

PARTICLE INTERACTIONS IN KINETIC FIELD THEORY

APPLICATION TO COSMIC STRUCTURE FORMATION

Christophe Pixius

23 January 2023

Institute for Theoretical Physics
Heidelberg University



STRUCTURES
CLUSTER OF
EXCELLENCE

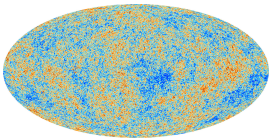
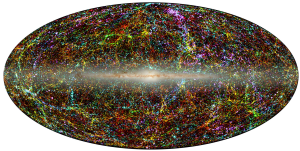


Luxembourg National
Research Fund

GOAL

GOAL

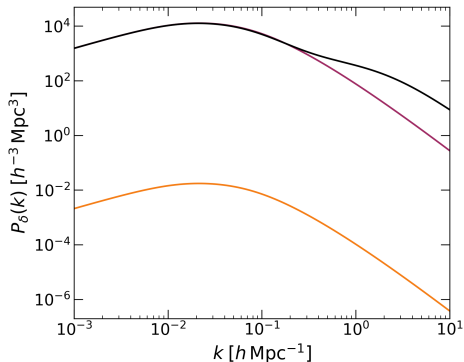
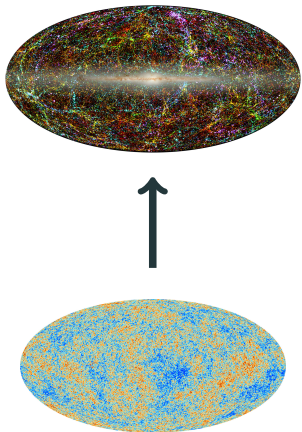
- Analytical description of non-linear structure formation



credit: https://www.esa.int/ESA_Multimedia/Images/2013/03/Planck_CMB
NASA/2MASS, T.H. JARRETT (IPAC/CALTECH)/SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY

GOAL

- Analytical description of non-linear structure formation



Non-linear power spectrum from Smith et al., Stable clustering, the halo model and nonlinear cosmological power spectra, 2002

WHY ANALYTICAL METHODS?

- Can yield a proper understanding of physical mechanisms, leading to e.g.
 - universality of cosmic structures
 - halo density profiles

WHY ANALYTICAL METHODS?

- Can yield a proper understanding of physical mechanisms, leading to e.g.
 - universality of cosmic structures
 - halo density profiles
- Can cover large theory spaces at low computational cost
 - Investigate different models of dark energy and dark matter
 - Probe alternative gravity models

STANDARD PERTURBATION THEORY (SPT) - OVERVIEW

- Model the content of the universe as a fluid
- Initial conditions are set by inflation and are assumed to be Gaussian
- The evolution of the cosmic fluid is governed by the equations of (ideal) hydrodynamics

$$\partial_\tau \delta + \nabla \cdot [(1 + \delta)u] = 0 \quad \text{(continuity)}$$

$$\partial_\tau u + \frac{1}{2}u + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla \Phi = 0 \quad \text{(Euler)}$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{3}{2}\delta \quad \text{(Poisson)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \delta_k + \theta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \alpha(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \delta_{k-k_1} \\ \partial_\tau \theta_k + \frac{1}{2} \theta_k + \frac{3}{2} \delta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \beta(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \theta_{k-k_1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_\tau \delta_k + \theta_k = - \int_{k_1} \alpha(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \delta_{k-k_1}$$
$$\partial_\tau \theta_k + \frac{1}{2} \theta_k + \frac{3}{2} \delta_k = - \int_{k_1} \beta(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \theta_{k-k_1}$$

- Expand around linear solution for δ_k and θ_k (LHS)
- Include RHS perturbatively for higher order solutions (loop corrections)

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \delta_k + \theta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \alpha(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \delta_{k-k_1} \\ \partial_\tau \theta_k + \frac{1}{2} \theta_k + \frac{3}{2} \delta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \beta(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \theta_{k-k_1}\end{aligned}$$

- Expand around linear solution for δ_k and θ_k (LHS)
- Include RHS perturbatively for higher order solutions (loop corrections)
- Average over initial conditions to get spectra, e.g. the dark matter power spectrum

$$P_\delta(k, \tau) = \int_{k'} \langle \delta_k(\tau) \delta_{k'}(\tau) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\tau \delta_k + \theta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \alpha(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \delta_{k-k_1} \\ \partial_\tau \theta_k + \frac{1}{2} \theta_k + \frac{3}{2} \delta_k &= - \int_{k_1} \beta(k_1, k - k_1) \theta_{k_1} \theta_{k-k_1}\end{aligned}$$

- Expand around linear solution for δ_k and θ_k (LHS)
- Include RHS perturbatively for higher order solutions (loop corrections)
- Average over initial conditions to get spectra, e.g. the dark matter power spectrum

$$P_\delta(k, \tau) = \int_{k'} \langle \delta_k(\tau) \delta_{k'}(\tau) \rangle$$

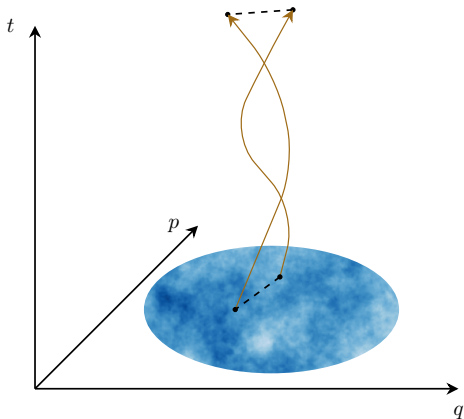
- But: no access to fully non-linear scales (single stream approximation)

KINETIC FIELD THEORY (KFT)

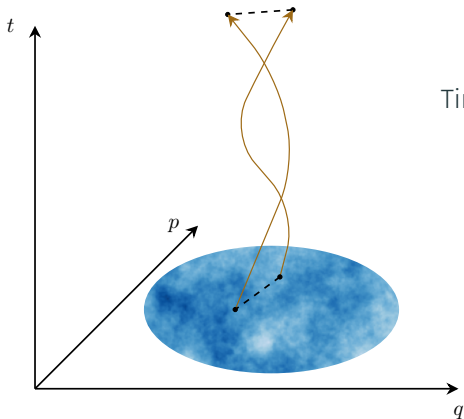
- Treat content of universe as **classical point particles**
- Particles follow **classical phase-space trajectories**
- Initial phase-space positions are sampled from initial density and velocity field

IDEA

- Treat content of universe as **classical point particles**
- Particles follow **classical phase-space trajectories**
- Initial phase-space positions are sampled from initial density and velocity field



- Treat content of universe as **classical point particles**
- Particles follow **classical phase-space trajectories**
- Initial phase-space positions are sampled from initial density and velocity field



Time evolution:

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p}$$

$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q}$$

- Probability distribution in phase-space

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}^{(i)}), \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

- Probability distribution in phase-space

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \delta_D(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(cl)}(\tau; \mathbf{x}^{(i)})), \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

- Probability distribution in phase-space

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \delta_D(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})}(\tau; \mathbf{x}^{(i)})), \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

- Split $\mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})} = \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, free})} + \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, int.})}$

FIELD THEORY FORMULATION - THE GENERATING FUNCTIONAL

- Probability distribution in phase-space

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \delta_D(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})}(\tau; \mathbf{x}^{(i)})), \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

- Split $\mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})} = \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, free})} + \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, int.})}$
- Resulting generating functional:

$$Z[\mathbf{J}] = e^{i\hat{\mathcal{S}}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}]$$

FIELD THEORY FORMULATION - THE GENERATING FUNCTIONAL

- Probability distribution in phase-space

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \delta_D(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})}(\tau; \mathbf{x}^{(i)})), \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})^T$$

- Split $\mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl})} = \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, free})} + \mathbf{x}^{(\text{cl, int.})}$
- Resulting generating functional:

$$Z[\mathbf{J}] = e^{i\hat{\mathcal{S}}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}]$$

- Calculate density correlations, e.g. a two-point function:

$$\langle \rho(k, \tau) \rho(k', \tau) \rangle = \hat{\rho}(k, \tau) \hat{\rho}(k', \tau) Z[\mathbf{J}]|_{\mathbf{J}=0}$$

KFT PERTURBATION THEORY

EXPANSION OF THE INTERACTION OPERATOR

- Interaction operator can't be evaluated in the full exponential form
- Series expansion:

$$Z[\mathbf{J}] = e^{i\hat{S}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}]$$

EXPANSION OF THE INTERACTION OPERATOR

- Interaction operator can't be evaluated in the full exponential form
- Series expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} Z[\mathbf{J}] &= e^{i\hat{S}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}] \\ &= \left(1 + i\hat{S}_I + \frac{1}{2}(i\hat{S}_I)^2 + \dots \right) Z_0[\mathbf{J}] \end{aligned}$$

EXPANSION OF THE INTERACTION OPERATOR

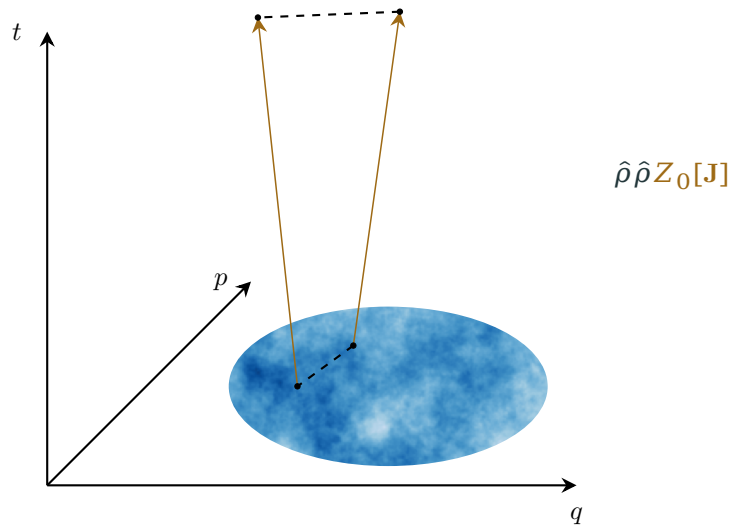
- Interaction operator can't be evaluated in the full exponential form
- Series expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} Z[\mathbf{J}] &= e^{i\hat{S}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}] \\ &= \left(1 + i\hat{S}_I + \frac{1}{2}(i\hat{S}_I)^2 + \dots \right) Z_0[\mathbf{J}] \end{aligned}$$

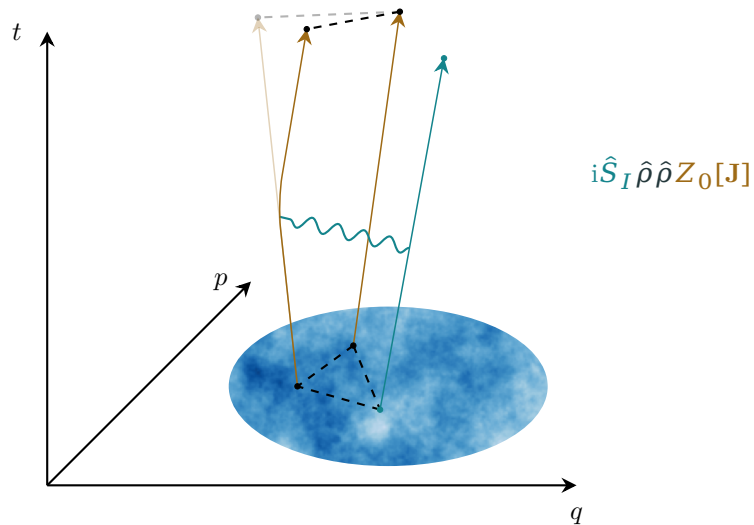
- Two-point function in perturbation theory:

$$\langle \rho(k)\rho(k') \rangle = \left(1 + i\hat{S}_I + \frac{1}{2}(i\hat{S}_I)^2 + \dots \right) \hat{\rho}\hat{\rho} Z_0[\mathbf{J}]$$

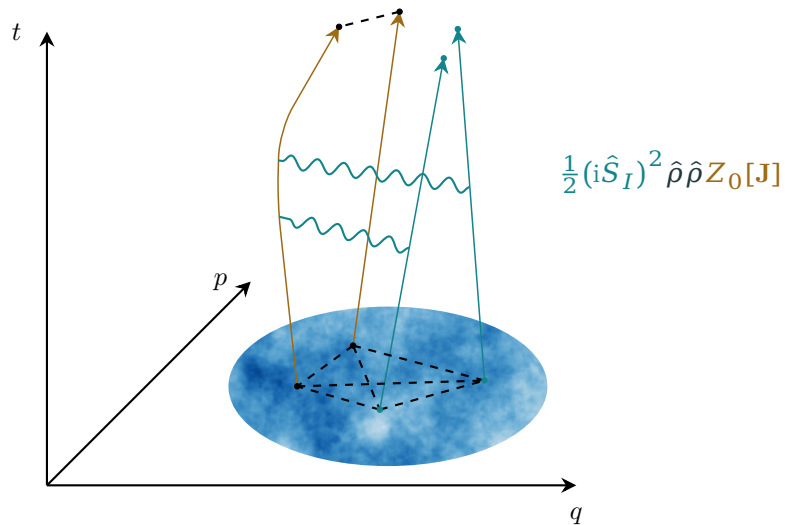
KFT PERTURBATION THEORY - ILLUSTRATION



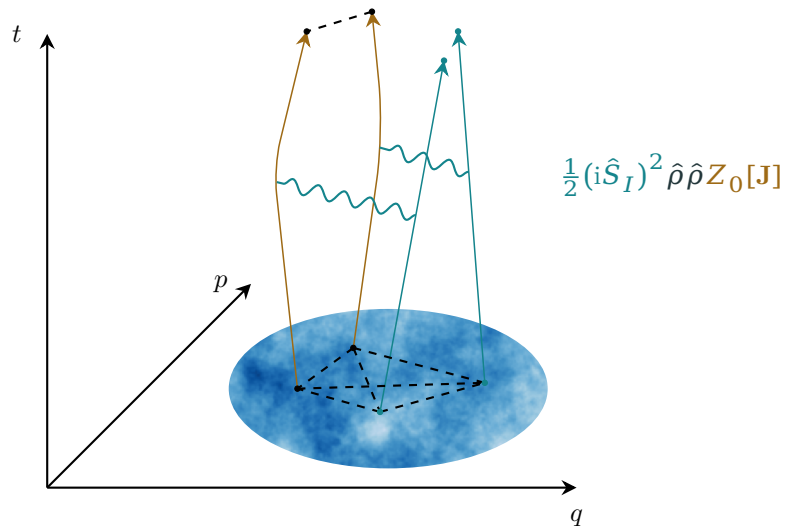
KFT PERTURBATION THEORY - ILLUSTRATION



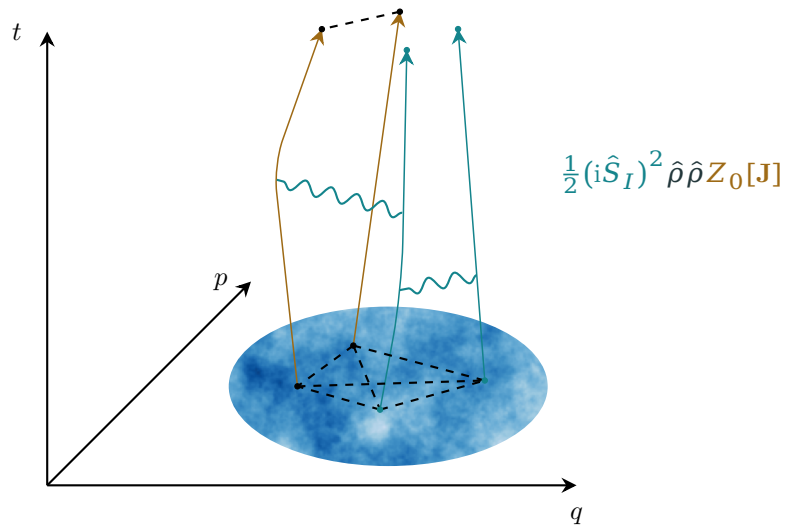
KFT PERTURBATION THEORY - ILLUSTRATION



KFT PERTURBATION THEORY - ILLUSTRATION



KFT PERTURBATION THEORY - ILLUSTRATION



- Effect of the interaction operator can be represented in terms of diagrams
- Number of diagrams increases with each order
- Number of terms per diagram increases with each order

- Effect of the interaction operator can be represented in terms of diagrams
 - **Number of diagrams increases** with each order
 - **Number of terms per diagram increases** with each order
- ⇒ Calculations by hand become unfeasible for orders $n > 2$

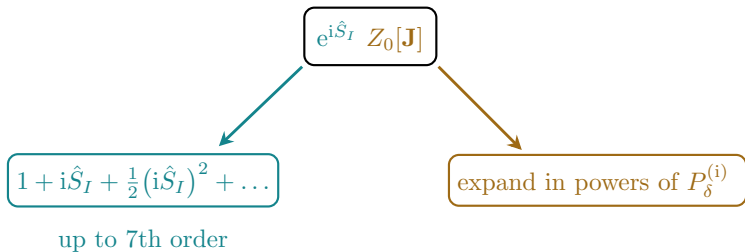
- Effect of the interaction operator can be represented in terms of diagrams
 - **Number of diagrams increases** with each order
 - **Number of terms per diagram increases** with each order
- ⇒ Calculations by hand become unfeasible for orders $n > 2$
- **But:** logic can be translated into a symbolic code

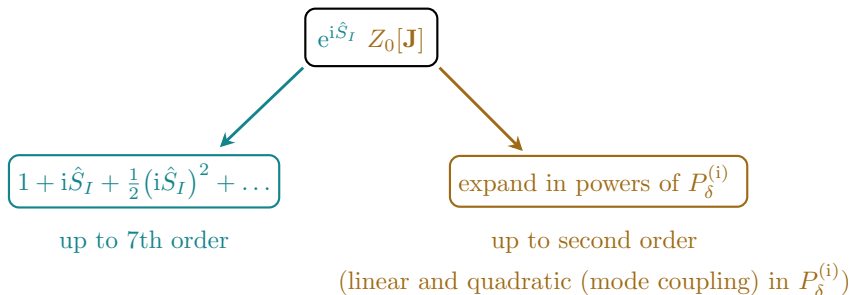
- Effect of the interaction operator can be represented in terms of diagrams
 - **Number of diagrams increases** with each order
 - **Number of terms per diagram increases** with each order
- ⇒ Calculations by hand become unfeasible for orders $n > 2$
- **But:** logic can be translated into a symbolic code
 - At present this allows to go up to **7th order** in the interaction operator

$$e^{i\hat{S}_I} Z_0[\mathbf{J}]$$


$$1 + i\hat{S}_I + \frac{1}{2}(i\hat{S}_I)^2 + \dots$$

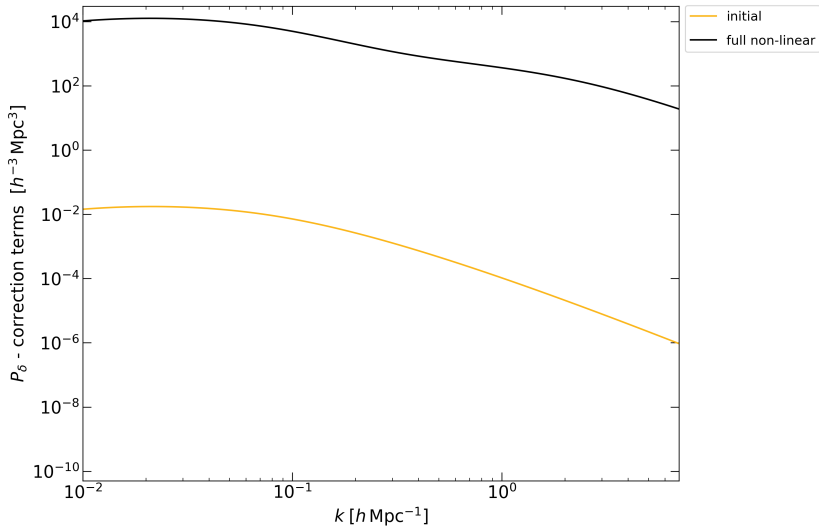
up to 7th order



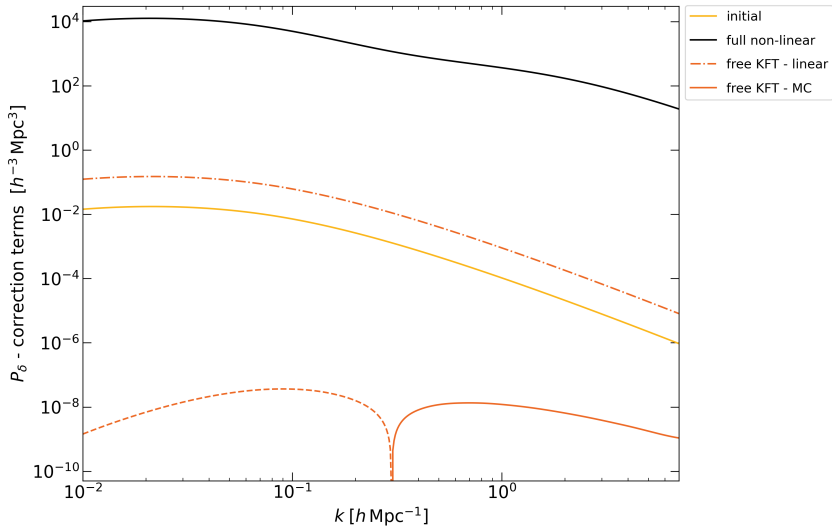


RESULTS

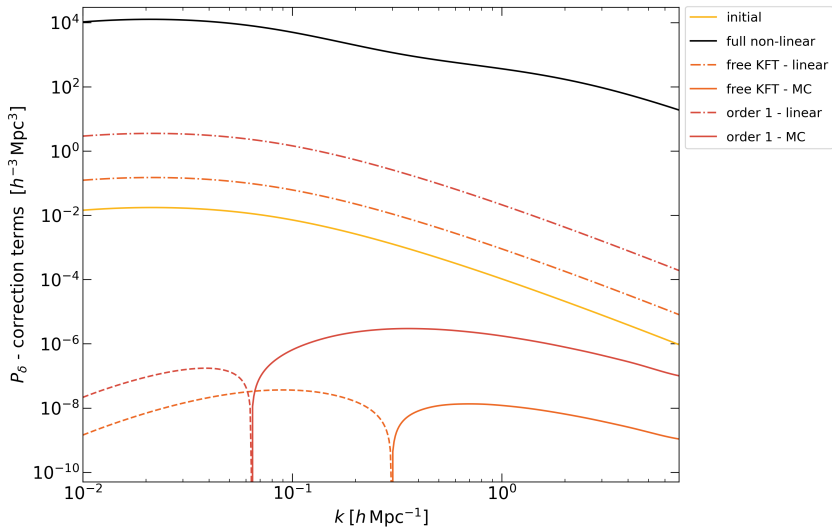
LINEAR AND MODE COUPLING RESULTS



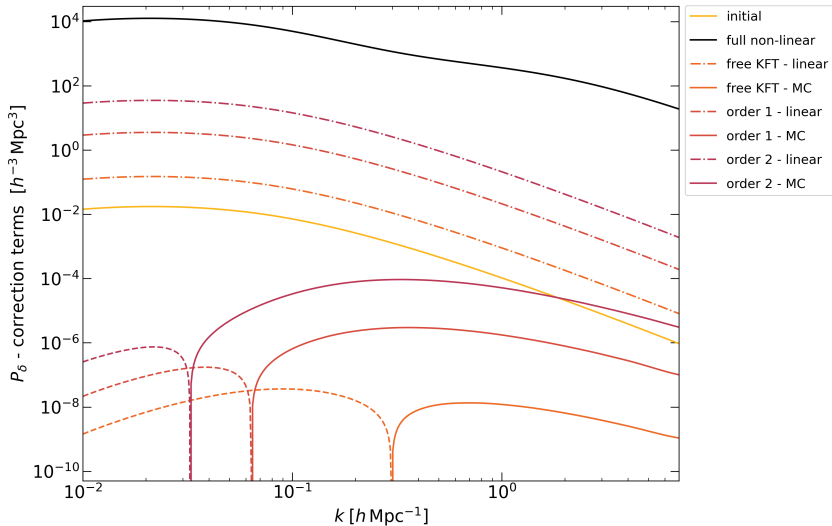
LINEAR AND MODE COUPLING RESULTS



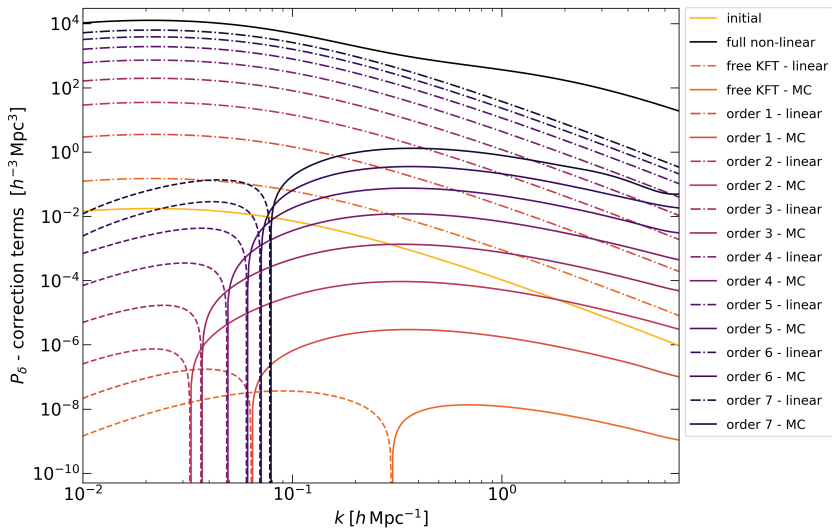
LINEAR AND MODE COUPLING RESULTS



LINEAR AND MODE COUPLING RESULTS



LINEAR AND MODE COUPLING RESULTS



CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK

- KFT allows for **analytical calculations of correlation functions of cosmic structures from first principles**
- Perturbation theory in KFT is **conceptually very different from SPT**
- **Higher order perturbations are needed** to calculate the non-linear dark matter power spectrum
- Alternatively, choose a **different splitting between free and interacting theory**
 - ⇒ improve convergence of perturbation theory

THANK YOU!

DENSITY OPERATORS

Density in real and Fourier space, and as an operator

$$\rho(q_1, t_1) = \sum_{s=1}^N \delta_D(q_1 - q_s(t_1))$$

$$\rho(k_1, t_1) = \sum_{s=1}^N \exp(-ik_1 \cdot q_s(t_1))$$

$$\hat{\rho}(k_1, t_1) = \sum_{s=1}^N \exp\left(-ik_1 \cdot \frac{\delta}{i\delta J_{q_s}(t_1)}\right)$$

Effect of density operators on the generating functional

$$\hat{\rho}(k_1, t_1) Z_0[\mathbf{J}] = \sum_{s=1}^N Z_0[\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{L}] \quad \text{with} \quad L_s(t) = - \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta_D(t - t_1)$$

FREE GENERATING FUNCTIONAL - INITIAL MOMENTUM CORRELATIONS

$$Z_0[\mathbf{L}] = V^{-n} (2\pi)^3 \delta_D \left(\sum_{j=1}^n L_{q_j} \right) e^{-Q_D} \prod_{2 \leq b < a} \int_{k_{ab}} \prod_{1 \leq i < j} (\mathcal{P}_{ij}(k_{ij}) +$$

The factors of the generating functional \mathcal{P}_{ij} and the damping factor Q_D are defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{ij}(k_{ij}) = \int_q \left(e^{-L_{p_i}^T C_{pp}(q) L_{p_j}} - 1 \right) e^{ik_{ij} \cdot q}$$
$$Q_D = \frac{\sigma_p^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n L_{p_j}^2.$$