

# Cosmological Perturbation Theory

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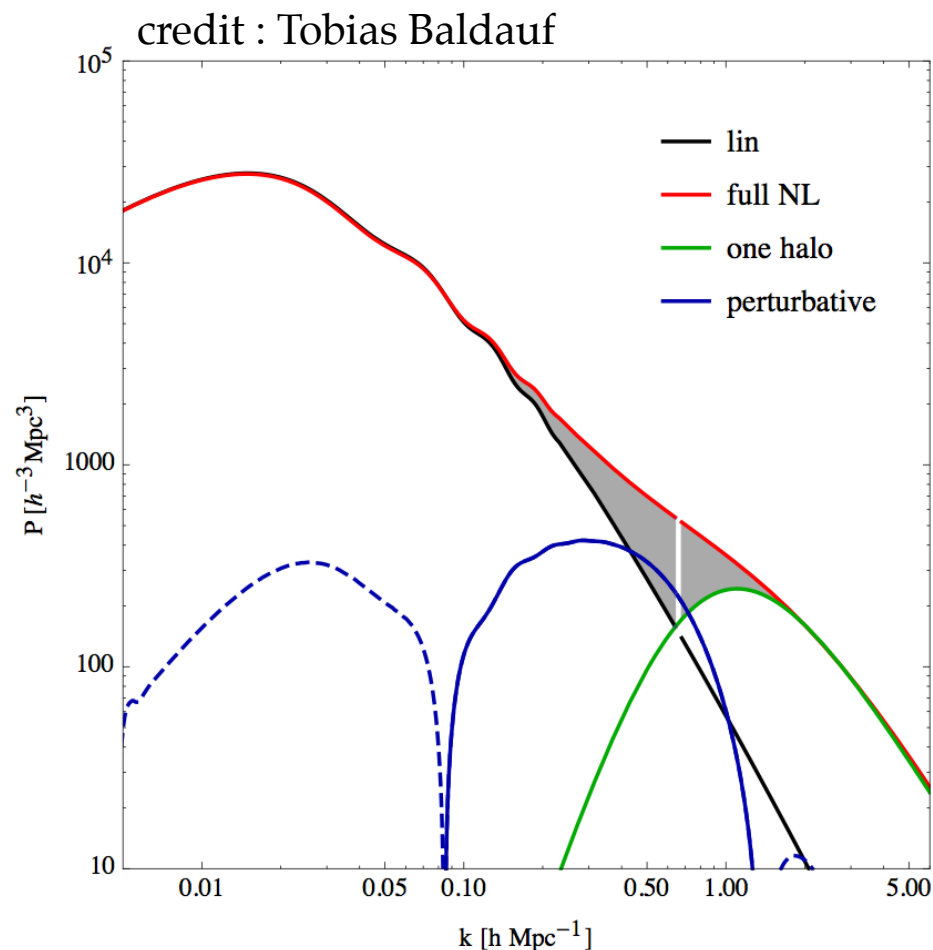
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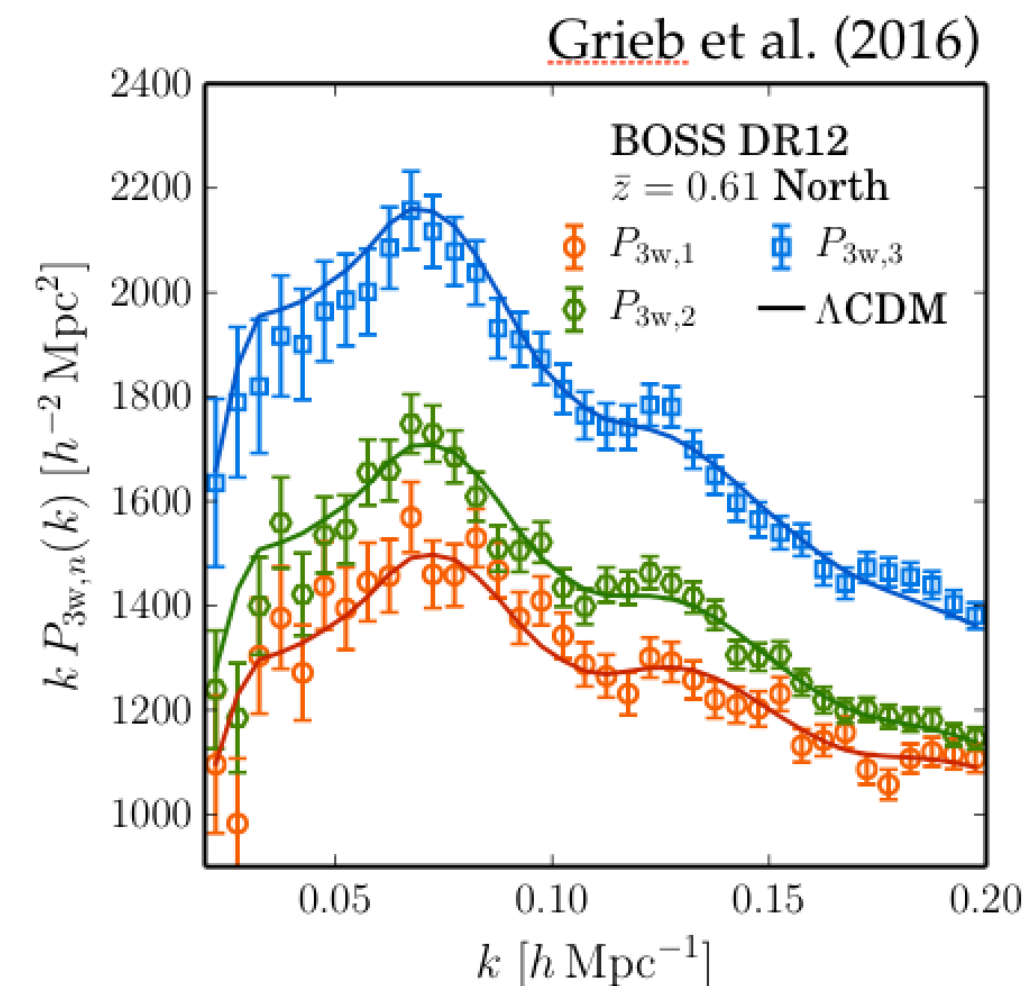


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On large scales evolution of perturbations is determined by Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

CDM can be taken as a  
collision-less fluid

Evolution of perturbations given by Vlasov Eq.  
(Collision-less limit of Boltzmann eq.)

N-body codes

On sufficiently large scales where orbit crossing can be neglected Vlasov equation reduces to the dynamics of a pressure less perfect fluid (PPF)

Standard Cosmological  
Perturbation Theory

**Vlasov Equation** (see PT review, Bernardeau et al arXiv 0112552 for full discussion on the next few slides)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{a} \cdot \nabla f - a \nabla \phi \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0,$$

$f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{p}, \tau)$  : Phase-space distribution function

: Momentum per unit mass

: Gravitational potential

To solve it we take moments of the Vlasov equation,

$$(1 + \delta) = \int f(\mathbf{p}) d^3 p, \quad \text{Density Field (depends on } \mathbf{x})$$

$$(1 + \delta) \mathbf{u} = \int f(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\mathbf{p}}{a} d^3 p, \quad \text{Velocity Field (depends on } \mathbf{x})$$

$$(1 + \delta) \sigma_{ij} = \int f(\mathbf{p}) \frac{p_i p_j}{a^2} d^3 p - (1 + \delta) u_i u_j, \quad \text{Stress Tensor : describes velocity dispersion}$$

## Equations of motion

$$\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} + \nabla \cdot [(1 + \delta)\mathbf{u}] = 0,$$

in principle an infinite hierarchy of moments

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H}u_i + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)u_i = -\nabla \phi - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla_j (\rho \sigma_{ij}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial \tau} + 2\mathcal{H}\sigma_{ij} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\sigma_{ij} \\ + \sigma_{jk} \nabla_k u_i + \sigma_{ik} \nabla_k u_j = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla_k (\rho \Pi_{ijk}), \end{aligned}$$

no source term depends solely on  $\delta$  or  $\mathbf{u}$

Pressure-less perfect fluid (close the hierarchy)

$$\sigma_{ij} = 0, \quad \Pi_{ijk} = 0$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \tau) = [1 + \delta(\mathbf{x}, \tau)] \delta_D[\mathbf{p} - a \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)],$$

# Standard Pert. Theory for a Pressure-less perfect fluid

scales **much smaller** than the Horizon (Hubble radius)  $\longrightarrow$  Newtonian gravity

scales **larger** than strong clustering regime  $\longrightarrow$  *single stream approximation*

no velocity dispersion or pressure  
(prior to virialization and shell crossing)

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(\tau) \mathcal{H}^2(\tau) \delta(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta(\mathbf{x}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} + \nabla \cdot \{ [1 + \delta(\mathbf{x}, \tau)] \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H}(\tau) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \tau) - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla_j (\rho \sigma_{ij})$$

velocity field can be assumed irrotational  $\theta(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\delta}(\mathbf{k}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} + \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = - \int d^3 k_1 d^3 k_2 \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \alpha(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \tau) \tilde{\delta}(\mathbf{k}_2, \tau),$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H}(\tau) \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}, \tau) + \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(\tau) \mathcal{H}^2(\tau) \tilde{\delta}(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = - \int d^3 k_1 d^3 k_2 \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \beta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \tau) \tilde{\theta}(\mathbf{k}_2, \tau)$$

Linear

Vertices (mode coupling)



# SPT for a Pressure-less perfect fluid

$$\dot{\delta}(k, t) + \theta(k, t) = - \int_{k_1, k_2} \alpha(k_1, k_2) \theta(k_1, t) \delta(k_2, t) \delta^{(3)}(k_1 + k_2 - k)$$

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Expansion in  $a(t)\delta(k_1, t_0)$

$$\delta(k, t) = \sum_n F_n(k_1, \dots, k_n) a(t)^n \delta(k_1, t_0) \dots \delta(k_n, t_0) \delta^{(3)}(k - \sum_n k_n)$$

Linear



Plug it in the r. h. s.

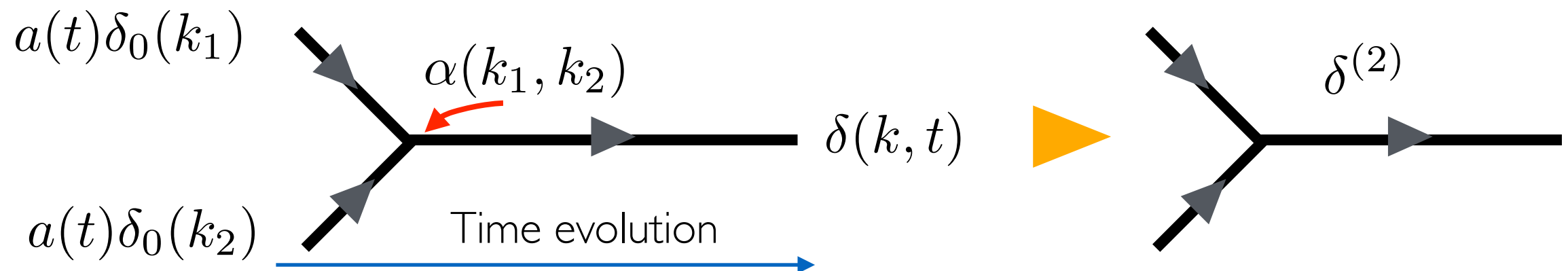


Solve for  $F_n$

$$\delta_L \sim a(t)\delta_0$$

$$\dot{\delta}^{(2)}(k) \sim \alpha(k_1, k_2) \theta_L(k_1) \delta_L(k_2) \delta^{(3)}(k - k_1 - k_2)$$

Modes couplings



# First non-linear effects in the field

$$\delta(k, t) = a\delta(k, t_0) + a(t)^2 \int_{k_1 k_2} F_2(k_1, k_2) \delta(k_1, t_0) \delta(k_2, t_0) \delta^{(3)}(k - k_1 - k_2)$$

$$\frac{17}{21} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2}{k_1 k_2} \left( \frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{k_2}{k_1} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2}{k_1 k_2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

**monopole**

Spherical collapse

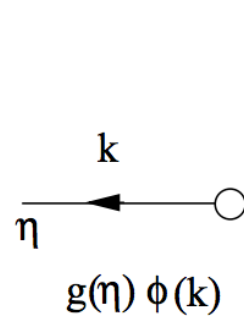
**dipole**

absent in spherically symmetric case  
moves modes

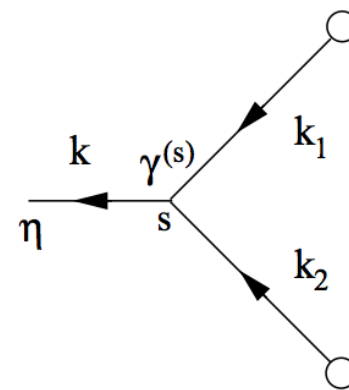
**quadrupole**

distorts the shapes  
tidal gravitational forces

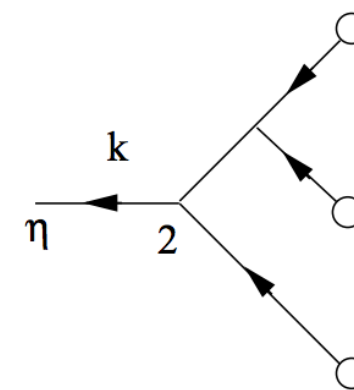
Diagrammatically



$$\delta^{(1)}(k, t)$$



$$\delta^{(2)}(k, t)$$



$$\delta^{(3)}(k, t)$$

# For the Power Spectrum

$$\langle \delta_k(t) \delta_{k'}(t) \rangle = 2\pi^2 \delta^{(3)}(k + k') P(k)$$

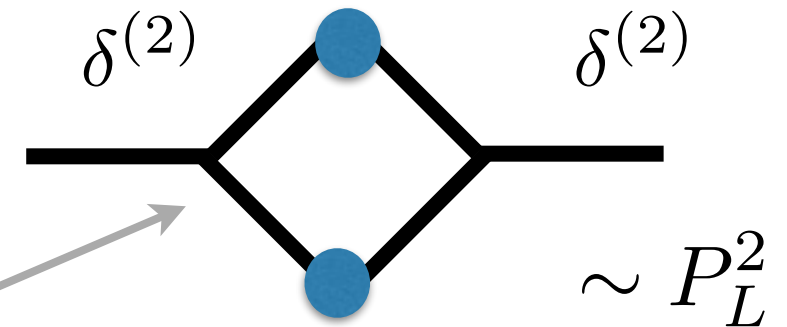
$$\langle (\delta_L + \delta_2 + \delta_3 + \dots)(\delta_L + \delta_2 + \delta_3 + \dots) \rangle$$

$P_{11}$

$P_{22}$

$P_{13}$

$$P = P_{11} + 2P_{13} + P_{22}$$



generates power from other scales:  
mode coupling. Positive

positive

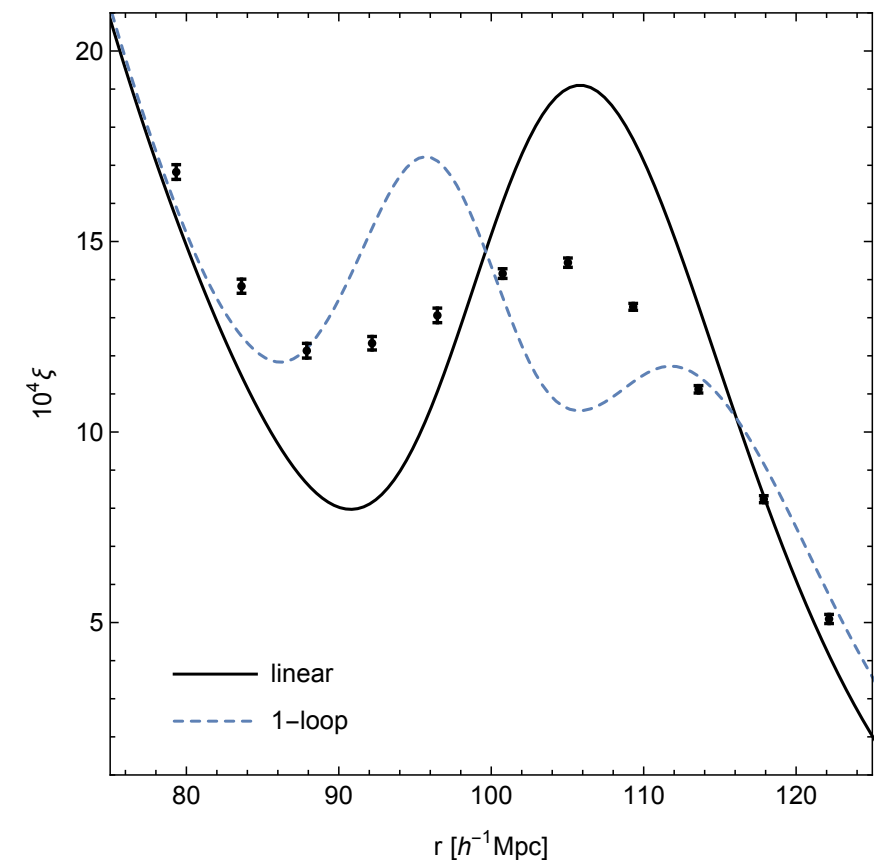
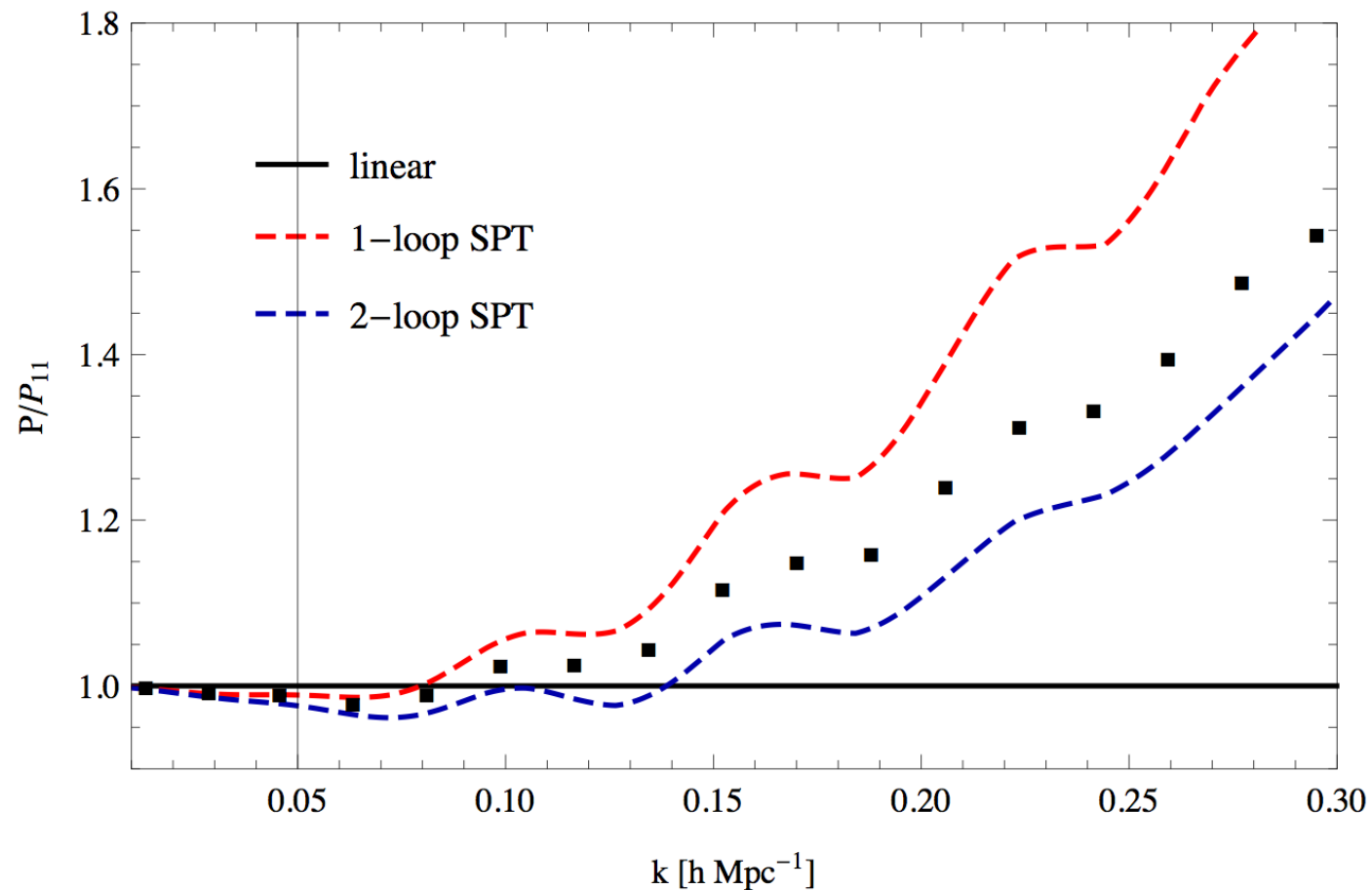
$$P_{22} = 2 \int_q [F_2(q, k - q)]^2 P_{11}(q) P(|k - q|)$$

negative

$$P_{13} = 3P_{11}(k) \int_q F_3(q, -q, k) P_{11}(q)$$

proportional to initial PS

# Performance of SPT



note that the wiggles have shifted in the wrong way  
due to a cancellation between  $P_{13}$  and  $P_{22}$

**SPT** expands in terms of the linear density contrast  $\delta_L(k, z) = D_+(z)\delta_0(k)$

$$P(k, z) = D_+^2(z)P_0(k) + P_{13}(k, z) + P_{22}(k, z) + \dots$$

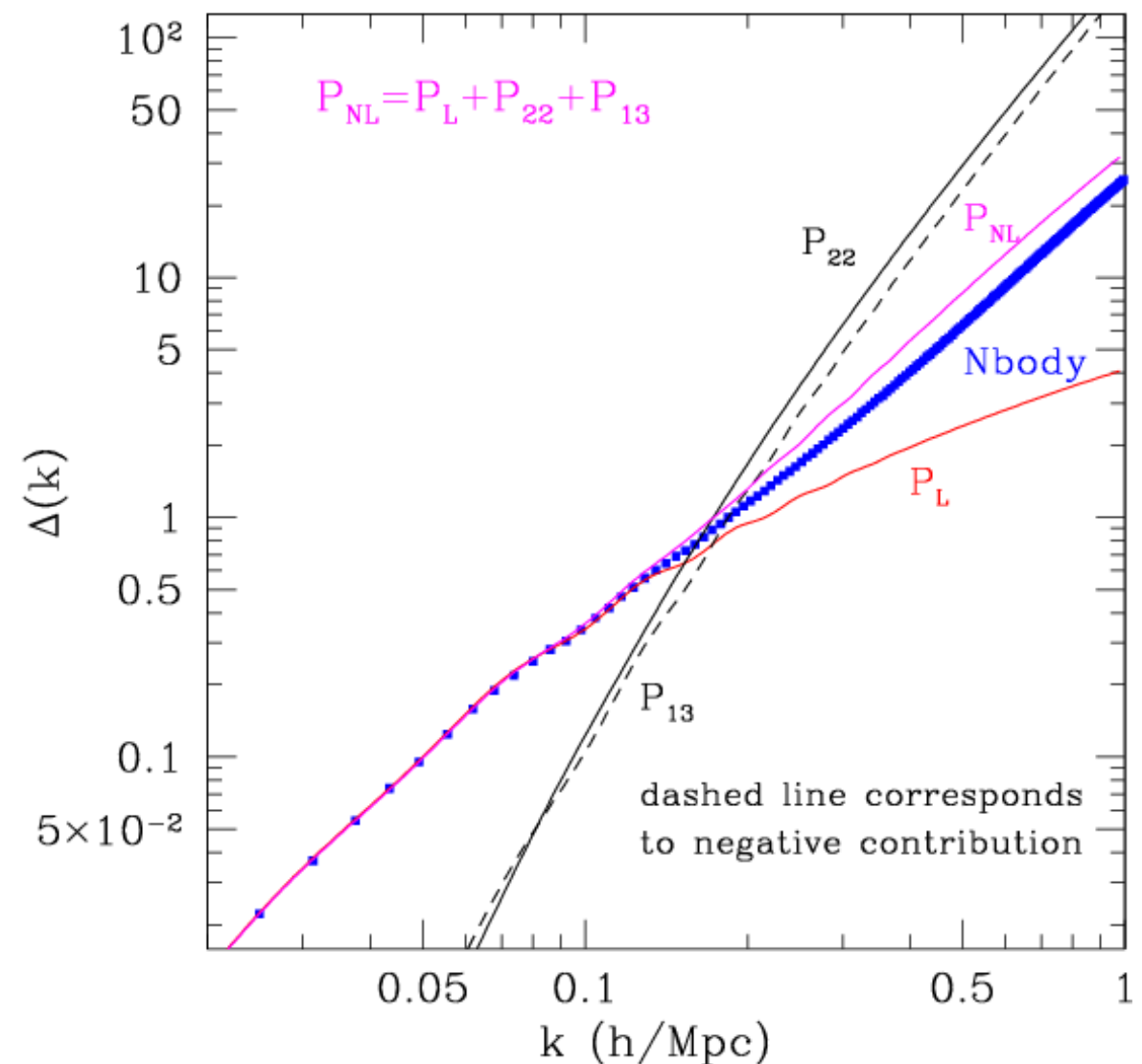
$$\Delta(k) = 4\pi k^3 P(k)$$

$$P_{22}(k, \tau) \equiv 2 \int [F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})]^2 P_L(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}|, \tau) P_L(q, \tau) d^3\mathbf{q},$$

$$P_{13}(k, \tau) \equiv 6 \int F_3^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{q}) P_L(k, \tau) P_L(q, \tau) d^3\mathbf{q}.$$

This approach is valid on large-scales where fluctuations are small but it **brakes down** when approaching the nonlinear regime where  $\Delta_{\text{lin}} \gtrsim 1$ .

One way out is to sum up all orders !

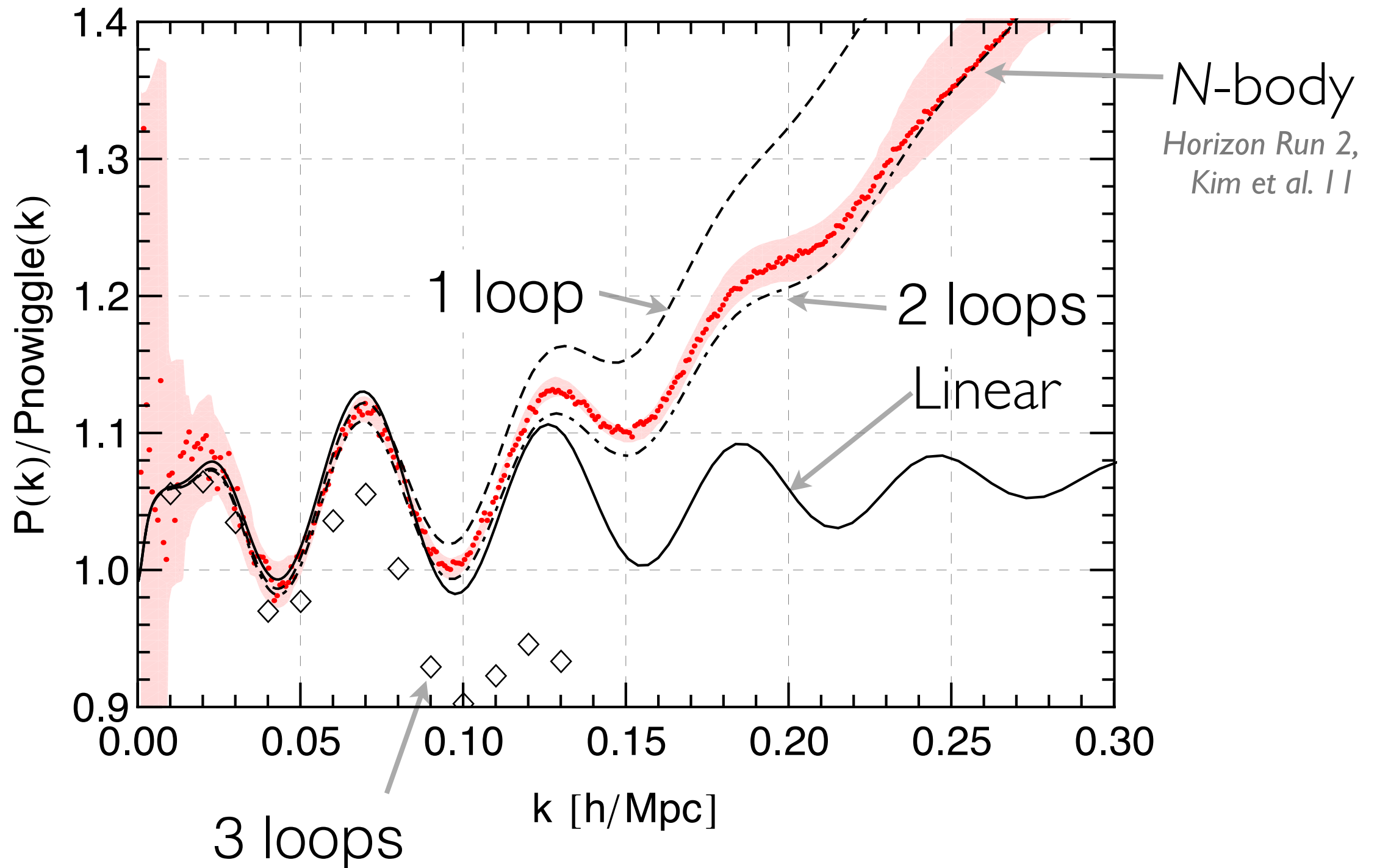


In detail the convergence of PT is related to the effective slope of the power spectrum at the nonlinear scale. If its very tilted then it works well (like a CDM spectra at high- $z$ ). As  $n$  approaches -1 different orders become of similar size and problems start to appear

# Standard PT up to 3 loops

Blas, Garny and Konstandin (2014) arXiv:1309.3308

$z = 0.375$

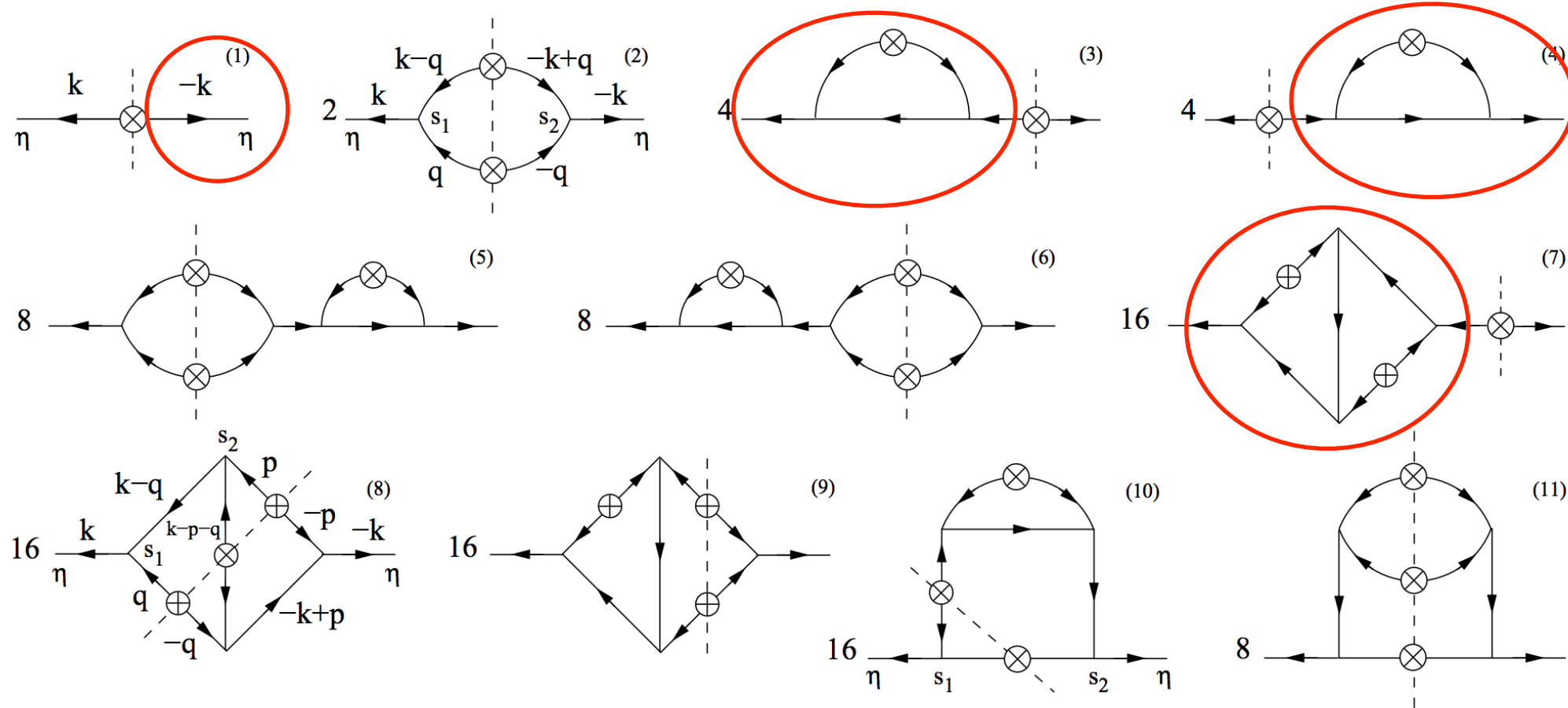


# Renormalized Perturbation Theory (resummation of IR-modes)

Work from several groups and people (Bernardeau, Crocce, Grinstein, Pietroni, Taruya, Scoccimarro, Matsubara, Wise, Blas, Zaldarriaga, Senatore, etc. incomplete list !! )  
Approaches RPT, RegPT, TSPT, IR -EFT, others (incomplete list !!)

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Power Spectrum :  $\langle \Psi(k, a) \Psi(-k, a) \rangle$



all diagrams of this type are systematically put together

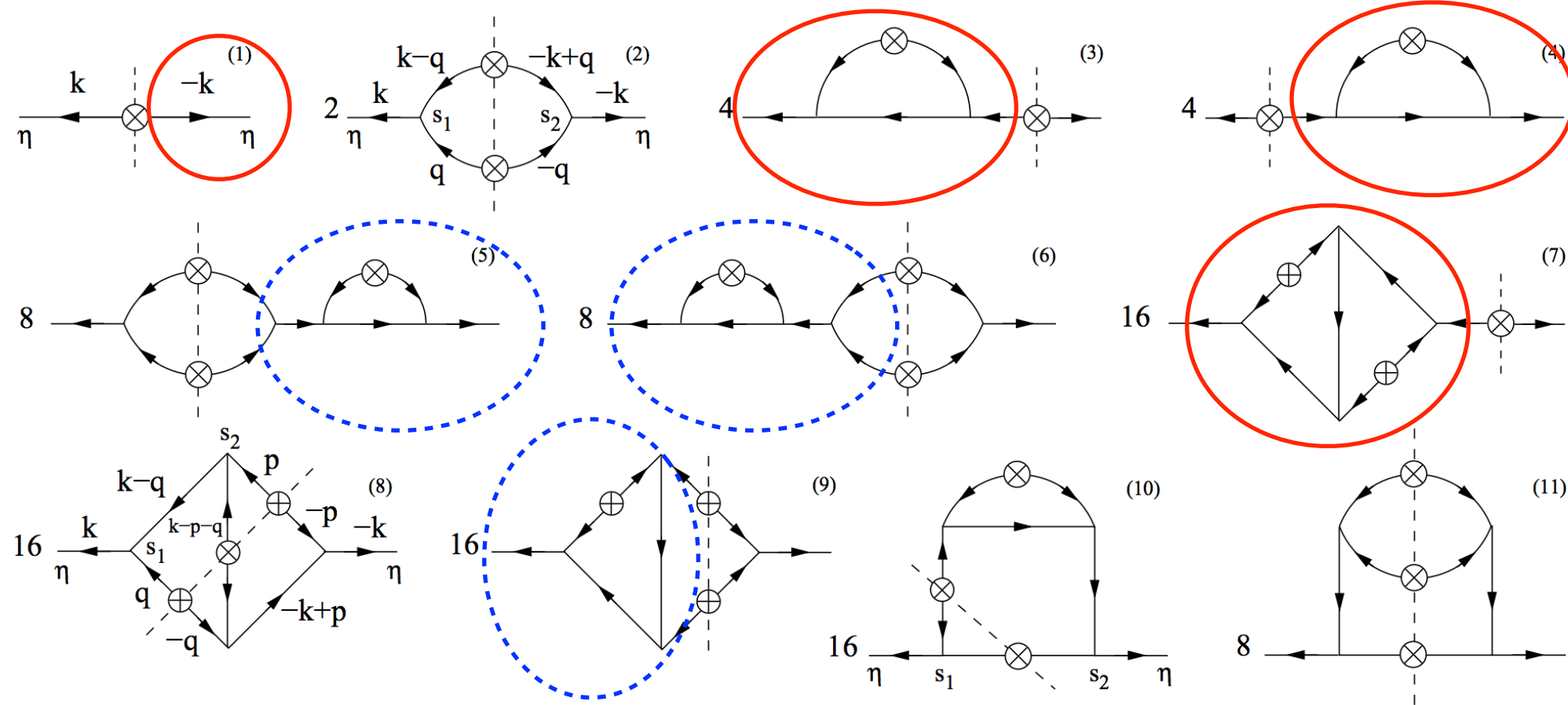
$$\Gamma^{(1)}(k, z) = \text{linear growth factor} + \text{one-loop correction} + \dots \Rightarrow P_{\delta\delta}(k) = [\Gamma_{\delta\delta}^{(1)}(k, z)]^2 P_0(k) + \dots$$

$$\delta_D(k - k_1) \Gamma_a^{(1)}(k, z) P_0(k) = \langle \Psi_a(k, z) \delta_0(-k_1) \rangle$$

- its the cross-correlation with ICs
- it can be measured in n-body
- **Nonlinear propagator**



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The rest of the diagrams are mode-coupling terms (and can be re-summed)



$$P_{\delta\delta}(k) = \left[ \Gamma_{\delta\delta}^{(1)}(k, z) \right]^2 P_0(k) + P_{MC}(k)$$

## Resummation of IR-modes

Following Crocce and Scoccimarro 2006 in what follows (as an example)

$$\Gamma^{(1)}(k, z) = D(z) \left( \frac{P_{13}}{2P_0} + \frac{P_{15}}{2P_0} + \frac{P_{17}}{2P_0} + \dots \right)$$

It is possible to show that when you consider the **high  $k$  limit**, or in other words the modes running inside the loops  $q$  (IR-modes) are  $\ll k$  the diagrams simplify to

$$\boxed{n \text{ loops} \sim \frac{1}{n!} \left( -\frac{k^2 \sigma_v^2}{2} \right)^n} \quad \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{high-}k \\ \text{(low-}q\text{)}}} \quad \Gamma_{\delta}^{(1)}(k, z) \approx D(z) \exp(-k^2 \sigma_v^2 / 2)$$

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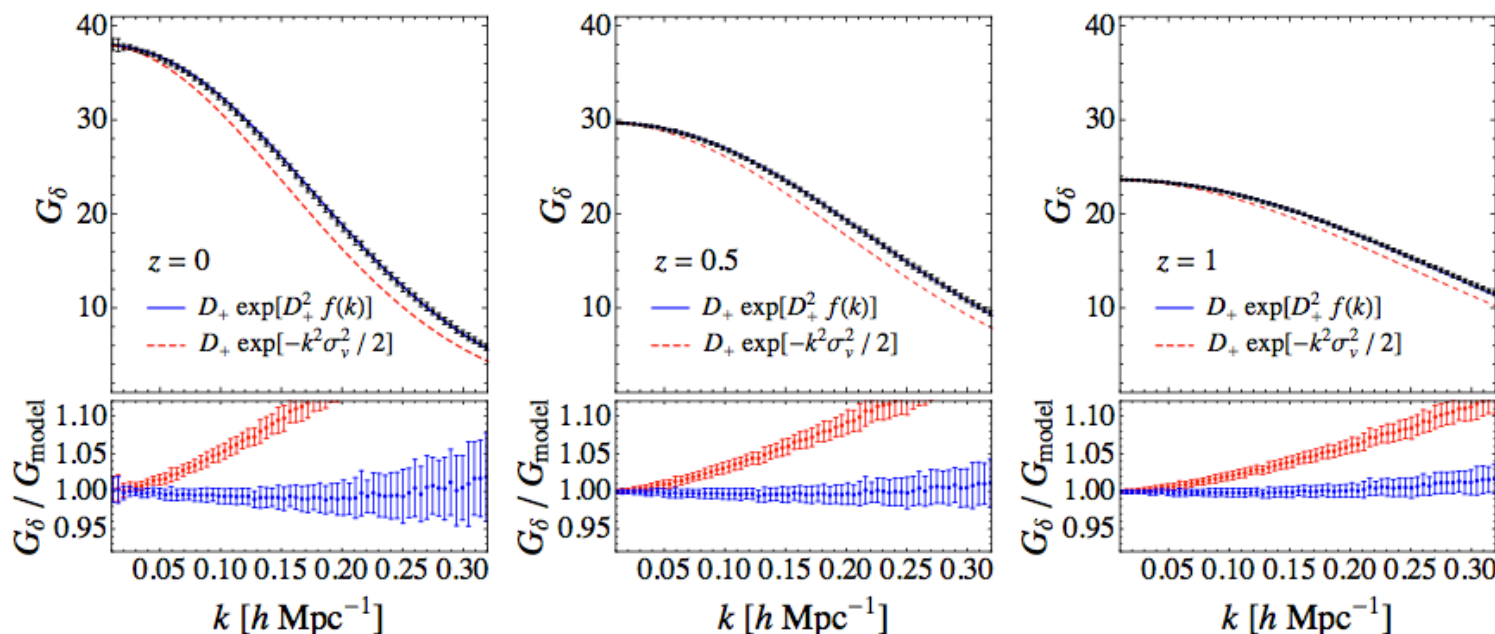
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On very large scales we can use PT to compute corrections ( $\sim P_{13}$ )

$$\xrightarrow{\text{low-}k} \Gamma_{\delta}^{(1)}(k, z) \approx D(z) - f(k)D^3(z) + \dots$$



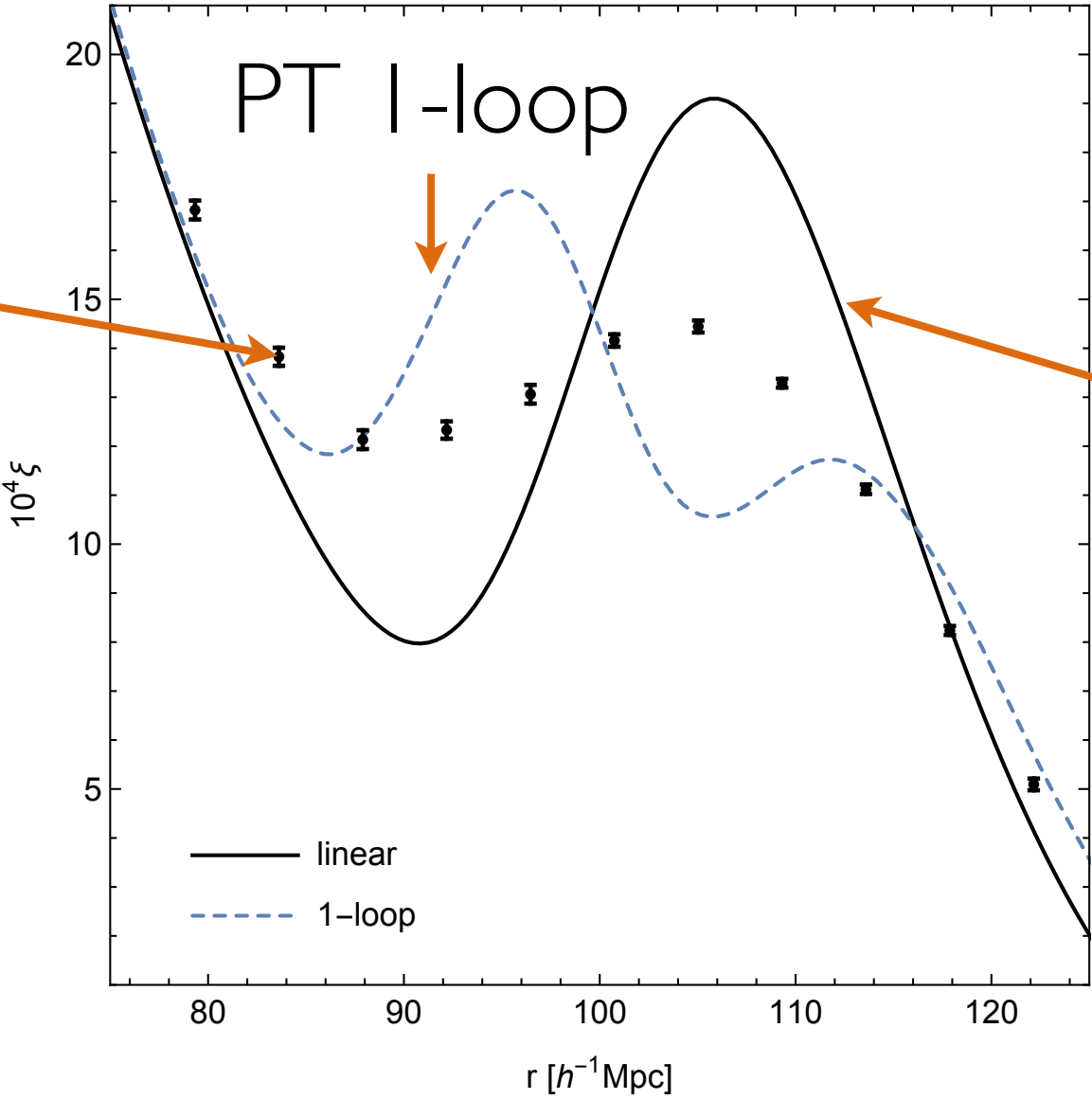
Ansatz

$$\Gamma_{\delta}^{(1)}(k, z) = D(z) \exp(f(k)D^2(z))$$

$f(k)$  is very close to just  $-k^2 \sigma_v^2$

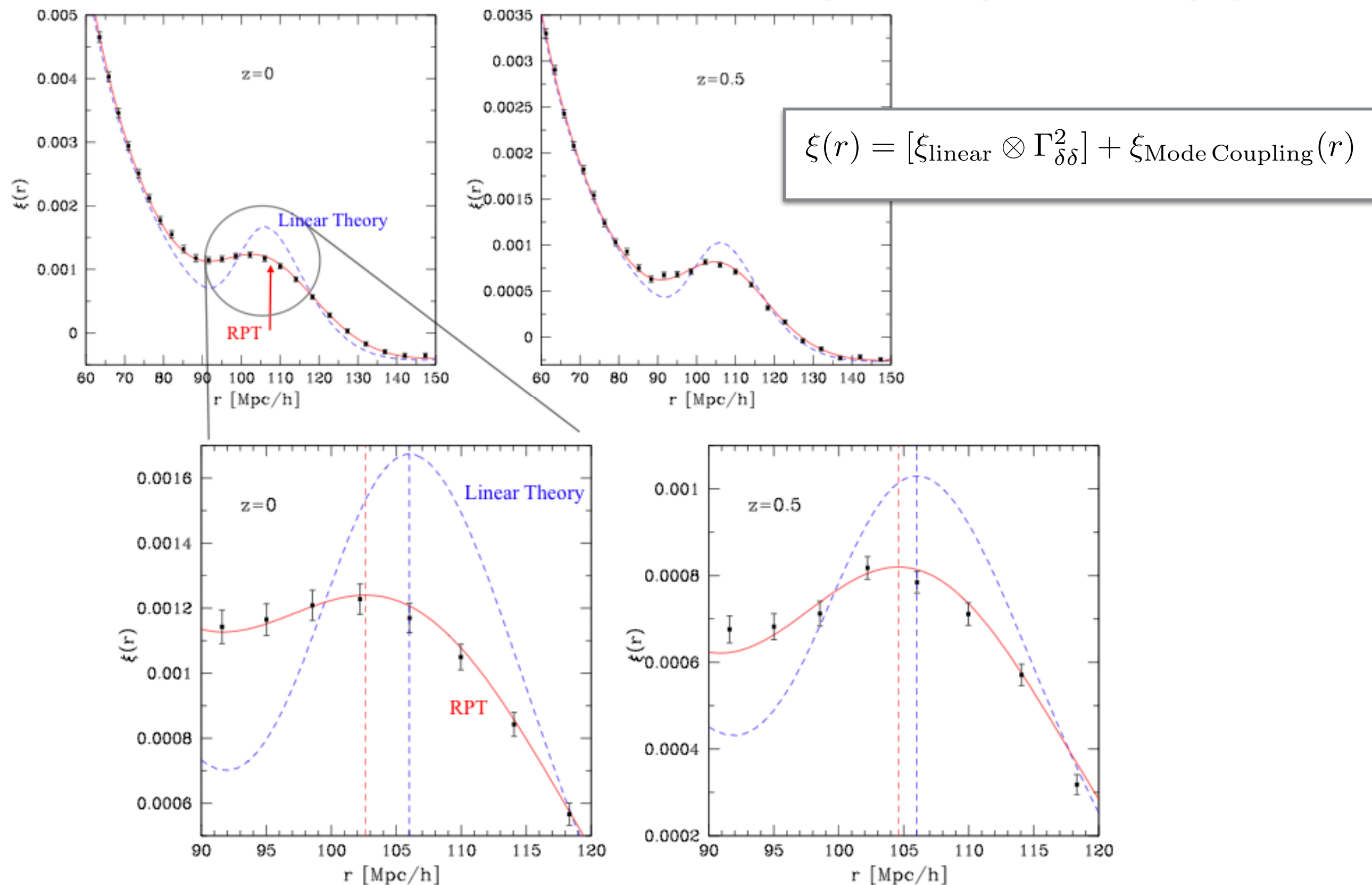
# The BAO in SPT

N-body



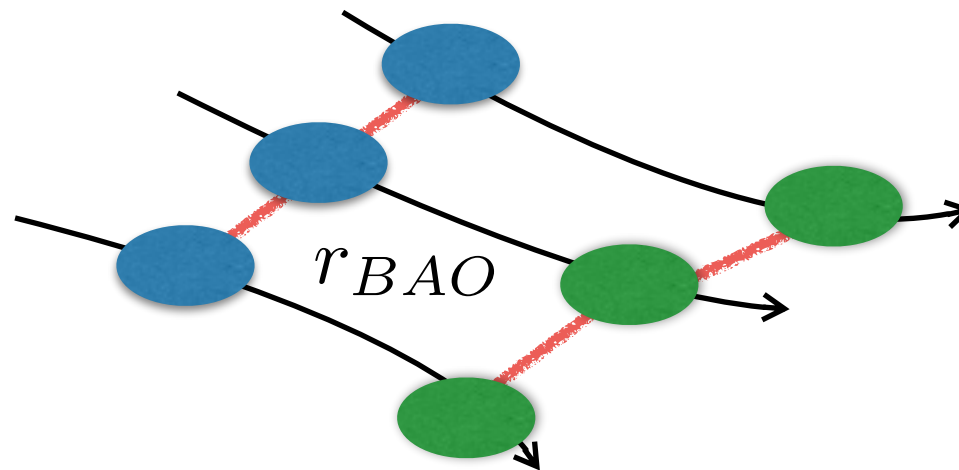
linear

# RPT Damping of the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations



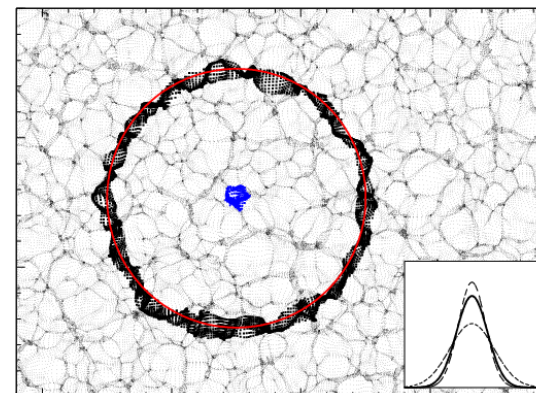
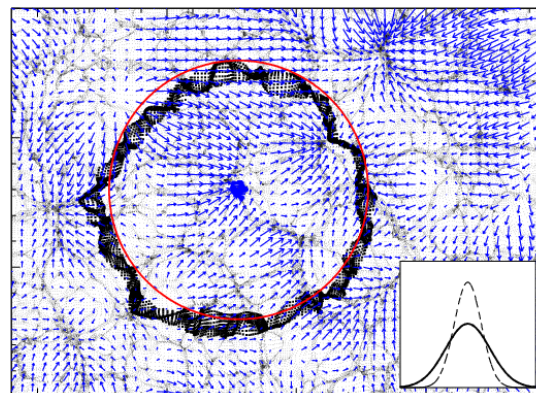
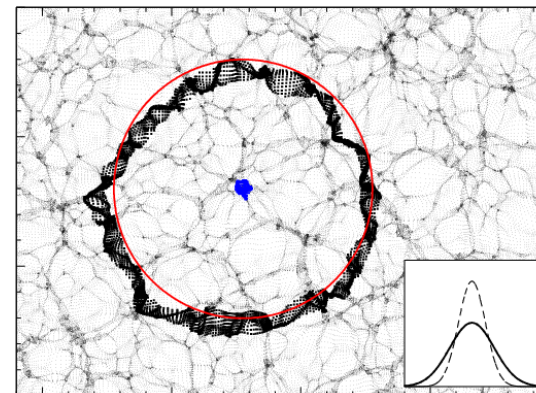
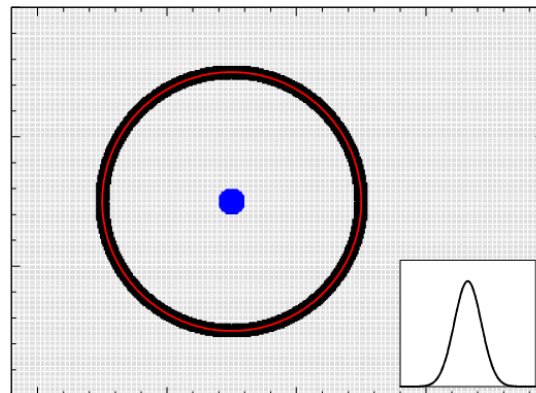
# What's going on?

The degradation of the BAO peak is due to large scale flows



One can try to 'subtract' the bulk motion to *reconstruct* the original peak

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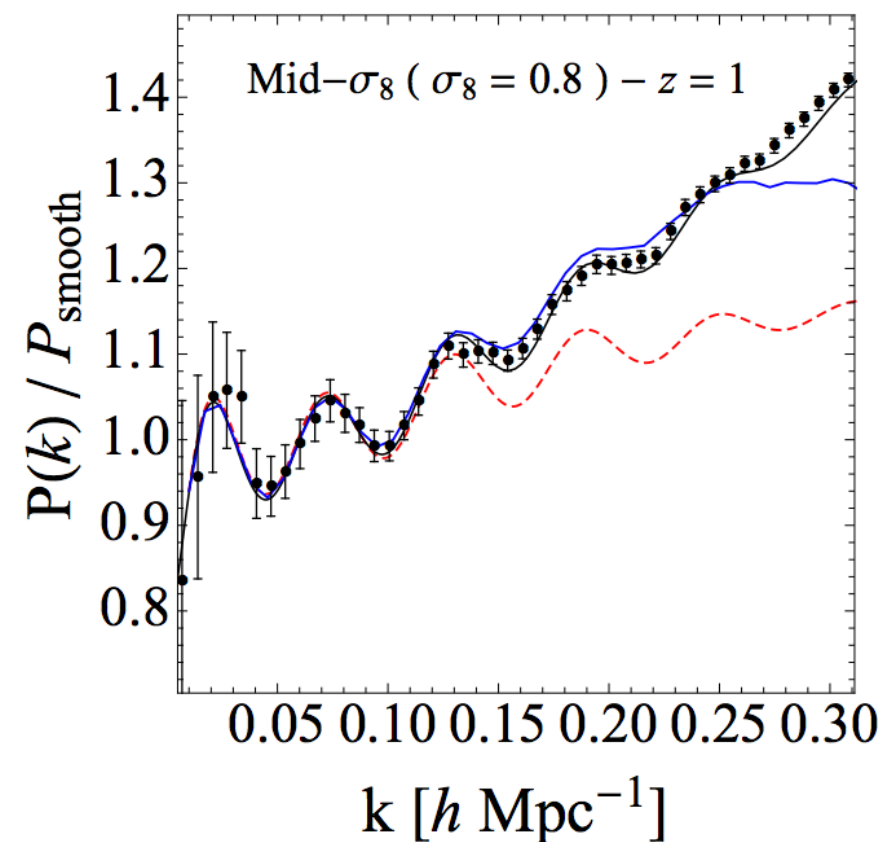
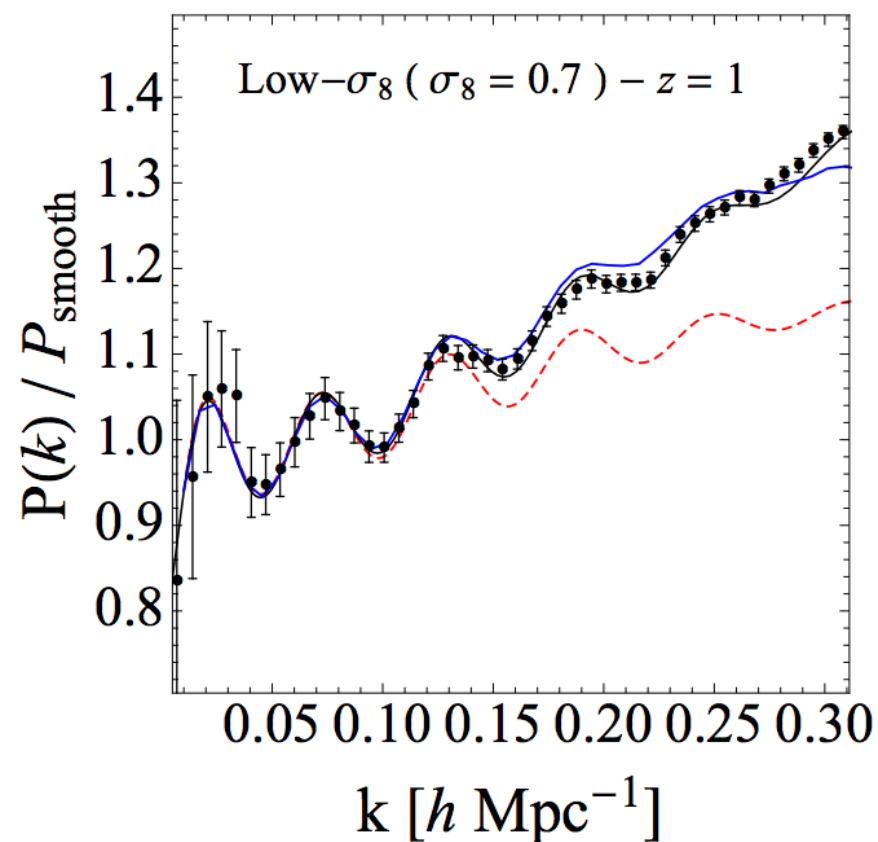
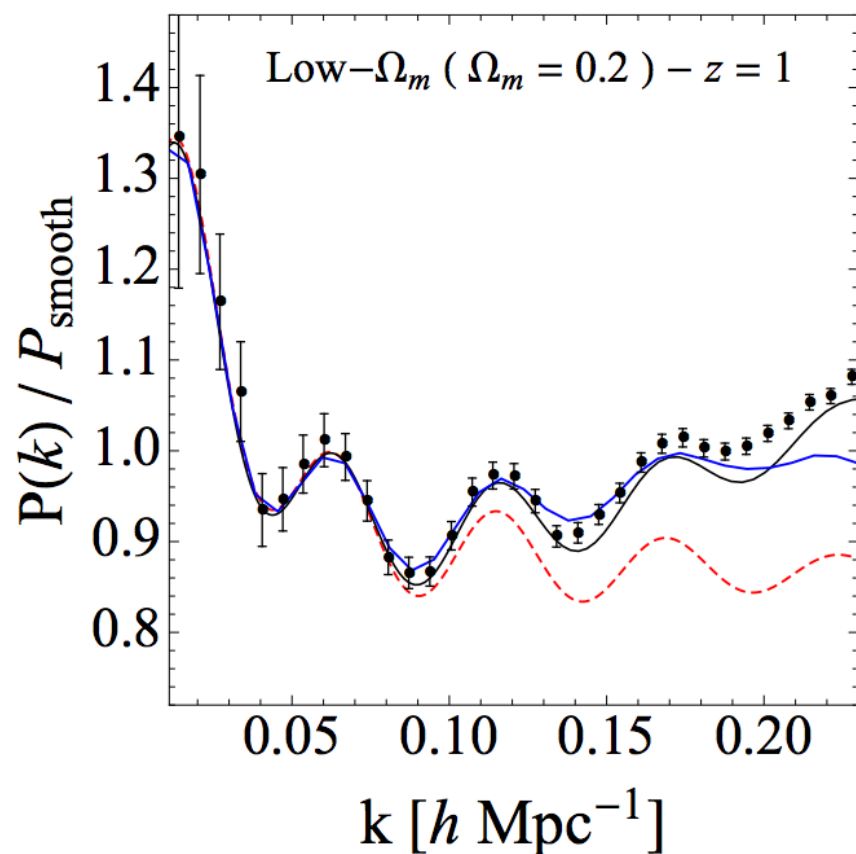


\* Some of this can be done directly in data. Reverse engineering



# Power Spectrum Performance for different cosmological models at $z = 1$

Crocce, Scoccimarro and Bernardeau (2012)



**CODES PUBLICLY AVAILABLE**  
(MPTbreeze, RegPT)

SPT : large cancellation between diagrams at each order,  
hard to understand the influence of long-wavelength modes.

The resummation above (RPT) breaks galilean invariance  
because it resums only the (unequal time) propagator

There are further terms in the SPT expansion that need to  
be resummed to restore galilean invariance, and have a better  
control of IR sensitivity (e.g. see TSPT: Blas et al 2016, gRPT)

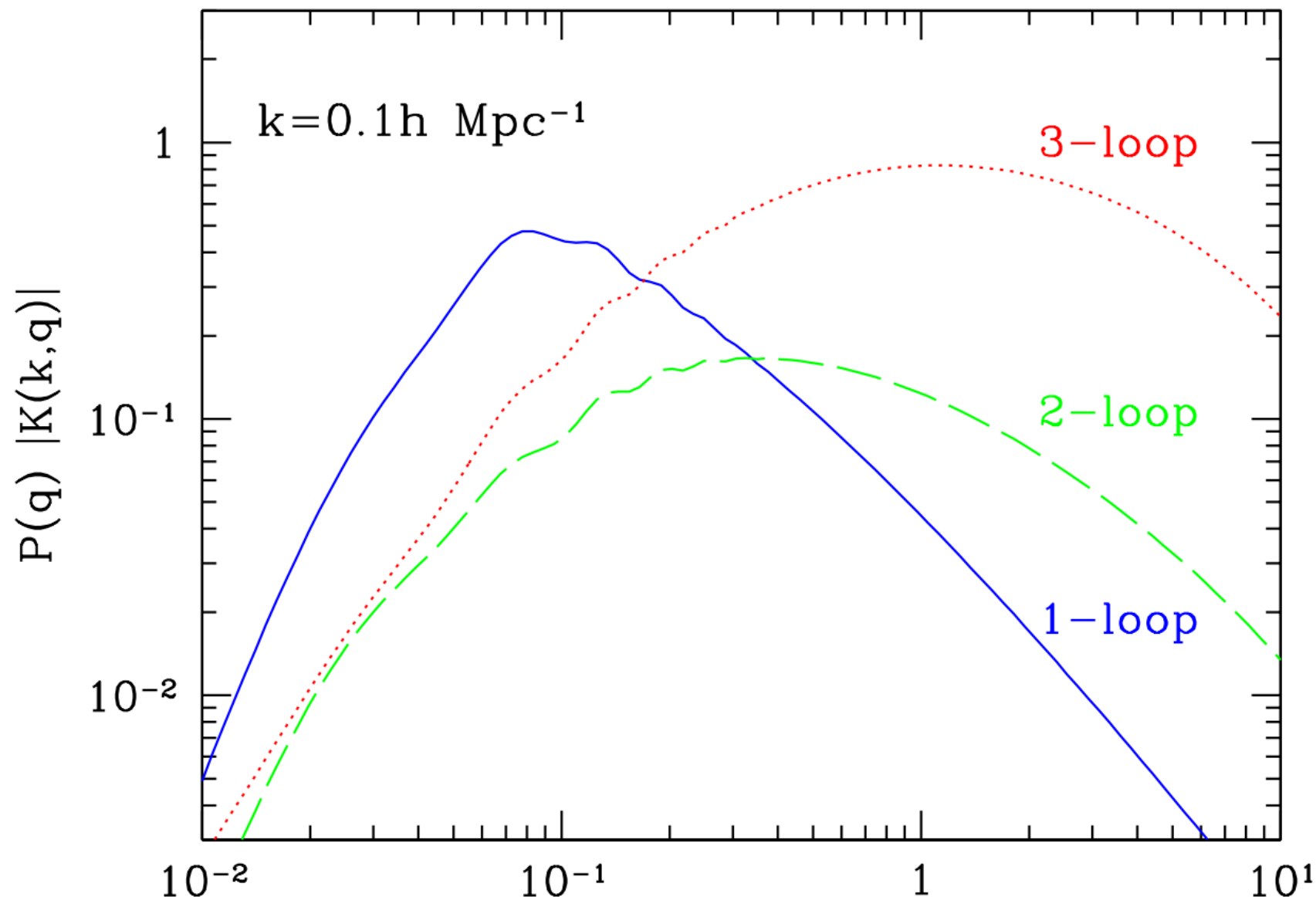
BAO damping is quite well understood by now



One key issue in PT is that kernels become increasingly sensible to the small scales

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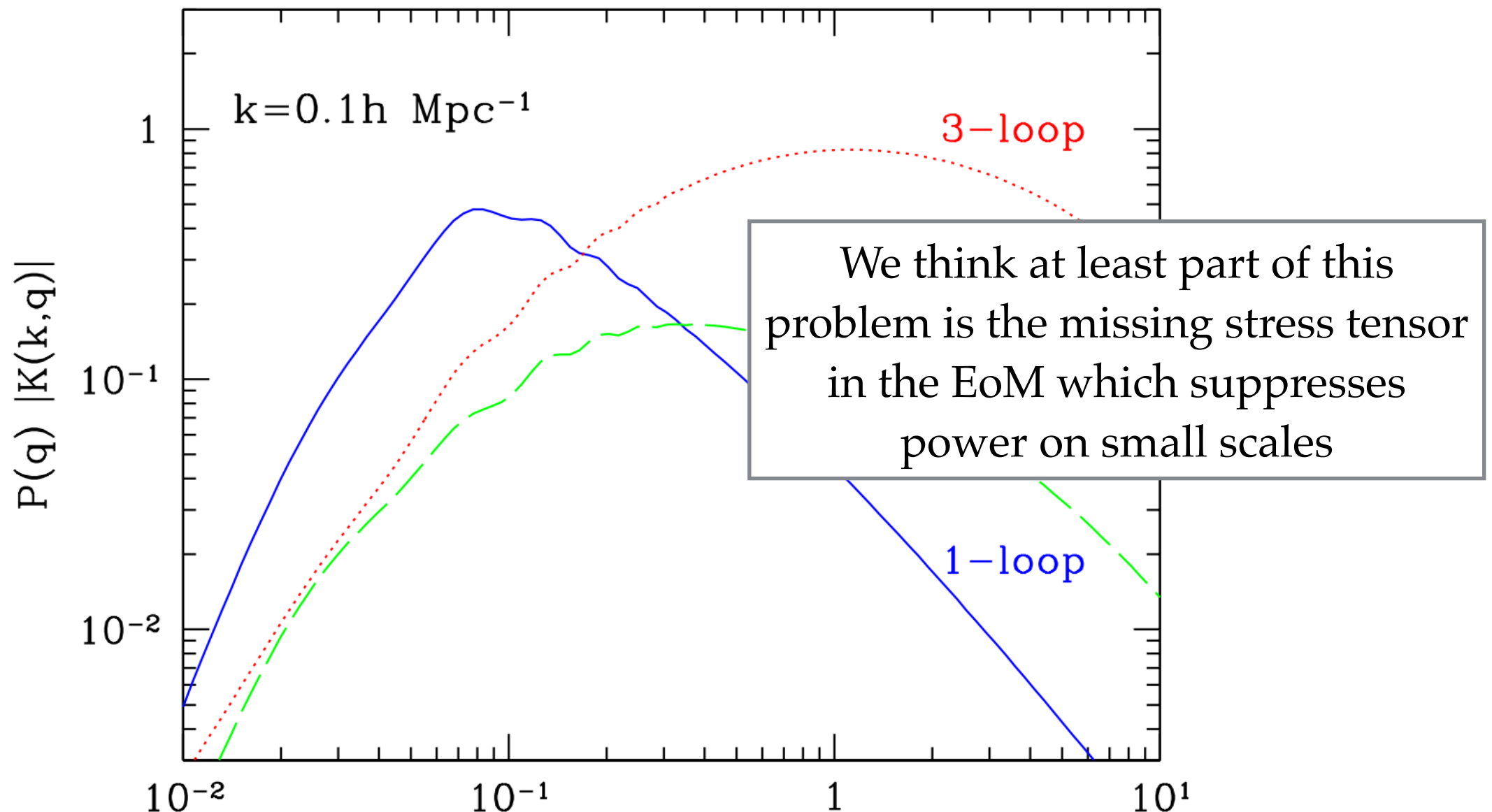
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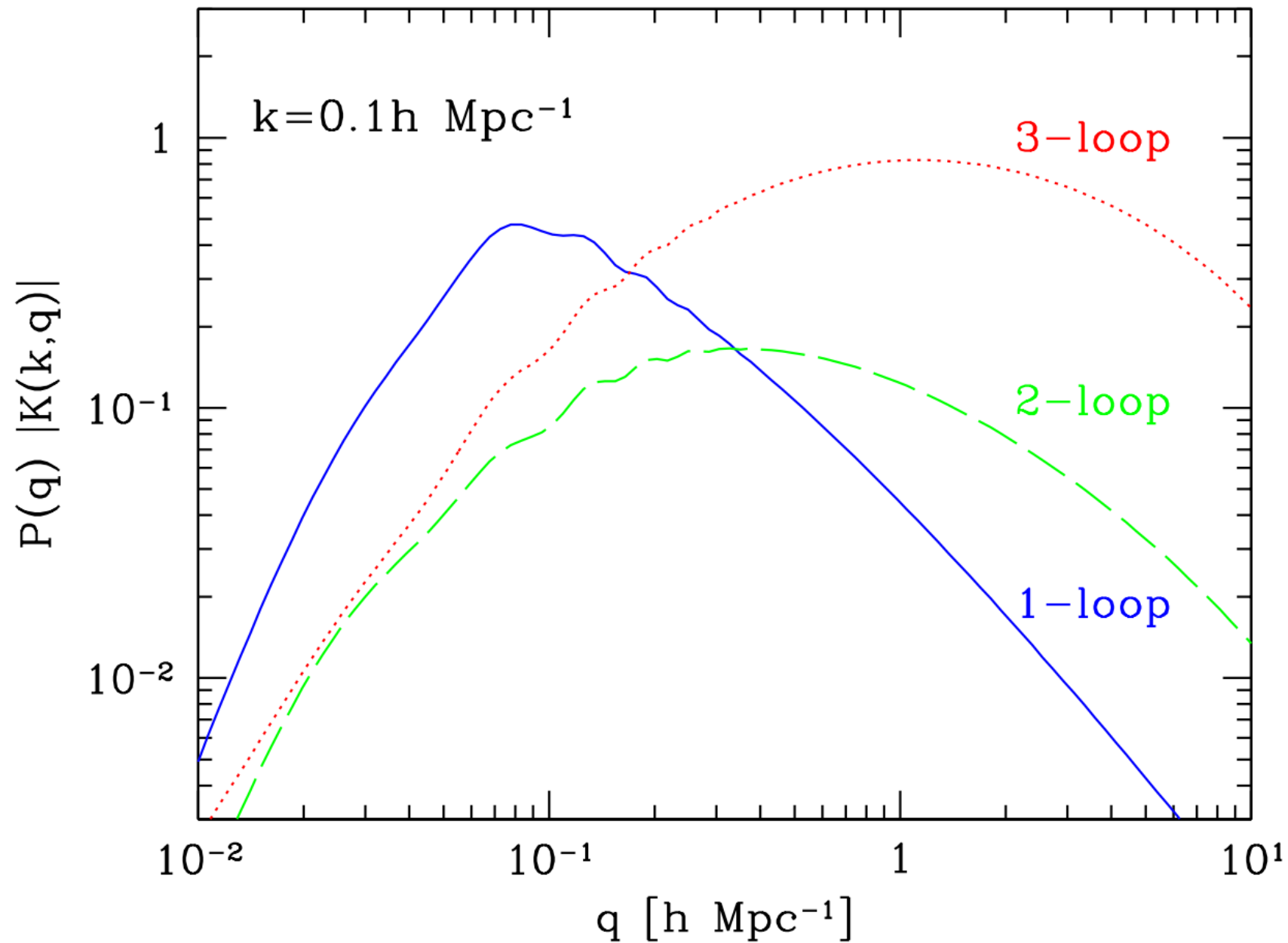
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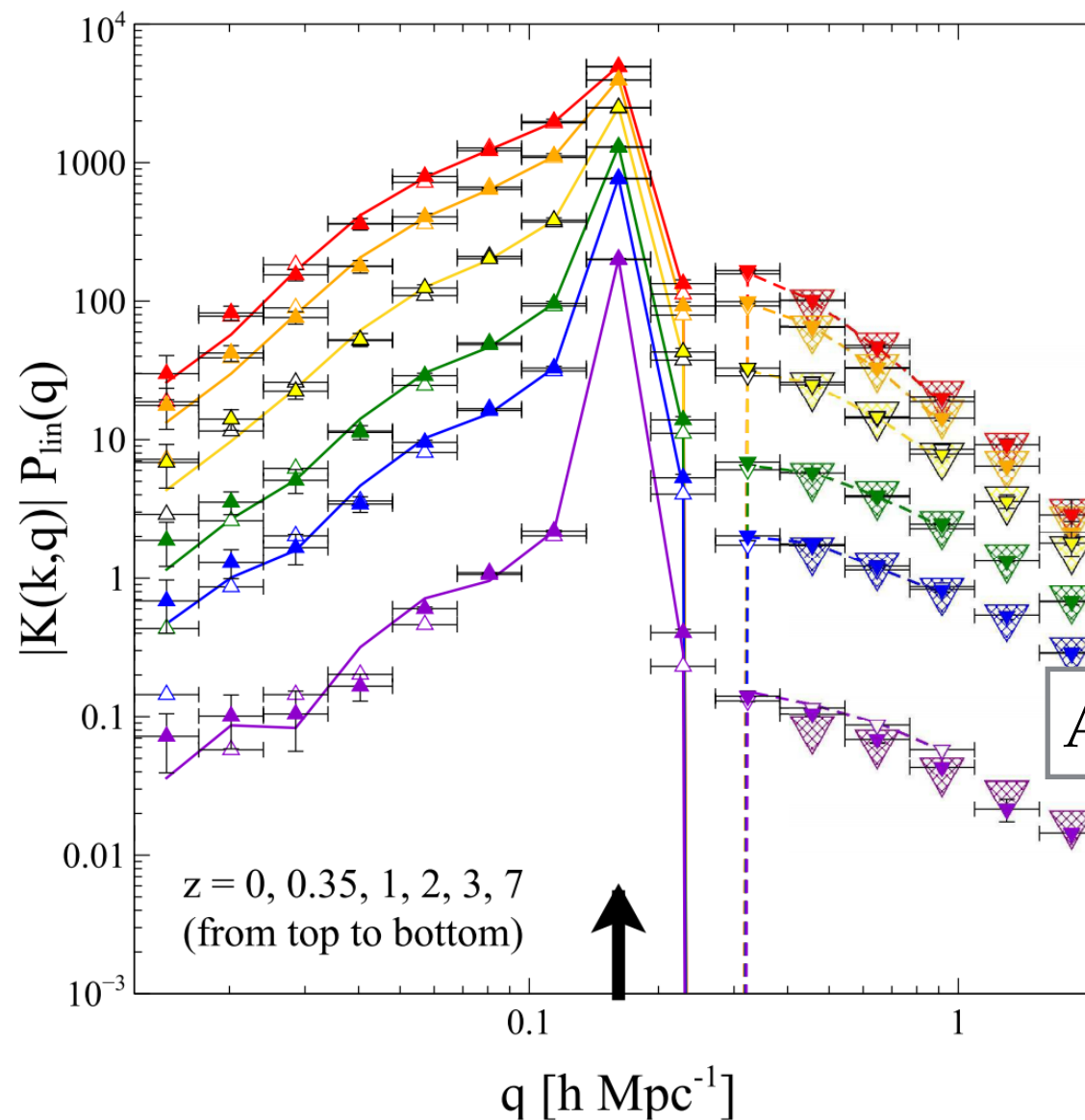
$$P(k) \text{ or any PT quantity} = \int \frac{dq}{q} K_{a+}^{\text{p-loop}}(k, q) P_0(q).$$



# Response functions

$$K(k, q; z) = q \frac{\delta P^{\text{nl}}(k; z)}{\delta P^{\text{lin}}(q; z)}. \quad \hat{K}_{i,j} P_j^{\text{lin}} \equiv \frac{P_i^{\text{nl}}[P_{+,j}^{\text{lin}}] - P_i^{\text{nl}}[P_{-,j}^{\text{lin}}]}{\Delta \ln P^{\text{lin}} \Delta \ln q},$$

measure this in sims



At high- $q$  its suppressed !

# Effective Field Theory

Baumann, Nicolis, Senatore, Zaldarriaga 2010 and many papers afterwards

The UV (small scales) problem:

- 1) The loops in SPT are too sensitive to small scales
- 2) The UV has a back reaction into the large-scales that is unphysical.
- 3) The EoM do not include velocity dispersion (stress tensor)

$$f_\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \int d^3x' W_\Lambda(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}')$$

coarse grained variables

$$\delta'_\Lambda + \partial_j [(1 + \delta_\Lambda) v_{\Lambda,j}] = 0$$

$$v'_{\Lambda,i} + \mathcal{H} v_{\Lambda,i} + \partial_i \phi_\Lambda + v_{\Lambda,j} \partial_j v_{\Lambda,i} = - \frac{1}{1 + \delta} \partial_j \tau_{\Lambda,ij}$$

write down EoM  
in these variables

In order to close the hierarchy

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Effective Stress Tensor - Parametrizing the Ignorance about small scales

$$\tau_{\Lambda,ij} = p \delta_{ij}^{(K)} + c_s^2 \delta_{ij}^{(K)} \delta_\Lambda + c_{v,b}^2 \delta_{ij}^{(K)} \partial_m v_{\Lambda,m} + c_{v,s}^2 \left[ \partial_i v_{\Lambda,j} + \partial_j v_{\Lambda,i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij}^{(K)} \partial_m v_{\Lambda,m} \right]$$

⇒ all terms allowed by symmetries (second derivatives of the potential)

Equations of Motion including Effective Stress

$$\delta'_\Lambda + \theta_\Lambda = -\alpha [\theta_\Lambda \star \delta_\Lambda]$$

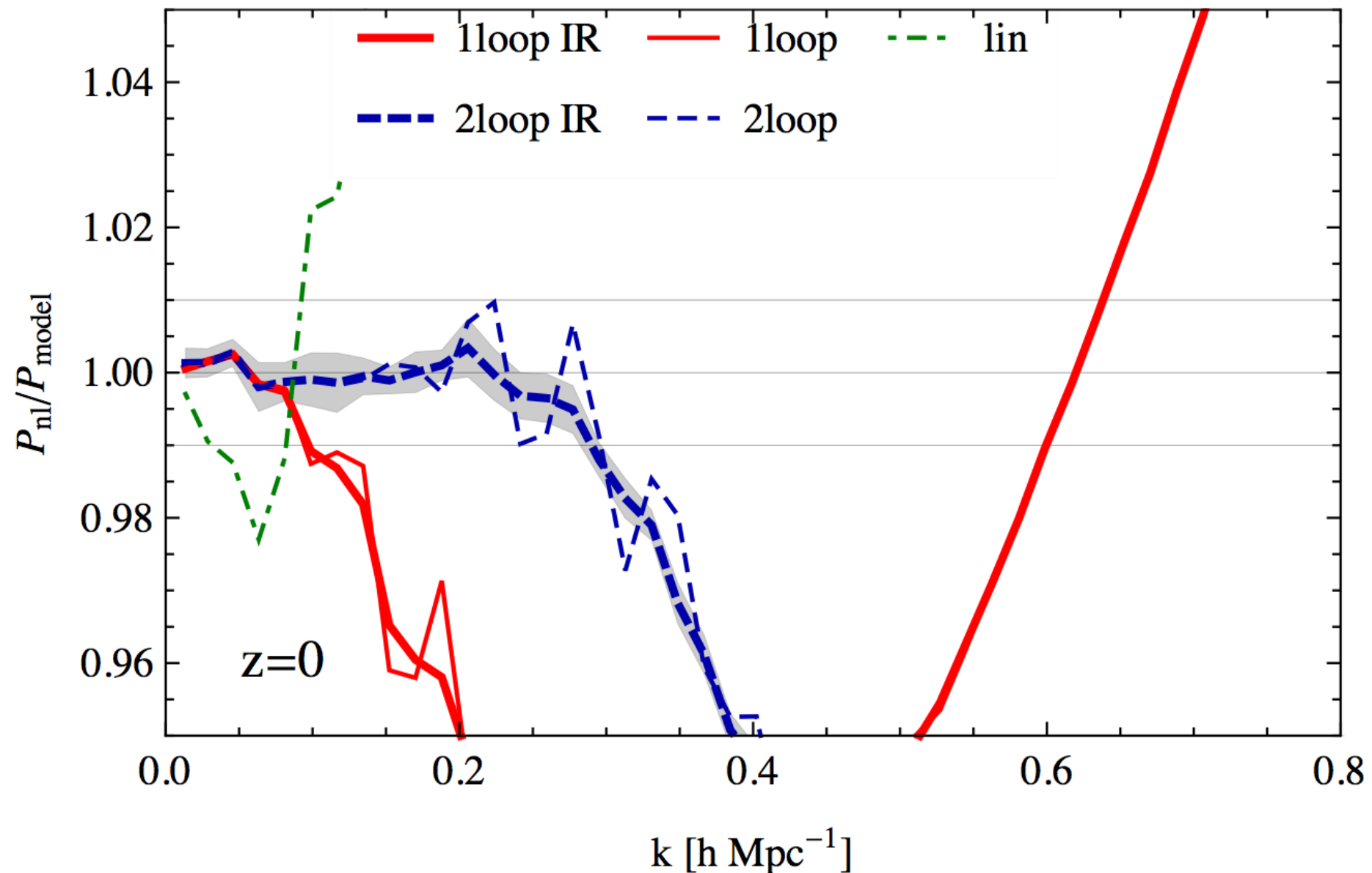
$$\theta'_\Lambda + \mathcal{H} \theta_\Lambda + \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \delta_\Lambda = -\beta [\theta_\Lambda \star \theta_\Lambda] + \tilde{c}_s^2 k^2 \delta_\Lambda^{(1)}$$

contains errors of PT  
and microscopic stress

Matter Power Spectrum

$$P_{mm}(k, t) = P_{lin}(k) + P_{22}(k, \Lambda) + 2P_{13}(k, \Lambda) - 2c_s^2(\Lambda) D^2(t) k^2 P_{lin}(k)$$

- Figure is using one parameter fit with a concrete counter-term
- In general (at 2 loops etc) there are several counter-terms.
- One needs to have an argument to put them to zero, or leave them as nuisance, etc



## EFT Performance (roughly!):

One-loop Eulerian EFT  $k_{1\%} = 0.1 \text{ h Mpc}^{-1}$ , two-loop Eulerian

EFT  $k_{1\%} = 0.3 \text{ h Mpc}^{-1}$  at  $z=0$

## EFT Limitations:

How to deal with many counter-terms, and their time evolution

Degeneracies, particularly with bias

Stochastic term from one-halo physics  $\Rightarrow$  leads to percent level corrections

at  $k = 0.3 \text{ hMpc}^{-1}$



## SPT+IR (RPT, RegPT, etc .. roughly!)

Within 2% at  $k \sim 0.3$  at  $z \sim 1$  or  $k \sim 0.25$  at  $z \sim 0.5$ .

Discussions on assumptions, need to include further diagrams etc,

## Using response functions and N-body measurements

k1% at  $k = 0.3 - 0.4 \text{ hMpc}^{-1}$

(only for density spectrum so far)

THANKS