

Newtonian vs. Relativistic nonlinear cosmology

Why Newton's gravity is reliable in the large-scale cosmological simulations:
Perspectives from Einstein's gravity

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0. Cosmological perturbation theory

Methods:

- Relativistic:

1. Einstein equations (Lifshitz 1946)
2. Covariant equations ($1 + 3$, \tilde{u}_a ; Hawking 1966)
3. ADM equations ($3 + 1$, \tilde{n}_a ; Bardeen 1980)
4. Action formulation (Lukash 1980; Mukhanov 1988)

- Newtonian:

1. Hydrodynamic equations (Bonnor 1957)

★ Relativistic-Newtonian **correspondence** in the zero-pressure case.

★ **True** even to the second order!

Three perturbation types:

1. Scalar-type: density fluctuations
2. Vector-type: rotation
3. Tensor-type: gravitational wave

★ To linear-order, **decouple** in Friedmann background

★ **Couple** to the second order!

Classical Evolution:

1. Scalar-type: super-sound-horizon scale conservation
2. Rotation: angular momentum conservation
3. Gravitational wave: super-horizon scale conservation

★ **True** even to the second order!

“The theory of linear (i.e., small) perturbations of the expanding, isotropic, and homogeneous Friedmann cosmology springs into existence virtually full-grown with the work of Lifshitz (1946).”

Press and Vishniac (1980)



Evgenii Mikhaïlovich Lifshitz (1915 - 1985)



E. M. LIFSHITZ

Why linear theory?:

1. The CMB temperature and polarization anisotropies are very small $\frac{\delta T}{T} \sim 10^{-5}$.
2. The large-scale clustering of galaxies are approximately linear as the scale becomes large. Our own homogeneous and isotropic background world model relies on this assumption. Observations are **not inconsistent** with the assumption.

If the fluctuation is on $\sim 10^{-5}$ level, Taylor's series theorem guarantees the non-linear terms are small $\sim 10^{-10}$.

Still, considering that the basic equations are fully nonlinear the nonlinearities exist always. The point is whether we can ignore (or tolerate) the level of nonlinearities.

It looks we may currently **assume** linearity in the early universe and in the large-scale in the present era.

If the situation is linear, then we can handle both physics and mathematics very reliably.

“The evolution of linear perturbations of FRW models has been discussed by a large number of authors and is very nearly a closed book.”

George Efstathiou (1989)

“Do I dare disturb the universe?”

T. S. Eliot (1888-1965)

Perturbed Friedmann world model:

Metric:

$$ds^2 = -a^2 (1 + 2\alpha) d\eta^2 - 2a^2(\beta_{,\alpha} + B_\alpha^{(v)})d\eta dx^\alpha + a^2 \left[g_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)} (1 + 2\varphi) + 2\gamma_{,\alpha|\beta} + 2C_{(\alpha|\beta)}^{(v)} + 2C_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} \right] dx^\alpha dx^\beta. \quad (1)$$

Energy momentum tensor:

$$\tilde{T}_0^0 \equiv -\mu - \delta\mu, \quad \tilde{T}_\alpha^0 \equiv (\mu + p) (-v_{,\alpha} + v_\alpha^{(v)}), \quad \tilde{T}_\beta^\alpha \equiv (p + \delta p) \delta_\beta^\alpha + \Pi_\beta^\alpha. \quad (2)$$

Linear perturbation assumes all perturbation variables are small.

Thus, ignore any quadratic and higher-order combination of perturbation variables.

“the linear perturbations are so surprisingly simple that a perturbation analysis accurate to second order may be feasible . . .”

Sachs and Wolfe (1967)

Perturbed action: (Lukash 1980; Mukhanov 1988)

$$\delta^2 S = \frac{1}{2} \int a^3 Q \left(\dot{\Phi}^2 - c_A^2 \frac{1}{a^2} \Phi^{,\alpha} \Phi_{,\alpha} \right) dt d^3 x, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lll} \Phi = \varphi_v & Q = \frac{\mu+p}{c_s^2 H^2} & c_A^2 \rightarrow c_s^2 \quad (\text{fluid}) \\ \Phi = \varphi_{\delta\phi} & Q = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{H^2} & c_A^2 \rightarrow 1 \quad (\text{field}) \\ \Phi = C_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} & Q = \frac{1}{8\pi G} & c_A^2 \rightarrow 1 \quad (\text{GW}) \end{array} \right.$$

$\varphi_v \equiv \varphi - aHv$ and $\varphi_{\delta\phi} \equiv \varphi - \frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\delta\phi$: gauge-invariant combinations.

★ Generalized gravity theories as well!

Equation of motion (Field-Shepley 1968) $v \equiv z\Phi$ and $z \equiv a\sqrt{Q}$:

$$\frac{1}{a^3 Q} \left(a^3 Q \dot{\Phi} \right)' - c_A^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \Phi = \frac{1}{a^2 z} \left[v'' - \left(\frac{z''}{z} + c_A^2 \Delta \right) v \right] = 0. \quad (4)$$

Large-scale solution:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = C(\mathbf{x}) - D(\mathbf{x}) \int_0^t \frac{dt}{a^3 Q}. \quad (5)$$

 Growing mode in expanding phase

Compared with quantum field in curved space:¹

Equation of motion: $\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \phi(t) + \delta\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\underbrace{\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} - \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\phi + V_{,\phi}}_{\text{quantum field in curved space}} = 0,$$

$$\underbrace{\delta\ddot{\phi}_\varphi + 3H\delta\dot{\phi}_\varphi + \left[-\frac{\Delta}{a^2} + V_{,\phi\phi}\right]}_{\text{without metric pert.}} + \underbrace{2\frac{\dot{H}}{H}\left(3H - \frac{\dot{H}}{H} + 2\frac{\ddot{\phi}}{\dot{\phi}}\right)}_{\text{from metric fluctuation}} \delta\phi_\varphi = 0.$$

Exponential $a \propto e^{Ht}$, or Power-law $a \propto t^p$ expansions:

$$\delta\ddot{\phi}_\varphi + 3H\delta\dot{\phi}_\varphi - \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\delta\phi_\varphi = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{QFCS.}$$

Compact form:

$$\frac{H}{a^3\dot{\phi}} \left[\frac{a^3\dot{\phi}^2}{H^2} \left(\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\delta\phi_\varphi \right) \right]' - \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\delta\phi_\varphi = 0.$$

Large-scale general solution:

$$\varphi_{\delta\phi} = -\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\delta\phi_\varphi = C(\mathbf{x}) - \underbrace{D(\mathbf{x}) \int_0^t \frac{H^2}{a^3\dot{\phi}^2} dt}_{\text{transient}}.$$

★ Proper choice of the gauge (equivalently, gauge-invariant combination) is important!

¹Phys. Rev. D, 48, 3544 (1993); Class. Quant. Grav. 11, 2305 (1994)

Generalized $f(\phi, R)$ gravity:¹

Introduce:

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{1}{2}f(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{R}) - \frac{1}{2}\omega(\tilde{\phi})\tilde{\phi}^{,a}\tilde{\phi}_{,a} - V(\tilde{\phi}) + \tilde{L}_m. \quad (6)$$

Special cases: $F \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial R}$, ignoring tildes

Minimally coupled scalar field

$$L = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2}R - \frac{1}{2}\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a} - V(\phi)$$

Nonminimally coupled scalar field

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa^{-2} - \xi\phi^2)R - \frac{1}{2}\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a} - V(\phi)$$

Brans-Dicke theory

$$L = \phi R - \omega \frac{\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a}}{\phi}$$

Generalizes scalar-tensor theory

$$L = \phi R - \omega(\phi) \frac{\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a}}{\phi} - V(\phi)$$

Induced gravity

$$L = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon\phi^2 R - \frac{1}{2}\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a} - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(\phi^2 - v^2)^2$$

R^2 gravity

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left(R - \frac{R^2}{6M^2} \right)$$

$F(\phi)R$ gravity

$$L = \frac{1}{2}F(\phi)R - \frac{1}{2}\omega(\phi)\phi^{,a}\phi_{,a} - V(\phi)$$

$f(R)$ gravity

$$L = \frac{1}{2}f(R)$$

Low-energy string theory

$$L = \frac{1}{2}e^{-\phi} (R + \phi^{,a}\phi_{,a})$$

Conformally equivalent to Einstein's theory.

¹Class. Quant. Grav. **7**, 1613 (1990).

Unified Analyses in Generalized $f(\phi, R)$ gravity:²

$$\tilde{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\frac{1}{2} f(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{R}) - \frac{1}{2} \omega(\tilde{\phi}) \tilde{\phi}^{,a} \tilde{\phi}_{,a} - V(\tilde{\phi}) \right]. \quad (7)$$

Action $\delta^2 S = \frac{1}{2} \int a^3 Q \left(\dot{\Phi}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} \Phi^{,\alpha} \Phi_{,\alpha} \right) dt d^3x$

Scalar-type: $\Phi = \varphi_{\delta\phi}, \quad Q = \frac{\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + 3\dot{F}^2/2F}{(H + \dot{F}/2F)^2}$

Tensor-type: $\Phi = C^{(t)\alpha}_{\beta}, \quad Q = F$

Equation $\frac{1}{a^3 Q} (a^3 Q \dot{\Phi})' - \frac{1}{a^2} \Delta \Phi = 0$

Large scale $\Phi = C(\mathbf{x}) - D(\mathbf{x}) \int_0^t (a^3 Q)^{-1} dt$

Quantization $[\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}, t), \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}', t)] = \frac{i}{a^3 Q} \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$

Mode func. For $a\sqrt{Q} \propto \eta^q$ (include many inflation models)

$$\Phi_k(\eta) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi|\eta|}}{2a\sqrt{Q}} \left[c_1(k) H_\nu^{(1)}(k|\eta|) + c_2(k) H_\nu^{(2)}(k|\eta|) \right]$$

$$\text{where } \nu \equiv \frac{1}{2} - q, \quad |c_2(k)|^2 - |c_1(k)|^2 = 1$$

- In super-horizon scale, ignoring transient one, $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = C(\mathbf{x})$.
- Conserved independently of changing gravity theory.

★ Unified analysis allows us to handle transitions among gravity theories.

²Phys. Rev. D **53**, 762 (1996); **54**, 1460 (1996); Class. Quant. Grav. **14**, 3327; **15**, 1387 (1998); **15**, 1401 (1998).

More generalized Gravity Theories:³

1. Generalized $f(\phi, R)$ gravity:

$$\tilde{S} = \int \left[\frac{1}{2} f(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{R}) - \frac{1}{2} \omega(\tilde{\phi}) \tilde{\phi}{}^{,c} \tilde{\phi}_{,c} - V(\tilde{\phi}) + \tilde{L}_{(e)} \right] \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} d^4 x. \quad (8)$$

2. Tachyonic generalization: $\tilde{X} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\phi}{}^{,c} \tilde{\phi}_{,c}$

$$\tilde{S} = \int \left[\frac{1}{2} f(\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{X}) + \tilde{L}_{(e)} \right] \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} d^4 x. \quad (9)$$

3. String corrections:

$$\tilde{L}_{(e)} = \xi(\tilde{\phi}) \left[c_1 \left(\tilde{R}^{abcd} \tilde{R}_{abcd} - 4 \tilde{R}^{ab} \tilde{R}_{ab} + \tilde{R}^2 \right) + c_2 \tilde{G}^{ab} \tilde{\phi}_{,a} \tilde{\phi}_{,b} + c_3 \tilde{\phi}{}^{;a}{}_{,a} \tilde{\phi}{}^{;b}{}_{,b} + c_4 (\tilde{\phi}{}^{;a} \tilde{\phi}_{,a})^2 \right]. \quad (10)$$

4. String axion coupling:

$$\tilde{L}_{(e)} = \frac{1}{8} \nu(\tilde{\phi}) \tilde{\eta}^{abcd} \tilde{R}_{ab}{}^{ef} \tilde{R}_{cdef}. \quad (11)$$

We can always derive a unified form:

$$\delta^2 S = \frac{1}{2} \int a^3 Q \left(\dot{\Phi}^2 - c_A^2 \frac{1}{a^2} \Phi{}^{,\alpha} \Phi_{,\alpha} \right) dt d^3 x. \quad (12)$$

★ Perhaps “**surprisingly simple**” indeed!

³Phys. Rev. D **71**, 063536 (2005).

$$n_S - 1 = 2(2\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 - \epsilon_4), \quad n_T = 2(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_6), \quad (177)$$

$$r_1 \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}_{C_{\alpha\beta}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\varphi_{\delta\phi}}} = 2 \left(\frac{c_A^{\nu-1}}{c_T^{\nu'}} \frac{\bar{z}}{z_t} \right)^2. \quad (178)$$

The spectral indices are generally valid in all gravity theories we are considering in this work. In the generalized $f(\phi, R)$ gravity, we have $r_1 = 4|\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3| = 2|n_T|$. Thus, $r_1 = 4|\epsilon_1| = 2|n_T|$ in the minimally coupled scalar field. The relation $r_1 = 2|n_T|$ in the minimally coupled scalar field is known as a “consistency relation.” We notice that this relation is more generally valid in generalized $f(\phi, R)$ gravity. However, in the tachyonic correction we have $r_1 = 4|\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3|c_A = 2|n_T|c_A$ [19]; in a simpler case this result was presented in Ref. [35]. In the case of string correction terms, we can derive

$$r_1 = 4 \left| \left\{ \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3 - \frac{1}{4F} \left[\frac{1}{H^2} (2Q_c + Q_d) - \frac{1}{H} Q_e + Q_f \right] \right\} \times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q_b}{2F}} \left(\frac{c_A}{c_T} \right)^3 \right|. \quad (179)$$

In the string-axionic correction term, we have

$$r_1 = 4|\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_3| \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{|1 + 2\lambda_{\ell} \frac{k}{a} \frac{\nu}{F}|}. \quad (180)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_1 &\equiv \frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}, & \epsilon_2 &\equiv \frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}}, & \epsilon_3 &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{F}}{HF}, \\ \epsilon_4 &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{E}}{HE}.\end{aligned}\tag{163}$$

ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are the slow-roll parameters used in the minimally coupled scalar field [33,34]. The two additional functional degrees of freedom in $F(\phi)$ and $\omega(\phi)$ are reflected in ϵ_3 and ϵ_4 . In the context of string correction, we have an additional functional degree of freedom in $\xi(\phi)$. In order to consider its effect, we introduce the following additional parameters:

$$\epsilon_5 \equiv \frac{\dot{F} + Q_a}{H(2F + Q_b)}, \quad \epsilon_6 \equiv \frac{\dot{Q}_t}{2HQ_t},\tag{164}$$

with

$$E \equiv \frac{F}{\dot{\phi}^2} \left(\omega \dot{\phi}^2 + 3 \frac{(\dot{F} + Q_a)^2}{2F + Q_b} + Q_c \right).\tag{165}$$

In the $f(\phi, R)$ gravity we have $\epsilon_5 = \epsilon_6 = \epsilon_3$, and E in Eq. (165) becomes the one in Eq. (60). In the case of tachyonic corrections, we introduce

$$E \equiv -\frac{F}{2X} \left(Xf_{,X} + 2X^2 f_{,XX} + \frac{3\dot{F}^2}{2F} \right)\tag{166}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_a &\equiv -4c_1\dot{\xi}H^2 + 2c_2\xi\dot{\phi}^2H + c_3\xi\dot{\phi}^3, & Q_b &\equiv -8c_1\dot{\xi}H + c_2\xi\dot{\phi}^2, \\
Q_c &\equiv -3c_2\xi\dot{\phi}^2H^2 + 2c_3\dot{\phi}^3(\dot{\xi} - 3\xi H) - 6c_4\xi\dot{\phi}^4, & Q_d &\equiv -2c_2\xi\dot{\phi}^2\dot{H} - 2c_3\dot{\phi}^2(\dot{\xi}\dot{\phi} + \xi\ddot{\phi} - \xi\dot{\phi}H) + 4c_4\xi\dot{\phi}^4, \\
Q_e &\equiv -16c_1\dot{\xi}\dot{H} + 2c_2\dot{\phi}(\dot{\xi}\dot{\phi} + 2\xi\ddot{\phi} - 2\xi\dot{\phi}H) - 4c_3\xi\dot{\phi}^3, & Q_f &\equiv 8c_1(\ddot{\xi} - \dot{\xi}H) + 2c_2\xi\dot{\phi}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{103}$$

$$Q_t \equiv F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b, \quad c_T^2 \equiv 1 - \frac{Q_f}{2F + Q_b}. \tag{109}$$

$$Q_t \equiv F + 2\lambda_\ell \dot{\nu}k/a. \tag{119}$$

TABLE I. Scalar-type perturbation: We present the coefficients and definitions used in our unified formulations of the scalar-type perturbation in Secs. IV and V. We introduce $x_4 \equiv \omega \dot{\phi}^2 + 3[(\dot{F} + Q_a)^2/(2F + Q_b)] + Q_c + Q_d + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)]Q_e + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)]^2 Q_f$. Except for the string corrections in the last column, the other situations are valid considering general K ; for c_A^2 we present results assuming $K = 0$.

Fluid	Field	$f(\phi, R)$ gravity	Tachyonic	String corrections
$\Phi \equiv \varphi_v - (K/a^2) \times [1/4\pi G(\mu + p)]\varphi_\chi$	$\varphi_v - (K/a^2) \times (1/4\pi G\dot{\phi}^2)\varphi_\chi$	$\varphi_{\delta\phi} - (K/a^2) \times \{2F/[\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]\}\Psi$	$\varphi_{\delta\phi} - (K/a^2) \times \{2F/[Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]\}\Psi$	$\varphi_{\delta\phi}$
$\Psi \equiv \varphi_\chi$	φ_χ	$\varphi_\chi + (\delta F_\chi/2F)$	$\varphi_\chi + (\delta F_\chi/2F)$	$\varphi_\chi + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)](\delta F_\chi/\dot{F})$
$x_1 \equiv [H/8\pi G(\mu + p)]c_s^2$	$(H/8\pi G\dot{\phi}^2)c_A^2$	$\{(HF + \frac{1}{2}\dot{F})/[\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]\}c_A^2$	$\{(HF + \frac{1}{2}\dot{F})/[Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]\}c_A^2$	$\{[H + (\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)](F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b)\}/\{\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + 3[(\dot{F} + Q_a)^2/(2F + Q_b)] + Q_c\}$
$x_2 \equiv (1/8\pi G)(a/H)$	$(1/8\pi G)(a/H)$	$aF/[H + (\dot{F}/2F)]$	$aF/[H + (\dot{F}/2F)]$	$a(F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b)/\{H + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)]\}$
$x_3 \equiv 8\pi G[(\mu + p)/H]$	$8\pi G(\dot{\phi}^2/H)$	$[\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]/(HF + \frac{1}{2}\dot{F})$	$[Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]/(HF + \frac{1}{2}\dot{F})$	$(1/\{H + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)]\}) \times (F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b)x_4$
$c_A^2 \equiv c_s^2(\equiv \dot{p}/\dot{\mu})$	1	1	$[Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]/[Xf_{,X} + 2X^2 f_{,XX} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)]$	$x_4/\{\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + 3[(\dot{F} + Q_a)^2/(2F + Q_b)] + Q_c\}$
$\bar{z} \equiv (a/H)\sqrt{\mu + p}$	$(a/H)\dot{\phi}$	$\{a/[H + (\dot{F}/2F)]\} \times \sqrt{\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)}$	$\{a/[H + (\dot{F}/2F)]\} \times \sqrt{Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)}$	$a/\{H + [(\dot{F} + Q_a)/(2F + Q_b)]\}\sqrt{x_4}$
$u \equiv [1/(8\pi G\sqrt{\mu + p})]\Psi$	$(1/8\pi G\dot{\phi})\Psi$	$[F/\sqrt{\omega\dot{\phi}^2 + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)}]\Psi$	$[F/\sqrt{Xf_{,X} + (3\dot{F}^2/2F)}]\Psi$	$[(F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b)/\sqrt{x_4}]\Psi$

TABLE II. Tensor-type perturbation: continuation of Table I for the tensor-type perturbation (gravitational wave). In the cases of the string corrections and the string axion, we assume $K = 0$; for c_T^2 we present results assuming $K = 0$.

	Fluid, field	$f(\phi, R)$ gravity, tachyonic	String corrections	String axion
$z_t \equiv$	$a(1/\sqrt{8\pi G})$	$a\sqrt{F}$	$a\sqrt{F + \frac{1}{2}Q_b}$	$a\sqrt{F + 2\lambda_\ell \dot{v}k/a}$
$c_T^2 \equiv$	1	1	$1 + [Q_f/(2F + Q_b)]$	1

1. Two theories of gravity

- **Newton (1647-1727):** “Philosophiæ naturalis principia mathematica” (1687)

“But hitherto I have not been able to discover the cause of those properties of gravity from phaenomena, and I frame no hypotheses; for whatever is not deduced from the phaenomena, is to be called an hypotheses; an hypotheses, whether metaphysical or physical, whether of occult qualities or mechanical, have no place in experimental philosophy. . . . And to us it is enough that gravity does really exist, and act according to the laws which we have explained, and abundantly serves to account for all the motions of the celestial bodies, and of our sea [sun?].”

Isaac Newton (1713) ⁴

On this regard, Einstein’s gravity is no better.

- **Einstein (1879-1955):** “Die Feldgleichungen der Gravitation” (1915) ⁵

“Let us put

$$G_{im} = -\kappa \left(T_{im} - \frac{1}{2} g_{im} T \right)$$

[where G_{im} is the Ricci tensor].”

★ In practice, however, Einstein’s gravity provides much better perspective.

⁴Newton, I., 1713, The mathematical principles of natural philosophy, 2nd edition, Book III, General Scholium; Translated into English by Motte, A. in 1729, 1962 (University of California Press).

⁵Einstein, A., Preuss. Akad. Wiss. Berlin, Sitzber., 844-847 (1915); Translated in Misner, C. W., Thorne, K. S., and Wheeler, J. A., 1973, Gravitation, (Freeman and Company) p. 433.

Newton's gravity:

- Non-relativistic (no c)
 - Action at a distance, violates causality
 - $c \rightarrow \infty$ limit of Einstein gravity
 - No horizon
 - Static nature
- No strong pressure allowed
- No strong gravity allowed
- No gravitational waves
- Incomplete and inconsistent

Einstein's gravity:

- Relativistic gravity
- Strong gravity, dynamic
- Simplest

★ The two theories give the same descriptions for the cosmological world model and its linear structures.

World model: spatially homogeneous and isotropic world model

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\mu - \frac{\text{const.}}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}, \quad \mu \propto a^{-3}. \quad (13)$$

- Relativistic (Friedmann 1922) ⁶
- Newtonian (Milne-McCrea 1933) ⁷

Structures: linear perturbations

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\mu\delta = 0. \quad (14)$$

- Relativistic (Lifshitz 1946) ⁸
- Newtonian (Bonnor 1957) ⁹

“It is curious that it took so long for these dynamic models to be discovered after the (more complex) general relativity models were known.”

G. F. R. Ellis (1989) ¹⁰

★ In fact, most of the “Newtonian cosmology” are, GR guided versions!

⁶Friedmann A. A., 1922, Zeitschrift für Physik, **10**, 377; translated in Bernstein J., Feinberg G., eds, 1986, Cosmological-constants: papers in modern cosmology, Columbia Univ. Press, New York, p. 49

⁷Milne E. A., 1934, Quart. J. Math., **5**, 64; McCrea W. H., Milne E. A., 1934, Quart. J. Math., **5**, 73

⁸Lifshitz E. M., 1946, J. Phys. (USSR), **10**, 116

⁹Bonnor W. B., 1957, MNRAS, **117**, 104

¹⁰Ellis, G. F. R., 1989, in Einstein and the history of general relativity, ed. D. Howard and J. Stachel (Berlin, Birkhäuser), 367

2. Cosmological Linear Perturbations

Metric:

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\alpha) a^2 d\eta^2 - 2a^2 \beta_{,\alpha} d\eta dx^\alpha + a^2 \left[g_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)} (1 + 2\underline{\varphi}) + 2\underline{\gamma}_{,\alpha|\beta} + 2C_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} \right] dx^\alpha dx^\beta. \quad (15)$$

Spatial gauge condition takes $\gamma \equiv 0$.

Ignore rotational perturbation.

Energy-momentum tensor:

$$\tilde{T}_0^0 = -\tilde{\mu}, \quad \tilde{T}_\alpha^0 = 0 = \tilde{T}_\beta^\alpha. \quad (16)$$

Zero-pressure assumed.

Temporal comoving gauge without rotation gives $\tilde{T}_\alpha^0 = 0$.

Newtonian vs. Relativistic:

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\mu\delta = 0. \quad (17)$$

★ Coincide in the zero-pressure case.

Energy density $\mu =$ mass density ϱ in the Newtonian case.

Gravitational waves:

$$\ddot{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} - \frac{\Delta - 2K}{a^2}C_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} = 0. \quad (18)$$

In the presence of pressure:

Comoving gauge: ($v \equiv 0$)

$$\ddot{\delta}_v + (2 + 3c_s^2 - 6w)H\dot{\delta}_v + \left[-c_s^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} - 4\pi G\mu(1 - 6c_s^2 + 8w - 3w^2) + 12(w - c_s^2) \frac{K}{a^2} + (3c_s^2 - 5w)\Lambda \right] \delta_v = \frac{1+w}{a^2 H} \left[\frac{H^2}{a(\mu+p)} \left(\frac{a^3 \mu}{H} \delta_v \right) \right] - c_s^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \delta_v = \text{stresses.} \quad (19)$$

★ **Valid for** general K , Λ , and time varying $p = p(\mu)$; $w \equiv \frac{p}{\mu}$, $c_s^2 \equiv \frac{\dot{p}}{\dot{\mu}}$.

Synchronous gauge: ($\alpha \equiv 0$)

Incorrect one in the synchronous gauge ($\alpha \equiv 0$) (for $K = 0 = \Lambda$, $w = \text{const.}$, no stress):

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} + \left[-c_s^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} - 4\pi G\mu(1+w)(1+3w) \right] \delta = 0. \quad (20)$$

Weinberg (72), Peebles (93), Coles-Lucchin (95,02), Moss (96), Padmanabhan (96), Longair (98), Peacock (99), ...
Apparently, this is a popular error in textbooks. For corrections, see.¹¹

★ Due to the presence of gauge modes, it is **not possible** to derive a second order differential equation in the presence of pressure even in the large-scale limit!

¹¹Gen. Rel. Grav. **23**, 235 (1991); **31**, 1131 (1999).

3. Weakly Nonlinear Perturbations

“the linear perturbations are so surprisingly simple that a perturbation analysis accurate to second order may be feasible . . . One could then judge the domain of validity of the linear treatment and, more important, gain some insight into the non-linear effects.”

Sachs and Wolfe (1967) ¹²

¹²Sachs R. K., Wolfe A. M., 1967 ApJ, **147**, 73

3.1 Second-order: Relativistic-Newtonian correspondence

Newtonian:

Mass conservation, momentum conservation, Poisson's equation:

$$\dot{\delta} + \frac{1}{a} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{a} \nabla \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u}), \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{a} \nabla \delta \Phi = -\frac{1}{a} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}, \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \nabla^2 \delta \Phi = 4\pi G \delta \rho, \quad (23)$$

give

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G \rho \delta = -\frac{1}{a^2} [a \nabla \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u})]' + \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}). \quad (24)$$

★ These equations are valid to **fully nonlinear order!**

Relativistic: (irrotational, $K = 0$, but for general Λ) zero-pressure, single component

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G \mu \delta = -\frac{1}{a^2} [a \nabla \cdot (\delta \mathbf{u})]' + \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) + \dot{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} \left(\frac{2}{a} \nabla^\alpha u^\beta + \dot{C}^{(t)\alpha\beta} \right) \quad (25)$$

★ This equation is valid to the **second-order!**

A proof

Fully nonlinear covariant equations:

The energy conservation, Raychaudhury equation become:

$$\dot{\tilde{\mu}} + \tilde{\mu}\tilde{\theta} = 0, \quad (26)$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\theta}} + \frac{1}{3}\tilde{\theta}^2 + \tilde{\sigma}^{ab}\tilde{\sigma}_{ab} + 4\pi G\tilde{\mu} - \Lambda = 0, \quad (27)$$

where $\dot{\tilde{\mu}} \equiv \tilde{\mu}_{;a}\tilde{u}^a$, $\tilde{\theta} \equiv \tilde{u}^a{}_{;a}$, etc. By combining

$$\left(\frac{\dot{\tilde{\mu}}}{\tilde{\mu}}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{\dot{\tilde{\theta}}}{\tilde{\theta}}\right)^2 - \tilde{\sigma}^{ab}\tilde{\sigma}_{ab} - 4\pi G\tilde{\mu} + \Lambda = 0. \quad (28)$$

To the second-order perturbation:

By identifying

$$\delta\mu_v \equiv \delta\rho, \quad \delta\theta_v \equiv \frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \quad (29)$$

(26,27) give

$$\dot{\delta} + \frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot (\delta\mathbf{u}), \quad \text{temporal comoving (v=0) gauge,} \quad (30)$$

spatial $\gamma=0$ gauge

$$\frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot \left(\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a}\mathbf{u}\right) + 4\pi G\mu\delta = -\frac{1}{a^2}\nabla(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{u}) - \dot{C}^{(t)\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{2}{a^2}u_{\alpha,\beta} + \dot{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)}\right). \quad (31)$$

Combining (30,31) or (28) give (25).

Relativistic-Newtonian correspondence ¹³

Background world model:

Relativistic (Friedmann 1922) vs. Newtonian (Milne-McCrea 1934)

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{\text{const.}}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}, \quad \rho \propto a^{-3}. \quad (32)$$

Linear perturbation:

Relativistic (Lifshitz 1946) vs. Newtonian (Bonnor 1957)

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\rho\delta = 0. \quad (33)$$

Second-order perturbation:

Newtonian (Peebles 1980) vs. Relativistic (Noh-Hwang 2004)

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\rho\delta = -\frac{1}{a^2} [a\nabla \cdot (\delta\mathbf{u})]' + \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) + \dot{C}^{(t)\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{2}{a} \nabla_\alpha u_\beta + \dot{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{(t)} \right). \quad (34)$$

Except for the gravitational wave contribution, the relativistic zero-pressure fluid perturbed to second order in a flat Friedmann background **coincides exactly** with the Newtonian system.

“the linear perturbations are so surprisingly simple that a perturbation analysis accurate to second order may be feasible using the methods of Hawking (1966)”

Sachs and Wolfe (1967)

¹³Phys. Rev. D, **69**, 104011 (2004); Class. Quant. Grav. **22**, 3181 (2005); Phys. Rev. D, **72**, 044011 (2005).

Assumptions:

Our relativistic/Newtonian correspondence includes Λ , but assumes:

1. Flat Friedmann background
2. Zero-pressure
3. Irrotational
4. Single component fluid
5. No gravitational waves ←
6. Second order in perturbations ←

★ Relaxing any of these assumptions could potentially leads to pure general relativistic effects!

3.4 Third-order: Pure general relativistic corrections ¹⁴

To the third order we identify:

$$\delta\mu_v \equiv \delta\rho, \quad \delta\theta_v \equiv \frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}. \quad (35)$$

For pure scalar-type perturbation (26,27) give:

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\mu\delta = -\frac{1}{a^2}[a\nabla \cdot (\delta\mathbf{u})]' + \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{u}) \quad \text{pure relativistic corrections}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \frac{1}{a^2} \{ a [2\varphi\mathbf{u} - \nabla(\Delta^{-1}X)] \cdot \nabla\delta \}' - \frac{4}{a^2}\nabla \cdot \left[\varphi \left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{u}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{2}{3a^2}\varphi\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \frac{\Delta}{a^2} [\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\Delta^{-1}X)] - \frac{1}{a^2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla X - \frac{2}{3a^2}X\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$X \equiv 2\varphi_v\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\varphi_v + \frac{3}{2}\Delta^{-1}\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\nabla\varphi_v) + \mathbf{u}\Delta\varphi_v]. \quad (37)$$

The first non-vanishing pure relativistic correction terms are φ_v order higher than the Newtonian terms ($\varphi_v = \varphi$ in the comoving gauge). We have for general Λ ¹⁵

$$\dot{\varphi}_v = 0. \quad (38)$$

The CMB temperature anisotropy gives, in the large-scale limit near horizon scale ¹⁶

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} \sim \frac{1}{3}\delta\Phi \sim \frac{1}{5}\varphi_v \sim 10^{-5}. \quad (39)$$

¹⁴Phys. Rev. D, **72**, 044012 (2005).

¹⁵Gen. Rel. Grav. **31**, 1131 (1999).

¹⁶Phys. Rev. D **59**, 067302 (1999).

Conclusions in the zero-pressure case:

1. Except for the gravitational wave contribution, equations for the relativistic zero-pressure fluid in a flat Friedmann background **coincide exactly** with the previously known Newtonian equations even to the second-order perturbation.
2. To the second order, we correctly identify the relativistic density and velocity perturbation variables. In the relativistic analyses, however, we do **not** have a relativistic variable which corresponds to the Newtonian potential to the second order.
3. We assume a flat Friedmann background but include the cosmological constant, thus relevant to currently favoured cosmology.
4. We *expand* the range of applicability of the Newtonian medium without pressure to **all cosmological scales** including the super-horizon scale.
5. Pure relativistic corrections appear in the third order.
6. The third-order correction terms, thus the pure general relativistic effects, are of φ_v -order higher than the second-order Newtonian terms.
7. The corrections terms are **independent** of the horizon scale and depend only on the linear order gravitational potential (curvature) perturbation strength.
8. From the temperature anisotropy of CMB we have $\frac{\delta T}{T} \sim \frac{1}{3}\delta\Phi \sim \frac{1}{5}\varphi_v \sim 10^{-5}$.
9. Therefore, one can use the large-scale Newtonian numerical simulation more reliably even as the simulation scale approaches near (and goes beyond) the horizon.

4. Cosmological post-Newtonian Approach

Perturbation method:

- Perturbation expansion.
- All perturbation variables are small.
- Weakly nonlinear.
- Strong gravity.
- Valid in all scales!

Post-Newtonian method:

- Abandon geometric spirit of GR: recover the good old absolute space and absolute time.
- Provide GR correction terms in the Newtonian equations of motion.
- Expansion in v/c :

$$\sqrt{\frac{GM}{\lambda c^2}} \sim \frac{v}{c} \ll 1. \quad (40)$$

- No strong gravity situation.
- Valid far inside horizon $\sqrt{\frac{GM}{\lambda c^2}} \sim \frac{\lambda}{c/H} \ll 1$.
- Fully nonlinear!

[Complementary!](#)

Metric:

Newtonian limit:

$$\tilde{g}_{00} = - \left(1 - \frac{1}{c^2} 2U \right), \quad \tilde{g}_{0i} = 0, \quad \tilde{g}_{ij} = \delta_{ij}. \quad (41)$$

1PN metric ¹⁷:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}_{00} &= - \left[1 - \frac{1}{c^2} 2U + \frac{1}{c^4} (2U^2 - 4\Phi) \right] + \mathcal{O}^{-6}, \\ \tilde{g}_{0i} &= -\frac{1}{c^3} P_i + \mathcal{O}^{-5}, \\ \tilde{g}_{ij} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{c^2} 2U \right) \delta_{ij} + \mathcal{O}^{-4}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Minkowski background

Cosmological 1PN metric ¹⁸:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}_{00} &\equiv - \left[1 - \frac{1}{c^2} 2U + \frac{1}{c^4} (2U^2 - 4\Phi) \right] + \mathcal{O}^{-6}, \\ \tilde{g}_{0i} &\equiv -\frac{1}{c^3} \underline{a^2} P_i + \mathcal{O}^{-5}, \\ \tilde{g}_{ij} &\equiv \underline{a^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c^2} 2V \right) \underline{\gamma_{ij}} + \mathcal{O}^{-4}. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Robertson-Walker background

¹⁷Chandrasekhar, S., 1965, ApJ, **142**, 1488.

¹⁸Preprint, astro-ph/0507085.

Energy-momentum tensor:

Covariant decomposition:

$$\tilde{T}_{ab} = \tilde{\varrho}c^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{c^2}\tilde{\Pi} \right) \tilde{u}_a\tilde{u}_b + \tilde{p} (\tilde{u}_a\tilde{u}_b + \tilde{g}_{ab}) + 2\tilde{q}_{(a}\tilde{u}_{b)} + \tilde{\pi}_{ab}, \quad (44)$$

where $\tilde{q}_a\tilde{u}^a \equiv 0$, $\tilde{\pi}_{ab}\tilde{u}^b \equiv 0$, $\tilde{\pi}_c^c \equiv 0$, and $\tilde{\pi}_{ab} \equiv \tilde{\pi}_{ba}$.

Fluid four vector, \tilde{u}_a , follows from $\tilde{u}^a\tilde{u}_a \equiv -1$ and $\tilde{u}^i \equiv \frac{v^i}{c}\tilde{u}^0$.

We introduce

$$\tilde{\varrho} \equiv \varrho, \quad \tilde{\Pi} \equiv \Pi, \quad \tilde{p} \equiv p, \quad \tilde{q}_i \equiv \frac{1}{c}Q_i, \quad \tilde{\pi}_{ij} \equiv \Pi_{ij}. \quad (45)$$

Newtonian limit:

$$\frac{1}{a^3} (a^3\varrho)' + \frac{1}{a}\nabla_i (\varrho v^i) = 0, \quad (46)$$

$$\frac{1}{a} (av_i)' + \frac{1}{a}v^j\nabla_j v_i + \frac{1}{a\varrho} \left(\nabla_i p + \nabla_j \Pi_i^j \right) - \frac{1}{a}\nabla_i U = 0, \quad (47)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{a}\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \right) \Pi + \left(3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \frac{1}{a}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right) \frac{p}{\varrho} + \frac{1}{\varrho a} \left(Q^i{}_{|i} + \Pi_j^i v^j{}_{|i} \right) = 0, \quad (48)$$

$$\frac{\Delta}{a^2} U + 4\pi G (\varrho - \varrho_b) = 0. \quad (49)$$

★ No gauge condition used!

★ We subtract the Friedmann background equation.

1PN equations:

For $K = 0$, we have $V = U$. In a gauge-ready form (assuming an ideal fluid):

$$\frac{1}{a^3} (a^3 \varrho^*)' + \frac{1}{a} (\varrho^* v^i)_{|i} = 0, \quad (50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a} (a v_i^*)' + \frac{1}{a} v_{i|j}^* v^j &= -\frac{1}{a} \left(1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \underline{2U} \right) \frac{p_{,i}}{\varrho^*} \\ &+ \frac{1}{a} \left[1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{3}{2} v^2 - U + \Pi + \frac{p}{\varrho} \right) \right] U_{,i} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{a} (\underline{2\Phi}_{,i} - v^j \underline{P_{j|i}}), \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

where

$$\varrho^* \equiv \varrho \left[1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + 3U \right) \right], \quad v_i^* \equiv v_i + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + 3U + \Pi + \frac{p}{\varrho} \right) v_i - P_i \right]. \quad (52)$$

Metric variables (potentials) \underline{U} , $\underline{\Phi}$ and $\underline{P_i}$ are determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \underline{U} + 4\pi G (\varrho - \varrho_b) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{a^2} \left[\underline{2\Delta\Phi} - 2U \Delta U + (a P^i_{|i}) \right] + 3\ddot{U} + 9 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{U} + 6 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} U \right. \\ \left. + 8\pi G \left[\varrho v^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\varrho \Pi - \varrho_b \Pi_b) + \frac{3}{2} (p - p_b) \right] \right\} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\frac{\Delta}{a^2} \underline{P_i} = -16\pi G \varrho v_i + \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{1}{a} P^j_{|j} + 4\dot{U} + 4 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} U \right)_{,i}. \quad (54)$$

★ We can impose a temporal gauge condition on $P^i_{|i}$.

★ 1PN correction terms are $\frac{GM}{Rc^2} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim 10^{-5}$ order smaller than the Newtonian terms.

Gauge strategy:

★ Our goal is to provide equations suitable for numerical simulation including the relativistic effects to 1PN order.

Chandrasekhar's gauge: $\frac{1}{a}P^i_{|i} + 3\dot{U} + m\frac{\dot{a}}{a}U = 0$, Eqs. (53), (54) give

$$\frac{\Delta}{a^2}P_i = -16\pi G\varrho v_i + \frac{1}{a} \left[\dot{U} - (m-4)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}U \right]_{,i}, \quad (55)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta}{a^2}U + 4\pi G(\varrho - \varrho_b) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ 2\frac{\Delta}{a^2}\Phi - (m-3)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{U} + \left[(6-m)\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - m\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right] U \right. \\ \left. + 8\pi G \left[\varrho v^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\varrho\Pi - \varrho_b\Pi_b) + U(\varrho - \varrho_b) + \frac{3}{2}(p - p_b) \right] \right\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Therefore U , P_α and Φ are determined by eqs. (55,56).

Harmonic gauge: $\frac{1}{a}P^i_i + 4\dot{U} + m\frac{\dot{a}}{a}U \equiv 0$, Eqs. (53), (54) give

$$\frac{\Delta}{a^2}P_i = -16\pi G\varrho v_i - (m-4)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\frac{1}{a}U_{,i}, \quad (57)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta}{a^2}U + 4\pi G(\varrho - \varrho_b) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ 2\frac{\Delta}{a^2}\Phi - \ddot{U} - (m-1)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{U} + \left[(6-m)\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - m\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right] U \right. \\ \left. + 8\pi G \left[\varrho v^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\varrho\Pi - \varrho_b\Pi_b) + U(\varrho - \varrho_b) + \frac{3}{2}(p - p_b) \right] \right\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

★ For details, see astro-ph/0507085.

5. Why Newton's gravity is practically reliable in the large-scale cosmological simulations¹⁹

Fully relativistic weakly nonlinear perturbation approach:

1. Except for the gravitational wave contribution, equations for the relativistic zero-pressure fluid in a flat Friedmann background coincide exactly with the previously known Newtonian equations even to the second-order perturbation.
2. The third-order correction terms, thus the pure general relativistic effects, are of φ_n -order higher than the second-order Newtonian terms. These are independent of the horizon scale, and are small with $\varphi_v \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$. zero-pressure, irrotational, single component, flat BG

Fully nonlinear weakly relativistic post-Newtonian approach:

1. 1PN correction terms are $\frac{GM}{Rc^2} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim 10^{-5}$ order smaller than the Newtonian terms.
2. We cannot rule out possible presence of cumulative effects due to the time-delayed propagation of the relativistic gravitational field, in contrast to the Newtonian case where changes in the gravitational field are felt instantaneously.
3. We provide complete 1PN equations in a gauge-ready form.

★ Therefore, one can use the large-scale Newtonian numerical simulation more reliably even as the simulation scale approaches near (and goes beyond) the horizon.

¹⁹astro-ph/0507185.