore's law. Although the performance per watt ratio has been constantly rising, the total power draw by computing systems is hardly decreasing. On the contrary, it has been increasing every year that can be illustrated by the estimated average power usage across three classes of servers. Apart from the overwhelming operating costs due to high energy consumption, another rising concern is the environmental impact in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions caused by this high energy consumption. In 2007, the total carbon footprint of the IT industry including personal computers, mobile phones, and telecom devices and data centres was 830 MtCO₂e, 2% of the estimated total emissions and this figure is expected to grow in the coming years [1]. Therefore, the reduction of power and energy consumption has become a first-order objective in the design of modern computing systems.

There are two possible solutions to make IT Systems greener: 1) improve efficiency or 2) find a plentiful supply of clean, affordable energy. As the latter is still in the realms of science fiction, energy efficiency is where the main focus of research will be in the near future. IT companies are learning that cutting emissions and cutting costs naturally go together, by making systems energy efficient money may be saved automatically. Energy Aware Computing research is attempting to addresses this problem. Work in this field is tackling issues ranging from reducing the amount of energy required by a single processor chip to finding the most effective means of cooling a warehouse sized data centre. Cloud Computing has the potential to have a massive impact, positive or negative, on the future carbon footprint of the IT sector.

On the one hand, Cloud Computing datacentres are now consuming 0.5% of all the generated electricity in the world, a figure that will continue to grow as Cloud Computing becomes widespread particularly as these systems are "always-on always-available". However, the large datacentres required by clouds have the potential to provide the most efficient environments for computing. The growing popularity of cloud computing would therefore drive the cloud providers to build efficient systems in order reduce the total cost of ownership (TOC) and hence improve their green credentials. The main aim of Energy-Aware Computing is to promote awareness of energy consumption at both software and



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hardware levels and hence consumes lesser amount of power. The unique position of Cloud Computing allows this area to be brought into sharper focus and will go some way to improving the carbon footprint of IT now and in the future.

II. RELATED WORK

In the literature review below, a previous study investigated energy efficiency on cloud computing and focused on data center technology. Rajkumar Buyya et al.[2], the author propose (a) architectural principles for energy-efficient management of Clouds; (b) energy-efficient resource allocation policies and scheduling algorithms considering quality-of-service expectations, and devices power usage characteristics; and (c) a novel software technology for energy-efficient management of Clouds. Anton Beloglazov et al.[3], he propose a novel technique for dynamic consolidation of VMs based on adaptive utilization thresholds, which ensures a high level of meeting the Service Level Agreements (SLA). He validates the high efficiency of the proposed technique across different kinds of workloads using workload traces from more than a thousand PlanetLab servers.

Nguyen Quang Hung et al.[4], he propose two host selection policies, named MAP (minimum of active physical hosts) and MAP-H2L, and four algorithms solving the lease scheduling problem. Those algorithms reducing 7.24% and 7.42% energy consumption than existing greedy mapping algorithm. On their simulations show that energy consumption decreased by 34.87% and 63.12% respectively.

Uddin et al.[5], he developed a tool to improve the performance and energy efficiency of data centers. He divided data center components into different resource pools depending on different parameters. The framework highlights the importance of implementing green metrics like power usage effectiveness (PUE) and data center effectiveness and carbon emission calculator to measure the efficiency of data center. The framework is based on virtualization and cloud computing. Meenakshi Sharma et al.[6], author firstly presented an analysis of different Virtual Machine (VM) load balancing, a new VM load balancing algorithm has been proposed and implemented in Virtual Machine environment of cloud computing in order to achieve better response time and reduce cost.

Xin Lia et al.[7], the author proposed a virtual machine placement algorithm EAGLE, which can balance the utilization of multidimensional resources, reduce the number of running PMs, and thus lower the energy consumption. Experimental results show, that EAGLE can reduce energy as much as 15% more energy than the first fit algorithm. Song et al.[8], he developed an adaptive and dynamic model operating system-base for efficient sharing of a server by optimizing resources (CPU and memory) between virtual machines.

Bo Li, Jianxin et al.[9], he introduced an energy saving online placement model, based on a balance of workload by distributing it in virtual machine to achieve less number of node to execute that load. So the workloads are replaced, and resized. However, the migration and relocation of VMs for matching application demand can impact the QoS service requirements of the user. Abdelsalam H. Maly et al.[10], he investigated new model for a power efficient technique to increase the management of Cloud computing environments. The author formulated the resource management problem in the form of an optimization model to introduce energy consumption by the Cloud.

Huang, Li et al.[11], he introduced dynamic resource management hardware-base. Using dynamic setting for the frequency and voltage of the processor during running time to set the CPU in original design power. As long as CPU works in minimum voltage, the energy consumption can directly be saved. However, the complexity of management many independent voltage/frequency islands, that make the benefits not large enough.

III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

As deliberated previously, the task results in the development of an application platform that helps energy-efficient management and allocation of Cloud data center resources. With the intention to shrink the cost of application engineering, we will be able to commonly reuse present Cloud middleware and related applied sciences. We will be able to leverage third occasion Cloud applied sciences and services offerings together with (a) VM technologies equivalent to open supply Xen and commercial one from VMware and (b) Amazon's Elastic Computing Cloud (EC2),



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simple Storage provider (S3); Microsoft's Azure. We will additionally leverage our own applied sciences comparable to Aneka, which is Internet-based platform for building enterprise Clouds. We will be able to implement an everyday resource supervisor and plug-in application adaptors to enable interplay with exceptional Cloud administration programs similar to Aneka and Amazon EC2 engine. We will enforce an energy-aware VM supervisor that guides the reallocation of VMs in line with present useful resource necessities and states of physical nodes.

A. ENERGY-AWARE DATA CENTRE RESOURCE ALLOCATION

The problem of VM allocation can be divided in two: the first part is admission of new requests for VM provisioning and placing the VMs on hosts, whereas the second part is optimization of current allocation of VMs. The first part can be seen as a bin packing problem with variable bin sizes and prices. To solve it we apply modification of the Best Fit Decreasing (BFD) algorithm that is shown to use no more than $11/9 \text{ OPT} + 1$ bins (where OPT is the number of bins given by the optimal solution) [12]. In our modification (MBFD) we sort all VMs in decreasing order of current utilization and allocate each VM to a host that provides the least increase of power consumption due to this allocation. This allows leveraging heterogeneity of the nodes by choosing the most power-efficient ones. The complexity of the allocation part of the algorithm is $n \cdot m$, where n is the number of VMs that have to be allocated and m is the number of hosts.

Optimization of current allocation of VMs is carried out in two steps: at the first step we select VMs that need to be migrated, at the second step chosen VMs are placed on hosts using MBFD algorithm. We propose four heuristics for choosing VMs to migrate. The first heuristic, Single Threshold (ST), is based on the idea of setting upper utilization threshold for hosts and placing VMs while keeping the total utilization of CPU below this threshold. The aim is to preserve free resources to prevent SLA violation due to consolidation in cases when utilization by VMs increases. At each time frame all VMs are reallocated using MBFD algorithm with additional condition of keeping the upper utilization threshold not violated. The new placement is achieved by live migration of VMs [13].

The other three heuristics are based on the idea of setting upper and lower utilization thresholds for hosts and keeping total utilization of CPU by all VMs between these thresholds. If the utilization of CPU for a host goes below the lower threshold, all VMs have to be migrated from this host and the host has to be switched off in order to eliminate the idle power consumption. If the utilization goes over the upper threshold, some VMs have to be migrated from the host to reduce utilization in order to prevent potential SLA violation. We propose three policies for choosing VMs that have to be migrated from the host.

- Minimization of Migrations (MM) – migrating the least number of VMs to minimise migration overhead.
- Highest Potential Growth (HPG) – migrating VMs that have the lowest usage of CPU relatively to the requested in order to minimise total potential increase of the utilization and SLA violation.
- Random Choice (RC) – choosing the necessary number of VMs by picking them according to a uniformly distributed random variable.

The complexity of the MM algorithm is proportional to the product of the number of over- and under-utilized hosts and the number of VMs allocated to these hosts.

Currently, resource allocation in a Cloud data center aims to provide high performance while meeting SLA, without a focus on allocating VMs to minimise energy consumption. To explore both performance and energy efficiency, three crucial issues must be addressed. First, excessive power cycling of a server could reduce its reliability. Second, turning resources off in a dynamic environment is risky from a QoS prospective. Due to the variability of the workload and aggressive consolidation, some VMs may not obtain required resources under peak load, so failing to meet the desired QoS. Third, ensuring SLA brings challenges to accurate application performance management in virtualized environments. A virtual machine cannot exactly record the timing behaviour of a physical machine. This leads to the timekeeping problems resulting in inaccurate time measurements within the virtual machine, which can lead to incorrect enforcement of SLA. All these issues require effective consolidation policies that can minimise energy consumption without compromising the used-specified QoS requirements. To achieve this goal, we will develop novel QoS-based resources selection algorithms and mechanisms that optimise VM placements with the objective of minimizing communication overhead as described below.



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1) QoS-based Resource Selection and Provisioning

Data center resources may deliver different levels of performance to their clients; hence, QoS-aware resource selection plays an important role in Cloud computing. Additionally, Cloud applications can present varying workloads. It is therefore essential to carry out a study of Cloud services and their workloads in order to identify common behaviours, patterns, and explore load forecasting approaches that can potentially lead to more efficient resource provisioning and consequent energy efficiency.

2) Optimisation of Virtual Network Topologies

In virtualised data centers VMs often communicate between each other, establishing virtual network topologies. However, due to VM migrations or non-optimised allocation, the communicating VMs may end up hosted on logically distant physical nodes providing costly data transfer between each other.

IV. CONCLUSION

As a result of the examined literature review, we concluded that the previous techniques and approaches lack several features like QoS and performance against energy efficiency. Additionally, the time complexity and the reduction of the energy consumption are not highly effective. Based on our literature review we realized that the absence of and need for an integrated data center energy efficiency framework which consider the social network applications as a vital related factor in elevating energy consumption, as well as high potential for energy efficiency. The required integrated data center energy efficiency framework should be also applicable in different types of data centers including public, private and hybrid. The existence of such framework will offer a great powerful capability to deal with service levels and resources management.

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