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Outline of the tutorial:

- putting galaxy clusters into historical context
- going beyond clusters: the existence of superclusters
- putting the lectures into context
- answering your questions in the order of the lectures
- visual impressions: from images to astrophysics





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- In 1933, Fritz Zwicky pointed out that the Coma cluster must contain a substantial amount of dark matter to explain the large velocity dispersion of its galaxies





- 1970s: X-ray observations find that galaxy clusters are among the brightest X-ray sources
- improved angular resolution: the entire galaxy cluster glows in X-rays, filling in the volume in between the galaxies

NASA/Chandra

X-rays are generated via

- bremsstrahlung emission of hot thermal electrons, and
- line emission from recombination of atoms.





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- late 1990s: interferometric CMB observations detected the SZ effect
- CMB surveys used to find clusters because the SZ effect is independent of redshift





The Laniakea Supercluster (Colvin 2018)

The Laniakea Supercluster – 1



- A slice of the Laniakea Supercluster in the supergalactic equatorial plane with individual galaxies (white dots).
- Colours represent density values within the equatorial slice: red at high densities and blue in voids.
- Velocity flow streams within the Laniakea basin of attraction are shown in white. The orange contour encloses the outer limits of these streams.



The Laniakea Supercluster – 2



Hoffman+ (2018)

- "Quasi-linear" map of the local universe, with the Earth at the centre of the three arrows.
- The main superclusters are shown deep inside dense (red) regions.



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- Overview and background:
 - What is a galaxy cluster? Insights from observations at various wavelengths
 - Why are clusters interesting? Tools for cosmology and laboratories for high-energy and plasma astrophysics

• Evolution of the dark component

- When do clusters form? \Rightarrow statistics and power spectra
- Where do cluster form? \Rightarrow non-linear evolution
- How do clusters form? ⇒ spherical collapse model
- How many clusters are there? \Rightarrow Press-Schechter mass function
- What is the structure of a cluster? \Rightarrow halo density profiles, virial masses

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• Evolution of the baryonic component

- Non-radiative physics
 - Adiabatic Processes and Entropy
 - Basic Conservation Equations
 - Buoyancy Instabilities
 - Vorticity and Turbulence
 - Shocks and jump conditions
 - Entropy generation by accretion and hierarchical merging
 - Scaling relations (ideal and real)
- Radiative physics
 - Radiative cooling and star formation
 - Energy feedback (supernovae, active galactic nuclei)
 - Transport processes of gas: conduction, thermal stability (without and with magnetic fields)
- Non-thermal processes
 - Origin and transport of magnetic fields, magneto-hydrodynamic turbulence
 - Acceleration of cosmic rays (to first and second order), transport equation



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 - Transforming galaxy populations: ram pressure, tidal effects, dynamical friction
 - Weighting clusters (1): virial theorem
- Gravitational lensing
 - Deflection angle, lens equation, Einstein radius, lensing potential
 - Weighting clusters (2): strong and weak cluster lensing
- X-rays: gastrophysics at high-resolution
 - Weighting clusters (3): hydrostatic equilibrium masses
 - Kinematics of shocks and cold fronts
 - Probing kinetic equilibrium with collisionless shocks
 - Width of cold fronts magnetic draping
- Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect: the thermal energy content
 - Thermal and kinetic SZ effect
 - Properties and SZ scaling relation, SZ power spectrum
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Cluster mergers: the most energetic cosmic events



1E 0657-56 ("Bullet cluster")

(X-ray: NASA/CXC/CfA/M.Markevitch et al.; Optical: NASA/STScl; Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe et al.; Lensing: NASA/STScl; ESO WFI; Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe et al.)



Abell 3667

(radio: Johnston-Hollitt. X-ray: ROSAT/PSPC.)



The structure of our Universe



The "cosmic web" today. *Left:* the projected gas density in a cosmological simulation. *Right:* gravitationally heated intergalactic medium (C.P. et al. 2006).



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Cosmological cluster simulation: gas density



Mass weighted temperature



Shock strengths weighted by dissipated energy



Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect: integrated thermal pressure



Thermal X-ray emission: gas density squared



Zooming on the cluster: thermal cluster gas



Zooming on the cluster: optical vs. radio synchrotron





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⇒ because the SZ effect describes photon-electron scattering and the universe is becoming neutral at around *z* ~ 1100 and get reionized at *z* ~ 9: so there are no free electrons around at these high redshifts



The matter power spectrum



- non-linear structure formation causes more strongly enhanced density fluctuations on small scales
- development of a bump at large wave vectors (small spatial scales) in the non-linear matter power spectrum at the expense of intermediate scales



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$$\frac{\delta M}{M} \propto \frac{\delta k}{k} \propto k^{3\alpha}.$$

Hence, the potential fluctuations $\delta \Phi$ also diverge on small scales

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The mean density inside the sphere is

$$\rho = \frac{M}{4\pi/3 R^3} = \frac{3M}{4\pi A^3} \frac{1}{(1 - \cos \theta)^3}$$

while the mean density of the background universe with $\Omega_{m0}=1$ is

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} = \frac{1}{6\pi Gt^2} = \frac{1}{6\pi GB^2} \frac{1}{(\theta - \sin \theta)^2}$$

with H = 2/(3t). The overdensity of the sphere (which is generally non-linear) can be obtained by combining these equations to yield

$$1 + \delta = \frac{\rho}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{9}{2} \frac{(\theta - \sin \theta)^2}{(1 - \cos \theta)^3} . \tag{1} \frac{1}{\text{AIP}}$$

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- The virialized density contrast δ_v looks at an actually collapsed and virialized halo for which we found $R_f = R_{ta}/2$. Hence, it is used to identify halos (in simulations, observations) via the definition of the halo mass

$$M_{\Delta,\mathrm{m}}\left(rac{4\pi}{3}r_{\Delta}^{3}
ight)^{-1}=\Deltaar{
ho}_{\mathrm{m}}(a).$$

where $\Delta=$ 177, 200, or 500, depending on the specific application.

• Sometimes, $\bar{\rho}_{m}(a)$ is exchanged for $\rho_{cr}(a)$

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 This particular integral is named complementary error function because it also appears in cases where measurement values are Gaussian distributed.



Press-Schechter mass function



• For a power-law power spectrum with index n, $P_{\delta}(k) = Ak^n$, the Press-Schechter mass function is given by $(m = M/M_*)$

$$f(m,a)dm \equiv \frac{dN(m,a)}{dm}dm \propto m^{\alpha-2} \exp\left(-m^{2\alpha}\right)dm,$$

where we defined $\alpha = 1/2 + n/6$ so that $\alpha = 0$ for n = -3.

• At small halo masses there is roughly an equal mass per log bin in halo mass,

$$m dN/d \log m = m^2 dN/dm \approx \text{const.}$$

At z = 0, M_{*} = 1.3 × 10¹⁴M_☉: the abundance of clusters is exponentially suppressed today and even more at early times (hierarchical structure formation!)



Halo formation as a random walk – 1 Progressive smoothing of the density field



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- If $\bar{\delta}(\mathbf{x}) < \delta_c$ for some radius, it may well exceed δ_c for a smaller radius. Or, if $\bar{\delta}(\mathbf{x}) \ge \delta_c$ for some radius, it may well drop below δ_c for a smaller radius.





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- Hence, the first derivation missed the dark grey halo population below the barrier that have pierced the barrier at some smoothing radius R.



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The halo mass is ∆ times the critical (mean) density times the halo volume,

$$M_{\Delta} = \Delta \rho_{\rm cr}(a) \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}r_{\Delta}^3\right)$$
 and $M_{\Delta,\rm m} = \Delta \bar{\rho}_{\rm m}(a) \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}r_{\Delta,\rm m}^3\right)$

where $\bar{\rho}_{m}(a) = \rho_{cr}(a)\Omega_{m}(a)$.



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● The halo mass is △ times the critical (mean) density times the halo volume,

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 and $M_{\Delta,m} = \Delta \bar{\rho}_{\rm m}(a) \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} r_{\Delta,m}^3\right)$

where $\bar{\rho}_{m}(a) = \rho_{cr}(a)\Omega_{m}(a)$.

• If we order the averaged density inside r_{Δ} ($r_{\Delta,m}$) by increasing size:

$$200
ho_{cr}\Omega_m < 200
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then the corresponding virial radii and masses are ordered inversely because of the decreasing density profile:



 $M_{500} < M_{200} < M_{200m}$.

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The same idea applies to function space. The Fourier theorem states that you can decompose any smooth function f(x) into plane waves

$$f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \hat{f}(\boldsymbol{k}) \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{x}}$$

because these plane waves form an orthonormal system as you can see from taking the inner product of plane waves (defined via an integration over *k* space):

$$\delta_{\mathsf{D}}(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y}) = \int \frac{\mathsf{d}^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\boldsymbol{k}\cdot(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y})}.$$

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Starting point: Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions in the shock frame

$$\begin{aligned} & [\rho \mathbf{v}] &= 0, \\ & \left[\rho \mathbf{v}^2 + P\right] &= 0, \\ & \left[E + \frac{P}{\rho}\right] &= 0 \quad \text{where} \quad E_i = \frac{1}{2}v_i^2 + \epsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

denotes the specific total energy of region *i* (up-/downstream) in the shock frame and v_i is the velocity measured in the shock frame.

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• Constancy of energy flux implies (using $v_i = u_i - v_s$ and $E_i = v_i^2/2 + \epsilon_i$)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [v(\rho E + P)] = \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho \epsilon + P \right) v \right] \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \rho \epsilon - \rho u v_{s} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_{s}^2 + P \right) (u - v_{s}) \right] \\ &= \left[\rho \tilde{E} u - \rho u^2 v_{s} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_{s}^2 u + P u - \left(\rho \tilde{E} v_{s} - \rho u v_{s}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_{s}^2 v_{s} + P v_{s} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[\rho \tilde{E} u - \rho u^2 v_{s} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_{s}^2 u + P u - \left(\rho \tilde{E} v_{s} - \rho u v_{s}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_{s}^2 v_{s} + P v_{s} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[(\rho \tilde{E} + P) u \right] - v_{s} [\rho \tilde{E}] - v_{s} \left(\left[\rho u^2 + P \right] - v_{s} [\rho u] \right) + \frac{1}{2} v_{s}^2 \left([\rho u] - v_{s} [\rho] \right) \\ &= \left[(\rho \tilde{E} + P) u \right] - v_{s} [\rho \tilde{E}] \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{E}_i = u_i^2/2 + \epsilon_i$ and we used Eqs. (5) and (6) in the last step.





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"Smiley" image: Einstein ring in cluster SDSS 1038





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ICM turbulence in Perseus and Virgo (X-rays)



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