

Title: Parameterizing dark sector perturbations

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Abstract: <span>When recent observational evidence and the GR+FRW+CDM model are combined we obtain the result that the Universe is accelerating, where the acceleration is due to some not-yet-understood "dark sector". There has been a considerable number of theoretical models constructed in an attempt to provide an "understanding" of the dark

sector: dark energy and modified gravity theories. The proliferation of modified gravity and dark energy models has brought to light the need to construct a "generic" way to parameterize the dark sector.

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We will discuss our new way of approaching this problem, looking at linearised perturbations. Our approach is inspired by that taken in particle physics, where the most general modifications to the standard model are written down for a given field content that is compatible with some assumed symmetry (which we take to be isotropy of the background spatial sections). Our emphasis is on constructing a theoretically motivated toolkit which can be used to extract meaningful information about the dark sector (such as its field content). We find, for example, that the observational impact of very broad classes of theories can be encoded by a very small (less than 5) number of parameters. It is these parameters which we hope to measure with observational data.</span>

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## Introduction

Einstein's field equations with FRW metric yield

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P) \quad \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 \equiv \mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho \quad \dot{\rho} = -3\mathcal{H}(\rho + P)$$

Also do for fluctuations about FRW (now study structures)

$$g_{\mu\nu} = a^2(\tau) [\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \mathbf{x})]$$

Provides a set of predictions for

**Distances** to (e.g.) supernovae

**Cosmic Microwave Background** fluctuation spectrum

**Structure**... how many galaxies of each size should there be?

*(all quantities which we can & have observed)*

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General Relativity

FRW metric

Standard matter content



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data

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***Inconsistent!***

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& galaxy rotations...

cosmic acceleration

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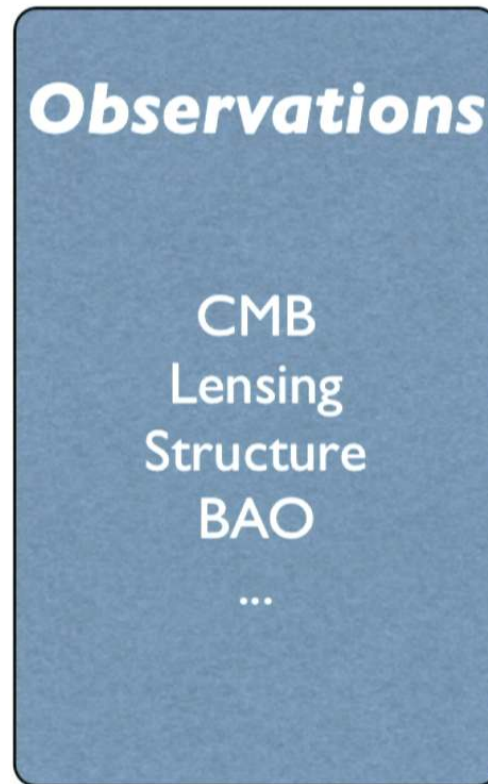
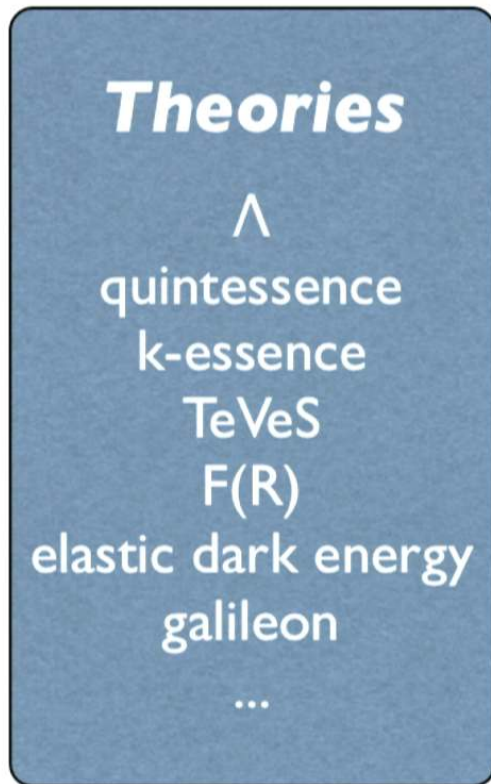
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$$\mathcal{L} = R - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \lambda(A^\mu A_\mu - 1) \quad \text{Einstein aether}$$

& many more besides

... Lagrangian engineering

## The problem



## CFHTLenS parameterization:

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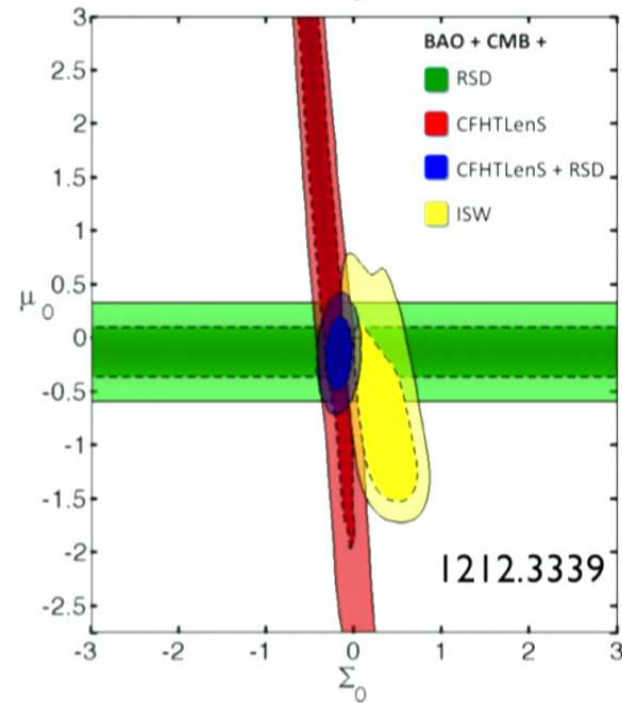
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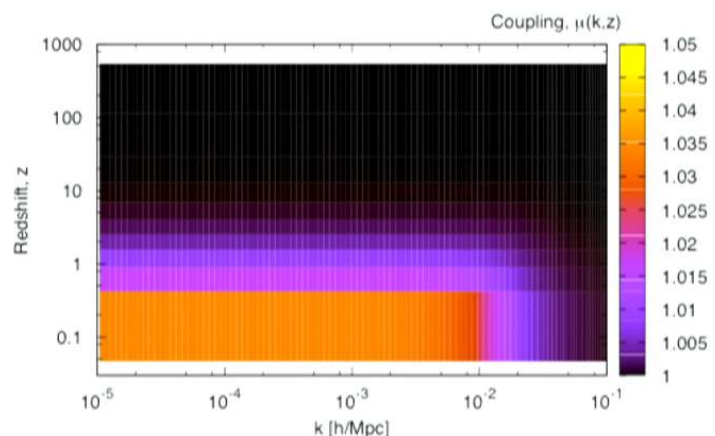
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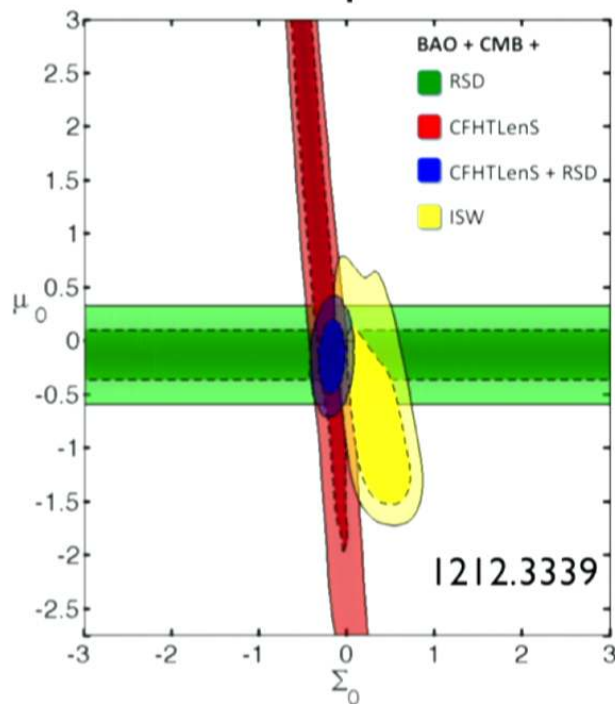
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Scalar field model: only 5% deviation



## Lagrangian for perturbations

**Nothing extra:**  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(g_{\mu\nu})$

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has maximum of 5 components in isotropic space

Elastic dark energy, massive gravity, ...

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{\text{EDE}}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = & -\rho u^\mu u^\nu u^\alpha u^\beta + P(u^\mu u^\nu \gamma^{\alpha\beta} + u^\alpha u^\beta \gamma^{\mu\nu}) \\ & -2P(\gamma^{\alpha(\mu} u^{\nu)} u^\beta + \gamma^{\beta(\mu} u^{\nu)} u^\alpha) \\ & +(\beta - P - \frac{2}{3}\mu) \gamma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} + 2(\mu + P) \gamma^{\mu(\alpha} \gamma^{\beta)\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{PF}}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = m^2 \left( g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu(\alpha} g^{\beta)\nu} \right)$$

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(74 before isotropy!)

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Formalism can be extended to include...

- Lorentz violating theories ✓
- Massive gravity ✓
- Multi-field dark energy ✓
- High-derivative scalar field theories
- Vector field theories
- Curvature tensor theories
- Bimetric
- Couplings between known & dark sector

& identify “generalized” boundary terms

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$$B_W = -C_W = -\rho, \quad D_W = -E_W = -P$$

LV massive gravity with time translation invariance is *elastic dark energy*  
... massive gravity is the manifestation of rigidity of spacetime

masses determined by bulk & shear moduli of elastic medium

## Perturbed dark energy momentum tensor

Everything boils down to

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu} + \delta U_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\delta U^{\mu\nu} = \hat{Y}^{\mu\nu} \delta\phi + \hat{W}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \delta g_{\alpha\beta}$$

with

can be traced back to couplings  
in the quadratic action

$$\hat{Y} = \mathbb{A} + \mathbb{B}\nabla + \mathbb{C}\nabla\nabla + \mathbb{D}\nabla\nabla\nabla + \dots$$

(suppressing indices)

$$\hat{W} = \mathbb{E} + \mathbb{F}\nabla + \mathbb{G}\nabla\nabla + \mathbb{H}\nabla\nabla\nabla + \dots$$

Lagrangian contains “too much” information for cosmological perturbations, but it is useful for understanding what the free functions mean... *symmetries & couplings*

## Perturbed fluid variables

$$\mathcal{L}_{\{2\}} \rightarrow \delta U^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \delta\phi \\ \nabla_\mu \delta\phi \\ \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \delta\phi \\ \vdots \\ \delta g_{\mu\nu} \\ \nabla_\alpha \delta g_{\mu\nu} \\ \nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta \delta g_{\mu\nu} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \delta \\ \theta \\ \delta P \\ \Pi \end{array} \right\}$$

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direct correspondence  
(see paper)

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evolve via  
gravitational field  
equations

Perturbed conservation equation  $\delta(\nabla_\mu U^\mu{}_\nu) = 0$

$$\dot{\delta} = -(1+w)\left(\nabla_\mu v^\mu + \frac{1}{2}\dot{h}\right) - 3\mathcal{H}\left(\frac{\delta P}{\delta\rho} - w\right)\delta$$

$$\dot{v}_\alpha = -\mathcal{H}(1-3w)v_\alpha + (\bar{\nabla}_\alpha\phi - \mathcal{H}n_\alpha) - \frac{1}{\rho(1+w)}\bar{\nabla}_\alpha\delta P - \frac{w}{1+w}\nabla_\mu\Pi^\mu{}_\alpha$$

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \quad u^\mu u_\mu = -1 \quad u^\mu v_\mu = u^\mu n_\mu = u^\mu \gamma_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Pi^\mu{}_\mu = u^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

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### QUESTIONS:

- ▶ Are there generic forms of these expressions for wide classes of theories?
- ▶ Is there a specific form for given field content ...?

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Perturbed fluid variables:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \\ \theta^s \\ \delta P \\ w\Pi^s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 & A_{14} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} \\ A_{41} & A_{42} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi \\ \dot{\delta\phi} \\ \ddot{\delta\phi} \\ \dot{h} \end{pmatrix}$$

Activation matrix

scale independant

Rearrange

$$w\Gamma = \omega_1 \delta + \omega_2 \theta^s + \omega_3 \dot{h} + \omega_4 \ddot{h},$$

$$w\Pi^s = A_{41}^2 (\beta_1 \delta + \beta_1 A_{14} \dot{h} + \beta_2 \theta^s)$$

$$w\Gamma = \left( \frac{\delta P}{\delta \rho} - w \right) \delta$$

entropy perturbation

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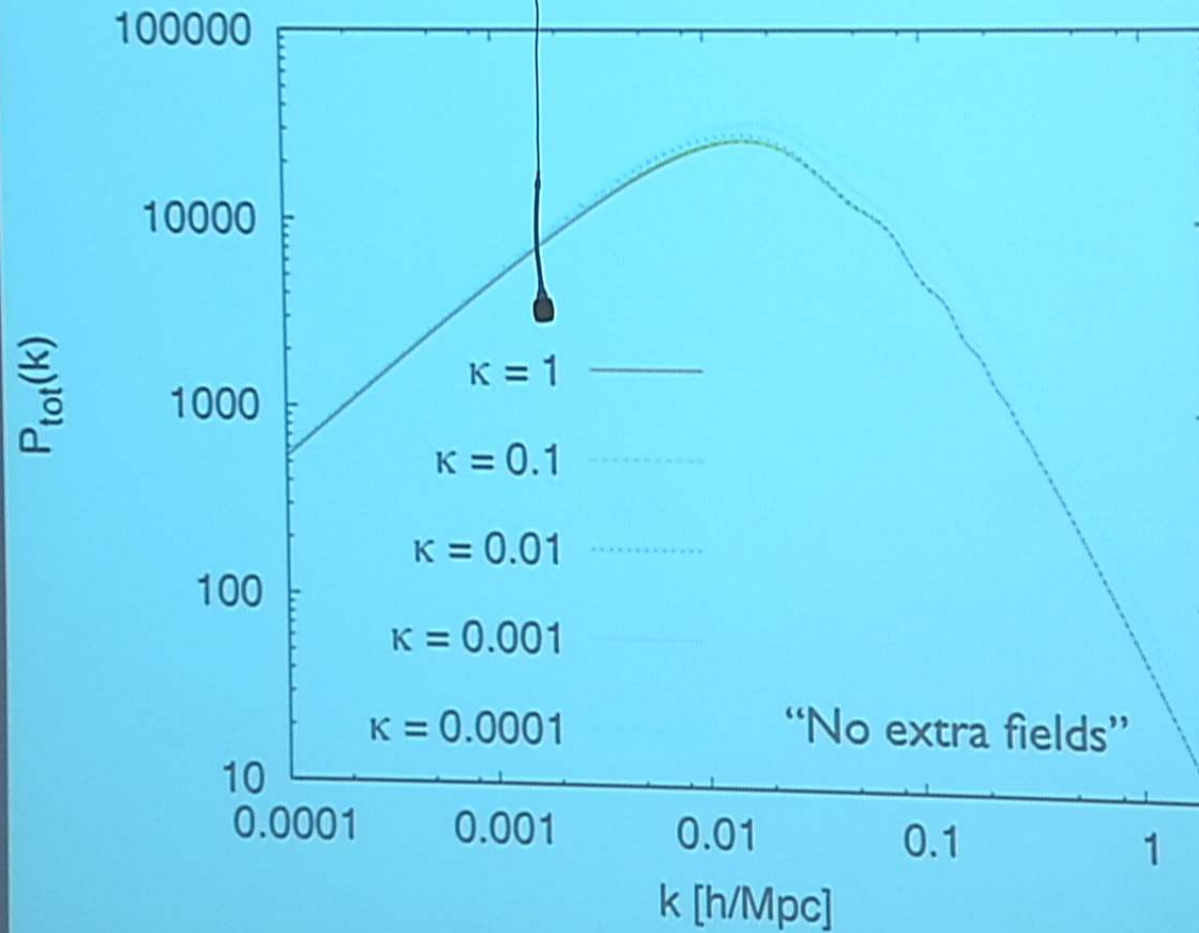
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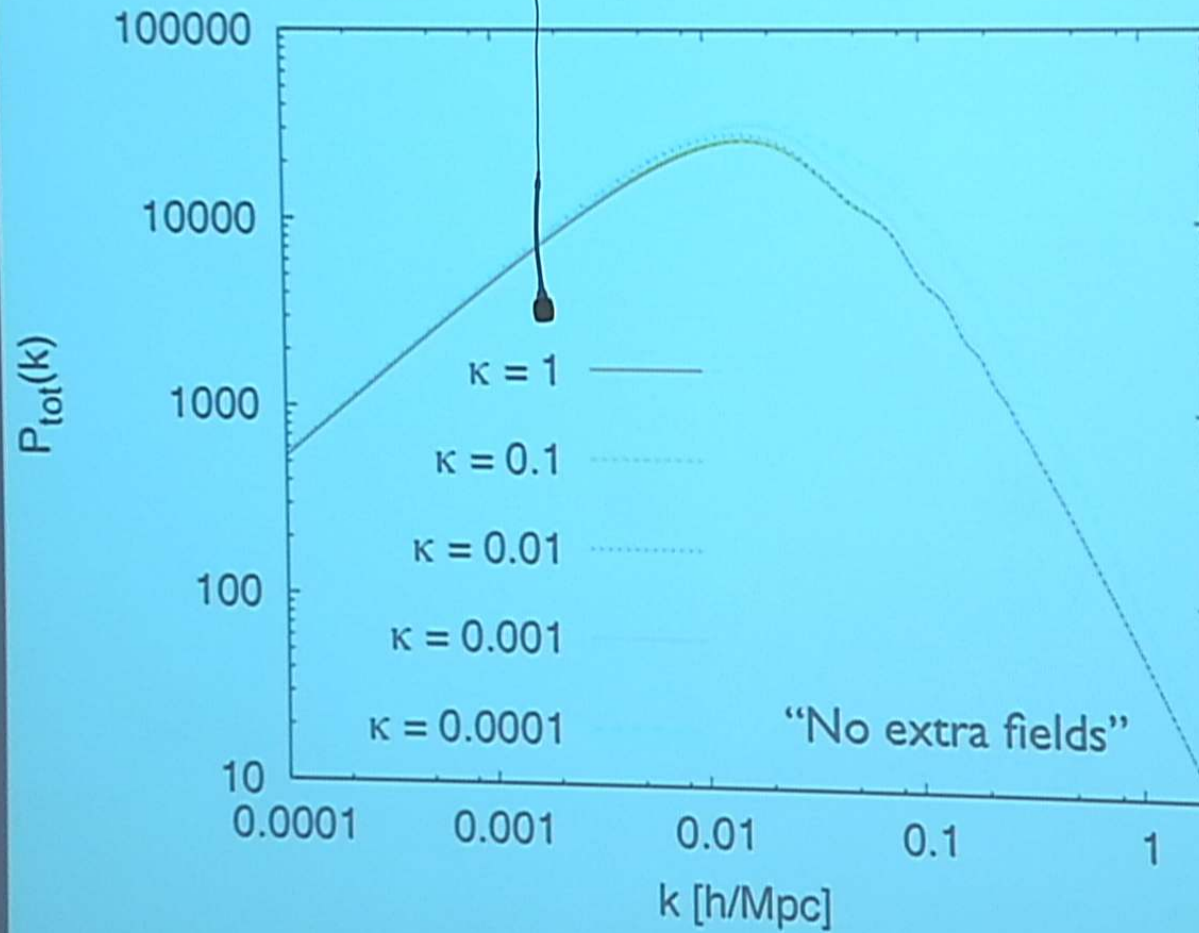
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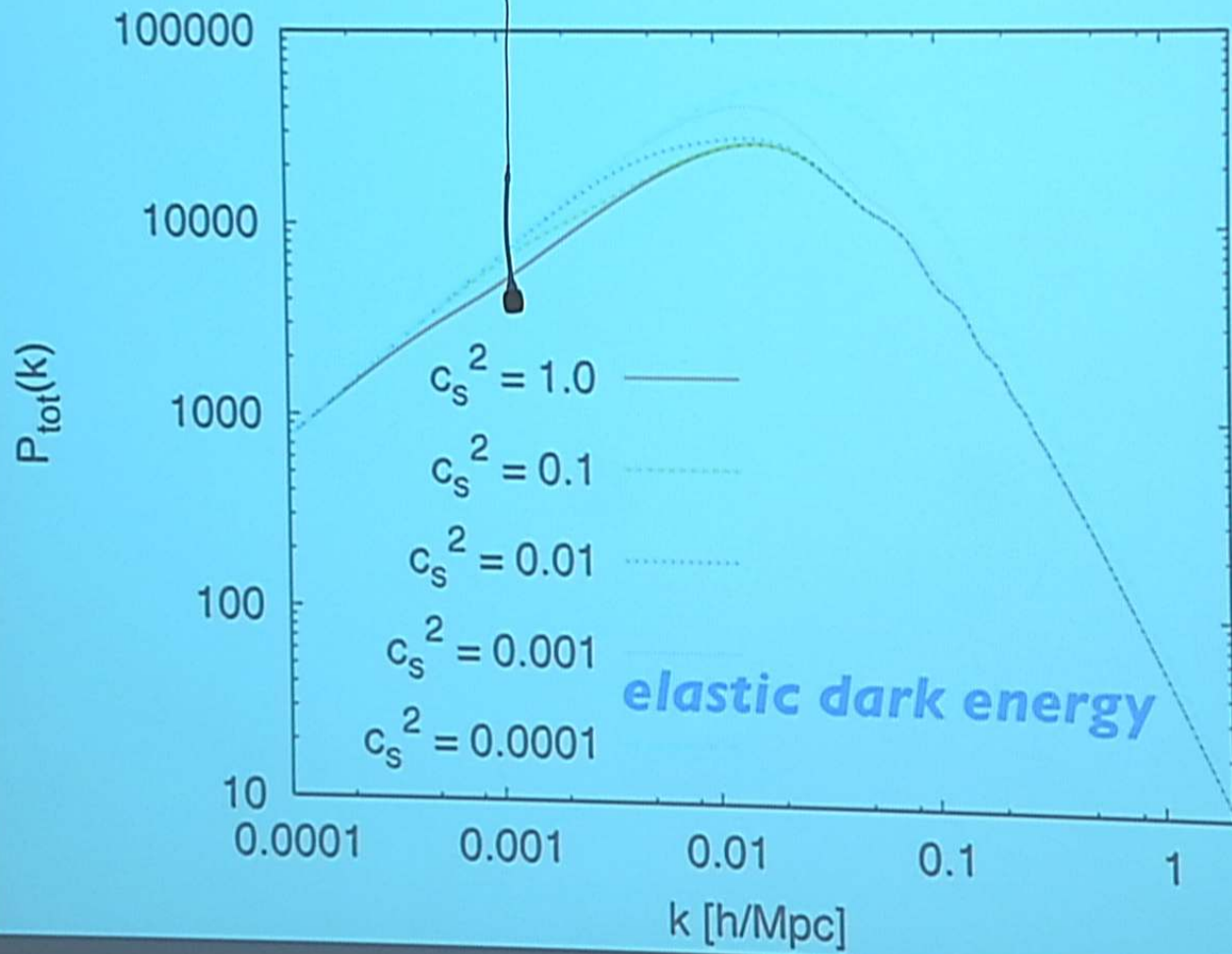
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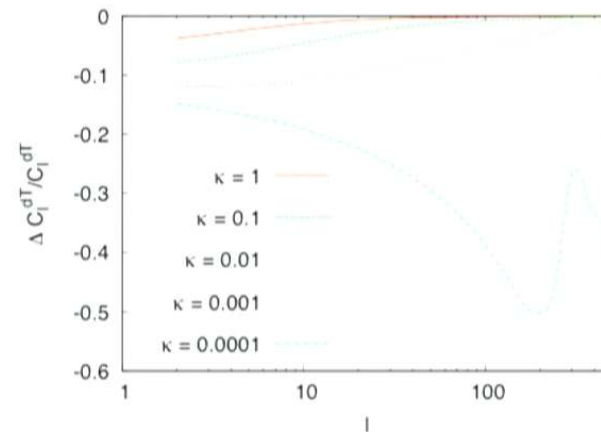
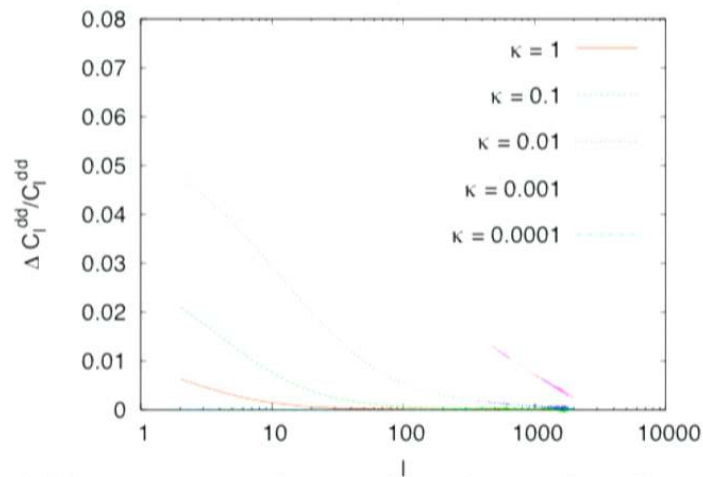
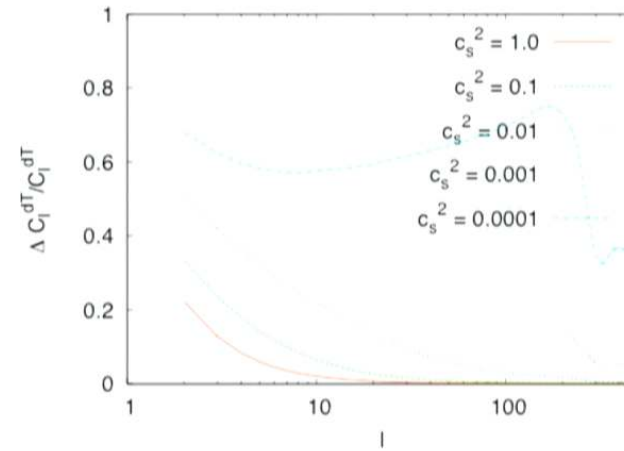
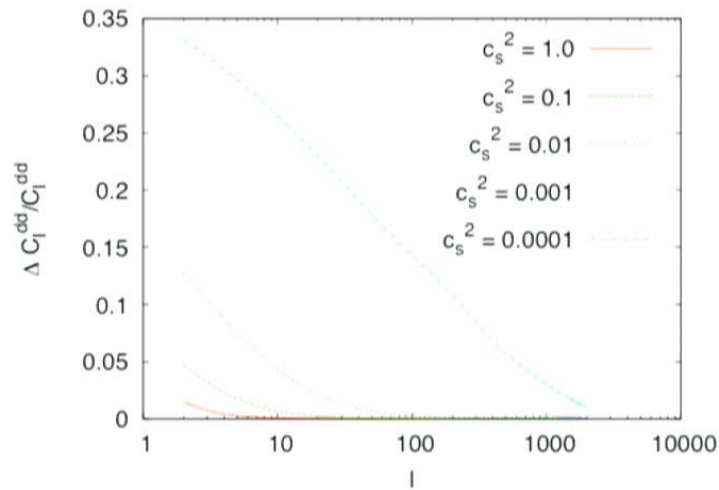
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