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# **REDBACK – A BAYESIAN INFERENCE SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR** TRANSIENTS







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- The number of transient observations is exploding.
  - Accumulating large samples, and rate is not slowing down with e.g., Einstein Probe, Roman, Rubin, Ultrasat, etc
- But what can we actually learn from the observations?
  - Let the gospel of Reverend Bayes guide us to the answer...



### **Credit: Michael Tucker**



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## **REDBACK - A TOOL TO MAKE TRANSIENT INFERENCE EASY.**

- Need modular, open-source software.
  - Keep pace with rapidly accumulating observations and improving models.
- Adaptable to expert workflows, e.g., treatment of data, noise assumptions, and type of data.
  - But friendly for beginners.
- End to end.
  - Simulate, investigate/develop models, and do inference with one package.
- Capable of joint modelling with gravitationalwave data, or spectrum + photometry, or of a GRB afterglow + supernova/kilonova etc



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# A modular design. 3 primary workflows.

- Get data/load private data -> create transient object -> specify a model -> set a prior + likelihood -> Specify a sampler implemented in Bilby -> Fit
  - Choose Model/provide your own -> Simulate observations -> Fit.
- Model -> simulate single transient/population/survey -> fit, or check survey strategies.



# **GETTING DATA**

import redback import pandas as pd

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# First, let's show how to get data from FINK.
name = 'ZTF22abdjqlm'
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# Now LASAIR transient = 'ZTF20aamdsjv' data = redback.get\_data.get\_lasair\_data(transient=transient, transient\_type='supernova')

# 0AC tde = "PS18kh" data = redback.get\_data.get\_tidal\_disruption\_event\_data\_from\_open\_transient\_catalog\_data(tde

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# BATSE
name = '910505'
data = redback.get_data.get_prompt_data_from_batse(grb=name)
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# Swift
GRB = '070809'
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APIs for Open Access Catalog, LASAIR, Fink, Swift, BATSE. Can download different types of data. Redback does some additional processing internally. Looks for metadata e.g., T0, redshift, RA/DEC. Data saved as a text file; returned in pandas data frame.

data = redback.get\_data.get\_fink\_data(transient=name, transient\_type='supernova')

data = redback.get\_data.get\_bat\_xrt\_afterglow\_data\_from\_swift(grb=GRB, data\_mode="flux")



# TRANSIENT OBJECTS

Where the magic happens Transient processing. name = 'ZTF22abdjglm' Plotting functionality. Links all the modules together. 2 parent classes: Generic transient name = '170817A' **Optical Transient** 6 child classes for specific transients Kilonovae, SGRB/LGRB afterglow, Supernovae, TDEs, Prompt GRB.



supernova = redback.supernova.Supernova.from\_open\_access\_catalogue(name=name,



# We can also create a transient object from values in a csv file. data = pd.read\_csv('example\_data/grb\_afterglow.csv') time\_d = data['time'].values flux\_density = data['flux'].values frequency = data['frequency'].values flux\_density\_err = data['flux\_err'].values # set some other useful things as variables

afterglow = redback.transient.Afterglow( name=name, data\_mode='flux\_density', time=time\_d, flux\_density=flux\_density, flux\_density\_err=flux\_density\_err, frequency=frequency)





## MODELS

- >150 models are currently implemented in Redback.
  - Phenomenological models –> surrogates of numerical simulations.
  - Simple interfaces to many other model packages e.g.,
    - All models in SNCosmo
    - Afterglowpy
    - Mosfit ports
- Inbuilt models for
  - GRB afterglows/kilonova afterglows/kilonovae/ supernovae/TDEs/FBOTs, magnetar-driven explosions, millisecond magnetars + more.
- Almost all models can output in multiple formats
  - Flux density, bandpass magnitude, flux, and bolometric luminosity.







# SIMULATION

- Any redback model (or user provided model) can be used by the simulation module.
  - Generic transient simulation, any type of transient/telescope.
  - OpticalTransient (appropriate for a transient) found in a survey/ToO observations).
  - Full optical survey.
- ZTF and LSST Rubin have already been implemented (real/"official" survey pointing tables).
  - Users can also create their own survey and simulate transients for that.

### Simulated Kilonova in ZTF





Simulated Kilonova in LSST with Rubin baseline v3.0 survey.



# SIMULATION

- Save the mock observations/ create a 'transient' object.
  - Interface now identical to if the data was private/catalog.
    - Validation for entire inference procedure.
    - Studies of projected constraints from future observations/surveys.

All these plots are one/ two lines of code!





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## FITTING - THE MAIN EVENT

- Download data or use private data or simulate it.
  - Create a transient object
- Pick a model (or use your own).
- Create a prior (or use the default)
- Choose your likelihood (or use the default). Or write your own.
  Pick a sampler. ~15 to choose from.



kwargs = {'sncosmo\_model': sncosmo\_model, 'bands': sn.filtered\_sncosmo\_bands, 'output\_format': 'magnitude'<u>,</u>'model\_kwarg\_names': ['x0', 'x1', 'c']}

result = redback.fit\_model(transient=sn, model='sncosmo\_models', prior=priors , model\_kwargs=kwargs, sampler='ultranest', nlive=200, plot=False)

ax = result.plot\_lightcurve(random\_models=50, show=False)





# IN CASE YOU ARE NOT CONVERTED

- Simple interface for a Joint likelihood.
  - Jointly analyse EM data of different types.
    - Spectrum + photometry
  - GW + EM data
  - Kilonova/Supernova + GRB afterglow
- All the benefits of a Bayesian framework
  - Hierarchical modelling, Importance sampling, model selection etc





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# REDBACK

docs passing C Python application passing coverage 83% py

pypi v1.0.1 arXiv 2308.12806

### Redback

Introducing REDBACK, a bayesian inference software package for fitting electromagnetic transients

#### **Online documentation**

- Installation
- Examples
- Documentation

Built on modern software development practices.

### GIT with continuous integration.

83% of the core software code (~11k lines) is tested on every commit in some way.

Pull request system for integrating changes.

Large library of examples, extensive docs (both of API and otherwise).

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Code motivation

Basics of Bayesian inference and parameter estimation

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Priors

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Using redback models as functions

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#### Simulation

Making changes to models and plotting using dependency injections

Plotting

Analysis

Fitting

Results

Joint likelihood

Examples

Acknowledgements

#### Modifying redback models %

A lot of the physics in different redback models is set by default. However, several pieces of physics in various models can be changed by either passing your own function/class (see dependency injections), by switching the default argument with something else already implemented in redback, or changing a keyword argument.

The specific physics that can be changed:

- Jet spreading on/off
- Whether to infer lorentz factor in afterglow models
- Whether to turn on/off pair cascades
- Whether to turn on/off neutron precursor emission
- Different ejecta relations: See relations already implemented here.
- Different equations of states: See eos already implemented here.
- Different interaction process: See processes already implemented here.
- Different photosphere: See photospheres already implemented here.
- Different SED: See SED's already implemented here.
- Gamma-ray leakage
- Engines with different energy injection rates

We encourage users to add more of these physics switches, which is another easy way to contribute to redback.

#### Extra kwargs and output formats in redback models

All **redback** models have a set of extra keyword arguments that can be passed to the functio a specific model, users can see the extra keyword arguments by looking at the docstring of th



# CONTRIBUTING/PLANS

- Paper marking v1.0 release published in MNRAS.
- Development never stops. Plenty of improvements underway
  - New models, Fermi API. Better integration with Brokers/TNS.
  - Contributions/developers/users welcome!
  - Biweekly dev/user calls for tutorials and Q/A, etc.
  - Slack



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- Redback An open source, pip installable, python package for simulating and inference of any electromagnetic transient.
- Over 100 models and ~15 samplers implemented.
  - Swap models and samplers by simply changing a string.
  - ▶ GRB afterglows, TDEs, KNe, SNe, FBOTs, millisecond magnetars in X-ray plateaus, etc
- Interface to download and process data in a single line for Swift, BATSE, LASAIR, FINK, Open access catalog.
- Large library of examples, extensive docs (both of API and otherwise).
- Happy to chat more about specific science done so far with Redback on TDEs, supernovae, GRB afterglows, kilonovae.
  - Or the science you want to do!







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