

Review of experiment likelihood frameworks: SO

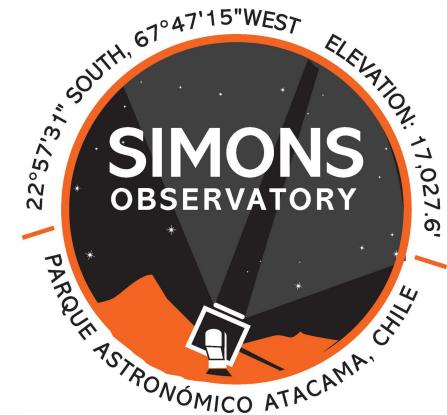
Cosmo Forward

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



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

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SOLikeT: SO Likelihoods and Theories

[docs](#) passing [Testing](#) passing [codecov](#) 84%

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.

Getting started

- [Install and run Cobaya+SOLikeT](#)
- [Running Tests](#)

Theory codes

Deliverable Projects

- See [2018](#) and [2025](#) SO-LAT Goals and Forecast papers:

Table 9
Summary of SO key science goals^a

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	$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$	1.8	3	1	5	$\kappa\kappa \times \text{LSST-LSS} + 3\text{-pt}$	5.3
		1	2	1		kSZ + LSST-LSS	7.5
Relativistic species	N_{eff}	0.055	0.07	0.05	0.2	<i>TT/TE/EE + $\kappa\kappa$</i>	4.1
Neutrino mass	Σm_ν	0.033	0.04	0.03	0.1	$\kappa\kappa + \text{DESI-BAO}$	5.2
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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 Euclid	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	-	

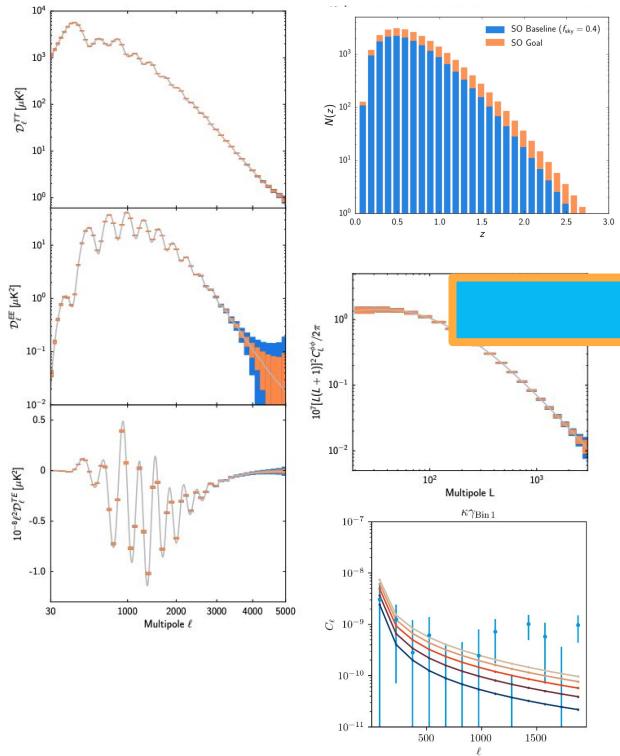
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(+ covariance matrices)
+ other AWG knowledge



LT AWG

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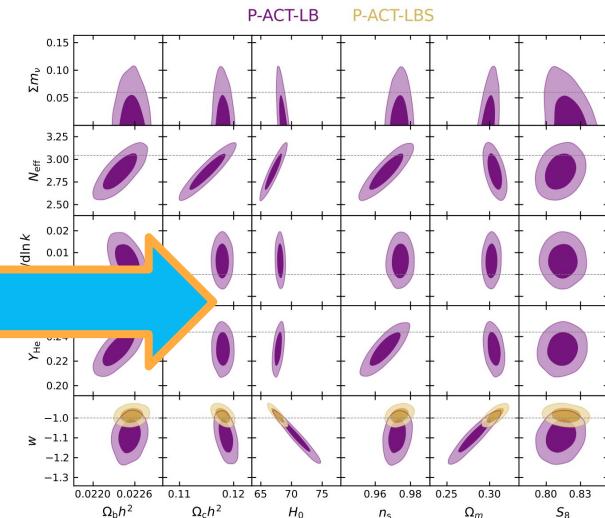
Calculate
theory curves
(LT.2; Harrison, Lague)

Combine with
systematics models

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

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

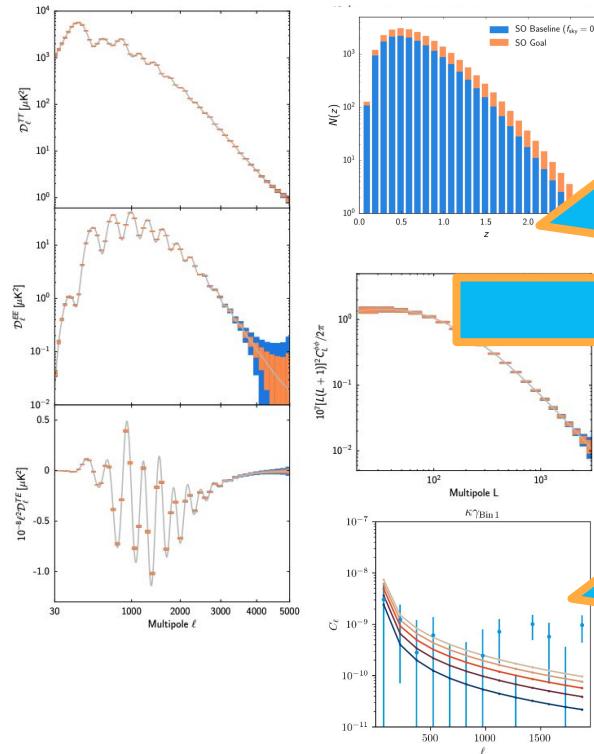
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ACT-DR6
[Calabrese & Hill et al 2025](https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.02501)

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(e.g., catalogue)

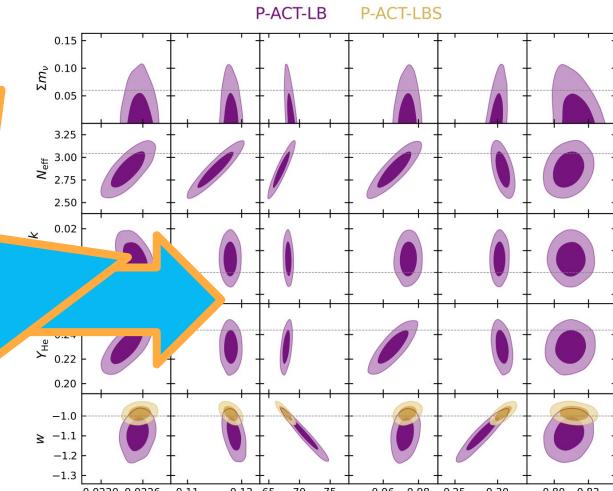
Handle with
systematics

Compare
in a
FAIR way

Make our results
FAIR for ourselves
and external
community

Posteriors
(e.g., Kou)

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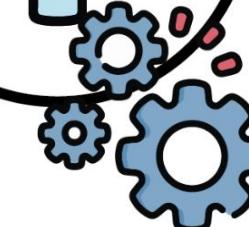
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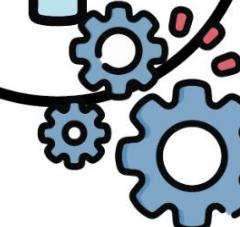
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Pipelines / Workflow

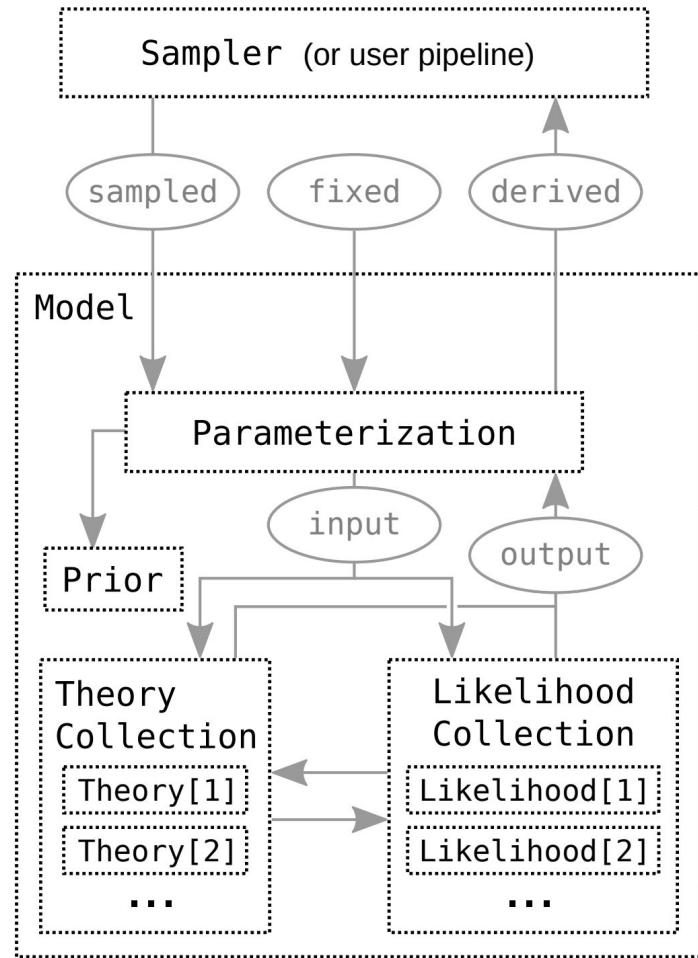
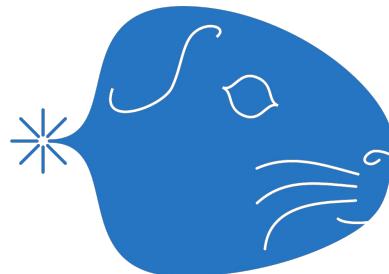
Data

Code

Publications

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



What is SOLikeT?

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

- 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



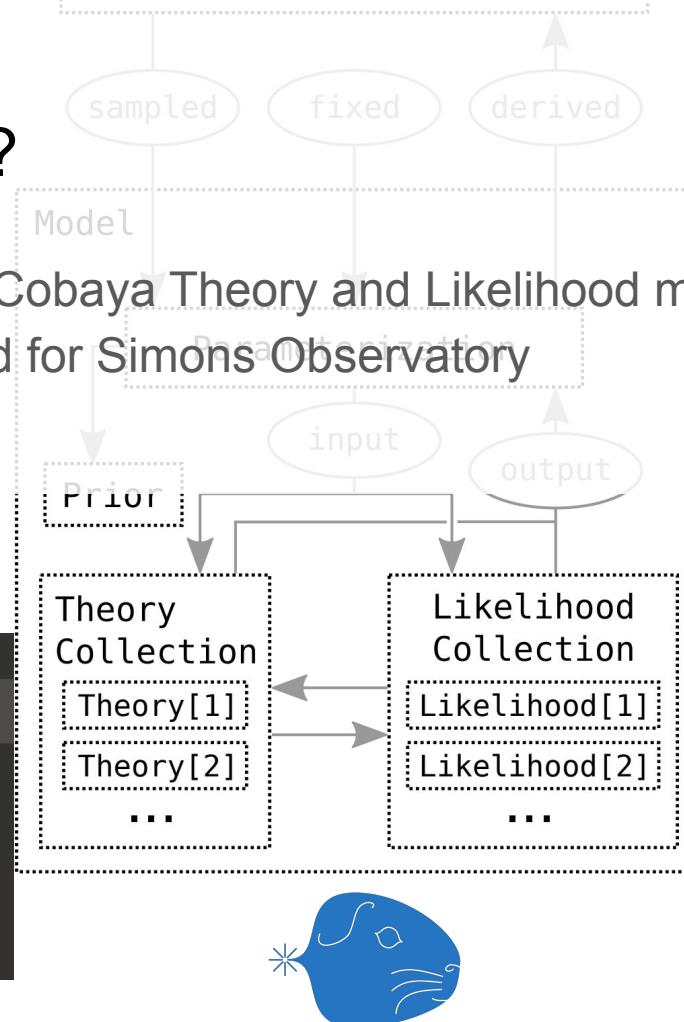
What is SOLikeT?

- 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



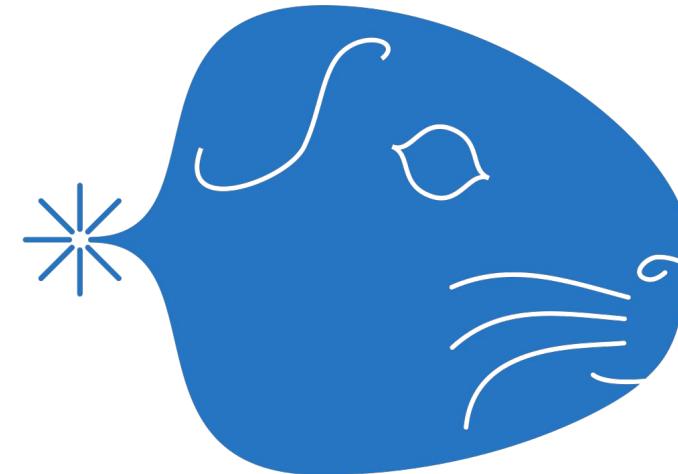
Framework Steps

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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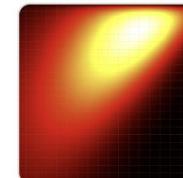
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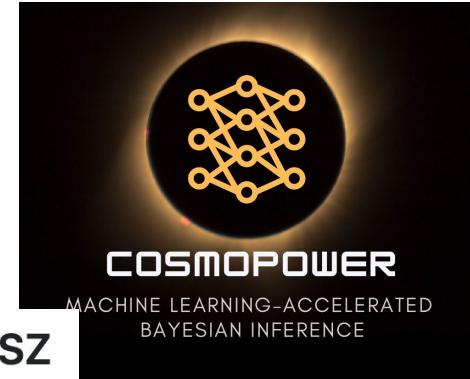


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 - Existing cobaya modules
 - camb, class
 - SOLikeT: SO specific cobaya modules
 - CCL calculator mode wrapper (Limber integration for tracers)
 - Linear bias, pyhalomodel (intended as templates)
 - **CosmoPower*** for Cl and P(k)
 - Other SO-managed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



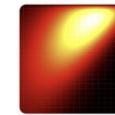
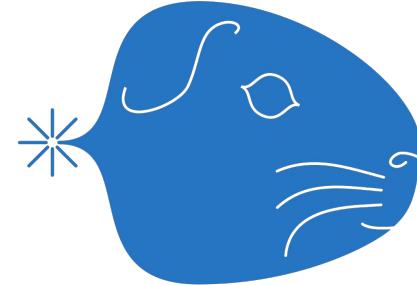
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 - o Existing cobaya likelihoods...
 - o SOLikeT: SO specific cobaya likelihoods
 - CMB Lensing
 - CMB Lensing x Shear (include WL nuisance), x Galaxies
 - o Other SO-managed cobaya likelihoods
 - cosmocnc (Cluster number counts, [Inigo Zubledia+](#))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

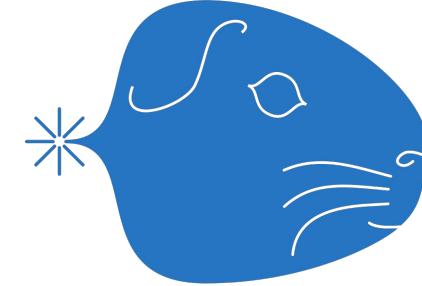


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Framework management

- 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 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 Dol 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 Dol 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			
...			