

# Controlling Canards Using Ideas From MMO

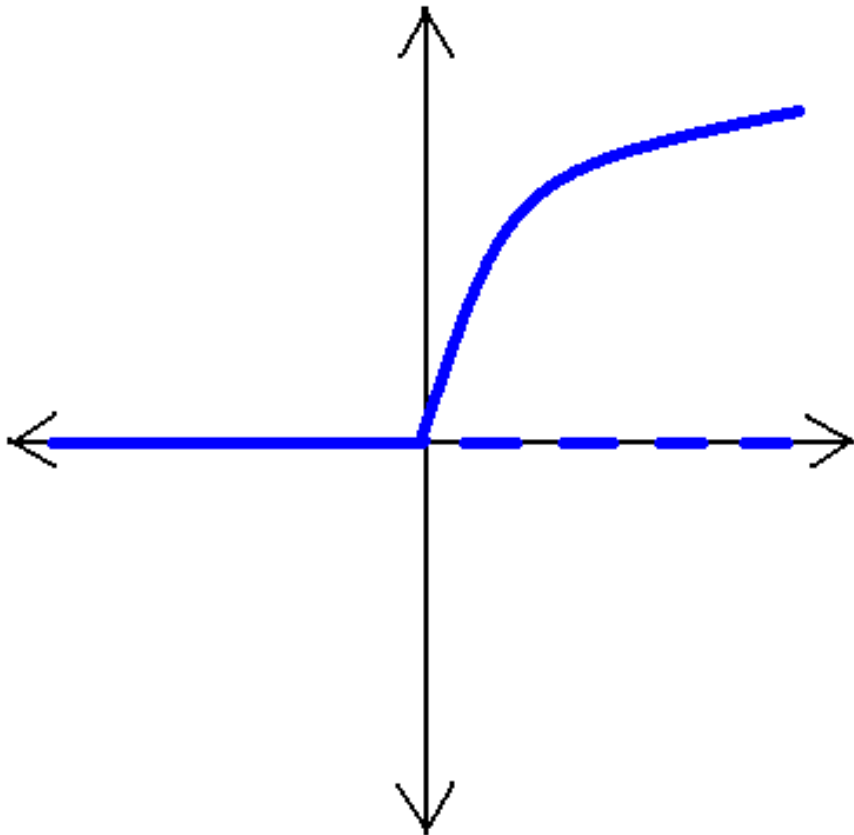
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# Overview

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  - Noisy MMO

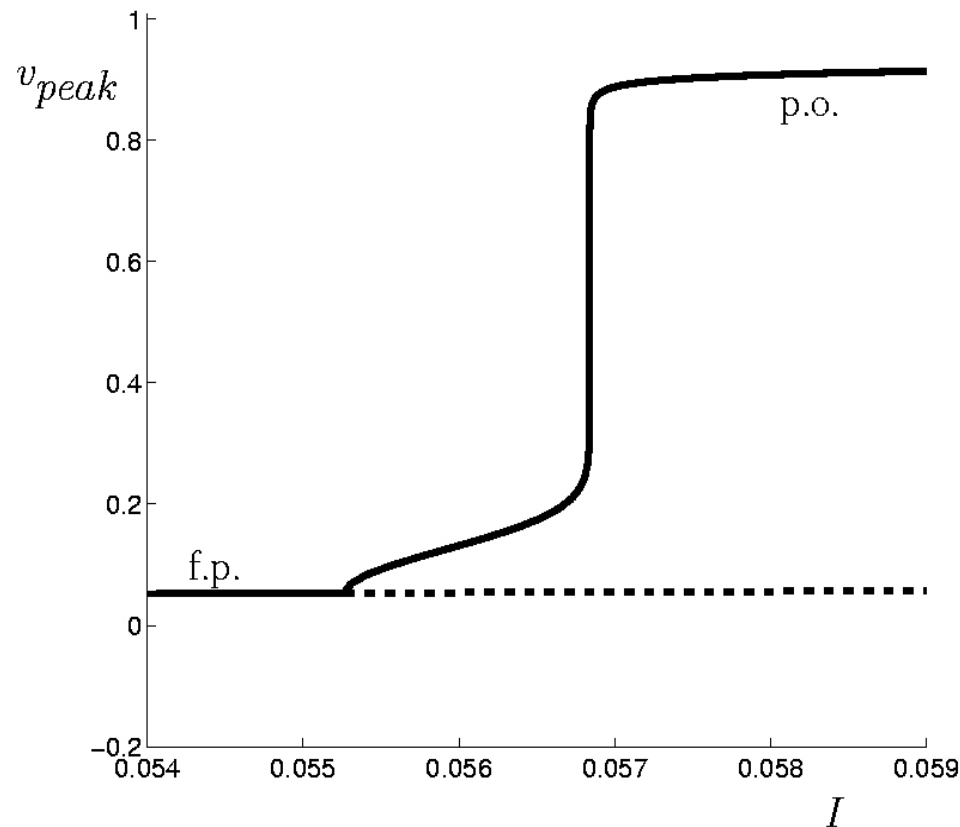
# Motivation: Hopf Bifurcation Control



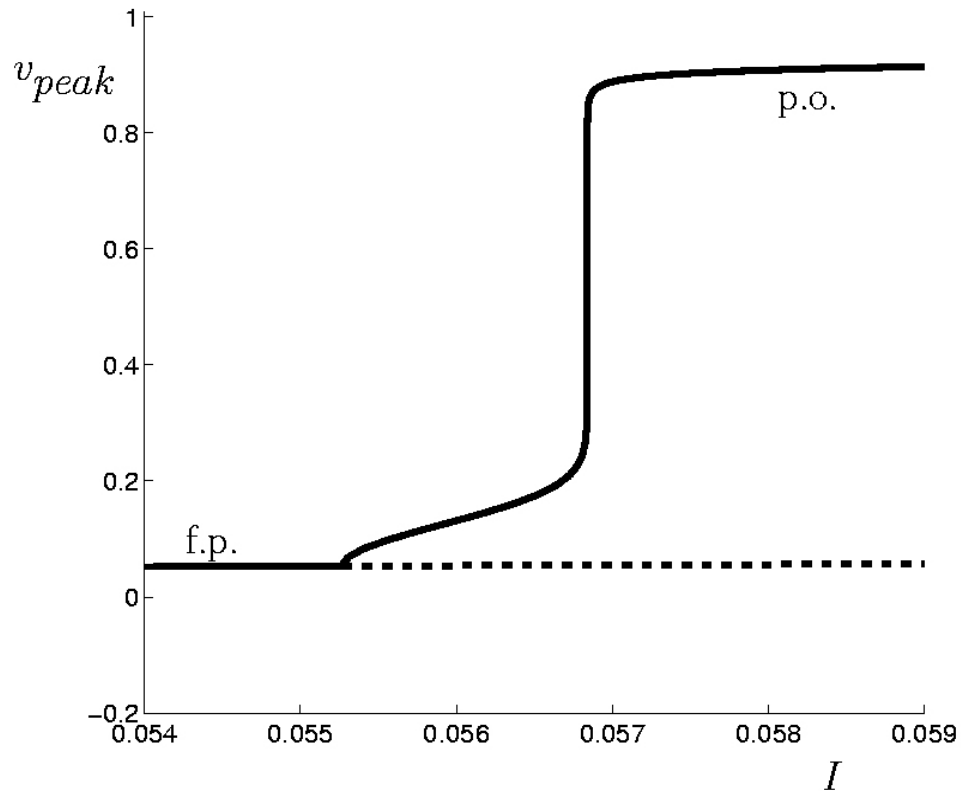
- System self-tunes a parameter to a Hopf bifurcation
  - Can be accomplished using feedback control (Moreau & Sontag, 2003)
- Systems operating at a Hopf bifurcation have:
  - Non-linear amplification
  - Noise rejection
- Crucial part of hearing

# Objective:

Add feedback to a system with a canard explosion, so that the system self-tunes to the canard parameter value.



# Why Canard Control?



- Canard:
  - Huge jump in p.o. size over tiny parameter change
- Could make a very sensitive sensor

# FitzHugh-Nagumo Model

- Example system:

FHN equations for neuron dynamics

$$\dot{v} = -w - v(v-1)(v-a) + I \equiv f(v, w; I)$$

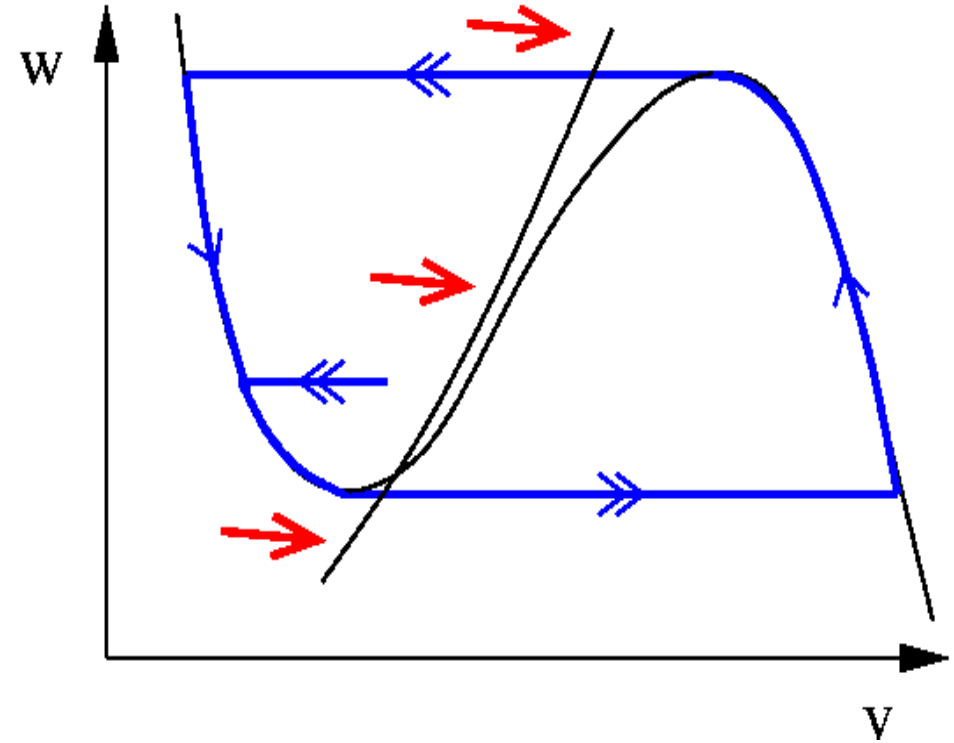
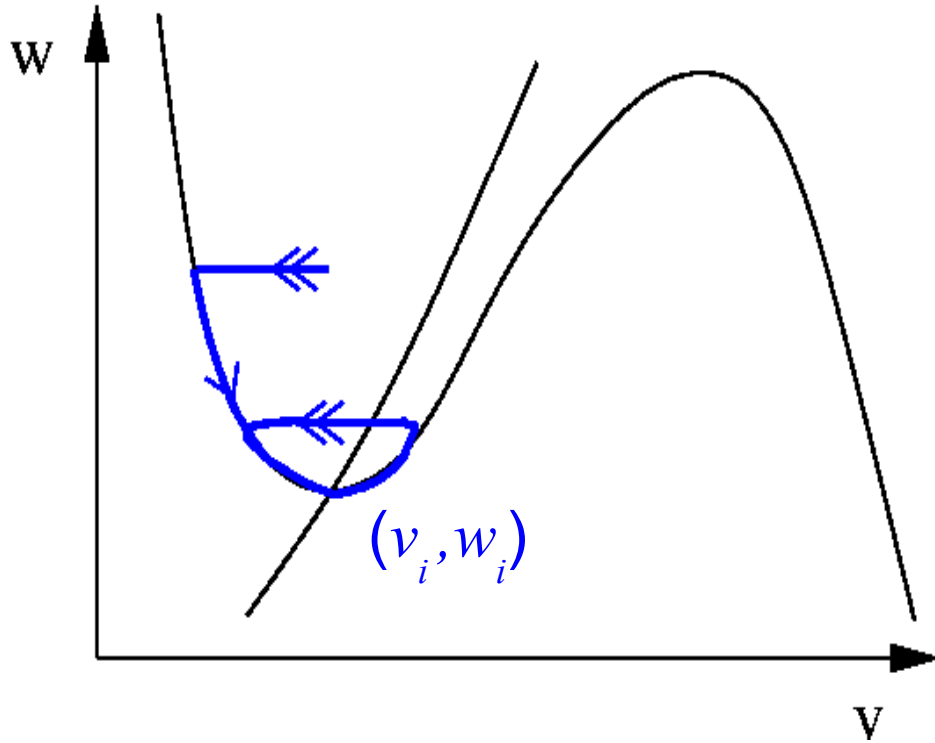
$$\dot{w} = \varepsilon(v - \gamma w) \equiv \varepsilon g(v, w)$$

$$\gamma = 1, a = 0.1$$

$$\varepsilon = 0.008$$

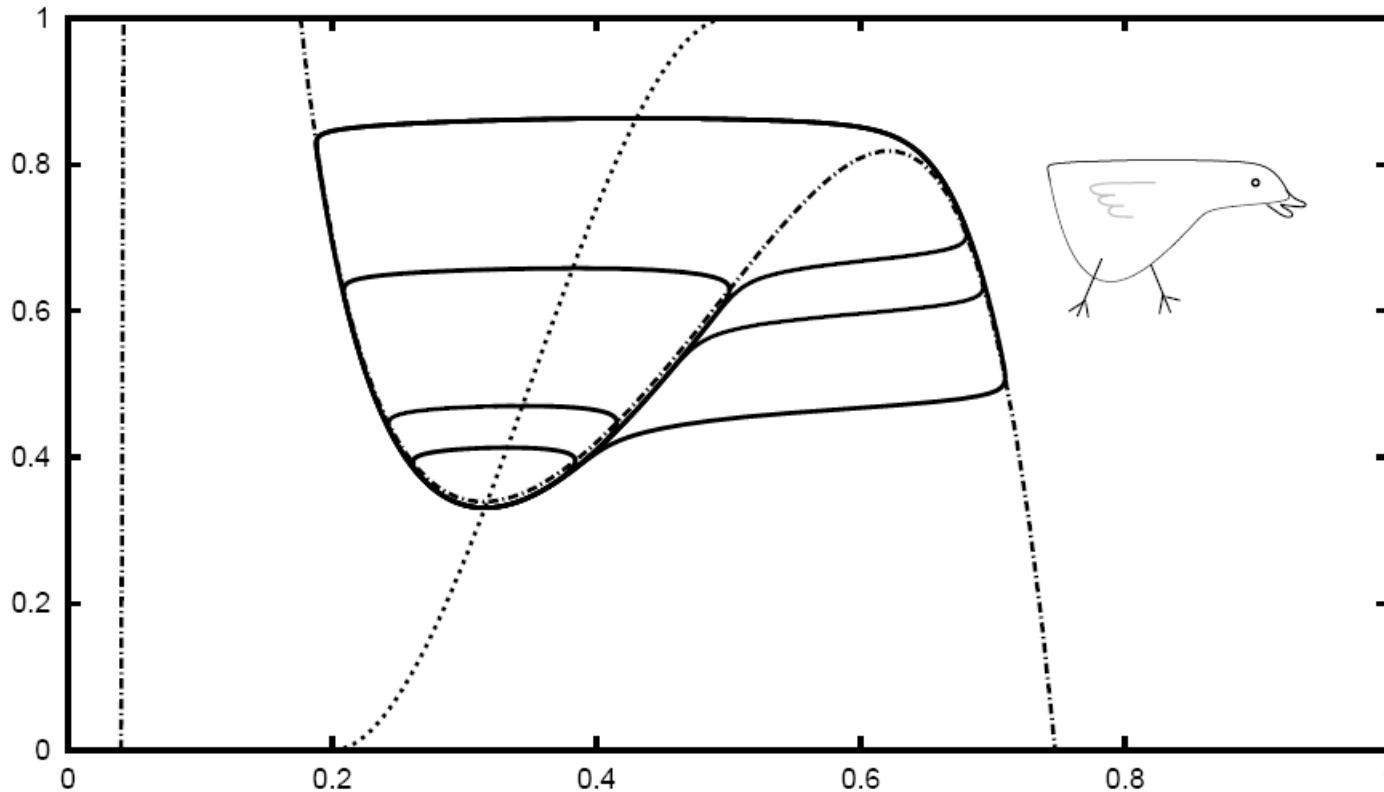
- Fast-slow system
- Nullclines occur when one of the ODEs = 0
- Parameter  $I$  controls where these intersect

# Nullclines



- As  $I$  increases, nullcline shift causes periodic orbit to leave the neighborhood of  $(v_i, w_i)$

# Canards

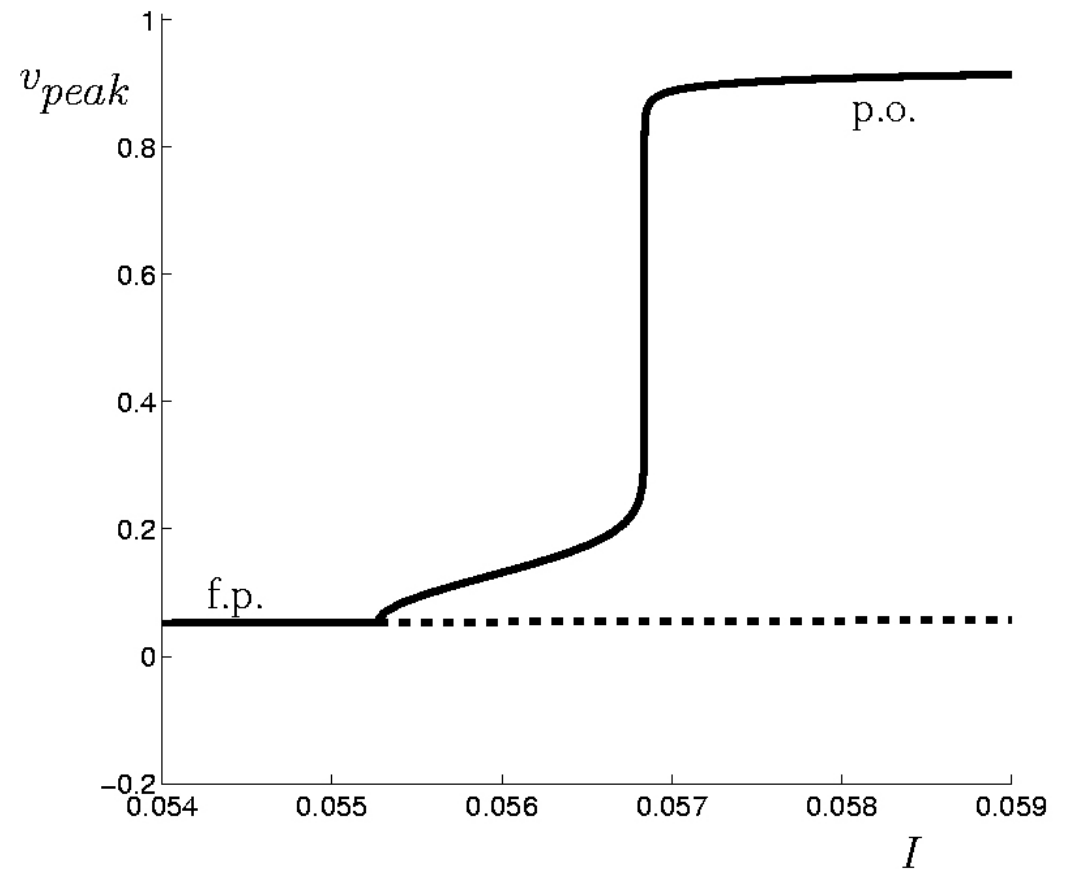


- Follow unstable manifold near middle branch of cubic v-nullcline

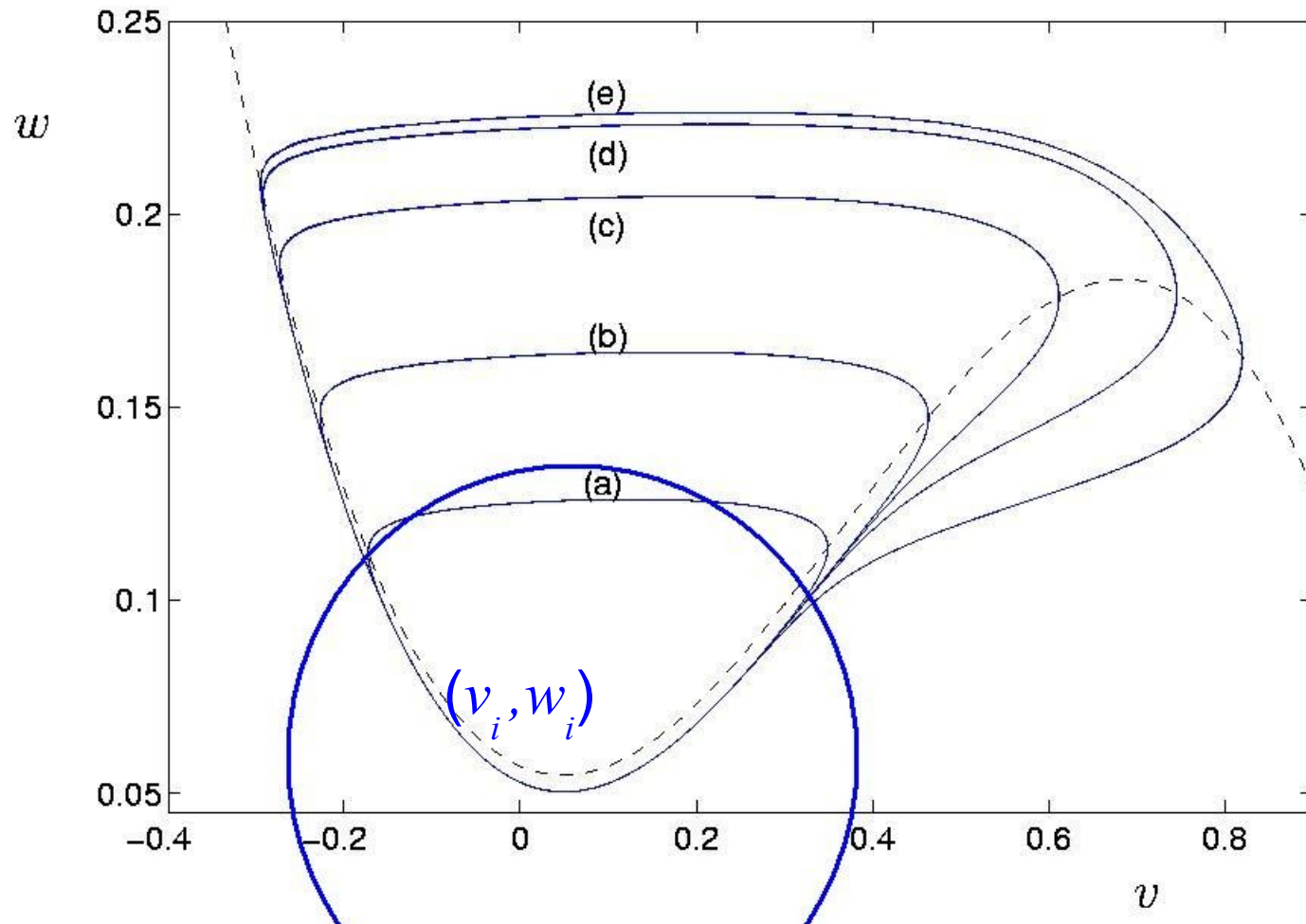


# FHN Bifurcation Diagram

- Hopf bifurcation at  $I = 0.0553$
- Stable p.o. grows dramatically around  $I = 0.0568$
- Control should cause  $I$  to drift towards Canard point



# Control Method



- Control circle around local minimum of  $v$ -nullcline  $(v_i, w_i)$

# Control Equations

- Controlled FHN:

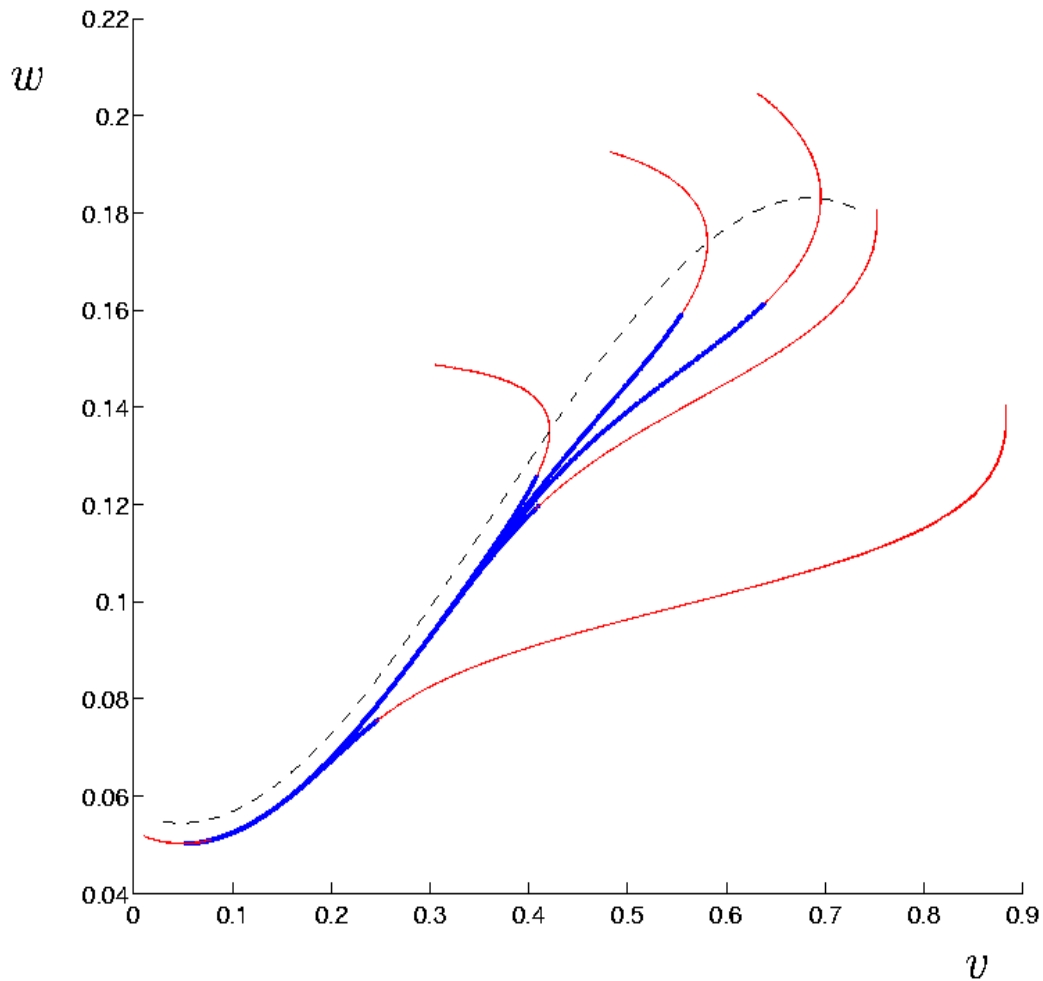
$$\dot{v} = -w - v(v-1)(v-a) + I$$

$$\dot{w} = \varepsilon(v - \gamma w)$$

$$\dot{I} = c(r_0 - r)$$

- Continuous, memoryless feedback control
  - $r$  is the instantaneous distance from  $(v, w)$  to center of the control circle  $(v_i, w_i)$
  - $c$  sets control strength,  $r_0$  sets circle radius

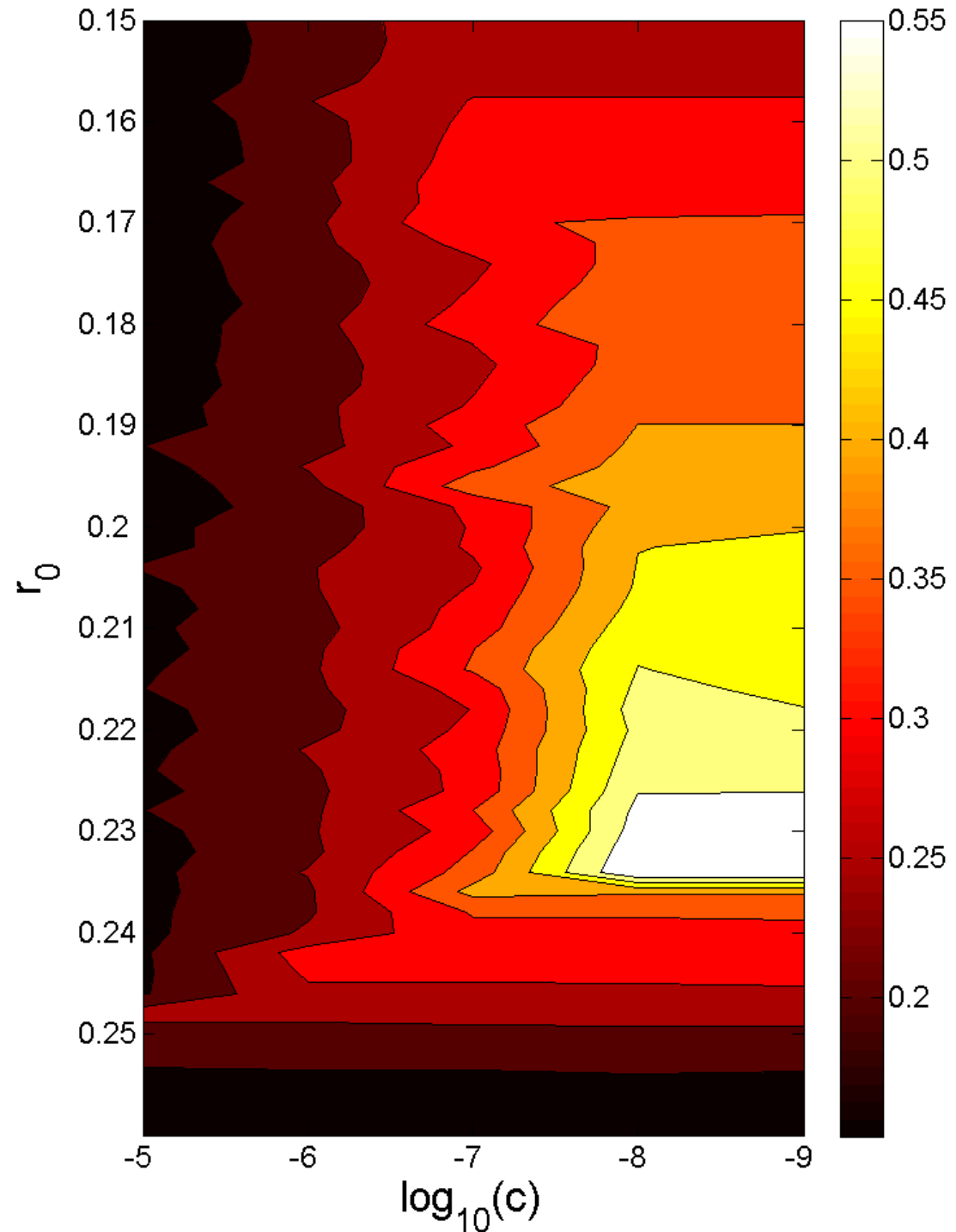
# Measure Success



- How long does trajectory stay near unstable manifold
  - Manifold difficult to locate
  - But must remain close to  $v$ -nullcline
- Compare slope of trajectory and nullcline

# 2D Contour

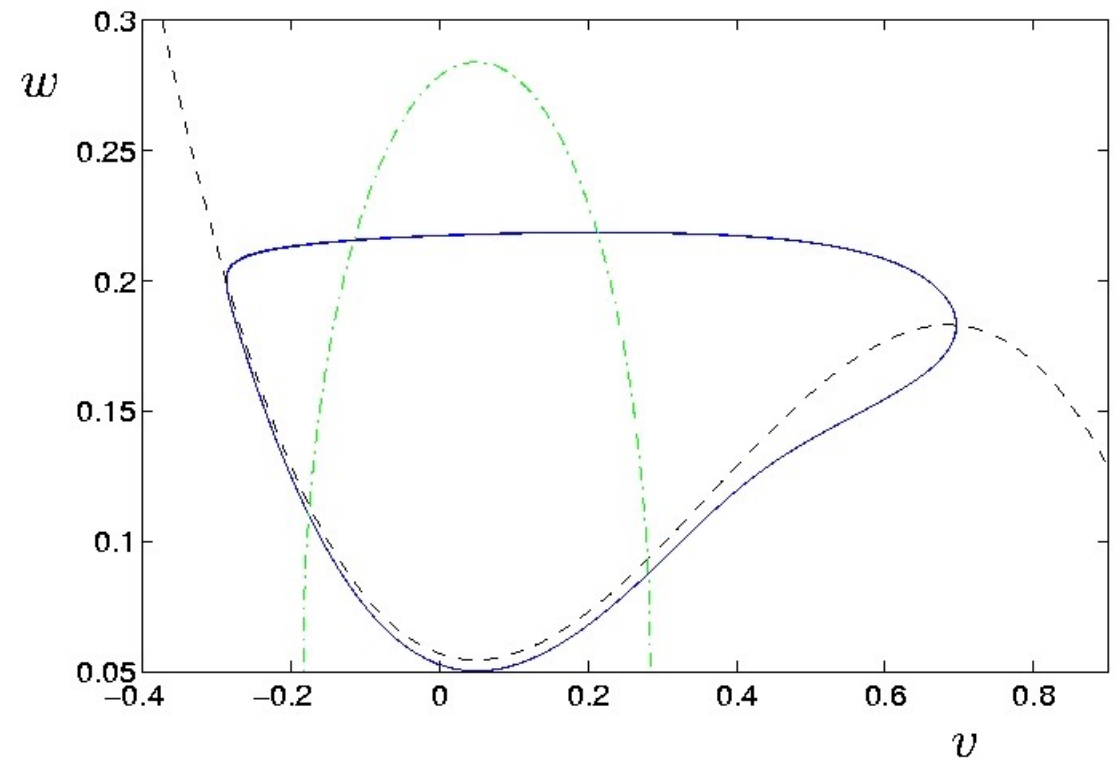
- Study of canard size over  $c, r_0$
- Contours show averaged arclength
- Need  $c = 10^{-8}$  to get full canard
- $r_0 = 0.235$  produces best result



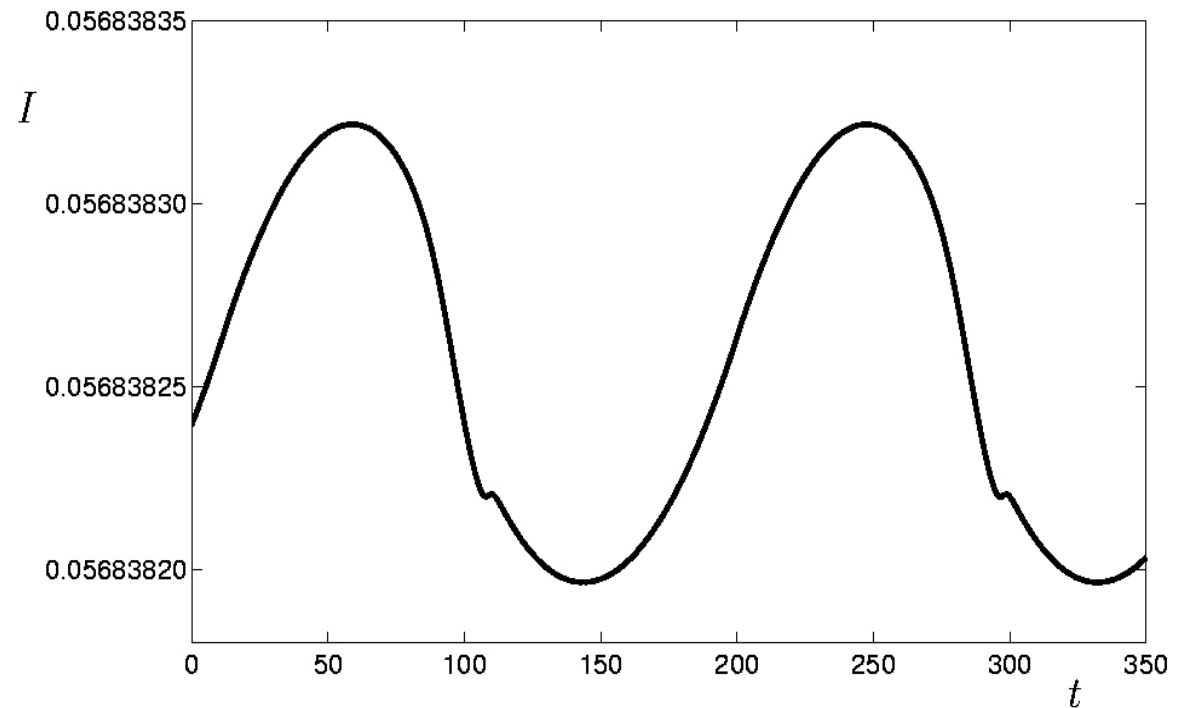
# Best Canard

$$c = 10^{-8}$$

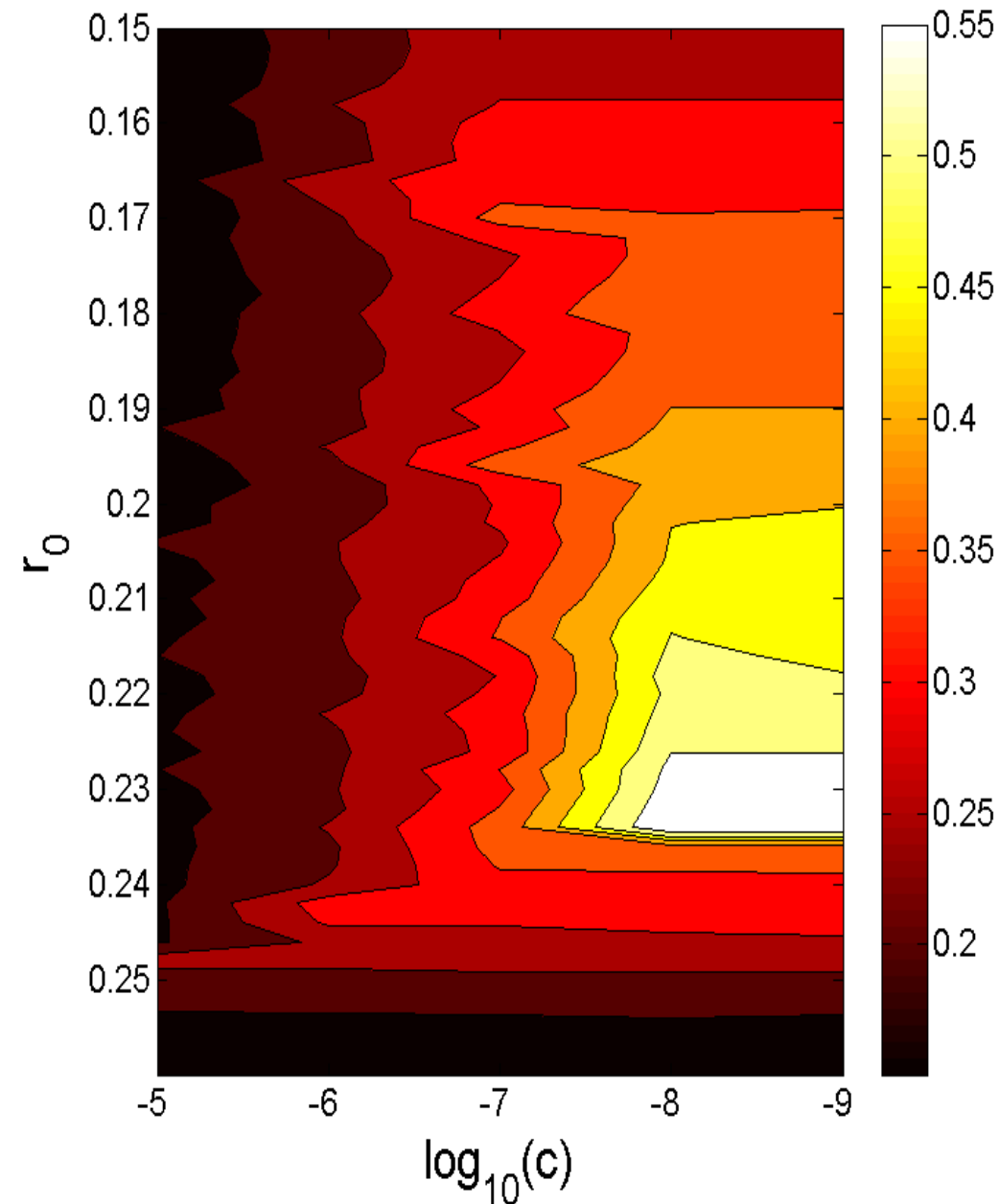
$$r_0 = 0.234$$



Time history of  $I$   
for trajectory



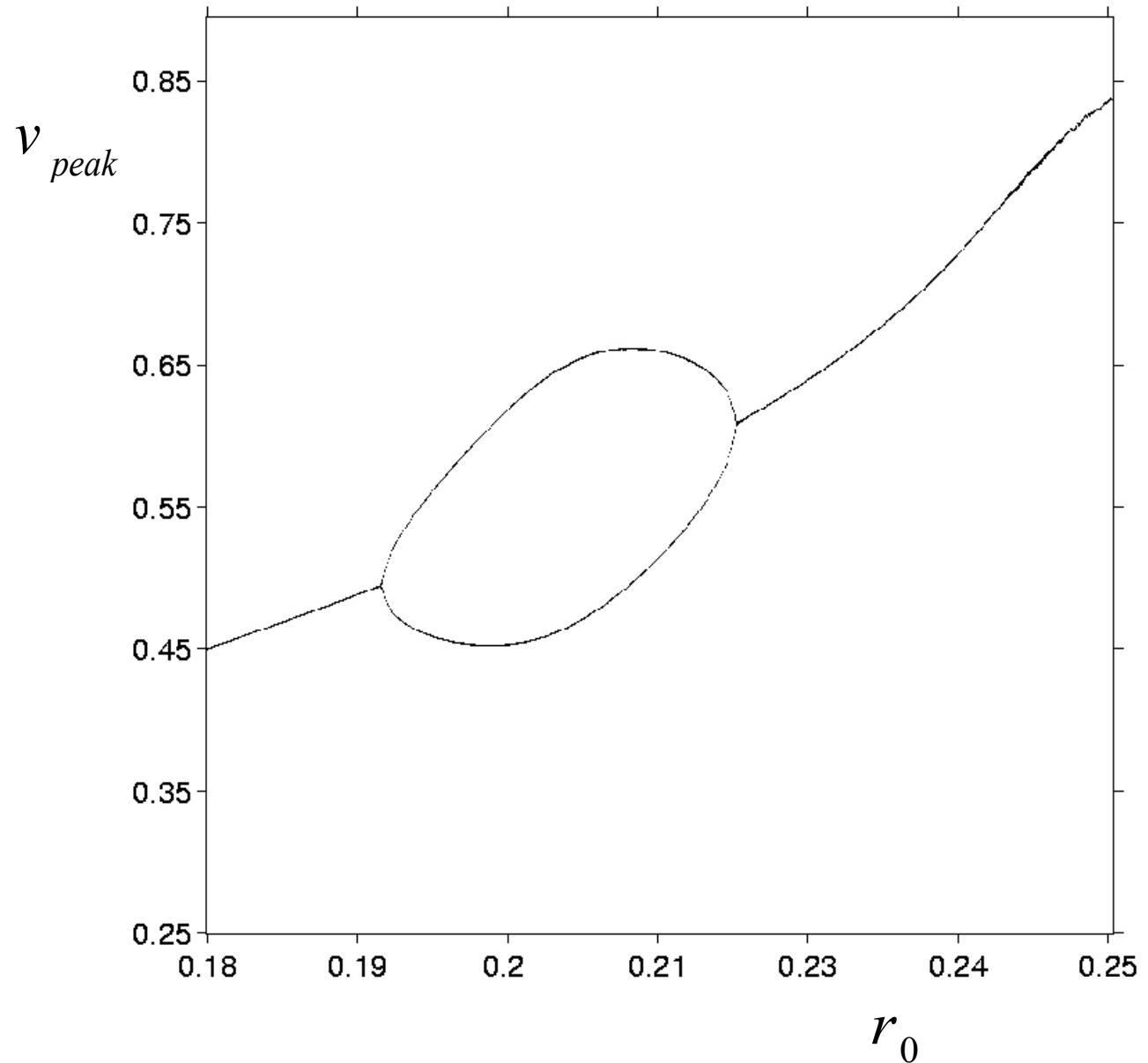
# Positioning of the control circle



- Control method is fairly robust to displacements of the control circle
- Exact results change, but general picture is identical

# Bifurcations as $r_0$ changes

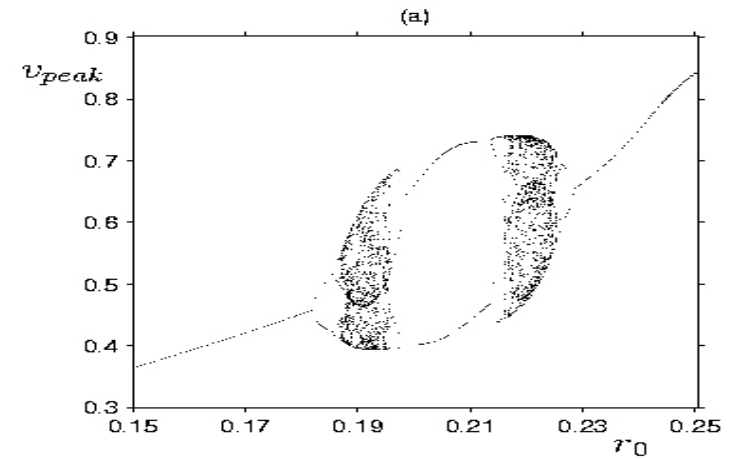
For  $c = 10^{-8}$



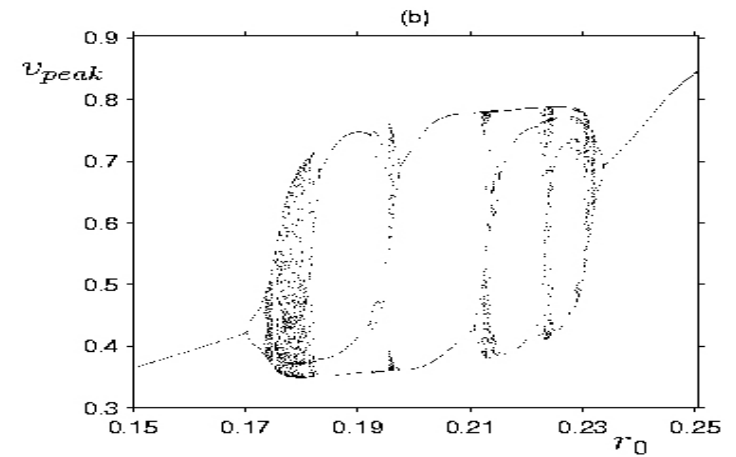


# More Bifurcations

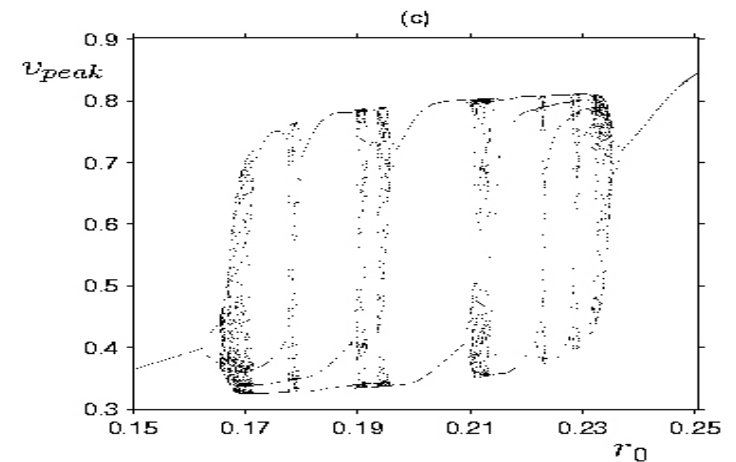
a)  $c = 2 \cdot 10^{-8}$



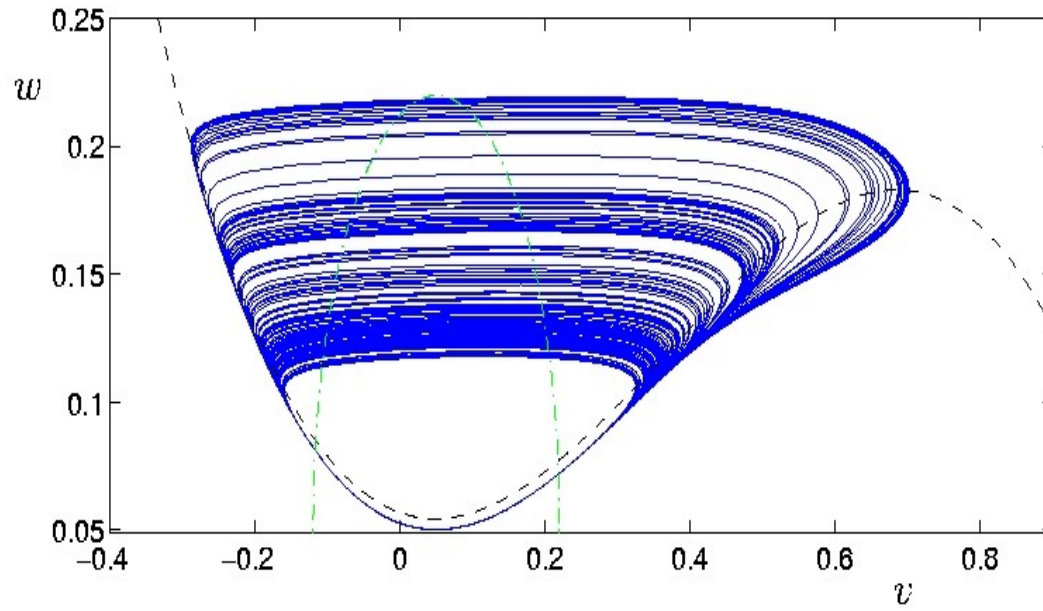
b)  $c = 5 \cdot 10^{-8}$



c)  $c = 10^{-7}$

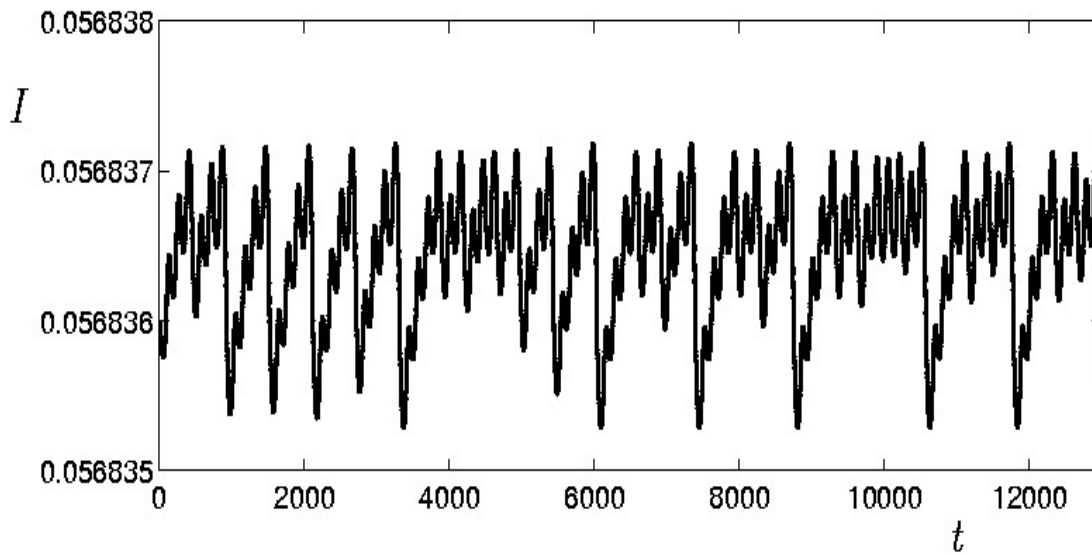


# Chaos!



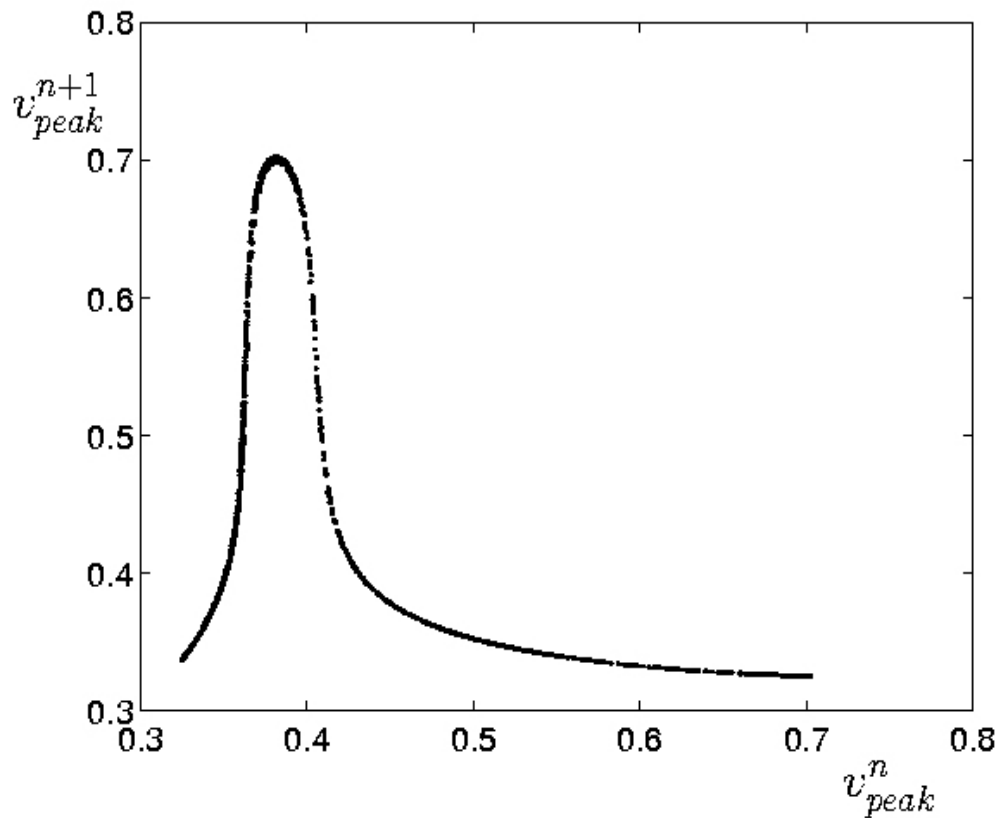
$$c = 10^{-7}$$

$$r_0 = 0.17$$

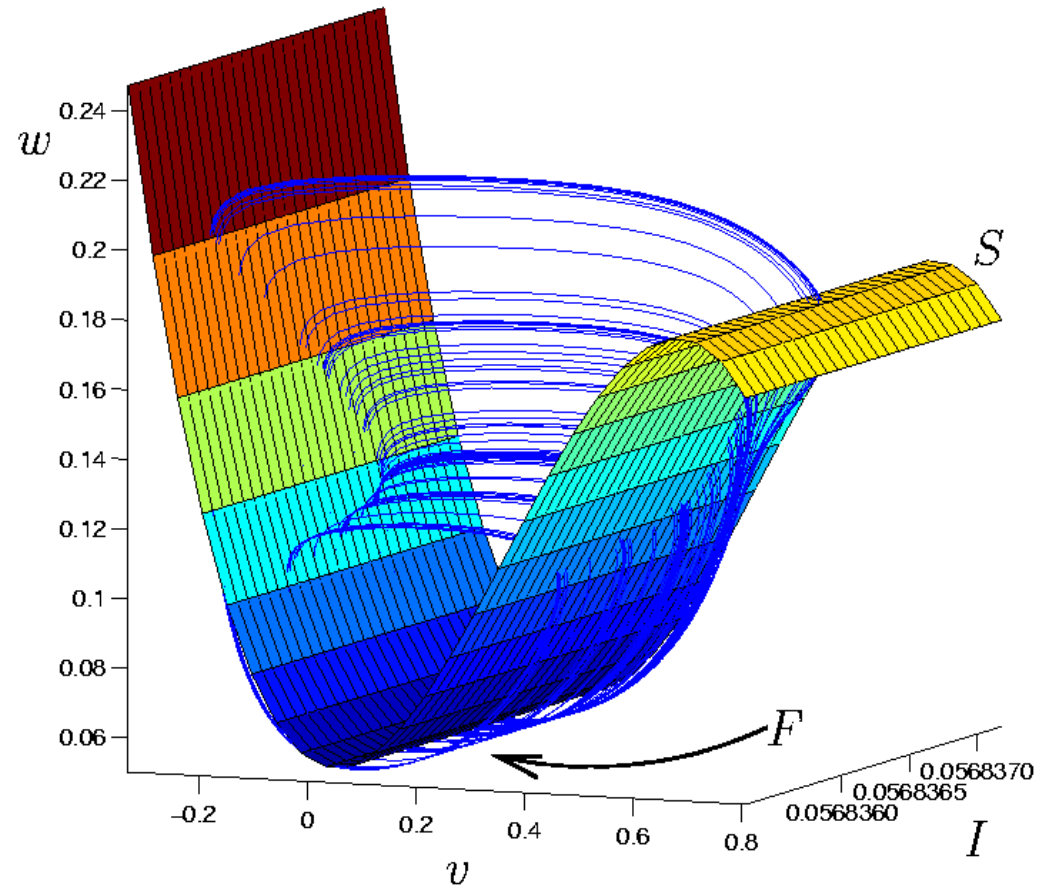


# More views of chaos

Peak-to-peak map

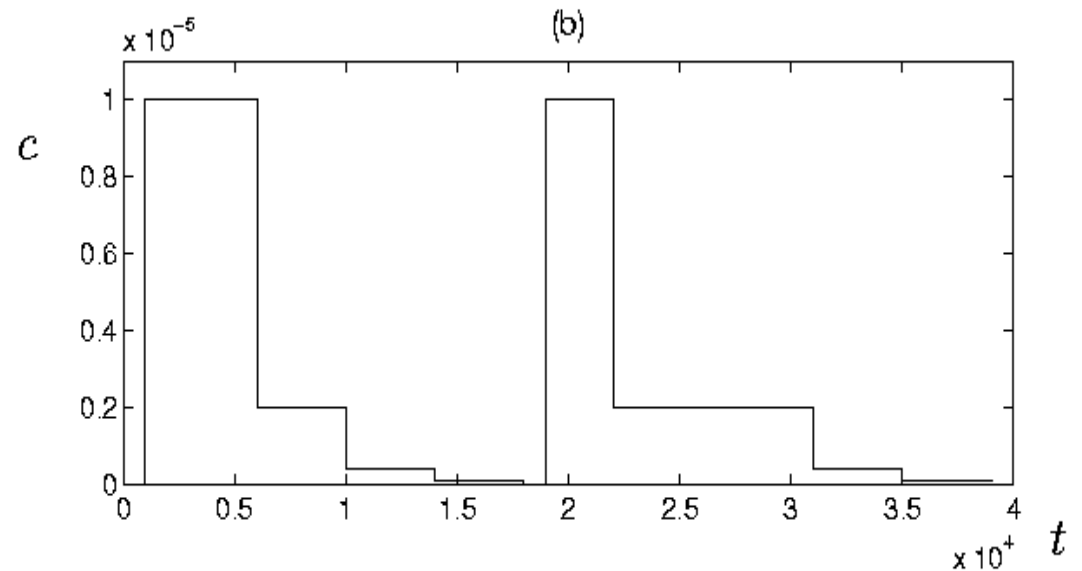
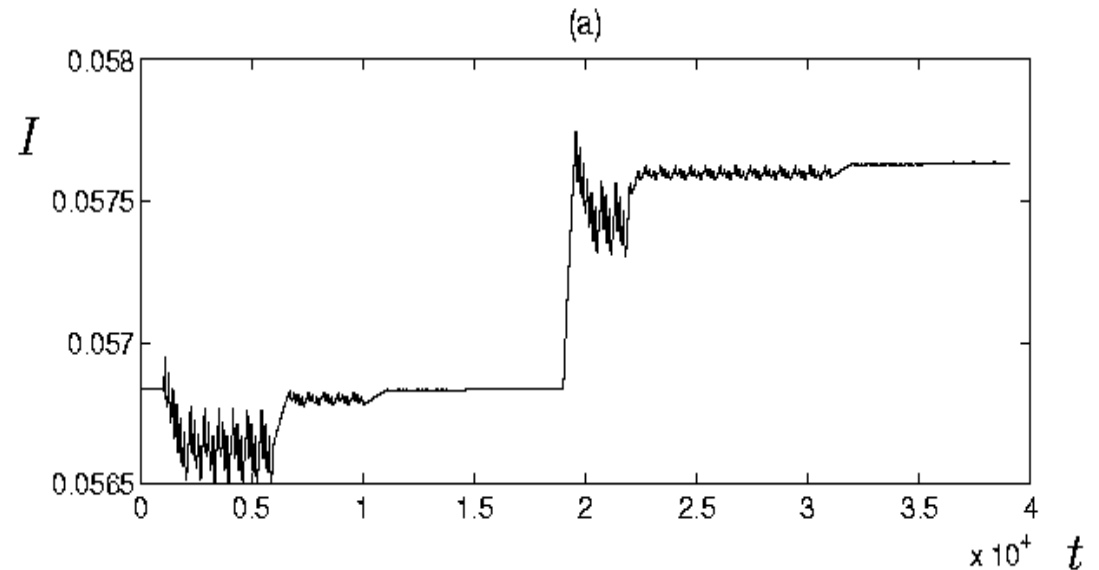


3d plot

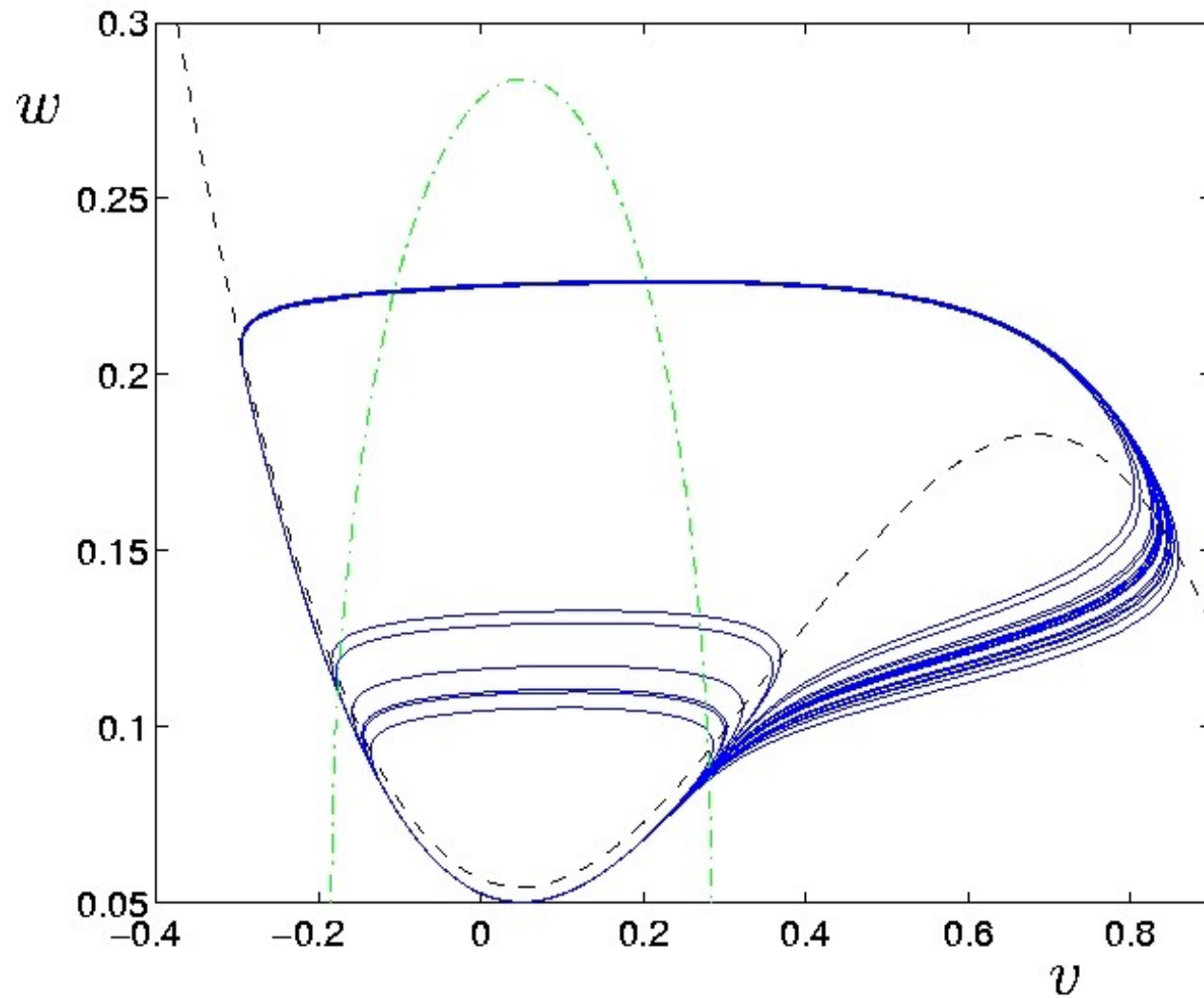


# Perturbations

- Control method is robust to large but infrequent changes in system properties
- Can locate new Canard point



# Continuous White Noise



# Conclusions

- Can produce maximal canard trajectories
- If improperly tuned:
  - MMO
  - Chaotic MMO
- In presence of noise:
  - Noisy MMO

