

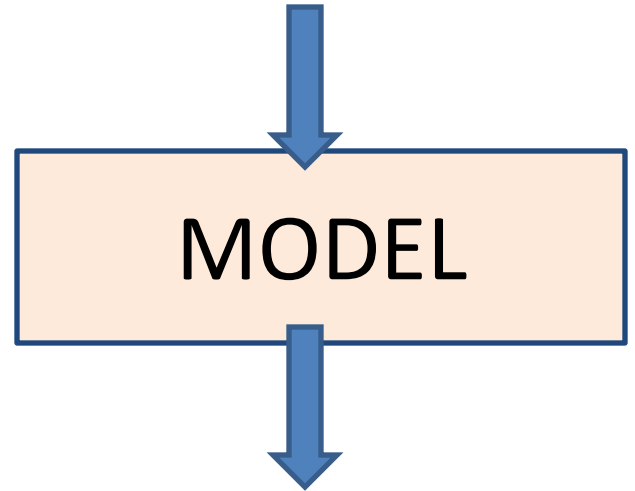
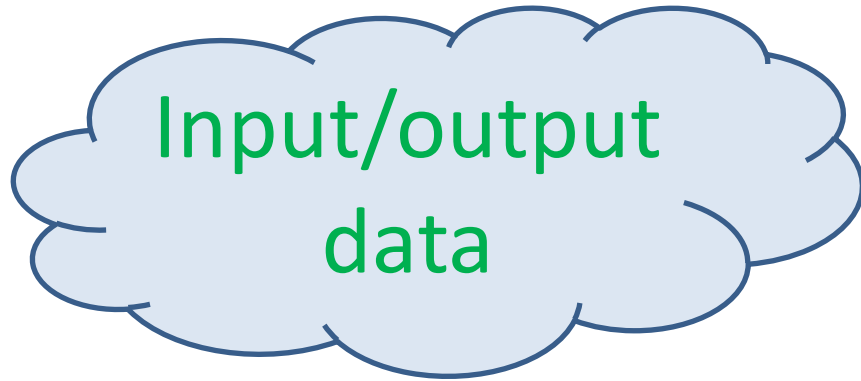
# **Convex Relaxations in Optimization-Based Identification of Robust Nonlinear Dynamical Models**

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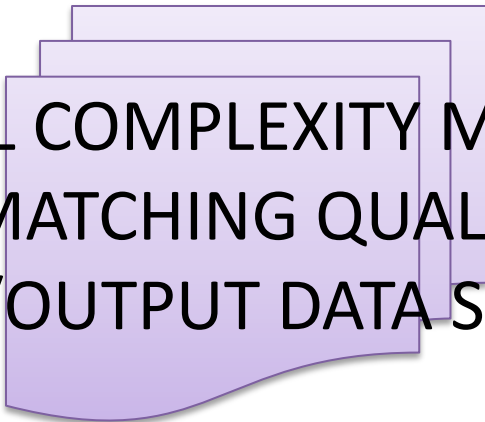
optimal fitting of rationally parameterized  
dynamical nonlinear system models

# FITTING MODELS TO DATA

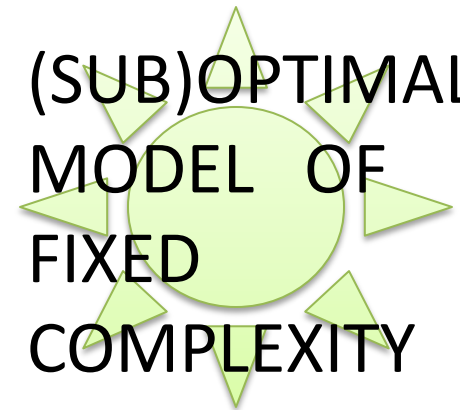


## GIVEN:

- MODEL COMPLEXITY MEASURE
- DATA MATCHING QUALITY MEASURE
- INPUT/OUTPUT DATA SET



(SUB)OPTIMAL  
MODEL OF  
FIXED  
COMPLEXITY





# STATIC MODELS

□ DATA:  $\{(u_k, y_k)\}_{k=1}^N$

□ MODEL:  $y = g(u)$

□ QUALITY:  $\sum |y_k - g(u_k)|^2$

# DYNAMIC MODELS

□ DATA:  $\{(u_k, x_k, y_k, x_k^+)\}_{k=1}^N$

□ MODEL:  $x^+ = f(x, u), y = g(x, u)$

□ QUALITY:  $\sum |y_k - g(\bar{x}_k, u_k)|^2$

# LINEAR PARAMETERIZATION

$$y_k \approx g(u_k) \quad (k = 1, \dots, \bar{k})$$

where  $g(u) = \sum_{i=1}^r g_i G_i(u)$

e.g., in kernel methods,  $G_i(u) = G(u - u_i)$

- ❑ (relatively) cheap optimization
- ❑  $r$  is not a good complexity measure
- ❑ needs regularization, sparsity optimization

# RATIONAL PARAMETERIZATION

$$y_k \approx g(u_k) \quad (k = 1, \dots, \bar{k})$$

where

$$g(u) = b(u)/a(u)$$

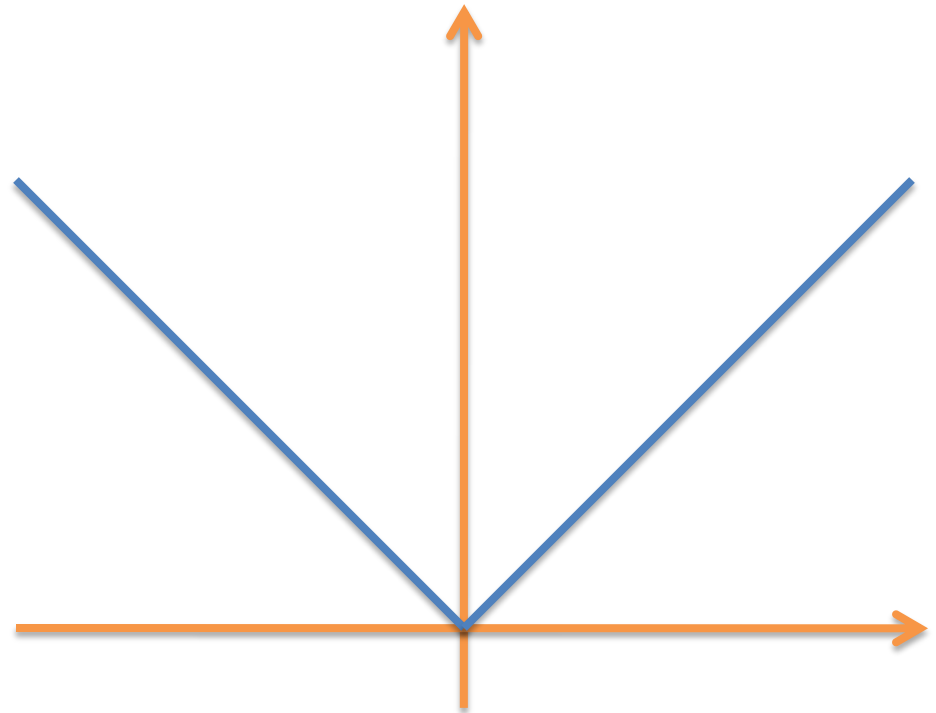
$$b(u) = \sum b_i B_i(u)$$

$$a(u) = \sum a_i A_i(u)$$

- good: better quality per given complexity
- bad: tougher to optimize
  - \* keeping denominator positive
  - \* non-convex setup

# EXAMPLE: APPROXIMATING $|x|$

- consider uniform approximation of  $f(x)=|x|$  on  $[-1,1]$
- for polynomials of order  $n$ , best quality is  $O(1/n)$
- for rational functions of order  $n$ , best quality is not worse than  $3\exp(-\sqrt{n})$



(D. J. Newman, 1963)

# ALGEBRAIC PARAMETERIZATION

$$y_k \approx g(u_k) \quad (k = 1, \dots, \bar{k})$$

where  $g(\cdot) : h(g(u), u) = 0$

$$h(y, u) = \sum h_i H_i(y, u)$$

□ Linear:  $h(y, u) = y - f(u)$

□ Rational:  $h(y, u) = a(u)y - b(u)$

difference between equation and output errors!



# LINEAR PARAMETERIZATION FOR SYSTEMS



$$y_t = g(x_t, u_t), \quad x_t = \begin{bmatrix} u_{t-m} \\ \vdots \\ u_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g(u, x) = \sum g_i G_i(u, x)$$

e.g. “Volterra Series” (no feedback)

Very inefficient: e.g.  $y_t = \sin(y_{t-1} + u_t)$

# RATIONAL PARAMETERIZATION (SYSTEMS)



$$h(x_t, u_t, y_t) = 0, \quad x_t = \begin{bmatrix} y_{t-d} \\ \vdots \\ y_{t-1} \\ u_{t-m} \\ \vdots \\ u_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h(x, u, y) = a(x, u)y - b(x, u)$$

# EQUATION ERROR VS. OUTPUT ERROR

Having small equation error does not guarantee that the output error is small,

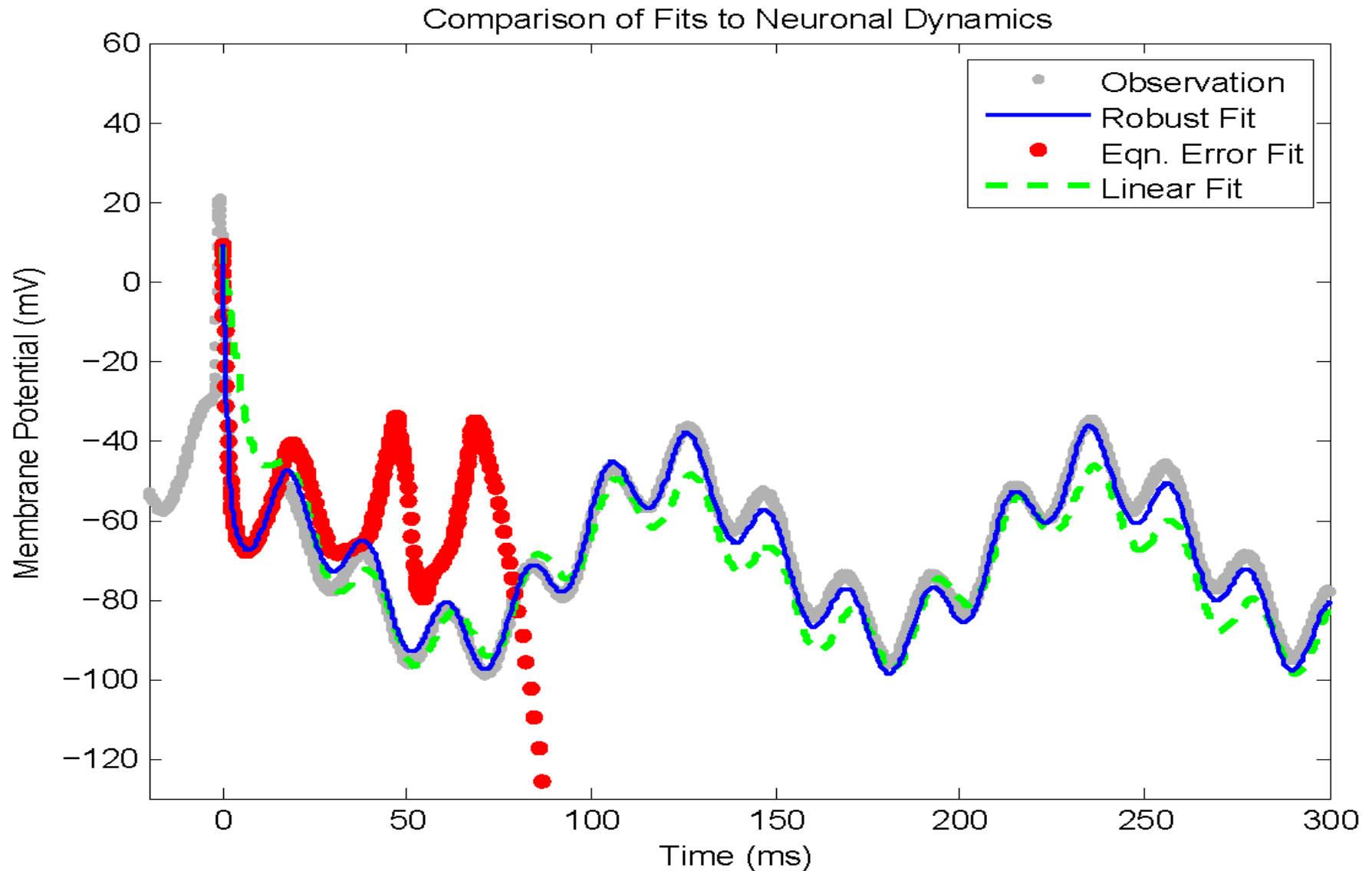
even when

$$h(x, u, y) = y - f(x, u)$$

unless there is no feedback, as in

$$y_t = f(u_t, u_{t-1}, \dots, u_{t-m})$$

# EXAMPLE: OUTPUT ERROR RUN-OFF



# OUTPUT ERROR MINIMIZATION

## EXISTING OPTIONS:

- ❑ local optimization
- ❑ assume true model is in the class,  
assume number of samples is “large enough”

## THIS TALK:

- ❑ robust identification error :  
an instantaneous measure of output error
- ❑ convex upper bound for RIE
- ❑ convex parameterization of robust models
- ❑ minimization of cumulative RIE bounds

# DISCRETE TIME STATE SPACE MODELS

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MODEL:

$$e(x_{t+1}) = f(x_t, u_t)$$
$$h(x_t, u_t, y_t) = 0$$

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WELL-POSEDNESS:

$$\forall x, u \exists! v, y :$$
$$e(v) = f(x, u)$$
$$h(x, u, y) = 0$$

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STABILITY:

$$u_t \equiv \bar{u}_t \Rightarrow$$
$$\sum |y_t - \bar{y}_t|^2 < \infty$$

# OUTPUT ERROR

DATA:

$$(\tilde{x}_k, \tilde{u}_k, \tilde{x}_k^+, \tilde{y}_k)_{k=1}^{\bar{k}}$$

OUTPUT ERROR:

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}} = \sum |\tilde{y}_t - \bar{y}_t|^2$$

where

$$e(\bar{x}_{t+1}) = h(\bar{x}_t, \tilde{u}_t)$$

$$h(\bar{x}_t, \tilde{u}_t, \bar{y}_t) = 0$$

$$\bar{x}_0 = \tilde{x}_0$$

# LINEARIZED OUTPUT ERROR

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}}^o = \sum |\delta_t|^2$$

where

$$E(x^+) \Delta^+ = F(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}) \Delta + \epsilon_x, \quad \Delta_0 = 0$$

$$H_x(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}, \tilde{y}) \Delta + H_y(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}, \tilde{y}) \delta + \epsilon_y = 0$$

$$\epsilon_x = f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}) - e(\tilde{x}^+)$$

$$\epsilon_y = h(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}, \tilde{y})$$



# ROBUST LINEARIZED OUTPUT ERROR

$$\mathcal{E}_Q^o(x, u, v, y)$$

is the minimal upper bound of

$$|F\Delta + \epsilon_x|_Q^2 - |E\Delta|_Q^2 + |\delta|^2$$

subject to

$$H_x\Delta + H_y\delta + \epsilon_y = 0$$

**LEMMA 1:** for  $Q=Q'>0$

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}}^o \leq \sum \mathcal{E}_Q^o(\tilde{x}_k, \tilde{u}_k, \tilde{x}_k^+, \tilde{y}_k)$$

**LEMMA 2:** models satisfying

$$\mathcal{E}_Q^o(x, u, v, y) < \infty \quad \forall x, u, v, y$$

for some  $Q=Q'>0$  are well-posed  
and stable

# CONVEX UPPER BOUND FOR $\mathcal{E}_Q^o$ :

since the conditions

$$-|E\Delta|_{P-1}^2 \leq |M\Delta|_P^2 - 2\Delta'M'E\Delta$$

$$2\delta'(H_x\Delta + H_y\delta + \epsilon_y) = 0$$

are always satisfied, the convex upper bound  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_Q^o(x, u, v, y)$

can be defined as the minimal upper bound of

$$|F\Delta + \epsilon_x|_Q^2 + |M\Delta|_P^2 - 2\Delta'M'E\Delta$$

$$+ |\delta|^2 - 2\delta'(H_x\Delta + H_y\delta + \epsilon_y)$$

# ANALYSIS: THE LINEAR CASE

**Model:**  $e(v) = Ev,$

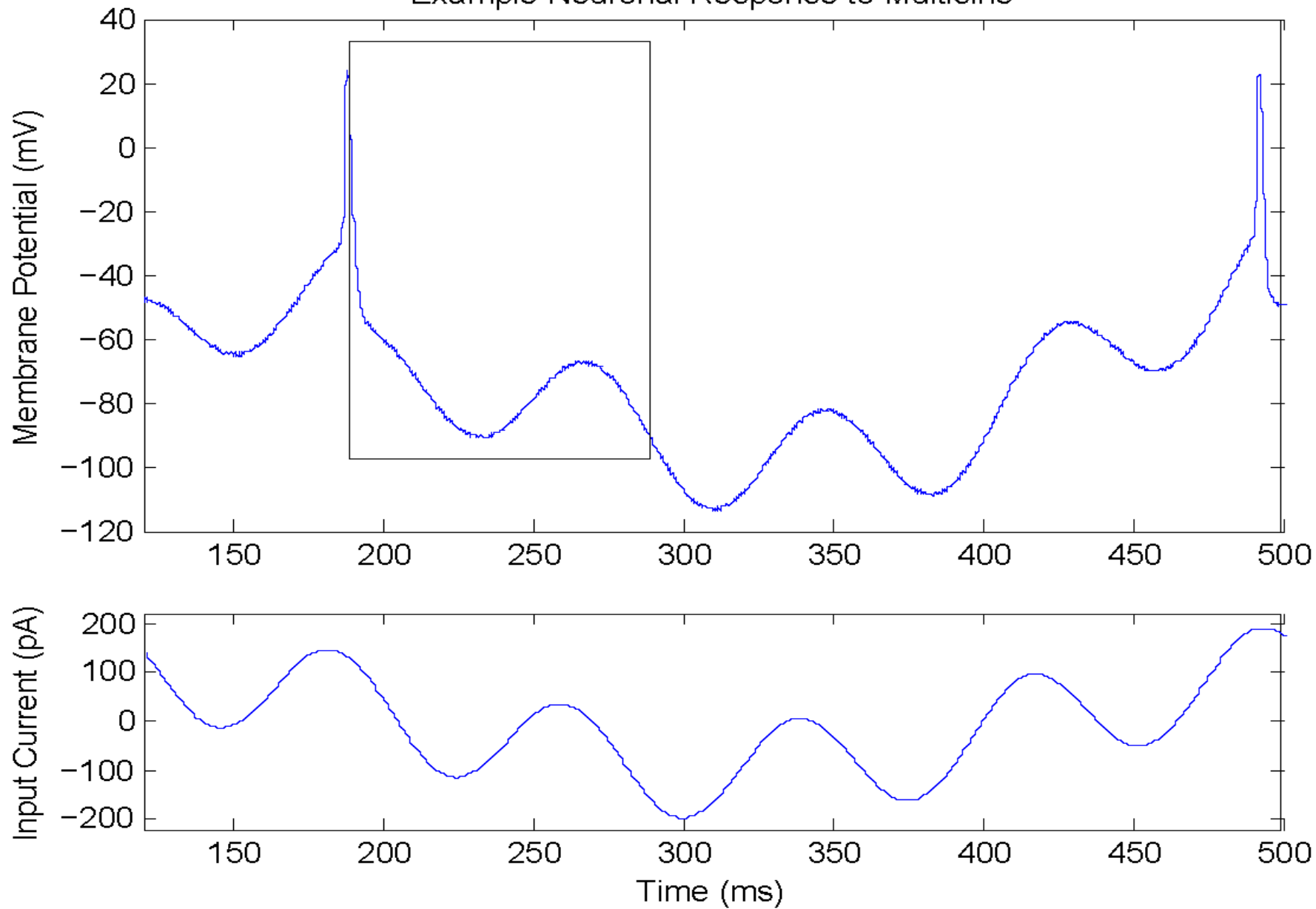
$$f(x, u) = Fx + Lu$$

$$h(x, u, y) = y - Cx - Du$$

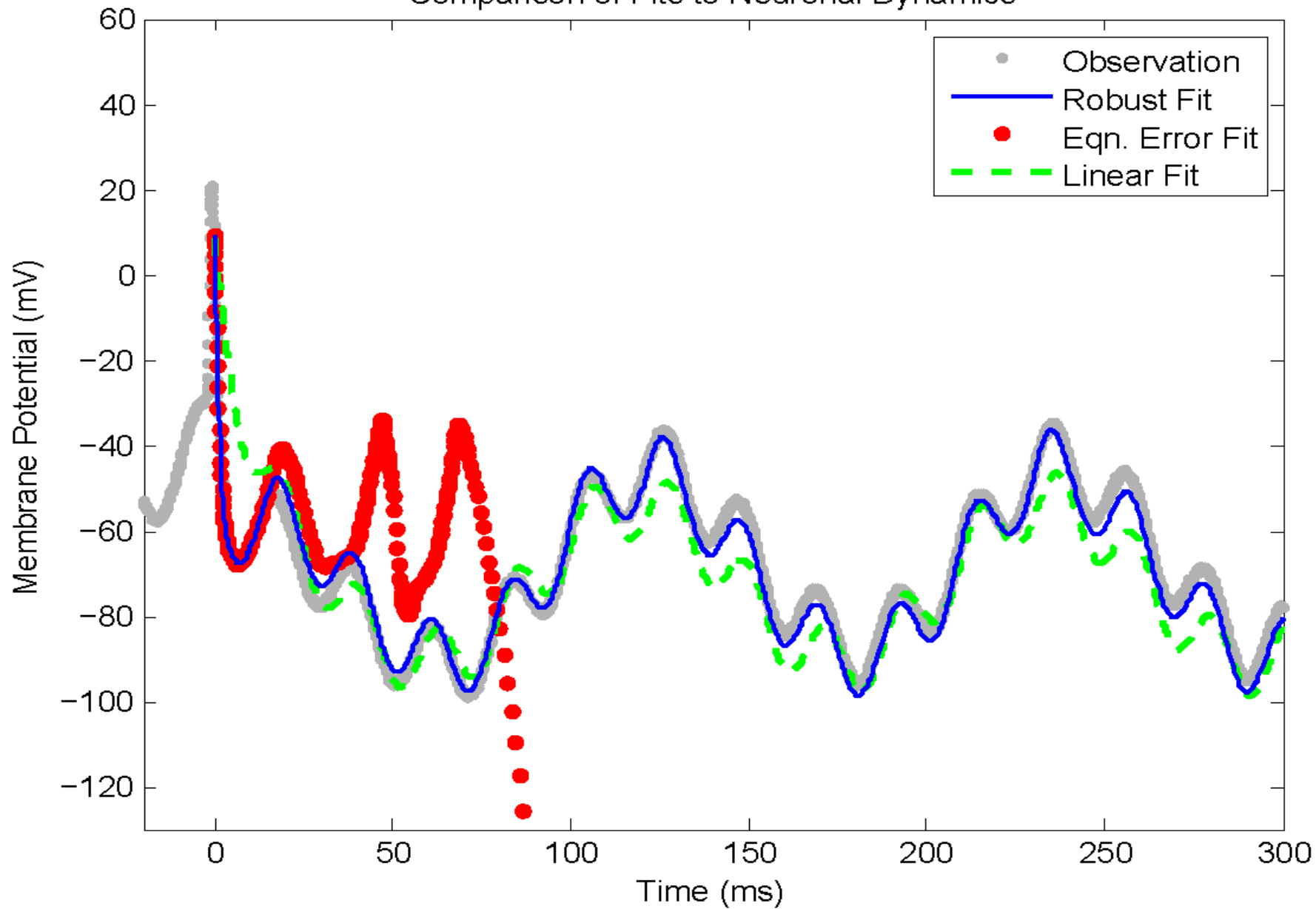
**Stability:**  $F'P^{-1}F + C'C + M'PM < M'E + E'M$

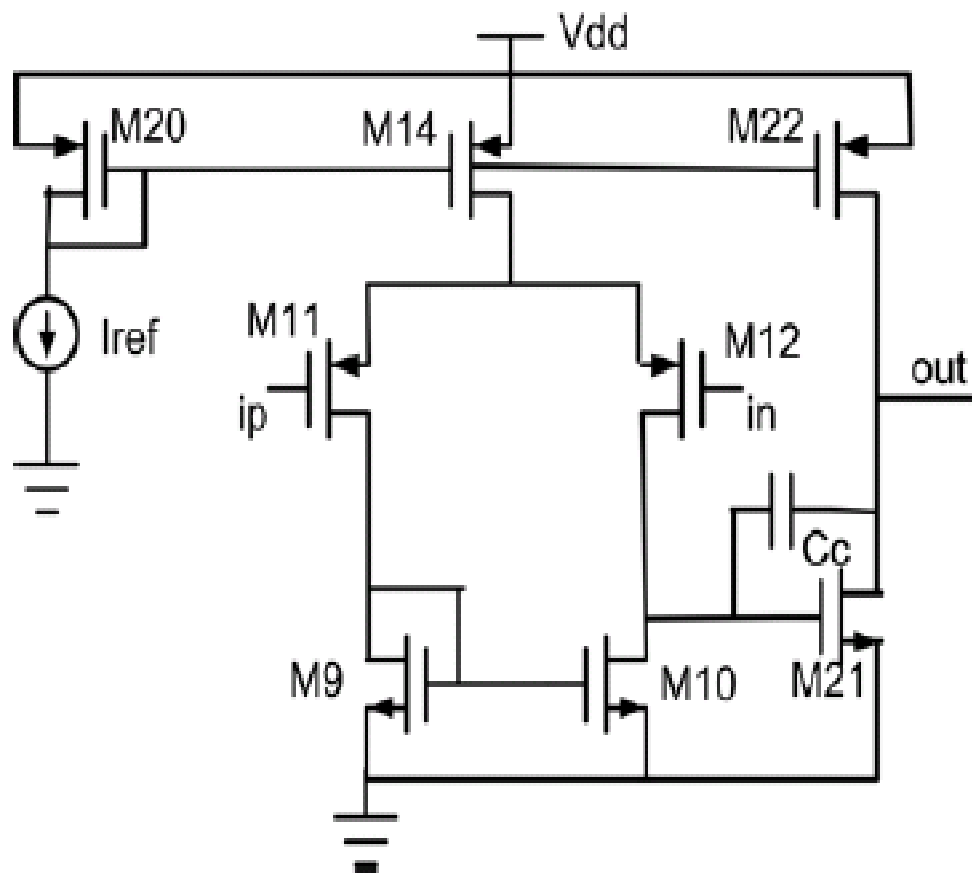
**LEMMA:** for every  $C, A$  (Schur), and  $M$  (invertible) there exist  $P=P'>0, F, E$  satisfying the stability condition

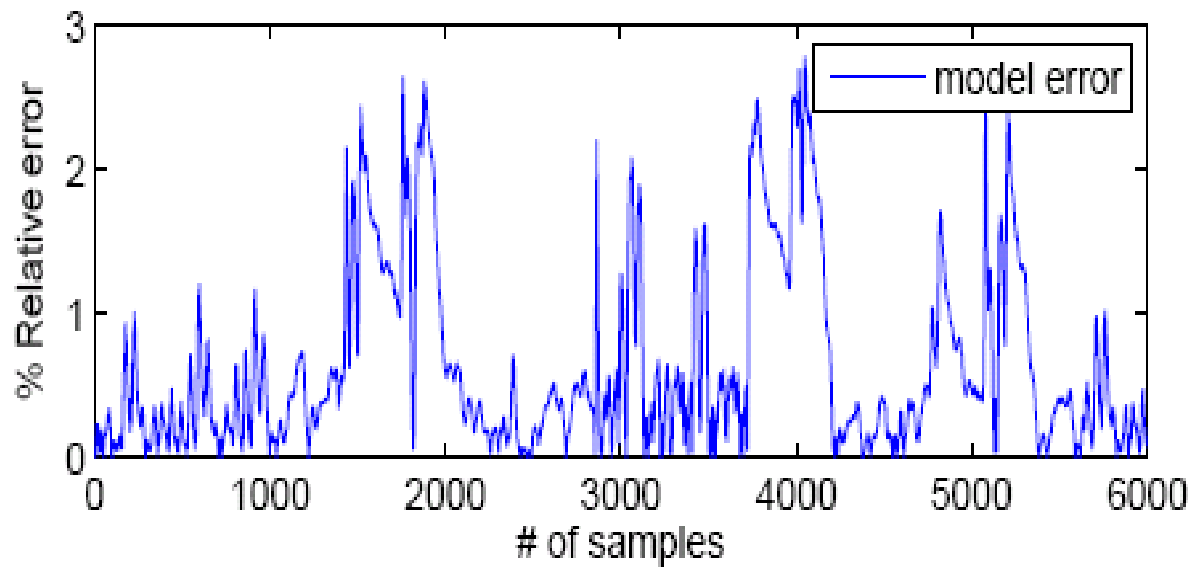
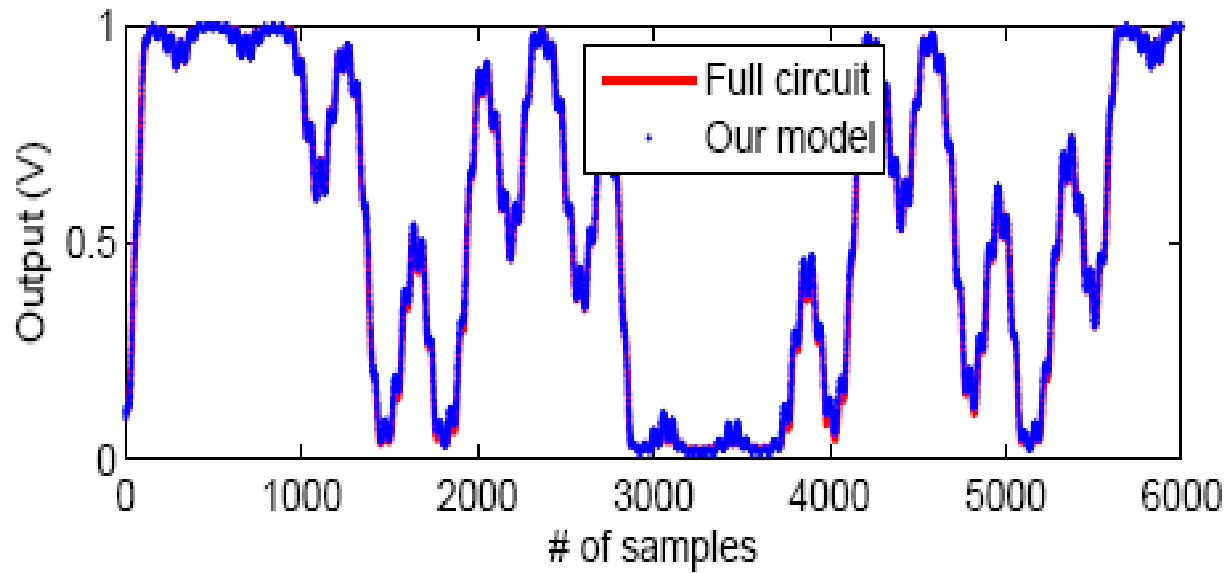
Example Neuronal Response to Multisine



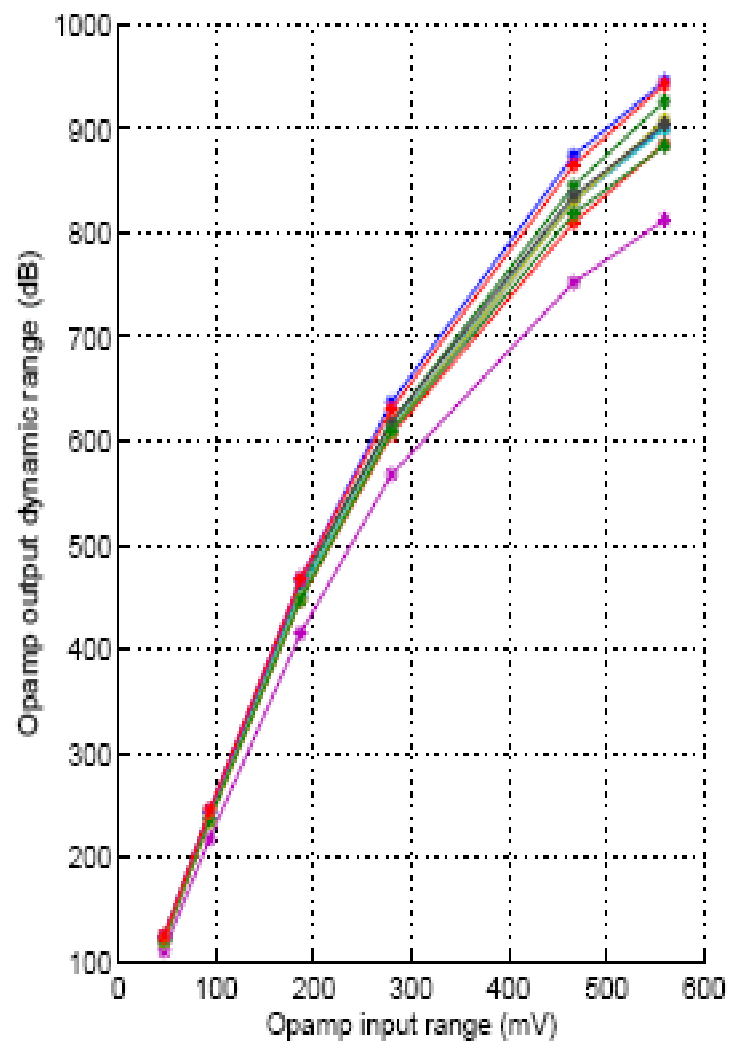
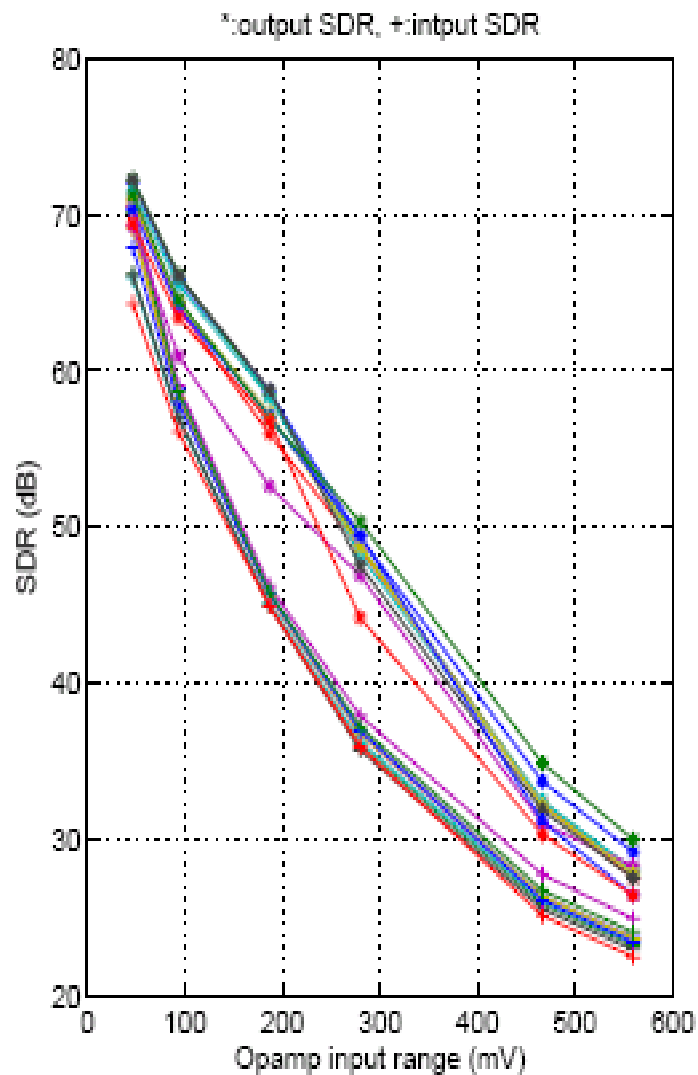
Comparison of Fits to Neuronal Dynamics



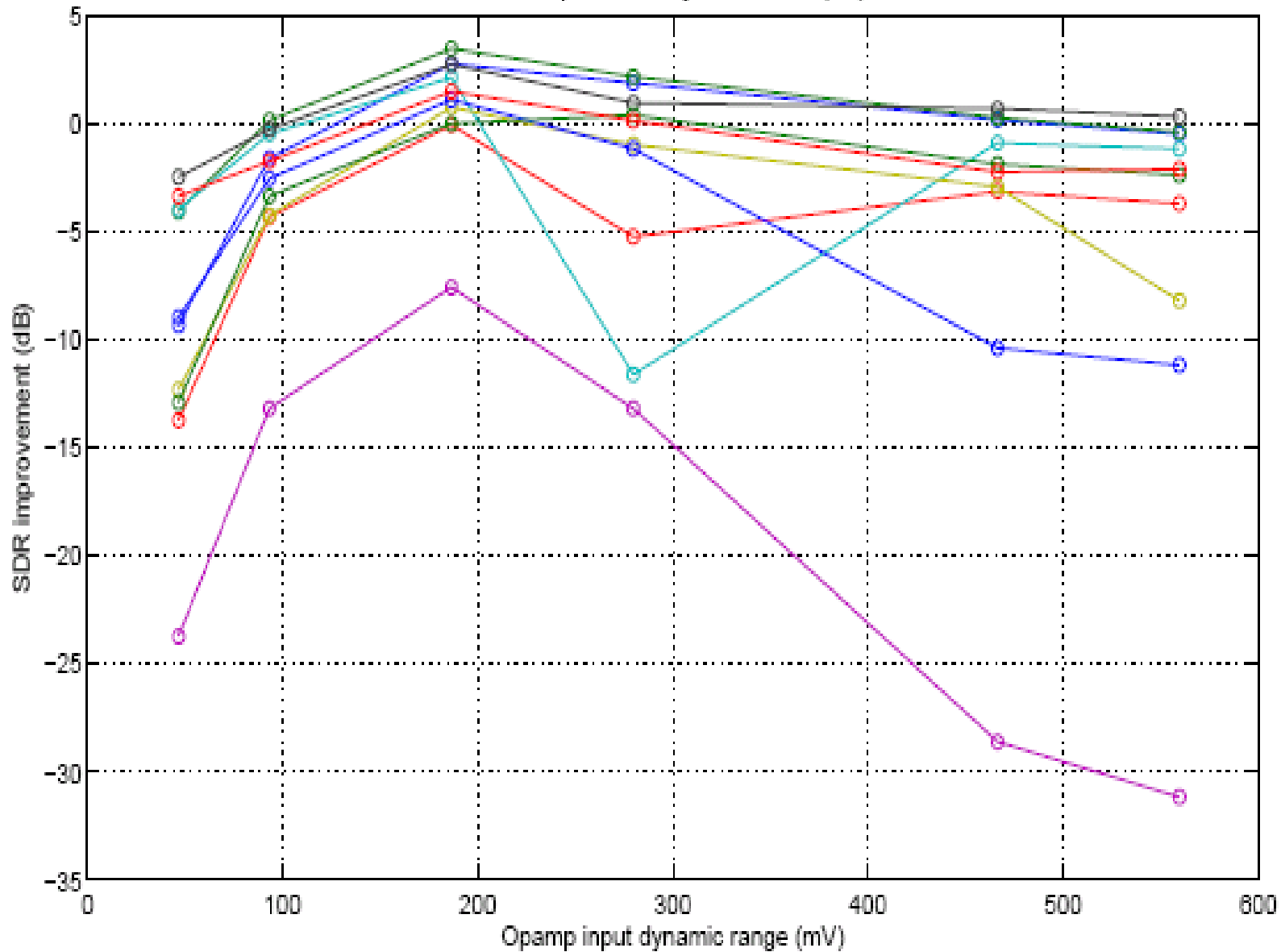








SDR improvement: ySDR-uSDR (dB)



# SUMMARY:

- ❑ a framework for handling rationally parameterized models in system id
- ❑ convex parameterization of large families of systems with established robustness
- ❑ a toolbox for working with algebraic parameterizations and positive polynomials
- ❑ excessive conservatism a possible drawback
- ❑ alternative parameterizations are developed