

# Models of circadian rhythms

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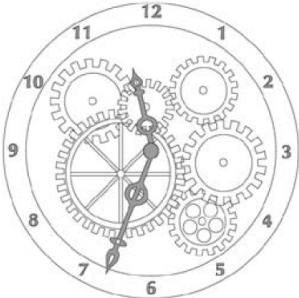


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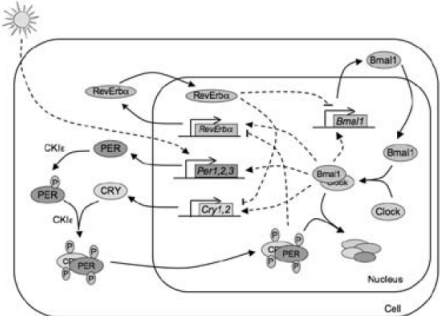
# Motivation

**A** Mechanical clock

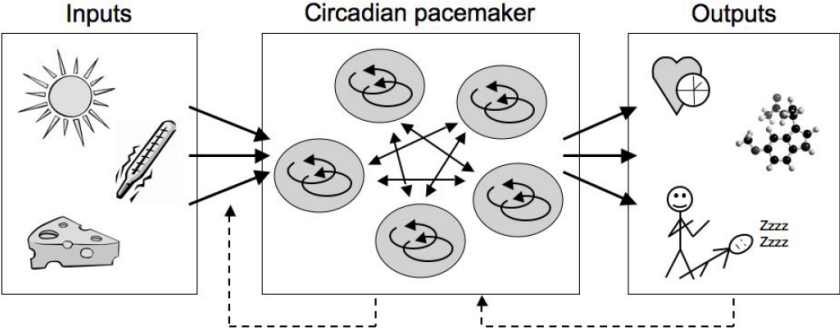


[Gonze 2011]

**B** Mammalian circadian clock

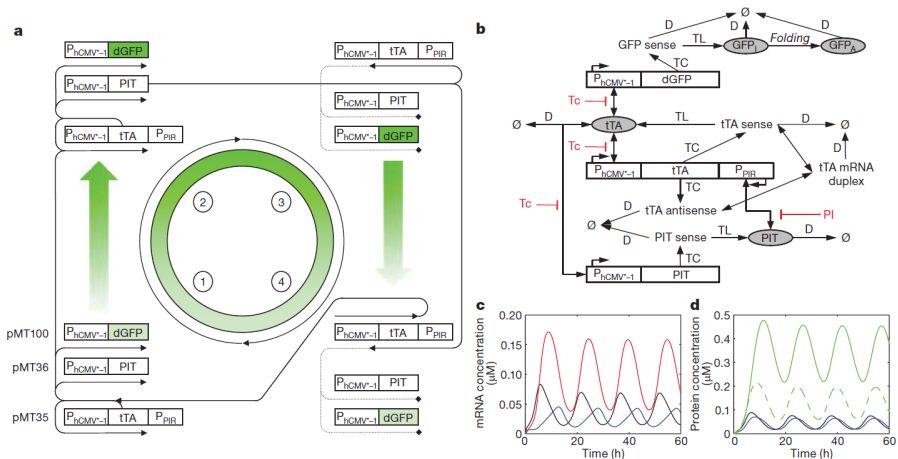


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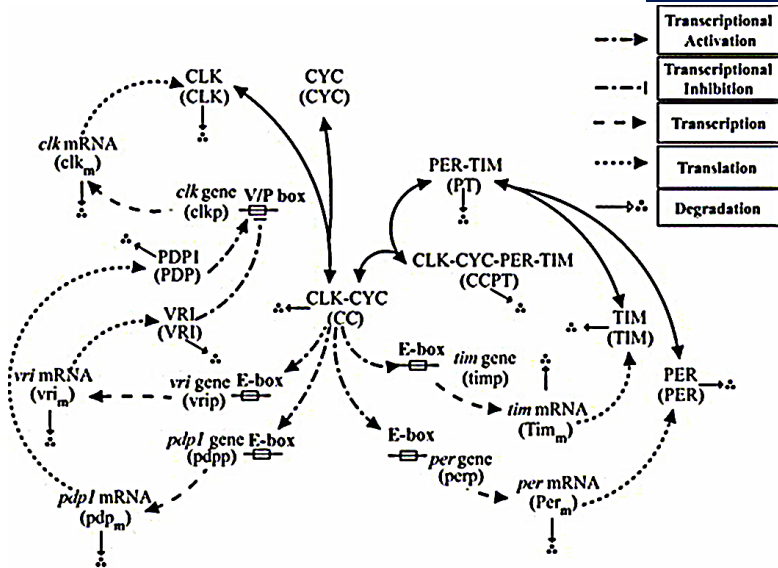
# Various models



Mammalian oscillator

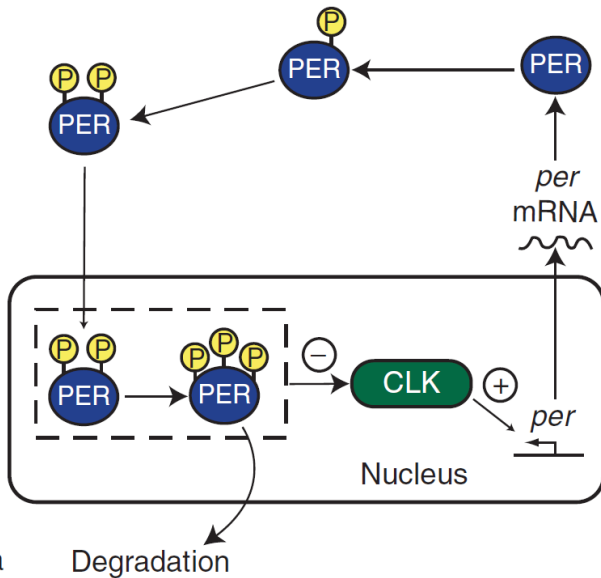
[Tigges, Marquez-Lago, Stelling, Fussenegger, 2009]

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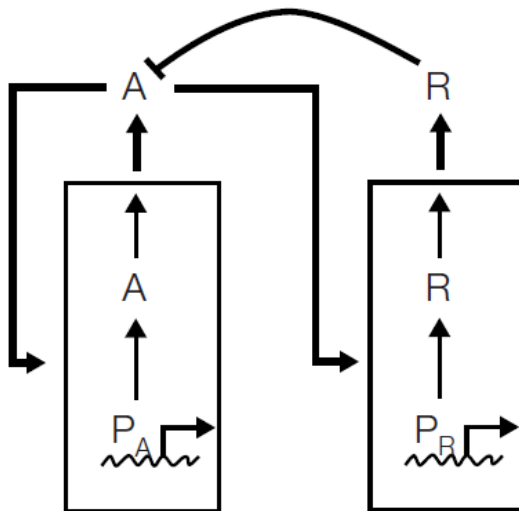


Drosophila [Xie, Kulasiri, 2007]

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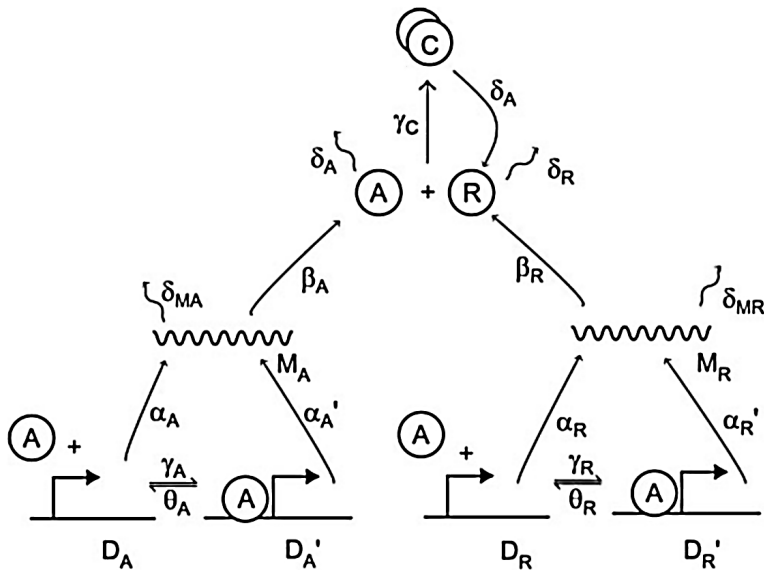


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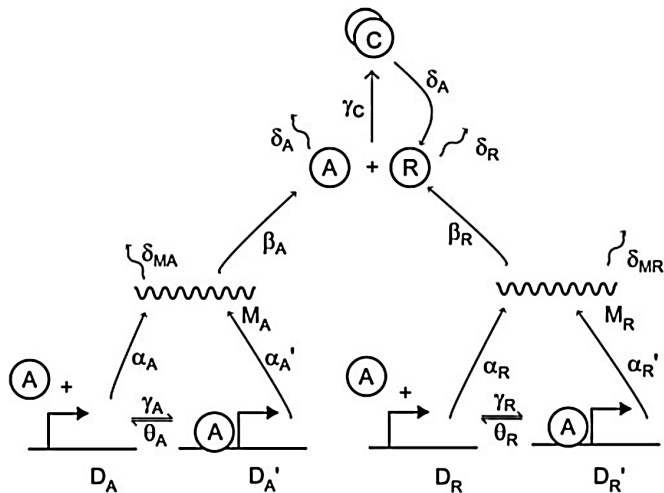
[Barkai, Leibler, 1999]





[Vilar, Kueh, Barkai, Leibler, 2002]

# VKBL model – parameters



$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_A &= 50 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \alpha_A' &= 500 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \alpha_R &= 0.01 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \alpha_R' &= 50 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \beta_A &= 50 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \beta_R &= 5 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \gamma_A &= 1 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \gamma_R &= 1 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \gamma_C &= 2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \delta_A &= 1 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \delta_R &= 0.2 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \delta_{M_A} &= 10 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \delta_{M_R} &= 0.5 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \theta_A &= 50 \text{ h}^{-1} \\ \theta_R &= 100 \text{ h}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

[Vilar, Kueh, Barkai, Leibler, 2002]

$$dD_A/dt = \theta_A D'_A - \gamma_A D_A A$$

$$dD'_A/dt = -\theta_A D'_A + \gamma_A D_A A$$

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$$dA/dt = \beta_A M_A + \theta_A D'_A + \theta_R D'_R \\ - A(\gamma_A D_A + \gamma_R D_R + \gamma_C R + \delta_A)$$

$$dR/dt = \beta_R M_R - \gamma_C A R + \delta_A C - \delta_R R$$

$$dC/dt = \gamma_C A R - \delta_A C$$

Initial conditions:

$$D_A = D_R = 1 \text{ mol}$$

$$D'_A = D'_R = M_A = M_R = A = R = C = 0 \text{ mol}$$

$$dD_A/dt = \theta_A - (\theta_A + \gamma_A A)D_A$$

$$D'_A = 1 - D_A$$

$$dD_R/dt = \theta_R - (\theta_R + \gamma_R A)D_R$$

$$D'_R = 1 - D_R$$

$$dM_A/dt = \alpha'_A + (\alpha_A - \alpha'_A)D_A - \delta_{M_A}M_A$$

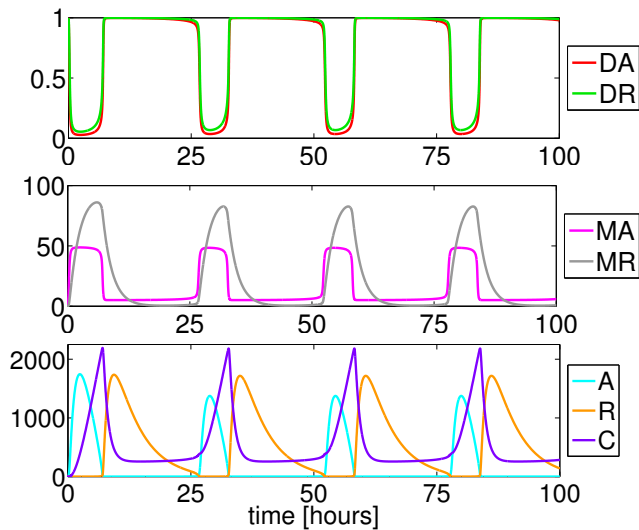
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# ODE solution



# Quasi-steady state assumptions (QSSA)

$$dD_A/dt = \theta_A - (\theta_A + \gamma_A A)D_A$$

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$$D'_A = 1 - D_A$$

$$D'_R = 1 - D_R$$

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$$0 = \alpha'_A + (\alpha_A - \alpha'_A) D_A^s - \delta_{M_A} M_A^s \Rightarrow M_A = M_A^s = \dots$$

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$$dR/dt = \beta_R M_R^s - \gamma_C A^s R + \delta_A C - \delta_R R$$

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# Case 1: QSSA on $D_A$ , $D_R$ , $M_A$ , $M_R$

$$dA/dt = \beta_A M_A^s(A) + \theta_A(1 - D_A^s(A)) + \theta_R(1 - D_R^s(A)) \\ - A(\gamma_A D_A^s(A) + \gamma_R D_R^s(A) + \gamma_C R + \delta_A)$$

$$dR/dt = \beta_R M_R^s(A) - \gamma_C AR + \delta_A C - \delta_R R$$

$$dC/dt = \gamma_C AR - \delta_A C$$

$$D_A(t) \approx D_A^s(A(t)) = \frac{\theta_A}{\theta_A + \gamma_A A(t)}$$

$$D_R(t) \approx D_R^s(A(t)) = \frac{\theta_R}{\theta_R + \gamma_R A(t)}$$

$$M_A(t) \approx M_A^s(A(t)) = \frac{\alpha'_A + (\alpha_A - \alpha'_A) D_A^s(A(t))}{\delta_{M_A}} = \frac{\alpha'_A}{\delta_{M_A}} + \frac{\theta_A (\alpha_A - \alpha'_A)}{\delta_{M_A} (\theta_A + \gamma_A A(t))}$$

$$M_R(t) \approx M_R^s(A(t)) = \frac{\alpha'_R + (\alpha_R - \alpha'_R) D_R^s(A(t))}{\delta_{M_R}} = \frac{\alpha'_R}{\delta_{M_R}} + \frac{\theta_R (\alpha_R - \alpha'_R)}{\delta_{M_R} (\theta_R + \gamma_R A(t))}$$

## Case 2: QSSA on $D_A$ , $D_R$ , $M_A$ , $M_R$ , $A$

$$dR/dt = \beta_R \tilde{M}_R^s(R) - \gamma_C \tilde{A}^s(R)R + \delta_A C - \delta_R R$$

$$dC/dt = \gamma_C \tilde{A}^s(R)R - \delta_A C$$

$$A(t) \approx \tilde{A}^s(R(t)) = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha'_A \rho(R(t)) - K_d) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\alpha'_A \rho(R(t)) - K_d)^2 + 4\alpha_A \rho(R(t))K_d}$$

$$\rho(R(t)) = \frac{\beta_A}{\delta_{MA}} \frac{1}{\gamma_C R(t) + \delta_A}, \quad K_d = \frac{\theta_A}{\gamma_A}$$

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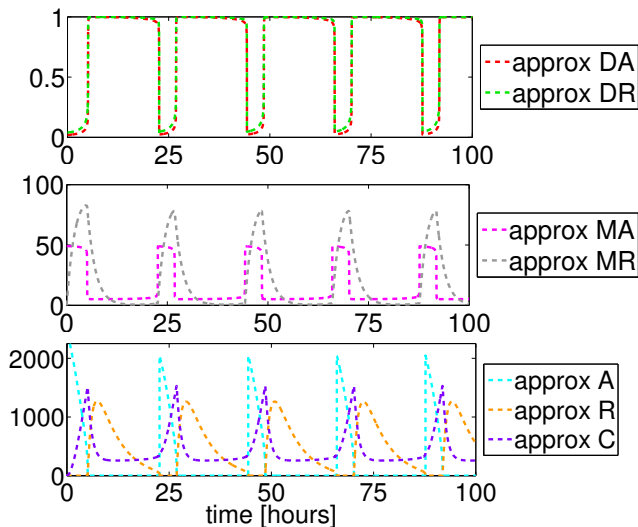
$$D_R(t) \approx \tilde{D}_R^s(R(t)) = \frac{\theta_R}{\theta_R + \gamma_R \tilde{A}^s(R(t))}$$

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$$M_R(t) \approx \tilde{M}_R^s(R(t)) = \frac{\alpha'_R}{\delta_{MR}} + \frac{\theta_R(\alpha_R - \alpha'_R)}{\delta_{MR}(\theta_R + \gamma_R \tilde{A}^s(R(t)))}$$

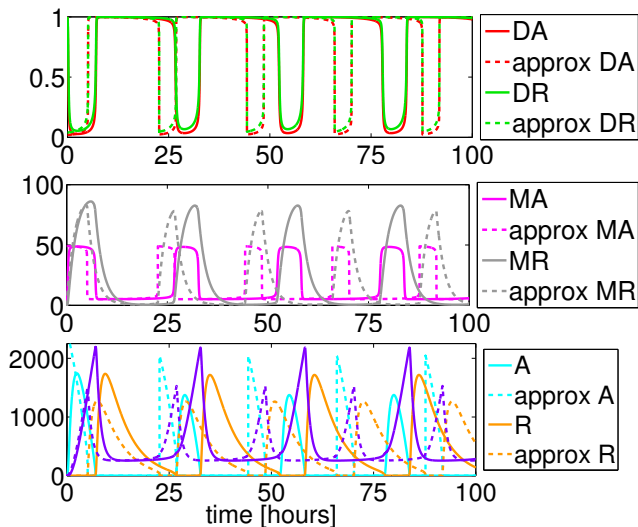
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QSS assumptions on  $D_A$ ,  $D_R$ ,  $M_A$ ,  $M_R$



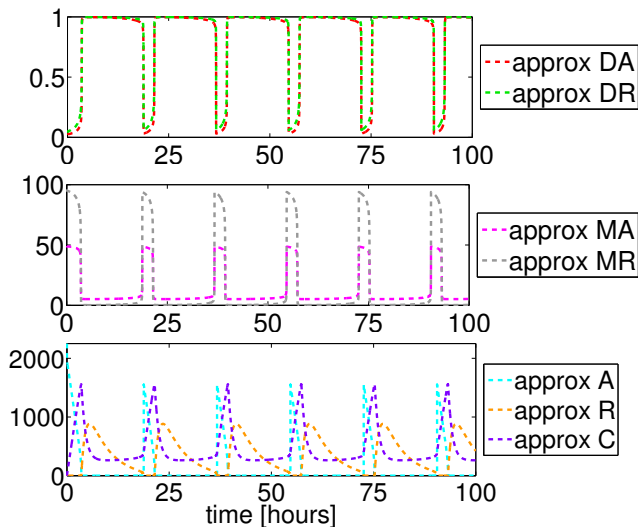
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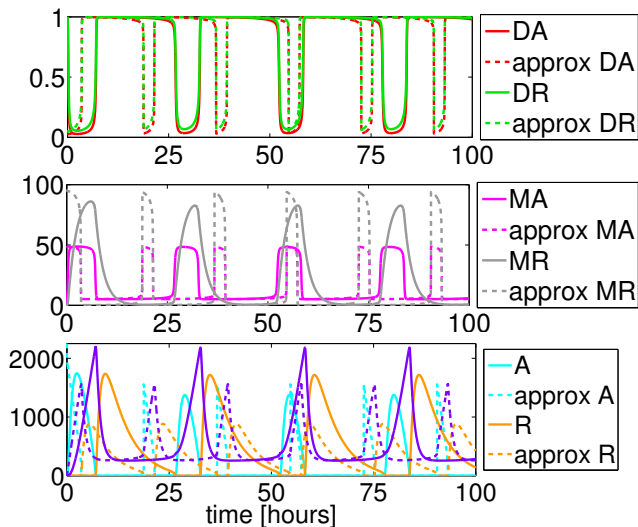
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Case 1:

$$dA/dt = \beta_A M_A^T(t) + \theta_A(1 - D_A^T(t)) + \theta_R(1 - D_R^T(t)) \\ - A(\gamma_A D_A^T(t) + \gamma_R D_R^T(t) + \gamma_C R + \delta_A)$$

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$$dC/dt = \gamma_C AR - \delta_A C$$

$$\tau_{DA}(t) = [\theta_A + \gamma_A A(t)]^{-1} \quad D_A^T(t) = D_A^S(A(t - \tau_{DA}(t)))$$

$$\tau_{DR}(t) = [\theta_R + \gamma_R A(t)]^{-1} \quad D_R^T(t) = D_R^S(A(t - \tau_{DR}(t)))$$

$$\tau_{MA}(t) = \delta_{MA}^{-1} \quad M_A^T(t) = M_A^S(A(t - \tau_{MA}))$$

$$\tau_{MR}(t) = \delta_{MR}^{-1} \quad M_R^T(t) = M_R^S(A(t - \tau_{MR}))$$

# Delayed quasi-steady state assumptions

Case 2:

$$dR/dt = \beta_R M_R^T(t) - \gamma_C A^T(t)R + \delta_A C - \delta_R R$$

$$dC/dt = \gamma_C A^T(t)R - \delta_A C$$

$$\tau_{DA}(t) = \left[ \theta_A + \gamma_A \tilde{A}^S(R(t)) \right]^{-1}, \quad D_A^T(t) = D_A^S(A^T(t - \tau_{DA}(t)))$$

$$\tau_{DR}(t) = \left[ \theta_R + \gamma_R \tilde{A}^S(R(t)) \right]^{-1}, \quad D_R^T(t) = D_R^S(A^T(t - \tau_{DR}(t)))$$

$$\tau_{MA}(t) = \delta_{MA}^{-1}, \quad M_A^T(t) = M_A^S(A^T(t - \tau_{MA}))$$

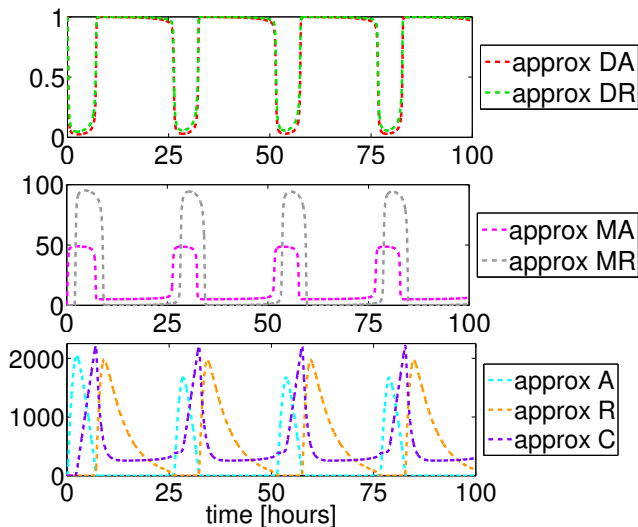
$$\tau_{MR}(t) = \delta_{MR}^{-1}, \quad M_R^T(t) = M_R^S(A^T(t - \tau_{MR}))$$

$$\tau_A(t) = [\gamma_A D_A(t) + \gamma_R D_R(t) + \gamma_C R(t) + \delta_A]^{-1}, \quad A^T(t) = A^S(t - \tau_A)$$

$$A^S(t) = \frac{\beta_A M_A^T(t) + \theta_A(1 - D_A^T(t)) + \theta_R(1 - D_R^T(t))}{\gamma_A D_A^T(t) + \gamma_R D_R^T(t) + \gamma_C R + \delta_A}$$

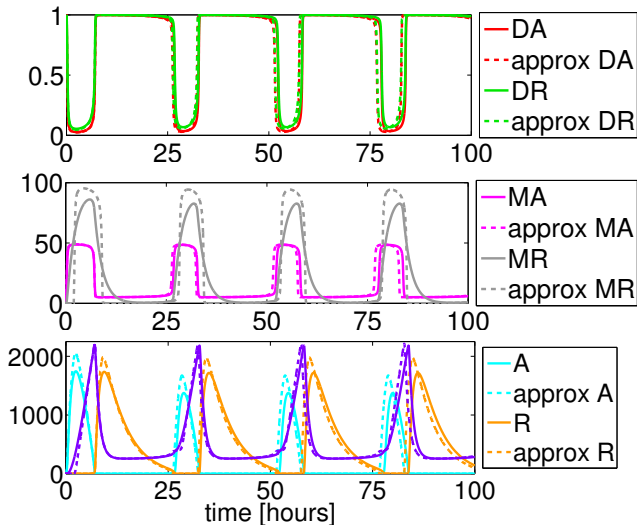
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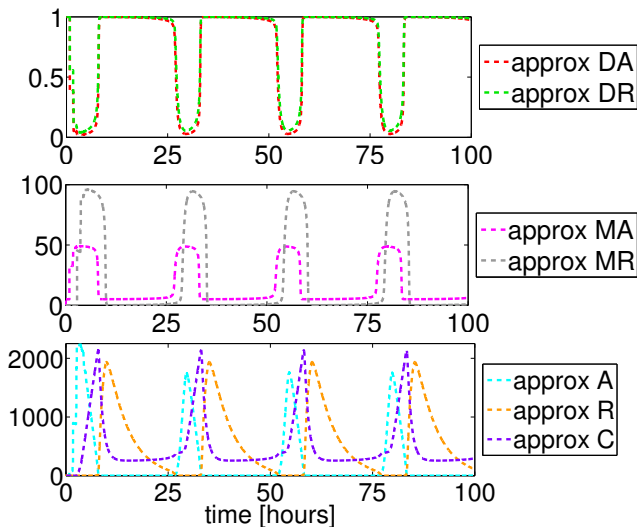
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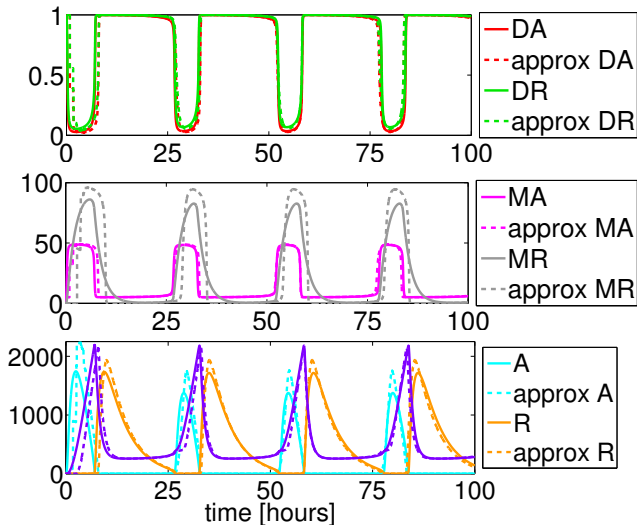
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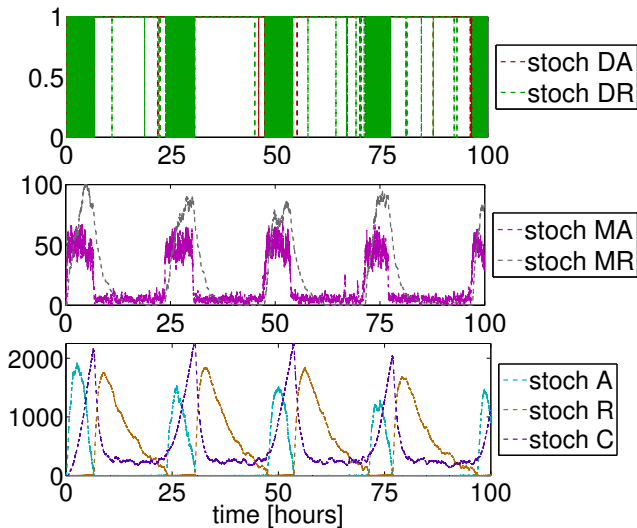


# Comparison of QSS and D-QSS

Period of the original system: 25.56 h

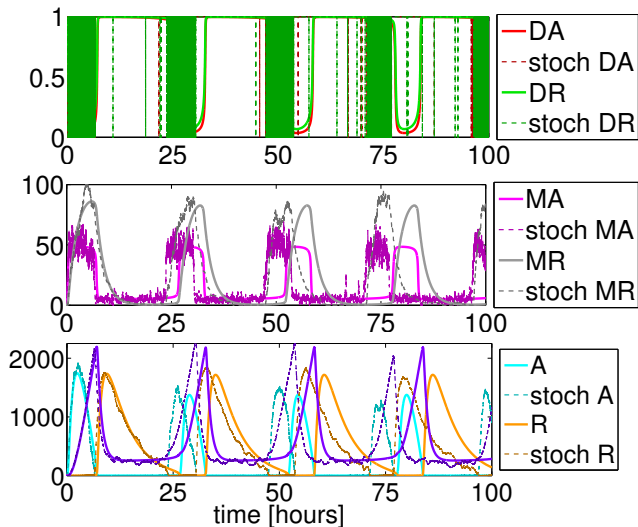
method	Rel Err Per	Rel Err $L^2$
Case 1 QSS	16.3 %	26 %
Case 2 QSS	29.8 %	93 %
Case 1 D-QSS	1.3 %	16 %
Case 2 D-QSS	1.7 %	19 %

# Gillespie SSA – full system

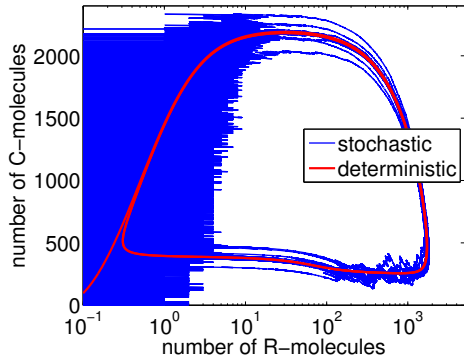
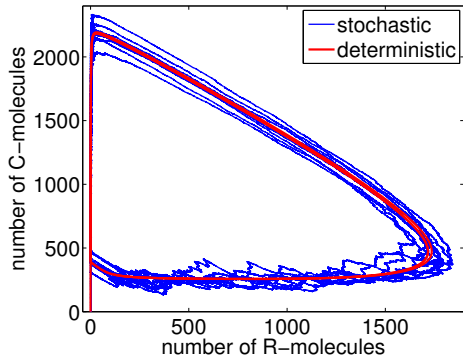




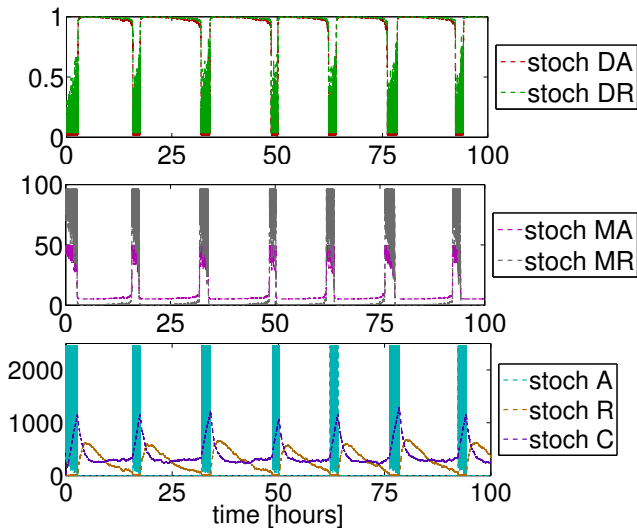
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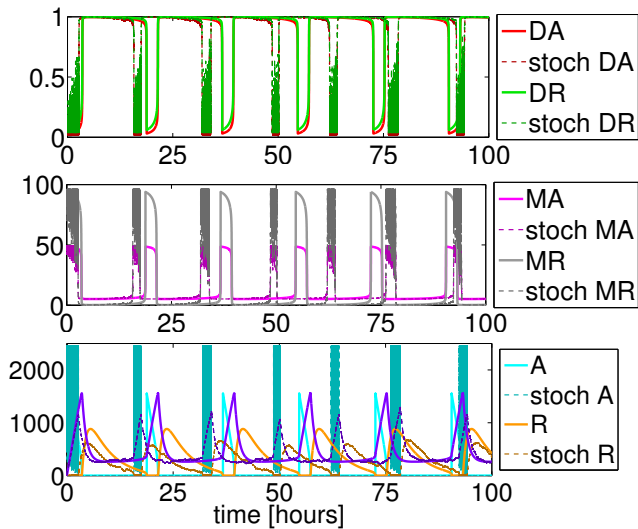
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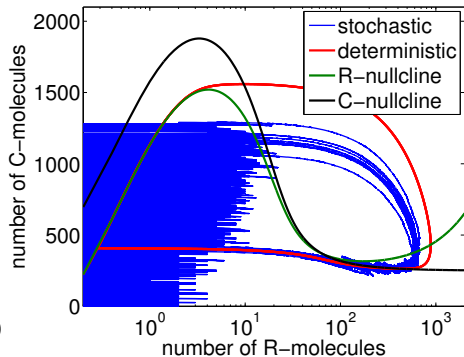
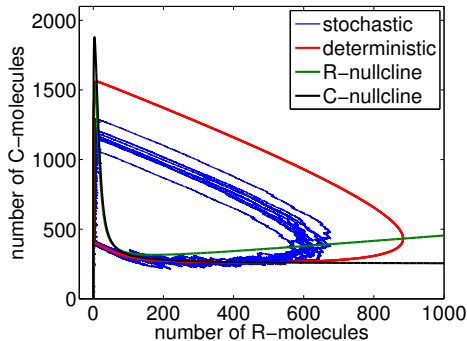
# Gillespie SSA – QSSA, Case 2



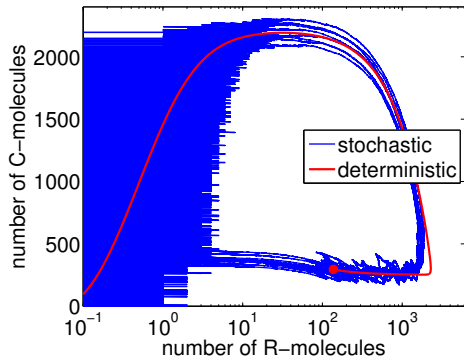
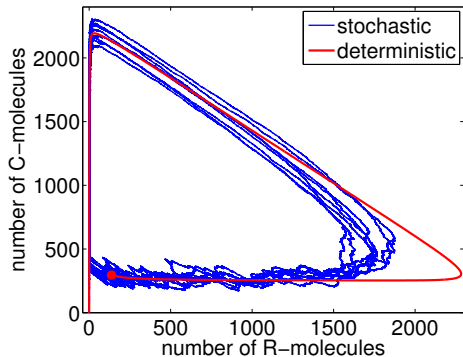
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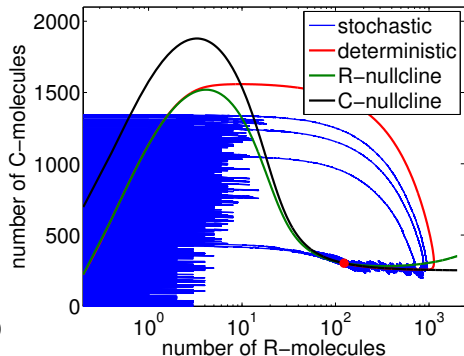
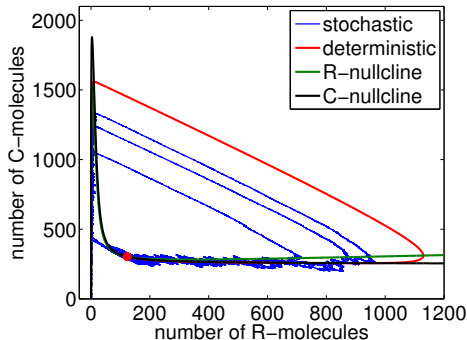
## Robustness with respect to noise



# Gillespie SSA – full system, $\delta_R = 0.05$



## Robustness with respect to noise



## Period of stochastic oscillations (Case 2)

Stationary chemical Fokker-Planck equation:

$p_s(r, c)$  ... probability that  $R(t) = r$  and  $C(t) = c$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2}(\mathcal{A}_{RR}p_s) + 2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r\partial c}(\mathcal{A}_{RC}p_s) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial c^2}(\mathcal{A}_{CC}p_s) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(f_R p_s) - \frac{\partial}{\partial c}(f_C p_s) = 0$$

Boundary conditions: no flux

$\tau$ -equation:

$\tau(r, c)$  ... average time to leave domain  $S$  provided  $R(0) = r, R(0) = c$

$$\mathcal{A}_{RR} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial r^2} + 2\mathcal{A}_{RC} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial r \partial c} + \mathcal{A}_{CC} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial c^2} + f_R \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial r} + f_C \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial c} = -1, \quad \text{in } S$$

Boundary conditions: no flux, if  $r = 0$  or  $c = 0$  and  $\tau = 0$  elsewhere

Notation:  $\mathcal{A}_{RR} = (\alpha_1(r) + \alpha_2(r) + \alpha_3(r) + \alpha_4(c))/2$ ,  
 $\mathcal{A}_{CC} = (\alpha_2(r) + \alpha_4(c))/2$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{RC} = -\mathcal{A}_{CC}$



## Period of stochastic oscillations (Case 2)

Stationary chemical Fokker-Planck equation:

$p_s(r, c)$  ... probability that  $R(t) = r$  and  $C(t) = c$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2}(\mathcal{A}_{RR}p_s) + 2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r\partial c}(\mathcal{A}_{RC}p_s) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial c^2}(\mathcal{A}_{CC}p_s) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(f_R p_s) - \frac{\partial}{\partial c}(f_C p_s) = 0$$

Boundary conditions: no flux

$\tau$ -equation:

$\tau(r, c)$  ... average time to leave domain  $S$  provided  $R(0) = r, R(0) = c$

$$\mathcal{A}_{RR} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial r^2} + 2\mathcal{A}_{RC} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial r\partial c} + \mathcal{A}_{CC} \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial c^2} + f_R \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial r} + f_C \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial c} = -1, \quad \text{in } S$$

Boundary conditions: no flux, if  $r = 0$  or  $c = 0$  and  $\tau = 0$  elsewhere

Approximation of the period:  $T(\gamma) = \frac{\int_{\gamma} \tau(r, c) p_s(r, c) dr dc}{\int_{\gamma} p_s(r, c) dr dc}$

$\gamma$  ... a suitable subdomain of  $S$  (e.g. a line)

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