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Outline

- Effect of inhomogeneities on the average expansion
- Large-scale structures in quintessence cosmology
- Non-linear spectrum of matter perturbations

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Standard framework

Basic assumptions: Homogeneity and isotropy

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t)\delta_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j}$$
$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^{2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho$$
$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p)$$

- Inhomogeneities can be treated as small perturbations of this background
- Indications for the acceleration of the cosmological expansion
 - Distant supernovae
 - Power spectrum of the galaxy distribution
 - 3 Cosmic microwave background
- For acceleration: $p < -\rho/3$

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Question

 Could the acceleration of the cosmological expansion be related to the appearance of inhomogeneities in a pressureless cosmological fluid (dark matter)?

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Our approach

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- All the information about the expansion of the Universe is obtained through light signals.
- Study light propagation in an exact background that mimics a Universe with structure.
- Calculate observables: Luminosity distance of a light source a function of its redshift.
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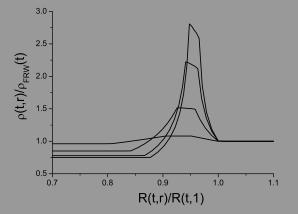


Figure: The evolution of the density profile for a central underdensity surrounded by an overdensity.

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Luminosity distance and redshift

- Consider photons emitted within a solid angle Ω_s by an isotropic source with luminosity *L*. These photons are detected by an observer for whom the light beam has a cross-section A_o .
- The redshift factor is

$$1+z=\frac{\omega_s}{\omega_o}=\frac{k_s^0}{k_o^0},$$

• The energy flux fo measured by the observer is

$$f_{\rm o}=\frac{L}{4\pi D_L^2}=\frac{L}{4\pi}\frac{\Omega_s}{(1+z)^2A_{\rm o}}.$$

• Integrating the optical equations allows the determination of the luminosity distance D_L as a function of the redshift *z*.

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Observer at the center of a large hole

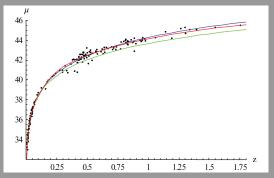


Figure: The distance modulus $\mu = m - M = 5 \log(D_L/Mpc) + 25$ as a function of redshift *z*.

a) Green line: FRW cosmology with $\Omega_m = 1$, $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0$.

b) Blue line: FRW cosmology with $\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$.

c) Red line: LTB cosmology with the observer at the center of an underdense region of present size ~ 800 Mpc.

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Observer and source at random positions

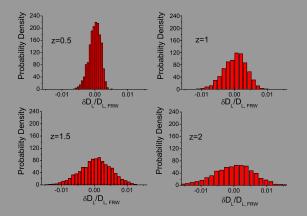


Figure: The distribution of luminosity distances for various redshifts in the LTB Swiss-cheese model for inhomogeneities with length scale $40 h^{-1}$ Mpc.

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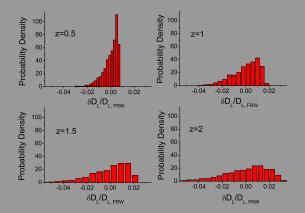


Figure: Same as before for a characteristic scale of $400 h^{-1}$ Mpc.

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Quintessence cosmology

- It seem unlikely that the acceleration of the cosmological expansion can be attributed to the growth of inhomogeneities.
- Negative pressure is needed.
- The simplest scenario assumes the presence of a cosmological constant.
- The quintessence scenario can provide a dynamical explanation for the smallness of the present value of the vacuum energy.
- We shall discuss coupled quintessence: a quintessence field coupled with dark matter (or neutrinos).
- What kind of new structures can appear in such cosmologies?
- Are they observable?

Basic relations

Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{16\pi G} R - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_{\mu}} - U(\phi) \right) - \sum_i \int m(\phi(x_i)) d\tau_i,$$

with $d\tau_i = \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}_i)d\mathbf{x}_i^{\mu}d\mathbf{x}_i^{\nu}}$ and the second integral taken over particle trajectories.

Equation of motion

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}}\left(\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^{\nu}}\right) = \frac{dU}{d\phi} - \frac{d\ln m(\phi(x))}{d\phi} \left(T_{M}\right)^{\mu}_{\mu}.$$

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Cosmological evolution

Homogeneous background

$$\dot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = rac{dU}{d\phi} + rac{d\ln m(\phi)}{d\phi}(
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ho = -rac{d\ln m(\phi)}{d\phi}(
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 $H^2 = rac{8\pi G}{3}\left(rac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + U(\phi) +
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Static spherically symmetric configurations

Metric:

$$ds^{2} = -B(r)dt^{2} + r^{2}(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}) + A(r)dr^{2}.$$

Fermi-Dirac distribution at every point in space:

$$f(p) = \left[\exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2(\phi(r))} - \mu(r)}{T(r)}\right) + 1\right]^{-1}$$

• The Einstein equations give:

$$T(r) = T_0/\sqrt{B(r)}, \qquad \mu(r) = \mu_0/\sqrt{B(r)}$$

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Dark matter in galaxy haloes

- The coupling between DM and the quintessence field generates an attractive force between DM particles.
- The typical DM velocity is larger than in the decoupled case.
- Implications for DM detection.

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Compact astrophysical objects made of dark matter

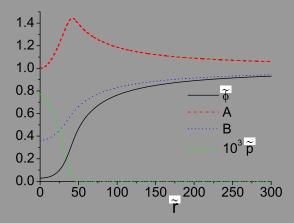


Figure: A typical configuration -

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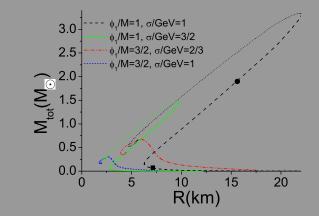


Figure: The mass to radius relation.

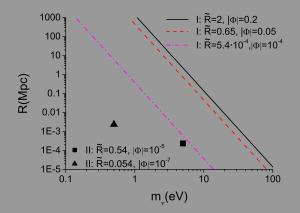
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Link with observations

- Study the formation of structure in the distribution of dark (and baryonic) matter.
- The evolution of inhomogeneities depends on the cosmological background.
- The matter spectrum at various redshifts reflects the detailed structure of the cosmological model.
- Comparison with observations of the galaxy distribution can differentiate between models.
- Baryon acoustic oscillations: 100 Mpc range.
- Analytical calculation of the matter spectrum beyond the linear level.

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Formalism

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Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{2M^2} R - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_{\mu}} - U(\phi) \right) - \sum_i \int m(\phi(x_i)) d\tau_i,$$

with $d\tau_i = \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}(x_i)dx_i^{\mu}dx_i^{\nu}}$ and the second integral taken over particle trajectories.

Equation of motion

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}} \left(\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x^{\nu}} \right) = \frac{dU}{d\phi} - \frac{d \ln m(\phi(x))}{d\phi} \left(T_{CDM} \right)^{\mu}_{\mu}.$$
$$M = 1$$
$$\beta(\phi) = -d \ln m(\phi)/d\phi.$$

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Ansatz for the metric

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \left[(1+2\Phi(\tau,\vec{x})) d\tau^2 - (1-2\Phi(\tau,\vec{x})) d\vec{x} d\vec{x} \right],$$

with $\Phi \ll 1.$

Scalar field

$$\phi(\tau, \vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \bar{\phi}(\tau) + \delta \phi(\tau, \vec{\mathbf{x}}),$$

with $\delta \phi / \bar{\phi} \ll 1$. In general, $\bar{\phi} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ in units of *M*.

Density field

$$\rho(\tau, \vec{\mathbf{x}}) = \bar{\rho}(\tau) + \delta \rho(\tau, \vec{\mathbf{x}}),$$

with $\delta \rho / \bar{\rho} \lesssim 1$.

Velocity field

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 $|\delta \vec{v}| \ll 1.$

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Hierarchy of scales

- Our aim is to take into account the effect of the local velocity field $\delta \vec{v}$, when this becomes significant because of large field gradients.
- For subhorizon perturbations with momenta $k \gg \mathcal{H} = \dot{a}/a$, the linear analysis predicts $|\delta \vec{v}| \sim (k/\mathcal{H})\Phi \sim (\mathcal{H}/k)(\delta \rho/\bar{\rho})$.
- We assume the hierarchy of scales: $\Phi, \delta \phi / \bar{\phi} \ll |\delta \vec{v}| \ll \delta \rho / \bar{\rho} \lesssim 1$.
- As we are dealing with subhorizon perturbations, we assume that the spatial derivatives of Φ , $\delta\phi$, $\delta\vec{v}$ dominate over their time derivatives. We also assume that a spatial derivative acting on Φ , $\delta\phi$ or $\delta\vec{v}$ increases the position of that quantity in the hierarchy by one level: $\vec{\nabla}\Phi$ is comparable to $\delta\vec{v}$, while $\nabla^2\Phi$ is comparable to $\bar{\rho}$.

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Equations of motion for several non-relativistic species

The evolution of the homogeneous background is described by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^2 = &\frac{1}{3} \left[a^2 \sum_{i=1,2} \bar{\rho}_i + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + a^2 U(\bar{\phi}) \right] \equiv \frac{1}{3} a^2 \rho_{tot} \\ \dot{\bar{\rho}}_i + 3\mathcal{H}\bar{\rho}_i = &- \beta_i \, \dot{\bar{\phi}}\bar{\rho}_i \\ \ddot{\phi} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{\bar{\phi}} = &- a^2 \left(\frac{dU}{d\phi}(\bar{\phi}) - \sum_{i=1,2} \beta_i \bar{\rho}_i \right), \end{aligned}$$

with $\rho_{tot} \equiv \sum_i \bar{\rho}_i + \dot{\phi}^2/(2a^2) + U(\bar{\phi})$.

• For the CDM we set $\beta_1 = \beta$, while for BM, because of strong observational constraints , we set $\beta_2 = 0$.

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Equations for the perturbations

Poisson equations

$$abla^2 \delta \phi = -a^2 \sum_i eta_i \delta
ho_i \equiv -3 \sum_i eta_i \mathcal{H}^2 \Omega_i \delta$$
 $abla^2 \Phi = rac{1}{2} a^2 \sum_i \delta
ho_i \equiv rac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \sum_i \Omega_i \delta_i,$

with
$$\Omega_i(\tau) \equiv \bar{\rho}_i a^2/(3\mathcal{H}^2)$$
.

Continuity and Euler equations

$$\begin{split} \delta\dot{\rho}_i + \mathbf{3}\mathcal{H}\delta\rho_i + \vec{\nabla}[(\bar{\rho}_i + \delta\rho_i)\delta\vec{v}_i] &= -\beta_i\bar{\phi}\delta\rho_i\\ \delta\dot{\vec{v}}_i + (\mathcal{H} - \beta_i\dot{\phi})\delta\vec{v}_i + (\delta\vec{v}_i\cdot\vec{\nabla})\delta\vec{v}_i &= -\vec{\nabla}\Phi + \beta_i\vec{\nabla}\delta\phi. \end{split}$$

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Time renormalization group (Pietroni (2008))

- Fourier-transformed density contrast and velocity field: $\delta_i \equiv \delta \rho_i(\mathbf{k}, \tau) / \bar{\rho}_i$ and $\theta_i(\mathbf{k}, \tau) \equiv \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\delta v_i}(\mathbf{k}, \tau)$.
- They obey

$$\dot{\delta}_i(\mathbf{k},\tau) + \theta_i(\mathbf{k},\tau) = -\int d^3\mathbf{k}_1 \, d^3\mathbf{k}_2 \, \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \, \tilde{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}_1,\mathbf{k}_2) \, \theta_i(\mathbf{k}_1,\tau) \, \delta_i(\mathbf{k}_2,\tau)$$

where $\tilde{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2)/k_1^2$, and

$$\begin{split} \dot{\theta}_i(\mathbf{k},\tau) + (\mathcal{H} - \beta_i \dot{\phi}) \theta_i(\mathbf{k},\tau) + \frac{3\mathcal{H}^2 \sum_j \Omega_j (2\beta_i \beta_j + 1) \delta_j(\mathbf{k},\tau)}{2} \\ = -\int d^3 \mathbf{k}_1 \, d^3 \mathbf{k}_2 \, \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \, \tilde{\beta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \, \theta_i(\mathbf{k}_1,\tau) \, \theta_i(\mathbf{k}_2,\tau), \end{split}$$

where
$$\tilde{\beta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = (\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2)^2 \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 / (2k_1^2 k_2^2)$$
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Define the quadruplet

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{1}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ \varphi_{2}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ \varphi_{3}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ \varphi_{4}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{e}^{-\eta} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{CDM}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ -\frac{\theta_{CDM}(\mathbf{k},\eta)}{\mathcal{H}} \\ \delta_{BM}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ -\frac{\theta_{BM}(\mathbf{k},\eta)}{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\eta = \ln a(\tau)$.

The equations of motion become

 $\partial_{\eta}\varphi_{a}(\mathbf{k},\eta) + \Omega_{ab}\varphi_{b}(\mathbf{k},\eta) = \mathbf{e}^{\eta}\gamma_{abc}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{k}_{1},-\mathbf{k}_{2})\varphi_{b}(\mathbf{k}_{1},\eta)\varphi_{c}(\mathbf{k}_{2},\eta).$

The indices a, b, c take values $1, \ldots, 4$. Repeated momenta are integrated over, while repeated indices are summed over.

The non-zero components of the effective vertices γ are

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{121}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) &= \frac{\tilde{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)}{2} \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) = \gamma_{112}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_1) \\ \gamma_{222}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) &= \tilde{\beta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \ \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \\ \gamma_{343}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) &= \frac{\tilde{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4)}{2} \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) = \gamma_{334}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_4, \mathbf{k}_3) \\ \gamma_{444}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) &= \tilde{\beta}(\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) \ \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4). \end{split}$$

The Ω -matrix, that defines the linear evolution, is

$$\Omega(\eta) = egin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \ -rac{3}{2}\Omega_{CDM}(2eta^2+1) & 2-etaar \phi'+rac{\mathcal{H}'}{\mathcal{H}} & -rac{3}{2}\Omega_{BM} & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \ -rac{3}{2}\Omega_{CDM} & 0 & -rac{3}{2}\Omega_{BM} & 2+rac{\mathcal{H}'}{\mathcal{H}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Define the spectra, bispectra and trispectra as

$$\begin{split} \langle \varphi_{a}(\mathbf{k},\eta)\varphi_{b}(\mathbf{q},\eta)\rangle \equiv &\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q})P_{ab}(\mathbf{k},\eta)\\ \langle \varphi_{a}(\mathbf{k},\eta)\varphi_{b}(\mathbf{q},\eta)\varphi_{c}(\mathbf{p},\eta)\rangle \equiv &\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{p})B_{abc}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\mathbf{p},\eta)\\ \langle \varphi_{a}(\mathbf{k},\eta)\varphi_{b}(\mathbf{q},\eta)\varphi_{c}(\mathbf{p},\eta)\varphi_{d}(\mathbf{r},\eta)\rangle \equiv &\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q})\delta_{D}(\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{r})P_{ab}(\mathbf{k},\eta)P_{cd}(\mathbf{p},\eta)\\ &+\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p})\delta_{D}(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{r})P_{ac}(\mathbf{k},\eta)P_{bd}(\mathbf{q},\eta)\\ &+\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{r})\delta_{D}(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{p})P_{ad}(\mathbf{k},\eta)P_{bc}(\mathbf{q},\eta)\\ &+\delta_{D}(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{r})Q_{abcd}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q},\mathbf{r},\eta). \end{split}$$

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- Essential approximation: Neglect the effect of the trispectrum on the evolution of the bispectrum.
- In this way we obtain

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\eta} P_{ab}(\mathbf{k},\eta) &= -\Omega_{ac} P_{cb}(\mathbf{k},\eta) - \Omega_{bc} P_{ac}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ &+ e^{\eta} \int d^{3}q \big[\gamma_{acd}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) B_{bcd}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) \\ &+ \gamma_{bcd}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) B_{acd}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) \big], \\ B_{abc}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) &= -\Omega_{ad} B_{dbc}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) - \Omega_{bd} B_{adc}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) \\ &- \Omega_{cd} B_{abd}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) \\ &+ 2e^{\eta} \int d^{3}q \big[\gamma_{ade}(\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}) P_{db}(\mathbf{q},\eta) P_{ec}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}) \\ &+ \gamma_{bde}(-\mathbf{q},\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}) P_{dc}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q},\eta) P_{ea}(\mathbf{k},\eta) \\ &+ \gamma_{cde}(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{q}) P_{da}(\mathbf{k},\eta) P_{eb}(\mathbf{q},\eta) \big]. \end{split}$$

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Coupled quintessence

- The field has a potential $V(\phi) \sim \phi^{-\alpha}$, with $\alpha = 0.143$.
- The present-day energy content of the Universe has $\Omega_{DE} = 0.743$, $\Omega_{CDM} = 0.213$, $\Omega_{BM} = 0.044$.
- The Universe is assumed to have vanishing spatial curvature $(\Omega_k = 0)$, current expansion rate $H_0 = 71.9$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹.
- The mass variance is taken $\sigma_8 = 0.769$, as calculated from the linear spectrum.

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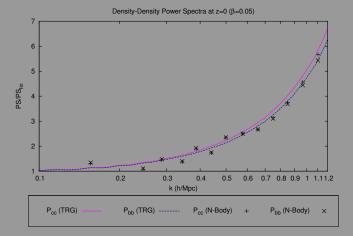


Figure: Comparison of results from N-body simulations and our calculation ($\beta = 0.05$). We display the ratio of the non-linear and linear spectra for z = 0.

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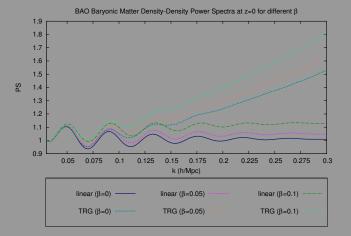


Figure: Baryonic matter density-density spectra for various β at z = 0, normalized with respect to the a smooth spectrum.

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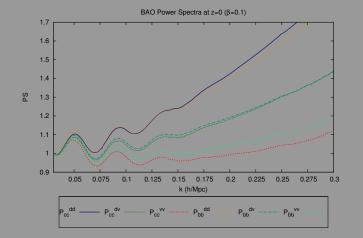


Figure: Spectra for $\beta = 0.1$ at z = 0, normalized with respect to a smooth spectrum.

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Variable equation of state

- No coupling between dark matter and dark energy.
- One massive species: baryonic+dark matter
- Dark energy fluctuations are negligible.
- Equation of state $p/\rho = w(z)$

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$$w(a) = rac{a \, ilde{w}(a)}{a + a_{ ext{trans}}} - rac{a_{ ext{trans}}}{a + a_{ ext{trans}}}$$

a = 1/(1 + z) is the scale factor.

 $\widetilde{w}(a) = \widetilde{w}_0 + (1-a)\widetilde{w}_a$

atrans corresponds to the "transition epoch"

At small redshifts

$$w(a)=w_0+(1-a)w_a.$$

• We describe the various models through $w_0 \equiv w(z = 0)$, $w' \equiv dw/dz|_{z=0}$, and a_{trans} .

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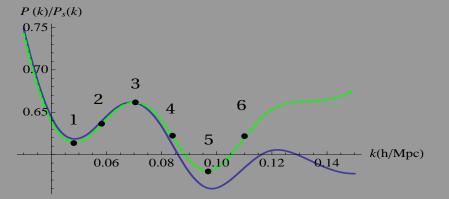


Figure: Linear and non-linear spectra at z = 0, for $w_0 = -0.8$, w' = -0.7, normalized with respect to a smooth spectrum.

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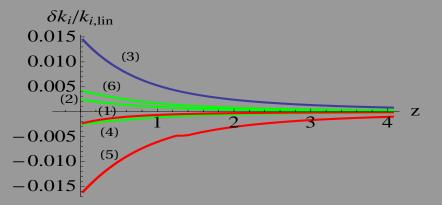


Figure: The fractional shift of the maximum, minima and nodes of the non-linear spectrum, as a function of redshift, for $w_0 = -0.8$, w' = -0.7.

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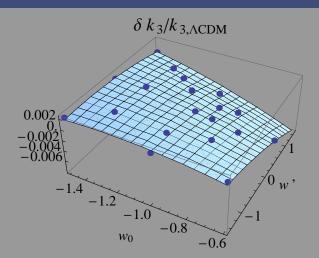


Figure: The fractional shift of the first maximum from its location for \square CDM, as a function of w_0 and w', at a redshift z = 0.366.

Conclusions

- The inhomogeneities in the matter distribution have a very small effect on the average acceleration.
- Novel large-scale structures can appear in quintessence cosmology.
- The spectrum of matter perturbations is a very useful tool in order to differentiate between cosmological models. The non-linear corrections to the spectrum must be evaluated carefully in order to compare with astrophysical data.