# Bioinformatics and science-informed modeling approaches in resilience research

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## What is Resilience?

- <u>Materials</u>: Elasticity (Tredgold, 1818)
- <u>Ecosystems</u>: Capacity to absorb / manage disturbance to retain ~ the same identity & functioning (Walker et al., 2004)
- <u>Psychological</u>: Ability to bounce back following adversity (Wagnild & Collins 2011)
- <u>NIA</u>: Ability to resist/recover from adverse effects of a stressor (Hadley et al., 2017)

Credit: Whitson et al., 2016

### What is Physical Resilience?

- Physical:
  - Capacity to bounce back from a physical challenge (Resnick et al., 2011)
  - Whole-person characteristic that determines ability to resist functional decline / recover physical health after a stressor (Whitson et al., 2016)

 Ability of a physiologic system to recover from a stressor which is powerful enough that the system is pushed into a state far from its original equilibrium state, ultimately retaining essential identity and function (Varadhan et al., 2019)

### Physical resilience: Before and After the Fact



Csete, M. E. & Doyle, J. C. Reverse engineering of biological complexity. *Science*. **295**, 1664–1669 (2002).

Resilience capacity = function of health of all of the above

Gold standard testing mechanism: Dynamic stimulation



### Physical resilience: Before and After the Fact













#### Approach to Analyzing Physiologic Resilience



Approach to Analyzing Physiologic Resilience - Example

• Indicator k, person i =  $\lambda_{k1}f_{i1} + \lambda_{k2}f_{i2} + ... \in \mathbf{k}_{ki}$ 



• λs scientifically informed (ex/ differential equations)

SPRING EXAMPLE: HRV, ACTH-STIM, Salivary Cortisol Pilot data: n=79; PCA approximation

Theory: Steady state, adaptation mechanisms

Indicator	f1	f2	
HRV - Steady HRV - Adapt ACTH - Steady ACTH - Adapt Saliv Cort-Steady Saliv Cort-Adapt			

#### Approach to Analyzing Physiologic Resilience

Method 2: Data driven Machine learning



#### Approach to Analyzing Observed Resilience



#### Approach to Analyzing Observed Resilience



Resilience Outcomes

Colón-Emeric C et al. **Two Approaches to Classifying and Quantifying Physical Resilience in Longitudinal Data.** J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci. 2020; 75(4):731-738.

Hladek MD et al. Physical Resilience Phenotype Trajectories in Incident Hemodialysis: Characterization and Mortality Risk Assessment. Kidney Int Rep. 2022;7(9):2006-2015.

Many papers in broader resilience lit

# High priority gaps / scholarship areas

- Theory regarding physiologic (underlying) resilience
  - Methods by which to fit to data
- Specificity, multidimensionality regarding observed resilience
- Improved data
  - Finer grain time scale
  - Larger cohorts

### • Hybrid methods

- Leveraging / iterating the best of theory driven, empirical approaches
- Validation / translation