General relativistic weak-field limit and Newtonian N-body simulations

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Motivation

- Future surveys (DESI, LSST, Euclid, SKA ...) These surveys will go wider and deeper, probing near horizon perturbations
- N-body simulations

These surveys require large volume simulations cf. Euclid flagship simulation L=3.8 Gpc, N=12600³ mock galaxies up to z=2.3



Limitations of Newtonian simulations

Newtonian dynamics is based on "action-at-a-distance" in absolute space and time

Questions

- Are Newtonian N-body simulations consistent with weak-field limit of GR?
- If so, how do we interpret Newtonian simulations in a relativistic framework?
- How do we include relativistic effects missing in simulations (e.g. radiation perturbations)

Newtonian simulations

• Initial conditions

 $oldsymbol{x}(oldsymbol{q},\eta) = oldsymbol{q} + oldsymbol{\psi}(oldsymbol{q},\eta) \qquad \quad -oldsymbol{
abla} \cdot oldsymbol{\psi}_{lpha} = \delta_{lpha}$

• N-body simulations

$$\rho_{\text{count}} = \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{\text{particles}} m \, \delta_{\text{D}}^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_p)$$

$$k^{2}\Phi^{N} = 4\pi G a^{2} \bar{\rho}_{cdm} \delta^{N}_{cdm}$$
$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i} = -\nabla \Phi^{N}$$



$$k^{2}\Phi^{N} = 4\pi G a^{2} \bar{\rho}_{cdm}^{N} \delta_{cdm}^{N}$$
$$\dot{\delta}_{cdm}^{N} + k v_{cdm}^{N} = 0,$$
$$\left[\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}\right] v_{cdm}^{N} = -k\Phi^{N},$$

N-body gauge (linear perturbations) Fidler et.al. arXiv:1505.04756

• N-body gauge

$$\begin{split} g_{00} &= -a^{2}(1+2A) \,, \\ g_{0i} &= -a^{2}B_{i} \,, \\ g_{ij} &= a^{2} \left[\delta_{ij} \left(1+2H_{\rm L} \right) - 2H_{\rm T} \, ij \right] \\ B^{\rm Nb} &= v^{\rm Nb} \ H^{\rm Nb}_{\rm L} &= 0 \end{split} \qquad \qquad \delta^{\rm Nb}_{\rm cdm} + k v^{\rm Nb}_{\rm cdm} = 0 \,, \\ \left[\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H} \right] v^{\rm Nb}_{\rm cdm} &= -k \left(\Phi + \gamma^{\rm Nb} \right) \\ \Phi &\equiv H_{\rm L} + \frac{1}{3} H_{\rm T} + \mathcal{H} k^{-1} \left(B - k^{-1} \dot{H}_{\rm T} \right) \\ - k^{2} \gamma &\equiv \left(\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H} \right) \dot{H}_{\rm T} - 8\pi G a^{2} \bar{p} \Pi \text{ (anisotropic stress)} \end{split}$$

Cold Dark Matter (CDM) + C.C. $H_{\rm T}^{\rm Nb} = 3\zeta = {\rm constant} \ \Pi = 0 \implies \gamma {\rm vanishes}$

• Relativistic density

$$\zeta = H_{\rm L} + \frac{1}{3}H_{\rm T} + \mathcal{H}k^{-1}(B-v)$$

 $\rho = (1 - 3H_{\rm L})\rho_{\rm count}$

Traceless part of 3-metric does not distort volume

Radiation perturbations

• Radiation perturbations

$$\left[\partial_{ au} + \mathcal{H}
ight] oldsymbol{v}_{cdm}^{Nb} =
abla \Phi +
abla \gamma^{Nb}$$

N-body simulation





Newtonian motion gauge Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221

• Newtonian motion gauge



Newtonian motion gauge spacetime

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221

• Time slicing $B^{Nm} = v^{Nm}$ (not a unique choice)

$$g_{00} = -a^{2} \left(1 + 2A^{\text{Nm}}\right),$$

$$g_{0i} = a^{2} i\hat{k}_{i}B^{\text{Nm}},$$

$$g_{ij} = a^{2} \left[\delta_{ij} \left(1 + 2H_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}}\right) + 2\left(\delta_{ij}/3 - \hat{k}_{i}\hat{k}_{j}\right)H_{\text{T}}^{\text{Nm}}\right]$$

$$\left(\bar{\rho} + \bar{p}\right)A^{\text{Nm}} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{p}\Pi - \delta p^{\text{Nm}}$$

$$- 4\pi Ga^{2}\bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}}(3H_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}} + \delta_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{Nm}}) = k^{2}A^{\text{Nm}} + \left(\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}\right)kB^{\text{Nm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\dot{H}_{\text{T}}^{\text{Nm}} = \mathcal{H}A^{\text{Nm}} - \dot{H}_{\text{L}}^{\text{Nm}}$$

Newtonian motion gauge metric

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221



Application to N-body simulations

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1606.05588, arXiv:1702.03221

• Gauge transformation to N-body gauge

At late times, radiation becomes negligible and N-body simulations are easier to interpret in N-body gauge $H_T = \tilde{H}_T + kL$

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{Nb}} &= \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{Nm}} + \boldsymbol{L}^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}}, \qquad \boldsymbol{L}^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} = -k^{-1} \nabla L^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} \\ \ddot{L}^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} &+ \mathcal{H} \dot{L}^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} - 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_{\text{cdm}} L^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} = -k \gamma^{\text{Nb}} - 4\pi G a^2 k^{-1} \bar{\rho}_{\text{other}} \delta^{\text{Nb}}_{\text{other}} \\ \delta^{\text{Nb}}_{\text{cdm}} - \delta^{\text{N}} &= -k L^{\text{Nm} \to \text{Nb}} \end{split}$$

this gauge transformation can be computed by linear Boltzmann code (CLASS)

Comparison with relativistic simulations

Adamek et.al. arXiv:1703.08585



Weak field expansion

• Non-linear density and velocity

In Newtonian simulations, density and velocity become non-linear but the Newtonian potential remains small $abla^2 \Phi({m x}, au) = -4\pi G ar
ho a^2 \delta({m x}, au)$

• Weak field expansion

$$\nabla = k_{\text{ref}} \mathcal{O}(\kappa) \qquad k_{\text{ref}} = aH \equiv \mathcal{H} \qquad \Phi \text{ is of } \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Super/near horizon scales $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ $\delta = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$
- Under horizon and linear scales $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ (standard cosmological pert.)
- Under horizon and "non-linear" scales $\kappa^2 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$

$$\delta = \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2 \epsilon) = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \kappa = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1/2})$$

Weak field expansion

• Metric perturbations $(A, H_L, B, B_i, H_T, H_{Ti} \text{ and } H_{Tij})$ are of order ϵ .

$$g_{00} = -a^{2} (1 + 2A) ,$$

$$g_{0i} = -a^{2} \left(B_{i} + \hat{\nabla}_{i} B \right) ,$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_{i} \equiv -(-\Delta)^{-1/2} \nabla_{i} \quad \Delta = \nabla^{2}$$

$$g_{ij} = a^{2} \left[\delta_{ij} (1 + 2H_{\rm L}) + 2 \left(\hat{\nabla}_{i} \hat{\nabla}_{j} + \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \right) H_{\rm T} - \hat{\nabla}_{i} H_{\rm Tj} - \hat{\nabla}_{j} H_{\rm Ti} - 2H_{\rm Tij} \right]$$

• Matter perturbations $\delta = \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2 \epsilon)$ $v = \mathcal{O}(\kappa \epsilon)$ $\Sigma \sim \Sigma^i \sim \Sigma^{ij} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ $T^0_{\ 0} = -\rho$, $T^0_{\ i} = (\rho + p)(v_i + \hat{\nabla}_i v - B_i - \hat{\nabla}_i B)$ $T^i_{\ j} = p\delta^i_j + \left(\hat{\nabla}^i \hat{\nabla}_j + \frac{\delta^i_j}{3}\right) \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{\nabla}^i \Sigma_j + \hat{\nabla}_j \Sigma^i\right) - \Sigma^i_{\ j} + (\rho + p)(v^i + \hat{\nabla}^i v)(v_j + \hat{\nabla}_j v)$

Weak field Newtonian motion gauge

Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

• Temporal gauge

v=B violates our assumption we adopt $\Re B=\dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}}$ $\Re=(-\Delta)^{1/2}$

Newtonian variables

$$4\pi G a^2 \delta \rho_{\rm count}^{\rm cdm} = \Re^2 \Phi^{\rm N} \qquad \qquad \delta_{\rm count}^{\rm cdm} = \delta + 3H_{\rm L} = \delta^{\rm N} \qquad v^{\rm cdm} = v^{\rm N}$$

Newtonian motion gauge

 $A + (\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}) \,\mathfrak{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} = -\Phi^{\mathrm{N}}$

This spatial gauge condition realises Newtonian (non-linear) Euler equation

$$egin{aligned} & (\partial_{ au}+\mathcal{H})\left(v_{i}^{ ext{cdm}}+\hat{
abla}_{i}v^{ ext{cdm}}
ight)-(v_{ ext{cdm}}^{j}+\hat{
abla}^{j}v^{ ext{cdm}})\hat{
abla}_{j}\mathfrak{K}(v_{i}^{ ext{cdm}}+\hat{
abla}_{i}v^{ ext{cdm}})+\hat{
abla}_{i}\mathfrak{K}\Phi^{ ext{N}}\ &=-rac{1}{
ho}\left(rac{2}{3}\hat{
abla}_{i}\mathfrak{K}\Sigma^{ ext{cdm}}-rac{1}{2}\mathfrak{K}\Sigma^{ ext{cdm}}_{i}
ight)\,. \end{aligned}$$

Linear Boltzmann + Newtonian N-body Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

• Gauge conditions

 $\begin{aligned} (\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H})\dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} &= 4\pi G a^{2} (\delta\rho_{\gamma} + 3\mathcal{H}(\rho_{\gamma} + p_{\gamma})\mathfrak{K}^{-1}(v - \mathfrak{K}^{-1}\dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}}) - \rho_{\mathrm{cdm}}(3\zeta - H_{\mathrm{T}})) + 8\pi G a^{2}\Sigma \\ \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} &= \mathfrak{K}B \end{aligned}$

These are $O(\epsilon)$ equations so can be computed using a linear Boltzmann code Other variables can be computed using simulation quantities $\delta^{N} v^{N} \Phi^{N}$

$$\begin{split} A &= -\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} - \left(\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}\right) \mathfrak{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} \,, \\ H_{\mathrm{L}} &= \Phi^{\mathrm{N}} - \frac{1}{3} H_{\mathrm{T}} - \gamma \,, \\ v &= v^{\mathrm{N}} \,, \\ \delta &= \delta^{\mathrm{N}} - 3H_{\mathrm{L}} = \delta^{\mathrm{N}} - 3\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + H_{\mathrm{T}} + 3\gamma \qquad \gamma \equiv -\left(\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}\right) \mathfrak{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} + 8\pi G a^{2} \mathfrak{K}^{-2} \Sigma \end{split}$$

Linear Boltzmann + Newtonian N-body Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

• Relativistic corrections (radiation) + non-linear corrections

 $A = -\Phi^{\rm N} \left[\left(\partial_\tau + \mathcal{H} \right) \mathfrak{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_{\rm T} \right]_{\rm Relativistic \ correction}$



Poisson gauge

• Relation to Poisson gauge (time slicing is the same)

$$\begin{split} \Psi &\equiv A^{\mathrm{P}} = A = -\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} - (\partial_{\tau} + \mathcal{H}) \,\mathfrak{K}^{-2} \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} \\ \delta^{\mathrm{P}} &= \delta = \delta^{\mathrm{N}} - 3\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + H_{\mathrm{T}} + 3\gamma \,. \\ \Phi &\equiv H_{\mathrm{L}}^{\mathrm{P}} = \Phi^{\mathrm{N}} - \gamma \\ v^{\mathrm{P}} &= v^{\mathrm{N}} - \mathfrak{K}^{-1} \dot{H}_{\mathrm{T}} \quad \text{(space threading is different)} \end{split}$$

• At late time (C.C. + CDM)

$$\begin{split} \delta &= \delta^{\mathrm{N}} - 3 \left(\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + \zeta \right) , \quad v = v^{\mathrm{N}} , \quad A = -\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} , \quad B = 0 , \quad H_{\mathrm{L}} = \Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + \zeta , \quad H_{\mathrm{T}} = 3\zeta \\ \delta^{\mathrm{P}} &= \delta^{\mathrm{N}} - 3\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + 3\zeta \qquad \Phi = \Phi^{\mathrm{N}} , \\ v^{\mathrm{P}} &= v^{\mathrm{N}} \qquad \Psi = -\Phi = -\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} \end{split}$$

Ray tracing Fidler et.al. arXiv:1708.07769

• N-body results should be interpreted in Nm gauge photon displacement

$$\begin{split} \delta x^{0} &= \left[-\delta a_{0} + \Phi_{0}^{\mathrm{N}} + v_{||}^{0} \right] \chi - 2 \int_{0}^{\chi_{s}} \mathrm{d}\chi \left[\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} + (\chi_{s} - \chi) \dot{\Phi}^{N} \right] + \int_{0}^{\tau_{0}} \mathrm{d}\tau \Phi^{\mathrm{N}}(0,\tau) \\ \delta x^{i} &= \left[\delta a_{0}n^{i} + \Phi_{0}^{\mathrm{N}}n^{i} - v_{0}^{i} - \hat{\nabla}^{i}v_{0} \right] \chi + 2 \int_{0}^{\chi_{s}} \mathrm{d}\chi \left[- \Phi^{\mathrm{N}}n^{i} + (\chi_{s} - \chi)\nabla^{i}\Phi^{\mathrm{N}} \right] \\ &+ \frac{\hat{\nabla}^{i}\mathfrak{K}^{-1}(H_{\mathrm{T}e} - H_{\mathrm{T}0})}{\mathrm{See also Adamek arXiv:1707.06938}} \end{split}$$

Nm trajectory

Poisson trajectory

• Chisari & Zaldarriaga description

$$oldsymbol{x}^{\mathrm{P}} = oldsymbol{x}^{\mathrm{Nm}} + \delta oldsymbol{x}_{\mathrm{in}}, \quad
abla \cdot \delta oldsymbol{x}_{\mathrm{in}} = -5 \Phi^{\mathrm{N}}_{\mathrm{in}} = -3 \zeta$$

Chisari & Zaldarriaga arXiv:1101.3555

Going beyond linear order

- Bispectrum including relativistic corrections
 - To compute quantities like bispectrum, we need a scheme to combine second order relativistic perturbations + Newtonian N-body simulations e.g. squeezed limit $B(\vec{k_1}, \vec{k_2}, \vec{k_3}) \quad \vec{k_1} \rightarrow 0$ $\vec{k_1} \rightarrow \vec{k_1}$
- 2nd order Boltzmann code is required



- Initial conditions
 - In GR, the constraint equation becomes non-linear at second order
- Scalar-vector-tensor mixing
 - At second order, scalar, vector and tensor mix.

Second order Poisson density

• Second order density in Poisson gauge

$$\frac{1}{2}\delta_{P}^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{k}}\left\{\mathcal{K}_{P}(k_{1},k_{2},k)\delta_{P}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_{1})\,\delta_{P}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_{2})\right\},\\ \mathcal{K}_{P,\mathrm{VR}} \equiv \frac{\left(\beta_{P,\mathrm{VR}} - \alpha_{P,\mathrm{VR}}\right) + \frac{\beta_{P,\mathrm{VR}}}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{1}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{2}\left(\frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}} + \frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}}\right) + \alpha_{P,\mathrm{VR}}\left(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{1}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{2}\right)^{2} + \gamma_{P,\mathrm{VR}}\left(\frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}} - \frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right)^{2}}{\left(1 + 3f\frac{\mathcal{H}^{2}}{k_{1}^{2}}\right)\left(1 + 3f\frac{\mathcal{H}^{2}}{k_{2}^{2}}\right)}$$

full solutions with CDM + C.C. is known Villa & Rampf arXiv:1505.04782 EdS limit Newtonian solutions $\alpha_{P,EdS} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{59\mathcal{H}^2}{14k^2} + \frac{45\mathcal{H}^4}{2k^4}$ $\beta_{P,EdS} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{1}{2k^2} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{54\mathcal{H}^4}{k^4},$ $\gamma_{P,EdS} = -\frac{3\mathcal{H}^2}{2k^2} + \frac{9\mathcal{H}^4}{2k^4}.$ The dominant term in the squeezed limit

Full solutions from 2nd order Boltzmann code

Tram et.al. arXiv:1602.05933

• Comparison with **SONG*** Pettinari et.al. arXiv:1302.0832; arXiv:1406.2981 Fidler et.al. arXiv:1401.3296



* https://github.com/coccoinomane/song

Squeezed limit from separate universe

Tram et.al. arXiv:1602.05933

- Squeezed limit
 - The effect of long-modes can be considered as coordinate transformations for short modes $\delta = (\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}^{i}) + \delta = (n - n^{i}) + \frac{\partial \delta \rho_{P}}{\partial r} (n - n^{i}) (\tilde{x} - n^{i}) + \frac{\partial \delta \rho_{P}}{\partial r} (n - n^{i}) (\tilde{x}^{i})$



Initial conditions

• Comoving synchronous gauge

$$ds^{2} = a(\tau)^{2} \left[-d\tau^{2} + \gamma_{ij}(\tau, q^{k}) dq^{i} dq^{j} \right] = a(\tau)^{2} \left[-d\tau^{2} + \exp\left(2\zeta(\tau, q^{k})\right) \hat{\gamma}_{ij}(\tau, q^{l}) dq^{i} dq^{j} \right]$$

Constraint equation Bruni et.al. arXiv:1307.1478; arXiv: 1405.7006

$$\nabla^2 \zeta - 2 \zeta \nabla^2 \zeta + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \zeta \right)^2 = -\frac{5}{2} a^2 H^2 \delta$$

Primordial non-Gaussianity

Bartolo et.al. astro-ph/0501614

$$\Phi_N = \varphi + f_{\rm NL} \left(\varphi^2 - \langle \varphi^2 \rangle \right) \qquad \varphi = \varphi_S + \varphi_I$$

$$\left(1+2f_{\rm NL}\varphi_L\right)\nabla^2\varphi_S = -\frac{3}{2}a^2H^2\delta_S$$

There is a subtle but important difference between GR non-linearity and primordial NG Bartolo, ... Sasaki,... et.al. arXiv:1506.00915

Matter evolution equations

• Continuity and Euler equation

Up to second order, there exists a gauge in which relativistic corrections appear only at third order Hwang and Noh astro-ph/9812007, gr-qc/0412128, 0412129

• Solutions for matter perturbations

$$\delta_C(\mathbf{q},\tau) = \underbrace{C(\mathbf{q})D_+(\tau)}_{n=2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} P_n(\mathbf{q})D_{n+}(\mathbf{q},\tau)$$
$$C(\mathbf{q}) \propto \exp(-2\zeta) \left[-4\nabla^2 \zeta - 2(\nabla\zeta)^2\right]$$

Non-linearity in the Hamiltonian constraint introduces additional GR corrections

Bertacca et.al. 1501.03163 Gong & Yoo 1602.06300

GRN-body Shibata 1999 Prog. Theor. Phys. 101, 251 and 1199

• Geodesic

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{\frac{dx^i}{dt} = -\beta^i + \frac{\gamma^{ij}u_j}{u^0}} \\ & \frac{du_i}{dt} = -\alpha u^0 \alpha_{,i} + u_j \beta^j_{,i} - \frac{u_j u_k}{2u^0} \gamma^{jk}_{,i}} \end{aligned}$$

• Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} R - \tilde{A}_{ij}\tilde{A}^{ij} + \frac{2}{3}K^2 &= 16\pi E, \\ D_i \tilde{A}^i{}_j - \frac{2}{3}D_j K &= 8\pi J_j, \end{aligned}$$

• Evolution equations (GR)

$$ds^{2} = (-\alpha^{2} + \beta_{k}\beta^{k})dt^{2} + 2\beta_{i}dx^{i}dt + \gamma_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j}$$
$$\gamma = \det(\gamma_{ij}) \equiv e^{12\phi},$$
$$\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi}\gamma_{ij}, \text{ i.e., } \det(\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}) = 1$$
$$\tilde{A}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi}\left(K_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\gamma_{ij}K\right),$$

$$E = m_p \sum_{a=1}^{N} (u^0)_a \alpha e^{-6\phi} \delta^{(3)} (x^k - x_a^k),$$
$$J_i = m_p \sum_{a=1}^{N} (u_i)_a e^{-6\phi} \delta^{(3)} (x^k - x_a^k),$$

 $(\partial_t - \beta^k \partial_k) \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = -2\alpha \tilde{A}_{ij} + \tilde{\gamma}_{ik} \beta^k_{,j} + \tilde{\gamma}_{jk} \beta^k_{,i} - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \beta^k_{,k} \quad \dots$

Other approaches

• Weak field expansion

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• Full GR simulations with dust

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Conclusions

• Newtonian motion gauge

We provided a framework to interpret and use Newtonian N-body simulations in terms of the weak filed limit of general relativity at leading order

- inclusion of relativistic perturbations using a linear Einstein-Boltzmann code
- identification of relativistic corrections to particle positions in N-body simulations
- Going beyond linear order
 - 2nd order Einstein-Boltzmann code is available and tested
 - Relativistic corrections to initial conditions need to be included
 - Still missing "2nd order Newtonian motion gauge"