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Simulation code dedicated to cosmology
using the Particle-Mesh technique

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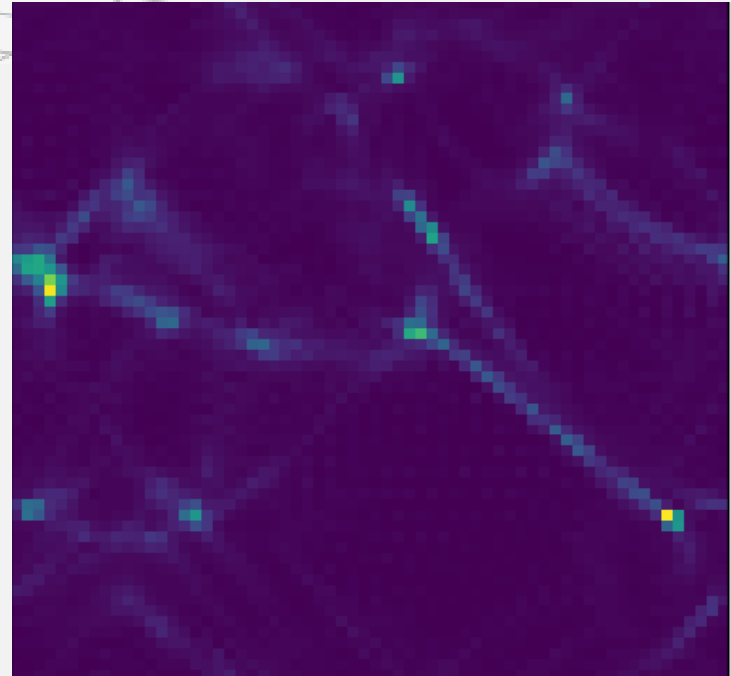
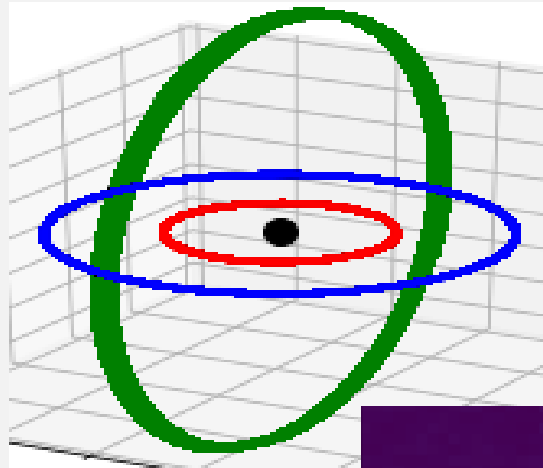
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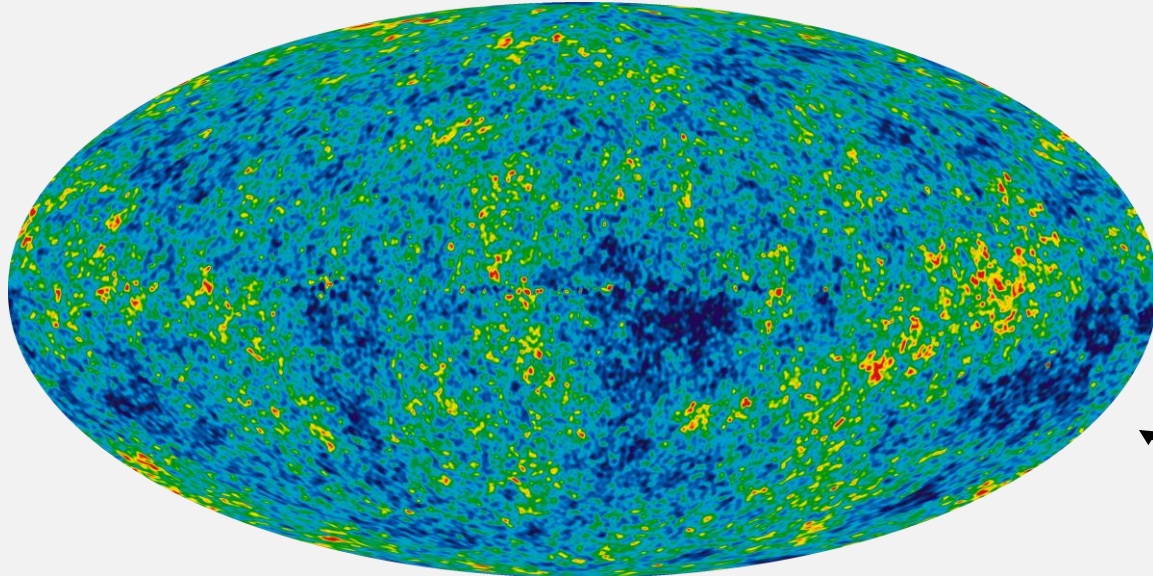
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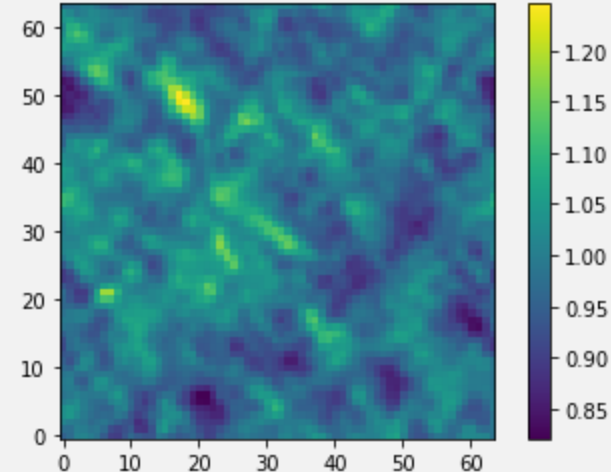
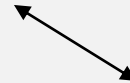
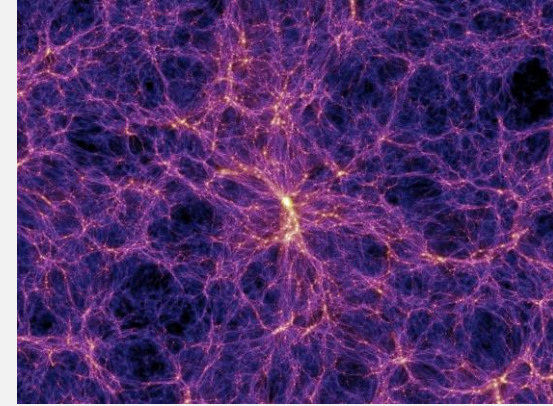


I. Context : Cosmological simulation

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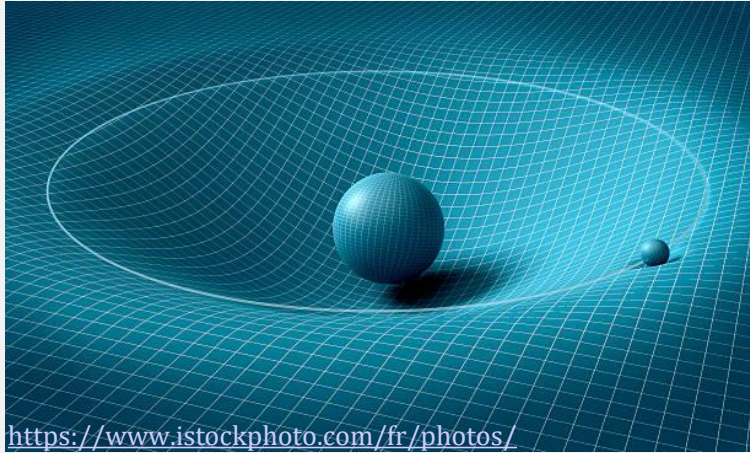
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- ❖ Only one interaction : Gravitation |In our case|
- ❖ Heavy Particle $\Leftrightarrow$ Cold Dark Matter
- ❖ N bodies Interaction : need of numerical simulation
creation of complex and non linear structures /!\

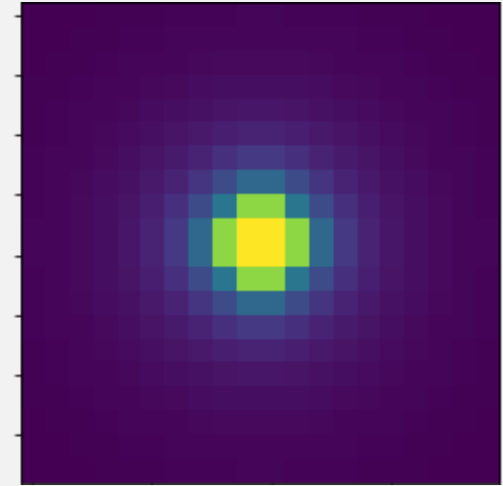
II. Objectives : *Motivations*

- Python version of the PM method
- Study properties of the gravitational field strength
- Study a numerical method for N body interaction
- Get a self-gravitational system

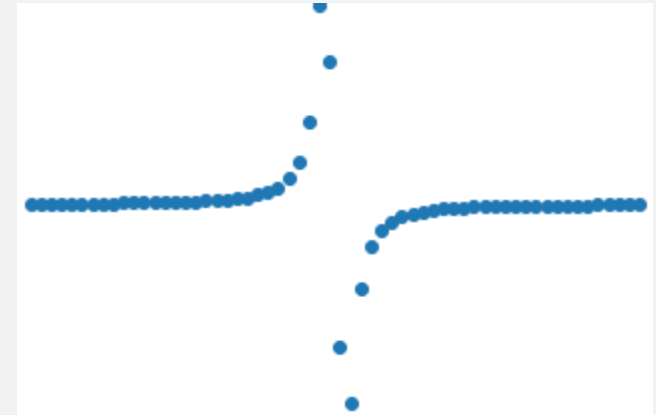


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Modulus of the Force - dimensionless

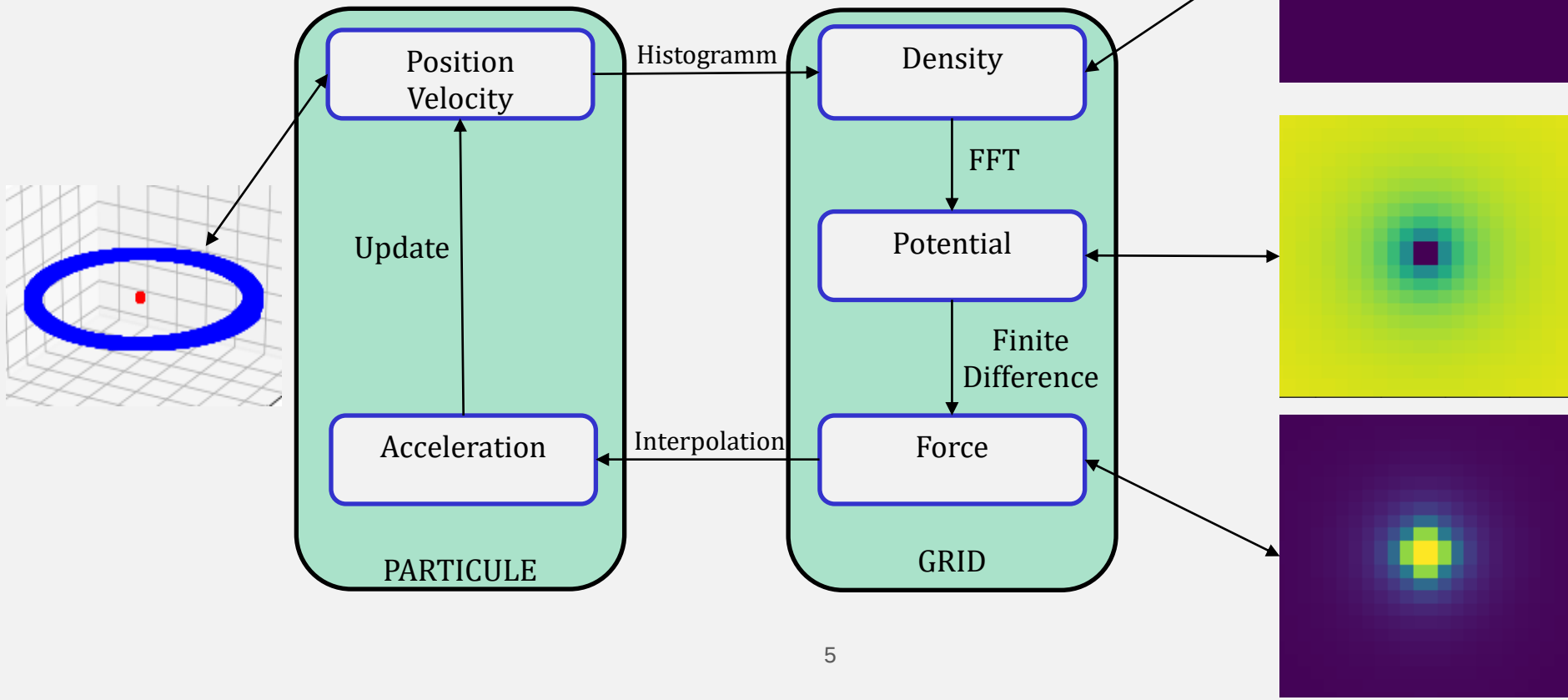


F_x in respect with x - dimensionless



III. Methods : *Particle Mesh*

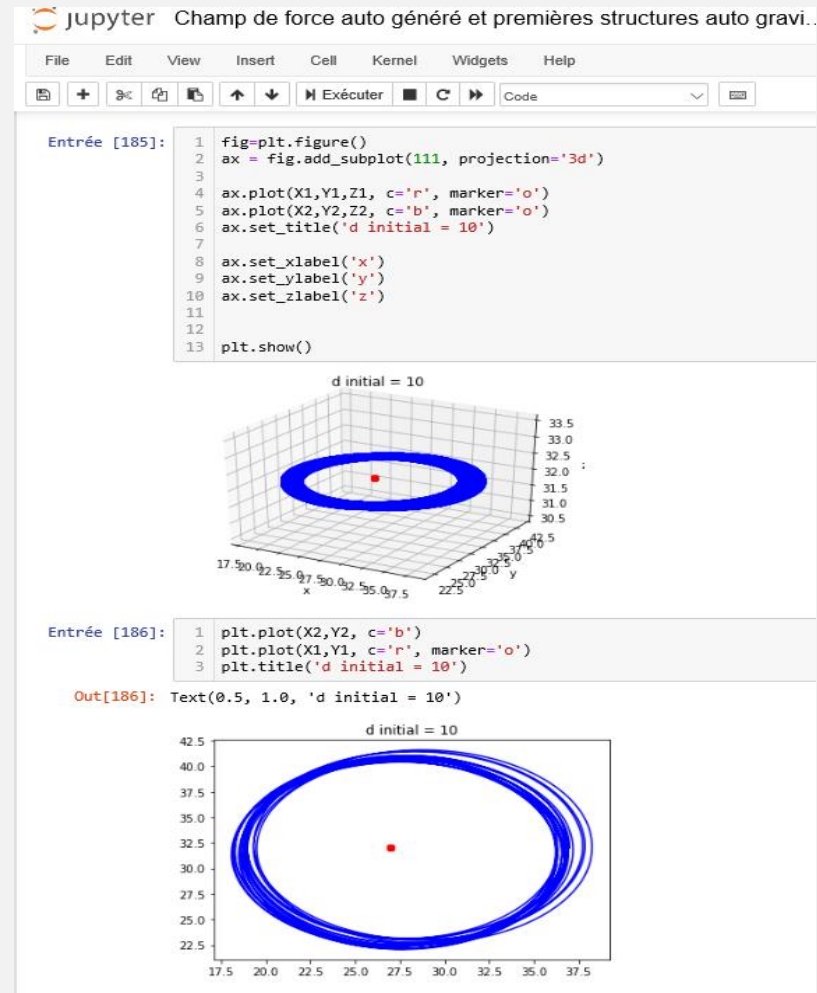
Particle = Matter's distribution
Mesh = grid $\Leftrightarrow$ cell



III. Methods : *Python*

Why Python :

- Python makes operation on array efficient
- Python decrease drastically developpement time
- Jupyter makes the programmation step more interactive



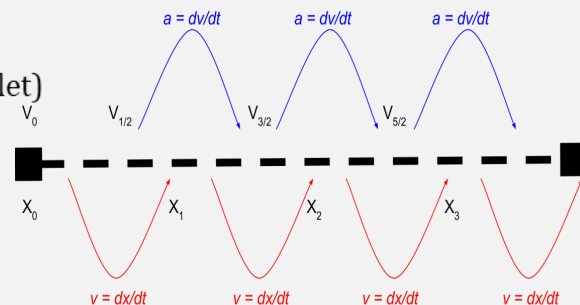
III. Methods : *Theoretical aspect*

- **First step** : Get the density ρ over the grid $\Leftrightarrow$ Count the number of particles per cells
- **Second step** : Resolve the Poisson equation : $\Delta\Phi = 4\pi G\rho$ $\Leftrightarrow$ Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)
 As we know : $FT\left[\frac{\partial M}{\partial x}\right] = -ik \tilde{M}$ $\Leftrightarrow$ M is here a simple function
 We can apply it twice to $\Delta\Phi$: $-k^2 \tilde{\Phi} = 4\pi G \tilde{\rho}$
 To finally get : $-\Phi = 4\pi G * FT^{-1} [\tilde{\rho}/k^2]$
- **Third step** : Take the difference of the potential Φ to get the acceleration :

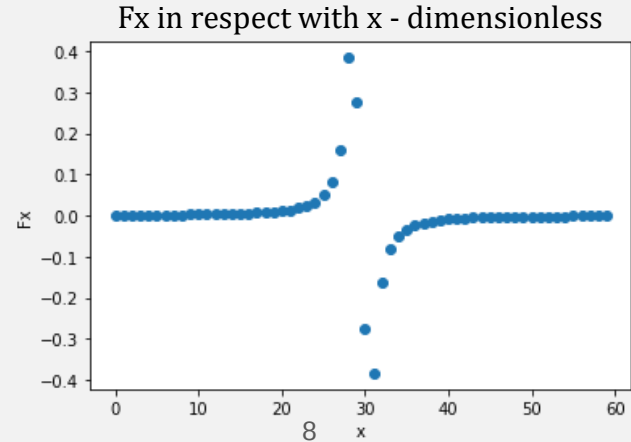
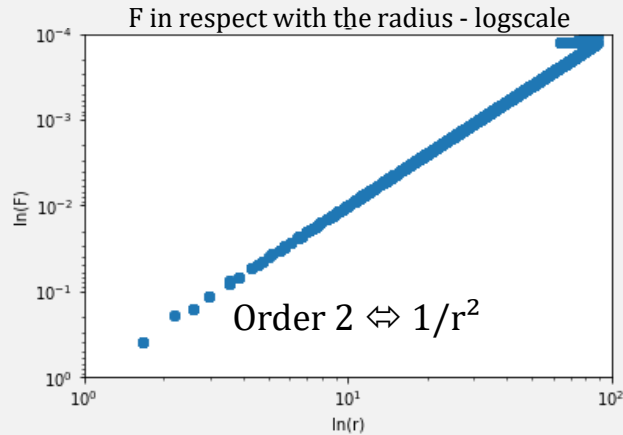
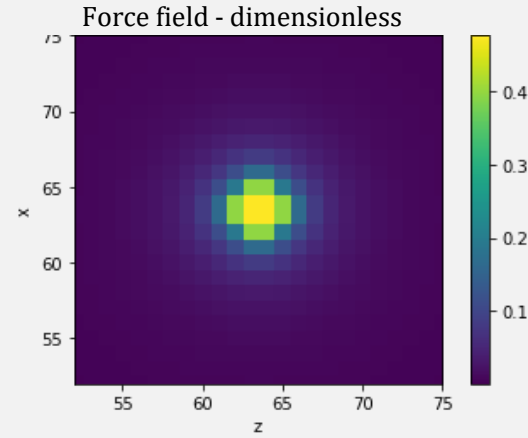
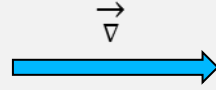
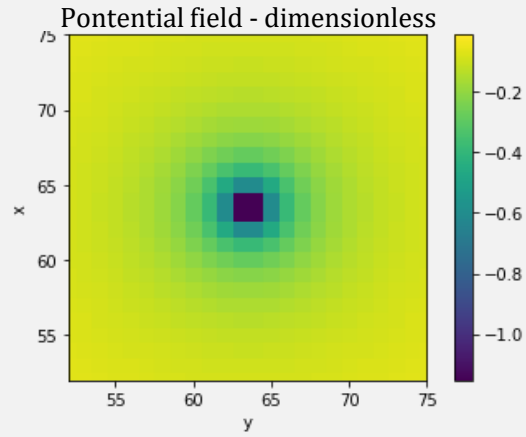
$$F_i = \frac{\Phi_{i+1} - \Phi_{i-1}}{2dx}$$
- **Last step** : Update positions and velocities with an integrator : Leap Frog (Verlet)

Notations

$FT[M] = \tilde{M} \Leftrightarrow$ Fourier transform of F
 FT^{-1} inverse Fourier transform

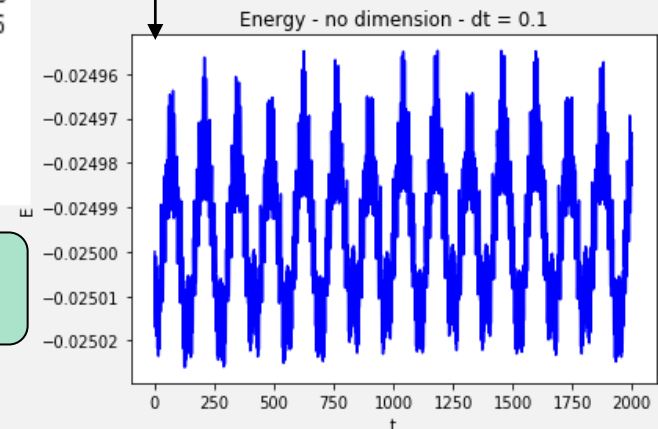
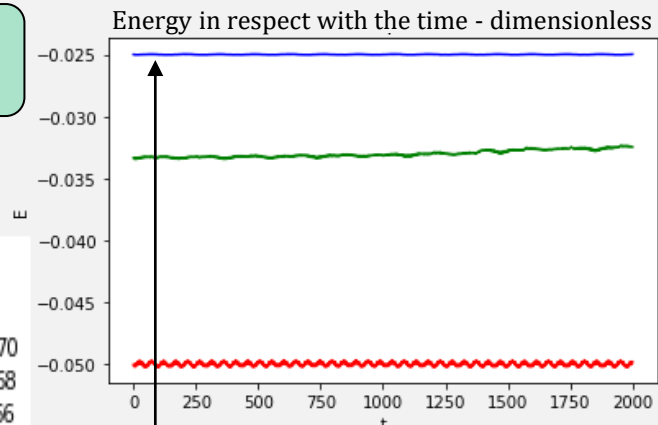
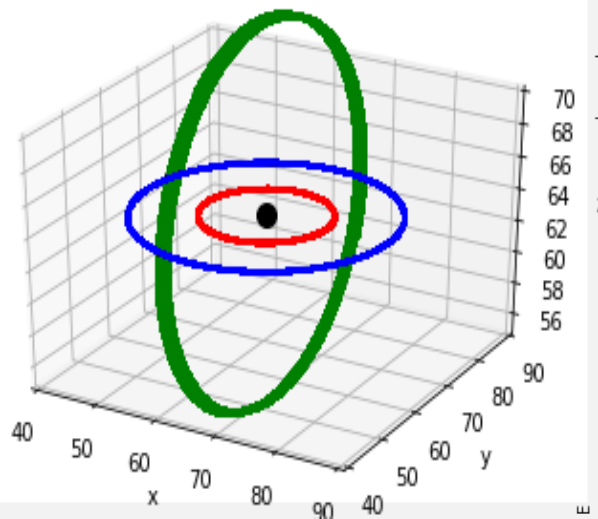
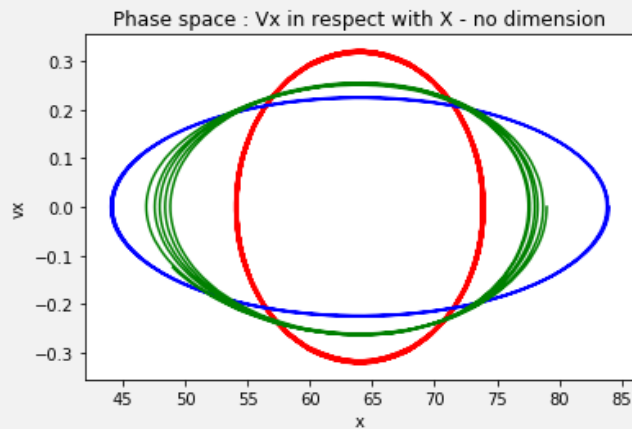
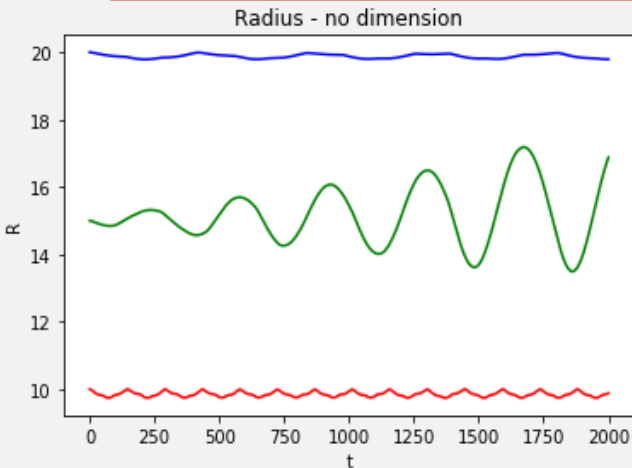


IV. Newtonian results : *Elliptical trajectory* → *Validation*



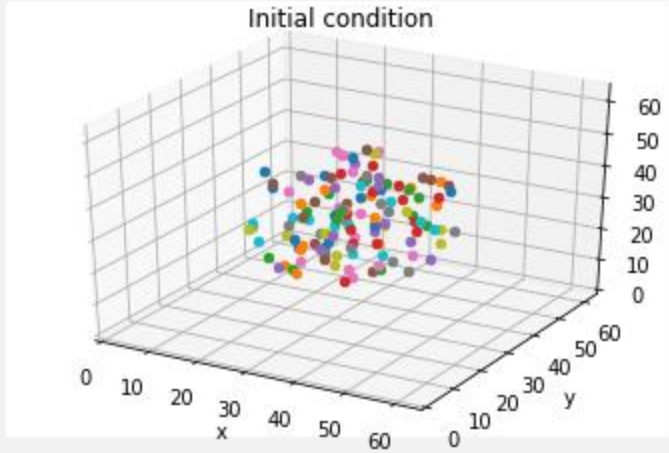
- Singularity of the gravitational force at $r = 0$
- Dipolar Force $\Leftrightarrow$ at $r = 0$

IV. Newtonian results : Elliptical trajectory $\rightarrow$ Results



IV. Newtonian results : self gravitational system & Jeans Criterion

Initialisation :



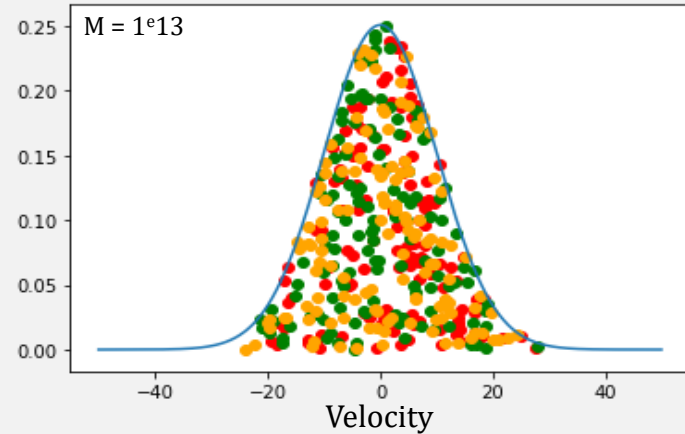
- Random distribution of matter in a sphere of radius R_s
- Each particle has a mass M .

- Gaussian distribution of the velocities such that :

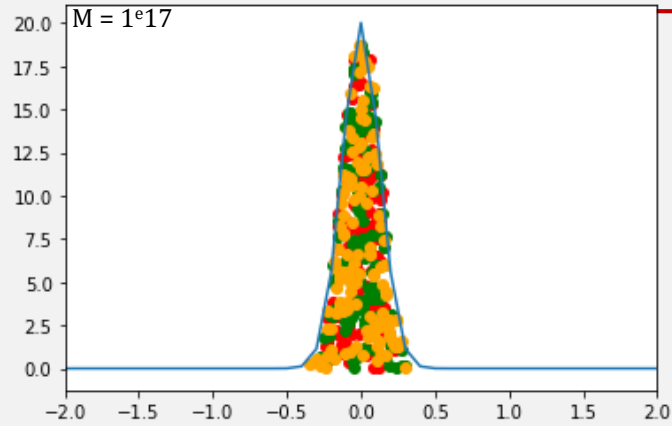
$$P = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2V^2}\right)}{2V\pi}$$

Where :

$$V = \frac{R_s}{\sqrt{\frac{G \cdot M \cdot N}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_s^3}}}$$



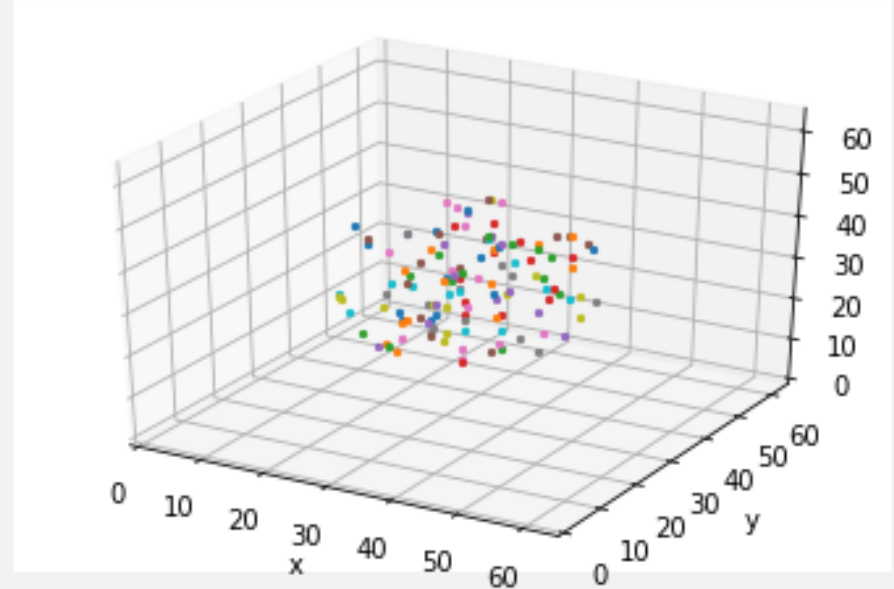
IV. Newtonian results : *self gravitational system & Jeans Criterion*



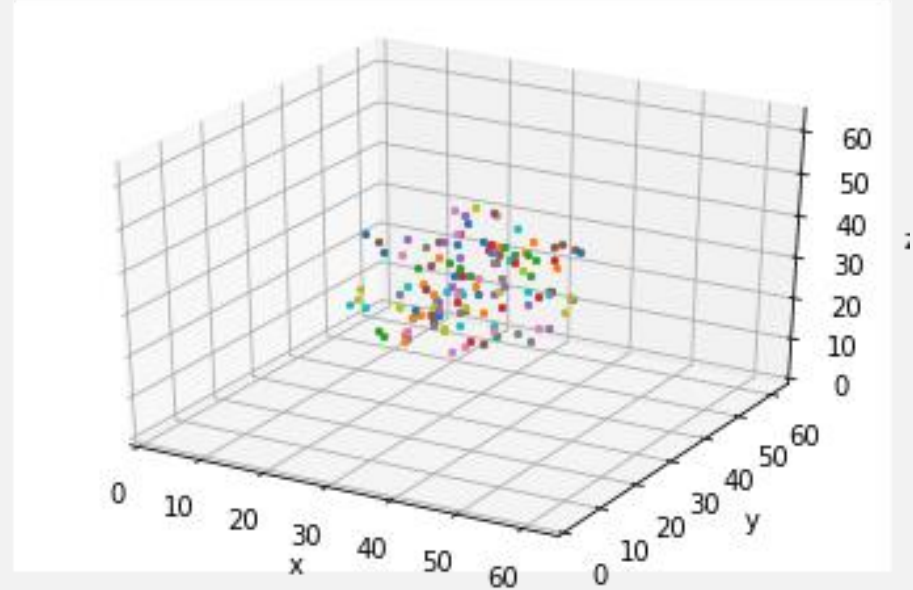
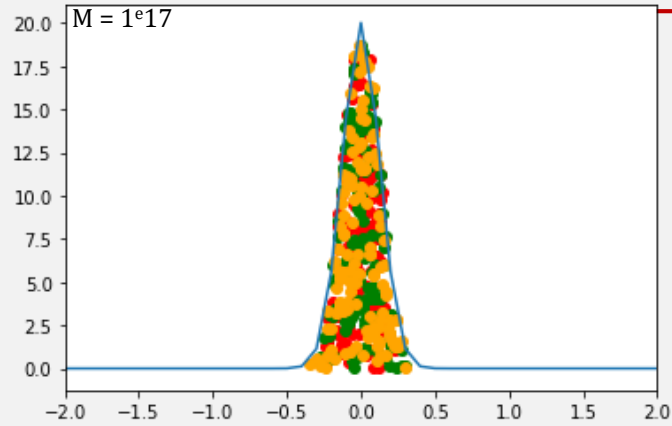
Significant mass with large amount of particles :

We expect this system to collapse /!\

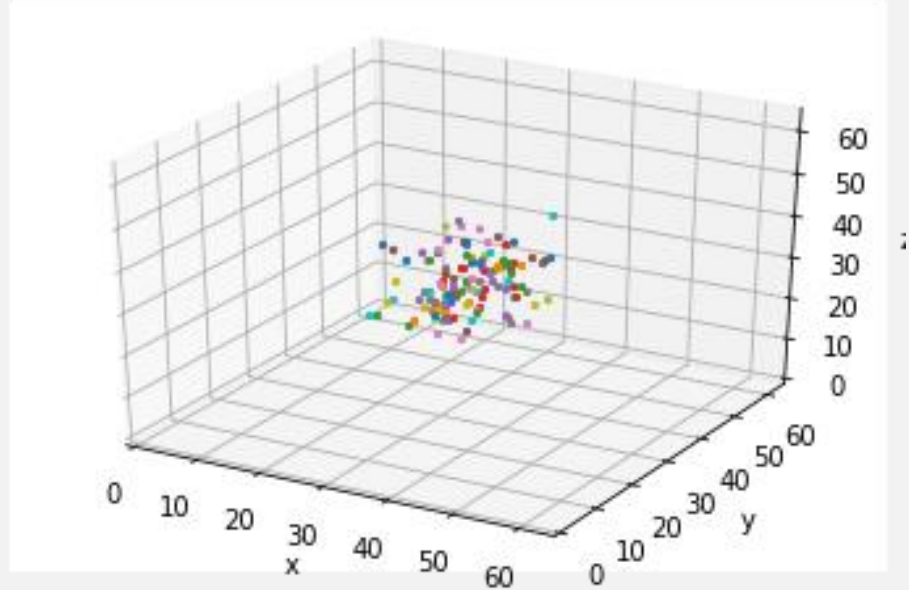
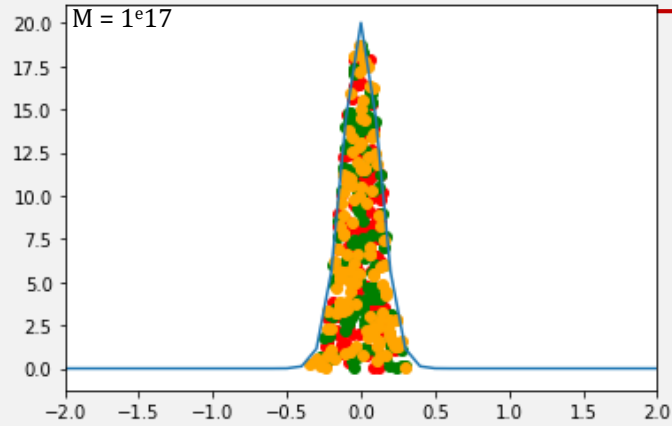
Because : $R_s > \lambda_j = c_s \left(\frac{\pi}{G\rho} \right)^{1/2}$



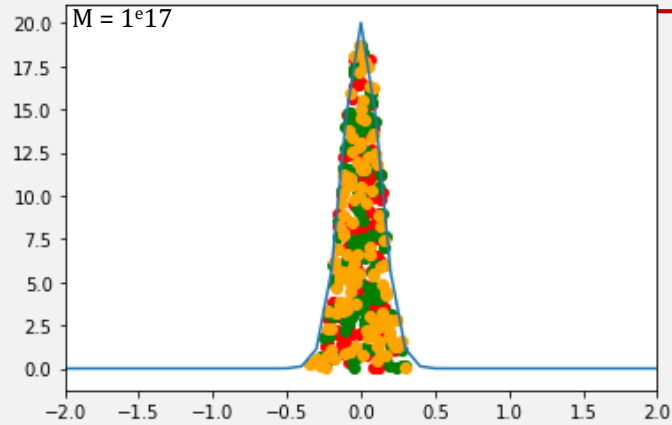
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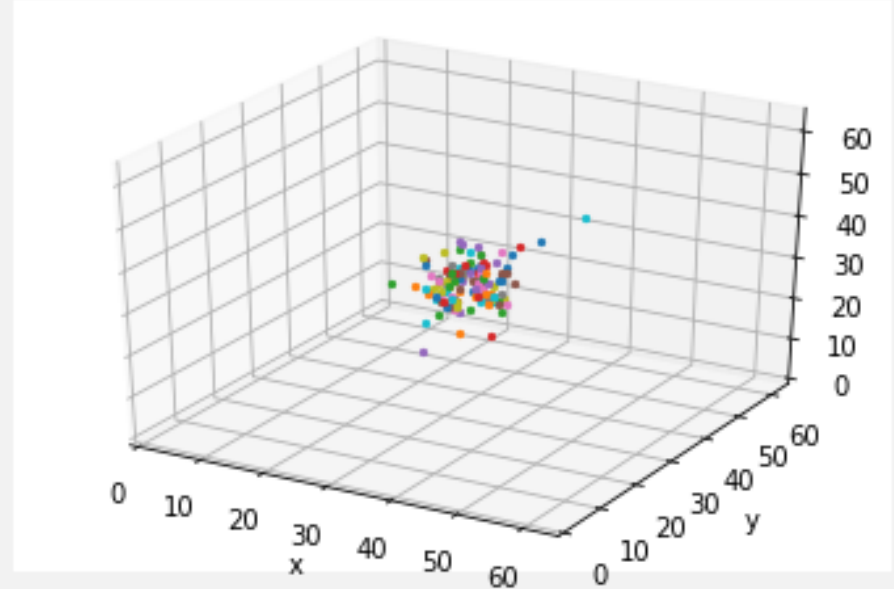


IV. Newtonian results : *self gravitational system & Jeans Criterion*



- System collapse quickly
- Can't go further because the simulation explodes
- Relevant collapsing parameter ?
 - Mass $\leftrightarrow$ Density

Other phenomenon : Secondary Infall



V. Cosmological Case

Expansion of the universe

❖ The space in the cosmos is expanding at large scales

❖ Comobile distance & scale factor :

$$x(t) = a(t)x_0$$

❖ The integration step is not the time anymore, but the scale factor !

❖ With the associated redshift z (= measure of time) :

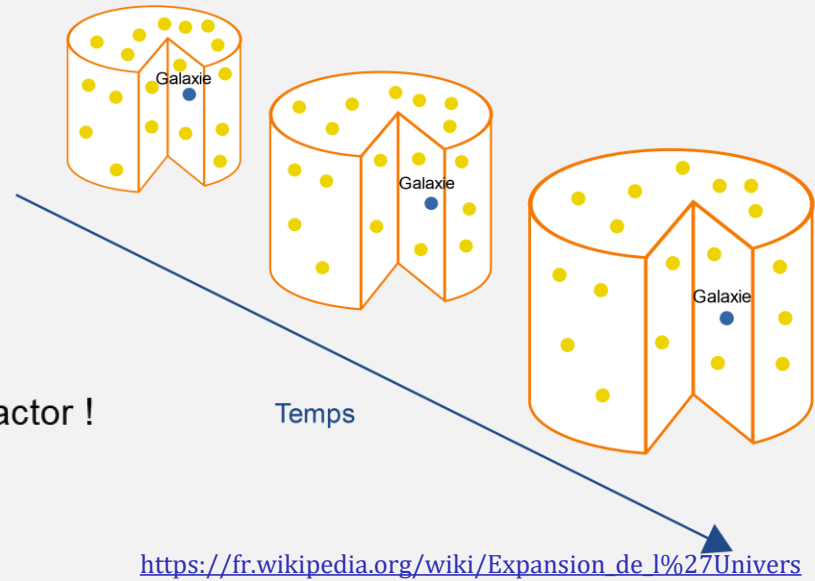
$$z(t) = \frac{a(t_0) - a(t)}{a(t)}$$

❖ $a(t)$ is given by the content of the cosmos !

▪ The mass content is given by the density parameters :

- Dark matter : $\Omega_{DM} = 0,3175$

- Dark energy : $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0,6825$



V. Cosmological Case

Gravitationnal dynamics in an expanding universe

- ❖ Instead of the density, we work with the density contrast :

$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}$$

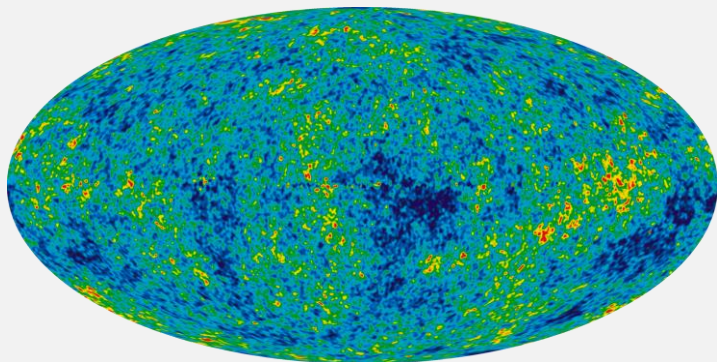
- ❖ Also, the new Poisson equation for adimensionned potential :

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{3\Omega_{DM}}{2a} \delta$$

V. Cosmological Case

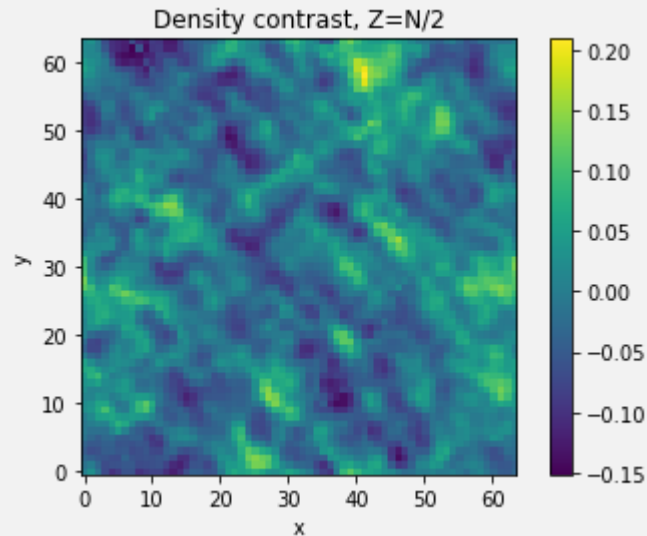
How it is resolved

- ❖ Initial conditions : density fluctuations close to the cmb



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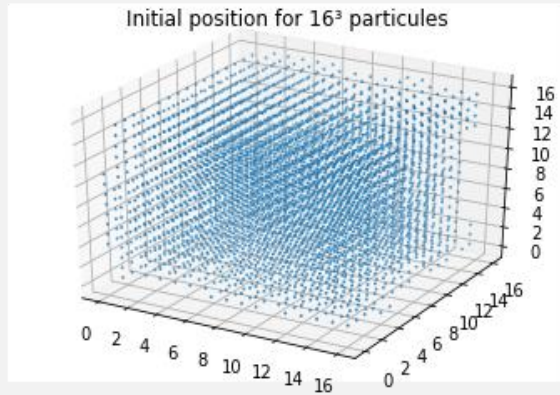
- ❖ Validation of the code : Collapse of 1D sinus (Zeldovich test)
- ❖ Condition to stop : **a=1** (today)



$a = 0.011$
 $z = 89.9$

VI. Results

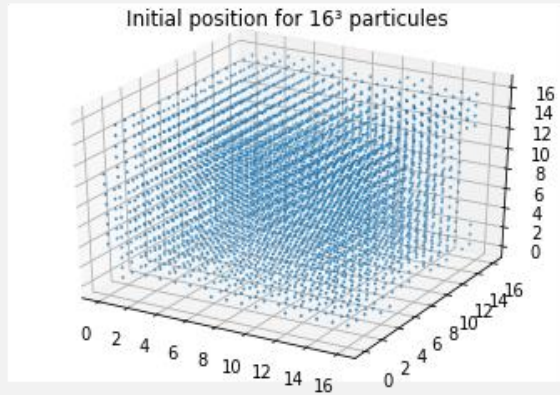
Size of the box: $N = 16 \Leftrightarrow 4096$ Particles & Cells



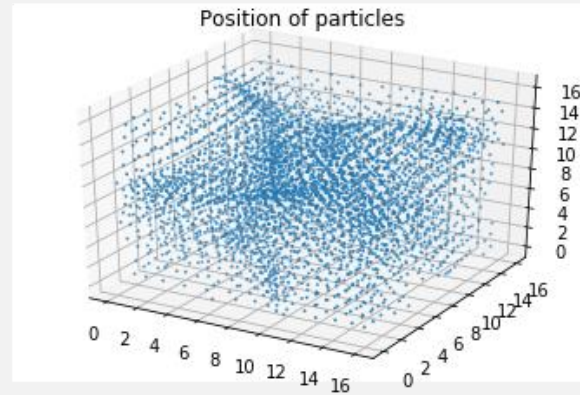
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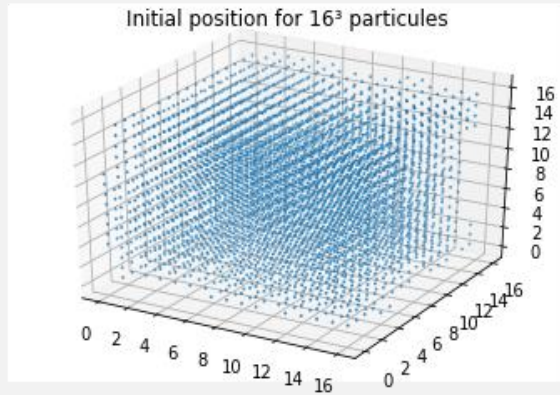
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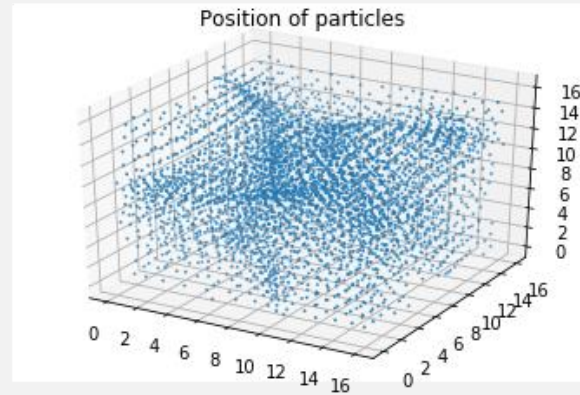
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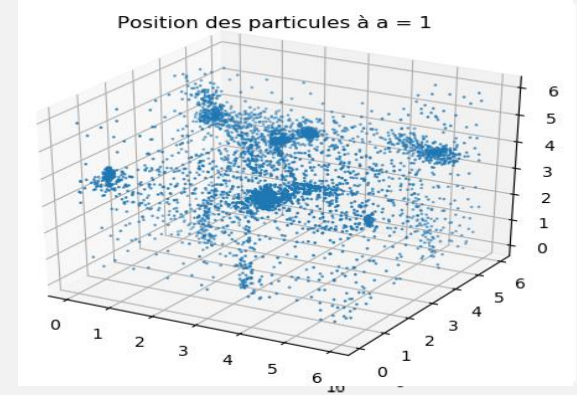
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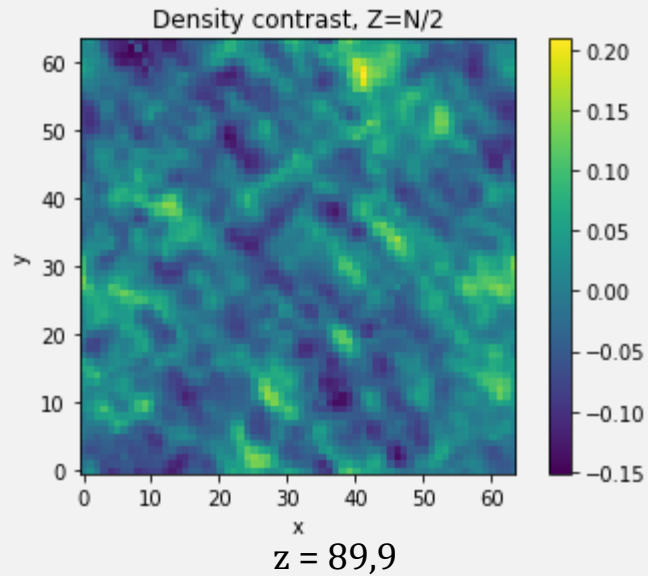
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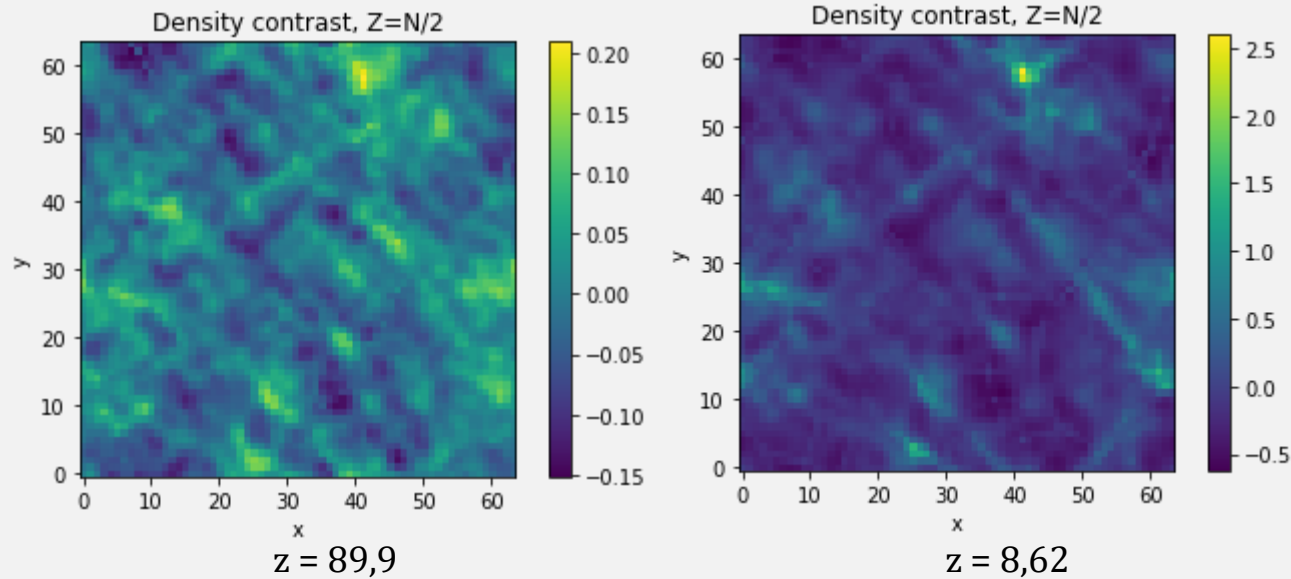
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Size of the box: $N = 64 \Leftrightarrow 262\,144$ Particles & Cells



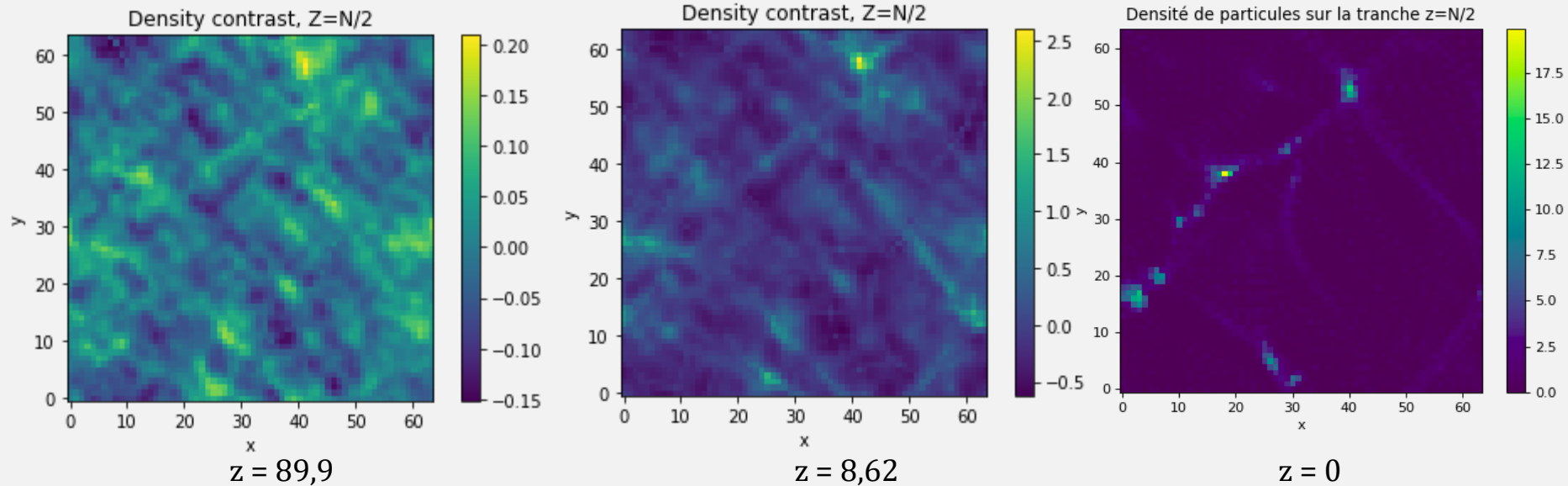
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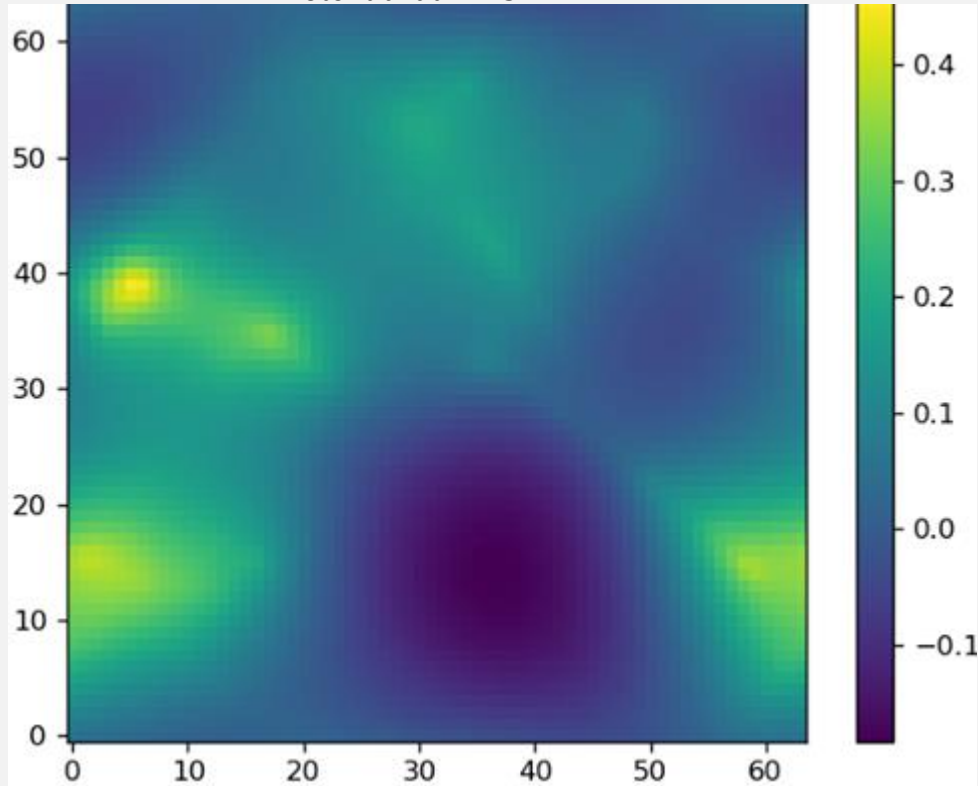
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Potential at $N = 52$



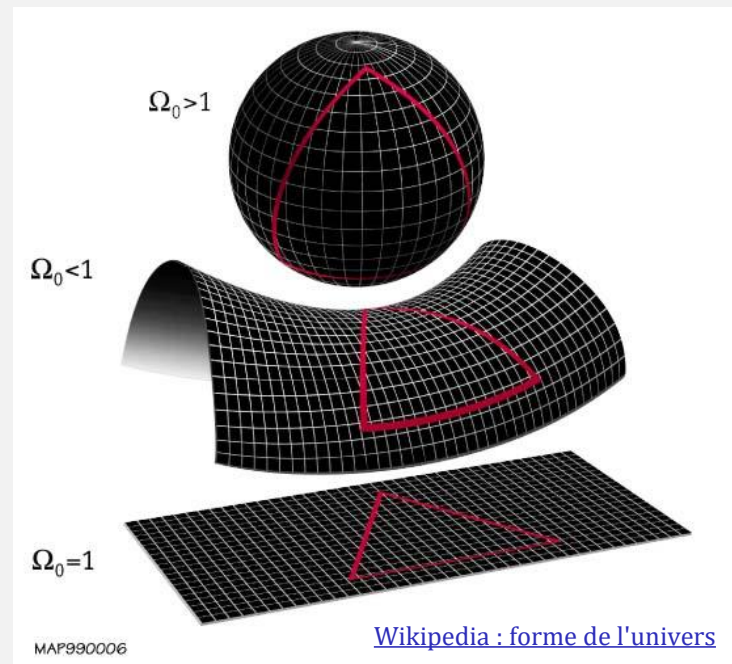
- ❖ Greater contrast between dense region of the box and region that is empty
- ❖ Structure are clearly visible
- ❖ Slight filaments linking the dense regions of the box

VII. Discussion & perspective

- ❖ Use of python : useful
- ❖ Performances
- ❖ Use of known models to validate the code (Keplerian and Zeldovich test)

To go further :

- ❖ Different values for density parameters
- ❖ To put a geometry (not a flat universe)
- ❖ Secondary infall



VIII. Conclusion

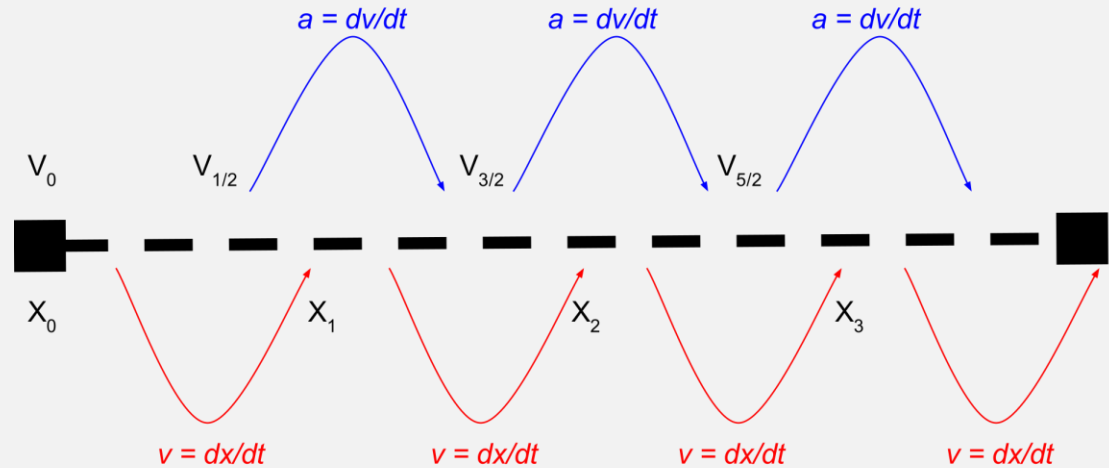
- ❖ Main purpose of the internship done $\Leftrightarrow$ Python version of a PM algorithm
- ❖ Particle-Mesh : effective for gravitation and mean-field problems (Poisson)
- ❖ Execution time versus precision
- ❖ Other disciplines :
 - Molecular physics
 - Plasma Physics

Appendix: Leap Frog scheme

Idea : to implement the position using speed at a intermediary steps

$$v_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = v_{n-\frac{1}{2}} - \nabla\Phi\delta t$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + v_{n+\frac{1}{2}}\delta t$$



[Wikipédia : leap frog](#)

Leap Frog scheme : Cosmological case

- ❖ All variables (velocity, potential, position) are adimensionned
- ❖ The integration step is not the time anymore, but the scale factor
- ❖ New integration scheme :

- Momentum : $p_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = p_{n-\frac{1}{2}} - f(a_n) \nabla \tilde{\Phi} \delta a$

- Position : $x_{n+1} = x_n + f(a_{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \frac{p_{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{a_{n+\frac{1}{2}}^2} \delta a$

With : $f(a) = \sqrt{\frac{a}{\Omega_{DM} + \Omega_{\Lambda} a^3}}$

- ❖ Condition to stop : $a=1 \Leftrightarrow$ present day

Appendix : Зельдович (Zeldovitch) test

Known solution : Validation of the code

Initial condition similar to a sinus then it has to collapse such as shown on the right plot.

