

Review of experiment likelihood frameworks: SO

**Cosmo
Forward**

A critical review of current and future
routes to cosmological results.



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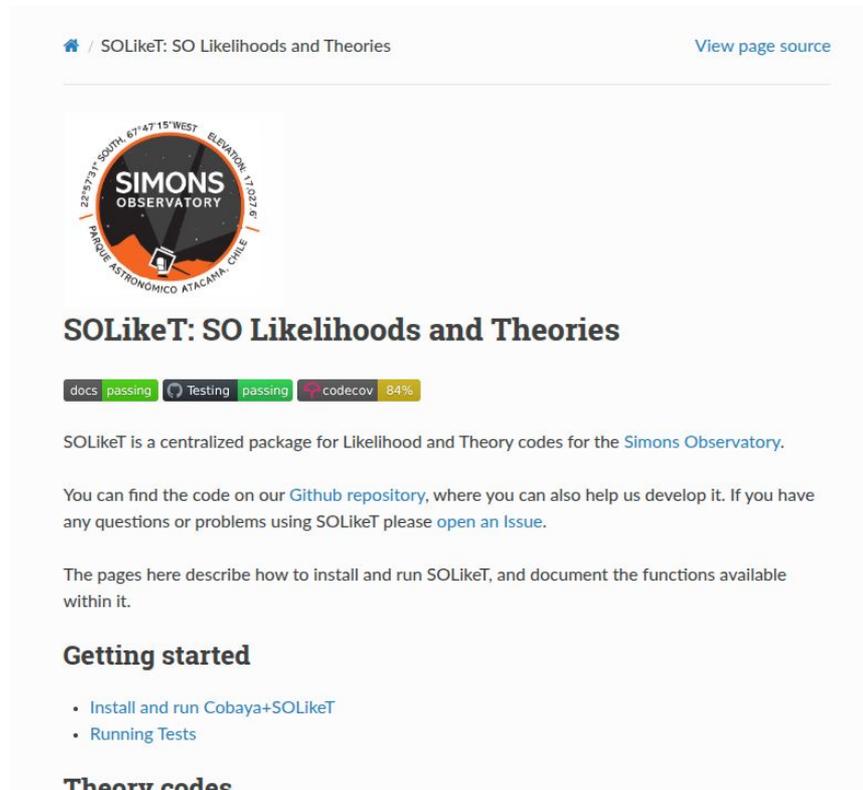
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SO and its Likelihoods and Theorys [sic]

- Will describe the Likelihood and Theory framework for the SO-LAT
 - SOLikeT
- What is SOLikeT and what is it not?
- What can it do currently?

- Try to ask some motivating questions for cross-experiment combinations
- Say some things about a FAIR utopia



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for SOLikeT. At the top, the repository name is "SOLikeT: SO Likelihoods and Theories" with a "View page source" link. Below the repository name is a circular logo for Simons Observatory, featuring the text "SIMONS OBSERVATORY" and "PARQUE ASTRONÓMICO ATACAMA, CHILE" around the perimeter, with coordinates "22°53'31" SOUTH, 67°47'15" WEST" and "ELEVATION: 7,227m". Below the logo is the repository title "SOLikeT: SO Likelihoods and Theories". Underneath the title are three badges: "docs passing", "Testing passing", and "codecov 84%". The main content area contains the following text: "SOLikeT is a centralized package for Likelihood and Theory codes for the [Simons Observatory](#). You can find the code on our [Github repository](#), where you can also help us develop it. If you have any questions or problems using SOLikeT please [open an Issue](#). The pages here describe how to install and run SOLikeT, and document the functions available within it." Below this text is a section titled "Getting started" with two bullet points: "Install and run Cobaya+SOLikeT" and "Running Tests". At the bottom of the screenshot, the text "Theory codes" is partially visible.

Deliverable Projects

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Table 2. Summary of Enhanced Science Goals from SO LAT Survey^a

	Current ^b	SO 2025–2034	Using Rubin, DESI, or <i>Euclid</i>	Reference
Primordial perturbations				
n_s	0.004	0.002	-	Shandera et al. (2019)
$e^{-2\tau} \mathcal{P}(k = 0.2 \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$	3%	0.4%	-	Slosar et al. (2019b)
$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$	5	1	✓	Meerburg et al. (2019)
Relativistic species				
N_{eff}	0.2	0.045	-	Green et al. (2019)
Neutrino mass^c				
$\sum m_\nu$ (eV, $\sigma(\tau) = 0.01$)	0.1	0.03	✓	Dvorkin et al. (2019)
$\sum m_\nu$ (eV, $\sigma(\tau) = 0.002$)		0.015	✓	
Accelerated expansion				
$\sigma_8(z = 1 - 2)$	7%	1%	✓	Slosar et al. (2019a)
Galaxy evolution				
η_{feedback}	50–100%	2%	✓	Battaglia et al. (2019)
p_{nt}	50–100%	4%	✓	Battaglia et al. (2019)
Reionization				
Δz	1.4	0.3	-	Alvarez et al. (2019)
τ	0.007	0.0035	-	Alvarez et al. (2019)
Cluster catalog	4000	33,000	✓	
AGN catalog	2000	96,000	-	

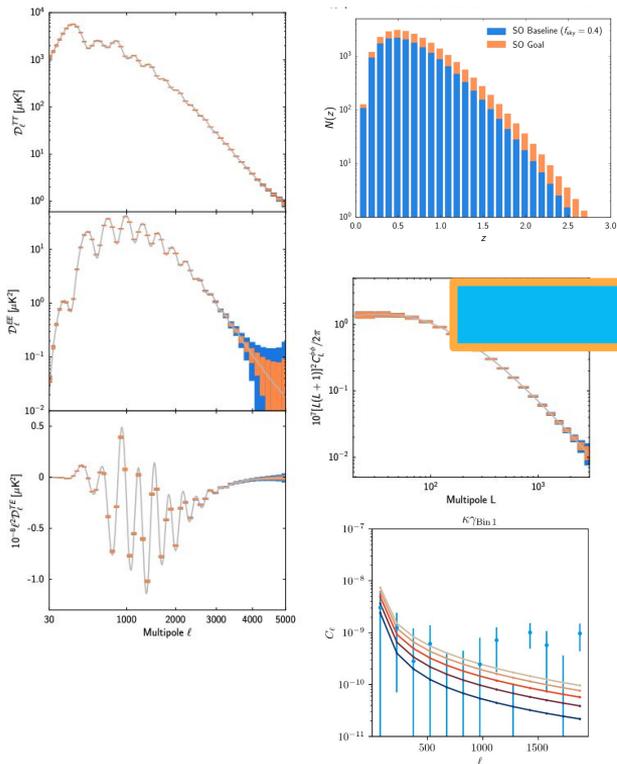
2025

- Initial Science
- Year 1 list

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 (+ covariance matrices)
 + other AWG knowledge



LT AWG

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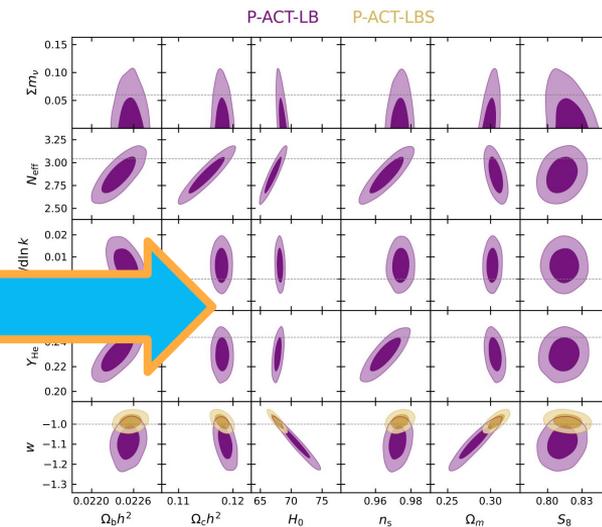
Calculate theory curves
 (LT.2; Harrison, Lague)

Combine with systematics models

Compare them in a likelihood
 (LT.1; Galloni, Jense)

Generate samples from the posterior
 (LT.3; Kou)

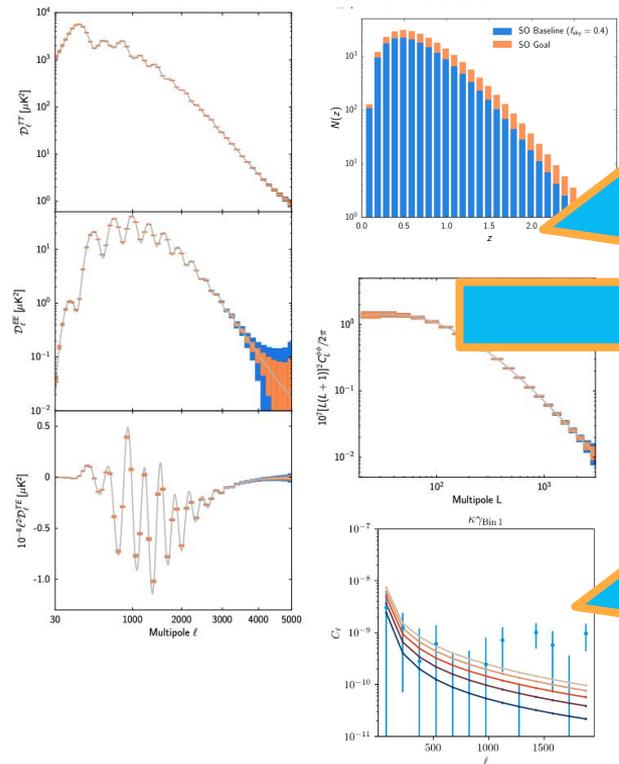
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ACT-DR6
[Calabrese & Hill et al 2025](#)

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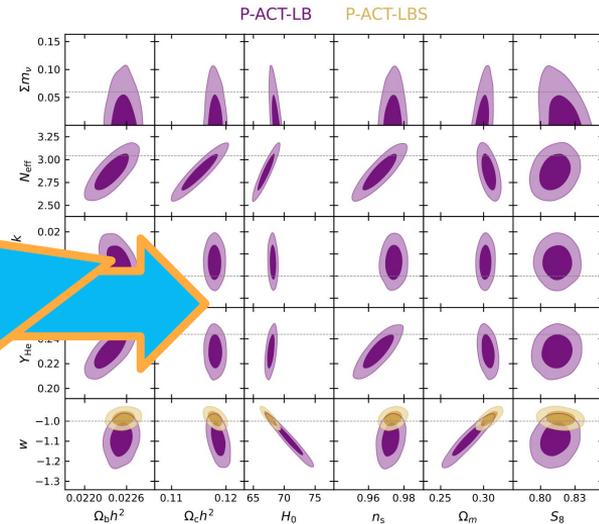


LT AWG

Ingest data
 Make this as easy and efficient as possible when data vectors arrive

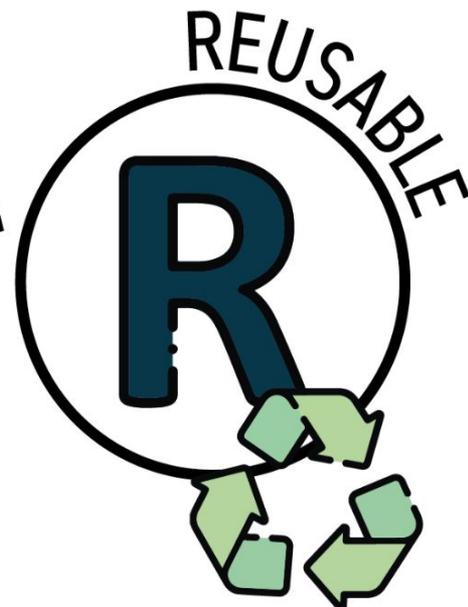
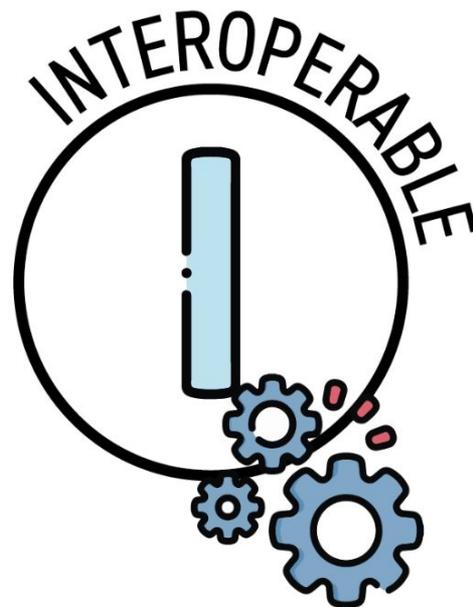
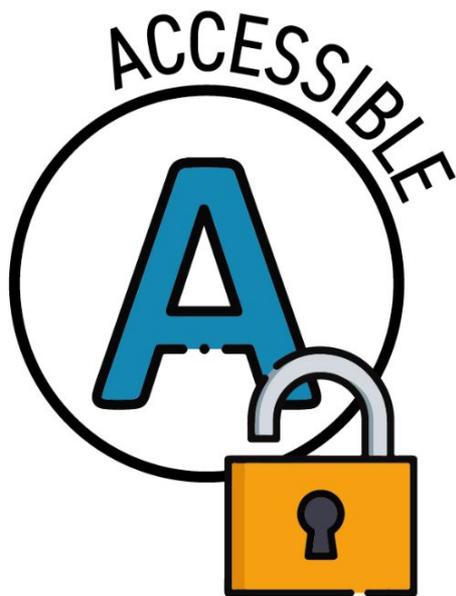
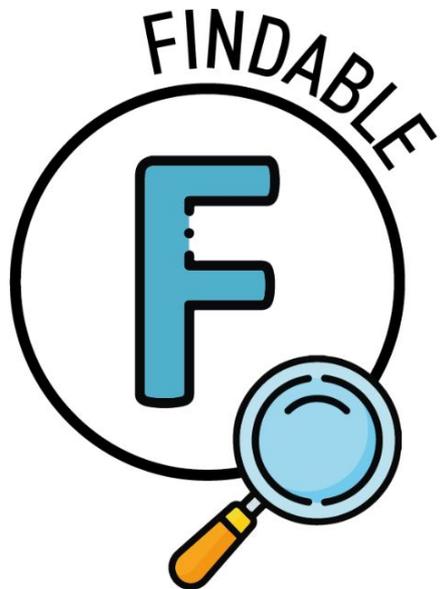
Compare in a
 Make our results FAIR for ourselves and external community

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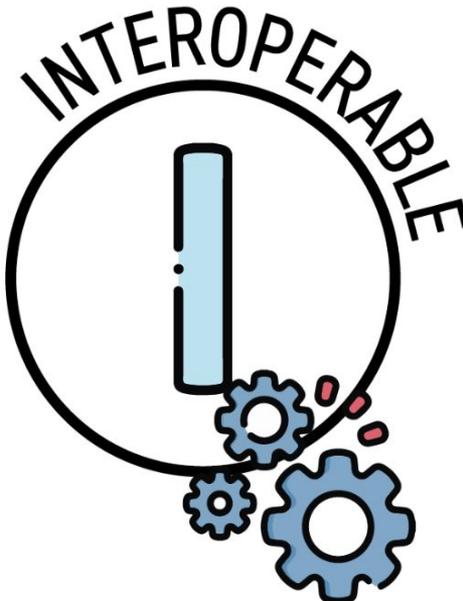
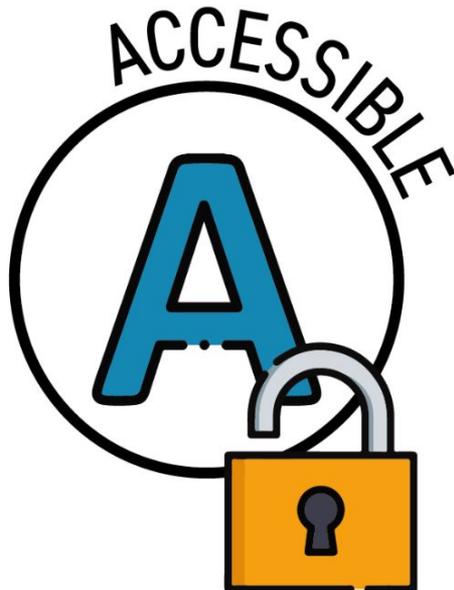
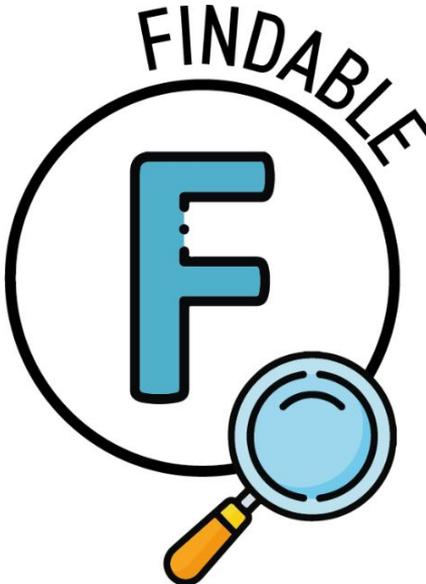


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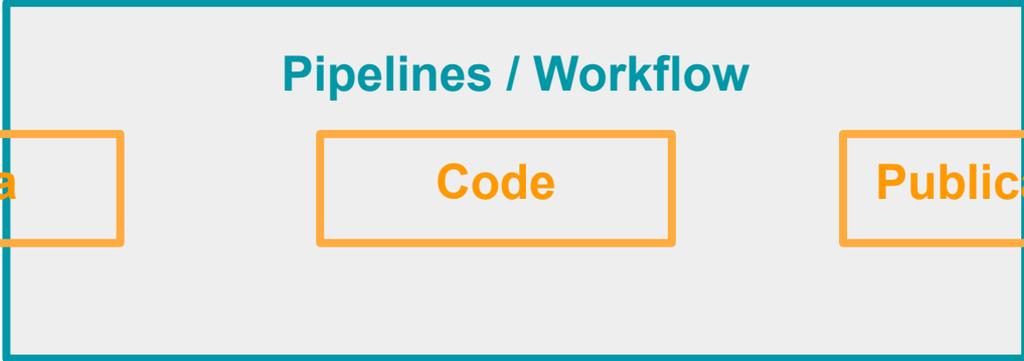
Data

Code

Publications

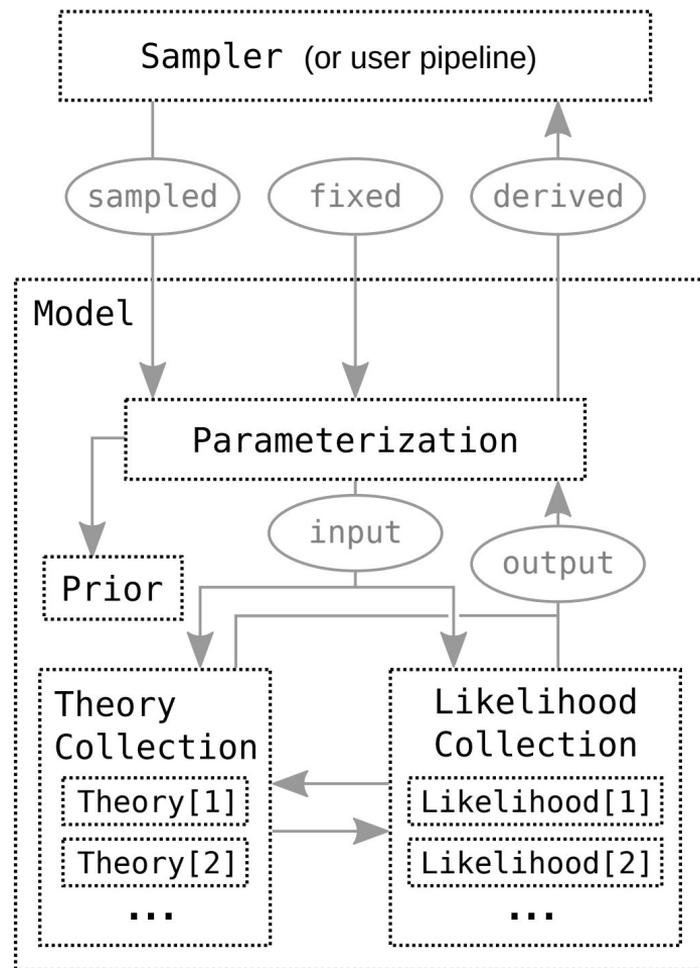
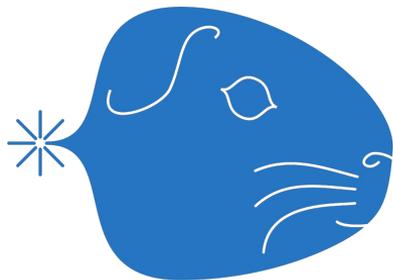


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What is SOLikeT?

- SOLikeT builds on Cobaya
- Cobaya: framework for sampling and statistical modelling
 - From the cosmology community
 - other comparable frameworks are available: CosmoSIS, MontePython



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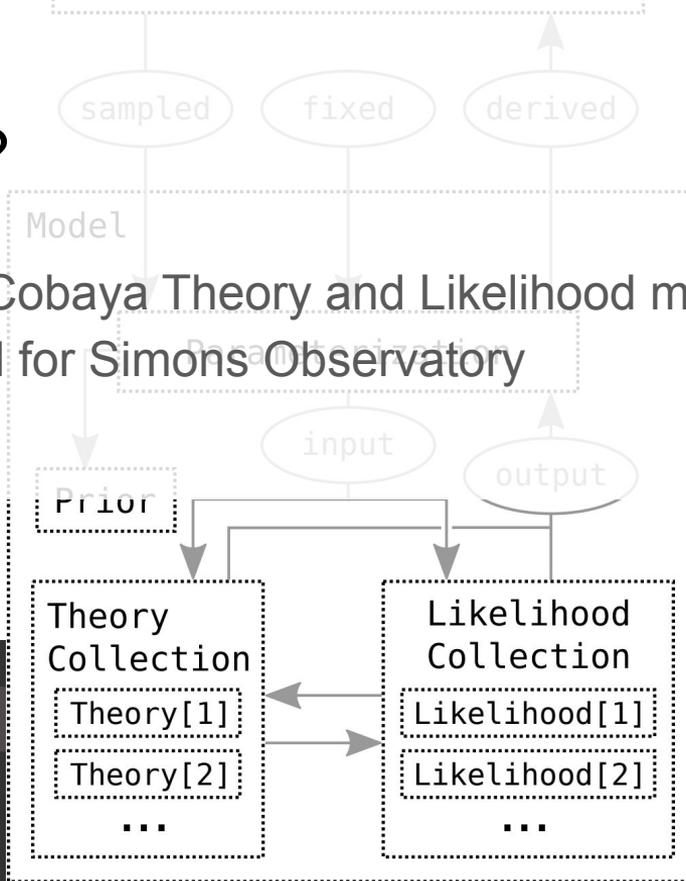
$$\sum_{ij} \left(F(\vec{\theta})_i - d_i \right) C_{ij}^{-1} \left(F(\vec{\theta})_i - d_i \right)$$

- Cobaya has many modules making Theory predictions and for calculating Likelihoods for cosmological data sets
 - Theories calculate predicted data vector $F(\theta)$ at a set of parameters
 - e.g. CAMB
 - Likelihood scores this against some observed data vector, normalised by errors (Covariance Matrix)
 - e.g. Gaussian, Poisson
 - Sampler makes educated choices for which parameter values to calculate at to efficiently estimate posterior and summary statistics



What is SOLikeT?

- SOLikeT is a set of Cobaya Theory and Likelihood modules specifically designed for Simons Observatory



THEORY CODES

Core Cosmology Library (CCL)
Calculator

Cosmopower (Boltzmann Emulator)

Bandpass (CMB)

Foreground (CMB)

Bias (Galaxy Bias)

HaloModel (Halo Model Non-Linear Power Spectrum)



LIKELIHOOD CODES

MFLike (Primary CMB)

Lensing (CMB Lensing)

Clusters (Galaxy Clusters)

XCorr (Cross-correlation)

CrossCorrelation

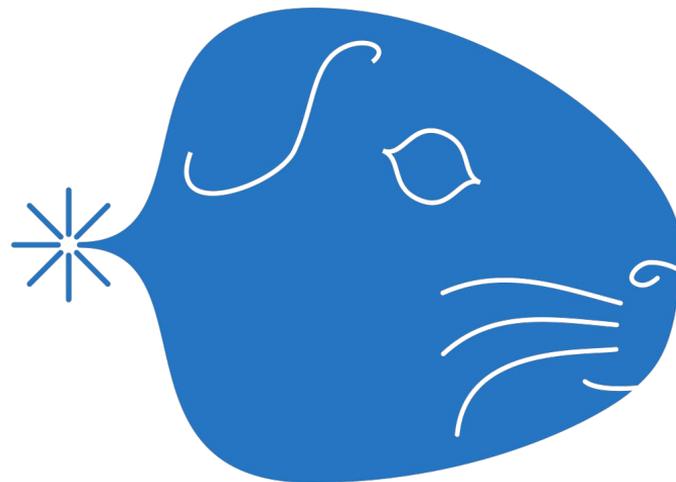
Framework Steps

1. Sampling
 - Choosing the model parameters to map the posterior
2. Theory calculation
 - Making a data prediction with the model
3. Likelihood calculation
 - Scoring the prediction against the data

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- Taken care of by Cobaya
 - CosmoMC-style MCMC
 - Polychord



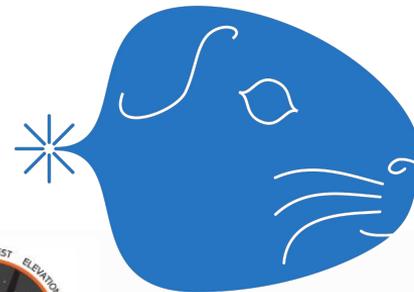
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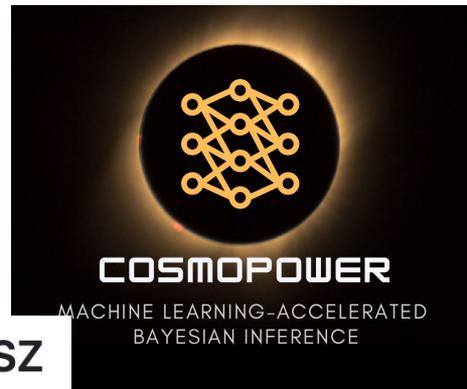
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2. Theory Calculation

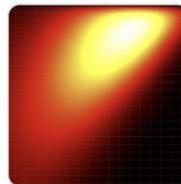
- Existing cobaya modules
 - camb, class
- SOLikeT: SO specific cobaya modules
 - CCL calculator mode wrapper (Limber integration for tracers)
 - Linear bias, pyhalomodel (intended as templates)
 - **CosmoPower*** for Cl and P(k)
- Other SO-managed python modules
 - fgspectra (cross-frequency CMB foregrounds)
 - **class_sz*** (Bolliet+)



SOLikeT: SO Likelihoods and Theories



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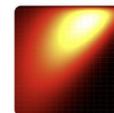
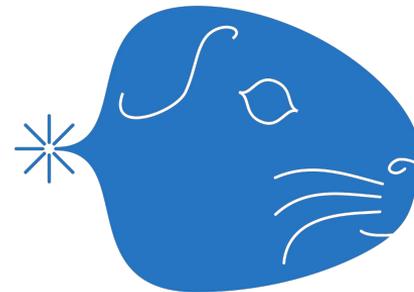
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3. Likelihood Calculation

- Existing cobaya likelihoods...
- SOLikeT: SO specific cobaya likelihoods
 - CMB Lensing
 - CMB Lensing x Shear (include WL nuisance), x Galaxies
- Other SO-managed cobaya likelihoods
 - cosmocnc (Cluster number counts, [Inigo Zubledia+](#))
 - LAT_MFLike (Multifrequency Primary CMB TTTEEE, including bandpass and foregrounds, [Louis, Garrido, Giardiello++](#))
 - lat_cmbonly ([Hidde Jense](#))

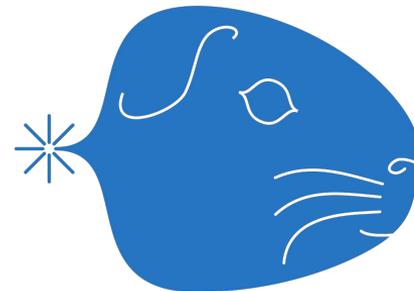


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Framework management

- Cobaya (sampling, some theory calculations, some likelihoods) managed off-project by people who are in SO ([Antony Lewis+](#))
- Multi-probe SOLikeT managed by SO LT Analysis Working Group (AWG)
 - Constructing joint framework from individual probe likelihoods
 - Considering cross-covariances (see [Kou & Lewis 2025](#))
 - Evaluating accuracy requirements
 - Developed in an open repo
- Single-probe likelihoods and theorys managed by individual SO AWG
- Data repository in HIPPO/SOPO ([Josh Borrow](#))

Framework Packaging

- Public repos in [simonsobs](#) github org
- Trying to package and version control things properly!
 - <https://packaging-guide.openastronomy.org/en/latest/index.html> for packaging guidance
 - ...or speak to **Giacomo Galloni**!
- Currently v0.3.2 is on PyPI
 - Requires all dependencies also on pypi
- Unit test suite
 - Currently 84% coverage
 - Multi-platform (ubuntu, macos, windows)
- Tutorial notebooks (**Giacomo, Matteo Forconi**)

Framework validation and requirements

- Have been producing multi-probe ‘smooth theory’ forecast (**Martina**)
 - ...demonstrating cobaya grid run functionality for easily setting up and running multiple runs over combinations of samplers, parameters and theories (**Raphael Kou**)
- Accuracy requirements not formally specified in great detail (yet)
- Building on ACT DR6 Primary CMB exercise from **Boris, Kristen, Colin++** (**Sunny Desai, Matteo Forconi**)
 - Baseline (very) slow high-accuracy Theory run
 - Data-level differences
 - Likelihood slices
 - Stability of Fisher information
 - Stability of profile likelihoods
 - Stability of contours

Expected external combinations

- With reference to 2018/25 Goals and Forecasts
 - BAO
 - Likelihood from cobaya
 - WL
 - Likelihood within SOLikeT?
 - Photometric galaxy density
 - Likelihood within SOLikeT?
 - WL cluster mass calibration
 - Within cosmocnc
 - Cluster redshifts
 - Within cosmocnc

Exchange of likelihoods

- How do we send SO to Rubin / Euclid?
 - Foreground marginalised / CMB-only likelihood
 - How many nuisance parameters?
 - Spectra?
 - Maps?
- How do we use Rubin / Euclid in SO?
 - Nuisance marginalised / cosmology-only likelihoods?
 - Penalty? Identify set of models where this is no penalty?

In an ideal world... its Dols all the way down 🐢

- Posterior estimate in a *paper*^v links to a *chain*^v via a Dol
- The chain's metadata links to a sacc *data file*^v via a Dol
- The sacc file's metadata links to *workflow*^v(s) via a Dol
- The workflow's metadata links to *code*^v(s) via a Dol
 - ...and input data / maps with Dols which have in their metadata workflows which... etcetera
- ...the chain's metadata also links to an inference *workflow*^v via (...you get the picture)
- The inference workflow's metadata links to *code*^v(s)
- Workflows are packaged (as much as possible) with an *execution environment*^v in which they run

Many of these repositories exist at some level

- Papers: arXiv
- Data files / chains: zenodo / SOPO
- Workflows: [show your work](#) / [maneage](#)
- Code: github / pypi / [Software Heritage](#)
- Execution envs: containers / maneage (full software stacks from POSIX tools!)
- As do frameworks for metadata / FAIRness validation (e.g. [F-UJI](#))

Summary

- SOLikeT will deliver multi-probe cosmology posteriors from SO-LAT data
- SOLikeT is a set of SO-specific cobaya modules
 - ...and links to other SO-managed cobaya and python modulus
- SOLikeT contains *some initial* infrastructure for cross-correlations, but way forward requires collaboration
- SOLikeT has some clear areas for tidying up
 - Better integration with CosmoPower
 - Better integration with class_sz (i.e. for halo model)
 - Better integration with CCL (e.g. HEFT for cross-correlations)
- SO inference workflows will be as FAIR as we have resources to make them...

Avenues for Extensions

- Write a cobaya likelihood
 - you have new data
- Write a cobaya theory
 - you have a new fundamental theory
 - you have a new systematics model
- Train a cosmopower emulator
 - you have a new fundamental theory
 - you have a new systematics model
- Re-compute a covmat
 - you have a new fundamental theory
- Re-run a chain
 - you disagree with our prior
 - you want to use less / more data with the same model

In my unrealistic utopian world what could we deliver?

- A DoI for the whole pipeline per posterior estimate (chain)
 - Maps
 - Masks
 - Spectra
 - Covariances
 - Configuration files
 - Full software stack built from only POSIX tools (only joking... [kind of...](#))
- A versioned release of SOLikeT with a DoI for the baseline chain
 - Library of Cobaya Theories and Likelihoods in our repo
 - ...what about Likelihoods from outside our repo? Want tagged versions of those
- A complete set of maps
- A complete set of masks
- A single sacc file with all our probes and one covariance
 - Baseline + variations?
- Configuration files for each pipeline version
 - Which *nest as much as they can*

Which probes?

Probe	SO	DESC	<i>Euclid</i>
Primary CMB	✓ cutting-edge		
CMB Lensing	✓ cutting-edge		
Cluster counts	✓ cutting-edge		
Galaxy density	✓ toy		
Galaxy lensing	✓ toy		
...			

Which 'data' formats?

Element	SO	DESC	<i>Euclid</i>
Sacc	✓		
Cosmopower Cell	✓		
Cosmopower Pk	✓ish (Hidde's version, classy_sz)		
...			

Which theory models?

Model	SO	DESC	<i>Euclid</i>
LCDM+ CMB Cell	✓ camb/class		
LCDM+ linear P(k)	✓ camb/class		
LCDM non-linear P(k) FastPT			
...			
LCDM Halo Model classy_sz	✓ ish		
BaryonForge			
...			