

## SBML Model Report

### Model name: “Veening2008\_DegU\_Regulation”



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## 1 General Overview

This is a document in SBML Level 2 Version 4 format. This model was created by the following three authors: Vijayalakshmi Chelliah<sup>1</sup>, Jan-Willem Veening<sup>2</sup> and Oleg A Igoshin<sup>3</sup> at December second 2008 at 4:57 p. m. and last time modified at April fourth 2014 at 3:38 p. m. Table 1 gives 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	6
events	0	constraints	0
reactions	14	function definitions	0
global parameters	23	unit definitions	2
rules	3	initial assignments	0

## Model Notes

This a model from the article:

**Transient heterogeneity in extracellular protease production by *Bacillus subtilis*.**

Veening JW, Igoshin OA, Eijlander RT, Nijland R, Hamoen LW, Kuipers OP *Mol. Syst. Biol.*

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**Abstract:**

The most sophisticated survival strategy *Bacillus subtilis* employs is the differentiation of a subpopulation of cells into highly resistant endospores. To examine the expression patterns of non-sporulating cells within heterogeneous populations, we used buoyant density centrifugation to separate vegetative cells from endospore-containing cells and compared the transcriptome profiles of both subpopulations. This demonstrated the differential expression of various regulons. Subsequent single-cell analyses using promoter-gfp fusions confirmed our microarray results. Surprisingly, only part of the vegetative subpopulation highly and transiently expresses genes encoding the extracellular proteases Bpr (bacillopeptidase) and AprE (subtilisin), both of which are under the control of the DegU transcriptional regulator. As these proteases and their degradation products freely diffuse within the liquid growth medium, all cells within the clonal population are expected to benefit from their activities, suggesting that *B. subtilis* employs cooperative or even altruistic behavior. To unravel the mechanisms by which protease production heterogeneity within the non-sporulating subpopulation is established, we performed a series of genetic experiments combined with mathematical modeling. Simulations with our model yield valuable insights into how population heterogeneity may arise by the relatively long and variable response times within the DegU autoactivating pathway.

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## 2 Unit Definitions

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

### 2.1 Unit volume

**Name** femtolitre

**Definition** fl

### 2.2 Unit substance

**Name** molecules

**Definition** item

### 2.3 Unit area

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

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

### 2.4 Unit length

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

**Definition** m

### 2.5 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 Dimensions	Size	Unit	Constant	Outside
univ		0000290	3	1	litre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

### 3.1 Compartment `univ`

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

**SBO:0000290** physical compartment

## 4 Species

This model contains six species. Section 8 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 Condi- tion
AprE		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$
DegU		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$
DegUP		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$
Dim		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$
mAprE		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$
mDegU		univ	$\text{item} \cdot \text{fl}^{-1}$	$\square$	$\square$

## 5 Parameters

This model contains 23 global parameters.

Table 4: Properties of each parameter.

Id	Name	SBO	Value	Unit	Constant
Imax		0000186	0.048		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Io		0000186	0.004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irmx		0000186	0.400		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Iro		0000186	0.020		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K		0000281	7.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kdim		0000281	12.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kr		0000282	7.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kr1		0000282	7.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
R			7.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
V			1.000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ka		0000341	0.025		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kd		0000282	0.100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kdeg		0000009	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kdegA		0000009	$10^{-4}$		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kdegm		0000009	0.010		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
kdephos		0000009	0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
kphos		0000009	0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>
ksyn		0000009	0.040		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ksyn1		0000009	0.040		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
p			0.150		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
q			0.004		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ratio	kphosratio		0.027		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DegU_Total	DegU_Total		0.000		<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6 Rules

This is an overview of three rules.

### 6.1 Rule kphos

Rule kphos is an assignment rule for parameter kphos:

$$\text{kphos} = \text{ratio} \cdot p \quad (1)$$

## 6.2 Rule `kdephos`

Rule `kdephos` is an assignment rule for parameter `kdephos`:

$$\text{kdephos} = \frac{q}{\text{ratio}} \quad (2)$$

## 6.3 Rule `DegU_Total`

Rule `DegU_Total` is an assignment rule for parameter `DegU_Total`:

$$\text{DegU\_Total} = [\text{DegU}] + [\text{DegUP}] + 2 \cdot [\text{Dim}] \quad (3)$$

## 7 Reactions

This model contains 14 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 5: Overview of all reactions

Nº	Id	Name	Reaction Equation	SBO
1	AprEdeg		$\text{AprE} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
2	AprEsyn		$\emptyset \xrightarrow{\text{mAprE}} \text{AprE}$	0000184
3	DimerAss		$2 \text{ DegUP} \longrightarrow \text{Dim}$	0000412
4	DimerDis		$\text{Dim} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ DegUP}$	0000180
5	degradation1		$\text{DegU} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
6	degradation2		$\text{DegUP} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
7	degradation3		$\text{Dim} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
8	degradationmRNA		$\text{mDegU} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
9	dephosphorylation		$\text{DegUP} \longrightarrow \text{DegU}$	0000330
10	mRNAAprEdeg		$\text{mAprE} \longrightarrow \emptyset$	0000179
11	mRNAAprEsyn		$\emptyset \xrightarrow{\text{Dim}} \text{mAprE}$	0000183
12	phosphorylation		$\text{DegU} \longrightarrow \text{DegUP}$	0000216
13	synthesisDegU		$\emptyset \xrightarrow{\text{mDegU}} \text{DegU}$	0000184
14	synthesismRNA		$\emptyset \xrightarrow{\text{Dim}} \text{mDegU}$	0000183

## 7.1 Reaction AprEdeg

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 6: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
AprE		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_1 = k_{\text{deg}} \cdot [\text{AprE}] \quad (5)$$

## 7.2 Reaction AprEsyn

This is an irreversible reaction of no reactant forming one product influenced by one modifier.

**SBO:0000184** translation

### Reaction equation



### Modifier

Table 7: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
mAprE		

### Product



Table 8: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
AprE		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_2 = k_{\text{syn}} \cdot [\text{mAprE}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) \quad (7)$$

### 7.3 Reaction `DimerAss`

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming one product.

**SBO:0000412** biological activity

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 9: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
DegUP		

### Product

Table 10: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
Dim		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_3 = k_a \cdot [\text{DegUP}]^2 \quad (9)$$

## 7.4 Reaction `DimerDis`

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming one product.

**SBO:0000180** dissociation

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 11: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
Dim		

### Product

Table 12: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
DegUP		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_4 = k_d \cdot [\text{Dim}] \quad (11)$$

## 7.5 Reaction `degradation1`

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 13: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
DegU		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_5 = kdeg \cdot [\text{DegU}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) \quad (13)$$

### 7.6 Reaction degradation2

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 14: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
DegUP		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_6 = kdeg \cdot [\text{DegUP}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) \quad (15)$$

### 7.7 Reaction degradation3

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

### Reaction equation



**Reactant**

Table 15: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
Dim		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_7 = kdeg \cdot [\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) \quad (17)$$

### 7.8 Reaction degradationmRNA

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

### Reaction equation



### Reactant

Table 16: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
mDegU		

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_8 = kdegm \cdot [\text{mDegU}] \quad (19)$$

### 7.9 Reaction dephosphorylation

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming one product.

**SBO:0000330** dephosphorylation

### Reaction equation



**Reactant**

Table 17: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
DegUP		

Product

Table 18: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
DegU		

Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_9 = k_{\text{dephos}} \cdot [\text{DegUP}] \tag{21}$$

7.10 Reaction mRNAAprEdeg

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming no product.

**SBO:0000179** degradation

Reaction equation



Reactant

Table 19: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
mAprE		

Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_{10} = k_{\text{degm}} \cdot [\text{mAprE}] \tag{23}$$

### 7.11 Reaction `mRNAAprEsyn`

This is an irreversible reaction of no reactant forming one product influenced by one modifier.

**SBO:0000183** transcription

#### Reaction equation



#### Modifier

Table 20: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
Dim		

#### Product

Table 21: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
mAprE		

#### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_{11} = \frac{\text{KrI}}{\text{R} + \text{KrI}} \cdot \left( \frac{\text{Iro} \cdot \left( \frac{[\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ})}{\text{Kdim}} + 1 \right)}{1 + \frac{[\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ})}{\text{Kdim}} + \frac{([\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}))^2}{\text{Kdim}^2} + \frac{\text{R}}{\text{Kr}}} + \frac{\text{Irm} \cdot ([\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}))^2}{\text{Kdim}^2 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{[\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ})}{\text{Kdim}} + \frac{([\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}))^2}{\text{Kdim}^2} + \frac{\text{R}}{\text{Kr}} \right)} \right) \quad (25)$$

### 7.12 Reaction `phosphorylation`

This is an irreversible reaction of one reactant forming one product.

**SBO:0000216** phosphorylation

#### Reaction equation





## Reactant

Table 22: Properties of each reactant.

Id	Name	SBO
DegU		

## Product

Table 23: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
DegUP		

## Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_{12} = k_{\text{phos}} \cdot [\text{DegU}] \quad (27)$$

### 7.13 Reaction `synthesisDegU`

This is an irreversible reaction of no reactant forming one product influenced by one modifier.

**SBO:0000184** translation

#### Reaction equation



## Modifier

Table 24: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
mDegU		

## Product

Table 25: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
	DegU	

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_{13} = k_{\text{syn}1} \cdot [\text{mDegU}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) \quad (29)$$

### 7.14 Reaction *synthesismRNA*

This is an irreversible reaction of no reactant forming one product influenced by one modifier.

**SBO:0000183** transcription

### Reaction equation



### Modifier

Table 26: Properties of each modifier.

Id	Name	SBO
	Dim	

### Product

Table 27: Properties of each product.

Id	Name	SBO
	mDegU	

### Kinetic Law

**Derived unit** contains undeclared units

$$v_{14} = \frac{I_o \cdot K}{[\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) + K} + \frac{I_{\text{max}} \cdot [\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ})}{[\text{Dim}] \cdot \text{vol}(\text{univ}) + K} \quad (31)$$

## 8 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.

### 8.1 Species AprE

**SBO:0000245** macromolecule

**Initial amount** 0 item

This species takes part in two reactions (as a reactant in [AprEdeg](#) and as a product in [AprEsyn](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{AprE} = v_2 - v_1 \quad (32)$$

### 8.2 Species DegU

**SBO:0000245** macromolecule

**Initial amount** 10 item

This species takes part in four reactions (as a reactant in [degradation1](#), [phosphorylation](#) and as a product in [dephosphorylation](#), [synthesisDegU](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{DegU} = v_9 + v_{13} - v_5 - v_{12} \quad (33)$$

### 8.3 Species DegUP

**SBO:0000245** macromolecule

**Initial amount** 0 item

This species takes part in five reactions (as a reactant in [DimerAss](#), [degradation2](#), [dephosphorylation](#) and as a product in [DimerDis](#), [phosphorylation](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{DegUP} = 2v_4 + v_{12} - 2v_3 - v_6 - v_9 \quad (34)$$

## 8.4 Species Dim

**SBO:0000420** multimer of macromolecules

**Initial amount** 0 item

This species takes part in five reactions (as a reactant in [DimerDis](#), [degradation3](#) and as a product in [DimerAss](#) and as a modifier in [mRNAAprEsyn](#), [synthesismRNA](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{Dim} = v_3 - v_4 - v_7 \quad (35)$$

## 8.5 Species mAprE

**SBO:0000278** messenger RNA

**Initial amount** 0 item

This species takes part in three reactions (as a reactant in [mRNAAprEdeg](#) and as a product in [mRNAAprEsyn](#) and as a modifier in [AprEsyn](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{mAprE} = v_{11} - v_{10} \quad (36)$$

## 8.6 Species mDegU

**SBO:0000278** messenger RNA

**Initial amount** 0 item

This species takes part in three reactions (as a reactant in [degradationmRNA](#) and as a product in [synthesismRNA](#) and as a modifier in [synthesisDegU](#)).

$$\frac{d}{dt}\text{mDegU} = v_{14} - v_8 \quad (37)$$

# A Glossary of Systems Biology Ontology Terms

**SBO:0000009 kinetic constant:** Numerical parameter that quantifies the velocity of a chemical reaction

**SBO:0000179 degradation:** Complete disappearance of a physical entity

**SBO:0000180 dissociation:** Transformation of a non-covalent complex that results in the formation of several independent biochemical entities

**SBO:0000183 transcription:** Process through which a DNA sequence is copied to produce a complementary RNA

- SBO:0000184 translation:** Process in which a polypeptide chain is produced from a messenger RNA
- SBO:0000186 maximal velocity:** Limiting maximal velocity of an enzymatic reaction, reached when the substrate is in large excess and all the enzyme is complexed.
- SBO:0000216 phosphorylation:** Addition of a phosphate group ( $\text{-H}_2\text{PO}_4$ ) to a chemical entity
- SBO:0000245 macromolecule:** Molecular entity mainly built-up by the repetition of pseudo-identical units. CHEBI:3383
- SBO:0000278 messenger RNA:** A messenger RNA is a ribonucleic acid synthesized during the transcription of a gene, and that carries the information to encode one or several proteins
- SBO:0000281 equilibrium constant:** Quantity characterizing a chemical equilibrium in a chemical reaction, which is a useful tool to determine the concentration of various reactants or products in a system where chemical equilibrium occurs
- SBO:0000282 dissociation constant:** Equilibrium constant that measures the propensity of a larger object to separate (dissociate) reversibly into smaller components, as when a complex falls apart into its component molecules, or when a salt splits up into its component ions. The dissociation constant is usually denoted  $K_d$  and is the inverse of the affinity constant.
- SBO:0000290 physical compartment:** Specific location of space, that can be bounded or not. A physical compartment can have 1, 2 or 3 dimensions
- SBO:0000330 dephosphorylation:** Removal of a phosphate group ( $\text{-H}_2\text{PO}_4$ ) from a chemical entity.
- SBO:0000341 association rate constant:** Rate with which components associate into a complex
- SBO:0000412 biological activity:** The potential action that a biological entity has on other entities. Example are enzymatic activity, binding activity etc
- SBO:0000420 multimer of macromolecules:** Non-covalent association between several macromolecule

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