

# *Matter Power Spectrum and Bispectrum from Cosmic String Wakes*

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Work done with Mark  
Hindmarsh... to appear on  
the arXiv shortly (I hope!)



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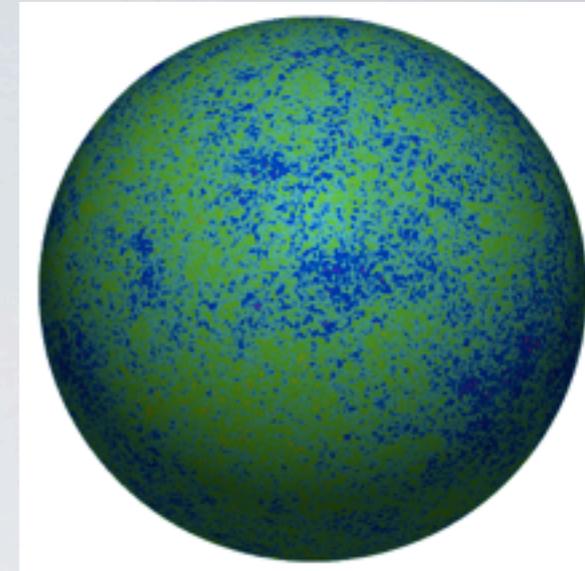
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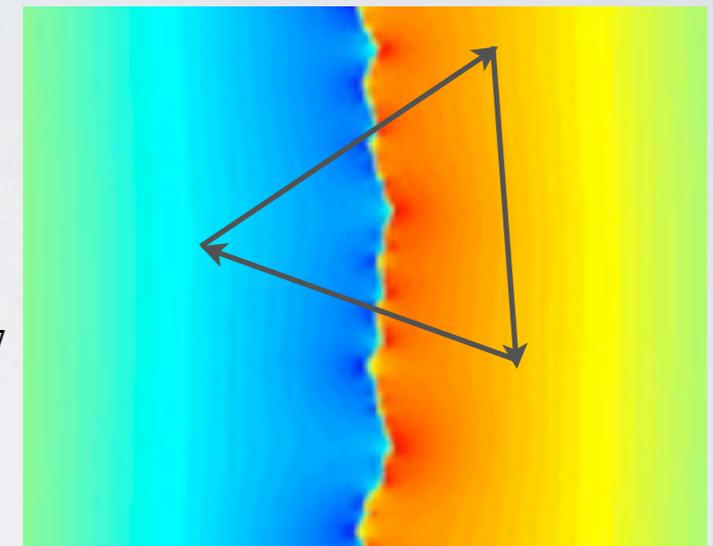
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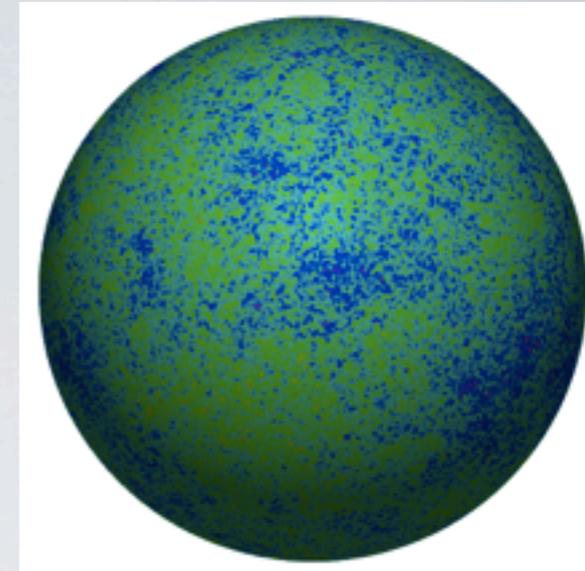
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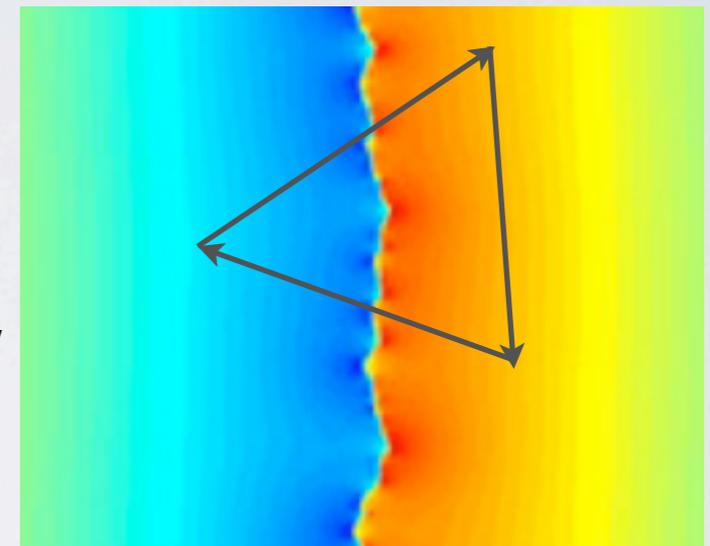
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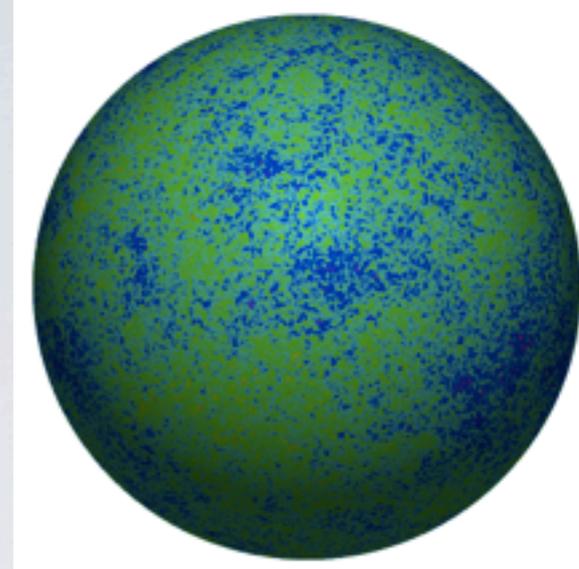


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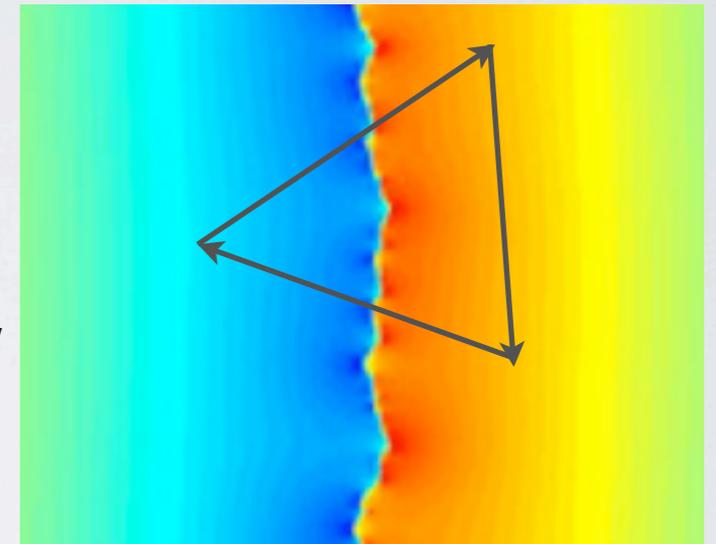
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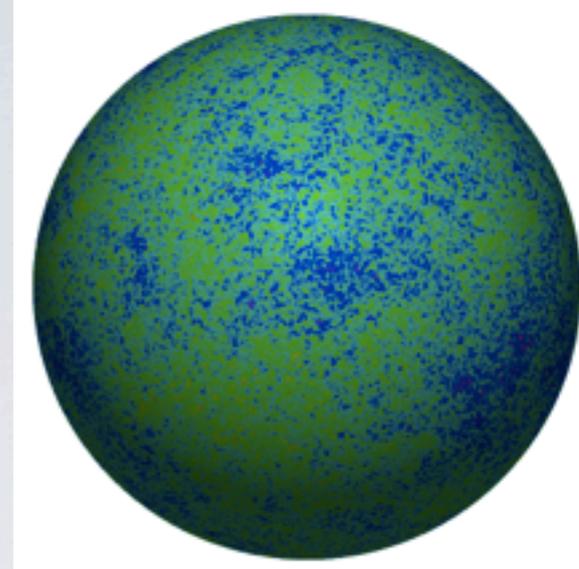


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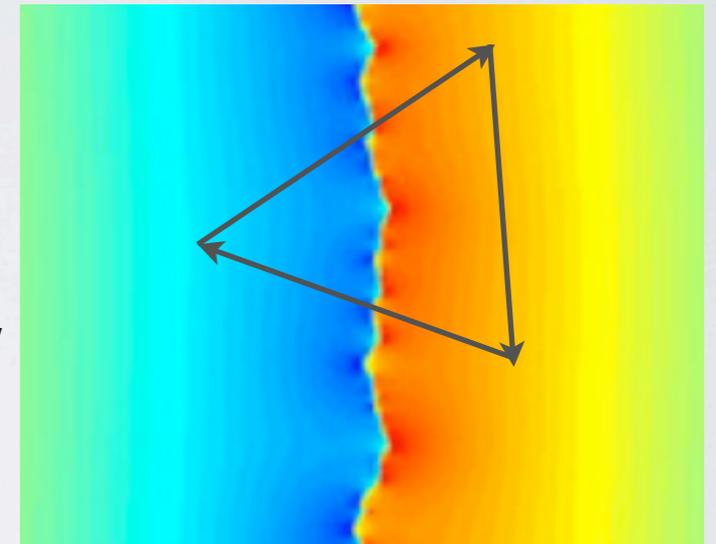
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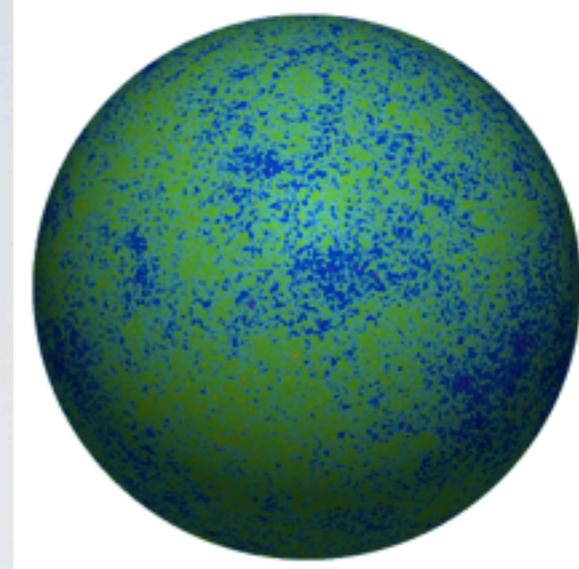


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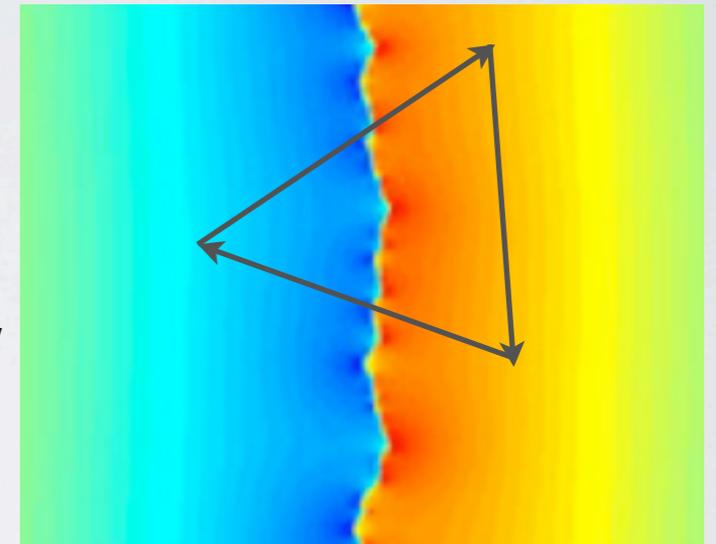
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arXiv:1302.3467 Duplessis & Brandenberger

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- 2 approaches... UETC approach & 'wake model'

## **UETC**

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{ac}(k, a, \dot{a}, \rho, \dots) \tilde{X}_a(\mathbf{k}, \tau') = \tilde{S}_c(\mathbf{k}, \tau')$$

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UETC are the source functions for the Einstein-Boltzmann solver  
(decomposed into coherent basis functions)

Pen, Spergel, Turok arXiv:9704165

Don't really need full Einstein-Boltzmann hierarchy for our study. Instead  
just get Green's function from simple matter + radiation equations

$$\ddot{\delta}_c + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\delta}_c - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \left( \frac{a\delta_c + 2a_{\text{eq}}\delta_r}{a + a_{\text{eq}} + \frac{\Omega_\Lambda a^4}{\Omega_c a_0^3}} \right) = 4\pi G \Theta_+,$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_r + \frac{1}{3} k^2 \delta_r - \frac{4}{3} \ddot{\delta}_c = 0,$$

Albrecht & Stebbins '92

Avelino, Shellard, Wu, Allen arXiv:9712008

$$\delta_N^S(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = 4\pi G \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta} d\eta' \int d^3x' \mathcal{G}_N(X; \eta, \eta') \Theta_+(\mathbf{x}', \eta'),$$

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$$\langle \Theta(k, \tau_1) \Theta(k, \tau_2) \rangle = \frac{2f(\tau_1, \tau_2, \xi, L_f)}{16\pi^3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\psi \int_0^{2\pi} d\chi \Theta(k, \tau_1) \Theta(k, \tau_2),$$

Superseded work by Vincent, Hindmarsh, Sakellariadou which had an acausal superhorizon behaviour

$$U(k, \tau_1, \tau_2) = e^{-(\tau_1 - \tau_2)^2 / \tau_c^2} \quad \text{where the coherence time } \tau_c \text{ grows like } k^{-1} \text{ outside the horizon.}$$

Let's revisit this...amongst other things it's good to have a test for USM predictions

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = \mu \int d\sigma \left( \epsilon \dot{X}^\mu \dot{X}^\nu - \epsilon^{-1} X'^\mu X'^\nu \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X})$$

$$\Theta_+(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = 2\mu \int ds \dot{\mathbf{X}}_s^2 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{X}_s}$$

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{\mathbf{X}'^2 / (1 - \dot{\mathbf{X}}^2)}$$

Model in terms of 2 pt correlation functions of string network

$$\Gamma(s_-, \eta) = \langle [\mathbf{X}(s, \eta) - \mathbf{X}(s', \eta)]^2 \rangle,$$

$$\Pi(s_-, \eta) = \langle (\mathbf{X}(s, \eta) - \mathbf{X}(s', \eta)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s', \eta) \rangle,$$

$$V(s_-, \eta) = \langle \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s, \eta) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s', \eta) \rangle.$$

Periviaropolus '93, Hindmarsh '93

$$\Gamma(s) \approx \bar{t}^2 s^2, \quad \Pi(s) \approx c_0 s / (2\xi), \quad V(s) \approx \bar{v}^2,$$

# Power Spectrum

## UETC approach

$$\langle \Theta_+(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \Theta_+^*(\mathbf{k}', \eta') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \frac{\phi_0^4}{\sqrt{\eta\eta'}} C_+(k, \eta, \eta')$$

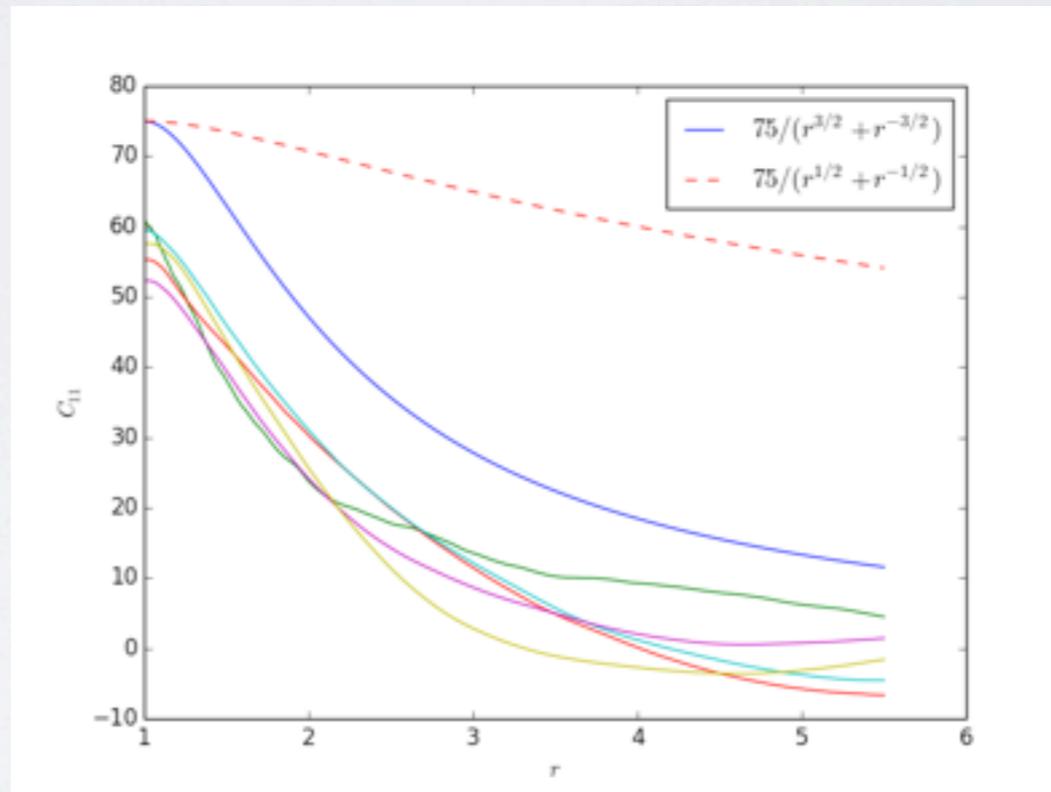
$$P^S(k) = \epsilon^2 \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta} d\eta' \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta} d\eta'' \mathcal{G}_c(k; \eta, \eta') \mathcal{G}_c^*(k; \eta, \eta'') \frac{C_+(k\eta', k\eta'')}{\sqrt{\eta'\eta''}},$$

General form of UETC Durrer, Kunz arXiv: 9711133, Bevis, Hindmarsh, Kunz, Urrestilla arXiv:0605018, 1005.2663

$$z = \sqrt{k^2 \eta \eta'}, \quad r = \eta' / \eta,$$

$$C_+(z, r) = \begin{cases} \frac{2E_+}{r^{\frac{3}{2}} + r^{-\frac{3}{2}}} & z < 1 \\ \frac{E_+}{z} e^{-z^2 \ln(r)^2 / 2A^2} & z \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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$z = 6.1340\text{e-}01, 1.0104\text{e+}00, 1.6112\text{e+}00, 2.1668\text{e+}00, 2.7643\text{e+}00, 3.3984\text{e+}00$

Thanks to Jon,  
David

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$$C_+(k\eta, k\eta') \approx 4\bar{\mu}^2 \sqrt{\eta\eta'} \mathcal{L} \int_{-\xi}^{\xi} ds_- \left[ \bar{v}^4 \exp\left(-\frac{k^2 \bar{t}^2 s_-^2}{6}\right) + \frac{2}{3} V(s_-)^2 \exp\left(-\frac{k^2 \bar{t}^2 s_-^2}{6}\right) \right] \exp(-k^2 \bar{v}^2 \eta_-^2 / 6)$$

$$\longrightarrow E_+ = \frac{20\sqrt{6}\pi}{3} \frac{\bar{\mu}^2 \bar{v}^4 \gamma_{\bar{v}}}{\alpha^2} \text{erf}(\bar{t}\alpha z / \sqrt{6}), \quad A = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\bar{v}},$$

# Explanation of superhorizon form of UETC

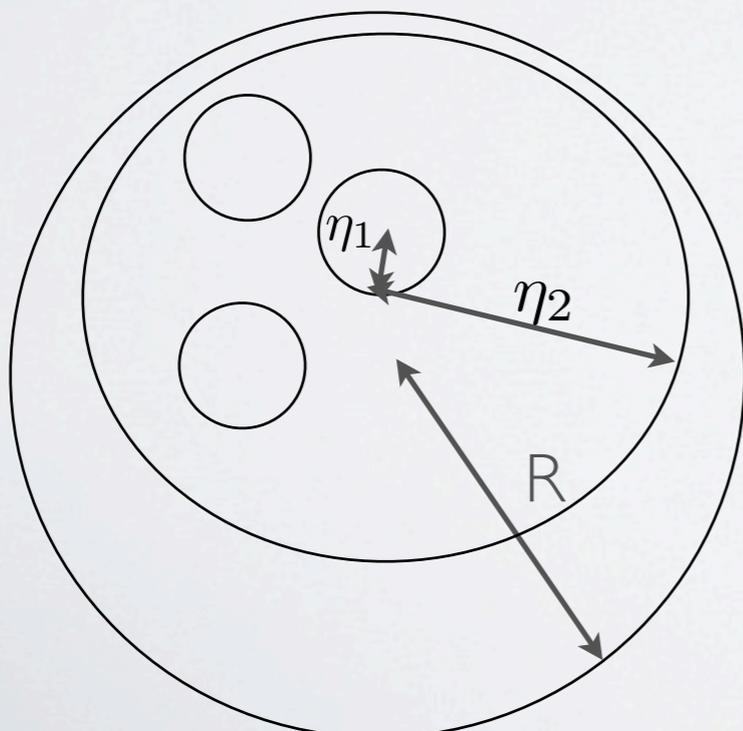
At any scale  $R$  the volume in each horizon volume can be regarded as a random process  $\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = \bar{\rho}_R(\eta) + \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta)$ .  
 Relative fluctuation of  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  on each horizon scale such that  $\sqrt{\langle \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta)^2 \rangle} = \left(\frac{\eta}{R}\right)^{3/2} \bar{\rho}_R(\eta)$

$$\longrightarrow \langle \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta_1) \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta_2) \rangle = \left(\frac{\eta_1}{R}\right)^{3/2} \bar{\rho}_R(\eta_1) \times \left(\frac{\eta_2}{R}\right)^{3/2} \bar{\rho}_R(\eta_2) \times \left(\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2}\right)^{3/2} = \frac{\eta_1^3}{R^3} \bar{\rho}_R(\eta_1) \bar{\rho}_R(\eta_2)$$

$$\text{RMS}^2 = \langle \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta_1) \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{x}, \eta_2) \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi/R} d^3k e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{k}, \eta_1) \delta\rho_R(\mathbf{k}, \eta_2) \rangle$$

White noise implies that this signal varies as  $\text{Amp}^2/R^3$ . Since  $\rho(\eta_i) \propto 1/\eta_i^2$  (scaling) then

$$\text{RMS}^2 \sim \frac{\eta_1^3}{\eta_1^2 \eta_2^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta_1 \eta_2}} \left(\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2}\right)^{3/2}$$



# Analytic predictions (matter dominated universe)

*Superhorizon scales,  $k \ll \eta^{-1}$*

$$P_{>eq}(k, \eta) \approx \epsilon^2 \frac{2\pi E_+^m}{75} \eta^3.$$

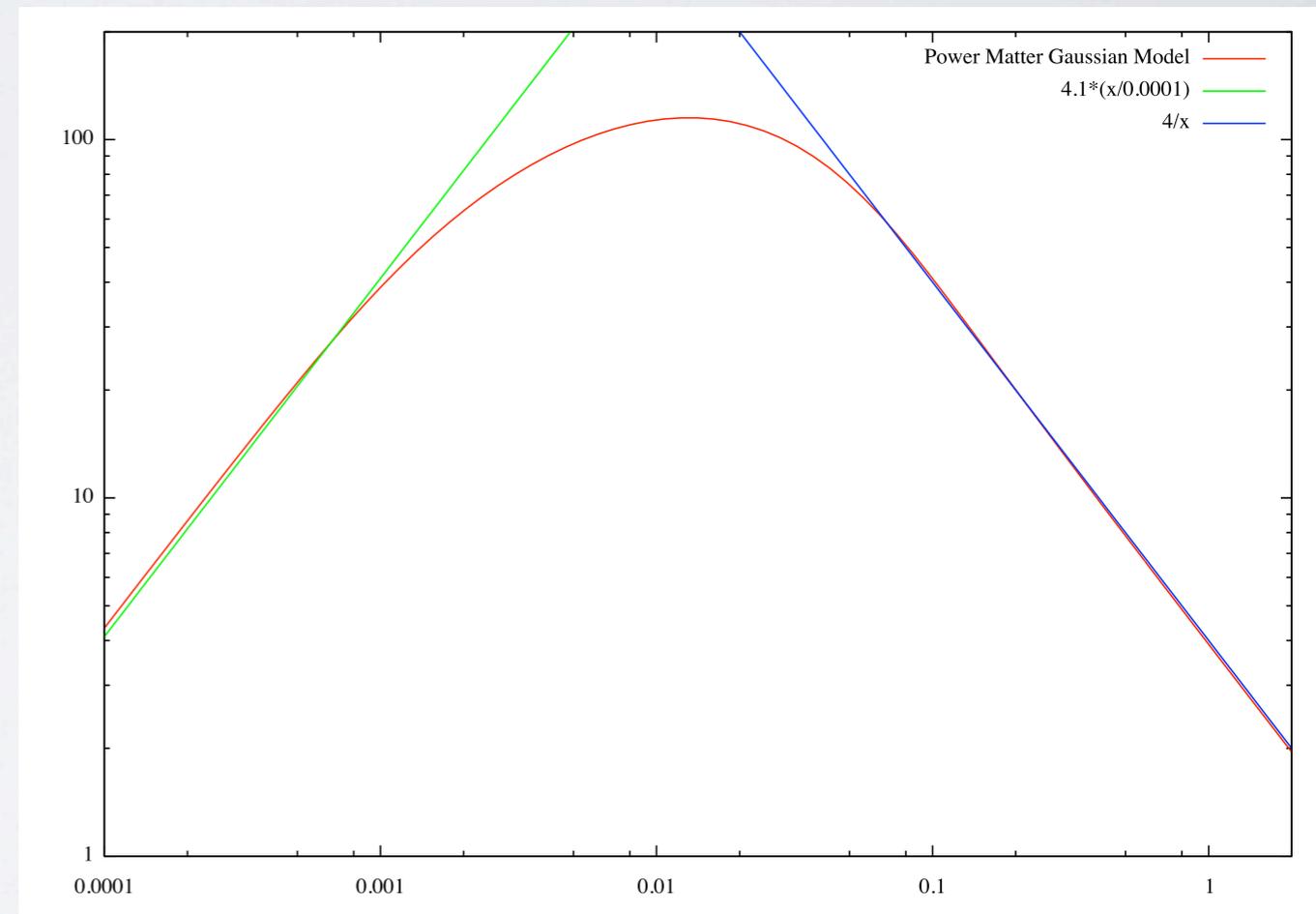
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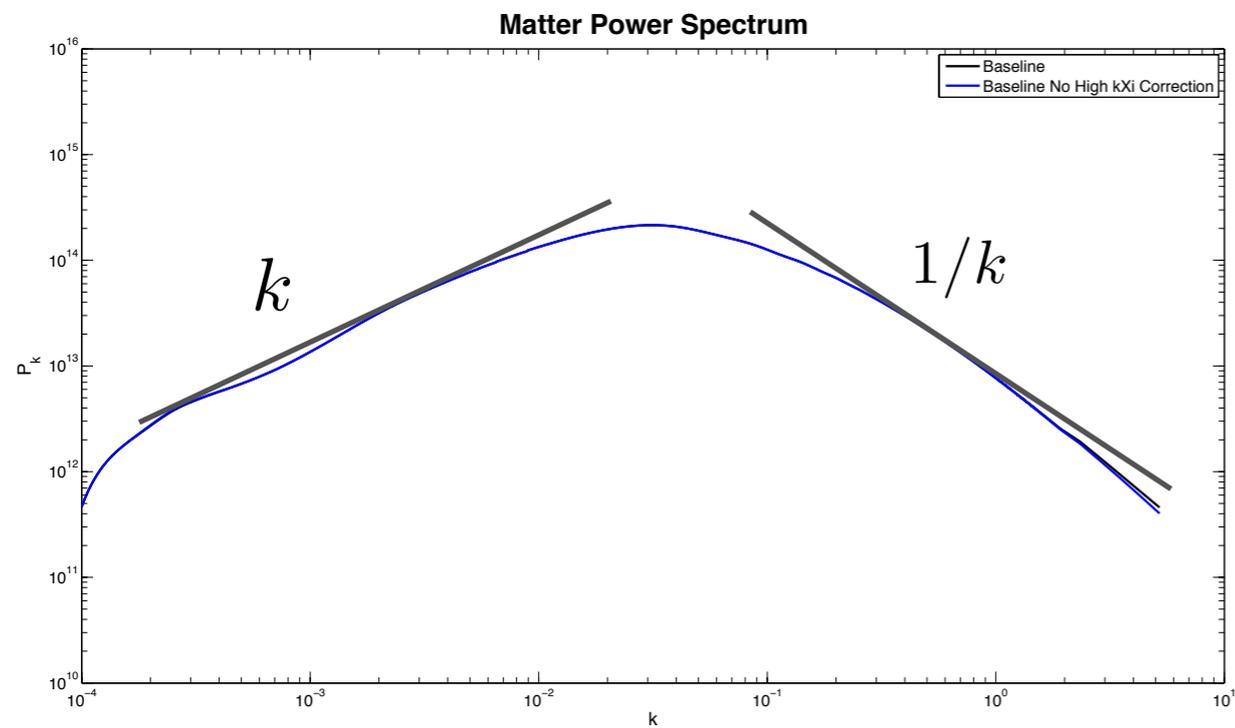
$$P_{>eq}(k, \eta) \approx \epsilon^2 k \eta^4 \frac{E_+^m}{75} (\sqrt{2\pi} A - 2\pi)$$

*Small scales,  $\eta_{eq}^{-1} \ll k$*

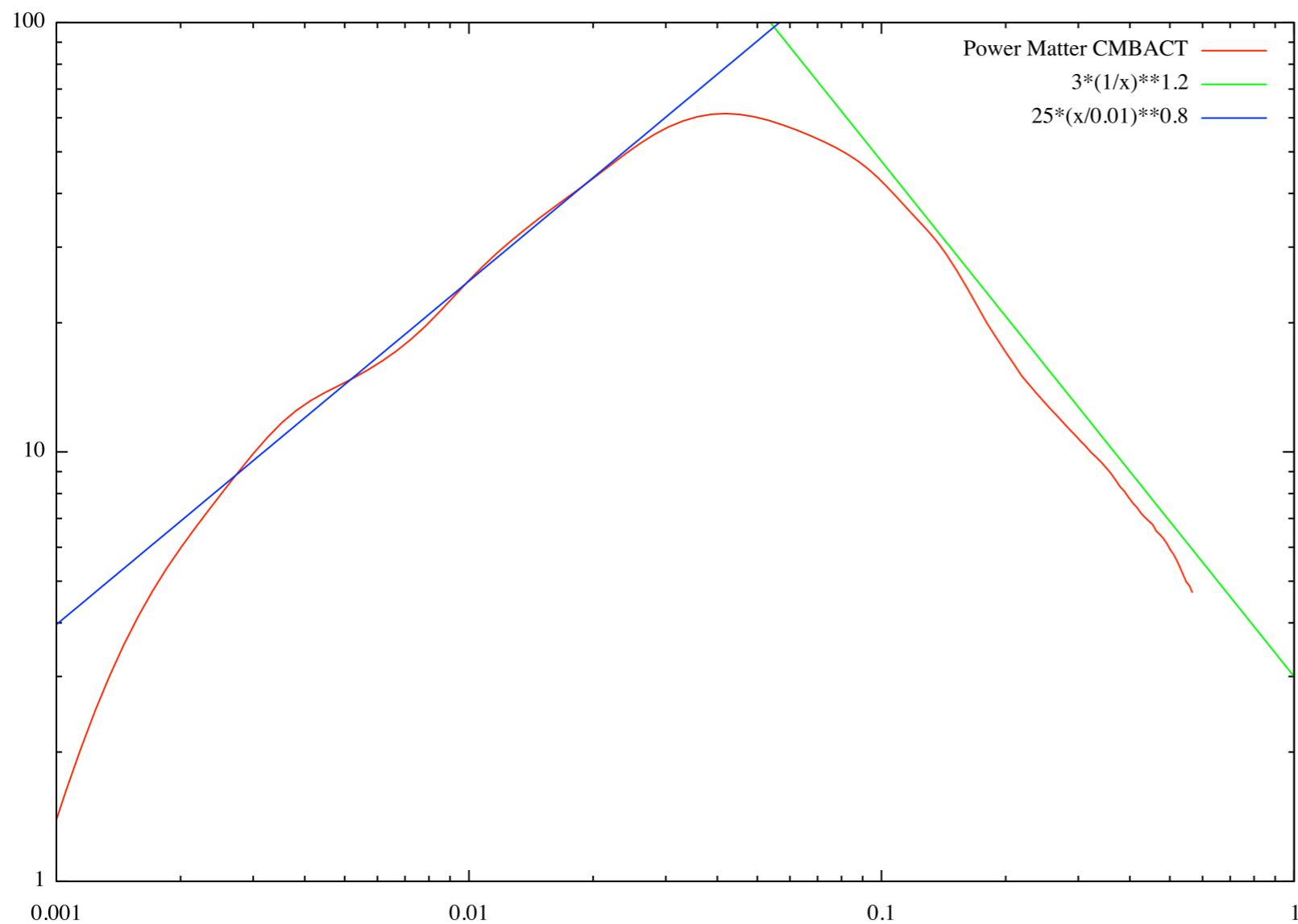
$$P_{>eq}^S(k, \eta) \approx \epsilon^2 \frac{\eta_{eq}}{k^2} \frac{\eta^4}{\eta_{eq}^4} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} A E_+^m}{75}.$$

Using numerical Green's functions for matter+radiation





Abelian-Higgs plot...  
 again thanks to Jon & David

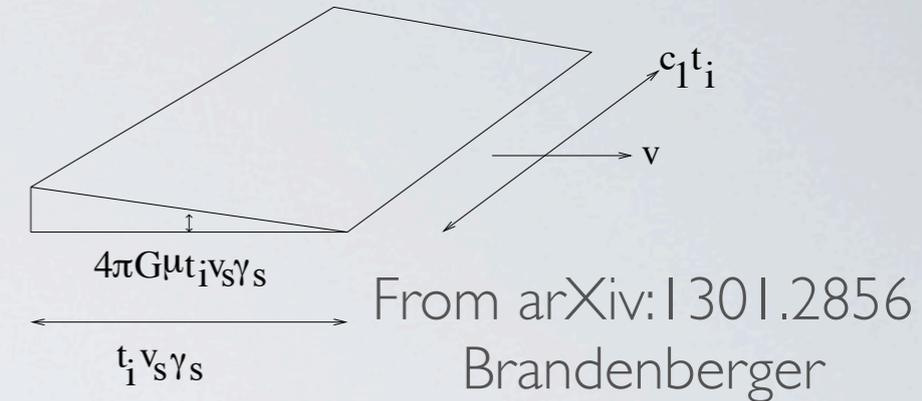


CMBACT plot  
 thanks to Levon!

# 'Wake Model'

Variation on wake model by Brandenberger and collaborators

*Approach:* View the wake as having zero-width but with surface density proportional to the predicted width



Zel'dovich approx to get the width  $r = a(x + \psi)$

$$dr/d\eta = 0 \quad d \approx |2x| = |4\psi|.$$

$$\psi'' + \frac{2}{\eta}\psi' - \frac{6}{\eta^2}\psi = 0, \quad (\text{matter era})$$

Initial conditions due to conical deficit angle  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, \eta_i) = 0, \quad \psi'(\mathbf{x}, \eta_i) = -4\pi G\mu v_s \gamma_s \Theta(x),$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_w(\eta, \eta_i)}{\rho_c(\eta)} &= \frac{4u_i \eta_i}{5} \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_i}\right)^2 & \Rightarrow \delta_1(\mathbf{k}, \eta, \eta_i) &= \int d^3 \mathbf{x} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \frac{\delta\rho(\mathbf{x})}{\rho_c} = \int dz e^{ik_z z} \delta(z) \frac{\sigma_w(\eta, \eta_i)}{\rho_c} \int_0^{\xi(\eta_i)} r dr d\phi e^{i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}} \\ & & &= \frac{\sigma_w(\eta, \eta_i)}{\rho_c} (2\pi\xi(\eta_i))^2 \frac{J_1(k_\perp \xi(\eta_i))}{k_\perp \xi(\eta_i)}, \end{aligned}$$

# Power Spectrum

## 'Wake' model approach

$$\langle |\delta_1(\mathbf{k}, \eta, \eta_i)|^2 \rangle_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} = \int \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{n}}}{4\pi} |\delta_1(\mathbf{k}, \eta, \eta_i)|^2 = (2\pi)^2 \left( \frac{\sigma_w(\eta, \eta_i)}{\rho_c} \xi(\eta_i)^2 \right)^2 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\mu}{2} \frac{\left[ J_1(k\xi(\eta_i)\sqrt{1-\mu^2}) \right]^2}{k^2 \xi(\eta_i)^2 (1-\mu^2)}$$

$$P(k, \eta) = \int_{\eta_1}^{\eta} d\eta_i \left( \frac{dn_w}{d\eta_i} \right) \langle |\delta_1(\mathbf{k}, \eta, \eta_i)|^2 \rangle_{\hat{\mathbf{n}}} = \int_{\eta_1}^{\eta} d\eta_i \left[ \frac{\nu}{\eta_i^4} \left( 2\pi \xi(\eta_i)^2 \frac{\sigma_w(\eta, \eta_i)}{\rho_c} \right)^2 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\mu}{2} \frac{\left[ J_1(k\xi(\eta_i)\sqrt{1-\mu^2}) \right]^2}{k^2 \xi(\eta_i)^2 (1-\mu^2)} \right]$$

$$dn_w = \frac{\nu}{\eta_i^4} d\eta_i,$$

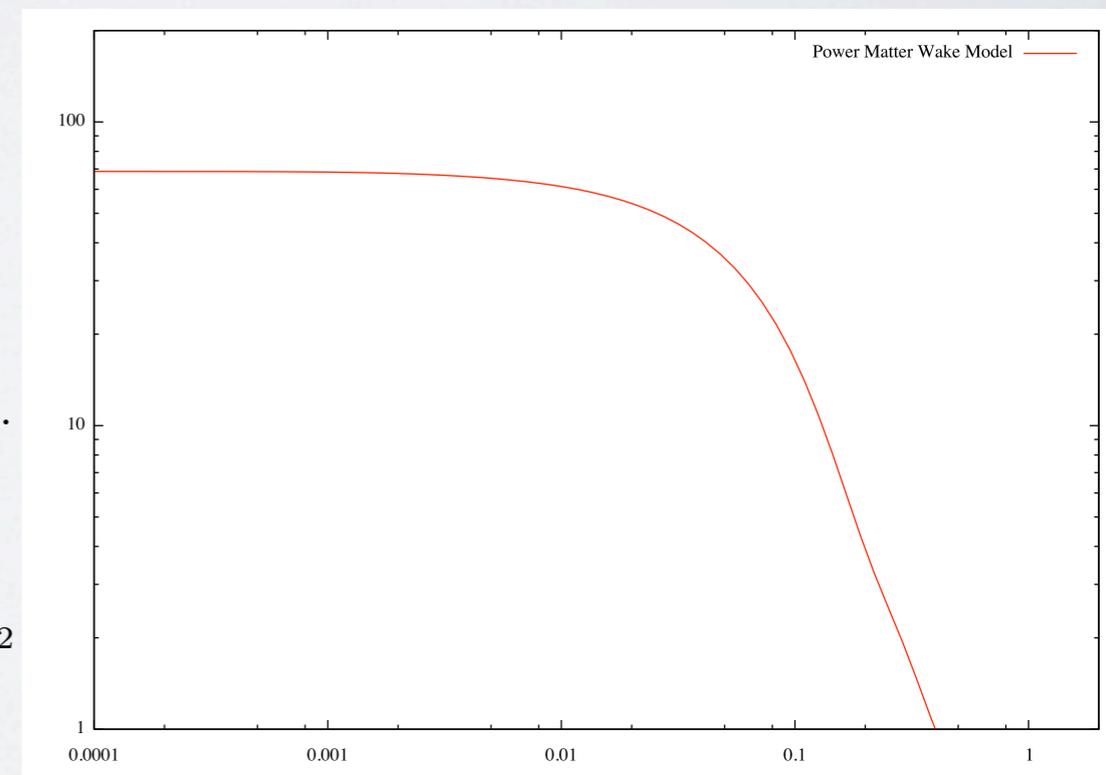
## Predictions:

For large scales, such that  $k\xi(\eta_i) \ll 1$

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For small scales, with  $k\xi(\eta_i) \gg 1$

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## Issues with wake-model:

- 1) Valid only for matter dominated regime
- 2) Neglect perturbations outside turnaround surface => do not expect to be accurate on reasonably large scales => appears to be issues on observational scales with such models

## Advantages:

Very simple model allowing for a check of calculations for approximation of matter dominated regime

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## 'Wake' model approach

Valid for matter domination, use to check against UETC results

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Different behaviour in equil limit. Why?

# Is it measurable?

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So possibly will dominate for  $k \gtrsim 1/\sqrt{(1+z)}$ .

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Comparison to simple wake model

Calculation of Matter bispectrum carried out for both approaches

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