



# Chicagoland Computational Cosmology Initiative

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## Updates:

- 1) Formation of new DOE HEP Labs collaboration
- 2) New Physics Frontier Center at KICP
- 3) New Research Computing Center at U Chicago
- 4) New opportunities (SciDAC, --)

# Computational Cosmology and the Cosmic Frontier



- **Cosmic Frontier Science:**

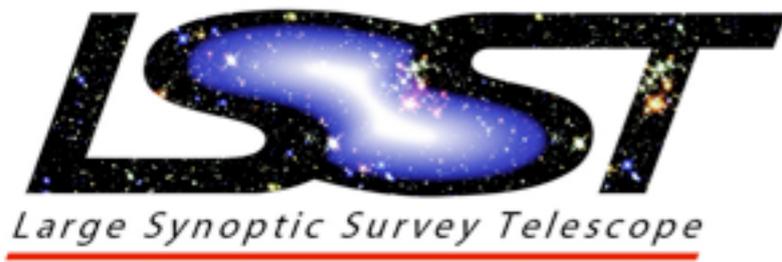
- **Dark Energy**
- **Dark Matter**
- **Inflation/Early Universe**
- **Neutrinos**

- **Projects:** Use probes based on structure formation, the primary focus area of computational cosmology

- **BOSS:** Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey
- **DES:** Dark Energy Survey
- **LSST:** Large Synoptic Survey Telescope

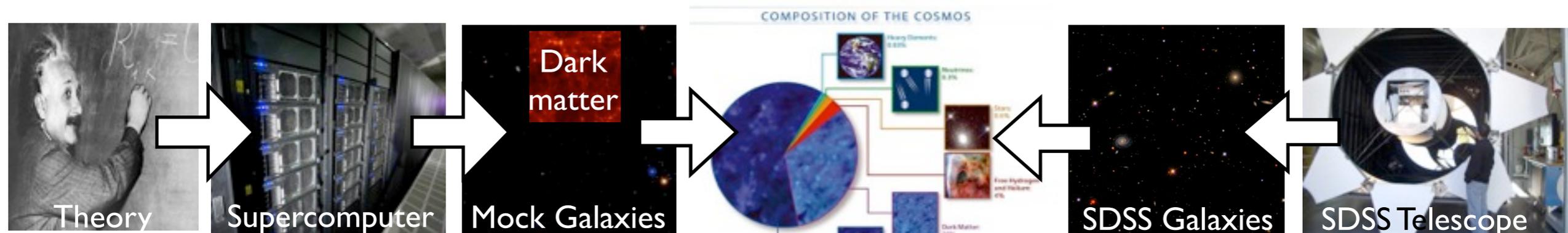


DARK ENERGY  
SURVEY



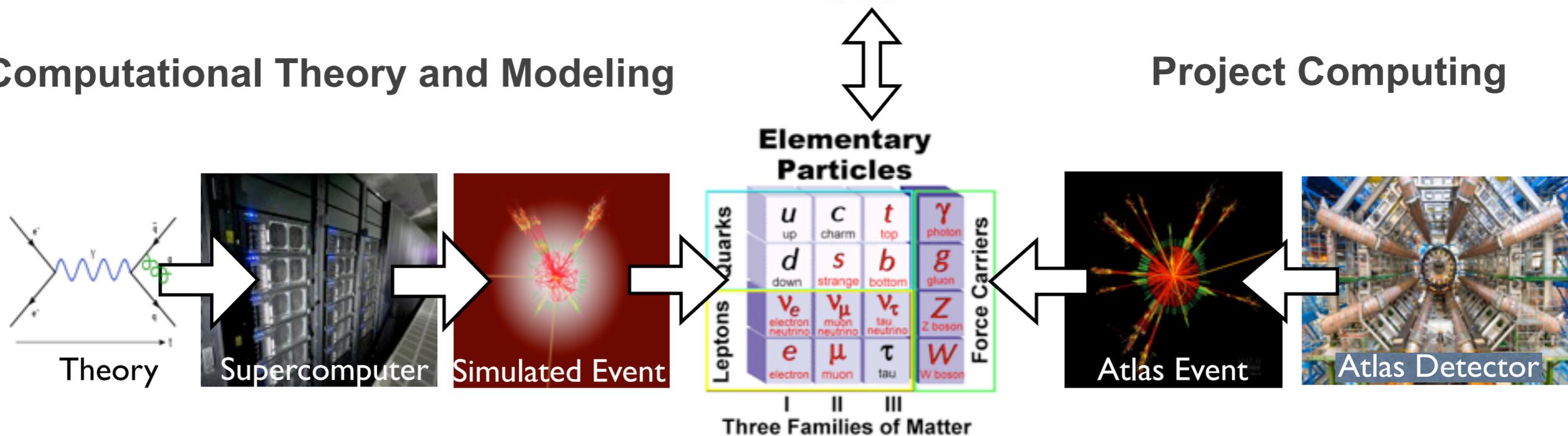
# The Universe as a HEP experiment

**Cosmic Frontier:** Uncontrolled experiments (Universe is the apparatus); role of computational theory and modeling is **pervasive, complex, and crucial** to the success of the entire enterprise



Computational Theory and Modeling

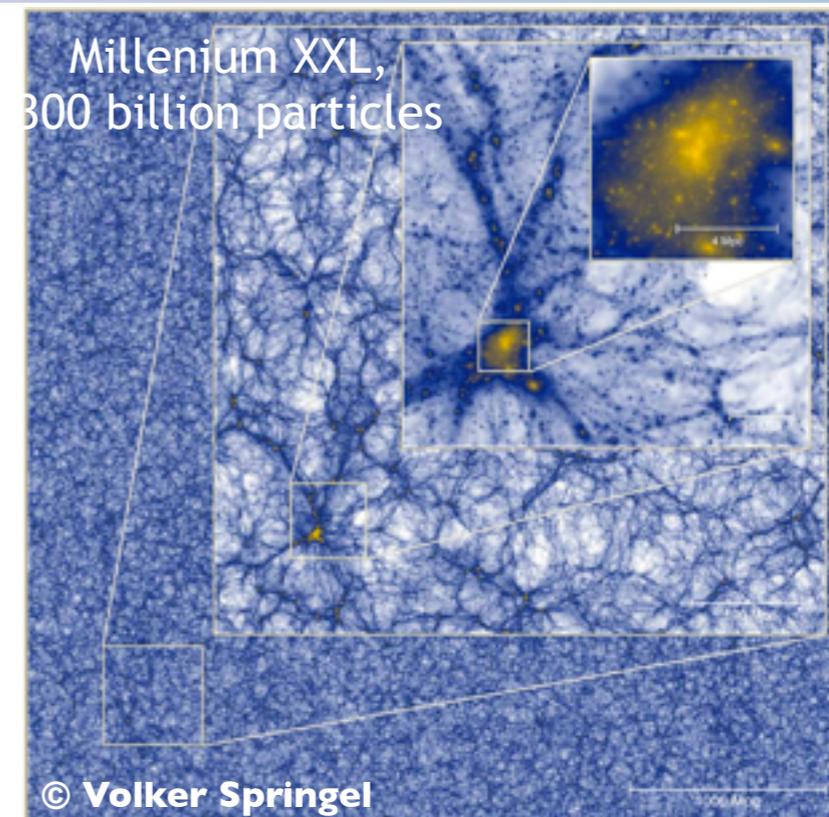
Project Computing



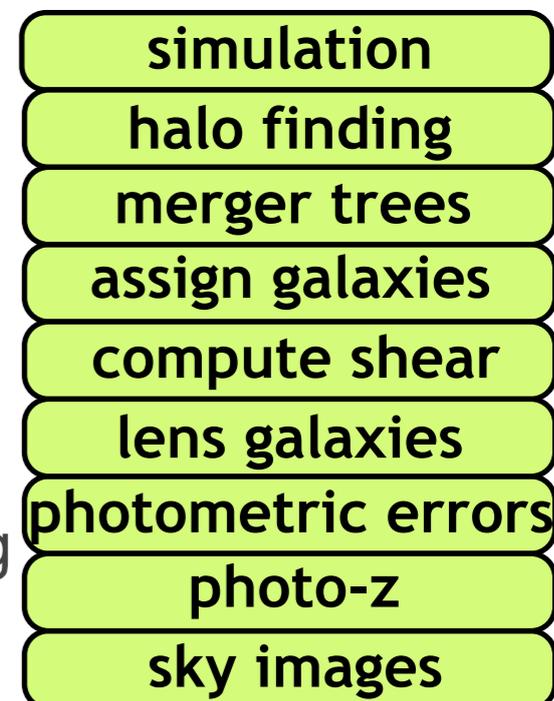
**Energy Frontier:** Controlled experiments, role of theory can be targeted and focused on specific critical calculations

# Computational Paradigm I

- **N-body, gravity only:** At large scales ( $> \sim 1$  Mpc), gravity is the dominant force and remains important down to the smallest scales
  - **Methods:** Modern codes are parallel solvers for the Vlasov-Poisson equation, employing particle and grid techniques, often together
- **'Hydrodynamics':** Addition of baryonic physics
  - **Methods:** Eulerian (typically AMR) or Lagrangian (typically SPH); feedback processes and sub-grid models (chemistry, star formation), other physics (e.g., MHD) introduced as appropriate
- **Scales:** Code runs can cover scales as small as resolving individual galaxies to box sizes at the horizon scale (several Gpc to a side)
- **Analysis:** Many compute-intensive techniques (real-time/post-processing): ray-tracing, N-point statistics, halo/sub-halo finders, merger-trees, --



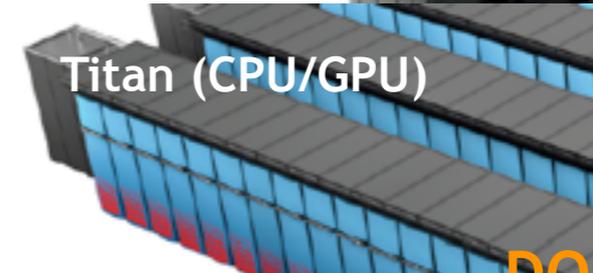
Simplified  
DES catalog  
flow chart



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# Computational Paradigm II

- **Algorithms:** Improvements are focus of major effort by the computational community (not just cosmologists, e.g., beam physics, CFD, plasma physics --)
- **Hardware evolution:** Radical architecture changes, new programming models and imperatives in the near future
  - **Code future:** How will codes evolve, community response needed
  - **Ecology:** Current code mix may shrink as development goes over to the team model
  - **Job mix:** Leadership-class vs. large numbers of large/medium job ensemble runs
- **Data-intensive applications:** Data-specific platforms already available ('cloud')
  - **Optimal mix:** Very important for future surveys, especially LSST (HEP/ASCR report)



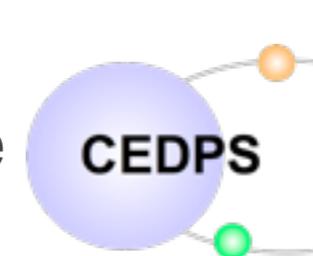
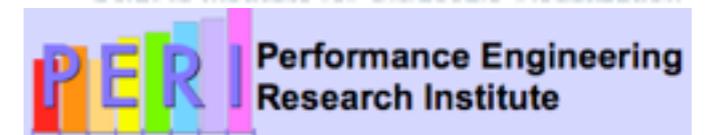
Divergence of  
supercomputer  
architectures



Data-intensive  
systems

# Computational Cosmology and ASCR

- **DOE ASCR:** Focus on scientific discovery through computing, cutting edge computer science and applied math as relevant to HPC
  - **‘Big Iron’:** Traditional HPC, INCITE/SciDAC
  - **Co-design:** Exascale pathway
  - **Algorithms:** Linear solvers, PDE solvers (CFD), uncertainty quantification, multiphysics problems, --
  - **Computer Science:** Programming models, frameworks, compilers, file systems, networks, visualization, ACTS collection, --
- **Computational cosmology:** Due to broad nature of the field, there are several strong connection possibilities, primarily HPC/algorithms/tools; data issues not yet a high priority within ASCR (but starting --)
- **Collaboration benefits:** Access to top-level CS expertise, programming models work, early access to next-generation architectures, --



ASCR projects

# Computational Cosmology and Large Data

- **Observational datasets:** Large, high-dimensional datasets; ~10 TB in the SDSS-era, ~1 PB for DES, ~100 PB for LSST, serious computational requirements for data-intensive computing
- **Simulation datasets:** Currently simulation data generation is constrained only by storage and I/O bandwidth, ~PB datasets will be available in the near future
  - **In situ analysis:** Large-scale analysis tasks on the compute platform; data compression
  - **Post-processing:** Post-run analyses on host system or associated 'active storage'
- **Joint strategy:** Analysis and workflow needs for computational cosmology and survey data will have substantial overlap; joint program should be developed (HEP/ASCR report)



## 5<sup>th</sup> Extremely Large Databases Conference

October 18-19, 2011

Panofsky Auditorium

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Menlo Park, California



## Summer 2011 Week 4: Large Datasets in Astrophysics and Cosmology

August 6, 2011 to August 13, 2011

The Canyons Resort, 4000 Canyons Resort Drive, Park City, Utah

# Chicagoland Opportunities

- **Fundamental Science**

- ▶ Beyond the Cosmological Standard Model
- ▶ Precision Predictions for Cosmological Probes

- **Survey Science**

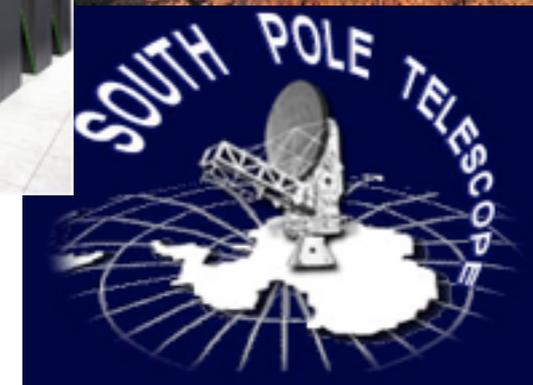
- ▶ Interpretation of data from surveys (DES, SPT, --)
- ▶ Future surveys (DESspec, LSST, --)
- ▶ Simulation database accessible by local and external community

- **High Performance Computing and Data-Intensive Supercomputing (DISC)**

- ▶ HPC: Petascale to Exascale at Argonne
- ▶ High-throughput computing at Fermilab
- ▶ Data-oriented science at Computation Institute
- ▶ New Research Computing Center at UoC

- **Education and Outreach**

- ▶ Student and post-doc involvement
- ▶ Opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaborations





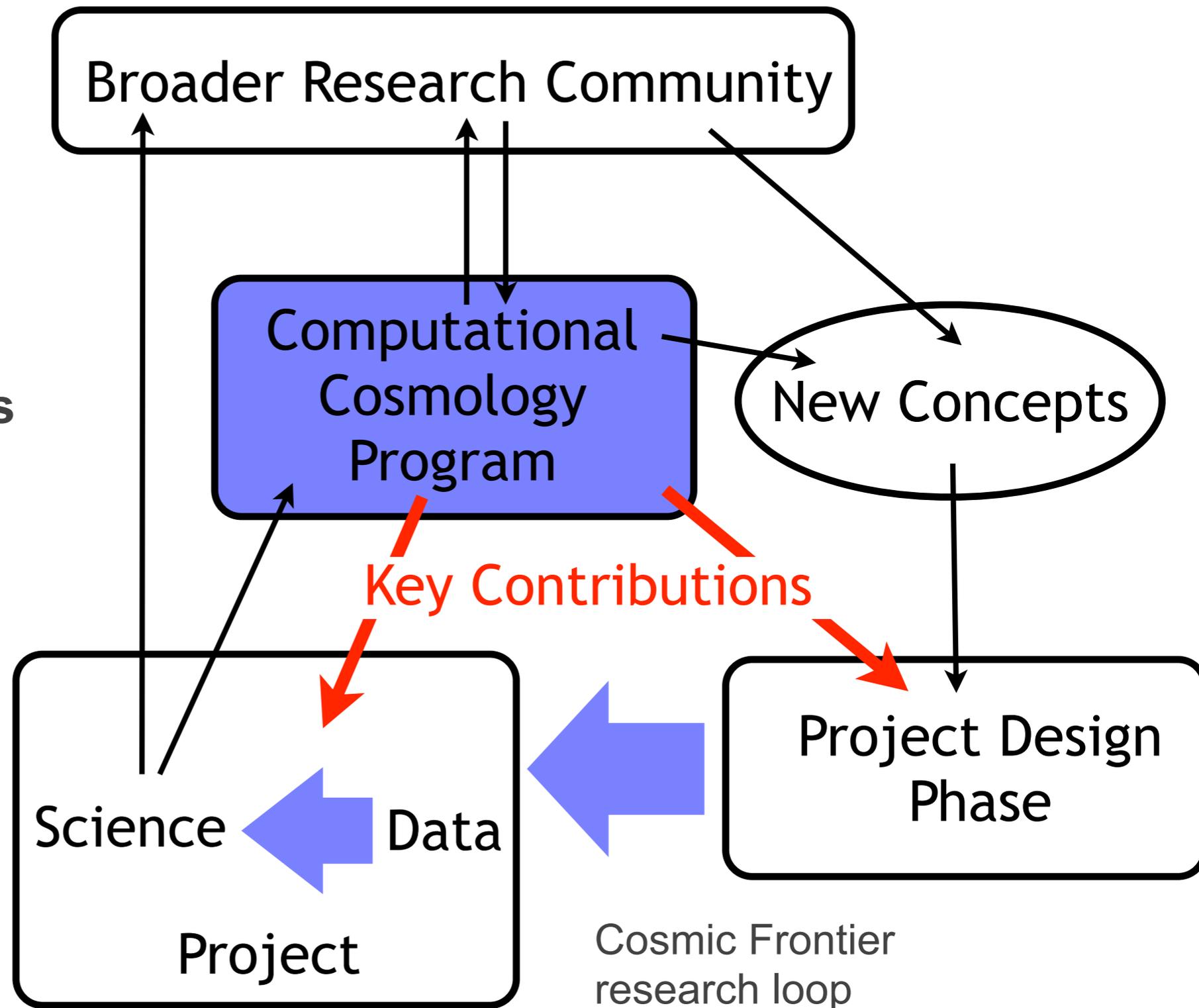
# Chicagoland: Computational Capabilities

- **Complementary Simulation Codes**
  - ▶ Coverage of gravity and hydrodynamics and 'sub-grid' physics
  - ▶ Adaptive Refinement Tree (ART) at UofC/Fermilab
  - ▶ Hardware Accelerated Cosmology Codes (HACC) framework at Argonne
  - ▶ FLASH at UoC in collaboration with Argonne
- **Data-Intensive Computing**
  - ▶ Grid computing at all three institutions
  - ▶ Petascale Active Data Store (PADS) at CI
  - ▶ High-speed data transfers available locally
- **Next-Generation Computational Platforms and Associated Computer Science**
  - ▶ IBM BG/Q Mira (10 PF, 750 TB) coming to Argonne in 2012
  - ▶ New medium-scale cluster at UoC; Research Computing data initiative
  - ▶ Remote and in situ visualization/analysis (CI/ANL)



# DOE HEP Labs Computational Cosmology Program

- Resides as a core capability program within DOE HEP
- Contributes to 'discovery space'
- Catalyzes development of concepts into projects
- Plays a key role in project optimization
- Is an essential component of the '**Data to Science**' step for projects
- Functions as a major community resource



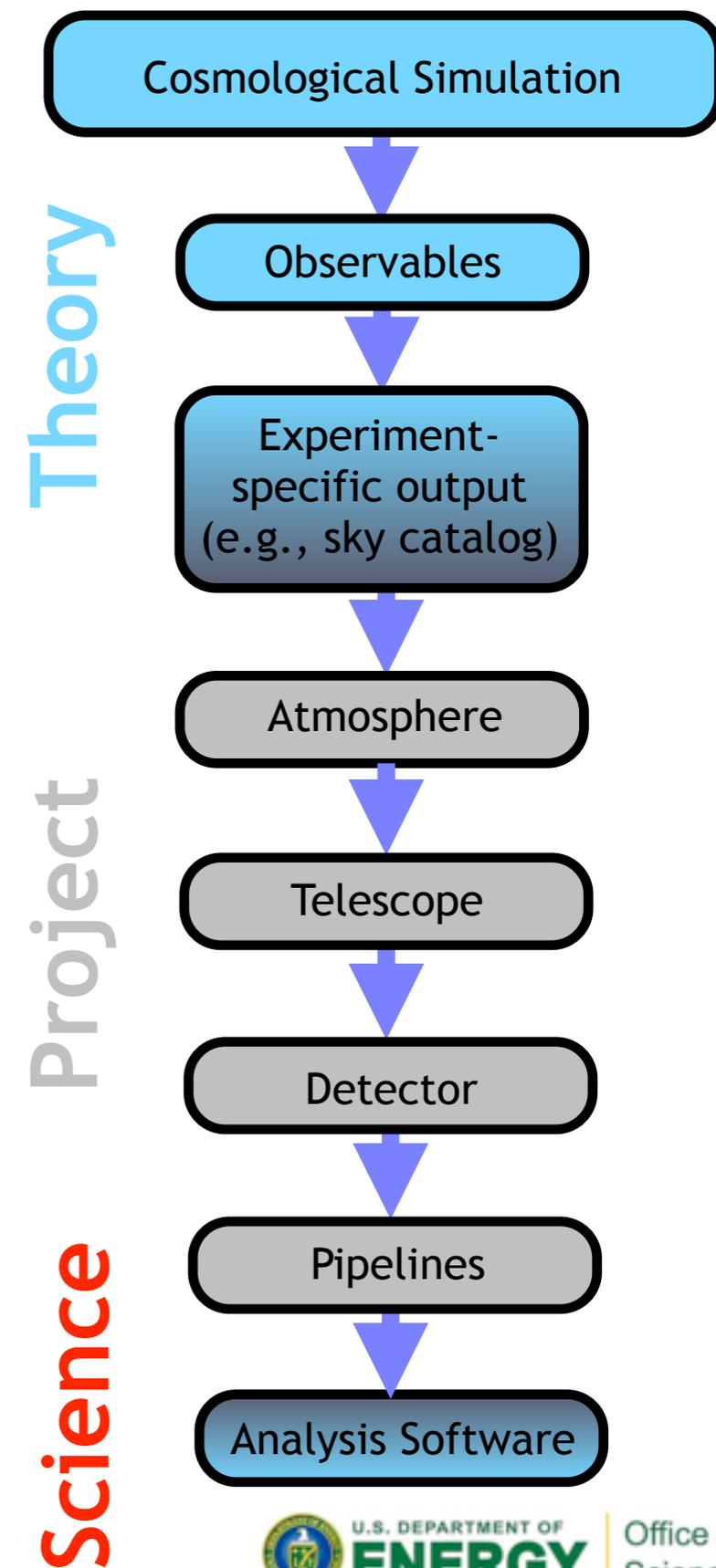
# September Planning Meeting: Overall Concept

- **Day I: September 13**

- Essential role of computing in DOE HEP's cosmology program
- Computing enters at three levels (i) underlying theory, (ii) computing within experiments (design/execution), and (iii) analysis of data
- Wide range of computing is needed, from the most significant HPC resources to data-intensive supercomputing
- Day 1 outlines the case in a broad sense

- **Day 2: September 14**

- Focused presentations on DOE HEP Lab-based computational cosmology collaboration, discuss path forward, including connections within and outside DOE
- Discuss points to address and other requirements for meeting report



# DOE HEP Lab Collaboration Established

- **Collaboration**

- ▶ Cosmic Frontier Computing Collaboration (CFCC)
- ▶ Member Institutions: ANL, BNL, FNAL, LBNL, SLAC
- ▶ Institutional Representatives: S. Habib (spokesperson), H. Weerts (ANL), A. Slozar, M. May (BNL), S. Dodelson, C. Hogan (FNAL), P. Nugent, B. Cahn (LBNL), R. Wechsler, R. Blandford (SLAC)

- **Timeline**

- ▶ Presentation to DOE HEP management (Washington DC, June 2011)
- ▶ Institutional Planning Meeting (LBNL, August 2011)
- ▶ DOE HEP-sponsored Planning Meeting (Washington DC, September 2011)

- **Opportunities**

- ▶ SciDAC proposal call (HEP/ASCR partnership), due in January 2012
- ▶ ALCC/INCITE proposals due in first half of 2012
- ▶ Computation time awarded at NERSC





# Chicagoland Planning

- **Progress to Date**

- ▶ Broad science case made and targets identified
- ▶ Scale of computations understood (previous studies and white papers --)
- ▶ Software and algorithmic development requirements identified (driven by next-generation hardware mix and expected 'data deluge')

- **Boundary Conditions**

- ▶ DOE/NNSA exascale co-design initiative (unclear)
- ▶ DOE HEP has initiated the CFCC
- ▶ Need to get inputs from surveys (DES, LSST, --), increase interaction level
- ▶ Possible cross-agency collaboration (DOE, NSF, --), more interesting now

- **Suggested Actions**

- ▶ Need to initiate/continue and investigate local science collaborations and interactions in detail
- ▶ Suggestion for a computational cosmology data center



# Chicagoland Computational Cosmology Workshop

- **One-Day Meeting held at ANL**
  - ▶ Sponsored by ANL and KICP
  - ▶ Bring together astrophysicists, computer scientists, cosmologists, mathematicians, physicists, --
  - ▶ 40+ participants, 4 sessions:
    - 1) Computational Cosmology
    - 2) Astro/Cosmology Interface
    - 3) High Performance Computing
    - 4) Big Data
  - ▶ Tremendous intellectual resources available (potentially), state of the art hardware resources as well as unique 'software as service' expertise
  - ▶ Key Question: How to put this together?





# Chicagoland Simulation Data Center

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- **Motivation**

- ▶ Simulation data is large and complex, generation requires significant expertise
- ▶ Data and simulation analysis should be in the same location
- ▶ Connection to sky surveys (DES, SPT, LSST, others, --)
- ▶ Large potential user base, can be expanded to a national facility

- **Possible Configuration(s)**

- ▶ Analysis cluster and separate storage
- ▶ Computing/storage combined in 'active storage' or data-intensive computer
- ▶ Cloud-based systems allow for user-defined analysis

- **Staging**

- ▶ Precomputed/analyzed data only
- ▶ Ability to run canned queries and analysis routines (real-time/batch)
- ▶ Ability to run specialized queries and analyses





# What's Next?

- **Coordination**

- ▶ Different institutions have their own priorities (projects, local needs, --)
- ▶ Can use projects (DES, SPT, LSST) as drivers, other motivations are important as well (uniform needs for workflows, HPC, viz/analysis, etc.)

- **Resources**

- ▶ Limited kick-start opportunities, how to overcome this?
- ▶ Need to leverage current possibilities (SciDAC, INCITE, --)

