

# Deeper Skies

*The Intersection of AI and Cosmology at Fermilab*

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# Goals Today

**Define** AI and Review History

**Describe** Current Work at Fermilab in Cosmology and AI

**Plan** Vision, Collaboration, and Proposals

**Connect** People for Collaboration

# Questions to consider during this talk

- What are the **major challenges** in your research?  
*Consider modeling, hardware, operations, science.*
- What **kind of data** do you have?  
*Consider type, amount, format.*
- What **collaboration and information** do you seek to further consider AI?  
*Consider papers, blogs, codes, people.*
- Is AI for Cosmology **more science OR computer science**?  
*It's an opportunity for both and for more.*

# What is AI?

- Definition

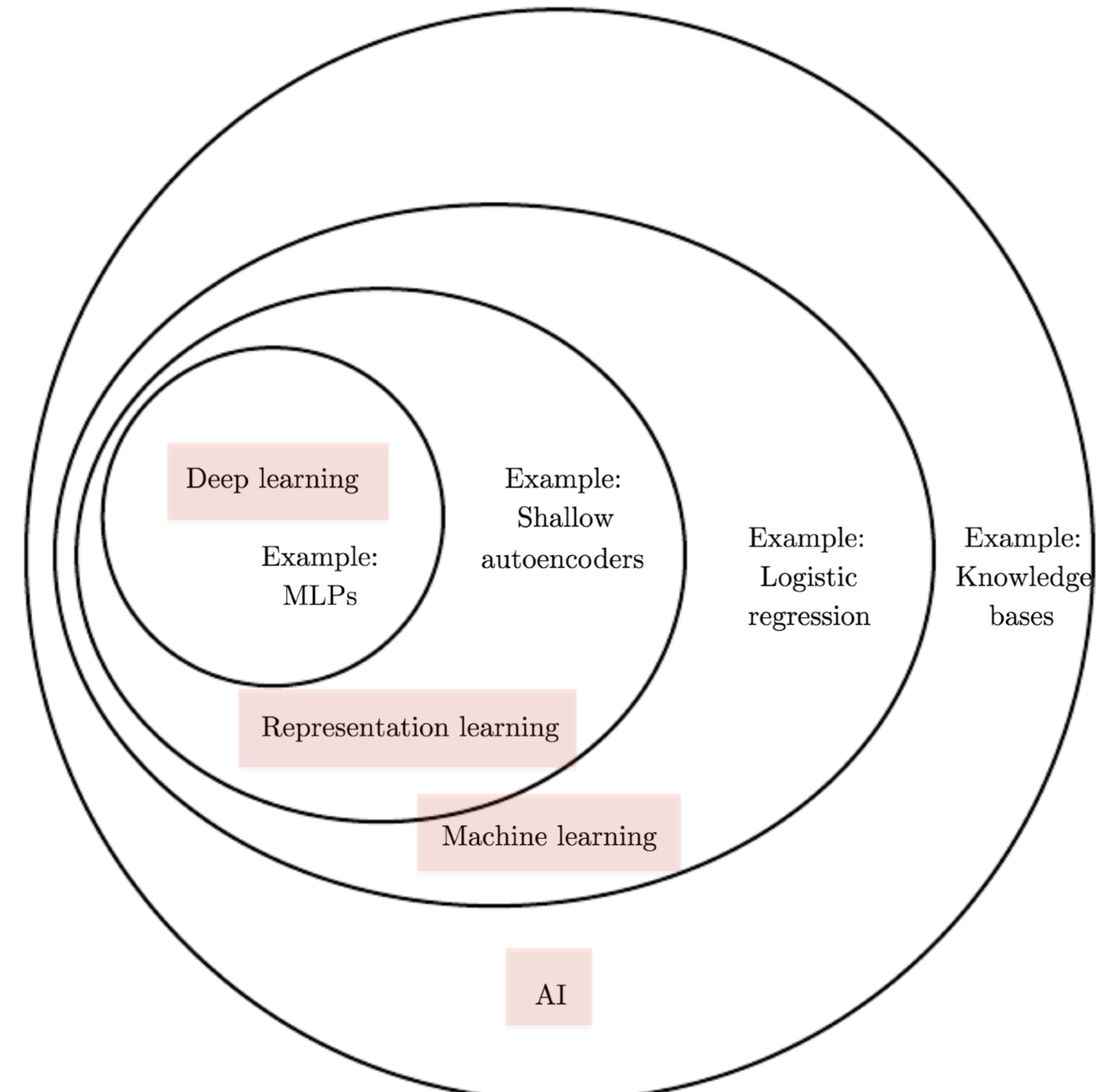
- A **class of algorithms** used to build models driven primarily by the data
- A fitting paradigm for large-parameter models

- Modern Synonyms

- Data science
- Machine learning
- Deep learning

- It is not ...

- learning, understanding, or thinking.



# AI: Benefits, Risks, and Opportunities

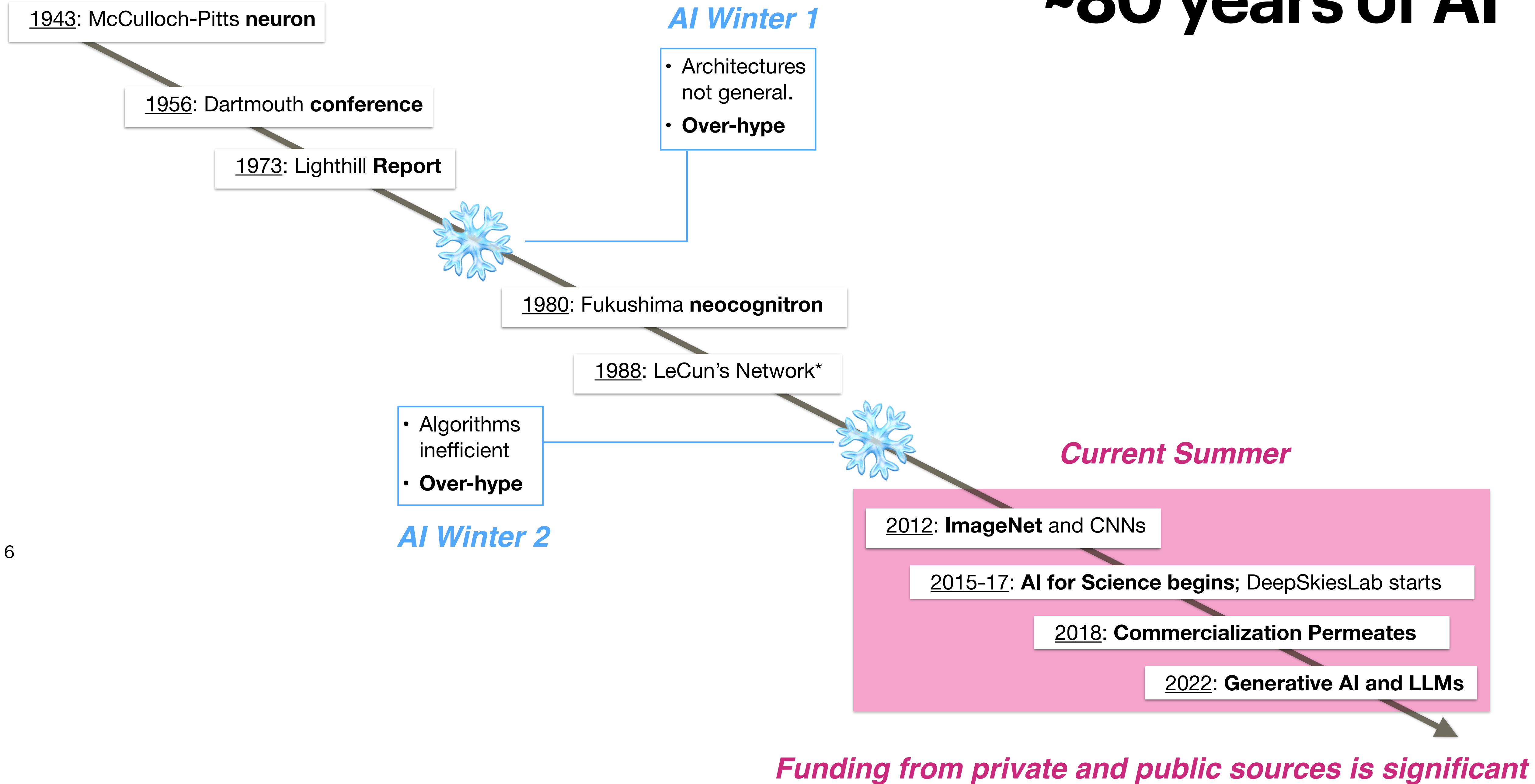
- Pro's

- **Classification** of objects (and then go do science and stats)
- **Imagining possibilities** for next stages of science applications
- **Clarification** of statistical methods

- Con's

- **Uninterpretable** and unexplainable (~uncertainty quantification poorly defined)
- Requires **large** amounts of data and specific computing resource
- **No concrete** statistical theoretical underpinning (~loss landscape is non-convex)
- **Jargon is unsettled** and overly anthropomorphizing

# ~80 years of AI



# Is AI for Cosmology ...

more about science OR computer science?

**Both:** the intersection offers major potential for advancement for both fields.

**Funding:** This view is also held by many program managers.

# When did Fermilab get started?

- **2016: DeepLensing**

Early applications of AI to strong lens classification (Nord, 2016)

- **2017: Deep Skies lab Inaugurated**

Multi-institutional, multi-generational, transnational community/collaboration of scholars in both cosmology and AI (Nord, Peek, Avestruz, 2017); full community now has >550 people.

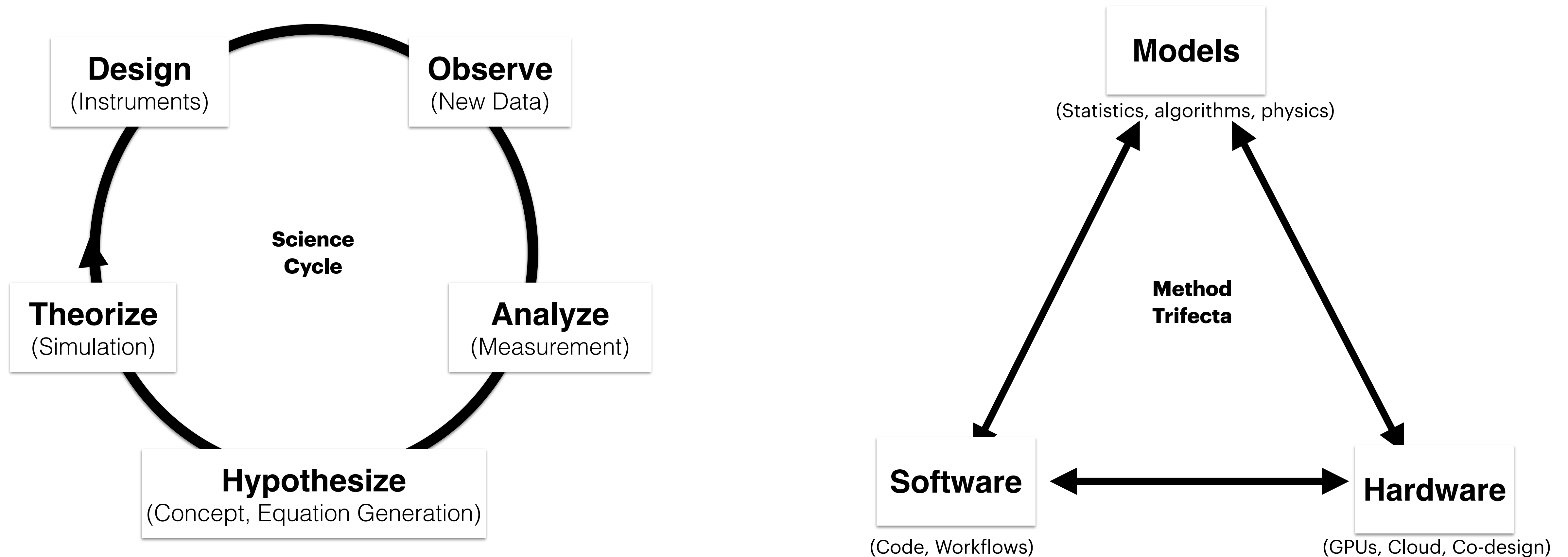
- **2019: Hired Co-PI Ciprijanovic** (Wilson Fellow)

Pursuing methods, applications, and community-building



# Current Work in CPC

Scientific Cycle: Where can AI be used in Cosmology ?



Examples of experiments where this research could be applied



DES	CMB-S4
LSST	JWST
DESI	

The earliest and still most common area of application for AI.

# Analyze

## Classification, Finding, Prediction, Inference

### A. Drlica-Wagner

- Artifact (ghosts) detection, masking
- Low-surface-brightness galaxy finding, modeling
- Star-galaxy classification with tabular machine learning
- Strong lens identification
- Labeling data sets with Zooniverse and other human inspection tools

### J. Frieman

- Supernova light curve calibration
- Strong lens galaxy inference

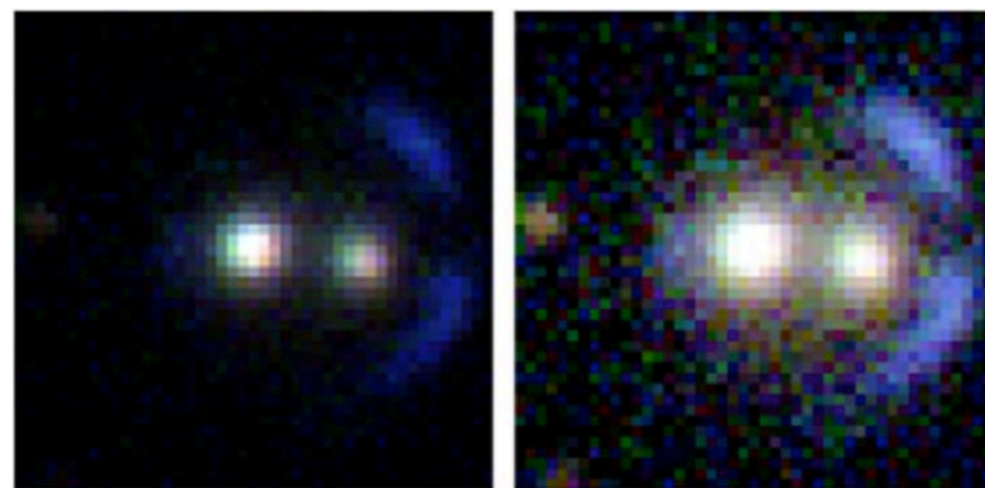
### N. Gnedin

- Fit rotation curves of galaxies with double-axion models with Actor Advantage Critic (A2C)

### Deep Skies Lab

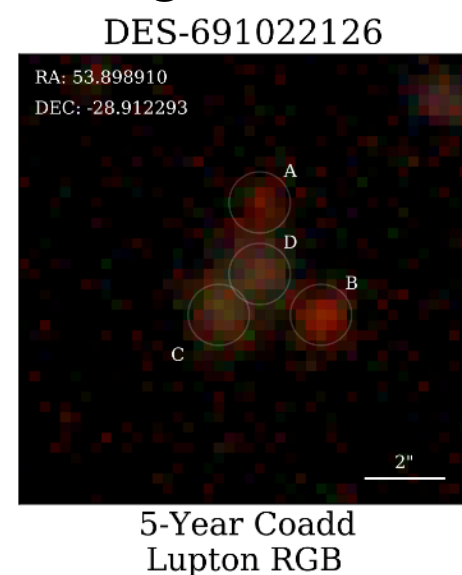
- Strong lens galaxy Finding/Inference
- Double source plane lens Finding
- Strong lens Cluster Inference
- Strong lens Cosmology Inference
- Lensed supernovae Finding
- Galaxy Merger Finding/Inference
- Galaxy Morphology Classification
- Galaxy Evolution Inference
- Large-scale structure Inference
- Axion Inference w/ lensing
- CMB de-lensing and r Inference
- Cluster (SZ/Optical/Xray) Mass Inference

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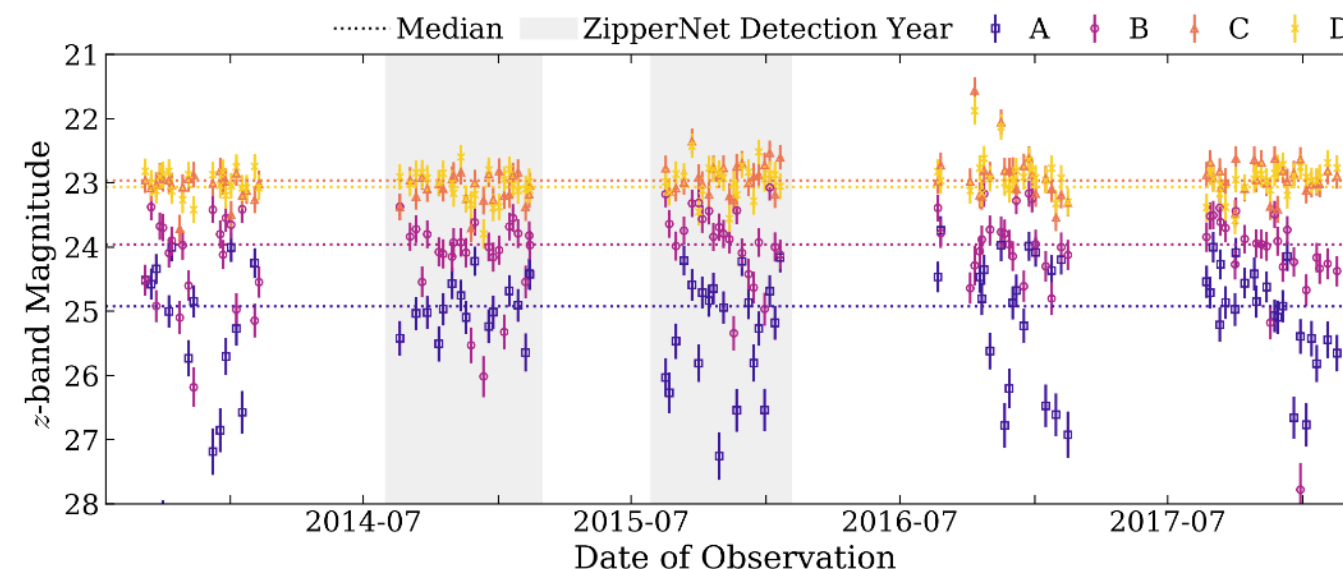


SL Candidates in DECam

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Lensed SNe in DES



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AI is faster than N-body, but not interpretable/trustworthy.

# Theorize

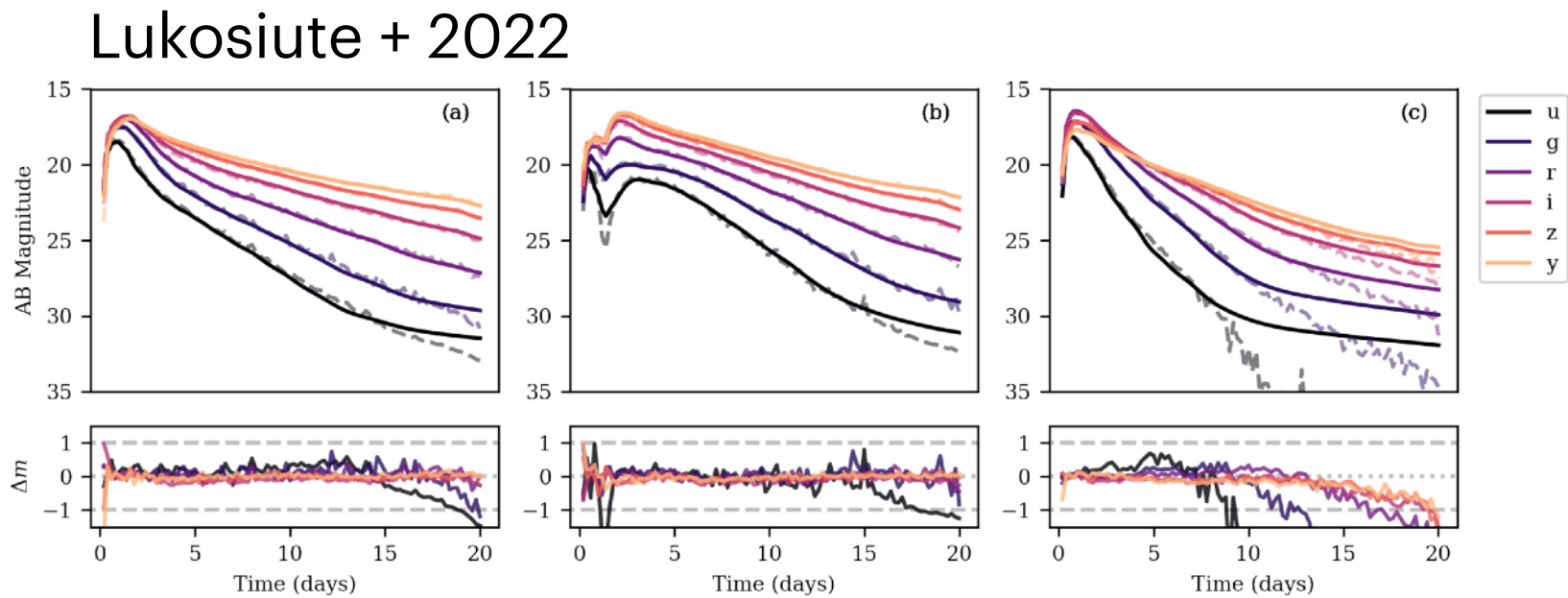
## Simulations, Surrogates, Generative Models, Mechanistic Models

### N. Gnedin

- Improve gas cooling and heating functions for cosmological simulations with XGBoost

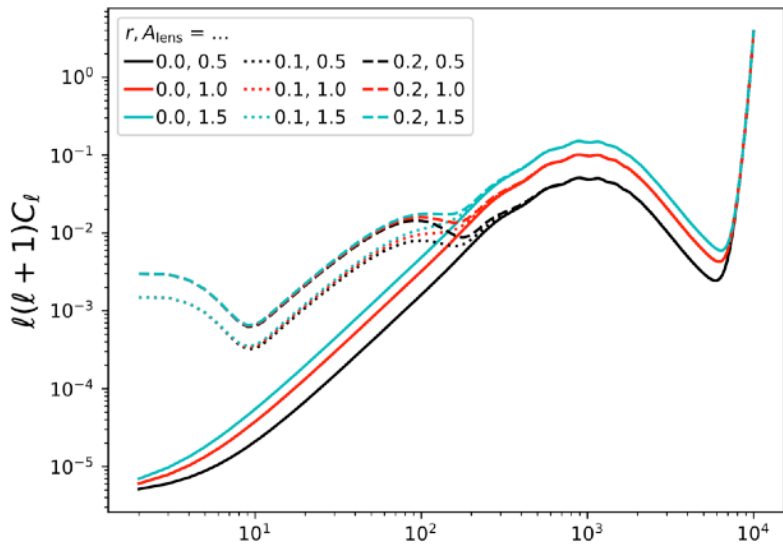
### Deep Skies Lab

- Strong lens simulation: Galaxies, Clusters, Supernovae, Quasars, Fuzzy dark matter
- Kilonovae and Gravitational Waves
- Lensed CMB with B modes
- Clusters - SZ, Optical, Xray, Lensing
- Optical telescope surveys
- Toy physics models for benchmarking



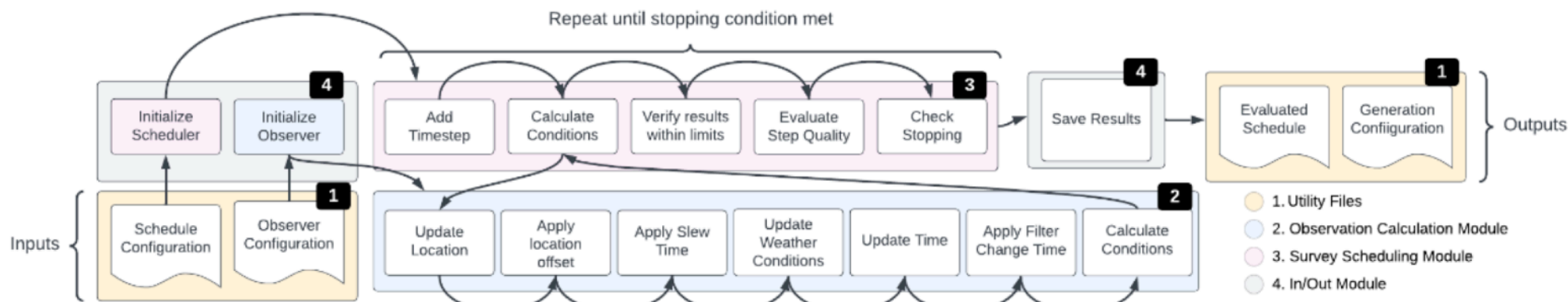
Kilonovae Light Curves Sims for Grav Waves

McDermott + 2023, in prep



Lensed CMB Spectra

Voetberg + 2023



Telescope Survey Simulator Workflow

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JWST	SpecS5
FollowUp	DES

This is resource allocation with multiple competing rewards and constraints.

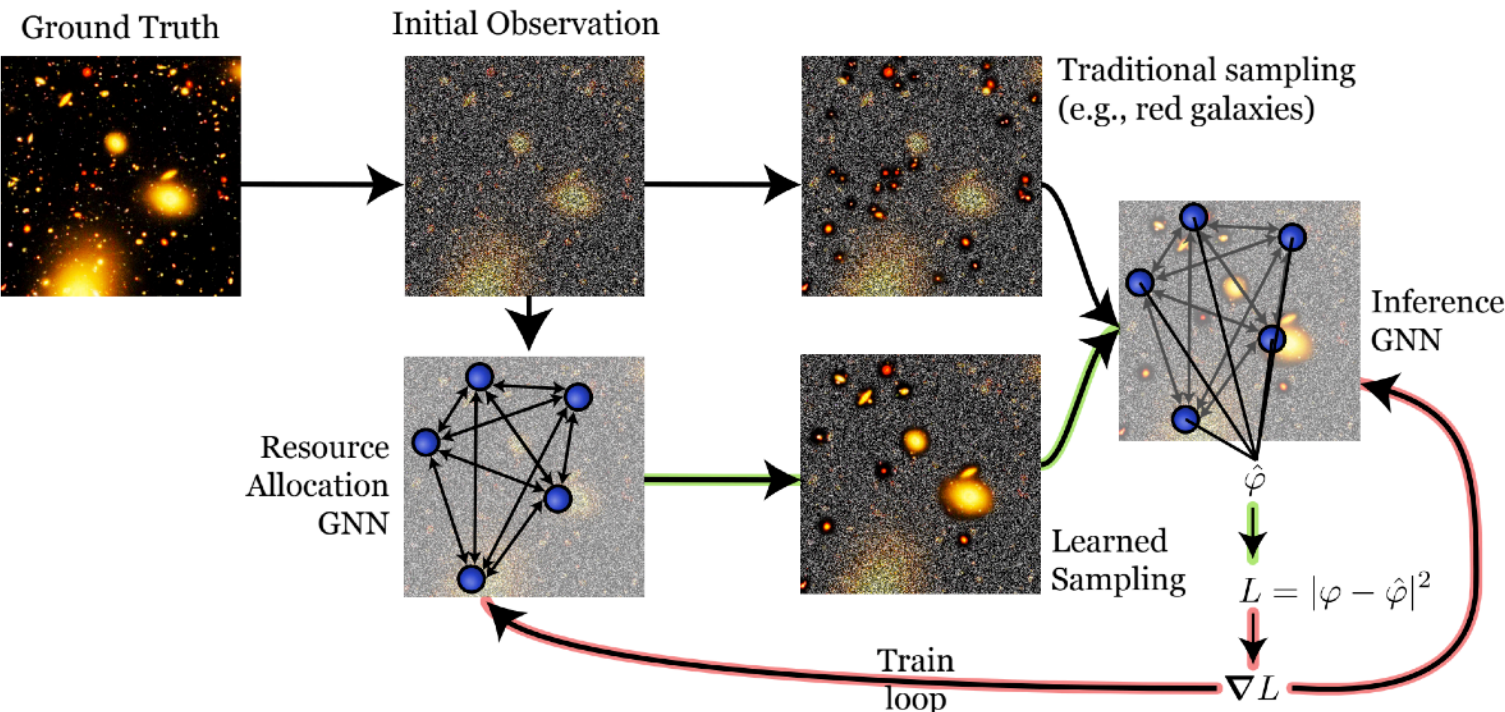
# Observe

## Telescope Control, Reinforcement Learning, Scheduling

### Deep Skies Lab

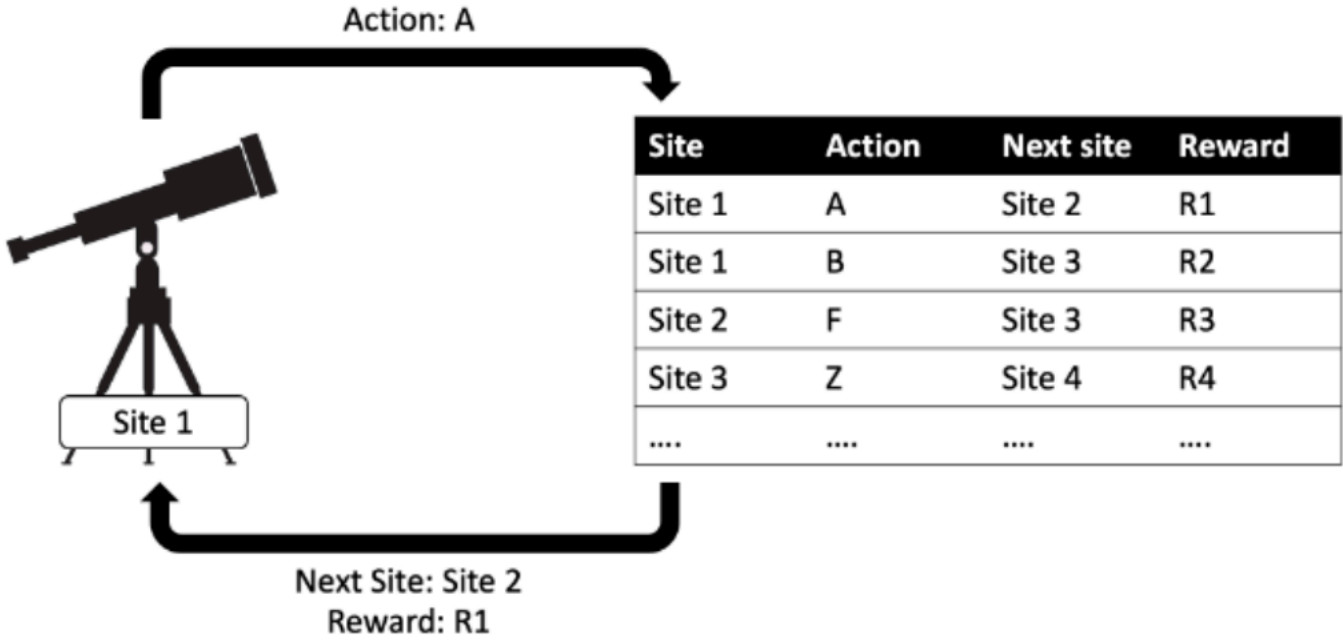
- Reinforcement Learning for Pre-Scheduling
- Reinforcement Learning for Adaptive Observing
- Scheduling and adaptive tests at educational telescope facilities
- Simulation software for pre-scheduling and adaptive Reinforcement Learning
- Unsupervised learning for spectroscopic fiber allocation

Cranmer + 2022



Unsupervised learning for spectroscopic fiber allocation

Terranova + 2023



Reinforcement Learning for Pre-Scheduling

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# Design

## Instruments, Hardware

There is very little literature in this area; could be open space for contribution/proposals

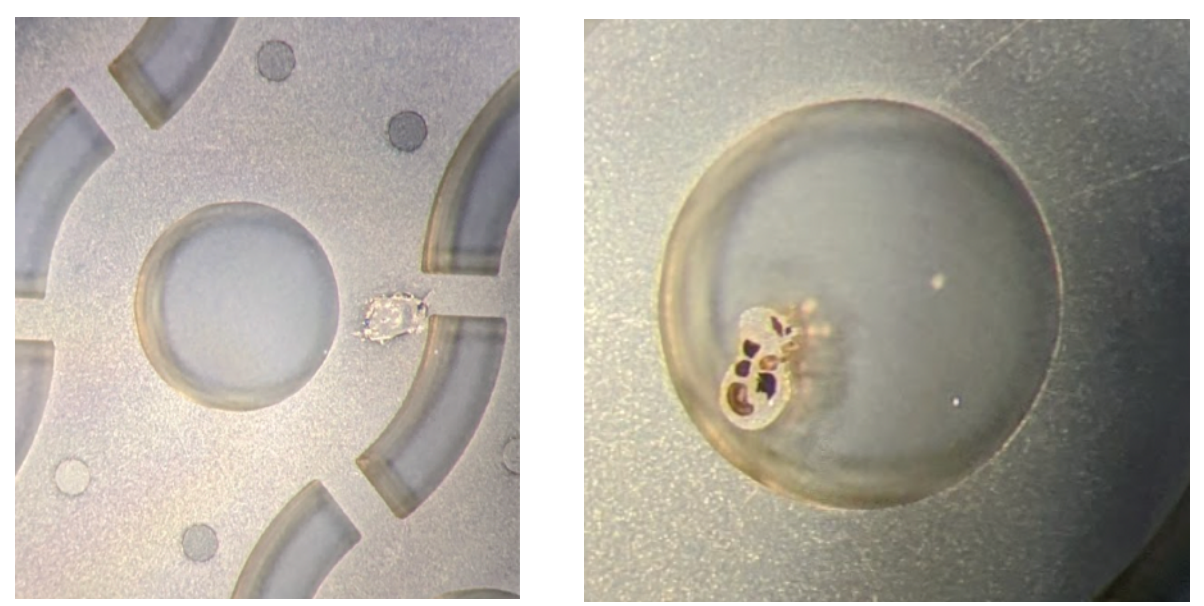
### S. Simon

- Segmentation of instrument images to identify defects in silicon optical coupling wafers for CMB-S4

### Deep Skies Lab

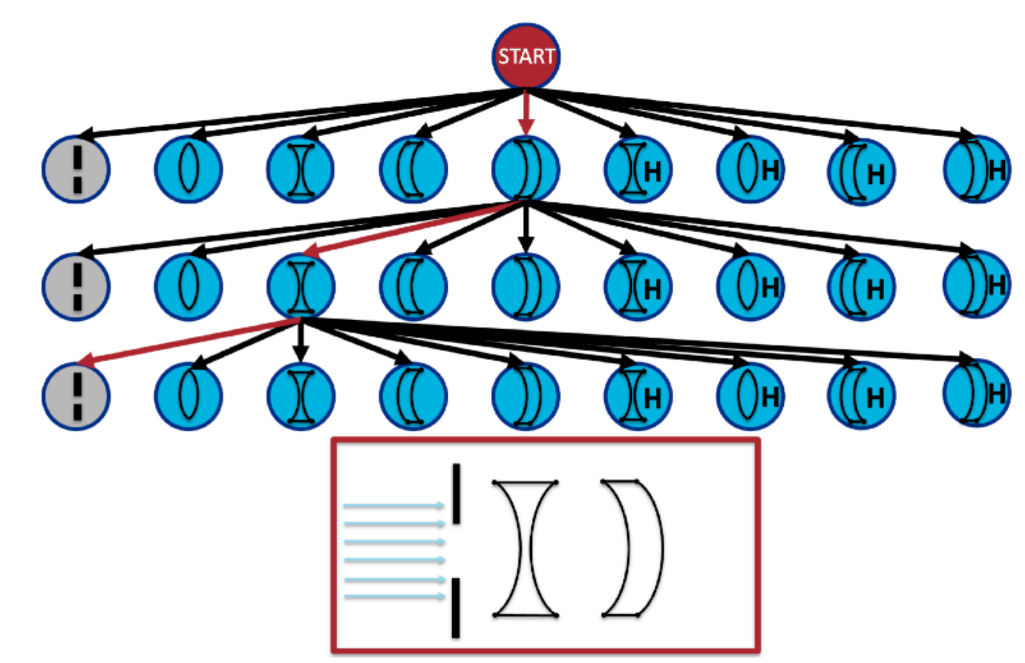
- Arrangement and tolerance-setting of optical elements for telescope design
- Design spectroscopic experiments for optimized data-taking (SPOKeS Pipeline)

Simon and Team



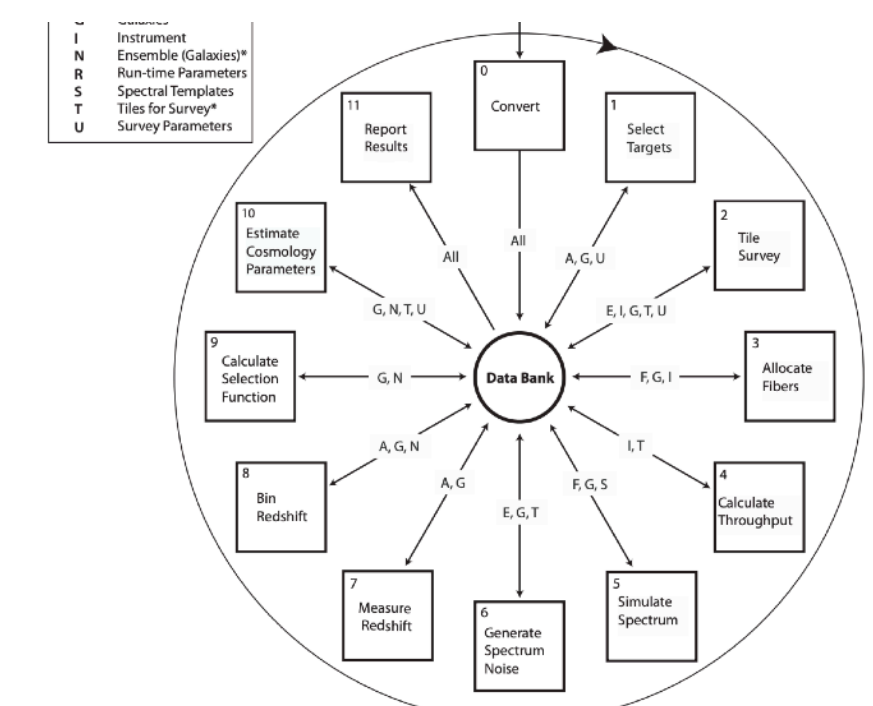
Wafer Defect Detection

Cohen+2023, in prep.



Simulation-based Inference for optics design

Nord+2016



Start-to-End Simulator for Spectroscopic Survey

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The most challenging task to automate, but perhaps the most time-saving.

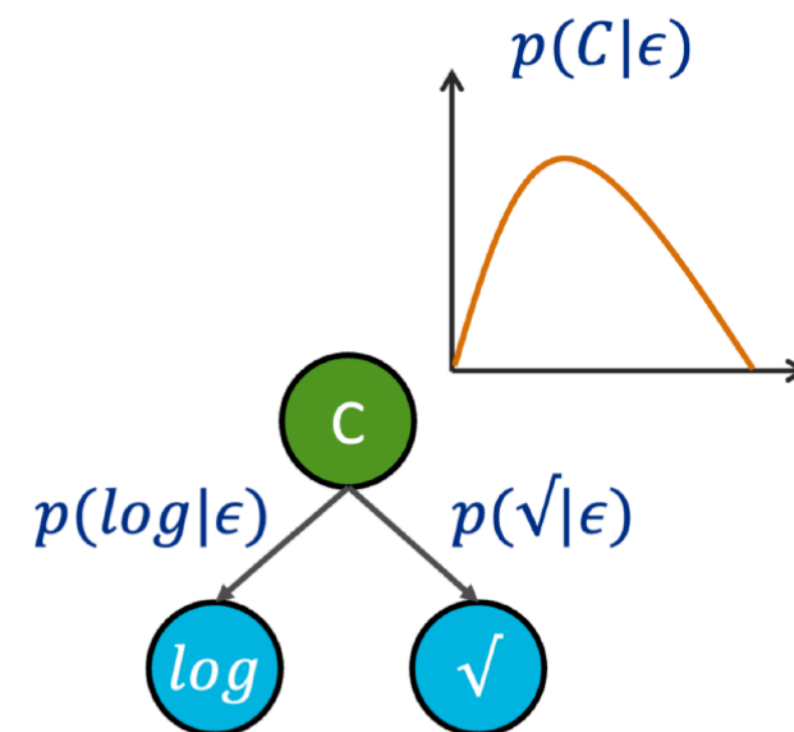
# Hypothesize

Symbolic Regression, Semantic Concept Generation, Interpretation

## Deep Skies Lab

- Generate equations from data
- Identify concept, links and paths in the literature to predict new ideas
- Mutual Information for neural network parameter interpretation

Cohen+2023, in prep.



Automated symbolic equation generation

# Methods

## Development of Foundational AI and Statistics

### Domain Adaptation

- Model generalization when training on simulations and predicting on real data

### Hierarchical Bayes

- Inference of population-level or summary statistics from large data sets

### Simulation-based Inference

- Fast inference with robust error bars.

### Uncertainty Quantification

- Determining how to estimate error bars with neural networks

### Benchmarking Classification

- Comparing neural network architectures for strong lens classification (LSST Data Science Internships for Undergraduates, 2023)

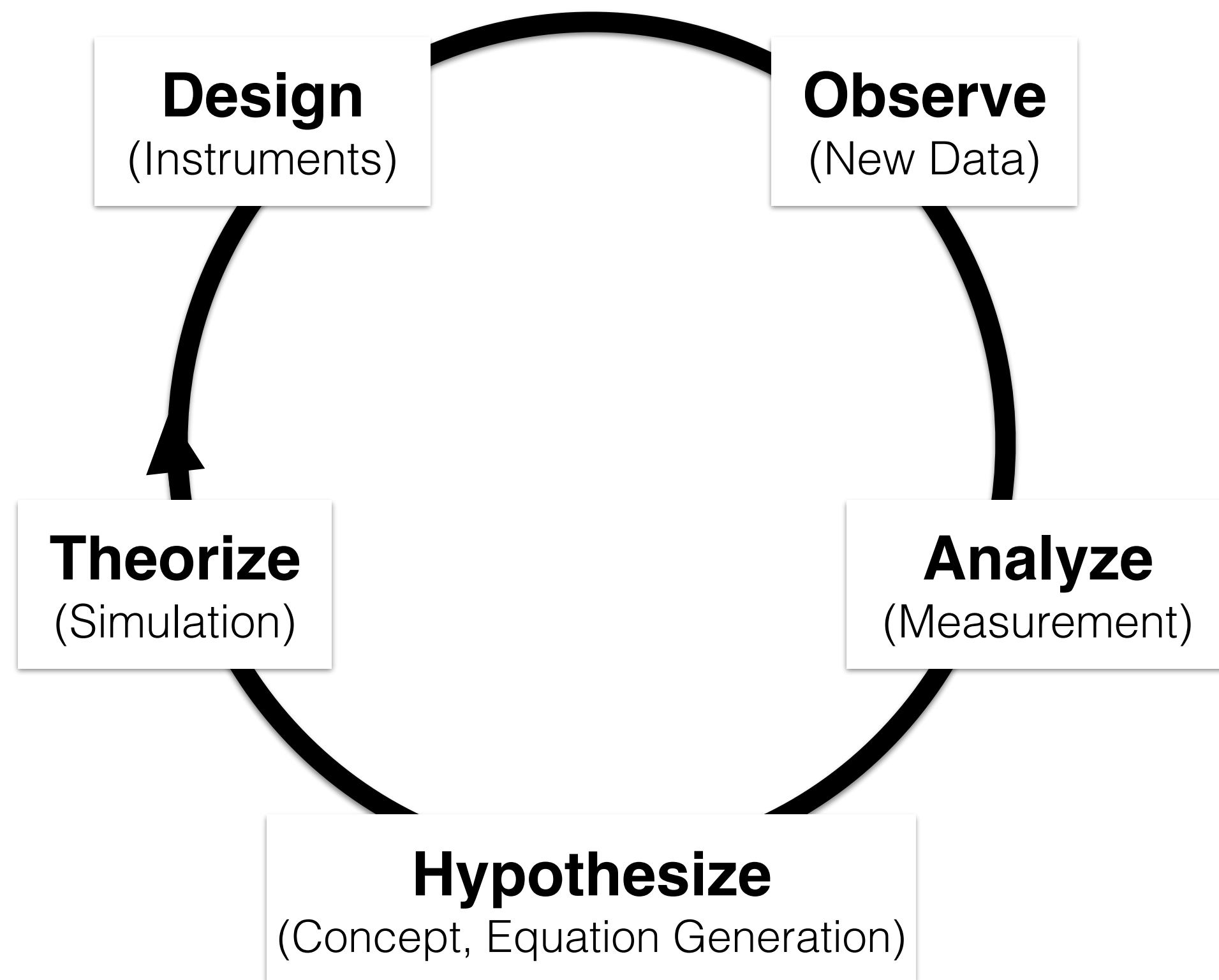
### Workflow Automator

- *DeepUtils* makes it trivially easy to run deep learning experiments on science data.

One of the major  
goals of Deep Skies

# Automate the Scientific Cycle

Improve accuracy of and reduce time for design



- Science is expensive.
  - Instrument design costs money.
  - Decision-making and idea generation costs time.
  - Observations are precious.
- DOE is pursuing self-driving laboratories
  - 2019 AI Town Hall: *Automated Cosmic Experiment*
  - 2020 Future Scientific Methodologies Workshop
- Uses of Automated Design:
  - Connect the separate elements
  - Make design choices and solve debates more quickly
  - Provide evidence of project efficacy to program reviewers
- Requirements:
  - Improve interpretability of algorithms and models.
  - Keep humans in the loop.
  - Only automate what you can trust.



# People in AI and Cosmology

## 47 People in FY23 affiliated with CPC

<b>6</b>	PI	Ciprijanovic, Drlica-Wagner, Frieman, Gnedin, Neilsen, Nord, Simon
<b>5</b>	Postdoc	Awan, Jarugula, McDermott, Nevin, Paul
<b>12</b>	Undergrad	Banker, Durojaiye, Kumar, Malagon, Ran, Silva, Swierc, Tsiane, Venkat, Willis, Youssef, Zhao
<b>5</b>	Grad	Dunn, Poh, Reza, Roncoli, Samudre, Schechter, Terranova
<b>2</b>	AI Associate	Lewis-Livaudais, Voetberg
<b>2</b>	Post-bac	Pensamiento, Tamargo
<b>7</b>	High school	Cohen, Grimm, Padhi, Sarkar, Shevchuk, Wu, Zhou
<b>7</b>	Affiliate	Avestruz, Khullar, Paul, Speagle, Trivedi, Vavagiakis, Zhang

(Most affiliations are through the Deep Skies Lab)

# Opportunities Conversation and Collaboration

Journal Clubs, Education, Community Discussion

## Journal Club

- Weekly
- Papers, blogs, videos
- Late-breaking topics:  
*AI, stats, physics, ethics*

## Community Hour

- Weekly
- Consultation
- Any topic:  
*science, career, educational*

## Edu Club

- Bi-weekly
- Presentations
- Introductory topics:  
*Stats, AI, Computing*

## Seminar

- Monthly
- Presentations
- Advanced topics:  
*Stats, AI, Computing*

April 2023: First Deep Skies Lab Retreat (at Fermilab)

# Considerations for Future Projects and Proposals

- New avenues and ideas?
  - Investigate areas that are not yet popular
  - Consider key problems in the AI space
  - Grand challenges for focus
- Papers and Conferences
  - AI publication schedule is very different: >5 opportunities per year.
  - Conferences and Workshops are like proceedings
  - Popular long-form venues for AI + Cosmic: MLST, OJA(?), MNRAS, JCAP, Astron. and Comp.
- Proposals and FoA
  - Off-the-shelf solutions to existing problems is not interesting: program managers
  - Finding appropriate FoA is difficult
  - Building collaboration long before FoA
  - Planning now for Spring LDRD and DOE FoA
- NSF AI + Astronomy Institutes (proposal in progress)
  - California
  - Maybe east coast
  - Midwest is Northwestern+UChicago+UIUC+Fermilab

Solving problems in **AI + Cosmology** requires ...

- **Data** from principled, mathematical origins (cosmology)
- **Algorithms** and models that can process large, complex data (AI)