

Title: New light on 21 cm intensity fluctuations from the dark ages

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Abstract: Fluctuations of the 21 cm brightness temperature before the formation of the first stars hold the promise of becoming a high-precision cosmological probe in the future. The growth of over densities is very well described by perturbation theory at that epoch and the signal can in principle be predicted to arbitrary accuracy for given cosmological parameters. Recently, Tseliakhovich and Hirata pointed out a previously neglected and important physical effect, due to the fact that baryons and cold dark matter (CDM) have supersonic relative velocities after recombination. This relative velocity suppresses the growth of matter fluctuations on scales $k \sim 10^3 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. In addition, the amplitude of the small-scale power spectrum is modulated on the large scales over which the relative velocity varies, corresponding to $k \sim 0.005 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. In this talk, I will describe the effect of the relative velocity on 21 cm brightness temperature fluctuations from redshifts $z \sim 30$. I will show that the 21 cm power spectrum is affected on most scales. On small scales, the signal is typically suppressed several tens of percent, except for extremely small scales ($k \sim 2000 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$) for which the fluctuations are boosted by resonant excitation of acoustic waves. On large scales, 21 cm fluctuations are enhanced due to the non-linear dependence of the brightness temperature on the underlying gas density and temperature. The enhancement of the 21 cm power spectrum is of a few percent at $k \sim 0.1 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ and up to tens of percent at $k \sim 0.005 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, for standard Λ CDM cosmology. In principle this effect allows to probe the small-scale matter power spectrum not only through a measurement of small angular scales but also through its effect on large angular scales.

New light on 21 cm intensity fluctuations from the dark ages: *effect of baryon-cdm relative velocities*

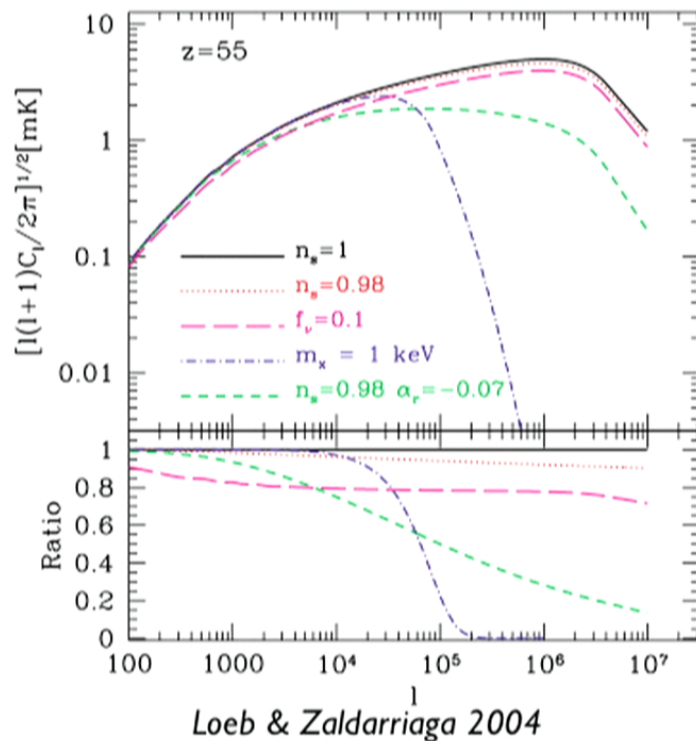
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New frontiers with 21 cm cosmology

The scale frontier:



CMB: $k \approx k_{\text{Silk}} \sim 0.15 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
LSS: $k \approx k_{\text{NL}} \sim 0.1 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ at $z = 0$
21 cm: $k \approx k_{\text{Jeans}} \sim 300 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

- Tests of inflation: n_s , running
- Warm dark matter
- Massive neutrinos
- Non-gaussianity

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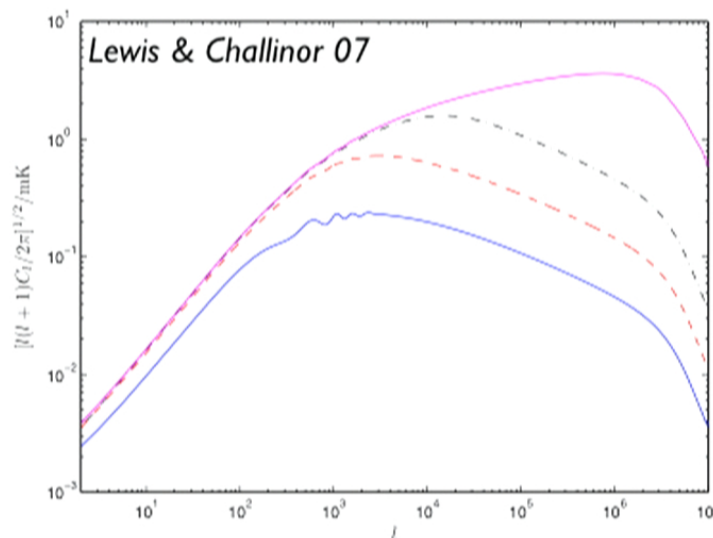
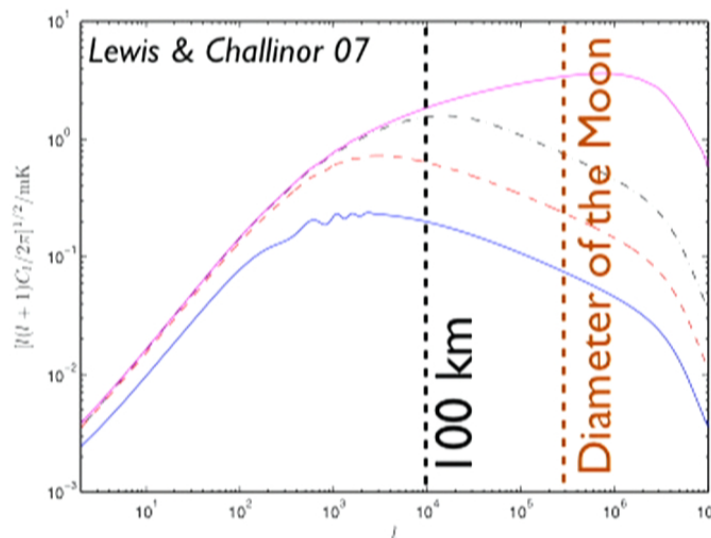


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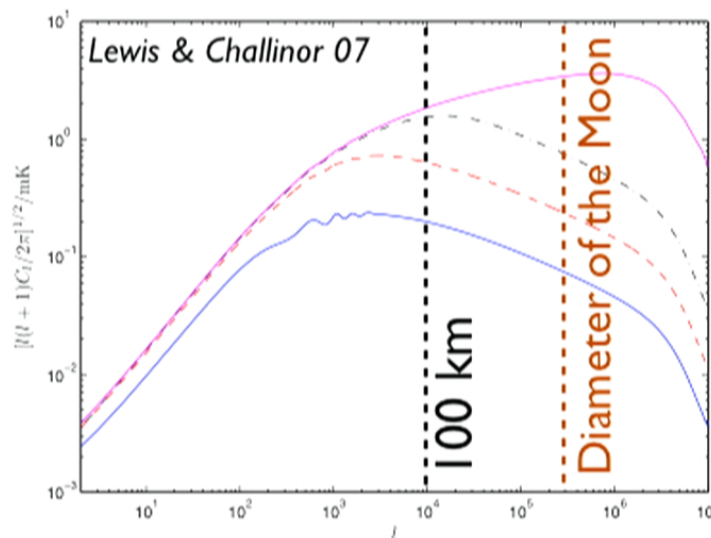


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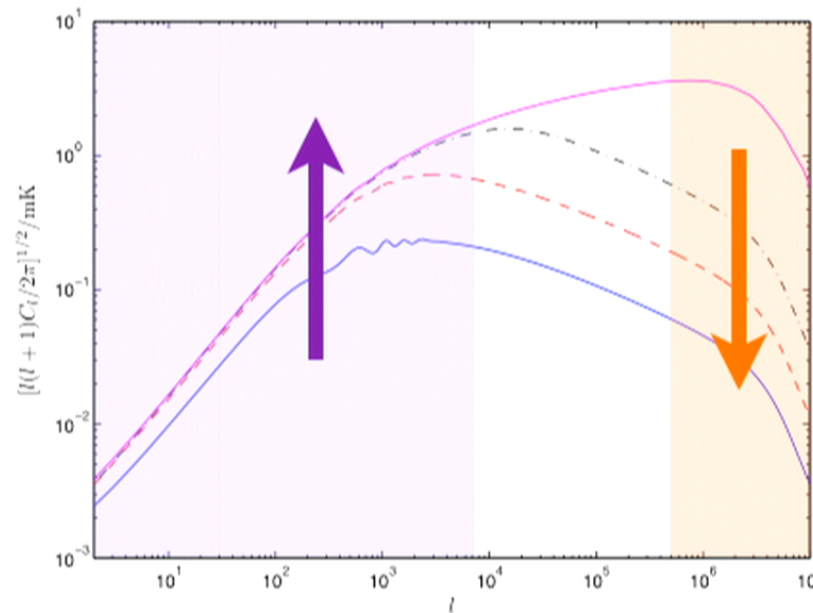
Measuring anisotropies on angular scales $\ell \gtrsim 10^4$ - 10^5 (corresponding to $k \gtrsim 1$ - 10 Mpc^{-1}) is, in practice, undoable.

Bottom line of this work

Accounting for the relative velocity of baryons and CDM

(1) decreases the small-scale power spectrum

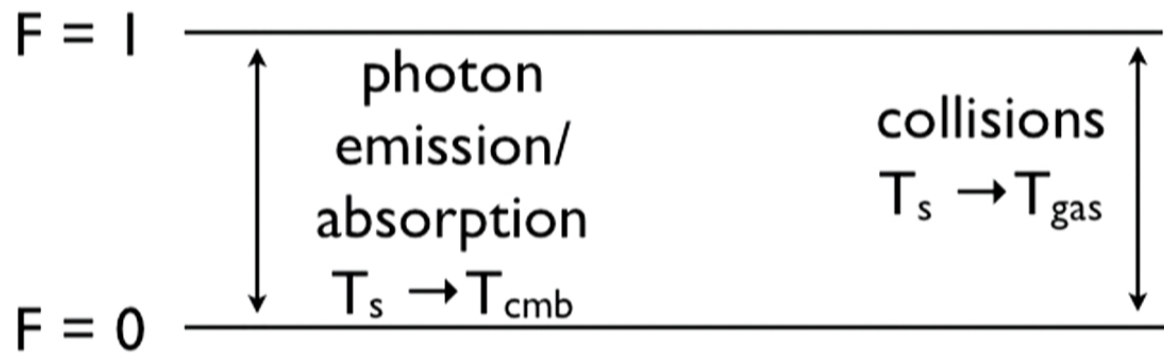
(2) enhances the large-scale power spectrum, with an enhancement depending on small-scale power



21 cm line: basic facts

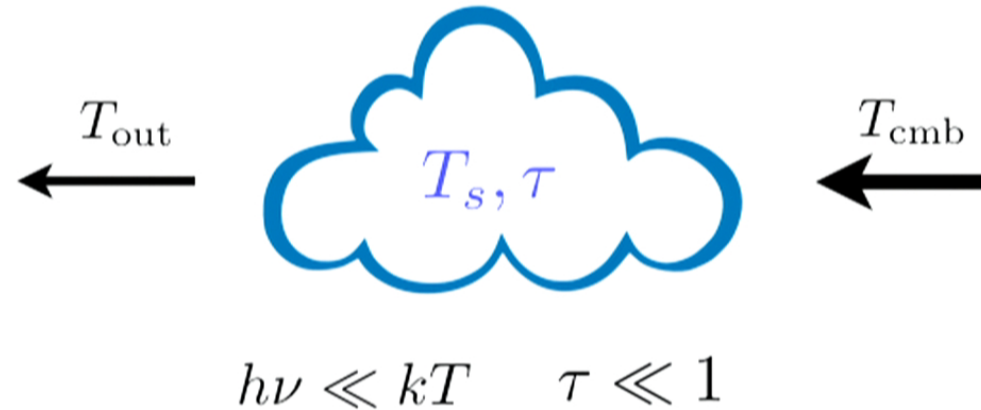
$$\begin{array}{l} F = 1 \text{ —————} \\ \\ F = 0 \text{ —————} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} E_{10} = 6 \mu\text{eV} = 68 \text{ mK} \\ \nu_{10} = 1420 \text{ MHz} \\ \lambda_{10} = 21.1 \text{ cm} \\ A_{10} = 2.85e^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1} = (11 \text{ Myr})^{-1} \end{array}$$

Spin temperature



$$\frac{n_1}{3n_0} = e^{-E_{10}/T_s} = \frac{n_{\text{H}}\kappa_{01}(T_{\text{gas}}) + R_{01}(T_{\text{cmb}})}{3n_{\text{H}}\kappa_{10}(T_{\text{gas}}) + 3R_{10}(T_{\text{cmb}})}$$

21 cm brightness temperature



$$T_b \equiv T_{\text{out}} - T_{\text{cmb}} = \tau(T_s - T_{\text{cmb}})$$

21 cm optical depth

Usually : $\tau = \int n_{\text{abs}} \sigma(\nu) dl$

Here : $dl = c dt = -c \frac{d\nu}{H\nu}$, $\tau = n_{\text{abs}} \int \sigma(\nu) \frac{c d\nu}{H\nu}$

$$H \rightarrow H + \partial_{||} v_{||}$$

$$\sigma(\nu) \propto \lambda^2 A_{10} \phi(\nu) \approx \lambda^2 A_{10} \delta(\nu - \nu_{10})$$

$$n_{\text{abs}} = n_0 - \frac{n_1}{3} = n_0 \left(1 - e^{-E_{10}/T_s} \right) \approx \frac{n_{\text{H}}}{4} \frac{E_{10}}{T_s}$$

$$\tau = \frac{3E_{10}}{32\pi T_s} \frac{A_{10}}{H + \partial_{||} v_{||}} \lambda_{10}^3 n_{\text{H}}$$

Bottom line

What is measured: $T_b = \tau(T_s - T_{\text{cmb}})$

$$\tau \propto \frac{n_{\text{H}}}{T_s(H + \partial_{\parallel} v_{\parallel})} \quad T_s(n_{\text{H}}, T_{\text{gas}})$$

To linear order: $n_{\text{H}} = \bar{n}_{\text{H}}(1 + \delta_b)$

$$\delta T_b(z, \vec{k}) = \frac{\partial T_b}{\partial \log n_{\text{H}}} \delta_b - \frac{\partial T_b}{\partial \log H} \frac{\partial_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}}{H} + \frac{\partial T_b}{\partial \log T_{\text{gas}}} \frac{\delta T_{\text{gas}}}{T_{\text{gas}}}$$

**Fluctuations of T_b probe the underlying
density power spectrum**

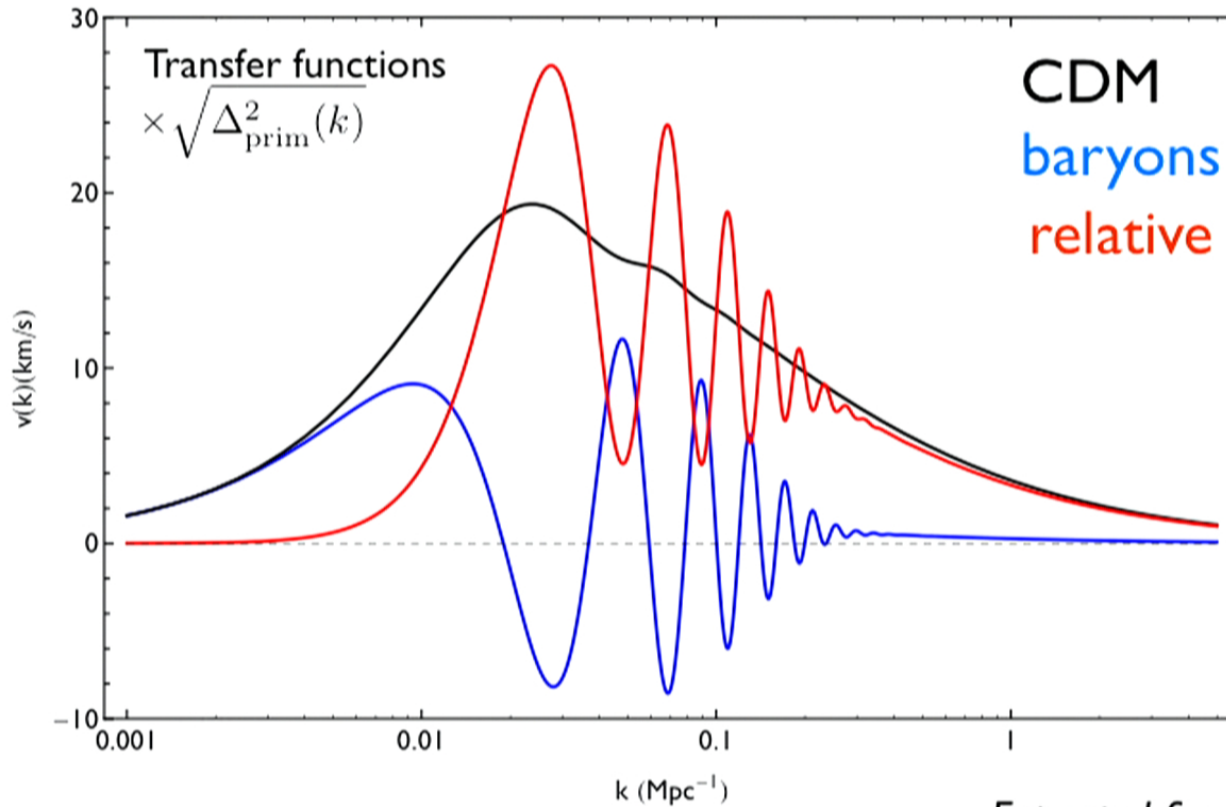
The relative velocity effect

(Tseliakhovich & Hirata 2010)

- Prior to recombination, baryons tightly coupled to photons \Rightarrow acoustic oscillations.
- Meanwhile, the CDM perturbations grow under their own gravity.
- After recombination, for $k < k_{\text{Jeans}}$, baryons and CDM perturbations grow together, **BUT**

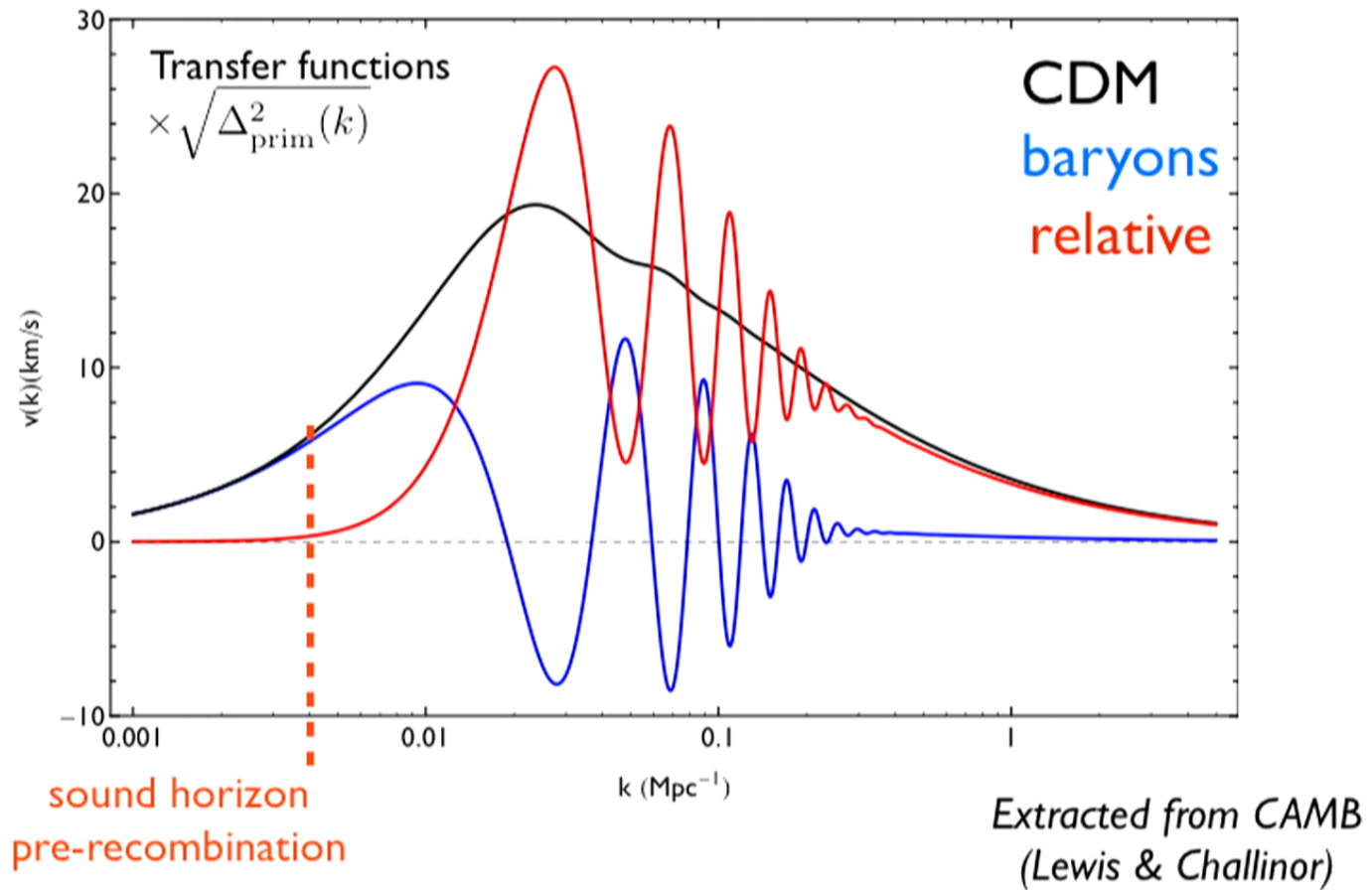
At $z = z_{\text{rec}} \approx 1000$, very different “initial conditions” for baryons and CDM.

Characteristic velocities at $z = 1000$

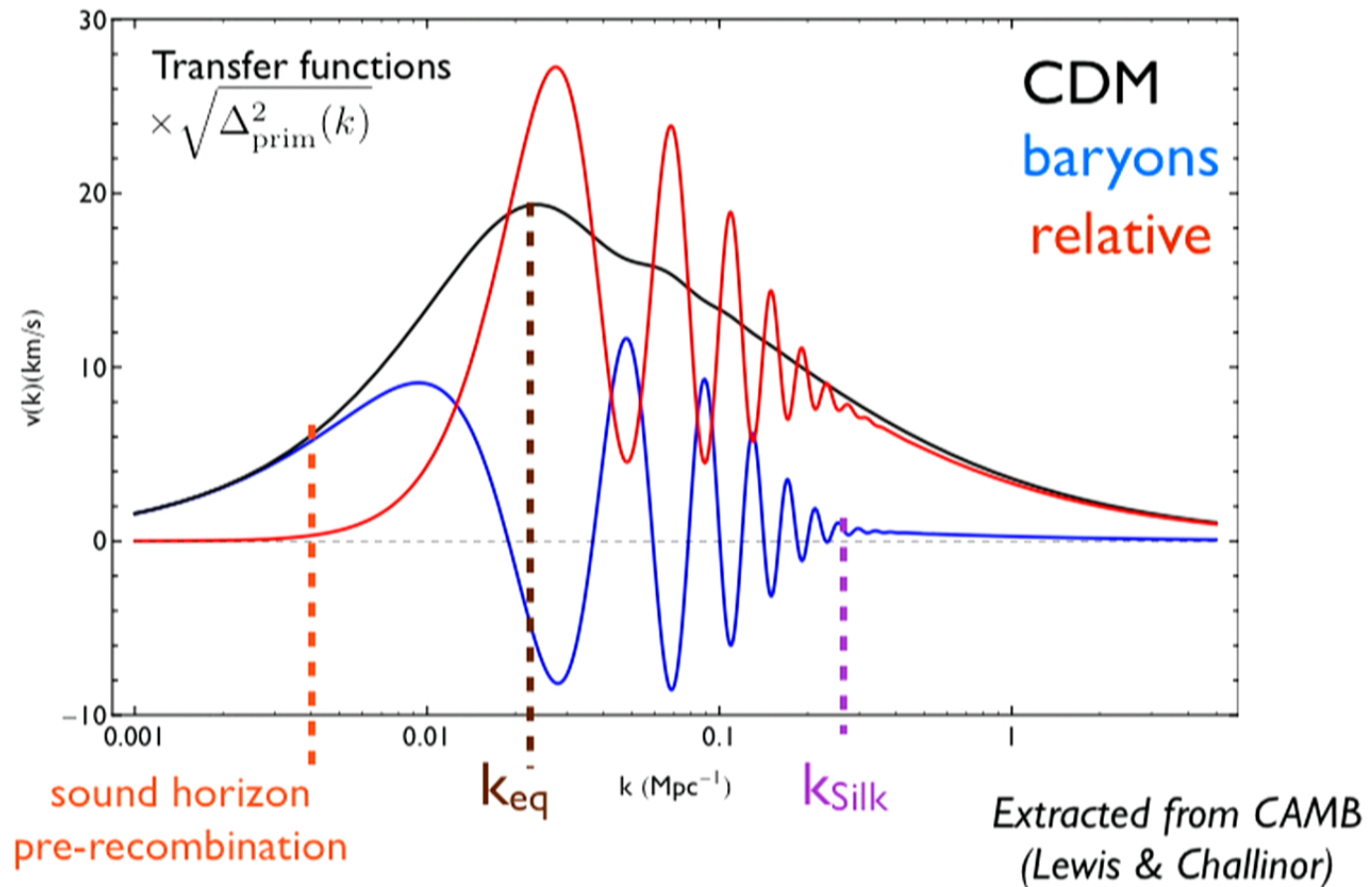


Extracted from CAMB
(Lewis & Challinor)

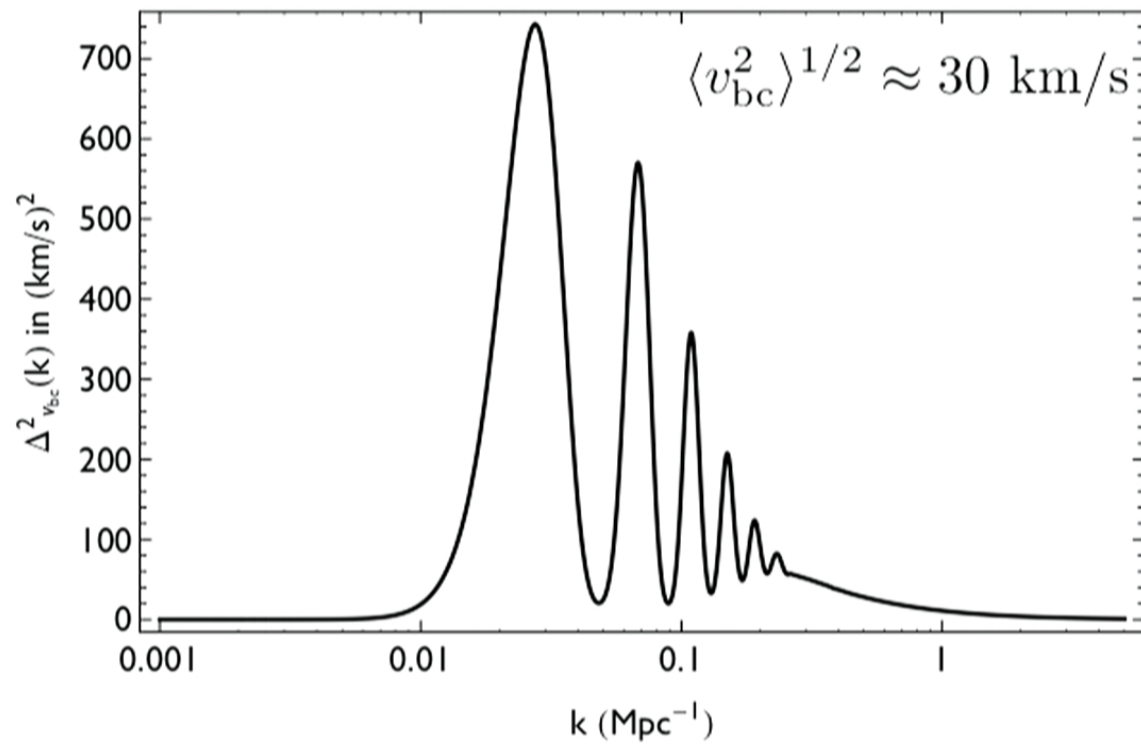
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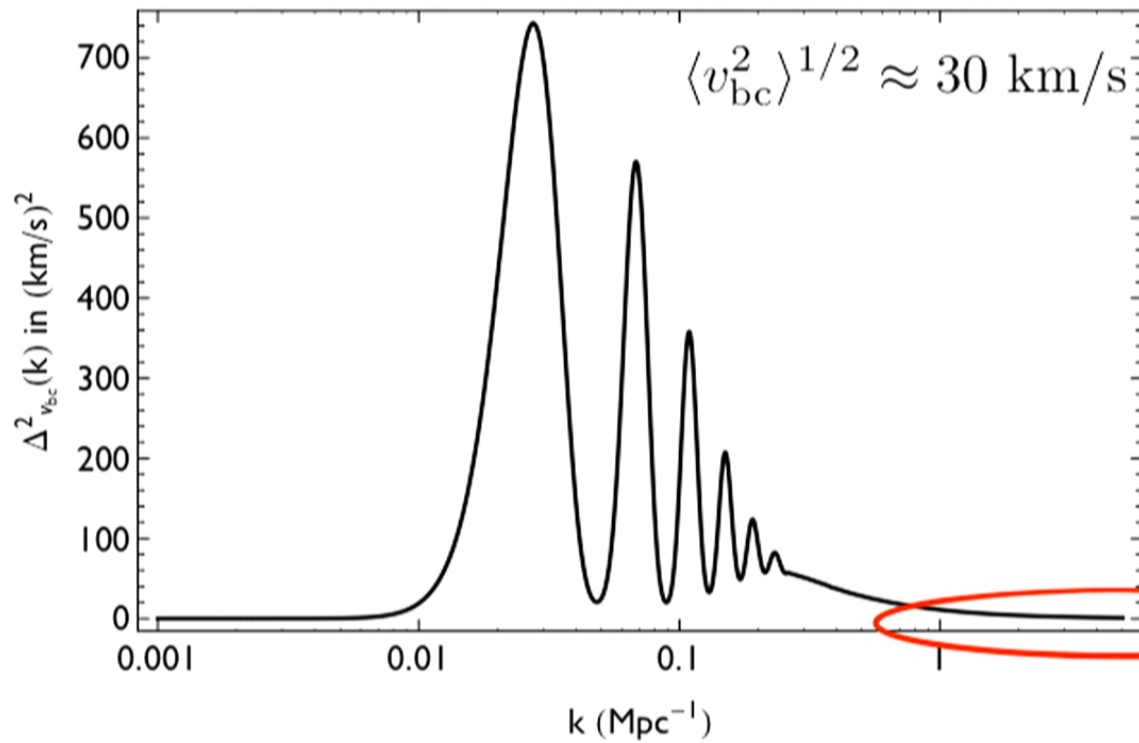
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Relative velocity power spectrum

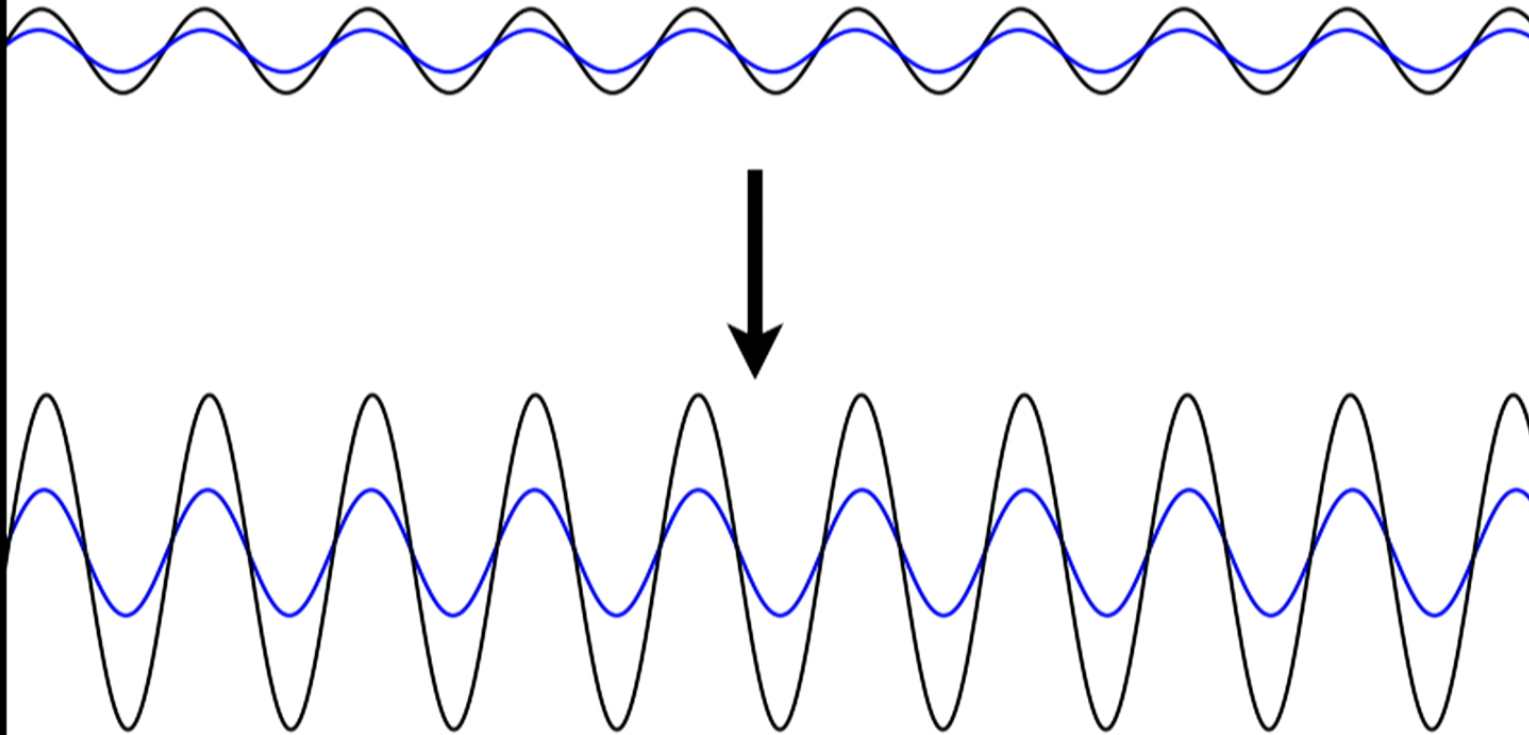


Relative velocity power spectrum



v_{bc} nearly uniform on a few Mpc scale: $k_{\text{coh}} \sim 0.3 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

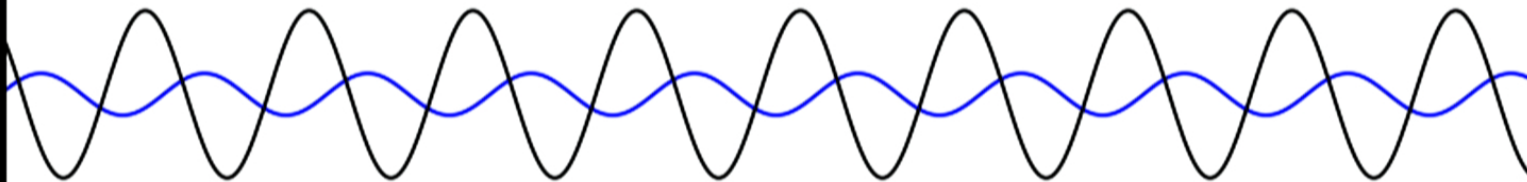
Without relative velocity



With relative velocity, if $\lambda \approx v_{bc}/H$



Slower growth of structure



- Scale of suppression vs coherence scale:

$$k_{v_{bc}} \sim \frac{aH}{v_{bc}} \approx 40 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \gg k_{\text{coh}} \sim 0.3 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

- Thanks to large separation of scales, one may still use perturbation theory around a given background relative velocity (Tselikhovich & Hirata 2010)

- Larger than the Jeans scale:

$$k_{\text{Jeans}} \sim \frac{aH}{c_s} \sim 200 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \text{ with } c_s \approx 6 \text{ km/s}$$

- The effect is fundamentally non-linear:

$$0 = \dot{\delta} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \delta$$

Method of computation

- Fluid equations in the local baryon rest frame

$$\dot{\delta}_c - ia^{-1}(\mathbf{v}_{bc} \cdot \mathbf{k})\delta_c + \theta_c = 0,$$

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pressure term

$$P = n_b T_{\text{gas}}$$

- Gas temperature evolution: $(dU + PdV = \delta Q)$

$$\dot{T}_{\text{gas}} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\dot{n}_{\text{H}}}{n_{\text{H}}} T_{\text{gas}} = \frac{2}{3} \dot{q}_{\text{C}}, \quad \left(+ \frac{2}{3} \dot{q}_{\text{extra}} \right)$$

where \dot{q}_{C} is the Compton heating rate per particle:

$$\dot{q}_{\text{C}} = \frac{4\sigma_{\text{T}} a_{\text{r}} T_{\text{cmb}}^4}{(1 + x_{\text{He}} + x_{\text{e}}) m_{\text{e}}} x_{\text{e}} (T_{\text{cmb}} - T_{\text{gas}})$$

Perturbed:

$$\dot{\delta}_{T_{\text{gas}}} - \frac{2}{3} \dot{\delta}_b = \gamma_{\text{C}} \bar{x}_{\text{e}} \left[\frac{\bar{T}_{\text{cmb}} - \bar{T}_{\text{gas}}}{\bar{T}_{\text{gas}}} \delta_{x_{\text{e}}} - \frac{\bar{T}_{\text{cmb}}}{\bar{T}_{\text{gas}}} \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}} \right]$$

- Free-electron fraction evolution

$$\dot{x}_e \approx -C \mathcal{A}_B n_H x_e^2.$$

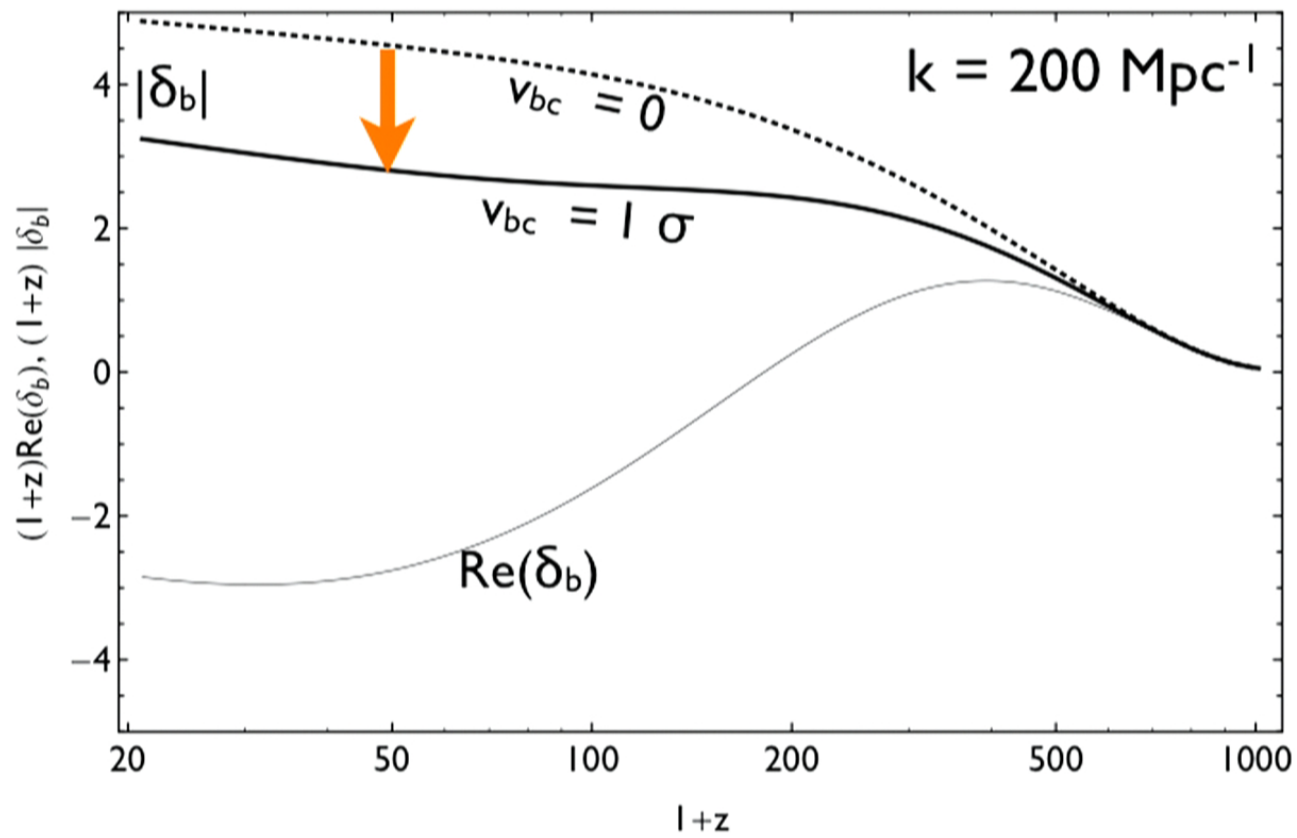
Peebles C-factor

Exact effective case-B
recombination coefficient
(Ali-Haimoud & Hirata 2010)

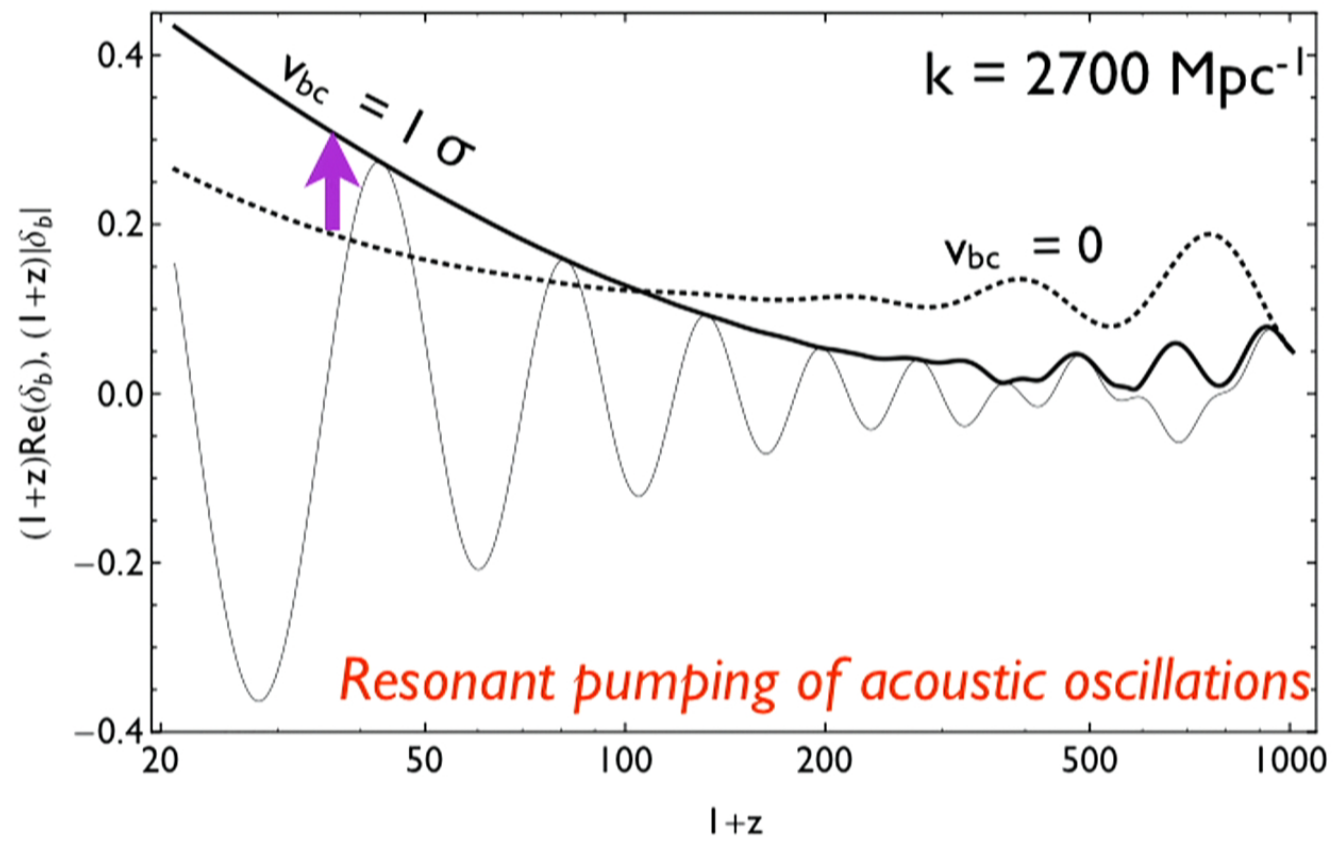
Perturbed: $\dot{\delta}_{x_e} = \dots \delta_{x_e} + \dots \delta_b + \dots \theta_b + \dots \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}$

- Bottom line: for given k and v_{bc} , solve coupled ODEs for $\delta_b, \theta_b, \delta_c, \theta_c, \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}, \delta_{x_e}$

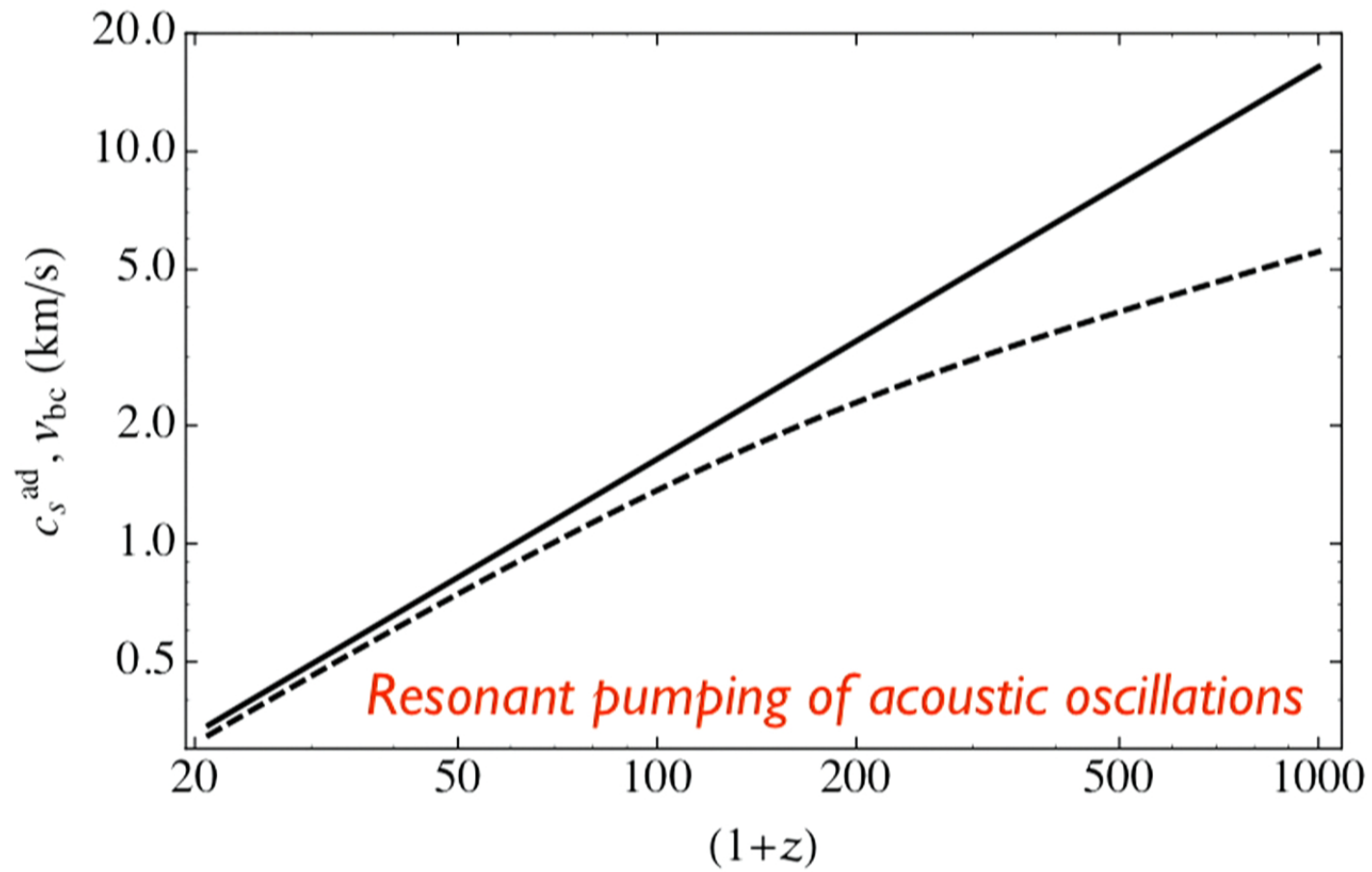
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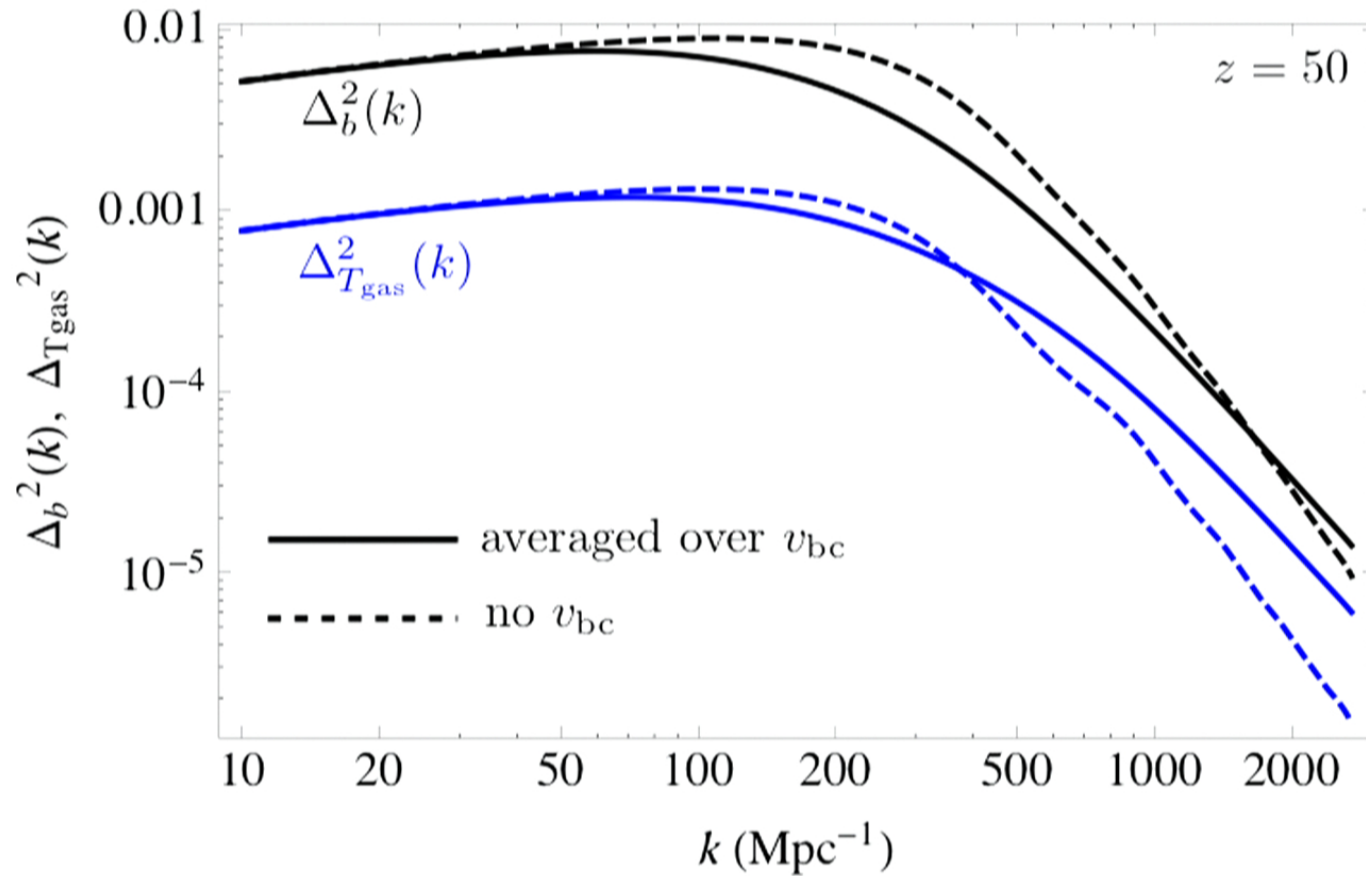
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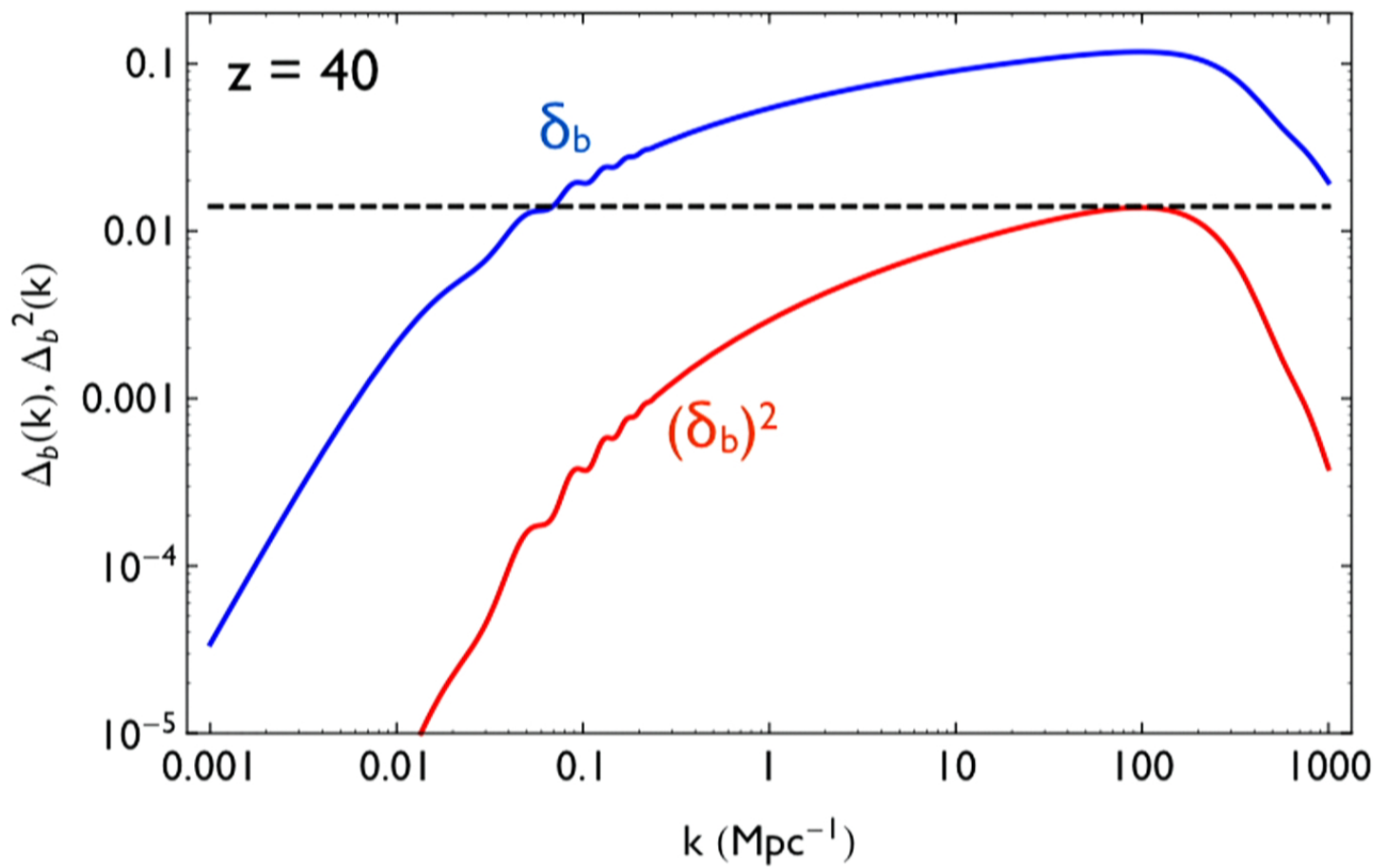
Effect on the large-scale signal

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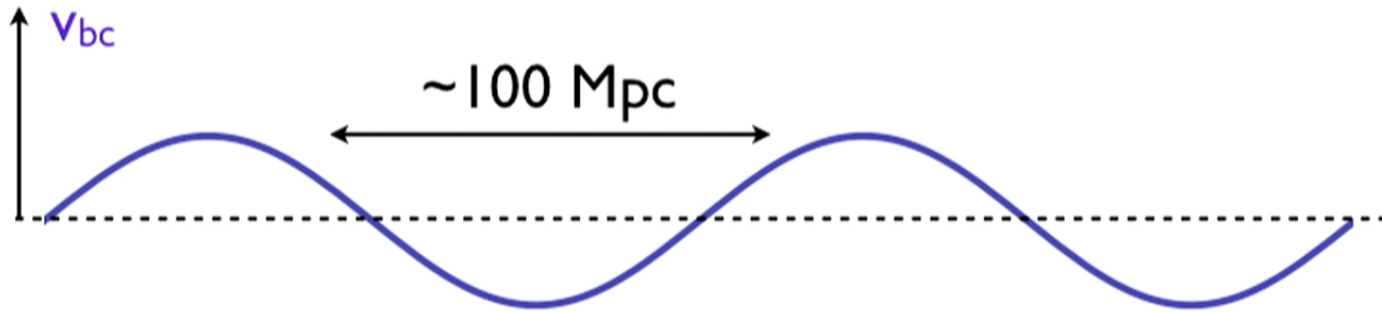
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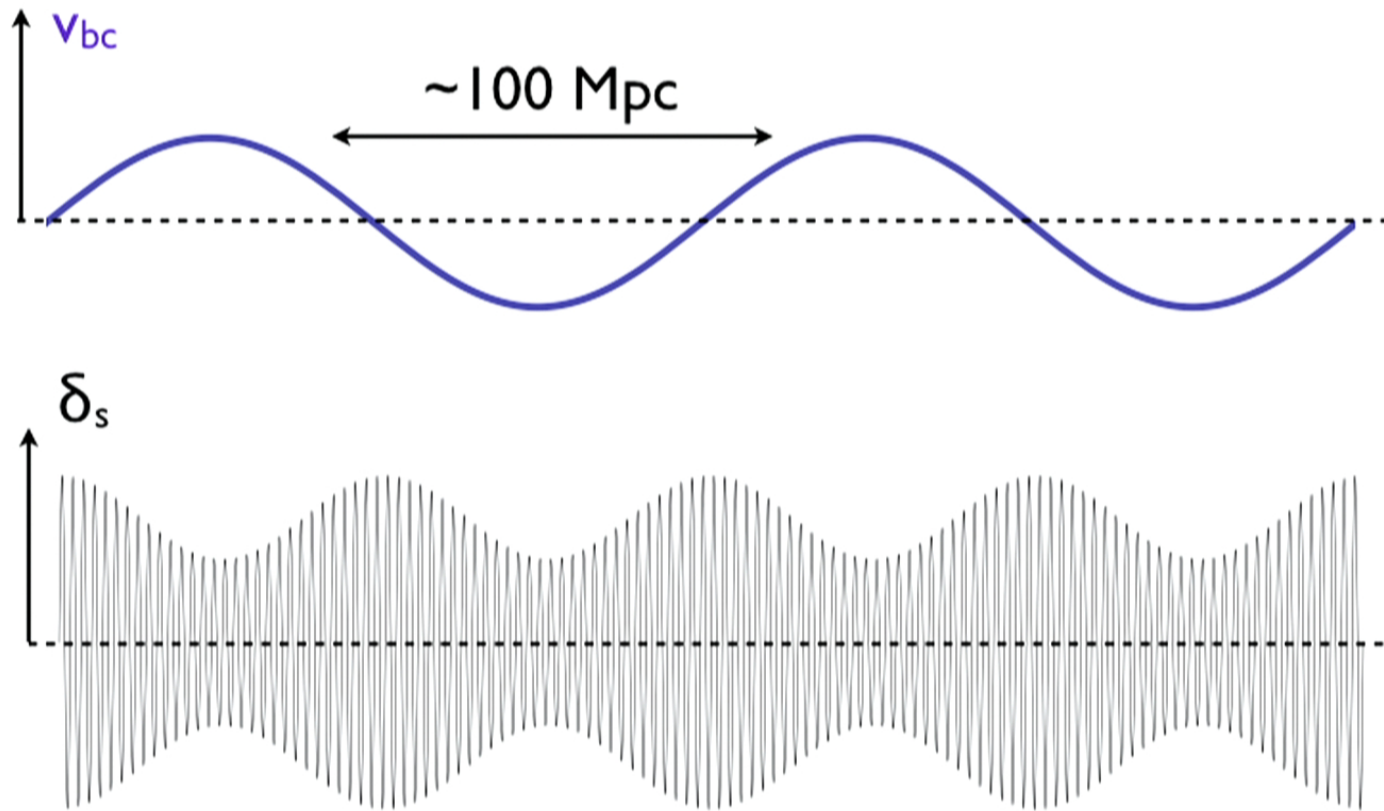
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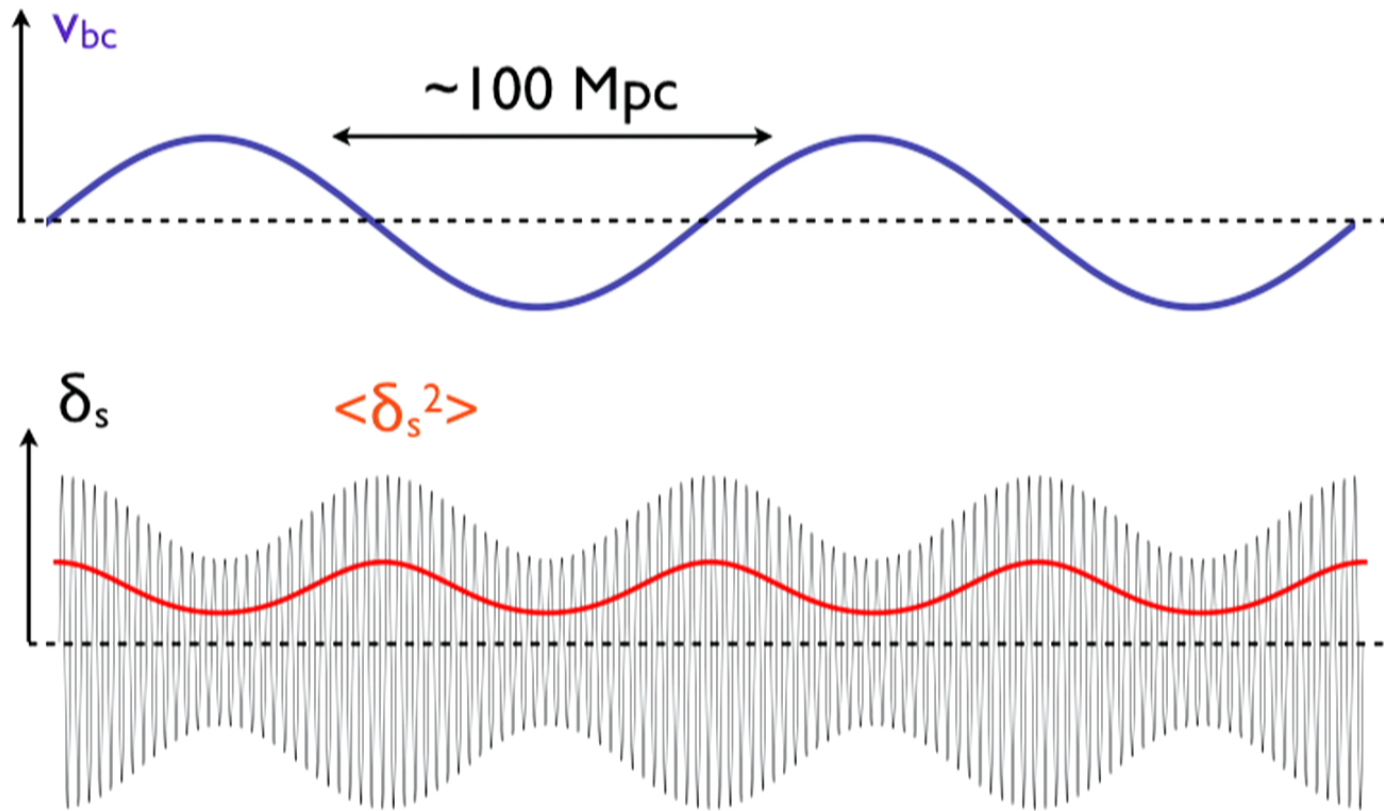
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$$\delta_l \ll \delta_s \ll 1$$

$$(\delta T_b)_l = T_1 \delta_l + T_2 (\delta_s^2)_l + \dots$$







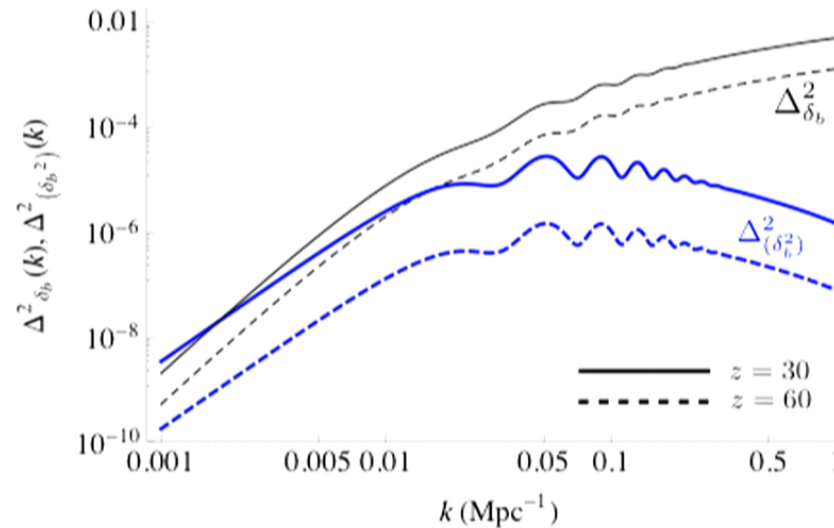
$$(\delta^2)_l = \langle \delta_s^2 \rangle_l \sim \delta_s^2$$

Power spectrum of (δ_b^2)

$$(\delta_s^2)_l = \langle \delta_s^2 \rangle_l = \Delta \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} P_\delta(k; v_{bc})$$

$$\text{Correlation function } \xi_{\delta^2}(x') \equiv \left\langle \langle \delta_s^2 \rangle_{v_{bc}(x)} \langle \delta_s^2 \rangle_{v_{bc}(x+x')} \right\rangle$$

$$P_{\delta^2}(k) = \text{Fourier}(\xi_{\delta^2}(x))$$



- Expansion of δT_b to second order in fluctuations:

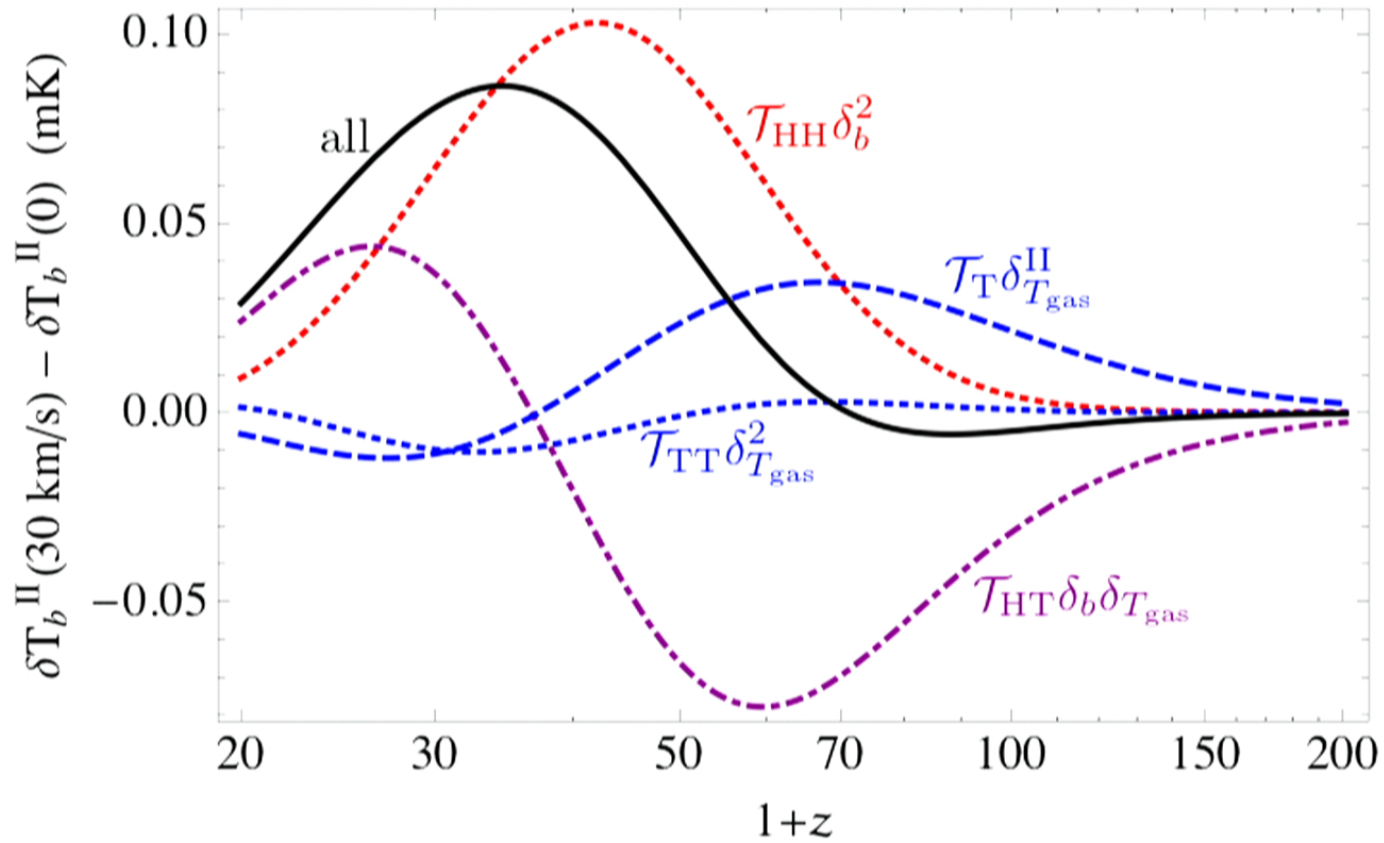
$$\begin{aligned} \delta T_b^{\text{obs}} = & \mathcal{T}_H \delta_H + \mathcal{T}_T \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}} - \bar{T}_b \delta_v \\ & + \mathcal{T}_{HH} \Delta(\delta_H^2) + \mathcal{T}_{TT} \Delta(\delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}^2) + \mathcal{T}_{HT} \Delta(\delta_H \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}) \end{aligned}$$

- Gas temperature fluctuations must also be expanded to second order:

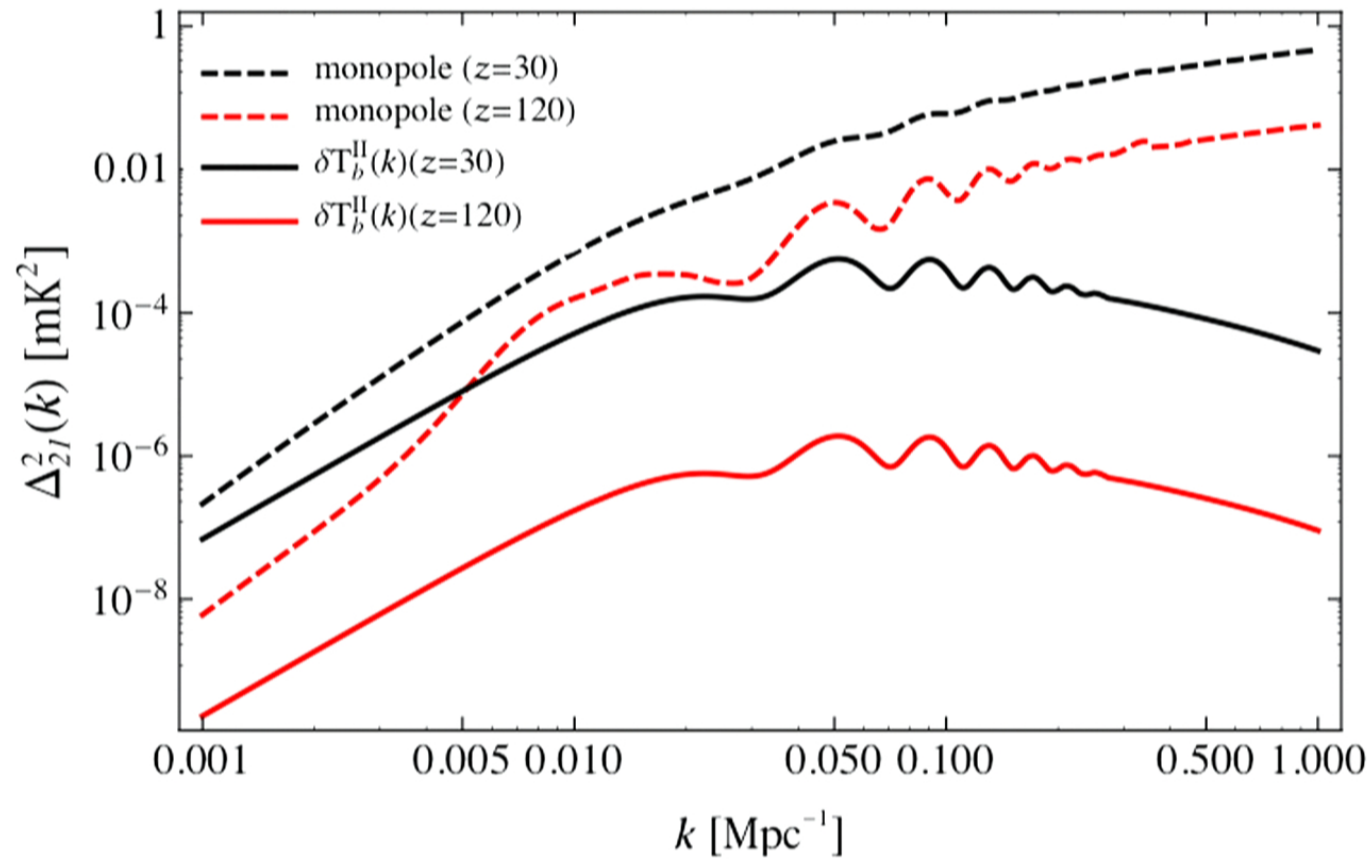
$$\delta T_{\text{gas}} = \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}^{\text{I}} + \delta_{T_{\text{gas}}}^{\text{II}}$$

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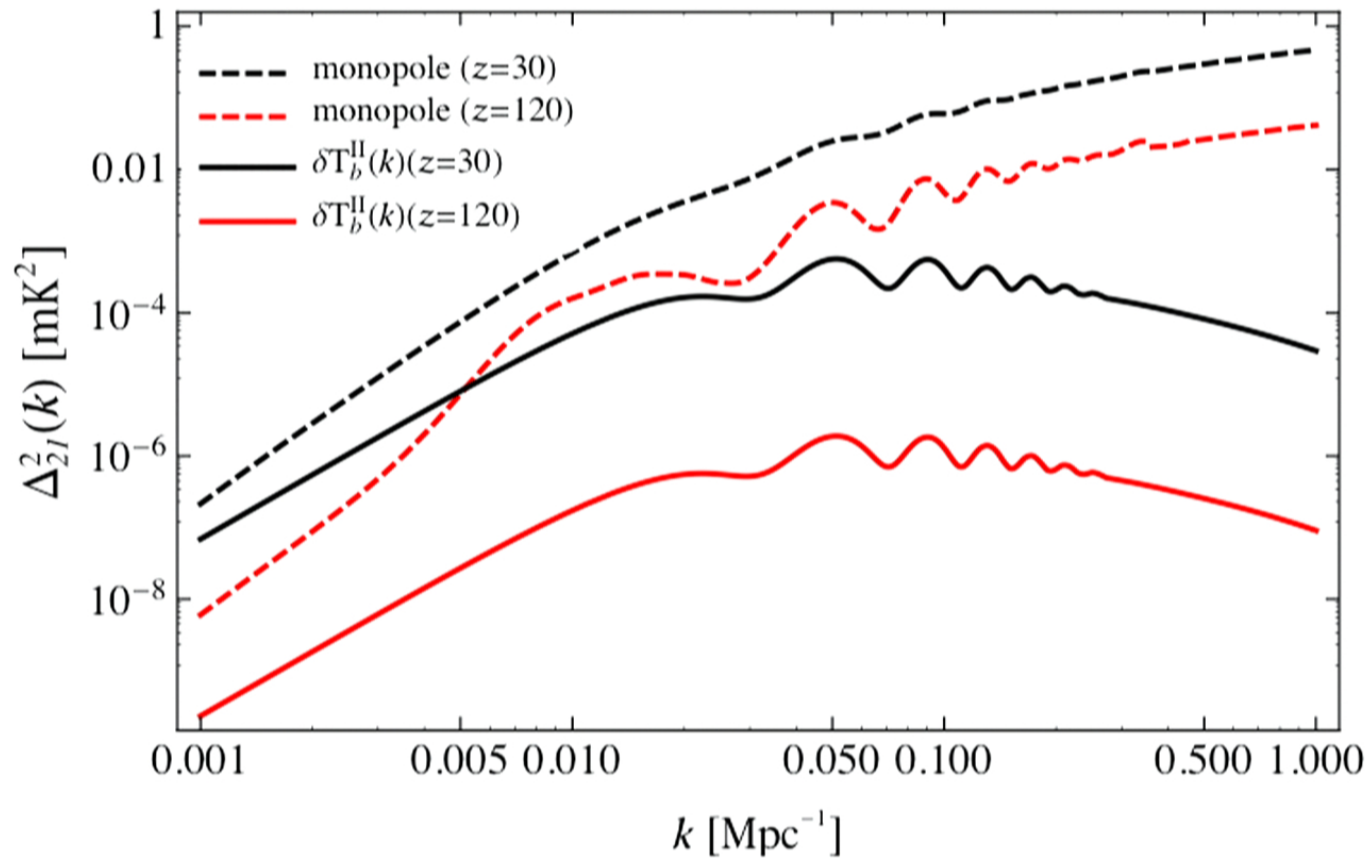
Contributions to quadratic piece of 21 cm fluctuations



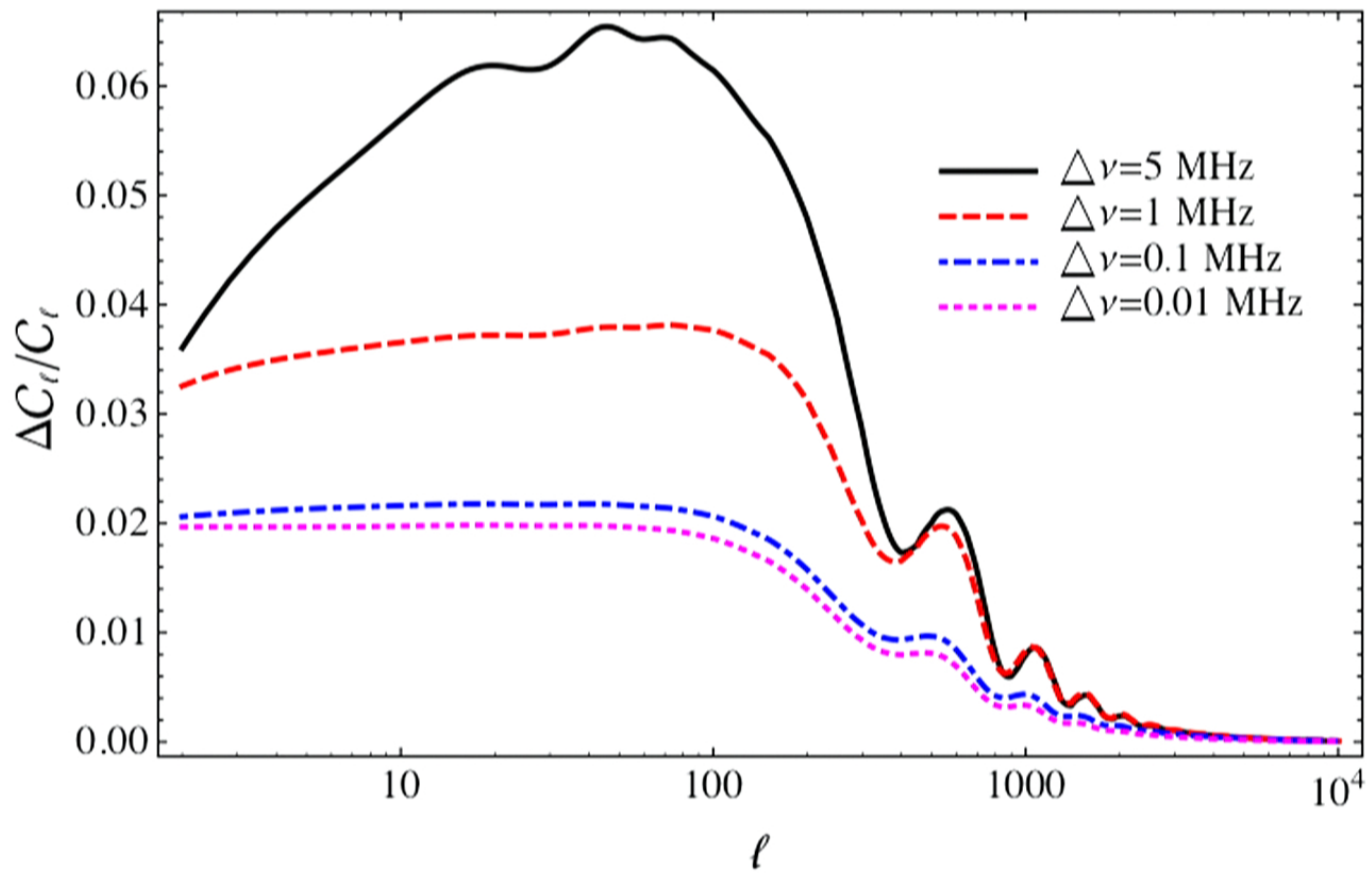
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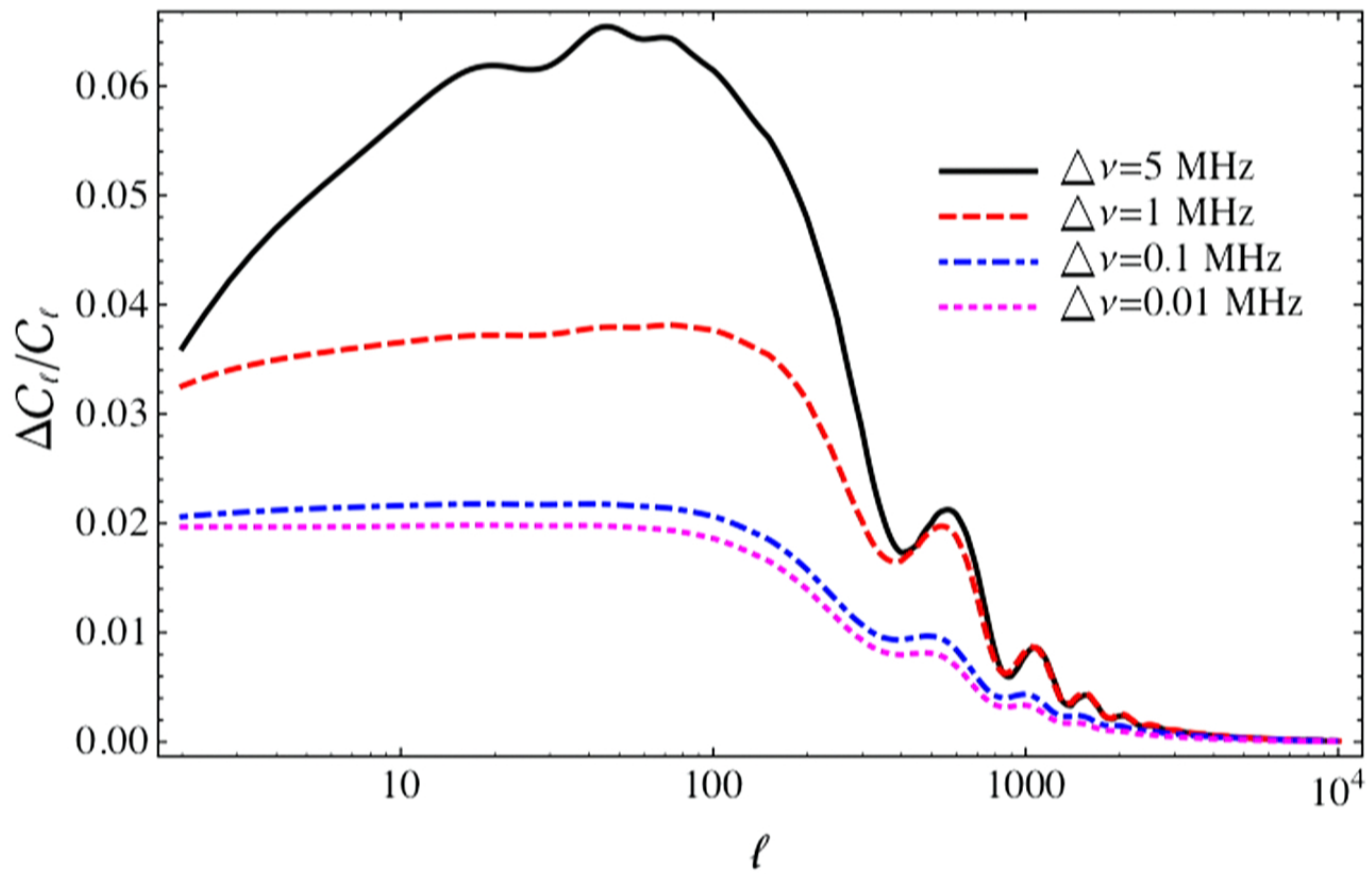
$$S_S^2 = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} P_S(k)$$

$$S_\ell^2$$

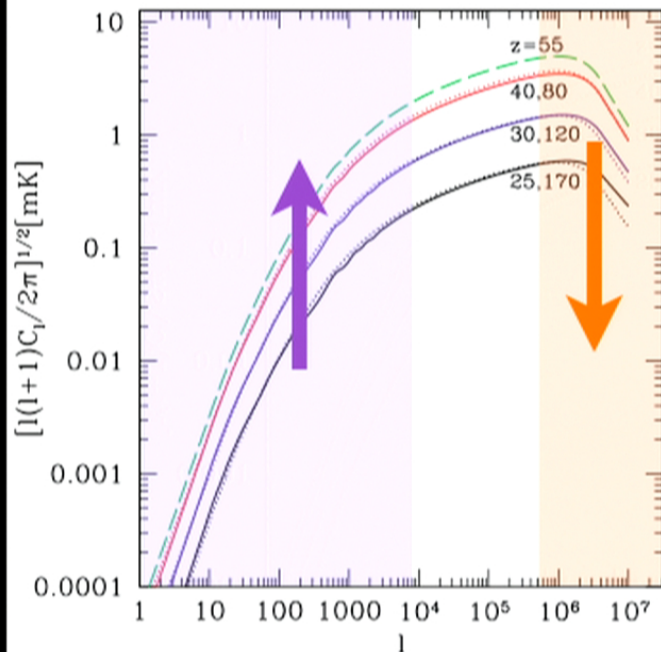
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Conclusions



- Relative velocity leads to $O(l)$ suppression on Jeans scale and enhancement on BAO scale.
- Brings back small-scale physics to large angular scales!
- Future work:
 - 1- Quantify S/N for measurement of n_s , neutrino mass, WDM, etc...
 - 2- Non-Gaussianities

$$O\left(\frac{\delta_s^2}{\delta_l}\right) = O(1) \quad \frac{\delta_s^2}{\delta_l}$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta_s^2}{\delta_l}\right)^{1/2} = 0.1 - 0.2$$

$$H \rightarrow H + a_{11} u_{11} \quad \left(\frac{\delta_s^2}{\delta_l}\right)_l \sim \delta_l^2$$

$$\delta T_b = \delta_b + \left(\frac{\hat{n} \cdot \nabla}{\hat{n} \cdot \bar{u}}\right)_{T_{\text{gas}}}$$

$$T_{\text{gas}} \propto n_H^{2/3}$$

$$\delta T_b$$