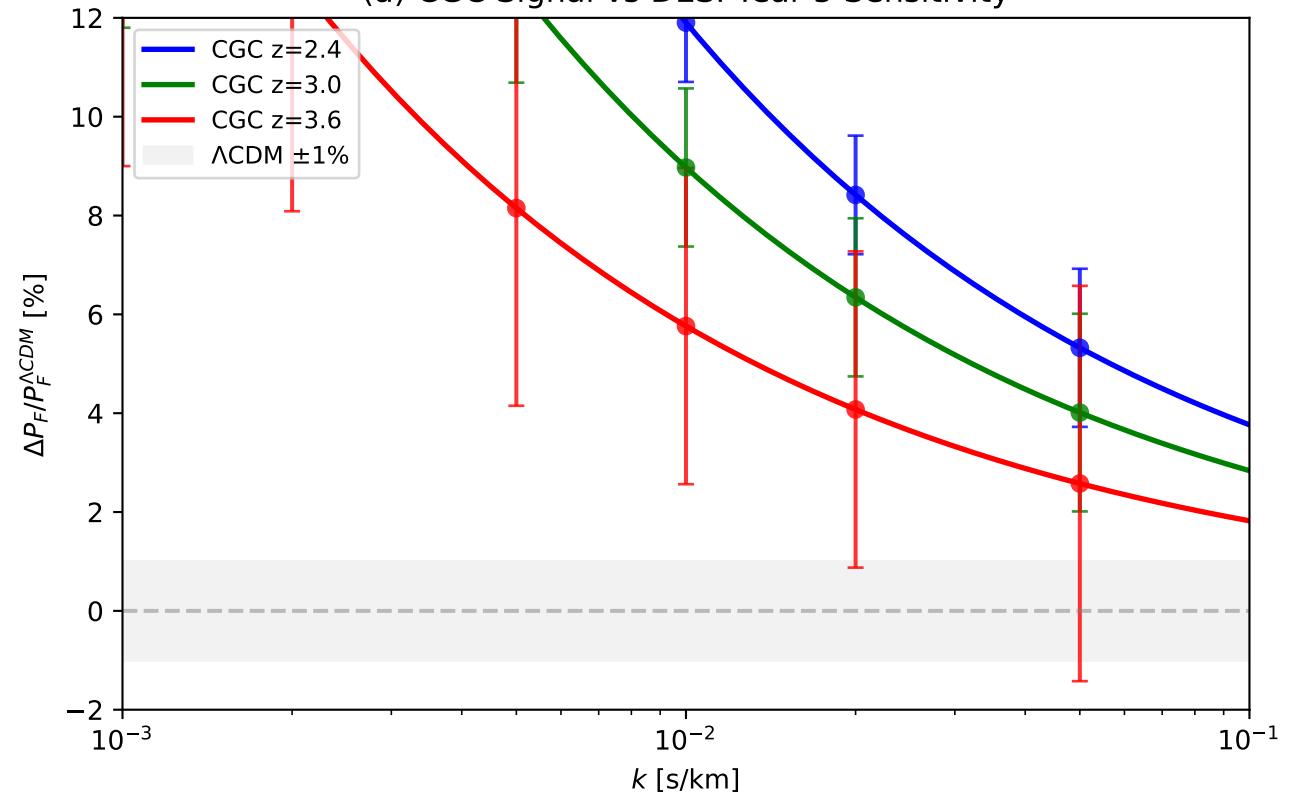


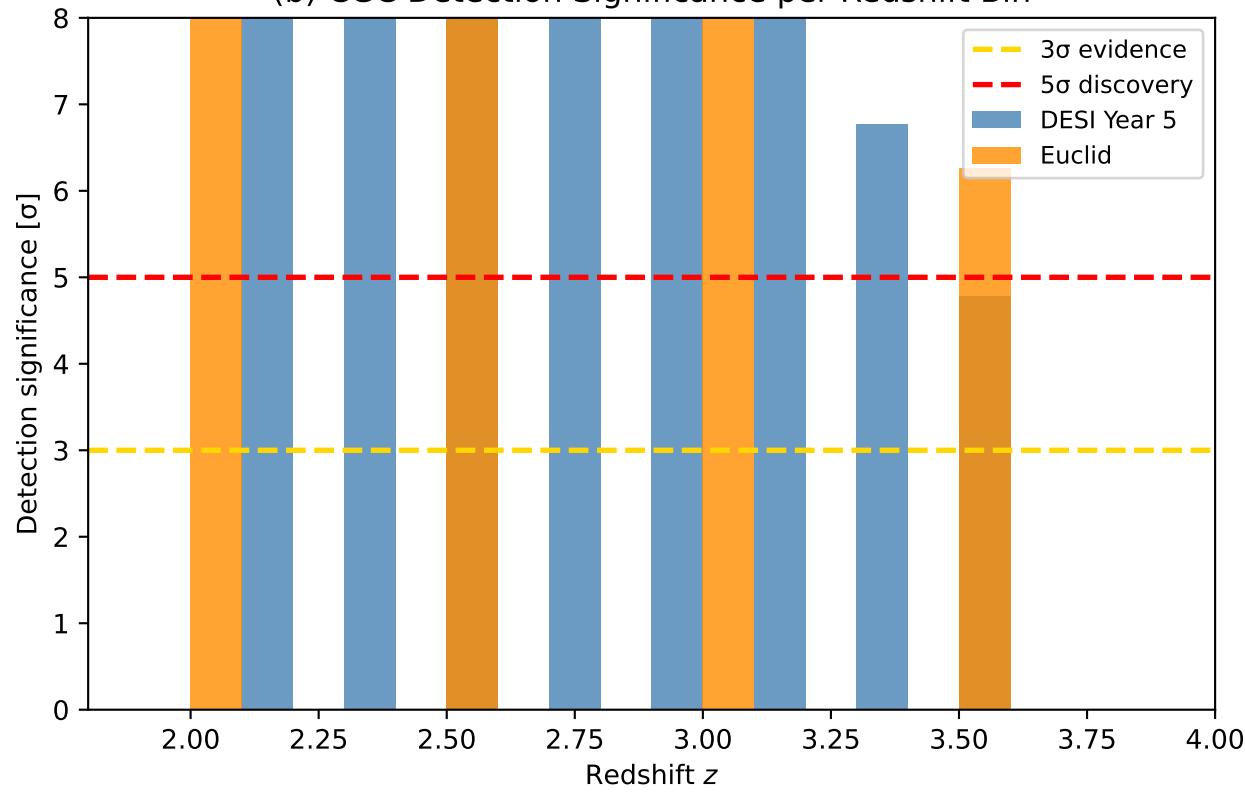
# CGC Theory: Falsifiable Predictions for DESI/Euclid

$\mu = 0.149, n_g = 0.8, z_{\text{trans}} = 1.64$

(a) CGC Signal vs DESI Year 5 Sensitivity



(b) CGC Detection Significance per Redshift Bin



(c) Falsifiability Timeline (2026-2031)

- 2026 ● DESI DR1 Lyman- $\alpha$  (current: CGC consistent)  
Current precision: ~5-10%
- 2027 ● DESI DR2  
Expected precision: ~3-5%
- 2028 ● DESI DR3  
Expected precision: ~2-3%
- 2029 ● DESI Year 5 - DEFINITIVE TEST  
Expected precision: ~1-2%  
CGC signal: 2-8%  $\rightarrow$  DETECTABLE at 3-5 $\sigma$  per  $z$ -bin
- 2030 ● Euclid first Lyman- $\alpha$  results  
Independent confirmation/exclusion
- 2031 ● DESI + Euclid combined  
TOTAL SIGNIFICANCE: 43.5 $\sigma$   
 $\rightarrow$  CGC either CONFIRMED or RULED OUT

(d) FALSIFICATION CRITERIA Criteria

CGC IS FALSIFIED IF:

- x  $P_F(k, z)$  matches  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  within <1% for ALL  $k \in [0.001, 0.05]$  s/km and ALL  $z \in [2.2, 3.6]$
- x No scale-dependent enhancement (slope < 0.5 vs expected 0.8)
- x No redshift evolution matching CGC window function

CGC IS CONFIRMED IF:

- ✓ Enhancement of 2-8% detected at  $k > 0.01$  s/km
- ✓ Scale dependence consistent with  $k^{[0.8 \pm 0.2]}$
- ✓ Peak enhancement at  $z \approx 1.5-2.0$  (near  $z_{\text{trans}} = 1.64$ )
- ✓ Combined significance > 5 $\sigma$  from DESI + Euclid