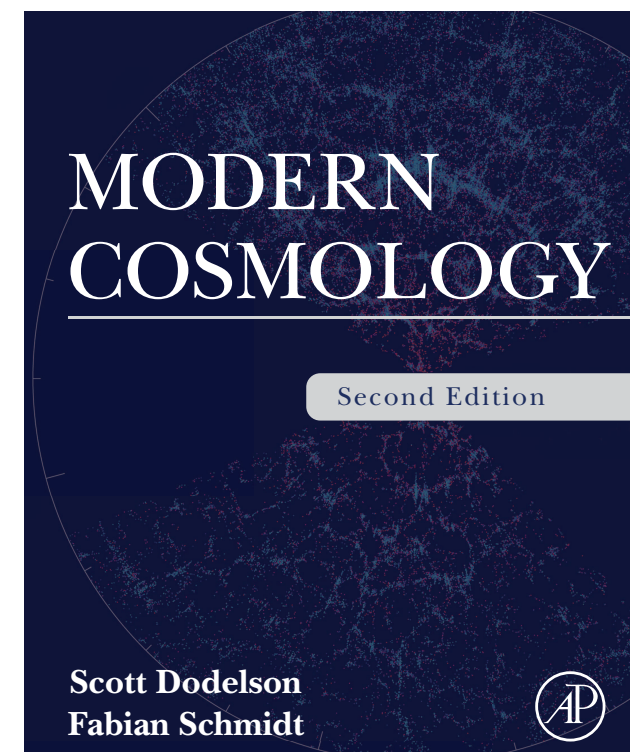


Structure Formation

Lecture 2

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Notation

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Psi(\boldsymbol{x}, t))dt^2 + a^2(t)(1 + 2\Phi(\boldsymbol{x}, t))d\boldsymbol{x}^2$$

- Comoving coordinates: $d\boldsymbol{r} = a(t)d\boldsymbol{x}$
- Conformal time: $d\eta = \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)} = \frac{d \ln a}{a H(a)}$
- Comoving distance: $d\chi = -d\eta = \frac{dz}{H(z)}$
- Particle velocity/momentum: $\boldsymbol{v} = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}}{m} = a \frac{d\boldsymbol{x}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{x}'$
- Fluid velocity; divergence: $\boldsymbol{u}; \quad \theta = \partial_i u^i$
- Gravitational potential: Ψ

Recap

- In Lecture 1, we derived the collisionless Boltzmann equation for DM and baryons
- Combined with Poisson equation for gravitational potential, these govern all of cosmological structure formation at late times
- We then took moments to obtain the fluid equations (continuity & Euler), and dropped the curl velocity

- Result:
$$\delta_m' + \theta_m = -\delta_m \theta_m - u_m^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \delta_m,$$

$$\theta_m' + aH\theta_m + \nabla^2 \Psi = -u_m^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \theta_m - (\partial_i u_m^j)(\partial_j u_m^i).$$

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(\eta) (aH)^2 \delta_m.$$

Recap

- We then derived the *linear approximation*, when all of δ, θ, Ψ are small:

$$\delta^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{x}, \eta) = D(\eta) \delta_0(\boldsymbol{x})$$

$$D'' + aH D' = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(\eta) (aH)^2 D(\eta)$$

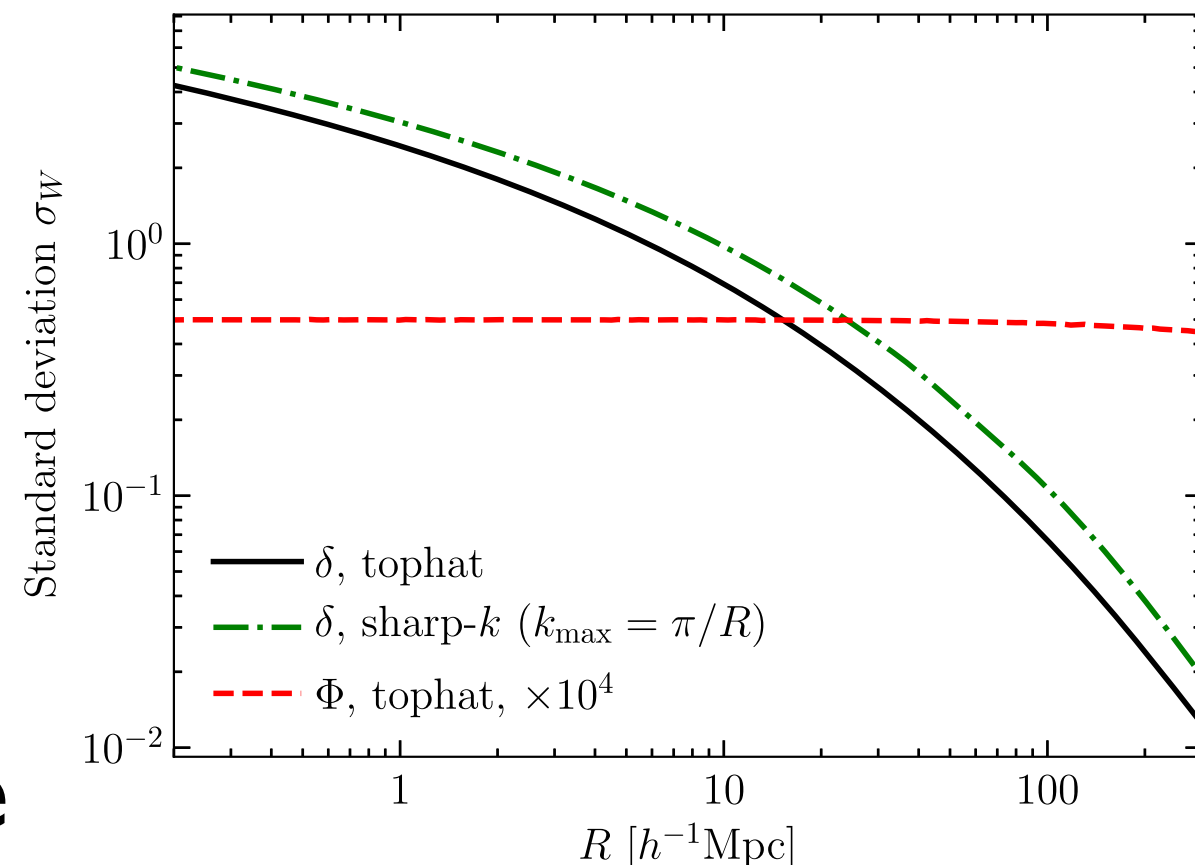
$$\Omega_m(\eta) = \frac{\rho_m(\eta)}{\rho_{\text{cr}}(\eta)}$$

Time-dependent density parameter;
=0.3 today, =1 in the past

The density at all points in (real or Fourier) space evolves independently!

Going beyond linear theory

- We looked at the variance of matter density field filtered on different scales:
- Shape is consequence of initial conditions from inflation
- Clearly, to describe universe on scales smaller than hundreds of Mpc, we need to go beyond linear theory!



Going beyond linear theory

- Let's go back to full fluid equations
- They contain nonlinear terms, specifically quadratic terms, moved here to the r.h.s.:

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$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(\eta) (aH)^2 \delta_m. \quad \text{is just linear!}$$

Going beyond linear theory

- That structure suggests iterative approach: plug in linear solution to nonlinear source terms, and solve for second order:

$$\delta^{(2)'} + \theta^{(2)} = -\delta^{(1)}\theta^{(1)} - (u^{(1)})^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \delta^{(1)},$$

$$\theta^{(2)'} + aH\theta^{(2)} + \frac{3}{2}\Omega_m(\eta)(aH)^2\delta^{(2)} = -(u^{(1)})^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \theta^{(1)} - [\partial_i (u^{(1)})^j][\partial_j (u^{(1)})^i],$$

where we have used the Poisson equation for $\nabla^2 \Psi^{(2)}$

Perturbation theory

- Idea: expand all fields according to:

$$\delta_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, \eta) + \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}, \eta) + \cdots + \delta^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}, \eta)$$

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- Each order collects all terms that have the same number of *linear fields* $\delta^{(l)}, \theta^{(l)}$
- This approach is expected to work as long as each successive term in the series is smaller than the previous one
- Of course, in practice we always stop at some n

Second order

- So let's proceed with solving at second order:

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- R.h.s. involves derivatives and velocity u :
more easily solved in Fourier space
- The linear velocity is given by

$$(u^{(1)})^i(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = \frac{ik^i}{k^2} aHf\delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta)$$

$$f \equiv d \ln D / d \ln a$$

Second order

- Fourier transform, and pull out time dependence of source term (important that we can do that!)

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where we used

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Second order

- So we can separate the time- and \mathbf{k} -dependent parts even at second order!

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$$F_2(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \frac{5}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \frac{(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2)^2}{k_1^2 k_2^2} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)$$

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grows twice as fast as linear density

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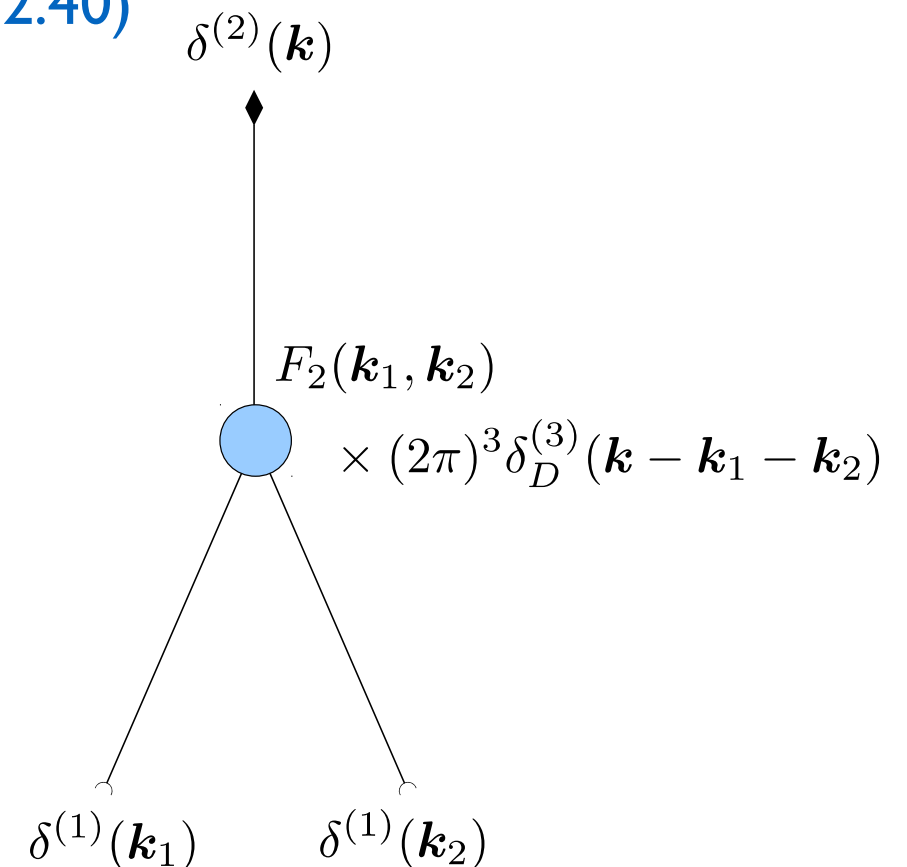
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Diagrammatic representation

- F_2 corresponds to interaction vertex (with 3-momentum conservation) coupling two incoming δ_0

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Eq. (12.40)

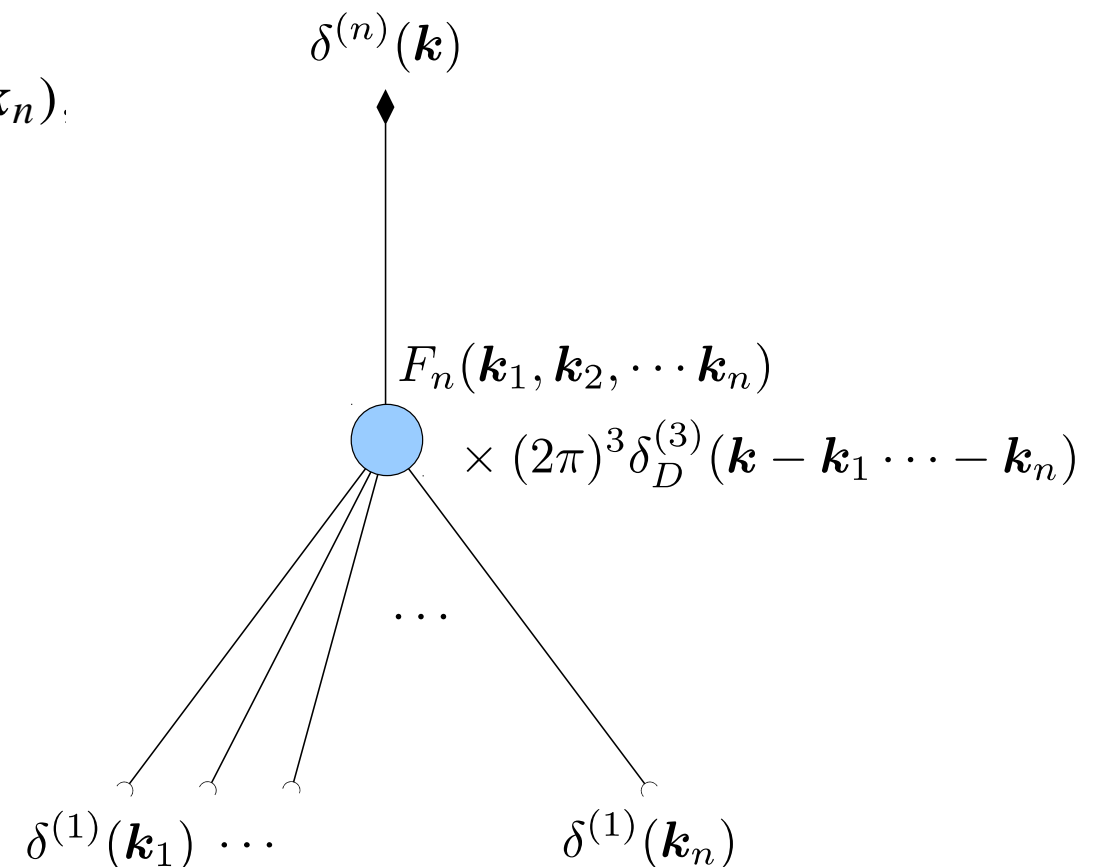


Diagrammatic representation

- Similarly, we can go to higher orders:

$$\delta^{(n)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = D_+^n(\eta) \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \int \frac{d^3 k_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right] (2\pi)^3 \delta_D^{(3)} \left(\mathbf{k} - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{k}_i \right) \\ \times F_n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_n) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_1) \dots \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_n).$$

PT kernels F_n obey recursion relation.



Matter power spectrum

- Since we don't know the initial conditions at the field level, let's compute statistics
- Power spectrum:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle = & D_+^2(\eta) \langle \delta_0(\mathbf{k}) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \\ & + \langle \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle + 2 \langle \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. (12.42)}$$

- Why these terms and not others?
 - Count terms that have equal numbers of δ_0
 - Terms with odd number of δ_0 vanish

Matter power spectrum

- Terms with odd number of δ_0 vanish because δ_0 is Gaussian (this can be generalized to include small amount of primordial non-Gaussianity)
- For terms with even number, we use Wicks' theorem:

$$\langle \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_2) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = 0$$

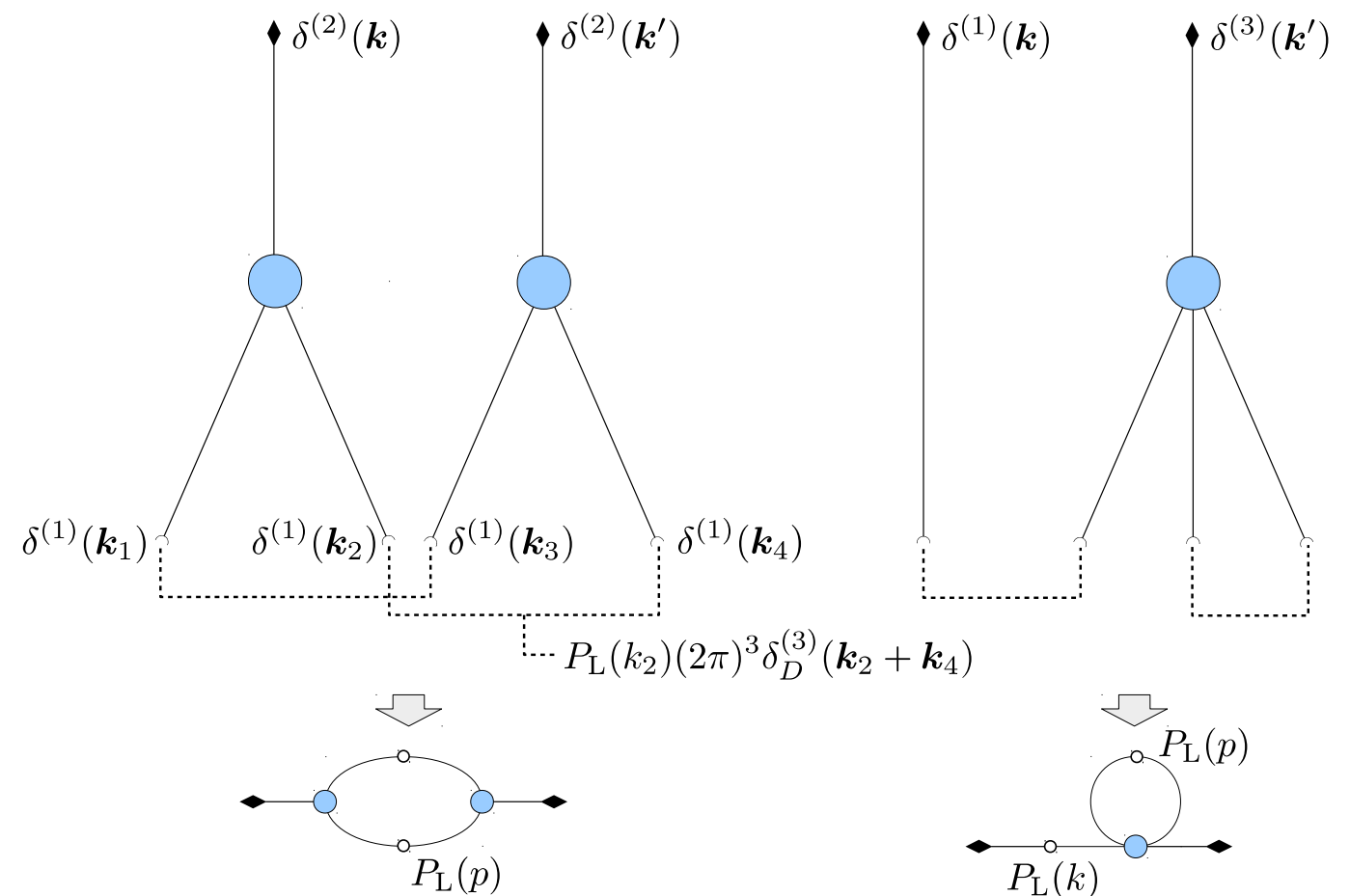
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_2) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_3) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}_4) \rangle &= (2\pi)^6 \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) P(\mathbf{k}_1) P(\mathbf{k}_3) \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^6 \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3) \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_4) P(\mathbf{k}_1) P(\mathbf{k}_2) \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^6 \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4) \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) P(\mathbf{k}_1) P(\mathbf{k}_2). \end{aligned}$$

leads directly to

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta_m(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta_m(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle &= D_+^2(\eta) \langle \delta_0(\mathbf{k}) \delta_0(\mathbf{k}') \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle + 2 \langle \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}', \eta) \rangle + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Matter power spectrum

- Nicely represented using diagrams:



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Matter power spectrum

- Use Feynman rules, or just plug in kernels to obtain:

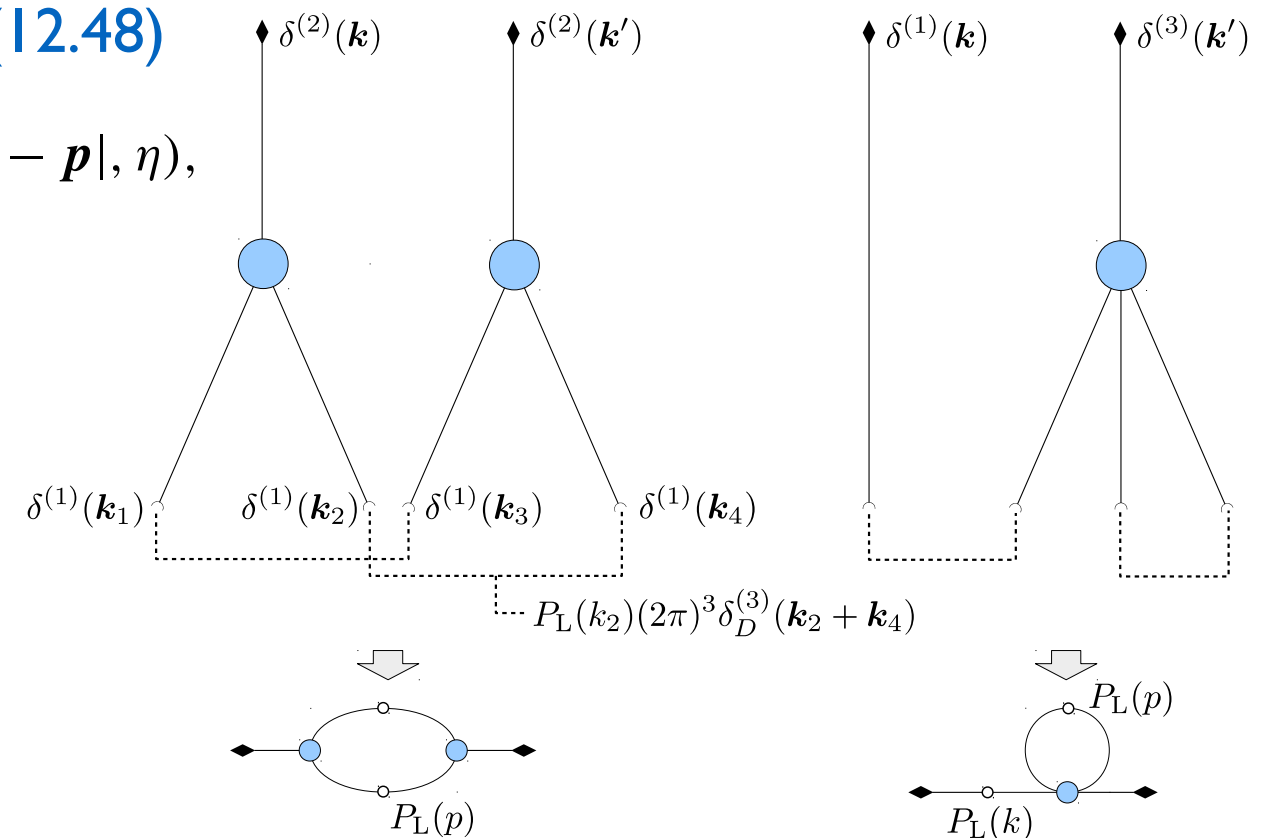
$$P(k, \eta) = P_L(k, \eta) + P^{\text{NLO}}(k, \eta) + \dots,$$

$$P^{\text{NLO}}(k, \eta) = P^{(22)}(k, \eta) + 2P^{(13)}(k, \eta),$$

Eq. (12.48)

$$P^{(22)}(k, \eta) = 2 \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} [F_2(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p})]^2 P_L(p, \eta) P_L(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}|, \eta),$$

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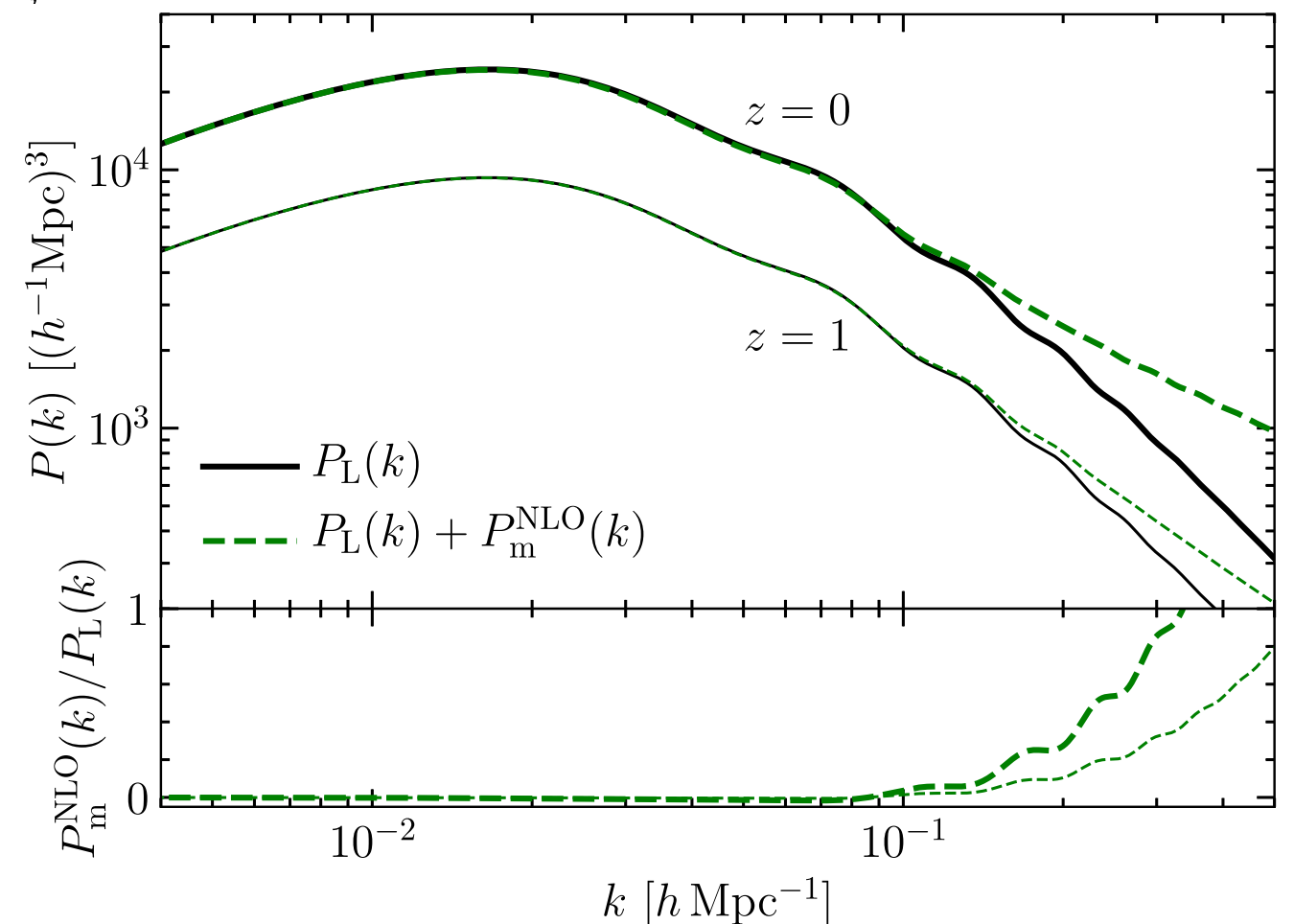


Matter power spectrum

- Then let computer do the work...

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Bispectrum

- The bispectrum, or three-point function of δ_0 vanishes, but not that of the evolved field δ_m , thanks to nonlinear evolution:

$$\langle \delta_m(\mathbf{k}_1, \eta) \delta_m(\mathbf{k}_2, \eta) \delta_m(\mathbf{k}_3, \eta) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_D^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \quad \text{Eq. (12.51)}$$

$$\times [2F_2(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) P_L(k_1, \eta) P_L(k_2, \eta) + 2 \text{ perm.}]$$

At leading order; there are also “next-to-leading” (NLO) contributions - try writing down the diagram for the leading three-point function as well as the NLO one!

Beyond the fluid approximation

- So far, did well-defined perturbation theory, but of the wrong equation: collisionless matter is not a fluid
- Rather, the correct equation is the collisionless Boltzmann equation
- What is the error we are making?
- Recall that we neglected the velocity dispersion, or stress tensor σ_m , which adds force term to the Euler equation, $\rho_m^{-1} \partial_j \sigma_m^{ij}$

$$\frac{1}{m} \left\langle p^i p^j \right\rangle_{f_m} = \rho_m u_m^i u_m^j + \sigma_m^{ij}.$$

- What is the effect of the stress tensor? Can we incorporate it?

Beyond the fluid approximation

- Idea: treat stress tensor as effective quantity, and parametrize it, at the background and perturbation level:

$$\sigma_{\text{m}}^{ij}(\boldsymbol{x}, \eta) = \bar{\sigma}_{\text{m}}(\eta) \delta^{ij} [1 + c_{\sigma}(\eta) \delta_{\text{m}}(\boldsymbol{x}, \eta) + \dots]$$

- We can't predict the coefficients from within the fluid picture - leave them free for now

$$\bar{\sigma}_{\text{m}}(\eta), \quad c_{\sigma}(\eta)$$

Beyond the fluid approximation

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- Additional contribution is suppressed on large scales: two additional derivatives, $\sim k^2$ in Fourier space
- Hence, can take into account stress tensor at leading order by adding one term to equations, *at the price of an unknown, free coefficient* $\bar{\sigma}_{\text{m}} c_{\sigma}$

Cold collisionless matter = *effective fluid*

- At leading order, this is just another linear term in the equations (but with more derivatives)
- By redefining coefficient, correction to final density field can be written as (with free coefficient C_s^2)

$$\delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \rightarrow \left[1 - C_s^2(\eta)k^2\right] D_+(\eta)\delta_0(\mathbf{k}) \quad ; \quad P_{\text{NLO}}(k) \rightarrow P_{\text{NLO}}(k) - 2C_s^2(\eta)k^2 P_{\text{L}}(k)$$

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- In fact, theoretical consistency forces us to introduce C_s^2 (\sim eff. sound horizon) as counterterm:

$$P^{(13)}(k, \eta) = 3P_{\text{L}}(k, \eta) \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} F_3(\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) P_{\text{L}}(p, \eta)$$

$$\propto k^2/p^2 \text{ for } p \gg k$$

Yes, P_{22} also leads to a counterterm, but that one is much smaller.

Effective Field Theory of Structure Formation

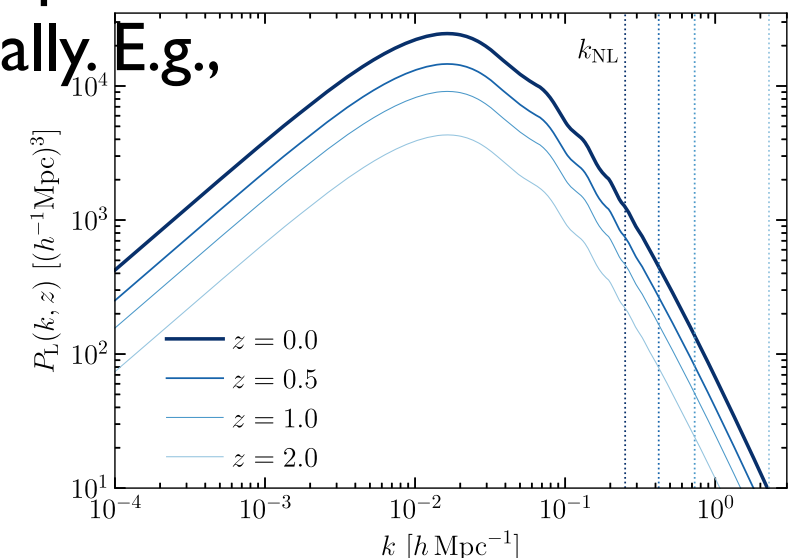
- Idea: allow for all counterterms in effective fluid equations consistent with symmetries: general covariance; mass and momentum conservation
- Order different contribution according to their scaling with k
- Only one relevant scale: k_{NL} , where (roughly) matter density field becomes fully nonlinear:

$$k_{\text{NL}}^{-2} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} p^{-2} P_{\text{L}}(p)$$

- For this ordering, we typically approximate $P_{\text{L}}(k) \sim k^n$ as power law, with $n \sim -1.5$, allowing us to compute loop integrals analytically. E.g.,

$$P_{\text{NLO}}(k) \sim \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{nl}}} \right)^{3+n} P_{\text{L}}(k)$$

$$P_{C_s^2}(k) \sim \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{nl}}} \right)^2 P_{\text{L}}(k)$$



Non-gravitational interactions of baryons

- So far, completely ignored non-gravitational interactions, while I argued that we are including baryons...
- Let's consider the effect of pressure then, assuming some relation $p=p(\rho)$ (barotropic fluid). Pressure term in *baryon* Euler equation, at leading order:

$$\rho_b^{-1} \partial_i p(\rho_b) = \rho_b^{-1} \partial_i \left[\frac{dp}{d\rho} \delta \rho_b \right] = c_s^2 \partial_i \delta_b$$

$$\text{with } c_s^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho}; \quad \delta \rho_b = \bar{\rho}_b \delta_b$$

- Precisely the same shape as effective stress contribution! As long as we are interested only in total matter, we can combine the two into a single C_s^2 .

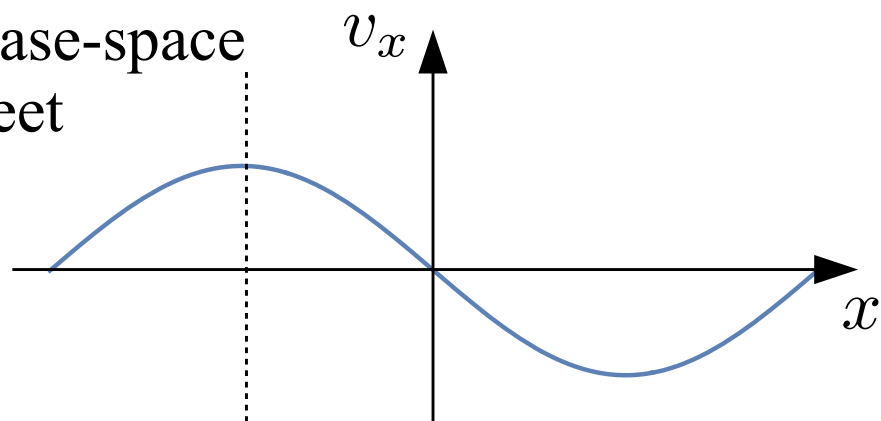
$$\frac{c_s \bar{\sigma}_m}{\bar{\rho}_m} \partial^i \delta_m$$

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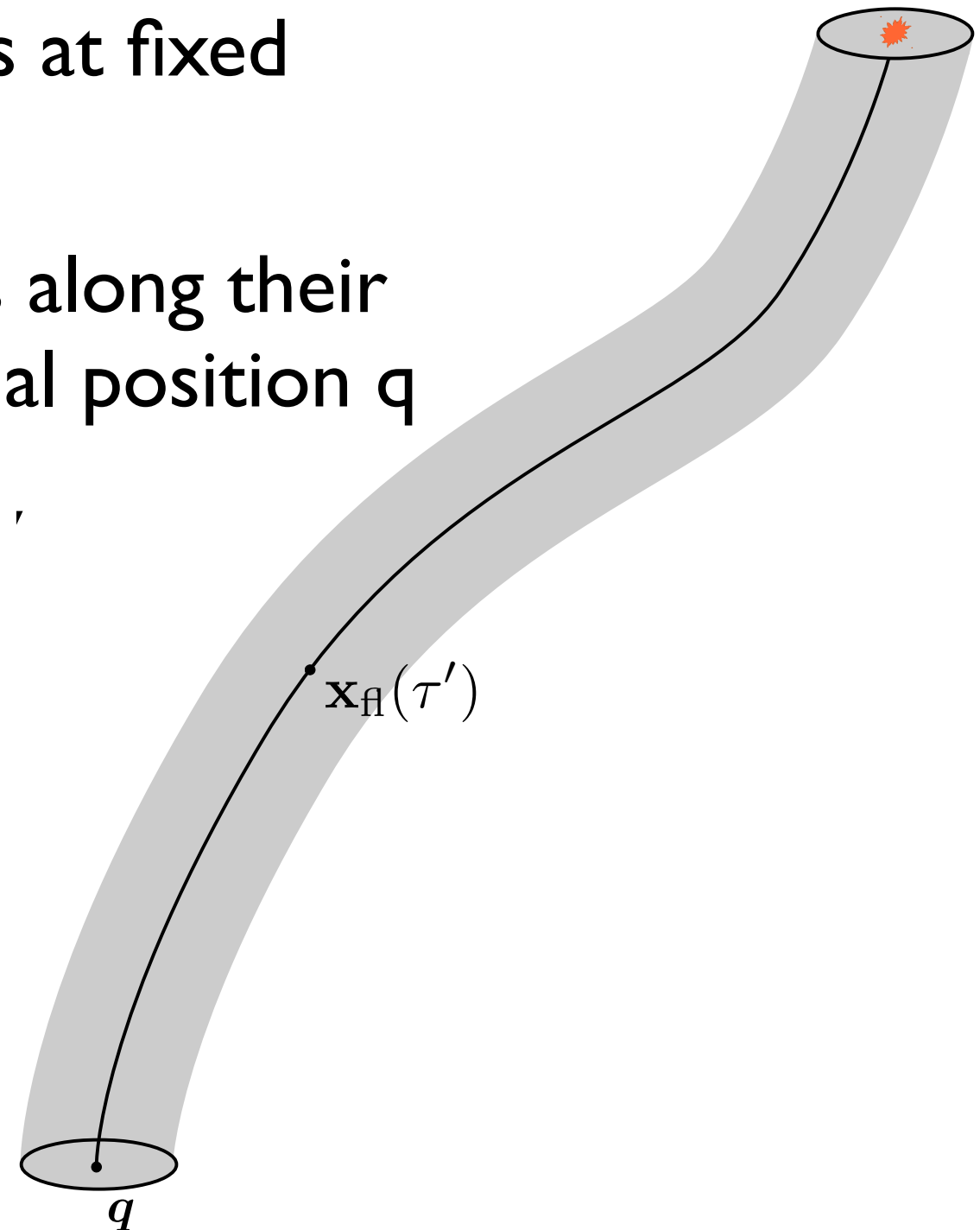
Works because dark matter is cold:
vanishing initial velocities

Phase-space
sheet



$$f_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{\rho_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{x}, t)}{m} (2\pi)^3 \delta_{\text{D}}^{(3)}(\mathbf{p} - m\mathbf{u}_{\text{m}}(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

\Leftrightarrow no velocity dispersion



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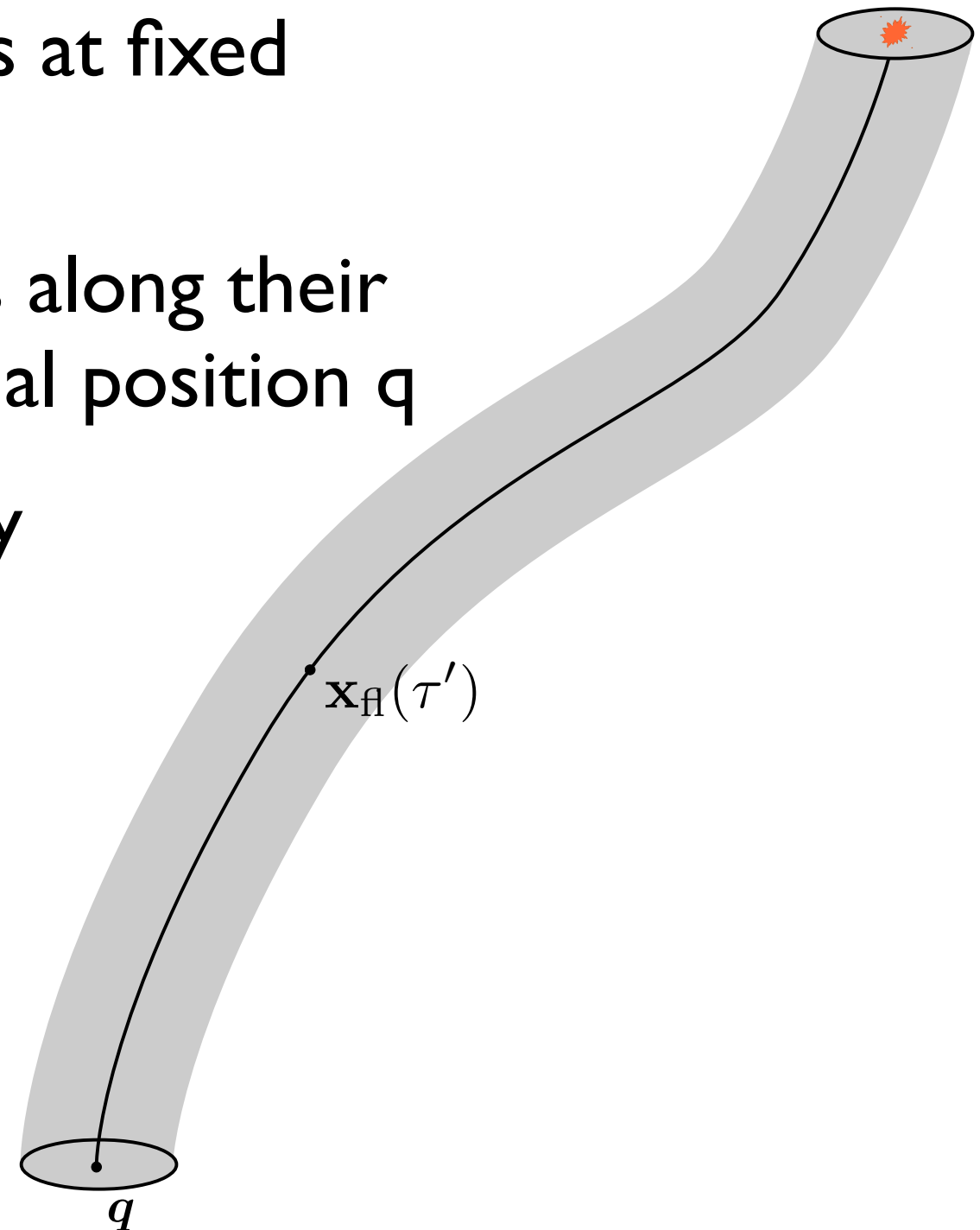
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- Time-dependent position given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}(\mathbf{q}, \eta) = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{q}, \eta)$$

- Then use geodesic equations:

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = \frac{p^i}{am}$$

$$\frac{dp^i}{dt} = -Hp^i - \frac{m}{a}\partial_i\Psi$$



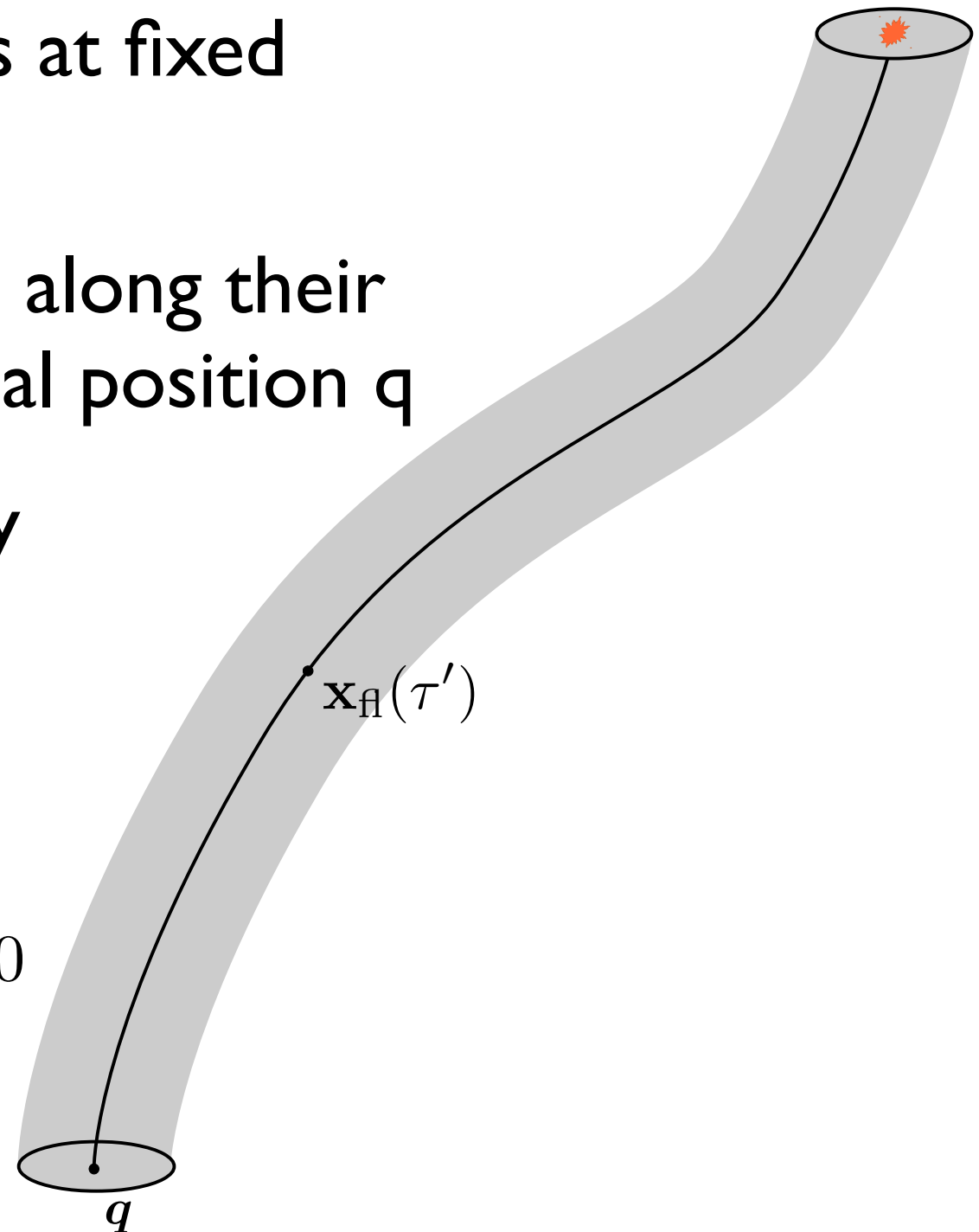
Alternative: Lagrangian approach to structure formation

- So far, worked with Eulerian fields at fixed spatial position \mathbf{x}
- Alternative: follow mass elements along their trajectory, labeling them with initial position \mathbf{q}
- Time-dependent position given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}(\mathbf{q}, \eta) = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{q}, \eta)$$

- Then use geodesic equations:

$$s''(\mathbf{q}, \eta) + aH s'(\mathbf{q}, \eta) + \nabla_x \Psi(\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}(\mathbf{q}, \eta), \eta) = 0$$



Alternative: Lagrangian approach to structure formation

- At initial time, density perturbations were negligible, so a given element d^3q corresponds to equal mass everywhere. Hence, density is given directly by Jacobian:

$$\bar{\rho}_m(\eta)d^3\mathbf{q} = \rho_m(\mathbf{x}, \eta)d^3\mathbf{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\rho_m}{\bar{\rho}_m} = 1 + \delta_m = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right| = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right|^{-1} = |\delta_{ij} + \partial_{q,i} s_j(\mathbf{q}, \eta)|$$

- Can insert δ_m into Poisson equation to obtain Ψ . Perturbation theory then proceeds by writing

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}^{(1)} + \mathbf{s}^{(2)} + \dots$$

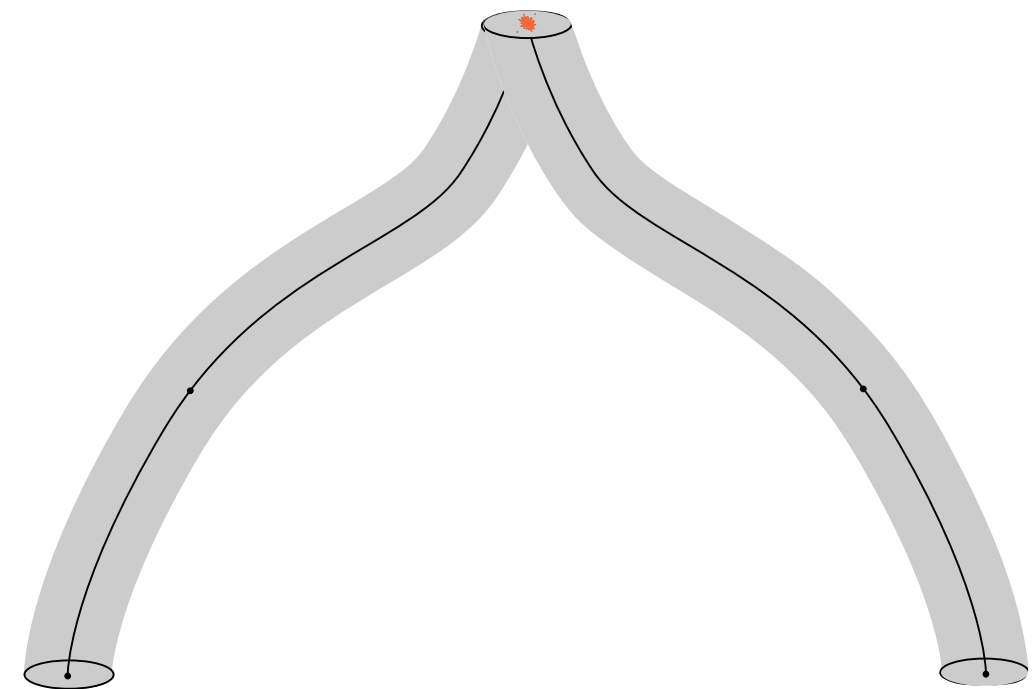
and solving equation for displacement order by order.

Alternative: Lagrangian approach to structure formation

- Note: two matter elements can end up at the same final position \mathbf{x} !

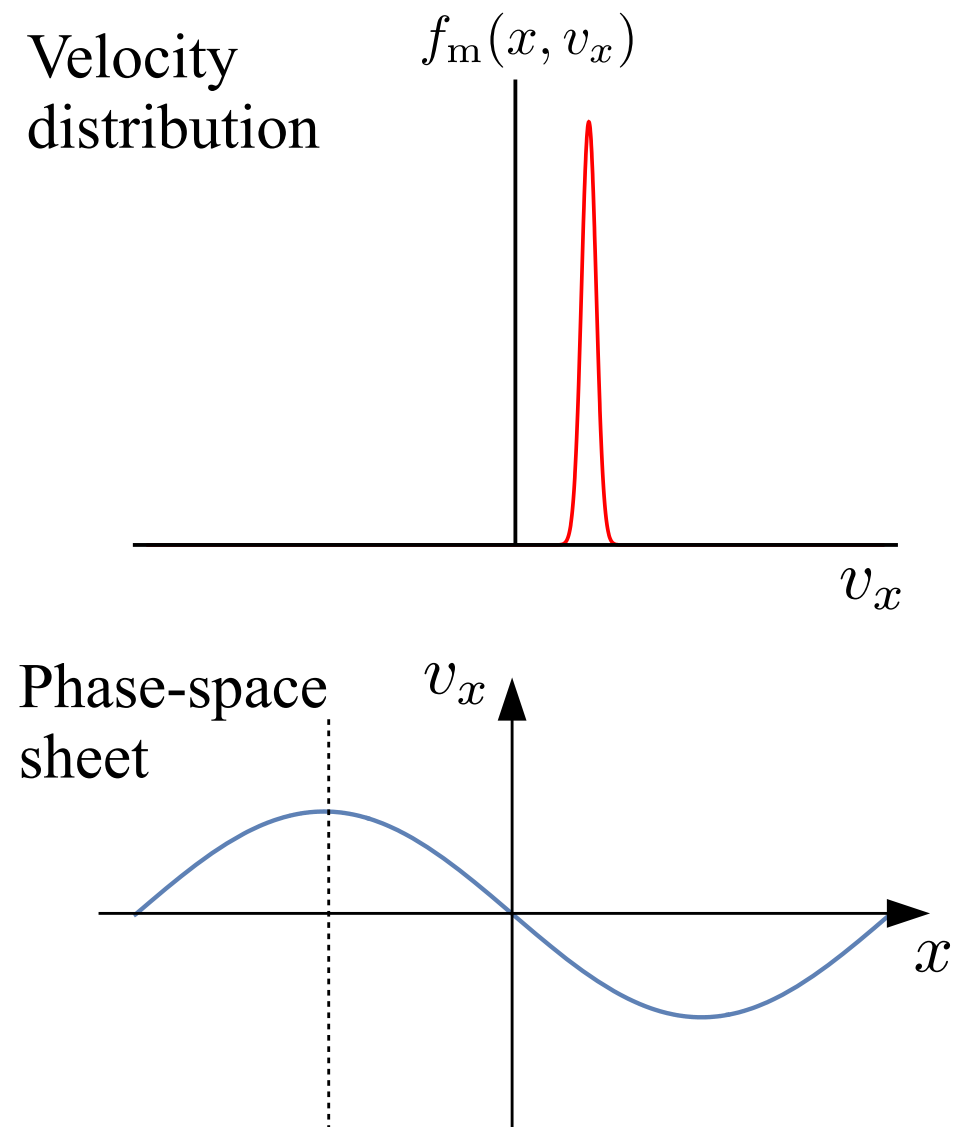
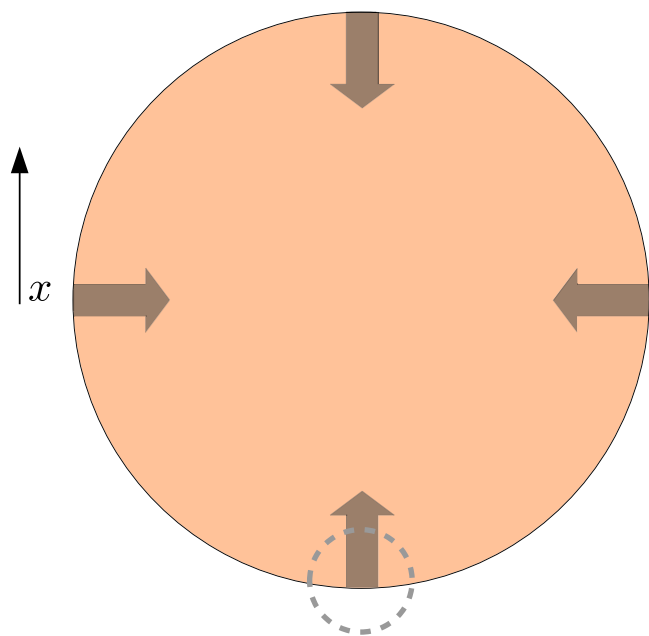
$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}(\mathbf{q}, \eta) = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{q}, \eta)$$

- Known as shell crossing
- Possible because (dark) matter is collisionless.
- This cannot happen in the fluid picture though.
- In this sense, Lagrangian approach is closer to the correct physics.



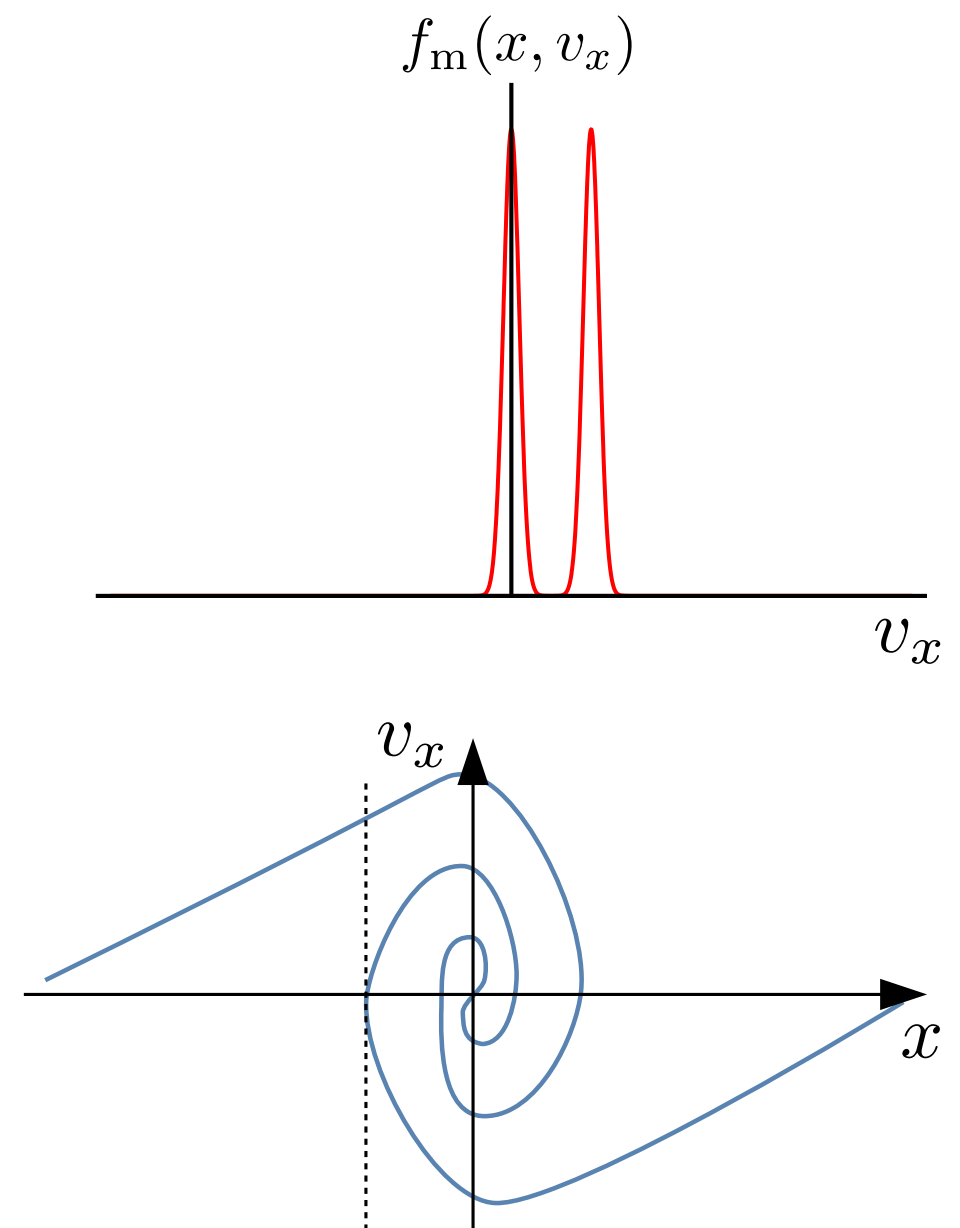
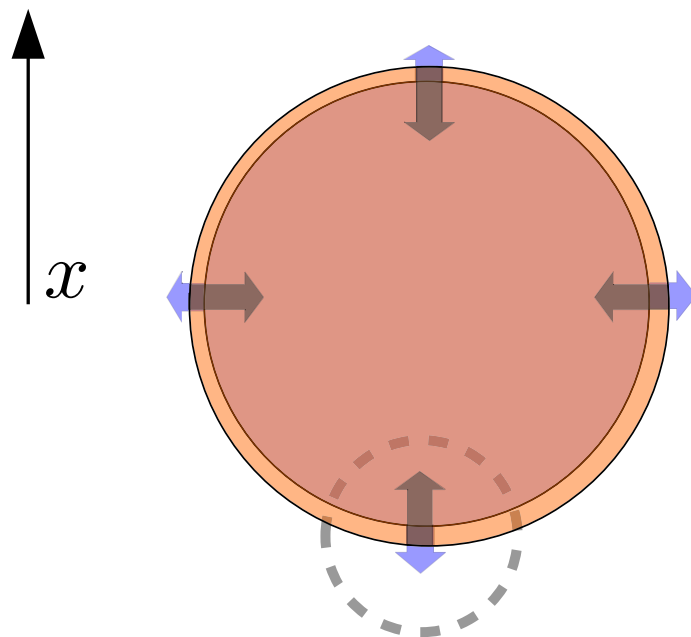
Phasespace view of structure formation

- Initial stages of collapse of overdense region



Phasespace view of structure formation

- Later stages of collapse of overdense region



Structure formation beyond perturbation theory

- In order to take this phasespace evolution into account properly, need to go beyond fluid picture and perturbation theory.
- Back to collisionless Boltzmann equation!