Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language (SED-ML): Level 1 Version 3

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1. Introduction

The Simulation Experiment Description Markup Language (SED-ML) is an XML-based format for the description of simulation experiments.

The number of computational models of biological systems is growing at an ever increasing pace. At the same time, their size and complexity are also increasing. It is now generally accepted that one must be able to exchange the mathematical structure of such models, for instance to build on existing studies by reusing models or for the reproduction of model results. The efforts to standardise the representation of computational models in various areas of biology, such as the Systems Biology Markup Language (SBML) [11], CellML [7] or NeuroML [9], resulted in an increase of the exchange and re-use of models.

However, the description of the structure of models is not sufficient for the reproduction of simulation results. One also needs to describe the procedures the models are subjected to, i.e. the minimal set of information that should be provided to allow the reproduction of simulation experiments among users and software tools as described by the Minimum Information About a Simulation Experiment (MIASE [16]). The increasing use of computational simulation experiments to inform modern biological research creates new challenges to reproduce, annotate, archive, and share such experiments.

SED-ML describes in a computer-readable exchange format the information to enable the reproduction of simulation experiments. SED-ML is a software-independent format encoded in the Extensible Markup Language (XML) [3] not specific to particular simulation tools and independent of the underlying model implementation.

SED-ML is developed as a community project and defined via a detailed technical specification and a corresponding XML Schema.

This document describes Level 1 Version 3 of SED-ML which is the successor of Level 1 Version 2 and Level 1 Version 1 (described in [17]).

1.1 SED-ML overview

SED-ML specifies for a given simulation experiment

- what datasets to use (DataDescription)
- which models to use in an simulation experiment (Model)
- \bullet which modifications to apply to models before simulation (Change)
- which simulation procedures to run on each model (Simulation and Task)
- what analysis results to plot or report and how to post-process (DataGenerator)
- and how these results should be presented (Output)

A SED-ML document containts the following main objects to describe this information: DataDescription, Model, Change, Simulation, Task, DataGenerator, and Output.

DataDescription

The DataDescription allows to specify data sets used in a simulation experiment. Such data can be used for instance for parametrization of model simulations or to plot data with simulation results.

Model

The Model is used to reference the models used in the simulation experiment. SED-ML itself is independent of the model encoding underlying the models.

The SED-ML Change allows the application of changes to the referenced models (pre-processing), including changes on the XML attributes, e.g. changing the value of an observable, computing the change of a value using mathematics, or general changes on any XML element of the model representation that is addressable by XPath expressions, e.g. substituting a piece of XML by an updated one.

Simulation

The Simulation defines the simulation settings and the steps taken during simulation. These include the particular type of simulation and the algorithm used for the execution of the simulation.

Task

SED-ML uses the concept of Task to combine a defined Model and Simulation.

DataGenerator

The DataGenerator allows to encode post-processing of simulation results before output, e.g. one might want to normalise a plot before output, or apply post-processing like mean-value calculation. In the definition of a DataGenerator, any addressable variable or parameter of any defined model may be referenced, and new entities might be specified using MathML.

Output

The Output defines the output of the simulation, which can be either a two dimensional plot Plot2D, a three dimensional plot Plot3D, or data table Report. The Output is based on the DataGenerators.

This section provided a high level overview over the content of a SED-ML file. For the detailed technical specification see Chapter 2.

1.2 Example simulation experiment

In this section an introductory example is given how simulation experiments can be described with SED-ML. The example experiment uses the repressilator [8] a famous model capable of displaying rich and variable behaviors. The SED-ML for the presented simulation experiment is listed in Appendix A.1.

The repressilator is a synthetic oscillating network of transcription regulators in Escherichia coli. The network is composed of the three repressor genes Lactose Operon Repressor (lacI), Tetracycline Repressor (tetR) and Repressor CI (cI), which code for proteins binding to the promoter of the other, blocking their transcription. The three inhibitions together in tandem, form a cyclic negative-feedback loop. To describe the interactions of the molecular species involved in the network, the authors built a simple mathematical model of coupled first-order differential equations. All six molecular species included in the network (three mRNAs, three repressor proteins) participated in creation (transcription/translation) and degradation processes. The model was used to determine the influence of the various parameters on the dynamic behavior of the system. In particular, parameter values were sought which induce stable oscillations in the concentrations of the system components. Oscillations in the levels of the three repressor proteins can be obtained by numerical integration.

1.2.1 Time-course simulation

The first simulation experiment we run with the model reproduces the oscillation behavior of the model shown in Figure 1c of the reference publication [8]. This simulation experiment can be described as:

- 1. Import the model identified by the Unified Resource Identifier (URI) [2] urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD000000012.
- 2. Select a deterministic simulation method.
- 3. Run a uniform time course simulation for 1000 min with an output interval of 1 min.
- 4. Plot the amount of lacI, tetR and cI against time in a 2D Plot.

Following those steps and performing the simulation in the simulation tools supporting SED-ML results in the output depicted in Figure 1.2.1.

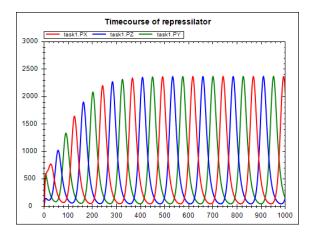


Figure 1.1: Time-course simulation of the repressilator model. The number of repressor proteins lacI, tetR and cI is depicted. Simulation with SED-ML webtools.

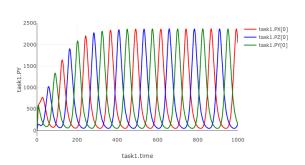


Figure 1.2: Simulation with tellurium.

1.2.2 Applying pre-processing

Before simulation model parameters can be adjusted. When changing the parameter values protein copies per promoter tps_repr and leakiness in protein copies per promoter tps_active like depicted below, the system's behavior switches from sustained oscillations to damped oscillations towards an asymptotic steady-state. The model changes leading to that behavior are described as:

- 1. Import the model as above.
- 2. Change the value of the parameter tps_repr from "0.0005" to "1.3e-05".
- 3. Change the value of the parameter tps_active from "0.5" to "0.013".
- 4. Select a deterministic method.
- 5. Run a uniform time course for the duration of 1000 min with an output interval of 1 min.
- 6. Plot the amount of lacI, tetR and cI against time in a 2D Plot.

Figure 1.2.2 on the next page shows the result of the simulation.

1.2.3 Applying post-processing

The raw numerical output of the simulation steps may be subjected to data post-processing before plotting or reporting. In order to describe the production of a normalized plot of the time-course in the first example (section 1.2.1), depicting the influence of one variable on another (in phase-planes), one performes the additional steps:

(Please note that the description steps 1 - 4 remain as given in section 1.2.1 above.)

- 5. Collect lacI(t), tetR(t) and cI(t).
- 6. Compute the highest value for each of the repressor proteins, max(lacI(t)), max(tetR(t)), max(cI(t)).
- 7. Normalize the data for each of the repressor proteins by dividing each time point by the maximum value, i. e. lacI(t)/max(lacI(t)), tetR(t)/max(tetR(t)), and cI(t)/max(cI(t)).
- 8. Plot the normalized lacI protein as a function of the normalized cI, the normalized cI as a function of the normalized tetR protein, and the normalized tetR protein against the normalized lacI protein in a 2D plot.

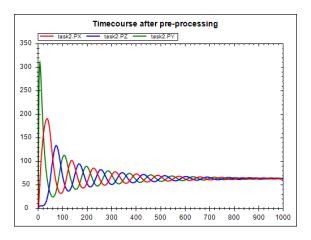


Figure 1.3: Time-course simulation of the repressilator model, imported from BioModels Database and simulated after modification of the initial parameter values of the protein copies per promoter and the leakiness in protein copies per promoter. The number of repressor proteins lacI, tetR and cI are depicted. Simulation with SED-ML webtools.

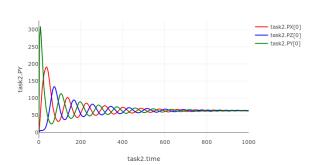


Figure 1.4: Simulation with tellurium.

Figure 1.2.3 illustrates the result of the simulation after post-processing of the output data.

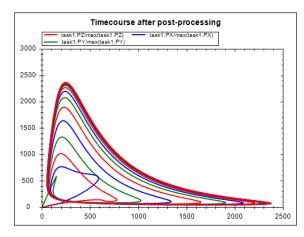


Figure 1.5: Time-course simulation of the repressilator model imported from BioModels Database. Depicted is the normalized temporal evolution of lacI, tetR and cI in phase-plane. Simulation with SED-ML webtools.

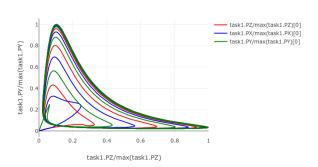


Figure 1.6: Simulation with tellurium.

2. SED-ML technical specification

This document represents the technical specification of SED-ML Level 1 Version 3. The corresponding UML class diagram is shown in Figure 2.1. Example simulation experiments in SED-ML are provided in Appendix A. The XML Schema is provided in Appendix B. However, not all concepts of SED-ML can be captured using XML Schema alone. In such cases this specification is the normative document.

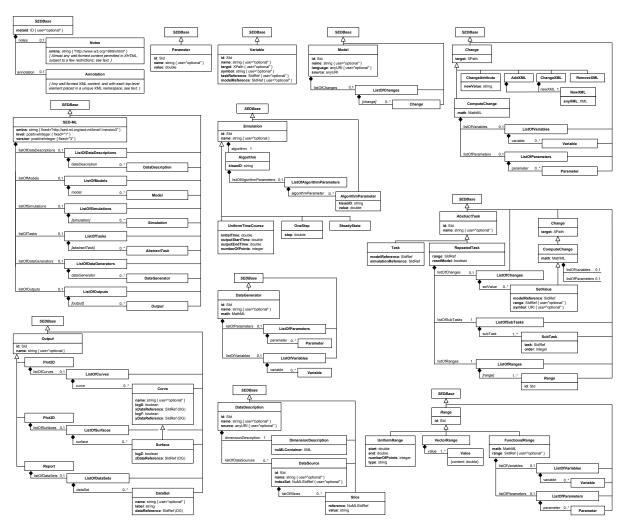


Figure 2.1: The SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 UML class diagram

2.1 General data types, attributes and classes

In this section concepts used repeatedly throughout the SED-ML specification are introduced. This includes primitive data types, classes (SedBase, Notes, Annotation, Parameter, Variable), attributes, and reference relations.

2.1.1 Primitive data types

Primitive data types comprise the set of data types used in SED-ML classes. Most primitive types in SED-ML are taken from the data types defined in XML Schema 1.0, including string, boolean, int, positiveInteger, double and XML.

A few additional primitive types are defined by SED-ML itself: ID, SId, SIdRef, XPath, MathML, anyURI, NuMLSId, and NuMLSIdRef.

2.1.1.1 Type ID

The XML Schema 1.0 type ID is identical to the XML 1.0 type ID. The literal representation of this type consists of strings of characters restricted as summarized in Figure 2.2. For a detailed description see the SBML specification on type ID [10].

```
NameChar ::= letter | digit | '.' | '-' | '' | ':' | CombiningChar | Extender ID ::= ( letter | ' ' | ':' ) NameChar*
```

Figure 2.2: The definition of the type ID. The characters (and) are used for grouping, the character * indicates "zero or more times", and the character | indicates "or". Please consult the XML 1.0 specification for the complete definitions of letter, digit, CombiningChar, and Extender.

2.1.1.2 Type SId

The type SId is the type of the id attribute found on the majority of SED-ML components. SId is a data type derived from string, but with restrictions about the characters permitted and the sequences in which those characters may appear. The definition is shown in Figure 2.3. For a detailed description see the SBML specification on type SId [10].

```
letter ::= 'a'..'z','A'..'Z'
digit ::= '0'..'9'
idChar ::= letter | digit | '_'
SId ::= ( letter | '_' ) idChar*
```

Figure 2.3: The definition of the type SId

2.1.1.3 Type SIdRef

Type SIdRef is used for all attributes that refer to identifiers of type SId in a model. This type is derived from SId, but with the restriction that the value of an attribute having type SIdRef must equal the value of some SId attribute. In other words, a SIdRef value must be an existing identifier.

As with SId, the equality of SIdRef values is determined by exact character sequence match; i.e., comparisons of these identifiers must be performed in a case-sensitive manner.

2.1.1.4 Type XPath

Type XPath is used to identify nodes and attributes within an XML representation. XPath in SED-ML is a XPath version 1 expression which can be used to unambiguously identify an element or attribute in an XML file.

2.1.1.5 Type MathML

Type MathML is used to describe mathematical expression in MathML. The concept of MathML and the allowed subset of MathML on a MathML attribute is described in Section 3.1.

2.1.1.6 Type anyURI

Type anyURI is used to reference models, reference data files, specify the language of referenced models, for referencing implicit model variables and in annotations. For a description of the uses of anyURI see Section 3.2.

2.1.1.7 Type NuMLSId

The type NuMLSId is the type of the id attribute found on NuML components. NuMLSId is a data type derived from string, with the same restrictions about the characters permitted and the sequences in which those characters may appear as SId. The concept of NuML is described in Section 3.4.

2.1.1.8 Type NuMLSIdRef

Type NuMLSIdRef is used for all attributes that refer to identifiers of type NuMLSId in a model. This type is derived from NuMLSId, but with the restriction that the value of an attribute having type NuMLSIdRef must equal the value of some NuMLSId attribute. In other words, a NuMLSIdRef value must be an existing NuML identifier.

As with NuMLSId, the equality of NuMLSIdRef values is determined by exact character sequence match; i.e., comparisons of these identifiers must be performed in a case-sensitive manner.

2.1.2 SEDBase

SEDBase is the base class of all SED-ML classes (Figure 2.4). The SEDBase class has the three optional attributes metaid, notes, and annotation.

SEDBase provides means to attach additional information on all other classes. That information can be specified by human readable Notes or custom Annotation.

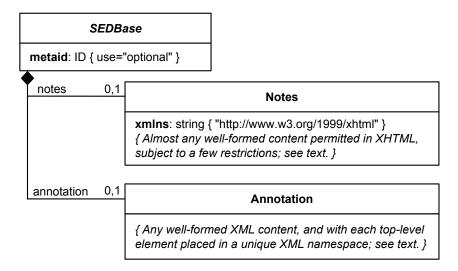


Figure 2.4: $The\ SEDBase\ class$

Table 2.1 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the SEDBase element.

metaid

The main purpose of the **metaid** attribute of data type ID is to attach semantic annotations in form of the Annotation class to SED-ML elements. The **metaid** attribute is globally unique throughout the SED-ML document, i.e. the **metaid** must be unambiguous throughout a whole SED-ML document. As

attribute	description	
metaid^o	page 11	
sub-elements	description	
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12	

Table 2.1: Attributes and nested elements for SEDBase. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

such it identifies the constituent it is related to.

In order to set either Notes or Annotation on a SED-ML class the metaid is required.

notes

The optional **notes** element stores Notes on SedBase.

annotation

The optional annotation element stores Annotation on SedBase.

2.1.3 Notes

A Notes is considered a human-readable description of the element it is assigned to. It serves to display information to the user. Instances of the Notes class may contain any valid XHTML [15]. The namespace URL for XHTML content inside the Notes class is http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml, which may be declared either in the sedML element, or directly in the top level XHTML elements contained within the notes element. For further options of how to set the namespace and detailed examples, please refer to [10, p. 14].

Table 2.2 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the Notes element.

attribute	${f description}$
xmlns:string "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"	page 23
sub-elements	
well-formed content permitted in XHTM	ML

Table 2.2: Attributes and nested elements for Notes. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Notes does not have any further sub-elements defined in SED-ML, nor attributes associated with it.

Listing 2.1 shows the use of the notes element.

Listing 2.1: $The \ notes \ element$

In this example, the namespace declaration is inside the **notes** element and the note is related to the **sedML** root element of the SED-ML file. A note may, however, occur inside *any* SED-ML XML element, except **note** itself and **annotation**.

2.1.4 Annotation

An Annotation is considered a computer-processible piece of information. Annotations may contain any valid XML content. For further guidelines on how to use annotations, we would like to encourage the

reading of the corresponding section in the SBML specification [10, pp. 14-16]. The style of annotations in SED-ML is briefly described in Section 3.2.5 on page 58.

Listing 2.2 shows the use of the annotation element. In that example, a SED-ML model element is annotated with a reference to the original publication. The model contains an annotation that uses the biomodels.net model-qualifier isDescribedBy to link to the external resource http://identifiers.org/pubmed/10415827 In natural language the annotation content could be interpreted as "The model is described by the published article available from pubmed under the identifier 10415827".

```
<sedML>
      org/workspace/leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999/@@rawfile/d6613d7e1051b3eff2bb1d3d419a445bb8c754ad/
leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999_a.cellml" >
          <annotation>
             <rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" xmlns:bqmodel="http://</pre>
                  biomodels.net/model-qualifiers/
                 <rdf:Description rdf:about="#_001">
                 <br/><bqmodel:isDescribedBy>
                 <rdf:Bag>
                     <rdf:li rdf:resource="http://identifiers.org/pubmed/10415827"/>
                 </rdf:Bag>
                 </bqmodel:isDescribedBy>
                 </rdf:Description>
             </rdf:RDF>
13
          </annotation>
14
      </model>
15
17 </sedML>
```

Listing 2.2: The annotation element

2.1.5 Parameter

The SED-ML Parameter (Figure 2.5) creates named parameters with a constant value. The Parameter class introduces the required attributes id and value, and the optional attribute name.

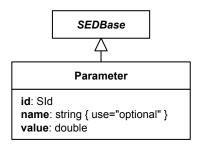


Figure 2.5: The Parameter class

SED-ML allows the use of Parameters wherever a mathematical expression is defined to compute a value (e.g. in ComputeChange, FunctionalRange or DataGenerator). The parameter definitions are local to the particular class defining them.

A benefit of naming parameters rather than including numbers directly within the mathematical expression is that notes and annotations can be associated with them.

Table 2.3 on the following page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the parameter element.

Listing 2.3 shows the use of the parameter element. In the example a parameter p1 with the value 40 is defined.

Listing 2.3: The definition of a parameter in SED-ML

value

The value attribute of data type double is required for each Parameter. Each parameter has exactly one fixed value.

attribute	description
metaid ^o id	page 11 page 16
value	page 17 page 13
sub-elements	description
notes ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.3: Attributes and nested elements for parameter. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

2.1.6 Variable

A Variable (Figure 2.6) is a reference to an already existing entity, either to an existing object in one of the Models or to implicitly defined Symbols. The Variable class introduces the required attribute id, the optional attribute name, and the context dependent attributes target, symbol, taskReference, and modelReference.

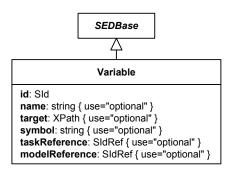


Figure 2.6: $The \ Variable \ class$

If the variable is defined through a reference to a model constituent, such as an SBML species, or to an entity within the SED-ML file itself, then the reference is specified using the target attribute. If the variable is defined through a reference to a Symbol, rather than one explicitly appearing in the model, then the symbol attribute is used.

- A Variable is always placed inside a listOfVariables.
- The symbol and target attributes must not be used together in a single instance of Variable, although at least one must be present.
- A Variable element must contain a taskReference if it occurs inside a listOfVariables inside a dataGenerator element.
- A Variable element must contain a modelReference if it occurs inside a listOfVariables inside a computeChange element.
- A Variable element appearing within a functional Range or setValue element must contain a model Reference if and only if it references a model variable.

Table 2.4 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the Variable element.

Listing 2.4 on the following page shows the use of the variable element. In the example a variable v1 is defined to compute a change on a model constituent (referenced by the target attribute on computeChange). The value of v1 corresponds with the value of the targeted model constituent referenced by the target attribute. The second variable v2 is used inside a dataGenerator. As the variable is time as used in task1, the symbol attribute is used to refer to the SED-ML URI for time.

attribute	description
$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{metaid}^o \\ \operatorname{id} \\ \operatorname{name}^o \end{array}$	page 11 page 16 page 17
target symbol	page 15 page 16
taskReference modelReference	page 19 page 18
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.4: Attributes and nested elements for Variable. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

```
<sedML>
       <model [..]>
<listOfChanges>
                    <computeChange target="TARGET ELEMENT OR ATTRIBUTE">
                     tofVariables>
                        .storvariables>
<variable id="v1" name="maximum velocity" target="XPath TO MODEL ELEMENT/ATTRIBUTE" />
[FURTHER VARIABLE DEFINITIONS]
                     </listOfVariables>
                    [..]
                     </computeChange>
12
                </listOfChanges>
13
            </model>
14
            [..]
       </listOfModels>
17
       1istOfDataGenerators>
18
           <dataGenerator [..]>
                tofVariables>
19
                     <variable id="v2" name="time" taskReference="task1" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" />
21
                    [FURTHER VARIABLE DEFINITIONS]
                </listOfVariables>
22
            </dataGenerator>
23
       </listOfDataGenerators>
26 </sedML>
```

target

An instance of Variable can refer to a model constituent inside a particular model through an XPath expression stored in the target attribute.

The target attribute may also be used to reference an entity within the SED-ML file itself, by containing a fragment identifier consisting of a hash character (#) followed by the SId of the desired element. As of SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 this is only used to refer to ranges within a repeatedTask (see Listing 2.44 for an example).

Note that while it is possible to write XPath expressions that select multiple nodes within a referenced model, when used within a target attribute a single element or attribute *must* be selected by the expression.

Listing 2.5 shows the use of the target attribute in a SED-ML file. In the example the target is used to reference a species with id='PY' in an SBML model.

Listing 2.5: SED-ML target definition

It should be noted that the identifier and names inside the SED-ML document do not have to match the identifiers and names that the model and its constituents have in the model definition. In Listing 2.5, the variable with ID v1 is defined. It is described as the TetR protein. The reference points to a species in the referenced SBML model. The particular species can be identified through its ID in the SBML model, namely PY. However, SED-ML also permits using identical identifiers and names as in the referenced models. The following Listing 2.6 is another valid example for the specification of a variable, but uses the same naming in the variable definition as in the original model (as opposed to Listing 2.5):

Listing 2.6: SED-ML variable definition using the original model identifier and name in SED-ML

Listing 2.7: Species definition in the referenced model (extracted from urn:miriam:biomodels.db: BIOMD0000000012)

The XPath expression used in the target attribute unambiguously leads to the particular place in the XML SBML model – the species is to be found in the sbml element, and there inside the listOfSpecies (Listing).

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Symbols are predefined, implicit variables. Symbols can be used in a SED-ML file by referring to the defined URNs representing that variable's concept. The notion of implicit variables is explained in Section 3.2.4 on page 58.

Listing 2.8 shows the use of the **symbol** attribute in a SED-ML file. The example encodes a computed change of model **m001**. To specify that change, a symbol is defined (i. e. the SED-ML symbol for **time** is assigned to the variable **t1**). How to compute the change itself is explained in Section 2.2.5.6.

The taskReference and modelReference should be explained once on the variable class.

taskReference

The taskReference element of data type SIdRef is used to reference a Task via a taskReference. The usage depends on the context the Variable is used in.

modelReference

The modelReference element of data type SIdRef is used to reference a Model via a modelReference. The usage depends on the context the Variable is used in.

2.1.7 General attributes

This section describes attributes which occur on multiple SED-ML classes, e.g. id, name, math, kisaoID, or listOf* constructs.

2.1.7.1 id

Most objects in SED-ML carry an **id** attribute of data type SId. The **id** attribute, if it exists for an object, is required and identifies SED-ML constituents unambiguously. All **id**s have a global scope, i. e. every **id** must be unambiguous throughout a whole SED-ML document.

An example for a defined id is given in Listing 2.9. In the example the model has the id m00001.

```
1 <model id="m00001" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000012">
```

```
[MODEL DEFINITION]
```

Listing 2.9: SED-ML id definition, e.g. for a model

2.1.7.2 name

SED-ML classes may have an optional element name of data type string. Names do not have identifying character, i. e. several SED-ML constituents may have the same name. The purpose of the name attribute is to store a human-readable name.

Listing 2.10 extends the model definition in Listing 2.9 by a model name.

Listing 2.10: SED-ML name definition, e.g. for a model

2.1.7.3 math

Some classes in SED-ML have a mandatory element math of data type MathML to encode mathematical expressions. Examples are the ComputeChange for pre-processing of Models or DataGenerator for post-processing of Task results. The available subset of mathematical functions and elements which can be used in the math in SED-ML are listed in Section MathML.

2.1.7.4 kisaoID

Some classes in SED-ML, e.g. Algorithm and AlgorithmParameter, have a mandatory element kisaoID which references a term from the KiSAO ontology. The referenced KiSAO term should define the simulation Algorithm or AlgorithmParameter as precisely as possible. The referenced term must be defined in the correct syntax, as defined by the regular expression KISAO: [0-9]{7}.

2.1.7.5 ListOf* containers

SED-ML listOf* elements serve as containers for a collection of objects of the same type. For example, the listOfModels contains all Model objects of a SED-ML document. Lists do not carry any further semantics nor do they add additional attributes to the language. They might, however, be annotated with Notes and Annotations as they are derived from SEDBase. All listOf* elements are optional in a SED-ML document (with exception of listOfRanges and listOfSubTasks in RepeatedTask which are mandatory).

2.1.7.6 listOfParameters

All Parameters needed throughout the simulation experiment, whether to compute a change on a model prior to or during simulation (ComputeChange and SetValue), to compute values in a FunctionalRange, or to set up a DataGenerator, are defined inside a listOfParameters. See Figure 2.11 on page 35 or Figure 2.16 on page 48.

Listing 2.11 shows the use of the listOfParameters element. The element is optional and may contain zero to many parameters.

Listing 2.11: $SED ext{-}ML$ listOfParameters element

2.1.7.7 listOfVariables

SED-ML uses the Variable concept to refer to existing entities inside a model. The container for all variables is <code>listOfVariables</code>. It includes all variables that need to be defined to either describe a change in the model by means of mathematical equations via <code>ComputeChange</code> (Figure 2.11 on page 35 or to set up a <code>DataGenerator</code> (Figure 2.16 on page 48). The <code>listOfVariables</code> is optional and may contain zero to many variables.

Listing 2.12 on the next page shows the use of the listOfVariables element.

Listing 2.12: SED-ML listOfVariables element

2.1.8 Reference relations

The reference concept is used to refer to a particular element inside the SED-ML document. It may occur as an association between:

- two Models (modelReference)
- a Variable and a Model (modelReference)
- a Variable and an AbstractTask (taskReference)
- a Task and the simulated Model (modelReference)
- a Task and the Simulation run (simulationReference)
- an Output and a DataGenerator (dataReference)

The definition of a Task object requires a reference to a particular Model object (modelReference, see Section 2.1.8.1 on page 18); furthermore, the Task object must be associated with a particular Simulation object (simulationReference, see Section 2.1.8.2 on page 19).

Depending on the use of the reference relation in connection with a Variable object, it may take different roles:

- a. The reference association might occur between a Variable object and a Model object, e.g. if the variable is to define a Change. In that case the variable element contains a modelReference to refer to the particular model that contains the variable used to define the change (see Section 2.1.8.1 on page 18).
- b. If the reference is used as an association between a Variable object and an AbstractTask object inside the dataGenerator class, then the variable element contains a taskReference to unambiguously refer to an observable in a given task (see Section 2.1.8.3 on page 19).

2.1.8.1 modelReference

The modelReference is a reference used to refer to a particular Model via a SIdRef. The modelReference either represents a relation between two Model objects, a Variable object and a Model object, or a relation between a Task object and a Model object.

The source attribute of a Model is allowed to reference either a URI or an SId to a second Model. Constructs where a model A refers to a model B and B to A (directly or indirectly) are invalid.

If pre-processing needs to be applied to a model before simulation, then the model update can be specified by creating a Change object. In the particular case that a change must be calculated with a mathematical function, variables need to be defined. To refer to an existing entity in a defined Model, the modelReference is used.

The modelReference attribute of the variable element contains the id of a model that is defined in the document.

Listing 2.13 shows the use of the modelReference element. In the example, a change is applied on model m0001. In the computeChange element a list of variables is defined. One of those variable is v1 which is defined in another model (cellML). The XPath expression given in the target attribute identifies the variable in the model which carries the ID cellML.

The modelReference is also used to indicate that a Model object is used in a particular Task. Listing 2.14 shows how this can be done for a sample SED-ML document.

Listing 2.14: SED-ML modelReference definition inside a task element

The example defines two different tasks; the first one applies the simulation settings of simulation1 on model1, the second one applies the same simulation settings on model2.

2.1.8.2 simulationReference

The simulationReference is used to refer to a particular Simulation via a SIdRef, e.g. in a Task.

Listing 2.14 shows the reference to a defined simulation for a sample SED-ML document. In the example, both tasks t1 and t2 use the simulation settings defined in simulation1 to run the experiment.

2.1.8.3 taskReference

The taskReference is a reference used to refer to a particular AbstractTask via a SIdRef. The taskReference is used in SubTask to reference the respective subtask, or in Variable within a DataGenerator.

DataGenerator objects are created to apply post-processing to the simulation results before final output. For certain types of post-processing Variable objects need to be created. These link to a task defined within the listOfTasks from which the model that contains the variable of interest can be inferred. A taskReference association is used to realise that link from a Variable object inside a DataGenerator to an AbstractTask object. Listing 2.15 gives an example.

```
1 1 1 1 2 2 3 4 4 4 4 5 6 6 7 7 8 
            8 
            9 
            1 1 2 2 2 2 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 <l>4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
```

Listing 2.15: SED-ML taskReference definition inside a dataGenerator element

The example shows the definition of a variable v1 in a dataGenerator element. The variable appears in the model that is used in task t1. The task definition of t1 might look as shown in Listing 2.16.

Task t1 references the model model1. Therefore we can conclude that the variable v1 defined in Listing 2.15 targets an element of the model with ID model1. The targeting process itself will be explained in section 2.1.6 on page 15.

Listing 2.16: Use of the reference relations in a task definition

2.1.8.4 dataReference

The dataReference is a reference used to refer to a particular DataGenerator via a SIdRef, e.g from an Output instance.

Four different types of dataReference exist in SED-ML Level 1 Version 3. They are used depending on the type of output for the simulation. A 2d plot has an xDataReference and a yDataReference

assigned. A 3D plot has in addition a <code>zDataReference</code> assigned. To define a report, each data column has a <code>dataReference</code> assigned.

Listing 2.17 shows the reference to a defined data set for a sample SED-ML document. In the example, the output type is a 2D plot, which defines one curve with id c1. A curve must refer to two different data generators which describe how to procure the data that is to be plotted on the x-axis and y-axis respectively.

Listing 2.17: Example for the use of data references in a curve definition

2.2 SED-ML Components

In this section the major components of SED-ML are described. The complete UML class diagram is given in Figure 2.1 on page 9, example simulation experiments are provided in Appendix A, the XML Schema is listed in Appendix B.

2.2.1 SED-ML top level element

Each SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 document has a main class called SED-ML which defines the document's structure and content (Figure 2.7 on the following page). It consists of several parts connected to the SED-ML class via listof* constructs through aggregation:

- DataDescription (for resolving external data),
- Model (for models specifications),
- Simulation (for simulation setup specification, see Section 2.2.6),
- AbstractTask (for the linkage of models and simulation setups),
- DataGenerator (for the definition of post-processing),
- Output (for the specification of plots and reports).

A SED-ML document needs to have the SED-ML namespace defined through the mandatory xmlns attribute. In addition, the SED-ML level and version attributes are required.

The root element of each SED-ML XML file is the sedML element, encoding level and version of the file, and setting the necessary namespaces. Nested inside the sedML element are the six optional lists serving as containers for the encoded information: listOfDataDescriptions for all external data sources, listOfModels for all models, listOfSimulations for all simulations, listOfTasks for all tasks, listOfDataGenerators for all post-processing definitions, and listOfOutputs for all output definitions.



Figure 2.7: $The\ SED\text{-}ML\ class$

Table 2.5 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the SED-ML element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
xmlns	page 23
level	page 23
version	page 23
sub-elements	description
$notes^o$	page 12
$\mathrm{annotation}^o$	page 12
${\bf listOfDataDescriptions}^o$	page 23
$listOfModels^{o}$	page 24
$listOfSimulations^{o}$	page 24
$listOfTasks^{o}$	page 24
${\bf listOfDataGenerators}^o$	page 24
${\bf listOfOutputs}^o$	page 25

 Table 2.5:
 Attributes and nested elements for SED-ML. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

The basic XML structure of a SED-ML file is shown in listing 2.18.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <sedML xmlns:math="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML"
3 xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
        tofDataDescriptions>
            [DATA REFERENCES AND TRANSFORMATIONS]
        </listOfDataDescriptions>
       stOfModels>
            [MODEL REFERENCES AND APPLIED CHANGES]
        </listOfModels>
       tofSimulations>
            [SIMULATION SETUPS]
11
12
       </listOfSimulations>
       listOfTasks>
13
            [MODELS LINKED TO SIMULATIONS]
14
        </list0fTasks>
       <listOfDataGenerators>
16
            [DEFINITION OF POST-PROCESSING]
17
        </listOfDataGenerators>
18
19
        tofOutputs>
            [DEFINITION OF OUTPUT]
       </list0f0utputs>
21
22 </sedML>
```

Listing 2.18: The SED-ML root element

2.2.1.1 xmlns

The xmlns attribute declares the namespace for the SED-ML document. The pre-defined namespace for SED-ML documents is http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3.

In addition, SED-ML makes use of the MathML namespace http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML to enable the encoding of mathematical expressions. SED-ML notes use the XHTML namespace http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml. Additional external namespaces might be used in annotations.

2.2.1.2 level

The current SED-ML level is 1. Major revisions containing substantial changes will lead to the definition of forthcoming levels. The level attribute is required and its value is a fixed decimal. For SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 the value is set to 1, as shown in the example in Listing 2.18.

2.2.1.3 version

The current SED-ML **version** is **3**. Minor revisions containing corrections and refinements of SED-ML elements, or new constructs which do not affect backwards compatibility, will lead to the definition of forthcoming versions.

The **version** attribute is required and its value is a fixed **decimal**. For SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 the value is set to 3, as shown in the example in Listing 2.18.

2.2.1.4 listOfDataDescriptions

In order to reference data in a simulation experiment, the data files along with a description on how to access such files and what information to extract from it have to be defined. The SED-ML document uses the listofDataDescriptions container for the DataDescriptions used to reference external data (Figure 2.7 on the previous page). The listofDataDescriptions is optional and may contain zero to many DataDescriptions.

Listing 2.19 shows the use of the listOfDataDescriptions element.

```
1 1 1 st0fDataDescriptions>
      <dataDescription id="Data1" name="Oscli Time Course Data" source="http://svn.code.sf.net/p/libsedml/</pre>
           code/trunk/Samples/data/oscli.numl">
          <dimensionDescription>
              <compositeDescription indexType="double" id="time" name="time" xmlns="http://www.numl.org/</pre>
                      <compositeDescription indexType="string" id="SpeciesIds" name="SpeciesIds">
                      <atomicDescription valueType="double" name="Concentrations" />
                  </compositeDescription>
              </compositeDescription>
          </dimensionDescription>
          <dataSource id="dataS1">
11
                  Slices
                      <slice reference="SpeciesIds" value="S1" />
14
                  </listOfSlices>
```

Listing 2.19: $SED ext{-}ML\ listOfDataDescriptions\ element}$

2.2.1.5 listOfModels

The models used in a simulation experiment are defined in the listofModels container (Figure 2.7 on page 22). The listofModels is optional and may contain zero to many Models. However, if a SED-ML document contains one or more Tasks, at least one Model must be defined to which the Task elements refer (see Section 2.1.8.1).

Listing 2.20 shows the use of the listOfModels element.

Listing 2.20: SED-ML listOfModels element

2.2.1.6 listOfSimulations

The listofSimulations element is the container for Simulation descriptions (Figure 2.7 on page 22). The listofSimulations is optional and may contain zero to many Simulations. However, if the SED-ML document contains one or more Tasks, at least one Simulation element must be defined to which the Task elements refer (see Section 2.1.8.2).

Listing 2.21 shows the use of the listOfSimulation element.

Listing 2.21: The SED-ML listOfSimulations element, containing two simulation setups

2.2.1.7 listOfTasks

The listOfTasks element contains the defined tasks for the simulation experiment (Figure 2.7 on page 22). The listOfTasks is optional and may contain zero to many tasks, each of which is an instance of a subclass of AbstractTask. However, if the SED-ML document contains a DataGenerator with at least one Variable, at least one Task must be defined to which variable(s) in the DataGenerator element refer (see Section 2.1.8.3).

Listing 2.22 shows the use of the listOfTasks element.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.22:} \ \ \textit{The SED-ML 1} \textbf{1} \textbf{istOfTasks} \ \ element, \ \ defining \ \ one \ \ task$

2.2.1.8 listOfDataGenerators

The listofDataGenerators container holds the dataGenerator definitions of a simulation experiment (Figure 2.7 on page 22) in the SED-ML document. The listofDataGenerators is optional and in general may contain zero to many DataGenerators.

In SED-ML, all variable and parameter values used in the Output class need to be defined as a Data-Generator beforehand. The container for those data generators is the listOfDataGenerators.

Listing 2.23 on the following page shows the use of the listOfDataGenerators element.

```
1 1 1 1 1 1 2 </dataGenerator id="d1" name="time"></dataGenerator id="d1" name="time"></dataGenerator></dataGenerator></dataGenerator id="LaCI" name="LaCI repressor"></dataGenerator id="LaCI" name="LaCI repressor"></dataGenerator></dataGenerator></dataGenerator>
8 </listofDataGenerator>
```

Listing 2.23: The listOfDataGenerators element, defining two data generators time and LaCI repressor

2.2.1.9 listOfOutputs

The listofoutputs container holds the output definitions of a simulation experiment (Figure 2.7 on page 22). The listofoutputs is optional and may contain zero to many outputs.

The Output can be either a Report, a Plot2D or as a Plot3D.

Listing 2.24 shows the use of the listOfOutputs element.

Listing 2.24: The listOfOutput element

2.2.2 DataDescription

The DataDescription class (Figure 2.8) references a file containing data points, along with a description on how to access that file, and what information to extract from it.

The DataDescription class introduces three attributes: the required attributes id and source and the optional attribute name. Additionally two elements are defined: dimensionDescription and listOfDataSources.

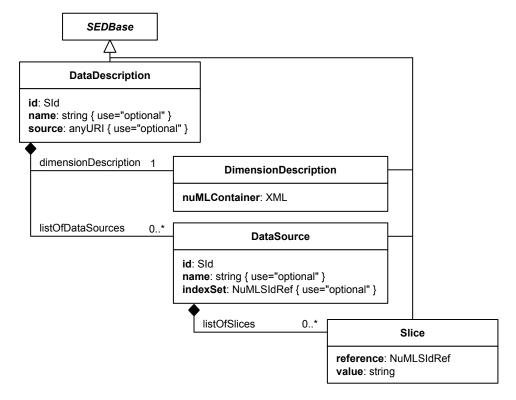


Figure 2.8: The SED-ML DataDescription class

Table 2.6 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the dataDescription element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
source	page 26
sub-elements	description
$notes^o$	page 12
annotation o	page 12
${\rm dimensionDescription}^o$	page 26
${\bf listOfDataSources}^o$	page 26

Table 2.6: Attributes and nested elements for dataDescription. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

source

Analog to how the **source** attribute on the Model is handled, this attribute provides a location of a data file. In order to resolve the **source** attribute, the same mechanisms are allowed as for Model element: be it a local file system, a relative link or an online resource. In the Level 1 Version 3 only source files encoded in either NuML or CSV are allowed, with NuML being the recommended data format.

In case of CSV as source encoding the file

- must contain a header row which defines the ids
- must use the comma "," as field separator
- must use the dot "." as separator in numbers
- may contain comment rows which start with "#"
- the dimension Description of the CSV data
Description must be two dimensional and correspond to the content of the CSV file

CSVs are always two dimensional data files with the headers being of data type NuMLSId. Only CSV columns containing numerical data can be used in DataSource.

Listing 2.25 shows the use of the dataDescription element.

Listing 2.25: $SED ext{-}ML$ dataDescription element

dimensionDescription

The dimensionDescription contains a DimensionDescription object providing the dimension description of the source data file of the DataDescription.

listOfDataSources

The listofDataSources contains one or more DataSource elements that are then used in the remainder of the SED-ML document.

2.2.3 DataDescription components

2.2.3.1 DimensionDescription

The DimensionDescription class (Figure 2.8 on page 25) defines the dimension of the data file provided by the outer DataDescription element. The DimensionDescription is a NuML container containing the NuML dimension description. The dimensionDescription element is the data description from an NuML file.

In the following example nested NuML compositeDescription with time spanning one dimension and SpeciesIds another dimension. This two dimensional space is then filled with double values representing concentrations.

Listing 2.26: $SED ext{-}ML$ dimensionDescription element

2.2.3.2 DataSource

The DataSource class (Figure 2.8 on page 25) extracts chunks out of the data file provided by the outer DataDescription element.

The DataSource class introduces three attributes: the required attribute id and the optional attributes name, indexSet, and listOfSlices (Figure 2.8 on page 25).

Table 2.7 shows all attributes and sub-elements for	the	$_{ m c}$ dataSource eleme	ent.
---	-----	----------------------------	------

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
indexSet	page 28
sub-elements	${f description}$
$notes^o$	page 12
$\mathrm{annotation}^o$	page 12
listOfSlices o	page 28

Table 2.7: Attributes and nested elements for dataSource. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Once the DataSource elements are defined, they can be reused anywhere in the SED-ML Description. Specifically their id attribute can be referenced within the listOfVariables of DataGenerators, computeChange or setValue objects. Here an example that re-uses the data source dataS1:

This represents a change from Level 1 Version 1 and Level 1 Version 2, in which a taskReference was always present for a variable in a data generator.

To indicate that the target is an entity defined within the current SED-ML description the hashtag (#) with the reference to an id was used. Additionally, this example uses the modelReference, in order to facilitate a mapping of the data encoded in the NuML document with a given model.

Since data elements in NuML can be either values or indices, the DataSource element provides two ways of addressing those elements. The <code>indexSet</code> attribute allows to address all indices provided by NuML elements with <code>indexType</code>.

indexSet

Since data elements in NuML can be either values or indices, the DataSource element provides two ways of addressing those elements. The indexSet attribute allows to address all indices provided by NuML elements with indexType.

For example for the **indexSet time** below, a dataSource would extract the set of all timepoints stored in the index.

```
1 <dataSource id="dataTime" indexSet="time" />
Similarly:
1 <dataSource id="allIds" indexSet="SpeciesIds" />
```

would extract all the species id strings stored in that index set. Valid values for indexSet are all NuML Id elements declared in the dimensionDescription.

If the indexSet attribute is specified the corresponding dataSource may not define any slice elements.

listOfSlices

The listofSlices contains one or more Slice elements. The listofSlices container holds the Slice definitions of a DataSource (Figure 2.8 on page 25). The listofSlices is optional and may contain zero to many Slices.

2.2.3.3 Slice

If a DataSource does not define the indexSet attribute, it will contain Slice elements. Each slice removes one dimension from the data hypercube.

The Slice class introduces two required attributes: reference and value (Figure 2.8 on page 25).

Table 2.8 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the slice element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
reference value	page 28 page 28
sub-elements	description
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

 $\textbf{Table 2.8:} \quad \textit{Attributes and nested elements for slice.} \quad \textit{o} \ \textit{denotes optional elements and attributes}.$

reference

The **reference** attribute references one of the indices described in the **dimensionDescription**. In the example above, valid values would be: **time** and **SpeciesIds**.

value

The value attribute takes the value of a specific index in the referenced set of indices. For example:

would isolate the index set of all species ids specified, to only the single entry for S1, however over the

full range of the time index set. As stated before, there could be multiple slice elements present, so it would be feasible to slice the data again, to obtain a single time point, for example the initial one:

2.2.4 Model

The Model class defines the models used in a simulation experiment (Figure 2.9).

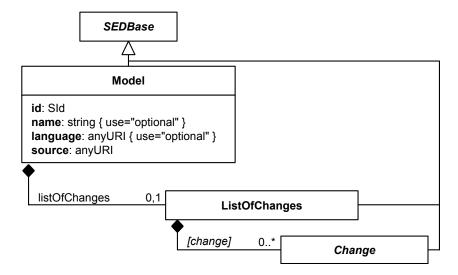


Figure 2.9: The SED-ML Model class

Each instance of the Model class has the mandatory attributes id and source, and the optional attributes name, language, and listOfChanges.

The language may be specified, defining the format the model is encoded in.

The Model class refers to the particular model of interest through the source attribute. The restrictions on the model reference are

- The model must be encoded in an XML format.
- To refer to the model encoding language, a reference to a valid definition of that XML format must be given (language attribute).
- To refer to a particular model in an external resource, an unambiguous reference must be given (source attribute).

A model might need to undergo pre-processing before simulation. Those pre-processing steps are specified in the <code>listOfChanges</code> via the <code>Change</code> class.

Table 2.9 on the following page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the model element.

Listing 2.27 on the next page shows the use of the model element. In the example the listOfModels contains three models: The first model m0001 is the Repressilator model from BioModels Database available from urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000012. For the SED-ML simulation the model might undergo preprocessing steps described in the listOfChanges. Based on the description of the first model m0001, the second model m00012 is built, which is a modified version of the Repressilator model. m0002 refers to the model m0001 in its source attribute. m0002 might then have additional changes applied to it on top of the changes defined in the pre-processing of m0001. The third model in the code example above is a different model in CellML representation. The model m0003 is available from the given URL in the source attribute. Again, it might have pre-processing steps applied before used in a simulation.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
language ^o	page 30
source	page 30
sub-elements	${f description}$
$notes^o$	page 12
$\mathrm{annotation}^o$	page 12
$\overline{\text{listOfChanges}^o}$	page 31

Table 2.9: Attributes and nested elements for model. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

```
stOfModels>
      <model id="m0001" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml"
          source="urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000012">
          Changes
              <change>
                  [MODEL PRE-PROCESSING]
               </change>
          </listOfChanges>
      </model>
      <model id="m0002" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="m0001">
10
          Changes
11
              [MODEL PRE-PROCESSING]
12
          </listOfChange>
14
      </model>
      <model id="m0003" language="urn:sedml:language:cellml" source="http://models.cellml.org/workspace/
15
           leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999/@@rawfile/d6613d7e1051b3eff2bb1d3d419a445bb8c754ad/
           leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999_a.cellml">
          [MODEL PRE-PROCESSING]
      </model>
18 </listOfModels>
```

Listing 2.27: $SED\text{-}ML \mod 1$ element

language

The optional language attribute of data type anyURI is used to specify the format of the model. Example formats are SBML (urn:sedml:language:sbml) or CellML (urn:sedml:language:cellml). The supported languages are defined in the language references.

If it is not explicitly defined the default value for <code>language</code> is <code>urn:sedml:language:xml</code>, referring to any XML based model representation. However, the use of the <code>language</code> attribute is strongly encouraged for two reasons. Firstly, it helps a user decide whether or not he is able to run the simulation, that is to parse the model referenced in the SED-ML file. Secondly, the language attribute is also needed to decide how to handle the <code>Symbols</code> in the <code>Variable</code> class, as the interpretation of <code>Symbols</code> depends on the language of the representation format.

source

To make a model available for the execution of a SED-ML file, the **source** must be specified through either an URI or a reference to an SId of an existing Model. The URI should follow the proposed URI Scheme for Model references.

An example for the definition of a model via an URI is given in Listing 2.28. The example defines one model m1 with the model source available from urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD000000012. The MIRIAM URN can be resolved into the SBML model stored in BioModels Database under the identifier BIOMD0000000012 using the MIRIAM web service. The resulting URL is http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels-main/BIOMD0000000012.

Listing 2.28: The SED-ML source element, using the URI scheme

An example for the definition of a model using an URL is given in Listing 2.29. In the example one model is defined. The language of the model is CellML as the CellML model repository currently does not provide a MIRIAM URI for model reference, the *URL* pointing to the model code is used to refer to the model. The URL is given in the source attribute.

Listing 2.29: The SED-ML source element, using a URL

listOfChanges

The listOfChanges (Figure 2.9 on page 29) contains the Changes to be applied to a particular Model. The listOfChanges is optional and may contain zero to many Changes.

Listing 2.30 shows the use of the listOfChanges element.

Listing 2.30: The SED-ML listOfChanges element, defining a change on a model

2.2.5 Change

The Change class allows to describe changes applied to a model before simulation (Figure 2.10 on the following page). Changes can be of the following types:

- Changes on attributes of the model's XML representation (ChangeAttribute)
- Changes on any XML snippet of the model's XML representation (AddXML, ChangeXML, RemoveXML)
- Changes based on mathematical calculations (ComputeChange)

The Change class is abstract and serves as the base class for different types of changes, the ChangeAttribute, AddXML, ChangeXML, RemoveXML, and ComputeChange.

The Change class has the mandatory attribute target which defines the target of the change.

Each Change has a mandatory target attribute that holds a valid XPath expression pointing to the XML element or XML attribute that is to undergo the defined changes. Except for the cases of ChangeXML and RemoveXML, this XPath expression must always select a single element or attribute within the relevant model.

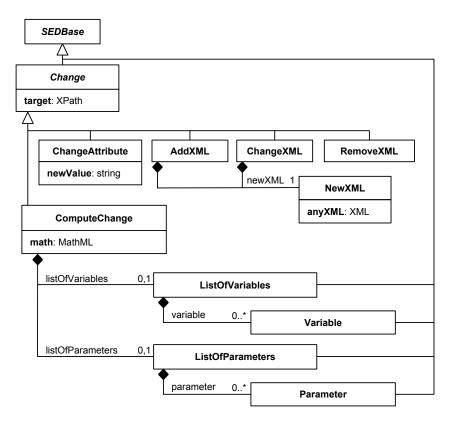


Figure 2.10: The SED-ML Change class

Table 2.10 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the change element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
target	page 32
sub-elements	description
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.10: Attributes and nested elements for change. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

target

The target attribute holds a valid XPath expression of data type xpath pointing to the XML element or XML attribute that is to undergo the defined changes.

2.2.5.1 NewXML

The **newXML** element provides a piece of XML code (Figure 2.10). **NewXML** must hold a valid piece of XML which after insertion into the original model must result in a valid model file (according to the model language specification as given by the language attribute of the model).

Table 2.11 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the newXML element.

The newXML element is used at two different places inside SED-ML Level 1 Version 3:

1. If it is used as a sub-element of the addXML element, then the XML it contains it is to be inserted

attribute	description
none	
sub-elements	description
anyXML	

Table 2.11: Attributes and nested elements for newXML. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

as a child of the XML element addressed by the XPath.

2. If it is used as a sub-element of the changeXML element, then the XML it contains is to replace the XML element addressed by the XPath.

Examples are given in the relevant change class definitions.

2.2.5.2 AddXML

The AddXML class specifies a snippet of XML that is to be added as a child of the element selected by the XPath expression in the target attribute (Figure 2.10 on the preceding page). The new piece of XML code is provided by the NewXML class.

An example for a change that adds an additional parameter to a model is given in Listing 2.31. In the example the model is changed so that a parameter with ID V_mT is added to its list of parameters. The newXML element adds an additional XML element to the original model. The element's name is parameter and it is added to the existing parent element listOfParameters that is addressed by the XPath expression in the target attribute.

Listing 2.31: The addXML element with its newXML sub-element

2.2.5.3 ChangeXML

The ChangeXML class allows you to replace any XML element(s) in the model that can be addressed by a valid XPath expression (Figure 2.10 on the previous page).

The XPath expression is specified in the required target attribute. The replacement XML content is specified in the NewXML class.

An example for a change that adds an additional parameter to a model is given in Listing 2.32. In the example the model is changed in the way that its parameter with ID V_mT is substituted by two other parameters V_mT_1 and V_mT_2. The target attribute defines that the parameter with ID V_mT is to be changed. The newXML element then specifies the XML that is to be exchanged for that parameter.

Listing 2.32: $The \ changeXML \ element$

2.2.5.4 RemoveXML

The RemoveXML class can be used to delete XML elements or attributes in the model that are addressed by the XPath expression (Figure 2.10 on the preceding page). The XPath is specified in the required target attribute.

An example for the removal of an XML element from a model is given in Listing 2.33. In the example the model is changed by deleting the reaction with ID V_mT from the model's list of reactions.

Listing 2.33: $The \ removeXML \ element$

2.2.5.5 ChangeAttribute

The ChangeAttribute class allows to define updates on the XML attribute values of the corresponding model (Figure 2.10 on page 32). ChangeAttribute requires to specify the target of the change, i.e. the location of the addressed XML attribute, and also the newValue of that attribute. Note that the XPath expression in the target attribute must select a single attribute within the corresponding model.

The ChangeXML class covers the possibilities provided by the ChangeAttribute class. I.e. everything that can be expressed by a ChangeAttribute construct can also be expressed by ChangeXML. However, for the common case of changing an attribute value ChangeAttribute is easier to use, and so it is recommended to use the ChangeAttribute for any changes of an XML attribute's value, and to use the more general ChangeXML for other cases.

Table 2.12 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the changeAttribute element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
target newValue	page 32 page 34
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

 $\textbf{Table 2.12:} \quad \textit{Attributes and nested elements for Change Attribute.} \quad \textit{o'denotes optional elements and attributes.} \quad \textit{o'denotes optional elements attributes.} \quad \textit{o'denotes optiona$

newValue

The mandatory **newValue** attribute of data type **string** assignes a new value to the targeted XML attribute.

The example in Listing 2.34 shows the update of the value of two parameters inside an SBML model.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.34:} \ \ The \ \textit{changeAttribute} \ \ element \ and \ its \ \textit{newValue} \ \ attribute$

2.2.5.6 ComputeChange

The ComputeChange class permits to change, prior to the experiment, the numerical value of any element or attribute of a Model addressable by an XPath expression, based on a calculation (Figure 2.11 on the next page).

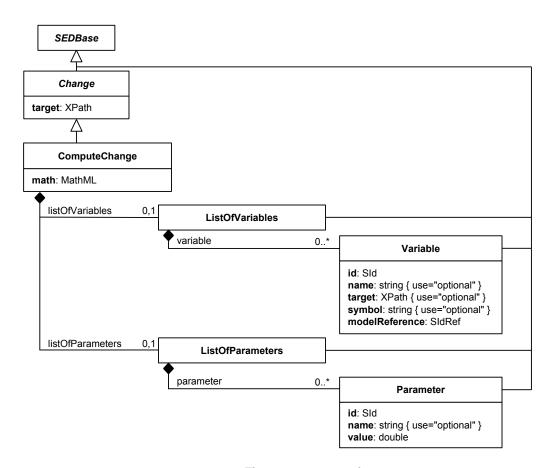


Figure 2.11: The ComputeChange class

The mathematical expression for the change is specified using the required math attribute data type MathML. If used as an element of the ComputeChange class, it computes the change of the element or attribute addressed by the target attribute.

The computation can use the value of Variables from any model defined in the simulation experiment via the optional element listOfVariables. Those variables need to be defined, and can then be addressed by their respective id. A Variable used in a ComputeChange must carry a modelReference attribute but no taskReference attribute (Figure 2.11).

To carry out the calculation it may be necessary to introduce additional Parameters via the optional element <code>listOfParameters</code>, that are not defined in any of the odels] used in the simulation experiment. Such Parameters are thereafter referred to by their <code>id</code>.

Note that where a ComputeChange refers to another model, that model is not allowed to be modified by ComputeChanges which directly or indirectly refer to this model. In other words, cycles in the definitions of computed changes are prohibited, since then the new values would not be well defined.

Table 2.13 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the compute Change element.

Listing 2.35 shows the use of the computeChange element.

```
<model [..]>
      <computeChange target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='sensor']">
          tofVariables>
              <variable modelReference="model1" id="R" name="regulator"</pre>
              target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='regulator']" />
<variable modelReference="model2" id="S" name="sensor"</pre>
                  target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='sensor']" />
          <listOfVariables/>
          <parameter id="n" name="cooperativity" value="2">
              12
          <listOfParameters/>
13
          <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
          <apply>
            <times />
```

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
target	page 32
sub-elements	${f description}$
$notes^o$	page 12
annotation o	page 12
$listOfVariables^{o}$	page 17
${\bf listOfParameters}^o$	page 17
math	page 17

Table 2.13: Attributes and nested elements for computeChange. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

```
<ci>S</ci>
              <apply>
<divide />
19
                <apply>
20
                  <power />
21
                  <ci>R</ci>
23
                  <ci>n</ci>
                </apply>
24
25
                <apply>
                  <plus />
26
                  <apply>
28
                    <power />
                    <ci>K</ci>
29
                    <ci>n</ci>
30
                  </apply>
31
                  <apply>
                    <power />
33
                    <ci>R</ci>
34
                    <ci>n</ci>
35
                  </apply>
37
                </apply>
38
            </apply>
            39
       </computeChange>
       </listOfChanges>
42 </model>
```

Listing 2.35: The computeChange element

The example in Listing 2.35 computes a change of the variable sensor of the model model2. To do so, it uses the value of the variable regulator coming from model model1. In addition, the calculation used two additional parameters, the cooperativity \mathbf{n} , and the sensitivity \mathbf{K} . The mathematical expression in the mathML then computes the new initial value of sensor using the equation: $S = S \times \frac{R^n}{K^n + R^n}$

2.2.6 Simulation

A simulation is the execution of some defined algorithm(s). Simulations are described differently depending on the type of simulation experiment to be performed (Figure 2.12 on the next page).

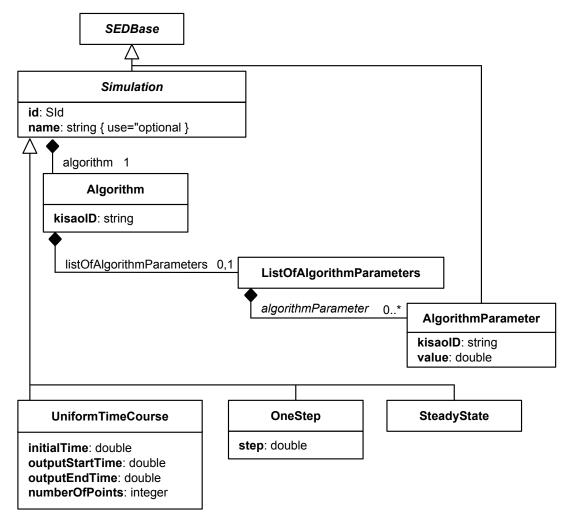


Figure 2.12: $The \ SED ext{-}ML \ Simulation \ class$

Simulation is an abstract class and serves as the container for the different types of simulation experiments. SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 provides the predefined simulation classes UniformTimeCourse, OneStep and SteadyState.

Each instance of the Simulation class has an unambiguous and mandatory id. An additional, optional name may be given to the simulation. Every simulation has a required element algorithm describing the simulation Algorithm.

Table 2.14 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the simulation element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	description page 12 page 12

Table 2.14: Attributes and nested elements for simulation. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.36 shows the use of the simulation element.

Listing 2.36: The SED-ML listOfSimulations element, defining two different UniformTimecourse simulations

algorithm

The mandatory attribute algorithm defines the simulation algorithms used for the execution of the simulation. The algorithms are defined via the Algorithm class.

2.2.6.1 UniformTimeCourse

Each instance of the UniformTimeCourse class has, in addition to the elements from Simulation, the mandatory elements initialTime, outputStartTime, outputEndTime, and numberOfPoints (Figure 2.12 on the preceding page).

Table 2.15 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the uniformTimeCourse element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
initialTime	page 38
outputStartTime	page 38
output End Time	page 39
${\bf number Of Points}$	page 39
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o	page 12
$\mathrm{annotation}^o$	page 12
algorithm	page 40

Table 2.15: Attributes and nested elements for uniformTimeCourse. Odenotes optional elements and attributes

Listing 2.37 shows the use of the uniformTimeCourse element.

Listing 2.37: The SED-ML uniformTimeCourse element, defining a uniform time course simulation over 2500 time units with 1000 simulation points.

initialTime

The attribute **initialTime** of type **double** represents the time from which to start the simulation. Usually this will be **0.0**. Listing 2.37 shows an example.

outputStartTime

Sometimes a researcher is not interested in simulation results at the start of the simulation (i.e. the initial time). The UniformTimeCourse class uses the attribute outputStartTime of type double to describe this simulation experiment. To be valid the outputStartTime cannot be before initialTime. For an example, see Listing 2.37.

outputEndTime

The attribute **outputEndTime** of type **double** marks the end time of the simulation. See Listing 2.37 for an example.

numberOfPoints

When executed, the <code>UniformTimeCourse</code> simulation produces an output on a regular grid starting with <code>outputStartTime</code> and ending with <code>outputEndTime</code>. The attribute <code>numberOfPoints</code> of type <code>integer</code> describes the number of points expected in the result. Software interpreting the <code>UniformTimeCourse</code> is expected to produce a first outputPoint at time <code>outputStartTime</code> and then <code>numberOfPoints</code> output points with the results of the simulation. Thus a total of <code>numberOfPoints + 1</code> output points will be produced.

Just because the output points lie on the regular grid described above, does not mean that the simulation algorithm has to work with the same step size. Usually the step size the simulator chooses will be adaptive and much smaller than the required output step size. On the other hand a stochastic simulator might not have any new events occurring between two grid points. Nevertheless the simulator has to produce data on this regular grid. For an example, see Listing 2.37.

2.2.6.2 OneStep

The OneStep class calculates one further output step for the model from its current state. Each instance of the OneStep class has, in addition to the elements from Simulation, the mandatory element step (Figure 2.12 on page 37).

Table 2.16 shows	all attributes	and sub-elements	for the	oneStep element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
step	page 39
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12
algorithm	page 40

Table 2.16: Attributes and nested elements for one Step. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.38 shows the use of the oneStep element.

Listing 2.38: The SED-ML oneStep element, specifying to apply the simulation algorithm for another output step of size 0.1.

step

The OneStep class has one required attribute **step** of type **double**. It defines the next output point that should be reached by the algorithm, by specifying the increment from the current output point. Listing 2.38 shows an example.

Note that the **step** does not necessarily equate to one integration step. The simulator is allowed to take as many steps as needed. However, after running oneStep, the desired output time is reached.

2.2.6.3 SteadyState

The SteadyState represents a steady state computation (as for example implemented by NLEQ or Kinsolve). The SteadyState class has no additional elements than the elements from Simulation (Figure 2.12 on page 37).

Table 2.17 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the steadyState element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
$\operatorname{sub-elements}$	${f description}$
$\frac{\text{sub-elements}}{\text{notes}^o}$	description page 12

Table 2.17: Attributes and nested elements for steadyState. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.39 shows the use of the steadyState element.

Listing 2.39: The SED-ML steadyState element, defining a steady state simulation with id steady.

2.2.7 Simulation components

2.2.7.1 Algorithm

The Algorithm class has a mandatory element kisaoID which contains a KiSAO reference to the particular simulation algorithm used in the simulation. In addition, the Algorithm has an optional listOfAlgorithmParameters, a collection of algorithmParameter, which are used to parameterize the algorithm.

Table 2.18 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the Algorithm element.

attribute	description
metaid^o $\mathrm{kisaoID}$	page 11 page 59
sub-elements	description
$\begin{array}{c} \text{notes}^o \\ \text{annotation}^o \\ \text{listOfAlgorithmParameters}^o \end{array}$	page 12 page 12 page 41

 Table 2.18:
 Attributes and nested elements for algorithm.
 odenotes optional elements and attributes.

The example given in Listing 2.36, completed by algorithm definitions results in the code given in Listing 2.40. In the example, for both simulations a algorithm is defined. In the first simulation s1 a deterministic approach is used (Euler forward method), in the second simulation s2 a stochastic approach is used (Stochsim nearest neighbor).

Listing 2.40: The SED-ML algorithm element for two different time course simulations, defining two different algorithms. KISAO:0000030 refers to the Euler forward method; KISAO:0000021 refers to the StochSim nearest neighbor algorithm.

listOfAlgorithmParameters

The listOfAlgorithmParameters contains the settings for the simulation algorithm used in a simulation (Figure 2.12 on page 37). It may list several instances of the AlgorithmParameter class. The listOfAlgorithmParameters is optional and may contain zero to many parameters.

Listing 2.41 shows the use of the listOfAlgorithmParameters element.

```
1 1 1 1 1 1 2 <algorithmParameters>
2 <algorithmParameter kisaoID="KISAO:0000211" value="23"/>
3 </listofAlgorithmParameters>
```

Listing 2.41: $SED ext{-}ML$ listOfAlgorithmParameters element

2.2.7.2 AlgorithmParameter

The AlgorithmParameter class allows to parameterize a particular simulation algorithm. The set of possible parameters for a particular instance is determined by the algorithm that is referenced by the kisaoID of the enclosing algorithm element (Figure 2.12 on page 37). Parameters of simulation algorithms are unambiguously referenced by the mandatory kisaoID attribute. Their value is set in the mandatory value attribute.

Listing 2.42: The SED-ML algorithmParameter element setting the parameter value for the simulation algorithm. KISAO:0000032 refers to the explicit fourth-order Runge-Kutta method; KISAO:00000211 refers to the absolute tolerance.

value

The value sets the value of the AlgorithmParameter.

2.2.8 AbstractTask

In SED-ML the subclasses of AbstractTask define which Simulations should be executed with which Models in the simulation experiment. AbstractTask is the base class of all SED-ML tasks, i.e. Task and RepeatedTask.

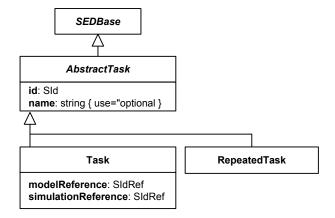


Figure 2.13: The SED-ML Abstract Task class

Table 2.19 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the abstractTask element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.19: Attributes and nested elements for abstractTask. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

2.2.8.1 Task

A Task links a Model to a certain Simulation description via their respective identifiers (Figure 2.13 on the preceding page), using the modelReference and the simulationReference. The task class receives the id and name attributes from AbstractTask.

In SED-ML it is only possible to link one Simulation description to one Model at a time. However, one can define as many tasks as needed within one experiment description. Please note that the tasks may be executed in any order, as determined by the implementation.

Table 2.20 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the task element.

attribute	description
metaid ^o id name ^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
modelReference simulationReference	page 18 page 19
sub-elements	description
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.20: Attributes and nested elements for task. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.43 shows the use of the task element. In the example, a simulation setting simulation1 is applied first to model1 and then to model2.

Listing 2.43: $The \ task \ element$

2.2.8.2 Repeated Task

The RepeatedTask (Figure 2.14 on the next page) provides a generic looping construct, allowing complex tasks to be composed from individual steps. The RepeatedTask performs a specified task (or sequence of tasks as defined in the listOfSubTasks) multiple times (where the exact number is specified through a Range construct as defined in range), while allowing specific quantities in the model to be altered at each iteration (as defined in the listOfChanges).

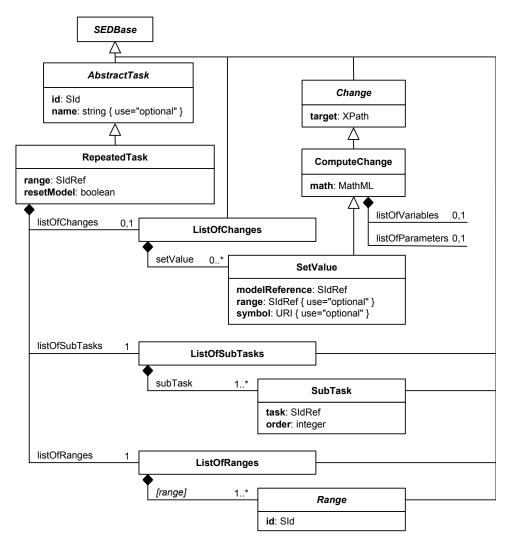


Figure 2.14: The SED-ML RepeatedTask class

The RepeatedTask inherits the required attribute id and optional attribute name from AbstractTask. Additionally it has the two required attributes range and resetModel and the child elements listOfRanges, listOfChanges and listOfSubTasks. Of these listOf* only listOfChanges is optional.

The order of activities within each iteration of a RepeatedTask is as follows:

- The Model is reset if specified by the **resetModel** attribute.
- Any changes to the model specified by SetValue objects in the listOfChanges are applied to the Model.
- Finally, all subTasks in the listOfSubtasks are executed in the order specified by their order element.

Table 2.21 on the following page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the repeatedTask element.

Listing 2.44 shows the use of the repeatedTask element. In the example, task1 is repeated three times, each time with a different value for a model parameter w.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
range resetModel	page 44 page 44
$\operatorname{sub-elements}$	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12
listOfChanges ^o listOfSubTask listOfRanges	page 44 page 44 page 45

Table 2.21: Attributes and nested elements for repeated Task. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

```
</re></re>
    </listOfRanges>
10
    1istOfChanges>
11
       <setValue target="/s:sbml/s:model/s:listOfParameters/s:parameter[@id='w']" modelReference="model1">
12
         <listOfVariables>
13
            <variable id="val" name="current range value" target="#current" />
14
15
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
17
           <ci> val </ci>
         18
        </setValue>
19
    </listOfChanges>
    st0fSubTasks>
      <subTask task="task1" />
22
    </listOfSubTasks>
24 </repeatedTask>
```

Listing 2.44: The repeatedTask element

range

The RepeatedTask has a required attribute range of type SIdRef. It specifies which range defined in the listOfRanges this repeated task iterates over. Listing 2.44 shows an example of a repeatedTask iterating over a single range comprising the values: 1, 4 and 10. If there are multiple ranges in the listOfRanges, then only the master range identified by this attribute determines how many iterations there will be in the repeatedTask. All other ranges must allow for at least as many iterations as the master range, and will be moved through in lock-step; their values can be used in setValue constructs.

resetModel

The repeatedTask has a required attribute **resetModel** of type **boolean**. It specifies whether the model should be reset to the initial state before processing an iteration of the defined subTasks. Here initial state refers to the state of the model as given in the <code>listOfModels</code>.

In the example in Listing 2.44 the repeated task is not to be reset, so a change is made, task1 is carried out, another change is made, then task1 continues from there, another change is applied, and task1 is carried out a last time.

listOfChanges

The optional listofChanges element contains one or many SetValue elements. These elements allow the modification of values in the model prior to the next iteration of the RepeatedTask.

listOfSubTasks

The required listofSubTasks contains one or more subTasks that specify which Tasks are performed in every iteration of the RepeatedTask. All subTasks have to be carried out sequentially, each continuing from the current model state (i.e. as at the end of the previous subTask, assuming it simulates the same model), and with their results concatenated (thus appearing identical to a single complex simulation).

The order in which to run multiple subTasks must be specified using the order attribute on the subTask.

Listing 2.45: The subTask element. In this example the task task2 must be executed before task1.

listOfRanges

The listofRanges defines one or more ranges used in the repeatedTask.

Ranges are the iterative element of the repeated simulation experiment. Each Range defines a collection of values to iterate over. The id attribute of the ranges can be used to refer to the current value of a range. When the id attribute is used in a listOfVariables within the RepeatedTask its value is to be replaced with the current value of the Range.

2.2.9 Task components

2.2.9.1 SubTask

A SubTask (Figure 2.14 on page 43) defines the subtask which is executed in every iteration of the enclosing RepeatedTask. The SubTask has a required attribute task that references the id of another AbstractTask. The order in which to run multiple subTasks must be specified via the required attribute order.

task

The required element task of data type SIdRef specifies the AbstractTask executed by this SubTask.

order

The required attribute **order** of data type **integer** specifies the order in which to run multiple subTasks in the listOfSubTasks. To specify that one subTask should be executed before another its **order** attribute must have a lower number (e.g. in Listing 2.45).

2.2.9.2 SetValue

The SetValue class (Figure 2.14 on page 43) allows the modification of the model prior to the next execution of the subTasks. The changes to the model are defined in the listOfChanges of the RepeatedTask.

SetValue inherits from the ComputeChange class, which allows it to compute arbitrary expressions involving a number of variables and parameters. SetValue has a mandatory modelReference attribute, and the optional attributes range and symbol.

The value to be changed is identified via the combination of the attributes modelReference and either symbol or target, in order to select an implicit or explicit variable within the referenced model.

As in functionalRange, the attribute range may be used as a shorthand to specify the id of another Range. The current value of the referenced range may then be used within the function defining this FunctionalRange, just as if that range had been referenced using a variable element, except that the id of the range is used directly. In other words, whenever the expression contains a ci element that contains the value specified in the range attribute, the value of the referenced range is to be inserted.

The math contains the expression computing the value by referring to optional parameters, variables or ranges. Again as for functionalRange, variable references retrieve always the current value of the model variable or range at the current iteration of the enclosing repeatedTask.

Listing 2.46: A setValue element setting w to the values of the range with id current.

2.2.9.3 Range

The Range class is the abstract base class for the different types of ranges, i.e. UniformRange, Vector-Range, and FunctionalRange (Figure 2.15).

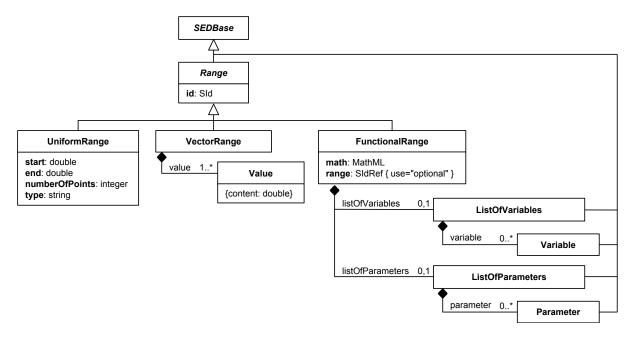


Figure 2.15: The SED-ML Range class

2.2.9.3.1 UniformRange

The UniformRange (Figure 2.15) allows the definition of a Range with uniformly spaced values. In this it is quite similar to what is used in the UniformTimeCourse. The UniformRange is defined via three mandatory attributes: start, the start value; end, the end value and numberOfPoints which defines defines the number of points in addition to the start value (the actual items in the range are numberOfPoints+1). A fourth attribute type that can take the values linear or log determines whether to draw the values logarithmically (with a base of 10) or linearly.

For example, the following UniformRange will produce 101 values uniformly spaced on the interval [0, 10] in ascending order.

```
_{\rm 1} <uniformRange id="current" start="0.0" end="10.0" numberOfPoints="100" type="linear" /> Listing 2.47: The UniformRange element
```

The following logarithmic example generates the three values 1, 10 and 100.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.48:} \ \ \textit{The UniformRange} \ \ element \ \ with \ \ a \ \ logarithmic \ \ range.$

2.2.9.3.2 VectorRange

The VectorRange (Figure 2.15) describes an ordered collection of real values, listing them explicitly within child value elements .

For example, the range below iterates over the values 1, 4 and 10 in that order.

Listing 2.49: The VectorRange element

2.2.9.3.3 FunctionalRange

The FunctionalRange (Figure 2.15 on the previous page) constructs a range through calculations that determine the next value based on the value(s) of other range(s) or model variables. In this it is similar to the ComputeChange element, and shares some of the same child elements (but is no subclass of ComputeChange). It consists of an optional attribute range, two optional elements listOfVariables and listOfParameters, and a required element math.

The optional attribute range of type SIdRef may be used as a shorthand to specify the id of another Range. The current value of the referenced range may then be used within the function defining this FunctionalRange, just as if that range had been referenced using a variable element, except that the id of the range is used directly. In other words, whenever the expression contains a ci element that contains the value specified in the range attribute, the value of the referenced range is to be inserted.

In the listOfVariables, the variable elements define identifiers referring to model variables or range values, which may then be used within the math expression. These references always retrieve the current value of the model variable or range at the current iteration of the enclosing repeatedTask.

The math encompasses the mathematical expression that is used to compute the value for the FunctionalRange at each iteration of the enclosing repeatedTask.

For example:

```
<functionalRange id="current" range="index"</pre>
       xmlns:s='http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/core'>
       stOfVariables>
           <variable id="w" name="current parameter value" modelReference="model2"</pre>
               target="/s:sbml/s:model/s:listOfParameters/s:parameter[@id='w']" />
       </listOfVariables>
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
        <apply>
           <times/>
            <ci> w </ci>
11
            <ci> index </ci>
12
        </apply>
      13
14 </functionalRange>
```

Listing 2.50: An example of a functional Range where a parameter w of model model 2 is multiplied by index each time it is called.

Here is another example, this time using the values in a piecewise expression:

```
<uniformRange id="index" start="0" end="10" numberOfPoints="100" />
  <piecewise>
              <piece>
                 <cn> 8 </cn>
                 <apply>
                     <ci> index </ci>
                     <cn> 1 </cn>
10
                 </apply>
11
12
              </piece>
                 < cn > 0.1 < / cn >
14
15
                 <apply>
                     <and />
16
                     <apply>
18
19
                         <ci> index </ci>
                         <cn> 4 </cn>
20
                     </apply>
21
                     <apply>
23
                         <lt />
                         <ci> index </ci>
24
                         <cn> 6 </cn>
25
                     </apply>
26
                 </apply>
              </piece>
28
              <otherwise>
29
                 <cn> 8 </cn>
30
              </otherwise>
          32
33
      34 </functionalRange>
```

Listing 2.51: A functionalRange element that returns 8 if index is smaller than 1, 0.1 if index is between 4 and 6, and 8 otherwise.

2.2.10 DataGenerator

The DataGenerator class prepares the raw simulation results for later output (Figure 2.16). It encodes the post-processing to be applied to the simulation data. The post-processing steps could be anything, from simple normalisations of data to mathematical calculations.

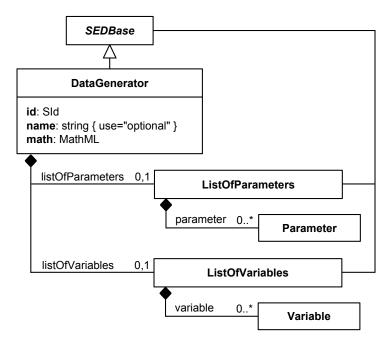


Figure 2.16: The SED-ML DataGenerator class. Note that Parameter and Variable are subclasses of SEDBase; the respective inheritance connections are not shown in the figure.

Each instance of the DataGenerator class is identifiable within the experiment by its unambiguous id. It can be further characterised by an optional name. The required math element contains a mathML expression for the calculation of the DataGenerator. Variable and Parameter instances can be used to encode the mathematical expression.

Table 2.22 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the dataGenerator element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
sub-elements	description
math	page 17
$notes^o$	page 12
annotation o	page 12
listOfVariables ^o	page 14
${\bf listOfParameters}^o$	page 13

Table 2.22: Attributes and nested elements for dataGenerator. Odenotes optional elements and attributes

Listing 2.52 on the following page shows the use of the dataGenerator element. In the example the listOfDataGenerator contains two dataGenerator elements. The first one, d1, refers to the task definition task1 (which itself refers to a particular model), and from the corresponding model it reuses the symbol time. The second one, d2, references a particular species defined in the same model (and referred

to via the taskReference="task1"). The model species with $id\ PX$ is reused for the data generator d2 without further post-processing.

```
1 1 1 st0fDataGenerators>
      <variable id="time" taskReference="task1" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" />
          </listOfVariables >
          <listOfParameters />
          <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
             <ci> time </ci>
         </dataGenerator>
10
      <dataGenerator id="d2" name="LaCI repressor">
11
          st0fVariables>
12
             <variable id="v1" taskReference="task1"</pre>
13
                 target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PX']" />
         </listOfVariables>
15
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
16
             <math:ci>v1</math:ci>
         </dataGenerator>
20 </listOfDataGenerators>
```

Listing 2.52: Definition of two dataGenerator elements, time and LaCI repressor

2.2.11 Output

The abstract Output class describes how the results of a simulation are presented (Figure 2.17 on the next page). The available output classes are plots (Plot2D and Plot3D) and reports (Report). The data used in Outputs is provided via DataGenerators.

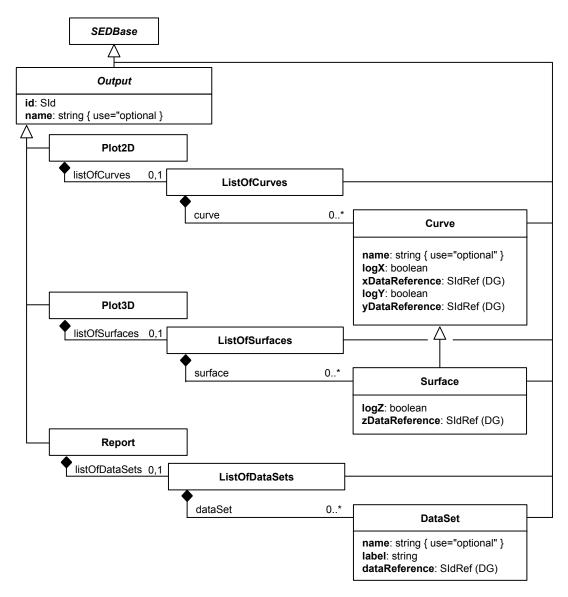


Figure 2.17: The SED-ML Output class. Note that ListOfCurves, Curve, ListOfSurfaces, Surface, ListOfDataSets, DataSet and DataGenerator are subclasses of SEDBase; the respective inheritance connections are not shown in the figure.

Note that even though the terms Plot2D and Plot3D are used, the exact type of plot is not specified. In other words, whether the 3D plot represents a surface plot, or three dimensional lines in space, cannot be distinguished by SED-ML SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 alone.

2.2.11.1 Plot2D

The Plot2D class is used for two dimensional plot outputs (Figure 2.17). The Plot2D contains a number of Curve definitions in the list0fCurves, defining the curves to be plotted in the the 2D plot. Table 2.23 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the plot2D element.

Listing 2.53 shows the use of the listOfCurves element. The example shows the definition of a Plot2D containing one Curve inside the listOfCurves.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.53:} \ \ \textit{The plot2D element with the nested listOfCurves element}.$

attribute	description
$metaid^o$	page 11
id $name^o$	page 16 page 17
sub-elements	description
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12
listOfCurves ^o	page 52

Table 2.23: Attributes and nested elements for plot2D. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

2.2.11.2 Plot3D

The Plot3D class is used for three dimensional plot outputs (Figure 2.17 on the previous page). The Plot3D contains a number of Surface definitions in the listOfSurfaces. Table 2.24 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the plot3D element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
sub-elements	description
$rac{ ext{sub-elements}}{ ext{notes}^o}$	description page 12

Table 2.24: Attributes and nested elements for plot3D. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.54 shows the use of the plot3D element. The example shows the definition of a Surface for the three dimensional plot inside the listOfSurfaces.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.54:} \ \textit{The plot3D element with the nested listOfSurfaces element}$

2.2.11.3 Report

The Report class defines a data table consisting of several single instances of the DataSet in the listOfDataSets (Figure 2.17 on the preceding page). Its output returns the simulation result processed via DataGenerators in actual numbers. The columns of the report table are defined by creating an instance of the DataSet for each column.

Table 2.25 on the next page shows all attributes and sub-elements for the report element.

Listing 2.55 shows the use of the listOfDataSets element.

Listing 2.55: The report element with the nested listOfDataSets element

attribute	description
$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{metaid}^o \\ \operatorname{id} \\ \operatorname{name}^o \end{array}$	page 11 page 16 page 17
1 1	
${f sub-elements}$	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

 Table 2.25:
 Attributes and nested elements for report.
 o denotes optional elements and attributes.

The simulation result itself, i.e. concrete result numbers, are not stored in SED-ML, but the directive how to calculate them from the output of the simulator is provided through the dataGenerator. The encoding of simulation results is not part of SED-ML Level 1 Version 3.

2.2.12 Output components

In this section the Output components Curve, Surface, and DataSet are described.

2.2.12.1 Curve

One or more instances of the Curve class define a plot2D (Figure 2.17 on page 50). A curve needs a dataGenerator reference to refer to the data that will be plotted on the x-axis, using the xDataReference. A second dataGenerator reference is needed to refer to the data that will be plotted on the y-axis, using the yDataReference. Table 2.26 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the curve element.

attribute	description
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
log X	page 52
xDataReference	page 53
$\log Y$	page 53
yDataReference	page 53
sub-elements	description
$notes^o$	page 12
annotation o	page 12

Table 2.26: Attributes and nested elements for curve. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.56 shows the use of the curve element. In the example a single curve is created. Results for the x-axis are generated by the dataGenerator dg1, results for the y-axis are generated by the dataGenerator dg2. Both dg1 and dg2 need to be defined in the listOfDataGenerators. The x-axis is plotted logarithmically.

 $\textbf{Listing 2.56:} \ \ \textit{The SED-ML curve} \ \ \textit{element}, \ \ \textit{defining the output curve showing the result of simulation} \ \ \textit{for the referenced dataGenerators}$

logX

logX is a required attribute of the Curve class and defines whether or not the data output on the x-axis is logarithmic. The data type of logX is boolean. To make the output on the x-axis of a plot logarithmic,

logX must be set to true, as shown in the sample Listing 2.56.

xDataReference

The xDataReference is a mandatory attribute of the Curve object. Its content refers to a dataGenerator which denotes the DataGenerator object that is used to generate the output on the x-axis of a Curve in a plot2D. The xDataReference data type is SIdRef. However, the valid values for the xDataReference are restricted to the id of already defined DataGenerators.

logY

logY is a required attribute of the Curve class and defines whether or not the data output on the y-axis is logarithmic. The data type of logY is boolean. To make the output on the y-axis of a plot logarithmic, logY must be set to true, as shown in the sample Listing 2.56.

yDataReference

The yDataReference is a mandatory attribute of the Curve object. Its content refers to a dataGenerator which denotes the DataGenerator object that is used to generate the output on the y-axis of a Curve in a plot2D. The yDataReference data type is SIdRef. However, the valid values for the yDataReference are restricted to the id of already defined DataGenerators.

2.2.12.2 Surface

A Surface is a three-dimensional figure representing a (processed) simulation result (Figure 2.17 on page 50). Surface is a subclass of Curve inheriting among others the elements xDataReference, yDataReference, logX, and logY.

Creating an instance of the Surface class requires the definition of data on three different axis. The aforementioned xDataReference and yDataReference attributes define the dataGenerators for the x-and y-axis of a surface. In addition, the zDataReference attribute defines the output for the z-axis. All axes might be logarithmic or not. This can be specified through the logX, logY, and the logZ attributes in the according dataReference elements.

Table 2.27 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the surface ele	ement.
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attribute	${f description}$
metaid^o	page 11
id	page 16
name^o	page 17
log X	page 52
xDataReference	page 53
$\log Y$	page 53
yDataReference	page 53
$\log Z$	page 54
zDataReference	page 54
sub-elements	description
notes ^o	page 12
annotation ^o	page 12

Table 2.27: Attributes and nested elements for surface. odenotes optional elements and attributes.

Listing 2.57 shows the use of the **surface** element. In the example a single surface is created. Results shown on the x-axis are generated by the data generator dg1, results on the y-axis by dataGenerator dg2, results on the z-axis by dataGenerator dg3. All used dataGenerators, i.e. dg1, dg2 and dg3, must be defined in the listOfDataGenerators.

5 </listOfSurfaces>

Listing 2.57: The SED-ML surface element, defining the output showing the result of the referenced task

logZ

logZ is a required attribute of the Surface class and defines whether or not the data output on the z-axis is logarithmic. The data type of logZ is boolean. To make the output on the z-axis of a surface plot logarithmic, logZ must be set to true, as shown in the sample Listing 2.57.

zDataReference

The zDataReference is a mandatory attribute of the Surface object. Its content refers to a dataGenerator which denotes the DataGenerator object that is used to generate the output on the z-axis of a plot3D. The zDataReference data type is SIdRef. However, the valid values for the zDataReference are restricted to the id of already defined DataGenerators.

2.2.12.3 DataSet

The DataSet class holds definitions of data to be used in the Report class (Figure 2.17 on page 50). DataSets are labeled references to instances of the DataGenerator class.

Table 2.28 shows all attributes and sub-elements for the dataSet element.

attribute	description
metaid^o id name^o	page 11 page 16 page 17
dataReference label	page 54 page 54
sub-elements	${f description}$
notes ^o annotation ^o	page 12 page 12

Table 2.28: Attributes and nested elements for dataSet. Odenotes optional elements and attributes.

label

Each data set in a Report must have an unambiguous label. A label is a human readable descriptor of a data set for use in a report. For example, for a tabular data set of time series results, the label could be the column heading.

dataReference

The dataReference attribute contains the ID of a dataGenerator element and as such represents a link to it. The data produced by that particular dataGenerator fills the according dataSet in the report.

Listing 2.58 shows the use of the dataSet element. The example shows the definition of a dataSet. The referenced dataGenerator dg1 must be defined in the listOfDataGenerators.

Listing 2.58: The SED-ML dataSet element, defining a data set containing the result of the referenced task

3. Concepts used in SED-ML

3.1 MathML

SED-ML encodes mathematical expressions using a subset of MathML 2.0 [4]. MathML is an international standard for encoding mathematical expressions using XML. It is also used as a representation of mathematical expressions in other formats, such as SBML and CellML, two of the model languages supported by SED-ML.

SED-ML files can use mathematical expressions to encode for example pre-processing steps applied to the computational model (ComputeChange), or post processing steps applied to the raw simulation data before output (DataGenerator).

SED-ML classes reference MathML expressions via the element math of data type MathML.

3.1.1 MathML elements

The allowed MathML in SED-ML is restricted to the following subset:

- token: cn, ci, csymbol, sep
- general: apply, piecewise, piece, otherwise, lambda
- relational operators: eq, neq, gt, lt, geq, leq
- arithmetic operators: plus, minus, times, divide, power, root, abs, exp, ln, log, floor, ceiling, factorial
- logical operators: and, or, xor, not
- qualifiers: degree, bvar, logbase
- trigonometric operators: sin, cos, tan, sec, csc, cot, sinh, cosh, tanh, sech, csch, coth, arcsin, arccos, arctan, arcsec, arccsc, arccot, arcsinh, arccosh, arctanh, arcsech, arccsch, arccoth
- constants: true, false, notanumber, pi, infinity, exponentiale
- MathML annotations: semantics, annotation, annotation-xml

3.1.2 MathML symbols

All the operations listed above only operate on *scalar* values. However, as one of SED-ML's aims is to provide post processing on the results of simulation experiments, this basic set needs to be extended by some aggregate functions. Therefore a defined set of MathML symbols that represent vector values are supported by SED-ML. The only allowed symbols to be used in aggregate functions are the identifiers of Variables defined in the listofVariables of DataGenerators. These Variables represent the data collected from the simulation experiment in the associated Task.

3.1.3 MathML functions

The only aggregate MathML functions available in SED-ML are min, max, sum, and product. These represent the only exceptions. At this point SED-ML does not define a complete algebra of vector values.

min

The **min** of a variable represents the smallest value the simulation experiment for that variable (Listing 3.1).

Listing 3.1: Example for the use of the MathML min function.

max

The max of a variable represents the largest value the simulation experiment for that variable (Listing 3.2).

Listing 3.2: Example for the use of the MathML max function.

sum

The sum of a variable represents the sum of all values of the variable returned by the simulation experiment (Listing 3.3).

Listing 3.3: Example for the use of the MathML sum function.

product

The **product** of a variable represents the multiplication of all values of the variable returned by the simulation experiment (Listing 3.4).

Listing 3.4: Example for the use of the MathML product function.

3.2 URI scheme

URIs are used in SED-ML as a mechanism

- to reference models (Model references)
- to reference data files (Data references)
- to specify the language of the referenced model (Language references)
- to enable addressing implicit model variables (Symbols)

In addition, annotation of SED-ML elements should use a standardised URI Annotations Scheme to ensure long-time availability of information that can unambiguously be identified.

3.2.1 Model references

The URI of a model should preferably point to a public, consistent location that provides the model description file. References to curated, open model bases are recommended, such as the BioModels Database. However, any resource registered with MIRIAM resources¹ can easily be referenced.

One way for referencing a model from a SED-ML file is adopted from the MIRIAM URI Scheme. MIRIAM enables identification of a data resource (in this case a model resource) by a predefined URN. A data entry inside that resource is identified by an ID. That way each single model in a particular model repository can be unambiguously referenced. One model repository that is part of MIRIAM resources is the BioModels Database [13]. Its data resource name in MIRIAM is urn:miriam:biomodels.db. To refer to a particular model, a standardised identifier scheme is defined in MIRIAM Resources². The ID entry maps to a particular model in the model repository. That model is never deleted. A sample BioModels Database ID is BIOMD0000000048. Together with the data resource name it becomes unambiguously identifiable by the URN urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000048.

SED-ML does not specify how to resolve the URNs. However, MIRIAM Resources offers web services to do so³. For the above example of the urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000048 model, the resolved URL may look like http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels-main/BIOMD0000000048.

For additional information see the source attribute on Model.

An alternative means to obtain a model may be to provide a single resource containing necessary models and a SED-ML file. Although a specification of such a resource is beyond the scope of this document, the recommended means is the COMBINE archive.

3.2.2 Data references

One way for referencing a data file from a SED-ML file is adopted from the MIRIAM URI Scheme. MIRIAM enables identification of a data resource by a predefined URN.

For additional information see the source attribute on DataDescription.

An alternative means to obtain a data file may be to provide a single resource containing necessary data files and the SED-ML file is the COMBINE archive.

3.2.3 Language references

The evaluation of a SED-ML document is required in order for software to decide whether or not it can be used in a particular simulation environment. One crucial criterion is the particular model representation language used to encode the model. A simulation software usually only supports a small subset of the representation formats available to model biological systems computationally.

To help software decide whether or not it supports a SED-ML description file, the information on the model encoding for each referenced model can be provided through the language attribute, as the description of a language name and version through an unrestricted String is error-prone. A prerequisite for a language to be fully supported by SED-ML is that a formalised language definition, e.g. an XML Schema, is provided online. SED-ML also defines a set of standard URIs to refer to particular language definitions.

To specify the language a model is encoded in, a set of pre-defined SED-ML URNs can be used (Table 3.2 on the following page). The structure of SED-ML language URNs is urn:sedml:language:name.version. SED-ML allows to specify a model representation format very generally as being XML, if no standardised representation format has been used to encode the model. On the other hand, one can be as specific as defining a model being in a particular version of a language, as "SBML Level 3 Version 1" (urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-3.version-1).

For additional information see the language attribute on Model.

¹http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/main/

²http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/

 $^{^3}$ http://www.ebi.ac.uk/miriam/

Language	URN
CellML (generic)	urn:sedml:language:cellml
CellML 1.0	urn:sedml:language:cellml.1_0
CellML 1.1	urn:sedml:language:cellml.1_1
NeuroML (generic)	urn:sedml:language:neuroml
NeuroML Version 1.8.1 Level 1	urn:sedml:language:neuroml.version-1_8_1.level-1
NeuroML Version 1.8.1 Level 2	urn:sedml:language:neuroml.version-1_8_1.level-2
SBML (generic)	urn:sedml:language:sbml
SBML Level 1 Version 1	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-1.version-1
SBML Level 1 Version 2	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-1.version-2
SBML Level 2 Version 1	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-2.version-1
SBML Level 2 Version 2	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-2.version-2
SBML Level 2 Version 3	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-2.version-3
SBML Level 2 Version 4	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-2.version-4
SBML Level 3 Version 1	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-3.version-1
SBML Level 3 Version 2	urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-3.version-2
VCML (generic)	urn:sedml:language:vcml

 $\textbf{Table 3.1:} \ \textit{Predefined model language URNs.} \ \ \textit{The latest list of language URNs is available from } \\ \text{http://sed-ml.org/.} \\$

3.2.4 Symbols

Some variables used in a simulation experiment are not explicitly defined in the model, but may be implicitly contained in it. For example, to plot a variable's behaviour over time, that variable is defined in an SBML model, whereas time is not explicitly defined.

SED-ML can refer to such implicit variables via the Symbol concept. Such implicit variables are defined using the SED-ML URN scheme urn:sedml:symbol:implicitVariable.

For example, to refer in a SED-ML file to the definition of time, the URN urn:sedml:symbol:time is used.

Table 3.2 lists the predefined symbols in SED-ML.

Language	URN	Definition
SBML	urn:sedml:symbol:time	Time in SBML is an intrinsic model variable that is addressable in model equations via a csymbol time.

Table 3.2: Predefined symbols in SED-ML. The latest list of symbols is available from http://sed-ml.org/.

3.2.5 Annotation Scheme

When annotating SED-ML elements with semantic annotations, the MIRIAM URI Scheme should be used. In addition to providing the data type (e.g. PubMed) and the particular data entry inside that data type (e.g. 10415827), the relation of the annotation to the annotated element should be described using the standardised biomodels.net qualifier. The list of qualifiers, as well as further information about their usage, is available from http://www.biomodels.net/qualifiers/.

3.3 XPath

XPath is a language for finding and referencing information in an XML document [5]. Within SED-ML Level 1 Version 3, XPath version 1 expressions are used to identify nodes and attributes within an XML representation in the following ways:

- Within a Variable definition, where XPath identifies the model variable required for manipulation in SED-ML.
- Within a Change definition, where XPath is used to identify the target XML to which a change should be applied.

For proper application, XPath expressions should contain prefixes that allow their resolution to the correct XML namespace within an XML document. For example, the XPath expression referring to a species X in an SBML model:

```
/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='X'] ✔ -CORRECT is preferable to
```

```
/sbml/model/listOfSpecies/species[@id='X'] ✗ -INCORRECT
```

which will only be interpretable by standard XML software tools if the SBML file declares no namespaces (and hence is invalid SBML).

Following the convention of other XPath host languages such as XPointer and XSLT, the prefixes used within XPath expressions must be declared using namespace declarations within the SED-ML document, and be in-scope for the relevant expression. Thus for the correct example above, there must also be an ancestor element of the node containing the XPath expression that has an attribute like:

```
xmlns:sbml='http://www.sbml.org/sbml/level3/version1/core'
```

(a different namespace URI may be used; the key point is that the prefix 'sbml' must match that used in the XPath expression).

3.4 NuML

The Numerical Markup Language (NuML) aims to standardize the exchange and archiving of numerical results. NuML originates from the numerical aspects of the Systems Biology Results Markup Language (SBRML) with the aim of re-using it in multiple other standardization efforts.

NuML constructs are used in SED-ML for referencing external data sets in the DataDescription class. NuML is used to define the DimensionDescription of external datasets in the DataDescription. In addition, NuMLSIds are used for retrieving subsets of data via either the indexSet element in the DataSource or within the Slice class.

Additional information including the NuML specification is available from https://github.com/NuML/NuML.

3.5 KiSAO

The Kinetic Simulation Algorithm Ontology (KiSAO [6]) is used in SED-ML to specify simulation algorithms and algorithmParameters. KiSAO is a community-driven approach of classifying and structuring simulation approaches by model characteristics and numerical characteristics. The ontology is available in OWL format from BioPortal at http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/KiSAO.

Defining simulation algorithms through KISAO terms not only identifies the simulation algorithm used for the SED-ML simulation, it also enables software to find related algorithms, if the specific implementation is not available. For example, software could decide to use the CVODE integration library for an analysis instead of a specific Runge Kutta 4,5 implementation.

Should a particular simulation algorithm or algorithm parameter not exist in KiSAO, please request one via http://www.biomodels.net/kisao/.

3.6 COMBINE archive

A COMBINE archive [1] is a single file that supports the exchange of all the information necessary for a modeling and simulation experiment in biology. A COMBINE archive file is a ZIP container that includes a manifest file, listing the content of the archive, an optional metadata file adding information about the archive and its content, and the files describing the model. The content of a COMBINE

archive consists of files encoded in COMBINE standards whenever possible, but may include additional files defined by an Internet Media Type. Several tools that support the COMBINE archive are available, either as independent libraries or embedded in modeling software.

The COMBINE archive is described at http://co.mbine.org/documents/archive and in [1].

COMBINE archives are the recommended means for distributing simulation experiment descriptions in SED-ML, the respective data and model files, and the Outputs of the simulation experiment (figures and reports).

3.7 SED-ML resources

Information on SED-ML can be found on http://sed-ml.org. The SED-ML XML Schema, the UML schema, SED-ML examples and additional information is available from the SED-ML github project page at https://github.com/sed-ml.

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A. Examples

This appendix presents selected SED-ML examples. These examples are only illustrative and do not intend to demonstrate the full capabilities of SED-ML. For a more comprehensive view of the SED-ML features refer to the specification (Chapter 2). Additional SED-ML examples are available from http://sed-ml.org/.

The presented examples use models encoded in SBML and CellML. SED-ML is not restricted to those formats, but can be used with models encoded in formats serialized in XML (see Section 3.2.3 for more information).

A.1 Example simulation experiment (repressilator.omex)

This example lists the SED-ML corresponding to the motivational example in the introduction (Section 1.2), which provides a description of the executed simulation experiment and the used repressilator model.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
      Created by phraSED-ML version v1.0.7 with libSBML version 5.15.0.
3 <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
    <listOfSimulations>
      <uniformTimeCourse id="sim1" initialTime="0" outputStartTime="0" outputEndTime="1000" numberOfPoints=</pre>
       <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019"/>
      </uniformTimeCourse>
    </listOfSimulations>
    listOfModels>
     10
          db:BIOMD000000012"/
     <model id="model2" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml.level-3.version-1" source="model1">
11
       tofChanges>
12
         <changeAttribute target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='ps_0']/</pre>
13
         @value" newValue="1.3e-05"/>
<changeAttribute target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='ps_a']/
14
             @value" newValue="0.013"/>
       </listOfChanges>
15
      </model>
16
    </listOfModels>
18
    st0fTasks>
     <task id="task1" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="sim1"/>
<task id="task2" modelReference="model2" simulationReference="sim1"/>
19
20
21
    </listOfTasks>
    1istOfDataGenerators>
      <dataGenerator id="plot_0_0_0" name="task1.time">
23
       stOfVariables>
24
         <variable id="task1____time" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" taskReference="task1"/>
25
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
27
28
         <ci> task1___
                     _time </ci>
       29
      </dataGenerator>
30
      <dataGenerator id="plot_0_0_1" name="task1.PX">
       32
33
                taskReference="task1" modelReference="model1"/>
34
       </listOfVariables>
       36
       37
      </dataGenerator>
38
      <dataGenerator id="plot_0_1_1" name="task1.PZ">
39
       <listOfVariables>
         41
       </listOfVariables>
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
44
         <ci> task1____PZ </ci>
```

```
45
         </dataGenerator>
46
       <dataGenerator id="plot_0_2_1" name="task1.PY">
         tofVariables>
48
                                 __PY" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PY
49
          <variable id="task1_...</pre>
                | taskReference="task1" modelReference="model1"/>
         </listOfVariables>
50
         51
52
         53
       </dataGenerator>
54
       <dataGenerator id="plot_1_0_0" name="task2.time">
55
         driables>
           <variable id="task2____time" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" taskReference="task2"/>
57
         </listOfVariables>
58
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
59
           <ci> task2____time </ci>
61
         62
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="plot 1 0 1" name="task2.PX">
63
         tofVariables>
64
           <variable id="task2__</pre>
                                 __PX" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PX
                ]" taskReference="task2" modelReference="model2"/>
         </listOfVariables>
66
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
67
           <ci> task2____PX </ci>
68
         69
70
       </dataGenerator>
71
       <dataGenerator id="plot_1_1_1" name="task2.PZ">
         t0fVariables>
72
           <variable id="task2_</pre>
                                 __PZ" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PZ
                ']" taskReference="task2" modelReference="model2"/>
         </listOfVariables>
74
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
75
          <ci> task2____PZ </ci>
76
         78
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="plot_1_2_1" name="task2.PY">
79
         tofVariables>
80
           <variable id="task2____PY" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PY</pre>
81
                ']" taskReference="task2" modelReference="model2"/>
         </listOfVariables>
82
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
83
           <ci> task2____PY </ci>
84
         85
86
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="plot_2_0_0" name="task1.PX/max(task1.PX)">
87
         tofVariables>
88
           <variable id="task1_____PX" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PX</pre>
89
                ']" taskReference="task1" modelReference="model1"/>
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
91
           <apply>
92
             <divide/>
93
             <ci> task1____PX </ci>
94
95
             <apply>
               <csymbol definitionURL="http://sed-ml.org/#max" encoding="text">max</csymbol>
96
               <ci> task1____PX </ci>
97
             </apply>
99
           </apply>
         100
       </dataGenerator>
101
       <dataGenerator id="plot_2_0_1" name="task1.PZ/max(task1.PZ)">
102
         destruction
103
           <variable id="task1__</pre>
                                 _PZ" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PZ
104
                | taskReference="task1" modelReference="model1"/>
         </listOfVariables>
105
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
106
107
           <apply>
             <divide/>
108
             <ci> task1____PZ </ci>
109
             <apply>
110
               112
               <ci> task1____PZ </ci>
             </annly>
113
           </apply>
114
         116
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="plot_2_1_0" name="task1.PY/max(task1.PY)">
117
         tofVariables>
118
          <variable id="task1_</pre>
                                 __PY" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='PY
119
                " taskReference="task1" modelReference="model1"/>
         </listOfVariables>
120
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
121
           <apply>
122
             <divide/>
123
             <ci> task1____PY </ci>
             <apply>
125
               <csymbol definitionURL="http://sed-ml.org/#max" encoding="text">max</csymbol>
126
```

```
127
                                                                         <ci> task1____PY </ci>
                                                                </apply>
128
                                                     </apply>
                                            131
                                   </dataGenerator>
132
                         </listOfDataGenerators>
                         tofOutputs>
133
                                   <plot2D id="timecourse" name="Timecourse of repressilator">
134
                                            135
136
                                                                            yDataReference="plot_0_0_1"/>
                                                      <curve id="plot_0__plot_0_0_0__plot_0_1_1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="plot_0_0_0"</pre>
137
                                                                             yDataReference="plot_0_1_1"/;
                                                     <curve id="plot_0__plot_0_0__plot_0_2_1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="plot_0_0_0"
    yDataReference="plot_0_2_1"/>
138
                                             </listOfCurves>
139
140
                                   </plot2D>
                                   <plot2D id="preprocessing" name="Timecourse after pre-processing">
                                             Curves>
142
                                                     <curve_id="plot_1_plot_1_0_0__plot_1_0_1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="plot_1_0_0"</pre>
143
                                                                            yDataReference="plot_1_0_1"/>
                                                      < curve \ id = "plot_1\_plot_1\_0\_0\_plot_1\_1\_1" \ logX = "false" \ logY = "false" \ xDataReference = "plot_1\_0\_0" \ and the plot_1\_0\_0" \ and the plot_1\_0\_0" \ are the plot_1\_0\_0" \ and the plot_1\_0\_0" \ are the plot_1\_0
                                                                             yDataReference="plot_1_1_1"/>
                                                      <curve id="plot_1_plot_1_0_0_plot_1_2_1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="plot_1_0_0"</pre>
145
                                                                            yDataReference="plot_1_2_1"/>
                                             </listOfCurves>
146
                                  </plot2D>
147
                                   <plot2D id="postprocessing" name="Timecourse after post-processing">
148
149
                                             Curves
                                                     <curve id="plot_2_plot_2_0_0_plot_2_0_1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="plot_2_0_0"</pre>
150
                                                                             yDataReference="plot_2_0_1"/>
                                                      < curve id = "plot_2 \_ plot_2 \_ lot_2 \_ lot_2 \_ lot_2 \_ lot_2 \_ logX = "false" logY = "false" xDataReference = "plot_2 \_ logY = logY 
151
                                                                            yDataReference="plot_2_0_0"/>
                                                     //state for the property of the property 
152
                                             </listOfCurves>
                                   </plot2D>
154
                          </list0f0utputs>
155
156 </sedML>
```

Listing A.1: SED-ML document for example simulation experiment.

A.2 Simulation experiments with dataDescriptions

The DataDescription make it possible to work with external data in simulation experiments. In this section simulation experiments using the dataDescription are presented.

A.2.1 Reading data as NUML or CSV (reading-data-numl.omex and reading-data-csv.omex)

This examples demonstrate the use of the DataDescription and DataSource to load external data in SED-ML.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <sedML level="1" version="3" xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3">
    <listOfDataDescriptions>
       <dataDescription id="reading_data_csv" name="Oscli Time Course Data" source="./oscli.csv">
         <dimensionDescription>
           <compositeDescription indexType="double" id="time" name="time" xmlns="http://www.numl.org/numl/</pre>
                level1/version1":
             <compositeDescription indexType="string" id="SpeciesIds" name="SpeciesIds">
  <atomicDescription valueType="double" name="Concentrations" />
             </compositeDescription>
           </compositeDescription>
11
         </dimensionDescription>
12
         st0fDataSources>
           <dataSource id="dataS1">
13
             st0fSlices>
14
               <slice reference="SpeciesIds" value="S1" />
             </listOfSlices>
16
           </dataSource>
17
           <dataSource id="dataTime" indexSet="time" />
18
         </listOfDataSources>
19
       </dataDescription>
    </listOfDataDescriptions>
21
22
     23
       <dataGenerator id="dgDataS1" name="S1 (data)">
24
         <listOfVariables>
25
           <variable id="varS1" modelReference="model1" target="#dataS1" />
26
         </listOfVariables>
27
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
           <ci> varS1 </ci>
30
```





Figure A.1: Loaded and plotted data from the simulation description given in Listing A.2 with SED-ML webtools.

Figure A.2: Loaded and plotted data from the simulation description given in Listing A.2 with tellurium.

```
31
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="dgDataTime" name="Time">
32
        tofVariables>
33
           <variable id="varTime" modelReference="model1" target="#dataTime" />
34
         </listOfVariables>
36
        <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
37
           <ci> varTime </ci>
         38
39
       </dataGenerator>
40
    </listOfDataGenerators>
41
    st0f0utputs>
42
       <plot2D id="plot_csv" name="Data (Oscli)">
43
44
         tofCurves>
           <curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="dgDataTime" yDataReference="dgDataS1</pre>
45
         </listOfCurves>
46
       </plot2D>
47
    </list0f0utputs>
49 </sedML>
```

Listing A.2: SED-ML document using DataSource and DataDescription

A.2.2 Plotting data with simulations (plotting-data.omex)

This example demonstrates the use of the DataDescription and DataSource to load external data in SED-ML. In the example a model is simulated (using a uniformTimeCourse simulation), the simulation result is plotted in one plot. A second plot obtains a stored result (using the dataDescription and DataSource), extracts the S1 and time column from it and renders it.

```
_1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <sedML level="1" version="3" xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3">
    <dataDescription id="Data1" name="Oscli Time Course Data" source="./oscli.numl">
         <dimensionDescription>
           <compositeDescription indexType="double" id="time" name="time" xmlns="http://www.numl.org/numl/</pre>
                level1/version1">
             <compositeDescription indexType="string" id="SpeciesIds" name="SpeciesIds">
  <atomicDescription valueType="double" name="Concentrations" />
             </compositeDescription>
           </re>
10
         </dimensionDescription>
11
         st0fDataSources>
12
           <dataSource id="dataS1">
13
             st0fSlices>
             <slice reference="SpeciesIds" value="S1" />
</listOfSlices>
15
16
           </dataSource>
           <dataSource id="dataTime" indexSet="time" />
19
         </listOfDataSources>
```

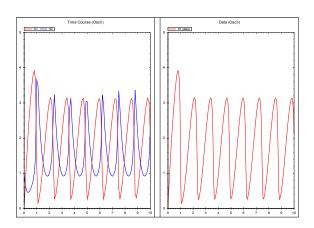


Figure A.3: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.3 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.4: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.3 with tellurium.

```
</dataDescription>
21
     </list0fDataDescriptions>
22
     st0fSimulations>
       <uniformTimeCourse id="sim1" initialTime="0" outputStartTime="0" outputEndTime="10" numberOfPoints="</pre>
23
             100">
          <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019">
           <algorithmParameters>
  <algorithmParameter kisaoID="KISAO:0000209" value="1E-06" />
  <algorithmParameter kisaoID="KISAO:0000211" value="1E-12" />
  <algorithmParameter kisaoID="KISAO:0000415" value="10000" />

25
26
27
29
            </listOfAlgorithmParameters>
         </algorithm>
30
       </uniformTimeCourse>
31
     </listofSimulations>
32
     <\ristOfModels>
  <model id="model1" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="./oscli.xml" />
34
     </listOfModels>
35
     listOfTasks>
36
37
       <task id="task1" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="sim1" />
38
     </list0fTasks>
39
     <dataGenerator id="time_1" name="time">
40
         tofVariables>
41
42
           <variable id="time" name="time" taskReference="task1" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" />
43
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
44
            <ci> time </ci>
45
          46
47
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="S1_1" name="S1">
48
         st0fVariables>
49
            <variable id="S1" name="S1" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
50
                 sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='S1']" />
51
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
     <ci> S1 </ci>
52
53
          54
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="S2_1" name="S2">
56
         stOfVariables>
57
           <variable id="S2" name="S2" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
58
                 sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='S2']" />
59
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
60
           <ci> S2 </ci>
61
          62
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="dgDataS1" name="S1 (data)">
64
65
         st0fVariables>
            <variable id="varS1" modelReference="model1" target="#dataS1" />
66
          </listOfVariables>
67
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
69
           <ci> varS1 </ci>
         70
```

```
71
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="dgDataTime" name="Time">
72
         t0fVariables>
73
           <variable id="varTime" modelReference="model1" target="#dataTime" />
75
         </listOfVariables>
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
76
           <ci> varTime </ci>
77
78
         79
       </dataGenerator>
80
    </listOfDataGenerators>
    st0f0utputs>
81
       <plot2D id="plot1" name="Time Course (Oscli)">
82
         Curves</ur>
83
           <curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time_1" yDataReference="S1_1" />
<curve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time_1" yDataReference="S2_1" />
84
85
         </listOfCurves>
86
       </plot2D>
87
88
       <plot2D id="plot2" name="Data (Oscli)">
         <pr
89
90
         </listOfCurves>
       </plot2D>
92
    </list0f0utputs>
93
94 </sedML>
```

Listing A.3: SED-ML document using DataSource and DataDescription

A.3 Simulation experiments with repeatedTasks

The repeatedTask makes it possible to encode a large number of different simulation experiments. In this section several such simulation experiments using the repeatedTask are presented.

A.3.1 Time course parameter scan (repeated-scan-oscli.omex)

In this example a repeatedTask is used to run repeated uniformTimeCourse simulations with a deterministic simulation algorithm. Within the repeatedTask after each run the parameter value is changed, resulting in a time course parameter scan.

NOTE: This example produces three dimensional results (time, species concentration, multiple repeats). SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 does not include a way to post-process these values, so it is left to the implementation on how to display them. One example would be to flatten the values by overlaying them onto the desired plot.

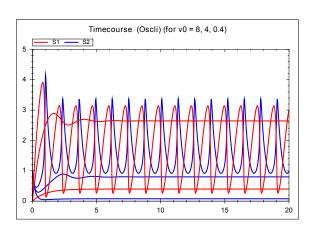


Figure A.5: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.4 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.6: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.4 with tellurium.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
    st0fSimulations>
      <uniformTimeCourse id="timecourse1" initialTime="0" outputStartTime="0" outputEndTime="20"</pre>
          numberOfPoints="1000"
        <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019" />
      </uniformTimeCourse>
    </list0fSimulations>
    </
    </listOfModels>
10
    st0fTasks>
11
      <task id="task0" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="timecourse1" />
      <repeatedTask id="task1" resetModel="true" range="current">
13
       listOfRanges>
14
         <vectorRange id="current">
15
           <value>8</value>
16
17
           <value>4</value>
18
           <value>0.4</value>
         </vectorRange>
19
        </listOfRanges>
20
       <listOfChanges>
         <setvalue target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='J0_v0']"
  range="current" modelReference="model1">
22
23
           <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
24
             <ci> current </ci>
25
           26
2.7
         </setValue>
28
       </listOfChanges>
       st0fSubTasks>
29
         <subTask order="1" task="task0" />
        </list0fSubTasks>
31
32
      </repeatedTask>
    </listOfTasks>
33
    tofDataGenerators>
34
      <dataGenerator id="time1" name="time">
       36
37
        </listOfVariables>
38
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
39
40
         <ci> time </ci>
41
        </dataGenerator>
42
      <dataGenerator id="J0_v0_1" name="J0_v0">
43
       st0fVariables>
         45
       </listOfVariables>
46
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
47
         <ci> J0_v0 </ci>
49
        50
      </dataGenerator>
      <dataGenerator id="S1_1" name="S1">
51
       <listOfVariables>
52
         53
       </listOfVariables>
54
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
55
         <ci> S1 </ci>
57
        </dataGenerator>
58
      <dataGenerator id="S2_1" name="S2">
59
        tofVariables>
60
         61
       </listOfVariables>
62
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
63
         <ci> S2 </ci>
64
        </dataGenerator>
66
    </list0fDataGenerators>
67
    tofOutputs>
68
      <plot2D id="plot1" name="Timecourse (Oscli) (for v0 = 8, 4, 0.4)">
70
       tofCurves>
         <curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="S1_1" />
<curve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="S2_1" />
71
72
        </listOfCurves>
74
      </plot2D>
75
    </list0f0utputs>
76 </sedML>
```

Listing A.4: SED-ML document implementing the one dimensional time course parameter scan

A.3.2 Steady state parameter scan (repeated-steady-scan-oscli.omex)

In this example a repeatedTask is used in combination with a steadyState simulation task (performing a steady state computation). On each repeat a parameter is varied resulting in a steady state parameter scan.

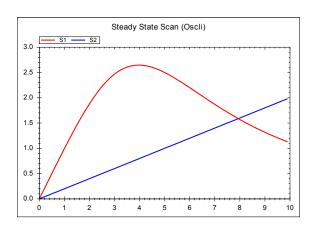


Figure A.7: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.5 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.8: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.5 with tellurium.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <!-- Written by libSedML v1.1.4992.38982 see http://libsedml.sf.net -->
  <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
    <listOfSimulations>
      <steadyState id="steady1">
        <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000282" />
       </steadyState>
    </listOfSimulations>
    stOfModels>
       <model id="model1" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="./oscli.xml" />
10
    </listOfModels>
11
    t0fTasks>
      <task id="task0" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="steady1" />
<repeatedTask id="task1" resetModel="true" range="current">
13
14
        listOfRanges>
15
          <uniformRange id="current" start="0" end="10" numberOfPoints="100" type="linear" />
16
17
         </listOfRanges>
18
        tofChanges>
          <setValue target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='JO_v0']"</pre>
19
20
            range="current" modelReference="model1">
            <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
22
              <ci> current </ci>
            23
           </setValue>
24
         </listOfChanges>
25
26
        SubTasks>
          <subTask order="1" task="task0" />
27
         </listOfSubTasks>
28
       </repeatedTask>
29
    </listOfTasks>
    tofDataGenerators>
31
       <dataGenerator id="J0_v0_1" name="J0_v0">
32
        tofVariables>
33
          34
        </listOfVariables>
35
        <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
36
          <ci> J0_v0 </ci>
37
         38
       </dataGenerator>
39
       <dataGenerator id="S1_1" name="S1">
40
        st0fVariables>
41
          <variable id="S1" name="S1" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
               sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='S1']" />
43
        </listOfVariables>
```

```
<math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
            <ci> S1 </ci>
45
          46
47
        </dataGenerator>
48
        <dataGenerator id="S2 1" name="S2">
          stOfVariables>
49
            <variable id="S2" name="S2" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
50
                  sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='S2']" />
51
          </listOfVariables>
          <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
52
            <ci> S2 </ci>
53
          54
        </dataGenerator>
     </listOfDataGenerators>
57
     st0f0utputs>
        <plot2D id="plot1" name="Steady State Scan (Oscli)">
58
          59
            <curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="J0_v0_1" yDataReference="S1_1" />
<curve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="J0_v0_1" yDataReference="S2_1" />
61
          </listOfCurves>
62
        </plot2D>
63
        <report id="report1" name="Steady State Values">
          <dataSet id="col1" dataReference="J0_v0_1" label="J0_v0" />
<dataSet id="col2" dataReference="S1_1" label="S1" />
66
67
            <dataSet id="col3" dataReference="S2_1" label="S2" />
68
          </listOfDataSets>
70
        </report>
71
     </list0f0utputs>
72 </sedML>
```

Listing A.5: SED-ML document implementing the one dimensional steady state parameter scan

A.3.3 Stochastic simulation (repeated-stochastic-runs.omex)

In this example a repeatedTask is used to run a stochastic simulation multiple times. Running just one stochastic trace does not provide a complete picture of the behavior of a system. A large number of traces are needed. This example demonstrates the basic use case of running ten traces of a simulation by using a repeatedTask which runs ten uniform time course simulations (each performing a stochastic simulation run).

NOTE: This example produces three dimensional results (time, species concentration, multiple repeats). While SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 does not include a way to post-processing these values. So it is left to the implementation on how to display them. One example would be to flatten the values by overlaying them onto the desired plot.

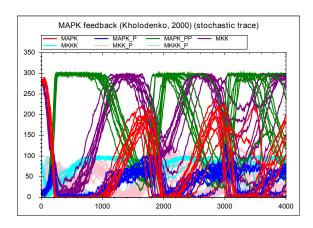


Figure A.9: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.6 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.10: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.6 with tellurium.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
    st0fSimulations>
      <uniformTimeCourse id="timecourse1" initialTime="0" outputStartTime="0" outputEndTime="4000"</pre>
          numberOfPoints="1000"
        <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000241" />
      </uniformTimeCourse>
    </list0fSimulations>
    listOfModels>
      <model id="model1" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="./BorisEJB.xml" />
    </listOfModels>
10
    st0fTasks>
11
      <task id="task0" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="timecourse1" />
      <repeatedTask id="task1" resetModel="true" range="current">
13
14
       stOfRanges>
         <uniformRange id="current" start="0" end="10" numberOfPoints="10" type="linear" />
15
        </listOfRanges
16
17
       st0fSubTasks>
         <subTask order="1" task="task0" />
18
        </listOfSubTasks>
19
      </repeatedTask>
20
    </list0fTasks>
22
    denerators>
      <dataGenerator id="time1" name="time">
23
       tofVariables>
24
         <variable id="time" taskReference="task1" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" />
25
        </listOfVariables>
26
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
2.7
28
         <ci> time </ci>
        29
      </dataGenerator>
      <dataGenerator id="MAPK1" name="MAPK">
31
32
        stOfVariables>
         <variable id="MAPK" name="MAPK" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
33
              sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='MAPK']" />
        </listOfVariables>
34
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
<ci> MAPK </ci>
35
36
        37
      </dataGenerator>
38
      <dataGenerator id="MAPK_P1" name="MAPK_P">
39
40
       <listOfVariables>
         41
        </listOfVariables>
43
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
         <ci> MAPK_P </ci>
44
        45
      </dataGenerator>
46
      <dataGenerator id="MAPK_PP1" name="MAPK_PP">
48
       <listOfVariables>
         49
50
        </listOfVariables>
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
51
52
         <ci> MAPK_PP </ci>
        53
      </dataGenerator>
54
      <dataGenerator id="MKK1" name="MKK">
       <listOfVariables>
56
         <variable id="MKK" name="MKK" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
57
              sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='MKK']" />
        </listOfVariables>
58
59
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
60
         <ci> MKK </ci>
        61
      </dataGenerator>
62
      <dataGenerator id="MKK_P1" name="MKK_P">
63
        st0fVariables>
         65
        </listOfVariables>
66
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
68
         <ci> MKK_P </ci>
        69
      </dataGenerator>
70
      <dataGenerator id="MKKK1" name="MKKK">
        tofVariables>
72
         <variable id="MKKK" name="MKKK" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
73
              sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='MKKK']" />
        </listOfVariables>
74
       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
76
         <ci> MKKK </ci>
        77
      </dataGenerator>
78
      <dataGenerator id="MKKK_P1" name="MKKK_P">
79
        t0fVariables>
```

```
82
                                                       </listOfVariables>
                                                       <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
  83
                                                                  <ci> MKKK_P </ci>
   84
                                                       86
                                           </dataGenerator>
                              </listOfDataGenerators>
   87
                              listOfOutputs>
  88
                                           <plot2D id="plot1" name="MAPK feedback (Kholodenko, 2000) (stochastic trace)">
   89
                                                     slot2D id="plot1" name="MAPK feedback (Kholodenko, 2000) (stochastic trace)">
<listofCurves>
    <urve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MAPK1" />
    <urve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MAPK_P1" />
    <urve id="curve3" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MAPK_PP1" />
    <urve id="curve4" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MKK1" />
    <urve id="curve5" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MKK1" />
    <urve id="curve6" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MKK1" />
    <urve id="curve6" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MKK_P1" />
    <urve id="curve7" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataReference="MKKK_P1" />
    <urve id="curve7" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time1" yDataRefere
   91
   92
   93
   95
   96
   97
                                                       </listOfCurves>
   99
                                           </plot2D>
100
                              </list0f0utputs>
101 </sedML>
```

Listing A.6: SED-ML document implementing repeated stochastic runs

A.3.4 Simulation perturbation (oscli-netsted-pulse.omex)

Often it is interesting to see how the dynamic behavior of a model changes when some perturbations are applied to the model. In this example a repeatedTask is used iterating a oneStep task (that advances an ODE integration to the next output step). During the steps a single parameter is modified effectively causing the oscillations of a model to stop. Once the value is reset the oscillations recover.

Note: In the example a functional Range is used, although the same result could also be achieved using the <code>setValue</code> element directly.

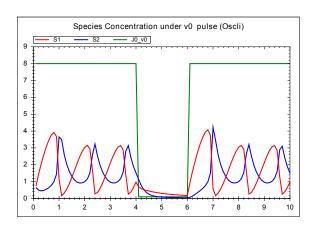


Figure A.11: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.7 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.12: The simulation result from the simulation description given in Listing A.7 with tellurium.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
    st0fSimulations>
      <oneStep id="stepper" step="0.1">
        <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019" />
      </oneStep>
    </listOfSimulations>
    <listOfModels>
      <model id="model1" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="./oscli.xml" />
    </listOfModels>
11
    t0fTasks>
      <task id="task0" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="stepper" />
12
      <repeatedTask id="task1" resetModel="false" range="index"</pre>
13
        Ranges>
          <uniformRange id="index" start="0" end="10" numberOfPoints="100" type="linear" />
15
```

```
<functionalRange id="current" range="index">
    <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
16
17
                <piecewise>
                  <piece>
19
20
                    <cn> 8 </cn>
                    <apply>
21
                      <lt />
22
                      <ci> index </ci> <cn> 1 </cn>
23
24
                    </apply>
25
                  </piece>
26
                  <piece>
27
                    <cn> 0.1 </cn>
                    <apply> <and />
29
30
                      <apply>
31
32
                        <geq />
33
                        <ci> index </ci>
                        <cn> 4 </cn>
34
                       </annlv>
35
                      <apply>
36
37
                        <lt />
                        <ci> index </ci> <cn> 6 </cn>
38
39
                      </apply>
40
                    </apply>
41
42
                  </piece>
43
                  <otherwise>
44
                    <cn> 8 </cn>
                  </otherwise>
45
                47
              </functionalRange>
48
         </listOfRanges>
49
         tofChanges>
50
           <setValue target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='J0_v0']"
  range="current" modelReference="model1">
  <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
52
53
                <ci> current </ci>
54
              55
56
            </setValue>
57
         </listOfChanges>
         st0fSubTasks>
58
            <subTask order="1" task="task0" />
59
          </listOfSubTasks>
61
       </repeatedTask>
     </listOfTasks>
62
     1istOfDataGenerators>
63
       <dataGenerator id="time_1" name="time">
64
         <listOfVariables>
           <variable id="time" name="time" taskReference="task1" target="time" />
66
         </listOfVariables>
67
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
68
69
           <ci> time </ci>
70
         71
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="J0_v0_1" name="J0_v0">
72
         <listOfVariables>
73
           74
         </listOfVariables>
75
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
76
           <ci> J0_v0 </ci>
77
78
          79
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="S1_1" name="S1">
80
         tofVariables>
81
           82
         </listOfVariables>
83
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
84
            <ci> S1 </ci>
85
          87
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="S2_1" name="S2">
  <list0fVariables>
88
89
            <variable id="S2" name="S2" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/</pre>
                 sbml:listOfSpecies/sbml:species[@id='S2']" />
         </listOfVariables>
91
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
92
           <ci> S2 </ci>
93
          95
       </dataGenerator>
     </listOfDataGenerators>
96
     tofOutputs>
97
       <plot2D id="plot1" name="Species Concentration under v0 pulse (Oscli)">
98
         t0fCurves>
           curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time_1" yDataReference="S1_1" />
curve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time_1" yDataReference="S2_1" />
100
101
```

```
<curve id="curve3" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time_1" yDataReference="J0_v0_1" />
102
        </listOfCurves>
103
104
      </plot2D>
      <report id="report1" name="Species Concentration under v0 pulse (Oscli)">
106
        st0fDataSets>
         107
108
109
111
        </listOfDataSets>
      </report>
112
    </list0f0utputs>
113
114 </sedML>
```

Listing A.7: SED-ML document implementing the perturbation experiment

A.3.5 2D steady state parameter scan (parameter-scan-2d.omex)

In this example a repeatedTask which runs over another repeatedTask which performs a steady state computation. Each repeated simulation task modifies a different parameter.

NOTE: This example produces three dimensional results (time, species concentration, multiple repeats). While SED-ML Level 1 Version 3 does not include a way to post-processing these values. So it is left to the implementation on how to display them. One example would be to flatten the values by overlaying them onto the desired plot.

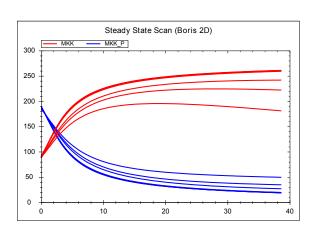


Figure A.13: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.8 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.14: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.8 with tellurium.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
   <sedML xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" level="1" version="3">
     t0fSimulations>
       <steadyState id="steady1">
  <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000282" />
        </steadyState>
     </listOfSimulations>
     stOfModels>
        <model id="model1" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="BorisEJB.xml" />
     </listOfModels>
10
     st0fTasks>
11
       <task id="task0" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="steady1" />
<repeatedTask id="task1" resetModel="false" range="current">
13
          tofRanges>
14
            <vectorRange id="current">
15
               <value>1</value>
16
               <value>5</value>
               <value>10</value>
<value>50</value>
18
19
               <value>60</value>
               <value>70</value>
22
               <value>80</value>
```

```
23
            <value>90</value>
             <value>100</value>
24
           </re></re>
         </listOfRanges>
26
27
        tofChanges>
           <setValue target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='J1_KK2']"</pre>
28
            range="current" modelReference="model1":
29
             <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
30
31
              <ci> current </ci>
             32
           </setValue>
33
         </listOfChanges>
34
        st0fSubTasks>
         <subTask order="1" task="task2" />
</listOfSubTasks>
36
37
       </repeatedTask>
38
       <repeatedTask id="task2" resetModel="false" range="current1">
39
40
        tofRanges>
           <uniformRange id="current1" start="1" end="40" numberOfPoints="100" type="linear" />
41
         </listOfRanges>
42
         tofChanges>
43
          <setValue target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id=']4_KK5']"
range="current1" modelReference="model1">
45
            <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
46
              <ci> current1 </ci>
47
             48
49
           </setValue>
         </listOfChanges>
50
51
         st0fSubTasks>
           <subTask order="1" task="task0" />
52
53
         </listOfSubTasks>
       </repeatedTask>
54
55
     </listOfTasks>
     1istOfDataGenerators>
56
       <dataGenerator id="J4_KK5_1" name="J4_KK5">
57
         tofVariables>
          59
         </listOfVariables>
60
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
61
          <ci> J4_KK5 </ci>
63
         </dataGenerator>
64
       <dataGenerator id="J1_KK2_1" name="J1_KK2">
65
        66
67
               sbml:listOfParameters/sbml:parameter[@id='J1_KK2']" />
         </listOfVariables>
68
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
69
          <ci> J1_KK2 </ci>
71
         72
       </dataGenerator>
       <dataGenerator id="MKK_1" name="MKK">
73
74
         st0fVariables>
          75
         </listOfVariables>
76
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
77
          <ci> MKK </ci>
78
79
         </dataGenerator>
80
       <dataGenerator id="MKK_P_1" name="MKK_P">
81
         distOfVariables>
82
          83
        </listOfVariables>
84
         <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
85
          <ci> MKK_P </ci>
86
         87
       </dataGenerator>
88
     </listOfDataGenerators>
89
     tofOutputs>
       <plot2D id="plot1" name="Steady State Scan (Boris 2D)">
92
        tofCurves>
          <curve id="curve1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="J4_KK5_1" yDataReference="MKK_1" />
<curve id="curve2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="J4_KK5_1" yDataReference="MKK_P_1"</pre>
93
94
95
        </listOfCurves>
96
       </plot2D>
       <report id="report1" name="Steady State Values (Boris2D)">
97
        <listOfDataSets>
98
          <dataSet id="col0" dataReference="J4_KK5_1" label="J4_KK5" />
<dataSet id="col1" dataReference="J1_KK2_1" label="J1_KK2" />
<dataSet id="col2" dataReference="MKK_1" label="MKK" />
100
101
           <dataSet id="col3" dataReference="MKK_P_1" label="MKK_P" />
102
         </listOfDataSets>
103
       </report>
    </list0f0utputs>
```

A.4 Simulation experiments with different model languages

SED-ML allows to specify models in various languages, e.g. SBML and CellML (see Section 3.2.3 for more information). This section demonstrates the same simulation experiment with the model either in SBML (Appendix A.4.1) or in CellML (Appendix A.4.2).

A.4.1 Le Loup Model SBML (leloup-sbml.omex)

The following example provides a SED-ML description for the simulation of the model based on the publication [12].

The model is referenced by its SED-ML id model1 and refers to the model with the MIRIAM URN urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD000000021. A second model is defined in the example, using model1 as a source and applying additional changes to it, in this case updating two model parameters.

One simulation setup is defined in the listOfSimulations. It is a uniformTimeCourse over 380 time units, providing 1000 output points. The algorithm used is the CVODE solver, as denoted by the KiSAO ID KiSAO:0000019.

A number of dataGenerators are defined, which are the prerequisite for defining the simulation output. The first dataGenerator with id time collects the simulation time. tim1 maps on the Mt entity in the model that is used in task1 which in the model model1. The dataGenerator named per_tim1 maps on the Cn entity in model1. Finally the fourth and fifth dataGenerators map on the Mt and per_tim entity respectively in the updated model with ID model2.

The output defined in the experiment consists of three 2D plots. The first plot has two curves and provides the time course of the simulation using the tim mRNA concentrations from both tasks. The second plot shows the per_tim concentration against the tim concentration for the oscillating model. The third plot shows the same plot for the chaotic model. The resulting three plots are depicted in Figure A.4.1.

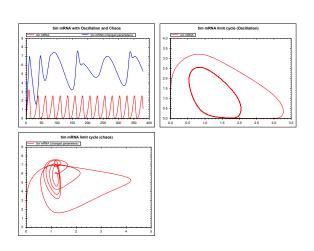


Figure A.15: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.9 with SED-ML webtools.



Figure A.16: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.9 with tellurium.

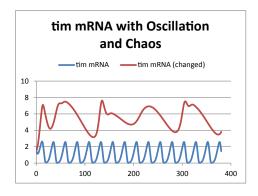
```
< uniform Time Course \ id = "simulation1" \ initial Time = "0" \ output Start Time = "0" \ output End Time = "380" \ output Start Time = "0" \ ou
5
                   numberOfPoints="1000"
               <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019" />
            </uniformTimeCourse>
        </listOfSimulations>
        stOfModels>
           <model id="model1" name="Circadian Oscillations" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="</pre>
10
           urn:miriam:biomodels.db:BIOMD0000000021" />
<model id="model2" name="Circadian Chaos" language="urn:sedml:language:sbml" source="model1">
11
               tofChanges>
12
                  13
14
               </listOfChanges>
15
            </model>
16
        </listOfModels>
17
18
        <listOfTasks>
           <task id="task1" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="simulation1" />
<task id="task2" modelReference="model2" simulationReference="simulation1" />
19
20
        </listOfTasks>
21
        23
           <dataGenerator id="time" name="time">
               <listOfVariables>
24
                  <variable id="t" taskReference="task1" symbol="urn:sedml:symbol:time" />
25
               </listOfVariables>
26
               <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
27
28
                 <ci> t </ci>
               29
            </dataGenerator>
30
            <dataGenerator id="tim1" name="tim mRNA">
               tofVariables>
32
                  <variable id="v1" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/</pre>
33
                           sbml:species[@id='Mt']" />
34
               </listOfVariables>
               <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
                 <ci> v1 </ci>
36
               37
           </dataGenerator>
38
            <dataGenerator id="per_tim1" name="nuclear PER-TIM complex">
39
40
               <listOfVariables>
                  <variable id="v1a" taskReference="task1" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/</pre>
41
                          sbml:species[@id='Cn']" />
               </listOfVariables>
42
               <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
43
44
                 <ci> v1a </ci>
               45
           </dataGenerator>
46
            <dataGenerator id="tim2" name="tim mRNA (changed parameters)">
47
               <listOfVariables>
                  <variable id="v2" taskReference="task2" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/</pre>
49
                           sbml:species[@id='Mt']" />
               </listOfVariables>
50
               <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
51
                  <ci> v2 </ci>
52
53
               </dataGenerator>
54
            <dataGenerator id="per_tim2" name="nuclear PER-TIM complex">
55
               t0fVariables>
                  <variable id="v2a" taskReference="task2" target="/sbml:sbml/sbml:model/sbml:listOfSpecies/</pre>
57
                          sbml:species[@id='Cn']" />
               </listOfVariables>
58
               <math xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML">
59
                  <ci> v2a </ci>
61
               </dataGenerator>
62
        </list0fDataGenerators>
63
        tofOutputs>
64
            <plot2D id="plot1" name="tim mRNA with Oscillation and Chaos">
               tofCurves>
66
                 <curve id="c1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time" yDataReference="tim1" />
<curve id="c2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time" yDataReference="tim2" />
67
68
               </listOfCurves>
70
           </plot2D>
          <plot2D id="plot2" name="tim mRNA limit cycle (Oscillation)">
71
               Curves>
72
                  <curve id="c3" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="per_tim1" yDataReference="tim1" />
74
               </listOfCurves>
75
            </plot2D>
          <plot2D id="plot3" name="tim mRNA limit cycle (chaos)">
76
             Curves>
77
                  <curve id="c4" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="per_tim2" yDataReference="tim2" />
               </listOfCurves>
79
80
            </plot2D>
        </list0f0utputs>
81
82 </sedML>
```

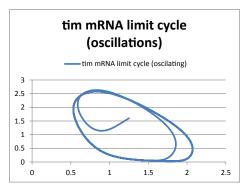
Listing A.9: LeLoup Model Simulation Description in SED-ML

A.4.2 Le Loup Model CelIML (leloup-cellml.omex)

TODO: add better cellml example which can be executed with existing software, i.e. OpenCOR. The current example is not working or runnable. This must be replaced.

The following example provides a SED-ML description for the simulation of the model based on the publication [12]. Whereas the previous example used SBML to encode the simulation experiment, here the model is taken from the CellML Model Repository [14].





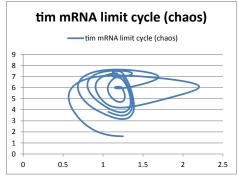


Figure A.17: The simulation result gained from the simulation description given in Listing A.10

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
  <<sedML xmlns:math="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML" xmlns="http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3"
level="1" version="3">
   <notes>Comparing Limit Cycles and strange attractors for
          oscillation in Drosophila</notes>
   distofSimulations>
      <uniformTimeCourse id="simulation1"</pre>
      initialTime="0" outputStartTime="0" outputEndTime="380"
numberOfPoints="1000" >
       <algorithm kisaoID="KISAO:0000019"/>
       </uniformTimeCourse>
10
   </list0fSimulations>
11
12
   stOfModels>
    <model id="model1" name="Circadian Oscillations" language="urn:sedml:language:cellml" source="http://
13
         models.cellml.org/workspace/leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999/@@rawfile/7606
          a47e222bc3b3d9117baa08d2e7246d67eedd/leloup_gonze_goldbeter_1999_a.cellml"/>
    <model id="model2" name="Circadian Chaos" language="urn:sedml:language:cellml" source="model1">
      Changes>
15
       <changeAttribute target="/cellml:model/cellml:component[@name='MT']/cellml:variable[@name='vmT']/</pre>
16
            @initial_value" newValue="0.28"/>
       <changeAttribute target="/cellml:model/cellml:component[@name='T2']/cellml:variable[@name='vdT']/</pre>
            @initial_value" newValue="4.8"/>
      </listOfChanges>
     </model>
19
   </listOfModels>
20
22
    st0fTasks>
      <task id="task1" name="Limit Cycle" modelReference="model1" simulationReference="simulation1"/>
23
       <task id="task2" name="Strange attractors" modelReference="model2" simulationReference="simulation1"/
24
25
    </listOfTasks>
26
    <listOfDataGenerators>
       <dataGenerator id="time" name="time">
27
28
         tofVariables>
```

```
29
        </listOfVariables>
        <math:math>
31
32
         <math:ci>t</math:ci>
        </math:math>
33
      </dataGenerator>
34
35
36
      <dataGenerator id="tim1" name="tim mRNA">
37
        st0fVariables>
         38
        </listOfVariables>
39
        <math:math>
40
         <math:ci>v0</math:ci>
41
        </math:math>
42
      </dataGenerator>
43
44
      <dataGenerator id="per_tim" name="nuclear PER-TIM complex">
45
        <listOfVariables>
46
         47
48
       </listOfVariables>
49
       <math:math>
         <math:ci>v1</math:ci>
50
        </math:math>
51
      </dataGenerator>
52
53
54
      <dataGenerator id="tim2" name="tim mRNA (changed parameters)">
        <listOfVariables>
55
          <variable id="v2" taskReference="task2" target="/cellml:model/cellml:component[@name='MT']/</pre>
56
              cellml:variable[@name='MT']" />
        </listOfVariables>
57
          <math:math>
58
           <math:ci>v2</math:ci>
59
          </math:math>
61
      </dataGenerator>
62
      <dataGenerator id="per_tim2" name="nuclear PER-TIM complex">
63
       <listOfVariables>
64
         <variable id="v3" taskReference="task2" target="/cellml:model/cellml:component[@name='CN']/</pre>
65
              cellml:variable[@name='CN']" />
        </listOfVariables>
66
        <math:math>
67
          <math:ci>v3</math:ci>
68
69
        </math:math>
      </dataGenerator>
70
    </list0fDataGenerators>
71
72
    st0f0utputs>
73
      <plot2D id="plot1" name="tim mRNA with Oscillation and Chaos">
74
        Curves>
75
         ccurve id="c1" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time" yDataReference="tim1" />
ccurve id="c2" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="time" yDataReference="tim2" />
76
77
78
        </listOfCurves>
79
      </plot2D>
     <plot2D id="plot2" name="tim mRNA limit cycle (Oscillation)">
80
       Curves>
81
         <curve id="c3" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="per_tim" yDataReference="tim1" />
83
        </listOfCurves>
      </plot2D>
84
     <plot2D id="plot3" name="tim mRNA limit cycle (chaos)">
85
        <curve id="c4" logX="false" logY="false" xDataReference="per_tim2" yDataReference="tim2" />
</listOfCurves>
       tofCurves>
86
88
      </plot2D>
89
    </list0f0utputs>
91 </sedML>
```

Listing A.10: LeLoup Model Simulation Description in SED-ML

B. XML Schema

Listing B.1 shows the full SED-ML XML Schema.

```
{\tt 1} < xs: schema \ targetNamespace = "http://sed-ml.org/sed-ml/level1/version3" \ xmlns = "http://sed-ml/level1/version3" 
              level/version3" xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:math="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML"
               elementFormDefault="qualified">
              <xs:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML" schemaLocation="sedml-mathml.xsd" />
              <xs:simpleType name="SId">
                       <xs:annotation>
                                <xs:documentation>
                                        The type SId is used throughout SED-ML as the type of the 'id' attributes on SED-ML elements.
11
12
                                </xs:documentation>
                       </xs:annotation>
13
                       15
                       </xs:restriction>
16
              </xs:simpleType>
17
18
              20
21
22
23
               </xs:attributeGroup>
24
              <!-- SED Base class -->
25
              <xs:complexType name="SEDBase">
26
                        <xs:annotation>
27
                                <xs:documentation xml:lang="en">
                                         The SEDBase type is the base type of all main types in SED-ML. It serves as a container for
29
30
31
                                         the annotation of any part of the
32
33
                                         experiment description.
34
                                </r></r></r></r/>/xs:documentation>
                       </xs:annotation>
35
                       <xs:sequence>
36
                                <xs:element ref="notes" min0ccurs="0" />
37
                                <xs:element ref="annotation" min0ccurs="0" />
38
39
                        </xs:sequence>
40
41
                                 This must be a variable-type identifier, i.e., (Letter | '_')
                                 (NCNameChar)* that is unique in the document.
43
44
                        <xs:attribute name="metaid" type="xs:ID" use="optional"></xs:attribute>
45
              </xs:complexType>
47
              <!-- SED ML Top level element -->
               <xs:element name="sedML">
48
                       <xs:complexType>
49
                                <xs:complexContent>
50
                                         <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
52
                                                   <xs:sequence>
                                                           <xs:element ref="listOfDataDescriptions" minOccurs="0" />
53
                                                           <xs:element ref= listOfDataDesCriptions minoccurs= 0 /
<xs:element ref="listOfSimulations" minoccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfModels" minoccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfTasks" minoccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfDataGenerators" minoccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfOutputs" minoccurs="0" />
54
55
57
58
59
                                                   </xs:sequence>
                                                   <xs:attribute name="level" type="xs:decimal" use="required" fixed="1" />
61
                                                   <xs:attribute name="version" type="xs:decimal" use="required" fixed="3" />
62
                                         </r></r></r></r/>
                                </xs:complexContent>
63
                        </r></r></ra>complexType>
              </xs:element>
66
               <!-- notes and annotations -->
67
              <xs:element name="notes">
```

```
<xs:complexType>
70
                  <xs:sequence>
                       <xs:any namespace="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"</pre>
                          processContents="skip" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
73
                  </r></r></r></r>
             </r></rs:complexType>
74
        </xs:element>
75
76
        <xs:element name="annotation">
77
             <xs:complexType>
                  <xs:sequence>
78
                      <xs:any processContents="skip" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded" />
79
                  </xs:sequence>
80
             </xs:complexType>
81
82
        </xs:element>
83
        <!-- KiSAO ID type -->
84
        <xs:simpleType name="KisaoType">
85
            <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
  <xs:pattern value="KISAO:[0-9]{7}" />
86
87
             </xs:restriction>
88
        </xs:simpleType>
89
91
        <!-- global element declarations -->
        <xs:element name="variable">
92
             <xs:complexType>
93
                  <xs:complexContent>
94
                       <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
                           <!-- at least one of taskReference or modelReference must be set -->
<xs:attribute name="taskReference" type="SId" use="optional" />
<xs:attribute name="modelReference" type="SId" use="optional" />
96
97
98
                           <!-- either target or symbol have to be used in the variable definition -->
<xs:attribute name="target" type="xs:token" use="optional" />
<xs:attribute name="symbol" type="xs:string" use="optional" />
101
102
                            <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup" />
103
                       </xs:extension>
                 </xs:complexContent>
105
             </xs:complexType>
106
        </xs:element>
107
108
109
        <xs:element name="parameter">
110
             <xs:complexType>
                  <xs:complexContent>
111
                       <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
112
                           <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup" />
<xs:attribute name="value" type="xs:double" use="required" />
114
115
                       </xs:extension>
                  </r></xs:complexContent>
116
             </xs:complexType>
117
        </xs:element>
119
        <!-- The model(s) to simulate/analyse --> <xs:element name="model">
120
121
             <xs:complexType>
122
                  <xs:complexContent>
123
                       <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
124
125
                           <xs:sequence>
                                <xs:element ref="listOfChanges" minOccurs="0" />
126
127
                           128
129
130
                            <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup" />
131
                       </xs:extension>
133
                  </xs:complexContent>
             </xs:complexType>
134
        </xs:element>
135
136
        <!-- Model pre-processing changes -->
137
        <xs:element name="newXML">
138
             <xs:complexType>
139
                  <xs:sequence>
140
                      <xs:any processContents="skip" min0ccurs="1" max0ccurs="unbounded" />
142
                 </xs:sequence>
             </xs:complexType>
143
        </xs:element>
144
145
        <xs:element name="changeAttribute">
147
             <xs:complexTvpe>
                  <xs:complexContent>
148
                      <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
149
                            <xs:attribute name="target" use="required" type="xs:token" />
                           <xs.attribute name="newValue" type="xs:string" use="required" />
151
152
                       </xs:extension>
                  </r></xs:complexContent>
153
             </xs:complexType>
154
        </xs:element>
        <xs:element name="changeXML">
157
```

```
158
            <xs:complexType>
                 <xs:complexContent>
159
                     <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
160
                         <xs:sequence>
162
                             <xs:element ref="newXML" />
                          </xs:sequence>
163
                          <xs:attribute name="target" use="required" type="xs:token" />
164
165
                     </xs:extension>
                </xs:complexContent>
166
167
            </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
168
169
        <xs:element name="addXML">
170
171
            <xs:complexType>
                <xs:complexContent>
172
                     <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
173
174
                          <xs:sequence>
175
                             <xs:element ref="newXML" />
176
                          </xs:sequence>
                          <xs:attribute name="target" use="required" type="xs:token" />
177
                     </xs:extension>
178
                 </xs:complexContent>
180
            </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
181
182
        <xs:element name="removeXML">
183
            <xs:complexType>
184
185
                <xs:complexContent>
                     <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
186
                         <xs:attribute name="target" use="required" type="xs:token" />
187
188
                     </xs:extension>
                 </r></xs:complexContent>
189
            </r></r></ra>complexType>
190
        </xs:element>
191
192
193
        <xs:complexType name="ComputeChange">
194
            <xs:complexContent>
                <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
195
196
                     <xs:sequence>
                          <xs:element ref="listOfVariables" minOccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfParameters" minOccurs="0" />
197
198
                          <xs:element ref="math:math" />
199
200
                     </xs:sequence>
                     <xs:attribute name="target" use="required" type="xs:token" />
201
                 </xs:extension>
202
203
            </xs:complexContent>
204
        </xs:complexType>
205
        <xs:element name="computeChange" type="ComputeChange"/>
206
208
        <!-- The simulation/analysis algorithms to use -->
209
        <xs:element name="algorithm">
210
211
            <xs:complexType>
                 <xs:complexContent>
212
                     <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
213
214
                         <xs:sequence>
                              <xs:element ref="listOfAlgorithmParameters" minOccurs="0"/>
215
                          </xs:sequence>
                         <xs:attribute name="kisaoID" type="KisaoType" use="required" />
217
218
                     </xs:extension>
                 </xs:complexContent>
219
            </xs:complexType>
220
221
        </xs:element>
222
        <xs:element name="algorithmParameter">
223
            <xs:complexType>
224
                <xs:complexContent>
225
226
                     <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
                         <xs:attribute name="kisaoID" type="KisaoType" use="required"/>
227
                          <xs:attribute name="value" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
228
                     </xs:extension>
229
                 </xs:complexContent>
231
            </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
232
233
        <xs:complexType name="Simulation">
234
235
            <xs:complexContent>
                 <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
236
237
                     <xs:sequence>
                         <xs:element ref="algorithm" />
238
                     </xs:sequence>
240
                     <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup" />
                 </xs:extension>
241
            </xs:complexContent>
242
        </xs:complexType>
243
245
        <xs:element name="uniformTimeCourse">
246
            <xs:complexType>
```

```
247
                    <xs:complexContent>
                         <xs:extension base="Simulation">
248
                              <xs:attribute name="outputStartTime" type="xs:double" use="required" />
<xs:attribute name="outputEndTime" type="xs:double" use="required" />
<xs:attribute name="numberOfPoints" type="xs:integer" use="required" />
<xs:attribute name="initialTime" type="xs:double" use="required" />
250
251
252
                         </xs:extension>
253
                    </r></r></ra></ra>
254
              </xs:complexType>
255
256
         </xs:element>
257
         <xs:element name="oneStep">
258
              <xs:complexType>
260
                    <xs:complexContent>
                        <xs:extension base="Simulation">
261
                              <xs:attribute name="step" type="xs:double" use="required"/>
262
                         </xs:extension>
264
                   </xs:complexContent>
265
              </xs:complexType>
266
         </xs:element>
267
         <xs:element name="steadyState">
269
               <xs:complexType>
                    <xs:complexContent>
270
                        <xs:extension base="Simulation">
271
                              <!-- There is actually no difference from the base type here -->
272
273
                         </xs:extension>
274
                   </xs:complexContent>
275
              </xs:complexTvpe>
         </xs:element>
276
         <!-- The various task elements inherit from AbstractTask -->
<xs:complexType name="AbstractTask">
278
279
              <xs:complexContent>
280
                  <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
281
                         <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup" />
283
                   </xs:extension>
              </xs:complexContent>
284
         </xs:complexType>
285
286
287
         <xs:element name="task">
288
              <xs:complexType>
                    <xs:complexContent>
289
                         <xs:extension base="AbstractTask">
290
                              <xs:attribute name="simulationReference" type="SId" use="required" />
<xs:attribute name="modelReference" type="SId" use="required" />
291
292
293
                         </xs:extension>
                    </r></xs:complexContent>
294
               </xs:complexType>
295
         </xs:element>
297
         <xs:element name="repeatedTask">
298
               <xs:complexType>
299
                    <xs:complexContent>
                         <xs:extension base="AbstractTask">
301
302
                              <xs:sequence>
                                   <xs:element ref="listOfRanges"/>
<xs:element name="listOfChanges" type="repeatedTaskListOfChanges"</pre>
303
304
                                   minOccurs="0"/>
<xs:element ref="listOfSubTasks"/>
306
307
                              </xs:sequence>
                              <xs:attribute name="range" type="SId" use="required"/>
<xs:attribute name="resetModel" type="SId" use="required"/>
308
309
                         </xs:extension>
311
                    </xs:complexContent>
              </xs:complexType>
312
         </xs:element>
313
314
         <!-- Child elements of repeatedTask --> <xs:complexType name="Range">
316
              <xs:complexContent>
317
                    <xs:extension base="SEDBase">
318
                         <xs:attributeGroup ref="idGroup"/>
320
                   </xs:extension>
321
              </r></r></ra>
         </xs:complexType>
322
324
         <xs:simpleType name="LogOrLinear">
               <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
325
                   <xs:enumeration value="log"/>
326
                    <xs:enumeration value="linear"/>
327
               </xs:restriction>
329
         </xs:simpleType>
330
         <xs:element name="uniformRange">
331
               <xs:complexType>
332
                    <xs:complexContent>
                         <xs:extension base="Range">
  <xs:attribute name="start" type="xs:double"/>
334
335
```

```
<xs:attribute name="end" type="xs:double"/>
<xs:attribute name="numberOfPoints" type="xs:integer"/>
336
337
                              <xs:attribute name="type" type="Log0rLinear"/>
338
                         </xs:extension>
339
340
                   </xs:complexContent>
              </r></xs:complexType>
341
         </xs:element>
342
343
         <xs:element name="vectorRange">
344
345
              <xs:complexTvpe>
                   <xs:complexContent>
346
                        <xs:extension base="Range">
347
348
                              <xs:sequence>
                                   <xs:element name="value" type="xs:double" max0ccurs="unbounded"/>
349
350
                              </xs:sequence>
                         </xs:extension>
351
                   </r></xs:complexContent>
352
353
              </r></re></re>
354
         </xs:element>
355
         <xs:element name="functionalRange">
356
              <xs:complexType>
358
                   <xs:complexContent>
                         <xs:extension base="Range">
359
                             <xs:sequence>
360
                                   <xs:element ref="listOfVariables" minOccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="listOfParameters" minOccurs="0" />
<xs:element ref="math:math" />
361
362
363
364
                              </xs:sequence>
                              <xs:attribute name="range" type="SId" use="optional"/>
365
                         </xs:extension>
                   </r></xs:complexContent>
367
              </xs:complexType>
368
         </xs:element>
369
370
         <xs:element name="setValue">
372
              <xs:complexType>
                   <xs:complexContent>
373
                         <xs:extension base="ComputeChange">
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Listing B.1: The SED-ML XML Schema definition

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