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Chapter 4 • The formation of dark matter halos

§4.1 • Non-linear growth and halo collapse



Figure by Frank van den Bosch

Violent relaxation

(Source unknown)

Gaussian random field



N-body simulations



N-body simulations



Simulations of dark matter

- Simulate the evolution of dark matter in a large **cube of space**
- Start at a time...
 - A while after recombination
 - Early enough that initial fluctuations are still small
- Physics in equations includes:
 - Expansion of Universe, including dark energy
 - Gravity of dark matter
 - No collisions between dark matter particles
- Solve Newton's law between N particles (N-body simulation)
- Compute gravitational force, move particles a bit, and so on







Efstathiou et al. 1981/1985/1988 • Klypin & Shandarin 1983 • Frenk et al. 1983/1985/1988 • Davis et al. 1985



- Millennium Simulation (10 billion particles) was largest for a while
- Today reach 1 trillion particles

Springel et al. 2005/2008



a = 0.1t = 0.6 Gyr



Visualization code: Phil Mansfield





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Formation of halos

- Could occur...
 - Top-down: Form big structures first, which fragment to make smaller structures
 - Bottom-up: Form small structures first, which merge into big structures

t = 7.3 Gyr

(<u>movie page</u>)

Evolution of power spectrum in simulation



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§4.1.1 • The tophat collapse model



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Tophat collapse model



11 Мрс



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R_{500c}



R_{200c}

$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{vir}}$

R_{200m}

§4.1.2 • The non-linear mass and hierarchical structure formation

Smoothed density fields

Merger tree

Merger tree

§4.2 • The halo mass function

Smoothed density fields

Mass function models

§4.3 • Halo structure and its connection to formation history

1000 Mpc/h

Density at z = 0

500 Mpc/h

250 Mpc/h

62.5 Mpc/h

Erebos N-body simulations

2000 Mpc/h

Diemer & Kravtsov 2014, 2015 • Springel 2005 • Crocce et al. 2006 • Behroozi et al. 2013ab

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Density profile

Einasto profile

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Einasto 1965, 1969

Navarro-Frenk-White profile

Navarro et al. 1995/1996/1997

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Initial peaks

δ

r

Initial peaks

r

Initial peaks

r

Mass accretion history

Wechsler et al. 2002 • van den Bosch 2002 • Zhao et al. 2003/2009 • Dalal et al. 2010

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Density profile

Navarro et al. 1997 • Wechsler et al. 2002 • Lu et al. 2006 • Dalal et al. 2010 • Ludlow et al. 2013

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