# A gradient expansion

Describing non-linear structures in a perturbative expansion

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# Conclusion

- An expansion in gradients rather then density perturbations, allows for non-linear densities
- The solution to the metric is given in terms of initial conditions and a number of *time*-dependent functions
- The gradient expansion follows exact gravitational collapse remarkably well

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## Results $r/L = 10^{-5}$







# Metric up to 4 gradients

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{ij}^{(4)} &= A^2(t)k_{ij} + \lambda(t)(\hat{R}k_{ij} - 4\hat{R}_{ij}) \\ &+ A^2(t)\int^t \frac{C_1}{A^2}\,\hat{R}^2 k_{ij} + A^2(t)\int^t \frac{C_2}{A^2}\,\hat{R}^{kl}\hat{R}_{kl}k_{ij} + A^2(t)\int^t \frac{C_3}{A^2}\,\hat{R}\hat{R}_{ij} + A^2(t)\int^t \frac{D_1}{A^2}\,\hat{R}^{|k|}_{|k}k_{ij} + A^2(t)\int^t \frac{D_2}{A^2}\,\hat{R}_{|ij} + A^2(t)\int^t \frac{D_3}{A^2}\,\hat{R}_{ij}^{|k|}_{|k} \,. \end{split}$$

 $k_{ij} = \text{initial seed spatial metric (synch. comov. gauge)}$  $\hat{} = \text{quantities evaluated on } k_{ij}$ 

 $+A^2(t)\int \frac{C_4}{A^2}\hat{R}_{ik}\hat{R}^k{}_j$ 

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 $F[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t] \iff$  satisfies HJ-equation  $\iff S[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t]$ 

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# Gradient expansion

- Choose  $F[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t]$  such that it preserves covariance of Hamiltionian and action
- Expand in a hierarchy of number of gradients in the metric

Ansatz: 
$$S[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t] = F[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t] = \int d^3x \sqrt{\gamma} \mathcal{F}[\pi_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t]$$
  
 $\mathcal{F} = -2H(t) + J(t)R + L_1(t)R^2 + L_2(t)R^{ij}R_{ij} + \dots$ 

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 $\overline{\gamma}\mathcal{F}[\pi_{ij},\gamma_{ij},t]$ 

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$$\frac{dH}{dt} + \frac{3}{2}H^2 - \frac{\Lambda}{2} = 0$$
$$\frac{dJ}{dt} + JH - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$
$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} - L_1H - \frac{3}{4}J^2 = 0$$
$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} - L_2H + 2J^2 = 0$$

Solving the Hamilton-Jacobi equation for each number of gradients separately.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}[\pi_{ij},\gamma_{ij},t]}{\partial t} + \int d^3x \,\left\{\frac{2\kappa}{\sqrt{\gamma}}\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \gamma_{ij}}\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \gamma_{kl}}\right\}$$

 $\left(\gamma_{ik}\gamma_{jl} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{ij}\gamma_{kl}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma}}{2\kappa}(R - 2\Lambda)\right\} = 0$ 

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}'[\hat{\pi}_{ij}, \gamma_{ij}, t]}{\partial \hat{\pi}_{ij}}$$

$$=\frac{2}{\sqrt{\gamma}}\frac{\delta\mathcal{S}}{\delta\gamma_{kl}}\left(2\gamma_{ik}\gamma_{jl}-\gamma_{ij}\gamma_{kl}\right)$$

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$$R_J(x, y, z, p) = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{s(t)(t+p)}$$

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$$\begin{split} \tilde{M}a'(r,t) &= -\frac{Y'}{Z} \frac{A}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)} - \frac{\sqrt{Z}\sqrt{(A - z_1)(A - z_2)(A - z_3)}}{\sqrt{A}} \times \\ & \left[ \frac{Y'}{3Z^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{i}{(z_1 z_2 z_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{1}{(z_2 - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)} - \frac{1}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)} \right) R_D \left( \frac{1}{A} - \frac{1}{z_3}, \frac{1}{A} + \frac{Y'}{3Z^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{i}{(z_1 z_2 z_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{1}{(z_3 - z_1)(z_3 - z_2)} - \frac{1}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)} \right) R_D \left( \frac{1}{A} - \frac{1}{z_1}, \frac{1}{A} + \tilde{M} \partial_r t_{BB}(r) \right], \end{split}$$

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 $-\frac{1}{z_1},\frac{1}{A}-\frac{1}{z_2}$  $\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{z_2},\frac{1}{A}-\frac{1}{z_3}\right)$ 





r/L

# **Results** $r/L = 10^{-5}$



# Range of applicability

$$k_{ij} = \left(\frac{t_i}{t_0}\right)^{4/3} \delta_{ij} \left(1 + \frac{10}{3} \Phi(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

$$\gamma_{ij} \simeq \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{4/3} \left[\delta_{ij} + 3\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3} t_0^2 \Phi_{,ij} + \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{4/3}\right]$$

$$\frac{t_{\rm con}}{t_0} \simeq 3.4 \times \frac{H_0^3}{\left(\nabla^2 \Phi\right)^{3/2}} \longrightarrow \text{Poisson} \longrightarrow \delta\rho_0$$



 $\left| t_0^4 \hat{B}_{ij} \right| + \mathcal{O}(6)$ 

## $_0 \simeq 2.5 \times \Omega_m.$

# Zel'dovich approximation

$$\gamma_{ij} \simeq \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{4/3} \left[\delta_{ij} + 3\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3} t_0^2 \Phi_{,ij} + \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{4/3}\right]$$

$$ho \propto rac{1}{\sqrt{\det \gamma_{ij}}}$$

$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{6\pi G t^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det}\left[\delta_{ij} + 3\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3} t_0^2 \Phi_{,ij} + \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{4/3} t_0^4 \hat{B}_{ij}\right]}}$$

 $\left| t_0^4 \hat{B}_{ij} \right| + \mathcal{O}(6)$ 

# Outlook

• Get P(k) for standard cosmology and compare to other non-linear extensions

# Preprepreliminary



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