Table S1: Species and intial numbers of the Lac-Gfp model

Species	Notation	Initial Distribution
LacI mRNA	lacI	U([0,5])
LacI protein monomer	LACI	U([0, 10])
LacI dimer	LACI2	fixed to 0
Unoccupied (active) Lac promoter	PLac	fixed to 0
Occupied Lac promoter with 2 repressor molecules bound	O2Lac	fixed to 0
Occupied Lac promoter with 4 repressor molecules bound	O4Lac	U([50, 70])
GFP mRNA	gfp	fixed to 0
"Dark" GFP protein	GFP	fixed to 0
Mature GFP protein	mGFP	fixed to 0

 $\mathrm{U}([a,b])$ denotes the uniform distribution on the interval [a,b].