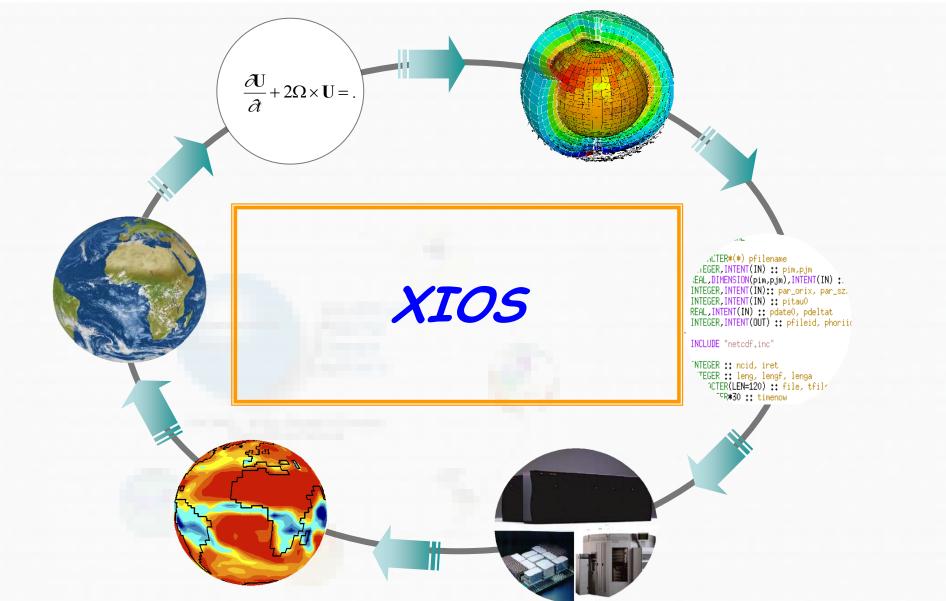


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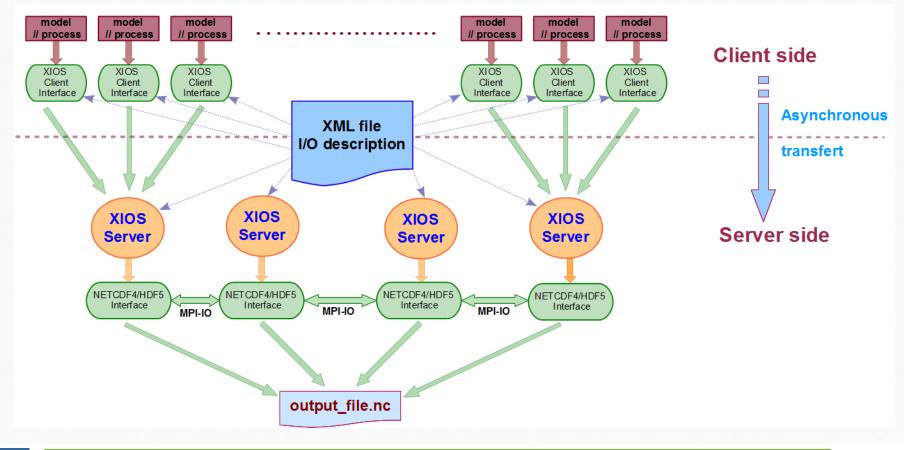
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# XIOS - Motivation

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# IOS stands for XML - IO - SERVER

- Library dedicated to IO management of climate code.
  - management of output diagnostic, history file.
  - Temporal post-processing operation (averaging, max/min, instant, etc...)
  - Spatial post-processing operation.



# XIOS - Motivation

# Motivation

# **4** Before : IOIPSL : output library for the IPSL model.

- Enable management of output file in netcdf format.
- Management of calendar, restart file and history diagnostics.
- Management of temporal operation like averaging.

# Good tool but suffer of several drawback

- Not very flexible to use.
- Need to recompile for each modification on IO definitions.
- Many call parameters for IO write subroutine. Even more for definition phase.
- A lot of unnecessary repeated parameters.
- Need to conserve a lot of handle for IO calling.
  - Concentration of IO call in the same part of the code
- No management of parallelism or multithreading
- 1 file by computing processes, file need to be rebuild in post-processing phase
- Loss of efficiency for great number of computing core, for output and for rebuild.



# XIOS in summary...

# • XIOS aims to solve these problems with 2 main goals :

# Flexibility

- Simplification of the IO management into the code
  - Minimize calling subroutine related to IO definition (file creation, axis and dimensions management, adding and output field...)
  - Minimize argument of IO call.
- Ideally : output a field require only a identifier and the data.
  - CALL send\_field("field\_id", field)
- Outsourcing the output definition in an XML file
  - Hierarchical management of definition with inheritance concept
  - Simple and more compact definition
  - Avoid unnecessary repetition
- Changing IO definitions without recompiling
  - Everything is dynamic, XML file is parsed at runtime.

# + Performance

- Targeted for large core simulation (> ~10 000) on climate coupled model.
- Writing data must not slow down the computation.
  - Simultaneous writing and computing by asynchronous call.





- Using one or more "server" processes dedicated exclusively to the IO management.
  - Asynchronous transfer of data from clients to servers.
  - Asynchronous data writing by each server.
- Use of parallel file system ability via Netcdf4-HDF5 file format.
  - Simultaneous writing in a same single file by all servers
  - No more post-processing rebuilding of the files

#### e Historical review

- 4 End 2009 : « Proof of concept » : XMLIO-SERVER
  - Written in Fortran 90
  - External description of IO definition in an XML file
  - Implements server functionality.
  - But still using the old IOIPSL layer on back-end.
    - no management of parallelism, 1 file by server needed to be rebuild.
  - Mid-2010 : integration of XMLIO-SERVER into the official release of NEMO.

#### Mi-2010 - end 2011 : Complete rewriting in C++

- Funded as part of IS-ENES (H. Ozdoba, 18 months)
- C++ required for using object-oriented programming.
- Interoperability C/C++/Fortran through Fortran 2003 normalization feature.
- Remove the old IOIPSL layer.
- Improved functionality and performance







- Parallel IO management
  - No more rebuilding phase
- XMLIO-SERVER becomes XIOS.
- Mid 2012 : XIOS integration into NEMO and testing.
- Now : ~ 35000 code lines under SVN : <u>http://forge.ipsl.jussieu.fr/ioserver/browser/XIOS/trunk</u>

# To extract and install :

launch\_xios script :

```
#!/bin/bash
svn export http://forge.ipsl.jussieu.fr/ioserver/svn/XIOS/extract_xios
./extract_xios $*
```

> launch\_xios --interactive

- Use FCM (developed at MetOffice) to build dependency and compile.
- Tested on intel (ifort/icc) and gnu (gfortran/g++), IBM (xlf/xlc) and Cray compiler





# Simple "Hello World" XML file



• Output averaging field: field\_A in the one day frequency file : hello\_world.nc

```
<simulation>
  <context id="hello word" calendar type="Gregorian" start date="2012-02-27 15:00:00">
    <axis definition>
      <axis id="axis A" value="1.0" size="1" />
    </axis definition>
    <domain definition>
      <domain id="domain A" />
    </domain definition>
    <grid definition>
      <grid id="grid A" domain ref="domain A" axis ref="axis A" />
    </grid definition>
    <field definition >
      <field id="field A" operation="average" freq op="1h" grid ref="grid A" />
    </field definition>
    <file definition type="one file" output freq="1d" enabled=".TRUE.">
      <file id="output" name="hello world">
        <field field ref="field A" />
      </file>
    </file definition>
  </context>
</simulation>
```







- Interoperability C/C++/Fortran through Fortran 2003 normalization feature.
- Every element in XML tree file can be created or fill in from code model through the Fortran interface
  - Create or adding an element in the XML tree

```
CALL xios_get_handle("field_definition", field_group_handle)
CALL xios add child(field group handle,field handle,id="toce")
```

- Complete or define attributes of an element
  - Using handle

CALL xios\_set\_field\_attribut(field\_handle,long\_name="Temperature", unit="degC")

• Or using id

CALL xios\_set\_field\_attribut(id="toce", enabled=.TRUE.)

Query an attribute value from xml file

CALL xios\_get\_field\_attribut(id="toce", enabled=is\_enabled)





SUBROUTINE client(rank, size)

#### "Hello World" : model side

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```
USE xios

IMPLICIT NONE

INTEGER :: rank, size

TYPE(xios_time) :: dtime

DOUBLE PRECISION,ALLOCATABLE :: lon(:,:),lat(:,:),field_A(:,:)

! other variable declaration and initialisation .....
```

```
CALL xios initialize ("client", return comm=comm)
CALL xios context initialize ("hello word", comm)
CALL xios set current context("hello word")
! domain definition
CALL xios set domain attr("domain A", ni glo=ni glo, nj glo=nj glo, ibegin=ibegin, ni=ni, jbegin=jbegin, nj=nj)
CALL xios set domain attr("domain A",lonvalue=RESHAPE(lon,(/ni*nj/)),latvalue=RESHAPE(lat,(/ni*nj/)))
dtime%second=3600
CALL xios set timestep(dtime)
CALL xios close context definition()
! time loop
DO ts=1,96
  CALL xios update calendar(ts)
  CALL xios send field ("field A", field A)
ENDDO
CALL xios context finalize()
CALL xios finalize()
```

```
END SUBROUTINE client
```





# XML structuration

- XIOS-XML has a based tree structure.
  - Parent-child oriented relation
- Different family of element
  - context, axis, domain, grid, field, file and variable.
- Each family has three flavor (except for context)
  - declaration of the root element : ie : <file\_definition />
    - can contain element groups or elements
  - declaration of a group element : ie : <file\_group />
    - can contain element groups or elements
  - declaration of an element : ie : <file />
- Each element may have several attributes
  - ie:<file id="out" name="output" output\_freq="1d" />
  - Attributes give information to the related element
  - Some attributes are mandatory, so error is generated without assigned value
  - Some other are optional but have a default value
  - Some other are completely optional
  - Special attribute id : identifier of the element
    - used to take a reference of the corresponding element
    - must be unique for a kind of element
    - ➡ is optional, but no reference to the corresponding element can be done later





# XML structuration

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# **4** XML file can be split in different parts.

- Very useful to preserve model independency, i.e. for coupled model
- Using attribute "src" in context, group or definition element

File iodef.xml :
<context src="./nemo_def.xml"></context>
file nemo def.xml :
<pre><context calendar_type="Gregorian" id="nemo" start_date="01-01-2000 00:00:00"></context></pre>
<pre></pre>





# Inheritance mechanism

#### **4** Grouping an inheritance

- All children inherit attributes from parent.
- An attribute defined in a child replace the inherited attribute value.
  - Avoid unnecessary repetition of attribute declaration
- Special attribute "id" is never inherited

```
<field definition level="1" prec="4" operation="average" enabled=".TRUE.">
 <field group id="grid V" domain ref="grid V">
                     long name="Wind Stress along j-axis"
   <field id="vtau"
                                                              unit="N/m2" enabled=".FALSE."/>
   <field id="voce"
                     long name="ocean current along j-axis"
                                                              unit="m/s" axis ref="depthv" />
 </field group>
 <field group id="grid W" domain ref="grid W">
   <field group axis ref="depthw">
                                                                           unit="m/s" />
     <field id="woce"
                            long name="ocean vertical velocity"
                            long name="effective ocean vertical velocity" unit="m/s" />
     <field id="woce eff"
   </field group>
                                                                           unit="m2/s" />
    <field id="aht2d"
                            long name="lateral eddy diffusivity"
 </field group>
</field definition>
```





# Inheritance mechanism



#### Inheritance by reference

- Reference bind current object to the referenced object.
- If the referenced object is of the same type, current object inherits of all its attributes.

```
<field id="toce" long_name="temperature (Celcius)" unit="degC" grid_ref="Grid_T" /> <field id="toce K" field ref="toce" long name="temperature (Kelvin)" unit="degK" />
```

• "field\_group" referencing include all fields child in the current group.

```
<field definition/>
  <field group id="grid T" domain ref="grid T">
    <field id="toce"
                     long name="temperature" unit="degC" axis ref="deptht"
                                                                              />
   <field id="soce" long name="salinity" unit="psu" axis ref="deptht"</pre>
                                                                              />
                     long name="sea surface temperature" unit="degC"
                                                                              />
   <field id="sst"
    <field id="sst2"
                     long name="square of sea surface temperature" unit="degC2" />
</field group>
</field definition>
<file definition>
   <file id="1d" name="out 1day" output freq="1day" enabled=".TRUE." />
     <field group field group ref="grid T" />
   </file>
</file definition>
```





# Context and calendar



#### 4 Context : <context />

- Context are useful to isolate IO definition from different code or part of a code
  - ie : IO definition can be done independently between different code of a coupled model
- No interference is possible between 2 different contexts
  - Unique Id can be reused in different contexts.
- Each context has it own calendar and an associated timestep
  - timestep is the heartbeat of a context

# 4 Calendar

- XIOS can manage different calendar with context attribute "calendar\_type"
  - Gregorian
  - ▶ D360
  - NoLeap
  - 🔸 AllLeap
  - 🔸 Julian
- Date Format : ie : "2012-02-27 15:30:00"







#### Duration

- Can manage different units
  - year : y
  - month : mo
  - → day : d
  - hour : h
  - minute : mi
  - second : s
  - time step : ts
- Value of unit may be integer or floating (not recommended), mixed unit may be used in a duration definition
  - ie: "1mo2d1.5h30s"
- A duration depend of the calendar for year, month and day value.
  - \* "2012-02-27 15:30:00" + "1 mo" => "2012-03-27 15:30:00"







### 4 Grid:<grid />

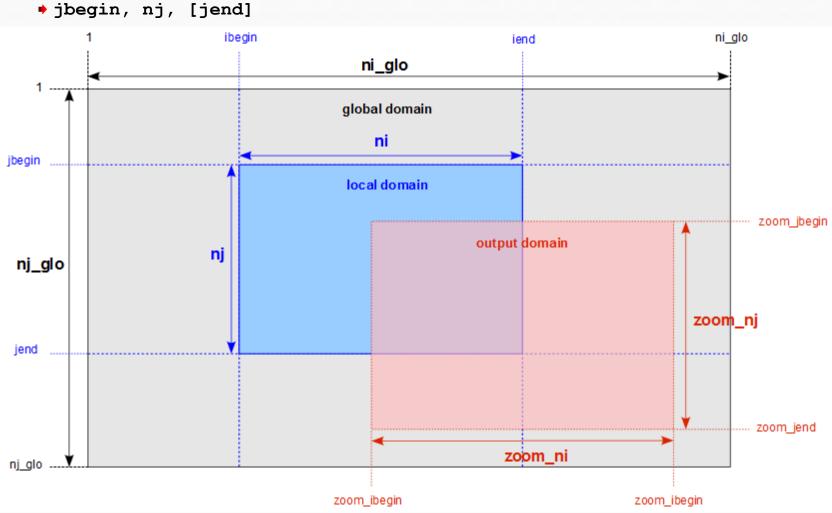
- Only Cartesian or curvilinear grid can be manage today by XIOS
- A grid is defining by association (referencing) of an horizontal domain and optionally a vertical axis (3D grid otherwise 2D horizontal grid)
  - <grid id="grid\_A" domain\_ref="domain\_A" axis\_ref="axis\_A" />
- 🕹 Vertical axis : <axis />
  - Can be defining with attributes : size, value and unit.

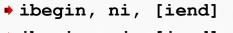
# Horizontal domain : <domain />

- Horizontal layer is considered to be distributed between the different processes.
- 2D global domain is the domain that will be output in a file.
- 2D local domain is the domain owned by one process (within MPI meaning)
- Global attributes :
  - ni\_glo, nj\_glo: dimension of the global grid
  - zoom\_ibegin, zoom\_ni, zoom\_jbegin, zoom\_nj: define zooming functionality: only a
    part of the global domain will be output. Default zoom is global domain



• Local attributes : define the local grid in connection with the global grid







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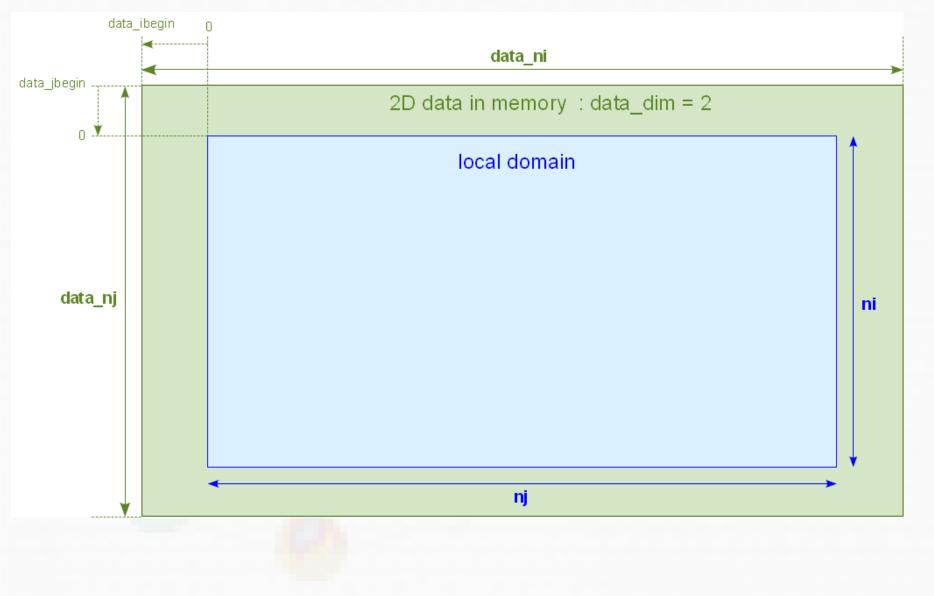


- XIOS need to know how the data of a field to be output are stored in the local process memory.
  - 1D ("data\_dim=1") or 2D ("data\_dim=2") field on horizontal domain may be described.
  - data\_ibegin : offset in regard to ibegin local domain, for the first dimension
  - data\_ni: size of the data for the first dimension
  - data\_jbegin, data\_nj: for the second dimension (if data\_dim=2)
- By this way overlapping (ghost) cell can be take into account using negative offset.
  - XIOS will extract useful data from the array address.
  - default value are no overlapping cell
  - data\_ibegin=0, data\_jbegin=0, data\_ni=ni, data\_nj=nj: mapped to local domain
- Indexed grid (compressed), ie for land-point, may be described by adding index attribute :
  - data\_n\_index : size of the indexed data
  - data\_i\_index : array containing index for the first dimension
  - data\_j\_index: array containing index for the second dimension (if data\_dim=2)







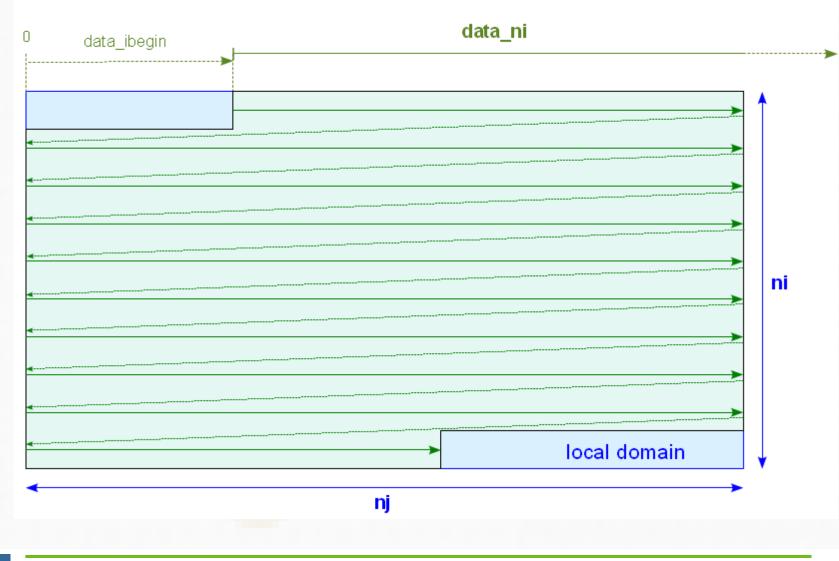


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#### 1D data in memory : data\_dim = 1







### Fields



#### Field : <field />

- Describe data of field to be output
- A field must be associated to a grid by attribute referencing :
  - grid\_ref : field is associated to the referred grid
  - domain\_ref : field is associated to the referred domain (2D field)
  - domain\_ref and axis\_ref : field is associated to a grid composed of the referred domain and axis (3D field).
- Field array dimension must be conform to whom described in the referred grid (data\_dim, data\_ni, data\_nj).
- Field can be sent at each timestep through the fortran interface :

```
CALL xios_send_field("field_id",field)
```

- Temporal operation may be done by using field value given at each timestep :
   "operation" attribute :
  - once : field is output only the fisrt time
  - instant : instant value
  - average : temporal averaging on the output period
  - minimum : retain only minimum value
  - maximum : retain only maximum value.
- In case of time sub-splitting in the model, a freq\_op attribut may be gaven
  - Extract field value only at freq\_op (default freq\_op = timestep)





#### Fields



- field\_ref attribute
  - inherit the attributes of the referred field
  - inherit the data value of the referred field
- Spatial operation between fields, scalar values and variable
  - Fields can be combined together to create new field which can be output

```
<field id="A" />
<field id="B" />
<field id="C" > (A + B) / (A*B) </field>
<field id="D"> (this + exp(C))/3. </field>
```

- Operation are performed on all grid point.
- involved field must be defined one the same grid.
- Can be mixed with temporal operation : @ operator
  - ie : output the monthly average of the daily maximum of the temperature

```
<field id="Temp" operation ="maximum" unit="K"/>
< file name ="output" output_freq ="1mo">
<field name="T" operation ="average" freq_op="1d" > @Temp </field>
</ file >
```

- Other main attributes :
  - name, long\_name, unit, enabled, level, prec, default\_value...





# File : <file />

- Define an output file
- File can contain field\_group and/or field child element.
- All field enclosed in a parent file are candidate to be output in the file if they are active. Better to use reference but not mandatory.
- Output frequency is given by "output\_freq" attribut.
  - Temporal operations of the enclosed fields are applied on the output\_freq period.

```
<file id="1d" name="out 1day" output freq="1d" enabled=".TRUE.">
  <field field ref="toce" operation="average" enabled=".FALSE." />
  <field name="max toce" field ref="toce" operation="maximum" />
</file>
```

- Other main attribute
  - name : file name

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- enabled =true/false : activate or deactivate a file
- output\_level : fix the output level (related to "level" field field attribute)
- split\_freq : split file at a given frequency





# Variable



#### Variable : <variable />

• Variables can be defined in each context and be queried through the fortran interface

• Useful to set code parameters, can replace namelist usage with more flexibility.

```
<context id="xios">
 <variable definition>
    <variable group id="buffer">
       buffer size = 1E6;
       buffer server factor size = 2
    </variable group>
    <variable group id="coupling">
      <variable id="using server" type="boolean">true</variable>
      <variable id="using oasis" type="boolean">false</variable>
    </variable group>
 </variable definition>
</context>
```



CALL xios getin("varid",var)









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#### Client-Server functionality

- Adding one or more XIOS server processes dedicated to writing data
- Client are MPI processes of the computing code

# 4 Why for ?

• Stages of writing are totally supported by servers ; client time computation is not affected by writing.

- Writing and computing are done concurrently.
- Only server processes access to the file system :
  - Less file system solicitation
  - Better performance
- Data transfert Client->Server are totally asynchronous :
  - Using non-blocking request.
  - Overlapping communication/computation.
  - No extra cost on client side related to interprocess data transfer.





# Client-Server functionality

#### \rm Usage

• XIOS can operate either in online mode, either in server mode.

- switching parameter at runtime
- using\_server=true/false

In online (attached) mode, client codes are linked with the XIOS library and perform themselves writing on disk.

May suffer of computation time penalty during writing.

In server mode, client codes are interfaced with the XIOS library to send the data to the server processes.

Launching different MPI executable (MPMD mode)

mpirun -np 32 nemo.x -np 4 xios.x

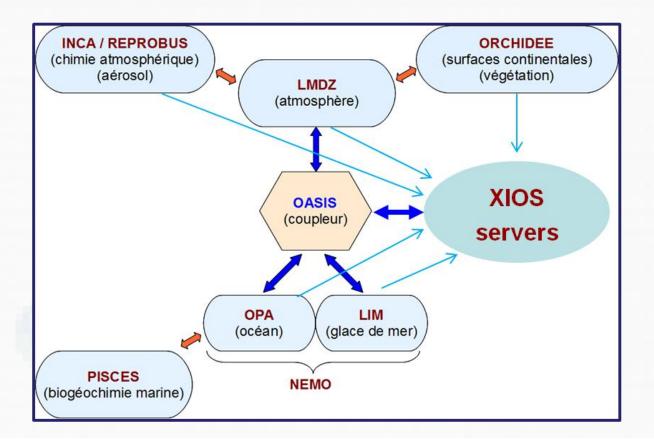




# Client-Server functionality

#### Interaction with a coupled model

- XIOS has been designed to work within a coupled model
- A same pool of servers can manage several model output
- XIOS is also interfaced with the OASIS coupler
- switch parameter : using\_oasis = true







#### Communicator splitting

- Clients and XIOS server required to have their own communicator
- Global communicator may be split either by XIOS library or by using OASIS coupler.
  - Done during the client initialization phase, each client code is identified by a unique id.
     CALL xios initialise ("code id", return comm)
  - Call must be done by every process of all clients in MPI\_COMM\_WORLD communicator.
- A split communicator is returned.
- At this point, servers are initialized and are now listening for context registration.

#### + Context registration

- A context is associated to a communicator.
- Before using a context, it must be registered, with its "id" and the corresponding communicator
  - CALL xios\_context\_initialize("context\_id", comm)
  - All processes of the communicator must participate to the call
- Servers has a special channel to listen context registration

• After received a registration request, intercommunicator between client code and servers are created, and so MPI message can be routed.





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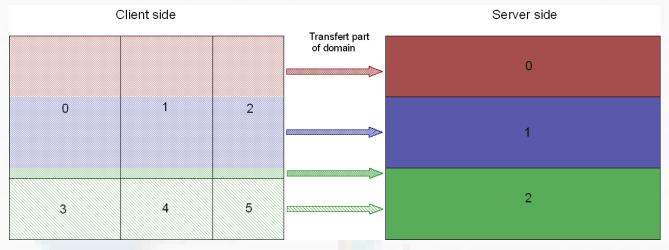
- Each context has its own unique intercommunicator with the servers.
  - None interference is possible between different context request.
- Context registration may be done at any time.
- More than one context registration my be done inside a code, with same or different communicator
- Servers can manage context registration from different client codes.



# Data distribution between clients and servers



- Data distribution on client is defined by the model
- Data distribution on server is equally distributed over the second dimension
  - Client can communicate with several servers.
  - Server can receive data from several clients.



- Field Data are sent to servers only at writing time
- Use only MPI point to point asynchronous communication
  - MPI\_Issend, MPI\_Irecv, MPI\_Test, MPI\_Probe...
  - No synchronization point between clients and server, and between servers
  - No latency cost, communications are overlapped by computation
  - Writing is also overlapped by computation







- Communication between client and server use principle of RPC (Remote Proceduring Call) programming (like CORBA) through MPI.
  - A message is self-descriptive and contains information from provenance, for routing to destination and data.
  - A message is filled from client side by packing data arguments
  - When the message is received at server side, it is partially analyzed and routed to the targeted class method.
  - The message is unpacked by the same way it was packed and the corresponding method is called with the unpacked arguments.

# 4 Zoology

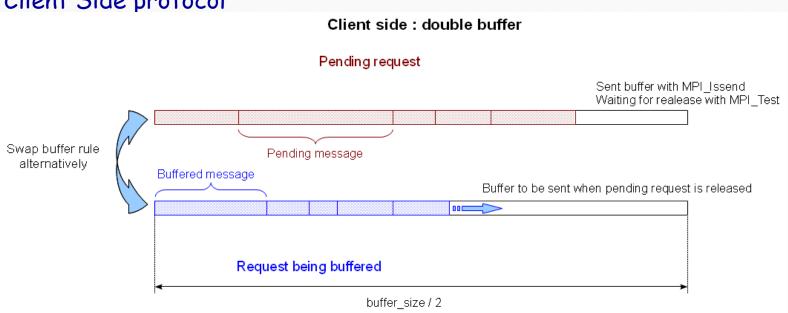
- **Message** : concatenation in a buffer of different calling arguments.
- **Request** : concatenation of several messages. It will be sent/received through MPI layer by asynchronous call.
- Event : set of several message from different client, but targeted to the same server method.
  - As messages can be received in disorder, messages from a same event are identified by the same unique timeline Id (integer).
  - After reception, events are processed in order of timeline Id.





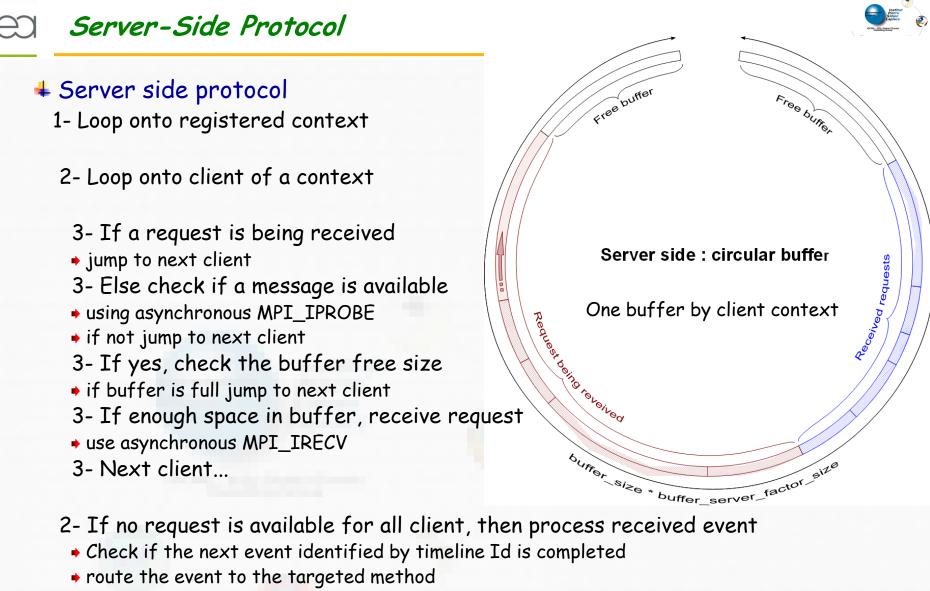


#### Client Side protocol



- When adding a new message, check if the pending request can be release.
  - use asynchronous MPI\_TEST
- if yes, then sent the active buffer and swap buffer rule.
  - use asynchronous MPI\_ISSEND
  - Released buffer becomes active buffer.
- Add new message in the active buffer.
- if the active buffer is full, the loop on the pending buffer until it will be released.





release corresponding buffer





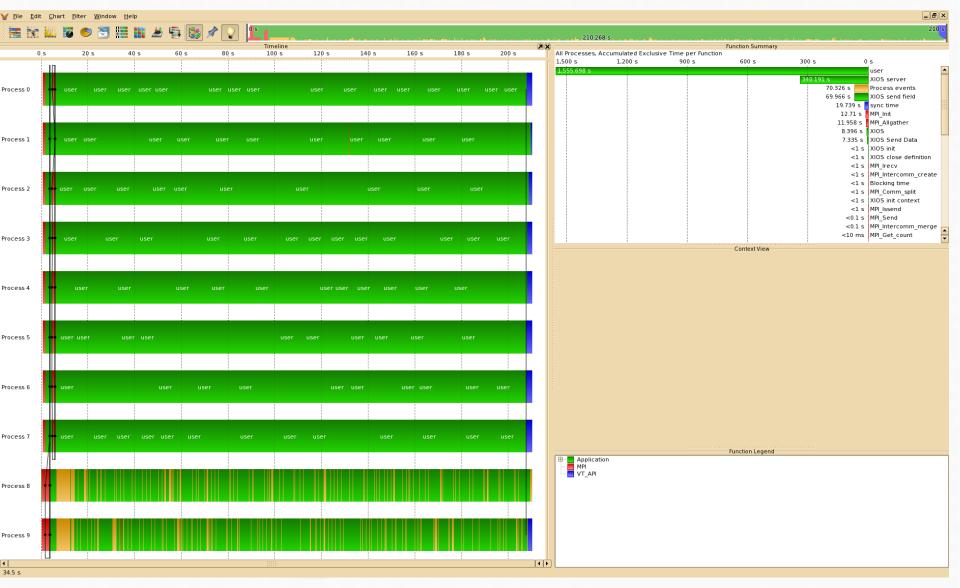
- Load balancing...
  - Data flux from clients >> server writing rate capability
    - When buffers are full, XIOS switch in blocking mode
    - Wait until some buffer parts are released => impact on performance
  - To avoid this, add more servers
    - a diagnostic is done at the end of the job.





# 8 clients - 2 serveurs : temps par itération 80 ms





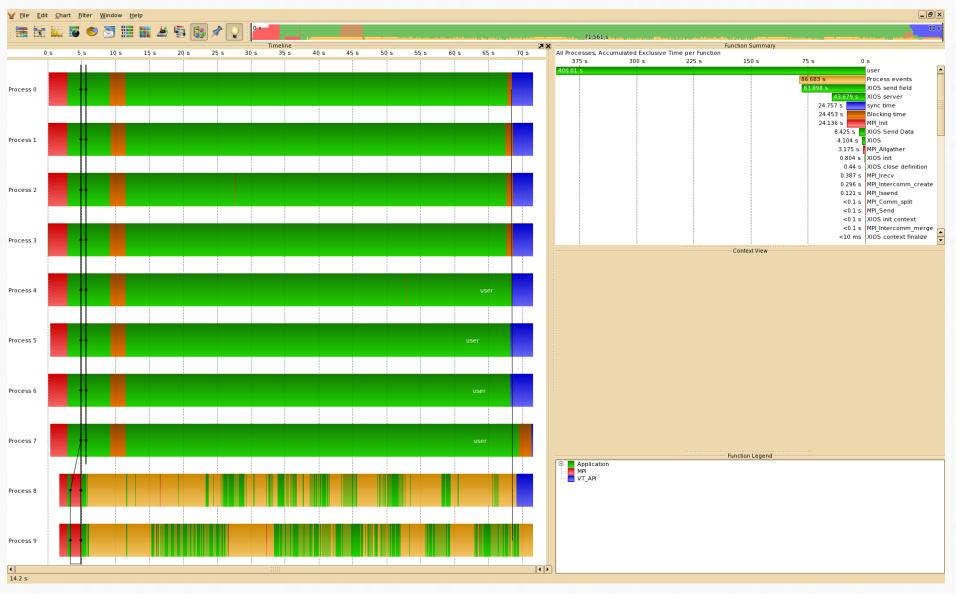


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#### 8 clients - 2 serveurs : temps par itération 20 ms



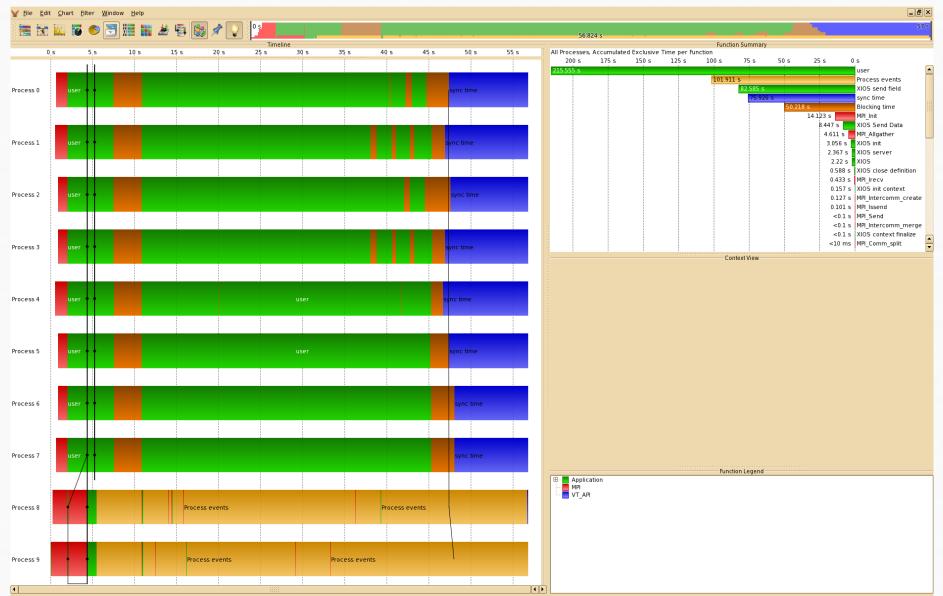




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### 8 clients - 2 serveurs : temps par itération 10 ms



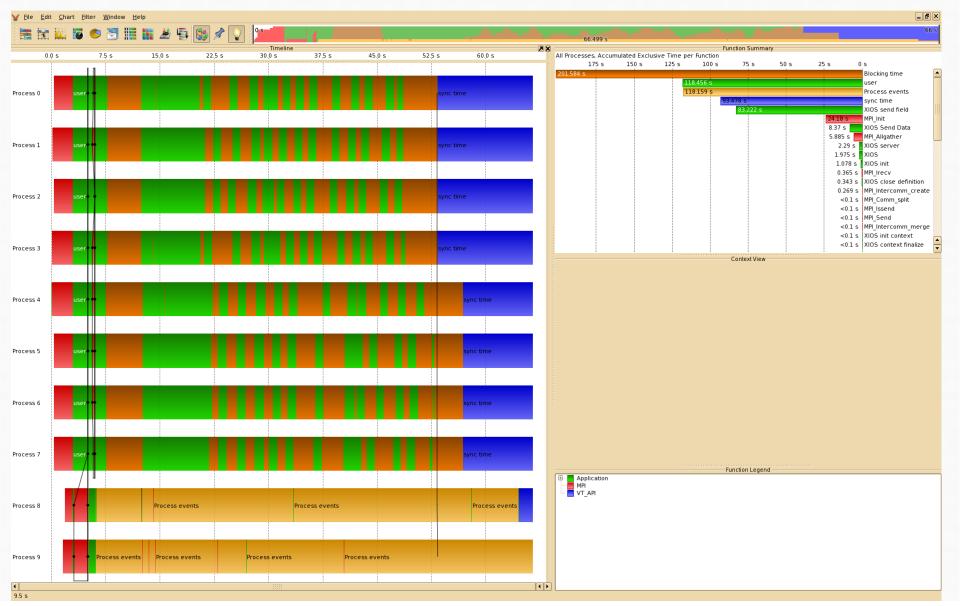






### 8 clients - 2 serveurs : temps par itération 5 ms



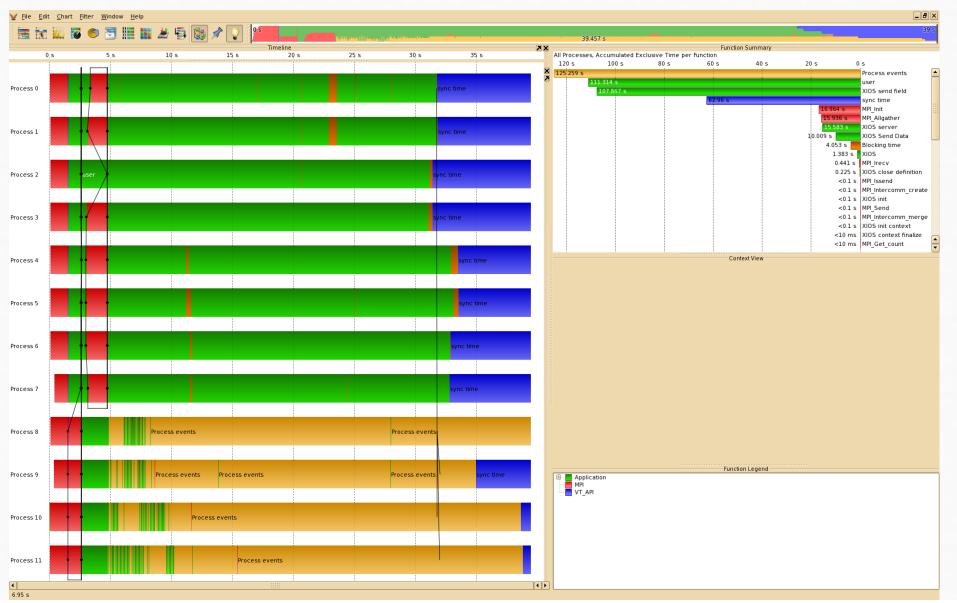






#### 8 clients - 4 serveurs : temps par itération 5 ms



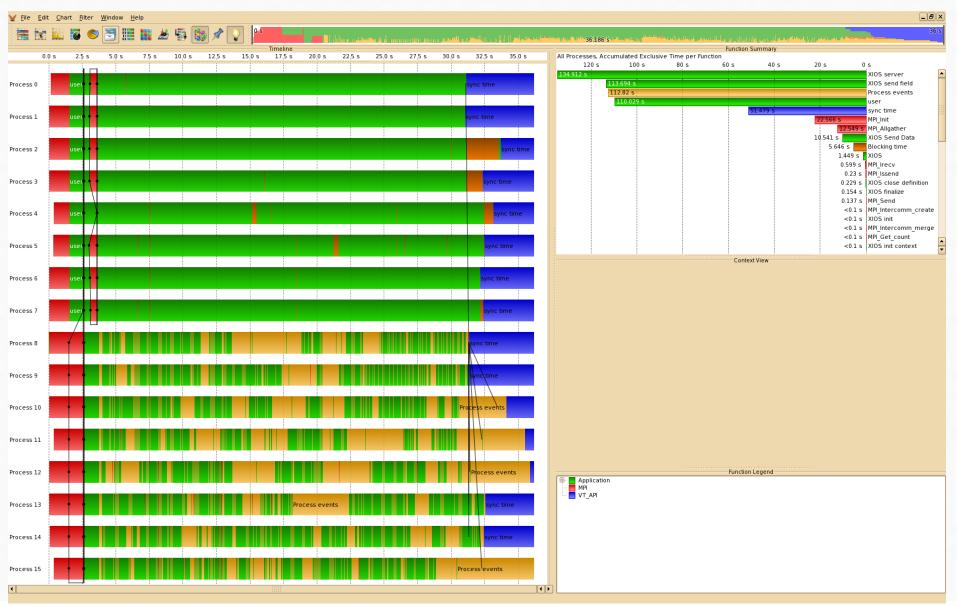






# 8 clients - 8 serveurs : temps par itération 5 ms







# IO Layer

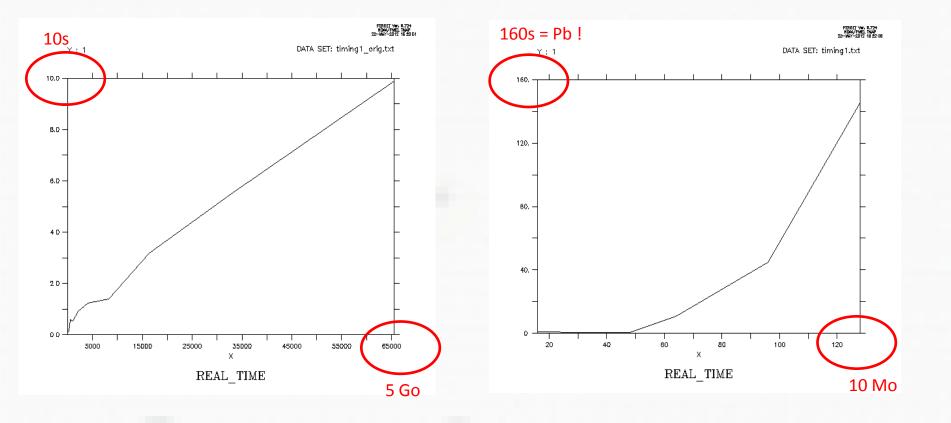
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- For now, output layer use only NETCDF4/HDF5 parallel library.
  - optionally netcdf3 can be used, but no parallel support
- 2 modes are possible : "one\_file" or "multiple\_file"
  - Fixed using file attribute : type="one\_file"/multiple\_file"
- Multiple\_file" mode
  - One file is output by each XIOS servers
  - rebuilding phase is needed at post-treatment to obtain a global file
- "One\_file" mode
  - All XIOS servers write simultaneously in a single file => no rebuilding phase
  - Use MPI/IO layer to aggregate file system bandwidth
- But achieve good performance with netcdf4/hdf5/MPI\_IO layer is very challenging
  - strongly file system dependent
  - a lot of recipes to avoid very bad performance
  - a lot of work done for improving performances.









-Multiple file on 16 CPUs : 1 file by process = 16 files

-<u>Single file on 16 CPUs : 1 rebuilt file (collective access or</u> <u>independent access)</u>



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### Very huge NEMO configuration : 1/12th degrees global

- ✤ GYRE 144 : 4322×2882×31 , up to 8160 cores
- Run on Curie petaflopic Bull computer : 1.6 PFlops, Intel Sandy-Bridge core
- ♦ 6 days simulation (2880 time steps), hourly means output : 300s run, ~1.1 Tb
- 3.6 Gb/s, 13 Tb/hour, 312 Tb/day, 9.4 Pb/month (real time)
- File system : Lustre 150 Gb/s (global) theoretically
  - In practice with an optimal MPI/IO simple parallel write test-case in a single file
    - must tune the number of OST used.
    - peak ~ 20 Gb/s, average 10 Gb/s.
  - With NETCDF4/HDF5/MPI\_IO layer on an ideal test case
    - only MPI\_IO call : ~ 8 Gb/s
    - whole < 5 Gb/s average</p>

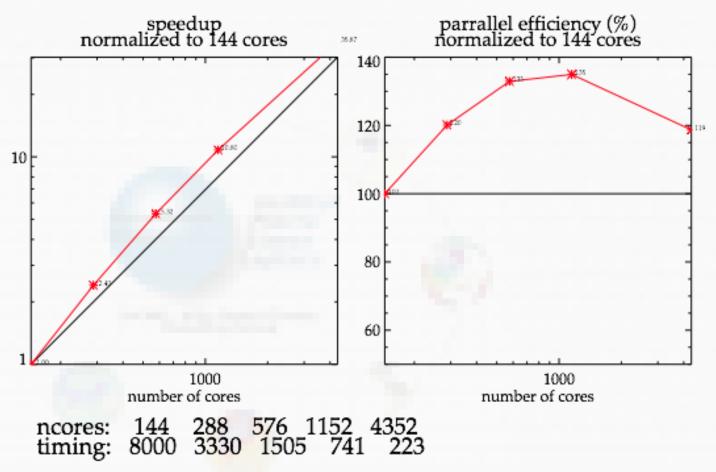




Multiple file mode

Works fine, good scaling up to 8160 NEMO cores with 128 XIOS servers

CURIE Fat Nodes: NEMO 3\_4\_b GYRE Big IO multi\_file, jp\_cfg = 144







# One file mode



- More challenging, recent results...
  - 🖊 Gyre 144, daily mean output
    - 8160 NEMO, 32 XIOS : works perfectly
      - +1.5% for IO < computer jittering</p>
  - 🖊 Gyre 144, 6 hours mean output
    - 8160 NEMO, 32 XIOS
      - +5% for IO
  - 4 Gyre 144, hourly mean output
    - 8160 NEMO, 128 XIOS
      - Extreme testcase, close to NEMO strong scalability limit.
      - Close to filesystem capability bandwith => we obtain ~ 3.6 Gb/s
      - + 15-20% for IO
    - Do we need to improved this result ?
    - Are we able to store all this amount of data?





- **4** XIOS fonctionne plutôt bien
  - Amélioration des performance des écritures HDF5 parallèles.
  - Test de parallel-netcdf ?

# **4** XIOS : intégration dans l'ensemble des composantes du modèle couplé de l'IPSL.

- NEMO : officiellement adopté par le consortium NEMO (France, UK, Italie)
  - Intégré dans la prochaine release, début 2013.
- ORCHIDEE : en cours..
- INCA
- LMDZ

#### + Collaboration extérieure

- LGGE (Grenoble) modèle régional MAR (H. Gallée) : en cours
- Météo-France/CNRM (S. Sénesi)

#### **4** Collaboration Européenne ?

• L'IPSL a-t-elle les moyens de fournir du support au-delà de sa communauté ?





# Conclusions et perspectives

- **4** Traitements des entrées
  - Lectures des fichiers en avance de phase et envoie asynchrone
    - Gestion des forçages.
    - Gestion des restarts.

# 4 Gestion des grilles non-structurée

- Projet G8 ICOMEX
  - gestion des grilles icosaédrique.
- Grilles gaussiennes (CNRM)

# + Opération de regrillage

- Opération de réduction
  - moyennes globales
  - moyennes zonales
- Dégradation de résolution
- Interpolation et projections vers d'autres grilles à la volée
  - + E. Kritsikis (G8-ICOMEX)





- Interpolation (E. Kritsikis)
  - Développement de méthode d'interpolation conservative sur la sphère
    - Ordre 2
    - Conservation exact de la masse sur les champs scalaires.
    - Grille géodésique ⇔ grille géodésique
    - Grille lon-lat ⇔ grille lon-lat
    - Grille géodésique ⇔ grille lon-lat
  - Calcul des poids en ~ n log n
    - algorithme de recherche basé sur le SSTREE

