

# Optimal Timing Control of Biological Oscillators using Augmented Phase Reduction (based on Isochrons and Isostables)

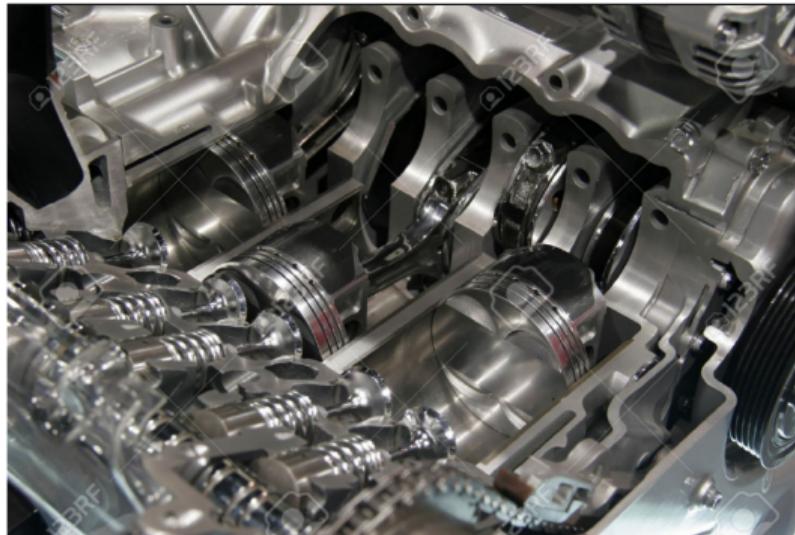
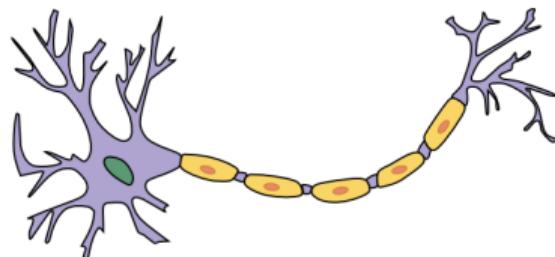
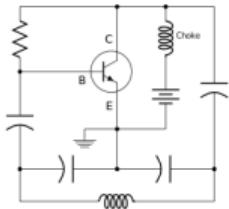
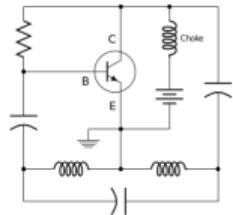
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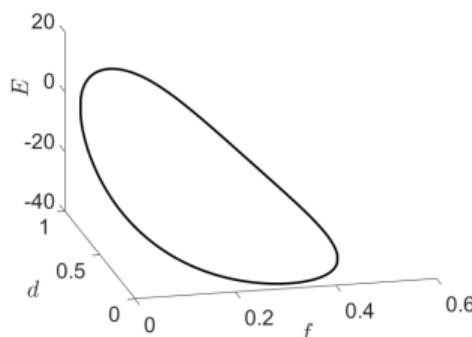
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Periodic orbits are ubiquitous in dynamical systems theory



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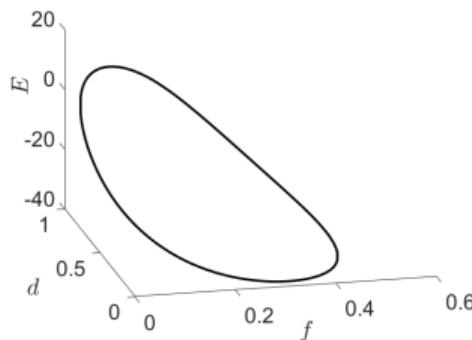
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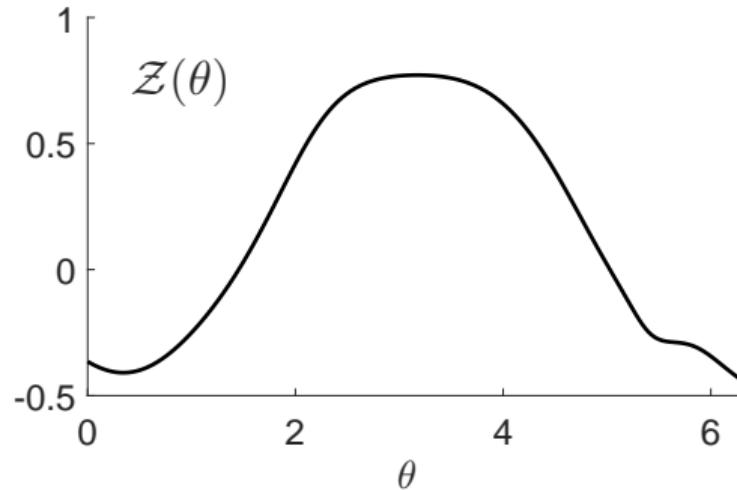
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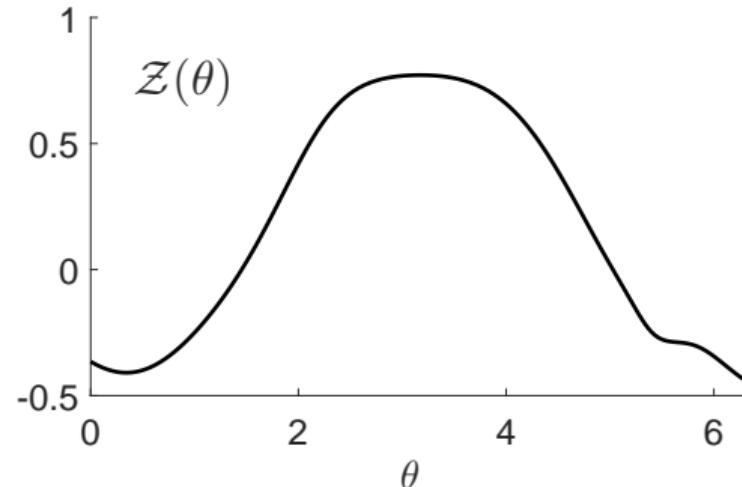
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- Experimentally feasible
- No information about transversal dynamics

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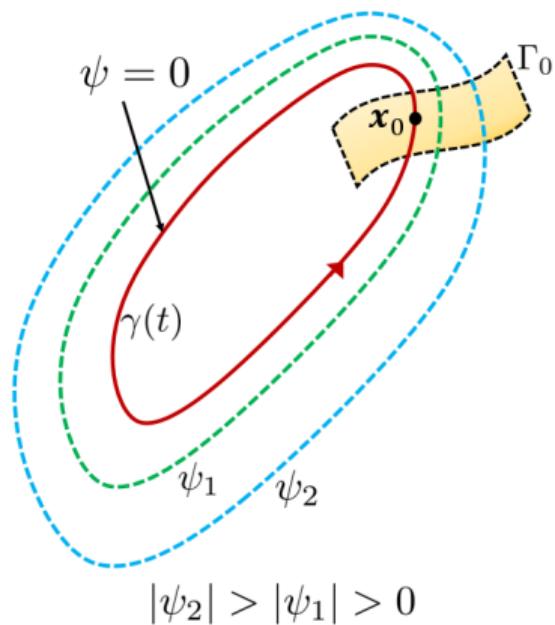
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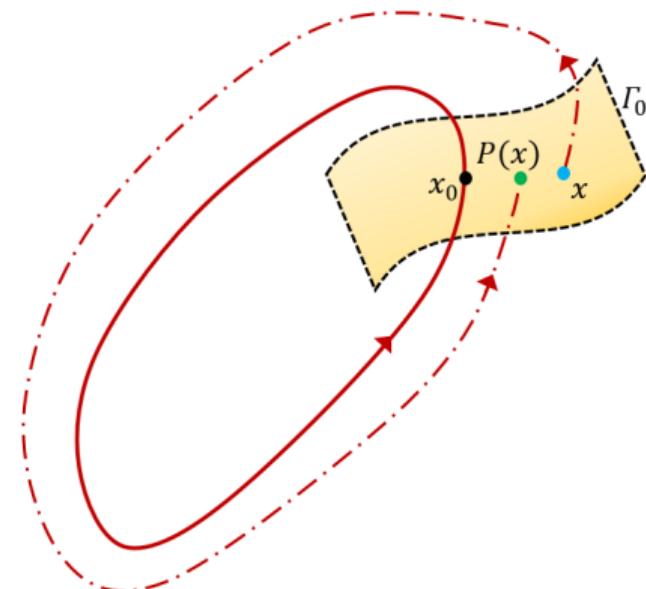
### Stable periodic orbit

For a system with a stable periodic orbit, an *Isostable* is a set of points in phase space that converge to the periodic orbit together but at different phases.

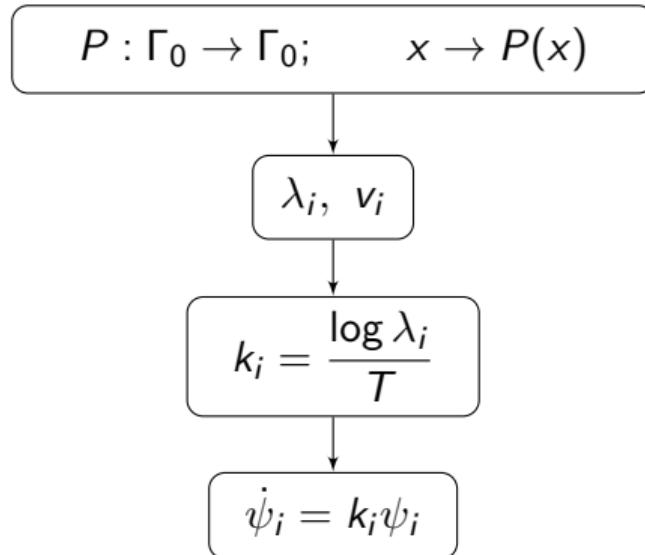


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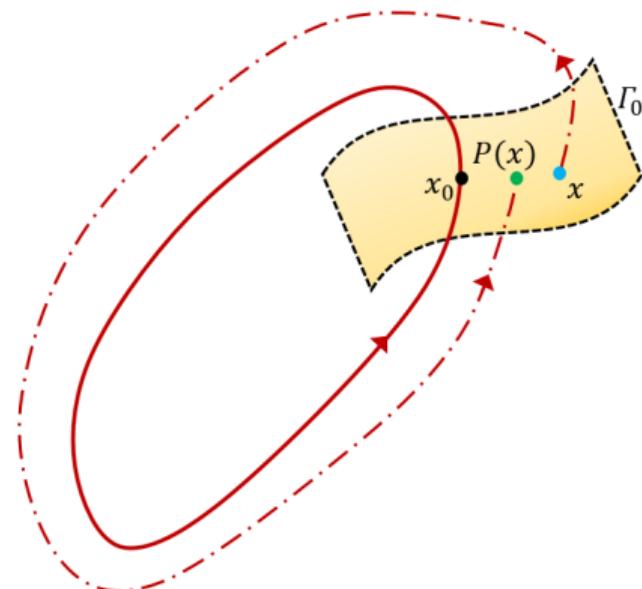
$$P : \Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Gamma_0; \quad x \rightarrow P(x)$$



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$$k_i < 0 \Rightarrow \psi_i \rightarrow 0$$



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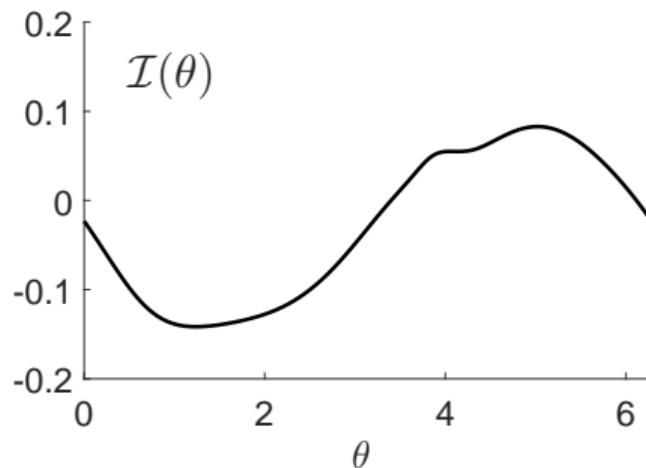
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<sup>1</sup>D. Wilson, J. Moehlis, Physical Review E 94, (5) (2016)

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Assumption 1: Only one of  $k_i \approx 0$ .

Assumption 2: Only one degree of actuation:  $U(t) = [u(t), 0, \dots, 0]^T$ .

Augmented phase reduction becomes

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega + \mathcal{Z}(\theta)u$$

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# Optimal timing control

With augmented phase reduction

## Cost function

$$\int_0^{\tau_1} \left[ \alpha u^2 + \beta \psi^2 + \lambda_1 (\dot{\theta} - \omega - \mathcal{Z}(\theta)u) + \lambda_2 (\dot{\psi} - k\psi - \mathcal{I}(\theta)u) \right] dt$$

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$$\dot{\psi} = k\psi + \mathcal{I}(\theta)u$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_1 = -(\lambda_1 \mathcal{Z}'(\theta) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{I}'(\theta))u$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_2 = 2\beta\psi - k\lambda_2$$

$$u = \frac{\lambda_1 \mathcal{Z}(\theta) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{I}(\theta)}{2\alpha}$$

## Boundary conditions

$$\theta(0) = 0 \quad \theta(T_1) = 2\pi$$

$$\psi(0) = 0 \quad \psi(T_1) = 0$$

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# Optimal timing control

## Algorithm A (based on augmented phase reduction)

$\int_0^{T_1}$  Euler-Lagrange equations

$$U(t) = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{\lambda_1(t)\mathcal{Z}(\theta(t)) + \lambda_2(t)\mathcal{I}(\theta(t))}{2\alpha}, 0, \dots, 0 \right]^T & 0 \leq t \leq T_1 \\ [0, 0, \dots, 0]^T & t > T_1 \end{cases}$$

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With standard phase reduction<sup>2</sup>

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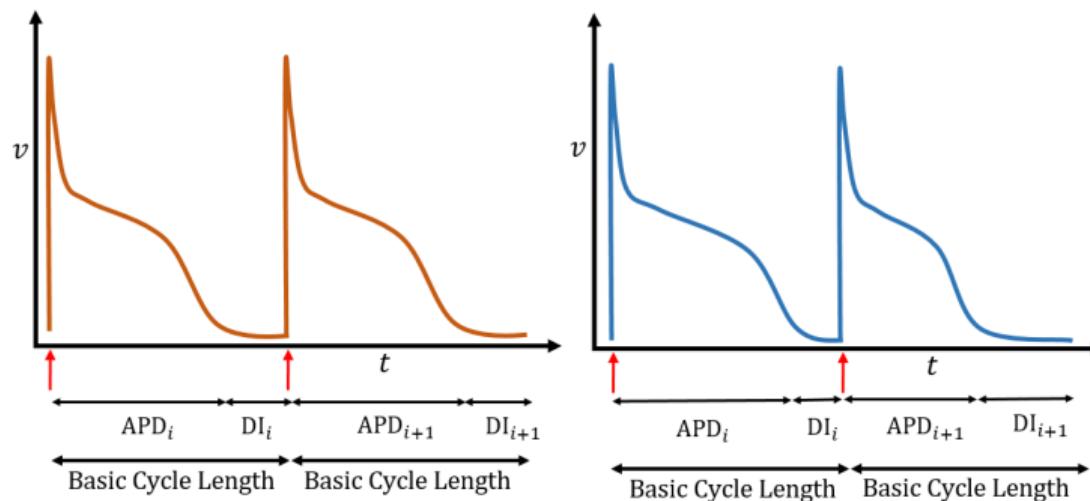
**Algorithm S** (based on standard phase reduction)

$$\int_0^{T_1} \text{Euler-Lagrange equations}$$

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# Controlling cardiac pacemaker cells

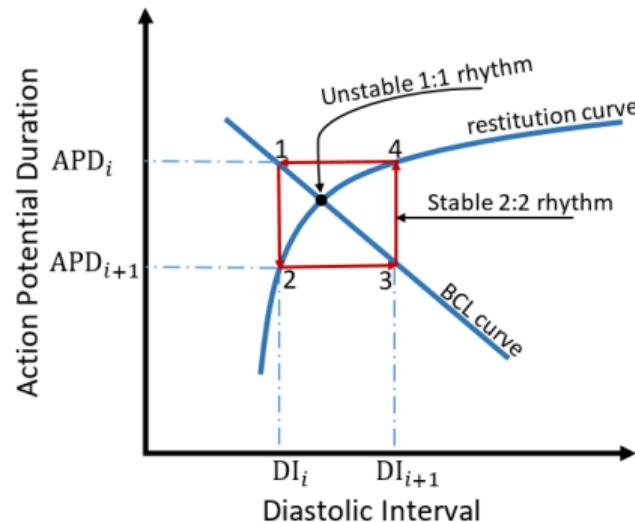


- Action Potential Duration (APD)
- Diastolic Interval (DI)
- Basic Cycle Length (BCL)
- Period doubling bifurcation: 1:1 rhythm  $\longrightarrow$  2:2 rhythm (Alternans)

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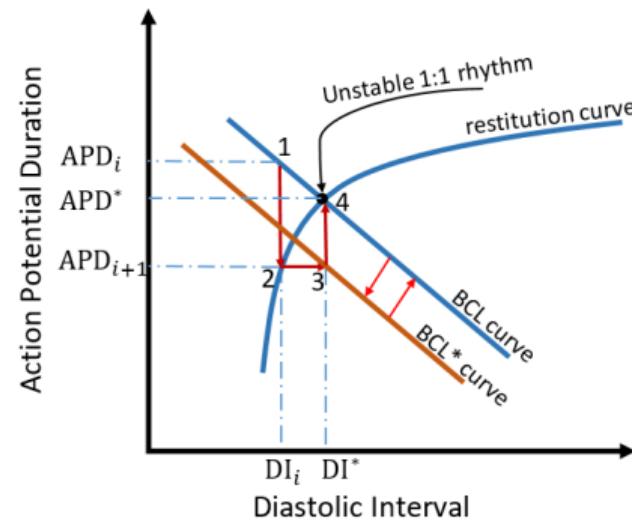
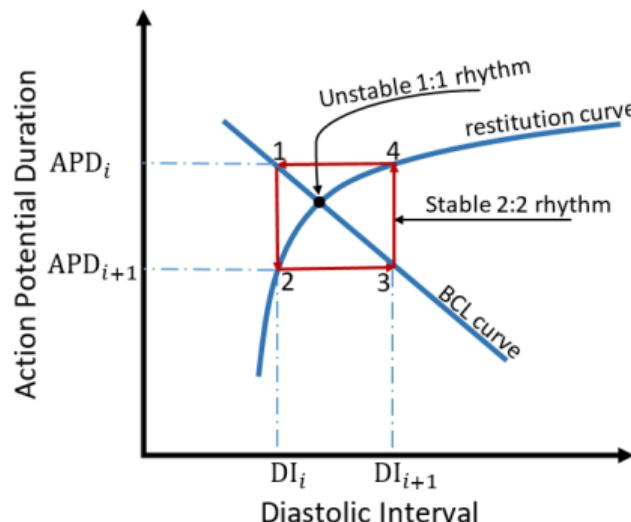
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**Control objective:** Stabilize the unstable 1:1 rhythm by changing the BCL for 1 period

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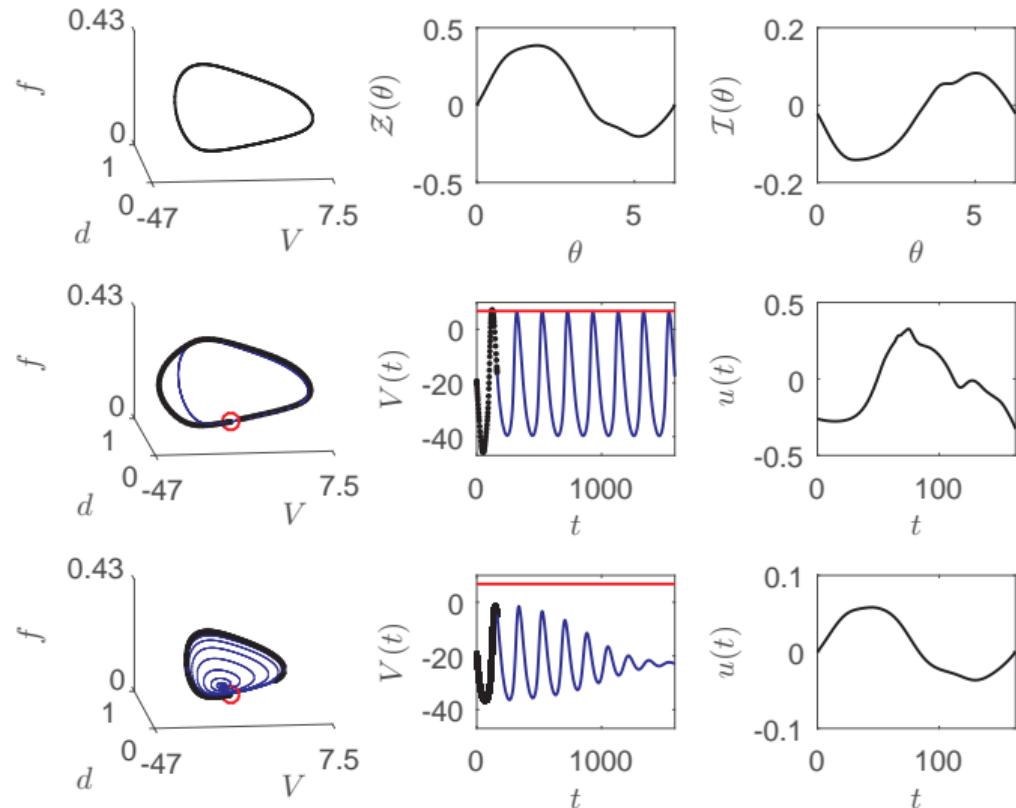
7 Dimensional  
Pacemaker Cell Model

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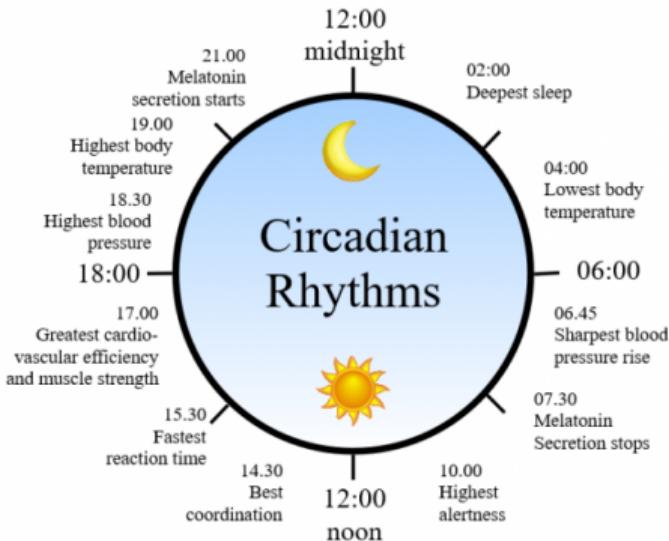
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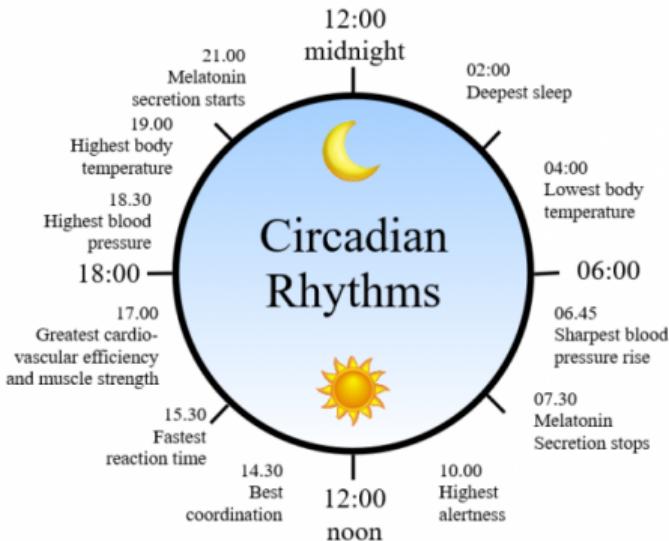
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- Imagine someone going on a vacation from New York city to London
- The new day and night cycle would be 5 hours behind his circadian rhythm
- Reduce circadian rhythm period by 20% ( $\approx 5$  hrs)!

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3 Dimensional  
Gene Regulation Model

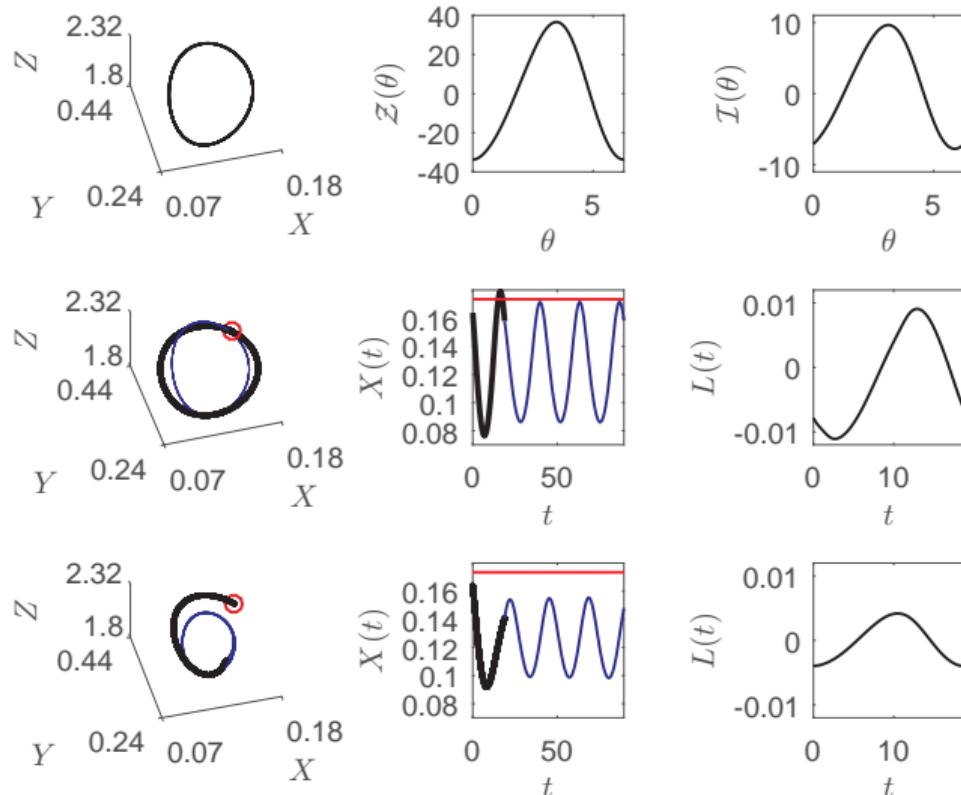
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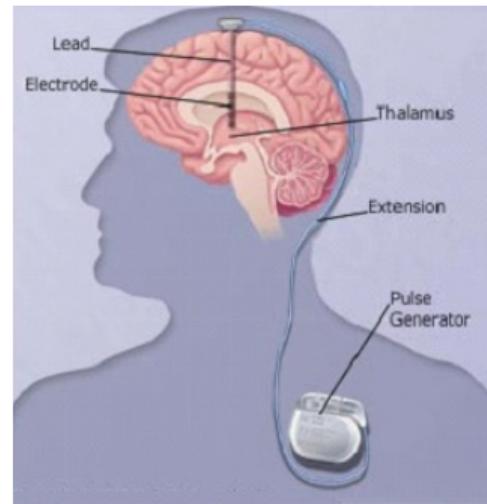
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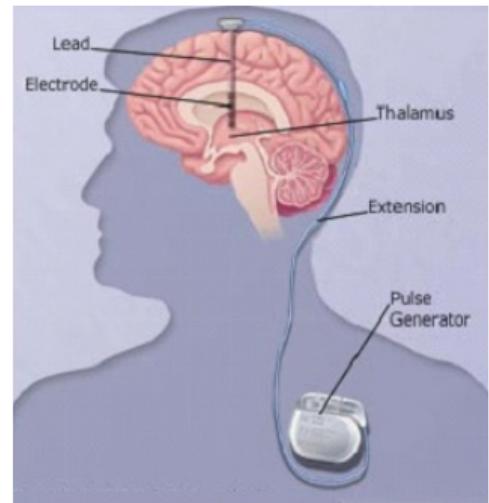
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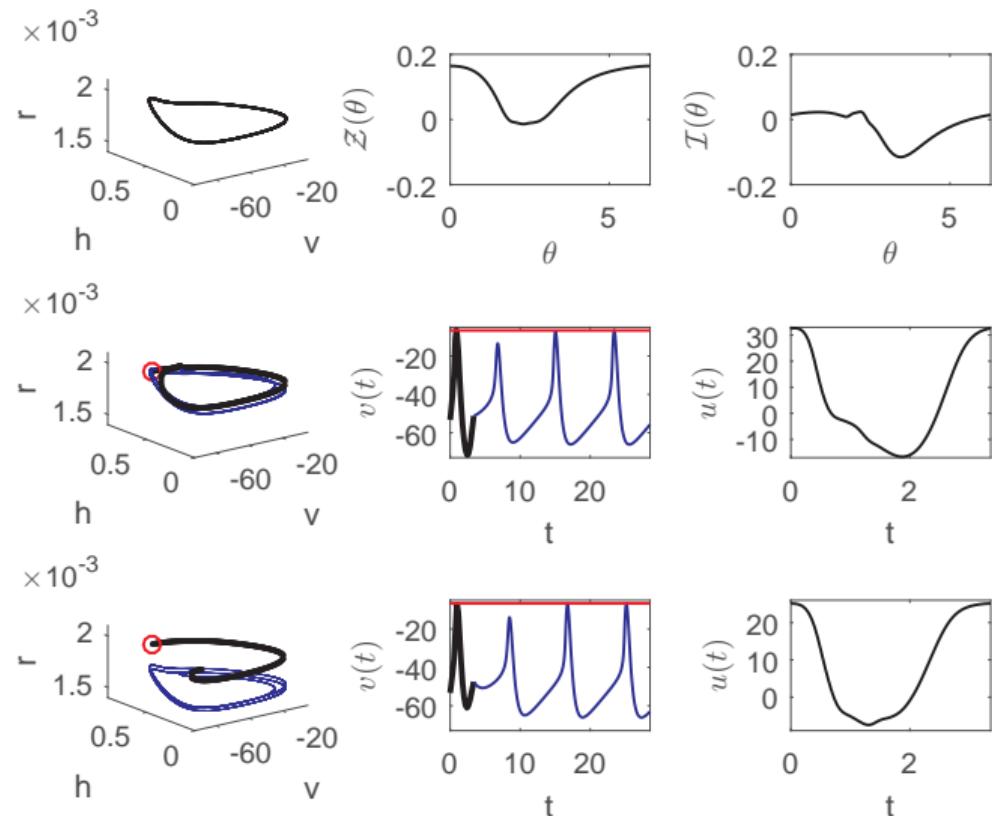
3 Dimensional  
Thalamic Neuron Model

$$\dot{v} = \frac{(\sum -I_I + I_b)}{C_m} + u(t),$$

$$\dot{y} = (y_{\text{inf}} - y) / \tau_y.$$

$$T_1 = 0.4 T$$

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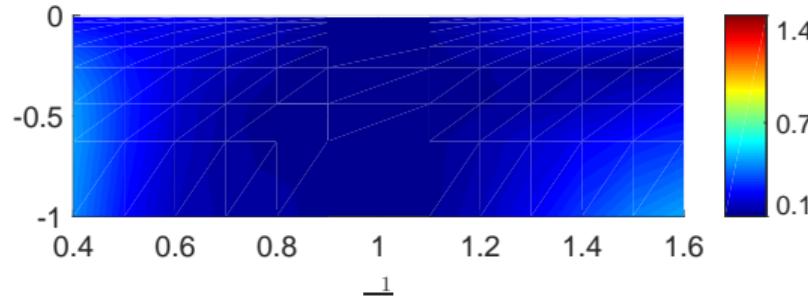
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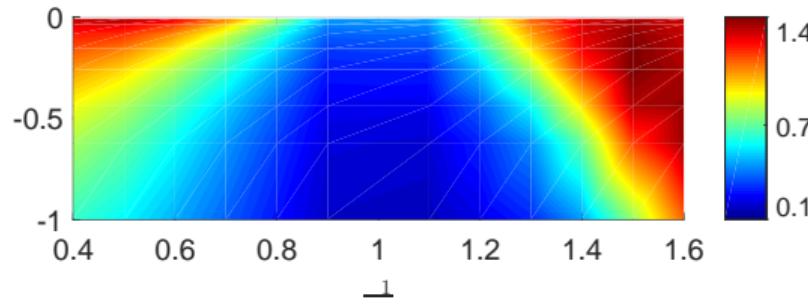
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Alg. A



Alg. S



# Conclusion

Standard phase reduction  
(Algorithm S)      ↔      Augmented phase reduction  
(Algorithm A)

- Optimal timing control algorithm has potential to
  - eliminate cardiac alternans
  - aid in treating jet lag
  - help with motor symptoms of essential and parkinsonian tremor