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Dark Matter Halos

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Dark matter halos are the basic units of nonlinear structure

- Is all dark matter part of some halo?
- Was this always the case?
- How do halos grow? accretion? merging?
- How are they distributed?
- What is their internal structure?
 - -- density profile
 - -- shape
 - -- subhalo population mass/radial distributions, evolution
 -- caustics
- How do these properties affect DM detection experiments?
- How can they be used to test the standard paradigm?
- How do they affect/are they affected by the baryonic matter



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A simple model for structure formation

In linear theory in a dust universe $\delta(\mathbf{x}, z) = D(z) \, \delta_{o}(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \, D(z) \int d^{3}k \, \delta_{k} \exp(-i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$ where we define D(0) = 1

Consider the smoothed density field $\delta_{s}(\mathbf{x}, z; \mathbf{k}_{c}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} D(z) \int_{|\mathbf{k}| < \mathbf{k}_{c}} d^{3}\mathbf{k} \, \delta_{\mathbf{k}} \exp(-i \, \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$ and define $\langle \delta_{s}(\mathbf{x}, z; \mathbf{k}_{c})^{2} \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} = D^{2}(z) \, \sigma_{o}^{2}(\mathbf{k}_{c}), \quad \mathbf{M}_{s} = 6\pi^{2} \rho_{o} \mathbf{k}_{c}^{-3}$

As k_c grows from 0 to ∞ , the smoothing mass decreases from ∞ to 0, and $\delta_s(\mathbf{x}, z; k_c)$ executes a random walk

For a <u>gaussian</u> linear overdensity field $\Delta \delta_{s} = \delta_{s}(\mathbf{x}, z; \mathbf{k}_{c} + \Delta \mathbf{k}_{c}) - \delta_{s}(\mathbf{x}, z; \mathbf{k}_{c})$ is <u>independent</u> of δ_{s} and has variance $D^{2} \Delta \sigma_{o}^{2}$ ----- A Markov random walk -----

The "Press & Schechter" Ansatz

A uniform spherical "top hat" perturbation virialises when its extrapolated linear overdensity is $\delta_c \approx 1.69$

Assume that at redshift z, the mass element initially at x is part of a virialised object with the largest mass M for which $\delta_s(\mathbf{x}, z; \mathbf{k}_c(\mathbf{M})) \ge \delta_c$

This is the Markov walk's <u>first upcrossing</u> of the <u>barrier</u> $\delta_s = \delta_c$

The fraction of all points with first upcrossing below k_c is then the fraction of cosmic mass in objects with mass above $M_s(k_c)$

$$\rightarrow n(M, z) dM = \frac{-\rho_o}{\sqrt{(2\pi)M^2}} \frac{\delta_c}{D\sigma_o} \frac{d \ln \sigma_o^2}{d \ln M} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\delta_c}{D\sigma_o}\right)^2\right)^2$$

If the density field is smoothed using a sharp filter in kspace, then each step in the random walk is independent of all earlier steps

A Markov process

The walks shown at positions **A** and **B** are equally probable



At an early time τ_1 A is part of a quite massive halo

B is part of a very low mass halo or no halo at all





A bit later, time τ_3 A's halo has grown further by accretion

B's halo has merged again and is now more massive than **A**'s halo



Still later, e.g. τ_4 A and **B** are part of halos which follow identical merging/accretion histories On scale **X** they are embedded in a high

density region. On larger scale Y in a low density region



Consequences of the Markov nature of EPS walks

- The assembly history of a halo is <u>independent</u> of its future
- The assembly history of a halo is <u>independent</u> of its environment
- The internal structure of a halo is <u>independent</u> of its environment
- The mass distribution of progenitors of a halo of given M and z is obtained simply by changing the origin to $\sigma_0^2(M)$ and $\delta_c/D(z)$
- The resulting formulae can be used to obtain descendant distributions and merger rates
- A similar argument gives formulae for the clustering bias of halos



Does it work point by point?



Boylan-Kolchin et al 2009



Mo & White 2002



- Abundance of rich cluster halos drops rapidly with z
- Abundance of Milky Way mass halos drops by less than a factor of 10 to z=5
- $10^{9}M_{\odot}$ halos are almost as common at z=10 as at z=0

Mo & White 2002 3 2 0 $\rm Log \; n/(h^{-1}Mpc)^{-3}$ -2 -812Log T) 5 101520 0 \mathbf{Z}

- Temperature increases with both mass and redshift $T \propto M^{2/3} (1 + z)$
- Halos with virial temperature T = 10⁷ K are as abundant at z = 2 as at z=0
- Halos with virial temperature T = 10⁶ K are as abundant at z = 8 as at z=0
- Halos of mass >10^{7.5}M_o have
 T > 10⁴ K at z=20 and so can cool by H line emission

Mo & White 2002 2 0 $\rm Log \; n/(h^{-1}Mpc)^{-3}$ 0047 (20) 6 2 0.01 0.001 18-4 6 1E-6 -8F Δ 1ETB 5 151020 0 \mathbf{Z}

- Half of all mass is in halos more massive than 10¹⁰M_o
 at z=0, but only 10% at z=5, 1% at z=9 and 10⁻⁶ at z=20
- •1% of all mass is in halos more massive than $10^{15}M_{\odot}$ at z=0
- •40% of all mass at z=0 is in halos which cannot confine photoionised gas
- •1% of all mass at z=15 is in halos hot enough to cool by H line emission

Mo & White 2002



- Halos with the abundance of L_{*} galaxies at z=0 are equally strongly clustered at all z < 20
- Halos of given mass or virial temperature are more clustered at *higher* z

Mo & White 2002



- The remnants (stars and heavy elements) from all star-forming systems at z>6 are today more clustered than L_{*} galaxies
- The remnants of objects which at any z > 2 had an abundance similar to that of present-day L_{*} galaxies are today more clustered than L_{*} galaxies

Does halo clustering depend on formation history?



Gao, Springel & White 2005

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Halo bias as a function of mass and formation time

Gao, Springel & White 2005

• Bias increases smoothly with formation redshift

• The dependence on formation redshift is strongest at low mass

• This dependence is consistent *neither* with excursion set theory *nor* with HOD models

Bias as a function of v and formation time



Bias as a function of v and concentration



Bias as a function of v and main halo mass fraction



Bias as a function of v and subhalo mass fraction



Bias as a function of v and spin



Halo assembly bias: conclusions

The large-scale bias of halo clustering relative to the dark matter depends on halo mass through $v = \delta_c / D(z) \sigma_c(M)$ and also on

- -- formation time
- -- concentration
- -- substructure content
- -- spin

The dependences on these assembly variables are different and <u>cannot</u> be derived from each other, e.g. more concentrated halos are more strongly clustered at low mass but less strongly clustered at high mass; rapidly spinning halos are more strongly clustered by equal amounts at all masses.

These dependences are likely to be reflected in <u>galaxy</u> bias

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Millennium Simulation cosmology: $\Omega_m = 0.25, \ \Omega_A = 0.75, \ n=1, \ \sigma_g = 0.9$

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Millennium Simulation cosmology: 2 $\delta_{
m s}/{
m D}(au)$ 0 0.8 0.20.4 0.60 $\sigma_0^2(k_c)$

 $\Omega_{\rm m} = 0.25, \ \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.75, \ n=1, \ \sigma_{8} = 0.9$

If these Markov random walks are scaled so the maximum variance is 720 and the vertical axis is multiplied by $\sqrt{720}$, then they represent <u>complete</u> halo assembly histories for random CDM particles.

An ensemble of walks thus represents the probability distribution of assembly histories

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Angulo et al 2009 1.000 50% Distribution of the collapse 68% 90% redshifts of the first halos for 95% 99% a random set of dark matter 0.100 particles zb/Nb The median is z = 13For 10% of the mass the first 0.010 halo collapses at z > 34For 1% at z > 550.001 10 20 30 40 50 60 0

 \mathbf{z}

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Angulo et al 2009 1.000 log₁₀ M [h] Distribution of the collapse redshifts of the first halos for dark matter particles split by the mass of the first object 0.100 zb/Nb The high redshift tail is entirely due to matter in small first halos 0.010 For first halo masses below a solar mass, the median collapse redshift is z = 210.001 10 20 30 50 0 40 \mathbf{z}

Millennium Simulation cosmology: $\Omega_{m} = 0.25, \ \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.75, n=1, \sigma_{Q} = 0.9$ Angulo et al 2009 Total mass fraction in halos 1.0 $\begin{array}{ll} M_i > 10^{-10} \ h^{-1} \\ M_i > 10^{-4} \ h^{-1} \\ M_i > 10^2 \ h^{-1} \\ M_i > 10^9 \ h^{-1} \end{array}$ Sph collapse Ell collapse At z = 0 about 5% (Sph) or 0.8 20% (Ell) of the mass is still diffuse 0.6 Beyond z = 50 almost all the mass is diffuse 0.4 Only at z < 2 (Sph) or z < 0.5

0.2

0

10

20

30

 \mathbf{z}

40

50

(Ell) is most mass in halos with $M > 10^8 M_{\odot}$ The "Ell" curve agrees with simulations

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EPS statistics for the standard ACDM cosmology

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Angulo et al 2009

0.5 $M = 10^{12} h^{-1} M,$ $M_{1} > 10^{-10} h^{-1} M_{2}$ M_o $1.33 M_1 < M_2 < 4 M_1$ The typical mass element in $1.33 M_i < M_f < 2 M_i$ 2 M.<M.<4 M. a "Milky Way" halo goes 0.4 through ~3 "major mergers" where the two halos are 0.3 within a factor of 3 in mass The majority of these occur 0.2 when the element is part of the larger halo 0.1 0.0 -2 10 0 6 8 Number of major mergers

EPS halo assembly: conclusions

- The typical first halo is much more massive than the free streaming mass
- First halos typically collapse quite late $z \sim 13$
- Halo growth occurs mainly by accretion of much smaller halos
- There are rather few "generations" of accretion/merger events
- Major mergers are not a major part of the growth of many halos

The dark matter structure of A CDM halos

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ACDM galaxy halos (without galaxies!)

- Halos extend to ~10 times the 'visible' radius of galaxies and contain ~10 times the mass in the visible regions
- Halos are not spherical but approximate triaxial ellipsoids
 -- more prolate than oblate
 -- axial ratios greater than two are common
- "Cuspy" density profiles with outwardly increasing slopes -- $d \ln \rho / d \ln r = \gamma$ with $\gamma < -2.5$ at large r $\gamma > -1.2$ at small r
- Substantial numbers of self-bound subhalos contain ~10% of the halo's mass and have $dN/dM \sim M^{-1.8}$

Most substructure mass is in most massive subhalos

Density profiles of dark matter halos



The average dark matter density of a dark halo depends on distance from halo centre in a very similar way in halos of all masses at all times -- a universal profile shape --

$$\rho(r)/\rho_{crit} \approx \delta r_s/r(1 + r/r_s)^2$$

More massive halos and halos that form earlier have higher densities (bigger δ)

Concentration $c = r_{200} / r_s$ is an alternative density measure Beware variety of definitions!

NFW profiles may not be pretty....



...but they work surprisingly well



"Milky Way" halo z = 1.5 $N_{200} = 3 \times 10^{6}$ "Milky Way" halo z = 1.5 $N_{200} = 94 \times 10^{6}$ "Milky Way" halo z = 1.5 N₂₀₀ = 750 x 10⁶

How well do density profiles converge?

Aquarius Project: Springel et al 2008



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Concentration scatter and trend with M and z

Gao et al 2008



Concentration trends with M, z and cosmology

Zhao et al 2008



The Aquarius halos

Springel et al 2008



The Einasto profile fits the inner cusps

Navarro et al 2009



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Einasto's (1965) profile: $\ln \rho(r) / \rho_{-2} = -2 / \alpha [(r / r_{-2})^{\alpha} - 1]$

The Einasto α varies with mass

Gao et al 2008

Results for stacked halos in the Millennium run



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A lensing test of the DM paradigm?

Hayashi & White 2008



Velocity dispersion profiles

Navarro et al 2009



Velocity dispersion and anisotropy peak at intermediate radii

Navarro et al 2009



Results are well converged

Velocity dispersion and anisotropy peak at intermediate radii Profiles vary significantly between halos





Shape variations in the density and velocity dispersion profiles compensate to make $\rho(r) / \sigma(r)^3$ an almost universal power law

Halo profiles: conclusions

- The NFW formula fits spherically averaged profiles of most objects to within 10% out to at least 2 r_s
- The characteristic density (or concentration) varies with mass, redshift and cosmology
- The Einasto formula fits better its additional shape parameter varies systematically with mass
- There is no indication of *any* "asymptotic inner power law"
- The scatter among halos is larger than the Einasto-NFW difference
- Mean profiles change shape dramatically for $\delta < 10$
- Velocity dispersion profiles show considerable variation
- Variations in $\rho(r)$ and $\sigma(r)$ compensate to give power law ρ/σ^3

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Shapes of halo equidensity surfaces



Jing & Suto 2002

Shapes become systematically less spherical with decreasing radius

Shapes of halo equidensity surfaces



Jing & Suto 2002

Shapes become systematically less spherical with increasing mass

A simple scaling leaves a "universal" result for the axis ratio distributions



How well does substructure converge?

Springel et al 2008





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Convergence in the size and maximum circular velocity for individual subhalos cross-matched between simulation pairs.

Biggest simulation gives convergent results for

 $V_{max} > 1.5 \text{ km/s}$ $r_{max} > 165 \text{ pc}$

<u>Much</u> smaller than the halos inferred for even the faintest dwarf galaxies

How uniform are subhalo populations?





Subhalos have subhalos have subhalos...

Springel et al 2008



Substructure: conclusions

- Substructure is primarily in the outermost parts of halos
- The radial distribution of subhalos is almost mass-independent
- Subhalo populations scale (almost) with the mass of the host
- The subhalo mass distribution converges only weakly at small m
- Subhalos contain a small fraction of the mass in the inner halo

Small-scale structure of the CDM distribution

- Direct detection involves bolometers/cavities of meter scale which are sensitive to particle momentum
 - -- what is the density structure between m and kpc scales?
 - -- how many streams intersect the detector at any time?
- Intensity of annihilation radiation depends on

 ∫ ρ²(x) ⟨σ v⟩ dV
 what is the density distribution around individual CDM particles on the annihilation interaction scale?

Predictions for detection experiments depend on the CDM distribution on scales <u>far</u> below those accessible to simulation

We require a good theoretical understanding of mixing and small-scale structure
Dectectability issues for the CDM distribution

• Laboratory experiments What is the expected CDM distribution in space and in velocity on the scale of the apparatus?

 Small-scale clumping How much γ-emission comes from small clumps? Which structures should be most easily detected?

Unbound phase-space structure How much γ-emission comes from caustics?

• Galactic Centre

How much γ -emission comes from the black hole's cusp?

Density relative to a smooth ellipsoidal model



- Estimate a density ρ at each point by adaptively smoothing using the 64 nearest particles
- Fit to a smooth density profile stratified on similar ellipsoids
- The chance of a random point lying in a substructure is < 10⁻⁴
- The *rms* scatter about the smooth model for the remaining points is only about 4%

Local velocity distribution

- Velocity histograms for particles in a typical (2kpc)³ box at R = 8 kpc
- Distributions are smooth, near-Gaussian and different in different directions
- No individual streams are visible





Energy space features – fossils of formation



The energy distribution within $(2 \text{ kpc})^3$ boxes shows bumps which

- -- repeat from box to box
- -- are stable over Gyr timescales
- -- repeat in simulations of the same object at varying resolution
- -- are different in simulations of different objects

¹₋₁These are potentially observable fossils of the formation process

Conclusions for direct detection experiments

- With more than 99.9% confidence the Sun lies in a region where the DM density differs from the smooth mean value by < 20%
- The local velocity distribution of DM particles is similar to a trivariate Gaussian with no measurable "lumpiness" due to individual DM streams
- The energy distribution of DM particles should contain broad features with ~20% amplitude which are the fossils of the detailed assembly history of the Milky Way's dark halo

Convergence of annihilation luminosity of main halo

Springel et al 2008



- Distribution has converged at the percent level for the main halo
- Most emission comes from
 0.5 kpc < r < 20 kpc
- Emission is not converged for most subhalos but should scale as V_{max}^4 / r_{max}
- This estimate is converged for $V_{max} > 1.5$ km/s r > 165 pc

max

Mass and annihilation radiation profiles of a MW halo



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Subhalo annihilation luminosity profiles: $V_{max} = 10$ km/s



- MW subhalos above Earth mass contribute 230 times as much luminosity within 250 kpc as the smooth halo mass distribution
- The projected surface brightness of the subhalo population is almost uniform
- When a small object falls into the MW, tides remove its subhalos but don't affect its smooth emission
 - subsubstructure does not much boost subhalo luminosities in the inner Galaxy (r < 30 kpc)









S/N for detecting subhalos in units of that for detecting the main halo 30 highest S/N objects, assuming use of optimal filters



• Highest S/N subhalos have 1% of S/N of main halo

- Highest S/N subhalos have 10 times S/N of known satellites
- Substructure of subhalos has no influence on detectability

GALPROP, optimized



Conclusions about clumping and annihilation

- Subhalos increase the MW's total flux within 250 kpc by a factor of 230 as seen by a distant observer, but its flux on the sky by a factor of only 2.9 as seen from the Sun
- The luminosity from subhalos is dominated by small objects and is nearly uniform across the sky (contrast is a factor of ~1.5)
- Individual subhalos have lower S/N for detection than the main halo
- The highest S/N *known* subhalo should be the LMC, but smaller subhalos without stars are likely to have higher S/N

Well *after* CDM particles become nonrelativistic, but *before* they dominate the cosmic density, their distribution function is

$$f(x, v, t) = \rho(t) [1 + \delta(x)] N [\{v - V(x)\}/\sigma]$$

where $\rho(t)$ is the mean mass density of CDM, $\delta(x)$ is a Gaussian random field with finite variance $\ll 1$, $V(x) = \nabla \psi(x)$ where $\nabla^2 \psi(x) \propto \delta(x)$ and *N* is standard normal with $\sigma^2 \ll \langle |\mathbf{V}|^2 \rangle$

CDM occupies a thin 3-D 'sheet' within the full 6-D phase-space and its projection onto x-space is near-uniform.

 $Df/Dt = 0 \longrightarrow$ only a 3-D subspace is occupied at later times. Nonlinear evolution leads to a complex, multi-stream structure.

Similarity solution for spherical collapse in CDM

Bertschinger 1985





Evolution of CDM structure

Consequences of
$$Df/Dt = 0$$

- The 3-D phase sheet can be stretched and folded but not torn
- At least 1 sheet must pass through every point **x**
- In nonlinear objects there are typically many sheets at each **x**
- Stretching which reduces a sheet's density must also reduce its velocity dispersions to maintain f = const.
- At a caustic, at least one velocity dispersion must $\longrightarrow \infty$
- All these processes can be followed in fully general simulations by tracking the phase-sheet local to each simulation particle

The geodesic deviation equation

Particle equation of motion:
$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{\dot{v}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ -\nabla \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

Offset to a neighbor: $\delta \dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{v} \\ T \cdot \delta \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \delta \mathbf{X} ; T = -$

Write $\delta X(t) = D(X_0, t) \cdot \delta X_0$, then differentiating w.r.t. time gives,

$$\dot{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{T} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{D} \text{ with } \mathbf{D}_0 = \mathbf{I}$$

- Integrating this equation together with each particle's trajectory gives the evolution of its local phase-space distribution
- No symmetry or stationarity assumptions are required
- det(D) = 1 at all times by Liouville's theorem
- For CDM, $1/|det(D_{xx})|$ gives the decrease in local 3D space density of each particle's phase sheet. Switches sign and is infinite at caustics.

Static symmetric potentials

Mark Vogelsberger, Amina Helmi, Volker Springel

Axisymmetric Eddington potential

$$\Phi(r,\theta) = v_{\rm h}^2 \log (r^2 + d^2) + \frac{\beta^2 \cos^2 \theta}{r^2}$$



A particle orbit in a live Halo



Number of Caustic Passages



Conclusions about streams and caustics

- GDE robustly identifies caustic passages and gives fair stream density estimates for particles in fully 3-D CDM simulations
- Many streams are present at each point well inside a CDM halo (at least 100,000 at the Sun's position)
 - quasi-Gaussian signal in direct detection experiments
- Caustic structure is more complex in realistic 3-D situations than in matched 1-D models but the caustics are weaker

negligible boosting of annihilation signal due to caustics

Myths about small-scale structure and DM detection

Halo DM is mostly in small (e.g. Earth mass?) clumps
 direct detectors typically live in low density regions

- DM streams non-Maxwellian, "clumpy" *f(v)* direct detectors will see an irregular energy distribution
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