

Toward a complete machine learning-based forward modelling pipeline

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How do we learn from this data?

$$P(d|a) = P(a|d)P(d)$$

BAYES' THEOREM

Bayes' Theorem

- **What we want** $P(\theta|d)$ = updated knowledge on θ provided an observation d
- **Forward model** $P(d|\theta)$ = probability of reproducing observation d with model parameters θ
- $P(\theta)$ = prior on the model parameters θ

$$P(\theta|d) = \frac{P(d|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(d)}$$

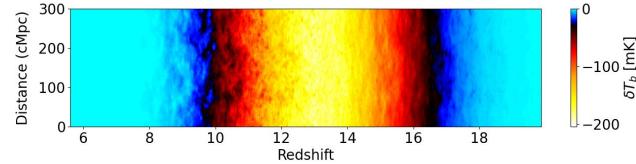
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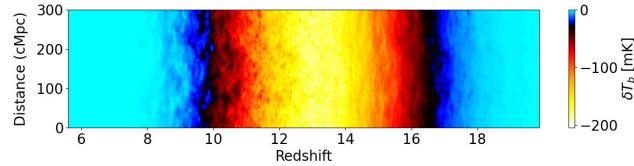
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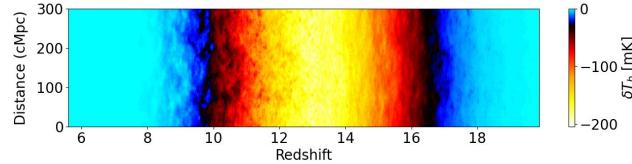


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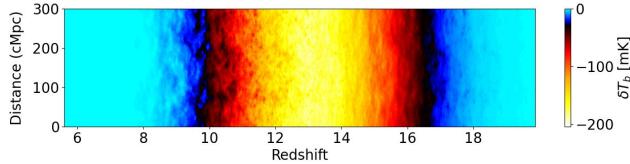
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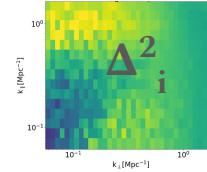


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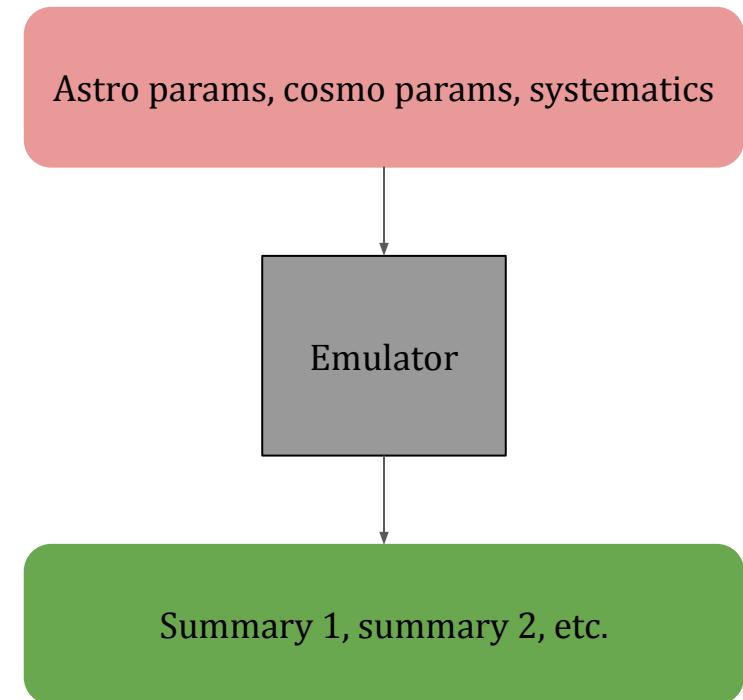
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Ideal Emulator



Summary Statistics

- $x_{\text{HI}}(z)$: Global fraction of neutral hydrogen

- $T_s(z)$: Global neutral IGM spin temperature

$$T_s^{-1} = \frac{T_\gamma^{-1} + x_\alpha T_\alpha^{-1} + x_c T_K^{-1}}{1 + x_\alpha + x_c}$$

- $T_b(z)$: Global 21-cm brightness temperature [e.g. Bye+22, Bevins+21, Cohen+19]

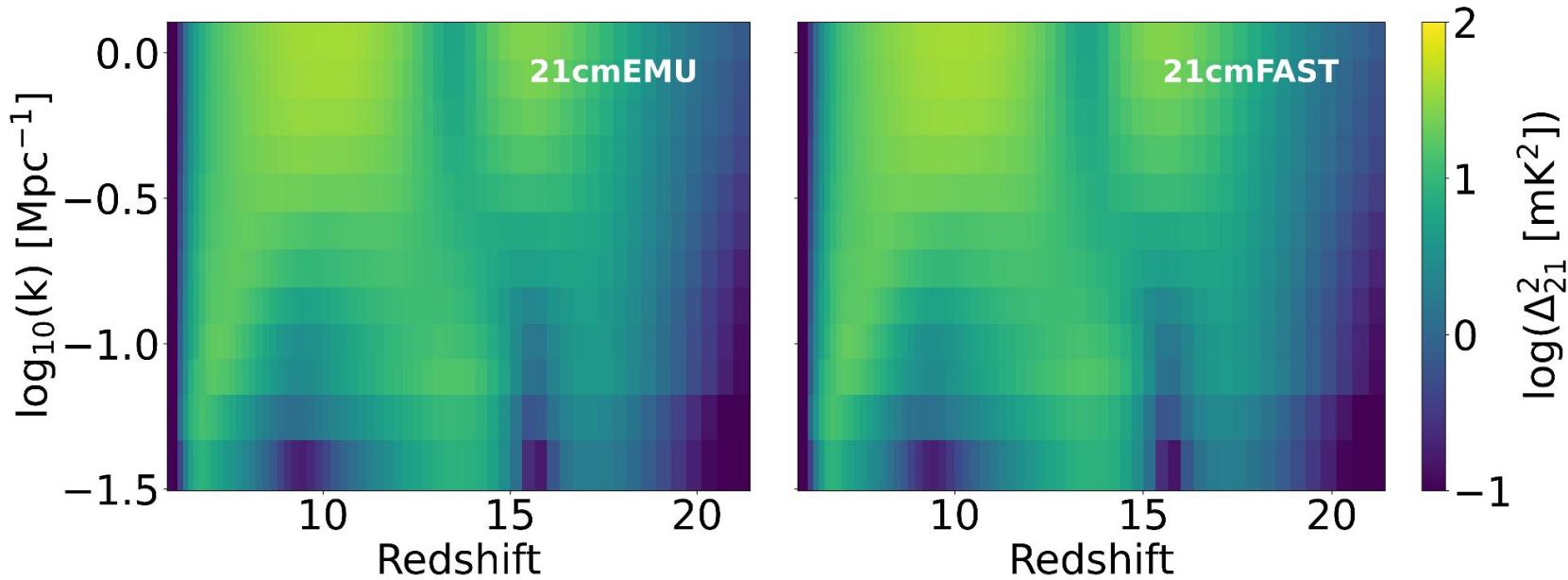
$$\delta T_b \approx 27x_{\text{HI}}(1 + \delta_b) \left(\frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.023} \right) \left(\frac{0.15}{\Omega_m h^2} \frac{1+z}{10} \right)^{1/2} \times \left(\frac{T_s - T_R}{T_s} \right) \left[\frac{\partial_r v_r}{(1+z)H(z)} \right] \text{ mK}$$

- **21-cm power spectrum (\mathbf{k}, z)**: e.g. Kern+17, Schmit & Pritchard 18, Ghara+20, Mondal+21

- **UV luminosity function**: Source number density per magnitude vs z [Bouwens+15, 16]

- τ_e : Thomson scattering optical depth of CMB photons

Power Spectrum

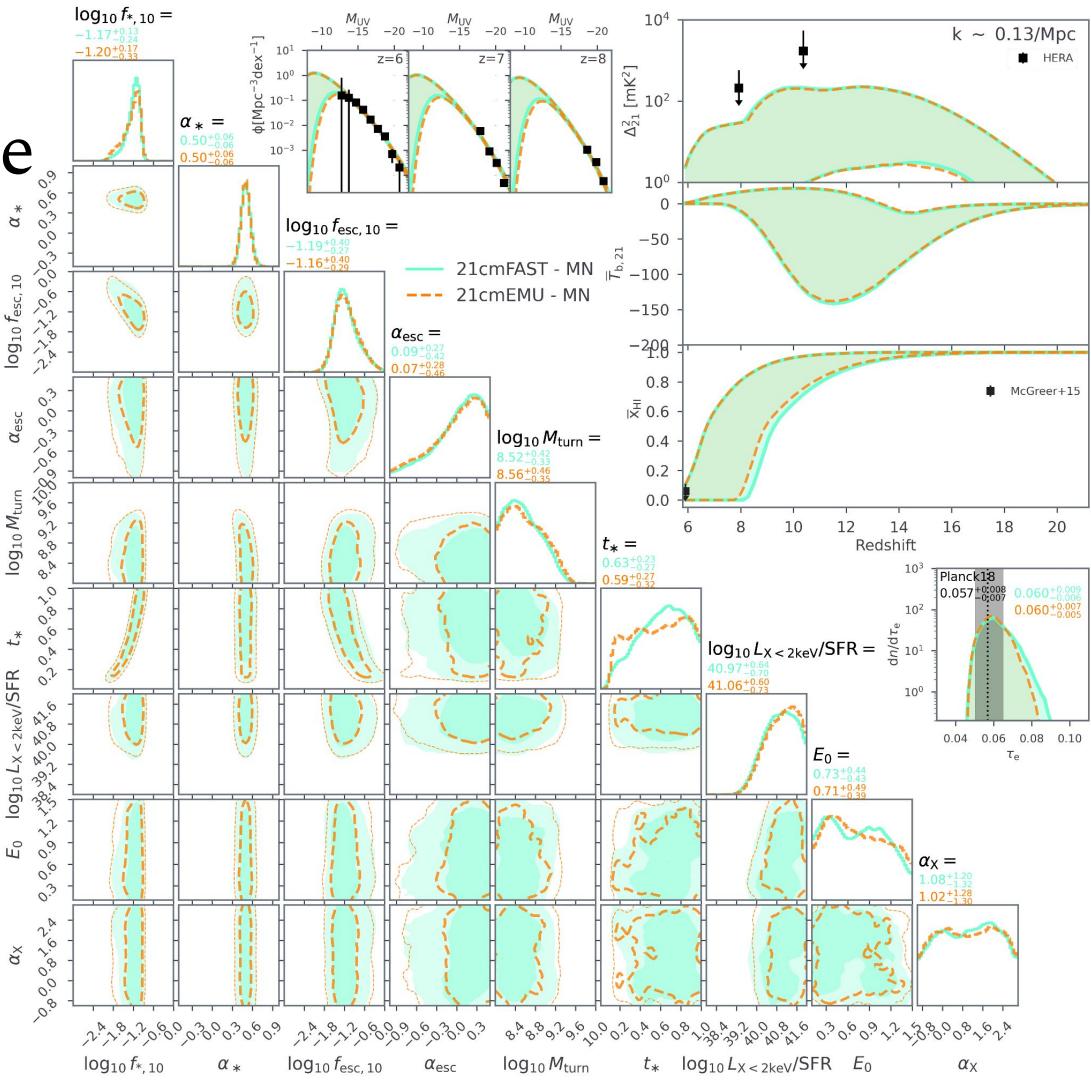


21cmEMU Performance

Summary	Median FE (%)	68% CL (%)
$\log \Delta_{21}^2$	0.55	2.4
\bar{T}_b	0.34	1.2
$\log \bar{T}_S$	0.032	0.13
\bar{x}_{HI}	0.0073	0.10
τ_e	0.11	0.26
$\log \phi$	0.50	2.1

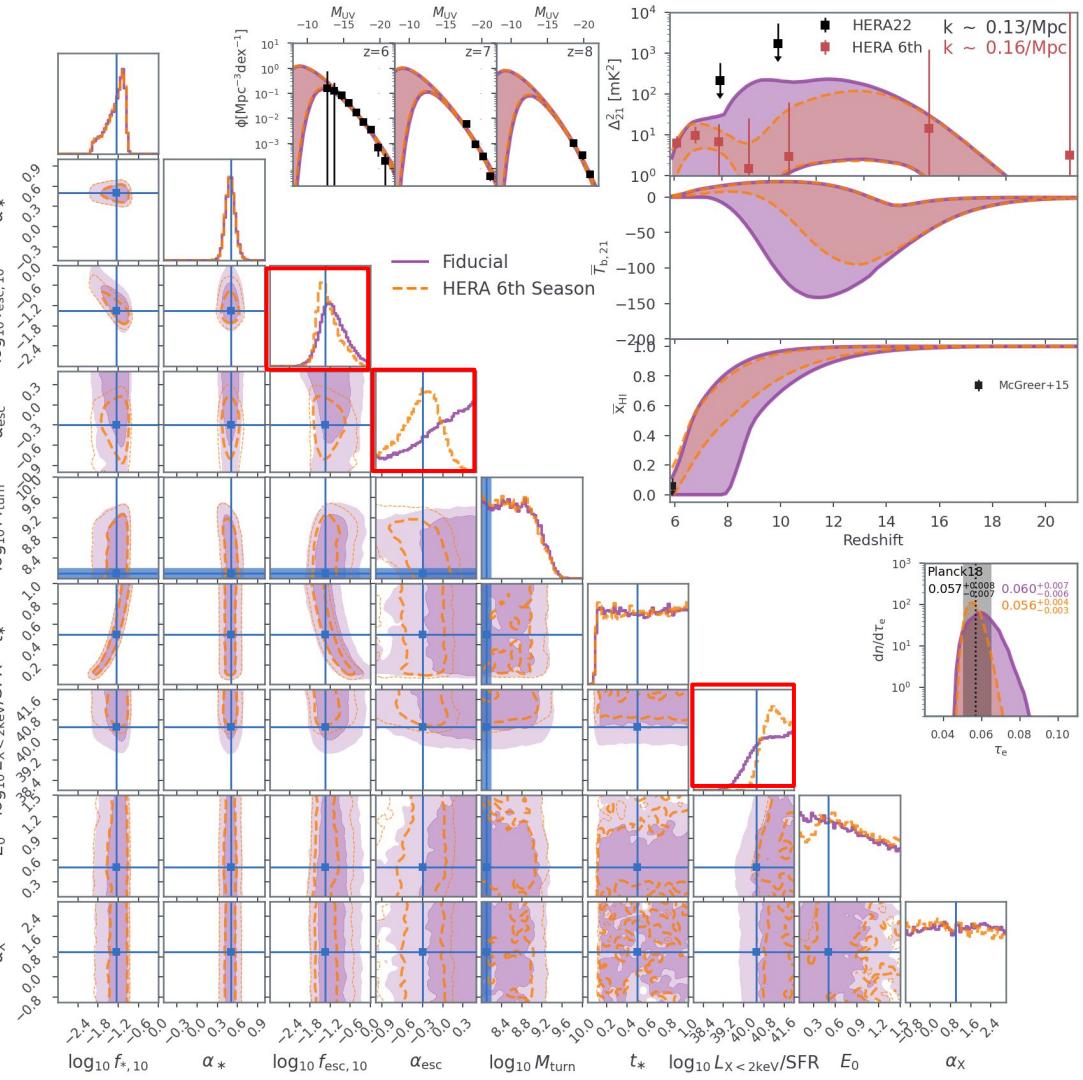
Small errors, but do they impact the inference?

21cmEMU can reproduce 21cmFAST results.



Forecast for HERA Phase II 6th-Season Observations

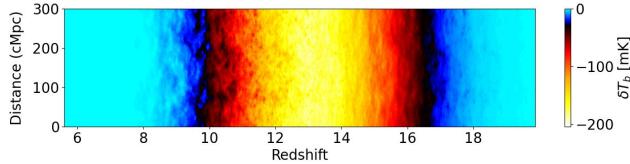
New HERA data + tighter prior on systematics improve the constraints for many astrophysical parameters



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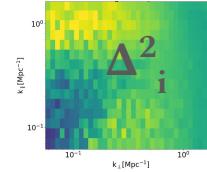


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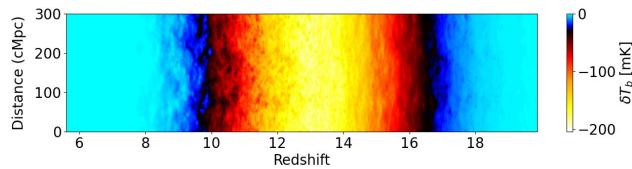
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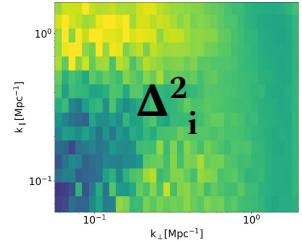
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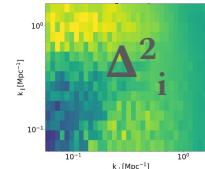
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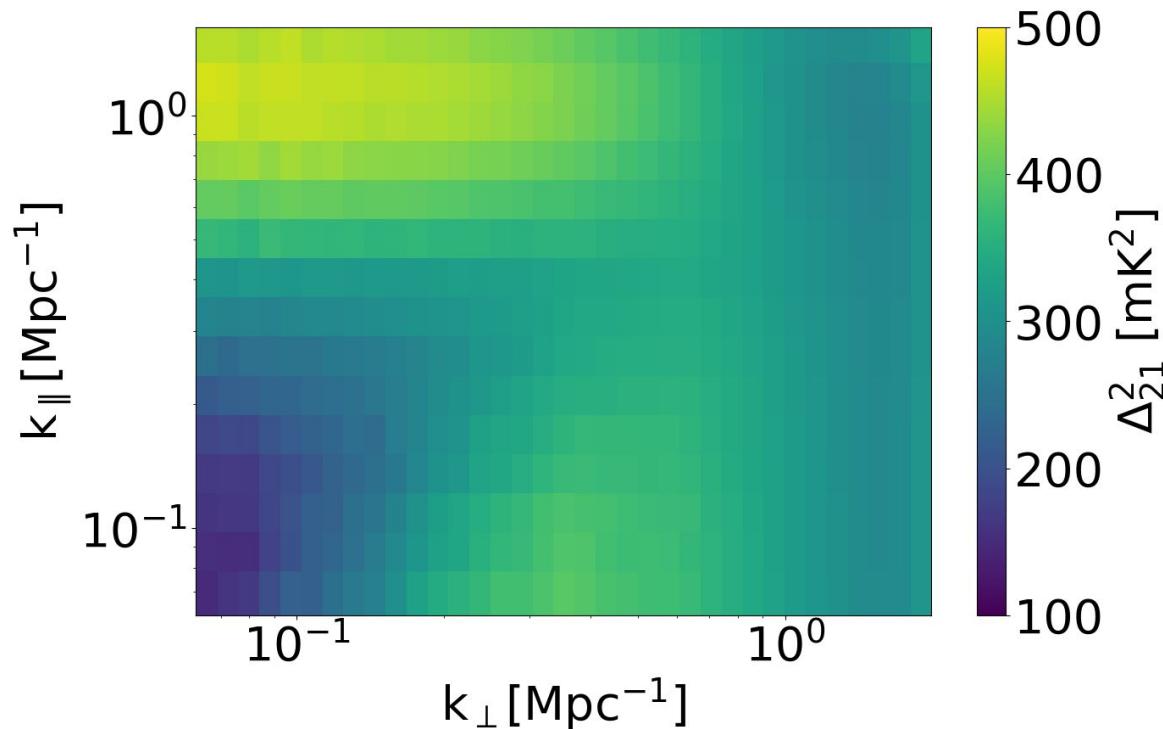
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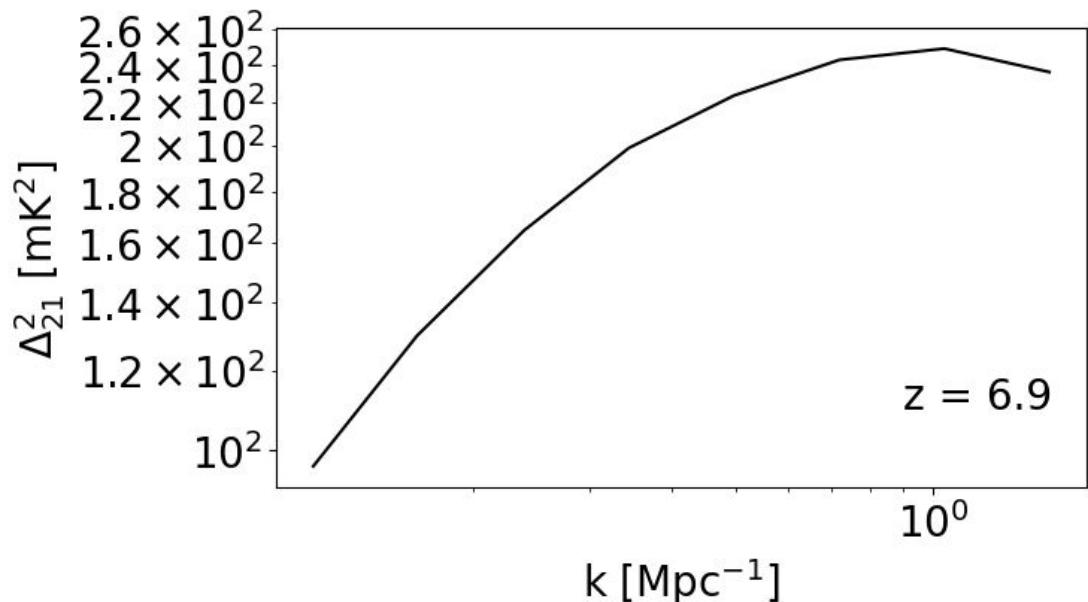
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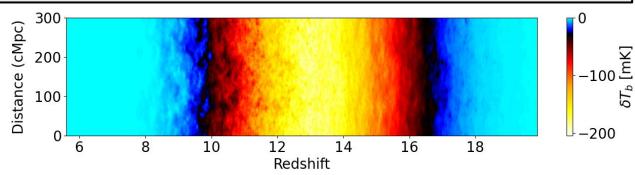
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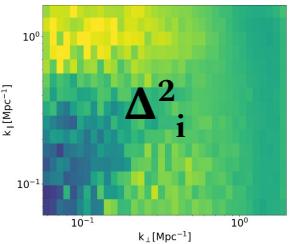
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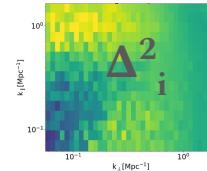
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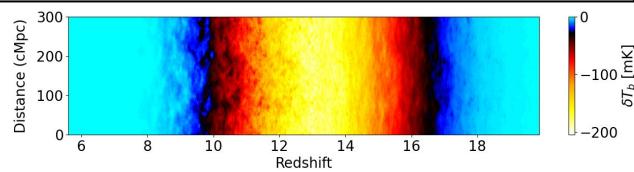
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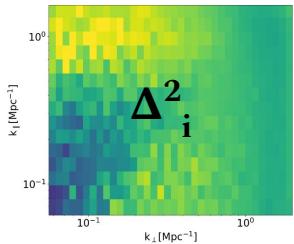
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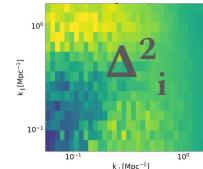


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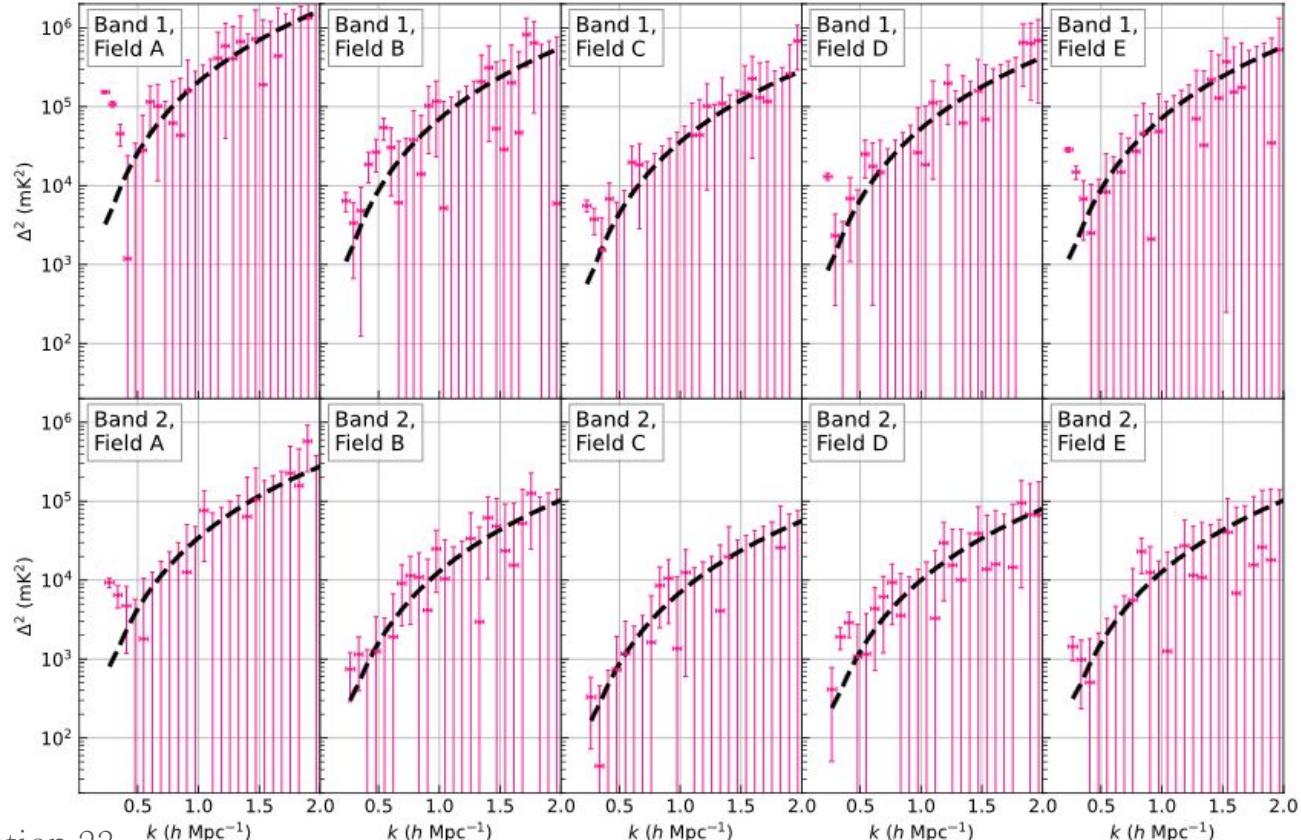
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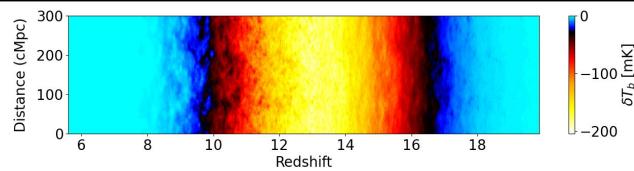
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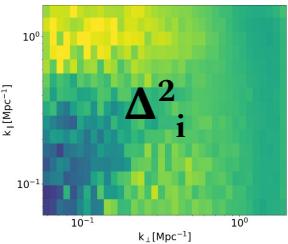
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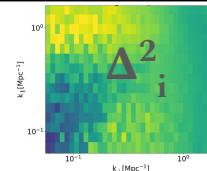


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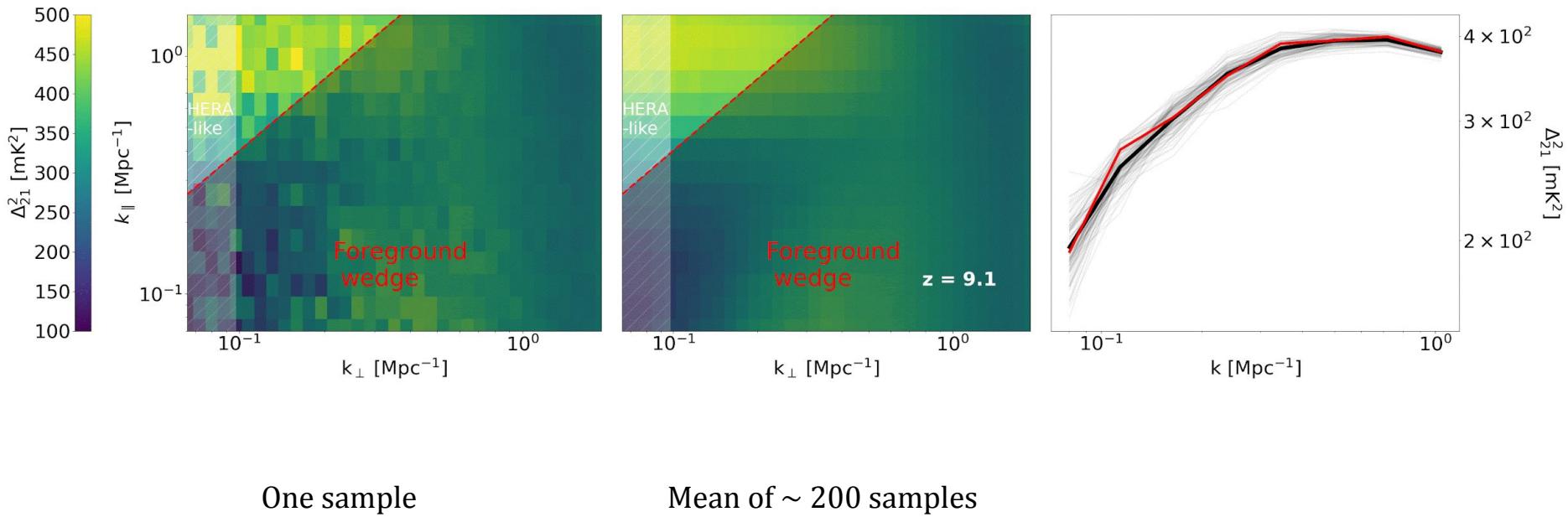
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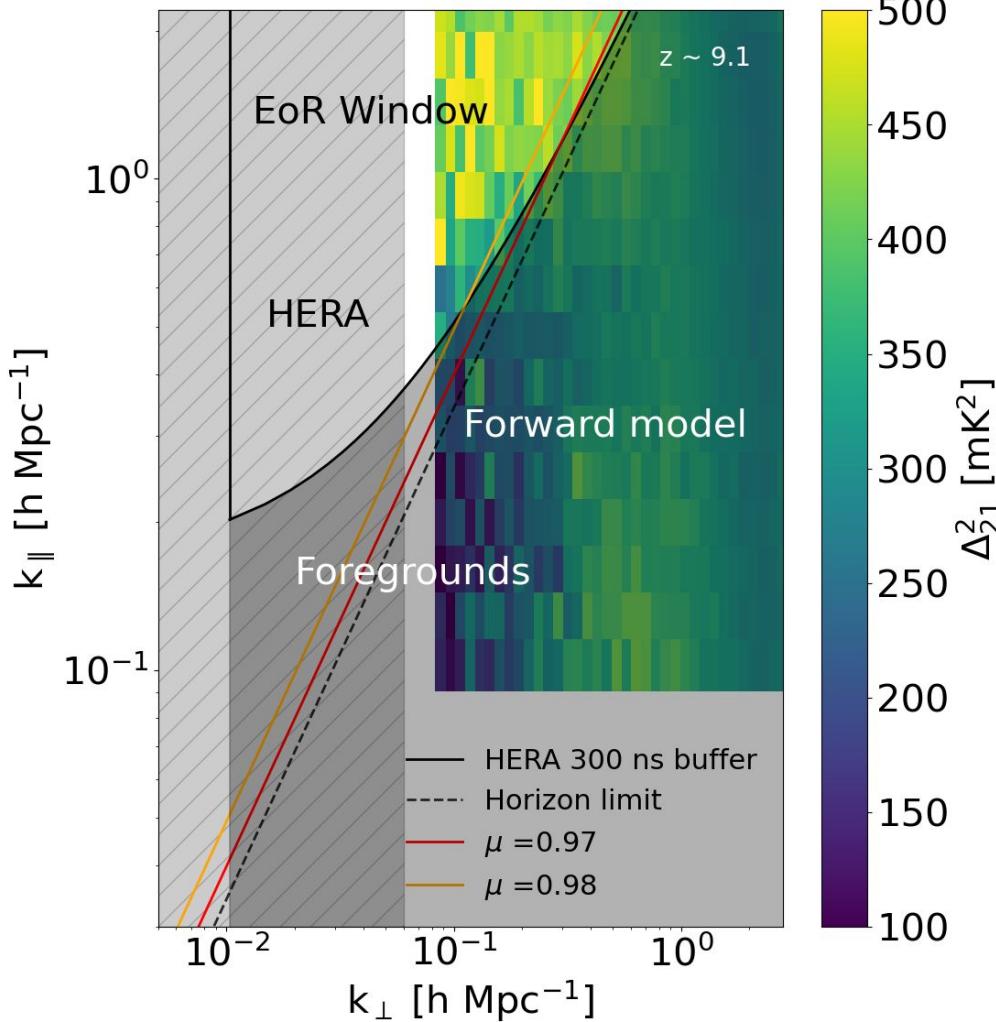
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Why not increase the model volume?

A typical inference requires >> 100k forward models.

Even with state-of-the-art simulators, it is not practical to forward-model volumes as large as a typical survey in an inference context.

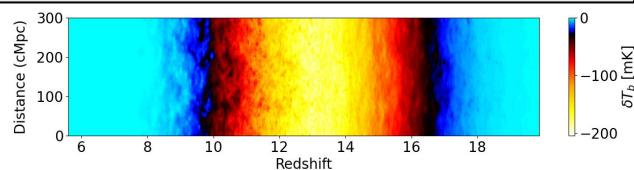


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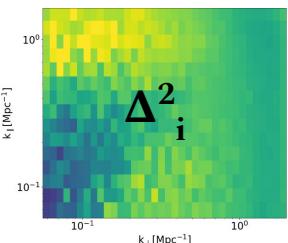
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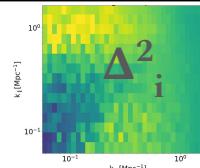


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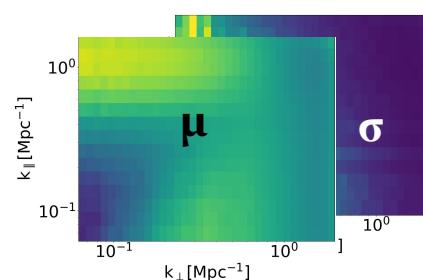
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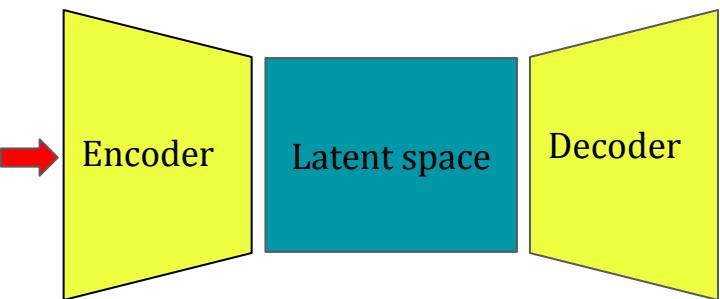
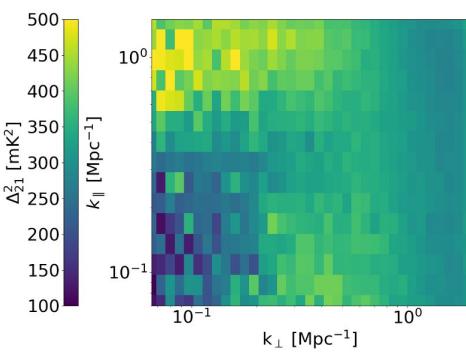
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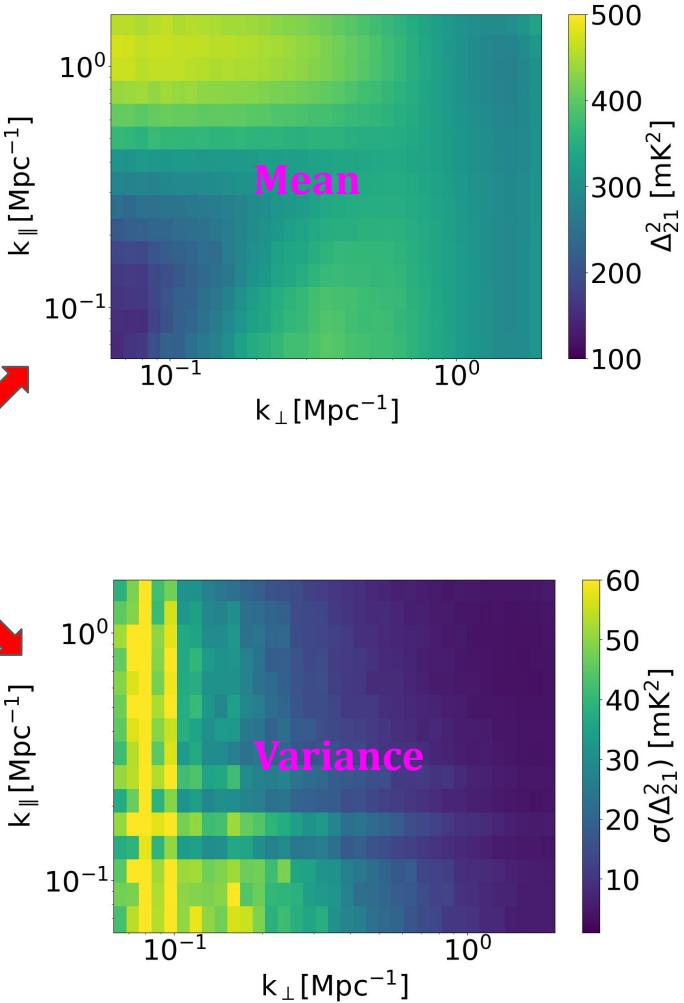
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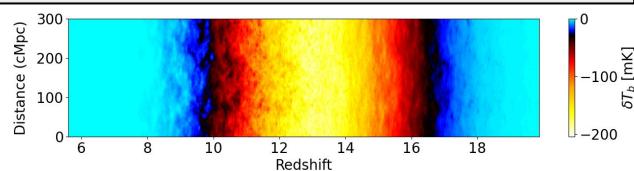


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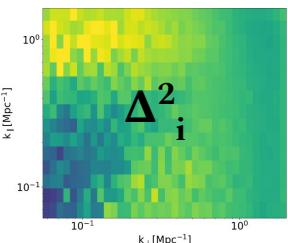
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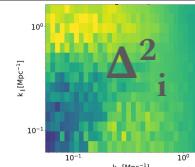
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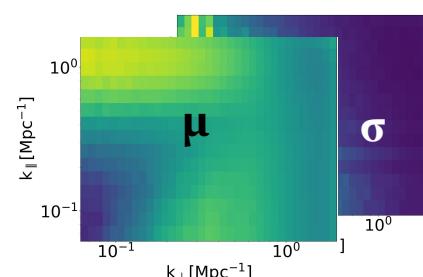
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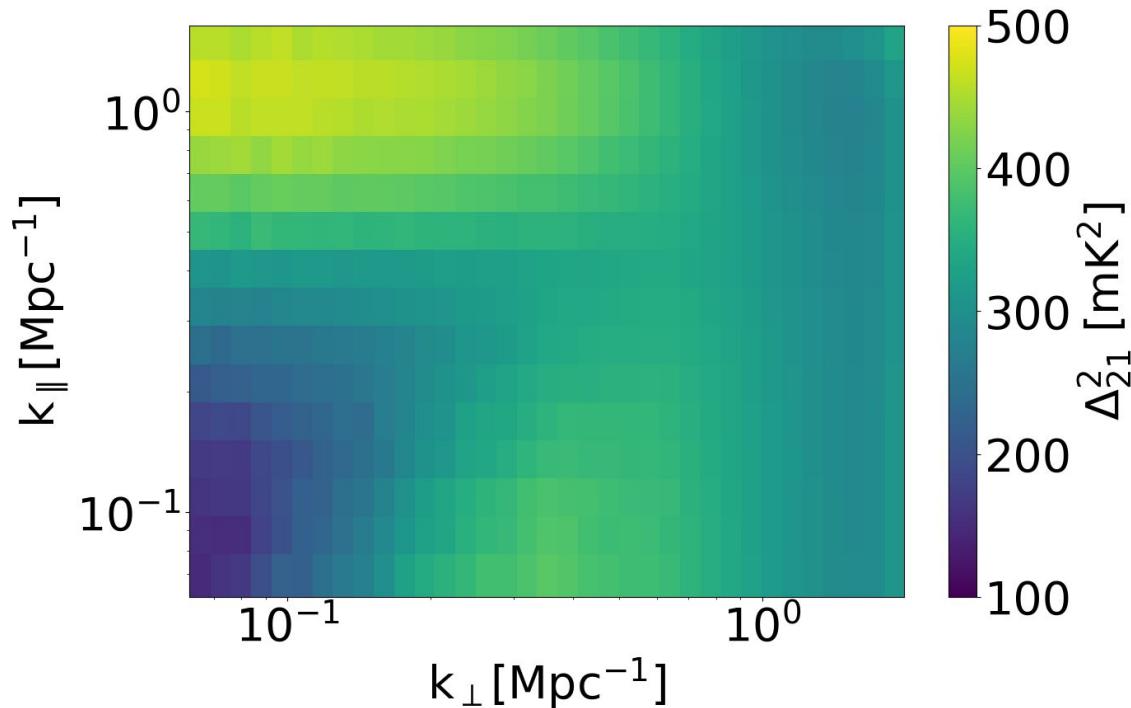
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- Spherically-averaging the (non-isotropic) PS is the same for the forward model and the data

The 21-cm PS is not isotropic

Two main causes:

- Redshift space distortions (RSDs)
- Lightcone evolution along the line of sight

Both contribute to increasing the power along the line of sight.

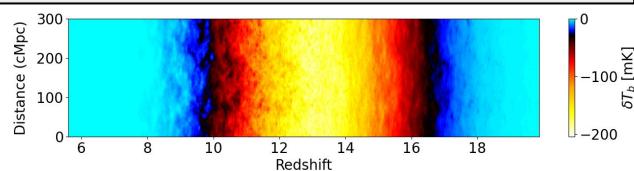


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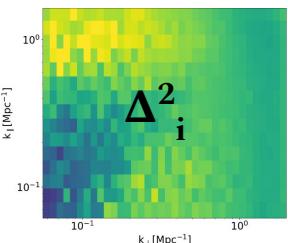
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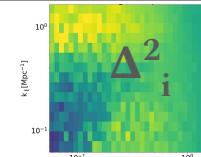
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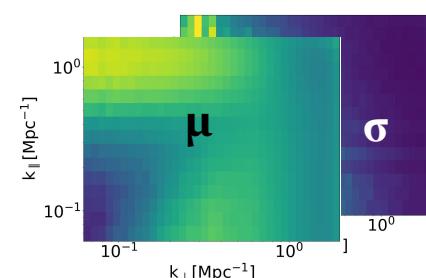
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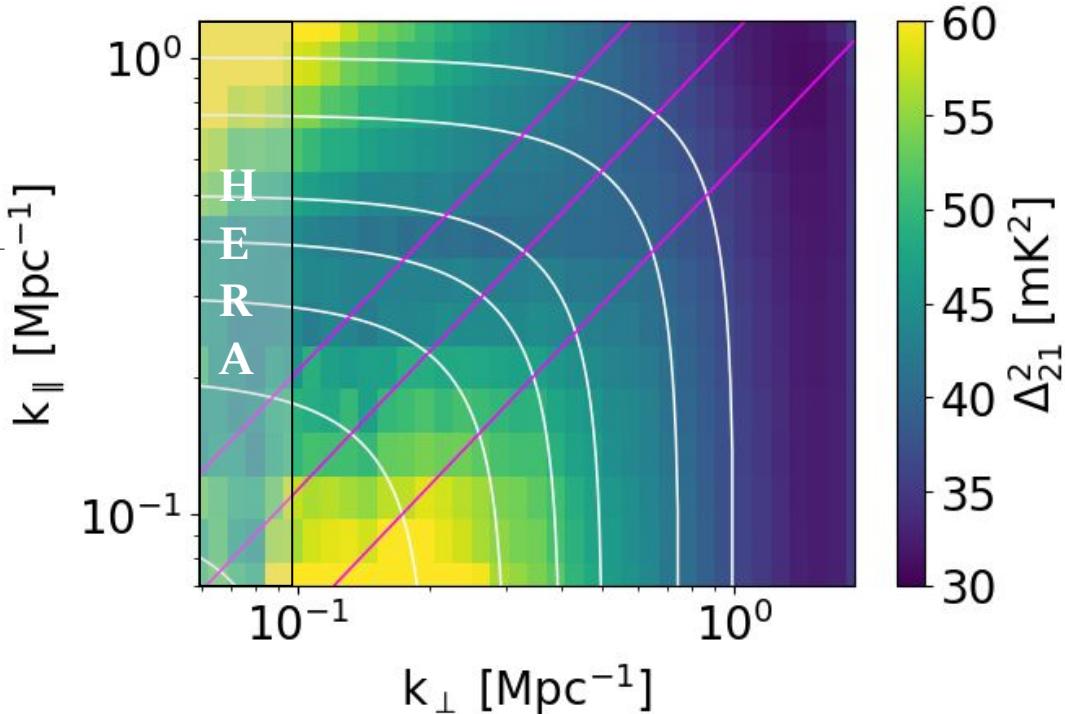
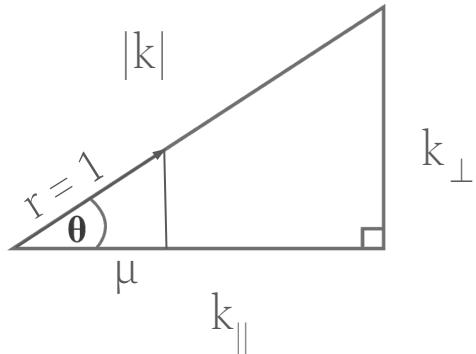
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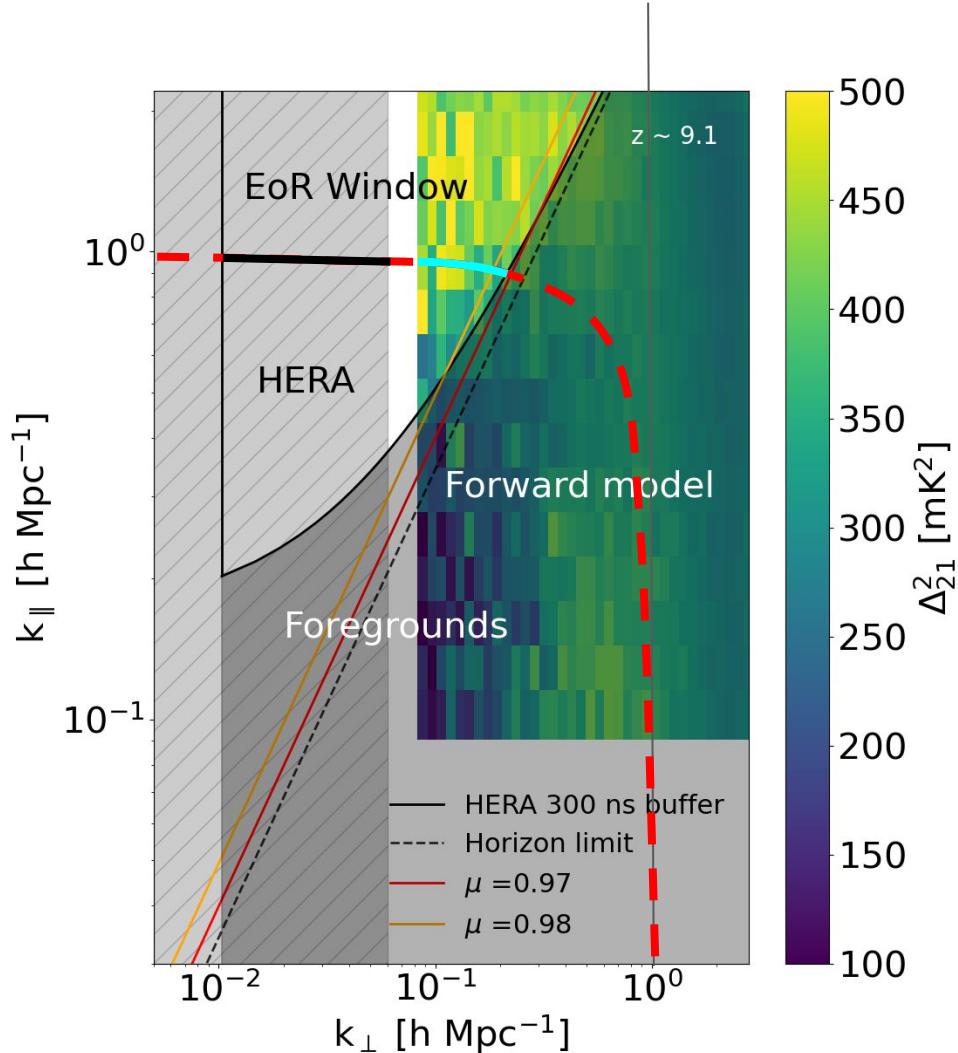
- White: Constant $|k|$ contours
- Magenta: Constant $\mu = \cos(\theta)$
 - θ = angle between k_{\parallel} and k_{\perp}



Forward Model

Anisotropy \Rightarrow spherically averaging over the entire power spectrum introduces a bias in the forward model.

Solution: Put a cut $\mu_{\min} = 0.97$ on the forward-modelled data to reduce the bias in the spherically-averaged 21-cm PS.

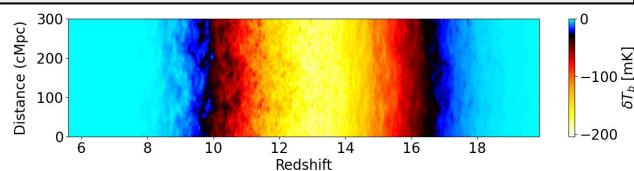


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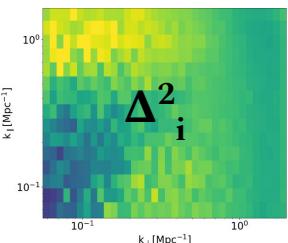
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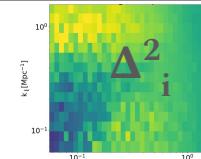
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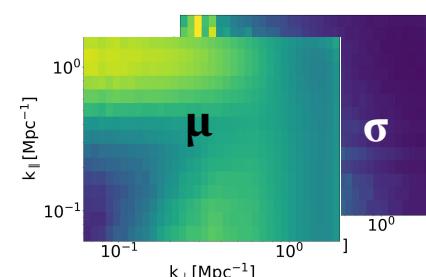
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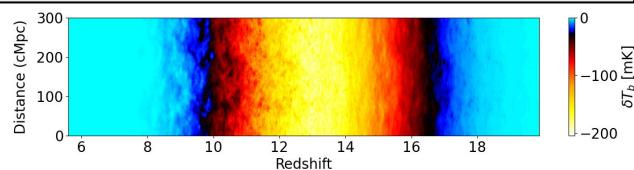
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Sample params: $\theta_{\text{astro}} \sim P(\theta_{\text{astro}})$, θ_{cosmo} , ICs

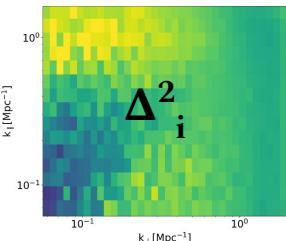
Traditional Pipeline

Run 21cmFAST: Realisation $\Delta_i^2(k_\perp, k_\parallel, z)$

$\gtrsim 300k$
CPU hrs



$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\theta) &\approx \Delta_i^2 \\ \Sigma(\theta) &\approx \Sigma(\theta_{\text{fid}}) \text{ Fixed}\end{aligned}$$

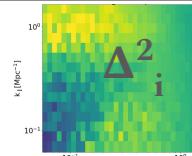


Spherical averaging

This work

21cmEMU**v3**: Realisation $\Delta_i^2(k_\perp, k_\parallel, z)$

$\lesssim 1$ GPU day

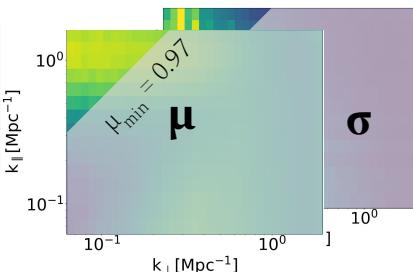


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$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\theta) &\approx \text{NN}(\Delta_i^2) \\ \Sigma(\theta) &\approx \text{NN}(\Delta_i^2)\end{aligned}$$

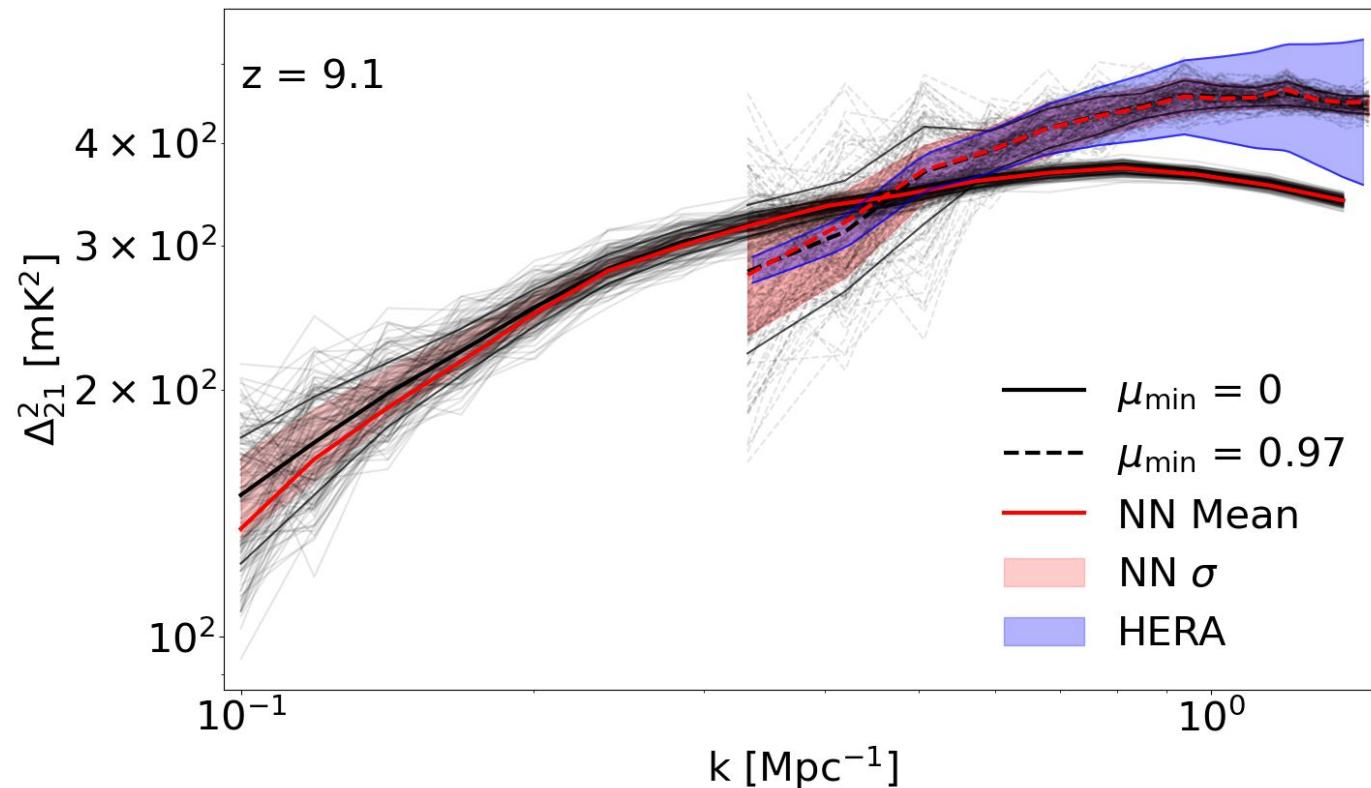
Exclude PS under
 $\mu_{\min} = 0.97$



Gaussian likelihood: $P(d|\theta)$

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 | \theta) \propto -\frac{1}{2} [\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 - \mu(\theta)]^T \Sigma^{-1} [\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 - \mu(\theta)]$$

Performance on a single θ_{astro} from the test set



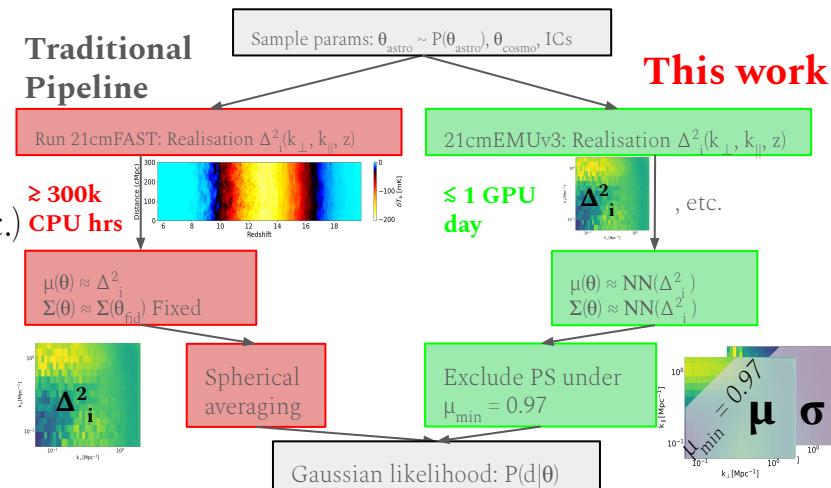
Conclusions

Problems:

- **21cmFAST simulator:** Too slow to perform inferences as new data comes out.
- **Sample variance:** We cannot perform Bayesian inference while forward modelling boxes large enough to cover the survey volume.
- **Anisotropy of the 21-cm PS:** RSDs and lightcone evolution make the 21-cm PS anisotropic. As a consequence, averaging over different regions of PS space than the observation leads to a bias in the model used in the inference \Rightarrow biased posterior.

Solutions:

- **21cmEMUv3:** Emulate 21-cm summaries (2D PS, etc.)
- Neural network to correct for sample variance:
 - **Provides $\text{var}(\theta)$ estimate**
 - **> 10⁵ times faster than traditional methods**
- Exclude signal above $\mu_{\min} = 0.97$, just like the observation, to **reduce the bias due to the anisotropy**.



$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 | \theta) \propto -\frac{1}{2} [\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 - \mu(\theta)]^T \Sigma^{-1} [\Delta_{21 \text{ obs}}^2 - \mu(\theta)]$$

Now available!!

pip install py21cmemu

<https://github.com/21cmfast/21cmemu>

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