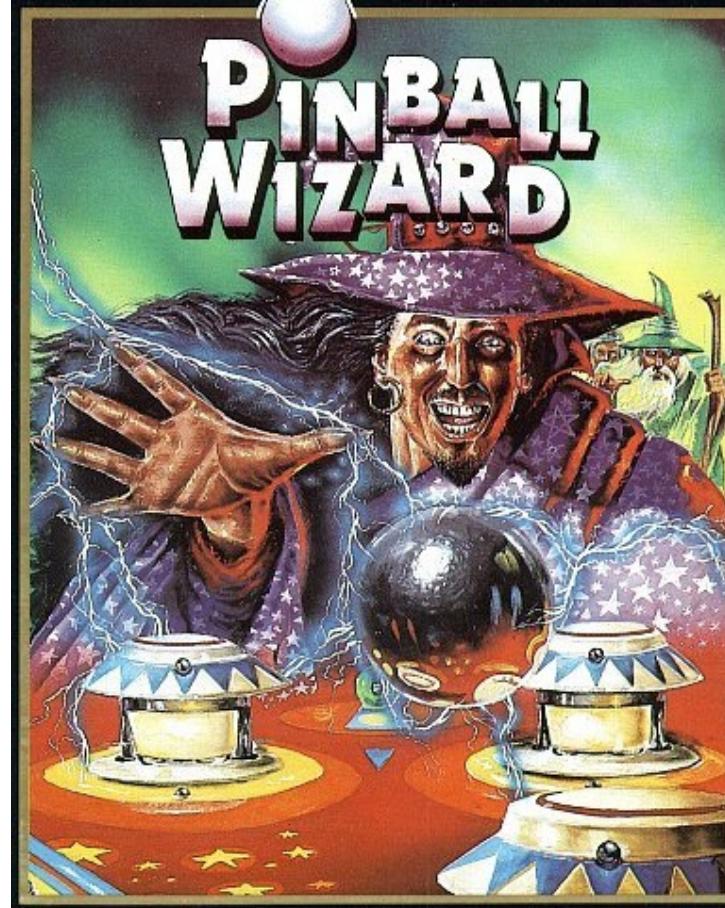


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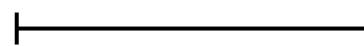
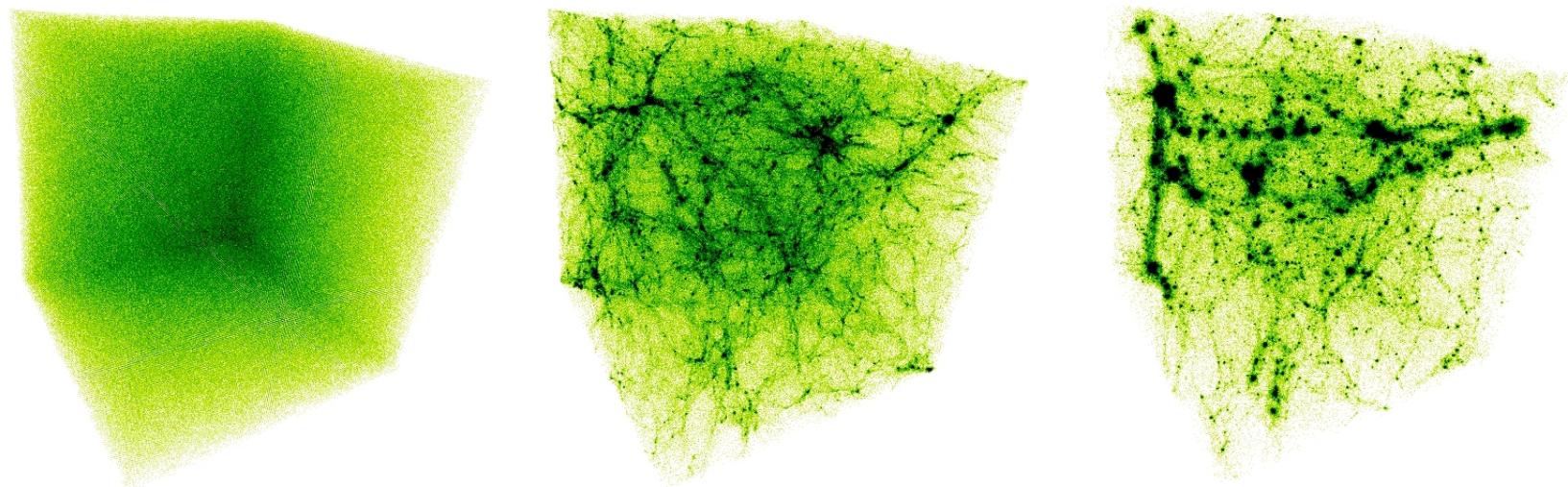
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**time integration lecture**

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**hyperbolic partial differential equations:**  
**solutions are wave-like, i.e. perturbations need time to travel...**

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**physics lecture...**

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now!

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**elliptical partial differential equation:  
solution obtainable via FFT (for constant coefficients)**

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## ■ Poisson's equation

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■ general 2<sup>nd</sup> order partial differential equation:

$$A \Phi_{xx} + 2B \Phi_{xy} + C \Phi_{yy} + D \Phi_x + E \Phi_y + F = 0$$

- $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$  is positive definite                          => elliptical equation

- if the coefficients  $A,B,C$  are constant => solutions via Fourier transforms

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**...but where is this formula actually coming from?**

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$$\Delta G = \delta \quad \rightarrow \text{equation way easier to solve...}$$

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A diagram consisting of a large black question mark. Two arrows originate from the question mark and point towards the equations  $\Delta\Phi = S$  and  $\Delta G = \delta$ .

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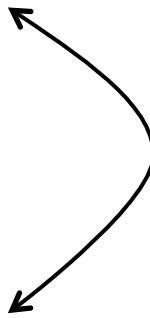
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 &\quad \xrightarrow{\iiint d^3x}
 \end{aligned}$$

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=>

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$$\Delta\Phi = 4\pi G\rho \longrightarrow \rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)$$

**particle approach**

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**remember:**

we are already using particles to sample phase-space!

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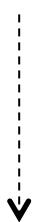
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 &= - \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \iiint \frac{G}{|(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_i) - (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)|} \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_i) d^3 r' \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{F}_i(\vec{r}_i) &= -m_i \vec{\nabla} \Phi(\vec{r}_i) \\
 &= -m_i \vec{\nabla} \left( - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{G m_j}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|} \right) \\
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Note:  $|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j| \rightarrow (r_i - r_j)$

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### overcoming the “ $N^2$ ” issue?!

✓ advantage: easy to code

✗ drawback: extremely time consuming ( $N^2$  operations)

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organizing particles into a “tree structure” will give  $N \log(N)$  operations

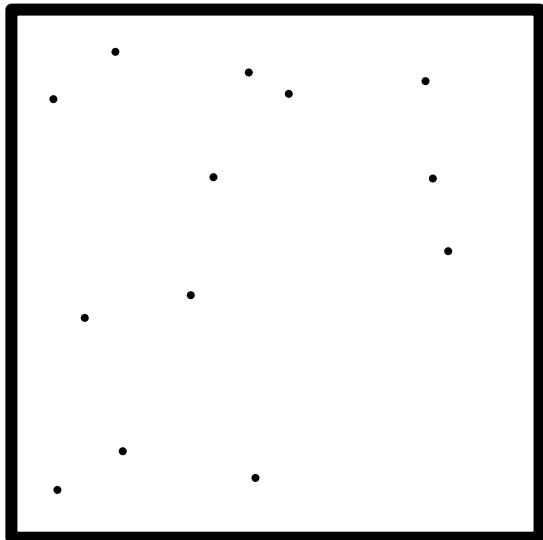
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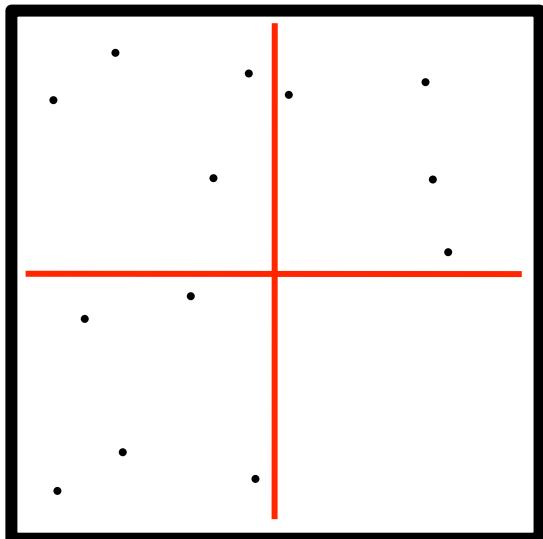
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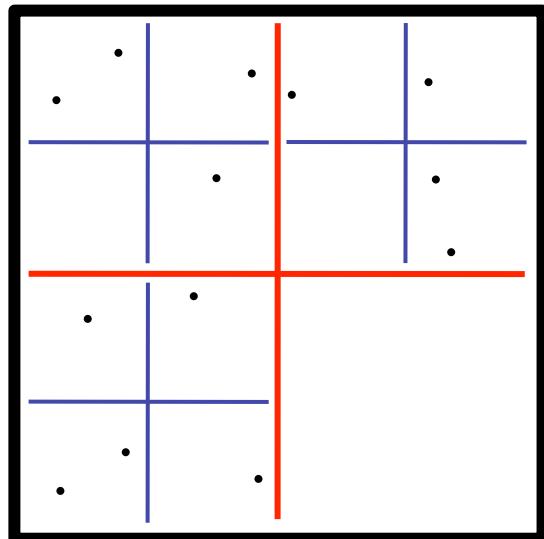
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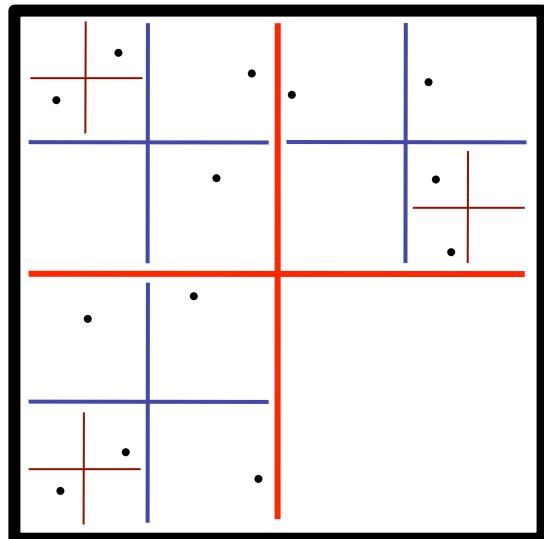
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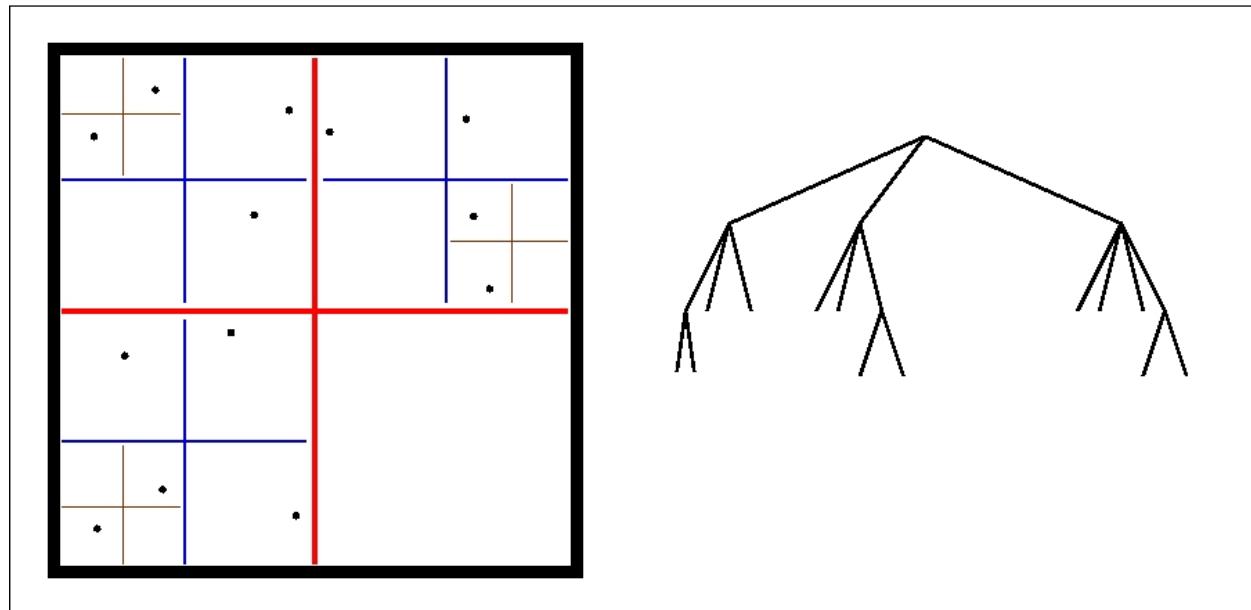
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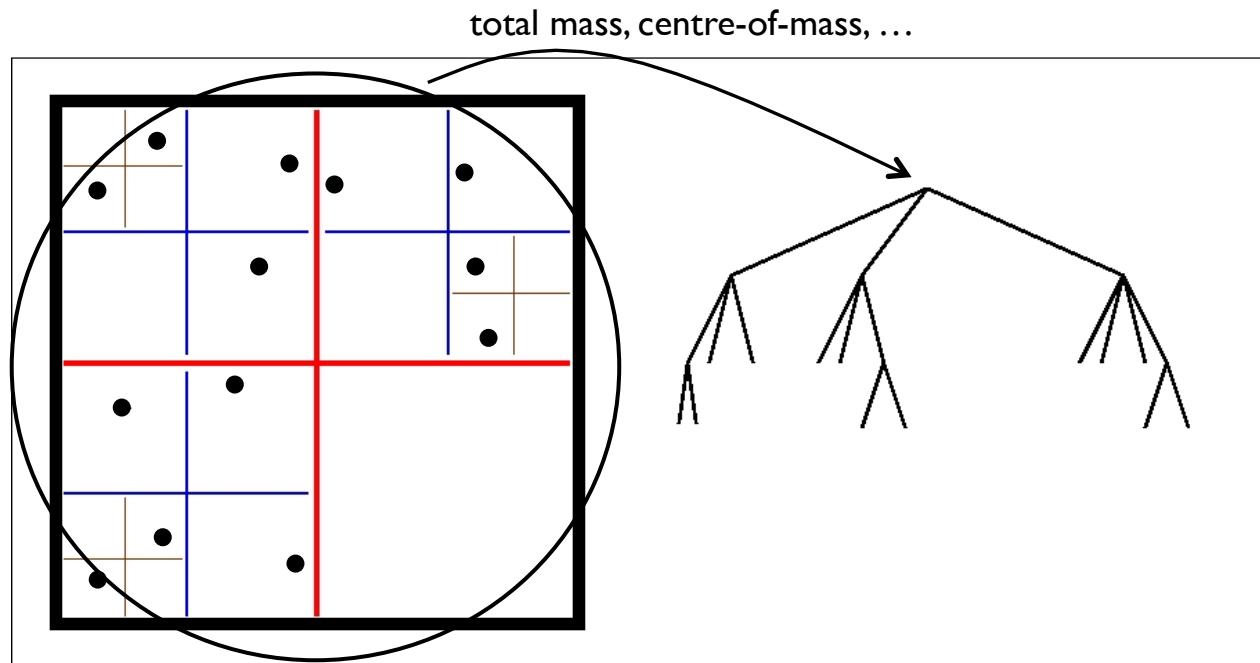
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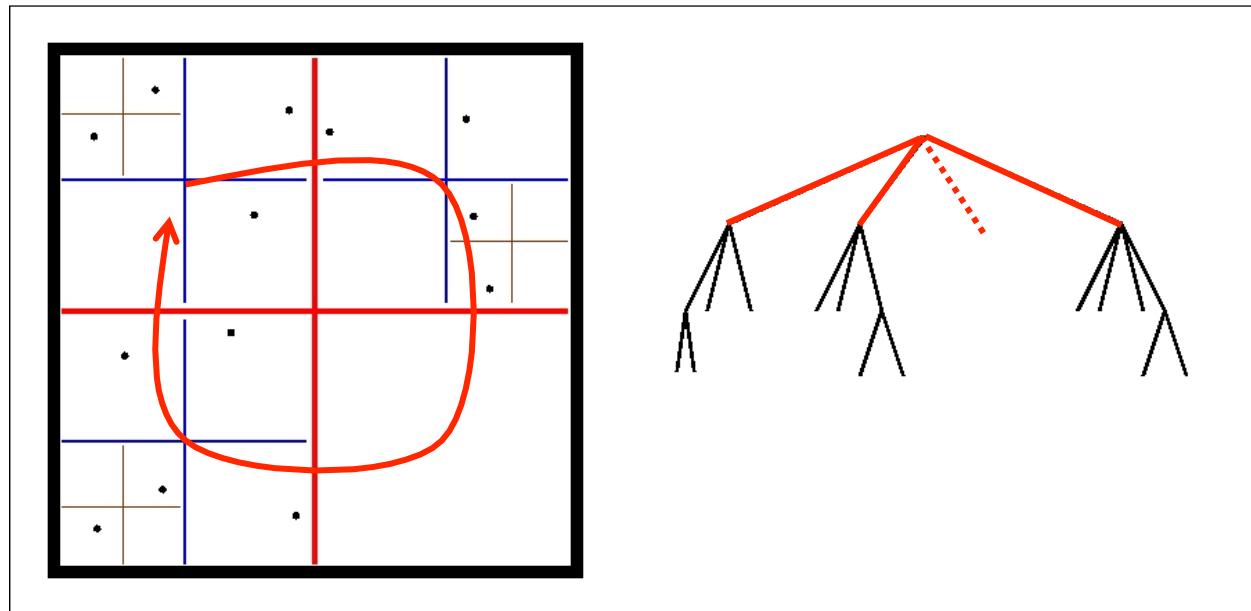
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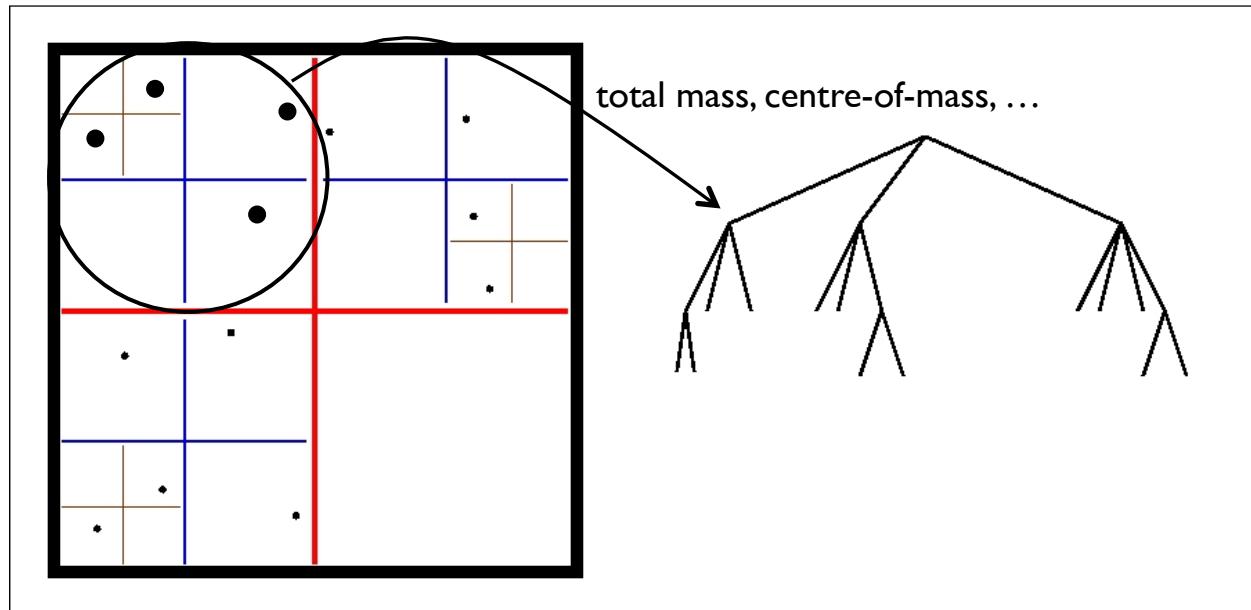
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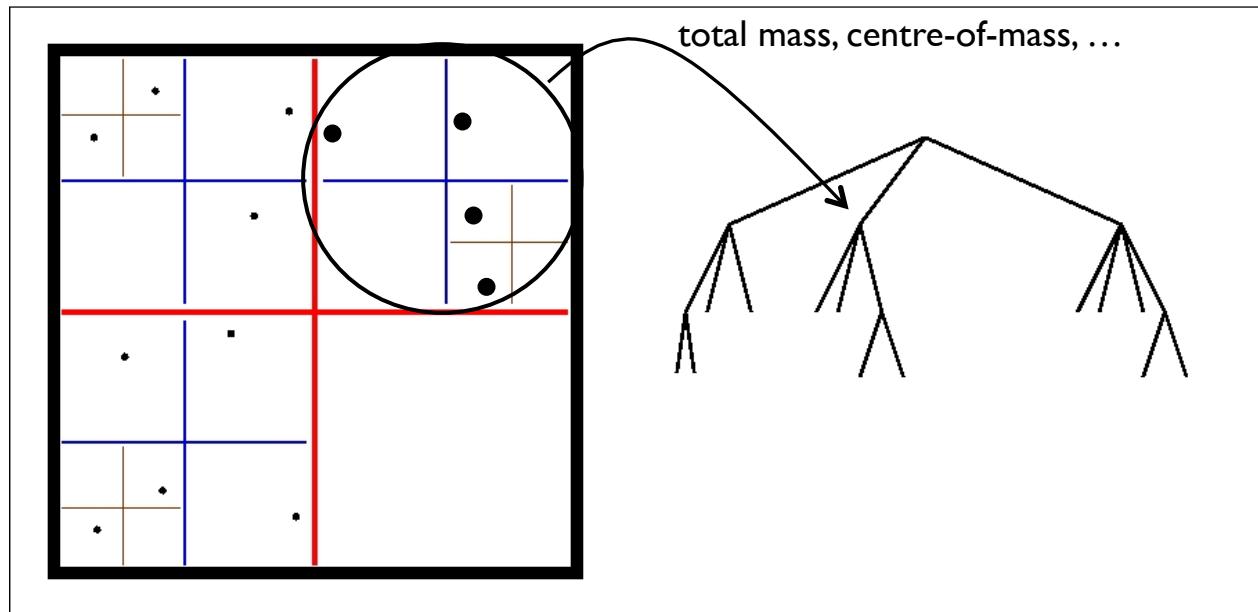
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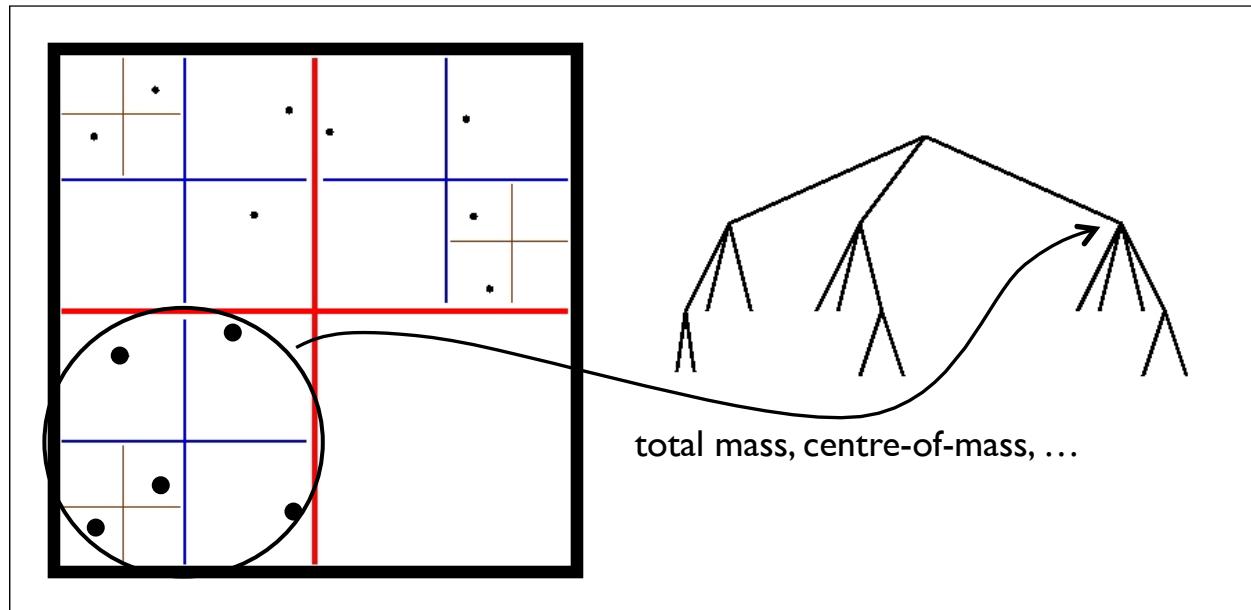
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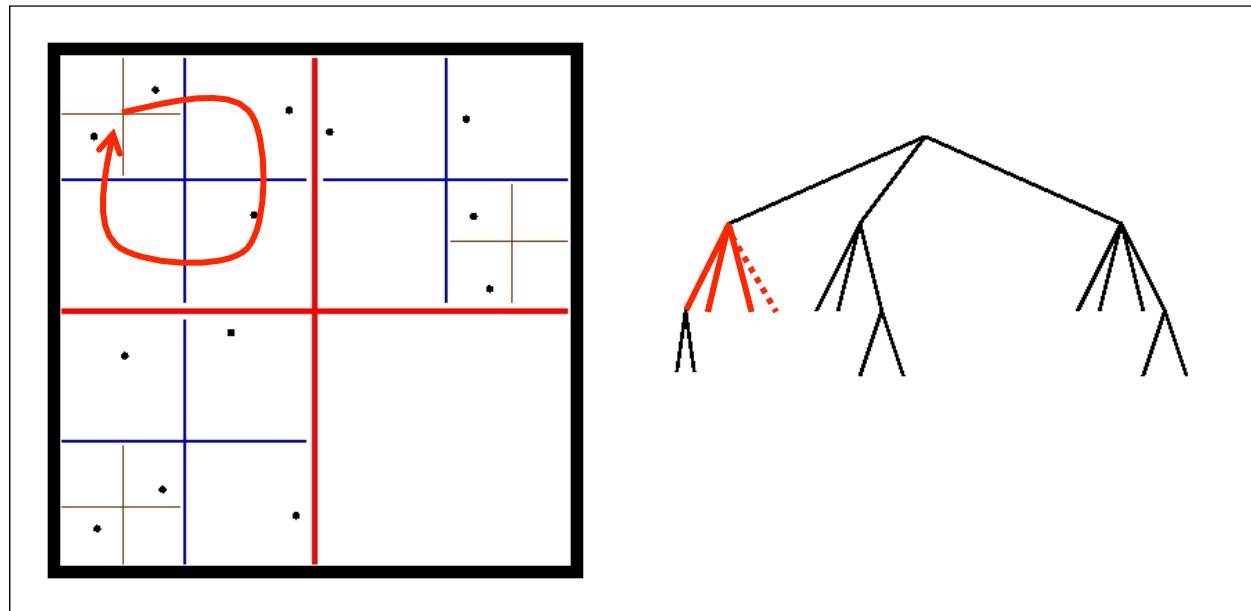
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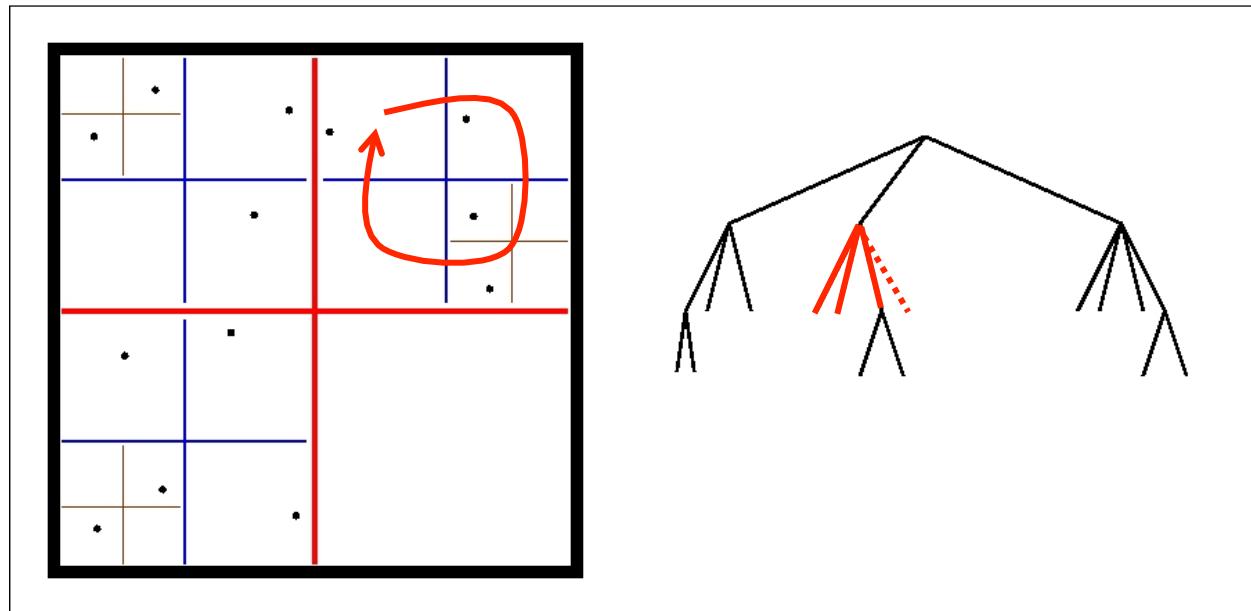
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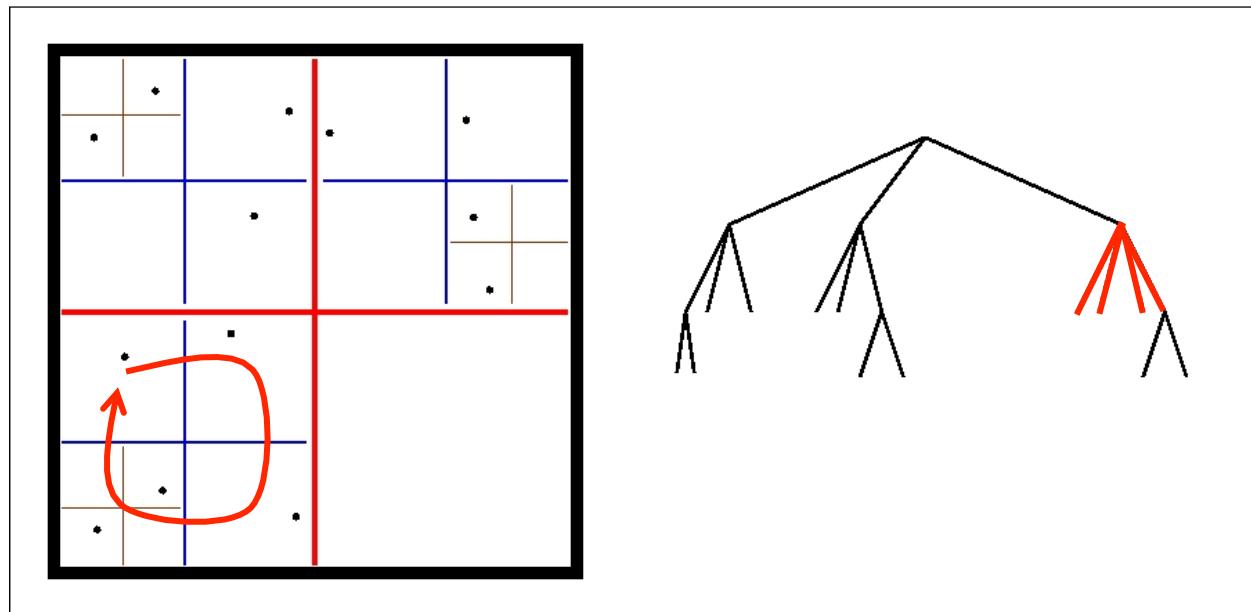
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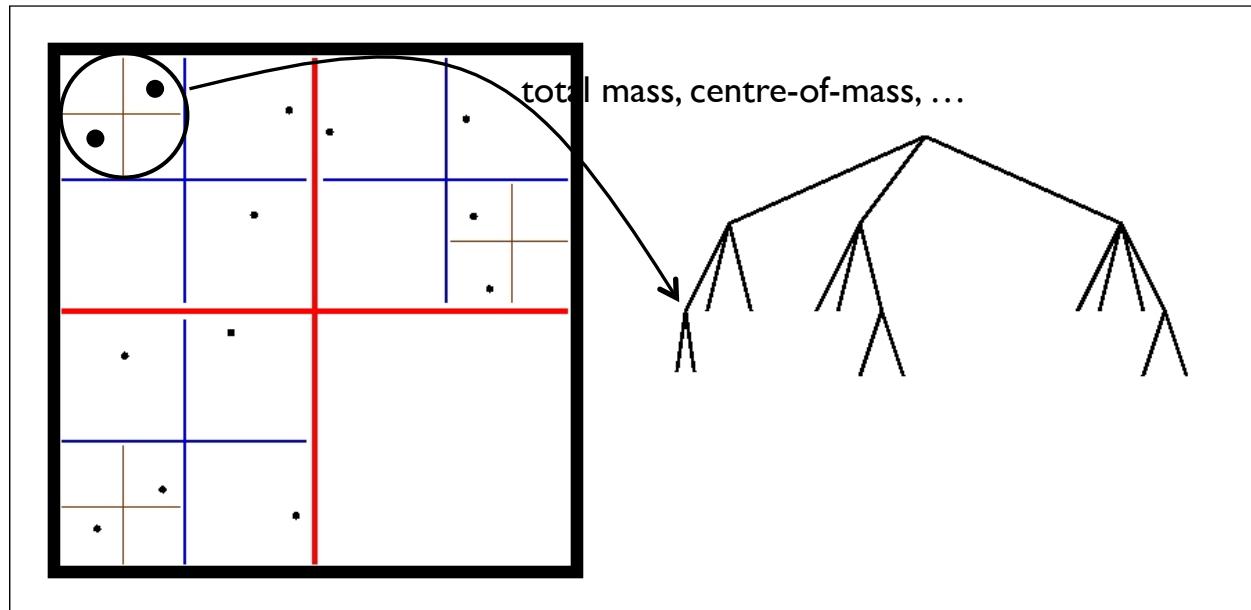
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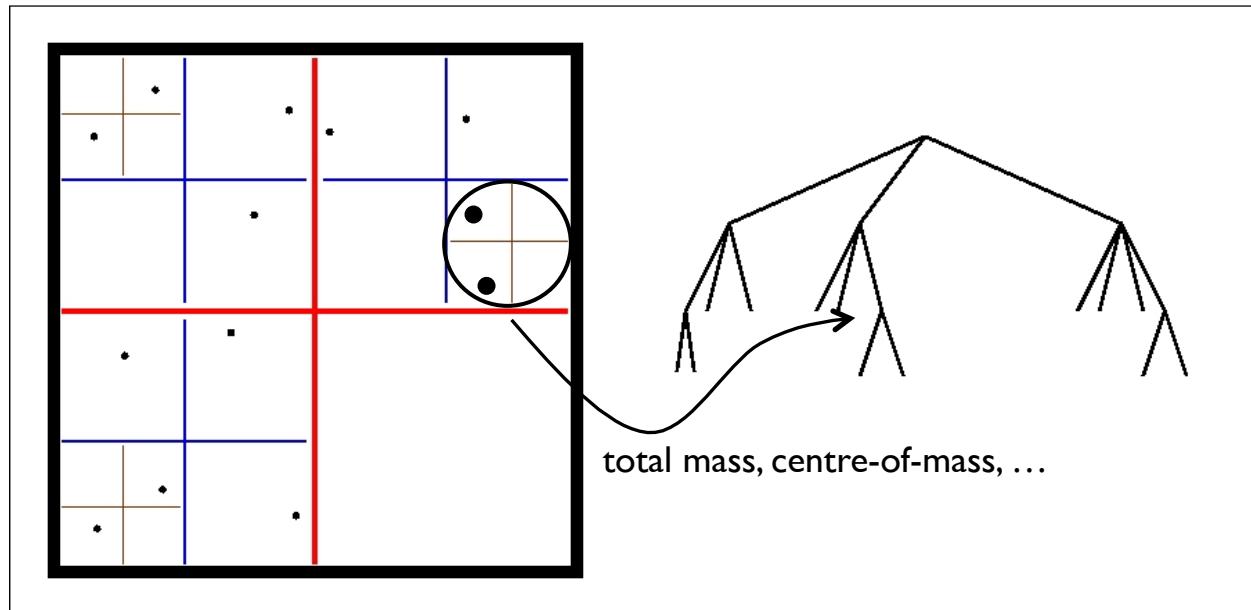
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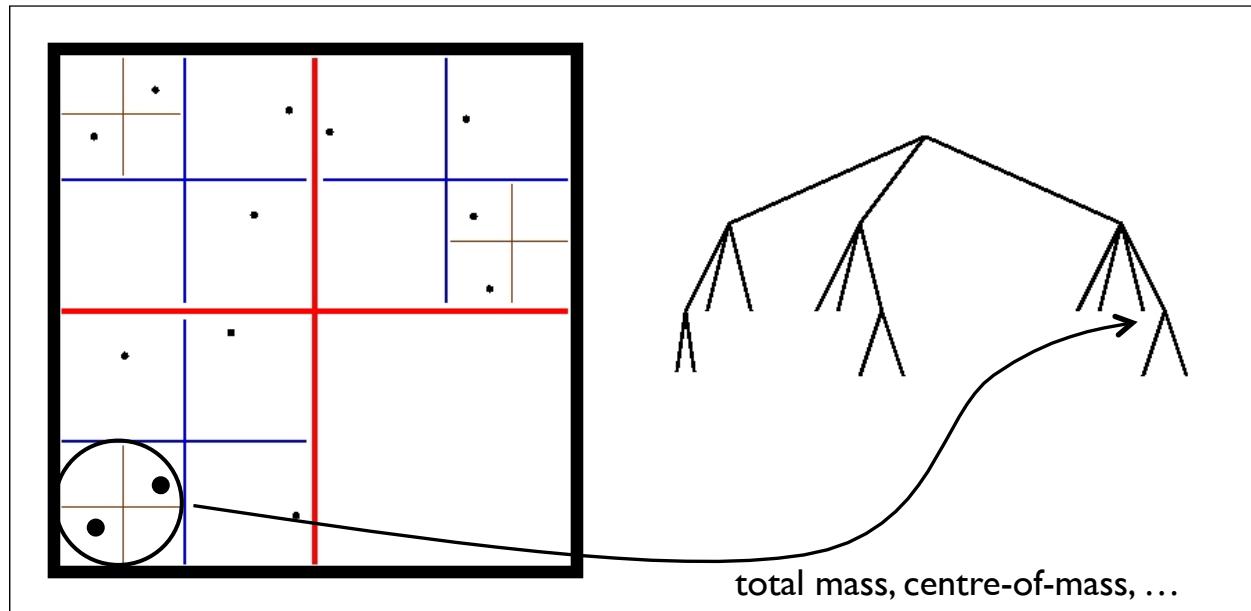
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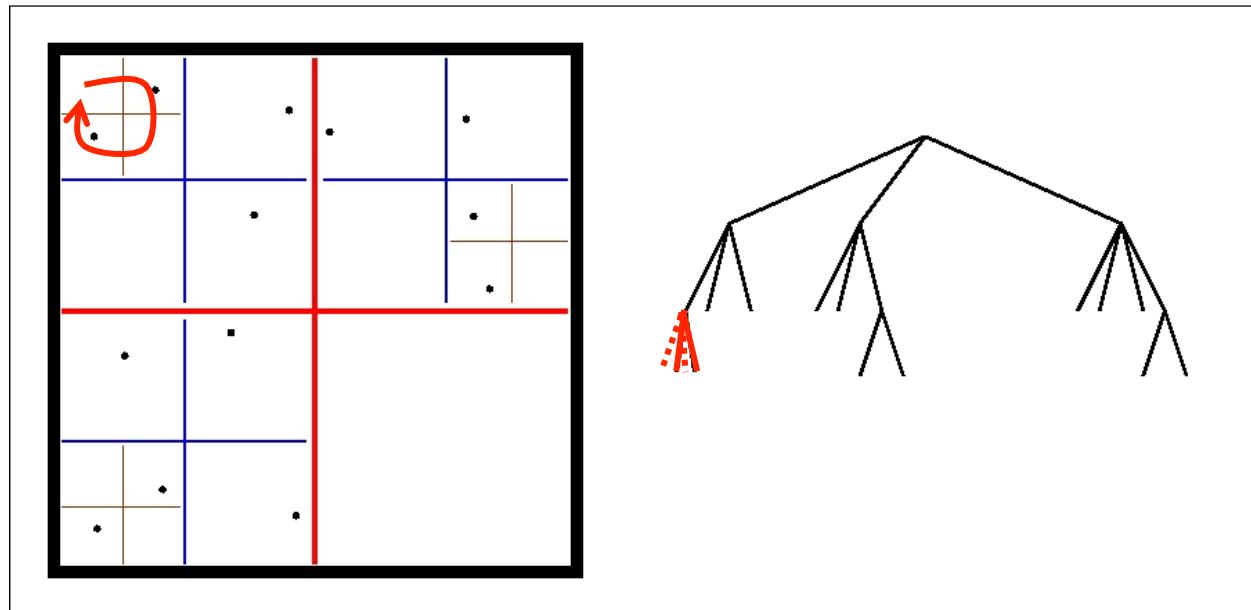
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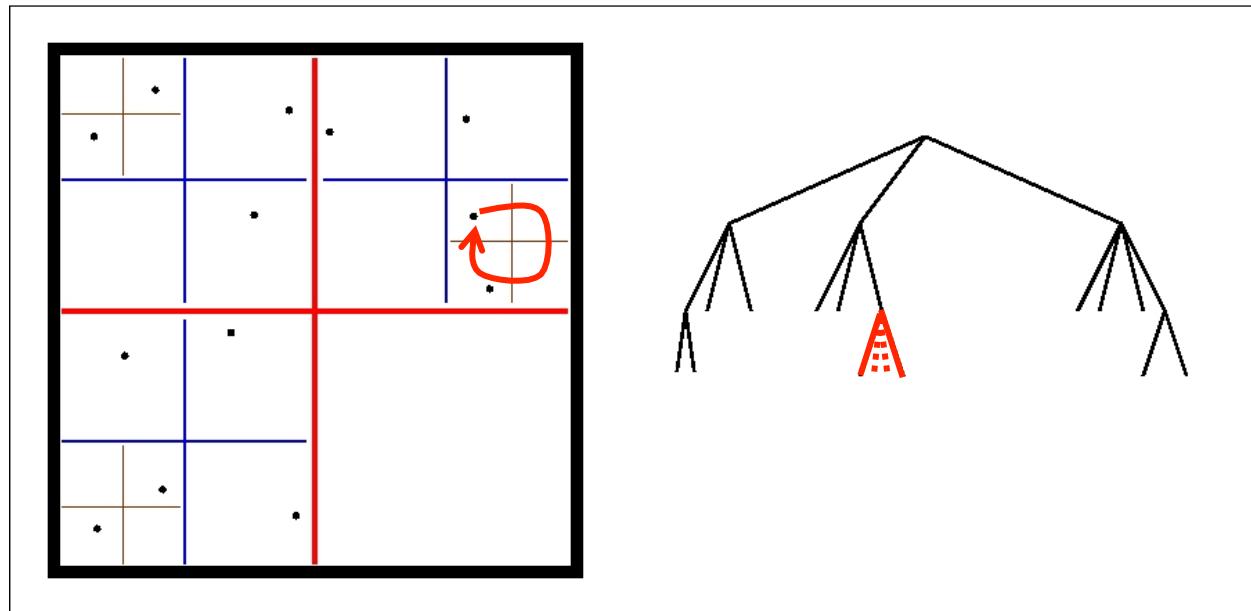
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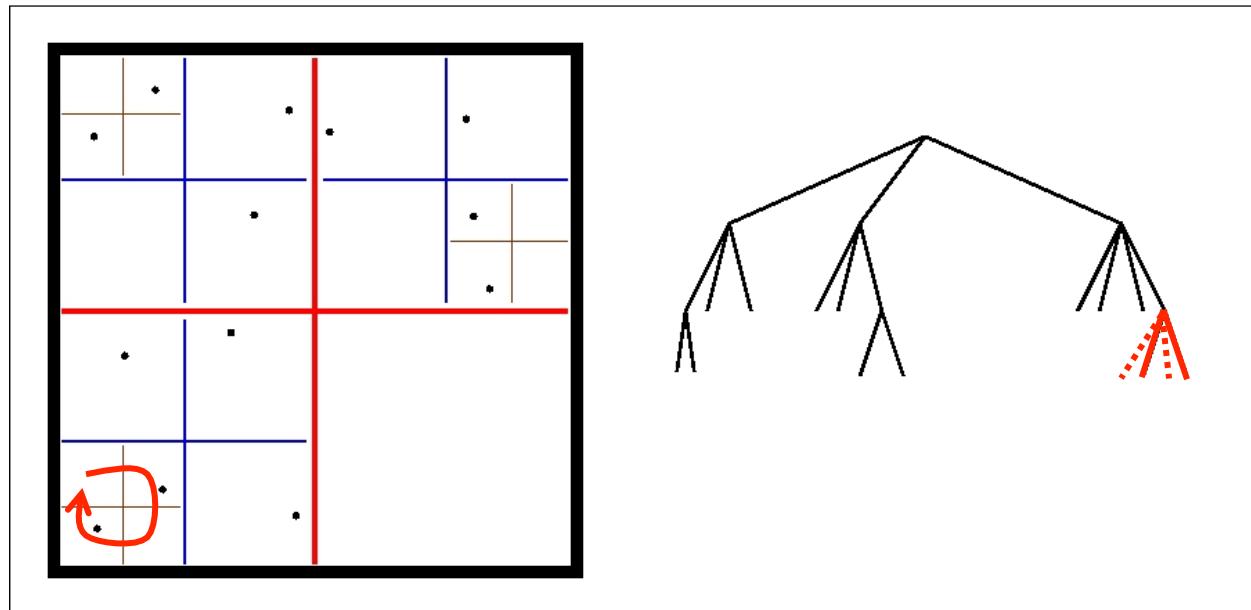
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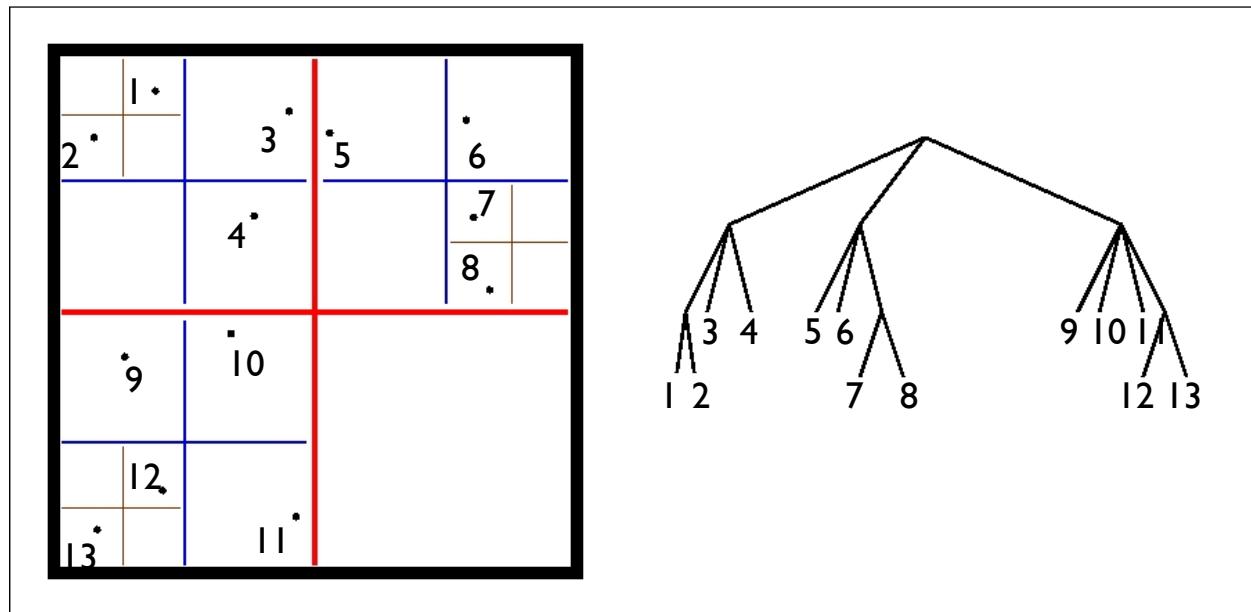
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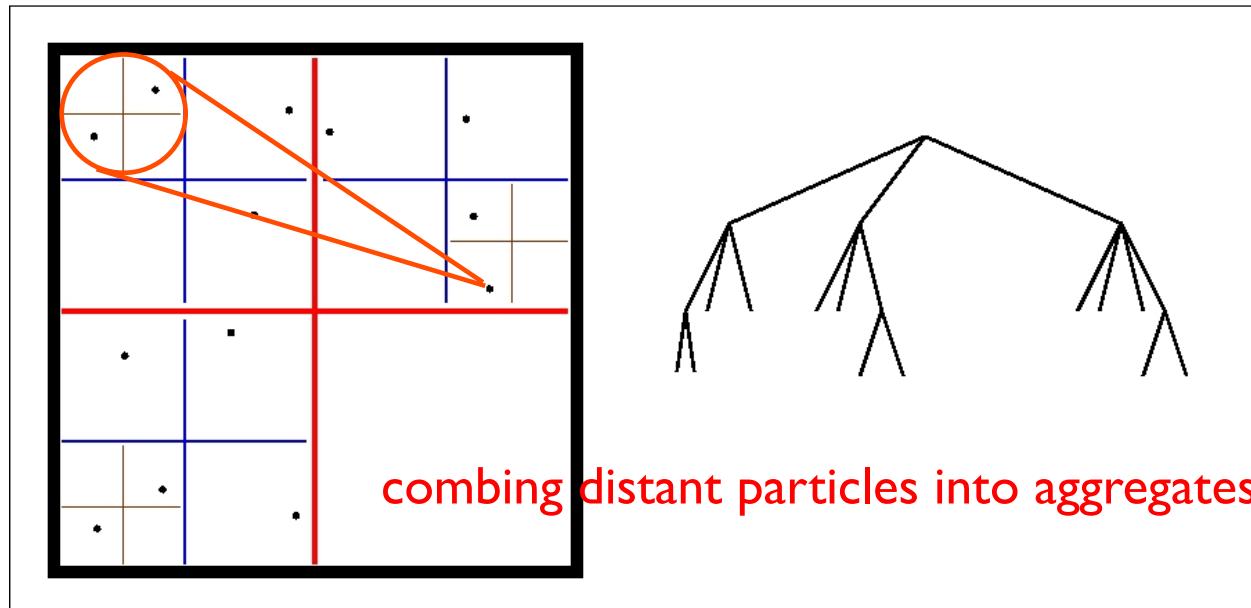
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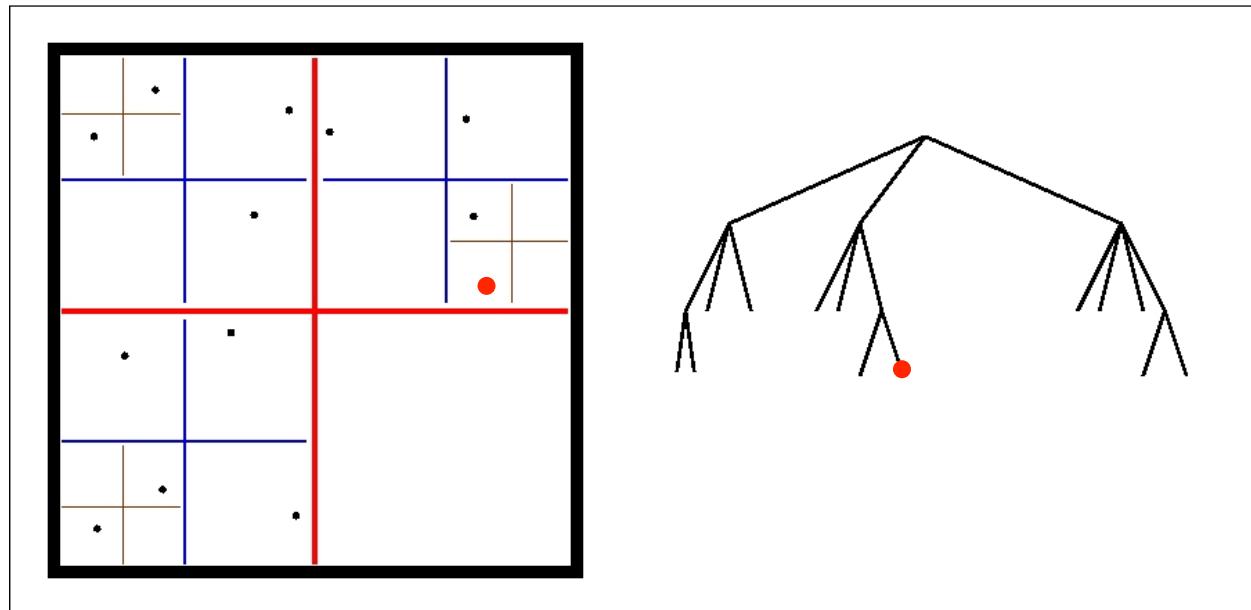
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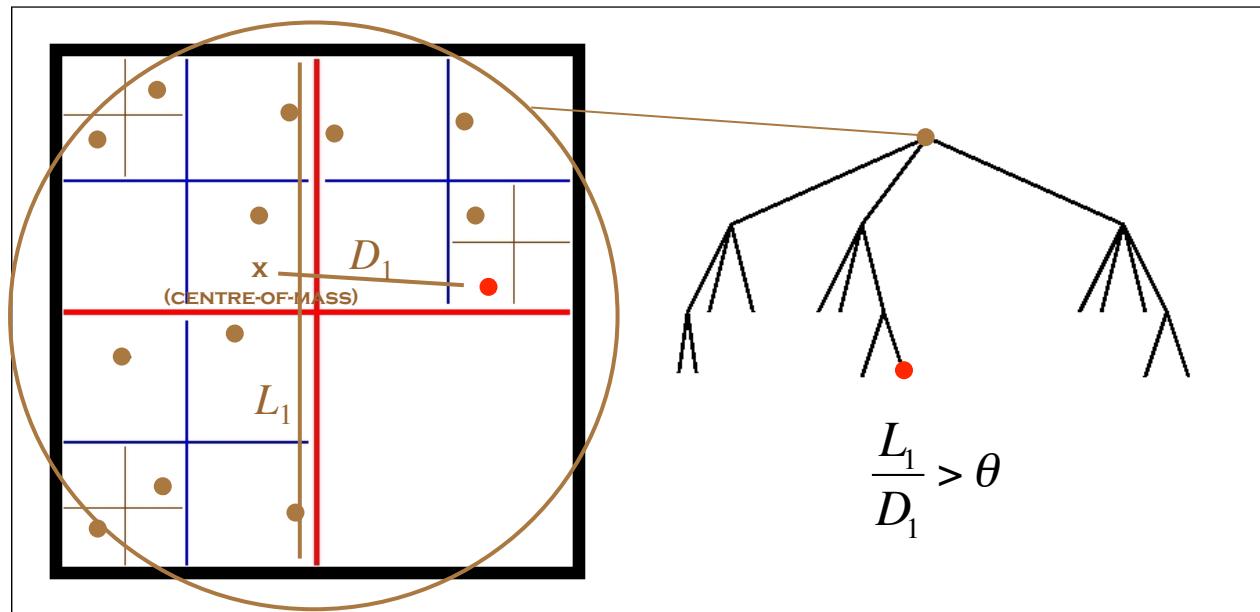
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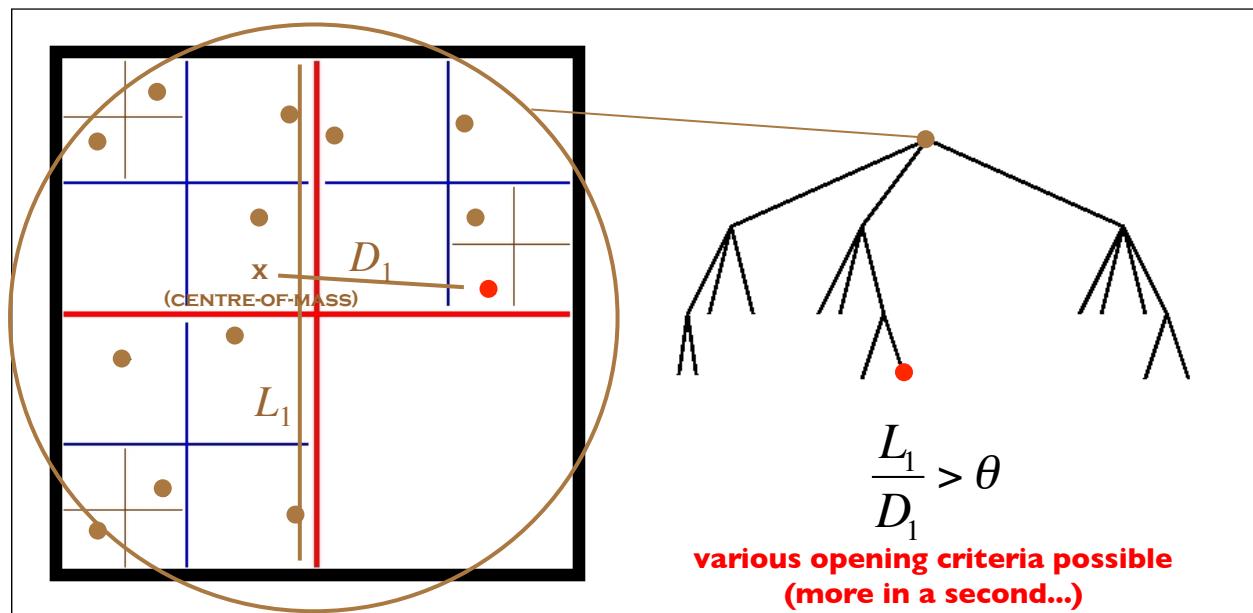
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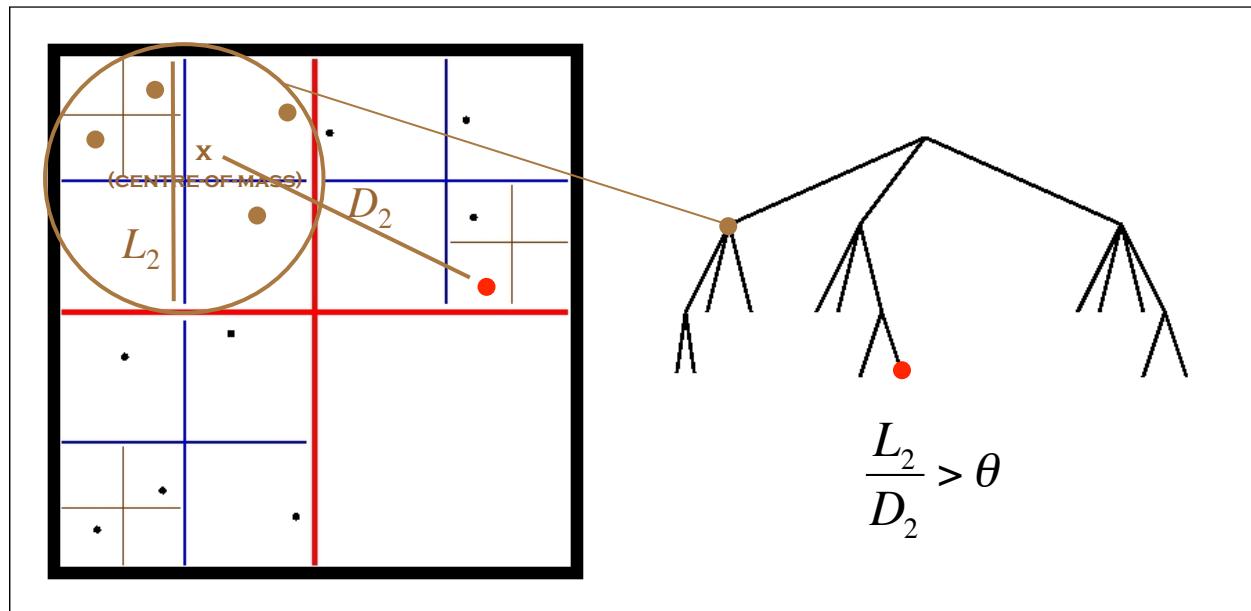
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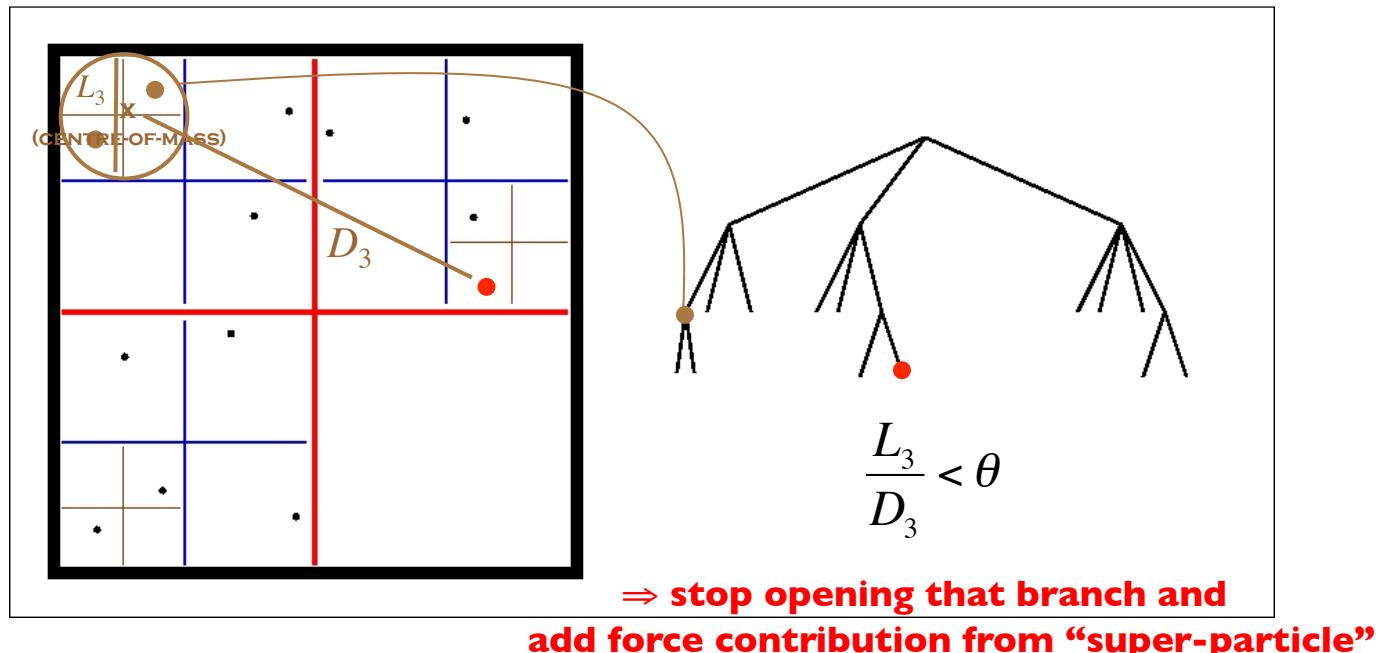
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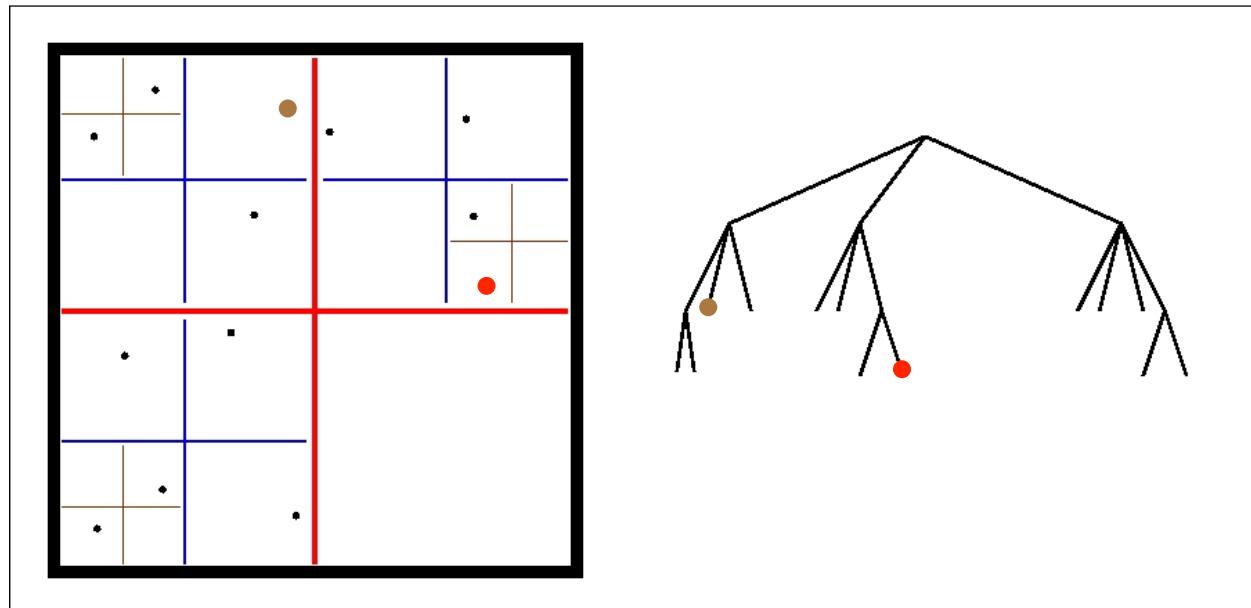
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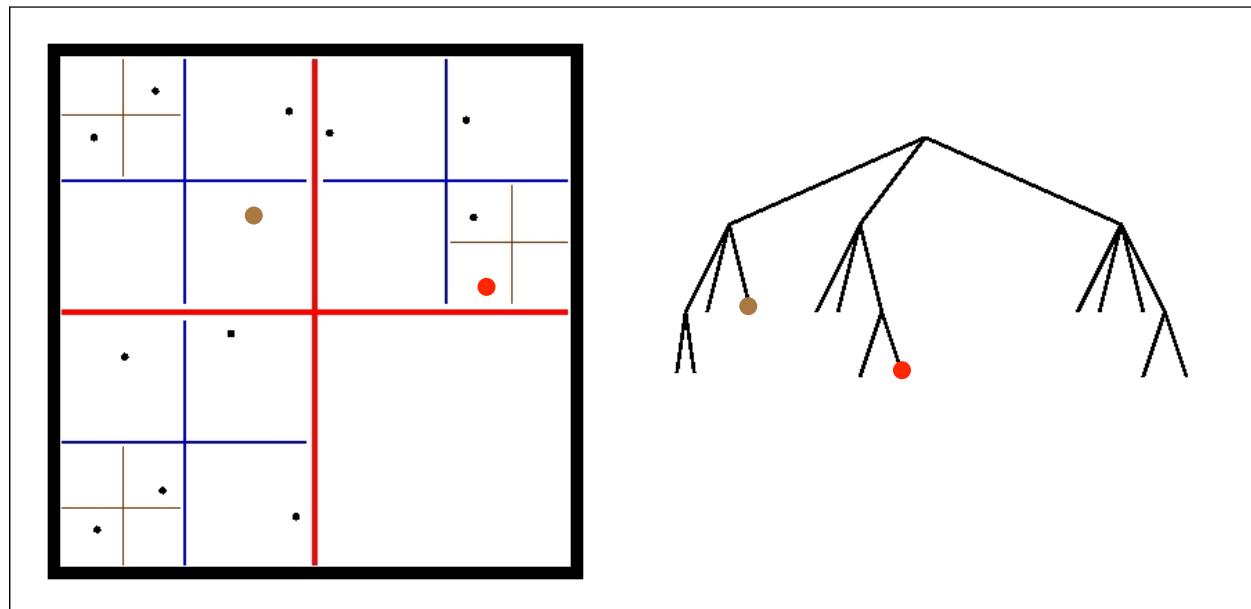
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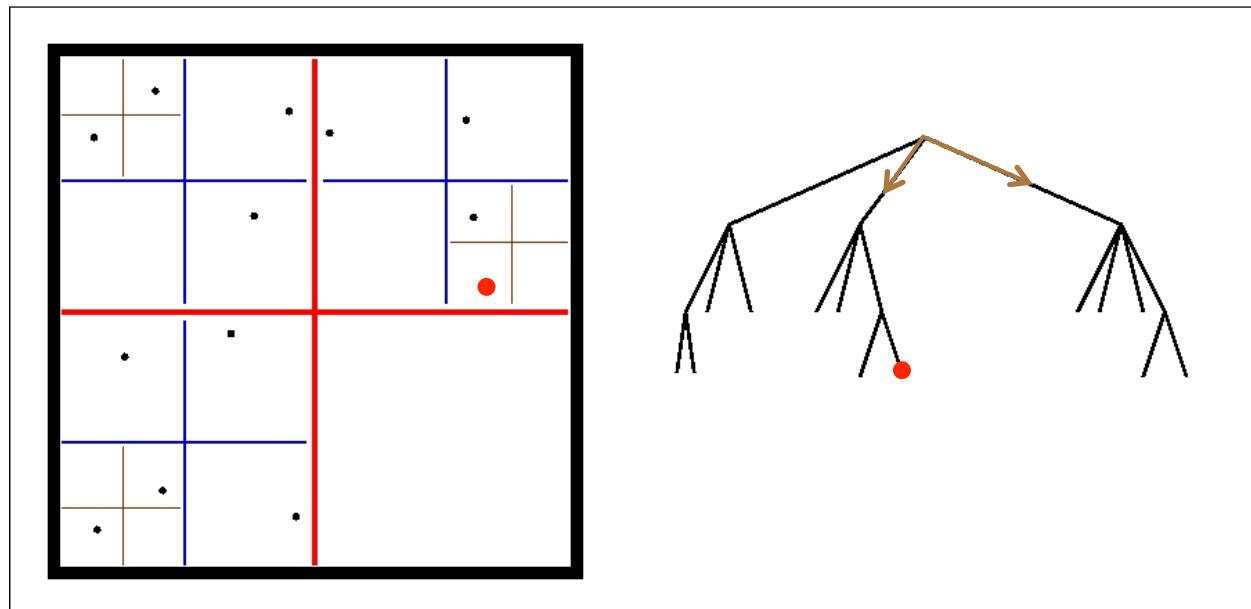
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...as well as walking the other branches!

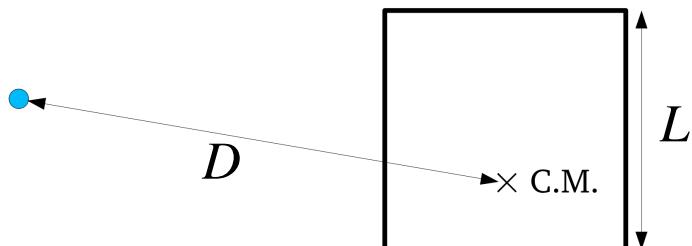
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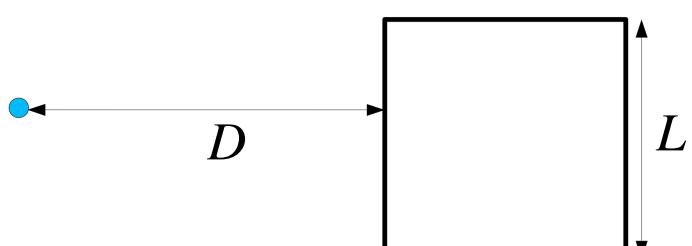
- Barnes-Hut

$$L/D < \theta$$



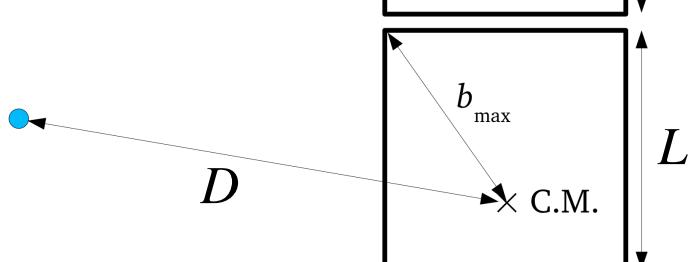
- Min-distance

$$L/D < \theta$$



- Bmax

$$b_{\max}/D < \theta$$



- direct particle-particle summation (PP)

other speed-ups?

- direct particle-particle summation (PP)

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### **GRAPE (GRAvity PipE):**

- particle-particle summation hardwired into motherboard
- combination with tree possible

- direct particle-particle summation (PP)

force resolution  
vs.  
softening

- direct particle-particle summation (PP)

$$\vec{F}_i(\vec{r}_i) = - \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{\left( (r_i - r_j)^2 + \varepsilon^2 \right)^{3/2}} (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \quad \forall i \in N$$

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“soften” the force to...

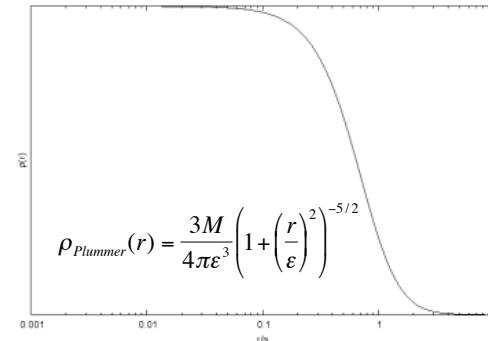
1. avoid the singularity for  $r_i=r_j$
2. smooth mass density on small scales

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- Plummer softening

- S2 softening
- spline softening
- ...



for an exhaustive discussion please refer to Dehnen, MNRAS 324, 273 (2001)

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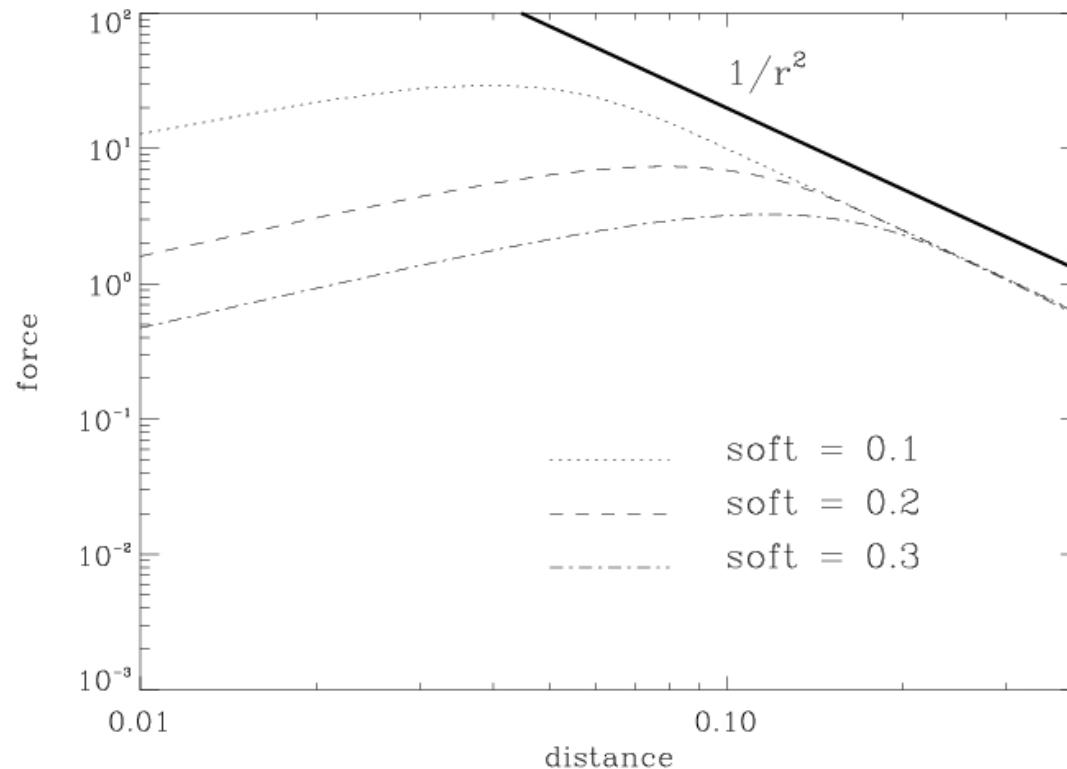
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$\varepsilon$  determines the overall force resolution of the simulation

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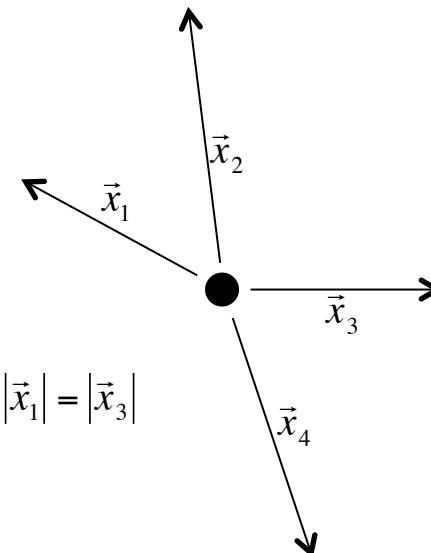


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$$\varepsilon^2 = \left\langle \left| \vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{F}_{true}(\vec{x}) \right|^2 \right\rangle_{\vec{x}}$$



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 e^2(\vec{x}) &= \left\langle \left| \vec{F}(\vec{x}) - \vec{F}_{true}(\vec{x}) \right|^2 \right\rangle \\
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comparing numerical and analytical force  
at a given point

scatter of numerical force  
for a given point (note,  $F$  only depends on  $|x|$ )

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 &= \left( \left\langle \vec{F}(\vec{x}) \right\rangle - \vec{F}_{true}(\vec{x}) \right)^2 + \left\langle \vec{F}^2(\vec{x}) \right\rangle - \left\langle \vec{F}(\vec{x}) \right\rangle^2 \\
 &= \text{bias}^2 + \text{var}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$\alpha, \beta$  = non-trivial power-law indices...  
 $N\varepsilon^3 = \text{const.}$

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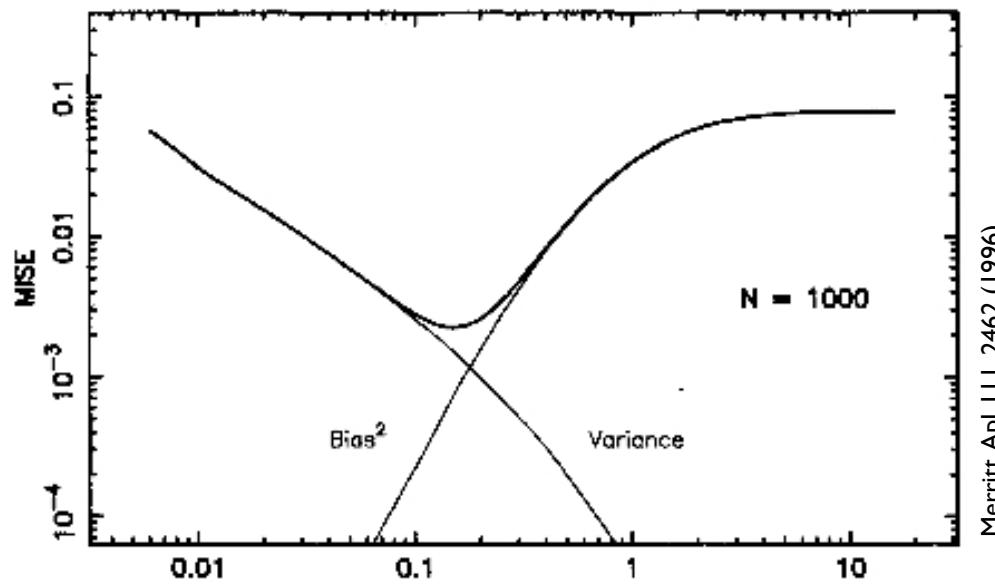
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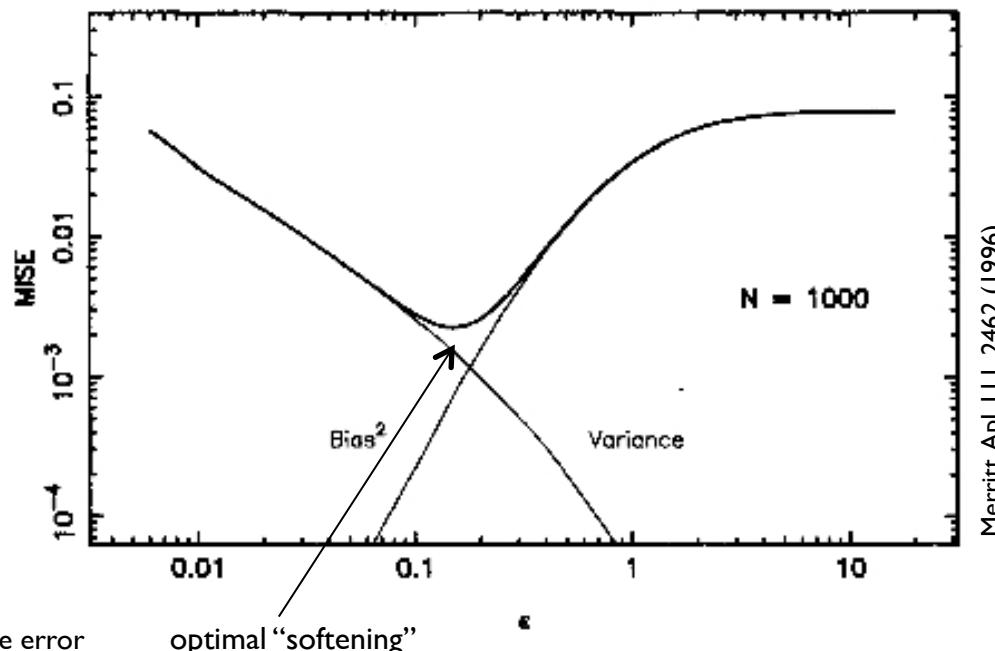
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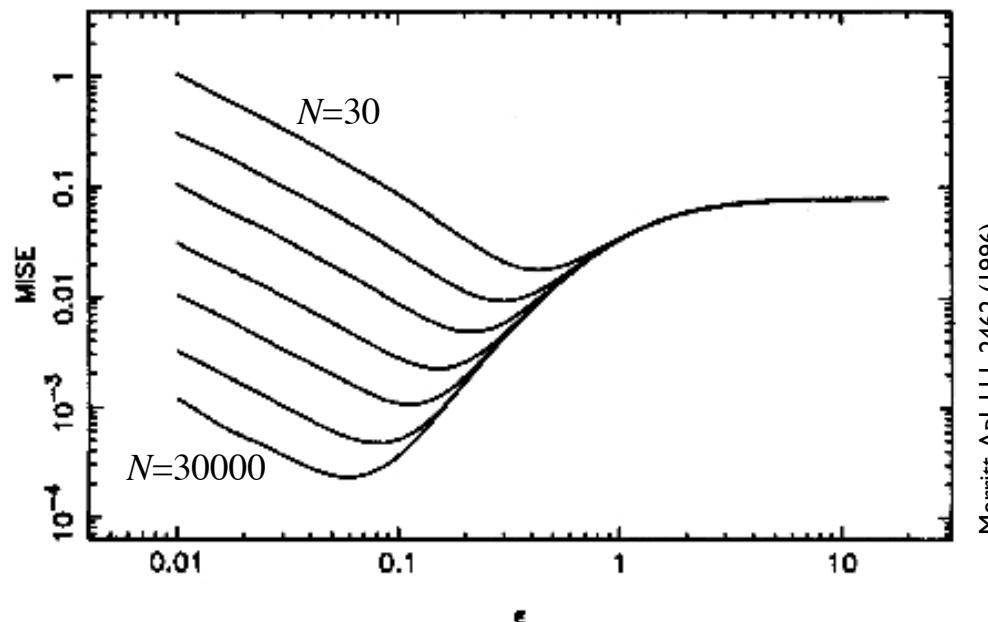


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Merritt, ApJ 111, 2462 (1996)

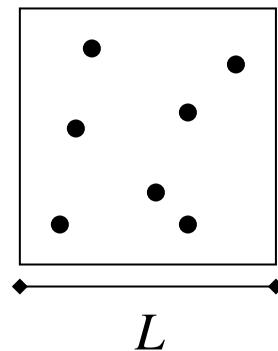
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requirements to perform  
Cosmological Simulations

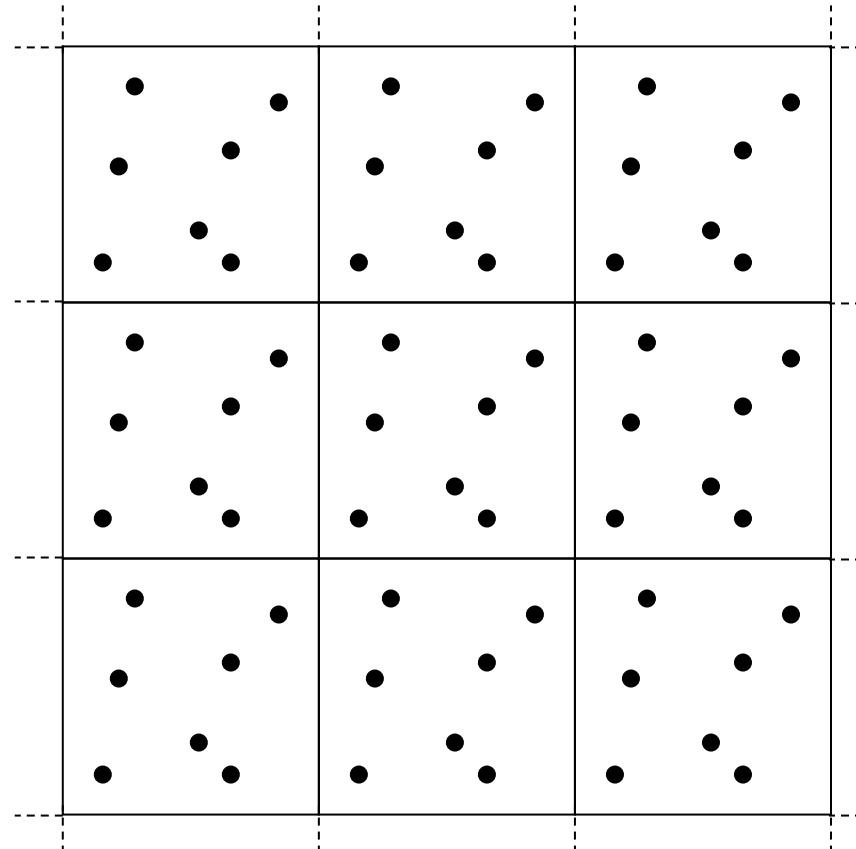
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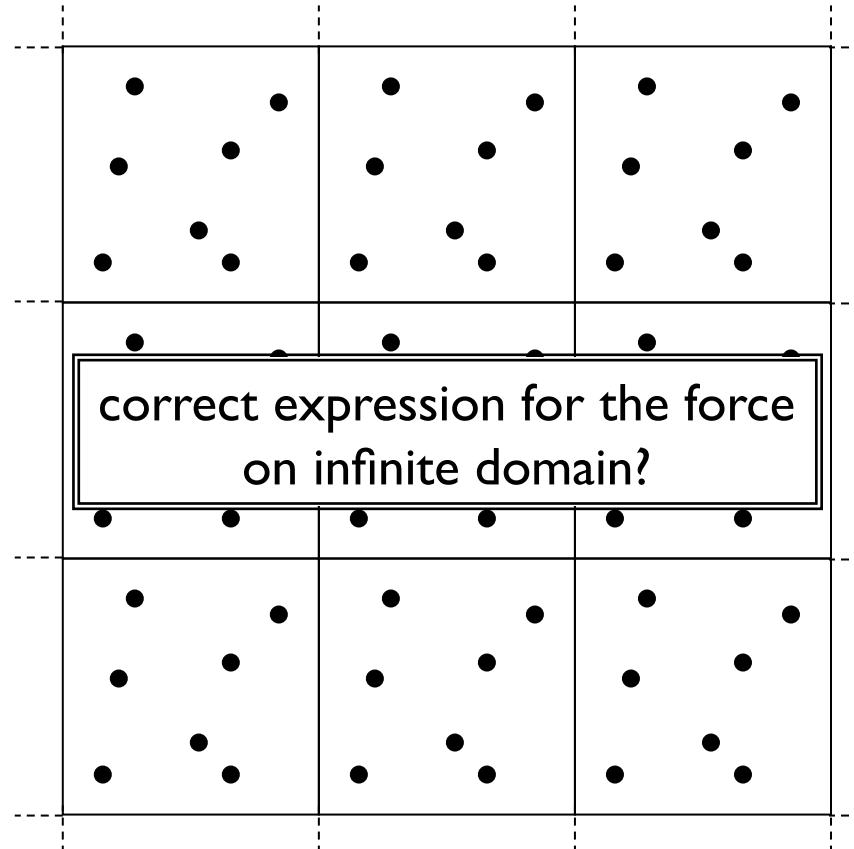
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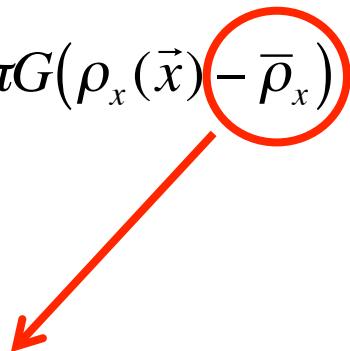


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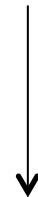
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we need to subtract the mean background density  
in order for the solution to converge!

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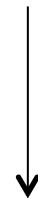


general solution

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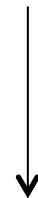
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**...but needs to be properly implemented for tree codes!**

Note: what is true to  $x=0$  is true for any point as the origin of the coordinate system is arbitrary for periodic boundaries...

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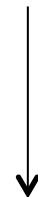
$$\Phi(\vec{x}) = G \iiint \frac{\rho_x(\vec{x}') - \bar{\rho}_x}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} d^3 x'$$

**fluctuates about zero!**

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 i.e., \Phi(\vec{0}) &= -G \iiint \frac{(\rho_x(\vec{x}) - \bar{\rho}_x)}{|\vec{x}|} d^3 x \\
 &= -G \int_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|\vec{x}|} x^2 \iint (\rho_x(\vec{x}) - \bar{\rho}_x) \sin \vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi \\
 &= -G \int_{x=0}^{\infty} x \langle \rho_x(\vec{x}) - \bar{\rho}_x \rangle_{|\vec{x}|=x} dx \\
 \Rightarrow \text{convergence to finite value, as } \langle \cdot \rangle &\rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

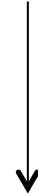
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desired (peculiar) force field

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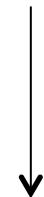
$$\iiint \frac{\vec{x}}{|\vec{x}|^3} d^3 x = \iiint_{x,\vartheta,\varphi} \frac{1}{x^3} \begin{pmatrix} x \cos \varphi \sin \vartheta \\ x \sin \varphi \sin \vartheta \\ x \cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix} x^2 \sin \vartheta dx d\vartheta d\varphi = \iiint_{x,\vartheta,\varphi} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi \sin \vartheta \\ \sin \varphi \sin \vartheta \\ \cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix} \sin \vartheta dx d\vartheta d\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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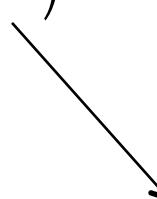
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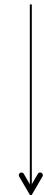
particle/discrete picture

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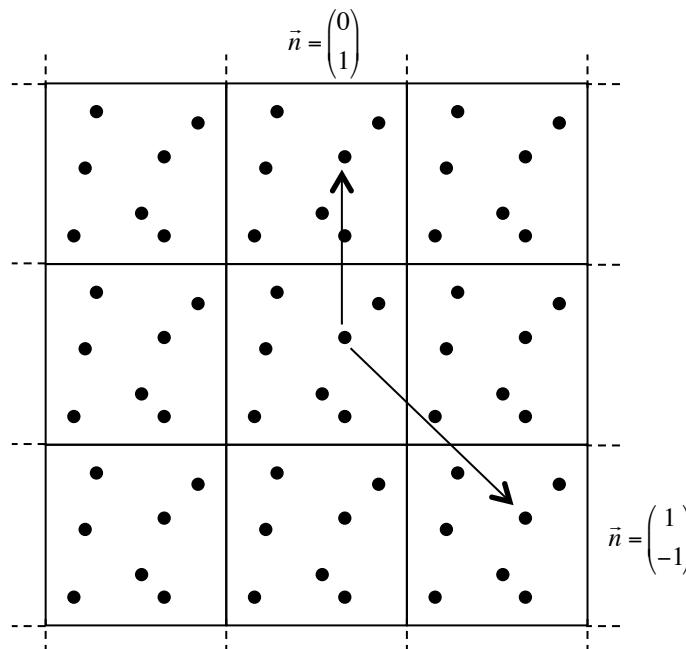
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correct expression for the force  
on infinite domain!

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=> slow convergence and hence not feasible...

=> Ewald summation instead...

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) \\
 &\downarrow \\
 \text{“peculiar” density} \quad \rho(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) - \bar{\rho} \\
 &\downarrow \\
 \text{periodic, peculiar density} \quad \rho_{\text{periodic}}(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\vec{R}} m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{x} - (\vec{x}_i + \vec{R})) - \bar{\rho}
 \end{aligned}$$

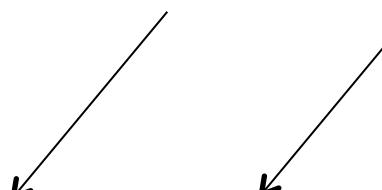
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$$\vec{R} = \vec{n}L \quad (\vec{n} = \text{integer vector})$$

- periodic boundary conditions

$$\rho_{periodic}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\vec{R}} m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i - \vec{R}) - \bar{\rho}$$

- periodic boundary conditions

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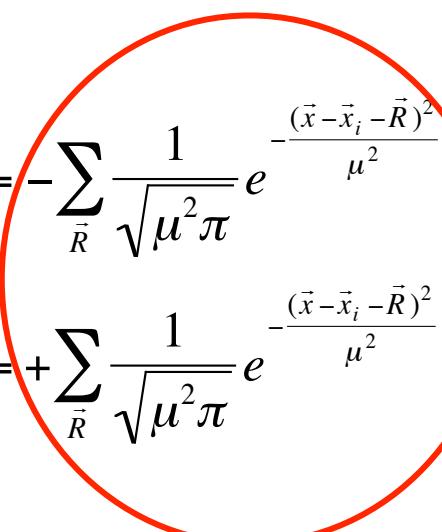
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**Ewald introduced (Gaussian) “screening charges”**

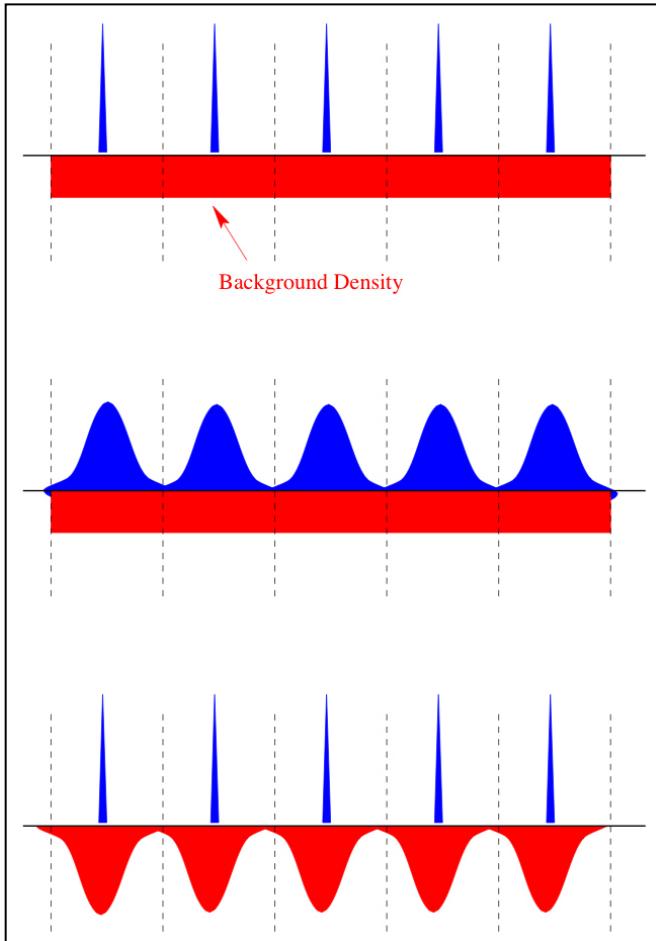
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potential obtained in...

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Fourier-space

$$\rho_1(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_i) = \sum_{\vec{R}} m_i \delta_{\text{Dirac}}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i - \vec{R}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu^2 \pi}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i - \vec{R})^2}{\mu^2}}$$

real-space

=> exponential convergence and hence feasible!

- periodic boundary conditions

detailed calculation...

- periodic boundary conditions
  - force due to particles in computational box:

$$\vec{F}(\vec{x}) = -G \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i|^3} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i)$$

- *additional force due to periodic images:*

$$\vec{F}_{Ewald}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{x}}{x^3} - \sum_{\vec{R}} \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{R}}{|\vec{x} - \vec{R}|^3} \times \left[ erfc\left(\frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{R}|}{\mu}\right) + \frac{2|\vec{x} - \vec{R}|}{\sqrt{\mu^2 \pi}} e^{-\frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{R}|^2}{\mu^2}} \right] - \frac{2}{L^2} \sum_{\vec{n} \neq 0} \frac{\vec{n}}{n} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{R})\right) e^{-\frac{(\mu\pi)^2 n^2}{L^2}}$$

Ewald summation in practice...

- periodic boundary conditions

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- in practice:

1.  $\mu = L/2, \quad |\vec{x} - \vec{R}| < 3L, \quad n^2 < 10$

2. tabulate  $F_{Ewald}(x)$  on a grid and interpolate...

- specific requirements for cosmological simulations:
  - periodic boundary conditions
  - **equations-of-motion in comoving coordinates**

## TREE CODES

## Comoving Coordinates

(cf. “*gastrophysics in supercomoving coordinates*” lecture...)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_x}{\partial T} + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho_x \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_x \vec{v})}{\partial T} + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho_x \vec{v} \otimes \vec{v} + p_x \vec{1}) = \rho_x (-\nabla_x \phi_x)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_x E_x)}{\partial T} + \nabla_x \cdot ([\rho_x E_x + p_x] \vec{v}) = \rho_x \vec{v} \cdot (-\nabla_x \phi_x) - \mathcal{H} \rho_x \varepsilon_x [3\gamma - 5] + (\Gamma_x - L_x)$$

$$\frac{\partial S_x}{\partial T} + \nabla_x \cdot (S_x \vec{v}) = -\mathcal{H} S_x [3\gamma - 5]$$

additional/closure equations:

$$\Delta_x \phi_x = 4\pi G a (\rho_{x,tot} - \bar{\rho}_x)$$

$$E_x = \varepsilon_x + \frac{1}{2} v^2$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}_{DM}}{dT} = \vec{v}_{DM}$$

$$p_x = (\gamma - 1) \rho_x \varepsilon_x$$

$$S_x = \frac{p_x}{\rho_x^{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}_{DM}}{dT} = -\nabla_x \phi_x$$

$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{1}{(\gamma - 1)} \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{k_B}{m_p} T_x$$

- comoving coordinates

- recap:

$$\vec{r} = a\vec{x}, \quad \vec{v} = \vec{u} + H\vec{r}$$

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{u}/a$$

$$\dot{\vec{u}} = \vec{f} - H\vec{u}$$

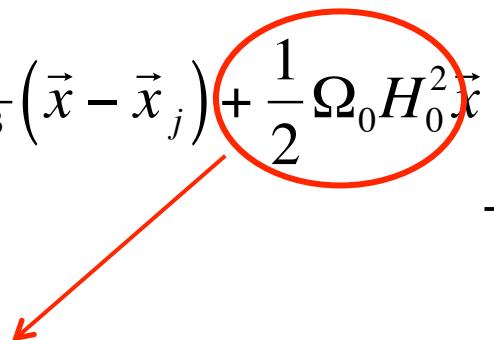
$$\vec{f} = -G \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_{x \neq x_j}^N \frac{m_j}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j|^3} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j) - \ddot{a}\vec{x}$$

(cf. “Time Integration” lecture...)

- comoving coordinates

- GADGET notation:

$$\vec{f} = \frac{1}{a^2} \left[ -G \sum_{x \neq x_j}^N \frac{m_j}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j|^3} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j) + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_0 H_0^2 \vec{x} \right]$$



$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} a \rho = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} a \frac{\rho_0}{a^3} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \frac{\Omega_0 \rho_{crit,0}}{a^2} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \frac{\Omega_0}{a^2} \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{1}{2} \Omega_0 H_0^2$$

- comoving coordinates

- isolated boundaries:

$$\vec{f} = -G \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_{x \neq x_j}^N \frac{m_j}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j|^3} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j) - \ddot{a} \vec{x}$$

- periodic boundaries:

$$\vec{f} = -G \frac{1}{a^2} \sum_{x \neq x_j}^N \sum_{\vec{R}} \frac{m_j}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j - \vec{R}|^3} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_j - \vec{R})$$

(cf. discussion about periodic boundaries earlier...)

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**A code for cosmological simulations of structure formation**



**Description**  
**GADGET** is a freely available code for cosmological N-body/SPH simulations on massively parallel computers with distributed memory. **GADGET** uses an explicit communication model that is implemented with the standardized MPI communication interface. The code can be run on essentially all supercomputer systems presently in use, including clusters of workstations or individual PCs.

**GADGET** computes gravitational forces with a hierarchical tree algorithm (optionally in combination with a particle-mesh scheme for long-range gravitational forces) and represents fluids by means of smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH). The code can be used for studies of isolated systems, or for simulations that include the cosmological expansion of space, both with or without periodic boundary conditions. In all these types of simulations, **GADGET** follows the evolution of a self-gravitating collisionless N-body system, and allows gas dynamics to be optionally included. Both the force computation and the time stepping of **GADGET** are fully adaptive, with a dynamic range which is, in principle, unlimited.

**GADGET** can therefore be used to address a wide array of astrophysically interesting problems, ranging from colliding and merging galaxies, to the formation of large-scale structure in the Universe. With the inclusion of additional physical processes such as radiative cooling and heating, **GADGET** can also be used to study the dynamics of the gaseous intergalactic medium, or to address star formation and its regulation by feedback processes.