SILECS/Grid'5000

Une plateforme nationale à grande échelle et flexible pour la recherche expérimentale

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Based on Lucas Nussbaum (Grid'5000 Technical Director) slides

Quelles plateformes de calcul pour quels usages ?
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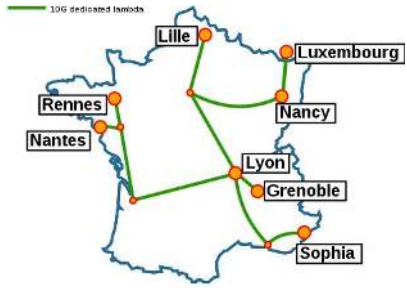

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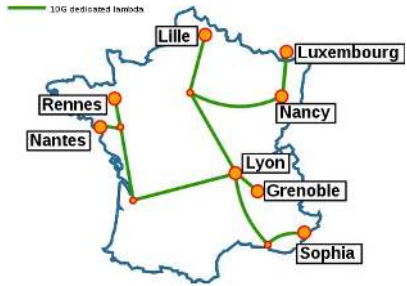

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- **A meta-cloud, meta-cluster, meta-data-center**
  - Used by CS researchers in HPC, Clouds, Big Data, Networking, AI
  - To experiment in a fully controllable and observable environment
  - Similar problem space as Chameleon and Cloudlab (US)
  - Design goals
    - Support high-quality, reproducible experiments
    - On a large-scale, distributed, shared infrastructure

Landscape – cloud & experimentation[1]

- Public cloud infrastructures (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud Platform, etc.)
  - ☹ No information/guarantees on placement, multi-tenancy, real performance
- Private clouds: Shared observable infrastructures
  - ☺ Monitoring & measurement
  - ⇝ Ability to understand experiment results
  - ☹ No control over infrastructure settings
- Bare-metal as a service, fully reconfigurable infrastructure (Grid'5000)
  - ☺ Control/alter all layers (virtualization technology, OS, networking)
  - ⇝ *In vitro* Cloud

And the same applies to all other environments (e.g. HPC)

[1] Inspired from a slide by Kate Keahey (Argonne National Lab)

An experiment's outline

1. Discovering resources and selecting resources
2. Reconfiguring the resources to meet experimental needs
3. Monitoring experiments, extracting and analyzing data
4. Controlling experiments $\rightsquigarrow$ automation, reproducible research

Discovering and selecting resources

- Describing resources ⇝ understand results
  - Covering nodes and network infrastructure
  - Machine-parsable format ⇝ scripts
  - Human-readable description on the web[2]
  - Archived (*State of testbed 6 months ago?*)
  - Verified
    - ★ Avoid inaccuracies/errors ⇝ wrong results
    - ★ Self-checking by nodes before each reservation
- Selecting resources
  - Complex queries using resource manager

```
oarsub -p "wattmeter='YES' and gpu='YES'"
oarsub -l "{cluster='a'}/nodes=1+
 {cluster='b' and eth10g='Y'}/nodes=2"
```

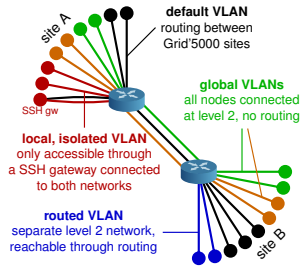
[2] https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Hardware

Reconfiguring resources

- Operating System reconfiguration with Kadeploy:
  - Provides a *Hardware-as-a-Service* cloud infrastructure
  - Enable users to deploy their own software stack & get *root* access
  - **Scalable, efficient, reliable and flexible**:
    200 nodes deployed in ~5 minutes

- Customize networking environment with KaVLAN
  - Protect the testbed from experiments (Grid/Cloud middlewares)
  - Avoid network pollution
  - Create custom topologies
  - By reconfiguring VLANS $\rightsquigarrow$ almost no overhead

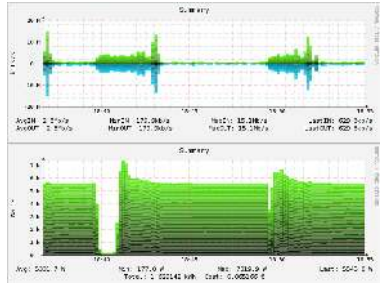
KADEPLOY



Monitoring experiments

Goal: enable users to understand what happens during their experiment

- System-level probes (usage of CPU, memory, disk, with Ganglia)[3]
- Infrastructure-level probes: Kwapi
  - Power consumption, (Network trafic)
  - Captured at high frequency (≈1 Hz)
  - Live visualization[4]
  - REST API
  - Long-term storage
- Network Weather
  - Renater backbone monitoring[5]



[3] https://intranet.grid5000.fr/ganglia/

[4] https://intranet.grid5000.fr/supervision/grenoble/monitoring/energy/last/minute/

[5] https://pasillo.renater.fr/weathermap/weathermap_g5k.html

Controlling experiments

- Legacy way of performing experiments: shell commands
  - ☹ time-consuming
  - ☹ error-prone
  - ☹ details tend to be forgotten over time
- Promising solution: **automation of experiments**
  ⇝ Executable description of experiments
  ⇝ Reproducible research
- Support from the testbed: Grid'5000 RESTful API
  (Resource selection, reservation, deployment, monitoring)
- Several higher-level tools to help automate experiments
  Execo, Python-Grid5000 (Python), Ruby-cute (Ruby)

1 Experiment management tools
- 1.1 Execo: unix processes orchestration, and experiment orchestration
- 1.2 Funk: (F)ind yo(U)r (N)odes on g5(K)
- 1.3 PAR: a PARallel and distributed job crusher
- 1.4 Ruby-Cute: Ruby gem for Grid'5000
- 1.5 TakTuk: parallel launcher
- 1.6 XP5K
- 1.7 Python-grid5000
- 1.8 EnOSlib

2 Drivers for virtualization and containers solutions
- 2.1 docker-machine-driver-g5k: using a Grid'5000 physical machine directly from Docker
- 2.2 docker-g5k: provisioning a Docker cluster within Grid'5000
- 2.3 vagrant-grid5000: using Grid'5000 physical machines directly from Vagrant
- 2.4 vagrant-g5k: manage virtual machines on Grid'5000 using vagrant

3 Deployment of complex software stacks inside Grid'5000
- 3.1 hanchmark-containers: leveraging the deployment of standard benchmarks
- 3.2 EnOS : Experimental environment for OpenStack
- 3.3 hadoop-benchmarks: leveraging the deployment of Vanilla Hadoop

4 Emulation tools
- 4.1 Distem: CPU performance and network emulator

5 Monitoring software
- 5.1 PowerAPI : monitoring the power consumption of processes

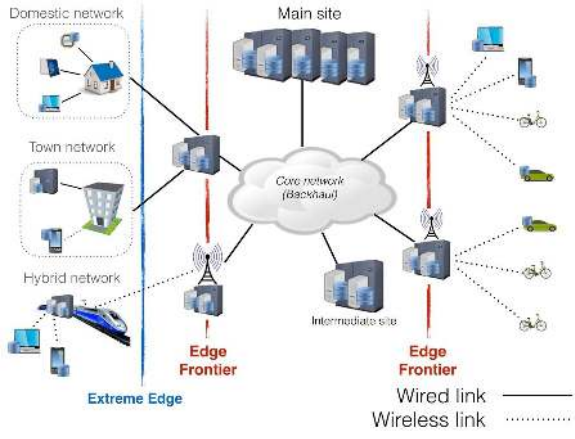
`https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Grid5000:Software`

Other features and services

- Flexible usage rules: *default* vs *production* (long jobs) vs *besteffort* (background)
- Data storage (group storage, disk reservation)
- Reproducible system images for Debian 8, 9, 10 (soon), *testing*; Centos 7, Ubuntu 18.04
- *sudo-g5k* to get root priviledges on the standard environment
- To be announced soon:
  - Network-level federation with Fed4FIRE testbeds
  - 10 Gb connection to the Internet
- Work in progress:
  - New clusters in Nancy (3), Lyon, Grenoble
  - GPU-level reservations
  - IPv6
  - ARM servers
- 30 regression tests (1161 configurations) to ensure that everything works consistently

Futur: SILECS

- SILECS Infrastructure for Large-scale Experimental Computer Science
- Experimental infrastructure for a continuum from Edge to Cloud
- Build on the foundations of Grid'5000 and FIT (IoT-Lab, CorteXLab, R2Lab, etc.)



Key numbers: users and publications

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Active users	564	553	592	514	528	458	573	600	564
Publications	154	141	101	134	106	143	122	151	127
PhD & HDR	14	20	9	27	24	30	27	23	22
Usage rate	50%	56%	58%	63%	63%	63%	55%	53%	70%

- 1313 active users over the last 3 years
- 3769 active users since 2003
- 2007 publications that benefited from Grid'5000 in our **HAL collection**[6]
  - Computer Science: 96%, Mathematics: 2.4%, Physics: 2.4%
  - Since 2015: LORIA: 23%, IRISA: 23%, LIG: 19%, LIP: 13%, LS2N: 13%, CRISTAL: 5%, LIRMM: 5%, LIP6: 3%

[6] `https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/GRID5000`

Grid'5000 organization and governance

Groupement d'Intérêt Scientifique (GIS)

- **Director** – Frédéric Desprez
- ***Bureau*** (6 members: FD, LN, Christian Perez, Adrien Lebre, Laurent Lefevre, David Margery)
- ***Comité des responsables de sites***
- **Technical Director** – Lucas Nussbaum
  - Technical team (8.2 FTE)
- **Architects committee** (6 members)
- ***Conseil de groupement***
  - Inria, CNRS, RENATER, CEA, CPU, CDEFI, IMT ($\approx$ Allistène + RENATER)
- ***Conseil scientifique***
  - 10 international members

institutional and scientific steering

technical steering

advisory and evaluation bodies

Technical organization

- Distributed infrastructure, but managed by a single distributed team
  - Strong coherence and coordination between sites
- Current composition: 8.2 full-time engineers
  - Inria: 5.91 (perm: 0.86, CDD: 5.1), CNRS: 1.02 (perm: 1.02), U. Rennes: 0.6 (perm: 0.6), IMT Atlantique: 0.4 (CDD: 0.4), U. Lorraine: 0.2 (perm: 0.2)
  - Including Pierre Neyron: Médaille de Cristal du CNRS 2019

Structure

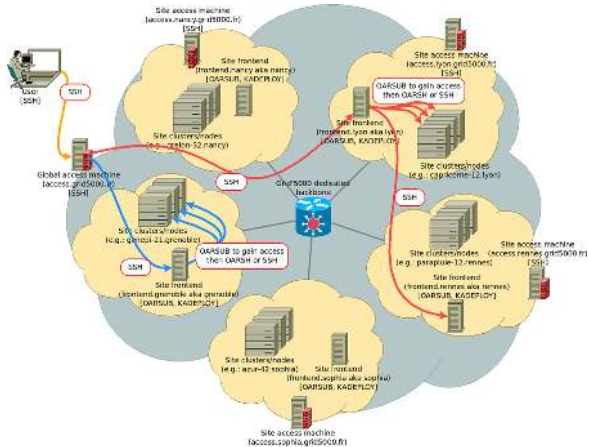
- An advanced and established infrastructure for the *data-center* facets of Computer Science
  - Large-scale, distributed
  - Shared (many involved laboratories and institutions)
  - Designed for reconfigurability, observability, reproducible research
- Looking forward to extend this scope through collaborations in the context of SILECS
  - Compared with FIT: we share the same design goals, principles, but focus on different objects
    - *Core* of the Internet vs *Edge* of the Internet
    - *Internet of servers* vs *Internet of clients*
  - Strong needs of joint experiments

How to access Grid'5000

- Request an account
  - `https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Grid5000:Get_an_account`
  - All researcher in IRIT can have an account
- Abide by the charter
  - `https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Grid5000:UsagePolicy`
  - Acknowledgement to g5k
  - Daytime is dedicated to smaller-scale experiments
  - Large-scale jobs must be executed during nights or weekends
  - `best-effort` queue for low priority jobs
- Experiment!
  - Directly with CLI and scripts
  - Using Execo (tutorial[7], Big Data[8])

[7] `https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Execo_Practical_Session`
[8] `https://gitlab.inria.fr/grid5000/bigdata-tutorial/blob/master/Experiment.ipynb`

Structure: Multiple clusters behind frontals



https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Hardware

https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Status

Capabilities

- Direct access to the resources
  - Cluster-like access
  - Root access
  - Bare-metal access
  - See Demo [9]
- Multiple types of resources
  - Computing (CPU/GPU/Phi)
  - Network (vlan, topology files)
- Higher level access
  - Execo: Manages experimental plans, resource reservation
  - Python-grid5000: REST API to manage resources
  - Several other tools on `https://www.grid5000.fr/w/Grid5000:Software`
- The LHC for computer scientists

[9] `https://www.irit.fr/~Georges.Da-Costa/demo-g5k/demo.html`

Some recent results from Grid'5000 users

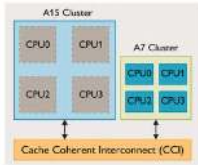
- Portable Online Prediction of Network Utilization (Inria Bdx + US)
- Energy proportionality on hybrid architectures (LIP/IRIT/Inria)
- Damaris: scalable, asynchronous data storage for large-scale simulations (Inria)
- Toward a resource management system for Fog/Edge infrastructures

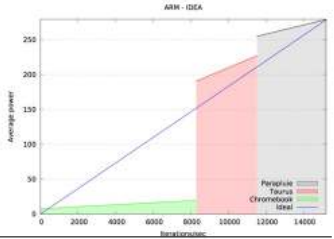
Portable Online Prediction of Network Utilization

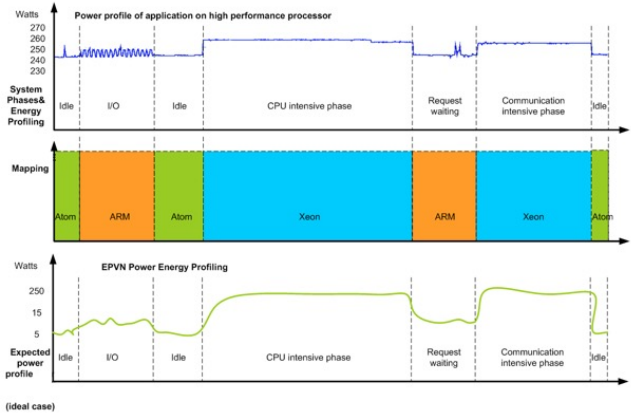
- **Problem**
  - Predict network utilization in near future to enable optimal utilization of spare bandwidth for low-priority asynchronous jobs co-located with an HPC application
- **Goals**
  - High accuracy, low compute overhead, learn on-the-fly without previous knowledge
- **Proposed solution**
  - Dynamic sequence-to-sequence recurrent neural networks that learn using a sliding window approach over recent history
  - Evaluate the gain of a tree-based meta-data management
  - INRIA, The Univ. of Tennessee, Exascale Comp. Proj., UC Irvine, Argonne Nat. Lab.
- **Grid'5000 experiments**
  - Monitor and predict network utilization for two HPC applications at small scale (30 nodes)
  - Easy customization of environment for rapid prototyping and validation of ideas (in particular, custom MPI version with monitoring support)
  - Impact: Early results facilitated by Grid'5000 are promising and motivate larger scale experiments on leadership class machines (Theta@Argonne)

Energy proportionality on hybrid architectures[10]

- Hybrid computing architectures : low power processors, co processors, GPUs...
- Supporting a “Big, Medium, Little” approach : the right processor at the right time







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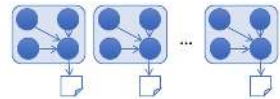
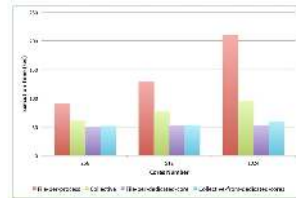
Damaris[11]

Scalable, asynchronous data storage for large-scale simulations using the HDF5 format

- **Traditional approach**
  - All simulation processes (10K+) write on disk at the same time synchronously
  - Problems: 1) I/O jitter, 2) long I/O phase, 3) Blocked simulation during data writing



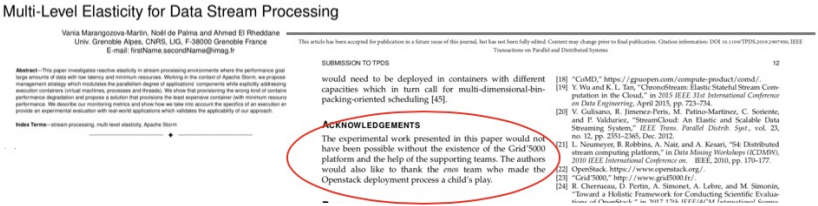
- **Solution**
  - Aggregate data in dedicated cores using shared memory and write asynchronously
- **Grid'5000 used as a testbed**
  - Access to many (1024) homogeneous cores
  - Customizable environment and tools
  - Repeat the experiments later with the same environment saved as an image
  - The results show that Damaris can provide a jitter-free and wait-free data storage mechanism
  - G5K helped prepare Damaris for deployment on top supercomputers (Titan, Pangea (Total), Jaguar, Kraken, etc.)



[11] https://project.inria.fr/damaris/

Toward a resource management system for Fog/Edge infras.

- **Inria Project Lab: Discovery**
  - Design a resource management system (a.k.a. a cloudkit) for Fog/Edge infrastructures
  - A four year project started in 2015 with Inria, Orange (and initially Renater)
  - Designing from scratch such a system cannot be envisioned (OpenStack 13 Millions of LOCs)
- **Contributions**
  - Implementation of a complete workflow to evaluate OpenStack WANWide scenarios
  - Evaluate OpenStack up to 1000 compute nodes (Grid'5000, oct 2016)
  - Evaluate OpenStack WANWide (impact of latency and throughput constraints) (oct 2017)
  - Evaluation of communication bus for Fog/Edge scenarios (May 2018)
  - Evaluation of database backends (NewSQL, NoSQL, etc. (May 2018)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would need to be deployed in containers with different capacities which in turn call for multi-dimensional-bin-packing-oriented scheduling [45].

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Deploy a micro DC on each Network Point of Presence

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- **Inria Project Lab: Discovery (contd)**
  - The creation of a dedicated working group within the OpenStack community that deals with Fog/Edge challenges (now managed by the foundation with key actors such as ATT, Verizon, CISCO, China mobile etc.)
  - Several presentations / publications (see the DISCOVERY website)
  - France has the main academic actor in the worldwide community (Inria/IMT Atlantique) thanks to the G5K testbed in particular.
    - ★ A leadership position
    - ★ A strong expertise for experiments related to performance, scalability of OpenStack components (concrete actions with RedHat, ongoing actions with Huawei, etc.)

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