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SBpipe allows mathematical modellers to automatically repeat the tasks of model simulation and parameter estimation, and extract robustness information from these repeat sequences in a solid and consistent manner, facilitating model development and analysis. SBpipe can run models implemented in COPASI, Python or coded in any other programming language using Python as a wrapper module. Pipelines can run on multicore computers, Sun Grid Engine (SGE), Load Sharing Facility (LSF) clusters, or via Snakemake.

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## 1 Introduction

SBpipe is an open source software tool for automating repetitive tasks in model building and simulation. Using basic YAML configuration files, SBpipe builds a sequence of repeated model simulations or parameter estimations, performs analyses from this generated sequence, and finally generates a LaTeX/PDF report. The parameter estimation pipeline offers analyses of parameter profile likelihood and parameter correlation using samples from the computed estimates. Specific pipelines for scanning of one or two model parameters at the same time are also provided. Pipelines can run on multicore computers, Sun Grid Engine (SGE), or Load Sharing Facility (LSF) clusters, speeding up the processes of model building and simulation. If desired, pipelines can also be executed via Snakemake (https://snakemake.readthedocs.io), a powerful workflow management system. SBpipe can run models implemented in COPASI, Python or coded in any other programming language using Python as a wrapper module. Future support for other software simulators can be dynamically added without affecting the current implementation.

# 2 Quick examples

Here we illustrate how to use SBpipe to simulate and estimate the parameters of a minimal model of the insulin receptor.

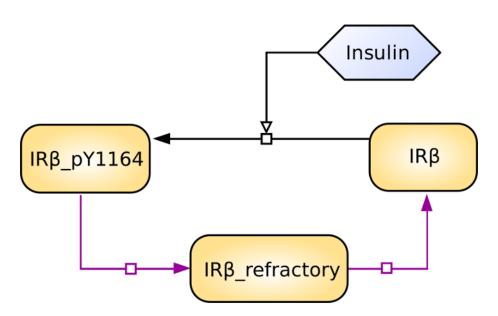


Fig. 1: Minimal model of the insulin receptor

To run this example Miniconda3 (https://conda.io/miniconda.html) must be installed. From a GNU/Linux shell, run the following commands:

```
# create a new environment `sbpipe`
conda create -n sbpipe

# activate the environment.
# For old versions of conda, replace `conda` with `source`.
conda activate sbpipe

# install sbpipe and its dependencies (including sbpiper)
conda install -c bioconda sbpipe

# install LaTeX
conda install -c pkgw/label/superseded texlive-core=20160520 texlive-
--selected=20160715

# install R dependencies (second example)
conda install r-desolve r-minpack.lm -c conda-forge

# create a project using the command:
sbpipe -c quick_example
```

## 2.1 Model simulation

This example should complete within 1 minute. For this example, the mathematical model is coded in Python. The following model file must be saved in quick\_example/Models/insulin\_receptor.py.

```
# insulin_receptor.py
import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import odeint
import pandas as pd
import sys
# Retrieve the report file name (necessary for stochastic simulations)
report_filename = "insulin_receptor.csv"
if len(sys.argv) > 1:
    report_filename = sys.argv[1]
# Model definition
def insulin_receptor(y, t, inp, p):
   dy0 = -p[0] * y[0] * inp[0] + p[2] * y[2]
   dy1 = + p[0] * y[0] * inp[0] - p[1] * y[1]
   dy2 = + p[1] * y[1] - p[2] * y[2]
   return [dy0, dy1, dy2]
# input
inp = [1]
# Parameters
p = [0.475519, 0.471947, 0.0578119]
# a tuple for the arguments (see odeint syntax)
config = (inp, p)
# initial value
y0 = np.array([16.5607, 0, 0])
# vector of time steps
time = np.linspace(0.0, 20.0, 100)
# simulate the model
```

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We also add a data set file to overlap the model simulation with the experimental data. This file must be saved in quick\_example/Models/insulin\_receptor\_dataset.csv. Fields can be separated by a TAB or a comma.

```
Time, IR_beta_pY1146
0,0
1,3.11
3,3.13
5,2.48
10,1.42
15,1.36
20,1.13
30,1.45
45,0.67
60,0.61
120,0.52
0,0
1,5.58
3,4.41
5,2.09
10,2.08
15,1.81
20,1.26
30,0.75
45,1.56
60,2.32
120,1.94
0,0
1,6.28
3,9.54
5,7.83
10,2.7
15,3.23
20,2.05
30,2.34
45,2.32
60,1.51
120,2.23
```

We then need a configuration file for SBpipe, which must be saved in  $quick\_example/insulin\_receptor.yaml$ 

```
# insulin_receptor.yaml
generate_data: True
```

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```
analyse_data: True
generate_report: True
project_dir: "."
simulator: "Python"
model: "insulin_receptor.py"
cluster: "local"
local_cpus: 4
runs: 1
exp_dataset: "insulin_receptor_dataset.csv"
plot_exp_dataset: True
exp_dataset_alpha: 1.0
xaxis_label: "Time"
yaxis_label: "Level [a.u.]"
```

## Finally, SBpipe can execute the model as follows:

```
cd quick_example sbpipe -s insulin_receptor.yaml
```

The folder quick\_example/Results/insulin\_receptor is now populated with the model simulation, plots, and a PDF report.

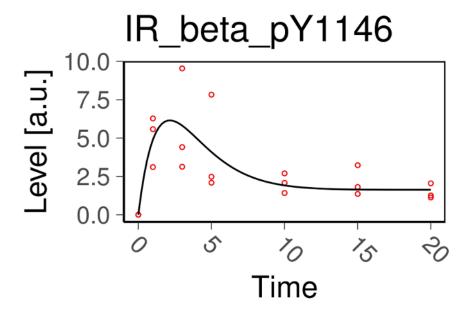


Fig. 2: model simulation

## 2.2 Model parameter estimation

This example should complete within 5 minutes. For this example, the mathematical model is coded in R and a Python wrapper is used to invoke this model. The model and its wrapper file must be saved in quick\_example/Models/insulin\_receptor\_param\_estim.r and quick\_example/Models/insulin\_receptor\_param\_estim.py. This model uses the data set in the previous example.

```
# insulin_receptor_param_estim.r
```

```
library(reshape2)
library(deSolve)
library(minpack.lm)
# get the report file name
args <- commandArgs(trailingOnly=TRUE)</pre>
report_filename <- "insulin_receptor_param_estim.csv"
if(length(args) > 0) {
 report_filename <- args[1]</pre>
# retrieve the folder of this file to load the data set file name.
args <- commandArgs(trailingOnly=FALSE)</pre>
SBPIPE_R <- normalizePath(dirname(sub("^--file=", "", args[grep("^--file=", "
→args)])))
# load concentration data
df <- read.table(file.path(SBPIPE_R,'insulin_receptor_dataset.csv'), header=TRUE,_
→sep=',')
colnames(df) <- c("time", "B")</pre>
# mathematical model
insulin_receptor <- function(t,x,parms) {</pre>
 # t: time
  # x: initial concentrations
  # parms: kinetic rate constants and the insulin input
 insulin <- 1
 with(as.list(c(parms, x)), {
      dA <- -k1*A*insulin + k3*C
      dB <- k1*A*insulin - k2*B
      dC \leftarrow k2*B - k3*C
      res <- c(dA, dB, dC)
      list(res)
 })
# residual function
rf <- function(parms) {</pre>
 # inital concentration
 cinit <- c(A=16.5607, B=0, C=0)
 # time points
 t < - seq(0, 120, 1)
  # parameters from the parameter estimation routine
 k1 <- parms[1]
 k2 <- parms[2]
 k3 <- parms[3]
 # solve ODE for a given set of parameters
 out <- ode(y=cinit,times=t,func=insulin_receptor,</pre>
             parms=list(k1=k1, k2=k2, k3=k3), method="ode45")
 outdf <- data.frame(out)</pre>
  # filter the column we have data for
 outdf <- outdf[ , c("time", "B")]</pre>
  # Filter data that contains time points where data is available
 outdf <- outdf[outdf$time %in% df$time,]</pre>
  # Evaluate predicted vs experimental residual
 preddf <- melt(outdf,id.var="time",variable.name="species",value.name="conc")</pre>
 expdf <- melt(df,id.var="time",variable.name="species",value.name="conc")</pre>
 ssqres <- sqrt((expdf$conc-preddf$conc)^2)</pre>
```

```
# return predicted vs experimental residual
 return(ssqres)
# parameter fitting using Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear least squares algorithm
# initial guess for parameters
parms <- runif(3, 0.001, 1)
names(parms) <- c("k1", "k2", "k3")</pre>
tc <- textConnection("eval_functs","w")</pre>
sink(tc)
fitval <- nls.lm(par=parms,</pre>
                  lower=rep(0.001, 3), upper=rep(1, 3),
                  control=nls.lm.control(nprint=1, maxiter=100))
sink()
close(tc)
# create the report containing the evaluated functions
report <- NULL;
for (eval_fun in eval_functs) {
 items <- strsplit(eval_fun, ",")[[1]]</pre>
 rss <- items[2]
 rss <- gsub("[[:space:]]", "", rss)
 rss <- strsplit(rss, "=")[[1]]
 rss <- rss[2]
 estim.parms <- items[3]</pre>
 estim.parms <- strsplit(estim.parms, "=")[[1]]</pre>
 estim.parms <- strsplit(trimws(estim.parms[[2]]), "\\s+")[[1]]</pre>
 rbind(report, c(rss, estim.parms)) -> report
report <- data.frame(report)</pre>
names(report) <- c("rss", names(parms))</pre>
# write the output
write.table(report, file=report_filename, sep="\t", row.names=FALSE, quote=FALSE)
```

```
# insulin_receptor_param_estim.py
# This is a Python wrapper used to run an R model. The R model receives the report_
→filename as input
# and must add the results to it.
import os
import sys
import subprocess
import shlex
# Retrieve the report file name
report_filename = "insulin_receptor_param_estim.csv"
if len(sys.argv) > 1:
    report_filename = sys.argv[1]
command = 'Rscript --vanilla ' + os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'insulin_
\rightarrowreceptor_param_estim.r') + \
          ' ' + report_filename
# we replace \\ with / otherwise subprocess complains on windows systems.
command = command.replace('\\', '\\\')
# Block until command is finished
subprocess.call(shlex.split(command))
```

We then need a configuration file for SBpipe, which must be saved in quick\_example/insulin\_receptor\_param\_estim.yaml

```
# insulin_receptor_param_estim.yaml
generate_data: True
analyse_data: True
generate_report: True
project_dir: "."
simulator: "Python"
model: "insulin_receptor_param_estim.py"
cluster: "local"
local_cpus: 7
round: 1
runs: 50
best_fits_percent: 75
data_point_num: 33
plot_2d_66cl_corr: True
plot_2d_95cl_corr: True
plot_2d_99cl_corr: True
logspace: False
scientific_notation: True
```

Finally, SBpipe can execute the model as follows:

```
cd quick_example sbpipe -e insulin_receptor_param_estim.yaml
```

The folder quick\_example/Results/insulin\_receptor\_param\_estim is now populated with the model simulation, plots, and a PDF report.

## 3 Installation

## 3.1 Requirements

In order to use SBpipe, the following packages must be installed:

- Python 2.7+ or 3.4+ https://www.python.org/
- R 3.3.0+ https://cran.r-project.org/

Please, make sure that Python pip and Rscript work fine. SBpipe can work with the simulators:

- COPASI 4.19+ http://copasi.org/ (for model simulation, parameter scan, and parameter estimation)
- Python (directly or as a wrapper to call models coded in any programming language)

If LaTeX/PDF reports are also desired, the following package must also be installed:

• LaTeX 2013+

## 3.2 Installation on GNU/Linux

## 3.2.1 Installation of COPASI

As of 2016, COPASI is not available as a package in GNU/Linux distributions. Users must add the path to COPASI binary files manually editing the GNU/Linux \$HOME/.bashrc file as follows:

```
# Path to CopasiSE (update this accordingly)
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/CopasiSE/
```

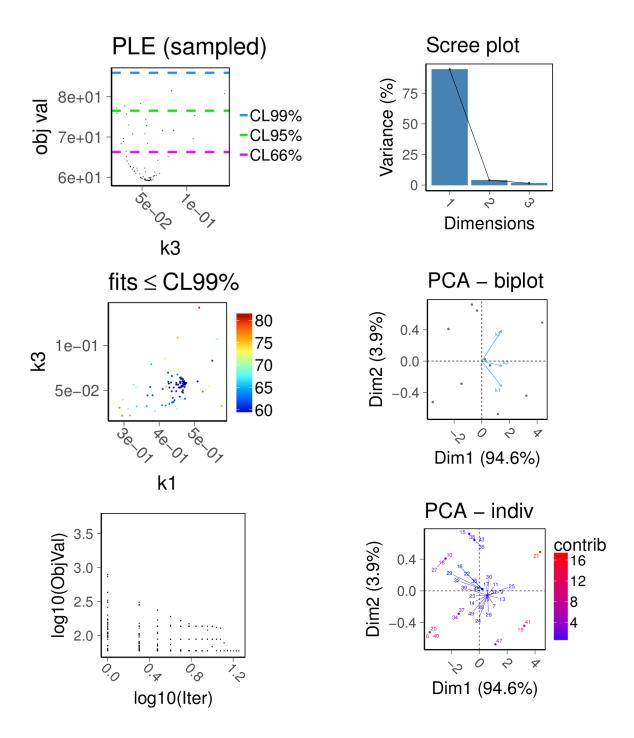


Fig. 3: model parameter estimation

The correct installation of CopasiSE can be tested with:

```
# Reload the .bashrc file
source $HOME/.bashrc

CopasiSE -h
> COPASI 4.19 (Build 140)
```

## 3.2.2 Installation of LaTeX

Users are recommended to install LaTeX/texlive using the package manager of their GNU/Linux distribution. On GNU/Linux Ubuntu machines the following package is required:

```
texlive-latex-base
```

The correct installation of LaTeX can be tested with:

```
pdflatex -v
> pdfTeX 3.14159265-2.6-1.40.16 (TeX Live 2015/Debian)
> kpathsea version 6.2.1
> Copyright 2015 Peter Breitenlohner (eTeX)/Han The Thanh (pdfTeX).
```

## 3.2.3 Installation of SBpipe via Python pip

SBpipe and its Python dependencies can simply be installed via Python pip using the command:

```
# install sbpipe from pypi.org via pip
pip install sbpipe
```

In order to analyse the data, SBpipe requires the R package sbpiper, which can be installed as follows:

```
# install sbpiper from r-cran

Rscript -e "install.packages('sbpiper', dep=TRUE, repos='http://cran.r-project.org

'')"
```

## 3.2.4 Installation of SBpipe via Conda

Users need to download and install Miniconda3 (https://conda.io/miniconda.html). SBpipe will be installed in a dedicated conda environment:

```
# create a new environment `sbpipe`
conda create -n sbpipe

# activate the environment.
# For old versions of conda, replace `conda` with `source`.
conda activate sbpipe

# install sbpipe and its dependencies (including sbpiper)
conda install -c bioconda sbpipe
```

## 3.2.5 Installation of SBpipe from source

Users need to install git.

```
# clone SBpipe from GitHub
git clone https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe.git
# move to sbpipe folder
cd sbpipe
# install SBpipe dependencies on GNU/Linux, run:
make
```

Finally, to run sbpipe from any shell, users need to add 'sbpipe/scripts' to the PATH environment variable by adding the following lines to the \$HOME/.bashrc file:

```
# SBPIPE (update this accordingly)
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/sbpipe/scripts
```

The .bashrc file should be reloaded to apply the previous edits:

```
# Reload the .bashrc file source $HOME/.bashrc
```

## 3.3 Installation on Windows

See installation on GNU/Linux and install SBpipe via PIP or Conda. Windows users need to install LaTeX MikTeX https://miktex.org/.

## 3.4 Testing SBpipe

The correct installation of SBpipe and its dependencies can be verified by running the following commands. For the correct execution of all tests, LaTeX must be installed.

```
# SBpipe version:
sbpipe -V
> sbpipe 4.13.0
```

Unless SBpipe was installed from source, users need to download the source code at the page https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe/releases to run the test suites.

```
# unzip and change path
unzip sbpipe-X.Y.Z.zip
cd sbpipe-X.Y.Z/tests
```

```
# run model simulation using COPASI (see results in tests/copasi_models):
nosetests test_copasi_sim.py --nocapture
```

```
# run all tests:
nosetests test_suite.py --nocapture
```

```
# generate the manuscript figures (see results in tests/insulin_receptor):
nosetests test_suite_manuscript.py --nocapture
```

# 4 How to use SBpipe

SBpipe pipelines can be executed natively or via Snakemake, a dedicated and more advanced tool for running computational pipelines.

## 4.1 Run SBpipe natively

SBpipe is executed via the command *sbpipe*. The syntax for this command and its complete list of options can be retrieved by running *sbpipe -h*. The first step is to create a new project. This can be done with the command:

```
sbpipe --create-project project_name
```

This generates the following structure:

Mathematical odels must be stored in the Models/ folder. COPASI data sets used by a model should also be stored in Models. To run SBpipe, users need to create a configuration file for each pipeline they intend to run (see next section). These configuration files should be placed in the root project folder. In Results/ users will eventually find all the results generated by SBpipe.

Each pipeline is invoked using a specific option (type sbpipe -h for the complete command set):

```
# runs model simulation.
sbpipe -s config_file.yaml

# runs parameter estimation.
sbpipe -e config_file.yaml

# runs single parameter scan.
sbpipe -p config_file.yaml

# runs double parameter scan
sbpipe -d config_file.yaml
```

## 4.1.1 Pipeline configuration files

Pipelines are configured using files (here called configuration files). These files are YAML files. In SBpipe each pipeline executes four tasks: data generation, data analysis, report generation, and tarball generation. These tasks can be activated in each configuration files using the options:

generate\_data: Trueanalyse\_data: Truegenerate\_report: Truegenerate\_tarball: False

The <code>generate\_data</code> task runs a simulator accordingly to the options in the configuration file. Hence, this task collects and organises the reports generated from the simulator. The <code>analyse\_data</code> task processes the reports to generate plots and compute statistics. The <code>generate\_report</code> task generates a LaTeX report containing the computed plots and invokes the utility <code>pdflatex</code> to produce a PDF file. Finally, <code>generate\_tarball</code> creates a tar.gz file of the results. By default, this is not executed. This modularisation allows users to analyse the same data without having to re-generate it, or to skip the report generation if not wanted.

Pipelines for parameter estimation or stochastic model simulation can be computationally intensive. SBpipe allows users to generate simulated data in parallel using the following options in the pipeline configuration file:

cluster: "local"local\_cpus: 7runs: 250

The cluster option defines whether the simulator should be executed locally (local: Python multiprocessing), or in a computer cluster (sge: Sun Grid Engine (SGE), lsf: Load Sharing Facility (LSF)). If local is selected, the local\_cpus option determines the maximum number of CPUs to be allocated for local simulations. The runs option specifies the number of simulations (or parameter estimations for the pipeline param\_estim) to be run.

Assuming that the configuration files are placed in the root directory of a certain project (e.g. project\_name/), examples are given as follow:

#### **Example 1:** configuration file for the pipeline *simulation*

```
# True if data should be generated, False otherwise
generate data: True
# True if data should be analysed, False otherwise
analyse_data: True
# True if a report should be generated, False otherwise
generate_report: True
# True if a zipped tarball should be generated, False otherwise
generate_tarball: False
# The relative path to the project directory
project_dir: "."
# The name of the configurator (e.g. Copasi, Python)
simulator: "Copasi"
# The model name
model: "insulin_receptor_stoch.cps"
# The cluster type. local if the model is run locally,
# sge/lsf if run on cluster.
cluster: "local"
# The number of CPU if local is used, ignored otherwise
local_cpus: 7
# The number of simulations to perform.
# n>: 1 for stochastic simulations.
runs: 40
# An experimental data set (or blank) to add to the
# simulated plots as additional layer
exp_dataset: "insulin_receptor_dataset.csv"
# True if the experimental data set should be plotted.
plot_exp_dataset: True
# The alpha level used for plotting the experimental dataset
exp_dataset_alpha: 1.0
# The label for the x axis.
xaxis_label: "Time [min]"
# The label for the y axis.
yaxis_label: "Level [a.u.]"
```

#### **Example 2:** configuration file for the pipeline *single parameter scan*

```
# True if data should be generated, False otherwise
generate_data: True
# True if data should be analysed, False otherwise
analyse_data: True
# True if a report should be generated, False otherwise
generate_report: True
# True if a zipped tarball should be generated, False otherwise
generate_tarball: False
# The relative path to the project directory
project_dir: "."
# The name of the configurator (e.g. Copasi, Python)
simulator: "Copasi"
# The model name
model: "insulin_receptor_inhib_scan_IR_beta.cps"
# The variable to scan (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
scanned_par: "IR_beta"
```

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```
# The cluster type. local if the model is run locally,
# sge/lsf if run on cluster.
cluster: "local"
# The number of CPU if local is used, ignored otherwise
local_cpus: 7
# The number of simulations to perform per run.
# n>: 1 for stochastic simulations.
runs: 1
# The number of intervals in the simulation
simulate__intervals: 100
# True if the variable is only reduced (knock down), False otherwise.
ps1_knock_down_only: True
# True if the scanning represents percent levels.
ps1_percent_levels: True
# The minimum level (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
min_level: 0
# The maximum level (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
max_level: 100
# The number of scans (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
levels_number: 10
# True if plot lines are the same between scans
# (e.g. full lines, same colour)
homogeneous_lines: False
# The label for the x axis.
xaxis_label: "Time [min]"
# The label for the y axis.
yaxis_label: "Level [a.u.]"
```

#### **Example 3:** configuration file for the pipeline *double parameter scan*

```
# True if data should be generated, False otherwise
generate_data: True
# True if data should be analysed, False otherwise
analyse_data: True
# True if a report should be generated, False otherwise
generate_report: True
# True if a zipped tarball should be generated, False otherwise
generate_tarball: False
# The relative path to the project directory
project_dir: "."
# The name of the configurator (e.g. Copasi, Python)
simulator: "Copasi"
# The model name
model: "insulin_receptor_inhib_dbl_scan_InsulinPercent__IRbetaPercent.cps"
# The 1st variable to scan (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
scanned_par1: "InsulinPercent"
# The 2nd variable to scan (as set in Copasi Parameter Scan Task)
scanned_par2: "IRbetaPercent"
# The cluster type. local if the model is run locally,
# sge/lsf if run on cluster.
cluster: "local"
# The number of CPU if local is used, ignored otherwise
local_cpus: 7
# The number of simulations to perform.
# n>: 1 for stochastic simulations.
# The simulation length (as set in Copasi Time Course Task)
sim_length: 10
```

**Example 4:** configuration file for the pipeline *parameter estimation* 

```
# True if data should be generated, False otherwise
generate_data: True
# True if data should be analysed, False otherwise
analyse_data: True
# True if a report should be generated, False otherwise
generate_report: True
# True if a zipped tarball should be generated, False otherwise
generate_tarball: False
# The relative path to the project directory
project dir: "."
# The name of the configurator (e.g. Copasi, Python)
simulator: "Copasi"
# The model name
model: "insulin_receptor_param_estim.cps"
# The cluster type. local if the model is run locally,
# sge/lsf if run on cluster.
cluster: "local"
# The number of CPU if local is used, ignored otherwise
local_cpus: 7
# The parameter estimation round which is used to distinguish
# phases of parameter estimations when parameters cannot be
# estimated at the same time
round: 1
# The number of parameter estimations
# (the length of the fit sequence)
runs: 250
# The threshold percentage of the best fits to consider
best_fits_percent: 75
# The number of available data points
data_point_num: 33
# True if 2D all fits plots for 66% confidence levels
# should be plotted. This can be computationally expensive.
plot_2d_66cl_corr: True
# True if 2D all fits plots for 95% confidence levels
# should be plotted. This can be computationally expensive.
plot_2d_95cl_corr: True
# True if 2D all fits plots for 99% confidence levels
# should be plotted. This can be computationally expensive.
plot_2d_99cl_corr: True
# True if parameter values should be plotted in log space.
logspace: True
# True if plot axis labels should be plotted in scientific notation.
scientific_notation: True
```

Additional examples of configuration files can be found in:

```
sbpipe/tests/insulin_receptor/
```

## 4.2 Snakemake workflows for SBpipe

SBpipe pipelines can also be executed using Snakemake (https://snakemake.readthedocs.io). Snakemake offers an infrastructure for running computational pipelines using declarative rules.

Snakemake can be installed via

```
# Python pip
pip install snakemake
# or via conda:
conda install -c bioconda snakemake
```

The Snakemake workflows for SBpipe can be retrieved as follows:

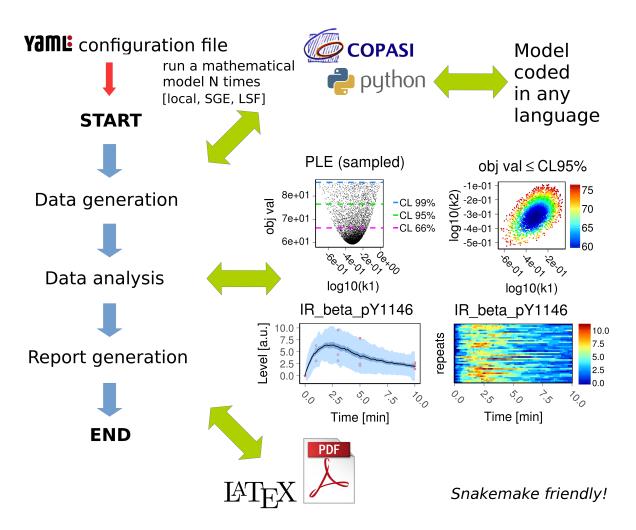


Fig. 4: SBpipe native workflow

```
# clone workflow into working directory
git clone https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe_snake.git path/to/workdir
cd path/to/workdir
```

SBpipe pipelines for parameter estimation, single/double parameter scan, and model simulation are also implemented as snakemake files (which contain the set of rules for each pipeline). These are:

- · sbpipe pe.snake
- sbpipe\_ps1.snake
- · sbpipe\_ps2.snake
- · sbpipe sim.snake

An advantage of using snakemake as pipeline infrastructure is that it offers an extended command sets compared to the ones provided with the standard sbpipe. For details, run

```
snakemake -h
```

Snakemake also offers a strong support for dependency management at coding level and reentrancy at execution level. The former is defined as a way to precisely define the dependency order of functions. The latter is the capacity of a program to continue from the last interrupted task. Benefitting of dependency declaration and execution reentrancy can be beneficial for running SBpipe on clusters or on the cloud.

Under the current implementation of SBpipe using Snakemake, the configuration files described above require the additional field:

```
# The name of the report variables
report_variables: ['IR_beta_pY1146']
```

which contains the names of the variables exported by the simulator. For the parameter estimation pipeline, report\_variables will contain the names of the estimated parameters.

For the parameter estimation pipeline, the following option must also be added:

```
# An experimental data set (or blank) to add to the
# simulated plots as additional layer
exp_dataset: "insulin_receptor_dataset.csv"
```

A complete example of configuration file for the parameter estimation pipeline is the following:

```
simulator: "Copasi"
model: "insulin_receptor_param_estim.cps"
round: 1
runs: 4
best_fits_percent: 75
data_point_num: 33
plot_2d_66cl_corr: True
plot_2d_95cl_corr: True
plot_2d_99cl_corr: True
logspace: True
scientific_notation: True
report_variables: ['k1','k2','k3']
exp_dataset: "insulin_receptor_dataset.csv"
```

**NOTE:** As it can be noticed, a configuration file for SBpipe using snakemake requires less options than the corresponding configuration file using SBpipe directly. This because Snakemake files is more automated than SBpipe. Nevertheless, the removal of those additional options is not necessary for running the configuration file using Snakemake.

Examples of configuration files for running the Snakemake workflow for SBpipe are in tests/snakemake. For testing those workflows, both SBpipe and Snakemake must be installed. The workflows must be retrieved from the github repository as explained previously, and placed in the folder containing the Snakemake configuration

files. Both the generic and the Snakemake test suites retrieve these workflows automatically, and store them in tests/snakemake.

Examples of commands running SBpipe pipelines using Snakemake are:

If the grid engine supports DRMAA, it can be convenient to use Snakemake with the option --drmaa.

Snakemake can now be executed using drmaa as follows:

```
snakemake -s sbpipe_sim.snake --configfile SBPIPE_CONFIG_FILE.yaml -j 200 --

→latency-wait 100 --drmaa " -cwd -V -S /bin/sh"
```

See snakemake -h for a complete list of commands.

The implementation of SBpipe pipelines for Snakemake is more scalable and allows for additional controls and resiliance.

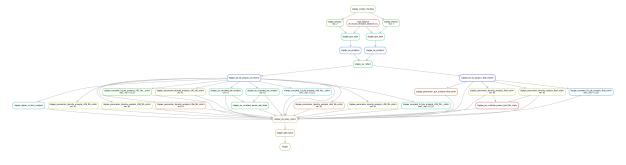


Fig. 5: Snakemake workflow for SBpipe pipeline parameter estimation

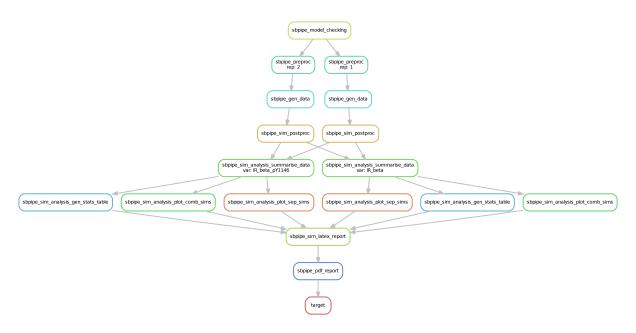


Fig. 6: Snakemake workflow for SBpipe pipeline simulation

## 4.3 Configuration for the mathematical models

SBpipe can run COPASI models or models coded in any programming language using a Python wrapper to invoke them.

#### 4.3.1 COPASI models

A COPASI model must be configured as follow using the command CopasiUI:

#### pipeline: simulation

- Tick the flag executable in the Time Course Task.
- Select a report template for the Time Course Task.
- Save the report in the same folder with the same name as the model but replacing the extension .cps with .csv (extensions .txt, .tsv, or .dat are also accepted by SBpipe).

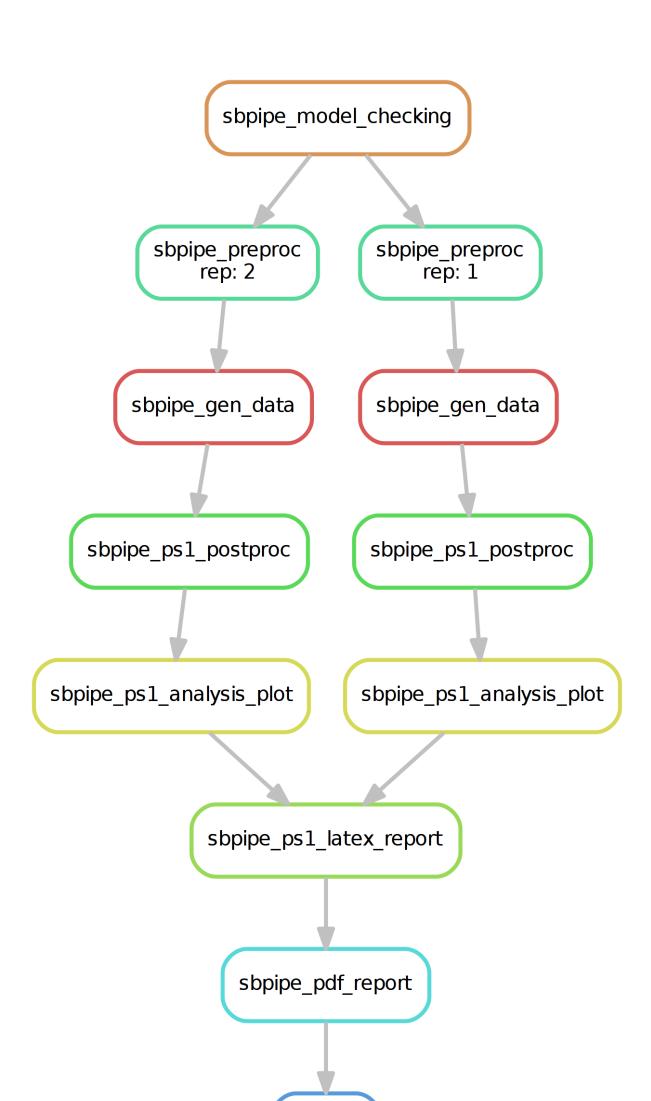
## pipelines: single or double parameter scan

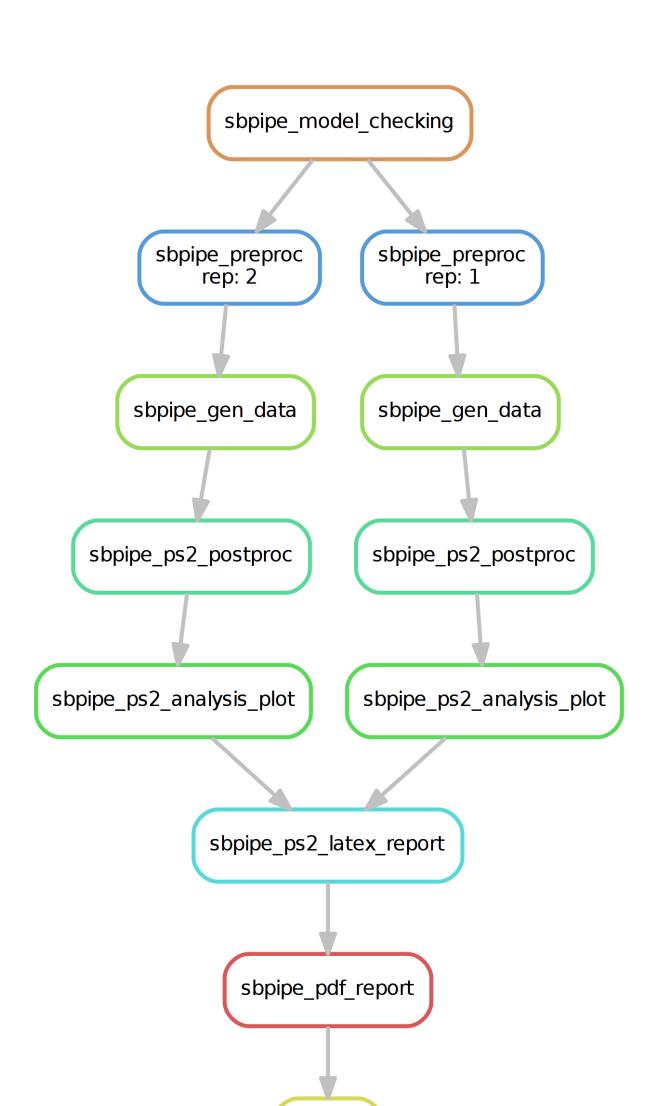
- Tick the flag executable in the Parameter Scan Task.
- Select a report template for the Parameter Scan Task.
- Save the report in the same folder with the same name as the model but replacing the extension .cps with .csv (extensions .txt, .tsv, or .dat are also accepted by SBpipe)

#### pipeline: parameter estimation

- Tick the flag executable in the Parameter Estimation Task.
- Select the report template for the Parameter Estimation Task.
- Save the report in the same folder with the same name as the model but replacing the extension .cps with .csv (extensions .txt, .tsv, or .dat are also accepted by SBpipe)

For tasks such as parameter estimation using COPASI, it is recommended to move the data set into the folder Models/ so that the COPASI model file and its associated experimental data files are stored in the same folder.





## 4.3.2 Python wrapper executing models coded in any language

Users can use Python as a wrapper to execute models (programs) coded in any programming language. The model must be functional and a Python wrapper should be able to run it via the command python. The program must receive the report file name as input argument (see examples in sbpipe/tests/). If the program generates a model simulation, a report file must be generated including the column Time. Report fields must be separated by TAB, and row names must be discarded. If the program runs a parameter estimation, a report file must be generated including the objective value as first column column, and the estimated parameters as following columns. Rows are the evaluated functions. Report fields must be separated by TAB, and row names must be discarded.

The following example illustrates how SBpipe can simulate a model called <code>sde\_periodic\_drift.r</code> and coded in R, using a Python wrapper called <code>sde\_periodic\_drift.py</code>. Both the Python wrapper and R model are stored in the folder <code>Models/</code>. The idea is that the configuration file tells SBpipe to run the Python wrapper which receives the report file name as input argument and forwards it to the R model. After executing, the results are stored in this report, enabling SBpipe to analyse the results. The full example is stored in: <code>sbpipe/tests/r models/</code>.

```
# Configuration file invoking the Python wrapper `sde_periodic_drift.py`
# Note that simulator must be set to "Python"
generate_data: True
analyse_data: True
generate_report: True
project_dir: "."
simulator: "Python"
model: "sde_periodic_drift.py"
cluster: "local"
local_cpus: 7
runs: 14
exp dataset: ""
plot_exp_dataset: False
exp_dataset_alpha: 1.0
xaxis_label: "Time"
yaxis_label: "#"
```

```
# Python wrapper: `sde_periodic_drift.py`.
import os
import sys
import subprocess
import shlex
# This is a Python wrapper used to run an R model.
# The R model receives the report_filename as input
# and must add the results to it.
# Retrieve the report file name
report_filename = "sde_periodic_drift.csv"
if len(sys.argv) > 1:
   report_filename = sys.argv[1]
command = 'Rscript --vanilla ' + \
          os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'sde_periodic_drift.r') + \
          ' ' + report_filename
# Block until command is finished
subprocess.call(shlex.split(command))
```

```
# R model `sde_periodic_drift.r`
# Model from https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/sde/sde.pdf
```

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```
# import sde package
# sde and its dependencies must be installed.
if(!require(sde)){
   install.packages('sde')
    library(sde)
# Retrieve the report file name (necessary for stochastic simulations)
args <- commandArgs(trailingOnly=TRUE)</pre>
report_filename = "sde_periodic_drift.csv"
if(length(args) > 0) {
    report_filename <- args[1]</pre>
# Model definition
# -----
# set.seed()
d <- expression(sin(x))</pre>
d.x \leftarrow expression(cos(x))
A \leftarrow function(x) 1-cos(x)
X0 <- 0
delta <- 1/20
N < -500
time <- seq(X0, N*delta, by=delta)
# EA = exact method
periodic_drift <- sde.sim(method="EA", delta=delta, X0=X0, N=N, drift=d, drift.x=d.
\hookrightarrow X, A=A)
out <- data.frame(time, periodic_drift)</pre>
# Write the output. The output file must be the model name with csv or txt_
\rightarrowextension.
# Fields must be separated by TAB, and row names must be discarded.
write.table(out, file=report_filename, sep="\t", row.names=FALSE)
```

# 5 Issues / Feature requests

SBpipe is a relatively young project and there is a chance that some error occurs. Issues and feature requests can be notified using the github issue tracking system for SBpipe at the web page: https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe/issues. To help us better identify and reproduce your problem, some technical information is needed. This detail data can be found in SBpipe log files which are stored in \${HOME}/.sbpipe/logs/. When using the mailing list above, it would be worth providing this extra information.

Please, use the following mailing list for generic questions: sbpipe@googlegroups.com. The topics discussed in this mailing list are also available at the website: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/sbpipe.

# 6 Package structure

This section presents the structure of the SBpipe package. The root of the project contains general management scripts for installing Python and R dependencies (install\_pydeps.py and install\_rdeps.r), and installing SBpipe (setup.py). Additionally, the logging configuration file (logging\_config.ini) is also at this level.

In order to automatically compile and run the test suite, Travis-CI is used and configured accordingly (.travis.yml).

The project is structured as follows:

These folders will be discussed in the next sections. In SBpipe, Python is the project main language, whereas R is used for computing statistics and for generating plots. This choice allows users to run these scripts independently of SBpipe if needed using an R environment like Rstudio. This can be convenient if further data analysis are needed or plots need to be annotated or edited. The R code for SBpipe is distributed as a separate R package and installed as a dependency using the provided script (install\_rdeps.r) or conda. The source code for this package can be found here: https://github.com/pdp10/sbpiper and on CRAN https://cran.r-project.org/package=sbpiper.

#### 6.1 docs

The folder docs/ contains the documentation for this project. In order to generate the complete documentation for SBpipe, the following packages must be installed:

- python-sphinx
- · texlive-fonts-recommended
- texlive-latex-extra

By default the documentation is generated in LaTeX/PDF. Instruction for generating or cleaning SBpipe documentation are provided below.

To generate the source code documentation:

```
cd sbpipe/docs
./create_doc.sh
```

GitHub and ReadTheDocs.io are automatically configured to build the documentation in HTML and PDF format at every commit. These are available at: http://sbpipe.readthedocs.io.

## 6.2 sbpipe

This folder contains the source code of the project SBpipe. At this level a file called \_\_main\_\_.py enables users to run SBpipe programmatically as a Python module via the command:

```
python sbpipe
```

Alternatively sbpipe can programmatically be imported within a Python environment as shown below:

```
cd path/to/sbpipe
python
>>> # Python environment
>>> from sbpipe import sbpipe
>>> sbpipe(simulate="my_model.yaml")
```

The following subsections describe sbpipe subpackages.

## 6.2.1 pl

The subpackage sbpipe.pl contains the class Pipeline in the file pipeline.py. This class represents a generic pipeline which is extended by SBpipe pipelines. These are organised in the following subpackages:

- create: creates a new project
- ps1: scan a model parameter, generate plots and report;
- ps2: scan two model parameters, generate plots and report;
- pe: generate a parameter fit sequence, tables of statistics, plots and report;
- sim: generate deterministic or stochastic model simulations, plots and report.

All these pipelines can be invoked directly via the script <code>sbpipe/scripts/sbpipe</code>. Each SBpipe pipeline extends the class <code>Pipeline</code> and therefore must implement the following methods:

```
# executes a pipeline
def run(self, config_file)

# process the dictionary of the configuration file loaded by Pipeline.load()
def parse(self, config_dict)
```

- The method run() can invoke Pipeline.load() to load the YAML config\_file as a dictionary. Once the configuration is loaded and the parameters are imported, run() executes the pipeline.
- The method parse() parses the dictionary and collects the values.

## 6.2.2 report

The subpackage sbpipe.report contains Python modules for generating LaTeX/PDF reports.

#### 6.2.3 simul

The subpackage <code>sbpipe.simul</code> contains the class <code>Simul</code> in the file <code>simul.py</code>. This is a generic simulator interface used by the pipelines in SBpipe. This mechanism uncouples pipelines from specific simulators which can therefore be configured in each pipeline configuration file. As of 2016, the following simulators are available in SBpipe:

- Copasi, package sbpipe.simul.copasi, which implements all the methods of the class Simul;
- Python, package sbpipe.simul.python.

Pipelines can dynamically load a simulator via the class method Pipeline.get\_simul\_obj(simulator). This method instantiates an object of subtype Simul by refractoring the simulator name as parameter. A simulator class (e.g. Copasi) must have the same name of their package (e.g. copasi) but start with an upper case letter. A simulator class must be contained in a file with the same name of their package (e.g. copasi). Therefore, for each simulator package, exactly one simulator class can be instantiated. Simulators can be configured in the configuration file using the field simulator.

## 6.2.4 snakemake

The subpackage <code>sbpipe.snakemake</code> contains the Python scripts to invoke the single SBpipe tasks. These are invoked by the rules in the snakemake files. These snakemake workflows for SBpipe are stored in <a href="https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe\_snake.git">https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe\_snake.git</a>.

## 6.2.5 utils

The subpackage <code>sbpipe.utils</code> contains a collection of Python utility modules which are used by sbpipe. Here are also contained the functions for running commands in parallel.

## 6.3 scripts

The folder scripts contains the scripts: cleanup\_sbpipe and sbpipe. sbpipe is the main script and is used to run the pipelines. cleanup\_sbpipe.py is used for cleaning the package including the test results.

#### 6.4 tests

The package tests contains the script test\_suite.py which executes all sbpipe tests. It should be used for testing the correct installation of SBpipe dependencies as well as reference for configuring a project before running any pipeline. Projects inside the folder sbpipe/tests/ have the SBpipe project structure:

- Models: (e.g. models, COPASI models, Python models, data sets directly used by Copasi models);
- Results: (e.g. pipelines results, etc).

Examples of configuration files (\*.yaml) using COPASI can be found in shpipe/tests/insulin receptor/.

To run tests for Python models, the Python packages numpy, scipy, and pandas must be installed. In principle, users may define their Python models using arbitrary packages.

As of 2016, the repository for SBpipe source code is github.com. This is configured to run Travis-CI every time a git push into the repository is performed. The exact details of execution of Travis-CI can be found in Travis-CI configuration file <code>sbpipe/.travis.yml</code>. Importantly, Travis-CI runs all SBpipe tests using nosetests.

## 7 Development model

This project follows the Feature-Branching model. Briefly, there are two main GitHub branches: master and develop. The former contains the history of stable releases, the latter contains the history of development. The master branch contains checkout points for production hotfixes or merge points for release-x.x.x branches. The develop branch is used for feature-bugfix integration and checkout point in development. Nobody should directly develop in here.

#### 7.1 Conventions

To manage the project in a more consistent way, here is a list of conventions to follow:

- Each new feature is developed in a separate branch forked from *develop*. This new branch is called *featureNUMBER*, where *NUMBER* is the number of the GitHub Issue discussing that feature. The first line of each commit message for this branch should contain the string *Issue #NUMBER* at the beginning. Doing so, the commit is automatically recorded by the Issue Tracking System for that specific Issue. Note that the sharp (#) symbol is required.
- The same for each new bugfix, but in this case the branch name is called bugfixNUMBER.
- The same for each new hotfix, but in this case the branch name is called hotfixNUMBER and is forked from *master*.

## 7.2 Work flow

The procedure for checking out a new feature from the develop branch is:

```
git checkout -b feature10 develop
```

This creates the feature10 branch off develop. This feature10 is discussed in *Issue #10* in GitHub. When you are ready to commit your work, run:

```
git commit -am "Issue #10, summary of the changes. Detailed description of the changes, if any."
git push origin feature10 # sometimes and at the end.
```

As of June 2016, the branches master and develop are protected and a status check using Travis-CI must be performed before merging or pushing into these branches. This automatically forces a merge without fast-forward. In order to merge any new feature, bugfix or simple edits into master or develop, a developer must checkout a new branch and, once committed and pushed, merge it to master or develop using a pull request. To merge feature10 to develop, the pull request output will look like this in GitHub Pull Requests:

```
base:develop compare:feature10 Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged.
```

A small discussion about feature 10 should also be included to allow other users to understand the feature.

Finally delete the branch:

```
git branch -d feature10  # delete the branch feature10 (locally)
```

#### 7.3 New releases

The script release. sh at the root of the package is used to release a new version of SBpipe on:

- github
- pypi
- anaconda cloud (channel: pdp10)

## 7.4 Conda releases

This is a short guide for building a conda package for SBpipe. Miniconda3 and the conda package conda-build must be installed:

```
conda install conda-build
```

SBpipe is stored in two Anaconda Cloud channels:

- bioconda (official)
- pdp10 (for testing purposes only)

## 7.4.1 How to release the conda package of SBpipe on the bioconda channel (Anaconda Cloud)

This conda repository is used for storing the stable releases of SBpipe and sbpiper. More documentation can be found here:

- https://bioconda.github.io/
- https://bioconda.github.io/contribute-a-recipe.html
- https://bioconda.github.io/guidelines.html#guidelines

The first step is to setup a repository forked from bioconda-recipes:

```
# fork the GitHub repository: https://github.com/bioconda/bioconda-recipes.git
# clone your forked bioconda-recipes repository
git clone https://github.com/YOUR_REPOSITORY/bioconda-recipes.git
# move to the repository
```

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```
cd bioconda-recipes

# create and checkout new branch `sbpipe`. This branch is used for both sbpipe and sbpiper.

git checkout -b sbpipe

# set a new remote upstream repository that will be synced with the fork.

git remote add upstream https://github.com/bioconda/bioconda-recipes.git

# synchronise the remote upstream repository with your local forked repository.

git fetch upstream
```

## Create the recipes for SBpipe and sbpiper:

Finally, the recipes should be committed and pushed. A pull request including these edits should be created in the repository *bioconda/bioconda-recipes* 

```
git add -u
git commit -m 'added recipes'
git push origin sbpipe
```

## 7.4.2 How to test the conda package of SBpipe on the pdp10 channel (Anaconda Cloud)

This channel is used for storing the latest release of SBpipe and sbpiper. It is also used by Travis-CI for continuous integration tests.

```
\# DON'T FORGET TO SET THIS so that your built package is not uploaded automatically conda config —-set anaconda_upload no
```

The recipe for SBpipe is already prepared (file: meta.yaml). To create the conda package for SBpipe:

```
cd path/to/sbpipe conda-build conda_recipe/meta.yaml -c pdp10 -c conda-forge -c fbergmann -c defaults
```

To test this package locally:

```
# install
conda install sbpipe --use-local
# uninstall
conda remove sbpipe
```

To upload the package to Anaconda Cloud repository:

```
anaconda upload ~/miniconda/conda-bld/noarch/sbpipe-x.x.x-py_y.tar.bz2
```

To install the package from Anaconda Cloud:

```
conda install sbpipe -c pdp10 -c conda-forge -c fbergmann -c defaults
```

## 8 Miscellaneous of useful commands

## 8.1 Git

### Startup

```
# clone master
git clone https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe.git
# get develop branch
git checkout -b develop origin/develop
# to update all the branches with remote
git fetch --all
```

## **Update**

```
# ONLY use --rebase for private branches. Never use it for shared
# branches otherwise it breaks the history. --rebase moves your
# commits ahead. For shared branches, you should use
# `git fetch && git merge --no-ff`
git pull [--rebase] origin BRANCH
```

## Managing tags

```
# Update an existing tag to include the last commits
# Assuming that you are in the branch associated to the tag to update:
git tag -f -a tagName
# push your new commit:
git push
# force push your moved tag:
git push -f --tags origin tagName
# rename a tag
git tag new old
git tag -d old
git push origin :refs/tags/old
git push --tags
# make sure that the other users remove the deleted tag. Tell them(co-workers) to.
→run the following command:
git pull --prune --tags
# removing a tag remotely and locally
git push --delete origin tagName
git tag -d tagName
```

#### File system

```
git rm [--cache] filename
git add filename
```

## Information

```
git status
git log [--stat]
git branch # list the branches
```

#### Maintenance

```
git fsck # check errors
git gc # clean up
```

## Rename a branch locally and remotely

```
git branch -m old_branch new_branch  # Rename branch locally
git push origin :old_branch  # Delete the old branch
git push --set-upstream origin new_branch  # Push the new branch, set local_

--branch to track the new remote
```

#### Reset

```
git reset --hard HEAD # to undo all the local uncommitted changes
```

#### Syncing a fork (assuming upstreams are set)

```
git fetch upstream
git checkout develop
git merge upstream/develop
```

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# 10 Change Log

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```

#### ### CHANGELOG

v4.18.0 (Beyond the Kuiper Belt)

Previous versions of these packages were released under GNU GPL v3.

- Improved project consistency and added warnings.
- Added script for moving data sets and update indexes.
- Project and documentation clean-up.
- SBpipe is now available on pypi.org.
- Improved setup.py file for python packaging
- SBpipe tests no longer require CopasiSE.
- Documentation update.
- Added generate\_tarball option to all the remaining pipelines in native SBpipe.
- Improved output messages.
- Added progress information for native SBpipe.
- Added PCA analysis for the best parameter estimates. Replaced conda channel "r"  $\_$   $\longrightarrow$  with "conda-forge".
- Improved data analysis scalability for parameter estimation (using Snakemake).
- Added checks whether a COPASI model can be loaded and executed correctly. This \_ →is based on Python bindings for COPASI.
- Optimisation of snakemake pipelines. Improved efficiency of rules for analyses.
- Bugfix SGE and LSF job names now include a random string, avoiding potential  $\underline{\ }$   $\rightarrow$  interactions among multiple

- SBpipe R code is now an independent R package called sbpiper. This is imported →by SBpipe as

## v4.0.0 (Mars)

- added option `exp\_dataset\_alpha` to `sim` pipeline. This option allows to plot\_ →experimental

data with an alpha level.

- data analysis for `sim` pipeline is scalable.
- improved yaml files for installing SBpipe using conda. SBpipe is now tested on →Python 2.7 and 3.6.
- added transparencies and improved simulation plots combined with data set.
- added release.sh script for releasing SBpipe versions automatically.
- if `data\_point\_num` is [0, est\_param\_number], the analysis task for parameter\_
   estimation will

continue BUT the thresholds will be discarded.

- bug fix conda build package after conda was upgraded to v3.x.x
- bug fix constraints in parameter estimation using Copasi
- added scripts
- code optimisation for parameter estimation pipeline.
- Improved conda packaging.
- Improved import of parameter names for parameter estimation pipeline.
- Improved SBpipe packaging (snakemake is not a requirement)
- SBpipe pipelines are also available as snake files. Therefore, SBpipe can be run\_  $\rightarrow$  using Snakemake.
- SBpipe is now also available as conda package (installation+dependencies: conda\_ →install -c pdp10 sbpipe)
- The environment variable SBPIPE is no longer necessary.
- Anaconda can be used for installing SBpipe dependencies. This improves\_
- →portability on Linux

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and Windows OS.
- subprocess.Popen() and logging fileConfig() use `with .. as ..: `construct with_
→Python3+.
- changed `chi^2` label to `obj val` in parameter estimation plots
- Added additional arguments to sbpipe
- Output is now coloured.
- Improved logging messages. Added log.debug() calls.
- Added sbpipe() function in main.py to facilitate programmatic use of sbpipe.
- Replaced Python getopt with argparse.
- Improved unit tests and nosetests with Travis-CI.
- Replaced INI configuration files with YAML configuration files.
- Skip heatmap and multiple time course plot if only one simulation is run. These,
→plots are
just redundant.
- removed support for running R, Octave, and Java models directly as these can be_
a Python model wrapper.
- bug fixes
v3.0.0 (Earth)
- added prints to r plotting functions
- pipeline analyses are executed on cluster (local, sge, lsf) using sbpipe parcomp_
\hookrightarrow module.
- renamed option `pp_cpus` to `local_cpus`, after removal of parallel python.
- renamed value `pp` to `local` for option `cluster` after removal of parallel_
\rightarrowpython.
- added support for Python 3. The code is now expected to work for Python 2.7+, 3.
\rightarrow2, and 3.6.
- replaced parallel python with python multiprocessing package. This should_
→facilitate
the transition to Python 3.
- removed deprecated source code for manually randomising parameters before...
\hookrightarrowparameter
estimation in Copasi files.
- Copasi and PL-based simulators now share a large amount of code.
- adapted programming language-based simulators to use ps1 and ps2 post-processing_
⇔code.
All simulators support all the pipelines.
- moved post-processing code for ps1 and ps2 from Copasi to Simul.
- improved code cohesion by moving utility code into Simul class().
- improved output name consistency for report and plot files
- improved sorting of plots in latex/pdf report for ps1 pipeline
- added test case for stochastic double parameter scan.
- double parameter scans can be executed in parallel as repeats.
- added support for stochastic double parameter scans.
- added test case for stochastic single parameter scan.
- single parameter scans can be executed in parallel as repeats.
- added support for stochastic single parameter scans.
- modularised parallel computation within Copasi simulator
- added heatmap plot representing stochastic repeats for the time course_
\hookrightarrowsimulation.
- moved R code from pipelines to R/
- redesign of simulation plots. Improvements plus based on melt function.
- removed remaining old gplots dependent code. Sbpipe only uses ggplot2 now.
- added two new plots useful for stochastic simulation
- improved reuse for all R plots.
- added plots reproducing all the single simulations per species.
- changed main script name from run_sbpipe.py to sbpipe.
- Added support for parameter estimation using non-Copasi models. Test using R_
→model.
```

- Skip Java, Python, and R model tests if their dependencies are not satisfied.

Models do not need to be replicated.

- Java models can be used for model simulation in addition to Copasi.
- Python models can be used for model simulation in addition to Copasi.
- R models can be used for model simulation in addition to Copasi.

#### v2.0.0 (Venus)

- improved threshold levels for Sampled PLE plots.
- added 20 tests including wrong configuration file settings.
- extensive refactory of unit tests.
- source code uses PEP8 standard
- source code cleaning and reformatting.
- improved source code by eliminating some warning highlighted by PyCharm.
- moved script core functions within sbpipe package.

to use in the configuration file.

- simulators are loaded dynamically. Uncoupling between simulators and pipelines.
- separation of code for generating data from pipeline package.
- improved source code modularisation for the whole program.
- extracted scripts (run\_sbpipe and cleanup\_sbpipe) from sbpipe/.
- sbpipe supports execution as a Python module (\_\_main\_\_.py).
- all Python imports are now absolute (in agreement with Python 3).
- improvements to program prints
- project renamed sbpipe
- added AIC, AICc, BIC to the parameter estimation summary table.
- $\mbox{-}$  randomisation of initial parameter values for parameter estimation is now only performed by Copasi.
- added plots comparing model simulation vs experimental data in simulate pipeline.
- improving plot margins for simulate and single parameter scan pipelines.
- source code refractoring in parameter estimation analysis task.
- fixed a bug in parameter estimation pipeline related to the filtering of  $\underline{\ }$  -confidence

intervals from the complete data set.

estimated parameter and its confidence intervals.

- plot polishing.
- separated options for plotting 2d correlations within 66%, 95%, or 99%\_
- →confidence intervals.
- added 99% confidence intervals parameter estimation plots.
- added option to plot parameter estimation plots using the scientific notation.
- improved plots layout (fonts, legends).
- added option for y axis label to simulate and single parameter scan pipelines.
- Copasi models are fully consistent.
- table of estimated parameter and confidence values is in normal scale (not  $_{\_}$  log10).

## v1.0.0 (Mercury)

- completed source code documentation
- completed user and developer manuals.
- configured Python Sphinx for documenting SBpipe
- bug fixes.
- separation of pdf report code from pipelines.
- configuration sessions integrated in pipeline classes.

- pipelines converted to classes.
- added option for plotting parameter estimation results in log10 parameter space  $\rightarrow$  (default).
- improved heat palette for double parameter scan and coloured scatterplots.
- added test files for double parameter scan
- ported all Matlab code to Python / R
- added pipeline for double parameter scan (parsing, plots, report)
- further removal of deprecated files
- generated copasi files for parameter estimation now moved to Working\_Folder/xx/
- improved insulin receptor model for testing.
- Copasi report files now in Models/ .
- Copasi experimental data files now in Models/ .
- added scripts for automatically installing Python and R package dependencies.
- use of sections in configuration
- separation of configuration file parsing from program logic.
- restructuring dataset parsing for simulate and single\_param\_scan.
- added parameter scan plot with homogeneous lines (useful for plotting param conf.  $\hookrightarrow$  interv.).
- replaced all prints with Python logging.
- improved LaTeX reports
- tested parameter estimation using Gillespie algorithm for model simulation.
- configured Travis-CI for continous integration tests.
- pipeline renaming.
- added computation for parameter confidence intervals.
- added plot for fit history.
- added 2D parameter correlations using 66% or 95% confidence levels from\_
- $\hookrightarrow$ calculated PLE.
- added profile likelihood estimation based on intermediate estimations.
- cleaned pipeline output.
- added documentation for configuring Copasi.
- removed part of the deprecated code.
- internalised code for each pipeline; run\_sbpipe.py is the main executor for\_ --sbpipe.
- bug fixes.
- models can now be simulated in parallel using PP, SGE, or LSF.
- separation of parallel code from param\_estim\_copasi pipeline. It is generic now.
- $\operatorname{sbpipe}$  should now be platform independent (untested yet).
- removed unused dependencies.
- better separation of test cases.
- pipeline steps can be executed separately.
- pipeline restructuring (separation of the steps: generate data, analyse data, \_\_
  →and generate report).
- model parameters can now be estimated in parallel using PP, SGE, or LSF.
- removed old deprecated code.
- restructuring source code in the lib/ folder (now sbpipe/pipelines and sbpipe/  $\mathrel{\hookrightarrow} \mathtt{utils})\text{.}$
- finalised skeleton for sb\_param\_estim pipeline.
- added parameter correlation plots for sb\_param\_estim pipeline.
- ported R gplots code to ggplot in sb\_param\_scan\_\_single\_perturb pipeline.
- ported R gplots code to ggplot in sb\_simulate pipeline.
- sbpipe is now a Python package.
- added documentation (readme, developer\_guide).
- added unit tests and setup.py.
- ported Bash / sed / grep and cut code to Python in sb\_param\_estim pipeline.
- ported Bash / sed / grep and cut code to Python in sb\_param\_scan\_\_single\_perturb\_ --pipeline.
- ported Bash / sed / grep and cut code to Python in sb\_simulate pipeline.
- added param\_estim\_\_copasi.sh.
- improved configuration file.
- simulation time start, end, xaxis label and time step now replace the parameter\_
- $\hookrightarrow$ `team`.

```
adjusted sb_simulate.sh, sb_param_scan__single_perturb.sh, sb_sensitivity.sh.packaging of sb_modules in /bin.added test scripts.
```

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## 11.1 sbpipe\_cleanup

## 11.1.1 Module Contents

```
sbpipe_cleanup.cleanup()
    Clean-up the package including the tests.
sbpipe_cleanup.main(argv=None)
```

## 11.2 sbpipe\_move\_datasets

#### 11.2.1 Module Contents

```
sbpipe_move_datasets.get_index (name="", output_path=".")
   Get the largest index of the reports in output_path :param name: the name of the report :param output_path:
      the output path storing reports :return: the largest index or -1 if no file was found

sbpipe_move_datasets.move_dataset (name="", input_path="", output_path="")
```

Move data sets from one path to another and update the sequence number.

## **Parameters**

- name the model name without extension
- input\_path the path containing the input files
- output\_path the path to store the output files

```
sbpipe_move_datasets.main(argv=None)
```

Move data sets from one Path to another and update the sequence number.

## 11.3 \_\_init\_\_

## 11.3.1 Package Contents

```
class __init__.NullHandler
    emit (record)
    __init__.sbpipe_logo()
    Return sbpipe logo.
    Returns sbpipe logo
    __init__.sbpipe_license()
    Return sbpipe license.
```

**Returns** sbpipe license

```
__init___.sbpipe_version()
     Return sbpipe version.
          Returns sbpipe version
__init__.set_basic_logger(level="INFO")
     Set a basic StreamHandler logger. :param level: the level for this console logger
__init__.set_color_logger(level="INFO")
     Replace the current logging.StreamHandler with colorlog.StreamHandler. :param level: the level for this
     console logger
__init__.set_console_logger(new_level="NOTSET", current_level="INFO", nocolor=False)
     Set the console logger to a new level if this is different from NOTSET
          Parameters
                • new_level – the new level to set for the console logger
                • current_level – the current level to set for the console logger
                • nocolor – True if no colors shouls be used
__init___.set_logger(level="NOTSET", nocolor=False)
     Set the logger :param level: the level for the console logger :param nocolor: True if no colors shouls be used
__init__.sbpipe(create_project="", simulate="", parameter_scan1="", parameter_scan2="",
                     parameter_estimation="", version=False, logo=False, license=False, no-
                     color=False, log_level="", quiet=False, verbose=False)
     SBpipe function.
          Parameters
                • create_project – create a project with the name as argument
                • simulate – model simulation using a configuration file as argument
                • parameter_scan1 - model one parameter scan using a configuration file as argu-
                • parameter_scan2 - model two parameters scan using a configuration file as argu-
                • parameter_estimation - model parameter estimation using a configuration file
                  as argument
                • version – True to print the version
                • logo – True to print the logo
                • license – True to print the license
                • nocolor – True to print logging messages without colors
                • log_level – Set the logging level
```

**Returns** 0 if OK, 1 if trouble (e.g. a pipeline did not execute correctly).

quiet – True if quiet (CRITICAL+)
 verbose – True if verbose (DEBUG+)

\_\_\_init\_\_\_.main(argv=None)
SBpipe main function.

**Returns** 0 if OK, 1 if trouble

# 11.4 simul

#### 11.4.1 Subpackages

simul.copasi

#### **Submodules**

simul.copasi.copasi

# **Module Contents**

```
class simul.copasi.copasi.Copasi
    Copasi simulator.
```

```
___init___()
```

model\_checking (model\_filename, fileout, task\_name="")

Check whether the Copasi model can be loaded and executed correctly.

#### **Parameters**

- model filename the COPASI filename
- **fileout** the file containing the model checking results
- task\_name the task to check

**Returns** boolean indicating whether the model could be loaded and executed successfully

```
sim (model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local_cpus=1, runs=1, output_msg=False)
```

- $\label{eq:ps2} \textbf{ps2} \ (model, \quad sim\_length, \quad input dir, \quad output dir, \quad cluster = "local", \quad local\_cpus = 1, \quad runs = 1, \quad output \_msg = False)$
- **pe** (model, inputdir, cluster, local\_cpus, runs, outputdir, sim\_data\_dir, output\_msg=False)

```
_get_params_list(filein)
```

Return the list of parameter names from filein

Parameters filein – a Copasi parameter estimation report file

**Returns** the list of parameter names

```
_write_best_fits (files, path_out, filename_out)
```

Write the final estimates to filename\_out

#### **Parameters**

- **files** the list of Copasi parameter estimation reports
- path\_out the path to store the file combining the final (best) estimates (file-name\_out)
- **filename\_out** the file containing the final (best) estimates

```
_write_all_fits (files, path_out, filename_out)
```

Write all the estimates to filename out

#### **Parameters**

• **files** – the list of Copasi parameter estimation reports

- path\_out the path to store the file combining all the estimates
- **filename\_out** the file containing all the estimates

simul.copasi.model\_checking

#### **Module Contents**

simul.copasi.model\_checking.copasi\_model\_checking (model\_filename, fileout, task\_name="")

Perform a basic model checking for a COPASI model file.

# Parameters

- model\_filename the filename to a COPASI file
- **fileout** the file containing the model checking results
- task\_name the task to check

Returns a boolean indicating whether the model could be loaded successfully

simul.copasi.model\_checking.severity2string(severity)

Return a string representing the severity of the error message :param severity: an integer representing severity :return: a string of the error message

simul.copasi.model\_checking.check\_model\_loading(model\_filename, data\_model)

Check whether the COPASI model can be loaded

#### **Parameters**

- model\_filename the filename to a COPASI file
- data\_model the COPASI data model structure

Returns a boolean indicating whether the model could be loaded successfully

Check whether the COPASI model task can be executed

#### **Parameters**

- model filename the filename to a COPASI file
- task\_name the task to check
- data\_model the COPASI data model structure.

**Returns** a boolean indicating whether the model task can be executed correctly

Check whether the COPASI model task can be executed

#### **Parameters**

- model filename the filename to a COPASI file
- task\_name the task to check
- data model the COPASI data model structure
- task the COPASI task data structure

Returns a boolean indicating whether the model task can be executed correctly

```
Submodules
simul.python.python
Module Contents
class simul.python.python.Python
     Python Simulator.
     ___init___()
11.4.2 Submodules
simul.pl_simul
Module Contents
class simul.pl_simul.PLSimul(lang=None, lang_err_msg="No programming language is
                                      set!", options="")
     A generic simulator for models coded in a programming language.
     ___init___(lang=None, lang_err_msg="No programming language is set!", options="")
          A constructor for a simulator of models coded in a programming language :param lang: the program-
          ming language name (e.g. python, Copasi) :param lang_err_msg: the message to print if lang is not
          found. :param options: the options to use when invoking the command (e.g. "" for python).
     get_lang()
          Return the programming language name :return: the name
     get_lang_err_msg()
          Return the error if the programming language is not found :return: the error message
     get_lang_options()
          Return the options for the programming language command :return: the options. Return None, if no
          options are used.
     sim (model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local_cpus=1, runs=1, output_msg=False)
     ps1 (model, scanned_par, simulate_intervals, single_param_scan_intervals, inputdir, outputdir,
           cluster="local", local_cpus=1, runs=1, output_msg=False)
     ps2 (model, sim_length, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local_cpus=1, runs=1, out-
          put_msg=False)
     pe (model, inputdir, cluster, local_cpus, runs, outputdir, sim_data_dir, output_msg=False)
     _run_par_comput (model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local_cpus=1, runs=1, out-
                          put\_msg=False)
     replace_str_in_report (report)
simul.simul
Module Contents
class simul.simul.Simul
     Generic simulator.
```

simul.python

\_\_\_init\_\_\_()

Default constructor.

sim (model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local\_cpus=1, runs=1, output\_msg=False)
Time course simulator.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model to process
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- **outputdir** the directory containing the output files
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPU.
- runs the number of model simulation
- output\_msg print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)

#### **Parameters**

- model the model to process
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- **simulate\_intervals** the time step of each simulation
- single\_param\_scan\_intervals the number of scans to perform
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results
- cluster local, lsf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPU used.
- runs the number of model simulation
- **output\_msg** print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)
- **ps2** (model, sim\_length, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local\_cpus=1, runs=1, output\_msg=False)

  Double paramter scan.

- model the model to process
- sim\_length the length of the simulation
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- outputdir the directory to store the results
- cluster local, lsf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPU.
- runs the number of model simulation
- output\_msg print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)

**pe** (*model*, *inputdir*, *cluster*, *local\_cpus*, *runs*, *outputdir*, *sim\_data\_dir*, *output\_msg=False*) parameter estimation.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model to process
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- cluster local, lsf for load sharing facility, sge for sun grid engine
- local\_cpus the number of cpu
- runs the number of fits to perform
- outputdir the directory to store the results
- sim\_data\_dir the directory containing the simulation data sets
- output\_msg print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)

```
get_sim_columns (path_in=".")
```

Return the columns to analyse (sim task)

Parameters path\_in - the path to the input files

get\_best\_fits (path\_in=".", path\_out=".", filename\_out="final\_estimates.csv")

Collect the final parameter estimates. Results are stored in filename\_out.

#### **Parameters**

- path\_in the path to the input files
- path\_out the path to the output files
- **filename\_out** a global file containing the best fits from independent parameter estimations.

**Returns** the number of retrieved files

get\_all\_fits (path\_in=".", path\_out=".", filename\_out="all\_estimates.csv")

Collect all the parameter estimates. Results are stored in filename\_out.

#### **Parameters**

- path\_in the path to the input files
- path\_out the path to the output files
- filename\_out a global file containing all fits from independent parameter estimations.

**Returns** the number of retrieved files

\_run\_par\_comput (model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster="local", local\_cpus=1, runs=1, out-put\_msg=False)
Run generic parallel computation.

- model the model to process
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results
- cluster local, lsf for load sharing facility, sge for sun grid engine
- local\_cpus the number of cpus
- runs the number of runs to perform

• **output\_msg** – print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)

**Returns** (groupid, group\_model)

# \_get\_model\_group(model)

Return the model without extension concatenated with the groupid string :param model: the model name :return: the concatenated string

\_move\_reports(inputdir, outputdir, model, groupid)

Move the report files

#### **Parameters**

- inputdir the directory containing the model
- outputdir the directory containing the output files
- model the model to process
- groupid a string identifier in the file name characterising the batch of simulated models

# replace\_str\_in\_report (report)

Replaces strings in a report file.

Parameters report – a report file with its absolute path

```
_get_input_files(path)
```

Retrieve the input files in a path.

Parameters path – the path containing the input files to retrieve

**Returns** the list of input files

```
_get_params_list (filein)
```

Return the list of parameter names from filein

Parameters filein – a report file

**Returns** the list of parameter names

\_write\_params (col\_names, path\_out, filename\_out)

Write the list of parameter names to filename\_out

# **Parameters**

- col\_names the list of parameter names
- path\_out the path to store filename\_out
- **filename\_out** the output file to store the parameter names

```
_write_best_fits (files, path_out, filename_out)
```

Write the final estimates to filename\_out

# **Parameters**

- **files** the list of parameter estimation reports
- path\_out the path to store the file combining the final (best) estimates (file-name\_out)
- **filename\_out** the file containing the final (best) estimates

```
_write_all_fits (files, path_out, filename_out)
```

Write all the estimates to filename\_out

- **files** the list of parameter estimation reports
- path\_out the path to store the file combining all the estimates

• **filename\_out** – the file containing all the estimates

```
_ps1_header_init(report, scanned_par)
```

Header report initialisation for single parameter scan pipeline.

#### **Parameters**

- report a report
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter

:return a list containing the header or an empty list if no header was created.

ps1\_postproc (model, scanned\_par, simulate\_intervals, single\_param\_scan\_intervals, outputdir)

Perform post processing organisation to single parameter scan report files.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model to process
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- **simulate\_intervals** the time step of each simulation
- single\_param\_scan\_intervals the number of scans to perform
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results

ps2\_postproc (model, sim\_length, outputdir)

Perform post processing organisation to double parameter scan report files.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model to process
- sim\_length the length of the simulation
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results

# 11.5 pl

# 11.5.1 Subpackages

pl.create

#### **Submodules**

```
pl.create.newproj
```

# **Module Contents**

class pl.create.newproj.NewProj (models\_folder="Models", working\_folder="Results")
 This module initialises the folder tree for a new project.

# **Parameters**

- models\_folder the folder containing the models
- working\_folder the folder to store the results

\_\_init\_\_ (models\_folder="Models", working\_folder="Results")
Constructor.

run (project\_name)

Create a project directory tree.

# Parameters project\_name - the name of the project Returns 0

pl.pe

#### **Submodules**

pl.pe.parest

# **Module Contents**

#### **Parameters**

- **simulator** the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- model the model to process

The first pipeline step: data generation.

- inputdir the directory containing the model
- cluster local, lsf for load sharing facility, sge for sun grid engine
- local\_cpus the number of cpu
- **runs** the number of fits to perform
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results
- sim\_data\_dir the directory containing the simulation data sets

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

- **simulator** the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- model the model name
- inputdir the directory containing the simulation data
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results
- **fileout\_final\_estims** the name of the file containing final parameter sets with the objective value
- **fileout\_all\_estims** the name of the file containing all the parameter sets with the objective value

- **fileout\_param\_estim\_best\_fits\_details** the file containing the statistics for the best fits analysis
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_details** the file containing the statistics for the PLE analysis
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_summary** the name of the file containing the summary for the parameter estimation
- **sim\_plots\_dir** the directory of the simulation plots
- best\_fits\_percent the percent to consider for the best fits
- data\_point\_num the number of data points
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- plot\_2d\_66cl\_corr True if 2 dim plots for the parameter sets within 66% should be plotted
- plot\_2d\_95cl\_corr True if 2 dim plots for the parameter sets within 95% should be plotted
- plot\_2d\_99cl\_corr True if 2 dim plots for the parameter sets within 99% should be plotted
- logspace True if parameters should be plotted in log space
- scientific\_notation True if axis labels should be plotted in scientific notation

Returns True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

```
{\tt generate\_report} \; (model, \, output dir, \, sim\_plots\_folder)
```

The third pipeline step: report generation.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model name
- outputdir the directory to store the report
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder containing the plots

Returns True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

```
parse (my_dict)
```

pl.ps1

# **Submodules**

```
pl.ps1.parscan1
```

# **Module Contents**

generate\_data (simulator, model, scanned\_par, cluster, local\_cpus, runs, simulate\_intervals, single\_param\_scan\_intervals, inputdir, outputdir)

The first pipeline step: data generation.

#### **Parameters**

- **simulator** the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- model the model to process
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local cpus the number of CPU.
- runs the number of model simulation
- **simulate\_intervals** the time step of each simulation
- single\_param\_scan\_intervals the number of scans to perform
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

analyse\_data(model, knock\_down\_only, outputdir, sim\_data\_folder, sim\_plots\_folder, runs, local\_cpus, percent\_levels, min\_level, max\_level, levels\_number, homogeneous\_lines, cluster="local", xaxis\_label="", yaxis\_label="") The second pipeline step: data analysis.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model name
- knock\_down\_only True for knock down simulation, false if also scanning over expression.
- outputdir the directory containing the results
- sim\_data\_folder the folder containing the simulated data sets
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder containing the generated plots
- runs the number of simulations
- local\_cpus the number of cpus
- **percent\_levels** True if the levels are percents.
- min\_level the minimum level
- max level the maximum level
- levels number the number of levels
- homogeneous\_lines True if generated line style should be homogeneous
- cluster local, lsf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- **xaxis\_label** the name of the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis\_label the name of the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

generate\_report (model, scanned\_par, outputdir, sim\_plots\_folder) The third pipeline step: report generation.

## **Parameters**

• model – the model name

- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- outputdir the directory containing the report
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder containing the plots

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

```
parse (my_dict)
```

pl.ps2

#### **Submodules**

pl.ps2.parscan2

# **Module Contents**

# **Parameters**

- **simulator** the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- model the model to process
- sim\_length the length of the simulation
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- **outputdir** the directory to store the results
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPU.
- runs the number of model simulation

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

- model the model name
- scanned\_par1 the first scanned parameter
- scanned\_par2 the second scanned parameter
- inputdir the directory containing the simulated data sets to process
- outputdir the directory to store the performed analysis
- cluster local, lsf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPU.

• runs – the number of model simulation

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

generate\_report (model, scanned\_par1, scanned\_par2, outputdir, sim\_plots\_folder)
The third pipeline step: report generation.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model name
- scanned\_par1 the first scanned parameter
- scanned\_par2 the second scanned parameter
- outputdir the directory containing the report
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder containing the plots.

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

parse (my\_dict)

pl.sim

#### **Submodules**

pl.sim.sim

#### **Module Contents**

# **Parameters**

- **simulator** the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- model the model to process
- inputdir the directory containing the model
- outputdir the directory containing the output files
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPUs.
- runs the number of model simulation

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

The second pipeline step: data analysis.

#### **Parameters**

• **simulator** – the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)

- model the model name
- inputdir the directory containing the data to analyse
- **outputdir** the output directory containing the results
- sim\_plots\_dir the directory to save the plots
- exp\_dataset the full path of the experimental data set
- plot\_exp\_dataset True if the experimental data set should also be plotted
- exp\_dataset\_alpha the alpha level for the data set
- cluster local, 1sf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- local\_cpus the number of CPUs.
- **xaxis\_label** the label for the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis\_label the label for the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])

**Returns** True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

generate\_report (model, outputdir, sim\_plots\_folder)

The third pipeline step: report generation.

#### **Parameters**

- model the model name
- **outputdir** the output directory to store the report
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder containing the plots

Returns True if the task was completed successfully, False otherwise.

parse (my\_dict)

#### 11.5.2 Submodules

# pl.pipeline

# **Module Contents**

# **Parameters**

- models\_folder the folder containing the models
- working\_folder the folder to store the results
- sim\_data\_folder the folder to store the simulation data
- **sim\_plots\_folder** the folder to store the graphic results

```
__init__ (models_folder="Models", working_folder="Results", sim_data_folder="sim_data", sim_plots_folder="sim_plots")
```

run (config\_file)

Run the pipeline.

**Parameters** config\_file – a configuration file for this pipeline.

**Returns** True if the pipeline was executed correctly, False otherwise.

```
get_models_folder()
```

Return the folder containing the models.

Returns the models folder.

#### get\_working\_folder()

Return the folder containing the results.

Returns the working folder.

#### get\_sim\_data\_folder()

Return the folder containing the in-silico generated data sets.

**Returns** the folder of the simulated data sets.

#### get\_sim\_plots\_folder()

Return the folder containing the in-silico generated plots.

**Returns** the folder of the simulated plots.

# generate\_tarball(output\_folder)

Create a gz tarball.

#### **Parameters**

- working\_dir the working directory
- output\_folder the name of the folder to store the tar.gz file

**Returns** True if the generation of the tarball succeeded.

#### get\_simul\_obj(simulator)

Return the simulator object if this exists. Otherwise throws an exception. The simulator name starts with an upper case letter. Each simulator is in a package within *sbpipe.simulator*.

**Parameters** simulator – the simulator name

Returns the simulator object.

#### load(config)

Safely load a YAML configuration file and return its structure as a dictionary object.

Parameters config – a YAML configuration file

**Returns** the dictionary structure of the configuration file

Raise yaml.YAMLError if the config cannot be loaded.

#### parse (config\_dict)

Read a dictionary structure containing the pipeline configuration. This method is abstract.

**Returns** a tuple containing the configuration

# 11.6 utils

#### 11.6.1 Submodules

# utils.dependencies

# **Module Contents**

```
utils.dependencies.which(cmd_name)
```

Utility equivalent to which in GNU/Linux OS.

Parameters cmd\_name - a command name

Returns return the command name with absolute path if this exists, or None

# utils.dependencies.is\_py\_package\_installed(package)

Utility checking whether a Python package is installed.

Parameters package - a Python package name

**Returns** True if it is installed, false otherwise.

utils.dependencies.is\_r\_package\_installed(package)

Utility checking whether a R package is installed.

Parameters package – an R package name

**Returns** True if it is installed, false otherwise.

#### utils.io

#### **Module Contents**

utils.io.refresh(path, file\_pattern)

Clean and create the folder if this does not exist.

#### **Parameters**

- path the path containing the files to remove
- **file\_pattern** the string pattern of the files to remove

utils.io.get\_pattern\_pos(pattern, filename)

Return the line number (as string) of the first occurrence of a pattern in filename

#### **Parameters**

- pattern the pattern of the string to find
- **filename** the file name containing the pattern to search

Returns the line number containing the pattern or "-1" if the pattern was not found

utils.io.files\_with\_pattern\_recur(folder, pattern)

Return all files with a certain pattern in folder+subdirectories

#### **Parameters**

- folder the folder to search for
- pattern the string to search for

**Returns** the files containing the pattern.

 $\verb|utils.io.write_mat_on_file| (\textit{fileout}, \textit{data})$ 

Write the matrix results stored in data to filename\_out

#### **Parameters**

- **fileout** the output file
- data the data to store in a file

utils.io.replace\_str\_in\_file (filename\_out, old\_string, new\_string)

Replace a string with another in filename\_out

# **Parameters**

- filename out the output file
- old\_string the old string that should be replaced
- new\_string the new string replacing old\_string

utils.io.replace\_str\_in\_report(report)

Replace nasty strings in COPASI report file.

Parameters report - the report

#### utils.io.remove\_file\_silently(filename)

Remove a filename silently, without reporting warnings or error messages. This is not really needed by Linux, but Windows sometimes fails to remove the file even if this exists.

**Parameters** filename – the file to remove

 $\verb"utils.io.git_pull" (repo_name)$ 

Pull a git repository.

Parameters repo\_name - the repository to pull

utils.io.git\_clone(repo)

Clone a git repository.

**Parameters** repo – the repository to clone

utils.io.git\_retrieve(repo)

Clone or pull a git repository.

Parameters repo - the repository to clone or pull

utils.parcomp

#### **Module Contents**

utils.parcomp.run\_cmd(cmd)

Run a command using Python subprocess.

**Parameters** cmd – The string of the command to run

utils.parcomp.run\_cmd\_block(cmd)

Run a command using Python subprocess. Block the call until the command has finished.

**Parameters** cmd – A tuple containing the string of the command to run

utils.parcomp.parcomp(cmd, cmd\_iter\_substr, output\_dir, cluster="local", runs=1, local\_cpus=1, output\_msg=False, colnames=list)

Generic function to run a command in parallel

# **Parameters**

- cmd the command string to run in parallel
- **cmd\_iter\_substr** the substring of the iteration number. This will be replaced in a number automatically
- **output\_dir** the output directory
- cluster the cluster type among local (Python multiprocessing), sge, or lsf
- runs the number of runs. Ignored if colnames is not empty
- local\_cpus the number of cpus to use at most
- output\_msg print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)
- **colnames** the name of the columns to process

**Returns** True if the computation succeeded.

 $\verb|utils.parcomp.progress_bar|(it, total)$ 

A minimal CLI progress bar.

- it current iteration starting from 1
- total total iterations

utils.parcomp.progress\_bar2 (it, total)

A CLI progress bar.

#### **Parameters**

- it current iteration starting from 1
- total total iterations

utils.parcomp.call\_proc(params)

Run a command using Python subprocess.

Parameters params - A tuple containing (the string of the command to run, the command id)

utils.parcomp.run\_jobs\_local(cmd, cmd\_iter\_substr, runs=1, local\_cpus=1, out-put\_msg=False, colnames=list)

Run jobs using python multiprocessing locally.

#### **Parameters**

- cmd the full command to run as a job
- cmd\_iter\_substr the substring in command to be replaced with a number
- runs the number of runs. Ignored if colnames is not empty
- local\_cpus The number of available cpus. If local\_cpus <=0, only one core will be used.
- **output\_msg** print the output messages on screen (available for cluster\_type='local' only)
- colnames the name of the columns to process

# Returns True

utils.parcomp.run\_jobs\_sge (cmd, cmd\_iter\_substr, out\_dir, err\_dir, runs=1, colnames=list)
Run jobs using a Sun Grid Engine (SGE) cluster.

#### **Parameters**

- cmd the full command to run as a job
- cmd\_iter\_substr the substring in command to be replaced with a number
- out\_dir the directory containing the standard output from qsub
- err\_dir the directory containing the standard error from qsub
- runs the number of runs. Ignored if colnames is not empty
- colnames the name of the columns to process

**Returns** True if the computation succeeded.

utils.parcomp.run\_jobs\_lsf(cmd, cmd\_iter\_substr, out\_dir, err\_dir, runs=1, colnames=list)
Run jobs using a Load Sharing Facility (LSF) cluster.

# Parameters

- cmd the full command to run as a job
- cmd\_iter\_substr the substring in command to be replaced with a number
- out\_dir the directory containing the standard output from bsub
- err\_dir the directory containing the standard error from bsub
- runs the number of runs. Ignored if colnames is not empty
- colnames the name of the columns to process

**Returns** True if the computation succeeded.

```
utils.parcomp.quick_debug(cmd, out_dir, err_dir)
```

Look up for *error* and *warning* in the standard output and error files. A simple debugging function checking the generated log files. We don't stop the computation because it happens that these messages are more *warnings* than real errors.

#### **Parameters**

- cmd the executed command
- out\_dir the directory containing the standard output files
- err\_dir the directory contining the standard error files

Returns True

utils.parcomp.is\_output\_file\_clean (filename, stream\_type="standard output")
Check whether a file contains the string 'error' or 'warning'. If so a message is printed.

#### **Parameters**

- filename a file
- **stream\_type** 'stderr' for standard error, 'stdout' for standard output.

Returns True

utils.rand

#### **Module Contents**

```
utils.rand.get_rand_alphanum_str(length)
```

Return a random alphanumeric string

Parameters length - the length of the string

**Returns** the generated string

utils.rand.get\_rand\_num\_str(length)

Return a random numeric string

Parameters length – the length of the string

**Returns** the generated string

utils.re\_utils

#### **Module Contents**

```
utils.re_utils.nat_sort_key(str)
```

The key to sort a list of strings alphanumerically (e.g. "file10" is correctly placed after "file2")

**Parameters** str – the string to sort alphanumerically in a list of strings

**Returns** the key to sort strings alphanumerically

```
utils.re_utils.escape_special_chars(text)
Escape ^,%, ,[,],(,),{,} from text
```

**Parameters** text – the command to escape special characters inside

Returns the command with escaped special characters

# 11.7 snakemake

#### 11.7.1 Submodules

snakemake.data\_generation

#### **Module Contents**

```
snakemake.data_generation.run_copasi_model (infile)
Run a Copasi model
```

Parameters infile - the input file

snakemake.data\_generation.run\_generic\_model (infile)
Run a generic model

Parameters infile - the input file

snakemake.data\_generation.generate\_data(infile, copasi=False)
Replicate a copasi model and adds an id.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the input file
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.model\_checking

#### **Module Contents**

snakemake.model\_checking.model\_checking(infile, fileout, task\_name)
Check the consistency for the COPASI file.

# **Parameters**

- infile the input file
- **fileout** the output file
- task\_name the name of the task (Copasi models)

**Returns** False if model checking can be executed and fails or if the COPASI simulator is not found.

snakemake.pe\_analysis

#### **Module Contents**

```
snakemake.pe_analysis.pe_combine_param_best_fits_stats(plots_dir, file-
out_param_estim_best_fits_details)
```

Combine the statistics for the parameter estimation details

#### **Parameters**

- plots\_dir the directory to save the generated plots
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_best\_fits\_details** the name of the file containing the detailed statistics for the estimated parameters

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} snakemake.pe\_analysis.pe\_combine\_param\_ple\_stats(plots\_dir, & file-out\_param\_estim\_details) \\ \hline \\ & out\_param\_estim\_details) \\ \hline \end{tabular}
```

Combine the statistics for the parameter estimation details

#### **Parameters**

- plots\_dir the directory to save the generated plots
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_details** the name of the file containing the detailed statistics for the estimated parameters

Parameter estimation pre-processing. It renames the data set columns, and applies a log10 transformation if logspace is TRUE. If all fits is true, it also computes the confidence levels.

#### **Parameters**

- filename the dataset filename containing the fits sequence
- param\_names the list of estimated parameter names
- **logspace** true if the data set should be log10-transformed.
- all\_fits true if filename contains all fits, false otherwise
- data\_point\_num the number of data points used for parameterise the model. Ignored if all fits is false
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_summary** the name of the file containing the summary for the parameter estimation. Ignored if all.fits is false

```
\verb|snakemake.pe_analysis.pe_objval_vs_iters_analysis| (model_name, plots\_dir) | filename, | plots\_dir| | filename, | plots\_dir| | filename, | filenam
```

Analysis of the Objective values vs Iterations.

#### **Parameters**

- model\_name the model name without extension
- filename the filename containing the fits sequence
- plots\_dir the directory for storing the plots

Parameter density analysis.

- model name the model name without extension
- filename the filename containing the fits sequence
- parameter the name of the parameter to plot the density
- plots\_dir the directory for storing the plots
- **thres** the threshold used to filter the dataset. Values: "BestFits", "CL66", "CL95", "CL99", "All".
- best\_fits\_percent the percent of best fits to analyse. Only used if thres="BestFits".
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_summary** the name of the file containing the summary for the parameter estimation. Only used if thres!="BestFits".
- logspace true if the parameters should be plotted in logspace

scientific\_notation – true if the axis labels should be plotted in scientific notation

PCA for the best fits of the estimated parameters.

#### **Parameters**

- model name the model name without extension
- **filename** the filename containing the fits sequence
- plots\_dir the directory for storing the plots
- best\_fits\_percent the percent of best fits to analyse. Only used if thres="BestFits".

```
snakemake.pe_analysis.pe_sampled_2d_ple_analysis(model_name, filename, pa-
rameter1, parameter2,
plots_dir, thres="BestFits",
best_fits_percent=100, file-
out_param_estim_summary="",
logspace=True, scien-
tific_notation=True)
```

2D profile likelihood estimation analysis.

#### **Parameters**

- model name the model name without extension
- **filename** the filename containing the fits sequence
- parameter1 the name of the first parameter
- parameter2 the name of the second parameter
- **plots\_dir** the directory for storing the plots
- **thres** the threshold used to filter the dataset. Values: "BestFits", "CL66", "CL95", "CL99", "All".
- best\_fits\_percent the percent of best fits to analyse. Only used if thres="BestFits".
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_summary** the name of the file containing the summary for the parameter estimation. Only used if thres!="BestFits".
- logspace true if the parameters should be plotted in logspace
- **scientific\_notation** true if the axis labels should be plotted in scientific notation

Run the profile likelihood estimation analysis.

- model name the model name without extension
- filename the filename containing the fits sequence
- parameter the parameter to compute the PLE analysis
- plots\_dir the directory to save the generated plots

- **fileout\_param\_estim\_summary** the name of the file containing the summary for the parameter estimation
- logspace true if parameters should be plotted in logspace
- scientific\_notation true if the axis labels should be plotted in scientific notation

#### snakemake.pe\_collection

# **Module Contents**

 $snake \verb|make.pe_collection.pe_collect| (input dir, output dir, fileout_final_estims, fileout_all_estims, copasi=True) \\ Collect the results so that they can be processed.$ 

#### **Parameters**

- inputdir the input folder containing the data
- outputdir the output folder to stored the collected results
- **fileout\_final\_estims** the name of the file containing the best estimations
- fileout\_all\_estims the name of the file containing all the estimations
- copasi True if COPASI was used to generate the data.

#### snakemake.pe\_postproc

#### **Module Contents**

snakemake.pe\_postproc.generic\_postproc(infile, outfile, copasi=True)
Perform post processing file editing for the pe pipeline

#### **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.pe\_postproc.pe\_postproc (infile, outfile, copasi=True)
Perform post processing file editing for the pe pipeline

# **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

# snakemake.preproc

#### **Module Contents**

```
{\tt snakemake.preproc.generic\_preproc} \ ({\it infile}, {\it outfile}) \\ {\tt Copy the model file}
```

#### **Parameters**

• infile - the input file

• outfile – the output file

snakemake.preproc.copasi\_preproc(infile, outfile)

Replicate a copasi model and adds an id.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the input file
- outfile the output file

snakemake.preproc.preproc(infile, outfile, copasi=False)

Replicate a copasi model and adds an id.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the input file
- outfile the output file
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.ps1\_analysis

#### **Module Contents**

Plot model single parameter scan time courses (Python wrapper).

#### **Parameters**

- model\_name the model name without extension
- **inhibition\_only** true if the scanning only decreases the variable amount (inhibition only)
- inputdir the input directory containing the simulated data
- outputdir the output directory that will contain the simulated plots
- repeat the simulation number
- percent\_levels true if scanning levels are in percent
- min\_level the minimum level
- max\_level the maximum level
- levels\_number the number of levels
- homogeneous\_lines true if lines should be plotted homogeneously
- xaxis\_label the label for the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis label the label for the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])

Plot model single parameter scan time courses using homogeneous lines (Python wrapper).

- model name the model name without extension
- inputdir the input directory containing the simulated data
- outputdir the output directory that will contain the simulated plots

- repeat the simulation number
- **xaxis\_label** the label for the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis\_label the label for the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])

# snakemake.ps1\_postproc

#### **Module Contents**

snakemake.ps1\_postproc.ps1\_header\_init(report, scanned\_par) Header report initialisation for single parameter scan pipeline.

#### **Parameters**

- report a report
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter

:return a list containing the header or an empty list if no header was created.

snakemake.ps1\_postproc.generic\_postproc(infile, outfile, scanned\_par, simulate\_intervals, single\_param\_scan\_intervals, copasi=True) Perform post processing organisation to single parameter scan report files.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- **outfile** the directory to store the results
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- **simulate\_intervals** the time step of each simulation
- single\_param\_scan\_intervals the number of scans to perform
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.ps1\_postproc.ps1\_postproc(infile, outfile, scanned\_par, simulate\_intervals, single\_param\_scan\_intervals, copasi=True) Perform post processing organisation to single parameter scan report files.

# **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- scanned\_par the scanned parameter
- **simulate\_intervals** the time step of each simulation
- single\_param\_scan\_intervals the number of scans to perform
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

#### snakemake.ps2\_analysis

# **Module Contents**

snakemake.ps2\_analysis.ps2\_analyse\_plot (model, scanned\_par1, scanned\_par2, inputdir, outputdir, id)

Plot model double parameter scan time courses (Python wrapper).

#### **Parameters**

• model – the model name without extension

- scanned\_par1 the 1st scanned parameter
- scanned\_par2 the 2nd scanned parameter
- **inputdir** the input directory
- outputdir the output directory
- run the simulation number

# snakemake.ps2\_postproc

#### **Module Contents**

snakemake.ps2\_postproc.generic\_postproc(infile, outfile, sim\_length, copasi=True)
Perform post processing organisation to double parameter scan report files.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- sim\_length the length of the simulation
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.ps2\_postproc.ps2\_postproc (*infile*, *outfile*, *sim\_length*, *copasi=True*)

Perform post processing organisation to double parameter scan report files.

#### **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- sim\_length the length of the simulation
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

# snakemake.sim\_analysis

# **Module Contents**

snakemake.sim\_analysis.sim\_analyse\_gen\_stats\_table(inputfile, outputfile, variable)
Plot model simulation time courses (Python wrapper).

#### **Parameters**

- inputfile the file containing the repeats
- outputfile the output file containing the statistics
- variable the model variable to analyse

snakemake.sim\_analysis.sim\_analyse\_summarise\_data(inputdir, model, outputfile\_repeats, variable)

Plot model simulation time courses (Python wrapper).

- **inputdir** the directory containing the data to analyse
- model the model name
- outputfile\_repeats the output file containing the model simulation repeats
- variable the model variable to analyse

Plot model simulation time courses (Python wrapper).

#### **Parameters**

- inputdir the directory containing the data to analyse
- outputdir the output directory containing the results
- model the model name
- **exp\_dataset** the full path of the experimental data set
- plot\_exp\_dataset True if the experimental data set should also be plotted
- exp\_dataset\_alpha the alpha level for the data set
- **xaxis\_label** the label for the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis\_label the label for the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])
- variable the model variable to analyse

Plot model simulation time courses (Python wrapper).

#### **Parameters**

- **inputdir** the directory containing the data to analyse
- outputdir the output directory containing the results
- model the model name
- **exp\_dataset** the full path of the experimental data set
- plot\_exp\_dataset True if the experimental data set should also be plotted
- **exp\_dataset\_alpha** the alpha level for the data set
- **xaxis\_label** the label for the x axis (e.g. Time [min])
- yaxis\_label the label for the y axis (e.g. Level [a.u.])
- variable the model variable to analyse

snakemake.sim\_postproc

#### **Module Contents**

snakemake.sim\_postproc.generic\_postproc(infile, outfile, copasi=True)
Perform post processing file editing for the simulate pipeline

## **Parameters**

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

snakemake.sim\_postproc.sim\_postproc(infile, outfile, copasi=True)
Perform post processing file editing for the simulate pipeline

- infile the model to process
- outfile the directory to store the results
- copasi True if the model is a Copasi model

# 11.8 report

#### 11.8.1 Submodules

report.latex\_reports

## **Module Contents**

 $\label{latex_port} report.latex\_reports. \mbox{\bf get\_latex\_header} \mbox{\it (pdftitle="SBpipe report", title="SBpipe report", title="SBp$ 

Initialize a Latex header with a title and an abstract.

#### **Parameters**

- pdftitle the pdftitle for the LaTeX header
- title the title for the LaTeX header
- abstract the abstract for the LaTeX header

# **Returns** the LaTeX header

report.latex\_reports.latex\_report\_ps1 (outputdir, plots\_folder, filename\_prefix, model\_noext, scanned\_par)

Generate a report for a single parameter scan task.

# Parameters

- outputdir the output directory
- plots\_folder the folder containing the simulated plots
- **filename\_prefix** the prefix for the LaTeX file
- model\_noext the model name
- scanned par the scanned parameter

report.latex\_reports.latex\_report\_ps2 (outputdir, plots\_folder, filename\_prefix, model\_noext, scanned\_par1, scanned\_par2)

Generate a report for a double parameter scan task.

#### Parameters

- **outputdir** the output directory
- plots\_folder the folder containing the simulated plots
- **filename\_prefix** the prefix for the LaTeX file
- model noext the model name
- **scanned\_par1** the 1st scanned parameter
- scanned\_par2 the 2nd scanned parameter

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} report.latex\_reports.latex\_report\_sim(outputdir, plots\_folder, model\_noext, file-name\_prefix) \end{tabular}$ 

Generate a report for a time course task.

# **Parameters**

• outputdir – the output directory

- plots\_folder the folder containing the simulated plots
- model\_noext the model name
- **filename\_prefix** the prefix for the LaTeX file

report.latex\_reports.latex\_report\_pe(outputdir, plots\_folder, model\_noext, file-name\_prefix)

Generate a report for a parameter estimation task.

#### **Parameters**

- outputdir the output directory
- plots\_folder the folder containing the simulated plots
- model noext the model name
- **filename\_prefix** the prefix for the LaTeX file

report.latex\_reports.latex\_report(outputdir, plots\_folder, model\_noext, filename\_prefix, caption=False)

Generate a generic report.

# **Parameters**

- outputdir the output directory
- plots\_folder the folder containing the simulated plots
- model\_noext the model name
- **filename\_prefix** the prefix for the LaTeX file
- caption True if figure captions (=figure file name) should be added

report.latex\_reports.pdf\_report (outputdir, filename)
Generate a PDF report from LaTeX report using pdflatex.

- **outputdir** the output directory
- filename the LaTeX file name

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