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# ლექცია 8

# N-Body Simulations

Primitive Approach:  
Particle-Particle interactions (PP)

$O(N^2)$  computation process

## Methods:

- ✓ Mesh Based
- ✓ Tree Code
- ✓ Multipole Expansion

# N-Body Simulations

## Approaches:

- Particle-Mesh (**PM**)
- Particle-Particle, Particle-Mesh (**P3M**)
- Particle Multiple Mesh (**PM2**)
- Nested Grid Particle – Mesh (**NGPM**)
- Tree Code (**TC**)

# Particle-Mesh (PM)

Approach: { Particles + Field }

1. Particle → Mesh

Calculate Density Function

2. Mesh

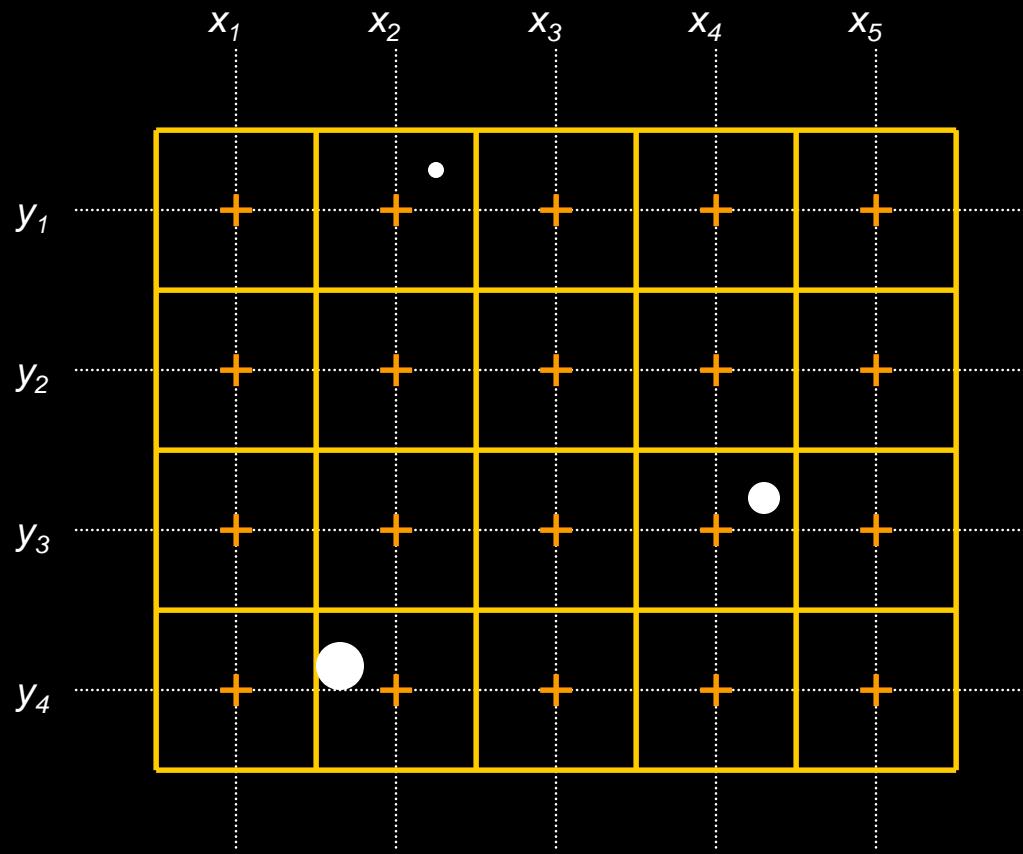
Calculate Potential

3. Mesh → Particle

Calculate Forces

# Particle-Mesh (PM)

(N) Particles + ( $m^2$ ) Mesh



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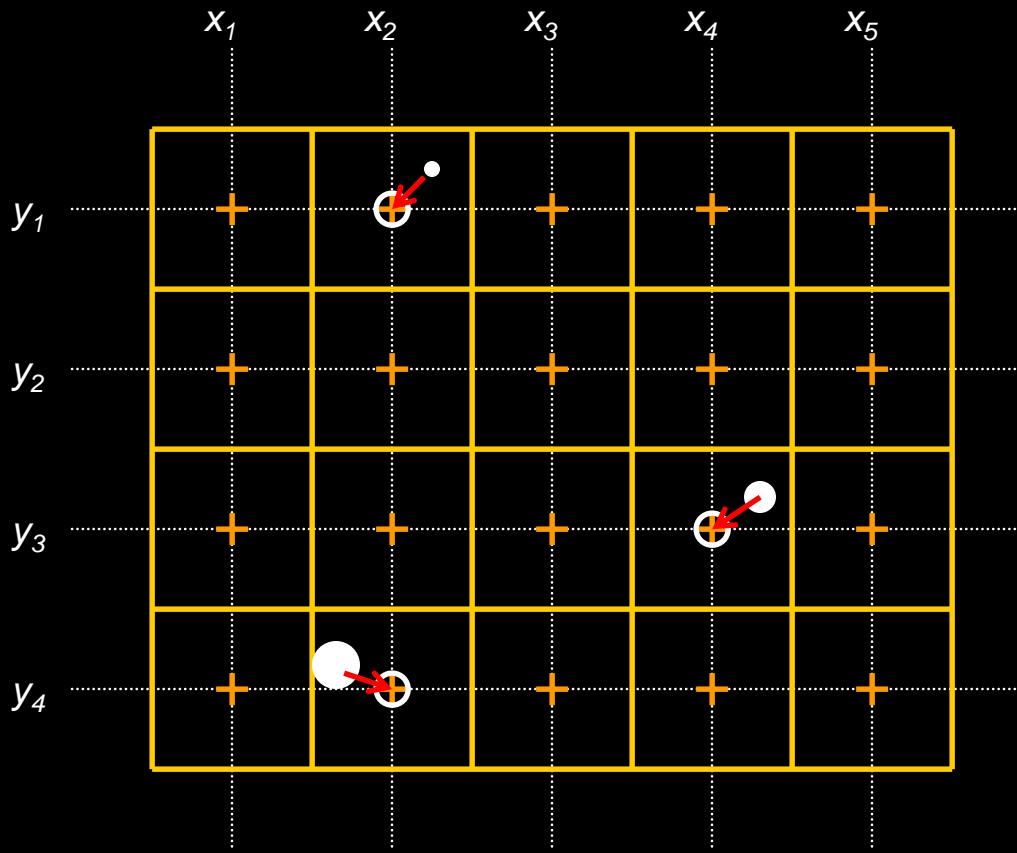
## 1. Particle Distribution → Density Function

- A. Nearest Grid Point (NGP)
- B. Cloud-in-Cell (CIC)
- C. Higher Order Interpolations (e.g. TSC)

# Particle-Mesh (PM)

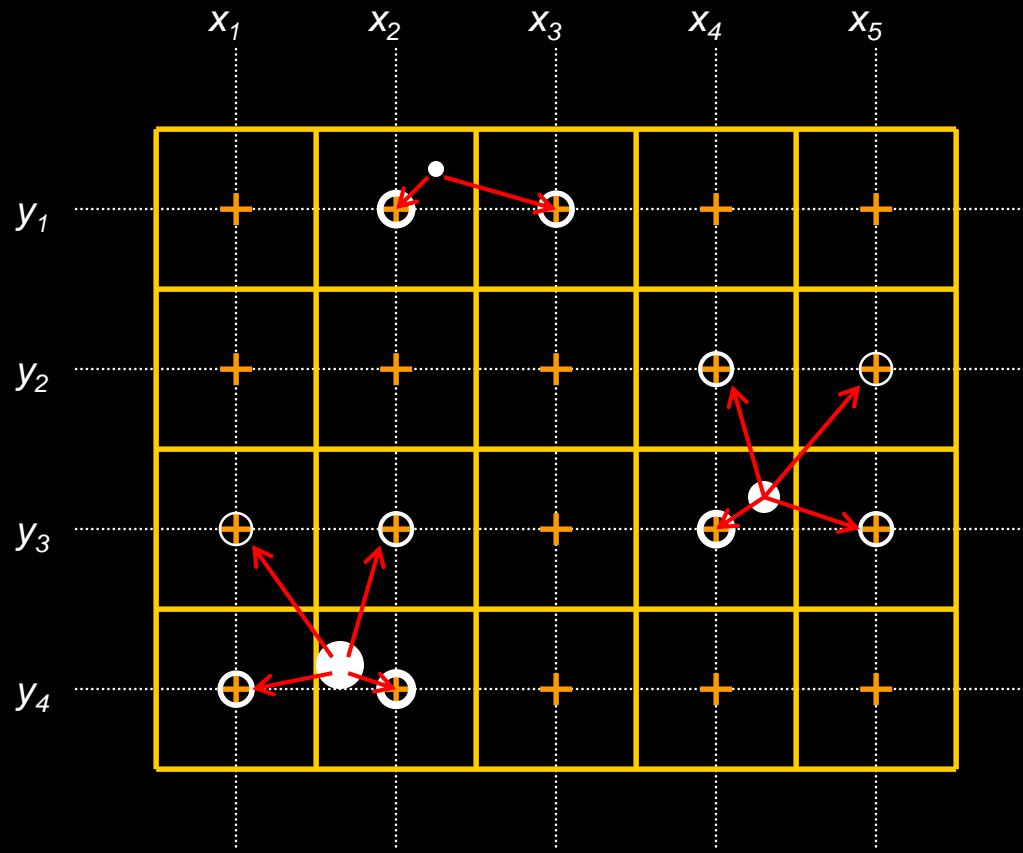
## Calculating Density Function: NGP

zero order interpolation



# Particle-Mesh (PM)

Calculating Density Function: CIC  
linear interpolation

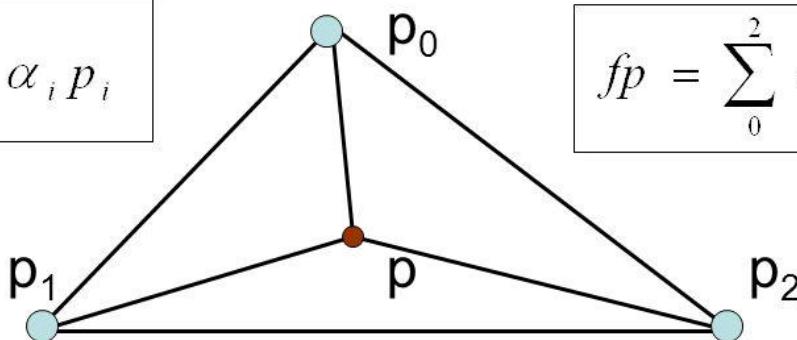


# Particle-Mesh (PM)

## Triangular-Shaped-Cloud

Linear interpolation over a triangle

$$p = \sum_0^2 \alpha_i p_i$$



$$fp = \sum_0^2 \alpha_i fp_i$$

For a triangle  $p_0, p_1, p_2$ , the Barycentric coordinates  
 $\alpha = (\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \alpha_2)$  for point  $p$ ,

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\text{area}(p, p_1, p_2)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)}, \frac{\text{area}(p_0, p, p_2)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)}, \frac{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p)}{\text{area}(p_0, p_1, p_2)} \right)$$

# Particle-Mesh (PM)

## 2. Calculate Potential (mesh)

$$\Delta \Phi = 4 \pi G \rho(x)$$

Spectral method (FFT)

## 3. Calculate Forces (mesh→particle)

$$f_i = m_i \nabla \Phi, \quad i = 1 \dots N$$

# Particle-Mesh (PM)

+ Speed

$$O(N + m \log m)$$

+ Large scale phenomena

- Particle collisions

- Non-uniform distributions (<1 particle/cell)

# Particle-Particle, Particle-Mesh (P3M)

*Hybrid: (Long Range + Short Range)*

1. Particle - Field

$$\Delta(\text{Particle}, \text{Partilce}) < 3\Delta(\text{Mesh})$$

2. Particle - Particle

$$O( (N-n) + m \log m + n^2 )$$

# Particle-Particle, Particle-Mesh (P3M)

+ Cosmology Simulations

- Direct Summation can dominate

Improvements:

*Adaptive Mesh*

*Wavelets*

# Particle – Mesh, Mesh (**PM2**)

Particle + Mesh + Mesh

Particle

Global Mesh (coarse)

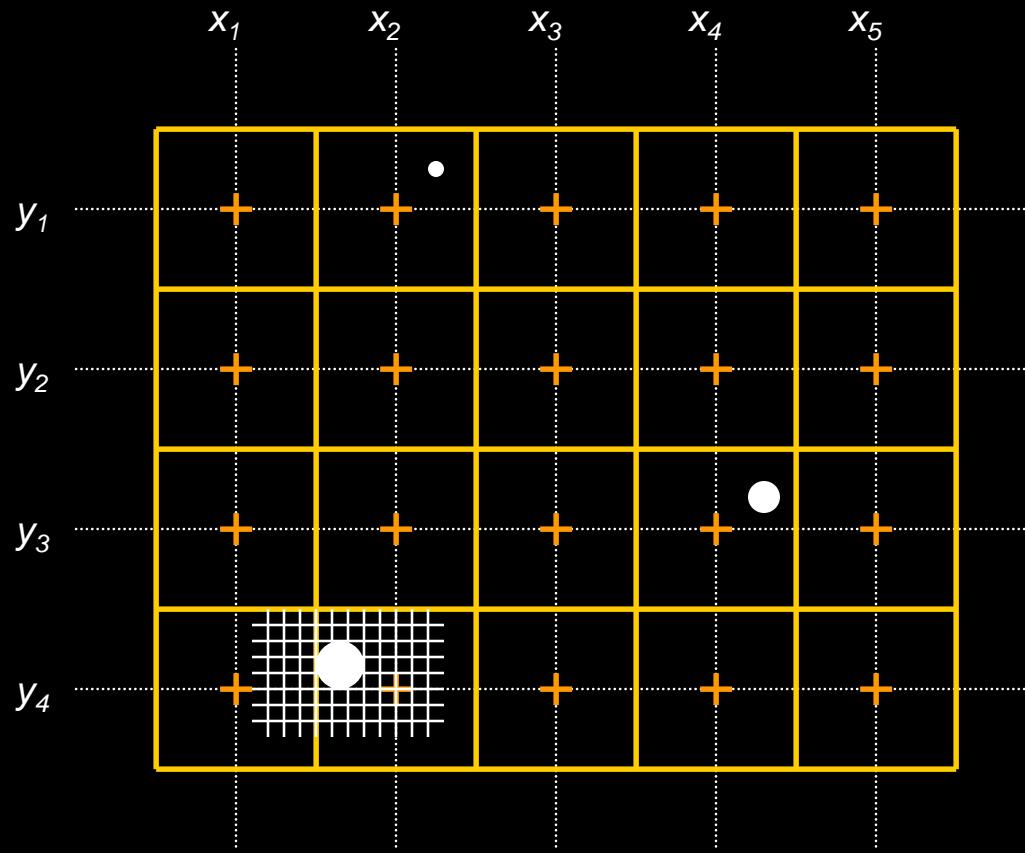
Particle Sub-Mesh (fine)

Long Distance Interaction (Global Mesh Field)

Short Distance Interaction (Particle Mesh)

# Particle – Mesh, Mesh (PM2)

## Particel – Mesh – Mesh



# Particle – Mesh, Mesh (PM2)

$$O(N + M \log M + \alpha m \log m)$$

+ Particle Collisions

- Small Volumes

Max size for effect (galaxy) then PM

# Nested Grid Particle – Mesh (NGPM)

Particle, Nested Mesh

Global Mesh, mesh1,mesh2,...

$\Delta M > \Delta m_1 > \Delta m_2 \dots$

Smaller distance

Higher resolution (Forces)

Higher resolution (Mass)

# Nested Grid Particle – Mesh (NGPM)

Particle mass → Grid density

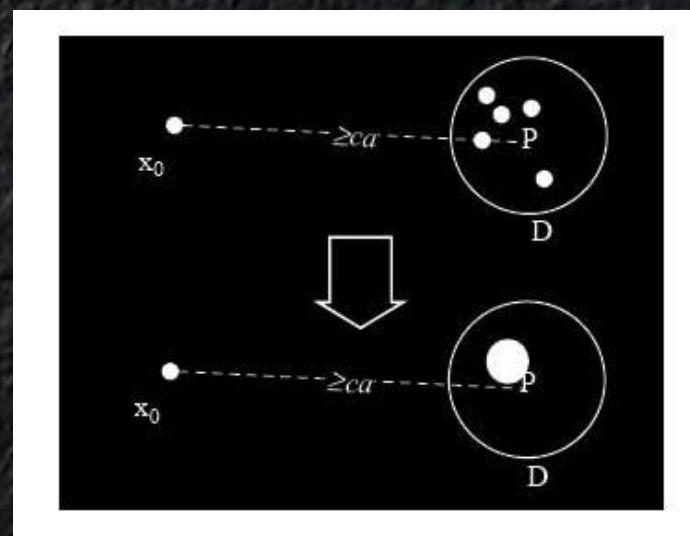
Grid → Sub grid (Cloud-in-Cell interp.)

- + Improved Particle Collisions
- More Complex, Memory

# Tree Code (TC)

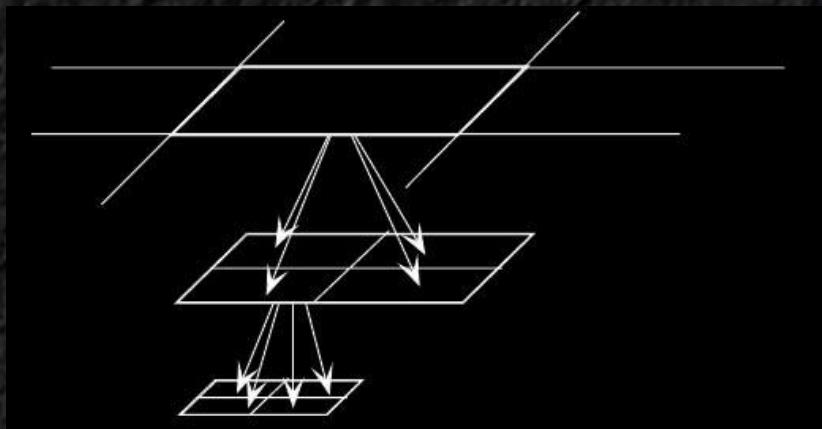
Hierarchical Tree – Gridless  
Interactions: Particle-Tree

Short range / Long range



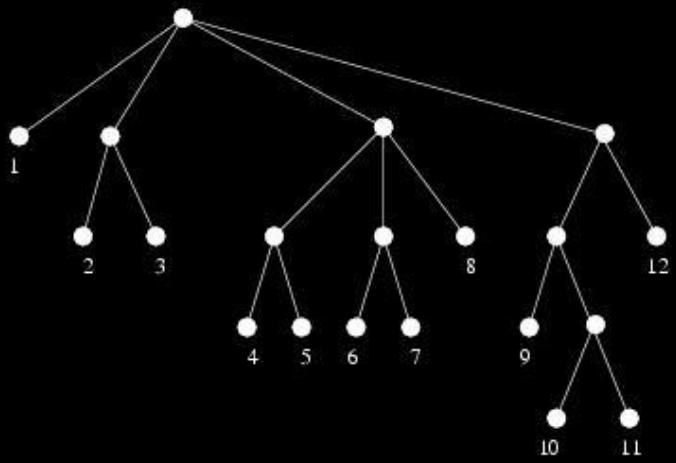
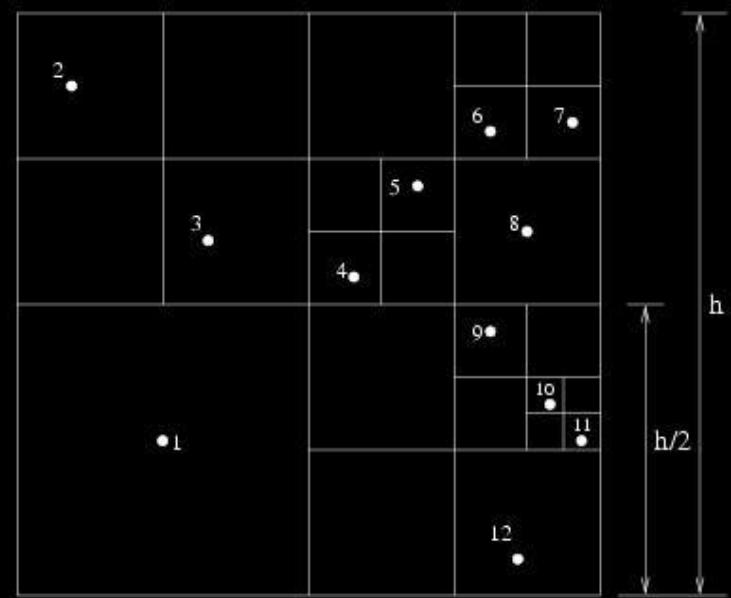
# Tree Code (TC)

Hierarchy Tree:



Quadrant Partition

Barnes-Hut Tree



# Tree Code (**TC**)

Different Hierarchic Trees  
(Top up, Top down)

**Barnes-Hut** – Quadratees (corners!)

**Ball Tree** – Ball Tree

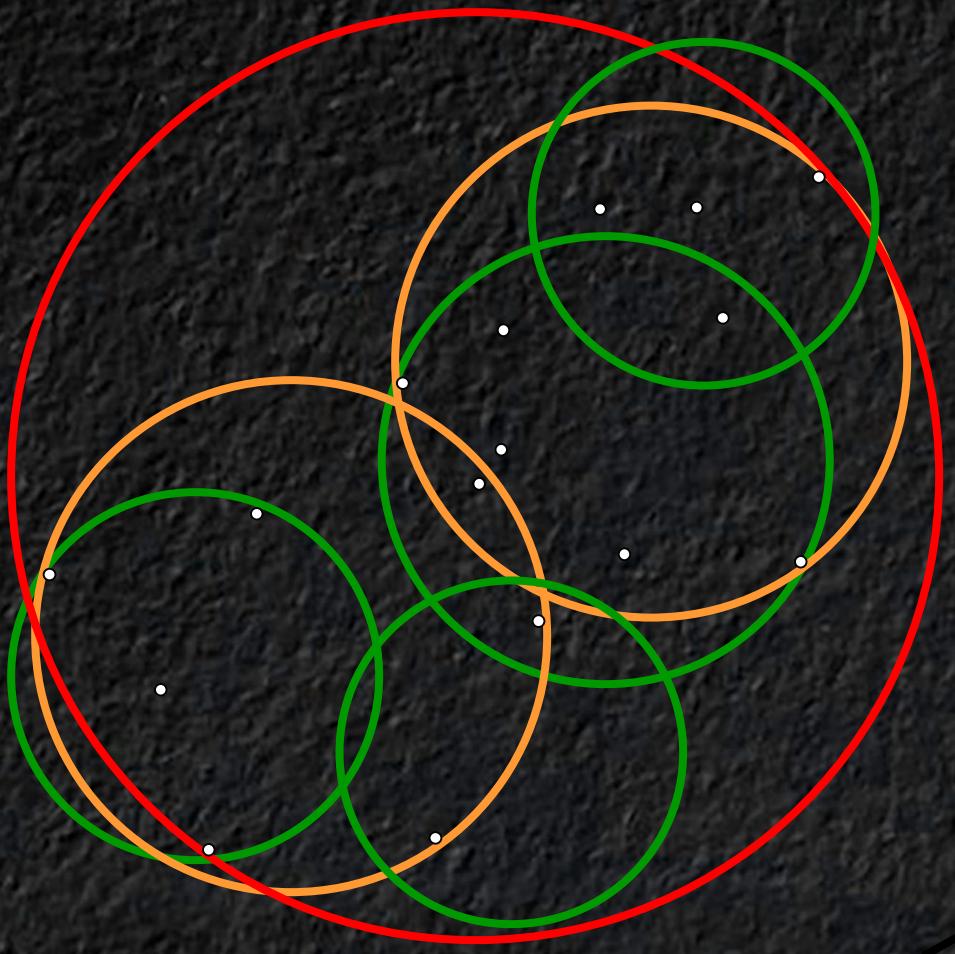


Ball Tree root node

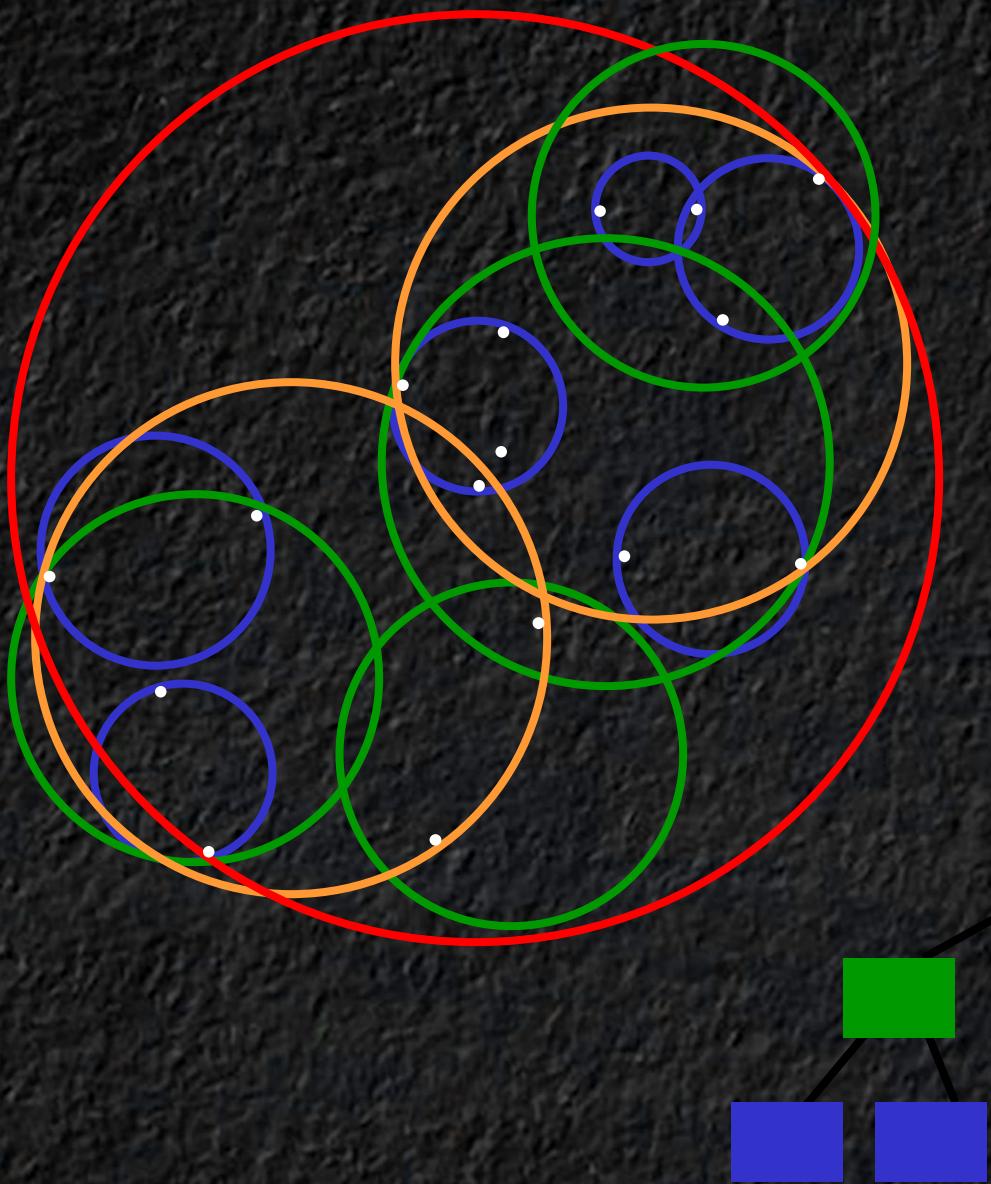
# Ball Tree



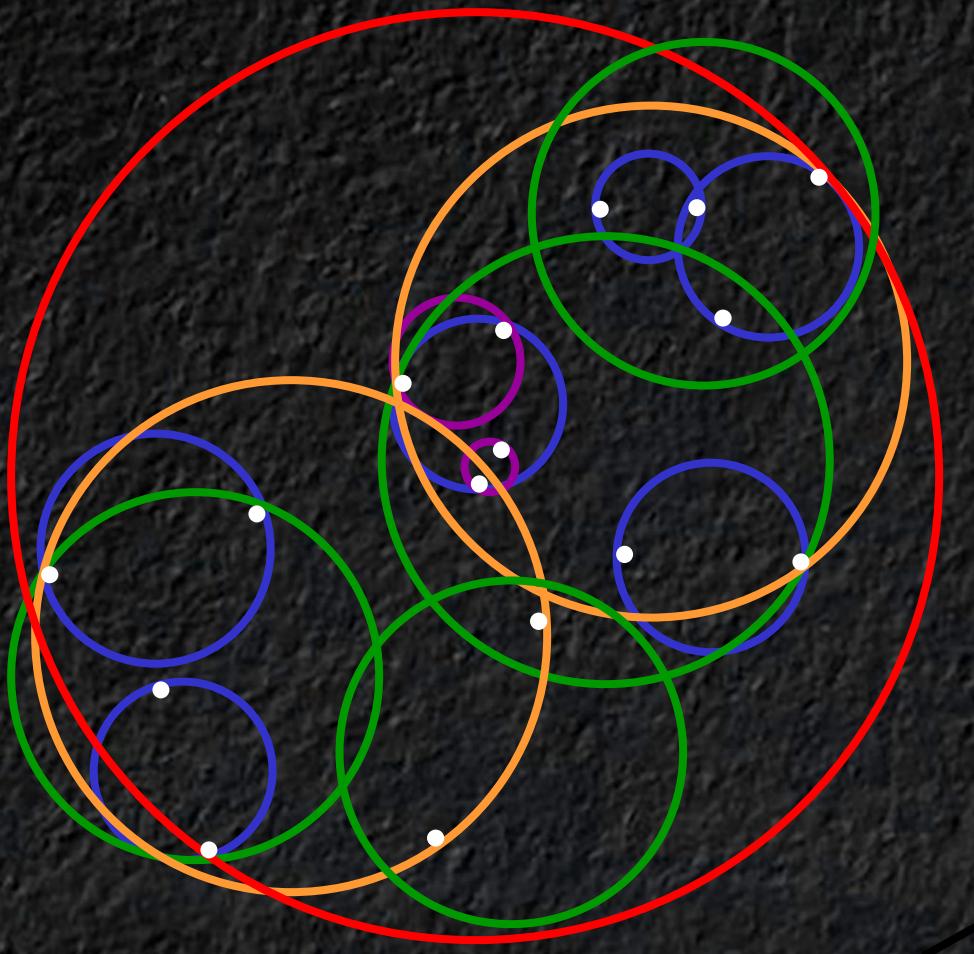
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# Tree Code (TC)

- + Flexible (Gridless)
- +  $O(N \log N)$
  
- Memory (Store Trees)
- Accuracy (0-th order FFM)

# Cell-Cell, Fast Multipole Method (**FMM**)

Particle / Tree code Hierarchy / Potential Field

Expand Potential Field into Multipoles

Monopoles –  $R_1$

Dipoles –  $R_2$

Quadrupoles –  $R_3$

$$R_1 > R_2 > R_3$$

# Cell-Cell, Fast Multipole Method (**FMM**)

- + Faster then Barnes Hut (given accuracy)
- +  $O(N)$  ?
- + Better on Charged Particles
- Collisional Systems

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