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研究成果の概要(和文)：宇宙を構成する暗黒物質は、重力によって宇宙の構造形成に寄与する。コンピュータを用いた大規模シミュレーションにより、ハローと呼ばれる暗黒物質が空間的に密集している領域を形成することが明らかになった。ハローの内部には、さらにサブハローと呼ばれる小質量塊が形成され、銀河をホストするとされている。この研究の目的は、ハローの内部構造やサブハローの分布を調べることで暗黒物質の性質をより詳細に明らかにすることである。そのためにまずサブハローを同定する新しいアルゴリズムを開発し、その後ハローやサブハローの詳細について統計的な研究を行い、ハローの分布とその内部構造は複雑に関わりあっていることが明らかになった。

## 研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

本研究で開発したサブハローを同定するアルゴリズムは、この種のアルゴリズムの中で最も信頼性の高いアルゴリズムの一つであり、重力レンズ効果を用いた観測結果と数値シミュレーションにおけるサブハローの分布に関する相違を明らかにした。また、機械学習を用いることで、本研究で初めてハローの内部構造と大規模構造の相関関係が、従来考えられていたよりも複雑であることも明らかにした。それ以外にもハローの中のサブハローの分布を詳細に調べることで、サテライト銀河を用いたハロー質量の計測手法を開発し、ミルキーウェイの質量を計測する新しい手法の開発に成功した。この手法は、従来の手法に比べてより精度の高い測定を可能にした。

研究成果の概要(英文)：The main matter content of the Universe is in the form of the so-called dark matter, that is invisible to us but affects the structure of the Universe through its gravitational effect. Although the nature of dark matter is still unknown, computer simulations can tell us that dark matter in the Universe tend to exist in dense clumps called dark matter halos, that contain plenty of subclumps called subhalos. This project aims at studying the distribution of dark matter on these halo and subhalo scales, to shed light on the nature of dark matter. We first develop a novel computer program to extract subhalos from simulations, and then study various statistical properties of these halos and subhalos. We have found the largescale distribution of halos cares about their internal structures in a complex way, while the distribution and motion of subhalos inside each halo follow universal profiles. We have used these universal profiles to accurately map out the dark matter mass in our galaxy.

研究分野：distribution of dark matter around halo scales

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## 1. 研究開始当初の背景

Recent progresses in high resolution numerical simulation and near field cosmological observations have posted a few serious challenges to the standard cosmological model, commonly known as the “small scale crisis”. Among these, both the “missing satellite” problem and the “too big to fail” problem concern the overabundance of subhalos produced in simulations compared to the observed population of satellites. Solving these problems require better numerical and analytical



*Figure 1. The projected density image of a Milky Way sized halo (from the Aquarius simulations) simulated with cold (left) and warm dark matter (right).*

understandings of the dark matter distribution around subhalo scale. One promising way to resolve these problems is by replacing cold dark matter (CDM) with warm dark matter (WDM) in the standard model. Due to the suppressed small scale power in the WDM universe, a WDM halo harbors much fewer substructures than its CDM counterpart (Figure 1), automatically avoiding the small-scale problems.

Despite this, numerical problems are preventing simulations from efficiently resolving the small-scale structure of the WDM universe. The most well-known problem is the production of “spurious halos”—objects that form inside filaments and halos due to numerical noise. A method to efficiently remove these spurious objects from the halo catalogue has become a major technical barrier in the field.

On the other hand, the interpretation of these small-scale crises rely heavily on our knowledge of the total dark matter distribution in the Milky Way halo. Existing results in the literature differ from each other by a typical factor of two. A significant part of these differences can be attributed to systematic uncertainties among different methods. Accurate methods with small systematic biases are needed to better estimate the dark matter distribution in our Galaxy.

## 2. 研究の目的

The purpose of this research is to study the formation and distribution of dark matter subhalos. I expect to develop a new technique to find subhalos that can be applied to warm dark matter simulations while avoiding contamination from “spurious halos”. I will also build analytical models for the mass, spatial and velocity distribution of halos and subhalos, which will be subsequently applied to interpret small scale observations of the universe to shed light on the particle properties of dark matter.

### 3 . 研究の方法

The new method of finding subhalos proposed in this research is to track the hierarchical formation of halos and subhalos. As shown in Figure 2, subhalos form through hierarchical merger of their progenitor halos. By tracking the remnants of halos after merger events and postprocessing the remnants to keep only self-bound particles, we can easily identify both the subhalos and their formation histories. This method can be applied to warm dark matter simulations to potentially avoid the spurious halo contamination. Because spurious halos and subhalos form through fragmentation rather than hierarchical growth, in most cases they do not appear in the output of tracked merger events. In more complicated situations, the parameters of the halo-finding and subhalo tracking can be fine tuned to minimize or eliminate the influence of spurious objects.

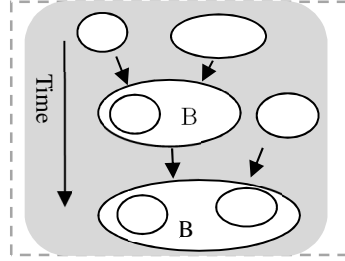


Figure 2. By tracking the progenitor halos A, B and C in time, descendant subhalos A and C at later times can be identified together with their merger history.

After subhalos are identified, we will model their distribution in mass, position and velocity. The distribution of subhalos in their properties at infall time can be compared with the distribution of properties at present day, to extract physical descriptions of the evolution of subhalos. The spatial and kinematic distribution of subhalos can also be modelled assuming subhalos form a steady-state system in the gravitational potential of the host halo.

### 4 . 研究成果

As a first step, we have developed a much improved subhalo finder based on the tracking algorithm, HBT+, which is much faster, more user friendly, and more complete in physics than our previous implementation. We have also built a FoF halo finder into HBT+, in order to explore halo finding in warm dark matter simulations with varying linking length. We have applied HBT+ to the Millennium-II simulation and the Aquarius simulation, and have obtained much improved results in the halo merger-tree as well as the subhalo mass function. In particular, we have shown that HBT+ finds a more abundant population of massive subhaloes in the center of host haloes, and the spatial and mass distribution of these subhaloes deviate from the universal distribution for low mass ones, reflecting that the massive subhaloes are more resilient to tidal stripping. These results are in contrast to the subhalo distribution found by conventional subhalo finders that work in configuration space, and are in better agreement with recent gravitational lensing observations of the subhalo population in galaxy clusters.

After developing the HBT+ code for subhalo finding, we have applied the code to simulations to study the properties and distributions of halos and subhalos, as well as carrying out some observational studies of matter distribution around halos.

On large scale, we carried out a multi-dimensional analysis of the clustering of central subhalos, to shed light on the origin of their assembly bias. For the first time, we are able to explicitly show that the dependences of bias on halo mass, concentration (or formation history), spin and shape are non-redundant with respect to each other, indicating their different physical origins. We also find that an environmental density is able to largely account for all the bias dependences. This reveals a new way to understand and model the large scale clustering of halos and subhalos. We have further used the subhalo catalog to develop a new algorithm for correcting for the fibre-collision effect in observational measurements of galaxy/halo clustering, and to study the lensing signal around low density regions in different cosmological models. These results are important progress towards precision cosmological analysis using the large scale distribution of galaxies and halos.

On small scales, starting from simulated mergers of galaxies and subhalos, we developed a new code (StarGO) to identify substructures in the stellar halo around galaxies using a

technique called self-organizing map. It can be applied to real observations such as the GAIA survey to study the small scale matter distribution and potentially constrain the property of dark matter.

Starting from the subhalo catalogue extracted from large simulations, we have also built a new universal model for the phasespace distribution of satellite subhalos and satellite galaxies, and developed a new method to infer the dark matter halo mass profile from satellite dynamics, which is subsequently applied to measure the MW halo mass. The halo mass of the Milky Way is a fundamental quantity that is crucial for the cosmological interpretation of many near field observations. Existing measurements on this quantity, however, have shown a very large discrepancy up to a factor of  $\sim 2$  among different works. We have shown that this uncertainty is related to the intrinsic dynamical state of tracers in the halo. In particular, most recently we have found that this uncertainty can be reduced using satellite galaxies instead of halo stars due to the closer-to-equilibrium distribution of satellites. Starting from this we have further developed a universal model for the phasespace distribution of satellites from a large sample of simulated halos. Fitting this new model to a most recent sample of satellite galaxies with GAIA proper motions, we are able to get the most accurate measurement of the Milky Way halo mass to date.

We have also carried out an extensive review on the Milky Way mass measurements in the literature, providing a consistent and up-to-date view of the subject. These progresses can provide a good foundation for further near field cosmological studies on the property of dark matter and their small scale distributions.

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