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# Light propagation in Numerical Relativity with BiGONLight

*Relativity seminar*

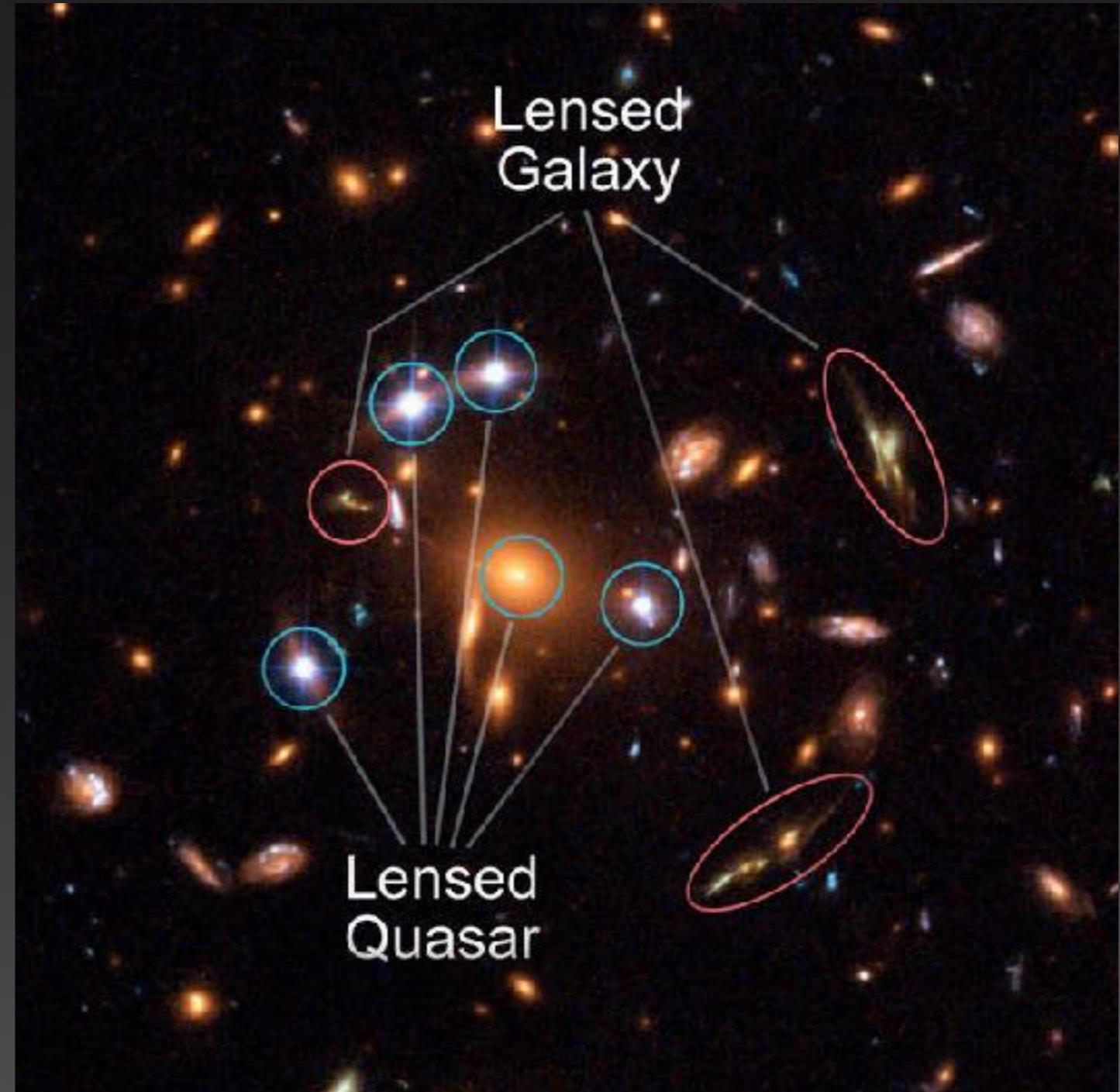
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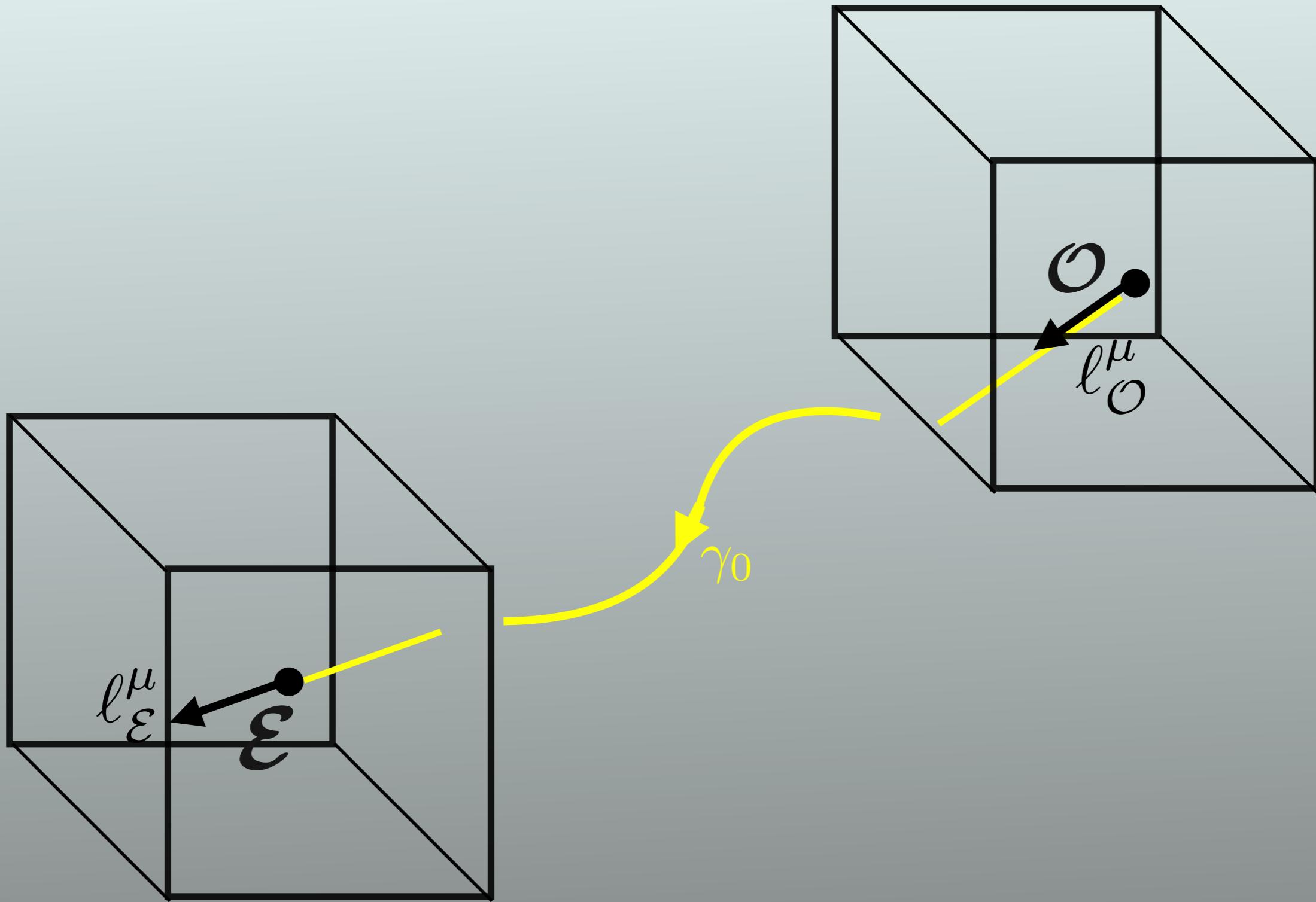
# A long time ago in a galaxy far far away...

- **Optical effects**
  - \* image distortion
  - \* apparent position
  - \* ...
- **Observables**
  - \* angular distance  $\mathcal{D}_{ang}$
  - \* redshift  $z$
  - \* position on the sky
  - \* ...



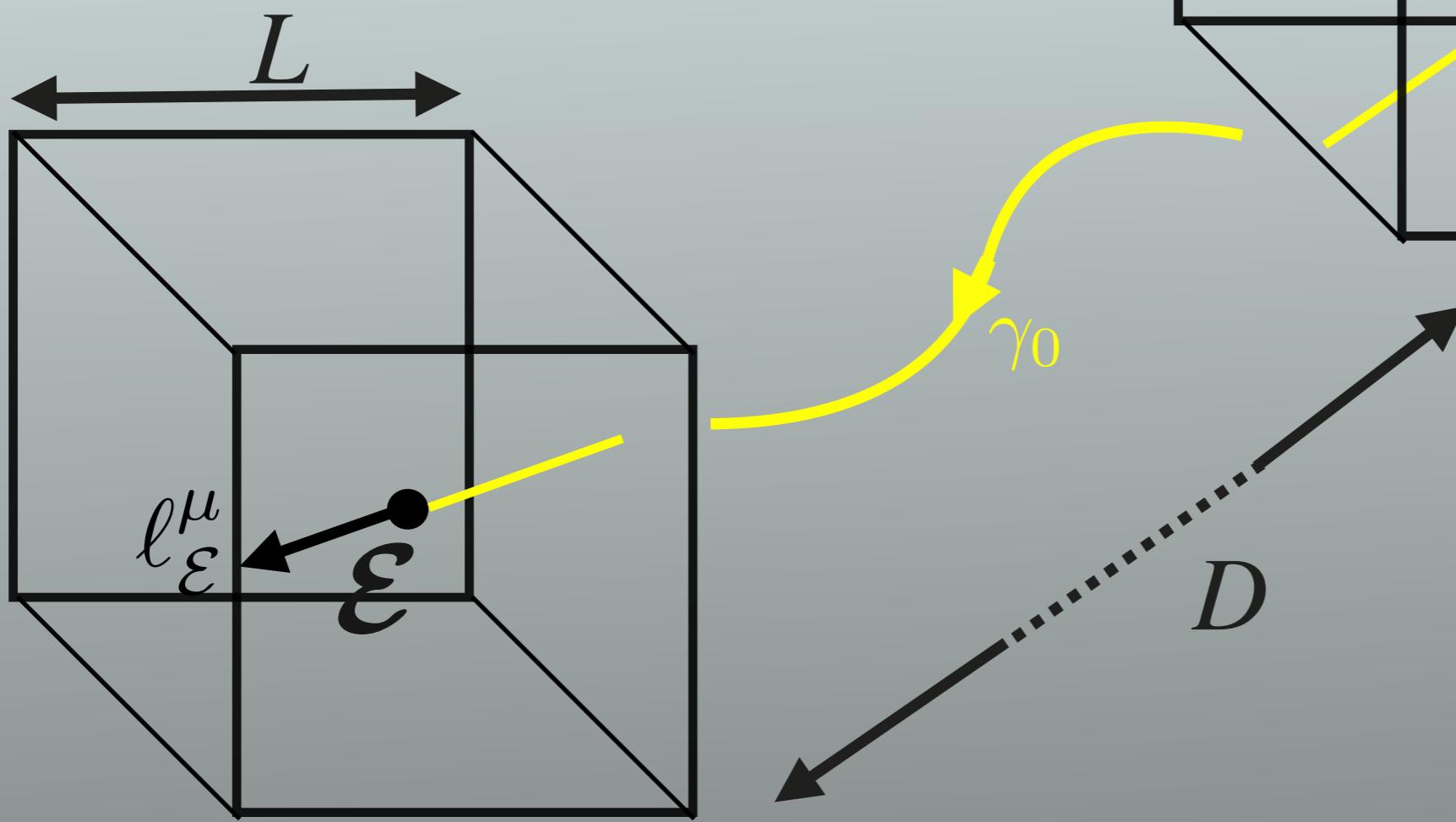
Credits: ESA, NASA, K. Sharon (Tel Aviv University) and E. Ofek (Caltech)

# The new BGO approach



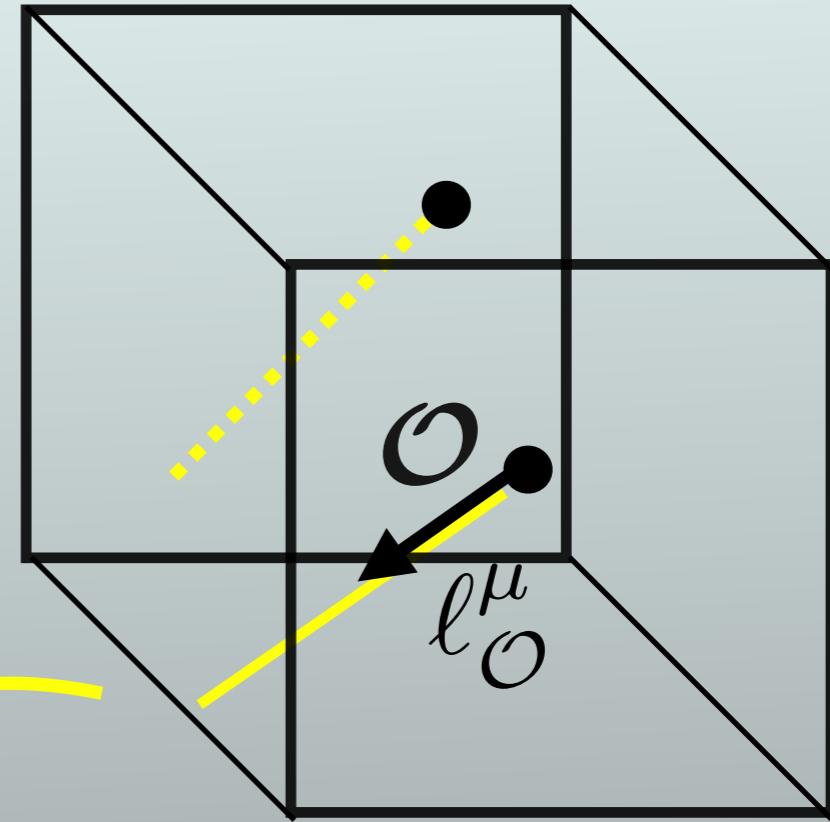
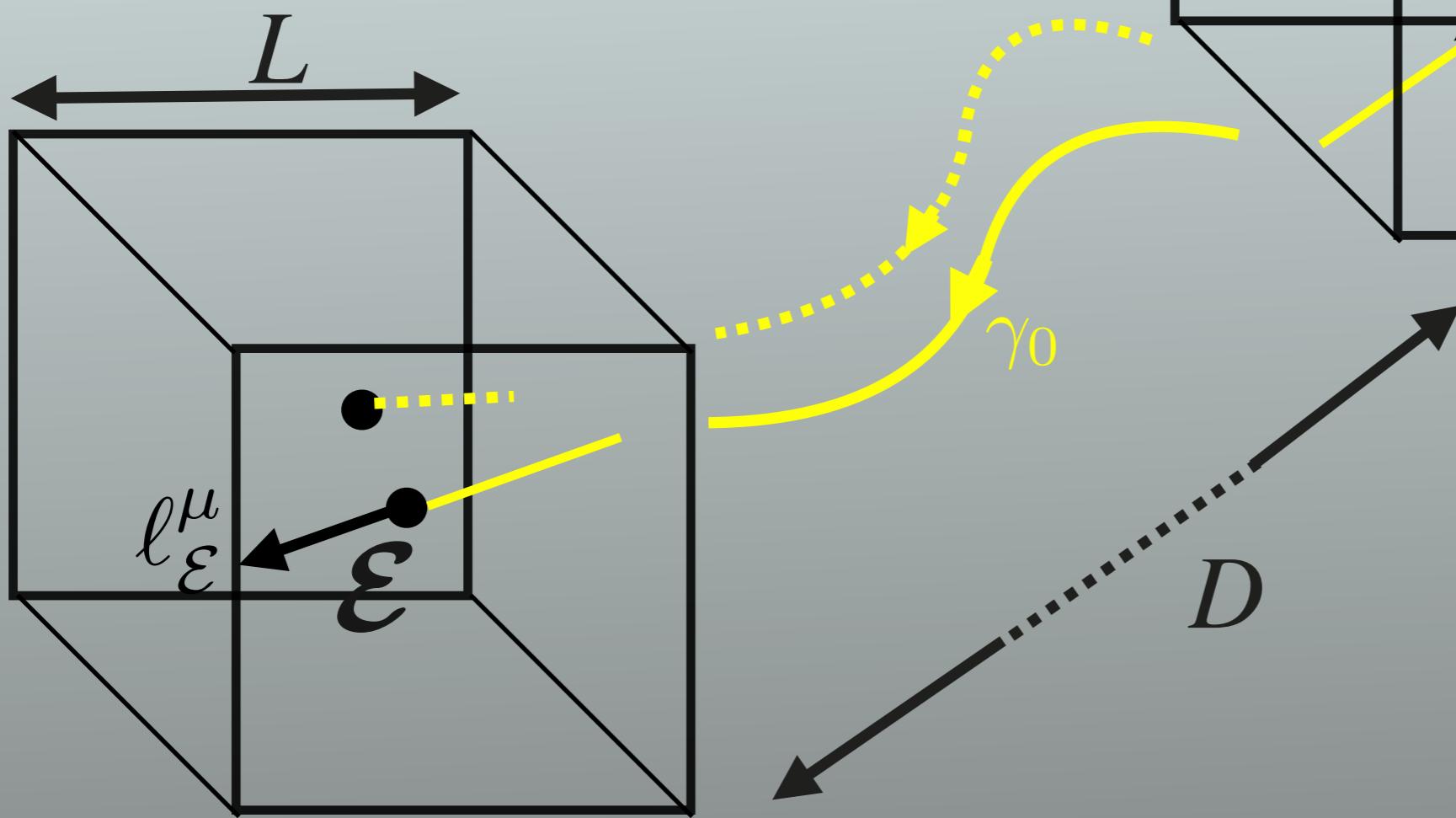
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$$\lambda \ll L \ll D$$



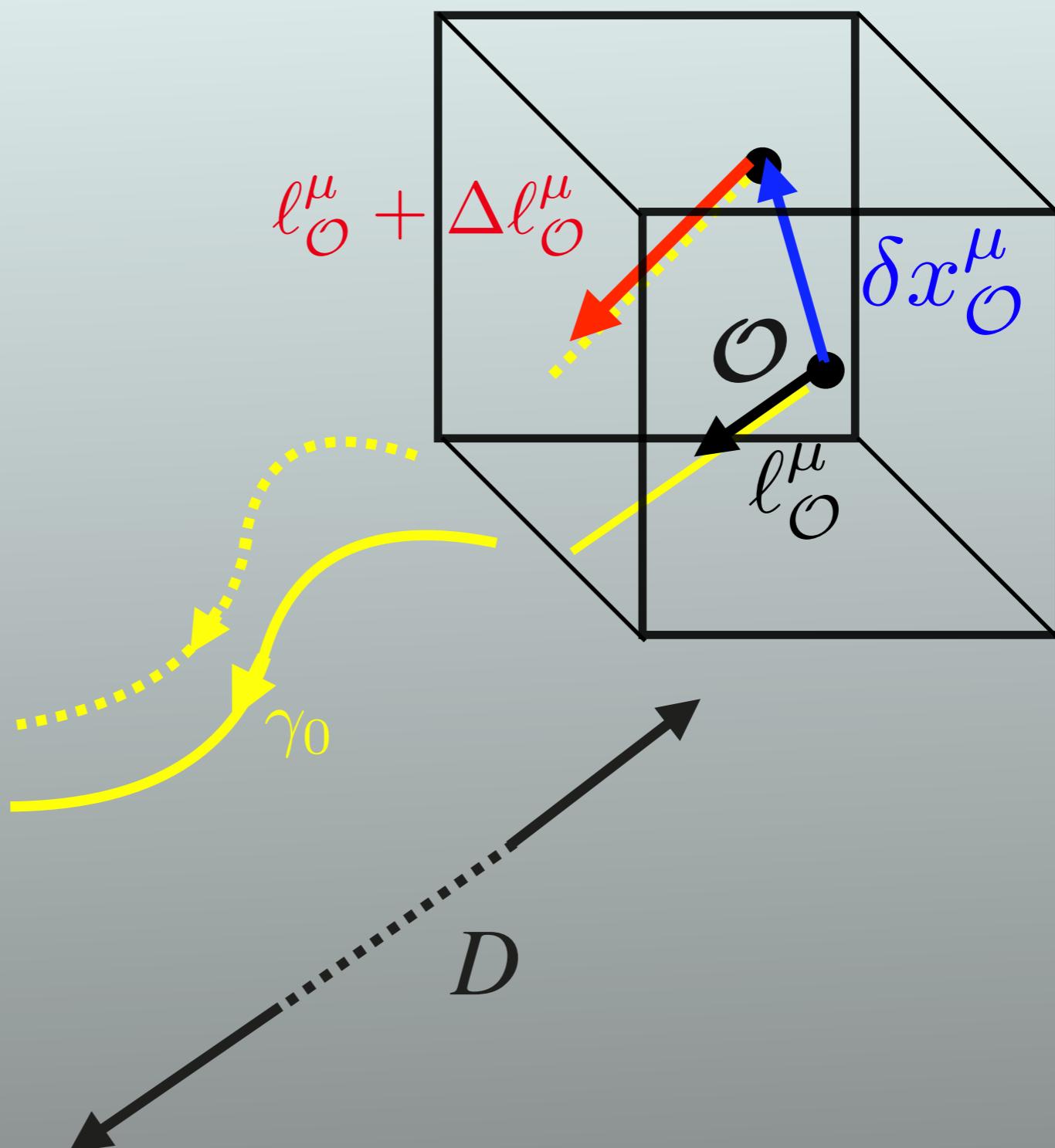
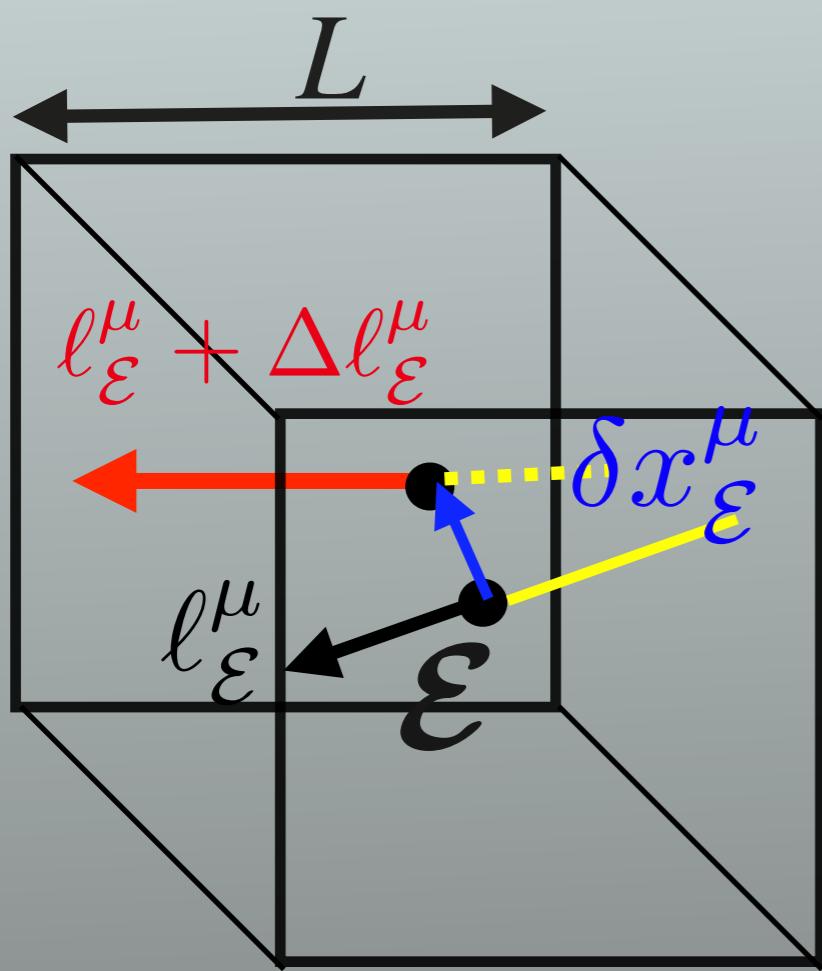
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GDE

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# The new BGO approach

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Linear  
mapping

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta x_\mathcal{E}^\mu \\ \Delta \ell_\mathcal{E}^\nu \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{W} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x_\mathcal{O}^\rho \\ \Delta \ell_\mathcal{O}^\sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

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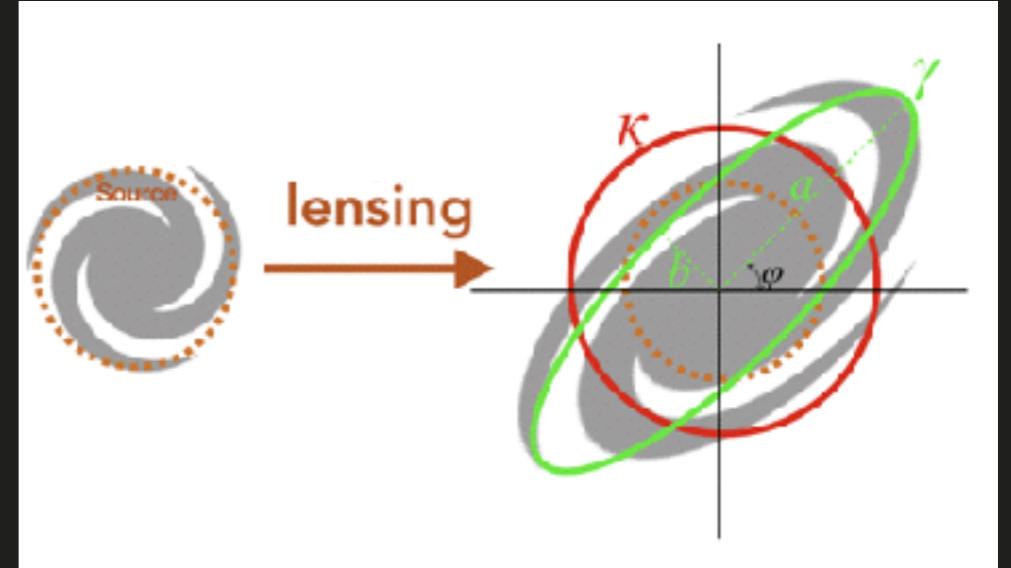
GDE  
for  $\mathcal{W}$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta^\mu_{\phantom{\mu}\beta} \\ R^\nu_{\sigma\rho\alpha} \ell^\sigma \ell^\rho & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{W}$$

# The new BGO approach

$$\mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} W_{XX} & W_{XL} \\ W_{LX} & W_{LL} \end{pmatrix}$$

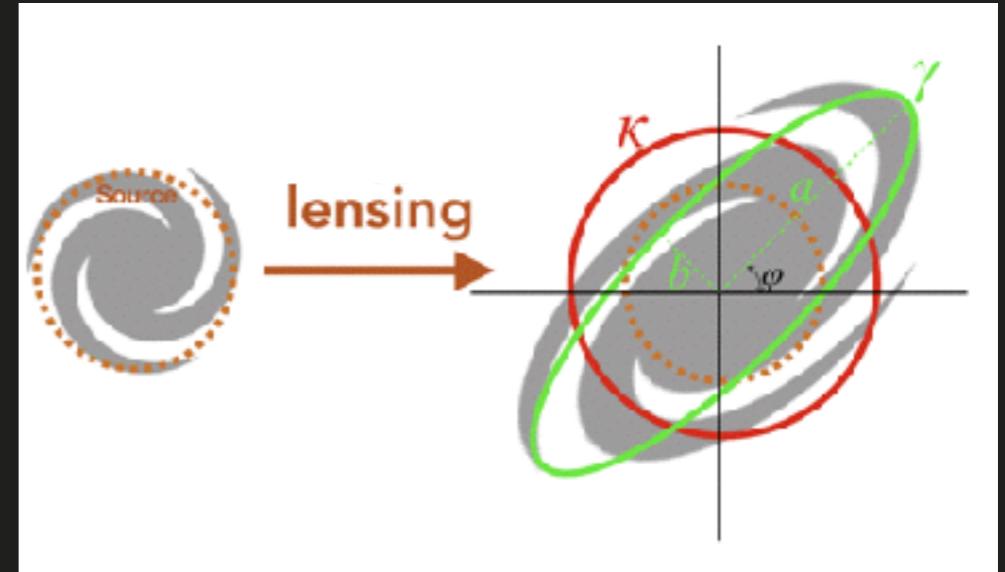
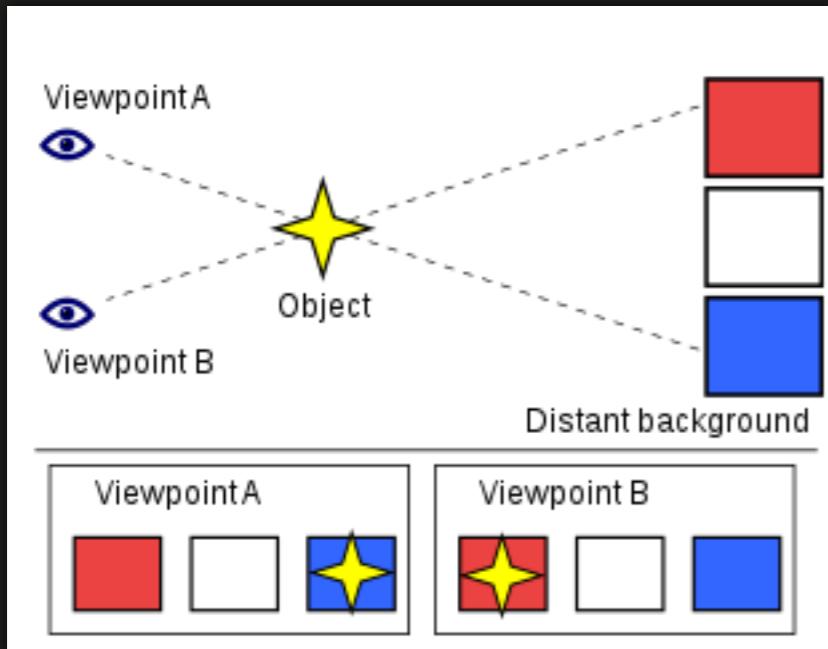
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- Distortion / Magnification

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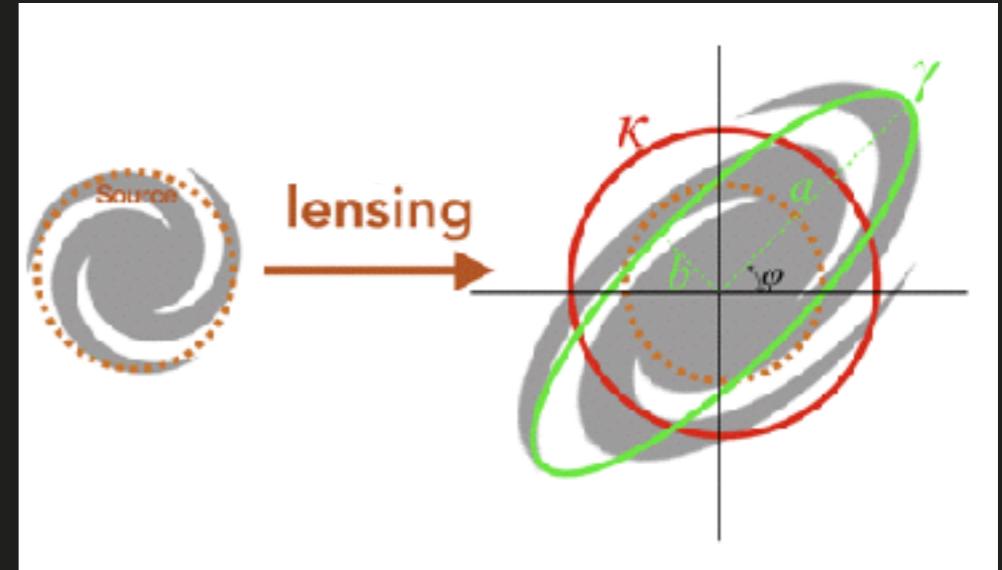
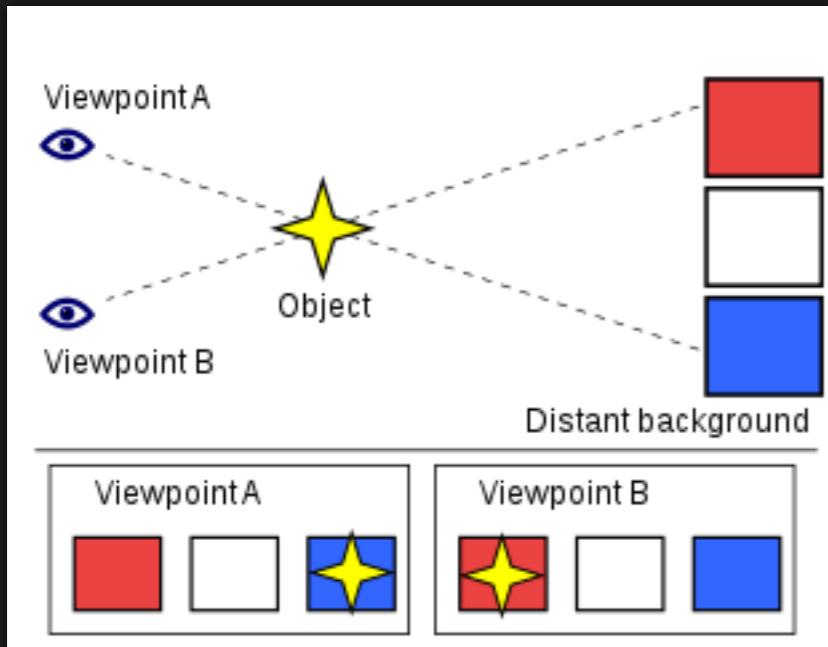
# The new BGO approach



- Parallax
- Distortion / Magnification

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# The new BGO approach



- Parallax
- Distortion / Magnification

$$\mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{W_{XX}} & \underline{W_{XL}} \\ \underline{W_{LX}} & \underline{W_{LL}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Drifts effects
- Visual Perspective
- ...

# The new BGO approach

BGO

Sachs

Key quantities

$$\mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} W_{XX}{}^\nu{}_\beta & W_{XL}{}^\mu{}_\beta \\ W_{LX}{}^\nu{}_\alpha & W_{LL}{}^\mu{}_\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

BGO: four  $4 \times 4$  matrices

$$\mathcal{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta - \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_2 & \theta + \sigma_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Deformation matrix:  $2 \times 2$  matrix

The link: the Jacobi matrix  $\mathcal{D}$

$$W_{XL}{}^\mu{}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & \boxed{\mathcal{D}} & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{D}^{-1} \dot{\mathcal{D}}$$

# The new BGO approach

BGO

vs

Sachs

assumptions

- Geometric optics

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observables

- lensing: shear,  
magnification, ...

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# The new BGO approach

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- repeated observations
- complete 4D approach

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- observation at single moment
- 2D Sachs frame

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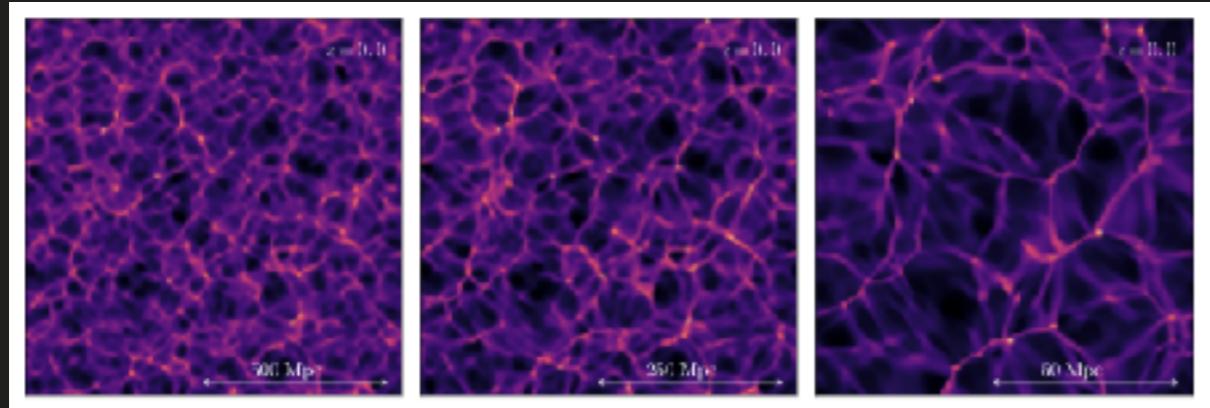
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## observables

- lensing: shear, magnification, ...
- drift effects
- parallax

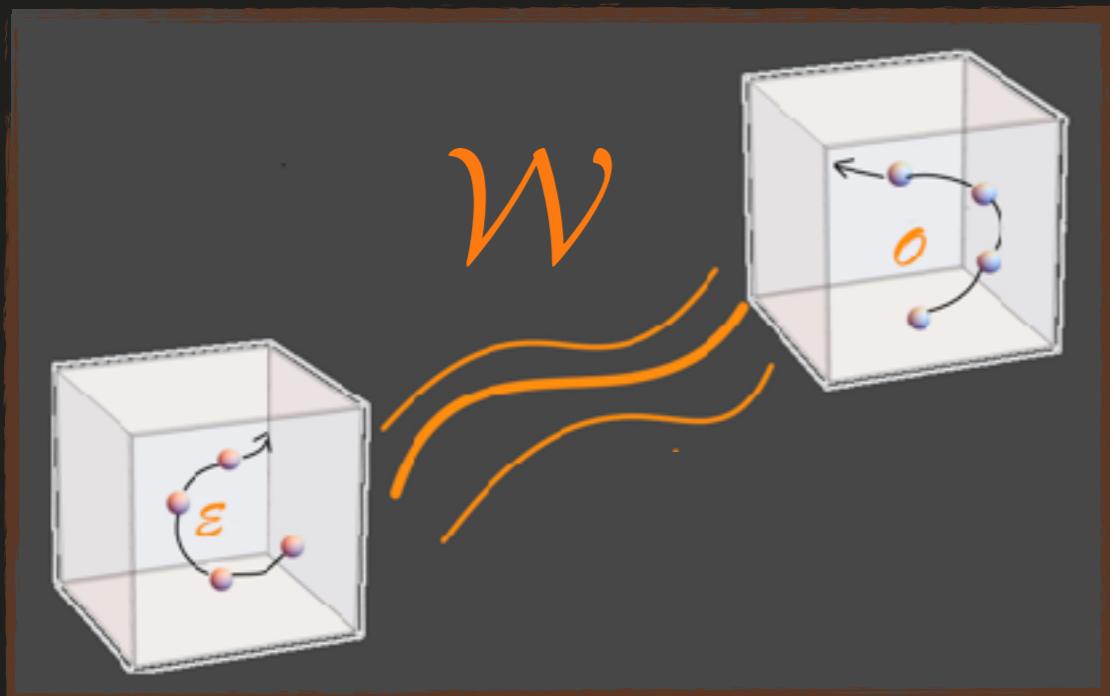
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# Numerical Relativity and Light propagation



Cosmic web  
from Numerical Relativity

H. Macpherson et. al., arXiv:1807.01711

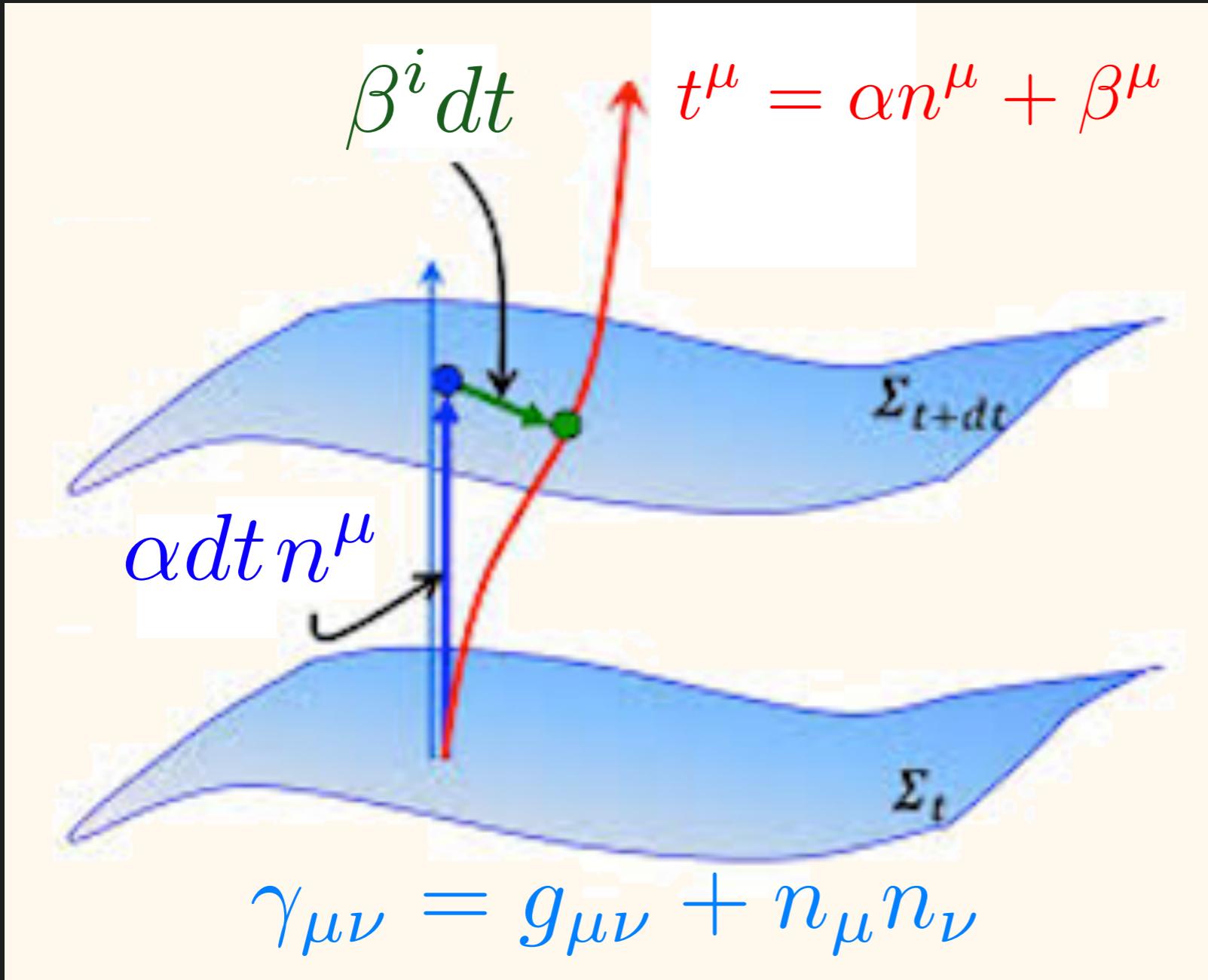


To Do



Light Propagation  
in Numerical Relativity

# 3+1 Foliation of Spacetime



$$(\mathcal{M}, g_{\mu\nu})$$

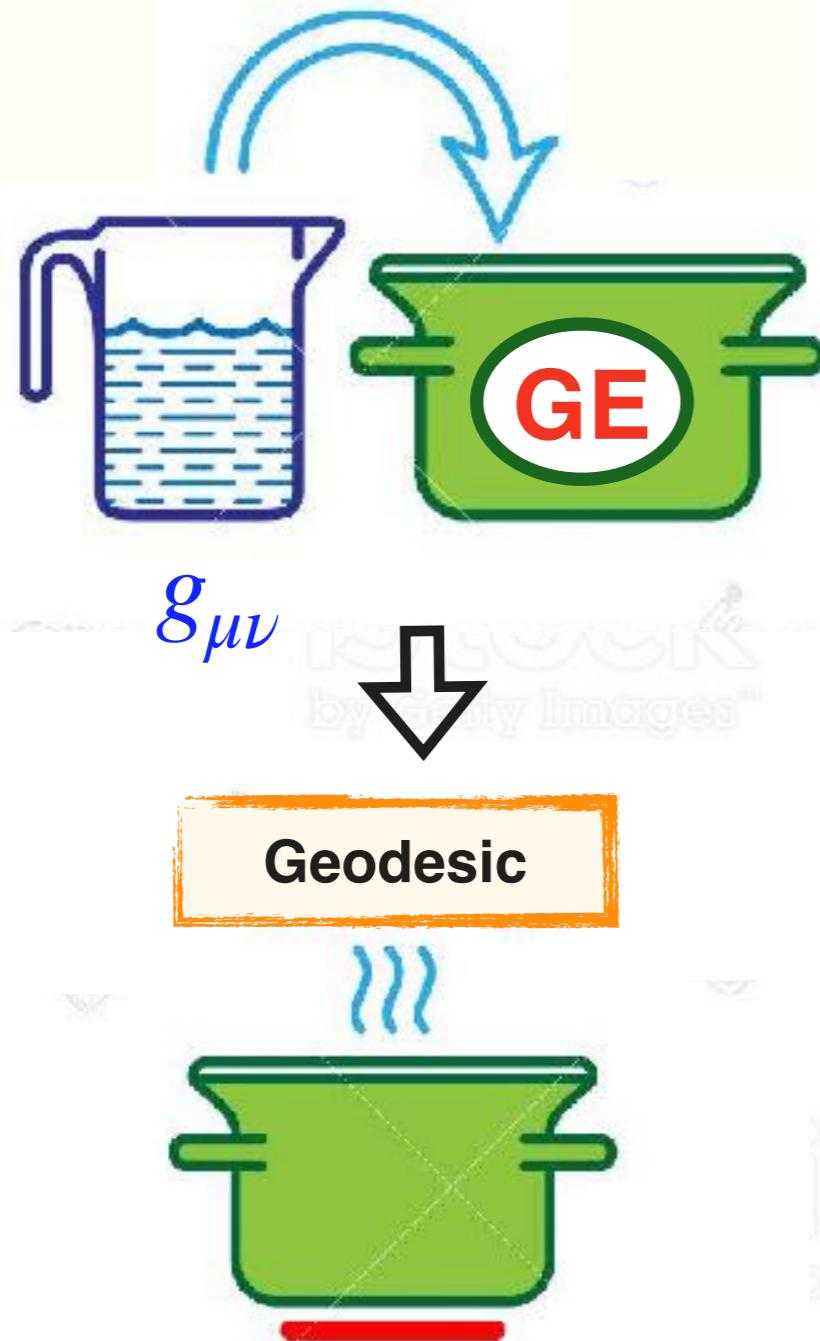


$$(\alpha, \beta^i, \gamma_{ij}, K_{ij})$$

# Recipe for cooking observables using BGO



# Geodesic equation



$$\ell^\nu \nabla_\nu \ell^\mu = 0$$

$$\ell^\nu = E(n^\mu + V^\mu)$$

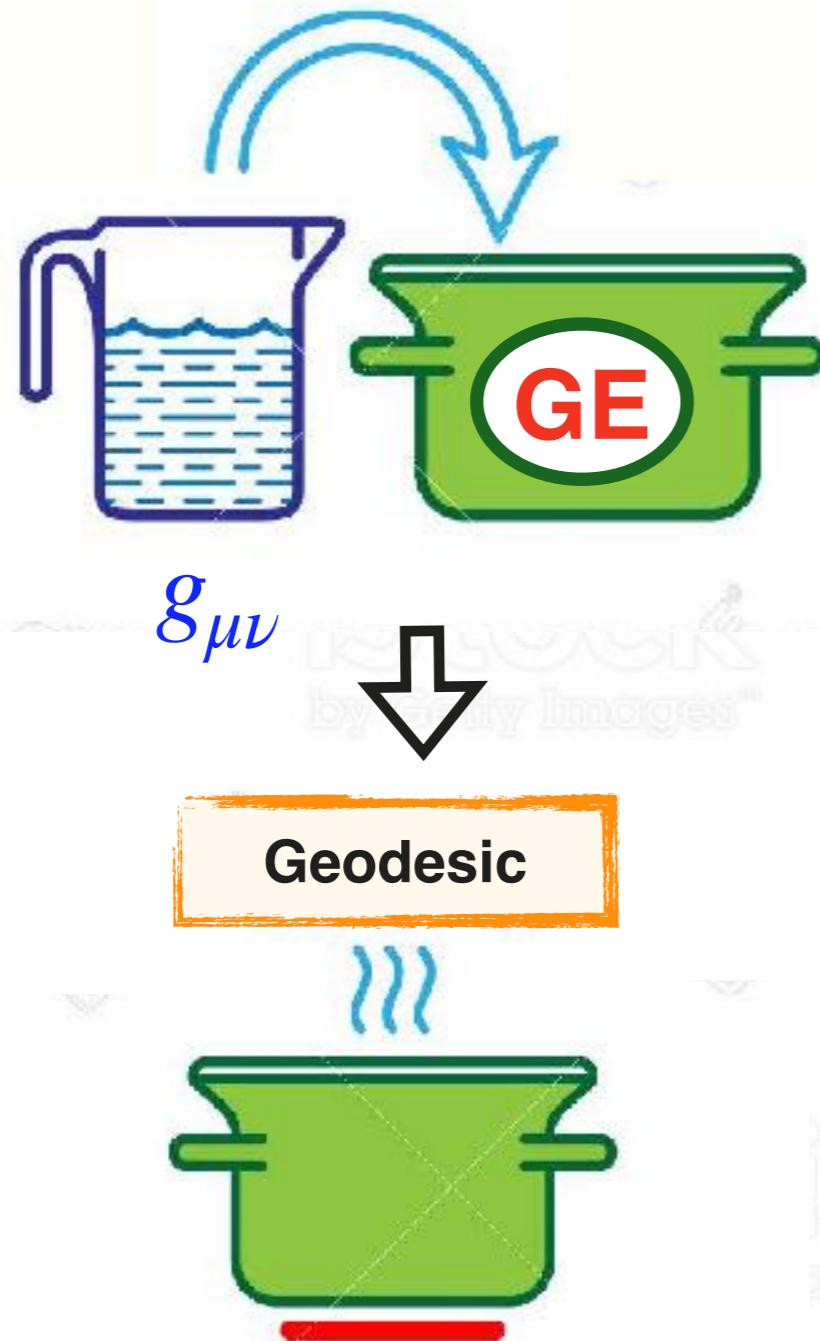
$$\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{\alpha}{E}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = E \left( \alpha K_{jk} V^i V^k - V^j \partial_j \alpha \right)$$

$$\frac{dX^i}{dt} = \alpha V^i - \beta^i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV^i}{dt} = & \alpha V^j [V^i (\partial_j \log \alpha - K_{jk} V^k) + 2K^i{}_j \\ & - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^i_{jk} V^k] - \gamma^{ij} \partial_j \alpha - V^j \partial_j \beta^i \end{aligned}$$

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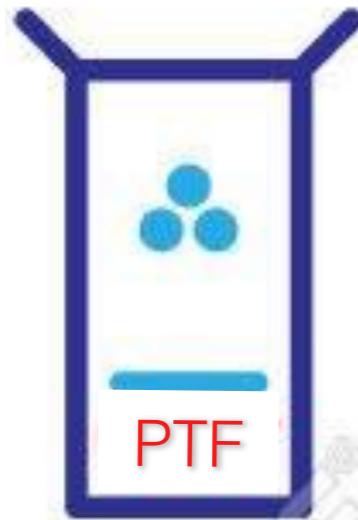
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Vincent, F. H., Gourgoulhon, E., & Novak, J. (2012). CQG 29(24), 245005.

# Parallel transported frame



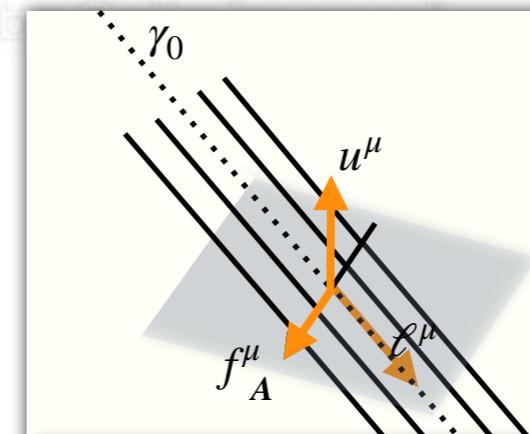
$$\ell^\nu \nabla_\nu {}^{(4)}e^\mu = 0$$

$${}^{(4)}e^\mu = Cn^\mu + e^\mu$$

$$\alpha^{-1} \frac{dC}{dt} + e^i \partial_i \log \alpha - K_{ij} V^i e^j = 0$$

$$\alpha^{-1} \left( \frac{de^i}{dt} + e^j \partial_j \beta^i \right) = K^i{}_j e^j$$

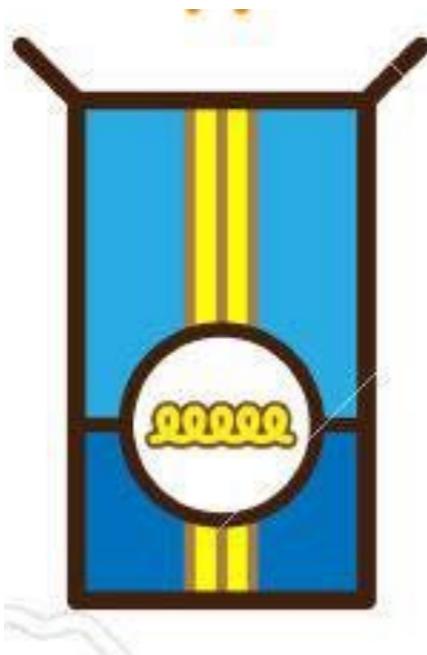
$$- {}^{(3)}\Gamma^i{}_{jk} V^j e^k - C \gamma^{ij} \partial_j \log \alpha + C K^i{}_j V^j$$



$$\mathbf{f}_a = (u^\mu, f_A^\mu, f_1^\mu, f_2^\mu, \ell^\mu)$$

$$u^\mu u_\mu = -1 ; g_{\mu\nu} f_A^\mu f^{\nu B} = \delta_A^B ; \ell^\mu \ell_\mu = 0 ; \ell^\mu u_\mu = Q > 0$$

# Curvature



$$R^\mu_{\sigma\rho\nu}\ell^\sigma\ell^\rho$$

$$\mathcal{G}^\mu_{\alpha\beta\nu} = R^\mu_{\alpha\beta\nu} + K^\mu_\beta K_{\alpha\nu} - K^\mu_\alpha K_{\beta\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\mu_{\alpha\nu} = D_\nu K^\mu_\alpha - D_\alpha K^\mu_\nu$$

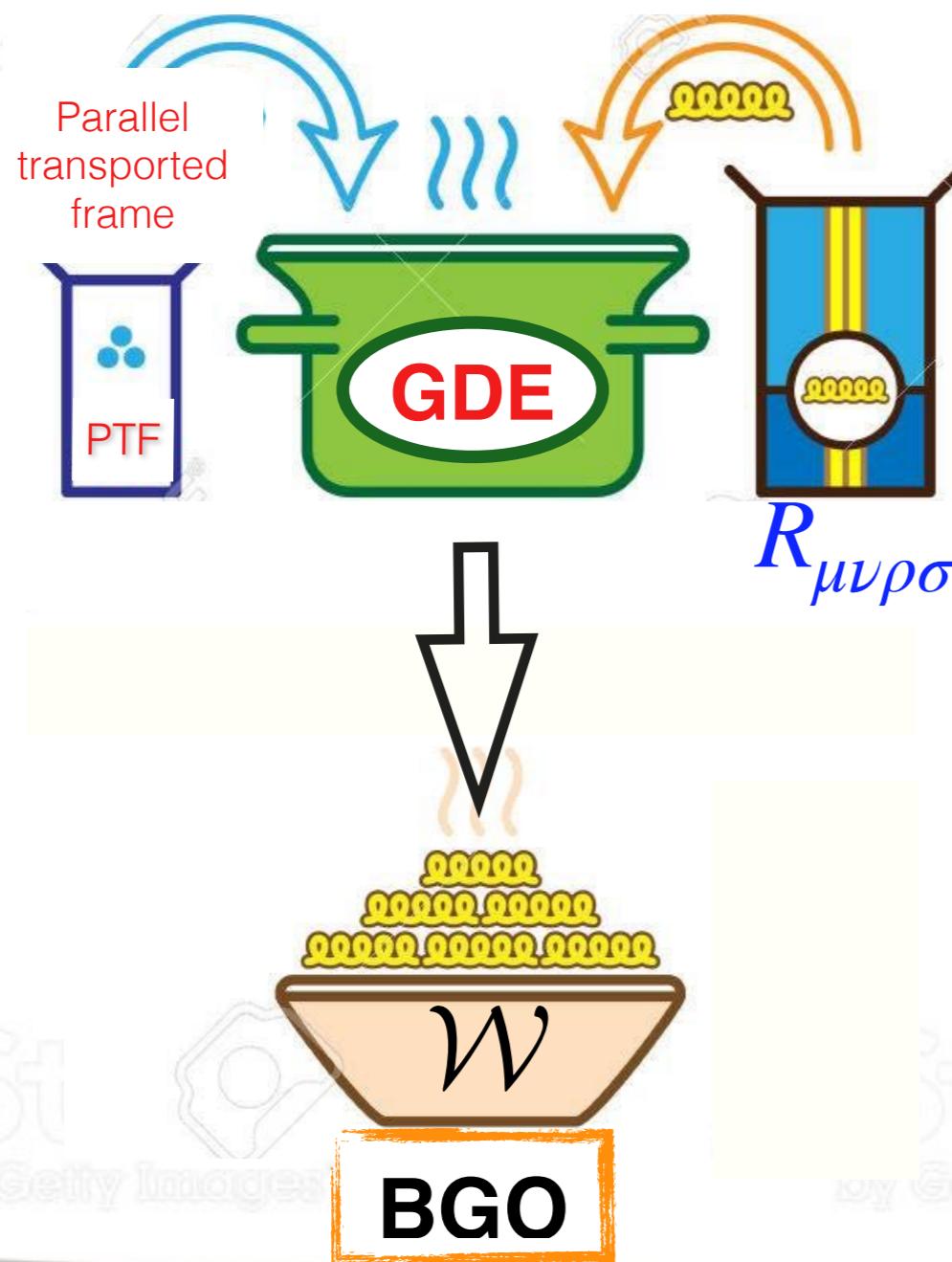
$$\mathcal{R}^\mu_{\nu} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathcal{L}_{\alpha n} K^\mu_\nu + \frac{1}{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu\sigma} D_\sigma D_\nu \alpha + K^\mu_\sigma K^\sigma_\nu$$

$$R_{\rho\ell\ell\sigma} = E^2 \left[ \mathcal{R}_{\beta\alpha} \left( \Phi_\rho F^\beta_\sigma V^\alpha + \Phi_\sigma F^\beta_\rho V^\alpha - \Phi_\rho \Phi_\sigma V^\beta V^\alpha - F^\alpha_\rho F^\beta_\sigma \right) \right.$$

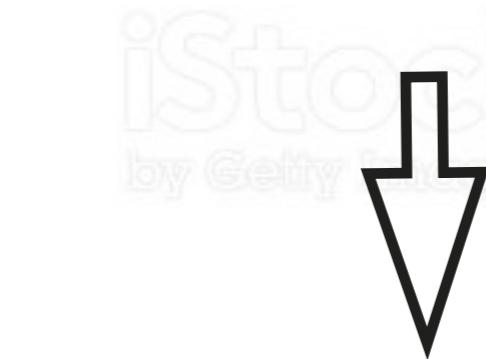
$$+ \mathcal{C}_{\nu\beta\alpha} \left( \Phi_\rho F^\nu_\sigma V^\alpha V^\beta + \Phi_\sigma F^\nu_\rho V^\alpha V^\beta - F^\alpha_\rho F^\nu_\sigma V^\beta - F^\alpha_\sigma F^\nu_\rho V^\beta \right)$$

$$\left. + \mathcal{G}_{\mu\alpha\beta\nu} F^\mu_\rho V^\alpha V^\beta F^\nu_\sigma \right]$$

# GDE for BGO

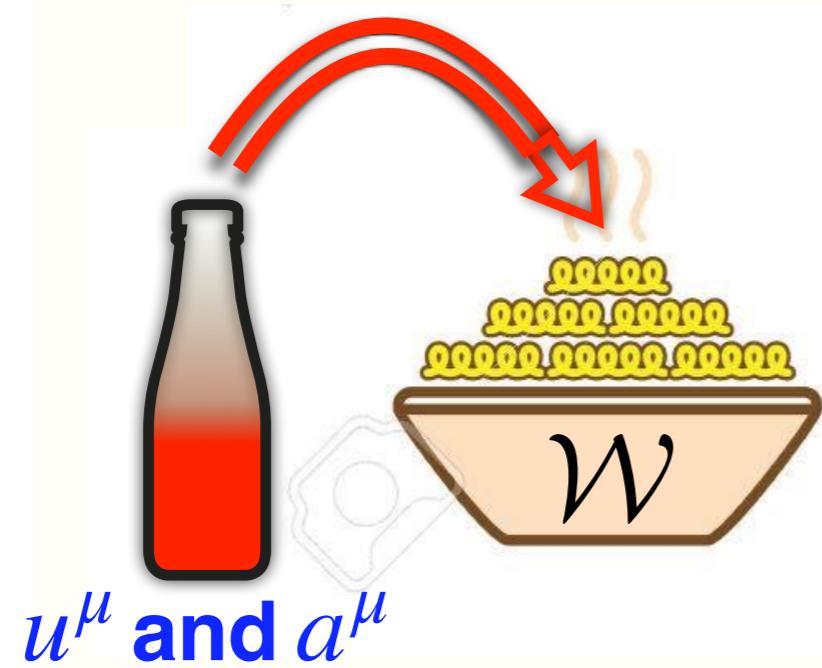


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# Observer and source motion



$$\begin{array}{ll} u_\mathcal{O}^\mu & a_\mathcal{O}^\mu \\ u_\mathcal{E}^\mu & a_\mathcal{E}^\mu \end{array}$$

# Cosmological observables

## Cosmological Observables



- $D_{\text{ang}} = (\ell_{\mathcal{O} \mu} u_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mu}) \left| \det W_{XL}{}^A{}_B \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $D_{\text{par}} = (\ell_{\mathcal{O} \mu} u_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mu}) \left( \frac{\left| \det W_{XL}{}^A{}_B \right|}{\left| \det W_{XX}{}^A{}_B \right|} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $\frac{\delta \log(1+z)}{\delta t_{\mathcal{O}}} = \Xi - \left( u_{\mathcal{O}}, \frac{u_{\mathcal{E}}}{1+z} \right) U \left( \frac{u_{\mathcal{O}}}{u_{\mathcal{E}}} \right)$
- ...

# BiGONLight: Bi-local Geodesic Operators framework for Numerical Light propagation



MG in preparation

BiGONLight.m

ADM[], CovD[],  
Christoffel[], Riemann[],  
BGOEquations[],  
SolveBGO[],  
PTransportedFrame[],  
...

**input:**  
METRIC  
TENSOR  
+  
 $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$   
MOTION

**BiGONLight:**  
BGO  
formalism in  
3+1 splitting

**output:**  
OBSERVABLES

## Code Tests 1:

**Angular distance  $D_{ang}$  and redshift  $z$  in  $\Lambda CDM$  model:**

**numerical** with BiGONLight

vs

**analytical** expression

$$\text{variation} = \frac{\text{numerical} - \text{analytical}}{\text{analytical}}$$

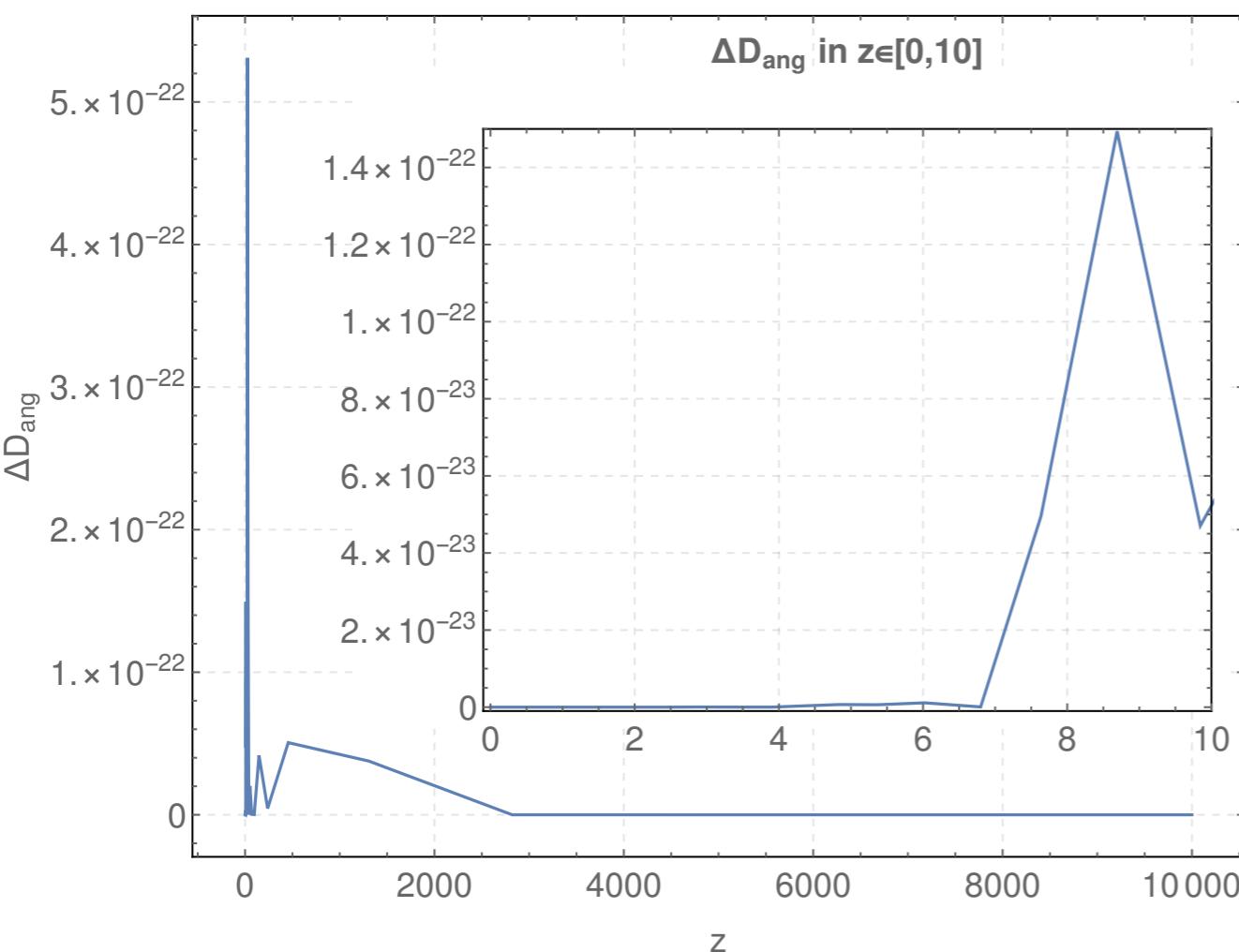
# Code Tests 1: the $\Lambda$ CDM model

$$ds^2 = a^2 \{ -d\eta^2 + dq_1^2 + dq_2^2 + dq_3^2 \}$$

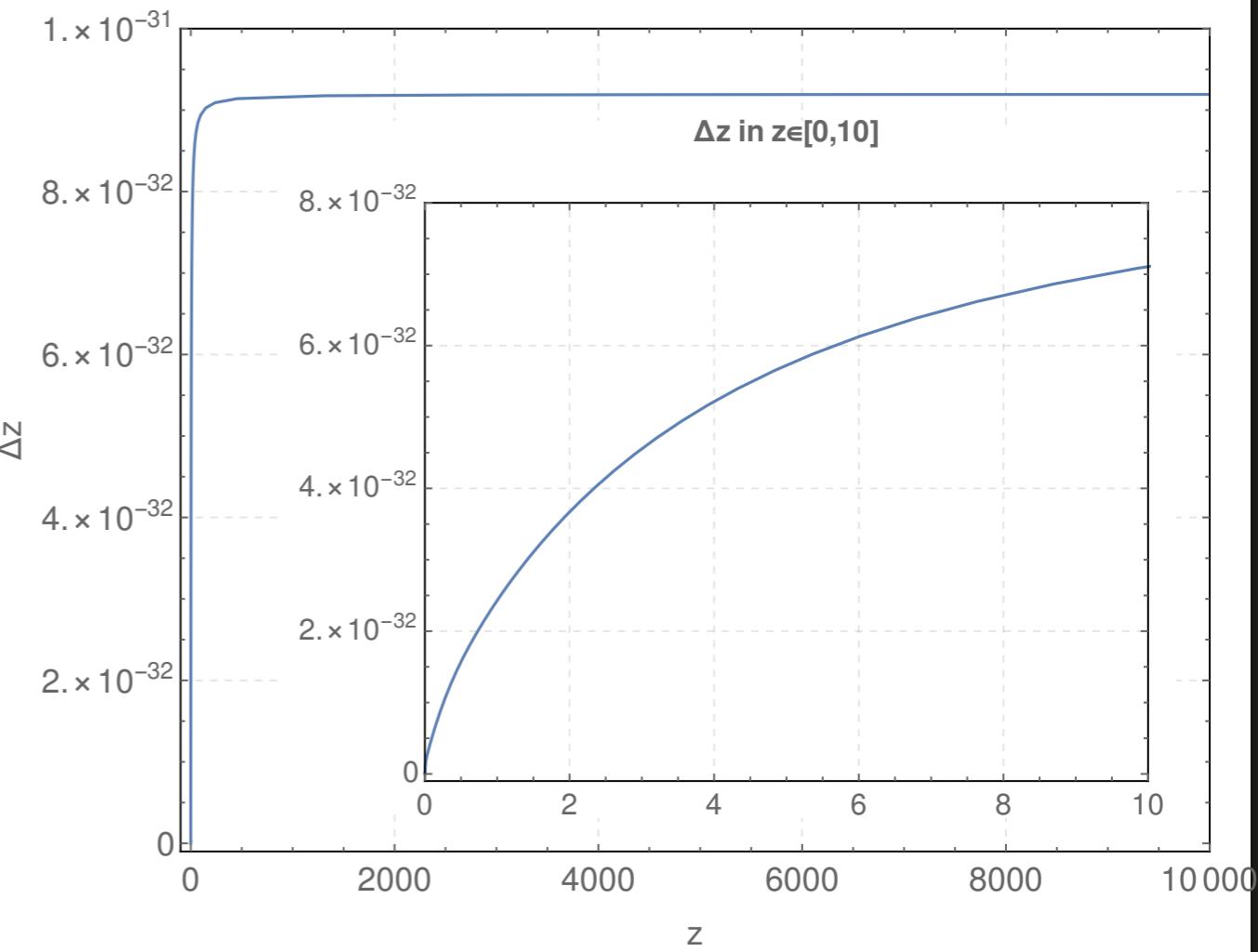
$$\Delta D_{\text{ang}} = \frac{D_{\text{ang}}^{\text{BGO}} - D_{\text{ang}}^{\text{an}}}{D_{\text{ang}}^{\text{an}}}$$

$$\Delta z = \frac{z^{\text{BGO}} - z^{\text{an}}}{z^{\text{an}}}$$

$D_{\text{ang}}$  in  $\Lambda$ CDM: numerical vs analytical



Redshift in  $\Lambda$ CDM: numerical vs analytical



$D_{\text{ang}} \sim 10^{-22}$

$z \sim 10^{-31}$

## Code Tests 2:

**Angular distance  $D_{ang}$  and redshift  $z$  in Szekeres model:**

$$ds^2 = a^2 \left\{ -d\eta^2 + [A(\mathbf{q}) + F(\eta, q_1)]^2 dq_1^2 + dq_2^2 + dq_3^2 \right\}$$

$$A(\mathbf{q}) = 1 + \beta_+(q_1)B [q_2^2 + q_3^2] \quad \& \quad F(\eta, q_1) = \beta(q_1)\mathcal{D}(\eta)$$

N. Meures, M. Bruni (2011), **Phys.Rev. D**

numerical with **BiGONLight**

vs

numerical using **Sachs**

$$\text{variation} = \frac{\text{BGO} - \text{Sachs}}{\text{Sachs}}$$

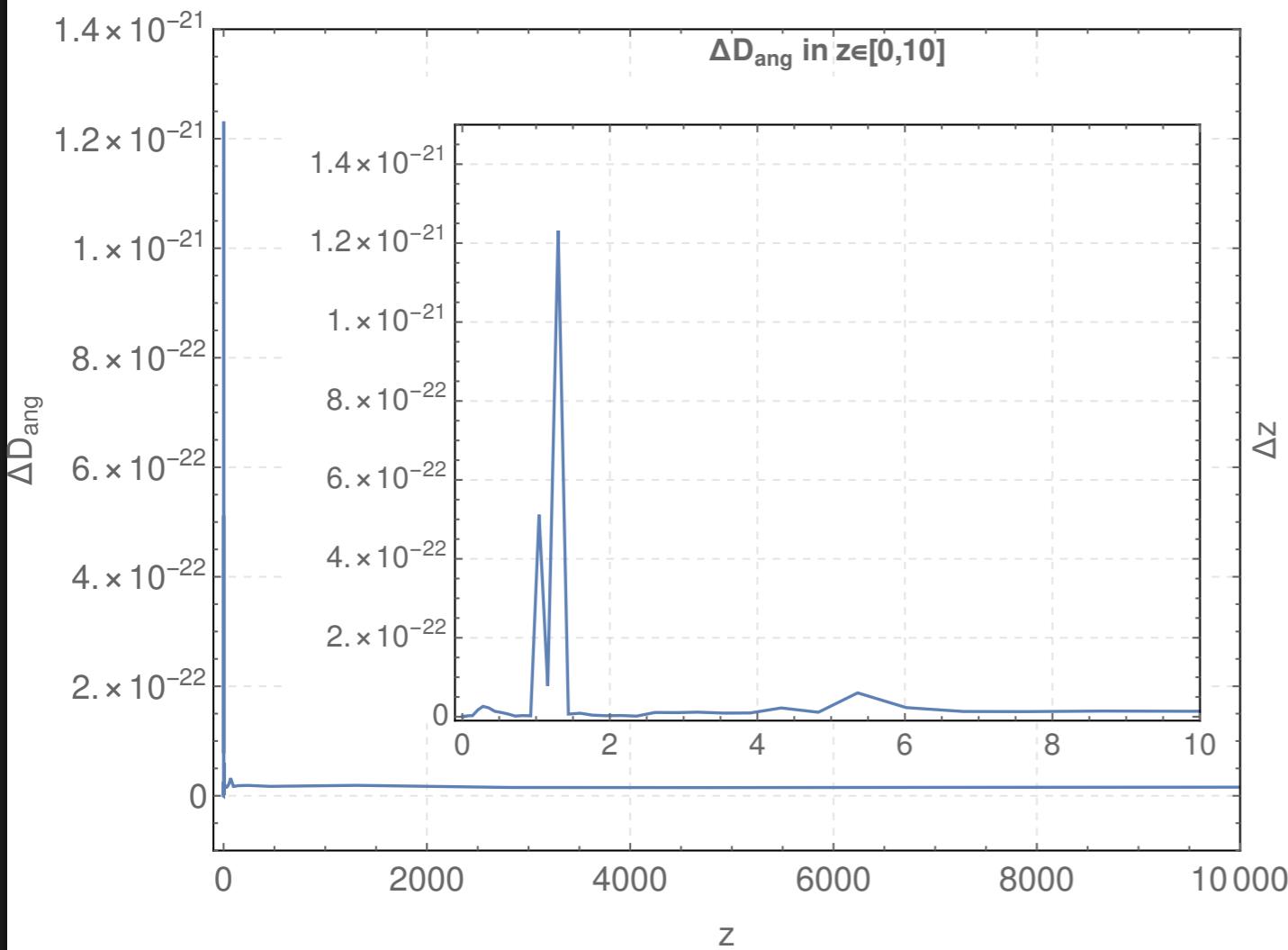
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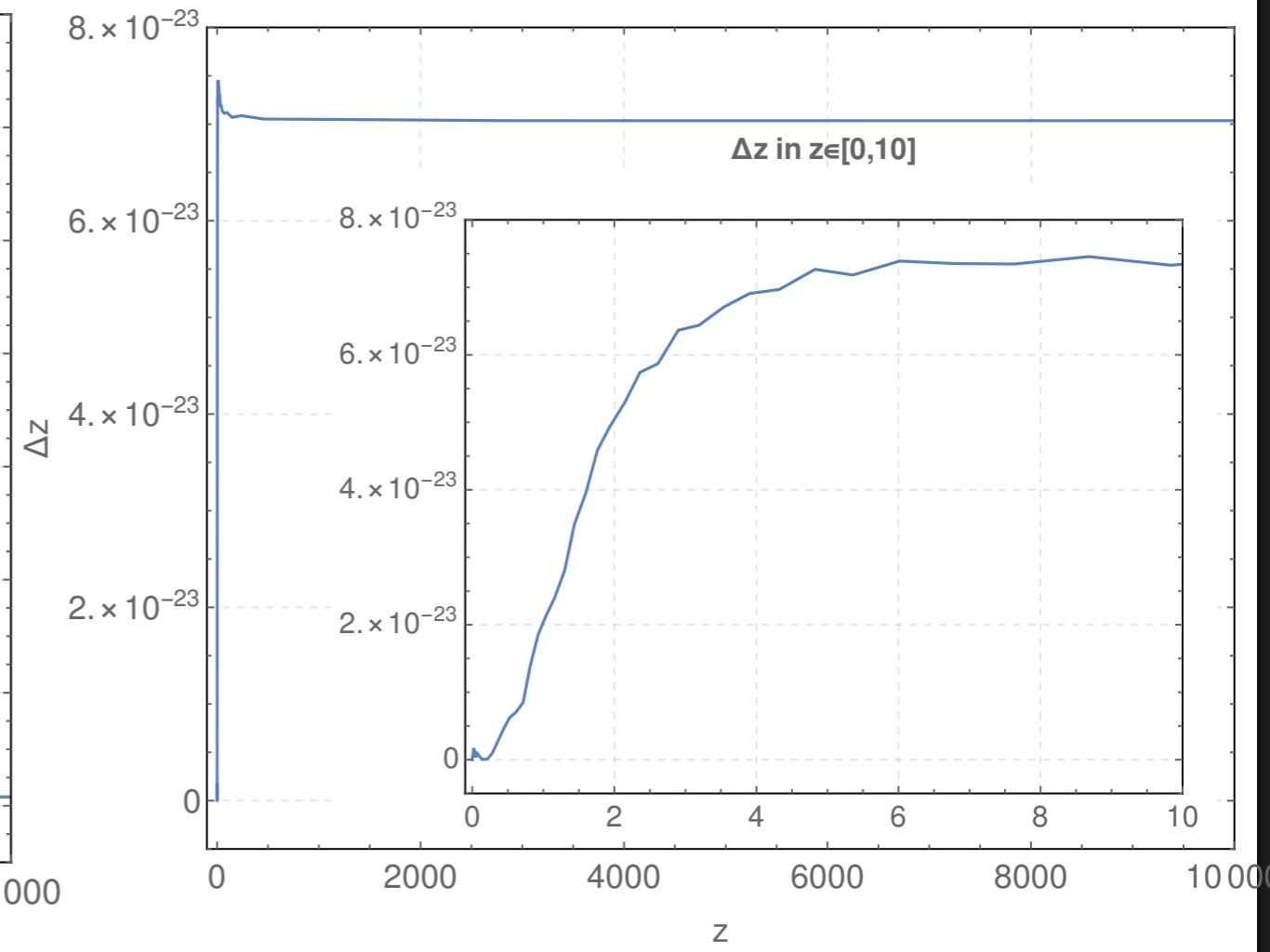
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$D_{\text{ang}}$  in Szekeres: BGO vs Sachs



Redshift in Szekeres: BGO vs Sachs



$D_{\text{ang}} \sim 10^{-21}$

$z \sim 10^{-23}$

## Code Tests 3: Redshift drift in $\Lambda CDM$ model

Redshift drift, i.e. how cosmic redshift changes over time

general formula with the BGO

$$\frac{\delta \log(1+z)}{\delta t_{\mathcal{O}}} = \Xi - \left( u_{\mathcal{O}}, \frac{u_{\mathcal{E}}}{1+z} \right) U \left( \frac{u_{\mathcal{O}}}{u_{\mathcal{E}}} \right)$$

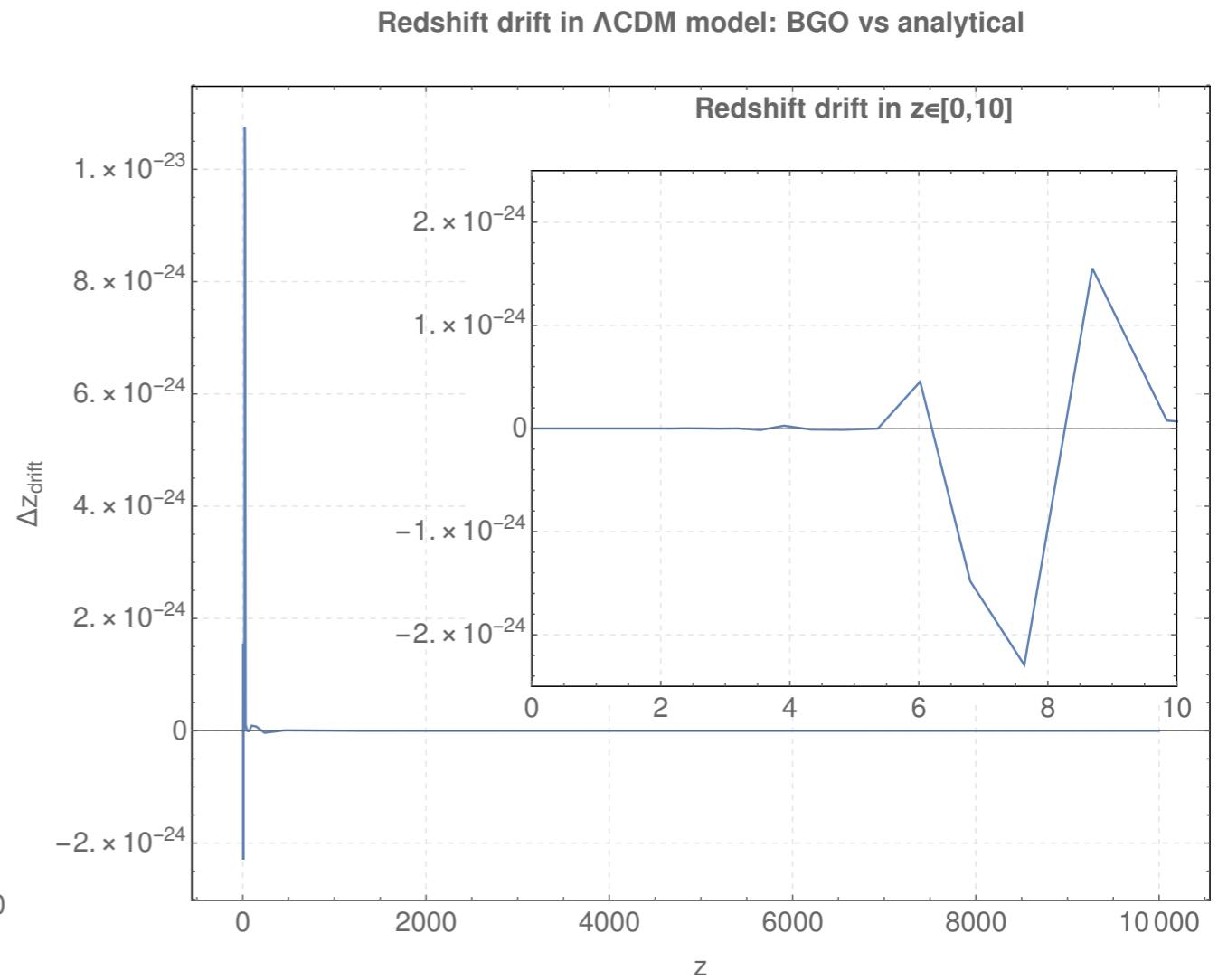
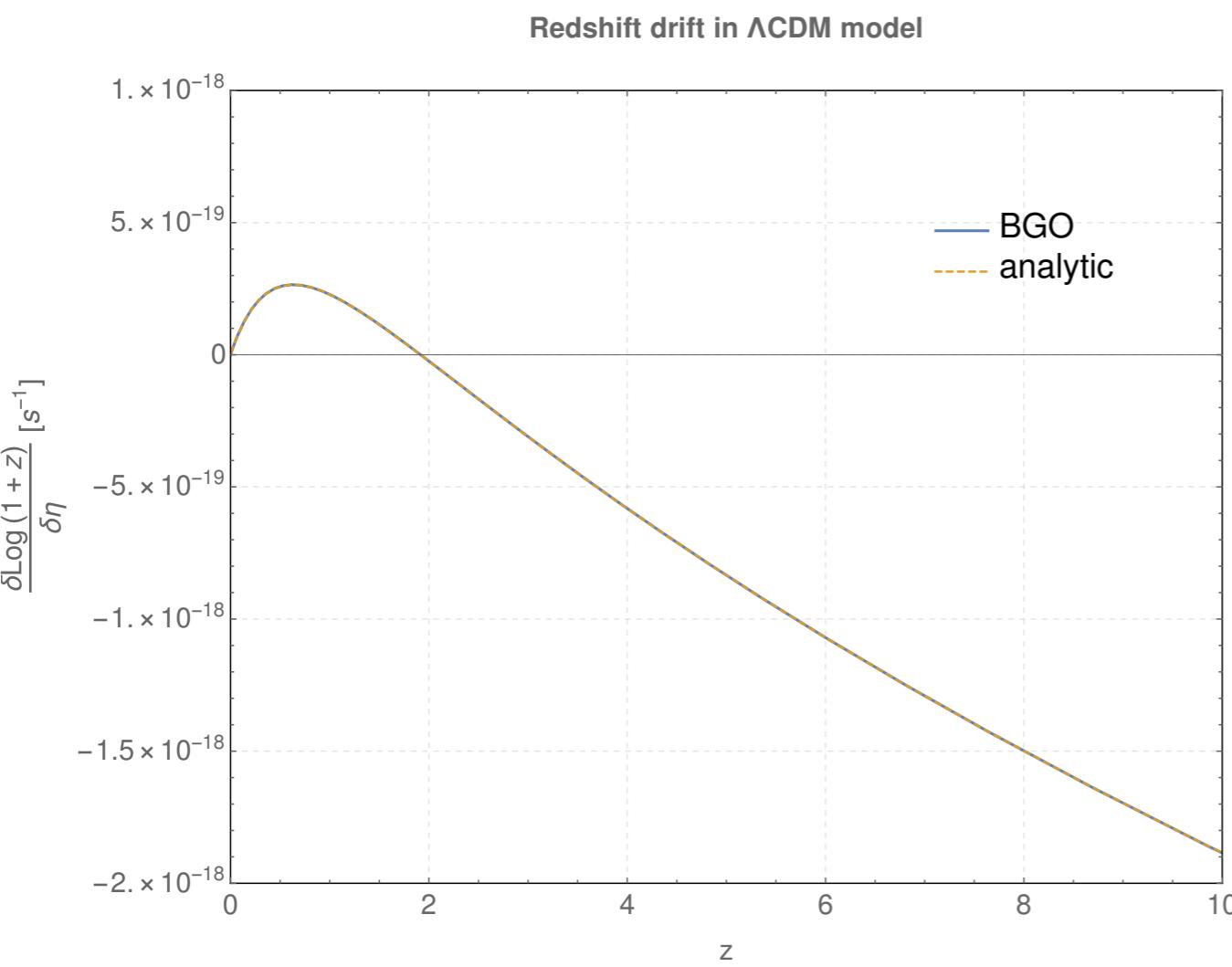
in  $\Lambda CDM$  reduces to

$$\frac{\delta \log(1+z)}{\delta t_{\mathcal{O}}} = H_0 - \frac{H(z)}{1+z}$$

# Code Tests 3: Redshift drift in $\Lambda CDM$ model

$$\frac{\delta \log(1+z)}{\delta t_{\mathcal{O}}}$$

$$\Delta z_{\text{drift}} = \frac{\text{numerical} - \text{analytical}}{\text{analytical}}$$



$\sim 10^{-24}$

# APPLICATION: isolating non linearities in light propagation in inhomogeneous cosmology

Effects of inhomogeneties  
on light propagation:

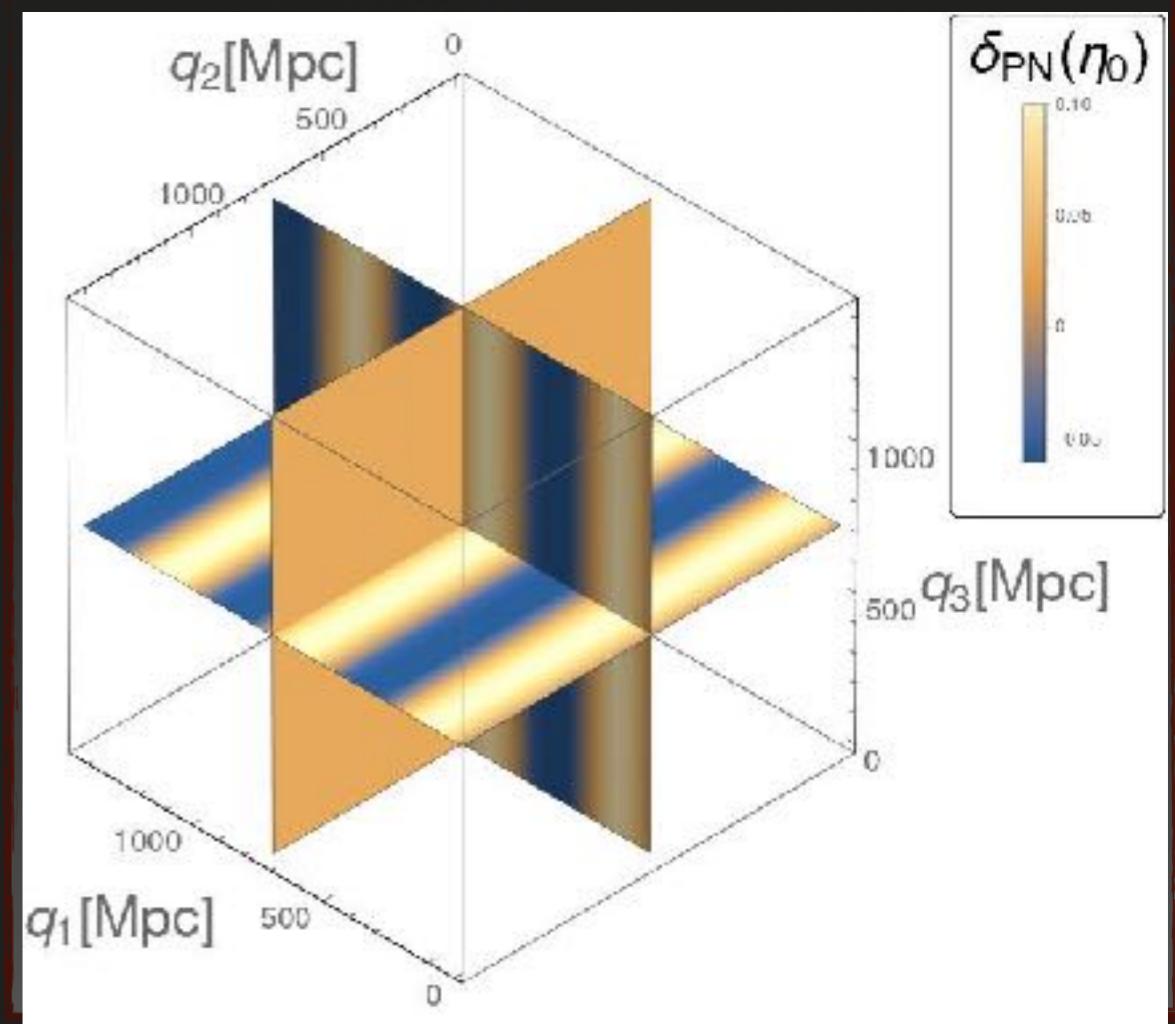
- don't explain the distance-redshift relation
- negligible bias on cosmological parameters



# APPLICATION: isolating non linearities in light propagation in inhomogeneous cosmology

Our toy-model: plane-parallel model

$\Lambda$  + irrotational dust uniformly distributed along parallel sheets orthogonal to the  $q_1$  axis



$$\phi_0(q_1)$$

# APPLICATION: isolating non linearities in light propagation in inhomogeneous cosmology

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \{ -c^2 d\eta^2 + \gamma_{11}(\eta, q_1) dq_1^2 + \gamma_{22}(\eta, q_1) dq_2^2 + \gamma_{33}(\eta, q_1) dq_3^2 \}$$

$$\gamma_{11}(\eta, q_1) = \gamma_{11}^N(\eta, q_1) + \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma_{11}^{\text{PN}}(\eta, q_1) \quad \gamma_{22}(\eta, q_1) = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma_{22}^{\text{PN}}(\eta, q_1) \quad \gamma_{33}(\eta, q_1) = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma_{33}^{\text{PN}}(\eta, q_1)$$

E. Villa, S. Matarrese, & D. Maino (2011). *JCAP*.

Comparison of cosmological observables in three cases:

- (I) **Newtonian** dynamics + **exact** relativistic light propagation
- (II) **PN** dynamics + **exact** relativistic light propagation
- (III) **Linear standard PT** for both

MG, E. Villa, M. Korzyński & S. Matarrese, in preparation

# Set up

- Gravitational potential  $\phi_0 = \mathcal{A} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{k} q_1\right)$

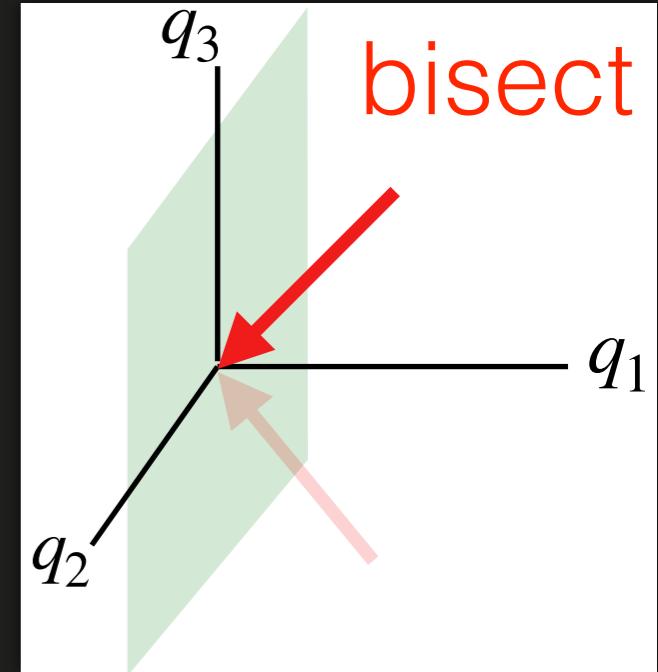
$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}$$

The scales of perturbations:

- $k = 500 \text{ Mpc}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{k=500 \text{ Mpc}}$  such that  $\delta_{max} = 0.1$  today
- $k = 100 \text{ Mpc}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{k=100 \text{ Mpc}}$  such that  $\delta_{max} = 1$  today

# Set up

- Gravitational potential  $\phi_0 = \mathcal{A} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}q_1\right)$
- Light rays on the bisect to the planes
- Observer in  $\delta_{in} = 0$



$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}$$

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# Preliminary Results

Redshift:

Linear

vs

Newtonian

and

post-Newtonian

vs

Newtonian

$$\Delta z = \frac{z^{Lin} - z^N}{z^N}$$

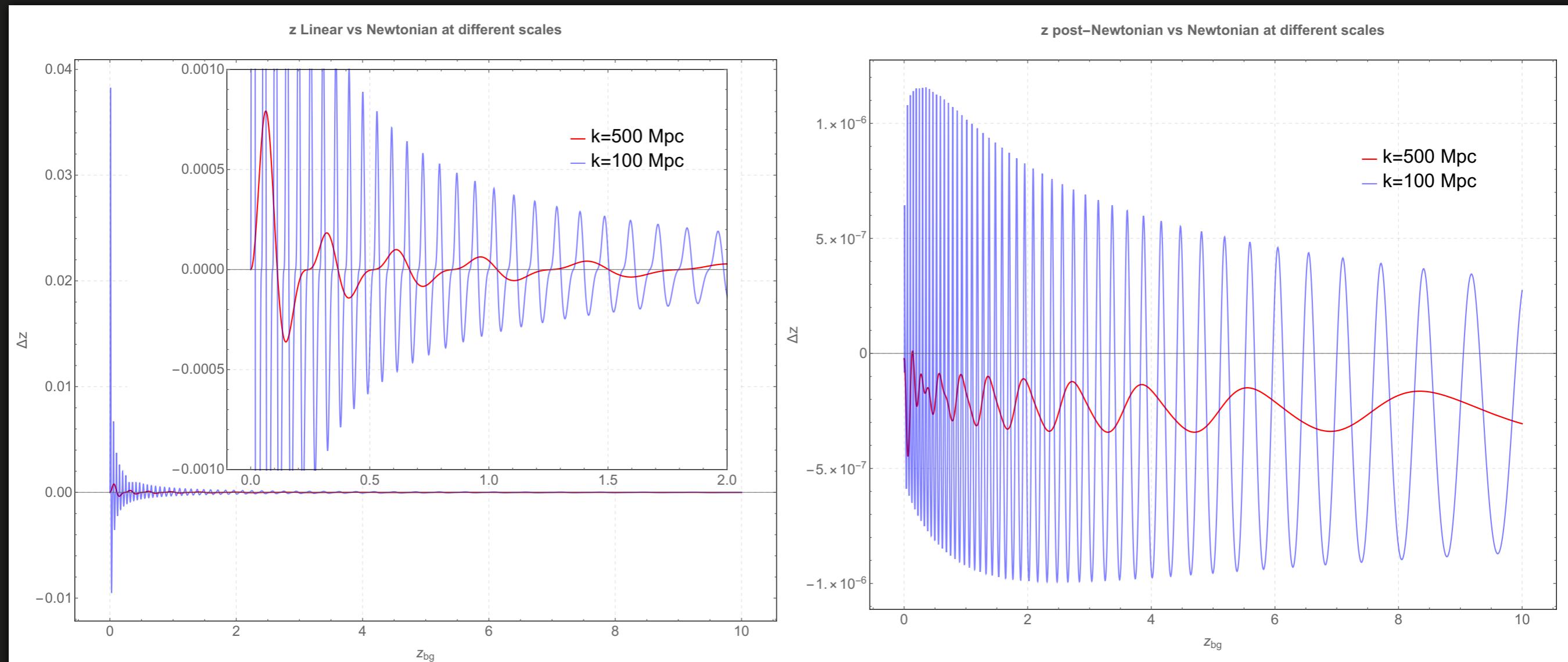
$$\Delta z = \frac{z^{PN} - z^N}{z^N}$$

# Preliminary Results: Redshift

**Redshift:**  $k = 500 \text{ Mpc}$  (red),  $k = 100 \text{ Mpc}$  (blue)

Lin vs N

PN vs N



$\sim 0.038$  and  $\sim 0.0008$

$\sim 10^{-6}$  and  $\sim 10^{-7}$

# Preliminary Results

## Angular diameter distance:

Linear and post-  
Newtonian

vs

Newtonian

and

Linear

vs

post-Newtonian

$$\Delta D_{\text{ang}} = \frac{D_{\text{ang}}^{\text{Lin}} - D_{\text{ang}}^N}{D_{\text{ang}}^N}$$

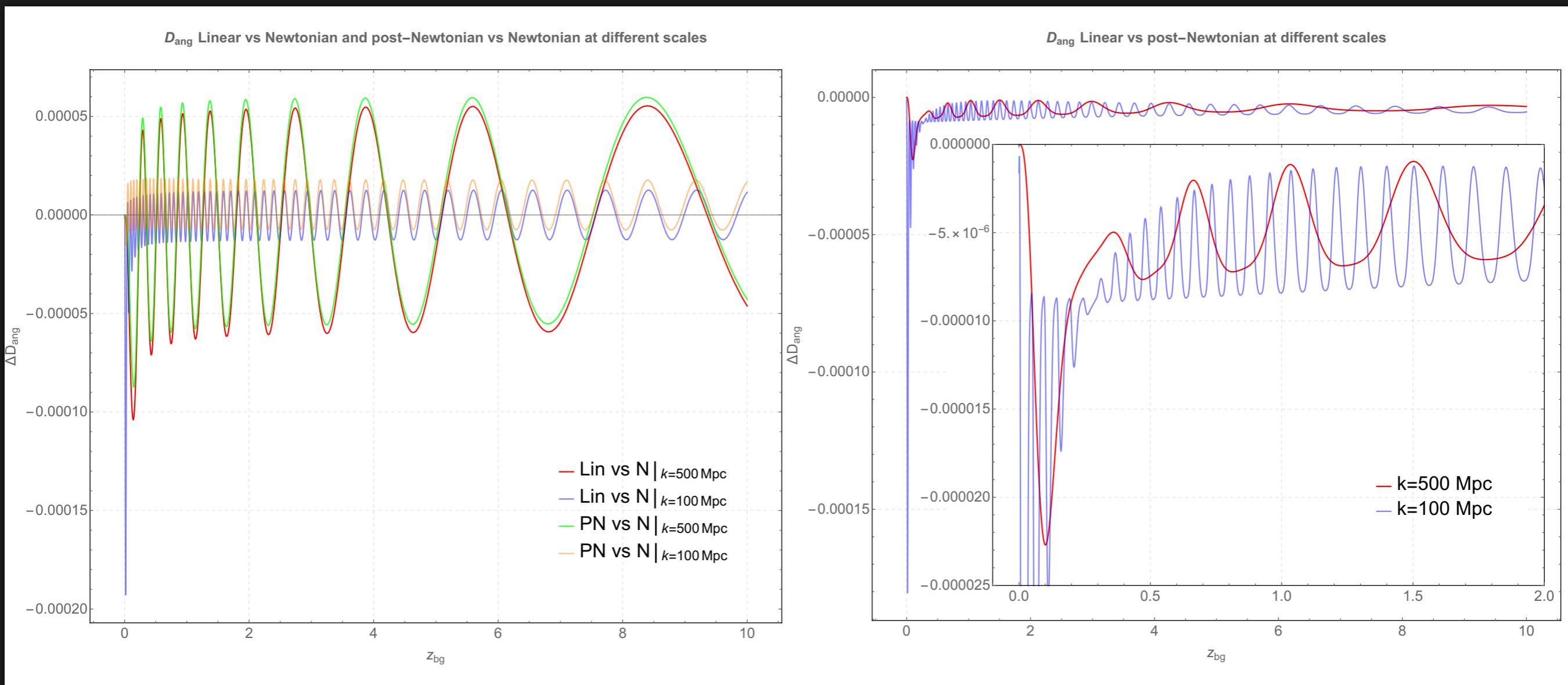
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# Preliminary Results: Angular diameter distance

Lin vs N & PN vs N

Lin vs PN



$k = 500 \text{ Mpc}: \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $k = 100 \text{ Mpc}: \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$

both  $k \sim 3 \times 10^{-6}$

# Preliminary Results: summary

1. Redshift: Newtonian approximation is the leading order for non-linearities. Post-Newtonian small corrections  $\sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-6}$
2. Angular diameter distance:
  - $\Delta D_{\text{ang}}(\text{Lin}, \text{PN}) \sim 10^{-6}$
  - $\Delta D_{\text{ang}}(\text{Lin}, \text{N}) \& \Delta D_{\text{ang}}(\text{PN}, \text{N}) \sim 10^{-5}$

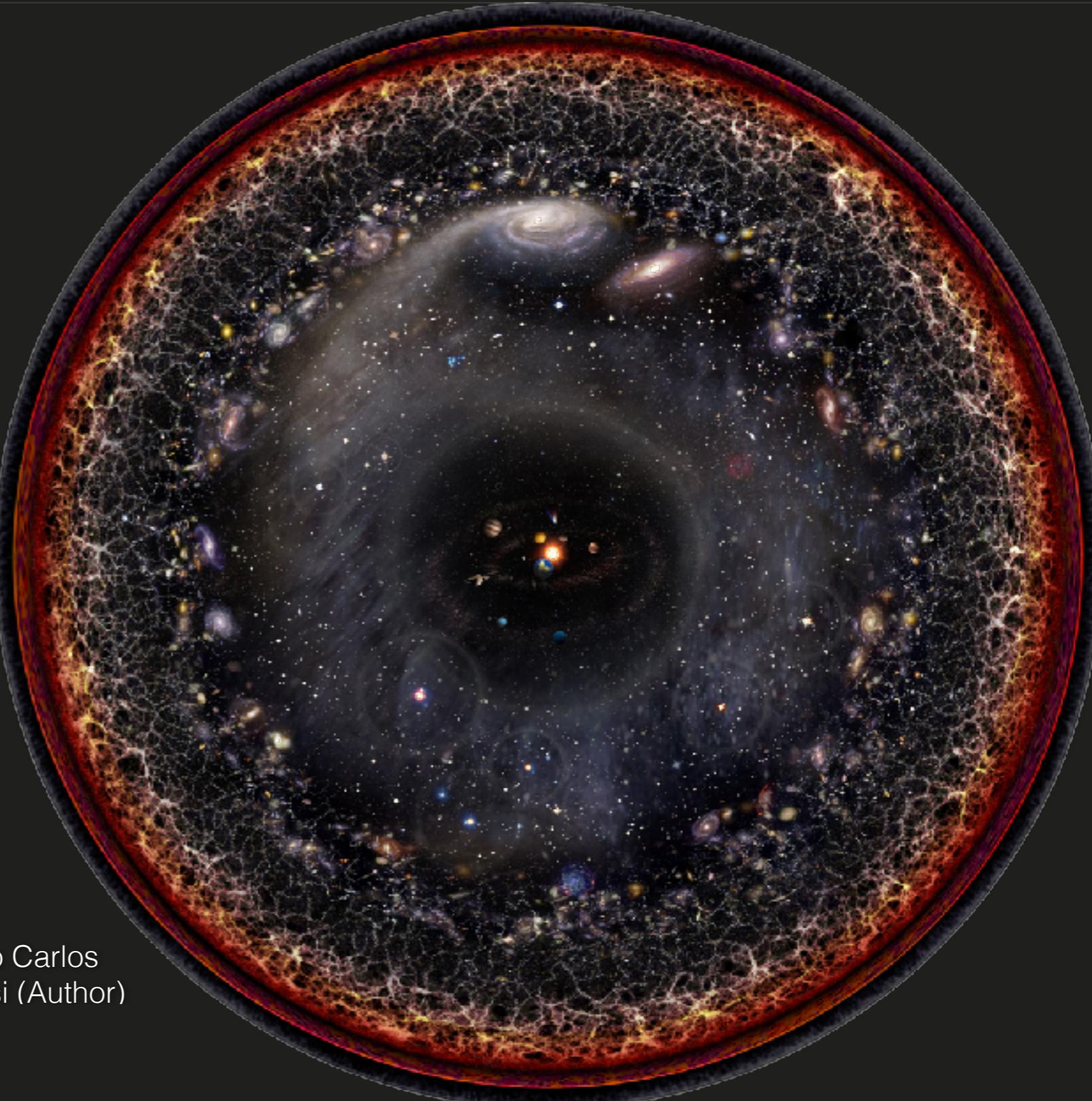
# Work in progress

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1. Geodesic directions w.r.t. the planes
2. Varying perturbation scales and superposition
3. Varying observer position
4. Different gauge choices
5. Other observables: redshift and position drifts

# Take-home messages

- BGOs as unified framework for **all** the observables and **all** scales
- BiGONLight.m valid numerical tool for **high precision** light propagation



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