







NUMERICAL METHODS FOR STANDARD AND NON-STANDARD COSMOLOGICAL SIMULATIONS

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PRECISION COSMOLOGY test the model's assumptions with ~1% accuracy Structure formation



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# WHY DO WE NEED SIMULATIONS?



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... we know that in the present Universe density perturbations can reach large values ( $\delta \approx 1$  on scales of  $\sim 8 {
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The assumption of small perturbations does not hold anymore, and linearity no longer applies  $\longrightarrow$  need of numerical methods

The N-body method

#### COSMOLOGICAL SIMULATIONS IN PILLS

Simulate the formation and evolution of structures in the Universe under the effect of gravitational instability.

Use **particles as fluid elements**, assign **initial conditions**, **compute gravitational force** on particles, and **evolve the system** according to some assumptions on the physics (cosmology, astrophysical processes, etc...)

Highly non-linear processes when density perturbations exceed unity (maximum overdensities in the Universe today  $\sim 10^5$ )

The gravitational evolution of N particles is a N(N-I)~N<sup>2</sup> problem! Need to **devise approximated solutions** to reduce computational cost (e.g. Particle-Mesh, Tree, Tree-PM, scale as N logN)

Analyze the simulations outputs through post-processing tools (halo finders, ray-tracers, mock galaxy catalogues) and compare with observational data

## **Cosmological N-body simulations**

Integrate the evolution of density perturbations forward in time (starting from a known initial power spectrum) within a periodic, comoving, and cosmologically representative box filled with tracer particles



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The softening ε avoids large-angle scattering and the formation of bound particle pairs (needed for collisionless dynamics)

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4) Compute the force on particles by finite differencing the gravitational potential

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Several possible time integration schemes (Euler, Runge-Kutta, mid-point), the most widely used is the **LEAPFROG:** 

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= v_n + f(x_n) \frac{\Delta t}{2} & \text{Kick} \\ x_{n+1} &= x_n + v_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\Delta t}{2} & \text{Drift} \\ v_{n+1} &= v_{n+\frac{1}{2}} + f(x_{n+1}) \frac{\Delta t}{2} & \text{Kick} \end{aligned}$$

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# How to add hydrodynamics: the SPH method

Credit: all slides with a black background are a courtesy of my PhD student Matteo Nori

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# What does **TreePM** mean?

The gravitational potential is split into a long-range part and a shortrange part, which are computed with PM and Tree, respectively



#### Language: ANSI-C

Parallelization: MPI (pthreads, hybrid MPI/OpenMP) Domain decomposition: space-filling Peano-Hilbert curve



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# Scalability: tested up to 8192 cores with MPI implementation tested up to 12000 cores with hybrid MPI/OpenMP



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# Code comparison: Euclid "calibration" simulations

Codes: Ramses, Pkdgrav3, and Gadget3 Parameters: 1 Gpc/h, 2048<sup>3</sup> (M<sub>p</sub>=10<sup>9</sup> Msun/h)

- ✓ All codes agree within 1% up to k = 1 h/Mpc (for all z), and ~3 % up to k = 10 h/Mpc (z<1)</li>
- Box-size L > 500 h/Mpc is required for 1% accuracy in the P(k)
- Particle mass must be at least 10<sup>9</sup> h/Msun for 1% accurate power up to k = 10 h/Mpc.
  [ or 8x10<sup>10</sup> h/Msun, for k<1 h/Mpc]</li>
- Higher-order Lagrangian displacements required for ICs (2LPT)



Schneider et al. arXiv: 1503.05920

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$$\nabla^2 \delta \phi = -\frac{dV}{d\phi} (\delta \phi) + 4\pi G \beta(\phi) \delta \rho_M$$
 if we assume a non-universal interaction that 
$$\nabla^2 \delta \phi \approx \beta(\phi) \delta \rho_M \Rightarrow \delta \phi \approx \beta(\phi) \Phi_g$$
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case 3: a CDM doublet with opposite coupling constants





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$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{16\pi G}{3} \delta \rho - \frac{1}{6} \delta R$$

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We adopt the latter method (more accurate in the non-linear regime, see e.g. Bird et al 2012)

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### Modified Gravity N-body Code Comparison Project

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# FOCUSING ON CODE PERFORMANCES

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## C-GADGET & MG-GADGET SCALING



с-GADGET tested on 6656 cores @ MareNostrum (Barcelona) мс-GADGET tested on 8192 cores @ SuperMuc (LRZ)

#### MEMORY REQS: C-GADGET VS MG-GADGET





# Performance



# Results of non-standard cosmological simulations

# Interacting Dark Energy



# THE CODECS PROJECT

A publicly available suite of cosmological N-body simulations for interacting Dark Energy models

# www.marcobaldi.it/CoDECS

MB, MNRAS 422 (2012), ARXIV:1109.5695



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#### COMPARING LSS AND HALO PROPERTIES IN CODECS



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### **ZOOM-IN SIMULATIONS: RESULTS**

## First result: early segregation. Already at z~5 there are two clear distinct density peaks



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### ZOOM-IN SIMULATIONS: RESULTS

# Second result: formation of density cores in the total DM density



## Modified Gravity

Universal couplings: Extended Quintessence, f(R), Symmetron, Dilaton, et al.

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First simulations by Oyaizu 2008; Oyaizu, Lima, Hu 2008; Schmidt et al 2009 using an iterative scheme within a fix-grid PM code



The scalar fifth-force is suppressed in high-density regions according to the solution of the nonlinear Poisson equation for  $\delta \phi$ . The screening mechanism (in this case a Chameleon effect) is more efficient for lower values of  $|f_{R0}|$ 

**MG-GADGET** 



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Dynamical vs. true masses of groups and clusters

ARNOLD ET AL. 2014

## Axion Dark Matter

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x [Mpc/h]

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Φ



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# Initial Conditions



#### CONCLUSIONS

The next era of Precision Cosmology **needs large and accurate N-body simulations** to test data analysis pipelines, to perform cosmological model selection, and to constrain cosmological parameters

Many competing models still on the market means many simulations to be performed, for many values of the related parameters... computational cost is an issue.

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