

# General relativistic weak-field limit and Newtonian N-body simulations

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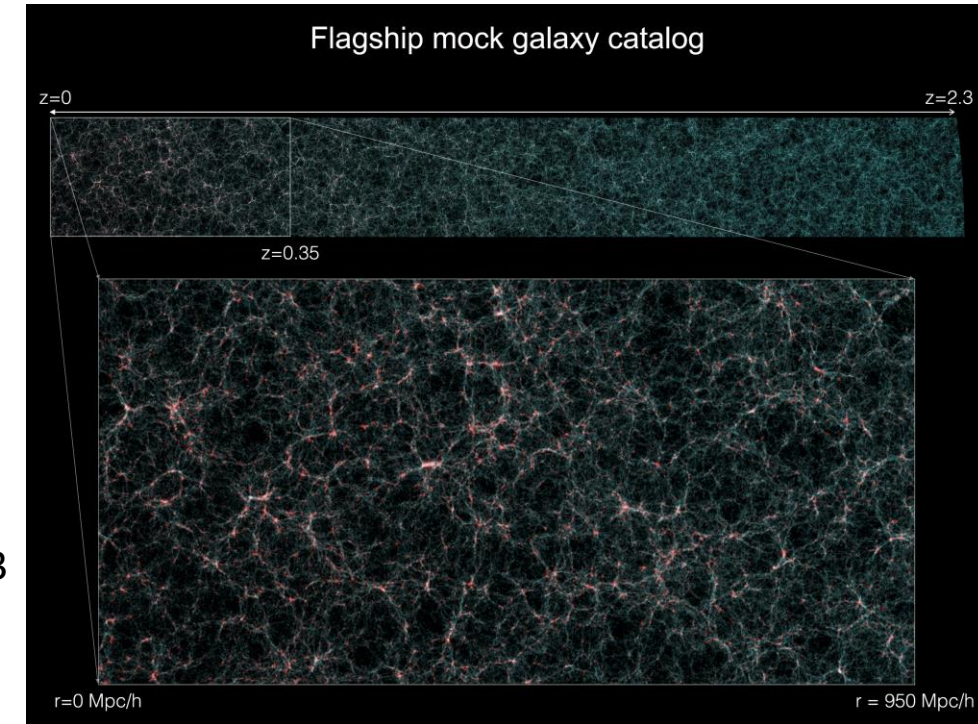


with **Christian Fidler, Cornelius Rampf, Thomas Tram,**  
Rob Crittenden, David Wands



# Motivation

- Future surveys (DESI, LSST, Euclid, SKA ...)  
These surveys will go wider and deeper, probing near horizon perturbations
- N-body simulations  
These surveys require large volume simulations  
cf. Euclid flagship simulation  $L=3.8$  Gpc,  $N=12600^3$   
mock galaxies up to  $z=2.3$
- Limitations of Newtonian simulations  
Newtonian dynamics is based on “action-at-a-distance” in absolute space and time



# Questions

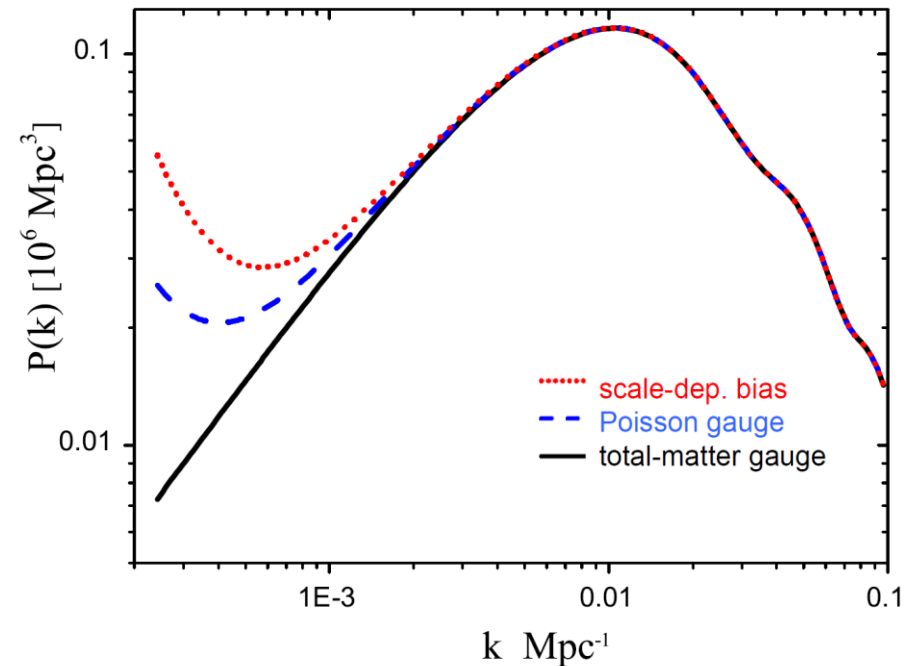
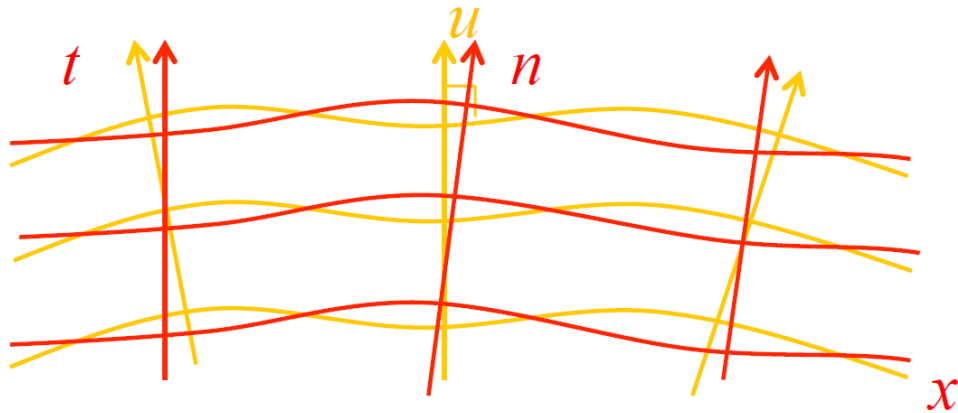
- Are Newtonian N-body simulations consistent with weak-field limit of GR?
- If so, how do we interpret Newtonian simulations in a relativistic framework?
- How do we include relativistic effects missing in simulations (e.g. radiation perturbations)

# Gauge

No unique choice of time (slicing) and space coordinates (threading) in an inhomogeneous spacetime

$$t \rightarrow t + T(t, x^i)$$

$$\rho(t) \rightarrow \rho(t + T(t, x^i)) = \rho(t) + \rho'(t)T(t, x^i)$$



# Newtonian simulations

- Initial conditions

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{q}, \eta) = \mathbf{q} + \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{q}, \eta) \quad - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}_\alpha = \delta_\alpha$$

- N-body simulations

$$\rho_{\text{count}} = \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{\text{particles}} m \delta_{\text{D}}^{(3)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p)$$

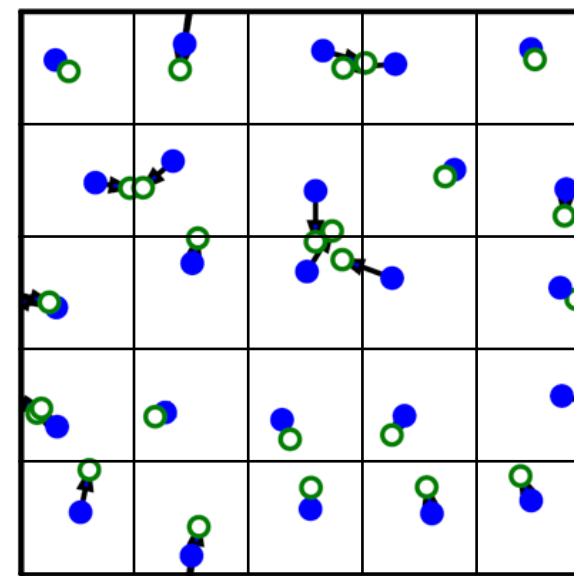
$$k^2 \Phi^{\text{N}} = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} \delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = -\nabla \Phi^{\text{N}}$$



linearisation

Newtonian evolution



$$k^2 \Phi^{\text{N}} = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}} \delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}}$$

$$\dot{\delta}_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}} + k v_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}} = 0,$$

$$[\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}] v_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{N}} = -k \Phi^{\text{N}},$$

# N-body gauge (linear perturbations) [Fidler et.al. arXiv:1505.04756](#)

- N-body gauge

$$g_{00} = -a^2(1 + 2A),$$

$$g_{0i} = -a^2 B_i,$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 [\delta_{ij} (1 + 2H_L) - 2H_T \delta_{ij}]$$


$$B^{\text{Nb}} = v^{\text{Nb}} \quad H_L^{\text{Nb}} = 0$$

$$\dot{\delta}_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} + k v_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} = 0,$$

$$[\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}] v_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} = -k (\Phi + \gamma^{\text{Nb}})$$

$$\Phi \equiv H_L + \frac{1}{3} H_T + \mathcal{H} k^{-1} (B - k^{-1} \dot{H}_T)$$

$$-k^2 \gamma \equiv (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) \dot{H}_T - 8\pi G a^2 \bar{p} \Pi \quad (\text{anisotropic stress})$$

Cold Dark Matter (CDM) + C.C. $H_T^{\text{Nb}} = 3\zeta = \text{constant}$ $\Pi = 0$  $\gamma$ vanishes
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- Relativistic density

$$\rho = (1 - 3H_L) \rho_{\text{count}}$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -4\pi G a^2 \sum \bar{\rho}_\alpha \delta_\alpha^{\text{Nb}}$$

$$\zeta = H_L + \frac{1}{3} H_T + \mathcal{H} k^{-1} (B - v)$$

Traceless part of 3-metric does not distort volume in the N-body gauge

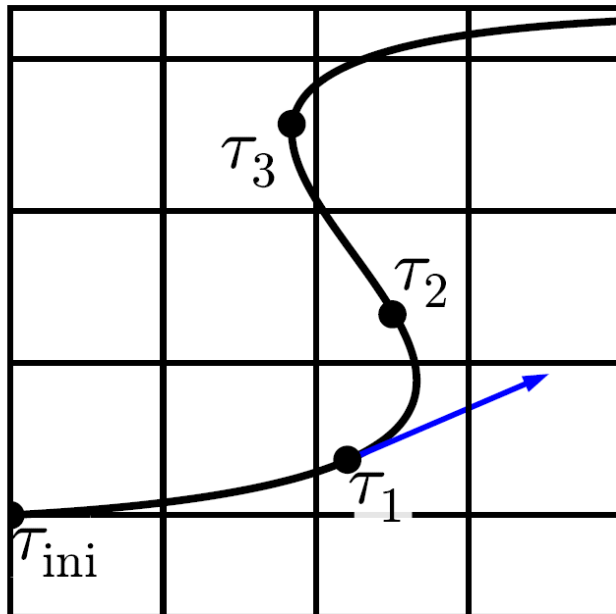
# Radiation perturbations

Fidler et.al. [arXiv:1606.05588](#), [arXiv:1702.03221](#)

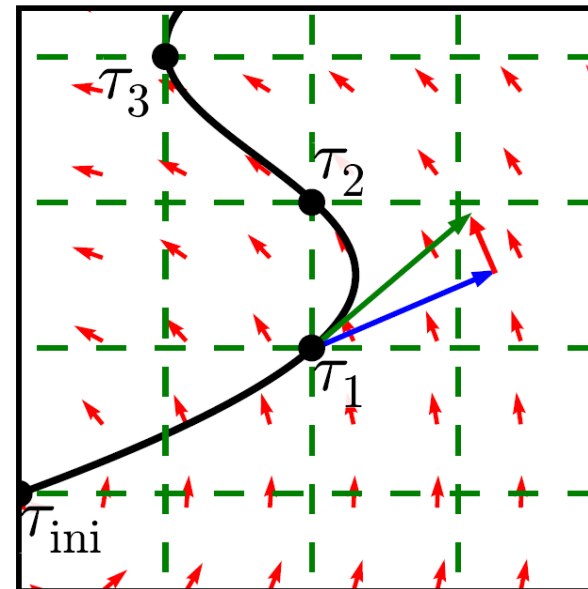
- Radiation perturbations

$$[\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}] \mathbf{v}_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} = \nabla \Phi + \nabla \gamma^{\text{Nb}}$$

*N*-body simulation



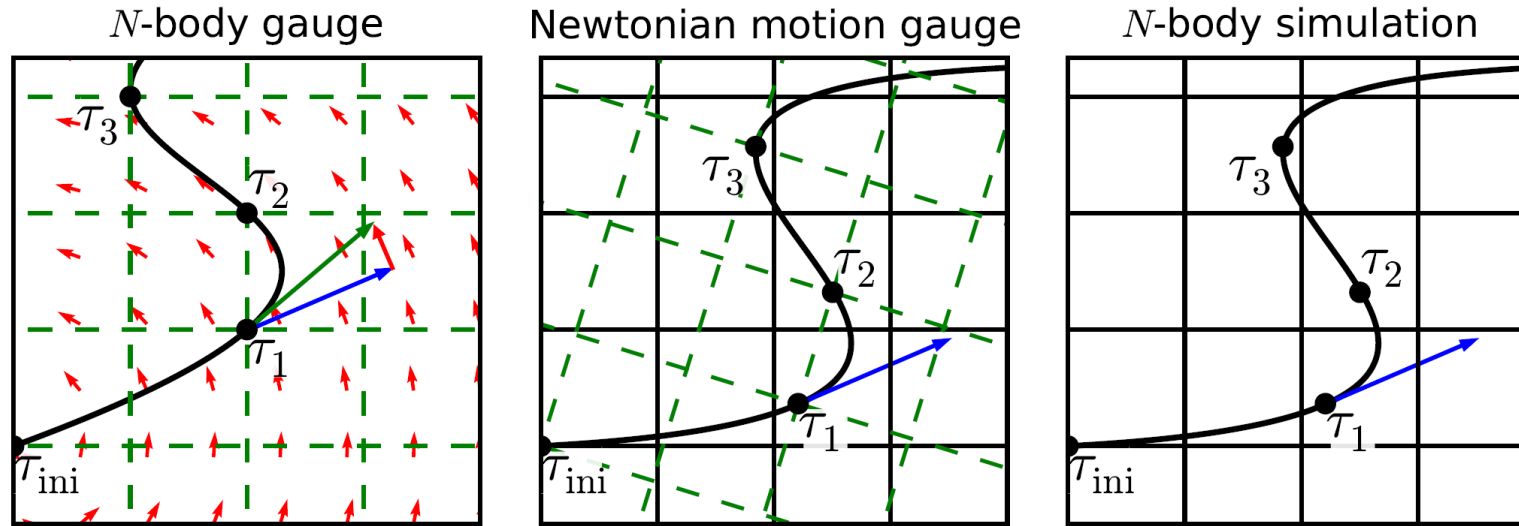
*N*-body gauge



# Newtonian motion gauge

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221

- Newtonian motion gauge



$$k^2 \Phi^N = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} \delta_{\text{cdm}}^N$$

$$\delta_{\text{cdm}}^N \equiv \delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nm}} + 3H_L^{\text{Nm}}$$

$$[\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}] \mathbf{v}_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} = \nabla \Phi + \nabla \gamma^{\text{Nb}} \quad [\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}] v_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nm}} = -k \Phi^N$$

space threading  $\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{L} \quad H_{\text{T}} = \tilde{H}_{\text{T}} + kL$

$$\gamma^{\text{Nm}} = \Phi^N - \Phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) \dot{H}_{\text{T}} - 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} (H_{\text{T}} - 3\zeta) = S$$

$$S = 4\pi G a^2 (\bar{\rho}_{\text{other}} \delta_{\text{other}} + 3\mathcal{H} k^{-1} (\bar{\rho} + \bar{p})_{\text{other}} (v - B) + 2\bar{p}\Pi)$$



# Newtonian motion gauge spacetime

Fidler et.al. [arXiv:1606.05588](#), [arXiv:1702.03221](#)

- Time slicing  $B^{\text{Nm}} = v^{\text{Nm}}$  (not a unique choice)

$$g_{00} = -a^2 (1 + 2A^{\text{Nm}}) ,$$

$$g_{0i} = a^2 \hat{k}_i B^{\text{Nm}} ,$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left[ \delta_{ij} (1 + 2H_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}}) + 2 \left( \delta_{ij}/3 - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j \right) H_{\text{T}}^{\text{Nm}} \right]$$

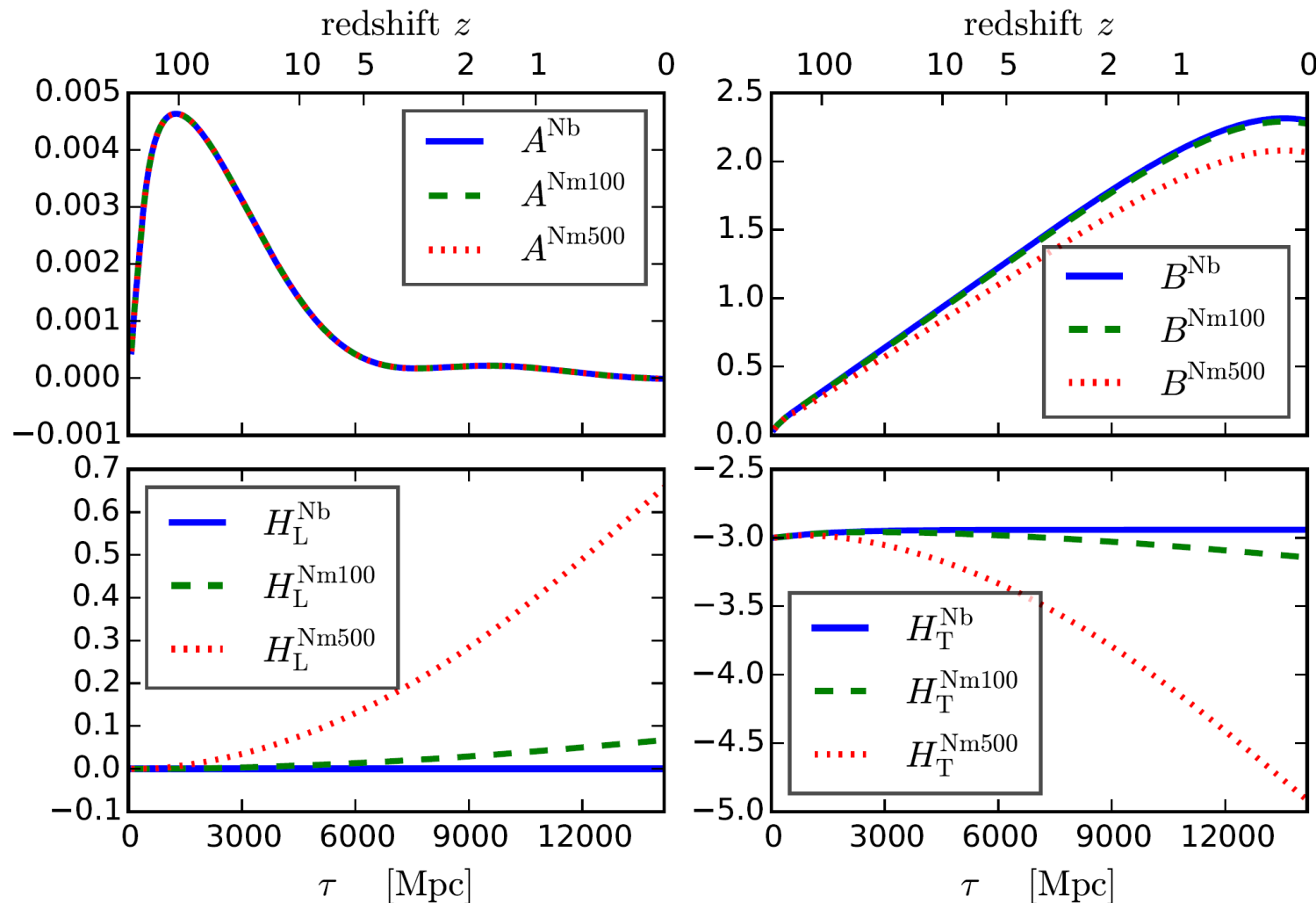
$$(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}) A^{\text{Nm}} = \frac{2}{3} \bar{p} \Pi - \delta p^{\text{Nm}}$$

$$- 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} (3H_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}} + \delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nm}}) = k^2 A^{\text{Nm}} + (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) k B^{\text{Nm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \dot{H}_{\text{T}}^{\text{Nm}} = \mathcal{H} A^{\text{Nm}} - \dot{H}_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}}$$

# Newtonian motion gauge metric

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221



$$\zeta = H_L + \frac{1}{3}H_T + \mathcal{H}k^{-1}(B - v)$$

$$k = 10^{-3}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$\zeta = -1 \text{ on super-horizon}$$

$$H_T^{\text{Nb}} = 3\zeta = \text{constant}$$

$$H_L^{\text{Nb}} = 0$$

with no radiation

# Application to N-body simulations

Fidler et.al. [arXiv:1606.05588](#), [arXiv:1702.03221](#)

- Gauge transformation to N-body gauge

At late times, radiation becomes negligible and N-body simulations are easier to interpret in N-body gauge

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{Nb}} = \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{Nm}} + \boldsymbol{L}^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}}, \quad \boldsymbol{L}^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}} = -k^{-1} \nabla L^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}}$$

$$\ddot{L}^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}} + \mathcal{H} \dot{L}^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}} - 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} L^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}} = -k \gamma^{\text{Nb}} - 4\pi G a^2 k^{-1} \bar{\rho}_{\text{other}} \delta_{\text{other}}^{\text{Nb}}$$

$$\delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nb}} - \delta^{\text{N}} = -k L^{\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Nb}}$$

this gauge transformation can be computed by linear Boltzmann code (CLASS)

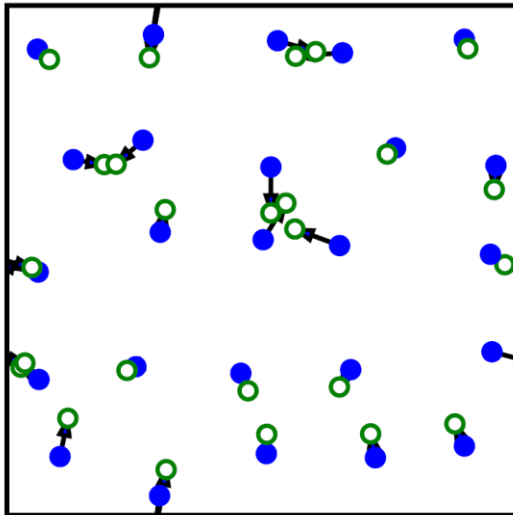
# Comparison with relativistic simulations

Adamek et.al. arXiv:1703.08585

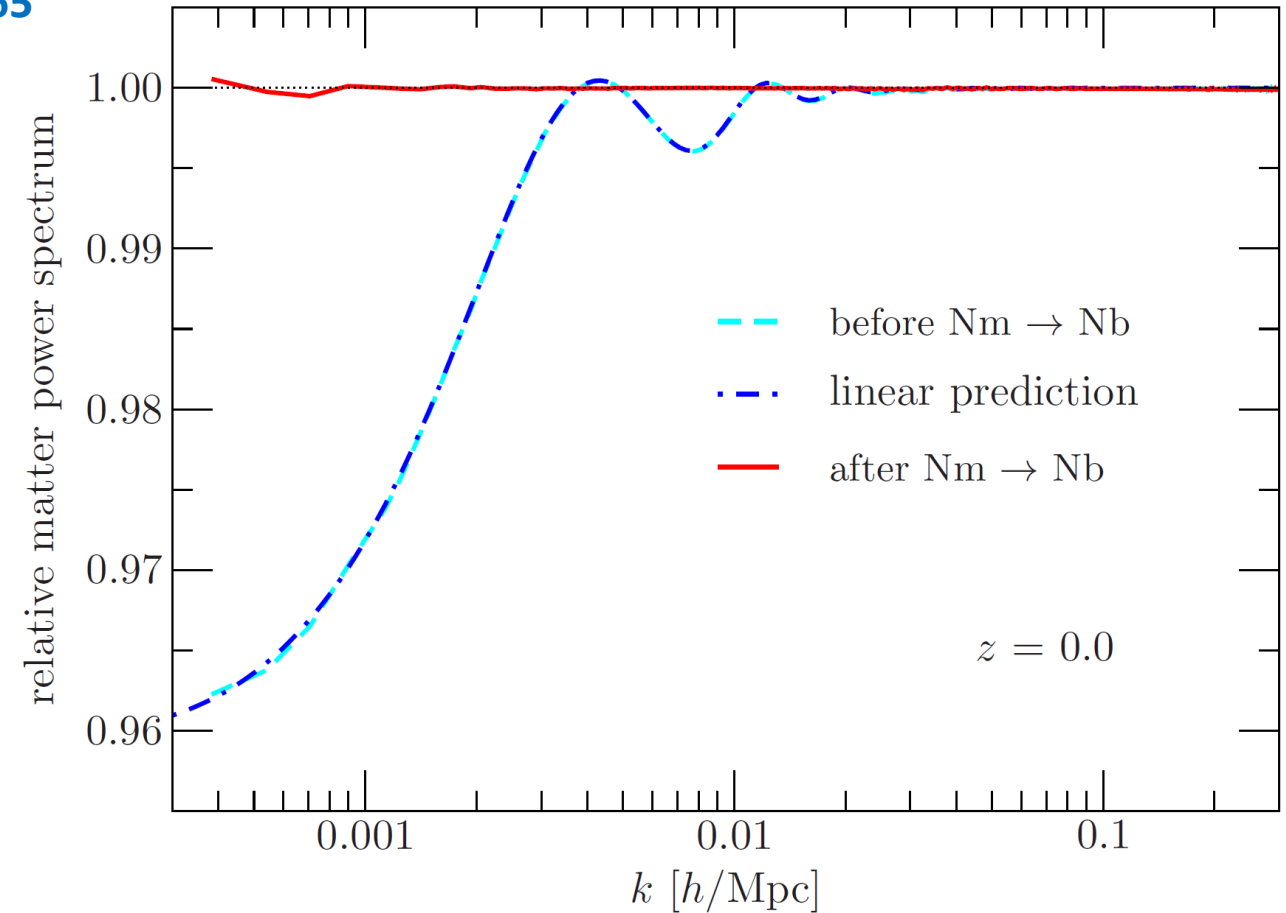
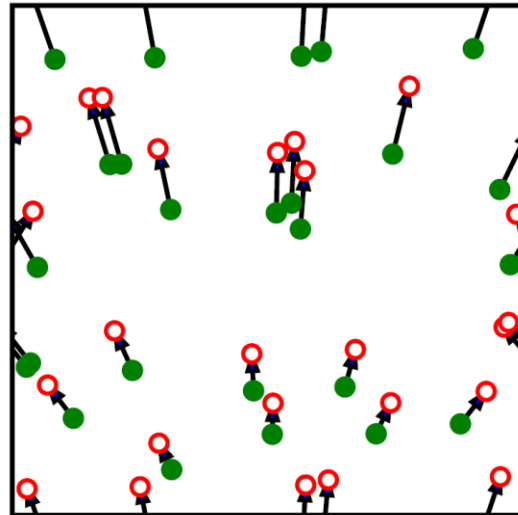
- gevolution [Adamek et.al. arXiv:1604.06065](#)

Relativistic simulation code with  
weak field approximation

Newtonian evolution



Gauge transformation  $\mathbf{L}$



# Weak field expansion

Fidler et.al. [arXiv:1708.07769](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.07769)

- Non-linear density and velocity

In Newtonian simulations, density and velocity become non-linear but the Newtonian potential remains small

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\boldsymbol{x}, \tau) = -4\pi G \bar{\rho} a^2 \delta(\boldsymbol{x}, \tau)$$

- Weak field expansion

$$\nabla = k_{\text{ref}} \mathcal{O}(\kappa) \quad k_{\text{ref}} = aH \equiv \mathcal{H} \quad \Phi \text{ is of } \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Super/near horizon scales  $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad \delta = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$
- Under horizon and linear scales  $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(1)$  (standard cosmological pert.)
- Under horizon and “non-linear” scales  $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$

$$\delta = \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2 \epsilon) = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \kappa = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1/2})$$

# Weak field expansion

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

- **Metric perturbations**  $(A, H_L, B, B_i, H_T, H_{Ti}$  and  $H_{Tij})$  are of order  $\epsilon$ .

$$g_{00} = -a^2 (1 + 2A) ,$$

$$g_{0i} = -a^2 \left( B_i + \hat{\nabla}_i B \right) ,$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_i \equiv -(-\Delta)^{-1/2} \nabla_i \quad \Delta = \nabla^2$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left[ \delta_{ij} (1 + 2H_L) + 2 \left( \hat{\nabla}_i \hat{\nabla}_j + \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \right) H_T - \hat{\nabla}_i H_{Tj} - \hat{\nabla}_j H_{Ti} - 2H_{Tij} \right]$$

- **Matter perturbations**  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2 \epsilon)$   $v = \mathcal{O}(\kappa \epsilon)$   $\Sigma \sim \Sigma^i \sim \Sigma^{ij} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

$$T^0_0 = -\rho ,$$

$$T^0_i = (\rho + p)(v_i + \hat{\nabla}_i v - B_i - \hat{\nabla}_i B)$$

$$T^i_j = p\delta^i_j + \left( \hat{\nabla}^i \hat{\nabla}_j + \frac{\delta^i_j}{3} \right) \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{\nabla}^i \Sigma_j + \hat{\nabla}_j \Sigma^i \right) - \Sigma^i_j + (\rho + p)(v^i + \hat{\nabla}^i v)(v_j + \hat{\nabla}_j v)$$

# Weak field Newtonian motion gauge

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

- Temporal gauge

$v = B$  violates our assumption

we adopt  $\mathcal{R}B = \dot{H}_T$   $\mathcal{R} = (-\Delta)^{1/2}$

- Newtonian variables

$$4\pi G a^2 \delta \rho_{\text{count}}^{\text{cdm}} = \mathcal{R}^2 \Phi^N \quad \delta_{\text{count}}^{\text{cdm}} = \delta + 3H_L = \delta^N \quad v^{\text{cdm}} = v^N$$

- Newtonian motion gauge

$$A + (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) \mathcal{R}^{-2} \dot{H}_T = -\Phi^N$$

This spatial gauge condition realises Newtonian (non-linear) Euler equation

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) (v_i^{\text{cdm}} + \hat{\nabla}_i v^{\text{cdm}}) - (v_{\text{cdm}}^j + \hat{\nabla}^j v^{\text{cdm}}) \hat{\nabla}_j \mathcal{R} (v_i^{\text{cdm}} + \hat{\nabla}_i v^{\text{cdm}}) + \hat{\nabla}_i \mathcal{R} \Phi^N \\ = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{2}{3} \hat{\nabla}_i \mathcal{R} \Sigma^{\text{cdm}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R} \Sigma_i^{\text{cdm}} \right) . \end{aligned}$$

# Linear Boltzmann + Newtonian N-body

Fidler et.al. [arXiv:1708.07769](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.07769)

- Gauge conditions

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H})\dot{H}_T = 4\pi G a^2 (\delta\rho_\gamma + 3\mathcal{H}(\rho_\gamma + p_\gamma)\mathcal{K}^{-1}(v - \mathcal{K}^{-1}\dot{H}_T) - \rho_{\text{cdm}}(3\zeta - H_T)) + 8\pi G a^2 \Sigma$$
$$\dot{H}_T = \mathcal{K}B$$

These are  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$  equations so can be computed using a linear Boltzmann code

Other variables can be computed using simulation quantities  $\delta^N \quad v^N \quad \Phi^N$

$$A = -\Phi^N - (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H})\mathcal{K}^{-2}\dot{H}_T,$$
$$H_L = \Phi^N - \frac{1}{3}H_T - \gamma,$$
$$v = v^N,$$
$$\delta = \delta^N - 3H_L = \delta^N - 3\Phi^N + H_T + 3\gamma \quad \gamma \equiv -(\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H})\mathcal{K}^{-2}\dot{H}_T + 8\pi G a^2 \mathcal{K}^{-2}\Sigma$$

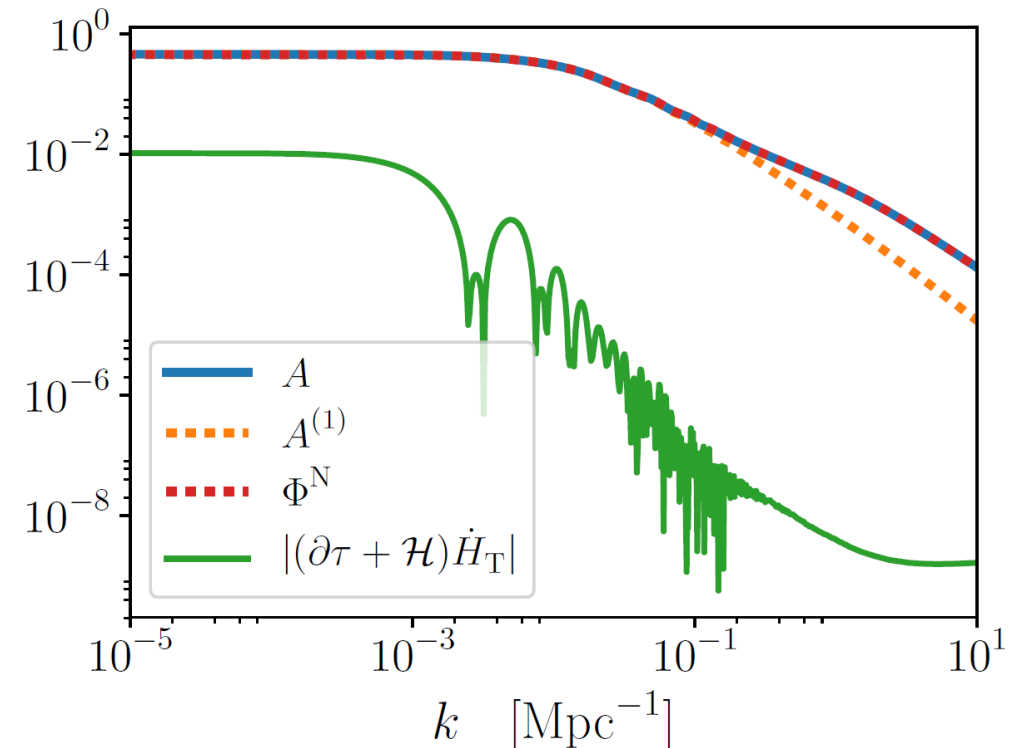
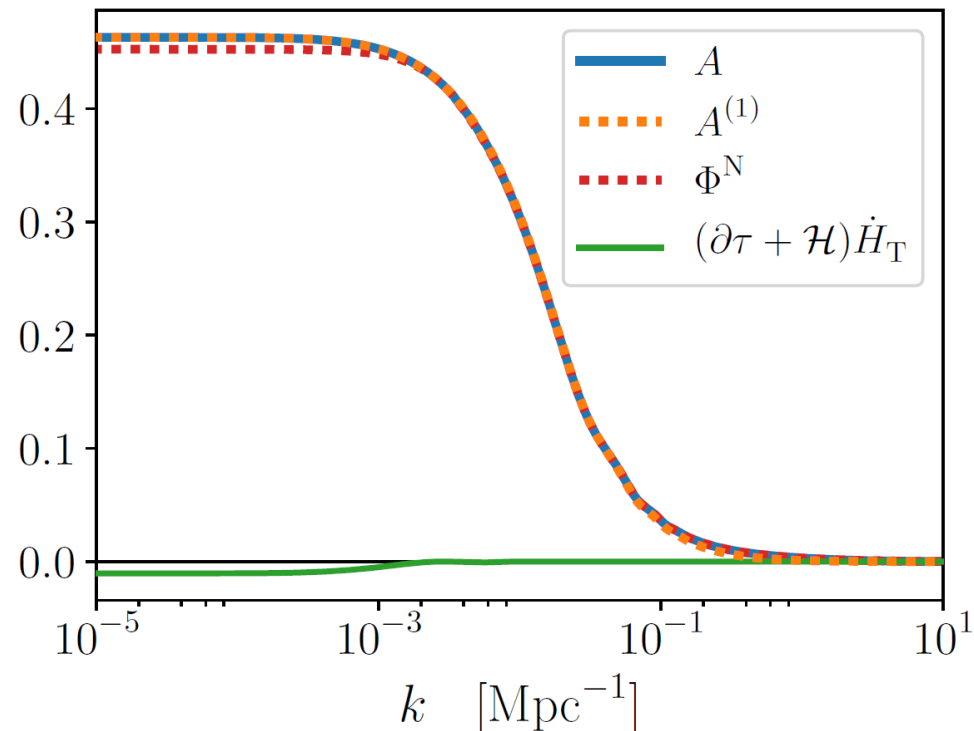


# Linear Boltzmann + Newtonian N-body

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

- Relativistic corrections (radiation) + non-linear corrections

$$A = -\boxed{\Phi^N} - \boxed{(\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) \mathcal{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_T} \quad \text{Relativistic correction}$$



# Poisson gauge

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

- Relation to Poisson gauge (time slicing is the same)

$$\Psi \equiv A^P = A = -\Phi^N - (\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H}) \mathcal{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_T$$

$$\delta^P = \delta = \delta^N - 3\Phi^N + H_T + 3\gamma.$$

$$\Phi \equiv H_L^P = \Phi^N - \gamma \quad (\text{space threading is different})$$

$$v^P = v^N - \mathcal{K}^{-1} \dot{H}_T$$

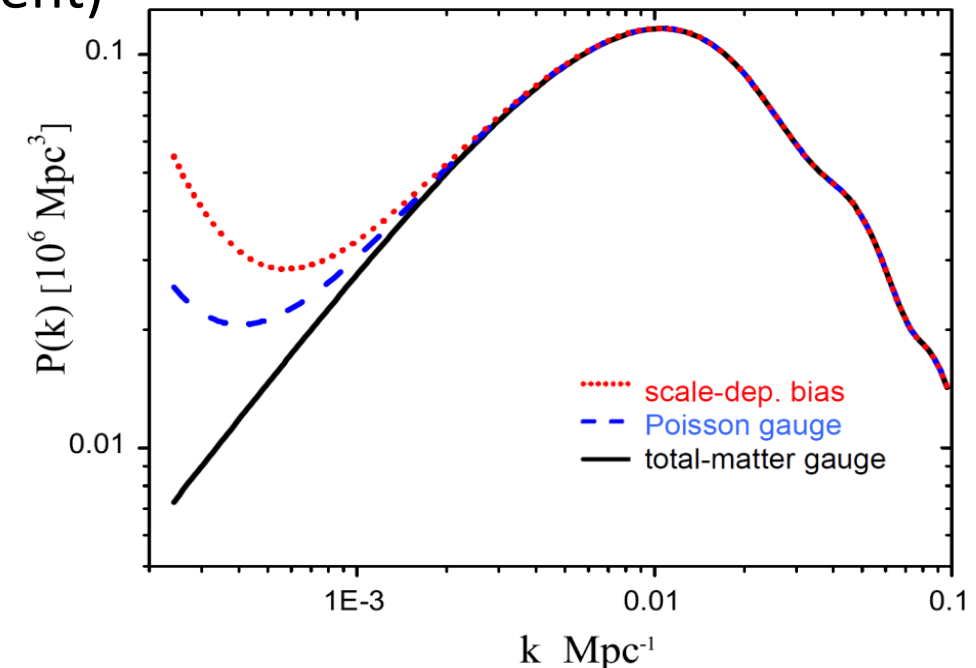
- At late time (C.C. + CDM)  $H_T = 3\zeta = \text{const.}$

$$\delta^P = \delta^N - 3\Phi^N + 3\zeta \quad \Phi = \Phi^N,$$

$$v^P = v^N \quad \Psi = -\Phi = -\Phi^N$$

$$g_{00} = -a^2(1 + 2\Psi)$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left[ (1 + 2\Phi) \delta_{ij} \right]$$



# Ray tracing

[Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769](#)

- N-body results should be interpreted in Nm gauge  
photon displacement

$$\delta x^0 = \left[ -\delta a_0 + \Phi_0^N + v_{||}^0 \right] \chi - 2 \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi \left[ \Phi^N + (\chi_s - \chi) \dot{\Phi}^N \right] + \int_0^{\tau_0} d\tau \Phi^N(0, \tau)$$

$$\delta x^i = \left[ \delta a_0 n^i + \Phi_0^N n^i - v_0^i - \hat{\nabla}^i v_0 \right] \chi + 2 \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi \left[ -\Phi^N n^i + (\chi_s - \chi) \nabla^i \Phi^N \right]$$

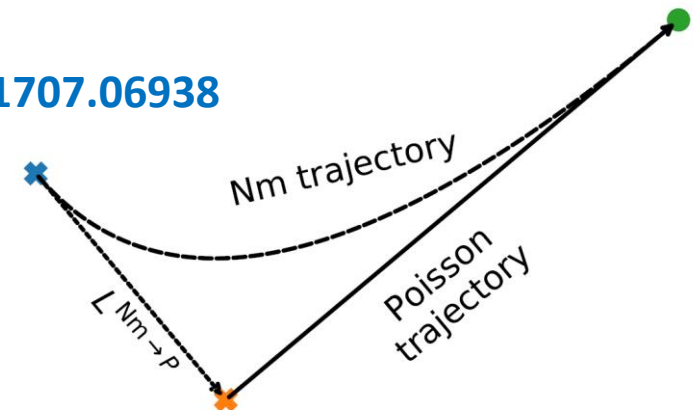
$$+ \boxed{\hat{\nabla}^i \mathcal{K}^{-1}(H_{Te} - H_{T0})}. \quad \text{Integrated Coordinate Shift}$$

[see also Adamek arXiv:1707.06938](#)

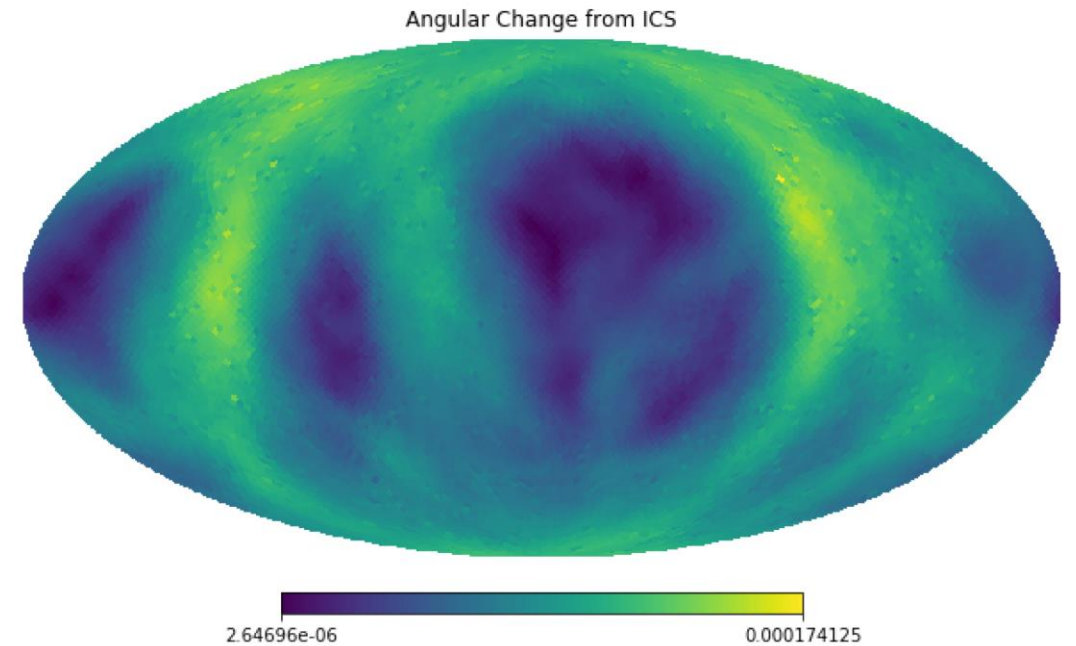
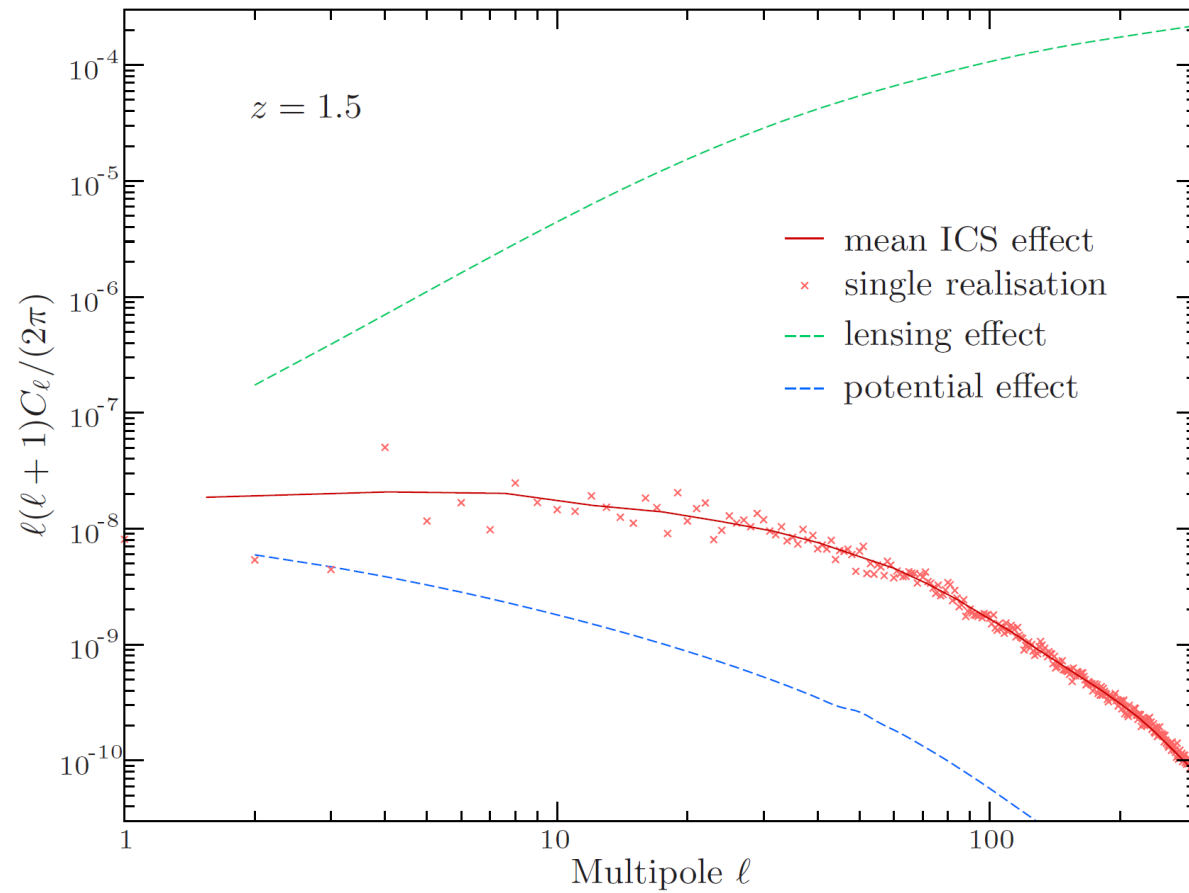
- Chisari & Zaldarriaga description

$$\mathbf{x}^P = \mathbf{x}^{Nm} + \delta \mathbf{x}_{in}, \quad \nabla \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}_{in} = -5\Phi_{in}^N = -3\zeta$$

[Chisari & Zaldarriaga arXiv:1101.3555](#)



# Integrated Coordinate Shift



Adamek & Fidler 1905.11721

# Massive neutrinos, dark energy, modified gravity

- Massive neutrinos, dark energy, modified gravity

It is possible to include their effect *at linear level* [Tram et.al. 1811.00904](#), [Dakin et.al. 1904.05210](#)

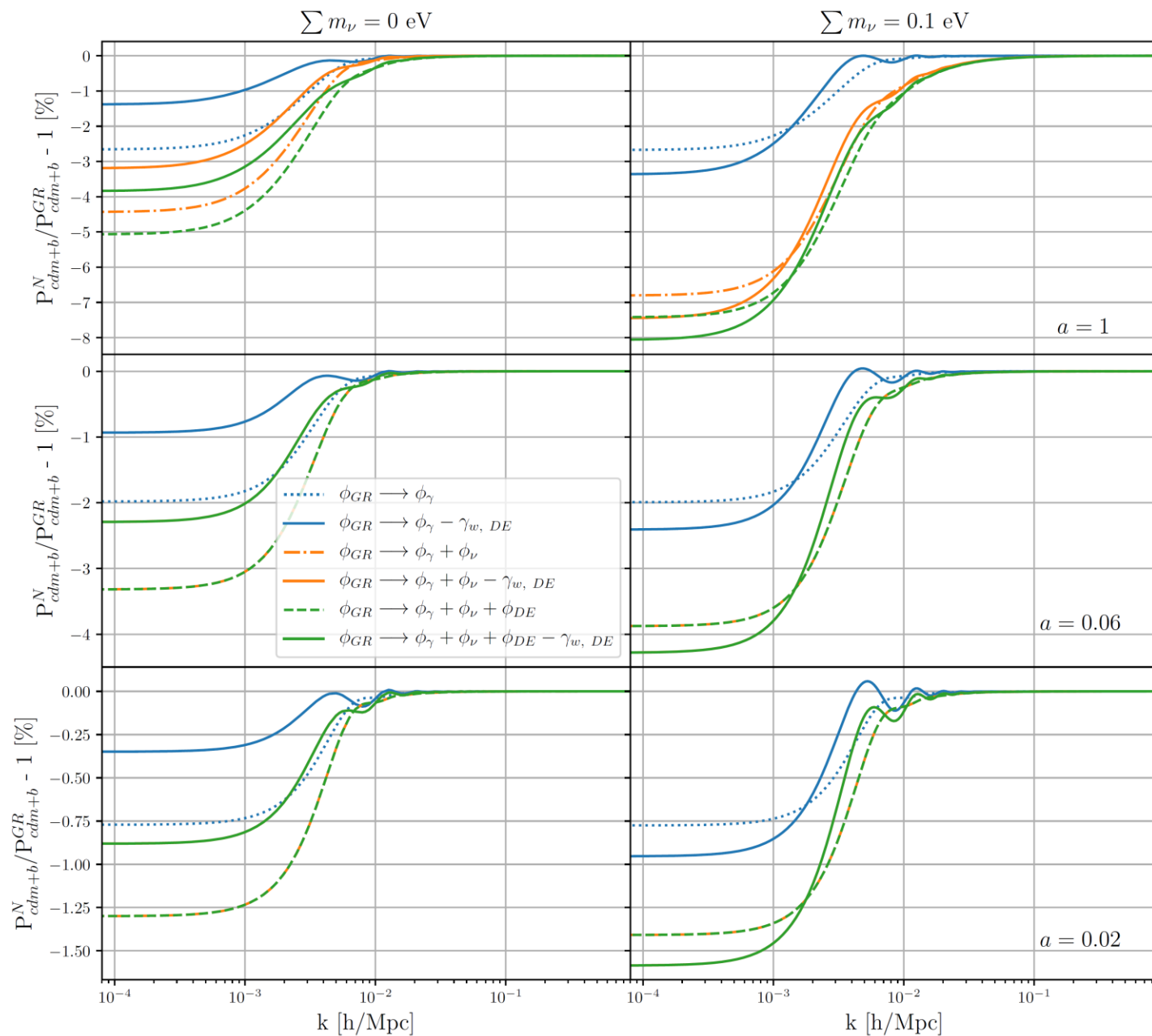
$$(\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H})\mathbf{v} = -\nabla\phi + \nabla\gamma \quad \nabla^2\phi = 4\pi G a^2 \sum_\alpha \delta\rho_\alpha^{\text{Nb}} \quad \alpha \in \{\text{cdm}, \text{b}, \gamma, \nu, \text{DE}\}$$

modified gravity [Brando, KK, Wands in preparation](#)

$$S_{\mu\nu}(g_{\mu\nu}) = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{DE}} \equiv \frac{1}{8\pi G}(G_{\mu\nu} - S_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\phi - \gamma^{\text{Nb}} \equiv \phi_{\text{sim}} + \phi_{\text{GR}}$$

$$\nabla^2\phi_{\text{GR}} \equiv \nabla^2(\phi_\gamma + \phi_\nu + \phi_{\text{DE}} - \gamma^{\text{Nb}}) \quad \text{this can be computed using linear Boltzmann code such as CAMB, CLASS, hi_CLASS, EFTCAMB}$$



- K-essence

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R + p(\phi, X) \right) + S_M$$

$$p(\phi, X) = \frac{V_0}{\phi^\alpha} (-X + X^2)$$

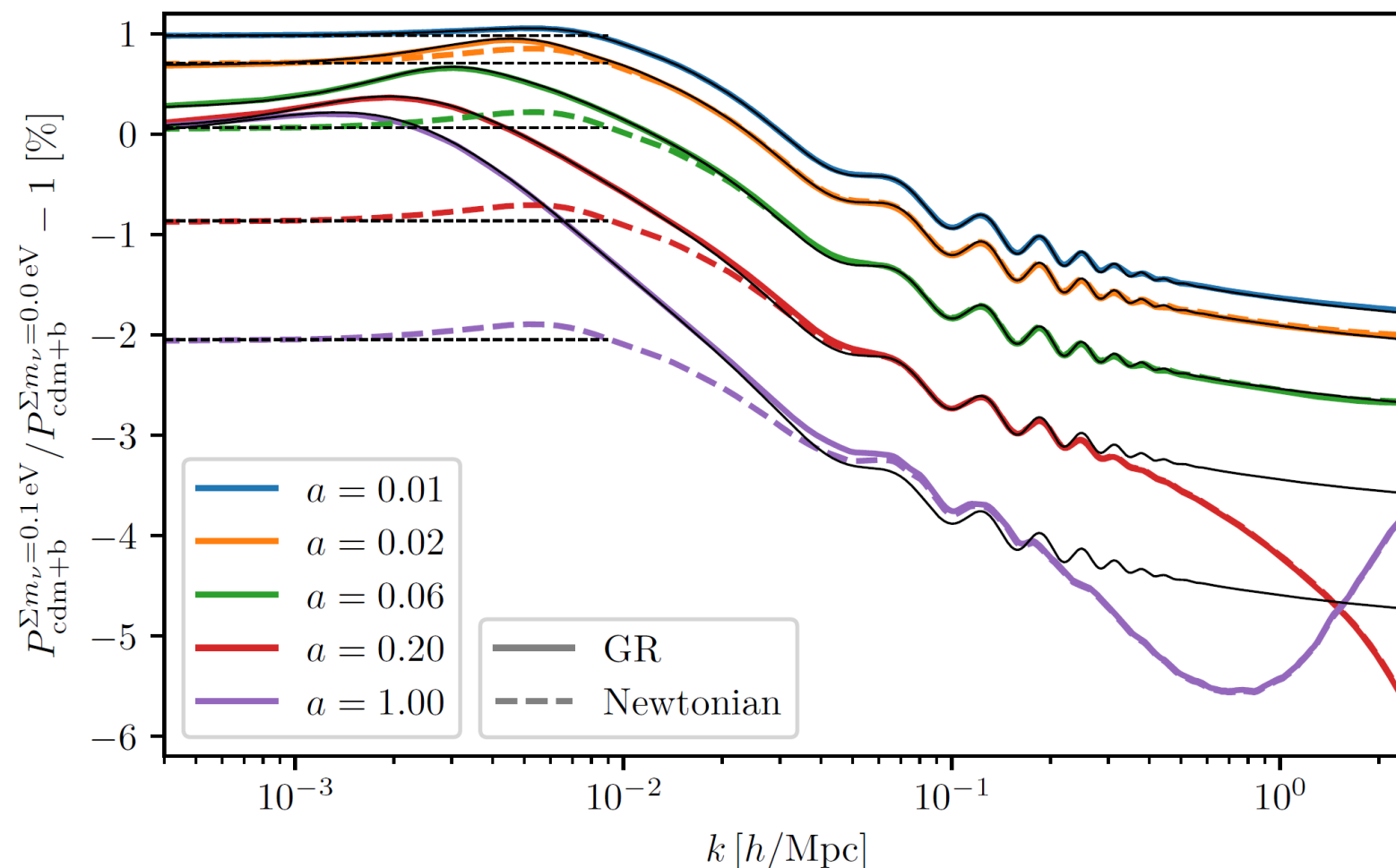
$$w_\phi = \frac{(1 + w_B) \alpha}{2} - 1.$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\alpha(w_B + 1)}{16 - 3\alpha(w_B + 1)}$$

$$\alpha = 0.2, w_\phi = -0.9, c_s^2 = 0.013$$

# Massive neutrinos in simulations

Tram et.al. 1811.00904



Newtonian:  
vCONCEPT  
(include non-linear neutrino  
densities)

GR:  
PKGRAV+N body gauge

Relative matter (CDM and baryons) power spectra between  $\sum m_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV}$  and  $\sum m_\nu = 0$

# Questions and Answers

- Are Newtonian N-body simulations consistent with weak-field limit of GR?

*yes*

- If so, how do we interpret Newtonian simulations in a relativistic framework?

*Newtonian N-body simulations should be interpreted in N-body gauge or Newtonian Motion gauge. Ray tracing needs to be done consistently in this gauge*

- How do we include relativistic effects missing in simulations (e.g. radiation perturbations)

*Relativistic corrections can be included in spacetime metric perturbations in Newtonian motion gauge or as an additional force in N-body gauge using a linear Boltzmann code such as CAMB/CLASS*



# Further questions

- Backreaction problem

backreaction = the effect of inhomogeneities on the expansion

In Newtonian cosmology, backreaction is a boundary term thus it vanishes with a periodic boundary condition

[Buchert gr-qc/9906015](#)

- “Action-at-a-distance”

In Newtonian cosmology, the only gravitational equation is the Poisson equation, which is an elliptic equation

$$k^2 \Phi^N = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} \delta_{\text{cdm}}^N$$

# GR N-body

Shibata 1999 Prog. Theor. Phys. 101, 251 and 1199

- Geodesic

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx^i}{dt} &= -\beta^i + \frac{\gamma^{ij}u_j}{u^0} \\ \frac{du_i}{dt} &= -\alpha u^0 \alpha_{,i} + u_j \beta^j_{,i} - \frac{u_j u_k}{2u^0} \gamma^{jk}_{,i}\end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = (-\alpha^2 + \beta_k \beta^k) dt^2 + 2\beta_i dx^i dt + \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$\gamma = \det(\gamma_{ij}) \equiv e^{12\phi},$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi} \gamma_{ij}, \text{ i.e., } \det(\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}) = 1$$

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi} \left( K_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{ij} K \right),$$

- Constraints

$$R - \tilde{A}_{ij} \tilde{A}^{ij} + \frac{2}{3} K^2 = 16\pi E,$$

$$D_i \tilde{A}^i_j - \frac{2}{3} D_j K = 8\pi J_j,$$

$$E = m_p \sum_{a=1}^N (u^0)_a \alpha e^{-6\phi} \delta^{(3)}(x^k - x_a^k),$$

$$J_i = m_p \sum_{a=1}^N (u_i)_a e^{-6\phi} \delta^{(3)}(x^k - x_a^k),$$

- Evolution equations (GR)

$$(\partial_t - \beta^k \partial_k) \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = -2\alpha \tilde{A}_{ij} + \tilde{\gamma}_{ik} \beta^k_{,j} + \tilde{\gamma}_{jk} \beta^k_{,i} - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \beta^k_{,k} \dots\dots$$

# Weak field limit

- No hyperbolic equation for gravity

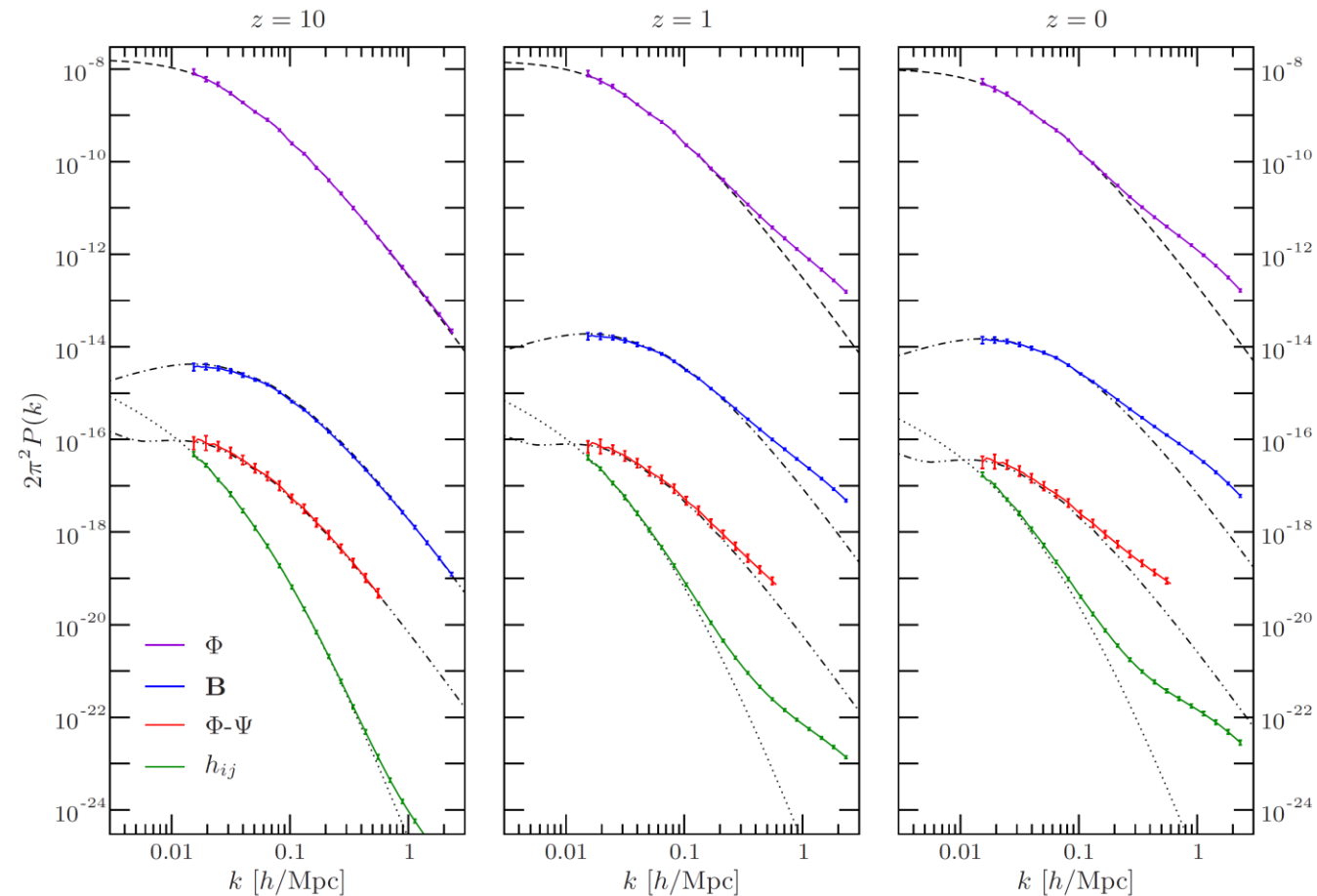
The evolution equation for  $\gamma_{ij}$  decouples from matter evolution as it is suppressed compared with the Newton potential

- Relativistic corrections

Relativistic corrections can be estimated from Newtonian simulations

**Bruni, Thomas & Wands 1306.1562**

**Adamek, Daveiro, Durrer & Kunz 1604.06065**



# GR simulations

[See a recent code comparison paper](#) [Adamek et.al. 2003.08014](#)

- Weak gravity N-body simulations

**gevolution:** N-body simulations in Poisson gauge in weak gravity limit

[Adamek, Daveiro, Durrer & Kunz 1604.06065](#)

- Fully constrained N-body simulations

**GRAMSES:** N-body simulation with conformally flatness approximation

[Barrera-Hinojosa & Li arXiv:1905.08890](#)

- Full GR simulations with dust

Eloisa Bentivegna, Marco Bruni [arXiv:1511.05124](#)

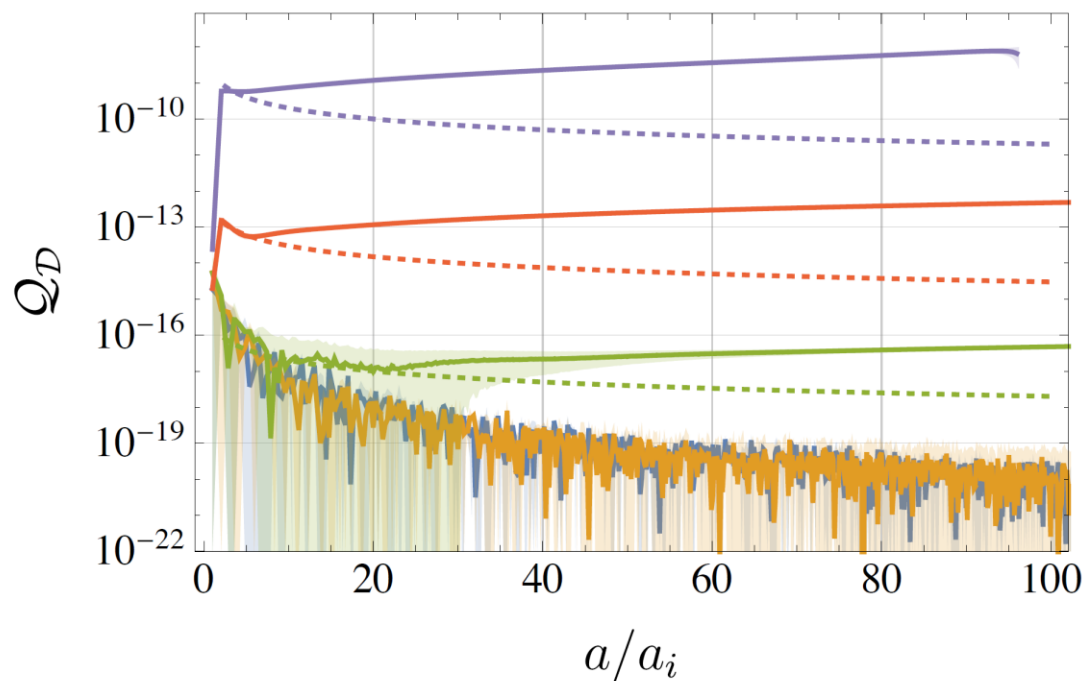
John T. Giblin, James B. Mertens, Glenn D. Starkman [arXiv:1511.01105](#)

Macperson, Price & Lasky [arXiv:1807.01711](#)

# Backreaction

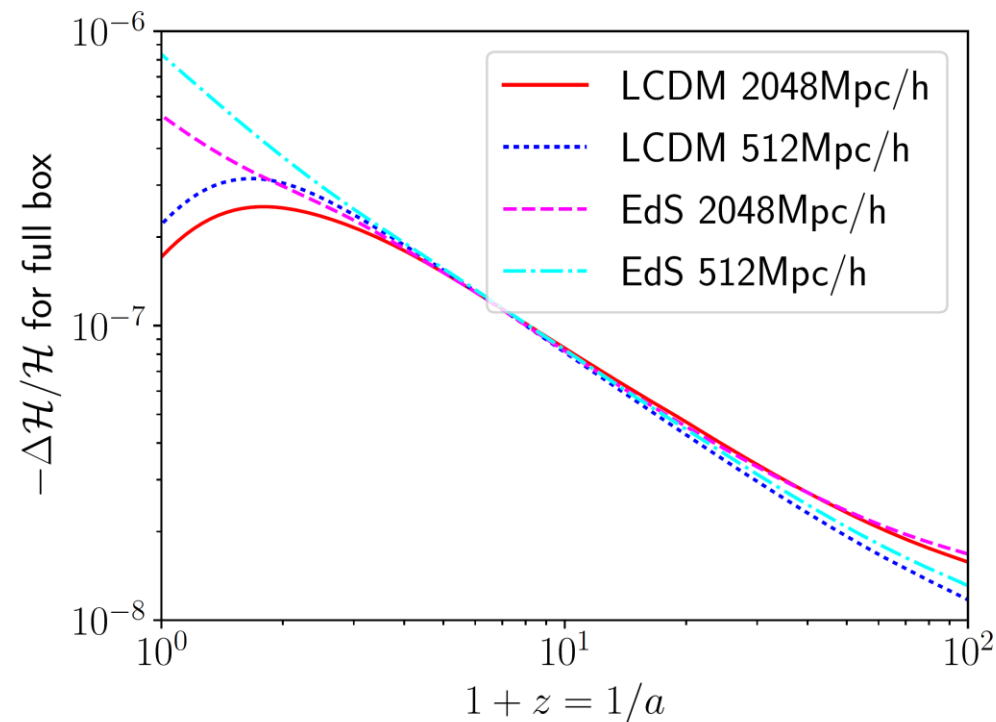
$$\frac{\ddot{a}_{\mathcal{D}}}{a_{\mathcal{D}}} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{M_{\mathcal{D}}}{a_{\mathcal{D}}^3} + \frac{Q_{\mathcal{D}}}{3}$$

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$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{H} \left( 1 - 2\bar{\Phi} + \bar{\chi} - a \frac{d\bar{\Phi}}{da} \right) \quad \chi = \Phi - \Psi$$



Adamek et.al. [arXiv:1707.06938](#)

# Conclusions

- Newtonian motion gauge

We provided a framework to interpret and use Newtonian N-body simulations in terms of the weak field limit of general relativity at leading order

- inclusion of relativistic perturbations using a linear Einstein-Boltzmann code
- identification of relativistic corrections to particle positions in N-body simulations
- massive neutrinos/dark energy/modified gravity can be added using linear approximation

Newtonian simulations can be used to construct light-cones consistently in GR

This approach is being used in the Euclid flagship mock (v2)

# Conclusions

- GR simulations

there are still fundamental issues that cannot be addressed in Newtonian simulations

- Backreaction
  - Propagating degrees of freedom in gravity – beyond “action-at-a-distance”
  - Relativistic corrections (these can be computed from Newtonian simulations)
- different approaches beyond the leading order

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