

# Data Management System: Toward an iRODS-Based Approach to Scientific Data Services

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## **NCCS Mission**

#### Traditional

- Enable scientists to increase their understanding of the Earth and the universe by providing state-of-the-art high performance computing, storage, network, and application solutions
- Provide large-scale compute engines, analytics, data sharing, and high-end computing services

#### Future

 Develop a data services capability to better support the climate research communities and prepare the way for technology advances







### **New Science Goals**

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
   Assessment Report 5 (AR5)
  - Provide the data management services and analytical tools necessary to support the publication requirements of the IPCC
- Observation/Simulation Data Integration
  - Bring the climate modeling and observational communities together to work toward the goal of integrating model outputs and observational data
- Next Generation HEC Requirements for Modeling and Assimilation
  - Contribute emerging technologies to address computing the ever increasing requirements for Earth system modeling
  - Continuing to push the resolution of global models to the highest possible resolutions



# Technology - integrated Rule-Oriented Data System (iRODS)

- Open source data grid software developed by the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group, University of North Carolina
- Targets large repositories and digital preservation
- Supports the federation of independent, distributed collections
- Supports server-side workflows that are implemented by chaining execution rules together based on data policies
- Includes features such as domain-specific validation, automatic replication, and digital signature/checksum computation
- Validates assertions about data such as integrity and authenticity







### iRODS Data Grids

#### Observation Data

- Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectro-radiometer (MODIS) observational data
  - 54 million registered files, 630 TB of data, and over 300 million defined metadata values
- Small-scale, multi-product, application-specific data service
  - The Invasive Species Data Service (ISDS) manages a collection of MODIS data products for ecological forecasting applications

#### Simulation Data

- Modern Era Retrospective-Analysis for Research and Applications (MERRA) simulation data
  - 360 files, 47 GB of data, and 4000 metadata values
- Year of Tropical Convection (YOTC) data sets
  - 134,000 files, 12 TB of data, and 400,000 metadata values





# Next Steps – Data Services

#### Earth System Grid

 Use iRODS to address the publication requirements of IPCC/AR5, which requires integration of ESG

#### Data Integration

 Create the framework for integrating observational and simulation data

#### Cloud Provisioning

 Incorporate cloud computing to better serve the extended research community



