



**sbmlutils:**

# Python utilities for SBML

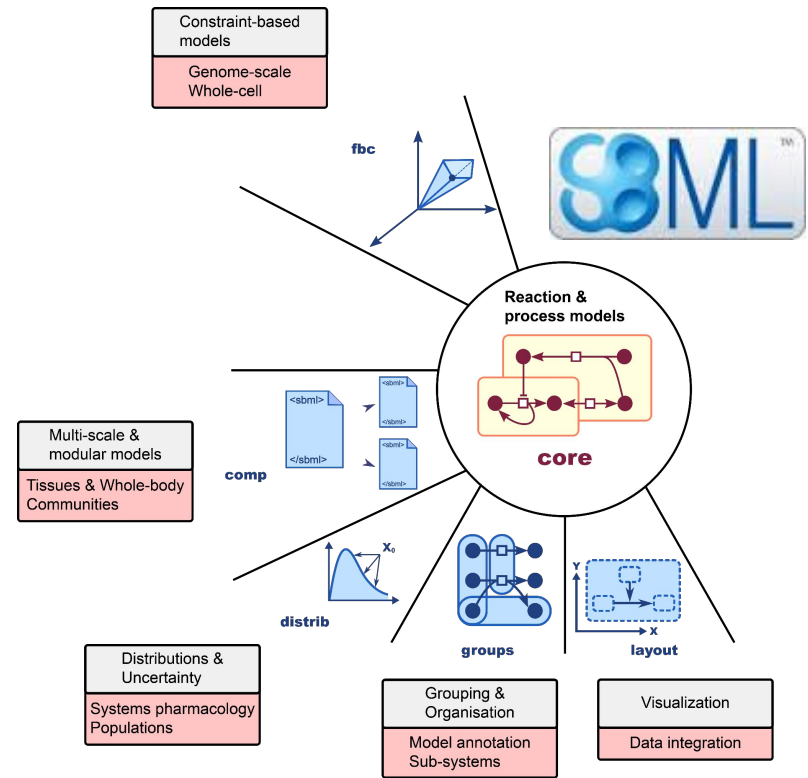
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<https://livermetabolism.com>

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# What is SBML?

- Systems Biology Markup Language
  - core language
  - packages for additional functionality
- Standard exchange format for computational models in biology
  - > 300 tools support
  - large ecosystem: model building, visualization, simulation, ...
- <http://sbml.org>



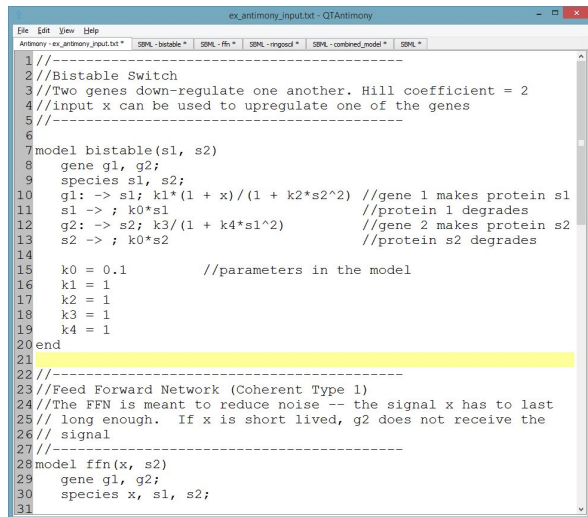
## SBML Level 3: an extensible format for the exchange and reuse of biological models.

Keating SM, Waltemath D, **König M**, Zhang F, ... Hucka M; SBML Level 3 Community members.  
Mol Syst Biol. 2020 Aug;16(8):e9110. doi: 10.15252/msb.20199110. PMID: 32845085.

## The Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML): Language Specification for Level 3 Version 2 Core Release 2.

Hucka M, Bergmann FT, Chaouiya C, Dräger A, Hoops S, Keating SM, **König M**, Novère NL, Myers CJ, Olivier BG, Sahle S, Schaff JC, Sheriff R, Smith LP, Waltemath D, Wilkinson DJ, Zhang F.  
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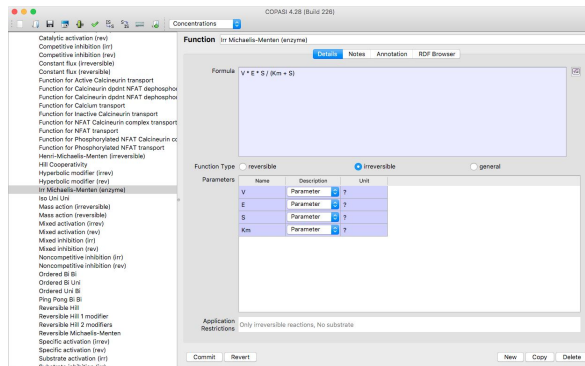
# How to create an SBML model?



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Antimony - ex_antimony_input.txt * SBML - bistable * SBML - fn * SBML - ringosc * SBML - combined_model * SBML *
1 //-----
2 //Bistable Switch
3 //Two genes down-regulate one another. Hill coefficient = 2
4 //input x can be used to upregulate one of the genes
5 //-----
6
7 model bistable(s1, s2)
8   gene g1, g2;
9   species s1, s2;
10  g1: -> s1; k1*(1 + x)/(1 + k2*s2^2) //gene 1 makes protein s1
11  s1 -> ; k0*s1 //protein 1 degrades
12  g2: -> s2; k3/(1 + k4*s1^2) //gene 2 makes protein s2
13  s2 -> ; k0*s2 //protein s2 degrades
14
15  k0 = 0.1 //parameters in the model
16  k1 = 1
17  k2 = 1
18  k3 = 1
19  k4 = 1
20 end
21
22 //-----
23 //Feed Forward Network (Coherent Type 1)
24 //The FFN is meant to reduce noise -- the signal x has to last
25 // long enough. If x is short lived, g2 does not receive the
26 // signal
27 //-----
28 model ffn(x, s2)
29   gene g1, g2;
30   species x, s1, s2;
31
```

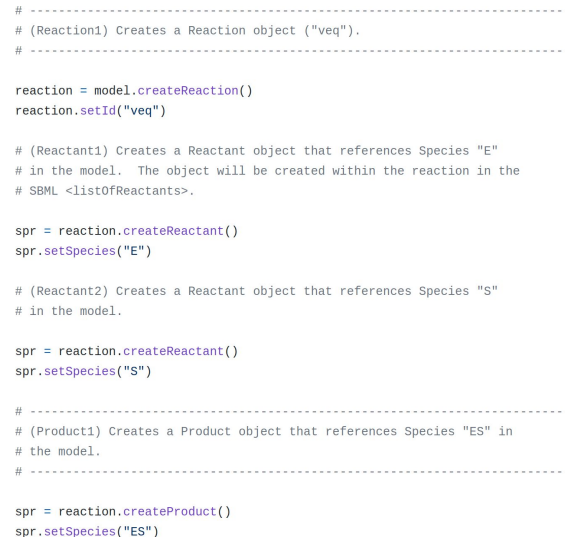
## Antimony

- **text-based format**
- no validation
- no type hinting
- SBML core & distrib



## COPASI (CellDesigner)

- **GUI-based**
- no/difficult programmatic interaction



```
# -----
# (Reaction1) Creates a Reaction object ("veq").
# -----

reaction = model.createReaction()
reaction.setId("veq")

# (Reactant1) Creates a Reactant object that references Species "E"
# in the model. The object will be created within the reaction in the
# SBML <listOfReactants>.

spr = reaction.createReactant()
spr.setSpecies("E")

# (Reactant2) Creates a Reactant object that references Species "S"
# in the model.

spr = reaction.createReactant()
spr.setSpecies("S")

# -----
# (Product1) Creates a Product object that references Species "ES" in
# the model.
# -----

spr = reaction.createProduct()
spr.setSpecies("ES")
```

## libSBML (JSBML)

- **very low level**
- many silent failures (return code handling)

# What is sbmlutils?

Collection of python utilities for  
**programmatically developing SBML models**

<https://github.com/matthiaskoenig/sbmlutils/>

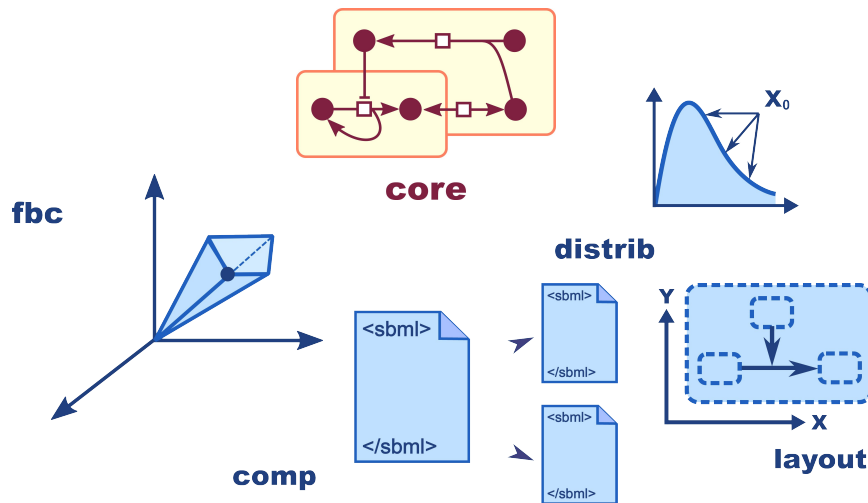
<https://sbmlutils.readthedocs.io>

## Features

- model creation, manipulation & merging
- unit support
- type annotations
- annotation support
- model reports
- interpolations
- file converters (XPP)

## Packages

- core, fbc, comp, distrib, layout



# Model creation with sbmlutils

- layer around libsbml
- programmatic generation (Python)
- type annotations, type hinting, auto-completion, documentation
- validation with warnings/errors
- model reports

```
15 mid: str = "minimal_model"
16 compartments: List[Compartment] = [
17     Compartment(sid="cell", value=1.0),
18 ]
19 species: List[Species] = [
20     Species(sid="S1", initialConcentration=10.0, compartment="cell"),
21     Species(sid="S2", initialConcentration=0.0, compartment="cell"),
22 ]
23 parameters: List[Parameter] = [
24     Parameter(sid="k1", value=0.1),
25 ]
26 reactions: List[Reaction] = [
27     Reaction(sid="J0", equation="S1 -> S2", formula="k1 * S1"),
28 ]
```

# Model annotations

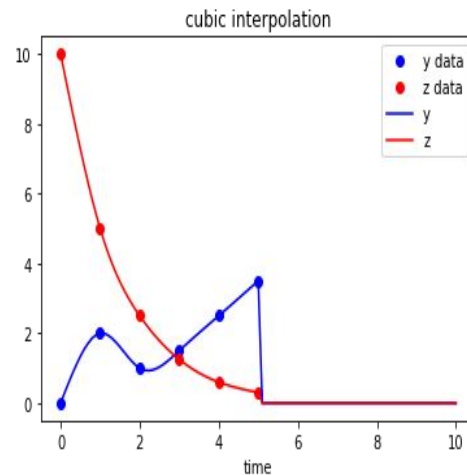
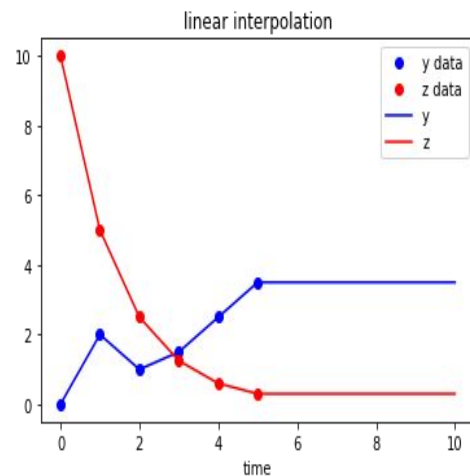
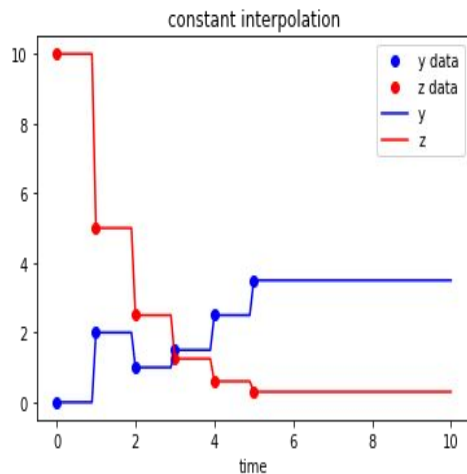
- object level annotations
  - every SBase can be annotation
  - restricted set of MIRIAM qualifiers
- pattern based annotations
  - match objects based on regular expressions
- validation against identifiers.org resources
  - regular expressions patterns

```
92 species: List[Species] = [  
93     Species(  
94         sid="S1",  
95         metaId="meta_S1",  
96         name="glucose",  
97         compartment="cell",  
98         # clean handling of amounts vs. concentrations  
99         initialConcentration=10.0,  
100        substanceUnit=UNIT_mmole,  
101        hasOnlySubstanceUnits=False,  
102        # additional information via FBC  
103        sboTerm=SBO_SIMPLE_CHEMICAL,  
104        chemicalFormula="C6H12O6",  
105        charge=0,  
106        annotations=[  
107            (BQB.IS, "chebi/CHEBI:4167"),  
108            (BQB.IS, "inchikey/WQZGKKKJIJFFOK-GASJEMHNSA-N"),  
109        ],  
110        notes="Species represents D-glucopyranose."  
111    ),
```

```
<annotation>  
  <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" xmlns:dcterms="http://purl.org/  
    <rdf:Description rdf:about="#meta_S1">  
      <bqbiol:is>  
        <rdf:Bag>  
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          <rdf:li rdf:resource="https://identifiers.org/inchikey/WQZGKKKJIJFFOK-GASJEMHNSA-N"/>  
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# Data interpolation

- use data to add spline functions to models
- driving model by input; clamping





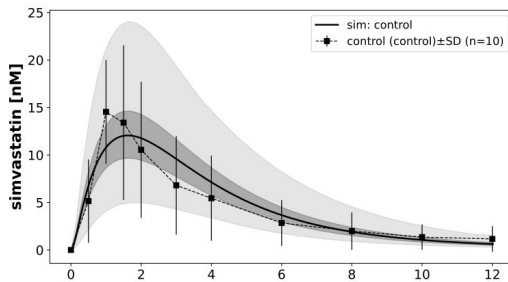
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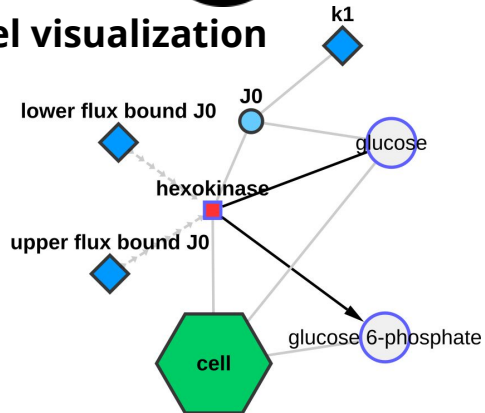


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Model simulation & analysis



Model visualization





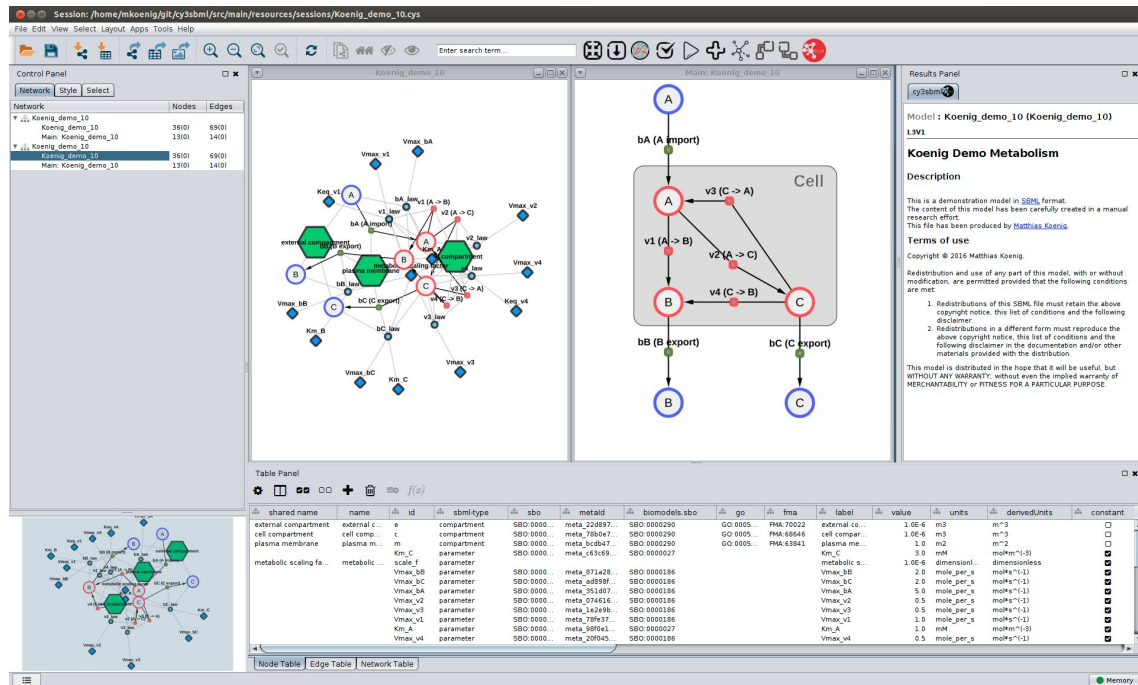
# What is cysbml?

Cytoscape app for visualizing SBML models (ODE)

<https://github.com/matthiascoenig/cysbml>

## Features

- kinetic & reaction-species view
- subgraphs & filtering
- annotation support
- works for large scale networks (genome-scale)



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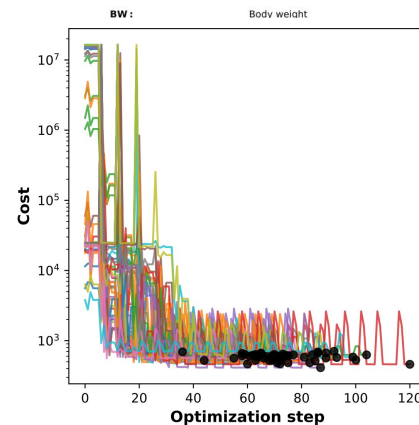
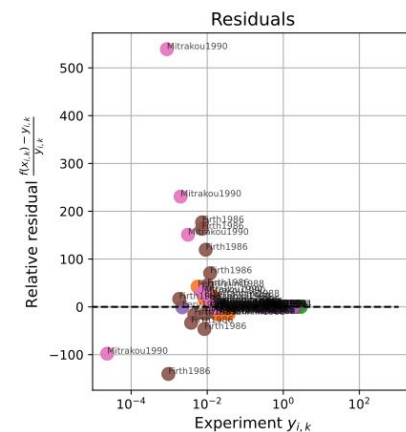
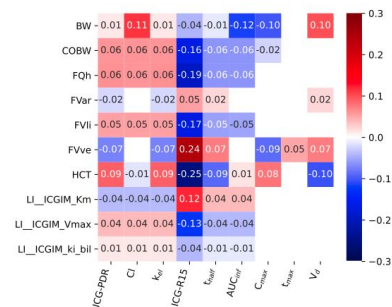
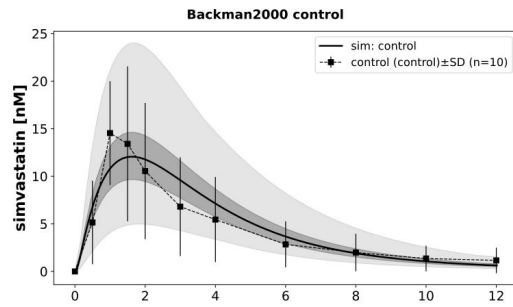
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## Features

- model simulation
- data support
- unit support (& conversion)
- multi-core execution (ray)
- simulation experiments (publications)
- parameter scans
- parameter fitting



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python

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failing



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