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# ESTIMATING PARAMETERS OF CHAOTIC SYSTEMS IN PHARMACOLOGY

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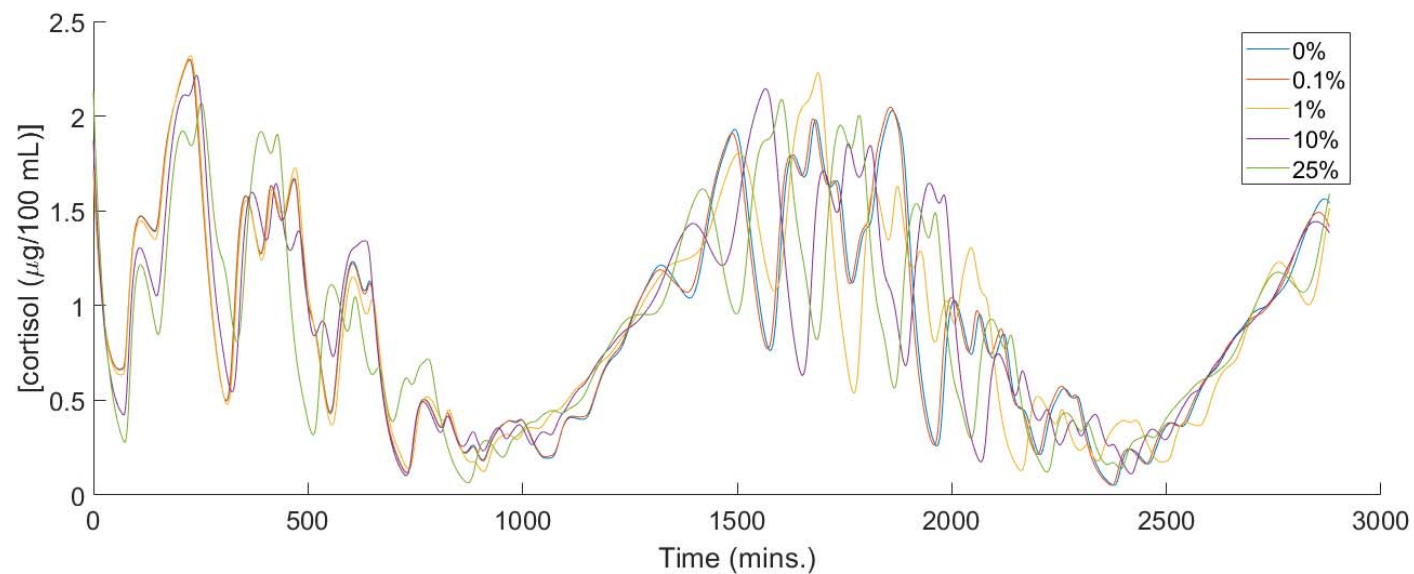
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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduce challenges of chaotic dynamical systems identification
- Illustrate applications to Quantitative Systems Pharmacology
- Understand adaptive chaos synchronization combined with grid search

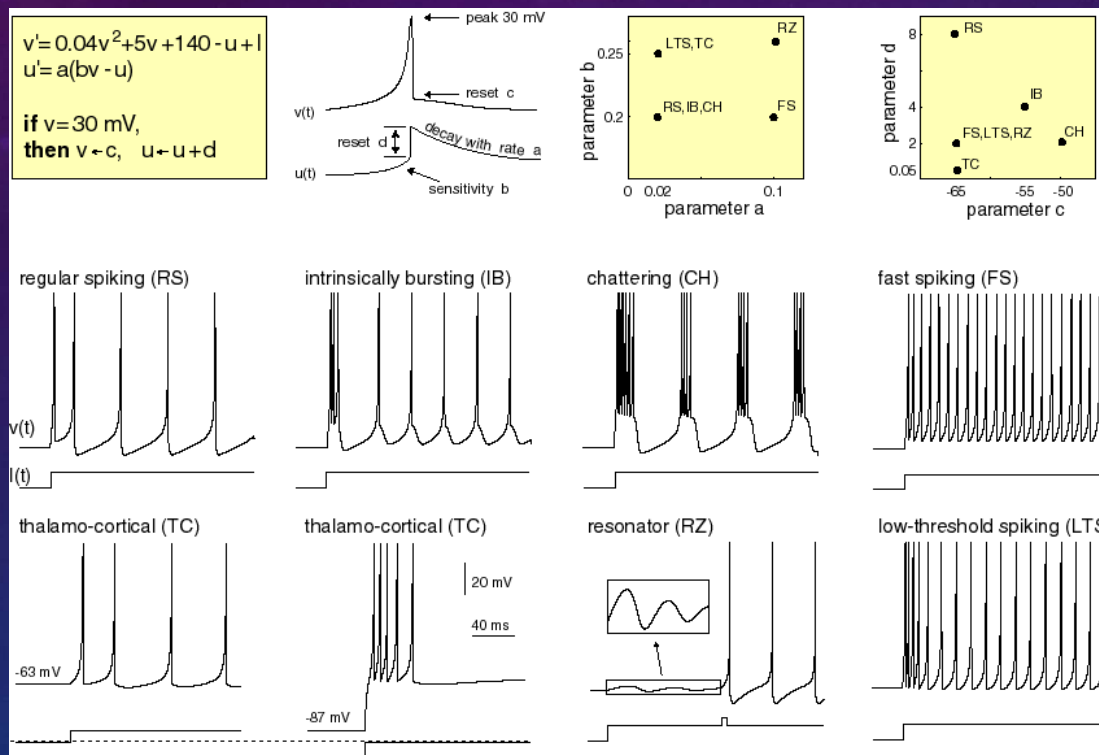
# BOUNDED CHAOTIC DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

A bounded chaotic dynamical system has terms exponentially sensitive to initial conditions



# EXEMPLARY CHAOTIC SYSTEMS IN PHARMACOLOGY

## IZHEKIVICH CORTICAL NEURON

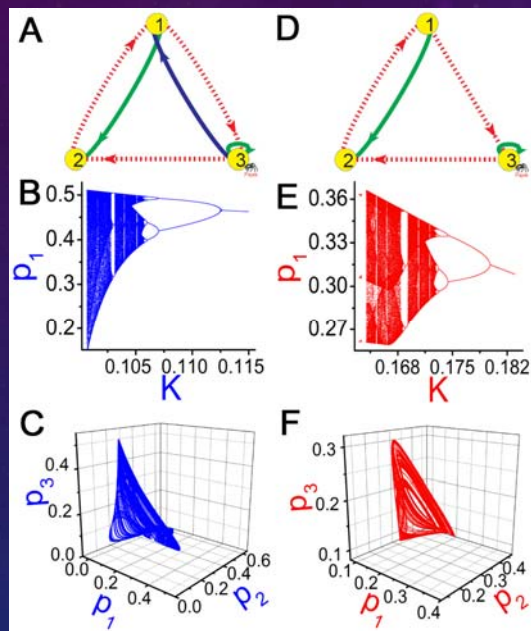


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# EXEMPLARY CHAOTIC SYSTEMS IN PHARMACOLOGY

## THREE-NODE CHAOTIC MOTIFS IN SYSTEMS BIOLOGY



- (A, D) 3-node Gene Regulatory Networks
- (B, E) Bifurcation diagrams
- (C, F) Chaotic attractors

Solid (dashed) = active (repressive) interactions

## KEY CHALLENGES IN PARAMETER ESTIMATION

- Solutions may be multimodal and non-convex
- Optimizers may converge to local solutions
- Objective functions may be very flat near the solutions
- Models may be over-determined
- Models may be poorly scaled
- Solutions may not be smoothly differentiable
- Some parameter combinations may be sloppy

Rodriguez-Fernandez, M. et al. BMC Bioinformatics 2006;7:483  
Gutenkunst R.N. et al., PLoS Comput Biol 2007;3(10): e189

# DOKOUTMETZIDIS CORTISOL MODEL DELAYED FEEDBACK WITH CIRCADIAN CYCLE

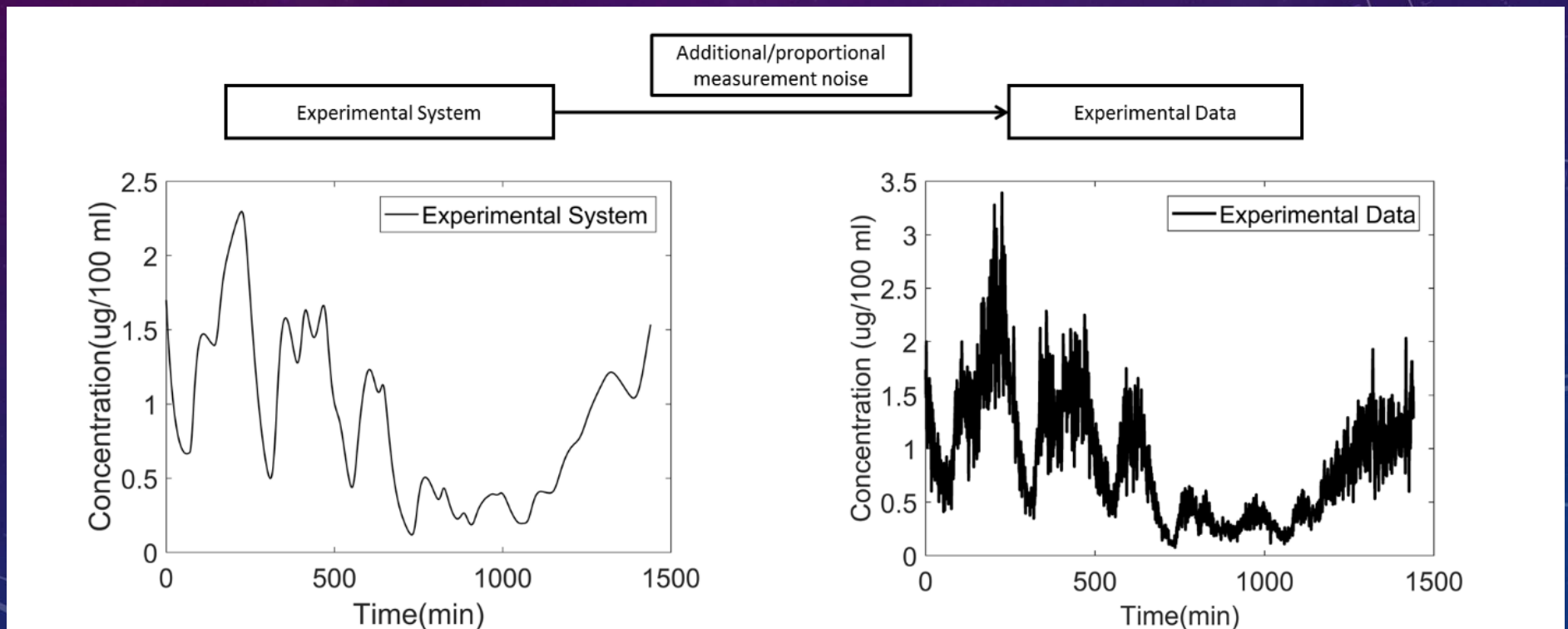
$$\frac{dC(t)}{dt} = q_1 \cdot \frac{a^n \cdot C(t - \tau)}{a^n + C(t - \tau)^n} - q_2 \cdot C(t)$$

$$a = A \cdot \cos \left[ (t - f) \cdot \frac{2\pi}{1440} \right] + B$$

Dokoumetzidis, A. et al. , Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2002 Jul; 54(1): 21–29.

# NOISY CORTISOL MODEL

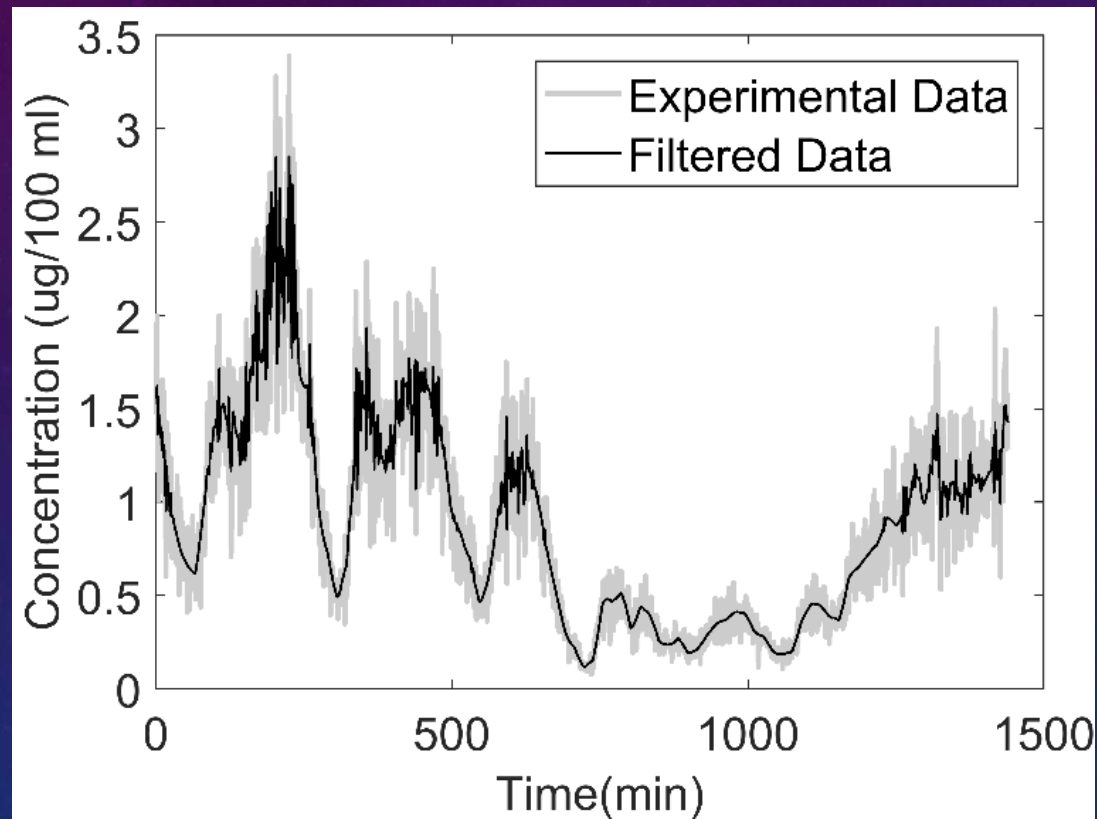
## 20% PROPORTIONAL ERROR



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# NOISE FILTERING BY WAVELET THRESHOLDING



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## NOISELESS SYSTEM LINEAR IN THE PARAMETERS

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

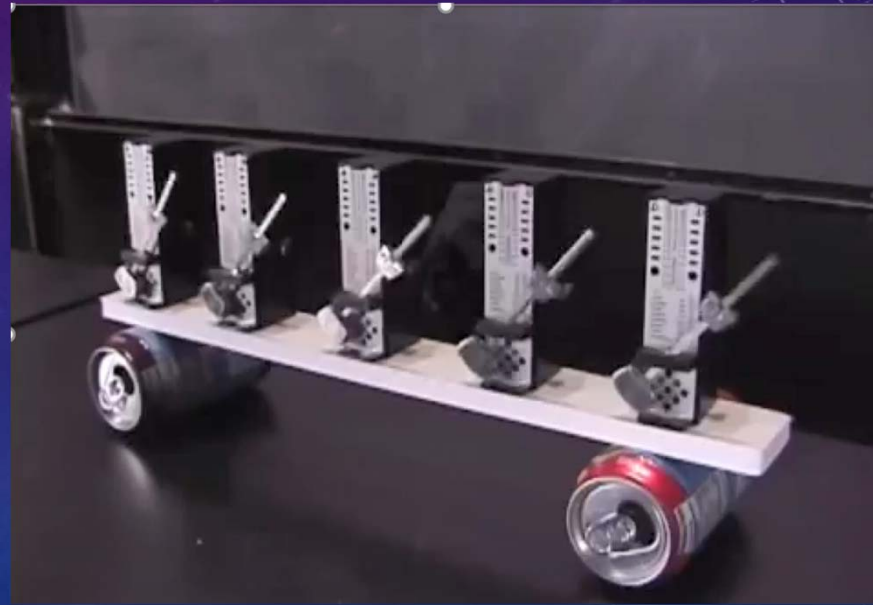
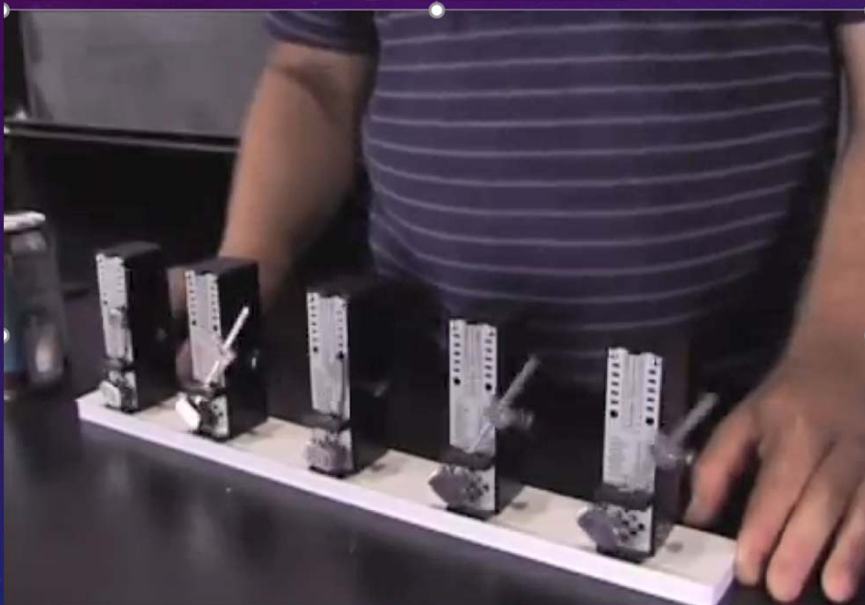
where  $F_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = c_i(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij} f_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Here,  $c$  and  $f$  are nonlinear functions and  $p$  are  $nm$  parameters to be estimated in a bounded set  $U$ .

The vector functions  $\mathbf{F}$  satisfy a uniform Lipschitz condition in  $U$ .

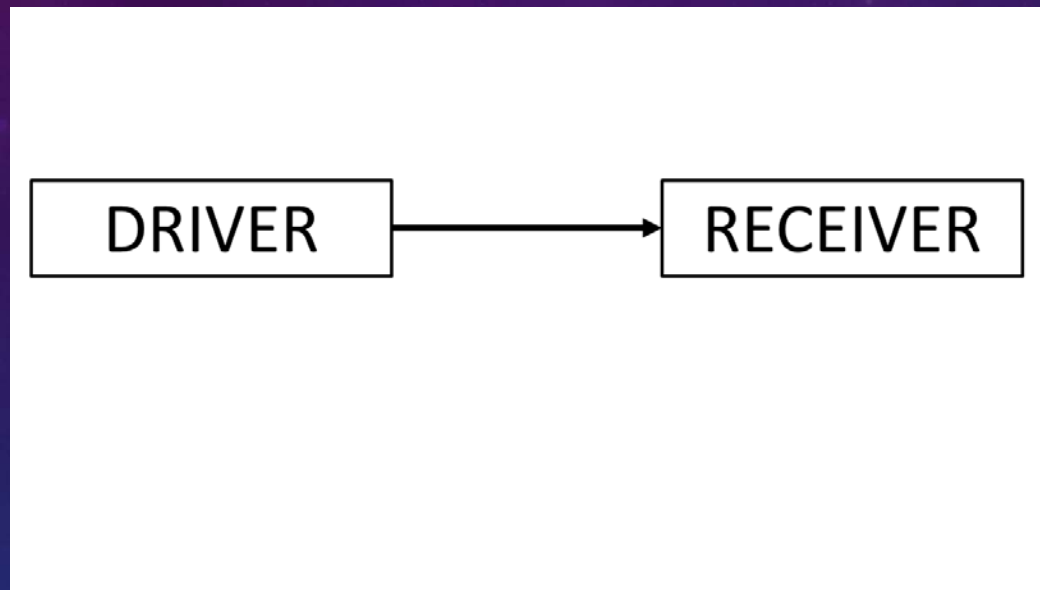
# SYNCHRONIZATION OF METRONOMES

## HARVARD NATURAL SCIENCES DEMONSTRATION



Phase synchronization of bidirectionally coupled metronomes at 176 beats per minute  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aaxw4zbULMs>

# UNIDIRECTIONAL COUPLING



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# ADAPTIVE CHAOS SYNCHRONIZATION

Augmented system with unidirectional adaptive coupling to residuals

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{y}} &= \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q}) + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \\ \dot{e}_i &= -\gamma_i e_i^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \dot{q}_{ij} &= -\delta_{ij} \varepsilon_i f_{ij}(\mathbf{y}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n\end{aligned}$$

where  $e_i = (y_i - x_i)$  and the  $\gamma_i > 0, \delta_{ij} > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are arbitrary constants which we selected as  $\gamma_i = \Gamma$  and  $\delta_{ij} = \delta$  for all  $i, j$ .

Huang, D. (2004), retrieved from <https://arxiv.org/abs/nlin/0405015>

## LYAPUNOV FUNCTION

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{\delta_{ij}} (q_{ij} - p_{ij})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\gamma_i} (e_i + L)^2$$

$V \geq 0, \dot{V} \leq 0$  on every trajectory, with exact equality only when the residuals are zero and the parameters are identical.

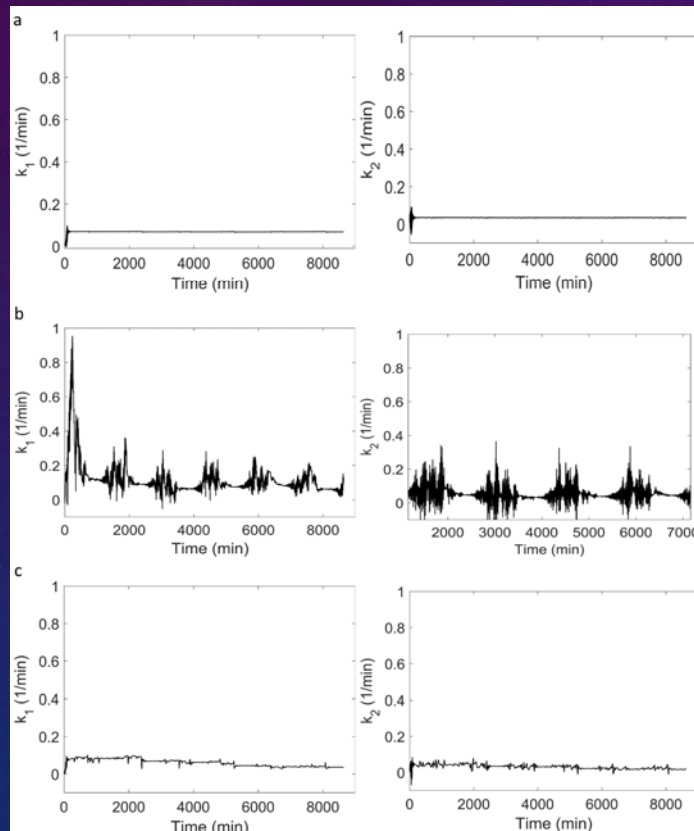
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# CONVERGENCE PROPERTIES

The Lasalle invariance principle **guarantees** asymptotic convergence of the augmented system to the experimental system parameters from arbitrary starting values.



# ADAPTIVE CHAOS SYNCHRONIZATION CONVERGENCE OF LINEAR PARAMETERS FOR DENSE DATA



- (a) Noiseless data sampled at 1 minute intervals
- (b) Noisy data (20% proportional noise) sampled at 1 minute sampling intervals
- (c) Noiseless data sampled at 45 minute sampling intervals

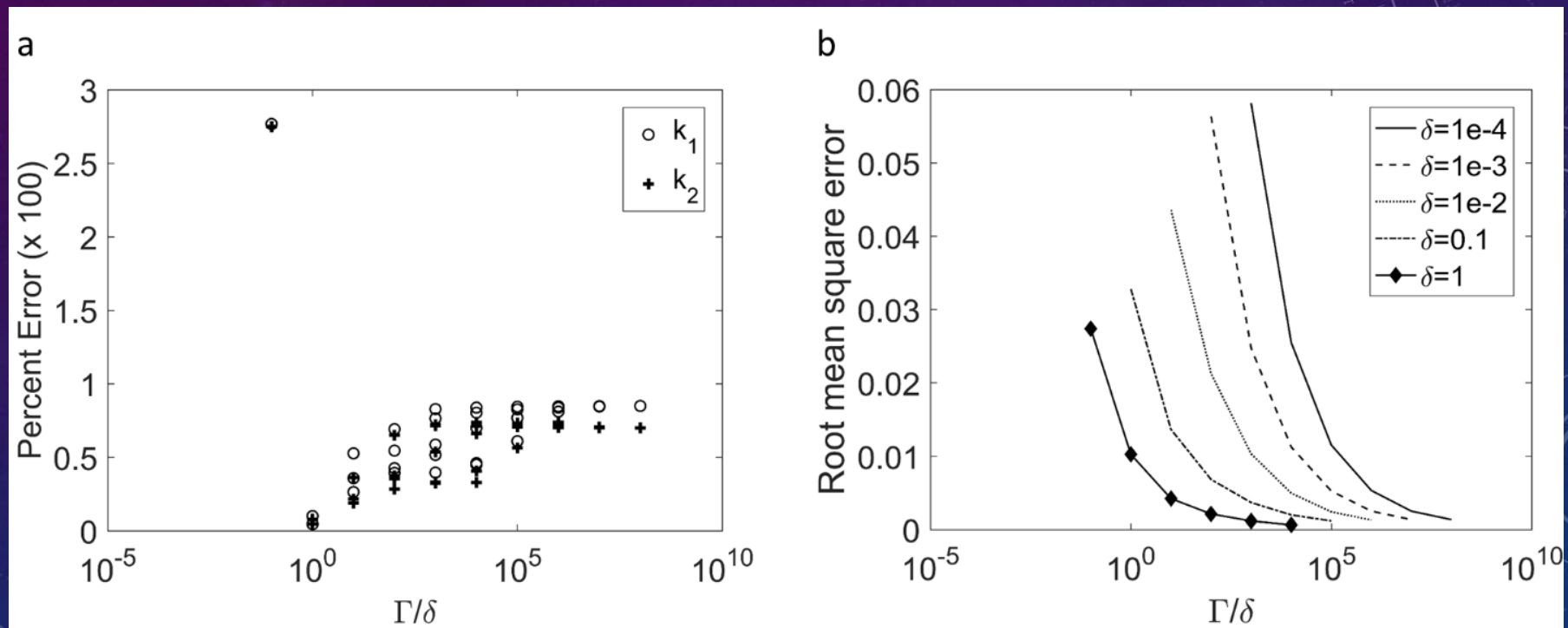
The parameters were extracted as the median of the fluctuating values for the last cycle.

The sparse data were densified to 5 minute sampling intervals via a cubic Piecewise Continuous Hermite Interpolating Polynomial.

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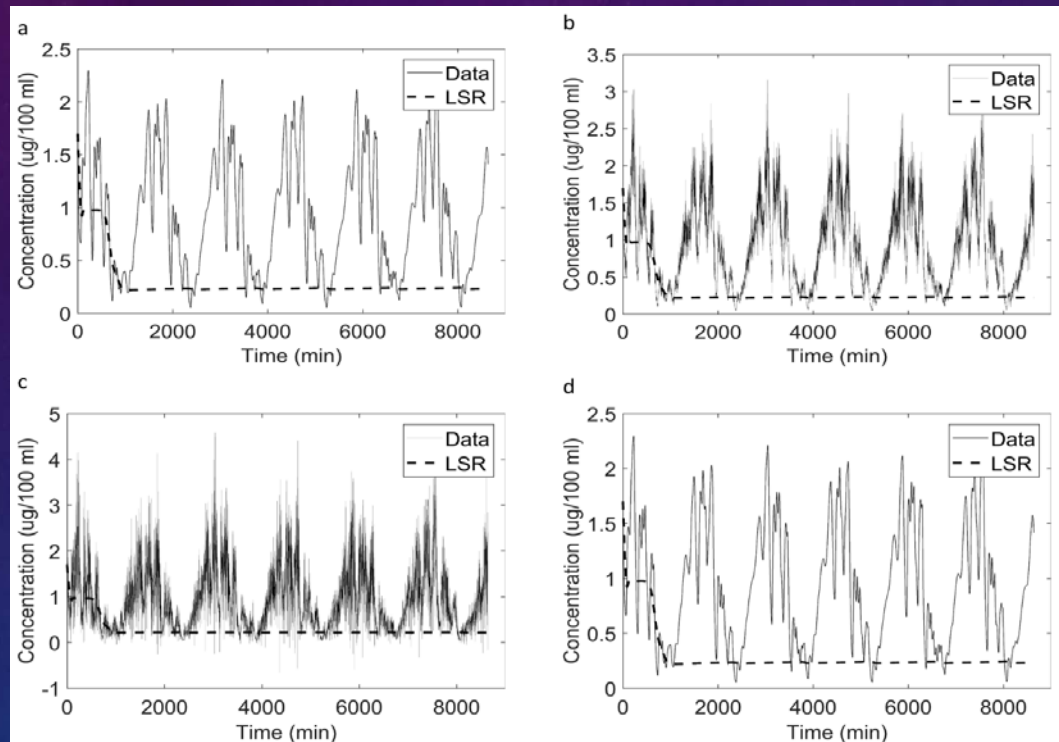


# ADAPTIVE CHAOS SYNCHRONIZATION ERROR METRICS



$\Gamma/\delta$  is the ratio of adaptive coupling strength to parameter learning rate  
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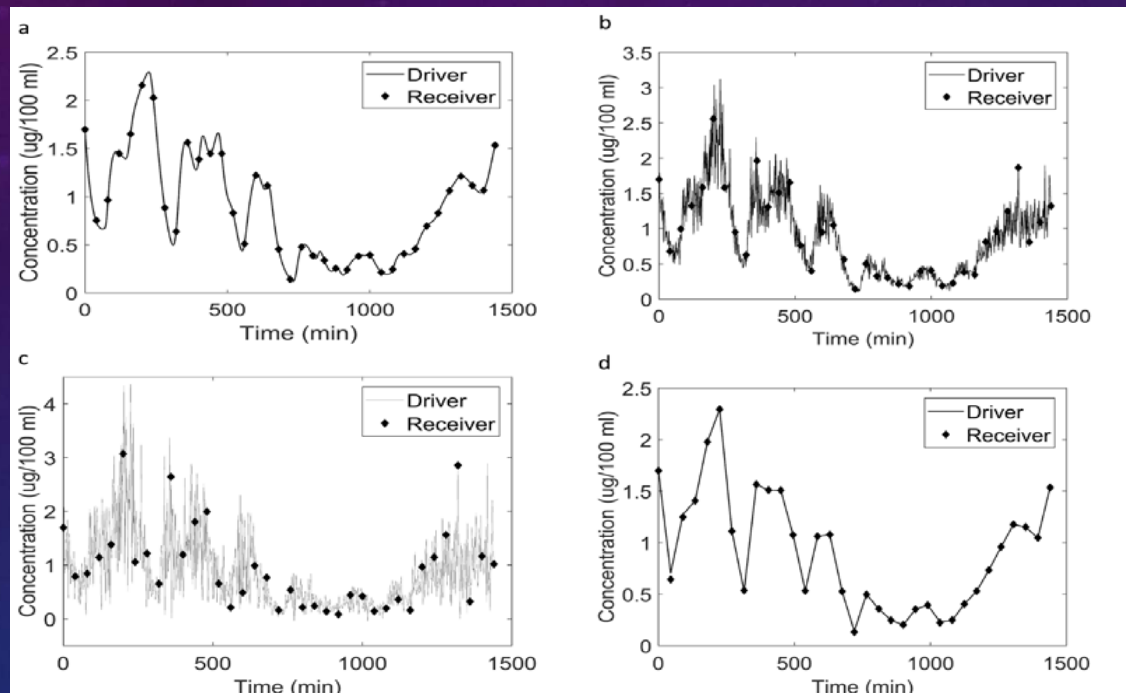
# NON-LINEAR LEAST SQUARES & COARSE-TO-FINE GRID SEARCH ALL NON-FIXED PARAMETERS OF SPARSE NOISY CORTISOL SYSTEM



20% proportional error ; 45 minute sampling interval

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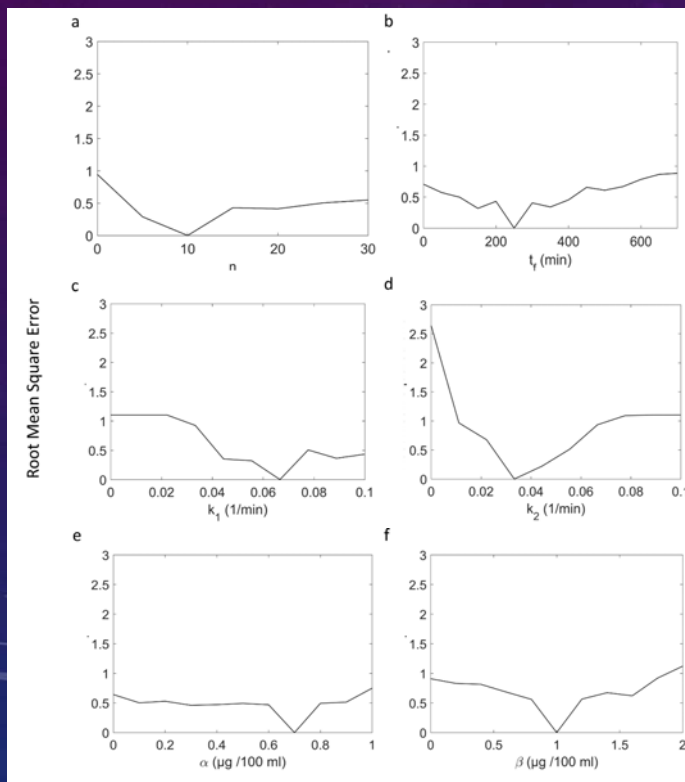


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# CHAOS SYNCHRONIZATION & COARSE-TO-FINE GRID SEARCH

## PARAMETER SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS



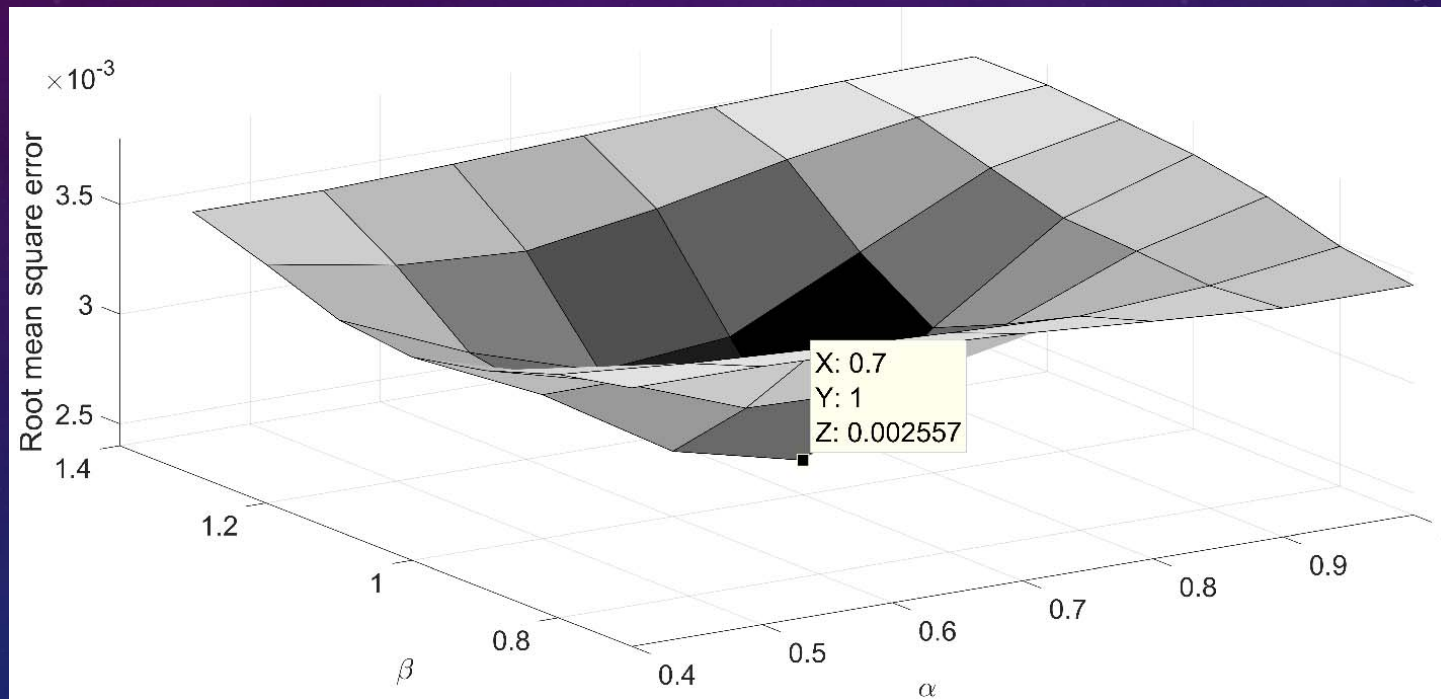
- Sensitivity analysis for parameter (a)  $n$ , (b)  $t_p$ , (c)  $k_1$ , (d)  $k_2$ , (e)  $\alpha$  and (f)  $\beta$ .
- Increments of 0.01/min in either input or output rate constant significantly impacted affected the predicted concentration.
- An increment of 100 minutes in phase had a relatively small effect on the predicted concentrations.
- Varying parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $n$  has a moderate impact on predicted concentration.

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# CHAOS SYNCHRONIZATION & GRID SEARCH

## ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR SURFACE



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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- Wavelet thresholding provides effective denoising that retains geometric details.
- **Adaptive chaos synchronization for linear parameters** combined with **coarse-to-fine grid search for non-linear parameters** provides accurate estimates of all parameters for an exemplary chaotic dynamical system.

NB: Adaptive chaos synchronization may be iterated to improve accuracy, especially when the data sets span a small number of cycles.

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