

Framework for the Physical Interpretation of HI Power Spectrum Measurement with CHIME

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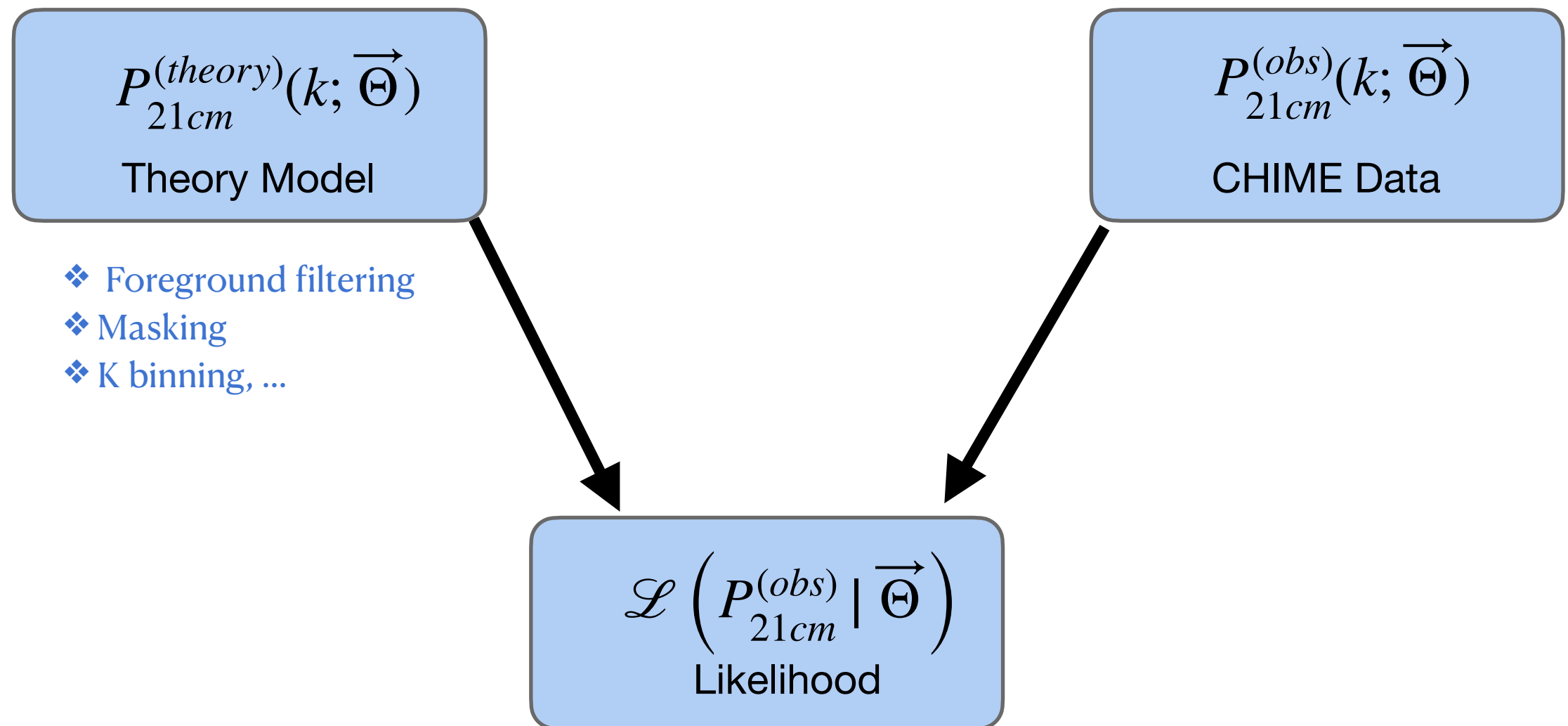
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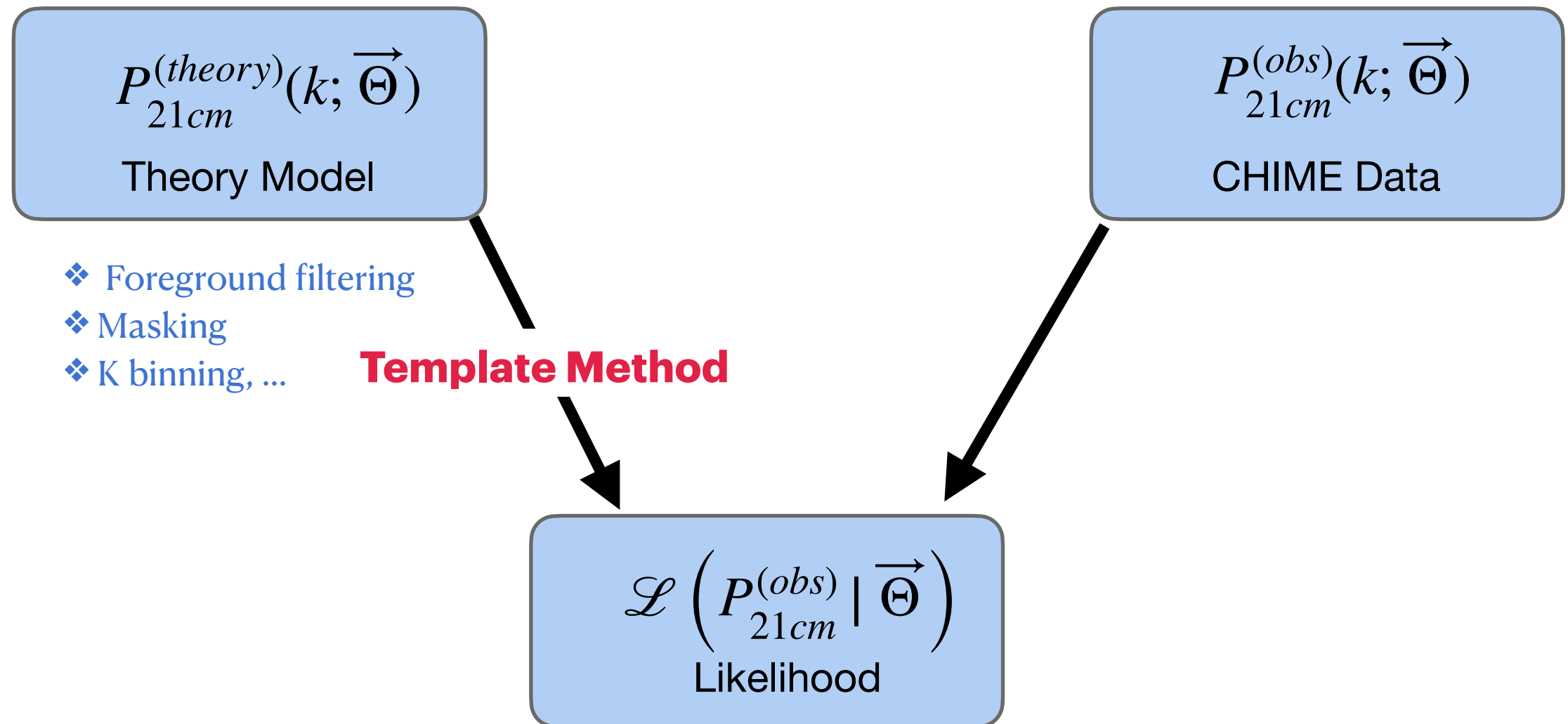
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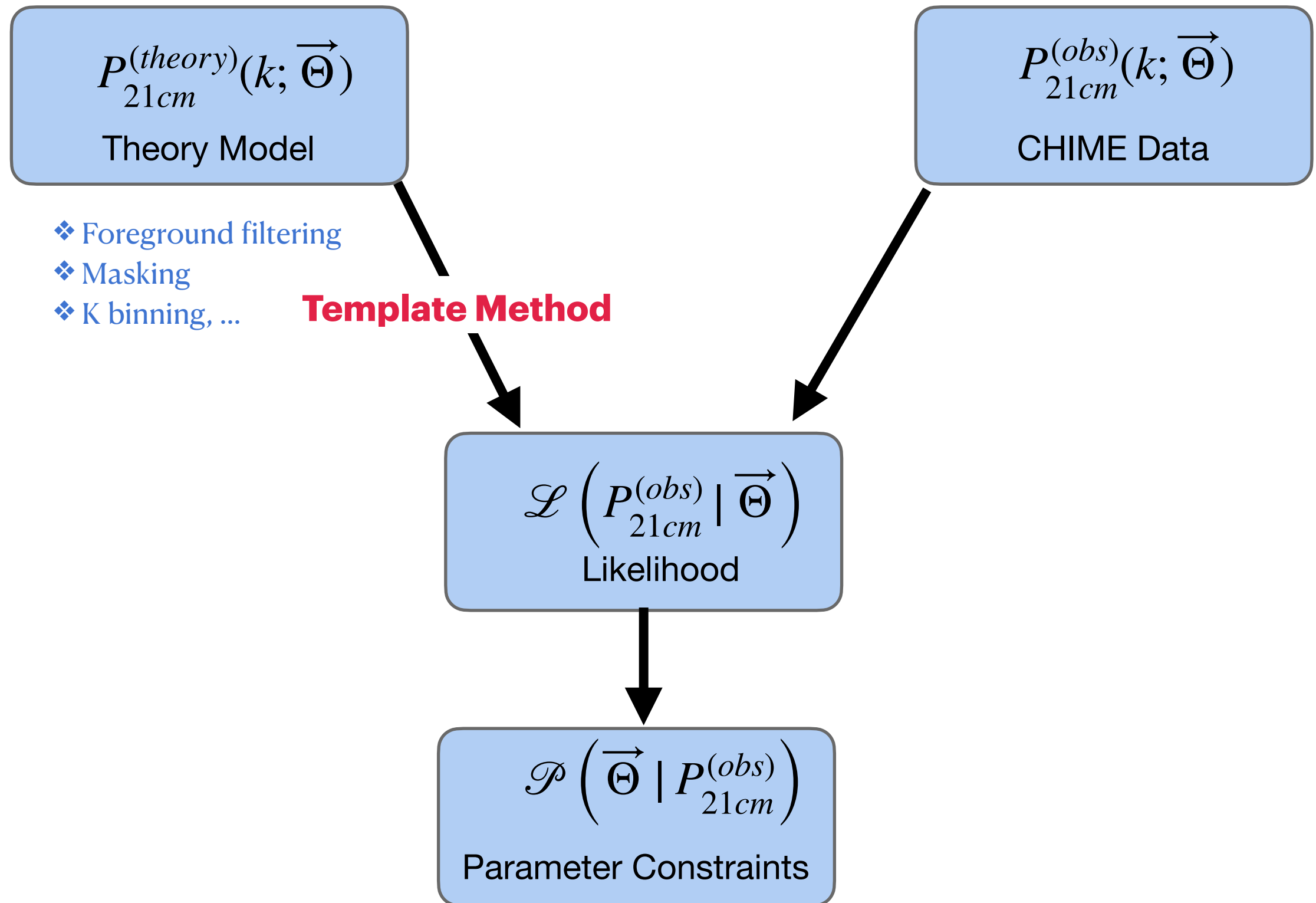
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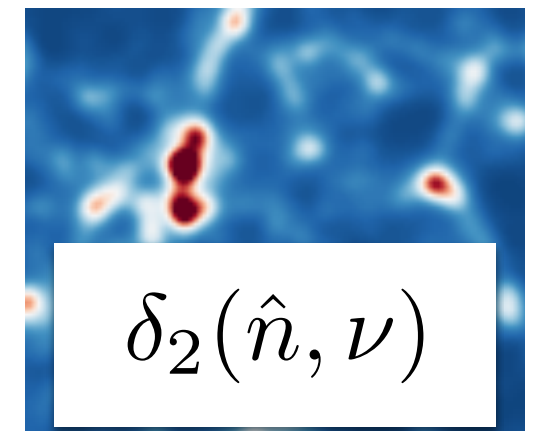
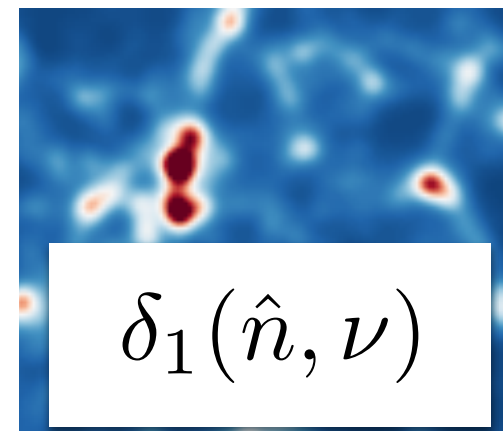


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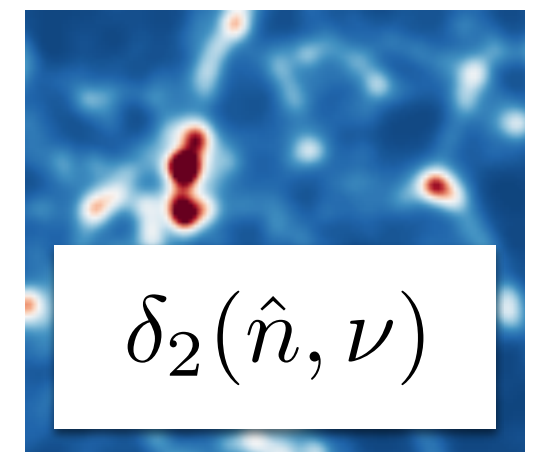
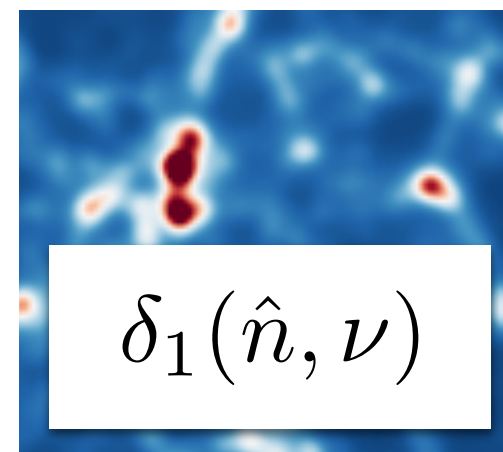
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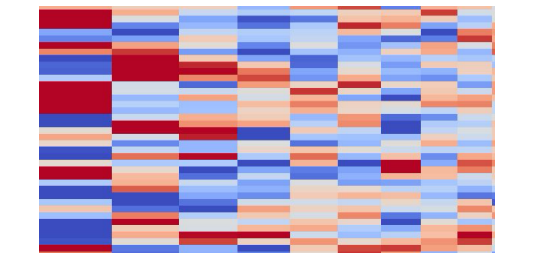
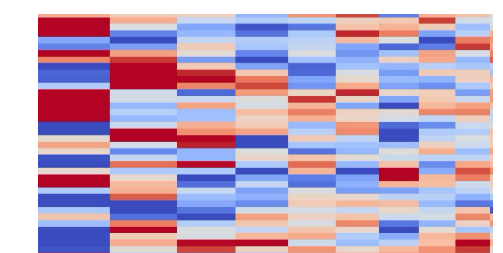
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NB: Pipeline must be linear!



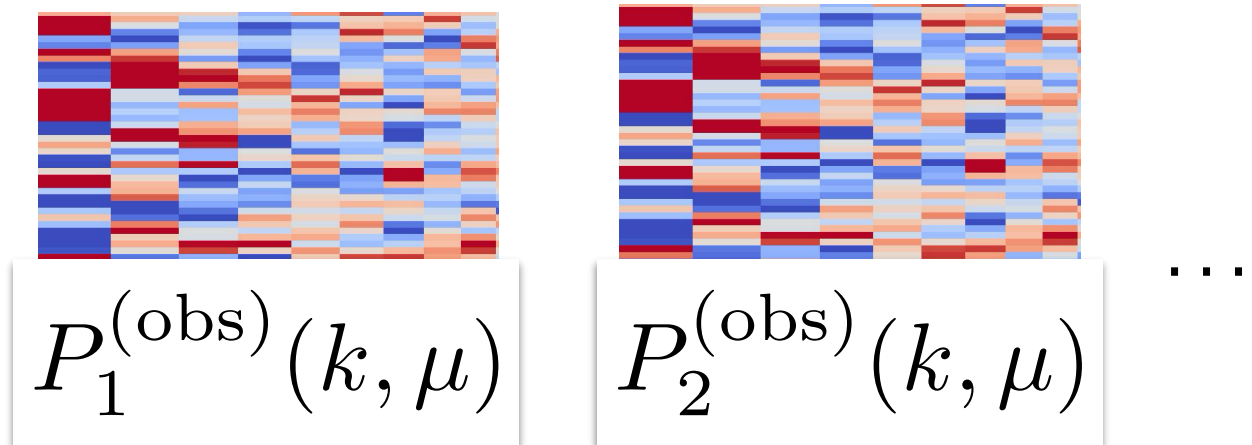
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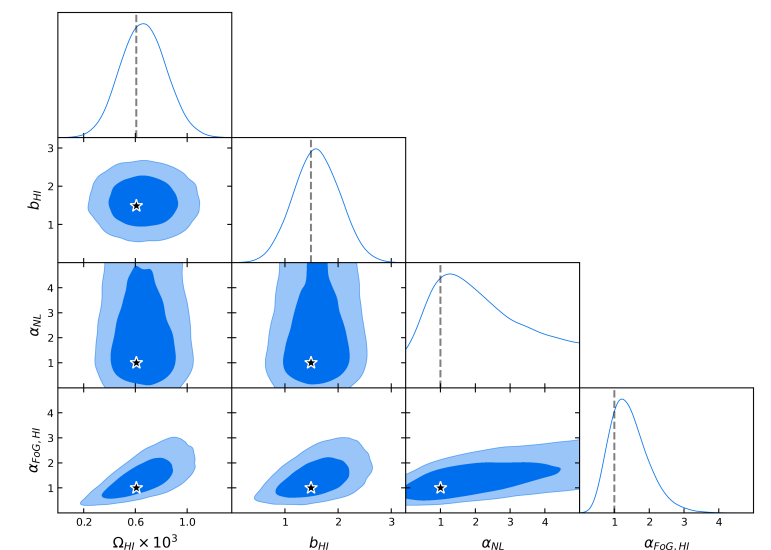
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4. Observed power spectrum is linear combination of obs. templates

$$P_{\text{signal}}^{(\text{obs})}(k, \mu; \vec{\Theta}) = \sum_i \theta_i P_i^{(\text{obs})}(k, \mu)$$

5. Sample likelihood to obtain posterior for $\vec{\Theta}$



$$P_{21cm}^{(theory)}(k, \mu, z) = T_b(z)^2 \left[b_{HI}(z) + f\mu^2 \right]^2 D_{FoG}(k\mu, z)^2 \\ \times \left[\alpha_{NL} P_m^{(nonlin)}(k, z) + (1 - \alpha_{NL}) P_m^{(lin)}(k, z) \right]$$

Matter power spectrum; α_{NL} interpolates between linear and nonlinear models (at fixed cosmology)

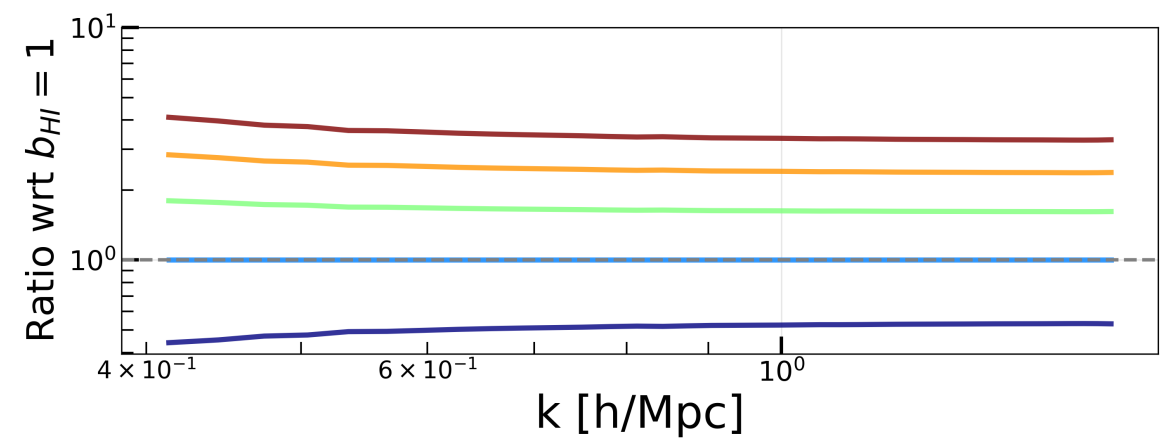
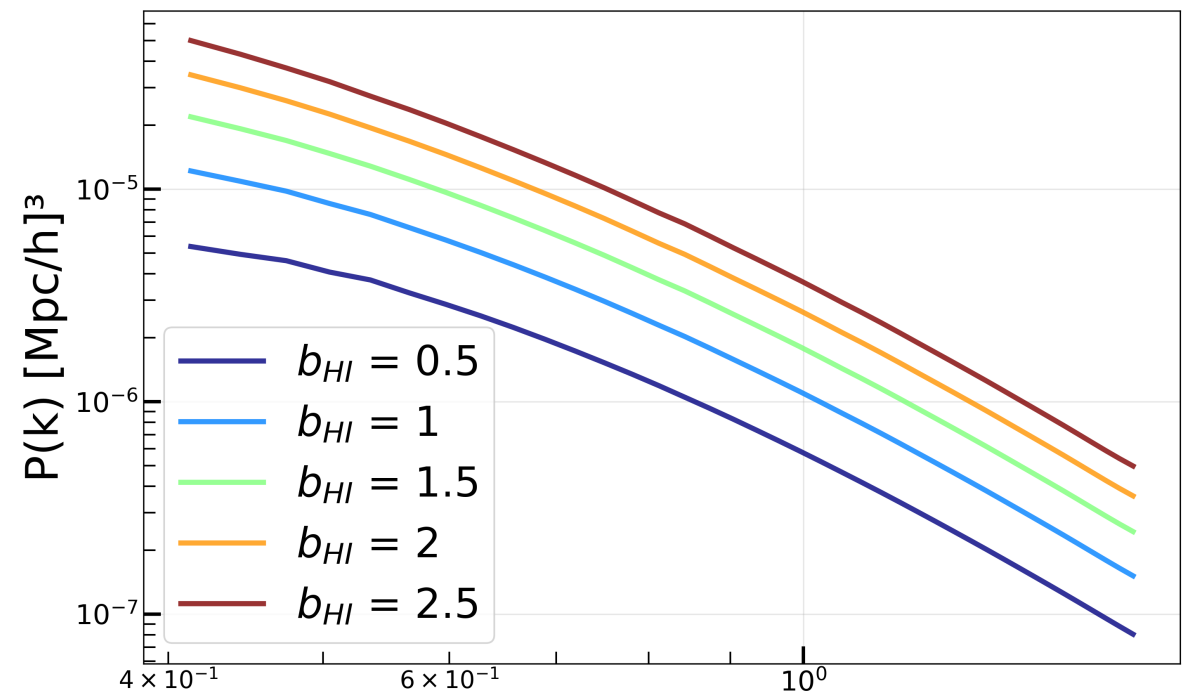
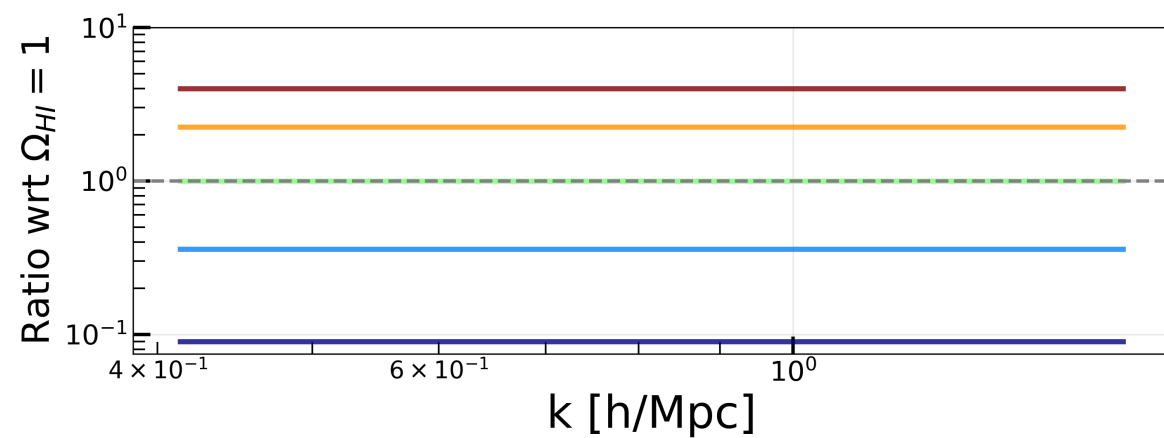
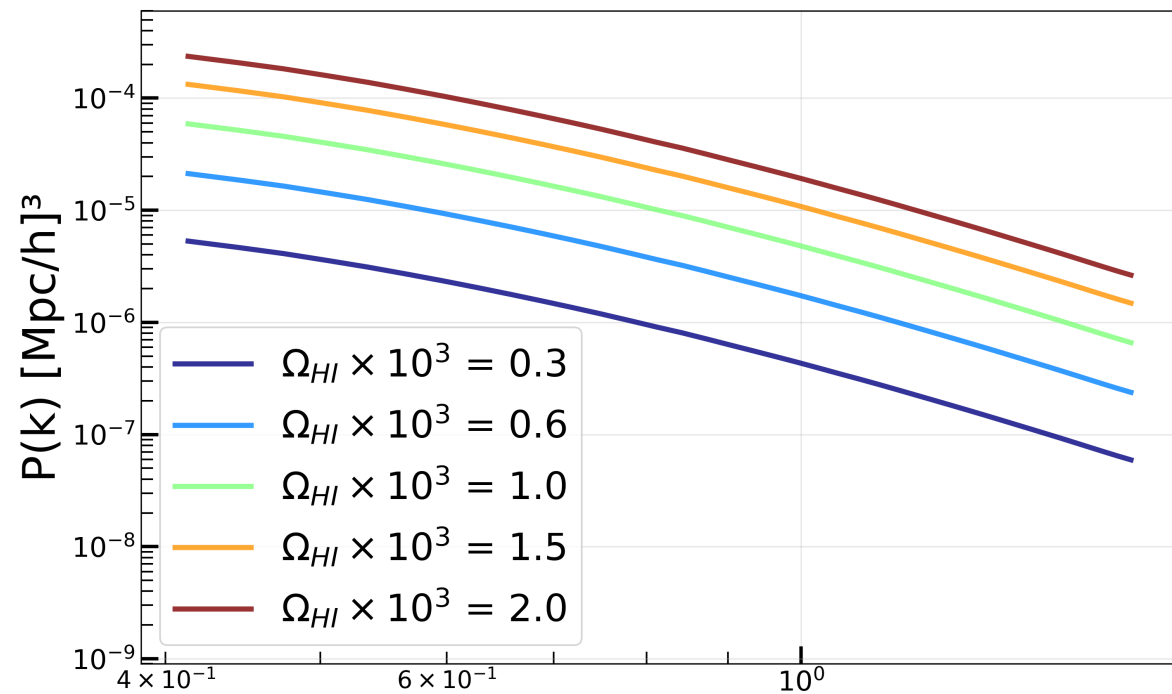
b_{HI} = linear HI bias

$f\mu^2$ = redshift-space distortions on large scales (“kaiser”)

D_{FoG} = RSD on small scales (“Finger of God”) $\longrightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2\mu^2\sigma_{FoG}^2}$

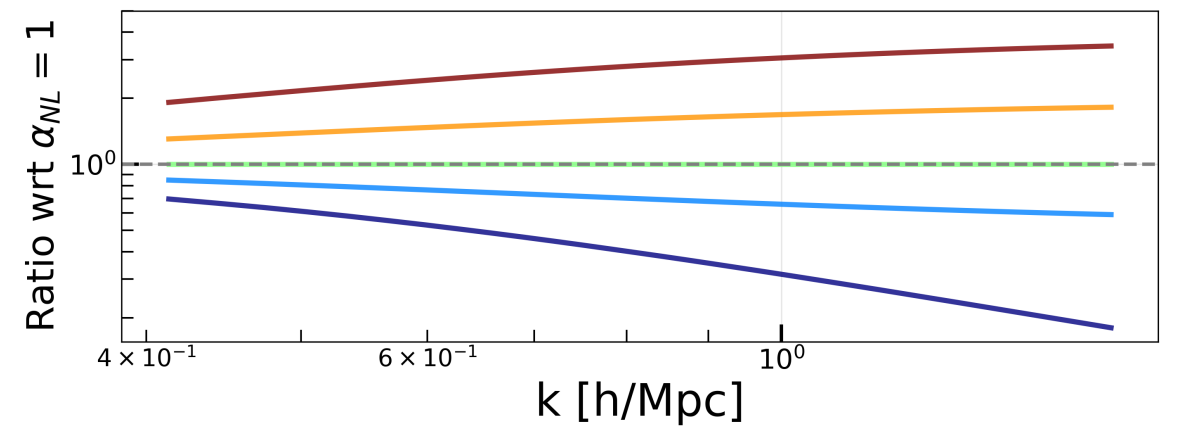
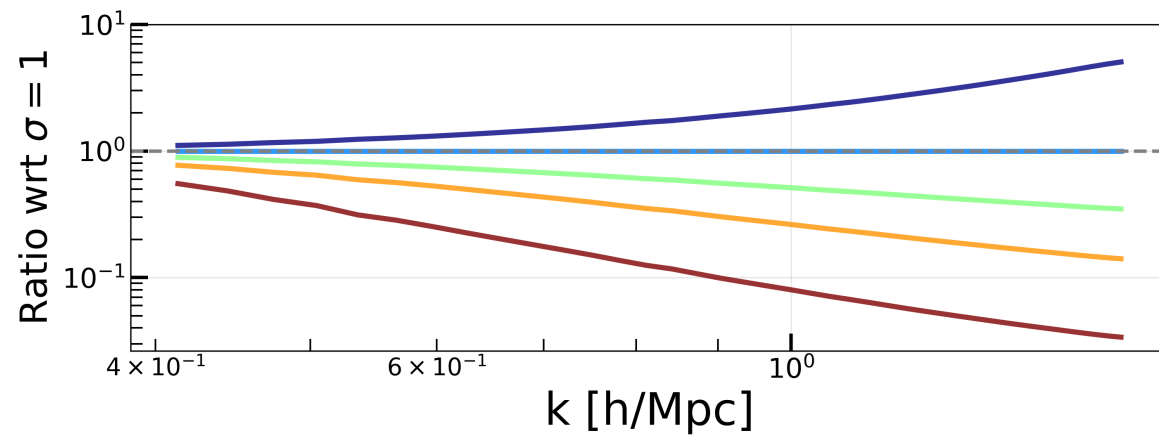
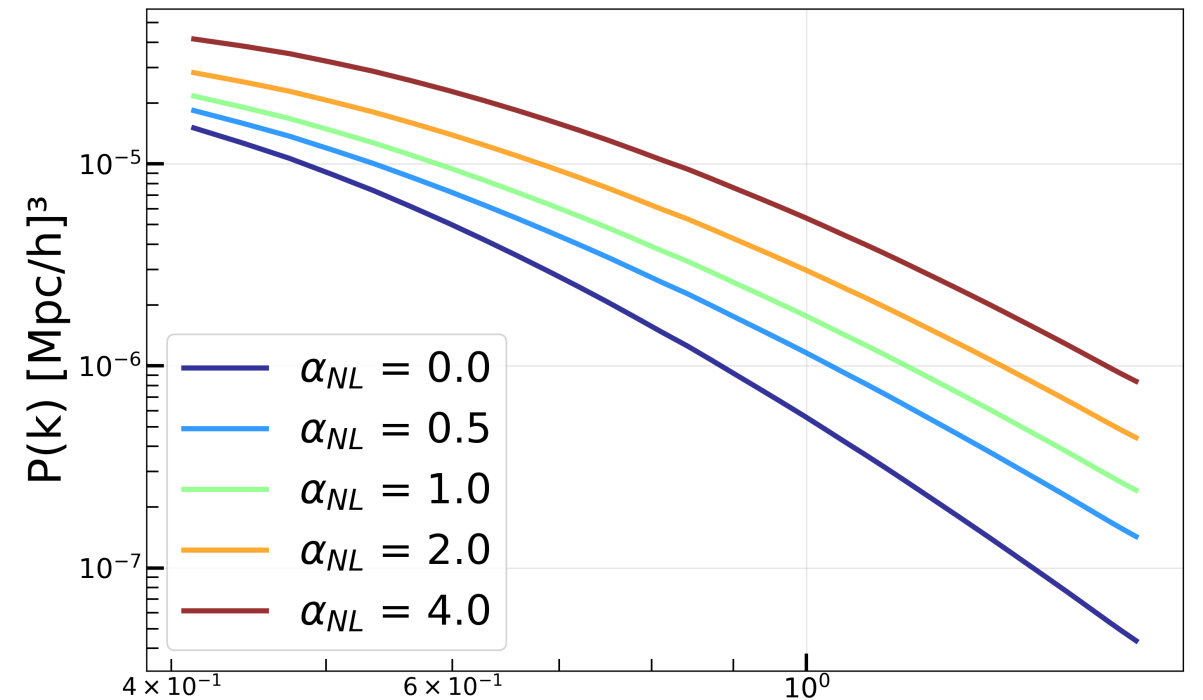
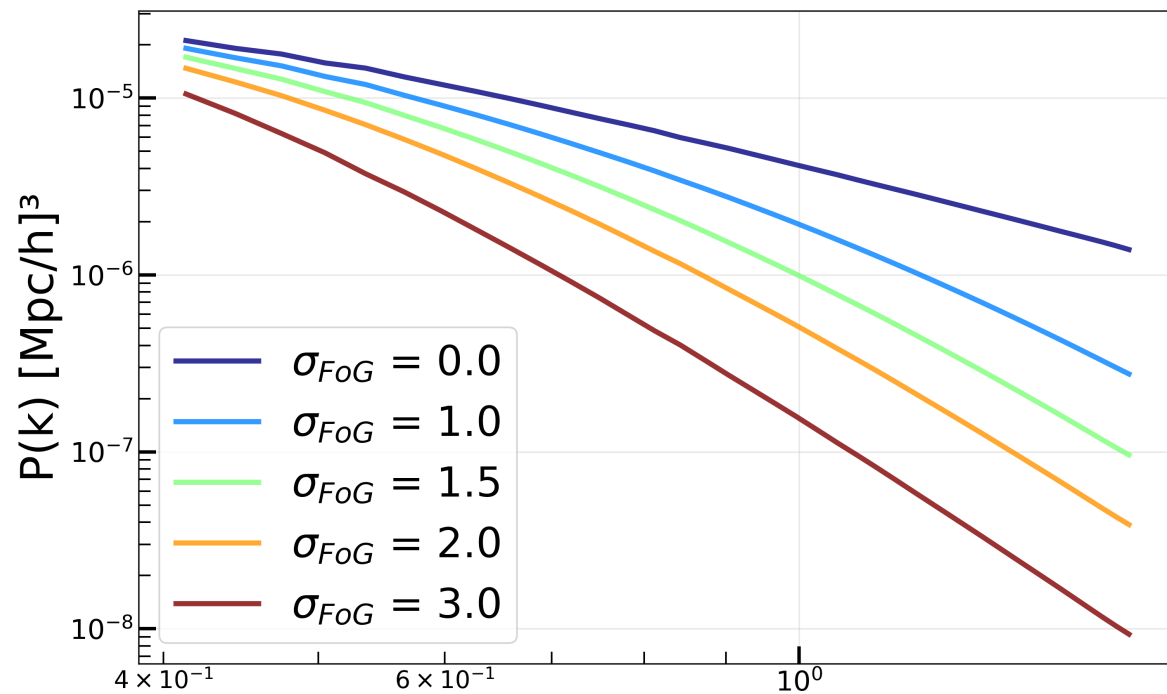
T_b = mean 21cm brightness temperature, $\propto \Omega_{HI}$

Parameter sensitivity: Ω_{HI} and b_{HI}



Increases the overall amplitude

Parameter sensitivity: σ_{FoG} and α_{NL}



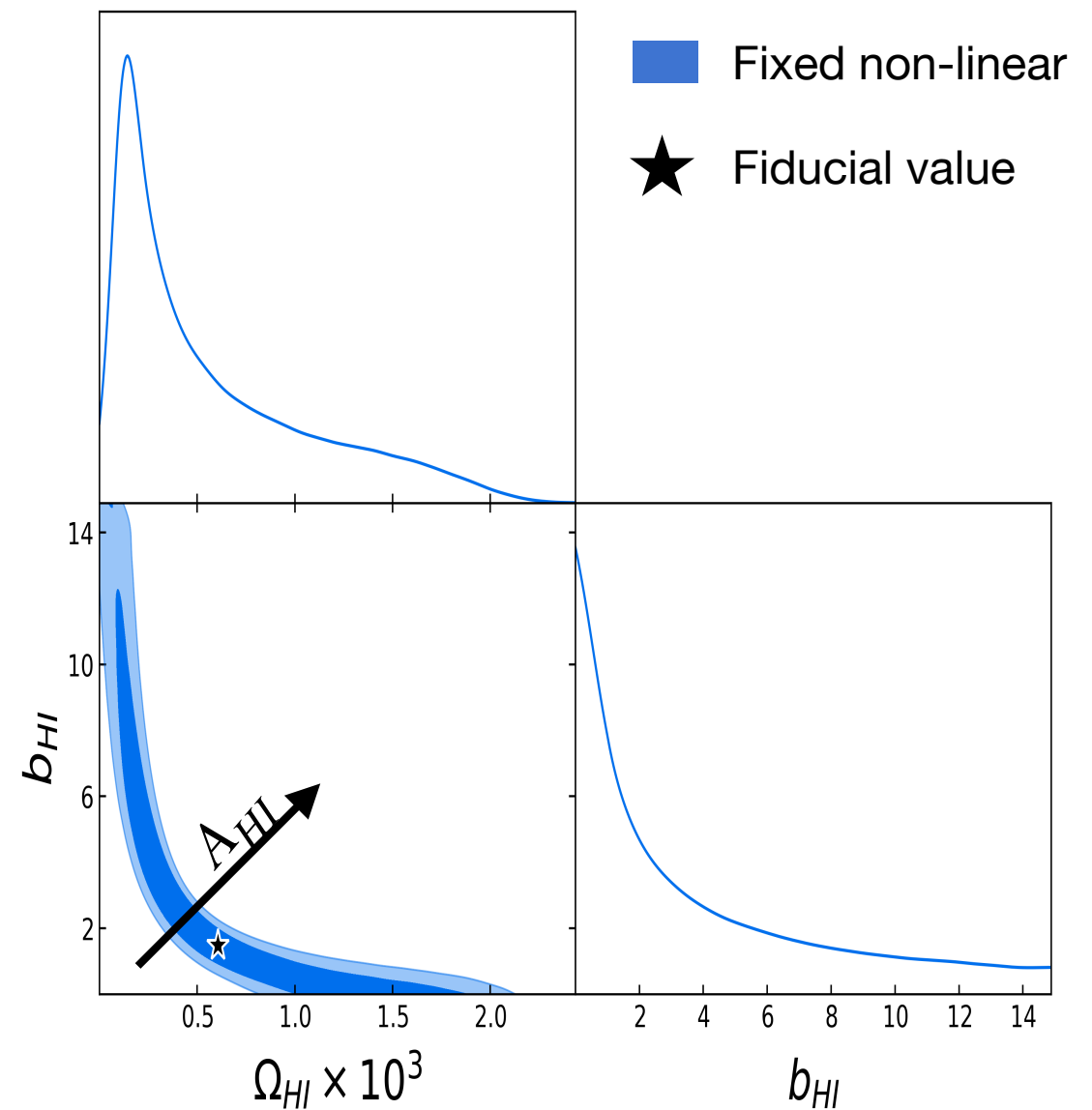
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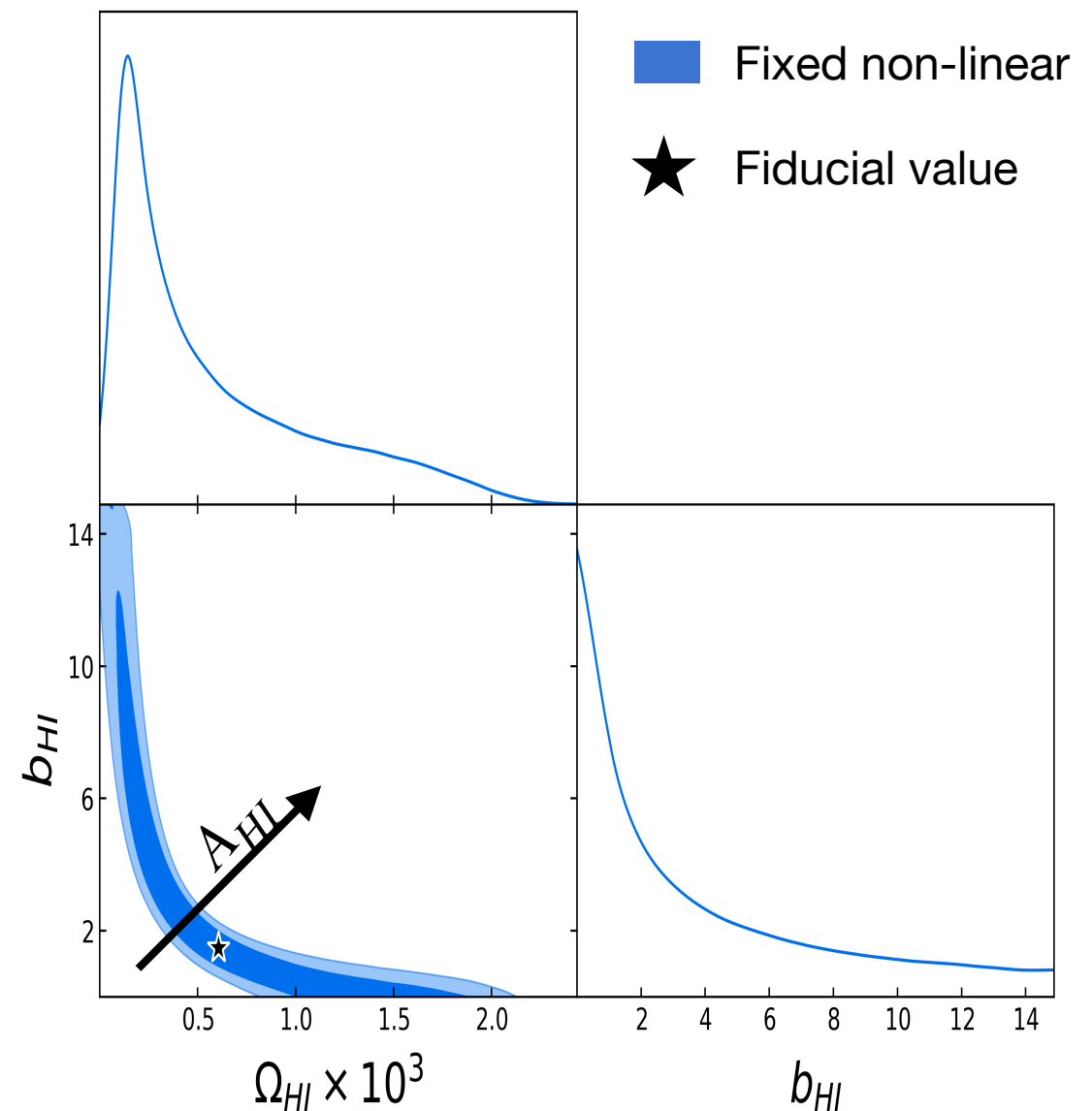
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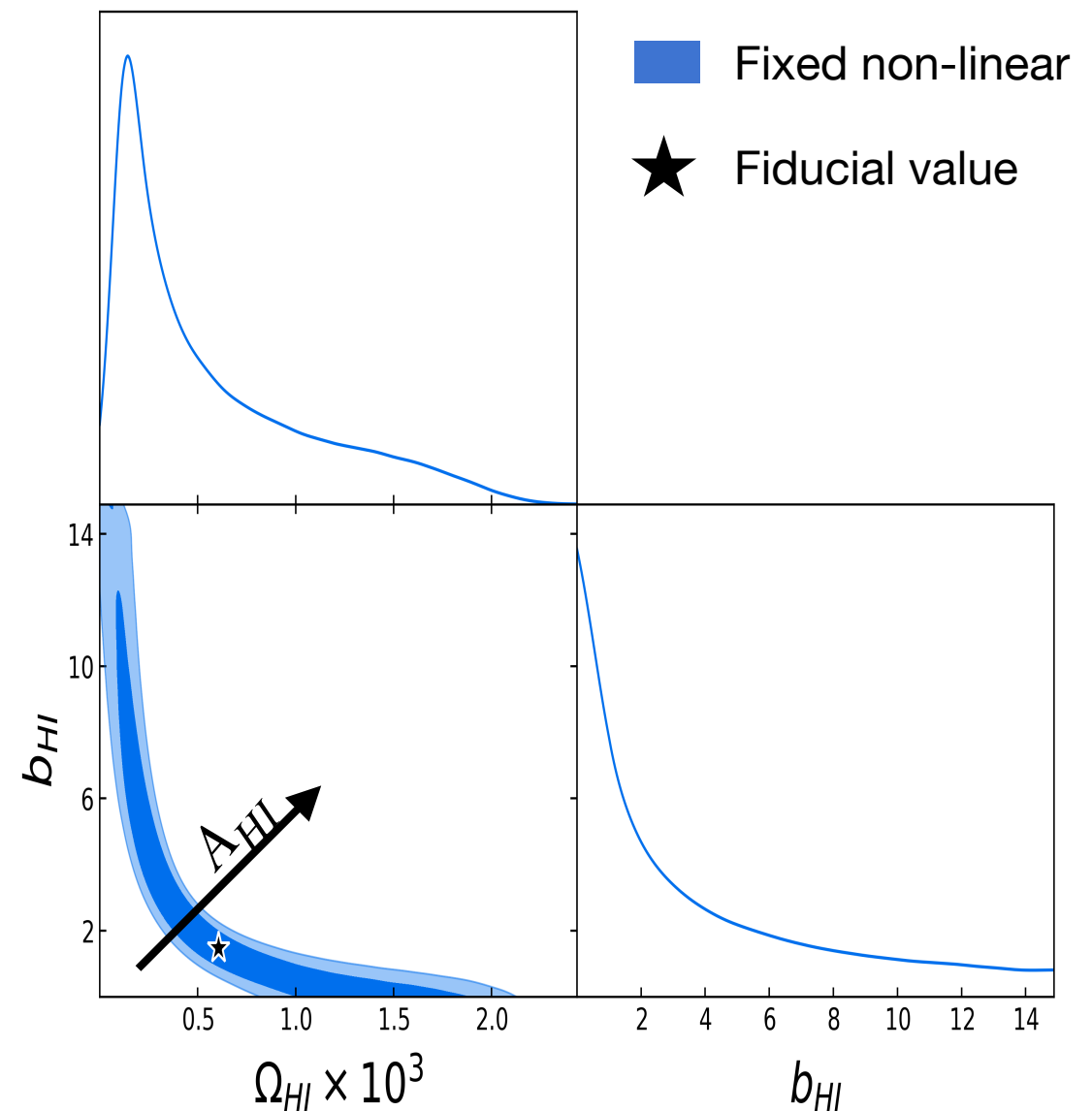
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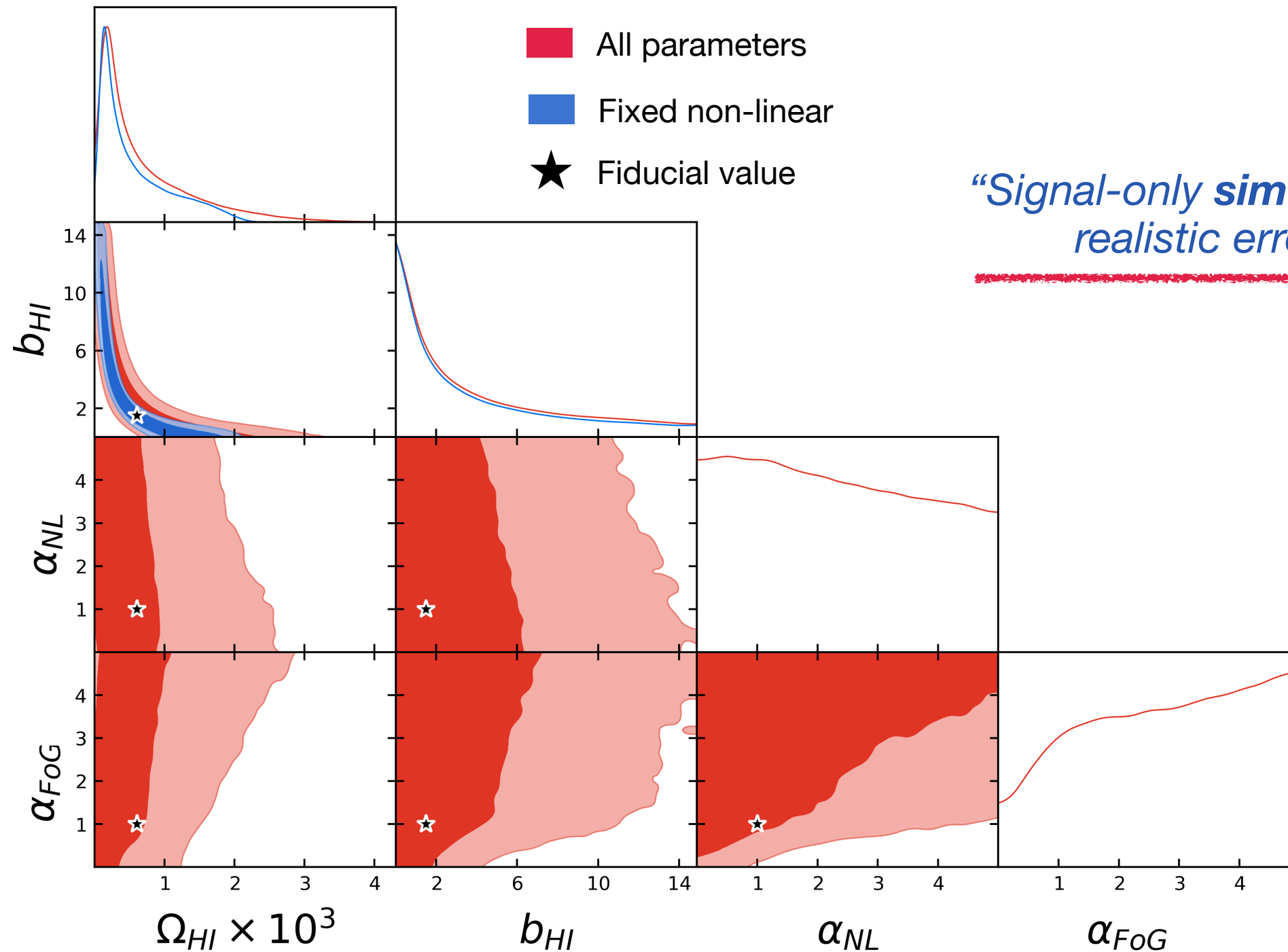
Nuisance parameters

$$\alpha_{FoG}, \alpha_{NL} \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha_{FoG} = \frac{\sigma_{FoG}(z)}{\sigma_{FoG}^{fid}(z_{eff})}$$



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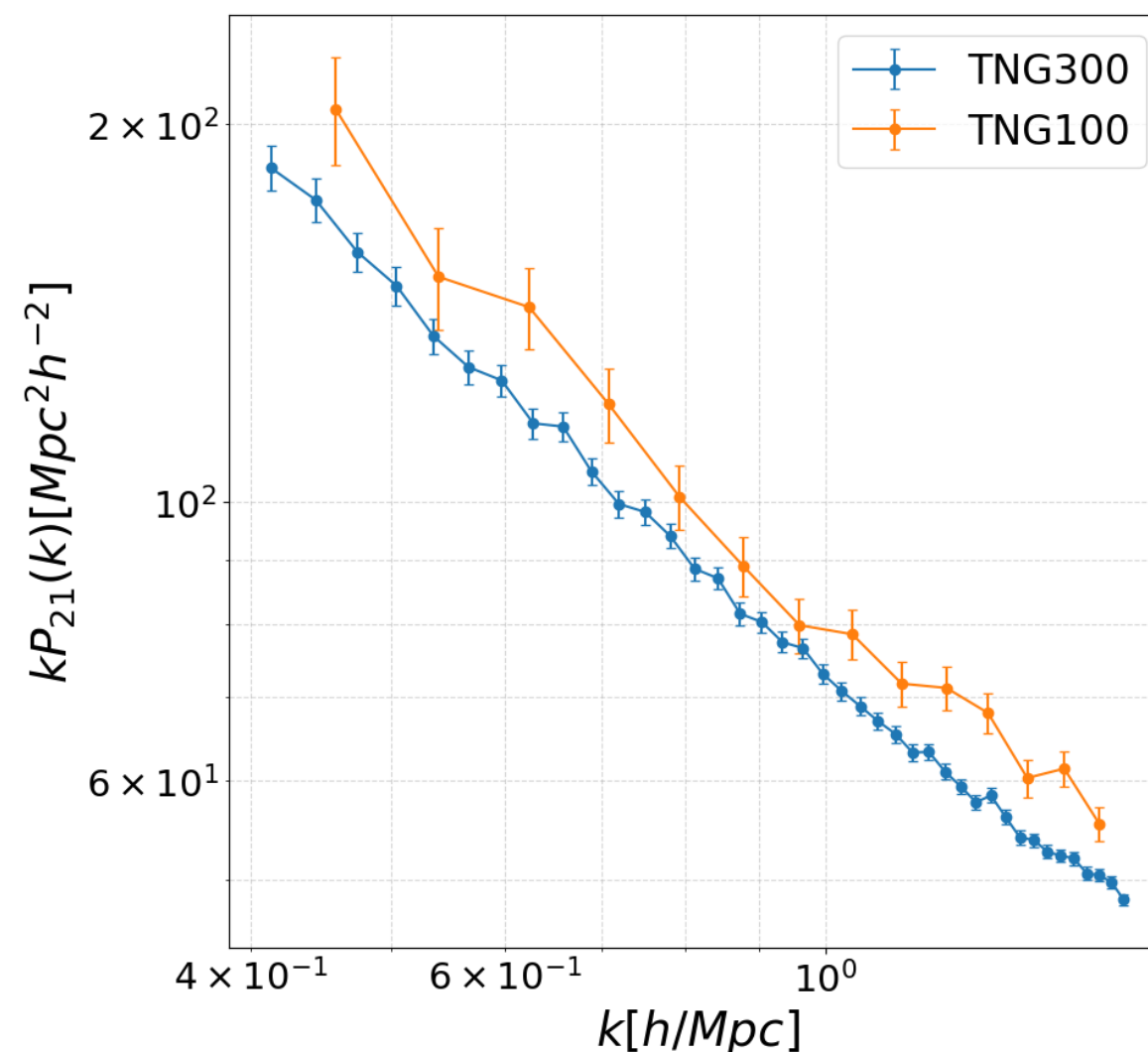
Reality check: Does our model hold up?



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In progress...

- Verifying that 4-parameter model is flexible enough to fit **IllustrisTNG** HI power spectrum
- Verifying that TNG values of Ω_{HI} , b_{HI} are recovered from simulated parameter inference
- Ensuring that posteriors are unbiased if extended power spectrum model is used (e.g. including shot noise, FoG from intra-galaxy HI motions)



Summary

- We use simulation-based pipeline to bridge theoretical HI power spectrum model to CHIME observations
- Our model includes Ω_{HI} , b_{HI} , and nuisance parameters α_{FoG} and α_{NL} characterizing small-scale physics.
- Strong degeneracy exists between Ω_{HI} and b_{HI} , limiting individual parameter constraints.
- We address this by constraining the amplitude parameter A_{HI} , which remains well-determined.
- Model accuracy is verified through systematic validation against IllustrisTNG hydrodynamical simulations.

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