

Clustering of Dark Energy

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Can *standard* quintessence cluster?

- Canonical scalar field: $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - V(\phi)$
- Perturbations: $\phi = \bar{\phi}(t) + \pi(t, \vec{x})$ (Minkowski + neglect mass term)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\pi}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\nabla}\pi)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ddot{\pi} - \nabla^2\pi = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_s^2 = 1$$

speed of sound squared

- Quintessence perturbations propagate as sound waves at speed of light.
- Thus, it **remains homogeneous** on scales smaller than the Hubble radius

Sound horizon: $L_H = a \int_0^t \frac{c_s}{a} dt \simeq 2c_s H_0^{-1}$

- Dark matter collapses (no pressure gradients, i.e. $c_s^2 = 0$) on all scales.

Beyond canonical field

- Scalar field action (k-essence): $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} P(\phi, X)$, $X \equiv -g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$
[Amendarez-Picon et al. '99]

$$\Rightarrow T_{\mu\nu} = 2P_{,X} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + P g_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{as a perfect fluid}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{pressure} & p_Q = P \\ \text{energy density} & \rho_Q = 2XP_{,X} - P \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow 2XP_{,X} = \rho_Q + p_Q \equiv (1+w)\rho_Q$$

- Expanding around background: (Minkowski + neglect mass term)

$$\mathcal{L} = (P_{,X} + 2P_{,XX} \bar{X}) \dot{\pi}^2 - P_{,X} (\vec{\nabla} \pi)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_s^2 = \frac{P_{,X}}{2P_{,XX} \bar{X} + P_{,X}}$$

- Zero speed of sound limit: $P_{,X} \ll P_{,XX} \bar{X} \Rightarrow c_s^2 \rightarrow 0$

Theoretical motivations

- Shift symmetry invariance: $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \lambda \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = P(X)$

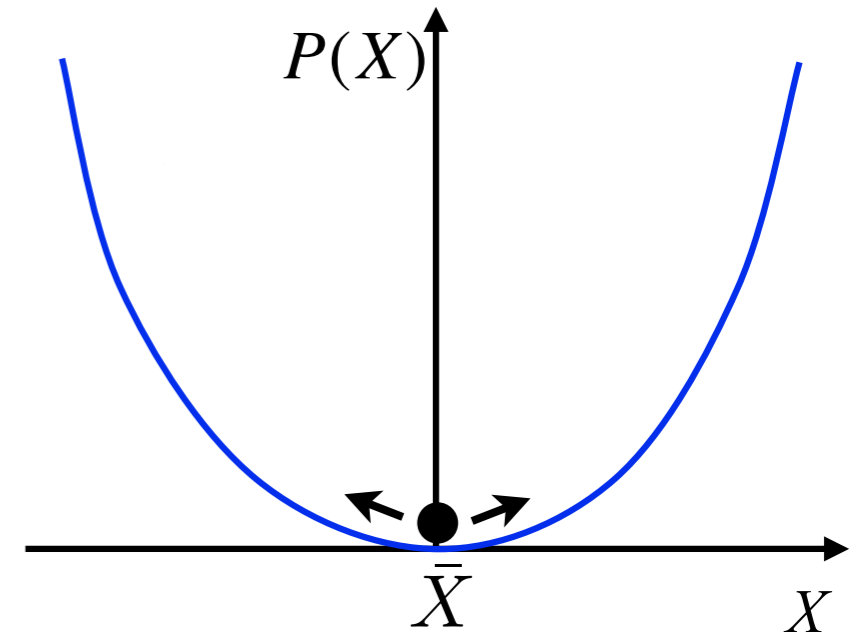
EOM in expanding Universe: $\partial_t(a^3 \dot{\phi} P_{,X}) = 0$

- Solution with $\dot{\phi} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \bar{X} = \text{const}^2$

and $P_{,X} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow w \rightarrow -1$ and $c_s^2 \rightarrow 0$

Ghost condensate theory: [Arkani-Hamed et al., '03, '05]

$$P(X) = \bar{P} + \frac{1}{2} P_{,XX} (X - \bar{X})^2 + \text{higher der.}$$



- Tiny breaking of shift symmetry: $\bar{P}_{,X} \ll \bar{P}_{,XX} \bar{X}$

[See also Mukohyama '06]

$$P(\phi, X) = -V(\phi) + \bar{P}_{,X}(\phi, X)(X - \bar{X}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{P}_{,XX}(\phi, X)(X - \bar{X})^2 + \dots$$

**Pressure gradients suppressed
wrt density gradients:**

$$\delta P|_{\delta\phi=0} \sim \bar{P}_{,X} \cdot \delta X$$

$$\delta\rho|_{\delta\phi=0} \sim \bar{P}_{,XX} \bar{X} \cdot \delta X$$

- Stable model even for $w < -1$ (higher derivatives operators)

[Arkani-Hamed et al., '05;
Creminelli et al., '06]

Vanishing sound speed...

• Euler equation: $\dot{\vec{v}} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho + p} \left[\vec{\nabla} p + \vec{v} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \right] - \vec{\nabla} \Phi$

[Creminelli et al. '10;
see also Lim et al. '10]

For $c_s^2 = 0$ pressure gradients (orthogonal to the fluid 4-velocity) vanish!

$(u^\mu \nabla_\mu u^\nu = 0 \text{ if } c_s^2 = 0)$

➔ Geodesic motion: quintessence remains comoving with dark matter (also nonlinearly)



• Continuity equation: $\dot{\rho}_Q + \vec{\nabla} [(\rho_Q + p_Q)\vec{v}] = 0$

No pressure gradients but pressure is important!

No conserved particle number or current

$$\rho_m \propto \frac{1}{a^3}; \quad \rho_Q \propto \frac{1}{a^{3(1+w)}}$$

➔ Quintessence mass: at late time quintessence mass grows inside overdensities

Linear size of the effect

[Kunz & Sapone '09]

- Linearized continuity equations:

$$\dot{\delta}_m + \frac{1}{a} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\dot{\delta}_Q - 3w \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \delta_Q + (1+w) \frac{1}{a} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

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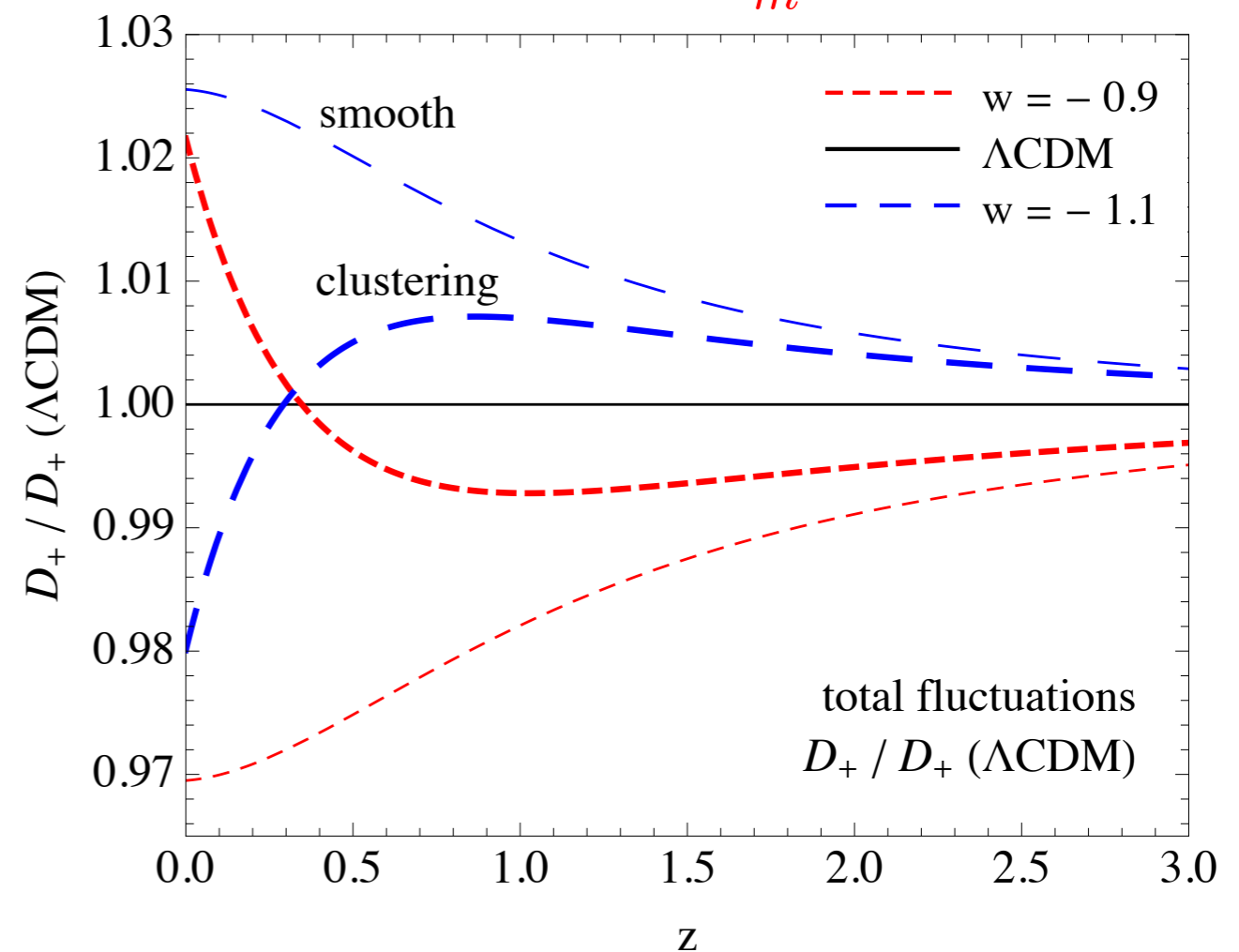
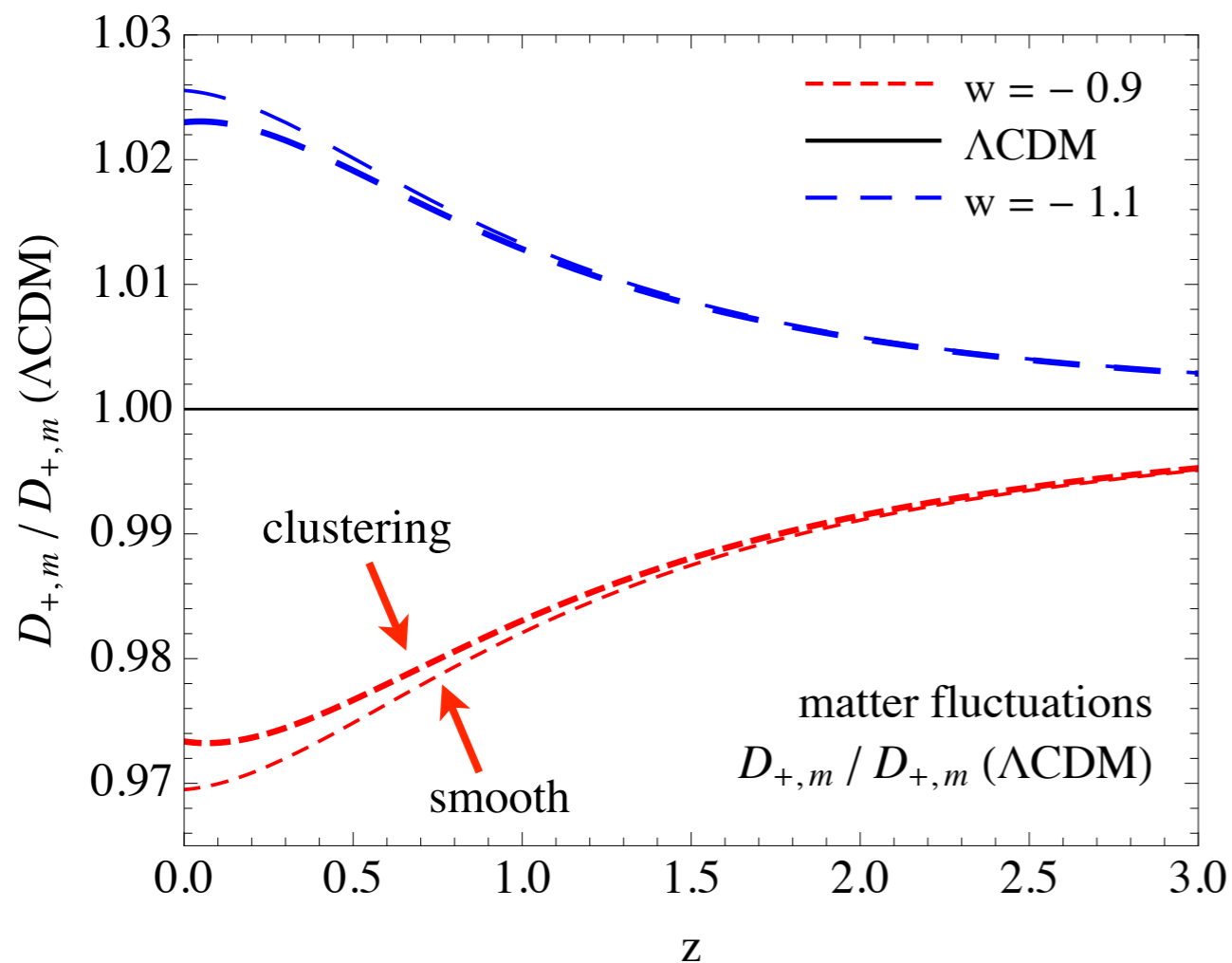
During dark matter dominance:

$$\delta_Q = \frac{1+w}{1-3w} \delta_{\text{DM}}$$

- Linearized Euler + Poisson equations:

$$\dot{\vec{v}} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \vec{v} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_m \left(\delta_m + \frac{\Omega_Q}{\Omega_m} \delta_Q \right)$$

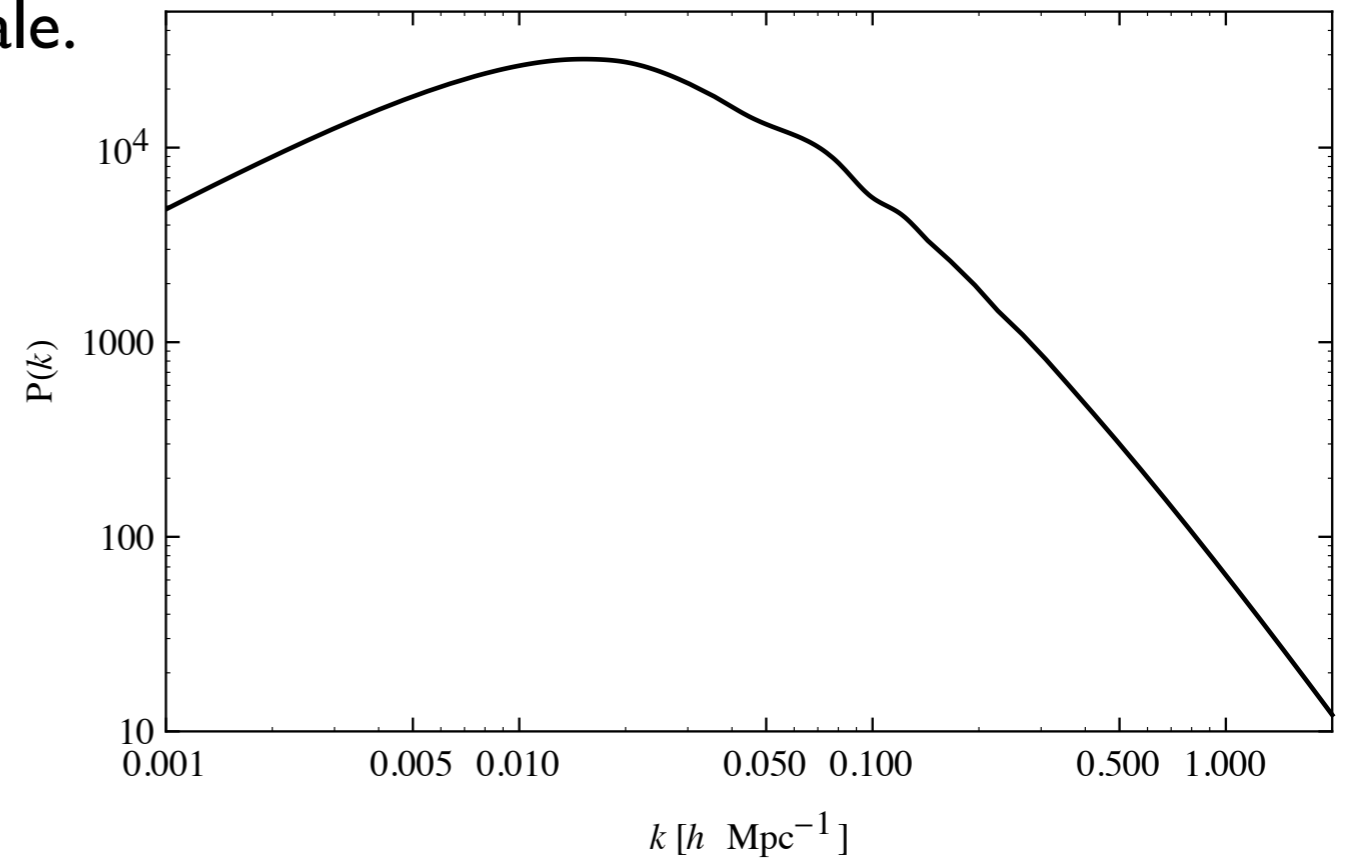


Linear vs nonlinear

- For $c_s^2 = 0$ there is no characteristic scale.

Matter power spectrum:

$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}} \delta_{\vec{k}'} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') P(k)$$

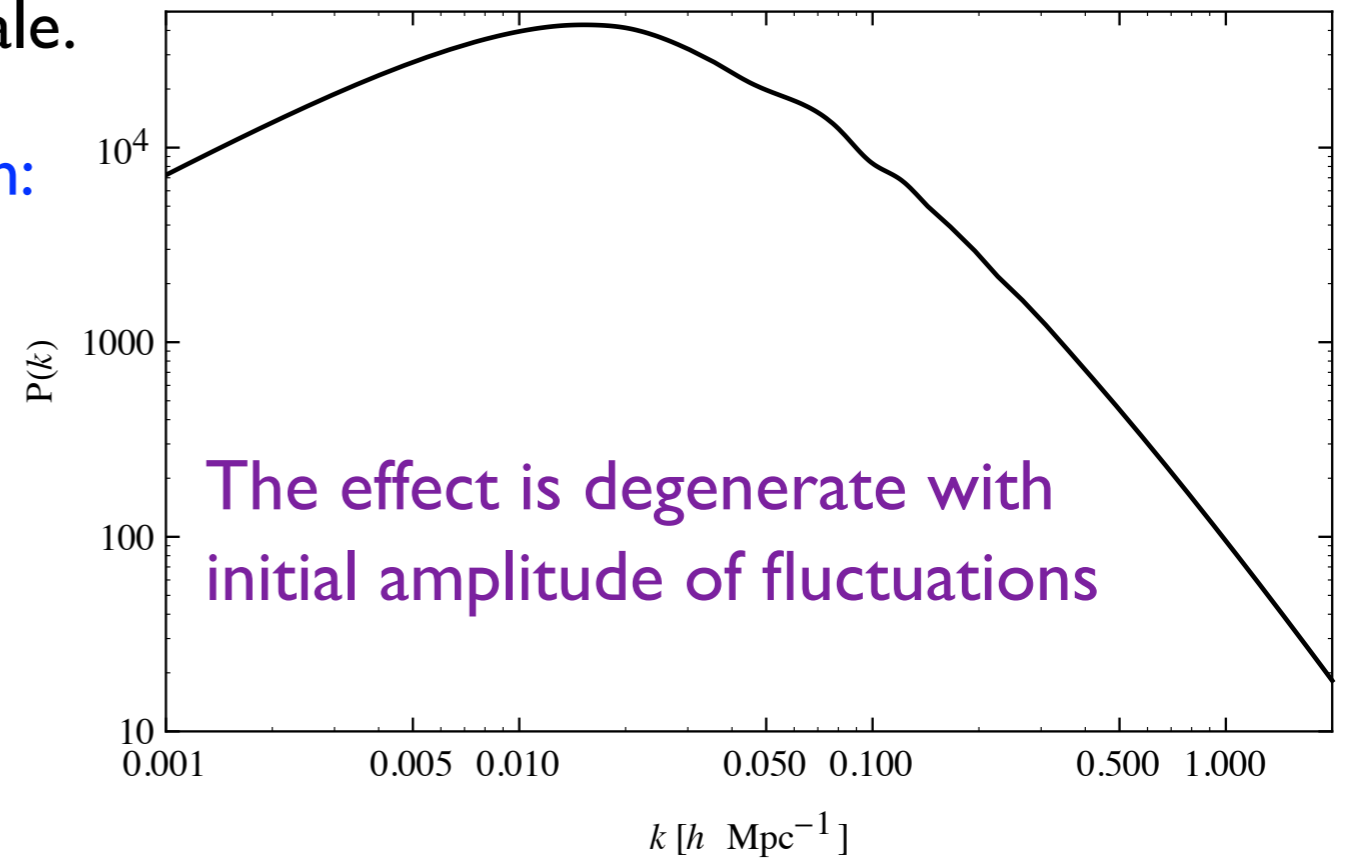


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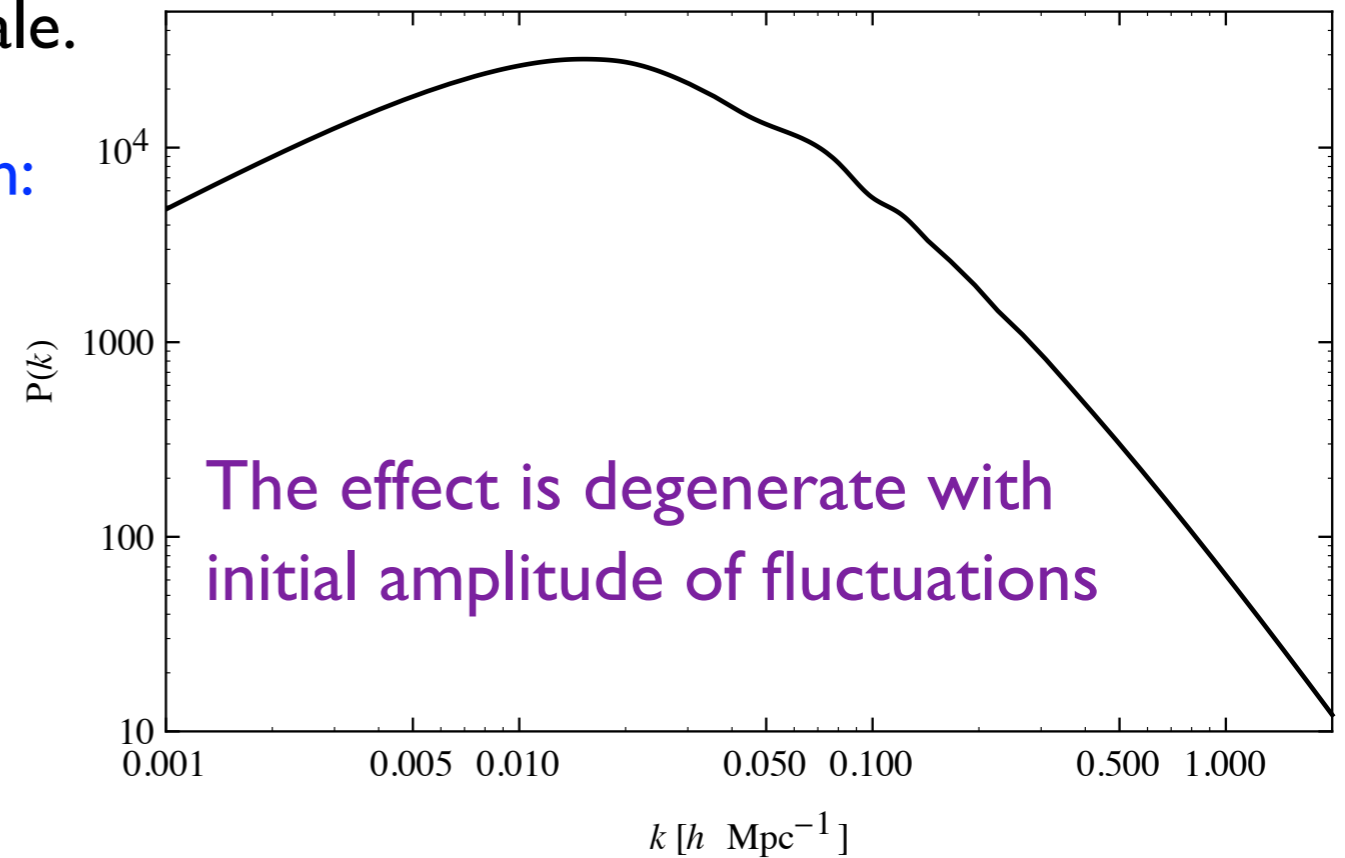


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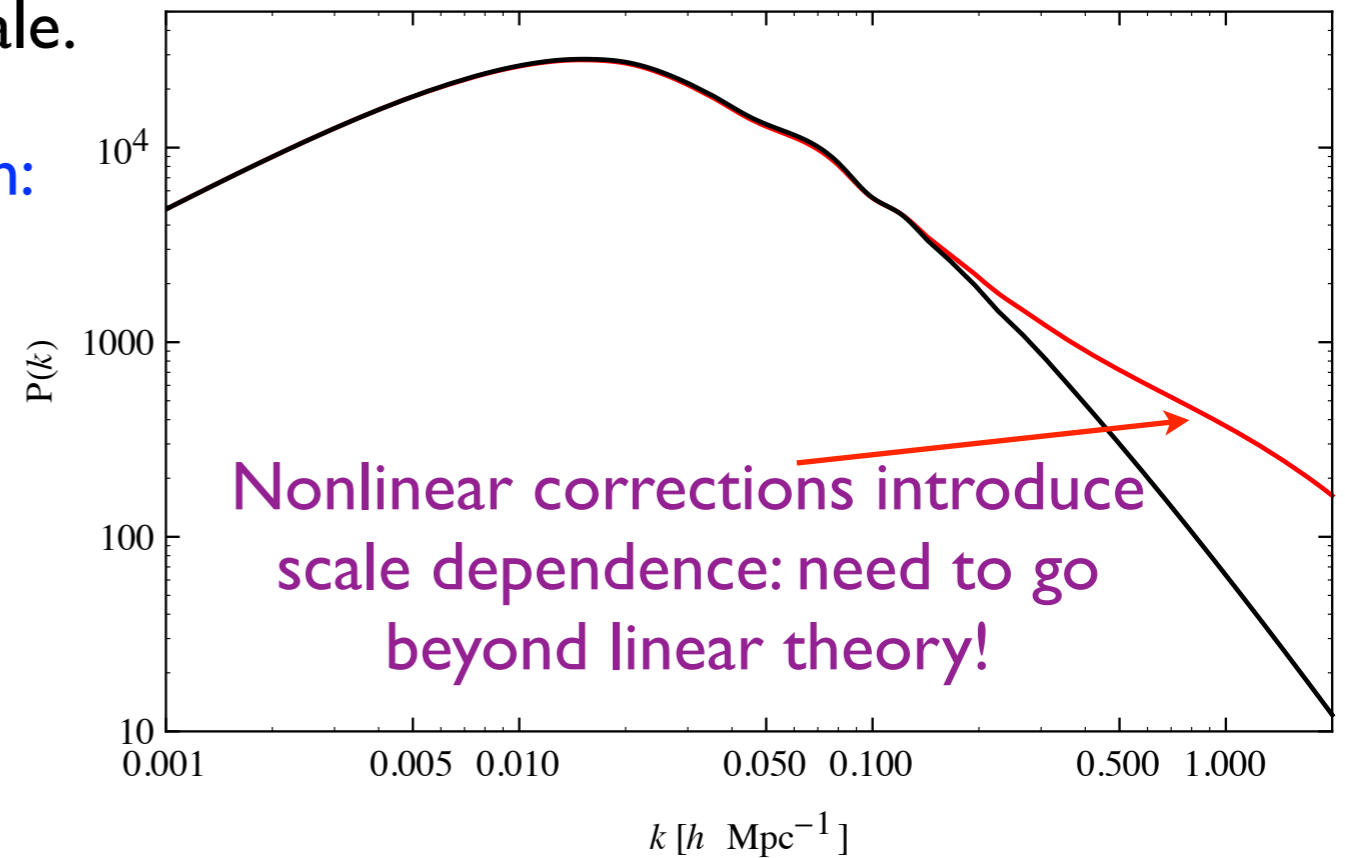


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In absence of numerical simulations one can resort to (semi)-analytical methods:
Eulerian Perturbation Theory and perturbative nonlinear extensions

Eulerian perturbation theory

[Peebles '80; Fry '84; Bernardeau et al, '02]

Fluid approximation is very good on scales far from orbit crossing and caustics:

Continuity equation for DM:
$$\frac{\partial \delta_{\vec{k}}}{\partial \tau} + \theta_{\vec{k}} = - \int \delta_D(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \left(1 + \frac{\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{k}_2}{k_1^2}\right) \theta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2},$$

Euler equation:
$$\frac{\partial \theta_{\vec{k}}}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H} \theta_{\vec{k}} + \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m \mathcal{H}^2 \delta = - \int \delta_D(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \left(k^2 \frac{\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{k}_2}{2k_1^2 k_2^2}\right) \theta_{\vec{k}_1} \theta_{\vec{k}_2}$$

$\theta \equiv \nabla \cdot \vec{v}$ velocity divergence

- Equations can be solved order by order: $\delta_{\vec{k}} = \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} + \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} + \dots$

Linear solution

$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} = \int d^3 q F_2(\vec{k} - \vec{q}, \vec{q}) \delta_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{q}}^{(1)}$$

Quadratic nonlinear correction

- At tree level:

2-p function:
$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}} \delta_{\vec{k}'} \rangle = \langle \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{k}'}^{(1)} \rangle$$

3-p function:
$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{k}_3} \rangle = \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{k}_2}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{k}_3}^{(2)} \rangle + \text{permutations}$$

$$= (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) 2 F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) P(k_1) P(k_2) + \text{cyclic}$$

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Continuity eq. for DM + Q: $\frac{\partial \delta_{\vec{k}}}{\partial \tau} + C(\tau) \theta_{\vec{k}} = - \int \delta_D(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \left(1 + \frac{\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{k}_2}{k_1^2}\right) \theta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2},$

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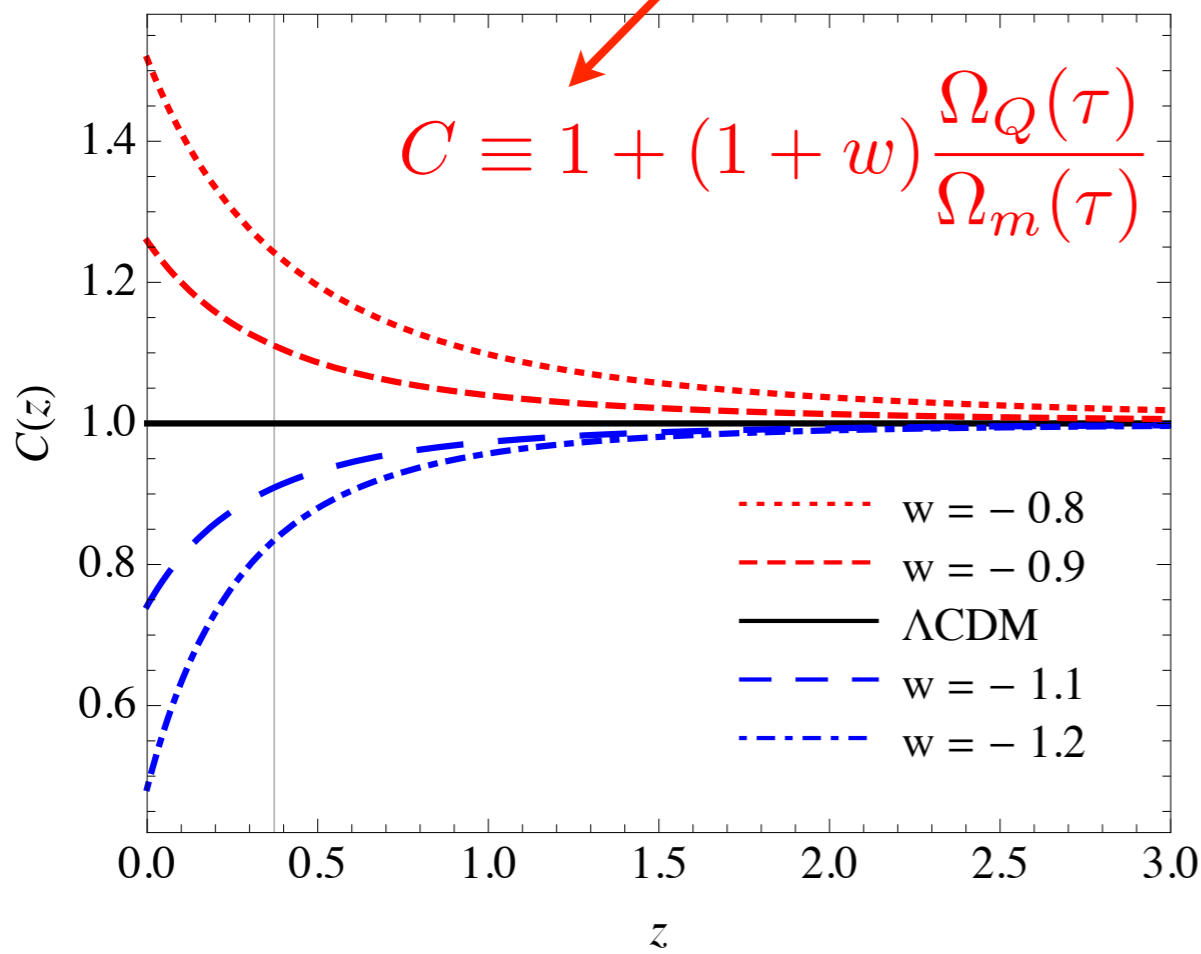
$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} + \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} + \dots$

$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} = \int d^3 q F_2(\vec{k} - \vec{q}, \vec{q}) \delta_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{q}}^{(1)}$

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+ permutations

$-\frac{1}{2} (\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) P(k_1) P(k_2) + \text{cyclic}$



F₂ and reduced bispectrum

[Sefusatti, FV, 2011]

- In matter dominance nonlinear couplings are time-independent. Smooth quintessence and Lambda are similar to matter dominance case. Nonlinear kernels quite insensitive to smooth component.

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

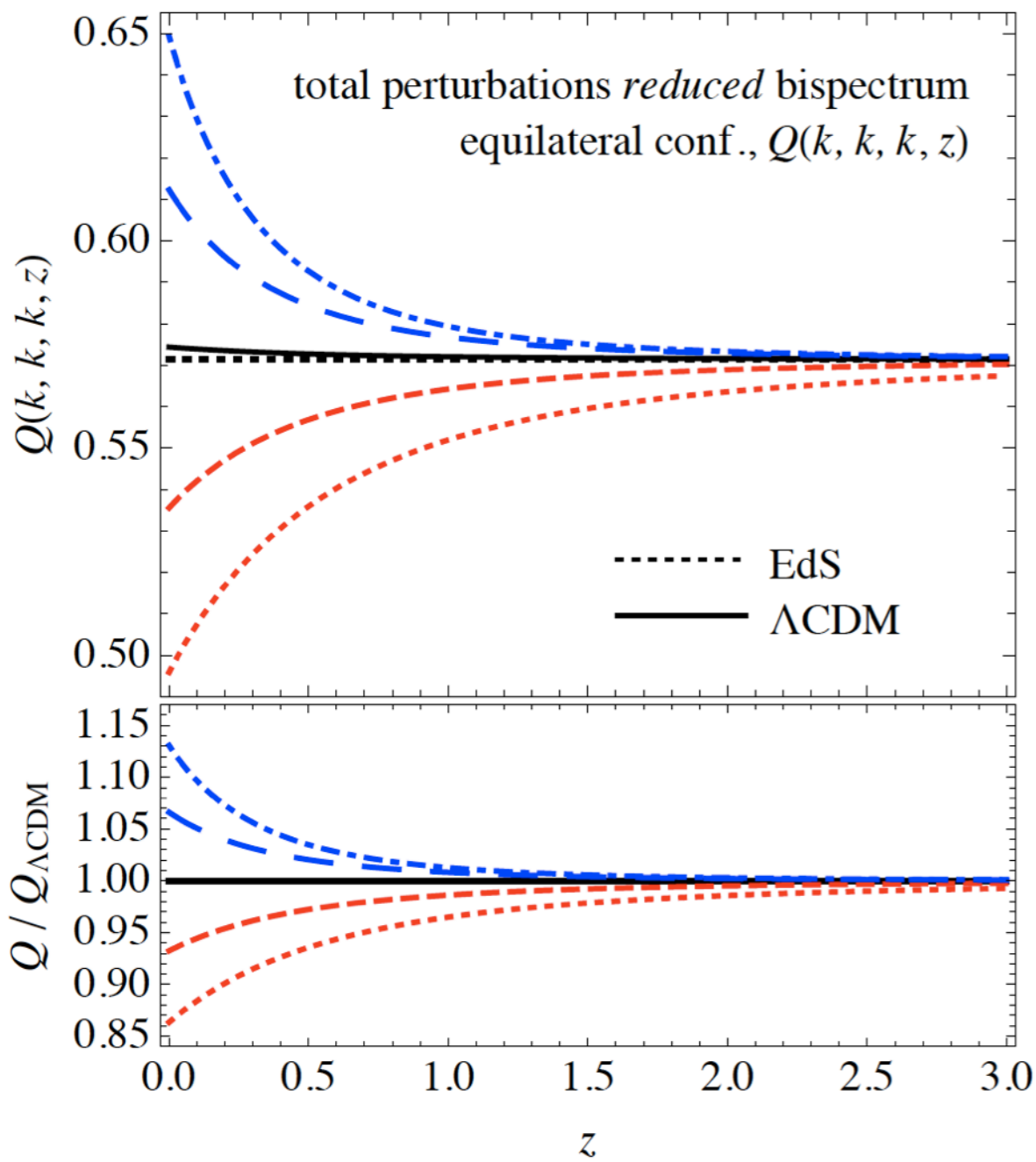
- Large time dependent corrections for clustering quintessence only:

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

where $\epsilon(\tau) = \delta\rho_Q^{\text{lin}} / \delta\rho^{\text{lin}}$

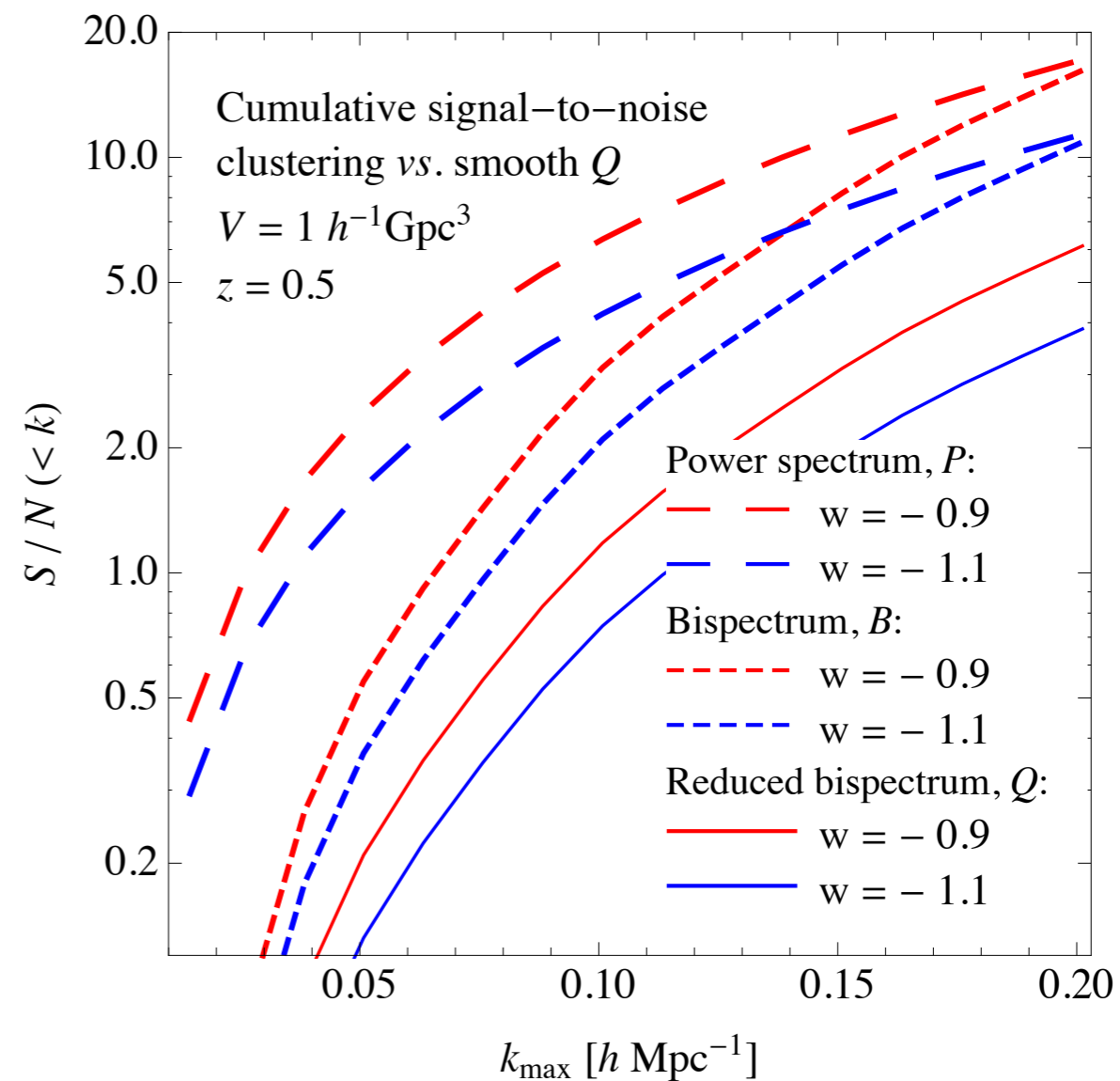
- F₂ can be observed in the reduced bispectrum:

$$Q(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{\text{3-p fun.}}{\text{2-p fun.}} = \frac{2F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2)P(k_1)P(k_2) + 2 \text{ cyclic}}{P(k_1)P(k_2) + 2 \text{ cyclic}}$$



• Cumulative signal-to-noise

$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^2 = \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3 \geq \frac{2\pi}{V^{1/3}}}^{k_{\max}} \frac{[Q(c_s = 0) - Q(c_s = 1)]^2}{\Delta Q^2}$$



Nonlinear corrections to PS

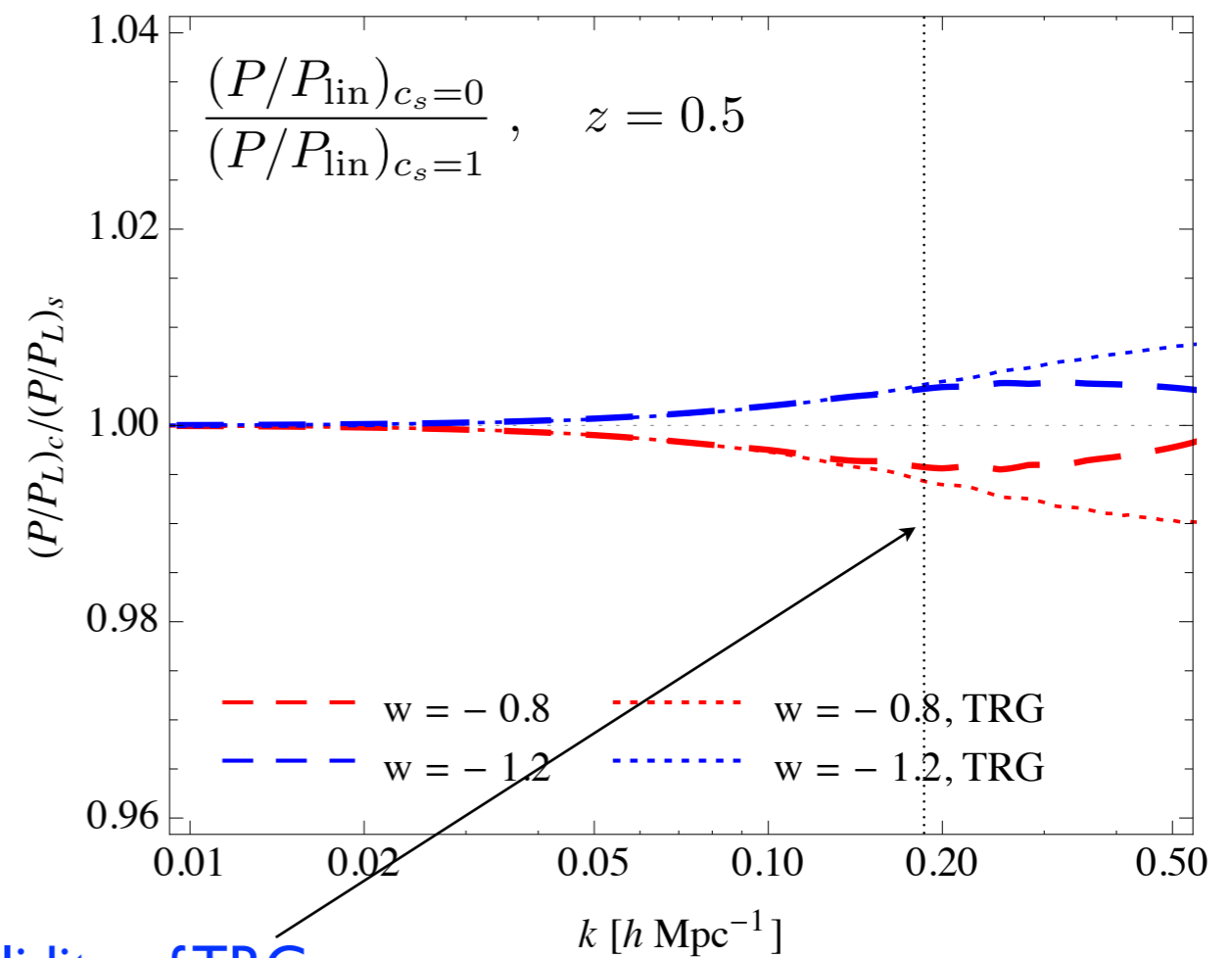
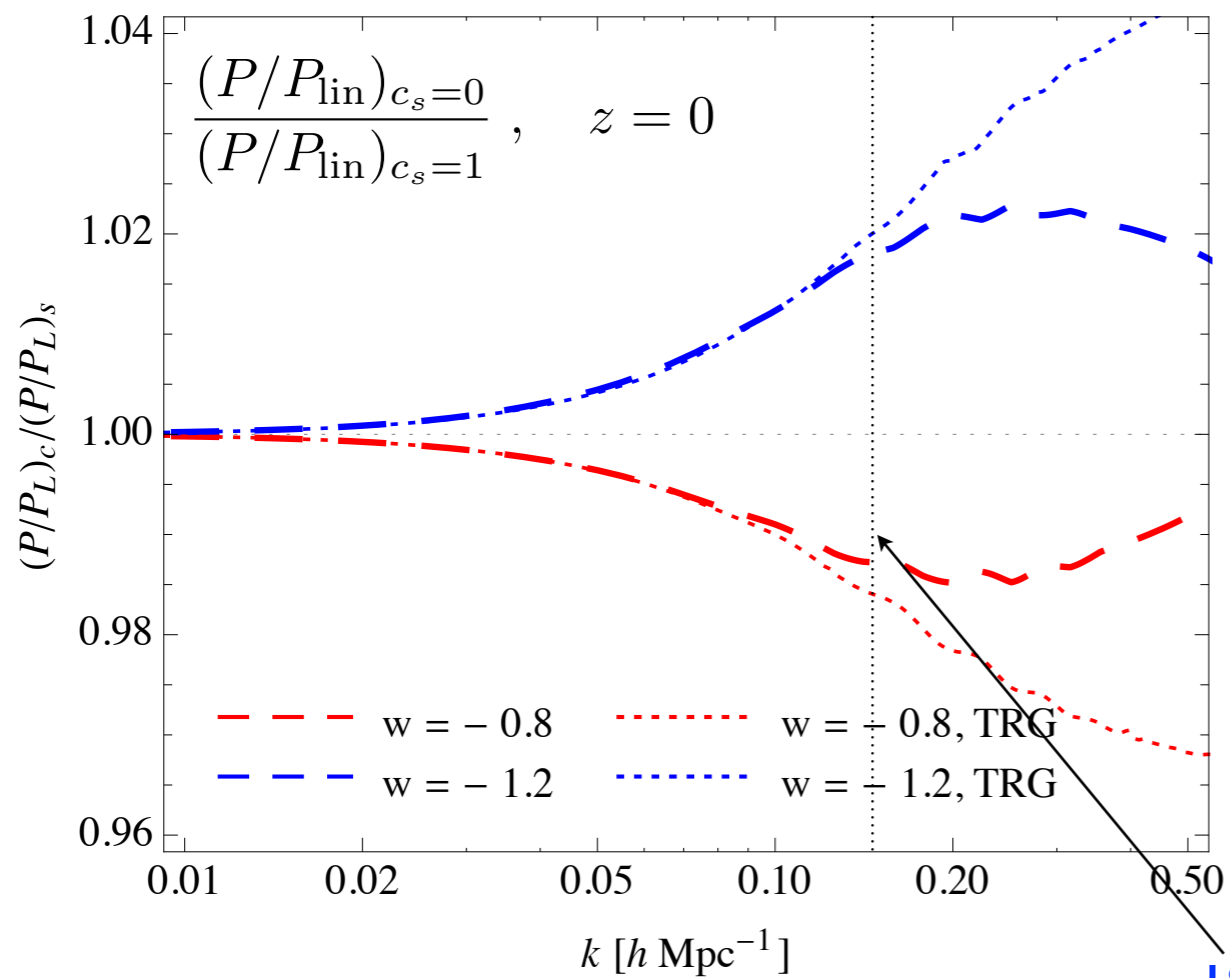
[D'Amico, Sefusatti '11;
Bonne, Sefusatti, FV in prog.]

$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} + \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} + \dots \quad \langle \delta\delta \rangle = \langle \delta^{(1)}\delta^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \delta^{(2)}\delta^{(2)} \rangle + \langle \delta^{(1)}\delta^{(3)} \rangle + \dots$$

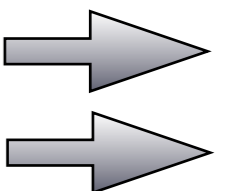
linear power spectrum

1-loop, non-linear corrections

- 1-loop corrections to the power spectrum:



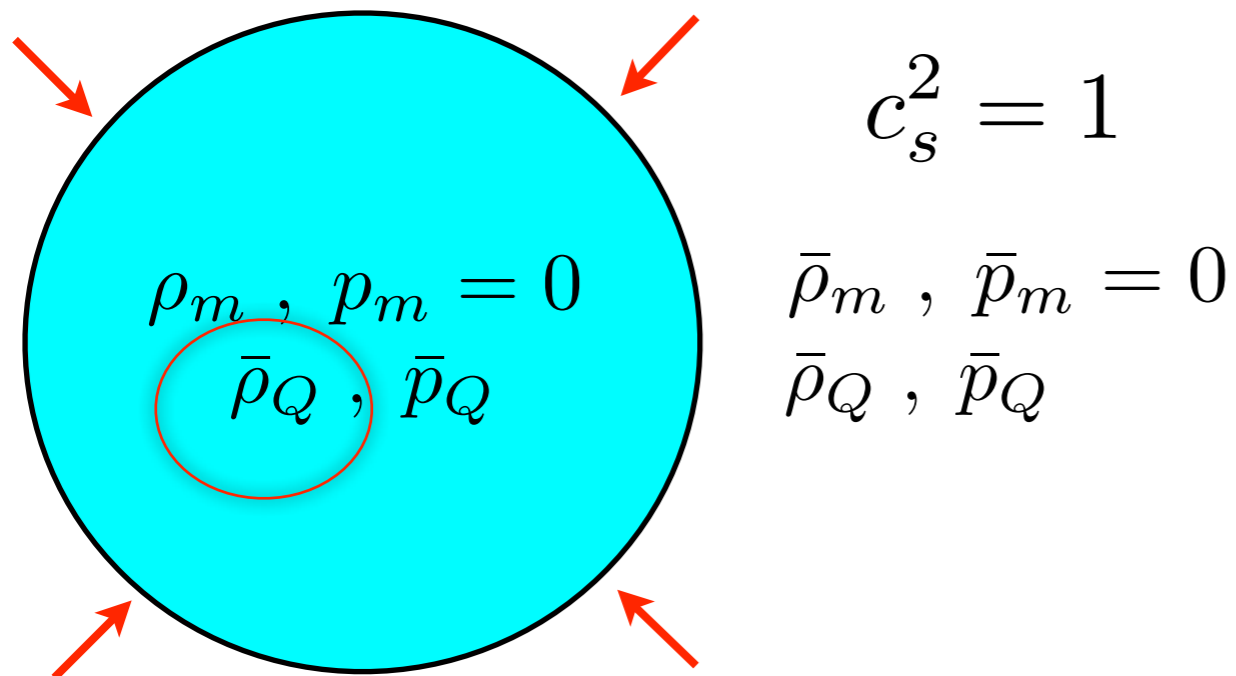
1% validity of TRG



Spherical collapse

- Quintessence affects the spherical collapse model:

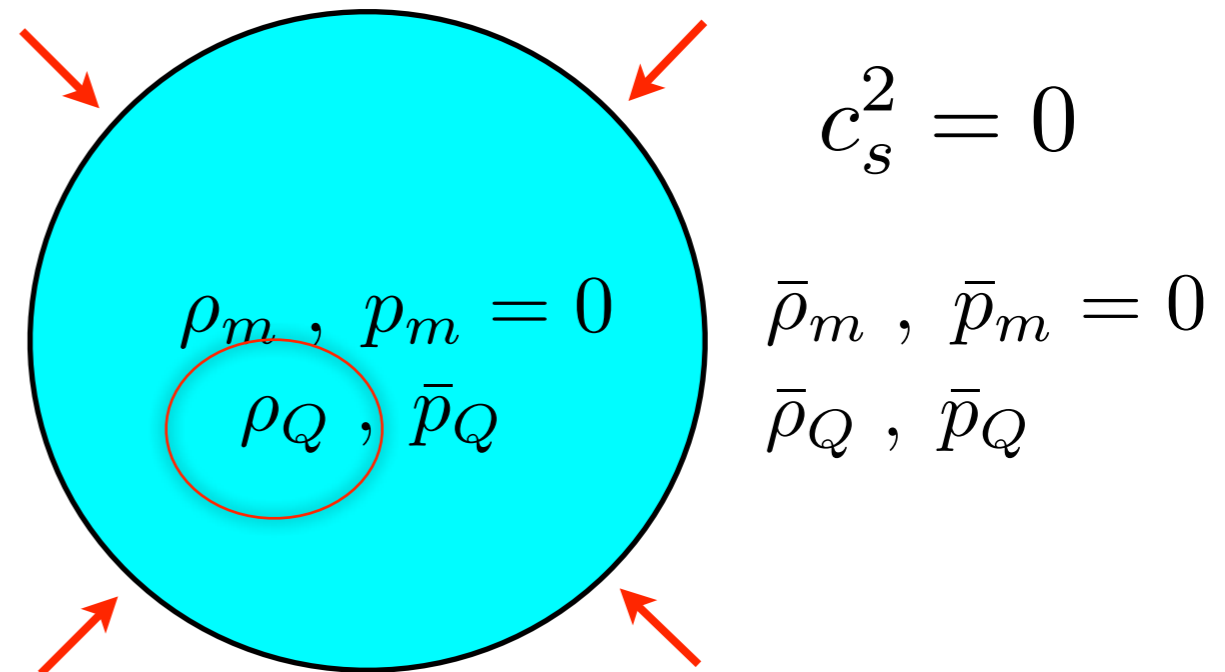
- Both density and pressure remain homogeneous and follow the outside Hubble flow:



$$\frac{\ddot{R}}{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + \bar{\rho}_Q + 3\bar{p}_Q)$$

No FRW universe inside [Wang & Steinhardt '98]

- Quintessence density follows dark matter flow but pressure remains as outside:



$$\frac{\ddot{R}}{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + \rho_Q + 3\bar{p}_Q)$$

Exact FRW universe inside!

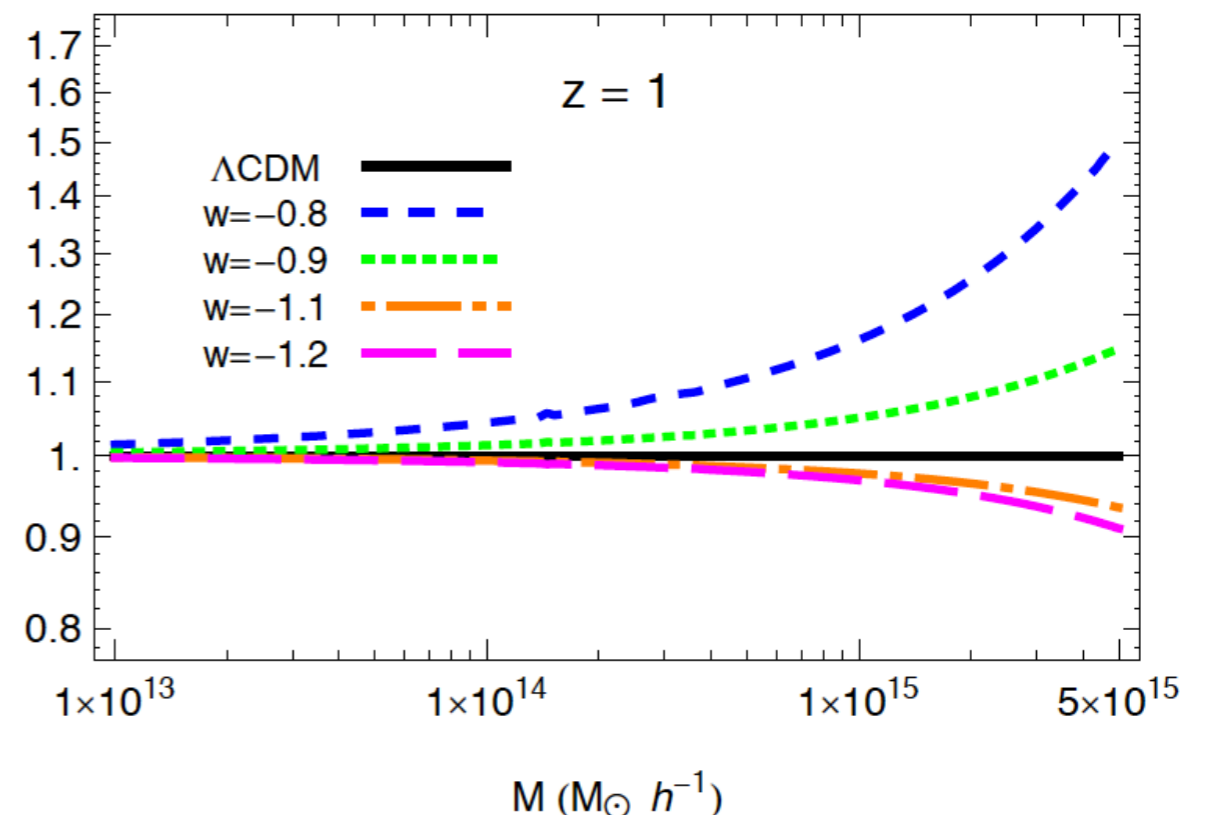
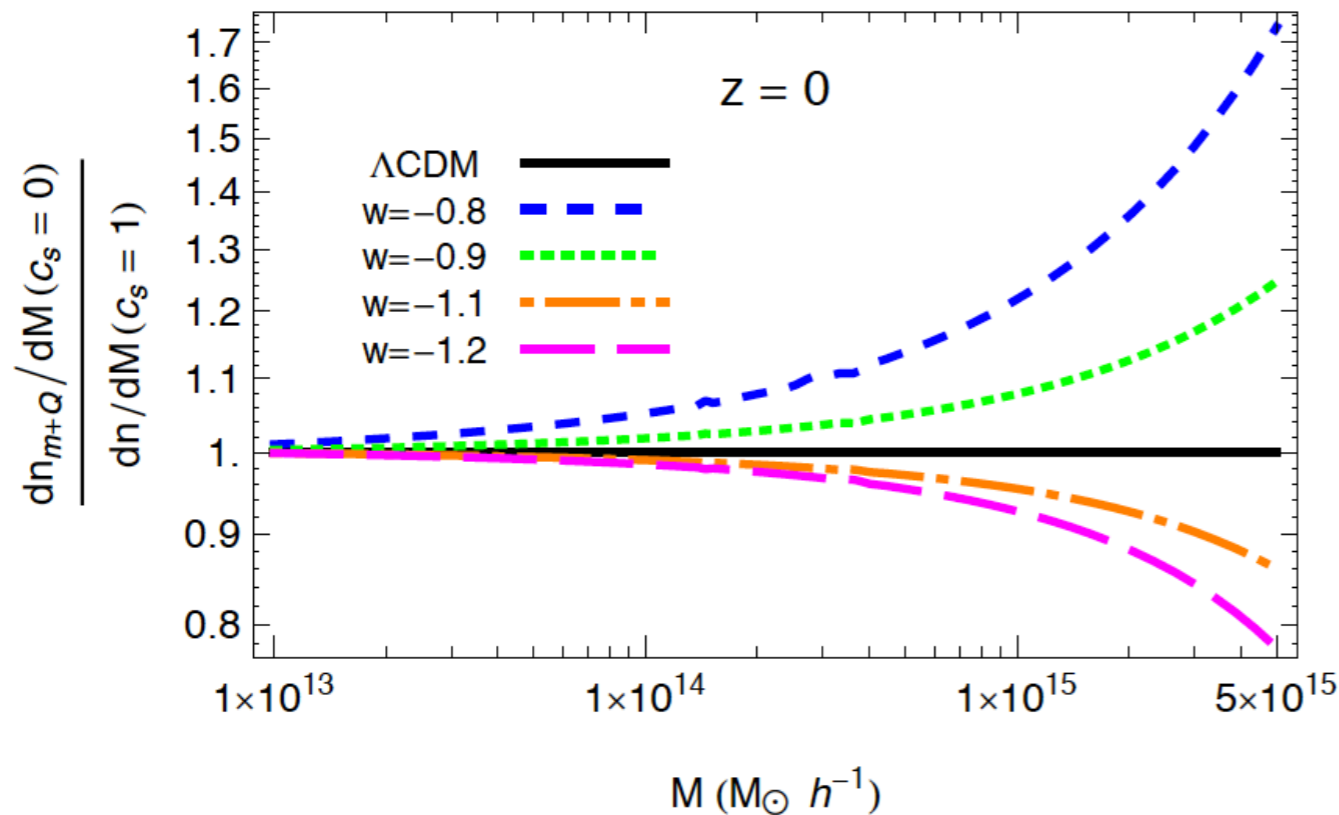
Quintessence “mass”

- Evolution equation inside the overdensity: $\dot{\rho}_Q + 3\frac{\dot{R}}{R}(\rho_Q + \bar{p}_Q) = 0$
- Large overdensities behave as DM:

$$\delta_Q \gg |1 + w| \Rightarrow \delta\dot{\rho}_Q + 3\frac{\dot{R}}{R}\delta\rho_Q \approx 0$$

Conserved quintessence mass inside halos!

$$M_Q = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3}\delta\rho_Q \approx (1 + w) \left. \frac{\Omega_Q}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \right|_{z_{\text{coll}}} \cdot M_{\text{DM}}$$



Summary

- ✓ Quintessence can have zero sound speed! Simplest phenomenological alternative to the smooth case.
- ✓ Nonlinearities break degeneracy with initial amplitude: 1) effects of $\sim 5\%$ (for $|1+w|=0.1$) on the bispectrum absent in smooth case; 2) nonlinear corrections to the power spectrum reduced for $w > -1$ (enhanced for $w < -1$).
- ✓ Virialized objects contain new mass component: effect on mass function for more massive objects.

To do:

- You observe tracers: bias & redshift-space distortion.
- Caustics and virialization.
- Cluster abundance analysis.
- Numerical simulations.