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# Session 7: Cell Interactions

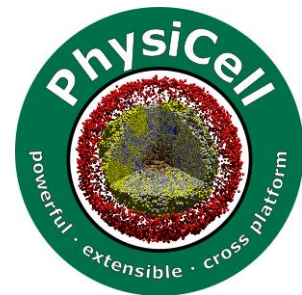


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# Goals

- Further introduce **cell interactions**
  - Advanced chemotaxis, phagocytosis, effector attack, fusion, transformation
- Extend the **tumor-immune** example
  - Macrophages with M1-M2 axis:
    - ♦ release pro-inflammatory in high O<sub>2</sub>, anti-inflammatory in low O<sub>2</sub>
  - CD8+ T cells:
    - ♦ Follow pro-inflammatory signals, attack tumor cells, inhibited by anti-inflammatory
  - Damaged tumor cells die
- Begin **farmer-prey-zombie** example
  - Farmers
    - ♦ create food for prey
  - Zombies:
    - ♦ Seek and attack prey, eat the dead, merge into super-zombies
  - Prey:
    - ♦ aggregate, seek food, reproduce, avoid and counter-attack zombies
    - ♦ damage causes transformation into zombies

# Advanced interactions



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# Biased random migration & "standard" chemotaxis

## Biased random migration

### • Key parameters:

- $s$  (instantaneous) speed
- $d_{\text{bias}}$  preferred migration direction
- $b$  preference for choosing to migrate along  $d_{\text{bias}}$
- $d_{\text{motility}}$  direction of motility
- $T_{\text{persistence}}$  mean time between choosing new migration directions

### • Choosing a migration direction:

- Let  $\theta$  be a random unit vector. Then

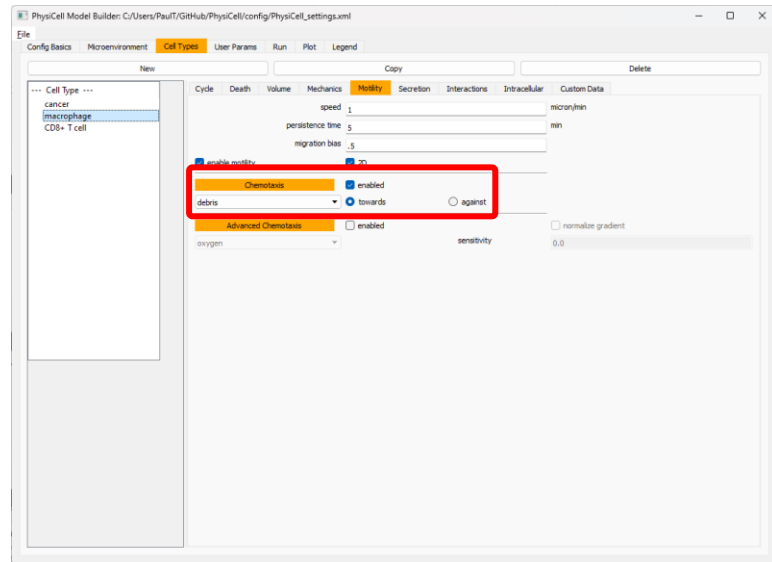
$$d_{\text{motility}} = b \cdot d_{\text{bias}} + (1 - b) \cdot \theta$$

### • Contribution to cell velocity

$$v = s \frac{d_{\text{motility}}}{|d_{\text{motility}}|} + \text{other terms} \dots$$

## "Standard" chemotaxis

- Set  $d_{\text{bias}} = \frac{\nabla \rho}{|\nabla \rho|}$  for some substrate  $\rho$



Set motility parameters and **enable motility**  
Under **chemotaxis**

- choose which substrate in the drop-down
- choose towards / away the gradient
- check **enabled**

# Advanced chemotaxis

## "Advanced" chemotaxis

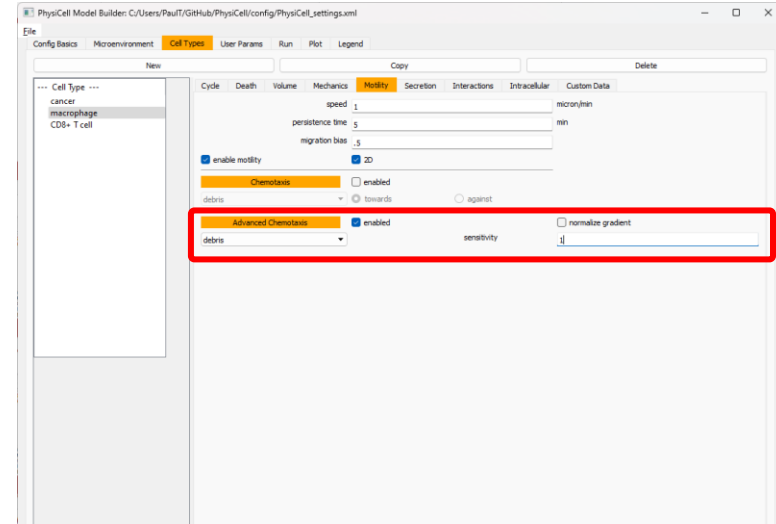
- Linear combination of gradients for more nuanced movement

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{bias}} = \sum_j w_j \nabla \rho_j$$

- if  $w_j > 0$ , then move along the gradient
- if  $w_j < 0$ , then move against the gradient

- normalized option:

$$\mathbf{d}_{\text{bias}} = \sum_j w_j \frac{\nabla \rho_j}{|\nabla \rho_j|}$$



Set motility parameters and **enable motility**  
Under **advanced chemotaxis**

- Set the weight for each substrate
- positive weights move along gradient
- negative weights move against gradient
- check **enabled**

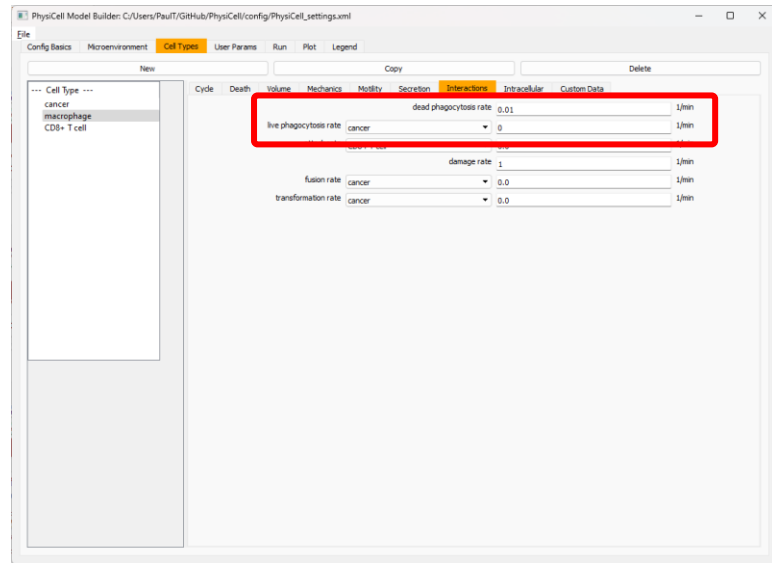
# Neighbor lists and interactions (1)

## Neighbors list

- Every cell has a list `pCell->state.neighbors`
  - pointers to all cells within interaction distance
  - automatically updated by mechanics
  - We can use it to automate more common interactions with nearby cells

## Phagocytosis

- **Key parameters:**
  - $r_{\text{phago,dead}}$  rate of phagocytosing dead cells
  - $r_{\text{phago},i}$  rate of phagocytosing live cells of type  $i$
- **Implementation:**
  - If a neighbor is dead, phagocytose with probability  $r_{\text{phago,dead}} \Delta t$
  - If a neighbor is live with type  $i$ , phagocytose with probability  $r_{\text{phago},i} \Delta t$
  - Absorb fluid contents into fluid
  - Absorb solid contents into cytoplasmic solids
  - Internalized substrates are added to the phagocytosing cell
  - Shrink towards target volume
  - **Note:** Processed every  $\Delta t_{\text{mechanics}}$



## Under interactions

- set the dead cell phagocytosis rate
- choose a cell type from the drop-down and set its live phagocytosis rate

# Neighbor lists and interactions (2)

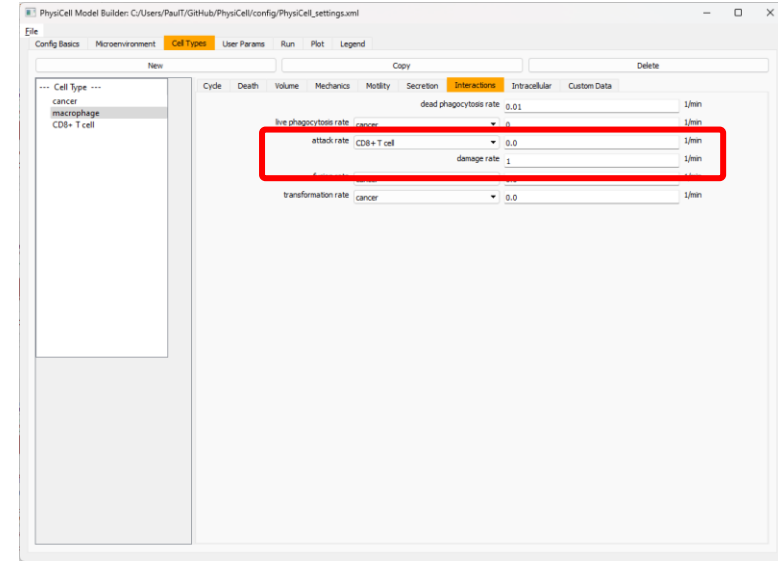
## (Effector) attack

### • Key parameters:

- $r_{\text{attack},i}$  rate of attacking live cells of type  $i$
- $r_{\text{damage}}$  rate of increasing damage during an attack.

### • Implementation:

- If a neighbor is live with type  $i$ , attack with probability  $r_{\text{attack},i} \Delta t$
- If attacking, increase cell's damage by  $r_{\text{damage}} \Delta t$
- **Note:** You need a C++ rule (and additional hypothesis) for the attack to cause death.
- **Note:** Processed every  $\Delta t_{\text{mechanics}}$
- **Note:** Currently we only attack one cell per time step
- **Note:** Multiple cells can attack a cell concurrently
- **Note:** If left unchanged, then a cell's **damage** is the total cumulative attack time on a cell. (AUC)



### Under **interactions**

- choose a cell type from the drop-down and set its live phagocytosis rate
- set the attack rate

# Neighbor lists and interactions (3)

## Fusion

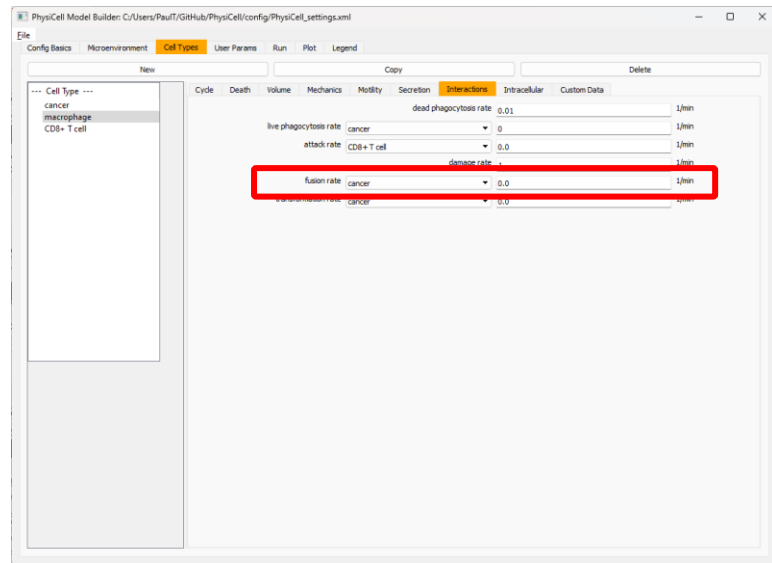
- **Key parameters:**

- $r_{\text{fusion},i}$  rate of fusing with live cells of type  $i$

- **Implementation:**

- If a neighbor is live with type  $i$ , fuse with probability  $r_{\text{fuse},i} \Delta t$
- Combine volumes (and sub-volumes)
- Combine internalized substrates
- New position is at center of volume
- Combine nuclei (tracked in `state.number_of_nuclei`)

- **Note:** Processed every  $\Delta t_{\text{mechanics}}$
- **Note:** Currently we only fuse one cell per time step



### Under **interactions**

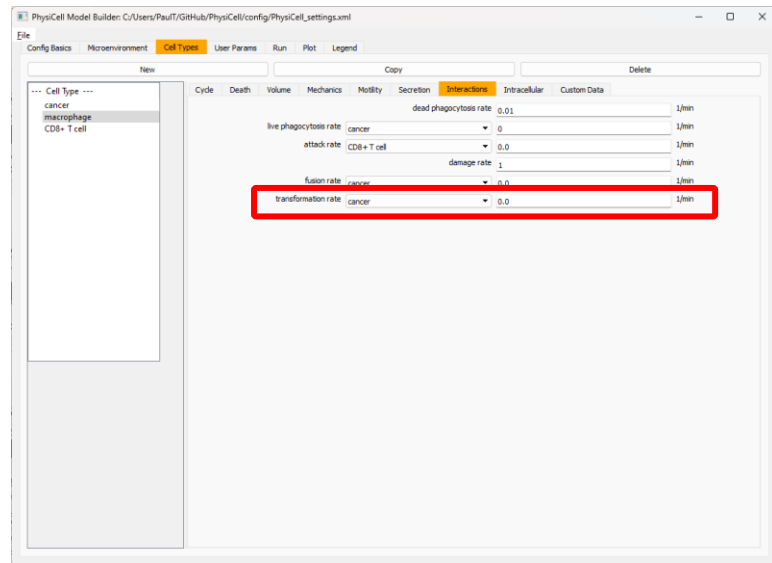
- choose a cell type from the drop-down and set its fusion rate



# Neighbor lists and interactions (4)

## Transformation

- **Examples:**
  - differentiation, mutation, trans-differentiation
- **Key parameters:**
  - $r_{\text{transform},i}$  rate of transforming into cell type  $i$
- **Implementation:**
  - Probability of changing to cell type  $i$  is  $r_{\text{transform},i} \Delta t$
  - Use the cell definition of type  $i$  to reinitialize the cell
    - ♦ Phenotype, custom data, and functions overwritten
    - ♦ Could use some future refinement?
      - » preserve internalized substrates?
      - » preserve **conserved** custom variables?
      - » preserve volumes?
- **Note:** Processed every  $\Delta t_{\text{cell}}$
- **Note:** Only one transformation per time step
- **Note:** Could probably be more delicate



## Under interactions

- choose a cell type from the drop-down and set its transformation rate

# Let's extend our previous model!

- Macrophages with M1-M2 axis:
  - ♦ secrete pro-inflammatory factor in except in low O<sub>2</sub>
  - ♦ secrete anti-inflammatory in low O<sub>2</sub>
- CD8+ T cells:
  - ♦ Chemotaxis towards pro-inflammatory signals
  - ♦ Attack cancer cells
  - ♦ Anti-inflammatory signals reduce chemotaxis and attack
- Cancer cells:
  - ♦ Damage increases (apoptotic) death

# Checklist

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# Planning (1)

- Tumor cell apoptosis varies with damage

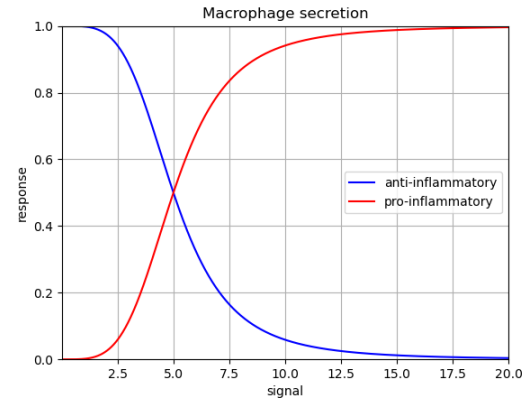
$$d = d_0 + (d_{\max} - d_0)H(D)$$

- $d_{\max} = 100 d_0$
- half-max = 180 min
- Hill power = 2;

- Macrophage secretion varies with O<sub>2</sub>

$$S_{\text{pro}} = S_{\text{pro},0} H(\sigma)$$
$$S_{\text{anti}} = S_{\text{anti},0} (1 - H(\sigma))$$

- half-max: 5 mmHg
- Hill power: 4 (for a sharp transition)



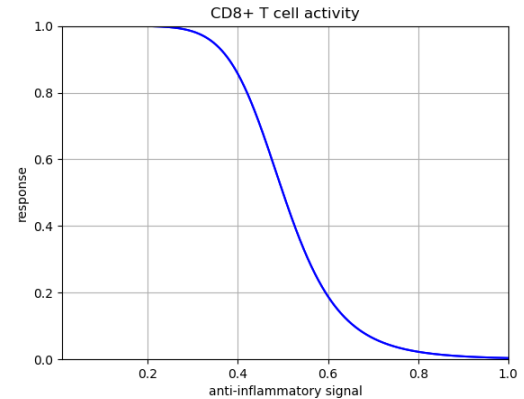
# Planning (2)

- CD8+ T cell behavior varies with anti-inflammatory signal

$$s = s_0(1 - H(\text{anti}))$$

$$r_{\text{attack}} = r_{\text{attack},0}(1 - H(\text{anti}))$$

- half-max = 0.5
- Hill-power = 8 (VERY steep response)



- **Note:** These parameters are *not calibrated*. Chosen for convenience!

# Planning (3)

- Microenvironment
  - Pro-inflammatory marker with diffusion constant 1000, decay 1 (length scale: 100)
    - ♦ no-flux boundary conditions
  - Anti-inflammatory marker with diffusion constant 1000, decay 1 (length scale: 100)
    - ♦ no-flux boundary conditions
- Additional custom cell data (known once you have planned your cell functions)
  - damage\_halfmax (for cancer cell death response to damage)
  - damage\_hillpower (for cancer cell death response to damage)
  - damage\_relative\_max\_death (for cancer cell death response to damage)
  - M1M2\_halfmax (for macrophage secretion response)
  - M1M2\_hillpower (for macrophage secretion response)
  - CD8\_halfmax (for CD8+ T cell migration and attack response)
  - CD8\_hillpower (for CD8+ T cell migration and attack response)
- Cell definitions
  - CD8+ T cell

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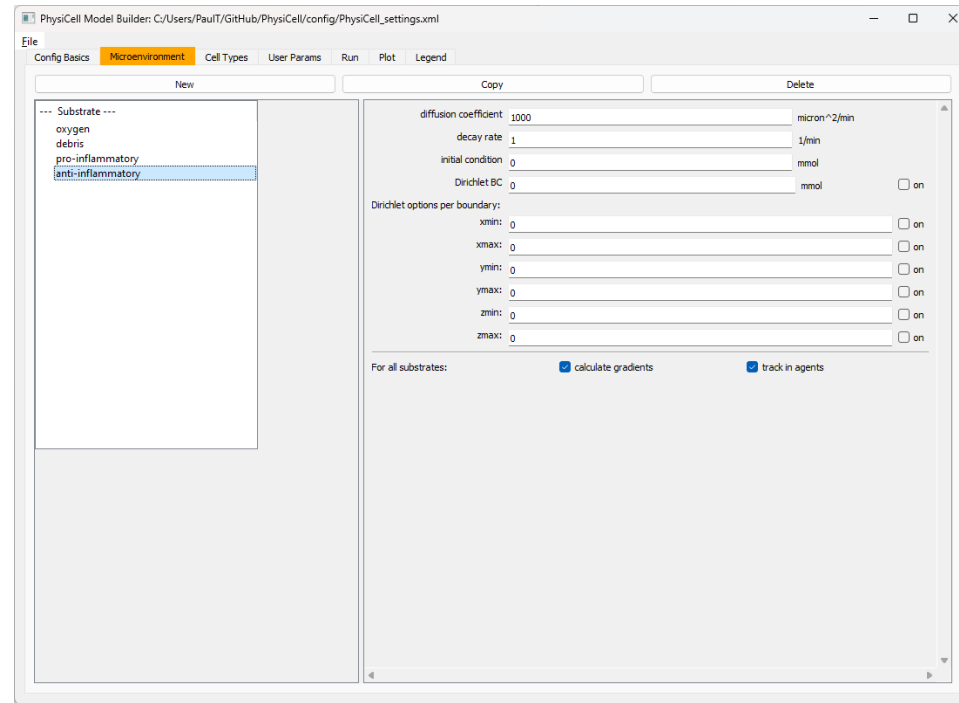
# Start modeling!

- Continue editing the code from Session 6
- (re)Open Model Builder GUI
  - `python ../PhysiCell-model-builder/bin/pmb.py --studio`
- Open config/PhysiCell\_settings.xml, and save.



# Edit the model: microenvironment

- Go to **microenvironment** tab
  - double-click **debris** and **copy**
    - ♦ rename it **pro-inflammatory**
    - ♦ set **diffusion** to **1000**
    - ♦ set **decay** to **1**
    - ♦ set **initial condition** to **0**
    - ♦ disable the Dirichlet BC
  - select **pro-inflammatory** and **copy**
    - ♦ rename it to **anti-inflammatory**

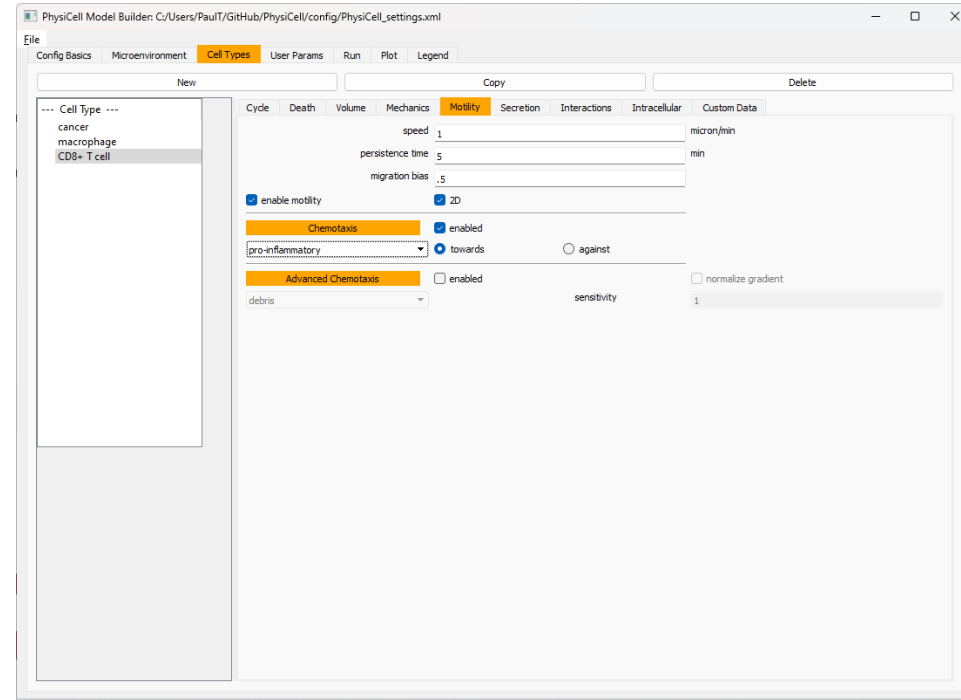


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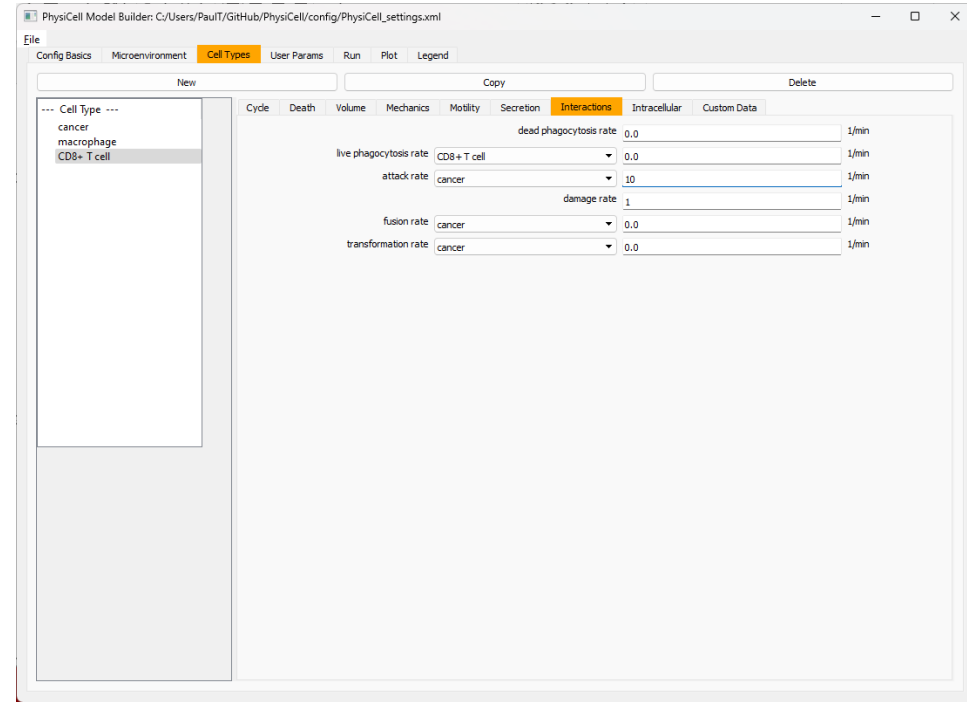
# Create CD8+ T cells: motility & secretion

- Click the **cell types** tab
- select **macrophage** and copy
  - rename to **CD8+ T cell**
  - go to **motility**
    - ♦ Set **migration bias** to **0.5**
    - ♦ Go to **chemotaxis**
      - » Choose **pro-inflammatory** from the drop-down
  - go to **secretion**
    - ♦ Set **debris** uptake/secretion to 0
    - ♦ Set **oxygen** uptake to 10
    - ♦ Set **pro-inflammatory** uptake to 1
      - » Ligand-receptor binding uses ligand
    - ♦ Set **anti-inflammatory** uptake to 1
      - » Ligand-receptor binding uses ligand



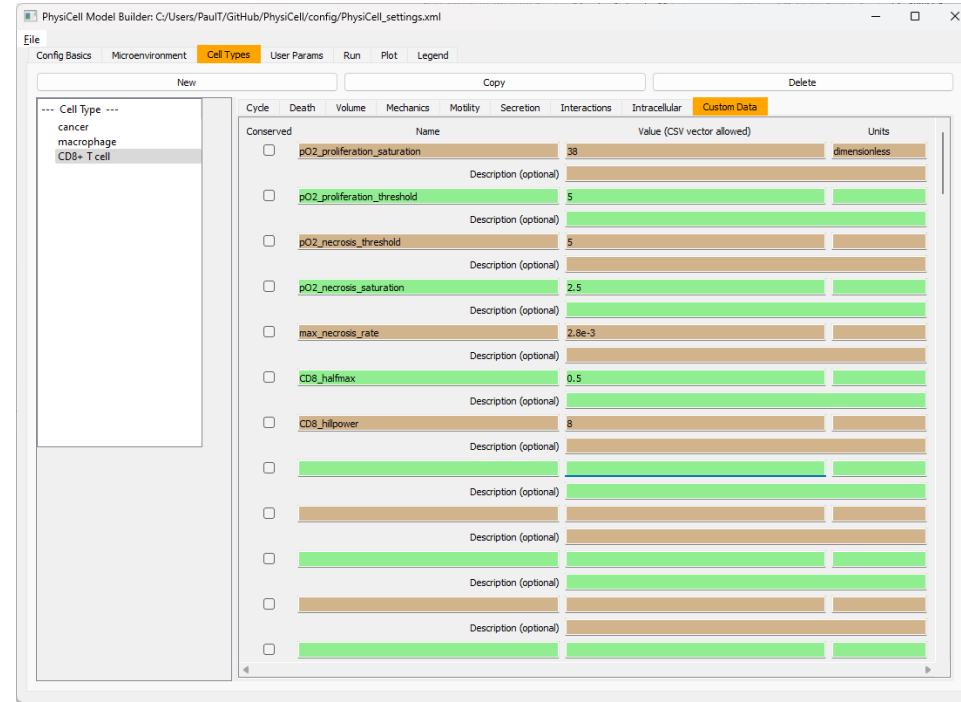
# Create CD8+ T cells: interactions

- select **interactions** tab
  - Set all **phagocytosis** rates to 0
  - Go to **attack rate**
    - ♦ Choose **cancer** from the drop-down
    - ♦ Set **attack rate** to 10
      - » Attacks every 0.1 min  
(thus at every mechanics step)



# Create CD8+ T cells: custom data

- Go to **custom data** tab
  - Add **CD8\_halfmax = 0.5**
  - Add **CD8\_hillpower = 8**



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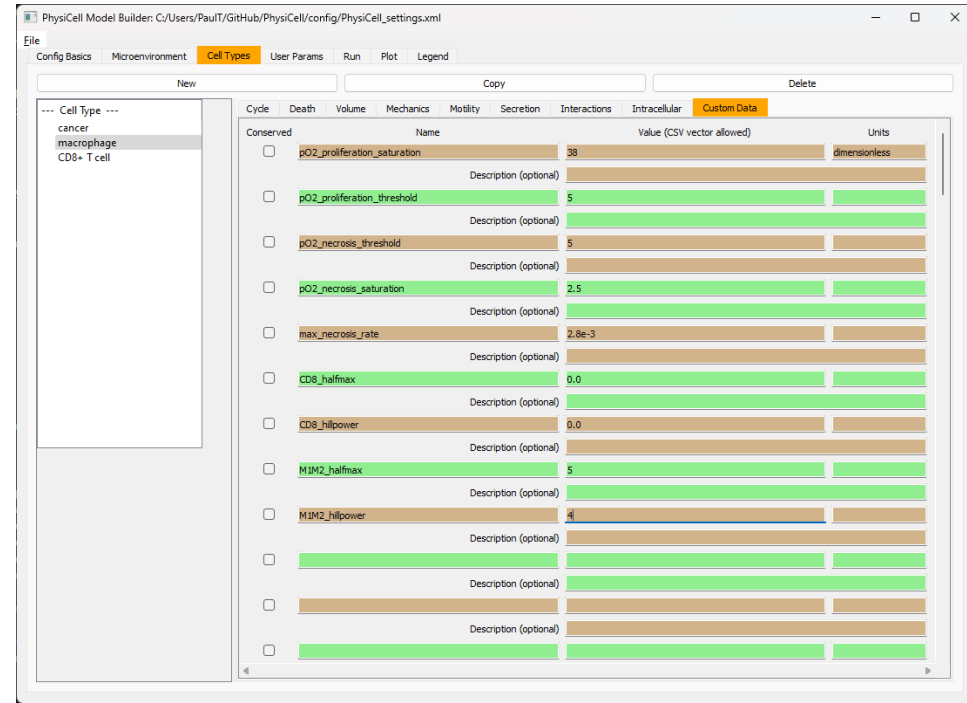
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# Update macrophages: secretion

- Select **macrophage**
- Go to **secretion**
  - Choose **pro-inflammatory** in the drop-down
    - ◆ set **secretion rate** to 10
    - ◆ set **target** to 1
  - Choose **anti-inflammatory** in the drop-down
    - ◆ set **secretion rate** to 10
    - ◆ set **target** to 1

# Update macrophages: custom data

- Go to **custom data**
  - Add M1M2\_halfmax = 5
  - Add M1M2\_hillpower = 4



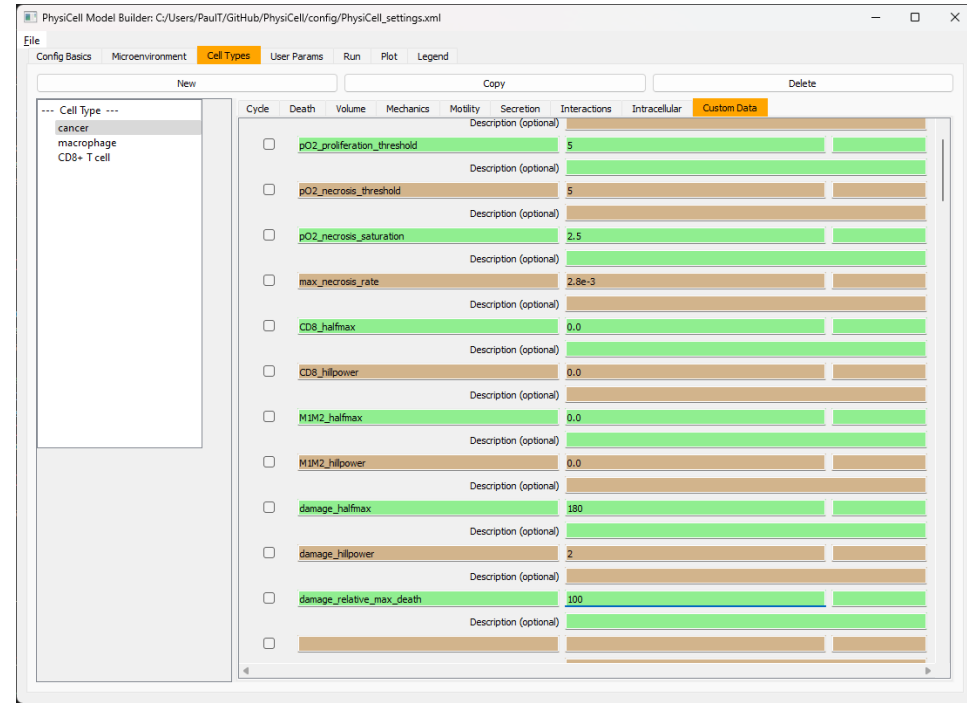


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# Update cancer: custom data

- Select **cancer** as the cell type
- Go to **custom data**
  - Add ...



# Let's add two parameters

- Parameters for CD8+ T cell placement
  - go to **user params**
    - ♦ add **number\_of\_CD8\_Tcells** of type **int** with value **50**
    - ♦ add **CD8\_Tcell\_distance** of type **double** with value **375**



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Unzip [Session07\\_checkpoint1.zip](#)  
in ./PhysiCell to get this code.

# Declare custom functions

- In `./custom_modules/custom.h`, declare:

```
void macrophage_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt);  
void CD8_Tcell_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt);
```



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# Update cancer phenotype

```
void cancer_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt)
{
    // ... from last time

    // set apoptosis rate based on damage

    double damage = get_single_signal( pCell , "damage");
    rate0 = get_single_base_behavior( pCell , "apoptosis");
    double halfmax = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:damage_halfmax"); // 180
    double hillpower = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:damage_hillpower"); // 2
    rateMax = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:damage_relative_max_death") * rate0;
    double hill = Hill_response_function( damage , halfmax , hillpower );
    rate = rate0 + (rateMax-rate0)*hill;
    set_single_behavior( pCell , "apoptosis" , rate) ;

    return;
}
```



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# macrophage phenotype

```
void macrophage_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt)
{
    // secrete anti-inflammatory in low O2

    double o2 = get_single_signal( pCell, "oxygen");
    double halfmax = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:M1M2_halfmax"); // 5
    double hillpower = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:M1M2_hillpower"); // 4
    double hill = Hill_response_function( o2 , halfmax, hillpower );
    double rate = get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "anti-inflammatory secretion" )*(1-hill);
    set_single_behavior( pCell , "anti-inflammatory secretion" , rate);

    // secrete pro-inflammatory except in low O2

    rate = get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "pro-inflammatory secretion")*hill;
    set_single_behavior( pCell , "pro-inflammatory secretion" , rate);

    return;
}
```



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# CD8+ T cell phenotype

```
void CD8_Tcell_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt)
{
    // anti-inflammatory reduces motility

    double anti = get_single_signal(pCell, "anti-inflammatory");
    double halfmax = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:CD8_halfmax"); // 0.5
    double hillpower = get_single_behavior( pCell , "custom:CD8_hillpower"); // 8
    double hill = Hill_response_function( anti , halfmax , hillpower );

    double param = get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "migration speed") * (1-hill);
    set_single_behavior( pCell , "migration speed" , param );

    // anti-inflammatory reduces cell killing

    param = get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "attack cancer") * (1-hill);
    set_single_behavior( pCell , "attack cancer" , param );

    return;
}
```

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# Assign the functions

```
// in create_cell_types():

// ...

Cell_Definition* pCD = find_cell_definition( "cancer" );
pCD->functions.update_phenotype = cancer_phenotype;

pCD = find_cell_definition( "macrophage" );
pCD->functions.update_phenotype = macrophage_phenotype;

pCD = find_cell_definition( "CD8+ T cell" );
pCD->functions.update_phenotype = CD8_Tcell_phenotype;

/*
   This builds the map of cell definitions and summarizes the setup.
*/

// ...
```

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# Place CD8+ T cells (almost forgot!)

```
// in setup_tissue ():

// place CD8+ T cells

pCD = find_cell_definition( "CD8+ T cell" );

std::cout << "Placing cells of type " << pCD->name << " ... " << std::endl;
for( int k=0 ; k < parameters.ints( "number_of_CD8_Tcells" ); k++ )
{
    std::vector<double> position = UniformOnUnitCircle();
    position *= parameters.doubles("CD8_Tcell_distance");

    pC = create_cell( *pCD );
    pC->assign_position( position );
}

// load cells from your CSV file (if enabled)
load_cells_from_pugixml();

// ...
```

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# Let's update the coloring function

- Shade **macrophages** from red (M1-like) to white (M2-like)
  - Base coloring on the anti-inflammatory secretion rate.
- Color **CD8+ T** cells dark green



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# Updated coloring function (1)

```
std::vector<std::string> custom_coloring_function( Cell* pCell )
{
    // ...

    // if live CD8+ T cell, color dark green

    if( pCell->type_name == "CD8+ T cell" && dead == false )
    {
        // get relative birth rate
        char szColor [1024] = "rgb(0,128,0)";

        // modify output
        output[0] = szColor;
        output[2] = szColor;
        output[3] = szColor;
    }

    // ...
}
```



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# Updated coloring function (2)

```
std::vector<std::string> custom_coloring_function( Cell* pCell )
{
    // ...

    // live macrophage cells: shade by anti-inflammatory state

    if( pCell->type_name == "macrophage" && dead == false )
    {
        // get relative secretion rate
        double s = 1 * get_single_behavior( pCell, "anti-inflammatory secretion" )
            / get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "anti-inflammatory secretion" );
        if( s > 1 )
        { s = 1; }

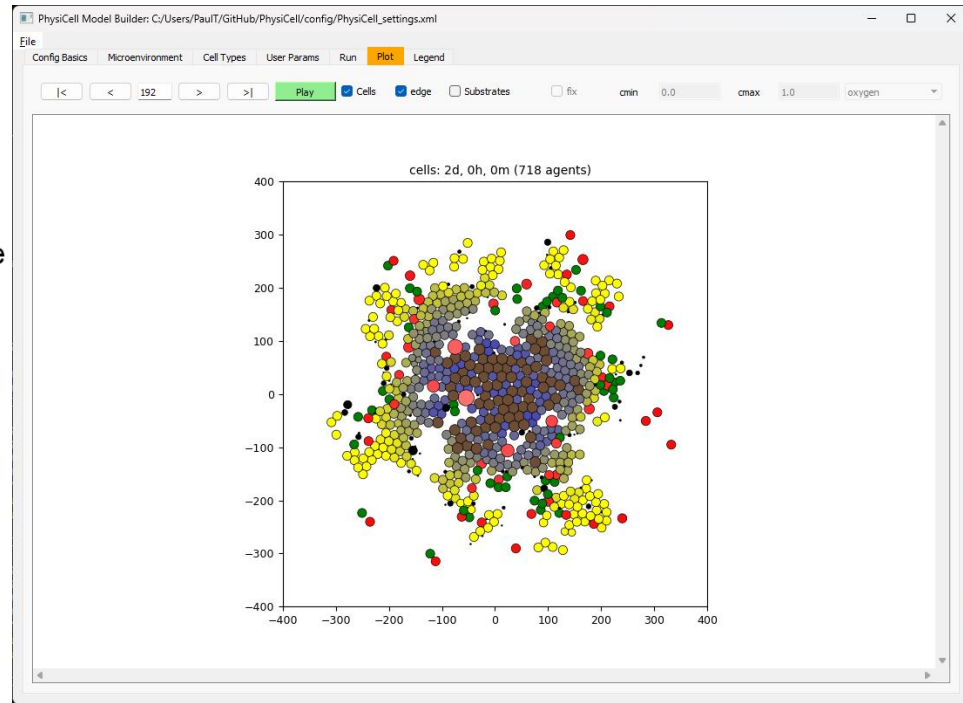
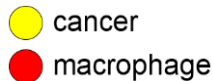
        // make color
        int color = (int) round( 255.0 * s );
        char szColor [1024];
        // interpolate from red to white
        sprintf( szColor, "rgb(%u,%u,%u)",255,color,color );

        // modify output
        output[0] = szColor;
        output[2] = szColor;
        output[3] = szColor;
    }

    // ...
}
```

# Rebuild and test the model

- In your terminal window, recompile:
  - **make**
- Go to the **run** tab and click **run**
- Go to the **plot** tab
  - click **play** to animate
- View the **legend** tab to see the cell colors
- Expected behavior:
  - Tumor cell growth faster near outer edge
    - ♦ Bright yellow = rapidly proliferating
  - Macrophages wander towards dead cells
    - ♦ necrotic core (brown), sporadic apoptosis (black)
    - ♦ phagocytosis of dead cells *if they can reach them*
    - ♦ more M2-like (white) in hypoxic regions
  - CD8+ T cells attack and kill cancer cells



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Unzip [Session07\\_checkpoint2.zip](#)  
in `./PhysiCell` to get this code.

PhysiCell Project

[PhysiCell.org](https://PhysiCell.org)

[@PhysiCell](https://twitter.com/PhysiCell)

# Checklist

- Plan ☒
- Build iteratively (in model builder):
  - Add (new) diffusing substrates ☒
  - Add CD8+ T cells ☒
  - Update macrophages ☒
  - Update cancer cells ☒
- Refinement (in C++):
  - Update cancer cell phenotype ☒
  - Create macrophage phenotype ☒
  - Create CD8+ T cell phenotype ☒
  - Assign functions ☒
  - Compile and test ☒

# New problem: zombies!

- **farmers:**
  - release food
  - chemotax away from food (create where it's most needed)
- **prey:**
  - consume food
  - reproduce, low background death rate
    - ♦ birth rate proportional to food
  - release quorum factor
  - chemotax towards food, towards quorum factor, away from zombies
    - ♦ speed proportional to food
  - (zombie-induced) damage causes transformation into zombie
  - can lightly counter-attack zombies
- **zombies:**
  - attack prey
  - eat the dead
  - chemotax towards
  - fuse into megazombies
    - ♦ higher damage rate, lower speed
  - (prey-induced) damage causes death

# Full modeling workflow

Suitable for creating a new PhysiCell model with custom C++ to drive dynamical phenotype changes

- Plan the model
- Populate a project
- Edit configuration Model Builder GUI
  - Edit domain
  - Edit microenvironment
  - Edit cell definitions
  - **Add custom variables**
  - **Add custom parameters**
- **Edit custom modules:**
  - **Declare functions in custom.h**
  - **Implement functions in custom.cpp**
  - **Assign functions to cell definitions**
- **Edit initial cell placement**
- **Edit cell coloring function**
- Build
- Run
- View results

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# prey mathematics

- **proliferation:** simple linear model ( $f$  = food)

$$b = b_0 \cdot f$$

- $b_0$  1e-3

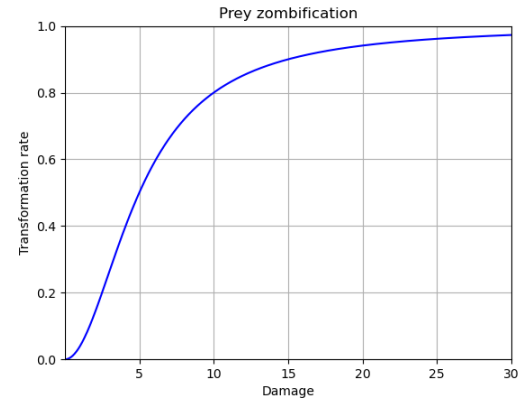
- **speed:** simple linear model ( $f$  = food)

$$s = s_0 \cdot f$$

- **zombification:** Hill response function ( $D$  = damage)

$$r_{\text{zombie}} = r_0 \cdot H(D)$$

- $r_0$  0.01
- Half-max 5
- Hill-power 2





# zombie mathematics

- **speed:** Hill response model ( $n$  = number of nuclei)
$$s = s_0 \cdot (1 - H(n))$$

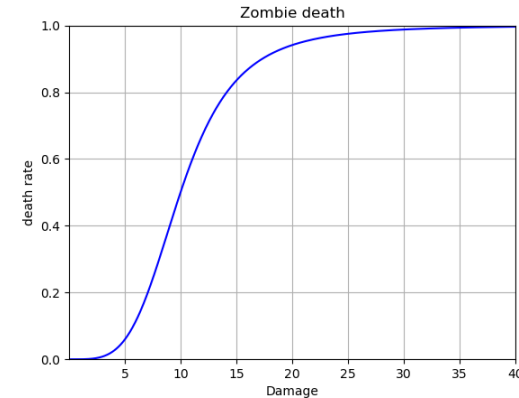
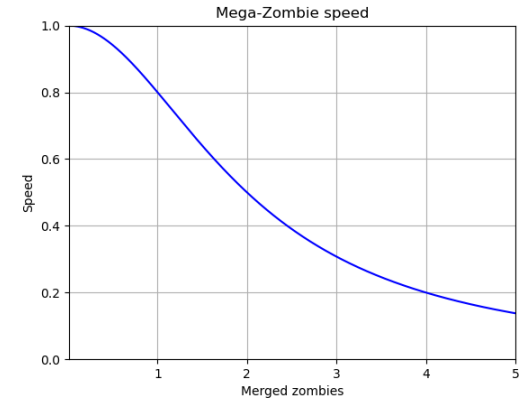
- half-max 2
- Hill power 2

- **attack:** linear response model ( $n$  = number of nuclei)
$$r_{\text{damage}} = r_0 \cdot n$$

- $r_0$  1

- **death:** Hill response model ( $D$  = damage)
$$d = d_M \cdot H(D)$$

- $d_M$  0.01
- half-max 20
- Hill power 4



# Custom variables

- prey\_tr\_halfmax
- prey\_tr\_hillpower
- zombie\_speed\_halfmax
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- zombie\_damage\_halfmax
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# Reset and get ready

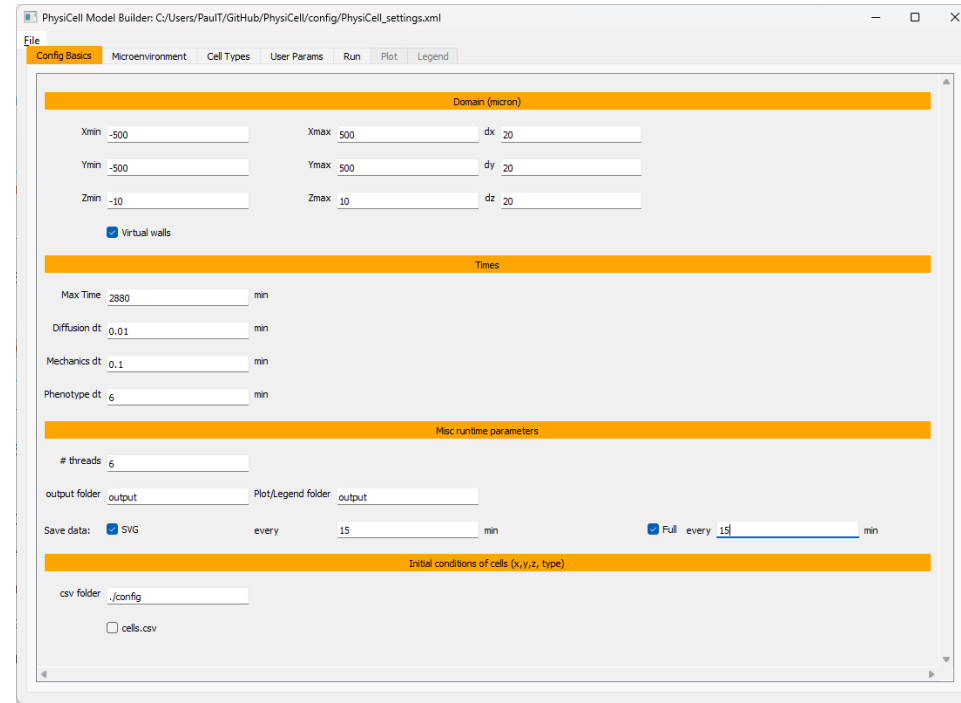
- return to blank slate
  - make reset
- clean out data
  - make data-cleanup
- populate and build template project
  - make template
  - make

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# Edit domain

- open config/PhysiCell\_settings.xml
- Go to **config basics** tab
  - We'll leave the spatial domain as-is
  - Set max time to 2880 min (2 days)
  - Output SVG every 15 minutes
  - Output full data every 15 minutes
- save



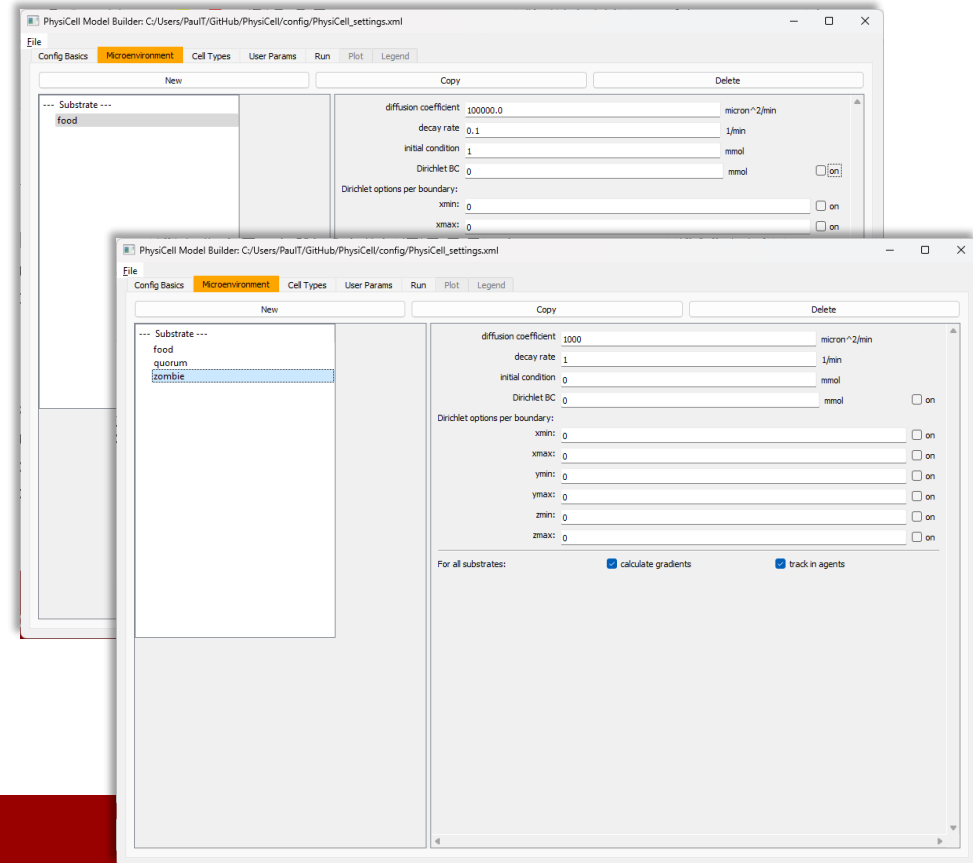
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# Edit microenvironment

- Go to **microenvironment** tab

- double-click **substrate**
  - rename to **food**
  - set decay to 0.01
  - set **initial condition** to 1
  - disable Dirichlet boundary
- select **food** and copy
  - rename to **quorum**
  - set **diffusion** to 1000
  - set **decay** to 1
  - set **initial condition** to 0
- select **quorum** and copy
  - rename to **zombie**
- Save



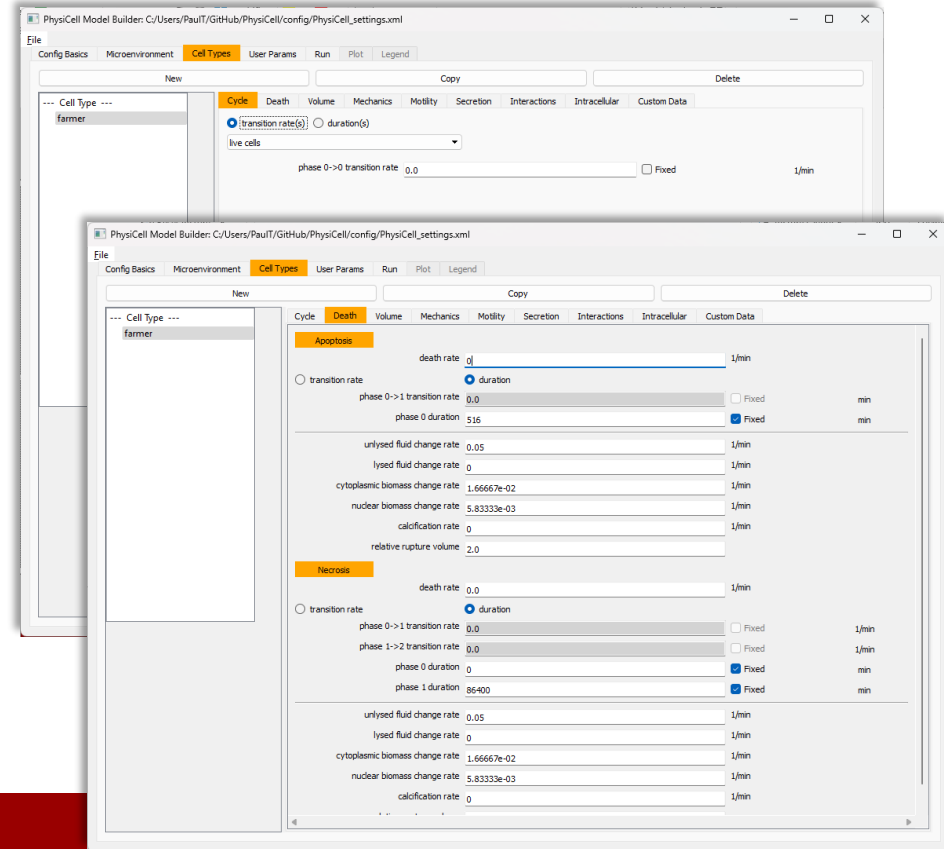


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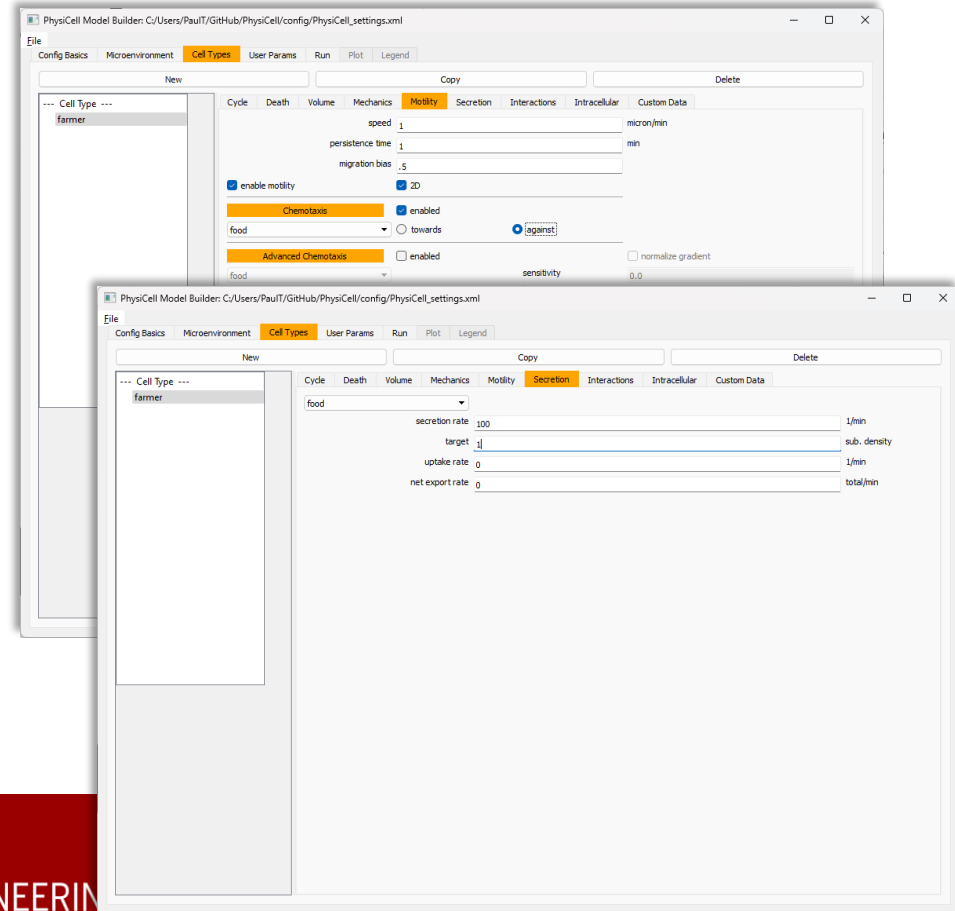
# farmers: proliferation and death

- Go to **cell definitions**
- double-click **default**
  - rename to **farmer**
  - go to **cycle**
    - ♦ choose the **live** cells model with transitions
    - ♦ keep cycle rate at 0
  - go to **death**
    - ♦ set the **apoptosis rate** to 0



# farmers: mechanics, motility, secretion

- go to **mechanics**
  - set **cell-cell adhesion** to 0
- go to **motility**
  - leave speed, bias, persistence
  - check **enabled**
  - go to **chemotaxis**
    - ♦ choose **food** from drop down, with **against**
    - ♦ set **enable**
- go to **secretion**
  - choose **food** in the drop-down
    - ♦ set **secretion rate** to 100
    - ♦ set **target** to 1
- save



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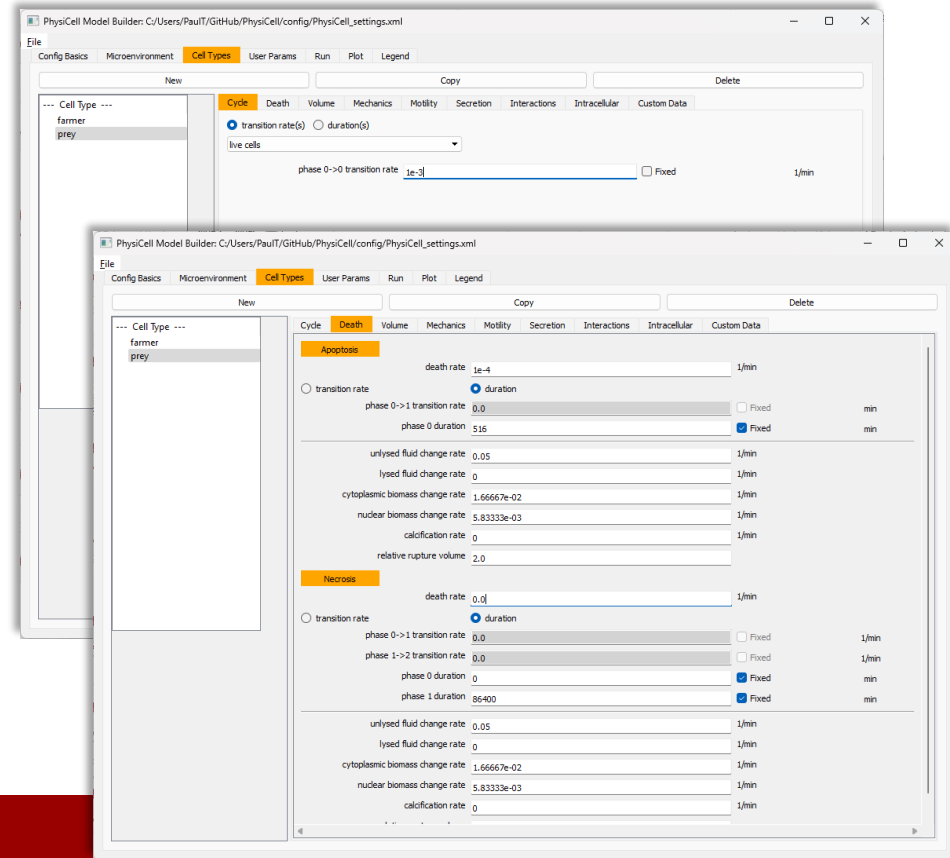
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# prey: proliferation and death

- copy **farmer** and copy
  - rename to **prey**
  - go to **cycle**
    - ♦ choose the **live** cells model with transitions
    - ♦ set **transition rate** to  $1e-3$
  - go to **death**
    - ♦ set the **apoptosis rate** to  $1e-4$
- save

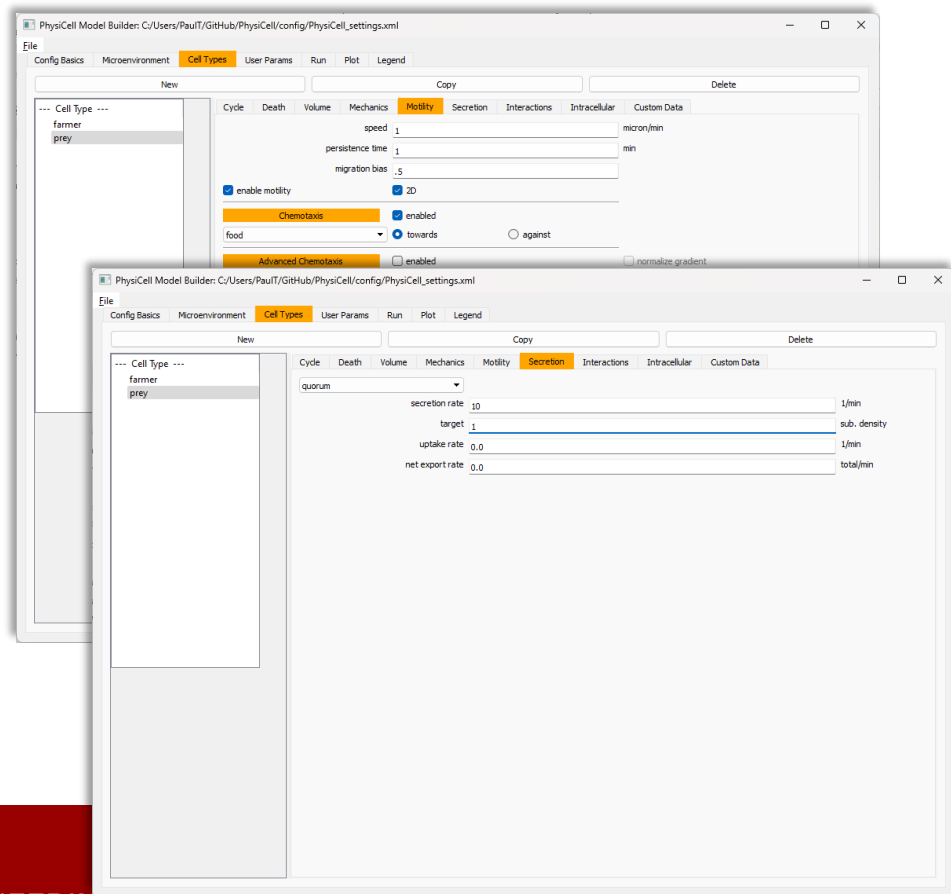


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# prey: motility and secretion

- go to **motility**
  - change taxis towards **food**
- go to **secretion**
  - choose **food** from the drop-down
    - ◆ set **secretion rate** to 0
    - ◆ set **uptake rate** to 10
  - choose **quorum factor**
    - ◆ set **secretion rate** to 10
    - ◆ set **target** to 1
- save



# Notes

- We'll redo motility once we add zombies
- We'll do all the interactions at once

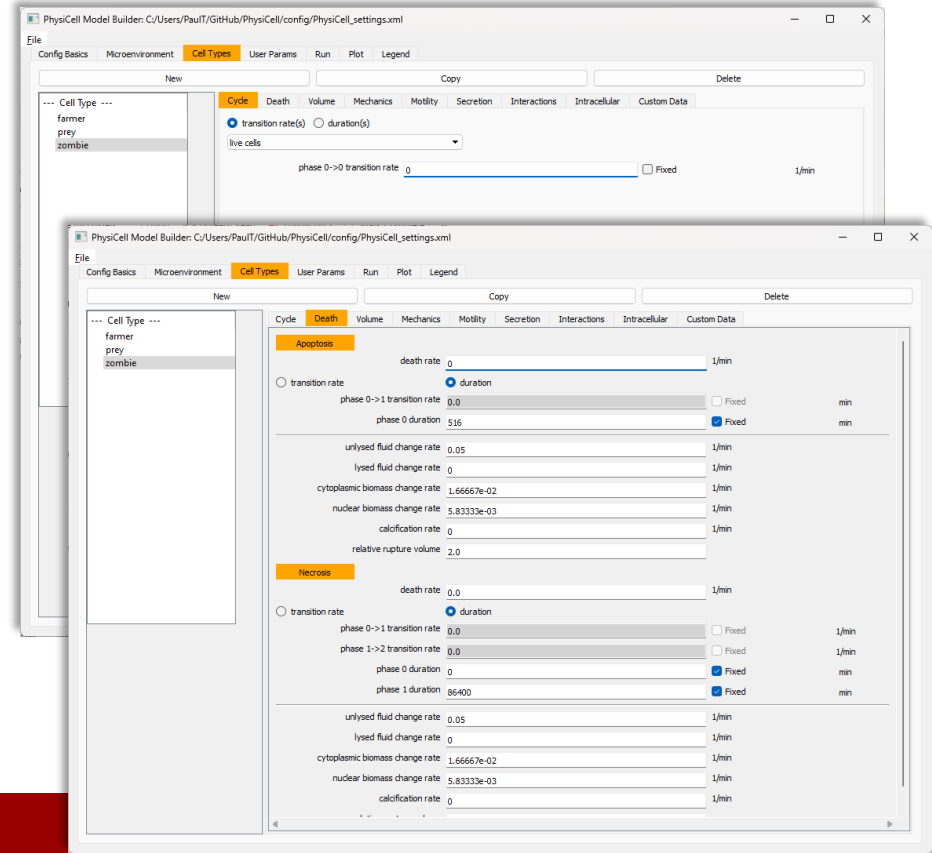
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# zombie: proliferation and death

- click **prey** and copy
  - rename to **zombie**
  - go to **cycle**
    - ♦ choose the **live cells** model with transitions
    - ♦ set **transition rate** to 0
  - go to **death**
    - ♦ set the **apoptosis rate** to 0
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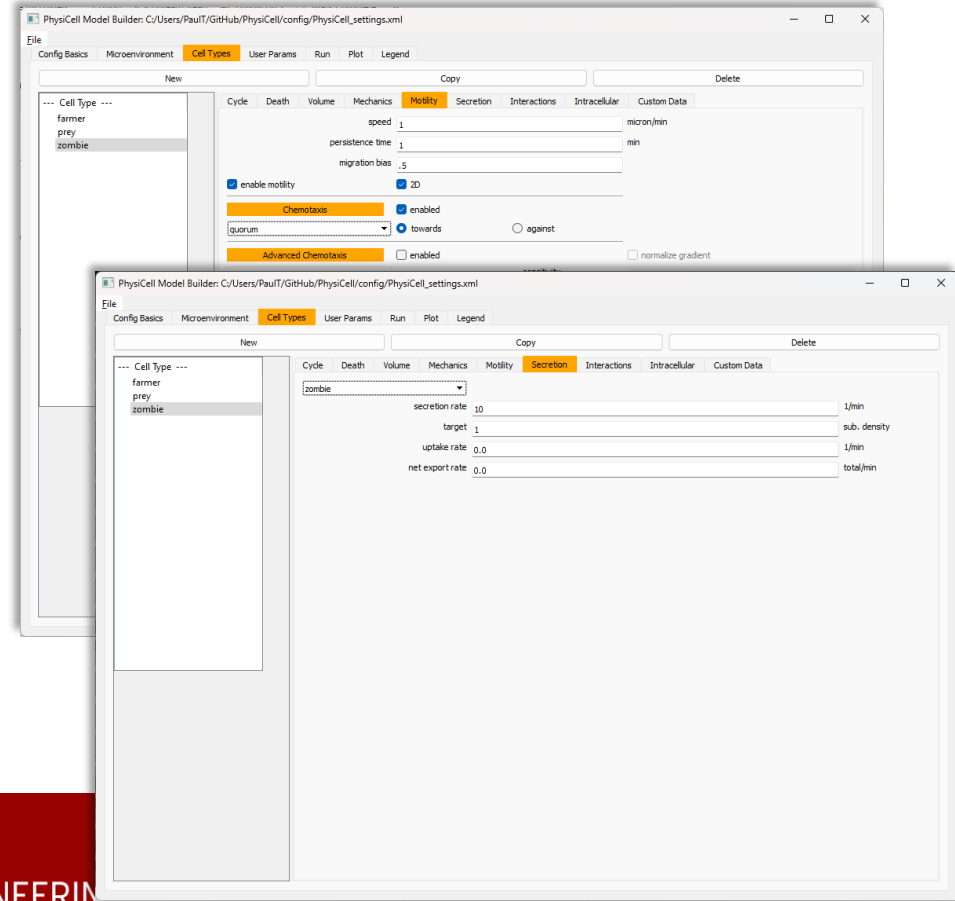


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# zombie: motility and secretion

- go to **motility**
  - go to **chemotaxis**
    - ♦ choose **quorum** from the drop-down
- go to **secretion**
  - ♦ choose **food** from the drop-down
    - » set **uptake rate** to 0
  - ♦ the quorum from the drop-down
    - » set **secretion rate** to 0
  - ♦ choose **zombie** from the drop-down
    - » set **secretion rate** to 10
    - » set **target** to 1
- save



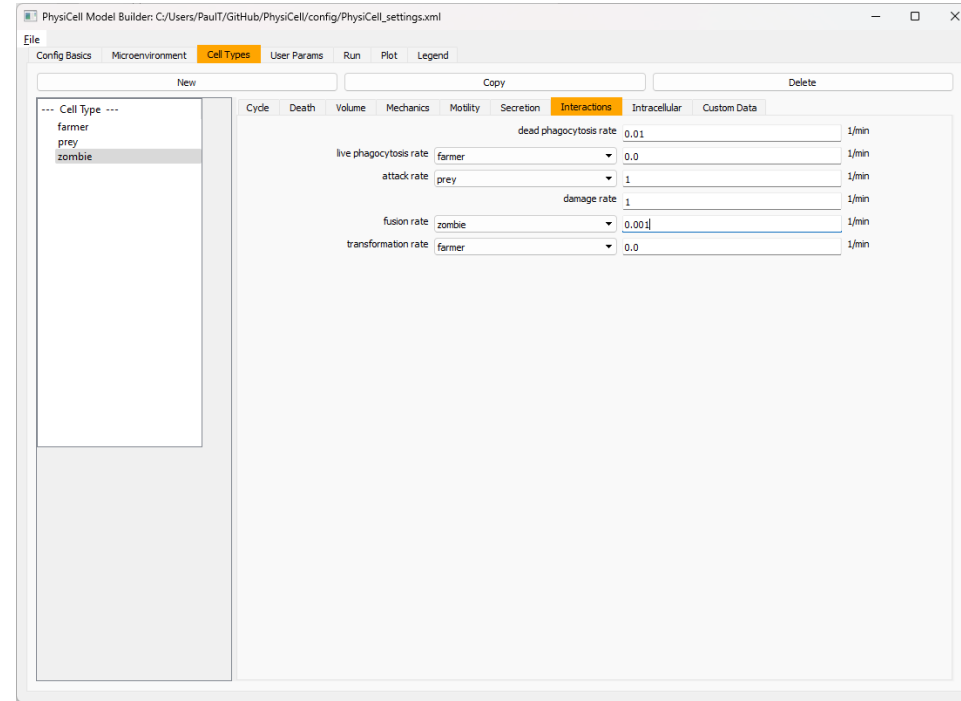
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# zombie interactions

- go to **interactions**
  - set **dead phagocytosis** to 0.01
  - go to **attack rate**
    - ◆ choose **prey** from the drop-down
    - ◆ set the **attack rate** to 1
  - go to **fusion rate**
    - ◆ choose **zombie** from the drop-down
    - ◆ set the **fusion rate** to 0.001

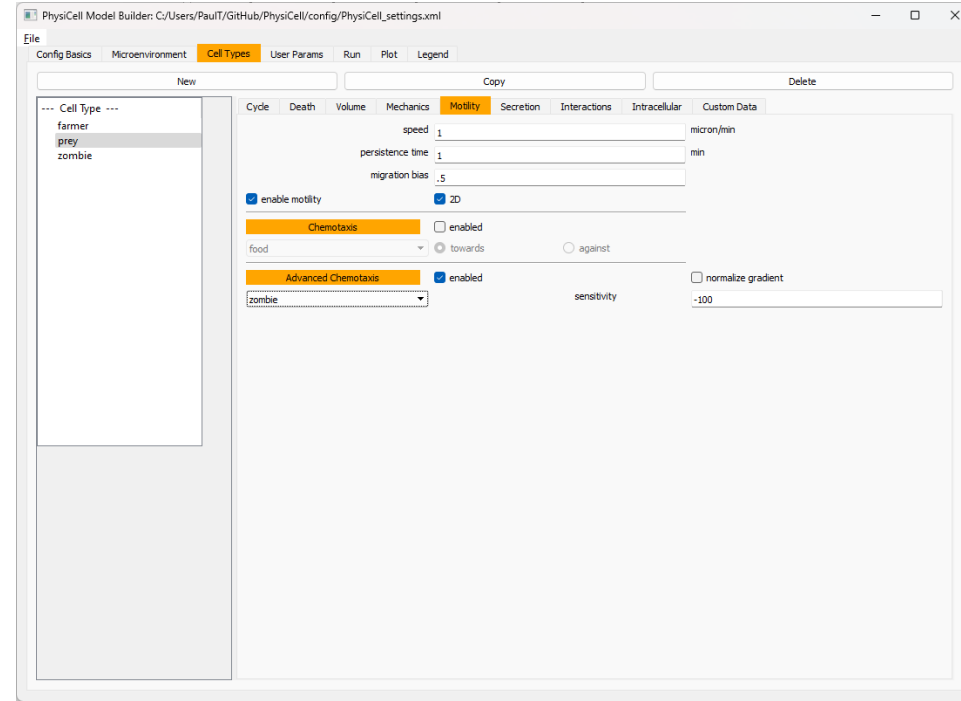


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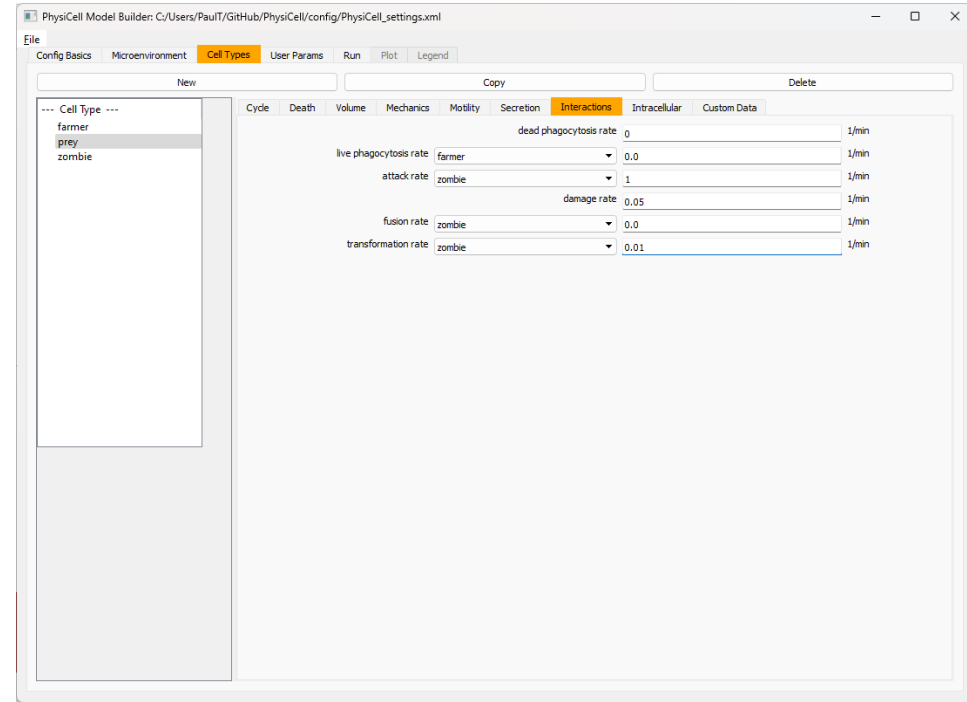
# prey: advanced chemotaxis

- Need to:
  - move towards food (high preference)
  - move towards prey (med pref)
  - move away from zombies (high pref)
- choose **prey** go to **motility**
  - go to **advanced chemotaxis**
    - ♦ set **enabled**
    - ♦ choose **food** from the drop-down
      - » set **sensitivity** to 10
    - ♦ choose **quorum** from the drop-down
      - » set **sensitivity** to 1
    - ♦ choose **zombie** from the drop-down
      - » set **sensitivity** to -100
- save



# prey: finalize interactions

- Need to:
  - let prey counter-attack (weakly)
- choose **prey** go to **interactions**
  - go to **attack**
    - ◆ choose **zombie** in the drop-down
      - » set **attack rate** to 1
      - » set **damage rate** to 0.05
    - ◆ go to **transformations**
      - » choose **zombie** in the drop-down
      - » set **rate** to 0.01
- save

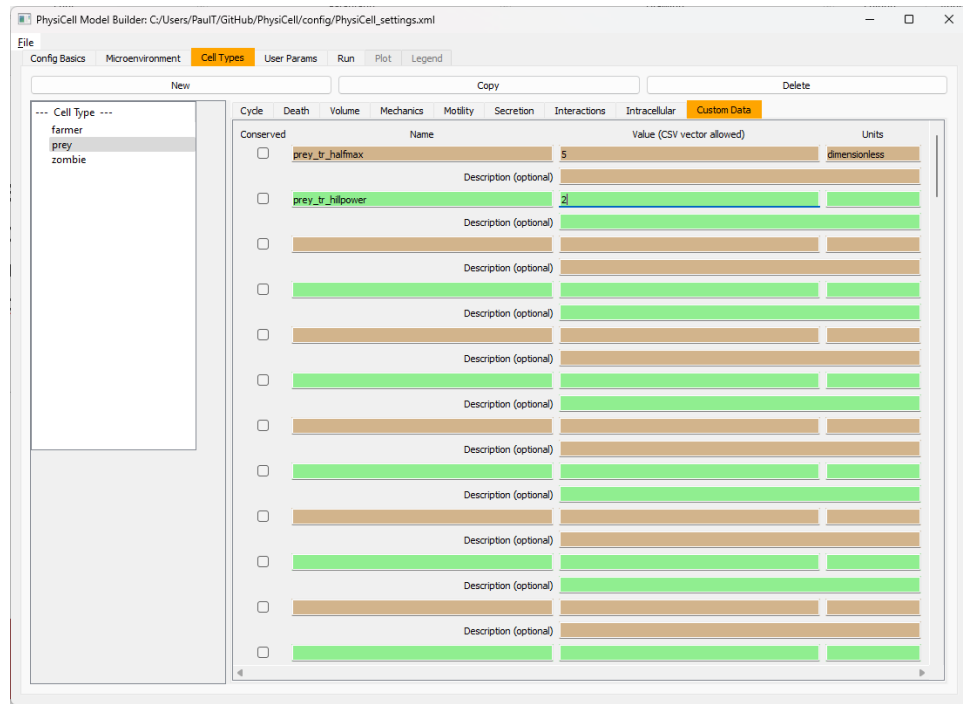


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## prey: custom variables

- choose **prey**
  - go to **custom data**
    - ◆ rename **sample** to **prey\_tr\_halfmax = 5**
    - ◆ add **prey\_tr\_hillpower = 2**

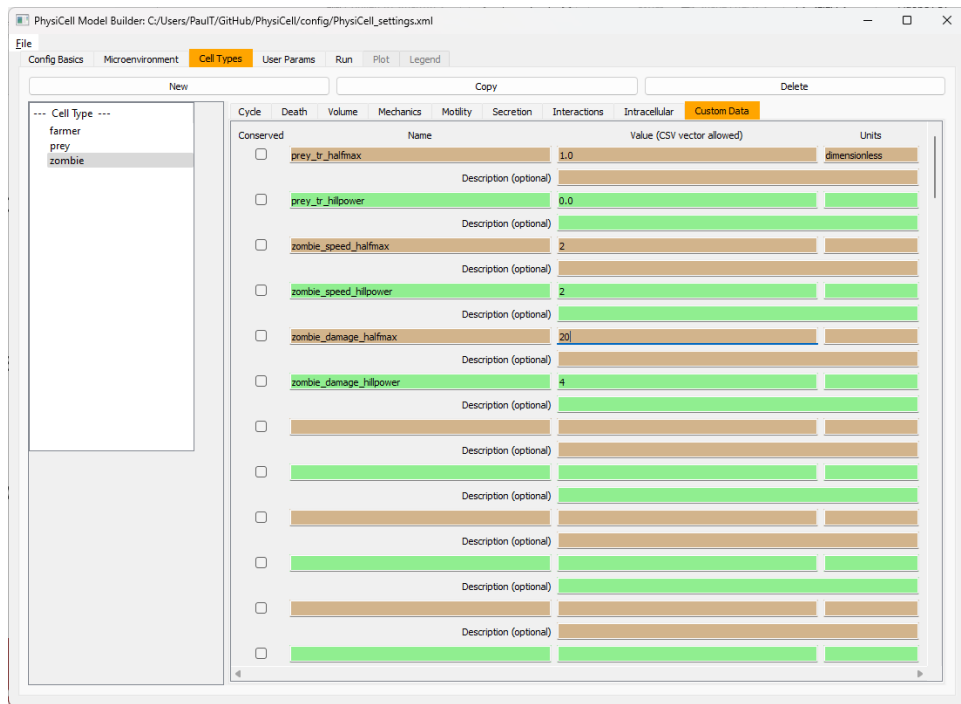




# zombie: custom variables

- choose **zombie**
  - go to **custom data**
    - ◆ add **zombie\_speed\_halfmax**
    - ◆ add **zombie\_speed\_hillpower**
    - ◆ add **zombie\_damage\_halfmax**
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# declare custom functions

```
open custom.h
```

```
declare:
```

```
void prey_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt );  
void zombie_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt );
```

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# prey phenotype

```
void prey_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt )
{
    // set birth rate
    double param0 = get_base_behaviors( pCell, "cycle entry");
    double s = get_single_signal( pCell, "food" );
    double param = param0 * linear_response_function( s , 0.0, 1.0 );
    set_single_behavior( pCell, "cycle entry" , param );

    // set speed
    param0 = get_base_behaviors( pCell, "migration speed");
    // s = get_single_signal( pCell, "food" );
    param = param0 * linear_response_function( s , 0.0, 1.0 );
    set_single_behavior( pCell, "migration speed" , param );

    // set zombification
    param0 = get_base_behaviors( pCell, "transform to zombie");
    s = get_single_signal( pCell, "damage" );
    double hm = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:prey_tr_halfmax");
    double hp = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:prey_tr_hillpower");
    param = param0 * Hill_response_function( s, hm, hp );
    set_single_behavior( pCell, "transform to zombie" , param );

    return;
}
```

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# zombie phenotype

```
void zombie_phenotype( Cell* pCell, Phenotype& p, double dt )
{
    // set speed
    // // need to add nubmer of nuclei to standard signals
    double param0 = get_single_base_behavior( pCell, "migration speed");
    double s = (double) pCell->state.number_of_nuclei;
    double hm = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:zombie_speed_halfmax");
    double hp = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:zombie_speed_hillpower");
    double param = param0 * (1-Hill_response_function(s,hm,hp) );
    set_single_behavior( pCell, "migration speed" , param );

    // set attack
    // // need to add damage rate to standard behaviors
    static Cell Definition* pCD = find_cell_definition( pCell->type_name );
    param0 = pCD->phenotype.cell_interactions.damage_rate;
    s = (double) pCell->state.number_of_nuclei;
    param = param0 * s;
    p.cell_interactions.damage_rate = param;

    // set death
    s = get_single_signal( pCell, "damage");
    hm = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:zombie_damage_halfmax");
    hp = get_single_behavior( pCell, "custom:zombie_damage_hillpower");
    param = 0.01 * Hill_response_function( s,hm,hp );
    set_single_behavior( pCell, "apoptosis" , param );

    return;
}
```

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# assign custom functions

go to create\_cell\_types

```
// ...
cell_defaults.functions.contact_function = contact_function;

Cell_Definition* pCD = find_cell_definition( "prey");
pCD->functions.update_phenotype = prey_phenotype;

pCD = find_cell_definition( "zombie");
pCD->functions.update_phenotype = zombie_phenotype;

/*
   This builds the map of cell definitions and summarizes the setup.
*/

display_cell_definitions( std::cout );

// ...
```

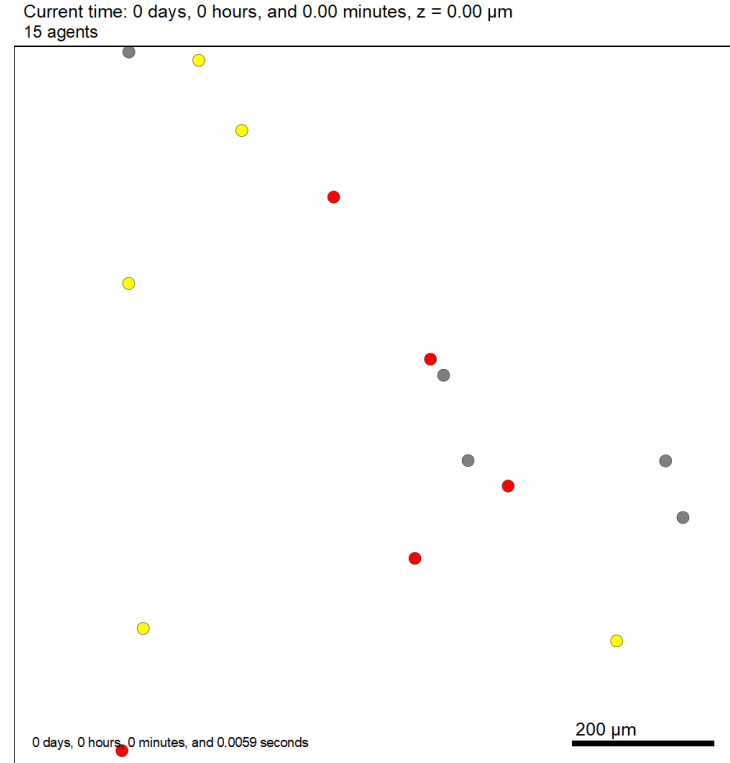
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- ☐ Add custom parameters
- ☒ Declare custom functions
- ☒ Implement custom functions
  - ☒ prey\_phenotype
  - ☒ zombie\_phenotype
- ☒ Assign custom functions
- ☐ Initial cell placement
- ☐ Create and assign coloring
- ☐ Compile and test!

# compile and test

- make
- ./project

Unzip [Session07\\_checkpoint4.zip](#)  
in ./PhysiCell to get this code.



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# better test from GUI

- Set to 50 of each cell type
- set max time to 2880 min
- go to **run** tab
  - set **exec** name to **project**
- click run

# Coming in later sessions

## Today

- Session 8: 3D visualization in Simularium (optional, Allen Cell Institute)
- Session 9: 3D visualization in FURY (optional, async / overnight)
- Session 10: Intro to PhysiBoSS (async / overnight)

## Wednesday

- Session 11: PhysiBoSS (Institut Curie)
- Session 12: Intro to libRoadrunner
- Session 13: libRoadrunner example
- Session 14: model sharing on NanoHUB (optional, async / overnight)
- Session 15: pressure and contact functions (async / overnight)

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