# Towards an accurate and efficient description of cosmic Large-Scale Structure

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# Existing galaxy surveys:





DARK ENERGY SURVEY





#### Future surveys:





## Euclid







# Physics with LSS

primordial non-gaussianity



interactions in the inflationary sector

baryon acoustic oscillations = standard ruler in the Universe



dark energy equation of state

evolution of perturbations



neutrino mass

properties of dark matter (e.g. fifth force, WDM) and dark energy (e.g. clustering)

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cf. predictions of the minimal inflation:  $f_{NL} \sim \epsilon, \eta \sim 10^{-2}$ 

 $f_{NL} \sim 1$  naturally appears in extended inflationary models (multiple fields, extended kinetic action, ...)

## Baryon acoustic oscillations



Planck collaboration

Anderson et al. (BOSS collaboration)

#### Neutrino mass: current status















![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

statistical error

$$\propto (k_{max})^{-3/2}$$

NB. perturbative region increases at z > 0

## Challenges to theorists

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  - are approximate
  - + theoretical control of physical processes, flexibility

## Simplifying the problem

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#### Average over the ensemble of initial conditions:

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Baumann, Nicolis, Senatore, Zaldarriaga (2010) Carrasco, Hertzberg, Senatore (2012) Pajer, Zaldarriaga (2013)

+ many more





Complications: • coefficients of the counterterms have nonlocal time-dependence

Abolhasani, Mirbabayi, Pajer (2015)

• treatment of stochastic terms is unclear

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To clear up

use the methods of QFT / statistical mechanics

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$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left( d\psi e^{-\Gamma[\psi;\tau]} \right) = 0$$



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The same logic for fields in space with the substitution: integral  $\implies$  path integral

Generating functional for cosmological correlators

$$Z[J,\tau] = \int [\mathcal{D}\delta_{\rho}] \exp\left\{-\Gamma[\delta_{\rho};\tau] + \int J\delta_{\rho}\right\}$$
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\delta_{\rho}^2}{P(k)} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int \Gamma_n(\tau)\delta_{\rho}^n$$

NB.  $\Gamma$  is an action of a (nonlocal) 3d Euclidean QFT;  $\tau$  --- an external parameter

# Advantages

• For gaussian initial conditions the time dependence factorize



effective coupling constant

NB. For primordial NG

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{g^2} \bar{\Gamma} + \frac{1}{g^3} \hat{\Gamma} \checkmark \sim f_{NL} g_0$$

# $\underline{\qquad } = g^2 \bar{P}(k)$







$$k_1 + k_2 + \frac{1}{g^2} \bar{\Gamma}_4(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

$$\left< \delta_\rho \delta_\rho \delta_\rho \delta_\rho \right> =$$



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# IR safety

All  $\Gamma_n$ ,  $K_n$  are finite for soft momenta

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \Gamma_n(k_1, \dots, k_l, \epsilon q_1, \dots, \epsilon q_{n-l}) < \infty$$



NB. Can be related to the equivalence principle / Galilean invariance of  $\Gamma$  through Ward identities

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smearing of the BAO feature in the correlation functions

## IR resummation

In TSPT large IR contributions can be systematically resummed Step I: smooth + wiggly decomposition









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Further developments:

• NLO IR corrections. Important for the shift of BAO peak

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Comparison with N-body
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## Sensitivity to the IR separation scale: LO vs NLO



dependence on  $k_L$  decreases with the loop order

### BAO and the neutrino mass



At  $k > 0.05 \ h^{-1} Mpc$  degenerate with the overall normalization

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Wilsonian renormalization group:

$$\frac{d\Gamma_n^{\Lambda}}{d\Lambda} = \mathcal{F}_n[P^{\Lambda}, \Gamma^{\Lambda}]$$

Boundary conditions = counterterms  $C_n$  encapsulating the effects of short modes

UV renormalization in TSPT

- +  $C_n(\{k\}, \tau)$  local in time by construction
- + clear separation between PR and PI counterterms



+ stochastic contributions are at the same footing as viscous ones

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formally  $g^2 \ll 1 \longrightarrow$  use semiclassical expansion (saddle-point approximation, steepest descent)

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classification of UV counterterms



inclusion of "astrophysical" effects (biases, redshift space distortion, baryons)



comparison with the data, searches for new physics