



Morphometry of the cortical folds

Cortical regions discriminating
AD patient and healthy
subjects (classifier)

a national platform
for multi-centric
neuroimaging
research studies

Dopamine transporter SPECT imaging

Amyloid PET imaging with ¹⁸F-Florbetapir
in a patient with AD (top)
and a healthy subject (bottom)

What is the CATI ?

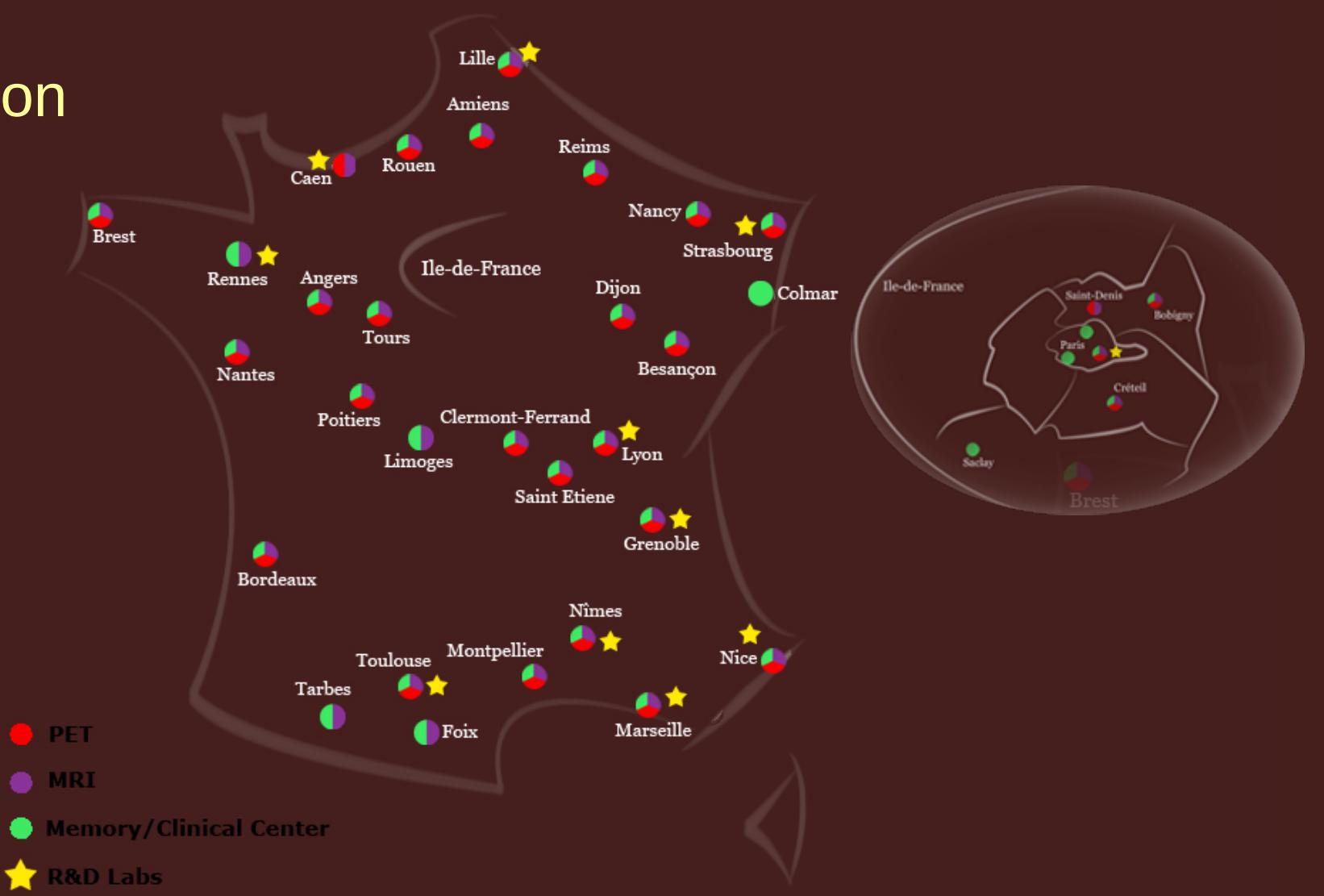
French national **platform** for research projects requiring **neuroimaging** data on **big cohorts** of subjects.

- ▶ Scientific advices (MRI, nuclear imaging)
- ▶ Data acquisition
- ▶ Data management
- ▶ Data analysis
- ▶ Quality control



Acquisition network

50 acquisition
centers in
France



Research projects

- **Alzheimer**

17 studies, around 8000 subjects

- **Parkinson**

6 studies, around 2500 subjects

- **Huntington**

1 study, around 100 subjects

- **Hypertension**

1 study, around 800 subjects

- **ALS**

1 study, around 1000 subjects

- **Hippocampus Sclerosis**

1 study, around 100 subjects

- **Psychiatry**

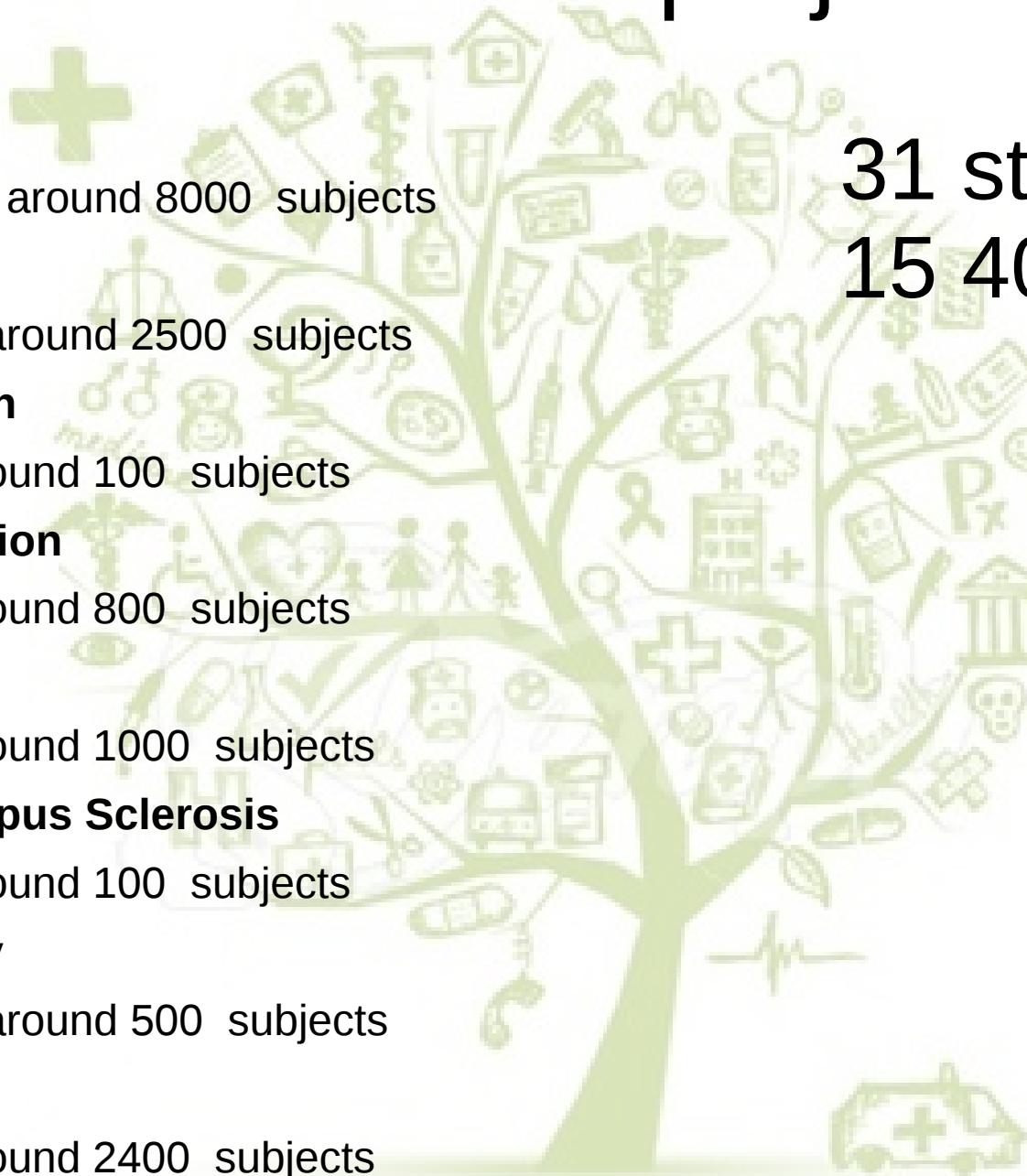
3 studies, around 500 subjects

- **Aging**

1 study, around 2400 subjects

31 studies

15 400 subjects



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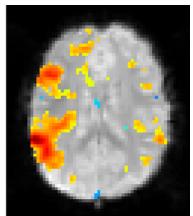
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Distribution of skills

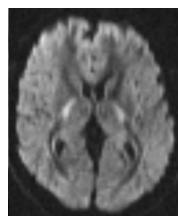
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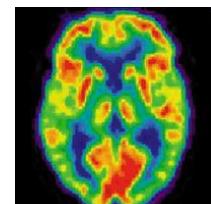
fMRI



aMRI



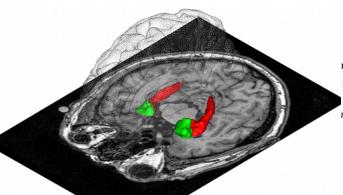
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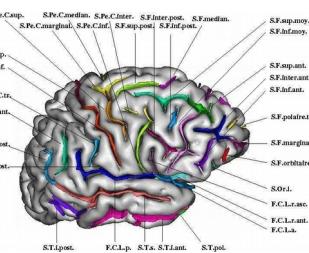
PET

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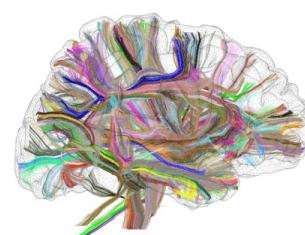
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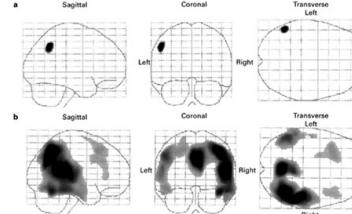
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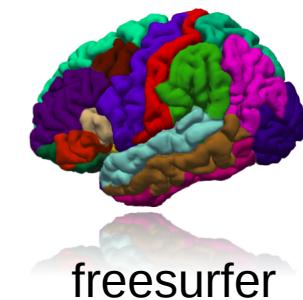
Morphologist



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SPM

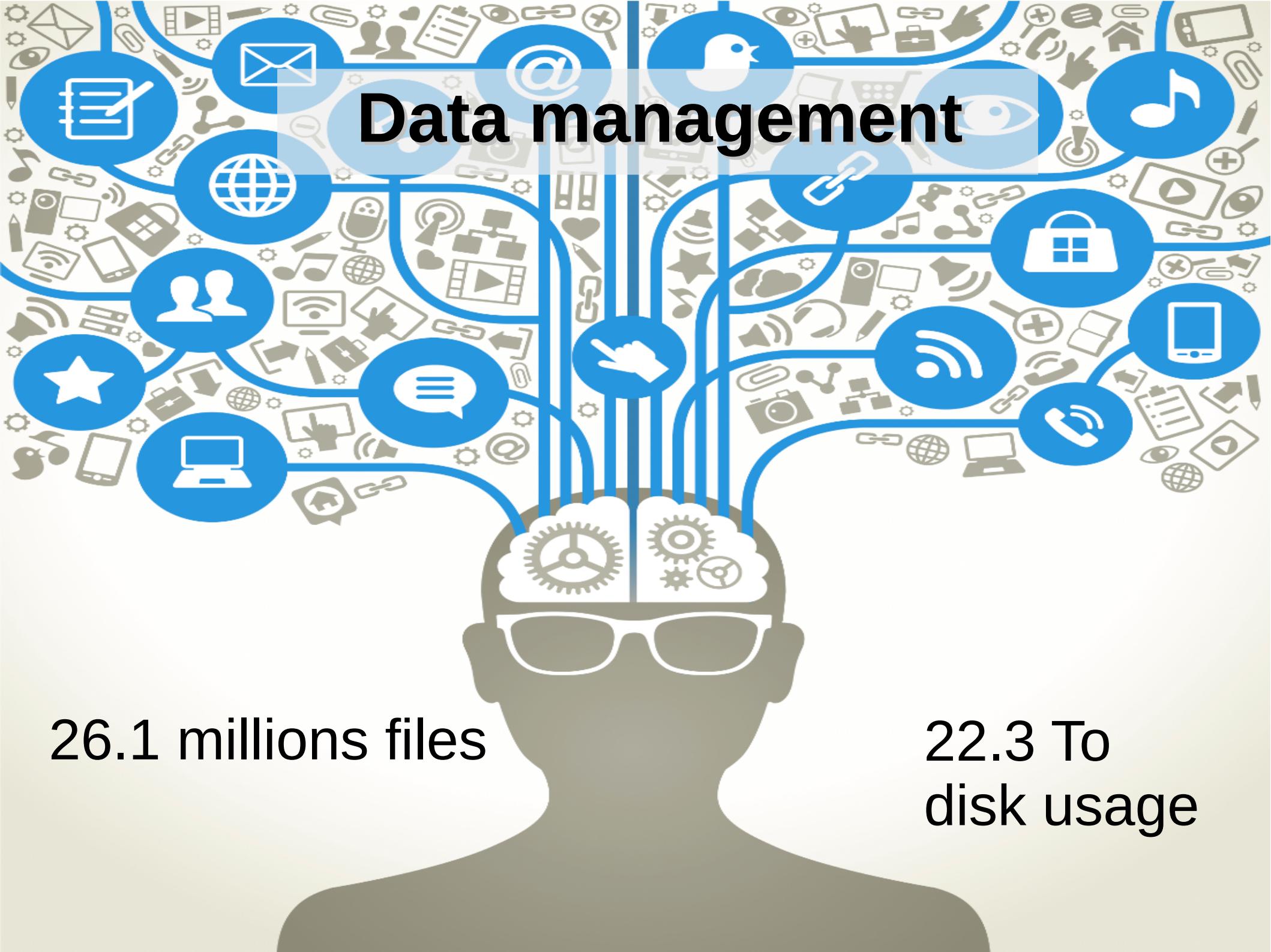


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5 research labs

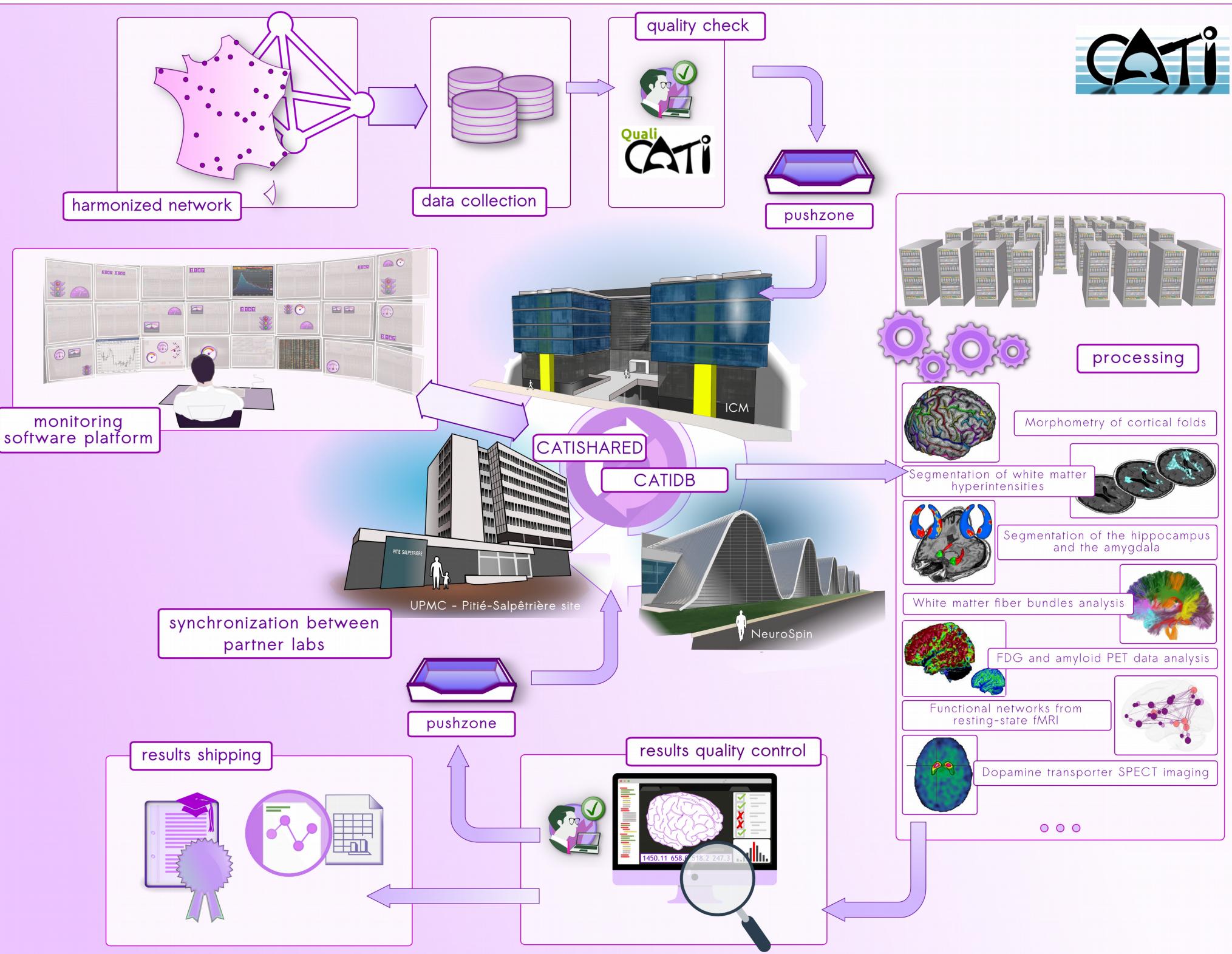




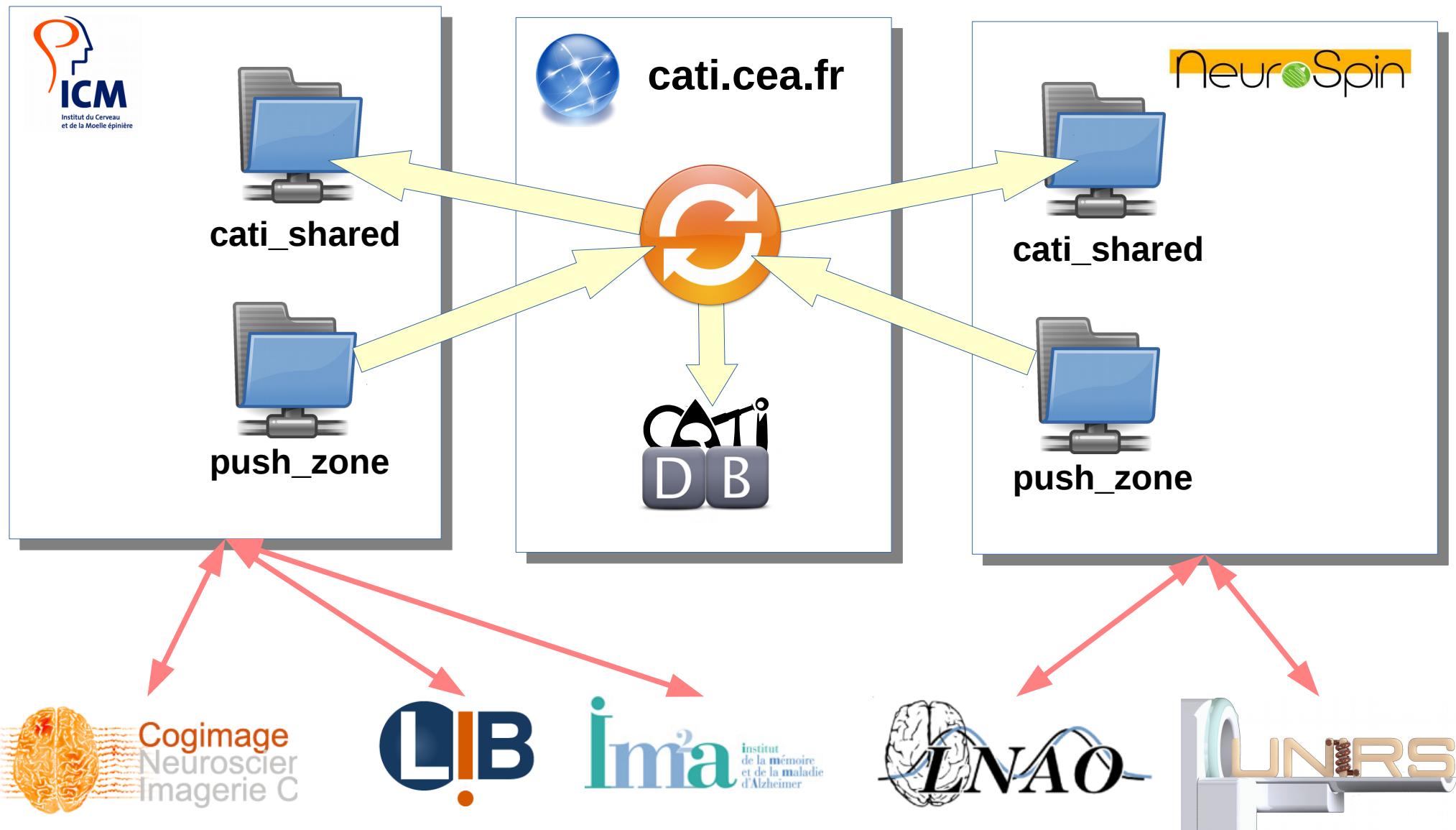
Data management

26.1 millions files

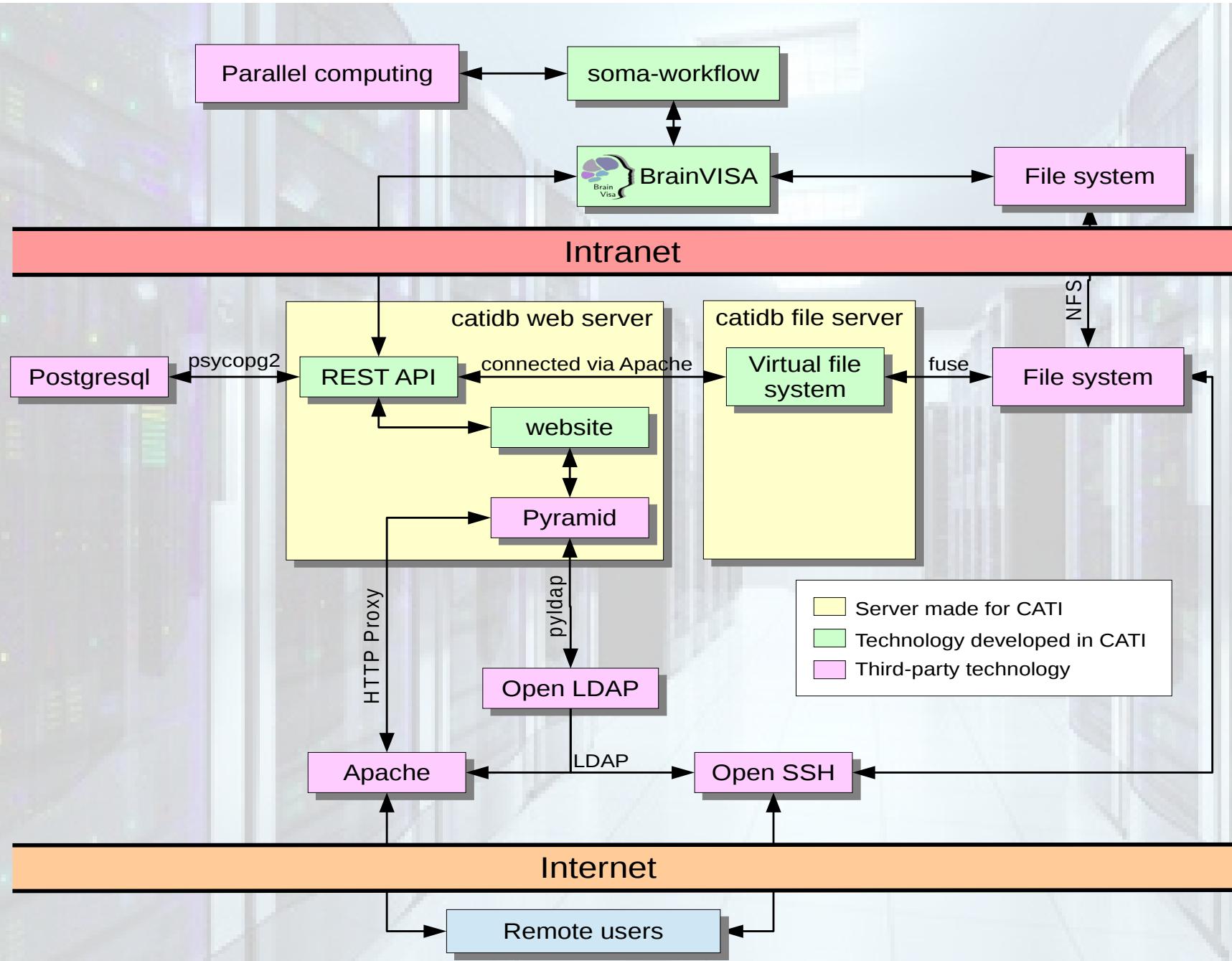
22.3 To
disk usage



Distributed architecture



Server infrastructure

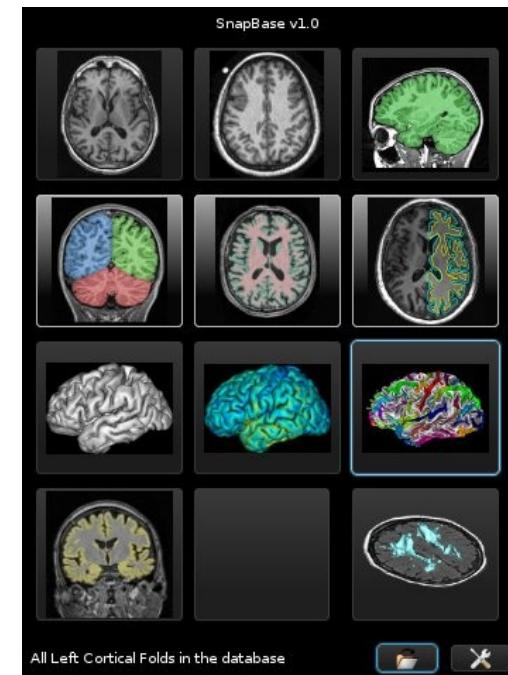




BrainVISA platform

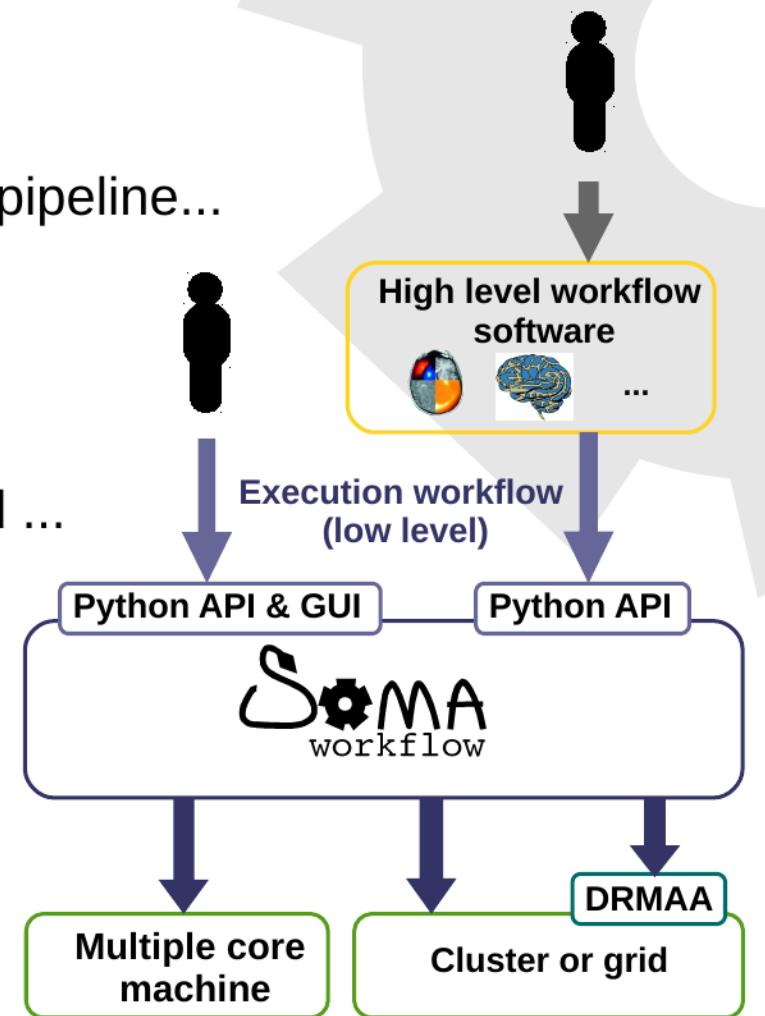
<http://brainvisa.info>

- ▶ Multi OS development environment
- ▶ Data organization framework
- ▶ Pipeline infrastructure
- ▶ User interfaces
- ▶ Interactive visualization



Soma workflow

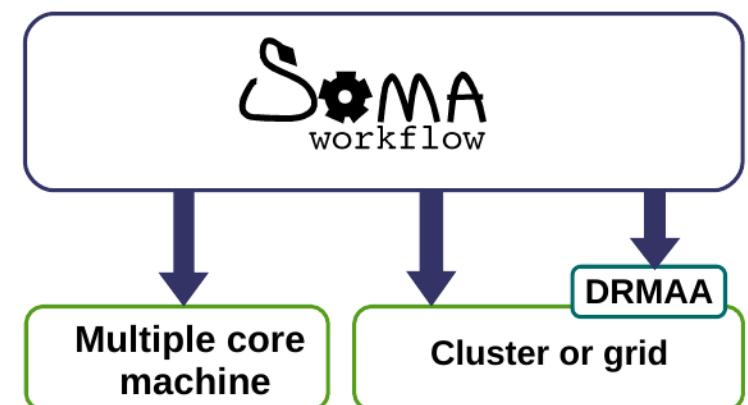
- Soma-workflow deals with execution workflows (low level)
- ≠ from high level workflow software
 - In neuroimaging: BrainVISA, NiPype, LONI pipeline...
 - Higher level description of workflow
 - Higher level features
- Bridges the gap between parallel resources and ...
 - Non expert user
 - Documentation
 - Python API made to be simple
 - GUI
 - High level workflow software



Interface with computing resources

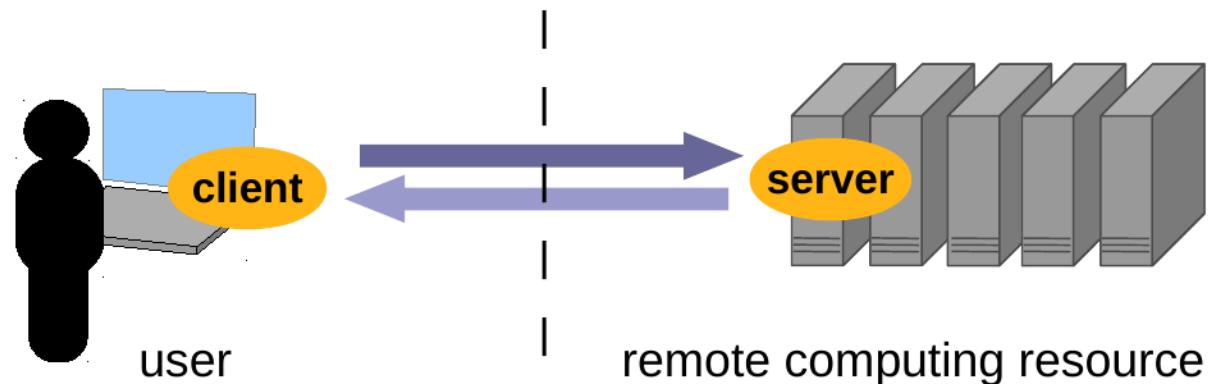
- Uses only very basic computing resource functionalities
 - Compatibility with a wide range of resources
- Creation of an interface with a new resource
 - Implementation of 4 Python methods
- Built in interfaces:
 - Ready to use on multiple core machines
 - Interface with the Distributed Resource Management Application API (DRMAA)
 - Software standard developed by the Open Grid Forum
 - S-w was used with success on clusters with the systems:
 - Oracle Grid Engine
 - Torque
 - LSF
 - Condor

- Job submission
- Job suppression
- Job status
- Job exit information



Remote access to computing resources

- Soma-workflow can be used as a client-server application :
 - Same Python API and same GUI
 - Disconnection at any time
 - The remote communication done with Pyro in a ssh tunnel
- If no shared file system between the user machine and the resource:
 - File path mapping tool
 - File and directory transfer tool
 - Soma-workflow takes into account the state of file transfer when executing a workflow.



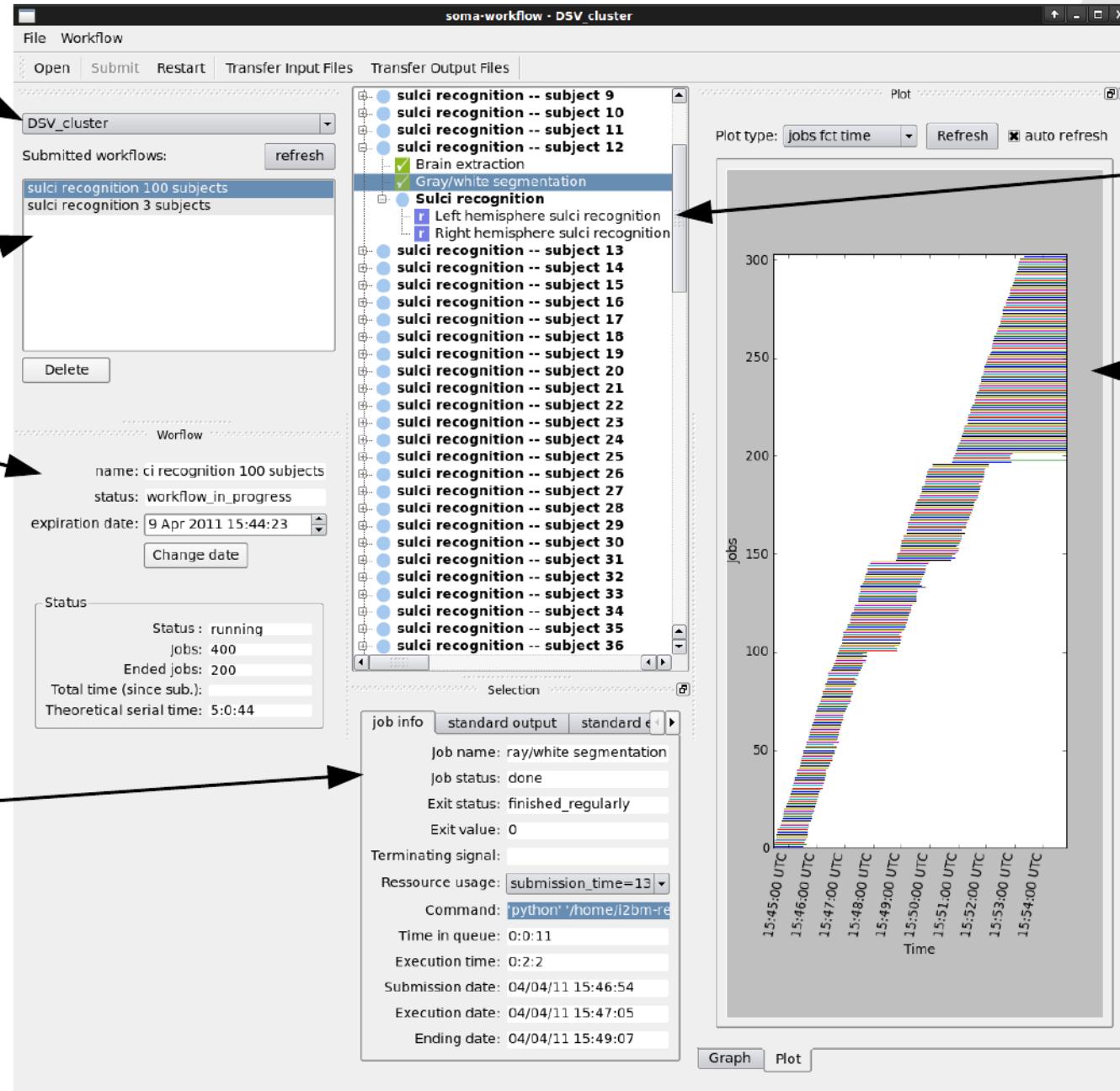
GUI overview

List of the configured resources

Submitted workflows

Current workflow information

Current selection Information
(here a ended job)



Representation of the workflow as a tree

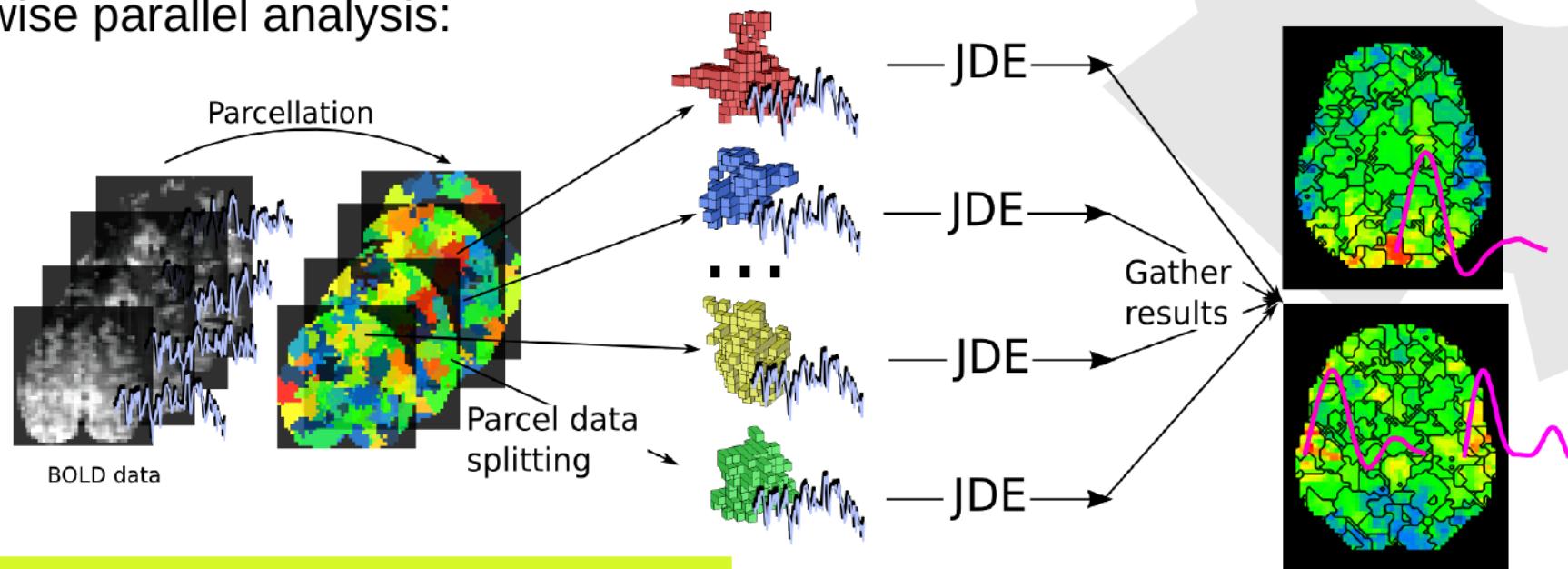
workflow execution plots

The future of CATI



Case 1: Acceleration of a single data analysis

- Functional neuroimaging application: Joint detection-estimation (JDE)^[1]
 - Detection of the parts of the brain which are involved in a given stimulus
 - Estimation of the Hemodynamic Response Function (HRF)
- Parcel-wise parallel analysis:

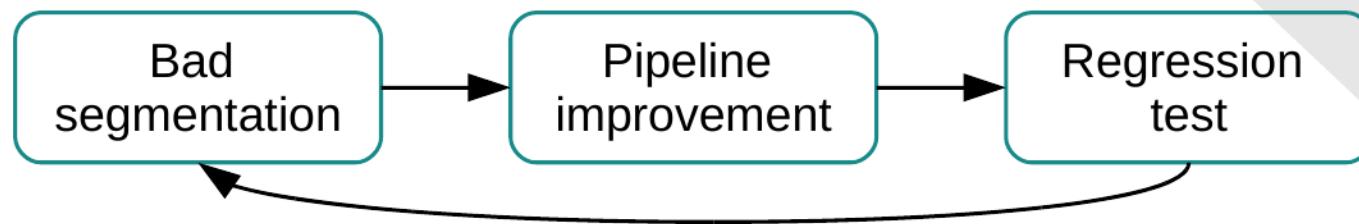


- ➔ Wrapping of existing code in a workflow
- ➔ A whole brain processing:
 - 10 hours on 1 CPU
 - 15 mins on the cluster
- ➔ A group study of 20 subjects: ~ 1 day

^[1] Vincent, T., Risser, L., Ciuciu, P. Spatially adaptive mixture modeling for analysis of within-subject fMRI time series IEEE Trans. Med. Imag. 29, 1059–1074 (2010)

Case 2: Robustness improvement with regression tests

- Objective: to reduce the sensitivity of the Morphologist pipeline of BrainVISA [2]
- Morphologist: extraction of the main brain structures from T1 MRI
 - hemispheres, gray/white matter, cortical surface, cortical folds, etc.
- Step by step morphologist was tested on about 1000 T1 MR images.



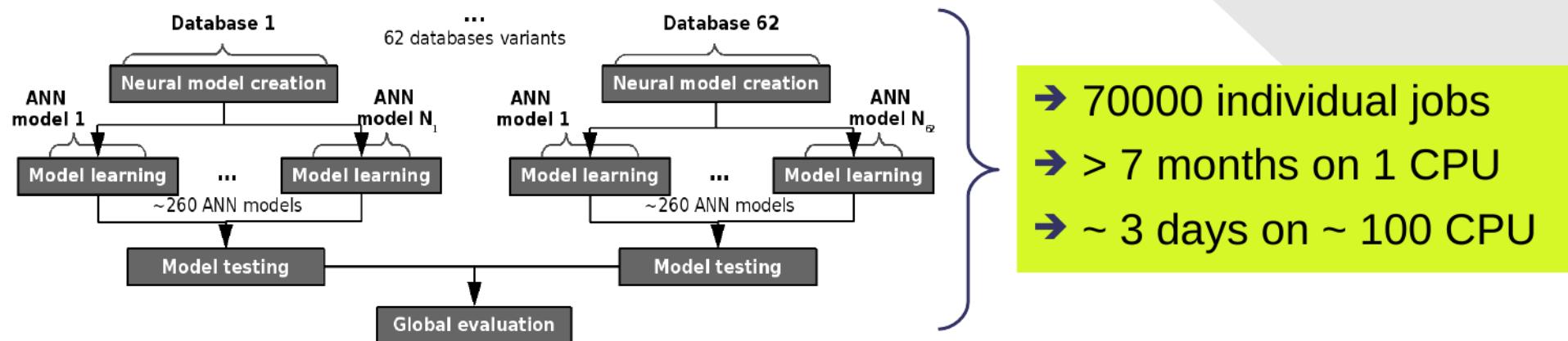
- Regression test are frequently done on a database made of 80 T1 MRI

→ workflows generated by BrainVISA
→ 23 hours on 1 CPU
→ ~ 1h on the cluster

→ { More frequent regression tests
Tests on larger dataset

Case 3: Extensive validation

- Extensive cross-validation of cortical sulci identification models ^[3] and comparison with the newer method by Perrot ^[4]
- Each neural model is trained using a supervised learning scheme, based on a learning database of 62 manually identified brains
- Leave-one-out cross-validation of the models on the learning database



^[3] Rivi re, D., Mangin, J.-F., Papadopoulos-Orfanos, D., Martinez, J.-M., Frouin, V., R gis, J. Automatic recognition of cortical sulci of the Human Brain using a congregation of neural networks. Medical Image Analysis. vol. 6, no. 2, pp. 77–92 (2002)

^[4] Perrot, M., Rivi re, D., Mangin, J.-F. Cortical sulci recognition and spatial normalization. In: Medical Image Analysis. In press (2011)