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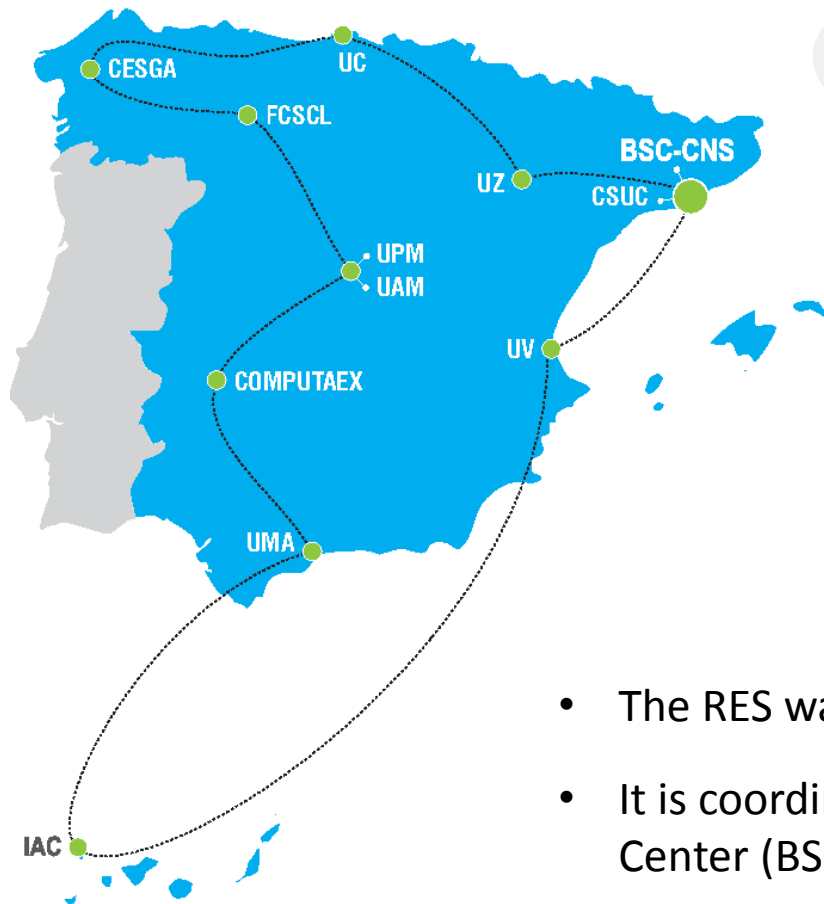
# SPANISH SUPERCOMPUTING NETWORK RESOURCES AND ACCESS



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# RES: HPC Services for Spain



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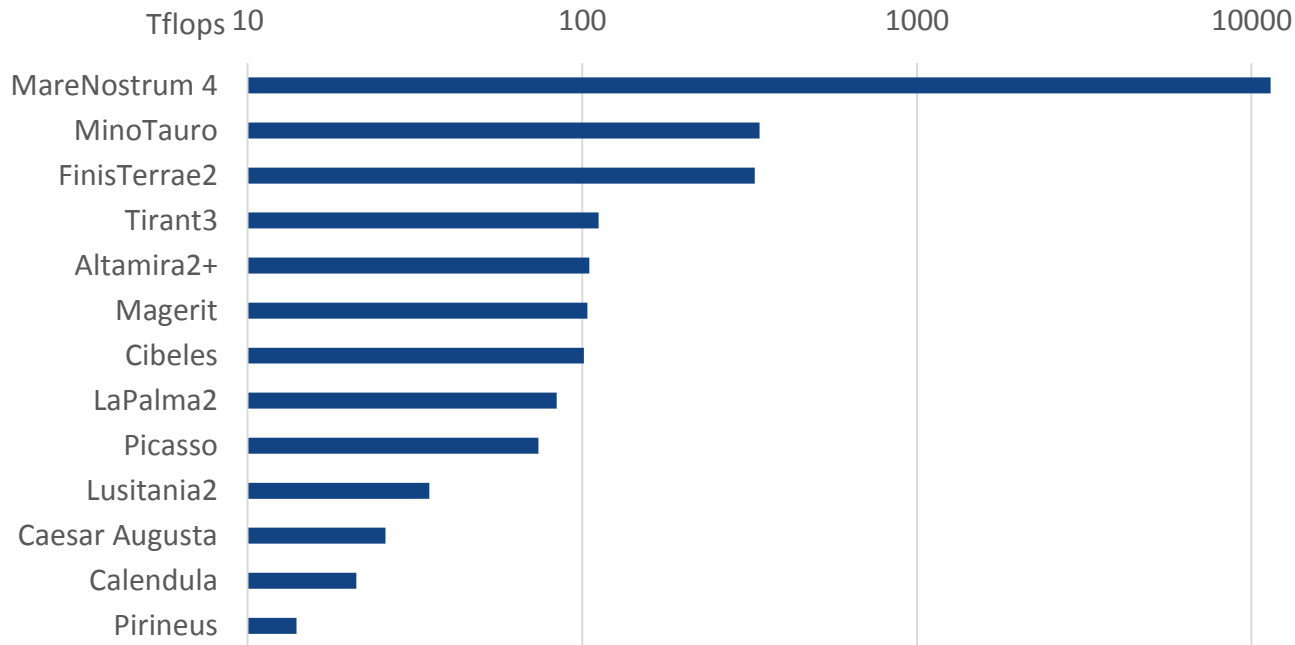


- The RES was created in 2006.
- It is coordinated by the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS).
- It is part of the Spanish “Map of Unique Scientific and Technical Infrastructures” (ICTS).



# RES: HPC Services for Spain

RES is made up of 12 institutions and **13 supercomputers**.



# RES supercomputers

**BSC (MareNostrum 4)** 165888 cores, 11400 Tflops

Main processors: Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8160  
Memory: 390 TB  
Disk: 19 PB

**UPM (Magerit II)** 3920 cores, 103 Tflops

Main processors : IBM Power7 3.3 GHz  
Memory: 7840 GB  
Disk: 1728 TB

**UMA (Picasso)** 4016 cores, 74Tflops

Main processors: Intel SandyBridge-EP E5-2670  
Memory: 22400 GB  
Disk: 720 TB

**UV (Tirant 3)** 5376 cores, 111,8 Tflops

Main processors: Intel SandyBridge-EP E5-2670  
Memory: 32 GB  
Disk: 14 + 10 TB

**CSUC (Pirineus)** 1344 cores, 14,3 Tflops

Main processors: Intel Xeon X7542 with 6 cores  
Memory: 61400 GB  
Disk: 112 TB

**CénitS (Lusitania 2)** 420 cores, 34,89 Tflops

Main processors Intel Sandybridge Xeon  
Memory: 10 GB  
Disk: 328 TB



# RES supercomputers

**BSC (MinoTauro)** 1300 cores, 339 Tflops  
Main processor: 39x 2 Intel Xeon E5-2630 v3, 61x 2 Intel Xeon E5649  
Memory: 20 TB

**CESGA (FinisTerra 2)** 7712 cores, 328,3Tflops  
Main processor: Intel Xeon E5-2680v3  
Memory: 40 TB  
Disk: 960 TB

**UC (Altamira 2+)** 5120cores, 105 Tflops  
Main processor: Intel SandyBridge  
Memory: 15,4 TB

**UZ (Caesaraugusta)** 3072 cores, 25.8 Tflops  
Main processor: AMD Opteron 6272, 2.1 GHz (Interlagos)  
Memory: 256 GB RAM memory

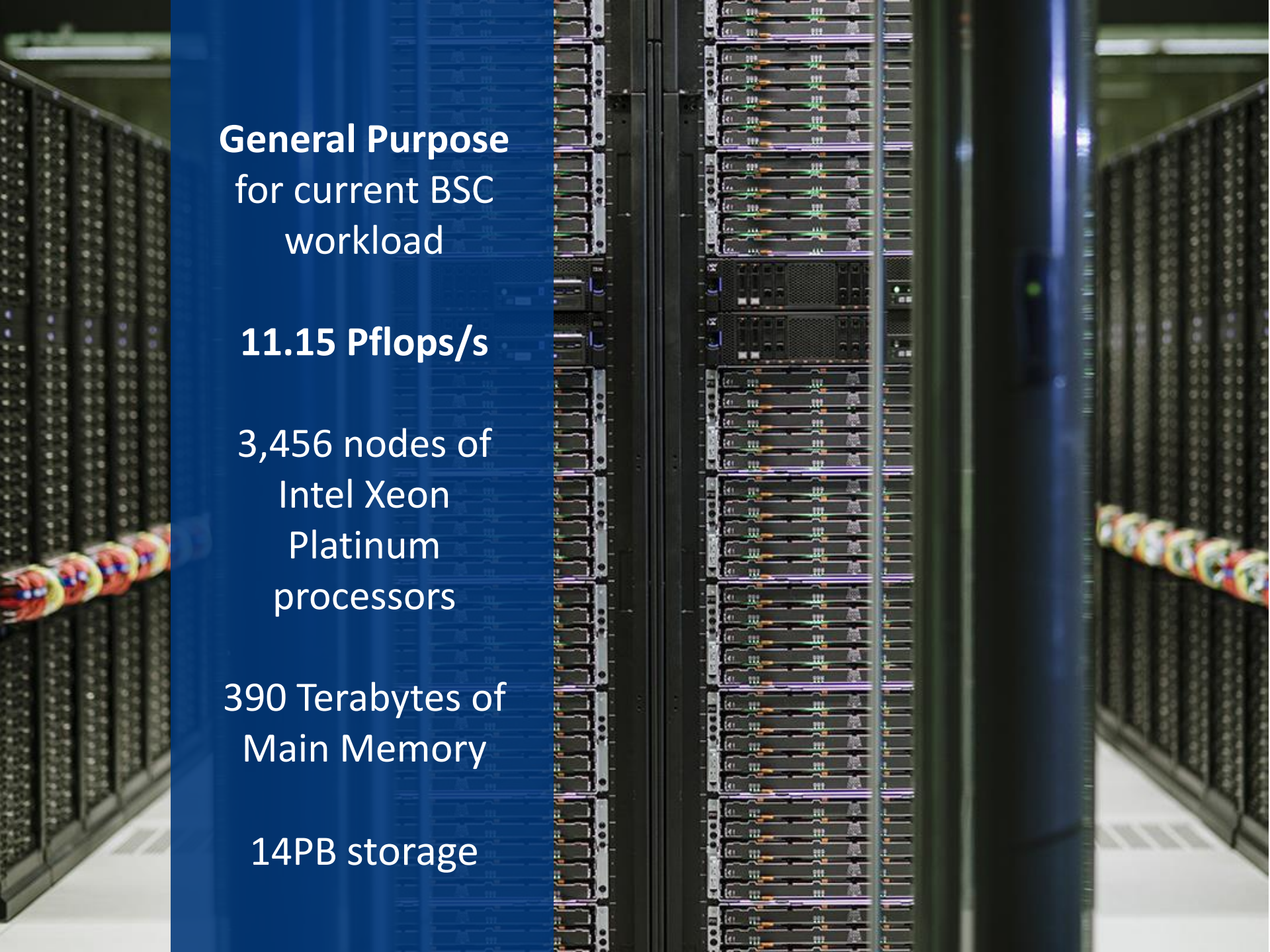
**FCSCCL (Caléndula)** 2800 cores, 21,12 Tflops  
Main processor: IntelE5450  
Memory: 3520 GB  
Disk: 6 TB

**UAM (Cibeles)** 4480 cores, 105 Tflops  
Main processor: Intel SandyBridge  
Memory: 8960 GB  
Disk: 300 TB

**IAC (LaPalma)** 4032 cores, 83,85 Tflops  
Main processor: Intel SandyBrigde  
Memory: 8064 GB  
Disk: 60 TB





A photograph of a server rack in a data center. The rack is filled with server units, and a blue vertical overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing white text. The background shows other server racks and a colorful cable bundle.

**General Purpose**  
for current BSC  
workload

**11.15 Pflops/s**

3,456 nodes of  
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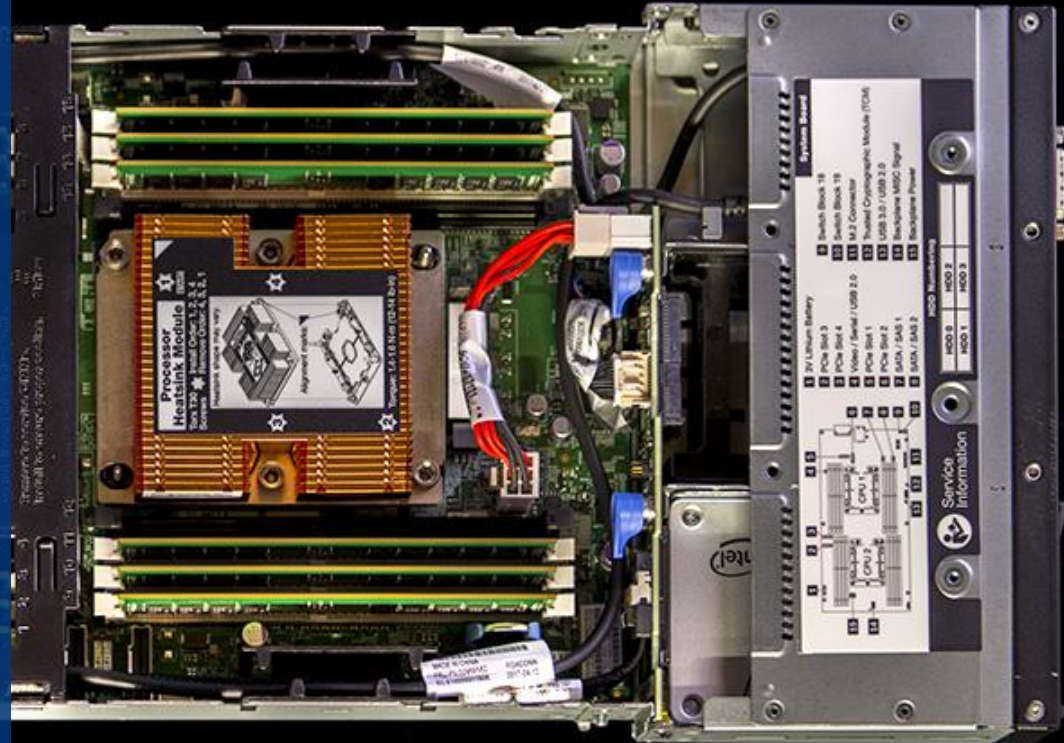
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A photograph of a server room. In the background, several server racks are visible, each filled with server units. Some units have small green lights. Bundles of network cables, some orange and some yellow, are plugged into the racks. In the foreground, there are large bundles of green network cables lying on a metal tray or rack. The overall scene is a typical data center environment.

Interconnected  
with OmniPath  
network





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A photograph of server racks in a data center. The racks are filled with server units and a dense network of teal-colored cables. A blue vertical overlay covers the left portion of the image, containing white text. The background shows more server racks receding into the distance.

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# Emerging Technologies, for evaluation of 2020 Exascale systems

3 systems, each  
of more than 0,5  
Pflops/s  
with KNH,  
Power9+NVIDIA,  
ARMv8



**Total peak  
performance**

**13,7 Pflops/s**

12 times more  
powerful than  
MareNostrum 3



# RES: Big Data and storage

## Storage components in MareNostrum 4:



- **Disk storage capacity of 14 Petabytes**
  - 7 x ESS GL6
    - 2 IBM Power System 822L
    - 6 DCS3700 JBOD expansions
  - 2x Metadata block
    - 2 IBM Power System 822L
    - 2 Flash System V900

## Long-term storage in BSC (Active Archive):

- Not directly accessible from HPC Machines, but can be used from any HPC Machine through a batch system:
  - 5.7 PB GPFS Filesystem
  - Robot SL8500 (Tapes): capacity 6 PB

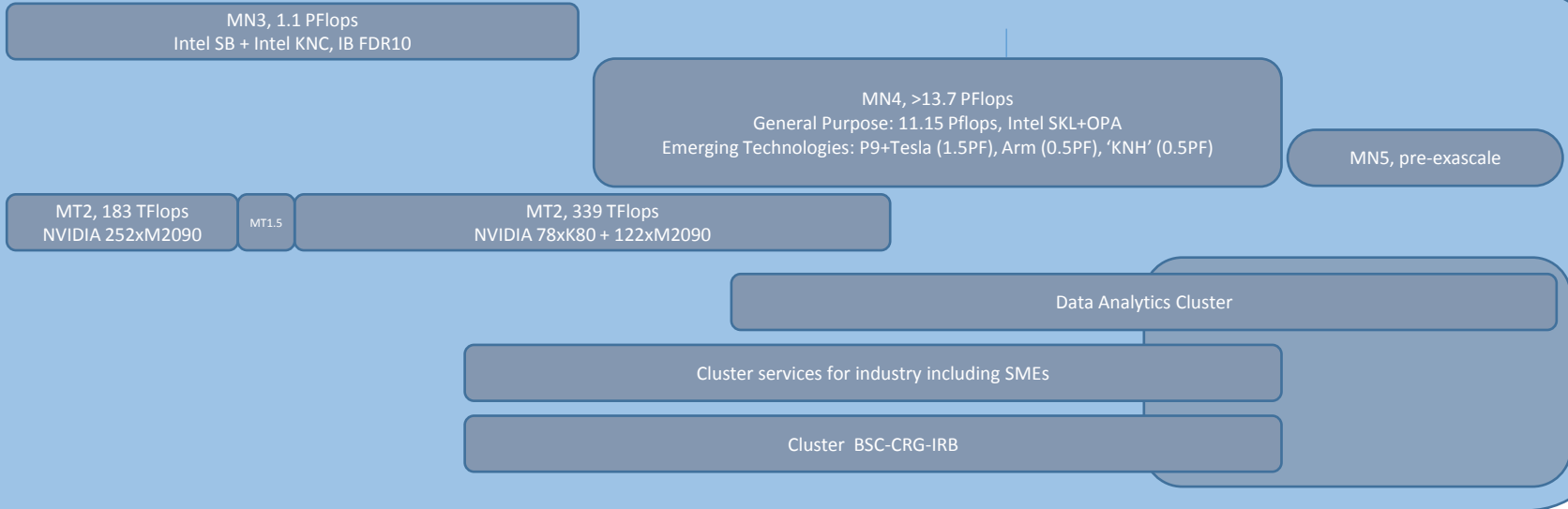




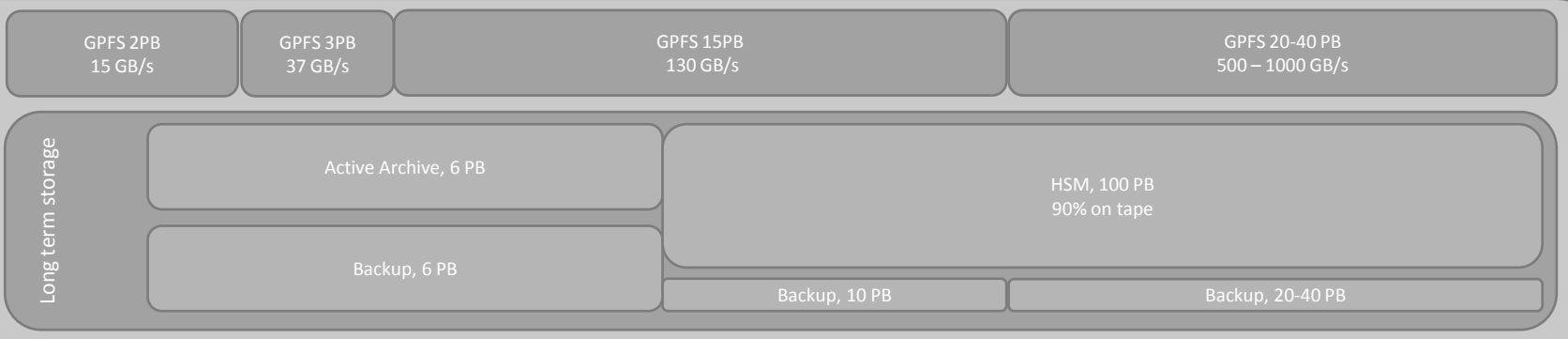
# BSC infrastructure roadmap

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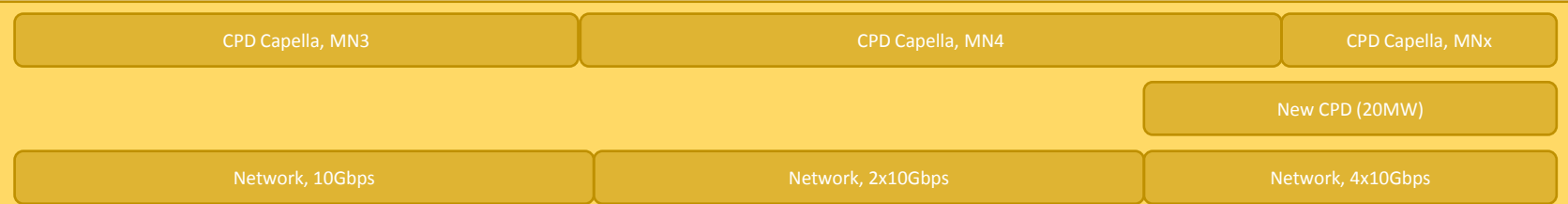
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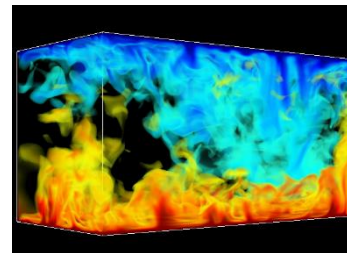
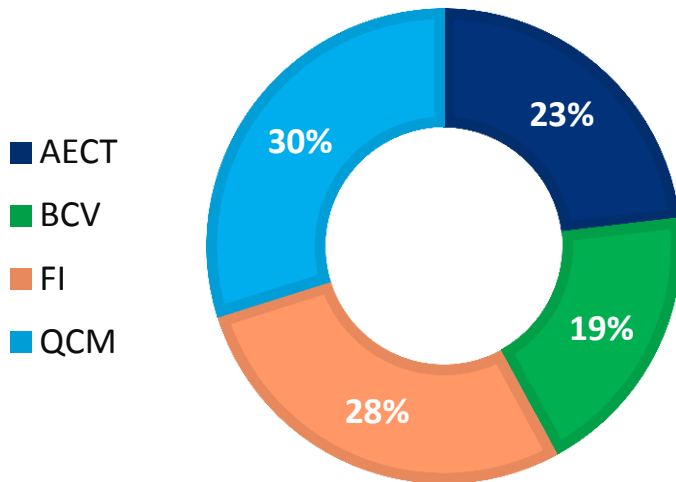


# RES: HPC Services for Spain

- **Objective:** manage high performance computing technologies to promote the progress of excellent science and innovation in Spain.
- It offers HPC services for **non-profit R&D** purposes.
- Since 2006, it has granted more than **1,000 Million CPU hours** to 2,473 research activities.

## Research areas

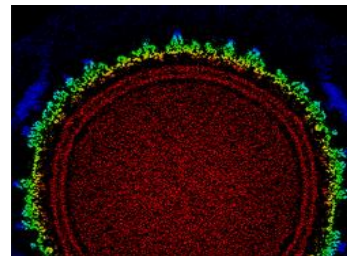
### Hours granted per area



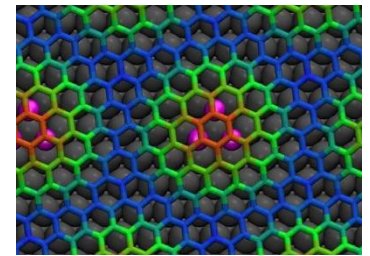
Mathematics, physics  
and engineering



Astronomy, space  
and earth sciences



Life and health  
sciences



Chemistry and  
materials sciences





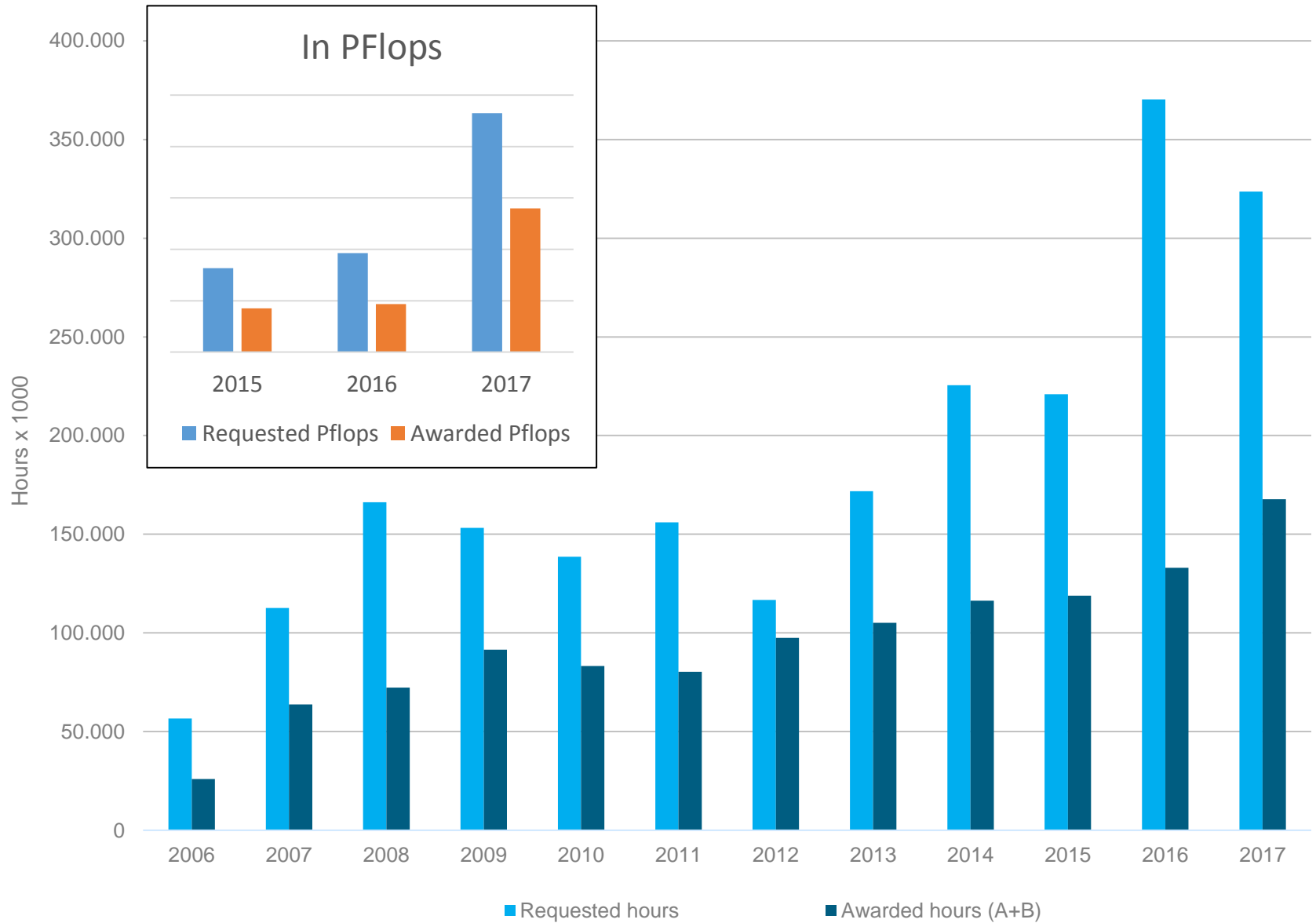
# How to apply?

- RES resources are **open for Open R&D**:
  - Computing time: CPU hours and local storage
  - Technical support: application analysis, porting of applications, search for the best algorithm... to improve performance and ensure the most effective use of HPC resources.
  - Free of cost at the point of usage
    - Spin-offs free access for 3 years.
- Three **open competitive calls** per year.

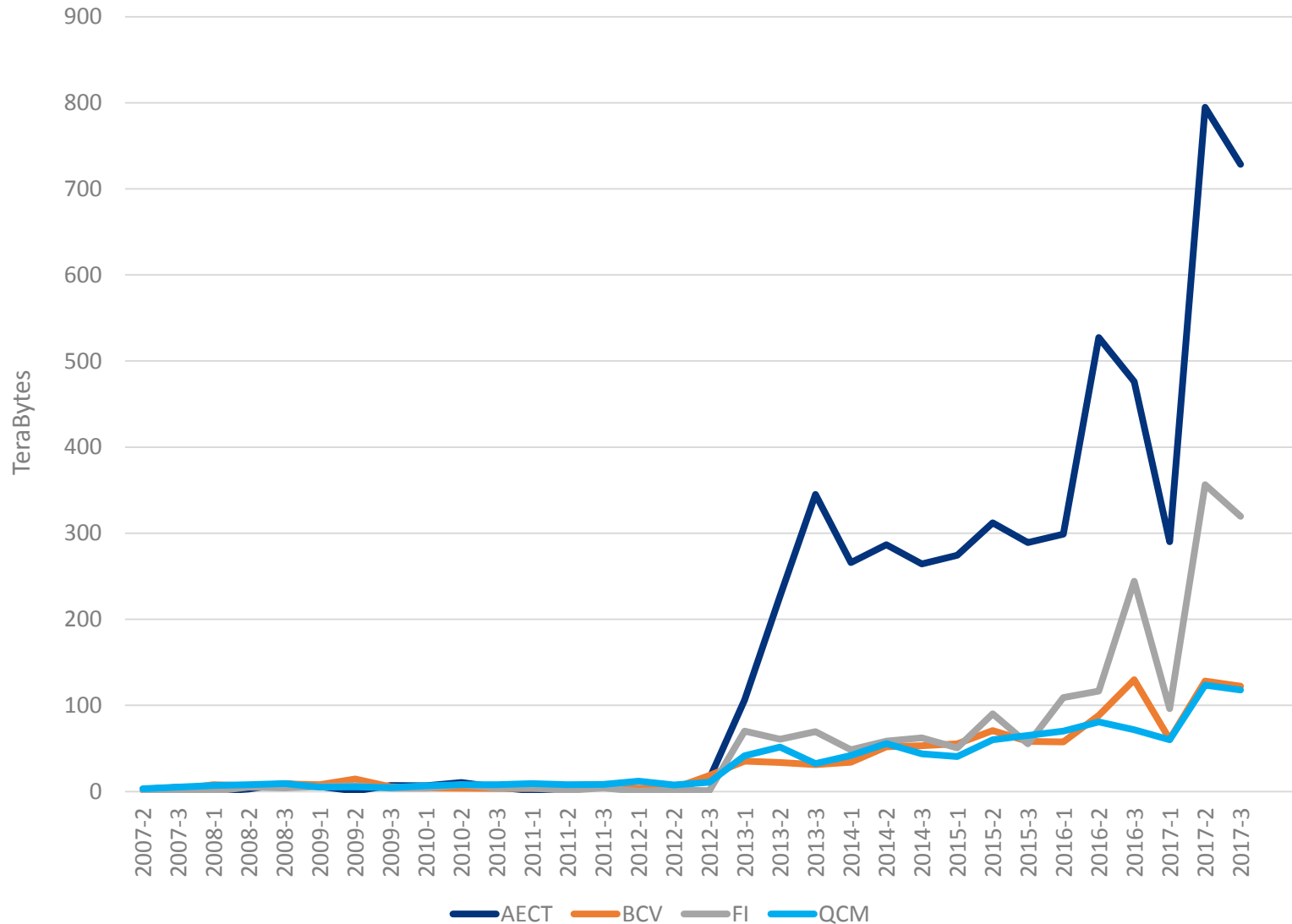
Period	Deadline for applications	Starting date
P1	January	1 <sup>st</sup> March
P2	May	1 <sup>st</sup> July
P3	September	1 <sup>st</sup> November

**Next deadline: May 2018**

# Resources granted: computing power



# Resources granted: disk storage



# Proposal evaluation

## Application

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### Technical experts panel

- Members appointed by RES nodes

- Technical appropriateness to HPC architecture (10%)

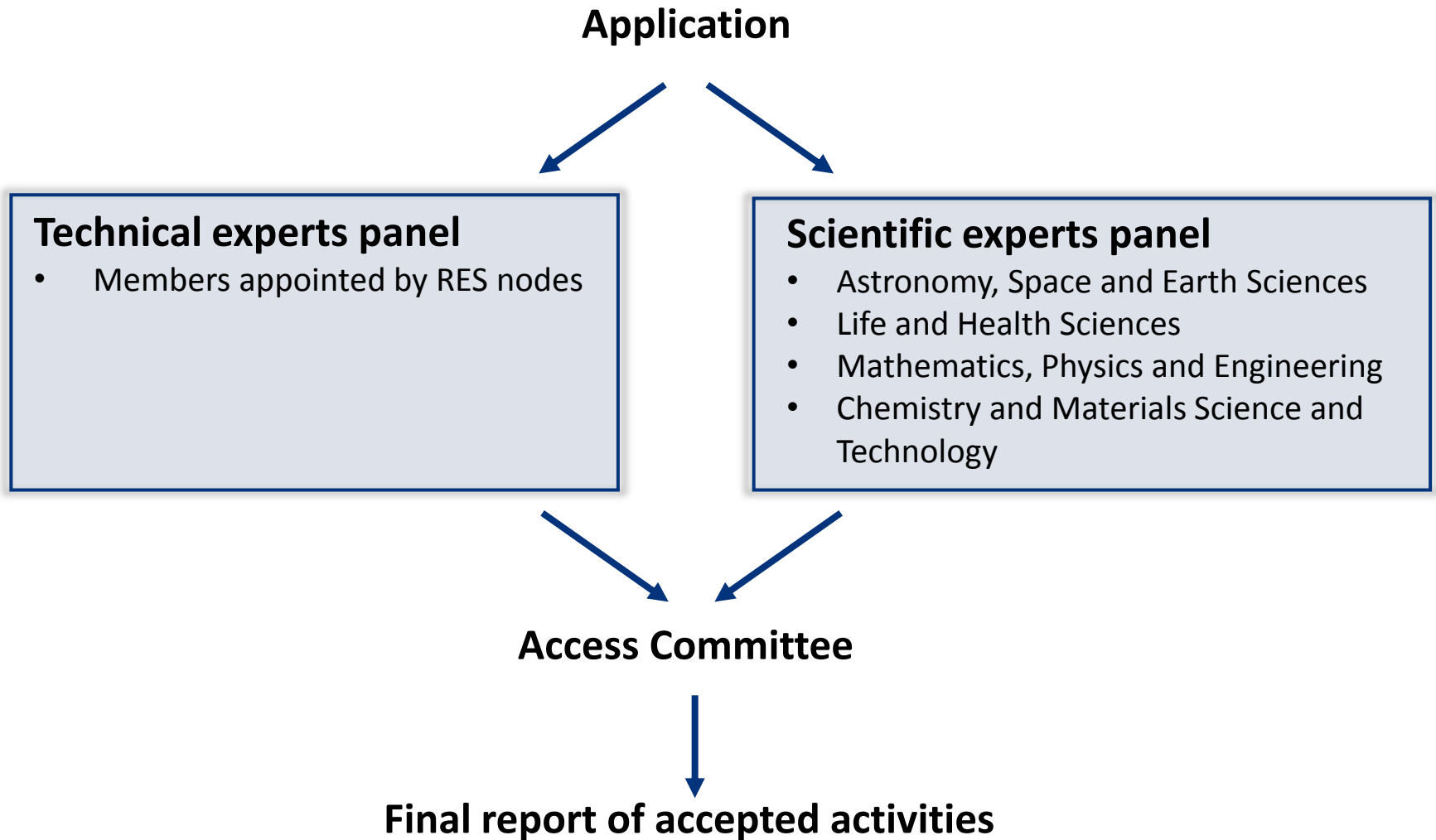
### Scientific experts panel

- Astronomy, Space and Earth Sciences
- Life and Health Sciences
- Mathematics, Physics and Engineering
- Chemistry and Materials Science and Technology

- Scientific interest (20%)
- Relevance of calculations in the research project (30%)
- Scientific credentials and experience in HPC (20%)
- Supercomputation needs (20%)

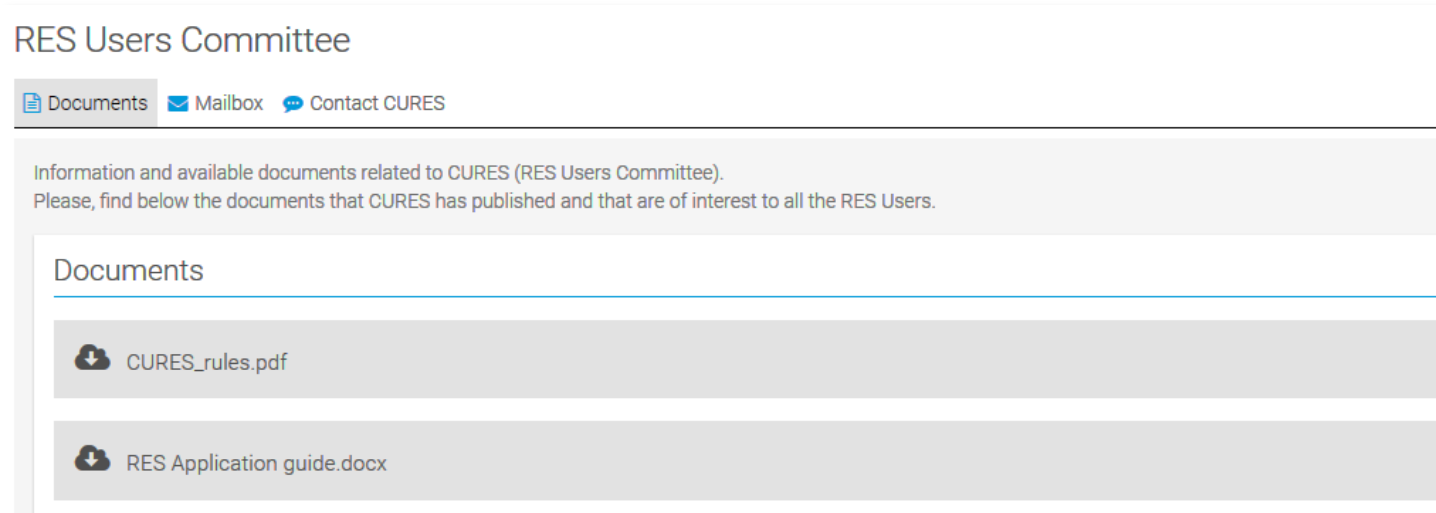


# Proposal evaluation



# RES Users' Committee

- **CURES aims to provide advice and feedback to RES coordinators:**
  - Promotes optimal use of high performance computing facilities
  - Shares information about users' experiences
  - Voices user concerns
- You can **contact CURES** through RES intranet:





RES Users Committee

[Documents](#) [Mailbox](#) [Contact CURES](#)

Information and available documents related to CURES (RES Users Committee).  
Please, find below the documents that CURES has published and that are of interest to all the RES Users.

### Documents

-  CURES\_rules.pdf
-  RES Application guide.docx



# RES events: scientific seminars

The RES promotes scientific seminars which address supercomputing technology applications in specific scientific areas. These events are mainly organized by RES users and are open to the entire research community.

**In 2017:**

- ✓ 5 scientific seminars
- ✓ More than 300 attendees



**Annual call for proposals**

<http://www.res.es/en/events>

Call for proposals for scientific seminars

The RES funds the organisation of scientific seminars related with the use of HPC methods in research

[Submit your proposal](#)

# RES events: technical training

These workshops are organized by the RES nodes and aim to provide the knowledge and skills needed to use and manage the supercomputing facilities.



## PATC Courses:

BSC is a PRACE Advanced Training Centre

<https://www.bsc.es/education/training/patc-courses>



# RES events: RES Users' Meeting

20 September 2018 - Valencia

The agenda includes:

- Information about RES and PRACE
- Parallel scientific sessions
- Poster session
- Evening social event





# Services

- **Big Data & ML 4 HPC:**
  - Installation & maintenance of Big Data & ML tools/stacks.
  - Develop necessary tools to adapt Big Data clusters in HPC envs.
- **Advising (and best practices):**
  - Code development.
  - Data management and formatting.
- **Collaboration with researches:**
  - Applied Learning Methods.
  - Big Data Frameworks.
  - Data-Center Optimization.
  - Data-Centric Architectures.
  - Internet of Things and Stream Processing.

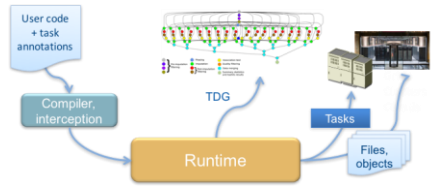
# Applications

- **Hadoop.**
- **Spark.**
  
- **Cassandra.**
- **Hive.**
  
- **TensorFlow.**
- **Caffe.**
- **Theano.**
- **... (Sonnet, Lasagne, Scikit-Learn, Keras, PyTorch).**
  
- **Virtually anything you need (and request).**

# BIG DATA Tools and Software at BSC-CS

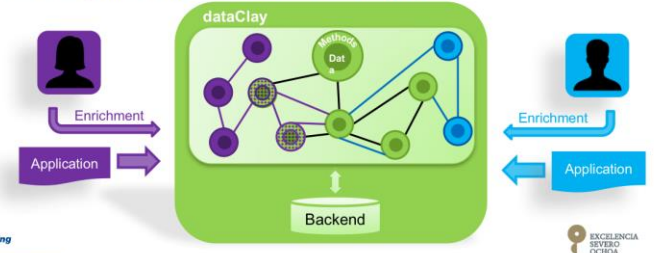
## PyCOMPSs/COMPSs

- Programmatic workflows**
  - Standard sequential coordination scripts and applications in Python or Java
  - Incremental changes: Task annotations + directionality hints
- Runtime**
  - Exploitation of inherent parallelism
  - DAG generation based on data dependences: files and objects
  - Tasks and objects offload
- Platform agnostic**
  - Clusters
  - Clouds, distributed computing



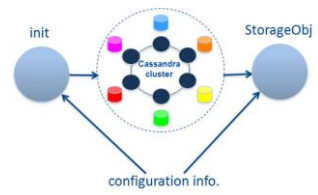
## dataClay

- dataClay**: platform that manages **Self-Contained Objects** (data and code)
- Platform features**:
  - Store and retrieve objects as seen by applications
  - Remote execution of methods
  - Add new classes
  - Enrich existing classes: With new methods and With new fields



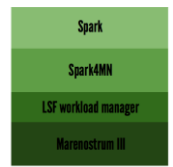
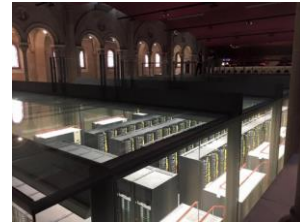
## Hecuba

- Set of tools and interfaces that aim to facilitate an efficient and easy interaction with non-relational data-bases
- Currently implemented on Apache Cassandra database
  - However, easy to port to any non-relational key-value data store
- Mapping of Python dictionaries into Cassandra tables
  - Both consist on values indexed by keys
  - Only Python data type supported right now
- Redefinition of Python iterators



## spark4mn

- Spark deployed in MareNostrum supercomputer
- Set of commands and templates
  - Spark4mn
    - sets up the cluster, and launches applications, everything as one job.
  - spark4mn\_benchmark
    - N jobs
  - spark4mn\_plot
    - Metrics





# BIG DATA Applications

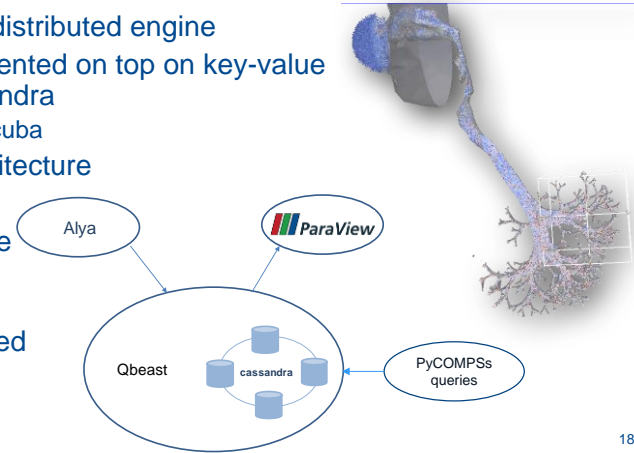
## Tiramisu

- Goal: to exploit the representations learnt by CNNs
- Input: sets of images
  - For each set of images an activation set is extracted using deep learning toolkits (Caffe)
- Tiramisu performs next cognitive step → Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery on top of Deep Learning
  - Operations with the activation sets to derive new activation sets
  - Enables unsupervised Image clustering
  - Easy to use by data scientists
  - BSC development on top of PyCOMPSs



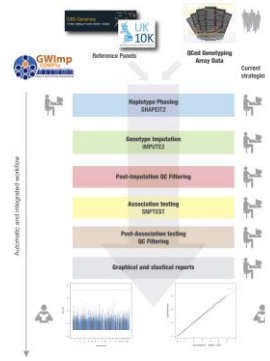
## Case of study: Respiratory system simulator

- Qbeast**: D8-tree distributed engine
- Prototype implemented on top on key-value data store: Cassandra
  - Managed by Hecuba
- Peer-to-peer architecture
- Linear scalability
- Enable to visualize results at simulation time
- Queries parallelized with PyCOMPSs



## Guidance

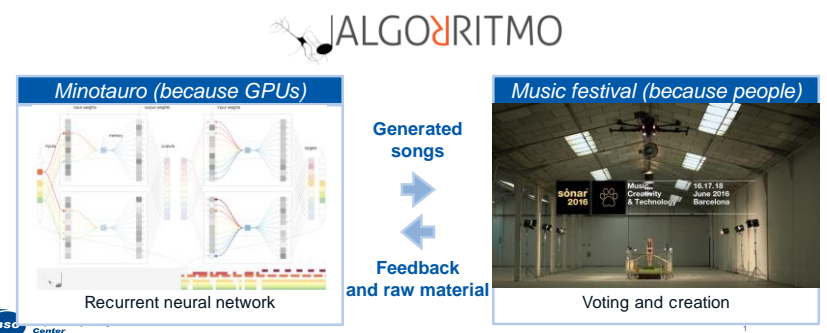
- A tool for Genome-Wide Association Studies
- Examples of scientific application:
  - Genotype imputation and association analysis of type 2 diabetes cases and controls with 70K subjects
  - Genotype imputation of 0.5 Million patients and controls suffering 44 genetic diseases using the 1000 whole genome sequences as reference panel



## Can machines perform complex cognitive tasks?

Can they make music? → We need human support

Difficulty: Subjectivity



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# THANK YOU!

