

# Simulating the EOR with self-consistent growth of galaxies

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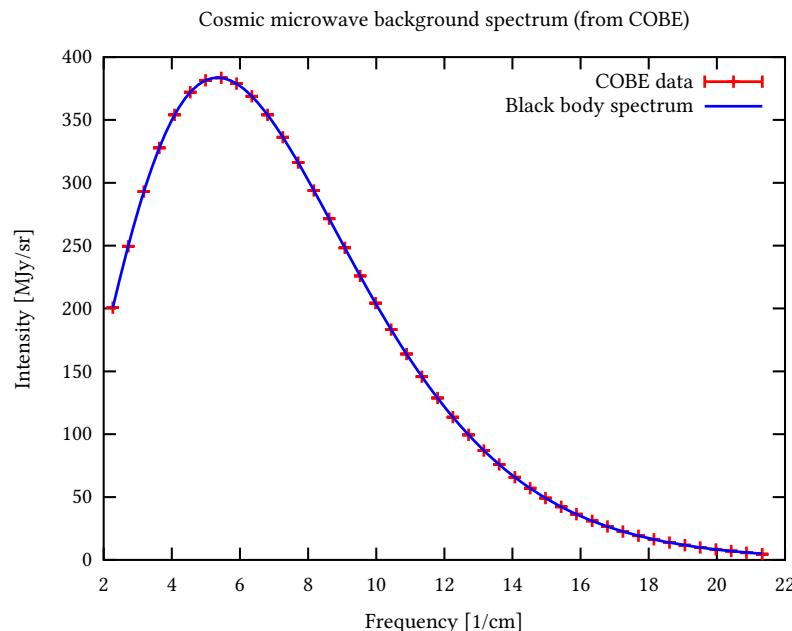
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- The 21-cm signal
- Expressing the 21-cm signal
- The current state of simulations
- Matrix
- Contained
- Four columns
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- Marks the universe's last major phase transition: from neutral to ionized hydrogen.
- Shapes the large-scale structure of the intergalactic medium (IGM).
- Is strongly linked to the formation and growth of the first galaxies and black holes.
- Sets the stage for many observables: CMB secondary anisotropies, 21-cm signal, high-z galaxy surveys.

# The 21-cm signal

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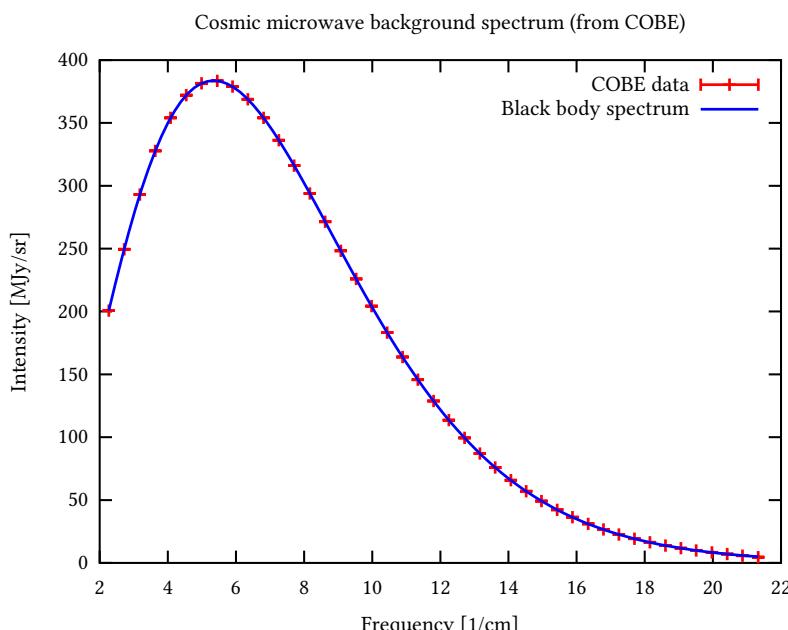


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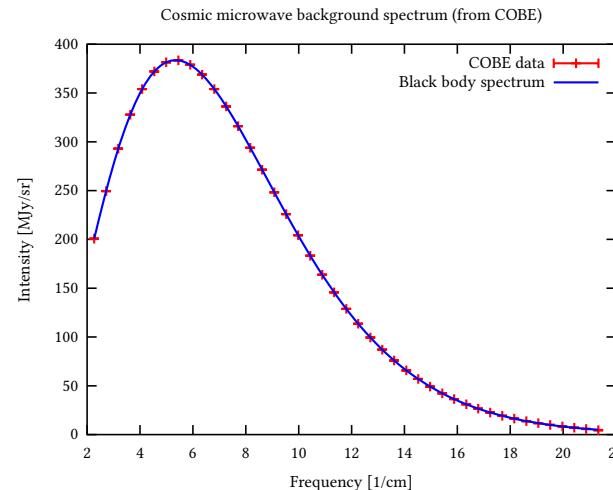
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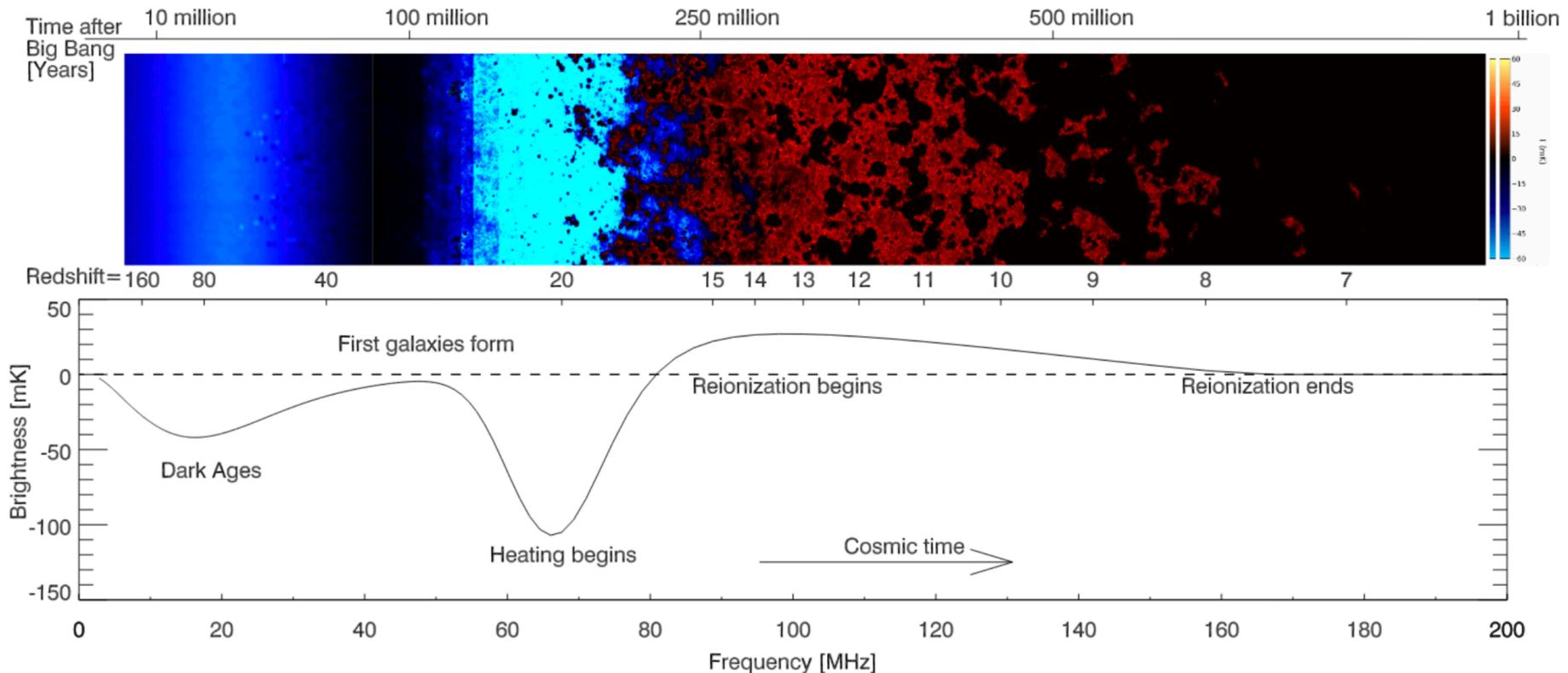
Removing the contribution from the black body spectrum of the CMB yields the explicit 21-cm signal:



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from [2]

Expressing the brightness temperature (e.g [2]):

$$dT_b(\mathbf{x}, z) \simeq T_0(z) \cdot x_{\text{HI}}(\mathbf{x}, z) \cdot (1 + \delta_b(\mathbf{x}, z)) \cdot \frac{x_\alpha(\mathbf{x}, z)}{1 + x_\alpha(\mathbf{x}, z)} \cdot \left( \frac{1 - T_{\text{CMB}}(z)}{T_{\text{gas}}(\mathbf{x}, z)} \right)$$

- further modulation by *RSD*

Traditional approaches:

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⇒ semi-numerical approaches such as  
BEoRN [3]

- fast
- flexible

⇒ repeatable

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$$\frac{dV_b}{dt} = \frac{\dot{N}_{\text{ion}(t)}}{\bar{n}_H^0} - \alpha_B \cdot \frac{C}{a^3} \cdot \bar{n}_H^0 \cdot V_b$$

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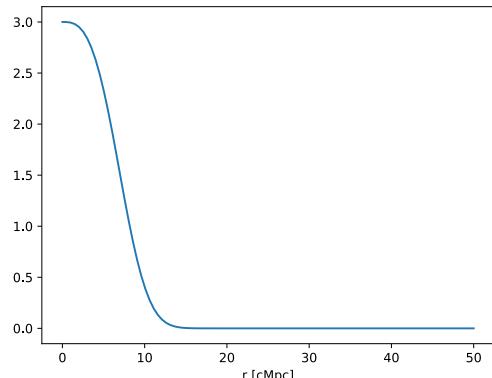
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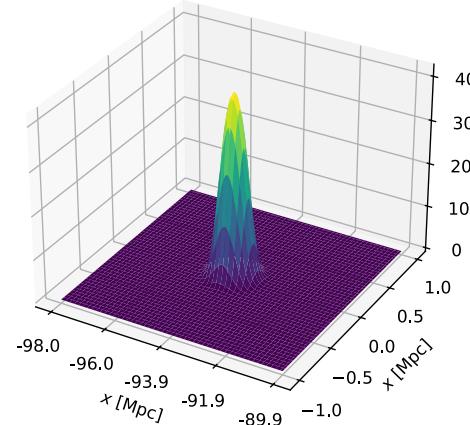
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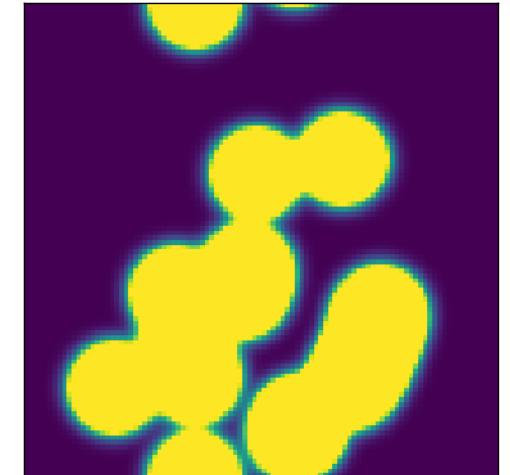
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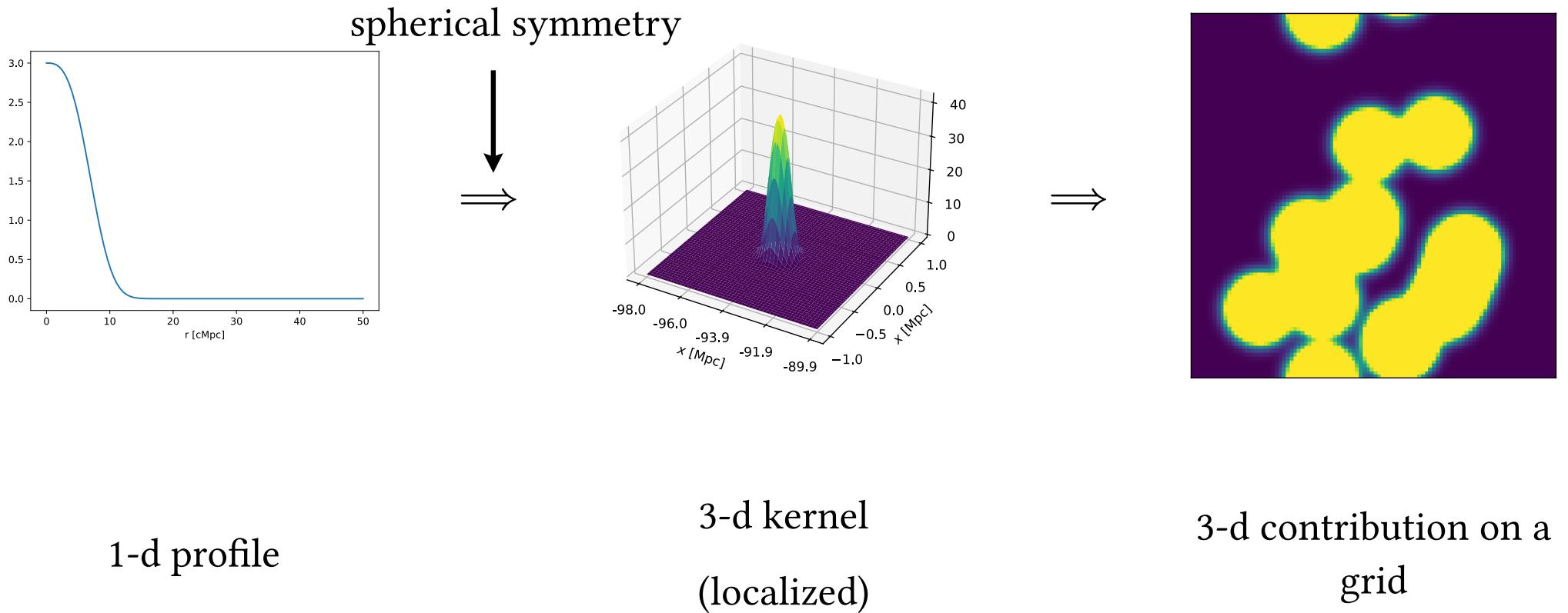
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(localized)



3-d contribution on a  
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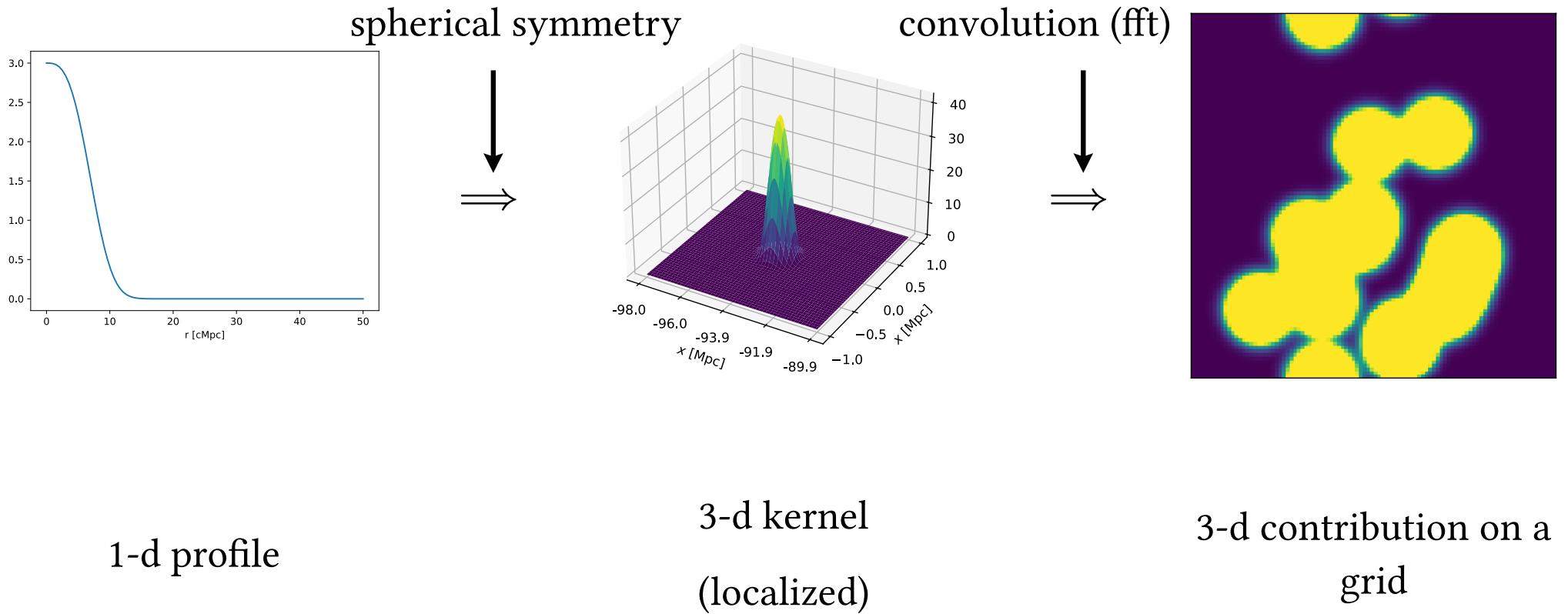
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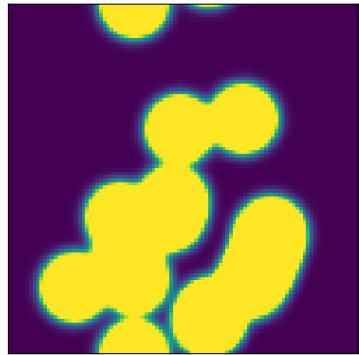
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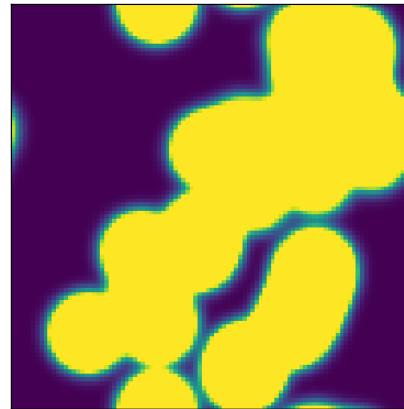
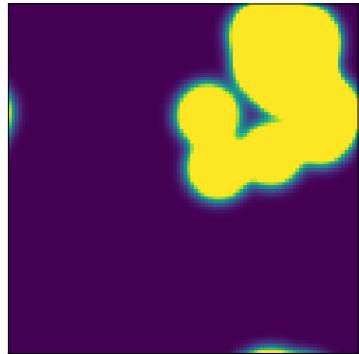


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Multiple contributions  $\Rightarrow$



$\Rightarrow$  *Postprocessing*

(overlaps, normalization, ...)



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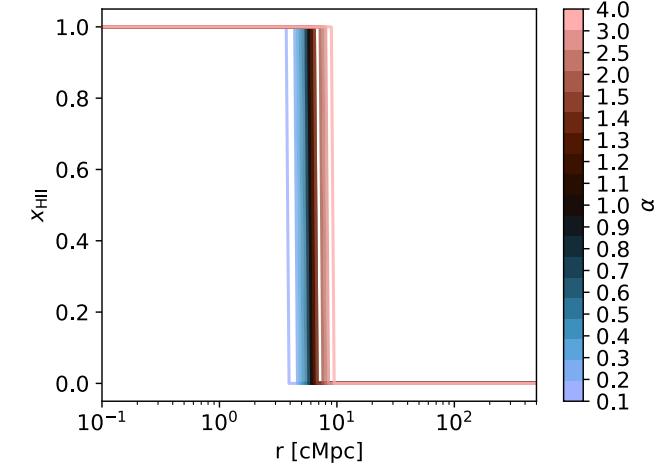
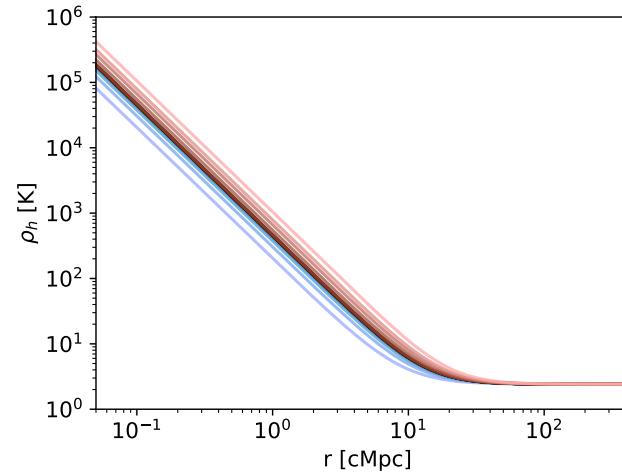
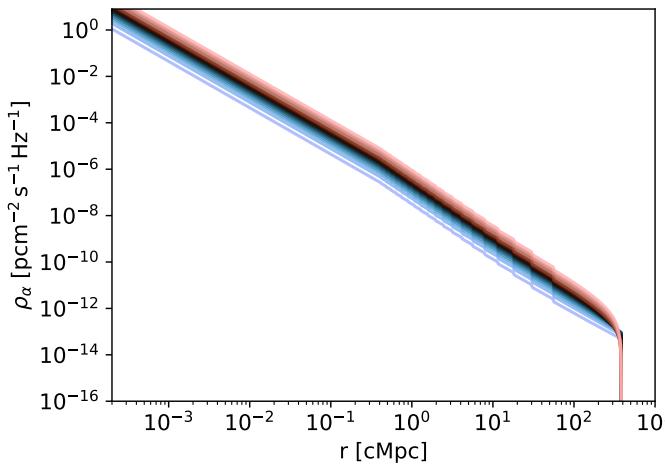
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## Effect on the flux profiles

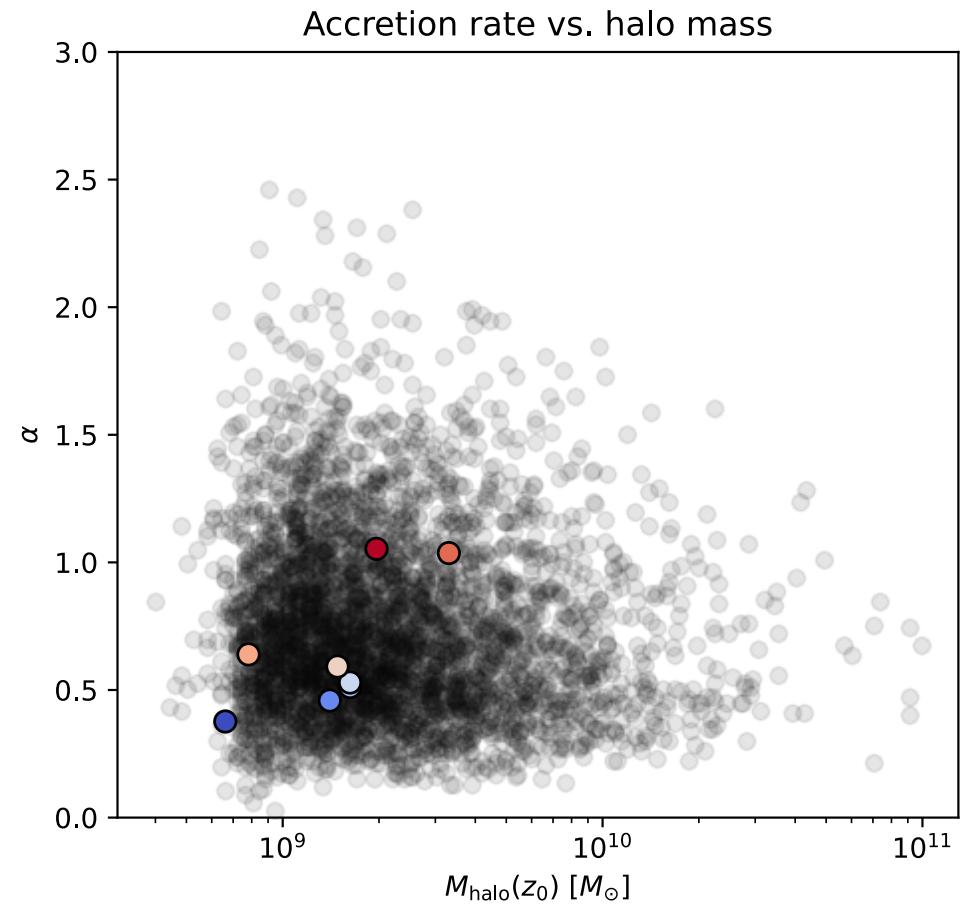
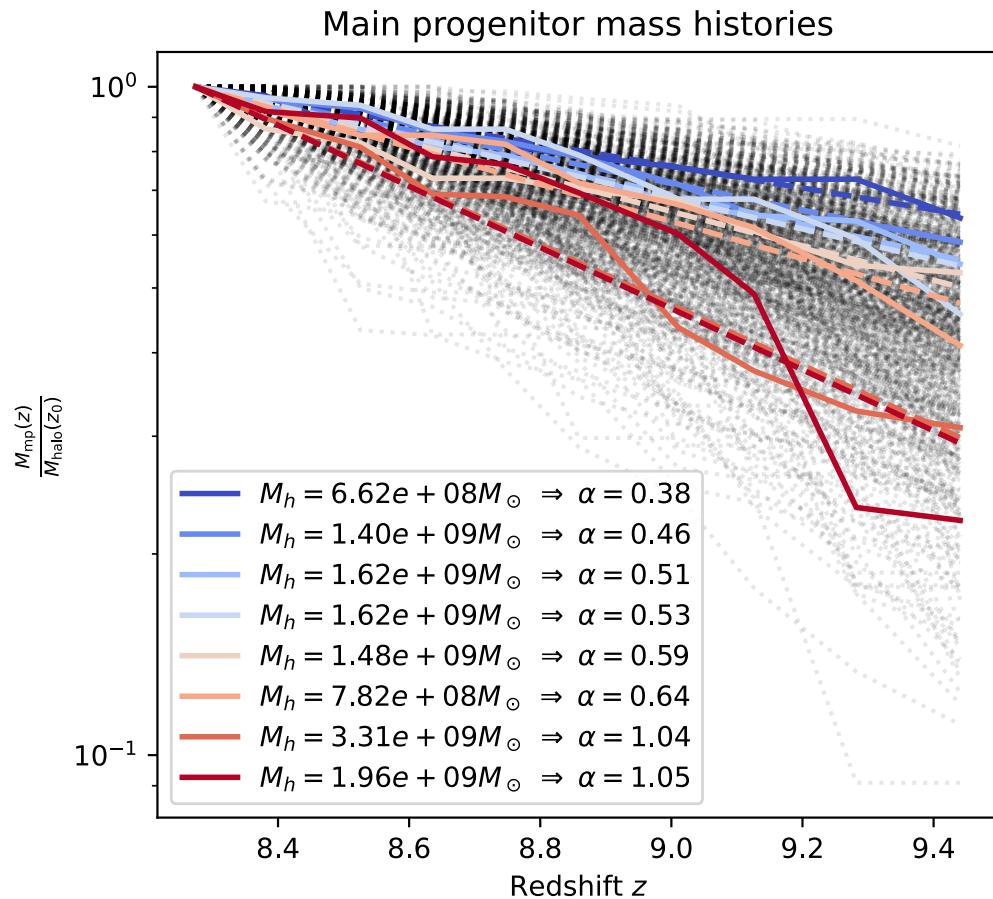
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# Inferring growth from THESAN data

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## **Implementation**

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- Simplified usage

```
git /beorn.py

from pathlib import Path
import beorn

current_directory = Path(".")
## Setup the parameters
parameters_file = current_directory / "parameters.yaml"
parameters = beorn.structs.Parameters.from_yaml(parameters_file)
# sample format:
# parameters.solver.redshifts = [6, 20]
# parameters.simulation.file_root = ... / "Thesan-Dark-1"

## Handling of the io
```

```
# this will interface with the input simulation
loader = beorn.load_input_data.ThesanLoader(
    parameters,
    is_high_res = True
)

cache_handler = beorn.io.Handler(current_directory / "cache")
output_handler = beorn.io.Handler(current_directory / "output")
# handlers can also manage logs for us:
# output_handler.save_logs(parameters)

## Computation of the radiation profiles
solver = beorn.radiation_profiles.ProfileSolver(parameters)
profiles = solver.solve()
```

```
## Full 3D painting of the radiation profiles over the specified redshifts
painter = beorn.painting.Painter(
    parameters,
    loader = loader,
    cache_handler = cache_handler,
    output_handler = output_handler
)

grid = painter.paint_full(profiles)
```

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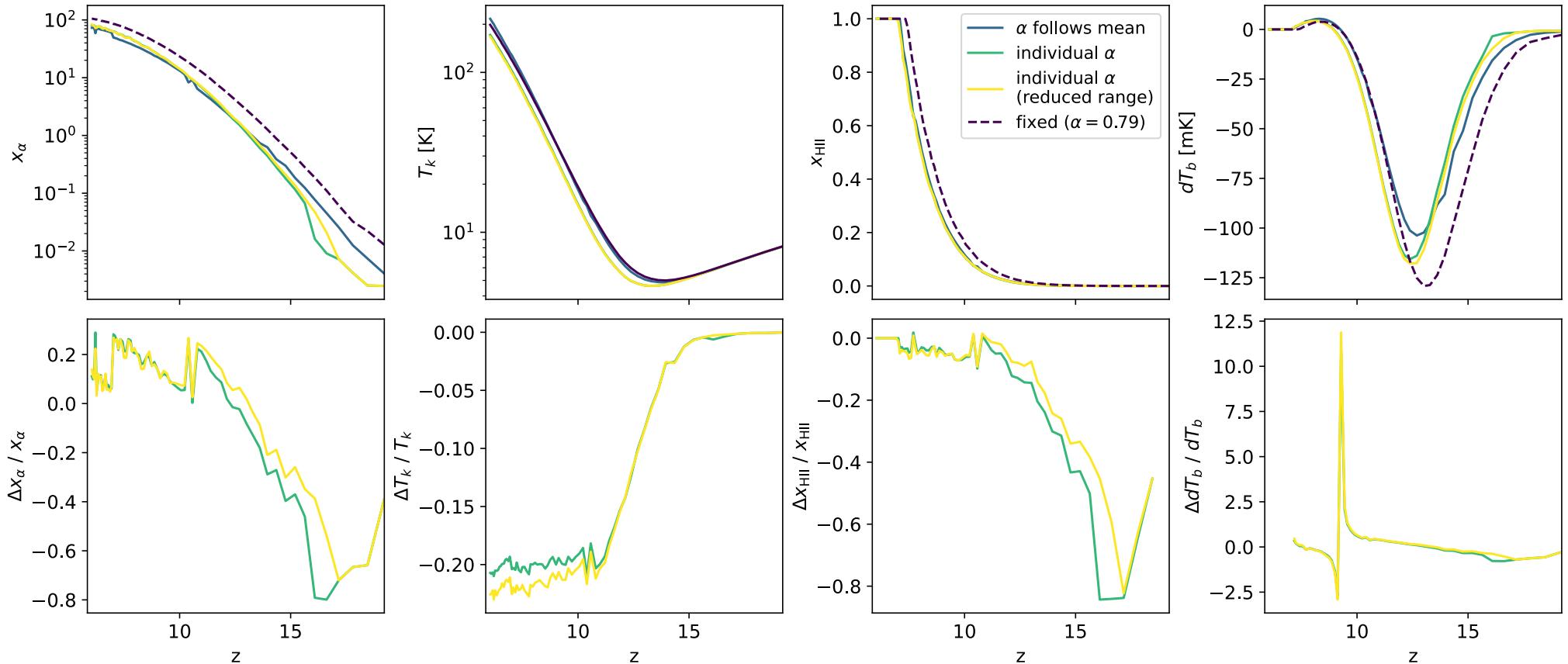
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- Map outputs
- Signals



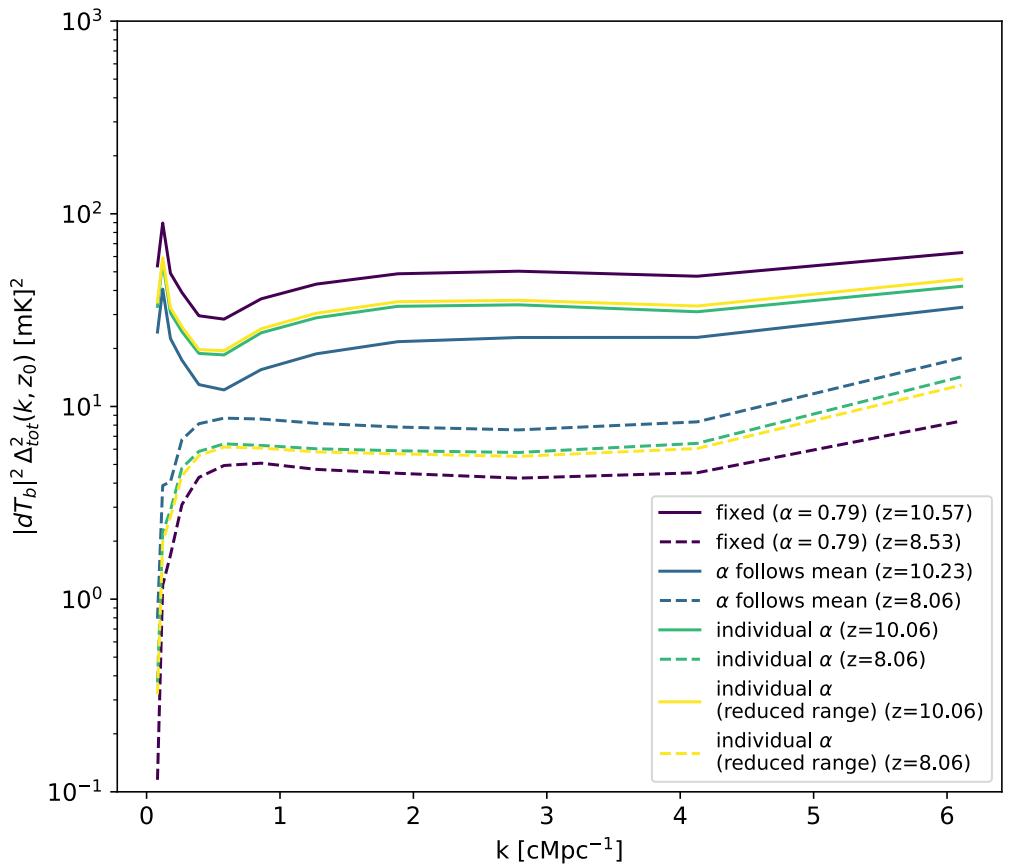
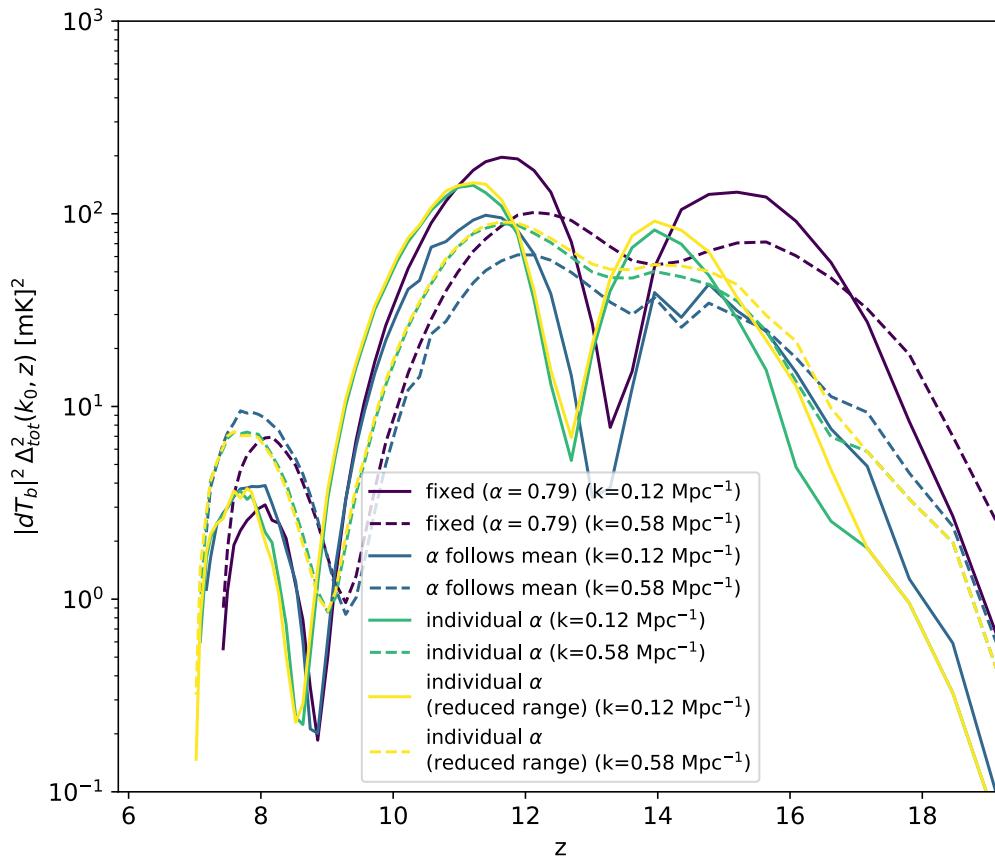
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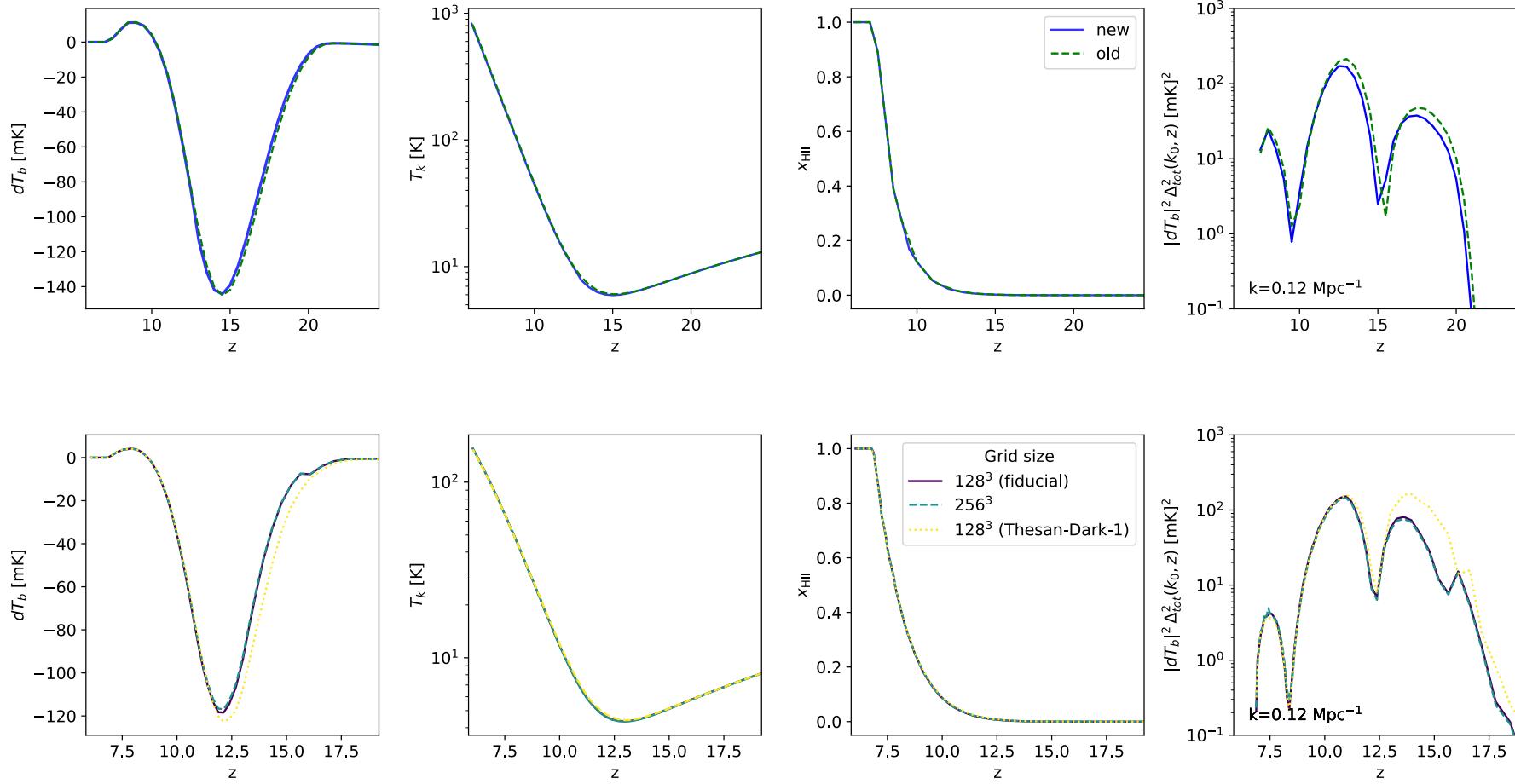
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