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ლექცია 7

N-Body Problem

Fields: Eulerian description

Bodies: Lagrangian description

One particle:

$$d^2 \ r / d \ t^2 = f$$

Interaction of N particles

$$d^2 \ r_i / d \ t^2 = \sum f_i$$

Forces: Gravity, Electrostatic (+/-), ...

N-Body Problem

Applications:

- Astronomy: *Formation of Galaxies*
- Cosmology: *Expansion of the Universe*
- Plasma Physics: *Charged Particle Simulations*
- Hydrodynamics: *Dynamics of Point Vortices*
- *Generalized Hamiltonian Systems*
- Biology/Chemistry: *Molecular Dynamics*
- Ecology: *Animal, Plant Distribution*

N-Body Problem

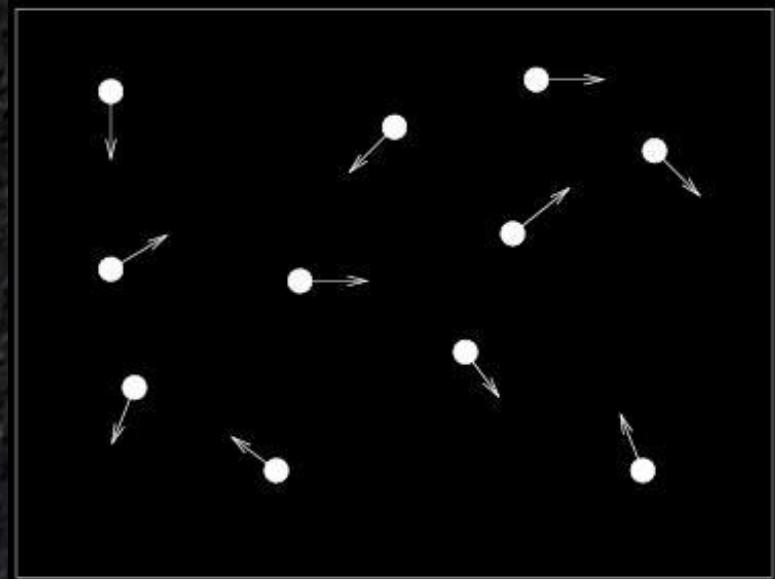
Dynamics of N Particle

Initial Conditions:

$$(X_0, V_0)$$

1. Δt
2. Update
3. Calculate
4. Update

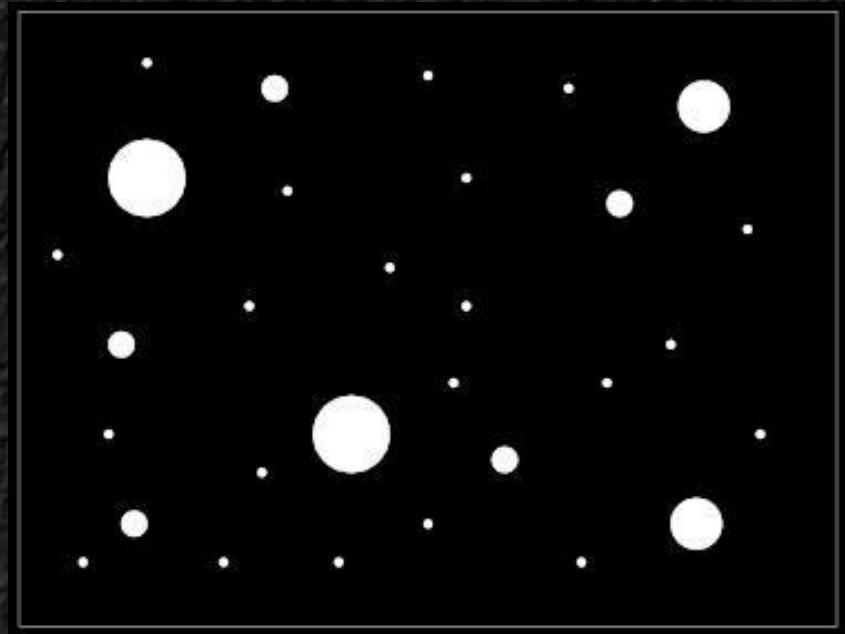
$$\begin{aligned}r_{i+1} &= r_i + v_i \Delta t \\f &= \sum f_i \\v_{i+1} &= v_i + \Delta t f/m\end{aligned}$$



Particle-Particle (PP)

Straightforward Method

1. Shorter time step
for close particles (Δt);
2. Collision Rules ($\Delta r = r_{min}$)



Number of interactions per time step

$$N(N-1) \sim O(N^2)$$

(!!!)

N-Body: Approximations

Methods:

Raw:

PP

Other:

PM	(1970)
P3M	(1980)
PM2	
TC	(1985)
NGPM	(1988)
FMM	(1988)

- Mesh Based Algorithms
- Tree Based Algorithms
- Multipole Based Algorithms

Method: Mesh

Uniform grid

Construct mass density over mesh: $\rho(x)$

Potential over mesh: $\phi(x)$

Poisson Equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi(\vec{x}) = 4\pi G \rho(\vec{x})$$

Force: Particle in potential field $\phi(x)$

Method: Mesh

Accuracy requirement:

1 Particle : (1+) cells

N – Number of particles

m – Mesh pixels

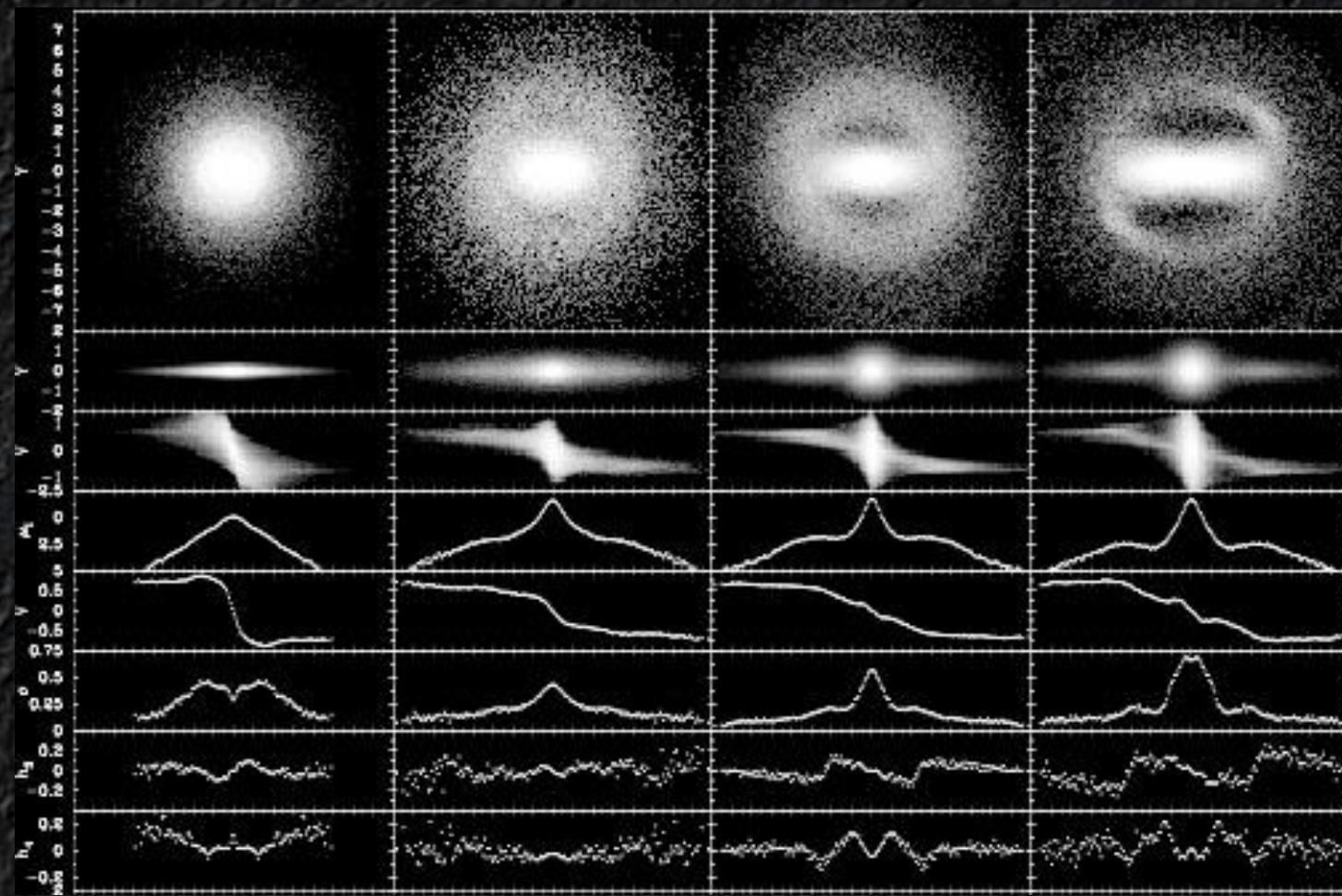
Mesh based method (FFT): $O(m \log(m))$

Problem: Nonuniform distribution

$$m \gg N \quad : \quad m \log(m) > N^2$$

Method: Mesh

Bar Galaxy Simulations: Particles + Potential

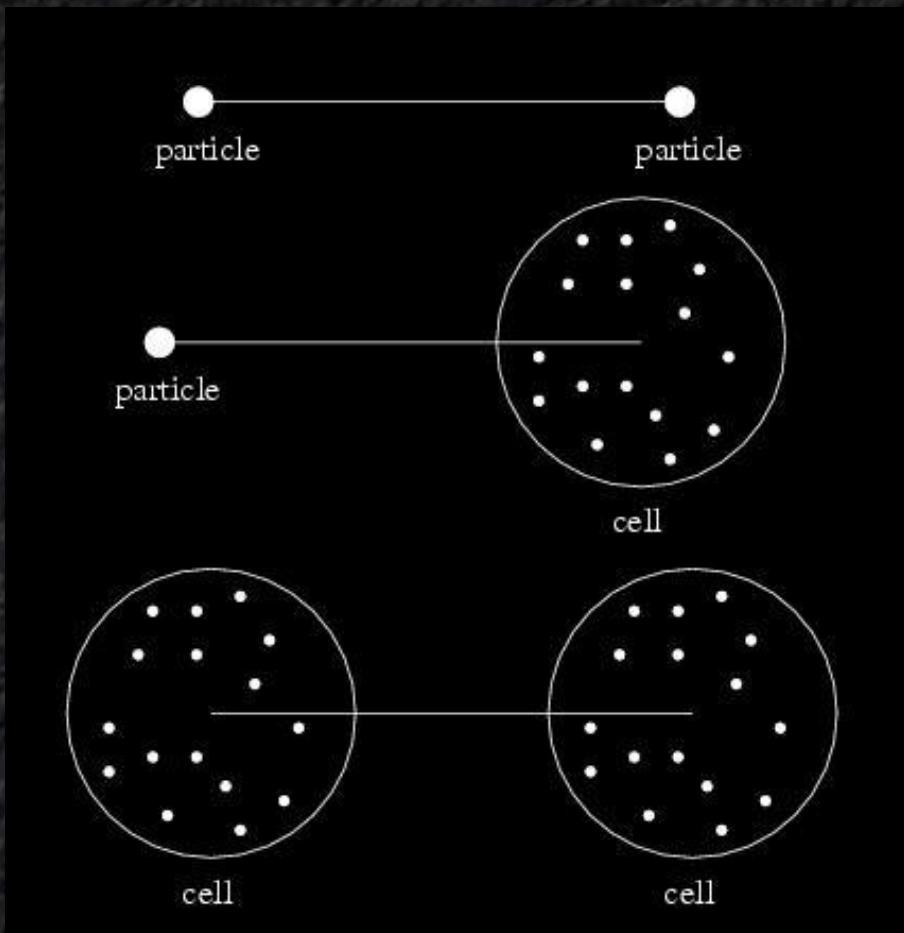


Method: Tree

Introduce **cells**

Particles inside the cell:
cell mass center

Mass center hierarchy:
Tree



Method: Tree

Hierarchy:

divide-and-conquer

Long distance: Bigger Cell, Mass Center

Short distance: Smaller Cell, Mass Center

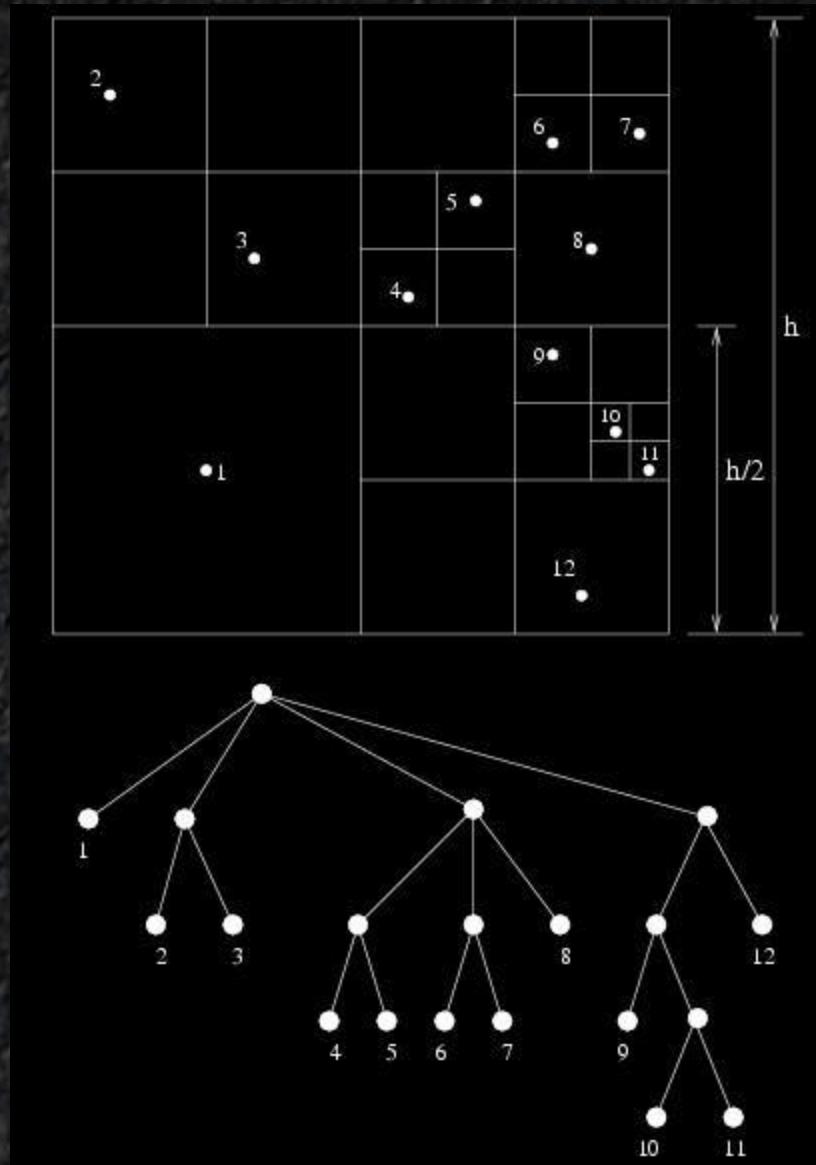
Min distance: Particle

Burnes-Hut algorithm

Method: Barnes-Hut Tree

Quadrant
Partition

2D Hierarchy Tree



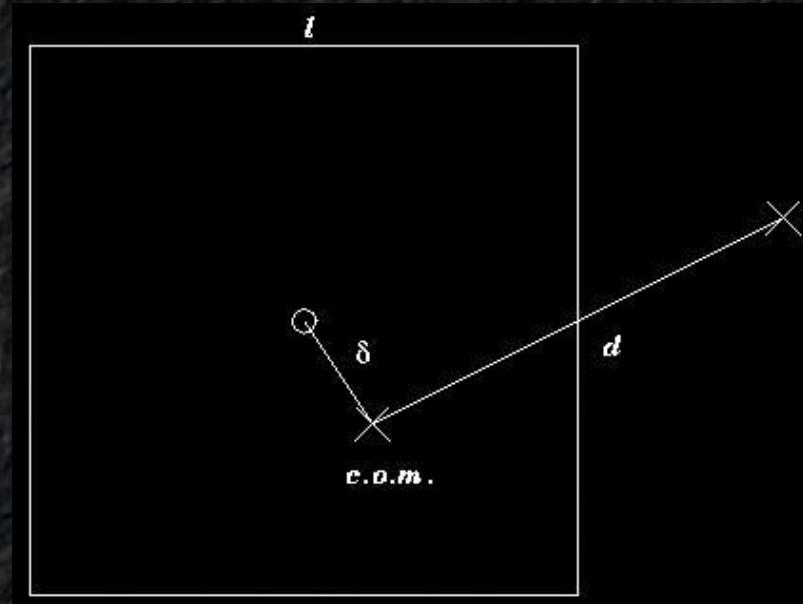
Method: Barnes-Hut Tree

Cell Opening Criterion:

L – cell size

θ – opening angle parameter
 $(0 < \theta < 1)$

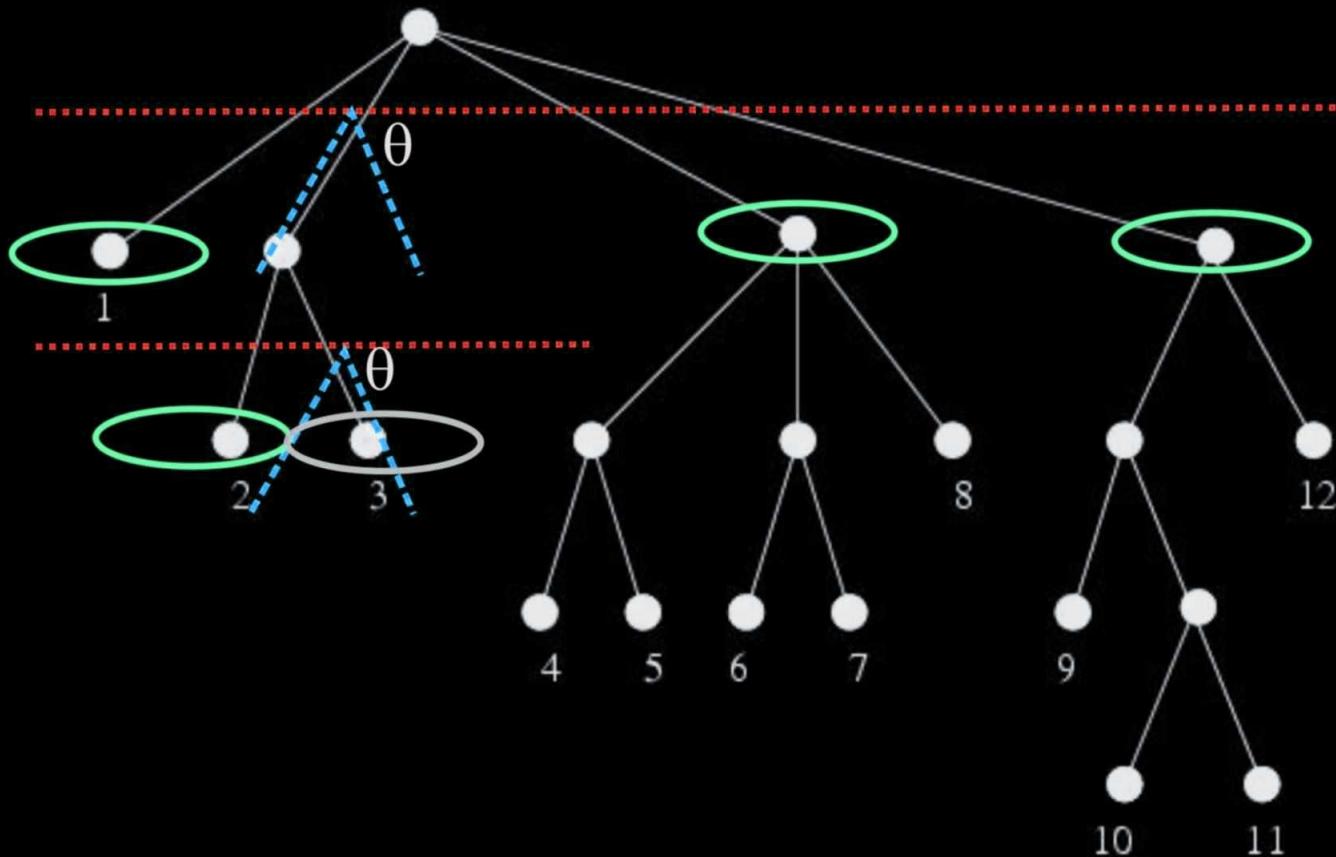
d – distance:
(particle – cell mass center)



$$d < L/\theta$$

Method: Barnes-Hut Tree

Reconstructing Forces



Method: Barnes-Hut Tree

Cost:

$$\theta = 0.3$$

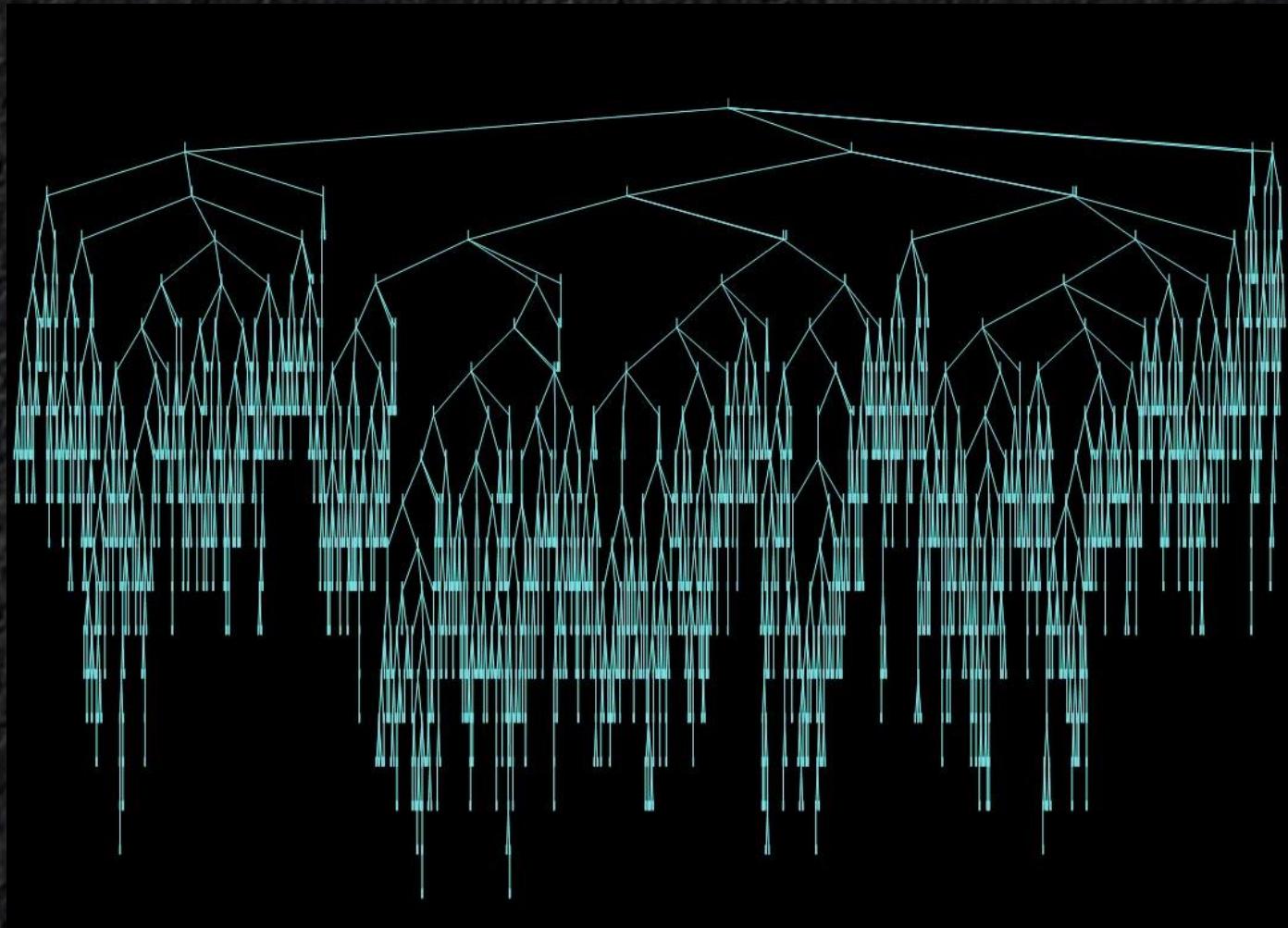
Number of Interactions: $Ni \sim 28 \pi / 3 \theta^3 N \log(N)$

$$Ni < N^2 : N > 1000$$

Best for higher number of particles

Method: Tree

Example: Barnes-Hut tree



Method: Multipole

Any cluster of particles:

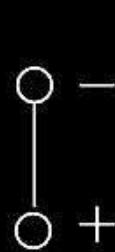
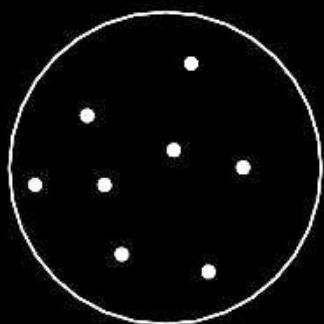
Net force - multipole expansion

Monopole, Dipole, Quadrupole, etc.

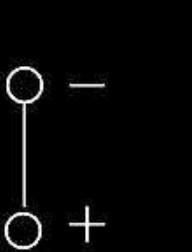
- Multipole expansion
- Error bounds on dropping terms

Method: Multipole

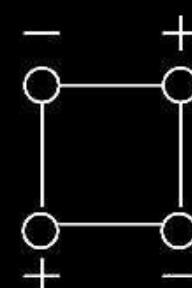
Multipole components



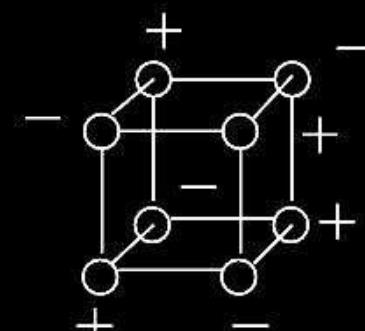
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Terms

Potential

Force

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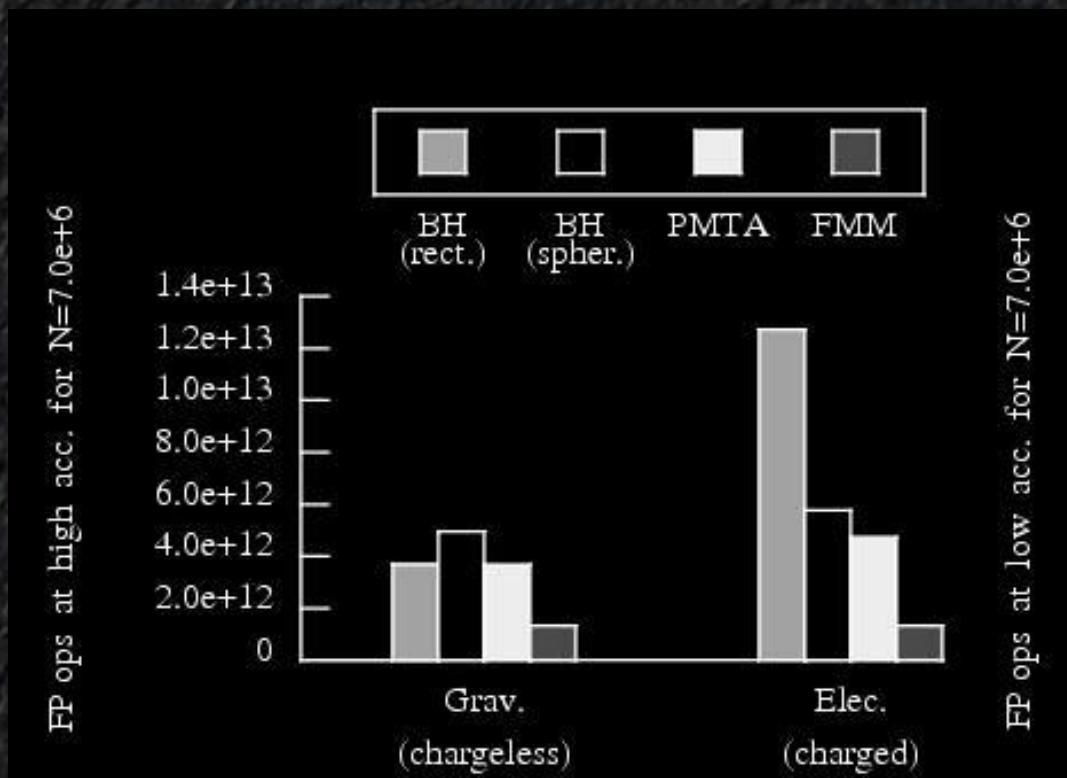
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Method: Multipole

Tree Hierarchy + Multipoles

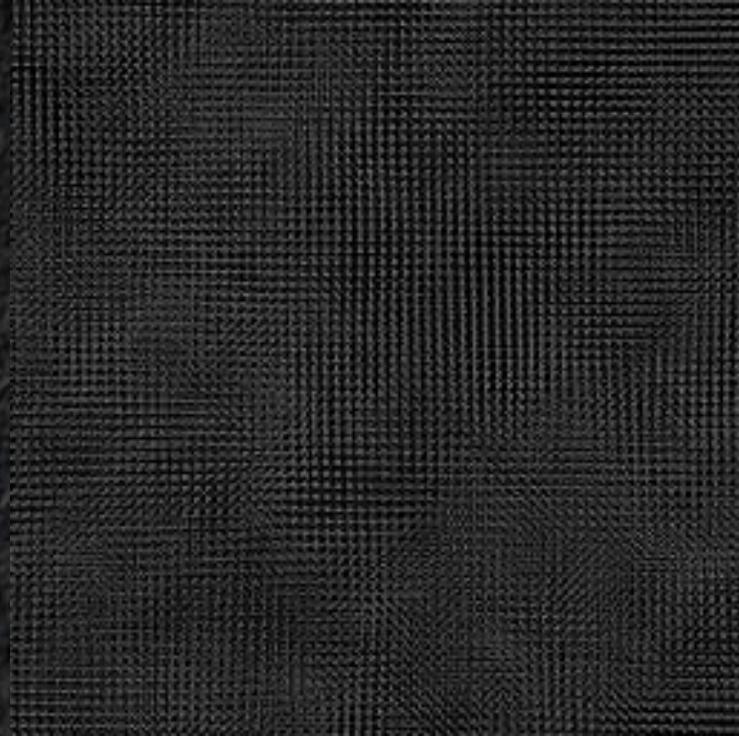
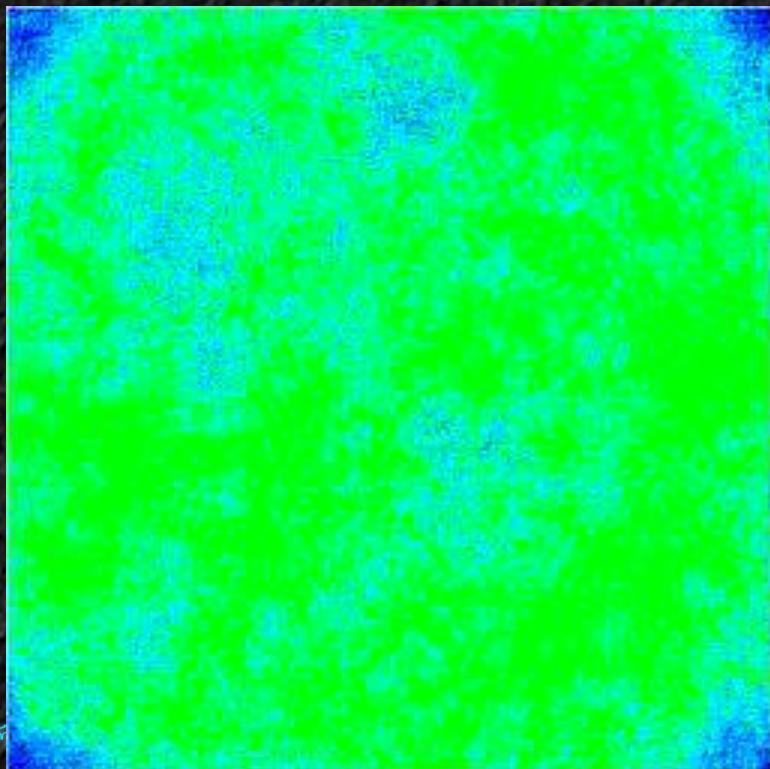
Fast Multipole Method (FMM)

Multipole Expansion: Cartesian, Spherical, ...



Galaxy

Formation of the Galaxy Cluster



Cold Dark Matter
Cosmology Simulation
17 million particles

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