

Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with **protohalo size histories**

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Halo



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Halo Assembly bias

At fixed halo mass, the clustering of dark matter halos depends on secondary halo properties. (Wechsler & Tinker 2018) The entanglement of secondary halo properties and their large-scale environments. (Wang+2023)

Take-away message

For cluster-size halos, the halo assembly bias effect is •strong for halo structural parameters, •weak for halo assembly parameters.

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$$R = \sqrt{\frac{\sum m_i ||\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{cen}||^2}{\sum m_i}}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{cen} \equiv \frac{\sum m_i}{\sum m_i}$$

Mass accretion history

Protohalo size history

Mass accretion history v.s. Protohalo size history

Mass accretion history

• Modeling(McBride+2009)

$$M(z) = M_0(1+z)^{\gamma} e^{-\delta z}$$

• Bumpy

• Halo formation time: z_{half}

Protohalo size history

• Modeling(Wang+2023) $R(z) = \frac{2R_c}{\left(\frac{z}{z_c}\right)^{-\alpha} + \left(\frac{z}{z_c}\right)^{-\beta}}$

• Smooth

• Protohalo size: R_c

Mass accretion history

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 $z \sim 2$

 $M_{\rm h,z=0} = 10^{14.08} h^{-1} {\rm M}_{\odot}$

Take-home messages

Halo assembly bias for cluster-size halos

- No signal in the mass accretion history
- Strong signal in the protohalo size history

- Large diversity of high-z protoclusters
- Protohalo size as secondary property

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• An efficient and robust method to estimate halo concentration

$$M_{\rm vir} = \int_0^{r_{\rm vir}} 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr$$
$$R_1 = \frac{1}{M_{\rm vir} r_{\rm vir}} \int_0^{r_{\rm vir}} 4\pi r^3 \rho(r) dr$$
$$R_1 = \frac{c - 2\ln(1+c) + c/(1+c)}{c[\ln(1+c) - c/(1+c)]}$$

~260 DM particles in TNG100-3-Dark

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