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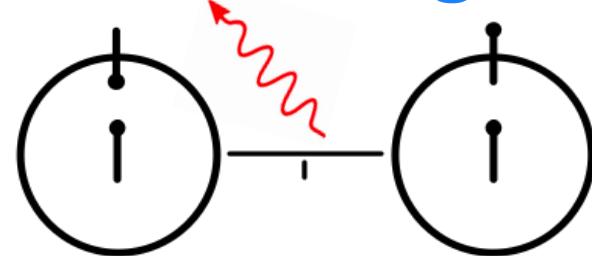
Optimal compression and Simulation-Based Inference of the cosmic 21-cm signal

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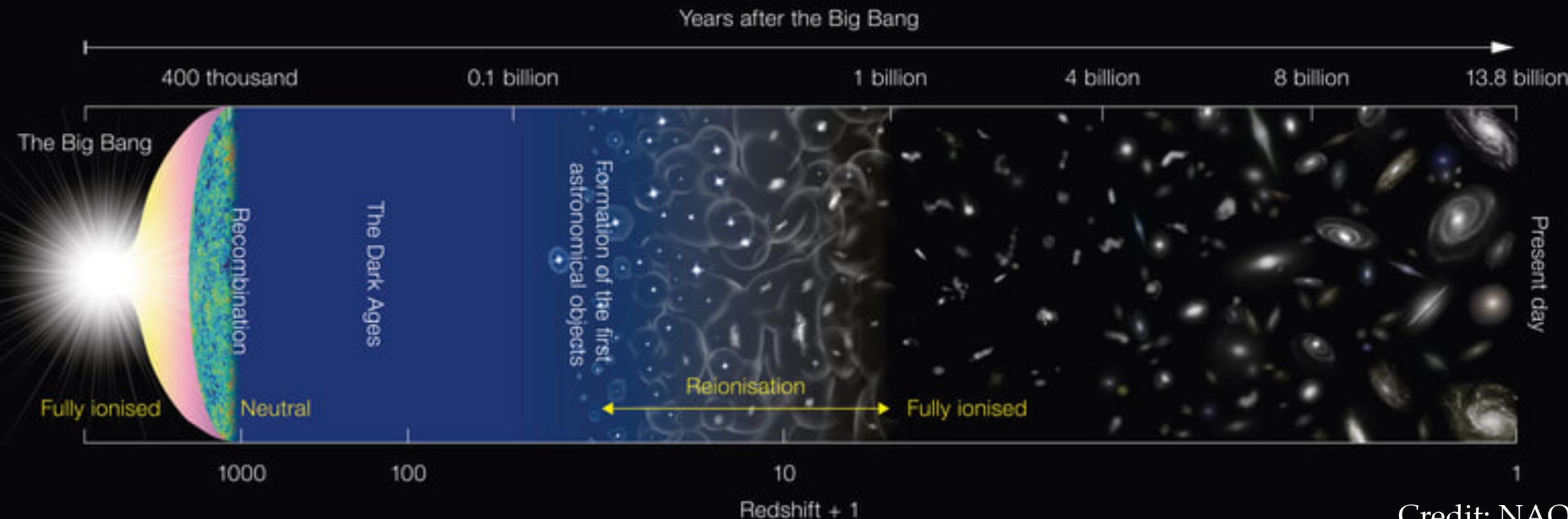
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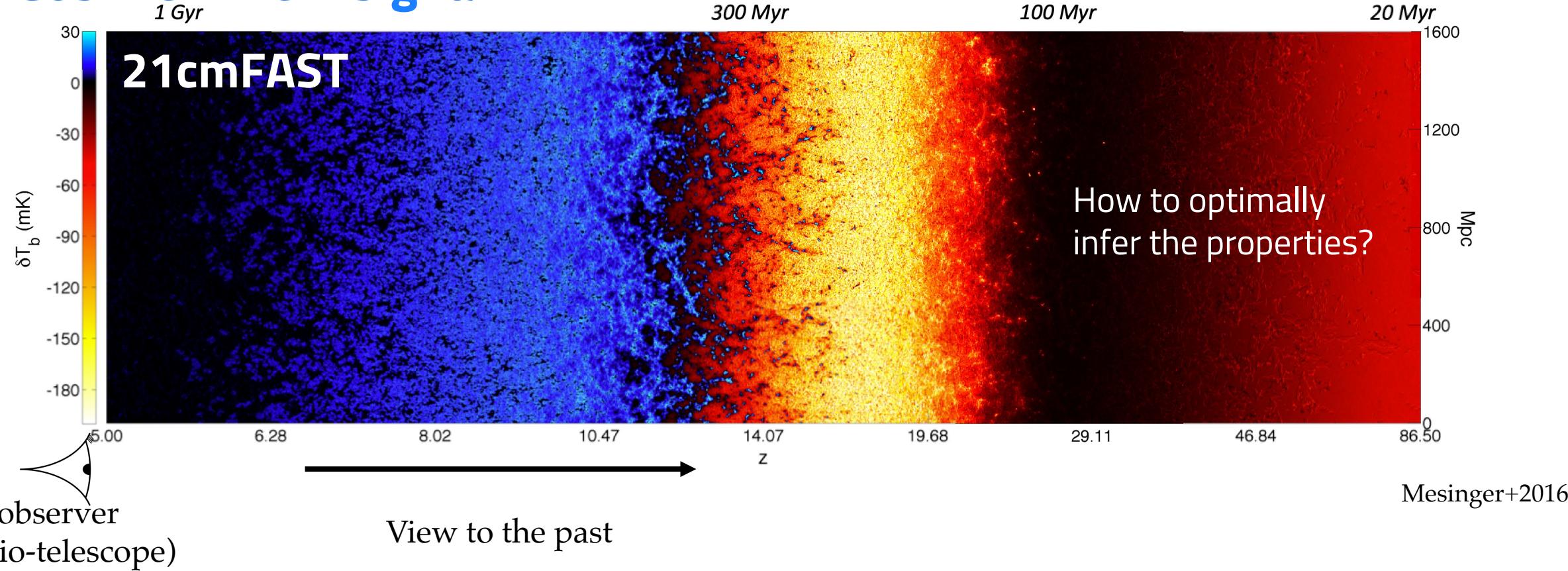
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- Over 90% of the “normal” matter in the Universe is **hydrogen**

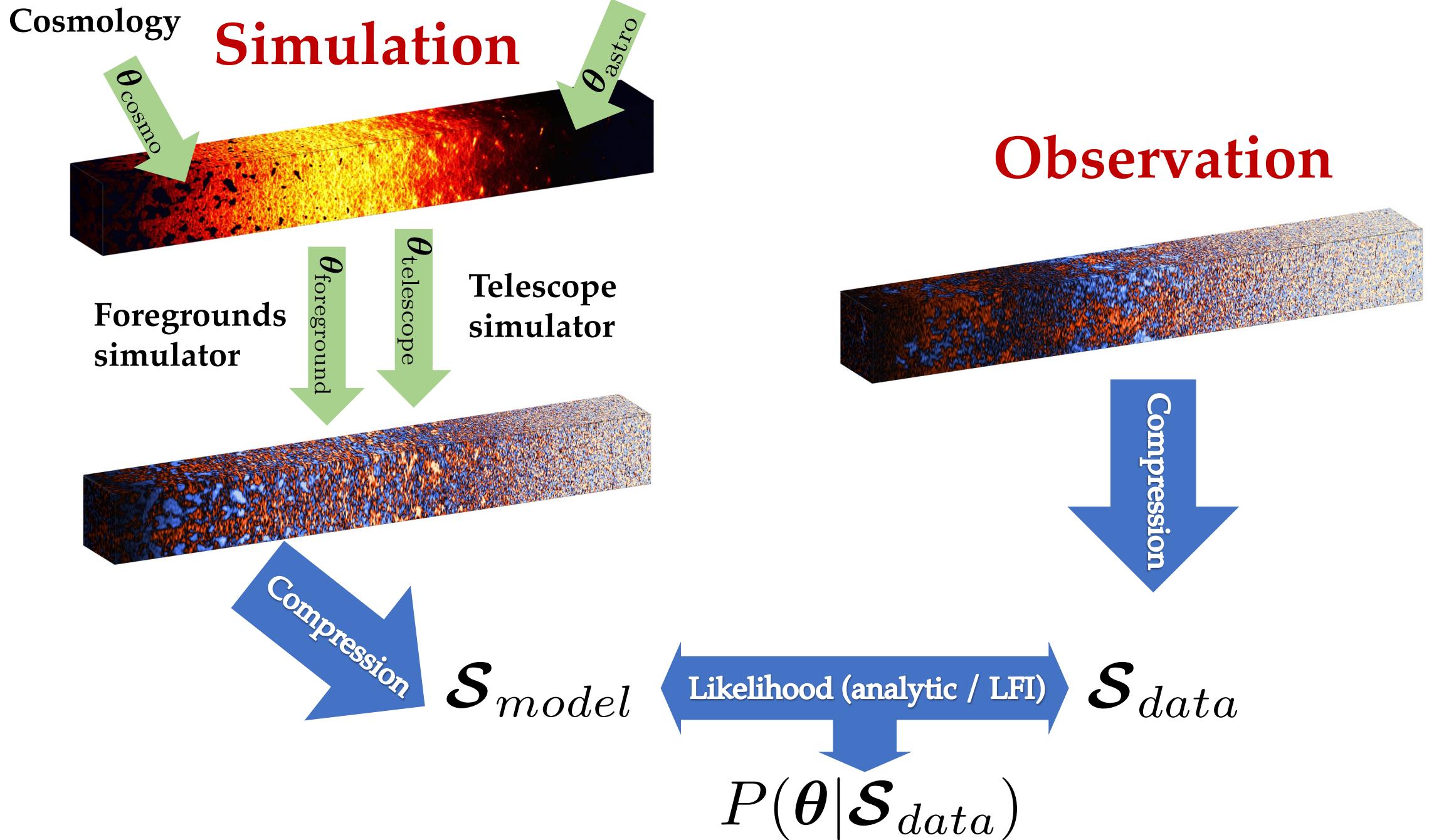


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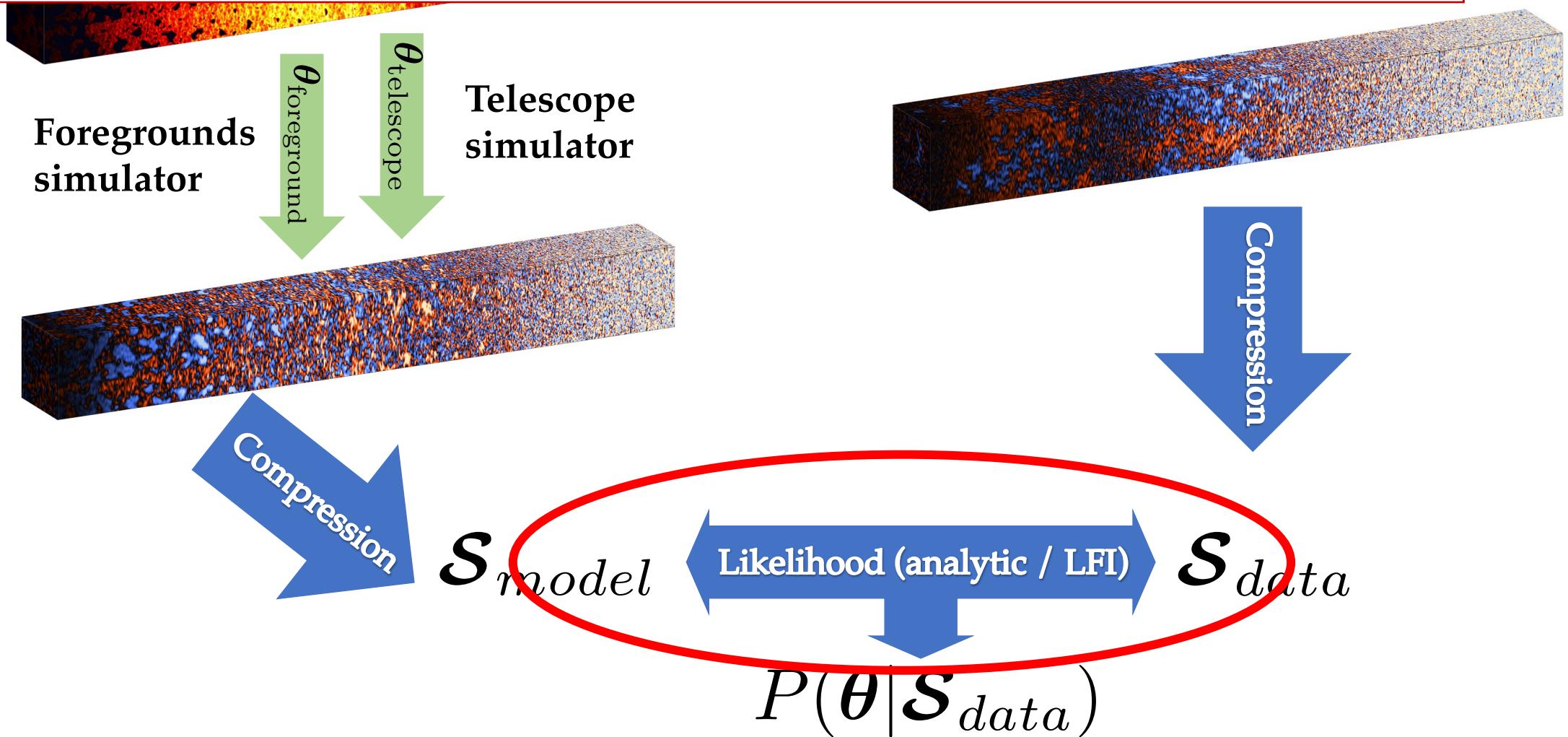


- The properties of the ***unseen first galaxies*** are encoded in the timings and patterns of this signal!

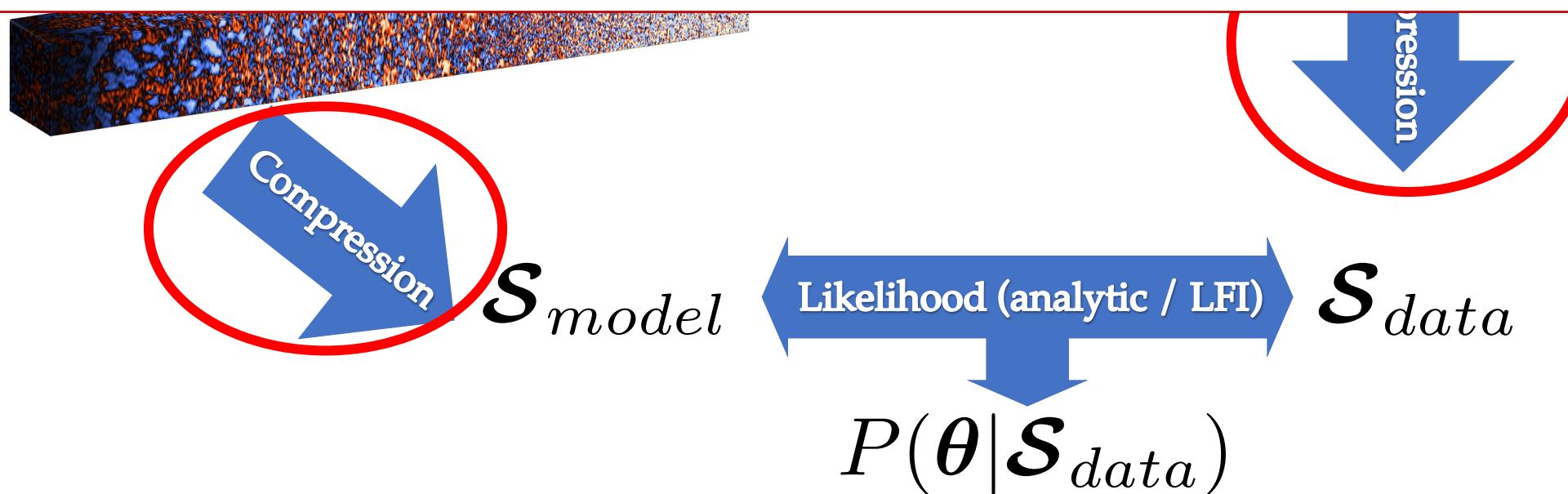
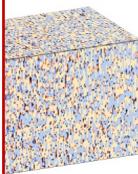
Astrophysics



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- 2) What summary extracts the most information from this non-Gaussian signal?



Simulation-Based Inference for the 21-cm PS

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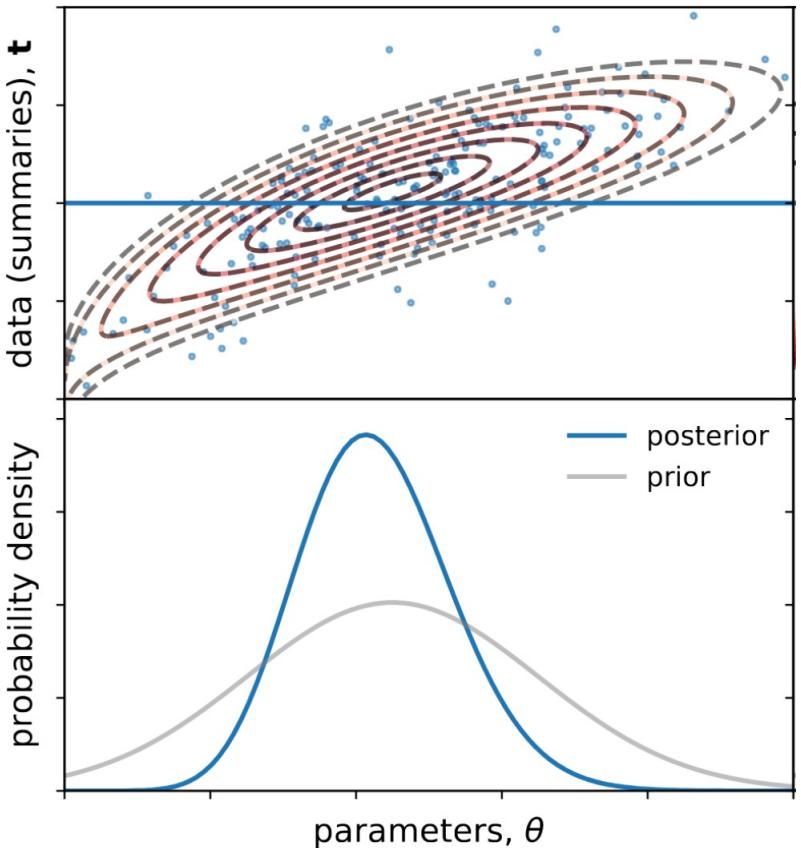
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Common assumptions:

- *Is the likelihood Gaussian?*
- *Can we ignore non-diagonal terms in the covariance btw k and z ?*
- *Can we estimate the mean from a single realization?*
- *Can we estimate (co)variance at a single, “fiducial” parameter value*

We can actually map the *TRUE* likelihood with
Simulation Based Inference

Simulation-Based Inference (SBI)

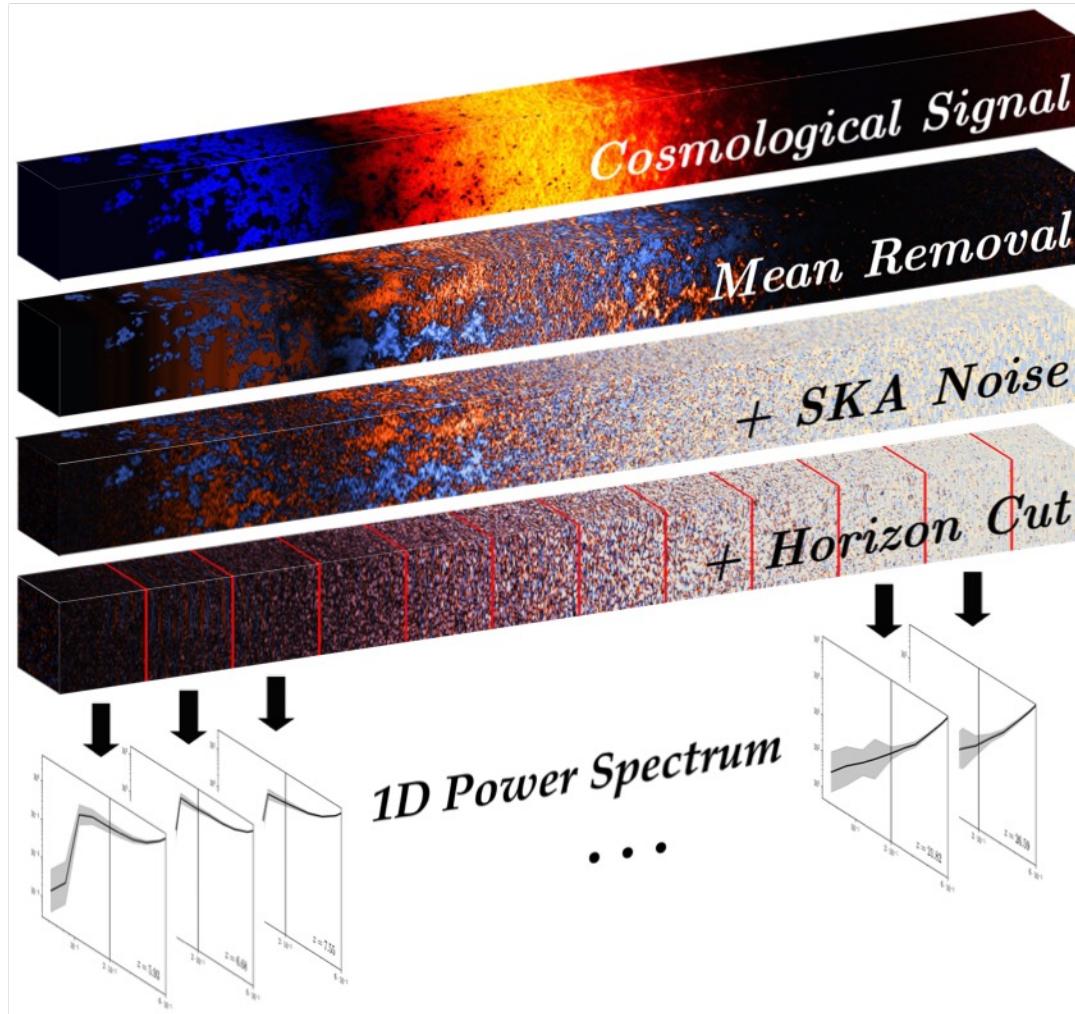


- Pull from the prior $\tilde{\theta} \sim p(\theta)$
- Pull from the likelihood $\tilde{t} \sim p(t|\tilde{\theta})$
 - Use simulator to simulate the data
 $\tilde{d} = \text{simulator}(\tilde{\theta})$
 - Optionally compress the data to summary
 $\tilde{t} = \text{compressor}(\tilde{d})$
- Repeat many times to construct a set
 $\{(\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\theta}_1), (\tilde{t}_2, \tilde{\theta}_2), \dots, (\tilde{t}_N, \tilde{\theta}_N)\}$
- **It is assumed the simulator is perfect, i.e. it pulls from the actual likelihood**

$$p(d|\tilde{\theta})$$

Simulation Based Inference (SBI)

Precompute database of forward models (varying cosmic ICs, noise, etc.) and train density estimators to fit the likelihood.

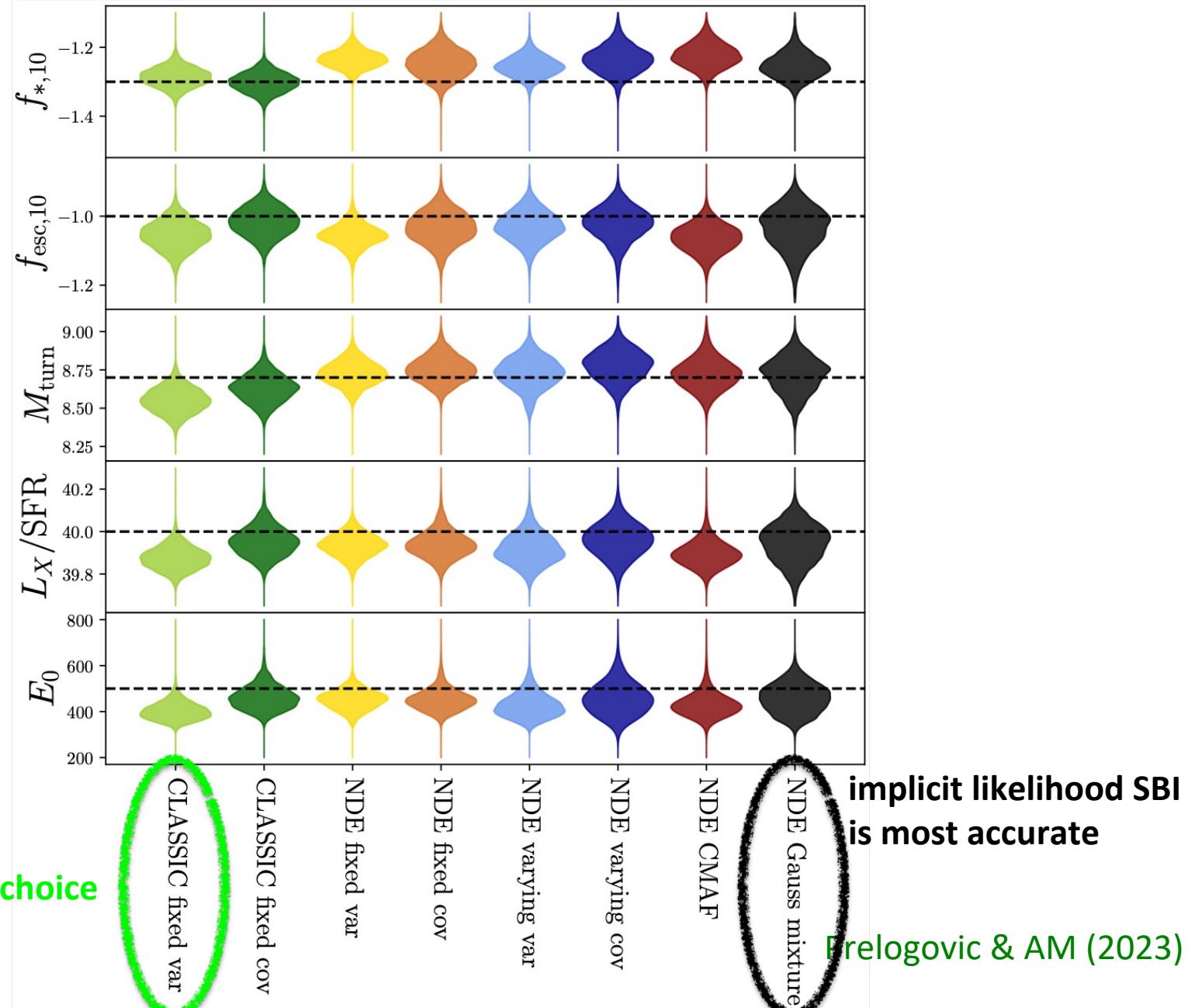


Rapidly becoming popular in 21cm:
Zhao+2022ab, Saxena+2023

Use different functional forms to test the assumptions

	non-Gaussian	non-diagonal covariance	(co)variance is a function of θ	mean by averaging over realizations
CLASSIC fixed var	✗	✗	✗	✗ (single, well-chosen seed)
CLASSIC fixed cov	✗	✓	✗	✗ (single, well-chosen seed)
NDE fixed var	✗	✗	✗	✓
NDE fixed cov	✗	✓	✗	✓
NDE varying var	✗	✗	✓	✓
NDE varying cov	✗	✓	✓	✓
NDE CMAF	✓	N/A		N/A
NDE Gauss mixture	✓	N/A		N/A

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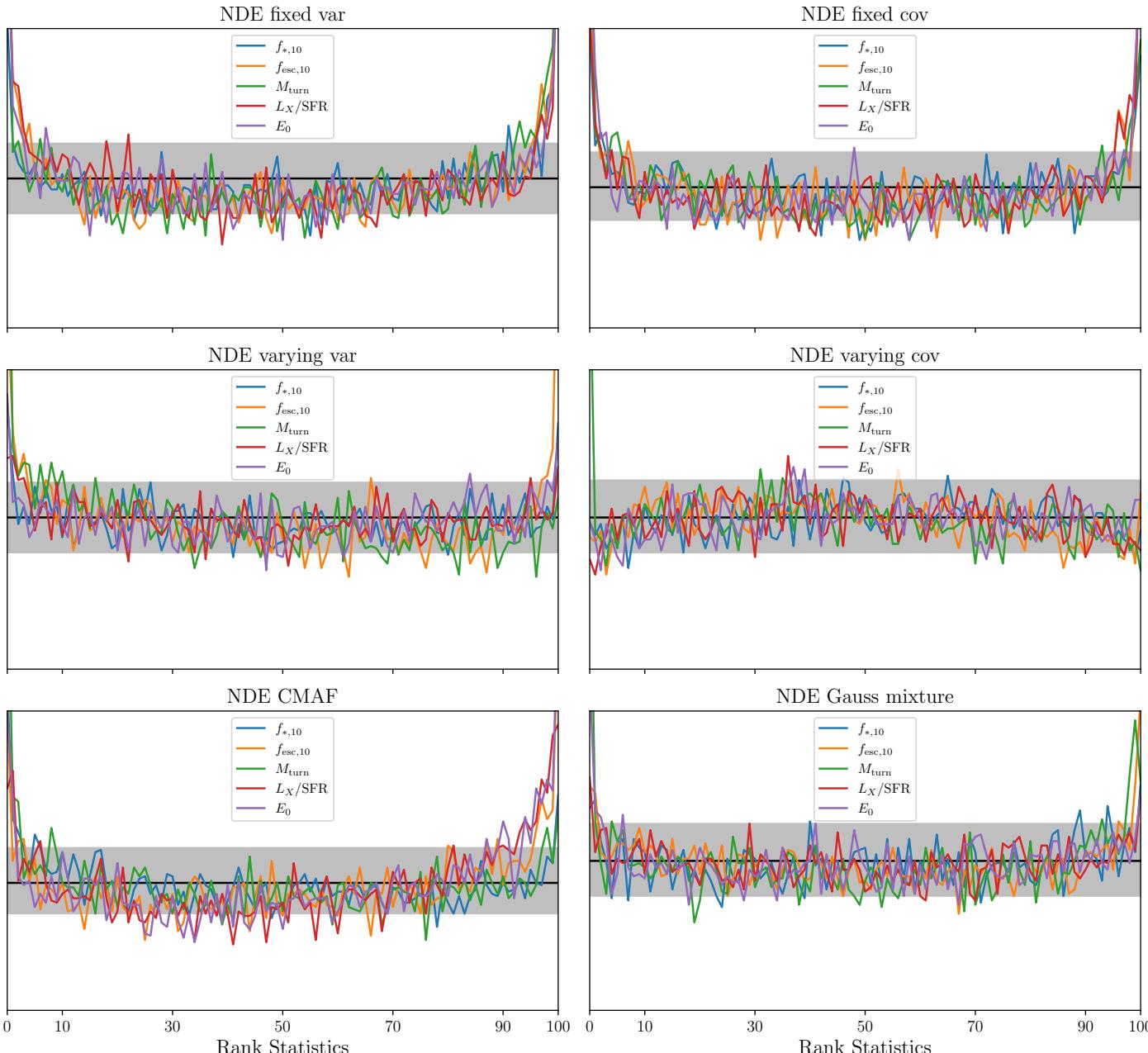


Simulation Based Calibration (SBC)

- “prior” = “*data averaged posterior*” $P(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) P(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) P(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) d\tilde{\mathbf{y}} d\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
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 2. Pull the data from the likelihood $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} \sim P(\mathbf{y}|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{simulator}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$
 3. Calculate the posterior the sample $P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$
 4. Repeat and average posteriors $P(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N P_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)$

SBC for 21-cm PS

- *Expensive to compute!*
 - 10 000 posteriors
- However, once likelihood is trained, no new simulations are needed
 - “amortized inference”
- Procedure would be useful for classic inference too, but is impossible to compute
- NDE fixed var & cov – overconfident
- NDE varying var & cov – good
- NDE CMAF – overconfident
- NDE Gauss mixture – the best

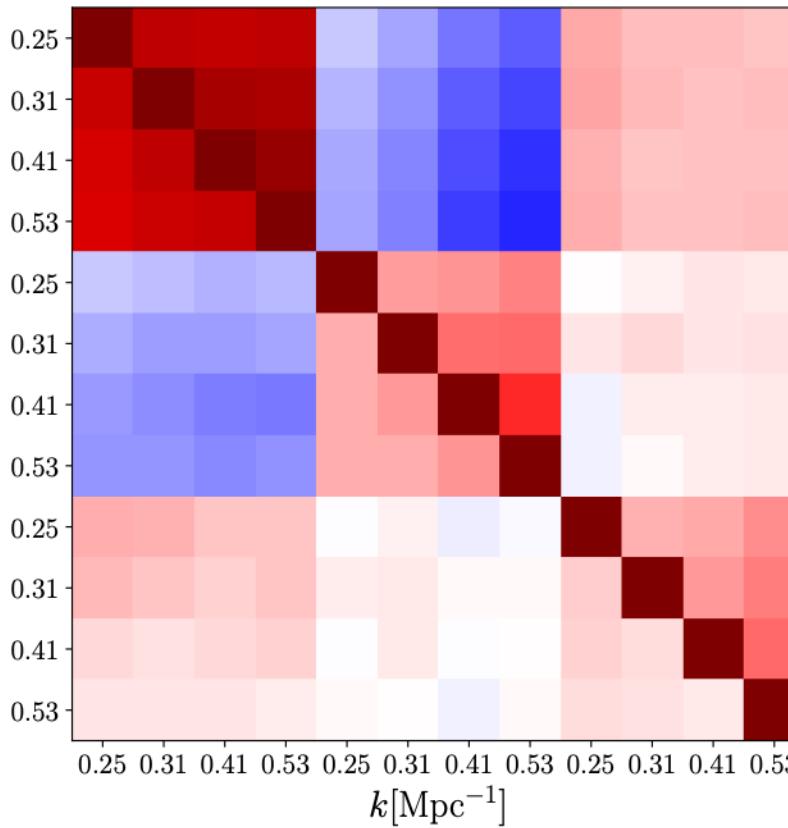
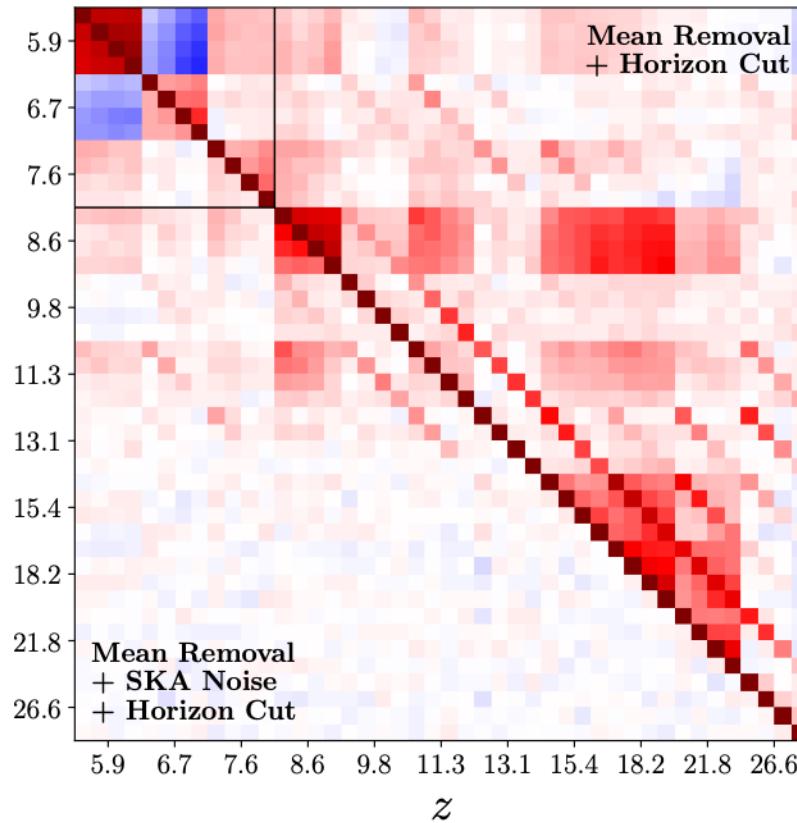


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But we don't have to worry about it because:

SBI gives more accurate posteriors using an order of magnitude fewer simulations than MCMC/Nested sampling

- no “emulation error” that is difficult to characterize over parameter space -> NDE error easier to mitigate
- once likelihood is learned, new inference from updated data can be done ~ instantaneously (“amortized” cost)

Optimal Compression of the 21-cm lightcones

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Solution:

Let the machines figure it out for us!

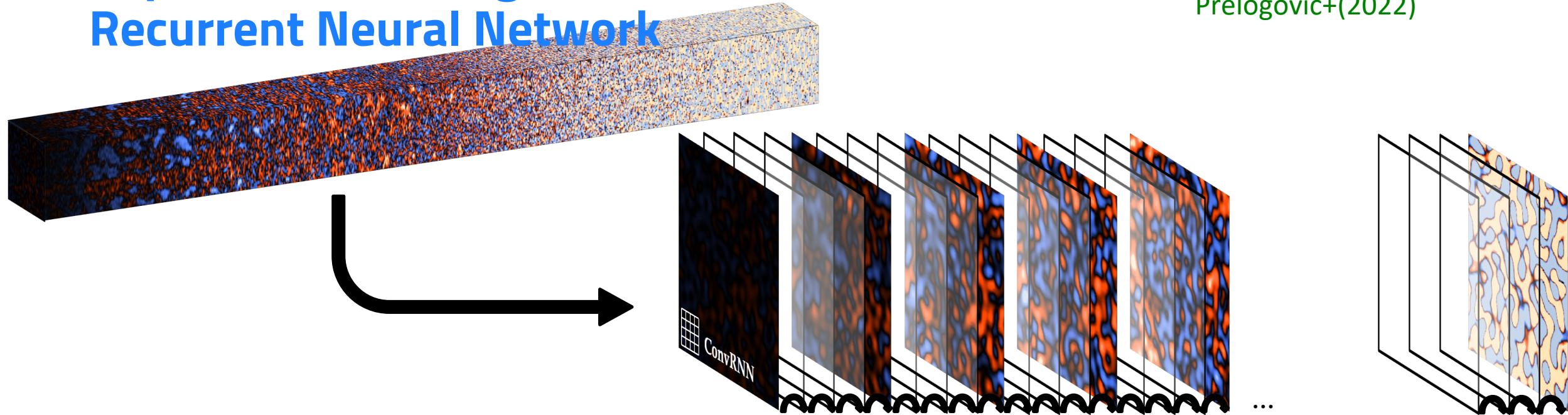
(Neural Network)

- Gillet+2018
- La Plante & Ntampaka 2019
- Makinen+2020
- Mangena+2020
- Hortúa+2020
- Prelogović+2021
- +++



Supervised learning: Recurrent Neural Network

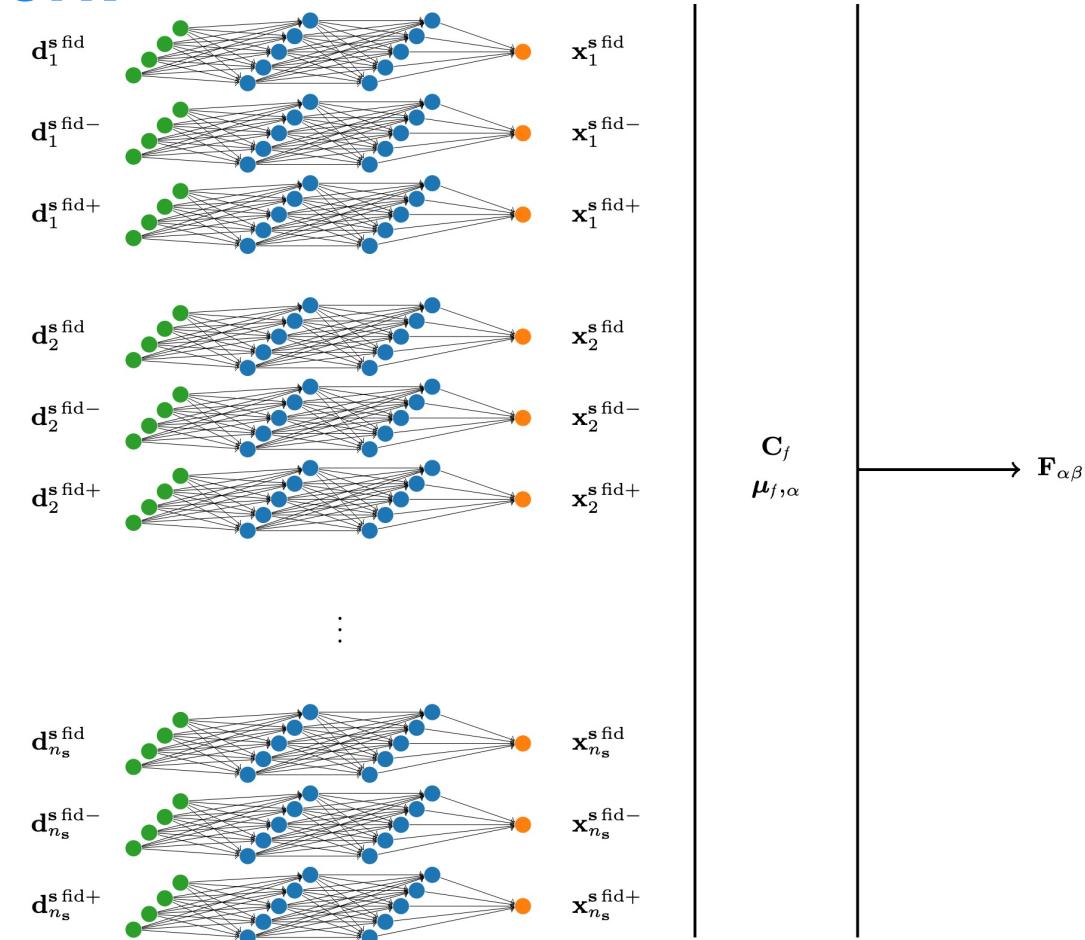
Prelogovic+(2022)



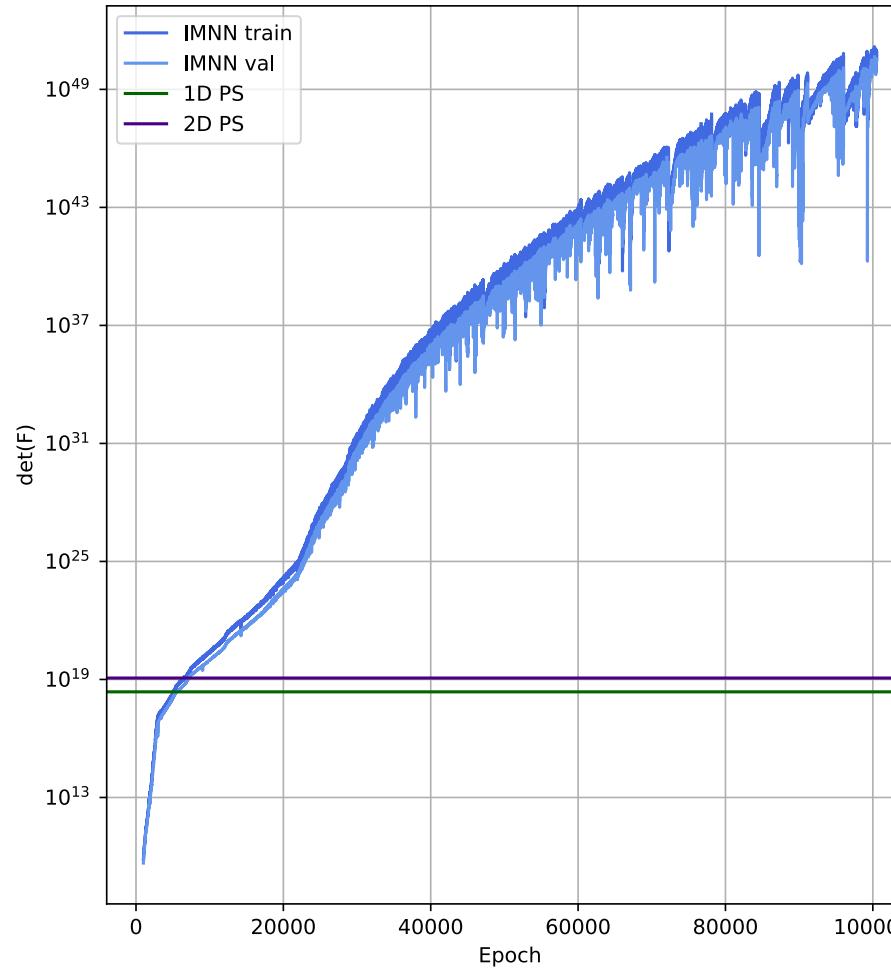
- RNN – encoding correlations across all frequency bins at once
- 2D Convolutional NN – local correlations in sky-plane

Unsupervised learning: Information Maximizing Neural Network

- Simulate the data at a fiducial parameter set: $\mathbf{d}(\theta_{\text{fid}})$
- Simulate around the fiducial parameters: $\mathbf{d}(\theta_{\text{fid}}^+), \mathbf{d}(\theta_{\text{fid}}^-)$
- Calculate compressed summary: $\mathbf{s}(\theta) = \text{NN}(\mathbf{d}(\theta))$
- Maximize Fisher information: $L = -\ln |F|$



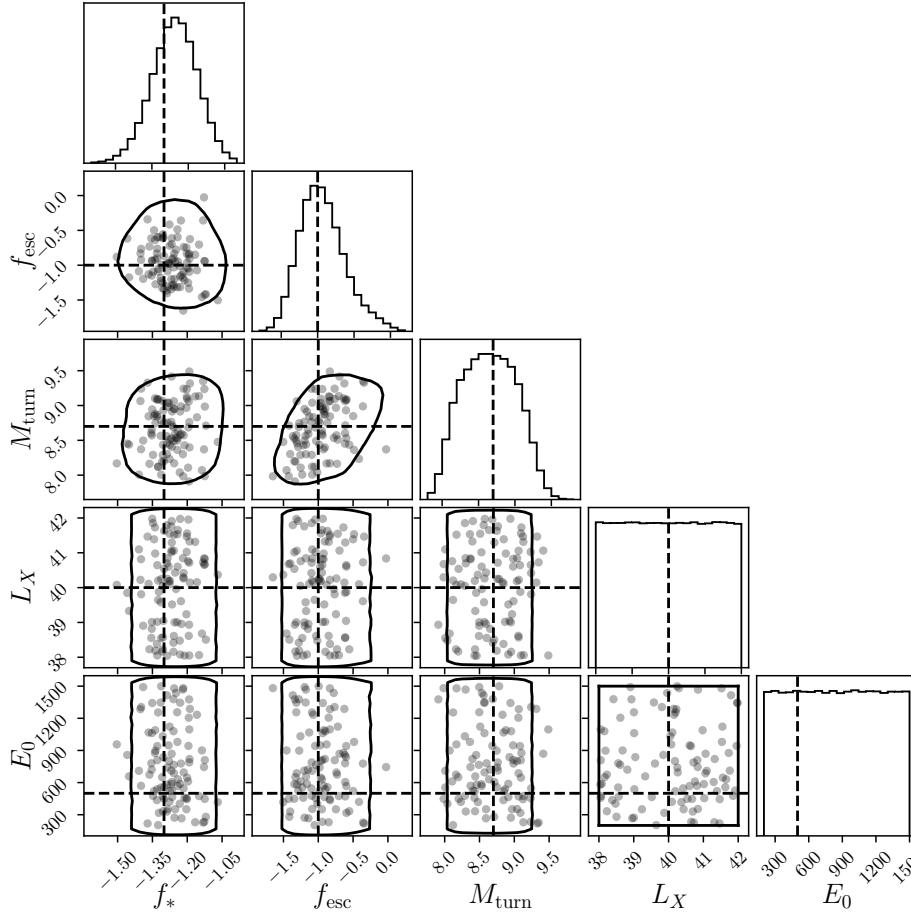
IMNN Fisher information at fiducial



Prelogović & Mesinger (2024)

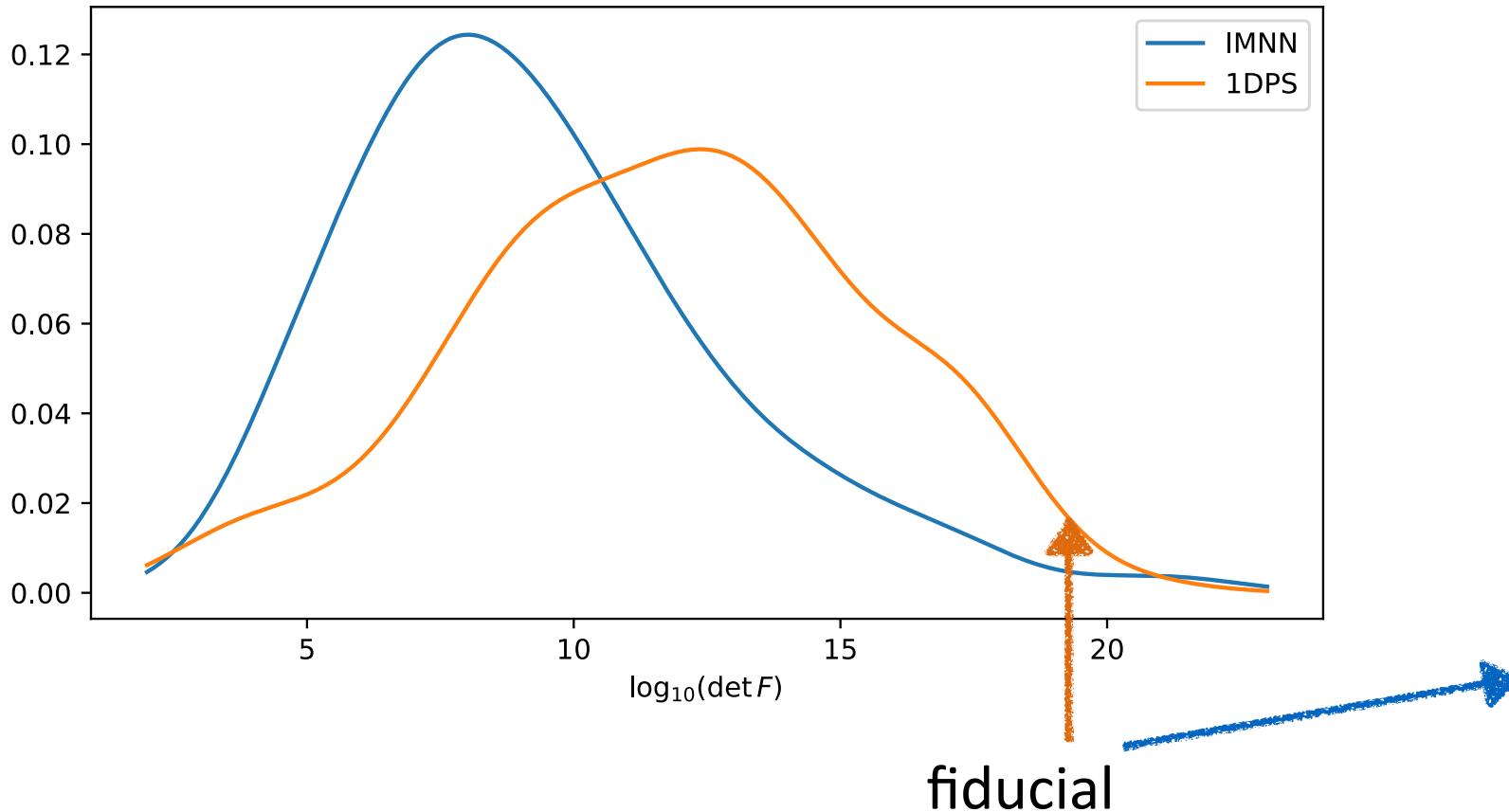
over 40 orders of magnitude improvement in Fisher information wrt power spectrum! $\sim 10^8$ times lower variance in parameter recovery!

How optimal is the compression for different fiducial parameter choices?

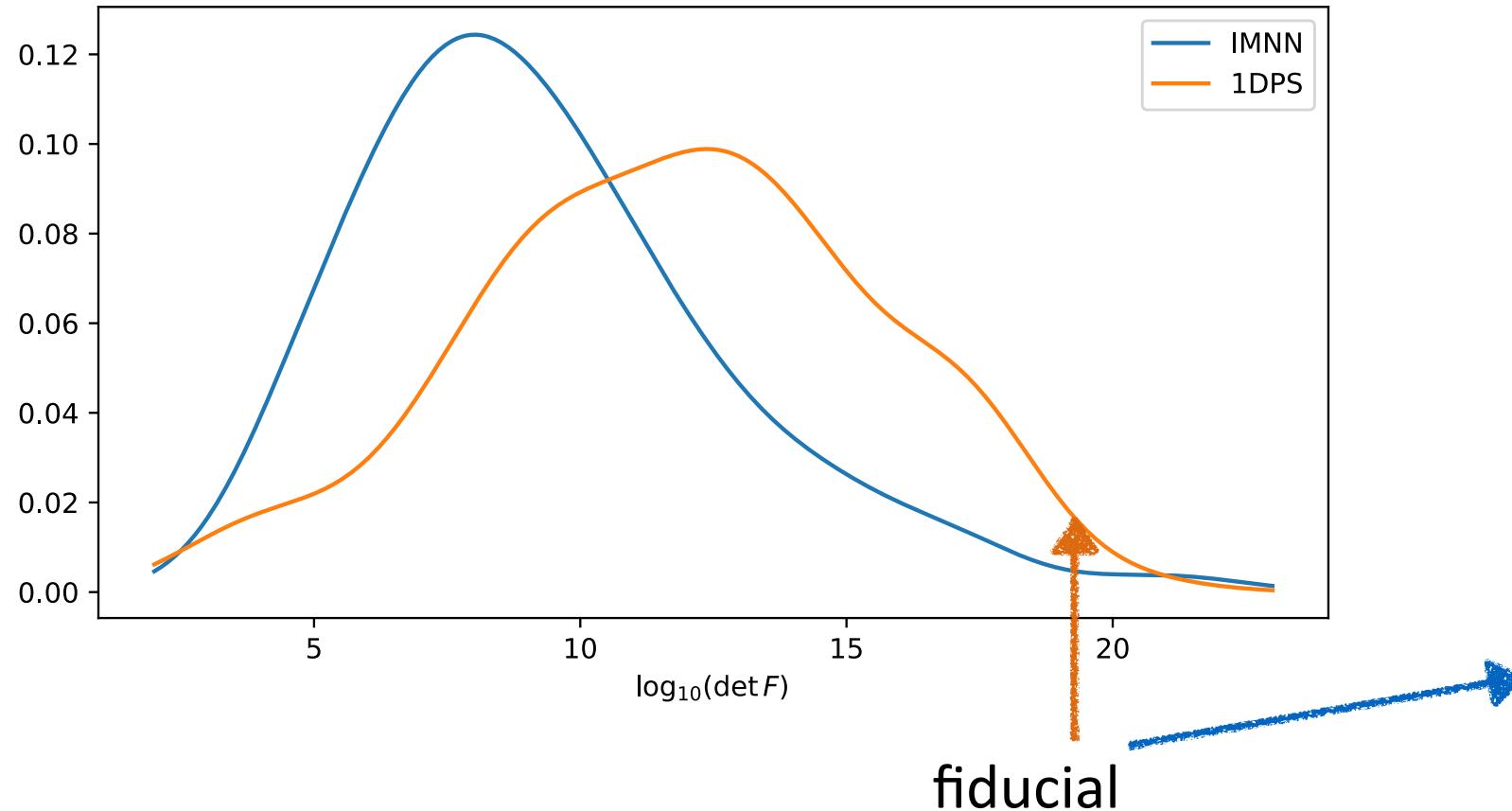


sample your prior volume and evaluate Fisher information
throughout -> *prior weighted Fisher information*

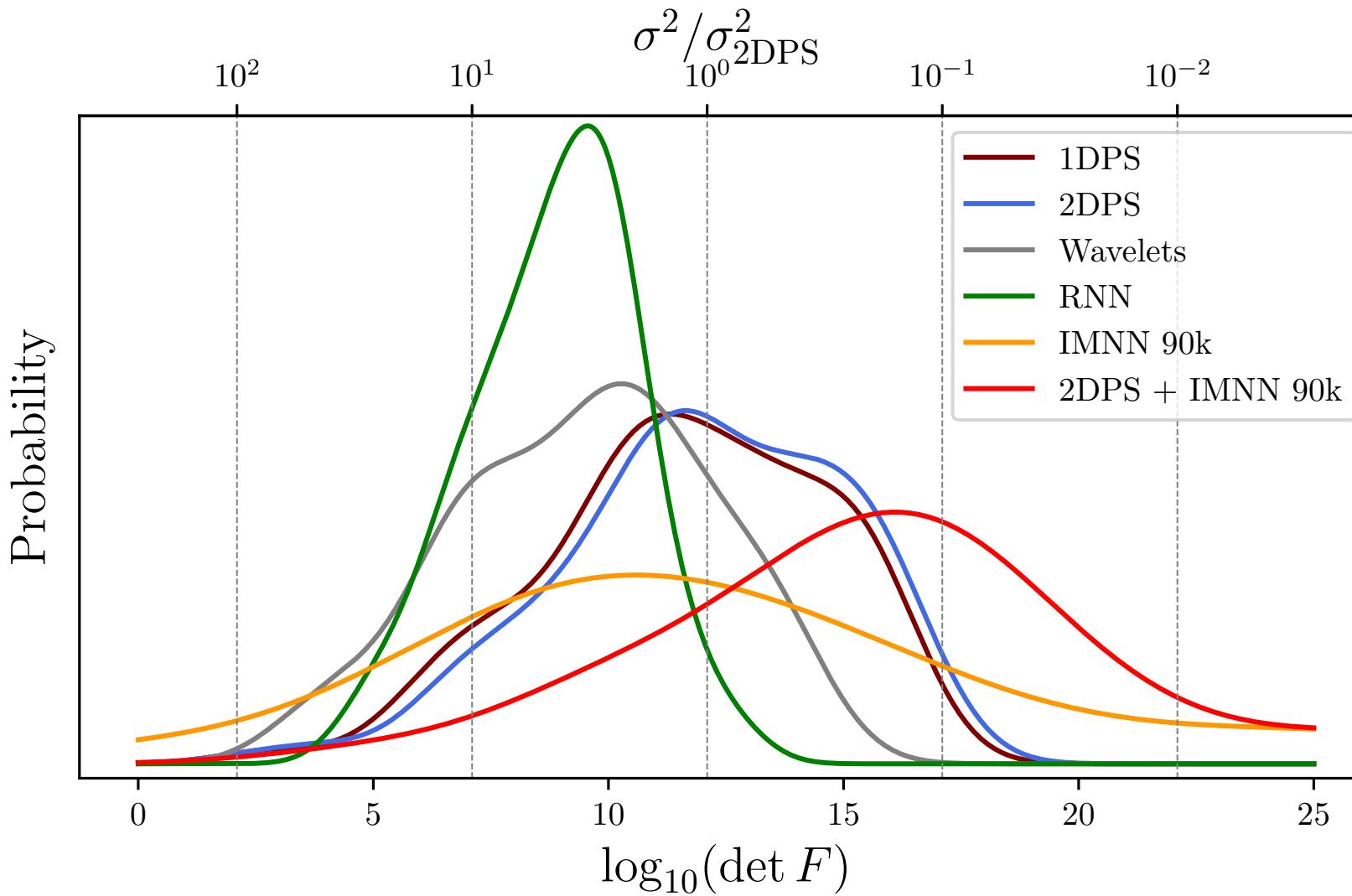
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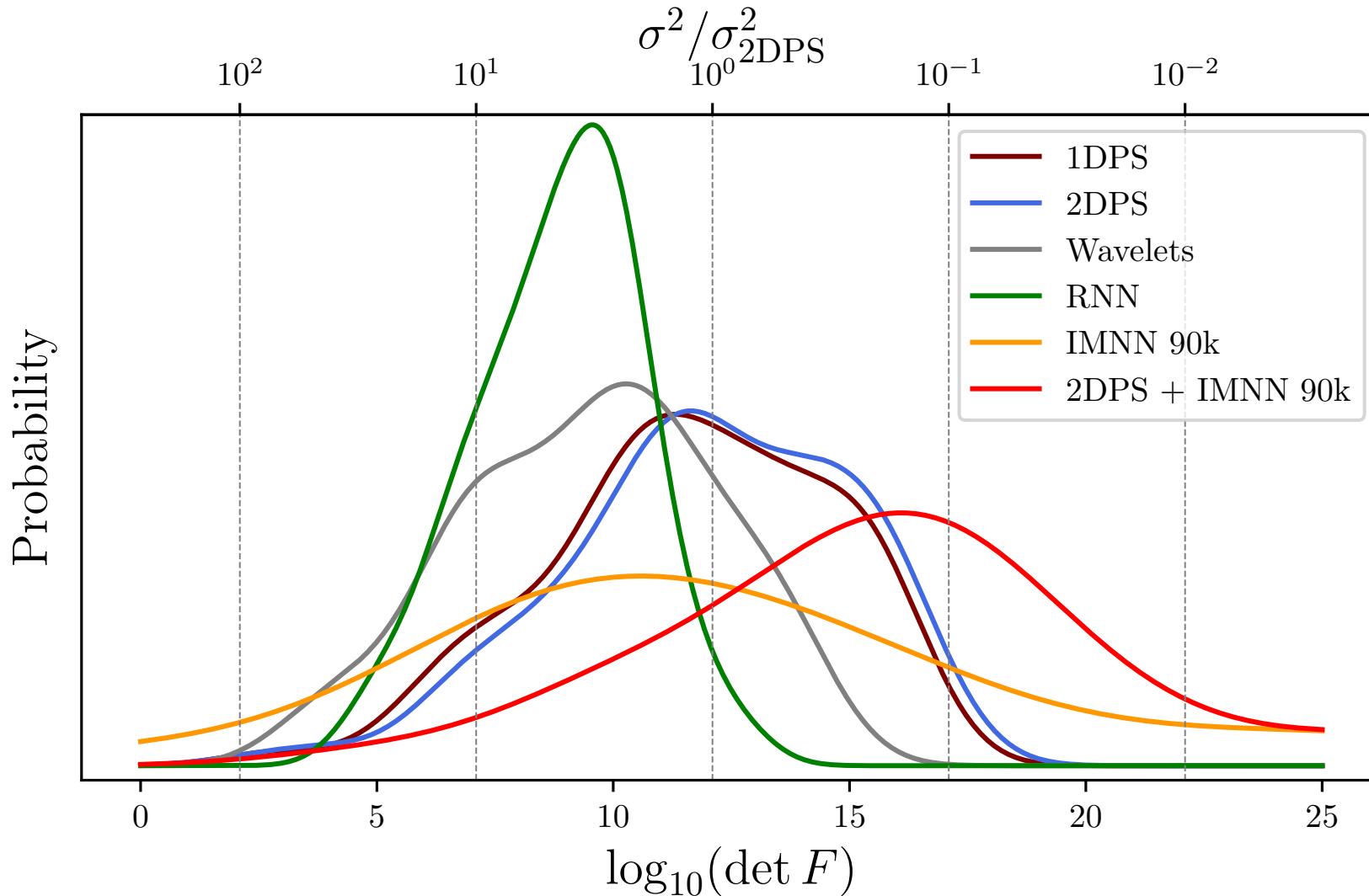
IMNN overspecializes to the Fisher of the *fiducial*... The mean Fisher over the prior is actually lower than the PS



Comparing various 21cm summaries using the prior-weighted Fisher information



Combining 2D PS & IMNN gives a constraining summary throughout the prior volume



Summary

Milestones and KPIs

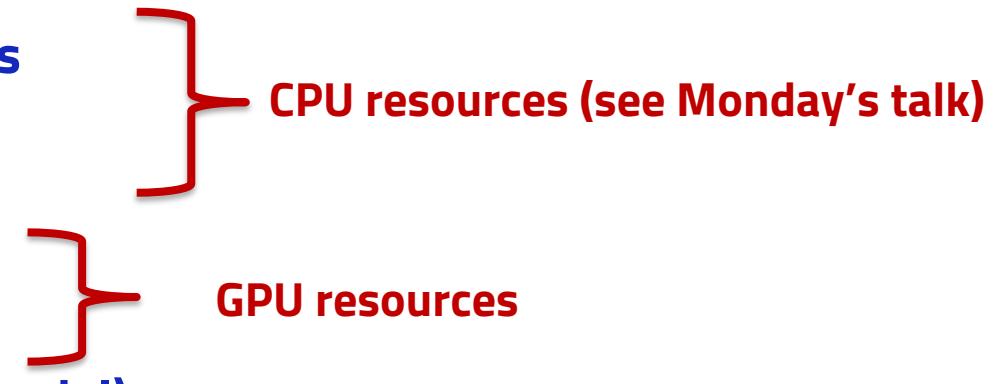
Construction of databases:

- SBI database ~100 000 **21cmFAST** simulations
- IMNN database ~ 20 000
- Fisher database ~ 50 000

NN trainings:

- IMNN – 5 000 GPU h per model
- RNN – 1 000 GPU h per model
- SBI NDEs – relatively cheap (~few GPUh per model)

Bottlenecks:



Milestones and KPIs

Code release:

<https://github.com/dprelogo/21cmLikelihoods>

https://github.com/dprelogo/conditional_kde

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

<https://github.com/dprelogo/21cmIMNN>

Publications:

Exploring the likelihood of the 21-cm power spectrum with simulation-based inference
[arXiv:2305.03074](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.03074) (Prelogovic & Mesinger; MNRAS 524, 2023)

21CMEMU: an emulator of 21CMFAST summary observables
[arXiv:2309.05697](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.05697) (Breitman, AM+; MNRAS 527, 2024)

How informative are summaries of the cosmic 21cm signal?
[arXiv:2401.12277](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.12277) (Prelogovic & Mesinger; A&A submitted)