

Kinetic Field Theory – frequently asked questions and answers

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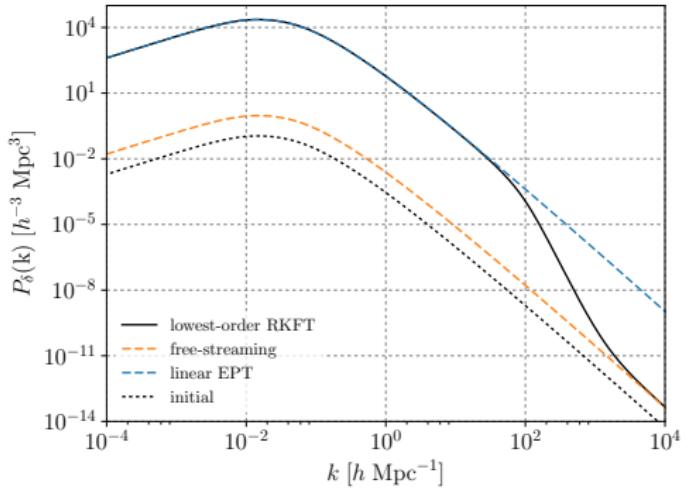
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Where is linear growth hidden in KFT?

Does one get linear growth from purely Newtonian particle dynamics?

Recover linear growth (and beyond)



R. Lilow et al. 2019

N initially correlated particles



Hamiltonian e.o.m with

$$H = H_0 + H_I$$


$$q_0(t) = q^{(i)} + p^{(i)}(t - t^{(i)})$$


$$V(q) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{|q_i - q_j|}$$

$$t = \int \frac{da}{a^3 H}$$

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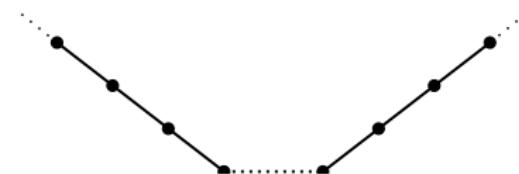
1 :



2 :



linear:



Microscopic particle system

$$Z = \int d\Gamma_i \int \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{iS_0[\Phi] + iS_I}$$

$$iS_I = -\frac{i}{2} \Phi \cdot \sigma \cdot \Phi$$

Klimontovich phase-space density and response field:

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_\rho \\ \Phi_B \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} \sum_j \delta_D(x - x_j) \\ \sum_j \chi_{p_j} \nabla_q \delta_D(x - x_j) \end{pmatrix}$$

,

$$\sigma \propto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v(r) \\ v(r) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation:

HS converts microscopic particle theory into macroscopic field theory

$$e^{-\frac{i}{2}\Phi \cdot \sigma \cdot \Phi} = \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}\psi e^{i\psi \cdot \sigma^{-1} \cdot \psi - i\psi \cdot \Phi}$$

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split action:

$$S \stackrel{!}{=} S_{\text{tree}} + S_{\text{vertex}}$$

$$iS_{\text{tree}} = -\frac{1}{2} \psi \cdot D^{-1} \cdot \psi$$

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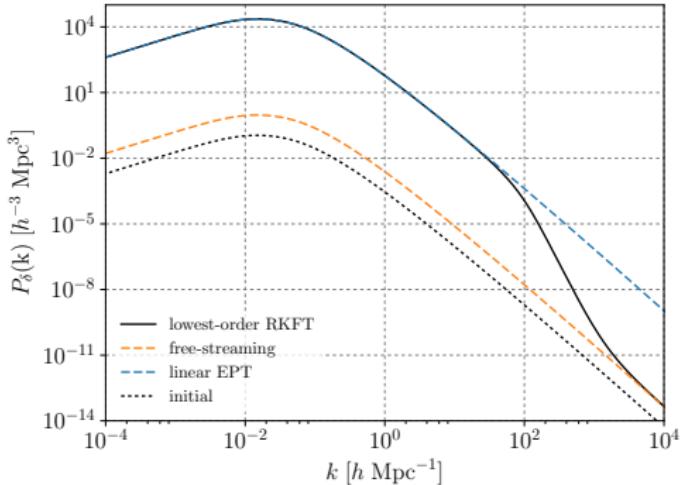
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Recover linear growth



But $G_{\rho\rho}^{(0)}$ contains much more information, including mode-coupling effects!

What is the difference between KFT and SPT?

Can KFT recover SPT results?

KFT recover linear growth exactly if...

we expand initial conditions in terms of $P_\delta^{(i)}$ to linear order!

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Eulerian SPT:

- Linear theory describes the independent evolution of Fourier field modes (includes gravitational interactions).
- By construction (SSA) linear theory is not exact.
- Perturbative corrections arise due coupling of the field modes by non-linear advective terms.

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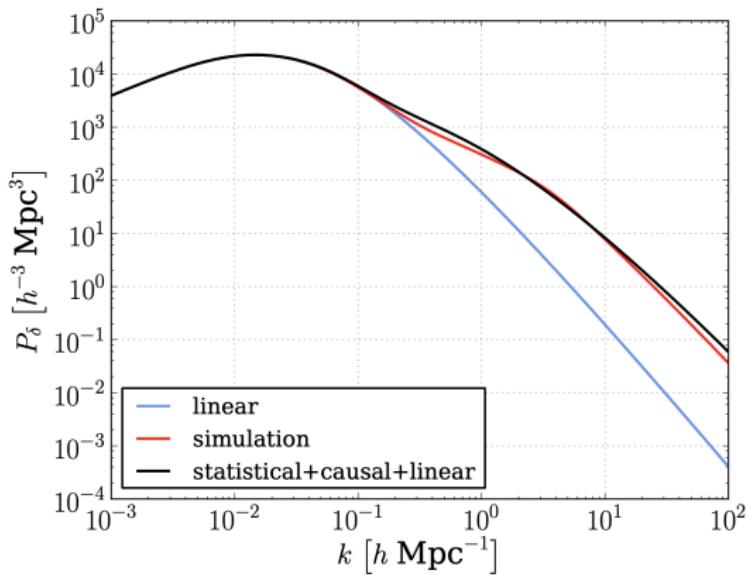
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Recover 1loop SPT if...

we expand initial conditions in terms of $P_\delta^{(i)}$ up to second order.



from R. Lilow, PhD thesis

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- Does this pattern continue?

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How to modify gravity

modified Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{a^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta G_{\text{eff}}}{G} \right) \kappa^2 \delta \rho_m$$

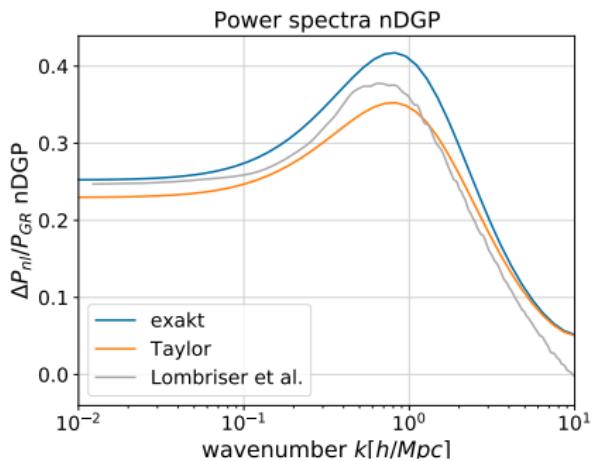
use parametrisation

$$\frac{G_{\text{eff}}}{G} = A + \sum_i^{N_0} B_i \prod_j^{N_i} b_{ij} \left(\frac{r}{r_{0ij}} \right)^{a_{ij}} \left\{ \left[1 + \left(\frac{r_{0ij}}{r} \right)^{a_{ij}} \right]^{1/b_{ij}} - 1 \right\}$$

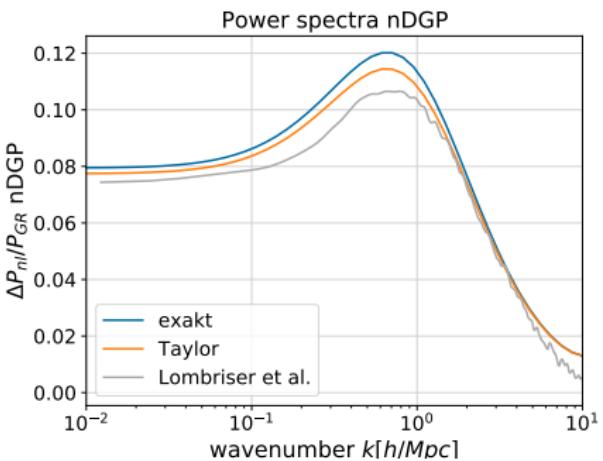
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nDGP in the mean-field approximation of KFT

$$r_c = 0.5, k_* = 1.0$$



$$r_c = 2.0, k_* = 0.8$$



from N. Reinhardt, Master thesis 2023