

# Coupled Models of the Cell Cycle and Circadian Clock for Chronotherapy Optimization

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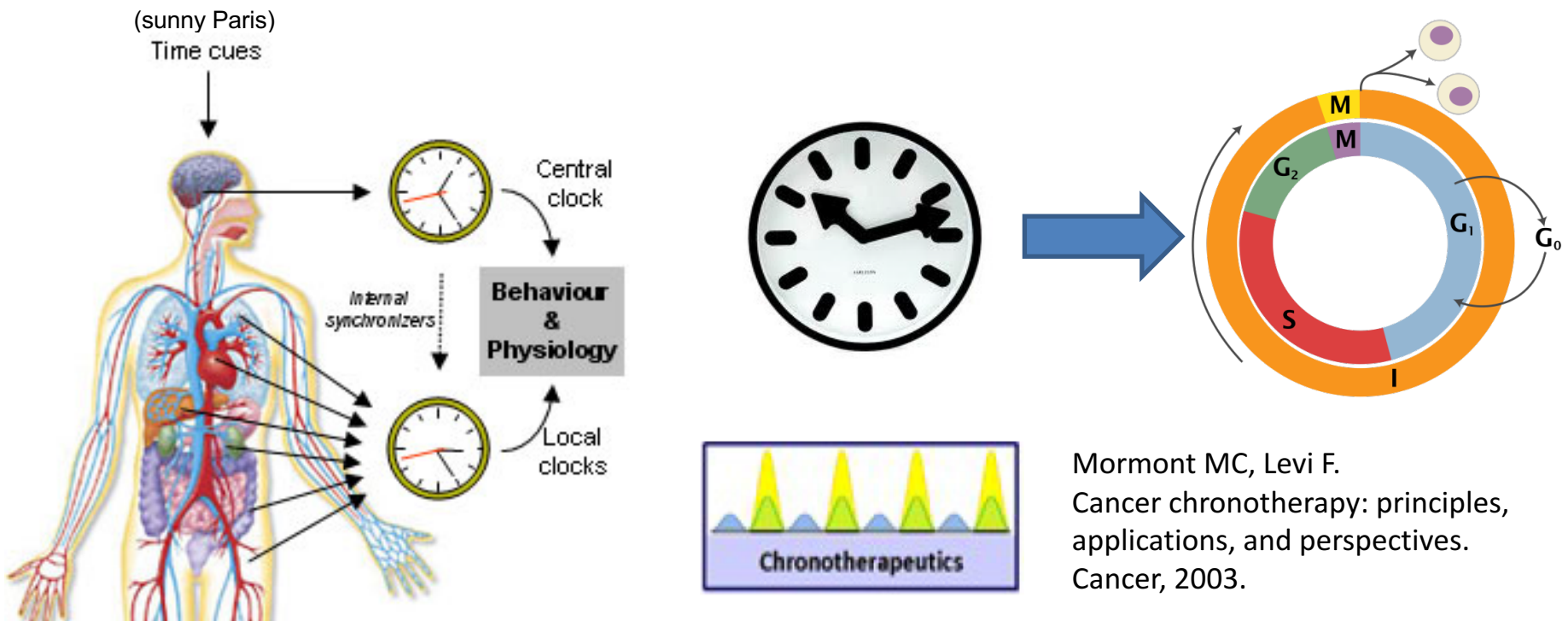
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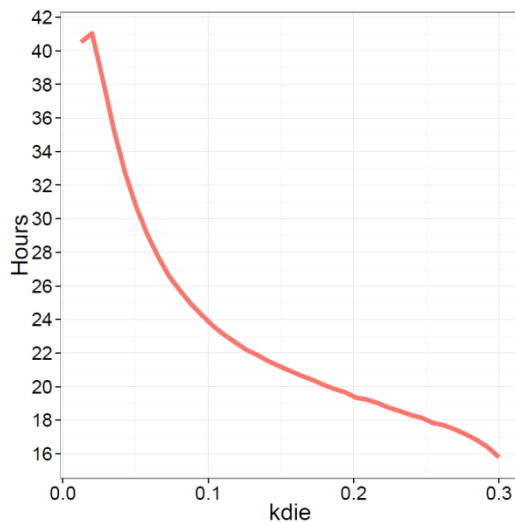
# Control of the Cell Cycle by the Circadian Clock

- Time gating for mitosis by effects of clock genes on cell cycle genes  
**inhibition of Wee1 synthesis by Clock-Bmal1** [Matsuo et al 2003]
- Model-based predictions on conditions of entrainment [Calzone Soliman 2006] and period doubling (24h, 48h) phenomena [Gerard Goldbeter 2012]  
(also **repression of c-Myc by Clock-Bmal1** and **inhibition of p21 by Revberb- $\alpha$** )

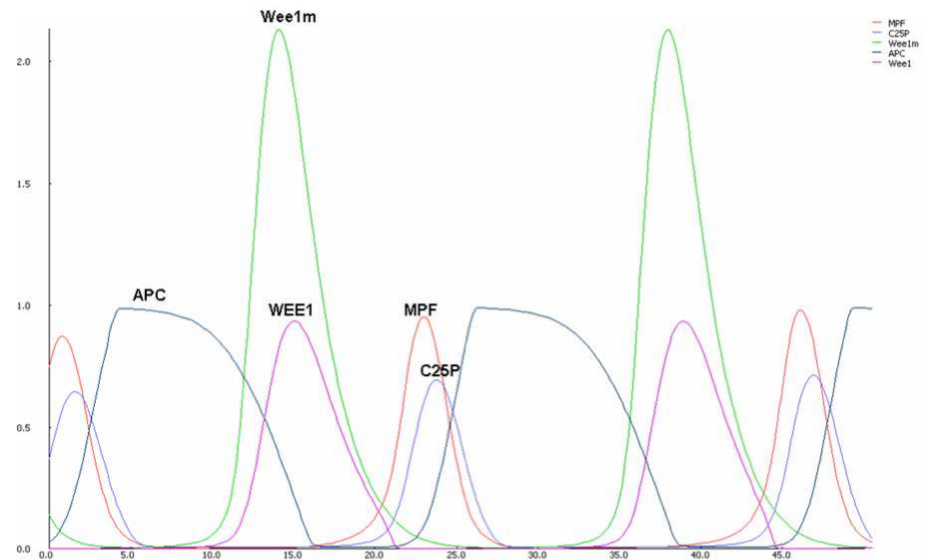
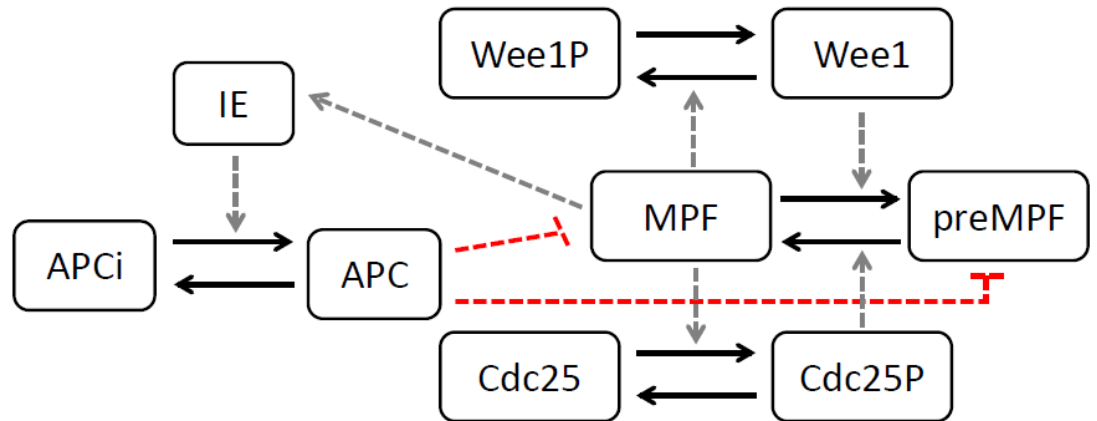


# Cell Cycle Model [Qu-McLellan-Weiss Model 2003]

- Focus on G2/M phase
- 10 molecular species
- 31 kinetic parameters

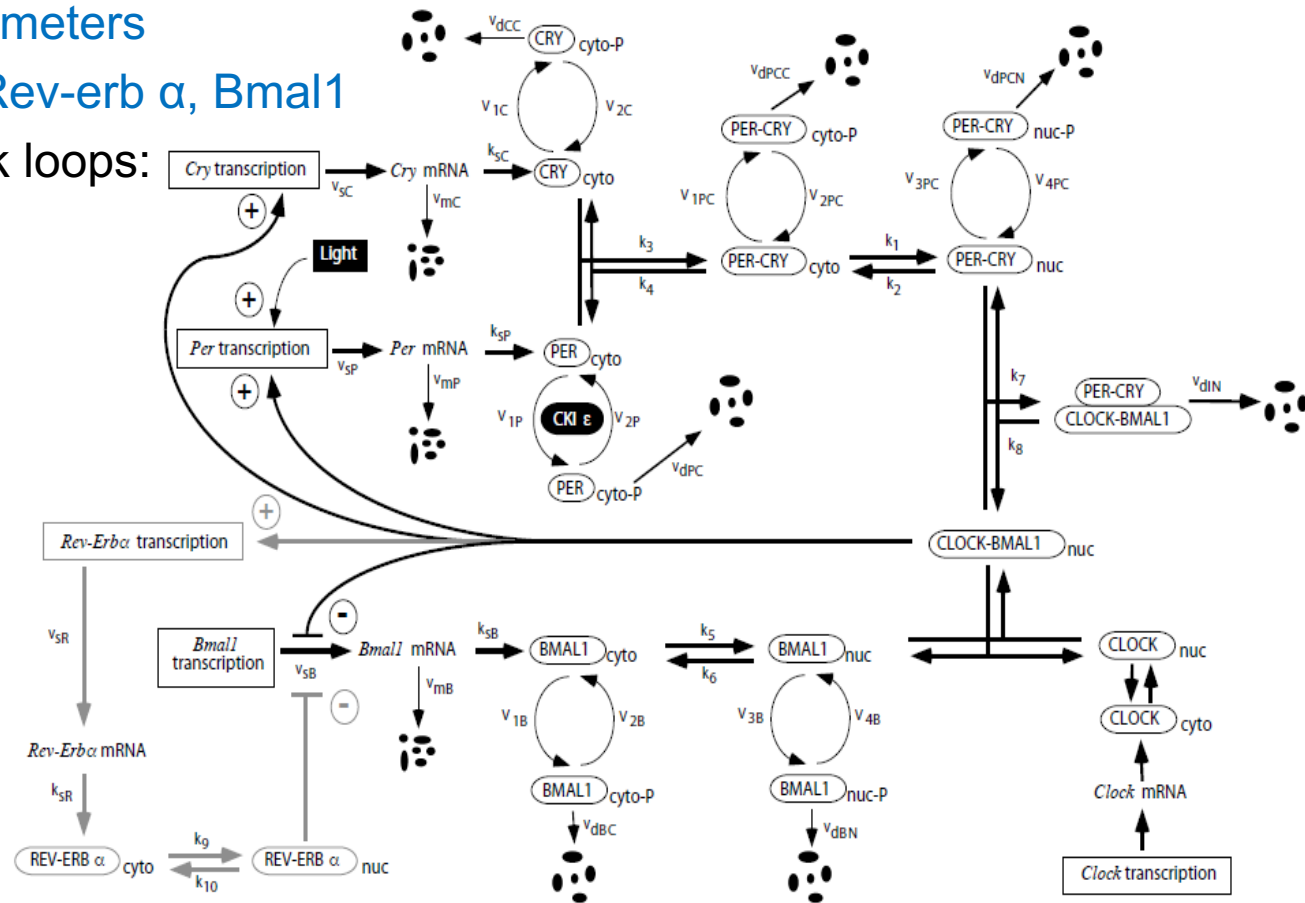


Variation of the cell cycle free period by *kdie* degradation rate constant (important in growing G1 phase)

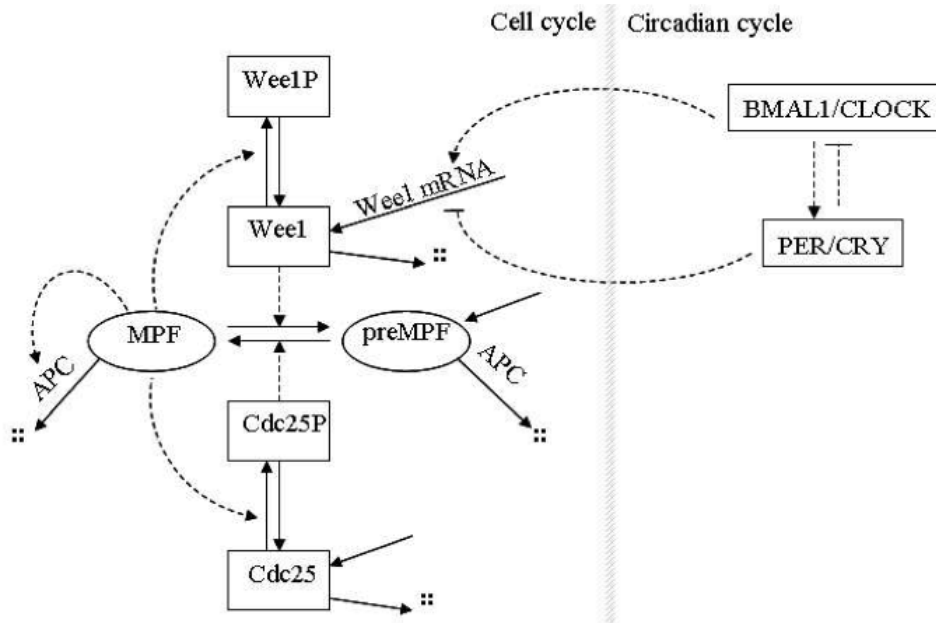


# Circadian Clock Model [Leloup Goldbeter 03]

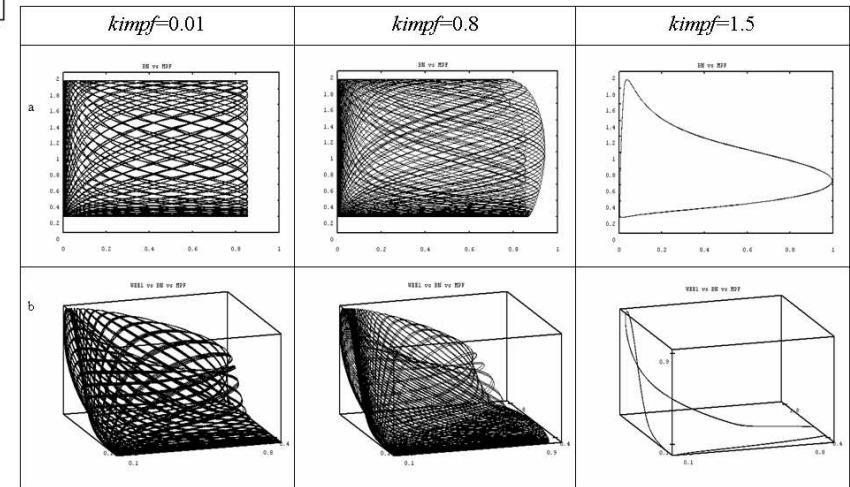
- 19 species, 70 parameters
- 4 genes: *Per*, *Cry*, *Rev-erb α*, *Bmal1*
- 2 negative feedback loops:
  - Per-Cry
  - *Rev-erb α*



# Coupled Cell Cycle ← Circadian Clock Model



[Matsuo et al 2003]

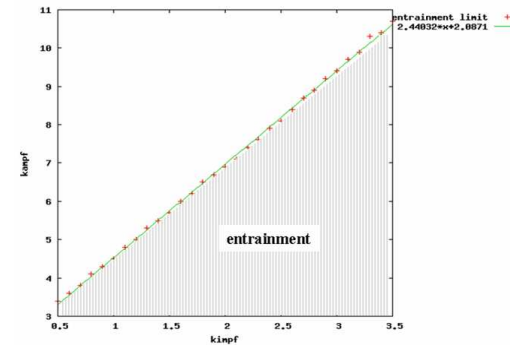
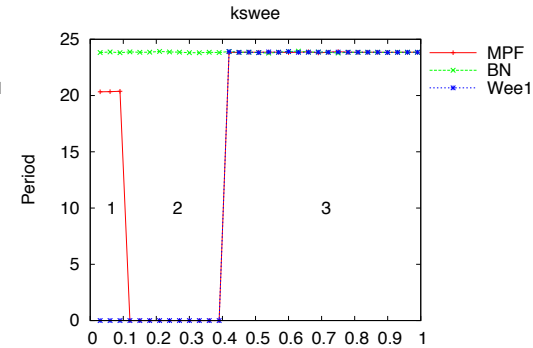
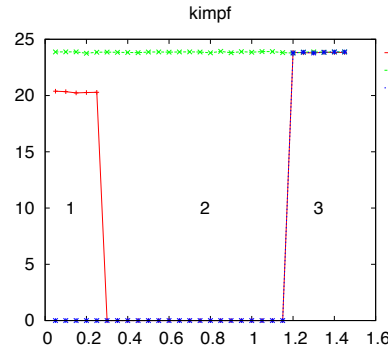


Entrainment conditions (limit cycle) on parameter values  
[Calzone Soliman 2006]

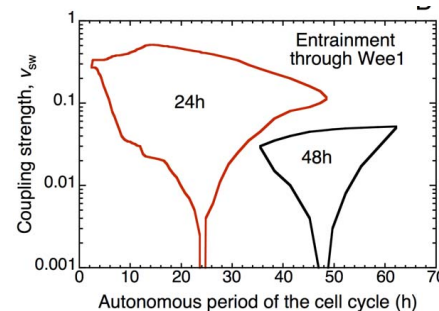
Coupling synthesis reaction of Wee1 activated by Bmal1 repressed by Per-Cry  
 $(k_{sweemp} + k_{sweem} * [Bmal1]) / (K_{weem} + k_{wpcn} * [PC]) \text{ for } \_ \Rightarrow mWee1$

# Conditions of Entrainment

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[preMPF]}{dt} &= k_{smpf} + k_{impf} \cdot [Wee1] \cdot [MPF] - k_{ampf} \cdot [C25P] \cdot [preMPF] \\ &\quad - k_{dmpf} \cdot [APC] \cdot [preMPF] - k_{dmpfp} \cdot [preMPF] \\ \frac{d[MPF]}{dt} &= k_{ampf} \cdot [C25P] \cdot [preMPF] - k_{impf} \cdot [Wee1] \cdot [MPF] \\ &\quad - k_{dmpf} \cdot [APC] \cdot [MPF] - k_{dmpfp} \cdot [MPF] \\ \frac{d[C25]}{dt} &= \frac{V_{ic} \cdot [C25P]}{K_{ic25} + [C25P]} + k_{s25} - k_{d25} \cdot [C25] - \frac{V_{apc} + V_{ac} \cdot [MPF] \cdot [C25]}{K_{ac25} + [C25]} \\ \frac{d[C25P]}{dt} &= \frac{V_{apc} + V_{ac} \cdot [MPF] \cdot [C25]}{K_{ac25} + [C25]} - k_{d25} \cdot [C25P] - \frac{V_{ic} \cdot [C25P]}{K_{ic25} + [C25P]} \\ \frac{d[Wee1]}{dt} &= \frac{V_{iw} \cdot [Wee1P]}{K_{iw} + [Wee1P]} + k_{swee} \cdot [Wee1m] \\ &\quad - k_{dwee} \cdot [Wee1] - \frac{V_{apw} + V_{aw} \cdot [MPF] \cdot [Wee1]}{K_{aw} + [Wee1]} \\ \frac{d[Wee1P]}{dt} &= \frac{V_{apw} + V_{aw} \cdot [MPF] \cdot [Wee1]}{K_{aw} + [Wee1]} - k_{dwee} \cdot [Wee1P] - \frac{V_{iw} \cdot [Wee1P]}{K_{iw} + [Wee1P]} \\ \frac{d[APC]}{dt} &= \frac{k_{aapcp} + k_{aapc} \cdot [X] \cdot [APCi]}{K_{apc} + [APCi]} - \frac{k_{iapc} \cdot [APC]}{K_{apc} + [APC]} \\ \frac{d[X]}{dt} &= k_{sx} \cdot [MPF] - k_{dx} \cdot [X] \\ \frac{d[Wee1m]}{dt} &= \frac{k_{sweemp} + k_{sweem} \cdot [BN]}{K_{weem} + k_{wpcn} \cdot [PCN]} - k_{dweem} \cdot [Wee1m] \\ \frac{d[APCi]}{dt} &= \frac{k_{iapc} \cdot [APC]}{K_{apc} + [APC]} - \frac{k_{aapcp} + k_{aapc} \cdot [X] \cdot [APCi]}{K_{apc} + [APCi]} \end{aligned}$$



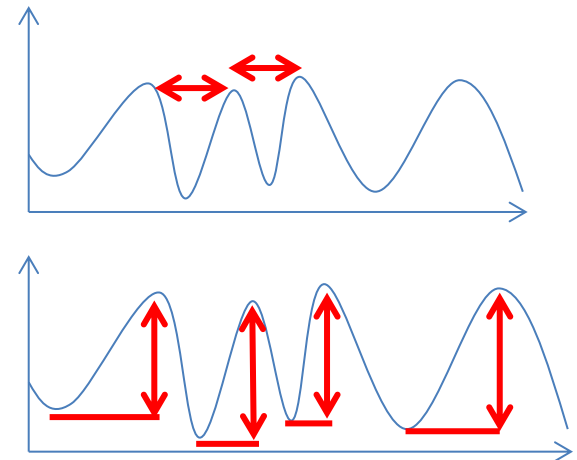
- Conditions of entrainment on Bmal1-Wee1 and MPF activation parameters
- Period doubling (24h, 48h) phenomena  
[Gerard Goldbeter PLOS 2012]



# Formal Behavior Specification in Temporal Logic

- Linear Time Temporal logic (LTL) extends classical logic with **time operators**  
**X**: next, **F**: finally, **G**: globally, **U**: until
  - Reachability of a stable set of states **FG(s)**
- First-order LTL with linear constraints, FO-LTL( $R_{lin}$ ), express quantitative properties about concentrations:

- Reachability of threshold **F(x>c)**
- Maximum value **G(x<v)**
- Distance between successive peaks
- Amplitude of next peak
- Period constraints
- Phase constraints ...

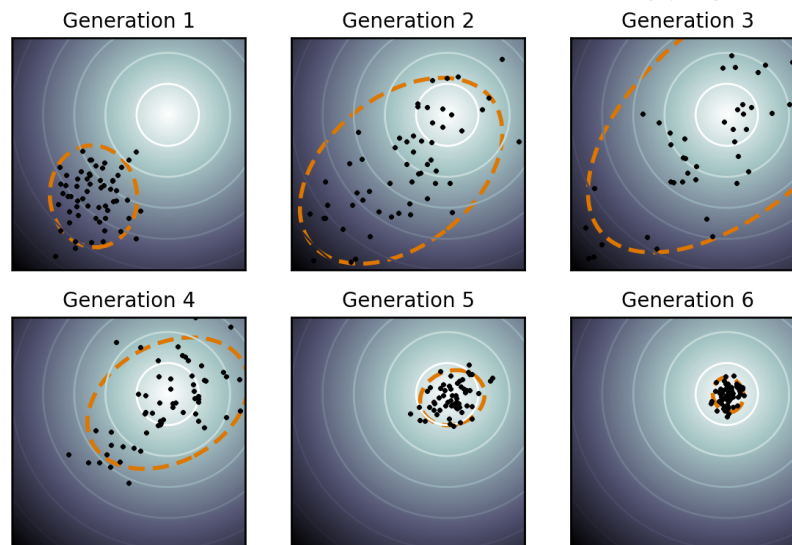


- Implemented in our modeling software BIOCHAM (Biochemical Abstract Machine) <http://lifeware.inria.fr/biocham4>



# Parameter Fitting and Parameter Optimisation

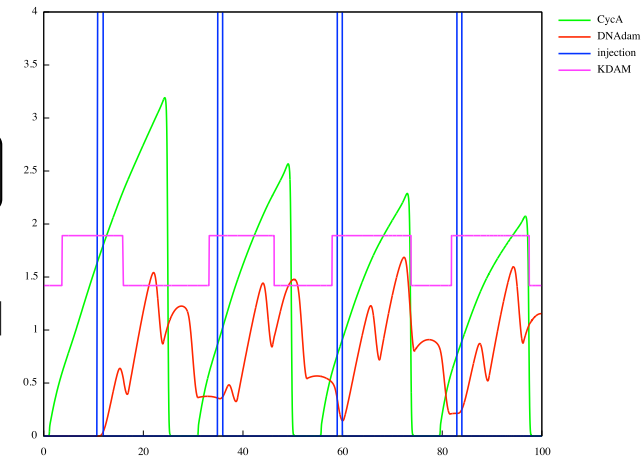
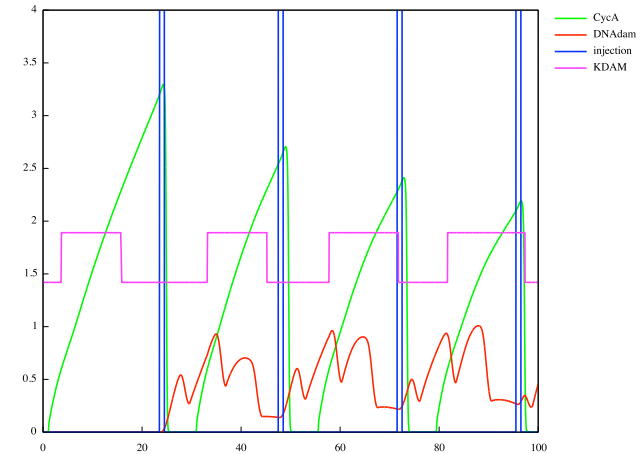
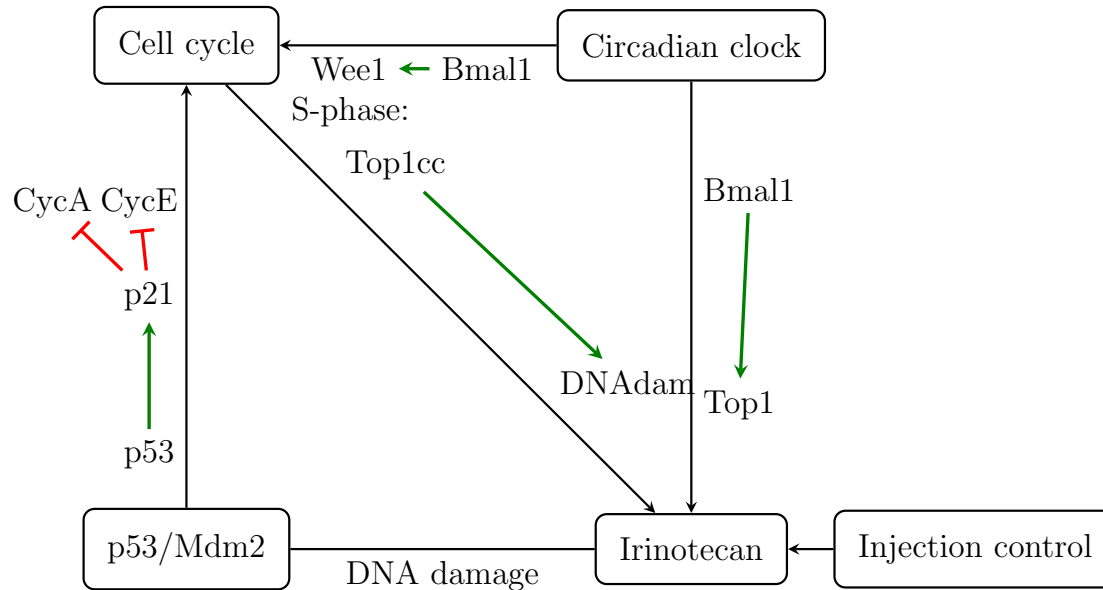
- Algorithm for computing the **validity domain of free variables on a trace**
- Continuous satisfaction degree in  $[0,1]$  of an FO-LTL(Rlin) formula with objective values for its free variables from **distance to validity domain**
- Measure of **robustness** of FO-LTL(Rlin) property as mean satisfaction degree
- **Sensitivity indices** w.r.t. FO-LTL(Rlin) property
- **Parameter search** maximizing satisfaction degree (up to 50-100 parameters)  
Covariance matrix adaptive evolution strategy (CMAES) [Hansen 01-]





# Irinotecan Exposure Chronotherapy Model

## Coupled cycle-clock-p53Mdm2-Irinotecan model



Optimal control of drug exposure [De Maria et al TCS 2011]

- Max pulses satisfying always **DNAdam** < 1
- with **DNA damage** > 1 on phase shifted cells

Whole body PK/PD drug injection model [Ballesta et al PlosCB 2011]

# Unexpected Behavior of NIH3T3 Fibroblasts: Acceleration of the Clock at high FBS !

Time series data in individual mice fibroblasts [Feillet Delaunay 2012]

Fluorescent markers of the cell cycle and the circadian clock (RevErb $\alpha$ )

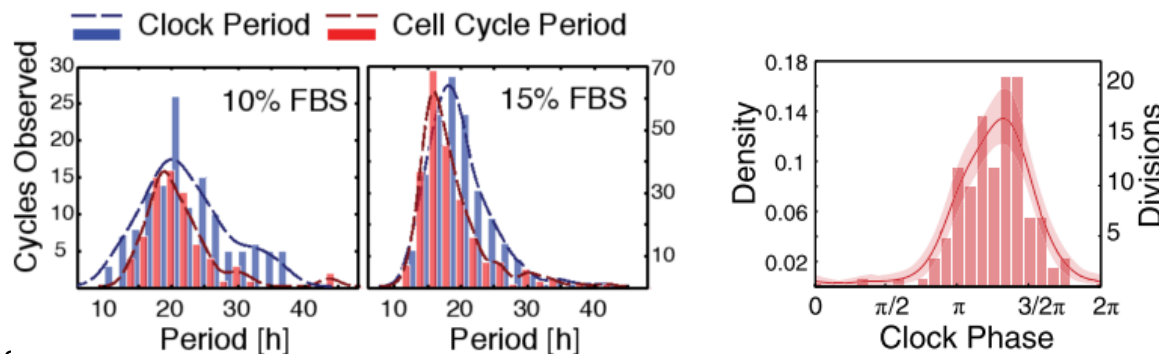
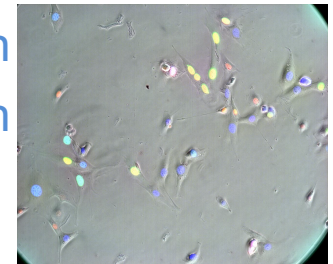
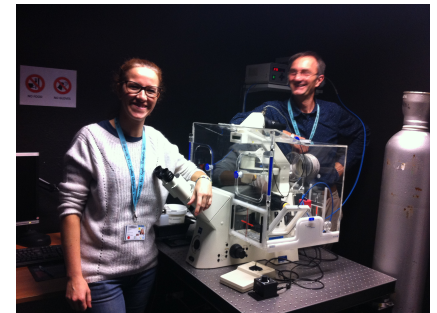
Medium with various concentrations of serum (FBS)

- FBS modulates the cell cycle frequency
- No observed time gating for mitosis
- But **observed acceleration of the circadian clock in fastly dividing cells !** and **not in confluent cells** (24h)

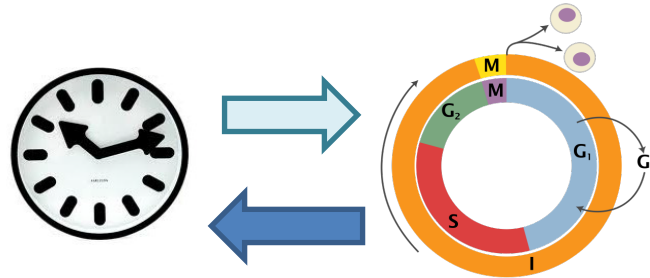
FBS 10%  $\rightarrow$  Cell cycle **22h**  $\rightarrow$  Circadian clock **22h**, phase **7h**

FBS 15%  $\rightarrow$  Cell cycle **19h**  $\rightarrow$  Circadian clock **18h**, phase **7h**

Statistical model phase locking [Feillet et al Delaunay Rand PNAS 2014]



# Reverse Effect Cell Cycle $\rightarrow$ Clock



Mechanistic model for this reverse effect ?

**Hypothesis 1: Uniform inhibition of gene transcription during mitosis**

- Entrainment in period
- No parameter values for correct entrainment in phase

**Hypothesis 2: Selective regulation of clock genes during mitosis**

- Entrainment in period and phase fitted to experimental data
- **Prediction of reverb up-regulation during mitosis** (or Bmal1 down)

[Traynard, Feillet, Soliman, Delaunay, F., Biosystems 2016]

# Relogio-Herzel Model of the Circadian Clock (2011)

- 20 species, 71 parameters
- 60 parameters fitted to liver cell data
  - amplitude, period and phase data
- **Per, Cry, Reverb, Ror, Bmal** genes

Relógio, A., Westermark, P. O., Wallach, T., Schellenberg, K., Kramer, A., & Herzel, H. (2011). Tuning the mammalian circadian clock: robust synergy of two loops. *PLoS Computational Biology*.

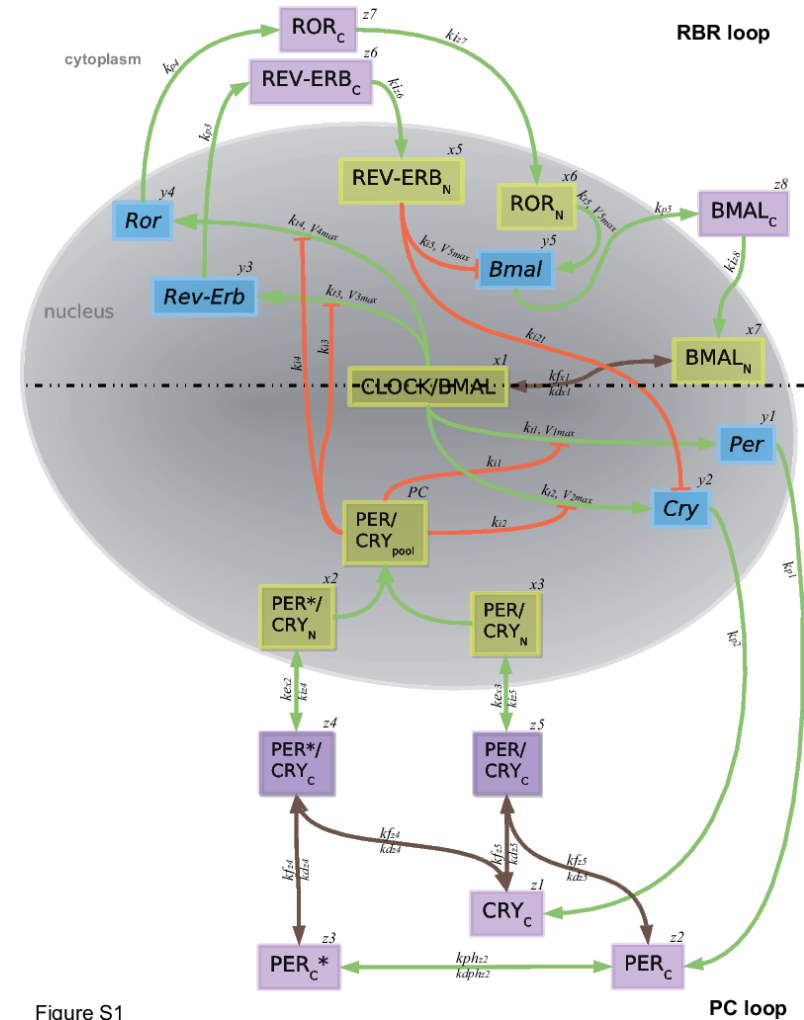
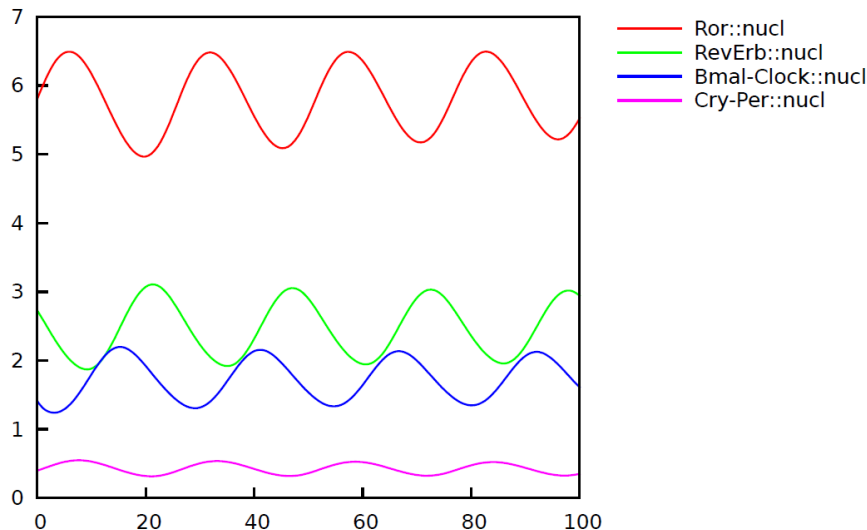
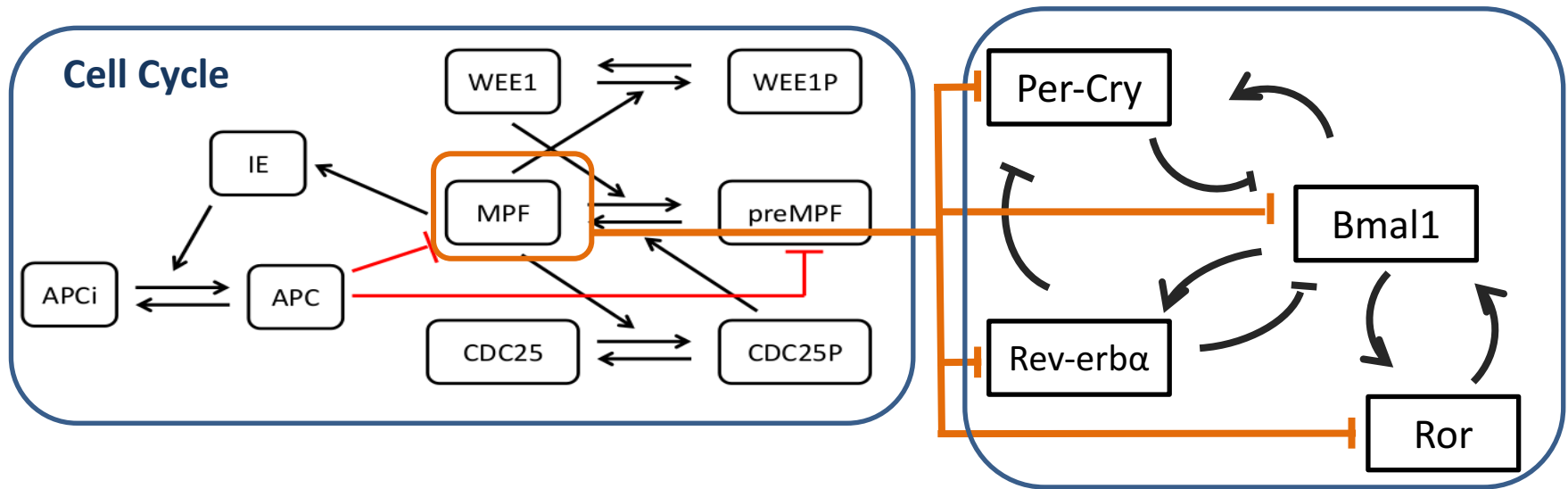
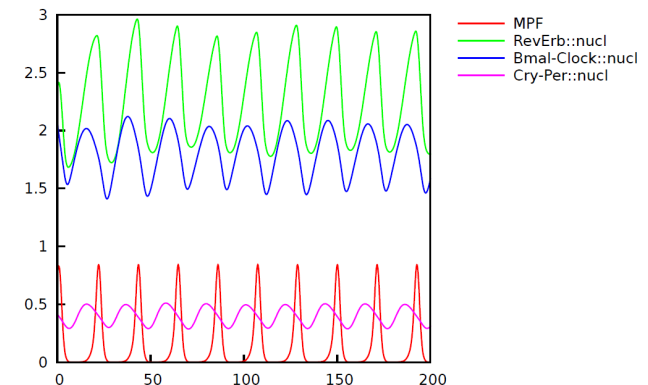


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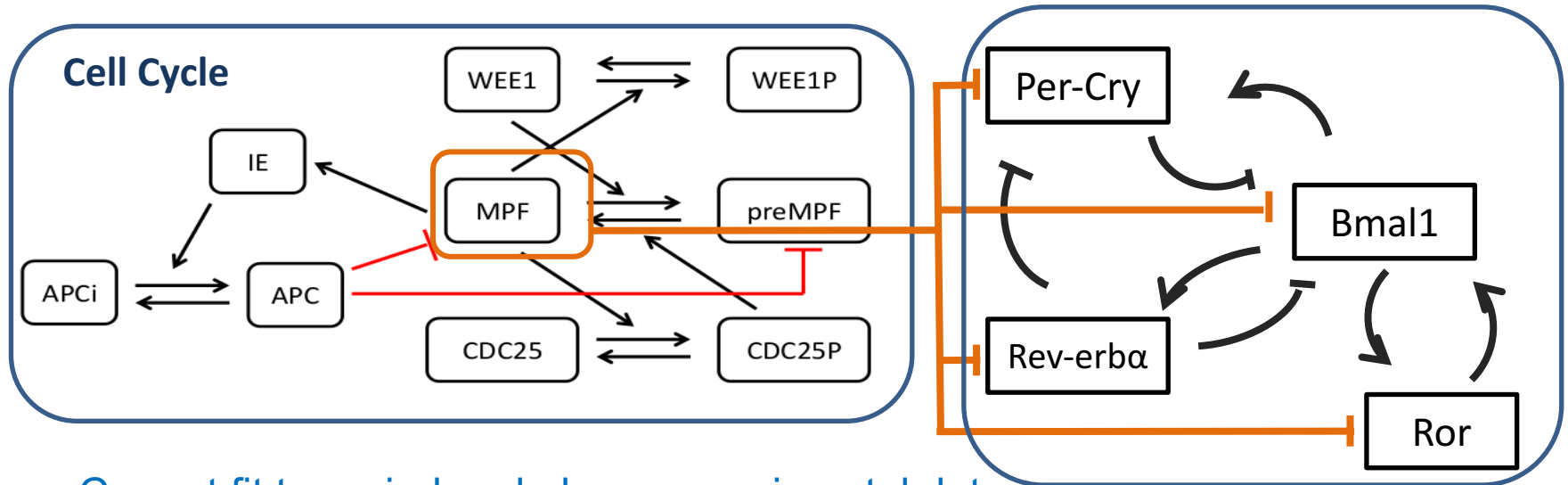
# Hypothesis 1: Uniform Inhibition of Transcription during Mitosis [Kang et al. 2008]



- **Correct acceleration** of both the cell cycle and the circadian clock
- **But impossible to fit experimental phase shift** between cell division time and RevErb peak
  - Experimental phase: 7h
  - Model phase: 18h



# Hypothesis 2: Selective Regulation of Clock Genes during Mitosis



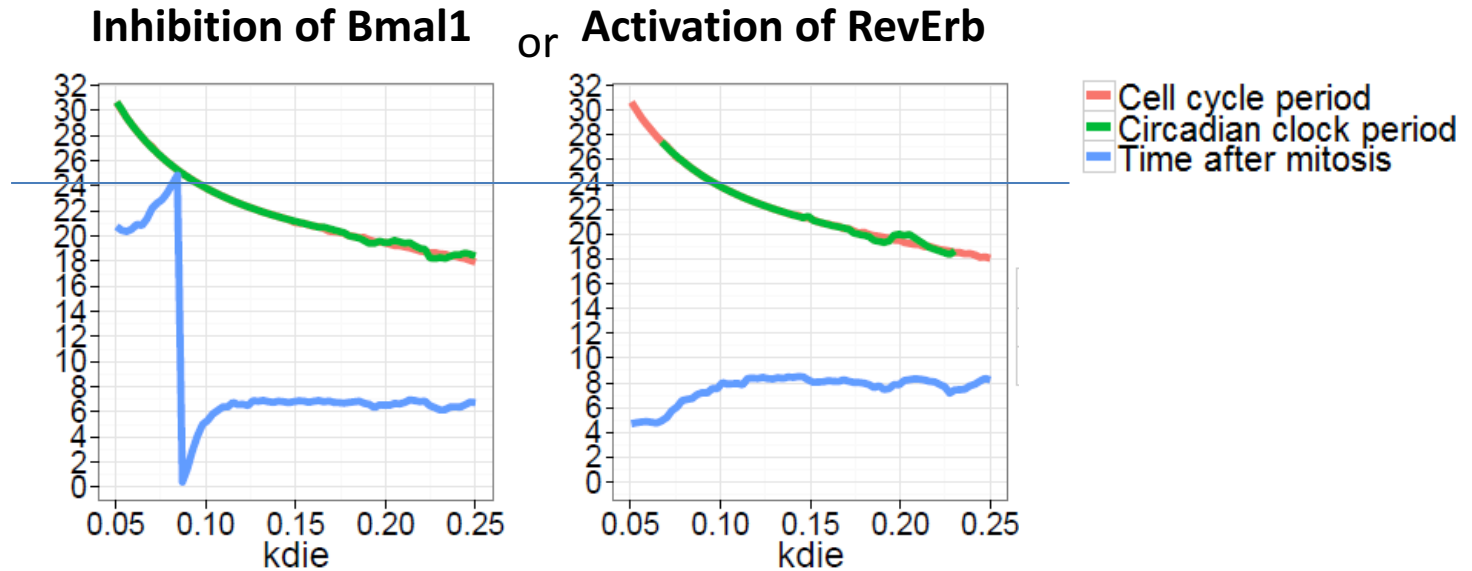
- Correct fit to period and phase experimental data (playing with only coupling strength regulation parameters)
- Two sets of parameter values fit the data:

either down-regulation of *Bmal1* or up-regulation of *RevErb $\alpha$*  during mitosis

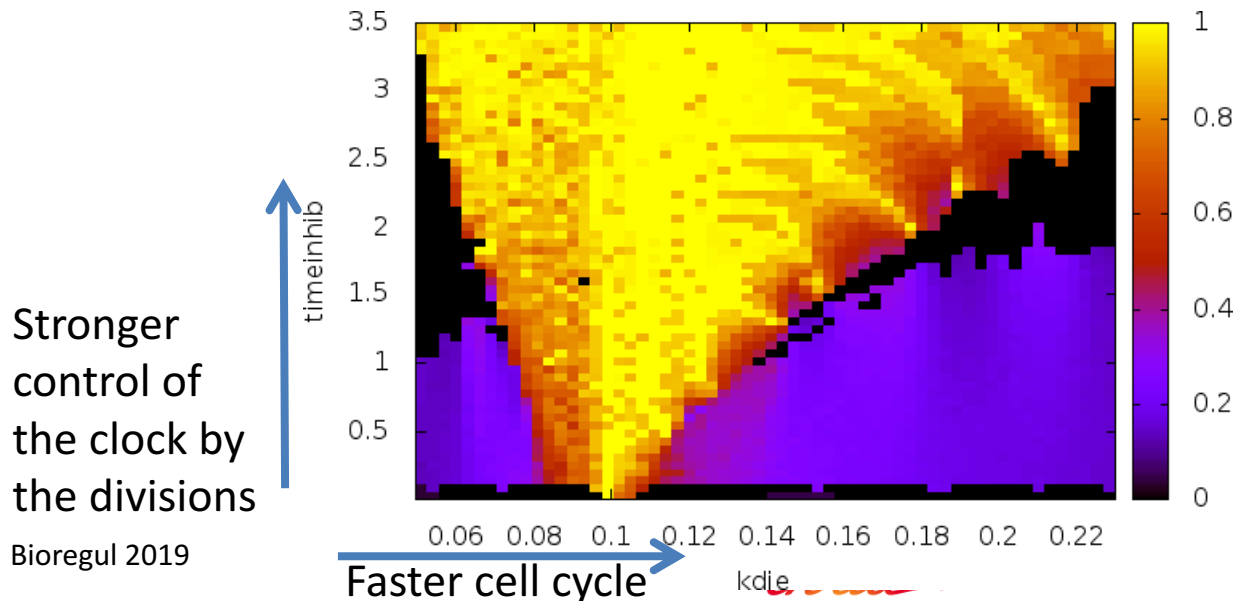
Parameters	First set	Second set
Synthesis coefficient for <i>Per</i>	0.66	2.40
Synthesis coefficient for <i>Cry</i>	2.30	0.67
Synthesis coefficient for <i>RevErb-<math>\alpha</math></i>	1.04	1.92
Synthesis coefficient for <i>Ror</i>	2.1	1.51
Synthesis coefficient for <i>Bmal1</i>	0	0.78
Duration	2.97h	2.81h

# Hypothesis 2: Predictions

Results:



Prediction: different behaviors for a slow cell cycle (5% FBS)



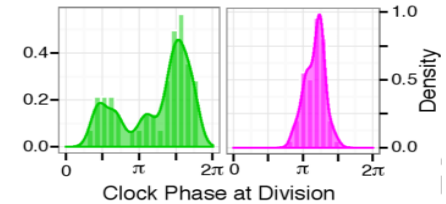
**Score for the property:**  
The cell cycle and the circadian clock have the **same period**

Stronger control of the clock by the divisions

# Complex Behaviors with High Variability observed after Treatment by Dexamethasone

- Dexamethasone synchronize cellular clocks, but complex dynamics observed

Medium	Clock period	Division period	Mean delay
FBS 10%	24.2 h $\pm$ 0.5 h	20.1 h $\pm$ 0.94 h	10.7 h
FBS 20%	21.25 h $\pm$ 0.36 h	19.5 h $\pm$ 0.42 h	8.3 h
	29 h $\pm$ 1.05 h	16.05 h $\pm$ 0.48 h	6h/12h/22h



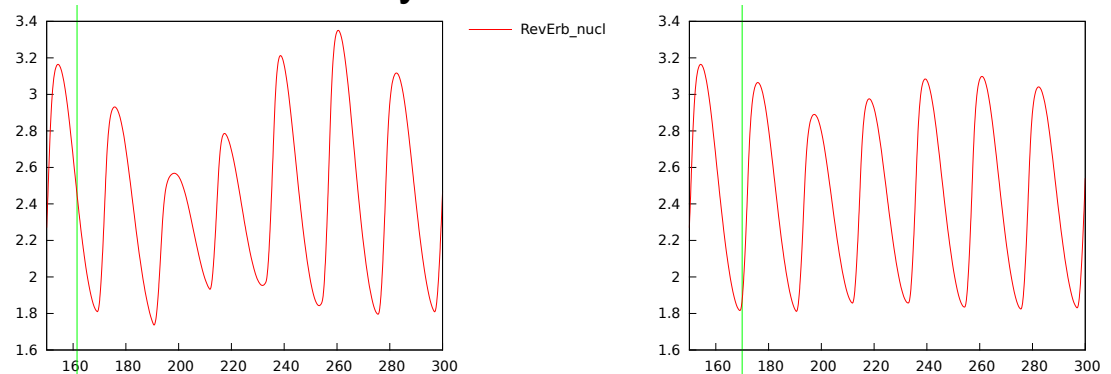
Interpreted as 5:4 and 1:1 locking modes for 10% FBS and 3:2 and 1:1 for 15%

[C. Feillet et al. [Phase locking and multiple oscillating attractors](#) for the coupled mammalian clock and cell cycle., PNAS 2014]

- In our model, Dex pulse modeled by induction of high level of Per.  
[Clock perturbation varies according to the time T of the pulse](#)

Stabilization of the clock may occur after 70h beyond observed data...

peak-peak distance in  
 [18.8, 22.7] with T=162h  
 [20.9, 21.7] with T=170h





# Summary

- Analysis of NIH3T3 embryonic fibroblast single cell time series data
  - Cell division time and Rev-Erb $\alpha$  peak time at FBS =15%, 10%
  - Model-based prediction of Rev-Erb $\alpha$  up-regulation during mitosis
  - (model-based predictions at 5% FBS in favor of up RevErb $\alpha$  vs down Bmal1)
  - Uniform inhibition of transcription during mitosis could not fit phase data
- Different interpretations after treatment by Dexamethasone
  - Multiple attractors hypothesized interlock ratios 1:1 5:4 3:2 [Feillet et al. PNAS]
  - Variable transient states according to the clock time of the pulse
- Big picture: bi-directional coupling through two mechanisms
  1. Regulation of cell cycle genes (Wee1, p21, Myc) by clock genes (Bmal1,Per,Rev)
  2. Regulation of clock genes by cell cycle (up regulation of Rev-Erb $\alpha$  during mitosis)