

## SBML Model Report

**Model name:**  
**“Curien2003\_MetThr\_synthesis”**



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### 1 General Overview

This is a document in SBML Level 2 Version 1 format. This model was created by the following three authors: Jacky L Snoep<sup>1</sup>, Harish Dharuri<sup>2</sup> and Lukas Endler<sup>3</sup> at August 30<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 9:46 p. m. and last time modified at May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 10:20 a. m. Table 1 provides an overview of the quantities of all components of this model.

Table 1: Number of components in this model, which are described in the following sections.

| Element           | Quantity | Element              | Quantity |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| compartment types | 0        | compartments         | 1        |
| species types     | 0        | species              | 9        |
| events            | 0        | constraints          | 0        |
| reactions         | 3        | function definitions | 0        |
| global parameters | 0        | unit definitions     | 4        |
| rules             | 0        | initial assignments  | 0        |

### Model Notes

This a model from the article:

**A kinetic model of the branch-point between the methionine and threonine biosynthesis pathways in Arabidopsis thaliana.**

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**Abstract:**

This work proposes a model of the metabolic branch-point between the methionine and threonine biosynthesis pathways in *Arabidopsis thaliana* which involves kinetic competition for phosphohomoserine between the allosteric enzyme threonine synthase and the two-substrate enzyme cystathionine gamma-synthase. Threonine synthase is activated by S-adenosylmethionine and inhibited by AMP. Cystathionine gamma-synthase condenses phosphohomoserine to cysteine via a ping-pong mechanism. Reactions are irreversible and inhibited by inorganic phosphate. The modelling procedure included an examination of the kinetic links, the determination of the operating conditions in chloroplasts and the establishment of a computer model using the enzyme rate equations. To test the model, the branch-point was reconstituted with purified enzymes. The computer model showed a partial agreement with the in vitro results. The model was subsequently improved and was then found consistent with flux partition in vitro and in vivo. Under near physiological conditions, S-adenosylmethionine, but not AMP, modulates the partition of a steady-state flux of phosphohomoserine. The computer model indicates a high sensitivity of cystathionine flux to enzyme and S-adenosylmethionine concentrations. Cystathionine flux is sensitive to modulation of threonine flux whereas the reverse is not true. The cystathionine gamma-synthase kinetic mechanism favours a low sensitivity of the fluxes to cysteine. Though sensitivity to inorganic phosphate is low, its concentration conditions the dynamics of the system. Threonine synthase and cystathionine gamma-synthase display similar kinetic efficiencies in the metabolic context considered and are first-order for the phosphohomoserine substrate. Under these conditions outflows are coordinated.

**SBML level 2 code generated for the JWS Online project by Jacky Snoep using PySCeS**  
**Run this model online at <http://jjj.biochem.sun.ac.za>**

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Biomodels Curation The model simulates the flux for TS and CGS under conditions given in Table 2 and reproduces the dotted lines given in Table 3 of the paper. There is a typo in the equation for the apparent specificity constant for Phser, Kts (equation13). This was changed after communication with the authors to be:  $Kts = 5.9E-4 + 6.2E-2 * \text{pow}(\text{AdoMet}, 2.9) / (\text{pow}(32, 2.9) + \text{pow}(\text{AdoMet}, 2.9))$ . The model was successfully tested on Jarnac and Copasi. Due to a suggestion from Pedro Mendez the parameter AdoMet, TS and CGS were made constant species.

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## 2 Unit Definitions

This is an overview of eight unit definitions of which four are predefined by SBML and not mentioned in the model.

### 2.1 Unit `substance`

**Name** micromole

**Definition**  $\mu\text{mol}$

### 2.2 Unit `microM`

**Name** microM

**Definition**  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

### 2.3 Unit `sec_inverse`

**Name** sec\_inverse

**Definition**  $\text{s}^{-1}$

### 2.4 Unit `microM_per_second`

**Name** microM\_per\_second

**Definition**  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

### 2.5 Unit `volume`

**Notes** Litre is the predefined SBML unit for volume.

**Definition** l

### 2.6 Unit `area`

**Notes** Square metre is the predefined SBML unit for area since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

**Definition**  $\text{m}^2$

### 2.7 Unit `length`

**Notes** Metre is the predefined SBML unit for length since SBML Level 2 Version 1.

**Definition** m

## 2.8 Unit `time`

**Notes** Second is the predefined SBML unit for `time`.

**Definition** `s`

## 3 Compartment

This model contains one compartment.

Table 2: Properties of all compartments.

| Id                       | Name | SBO | Spatial<br>Dimensions | Size | Unit  | Constant                            | Outside |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| <code>compartment</code> | Cell |     | 3                     | 1    | litre | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |

### 3.1 Compartment `compartment`

This is a three dimensional compartment with a constant size of one litre.

**Name** Cell

## 4 Species

This model contains nine species. The boundary condition of five of these species is set to true so that these species' amount cannot be changed by any reaction. Section 6 provides further details and the derived rates of change of each species.

Table 3: Properties of each species.

| Id            | Name                         | Compartment | Derived Unit                        | Constant                            | Boundary Condition                  |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phser         | Phosphohomoserine            | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Thr           | Threonine                    | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cystathionine | Cystathionine                | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Hser          | Homoserine                   | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Phi           | Inorganic phosphate          | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cys           | Cysteine                     | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| AdoMet        | S-adenosylmethionine         | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| CGS           | Cystathionine gamma-synthase | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| TS            | Threonine synthase           | compartment | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## 5 Reactions

This model contains three reactions. All reactions are listed in the following table and are subsequently described in detail. If a reaction is affected by a modifier, the identifier of this species is written above the reaction arrow.

Table 4: Overview of all reactions

| Nº | Id   | Name                         | Reaction Equation   | SBO |
|----|------|------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1  | v1   | Phosphohomoserine synthesis  | $\text{Hser} \rightleftharpoons \text{Phser}$   |     |
| 2  | vCys | Cystathionine gamma-synthase | $\text{Phser} + \text{Cys} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{CGS}} \text{Cystathionine} + \text{Phi}$ |     |
| 3  | vThr | Threonine Synthase           | $\text{Phser} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{AdoMet, TS}} \text{Thr} + \text{Phi}$                 |     |

### 5.1 Reaction $v_1$

This is a reversible reaction of one reactant forming one product.

**Name** Phosphohomoserine synthesis

#### Reaction equation



#### Reactant

Table 5: Properties of each reactant.

| Id   | Name       | SBO |
|------|------------|-----|
| Hser | Homoserine |     |

#### Product

Table 6: Properties of each product.

| Id    | Name              | SBO |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
| Phser | Phosphohomoserine |     |

#### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit**  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

$$v_1 = \text{vol}(\text{compartment}) \cdot V_0 \quad (2)$$

Table 7: Properties of each parameter.

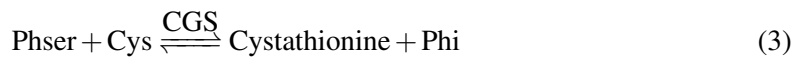
| Id | Name | SBO | Value | Unit  | Constant                            |
|----|------|-----|-------|---|-------------------------------------|
| V0 |      |     | 1.0   | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### 5.2 Reaction $v_{\text{Cys}}$

This is a reversible reaction of two reactants forming two products influenced by one modifier.

**Name** Cystathionine gamma-synthase

## Reaction equation



## Reactants

Table 8: Properties of each reactant.

| Id    | Name              | SBO |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
| Phser | Phosphohomoserine |     |
| Cys   | Cysteine          |     |

## Modifier

Table 9: Properties of each modifier.

| Id  | Name                         | SBO |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| CGS | Cystathionine gamma-synthase |     |

## Products

Table 10: Properties of each product.

| Id            | Name                | SBO |
|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Cystathionine | Cystathionine       |     |
| Phi           | Inorganic phosphate |     |

## Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_2 = \frac{[\text{CGS}] \cdot \frac{k_{\text{cat}2}}{1 + \frac{K_{\text{mCYS}}}{[\text{Cys}]}} \cdot [\text{Phser}]}{[\text{Phser}] + \frac{K_{\text{mPHSER}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{[\text{Phi}]}{K_{\text{i}2}}\right)}{1 + \frac{K_{\text{mCYS}}}{[\text{Cys}]}}} \quad (4)$$

Table 11: Properties of each parameter.

| Id    | Name | SBO | Value | Unit                                | Constant                            |
|-------|------|-----|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| kcat2 |      |     | 30.0  | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



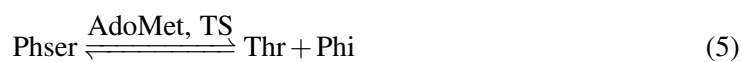
| Id      | Name | SBO | Value  | Unit                                | Constant                            |
|---------|------|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| KmCYS   |      |     | 460.0  | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| KmPHSER |      |     | 2500.0 | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ki2     |      |     | 2000.0 | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### 5.3 Reaction $v_{\text{Thr}}$

This is a reversible reaction of one reactant forming two products influenced by two modifiers.

**Name** Threonine Synthase

#### Reaction equation



#### Reactant

Table 12: Properties of each reactant.

| Id    | Name              | SBO |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
| Phser | Phosphohomoserine |     |

#### Modifiers

Table 13: Properties of each modifier.

| Id     | Name                 | SBO |
|--------|----------------------|-----|
| AdoMet | S-adenosylmethionine |     |
| TS     | Threonine synthase   |     |

#### Products

Table 14: Properties of each product.

| Id  | Name                | SBO |
|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Thr | Threonine           |     |
| Phi | Inorganic phosphate |     |

#### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_3 = \frac{[\text{TS}] \cdot \left( 5.9E - 4 + \frac{0.062 \cdot [\text{AdoMet}]^{2.9}}{32^{2.9} + [\text{AdoMet}]^{2.9}} \right) \cdot [\text{Phser}]}{1 + \frac{[\text{Phi}]}{\text{Ki3}}} \quad (6)$$

Table 15: Properties of each parameter.

| Id  | Name | SBO | Value  | Unit                                | Constant                            |
|-----|------|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ki3 |      |     | 1000.0 | $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## 6 Derived Rate Equations

When interpreted as an ordinary differential equation framework, this model implies the following set of equations for the rates of change of each species.

Identifiers for kinetic laws highlighted in gray cannot be verified to evaluate to units of SBML substance per time. As a result, some SBML interpreters may not be able to verify the consistency of the units on quantities in the model. Please check if

- parameters without an unit definition are involved or
- volume correction is necessary because the `hasOnlySubstanceUnits` flag may be set to `false` and `spacialDimensions`  $> 0$  for certain species.

### 6.1 Species `Phser`

**Name** Phosphohomoserine

**Initial concentration**  $0 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in three reactions (as a reactant in `vCys`, `vThr` and as a product in `v1`).

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Phser} = v_1 - v_2 - v_3 \quad (7)$$

### 6.2 Species `Thr`

**Name** Threonine

**Initial concentration**  $0 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a product in `vThr`), which does not influence its rate of change because this species is on the boundary of the reaction system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Thr} = 0 \quad (8)$$

### 6.3 Species Cystathionine

**Name** Cystathionine

**Initial concentration**  $0 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a product in [vCys](#)), which does not influence its rate of change because this species is on the boundary of the reaction system:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{Cystathionine} = 0 \quad (9)$$

### 6.4 Species Hser

**Name** Homoserine

**Initial concentration**  $0 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a reactant in [v1](#)), which does not influence its rate of change because this species is on the boundary of the reaction system:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{Hser} = 0 \quad (10)$$

### 6.5 Species Phi

**Name** Inorganic phosphate

**Initial concentration**  $10000 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in two reactions (as a product in [vCys](#), [vThr](#)), which do not influence its rate of change because this species is on the boundary of the reaction system:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{Phi} = 0 \quad (11)$$

### 6.6 Species Cys

**Name** Cysteine

**Initial concentration**  $15 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a reactant in [vCys](#)), which does not influence its rate of change because this species is on the boundary of the reaction system:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{Cys} = 0 \quad (12)$$

## 6.7 Species AdoMet

**Name** S-adenosylmethionine

**Initial concentration**  $20 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a modifier in [vThr](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{AdoMet} = 0 \quad (13)$$

## 6.8 Species CGS

**Name** Cystathionine gamma-synthase

**Initial concentration**  $0.7 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a modifier in [vCys](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{CGS} = 0 \quad (14)$$

## 6.9 Species TS

**Name** Threonine synthase

**Initial concentration**  $5 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

This species takes part in one reaction (as a modifier in [vThr](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{TS} = 0 \quad (15)$$

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