S2 Appendix. Simulation rates and initial conditions 1

2 Every simulation is initiated with an amount of promoter, RNA polymerase, and ribosome, as 3 well as 10 unoccupied scaffold proteins with two binding sites each. In the simulations, the translation rate k_p , the protein export rate k_{out} , and the protein binding rate k_{bind} are all varied 4 5 individually. Unless otherwise indicated, the initial conditions and rates are as indicated below for 6

both the stochastic and deterministic computational solutions. All units are indicated in arbitrary

7 units of concentration, [C], and time, t.

8 Parallel / Series Uncoupled / Series Coupled Genetic Circuits

Reactant	Initial value [C]
P	2
RNAP	100
Rib	100
sca.sca	10

Rate	Value
k_{pro}	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
k_{pro-}	0.01 t ⁻¹
k_{gene}	0.1 t ⁻¹
k_m	1 t ⁻¹
k_p	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
$k_{mrna-loss}$	0.2 t ⁻¹
k_{out}	1 t ⁻¹
k_{bind}	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
$k_{out-loss}$	0.01 t ⁻¹

12 Cascade Genetic Circuit

Reactant	Initial value [C]
P1	2
P2	2
RNAP	100
Rib	100
sca.sca	10

Rate	Value
Rate	value
k_{pro}	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
1,	0.01 t ⁻¹
k_{pro-}	0.01 t
$k_{pro-loss}$	0.01 t ⁻¹
7	0.1 t ⁻¹
k_{gene}	0.1 t
k_m	1 t ⁻¹
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k_p	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
$k_{mrna-loss}$	0.2 t ⁻¹
	1
k_{out}	1 t ⁻¹
k_{bind}	1 [C] ⁻¹ t ⁻¹
	0.04 1
$k_{out-loss}$	0.01 t ⁻¹