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#### Simulation-Based Inference of Reionization Parameters From 3D Tomographic 21 cm Lightcone Images

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For given data, we evaluate which theoretical parameter values explain the data well.

Posterior Likelihood Prior  $p(\theta | \mathbf{t_0}) \propto \mathscr{L}(\mathbf{t_0} | \theta) p(\theta)$ 

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#### Another parameter estimation approach

#### **Artificial Neural Network(ANN)**

•The ANN is one of the machine learning techniques. Once we train the architecture of ANN by training the dataset, we can apply the trained network to unknown data sets.



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### Posterior from 21cm image and PS

•We can directly compare the posterior obtained from 21cm image map with the posterior obtained from 21cm PS with MCMC.



21cm image map can provide tighter constraints on EoR parameters than 21cm PS





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The **non-Gaussian likelihood including covariance matrix** is better than the Gaussian likelihood for parameter inference from 21cm power spectrum.

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# **Comparing posteriors**

•We can also compare the posterior obtained from 21cm PS by MCMC with posterior obtained by machine learning based approach (DELFI).



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•The posterior probability distribution can be obtained with the same accuracy when MCMC is performed and when DELFI is applied.