



Lyman-alpha power spectrum as a probe of modified gravity

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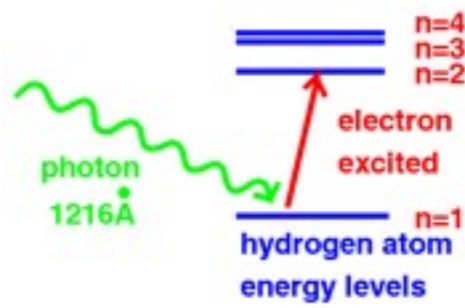
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0. LYMAN-ALPHA FOREST PHYSICS

J. Cohn webpage

Absorption of light by neutral hydrogen



Absorption along the line of sight by clouds (or density fluctuations)

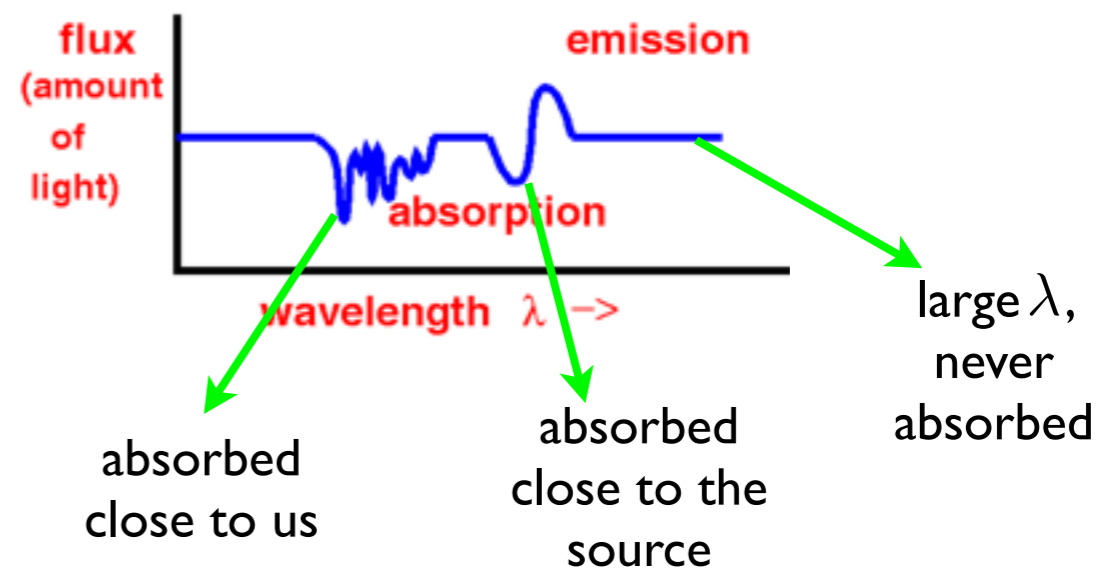


Because of the Hubble expansion, the wavelength of the light ray from the source grows with time



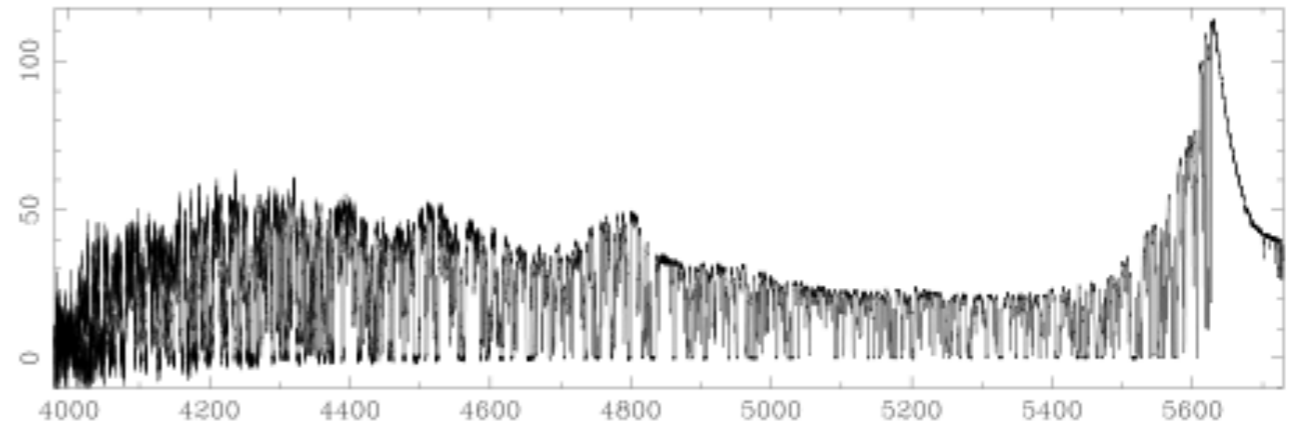
The absorption takes place at the position along the line of sight where the photon was at 1216 Å

Several absorbing clouds



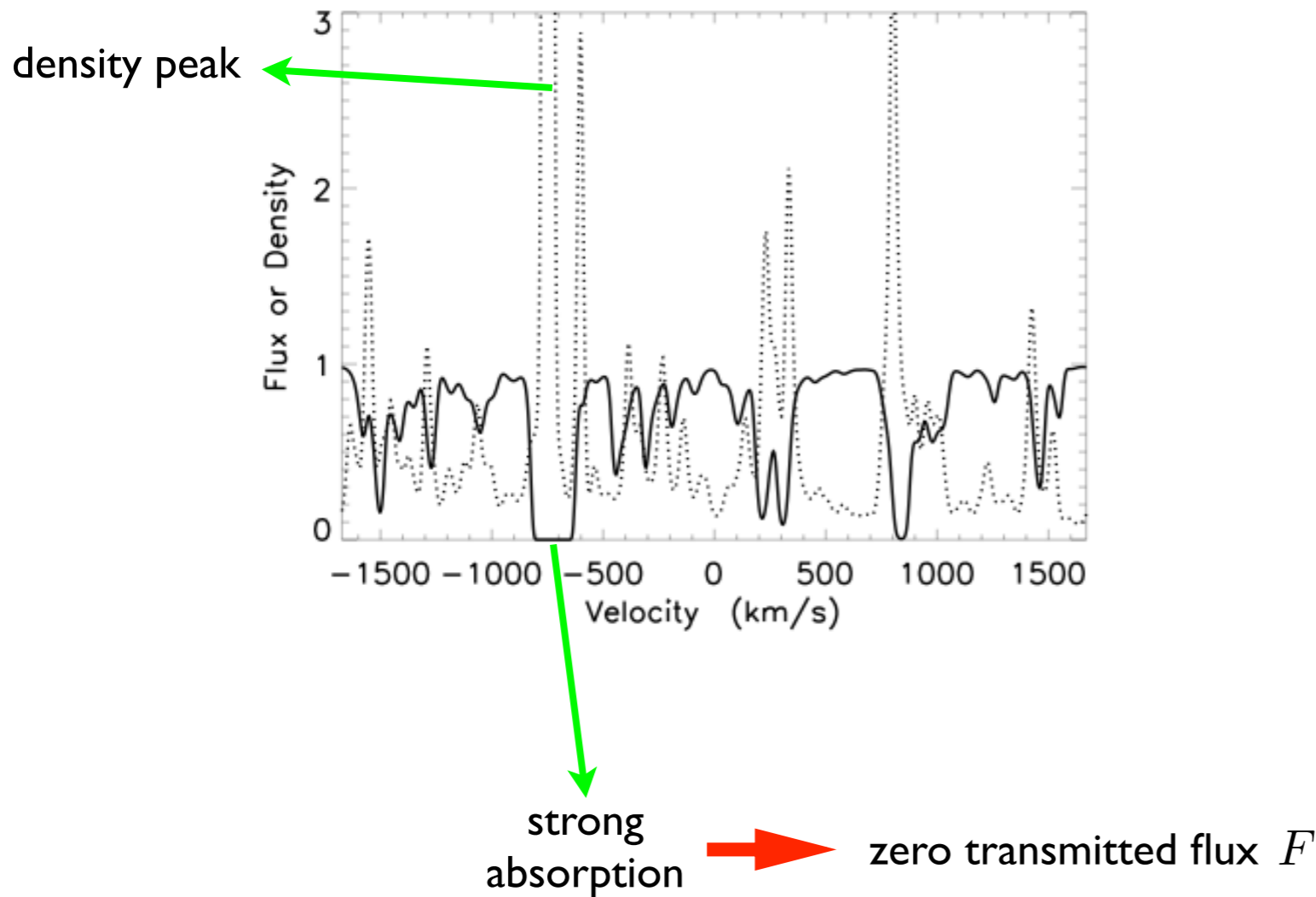
→ the measured spectrum is a map of the density along the line of sight !

Spectrum of the light received from a distant quasar



QSO 1422+23

Spectrum '=' density



Galaxy-IGM connection

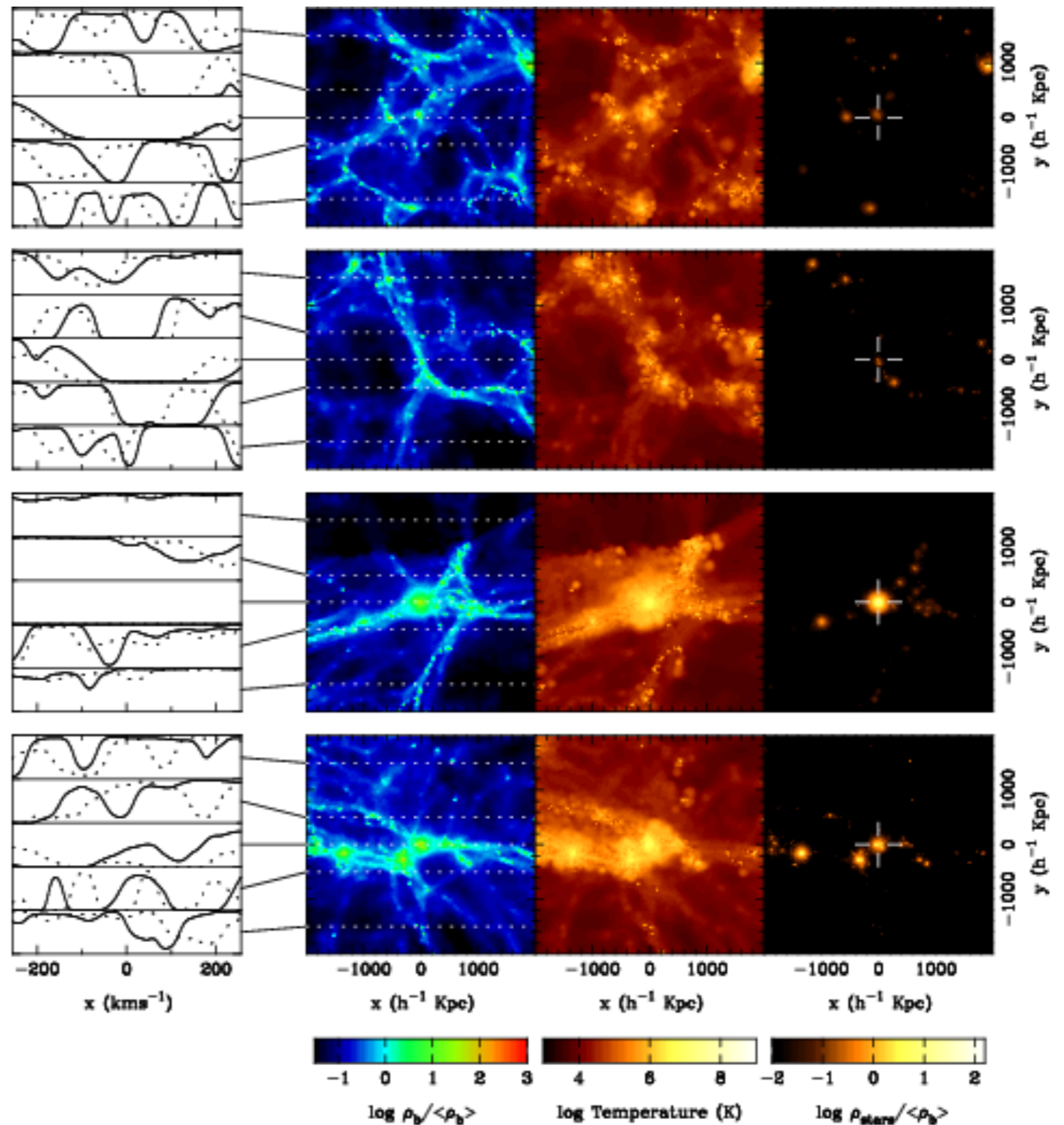
Probe of the IGM



Matter
distribution on
large scales



Moderate density
fluctuations in
filaments and
pancakes, outside
of galaxies (which
correspond to
Lyman-limit or
damped systems)



I. MODIFIED-GRAVITY THEORIES

A- 5th force

Scalar-tensor theories: add a new scalar field φ

5th force \rightarrow typically amplifies gravity and the growth of perturbations.

On small scales, quasi-static approximation, linear regime:

$$\tilde{\delta}'' + \mathcal{H} \tilde{\delta}' - \frac{3\Omega_m}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \mu(k, a) \tilde{\delta} = 0,$$

$$\mu(k, a) = 1 + \epsilon(k, a)$$

$$\epsilon(k, a) = \frac{2\beta^2(a)}{1 + \frac{m^2(a)a^2}{k^2}}.$$

\rightarrow coupling strength

\rightarrow mass (1/range) of the scalar field

B- f(R) theories

$$S_{f(R)} = \frac{1}{16\pi\mathcal{G}_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} f(R)$$

$$f(R) = R - 2\Lambda^2 - f_{R_0} \frac{R_0^2}{R},$$

$$f_{R_0} = -10^{-4}, -10^{-5} \text{ and } -10^{-6}.$$

Strong lensing, dynamics in dwarfs, equiv. principle in solar system:

$$|f_{R_0}| \lesssim 10^{-6}$$

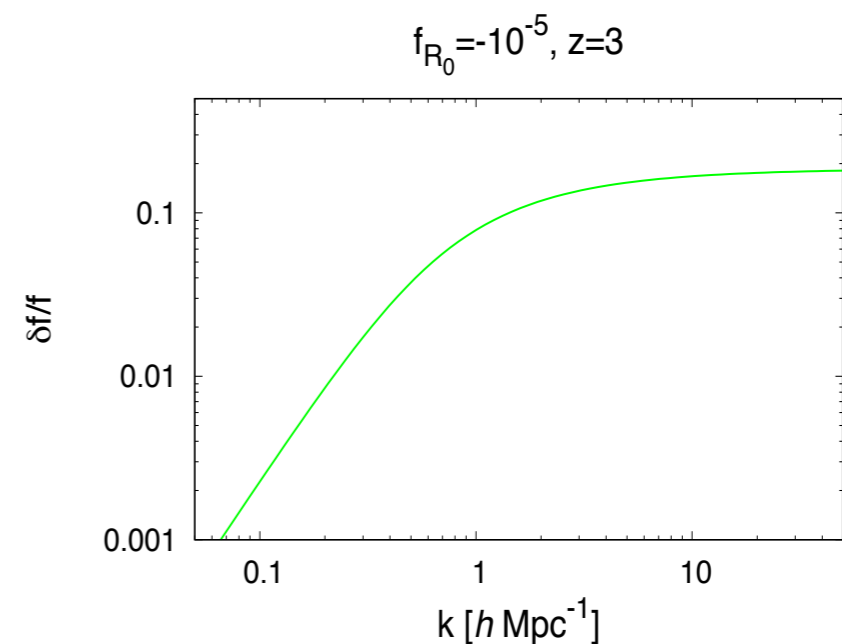
Background=LCDM, perturbations slightly amplified.

$$\beta = 1/\sqrt{6}$$

$$m_0 = \frac{H_0}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{m0} + 4\Omega_{\Lambda 0}}{(n+1)|f_{R_0}|}} \sim 1 \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

Relative deviation of the linear growth-rate from LCDM:

$$f(k, a) = \frac{\partial \ln D_+(k, a)}{\partial \ln a}.$$



C- K-mouflage model

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\frac{\tilde{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \tilde{R} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\varphi(\varphi) \right] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m(\psi_m^{(i)}, g_{\mu\nu}).$$

coupling of matter to the scalar field: $g_{\mu\nu} = A^2(\varphi) \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}. \quad A(\varphi) = 1 + \frac{\beta\varphi}{\tilde{M}_{\text{Pl}}} + \dots,$

nonlinear kinetic function (screening): $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\varphi(\varphi) = \mathcal{M}^4 K(\tilde{\chi}) \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{\chi} = -\frac{1}{2\mathcal{M}^4} \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \varphi \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \varphi.$

linear (unscreened) regime: $\tilde{\chi} \rightarrow 0: K(\tilde{\chi}) \simeq -1 + \tilde{\chi} + \dots,$

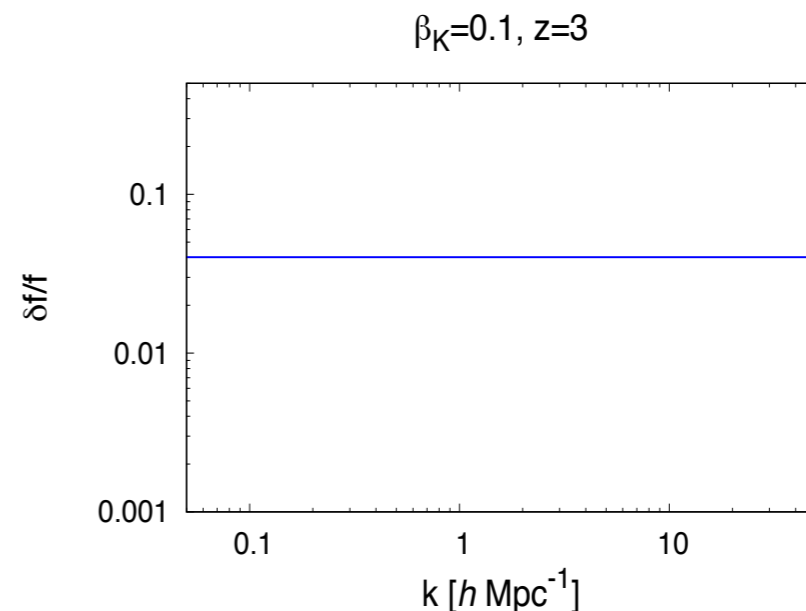
no potential \rightarrow zero mass \rightarrow long range, scale-independent

Both the background and the perturbations are slightly perturbed.

CMB, Solar System: $\beta \lesssim 0.1$

Relative deviation of the linear growth-rate from LCDM:

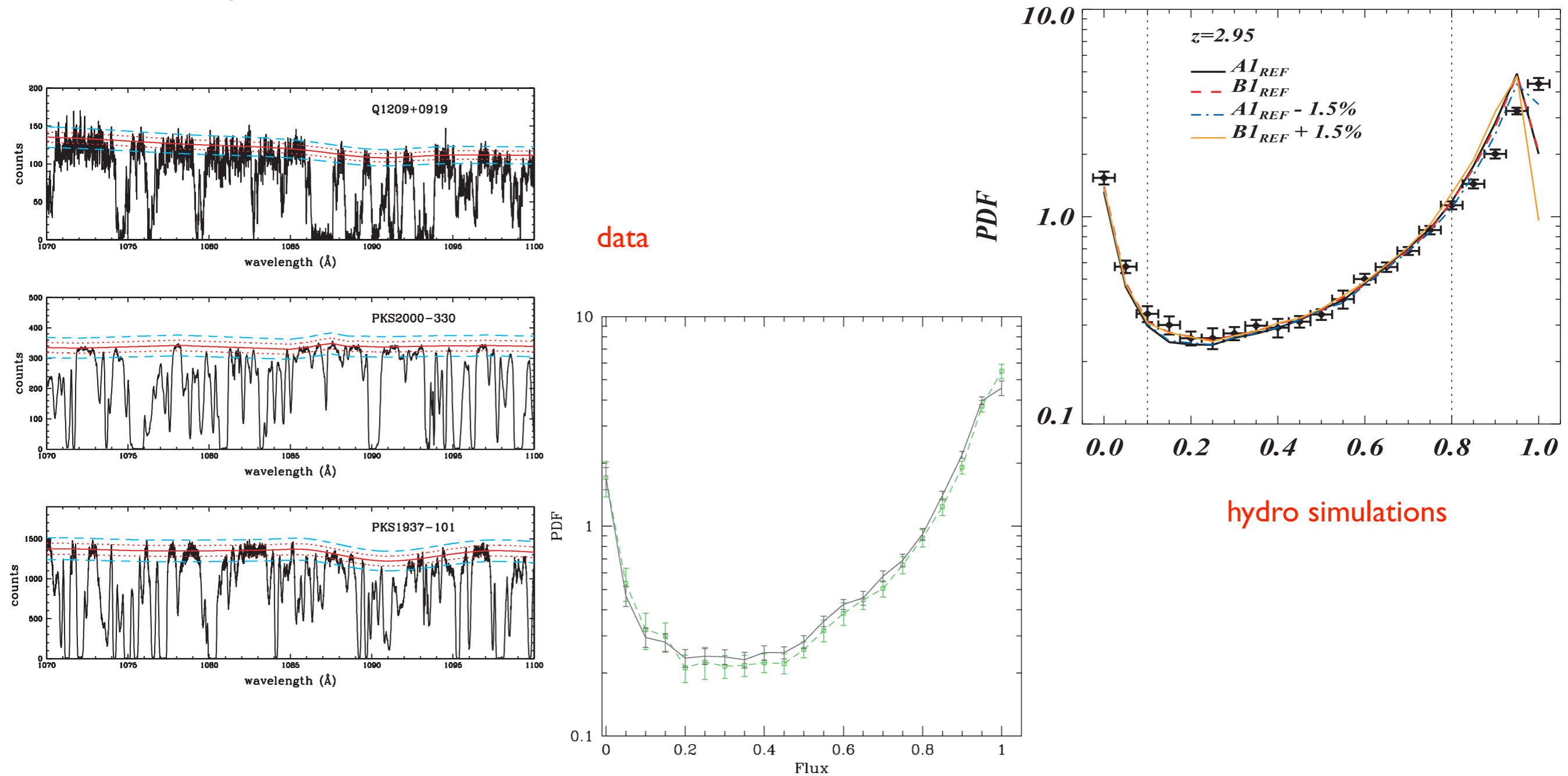
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II. FLUX PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

Transmitted flux $F = e^{-\tau}$ $\tau \propto n_{HI}$

Probability distribution function $\mathcal{P}(F)$



Calura et al. (2012)

Figure 12. The flux PDF measured by K07 at $\langle z \rangle = 2.94$ (dark-grey curve) plotted with error bars compared to the PDF measured from the two spectra in our sample, Q0055–269 and PKS 2126–158, used in the K07 measurement (open squares and long dashed curve). This comparison uses pixels in the same wavelength range as adopted by K07.

Equilibrium between photo-ionisation and recombination:

Éq. de photo-ionisation: $\Gamma_H n_{HI} = \alpha_H n_{HI} n_{e^-}$

$\alpha_H(T_0) \approx 4,36 \cdot 10^{-10} T_0^{-0,75} s^{-1} cm^3$ à $T_0 \geq 5.000 K$: taux de recombinaison

Γ_H : en s^{-1} : taux d'ionisation

$\Gamma_H = \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} d\nu 4\pi \frac{J(\nu)}{h\nu} \sigma_{HI}(\nu)$

ν_0 : seuil d'ionisation: $13,6 eV = 912 \text{ \AA}$

$\sigma_{HI} = 6,3 \cdot 10^{-18} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^{-3} cm^2$: section efficace

$$n_{HI} = \frac{\alpha(T_0)}{\sigma_1 J_{21}} (1-\gamma) \left(1-\frac{\gamma}{2}\right) \left[\frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_0} \frac{\rho}{\rho_{mp}}\right]^2$$

$$\tau \propto n_{HI} \propto (1+\delta)^2 T^{-0.7}$$

Temperature of the IGM:

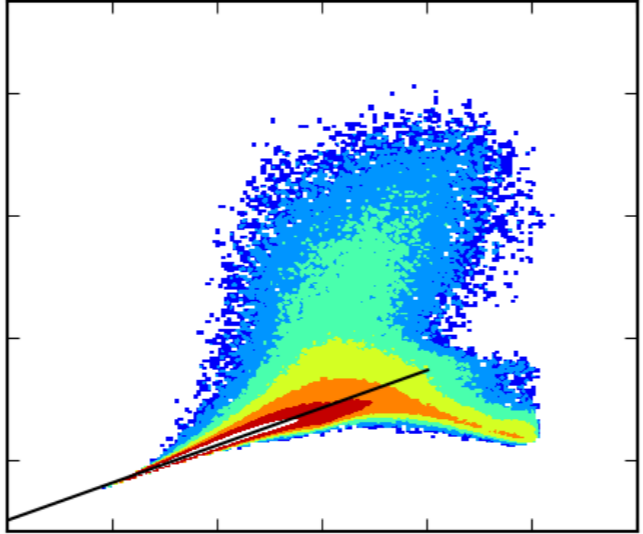
$$\frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \frac{1}{t_{10}} \frac{\rho}{\rho_J} \left(\frac{T}{T_J}\right)^{-\nu}$$

adiabatic cooling

photo-ionization heating

$$T \propto \rho^{\gamma-1}$$

$z=3.0, T_0=13755, \gamma=1.31$



Borde et al. (2014)

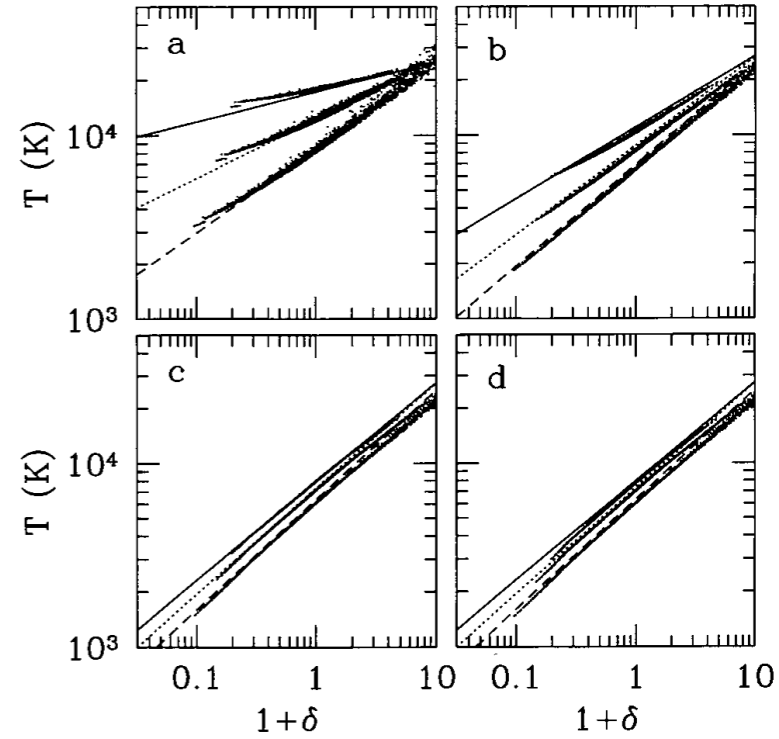


Figure 3. The temperature–density relation for 4 different sudden-reionization models: sudden reionization (see equation 6) at $z=5$ (a), $z=7$ (b), $z=10$ (c) and $z=10$ (d). For each reionization

Hui & Gnedin (1997)

Fluctuating Gunn-Peterson approximation:

$$\tau \propto \rho^2 T^{-0.7} \propto (1 + \delta)^\alpha \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = 2 - 0.7(\gamma - 1),$$

$$T \sim 10^4 \text{K}, \quad \gamma \sim 1.3$$

$$F = e^{-\tau} = e^{-A(1+\delta)^\alpha}.$$

Factor A related to the photo-ionizing flux. In practice, it is set by the matching with data of the mean flux: $\langle F \rangle$

Smoothing scale:

$$k_s = 2.2 k_J \quad \text{with} \quad k_J = \frac{a}{c_s} \sqrt{4\pi \mathcal{G}_N \bar{\rho}}, \quad c_s = \sqrt{\frac{5k_B T}{3\mu m_p}},$$

↓
Jeans scale was
smaller in the past

Gnedin & Hui (1998)

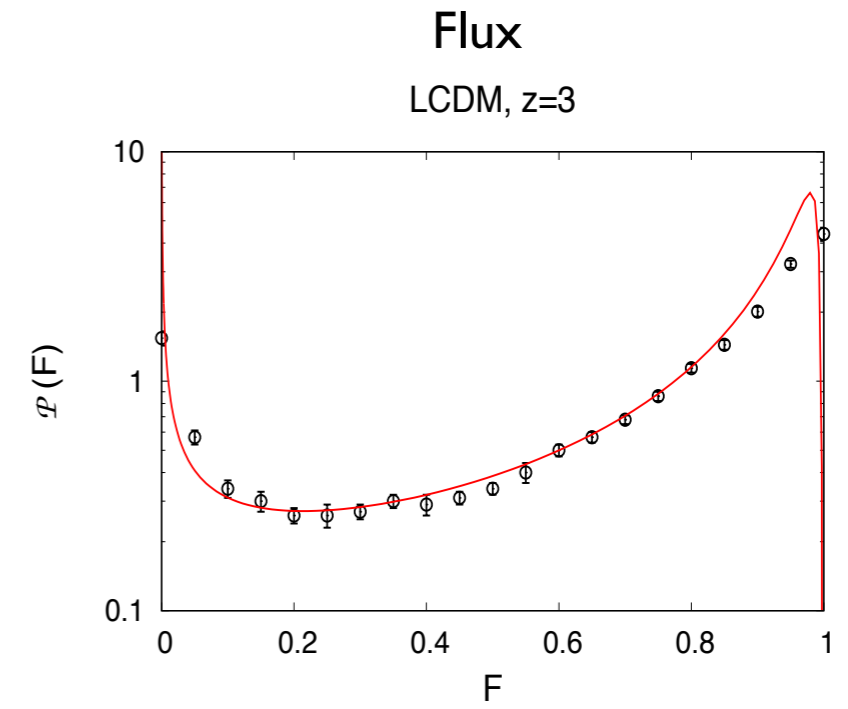
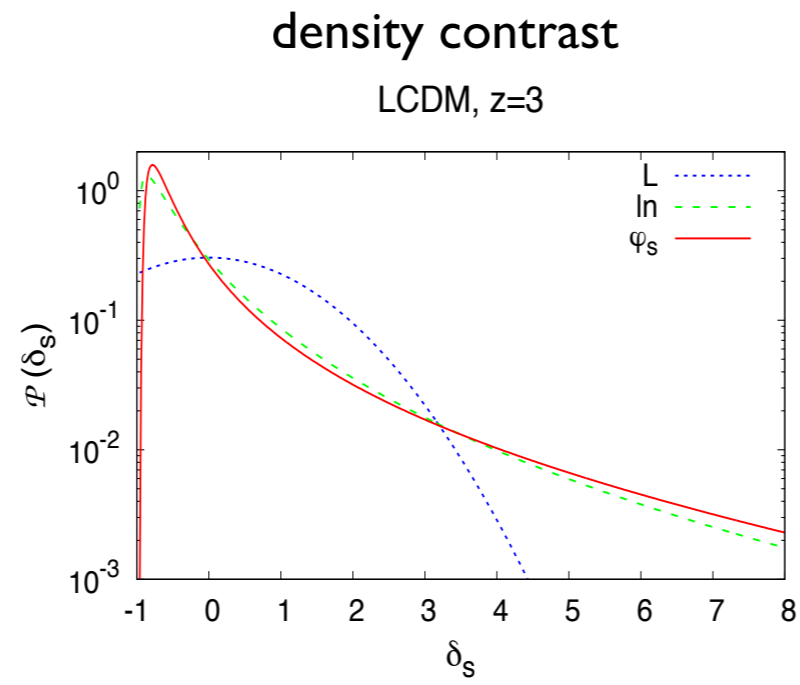
↘
Jeans wave number

PDF of the flux in terms of the PDF of the matter density: $\mathcal{P}(F) = \mathcal{P}(\delta_s) \left| \frac{d\delta_s}{dF} \right|.$

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_s) = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{dy}{2\pi i \sigma_s^2} e^{[y\delta_s - \varphi_s(y)]/\sigma_s^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi_s(y) = - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-y)^2}{n!} \frac{\langle \delta_s^n \rangle_c}{\sigma_s^{2(n-1)}},$$

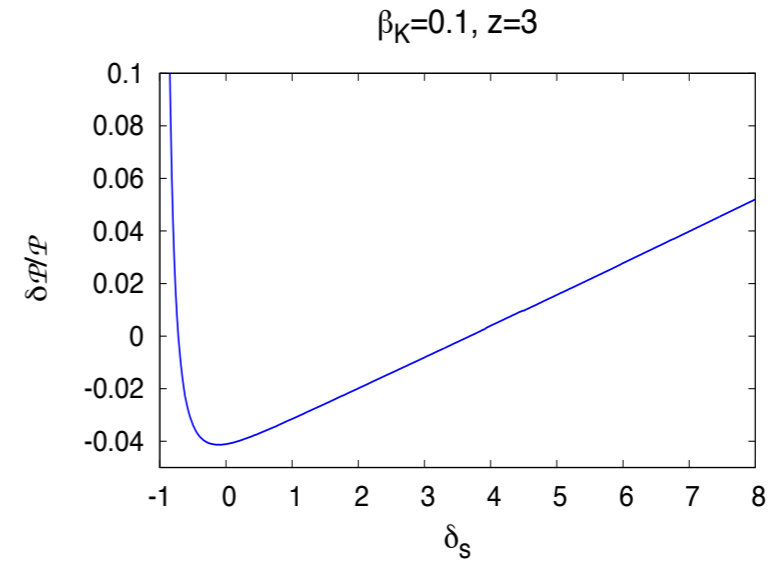
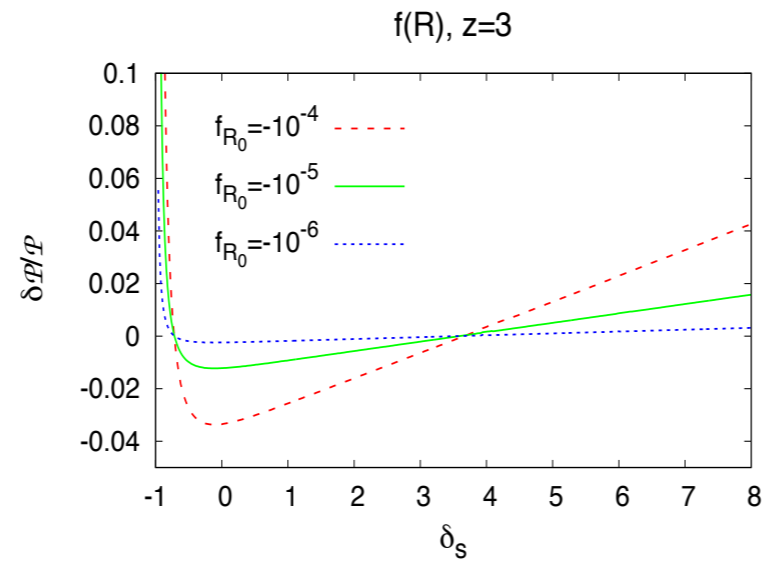
(explained in previous talk by S. Codis)

LCDM:

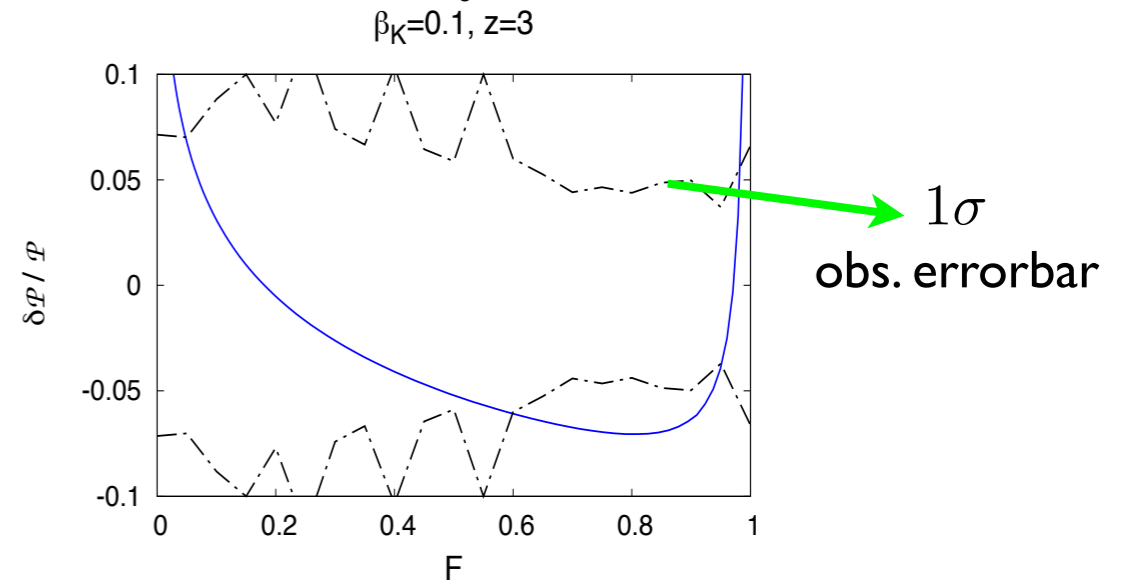
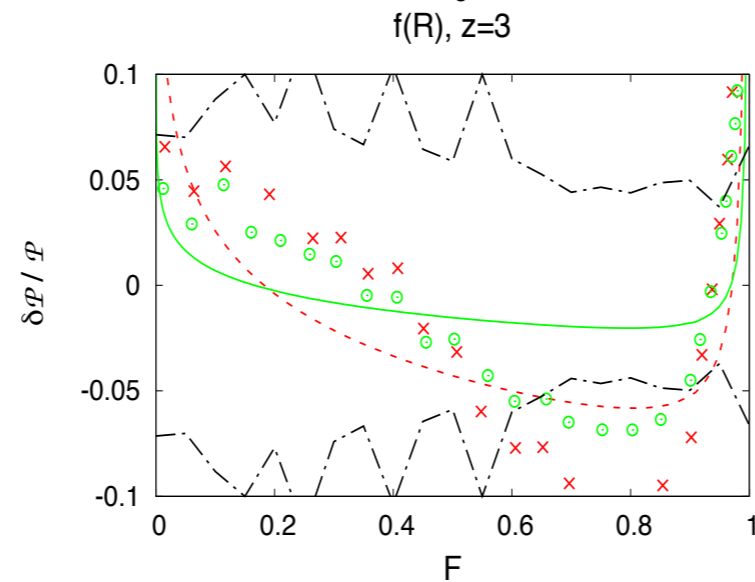


Modified-gravity:

relative deviation
for PDF of the
density contrast



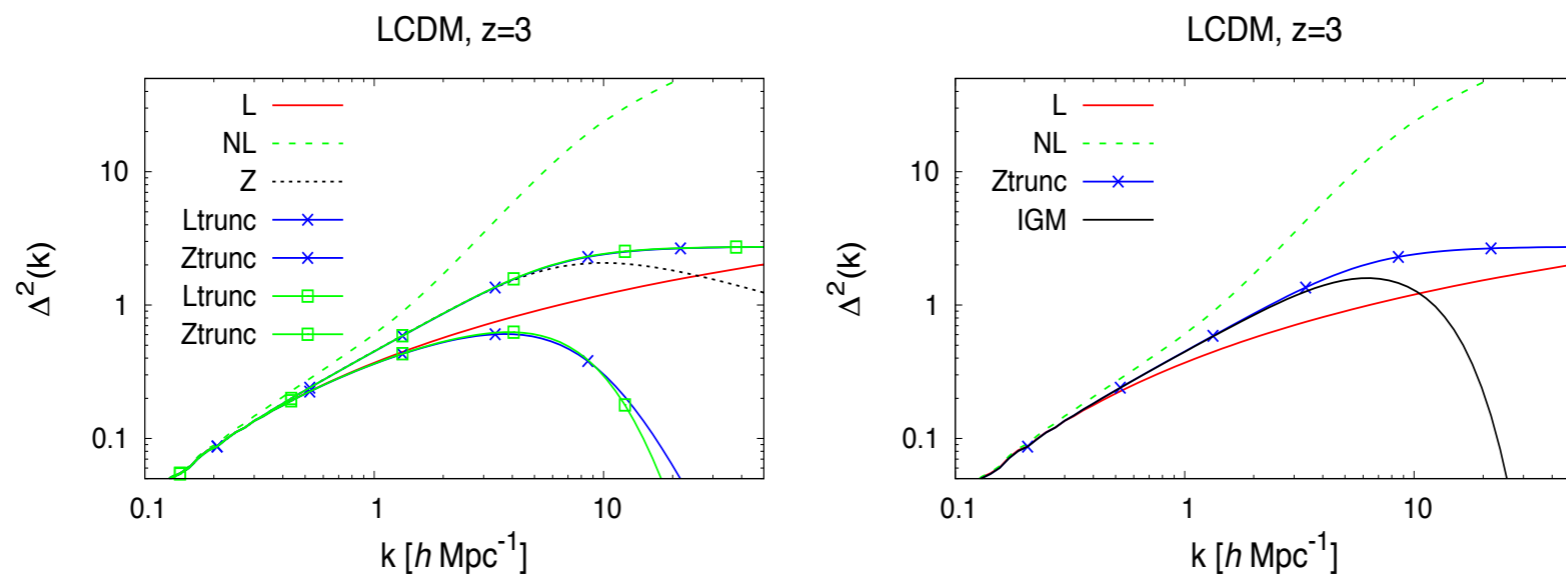
relative deviation
for PDF of the
flux



III. IGM power spectrum

Use a **truncated** Zeldovich approximation: $P_{\text{IGM}}(k) = P_{\text{Ztrunc}}(k) e^{-(k/k_s)^2}$,

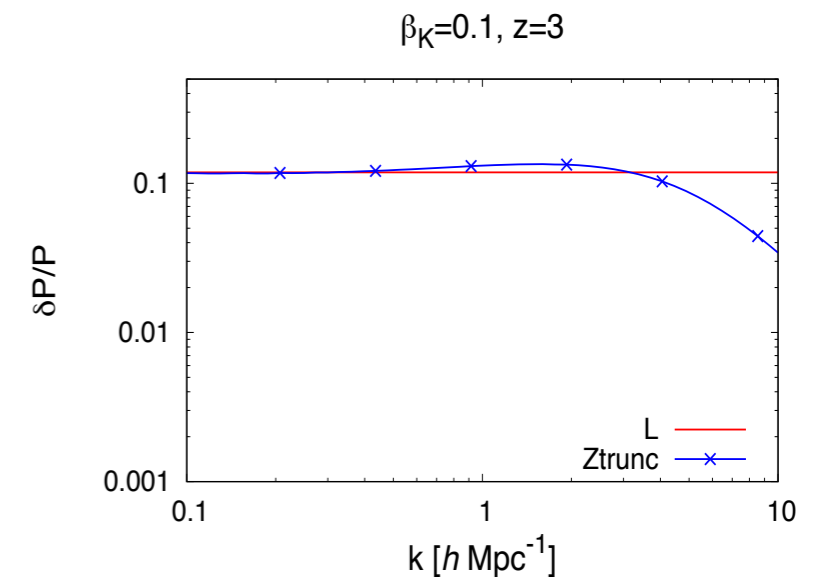
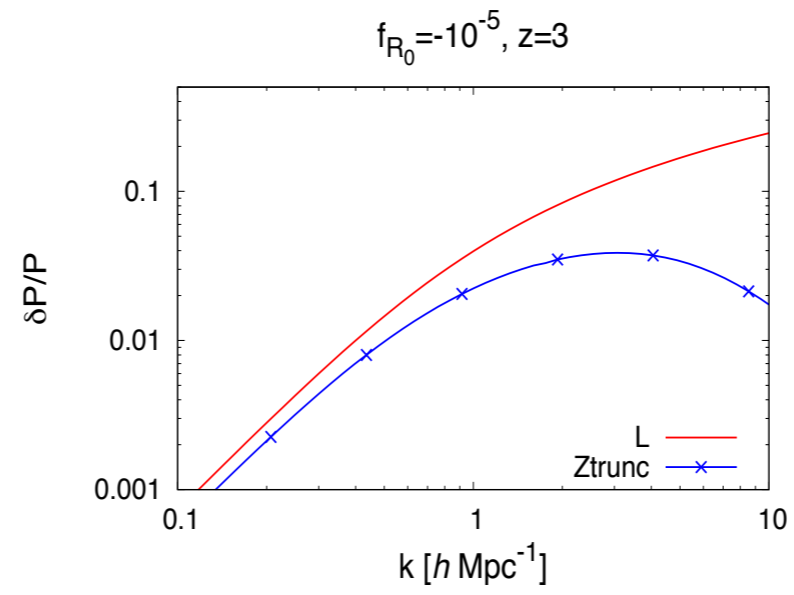
$$P_{\text{Ztrunc}} = \max_{k_{\text{trunc}}} P_{\text{Z}}[P_{\text{Ltrunc}}] \quad \text{with} \quad P_{\text{Ltrunc}}(k) = P_{\text{L}}(k)/(1 + k^2/k_{\text{trunc}}^2)^2.$$



Recovers the large-scale cosmic web, associated with moderate density fluctuations. Highly nonlinear virialized halos do not contribute to the Lyman-alpha forest.

Modified-gravity:

Relative deviation of the matter power spectrum



IV. Lyman-alpha power spectrum

A- 3D power spectrum

$$P_{\delta_F}(\mathbf{k}, z) = b_{\delta_F}^2 (1 + \beta \mu^2)^2 P_{\text{IGM}}(k) / (1 + f |k\mu| / k_{\text{NL}}) e^{-(k\mu/k_{\text{th}})^2},$$

free
parameter

Kaiser effect

velocity dispersion
in collapsed structures

thermal
broadening

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{x} + \frac{v_{\parallel}}{aH} \mathbf{e}_z,$$

$$k_{\text{th}} = \frac{aH}{b_{\text{th}}}, \quad b_{\text{th}} = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{2m_p}},$$

- We noticed that if we use the nonlinear matter power spectrum instead of P_{IGM} we get a steep growth for the Lyman-alpha power spectrum at high k .

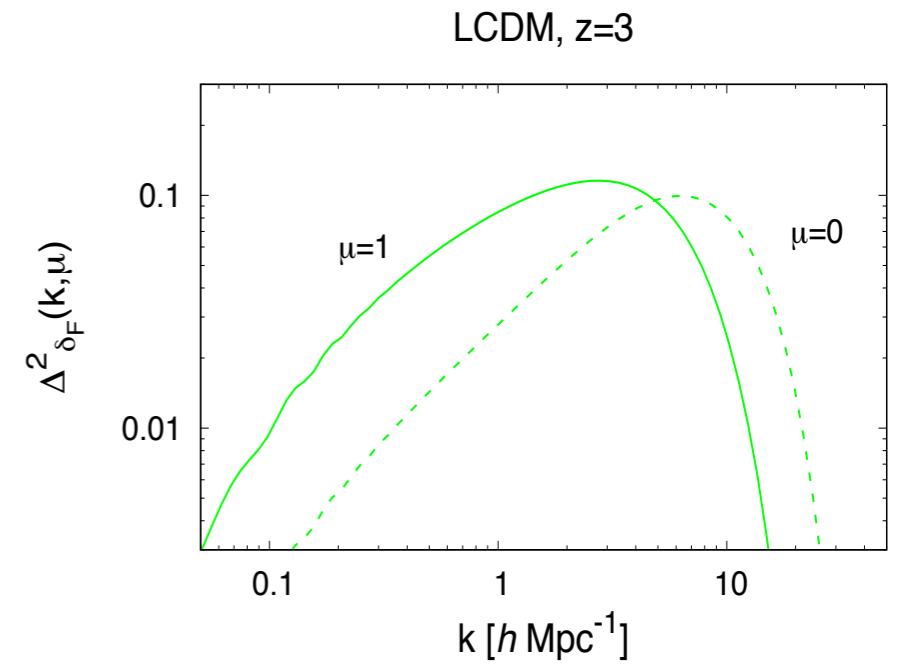
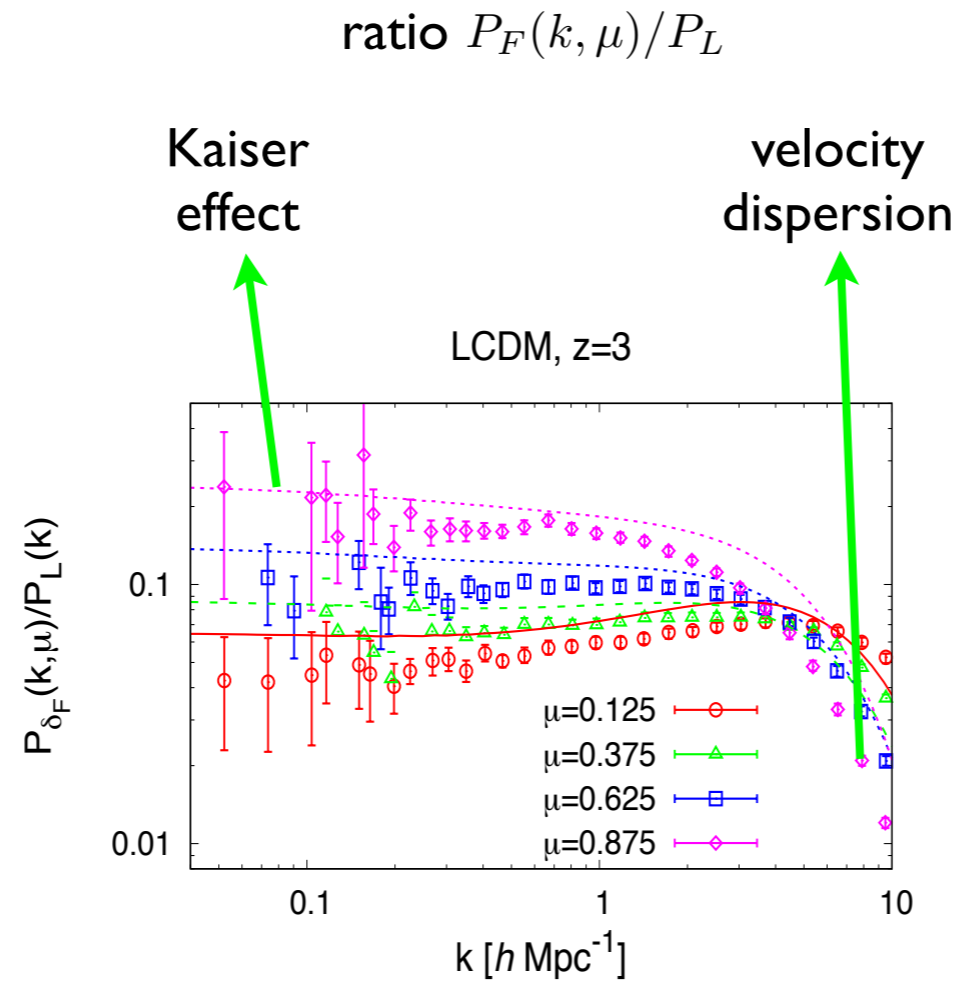
- We take $\beta = 1.3f$ (simulations)

In principle, we could define (Seljak 2012):

$$\beta = f \frac{b_{\delta_F, \eta}}{b_{\delta_F, \delta}} \quad \eta = -\frac{\frac{\partial v_{\parallel}}{\partial x_{\parallel}}}{aH}$$
$$b_{\delta_F, \delta} = \frac{\partial \delta_F}{\partial \delta} \quad b_{\delta_F, \eta} = \frac{\partial \delta_F}{\partial \eta}$$

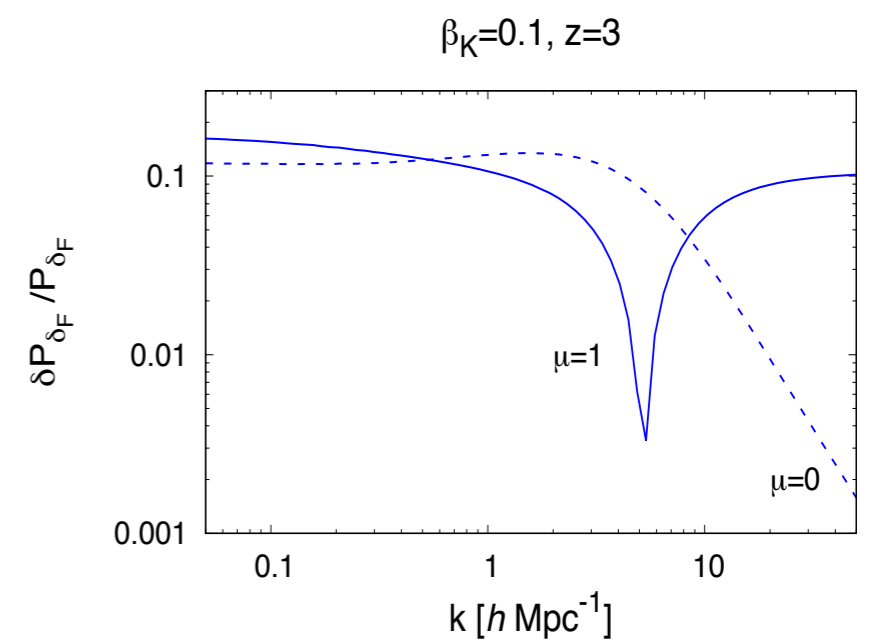
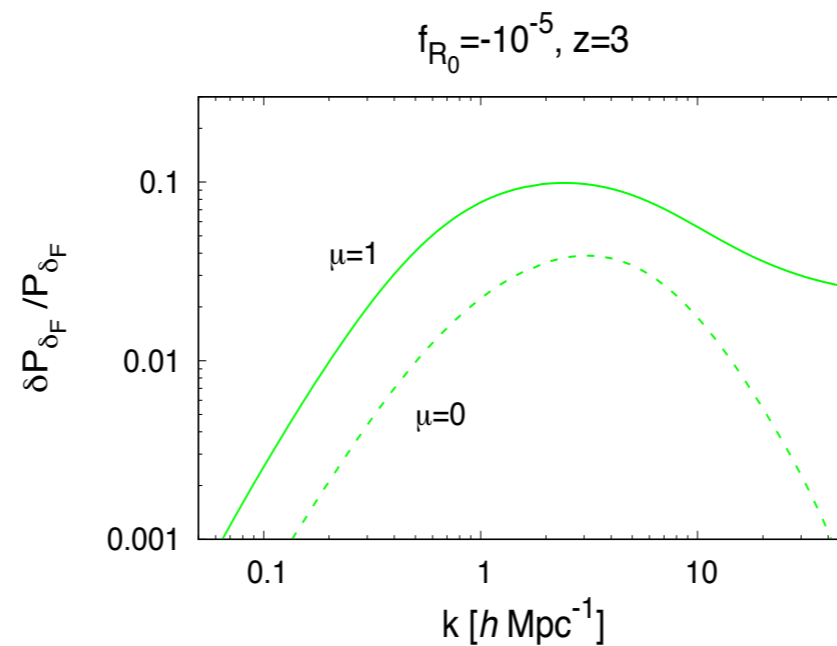
However, analytical models do not work very well, especially because of the velocity part (Cieplak & Slosar 2016).

LCDM:



Modified-gravity:

Relative deviation of the
3D Lyman-alpha power
spectrum

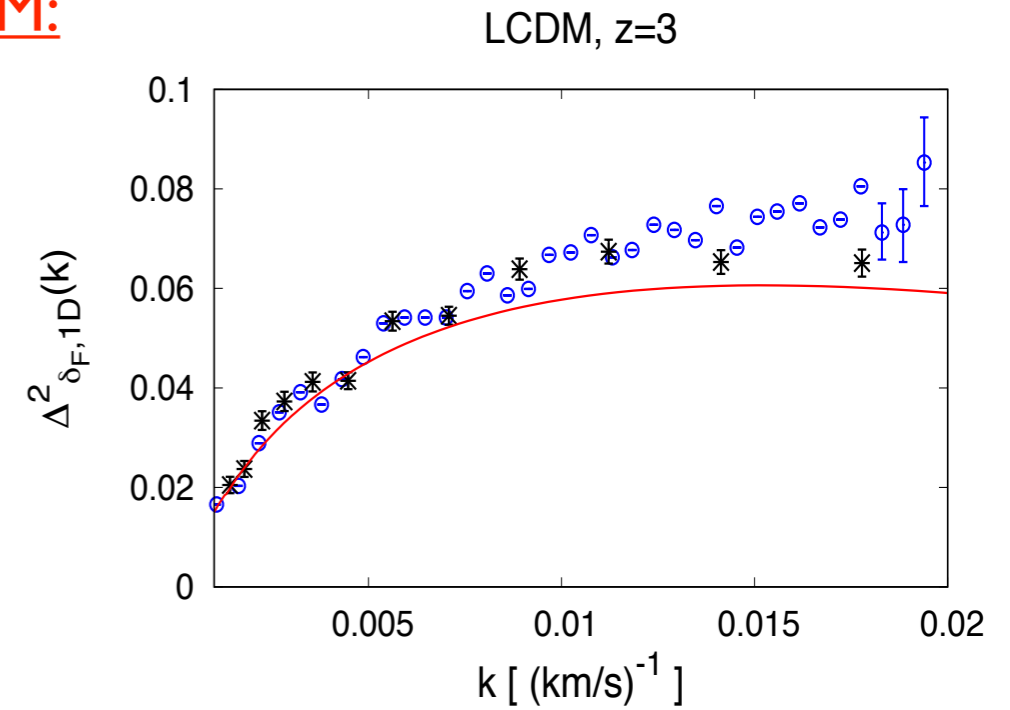


B- 1D power spectrum

LCDM:

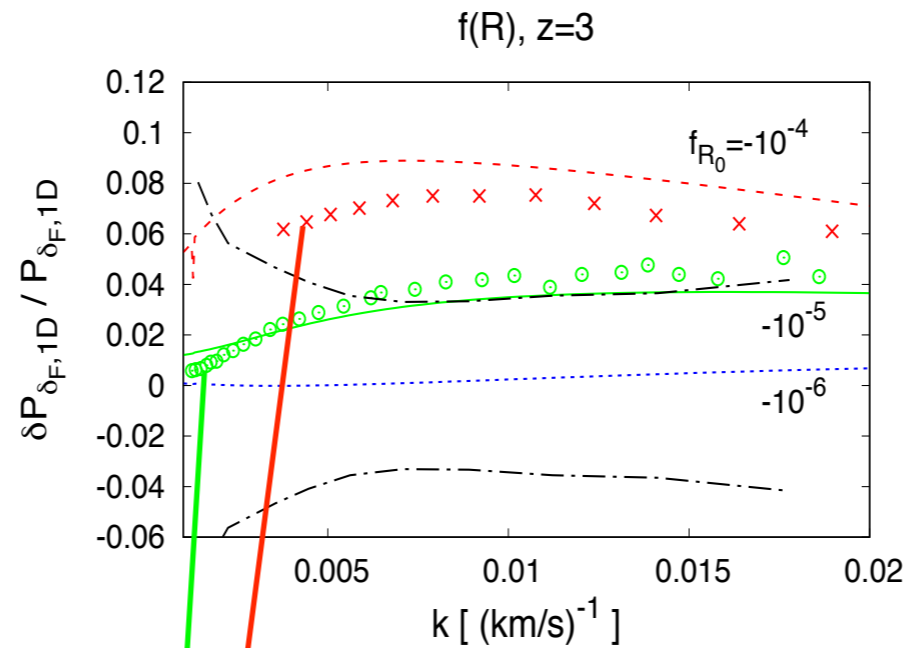
1D Lyman-alpha power spectrum along the line of sight

$$P_{\delta_F,1D}(k_z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_x dk_y P_{\delta_F}(\mathbf{k}) = 2\pi \int_{k_z}^{\infty} dk k P_{\delta_F}(k, \mu = k_z/k).$$



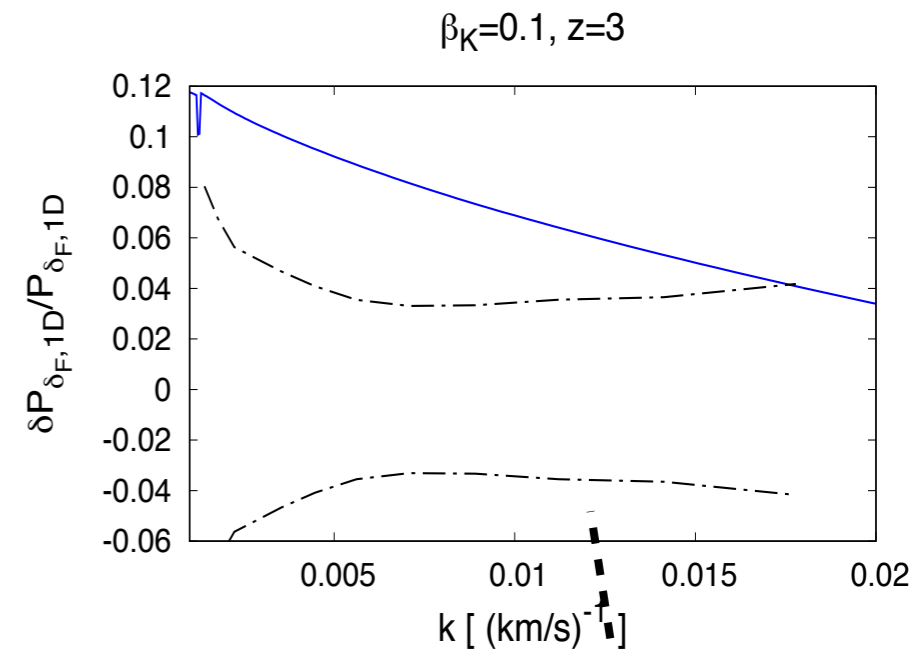
Modified-gravity:

Relative deviation of the 1D Lyman-alpha power spectrum



simulations

Arnold et al. (2015)



1σ

obs. errorbar