

# Mathematical Optimization for Clinical Decision Support and Training

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- 4 Possible other clinical applications
- 5 Training
  - Complex Problem Solving
  - Optimization Approach to CPS
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- Clinical practice  $\mapsto$  ubiquitous decision making for physicians
- Difficult! Patient- and situation-dependent, non-intuitive, high work load, time constraints, knowledge transfer, ...
  
- We want to develop **mathematical tools** (modeling, simulation, and optimization) **to support and train clinical decision making**



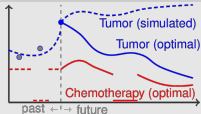




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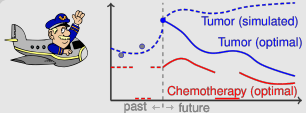
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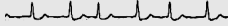


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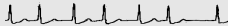
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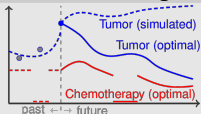
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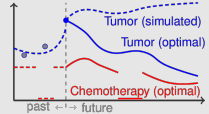
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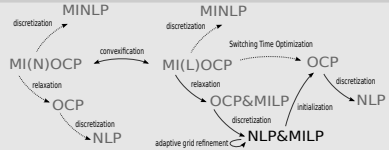
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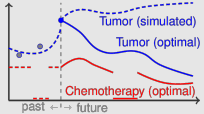
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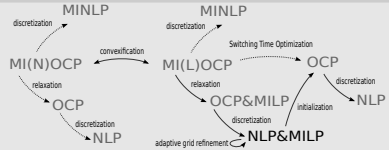
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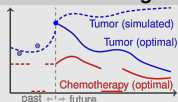
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# Interdisciplinary team effort

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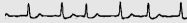
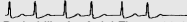


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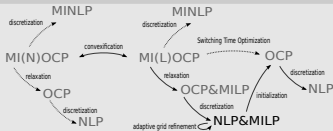
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- Closed-loop online state and parameter estimation and control

# Same schedule for everyone?

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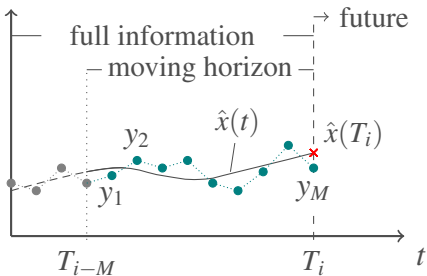
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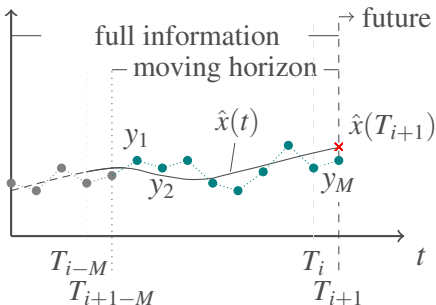
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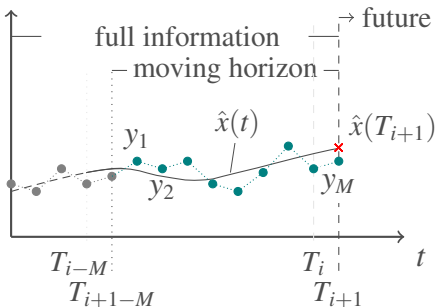
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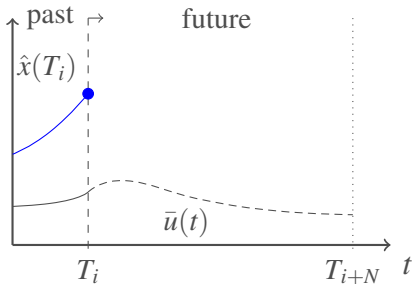
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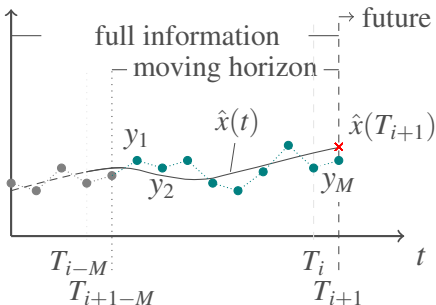
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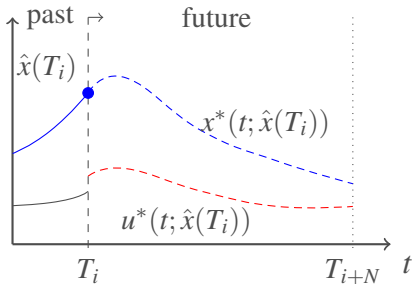
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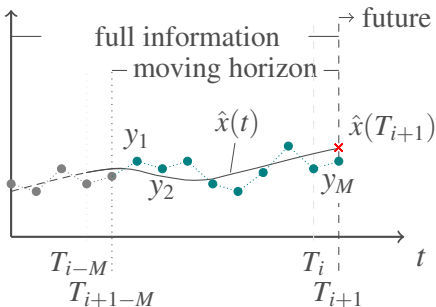
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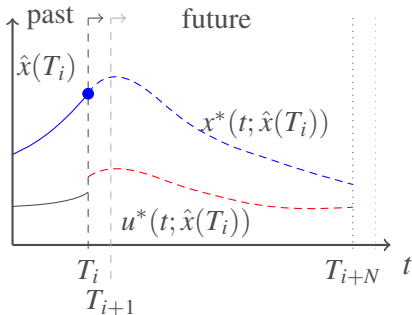
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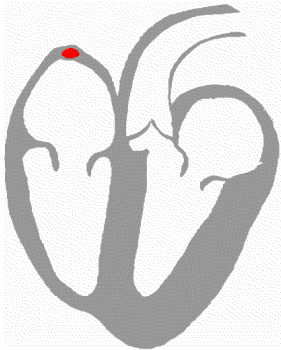
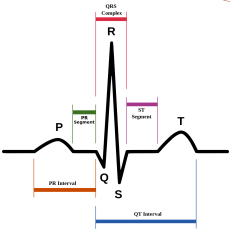
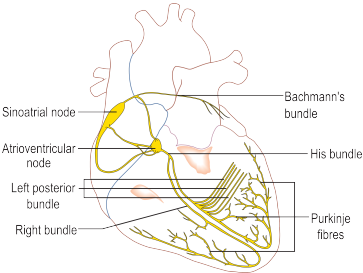
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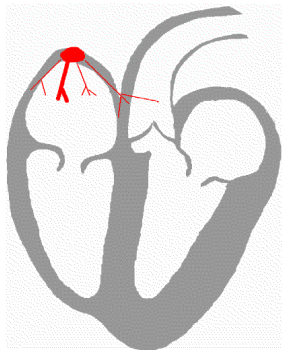
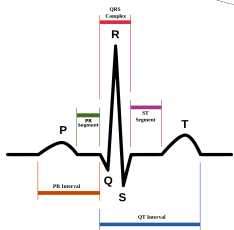
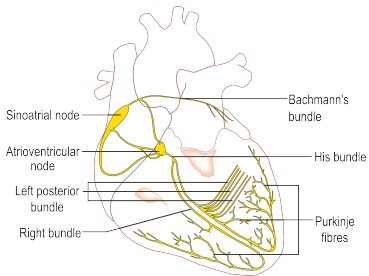
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Pacemaker signal in sinoatrial node

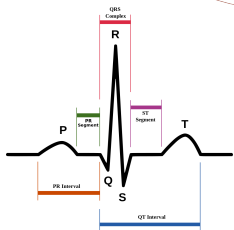
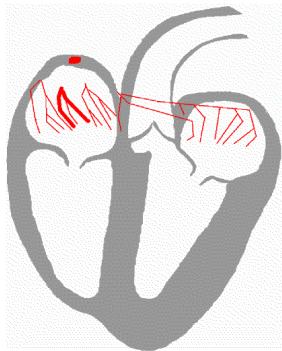
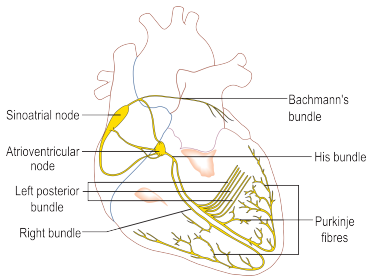


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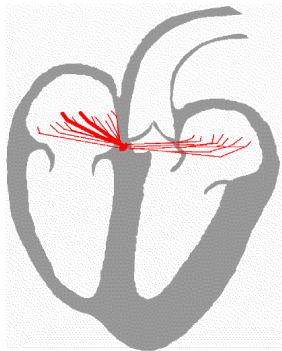
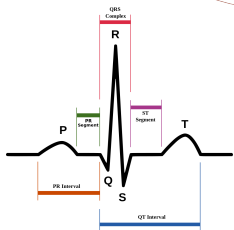
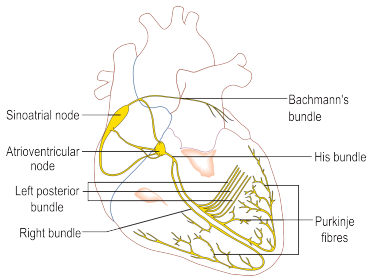
Atrial chambers

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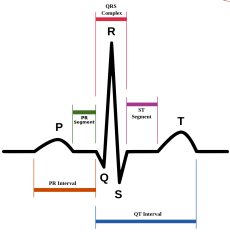
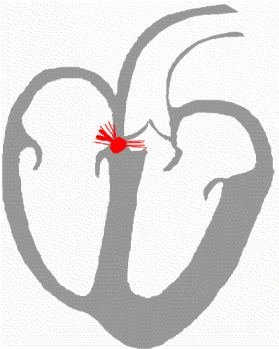
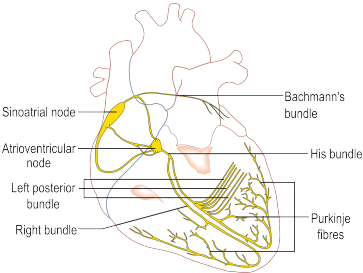
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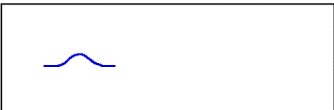
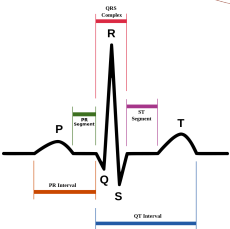
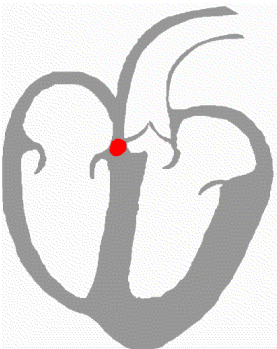
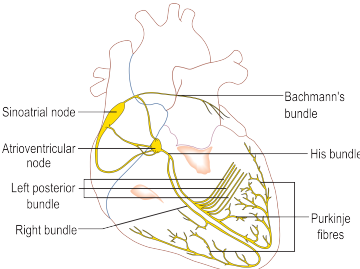
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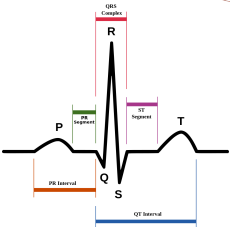
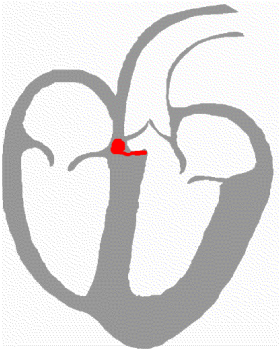
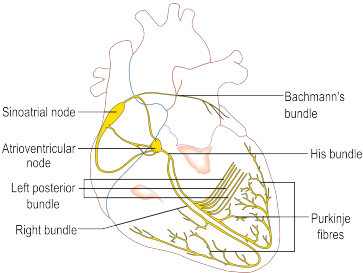
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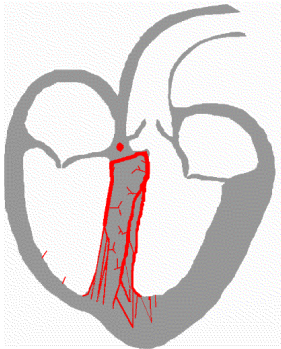
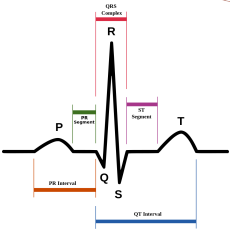
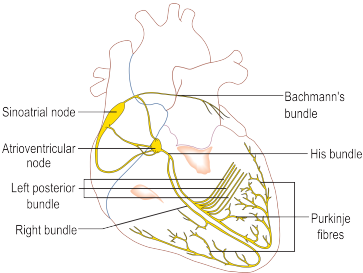
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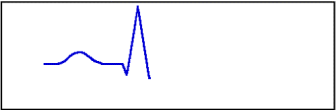
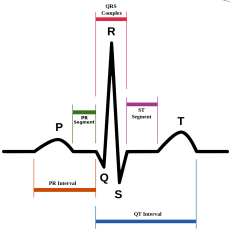
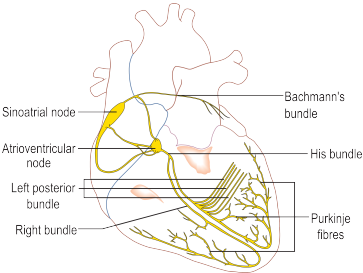
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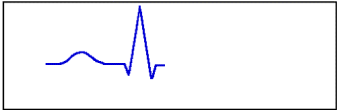
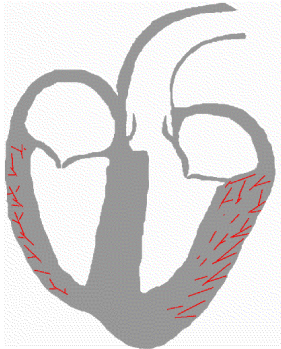
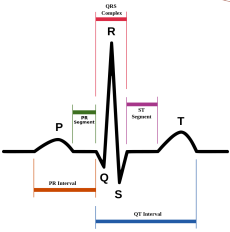
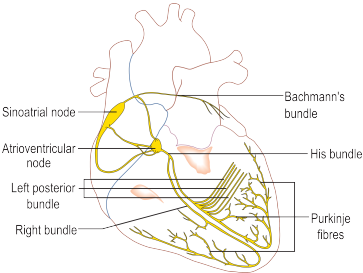
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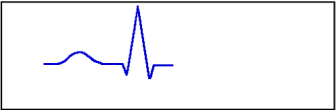
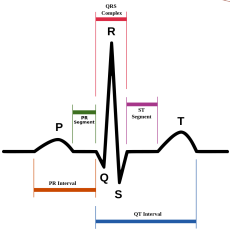
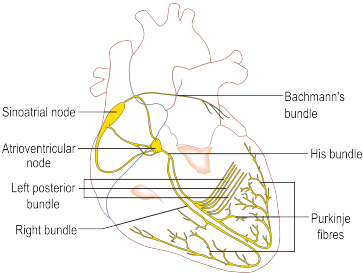


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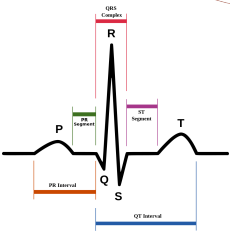
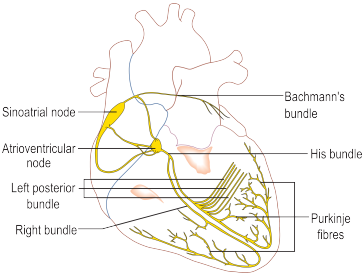
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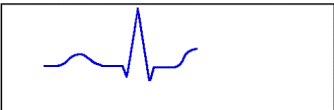
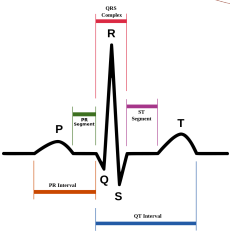
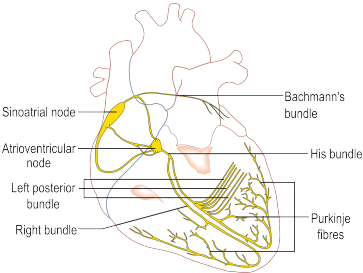
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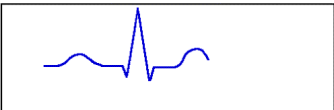
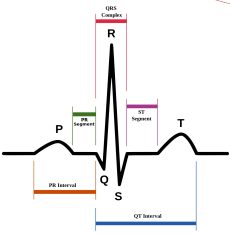
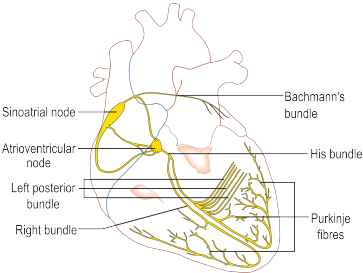
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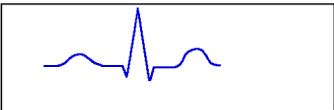
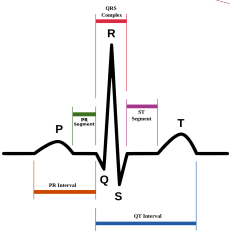
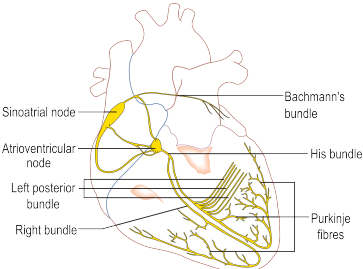
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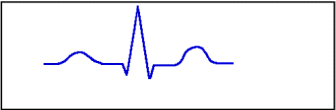
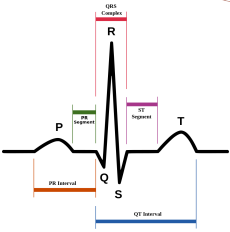
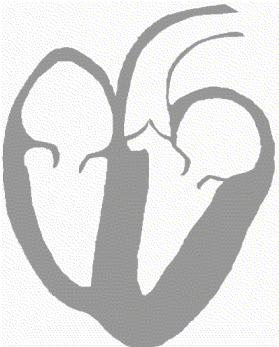
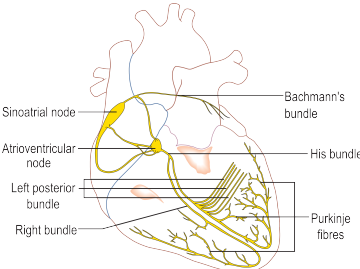
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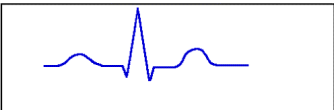
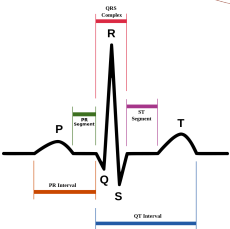
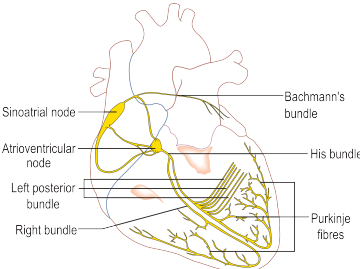
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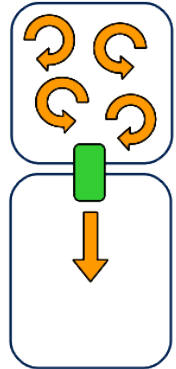


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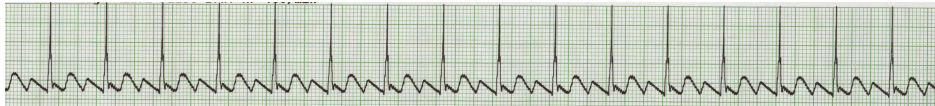
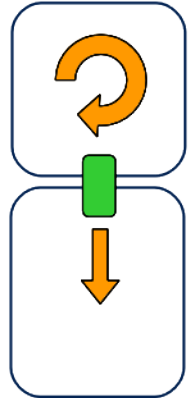
# Atrial Fibrillation

- Regular electric impulses are overwhelmed by disorganized ones (non-constant frequency)



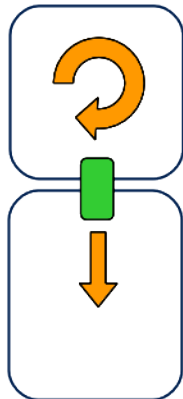
# Atrial Flutter

- Regular electric impulses (constant frequency) in the atria, may be filtered
- Makes sense: pumping inefficient if too fast



# Atypical Atrial Flutter

- But: filter may also result in irregular signal!
- Something happening in the AV node?!?



# Summary of the decision problem

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- Two possible reasons for chaotic ECG data (R waves):
  - ① Atrial fibrillation – irregular atrial signal
  - ② Secondary tachycardia – regular atrial signal
  
- Also different treatments!!
  - ① Mainly drug treatments
  - ② Mainly ablation
  
- More and more appearances of irregular flutter as secondary tachycardia after ablation
  
- Why should it be difficult to distinguish them from the ECG?

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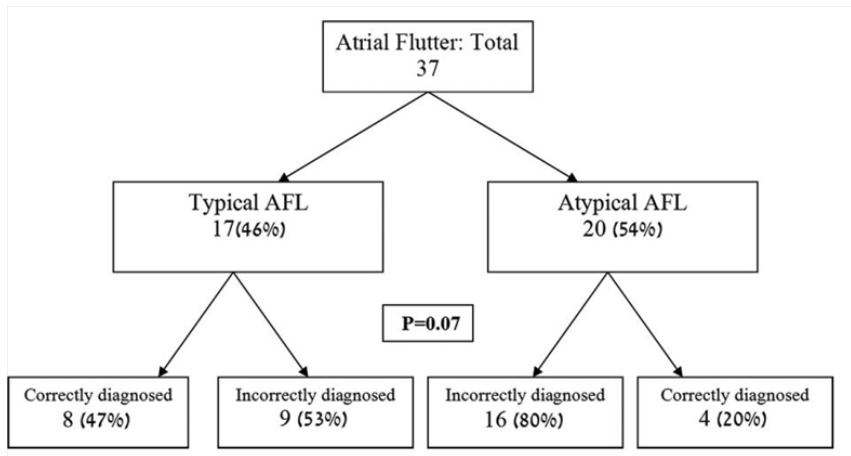
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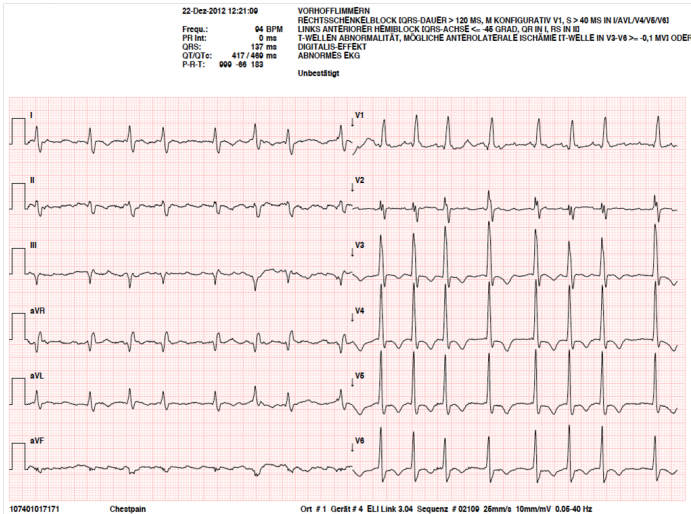
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[Shiyovich et al. 2010 Am J Med Sci]

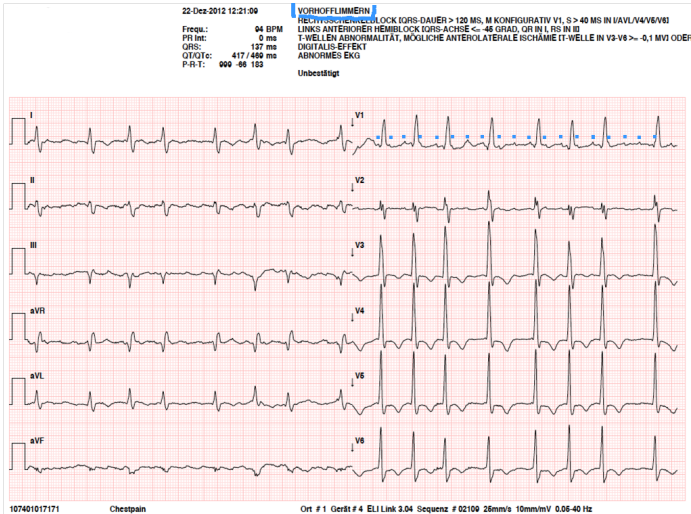


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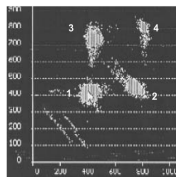
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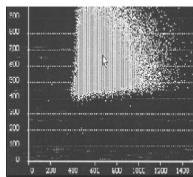
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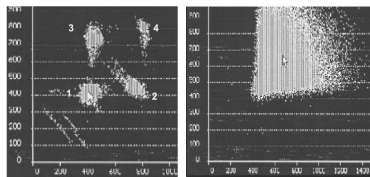


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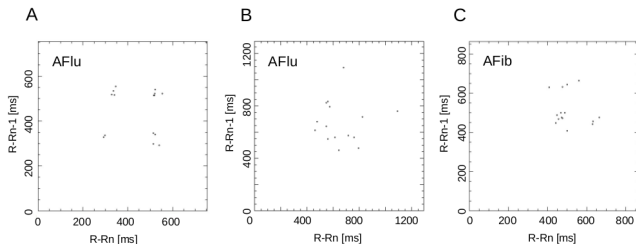
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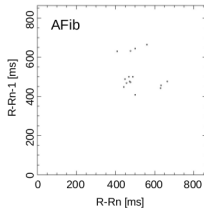
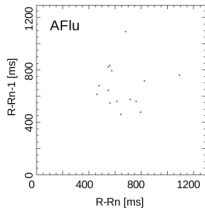
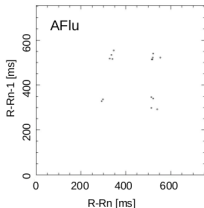
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# The Noble model [Noble, D. 1962 Journal of Physiology]

- ODEs model action potential based on Hodgkin-Huxley equations [Nobel Prize 1963]
- The electrical potential  $V$  across the membrane changes due to ionic currents
- Sodium current in channels  $m$  and  $h$ , potassium current  $n$

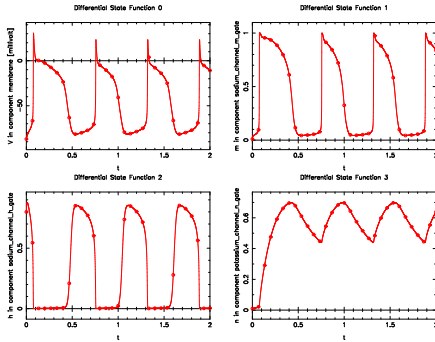
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{i_{Na} + i_K + i_{Leak}}{Cm} = -\frac{(4 \cdot 10^5 m^3 h + 140)(V - E_{Na})}{Cm} - \frac{(1200e^{\frac{-V-90}{50}} + 15e^{\frac{V+90}{60}})(V - E_K) + 1200n^4(V - E_K) + 75(V - E_{An})}{Cm}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{100(-V - 48)}{\exp((-V - 48)/15) - 1}(1 - m) - \frac{120(V + 8)}{\exp((V + 8)/5) - 1}m$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 170 \exp\left(\frac{-V - 90}{20}\right)(1 - h) - \frac{1000}{1 + \exp((-V - 42)/10)}h$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{0.1(-V - 50)}{\exp((-V - 50)/10) - 1}(1 - n) - \exp\left(\frac{-V - 90}{80}\right)n$$

# Simulation of Noble model [Noble, D. 1962 Journal of Physiology]



- Successfully predicted several (unknown) phenomena
- Many extensions, models with  $\approx 100$  states or PDEs [D. Noble, 2012]
- One extension: **calcium ion channels**
- Tough optimization problems [Lebedez & Sager, Physical Review Letters, 2005]

# Phenomenological approach

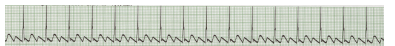
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- Idea: let us look at simpler phenomenological models
- Well known in medicine: different kinds of AV blocks

Type **Mobitz I**



3:1

Type Mobitz II (**Wenckebach**)  
Linear prolongation of intervals

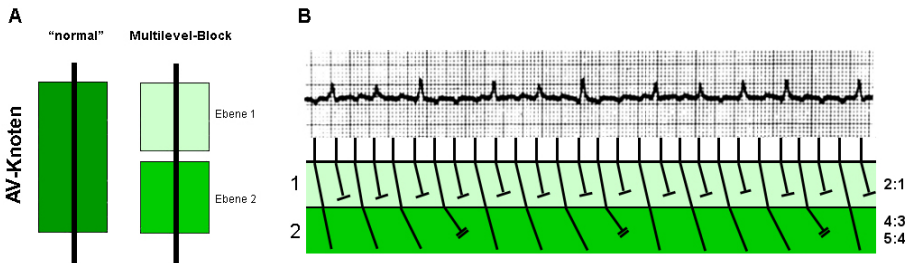


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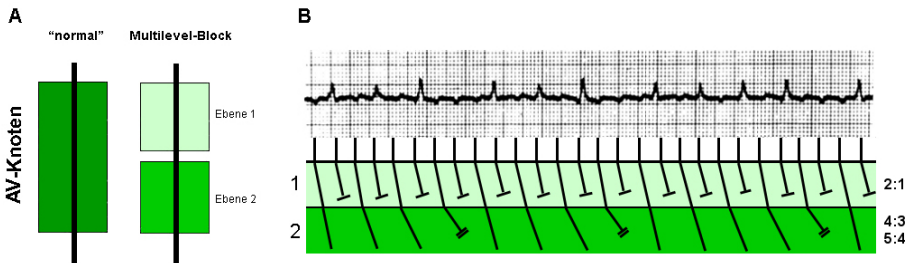
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- 1912: Detection of ventricular arrhythmia for atrial flutter
- 1950: Implication of two block levels
- 1975: first EPU indicating localisation of block (= AV node!)
- 1976: Called “Multilevel AV-Block” [Kosowsky et al. 1976 Circulation]
- 1982: last high-impact paper on this topic

# Simulation of Mobitz block

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**Input** :  $n_\alpha$  incoming time points  $\alpha_i$ , transit data  $\tau_{\text{con}}$

**Output**:  $n_\beta$  time points  $\beta_j$  after Mobitz-type block

**begin**

$j := 1, r := 0;$

**for**  $i = 1 \dots n_\alpha$  **do**

        /\* Signal can be processed \*/

**if**  $\alpha_i + \tau_{\text{con}} \geq r$  **then**

$\beta_j = \alpha_i + \tau_{\text{con}};$

$r = \beta_j + \tau_{\text{ref}};$

$j = j + 1;$

$n_\beta = j - 1;$

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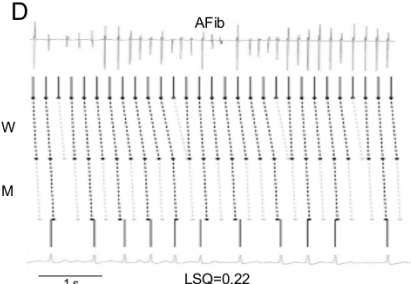
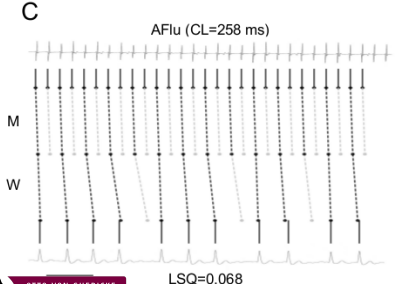
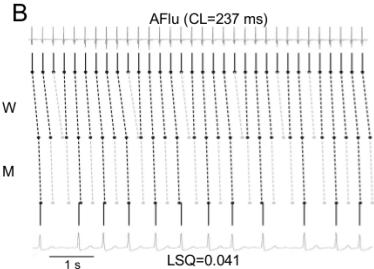
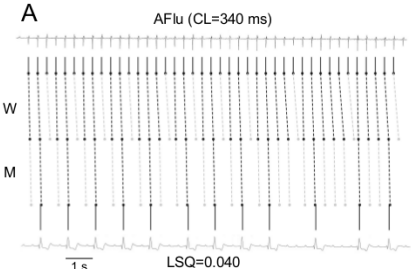
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  - Objective high  $\Rightarrow$  indication for **atrial fibrillation**

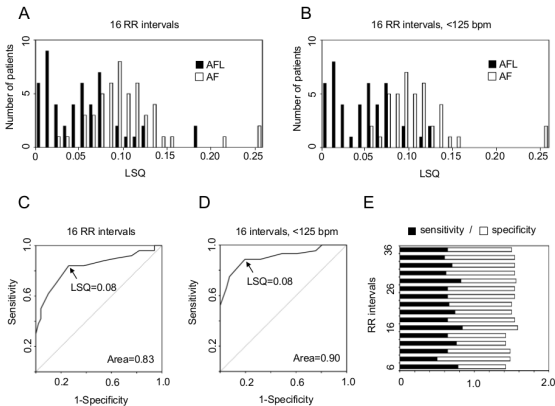
# Discrimination Examples

[Scholz et al., Heart Rhythm, 2014]




# Discrimination Results [Scholz et al., Heart Rhythm, 2014]

- Based on ECG data of  $\approx 100$  patients in Heidelberg
- Comparison to **intracardiac measurements**, verified by two experts
- Sensitivity 79%, specificity 100%. RR statistics only 58% / 24%!



# Mathematical algorithms in clinical practice




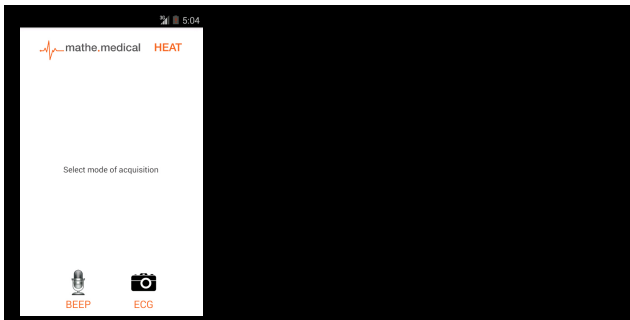
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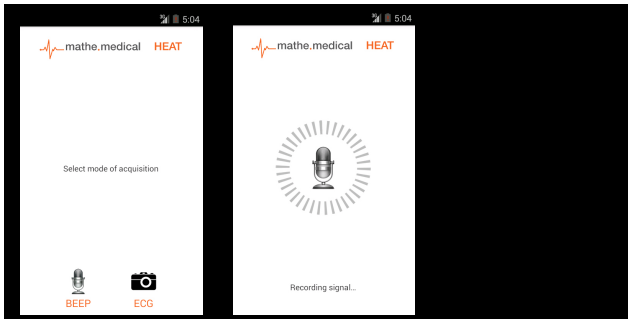
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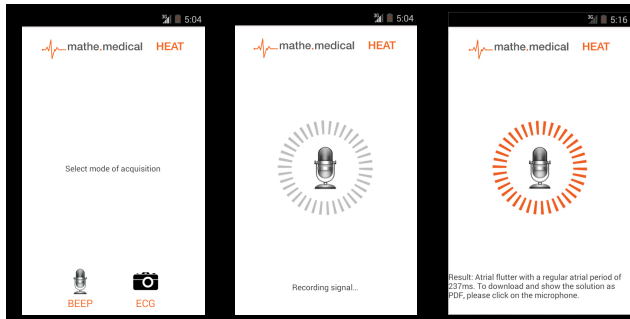
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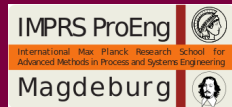
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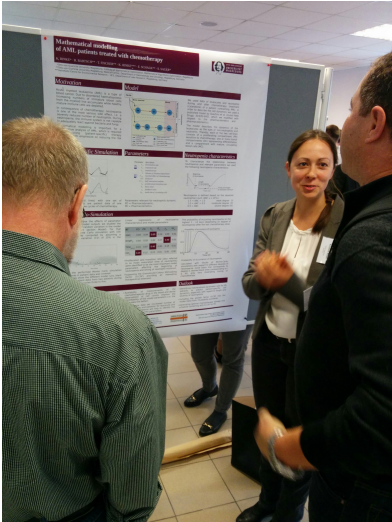
# Mathematical modelling and simulation of Acute Myeloid Leukemia



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# Poster session yesterday



# General remarks: chemotherapy planning

Obviously cancer growth is a complex dynamic process:

- Dynamic
- Nonlinear
- Delays
- High-dimensional
- Conflicting objectives
- Hard constraints
- Interaction with angiogenesis, immune-system, cell survival, ...



Intuition: optimal control should be able to help  
giving decision support for oncologists!

- Literature survey: how useful are models?
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Idea:

- Maximize tumor size at the end with **same amount of drugs?**
- Allows comparison with minimization → **potential of timing!**

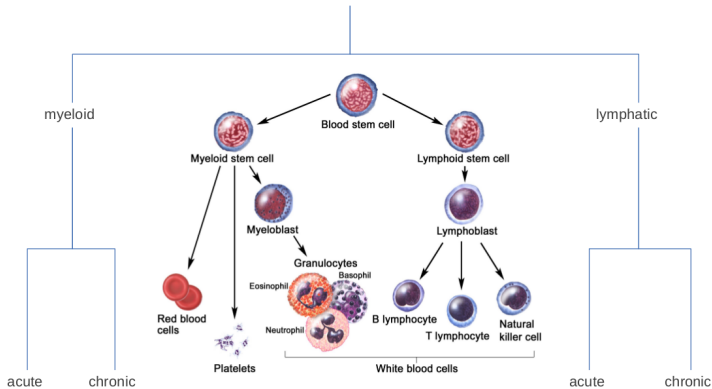
Showed: very dependent on mathematical model, but worth the effort!

# Acute myeloid leukemia

**Leukemia:** abnormal increase of immature white blood cells called “blasts”

**Myeloid:** relates to granulocyte precursor (blood-forming) cells in bone marrow

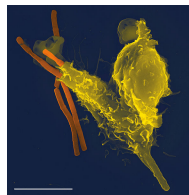
**Acute:** characterized by rapid increase; bone marrow is unable to produce healthy blood cells and an immediate treatment is required



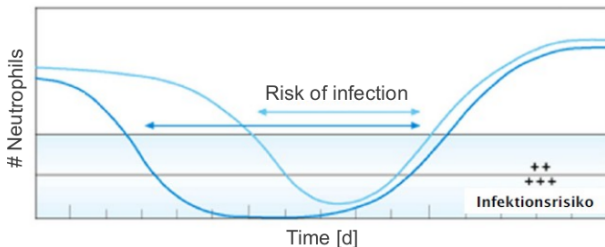
# Neutropenia in AML

## Neutrophils

- form an essential part of the innate immune system
- can ingest other cells (e.g. invasive bacteria)

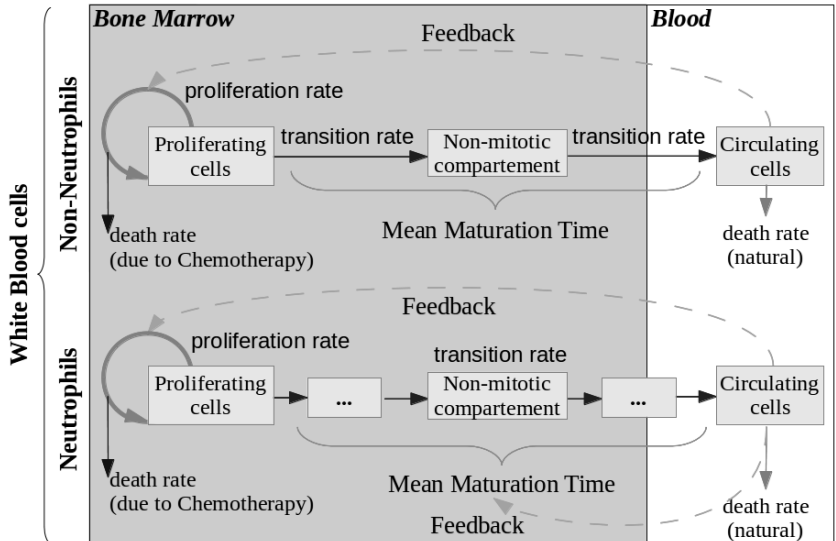


During AML Therapy:



# Schematic Mathematical Model

[based on Quartino2012, Pefani2013]



# Modeling neutropenia during chemotherapy

Pharmacokinetic model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_0 &= -k_{10} \cdot x_0 - k_{12} \cdot x_0 + k_{21} \cdot x_1 + \text{Chemotherapy} \\ \dot{x}_1 &= k_{12} \cdot x_0 - k_{21} \cdot x_1\end{aligned}$$

Pharmacodynamic model

$$E = \frac{E_{max} \cdot x_0^{hill}}{EC_{50}^{hill} + x_0^{hill}}$$

Cell dynamic model

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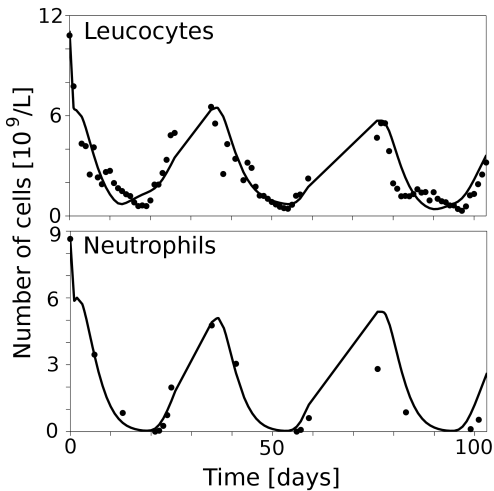
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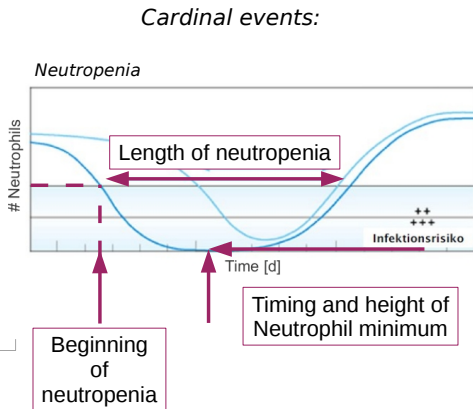
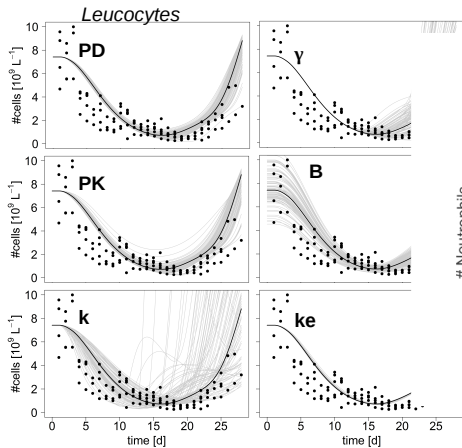
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PD	$k_{10}$ Elimination rate
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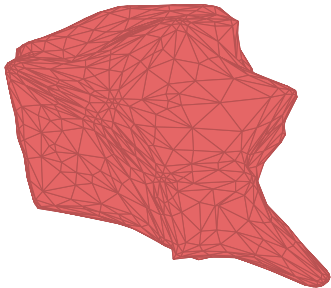


- Certain heart area needs ablation to avoid extrasystoles
- Common practice: measure time delay of wave at several points
- Search (based on experience and trial-and-error) source area
  
- Idea: can we minimize the number of measurements?

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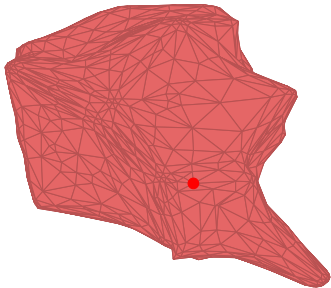
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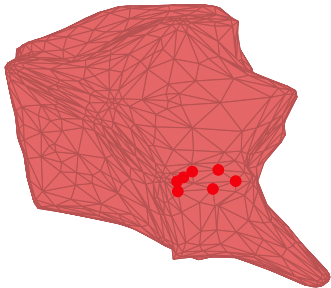
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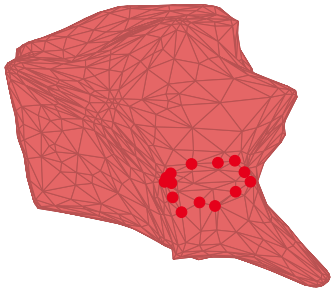
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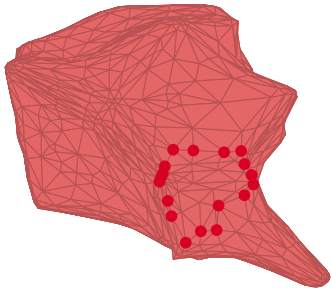
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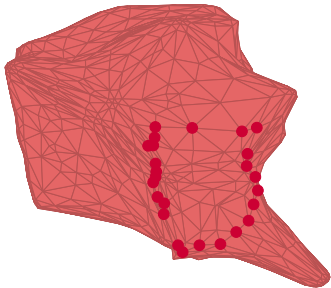
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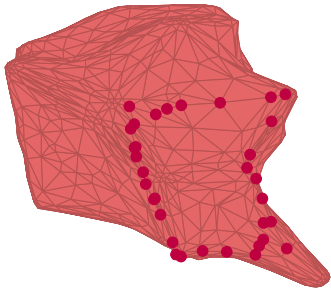
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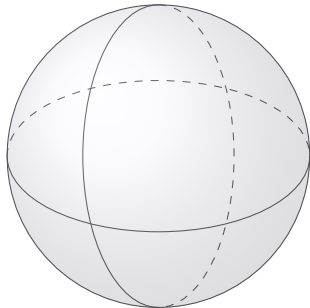
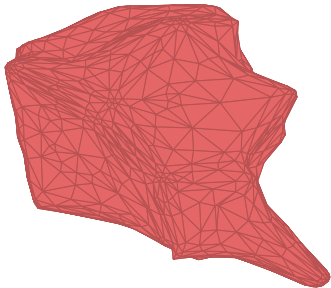




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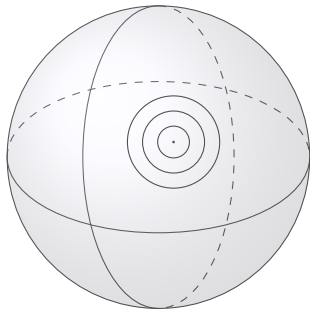
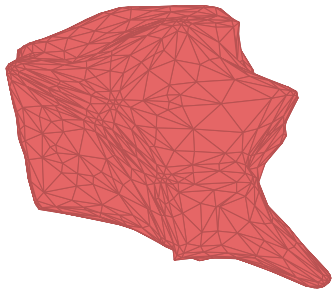
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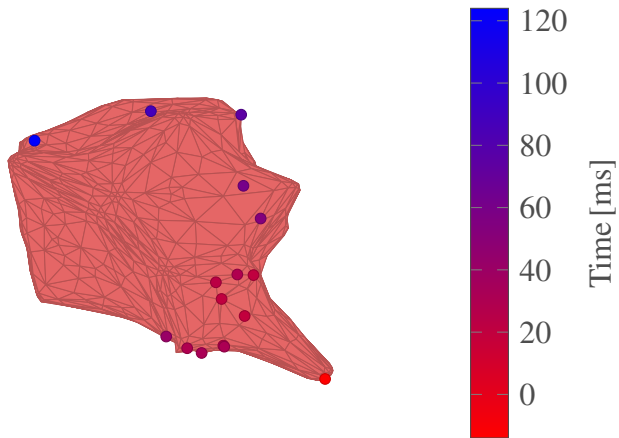
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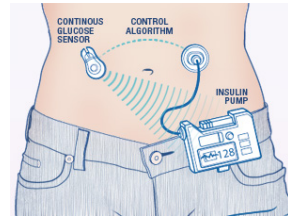
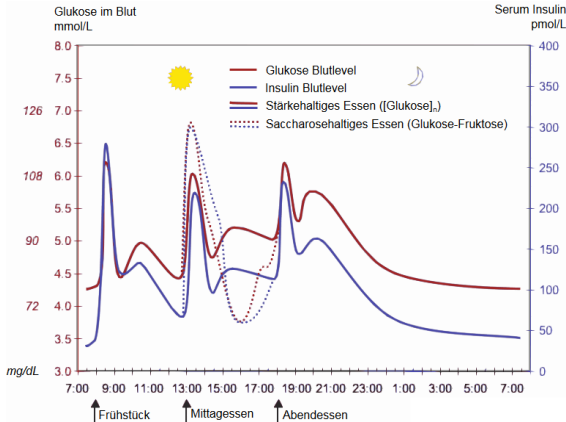


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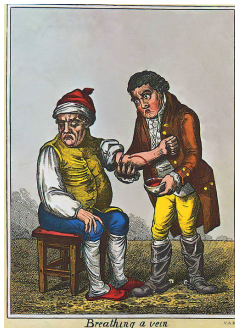
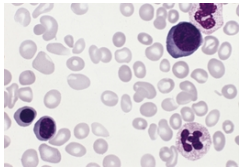
# Optimal control of insulin pumps

- Automatic control already used in practice
- Do this adaptively / optimally?



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- neoplasm in which the bone marrow makes too many red blood cells
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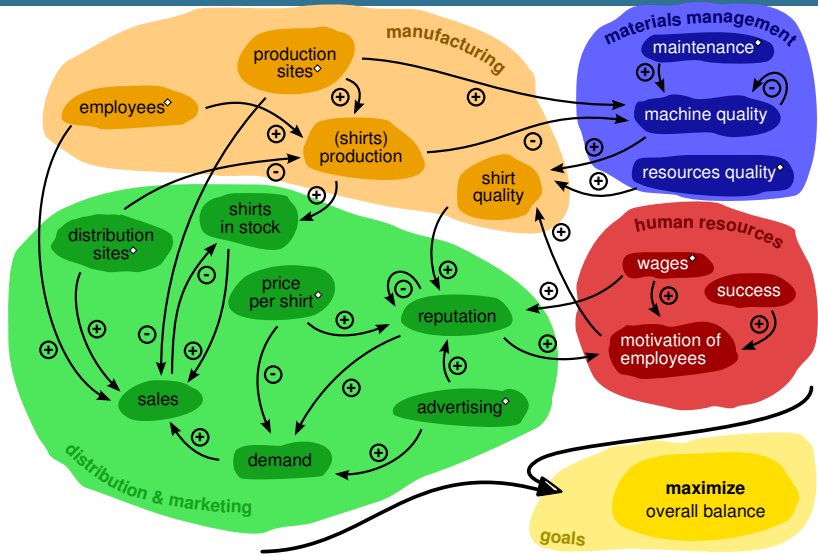
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- Round-based scenario
- Aim: maximize overall capital of company



Diamonds indicate influence of participant's decisions.



# IWR Tailorshop web interface

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "welde.iwr.uni-heidelberg.de/index.php". The page title is "Company status - IWR Tailorshop - Mozilla Firefox". The main content area features the "IWR Tailorshop" logo and a navigation menu with links for "Michael Engelhart | Logout", "Save login", "Highscore", "Legal information", and "Language".

**Hints**  
Your aim is to maximize the company's value at the end of Month 10. Make your decisions for the benefit of the company and press "Proceed to next month!" However, there will be some constraints on the possible interventions.

**Company and market data**

Employees	42	Shirts in stock	0	Machine quality	64.7
Production sites	2	Production	467	Shirt quality	82.7
Distribution sites	7	Sales	467	Motivation of employees	67.2
Capital	90147	Demand	3230	Reputation	52.5

**Company value: 90147**

**Intervention**

Shirt price	42	Maintenance	267	Production sites	create: 0, close: 0
Advertising	1337	Resources quality	100%	Distribution sites	create: 0, close: 0
Wages	1451	Employees	recruit: 0, dismiss: 0		

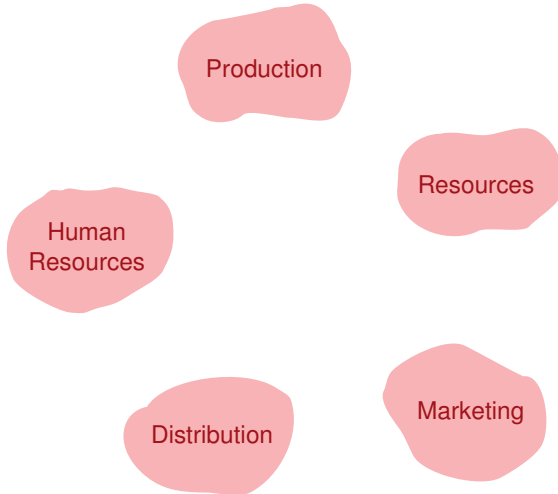
Month 5 / Round 4 of 4

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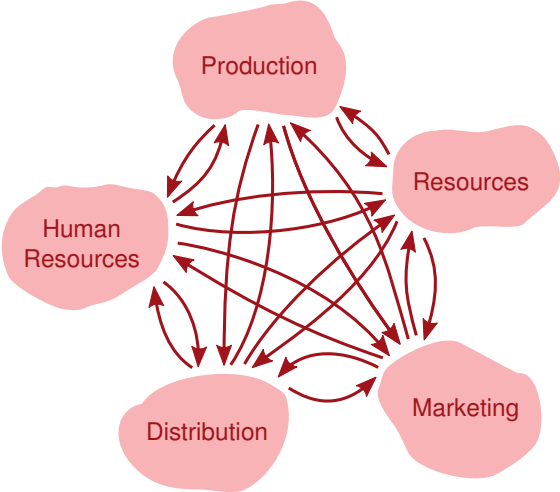
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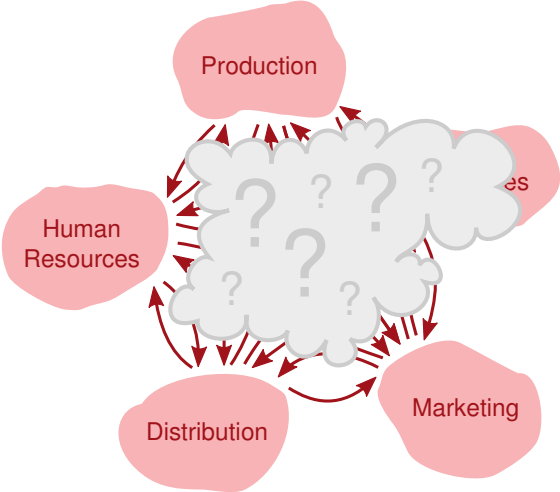
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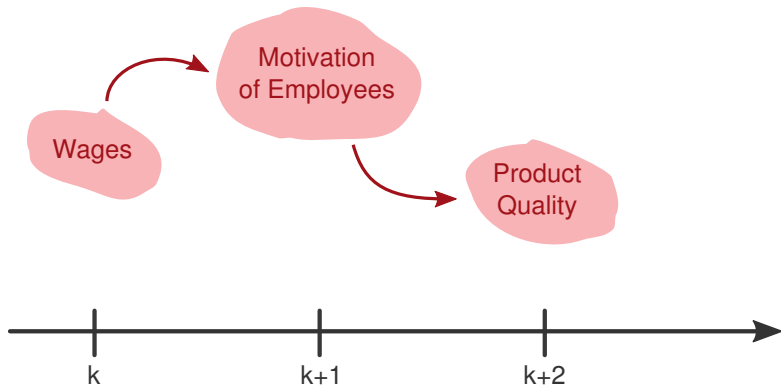
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# Complex Problems: mixed-integer decisions

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- Continuous decisions, e.g., wages
- Discrete decisions, e.g., open/close a distribution site

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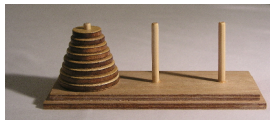
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- Simple test-scenarios (e.g. **Tower of Hanoi**):  
optimal solution known
- Complex test-scenarios:  
optimal solution **unknown**
- **Third:** can optimal solutions be used for **training**?



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    - Compare participant's performance to optimal solution
    - Provide feedback on better choice for learning

# IWR Tailorshop states

States	Variable	Unit
employees	$x^{EM}$	person(s)
production sites	$x^{PS}$	site(s)
distribution sites	$x^{DS}$	site(s)
shirts in stock	$x^{SH}$	shirt(s)
production	$x^{PR}$	shirt(s)
sales	$x^{SA}$	shirt(s)
demand	$x^{DE}$	shirt(s)
reputation	$x^{RE}$	—
shirts quality	$x^{SQ}$	—
machine quality	$x^{MQ}$	—
motivation of employees	$x^{MO}$	—
capital	$x^{CA}$	M.U.

*M.U.* means monetary units.

# IWR Tailorshop controls

Controls	Variable	Unit
shirt price	$u^{SP}$	M.U./shirt
advertising	$u^{AD}$	M.U.
wages	$u^{WA}$	M.U./person
maintenance	$u^{MA}$	M.U.
resources quality	$u^{RQ}$	—
recruit/dismiss employees	$u^{DEM} / u^{DEM}$	person(s)
create/close production site	$u^{DPS} / u^{DPS}$	site(s)
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# IWR Tailorshop example model equations

State equations:  $x_{k+1} = G(x_k, x_{k+1}, u_k, p)$

$$x_{k+1}^{EM} = x_k^{EM} - u_k^{dEM} + u_k^{DEM}$$

$$x_{k+1}^{DE} = p^{DE,0} \cdot \exp(-p^{DE,1} \cdot u_k^{SP}) \cdot \log(p^{DE,2} \cdot u_k^{AD} + 1) \cdot (x_k^{RE} + p^{DE,3})$$

$$x_{k+1}^{SA} = \min \left\{ p^{SA,0} \cdot x_{k+1}^{DS} \cdot \log \left( \frac{p^{SA,1} \cdot x_{k+1}^{EM}}{x_{k+1}^{PS} + x_{k+1}^{DS} + p^{SA,2}} + 1 \right); x_k^{SH} + x_{k+1}^{PR}; p^{SA,3} \cdot x_{k+1}^{DE} \right\}$$

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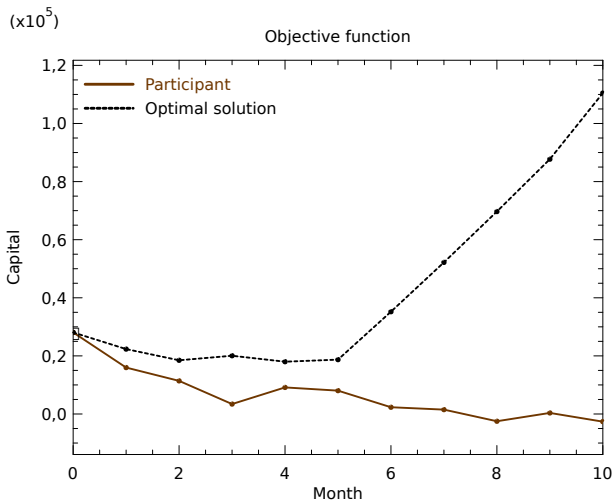
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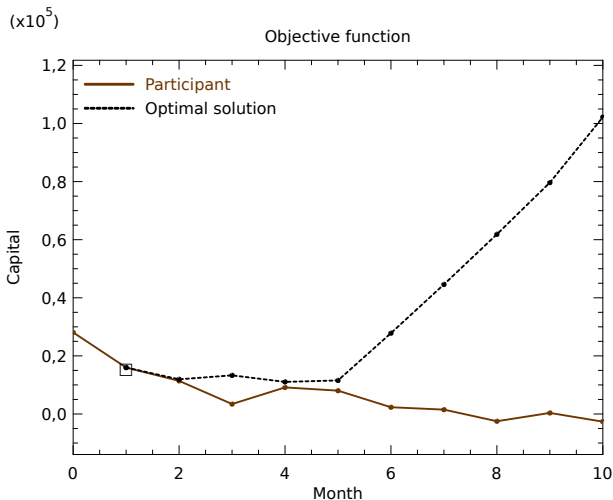
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- Dynamic model with discrete time  $k = 0 \dots N$
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- Starting at month  $n_s$  with same data  $x_{n_s}^p$  as participant
- Need to solve  $N - 1$  optimization problems per participant

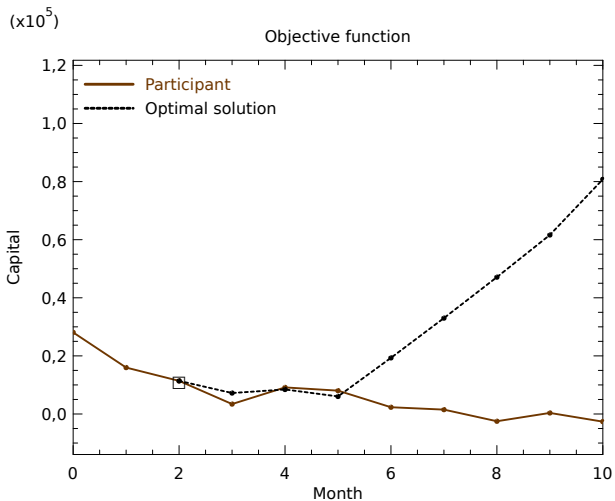
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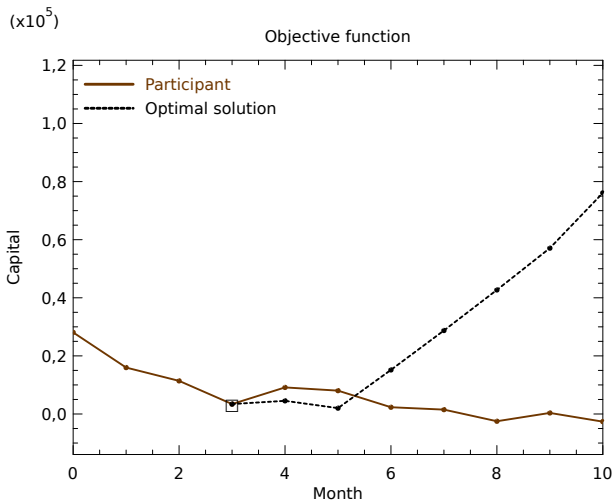
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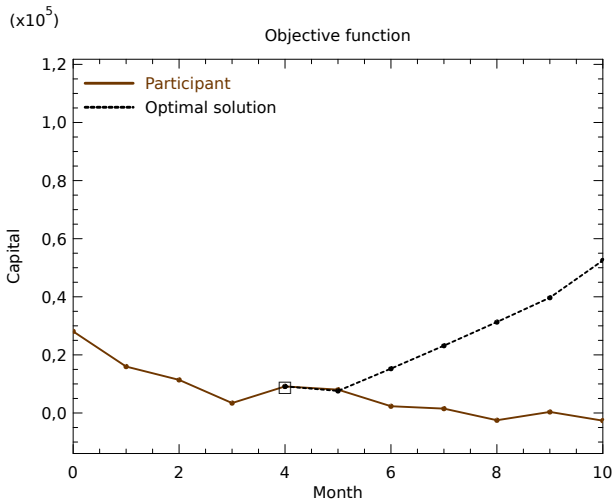
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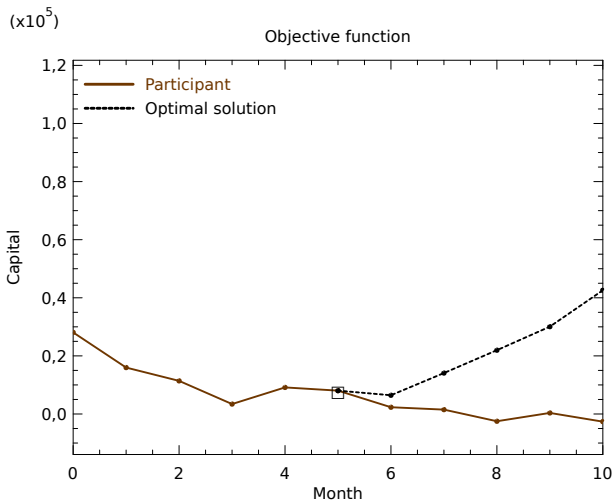
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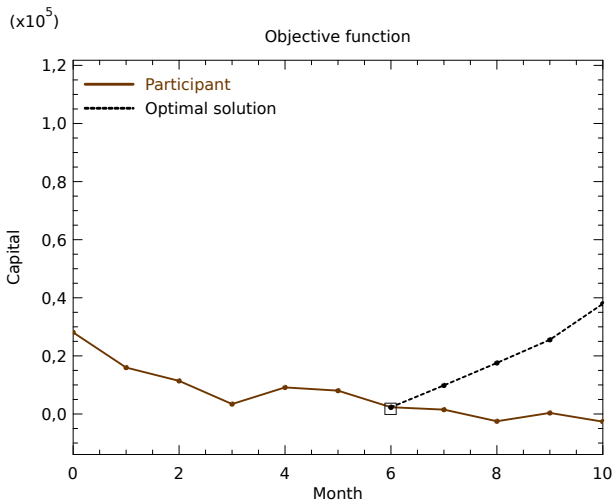


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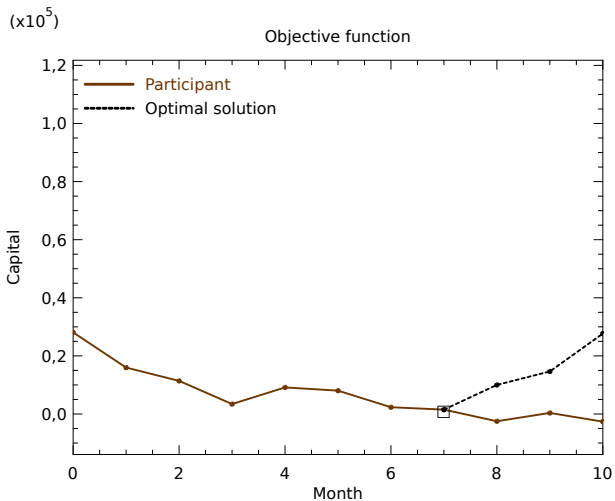




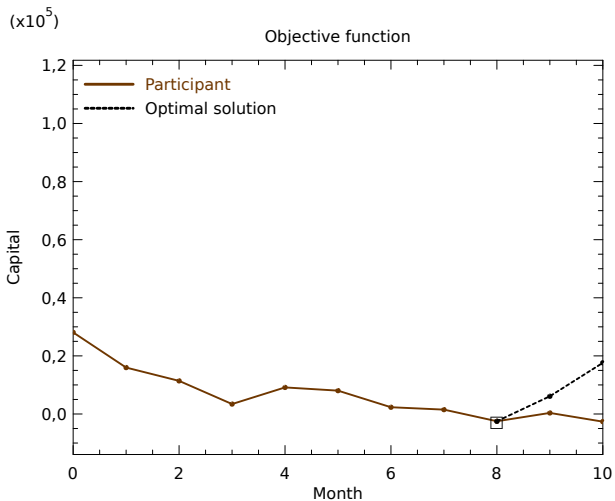
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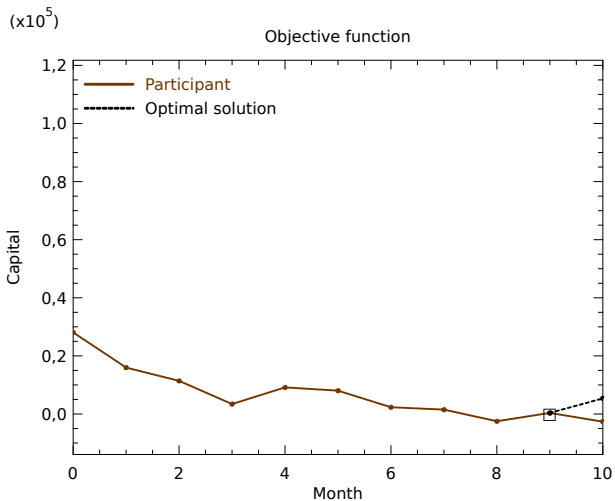
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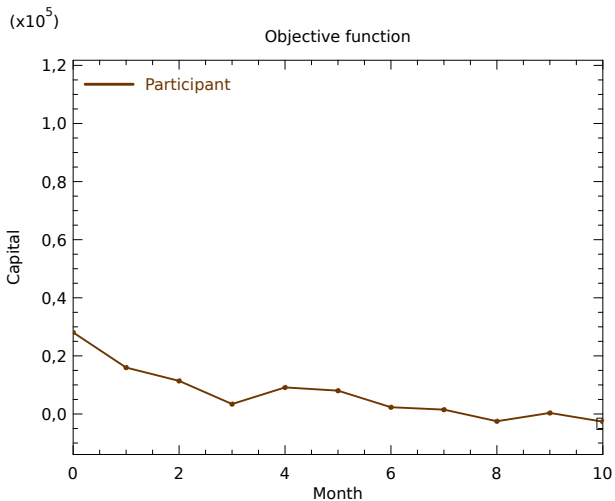
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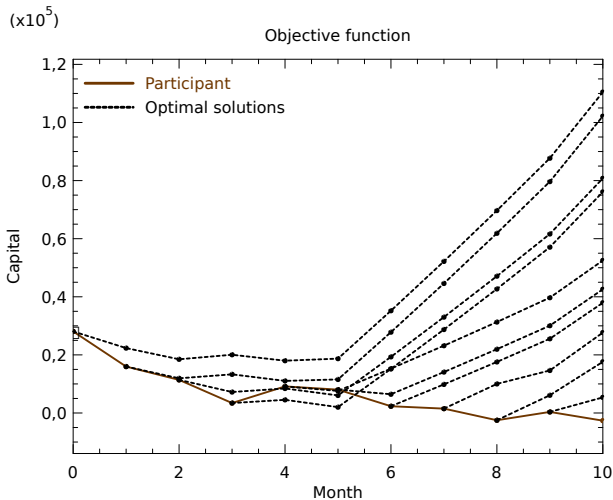
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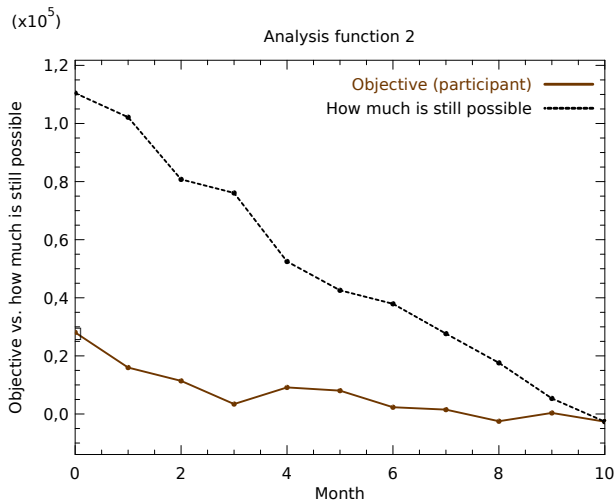
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# How Much Is Still Possible



# Second use of optimization: analysis

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Have to work a little ( $N$  optimization problems) to get it. But:

- provides **objective performance measure**
- allows time- and decision-specific analysis of what went wrong
- **Details in** [S., Barth, Diedam, Engelhart, Funke, *Optimization as an analysis tool for human complex problem solving*, SIAM Journal of Optimization, 2011]



# Third use: Optimization-based Feedback

OPTIMIZATION

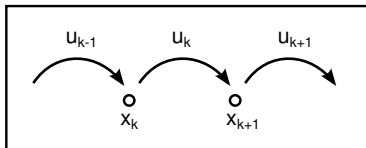
FEEDBACK

## A Start optimization in $x_{k+1}$

Identical to the start values, the participant will have for next decisions  $u_{k+1}$

## B Start optimization in $x_k$ , fix decisions $u_k$ with constraints

Artificial constraints for  $u_k$  yield sensitivities



## 1 Highlight variables

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## 2 Show arrows

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## 3 Toggle values

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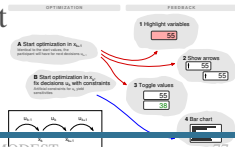
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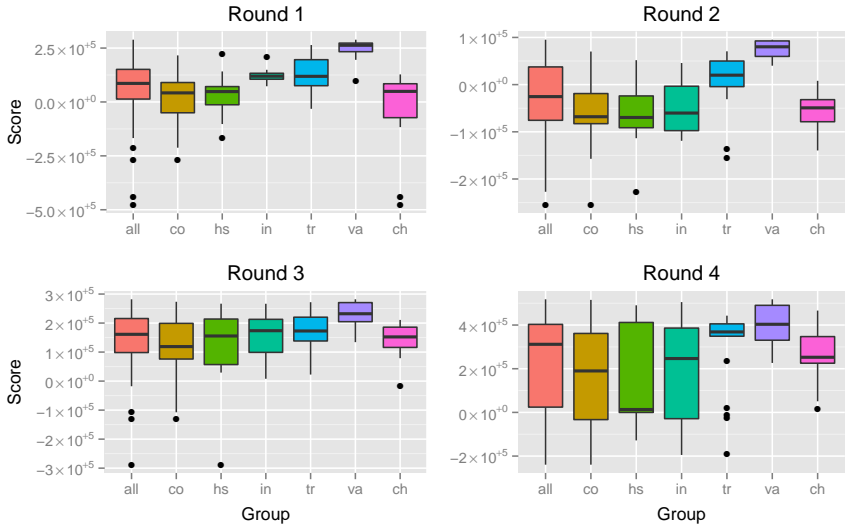
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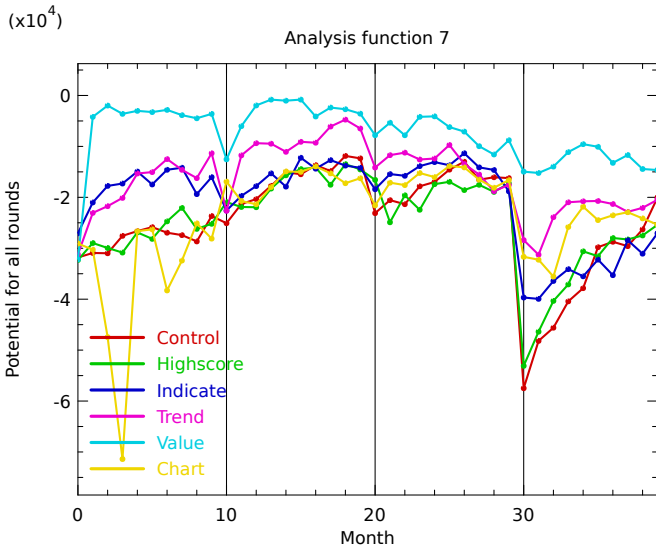
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control, highscore, highlight, arrows, value, chart



# Study results: feedback groups



# Study results: use of potential



- | Hypothesis   | Proved |
|--|--------|
| (A) participants with opt.-based feedback perform better overall               | ✓      |
| (B) participants with opt.-based feedback perform better in feedback rounds    | ✓      |
| (C) participants with opt.-based feedback perform better in performance rounds | ✓      |
| (D) control group performs worst   | —      |
| (E) control group performs worse than opt.-based groups in performance rounds  | ✓      |
| (F) trend group performs best overall  | —      |
| (G) trend group performs best in performance rounds                            | —      |
| (H) value group performs best in feedback rounds                               | ✓      |

- |     |   |     |
|-----|---|-----|
| (I) | value group performs better in feedback rounds, worse in performance rounds | (✓) |
| (J) | participants with high BFI-10 values perform worse/better                   | —   |
| (K) | participants who play computer games regularly perform better               | ✓   |
| (L) | participants interested in economics perform better                         | ✓   |
| (M) | participants who solve problems systematically perform better               | ✓   |
| (N) | control group needs more time than opt.-based feedback groups               | —   |
| (O) | <b>well-performers know more about the model</b>                            | ✓   |



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## Hypothesis

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| (P) | participants who know much about the model, perform well       | ✓   |
| (Q) | value group knows less, trend group knows most about the model | —/✓ |
| (1) | participants learn to control the model                        | ✓   |
| (2) | learning function is approximately logarithmic                 | —   |
| (3) | optimization-based feedback groups learn faster                | (✓) |
| (4) | <i>value</i> group does almost not learn in feedback rounds    | ✓   |
| (5) | <i>trend</i> group learns fastest                              | ✓   |
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| (6)  | participants who learn much, perform well                  | ?          |
| (7)  | participants who perform well, learned much                | ?          |
| (8)  | participants with high model knowledge learned more        | ✓          |
| (9)  | initial performance is not important for final performance | ✓          |
| (10) | <b>chart group suffered from feedback</b>                  | <b>(✓)</b> |
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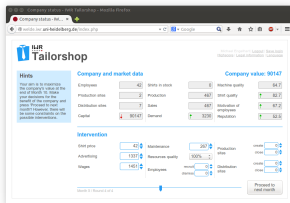
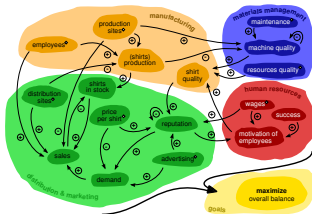
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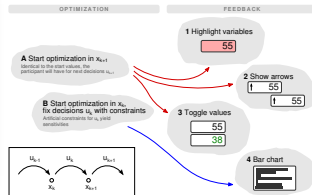
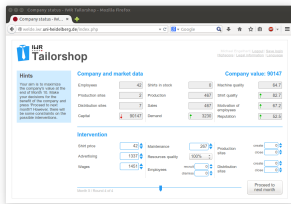
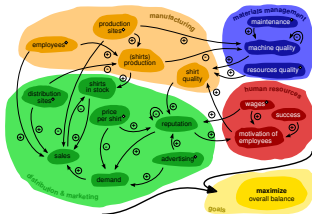
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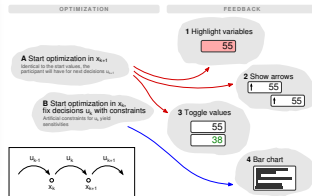
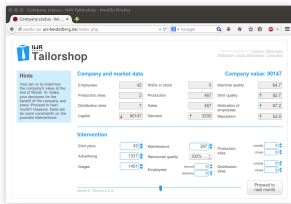
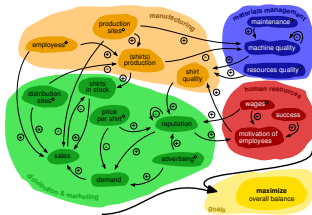


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- Optimization 1) to design microworld 2) to analyze 3) to train
- Online study with 100 participants:
  - Participants with optimization feedback in training rounds perform better and have more model knowledge!
  - But depends on type of feedback! General effect? → future work!
- Goal: use same approach for analysis and training of medical decision making

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- Challenging MINLPs solved by tailored decomposition
- Web-based study with 100 complete datasets:  
optimization-based feedback can make a significant difference
  
- Details can be found in:
  - [Engelhart, Funke, S., *A Decomposition Approach for a New Test-Scenario in Complex Problem Solving*, **Journal of Computational Science**, 2013]
  - [S., Barth, Diedam, Engelhart, Funke, *Optimization as an analysis tool for human complex problem solving*, **SIAM Journal of Optimization**, 2011]
  - [Engelhart, PhD thesis, University of Heidelberg, 2015]

# Outline

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# Summary

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- Interested in **dynamic** processes
- Approach:
  - Find mathematical model (variables, equations, constraints)
  - Calibrate parameters to fit measurements (patient-specific)
  - Optimize over degrees of freedom
  - Interact with medical doctor

# Issues in mixed-integer optimal control

DAE Constraints

Gerds&Sager, 2012

PDE Constraints

Hante&Sager, 2013

Vanishing Constraints

Jung, Kirches, Sager, 2013

Real-time optimization

Kirches et al., 2010

Combinatorial Constraints

Jung, Kirches, Sager, 2011

Mixed-integer optimal control

based on Outer Convexification

Global Optimization

Sager, Claeys, Messine, 2014

Multi-objective

Logist et al., 2010

MINLPs

Belotti, Kirches et al., 2013

Uncertainty

Huscho et al., 2011

Decomposition

Engelhart et al., 2013

Experimental Design

Sager, 2013

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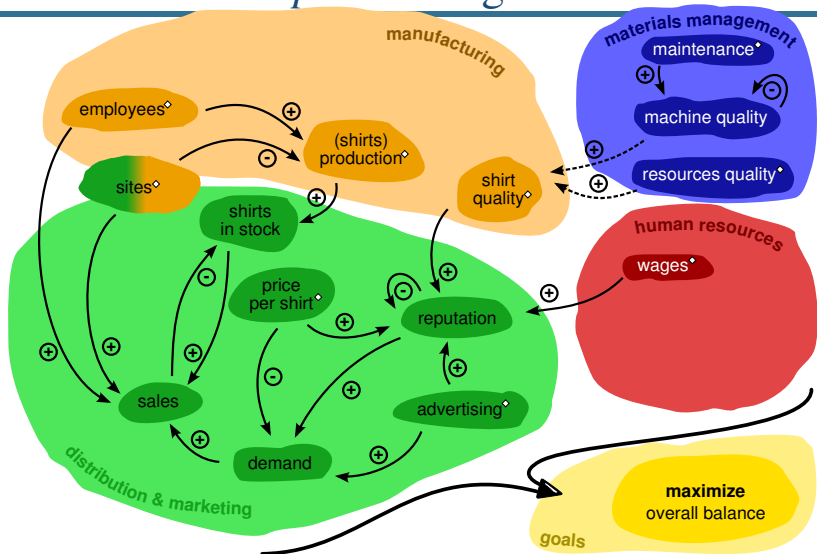
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# The IWR Tailorshop: reducing the model



Diamonds indicate (influence of) free variables.

# Decomposition approach

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- **Idea:** split problem up to get (at least) good upper bound
- Comparable to **Lagrangian Relaxation** approaches
- One **master problem**, several **decoupled problems**
- Coupled via the newly introduced **cost functions**  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  for the decoupled problems

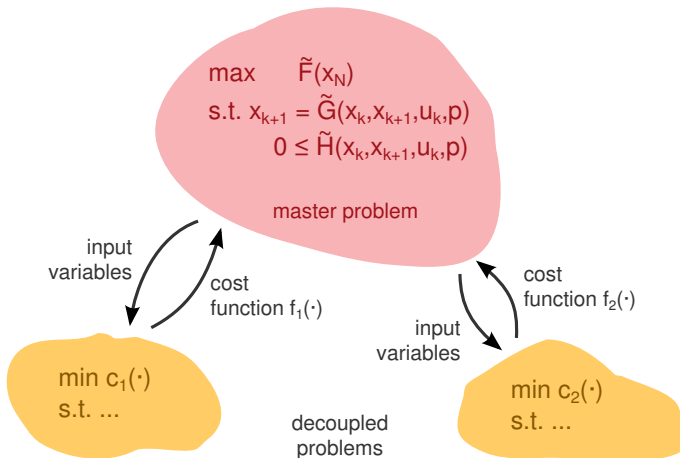
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$\cong$

decomposition

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$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c_1(\cdot) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c_2(\cdot) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Original problem vs. decomposition

$n_x$	Original*	Decomposition*	Gap in %
1	189750.1	198795.0	4.5 %
2	195925.0	208899.3	6.2 %
3	202285.2	219306.8	7.8 %
4	208836.2	230026.5	9.2 %
5	215583.8	241067.7	10.6 %
6	222533.7	252440.2	11.8 %
7	229692.2	264153.9	13.0 %
8	237065.4	276219.0	14.2 %
9	244659.8	288646.0	15.2 %
10	252482.0	301445.9	16.2 %

\* Using *Bonmin* (local solver) for original, *Couenne* (global solver) for decomposition.

Computation times similar ( $\ll 1$  min).