
The Effective Field Theory of Large-Scale Structure

Themed Discussion
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Standard Perturbation Theory

- Treat matter as a **perfect fluid** obeying the fluid equations
- Solve the equations perturbatively in powers of the **density field, δ**

$$\dot{\delta} + \nabla \cdot [(1 + \delta)\mathbf{v}] = 0, \quad \text{Continuity Equation}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\mathcal{H}\mathbf{v} - \nabla\phi, \quad \text{Euler Equation}$$

$$\nabla^2\phi = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}\delta, \quad \text{Poisson Equation}$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = D(\tau)\delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) + D^2(\tau)\delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}) + D^3(\tau)\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}) + \dots$$

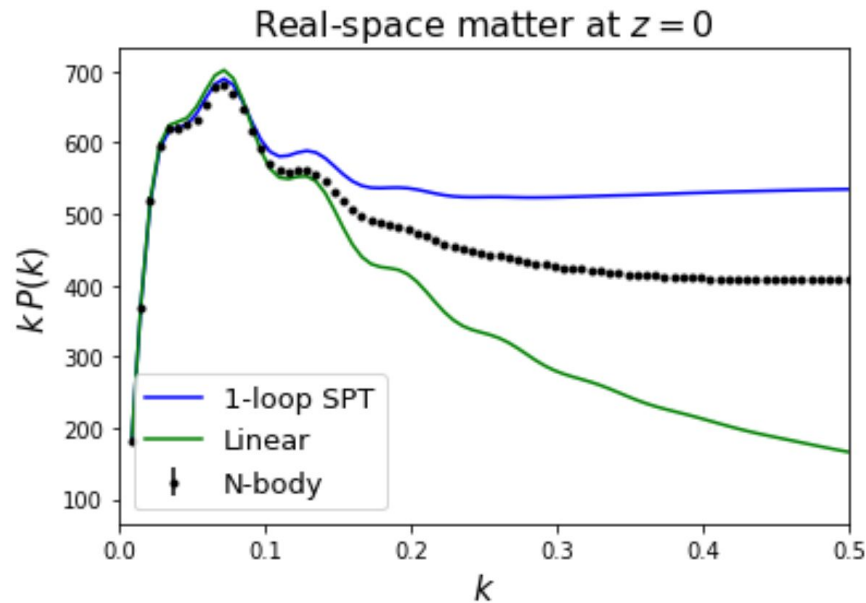
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Growth factor

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2nd order density field

Standard Perturbation Theory

Why does SPT fail?

1. The expansion parameter, δ , is **not small**
2. Matter is not a **perfect fluid**
3. The loop integrals can **diverge**
No UV - protection



Using Quijote simulations (Villaescusa-Navarro+19)
and CLASS-PT (Ivanov+20)

Effective Field Theory

- Treat matter as an **imperfect** fluid, described by the Boltzmann equation, written in terms of the **smoothed** density field

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\delta}_\Lambda + \nabla \cdot [(1 + \delta_\Lambda) \mathbf{v}_\Lambda] &= 0 \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}}_\Lambda + (\mathbf{v}_\Lambda \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_\Lambda &= -\mathcal{H} \mathbf{v}_\Lambda - \nabla \phi_\Lambda - \frac{1}{\rho_\Lambda} \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\tau}}\end{aligned}$$

This adds a **stress-tensor**, τ , defined by:

$$\tau^{ji} = -\boxed{c_s^2} \rho \delta^{ij} + \boxed{\eta} (\partial^j v^i + \partial^i v^j) + \dots$$

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Sound-speed Viscosity

Effective Field Theory

- At next-to-leading order:

$$P(k) = P_{\text{lin}}(k) + P_{22,\Lambda}(k) + 2P_{13,\Lambda}(k) - 2c_{s,\Lambda}^2 k^2 P_{\text{lin}}(k)$$

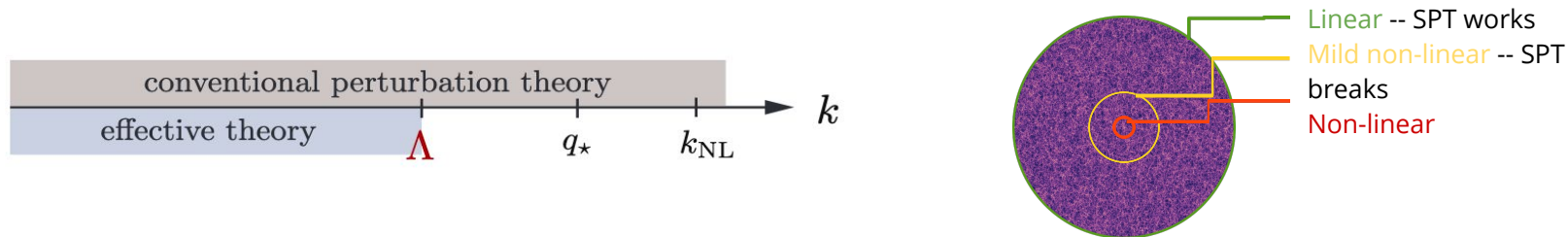
Counterterm

- The counterterm is the backreaction of **small-scale** physics on large-scale modes. It **must** be measured from simulations.
 - An analogy: the **viscosity** in fluid dynamics



Effective Field Theory

- Equivalently, we can restrict to large-scales in **renormalization**



$$\xi(r) \rightarrow P_{\delta\delta}(k) \supseteq \int_{k_{IR}}^{k_*} d^3\mathbf{q} f(\mathbf{q}) g(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}) + \int_{k_*}^{k_{NL}} d^3\mathbf{q} f(\mathbf{q}) g(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}) = P_{1\text{ loop}}^{\text{SPT}}(k) - \underbrace{\frac{c_\delta^2}{k_{NL}^2} k^2 P_{\text{lin}}(k)}_{\text{COUNTER-TERM}}$$

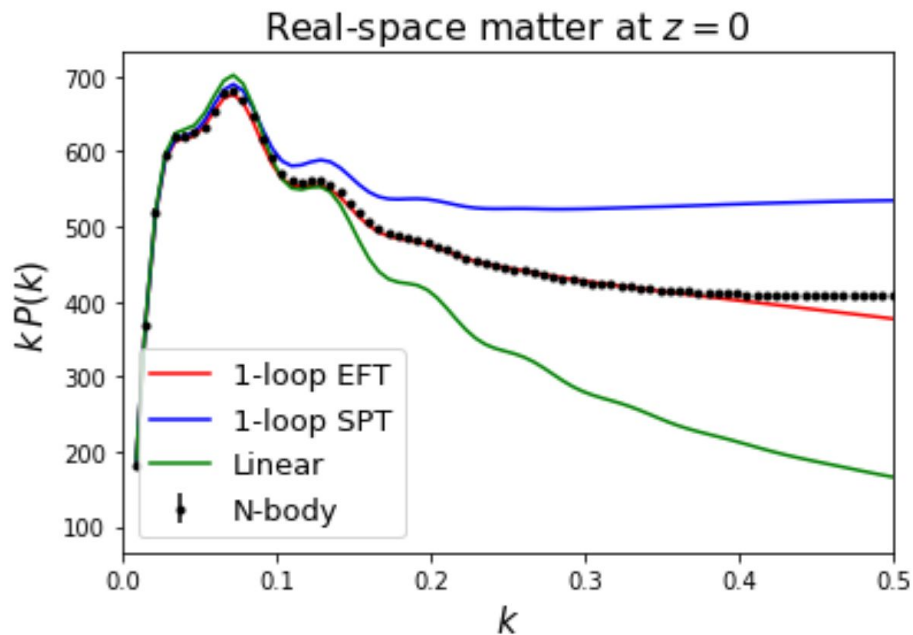
SPT works Taylor expansion

COUNTER-TERM
Nbody simulations

- The loop integrals seem to depend on the cut-off scale
But this dependence is exactly captured by the **counterterm!**

Effective Field Theory

- EFT provides a much better fit to data than SPT, since we include the non-ideal fluid contributions
- Extending to 2-loop order improves this further

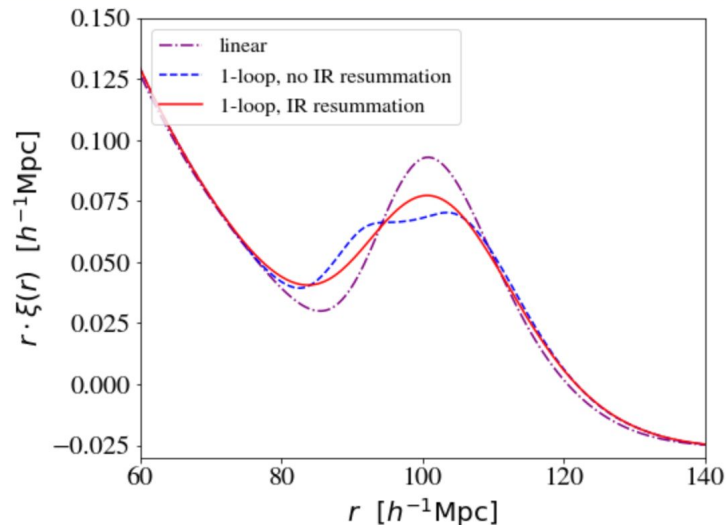
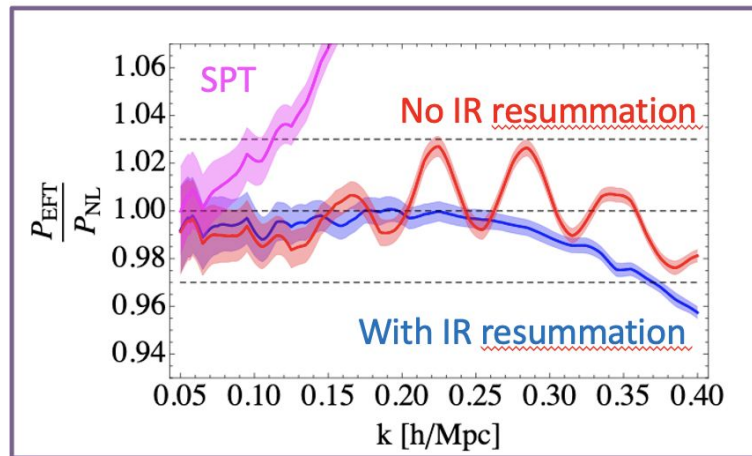


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IR Resummation

- At late times, particles have **large displacements** that cannot be treated perturbatively.
- This **damps** the BAO wiggles
- The contributions can be **resummed**, e.g.

$$P_L(k) \rightarrow P_{nw}(k) + P_w(k)e^{-k^2\Sigma^2}$$



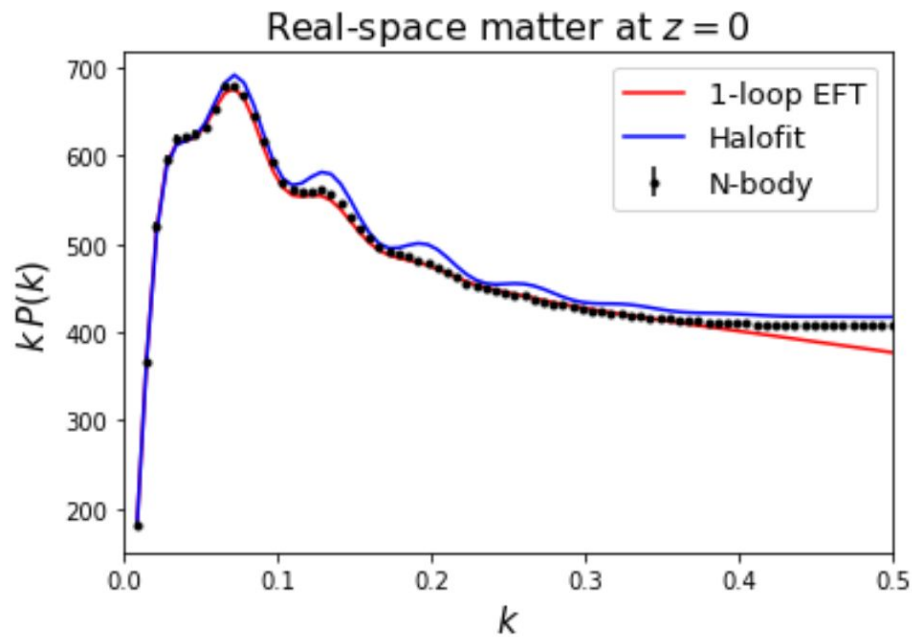
Comparison to HaloFit

HaloFit

- Calibrated from N-body simulations
- Extends further into non-linear regime

But

- Too wiggly!
- Only $\sim 5\%$ accurate



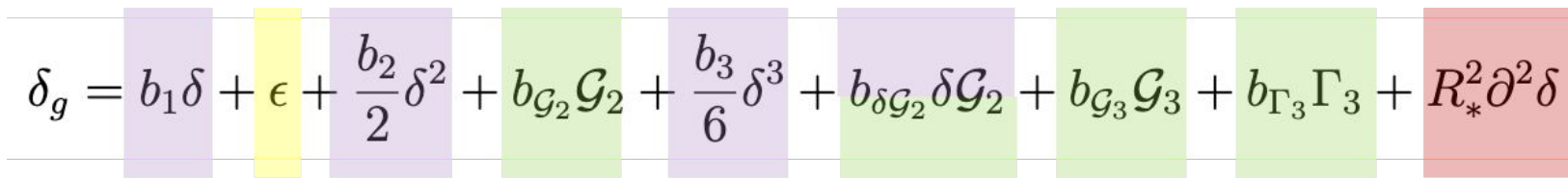
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Biased Tracers

The simple approach: expand the galaxy overdensity in powers of δ :

$$\delta_g(\mathbf{x}) = b_1 \delta(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{b_2}{2} \delta^2(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{b_3}{6} \delta^3(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

The EFT approach: include all possible parameters allowed by symmetry

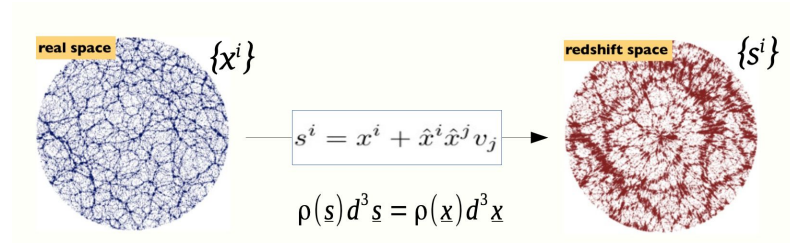


The diagram shows the EFT expansion of galaxy overdensity: $\delta_g = b_1 \delta + \epsilon + \frac{b_2}{2} \delta^2 + b_{\mathcal{G}_2} \mathcal{G}_2 + \frac{b_3}{6} \delta^3 + b_{\delta \mathcal{G}_2} \delta \mathcal{G}_2 + b_{\mathcal{G}_3} \mathcal{G}_3 + b_{\Gamma_3} \Gamma_3 + R_*^2 \partial^2 \delta$. The terms are enclosed in colored boxes: $b_1 \delta$ (purple), ϵ (yellow), $\frac{b_2}{2} \delta^2$ (purple), $b_{\mathcal{G}_2} \mathcal{G}_2$ (green), $\frac{b_3}{6} \delta^3$ (purple), $b_{\delta \mathcal{G}_2} \delta \mathcal{G}_2$ (green), $b_{\mathcal{G}_3} \mathcal{G}_3$ (green), $b_{\Gamma_3} \Gamma_3$ (green), and $R_*^2 \partial^2 \delta$ (red).

with **density operators**, **tidal operators**, **stochastic operators**, and **non-local operators**
(all integrated over a lightcone)

Redshift Space

Galaxy surveys infer distances

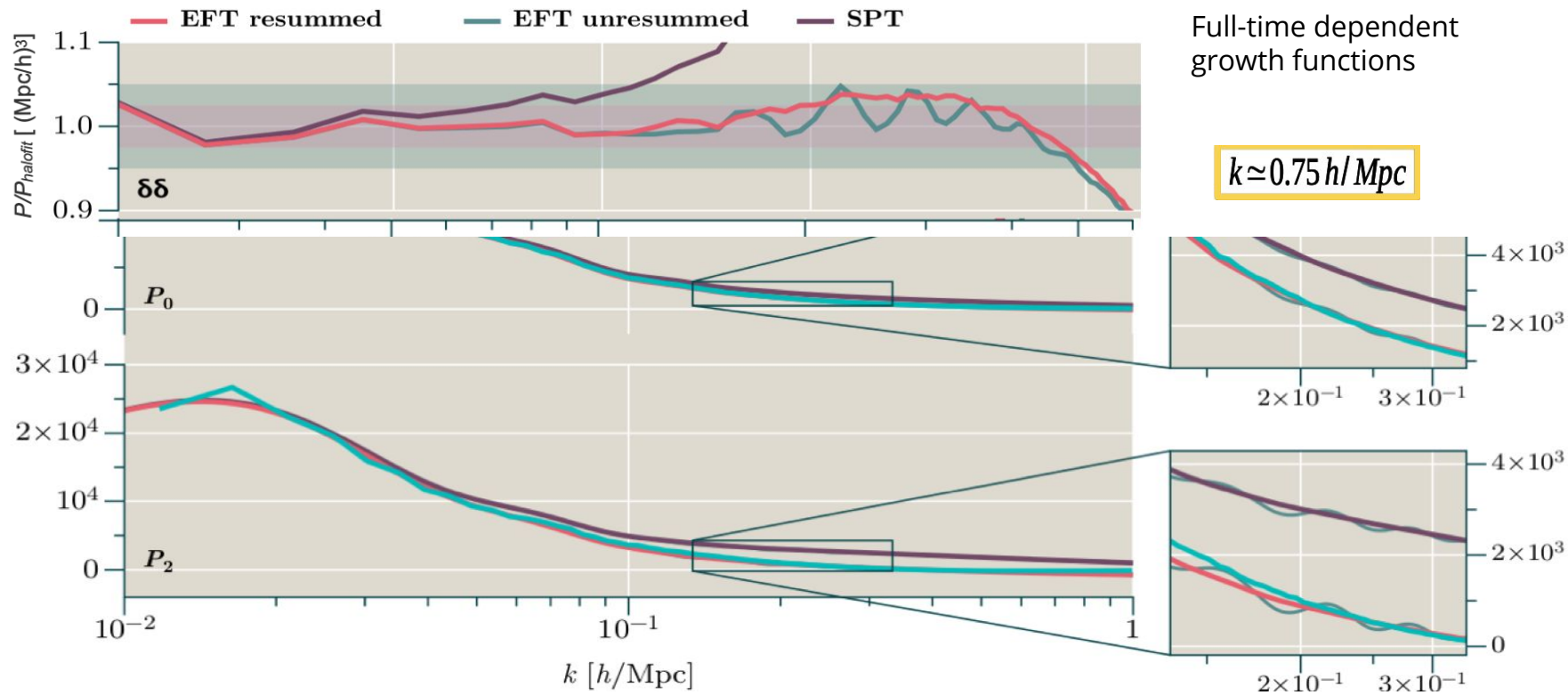


$$\delta_r(\vec{k}) = \delta(\vec{k}) + \int d^3 x e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \left(\exp \left[-i \frac{k_z}{aH} v_z(\vec{x}) \right] - 1 \right) (1 + \delta(\vec{x}))$$

Exact mapping. Smooth it \rightarrow get new contributions (+2 at one-loop order)

Caveat: fingers - of - God - low k_{NL}

Redshift Space

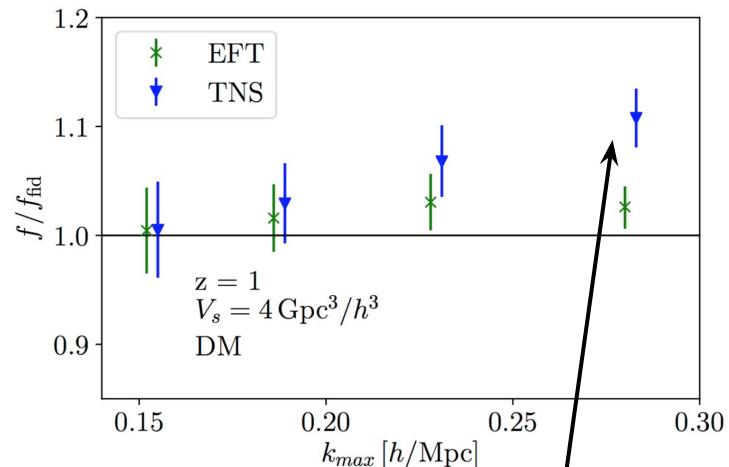


Full-time dependent growth functions

$k \approx 0.75 h/\text{Mpc}$

Comparison to TNS (~ halofit)

- Doesn't include corrections beyond perfect fluids
- Partly resums SPT contributions - does not help if the theory is wrong
- Doesn't capture the BAO - fits it only because of accidental shape of LCDM spectrum
- Doesn't capture fingers-of-God - large biases in redshift space for DM
- Cannot be precise more than $\sim 3\%$
- Field level (no summary statistic) - stringent test. Only the linear part is OK



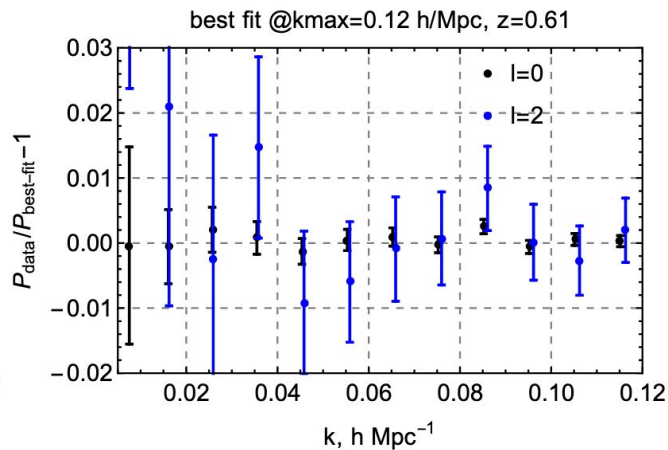
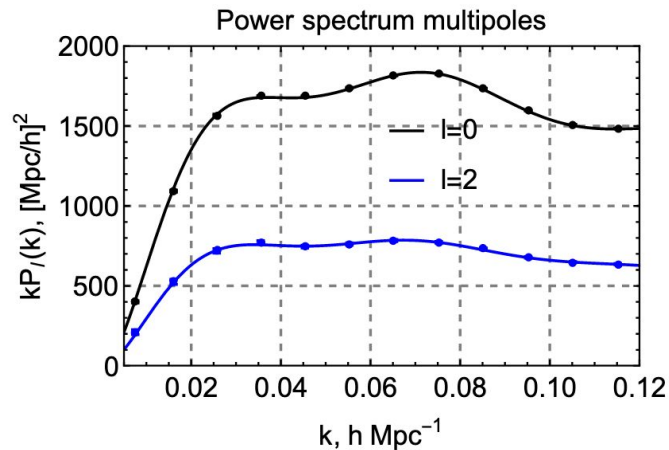
TNS gives a biased growth factor!

The Full Model

The 1-loop model has free parameters:

$$\{b_1, b_2, b_{\mathcal{G}_2}, c_{s,0}, c_{s,2}, b_4, P_{\text{shot}}\}$$

Sub-percent accurate in the mildly non-linear regime



The Full Model

- Impact of *bias* & *redshift-space models* on the halo power spectrum.
- We develop **the advective bias model**.
- We use **EFT** to account for non-linear physics.
- **WizCOLA** simulation.
- Risk of **over-fitting**:
 - **Bayesian Information criterion**
 - Ensemble average.

	BIC	Min χ^2/dof	$\Delta\chi^2(\%)$
Linear+ KaiserTree	11.1	1.1	1.8
Linear+Kaiser Halo	11.1	1.0	3.1
Coev+Kaiser Halo	16.6	1.0	3.2
Coev+SPT	16.6	1.0	2.3
Coev+EFT	44.2	1.1	6.9
M&Roy+ KaiserTree	27.6	1.0	2.8
Advect+SPT	38.7	1.1	5.1
Advect+EFT	66.4	1.2	6.0

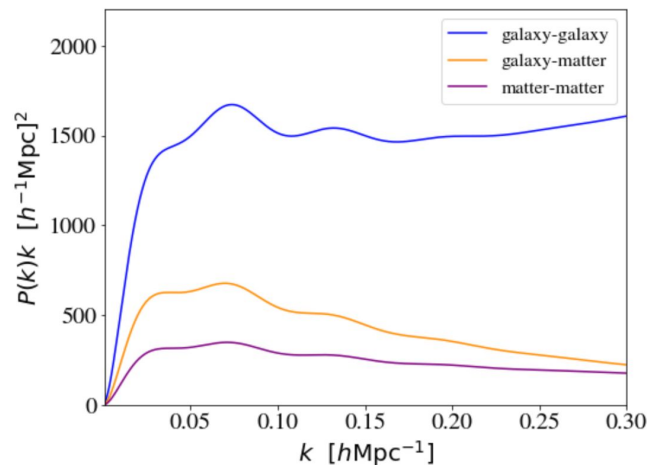
CLASS-PT

- Based on CLASS
- Computes the 1-loop PT integrals in < 1 s
- Includes all effects:
 - IR Resummation
 - Loop integrals
 - Biased tracers
 - Redshift-space distortions
 - Alcock-Paczynski effects
- Can be interfaced with MontePython for MCMC sampling
- Tutorial - ?

```
# real space matter power spectrum
pk_full_ir = M1.pk_mm_real(cs)

# real space galaxy-galaxy power spectrum
pk_gg = M1.pk_gg_real(b1, b2, bG2, bGamma3, cs, cs0, Pshot)

# real space galaxy-matter power spectrum
pk_gm = M1.pk_gm_real(b1, b2, bG2, bGamma3, cs, cs0)
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Beyond LCDM

No problem to include beyond LCDM

- Any model that does not alter non-linear interactions - done
(a) explicit time-dependence (very tiny effect)
- Modified gravity - worked out, but not included in the code yet (MG changes the non-linear interactions (` kernels')