## Accretion through cosmic time

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Searching for clues relating to structure formation across the hierarchy...

## Overview

Earliest fossil of accretion Press-Schechter approximation Dark age accretion Spherical top-hat model Virialization Gunn & Gott accretion model Void evolution Zel'dovich approximation Burger's equation Pichon's asymmetric collapse

"Nature operates by rules we can discover in successive approximations....'

# So is there evidence for accretion when atoms formed immediately after decoupling?

We now introduce the Press-Schechter approximation as this has been widely used to calculate HI 21cm signals during the Dark Ages



For a **cumulative mass function** N(>M) = comoving no. density of bound structures with mass > M,

PS arrived at a useful approximation for the **differential mass function** n(M) = dN(>M) / dM that is hard to justify rigorously. But it works!



To arrive at their formula, they needed two quantities.

1. Fraction of space *f* where the initial density contrast  $\delta > \delta_{crit}$  after it has been filtered with a kernel of mass M (these are non-linear condensations)

$$f(\delta > \delta_{\rm crit}; M) = \int_{\delta_{\rm crit}/\sigma(M)}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\nu^2/2)$$

2. Fraction of mass in objects more massive<sub>10</sub>, than M,

$$f(>M) = \int_M^\infty dM M n(M)$$

(1) and (2) are differentiated wrt M and made equal to arrive at the PS approx.



The roll over at large M and the time evolution both come from the factor

$$\delta_{\rm crit}/\sigma(M)$$

CDM variance is smaller at large M, larger at small M, at all times → non-linear evolution





$$n(m)\mathrm{d}m = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}}{m^2} \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}\ln\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\ln m} \right| \frac{\delta_c(z)}{\sigma(m)} \exp\left[ -\frac{\delta_c^2(z)}{2\sigma^2(m)} \right] \mathrm{d}m$$

Other projections:

1. evolution of comoving no. density of objects more massive than M

$$n(M) = dN(>M)/dM$$

2. evolution of equal mass mergers





Lacey & Cole (1993): open source code "extended" to identify progenitors in merger trees

## Sheth and van de Weygaert 2004

Good discussion, probably clearer than BT08, Longair07 on EPS, voids, clouds, etc. Nice illustrations also.

Work up in future lectures.

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Figure 5. Excursion set formalism, illustrated for the formation of a halo. Random walk exhibited by the average overdensity  $\delta$  centred on a randomly chosen position in a Gaussian random field, as a function of smoothing scale, parametrized by  $S_m$  (large volumes are on the left, small volumes on the right). Dashed horizontal line indicates the collapse barrier  $\delta_c$ . The largest scale (smallest value of S) on which  $\delta(S)$  exceeds  $\delta_c$  is an estimate of the mass of the halo that will form around that region.

Figure 6. Four-mode (extended) excursion set formalism. Each row illustrates one of the four basic modes of hierarchical clustering: the *cloud-in-cloud* process, *cloud-in-cl* 

FOOTNOTE: Biggest fluctuations collapse earliest with PS plot to show too...

Best derivation is probably BT08 ch. 9, L07 also good

## FOOTNOTE:

PS does **not** match galaxy or cluster mass functions today... a portent of gas processes to come.



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# A model truncated

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Cosmology at Low Frequencies: The 21 cm Transition and the High-Redshift Universe 2006

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Non-linear clustering during the cosmic Dark Ages and its effect on the 21-cm background from minihaloes

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sphere and the *singular* isothermal sphere approximations for the post-collapse objects. The recently proposed to resolve this conflict.

## Dark Ages: z~1089 to z~200, i.e. 370,000 to 6 million years? What options do we have to see anything post recombination?

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# Ionizing radiation from hydrogen recombination strongly suppresses the lithium scattering signature in the CMB

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It has been suggested that secondary CMB anisotropies generated by neutral lithium could open a new observational window into the universe around the redshift z-400, and permit a determination of the primordial lithium abundance. The effect is due to resonant scattering in the allowed Li I doublet  $(2s^2S_{1/2}-2p^2P_{1/2,3/2})$ , so its observability depends on the formation history of neutral lithium. Here we show that the ultraviolet photons produced during hydrogen recombination are sufficient to keep lithium in the Li II ionization stage in the relevant redshift range and suppress the neutral fraction by ~3 orders of magnitude from previous calculations, making the lithium signature unobservable.

### We have only the HI 21cm hyperfine spin-flip transition

## Dark Ages: a serious black out from $z \sim 1089$ to $z \sim 200$ ?

 $\frac{n_1}{n_0} = 3 \exp\left(-\frac{T_*}{T_s}\right)$ 

hyperfine state due to spin flip

ground state

 $\lambda = 21.16 \text{ cm}$ 

 $n_1 =$ 

n

In a neutral hydrogen universe, we really have only  $\rm T_s$  to work with and it needs to be different from  $\rm T_{CMB}$ 

CMB photons keep  $T_{S}$  close to  $T_{CMB}$  until  $z{\sim}200$  through ICS so the universe is effectively dark to us.

To detect HI, we need to decouple, but how?

$$T_S = \frac{T_{\rm CMB} + y_\alpha T_\alpha + y_c T_K}{1 + y_\alpha + y_c}$$

### Two ways:

- (A) Spin exchange between H atoms (Purcell & Field 1956) efficiency, depends on local  $T_{K}$  and density
- (B) Ly $\alpha$  pumping which then decays to hyperfine level (Field-Wouthuysen Effect) efficiency depends on local UV field (T $_{\alpha}$  = Ly $\alpha$  temperature)

## So what about accretion after decoupling?

The expanding universe was filled with cooling CMB and cooling HI...

CDM density Baryon density Baryon temperature  $(T_K)$ Photon temperature  $(T_{CMB})$ 

### Why the Dark Ages?

 $T_{\rm K}$  is bound on largest scales to  $T_{\rm CMB}$  by ICS until z~200 but decouples after that.

Then  $T_S \sim T_K < T_{CMB}$  so HI seen absorption against CMB until  $z \sim 30$ .

After that, collisions are rare, HI invisible again, except that  $H_2$  cooling inside mini-haloes starts?

First stars, Lya pumping, HI emission.

### Power spectrum of n, T fluctuations

vs. co-moving wavenumber



## nature

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## $z \sim 150$ : T<sub>K</sub> falls below T<sub>CMB</sub> for the first time

Furlanetto & Loeb (2004): strongest HI **emission** from gas compressing into large-scale IGM shocks

Shapiro et al (2006): strongest HI **emission** from gas compressing into mini halos ( $10^4 < M < 10^8$ ); they find large-scale shocks of lesser importance

i.e. mean density is sufficient to collisionally couple  $T_{\rm S}$  to  $T_{\rm K}$  such that HI universe is mostly in absorption...

 $\delta T = T_S - T_{CMB}$ 

0.5 Mpc co-moving box



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**z<20:** Lyα pumping from first sources takes over...



## Main science driver of Square Kilometer Array (SKA) ~ 2020+



Accretion studies will be greatly advanced after the SKA comes on line.

We will need the intervening decade+ to properly treat gas physics in cosmological simulations. **This is a topic of the future!** 



### NATURE | LETTER

### A luminous quasar at a redshift of z = 7.085

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The intergalactic medium was not completely reionized until approximately a billion years after the Big Bang, as revealed.<sup>1</sup> by observations of quasars with redshifts of less than 6.5. It has been difficult to probe to higher redshifts, however, because quasars have historically been identified<sup>2, 3, 4</sup> in optical surveys, which are insensitive to sources at redshifts exceeding 6.5. Here we report observations of a quasar (ULASJ112001.48+064124.3) at a redshift of 7.085, which is 0.77 billion years after the Big Bang. ULASJ1120+0641 has a luminosity of  $6.3 \times 10^{13}L_{\odot}$  and hosts a black hole with a mass of  $2 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$  (where  $L_{\odot}$  and  $M_{\odot}$  are the luminosity and mass of the Sun). The measured radius of the ionized near zone around ULASJ1120+0641 is 1.9megaparsecs, a factor of three smaller than is typical for quasars at redshifts between 6.0 and 6.4. The near-zone transmission profile is consistent with a Ly $\alpha$  damping wir neutral fraction of the intergalactic medium in front of ULASJ1120+0641 exceeded

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 $T_{\rm o} = 12.90 \; {\rm Gyr}$ 

#### Figure 1: Spectrum of ULAS J1120+0641 and a composite spectrum of



Blueward of 1.005 $\mu$ m the spectrum was obtained using the FORS2 on t 1.0" wide longslit and the 600z holographic grism, which has a resolutio 1.6×10<sup>-4</sup> $\mu$ m per...

### Letter

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### A galaxy at a redshift z = 6.96

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## FAR FIELD

*T*<sub>o</sub>=12.88 Gyr



Fig. 1.— High resolution images of galaxy IOK-1 in the F125W (left) and the F130N (right) bands, with contours spaced by 1.4 sky rms for the F125W image and 1 sky rms for the F130N image. The black elliptical aperture is determined by the F130N image. IOK-1 is clearly resolved into two components separated by  $\sim 0$ ."2. Photometric analysis of the F130N image reveals a flux density excess of 1.2 $\sigma$ .



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#### SPECTROSCOPIC CONFIRMATION OF TWO LYMAN BREAK GALAXIES AT REDSHIFT BEYOND 7

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#### BSTRACT

f two Lyman break galaxies at redshift > 7. The galaxies oscopic campaign with FORS2 at the ESO/VLT for the didates selected from our VLT/Hawk-I imaging survey. at 9735Å and 9858Å respectively: the lines have fluxes ibit a sharp decline on the blue side and a tail on the comparable to the observed asymmetry in  $z \sim 6 \text{ Ly}\alpha$ in the IGM truncates the blue side of the emission line that the galaxies are instead at lower redshift and we are 1: however from the spectroscopic and the photometric ausible identifications, except for  $Ly\alpha$  at redshift > 7, st redshift determination for galaxies in the reionization and photometry, we derive limits on the star formation the two galaxies. We argue that these two galaxies alone surroundings.

shifts - galaxies: high-redshift - galaxies: formation

### is this believable?

## Main science driver of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) ~ 2018+



### How to think really big!

NASA appears to be launching this satellite out to  $z \sim 30$  kpc

I will now introduce some theoretical concepts that have been useful in understanding how non-linear structure forms out of linear perturbations.

We will meet important ideas that are used in comparing simulations with data.

#### Some basic theory:

We consider how a density perturbation evolves in the expanding universe. Consider a uniformly expanding sphere with scale factor (i.e. radius) a and mean density  $\rho$ . The sphere obeys the CONTINUITY EQUATION  $\rho a^3 = \text{constant.}$ 

#### BIRCHOFF's THEOREM:

Newtonian gravity provides the correct description of a finite sphere in the limit  $a \rightarrow 0$ . This is because of Birchoff's theorem (the relativistic equivalent of Gauss' law): for a spherically symmetric mass distribution, the gravity within some shell is independent of the matter distribution outside.

#### ACCELERATION EQUATION:

From Gauss' Law, the acceleration of particles at the surface of the expanding sphere is

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G\rho a$$





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(1)

#### ENERGY EQUATION:

We now integrate (1) to get the energy equation

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8}{3}\pi G\rho a^2 + 2E_o$$

where  $E_o$  is a constant. A solution to (2) is

$$a(\eta) = \frac{GM}{2|E_0|}(1 - \cos \eta)$$

$$t(\eta) = \frac{GM}{(2|E_o|)^{3/2}}(\eta - \sin \eta)$$

such that the expansion velocity is

$$\dot{a} = \frac{da/d\eta}{dt/d\eta} = \sqrt{2|E_o|} \frac{\sin \eta}{1 - \cos \eta}$$

where  $M = \frac{4}{3}\pi\rho a^3$ .

#### HUBBLE PARAMETER AND CRITICAL DENSITY:

The expansion rate is

$$H = \dot{a}/a$$



$$\rho_{\text{crit}} = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$$
(6)



In EdS universe,  $a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$ 

## We will adopt EdS universe as it simplifies algebra...

(5)

#### THE SPHERICAL TOP-HAT PERTURBATION:

Excise a sphere of matter M and replace it with a smaller sphere with identical M. The perturbation obeys (2).

Since M is fixed,  $ho_1 R_1(t)^3 = 
ho_2 R_2(t)^3$ , and we can write

$$ho_1=
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For a small perturbation at a given time  $(\delta \rho / \rho \ll 1)$ ,

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} = -3\,\frac{\delta R}{R}\tag{8}$$

In EdS  $(a \propto t^{2/3})$ , the energy constant  $E_o$  is always negligible and can only dominate at late times in a low density universe.



$$t_{
m turn} = rac{\pi GM}{(2|E_o|)^{3/2}}$$

when the density is

$$\rho = \frac{3M}{4\pi R_{\rm max}^3} = \frac{3\pi}{32Gt^2}$$

 $\rho_o = \frac{1}{6\pi G t^2}$ 

Compare with EdS,



(7)

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### Spherical Collapse



In EdS, the overdense perturbation will turn around with density contrast

$$(\rho/\rho_o)_{\rm turn} = \frac{9\pi^2}{16} = 5.55 \tag{13}$$

A perfectly spherical overdensity would collapse to a black hole at  $2t_{turn}$ . More realistically, a collapsing "blob" becomes increasingly aspherical and virialized after collapsing by a factor of 2 in radius. The system will virialize with a density  $\sim 8$  times larger than at turnaround.

VIRIALIZATION: reaching a state where the radius is no longer contracting.

In the time frame  $t_{turn}$  to  $2t_{turn}$ , the EdS background has expanded by  $2^{2/3}$  and will therefore have decreased in density by a factor 4, giving a density contrast of

$$(\rho / \rho_o)_{\text{virial}} = 18\pi^2 = 5.55 \times 8 \times 4 = 180$$
 (14)

So the virial radius of a halo is defined to be the radius at which the density is about 200 times the critical density. Matter has mostly stopped collapsing within here.

While we derived this for a matter-dominated EdS universe, the scale radius is about the same in most other cosmologies of interest. The only thing the interior "knows" about the exterior is the time

since the Big Bang. For a virialized object,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} v_{\rm cire}^2 &=& \frac{GM}{R_{180}} = 180 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi G \rho_o R_{180}^2 \\ &=& 90 H^2 R_{180}^2 \end{array}$$

$$\sigma_v = v_{\text{circ}}/\sqrt{2} = 7 H R_{180}$$
(15)

A rich cluster has  $\sigma_v \sim 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , such that  $R_{180} \approx 1.9 \text{ Mpc}$ .

The Milky Way has  $v_{\rm circ} = 200$  km s<sup>-1</sup>, such that  $R_{180} \approx 270$  kpc.

We see this in the definition of the NFW halo

Nowadays,  $R_{200}$  is more conventional within  $\Lambda$ CDM

So we know something of the size and internal dynamics of a dark matter halo, but what about the internal structure?

> Amazing fact: The DM halo of M31 is tens of degrees in size as "seen" from Earth. See what follows.





#### ON THE INFALL OF MATTER INTO CLUSTERS OF GALAXIES AND SOME EFFECTS ON THEIR EVOLUTION\*

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#### THE GUNN-GOTT SPHERICAL ACCRETION MODEL (1972)

Consider a point-like seed of mass  $M_o$  in an otherwise uniform EdS background. At large radii, the mass will induce a peculiar acceleration

$$\ddot{R} = \frac{GM_o}{R^2}$$
(16)

After a Hubble time, this will generate a peculiar infall velocity

$$\delta v \sim \ddot{R}t \sim \frac{GM_o}{HR^2}$$
(17)

This kind of  $\delta v \propto 1/R^2$  flow is "divergence free" such that there is no change in density at large distances. The flux of matter across a surface = velocity × area which is independent of R. From (2) and (17), the amount of mass convected across a shell in a Hubble time is  $\delta M \sim 4\pi R^2 \rho_o t \, \delta v \sim M_o$ .

The only build-up is at the centre and this grows as  $\delta M/M_o \propto a(t)$ as we have seen. This mass represents a density contrast of order unity at a physical radius R such that  $\delta M \sim \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho_o$ .

This is close to the turnaround radius,

$$R_{turn} \sim (\delta M / \rho_o)^{1/3} \propto a^{4/3}$$
(18)

As time marches on, progressively larger shells will turn around, collapse and virialize in some complicated way, shell crossing, etc.



Gunn & Gott trace the binding energy of shells and argue that the initial and final values must be comparable. Thus they show that

$$\delta \phi_{\text{initial}} = G M_o / R$$
 (19)

can be equated with

$$\delta \phi_{\text{final}} = GM(R_{\text{final}})/R_{\text{final}}$$
 (20)

such that

$$M(R_{\text{final}}) \propto R_{\text{final}}^{3/4}$$
(21)

(22)

The density within radius  $R_{\text{final}}$  is then

$$\rho_{\text{final}} \sim M(R_{\text{final}})/R_{\text{final}}^3 \propto R_{\text{final}}^{-9/4}$$

This is very close to an isothermal sphere, i.e.  $\rho \propto R^{-2}$ , to explain flat rotation curves and the distribution of galaxies in clusters.  $M_{\rm o}$  is a constant

R  $\alpha$   $M^{1/3}$  since  $\rho$  within infalling shells is a constant

$$\frac{GM}{R} = v^{2}(R) = const$$
$$\rho R^{2} = const$$

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This is one of a much wider class of similarity solutions for collapse (e.g. Bertschinger 1984; Fillmore & Goldreich 1984)



### Infinite parallel sheets experiment (1D kinematics)

N sheets start together at x=0, expand with Hubble flow, then collapse under mutual self gravity.

Simple equation of motion depends only on sheets either side of sheet i

$$\ddot{x}=2\pi G\mu(N_{_{+i}}-N_{_{-i}})$$

There is only a linear distance dependence and we can track sheets that have crossed.

The inner sheets have to climb out of a deeper well than when they fell in; the delayed outer sheets infall and climb out of a shallower well. This transfers energy to the outer sheets.

### Virialization, phase mixing, violent relaxation -0.5 → core-halo structure





PHASE SPACE



### **Evolution of voids**

Underdense regions are not held back by internal gravity, and therefore expand faster than the universe as a whole. Smaller voids are swept aside.

They promote the rapid development of sheets and filaments. Flow takes place along these into the collapsed interstices.

In the 3rd lecture, we will see how this process may assist cold mode accretion.

In any event, our simple pictures of spherical or 1D sheet accretion must be modified.



### Dubinski et al 1993

Note how the small voids are swept aside by the larger rapidly expanding voids.



Figure 2. Void evolution. Six time-steps in the evolution of a void region in a  $128^3$  particle *N*-body simulation of structure formation in an SCDM model: top left to bottom right shows expansion factors  $a_{exp} = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.35, 0.4$  and 0.5 (the present time has  $a_{exp} = 1.0$ ). Initial conditions were defined such that they would focus in on a  $3\sigma$  (4  $h^{-1}$  Mpc) void, using a constrained random field code (van de Weygaert & Bertschinger 1996). The sequence shows the gradual development of a large void of diameter  $\approx 25 h^{-1}$  Mpc as the complex pattern of smaller voids and structures that had emerged within it at an earlier time merge with one another. This illustrates one aspect of the evolving void hierarchy: the *void-in-void* process.

Until now, we have been limited to spherical accretion. But as void evolution demonstrates, this cannot be true in general.

Elliptic perturbations have been discussed (Peacock & Heavens 95; Sheth & Tormen 1999; Jenkins et al 2001; cf. Jang-Condell & Hernquist 2001).

Zeldovich (1970) showed how collapse can be followed into the non-linear regime. Collapse happens fastest along the shortest axis (Lin et al 1965).

### Gravitational Instability: An Approximate Theory for Large Density Perturbations

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An approximate solution is given for the problem of the growth of perturbations during the expansion of matter without pressure. The solution is qualitatively correct even when the perturbations are not small. Infinite density is first obtained on disc-like surfaces by unilateral compression.

The following layers are compressed first adiabatically and then by a shock wave. Physical conditions in the compressed matter are analysed.

The power of a concise abstract.

Hello Malcolm,

I've reached the end of a graduate lecture series here in Bologna where I taught structure formation from inflation down to the scales of galaxies.

I happened to pick up a copy of your very nice revised ed on galaxy formation, and useful it was too. For example, I consulted you (and others like Cooray & Sheth) on Press-Schechter approx.

As a fan of your writing style, I thought I would point out what I think was a possible missed opportunity in your section on the Zeldovich approximation.

To my mind, and I am willing to be wrong, the Lagrangian comoving frame of Zeldovich is inertial, and one can define a new timescale ~ a(t) such that dr/dt ~ constant. So now motion is purely ballistic (kinematic) rather than dynamic. That's why Zeldovich sims always look like hot dark matter sims, for example.

So in practical terms, at any given epoch, I can generate large-scale structure using the known power spectrum, correlation fn, sigma\_8, beta parameter, purely as data points in a 3D volume. And it looks much like an N-body sim. But now, I want to generate redshift diagrams, let's say, with fingers of God, Kaiser flattening.

So I can do that by moving to the comoving frame, applying some local smoothing, and then determining local density gradients in 3-space from which I get the 3-space ballistic motion. And not a single N-body calculation in sight. I like your comment about the cleverness of b(t) ensuring all perturbations growing at the same rate.... Yes.

Of course, you're covering a huge topic that it's not possible to do justice to everything, and you leave scope for students to explore further.

My best wishes to your wife whom I remember as a very interesting lunch partner years ago!

Best wishes, Joss.

p.s. I like your email address; it sounds like a broomstick from Hogwarts School.

## Zeldovich approximation (1970)

Perturbations are following in Lagrangian coordinates **r** (**x** are proper coordinates)

 $\mathbf{x} = a(t)\mathbf{r} + b(t)\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r})$ 

**p(r)** describes the deviations as viewed from a comoving observer and a(t) describes the background expansion

In the reference frame of an ellipsoidal perturbation, the deformation tensor is

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a(t) - \alpha b(t) & 0 & 0\\ 0 & a(t) - \beta b(t) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & a(t) - \gamma b(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

The density in the vicinity of any particle is

mean universal density

$$\varrho[a(t) - \alpha b(t)][a(t) - \beta b(t)][a(t) - \gamma b(t)] = \overline{\varrho}a^{3}(t) \quad \text{mass}$$

 $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  vary from point to point depending on local density variations, but a(t), b(t) are the same for all particles, **i.e. perturbations grow at the same rate everywhere!** They can have different shapes but direction of motion depends on (smooth) density depending on ellipsoidal kernel you've chosen to determine  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ . Once one of the diagonal terms has gone to zero, a pancake is formed and we have infinite local density (but finite surface density).

The solution then breaks down, but it does a good job.

The coeffs  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  have to be evaluated at every point. The ZA particles move purely under gravity, i.e. no pressure. 3

Left: CDM, full 3D gravity. Right: Zeldovich approx.

**Right:** Zeldovich approx. based entirely on ballistic motion dep. on local density

But note something very interesting about motion within comoving coordinates which is what Zeldovich spotted.



In fact, we get the same time dependence in linear theory (i.e. kinematic, no gravity), such that

$$\vec{v}(\vec{r},t) = (t/t_o)^{1/3} \, \vec{v}_o(\vec{r}) \tag{24}$$

where  $\vec{r}$  is a comoving spatial coordinate and  $\vec{v}_o$  is the peculiar velocity at some initial time. The peculiar velocity field just grows with time at the same rate  $\vec{v} \propto t^{1/3}$  at all points in space.

The physical displacement of a particle in time dt is  $d\vec{x} = \vec{v} dt$  so the comoving displacement is

$$d\vec{r} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{a} = \frac{\vec{v}}{a}dt = \vec{u}\,dt \tag{25}$$

where the comoving peculiar velocity is  $\vec{u} = \vec{v}/a$ .

The rate of change of comoving position with a is then

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{da} = \frac{\vec{v}}{a}\frac{dt}{da}$$

$$\propto t$$
(26)

If we define a new time  $\tau \propto a$  such that  $d\vec{r}/d\tau = \text{constant}$ , then particles move ballistically (i.e. unaccelerated) in comoving coordinate space.

Zel'dovich's approximation is to assume that this motion continues into the non-linear regime.

## The comoving frame has no forces acting! It's just kinematic, not dynamic, motion depending on local density field!



So ZA simulations have particles shooting through structures unaccelerated in comoving coordinates, hence often resemble **hot dark matter** simulations (e.g. 1 keV particles).

Until caustics form, the density is

$$ho \propto \left|rac{\partial x_i}{\partial r_j}
ight|^{-1}$$

where  $|\partial \vec{x}/\partial \vec{r}|$  is the Jacobian of transformation from Lagrangian to Eulerian, i.e. mass conservation,

$$dM = \rho_L d^3 r = \rho_E d^3 x \tag{29}$$



The transformation leads to a Lagrangian mapping resulting in the formation of caustics (i.e. infinitely dense regions). We can write the actual comoving (Eulerian) coordinate  $\vec{x}$  as a function of the initial (Lagrangian) coordinate  $\vec{r}$  as

$$\vec{x}(\vec{r}) = \vec{r} + \tau \vec{u}(\vec{r}) \tag{27}$$



so we can write

$$ho \propto rac{1}{(1+ au\lambda_1)(1+ au\lambda_2)(1+ au\lambda_3)}$$



where  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues of the deformation tensor  $D_{ij} = \partial u_i / \partial r_j$ .

#### ZEL'DOVICH PANCAKES:

If, say,  $\lambda_1$  goes negative, the density of a small comoving volume of matter will collapse to infinite density along this axis in a time  $\tau = -1/\lambda_1$ . These pancakes grow rapidly and intersect to form a cellular network of walls and filaments. The matter in these regions drain into nodes (interstices) where all three eigenvalues go negative.

#### **BURGER's EQUATION:**

Unaccelerated motion after shell crossing is clearly unrealistic. A useful modification is for particles to stick together when they cross. This is also unrealistic but receives some justification in a universe where the sheet is being stretched by adiabatic expansion.

If the sheet thickness is T and surface density  $\Sigma$ , the acceleration of a particle at the surface is  $\ddot{r} \sim G\Sigma$  and

$$\omega \sim \sqrt{\frac{\ddot{r}}{T}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{G\Sigma}{T}} \tag{32}$$

But for a sheet expanding in the Hubble flow,  $\Sigma \propto 1/a^2$ . We can apply the law of adiabatic invariance  $r = A\cos(\omega t)$  with amplitude  $A \propto 1/\sqrt{\omega}$  and  $A \approx T$ , the sheet thickness must evolve as

$$T \propto a^{2/3} \tag{33}$$

This increases with time but is slower than a(t), so the sheet does indeed become thin.

Interestingly, it is possible to compute the non-linear P(k) from the initial power spectrum within Zel'dovich's approximation, and derive the build up of angular momentum.

Brilliant insight! Solvay 1920?

# Interesting twist on void evolution and Zeldovich pancakes...

**Rigging dark halos: why is hierarchical galaxy formation** consistent with the inside-out build-up of thin discs?

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#### ABSTRACT

State-of-the-art hydrodynamical simulations show that gas inflow through the virial sphere of dark matter halos is focused (i.e. has a preferred inflow direction), consistent (i.e. its orientation is steady in time) and amplified (i.e. the amplitude of its advected specific angular momentum increases with time). We explain this to be a consequence of the dynamics of the cosmic web within the neighbourhood of the halo, which produces steady, angular momentum rich, filamentary inflow of cold gas. On large scales, the dynamics within neighbouring patches drives matter out of the surrounding voids, into walls and filaments before it finally gets accreted onto virialised dark matter halos. As these walls/filaments constitute the boundaries of asymmetric voids, they acquire a net transverse motion, which explains the angular momentum rich nature of the later infall which comes from further away. We conjecture that this large-scale driven consistency explains why cold flows are so efficient at building up high redshift thin discs from the inside out.



Figure 12. Left: example of trajectories of dark matter particles, colour coded by redshift from red (high redshift) to blue (low redshift). These trails first converge towards the filaments and then along the filaments towards the central halo: their motion account for both the orbital angular momentum of the filamentary flow and the spin of satellites formed within those filaments. *Right:* a zoom of the left panel corresponding to the shell crossing between two walls leading to the formation of the north east filament. Some of the angular momentum lost in the transverse motion is given to the spin of structures forming within that filament; the rest is converted into the angular momentum of the filament. The corresponding animation is available for download at http://www.iap.fr/users/pichon/rig/.