

Bridging the gap between small and large scales: a nonlinear post-Friedmann framework for relativistic structure formation

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Outline

- standard Λ CDM cosmology and a basic question
- non-linear Post-Friedmann Λ CDM: a new weak-field/post-Newtonian type approximation scheme for cosmology
- cosmological frame dragging from Newtonian N-body simulations
- other work and possible directions

Credits

- Irene Milillo, Daniele Bertacca, MB and Andrea Maselli (2015), *The missing link: a nonlinear post-Friedmann framework for small and large scales* [arXiv: 1502.02985], Physical Review D, *in press*
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Standard Λ CDM Cosmology

- Recipe for modeling based on 3 main ingredients:
 1. Homogeneous isotropic background, FLRW models
 2. Relativistic Perturbations (e.g. CMB), good for large scales
I-order, II order, gradient expansion
 3. Newtonian study of non-linear structure formation (N-body simulations or approx. techniques, e.g. 2LPT) at small scales
- on this basis, well supported by observations, the flat Λ CDM model has emerged as the Standard “Concordance” Model of cosmology.

Questions on Λ CDM

- Recipe for modelling based on 3 main ingredients:
 1. Homogeneous isotropic background, FRW models
 2. Relativistic Perturbations (e.g. CMB)
 3. Newtonian study of non-linear structure formation (numerical simulations or approx. techniques)
- Is 3 enough? (more data, precision cosmology, observations and simulations covering large fraction of H^{-1} , etc...)
 - ▶ We need to bridge the gap between 2 and 3



the universe at large scales: GR

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the universe at small scales

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Questions/Motivations

- Is the Newtonian approximation good enough to study non-linear structure formation?
 - surveys and simulations covering large fraction of H^{-1}
 - we are going to have more data: precision cosmology
 - we also need accurate cosmology: not only we want accurate observations, we also need accurate theoretical predictions (e.g.: Euclid target: N-body simulations with 1% accuracy)
 - what if relativistic corrections are \sim few%?
 - ▶ We need to bridge the gap between small scale non-linear Newtonian approximation and large scale relativistic perturbation theory
 - ▶ We need a relativistic framework (“dictionary”) to interpret N-body simulations [e.g. Chisari & Zaldarriaga (2011), Green & Wald (2012)]
 - ▶ We need to go beyond the standard perturbative approach, considering non-linear density inhomogeneities within a relativistic framework

non-linear post-Friedmann framework

- assume GR and a flat Λ CDM background
- perturbation theory is only valid for small δ
- **current state:**
 - non-linear relativistic approximate framework, incorporating fully non-linear Newtonian theory at small scales and standard relativistic perturbations at large scales ($\sim H^{-1}$ and beyond)
 - extract leading order relativistic corrections from standard Newtonian simulations
- **future goals:**
 - incorporate GR corrections in simulations
 - ▶ **more accurate Λ CDM cosmology**

post-Friedmann framework

- spaces of equations (not solutions!)

GR

Linear

Newt

2 order

1 PF

Post-Newtonian cosmology

- post-Newtonian: expansion in $1/c$ powers (more later)
- various attempts and studies:
 - Tomita Prog.Theor. Phys. 79 (1988) and 85 (1991)
 - Matarrese & Terranova, MN 283 (1996)
 - Takada & Futamase, MN 306 (1999)
 - Carbone & Matarrese, PRD 71 (2005)
 - Hwang, Noh & Puetzfeld, JCAP 03 (2008)
- even in perturbation theory it is important to distinguish post-Newtonian effects, e.g. in non-Gaussianity and initial conditions. MB, J. C. Hidalgo, N. Meures, D. Wands, ApJ 785:2 (2014) [arXiv:1307.1478], cf. Bartolo et al. CQG 27 (2010) [arXiv:1002.3759]

metric and matter I

starting point: the 1-PN cosmological metric
(cf. Chandrasekhar 1965)

$$g_{00} = - \left[1 - \frac{2U_N}{c^2} + \frac{1}{c^4} (2U_N^2 - 4U_P) \right] + O \left(\frac{1}{c^6} \right),$$

$$g_{0i} = - \frac{a}{c^3} B_i^N - \frac{a}{c^5} B_i^P + O \left(\frac{1}{c^7} \right),$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{2V_N}{c^2} + \frac{1}{c^4} (2V_N^2 + 4V_P) \right) \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{c^4} h_{ij} \right] + O \left(\frac{1}{c^6} \right),$$

we assume a Newtonian-Poisson gauge: B_i is solenoidal and h_{ij} is TT, at each order 2 scalar DoF in g_{00} and g_{ij} , 2 vector DoF in frame dragging potential B_i and 2 TT DoF in h_{ij} (not GW!)

metric and matter II

having in mind Newtonian cosmology
it is natural to define the peculiar
velocity v^i such that

$$u^i = \frac{dx^i}{cd\tau} = \frac{dx^i}{cdt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \frac{v^i}{ca} u^0$$

$$u^0 = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(U_N + \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) + \frac{1}{c^4} \left[\frac{1}{2} U_N^2 + 2U_P + v^2 V_N + \frac{3}{2} v^2 U_N + \frac{3}{8} v^4 - B_i^N v^i \right]$$

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$$T^\mu{}_\nu = c^2 \rho u^\mu u_\nu,$$

$$T^0{}_0 = -c^2 \rho - \rho v^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \rho \left[2(U_N + V_N) v^2 - B_i^N v^i + v^4 \right]$$

$$T^0{}_i = c \rho a v_i + \frac{1}{c} \rho a \left\{ v_i [v^2 + 2(U_N + V_N)] - B_i^N \right\},$$

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note:
 ρ is a non-perturbative quantity

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Newtonian Λ CDM, with a bonus

- insert leading order terms in E.M. conservation and Einstein equations
- subtract the background, getting usual Friedmann equations
- introduce usual density contrast by $\rho = \rho_b(1 + \delta)$

from E.M. conservation:
Continuity & Euler equations

$$\dot{\delta} + \frac{v^i \delta_{,i}}{a} + \frac{v^i_{,i}}{a} (\delta + 1) = 0 ,$$
$$\dot{v}_i + \frac{v^j v_{i,j}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} v_i = \frac{1}{a} U_{N,i} .$$

Poisson

$$G^0_0 + \Lambda = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^0_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla^2 V_N = -\frac{4\pi G}{c^2} \bar{\rho} \delta$$

Newtonian Λ CDM, with a bonus

what do we get from the ij and $0i$ Einstein equations?

$$\text{trace of } G^i_j + \Lambda \delta^i_j = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^i_j \rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{2}{a^2} \nabla^2 (V_N - U_N) = 0, \quad \text{zero "Slip"}$$

$$\text{traceless part of } G^i_j + \Lambda \delta^i_j = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^i_j \rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^2} [(V_N - U_N)_{,i}{}^{,j} - \frac{1}{3} \nabla^2 (V_N - U_N) \delta_i^j] = 0$$

bonus

$$G^0_i = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^0_i \rightarrow \frac{1}{c^3} \left[-\frac{1}{2a^2} \nabla^2 B_i^N + 2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a^2} U_{N,i} + \frac{2}{a} \dot{V}_{N,i} \right] = \frac{8\pi G}{c^3} \bar{\rho} (1 + \delta) v_i$$

- Newtonian dynamics at leading order, with a bonus: the frame dragging potential B_i is not dynamical at this order, but cannot be set to zero: doing so would force a constraint on Newtonian dynamics
- result entirely consistent with vector relativistic perturbation theory
- in a relativistic framework, gravitomagnetic effects cannot be set to zero even in the Newtonian regime, cf. Kofman & Pogosyan (1995), ApJ 442:

**magnetic Weyl tensor
at leading order**

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{2c^3} \left[B_{\mu,\nu(i} \varepsilon_{j)}^{\mu\nu} + 2v_\mu (U_N + V_N)_{,\nu(i} \varepsilon_{j)}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

Post-Friedmannian Λ CDM

next to leading order: the I-PF variables

- resummed scalar potentials
- resummed gravitational potential
- resummed “Slip” potential
- resummed vector “frame dragging” potential
- Chandrasekhar velocity:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_P &:= -(U_N + \frac{2}{c^2}U_P), \\ \psi_P &:= -(V_N + \frac{2}{c^2}V_P),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_G &:= \frac{1}{2}(\phi_P + \psi_P), \\ \frac{1}{c^2}D_P &:= \frac{1}{2}(\phi_P - \psi_P); \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_i = B_i^N + \frac{1}{c^2}B_i^P.$$

$$v_i^* = v_i - \frac{1}{c^2}\omega_i,$$

Post-Friedmannian Λ CDM

The I-PF equations: scalar sector

Continuity & Euler

$$\frac{d\delta}{dt} + \frac{v^{*i}}{a}(\delta + 1) - \frac{1}{c^2} \left[(\delta + 1) \left(3 \frac{d\phi_G}{dt} + \frac{v_k^* \phi_{G,k}}{a} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} v^{*2} \right) - \frac{1}{a} \omega^j \delta_{,j} \right] = 0. \quad (8.6)$$

$$\frac{dv_i^*}{dt} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} v_i^* + \frac{1}{a} \phi_{G,i} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{1}{a} \phi_{G,i} (4\phi_G + v^{*2}) - 3v_i^* \frac{d\phi_G}{dt} + \frac{1}{a} D_{P,i} - \frac{1}{a} v_i^* v_j^* \phi_G{}^{,j} - \frac{\dot{a}}{a} v^{*2} v_i^* + \frac{1}{a} \omega_{j,i} v^{*j} + \frac{1}{a} \omega^j v_{,j}^{*i} \right] = 0,$$

generalized Poisson: a non-linear evolution eq. for ϕ_G

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{2}{3} \nabla^2 \phi_G + \frac{1}{c^4} \left[a^2 \left(\ddot{\phi}_G + 2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\phi}_G + 2 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} \phi_G - \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \phi_G \right) + \frac{2}{3} \nabla^2 \phi_G^2 - \frac{3}{2} \phi_{G,i} \phi_G{}^{,i} \right] = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{8\pi G}{3} a^2 \bar{\rho} \delta$$

$$+ \frac{1}{c^4} 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho} (1 + \delta) v^{*2}.$$

non-dynamical "Slip"

$$\frac{1}{c^4} \frac{2}{3} \nabla^2 \nabla^2 D_P = -\frac{1}{c^4} \left[\left(\phi_{G,i} \phi_G{}^{,j} \right)_{,j}{}^{,i} - \frac{1}{3} \nabla^2 \left(\phi_{G,i} \phi_G{}^{,i} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{c^4} 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho} \left[(1 + \delta) \left(v_i^* v^{*j} - \frac{1}{3} v^{*2} \delta_i^j \right) \right]_{,j}{}^{,i}.$$

so far so good...

- at leading order, we have obtained Newtonian cosmology equations
- the corresponding metric is a consistent approximate solution of EFE in the Newtonian regime, valid for scales $\ll H^{-1}$
- how about large linear scales?

linearized equations

linearized equations for the resummed variables:
standard scalar and vector perturbation equations
in the Poisson gauge

$$\nabla^2 \psi_P - \frac{3}{c^2} a^2 \left[\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\psi}_P + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \phi_P \right] = 4\pi G \bar{\rho} a^2 \delta ,$$

$$-\nabla^2 (\psi_P - \phi_P) + \frac{3}{c^2} a^2 \left[\frac{\dot{a}}{a} (\dot{\phi}_P + 3\dot{\psi}_P) + 2\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} \phi_P + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \phi_P + \ddot{\psi}_P \right] = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \phi_P + \dot{\psi}_P \right) = -4\pi G a \bar{\rho} \theta ,$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \nabla^2 \nabla^2 (\phi_P - \psi_P) = 0 ,$$

$$\dot{\delta} + \frac{\theta}{a} - \frac{3}{c^2} \dot{\psi}_P = 0 ,$$

$$\dot{\theta} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \theta + \frac{1}{a} \nabla^2 \phi_P = 0 .$$

cf. Ma & Bertschinger, ApJ (1994)

nonlinear post-Friedmann framework: applications

frame-dragging potential from N-body simulations

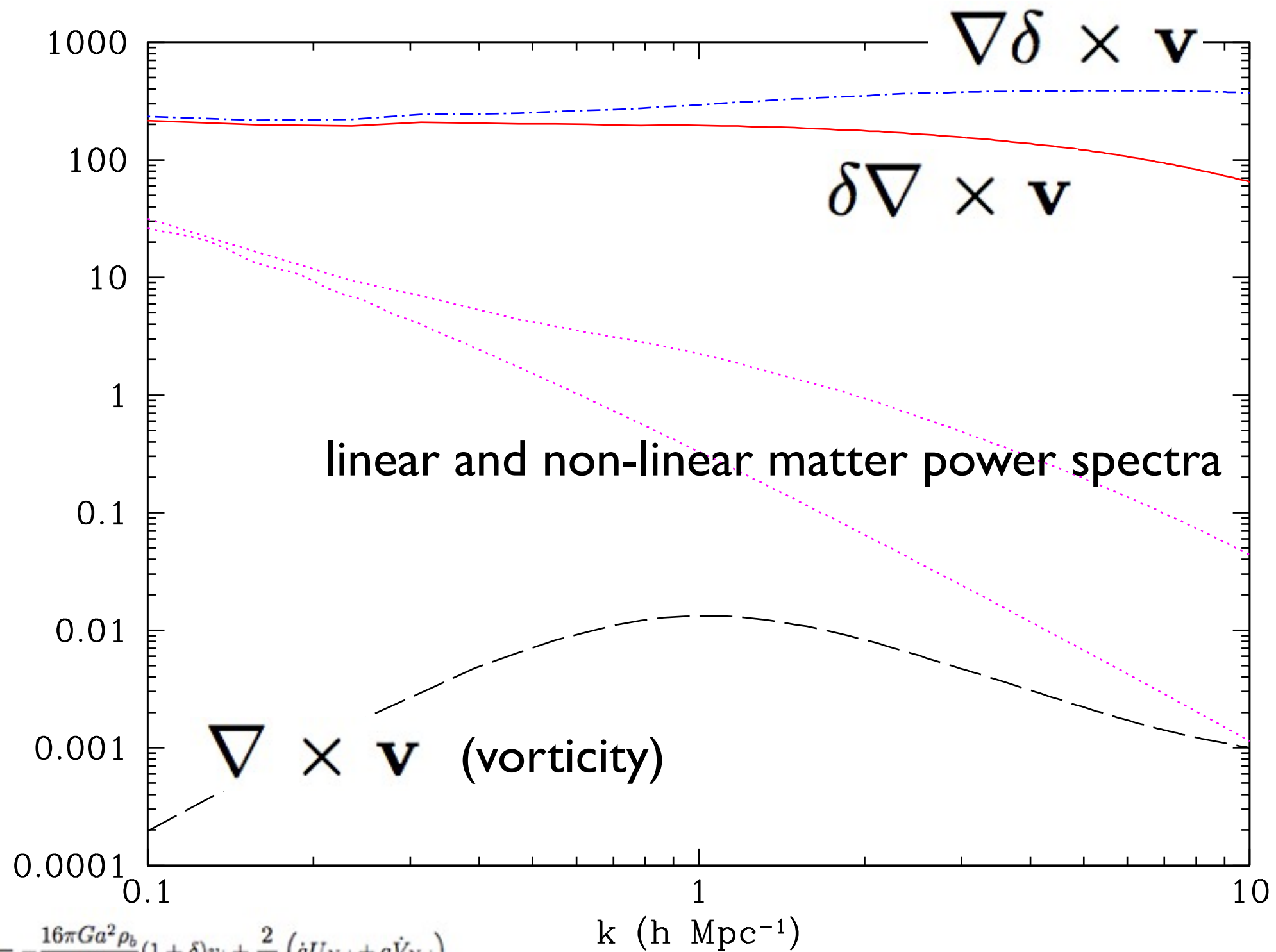
- Simulations at leading order in the post-Friedmann expansion
- dynamics is Newtonian, but a frame-dragging vector potential is sourced by the vector part of the Newtonian energy current

$$\nabla \times \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}^N = -(16\pi G \bar{\rho} a^2) \nabla \times [(1 + \delta) \mathbf{v}].$$

frame-dragging potential from N-body simulations

- first calculation of an intrinsically relativistic quantity in fully non-linear cosmology
- three runs of N-body simulations with 1024^3 particles and $160 h^{-1}$ Mpc (Gadget-2)
- publicly available Delauney Tessellation Field Estimator (DTFE) used to extract the velocity field. [cf. Pueblas & Scoccimarro \(2009\)](#)
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power spectra: sources

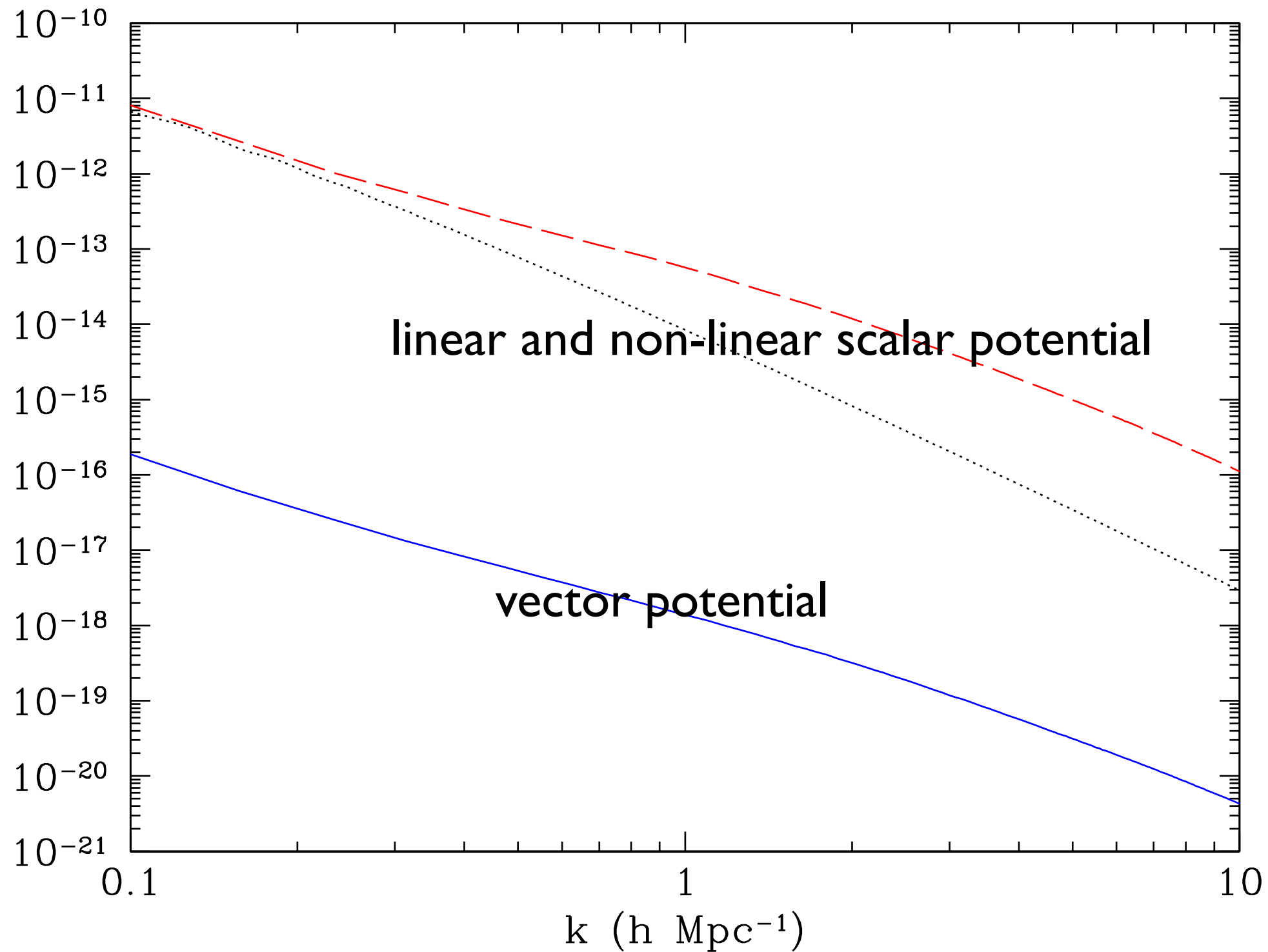


$$\frac{1}{c^3} \nabla^2 P_i^N = -\frac{16\pi G a^2 \rho_b}{c^3} (1 + \delta) v_i + \frac{2}{c^3} (\dot{a} U_{N,i} + a \dot{V}_{N,i})$$

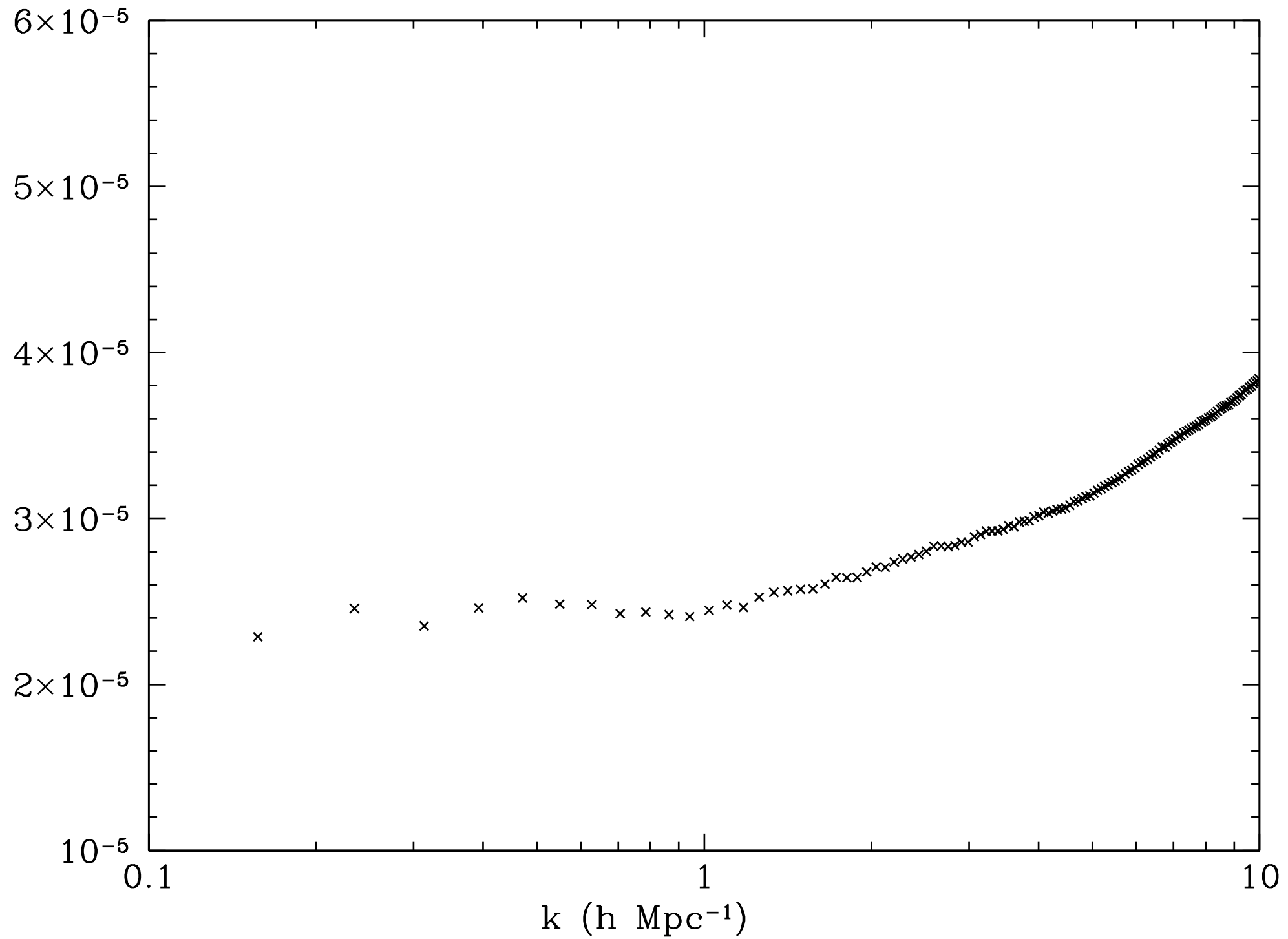
$$\nabla \times \nabla^2 \vec{P}^N = - (16\pi G \rho_b a^2) \nabla \times [(1 + \delta) \vec{v}]$$

$$\nabla \times [(1 + \delta) \vec{v}] = (\nabla \delta) \times \vec{v} + (1 + \delta) \nabla \times \vec{v}$$

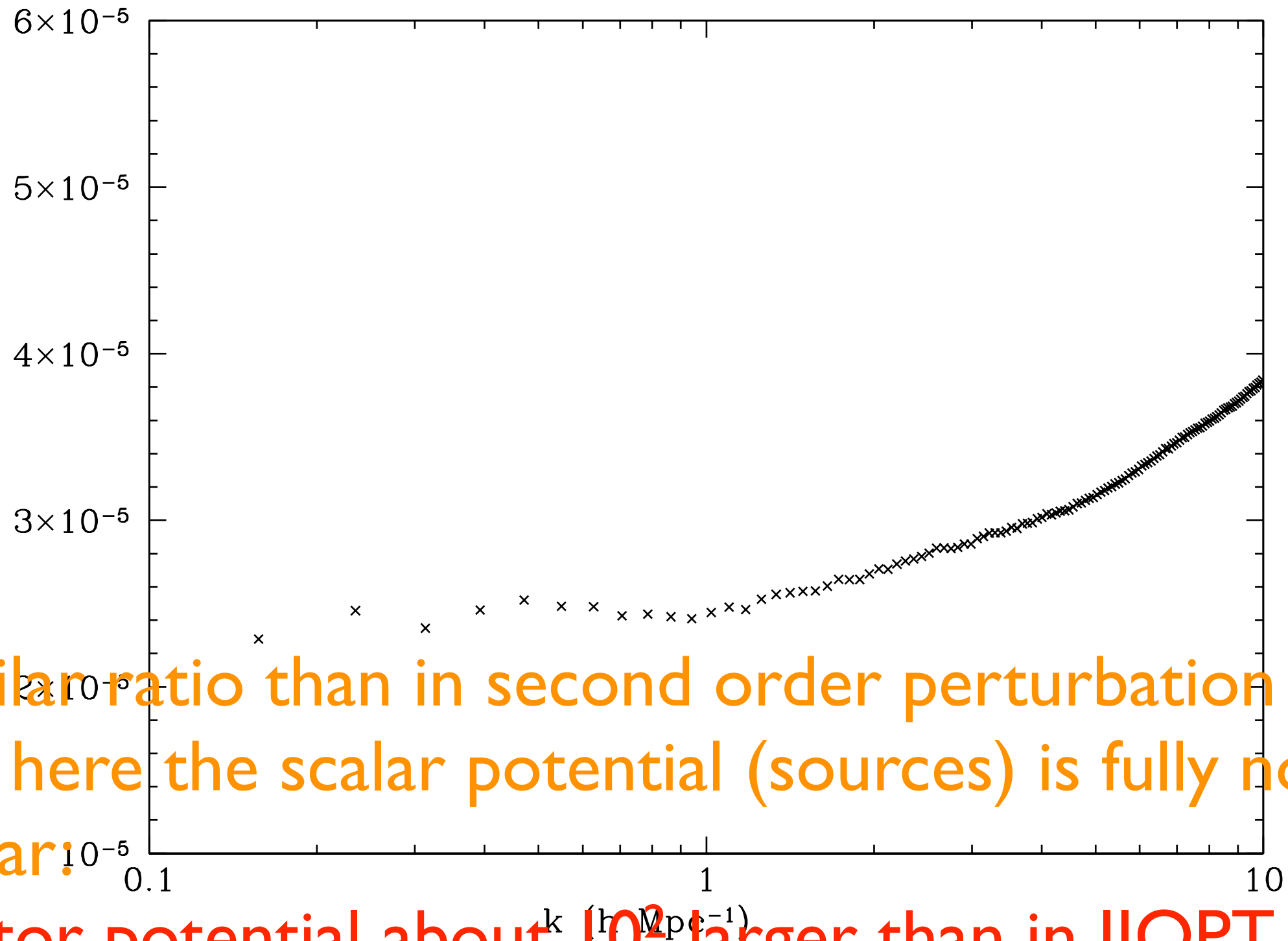
scalar and vector potentials



ratio of the potentials



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similar ratio than in second order perturbation theory
but here the scalar potential (sources) is fully non-linear:

vector potential about 10^2 larger than in LOPT
cf. Lu, Ananda, Clarkson & Maartens (2009)

post-F: other work

- weak lensing: D. B. Thomas, M. Bruni and D. Wands, [arXiv:1403.4947]
 - lensing computed up to c^{-4} valid on fully non-linear scales; effects on convergence/weak lensing E-modes negligible, currently probably not detectable; B-modes estimate says it is very small.
 - need thinking about other possible detectable effects
- extended paper with more details on the simulations and the vector potential; Thomas, Bruni & Wands [arXiv:1501.00799]
- post-F $f(R)$ expansion and vector potential, Thomas et [arXiv:1503.07204] cf. Clifton and Dunsby [arXiv:1501.04004]

post-F vector potential in $f(R)$

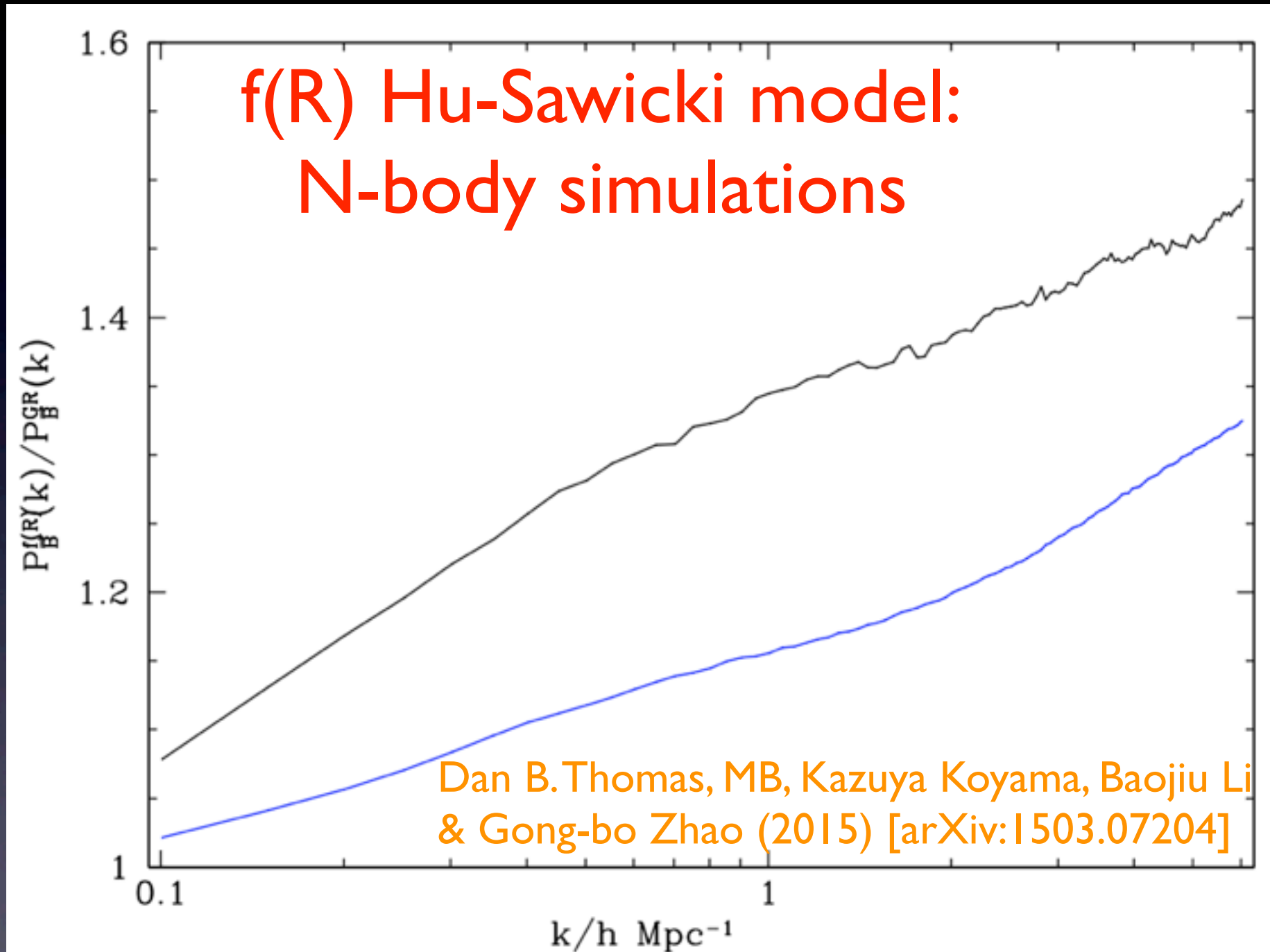
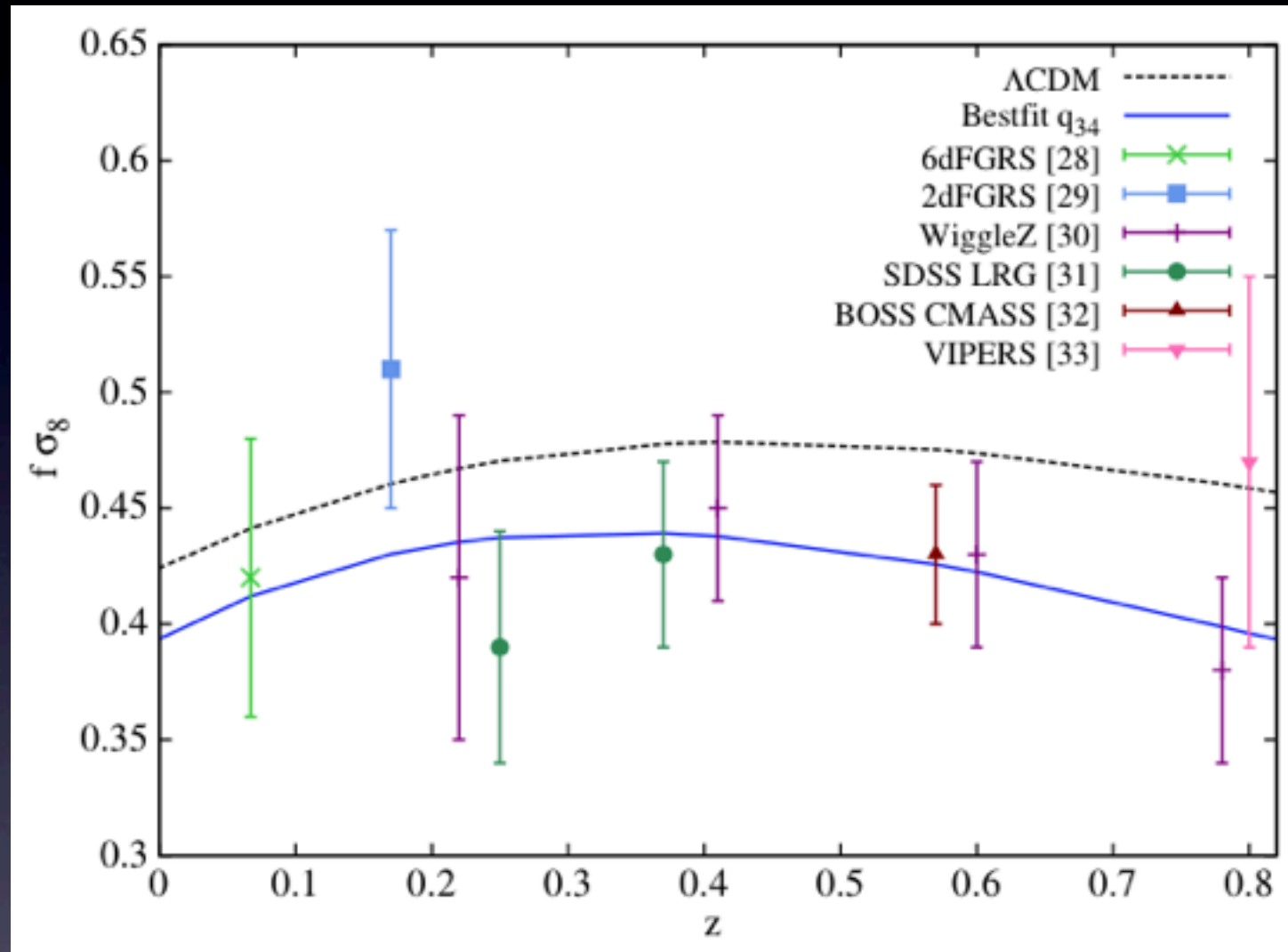


FIG. 3: The ratio of the vector potential power spectrum in $f(R)$ gravity to that in GR, for $|f_{R_0}| = 10^{-5}$. The blue curve shows the ratio at redshift one, and the black curve shows the ratio at redshift zero.

iVCDM



- iVCDM (Salvatelli, Said, MB & Wands, PRL 113, 181301, 2014): in view of simulations, compute leading order post-F for iVCDM from Einstein field equations, Maselli et al, in progress

Summary

- Non-linear GR effects worth investigating in view of future surveys
- PF: at leading Newtonian order in the dynamics, consistency of Einstein equations requires a non-zero gravito-magnetic vector potential
- PF framework provides a straightforward relativistic interpretation of Newtonian simulations: quantities are those of Newton-Poisson gauge at leading order
- linearised equations coincide with 1-order relativistic perturbation theory in Poisson gauge (probably OK up to 2-order, except sub-dominant terms)
- 2 scalar potentials, become 1 in the Newtonian regime and in the linear regime, valid at horizon scales: slip non-zero in relativistic mildly non-linear (intermediate scales?) regime

Outlook

- applications of Post Friedmann formalism in many directions:
 - extend link to SPT up to II order, derive post-F in comoving-synchronous gauge and link with fluid flow approach
 - need to apply approx. methods to solve eqs. (e.g. 2LP theory), then consider modifying N-body codes
 - derive Newtonian approx. for i VCDM and compute frame dragging
 - quantify Slip in Λ CDM, i VCDM and other models

“take home message”

- it is important to consider relativistic effects in structure formations, even at small/intermediate scales
- at large scales: matter power spectrum

MB, Crittenden, Koyama, Maartens, Pitrou & Wands, *Disentangling non-Gaussianity, bias and GR effects in the galaxy distribution*, arXiv:1106.3999, PRD 85 (2012)

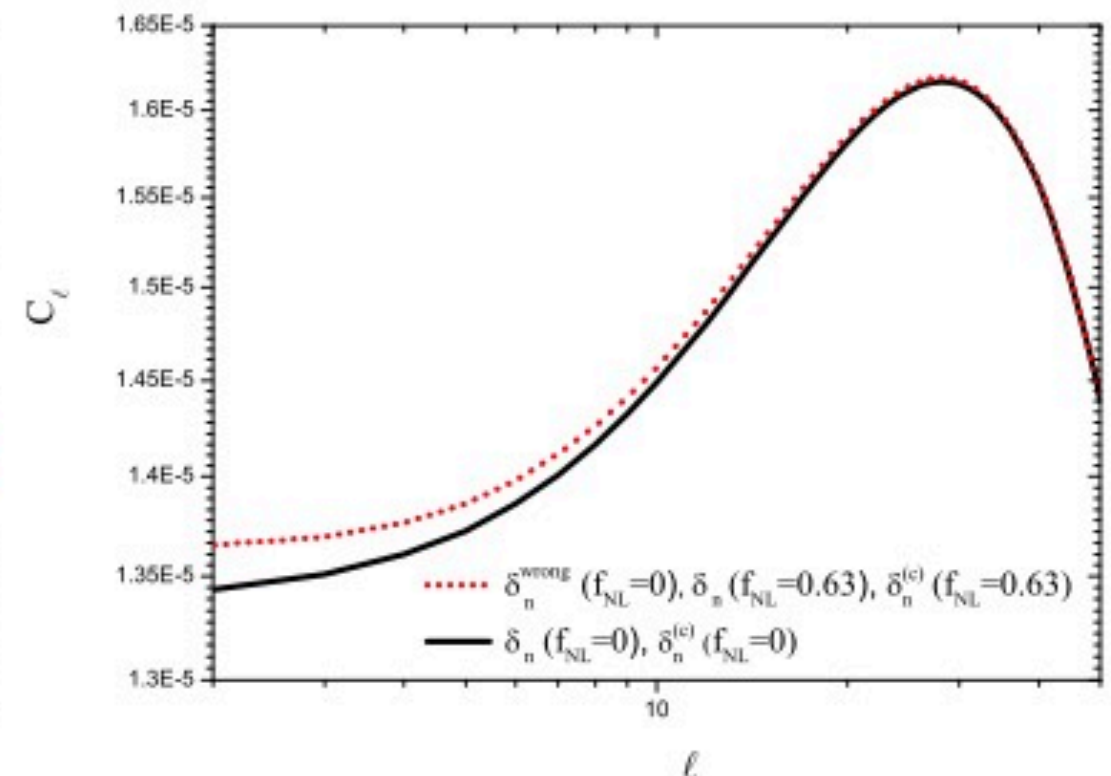
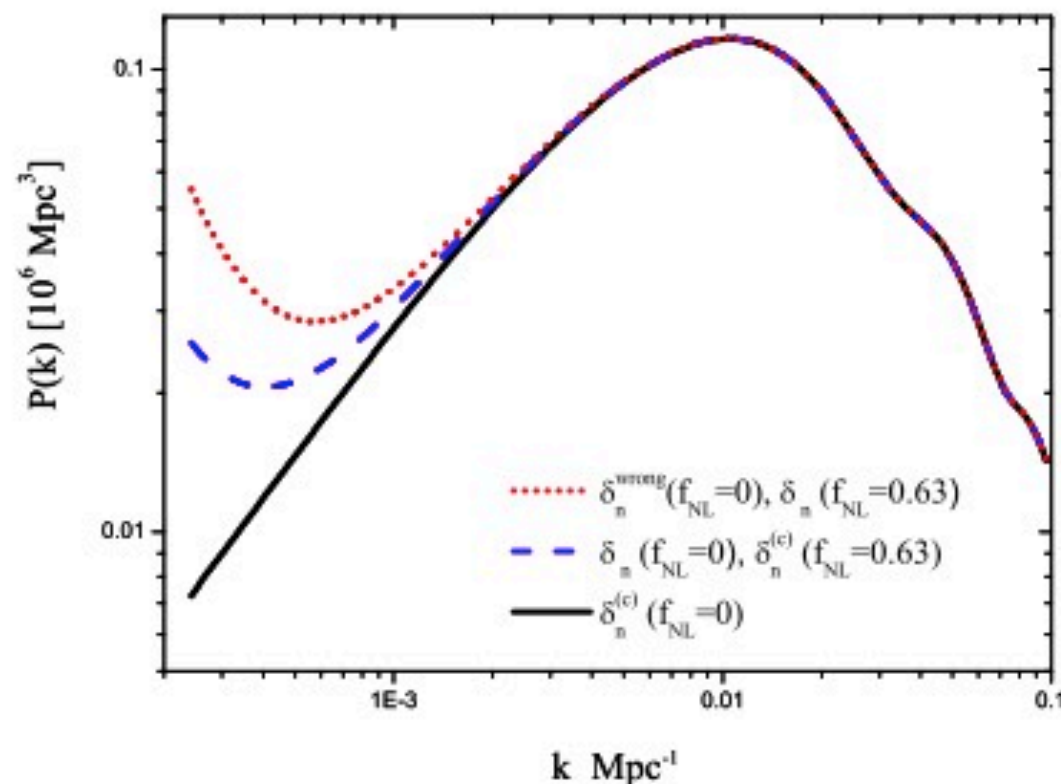
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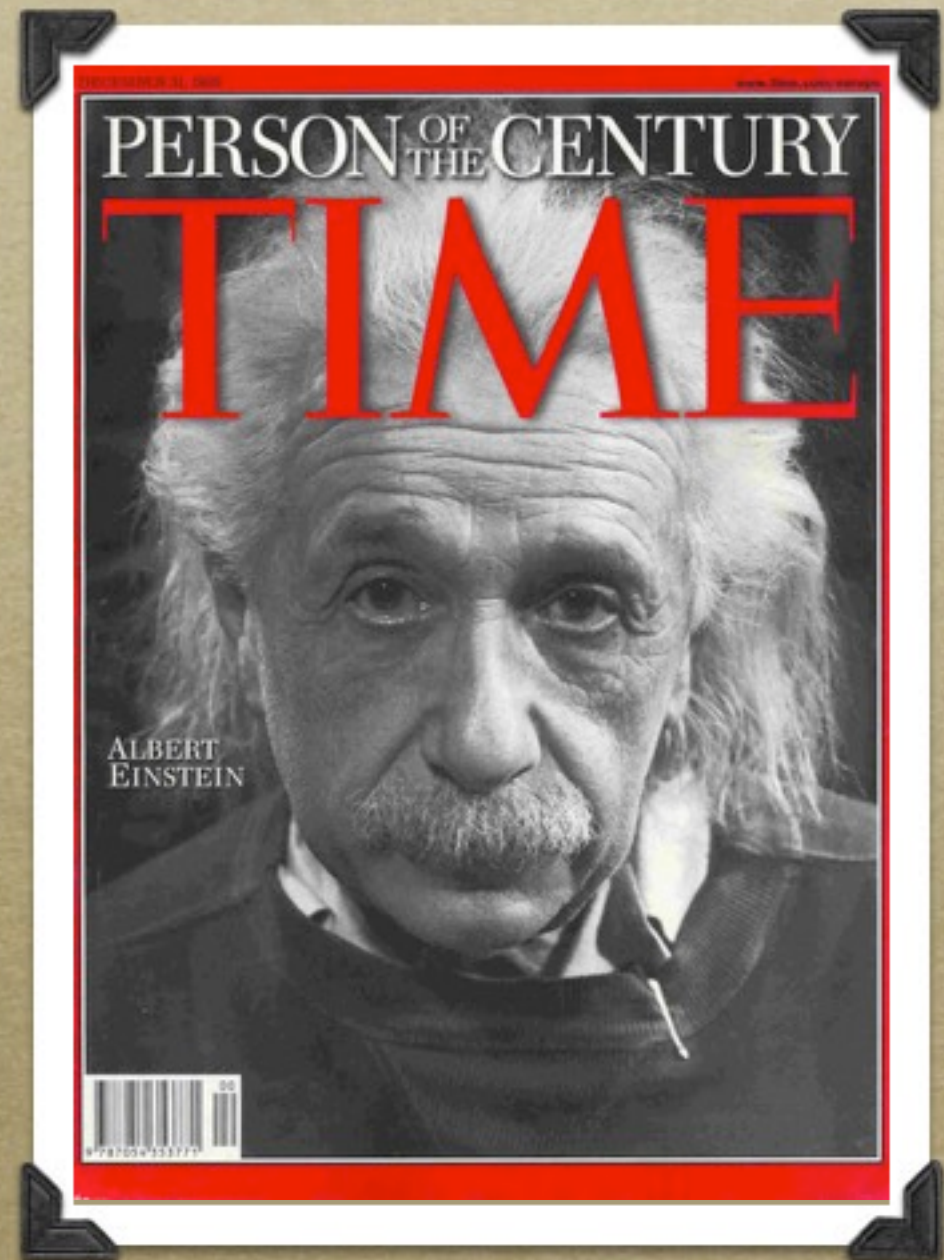
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A Century of GR and Cosmology

- A Century of GR
- GR: first context for development of a physical theory of cosmology
- Newtonian Cosmology came later
- GR effects in LSS important



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