



# **SB pipe documentation**

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## USER MANUAL

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## Introduction

This package contains a collection of pipelines for dynamic modelling of biological systems. It aims to automate common processes and speed up productivity for tasks such as model simulation, single/double parameter scan, and parameter estimation.

## Requirements

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

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

SBpipe can work with the following 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 software must also be installed:

- LaTeX 2013

Depending on your operating system, LaTeX can be downloaded at these websites:

- GNU/Linux: <https://latex-project.org/ftp.html>
- Windows: <https://miktex.org/>

## GNU/Linux

It is advised that users install Python, R and (optionally) LaTeX packages using the package manager of their GNU/Linux distribution. Users need to make sure that the packages `python-pip` and

texlive-latex-base (only for reports). In most cases, the installation via the package manager will automatically configure the correct environment variables.

If a local installation of Python, R, or LaTeX is needed, users need to add the following environment variables to \$PATH in their \$HOME/.bashrc file as follows:

```
# Path to R
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/R/binaries/

# Path to Python. Scripts is the folder (if any) containing the Python
# script `pip`. pip must be available via command line.
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/Python/:/path/to/Python/Scripts/

# Path to LaTeX
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/LaTeX/binaries/
```

The correct installation of Python, R, and LaTeX can be tested by running the commands:

```
# If variables were manually exported, reload the .bashrc file
$ source $HOME/.bashrc

$ python -V
Python 2.7.12
$ pip -V
pip 8.1.2 from /home/ariel/.local/lib/python2.7/site-packages (python 2.7)

$ R --version
R version 3.2.3 (2015-12-10) -- "Wooden Christmas-Tree"
Copyright (C) 2015 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

$ 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).
```

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 their GNU/Linux \$HOME/.bashrc file as follows:

```
# Path to CopasiSE
export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/CopasiSE/
```

The correct installation of CopasiSE can be tested by running the command:

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

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

At this stage, Python, R, Copasi, and (optionally) LaTeX should be installed correctly. SBpipe requires the configuration of the environment variable \$SBPIPE which must also be added in the \$HOME/.bashrc file. The package also needs to be added to \$PATH. To do so, users need to add the following lines to their \$HOME/.bashrc file:

```
# SBPIPE
export SBPIPE=/path/to/sbpipe
export PATH=$PATH:$SBPIPE/scripts
```

Now you should reload the .bashrc file to make the previous change effective:

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

Before testing the correct installation of SBpipe, users need to install Python and R dependency packages used by SBpipe. Two scripts are provided to perform these tasks automatically.

To install SBpipe Python dependencies on GNU/Linux, run:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE/
$ ./install_pydeps.py
```

To install SBpipe R dependencies on GNU/Linux, run:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE/
$ R
# Inside R environment, answer 'y' to install packages locally
> source('install_rdeps.r')
```

If R package dependencies must be compiled, it is worth checking that the following additional packages are installed in your machine: `build-essential`, `liblapack-dev`, `libblas-dev`, `libcairo-dev`, `libssl-dev`, `libcurl4-openssl-dev`, and `gfortran`. After installing these packages, `install_rdeps.r` must be executed again.

The correct installation of SBpipe can be tested by running the command:

```
$ sbpipe.py -v
2.1.0
```

## Windows

Windows users will need to edit the `PATH` environment variable so that the binary files for the previous packages (Copasi, Python, R, and (optionally) LaTeX) are correctly found. Specifically for Python, the python scripts `pip.py` and `easy_install.py` are located inside the folder `Scripts` within the Python root directory. The path to this folder must also be added to `PATH`.

Therefore, the following environment variables must also be added:

```
SBPIPE=\path\to\spipe
PATH=[previous paths];%SBPIPE%\scripts
```

Note: R packages might require many extra dependencies. A C++ compiler might also be needed.

## Installation

If desired, SBpipe can be installed in your system. To do so, run the command inside the sbpipe folder:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE
$ python setup.py install
```

The correct installation of SBpipe and its dependencies can be checked by running the following commands inside the SBpipe folder:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE/tests
$ ./test_suite.py
```

## How to use SBpipe

### Preliminary configuration steps

#### Pipelines using Copasi

Before using these pipelines, a Copasi model must be configured as follow using 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.

**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.

**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.

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.

**Pipelines running Python models****pipelines: model simulation**

- The model coded in Python must be functional and invocable via *python* command.
- The program must receive the report file name as input argument (see examples in `$SBPIPE/tests/`).
- The program must save the report to file including the *Time* column. Report fields must be separated by TAB, and row names must be discarded.

**pipeline: parameter estimation**

- The model coded in Python must be functional and invocable via *python* command.
- The program must receive the report file name as input argument (see examples in `$SBPIPE/tests/`).
- The program must save the report to file. This includes 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.

**Python as a wrapper** Users can use Python as a wrapper to execute models coded in ANY programming language. The following Python model is essentially a wrapper invoking an R model called `sde_periodic_drift.r`. This Python wrapper and `sde_periodic_drift.r` are stored in the `Models/` folder. The configuration file calls the Python wrapper. This wrapper code must receive the report file name as input argument and forward it to the R script. This R script will run a model and store the results in the received report file name. These data must be stored as described above.

Python wrapper `sde_periodic_drift.py`. This runs `sde_periodic_drift.r`

```
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))
```

Configuration file invoking the Python wrapper `sde_periodic_drift.py`

```
[simulate]
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
xaxis_label=Time
yaxis_label=#
```

## Running SBpipe

SBpipe is executed via the command `sbpipe.py`. The syntax for this command and its complete list of options can be retrieved by running `sbpipe.py -h`.

As of Jan 2017 the output is as follows:

```
$ sbpipe.py -h
Usage: sbpipe.py [OPTION] [FILE]
Pipelines for systems modelling of biological networks.

List of mandatory options:
  -h, --help                Show this help.
  -c, --create-project      Create a project structure using the argument as name.
  -s, --simulate            Simulate a model.
  -p, --single-param-scan   Simulate a single parameter scan.
  -d, --double-param-scan   Simulate a double parameter scan.
  -e, --param-estim         Generate a parameter fit sequence.
  -l, --license             Show the license.
  -v, --version             Show the version.

Exit status:
  0  if OK,
  1  if minor problems (e.g., a pipeline did not execute correctly),
  2  if serious trouble (e.g., cannot access command-line argument).

Report bugs to sbpipe@googlegroups.com
```

```
SBpipe home page: <https://pdp10.github.io/sbpipe>  
For complete documentation, see README.md .
```

The first step is to create a new project. This can be done with the command:

```
$ sbpipe.py --create-project project_name
```

This generates the following structure:

```
project_name/  
| - Models/  
| - Results/
```

Models 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.

For instance, the pipeline for parameter estimation configured with a certain configuration file can be executed by typing:

```
$ cd project_name/  
$ sbpipe.py -e my_config_file.conf
```

## Pipeline configuration files

Pipelines are configured using files (here called configuration files). These files are INI files and are therefore structured as follows:

```
[pipeline_name]  
option1=value1  
option2=value2  
...
```

where `pipeline_name` can be: - `simulate`, for deterministic or stochastic model simulation; - `single_param_scan`, for scanning one model parameter; - `double_param_scan`, for scanning two model parameters; - `param_estim`, for parameter estimation.

In SBpipe each pipeline executes three tasks: data generation, data analysis, and report generation. These tasks can be activated in each configuration files using the options:

- `generate_data=True`
- `analyse_data=True`
- `generate_report=True`

The `generate_data` 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 `analyse_data` task processes the reports to generate plots and compute statistics. Finally, the `generate_report` task generates a LaTeX report containing the computed plots and invokes the utility `pdflatex` to produce a PDF file. 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=7`
- `runs=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*

```
[simulate]
# 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
# 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 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*

```
[single_param_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
# 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
# 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.
single_param_scan_knock_down_only=True
# True if the scanning represents percent levels.
single_param_scan_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*

```
[double_param_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
# 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.
runs=1
# The simulation length (as set in Copasi Time Course Task)
sim_length=10
```

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

```
[param_estim]
# 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=True
# 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/
```

## Reporting bugs or requesting new features

SBpipe is a relatively young project and there is a chance that some error occurs. The following mailing list should be used for general questions:

```
sbpipe AT googlegroups.com
```

All the topics discussed in this mailing list are also available at the website:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/sbpipe>

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.

Issues and feature requests can also be notified using the github issue tracking system for SBpipe at the web page:

<https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe/issues>.



## DEVELOPER MANUAL

Mailing list: sbpipe AT googlegroups.com

Forum: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/sbpipe>

### Introduction

This guide is meant for developers and contains guidelines for developing this project.

### Development model

This project follows the Feature-Branching model. Briefly, there are two main 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. The `develop` branch is versionless (just call it *-dev*).

### 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*.

### 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 `feature10` 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)
```

## New releases

When the `develop` branch includes all the desired feature for a release, it is time to checkout this branch in a new one called `release-x.x.x`. It is at this stage that a version is established. Only bugfixes or hotfixes are applied to this branch. When this testing/correction phase is completed, the `master` branch will merge with the `release-x.x.x` branch, using the commands above. To record the release add a tag:

```
git tag -a v1.3 -m "PROGRAM_NAME v1.3"
```

To transfer the tag to the remote server:

```
git push origin v1.3  # Note: it goes in a separate 'branch'
```

To see all the releases:

```
git show
```

## 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:

```
sbpipe:
| - docs/
| - sbpipe/
|   | - pl
|   | - R
|   | - report
|   | - simul
|   | - utils
| - scripts/
| - tests/
```

These folders will be discussed in the next sections. In SBpipe, Python is the project main language. Instead, R is essentially used for computing statistics (see section configuration file in the user manual) 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.



## docs

The folder `docs/` contains the documentation for this project. The user and developer manuals in markdown format are contained in `docs/source`. In order to generate the complete documentation for SBpipe, the following packages must be installed:

- `python-sphinx`
- `pandoc`
- `texlive-fonts-recommended`
- `texlive-latex-extra`

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

To generate the source code documentation:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE/docs
$ ./gen_doc.sh
```

To clean the documentation:

```
$ cd $SBPIPE/docs
$ ./cleanup_doc.sh
```

The complete source code documentation for this project is stored in `docs/build/html` (html format) and `docs/build/latex` (LaTeX/PDF format). A shortcut to the documentation in html format is available at the page `docs/index.html`.

## 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 $SBPIPE
$ python
# Python environment
>>> import sbpipe.main as sb
>>> sb.version()
'2.0.0 '
```

The following subsections describe `sbpipe` subpackages.

### 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 `$SBPIPE/scripts/sbpipe.py`. Each SBpipe pipeline extends the class `Pipeline` and therefore must implement the following methods:

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

# process the configuration file lines
# imported by Pipeline.config_parser()
def read_config(self, lines)
```

The former contains the procedure to parse an INI configuration file. The latter parses the pipeline options. The `Pipeline` class implements the INI parser which is therefore available to each pipeline. The INI parser returns the configuration file as a list of lines.

## R

This folder contains a collection of R utility methods for plotting and generating statistics. These utilities are used by the pipelines during data analysis.

## report

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

## simul

The subpackage `sbpipe.simul` contains the class `Simul` in the file `simul.py`. 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`.

## utils

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

## scripts

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

## 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 (\*.conf) using Copasi can be found in `$SBPIPE/tests/insulin_receptor/`.

To run tests for Python models, the Python packages `numpy`, `scipy`, and `pandas` must be installed. These additional dependencies should not be included to SBpipe main dependencies as they are user-specific. 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 `$SBPIPE/.travis.yml`. Importantly, Travis-CI runs all SBpipe tests using `nosetests`.

## Miscellaneous of useful commands

### Git

#### Startup

```
# clone master
$ git clone https://github.com/pdp10/sbpipe.git
# get develop branch
$ git checkout -b develop origin/develop
# to get all the other branches
$ for b in `git branch -r | grep -v -- '->'; do git branch
--track ${b##origin/} $b; done
# 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
```

#### 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
```

## SOURCE CODE

### Python modules

#### sbpipe package

##### Subpackages

##### sbpipe.pl package

##### Subpackages

##### sbpipe.pl.create package

##### Submodules

##### sbpipe.pl.create.newproj module

```
class sbpipe.pl.create.newproj.NewProj (models_folder='Models',  
                                         ing_folder='Results')  
    Bases: sbpipe.pl.pipeline.Pipeline (page 23)
```

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

**run** (*project\_name*)

Create a project directory tree.

**Parameters** **project\_name** – the name of the project

**Returns** 0

##### Module contents

##### sbpipe.pl.pe package

##### Submodules

**sbpipe.pl.pe.parest module**

```
class sbpipe.pl.pe.parest.ParEst (models_folder='Models',          working_folder='Results',
                                  sim_data_folder='param_estim_data',
                                  sim_plots_folder='param_estim_plots')
```

Bases: [sbpipe.pl.pipeline.Pipeline](#) (page 23)

This module provides the user with a complete pipeline of scripts for running model parameter estimations

```
classmethod analyse_data (simulator, model, inputdir, outputdir, fileout_final_estims,
                           fileout_all_estims, fileout_param_estim_details, file-
                           out_param_estim_summary, sim_plots_dir, best_fits_percent,
                           data_point_num, cluster='local', plot_2d_66cl_corr=False,
                           plot_2d_95cl_corr=False, plot_2d_99cl_corr=False,
                           logspace=True, scientific_notation=True)
```

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 simulation data
- **outputdir** – the directory to store the results
- **fileout\_final\_estims** – the name of the file containing final parameter sets with Chi<sup>2</sup>
- **fileout\_all\_estims** – the name of the file containing all the parameter sets with Chi<sup>2</sup>
- **fileout\_param\_estim\_details** – the name of the file containing the detailed statistics for the estimated parameters
- **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, lsf 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.

```
classmethod generate_data (simulator, model, inputdir, cluster, local_cpus, runs, outputdir,
                           sim_data_dir, updated_models_dir)
```

The first pipeline step: data generation.

**Parameters**

- **simulator** – the name of the simulator (e.g. Copasi)
- **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
- **updated\_models\_dir** – the directory containing the models with updated parameters for each estimation

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

**classmethod generate\_report** (*model, outputdir, 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.

**read\_config** (*lines*)

**run** (*config\_file*)

## Module contents

### sbpipe.pl.ps1 package

#### Submodules

#### sbpipe.pl.ps1.parscan1 module

**class** sbpipe.pl.ps1.parscan1.**ParScan1** (*models\_folder='Models', working\_folder='Results',  
sim\_data\_folder='single\_param\_scan\_data',  
sim\_plots\_folder='single\_param\_scan\_plots'*)

Bases: [sbpipe.pl.pipeline.Pipeline](#) (page 23)

This module provides the user with a complete pipeline of scripts for computing single parameter scans.

**classmethod analyse\_data** (*model, scanned\_par, knock\_down\_only, outputdir, sim\_data\_folder,  
sim\_plots\_folder, runs, 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
- **scanned\_par** – the scanned parameter
- **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
- **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.

**classmethod 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, lsf 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.

**classmethod 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.

**read\_config** (*lines*)

**run** (*config\_file*)

## Module contents

### sbpipe.pl.ps2 package

## Submodules



**sbpipe.pl.ps2.parscan2 module**

**class** sbpipe.pl.ps2.parscan2.**ParScan2** (*models\_folder='Models', working\_folder='Results',  
sim\_data\_folder='double\_param\_scan\_data',  
sim\_plots\_folder='double\_param\_scan\_plots'*)

Bases: *sbpipe.pl.pipeline.Pipeline* (page 23)

This module provides the user with a complete pipeline of scripts for computing double parameter scans.

**classmethod** **analyse\_data** (*model, scanned\_par1, scanned\_par2, inputdir, outputdir, cluster='local', runs=1*)

The second pipeline step: data analysis.

**Parameters**

- **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.
- **runs** – the number of model simulation

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

**classmethod** **generate\_data** (*simulator, model, sim\_length, inputdir, outputdir, cluster, local\_cpus, runs*)

The first pipeline step: data generation.

**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, 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.

**classmethod** **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.

**read\_config** (*lines*)

**run** (*config\_file*)

## Module contents

### sbpipe.pl.sim package

### Submodules

#### sbpipe.pl.sim.sim module

**class** `sbpipe.pl.sim.sim.Sim` (*models\_folder='Models', working\_folder='Results',  
sim\_data\_folder='simulate\_data', sim\_plots\_folder='simulate\_plots'*)  
Bases: `sbpipe.pl.pipeline.Pipeline` (page 23)

This module provides the user with a complete pipeline of scripts for running model simulations

**classmethod** `analyse_data` (*model, inputdir, outputdir, sim\_plots\_dir, exp\_dataset,  
plot\_exp\_dataset, cluster='local', xaxis\_label='', yaxis\_label=''*)

The second pipeline step: data analysis.

#### Parameters

- **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
- **cluster** – local, lsf for Load Sharing Facility, sge for Sun Grid Engine.
- **axis\_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.

**classmethod** `generate_data` (*simulator, model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster='local', local\_cpus=2, runs=1*)

The first pipeline step: data generation.

#### 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, lsf 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.

**classmethod** `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.

**read\_config** (*lines*)

**run** (*config\_file*)

## Module contents

## Submodules

### sbpipe.pl.pipeline module

**class** sbpipe.pl.pipeline.**Pipeline** (*models\_folder*='Models', *working\_folder*='Results', *sim\_data\_folder*='sim\_data', *sim\_plots\_folder*='sim\_plots')

Generic pipeline.

#### 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

**config\_parser** (*config\_file*, *section*)

Return the configuration for the parsed section in the config\_file

#### Parameters

- **config\_file** – the configuration file to parse
- **section** – the section in the configuration file to parse

**Returns** the configuration for the parsed section in the config\_file

**get\_models\_folder** ()

Return the folder containing the models.

**Returns** the models 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.

**classmethod** **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.

**get\_working\_folder** ()

Return the folder containing the results.

**Returns** the working folder.

**classmethod** **read\_common\_config** (*lines*)

Parse the common parameters from the configuration file

**Parameters** **lines** – the lines to parse.

**Returns** return a tuple containing the common parameters

**read\_config** (*lines*)

Read the section lines from the configuration file. This method is abstract.

**Returns** a tuple containing the configuration

**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.

## Module contents

### sbpipe.report package

#### Submodules

##### sbpipe.report.latex\_reports module

`sbpipe.report.latex_reports.get_latex_header` (*pdftitle='SB pipe report', title='SB pipe report', abstract='Generic report.'*)

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

`sbpipe.report.latex_reports.latex_report` (*outputdir, sim\_plots\_folder, model\_noext, filename\_prefix, caption=False*)

Generate a generic report.

##### Parameters

- **outputdir** – the output directory
- **sim\_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

`sbpipe.report.latex_reports.latex_report_pe` (*outputdir, sim\_plots\_folder, model\_noext, filename\_prefix*)

Generate a report for a parameter estimation task.

##### Parameters

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

```
sbpipe.report.latex_reports.latex_report_ps1 (outputdir,          sim_plots_folder,  
                                              filename_prefix,      model_noext,  
                                              scanned_par)
```

Generate a report for a single parameter scan task.

#### Parameters

- **outputdir** – the output directory
- **sim\_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

```
sbpipe.report.latex_reports.latex_report_ps2 (outputdir,          sim_plots_folder,  
                                              filename_prefix,      model_noext,  
                                              scanned_par1, scanned_par2)
```

Generate a report for a double parameter scan task.

#### Parameters

- **outputdir** – the output directory
- **sim\_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

```
sbpipe.report.latex_reports.latex_report_sim (outputdir,          sim_plots_folder,  
                                              model_noext, filename_prefix)
```

Generate a report for a time course task.

#### Parameters

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

```
sbpipe.report.latex_reports.pdf_report (outputdir, filename)
```

Generate a PDF report from LaTeX report using pdflatex.

#### Parameters

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

## Module contents

### [sbpipe.simul package](#)

### Subpackages

### [sbpipe.simul.copasi package](#)

### Submodules

**sbpipe.simul.copasi.copasi module****class** `sbpipe.simul.copasi.copasi.Copasi`Bases: `sbpipe.simul.simul.Simul` (page 27)

Copasi simulator.

**pe** (*model, inputdir, cluster, local\_cpus, runs, outputdir, sim\_data\_dir, updated\_models\_dir, 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, output\_msg=False*)**sim** (*model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster='local', local\_cpus=1, runs=1, output\_msg=False*)**Module contents****sbpipe.simul.python package****Submodules****sbpipe.simul.python.python module****class** `sbpipe.simul.python.python.Python`Bases: `sbpipe.simul.pl_simul.PLSimul` (page 26)

Python Simulator.

**Module contents****Submodules****sbpipe.simul.pl\_simul module****class** `sbpipe.simul.pl_simul.PLSimul` (*lang, lang\_err\_msg, options*)Bases: `sbpipe.simul.simul.Simul` (page 27)

A generic simulator for models coded in a programming language.

**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.

**pe** (*model, inputdir, cluster, local\_cpus, runs, outputdir, sim\_data\_dir, updated\_models\_dir, 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, output\_msg=False*)**sim** (*model, inputdir, outputdir, cluster='local', local\_cpus=1, runs=1, output\_msg=False*)

**sbpipe.simul.simul module****class** `sbpipe.simul.simul.Simul`Bases: `object`

Generic simulator.

**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.

**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.

**pe** (*model, inputdir, cluster, local\_cpus, runs, outputdir, sim\_data\_dir, updated\_models\_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
- **updated\_models\_dir** – the directory containing the models with updated parameters for each estimation
- **output\_msg** – print the output messages on screen (available for `cluster='local'` only)

**ps1** (*model, scanned\_par, simulate\_intervals, single\_param\_scan\_intervals, inputdir, outputdir, cluster='local', local\_cpus=1, runs=1, output\_msg=False*)  
Single parameter scan.

**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.

#### Parameters

- **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)

**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, 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)

## Module contents

### sbpipe.utils package

#### Submodules

#### sbpipe.utils.io module

**sbpipe.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.



`sbpipe.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

`sbpipe.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

`sbpipe.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

`sbpipe.utils.io.write_mat_on_file(path, filename_out, data)`

Write the matrix results stored in data to filename\_out

#### Parameters

- **path** – the path to filename\_out
- **filename\_out** – the output file
- **data** – the data to store in a file

### sbpipe.utils.parcomp module

`sbpipe.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)

`sbpipe.utils.parcomp.parcomp(cmd, cmd_iter_substr, output_dir, cluster='local', runs=1, local_cpus=1, output_msg=False)`

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
- **local\_cpus** – the number of cpus to use at most
- **output\_msg** – print the output messages on screen (available for cluster='local' only)

`sbpipe.utils.parcomp.run_jobs_local(cmd, cmd_iter_substr, runs=1, local_cpus=1, output_msg=False)`

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 to execute
- **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)

`sbpipe.utils.parcomp.run_jobs_lsf (cmd, cmd_iter_substr, out_dir, err_dir, runs=1)`

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 to execute

`sbpipe.utils.parcomp.run_jobs_sge (cmd, cmd_iter_substr, out_dir, err_dir, runs=1)`

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 to execute

**sbpipe.utils.rand module**

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

Return a random alphanumeric string

**Parameters** **length** – the length of the string

**Returns** the generated string

`sbpipe.utils.rand.get_rand_num_str (length)`

Return a random numeric string

**Parameters** **length** – the length of the string

**Returns** the generated string

**sbpipe.utils.re\_utils module**

`sbpipe.utils.re_utils.escape_special_chars (text)`

Escape ^,%, [, ], (, ), {, } from text :param text: the command to escape special characters inside :return: the command with escaped special characters

`sbpipe.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

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### Submodules

#### `sbpipe.__main__` module

#### `sbpipe.main` module

**exception** `sbpipe.main.Usage` (*msg*)

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

This class is used for printing a generic exception

`sbpipe.main.check_args` (*args*, *msg*)

Check that at least one argument is passed.

##### Parameters

- **args** – the list of arguments
- **msg** – the message to print

**Raise** Usage exception if less than one argument is passed

**Returns** no output

`sbpipe.main.help` ()

Return help message.

**Returns** the help message

`sbpipe.main.license` ()

Return the license

**Returns** the license

`sbpipe.main.logo` ()

Return sbpipe logo.

**Returns** sbpipe logo

`sbpipe.main.main` (*argv=None*)

SB pipe main function.

**Parameters** **argv** – options for sbpipe. Type `python -m sbpipe -h` for a full list of options.

**Returns** 0 if OK, 1 if minor problems, or 2 if serious trouble.

`sbpipe.main.version` ()

Return the version

**Returns** the version

#### `sbpipe.sb_config` module

`sbpipe.sb_config.isPyPackageInstalled` (*package*)

Utility checking whether a Python package is installed.

**Parameters** **package** – a Python package name

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

`sbpipe.sb_config.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

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