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# Adaptive Mesh Refinement



Poisson's equation

$$\Delta \Phi(\vec{x}) = 4\pi G \rho(\vec{x})$$



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particle approach





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weapon of choice: AMR codes

Particle-Mesh (PM) method

$$\Delta \Phi(\vec{g}_{k,l,m}) = 4\pi G \rho(\vec{g}_{k,l,m})$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{g}_{k,l,m}) = -m\nabla\Phi(\vec{g}_{k,l,m})$$

 $\vec{x}_i \rightarrow \rho(\vec{g}_{k,l,m})$ I. calculate mass density on grid  $\Phi(\vec{g}_{k,l,m})$ 2. solve Poisson's equation on grid 3. differentiate potential to get forces  $F(g_{k,l,m})$ 4. interpolate forces back to particles

$$\vec{F}(\vec{a})$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{g}_{k,l,m}) \rightarrow \vec{F}(\vec{x}_i)$$



















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types of mesh refinement

- *r* refinement: move or stretch the mesh
- *p* refinement: adjust the order of the method
- *h* refinement: change the mesh spacing

- types of mesh refinement r refinement
  - non-uniform mesh
    - = advantages:
      - simple to implement
    - = disadvantages:
      - difference expression for non-constant zone spacing

				COSMOS code (Ricker 2000)

COMPUTATIONAL COSMOLOGY

(refined region is known)

types of mesh refinement – r refinement

- Lagragian mesh
  - = advantages:
    - constant mass resolution
    - sharp resolution of contacts
  - = disadvantages:
    - grid stretching causes numerical dissipation
    - grid tangling in rotational flows



MMH code (Pen 1998)

COMPUTATIONAL COSMOLOGY

(mesh is tied to fluid)



- types of mesh refinement r refinement
  - arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerion mesh
    - = advantages:
      - Lagrangian mesh where flow is irrotational
      - Eulerian where mesh distortion is problematic
    - = disadvantages:
      - difficult to handle...





(mesh moves arbitrarily fluid)

DJEHUTY code (Dearborn et al. 2002)

■ types of mesh refinement – *p* refinement

not in this course...

- types of mesh refinement *h* refinement
  - nested grids

(static meshes with different resolutions)

- = advantages:
  - easy to handle boundaries between meshes
- = disadvantages:
  - refined region should not move



- types of mesh refinement *h* refinement
  - adaptive mesh refinement

(refined patches are created and destroyed as needed)

- = advantages:
  - fully flexible to problem
- = disadvantages:
  - serious book-keeping for grid hierarchy

density field of simulated galaxy cluster



AMIGA code (Doumler & Knebe 2010)

adaptive grid hierarchy

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Adaptive Mesh Refinement



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- adaptive mesh refinement refinement criterion
  - density

• truncation error

• physics

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- adaptive mesh refinement refinement criterion
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    - refine regions of high density

![](_page_31_Figure_5.jpeg)

• truncation error:

• physics:

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![](_page_32_Figure_5.jpeg)

- refine regions of large truncation errors

$$R_{k,l,m}^{i} = \Delta \Phi_{k,l,m}^{i} - \rho_{k,l,m} \leq \varepsilon T_{k,l,m} \quad \text{with} \quad T_{k,l,m} = \mathcal{P} \Big[ \Delta \Big( \mathcal{R} \Phi_{k,l,m}^{i} \Big) \Big] - \Big( \Delta \Phi_{k,l,m}^{i} \Big) \Big]$$

• physics:

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• physics:

- compare grid spacing against local critical wavelength

$$\Delta x < \varepsilon \lambda$$

with

 $\lambda = c_s \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{G\rho}}$ 

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gravity tends to clump matter together...



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...and gain a factor of 2 in accuracy (in regions of interest)

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  - *N*-body simulations:

number of particles per cell

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AMR for N-body

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  - *N*-body simulations:

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x X X X	x x	x x x x
loop through given grid		
generating refinement by checking each individual cell		
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#### Note:

in this scheme we split the volume of a coarse cell into eight equal sub-cells...

=> non-cospatial scheme!

AMR for N-body

- generating refinements
  - interpolation between grids:

 $f(x_i) = F(x_i) + F'(x_i)\Delta x$ 

F = value on coarse grid f = value on fine grid

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density on refinement grid



assign density on refinement grid...



density on refinement grid



refinement nodes still missing the density contribution from particles outside refinement





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- adaptive mesh refinement
  - cover simulation with regular domain grid
  - create AMR hierarchy:
    - generate fine grid by comparing each node against some refinement criterion...
      - → recursive procedure!
  - assign density on all grids
  - solve Poisson's equation on regular domain grid (FFT is fastest...)
  - loop over all refinement levels:
    - interpolate potential down from parent level
    - relax potential until converged (keeping boundary values fixed)

 $\rightarrow$  this will give the correct potential on all (refinement) grids

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Irregular Grids

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**Irregular Grids** 



























handling irregular grids (2D)

quad's

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handling irregular grids (3D)

# quad's

• C-code example of how to loop over all nodes attached to a "grid"

```
for (zquad=grid.first_zquad; zquad != NULL; zquad=zquad->next) {
    for (yquad=zquad->first_yquad; yquad < yquad->pointer+yquad->length; yquad++)
```

for (iyquad=yquad; iyquad != NULL; iyquad=iyquad->next) {

for (xquad=yquad->first\_xquad; xquad < xquad->pointer+xquad->length; xquad++)

```
for (ixquad=xquad; ixquad != NULL; ixquad=ixquad->next) {
    for (node=ixquad->pointer; node < ixquad->x+ixquad->length; node++) {
```

/\* the node is at your disposal \*/

density	= node->density;
potential	= node->potential;

forceX = node->force[X];

for(part=node->first\_particle; part != NULL; part=part->next)

/\* use particle structure to access particle position, velocity, etc. \*/ }}}
loc = location of first quad

**Irregular Grids** 

quad's

- handling irregular grids
  - drawback:

no direct access to neighbouring nodes...





(used with Andrey Kravtsov's ART code...)



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full set of equations



Adaptive Leap-Frog Integration





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move particles on fine grids with smaller time step

#### to better resolve the dynamics, too!



- moving particles on the AMR hierarchy
  - fully recursive approach:



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Drift-Kick-Drift variant of the leap-frog integrator:

### time synchronisation between different grid levels rather than "leap-frogging"!

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Adaptive Leap-Frog Integration

moving particles on the AMR hierarchy



moving particles on the AMR hierarchy

I. fine grid DKD step:

Drift: 
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moving particles on the AMR hierarchy

2. coarse grid DKD step:

Drift: 
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Kick:  $\vec{p}^{n+1} = \vec{p}^n - \vec{\nabla} \Phi^{n+1/2} \int_{t_n}^{t_n + \Delta t} dt$   
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moving particles on the AMR hierarchy

# 3. fine grid DKD step:





moving particles on the AMR hierarchy

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what about particles crossing grid boundaries?





• particles crossing grid boundaries























```
Step(dt, CurrentGrid) {
   NewGrid = Refine(CurrentGrid);
   if(NewGrid) {
      Step(dt/2, NewGrid); }
   MoveParticles(dt, CurrentGrid);
   if(NewGrid) {
      Step(dt/2, NewGrid);
      DestroyGrid(NewGrid);}
}
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