Energy Efficient Scheduling for Data Centers

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- Data centers large power consumers
 - Find a scheduling policy that minimizes the energy consumption in a nontrivial way.
 - Cost function:
 - Running cost, switching cost and queueing cost

$$C(n,T) = c_R \int_0^T S(t)dt + c_Q \int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i(t)dt + c_S \int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(1 - I_i(t))dt.$$

• Every stable policy has a lower limit

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{C(n, T)}{nT} \ge c_R \lambda$$

DSO policy achieves the lower limit

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{C_{\text{DSO}}(n, T)}{nT} = c_R \lambda$$

- Dynamic Switch-Off (DSO) policy:
 - Join a server that finished processing most recently
 - If the server is idle for δ time it gets switched "OFF"

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