

Atmospheric effects for ground-based CMB observations

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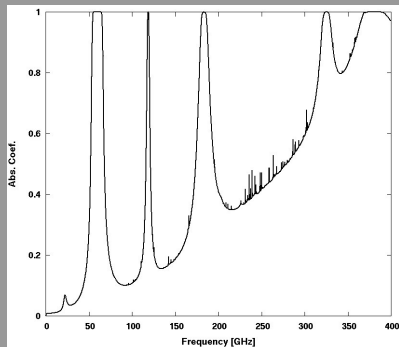
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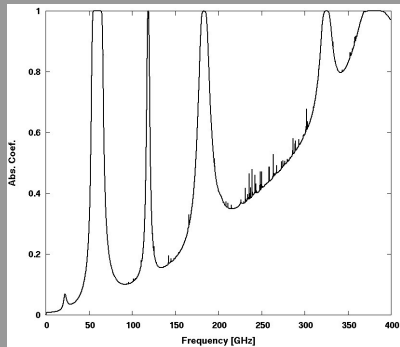
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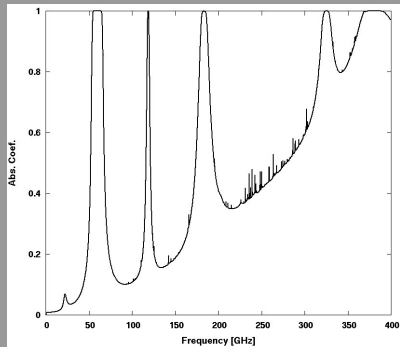
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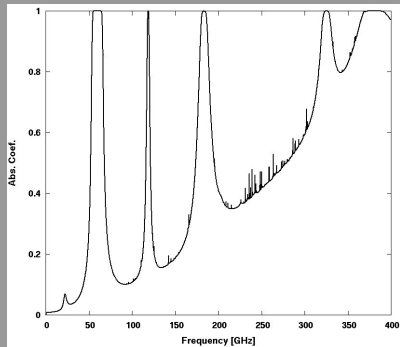
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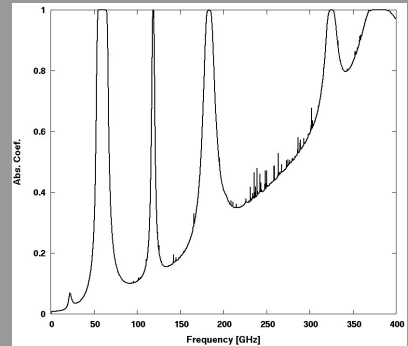
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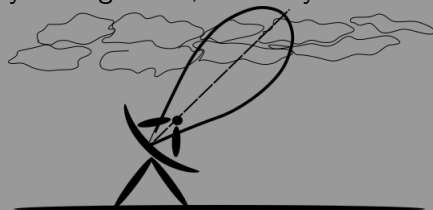


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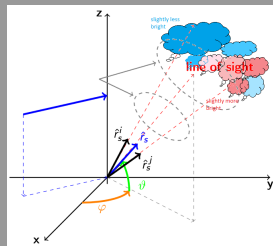
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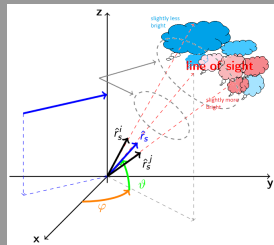
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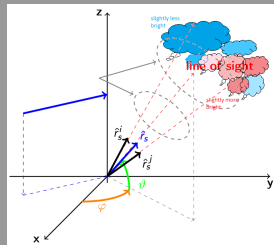
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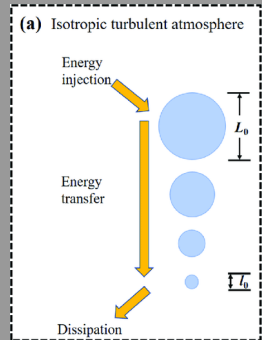
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- Specific humidity q
- Air density ρ
- Atmospheric refractive index n
- Atmospheric refractive index gradient $\frac{dn}{dz}$
- Atmospheric refractive index structure constant C_n^2
- Atmospheric refractive index variance σ_n^2
- Atmospheric refractive index covariance C_n
- Atmospheric refractive index correlation function D_n
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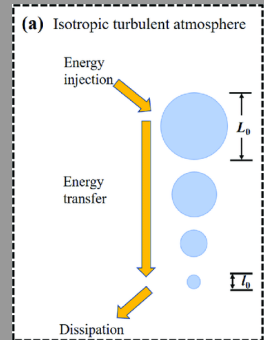
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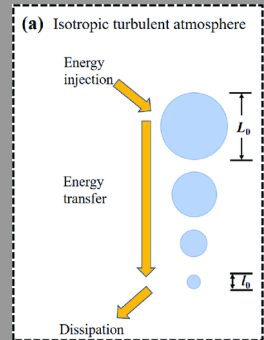
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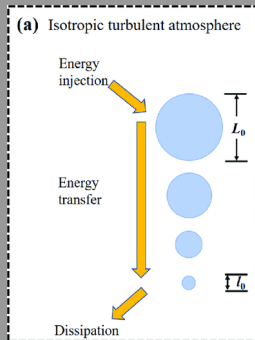
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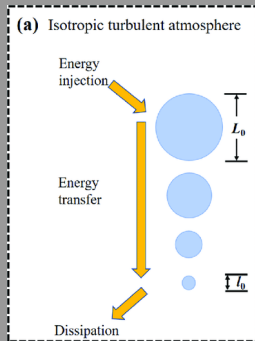
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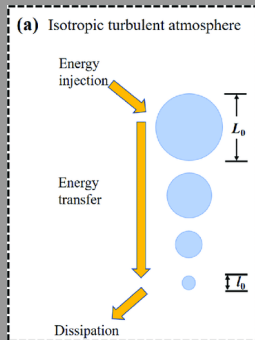
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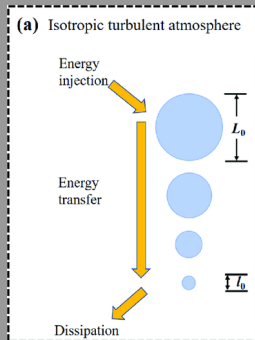
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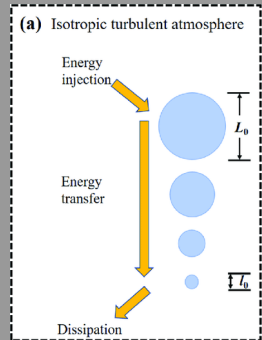
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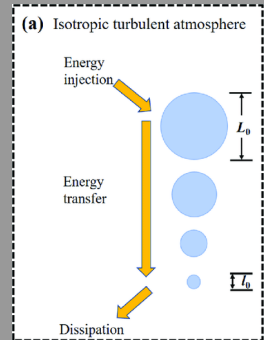
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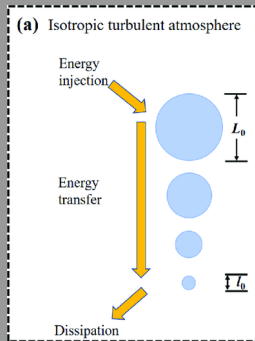
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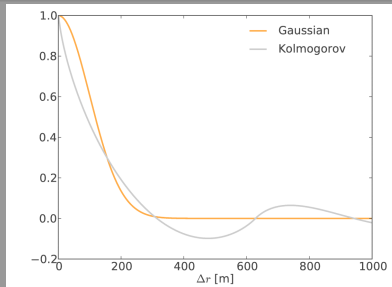
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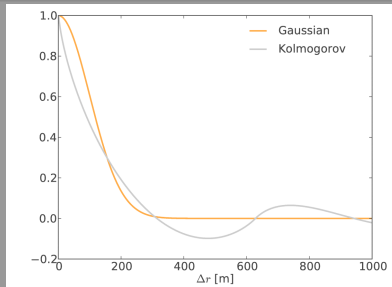
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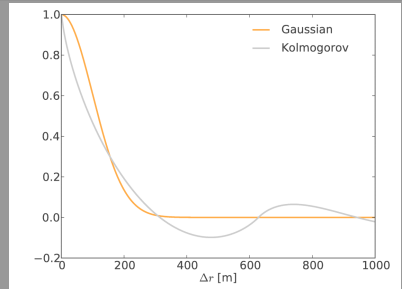
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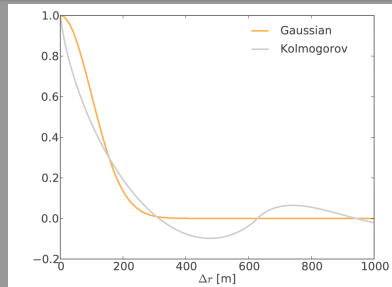
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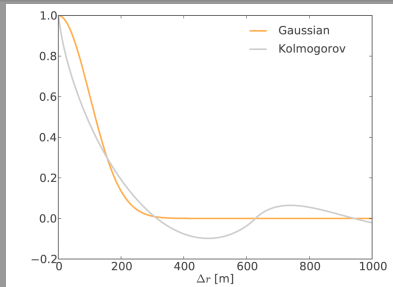
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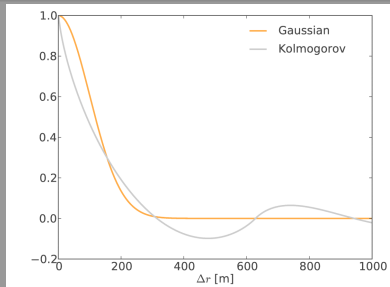
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The rigid translation of the atmospheric structures by the wind

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_A(t), T_A(t + \tau) \rangle = & \frac{L_0^{2/3}}{2\pi} \int_{z_1}^{z_u} \frac{dZ}{w^2(Z)} C_\alpha^2(Z) T_p^2(Z) \iiint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} b_\alpha(\xi_x, \xi_y, \xi_z) \cdot \\ & \cdot \exp \left[-\frac{(\xi_x + vt)^2 + \xi_y^2}{w^2(Z)} \right] d\xi_x d\xi_y d\xi_z \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

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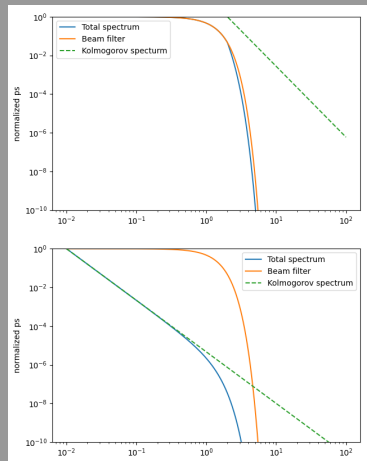
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