

# Grand Challenges in Computer Science Research in Latin America

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# What are Grand Challenges?

- Ambitious, visionary, feasible within a time frame - 10 years
- Social & economic impact
- Multidisciplinary both in nature & solution
- Scientific advances, beyond a typical grant
- Subject to clear and objective evaluation

Integrate abilities & competences in solutions to multidisciplinary, relevant, complex problems in Latin America

# Latin American Grand Challenges in Computer Science

## Charla

Call for Proposals

Paper presentation

Paper selection

Working groups

20 researchers invited  
+ LA Sci. Soc. Presidents

**Definition of 4  
Grand Challenges**

SBC  
GCCS  
2006-2016

Technical Report  
Portal  
Research Initiatives

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# Great Latin American Challenges

## **1 Citizen-oriented Information & Communication Technologies**

Tecnologías de la Información y la Comunicación orientadas al ciudadano

Tecnologias de Informação e Comunicação Orientadas ao Cidadão

## **2 Multilingualism & Latin American Identity in a Digital World**

Multilinguismo e Identidad Latinoamericana en un Mundo Digital

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## **3 Computing for environmental monitoring and control**

Computación para monitoreo y control ambiental

Computação orientada ao monitoramento e controle ambiental

## **4 Complex Collaborative Networks in Latin America**

Redes Colaborativas Complejas en America Latina

Redes Colaborativas Complexas na América Latina

# Great Latin American Challenges

## **1 Citizen-oriented Information & Communication Technologies**

Development and use of technologies (web, telephony, radio, tv, ...) to support citizen-oriented activities for knowledge dissemination and citizen empowerment

## **2 Multilingualism & Latin American Identity in a Digital World**

To preserve Latin American language and cultural heritage, with digital inclusion and universal access to LA citizens

## **3 Computing for environmental monitoring and control**

To create and apply a computing and communication infrastructure to gather and disseminate relevant environment information.

## **4 Complex Collaborative Networks in Latin America**

To develop a collaborative network for sharing experiences, infrastructure, knowledge, and efforts, and for addressing diverse issues facing our countries

# For Example

## 3. Computing for environmental monitoring and control

To create and apply a computing and communication infrastructure to gather and disseminate relevant environment information

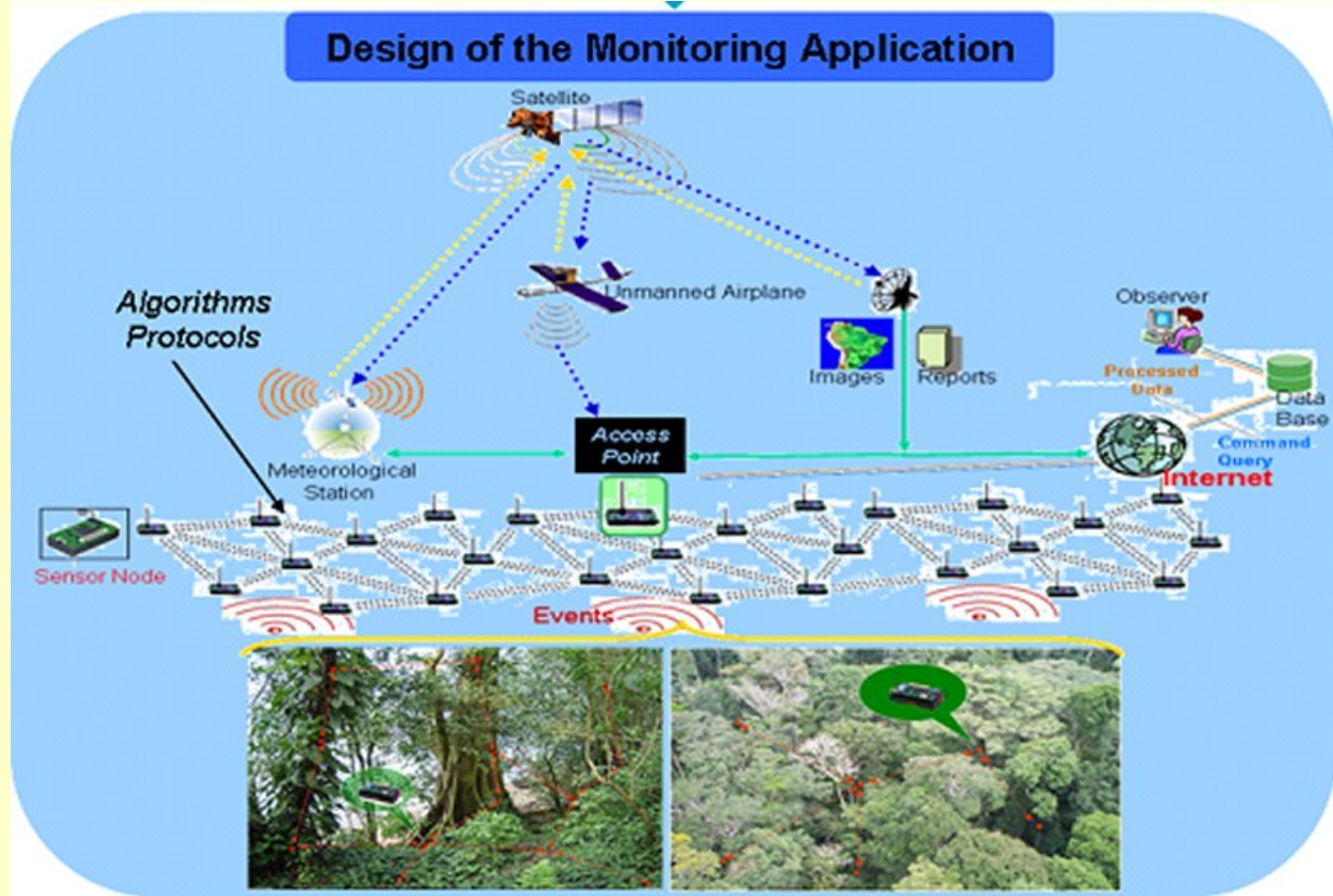
- Potential applications
  - Monitoring of environmental conditions
  - Management of disasters and development of forecast models
  - Increasing productivity (food production, agribusiness)
  - Energy-aware systems
- Research questions
  - Theories & techniques for WSN cross-layer design
  - Modeling of the systems
  - Integration of various input data sources (e.g., field, satellite)
  - Data analyses



Probably the best biological sensors to detect early environment problems

### Scientific Challenges:

- Theory
- Techniques
- Methodologies
- Tools
- Processes



# Stay tuned, coming soon:

## Latin American Great Challenges

- Complete Technical Report
- Portal
- Dissemination & Evolution Process
- Latin American funding agencies initiatives

