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calibratePathway	<i>calibrate pathway with data</i>
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### Description

sets the min and max values for each gene in a pathway based on a data set

### Usage

```
calibratePathway(pathway, dataSet)
```

### Arguments

pathway	a 'Pathway' object
dataSet	reference data set

### Value

pathway with min/max values for expression based on data set

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CancerInSilico	<i>CancerInSilico</i>
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CellModel-class	<i>CellModel</i>
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**Description**

The top-level CellModel class. All other cell model classes inherit from this in some way

**Slots**

`cells` A list object that describes the state of the cells at each time. The state representation depends on the type of model run, and is accessed by the function designed for each model type.

`initialNum` number of cells at time 0

`runTime` number of model hours to run the simulation

`density` initial density of cells

`boundary` keep cells within circular boundary

`syncCycles` start all cells in the beginning of interphase

`randSeed` random seed used for both R and C++ functions

`outputIncrement` how often simulation info is displayed

`recordIncrement` how often cell info is recorded (controls size of resulting CellModel object)

`timeIncrement` controls how fine the model timestep is

`cellTypes` list of CellType objects used in the model

`cellTypeInitFreq` initial frequency of cell types among cells

`drugs` list of Drug objects used in the model

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cellSummary	<i>summary of cell model at a given time</i>
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**Description**

summary of cell model at a given time

**Usage**

```
cellSummary(model, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellModel'
cellSummary(model, time)
```

**Arguments**

`model` cell model object

`time` hour of the model to query

**Value**

string containing summary of model

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
cellSummary(modDefault, modDefault@runTime)
```

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CellType-class	<i>CellType</i>
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**Description**

The properties of a cell type

**Slots**

name the name of the cell type  
 size the relative size (volume) of the cell  
 minCycle minimum possible cell cycle length  
 cycleLength function that returns sample from distribution of cycle lengths

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checkDataSet	<i>verify gene expression data set is valid for this package</i>
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**Description**

checks a data set before it is used to calibrate the pathway values for min/max expression

**Usage**

```
checkDataSet(dataSet, genes)
```

**Arguments**

dataSet	matrix of gene expression data where row names are genes
genes	names of all genes being simulated

**Value**

no value is return, but errors/warnings are thrown related to potential problems in the data set

**Examples**

```
data(referenceGeneExpression)
```

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DrasdoHohmeModel-class

*DrasdoHohmeModel*

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**Description**

Implementation of an off-lattice cell-based model based on the work in Drasdo, Hohme (2003)

**Slots**

nG number of monte carlo steps between each growth trial

epsilon constant that controls the probability trails are accepted

delta controls distance over which short range interactions occur

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Drug-class

*Drug*

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**Description**

describes the properties of a drug

**Slots**

name name of drug

timeAdded the time at which this drug is added to the simulation

cycleLengthEffect effect this drug has on cell cycle length

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GeneExpressionParams-class

*GeneExpressionParams*

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**Description**

Parameters for simulating gene expression

**Slots**

sampleFreq how often to generate data  
 RNAseq generate RNA-seq data  
 singleCell generate single cell data  
 nCells number of cells to sample at each time point  
 nDummyGenes number of dummy genes  
 dummyDist function to determine expression of dummy genes  
 combineFUN function used to combine gene expression data  
 randSeed random seed  
 perError error for normal error model  
 bcvCommon error for voom error model  
 bcvDF degrees of freedom for voom error model  
 dropoutPresent whether to simulate dropout in single cell data  
 dropoutMid parameter for dropout distribution  
 dropoutShape parameter for dropout distribution

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getAxisAngle	<i>get cell axis angle at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get cell axis angle at a given time

**Usage**

```

getAxisAngle(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getAxisAngle(model, time, cell)

```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

axis angle

**Examples**

```

data(SampleModels)
getAxisAngle(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)

```

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getAxisLength	<i>get cell axis length at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get cell axis length at a given time

**Usage**

```
getAxisLength(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getAxisLength(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

axis length

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getAxisLength(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

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getCellDistance	<i>get distance between two cells</i>
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**Description**

get distance between two cells

**Usage**

```
getCellDistance(model, time, cellA, cellB)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getCellDistance(model, time, cellA, cellB)
```



**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cellA	id of cell to query
cellB	id of cell to query

**Value**

distance between cellA and cellB

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getCellDistance(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1, 2)
```

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<i>getCellPhase</i>	<i>get phase of a cell at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get phase of a cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getCellPhase(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getCellPhase(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

cell phase

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getCellPhase(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

getCellType                    *get type of a cell at a given time*

---

**Description**

get type of a cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getCellType(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getCellType(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

cell type

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getCellType(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

---

getCoordinates                *get coordinates of a cell at a given time*

---

**Description**

get coordinates of a cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getCoordinates(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getCoordinates(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

pair of (x,y) coordinates

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getCoordinates(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

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<code>getCycleLength</code>	<i>get cycle length of a cell at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get cycle length of a cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getCycleLength(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getCycleLength(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

cycle length in hours

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getCycleLength(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

---

getDensity	<i>get density of the cell population at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get density of the cell population at a given time

**Usage**

```
getDensity(model, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'  
getDensity(model, time)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query

**Value**

density

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)  
getDensity(modDefault, modDefault@runTime)
```

---

getLocalDensity	<i>get neighborhood density around a cell at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get neighborhood density around a cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getLocalDensity(model, time, cell, radius)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'  
getLocalDensity(model, time, cell, radius)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query
radius	distance to search for neighboring cells

**Value**

density

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getLocalDensity(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1, 3.3)
```

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<code>getNumberOfCells</code>	<i>get number of cells in the model at a given time</i>
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**Description**

get number of cells in the model at a given time

**Usage**

```
getNumberOfCells(model, time)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getNumberOfCells(model, time)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query

**Value**

number of cells

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getNumberOfCells(modDefault, modDefault@runTime)
```

---

getRadius	<i>get cell radius at a given time</i>
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---

**Description**

get cell radius at a given time

**Usage**

```
getRadius(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getRadius(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

radius of cell

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getRadius(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

---

getTrialAcceptRate	<i>get rate of growth acceptance of a given cell at a given time</i>
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---

**Description**

get rate of growth acceptance of a given cell at a given time

**Usage**

```
getTrialAcceptRate(model, time, cell)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
getTrialAcceptRate(model, time, cell)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query
cell	id of cell to query

**Value**

acceptance rate

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
getTrialAcceptRate(modDefault, modDefault@runTime, 1)
```

---

initialize,CellModel-method

*Constructor for CellModel*

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**Description**

Constructor for CellModel

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellModel'
initialize(.Object, initialNum, runTime, density,
  boundary = 1, syncCycles = FALSE, randSeed = 0,
  outputIncrement = 4, recordIncrement = 0.1, timeIncrement = 0.001,
  cellTypes = c(new("CellType", name = "DEFAULT")),
  cellTypeInitFreq = c(1), drugs = list(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

.Object	CellModel object
initialNum	initial number of cells
runTime	run time of the model in hours
density	initial density of the cell population
boundary	impose a physical boundary on the cells
syncCycles	synchronization all cells to the same point in the cycle
randSeed	random seed
outputIncrement	how often (model hours) to print simulation status
recordIncrement	how often (model hours) to record cell information

timeIncrement	internal time step (model hours) used by the model
cellTypes	list of CellType objects
cellTypeInitFreq	initial proportions of all cell types
drugs	list of Drug objects
...	model specific parameters

**Value**

initialized cell model object

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*initialize,DrasdoHohmeModel-method*  
*DrasdoHohmeModel Constructor*

---

**Description**

DrasdoHohmeModel Constructor

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DrasdoHohmeModel'
initialize(.Object, nG = 28, epsilon = 10,
  delta = 0.2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

.Object	DrasdoHohmeModel object
nG	number of trials per growth trial
epsilon	model parameter
delta	small scale interaction distance
...	extra parameters

**Value**

initialized cell model



---

```
initialize,OffLatticeModel-method
      Off-Lattice Model Constructor
```

---

**Description**

Off-Lattice Model Constructor

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
initialize(.Object, maxTranslation = 0.1,
          maxRotation = 0.3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

.Object	OffLatticeModel object
maxTranslation	maximum movement of cell
maxRotation	maximim rotation of mitosis cell
...	model specific parameters

**Value**

initialized cell model

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```
inSilicoCellModel      Simulates Cell Model
```

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**Description**

Simulates Cell Model

**Usage**

```
inSilicoCellModel(initialNum, runTime, density,
                  modelType = "DrasdoHohme", ...)
```

**Arguments**

initialNum	how many cells initially
runTime	how long the simulation runs in real cellular time (hours)
density	initial density of cell population
modelType	the name of the cell-based model to use
...	model specific parameters (depends on modelType)

**Details**

This function provides a centralized R interface to run c++ code for cell-based models implemented in this package. Standard parameters, as well as model-specific parameters, are passed in to this function along with a model name. This function then runs the model and returns a CellModel object containing all of the information from the model. This object can then be accessed with various functions designed to interact with the class. To see a list of available functions, there is a show() command implemented for CellModel objects.

**Value**

A CellModel containing all info from the model run

**Examples**

```
inSilicoCellModel(initialNum=1, runTime=8, density=0.1)
```

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inSilicoGeneExpression

*simulate gene expression data*

---

**Description**

simulate gene expression data for a set of pathways, using the behavior of a CellModel as the basis for the simulation

**Usage**

```
inSilicoGeneExpression(model, pathways,  
  params = new("GeneExpressionParams"))
```

**Arguments**

model	a CellModel object
pathways	list of genes pathways
params	GeneExpressionParams object

**Value**

list of pathway activity and gene expression

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inSilicoPathways	<i>This data contains the list of gene targets of modeled signaling pathways</i>
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**Description**

This data contains the list of gene targets of modeled signaling pathways

**Usage**

```
inSilicoPathways
```

**Details**

List of gene targets for GtoM, GtoS, and Growth factor pathways modeled in CancerInSilico. GtoM represents genes associated with the G to M checkpoint of the cell cycle collected from PID pathways PI3KCI\_AKT, TNF, TGFBR, and RB1 in MSigDB v5.1. GtoS represented genes associated with the G to S checkpoint of the cell cycle collected from E2F target genes in PID and hallmark genesets from MSigDb v5.1 and experimentally validated targets in TRANSFAC professional 2014. Growth represents the targets of transcription factors resulting from EGFR activation (STAT1, STAT3, STAT5, Elk-1, Myc, NF-kappaB, and RelA) from the TRANSFAC professional database 2014 as described in Fertig et al, 2012.

**Value**

List of gene targets for GtoM, GtoS, and Growth factor pathways.

**References**

Subramanian, Tamayo, et al, PNAS, 102:155545, 2005; Matys et al, Nuc Ac Res, 34:D108, 2006; and Fertig et al, BMC Genomics, 13:160, 2012.

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interactivePlot	<i>plot the cell population and interactively scroll through time points</i>
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---

**Description**

plot the cell population and interactively scroll through time points

**Usage**

```
interactivePlot(model)

## S4 method for signature 'CellModel'
interactivePlot(model)
```

**Arguments**

model            cell model object

**Value**

plot

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modCellTypes            *sample cell model*

---

**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modCellTypes

---

modDefault            *sample cell model*

---

**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modDefault

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modDrugs            *sample cell model*

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**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modDrugs

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modHighDensity	<i>sample cell model</i>
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**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modHighDensity

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modLargeRun	<i>sample cell model</i>
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**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modLargeRun

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modLongRun	<i>sample cell model</i>
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**Description**

sample cell model

**Usage**

modLongRun

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OffLatticeModel-class	<i>OffLatticeModel</i>
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**Description**

General description of an off-lattice cell-based model. not quite a full implementation, but contains much of the necessary structure for models of this type

**Slots**

maxTranslation the largest distance the center of a cell can move

maxRotation the largest angle a cell can rotate

---

 Pathway-class

*Pathway Class*


---

**Description**

Describes the basic properties of a gene pathway

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Pathway'
initialize(.Object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

.Object	Pathway object
...	extra arguments for constructor

**Details**

expressionScale is a function that accepts three arguments: model, cell, and time. It should return a number in [0,1] that describes how active the genes are in this pathway for a given cell in the model at a given time. In bulk data, the pathway activity is averaged and transformed by  $1 / (1 + \exp(-k * (x - M)))$  where  $k = \text{transformSlope}$  and  $M = \text{transformMidpoint}$ . The scale determines how expressed genes in this pathway are. i.e. and scale of 0 means all genes will have minExpression value and a scale of 1 means all genes will have maxExpression value. In between these values the gene expression scales linearly.

**Value**

constructed object

**Slots**

genes	names of genes in the pathway
expressionScale	function describing how this pathway is affected by the state of the model
minExpression	minimum expression value for each gene (vector)
maxExpression	maximum expression value for each gene (vector)
transformSlope	parameter for transforming bulk data
transformMidpoint	parameter for transforming bulk data

---

plotCells                    *plot cell population at a given time*

---

**Description**

plot cell population at a given time

**Usage**

```
plotCells(model, time)

## S4 method for signature 'OffLatticeModel'
plotCells(model, time)
```

**Arguments**

model	cell model object
time	hour of the model to query

**Value**

plot

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)
plotCells(modDefault, modDefault@runTime)
```

---

pwyContactInhibition    *sample pathway*

---

**Description**

sample pathway

**Usage**

```
pwyContactInhibition
```

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pwyGrowth                      *sample pathway*

---

**Description**

sample pathway

**Usage**

pwyGrowth

---

pwyMitosis                      *sample pathway*

---

**Description**

sample pathway

**Usage**

pwyMitosis

---

pwySPhase                      *sample pathway*

---

**Description**

sample pathway

**Usage**

pwySPhase

---

referenceGeneExpression  
*gene expression data for genes in sample pathways*

---

**Description**

gene expression data for genes in sample pathways

**Usage**

referenceGeneExpression



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run	<i>run a cell model</i>
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---

**Description**

run a cell model

**Usage**

```
run(model)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'DrasdoHohmeModel'  
run(model)
```

**Arguments**

model            cell model object

**Value**

cell model object with simulation info

**Examples**

```
data(SampleModels)  
run(modDefault)
```

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