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# Fisher forecasts for the MeerKlass survey

# Outline

- Parameter estimation and Bayes Theorem;
- The Fisher matrix;
- Clustering estimators and the Fisher;
- Forecasts for MeerKAT's time proposals.

# Prelude

“To call in the statistician after the experiment is done may be no more than asking him to perform a post-mortem examination: he may be able to say what the experiment died of.”

**R. A. Fisher (1938)**

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How do we predict the performance of  
an experiment, or how do we design (or  
optimise it) with some goals in mind?

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$p(\mathbf{X}|\vartheta) \equiv \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}|\vartheta)$  – Likelihood

$p(\vartheta) \equiv \Pi(\vartheta)$  – Prior

$p(\mathbf{X})$  – Evidence

# Parameter estimation and Bayes Theorem

Bayes Theorem

Posterior probability  $\propto$  Likelihood  $\times$  Prior

Average value

$$\langle \vartheta \rangle = \int d\vartheta \mathcal{P}(\vartheta | \mathbf{X}) \vartheta$$

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## Error estimation

- Let's assume a gaussian likelihood for the n-dimensional data vector  $\mathbf{X}$  with covariance Sigma. For gaussian random errors it holds!
- For a moment let us take the posterior of the m parameters theta to be gaussian. It doesn't have to be.  $\mathbf{F}$  is then the covariance of the parameters;

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}|\vartheta) = \frac{1}{((2\pi)^n \det \Sigma)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{X}-\bar{\mathbf{X}})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{X}-\bar{\mathbf{X}})}$$

Basically the Chi-square

$$\mathcal{P}(\vartheta|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{((2\pi)^m \det(\mathbf{F}^{-1}))^{m/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vartheta-\bar{\vartheta})^T \mathbf{F}(\vartheta-\bar{\vartheta})}$$

If the posterior is not a multivariate gaussian the expected value may not be the maximum of the posterior.

If the prior is flat (or if we don't care about it) the maximum likelihood estimator (or minimising the Chi-square) is the same as getting the maximum posterior

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Marginal Error

$$\sigma_\vartheta = \sqrt{(\mathbf{F}^{-1})_{\vartheta\vartheta}}$$

Conditional Error

$$\sigma_\vartheta^{\text{conditional}} = 1 / \sqrt{\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta\vartheta}}$$

# The Fisher Matrix

How do we estimate future errors?

Estimate the Fisher matrix  
with fiducial data

I will abuse of notation and use the  
same notation as before

$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_\alpha \vartheta_\beta} \equiv -\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{P}(\vartheta | \mathbf{X})}{\partial \vartheta_\alpha \partial \vartheta_\beta} \Bigg|_{\vartheta=\bar{\vartheta}} = -\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X} | \vartheta)}{\partial \vartheta_\alpha \partial \vartheta_\beta} \Bigg|_{\vartheta=\bar{\vartheta}} - \frac{\partial^2 \ln \Pi(\vartheta)}{\partial \vartheta_\alpha \partial \vartheta_\beta} \Bigg|_{\vartheta=\bar{\vartheta}}$$

Fiducial Likelihood      Prior information

Let's neglect it for now

For a Maximum Likelihood estimator the theorems are true

- For any unbiased estimator the Cramér-Rao inequality holds;  $\Delta\vartheta = (\langle \vartheta^2 \rangle - \langle \vartheta \rangle^2)^{1/2} \geq 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta\vartheta}}$
- If an unbiased estimator attaining ("saturating") the Cramér-Rao bound exists, it is the ML estimator (or a function thereof);
- The ML-estimator is asymptotically a Best Unbiased Estimator.

# The Fisher Matrix

The gaussian case

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$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_i \vartheta_j} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma_{,\vartheta_i} \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma_{,\vartheta_j} + \Sigma^{-1} M_{\vartheta_i \vartheta_j} \right]$$

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Full derivation

Heavans (arXiv:0906.0664)

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$a_{\ell m}$

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \langle a_{\ell m} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Sigma = \langle a_{\ell m} a_{\ell m}^* \rangle = C_\ell + \mathcal{N}_\ell$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_i \vartheta_j} = \sum_{\ell_{\min}}^{\ell_{\max}} \frac{(2\ell + 1)}{2} f_{\text{sky}} \text{Tr} \left[ (\partial_{\vartheta_i} \mathbf{C}_\ell) \Sigma_\ell^{-1} (\partial_{\vartheta_j} \mathbf{C}_\ell) \Sigma_\ell^{-1} \right]$$

Number of  $m$  for each  $\ell$

Incomplete  $m$  summation

Tegmark et al., ApJ (1997)

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Becomes a 4-point function which we neglect

$$C_\ell$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = C_\ell$$

$$(\Sigma_\ell)_{ij,pq} = \text{Cov} \left[ \hat{C}_{\ell,ij}^{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{C}_{\ell',pq}^{\mathcal{M}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\ell+1) f_{\text{sky}}} \left( C_{\ell,ip}^{\mathcal{G}} C_{\ell,jq}^{\mathcal{G}} + C_{\ell,iq}^{\mathcal{G}} C_{\ell,jp}^{\mathcal{G}} \right)$$

$$C_{\ell,ij}^{\mathcal{G}} \equiv C_{\ell,ij}^{\mathcal{S}} + C_{\ell,ij}^{\mathcal{N}}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_\alpha \vartheta_\beta} = \sum_\ell \frac{\partial C_{\ell,ij}^{\mathcal{M}}}{\partial \vartheta_\alpha} \Sigma_{\ell,ij,mn}^{-1} \frac{\partial C_{\ell,mn}^{\mathcal{M}}}{\partial \vartheta_\beta}$$

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$\delta$

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \langle \delta \rangle = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_i \vartheta_j} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{\text{survey}}}{4\pi^2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk \frac{\partial P(k, \mu)}{\partial \vartheta_i} \frac{\partial P(k, \mu)}{\partial \vartheta_j} \left( \frac{1}{P(k, \mu) + N} \right)^2$$

$$\Sigma = \langle \delta_k \delta_{k'}^* \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_D^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') (P(k, \mu) + N)$$

# Clustering Estimators and the Fisher

Example: Cross Correlation Power spectrum

$$\mathbf{F}_{\vartheta_i \vartheta_j} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \vartheta_i} \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \vartheta_j} \right]$$

Let us simplify to one k mode

$$\vartheta = \{P_1, P_2, P_{12}\} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_{12} \\ P_{12} & P_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 + N_1 & P_{12} \\ P_{12} & P_2 + N_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_k}{(P_1 + N_1)(P_2 + N_2) - P_{12}^2} \begin{bmatrix} (P_2 + N_2)^2 & P_{12}^2 & -2P_{12}(P_2 + N_2) \\ P_{12}^2 & (P_1 + N_1)^2 & -2P_{12}(P_1 + N_1) \\ -2P_{12}(P_2 + N_2) & -2P_{12}(P_1 + N_1) & 2((P_1 + N_1)(P_2 + N_2) + P_{12}^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \frac{2}{N_k} \begin{bmatrix} (P_1 + N_1)^2 & P_{12}^2 & P_{12}(P_1 + N_1) \\ P_{12}^2 & (P_2 + N_2)^2 & P_{12}(P_2 + N_2) \\ P_{12}(P_1 + N_1) & P_{12}(P_2 + N_2) & ((P_1 + N_1)(P_2 + N_2) + P_{12}^2)/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Forecasts for MeerKAT

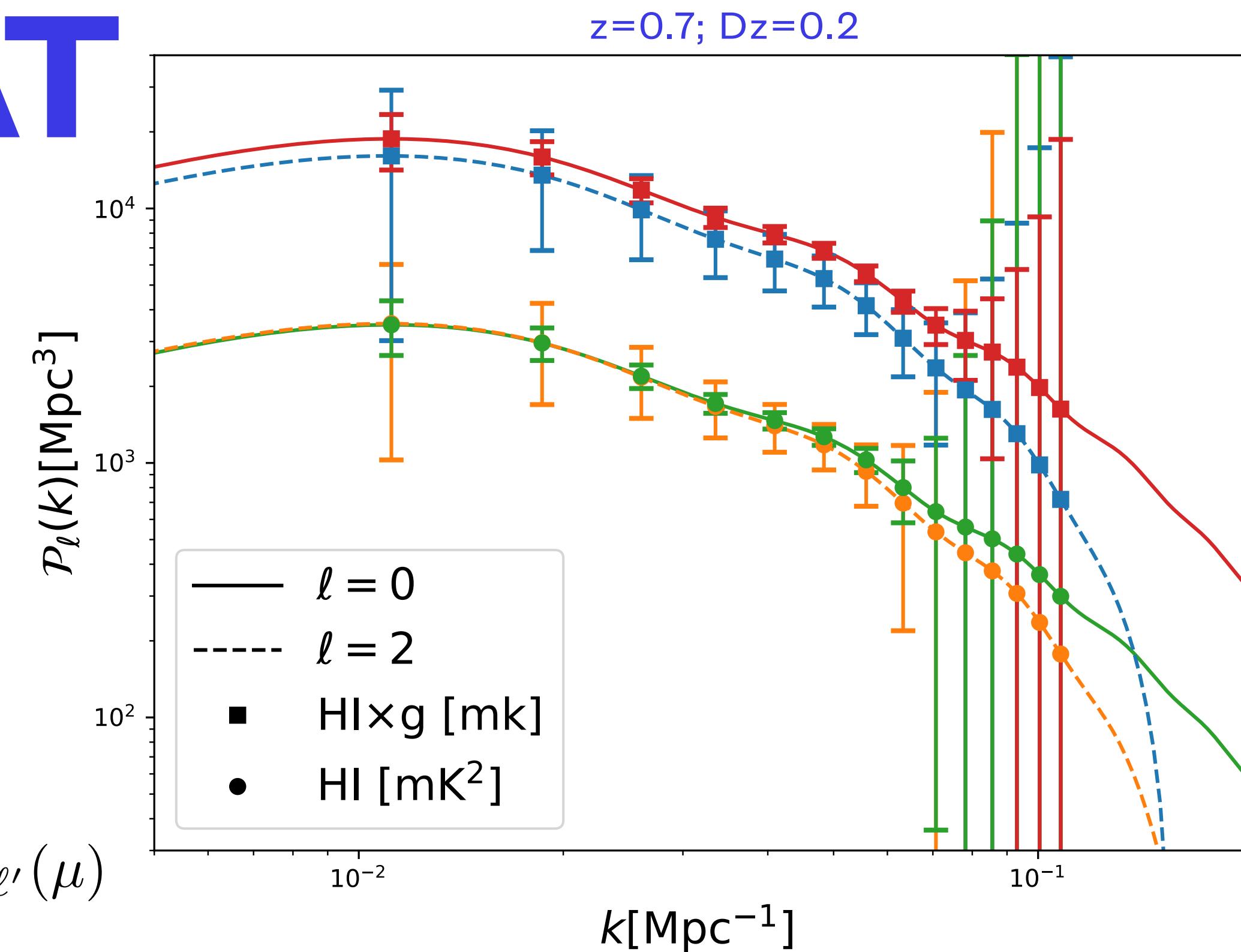
Using multipoles of the power spectrum

$$\mathcal{P}_\ell(z, k) = \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \ P(z, k, \mu) \mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu)$$

$$\Sigma_\ell^{\text{auto}}(z, k) = \frac{(2\ell + 1)(2\ell' + 2)}{2N_k} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \ (P(z, k, \mu) + N(z))^2 \mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu) \mathcal{L}_{\ell'}(\mu)$$

$$\Sigma_\ell^X(z, k) = \frac{(2\ell + 1)(2\ell' + 2)}{4N_k} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \left[ (P_1(z, k, \mu) + N_1(z)) (P_2(z, k, \mu) + N_2(z)) + P_X(z, k, \mu) \right] \mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu) \mathcal{L}_{\ell'}(\mu)$$

Rubiola et al., (2021)



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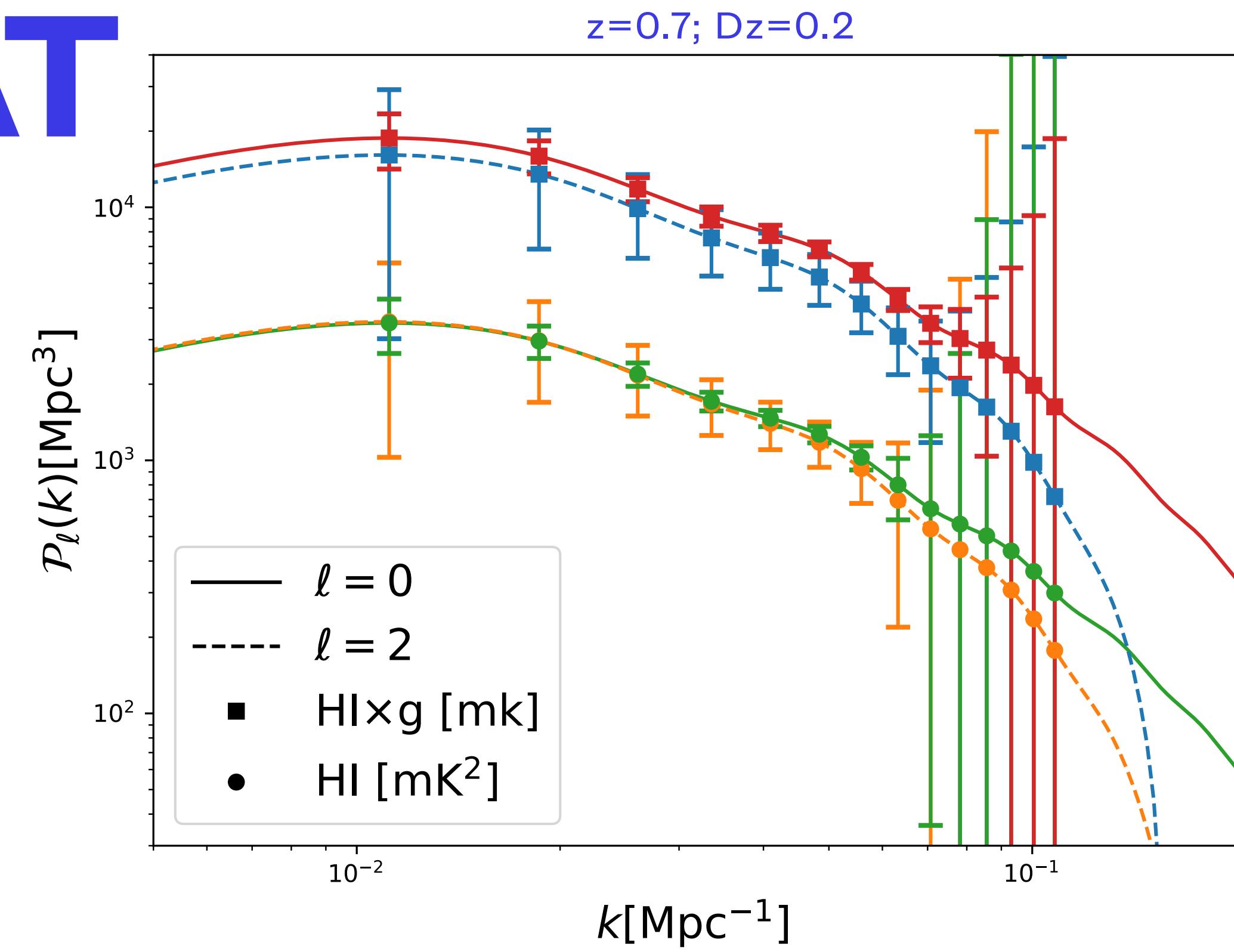
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Specs

$$P_N = \frac{S_A T_{\text{sys}}^2}{2N_D t_{\text{tot}}} \frac{c(1+z)^2 \chi^2(z)}{\nu_{\text{HI}} H(z)} \times \frac{1}{W^2}$$

$$W(k, \mu, z) = e^{-k^2(1-\mu^2)\chi^2\theta_B^2/16\ln 2}$$

- For HI: bias and Temperature from Red Book, UHF system temperature with eta=0.72 (calibrated from L-band), 60 dishes, 60 hr and 500 deg2;
- For the galaxies a generic n=4e-5 Mpc^-3, bias sqrt(1+z);
- k\_min given by the volume and k\_max given by the beam;
- Exclude RFI dominated regions from 0.46-0.52.



$$SNR_\ell = \sqrt{\sum_k \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}_\ell(k)}{\Delta \mathcal{P}_\ell(k)} \right)^2}$$

PHI_0:	27.4
PHI_2:	9.8
PHIg_0:	32.2
PHIg_2:	9.8

# Summary

- Summary of where the Fisher Matrix comes from;
- Forecasts for MeerKAT's time proposals.

