Astro-DISC: Data-Intensive Analytics for Astrophysics

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Overview

- New discoveries and science driven by large data analytics
- Increasingly larger datasets: Terabytes to Petabytes
- Help scientists analyze their data to shorten time to science
- Enable quick analysis of massive datasets
- Need large distributed resources
- Analysis across multiple data sources

Astro Analytics

- Properties of large-scale structures in the universe
- Scalable group finding
- Multi-tree N-point correlation functions
- Merger trees
- Fourier domain decomposition
- Matched filter searches
- Tracking particle history in cosmology datasets
- Finding patterns of anomalies

Astrophysics Datasets

Astrophysics has interesting large datasets needed to answer important questions about the universe such as the nature of dark matter and dark energy.

| Name | Size | Source |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) | 50 TB | Obs |
| Bigben BHCosmo | 30 TB | Sim |
| Millennium Simulation | 20 TB | Sim |
| Coyote Universe | 50 TB | Sim |
| Pan-STARRS | 30 TB/yr | Obs |
| Murchison Widefield Array | 2 GB/s | Obs |
| Roadrunner Universe | 10 PB | Sim |
| Bluewaters BHCosmo | 50 PB | Sim |
| Large Synoptic Survey Tel (LSST) | 40 PB | Obs |
| Ultimate Dark Matter Sim. | 100 PB | Sim |
| Square Kilometer Array | 10 PB/yr | Obs |

Requirements

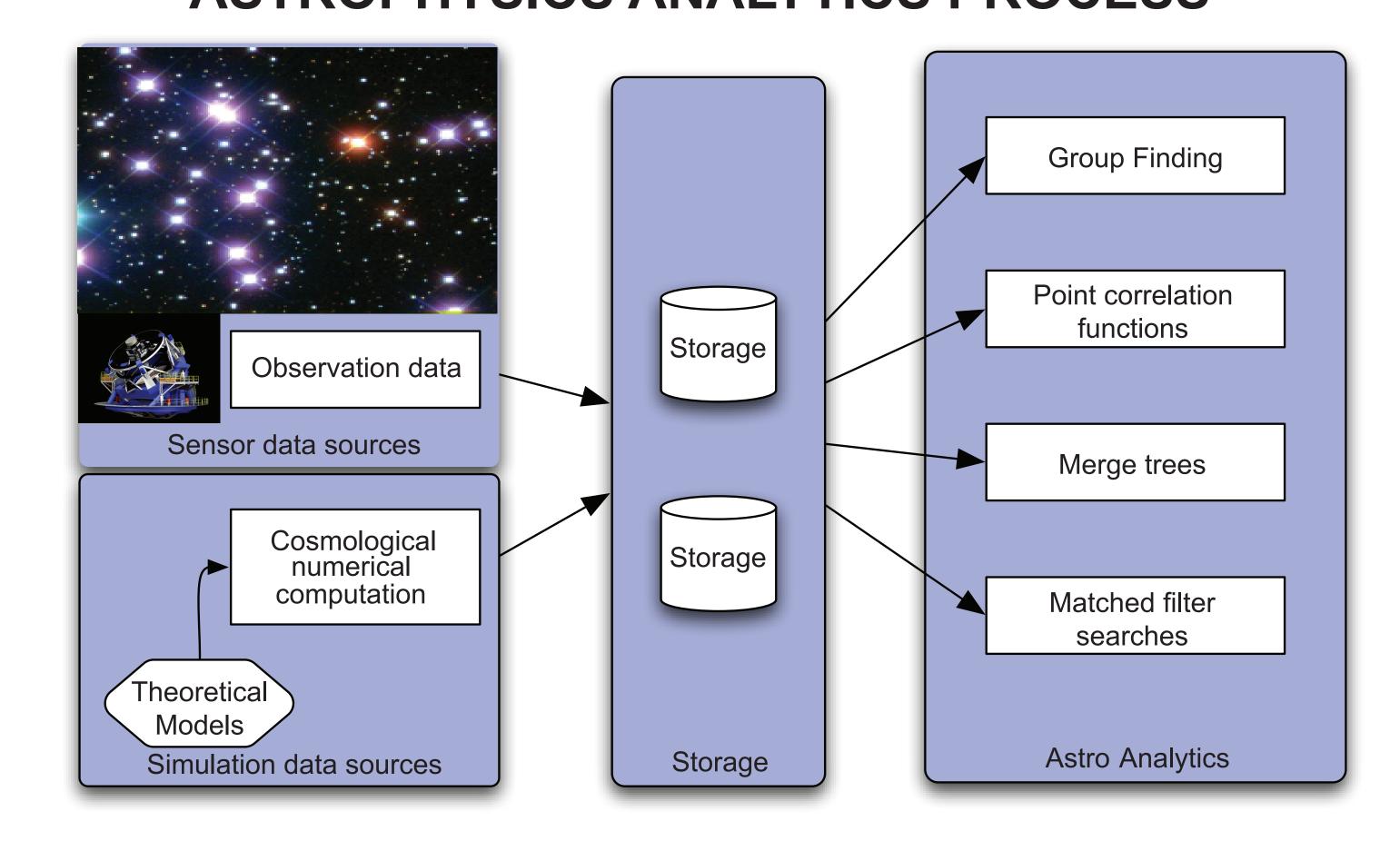
- Challenges: Scalability, programmability
- Scale to large datasets

- Easy-to-use programming interface
- Deal with processing failures

Approach

- Commonly used operations and structures
- New scalable algorithm for astro analytics
 - E.g., group finding, point correlation functions
- Simple-to-use scalable abstractions
- Scalable spatial indexing support atop table software
 - E.g., HBase, Cassandra, HyperTable.
- Data-Intensive Scalable Computing architecture
 - Clusters with many computers
 - Designed for data-intensive operations
- Leverage open-source data-intensive frameworks:
 - E.g., parallel FSs, Hadoop, HDFS, performance libs

ASTROPHYSICS ANALYTICS PROCESS



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