

3D sky map reconstruction and residual power spectrum after foreground removal

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Method overview

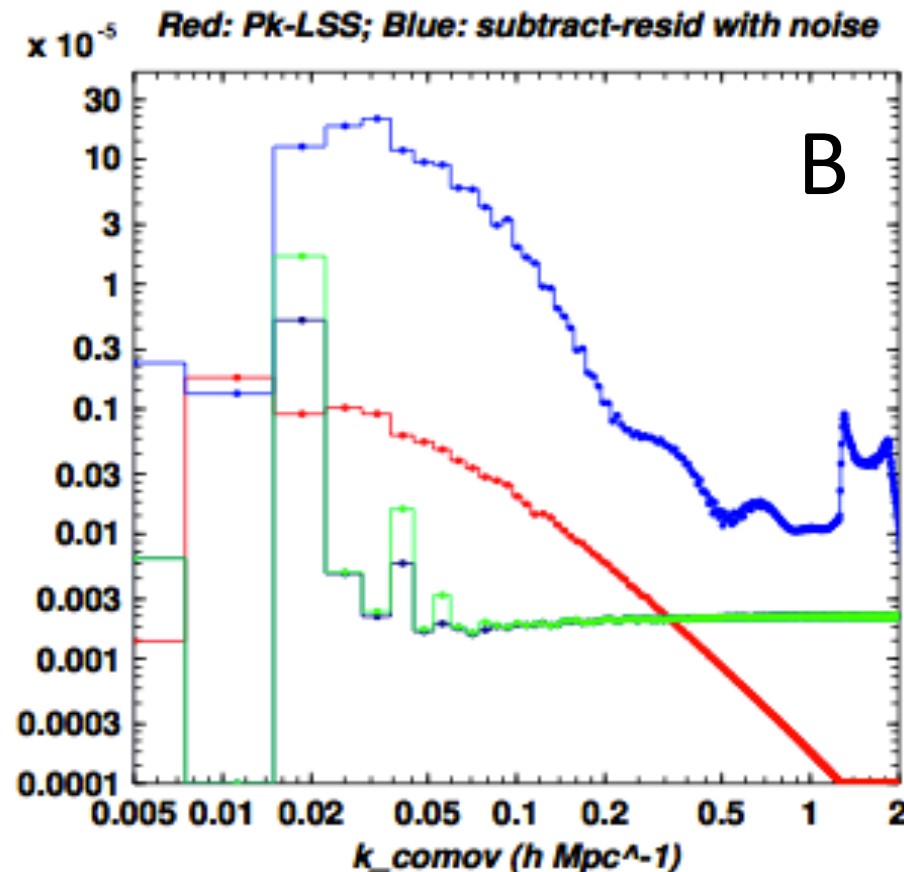
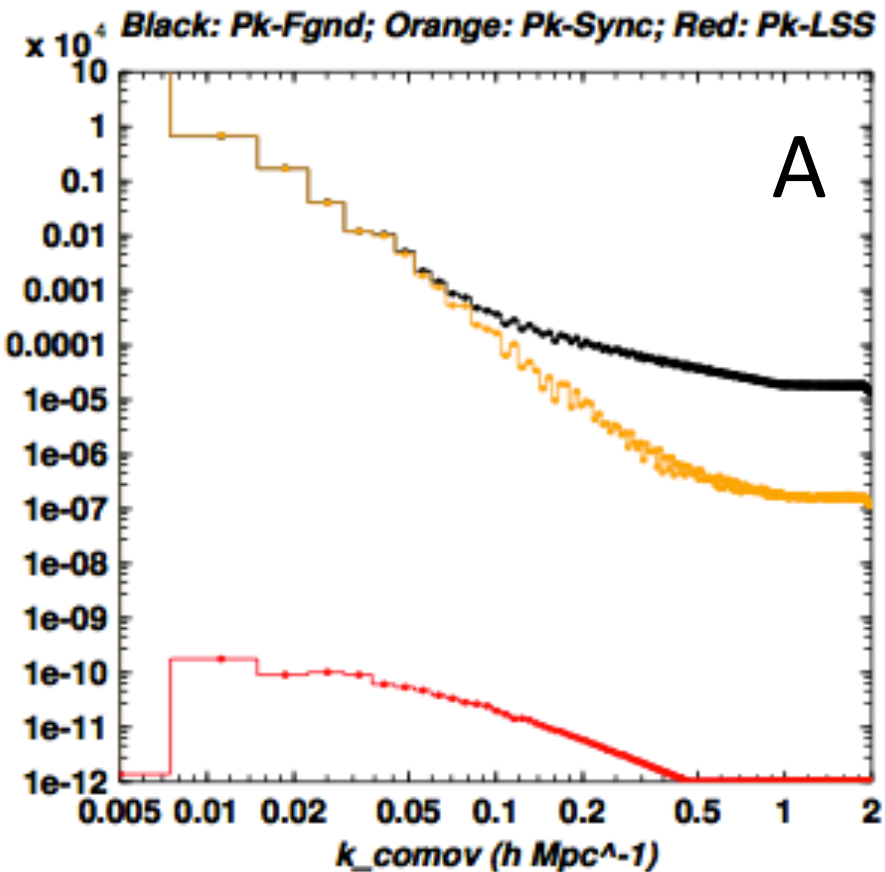
- 3D sky map $I(\alpha, \delta, \nu)$ reconstruction for a transit instrument from visibilities.
- α : RA, East-west; δ : DEC North-South; ν : Frequency.
- Fourier: $(\alpha, \delta) \rightarrow (u, v); I(\alpha, \delta, \nu) \rightarrow F(u, v, \nu)$
- For each frequency plane, we could use the program which we have developed for 2D sky map reconstruction.
- Sum up all frequency, we will get the “observed” 3D sky map:

$$\hat{F}(u, v, \nu)$$

- Compute power spectrum for 3D sky map.
- Subtract foreground to compute the power spectrum of residual sky map.
- Apply beam correction to optimize the effect of foreground subtraction.
- Comparing foreground subtraction performance for 2 interferometer configurations
- The overall strategy for foreground subtraction is the one described in the Ansari et al (A&A 450 (2012))

A: Comparison of foreground and 21 cm signal power Spectrum.

B: Performance of residual power spectrum after foreground subtraction.



Beam correction optimization apply to the “observed” sky map

$$W_2(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1, & \sigma_F^2(u, v) \leq wthr \\ \frac{wthr}{\sigma_F^2(u, v)}, & \sigma_F^2(u, v) > wthr \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^B(u, v, \nu) = \begin{cases} \frac{W_2((u, v); \nu_{min}) \times G^B(u, v)}{W_2((u, v); \nu) \times B((u, v); \nu)}, & |\mathcal{C}^B(u, v, \nu)| < 3 \\ 3, & |\mathcal{C}^B(u, v, \nu)| \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{F}_{keep}(u, v, \nu) = \hat{F}(u, v, \nu) * W_2((u, v); \nu) * \mathcal{C}^B(u, v, \nu)$$

