

# Constraining the X-ray heating and ionization of the IGM with

## SIMULATION-BASED INFERENCE

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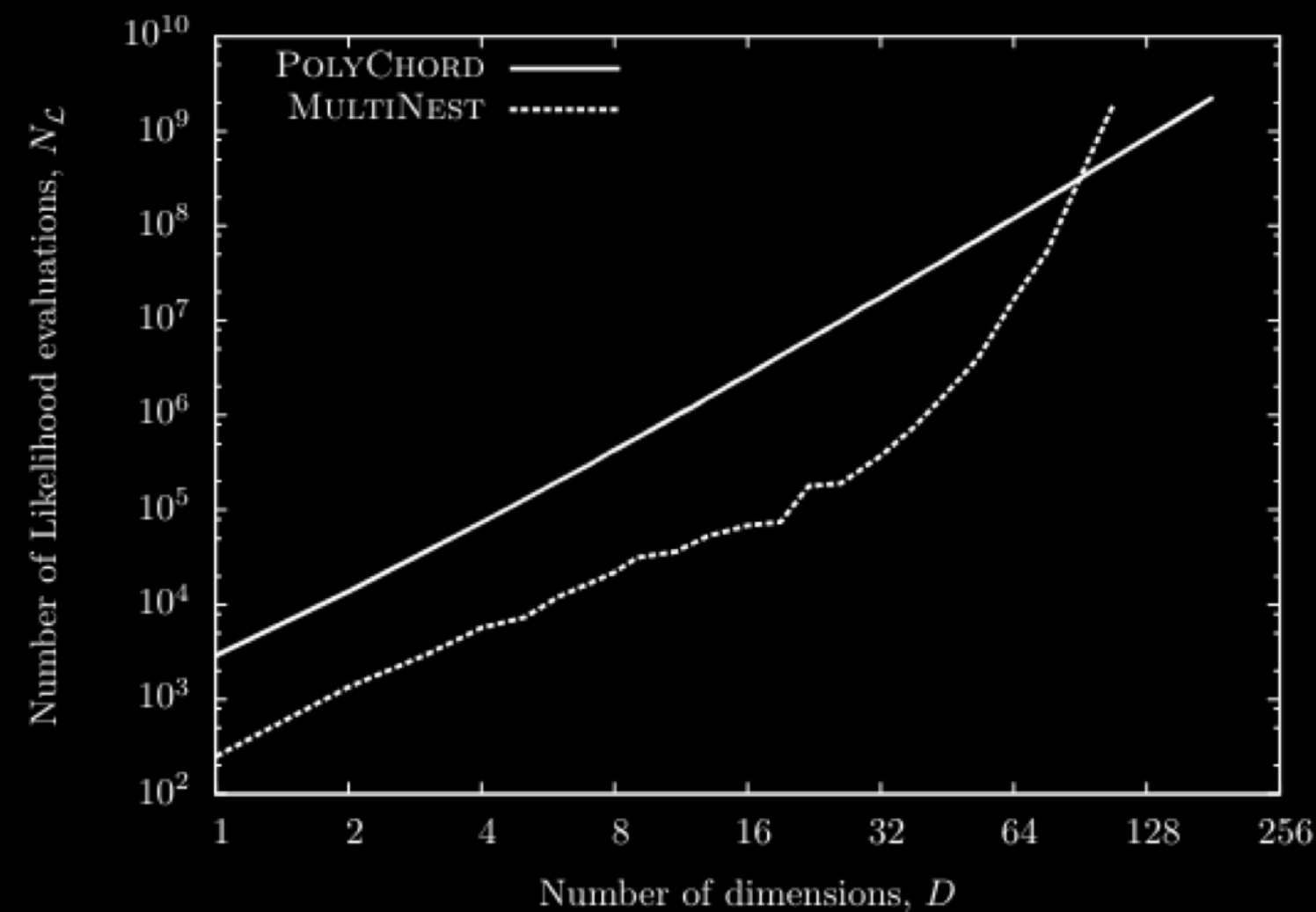
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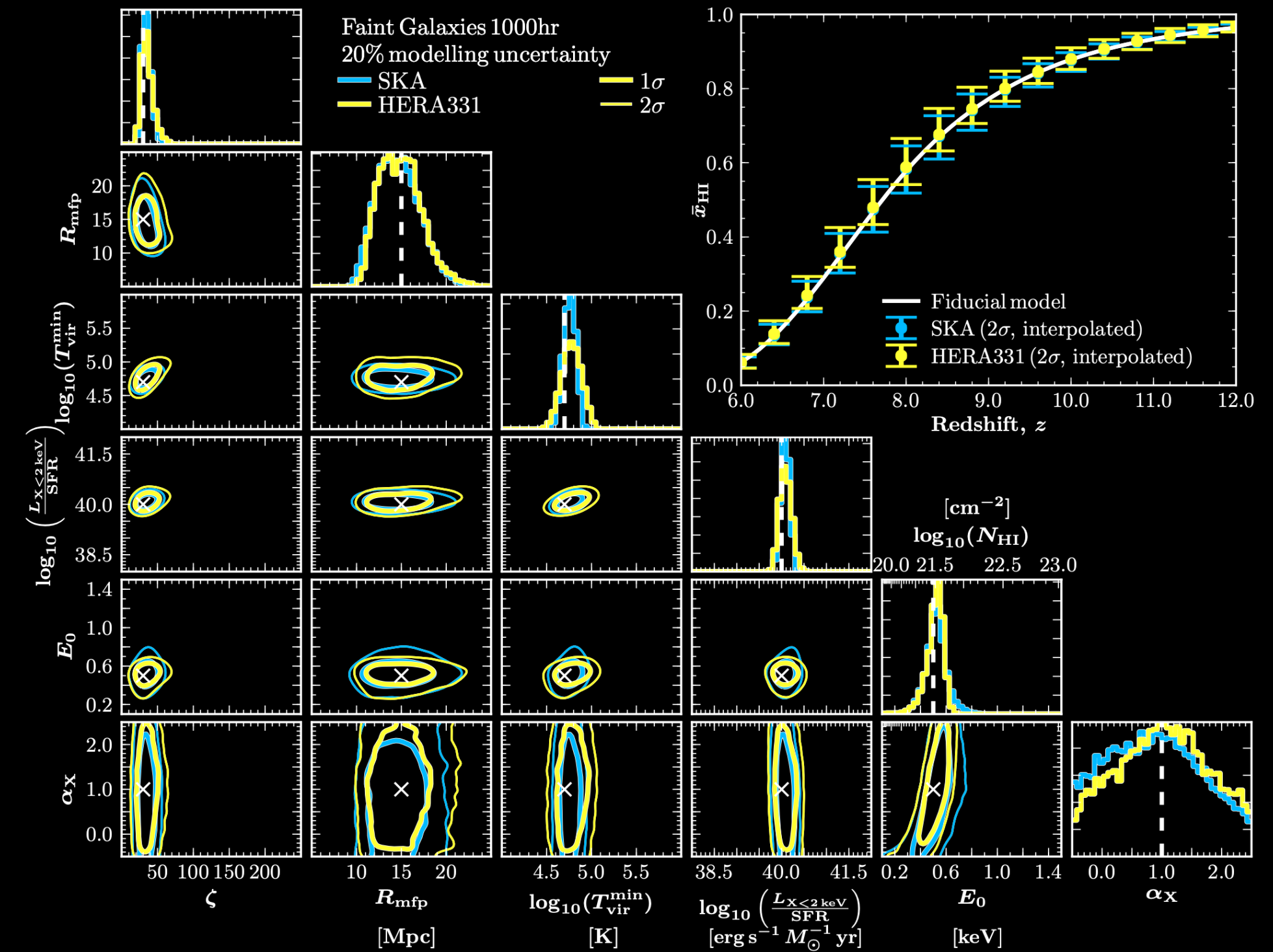
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# Motivation

- CD and EoR host invaluable information about the cosmology and astrophysics of the early universe.
- Interferometric observations of the 21-cm line → Parameter inference
- Modeling the evolution of these epochs is challenging.
- Difficult to perform statistical analysis using the conventional MCMC methods.



Handley et al. (2019)



Greig et al. (2017)

## A step towards evading these issues

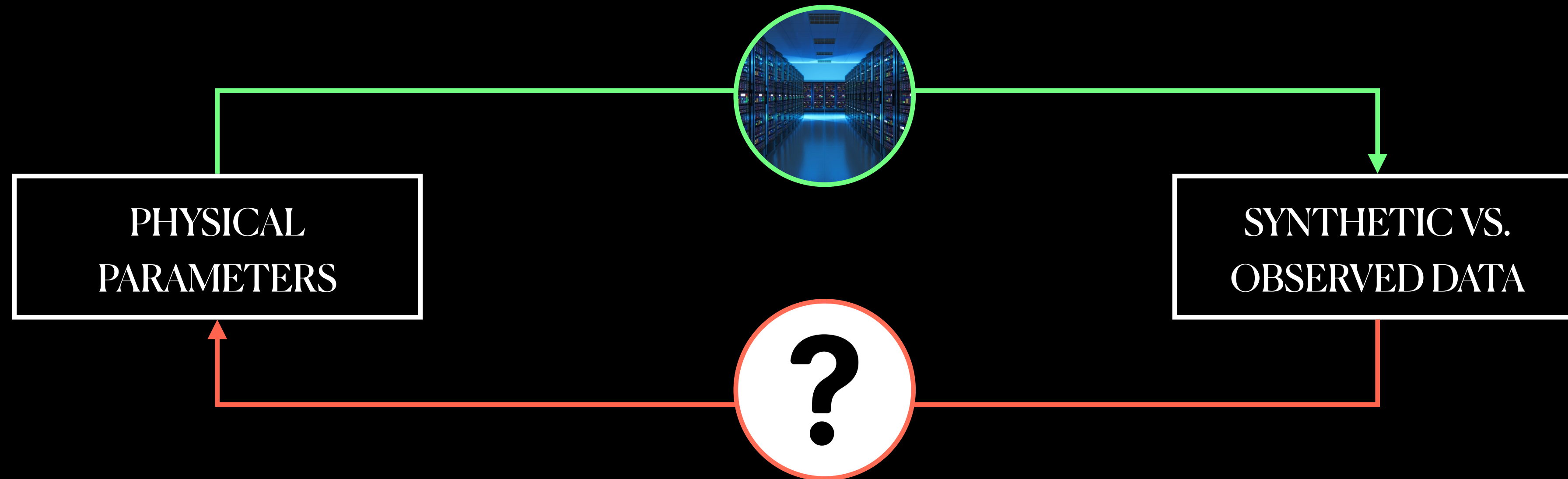
- Likelihood free inference through deep learning

# How to learn from data?

## Solving the inverse problem

Physics and instrument simulators

→ Probability of observed data given a model



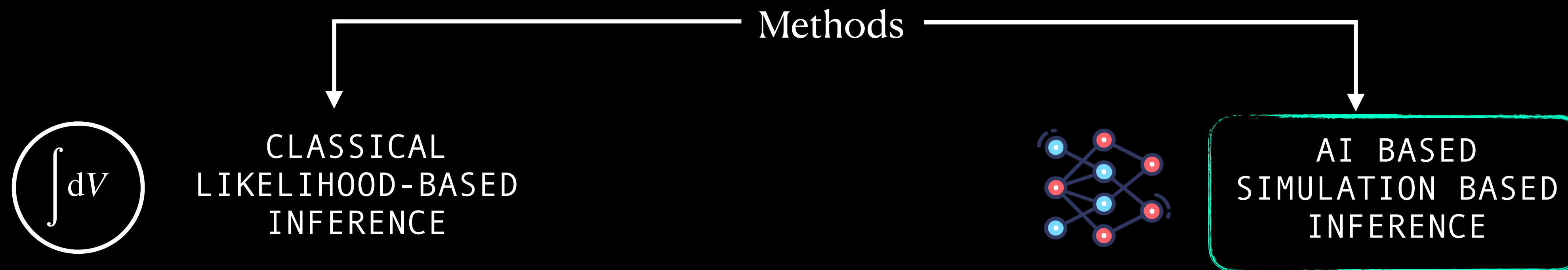
Inverse problem

→ Probability of a physical model given observed data

# Bayes' Theorem

$$p(\theta | x) = \frac{p(x | \theta)}{p(x)} p(\theta),$$

Posterior ← Likelihood  
Evidence ← Prior



Sometimes the problem is **intractable**

$$p(\theta | x) = \frac{\int d^N \eta p(x | \theta, \eta) p(\eta, \theta)}{p(x)}$$

Evaluating posteriors for parameters of interest commonly requires integrating over all parameters that are not of interest.

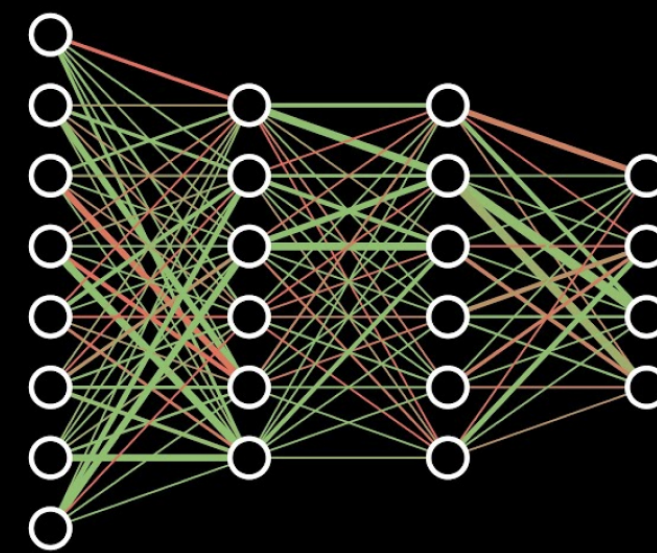
# Simulation-Based Inference

## Neural Ratio Estimation (NRE)

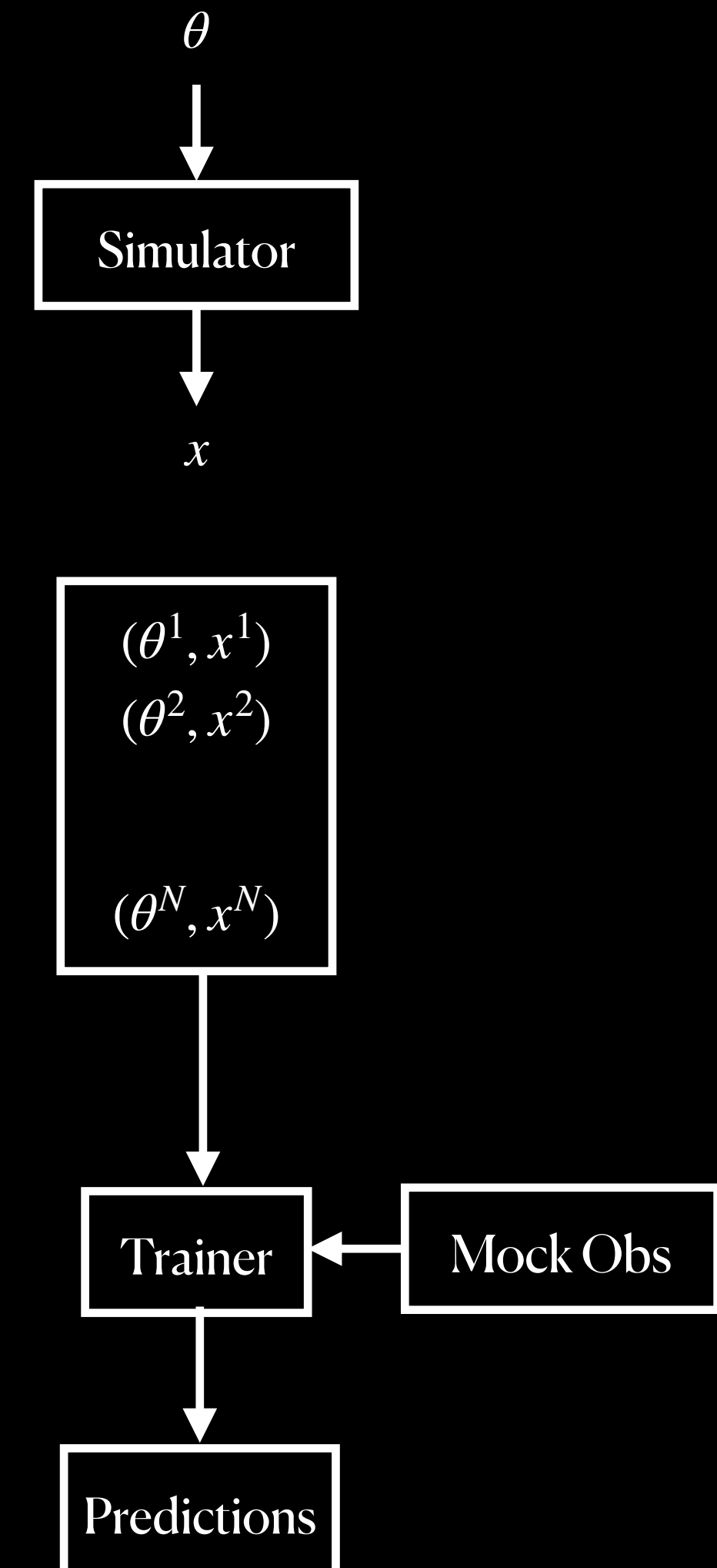
- Likelihood-to-evidence ratio: 
$$r(x, \theta) = \frac{p(x | \theta)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(\theta | x)}{p(\theta)}$$
$$= \frac{p(x, \theta)}{p(x) p(\theta)}$$

- Generate sample-parameter pairs from the simulator  $\{(x^1, \theta^1), (x^2, \theta^2), \dots\}$

- Train a neural network to approximate this ratio



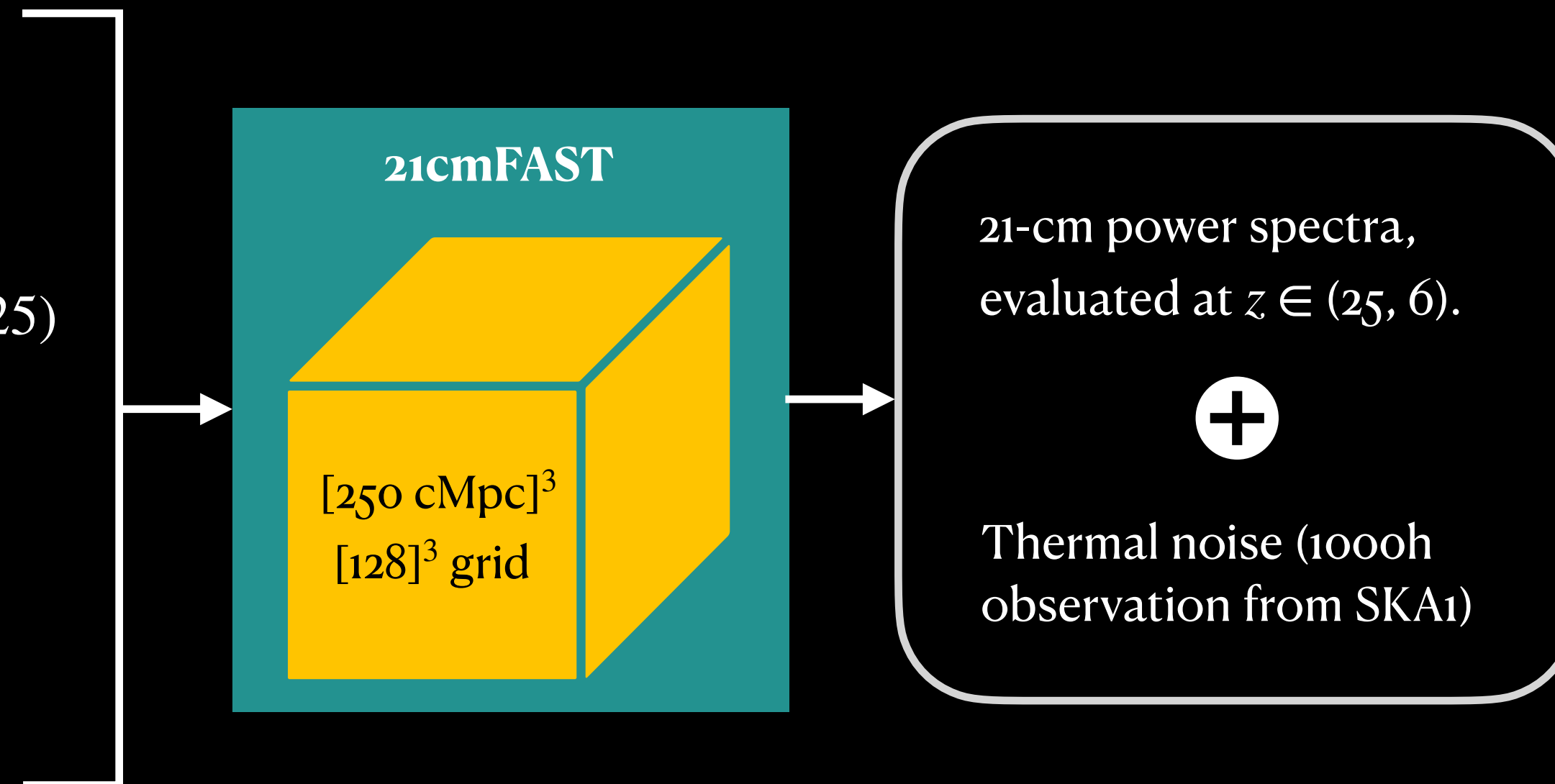
Implementation of NRE using swyft (<https://github.com/undark-lab/swyft>)



# Generative model for the 21-cm signal

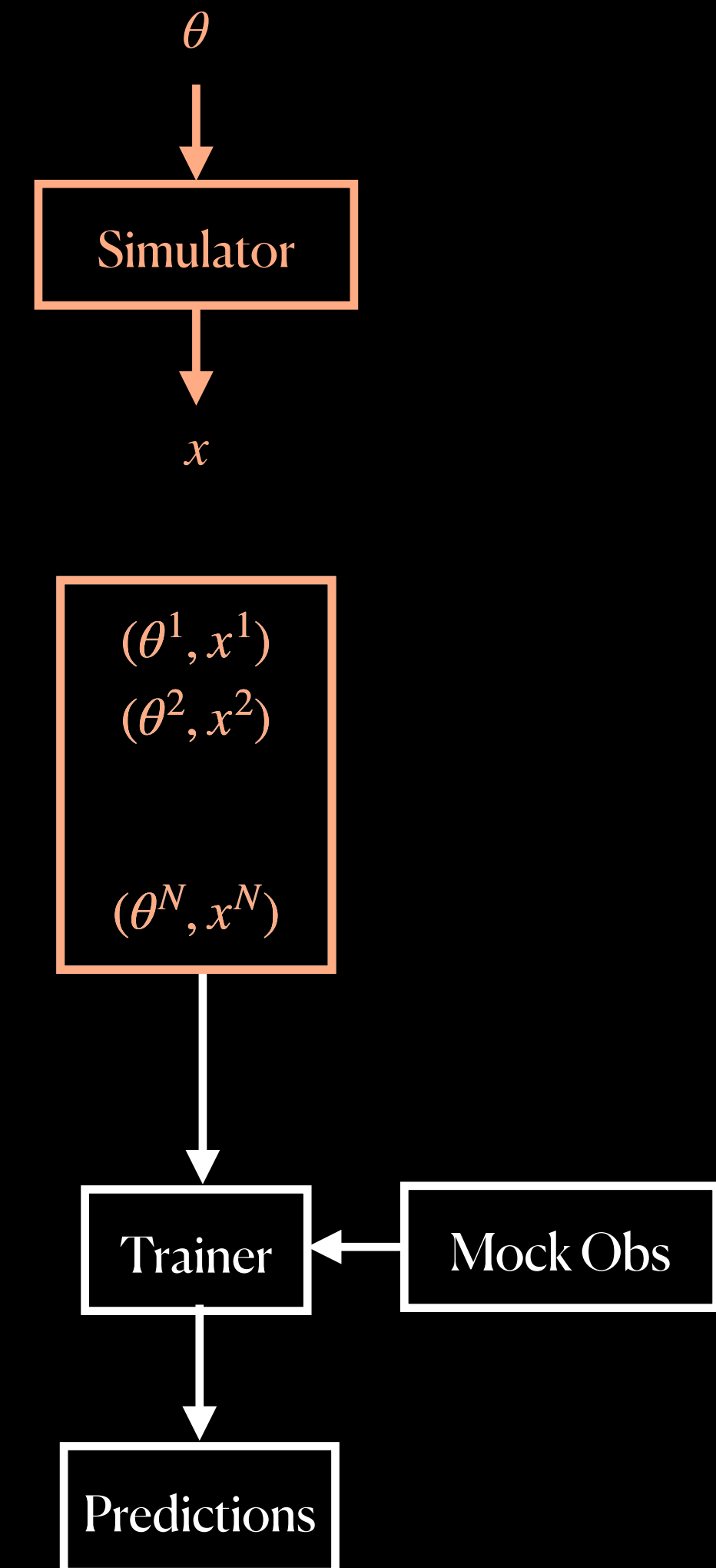
We use the publicly available semi-numerical formalism, 21cmFAST

1. Ionizing efficiency:  $\zeta \in (10, 100)$
2. Minimum virial temperature of haloes:  
 $T_{\text{vir}}^{\text{min}} \in (10^4, 10^6)$
3. Mean free path of ionizing photons:  $R_{\text{mfp}} \in (5, 25)$
4. Integrated soft-band luminosity:  
 $\log_{10}(L_X) \in (38, 42)$
5. X-ray energy threshold for self-absorption:  
 $E_0 \in (0.1, 1.5) \text{ keV}$
6. X-ray spectral index:  $\alpha_X \in (-0.5, 2.5)$

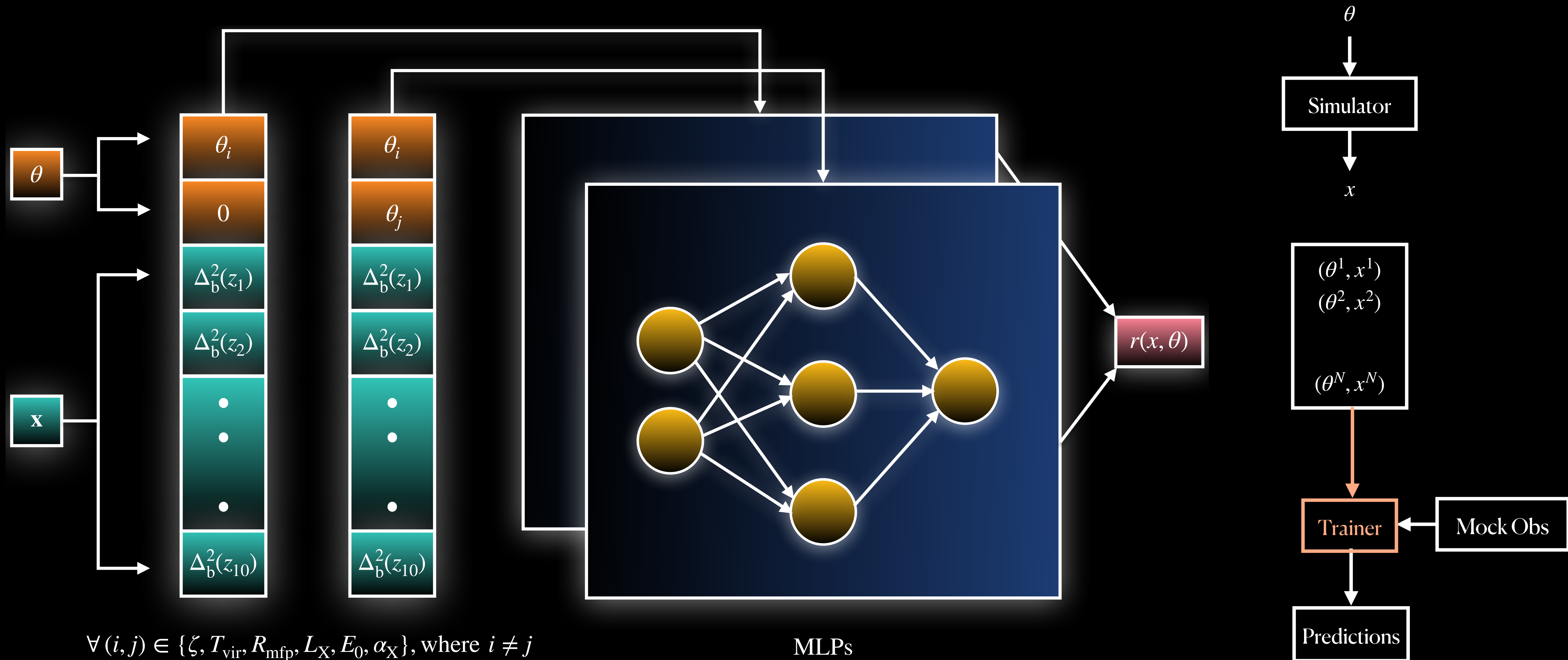


## Training Data

- Composed of 20,000 power spectra samples.
- We use 80% of the samples for training, 10% for validation, and 10% for the test dataset.



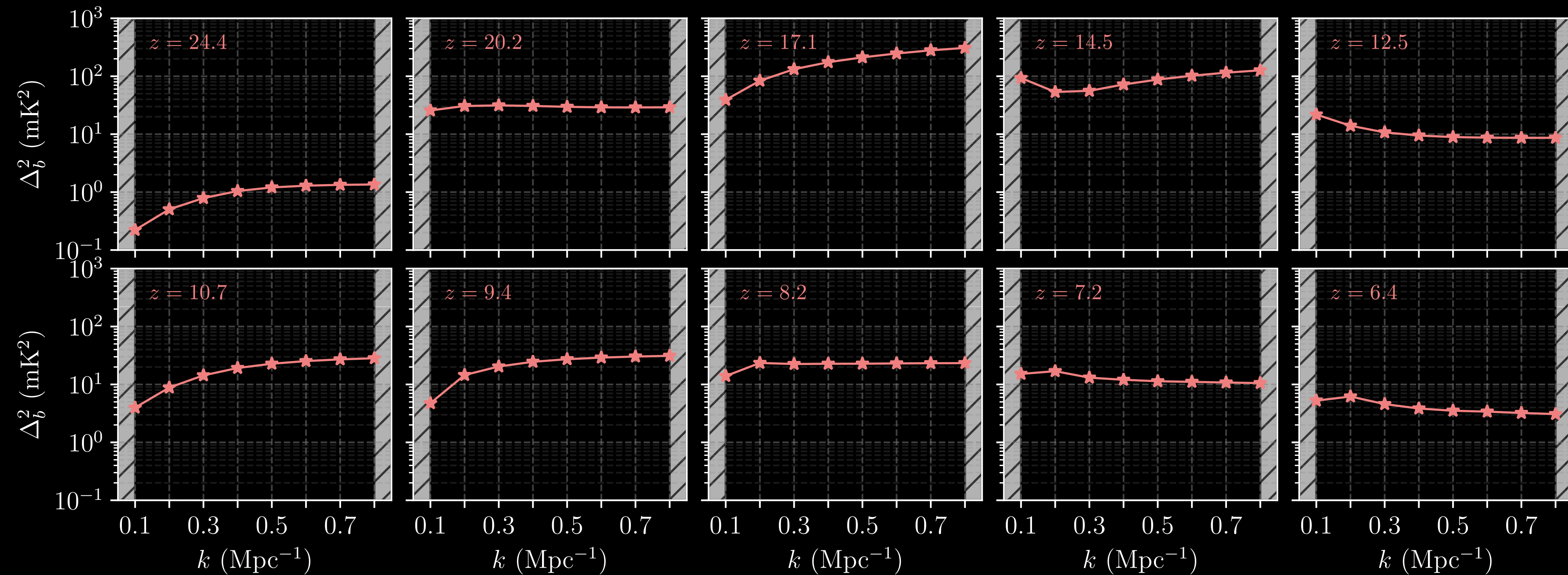
# Neural Ratio Estimator



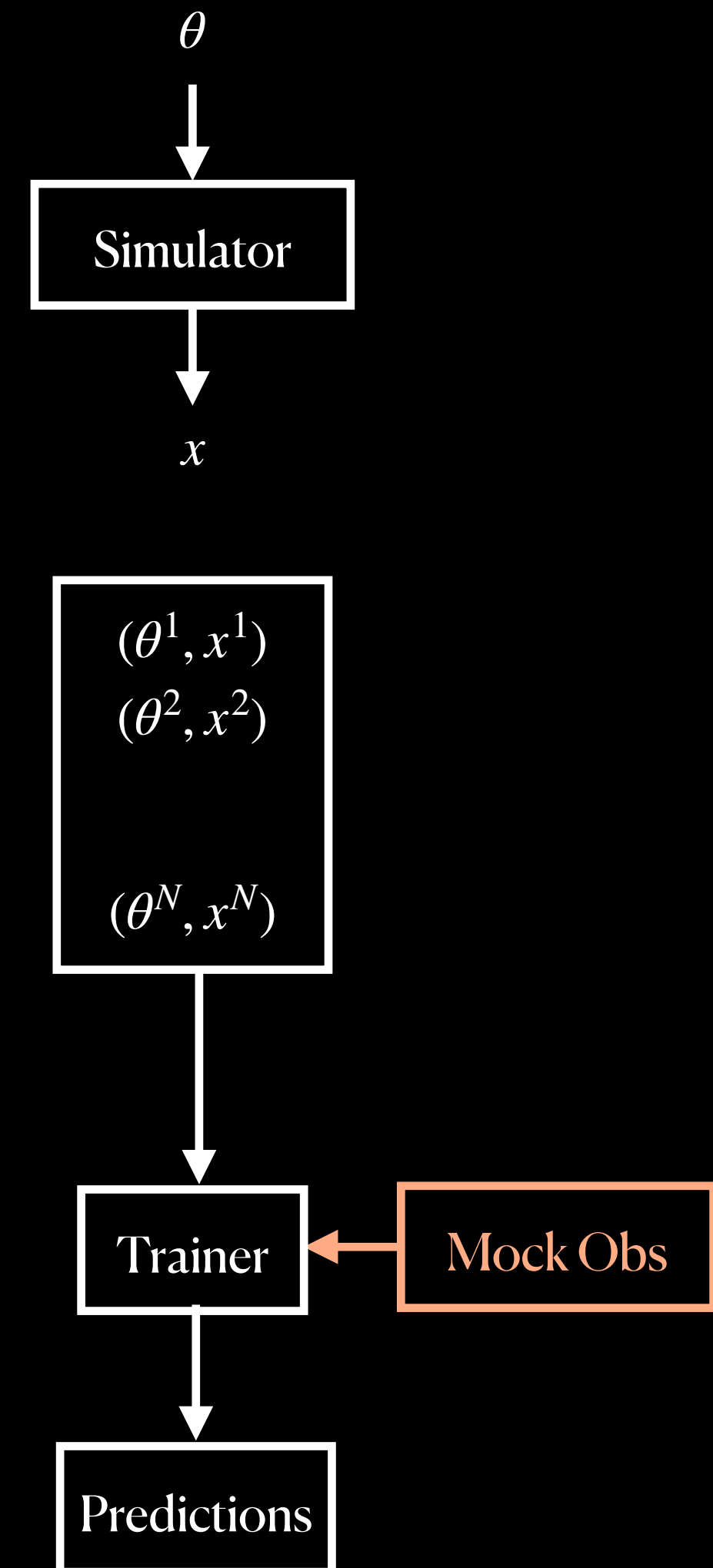
# Simulated Mock Observation

## FAINT GALAXIES Model

$$\{\zeta, \log_{10}(T_{\text{vir}}^{\text{min}}), R_{\text{mfp}}, \log_{10}(L_X), E_0, \alpha_X\} = \{30, 4.70, 15, 40.5, 0.5, 1\}$$

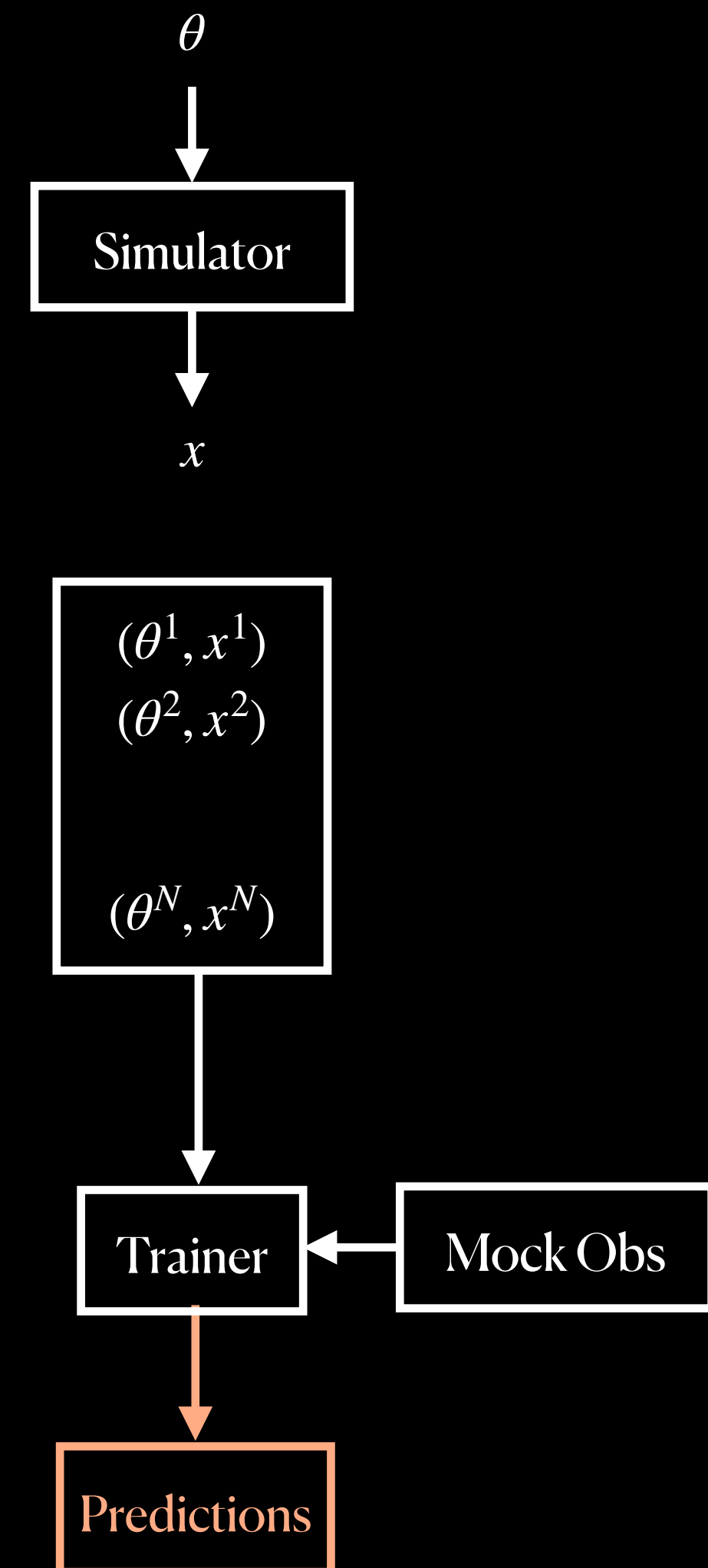


- We restrict our analysis to the  $k$ -modes in the range  $k \in (0.1, 0.8) \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ .



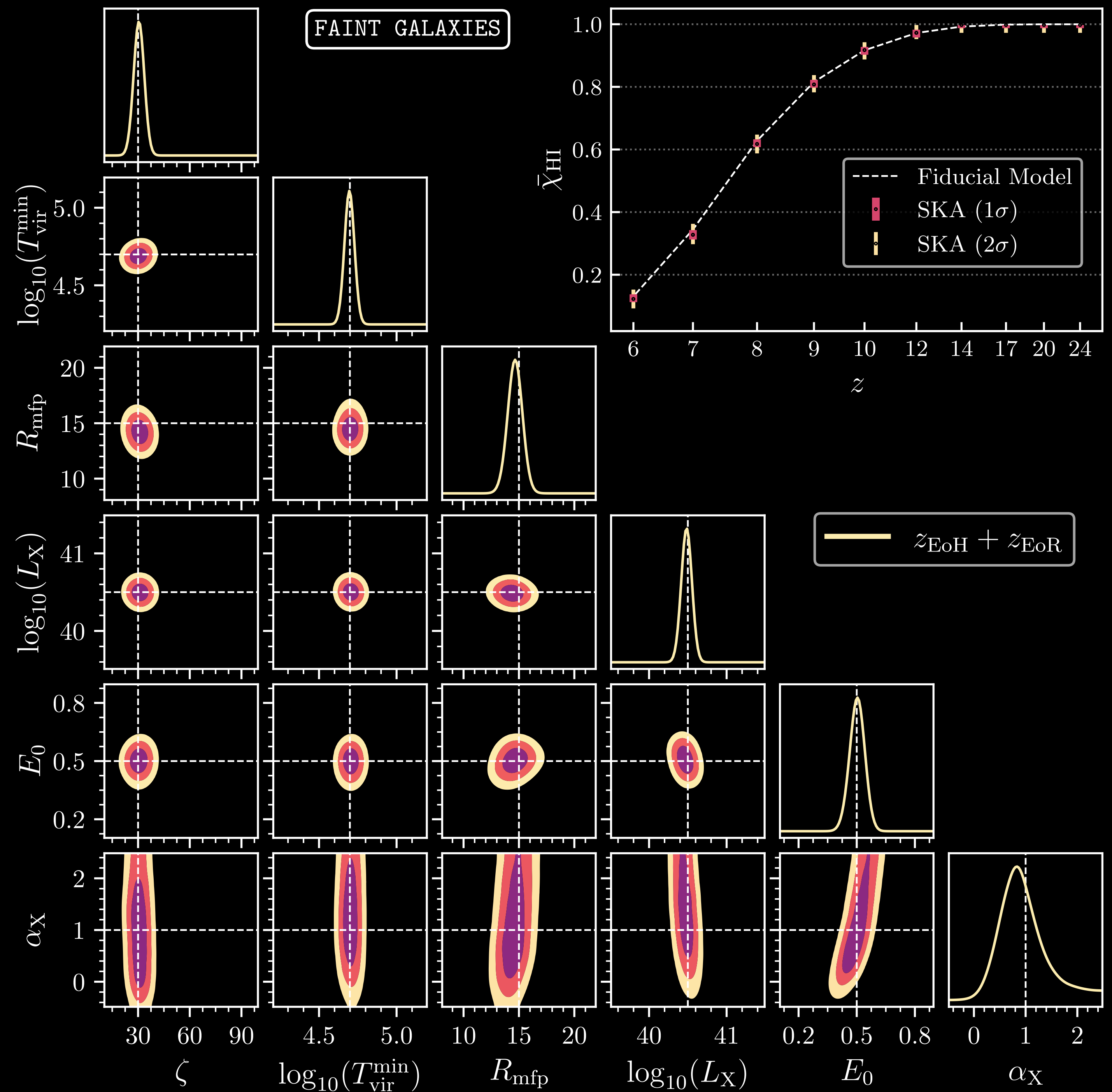


# Predictions



# Recovered 1D and 2D marginal posteriors

	Inferred	True
$\zeta$	$30.25^{+2.70}_{-1.80}$	30
$\log_{10}(T_{\text{vir}}^{\text{min}})$	$4.70^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	4.70
$R_{\text{mfp}}$	$14.65^{+0.56}_{-0.56}$	15
$\log_{10}(L_{\text{X}})$	$40.49^{+0.04}_{-0.06}$	40.5
$E_0$	$0.50^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	0.50
$\alpha_{\text{X}}$	$0.84^{+0.39}_{-0.39}$	1.0



# Sensitivity of model parameters during EoH and EoR

Divide the entire redshift range into two bins

$$z = \{24.4, 20.2, 17.1, 14.5, 12.5, 10.7, 9.4, 8.2, 7.2, 6.4\}$$



$z_{\text{EoH}}$

$z_{\text{EoR}}$

$p(\theta | x_{z_{\text{EoH}}})$

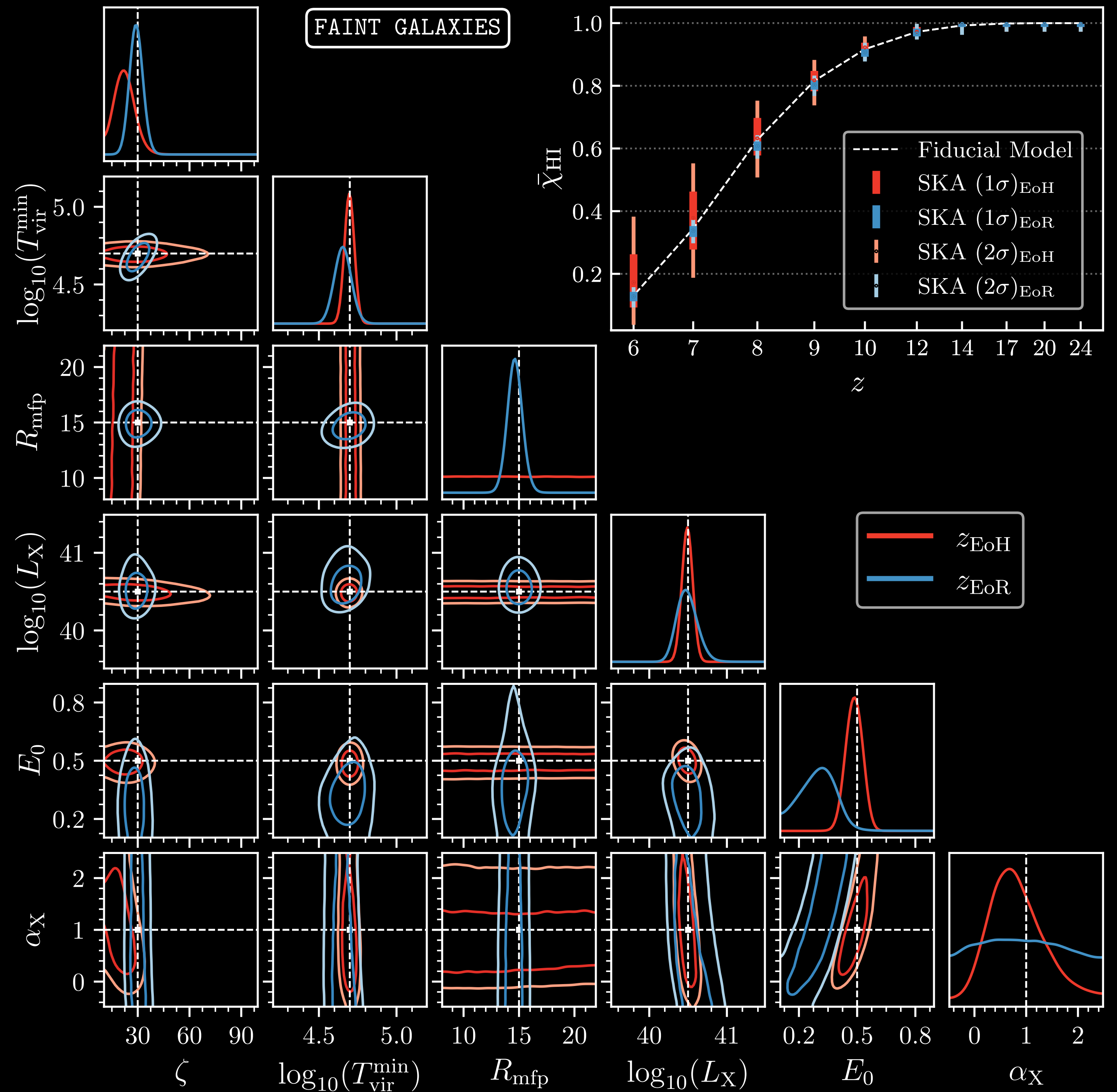
$p(\theta | x_{z_{\text{EoR}}})$

- This analysis does not require any extra 21-cm power spectra simulations.
- **Re-use the simulations** with a minimal change in the network architecture



# Recovered posteriors from $z_{\text{EoH}}$ and $z_{\text{EoR}}$

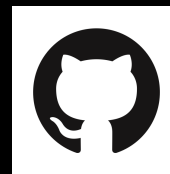
	$z_{\text{EoH}}$	$z_{\text{EoR}}$	True
$\zeta$	$22.15^{+5.40}_{-5.40}$	$29.35^{+2.70}_{-3.60}$	30
$\log_{10}(T_{\text{vir}}^{\text{min}})$	$4.70^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$4.66^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	4.70
$R_{\text{mfp}}$	—	$14.65^{+0.56}_{-0.56}$	15
$\log_{10}(L_{\text{X}})$	$40.49^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$40.47^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	40.5
$E_0$	$0.49^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.32^{+0.07}_{-0.10}$	0.50
$\alpha_{\text{X}}$	$0.68^{+0.51}_{-0.45}$	—	1.0



# Summary

- Performed the Simulation-Based Inference (SBI) through Marginal Neural Ratio Estimation.
- Constrain the astrophysical parameters which govern the heating and reionization of the IGM.
- Re-use the simulations and utilize the same training dataset for various applications: **More efficient**

Repository [https://github.com/anchal-009/swyft\\_21cmPk](https://github.com/anchal-009/swyft_21cmPk)

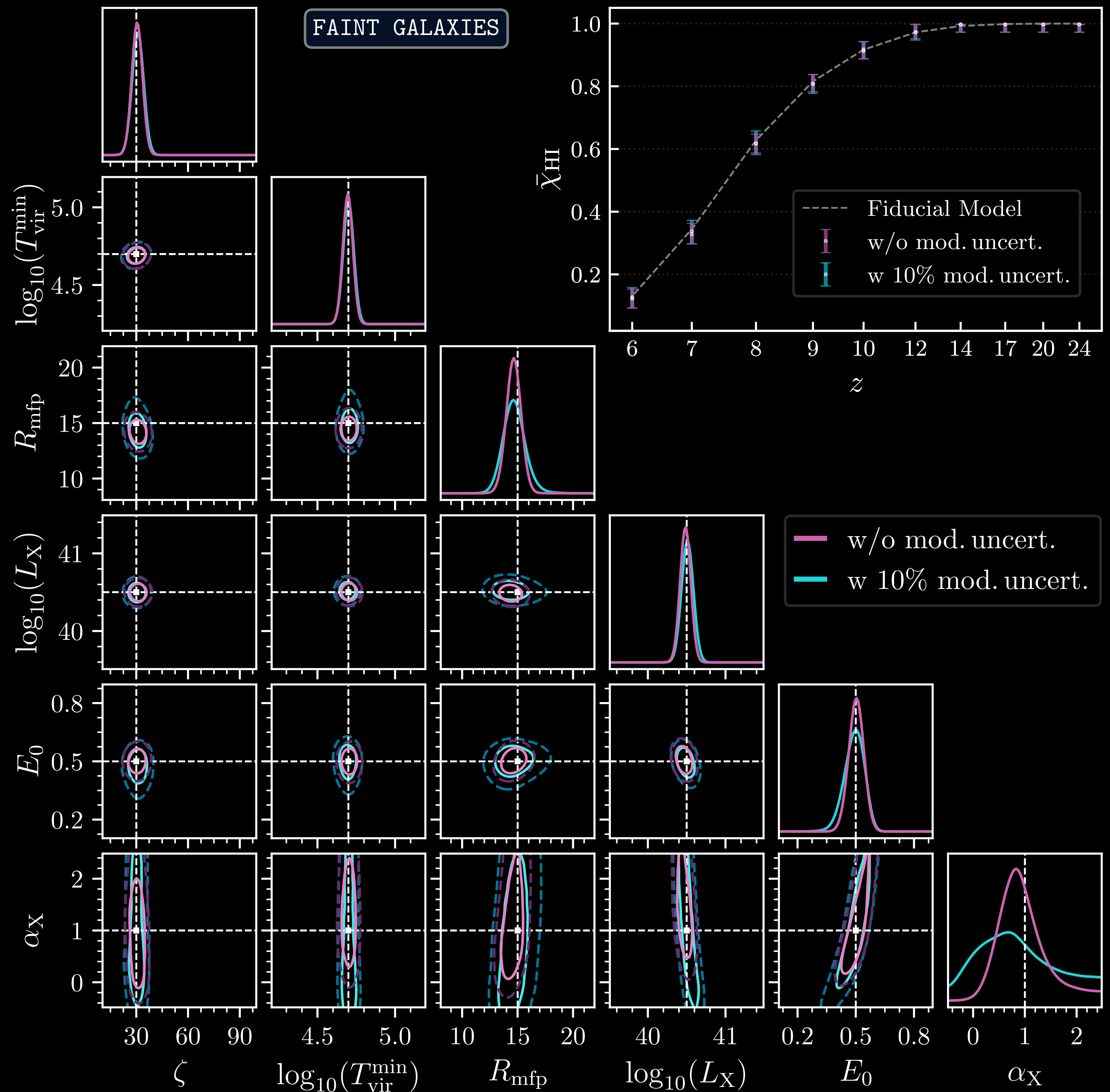


## Next steps

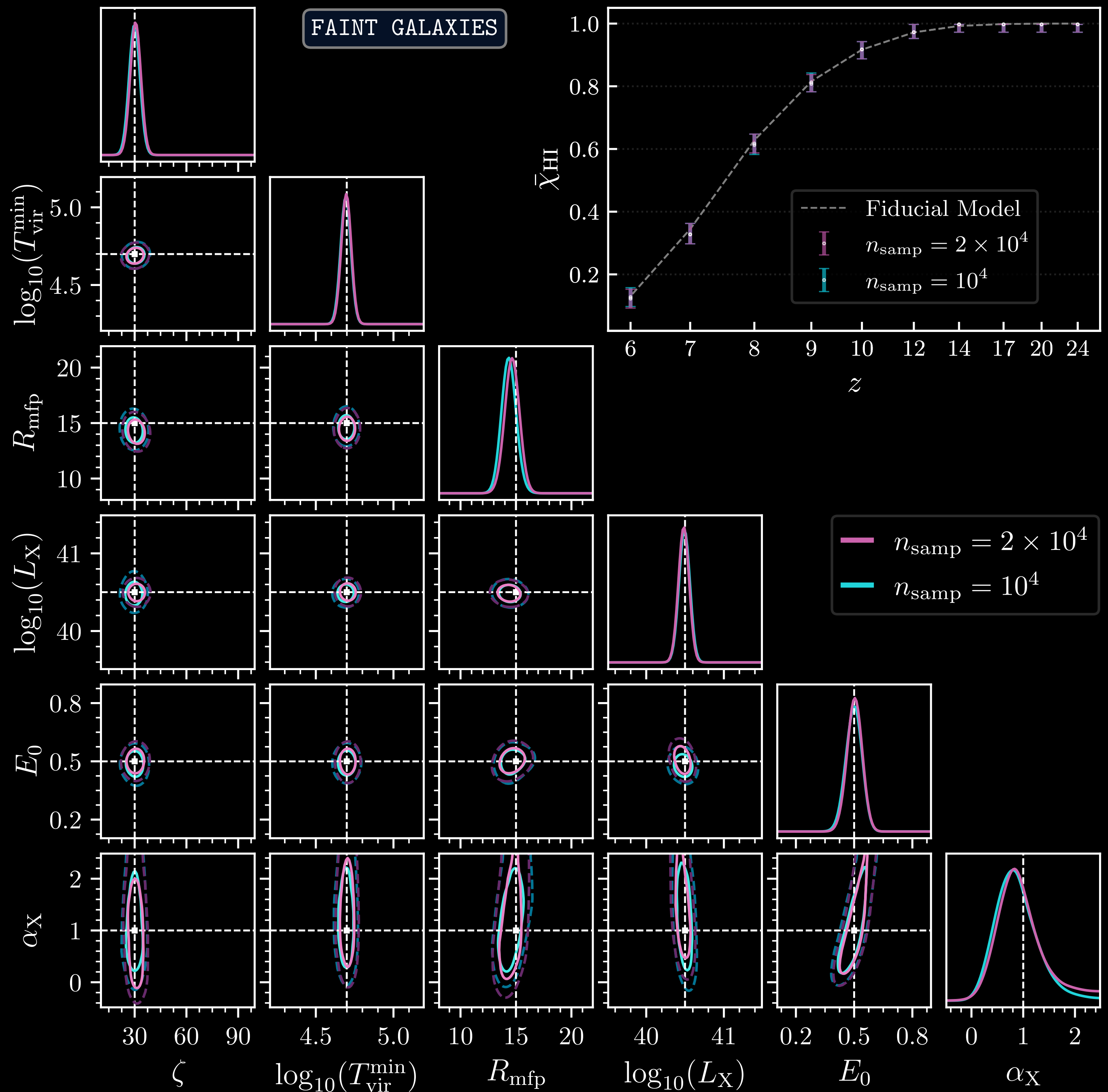
- Higher order information: 21-cm bispectrum
- Morphology of ionized regions
- CNN on the 21-cm tomographic images

**BACKUP SLIDES**

# Impact of including modeling uncertainty



# Impact of size of the training data





# Coverage of the trained network

