## A Fresh Perspective on the Assembly of Mass

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"Characterising the structure of halo merger trees using a single parameter: the tree entropy" Obreschkow, Elahi, Lagos, Poulton, Ludlow MNRAS 493 (2020)



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### Binary merger



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#### Minimal tree

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#### Minimal tree

#### Norfolk pine

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#### Scale-invariance

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 $s_{\rm small} = s_{\rm big}$ 

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#### Scale-invariance

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 $s_{\rm small} = s_{\rm big}$ 

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 $s = H(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ 

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 $s = H(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ 

*s* = 1

s = 0

s = 0

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 $s = H(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ s = 1s = 0s = 0

Generalised information entropy n 2.44 H = $X_i$ 

$$-3.92 \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^{2.44} \ln x_i^{2.44}$$

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 $s = H(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  "Tree Entropy"

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Generalised information entropy n

$$H = -3.92 \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i^{2.44} \ln x_i$$

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#### **Evolving tree entropy**

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#### Illustration of contrived mergers

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#### Gradual loss of long-term memory

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The initial tree entropy and number of leaves become irrelevant for well-resolved trees.

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## Part II Tree Entropy in ACDM

SURFS CDM simulation of 210 Mpc/h (N=1536<sup>3</sup>) by P. Elahi et al. (2018)

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#### Tree entropy in $\Lambda CDM$

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#### Tree entropy in $\Lambda CDM$

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1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.0

#### Tree entropy dependence on redshift and mass

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#### Information on galaxy morphology (in Shark)

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#### Information on galaxy morphology (in Shark)

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## Application to the Milky Way

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# Part III

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#### Merger tree of the MW

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Kruijssen et al. (2020)

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#### Entropy evolution of the MW

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- Cosmological simulations reveal that global galactic properties depend significantly on the tree entropy of the mass assembly history.

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- The tree entropy is a meaningful scale-free measure of merger tree topology, which carries additional information to standard halo parameters.
- Cosmological simulations reveal that global galactic properties depend significantly on the tree entropy of the mass assembly history.
- Using the tree entropy, it appears that the empirical merger history of the Milky Way is consistent with its global morphology in the context of ΛCDM.

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## Appendix

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#### Numerical convergence

Mass resolution

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#### Tree representations

Matter density

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#### **Evolving tree entropy**

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#### Merger event: $s_{\text{new}} = H + (1 + 0.4H - 0.9H^2) \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 (s_i - H)$ i=1

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Merger event:  

$$s_{\text{new}} = H + (1 + 0.4H - 0.9H^2) \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 (s_i - H^2)$$

For smooth accretion it follows that:

$$s_{\rm new} = s \left( \frac{m}{m + \Delta m_{\rm smooth}} \right)^{1/3}$$

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#### Smooth growth limit

Nearly smooth accretion

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#### Resampling

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