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# SeisFlows Documentation

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## OVERVIEW

SeisFlows is a Python waveform inversion package with a growing user base in academia and industry. So far, the package has been used for production runs with a billion or so model parameters and for research on oil and gas exploration, earthquake seismology, and general nonlinear optimization problems.

To provide flexibility, SeisFlows is very modular. Users are offered choices in each of the following categories:

- workflow
- system
- solver
- pre-processing
- post-processing
- nonlinear optimization

The thing that ties everything together is the workflow. Execution of a workflow is equivalent to stepping through the code contained in `workflow.main`. Users are free to customize the default ‘inversion’ and ‘migration’ workflows from the main package.

A number of options exist for system and solver. By isolating system and solver machinery, users can switch from one application to another with relative ease. For example, if the study area in an earthquake tomography project expands, users can trade a regional Cartesian solver for a global solver. If a PBS cluster goes offline and a SLURM cluster comes online to replace it, users can trade the PBS system interface for a SLURM system interface.

A selection of ready-to-go system and solver interfaces is provided in the main package. Through these interfaces, SeisFlows (or prototypes of it) have run on clusters managed by the Department of Defense, Chevron Corp., Total S.A., Princeton University and other universities and institutions.

Users can also choose from various pre-processing and post-processing options. In our terminology, pre-processing consists of signal processing operations performed on seismic traces prior to the gradient computation. Post-processing consists of regularization or image processing operations carried out after the gradient computation.

If desired functionality is missing from the main package, users can contribute their own classes or overload default ones.



## 2.1 Installation

To install Seisflows, first clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/rmodrak/seisflows.git
```

Then set environment variables. Add the following lines to `.bashrc` (or modify accordingly if using a shell other than `bash`):

```
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/seisflows/scripts
export PYTHONPATH=$PYTHONPATH:/path/to/seisflows
```

### 2.1.1 Software Prerequisites

SeisFlows requires Python 2.7, Numpy, Scipy and Obspy. Users will need to install these packages before being able to use SeisFlows.

Forward modeling software is also a prerequisite; see [Solver Configuration](#) for more information.

### 2.1.2 Hardware Prerequisites

Access to a computer cluster is required for most applications. Base classes are provided for several common cluster configurations, including PBS and SLURM. Nonstandard configurations can often be accommodated through modifications to one of the base classes; see [System Configuration](#) for details.

## 2.2 Job Submission

Each job must have its own *working directory* within which users must supply two input files, `paths.py` and `parameters.py`.

To begin executing a workflow, simply type `sfrun` within a working directory. If an `inversion` workflow and `serial` system configuration, for example, are specified in the parameters file, the inversion will begin executing immediately in serial. If a PBS, SLURM, or LSF system configuration is specified instead, execution may wait until required resources become available.

Once the workflow starts running, status information is displayed to the terminal or to the file `output.log`. By default, updated models and other inversion results are output to the working directory.

## 2.3 Solver Configuration

SeisFlows includes Python interfaces for SPECSEM2D, SPECSEM3D, and SPECSEM3D\_GLOBE. While the Python interfaces are part of the SeisFlows package, the solver source code must be downloaded separately through GitHub.

After downloading the solver source code, users must configure and compile it, following the instructions in the solver user manual. Summarized briefly, the configuration and compilation procedure is:

Prior to compilation, users need to run the `configure` script and prepare input files such as

- parameter file
- source file
- stations file.

To successfully run the `configure`, you may need to install compilers, libraries, and other software in your environment.

The result of compilation is a set of binary executables, such as

- `mesher`
- `solver`
- `smoothing utility`
- `summing utility`.

After compilation, solver input files must be gathered together in one directory and solver executables in another. The absolute paths to the directories containing input files and executables must be given in `paths.py`.

### 2.3.1 Writing Custom Solver Interfaces

Besides SPECSEM2D, SPECSEM3D, and SPECSEM3D\_GLOBE, SeisFlows can interface with other solvers capable of running forward and adjoint simulations. Users unaffiliated with the main SeisFlows developers have succeeded in interfacing with, for example, their own finite difference solvers. For information about writing custom solver interfaces, see [Developer Reference](#).

### 2.3.2 Design Philosophy

Integration of the solver with the other workflow components can be challenging. Here we try to give an idea of the issues involved from both a developer and a user standpoint.

- Solver computations account for most of the cost of an inversion. As a result, the solver must be written in an efficient compiled language, and wrappers must be written to integrate the compiled code with other software components.
- There is currently no mechanism for automatically compiling executables for SPECSEM2D, SPECSEM3D, or SPECSEM3D\_GLOBE. Users must prepare their own SPECSEM input files and then follow the compilation procedure in the SPECSEM documentation.
- As described above [Job Submission](#), SeisFlows uses two input files, `paths.py` and `parameters.py`. Problems could arise if parameters from SeisFlows input files conflict with parameters from solver input file. Users must make sure that there are no conflicts between SeisFlows parameters and solver parameters.
- In the solver routines, it's natural to represent velocity models as dictionaries, with different keys corresponding to different material parameters. In the optimization routines, it's natural to represent velocity models as vectors. To convert back and forth between these two representations, a pair of utility functions—`split` and `merge`—are included in `solver.base`.



## 2.4 System Configuration

SeisFlows can run on SLURM, PBS, and LSF clusters, as well as, for very small problems, laptops or desktops. A list of available system interface classes follows. By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

*PBS\_SM* - For small inversions on PBS clusters. All resources are allocated at the beginning and all simulations are run within a single job. Requires that individual wavefield simulations run each on a single core, making this option suitable for small 2D inversions only.

*PBS\_LG* - For large inversions on PBS clusters. The work of the inversion is divided between multiple jobs that are coordinated by a single long-running master job. Resources are allocated on a per simulation basis. Suitable for small to medium 3D inversions in which individual wavefield simulation span several or more nodes.

*SLURM\_SM* - For small inversions on SLURM clusters. All resources are allocated at the beginning and all simulations are run within a single job. Requires that each individual wavefield simulation runs only a single core, making this option suitable for small 2D inversions only.

*SLURM\_LG* - For large inversions on SLURM clusters. The work of the inversion is divided between multiple jobs that are coordinated by a single long-running master job. Resources are allocated on a per simulation basis. Suitable for 3D inversions in which individual wavefield simulation span several or more nodes.

*SERIAL* - Tasks that are normally carried out in parallel are instead carried out one at a time. Useful for debugging, but not much else.

*MULTITHREADED* - On desktops or laptops with multiple cores, allows embarrassingly parallel tasks to be carried out several at a time, rather than one at a time. Can be used to run small 2D inversions on a laptop or desktop.

*LSF\_SM* - Same as SLURM\_SM and PBS\_SM, except for LSF clusters.

*LSF\_LG* - Same as SLURM\_LG and PBS\_LG, except for LSF clusters.

### 2.4.1 Writing Custom System Interfaces

If your needs are more specialized, please view `seisflows.system` source code to get a sense for how to write your own custom system interfaces. In our experience, system interfaces require no more than a few hundred lines of code, so writing your own is generally possible once you are familiar with the SeisFlows framework and your own cluster environment.

### 2.4.2 Design Philosophy

To make SeisFlows work across different environments, our approach is to wrap system commands with a thin Python layer. To handle job submission, for example, we wrap the PBS command `qsub` and the SLURM command `sbatch` with a python utility called `system.submit`. The result is a consistent python interface across different clusters.

Filesystem settings can be adjusted by modifying values in the `PATH` dictionary, which is populated from `paths.py`. Output files and temporary files, by default, are written to the working directory. If a value for `PATH.SCRATCH` is supplied, temporary files are written there instead. If each compute node has its own local filesystem, a value for `PATH.LOCAL` can be supplied so that temporary files required only for a local process need not be written to the global filesystem.

As the size of an inversion grows, scalability and fault tolerance become increasingly important. If a single forward simulation spans more than one node, users must select `pbs_lg` or `slurm_lg` system configurations in `parameters.py`. If a forward simulation fits onto a single node, users should select `pbs_sm` or `slurm_sm` instead.

In SeisFlows, the overall approach to solving system interface problems is to use lightweight Python wrappers. For complex cluster configurations, heavier-weight solutions may be required. Users are referred to SAGA or Pegasus projects for ideas.

## 2.5 Developer Reference

To allow classes to work with one another, each must conform to an established interface. This means certain classes must implement certain methods, with specified input and output. Required methods include

- `setup` methods are generic methods, called from the `main` workflow script and meant to provide users the flexibility to perform any required setup tasks.
- `check` methods are the default mechanism for parameter declaration and checking and are called just once, prior to a job being submitted through the scheduler.

Besides required methods, classes may include any number of private methods or utility functions.

## EXECUTABLE

Seisflows provides several executable Python scripts in `/path/to/seisflows/scripts`. As the PATH has already been added to environmental variables, they can be executed in any directory.

Tests checking module importing, system, and optimization are also provided in `/path/to/seisflows/tests`. It's recommended to pass these tests prior to other projects.

### 3.1 Scripts

- `sfrun (sfsubmit)`: Workflow submission scripts.
- `plotgll`: Plots GLL model read from SPECFEM2D Fortran binary file
- `sfclean`: Delete directories output, output.stat, output.optim and scratch in the current directory
- `sfresume`: Resume current submitted workflow.
- `sfexample`: Run seisflows example. **Currently not available.**

### 3.2 Tests

- `run_test_system`: Test parallelization environment.
- `run_test_import`: Testing seisflows module importing.
- `run_test_optimize`:
- `run_test_preprocess`:
- `run_test_tools`:



## DESIGNING PROJECT

Before submitting jobs to the local server, parameters defined in `parameters.py` and `path.py` require a careful check, avoiding any unnecessary workload.

### 4.1 Parameter Files: `parameters.py`

`parameters.py` contains a list of parameter names and values. Prior to a job being submitted, parameters are checked so that errors can be detected without loss of queue time or wall time. Parameters are stored in a dictionary that is accessible from anywhere in the Python code. By convention, all parameter names must be upper case. Parameter values can be floats, integers, strings or any other Python data type. Parameters can be listed in any order.

#### General

**TITLE** Project title.

**WORKFLOW** Workflow specified for seisflows. ‘inversion’ and ‘migration’ are currently supported.

**SOLVER** Time domain solver specified for seisflows. See *Solver Configuration* and *seisflows.solver package* for supported options.

**SYSTEM** System type supported for seisflows. See *System Configuration* and *seisflows.system package* for supported options..

**OPTIMIZE** Optimization method used for inversion. See *seisflows.optimize package* for supported options.

**PREPROCESS** Preprocessing workflow specified. See *seisflows.preprocess package* for supported options.

**POSTPROCESS** Postprocessing workflow specified. ‘base’ needs to be specified.

**MISFIT** Type of misfit for evaluation. See *seisflows.plugins.misfit module* for supported options.

**MATERIALS** Materials of simulation domain. ‘Elastic’ and ‘Acoustic’ are currently supported. See *seisflows.solver.base*.

#### Workflow

**BEGIN** First iteration index.

**END** Last iteration index.

**NREC** Number of receivers.

**NSRC** Number of sources. SEM source file needs to be stored with a six-digit index suffix.

**SAVEMODEL** Frequency of saving model. 1 by default.

**SAVEGRADIENT** Frequency of saving gradient. 1 by default.

**SAVEKERNELS** Frequency of saving kernels. 0 by default.

**SAVETRACES** Frequency of saving traces. 0 by default.

**SAVERESIDUALS** Frequency of saving residuals. 0 by default.

#### Preprocessing

**FORMAT** Data file format.

**CHANNELS** Data channels. Currently, 'su', or 'SU' need to be specified.

**NORMALIZE** Apply normalization for traces. 'NormalizeEventsL1', 'NormalizeEventsL2', 'NormalizeTracesL1', 'NormalizeTracesL2' are currently supported. See `seisflows.preprocess`.

#### Filter

**BANDPASS** Boolean type bandpass switch for traces.

**FILTER** Type of filter used. See *`seisflows.preprocess` package* for supported options.

**FREQMIN** Low frequency corner.

**FREQMAX** High frequency corner.

#### Mute

**MUTE** List type switch for trace mute. *`seisflows.preprocess` package* for supported options.

#### Postprocessing

**SMOOTH** Smoothing radius. See `xsmooth_sem` for usage.

#### Optimization

**PRECOND** Preconditioner type. See *Path Files: `paths.py`* and *`seisflows.plugins.preconds.diagonal module`*.

**STEPMAX** Maximum trial steps

#### Solver

**NT** Number of time steps defined in `Par_file`.

**DT** Time step defined in `Par_file`.

**F0** Dominant frequency defined in `SOURCE`.

#### System

**NTASK** Number of tasks submitted. Currently, **NTASK** must satisfy  $1 \leq \text{NTASK} \leq \text{NSRC}$ .

**NPROC** Number of processors.

**MPIEXEC** MPI executable prefix, e.g., `mpirun -np 13`. Note for a space at the end of the string, as `seisflows` concatenates the prefix with `SPECFEM` executable command.

## 4.2 Path Files: `paths.py`

`paths.py` contains a list of path names and values. Prior to a job being submitted, paths are checked so that errors can be detected without loss of queue time or wall time. Paths are stored in a dictionary that is accessible from anywhere in the Python code. By convention, all names must be upper case, and all values must be absolute paths. Paths can be listed in any order.

**DATA** PATH contains seismic data if field data is used for inversion. Data of difference sources should be stored in separate folder. If **DATA** directory does not exist, seisflows would automatically generate synthetic data using model from **MODEL\_TRUE**.

**MODEL\_INIT** PATH contains model file for initial iteration.

**MODEL\_TRUE** PATH contains true model for generating synthetic data.

**PRECOND** PATH to user supplied diagonal preconditioner. Seisflows will rescale model parameters based on user supplied weights. See [\*seisflows.plugins.preconds.diagonal module\*](#).

**MASK** PATH to mask file for gradient scaling. Mask needs to be stored mimicking the file format in which models are stored.

**SPECFEM\_DATA** PATH to SPECFEM DATA directory which contains Par\_file, SOURCE, and other necessary inputs.

**SPECFEM\_BIN** PATH to SPECFEM bin directory which contains binary executable command of SPECFEM solver.





## EXAMPLE

## 5.1 Examples: Available For Download

We have prepared a 2D waveform inversion example that is inexpensive enough to run on almost any laptop, desktop, or cluster.

Some additional examples are available for download. Please review the instructions for the 2D checkerboard test case to get a sense for how to run these other inversions.

Some 2D examples based on the Marmousi model are available [here](#).

A 3D Cartesian checkerboard example is available [here](#).

A 3D global 1-chunk example is available [here](#). Please note, the compressed archive for this example is very large (> 0.5 GB). *[No longer available because of file size.]*

At a minimum, one processor is required for the 2D Marmousi examples, 16 processors are required for the 3D Cartesian example, and 64 processors are required for the global 1-chunk example. See [here](#) for more information about running inversions in parallel.

*Note: File hosting services are provided by my alma mater. The download server may become temporarily unavailable due to system maintenance or permanently unavailable due to expiration of my account.*

## 5.2 Examples: Available Locally

Users with accounts on “tiger.princeton.edu” can run the following inversions without having to download files or recompile executables.

### *2D Regional and Global*

- North America
- Southern California
- Global
- Deep Earth

### *2D Near Surface*

- Marmousi offshore
- Marmousi onshore
- overthrust offshore
- overthrust onshore

- BP anticline
- BP salt diapir

*3D Cartesian*

- checkerboard

*3D Global*

- mideast

## 6.1 seisflows.optimize package

### 6.1.1 seisflows.optimize.base module

**class** seisflows.optimize.base.base

Bases: object

Nonlinear optimization abstract base class

Base class on top of which steepest descent, nonlinear conjugate, quasi-Newton and Newton methods can be implemented. Includes methods for both search direction and line search.

To reduce memory overhead, vectors are read from disk rather than passed from calling routines. For example, at the beginning of compute\_direction the current gradient is read from 'g\_new' and the resulting search direction is written to 'p\_new'. As the inversion progresses, other information is stored as well.

**Variables** m\_new - current model m\_old - previous model m\_try - line search model f\_new - current objective function value f\_old - previous objective function value f\_try - line search function value g\_new - current gradient direction g\_old - previous gradient direction p\_new - current search direction p\_old - previous search direction

**check()**

Checks parameters, paths, and dependencies

**compute\_direction()**

Computes search direction

**dot(x, y)**

Computes inner product between vectors

**finalize\_search()**

Prepares algorithm machinery and scratch directory for next model update

**initialize\_search()**

Determines first step length in line search

**load(filename)**

**loadtxt(filename)**

**model\_cutoff(m)**

**restart()**

Restarts nonlinear optimization algorithm

Keeps current position in model space, but discards history of nonlinear optimization algorithm in an attempt to recover from numerical stagnation

**retry\_status()**

Determines if restart is worthwhile

After failed line search, determines if restart is worthwhile by checking, in effect, if search direction was the same as gradient direction

**save** (*filename*, *array*)

**savetxt** (*filename*, *scalar*)

**setup()**

Sets up nonlinear optimization machinery

**update\_search()**

Updates line search status and step length

**Status codes** status > 0 : finished status == 0 : not finished status < 0 : failed

## 6.1.2 seisflows.optimize.LBFGS module

**class** seisflows.optimize.LBFGS.LBFGS

Bases: *seisflows.optimize.base.base*

Limited memory BFGS algorithm

**check()**

Checks parameters, paths, and dependencies

**compute\_direction()**

Computes search direction

**restart()**

Restarts nonlinear optimization algorithm

Keeps current position in model space, but discards history of nonlinear optimization algorithm in an attempt to recover from numerical stagnation

**setup()**

Sets up nonlinear optimization machinery

## 6.1.3 seisflows.optimize.NLCG module

**class** seisflows.optimize.NLCG.NLCG

Bases: *seisflows.optimize.base.base*

Nonlinear conjugate gradient method

**check()**

Checks parameters, paths, and dependencies

**compute\_direction()**

Computes search direction

**restart()**

Restarts nonlinear optimization algorithm

Keeps current position in model space, but discards history of nonlinear optimization algorithm in an attempt to recover from numerical stagnation

**setup()**

Sets up nonlinear optimization machinery

## 6.1.4 seisflows.optimize.steepest\_descent module

```
class seisflows.optimize.steepest_descent.steepest_descent
    Bases: seisflows.optimize.base.base

    Steepest descent method

    check()
        Checks parameters, paths, and dependencies

    compute_direction()
        Computes search direction

    restart()
        Restarts nonlinear optimization algorithm

        Keeps current position in model space, but discards history of nonlinear optimization algorithm in an
        attempt to recover from numerical stagnation

    restarted = False

    setup()
        Sets up nonlinear optimization machinery
```

## 6.2 seisflows.plugins package

### 6.2.1 seisflows.plugins.line\_search package

#### seisflows.plugins.line\_search.backtrack module

```
class seisflows.plugins.line_search.backtrack.Backtrack(step_count_max=10,
                                                    step_len_max=inf,
                                                    path='/Users/niyiyu/Documents/GitHub/seisflows/a

    Bases: seisflows.plugins.line_search.bracket.Bracket

    Implements backtracking linesearch

    Variables x - list of step lengths from current line search f - corresponding list of function values gtp - dot
    product of gradient with itself gtp - dot product of gradient and search direction

    Status codes status > 0 : finished status == 0 : not finished status < 0 : failed

    calculate_step()
        Determines step length and search status
```

#### seisflows.plugins.line\_search.base module

```
class seisflows.plugins.line_search.base.Base(step_count_max=10, step_len_max=inf,
                                              path='/Users/niyiyu/Documents/GitHub/seisflows/docs')

    Bases: object

    Abstract base class for line search

    Variables x - list of step lengths from current line search f - corresponding list of function values m - how many
    step lengths in current line search? n - how many model updates in optimization problem? gtp - dot
    product of gradient with itself gtp - dot product of gradient and search direction

    Status codes status > 0 : finished status == 0 : not finished status < 0 : failed
```

## seisflows.plugins.line\_search.bracket module

### 6.2.2 seisflows.plugins.optimize package

```
class seisflows.plugins.optimize.LBFGS.LBFGS(path='', load=<function loadnpy>, save=<function savenpy>, memory=5, thresh=0.0, maxiter=inf, precondition=None)
```

## Chapter 6. Module

**update()**  
Updates L-BFGS algorithm history

### seisflows.plugins.optimize.LCG module

**class** `seisflows.plugins.optimize.LCG.LCG` (*path*, *load*=<function *loadnpy*>, *save*=<function *savenpy*>, *thresh*=inf, *maxiter*=inf, *precond*=None)

Bases: `object`

CG solver

**apply\_precond** (*r*)

**check\_status** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**initialize** ()

**update** (*ap*)

### seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG module

**class** `seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG.NLCG` (*path*='.', *load*=<function *loadnpy*>, *save*=<function *savenpy*>, *thresh*=1.0, *maxiter*=inf, *precond*=None)

Nonlinear conjugate gradient method

**restart** ()

Restarts algorithm

`seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG.check_conjugacy` (*g\_new*, *g\_old*)

`seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG.check_descent` (*p\_new*, *g\_new*)

`seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG.fletcher_reeves` (*g\_new*, *g\_old*, *precond*=<function *<lambda>*>>)

`seisflows.plugins.optimize.NLCG.pollak_ribere` (*g\_new*, *g\_old*, *precond*=<function *<lambda>*>>)

### seisflows.plugins.optimize.PLCG module

**class** `seisflows.plugins.optimize.PLCG.LBFGS_` (*path*='.', *load*=<function *loadnpy*>, *save*=<function *savenpy*>, *memory*=5, *thresh*=0.0, *maxiter*=inf, *precond*=None)

Bases: `seisflows.plugins.optimize.LBFGS.LBFGS`

Adapts L-BFGS from nonlinear optimization to preconditioning

**class** `seisflows.plugins.optimize.PLCG.PLCG` (*path*, *eta*=1.0, *\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `seisflows.plugins.optimize.LCG.LCG`

Preconditioned truncated-Newton CG solver

Adds preconditioning and adaptive stopping to LCG base class

**apply\_precond** (*r*)

**check\_status** (*ap*, *verbose*=True)

Checks Eisenstat-Walker termination status

## 6.2.3 seisflows.plugins.preconds package

### seisflows.plugins.preconds.diagonal module

**class** seisflows.plugins.preconds.diagonal.**Diagonal**  
Bases: object  
User supplied diagonal preconditioner  
Rescales model parameters based on user supplied weights

## 6.2.4 seisflows.plugins.solver package

### seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem2d module

seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem2d.**smooth\_legacy** (*input\_path*=", *output\_path*", *parameters*=[], *span*=0.0)  
seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem2d.**write\_receivers** (*coords*, *path*='.')  
Writes receiver information to text file  
seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem2d.**write\_sources** (*coords*, *path*='.', *ws*=1.0, *suffix*=")  
Writes source information to text file TODO this has to be adapted for new versions of specfem because the source file format has changed

### seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d module

seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d.**write\_receivers** (*h*)  
Writes receiver information to text file  
seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d.**write\_sources** (*PAR*, *h*, *path*='.')  
Writes source information to text file

### seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d\_globe module

seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d\_globe.**write\_parameters** (*par*, *version*)  
Writes parameters to text file  
seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d\_globe.**write\_receivers** (*h*)  
Writes receiver information to text file  
seisflows.plugins.solver.specfem3d\_globe.**write\_sources** (*PAR*, *h*, *path*='.')  
Writes source information to text file

## 6.2.5 seisflows.plugins.solver\_io package

### seisflows.plugins.solver\_io.adios module

seisflows.plugins.solver\_io.adios.**mread** (*path*, *parameters*, *iproc*, *prefix*=", *suffix*=")  
Multiparameter read, callable by a single mpi process  
seisflows.plugins.solver\_io.adios.**read** (*path*, *parameter*, *iproc*)  
Reads from ADIOS container



`seisflows.plugins.solver_io.adios.write(v, path, parameter, iproc)`  
Writes to ADIOS container

### seisflows.plugins.solver\_io.fortran\_binary module

`seisflows.plugins.solver_io.fortran_binary.copy_slice(src, dst, iproc, parameter)`  
Copies SPECSEM model slice

`seisflows.plugins.solver_io.fortran_binary.read_slice(path, parameters, iproc)`  
Reads SPECSEM model slice(s) Such as, for example : proc000005\_vp.bin In that specific case it would be :  
`read_slice(path, 'vp', 5)`

`seisflows.plugins.solver_io.fortran_binary.write_slice(data, path, parameters, iproc)`  
Writes SPECSEM model slice

## 6.2.6 seisflows.plugins.adjoint module

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Acceleration(syn, obs, nt, dt)`

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Amplitude(syn, obs, nt, dt)`  
Cross correlation amplitude

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Displacement(syn, obs, nt, dt)`

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Envelope(syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.05)`  
Envelope difference (Yuan et al 2015, eq 16)

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Envelope2(syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0)`  
Envelope amplitude ratio (Yuan et al 2015, eq B-2, B-3)

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Envelope3(syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0)`  
Envelope cross-correlation lag (Yuan et al 2015, eqs B-2, B-5)

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.InstantaneousPhase(syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.05)`  
Instantaneous phase (from Bozdag et al. 2011, eq 27)

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.InstantaneousPhase2(syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0)`

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Traveltime(syn, obs, nt, dt)`  
Cross correlation traveltime (Tromp et al 2005, eq 45)

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.TraveltimeInexact(syn, obs, nt, dt)`  
Much faster (but possibly inaccurate) version of Traveltime function

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Velocity(syn, obs, nt, dt)`

`seisflows.plugins.adjoint.Waveform(syn, obs, nt, dt)`  
Waveform difference (Tromp et al 2005, eq 9)

## 6.2.7 seisflows.plugins.misfit module

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Acceleration(syn, obs, nt, dt)`

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Amplitude(syn, obs, nt, dt)`  
Cross correlation amplitude

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Displacement(syn, obs, nt, dt)`

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Envelope` (*syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.05*)  
Envelope difference (Yuan et al 2015, eq 9)

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Envelope2` (*syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0*)  
Envelope amplitude ratio (Yuan et al 2015, eq B-1)

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Envelope3` (*syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0*)  
Envelope cross-correlation lag (Yuan et al 2015, eqs B-4)

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.InstantaneousPhase` (*syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.05*)  
Instantaneous phase from Bozdag et al. 2011

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.InstantaneousPhase2` (*syn, obs, nt, dt, eps=0.0*)

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Traveltime` (*syn, obs, nt, dt*)  
Compute cross correlation traveltime between two traces suposing that they contain only one arrival

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.TraveltimeInexact` (*syn, obs, nt, dt*)  
Much faster (but possibly inaccurate) version of Traveltime function

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Velocity` (*syn, obs, nt, dt*)

`seisflows.plugins.misfit.Waveform` (*syn, obs, nt, dt*)  
Waveform difference

## 6.2.8 seisflows.plugins.readers module

`seisflows.plugins.readers.ascii` (*path, filenames*)  
Reads SPECFEM3D-style ascii data

`seisflows.plugins.readers.readBigSuFile` (*nameOfFile, nt, format='SU', byteorder='<'*)  
This function is a hack to read .su file containing too many samples per traces. In the su format only 2 bytes per trace are dedicated to encoding for the number of samples (as signed int, see: <http://lists.swapbytes.de/archives/obspy-users/2017-March/002359.html>). Even if it's an old format it's still extremely stupid. This prove the lack of vision the designer of this format had at that time. They could have chosen 8 bytes or 16 bytes it was no big deal... They've cost me a day's work. But let us forget about the past. This limits the size of the traces to 32768 samples (NSTEP between -32768 to 32768). Let us now suppose that we have NSTEP = 80000 samples per trace. We still want to use Obspy. The problem is that the NSTEP written in the .su file does not make any sense anymore and it is read by the obspy.read function! We thus rewrote a quick version of this function replacing the number of point by PAR.NT It is mainly copy-pasted from Obspy source code.

`seisflows.plugins.readers.su` (*path, filename*)  
Reads Seismic Unix files. Hardwired “

Function readBigSuFile is a hack to read su file containing too many samples per trace. In the su format only 2 bytes per trace are dedicated to encoding for the number of samples (as signed int, see: <http://lists.swapbytes.de/archives/obspy-users/2017-March/002359.html>). Even if it's an old format it's still extremely stupid. This prove the lack of vision the designer of this format had at that time. They could have chosen 8 bytes or 16 bytes it was no big deal... They've cost me a day's work. But let us forget about the past. This limits the size of the traces to 32768 samples (NSTEP between -32768 to 32768). Let us now suppose that we have NSTEP = 40000 samples per trace. We still want to use Obspy. The problem is that the NSTEP written in the .su file does not make any sense anymore and it is read by the obspy.read function! We thus rewrote a quick version of this function from Obspy replacing the number of point by PAR.NT

## 6.2.9 seisflows.plugins.wavelets module

`seisflows.plugins.wavelets.gabor` (*nt, df, fp*)

`seisflows.plugins.wavelets.ricker` (*nt, dt, fp*)

## 6.2.10 seisflows.plugins.writers module

`seisflows.plugins.writers.ascii` (*stream, path, filenames*)

Write ascii signal file

`seisflows.plugins.writers.su` (*stream, path, filename*)

Write Seismic Unix files. Function `writeBigSuFile` is a hack to write a .su file when the number of samples per trace is too big. In the su format only 2 bytes per trace are dedicated to encoding for the number of samples (as signed int, see: <http://lists.swapbytes.de/archives/obspy-users/2017-March/002359.html>). Even if it's an old format it's still extremely stupid. This proves the lack of vision the designer of this format had at that time. They could have chosen 8 bytes or 16 bytes it was no big deal... They've cost me a day's work. But let us forget about the past. This limits the size of the traces in the header to maximum 32768. We use Obspy to write the file with dummy values there instead of the real number of sample (that we now anyway : it is PAR.NT). We thus rewrote a quick version of this function from Obspy replacing the number of point by PAR.NT

`seisflows.plugins.writers.writeBigSuFile` (*stream, path, byteorder='<'*)

This function is a hack to write a .su file when the number of samples per trace is too big. In the su format only 2 bytes per trace are dedicated to encoding for the number of samples (as signed int, see: <http://lists.swapbytes.de/archives/obspy-users/2017-March/002359.html>). Even if it's an old format it's still extremely stupid. This proves the lack of vision the designer of this format had at that time. They could have chosen 8 bytes or 16 bytes it was no big deal... They've cost me a day's work. But let us forget about the past. This limits the size of the traces in the header to maximum 32768. We use Obspy to write the file with dummy values there instead of the real number of sample (that we now anyway : it is PAR.NT). We thus rewrote a quick version of this function from Obspy replacing the number of point by PAR.NT This is mostly copy-pastes from Obspy source code

## 6.3 seisflows.postprocess package

### 6.3.1 seisflows.postprocess.base module

**class** `seisflows.postprocess.base.base`

Bases: `object`

Regularization, smoothing, sharpening, masking and related operations on models or gradients

**check** ()

Checks parameters and paths

**process\_kernels** (*path, parameters*)

Sums kernels from individual sources, with optional smoothing

**Input path** directory containing sensitivity kernels

**Input parameters** list of material parameters e.g. ['vp','vs']

**setup** ()

Placeholder for initialization or setup tasks

**write\_gradient** (*path*)

Combines contributions from individual sources and material parameters to get the gradient, and optionally applies user-supplied scaling

**Input path** directory from which kernels are read and to which gradient is written

### 6.3.2 seisflows.postprocess.default module

**class** seisflows.postprocess.default.default

Bases: *seisflows.postprocess.base.base*

Default postprocessing option

Provides default image processing and regularization functions for models or gradients

## 6.4 seisflows.preprocess package

### 6.4.1 seisflows.preprocess.base module

**class** seisflows.preprocess.base.base

Bases: object

Data preprocessing class

Provides data processing functions for seismic traces, with options for data misfit, filtering, normalization and muting

**apply\_csg\_mute** (*traces*)

**apply\_filter** (*traces*)

**apply\_filter\_backwards** (*traces*)

**apply\_mute** (*traces*)

**apply\_normalize** (*traces*)

**check** ()

Checks parameters and paths

**check\_filter** ()

Checks filter settings

**check\_mute** ()

Checks mute settings

**check\_normalize** ()

**csg\_mute** (*seismo\_w*, *T*, *TI*)

**get\_network\_size** (*traces*)

**get\_receiver\_coords** (*traces*)

**get\_source\_coords** (*traces*)

**get\_time\_scheme** (*traces*)

FIXME: extract time scheme from trace headers rather than parameters file. Note from Alexis Bottero : it is actually better like this in my opinion because this allows for longer traces to be processed. Indeed, in su format only 2 bytes are dedicated to the number of samples which is supposed to be stored as an unsigned int. The maximum NT which can be stored in the header is then 32762 whereas there is no limit in principle.

**prepare\_eval\_grad** (*path*='.')

Prepares solver for gradient evaluation by writing residuals and adjoint traces

**Input path** directory containing observed and synthetic seismic data

**setup** ()  
Sets up data preprocessing machinery

**sum\_residuals** (*files*)  
Sums squares of residuals

**Input files** list of single-column text files containing residuals

**Output total\_misfit** sum of squares of residuals

**write\_adjoint\_traces** (*path, syn, obs, channel*)  
Writes “adjoint traces” required for gradient computation

**Input path** location “adjoint traces” will be written

**Input syn** obspy Stream object containing synthetic data

**Input obs** obspy Stream object containing observed data

**Input channel** channel or component code used by writer

**write\_residuals** (*path, syn, obs*)  
Computes residuals

**Input path** location “adjoint traces” will be written

**Input syn** obspy Stream object containing synthetic data

**Input obs** obspy Stream object containing observed data

## 6.4.2 seisflows.preprocess.default module

**class** seisflows.preprocess.default.default  
Bases: *seisflows.preprocess.base.base*

Default preprocessing class

Provides data processing functions for seismic traces, with options for data misfit, filtering, normalization and muting

## 6.4.3 seisflows.preprocess.double\_difference module

**class** seisflows.preprocess.double\_difference.double\_difference  
Bases: *seisflows.preprocess.base.base*

Double-difference data processing class

Adds double-difference data misfit functions to base class

**adjoint\_dd** (*si, sj, t0, nt, dt*)  
Returns contribution to adjoint source from a single double difference measurement

**apply\_weights** (*traces*)

**check** ()  
Checks parameters, paths, and dependencies

**distance** (*x1, y1, x2, y2*)

**load\_weights** ()

**shift** (*v, it*)  
Shifts time series a given number of steps

**sum\_residuals** (*files*)  
Sums squares of residuals

**write\_adjoint\_traces** (*path, syn, dat, channel*)  
Computes adjoint traces from observed and synthetic traces

**write\_residuals** (*path, syn, dat*)  
Computes residuals from observations and synthetics

## 6.5 seisflows.solver package

### 6.5.1 seisflows.solver.base module

**class** seisflows.solver.base.base

Bases: object

**Provides an interface through which solver simulations can be set up** and run and a parent class for SPECSEM2D, SPECSEM3D and SPECSEM3D\_GLOBE subclasses

This class supports only acoustic and isotropic elastic inversions. For additional options, see [github.com/rmodrak/seisflows-multiparameter](https://github.com/rmodrak/seisflows-multiparameter)

**eval\_func, eval\_grad, apply\_hess** These methods deal with evaluation of the misfit function or its derivatives. Together, they provide the primary interface through which SeisFlows interacts with SPECSEM2D/3D

**forward, adjoint** These methods allow direct access to low-level SPECSEM2D/3D components, providing an alternative interface through which to interact with the solver

**setup, generate\_data, generate\_model** One-time operations performed at beginning of an inversion or migration

**initialize\_solver\_directories, initialize\_adjoint\_traces**

SPECSEM2D/3D requires a particular directory structure in which to run and particular file formats for models, data, and parameter files. These methods help put in place all these prerequisites

**load, save** For reading and writing SPECSEM2D/3D models and kernels. On the disk, models and kernels are stored as binary files, and in memory, as dictionaries with different keys corresponding to different material parameters

**split, merge** Within the solver routines, it is natural to store models as dictionaries. Within the optimization routines, it is natural to store models as vectors. Two methods, 'split' and 'merge', are used to convert back and forth between these two representations

**combine, smooth** Utilities for combining and smoothing kernels

**adjoint** ()  
Calls adjoint solver

**apply\_hess** (*path=""*)  
Computes action of Hessian on a given model vector. (A gradient evaluation must have already been carried out.)

**Input path :** directory to which output files are exported

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**check\_mesh\_properties** (*path=None*)

path contains binary files such as: proc000000\_z.bin, proc000000\_x.bin, proc000000\_vs.bin, proc000000\_vp.bin, proc000000\_rho.bin, proc000001\_z.bin, proc000001\_x.bin, proc000001\_vs.bin ... These will be read to get the number of processors used, the number of gll points and the coordinates of those points

**check\_solver\_parameter\_files** ()

**check\_source\_names** ()

Determines names of sources by applying wildcard rule to user-supplied input files. If source\_prefix is 'SOURCE' and that in specfem DATA folder are the files SOURCE\_00001, SOURCE\_00002, SOURCE\_00003, ... Then this will build the list names = ['00001', '00002', '00003', ...]. If, for ex, taskid is 1 the function returns ['00001', '00002']

**clean** ()

**combine** (*input\_path="", output\_path="", parameters=[]*)

Sums individual source contributions. Wrapper over xcombine\_sem utility.

**cwd**

**data\_filenames**

**eval\_func** (*path="", export\_traces=False, write\_residuals=True*)

Performs forward simulations needed for misfit function evaluation

**Input path** : directory from which model is imported

**Input export\_traces** : save or discard traces?

**eval\_grad** (*path="", export\_traces=False*)

Evaluates gradient by carrying out adjoint simulations. (A function evaluation must already have been carried out.)

**Input path** : directory from which model is imported

**Input export\_traces** : save or discard traces?

**export\_kernels** (*path*)

**export\_model** (*path, parameters=['rho', 'vp', 'vs']*)

**export\_residuals** (*path*)

**export\_traces** (*path, prefix='traces/obs'*)

**forward** ()

Calls forward solver

**generate\_data** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Generates data

**generate\_mesh** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Performs meshing and database generation

**import\_model** (*path*)

**import\_traces** (*path*)

**initialize\_adjoint\_traces** ()

Puts in place "adjoint traces" expected by SPECSEM. Adjoint traces are initialized by writing zeros for all channels. (even the ones that are not actually in use, as required by specfem) Ex: Ux, Uy, Uz even if only Uy is used. Channels actually in use during an inversion or migration will be overwritten with nonzero values later on.

**initialize\_solver\_directories()**

Creates directory structure expected by SPECFEM3D, copies executables, and prepares input files. Executables must be supplied by user as there is currently no mechanism for automatically compiling from source.

**io**

Solver IO module

**kernel\_databases****load**(*path*, *parameters*=[], *prefix*="", *suffix*="")

Loads SPECFEM2D/3D models or kernels

**Input path** : directory from which model is read

**Input parameters** : list of material parameters to be read (if empty, defaults to self.parameters)

**Input prefix** : optional filename prefix

**Input suffix** : optional filename suffix, eg '\_kernel'

**Output dict** : model or kernels indexed by material parameter and processor rank, ie dict[parameter][iproc]

**merge**(*model*, *parameters*=[])

Converts model from dictionary to vector representation

**mesh\_properties****model\_databases****rename\_data**(*path*)

Works around conflicting data filename conventions

**rename\_kernels**()

Works around conflicting kernel filename conventions

**save**(*dict*, *path*, *parameters*=['vp', 'vs', 'rho'], *prefix*="", *suffix*="")

Saves SPECFEM2D/3D models or kernels

**Input dict** : model stored as a dictionary or Container

**Input path** : directory to which model is written

**Input parameters** : list of material parameters to be written

**Input prefix** : optional filename prefix

**Input suffix** : optional filename suffix, eg '\_kernel'

**setup**()

Prepares solver for inversion or migration Sets up directory structure expected by SPECFEM and copies or generates seismic data to be inverted or migrated

**smooth**(*input\_path*="", *output\_path*="", *parameters*=[], *span*=0.0)

Smooths kernels by convolving them with a Gaussian. Wrapper over xsmooth\_sem utility.

**source\_name****source\_names****source\_prefix****split**(*m*, *parameters*=[])

Converts model from vector to dictionary representation

**taskid**



### 6.5.2 seisflows.solver.specfem2d module

```
class seisflows.solver.specfem2d.specfem2d
    Bases: seisflows.solver.base.base

    Python interface for SPECSEM2D

    See base class for method descriptions

    adjoint ()
        Calls SPECSEM2D adjoint solver

    check ()
        Checks parameters and paths

    check_solver_parameter_files ()
        Checks solver parameters

    data_filenames

    export_model (path)

    forward (path='traces/syn')
        Calls SPECSEM2D forward solver

    generate_data (**model_kwargs)
        Generates data (perform meshing and database generation first)

    generate_mesh (model_path=None, model_name=None, model_type='gll')
        Performs meshing and database generation

    import_model (path)

    initialize_adjoint_traces ()
        Puts in place "adjoint traces" expected by SPECSEM Adjoint traces are initialized by writing zeros for
        all channels. (even the ones that are not actually in use, as required by specfem) Ex: Ux, Uy, Uz even if
        only Uy is used Channels actually in use during an inversion or migration will be overwritten with nonzero
        values later on.

    kernel_databases

    model_databases

    source_prefix
```

### 6.5.3 seisflows.solver.specfem3d module

```
class seisflows.solver.specfem3d.specfem3d
    Bases: seisflows.solver.base.base

    Python interface for SPECSEM3D

    See base class for method descriptions

    adjoint ()
        Calls SPECSEM3D adjoint solver

    check ()
        Checks parameters and paths

    check_solver_parameter_files ()
        Checks solver parameters
```

**data\_filenames**

**data\_wildcard**

**eval\_func** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Performs forward simulations needed for misfit function evaluation

**Input path :** directory from which model is imported

**Input export\_traces :** save or discard traces?

**forward** (path='traces/syn')

Calls SPECSEM3D forward solver

**generate\_data** (\*\*model\_kwargs)

Generates data

**generate\_mesh** (model\_path=None, model\_name=None, model\_type='gll')

Performs meshing and database generation

**initialize\_adjoint\_traces** ()

Puts in place “adjoint traces” expected by SPECSEM Adjoint traces are initialized by writing zeros for all channels. (even the ones that are not actually in use, as required by specsem) Ex: Ux, Uy, Uz even if only Uy is used Channels actually in use during an inversion or migration will be overwritten with nonzero values later on.

**kernel\_databases**

**model\_databases**

**rename\_data** ()

Works around conflicting data filename conventions

**source\_prefix**

**write\_parameters** ()

**write\_receivers** ()

**write\_sources** ()

## 6.5.4 seisflows.solver.specsem3d\_globe module

## 6.6 seisflows.system package

### 6.6.1 seisflows.system.base module

**class** seisflows.system.base.base

Bases: object

Abstract base class

**check** ()

Checks parameters and paths

**checkpoint** (path, classname, method, args, kwargs)

Writes information to disk so tasks can be executed remotely

**run** (classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Runs task multiple times

**run\_single** (*classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task a single time

**submit** ()  
Submits workflow

**taskid** ()  
Provides a unique identifier for each running task

## 6.6.2 seisflows.system.lsf\_lg module

**class** seisflows.system.lsf\_lg.**lsf\_lg**

Bases: *seisflows.system.base.base*

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

Intermediate files are written to a global scratch path PATH.SCRATCH, which must be accessible to all compute nodes.

Optionally, users can provide a local scratch path PATH.LOCAL if each compute node has its own local filesystem.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**job\_id\_list** (*stdout*)

**job\_status** (*classname, method, jobs*)

**mpiexec** ()  
Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

**run** (*classname, method, hosts='all', \*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fasion  
Executes classname.method(\*args, \*\*kwargs) NTASK times, each time on NPROC cpu cores

**run\_single** (*classname, method, hosts='all', \*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fasion  
Executes classname.method(\*args, \*\*kwargs) NTASK times, each time on NPROC cpu cores

**save\_kwargs** (*classname, method, kwargs*)

**submit** (*workflow*)  
Submits workflow

**taskid** ()  
Provides a unique identifier for each running task

**timestamp** ()

### 6.6.3 `seisflows.system.lsf_sm` module

### 6.6.4 `seisflows.system.multicore` module

**class** `seisflows.system.multicore.multicore`

Bases: `seisflows.system.serial.serial`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

**check** ()

Checks parameters and paths

**run** (*classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fasion

Executes `classname.method(*args, **kwargs)` NTASK times, each time on NPROC cpu cores

**run\_single** (*classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Runs task a single time

**save\_kwargs** (*classname, method, kwargs*)

**submit** (*workflow*)

Submits job

### 6.6.5 `seisflows.system.multithreaded` module

**class** `seisflows.system.multithreaded.multithreaded`

Bases: `seisflows.system.multicore.multicore`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

**check** ()

Checks parameters and paths

### 6.6.6 `seisflows.system.pbs_lg` module

**class** `seisflows.system.pbs_lg.pbs_lg`

Bases: `seisflows.system.base.base`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

Intermediate files are written to a global scratch path `PATH.SCRATCH`, which must be accessible to all compute nodes.

Optionally, users can provide a local scratch path `PATH.LOCAL` if each compute node has its own local filesystem.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

```
check ()
    Checks parameters and paths

job_array_args (hosts)

job_array_cmd (classname, method, hosts)

job_array_status (classname, method, jobs)
    Determines completion status of one or more jobs

mpiexec ()
    Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

run (classname, method, hosts='all', **kwargs)
    Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fasion

    Executes classname.method(*args, **kwargs) NTASK times, each time on NPROC cpu cores

save_kwargs (classname, method, kwargs)

submit (workflow)
    Submits workflow

submit_job_array (classname, method, hosts='all')

taskid ()
    Provides a unique identifier for each running task
```

### 6.6.7 `seisflows.system.pbs_sm` module

```
class seisflows.system.pbs_sm.pbs_lg
```

Bases: `seisflows.system.base.base`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

Intermediate files are written to a global scratch path `PATH.SCRATCH`, which must be accessible to all compute nodes.

Optionally, users can provide a local scratch path `PATH.LOCAL` if each compute node has its own local filesystem.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

```
check ()
    Checks parameters and paths

hostlist ()
    Generates list of allocated cores
```

**mpiexec** ()  
Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

**run** (*classname*, *method*, *hosts*='all', *\*\*kwargs*)  
Runs embarrassingly parallel tasks

**Executes the following multiple times:** *classname.method(\*args, \*\*kwargs)*

*system.taskid* serves to provide each running task a unique identifier

**save\_kwargs** (*classname*, *method*, *kwargs*)

**submit** (*workflow*)  
Submits workflow

**taskid** ()  
Provides a unique identifier for each running task

### 6.6.8 seisflows.system.serial module

**class** `seisflows.system.serial.serial`

Bases: `seisflows.system.base.base`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**mpiexec** ()  
Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

**progress** (*taskid*)  
Provides status update

**run** (*classname*, *method*, *hosts*='all', *\*\*kwargs*)  
Executes method from *classname* multiple times in serial *taskid* is used to identified a given task (one source)

**run\_single** (*classname*, *method*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task a single time

**submit** (*workflow*)  
Submits job

**taskid** ()  
Return the value of the environment variable `SEISFLOWS_TASKID` which provides a unique identifier for each running task

### 6.6.9 seisflows.system.slurm\_lg module

**class** `seisflows.system.slurm_lg.slurm_lg`

Bases: `seisflows.system.base.base`

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

Intermediate files are written to a global scratch path `PATH.SCRATCH`, which must be accessible to all compute nodes.

Optionally, users can provide a local scratch path `PATH.LOCAL` if each compute node has its own local filesystem.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

```
check ()
    Checks parameters and paths

job_array_status (classname, method, jobs)
    Determines completion status of job or job array

job_id_list (stdout, ntask)
    Parses job id list from sbatch standard output

job_status (job)
    Queries completion status of a single job

mpiexec ()
    Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

run (classname, method, *args, **kwargs)
    Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fashion

    Executes classname.method(*args, **kwargs) NTASK times, each time on NPROC cpu cores

run_single (classname, method, *args, **kwargs)
    Runs task a single time

    Executes classname.method(*args, **kwargs) a single time on NPROC cpu cores

submit (workflow)
    Submits workflow

taskid ()
    Provides a unique identifier for each running task
```

## 6.6.10 `seisflows.system.slurm_sm` module

```
class seisflows.system.slurm_sm.slurm_sm
    Bases: seisflows.system.base.base
```

An interface through which to submit workflows, run tasks in serial or parallel, and perform other system functions.

By hiding environment details behind a python interface layer, these classes provide a consistent command set across different computing environments.

Intermediate files are written to a global scratch path `PATH.SCRATCH`, which must be accessible to all compute nodes.

Optionally, users can provide a local scratch path `PATH.LOCAL` if each compute node has its own local filesystem.

For important additional information, please see <http://seisflows.readthedocs.org/en/latest/manual/manual.html#system-configuration>

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**hostlist** ()  
Generates list of allocated cores

**mpiexec** ()  
Specifies MPI executable used to invoke solver

**run** (*classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task multiple times in embarrassingly parallel fasion

**run\_single** (*classname, method, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Runs task a single time

**save\_kwargs** (*classname, method, kwargs*)

**submit** (*workflow*)  
Submits workflow

**taskid** ()  
Provides a unique identifier for each running task

### 6.6.11 **seisflows.system.tiger\_lg** module

**class** `seisflows.system.tiger_lg.tiger_lg`  
Bases: `seisflows.system.slurm_lg.slurm_lg`  
Specially designed system interface for tiger.princeton.edu  
See parent class for more information.

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**submit** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Submits job

### 6.6.12 **seisflows.system.tiger\_sm** module

**class** `seisflows.system.tiger_sm.tiger_sm`  
Bases: `seisflows.system.slurm_sm.slurm_sm`  
Specially designed system interface for tiger.princeton.edu  
See parent class for more information.

**check** ()  
Checks parameters and paths

**submit** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Submits job



## 6.7 seisflows.tools package

### 6.7.1 seisflows.tools.array module

`seisflows.tools.array.count_zeros(a)`  
Counts number of zeros in a list or array

`seisflows.tools.array.grid2mesh(V, grid, mesh)`  
Interpolates from structured coordinates (grid) to unstructured coordinates (mesh)

`seisflows.tools.array.gridsmooth(Z, span)`  
Smooths values on 2D rectangular grid

`seisflows.tools.array.loadnpy(filename)`  
Loads numpy binary file.

`seisflows.tools.array.mesh2grid(v, mesh)`  
Interpolates from an unstructured coordinates (mesh) to a structured coordinates (grid)

`seisflows.tools.array.meshsmooth(v, mesh, span)`  
Smooths values on 2D unstructured mesh

`seisflows.tools.array.savenpy(filename, v)`  
Saves numpy binary file.

`seisflows.tools.array.sortrows(a, return_index=False, return_inverse=False)`  
Sorts rows of numpy array

`seisflows.tools.array.stack(*args)`

`seisflows.tools.array.uniquerows(a, sort_array=False, return_index=False)`  
Finds unique rows of numpy array

### 6.7.2 seisflows.tools.err module

**exception** `seisflows.tools.err.ParameterError(*args)`  
Bases: `exceptions.ValueError`

### 6.7.3 seisflows.tools.graphics module

`seisflows.tools.graphics.get_regular_ticks(v, interval)`  
Returns regular tick intervals.

`seisflows.tools.graphics.plot_gll(x, y, z, vmin=None, vmax=None)`  
Plots values on 2D unstructured GLL mesh

`seisflows.tools.graphics.plot_many_gll(x, y, z, vmin=None, vmax=None)`  
Plots values on big 2D unstructured GLL mesh (in that case tricontourf does not work)

`seisflows.tools.graphics.plot_section(stream, ax=None, cmap='seismic', clip=100, title="", x_interval=1.0, y_interval=1.0)`  
Plots a seismic section from an obspy stream.

#### Parameters

- **stream** (*Obspy stream object*) – Obspy stream object created from a SU data file
- **ax** (*Matplotlib Axes object*) – Optional axis object

- **cmap** (*str*) – Matplotlib colormap option.
- **clip** (*float*) – Percentage value (0-100) for amplitude clipping
- **title** (*str*) – plot title
- **x\_interval** (*float*) – Offset axis tick interval in km
- **y\_interval** (*float*) – Time axis tick interval in km

**Raises** `NotImplementedError` – If stream object does not have SU format

`seisflows.tools.graphics.plot_vector` (*t*, *v*, *xlabel*=", *ylabel*=", *title*=")  
Plots a vector or time series.

#### Parameters

- **v** (*ndarray*, *ndims* = 1/2) – Vector or time series to plot
- **xlabel** (*str*) – x axis label
- **ylabel** (*str*) – y axis label
- **title** (*str*) – plot title

**Raises** `ValueError` – If dimensions of *v* are greater than 2

## 6.7.4 seisflows.tools.math module

`seisflows.tools.math.angle` (*x*, *y*)

`seisflows.tools.math.backtrack2` (*f0*, *g0*, *x1*, *f1*, *b1*=0.1, *b2*=0.5)  
Safeguarded parabolic backtrack

`seisflows.tools.math.backtrack3` (*f0*, *g0*, *x1*, *f1*, *x2*, *f2*)  
Safeguarded cubic backtrack

`seisflows.tools.math.dot` (*x*, *y*)

`seisflows.tools.math.gauss2` (*X*, *Y*, *mu*, *sigma*, *normalize*=*True*)  
Evaluates Gaussian over points of *X*, *Y*

`seisflows.tools.math.grad` (*V*, *h*=[*1*])  
Evaluates derivatives on a 2D rectangular grid

`seisflows.tools.math.hilbert` (*w*)

`seisflows.tools.math.lsq2` (*x*, *f*)  
Parabolic least squares fit

`seisflows.tools.math.nabla` (*V*, *h*=[*1*])  
Returns sum of first-order spatial derivatives of a function defined on a 2D rectangular grid; generalizes Laplacian

`seisflows.tools.math.nabla2` (*V*, *h*=[*1*])  
Returns sum of second-order spatial derivatives of a function defined on a 2D rectangular grid; generalizes Laplacian

`seisflows.tools.math.polyfit2` (*x*, *f*)  
Parabolic fit

`seisflows.tools.math.tv` (*Z*, *h*=[*1*], *epsilon*=1e-06)

## 6.7.5 seisflows.tools.msg module

## 6.7.6 seisflows.tools.seismic module

**class** seisflows.tools.seismic.Container

Bases: collections.defaultdict

Dictionary-like object for holding models or kernels

**class** seisflows.tools.seismic.Minmax

Bases: collections.defaultdict

Keeps track of min,max values of model or kernel

**update** ( $[E]$ ,  $**F$ )  $\rightarrow$  None. Update D from dict/iterable E and F.

If E present and has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E present and lacks .keys() method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]

**class** seisflows.tools.seismic.Writer (*path='./output.stat'*)

Bases: object

Utility for appending values to text files

seisflows.tools.seismic.call\_solver (*mpiexec, executable, output='solver.log'*)

Calls MPI solver executable

A less complicated version, without error catching, would be subprocess.call(mpiexec + ' + executable, shell=True)

seisflows.tools.seismic.getpar (*key, file='DATA/Par\_file', sep='=', cast=<type 'str'>, noOutput=False*)

Reads parameter from text file

seisflows.tools.seismic.setpar (*key, val, filename='DATA/Par\_file', path='.', sep='='*)

Writes parameter to text file

## 6.7.7 seisflows.tools.signal module

seisflows.tools.signal.correlate (*u, v*)

seisflows.tools.signal.mask (*slope, const, offset, time\_scheme, length=400*)

Constructs tapered mask that can be applied to trace to mute early or late arrivals.

seisflows.tools.signal.mute\_early\_arrivals (*traces, slope, const, time\_scheme, s\_coords, r\_coords*)

Applies tapered mask to record section, muting early arrivals

Signals arriving before

$$\text{SLOPE} * \|s - r\| + \text{CONST}$$

are muted, where slope is has units of velocity\*\*<sup>-1</sup>, CONST has units of time, and  $\|s - r\|$  is distance between source and receiver.

seisflows.tools.signal.mute\_late\_arrivals (*traces, slope, const, time\_scheme, s\_coords, r\_coords*)

Applies tapered mask to record section, muting late arrivals

Signals arriving after

$$\text{SLOPE} * \|s - r\| + \text{CONST}$$

are muted, where SLOPE is has units of velocity\*\*<sup>-1</sup>, CONST has units of time, and  $\|s - r\|$  is distance between source and receiver.

`seisflows.tools.signal.mute_long_offsets(traces, dist, s_coords, r_coords)`

Mutes traces having

$\|s - r\| > \text{DIST}$

where  $\|s - r\|$  is the offset between source and receiver and DIST is a user-supplied cutoff

`seisflows.tools.signal.mute_short_offsets(traces, dist, s_coords, r_coords)`

Mutes traces having

$\|s - r\| < \text{DIST}$

where  $\|s - r\|$  is the offset between source and receiver and DIST is a user-supplied cutoff

`seisflows.tools.signal.sconvolve(s, h, w, inplace=True)`

`seisflows.tools.signal.tukeywin(nt, imin, imax, alpha=0.05)`

## 6.7.8 seisflows.tools.tools module

**class** `seisflows.tools.tools.Struct(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: dict

`seisflows.tools.tools.call(*args, **kwargs)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.diff(list1, list2)`

Difference between unique elements of lists

`seisflows.tools.tools.divides(i, j)`

True if j divides i

`seisflows.tools.tools.exists(names)`

Wrapper for os.path.exists

`seisflows.tools.tools.findpath(name)`

Resolves absolute path of module

`seisflows.tools.tools.getset(arg)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.iterable(arg)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadjson(filename)`

Load object using json

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadnpy(filename)`

Loads numpy binary file.

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadobj(filename)`

Load object using pickle

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadpy(filename)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadtxt(filename)`

Load scalar from text file

`seisflows.tools.tools.loadyaml(filename)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.module_exists(name)`

`seisflows.tools.tools.nproc()`

`seisflows.tools.tools.package_exists(name)`

```
seisflows.tools.tools.pkgpath(name)
seisflows.tools.tools.savejson(filename, obj)
    Save object using json
seisflows.tools.tools.savenpy(filename, v)
    Saves numpy binary file.
seisflows.tools.tools.saveobj(filename, obj)
    Save object using pickle
seisflows.tools.tools.savetxt(filename, v)
    Save scalar to text file
seisflows.tools.tools.timestamp()
```

## 6.7.9 seisflows.tools.unix module

```
seisflows.tools.unix.cat(src, *dst)
    Open a file and print it. If file dst is given the file is printed into dst
seisflows.tools.unix.cd(path)
    Change current directory to the one given
seisflows.tools.unix.cp(src="", dst="")
    Copy all (files or directories, as list or tuples) given in src to directory (or file) dst
seisflows.tools.unix.hostname()
seisflows.tools.unix.ln(src, dst)
seisflows.tools.unix.ls(path)
seisflows.tools.unix.mkdir(dirs)
seisflows.tools.unix.mv(src="", dst="")
seisflows.tools.unix.rename(old, new, names)
seisflows.tools.unix.rm(path="")
seisflows.tools.unix.select(items, prompt="")
seisflows.tools.unix.touch(filename, times=None)
seisflows.tools.unix.which(name)
```

## 6.8 seisflows.workflow package

### 6.8.1 seisflows.workflow.base module

```
class seisflows.workflow.base.base
    Bases: object
    Workflow abstract base class
    check()
        Checks parameters and paths
    checkpoint()
        Writes information to disk so workflow can be resumed following a break
```

**main()**

Main routine

Execution of a workflow is equivalent to stepping through `workflow.main`

## 6.8.2 `seisflows.workflow.inversion` module

**class** `seisflows.workflow.inversion.inversion`

Bases: `seisflows.workflow.base.base`

Waveform inversion base class

Performs iterative nonlinear inversion and provides a base class on top of which specialized strategies can be implemented.

To allow customization, the inversion workflow is divided into generic methods such as ‘initialize’, ‘finalize’, ‘evaluate\_function’, ‘evaluate\_gradient’, which can be easily overloaded.

Calls to forward and adjoint solvers are abstracted through the ‘solver’ interface so that various forward modeling packages can be used interchangeably.

Commands for running in serial or parallel on a workstation or cluster are abstracted through the ‘system’ interface.

**check()**

Checks parameters and paths

**checkpoint()**

Writes information to disk so workflow can be resumed following a break

**clean()**

Cleans directories in which function and gradient evaluations were carried out

**compute\_direction()**

Computes search direction

**evaluate\_function()**

Performs forward simulation to evaluate objective function

**evaluate\_gradient()**

Performs adjoint simulation to evaluate gradient

**finalize()**

Saves results from current model update iteration

**initialize()**

Prepares for next model update iteration

**line\_search()**

Conducts line search in given search direction

**Status codes** status > 0 : finished status == 0 : not finished status < 0 : failed

**main()**

Carries out seismic inversion

**save\_gradient()**

**save\_kernels()**

**save\_model()**

**save\_residuals()**

**save\_traces()**

**setup()**

Lays groundwork for inversion. Runs setup method for preprocess, postprocess, optimize and also for the solver through the system: `system.run('solver','setup')` This will copy user supplied data or generate it from a 'real' model supplied. This will setup the mesh for the initial model supplied. If path LOCAL is supplied this is done even at iteration > 1

**write\_gradient** (*path*="", *suffix*="")

Writes gradient in format expected by nonlinear optimization library

**write\_misfit** (*path*="", *suffix*="")

Writes misfit in format expected by nonlinear optimization library

**write\_model** (*path*="", *suffix*="")

Writes model in format expected by solver

### 6.8.3 seisflows.workflow.migration module

**class** `seisflows.workflow.migration.migration`

Bases: `seisflows.workflow.base.base`

Migration base class.

In the terminology of seismic exploration, implements a 'reverse time migration'.

**check()**

Checks parameters and paths

**main()**

Migrates seismic data

**prepare\_model()**

**save\_kernels()**

**save\_kernels\_sum()**

**save\_traces()**

### 6.8.4 seisflows.workflow.test\_adjoint module

`seisflows.workflow.test_adjoint.DotProductLHS` (*keys*, *x*, *y*)

`seisflows.workflow.test_adjoint.DotProductRHS` (*keys*, *x*, *y*)

**class** `seisflows.workflow.test_adjoint.test_adjoint`

Bases: `seisflows.workflow.base.base`

**check()**

Checks parameters and paths

**event**

**main()**

Main routine

Execution of a workflow is equivalent to stepping through `workflow.main`

**prepare\_model()**

### 6.8.5 `seisflows.workflow.test_forward` module

```
class seisflows.workflow.test_forward.test_forward
    Bases: seisflows.workflow.base.base

    Tests solver by running forward simulation

    check()
        Checks parameters and paths

    main()
        Generates seismic data
```

### 6.8.6 `seisflows.workflow.test_optimize` module

### 6.8.7 `seisflows.workflow.test_postprocess` module

```
class seisflows.workflow.test_postprocess.test_postprocess
    Bases: seisflows.workflow.base.base

    Postprocessing class

    check()
        Checks parameters and paths

    main()
        Writes gradient of objective function
```

### 6.8.8 `seisflows.workflow.test_preprocess` module

```
class seisflows.workflow.test_preprocess.test_preprocess
    Bases: seisflows.workflow.base.base

    Signal processing integration test

    check()
        Checks parameters and paths

    main()
        Tests data processing methods

    save(data, filename)

    test_adjoint(dat, syn)

    test_filter(dat)

    test_misfit(dat, syn)

    test_mute(dat)

    test_normalize(dat)

    test_reader()

    test_writer(data)
```



### 6.8.9 seisflows.workflow.test\_system module

```
class seisflows.workflow.test_system.test_system
    Bases: seisflows.workflow.base.base

    Tests system interface

    check()
        Checks parameters and paths

    hello(msg='Hello from %d')
        Prints hello message

    main()
        Main routine

        Execution of a workflow is equivalent to stepping through workflow.main
```

### 6.8.10 seisflows.workflow.thrifty\_inversion module

```
class seisflows.workflow.thrifty_inversion.thrifty_inversion
    Bases: seisflows.workflow.inversion.inversion

    Thrifty inversion subclass

    Provides savings over conventional inversion by carrying over forward simulations from line search

    The results of 'inversion' and 'thrifty_inversion' should be exactly the same

    clean()
        Cleans directories in which function and gradient evaluations were carried out

    initialize()
        Prepares for next model update iteration

    status = 0

    update_status()
```

## 6.9 seisflows.config module

```
class seisflows.config.Dict(newdict)
    Bases: object

    Dictionary-like object for holding parameters or paths

    update(newdict)

class seisflows.config.Null(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: object

    Always and reliably does nothing

seisflows.config.config()
    Instantiates SeisFlows objects and makes them globally accessible by registering them in sys.modules

seisflows.config.custom_import(*args)
    Imports SeisFlows module and extracts class of same name. For example,

    custom_import('workflow', 'inversion')
```

imports 'seisflows.workflow.inversion' and, from this module, extracts class 'inversion'.

`seisflows.config.load(path)`  
Imports session from disk

`seisflows.config.save()`  
Exports session to disk Write files: `seisflows_parameters.json`, `seisflows_paths.json`, `seisflows_system.p`, `seisflows_preprocess.p`, `seisflows_solver.p`, `seisflows_postprocess.p`, `seisflows_optimize.p`, `seisflows_workflow.p`

`seisflows.config.tilde_expand(mydict)`  
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