

# A NEW OPTIMIZATION METHOD FOR SECURITY-CONSTRAINED WORKFLOW SCHEDULING

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**Abstract - Broadly speaking, scheduling is a process of developing bunches of security policies and to control the certain available tasks which have to be taken care of using a computer system. Care should be exercised that a scheduler in a particular fields should be quite cautious in adapting scheduling strategy as the environment and the version of task change. In many cases, security is proven to be able to encourage relevance between two entities for a long time. This does imply that a secure scheduling algorithm, of course, can completely alleviate the failure probability during task execution in a security environment. Therefore, to move in a direction of a systematic approach, this paper, very natural, aims at introducing a brand new reliable algorithm using different quality of service (QoS) parameters to manage the scheduling large number of workflows. To do this, it combines two metaheuristic algorithms, CPSO and GA. It should be noted, however, that three different QoS such as execution cost, loadbalancing and security are employed as the most immediate performance measure to handle the scheduling process. Conclusion reached through this algorithm mention that its total execution cost will be minimized while meeting deadline and risk rate constraints. Verification of the proposed algorithm with other algorithms was taken into consideration. The accumulation of results through exercising this algorithm reveals that optimal solution to the problems is promised. Therefore, it is highly desirable to claim that obtained results from this effective approach are better than with the approach used with other algorithms such as CPSO and GA.**

**Keywords:** Cloud computing; Workflow scheduling; QoS; Meta heuristic; Security; Chaotic PSO.

## 1. Introduction

This also seems simple to state that Cloud computing attempts to share a huge set of virtual computer resources and computational equipment, storage, information and knowledge for scientific investigations on the internet. It refers to a large number of computational resources on demand through pay-per-use model [1]. Cloud computing gives users the permission to use applications via the internet without being installed [2]. It comprises a large amount of heterogeneous distributed resources to deliver large number of services in particular applications to its users with specific quality of service (QoS) requirements [3]. The main idea of Cloud computing is to satisfy various requirements in a large distributed systems in which cloud users access Quality of Service based on demands [4]. In cloud environment, load balancing becomes a more serious problem. In cloud computing environment, running multiple tasks in a workflow is required over the available set of resources at the same time. Load balancing would lead to a better result. Implementation and application of all the resources can be appropriate [5], therefore efficiency of the system would be followed [6].

In the cloud computing environment, Scheduling performs the most distinguished operations to reach the most benefit [7]. The maximum system throughput and high efficiency of computing is going to be full filled by task scheduling algorithm. It happens to handle accessibility of CPU memory and a good scheduling policy giving maximum use of resource [8]. Workflow scheduling is the problem of allocating each task is workflow scheduling to a suitable resource and letting the tasks to please some efficiency criterion [9]. Too often, a workflow involves a set of tasks, each might communicate with one another in the workflow [10]. Generally speaking, a workflow is determined by a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) in which each task is represented by a node, and each of the data or a dependency between tasks is allocated by a directed edge between the corresponding nodes [11].

As the size of data application is very big, security would be imperative for various scientific workflows and such data takes a long time on large-scale distributed infrastructures to be executed [12]. Thus, integrating trust can improve scheduling performance [13]. Having a trust-based mechanism in scheduling would increase failure ratio and reassign in cloud environments [14]. Security and efficiency isolation minimize rent cost and raise network guarantees for applications [15]. The security cloud similarity is the characterization of users, satisfaction by the virtual machine allocated by tasks [16]. In cloud computing, delivering services and resources on demand over a network requires a lot of technological subjects, consisting of automated provisioning, dynamic virtual server migration, or network security problems. It should be mentioned that, in a cloud environment, due to network latency, commercial agreements, or some security policy issues [17], all the resources may actually not be available to all customers.

In order to provide reader with the present work, some relevant works studied will be discussed: Li et al., propose trust based mechanism into the workflow scheduling algorithm that minimizes the completion of time and improves the execution success rate and user satisfaction [13]. Kumar et al., introduce a task scheduling algorithm and allocation of resources in cloud environment. Enhancing the reliability and minimizing the total cost, execution cost, total turn-around, total waiting time and total execution time needed to be focused on [17]. Liu et al., argued the variable neighborhood search particle swarm optimization (VNPSO) that helps the particles trapped in local minima which are not caught [18]. Wang et al., investigate Look Ahead Genetic Algorithm (LAGA) which employ the RD reputation to enhance the makes pan and reliability of a workflow scheduling application [19]. A Security and Cost Aware Scheduling (SCAS) algorithm is presented to minimize the total execution cost considering deadline and risk rate constraints by Li et al., in [12]. Li introduces a task scheduling algorithm based on CPSO (Chaotic PSO) that enhance the global convergence and obtains a global best solution by creating the sequence from chaotic systems and minimizes the cost of scheduling [20]. Wu presents a revised discrete particle swarm optimization (RDPSO) to increase the total execution cost and the total makes pan of the workflow application. This algorithm determines the velocity and position of particles pursuant to the characteristics of discrete variables [21]. Yang et al., in [22], propose a trust-based workflow scheduling algorithm (TBHSA) that minimizes the cost and employs a global search algorithm to reach the optimum scheduling solution.

Singh et al., present a budget constrained time minimization genetic algorithm in cloud computing environment that meets QoS constraints determined by the user. This algorithm decreases the failure rate that makes pan [23]. Marcon et al. consider an optimized and effective method in hybrid cloud environment to apply resources from private clouds as well as public clouds, that decrease tenant cost considering the workflow requirements [24]. Jianfang et al., in [16], investigate a workflow scheduling algorithm of the cloud computing environment to use discrete particle swarm optimization that improves security, completion time, cost and load balancing. Zeng et al. propose a Security-Aware and Budget-Aware workflow scheduling algorithm (SABA). This algorithm-minimizes the execution time within the user's security requirement and budget constraint in cloud computing environments where multidimensional computing resources are considered [25]. Wad et al., in [26], discuss mathematical model using load balancing mutation a particle swarm optimization (LBMPSO). It minimizes cost, round trip time, execution time, and transmission time and optimizes the reliability of cloud environment and well allocates tasks to resources. GhorbanniaDelavar et al., propose a hybrid meta-heuristic Genetic Algorithm (GMSW) to reach a suitable solution for assigning the tasks on resources [27]. For data intensive workflow applications in cloud computing Chen et al., [28] propose privacy and cost aware scheduling algorithm based on genetic algorithm which minimizes the computation cost, the cost of data transmission and the cost of data storage.

To prevent the dataset-datacenter mapping problem that minimizes the data transmission cost, Li et al., propose a novel strategy based on discrete binary PSO for scientific workflow scheduling in cloud environment [29]. A hybrid Particle Swarm Optimization for workflow scheduling in cloud computing is investigated by Sridhar. This algorithm picks out proper resources and handles load among resources and decreases the execution time [30]. An endocrine-based co-evolutionary multi-swarm for multi-objective optimization algorithm (ECMSMOO), for workflow scheduling in cloud computing system is proposed by Yao et al., [31]. It of course, optimizes objectives, such as cost, makes pan and energy consumption. A novel workflow scheduling algorithm based on PSO in cloud computing to achieve the scheduling solutions that reduce the makes pan considering the user's budget constraint is introduced by Wang et al., [32]. Verma and Kaushal in [33] enhance Bi-Objective Priority based Particle Swarm Optimization (BPSO) algorithm for scheduling workflow applications to cloud resources that need to decrease the execution cost considering the deadline constraint and the budget constraint. Jafarzadeh-Shirazi, propose a firefly task scheduling algorithm in cloud computing to reduce the communication cost and computation cost [34]. Wu et al., [35] devised a unified multi-constraint and multi-objective cloud workflow scheduling framework using Pareto optimality theory. This algorithm decreases energy consumption and improve reliability while meeting the deadline and budget constraints. Table 1 illustrates the objectives of these scheduling algorithms.

In this paper, a hybrid meta-heuristic scheduling algorithm for various scientific workflows is proposed by focusing on cost and load balance deviation. The present paper is formulated as follows: 1) regarding user satisfaction, choose appropriate virtual machine; 2) establishing a scheduling model on the cloud workflow of multi-dimensional QoS perception considering security and execution cost in the cloud workflow scheduling; 3) proposing an optimized scheduling algorithm of the cloud workflow based on CPSO algorithm.

The following is structured as follows. The system models and problem formulation is discussed in Section 2. The proposed algorithm implementation is determined in Section 3. Section 4 illustrates the experiment design and evaluation results. Finally, the conclusion and attending our future works is covered in Section 5.

Table 1. Comparison of workflow scheduling schemes

|      | Feature   | Environment       | Type of approach |
|------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| [12] | total execution cost, security and deadline   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [13] | completion time   | Cloud environment | heuristic        |
| [16] | security, completion time, cost and load balancing  | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [17] | Reliability, total cost, execution cost, total turn-around, total waiting time and total execution time | Cloud environment | heuristic        |
| [19] | makespan and reliability  | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [20] | cost  | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [21] | execution cost and makespan   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [22] | cost  | Cloud environment |                  |
| [23] | failure rate and makespan   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [24] | tanent cost   | Cloud environment | heuristic        |
| [25] | execution time, security and budget   | Cloud environment | heuristic        |
| [26] | decreases cost, round trip time, execution time, transmission time and reliability                      | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [28] | computation cost, data transmission cost and the cost of data storage                                   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [29] | data transmission cost  | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [30] | execution time  | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [31] | cost, makespan and energy consumption   | Cloud environment | heuristic        |
| [32] | makespan and budget   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [33] | execution cost, deadline and budget   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [34] | communication cost and computation cost   | Cloud environment | Meta-heuristic   |
| [35] | energy consumption, reliability, deadline and budget  | Cloud environment | heuristic        |

## 2. Problem Statement: Objectives, Assumptions and Constraints

Our problem goes on in scheduling the large number of data scientific workflows by constraints of risk rate for minimizing the execution cost and can also balance the load on resources. In this section, we are about to explain a scientific workflow model, the cloud data center and Security model, and problem formulation, which form the foundation of our method.

### 2.1 Workflow model

In terms of method, a workflow is modeled by a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG), presented by a tuple  $G(T, E)$ , where  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$  is the set of nodes that  $t_i \in T$  defines a task in the workflow where each task is atomic and  $E$  is the set of edges representing constraints of priority and the data dependencies between tasks.  $d_{i,j} = (t_i, t_j) \in E$ , specify that  $t_j$  can be executed only by finishing whole task  $t_i$  being parent node. In a workflow, entry task refers to the task with no parent, defined as  $T_{entry}$ , and exit task is the task with no child, represented as  $T_{exit}$ . The structure of four scientific workflow models is illustrated in Fig. 1.

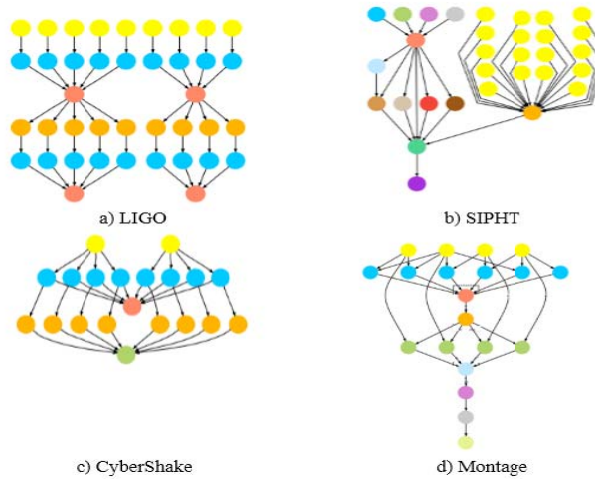


Fig. 1. The structure of four scientific workflows

## 2.2 Cloud data center solutions and Security models

Probably, suppose that cloud data center organizes a set of  $S$  kinds of virtual machines  $VM = \{VM_1, VM_2, \dots, VM_S\}$ . Each  $VM_s$  is defined by multiple features, containing the type of virtual machine shown as  $S$ , processing capacity denoted as  $p_s$  in a million floating point operations per second (MFLOPS) and cost per hour shown by  $c_s$ . The time unit of leasing refers to the hour and remainder time unit of usage rounded up to the next entire time unit. For example, the lease of a VM for 1 hour and 20 min will be rounded up to 2 hours, As a result, the cost of leasing is computed based on 2 hours [12].

The security and privacy problems is a big challenge in cloud computing due to its multi-tenancy essence and the outsourcing of infrastructure, sensitive data and important applications. There are three traditional attacks for cloud system: snooping, alteration and spoofing. In addition, we prepare three essential security services called confidentiality, integrity and authentication to protect the scientific cloud applications from these traditional threats.

Now, consider that each task might require all three kinds of security service with certain security levels that users determinate. For instance,  $sr_i$  is the set of security requirements of task  $t_i$ , which can be specified as a 3-tuple  $sr_i = \{sr_i^a, sr_i^c, sr_i^g\}$ , where a, g and c demonstrate the authentication, integrity and confidentiality service and  $sl_i = \{sl_i^a, sl_i^c, sl_i^g\}$  is the set of security level services provided for task  $t_i$ . The security overhead function of the integrity service, confidentiality and authentication service, is formulated by Eq. (1) and Eq. (2).

$$SC^l(t_i) = \beta^l \cdot sl_i^l \cdot d_i^l \quad l \in \{g, c\} \quad (1)$$

$$SC^l(t_i) = \beta^l \cdot sl_i^l, \quad l \in \{a\} \quad (2)$$

where  $d_i^l$  is the data of task  $t_i$  and  $\beta^a = 3$ ,  $\beta^g = 4$ ,  $\beta^c = 1$ . Then, the total security overhead  $SC(t_i)$  experienced by task  $t_i$  can be computed from Eq. (3).

$$SC(t_i) = \sum_{l \in \{a, g, c\}} SC^l(t_i) \quad (3)$$

In the cloud data center, each VM can provide all the security services, and users are allowed to choose various VM types with different security levels considering their QoS requirements. Tables 2-4, show encryption algorithms, hash functions and authentication techniques, respectively.

## 2.3 Problem formulation

We tend to focus on choosing a proper schedule to perform a scientific workflow on cloud resources such that the total execution cost is minimized considering the constraints of deadline and risk rate. We create a schedule  $schedule = \{TaskInfo, Total_{exeCost}, Total_{exeTime}\}$  that includes of a set of information for all tasks (e.g. security level of tasks, VM mapping of tasks, workload of tasks, and etc.), the total execution cost and the total execution.

Table 1. Cryptographic Algorithms for Confidentiality

| Cryptographic Algorithms | Security Level | $\mu$  |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Seal                     | 0.08           | 168.75 |
| RC4                      | 0.14           | 96.43  |
| Blowfish                 | 0.36           | 37.5   |
| Knufu                    | 0.4            | 33.75  |
| RC5                      | 0.46           | 29.35  |
| Rijndael                 | 0.64           | 21.9   |
| DES                      | 0.9            | 15     |
| IDEA                     | 1              | 13.5   |

Table 2. Hash Functions for Integrity

| Hash Functions | Security Level | $\mu$ |
|----------------|----------------|-------|
| MD4            | 0.18           | 23.9  |
| MD5            | 0.26           | 17.09 |
| RIPEMD         | 0.36           | 12    |
| RIPEMD-128     | 0.45           | 9.73  |
| SHA-1          | 0.63           | 6.88  |
| RIPEMD-160     | 0.77           | 5.69  |
| Tiger          | 1              | 4.36  |

Table 3. Authentication Methods

| Authentication methods | Security Level | $\mu$ |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|
| HMAC-MD5               | 0.55           | 90    |
| HMAC-SHA-1             | 0.91           | 148   |
| CBC-MAC-AES            | 1              | 163   |

At first, total execution cost, TEC and total execution time, TET are computed by Eq. (4) and Eq. (5).

$$TEC = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_s \cdot [LET(t_i, vm_s) - LST(t_i, vm_s)] \quad (4)$$

$$TET = \max\{ExecutionTime(t_i) | t_i \in T\}, \text{ subject to } TET < T_{deadline} \quad (5)$$

where  $c_s$  is the leasing cost task  $t_i$  on  $vm_s$ .  $LET$  and  $LST$  are lease end time and lease start time that computed by Eq. (6) and Eq. (7), respectively.

$$LET(t_i, vm_s) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } vm_s(t_i) = vm_s(t_{i-1}) \\ ProcessingTime(t_i, vm_s) + LST(t_i), & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$LST(t_i, vm_s) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } vm_s(t_i) = vm_s(t_{i-1}) \\ StartTime(t_i), & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

We suppose that task  $t_i$  need to be executed prior to task  $t_{i-1}$ . First, users who intend to access input data to prevent from spoofing attack and services are going to be authenticated. Next, the output data of task  $t_{i-1}$  is transferred to task  $t_i$ , and the corresponding transfer time can be calculated by Eq. (8).

$$TransferTime(t_i) = I_i/B \quad (8)$$

where  $I_i$  is the input data of task  $t_i$  which is transferred from  $t_{i-1}$ . Keep in mind that the time of transfer between two tasks, executed on the same VM, is zero similar to the lease end time and lease start time according to the above formulas. Now, consider that all types of VM have the same communication bandwidth  $B$ . The task  $t_i$  will be executed using the input data, and the execution time  $ExecutionTime(t_i, vm_s)$ , of task  $t_i$  on  $vm_s$  will be represented as follows:

$$ExecutionTime(t_i, vm_s) = W_i/p_s \quad (9)$$

Here,  $W_i$  is the workload of task  $t_i$  and  $p_s$  is the computing capacity of  $vm_s$ . The processing time, the end time and the start time are calculated by Eqs. (10)-(12) as well as.

$$\begin{aligned} ProcessingTime(t_i, vm_s) \\ = TransferTime(t_i) + EexecutionTime(t_i) + SC(t_i) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$EndTime(t_i) = ProcessingTime(t_i, vm_s) + StartTime(t_i) \quad (11)$$

$$StartTime(t_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t_i \text{ has no parents} \\ \max \{EndTime(t_j) | t_j \in pre(t_i)\}, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

All the tasks that are going to be send to cloud environment will be managed using Load balancing. Tasks are assigned onto load balancing deviation used to react to fair utilization efficiency obtained by its own abilities of virtual machine resources, whose value can be obtained by Eq. (13).

$$\sigma_{LoadBalancing} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m (LB_j - \overline{LB_j})^2}{m - 1}} \quad (13)$$

where  $\overline{LB_j}$  is the average of the load balancing factor  $LB_j$ . Finally, the fitness function is shown below.

$$Fitness = \alpha \cdot minimize(TEC) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot minimize(\sigma_{LoadBalancing}) \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the balance factor in a range of [0,1] which identifies the user preference for cost and load balancing.

### 3. The proposed optimization algorithm

The proposed algorithm help us for a speed to reach the optimization with respected to the execution cost and load balancing considering deadline and meet risk rate constraints in cloud computing. This algorithm possess of two algorithms, CPSO and Genetic algorithm. Later, we describe the PSO, CPSO and Genetic algorithm, briefly.

#### 3.1 Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm

Kennedy and Eberhart[36] in 1995 introduced Particle swarm optimization (PSO) which refers to a population-based optimization technique PSO patterns the social behavior of birds and fish [37]. In PSO, each particle in the population is splitting into two vectors, a velocity vector and a position vector. Within each iteration, velocity and position are updated by learning from the particle's own experience best position, and yet the best position is discovered by the whole swarm [38].Position and velocity are updated by Eq. (15) and Eq. (16).

$$v_i(t) = wv_i(t - 1) + c_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot (x_{pbest,i} - x_i(t - 1)) + c_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot (x_{gbest} - x_i(t - 1)) \quad (15)$$

$$x_i(t) = v_i(t) + x_i(t - 1) \quad (16)$$

In Eq. (14),  $w$  is a parameter of PSO called the inertia weight,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are acceleration coefficients, and  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are random numbers with uniform distribution in (0, 1),  $pbest_i$  is the experienced best position of the  $i - th$  particle and  $gbest$  is the best position of the whole swarm so far.

#### 3.2 Chaotic Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm

An important pint to me mentioned here is that the parameters of PSO has high impact on optimum solution efficiently. Chaotic sequence is combined with random sequence in PSO [39] to reach the high- performance and not being trapped in local minima. The process of the chaotic local search is defined as follows:

$$cx_i^{iteration} = 4cx_i^{iteration-1}(1 - cx_i^{iteration-1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (17)$$

Where  $cx_i$  is the  $i$ th chaotic variable, and to convert the chaotic variables to decision variables  $x_i^{iteration}$  using the following equation.

$$x_i^{iteration} = x_{min,i} + cx_i^{iteration}(x_{max,i} - x_{min,i}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad ($$

And the adaptive inertia weight factor depends on the optimization value of fitness calculation and is evaluated by Eq. (18).

$$w = \begin{cases} w_{min} + \frac{(w_{max} - w_{min})(Fitness - Fitness_{min})}{Fitness_{avg} - Fitness_{min}}, & \text{if } Fitness \leq Fitness_{avg} \\ w_{max}, & \text{if } Fitness > Fitness_{avg} \end{cases}$$

### 3.3 Genetic Algorithm

Individuals in the current population are manipulated by Genetic algorithm and produces new individuals. Crossover and mutation are of two operators for the scheduling problems in a GA [40]. Combining individual and couple therapy is important. Crossover combines two chromosomes and produces next generation chromosomes. Mutation will produce the small variations at each chromosome [41].

### 3.4 The proposed optimization algorithm

In this paper, we aim to select the proper solution in a way that that optimizes the scheduling performance and minimize total execution cost and balances the load on resources while satisfying constraints within deadline and risk rate. The best feasible security is specified to make the level of user satisfaction rich. In PSO, each single solution is encoded as a particle. In workflow scheduling, each single schedule appears in a particle form and contains the tasks of application and the related candidate resources. Firstly, the tasks of the workflow are splitted for execution; secondly, the tasks should be mapped on feasible VMs from a set of available VMs. For instance, the types of available VMs that are used in this paper are shown in Fig. 2. Following this section, task scheduler and the algorithm stages are described.

*VMs Properties*

|           | <i>CPU</i> | <i>Processing capacity</i> | <i>Memory (GiB)</i> | <i>Cost per hour (\$)</i> |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| $VM_1$    | 2          | 8800                       | 3.75                | 0.105                     |
| $VM_2$    | 4          | 17600                      | 7.5                 | 0.210                     |
| $VM_3$    | 8          | 35200                      | 15                  | 0.420                     |
| $VM_4$    | 16         | 70400                      | 30                  | 0.840                     |
| $VM_5$    | 32         | 140800                     | 60                  | 0.680                     |
| $VM_6$    | 2          | 8800                       | 15                  | 0.175                     |
| $VM_7$    | 4          | 17600                      | 30.5                | 0.350                     |
| $VM_8$    | 8          | 35200                      | 61                  | 0.700                     |
| $VM_9$    | 16         | 70400                      | 122                 | 0.400                     |
| $VM_{10}$ | 32         | 140800                     | 244                 | 0.800                     |
| $VM_{11}$ | 4          | 17600                      | 30.5                | 0.69                      |
| $VM_{12}$ | 8          | 35200                      | 61                  | 1.38                      |
| $VM_{13}$ | 16         | 70400                      | 122                 | 2.76                      |
| $VM_{14}$ | 32         | 140800                     | 244                 | 5.52                      |

Fig. 1. Virtual machine properties

#### 3.4.1 Task scheduler system

In simple terms, provisioning a schedule is done on the basis of particle's position, that concerned with the available association between tasks and VMs and security certain degree of each single task. In this algorithm, each task is assigned to a VM from a virtual machine list of available resources. The pseudo-code to convert a particle's position into a schedule is illustrated in Fig. 2. Initially, we set the scheduling parameter. Then, we begin decoding the particle's position and constructing the scheduling. To meet this, we decide which task and which VM type and security levels are associated to the current particle and its value. The value at the beginning of the performing task is calculated. As the VM is leased, based an hourly based pricing model, it may leave as much as idle time as possible. Finding a solution to this problem and minimizing execution cost, if the task  $t_{i-1}$  is the predecessor of task  $t_i$ , and processing time of task  $t_{i-1}$  has remindertime unit. Thus, the VM will be idle which can be reused by task  $t_i$ . The value of the end time of the task is computed in terms of the total processing time and the start time of the task by Eq. (11). Then, we evaluate the lease start time and lease end time of the task. And finally, we calculate the total execution cost and total execution time by Eqs. (4) and (5). After this, the algorithm can create and return the schedule associated to the given particle's position.

**Task Scheduler**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Begin</b>  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initialize scheduling parameters;</li> <li>2. <b>For</b> each available task <math>t_i</math> in <math>T</math></li> <li>3.     Compute <math>StatTime(t_i)</math> by Eq. (12); // Suppose the start time of workflow is zero</li> <li>4.     Compute <math>ProcessingTime(t_i)</math> by Eq. (10);</li> <li>5.     Compute <math>EndTime(t_i)</math> by Eq. (11);</li> <li>6.     Compute <math>LET(t_i)</math> by Eq. (6);</li> <li>7.     Compute <math>LST(t_i)</math> by Eq. (7);</li> <li>8. <b>End for</b></li> <li>9.     Calculate <math>TEC(t_i)</math> by Eq. (7);</li> <li>10.    Calculate <math>TET(t_i)</math> by Eq. (7);</li> <li>11.    Calculate Load Balancing deviation by Eq. (13).</li> <li>12.    Return Schedule;</li> </ol> |
| <b>End</b>  |

Fig. 2. The pseudo code of workflow scheduling generation

**3.4.2 The PSO-GA algorithm**

At first, the initial position and velocity of population is made randomly. In each iteration, the position and velocity of all particles are updated and the chaotic sequence to the position of all particles are applied, and their fitness is computed. The number of particles,  $nPop$ , specifies the number of computations required to update the position and velocity of particles. The fitness function complexity is based on the schedule generation algorithm and depends on the number of tasks. Then,  $pbest$  and  $gbest$  are calculated. In the next step, genetic algorithm operators, crossover and mutation, are applied. In crossover, a two-point crossover is selected. Two parents and their two genes are used for crossover and then randomly selected. Then, two other solutions, by a change in resource sections of the selected genes, are created. Particles are sorted, based on the value of fitness function and extra particles up to  $nPop$  deleted, and global best position is seen. You need to repeat these steps till the maximum number of iterations is created. Generally, Fig. 4 illustrates the pseudo code of this algorithm.

|                         |        |           |           |     |        |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|--------|
| <i>Before crossover</i> |        |           |           |     |        |
| $T_1$                   | $T_2$  | $T_3$     | $T_4$     | ... | $T_n$  |
| $VM_2$                  | $VM_5$ | $VM_{37}$ | $VM_{41}$ | ... | $VM_5$ |
|                         |        |           |           |     |        |
| $T_1$                   | $T_2$  | $T_3$     | $T_4$     | ... | $T_n$  |
| $VM_8$                  | $VM_9$ | $VM_{66}$ | $VM_{85}$ | ... | $VM_3$ |
| <i>After crossover</i>  |        |           |           |     |        |
| $T_1$                   | $T_2$  | $T_3$     | $T_4$     | ... | $T_n$  |
| $VM_2$                  | $VM_9$ | $VM_{66}$ | $VM_{41}$ | ... | $VM_5$ |
|                         |        |           |           |     |        |
| $T_1$                   | $T_2$  | $T_3$     | $T_4$     | ... | $T_n$  |
| $VM_8$                  | $VM_5$ | $VM_{37}$ | $VM_{85}$ | ... | $VM_3$ |

Fig. 3. Crossover operation method in proposed algorithm



**Pseudo code of proposed algorithm using CPSO and Genetic Algorithm**

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| <pre> <b>Begin</b> 1.  Set the number of particles to nPop; 2.  Set the maximum number of iteration maxIt = 100; 3.  Set the personal best and global best pbest = 0; gbest = 0; 4.  Set the parameters of CPSO w, c<sub>1</sub> and c<sub>2</sub>; 5.  Set the parameters of Genetic Algorithm crossover_Rate and mutation_Rate; 6.  Initialize the population of particles with random positions and velocities; 7.  <b>For</b> each particle i=1 to nPop 8.      Randomly initialize <math>\vec{x}_i</math> and <math>\vec{v}_i</math>; 9.      <math>\vec{x}_{pbest,i} = \vec{x}_i</math>; 10.     <b>End if</b> 11.  <b>End For</b> 12.  j = 0; // number of iteration 13.  <b>while</b> the maximum number of iterations has not been reached // j &lt; maxIt 14.  <b>For</b> each particle i=1 to nPop 15.      Evaluate each particle's fitness function by Eq. (14); 16.      Update the position and velocity of the particle by Eqs. (15) and (16); 17.      Apply the chaotic sequence to position of the particle by Eq. (17); 18.      Keep particle within the search space based on its boundaries; 19.      <b>if</b> Fitness<sub>ij</sub> &lt; pbest<sub>ij</sub> <b>then</b> 20.          <math>\vec{x}_{pbest,i} = \vec{x}_{ij}</math>; 21.          pbest<sub>ij</sub> = Fitness<sub>ij</sub>; 22.      <b>End if</b> 23.      <b>if</b> Fitness<sub>ij</sub> &lt; gbest <b>then</b> 24.          <math>\vec{x}_{gbest} = \vec{x}_{ij}</math>; 25.          gbest = Fitness<sub>ij</sub>; 26.      <b>End if</b> 27.  <b>End for</b> 28.  <b>For</b> each i=1 to nCrossover // (nCrossover = Round((pCrossover * nPop)/2) * 2) 29.      Apply Crossover operator; 30.  <b>End for</b> 31.  <b>For</b> each i=1 to nMutation // (nMutation = pMutation * nPop) 32.      Apply Mutation operator; 33.  <b>End for</b> 34.  Sort population with the value of fitness function; 35.  Delete extra particles up to nPop; 36.  <b>if</b> pbest<sub>0</sub> &lt; gbest <b>then</b> 37.      gbest = pbest<sub>0</sub> 38.  <b>End if</b> 39.  Increment the number of iteration j 40.  <b>End while</b> <b>End</b> </pre> |
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Fig. 4. The pseudo code of proposed algorithm

After this step, the algorithm will be able to establish and return the schedule associated to the given particle's position. Finally, Algorithms 1 and 2 are combined to produce a near optimal scheduling. In step 15 of Algorithm 2, instead of calculating the fitness value of the particle, we provide the scheduling as outlined in Algorithm 1.

## 4. Performance evaluation

### 4.1 Environment

We apply our proposed algorithm in visual studio C#.net on a Windows 8 desktop PC equipped with Intel Core i7 CPU. In the experiments, the performance of the proposed algorithm is evaluated using a CPSO proposed by Li et al. in [20] and genetic algorithm. Four scientific workflows, namely LIGO, SIPHT, CyberShake and montages are employed to run this algorithm. The laser interferometer gravitational wave observatory (LIGO) found as a project to reveal gravitational waves through the network of gravitational-wave detectors [42]. The sRNA identification protocol using high-throughput technology (SIPHT) program uses a workflow to automate the search for sRNA encoding-genes [43]. The CyberShake workflow is used to characterize earthquake hazards in a region[43]. Montage consists of an image application that creates mosaics of the sky in astronomy research [42].

The experiments are implemented with 14 VMs and 100 tasks. In addition, suppose that the workload of each task is in the range [5000, 50000] MFLOPS and the output size is in the range [10, 100] GB only for the experiments purposes, and the bandwidth among VMs is constant, 0.1 GB/s. Also, suppose there are many alternative security methods or algorithms provided for users to figure out the authentication service, integrity service and confidentiality service, as illustrated in Tables 2-4. The parameters used are those listed in Table 4. We have set other parameters considering [12] and [44]. The accomplished experiments evaluate the workflow scheduling cost with the deadline, risk rate constraints, and load balance deviation. To examine the execution cost of the proposed algorithm under the different numbers of iterations, particles and tasks, in this section, we scale the task sizes from 25 to 100 while the iterations are from 100 to 300 and particle sizes are 40. The results of comparisons between different algorithms to improve execution cost are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The results demonstrate that CPSO-GA minimizes total execution cost. Also, consider load balancing and achieve security.

According to our findings, each single task will be assigned to suitable VM type, which can meet the deadline and risk rate constraints. In this algorithm, security levels of all tasks are equal to 1. Thus, the risk rate of each workflow is always 0. If all tasks are without security services, the risk rate of each workflow is always 1. The aim of the proposed algorithm is to decrease the total workflow execution cost while meeting the deadline and risk rate constraints and load balance deviation. This section presents the comparative evaluation CPSO-GA with two algorithms, CPSO, GA and demonstrates and evaluates the execution cost and load balancing.

Table 4. Simulation Parameters

| Parameter                         | Value      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Number of tasks in application    | 25~100     |
| Number of VMs                     | 14         |
| Number of population              | 40         |
| Number of iteration               | 100~300    |
| The bandwidth among resources     | 0.1        |
| The workload of each task(MFLOPS) | 5000~50000 |
| The output size of each task (GB) | 10~100     |

### 4.2 The fitness evaluation

Of course, the results of proposed algorithm and other algorithms are involved in this section. The distinction between them is almost straightforward. We utilize 100 tasks as the number of iterations are 100 and 300. The comparative evaluation of three algorithms on various workflow for iteration 100 and 300 is demonstrated in Table 4 and 5. Also, the fitness between the three algorithms for large size of workflows, Montage, LIGO, SIPHT and CyberShake are compared in figure 6 and 7. The obtained results show that fitness value of proposed algorithm is lower than CPSO and GA. Therefore, CPSO-GA is announced to be better than other algorithms.

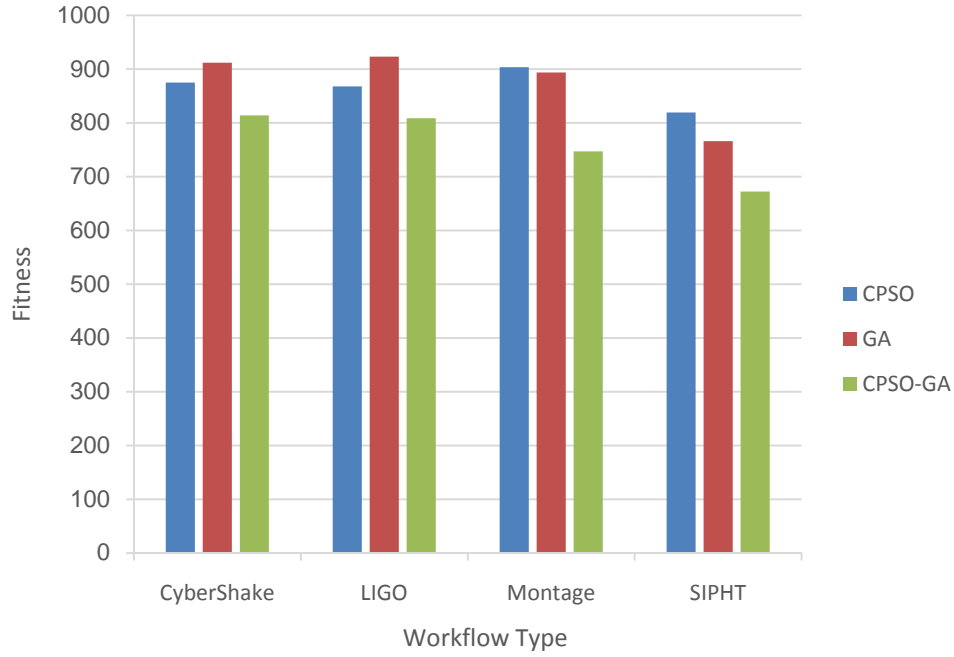


Fig. 6. The result of three algorithms for iteration 100 on various workflows

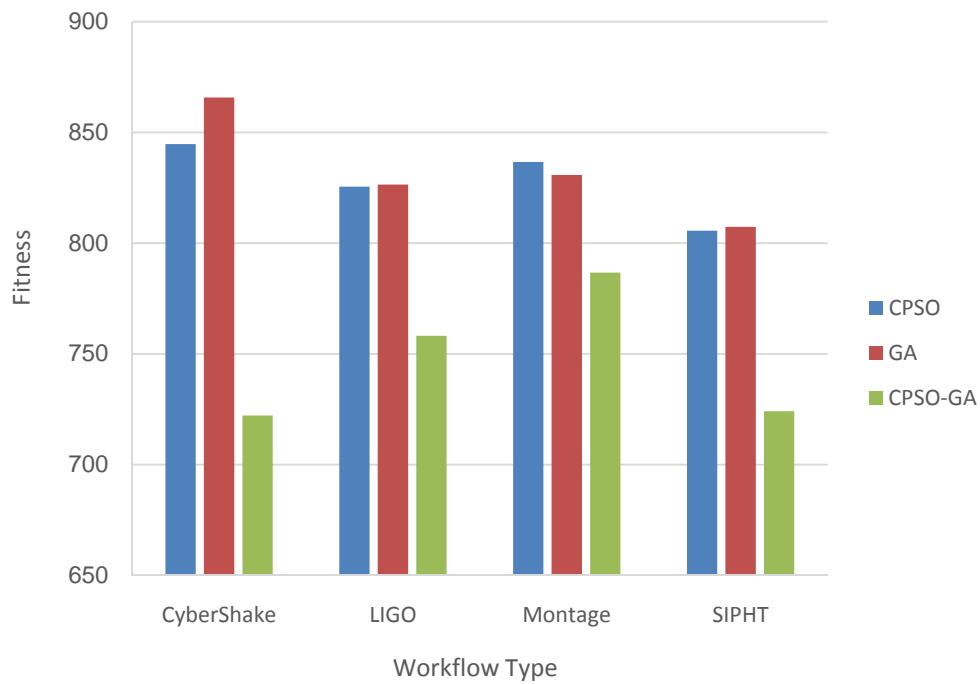


Fig. 7. The result of three algorithms for iteration 300 on various workflows

Table 4. Comparison of fitness on various workflow for iteration 100

| Iteration            |         | 1       | 20      | 40     | 60     | 80     | 100    |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| workflow & algorithm |         |         |         |        |        |        |        |
| Cyber Shake          | CPSO    | 942.12  | 930.17  | 916.61 | 874.87 | 874.87 | 874.87 |
|                      | GA      | 1013.21 | 911.96  | 911.96 | 911.96 | 911.96 | 911.96 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 904.81  | 894.18  | 839.58 | 839.58 | 814.02 | 814.02 |
| LIGO                 | CPSO    | 939.72  | 925.70  | 923.36 | 867.79 | 867.79 | 867.79 |
|                      | GA      | 1160.11 | 1017.79 | 923.18 | 923.18 | 923.18 | 923.18 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 1043.87 | 929.41  | 905.30 | 905.30 | 808.60 | 808.60 |
| Montage              | CPSO    | 953.31  | 913.14  | 913.14 | 913.14 | 913.14 | 903.54 |
|                      | GA      | 990.09  | 934.05  | 934.05 | 917.72 | 893.64 | 893.64 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 1015.81 | 829.72  | 829.72 | 747.06 | 747.06 | 747.06 |
| SIPHT                | CPSO    | 996.53  | 848.48  | 848.48 | 819.23 | 819.23 | 819.23 |
|                      | GA      | 999.03  | 922.50  | 893.50 | 765.94 | 765.94 | 765.94 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 923.75  | 858.12  | 858.12 | 672.34 | 672.34 | 672.34 |

Table 5. Comparison of fitness on various workflow for iteration 300

| Iteration            |         | 1       | 50     | 100    | 150    | 200    | 250    | 300    |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| workflow & algorithm |         |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Cyber Shake          | CPSO    | 1074.60 | 933.83 | 933.83 | 923.00 | 923.00 | 844.74 | 844.74 |
|                      | GA      | 1159.47 | 865.78 | 865.78 | 865.78 | 865.78 | 865.78 | 865.78 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 944.07  | 722.18 | 722.18 | 722.18 | 722.18 | 722.18 | 722.18 |
| LIGO                 | CPSO    | 1005.80 | 925.70 | 923.36 | 867.79 | 867.79 | 867.79 | 867.79 |
|                      | GA      | 1160.11 | 951.88 | 825.50 | 825.50 | 825.50 | 825.50 | 825.50 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 1092.56 | 826.48 | 826.48 | 826.48 | 826.48 | 826.48 | 826.48 |
| Montage              | CPSO    | 1119.73 | 941.20 | 855.24 | 845.95 | 845.79 | 845.79 | 836.62 |
|                      | GA      | 1016.53 | 863.79 | 863.79 | 863.79 | 830.76 | 830.76 | 830.76 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 995.44  | 995.44 | 818.74 | 786.70 | 786.70 | 786.70 | 786.70 |
| SIPHT                | CPSO    | 926.63  | 805.66 | 805.66 | 805.66 | 805.66 | 805.66 | 805.66 |
|                      | GA      | 906.44  | 834.61 | 834.61 | 834.61 | 834.61 | 818.86 | 807.36 |
|                      | CPSO-GA | 973.66  | 770.39 | 770.39 | 724.16 | 724.16 | 724.16 | 724.16 |

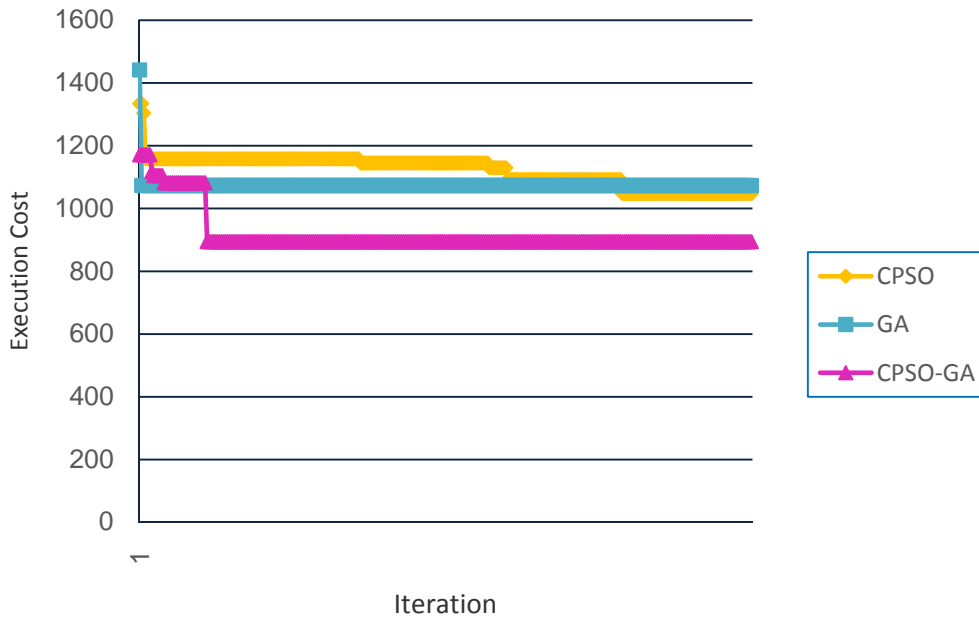
### 4.3 The execution cost evaluation

Due to the importance of this paper, it will be mentioned that the proposed algorithm attempts to minimize the total workflow execution cost as meeting the deadline and risk rate constraints.

Fig. 8 shows the comparison of cost for CPSO, GA and our proposed algorithms when the number of iterations are 300 on different workflows

Under the same parameter setting, the LIGO workflow has the most cost, the Montage workflow has a moderate level of cost and SIPHT and Cyber Shake workflow show the lowest execution cost. Therefore, our proposed approach can decrease the total execution cost more than CPSO and GA algorithms.

### CyberShake Workflow



### LIGO Workflow

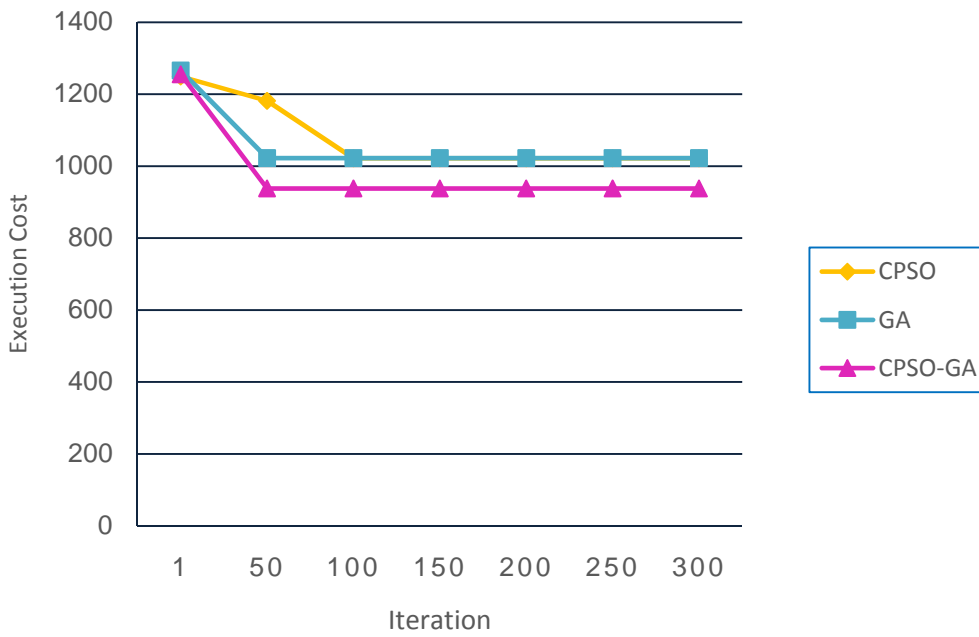




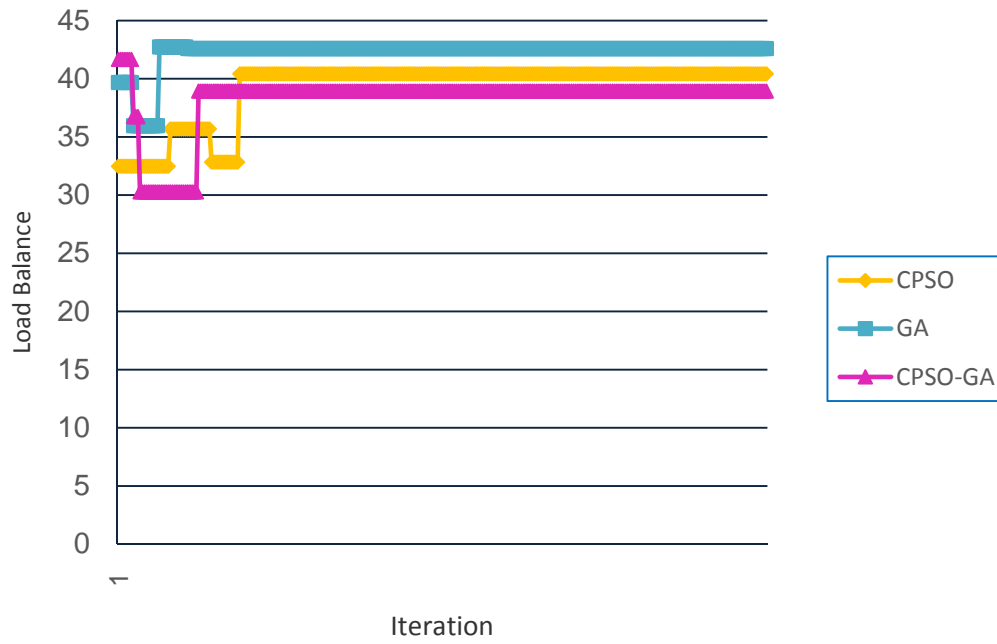
Fig. 8. Comparison of execution cost for iteration 300 on various workflows

#### 4.4 The load balancing evaluation

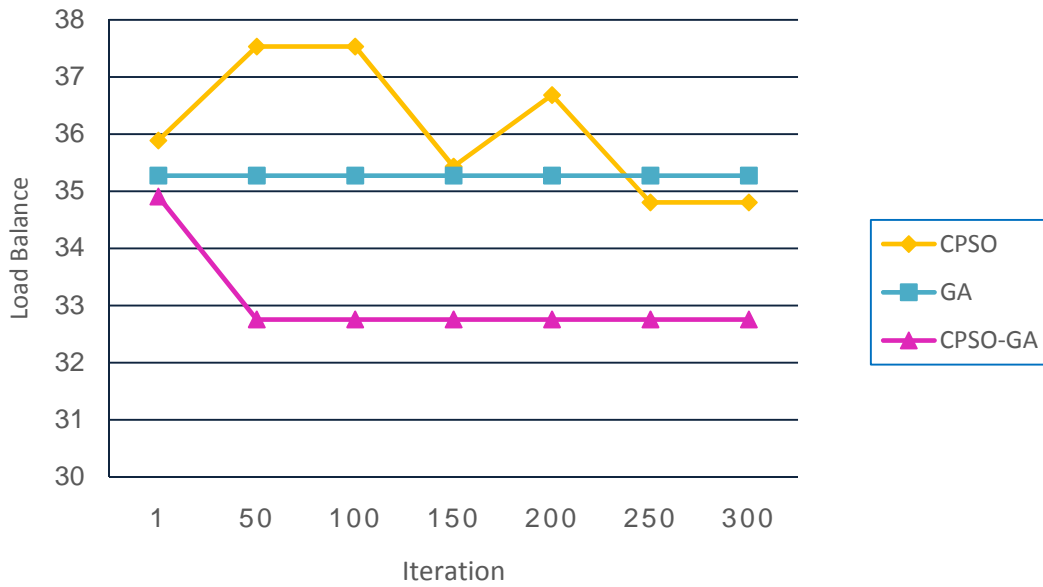
As discussed before, load balance deviation is a performance metric that will be considered here. The load balancing mechanism and developing suitable task mappings are two vital issues that need to be handled to propel.

The comparison of load balance deviation for three algorithms, CPSO, GA is shown in Fig. 9 and the proposed algorithm when the number of iterations are 300 on different workflows. Under the same parameter setting, the Cyber-Shake workflow has the lowest value, the Montage workflow has a moderate level of load balance value and SIPHT and LIGO workflow show the most value for load balance.

### LIGO Workflow



### CyberShake Workflow



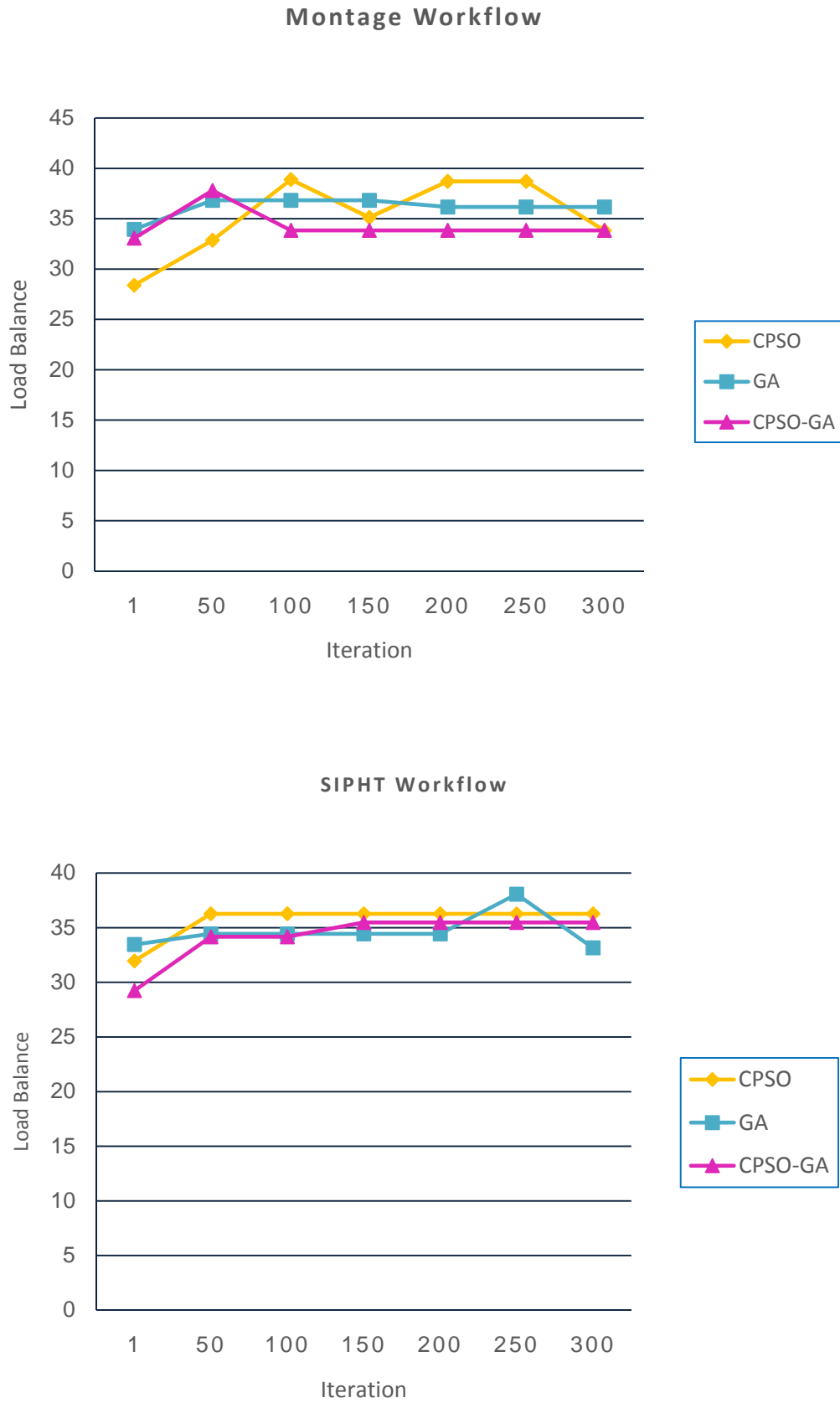


Fig. 9. Comparison of load balance deviation for iteration 300 on various workflows



## 5. Conclusion

For a research to display dependable results, it must possess certain attributes. In this paper the desired attribute referred to a hybrid meta-heuristic scheduling algorithm. Optimizing the performance of the schedule, minimizing execution cost and load balance deviation can be dealt with using proposed algorithm. Following the procedure on this algorithm, setting certain solutions for all user support QoS constraints has been possible. In order to consolidate the validity and the security of the process, CPSO and GA algorithms are utilized. The proposed algorithm is evaluated in the case of large scientific workflows. By obtaining results through such instruments many important discoveries have been made. To investigate the validity, truthfulness, or fallacy of the proposed procedure, the comparison of this algorithm was established with CPSO and GA algorithms under the same QoS constraint and pricing model. This does imply that CPSO has tendency to result in a much faster convergence speed than PSO for different dimensions of the input data in the search space. Considering the above-mentioned obtaining experimental results, it can be concluded that the performance of the proposed algorithm is much better than CPSO and GA algorithms. For other existing work, we can be interested in schedules that minimize the overall budget. That is, both makespan and reliability can be minimized as well. In order to provide the reader with the trend in the acquisition of the method, appealing to more efficient procedures of optimization to solve the task-resource scheduling problem is going to be useful.

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