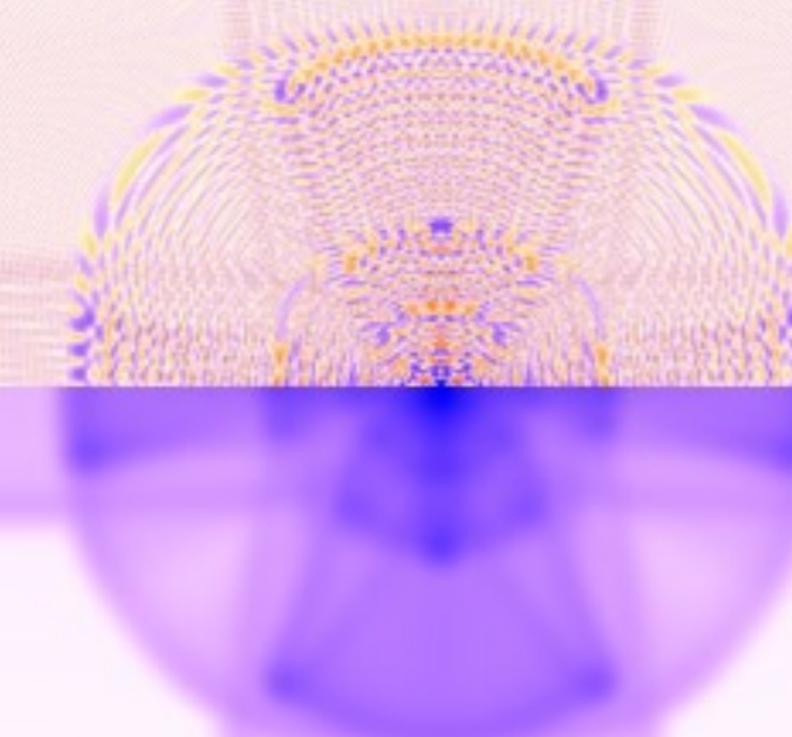


# Solving the Vlasov equation in 2 spatial dimensions with the Schrödinger method



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# 1. Introduction

## 2. Comparison of solving

coarse grained Vlasov with cold  
initial conditions (using ColDICE)  
and Schrödinger method (ScM) with

- a) 2D simulations: visually
- b) general formulas
- c) 2D simulations: quantitatively

## 3. Application: cosmological backreaction

## 4. Summary & Outlook

# Vlasov equation: Recap and definitions

## Continuous phase space distribution function

- ensemble average of Klimontovich  $f_N$ , the N-body problem.
- dropping collision terms  $\sim 1/N$
- moments

$$M_{i_1 \dots i_n}^{(n)}(x) \equiv \int d^3u \ u_{i_1} \cdots u_{i_n} f(x, u)$$

- density
- velocity
- velocity dispersion

$$f(t, x, u)$$

Gilbert (APJ 152, 1968)  
Binney, Tremaine (1987)  
Bertschinger astro-ph/9503125

$$\begin{aligned} n(x) &= M^{(0)} = e^{C^{(0)}} \\ u_i(x) &= C_{i(2)}^{(1)} = M_i^{(1)} / n \\ C_{ij}^{(2)}(x) &= M_{ij}^{(2)} / n - u_i u_j \end{aligned}$$

## Vlasov (- Poisson) equation (collisionless Boltzmann)

$$\partial_t f(x, u) = -\frac{u}{a^2} \nabla_x f + \nabla_x \Phi \nabla_u f$$

nonlinearity

$$\Delta \Phi = \frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{a} \left( \int d^3u f - 1 \right)$$

cosmological scale factor

$$\int_{\text{vol}} d^3x \int d^3u f = \text{vol}$$

## Boltzmann hierarchy

$$\partial_t C_{i_1 \dots i_n}^{(n)} = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left\{ \nabla_j C_{i_1 \dots i_n j}^{(n+1)} + \sum_{S \in \mathcal{P}(I=\{i_1, \dots, i_n\})} C_{I \setminus S \cap \{j\}}^{(n+1-|S|)} \nabla_j C_S^{(|S|)} \right\} - \delta_{n1} \nabla_{i_1} \Phi$$

Uhlemann, MK, Haugg  
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consistent truncation:

**dust** (pressureless perfect) **fluid**

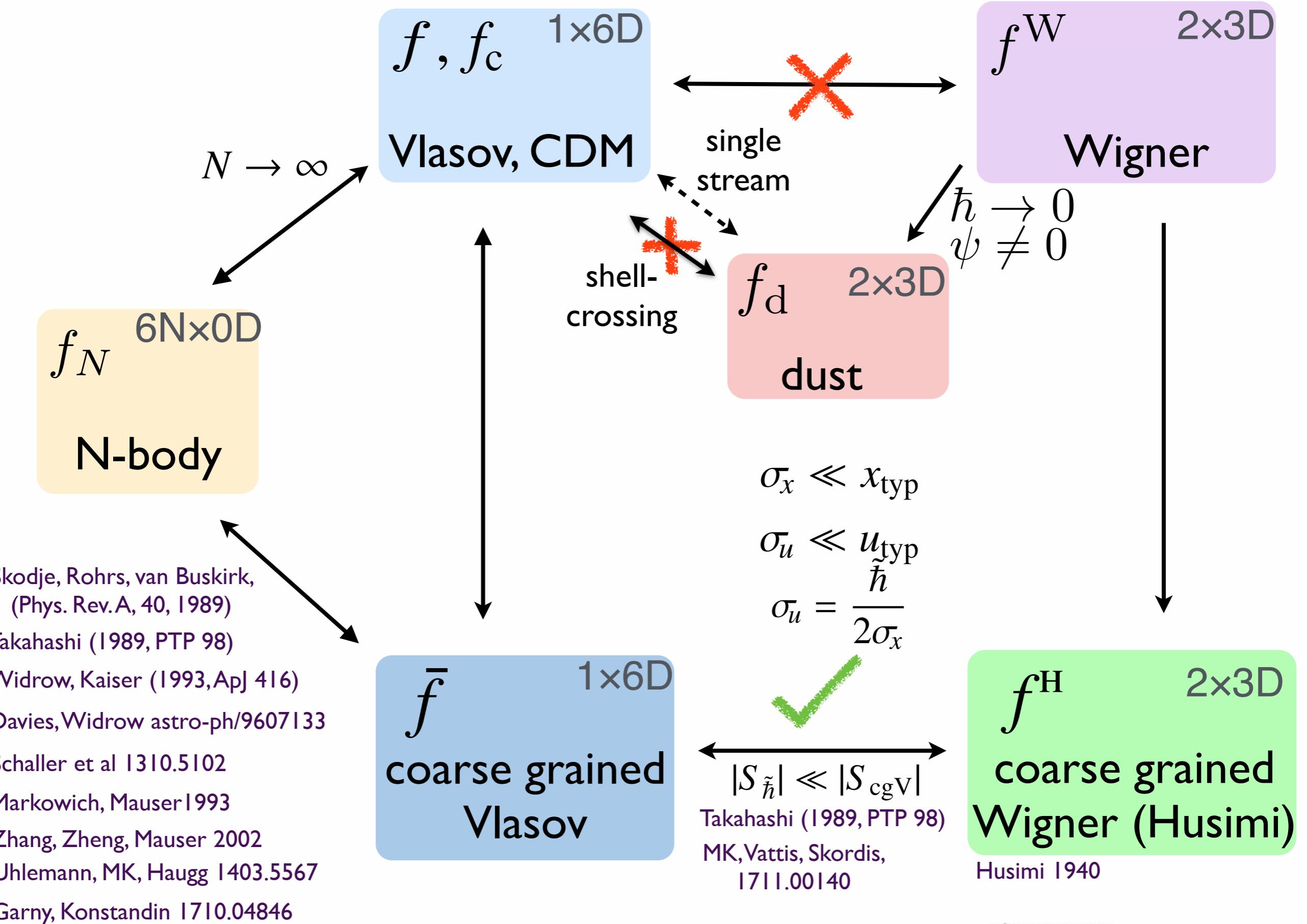
$$C^{(n \geq 2)}(x) = 0$$

$$f_d(t, x, u) = n_d(t, x) \delta_D(u - \nabla \phi_d(t, x))$$

## Definition of Cold Dark Matter (CDM)

⇒ Application in cosmology

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f_c(t, x, u) = f_d(t, x, u)$$



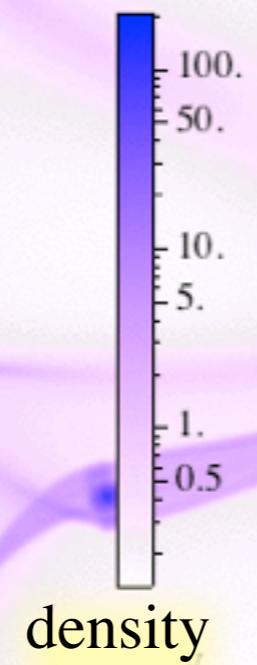
# **2a) Comparison of 2D cosmological simulations by eye**

for **ColDICE** and **ScM**

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(JCPH,321,  
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Vlasov solver  
ColDICE

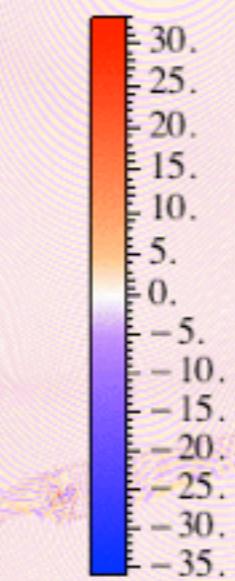


Schrödinger method

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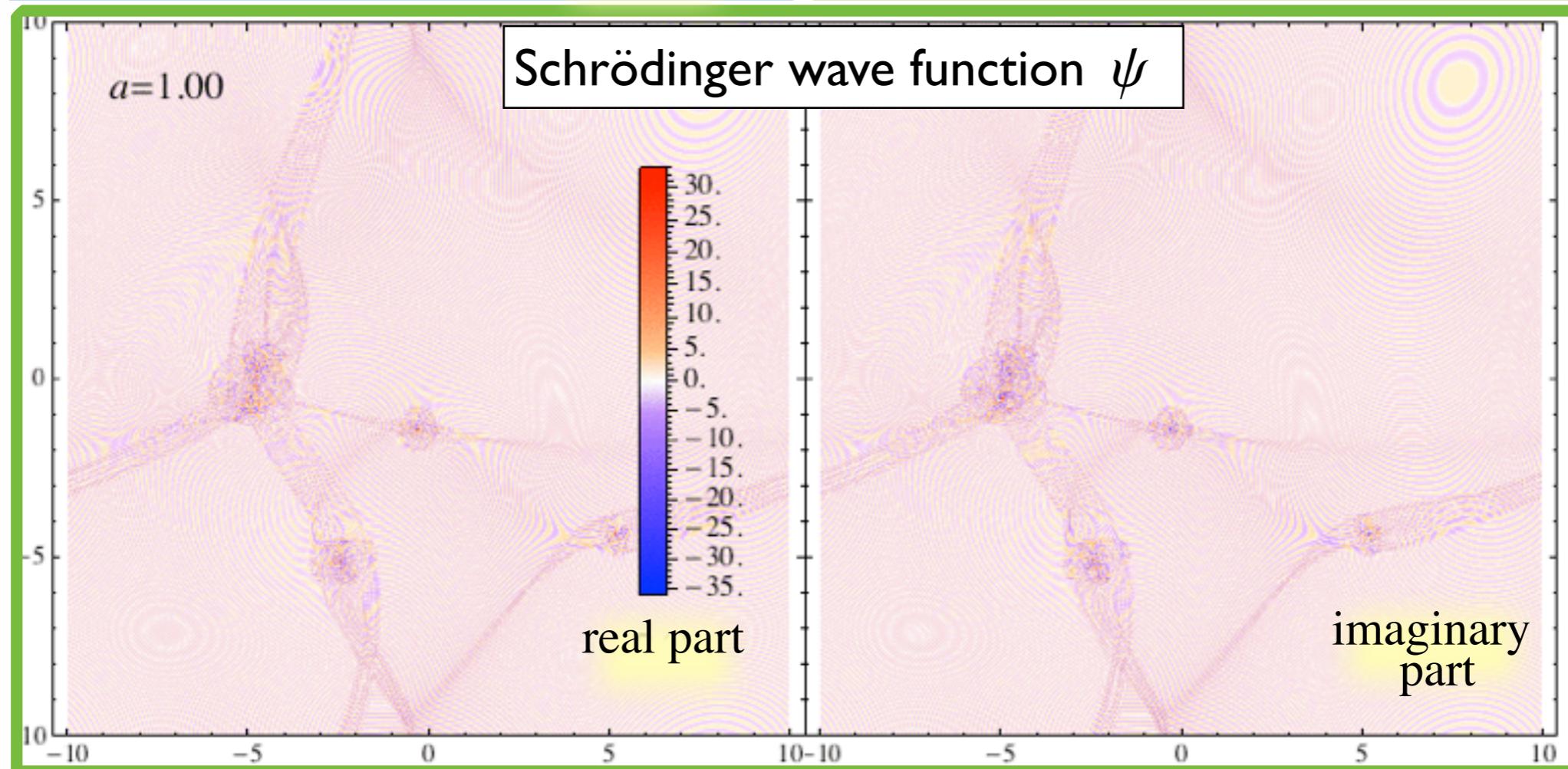
•  $|\psi|^2$   
+gaussian filter  
with width  $\sigma_x$

Schrödinger wave function  $\psi$

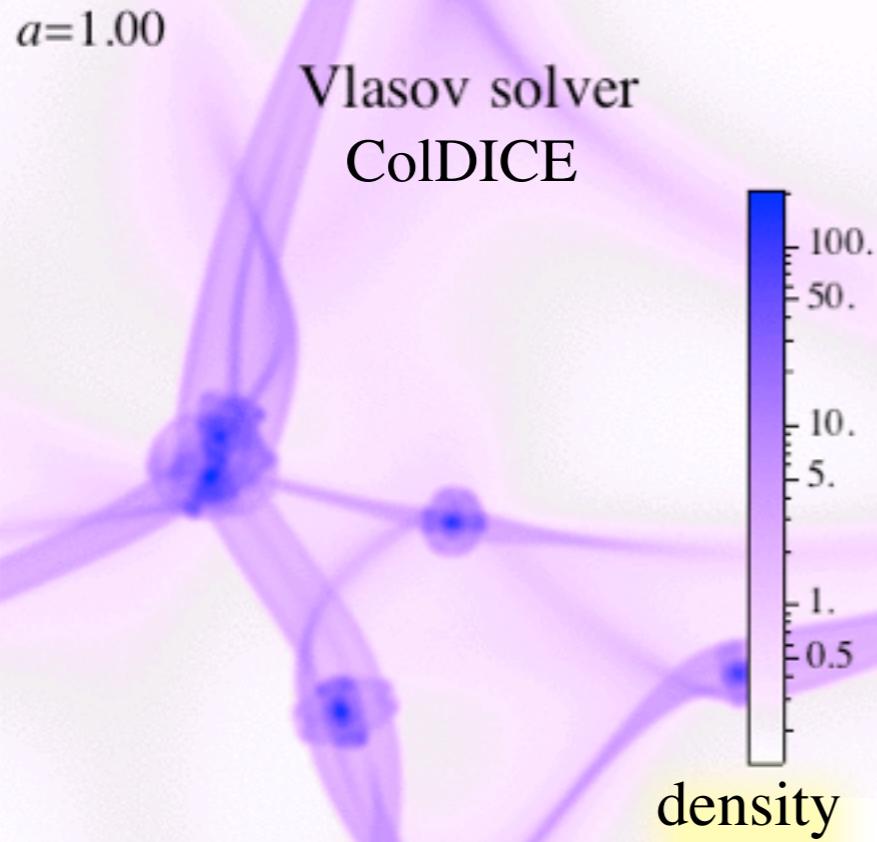


imaginary part

- CUDA
- Crank-Nicolson
- CuFFT
- N=8192<sup>2</sup>

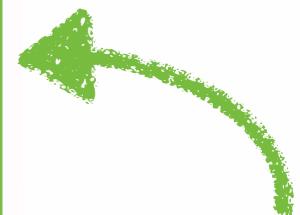


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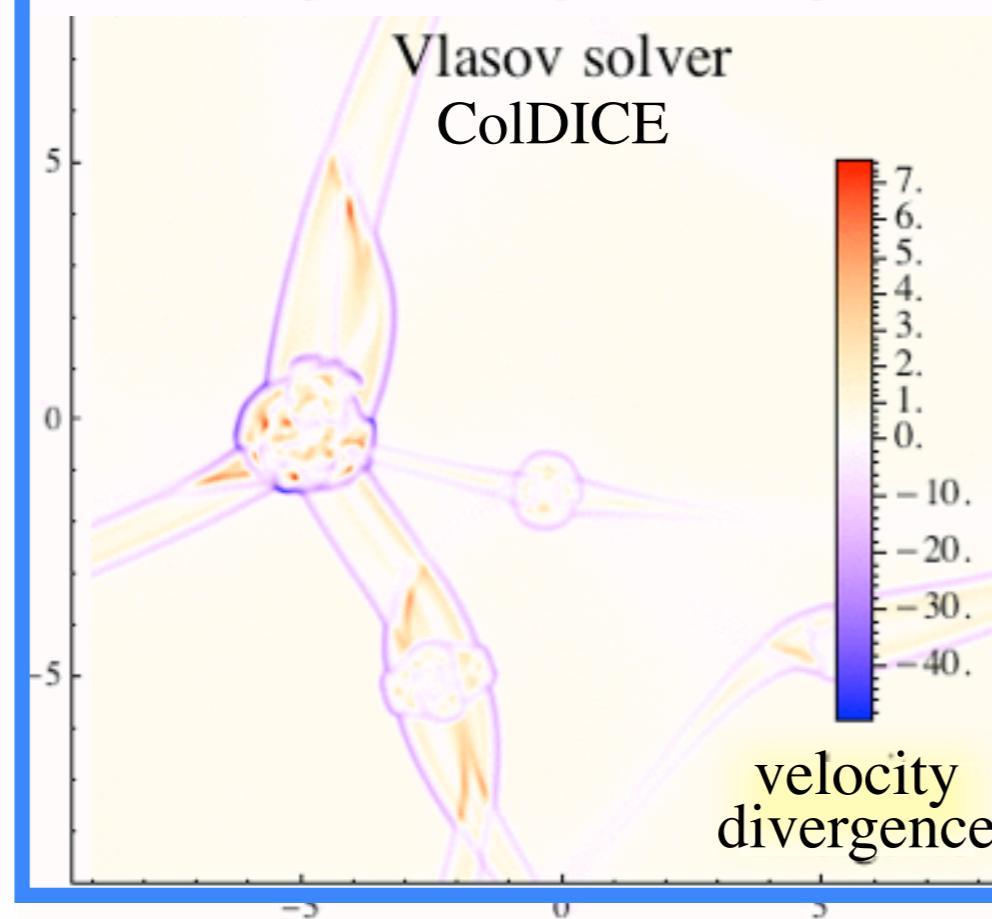
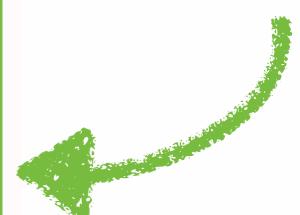


$$M^{w(0)} = |\psi|^2$$

+gaussian filter  
with width  $\sigma_x, \sigma_u$

$$M_i^{w(1)} =$$

$$\tilde{\hbar} \Im \{\psi_{,i} \bar{\psi}\}$$

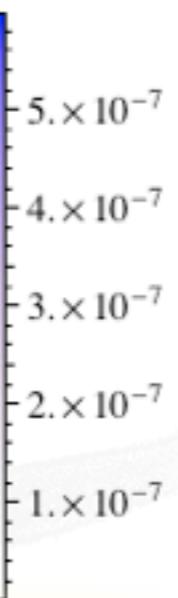


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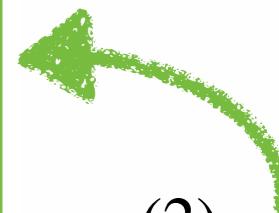
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Vlasov solver  
ColDICE



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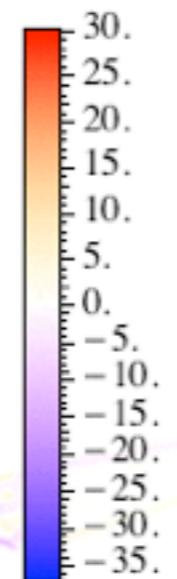
$$M_{ij}^{w(2)} = \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{2} \Re \left\{ \psi_{,i} \bar{\psi}_{,j} \right\}$$

$$- \psi_{,ij} \bar{\psi} \}$$

+gaussian filter  
with width  $\sigma_x, \sigma_u$

$a=1.00$

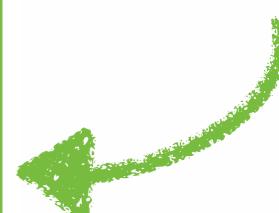
Vlasov solver  
ColDICE



Schrödinger method

$$M_i^{w(1)} =$$

$$\tilde{h} \Im \left\{ \psi_{,i} \bar{\psi} \right\}$$



# **2b) Comparison of mathematical formulations**

## **of CDM and ScM**

Degrees of freedom:  $2 \times d$

$$\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times d} : X(q), U(q)$$

Dynamics: **2 non-localities**

$$a^2 \partial_t X(q) = U(q) \quad \text{Hamiltonian equations}$$

$$\partial_t U(q) = -\nabla_x \Phi_c(x)|_{x=X(q)}$$

$$\Delta \Phi_c(x) = \frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{a} \left( \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{q} \text{ with} \\ \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{q})}} \frac{1}{|\det \partial_{q^i} X^j(\mathbf{q})|} - 1 \right)$$

sum over streams

Poisson equation

Phase space distr.: **non-local**

$$f_c(x, u) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{q} \text{ with} \\ \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{q})}} \frac{\delta_D(u - U(q))}{|\det \partial_{q^i} X^j(\mathbf{q})|}$$

sum over streams

Moments: **non-local**

$$M_{i_1, \dots, i_n}^{c(n)}(x) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{q} \text{ with} \\ \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{X}(t, \mathbf{q})}} \frac{U_{i_1}(\mathbf{q}) \dots U_{i_n}(\mathbf{q})}{|\det \partial_{q^i} X^j(\mathbf{q})|}$$

sum over streams

**2**

$$\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathfrak{R}\{\psi(x)\}, \mathfrak{I}\{\psi(x)\}$$

**1 non-locality**

Hamiltonian equations  $\hbar^2$  Arriola, Soler, (JSP, 103, 2001),

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi(x) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2a^2} \Delta \psi(x) + \Phi_\psi(x) \psi(x)$$

$$\Delta \Phi_\psi(x) = \frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{a} (|\psi(x)|^2 - 1)$$

Poisson equation

**quasi-local**

$$f_h(x, u) := \left| \int d^d x' \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{4\sigma_x^2} - \frac{i}{\hbar} u \cdot x'}}{(2\pi\hbar)^{d/2} (2\pi\sigma_x^2)^{d/4}} \psi(x') \right|^2$$

Gaussian has effective of a few  $\sigma_x$

**quasi-local**

$$M_{i_1, \dots, i_n}^{h(n)}(x) = e^{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{2} \Delta} \left\{ \frac{(-i)^n \partial^n}{\partial J_{i_1} \dots \partial J_{i_n}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sigma_u^2 J^2} \psi\left(x + \frac{\hbar}{2} J\right) \bar{\psi}\left(x - \frac{\hbar}{2} J\right) \Big|_{J=0} \right\}$$

*n derivatives of  $\psi$*

# Convergence of ScM to coarse grained Vlasov

Coarse grained Vlasov

$$\partial_t \bar{f} = -\frac{u}{a^2} \nabla_x \bar{f} - \frac{\sigma_u^2}{a^2} \nabla_x \nabla_u \bar{f} + \nabla_x \bar{\Phi} \exp(\sigma_x^2 \overleftarrow{\nabla}_x \overrightarrow{\nabla}_x) \nabla_u \bar{f}$$

$$\bar{f}(x, u) = \int \frac{d^3 x' d^3 u'}{(2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_u)^3} e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{(u-u')^2}{2\sigma_u^2}} f(x', u') = e^{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{2}\Delta_x + \frac{\sigma_u^2}{2}\Delta_u} \{f\} \quad \sigma_u = \frac{\tilde{h}}{2\sigma_x}$$

Husimi equation (automatically satisfied if Schrödinger-Poisson is solved)

$$\partial_t f_H = -\frac{u}{a^2} \nabla_x f_H - \frac{\sigma_u^2}{a^2} \nabla_x \nabla_u f_H + \Phi_H \exp(\sigma_x^2 \overleftarrow{\nabla}_x \overrightarrow{\nabla}_x) \frac{2}{\tilde{h}} \sin\left(\frac{\tilde{h}}{2} \overleftarrow{\nabla}_x \overrightarrow{\nabla}_u\right) f_H$$

$$\partial_t f_H = S_V + S_{cgV} + S_{\tilde{h}} + O(\tilde{h}^2 \sigma_x^2, \tilde{h}^4)$$

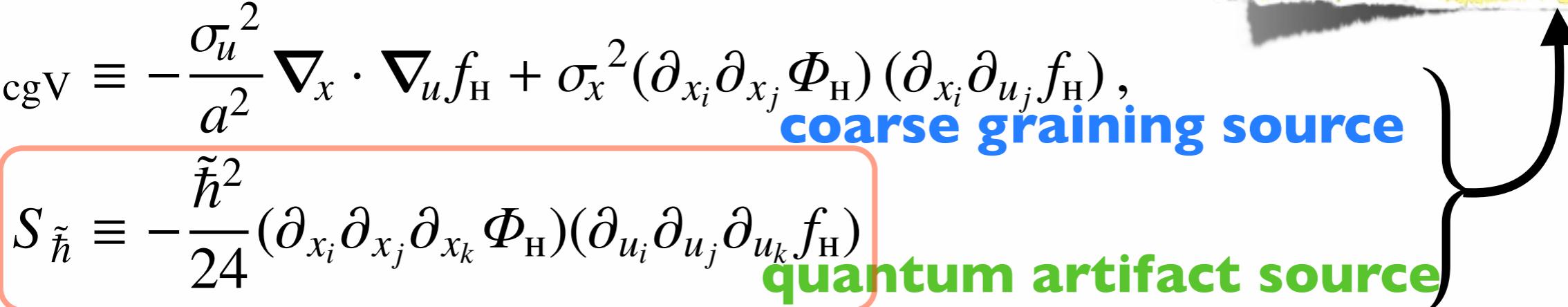
$$S_V \equiv -\frac{u}{a^2} \cdot \nabla_x f_H + \nabla_x \Phi_H \cdot \nabla_u f_H \quad \text{Vlasov source}$$

$$S_{cgV} \equiv -\frac{\sigma_u^2}{a^2} \nabla_x \cdot \nabla_u f_H + \sigma_x^2 (\partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} \Phi_H) (\partial_{x_i} \partial_{u_j} f_H), \quad \text{coarse graining source}$$

$$S_{\tilde{h}} \equiv -\frac{\tilde{h}^2}{24} (\partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} \partial_{x_k} \Phi_H) (\partial_{u_i} \partial_{u_j} \partial_{u_k} f_H) \quad \text{quantum artifact source}$$

Necessary to approximate coarse grained Vlasov:

$$|S_{\tilde{h}}| \ll |S_{cgV}|$$



# **2c) Quantitative Comparison of 2D cosmological simulations**

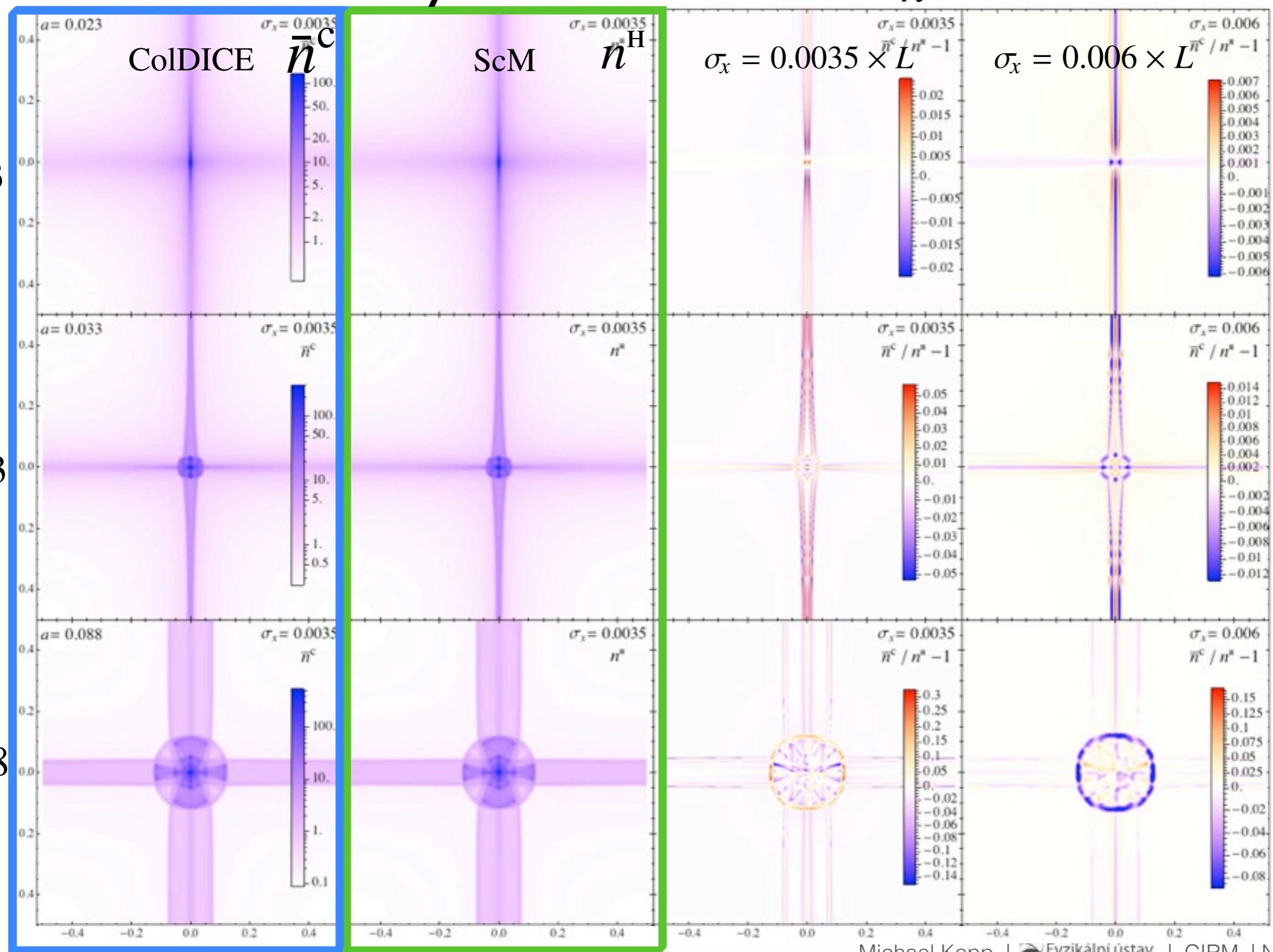
for ColDICE and ScM

# Sine collapse

## Density

*a*

$$\frac{\bar{n}^c}{n^H} - 1$$

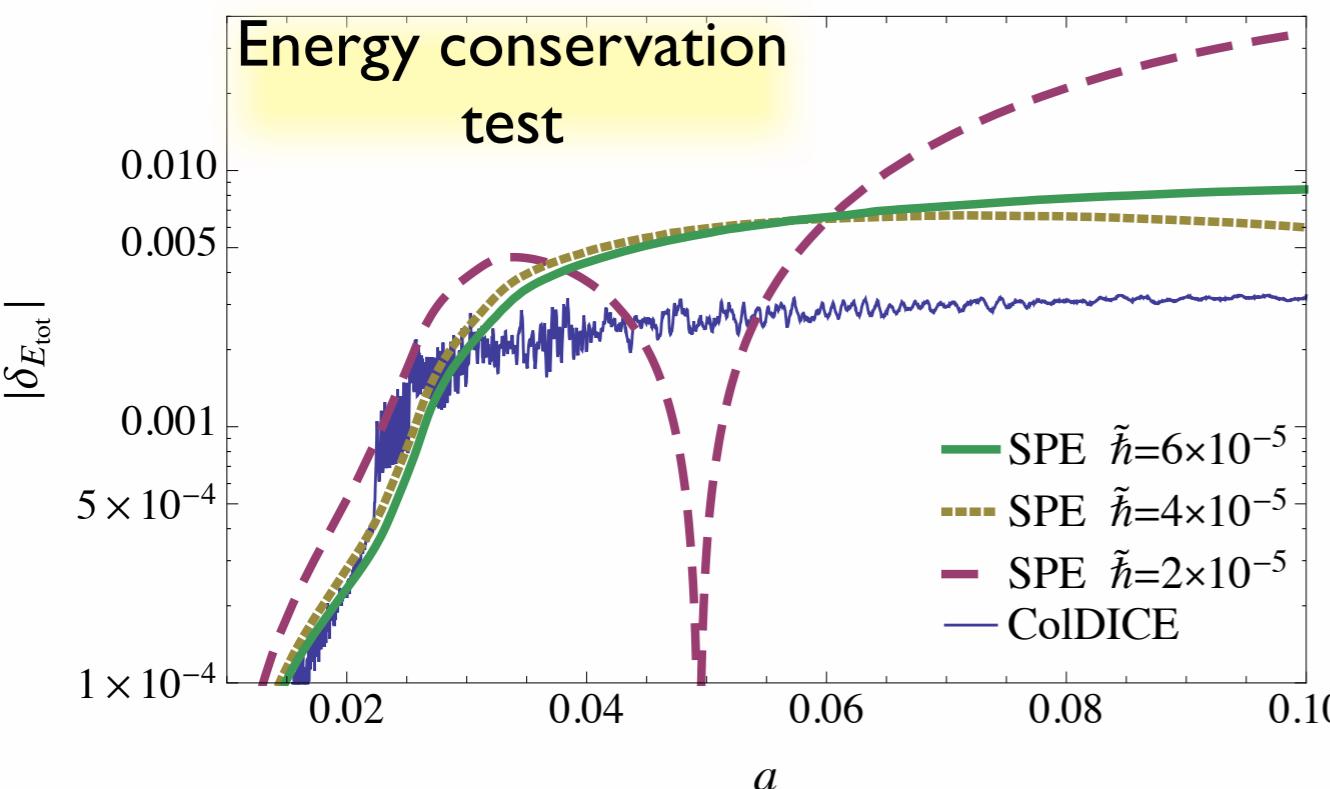


# Sine collapse

## Numerical convergence

- the larger  $\tilde{h}$ , the better
- similar to ColDICE

$$\delta_{E_{\text{tot}}} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{tot}}(a)}{E(a_{\text{ini}})} - 1 = ? = 0$$



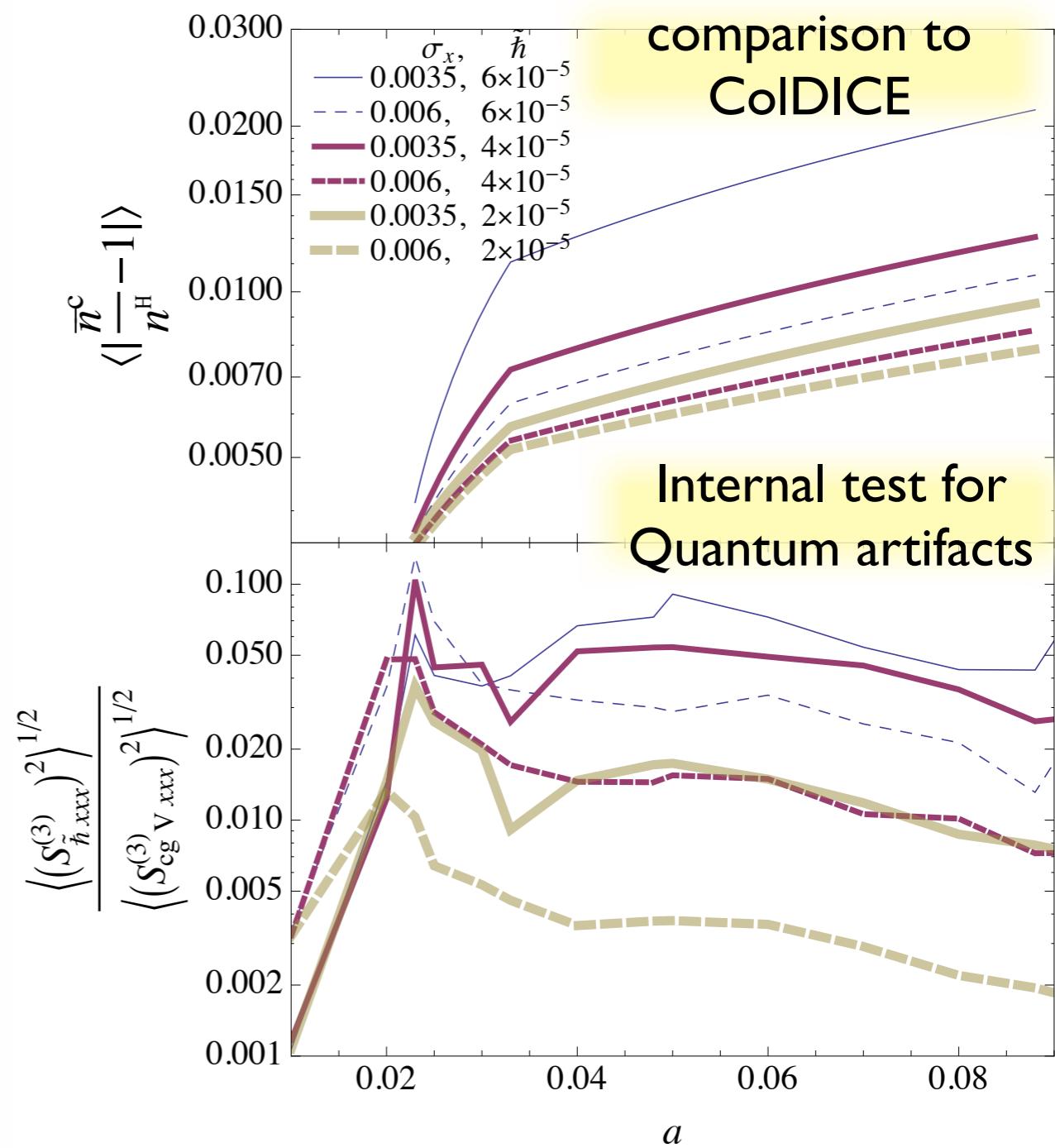
$$K(t) = \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{2a^2} \int d^3x |\nabla_x \psi|^2 \quad E(t) := K(t) + W(t)$$

$$W(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \Phi_\psi |\psi|^2 \quad E_{\text{tot}} := E(t) + E_{\text{exp}}(t)$$

$$E_{\text{exp}} = \int_{a_{\text{ini}}}^a \frac{2K(a') + W(a')}{a'} da'$$

## Convergence to Vlasov

- the smaller  $\tilde{h}$ , the better
- $\langle \bar{n}^c / n^H - 1 \rangle \lesssim 1\%$



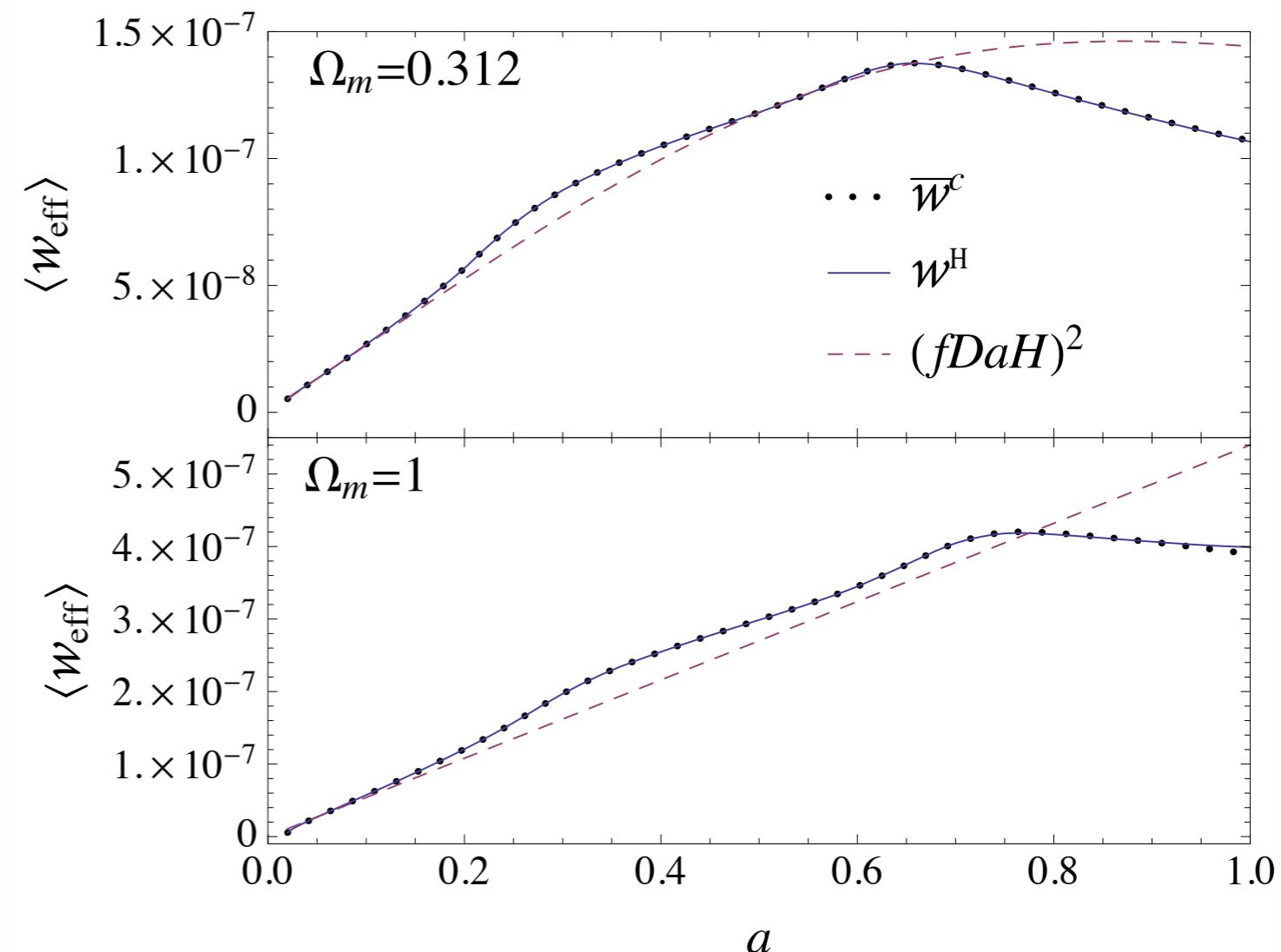
# 3) Cosmological backreaction estimate from ColDICE and ScM

# Effective pressure

$$T^i_i = \rho_0 M_{ii}^{(2)} / a^5 = 2P_{\text{eff}}$$

$$w_{\text{eff}} \equiv P_{\text{eff}} a^3 / \rho_0$$

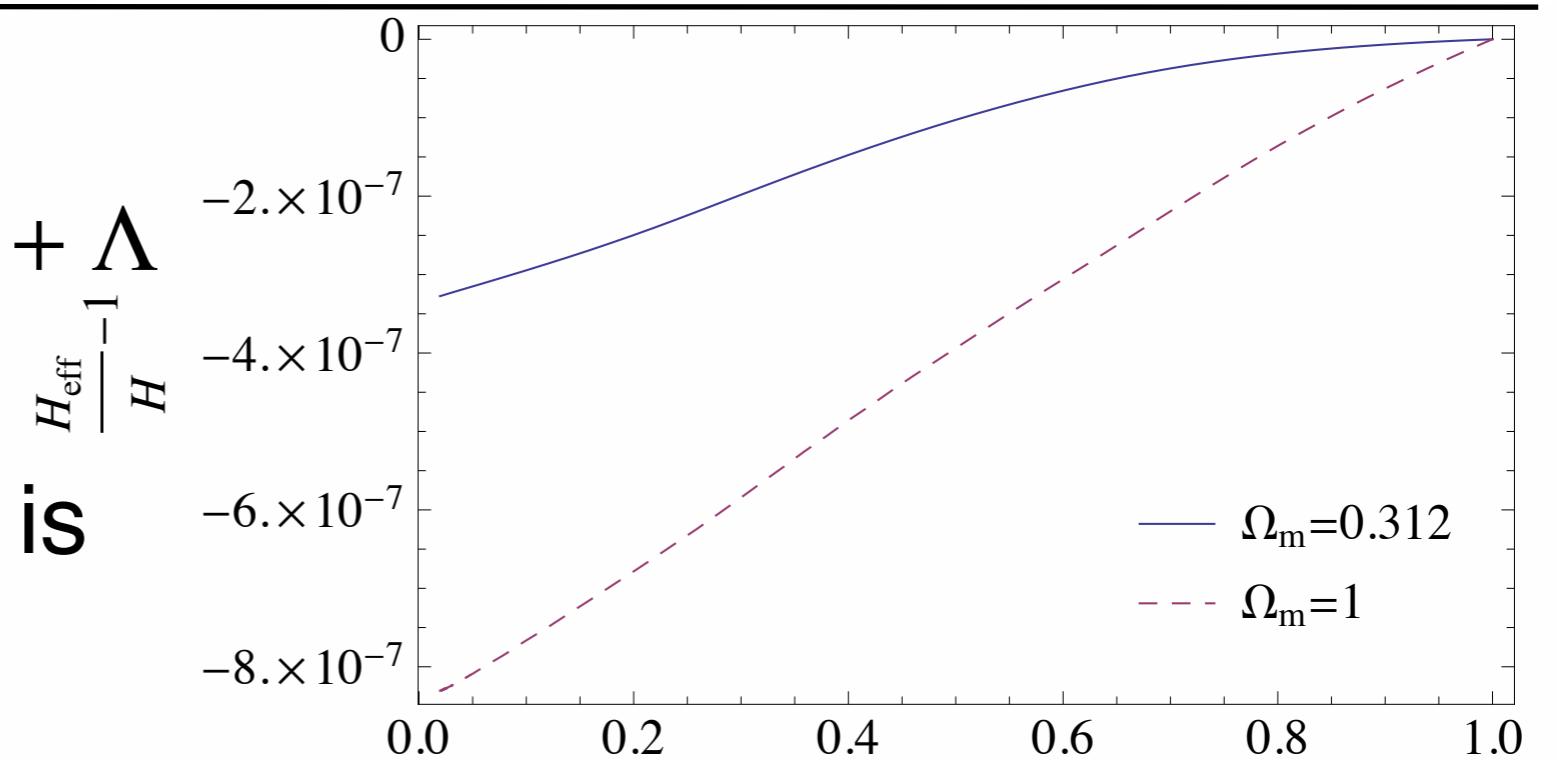
- ▶ Excellent agreement between **ColdICE** and **ScM**
- ▶ **ScM** can be used as basis for EFTofLSS



# Backreaction estimate

$$3H_{\text{eff}}^2 + 2\dot{H}_{\text{eff}} = -8\pi G \langle P_{\text{eff}} \rangle + \Lambda$$

- ▶ effect on expansion rate is negligibly small



# 4) Summary

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1. Convergence of **ScM** to **coarse grained Vlasov** for  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$
2. Excellent agreement with **ColDICE**
3. Many advantages:
  - a) only 2 degrees of freedom, UV complete
  - b) phase space can be avoided
  - c) quasi-local in eulerian space
  - d)  $f$  sampled uniformly, but minimal resolution  $\tilde{\hbar}$

## Future plans

1. 3D implementation with AMR, using GAMER
2. Warm initial conditions and test against non-cold Vlasov solvers, like **vlaPoly**
3. Non-perturbative field theory methods applied to ScM

Schive et al (ApJS, 186, 2010)  
Schive Chiueh, Broadhurst  
(Nature 2014)

Colombi, Touma (MNRAS  
441, 2014)

# Backup slides

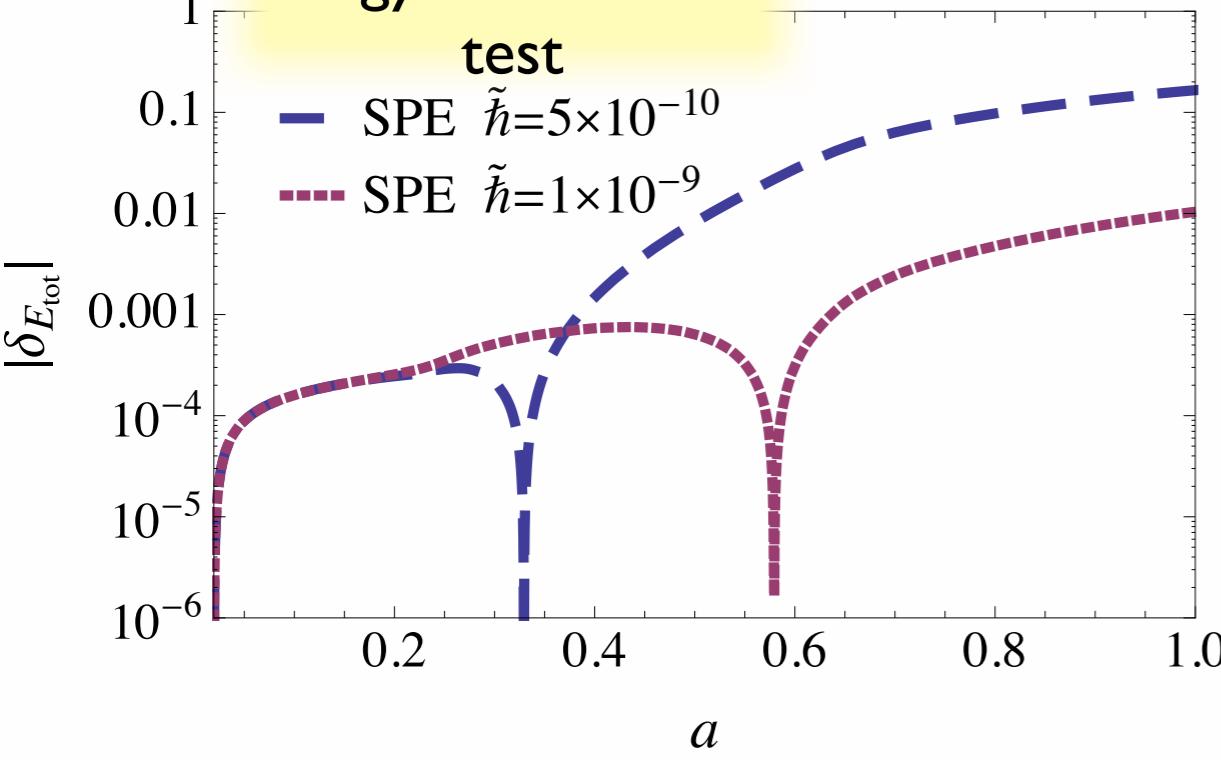
# Gaussian random field collapse

## Numerical convergence

- is easier for larger
- less than CoIDICE (has AMR)

$$\delta_{E_{\text{tot}}} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{tot}}(a)}{E(a_{\text{ini}})} - 1$$

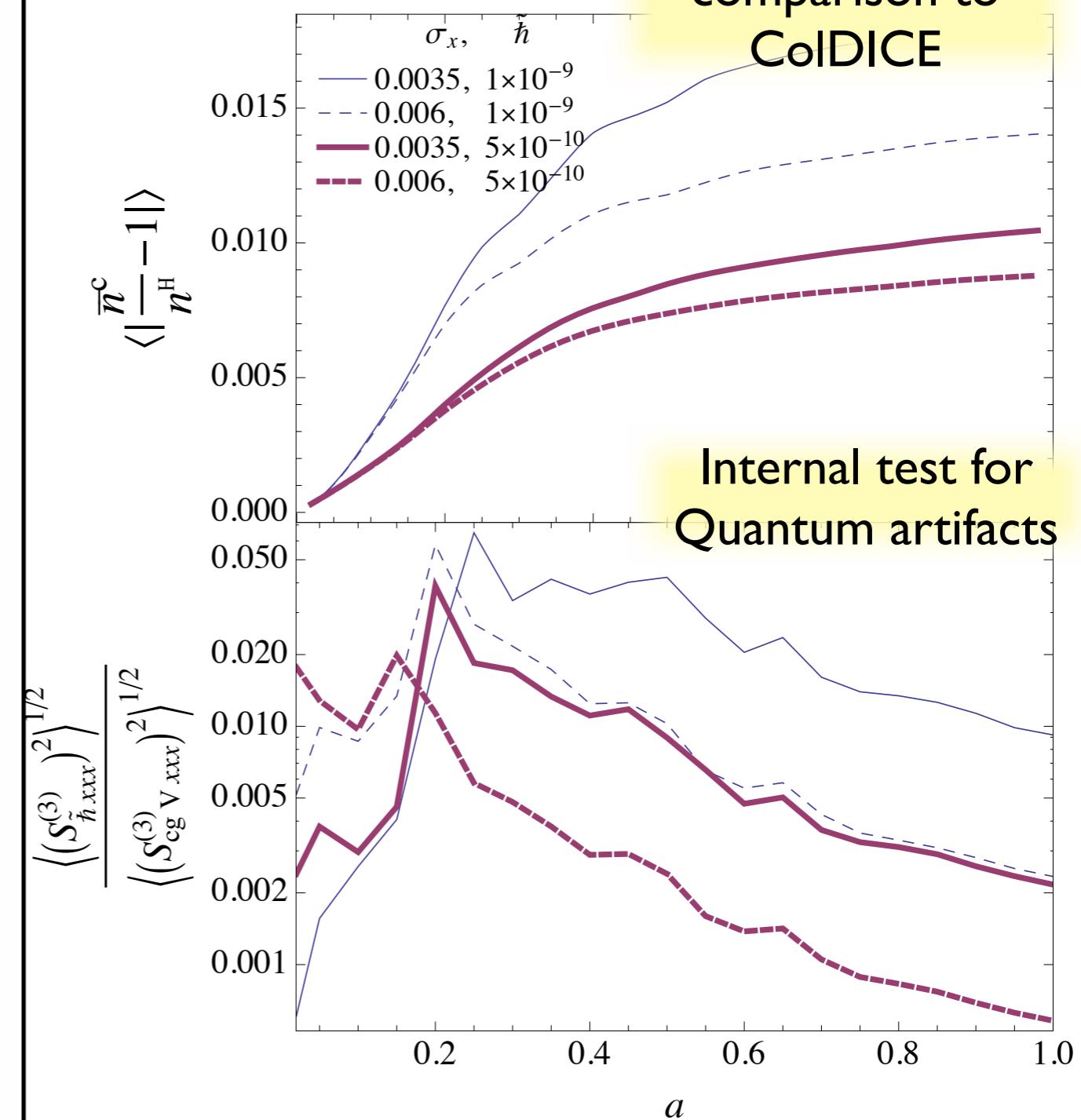
Energy conservation



## convergence to Vlasov

- is better for smaller  $\tilde{\hbar}$
- $\langle |\bar{n}^c / n^H - 1| \rangle \lesssim 1\%$

comparison to  
CoIDICE



# Discretization and solution of Schrödinger Equation

$$i\tilde{\hbar}\partial_a\psi = -\frac{\tilde{\hbar}^2}{2a^3H}\Delta\psi + \frac{\Phi_\psi}{aH}\psi.$$


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operator splitting via alternating direction implicit (ADI) method

Peaceman, Rachford (1955)  
Guenther, (1995).

$$\lambda = da/\epsilon$$

$$e^{-\frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}\epsilon}{4Ha^3}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}}S(x,y) = e^{\frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}\epsilon}{4Ha^3}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}}\psi(a,x,y)$$

$$e^{-\frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}\epsilon}{4Ha^3}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}}T(x,y) = e^{\frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}\epsilon}{4Ha^3}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}}S(x,y)$$

$$e^{\frac{i\lambda\epsilon}{2\tilde{\hbar}Ha}\Phi_\psi}\psi(a+\lambda\epsilon,x,y) = e^{-\frac{i\lambda\epsilon}{2\tilde{\hbar}Ha}\Phi_\psi}T(x,y)$$


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$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x_0)}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{1}{12\epsilon^2} \hat{\delta}_x f(x_0)$$

5 point stencil finite differences

$$\hat{\delta}_x f(x_0) \equiv -f(x_0 - 2\epsilon) + 16f(x_0 - \epsilon) - 30f(x_0) + 16f(x_0 + \epsilon) - f(x_0 + 2\epsilon)$$


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Crank-Nicolson form.

Pentadiagonal matrix inversion

Goldberg, Schey, Schwartz (1967)  
Jia, Jiang (2013)

- unconditionally stable

- mass conserving

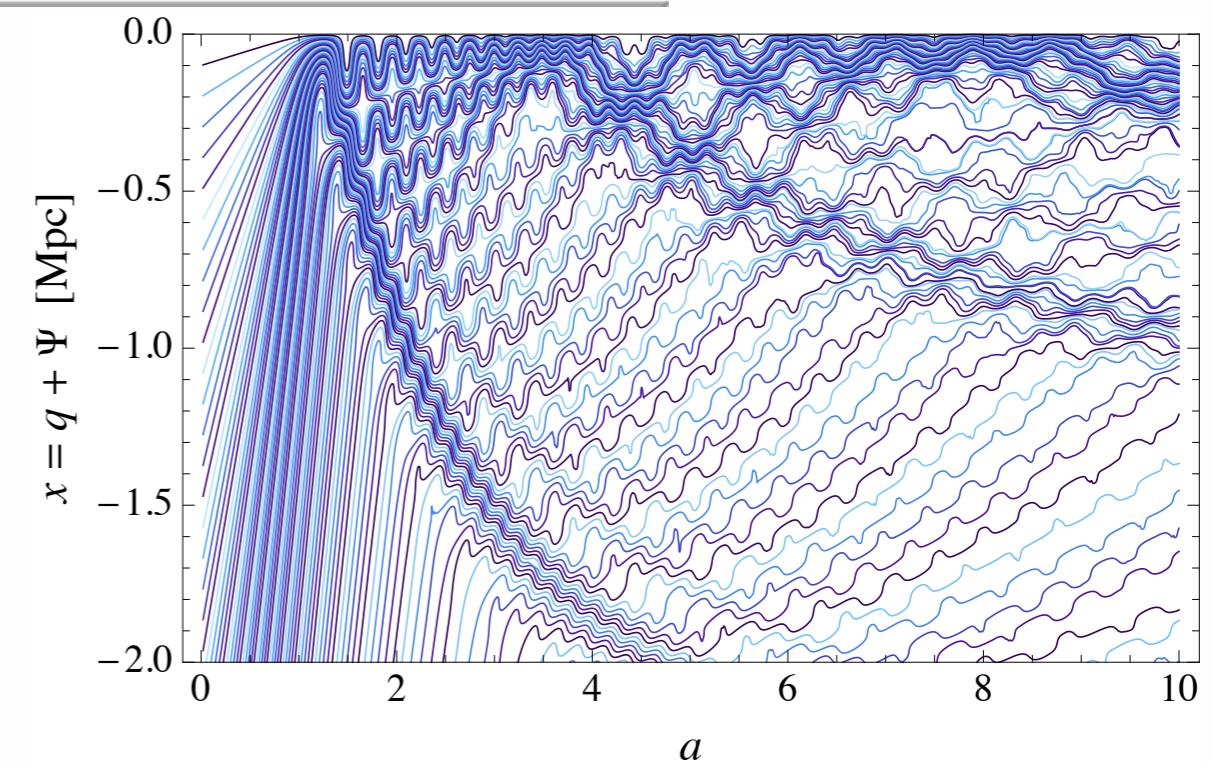
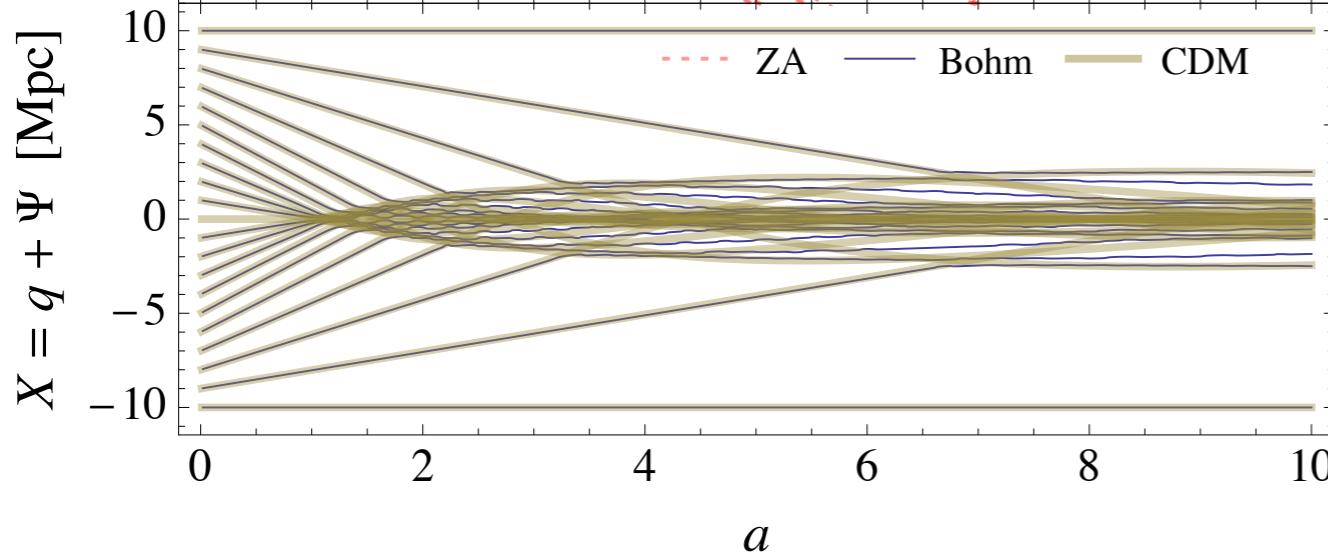
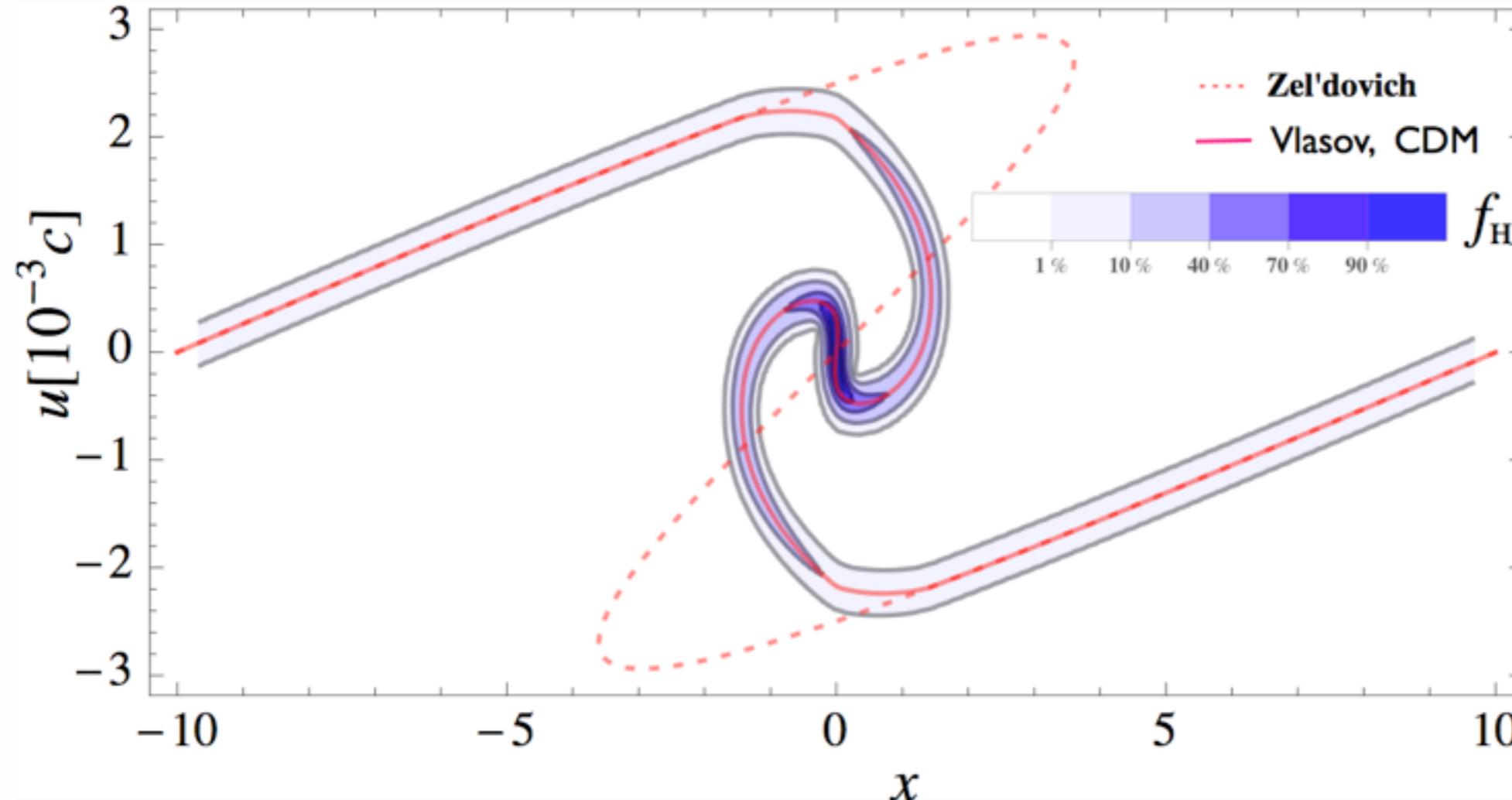
- error in time, space:  $O(\lambda^2\epsilon^2), O(\epsilon^4)$

$$\left(1 - \frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}}{48\epsilon Ha^3}\hat{\delta}_i\right)S_{ij} = \left(1 + \frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}}{48\epsilon Ha^3}\hat{\delta}_i\right)\psi_{ij}^n$$

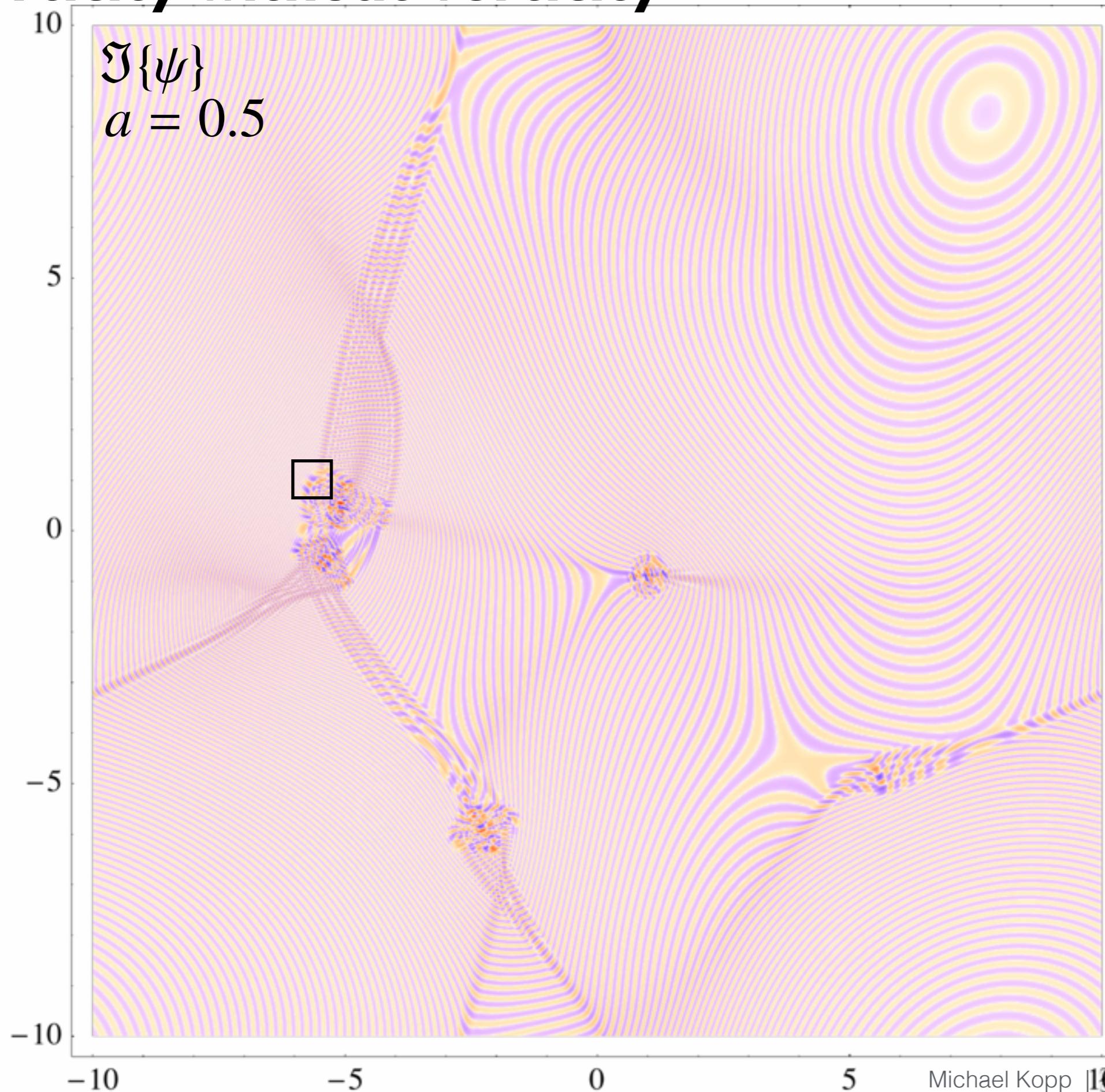
$$\left(1 - \frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}}{48\epsilon Ha^3}\hat{\delta}_j\right)T_{ij} = \left(1 + \frac{i\lambda\tilde{\hbar}}{48\epsilon Ha^3}\hat{\delta}_j\right)S_{ij}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{i\lambda\epsilon}{2\tilde{\hbar}Ha}\Phi_{\psi ij}^n\right)\psi_{ij}^{n+1} = \left(1 - \frac{i\lambda\epsilon}{2\tilde{\hbar}Ha}\Phi_{\psi ij}^n\right)T_{ij}$$

# shell-crossing without shell-crossing: 1D pancake



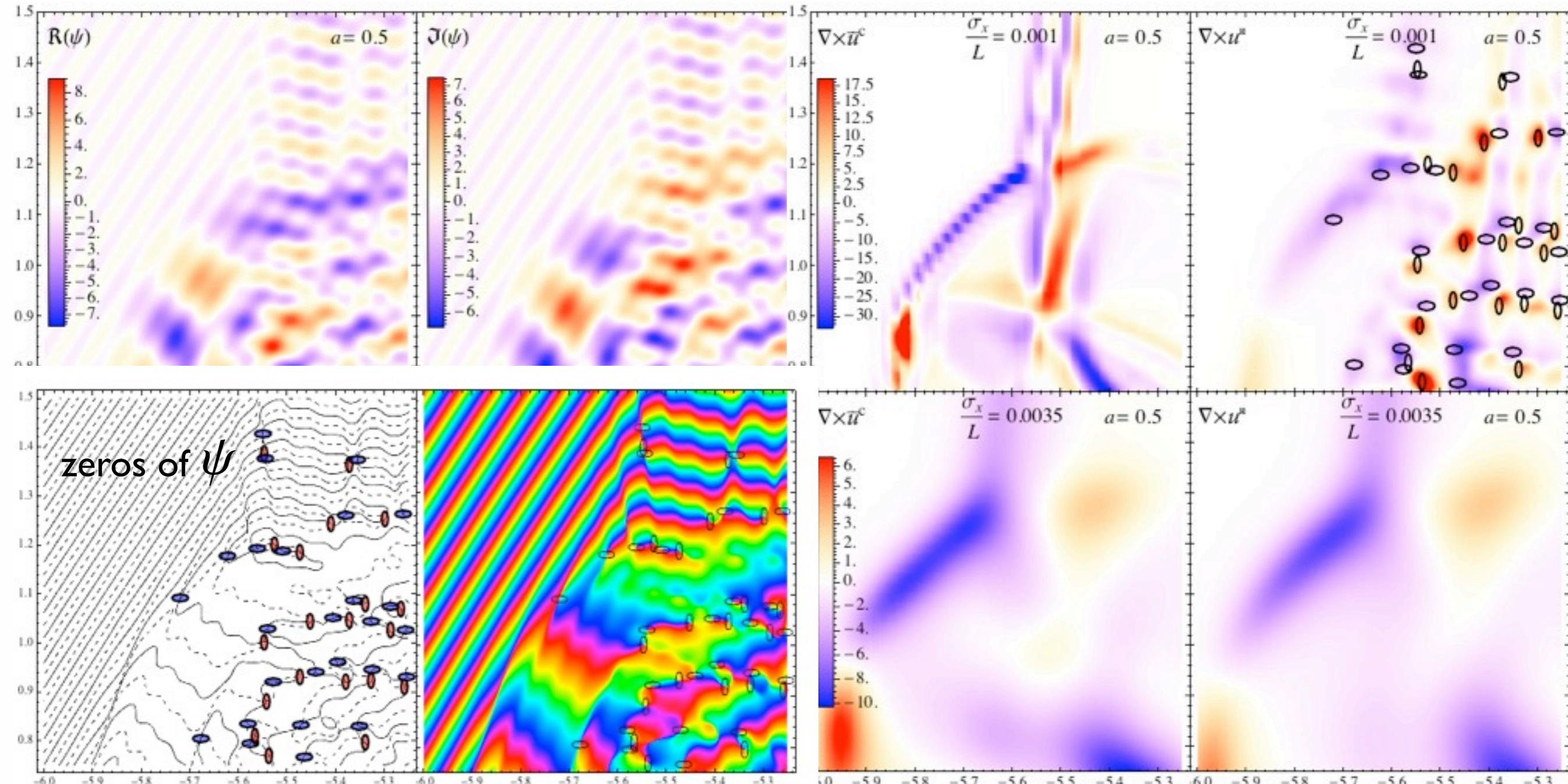
# vorticity without vorticity



# vorticity without vorticity

ColDICE

ScM



$$\psi \text{ single valued} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi\tilde{h}} \oint_C \nabla\phi \cdot dl = m \in \mathbb{Z} \stackrel{\text{Stokes}}{\Rightarrow} \nabla \times (\nabla\phi) = \hat{z} 2\pi\tilde{h} m \delta_D(x_{\text{vort}})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u}_H = \hat{z} 2 \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_x} \sum_i^{N_{\text{vort}}} m_i e^{\frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}} + \sigma_x^2 \left( \nabla \frac{n_{i,i}^H}{n^H} \times \nabla \bar{\phi}_{,i} \right) + O(\sigma_x^4)$$

# Initial conditions

$\phi_P(q)$  here: gaussian random field, or product of sines



$$P(q) = \nabla_q \phi_P(q)$$

$$\Psi = D(a) P(q)$$

displacement field in the Zel'dovich appr.



initial velocities and positions

$$u_d(X) = \partial_\eta|_q \Psi(q),$$

$$x = X(t, q) = q + \Psi(t, q),$$



Eulerian density and velocity potential of a dust fluid

$$n_d(t, x) = \left\{ \det \left[ \delta_{ij} + D(a) \partial_{q^i} \partial_{q^j} \phi_P(q) \right] \right\}^{-1} \Big|_{q=Q(t,x)}$$

$$\phi_d(t, x) = a^2 H f D \left( \phi_P(q) + \frac{1}{2} D(a) |P(q)|^2 \right) \Big|_{q=Q(t,x)},$$



Initial wave function

$$\psi_{\text{ini}}(x) = \sqrt{n_d^{\text{ini}}} \exp(i \phi_d^{\text{ini}} / \tilde{\hbar})$$

# Computation with a single GPU

- Nvidia K20X GPU (Kepler architecture)
- CUDA C
- CuFFT
- 6GB memory
- $\Rightarrow 8192^2$  maximum resolution