



UTFSM/CCTVal Data Center (10 Years of Experience)

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Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María





- Since 1931 (according to will and testament of Federico Santa María, died 1926)
- Five campuses in Chile and one en Ecuador
- Focus on science and engineering
- Master's Degree in around 20 areas
- PhD in Physics, Chemistry, Informatics, Electronics Engineering and Biotechnology
- Hosts a number of Research Centers, including CCTVal

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Centro Científico Tecnológico de Valparaíso





CCTVal (Scientific and Technological Centre of Valparaiso) was created and acknowledged by **CONICYT** (Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica - Commission for Scientific and Technological Research) through its backing with the **Basal** Financing program as a Scientific and Technological Centre of Excellence. The main research groups are: **Theoretical Particle Physics, Experimental High Energy Physics, Informatics** and **Electronics**.

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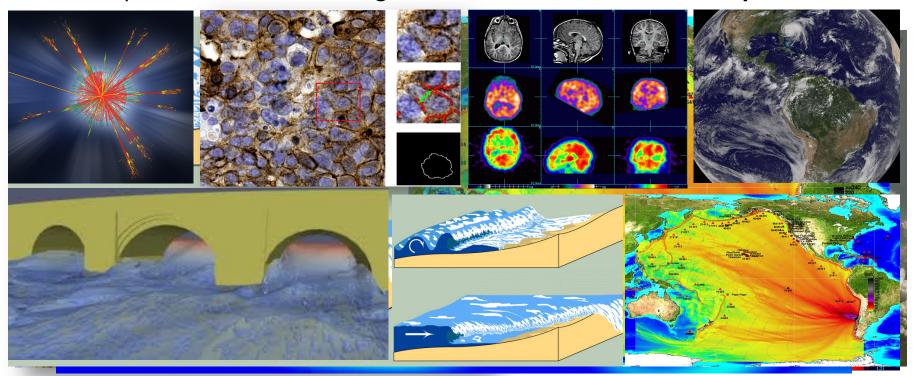


Research Projects



Research projects: UTFSM and other Chilean universities (U. of Chile, U. La Frontera, U. Santiago de Chile):

- > Computations in **High Energy** and **Particle physics**, including **ATLAS analysis**
- > Biomedical image processing (Digital Pathology on breast cancer etc.)
- Satellite image processing for Environment protection
- > Modeling of mechanical constructions (turbulent flow around bridge piers etc.)
- Tsunami project: modeling of tsunami hydrodynamics, implementation of an operational database integrated with the National Tsunami system

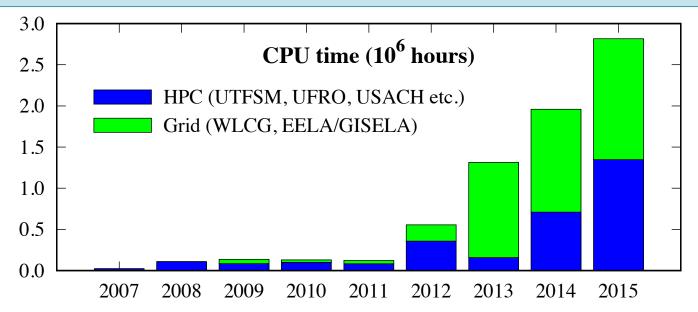




Brief History



2006 EELA cluster: 40 CPU cores 1.6GHz, 2TB
2008 Mostly local users, Grid tests
2009 EELA-2, WLCG Tier-3
2011 HPC cluster: 250 cores, 15TB
2012 HPC cluster: 500 cores, 200TB, ATLAS Production
2013 HPC cluster: ATLAS Analysis, WLCG Tier-2
2014 HPC cluster: GPU (Tsunami), NLHPC
2016 HPC cluster: 800 cores, 300TB, 10Gbps internal





Cluster Evolution





CPU: 40 Cores 1.6 GHz (DELL) Disk: 2 TB

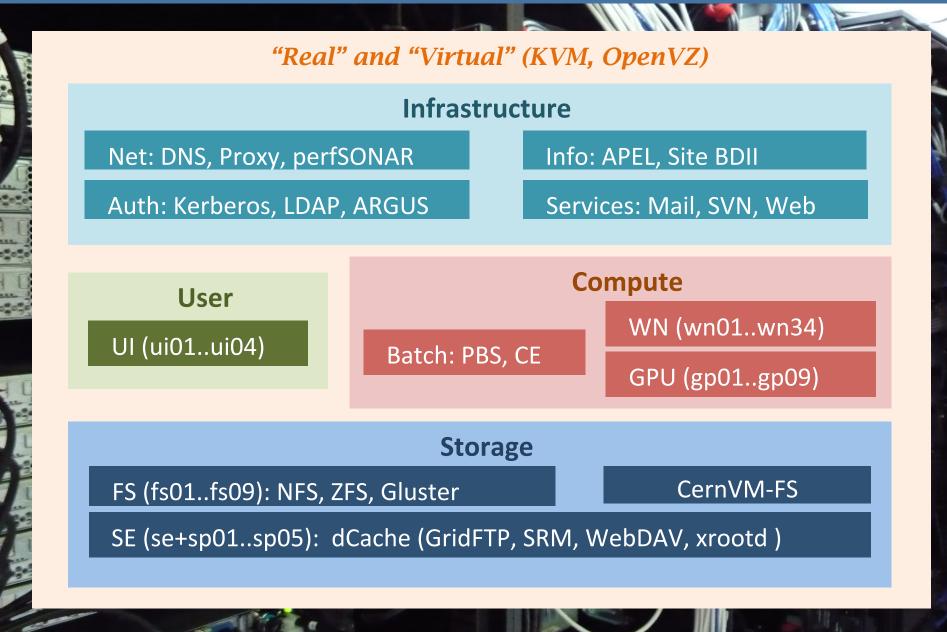


CPU: ~ 800 Cores 2.8-3.1 GHz (DELL, HP) Disk: ~ 300 TB (DELL, HP, Supermicro) GPU: nVidia (C1060, M2050, K20m)



Cluster Layout





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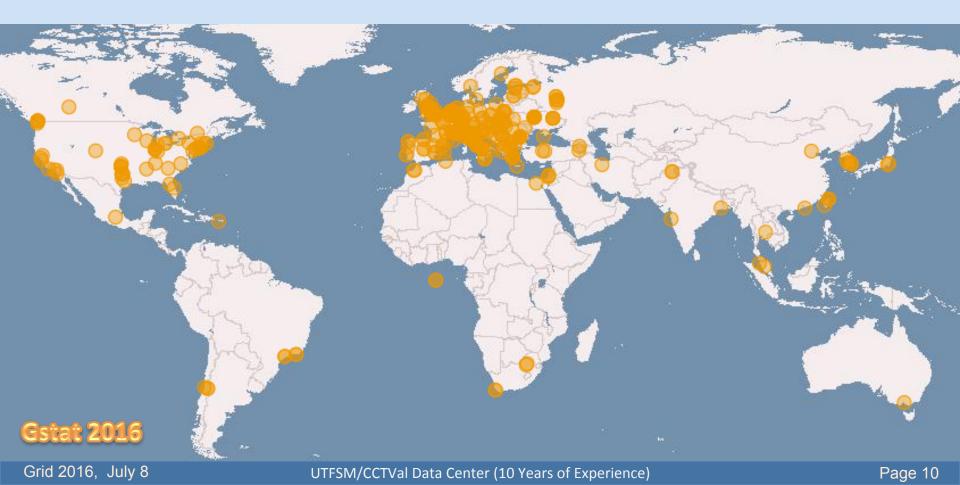
- Hardware:
 - Hundreds of CPU and *enough* memory per core
 - Big Storage (100 TB and more)
 - High speed internal and good external network
- Software:
 - Compilers: C/C++, FORTRAN, Python, ...
 - Packages: GEANT, OpenFOAM, Pythia, ROOT, ...
 - Parallel code: MPI (MPICH, OpenMPI)
 - GPU programming: nVidia CUDA
 - Operating System (RHEL compatible)





Specificity of Latin American Grid:

- Low "density" of sites, no NGIs
- Most of sites dedicated only to one experiment or project
- Network: far from major computer centers, low external bandwidth





Network cables



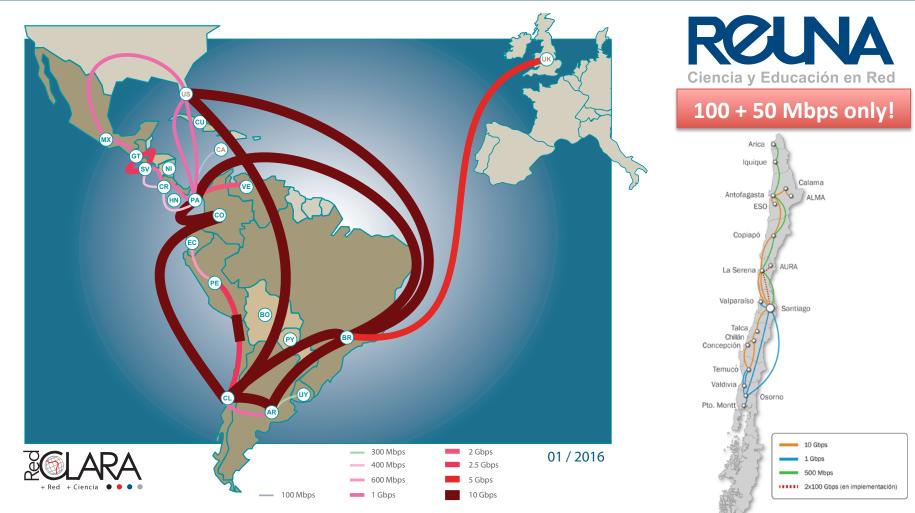
A NEW MAP of the SUBMARINE CABLES connecting the World, according to the best Authorities with all the latest Discoveries to the PRESENT PERIOD, 2015.





Red CLARA, REUNA





RedCLARA - Cooperación Latino Americana de Redes Avanzadas (since 2003). Established for regional interconnection and linked to GEANT2 in 2004 via the ALICE Project. Provides regional interconnection and connection to the world through its international links to GEANT2and Internet2 (USA) and, through them, to the advanced networks of the Caribbean (C@ribnet), Asia (APAN, TEIN), among others. Thanks to the ALICE2 Project, between December 2008 and March 2012, RedCLARA could significantly improve the capacity of its network and expand its benefits for its members and regional research communities.

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2004-2008: Early years

- **Standalone**: CBPF, UNIANDES (CERN catch-all ROC); SPRACE (OSG)...
- EELA (E-infrastructure shared between Europe and Latin America)

2009-2010: Rising

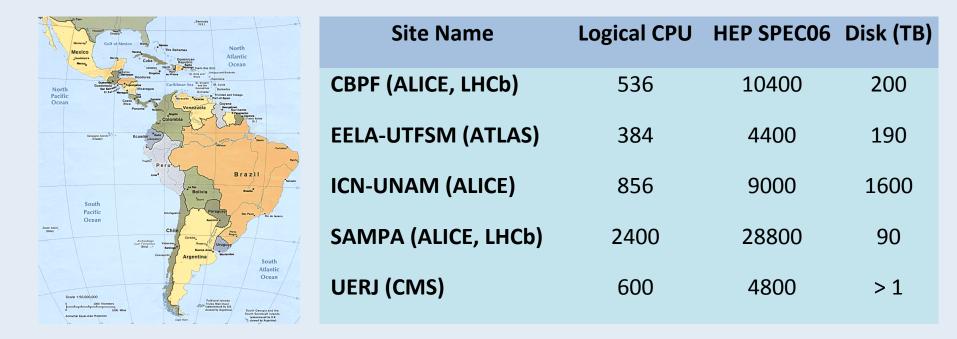
- EELA-2: EU (CIEMAT, LIP) + LA (UFRJ, EELA-UNLP, EELA-UTFSM, ...)
- **ROC-LA**: CBPF, ICN-UNAM, SAMPA, UNIANDES, EELA-UTFSM
- ROC-IGALC (mostly non LHC projects): CEFET-RJ, UFRJ, ...

2011-2016: Production

- **GISELA** (successor of EELA, EELA-2): sites from ROC-LA and ROC-IGALC
- **ROC-LA**: LHC (ALICE, ATLAS, LHCb)
- Tier-2 Latin America Federation

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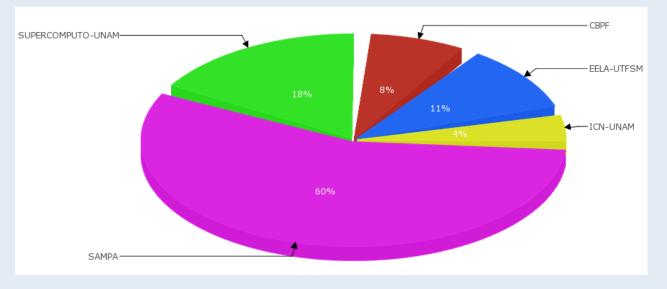


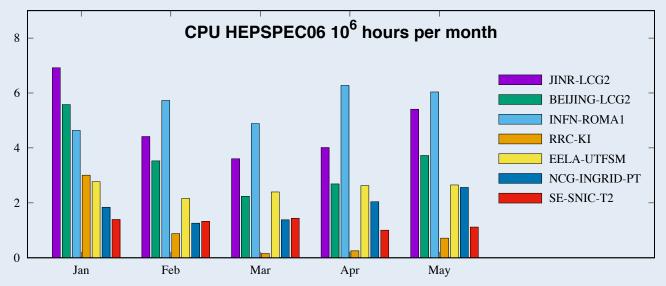
The **MoU** between **Centro Latinoamericano de Física** (**CLAF**) and **WLCG** has been signed 10 September 2013. **CLAF** is an international organization aimed to promote and coordinate efforts in development of physics in Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile and many others). **CLAF** maintains special relations with many other international organizations (**CERN**, **JINR**, etc.). **CLAF** will work as an "umbrella" to all **ROC-LA** sites. The financing is coming from the hosting institutions, not from central sources.





Normalized CPU time for ROC-LA sites (January - June 2016)







Conclusions



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Installation/configuration stage:

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✓ Proper hardware: servers (computing, storage), network etc.

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- ✓ Location, backup power lines, cooling systems etc.
- ✓ Software: OS (RHEL 3..7, Ubuntu?), packages, services etc.

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Maintenance stage:

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- Regular replacement/reparation (hard drives, UPS batteries, etc.)
- Regular hardware and software updates and new installations
- Reliable network channel: good ISP required!

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✓ Users support: web, tutorials, online etc.

Human resources (always):

- ✓ Qualified personnel (Don't know? We'll train you!)
- ✓ Some strong internal motivation to keep everything running...



Thank you for your attention!





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