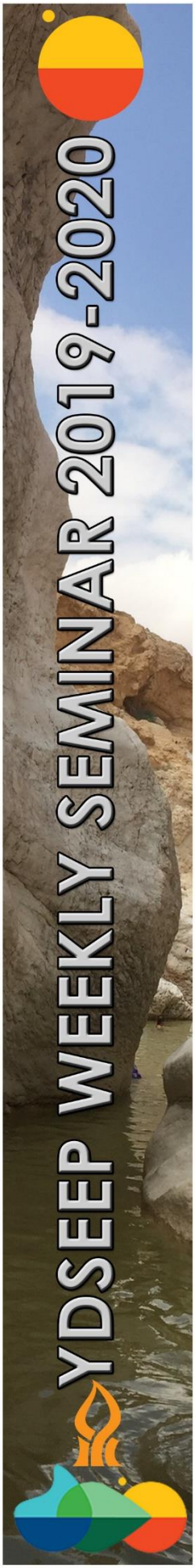

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Nonlinear dynamics of spontaneously beating heart cells

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Abstract:

The observation of spontaneous calcium oscillations of ~ 1Hz in beating cardiac cells is typically explained by many coupled chemical reactions and parameters. We show that the separation of time scales of fast processes with slower calcium diffusion in the cell results in a single, non-linear dynamical equation that characterizes these oscillations with only a few physically relevant parameters, determined from independent experiments. We further demonstrate, both experimentally* and theoretically, that a much slower time scale (a persistence time of 10s of minutes) can be extracted from analysis of the noisy dynamics of beating.

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