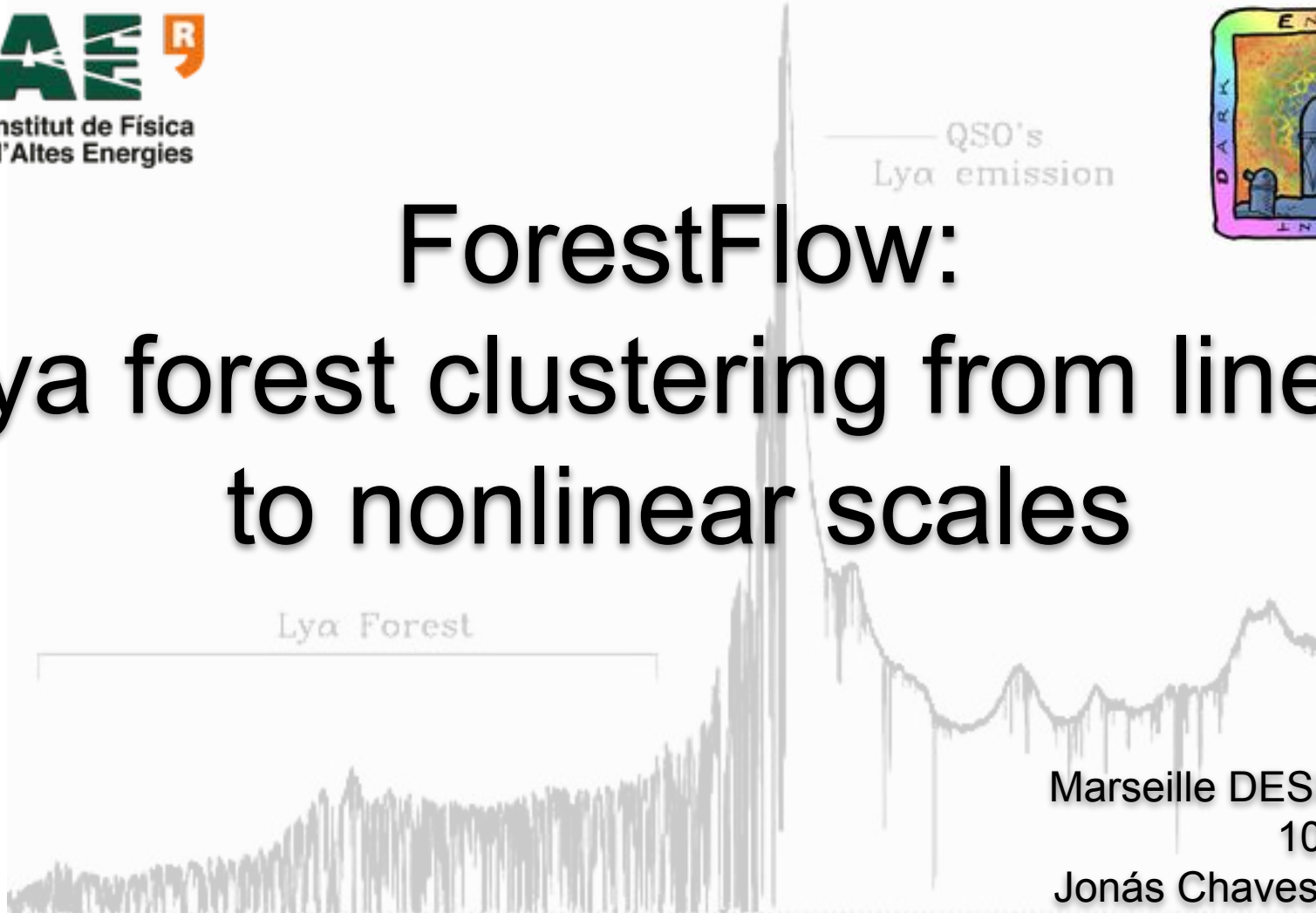




# ForestFlow: Ly $\alpha$ forest clustering from linear to nonlinear scales



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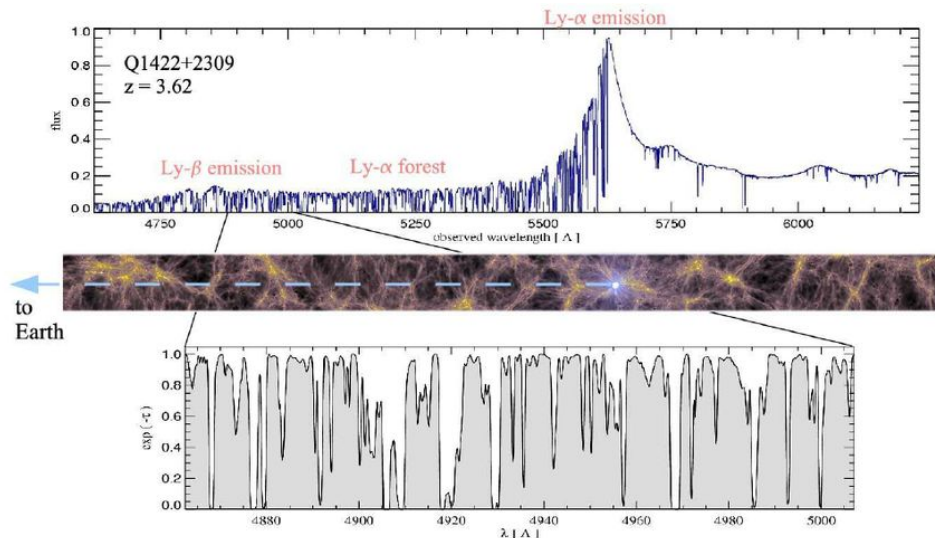
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# Predicting Ly $\alpha$ clustering

Two main approaches:

- **Perturbation theory.** Robust predictions from linear to quasilinear scales at the cost of marginalizing over many free parameters
- **Emulators.** Precise predictions from quasilinear to nonlinear scales at the cost of running cosmological suites of hydrodynamical simulations



Springel+2006

# Emulation strategy (I)

Most cosmological emulators predict summary statistics at a set of  $r$ - or  $k$ -bins

Limitations:

- Big simulations to access large scales
- Interpolations and/or extrapolations to predict derived statistics

For  $L_{\text{ya}}$  clustering from large to small scales, cosmological suite of hydro sims of (at least) 3 Gpc on a side with excellent resolution. **Unfeasible**

Our approach: emulate the coefficients of a parametric model rather than summary statistics at a set of bins

# Emulation strategy (II)

Predict the 2 Ly $\alpha$  linear biases and 5 parameters capturing small-scale deviations of P3D from linear theory (Arinyo-i-Prats+15):

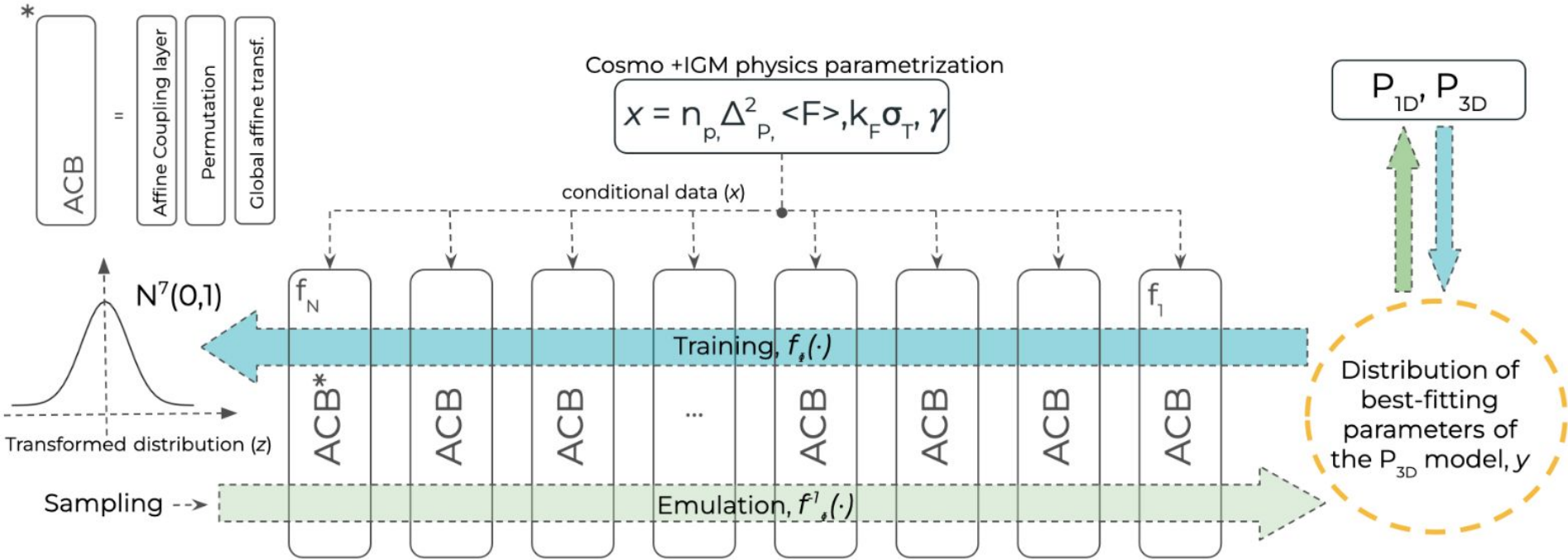
$$P_{3D}(k, \mu) = \underbrace{(b_\delta + b_\eta f \mu^2)^2}_{\text{large-scale RSD}} \underbrace{D_{NL}(k, \mu)}_{\text{Boltzmann solver}} \underbrace{P_{lin}(k)}_{\text{nonlinear growth, small-scale RSD, thermal broadening}}, \quad D_{NL} = \exp \left\{ \left( q_1 \Delta^2 + q_2 \Delta^4 \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{k}{k_v} \right)^{a_v} \mu^{b_v} \right] - \left( \frac{k}{k_p} \right)^2 \right\},$$

gas pressure

Predictions for the 3 main observables of Ly $\alpha$  studies:

- 2pcf for BAO and AP (Fourier Transform)
- P1D for small scales (integral)
- Px for full-shape (integral)

# ForestFlow: conditional normalizing flows



# Conditional data

Parameters for capturing the Ly $\alpha$  forest dependence on

- **Cosmology.** Amplitude and slope of the power spectrum on small scales  
Universe almost EdS at Ly $\alpha$  redshifts
- **IGM physics.** Mean transmitted flux fraction, amplitude and slope of the temperature-density relation, and pressure smoothing scale

Despite training on a suite only varying  $A_s$  and  $n_s$ , ForestFlow delivers precise predictions for

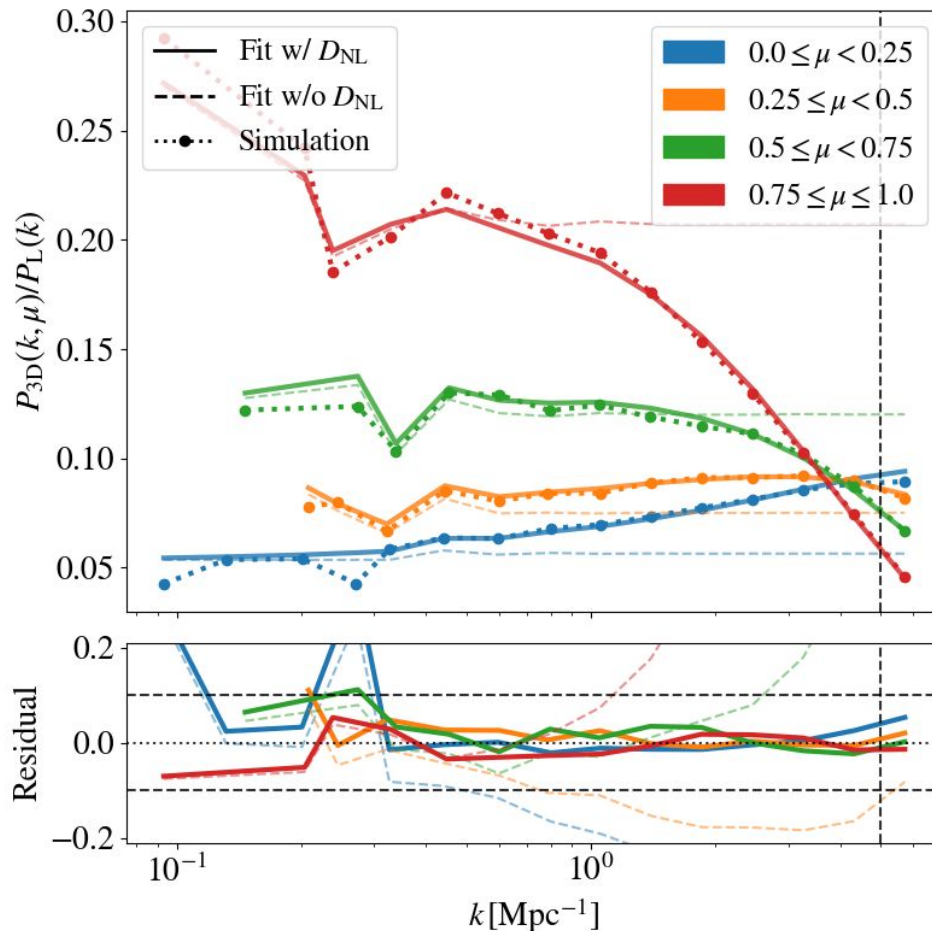
- Any combination of  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters
- Two  $\Lambda$ CDM extensions: massive neutrinos and curvature
- Ionization and thermal histories not included in the training set

# Target data

Best-fitting parameters to P1D and P3D measurements from suite of cosmological hydrodynamical simulations (Pedersen+2021)

Special care measuring Lya biases:

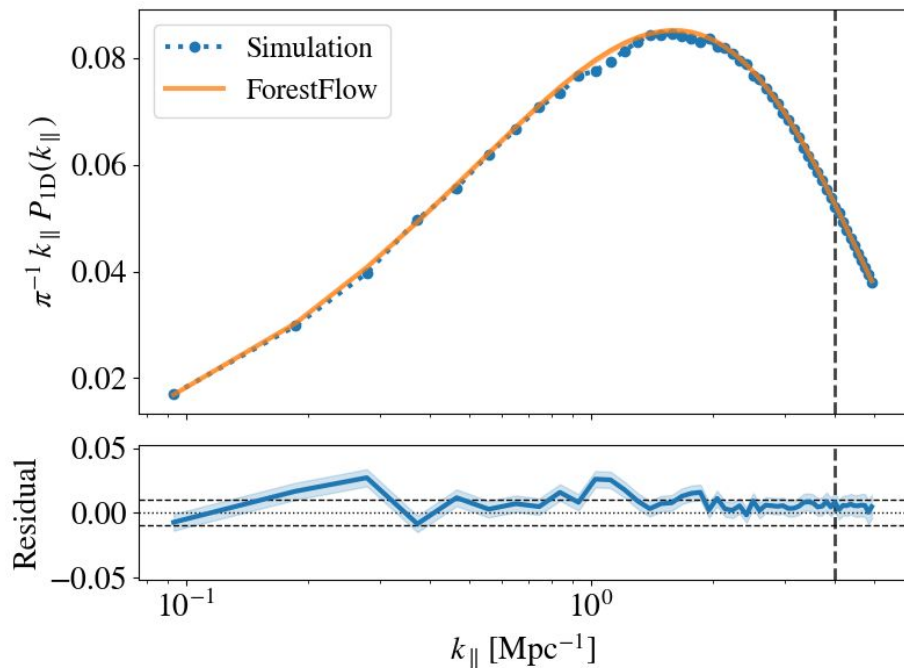
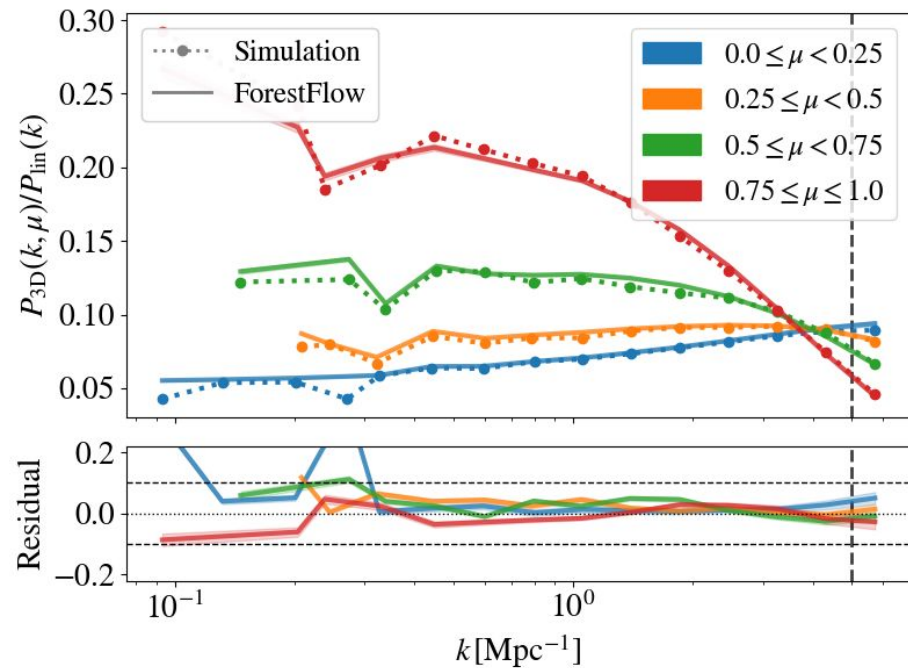
- Fixed-and-paired simulations
- 3 simulation axes
- Joint fit of 11 snapshots from  $z=2$  to 4.5
- Evaluate model for the k-modes sampled by the simulations





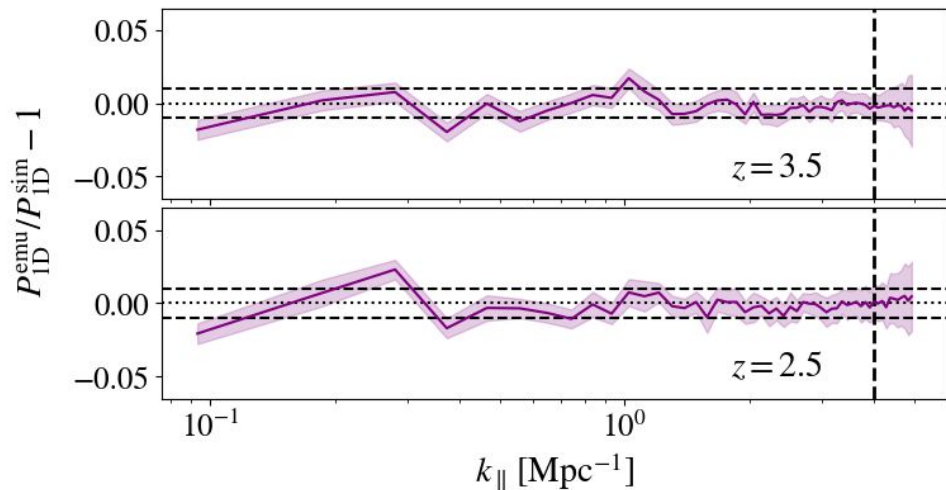
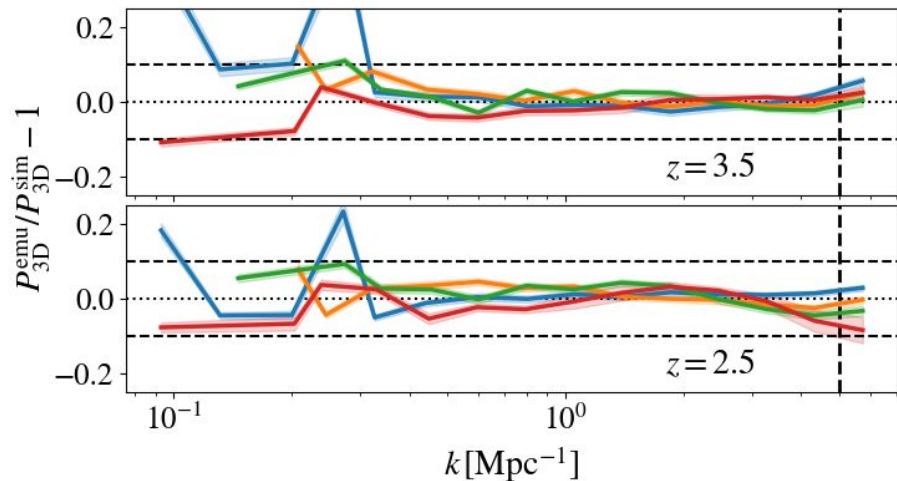
# Recover Lya statistics

Center of the parameter space



# Recover Lya statistics

Across parameter space (leave redshift out)



# Other cosmologies and IGM physics

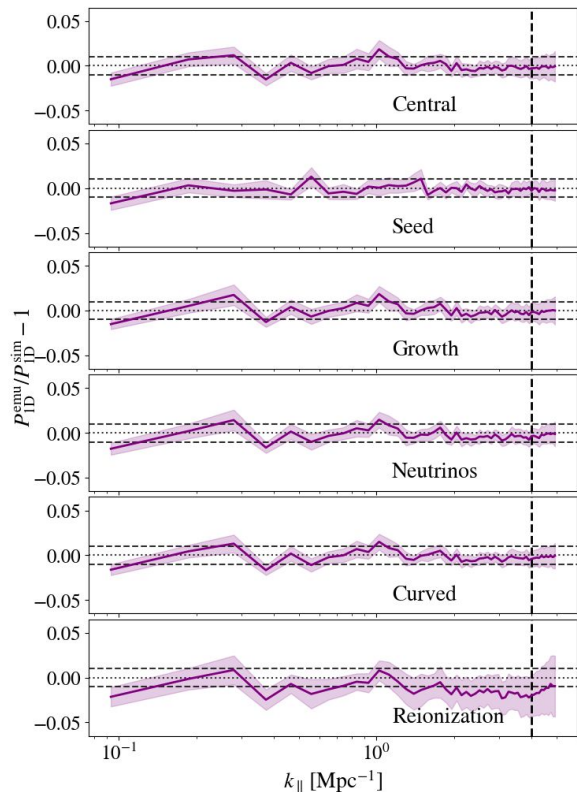
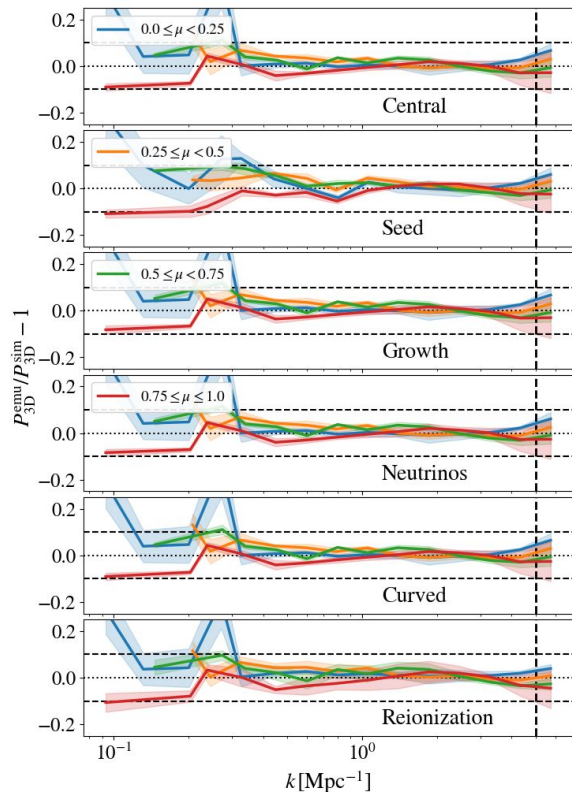
Cosmologies and IGM physics not included in the training set:

**Growth.** Different  $\Omega_m$  and  $h$

**Neutrinos.** Massive neutrinos

**Curved.** Curvature

**Reionization.** Different reionization and thermal history



# Applications

Some applications (in addition to P1D analyses):

- 2pcf with P1D priors

Lya linear biases from P1D analyses, use these to measure  $\sigma_8$  and  $f\sigma_8$  (rather than  $b_d \cdot \sigma_8$  and  $b_e \cdot f\sigma_8$ )

- AP test with P1D priors

Push towards smaller scales by using priors on Arinyo parameters from P1D analyses

- Small-scale P3D and Px analyses (see next talks)

# Summary

**ForestFlow** is a cosmological emulator bridging the gap between large- and small-scale Ly $\alpha$  clustering studies

It emulates the 2 Ly $\alpha$  linear biases and 6 parameters capturing deviation of P3D from linear theory as a function of cosmology and IGM physics

- P3D: **3%** precision from linear scales to  $k=5/\text{Mpc}$
- P1D: **1.5%** precision down to  $k_{\text{par}}=4/\text{Mpc}$

Precise predictions for cosmologies and IGM physics not included in the training set, including LCDM extensions like massive neutrinos and curvature