

# Halo Mass Function - Press-Schechter 1974

Results from SC model:

$$\begin{cases} a = A(1 - \cos\theta) \\ r = B(\theta - \sin\theta) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} A = a_i/2\delta_i \\ B = 1/2H_i\delta_i^{3/2} \end{matrix} ; 1 + \delta = \frac{9}{2} \frac{(\theta - \sin\theta)^2}{(1 - \cos\theta)^3}$$

	$\theta$	$a$	$r$	$1 + \delta$	$(1 + \delta)_{\text{vir}}$
turn-around / max radius	$\pi$	$a_i/\delta_i$	$\pi/2H_i\delta_i^{3/2}$	$\frac{9}{16}\pi^2$	2.062
collapse / virialization	$2\pi$	$a_i/2\delta_i$	$\pi/H_i\delta_i^{3/2}$	$18\pi^2$	2.686

Mass of the virialized halo:

$$M_i = \frac{4\pi}{3} \bar{\rho}_i (a_i r_0)^3 (1 + \delta_i) \approx \frac{4\pi}{3} (\bar{\rho}_i a_i^3) \cdot r_0^3 \propto r_0^3$$

$$M_v = \frac{4\pi}{3} (1 + \delta)_{\text{vir}} \cdot \bar{\rho}_{\text{vir}} \cdot (a_{\text{vir}} r_0)^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3} [\bar{\rho}_{\text{vir}} (1 + \delta)_{\text{vir}} a_{\text{vir}}^3] \cdot r_0^3 \propto r_0^3$$

it's clear that  $M_i = M_v$  because  $1 + \delta = \frac{\rho}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{\bar{a}^3}{a^3}$

final mass of the halo depends only on the comoving radius of the overdensity.

## Press-Schechter Formalism (1974)

Given an initial Gaussian random density field that's described by  $P(k)$ , linearly extrapolate it to present day  $\delta_0 = \delta_i/a_i$ , smooth  $\delta_0$  on a size scale  $R \equiv (M/\gamma \bar{\rho}_m)^{1/3}$  [spatial/mass smoothing] any peaks with  $\delta_M \equiv \delta_0 \otimes W(R) > \delta_c(z) = 1.686(1+z)$  should have collapsed by redshift  $z$  & formed halos w/ mass  $> M$ .

$$F(>M, z) = 2 \cdot \text{Prob}[\delta_M > \delta_c(z)]$$

$\uparrow$  fraction of mass locked in halos w/  $> M$        $\uparrow$  probability of overdensity above threshold, after mass smoothing

Judge factor to include masses in underdense regions that get accreted.

Procedure:

After mass/spatial smoothing, the initial Gaussian random field still maintains the Gaussian PDF, although w/ lower  $\sigma_M$  that depends on  $M/R$ .  
So the probability of the occurrence of  $\delta_M > \delta_c$  is:

$$\text{Prob}(\delta_M > \delta_c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_M} \int_{\delta_c}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_M^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right) d\delta_M = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc}\left(\frac{\delta_c}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_M}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(>M, z) = \text{erfc}\left[\frac{\delta_c(z)}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_M}\right]; \text{ fraction of mass labeled}$$

therefore, the cumulative halo mass function is:

$$N(>M, z) = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} \cdot F(>M, z); \text{ comoving volume density}$$

and the differential halo mass function is:

$$\phi(M, z) = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M^2} \frac{\delta_c(z)}{\sigma_M} \exp\left[-\frac{\delta_c^2(z)}{2\sigma_M^2}\right] \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right|$$

$\phi(M, z) dM =$  comoving volume density of halos w/ mass  $\in [M, M+dM]$  at  $z$

the exp fun makes it natural to define  $M^*$ , characteristic mass, as:

$$\sigma_M(M^*) = \delta_c(z) = 1.686(1+z) \Rightarrow M^* \downarrow \text{ as } z \uparrow$$

at low-mass end:

$$M \ll M^*, \phi(M) \propto M^{\alpha-2} \text{ where } \alpha = \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right| \text{ or } \sigma_M \propto M^{-\alpha}$$

because  $\sigma_M \gg \delta_c(z)$  at low mass or large  $k$  ( $\equiv 2\pi/R$ )

$$\text{for power-law power spectrum } P(k) \propto k^n, \sigma_M \propto M^{-(3+n)/6}$$

at high-mass end:

$$M \gg M^*, \phi(M) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{M}{M^*}\right)^{2\alpha}\right] \cdot M^{\alpha-2}, \alpha = \frac{3+n}{6}$$

powerlaw at low mass end, exponential cutoff at high mass end

How to calculate  $\sigma_M$ ? The mass variance

$$\sigma_M^2 = \langle \delta_M^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_M^2(\vec{x}) d^3\vec{x} = \langle \delta_M(\vec{x}) \cdot \delta_M(\vec{x}+0) \rangle = \xi_M(0)$$

the variance of a density field equals the 2-point correlation function at zero dist.

$$\delta_M(\vec{x}) = \delta(\vec{x}) \otimes W_M(\vec{x}) = \int \delta(\vec{x}') W(\vec{x}-\vec{x}'; M) d^3\vec{x}'$$

mass smoothed density field is a convolution w/ a window function at all locations. because convolution is computationally expensive, and  $\delta(\vec{x})$  is a random Gaussian field that is completely described by the correlation function or the power spectrum, we can utilize the convolution theorem & the total energy theorem to calculate  $\sigma_M$  in its Fourier space:

$$\delta_M(\vec{x}) = \delta(\vec{x}) \otimes W_M(\vec{x}) \iff \delta_M(\vec{k}) = \delta(\vec{k}) \cdot \tilde{W}_M(\vec{k})$$

$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{V} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta(\vec{x}) \otimes W_M(\vec{x})]^2 d^3\vec{x}$$

$$= \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta^2(\vec{k}) \cdot \tilde{W}_M^2(\vec{k}) d^3\vec{k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} P(k) \tilde{W}_M^2(k) k^2 dk$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{g \otimes h\} = \mathcal{F}(g) \cdot \mathcal{F}(h)$$

$$\begin{cases} g = \delta(\vec{x}) \\ h = W_M(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

total energy is the same:

$$\frac{1}{V} \int |\delta \otimes h|^2 d^3\vec{x} = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int |\mathcal{F}(g) \cdot \mathcal{F}(h)|^2 d^3\vec{k}$$

For power spectrum that follows a power-law:

$$P(k) \propto k^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_M^2 &\propto \int_0^K k^{n+2} dk && \text{because } \tilde{W}_K(k) \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } k > K = \frac{2\pi}{R} \\ &\propto K^{n+3} \propto M^{-(n+3)/3} \end{aligned}$$

monotonically decreasing function with  $M$  when  $n > -3$

## Summary: Press-Schechter HMF.

- ① fraction of mass locked in halos of masses greater than  $M$  at  $z$  is

$$F(>M, z) = \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{\delta_c(z)}{2\sigma_M}\right]$$

- ② differential halo mass function:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(M, z) &= \frac{\bar{\rho}_M}{M} \cdot \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = \frac{\bar{\rho}_M}{M} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \sigma_M} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma_M}{\partial M} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}_M}{M^2} \cdot \frac{\delta_c(z)}{\sigma_M} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{\delta_c^2(z)}{2\sigma_M^2}\right] \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right|\end{aligned}$$

- ③ calculate  $\sigma_M^2$ , mass variance (dimensionless)

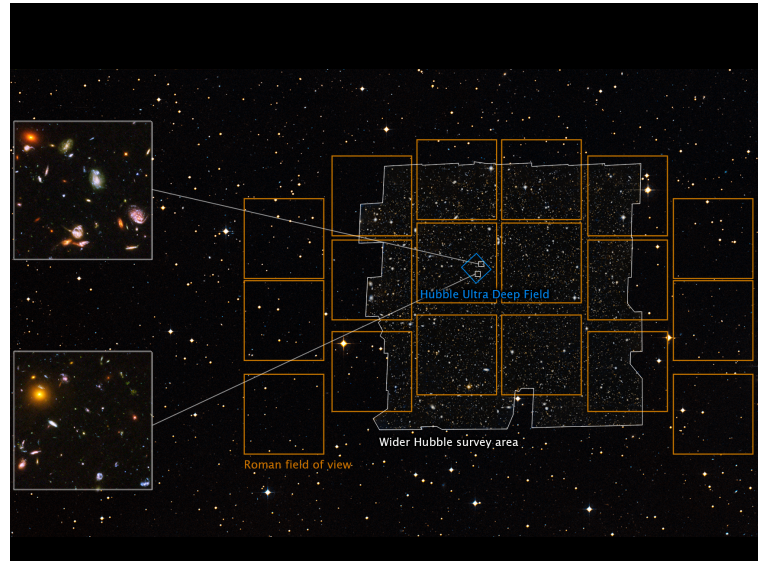
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_M^2 &\equiv \frac{1}{V} \int \xi_M^2(\vec{x}) d^3\vec{x} = \frac{1}{V} \int |\delta(\vec{x}) * W_M(\vec{x})|^2 d^3\vec{x} \\ &= \xi_M(0) \leftarrow \text{correlation function at zero separation} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P_M(k) e^{+i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3\vec{k} \quad \text{for } \vec{r}=0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty P_M(k) k^2 dk \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty P(k) \cdot \tilde{W}_M^2(k) \cdot k^2 dk \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi/R} P(k) k^2 dk, \quad R = (M/\gamma \bar{\rho}_M)^{1/3}, \gamma \approx \frac{4}{3}\pi\end{aligned}$$

- ④ higher overdensities collapse earlier

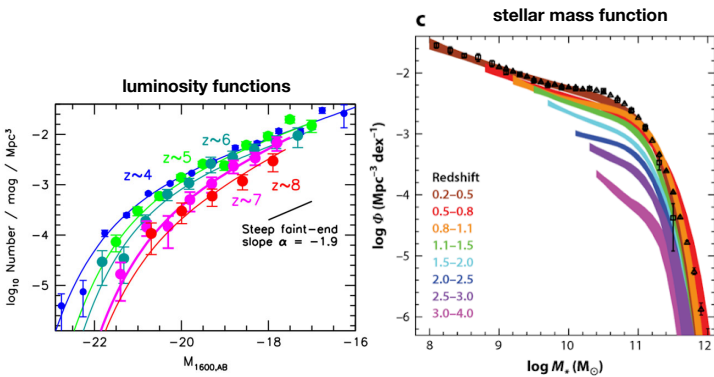
$$\delta_c(z) = 1.686 (1+z)$$

- ⑤ evaluate  $\phi(M, z; \sigma_M, \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M})$

Motivation: explaining the observed galaxy luminosity / stellar mass functions

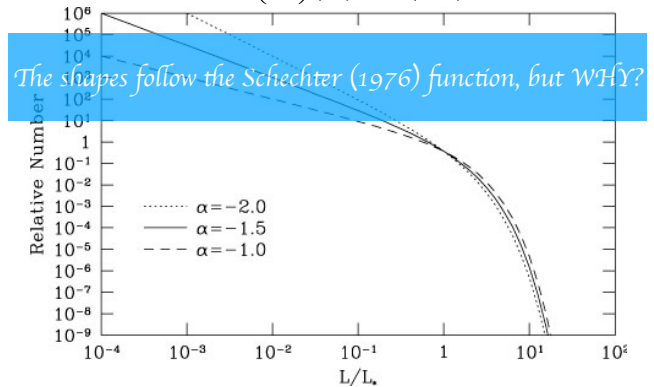


Observed evolution of galaxy luminosity functions and stellar mass functions



comoving density of galaxies with luminosity between L and L+dL is

$$\Phi(L)dL = \left(\frac{\Phi^*}{L^*}\right) \left(\frac{L}{L^*}\right)^\alpha \exp\left(-\frac{L}{L^*}\right) dL,$$



The Basic Idea of the Press-Schechter Formalism

The Goal

Based on the results from the spherical collapse model:

- Estimate the comoving volume density of collapsed halos more massive than M, at any z:

$$n_{halo}(> M, z)$$

cumulative mass function

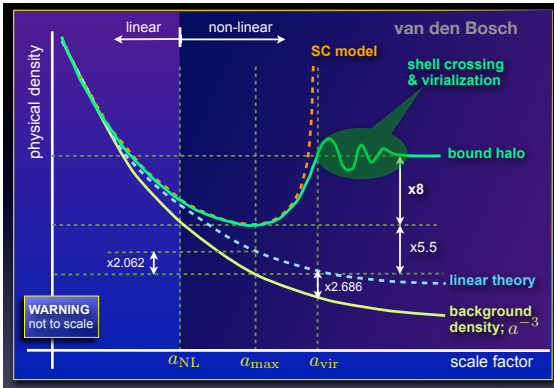
- Estimate the comoving volume density of collapsed halos within a mass range of [M, M+dM], at any z:

$$\phi_{halo}(M, z)dM = \frac{dn_{halo}(> M, z)}{dM} dM$$

differential mass function

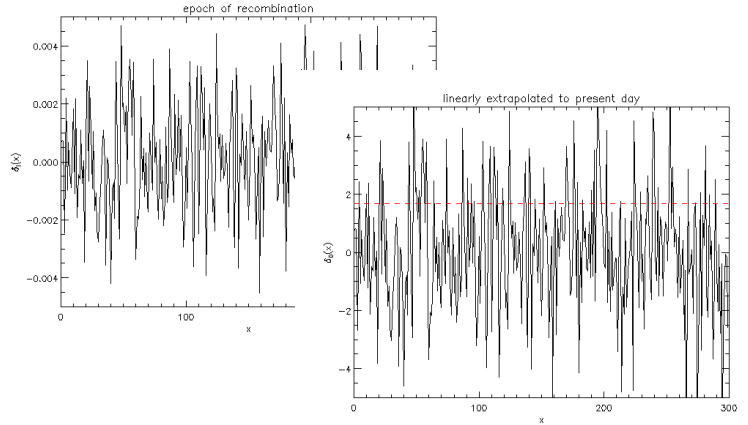
# Spherical Collapse Model

- any region in the density field (*linearly extrapolated to today*) denser than certain threshold should have collapsed by redshift  $z$ :
 
$$\delta(t_0) > \delta_c(z) = 1.686(1+z)$$
- collapsed halo mass:  $M = \gamma \bar{\rho} R^3$



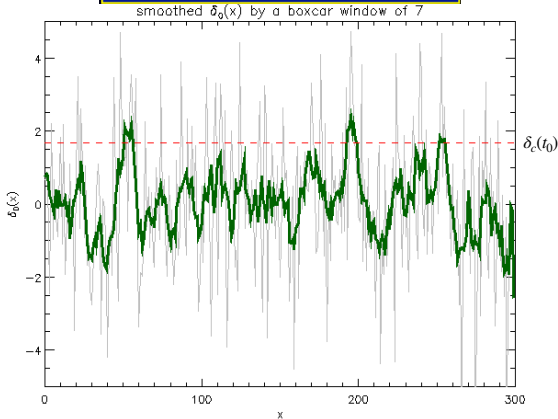
# Linearly Extrapolated Density Perturbation Field

$$\delta(x; t_0) = \delta(x; t_i) a(t_0)/a(t_i) = \delta(x; t_i) (1+z_i)$$



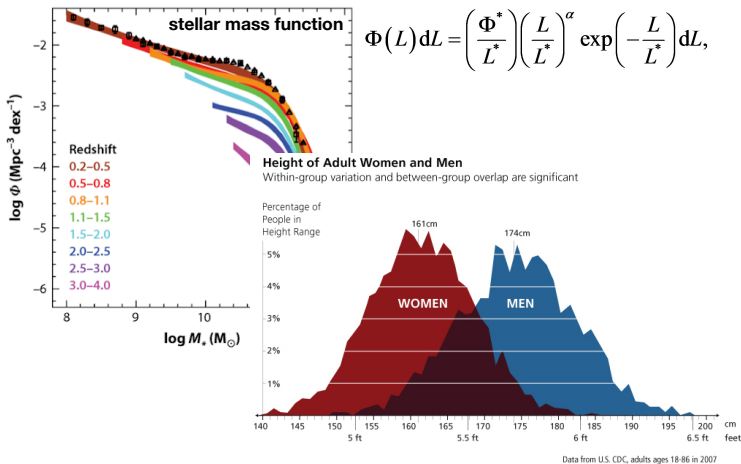
# Density field smoothed on a scale of $R \sim (M/\rho)^{1/3}$

$$\delta(\vec{x}; R) \equiv \int \delta(\vec{x}') W(\vec{x} - \vec{x}'; R) d^3 \vec{x}'$$



# The Basic Idea of the Press-Schechter Formalism (continued)

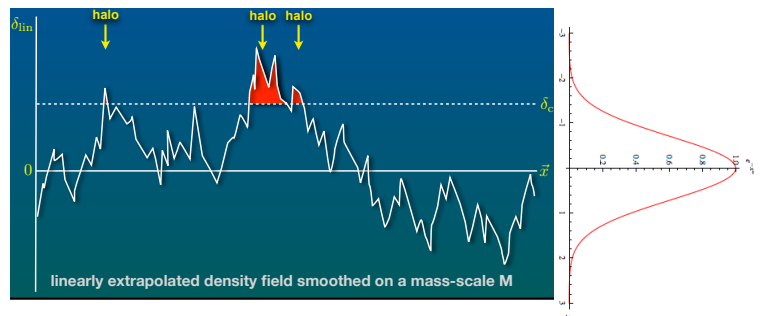
# Observed galaxy stellar mass functions



# The Basic Idea of Press-Schechter Formalism (1974)

Let  $\delta_M$  be the **linear** density field smoothed on a mass scale  $M$ , i.e.,  $\delta_M = \delta(\vec{x}; R)$  where  $M = \gamma_i \bar{\rho} R^3$ , then those locations where  $\delta_M = \delta_c(t)$  are the locations where, at time  $t$ , a halo of mass  $M$  condenses out of the evolving density field...

$$F(>M) = \mathcal{P}[\delta_M > \delta_c(z)]; \text{ where } \delta_c(z) = 1.686(1+z)$$

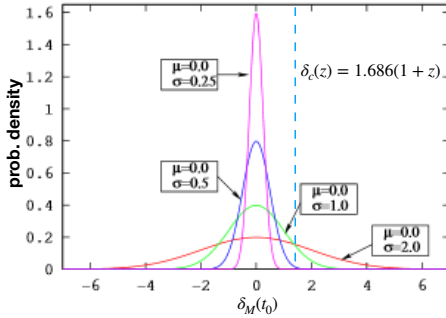


## Calculate the probability above the collapse barrier

For Gaussian random fields, the prob. of finding an overdensity greater than a threshold is:

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_M > \delta_c) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_M} \int_{\delta_c}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{\delta_M^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right] d\delta_M = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left[\frac{\delta_c}{2\sigma_M}\right]$$

which only depends on (1) the threshold  $\delta_c(z)$  and (2) the variance of the smoothed field  $\sigma_M$ ; note that  $\delta_M(x)$  has been integrated out.



Convolution in spatial dimension decreases the width of the Gaussian PDF (prob. density function); i.e., higher mass halos are more unlikely than lower mass halos

## From Probability to Differential Halo Mass Function

The **PS postulate**: the fraction of mass locked up in halos w/ mass  $> M$  is (fudge factor 2 is used to account for mass in underdense regions):

$$F(> M, z) = 2\mathcal{P}[\delta_M > \delta_c(z)]$$

the fraction of mass locked up in halos in the mass range  $[M, M+dM]$  is:

$$\frac{dF(> M)}{dM} dM = 2 \frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dM} dM = 2 \frac{d\mathcal{P}}{d\sigma_M} \frac{d\sigma_M}{dM} dM$$

multiplying the above by the  $\bar{\rho}$  gives the total locked mass per unit volume, which is then divided by  $M$  to give the comoving volume density of halos with masses between  $[M, M+dM]$ , i.e.,  $\phi(M, z)dM$ :

$$\phi dM = \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} \frac{dF(> M, z)}{dM} dM = 2 \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} \frac{d\mathcal{P}}{d\sigma_M} \frac{d\sigma_M}{dM} dM;$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{d\sigma_M} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_M^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right); \text{ also } \frac{d\sigma_M}{dM} = \frac{\sigma_M}{M} \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M}$$

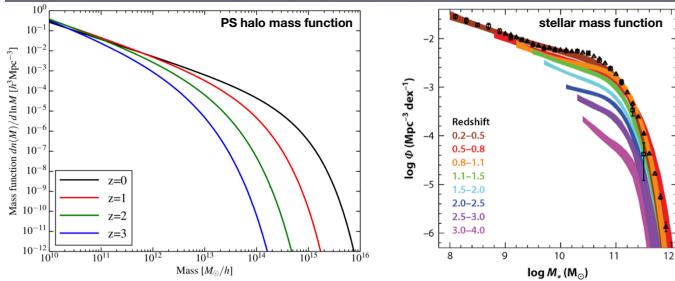
we have the final result:

$$\phi(M, z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M^2} \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma_M} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right) \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right|$$

**Differential Halo Mass Function:**  $\phi(M, z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M^2} \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma_M} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right) \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right|$

If we define a characteristic mass,  $M^*$ , by  $\sigma(M^*) = \delta_c(t)$

- For  $M \ll M^*$  we have that  $n(M, t) \propto M^{\alpha-2}$ , where  $\alpha = d \ln \sigma / d \ln M$ . For a CDM cosmology  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  at low mass end so that  $n(M) \propto M^{-2}$
- For  $M \gg M^*$  the abundance of haloes is exponentially suppressed.
- Since  $\delta_c(t)$  decreases with time, the characteristic halo mass grows as function of time; as time passes more and more massive haloes will start to form...



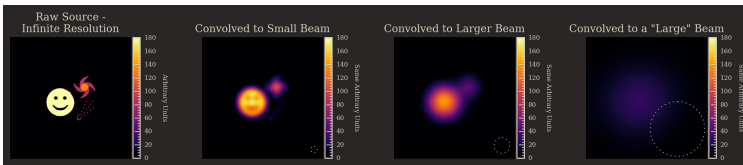
$$\phi(M, z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M^2} \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma_M} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma_M^2}\right) \left| \frac{d \ln \sigma_M}{d \ln M} \right|$$

To make quantitative comparisons one needs to calculate  $\sigma_M$

## Variance of a smoothed density field

**smoothing** is a **convolution** of the density field w/ a window function of width  $R$  ( $M = \gamma \bar{\rho} R^3$ ):

$$\delta_M(x) = \delta(x) * W_M(x) = \int \delta(x') W_M(x' - x) d^3x'$$



the **variance** of the smoothed density field is then:

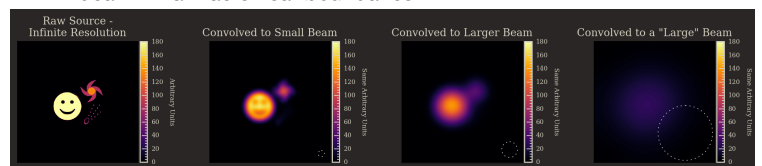
$$\sigma_M^2 = \langle \delta_M^2(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \delta_M^2(x) d^3x = \frac{1}{V} \int |\delta(x) * W_M(x)|^2 d^3x$$

## Variance of a smoothed density field

$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{V} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_M^2(x) d^3x = \frac{1}{V} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\delta(x) * W_M(x)|^2 d^3x$$

There are some major problems going forward:

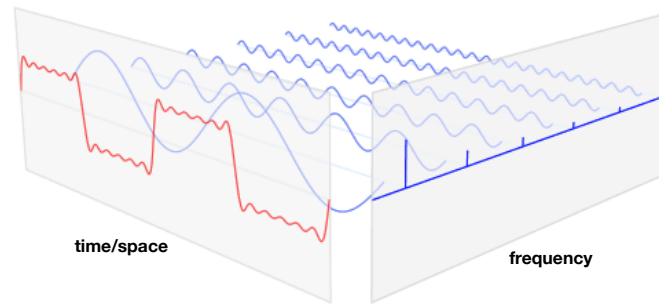
- the density field is a random field, so would require many realizations, and how to realize a random field that matches the initial conditions of the universe?
- what would be the appropriate volume and what scale to use to sample this random field?
- numerical convolution is computationally expensive and how to deal with artifacts near boundaries?



# the calculation of $\sigma_M$

Simplify the calculation by converting to Fourier space

## Consider transforming to Fourier space



Decomposing a *periodic* time/space signal into Fourier series

### The Fourier transform

we'll be interested in signals defined for all  $t$

the **Fourier transform** of a signal  $f$  is the function

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

- $F$  is a function of a *real* variable  $\omega$ ; the function value  $F(\omega)$  is (in general) a complex number

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cos \omega t dt - j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \sin \omega t dt$$

- $|F(\omega)|$  is called the *amplitude spectrum* of  $f$ ;  $\angle F(\omega)$  is the *phase spectrum* of  $f$
- notation:  $F = \mathcal{F}(f)$  means  $F$  is the Fourier transform of  $f$ ; as for

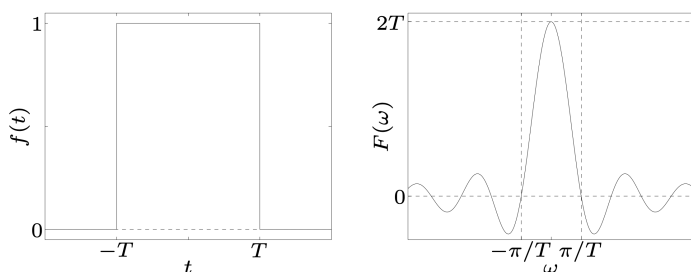
## FT and inverse FT in 1D

	$F(\omega) = \int f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$	angular freq.:
time domain:	$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$	$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t}$
	$F(k) = \int f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$	wave number:
1D space domain:	$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int F(k) e^{ikx} dk$	$k = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta x}$

## Fourier transform of a top-hat filter

rectangular pulse:  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & -T \leq t \leq T \\ 0 & |t| > T \end{cases}$

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-T}^T e^{-j\omega t} dt = \frac{-1}{j\omega} (e^{-j\omega T} - e^{j\omega T}) = \frac{2 \sin \omega T}{\omega}$$



## Fourier Transform Pairs

random density field in real and frequency space:

$$\delta(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{k}} \delta_{\vec{k}} e^{+i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \quad \delta_{\vec{k}} = \frac{1}{V} \int \delta(\vec{x}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} d^3 \vec{x}$$

window function and its F.T.:

Top Hat Filter:  $\gamma_t = 4\pi/3$

$$W(\vec{x}; R) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4\pi R^3} & r \leq R \\ 0 & r > R \end{cases} \quad \widetilde{W}(kR) = \frac{3}{(kR)^3} [\sin(kR) - (kR) \cos(kR)]$$

power spectrum (P) and correlation function ( $\xi$ ):

$$P(k) = V \langle \delta(k') \delta(k' + k) \rangle = \int \xi(x) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} d^3 \vec{x}$$

$$\xi(x) = \langle \delta(x') \delta(x' + x) \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} d^3 \vec{k}$$



# Calculation of $\sigma_M$ in Fourier space

**Convolution theorem:** convolution in real space = multiplication in Fourier space

**Frequency components of periodic density fluctuations:**

Fourier transform of smoothed density field

$$\delta_M(k) = \mathcal{F}\{\delta_M(x)\} = \mathcal{F}\{\delta(x) * W_M(x)\} = \delta(k) \tilde{W}_M(k)$$

**Power spectrum of the smoothed density field:**

Fourier transform of the correlation function of the smoothed density field

$$P_M(k) = \mathcal{F}\{\xi_M(x)\} = P(k) \tilde{W}_M^2(k)$$

# $\sigma_M$ expressed in correlation function & power spectrum

definition of the **variance** of the density field:

$$\sigma^2 = \langle \delta^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \delta^2(\vec{x}) d^3\vec{x}$$

definition of the **two-point correlation function:**

$$\xi(x) = \langle \delta(x') \delta(x' + x) \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \delta(x') \delta(x' + x) d^3x$$

$$\text{therefore, } \sigma^2 = \xi(0)$$

**Correlation Function** is the Fourier transform of the **Power Spectrum** (vice versa)

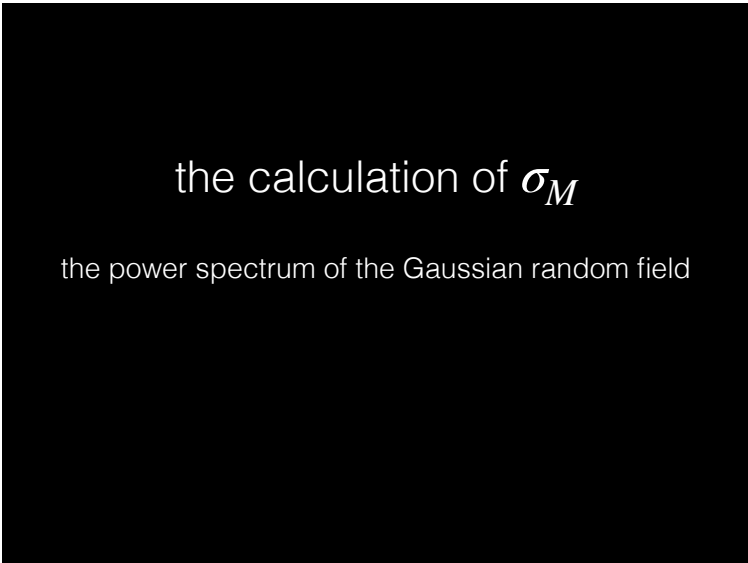
$$\xi(r) = \langle \delta(\vec{x}) \delta(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) e^{+i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d^3\vec{k}$$

evaluating the **correlation function** at 0 using the **power spectrum**

$$\sigma^2 = \xi(0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) d^3\vec{k} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int P(k) k^2 dk$$

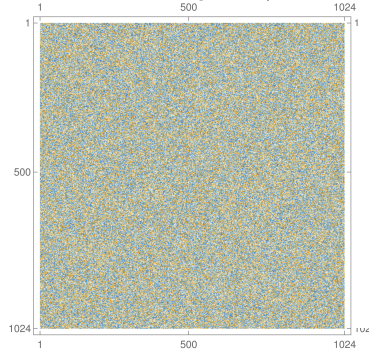
therefore, the variance of the smoothed density field is:

$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty P_M(k) k^2 dk = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty P(k) \tilde{W}_M^2(k) k^2 dk$$

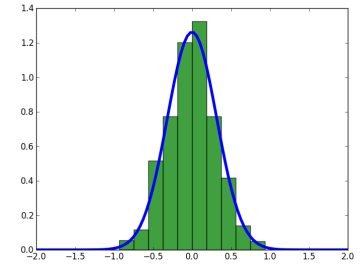


## Gaussian random field: white noise

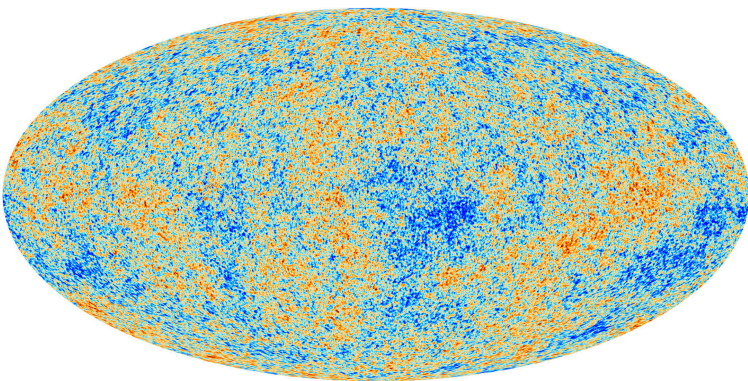
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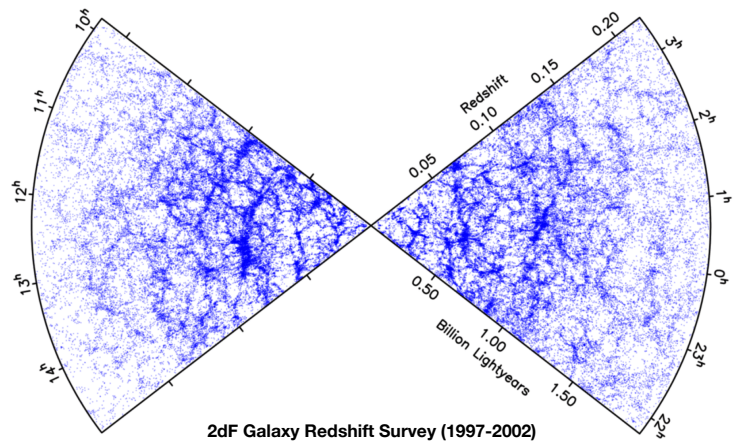
histogram(img, bin=0.2)



## Planck CMB delta T Map is not white noise



## Galaxy distribution also doesn't look like white noise



2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey (1997-2002)

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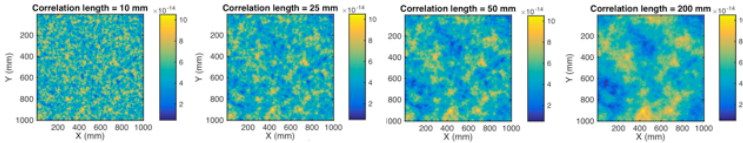
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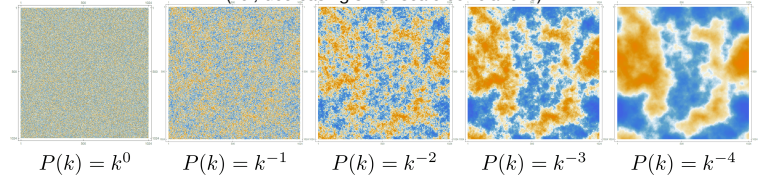
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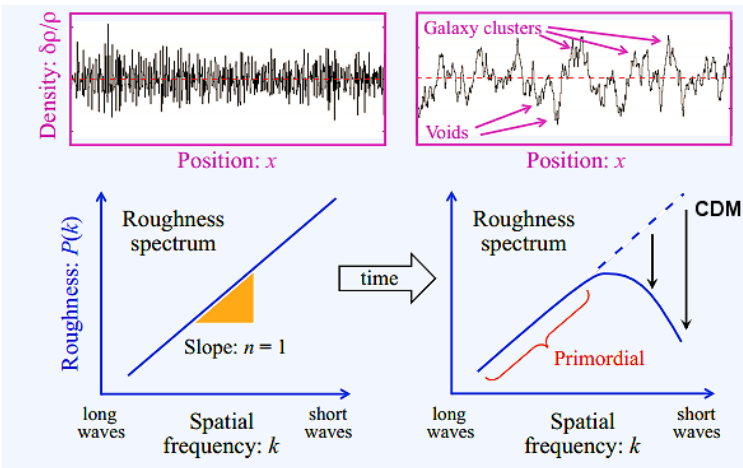
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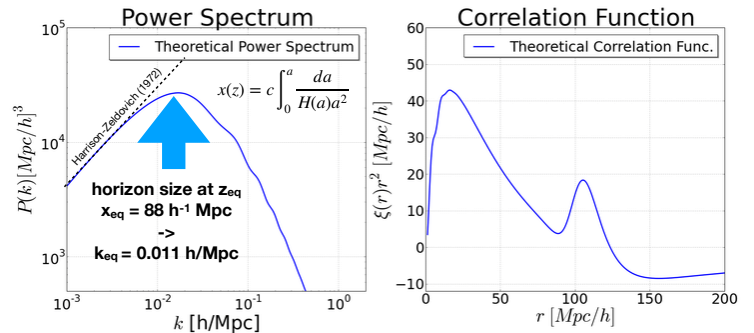
Gaussian random fields w/ ever steeper power spectrum (i.e., decreasing small scale correlations)



Evolution of the power spectrum from the primordial density perturbations (due to inflation) to the present day



Linearly evolved correlation function and power spectrum in the Lambda CDM universe



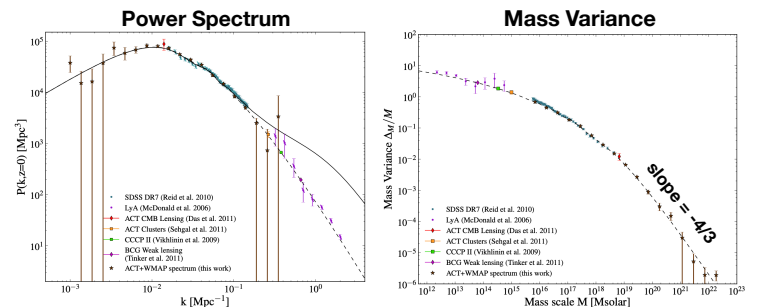
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the calculation of  $\sigma_M$

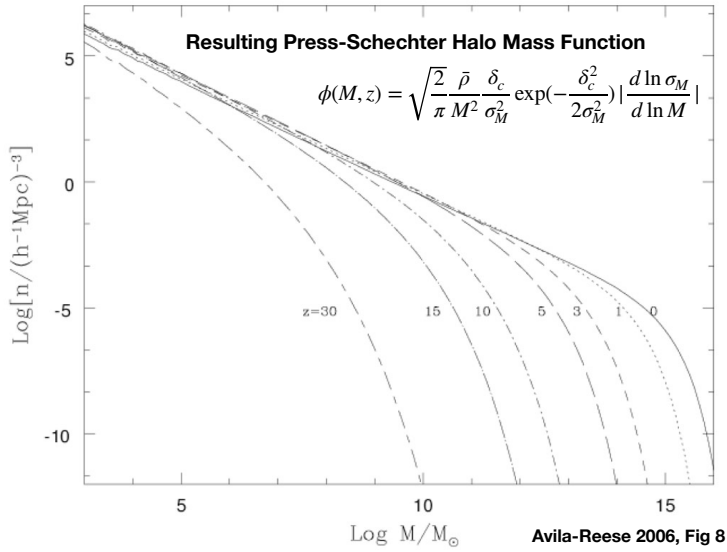
resulting sigma\_M function and halo mass function

Resulting mass variance by integrating power spectrum: a monotonically decreasing function of mass scale

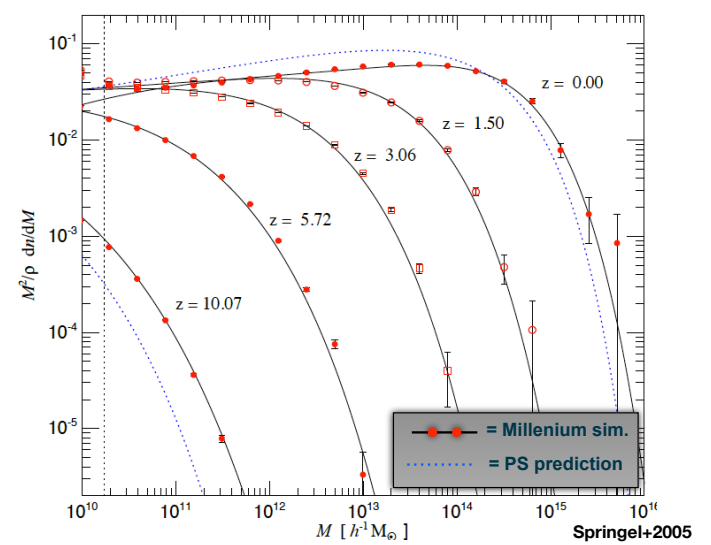
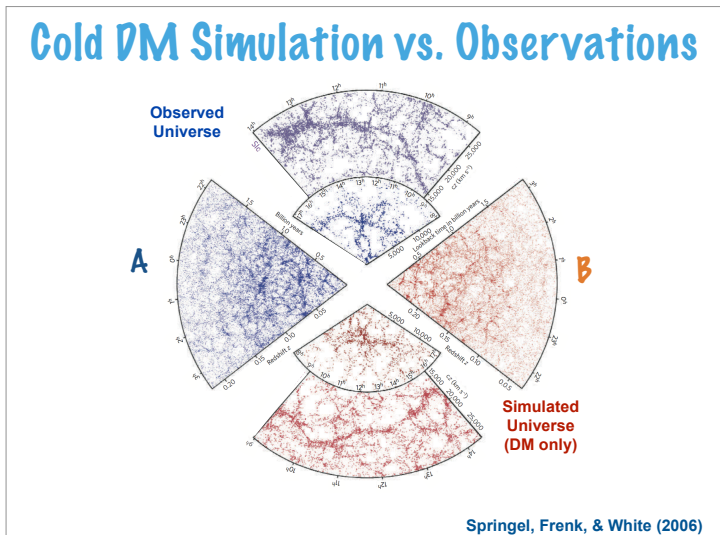
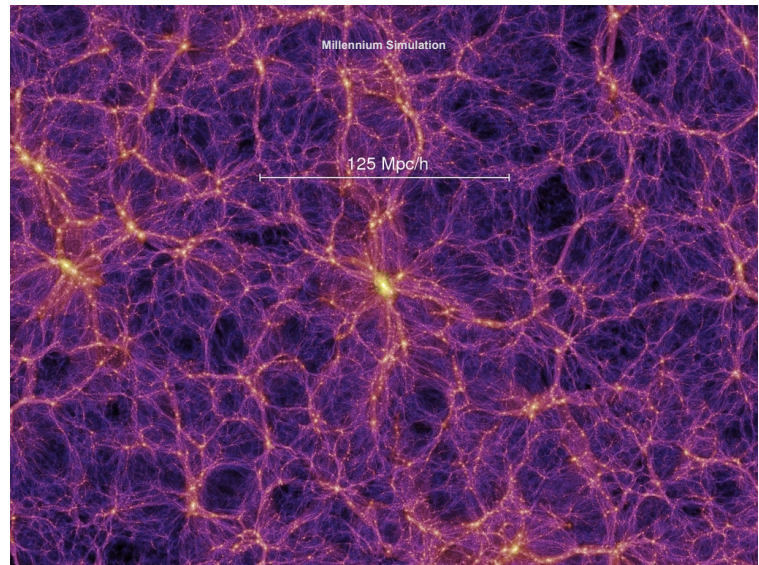
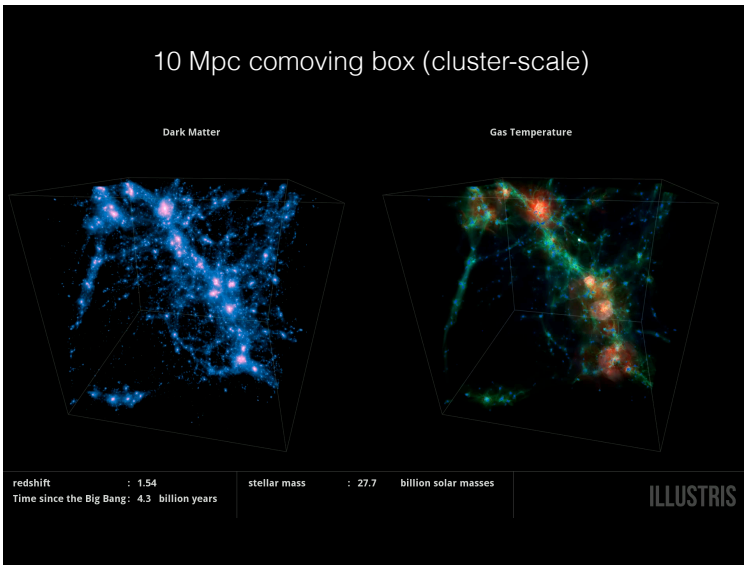
$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty P(k) \tilde{W}_M^2(k) k^2 dk \approx \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi R} P(k) k^2 dk \propto M^{-(3+n_s)/3} \text{ for } P(k) \propto k^{n_s}$$



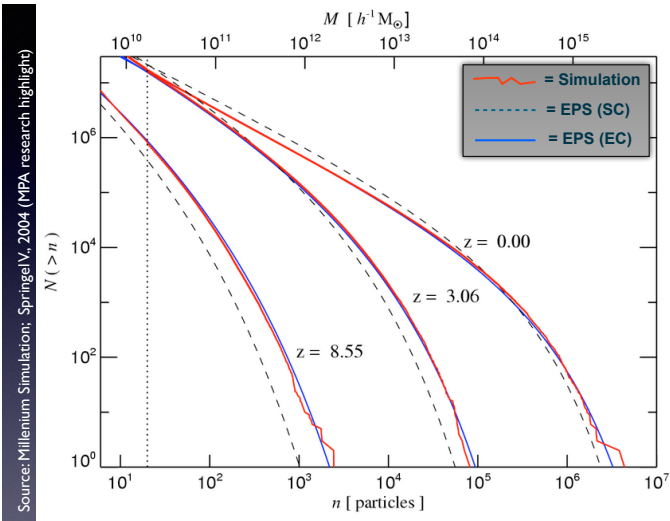
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# Comparison w/ N-body Simulations



Extended Press-Schechter formalism improves the agreement w/ N-body simulations



Comparison w/ Galaxy Stellar Mass Function

Predicted halo mass function vs. Observed galaxy mass function

galaxies turned out to be *biased* tracers of DM halos

