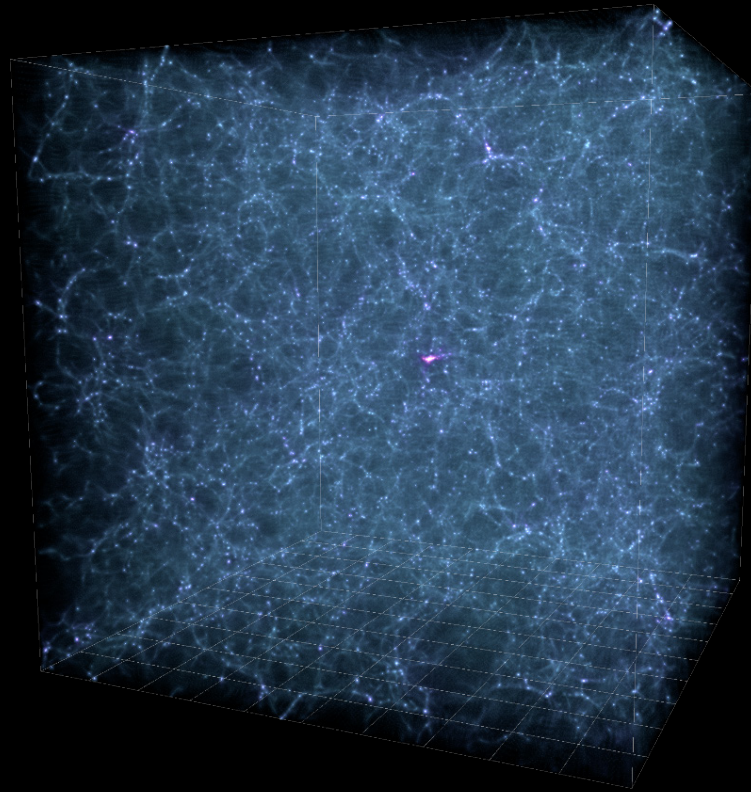


Towards Fully General Relativistic Cosmology (1/N)

(a.k.a. What the hell am I doing?)

(a.k.a. The Master Plan)



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Unit systems

Profunctor optics

Proxy-types
in qualified languages

Implicit trees

Abstract
iteration

⇒ Higher-order
HyperGraphs

Group symmetries
of types

Category theory

1. Equivalence principle

\Rightarrow Spacetime is a manifold

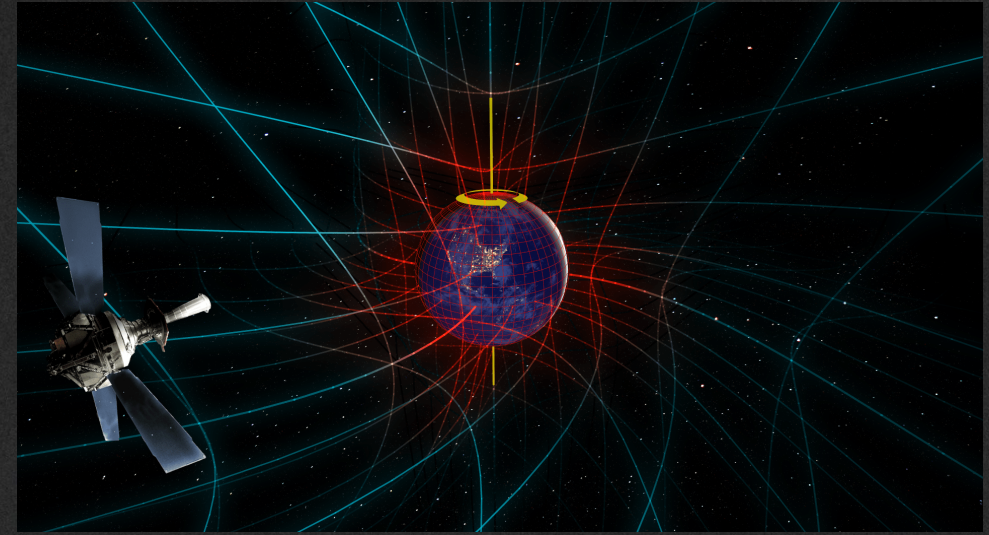
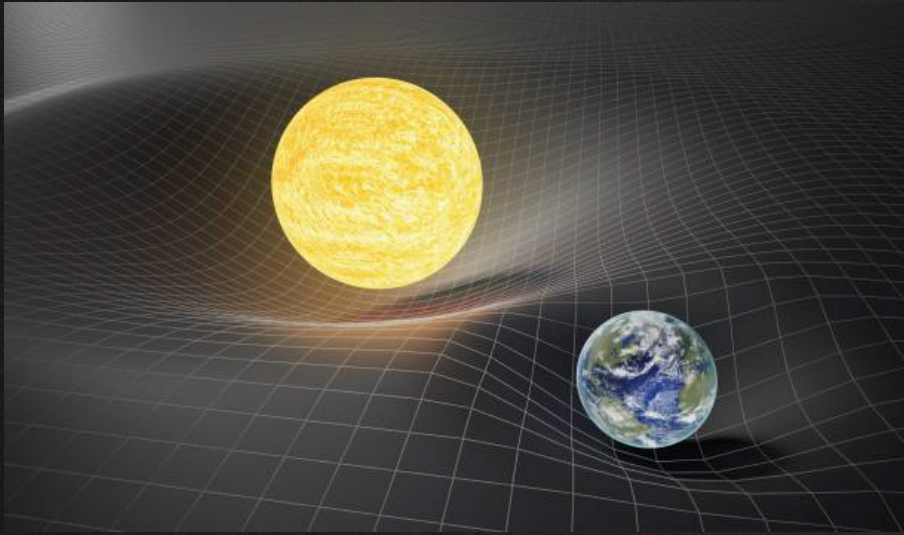
2. Vanishing torsion

$$\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y]$$

\Rightarrow Symmetric Christoffel symbols
(geodesic equations from a variational principle)

3. Poisson equation

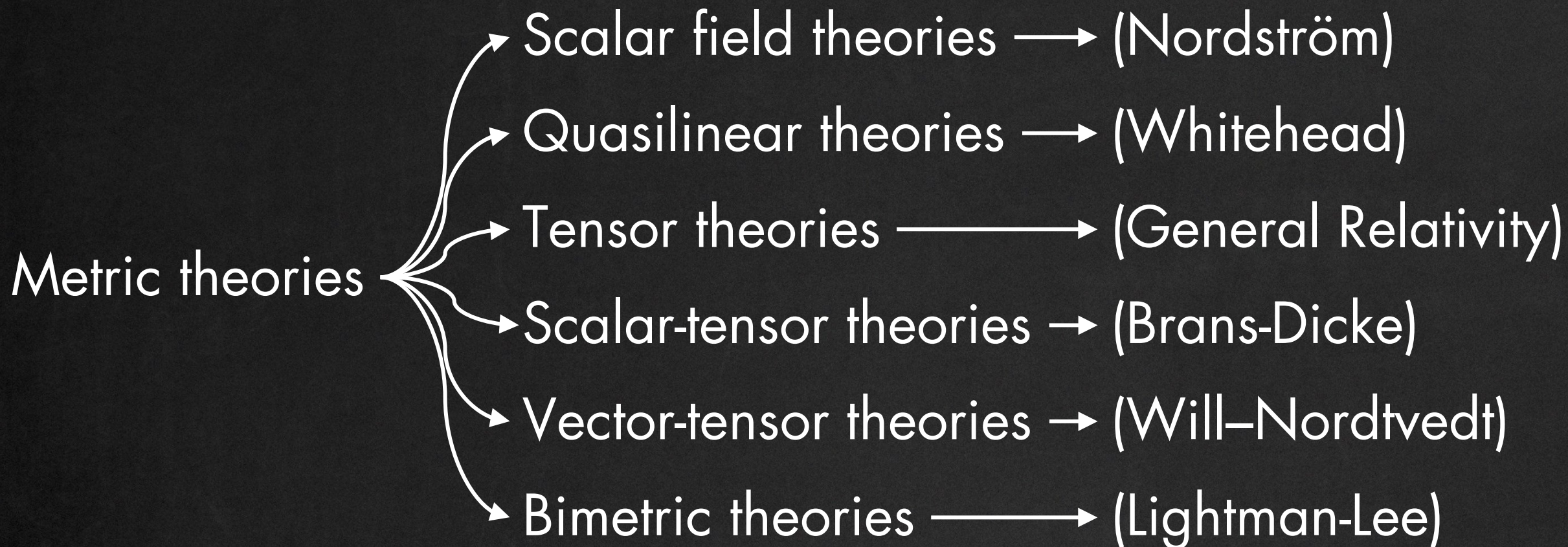
\Rightarrow Fix the constants to be compatible with Newton



$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Einstein tensor
Spacetime geometry
($g_{\mu\nu}$ metric tensor)

Stress energy tensor
Spacetime contents



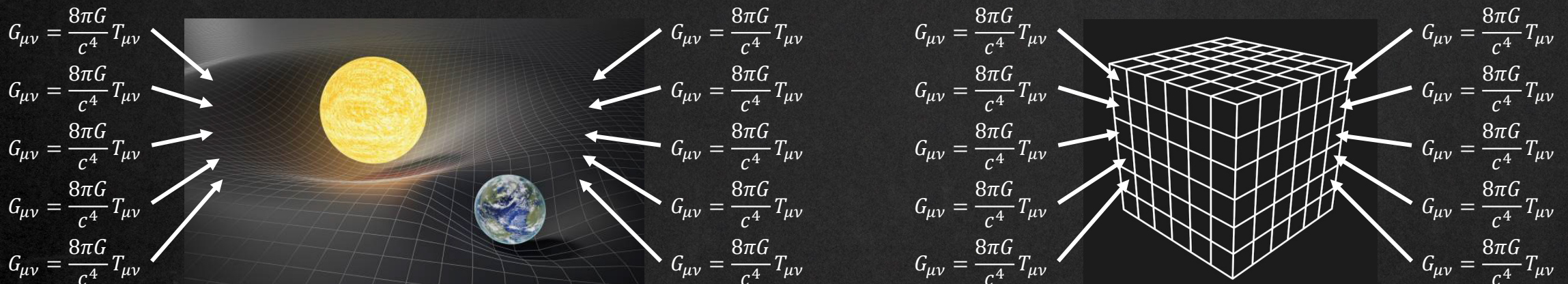
Non-metric theories

Einstein Field Equations (EFE)

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_{tt} & G_{tx} & G_{ty} & G_{tz} \\ G_{xt} & G_{xx} & G_{xy} & G_{xz} \\ G_{yt} & G_{yx} & G_{yy} & G_{yz} \\ G_{zt} & G_{zx} & G_{zy} & G_{zz} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \begin{pmatrix} T_{tt} & T_{tx} & T_{ty} & T_{tz} \\ T_{xt} & T_{xx} & T_{xy} & T_{xz} \\ T_{yt} & T_{yx} & T_{yy} & T_{yz} \\ T_{zt} & T_{zx} & T_{zy} & T_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric tensors

10 non-linear coupled differential equations
...at each point of the 4D-spacetime (tensor field)



1. Analytical formulas



10 differential equations that applies everywhere

2. Diagonal terms only

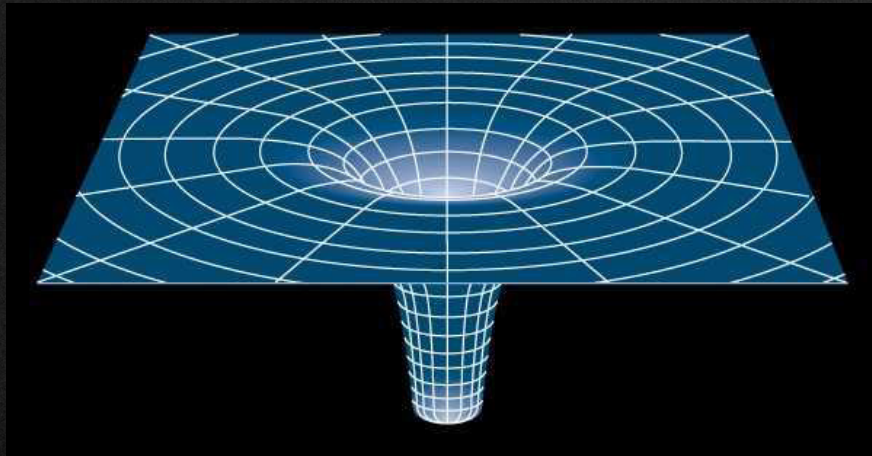


4 differential equations

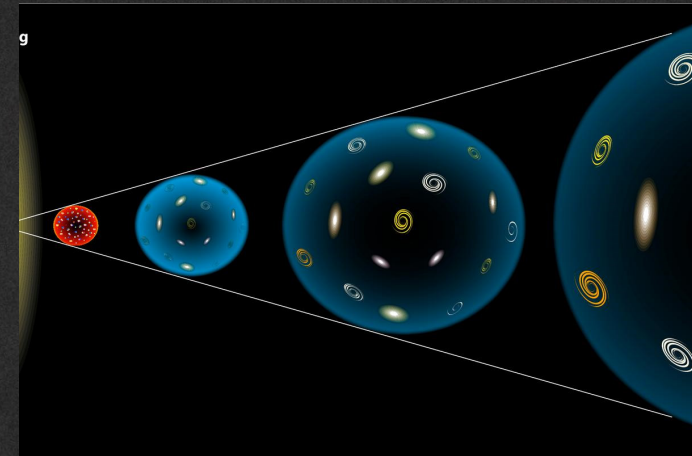
3. Spatial symmetries



2 differential equations



Schwarzschild metric
(black hole)



Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker metric
(FLRW) (expansion of the Universe)

10 equations: too complicated



The Cosmological Principle

The most reasonable first thing to do to compute a model of the Universe by hand

1915: General relativity (Einstein)

1922-1924: First derivation of FLRW (Friedmann)

1924: M331, M32, M31 [Andromeda] are outside of the Milky Way (Hubble)



Cosmological Principle

At a sufficiently large scale, the Universe is
homogeneous and isotropic

No cosmological principle \rightarrow no calculation by hand

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

FLRW metric

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho c^2 + P) u_\mu u_\nu + P g_{\mu\nu}$$

Perfect fluid

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_{00} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_{ii} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_{ii} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{ii} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \begin{pmatrix} T_{00} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_{ii} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_{ii} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & T_{ii} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{cases} G_{00} = T_{00} \\ G_{ii} = T_{ii} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3H^2 + 3\frac{kc^2}{a^2} = 8\pi G\rho \\ -3\frac{H^2}{c^2} - 2\frac{\dot{H}}{c^2} - \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}P \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2} \\ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}\left(\rho + \frac{3P}{c^2}\right) \end{cases}}$$

Cosmological Principle \Leftrightarrow 2 differential equations on $a(t)$

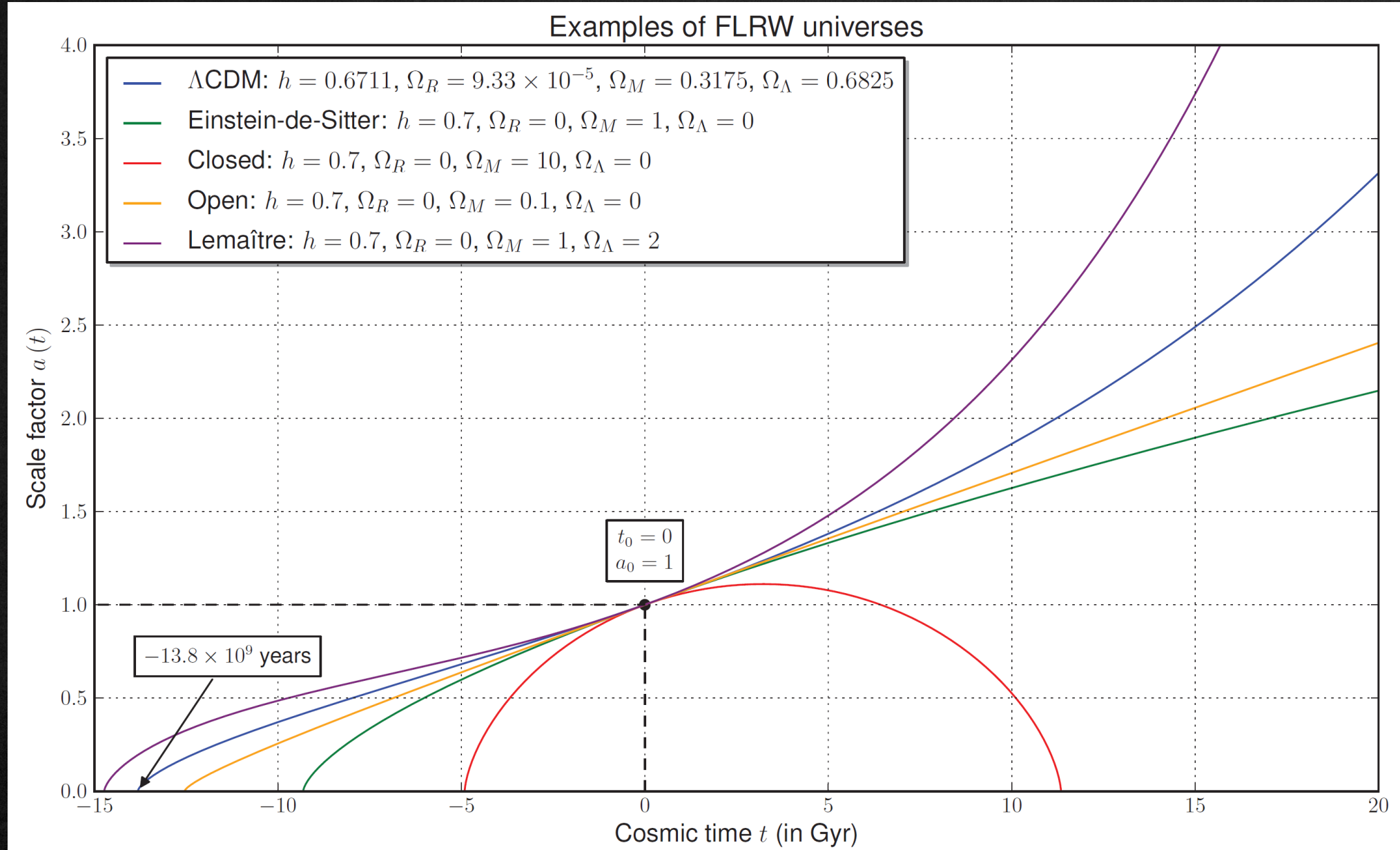
Mix of **non-interacting** perfect fluids

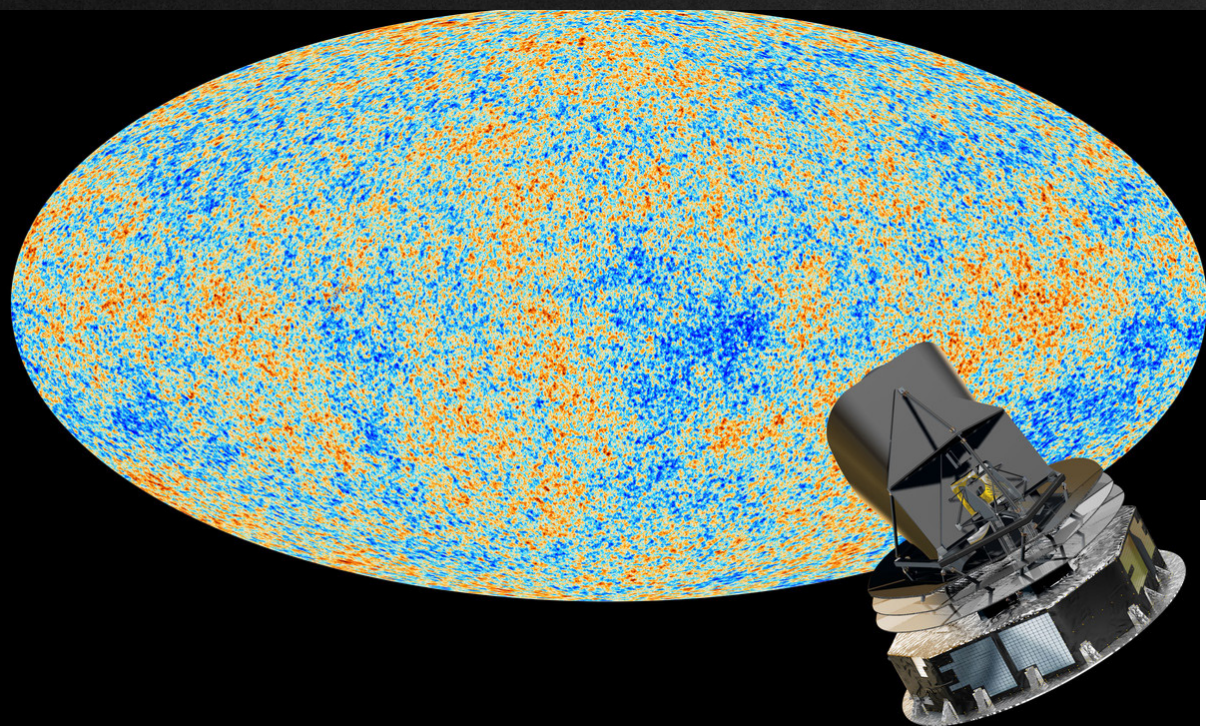
$$\boxed{P_X = w_X \rho_X c^2} \quad w_X = \begin{cases} 1/3 & \text{for radiation } R \\ 0 & \text{for matter } M \\ -1 & \text{for dark energy } \Lambda \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega_X = \frac{\rho_X}{\rho_C} = \frac{8\pi G}{3H^2} \rho_X$$

$$\boxed{\frac{H(t)^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_{R_0} a(t)^{-4} + \Omega_{M_0} a(t)^{-3} + \Omega_{k_0} a(t)^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda_0}}$$

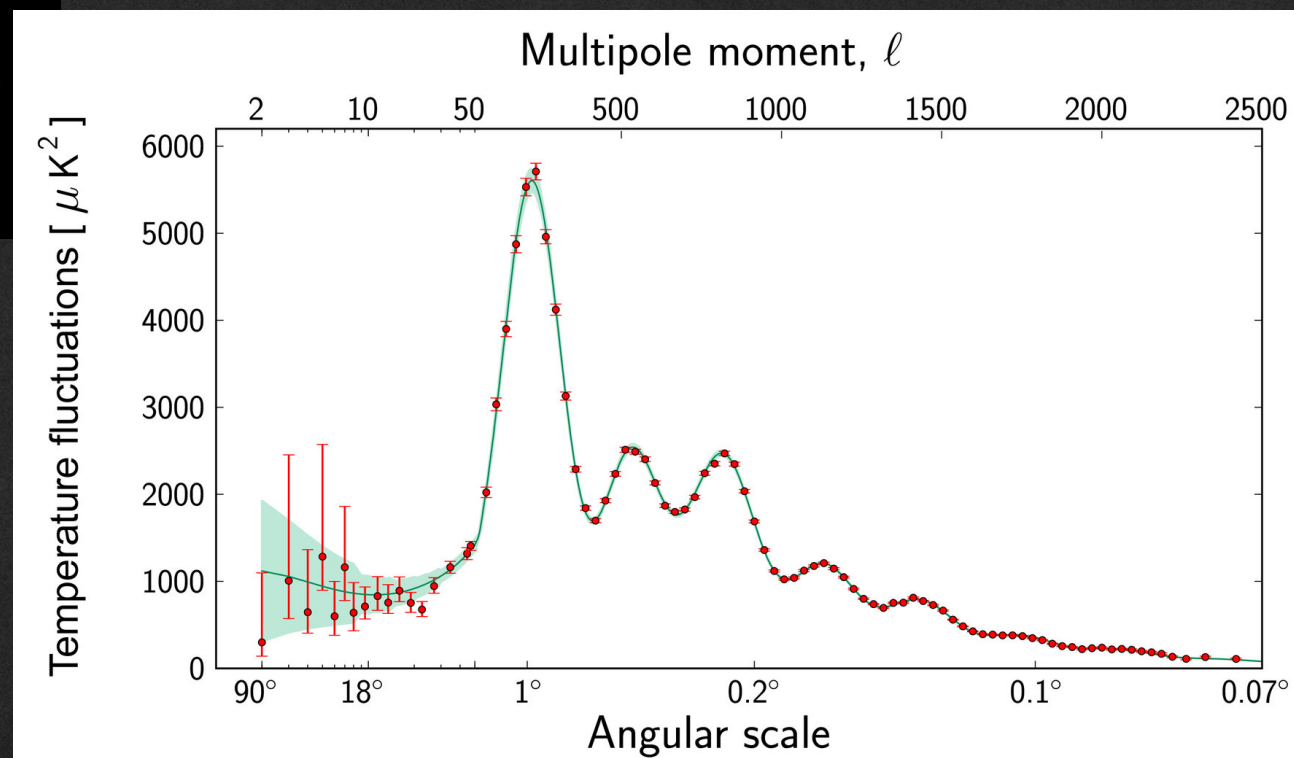
Final equation under its canonical form

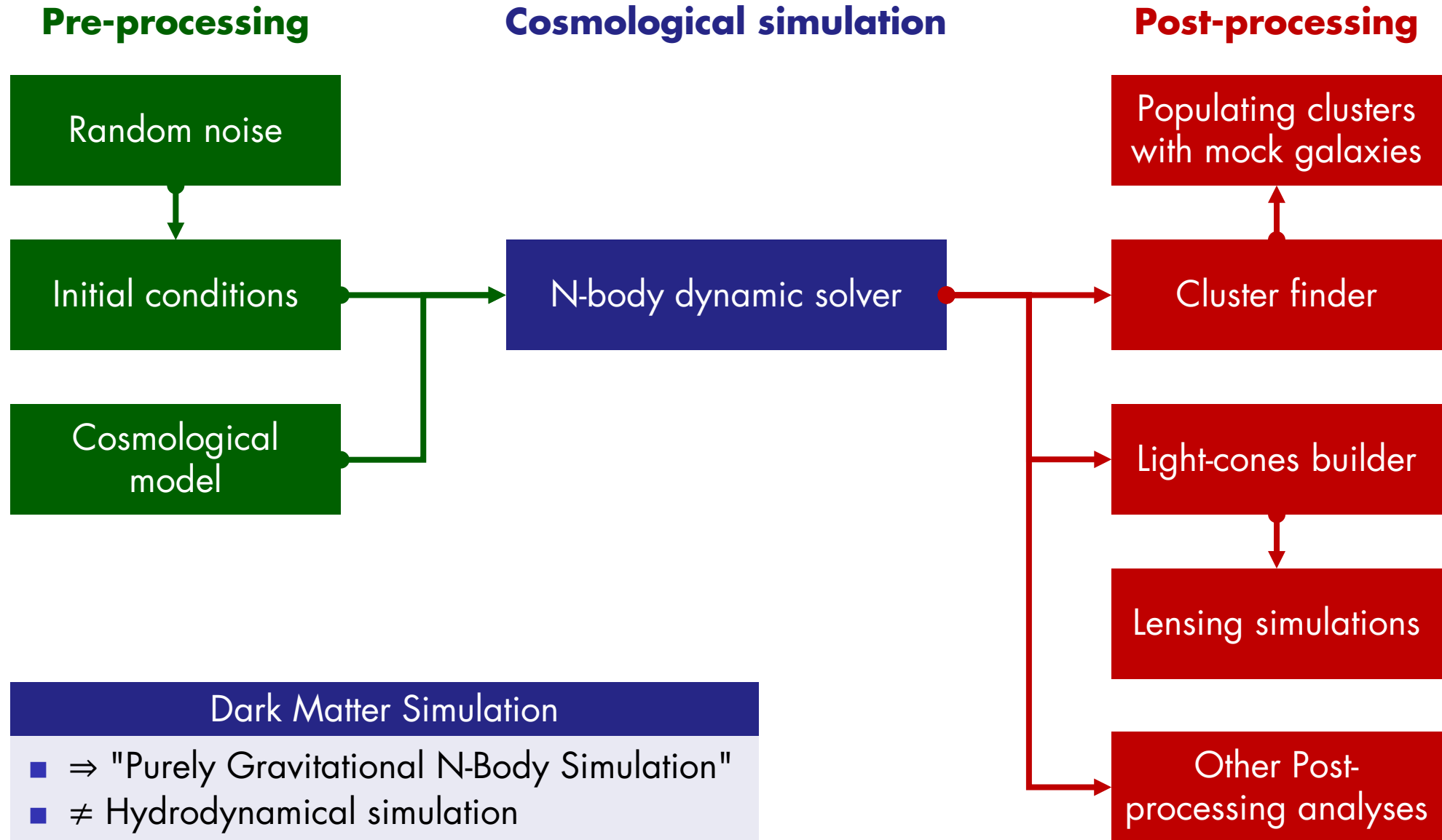




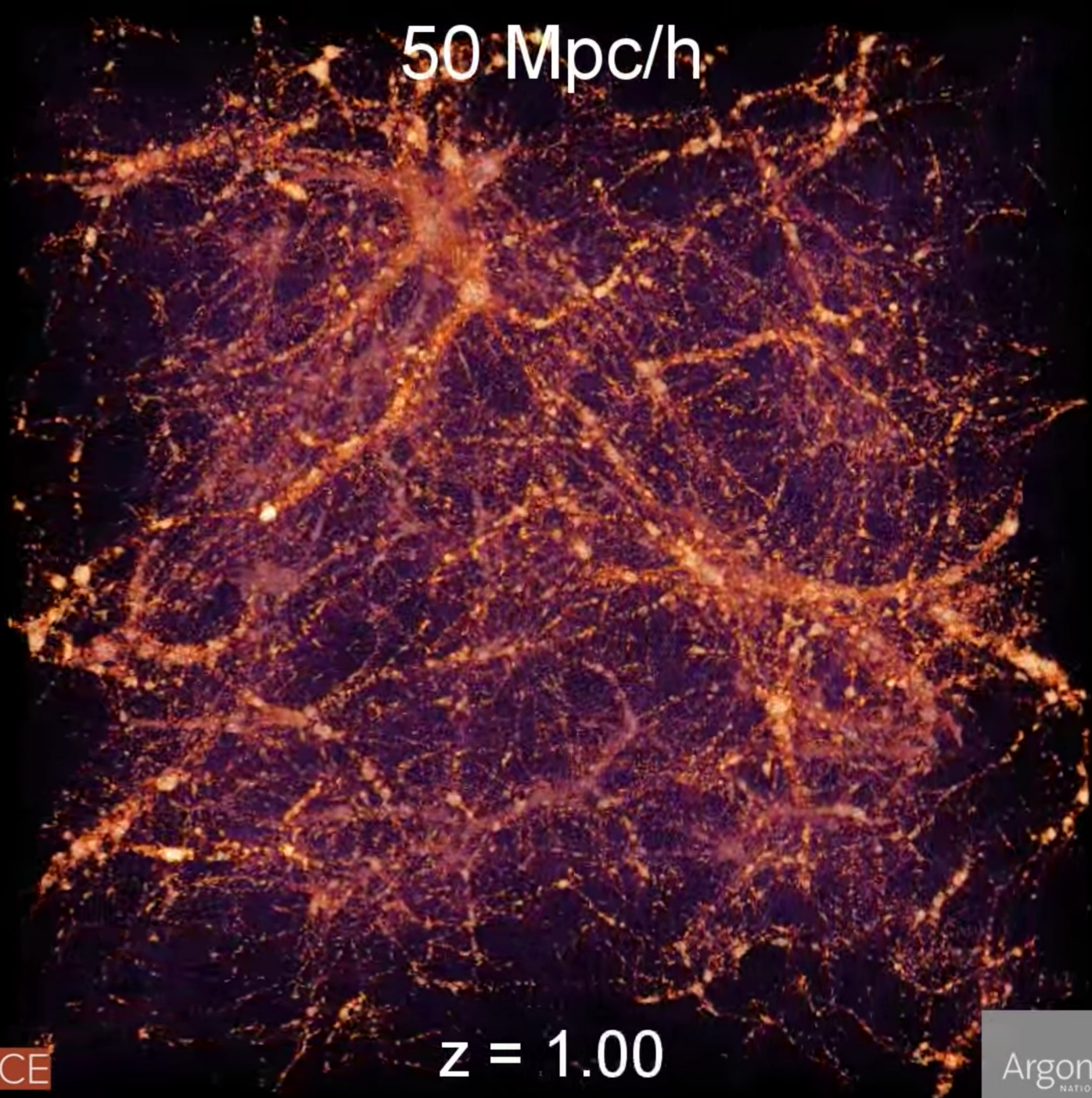
Power-spectrum
only captures
Gaussian processes

Need bispectrum,
trispectrum... to capture
primordial non-gaussianities

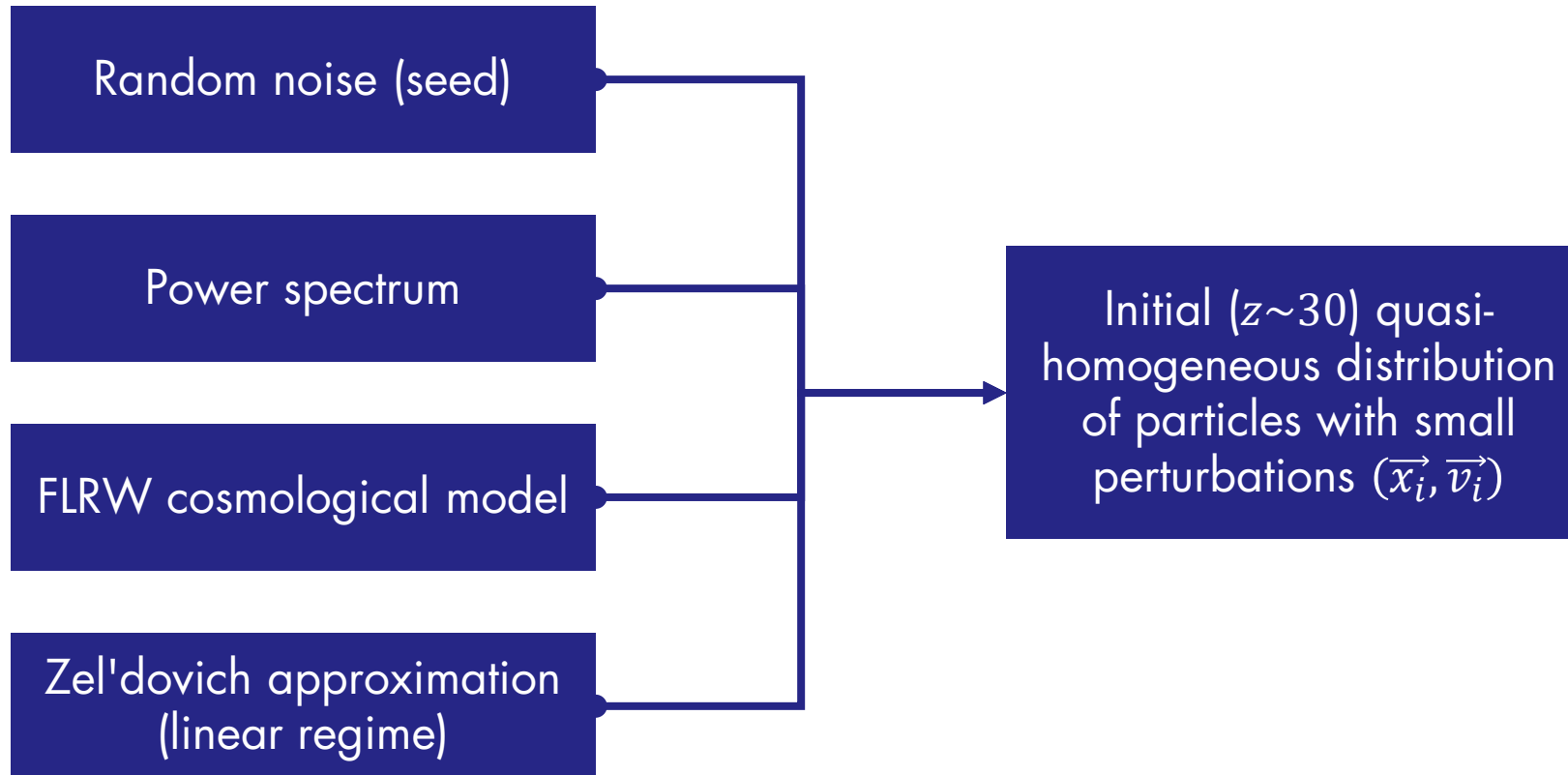


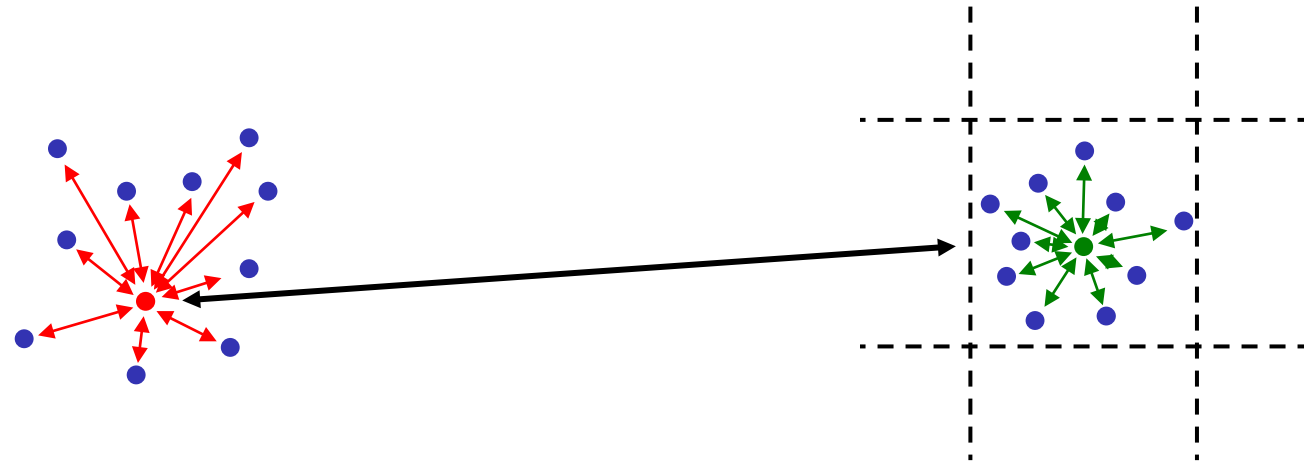


50 Mpc/h



$z = 1.00$





PP: Particle-Particle

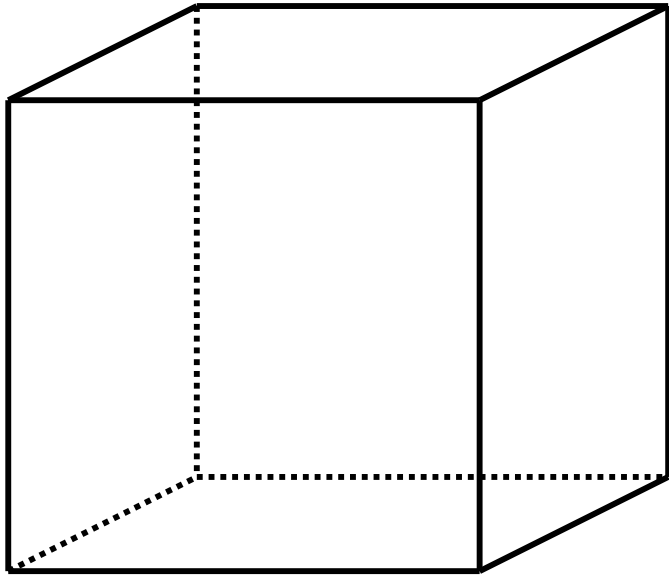
- $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
- Short distance: Particle-Particle
- Long distance: Particle-Particle

PM: Particle-Mesh

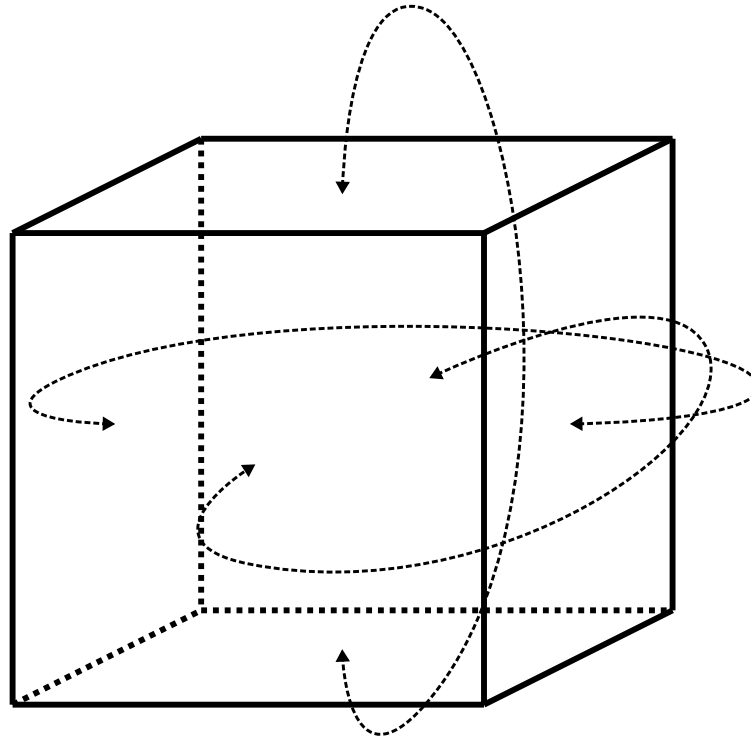
- $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
- Short distance: Particle-Mesh
- Long distance: Particle-Mesh

P³M: Particle-Particle Particle-Mesh

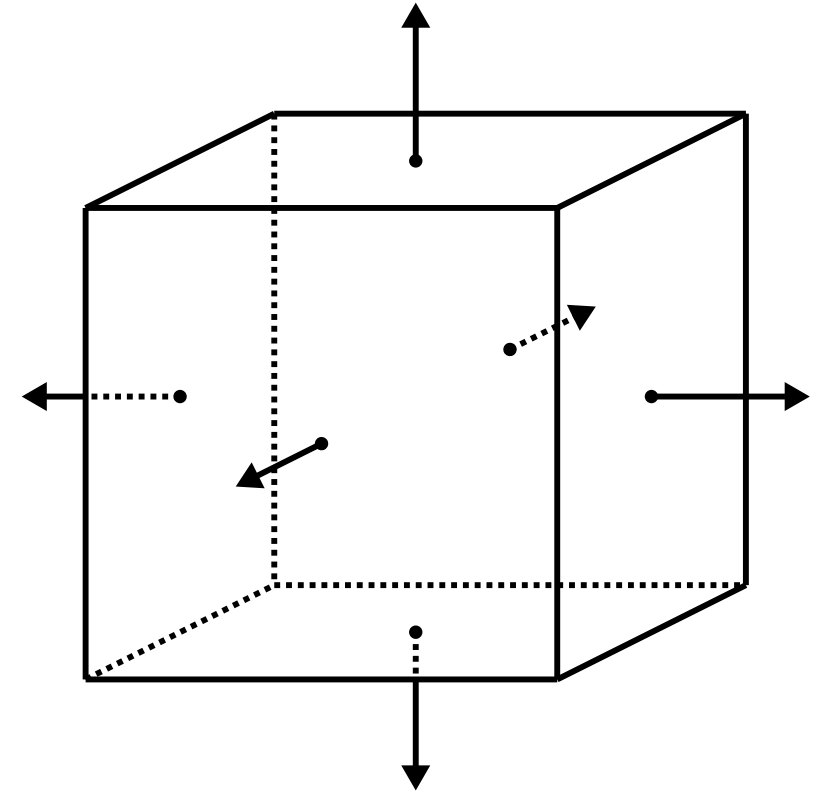
- $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)/\mathcal{O}(N)$
- Short distance: Particle-Particle
- Long distance: Particle-Mesh



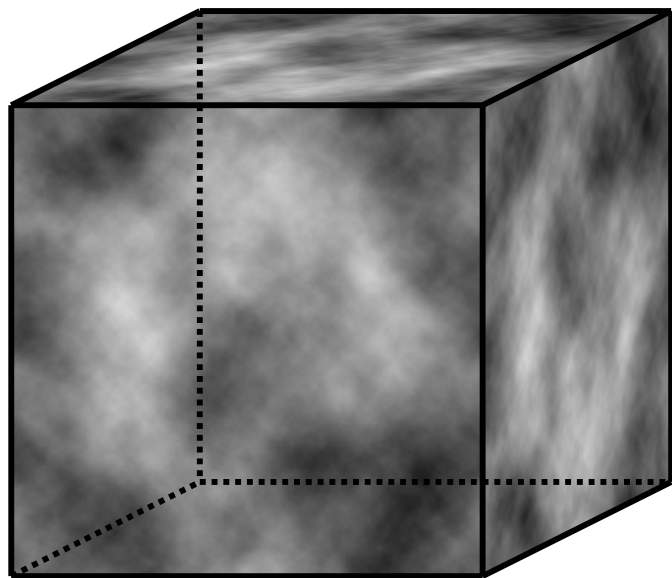
Simulation box



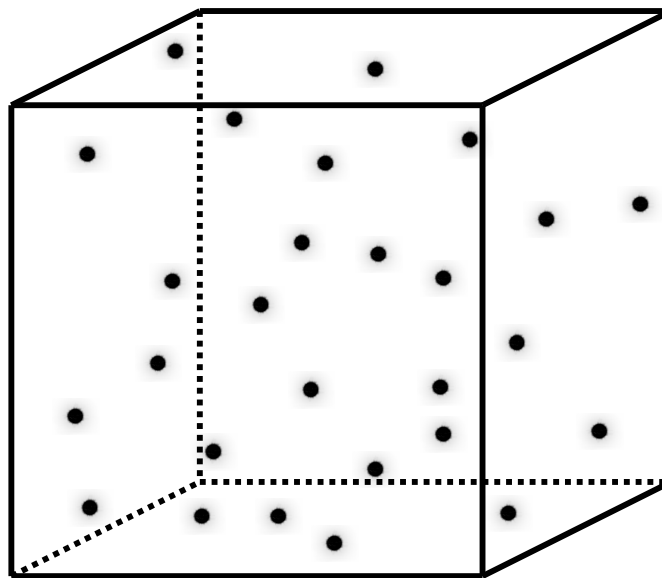
Periodic boundary conditions



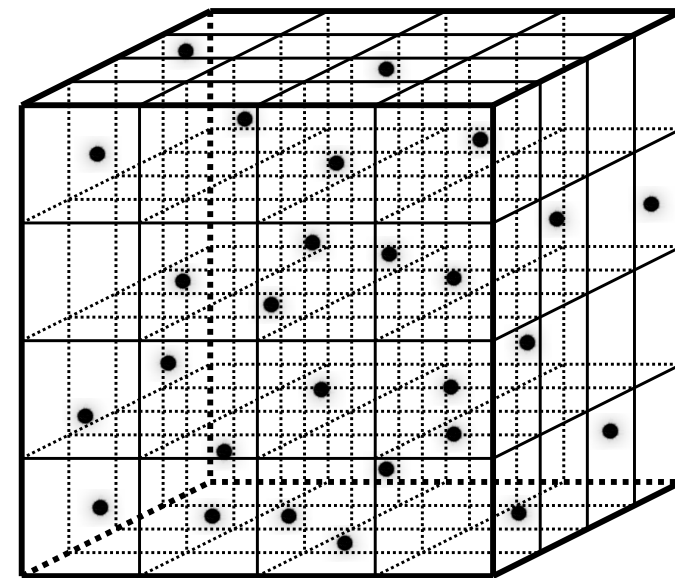
Coordinate system to take expansion into account



Initial density distribution



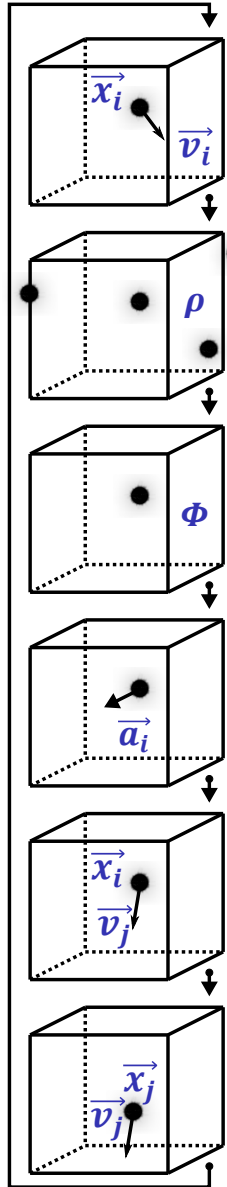
Matter particles



Cubic mesh: Regular or
Adaptive Mesh Refinement

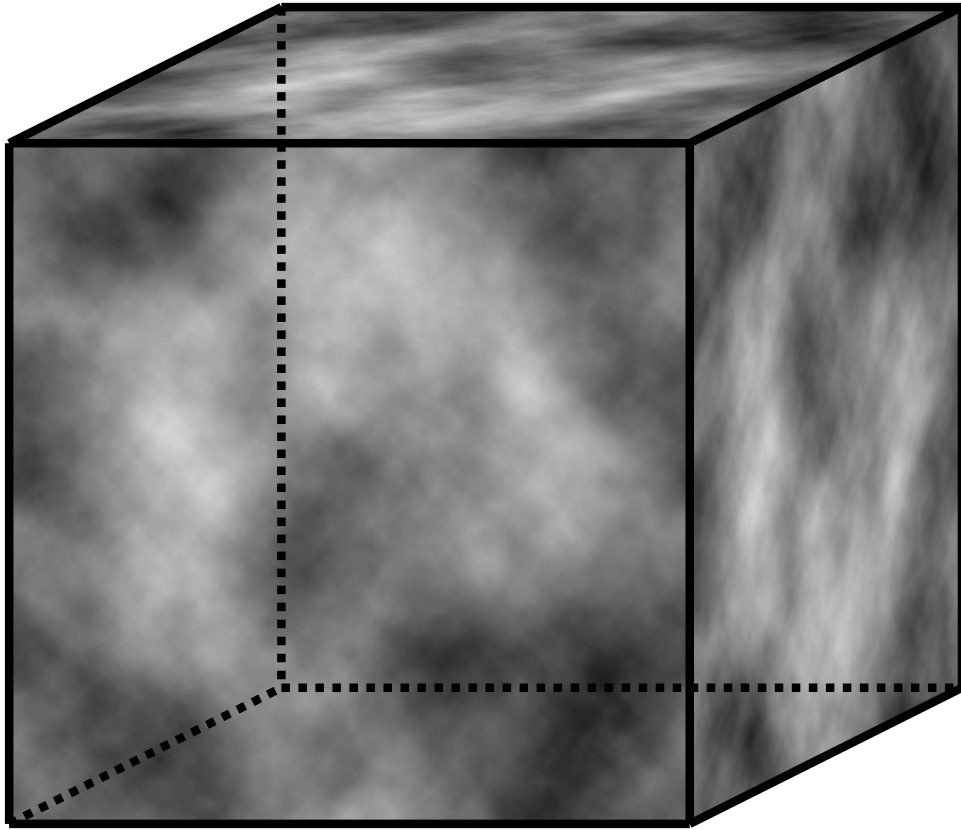
Core of the iterative process for each particle

■ 7) Restart at 1) with updated position \vec{x} and speed \vec{v}

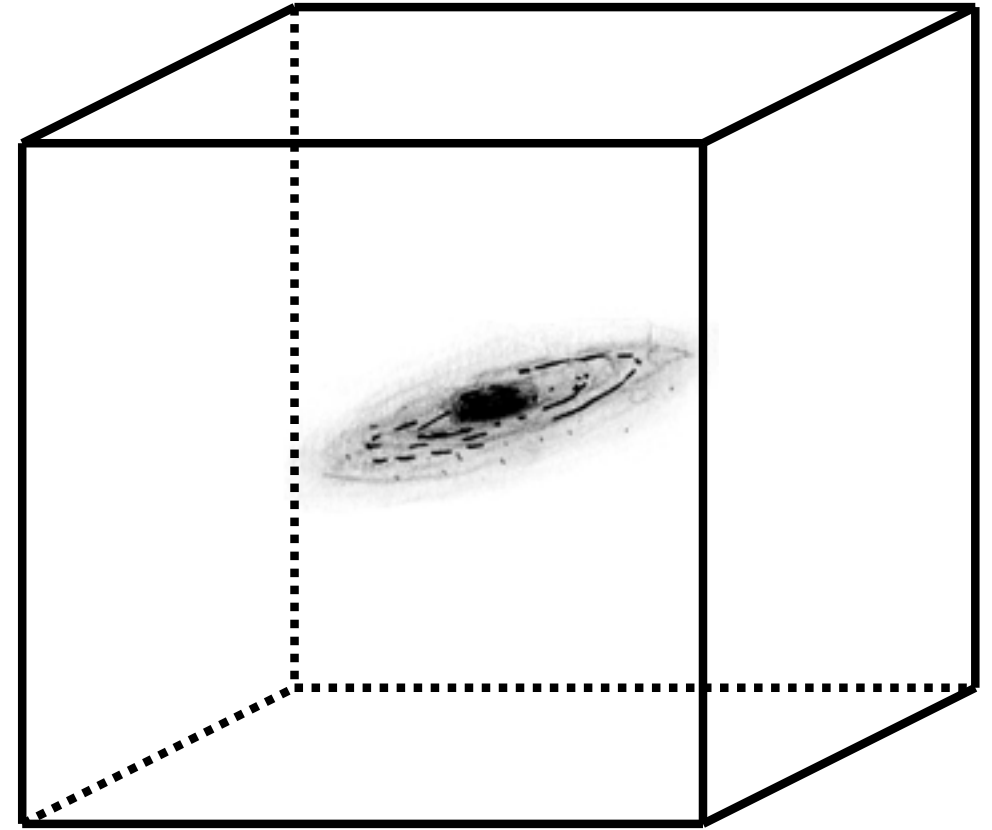


- 1) For each cell c containing particles with position \vec{x}_i and velocity \vec{v}_i
- 2) Interpolate density ρ in cell c depending on surrounding particles
- 3) From ρ compute the gravitational potential Φ
- 4) From Φ interpolate back the acceleration \vec{a} at position \vec{x}_i
- 5) From \vec{a} compute the new speed \vec{v}_j of each particle
- 6) From \vec{v}_j compute the new position \vec{x}_j of each particle

And that's how large scale cosmic structure formation is simulated

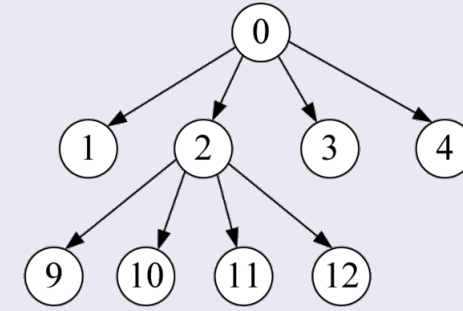
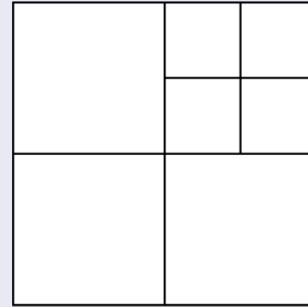
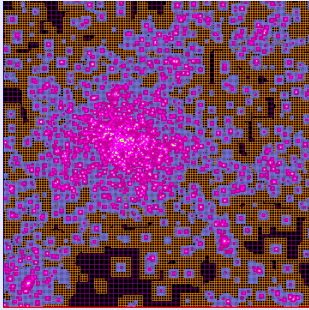


Initial conditions of the simulation (~homogeneous)

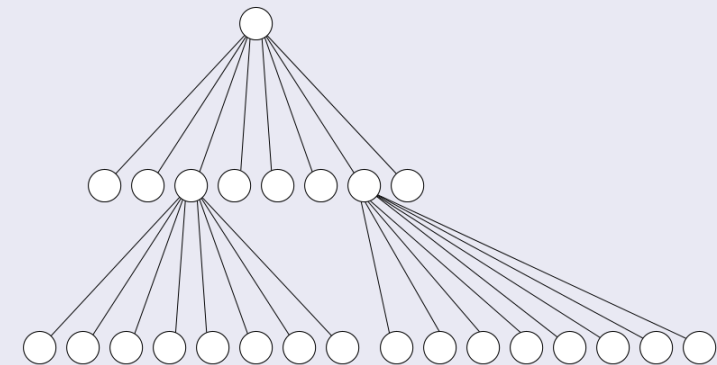
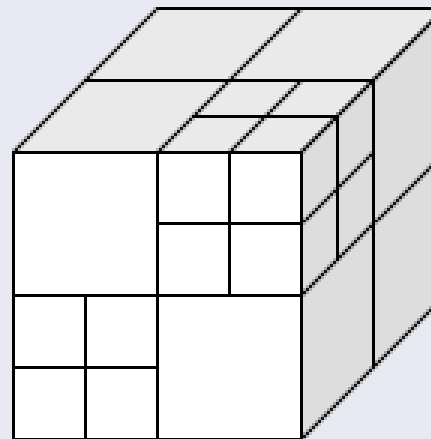
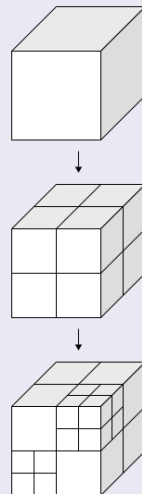
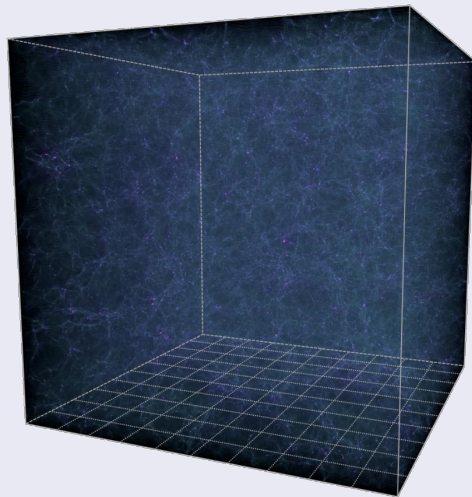


Gravitational collapse and structure formation

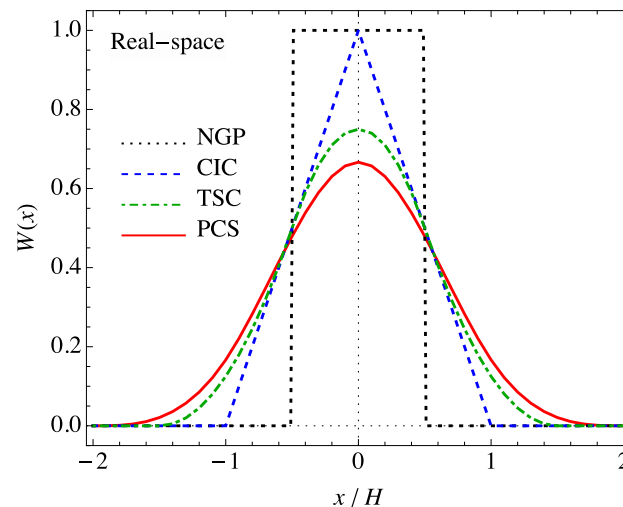
Quadtrees in 2D



Octrees in 3D



1D



NGP

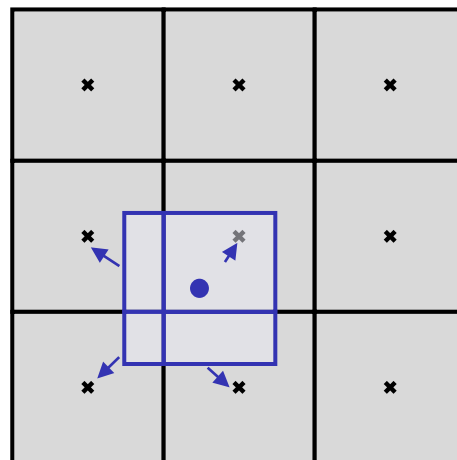
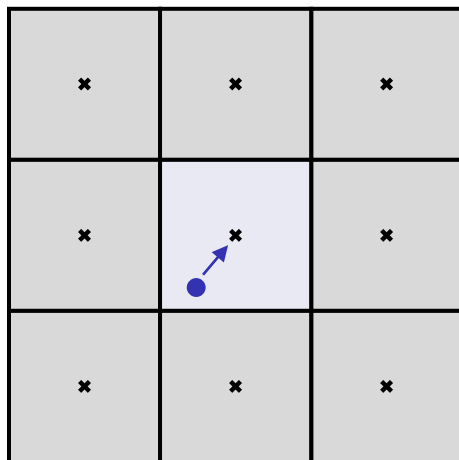
Nearest Grid Point

CIC

Cloud-in-Cell

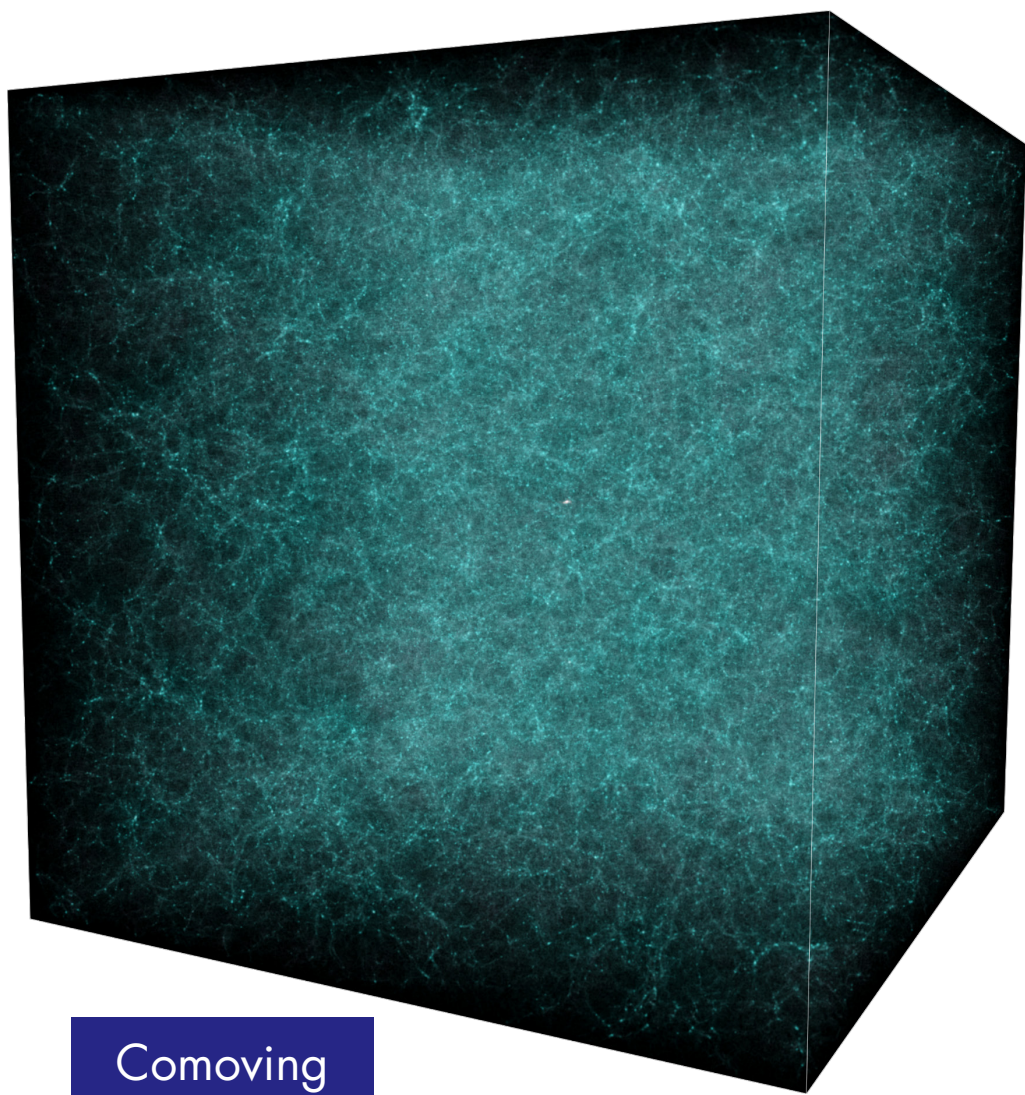
TSC

Triangular Shaped Cloud

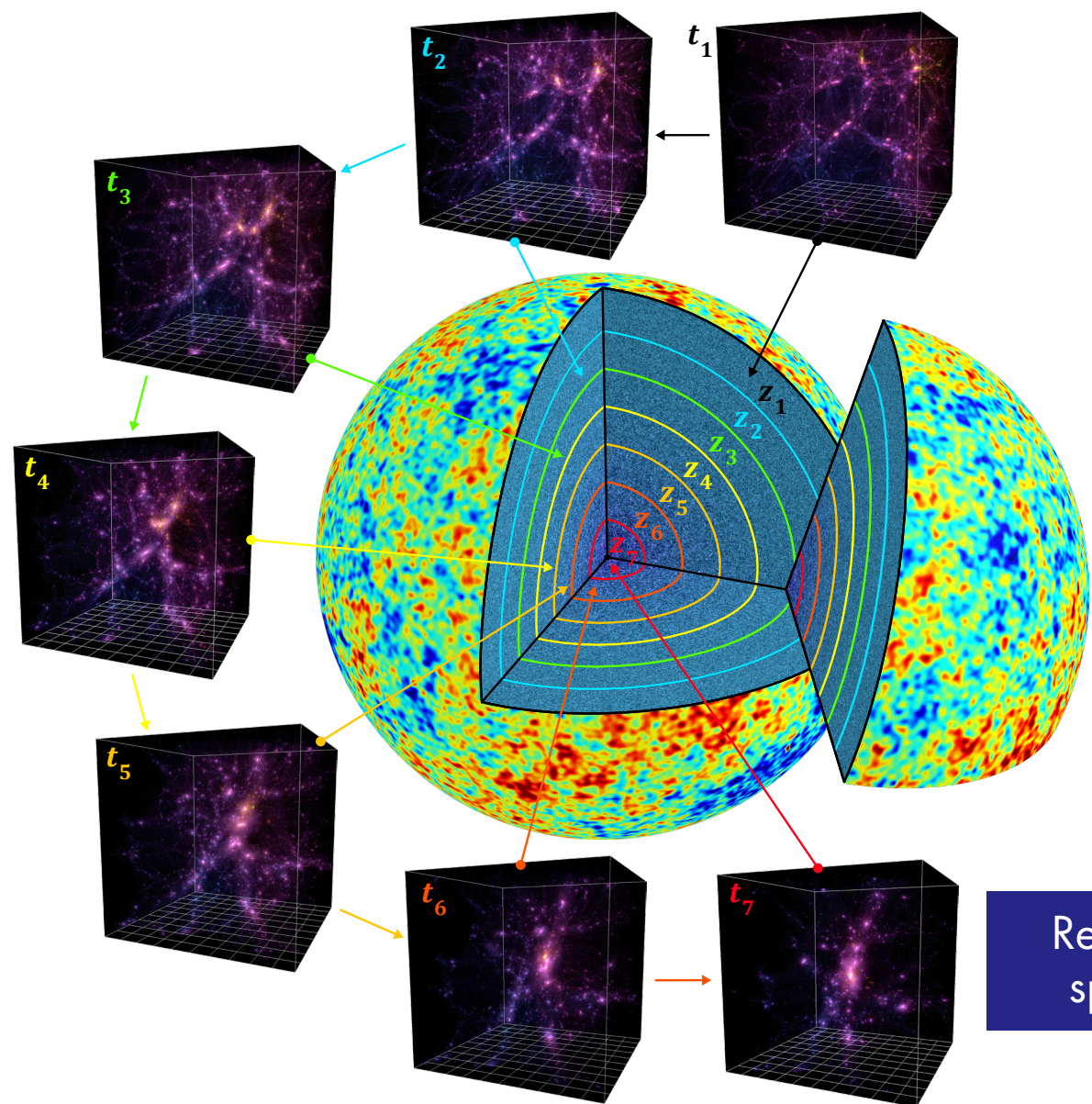


Cells	1D	2D	3D
NGP	1	1	1
CIC	2	4	8
TSC	3	9	27

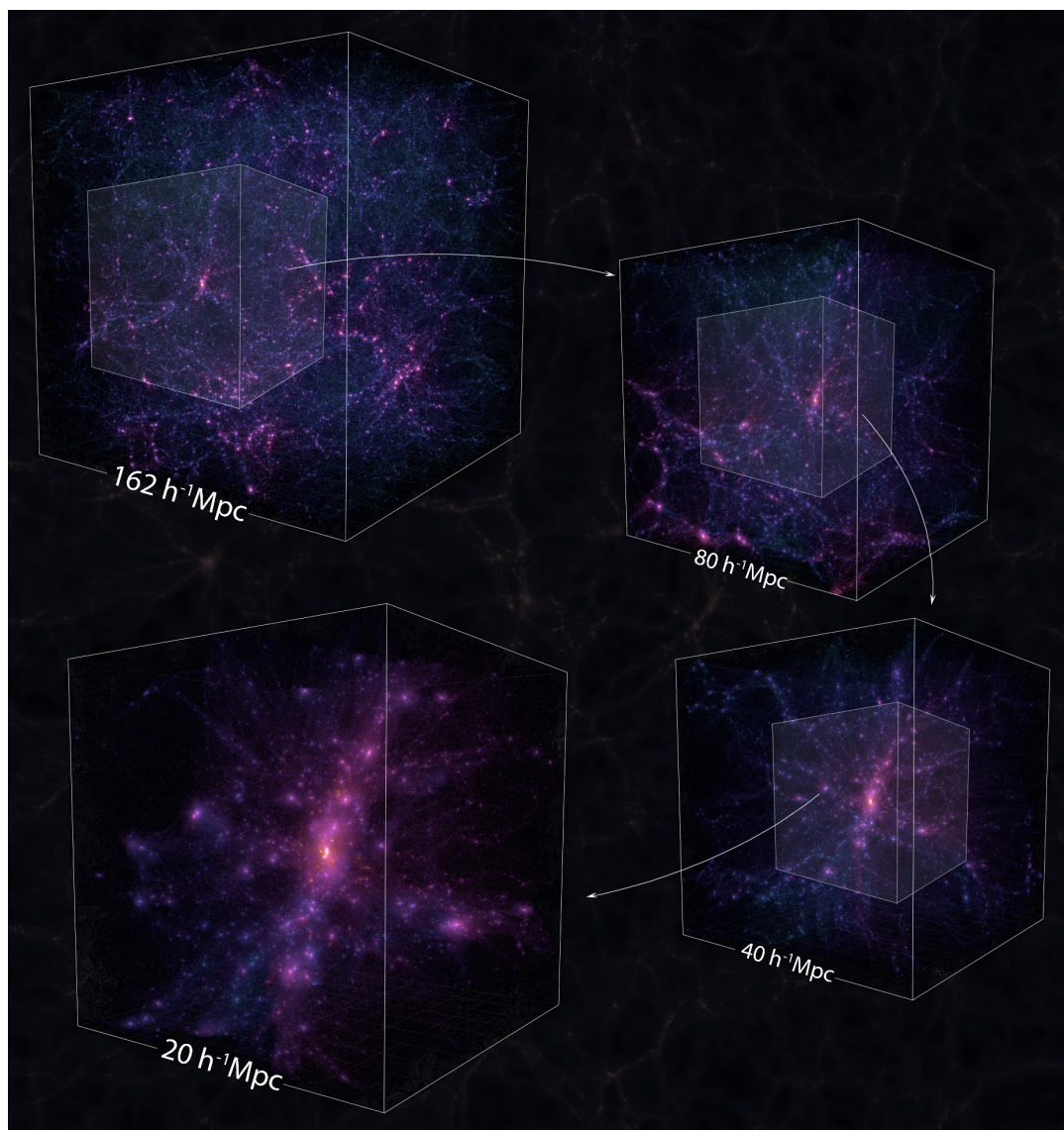
2D



Comoving space



Redshift space



Main parameters

- Initial positions and speed of particles
- Cosmological model
- Box size
- Number of particles
- Resolution in mass (particle mass)
- Resolution in size (minimum cell size)
- Resolution in time (time step)

Solver parameters (examples)

- Algorithm
- Discretization strategy
- Refinement strategy
- Floating-point precision
- Interpolation scheme
- Parallelization strategy

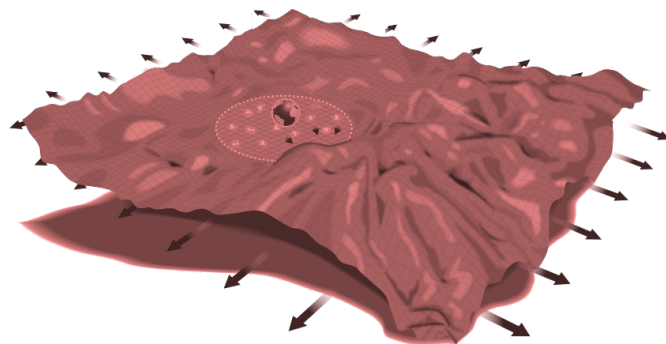
The biggest lie of cosmological simulations

What is NOT done in cosmological simulations

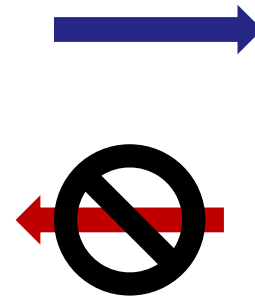
- Cosmological simulations are NOT solving general relativity

What is done in cosmological simulation

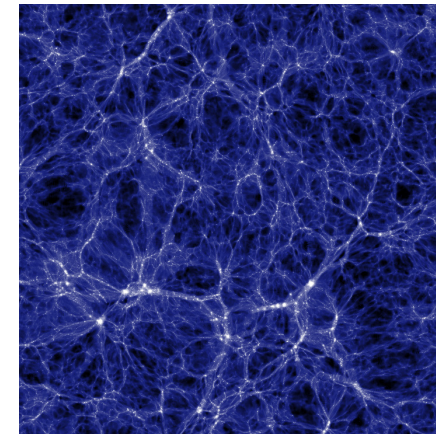
- Solve newtonian gravity in a homogeneous expanding background
- Expansion is pre-computed (FLRW solver)
- Instantaneous propagation of gravity
- \Rightarrow see *debates on the Backreaction Conjecture*



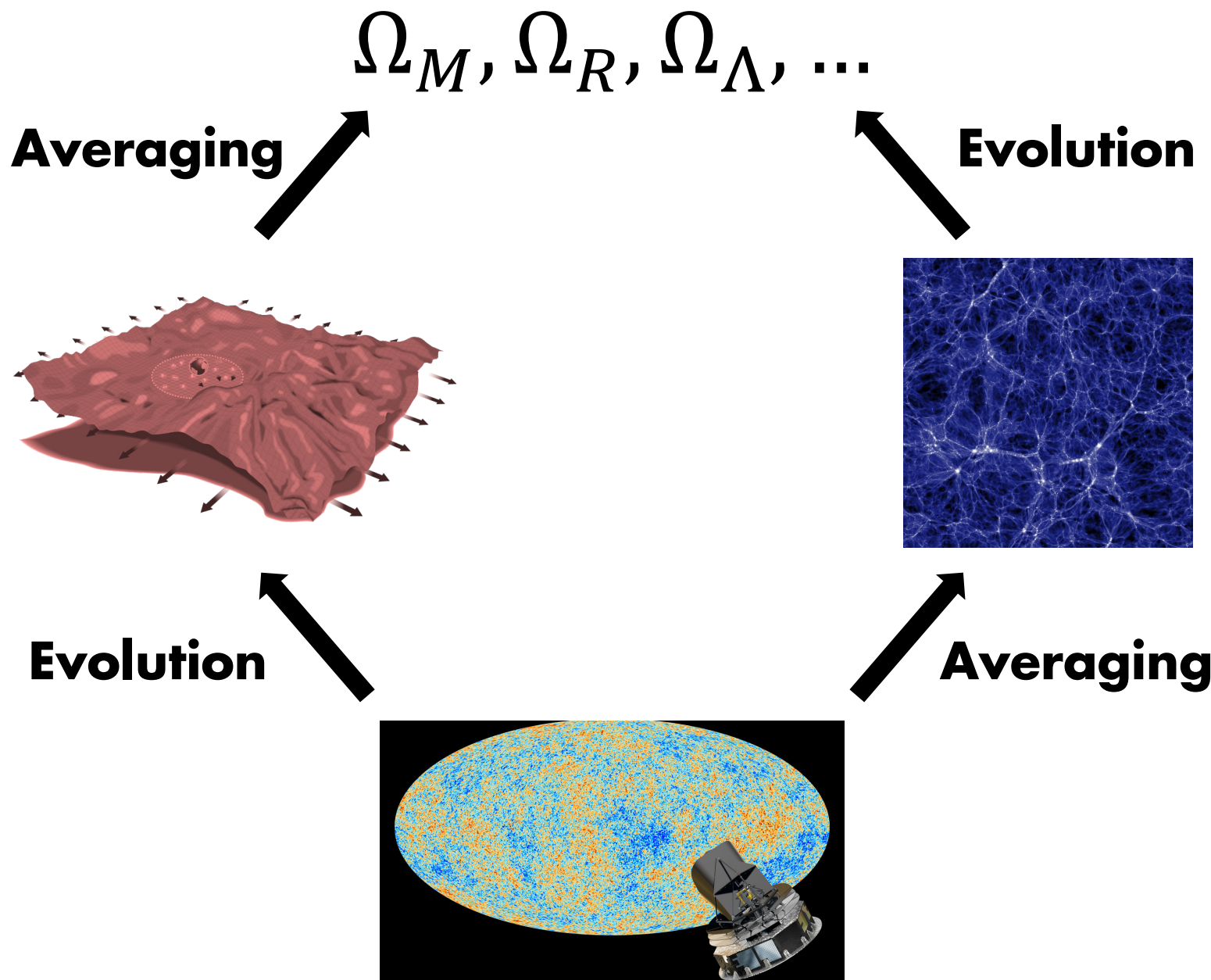
**Precomputed
FLRW metric**



$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$



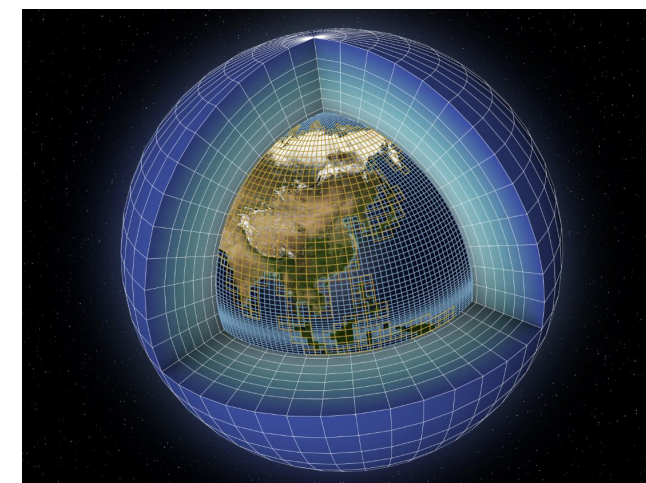
**Matter density
dynamics**

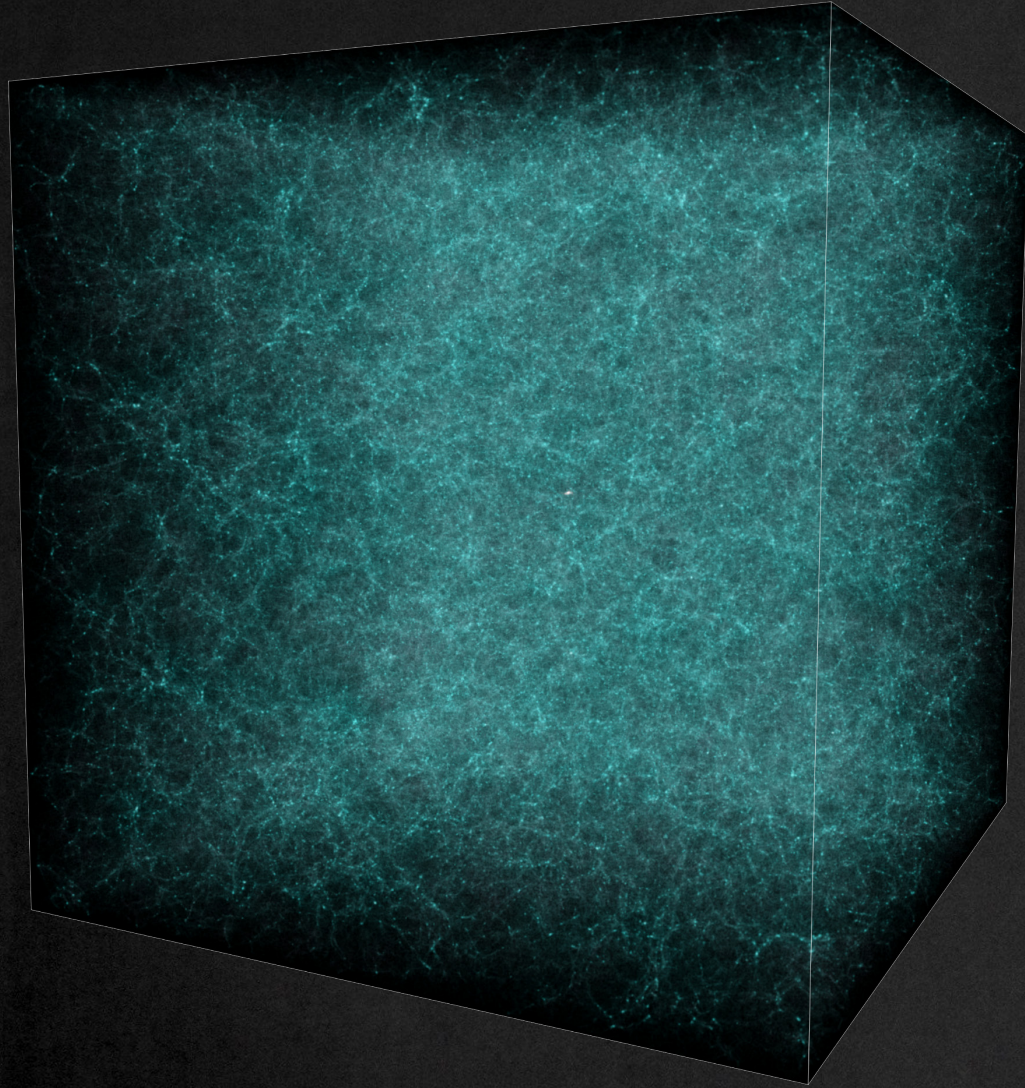


$$\text{averaging}(\text{evolution}(X)) \neq \text{evolution}(\text{averaging}(X))$$

Analogy

Temperature field in climate simulations





General relativity is a purely local theory

Comoving coordinates is an approximation

Each observer has a different notion of space and time

We aim at doing *precision cosmology* with *petabytes of observational* data using a *simplifying 100-years old model* back when we didn't know if there was anything else than the Milky Way.

Next time
How can we do better?