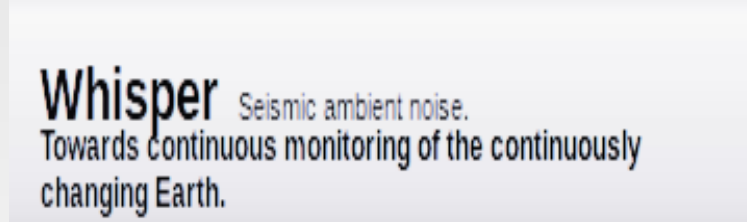


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Use Case of Data-Intensive processing with iRODS Collaboration between:

IT part of **Whisper**:

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changing Earth.

- ➡ Software development, computation
(Xavier Briand)

Platform **Ciment**:



- ➡ IT infrastructure of the University of Grenoble
- ➡ High Performance Computing HPC
- ➡ Data-Grid: grid manager **CiGRI** and **iRODS** storage
(Bruno Bzeznik)

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Whisper: a European seismological project

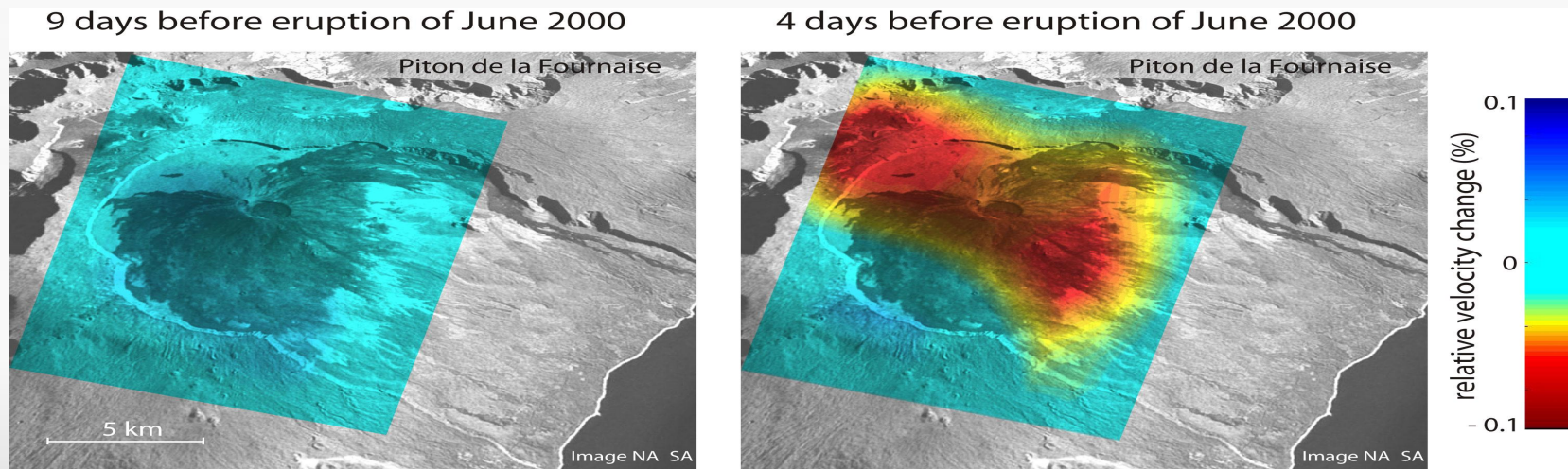


Main Goal:

- ➡ Detect slight changes of properties in the solid Earth
- ➡ Kind of "Datamining" of seismograms

A Motivation:

- ➡ Variation of wave speed before eruption (La Reunion 2000)



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Main constraint for Whisper: Massive data processing

Data provenance:

- ➡ Noise Continuously recorded by seismic stations worldwilde.

Europe: Alpes

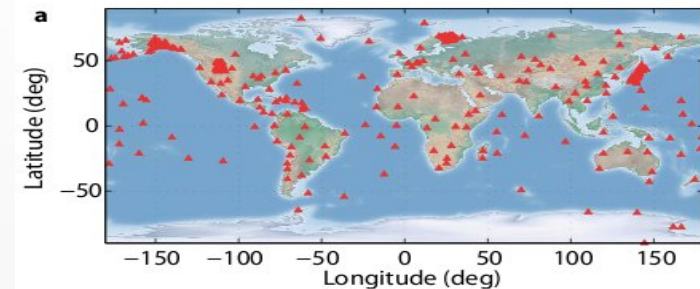
China: LMS

USA: USArray (mobile Network)

Japan Networks (NIED)

...

- ➡ The computations produce even more data ...



How much data are we talking about?

Japanese Network: 20 TB per year

Typical processing: 8 TB in 5 days

Another: 'read' 3 TB and 'write' 1 TB in 6 hours

Many processings have to be tested ...

200 TB managed at the same time

Main operations: Raw data processing and computation of the correlations

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Other constraints for Whisper:

Time:

Organize a scientific workflow

Duration PHD and Posdoc

Available IT Infrastructure

Ease of access for researchers

⇒ Implementing a generic model, technical support

Specific tools:

Organize distributed data

Access to computational resources

⇒ Need a Data Grid environment:



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Plan

1- Presentation of the IT infrastructure Ciment:

Grid computing with CiGri and iRDOS

2- Presentation of the Whisper Code:

Software for data intensive processing

3- Results and feedback:

Whisper Use Case

iRODS experience in the context of Ciment

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IT infrastructure of the Ciment platform



Platform: HPC centre of the University of Grenoble
Partial pooling of computing resources
⇒ 10 computing clusters, 6600 cores + GPUS

Local data grid environment: Resources in a local grid of supercomputers

Distributed storage storage 700 TB

⇒ Centralized controller with total observation: monitor computation

Grid manager CiGri (OAR project)

⇒ Short parametric jobs

⇒ Best effort mode

⇒ Improves resource usage

Whisper case: most perfectly (aka embarrassingly) parrallel but data intensive processing

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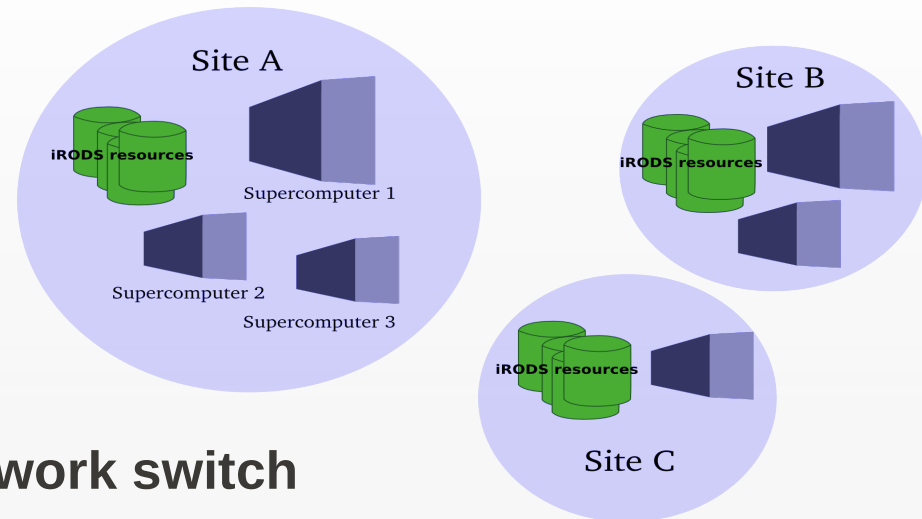
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iRODS infrastructure

iRODS

3 sites close to supercomputers:

An unique zone with the iCat server
Dozen of Irods nodes
Heterogenous WAN connexions
Each site has its own 10Gbe local network switch



Site specification:

Each site has its own iRODS resource group
Store results of computation randomly at the **same site**
⇒ Use of LAN and not WAN

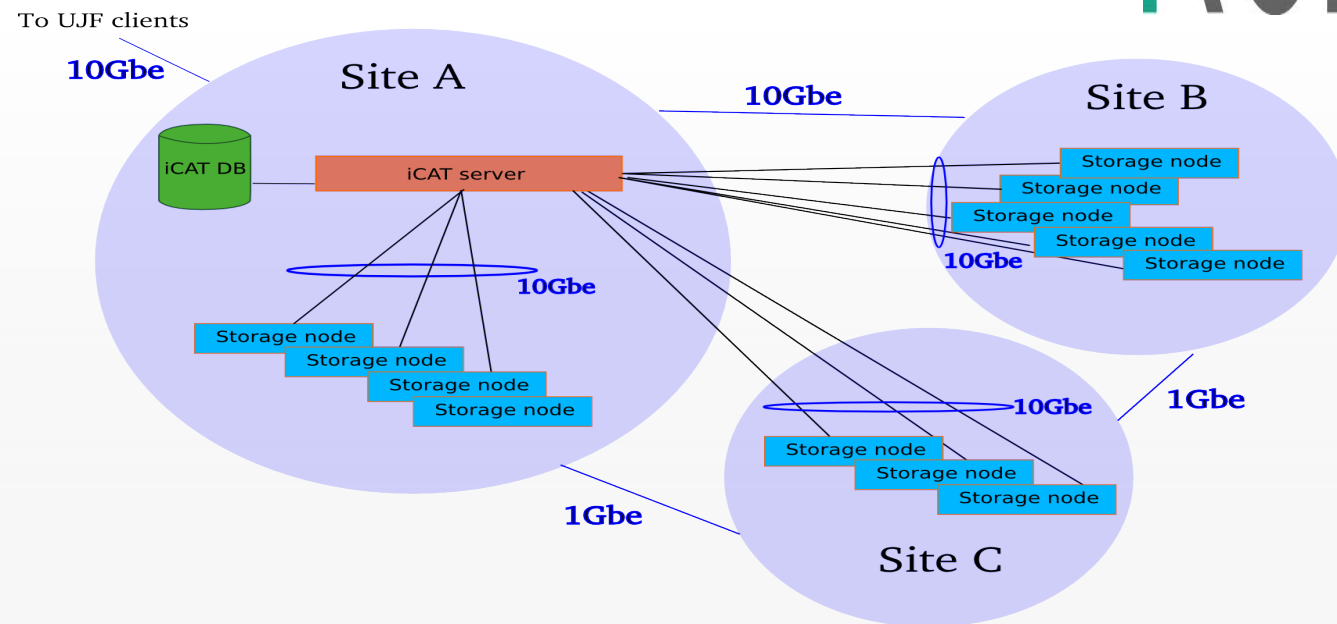
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IRODS infrastructure

iRODS

More precisely:



Site A and B have 10Gbe WAN connexion

Site C has only 1Gbe WAN

Automatic staging for site C

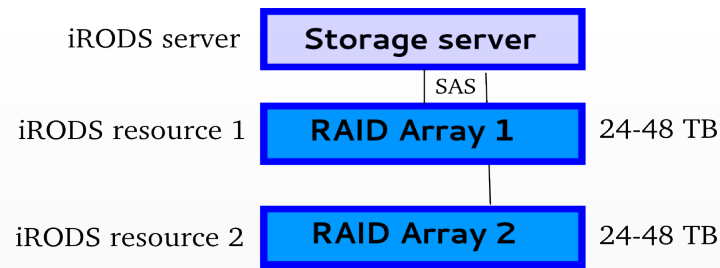
- ➡ Automatic replication of resources from sites A and B to site C when data get from site C

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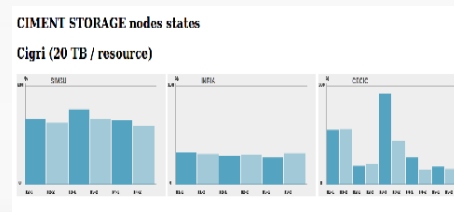
Focus on storage nodes:



iRODS

Two RAID arrays 24 TB – 48 TB
Irods Nodes with Debian GNU/Linux
(Easy synchronisation of the system admin with [Kanif](#))

Ciment provides a web interface to check resource status



Now **700 TB**, constant evolution
Irods offers great scalability

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Cigri middleware



Cigri achieves access to all 6600 cores of 10 clusters within Ciment.
Perfectly parallel jobs on idle processors

Principles

Each cluster uses the resource manager **OAR**

Cigri communicates with the cluster through OAR's RESTful API

Cigri submits jobs without exhausting local queues

Best effort mode

Jobs on idle processors of every computing nodes.

⇒ Improves computational resources

Jobs have lowest priority but **automatic resubmission**
(CiGri works also in normal mode)

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Run a set of jobs: a campaign

User defines the campaign parameters in a JSON file

For each cluster (or all clusters):

- Accepted clusters, resources needed
- Maximum duration
- Maximum number of jobs
- Location of the code
- Prologue, epilogue

And iRODS?

Code and input are retrieved from iRODS with i-commands (or API)

No direct connexion between iRODS and CiGri

But completely complementary through job scripts.

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Technologies, functionalities

RestFul API, Ruby, around a PostgreSQL database.
Apache with SSL authentication

Statistics: execution rate, resubmission rate

Email notification of failed jobs

Retrieve the jobs' standard output and standard error from CiGri RestFul API.

Authentication, security

A centralized LDAP infrastructure for Ciment

Password method with synchronization with LDAP authentication.

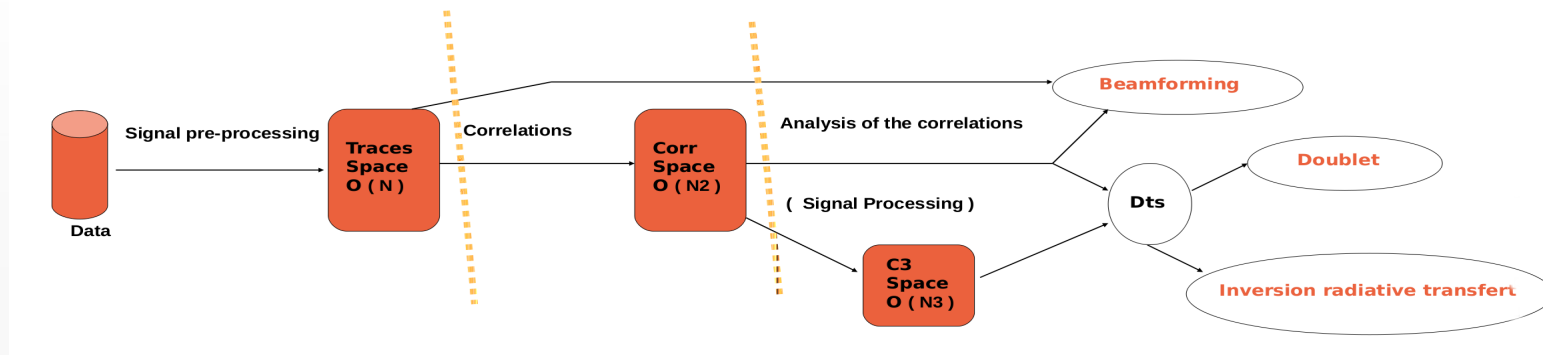
Transparent for users: automatic initialization in home directory
(.irods/.irodsEnv and .irods/.irodsA files)

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Whisper Code

General design



Whisper Seismic ambient noise.
Towards continuous monitoring of the continuously changing Earth.

Grouped into 3 parts:

- Seismograms (arrays) processing
- Computation of correlations (couple of seismograms)
- Analysis of the correlations (different methods)

Python language, libraries Scipy and Obspy (seismology)

Development driven by **performance**, **evolution** and required **support**.

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Whisper Code

Raw data (seismograms) processings

A flexible way of specifying a pipeline of processing

User specifies:

- A directory
- A set of seismic stations
- A set of dates
- A sequence of treatments



Users can enter their own code into the processing

Code:

- Scan a directory
- Extract all pieces of seismograms
- Organize a specific architecture of files of daily seismograms

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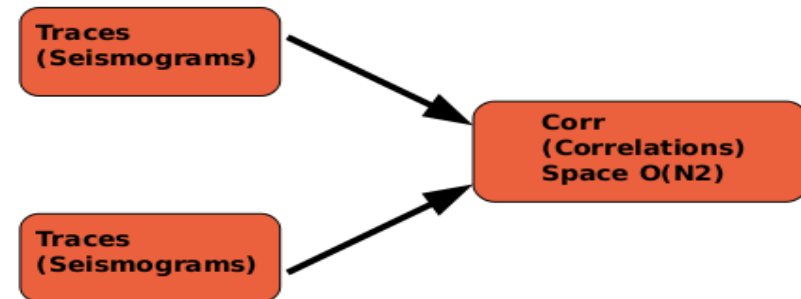
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Computation of the correlations

Operation with 2 seismograms that provides a new virtual seismogram

⇒ Get 'virtual' **new observational data**



Architecture of files that corresponds to all the couple of seismograms.

⇒ **Quadratic** space complexity (linear for seismogram processing)

⇒ Need to store seismograms processing

Quadratic space complexity can be critical ⇒ Optimization

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Focus on optimization of the computation of correlations

Numerical optimization:

- Algorithm uses the fast fourier transform
- Pre-calculating 'Good' combinations of small prime numbers
- 40% improvement for good cases

Main optimization: **try to catch the cache**

- Test the GC behavior in order to follow the cache heuristics
- Don't use the Garbage Collector directly!
- Write code towards 'optimal' use of the cache.. (and find good unfolding)

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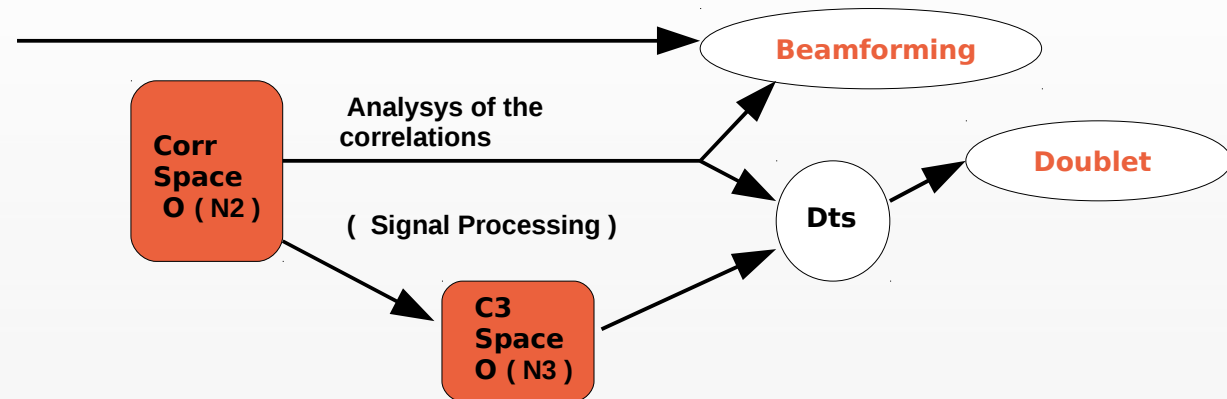
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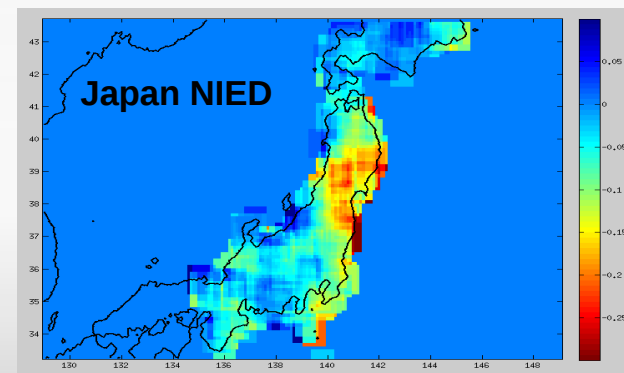
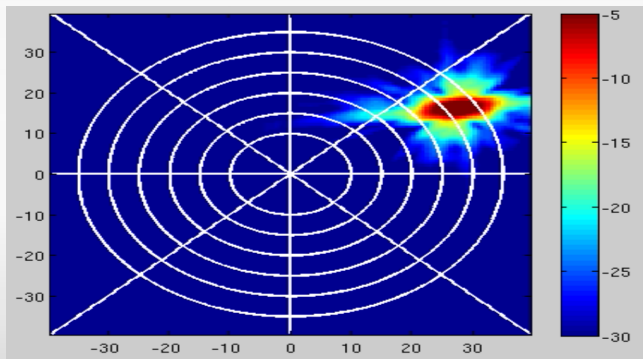
Last part of Code: Analysis of correlations

Further methods

- Beamforming
- Doublet
- Inversion



➡ New filter the signal, computation of the variation velocity of waves
(Note C3 is cubic in Space: distribution for quadratic space complexity)



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Organization of a computation

Either local computation with a dedicated bay or grid computation

- Retrieve a dataset
- Anticipate computation time
- Evaluate required storage capacity
- Assess users' computer skills

The specification must evolve

- New requirements from researchers
- Not generic enough ...
- Very complex to evaluate

Adaptation to the grid environment: development time?

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Whisper computation with Ciment data grid

First step: convert data into seismic standard formats

⇒ Can be a very data intensive processing

Minimize concurrency on Irods

⇒ IT code for randomly spreading files on resources

Find a 'good' distribution model

Fine tuning distribution of computation and transfer

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Seismogram processing on the grid:

Output of the Japanese Network over one year

Seismograms processing: simplest case for data grid process

Convert 9 TB into 20 TB of seismic standard format

Modeling the distribution: subsets of dates and subsets of stations

Adaptation for iRODS

Add python modules to retrieve data on iRODS:

Provide encapsulation of the
iget and iput: number of try,
waiting time, 'else' command

```
...  
get parameter  
...  
build the iget commands  
perform iget (encapsulation)  
...  
Codes whisper  
for seismogram processing  
....  
build the iput commands  
perform iput (encapsulation)  
...
```

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Adaptation for Cigri: Define a file of parameters: each line corresponds to a job
Campaign with 1280 jobs

160 sublists of dates and 8 sublists of stations

```
cat param.txt
traces160_0_8_0 160 0 8 0
traces160_0_8_1 160 0 8 1
...
traces160_1_8_0 160 1 8 0
traces160_1_8_1 160 1 8 1
...
```

'traces160_0_8_1 160 0 8 1'

➡ Sublist of dates of index 0 and sublist of stations of index 1

Define the parameter of the campaign (jdl file JSON)

- Campaign named 'test_processing'
- Run the 'start.bash' with 'param.txt'
- Use clusters 'c1' and 'c2'
- Best effort mode
- Campaign associated to 'whisper'
- Maximum number of jobs
- Retrieve 'start.bash' script from iRODS

...

```
cat processingSeismogram.jdl
{
  "name": "test_processing",
  "resources": "core=1",
  "exec_file": "$HOME/start.bash",
  "param_file": "param.txt",
  "type": "best-effort",

  "clusters": {
    "c1": {
      "prologue": [
        secure_iget -f /IrodsColl/start.bash,
        secure_iget -f /IrodsColl/param.txt,
        ... other lines of commands ],
      "project": "whisper",
      "walltime": "00:20:00"
    },
    "c2": {
      "prologue": [
        ... lines of commands ],
      "project": "whisper",
      "max_jobs": "450",
      "walltime": "00:30:00"
    },
    ...
  }
}
```

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Correlation computation on the grid:

Output of the Japanese Network over one year

Add similar modules to retrieve data on Irods

Two types of processes: with one sublist and with two disjoint sublists

⇒ **Transfer is proportional to the distribution** for the stations

Maximize the distribution of dates

Minimize the distribution of stations

Fine tuning the size of files transferred between iRODS and computing nodes:

- Correlations into dictionary
- Size file between 100 MB and 500 MB
- Appropriate for iRODS infrastructure

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One year of the Japan Network on the grid

Processing all seismograms now takes half a day (down from 4 months)

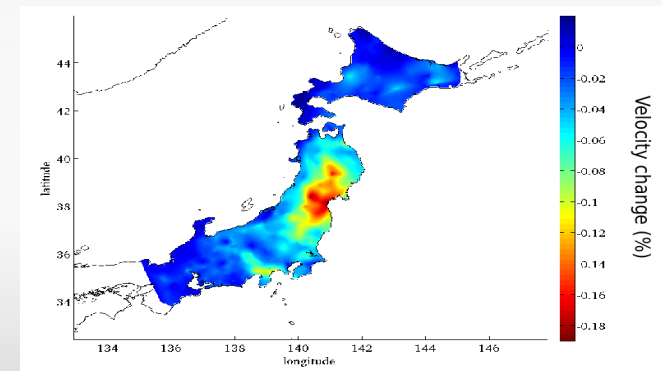
Computation of 350 Million correlations for the Japanese Network
(down from 2 years ...)

- Between 9h and 20h (It depends on stacking, overlap)
- 'iget' command corresponds to 11 TB
- 'iput' command corresponds to 3.3 TB
- Best-effort can increase also transfer...

➡ Big change in opportunities to test processing

Many scientific results

About variation of velocity change for the tohoku earthquake in Japan: in Science, June 2014



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Results:

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Opportunity to test and improve Ciment Infrastructure for Big Data

Add new functionalities:

- Limit the number of jobs avoid overload iRODS Infrastructure
- Limit the number of simultaneous connexions
- Develop wrapper for i-commands: `secure_iget` ...

For iRODS: unique namespace over distributed sites

➡ Only the meta Catalog can block the system (asynchronous)

Simply add a server as an iRODS resource
and define **access policy** for each project

Challenge with small files (< 32 MB)

Completely overload 1Gbe link between 2 sites for conversion processing
during automatic staging.

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