

COZMIC: Cosmological Zoom-in Simulations with Initial Conditions Beyond CDM

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I will present COZMIC, a suite of over 100 cosmological zoom-in simulations with initial conditions beyond CDM. COZMIC spans initial conditions for warm, fuzzy, and interacting dark matter models. The shape of the linear matter power spectrum, $P(k)$, is imprinted on the corresponding subhalo populations. Modeling this effect improves fuzzy and interacting dark matter bounds from the Milky Way satellite population by orders of magnitude. Simulations with a fractional non-CDM component also suppress subhalo abundances, yielding new limits on mixed cold/warm dark matter models. Finally, combining $P(k)$ suppression with strong, velocity-dependent DM self-interactions alters core collapse, revealing an interplay between early and late-universe DM physics.

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