

# Inria Brasil

A PARTNERSHIP WITH LNCC AND BEYOND



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# The Partnership





- National Institute for Research in Digital Science and Technology
  - Created in 1967, as part of the "Plan Calcul"
  - 3800 researchers, 220 project teams
  - 230 startups since 1984
  - 10 centers, joint with major French universities



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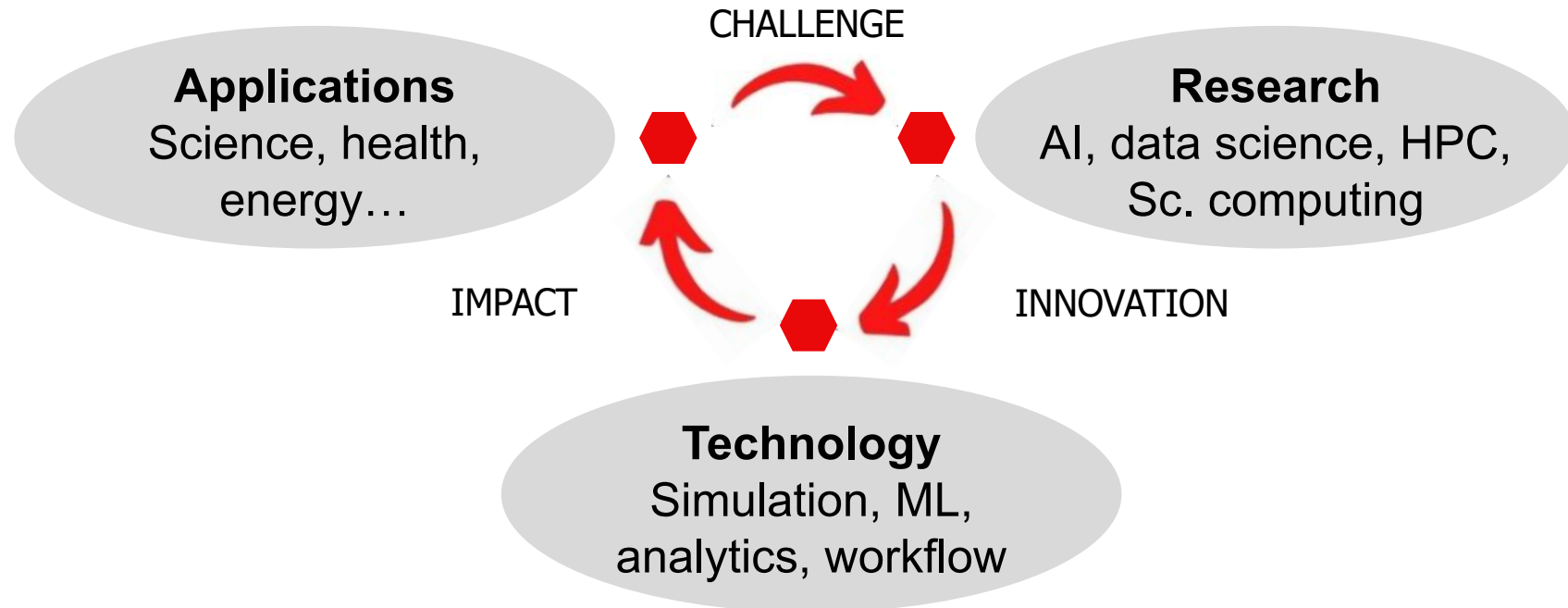
- Joint agreement with LNCC
  - Signed with MCTI in April 2023
- And beyond
  - A hub to partner universities



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# Inria Brasil: objective

- High-quality, impactful research
  - In AI, data science, HPC and scientific computing
  - To address the challenges of complex applications
  - And create innovative technology



# Collaboration Opportunities

- **New Brazilian plan for AI (2024-2028)**

- \$5 Billion to turn the country into a world reference in the use of AI
- 60% for innovation in the private sector
- A new supercomputer for AI at LNCC
  - Santos Dumont supercomputer (from Atos Eviden)
  - The fastest in Latin America dedicated to scientific research
  - 90<sup>th</sup> in the TOP 500 ranking



- **France-Brazil strategic partnership**

- New action plan (March 2024) in AI, HPC, cybersecurity, innovation in technology and agriculture
- COMIX (Sept. 2024): new joint calls ANR-CNPq



# Inria Associate Teams

- Program

- Annual call for international research projects
- Funding (about €30.000 from Inria) for 3 years
  - Additional funding should be secured by international partner

- Ongoing projects (2025)

- 9 associated teams
  - Inria: Atlantis, AT-Sop AE, Camin, Coati, Iroko, Kopernic, Tadaam, Taran, Veridis
  - Brasil: CEFET-RJ (1), LNCC (2), Unicamp (1), UFB (1), UFMG (2), UFC (1), UFRGS (1)
- Keywords
  - Data science; photonics & deep learning; HPC & urban floods; cyber physical systems; human–computer interaction & handicap; HPC & energy efficiency; proof certification; graphs & telecommunication networks; large transformer models

# AMSUD



- 2-year projects involving at least one team in France and 2 teams in South-America
- Ongoing projects (2025) - **Inria Brasil**
  - 2 MATH AmSud projects
  - 5 STIC AmSud projects





# Inria Brasil Workshops

- IBW, 2023
  - São Paulo 10-11 April, with USP
    - 50 participants
    - Industry: Atos, FrenchTech Brazil, Stellantis
  - Petropolis 12-14 April, with LNCC and UFRJ
    - 80 participants
    - Industry: Atos, Orange, Petrobras, Serratec, Total
- IBW 2025, Sept. 2025 (online)
- Thematic hybrid workshops
  1. Energy and digital science, PUC Rio, Dec. 2023
  2. AI and applications, LNCC, April 2024
  3. Digital agriculture, Inria Montpellier, Sept. 2024
    - With CIRAD, INRAE, IRD and ESALq (USP)
  4. Digital health, Unicamp, Campinas, April 2025
    - With Fiocruz and INSERM

# Success Stories



# Academic Research (since 2020)

- 16 Inria associate teams
- 3 Inria international chairs
  - Frédéric Valentin, LNCC (2018-2022)
  - Eduardo Barbosa, UFF (2023-2027)
  - Fabio Porto, LNCC (2024-2028)
- 15 CLIMAT, STIC & MATH AmSud projects
- 2 postdocs
- 216 joint publications Inria Brasil

# Winner (top 4) of Xprize Rain Forest



- The Brazilian Team (ESALQ, Pl@ntNet, et al)
  - Gathers biologists, ecologists, economists, engineers, computer scientists and mathematicians from Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, UK, USA

# Research with Industry



- **HPC4e BR-EU 2015-2017**
  - BR: ITA, LNCC, UFRGS, UFRJ, UFP, Petrobras, IBM Brazil
  - EU: BSC, Inria, Lancaster Univ, CIEMAT, Repsol, Total
  - Strong results in Exascale computing, geophysics and data science, with technology transfer to industrial partners
- **RISC2 EU-LATAM 2021-2023**
  - Coordination network for HPC with BSC and 8 European HPC actors, including Inria and Atos Eviden, and the main LATAM HPC actors, including LNCC
  - Delivered a roadmap to foster cooperation in HPC between EU and LATAM
- **Provlake (Inria, UFRJ, IBM Brazil)**
  - A data management system across distributed services, databases and workflows by leveraging provenance data
  - <https://ibm.biz/provlake>: used by IBM for their clients







# Hints to Get Started

- **Motivation**
  - Make sure it is very strong as it requires a big investment in time and money
    - Traveling is not enough
- **Identification of the partner team**
  - Should match your research interest, with high-quality and complementarity
  - Search at <https://www.inria.fr/en/list-of-project-teams>
- **Contact of the partner team**
  - Ideally in person at a workshop or conference, or by email to start the discussion
- **Creating a trustful relationship takes time**
  - The best way is to start doing some focused joint work, ideally through master or PhD students
  - Student exchange (internship, sandwich) helps a lot
- **Once all this is done, then apply for joint funding**
  - AmSud project, Inria associate team, ...

# Inria Alumni

- Network of current and former Inria members
  - Exchange, support, and sharing of information
  - Groups (per Inria center, country...)
- A newsletter every 2 months
  - For registred members
- Links
  - [www.inria-alumni.fr](http://www.inria-alumni.fr)
  - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/inria-alumni-assoc-38956697/>
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