

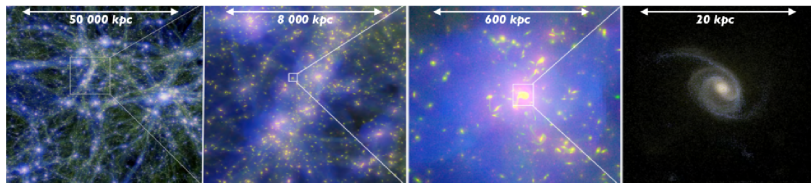
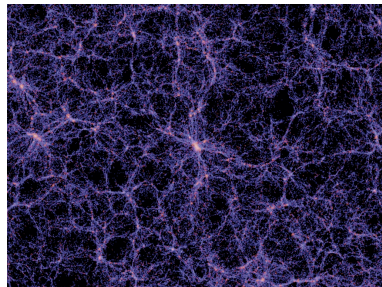
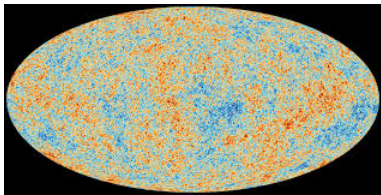
THE INFLUENCE OF PRIMORDIAL INITIAL CONDITIONS ON STRUCTURE EVOLUTION IN COSMOLOGICAL SIMULATIONS

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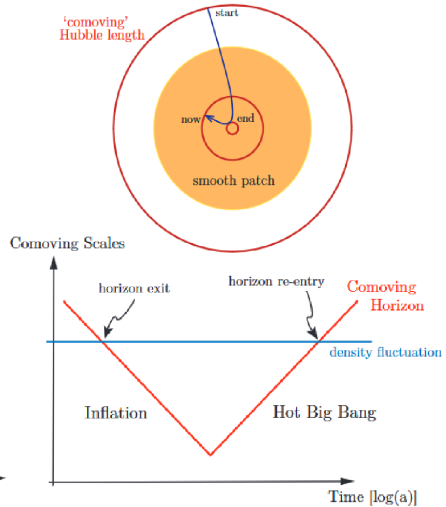
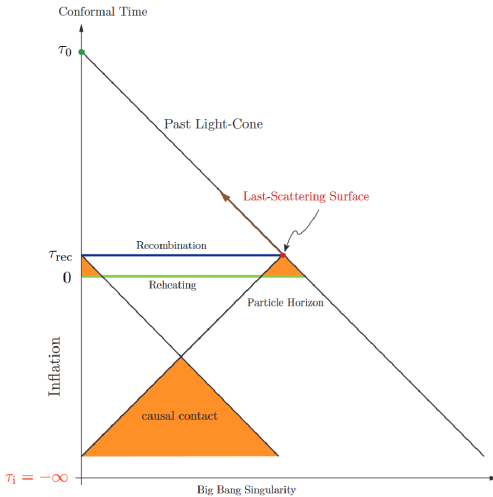
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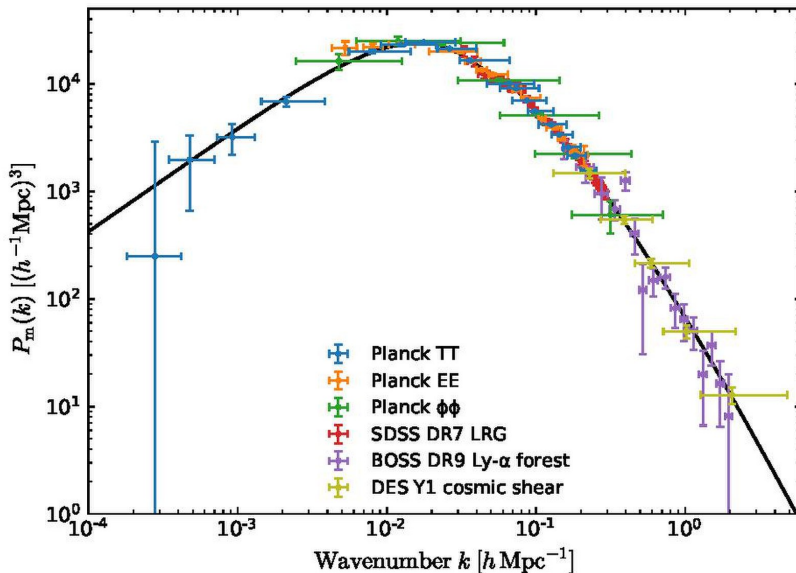
CMB & LSS - WMAP, Millenium, Mare Nostrum



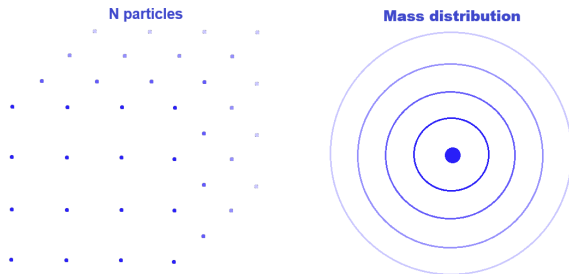
1981 Guth - Inflation



Planck 2018 - Linear Matter Power Spectrum



Gadget-4 - SPH N-body simulation tool



Kernel :

$$W(r, h) = \frac{1}{h^3 \pi^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{h^2}}$$

Polytropic equation of state :

$$P = K \rho^{1+\frac{1}{n}}$$

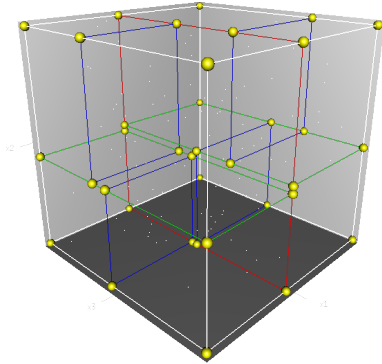
Density on particle i :

$$\rho_i = \sum_j m_j W(r_i - r_j, h)$$

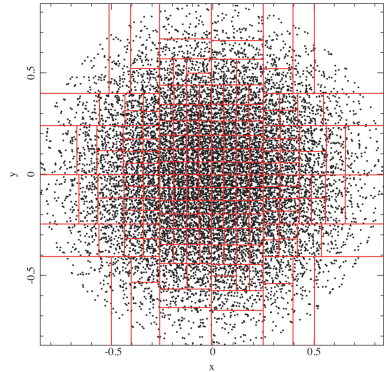
Softening length :

$$F_{soft} = \frac{G m_i m_j}{r_{ij}^2 + \epsilon^2}$$

Gadget-4 - Friend of a Friend, short and long range force

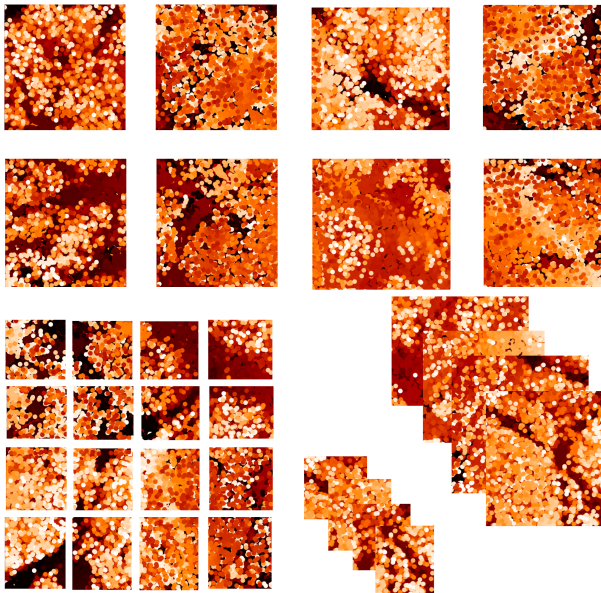


Brute-force : $N \times N$

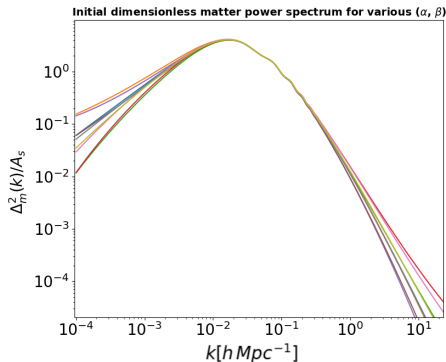
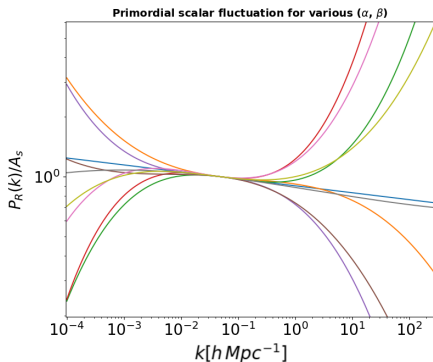


Kd-tree : $N \times \log(N)$

Gadget-4 - Folding Technique, Jenkins et al. (1998)



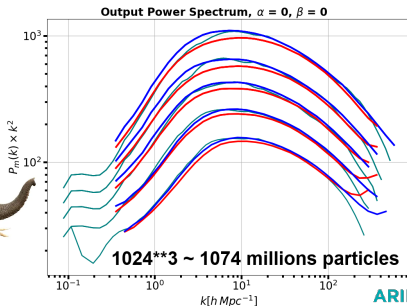
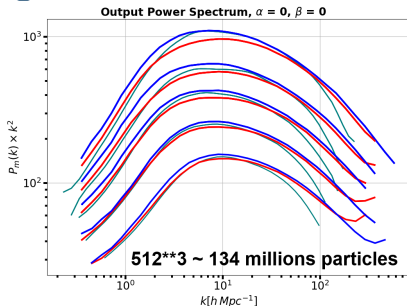
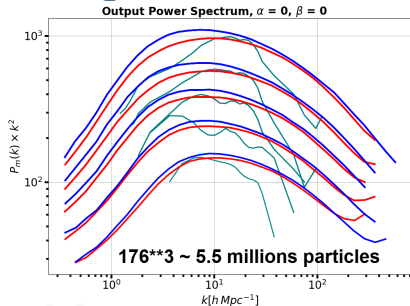
Input Primordial Scalar Fluctuation



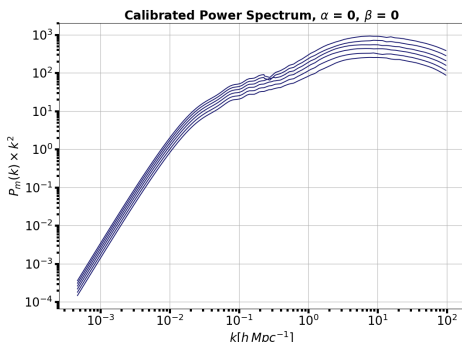
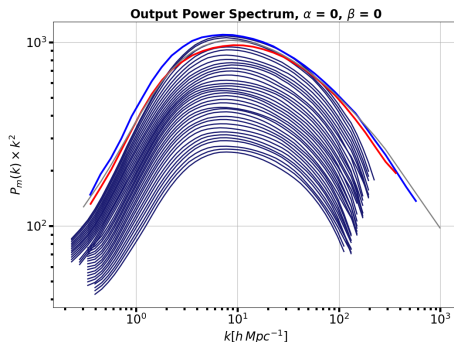
$$P_R(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s(k)-1} \quad ; \quad n_s(k) = n_s(k_0) + (\alpha/2) \ln(k/k_0) + (\beta/6) [\ln(k/k_0)]^2$$

$$P_m(k) \propto P_R(k) T^2(k) D^2(z)$$

Misleading Resolution - Convergence and Behaviour



Output Matter Power Spectrum and Calibration

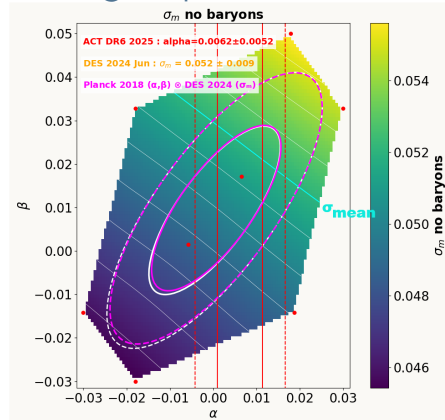
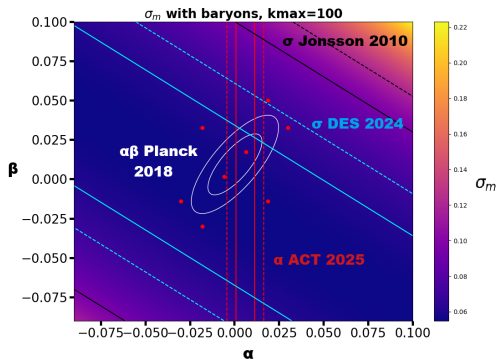


Use of CAMB in the linear regime to complete

$$k_{min} = \frac{2\pi}{\chi(z_{max}=1100)} ; \quad k_{max} = 100$$

Curve adjustment due to low resolution 512^3 vs 1024^3

2014 Ben-Dayan & Takahashi - Lensing Dispersion



Old values :

$$\alpha = -0.0134 \pm 0.0090 \text{ (Planck 2013)}$$

$$\beta = 0.020 \pm 0.016 \text{ (Planck 2013)}$$

$$\sigma = 0.055 \pm 0.040 \text{ (Jönsson 2010)}$$

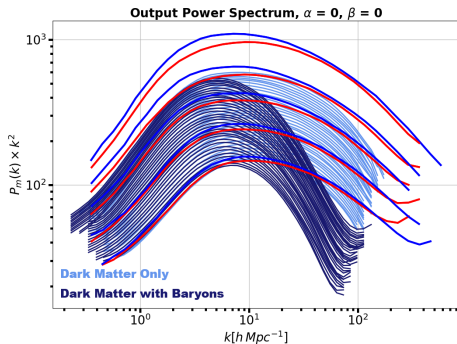
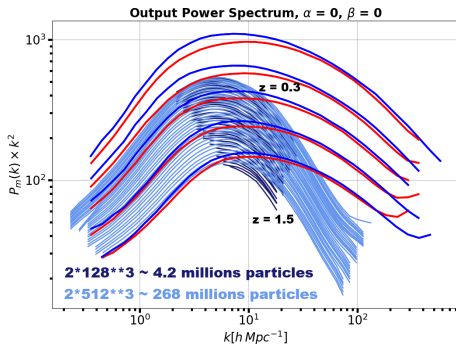
New values :

$$\alpha = 0.0011 \pm 0.0099 \text{ (Planck 2018)}$$

$$\beta = 0.009 \pm 0.012 \text{ (Planck 2018)}$$

$$\sigma = 0.052 \pm 0.009 \text{ (DES 2024)}$$

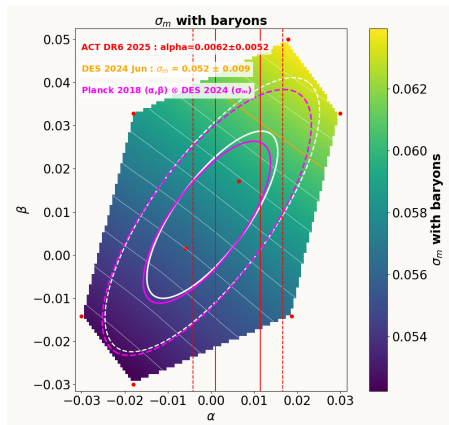
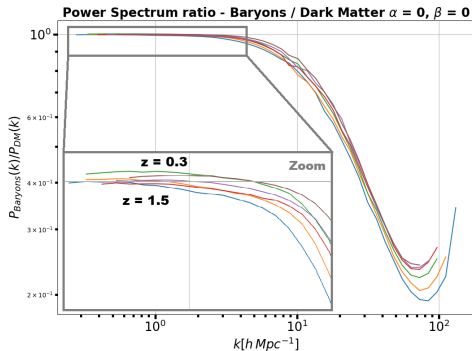
Power Spectrum - Forecast with baryons



Completion : 80% of simulation 1 $\rightarrow$ 0/8 simulations ready ;
7 times longer than DM only

Baryons $\rightarrow$ Gas cooling $\checkmark$ Interstellar medium $\checkmark$ Stellar feedback
(supernova, galactic winds) $\checkmark$ Artificial viscosity $\checkmark$ Metal lines $\times$
Dust $\times$ Magnetic fields $\times$ Cosmic rays $\times$ AGN ($\times$ but soon!)

Lensing dispersion - Forecast with baryons



With baryons : $\sigma_m \rightarrow +15\%$, will increase again with $z \in [0.3, 0]$

Weak lensing helps to constrain (α, β)

Impact of a lack of resolution is unknown (268 millions particles)

Conclusion

- Inflation $\rightarrow$ Nonlinear $\rightarrow$ Simulations $\rightarrow$ Matter power spectrum (small scales), constrained by weak lensing :

$$\sigma_{\mu}^2 \simeq \left(\frac{5}{\ln 10}\right)^2 \frac{\pi}{\Delta\eta^2} \left(\frac{k_{eq}}{H_0}\right)^3 \int d\eta_1 dp P_{\Psi}(p, \eta_1) p^2 (\eta_1 - \eta_s^{(0)})^2 (\eta_0 - \eta_1)^2$$

- Which in return constrains the primordial scalar fluctuations through the running parameter α and its derivative β :

$$P_R(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{n_s(k)-1} \quad ; \quad n_s(k) = n_s(k_0) + (\alpha/2) \ln(k/k_0) + (\beta/6) [\ln(k/k_0)]^2$$

- Useless for DM only, but promising with baryons and others measures (Planck, ACT). Uncertainty improvements on σ_m will help a lot in the futur. Weak lensing is going to be a new probe.
- For now, Planck leads the constrain on (α, β) , and alternatively, we can use it to efficiently constrain σ_m (baryons is a forecast) :

$$\sigma_m(DM) = 0.0499 \pm 0.0028 \quad ; \quad \sigma_m(baryons) = 0.0574 \pm 0.0032$$