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Figure: An example of a bar galaxy (courtesy of NASA, ESA, and The Hubble Heritage Team STScI/AURA)

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Figure: (Caption from Sanders, 2010) The halo which forms in an N-body simulation of a CDM universe. The central object has a mass comparable to that of the Milky Way and it is seen to be surrounded by numerous companions – sub-halos which have failed to merge with the more general structure. There are far more such objects than observed dwarf satellites of the Galaxy. Courtesy of Volker Springel.

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#### Gravitational lens - near complete Einstein ring



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#### CDM Hypothesis: Numerical Results



Figure: From Springel et al. [Nature 440 1137 (2006)]. Left: dark matter distribution at (top to bottom) 600 million, 1 billion, 4.7 billion and 13.6 billion years after the Big Bang, from the Millennium N-body simulation. The colour from blue to red encodes the local velocity dispersion; the brightness is a logarithmic measure of the density. Right: predicted distribution of galaxies in the same region and times (semi-analytic techniques used for galaxy formation). Colour encodes stellar mass. The dark matter evolves from a smooth. nearly uniform distribution into a highly clustered state, quite unlike the galaxies, which are strongly clustered from the start.

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Figure: Galaxy two-point correlation function,  $\xi(r)$ , at t = now as a function of separation r. Black line is from simulation, dashed green line is simulated dark matter. Red symbols (with vanishingly small Poisson error bars) are from model galaxies brighter than  $M_{\rm K}=-23$ , where  $M_{\rm K}$  is the magnitude in the K-band. Data from 2dFGRS are shown as blue diamonds together with their  $1\sigma$  error bars. The SDSS and APM surveys give similar results. Springel et al. [Nature 435, 629 (2005)]

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