

Fully relativistic Zeldovich approximation & multiple structures with Szekeres models.

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Coarse-grained description of cosmic structure from Szekeres models

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Spherical LTB models allow for the description of the collapse of a single structure, but cosmic structure is NOT spherically symmetric

Can we hope to provide a “decent” (at least coarse grained) description of multiple collapsing structures with an exact solution of Einstein’s equations?

YES, with Szekeres models !!

Szekeres metric in spherical coordinates.

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 \left\{ \left[\frac{(\Gamma - W)^2}{1 - K_0 r^2} + W_1 \right] dr^2 + \frac{2W_2}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} dr d\theta \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2W_3}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} dr d\phi + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right\}$$

$a = a(t, r)$, $\Gamma = \Gamma(t, r)$, $K_0 = K_0(r)$, W, W_1, W_2, W_3 depend on (r, θ, ϕ)

Szekeres
Dipole

$$\mathbf{W} = -[X(r) \sin \theta \cos \phi + Y(r) \sin \theta \sin \phi + Z(r) \cos \theta]$$

Dipole free
parameters

$$[X(r), Y(r), Z(r)]$$

Control Dipole Orientation
& Magnitude

Axial Symmetry

$$X = Y = 0, \quad Z \neq 0$$

Dipole along Z direction

Spherical
Symmetry

$$X = Y = Z = 0$$

Zero dipole (only monopole)

What do we mean by a “structure” ?

Over-density = density maximum

Density void = density minimum

Transition = density saddle

Necessary & sufficient conditions for the 3-d spatial extrema of the density

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} = 0 \quad \text{at an arbitrary fixed } t$$

Nature & classification (**maxima, minima, saddle points**) depends on the signs of the Hessian matrix (2nd derivatives)

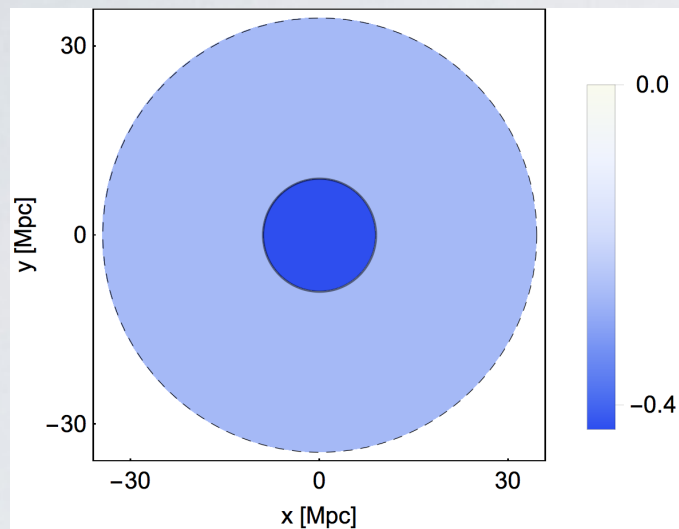
IMPORTANT RESULT

The extrema of the density (and all other covariant scalars) are located along the curves given by the direction of the Szekeres dipole

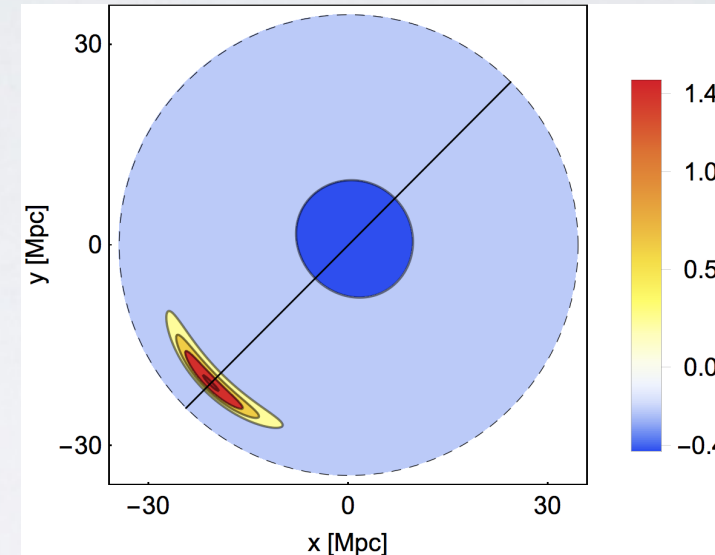
The over-densities & voids can be placed in arbitrary locations

Szekeres models allow for the description of multiple structures (density multipoles) by superposing a monopole with many dipoles

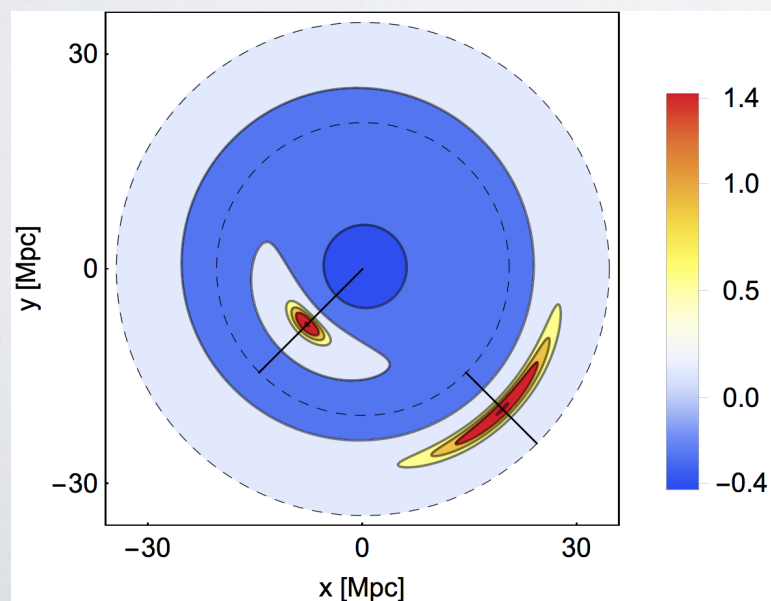
Spherical Symmetry (zero dipole)
= one structure



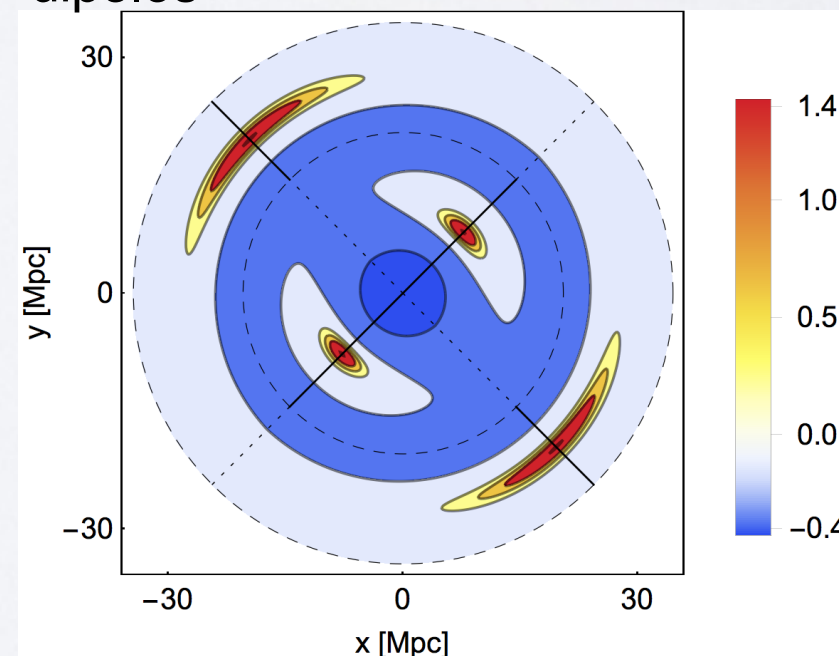
2 structures = superposition of a
monopole and a single dipole
(Axial-like Symmetry)



3 structures = superposition of a
monopole PLUS 2 dipoles in different
radial shells



5 structures = superposition of a
monopole PLUS 4 radial & angular
dipoles



The Newtonian Zeldovich approximation

Zeldovich proposed a first order correction in the relation between Eulerian x^i and Lagrangian y^i coordinates

$$y^i = \bar{a}(t) [x^i + \Psi^i(t, x^j)] \quad \text{where} \quad \Psi^i(t_0, x^j) = 0$$

The density takes the approximate form (valid up to the mild non-linear regime)

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{\det(y^i_{,j})} = \frac{\rho_0}{\bar{a}^3 [1 - \xi^{(1)}] [1 - \xi^{(2)}] [1 - \xi^{(3)}]}$$

where $-\xi^{(A)}$ ($A = 1, 2, 3$) are the eigenvalues of the “deformation” tensor $\xi^i_j = \Psi^i_{,j}$ and collapse occurs as $\det(y^i_{,j}) \rightarrow 0$

Assuming that $0 \leq \xi^{(3)} \leq \xi^{(2)} \leq \xi^{(1)}$, leads to the following collapse morphologies

Pancake collapse: $\xi^{(1)} \rightarrow 1$ while $\xi^{(2)} < \xi^{(3)} < 1$, One direction collapses, two directions expand

Filamentary collapse: $\xi^{(1)}, \xi^{(2)} \rightarrow 1$ while $\xi^{(3)} < 1$, Two directions collapse, one direction expands

Spherical or isotropic collapse: $\xi^{(1)}, \xi^{(2)}, \xi^{(3)} \rightarrow 1$, Three directions collapse

The Szekeres collapse: an exact relativistic analogue of the Zeldovich approximation

Time dependence of Szekeres models is given by the two functions $a(t, r), \Gamma(t, r)$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 \left\{ \left[\frac{(\Gamma - W)^2}{1 - K_0 r^2} + W_1 \right] dr^2 + \frac{2W_2}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} dr d\theta \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2W_3}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} dr d\phi + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right\}$$

Szekeres collapse is governed by the expansion tensor whose trace is the Hubble scalar

$$H_b^a = \nabla_b u^a = H h_b^a + \sigma_b^a, \quad 3H = \nabla_c u^c = \text{tr } H_b^a,$$

and its 3 eigenvalues are

$$H^{(1)} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{\dot{\Gamma}}{\Gamma - W}, \quad H^{(2)} = H^{(3)} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

Scale factors $\ell^{(A)}$ **such that**

$$\dot{\ell}^{(A)} / \ell^{(A)} = \mathbf{H}^{(A)} \quad \& \quad \ell_0^{(A)} = 1$$

$$\ell^{(1)} = \frac{a(\Gamma - W)}{1 - W}, \quad \ell^{(2)} = \ell^{(3)} = a,$$

the Szekeres density takes the form

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0 \mathcal{J}_0}{\mathcal{J}} = \frac{\rho_0}{\ell^{(1)} \ell^{(2)} \ell^{(3)}}, \quad \mathcal{J} = \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})}$$

The Szekeres density takes the same form as in the Zeldovich approximation

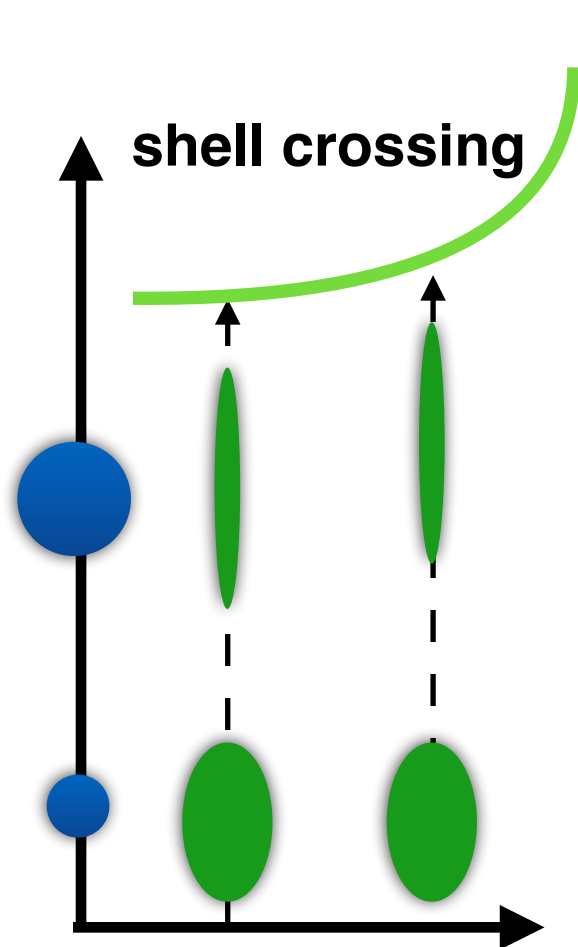
$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0 \mathcal{J}_0}{\mathcal{J}} = \frac{\rho_0}{\ell^{(1)} \ell^{(2)} \ell^{(3)}}, \quad \mathcal{J} = \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})}$$

However, it is an **EXACT** and **FULLY RELATIVISTIC** form !!

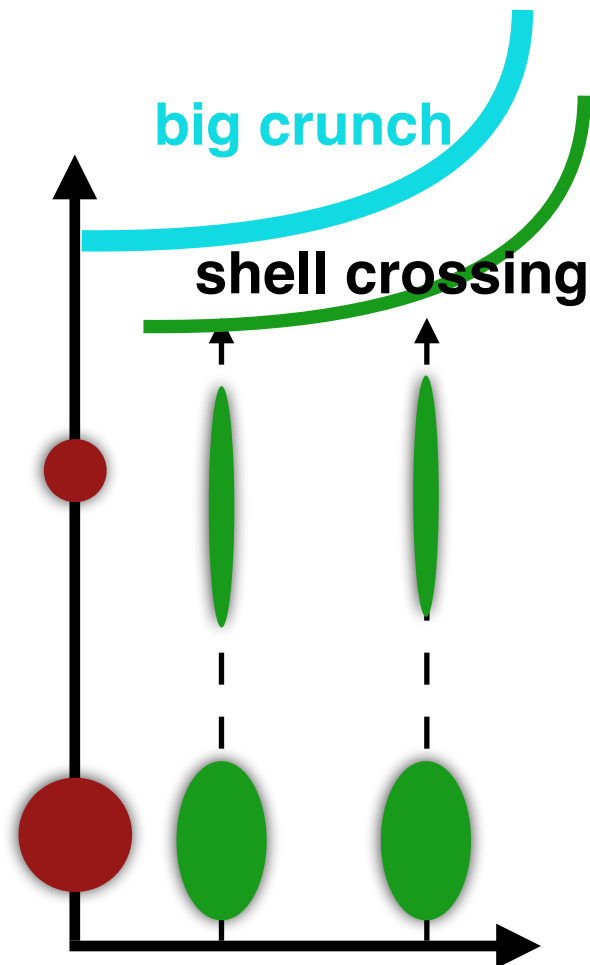
The following collapse morphologies are possible:

Spheroidal collapse	$H^{(1)}, H^{(2)} = H^{(3)} \rightarrow -\infty,$ $\ell^{(1)}, \ell^{(2)} = \ell^{(3)} \rightarrow 0,$	Contraction in three directions
Pancake collapse in expanding background	$H^{(1)} \rightarrow -\infty, \quad H^{(2)} = H^{(3)} > 0$ $\ell^{(2)} = \ell^{(3)} > 0, \quad \ell^{(1)} \rightarrow 0$	Contraction in one direction expansion in two directions
Pancake collapse in collapsing background	$H^{(1)} \rightarrow -\infty,$ $H^{(2)} = H^{(3)} < 0 \quad \text{finite},$ $\ell^{(2)} = \ell^{(3)} > 0, \quad \ell^{(1)} \rightarrow 0$	Fast contraction in one direction slow contraction in two directions
Filamentary collapse in a collapsing background	$H^{(2)} = H^{(3)} \rightarrow -\infty,$ $H^{(1)} < 0 \quad \text{finite},$ $\ell^{(2)} = \ell^{(3)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \ell^{(1)} > 0,$	Fast contraction in two direction slow contraction in one directions

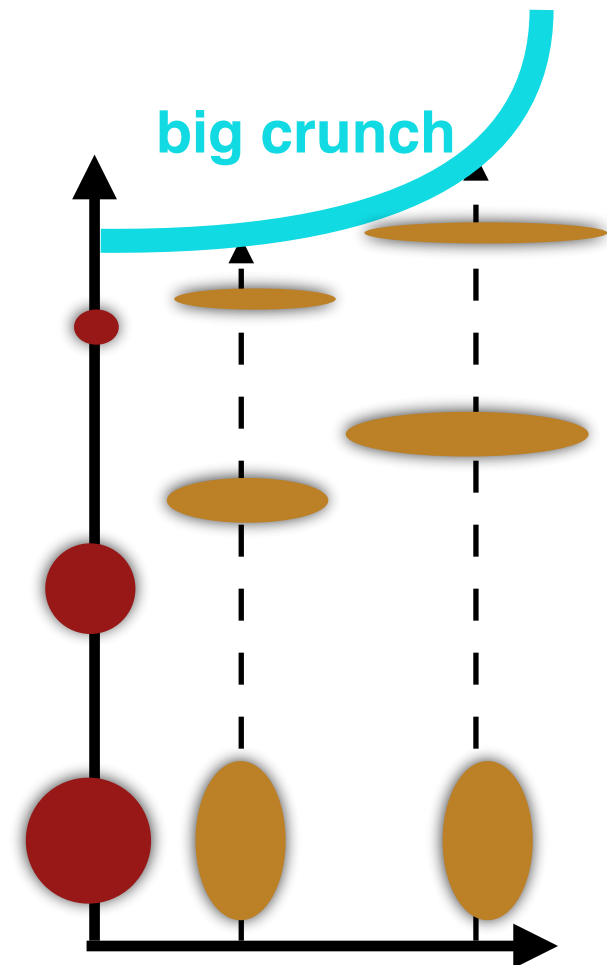
Multi-structure collapse scenarios



**Spheroidal
expansion
CENTRAL VOID
PANCAKE
STRUCTURES
in an expanding
background**



**Spheroidal
collapse
CENTRAL
OVERDENSITY
PANCAKE
STRUCTURES
in a collapsing
background**



**Spheroidal
collapse
CENTRAL
OVERDENSITY
FILAMENTARY
STRUCTURES
in a collapsing
background**

Conclusions & Future Research

- We have show how effective coarse grained modelling of cosmic structure can be achieved with Szekeres models. The maxima and minima of the density and the Hubble scalar can be located in assorted positions and orientations in the spherical coordinate system.
- Explore non-perturbative & relativistic effects in the testing of cosmological observations that is currently undertaken with Newtonian gravity and/or linear perturbations
- Fully relativistic & exact multi-structure collapse model. Useful to test numerical codes and relativistic corrections of Newtonian N-body simulations

That's all folks !