

ABC: Adaptive Brokerage for the Cloud

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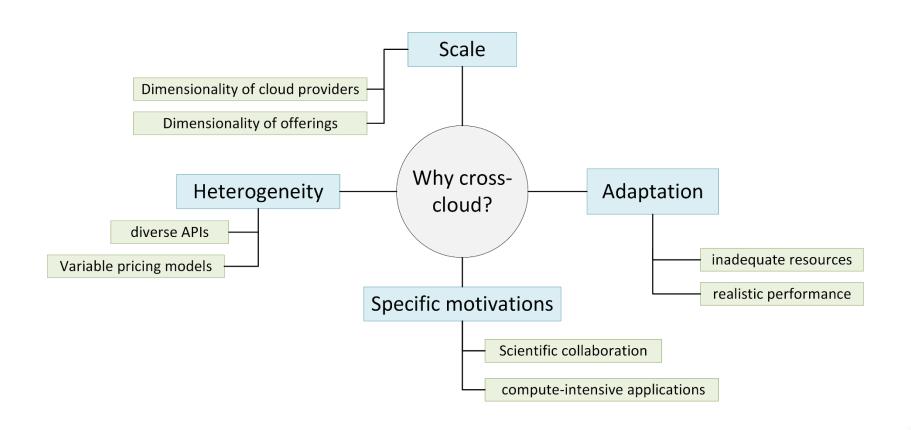
Background



- Cloud computing (CC) has become the de facto means of deploying large scale systems in a robust and cost effective manner.
- Is CC still under utilised? Why?
 - Complex decisions (cost:performance)?!
- Cross-cloud

Motivation for cross-cloud





Cross-cloud models



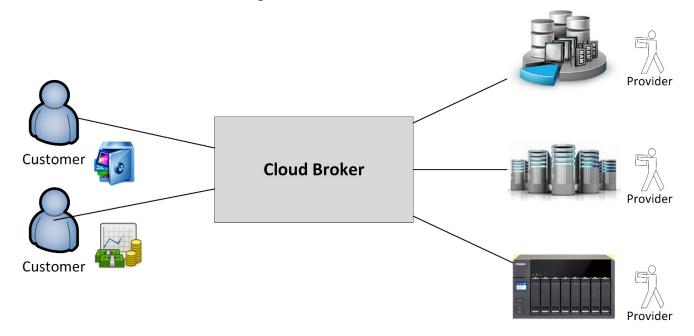
| | Hybrid cloud | Multi-cloud | Meta-cloud (Brokers) | Federated clouds |
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| Provisioning Means | Bespoke logic | Common programming model or a translation library | Delegating infrastructure instrumentation | Common API |
| Abstraction | None | Some | High | Very high |
| Realistic | Υ | Υ | Y | ? |
| Examples | (domain specific) | Libcloud, jClouds, Fog, mOSAIC | OPTIMIS | CIMI, OCCI, TOSCA, CDMI, SuperCloud |

Adapted from: Y. Elkhatib. Mapping Cross-Cloud Systems: Challenges and Opportunities. In HotCloud, 2016.

Cloud Broker



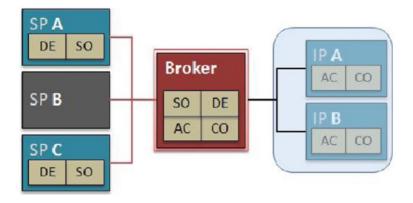
 "a third-party individual or business that acts as an intermediary between the purchaser of a cloud computing service and the sellers of that service."



Cloud Brokes: examples



OPTIMIS:



- Benefits for customers: simplicity and potential cost reductions.
- Benefits for providers: Simpler management and increased revenue

Cloud Brokes: examples



- JamCracker
 - a platform that it aggregates and distributes on-demand services through a global ecosystem.



Dell Cloud Marketplace

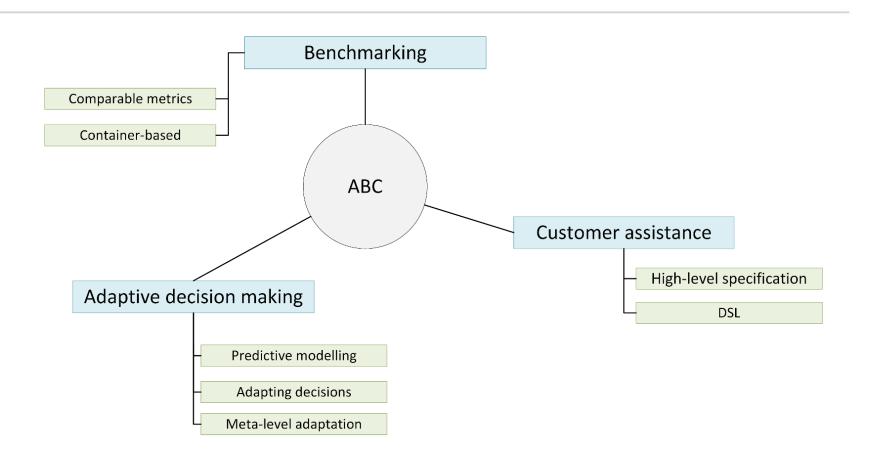
Limitations



- Lack of customers assistance for specifying requirements.
- Comparable cross-vendor metrics?!
- Migrating VMs? What about containers?
- Lack of support for intelligent decision making.

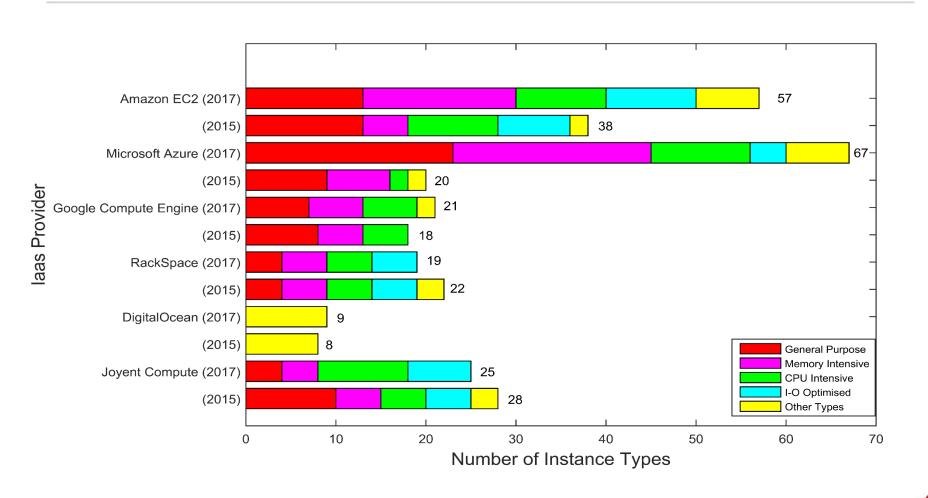
ABC Objectives





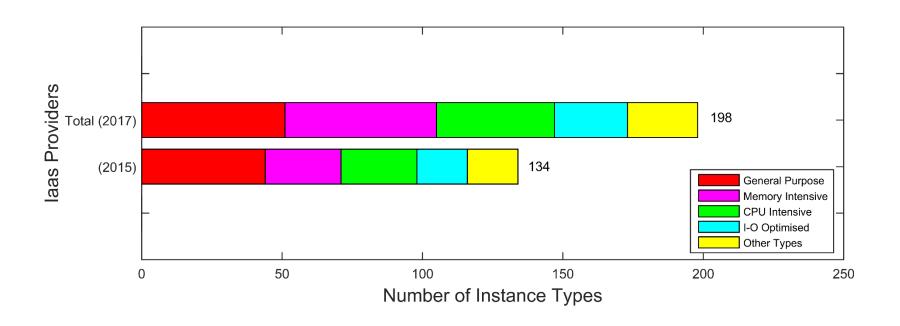


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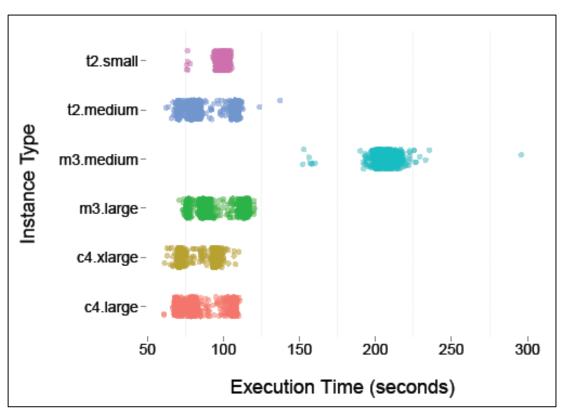


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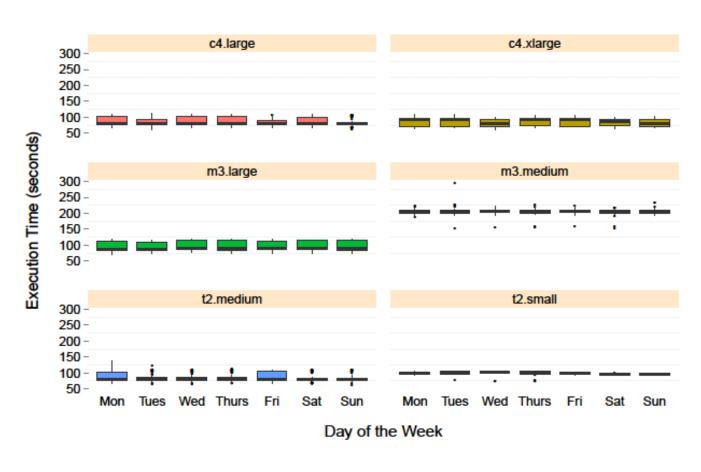


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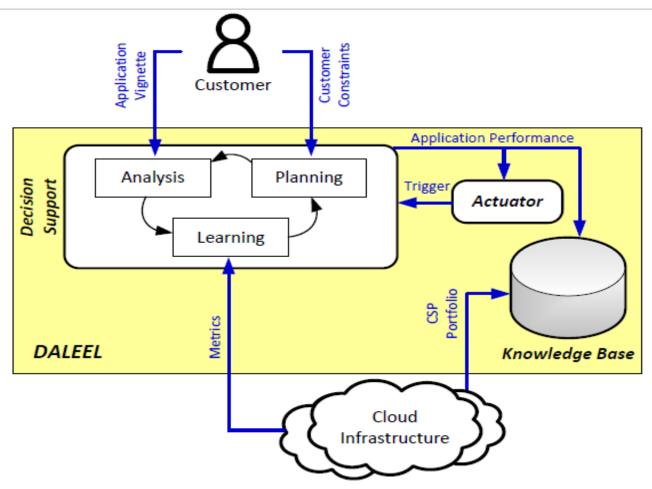


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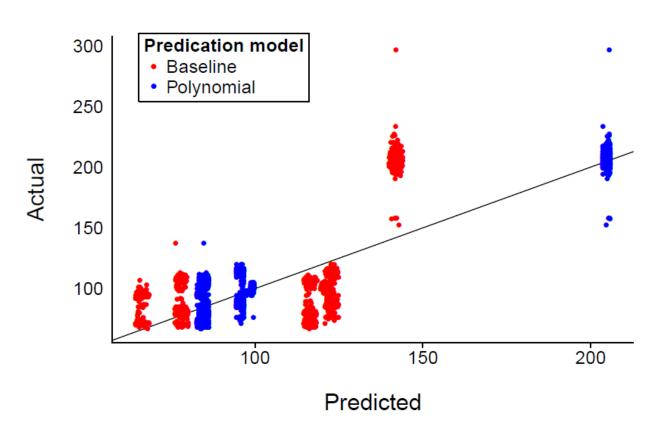
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Summary



 The ABC project will introduce more certainty into the selection of cloud services through the introduction of a smart and continuously adaptive cloud broker.



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