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# Healthcare Systems Engineering as an Improvement Strategy

(Week 1)

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# Objectives

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1. Overview of HSyE
2. Common types of problems and methods
3. Examples
  - a. Simple through advanced
  - b. Micro, meso, macro
4. Discussion and interests



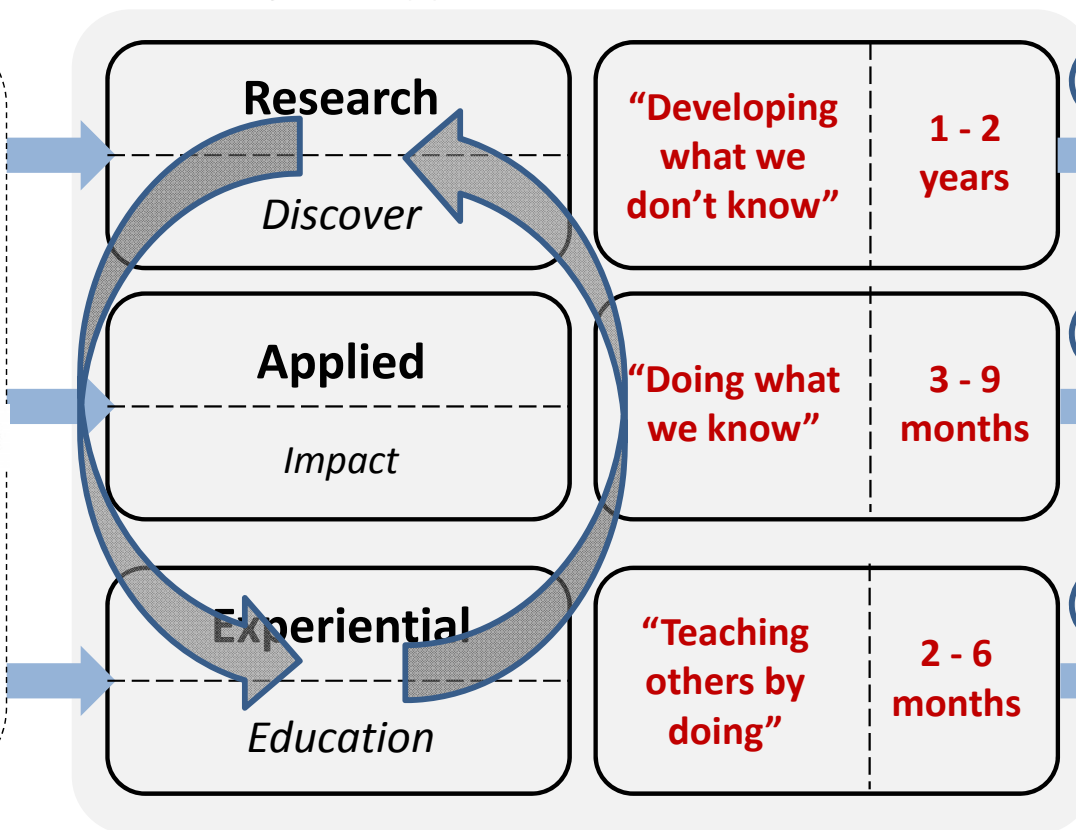
# About me / Healthcare Systems Engineering Institute

**Mission:** Broad measureable impact on health care, nationally, thru integration of research, education, and application of industrial and systems engineering

## Partnerships



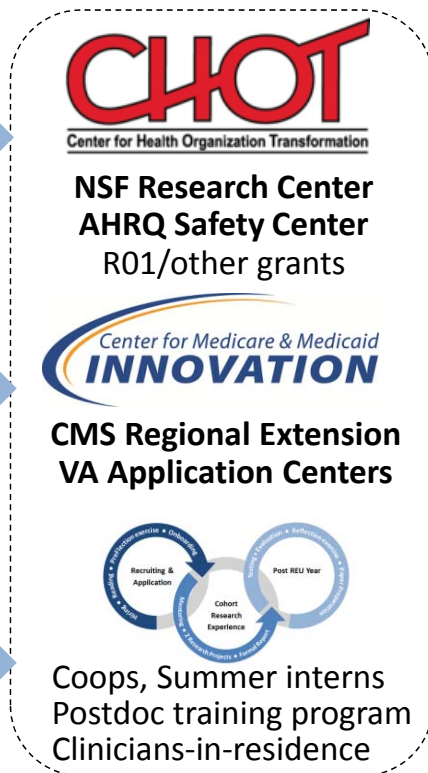
## Project Types



## Criteria

<b>"Developing what we don't know"</b>	<b>1 - 2 years</b>	1
<b>"Doing what we know"</b>	<b>3 - 9 months</b>	2
<b>"Teaching others by doing"</b>	<b>2 - 6 months</b>	3

## Mechanisms

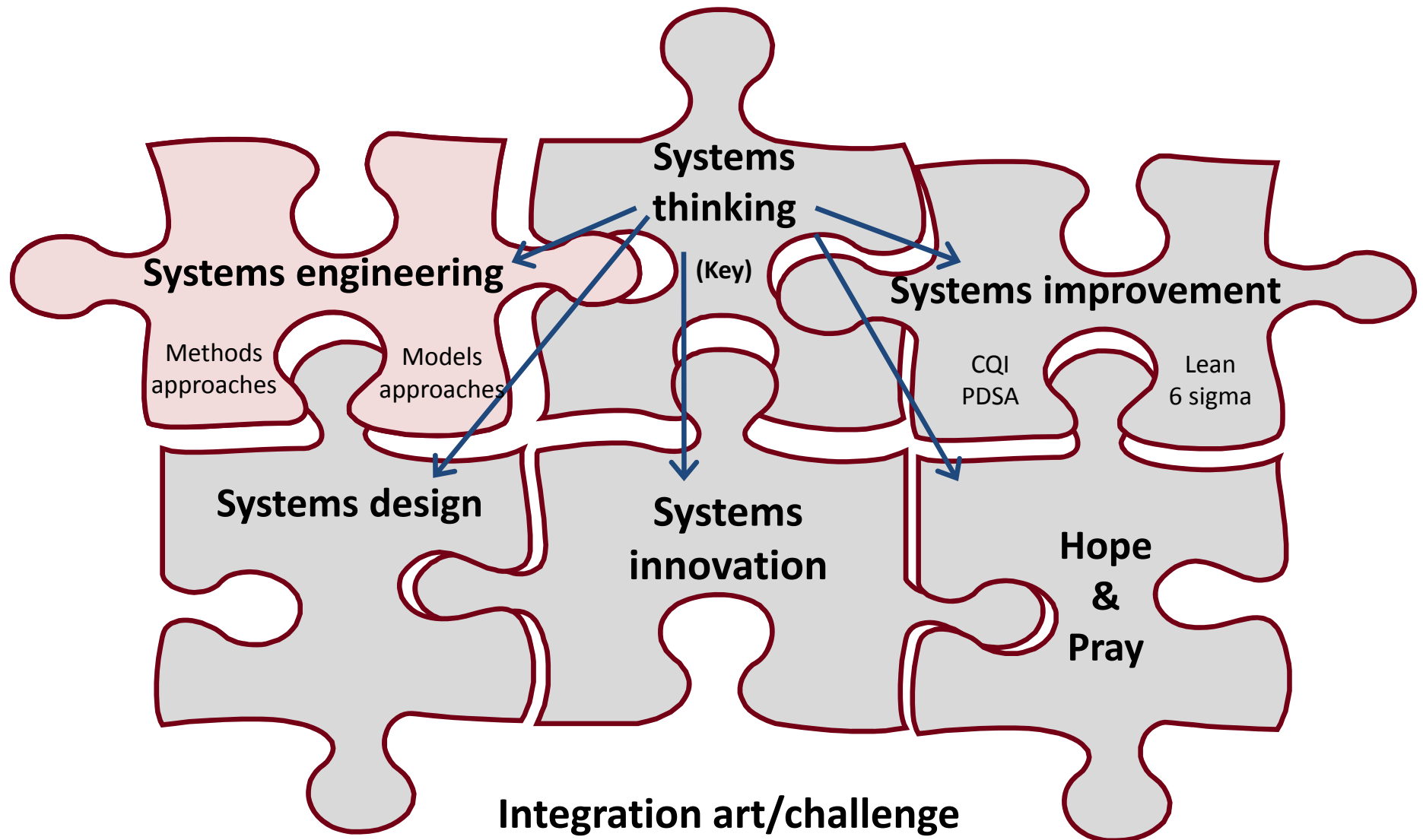


# Systems Engineering

## Introduction



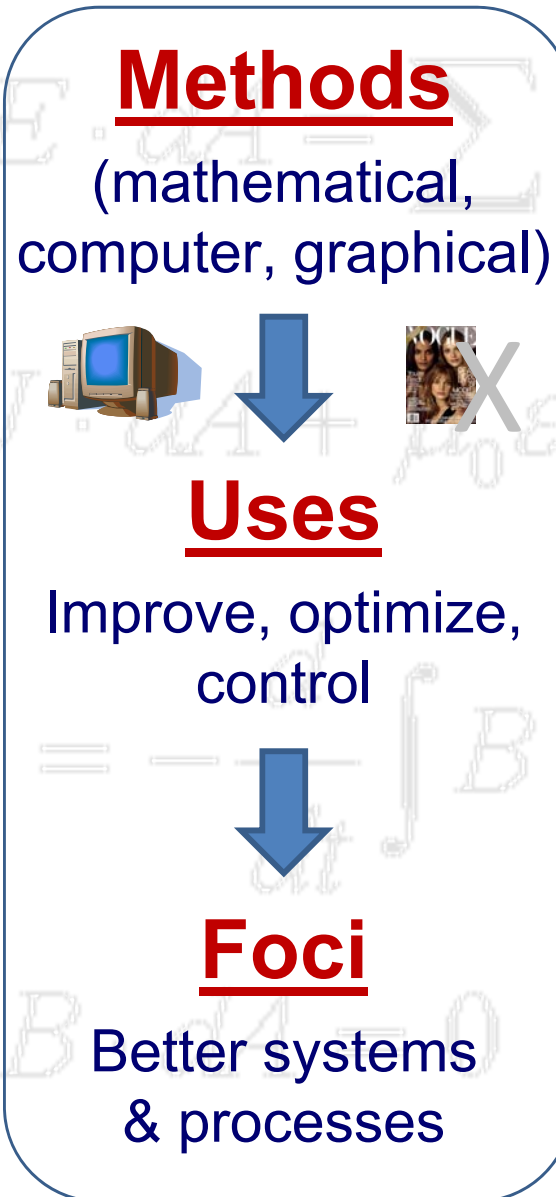
# Ways to improve systems



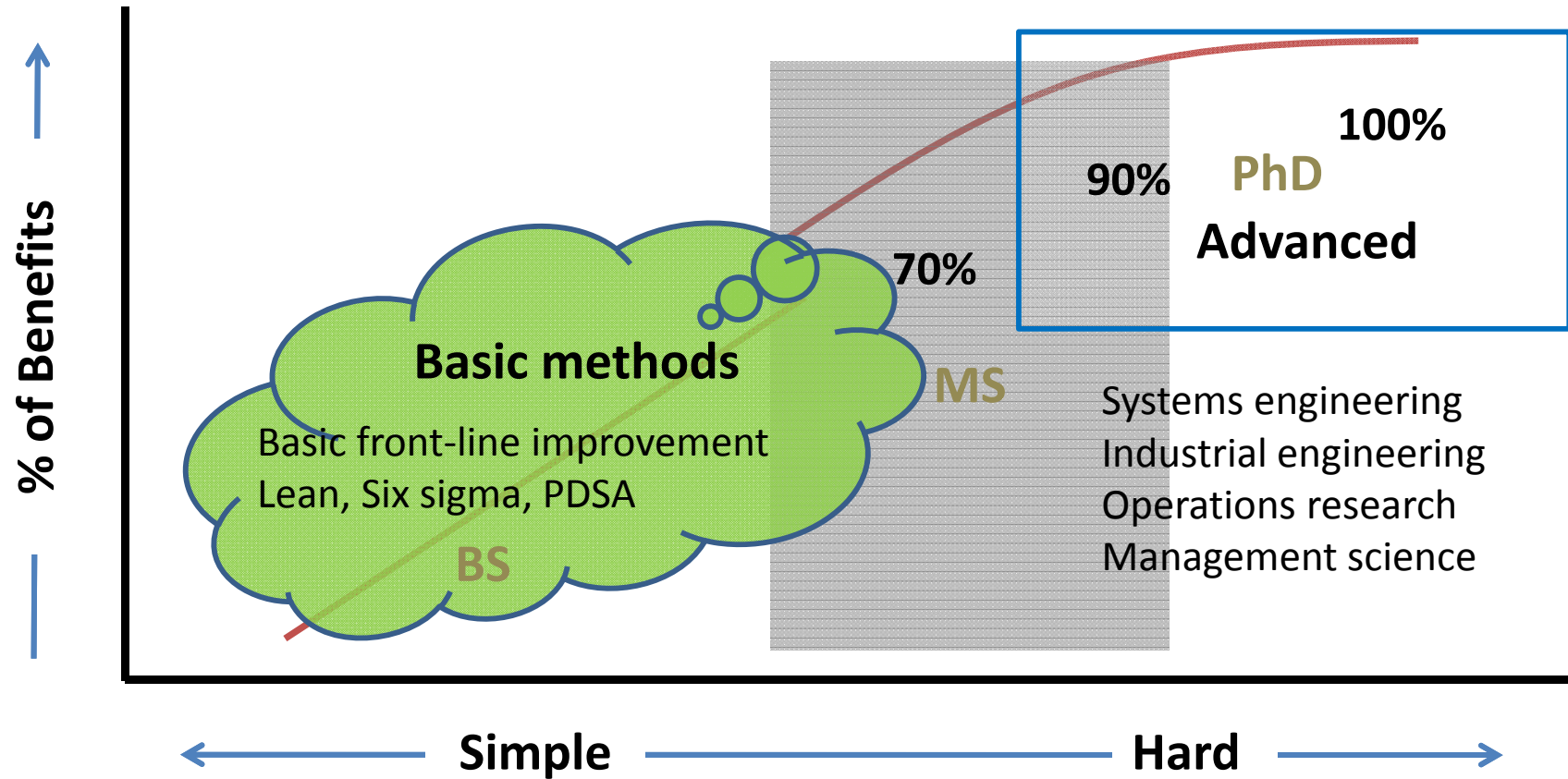
Process and system can be used mostly interchangeably

# What is systems engineering?

- Set of methods to understand, model, improve, and optimize process / system performance
- Used in almost every other complex industry
- Underused in healthcare

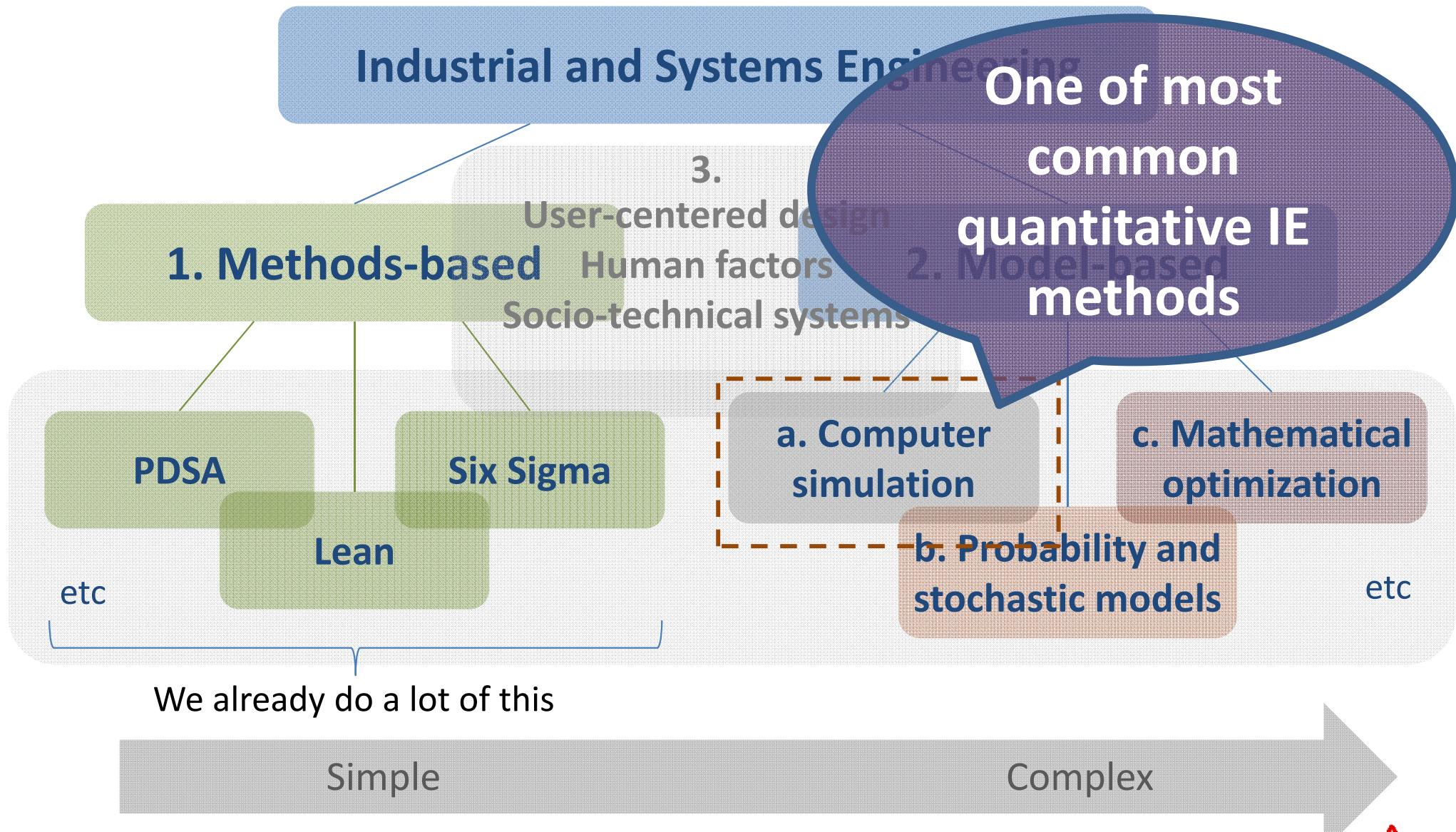


# Range of methods





# What is systems engineering?



# Typical methods



Created by: Office of Performance Improvement, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, with idea from the Standards and Practice Department, Mayo Clinic, 2010

# Typical applications

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## **Logistics & efficiency**

- Inventory and supply chains
- OR scheduling and turn-around
- Academic workforce logistics
- Regional network design
- Real time location systems

## **Patient flow & Access**

- Access, waits and delays
- Patient flow simulation
- Workflow smoothing
- Capacity planning, scheduling, and demand management

## **Medical decision making**

- Treatment optimization
- Screening and diagnostic tests
- Radiation therapy optimization
- Patient shared decision support
- Palliative and hospice care
- Medical alternative evaluation

## **Quality & patient safety**

- Reliable and consistent care
- Adverse events reduction
- Preventable readmissions
- Care continuity
- Human factors engineering
- Quality/improvement science

# Basic QI Methods

recap – more thursday



# Process improvement methods

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Variety of approaches

80%+ problems

Common concepts:

- **Understand** current process
- **Draw picture** of process logic
- **Use data** (before/after)
- **Test** improvement ideas

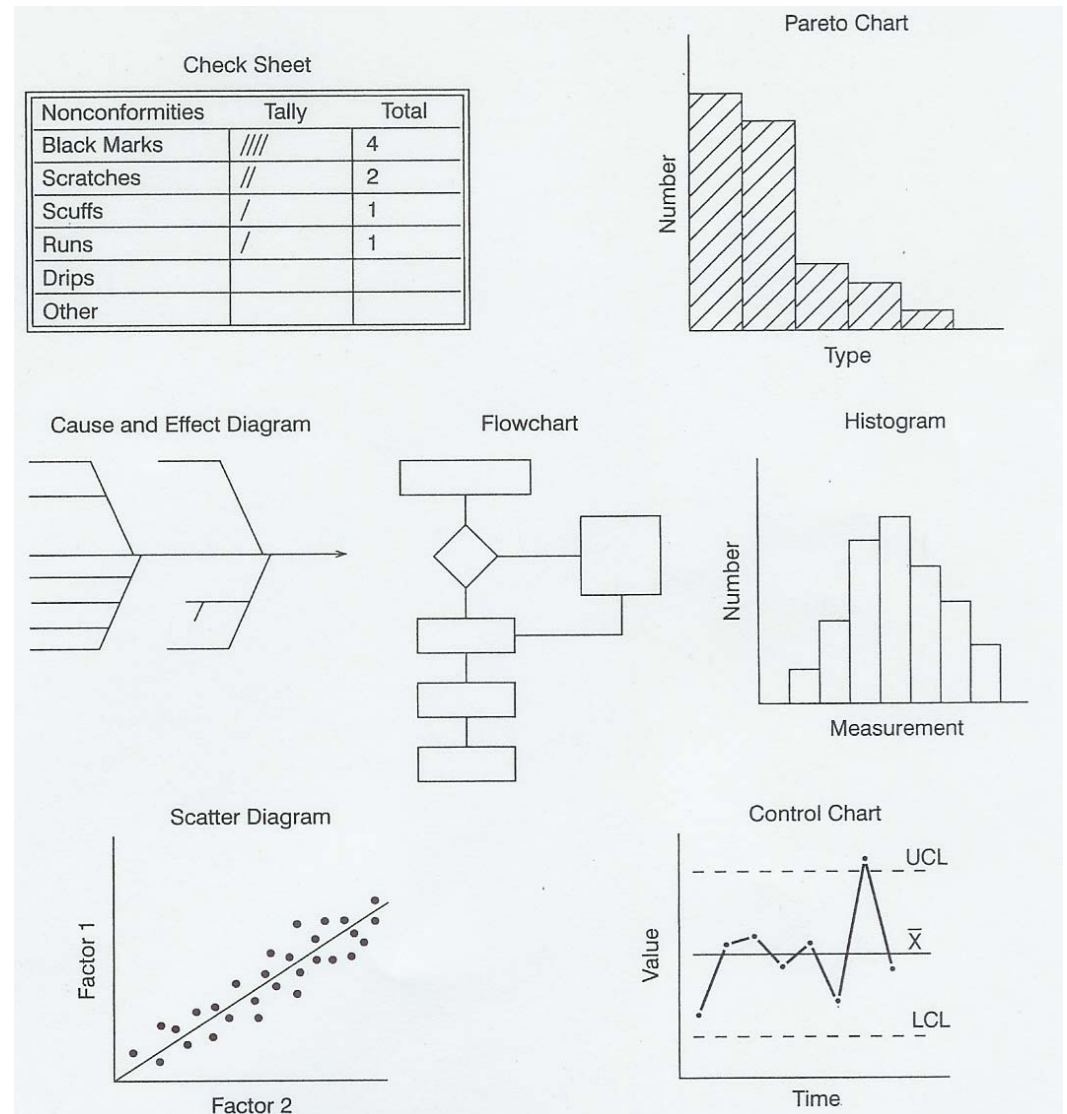
Approach
Total quality mgmt (TQM)
Continuous quality improvement
PDCA / “Model for Improvement”
Six Sigma
Lean Toyota Production System



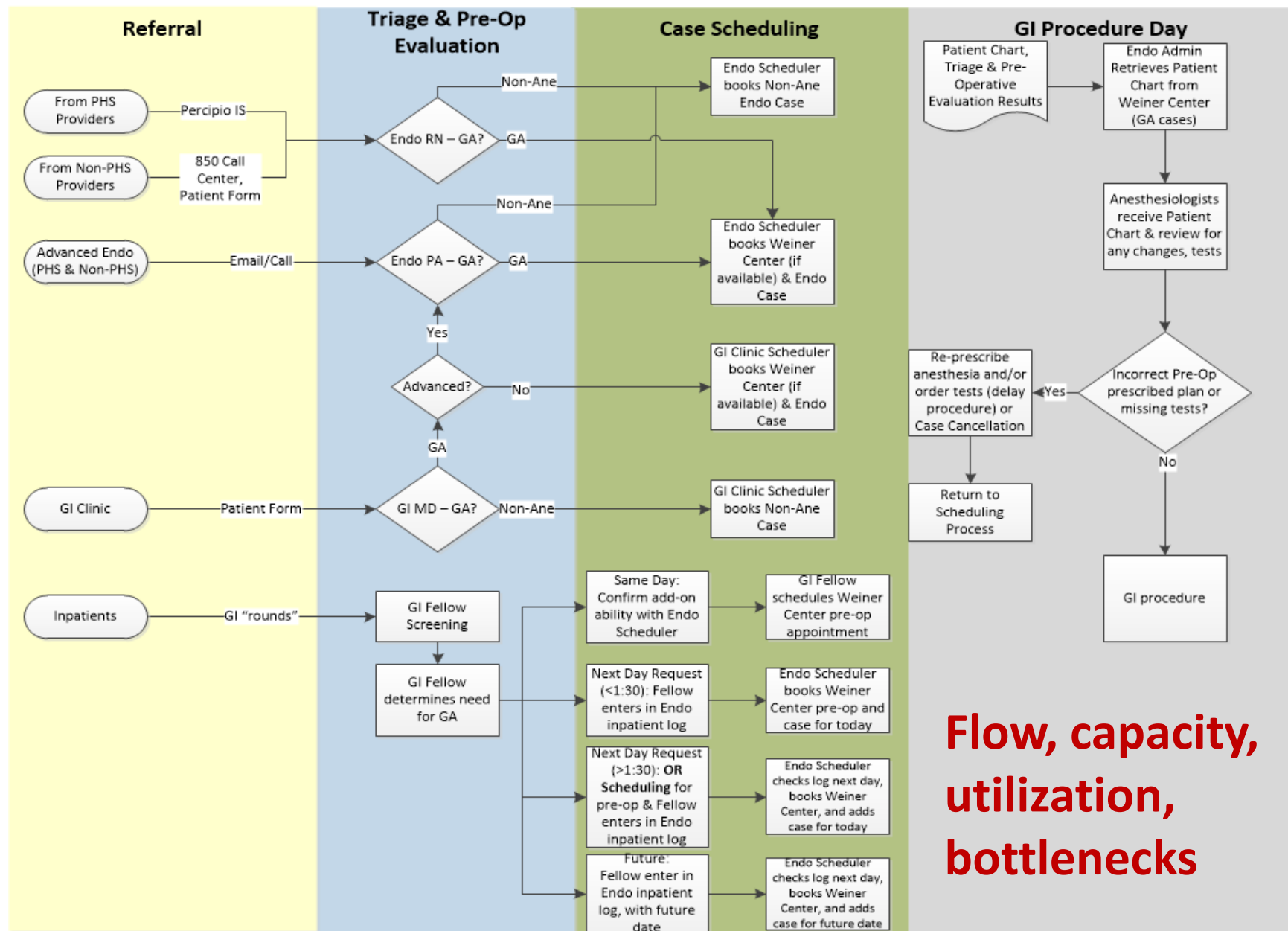
# Common QI/6 $\sigma$ tools

## “Basic 7 Tools”

- Check sheets
- Pareto charts
- Cause-and-effect “fishbone” diagrams
- Process flow charts
- Histograms
- Scatter diagrams
- Run and control charts



# 1. Process improvement examples

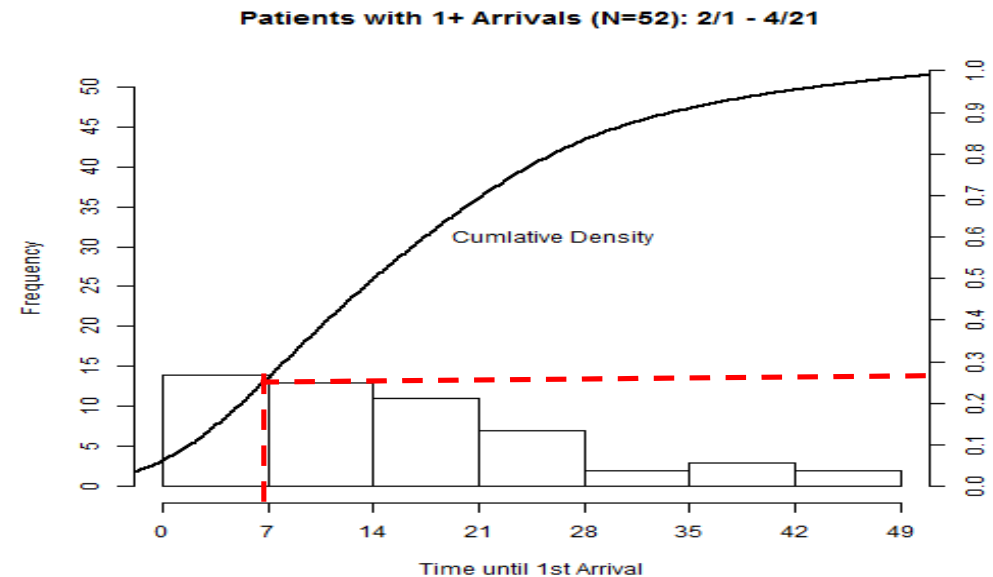
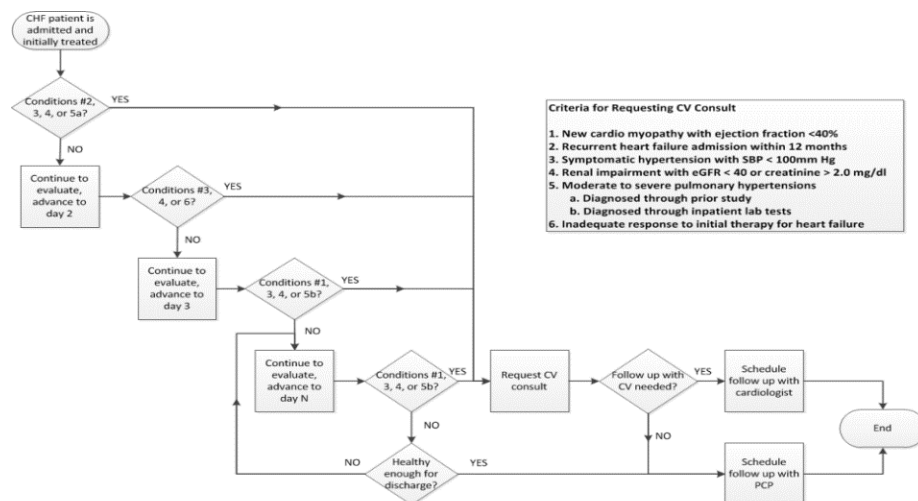


**Flow, capacity, utilization, bottlenecks**

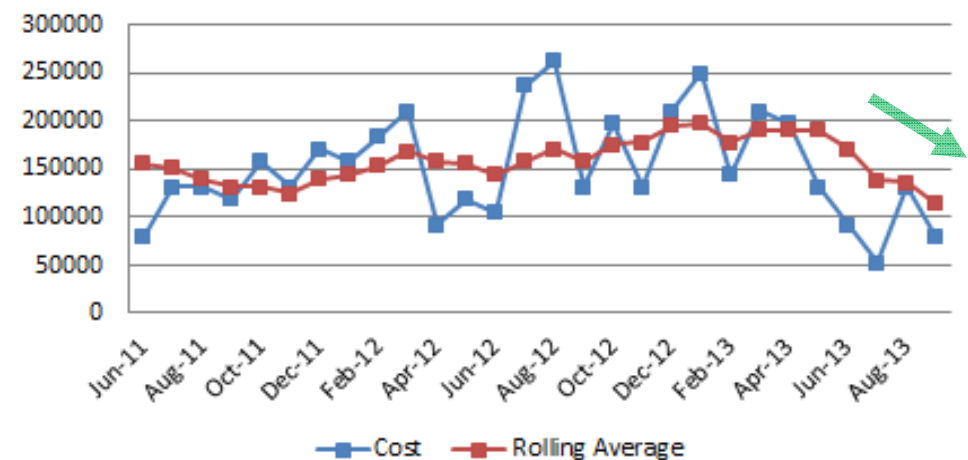
# Congestive heart failure readmissions

**Aim:** Reduce CHF readmission costs 25% by increasing post-discharge follow-up appts  $\leq 7$  days

**Approach:** Basic process flow, data analysis, and CQI



## Cost due to Readmissions



# Central line ICU infections

## Aim

Reduce ICU CLABSI rate and associated costs by 50% within 9 months through implementation of “bundle”


## Approach

- Process flow analysis
- Bundle implementation via reliability science and human factors models

## CLABSI Bundle

1. Insertion technique, hand hygiene
2. Low risk site selection
3. Maintenance (sterile)
4. Daily removal assessment

Reliability tier	Strategies	Measures	
		Process	Outcome
Prevent	• •		•
Detect	•		
Mitigate	• •		•
Redesign	•		




# Peri-operative inventory

# Aim

Reduce peri-operative supply costs by 20% via inventory methods, lean concepts, and preference card reduction

# Approach

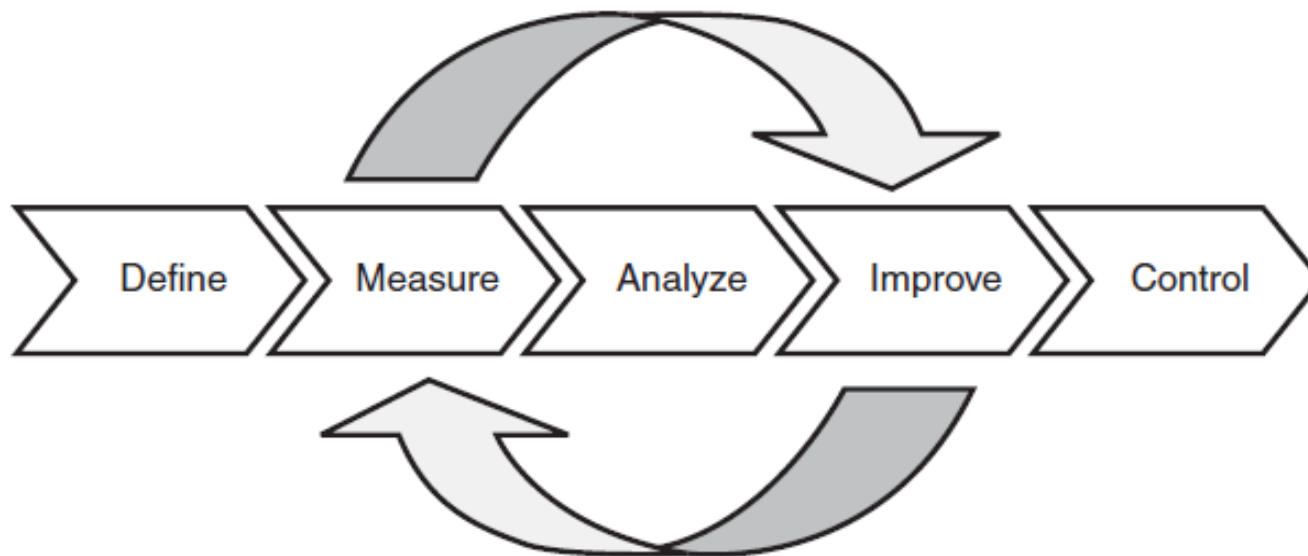
- Establish/revise PAR levels for 80% of “A” items
  - Standardize & reduce preference cards
  - 5S inventory areas
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- A cartoon illustration of a person with brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, standing with their arms crossed. The person is positioned on the right side of the slide, partially cut off by the edge. The background behind the person is a solid green color.

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# “Six Sigma” DMAIC basics

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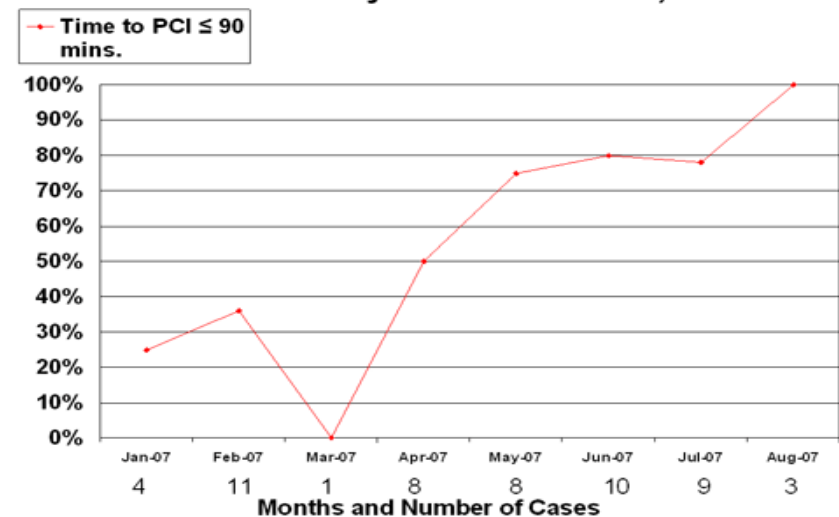
- Focus: Quality improvement
- Structured approaches, integrated measuring
  - **DMAIC:** Improve existing process
  - DFSS: Design for Six Sigma
  - DMADV: Define, Measure, Analyze, Design Verify



# DMAIC example

- Define: Process maps for EBM delivery (AMI, SSI, CHF)
- Measure: Baseline element and composite measures
- Analyze: Weekly review of 10 random patient charts by change agents and case coordinators.  
Root cause analysis
- Improve: Staff education, order sets, Protocols, check lists
- Control: Standardize processes  
Compliance monitoring

**Chart 1: Charleston Area Medical Center: Time from Arrival to Delivery of PCI Procedures, 2007**



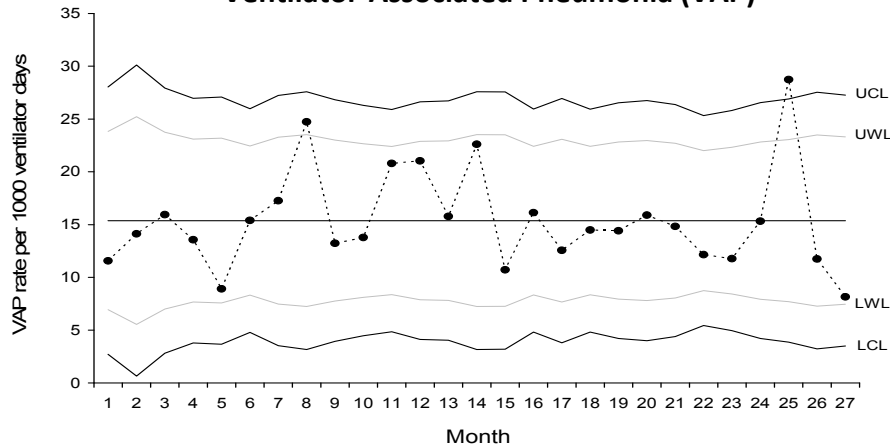
HQA Indicator: Time from arrival to percutaneous coronary intervention ≤ 90 minutes. Data: Charleston Area Medical Center, November 2007.



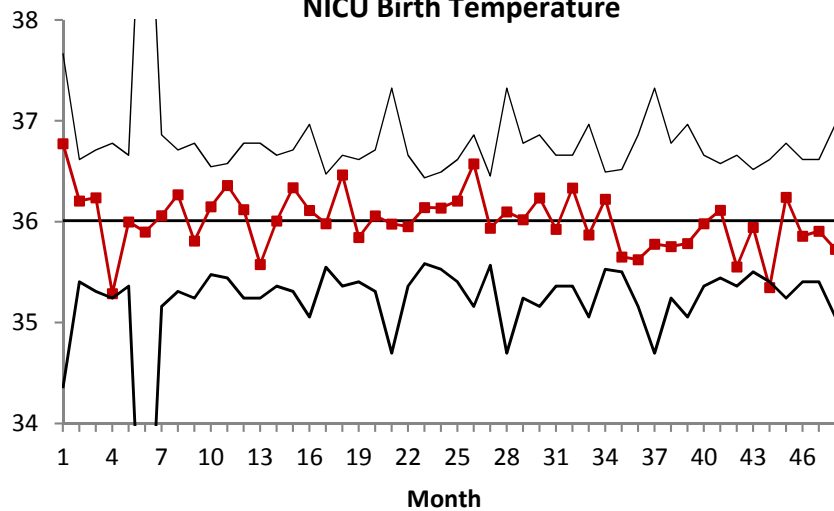
# SPC methods

## 'Simple' Methods

Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

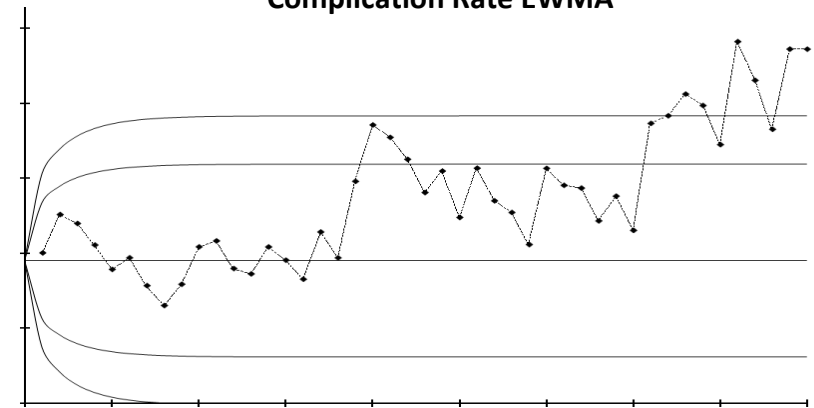


NICU Birth Temperature

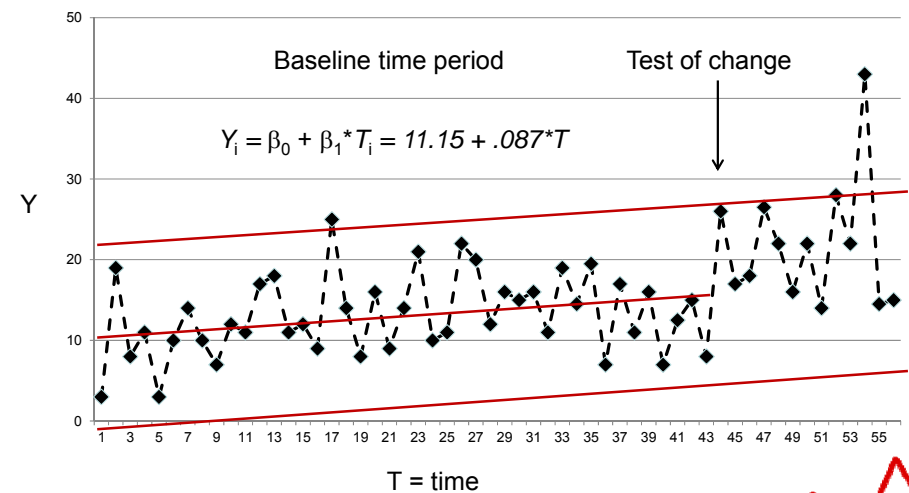


## Advanced Methods

Complication Rate EWMA



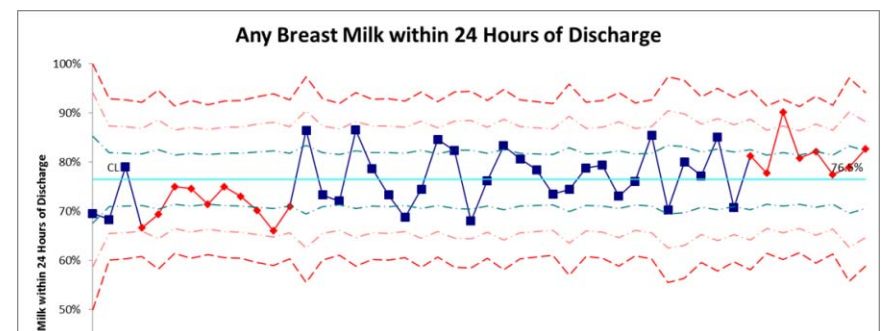
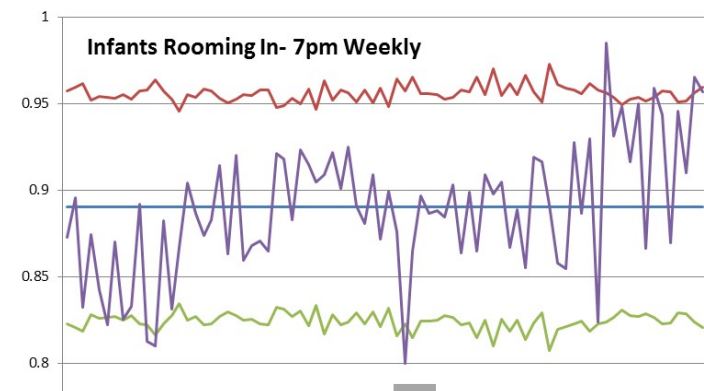
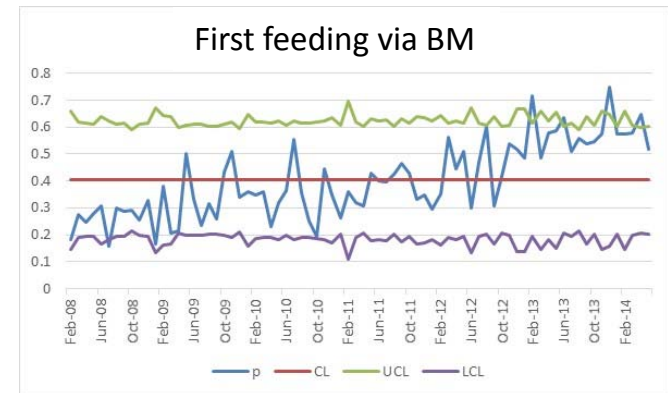
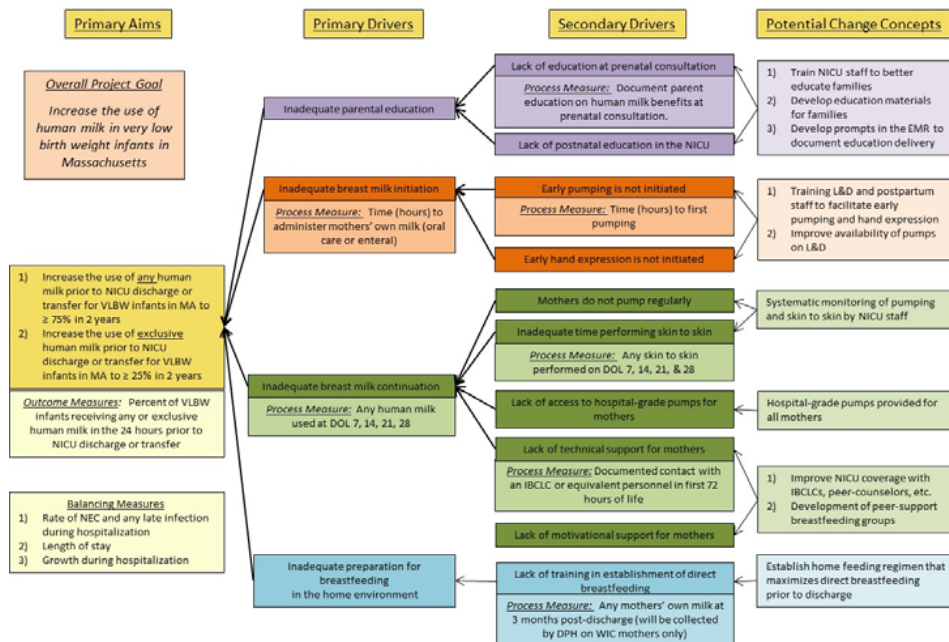
Background Improvement Trend





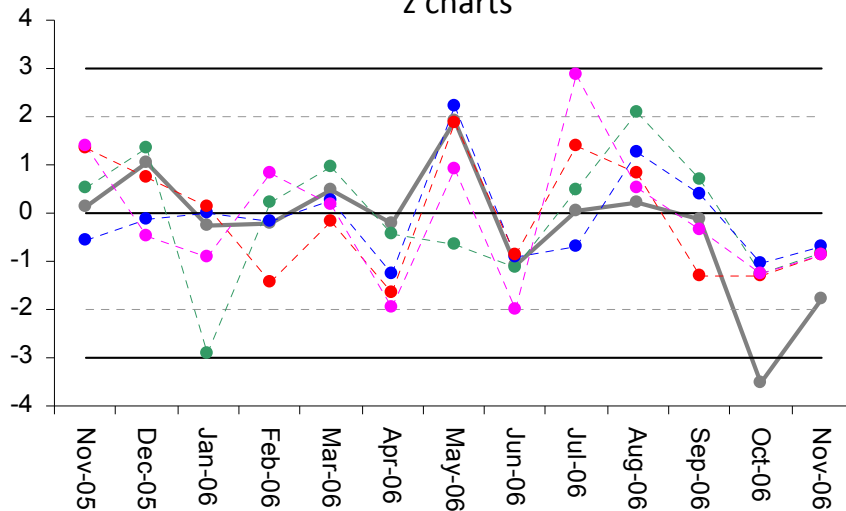
# 2. Breast milk feeding

- Aim: BMF during/after (↑)
- Full or low birth weight babies (NICU)
- Better for baby, mom
- Complications, LOS, \$ (↓)



# Simple tool support

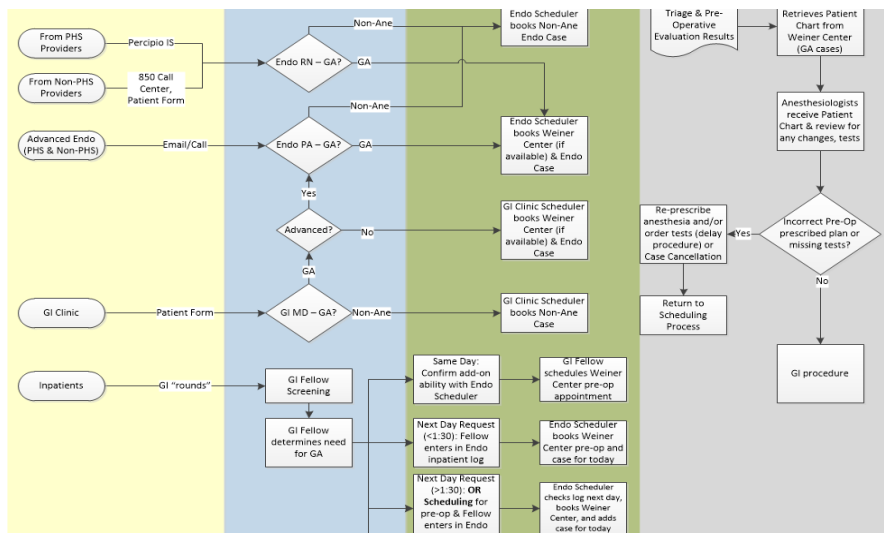
Comparing multiple system or measures  
z charts



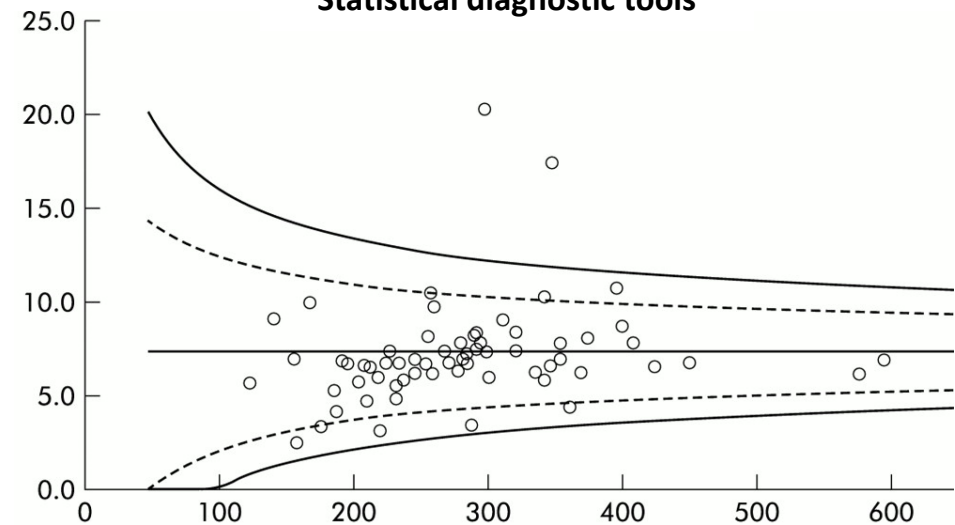
Reliability process design

Reliability tier	Strategies	Measures	
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Prevent	•	•	•
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Mitigate	•	•	•
Redesign	•	•	•

Process mapping

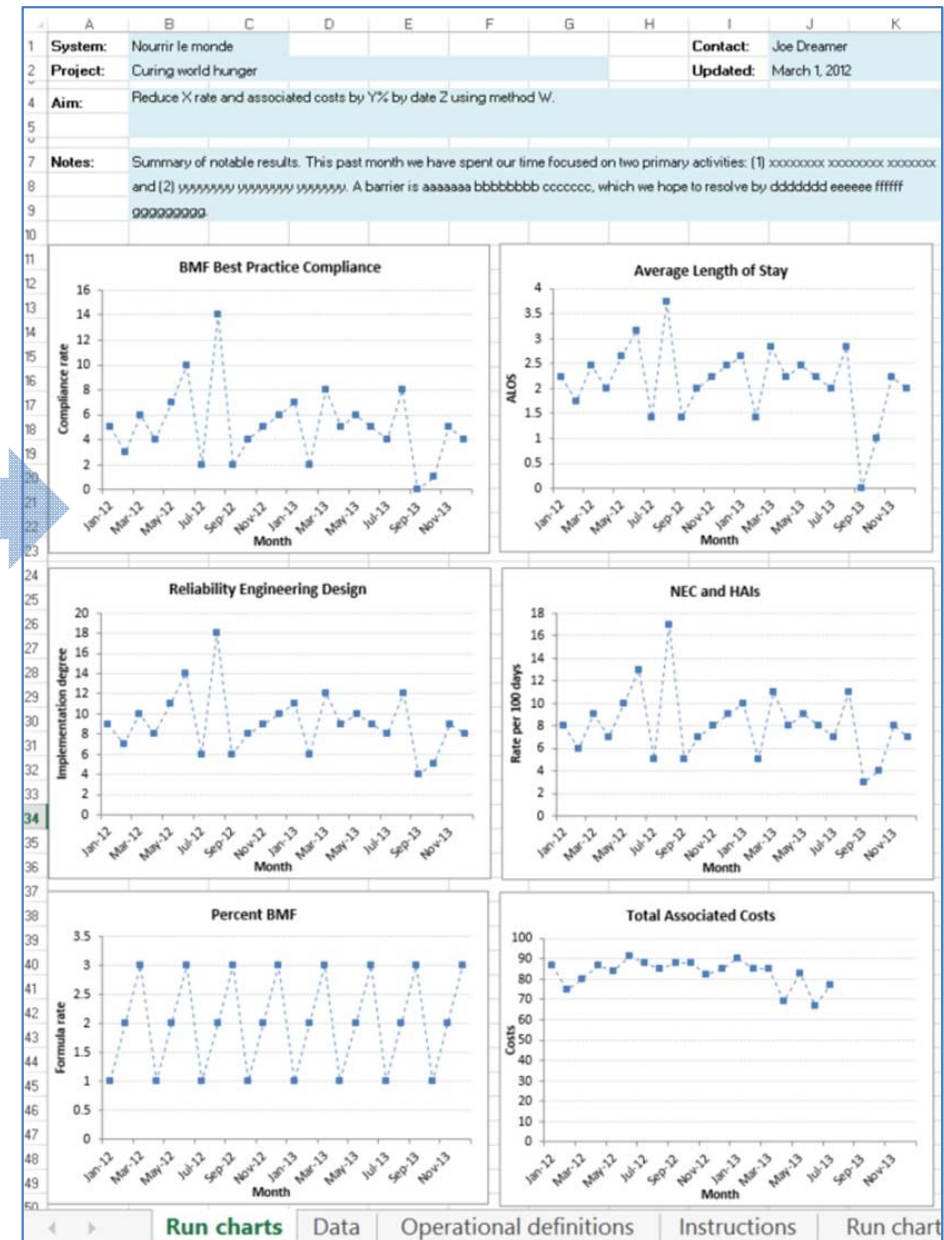


Statistical diagnostic tools



# Automated/Excel tools, dashboards

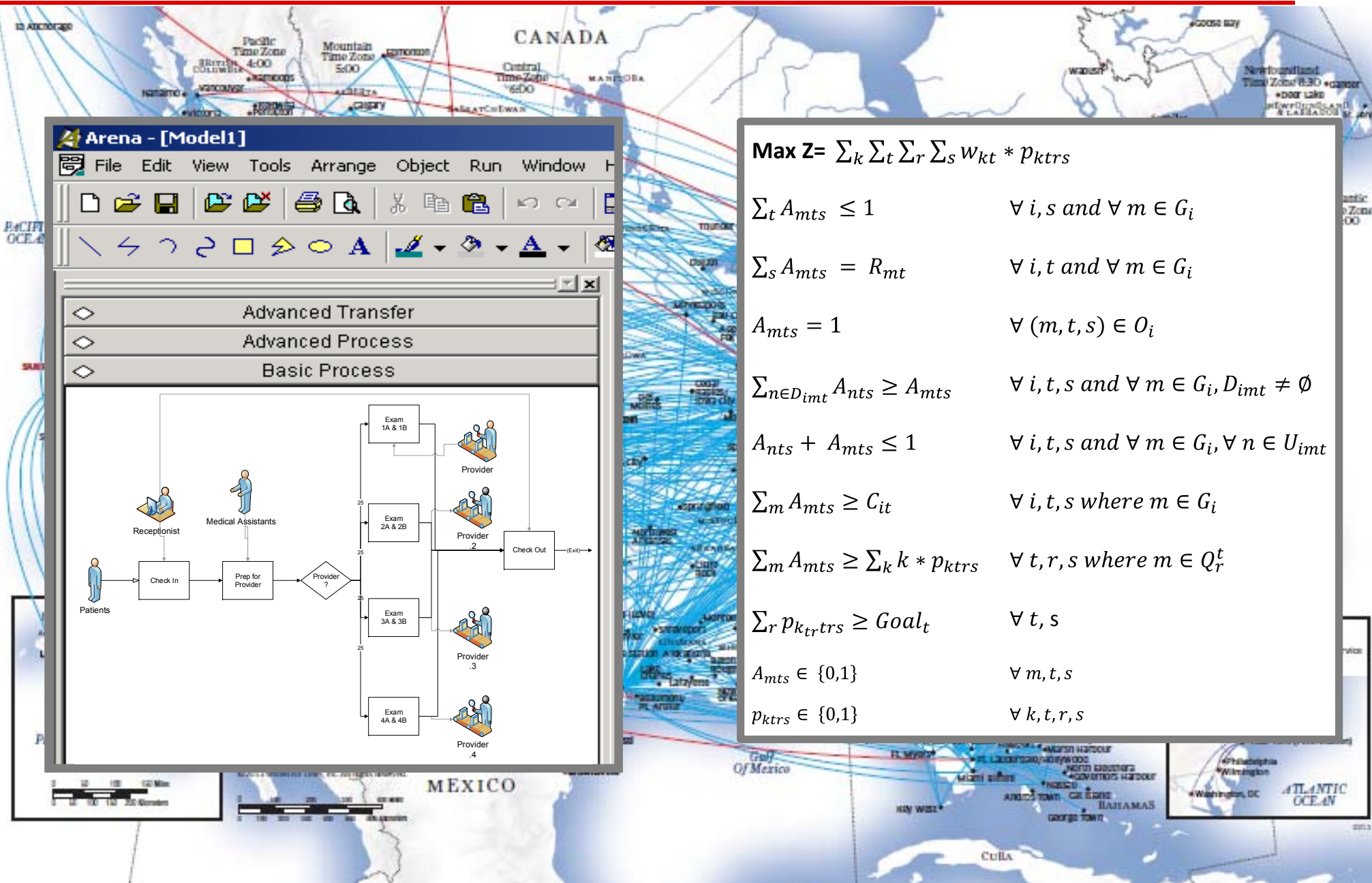
Chart titles:	BMF Best Practice Compliance	Reliability Engineering Design	Percent BMF	Total Associated Costs		
Y-axis labels:	Average Length of Stay	Implementation degree	NEC and HAIs	Formula rate		
	Compliance rate	ALOS	Rate per 100 days			
Month	Data 1	Data 2	Data 3	Data 4	Data 5	Data 6
Jan-12	5	2.236067977	9	8	1	87
Feb-12	3	1.732050808	7	6	2	75
Mar-12	6	2.449489743	10	9	3	80
Apr-12	4	2	8	7	1	87
May-12	7	2.645751311	11	10	2	84
Jun-12	10	3.16227766	14	13	3	91
Jul-12	2	1.414213562	6	5	1	88
Aug-12	14	3.741657387	18	17	2	85
Sep-12	2	1.414213562	6	5	3	88
Oct-12	4	2	8	7	1	88
Nov-12	5	2.236067977	9	8	2	82
Dec-12	6	2.449489743	10	9	3	85
Jan-13	7	2.645751311	11	10	1	90
Feb-13	2	1.414213562	6	5	2	85
Mar-13	8	2.828427125	12	11	3	85
Apr-13	5	2.236067977	9	8	1	69
May-13	6	2.449489743	10	9	2	83
Jun-13	5	2.236067977	9	8	3	67
Jul-13	4	2	8	7	1	77
Aug-13	8	2.828427125	12	11	2	
Sep-13	0	0	4	3	3	
Oct-13	1	1	5	4	1	
Nov-13	5	2.236067977	9	8	2	
Dec-13	4	2	8	7	3	



- Option for initial baselines
- Tabs: Data input, run charts, definitions, instructions
- Automatically plots run charts

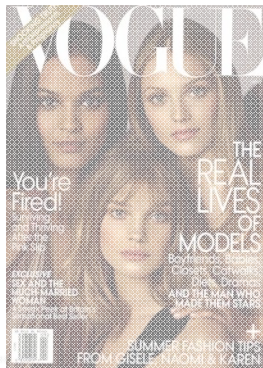


# Model-based improvement – beyond basic QI



# What is a model...?

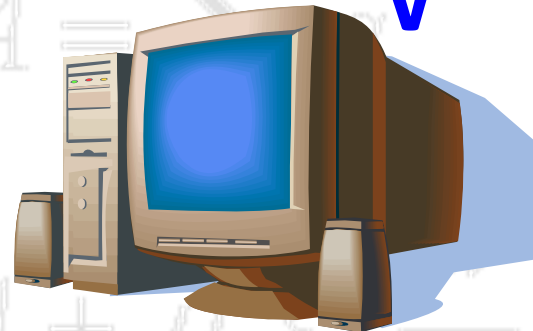
a.



b.



c.



d.



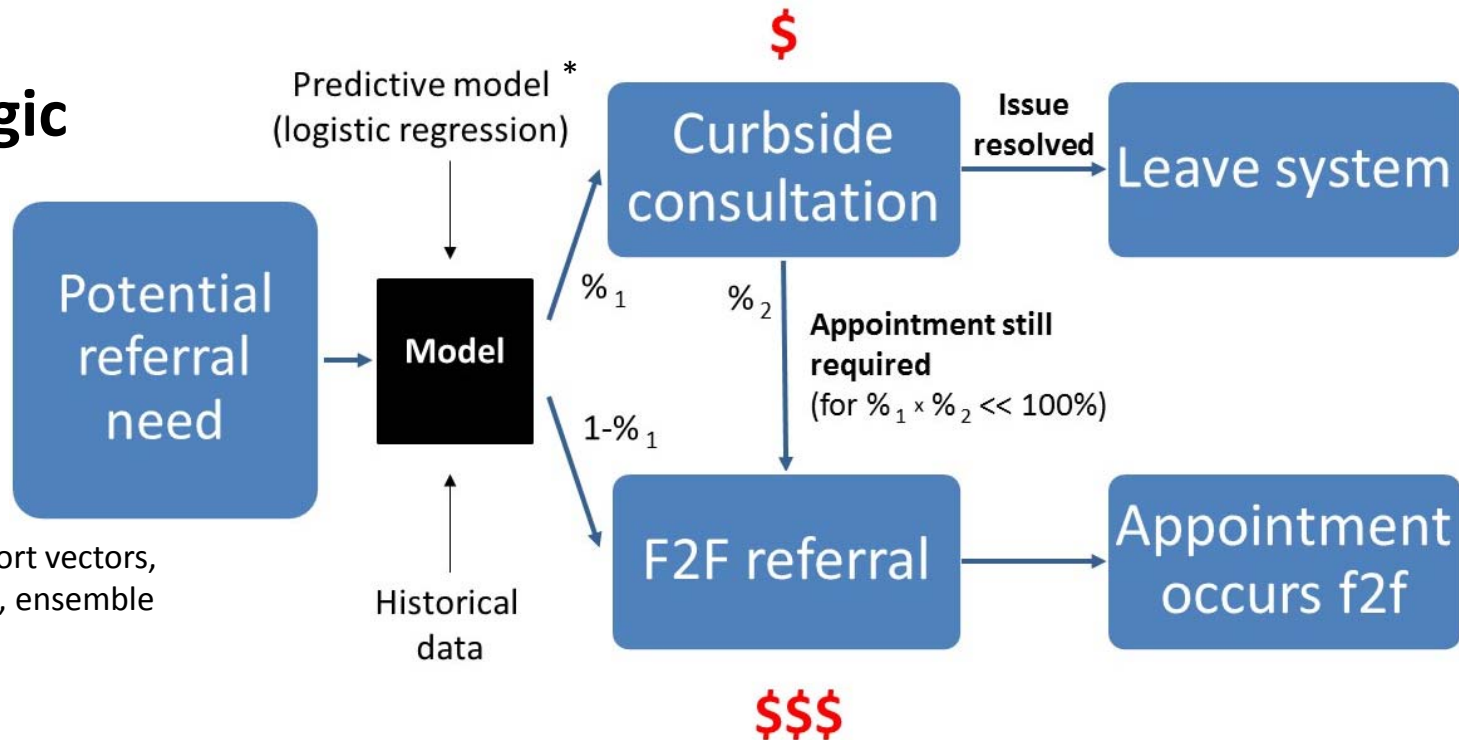
- An artificial representation of the real world
- Perhaps idealized, simplified; hopefully useful

**“All models are wrong, some are useful”**

- G.E.P. Box

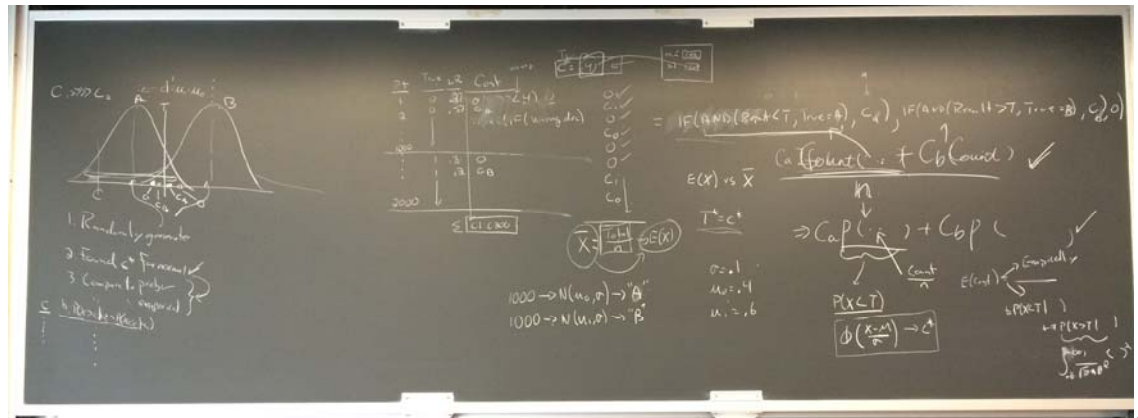
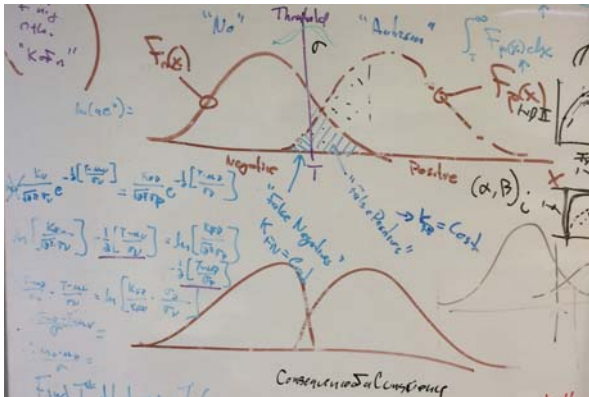
# 3. Unnecessary referrals or consults

## Flow logic



\* regression, support vectors, classification trees, ensemble methods, etc

## Threshold optimization



# Results

## Application

- One neurology sub-specialty
- One month off-line testing
- Retrospective review as gold standard

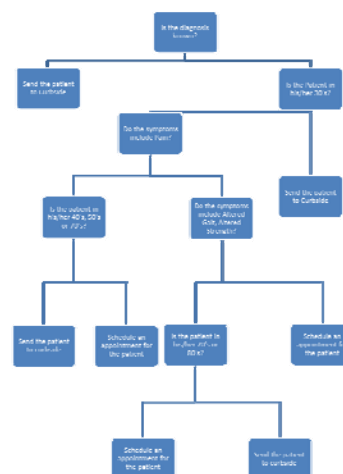
## Results

- 23% reduction in F2F consults
- 3% remaining F2F's unnecessary
- Corresponding improved access
- \$223K/month estimated savings

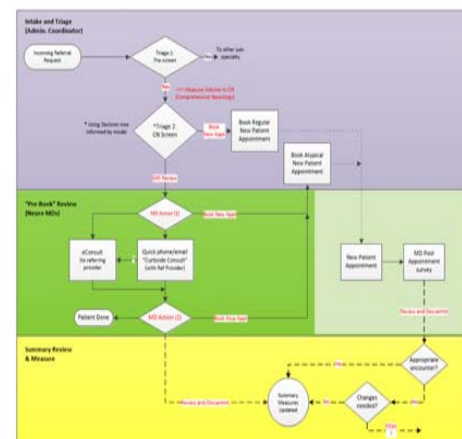
Off-line test of accuracy and savings

Patient Request	Tool B1 Prediction		"Gold Standard" (MD Feedback)		Tool B1 Correct?	Cost Without Tool B1 <sup>1</sup>	Impact Using Tool			
	CS	F2F Appt	CS	F2F Appt			CS Cost <sup>1</sup>	F2F Appt Cost <sup>1</sup>	Total Cost using Tool	Savings using Tool
1	✓		✓		Yes	\$7,476	\$40		\$40	\$7,436
2	✓			✓	No	\$7,476	\$40	\$7,476	\$7,516	-\$40
3		✓	✓		No	\$7,476		\$7,476	\$7,476	
4		✓		✓	Yes	\$7,476		\$7,476	\$7,476	
5	✓		✓		Yes	\$7,476	\$40		\$40	\$7,436
⋮					⋮	⋮				⋮
89	✓		✓		Yes	\$7,476	\$40		\$40	\$7,436
90	✓			✓	No	\$7,476	\$40	\$7,476	\$7,516	-\$40

Simpler decision tree tool



Referral workflow logic



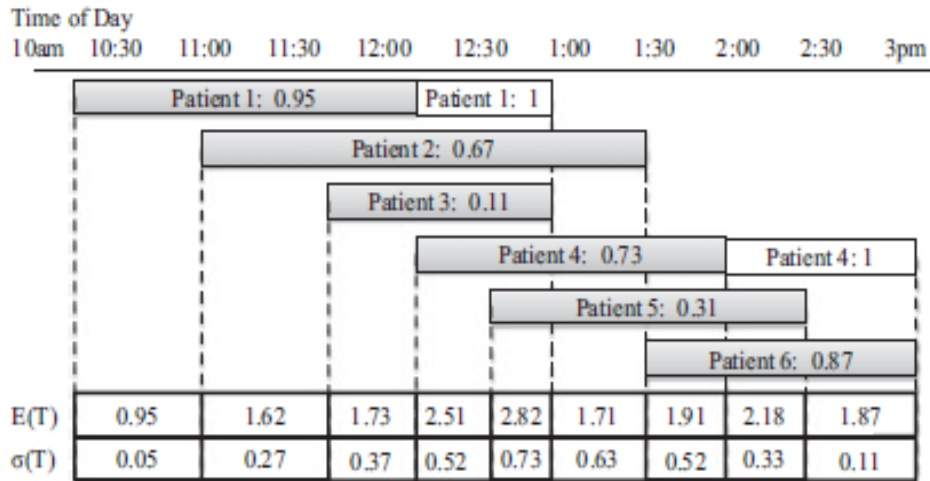
Request Total	Tool: CS	Tool: F2F	MD: CS	MD: F2F	Tool Correct	Cost w/o Tool	CS Cost w/ Tool	F2F Cost w/ Tool	Total Cost w/ Tool	Total Savings w/ Tool
90	33% (30/90)	67% (60/90)	10% (9/90)	90% (81/90)	78% CS (7/9) 72% F2F (52/81)	\$672,840	\$1,200	\$620,508 \$448,560 (60 or 89?)	\$621,708 \$449,760 (if 60)	\$51,132 \$223,080 monthly (if 60)



# 4. Predictive modeling



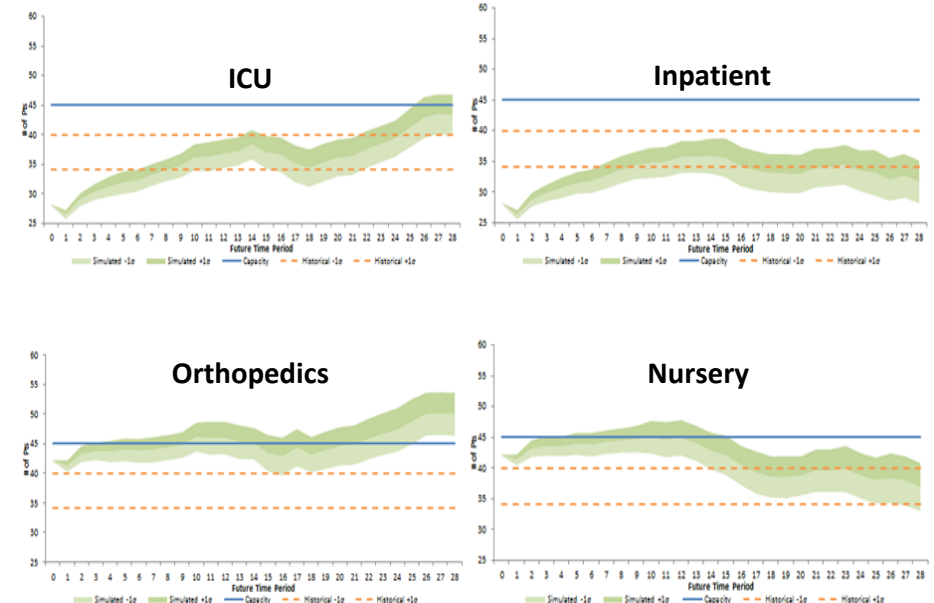
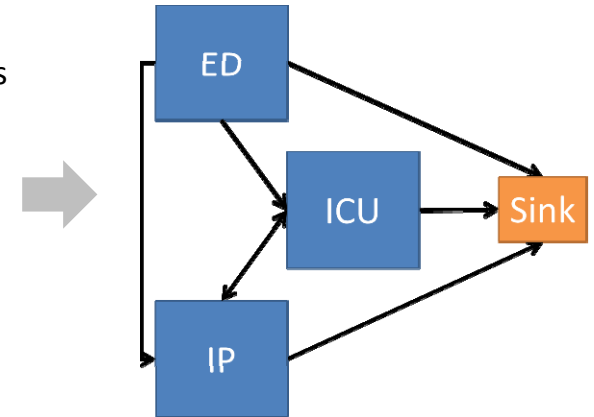
## Same day forecast (1-4 hours)



## Long term forecast (1-30 days)

### Inputs:

- Starting conditions
  - Beds occupied
  - How long
- Probabilistic
  - Flow paths
  - Lengths of stay
- Arrivals
  - Scheduled
  - Emergent

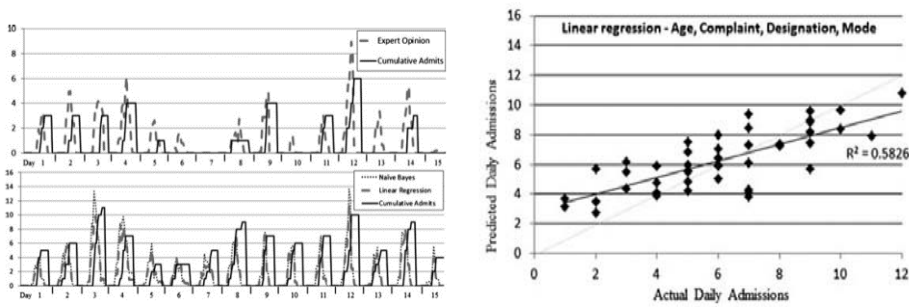


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#### ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

## Predicting Emergency Department Inpatient Admissions to Improve Same-day Patient Flow

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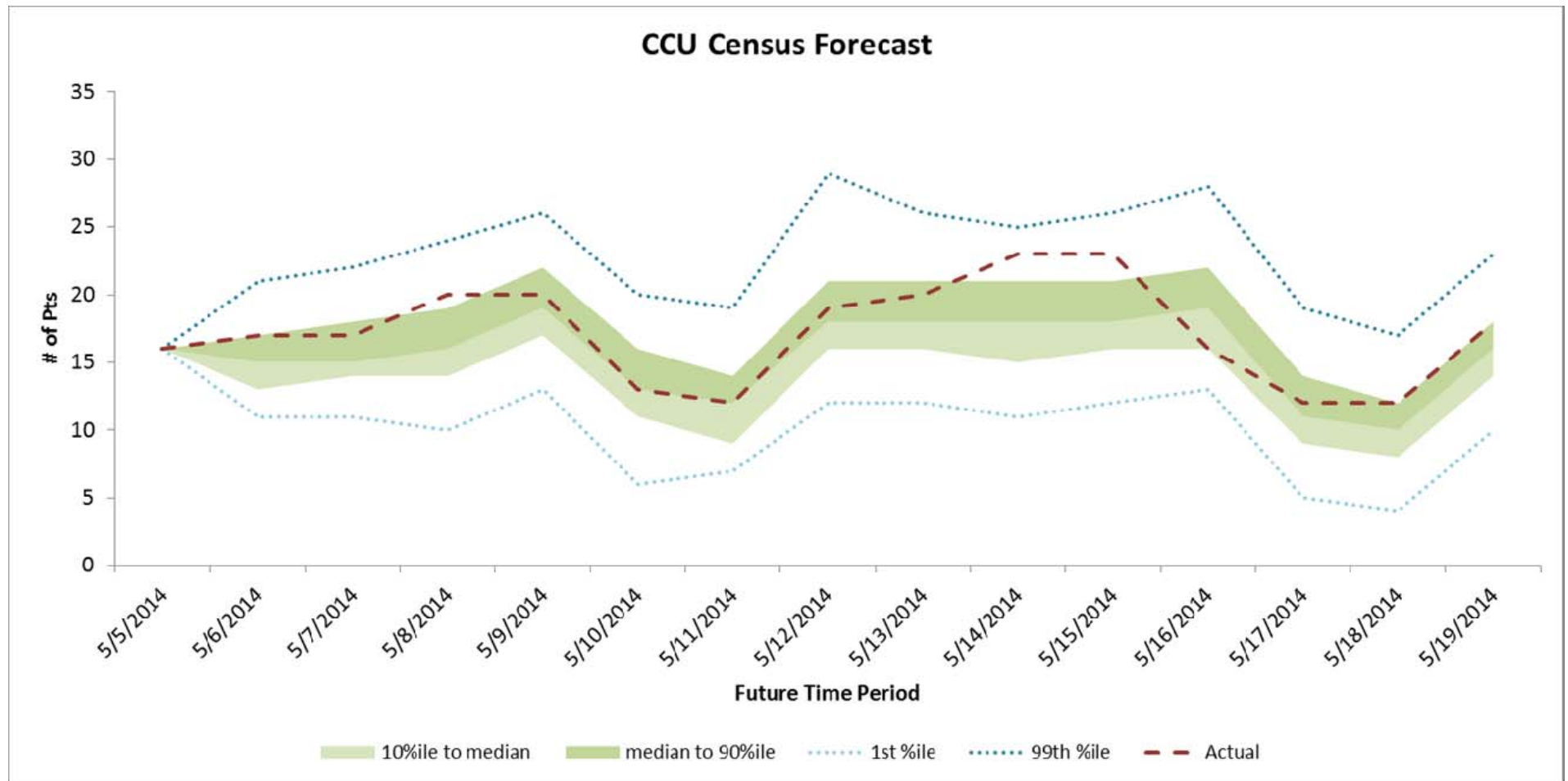


# Weather forecast metaphor

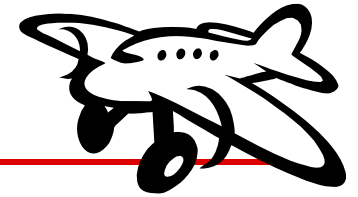


# Example of CCU bed demand model accuracy

## CCU 2-week look-ahead forecast – Retrospective study

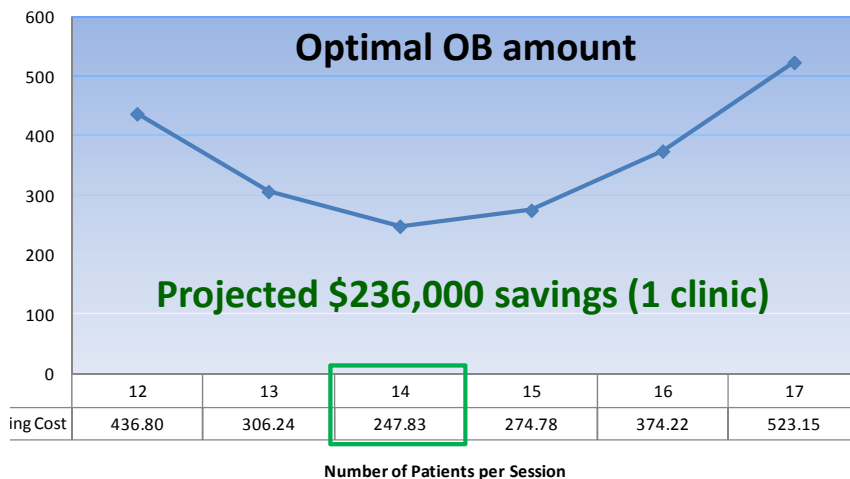


# Patient no-shows



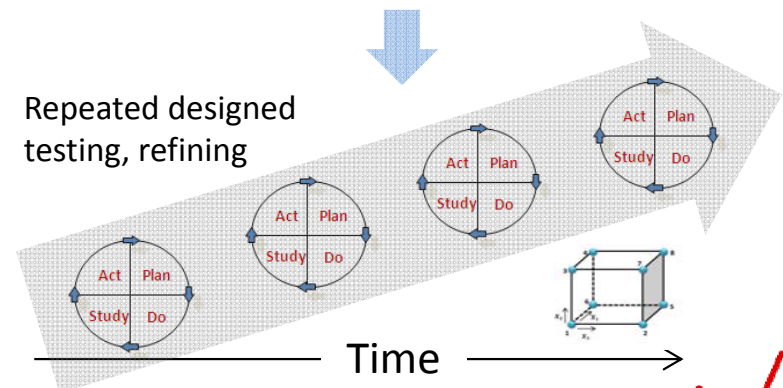
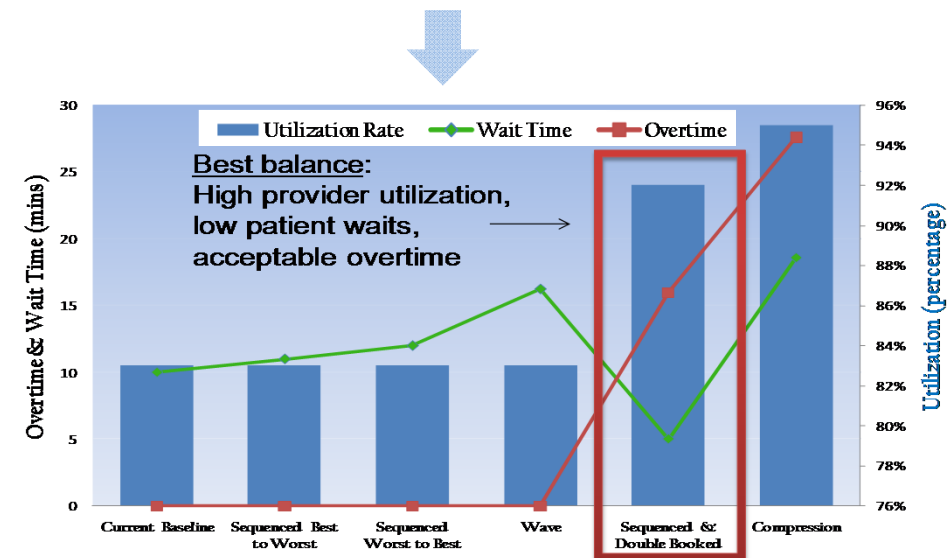
## Approach

1. Reduce no shows (CQI)
2. Predict no-shows (regression)
3. Optimal over-book amount (probability cost model)
4. Decide when overbook (simulate)
5. Test/refine in practice (DOE)



$$E(TC) = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} C_u * (N-x) * P(X=x) + \sum_{x=N+1}^M C_o * (x-N) * P(X=x)$$

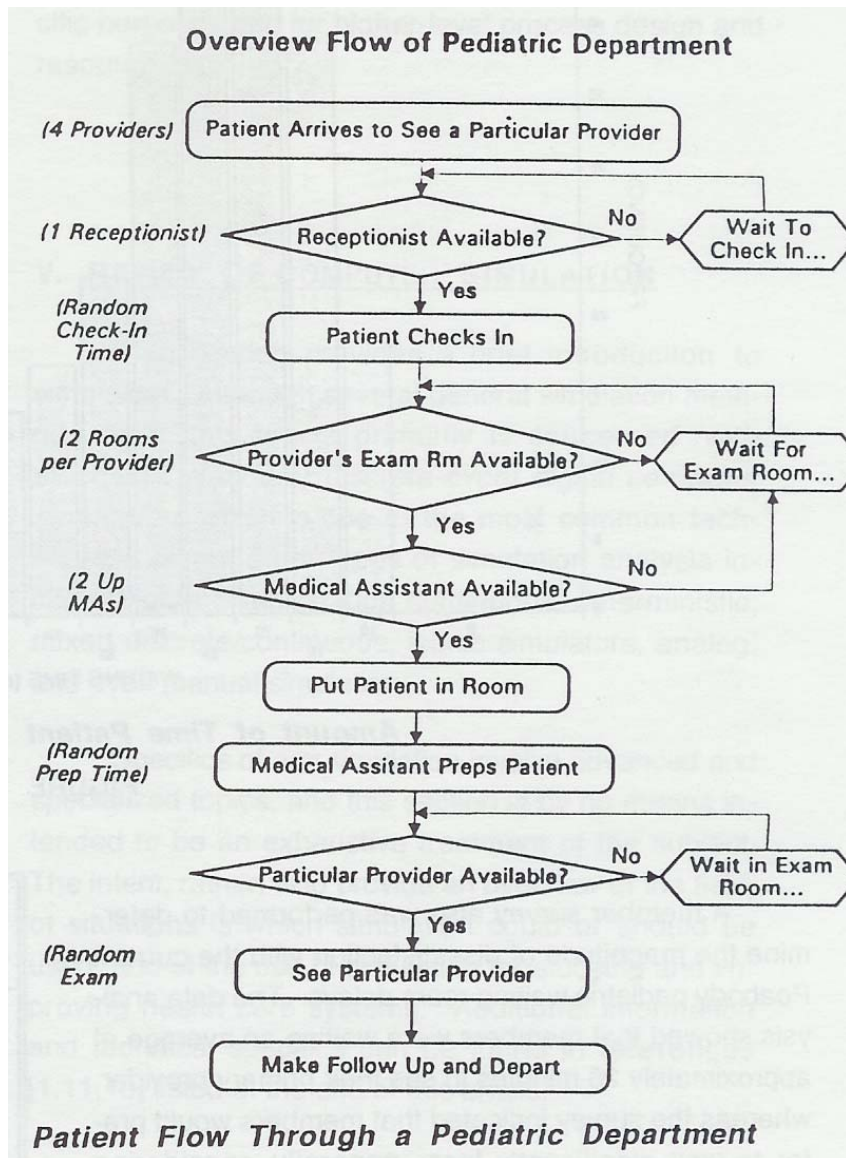
where  $P(X=x) = \binom{M}{x} (1-p)^x p^{M-x}$



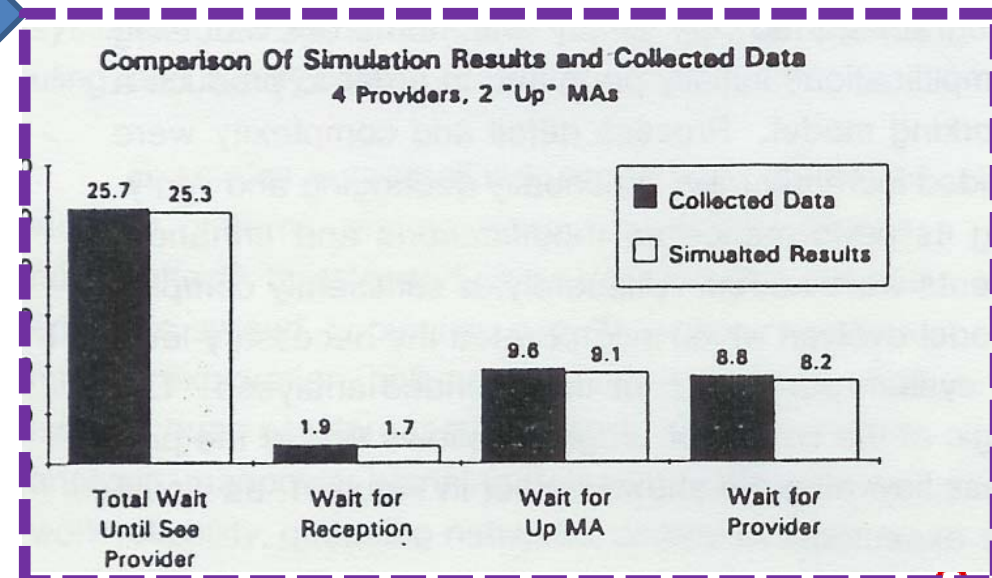
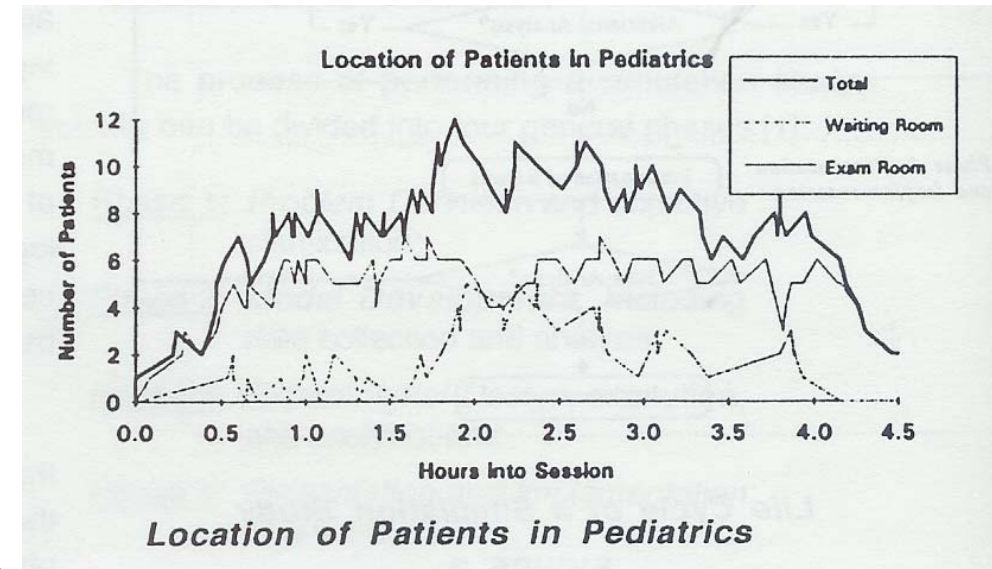


# 5. Computer simulation: Flow example

## Process Logic

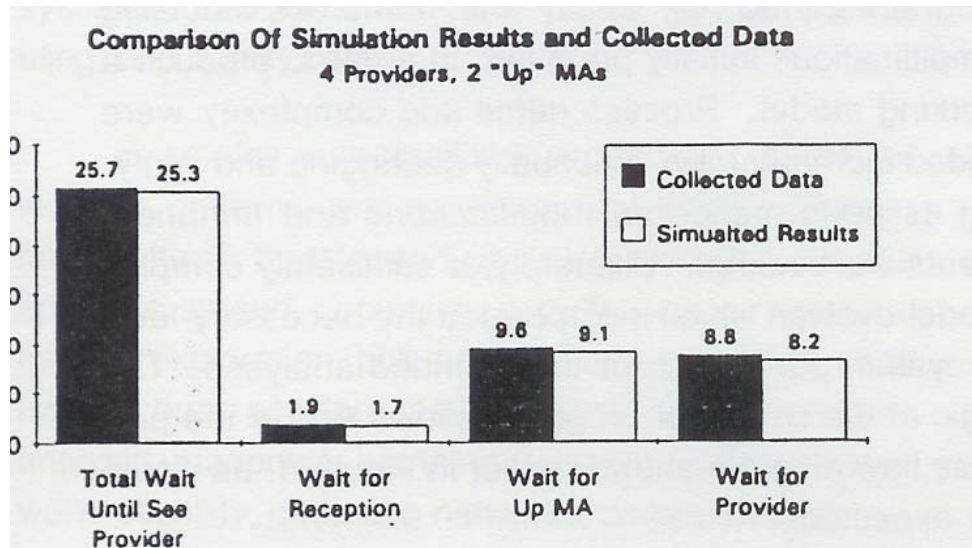


## Analysis Results & Accuracy

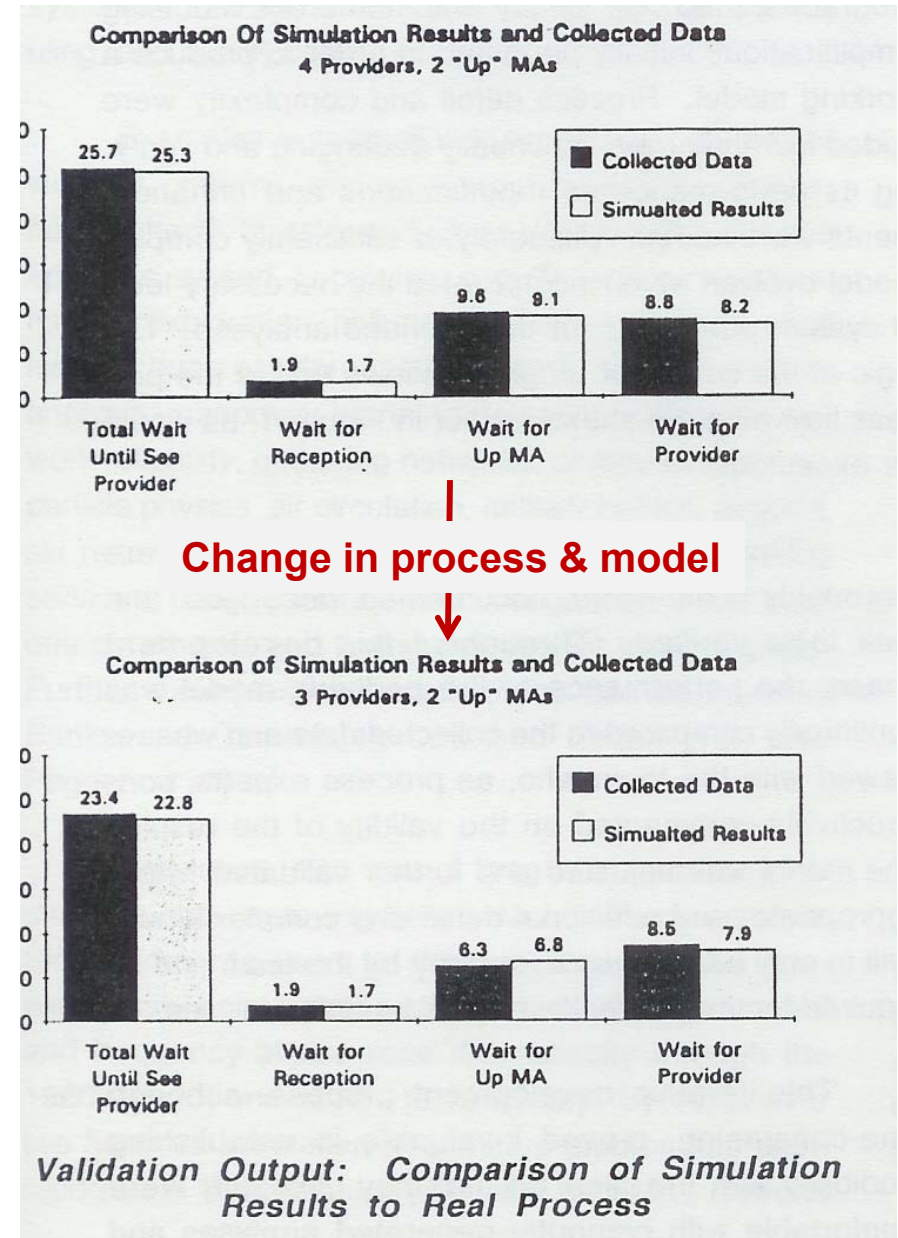
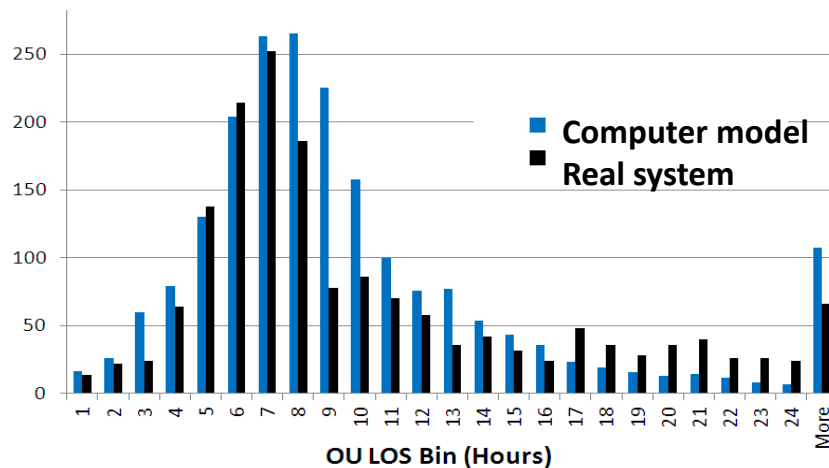


# Model accuracy - Simulation vs real data

## Pediatric clinic simulation



## Observation unit simulation





# Room utilization logic

## Aim

Consolidate low utilized patient rooms to eliminate ~\$2m/yr overflow space costs by hybrid room pooling

## Approach

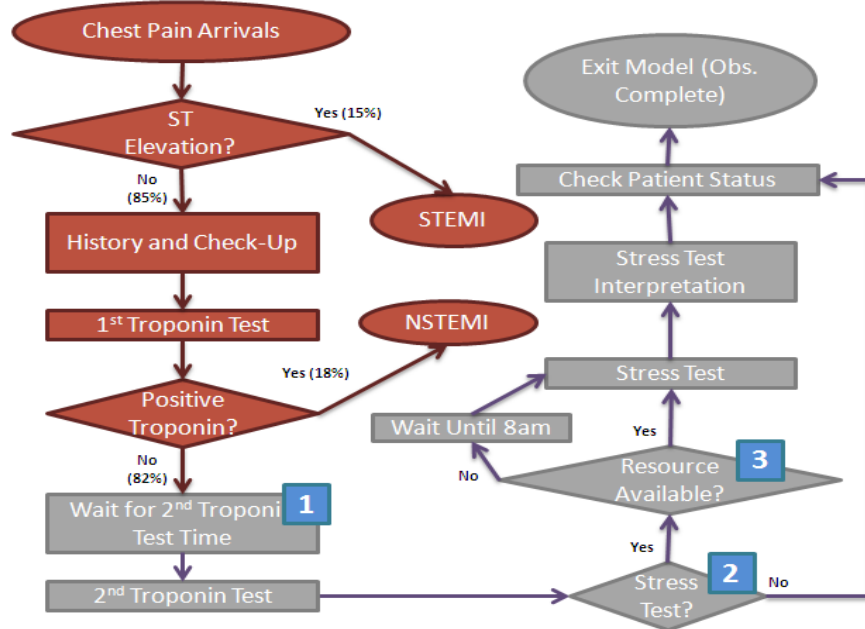
- Room sharing simulation
- Open availability real-time RTLS tool
- Pareto/CQI of reasons new process not followed



Dept	D Indicator	Apt Time	Arrival Time	Pt Name	Provider	P Indicator	P Count
BOC	Green	10:30 AM	10:29 AM	AAA	NAKHLIS	Green	0
		10:30 AM	10:31 AM	BBB	OVERMOYER	Red	2
		10:30 AM	10:36 AM	CCC	BURSTEIN	Red	2
		11:00 AM	10:33 AM	DDD	GOLSHAN	Green	1
		11:15 AM	10:34 AM	EEE	OVERMOYER	Red	2
SAC	Red	10:30 AM	10:38 AM	FFF	MORGAN	Green	1
		11:00 AM	10:44 AM	GGG	RAUT	Green	1

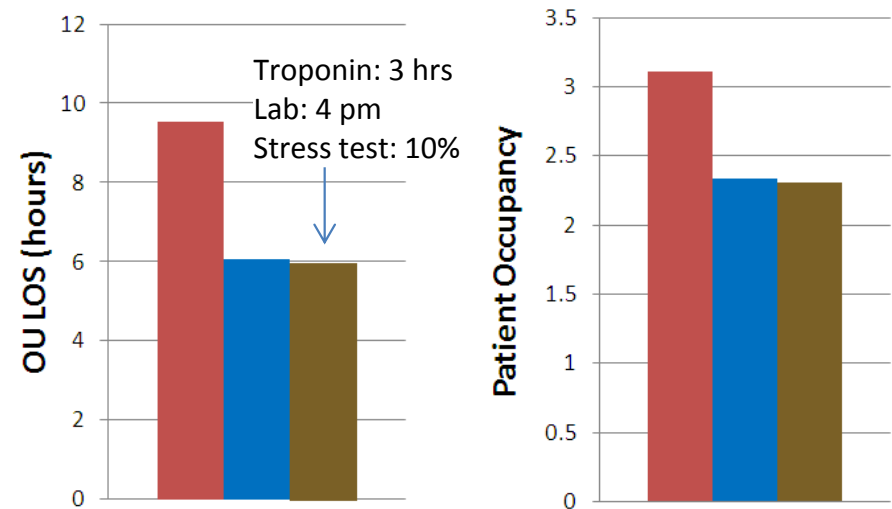
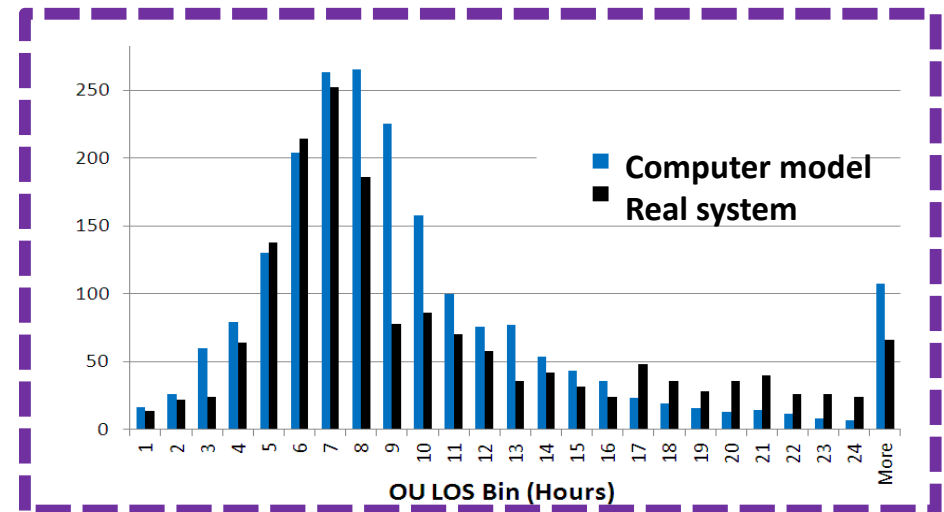
# ED Observation Unit

## Standard Process Improvement



	CTA	ETT Stress	PET/ CT	SPECT	SPECT/ CT	Stress echo gram
Average wait time	0:09	0:48	11:21	0:31	0:16	2:42
Process ave time	1:35	1:13	1:06	1:31	2:25	1:59
% of all tests	1%	51%	22%	19%	3%	3%

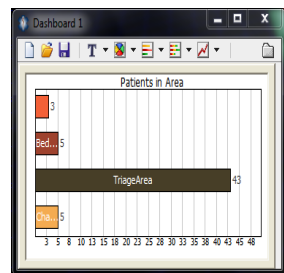
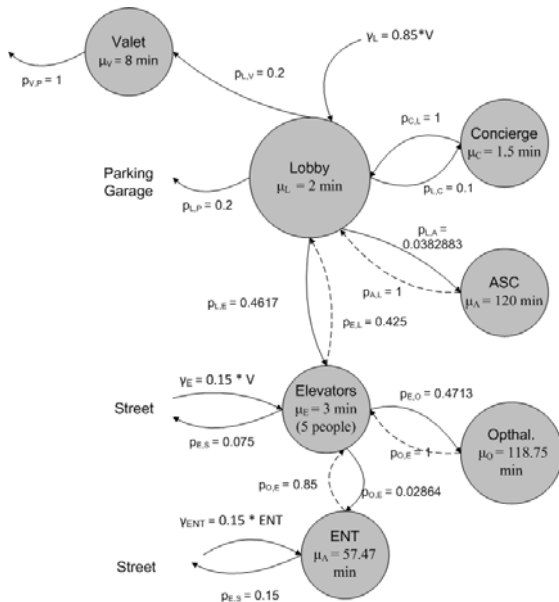
## Computer Simulation Analysis



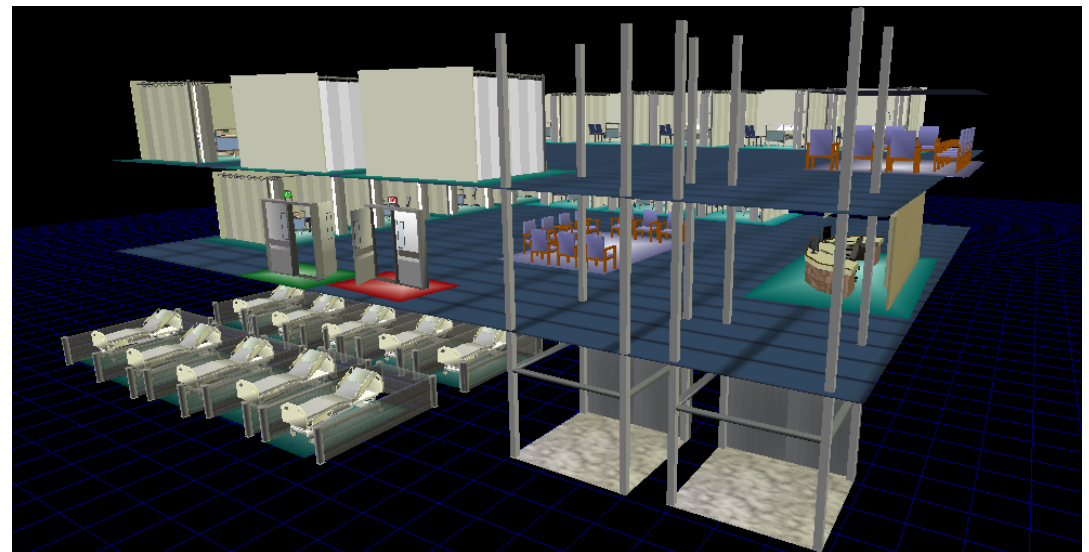
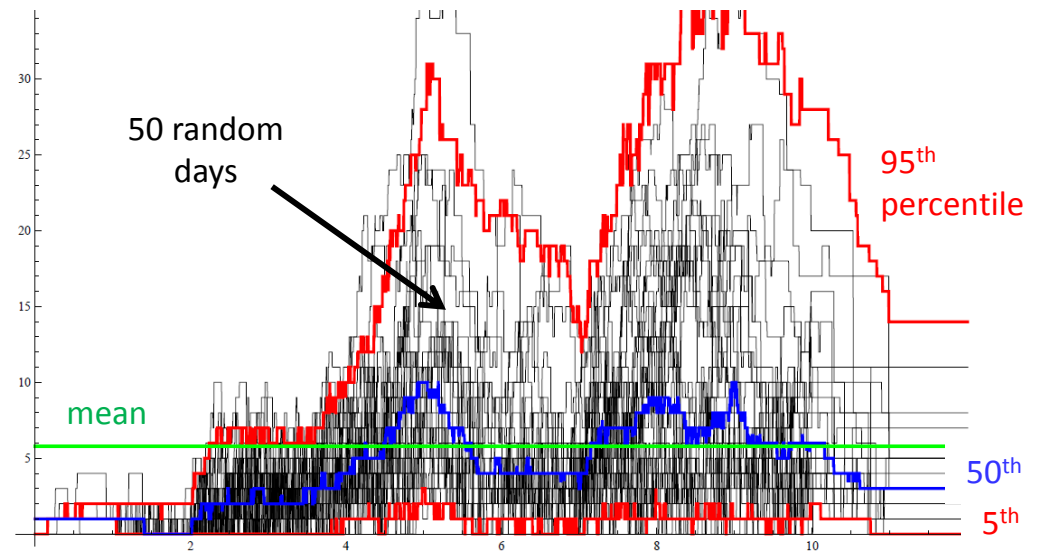
■ Current State ■ Trop Delay, ST Fraction ■ All 3 Improvements

# Macro system example

- New facility master space planning
- Queuing flow simulation



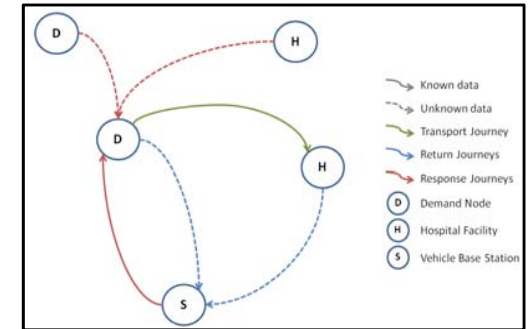
Number people in Lobby by time of day





# Regional EMS example

- Ambulance location and routing
- Maximize survival probabilities



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## Welsh ambulance review urges end to 8-minute 999 target

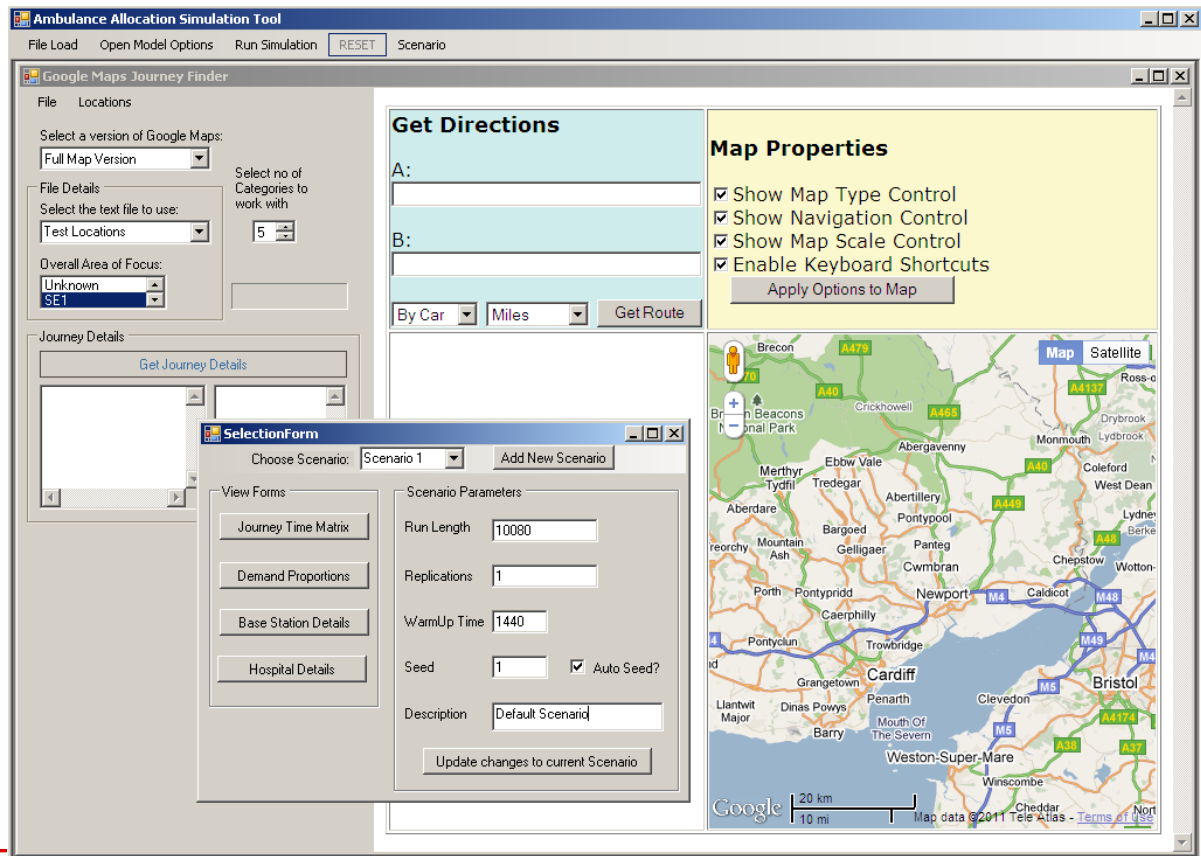


By Andy Rutherford - Health correspondent

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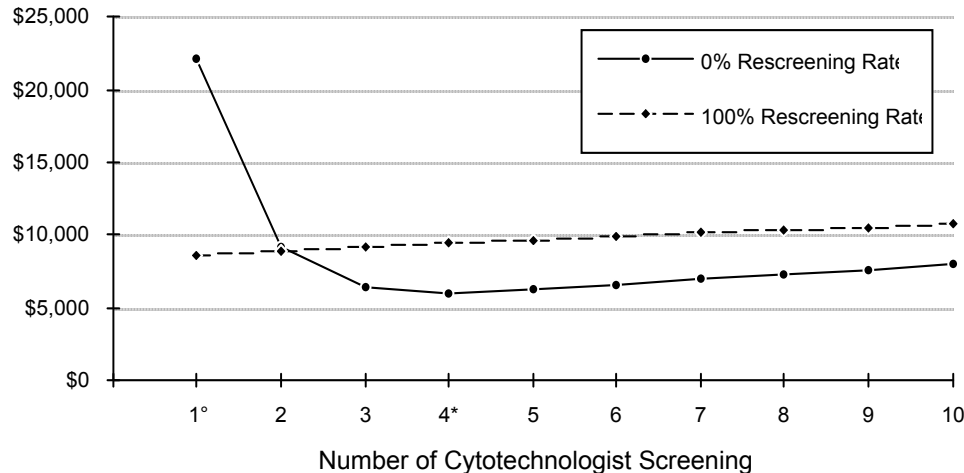
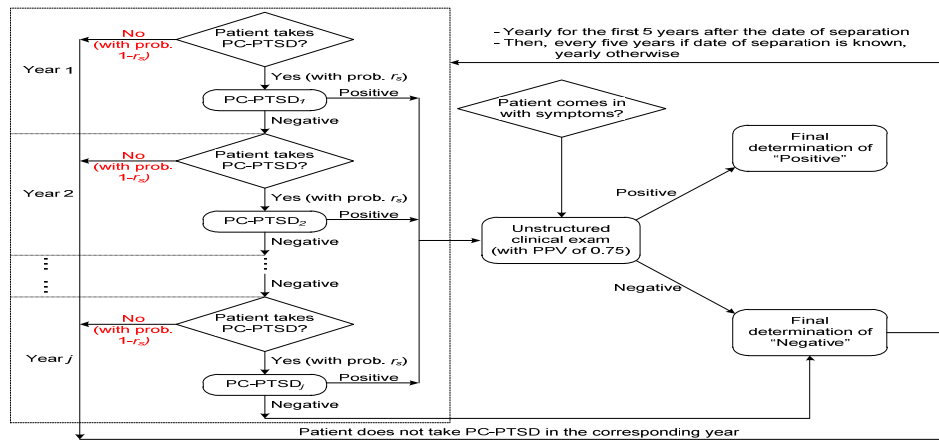
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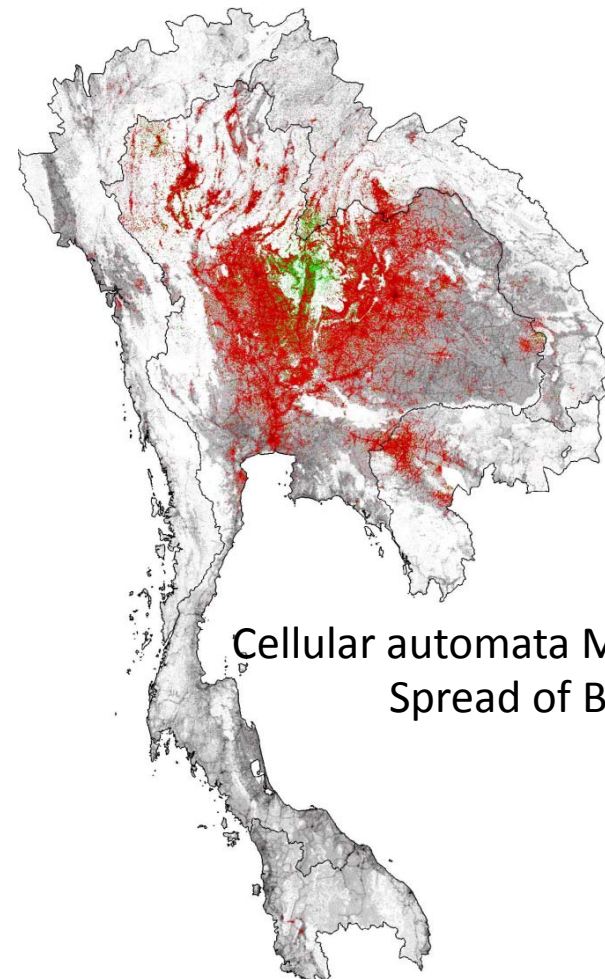
# Policy examples (Monte Carlo)

## Cancer Screening Policies

Comparison of alternate policies

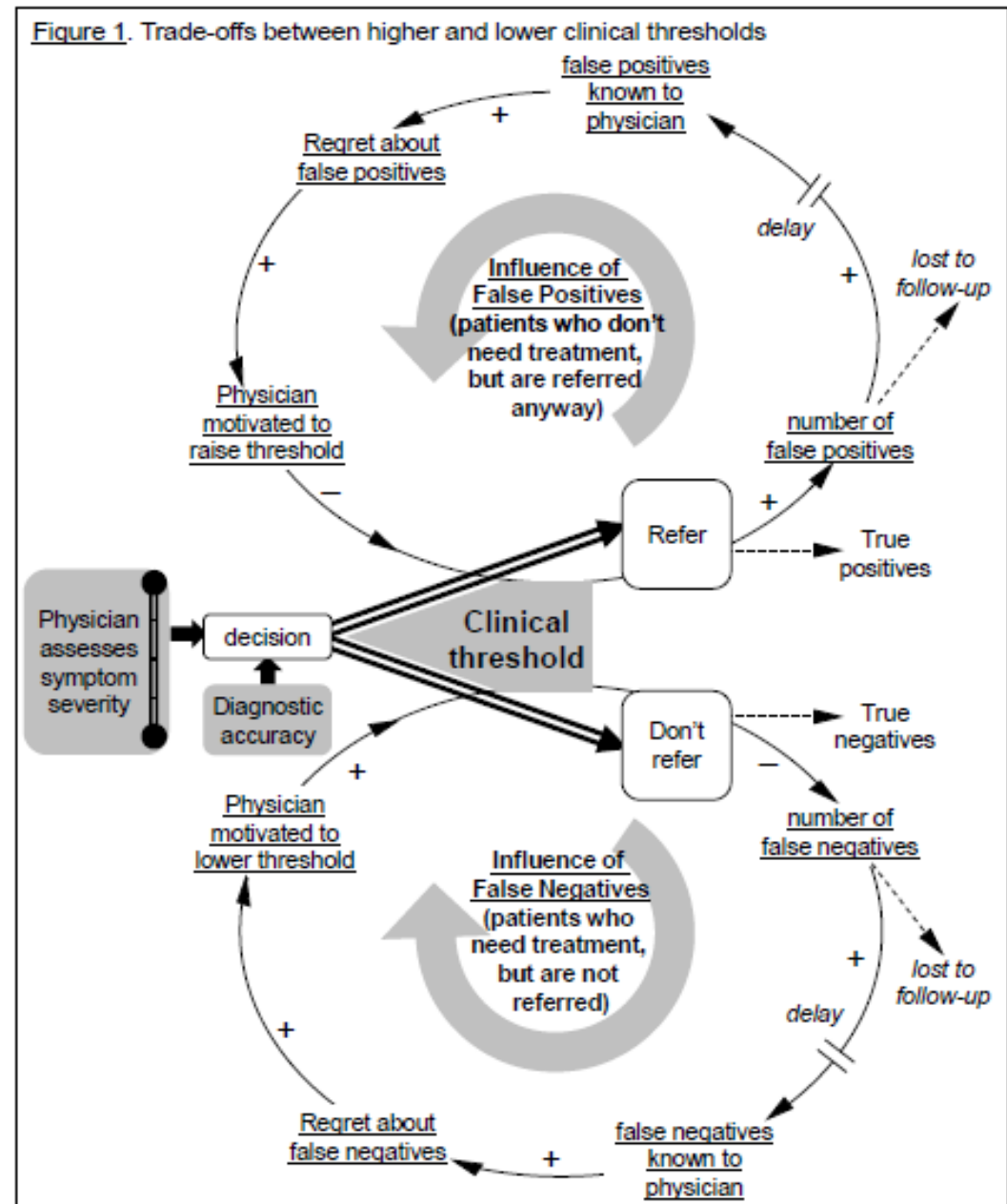


## Spread of Epidemics (or improvements)



# System dynamics example

- Typically macro level or policy analysis
- Concepts of 'flows', 'stocks', 'rates', feedback loops
- Based in differential equations
- Also very useful thinking exercise



# 6. Optimization models

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## Basic elements

- **Objective function**
  - Cost, quality, safety...
- **Constraints**
  - Resources, capacity, time, sequences, etc
- **Decision variables**
  - Staff level, start time, locations, capacity...

## Types of methods

- Math programs
  - Linear programming
  - Nonlinear, integer
- Search optimization methods
  - Genetic algorithms
  - Random searches
- Calculus-based methods

### 3. Optimization models

	Description	Example: Inventory Purchasing
Objective function	<i>What are trying to achieve?</i> (Maximize / minimize some thing of interest)	Minimize total purchasing cost of all inventory
Decision variables	<i>What can we change?</i> (What model solves for)	How much of each item to buy from each potential vendor
Constraints	<i>What can't we change?</i> (Logistical givens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must buy <math>\geq N_i</math> quantity of Item <math>i</math></li><li>• Can not buy more from Vendor <math>K</math> than they produce</li></ul>

# Supply contract example

- $J$  types of items
- Need to buy  $n_j$  of each
- $K$  vendors
- Complex purchasing contracts based on total volume bought from each vendor annually
- $m_{j,k}$  = Maximum item  $j$  available from vender  $k$
- $x_{j,k}$  = Number item  $j$  bought from vender  $k$

*Minimize:* Total cost of all items from all vendors

*Subject to:*

$$x_{1,1} + x_{1,2} + \dots + x_{1,k} = n_1$$

$$x_{2,1} + x_{2,2} + \dots + x_{2,k} = n_2$$

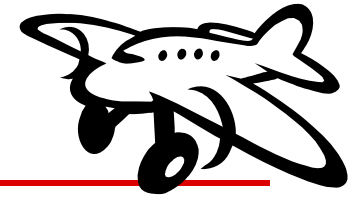
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$$x_{j,1} + x_{j,2} + \dots + x_{j,k} = n_j$$

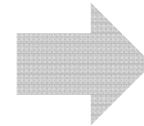
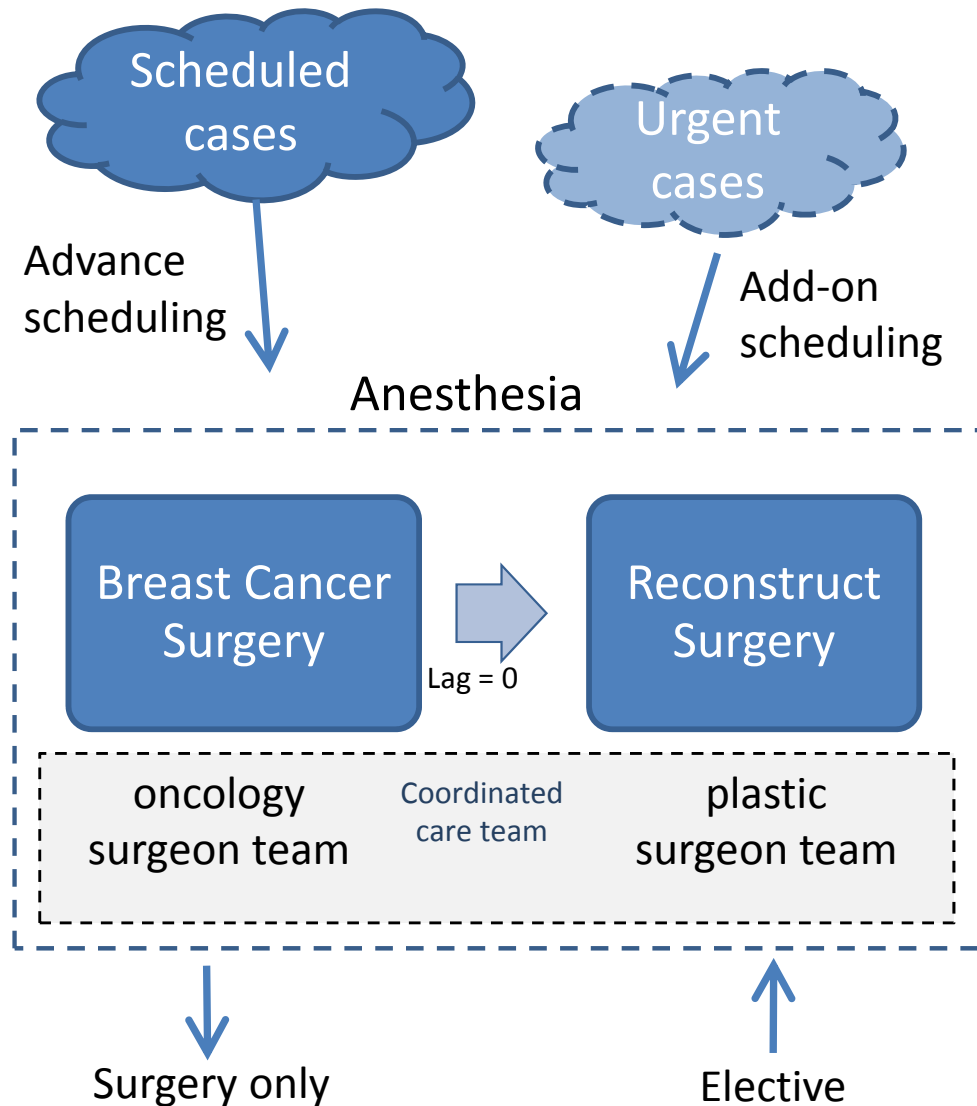
$$0 \leq x_{j,k} \leq m_{j,k} \text{ for all } (j, k)$$



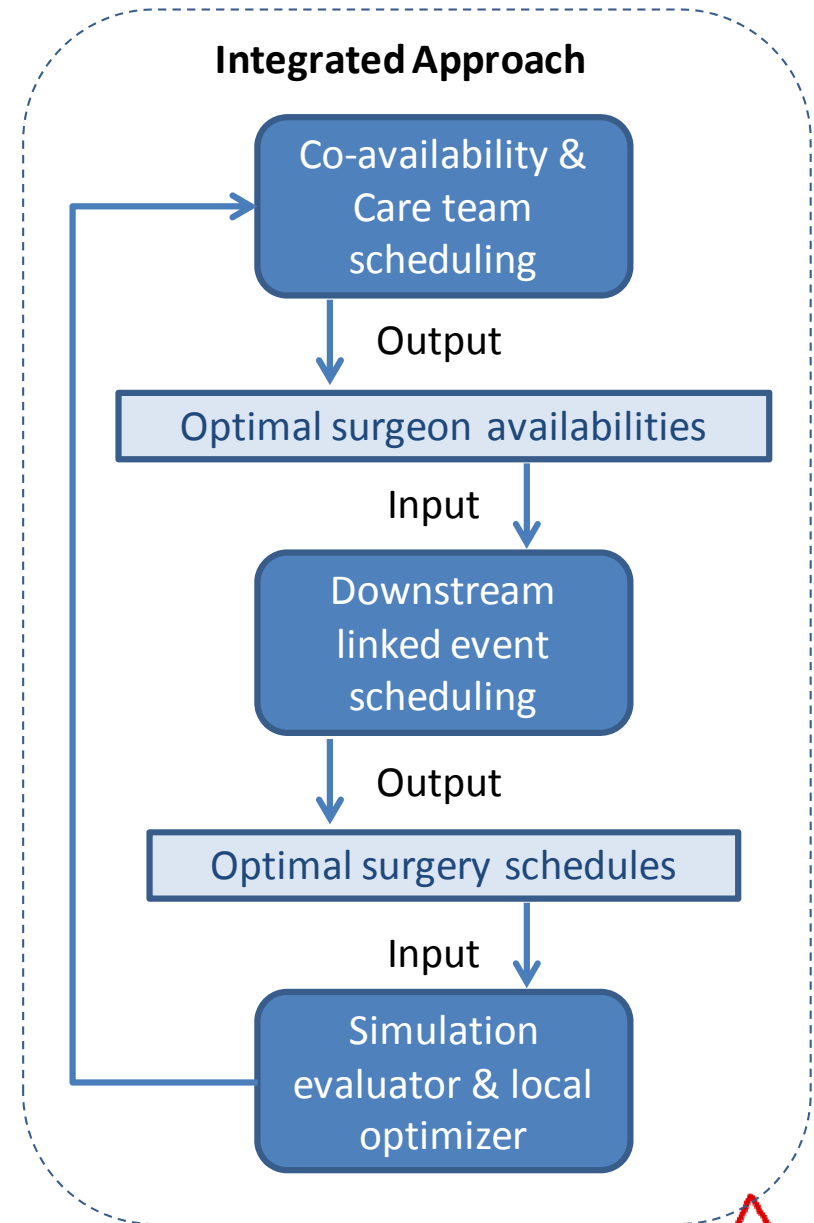
# Scheduling examples



## General Problem

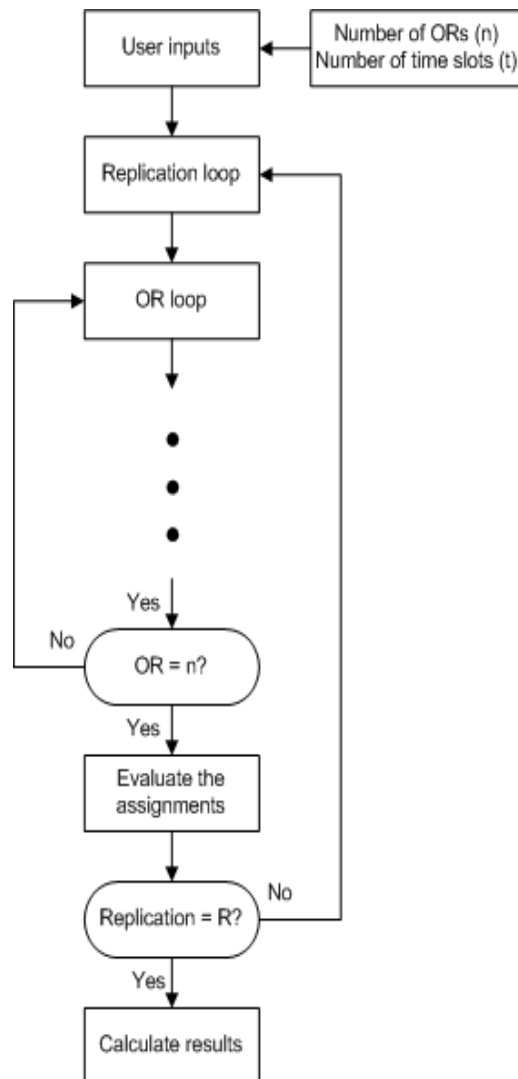


## Integrated Approach



# Models

## Monte Carlo Simulation



## Integer Programming

$$\text{Maximize } \sum_{\Phi} \sum_j \sum_k R_{\Phi jk}$$

subject to,

$$\sum_j s_{ijk} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, k$$

$$\sum_j n_{ljk} \leq 1 \quad \forall l, k$$

$$\sum_j a_{mjk} \leq 1 \quad \forall m, k$$

$$\sum_i s_{ijk} = 1 \quad \forall j, k$$

$$\sum_l n_{ljk} = 1 \quad \forall j, k$$

$$\sum_m a_{mjk} = 1 \quad \forall j, k$$

$$\sum_j \sum_k s_{ijk} \leq K \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_j \sum_k n_{ljk} \leq K \quad \forall l$$

$$\sum_j \sum_k a_{mjk} \leq K \quad \forall m$$

$$s_{\alpha jk} + n_{\beta jk} + a_{\gamma jk} = B_{\Phi jk} \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

$$B_{\Phi jk} - 3 * x_{\Phi jk} - 2 * y_{\Phi jk} - 1 * u_{\Phi jk} = 0 \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

$$r_3 * x_{\Phi jk} + r_2 * y_{\Phi jk} = R_{\Phi jk} \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

$$x_{\Phi jk} + y_{\Phi jk} + u_{\Phi jk} + v_{\Phi jk} = 1 \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

$$x_{\Phi jk}, y_{\Phi jk}, u_{\Phi jk}, v_{\Phi jk} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

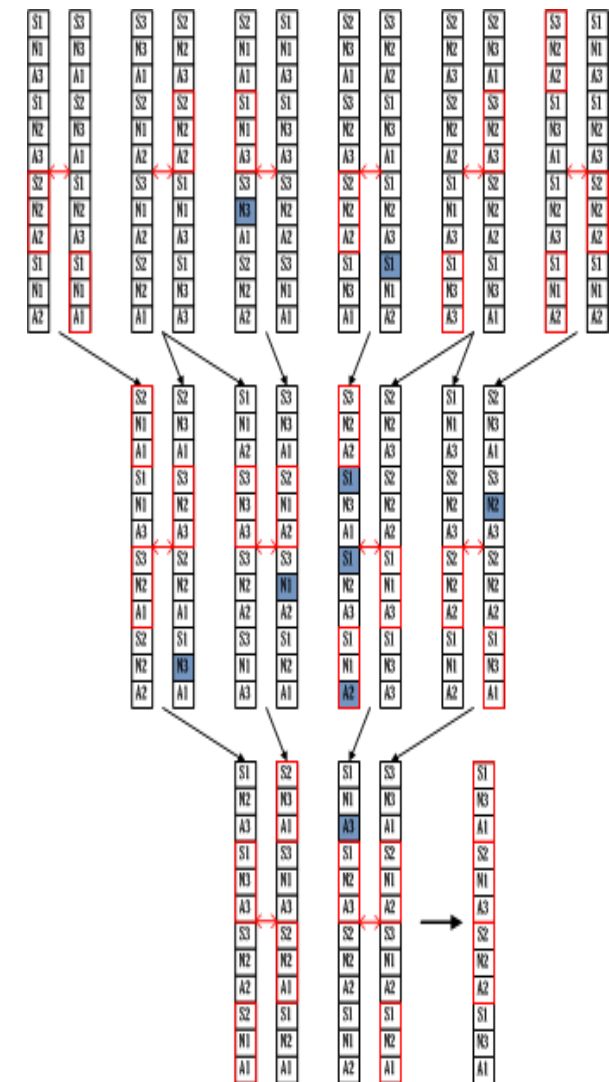
$$R_{\Phi jk}, B_{\Phi jk} \geq 0 \text{ and integer} \quad \forall \Phi, j, k$$

$$s_{ijk} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, j, k$$

$$n_{ljk} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall l, j, k$$

$$a_{mjk} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall m, j, k$$

## Genetic Algorithm



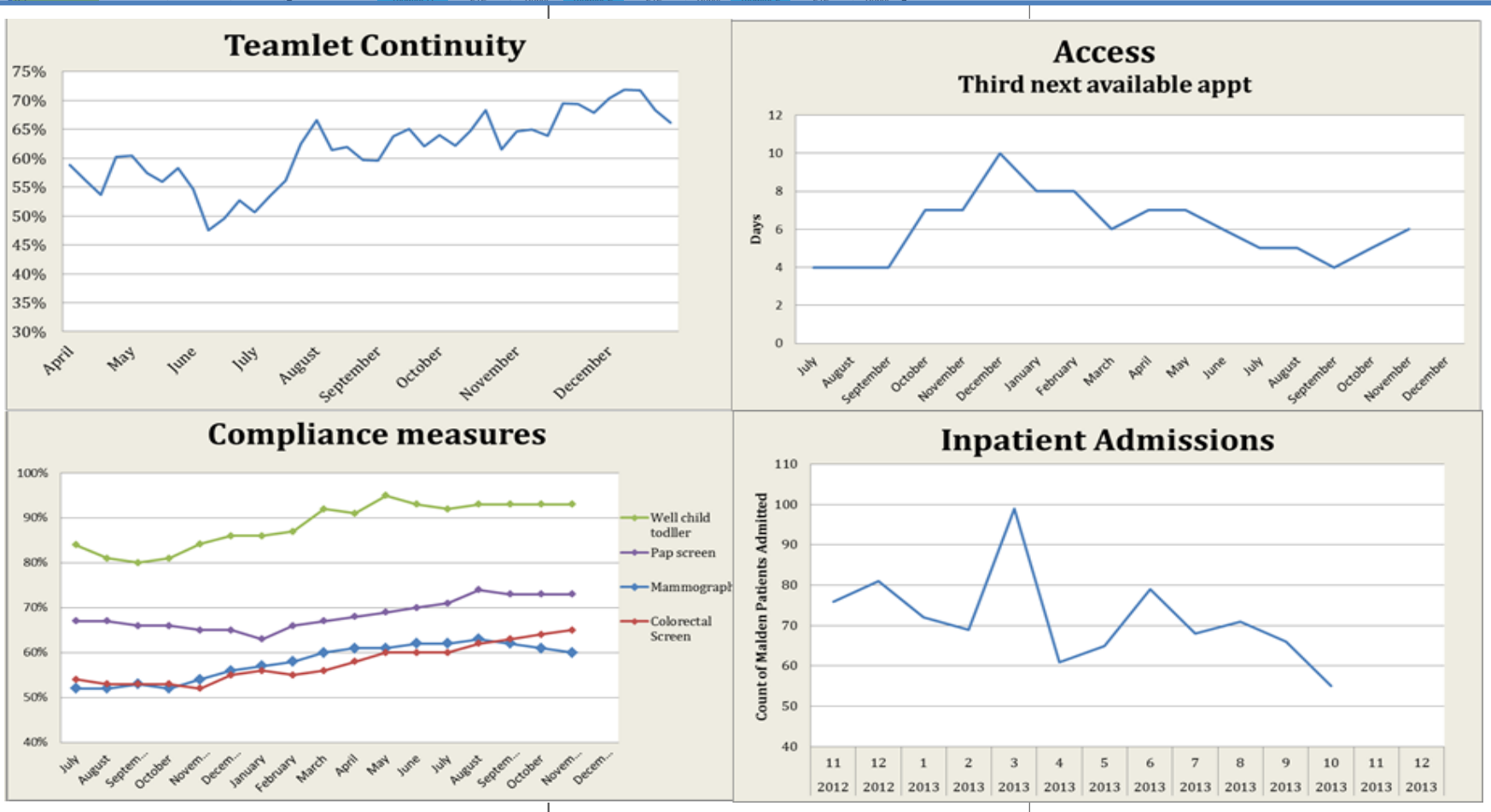
# More complex example: PCP team continuity

Team 1

Team 2

Team 3

	Teamlet A	FTE	Panel	Teamlet B	FTE	Panel	Teamlet C	FTE	Panel
Attending	Pechinsky	0.375	729	Platt	0.175	284	Mekrut	0.56	0
Attending / Fellow									
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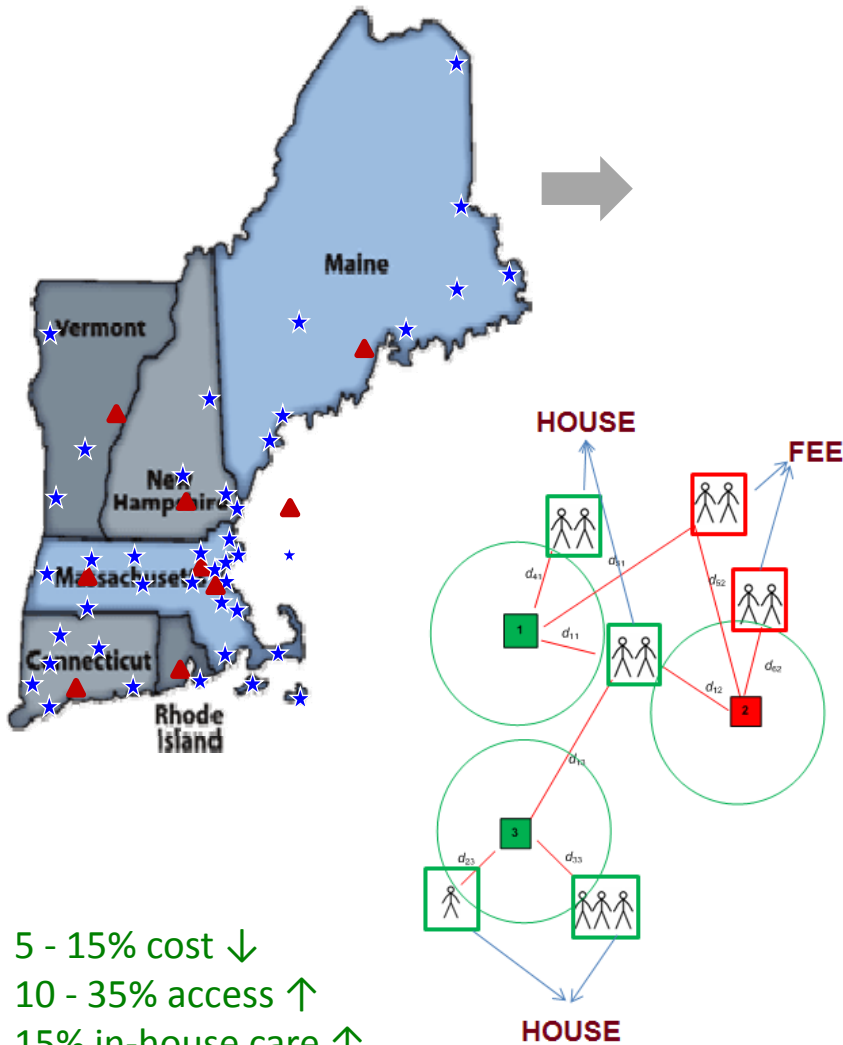
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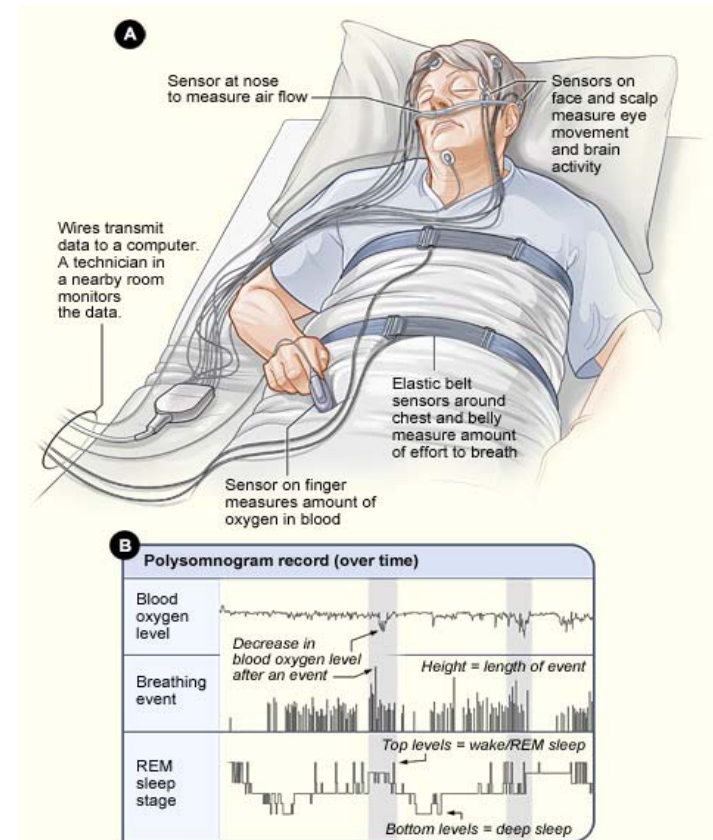
# Marco example: Network design

Conceptual model —

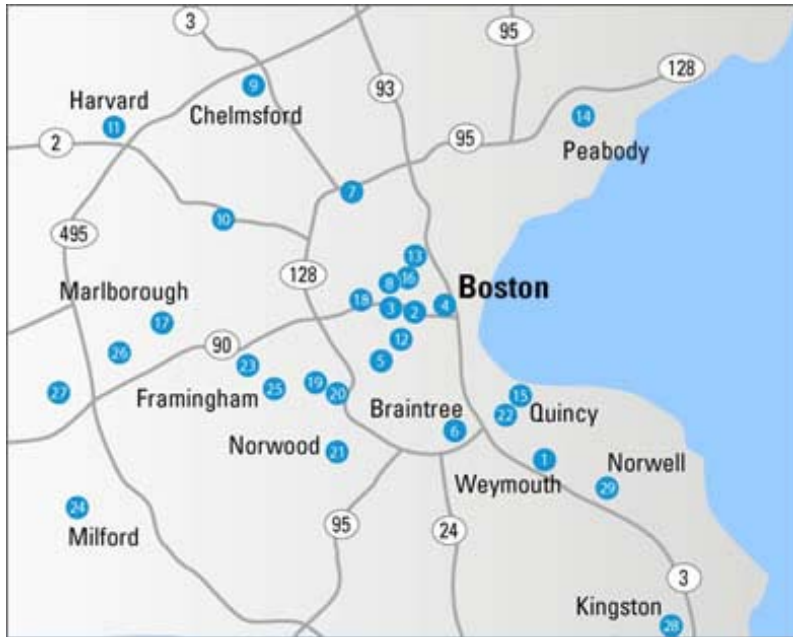


5 - 15% cost ↓  
10 - 35% access ↑  
15% in-house care ↑

- Abnormal sleep breathing
- 20% veterans, \$534m (2010)
- Inadequate access to testing

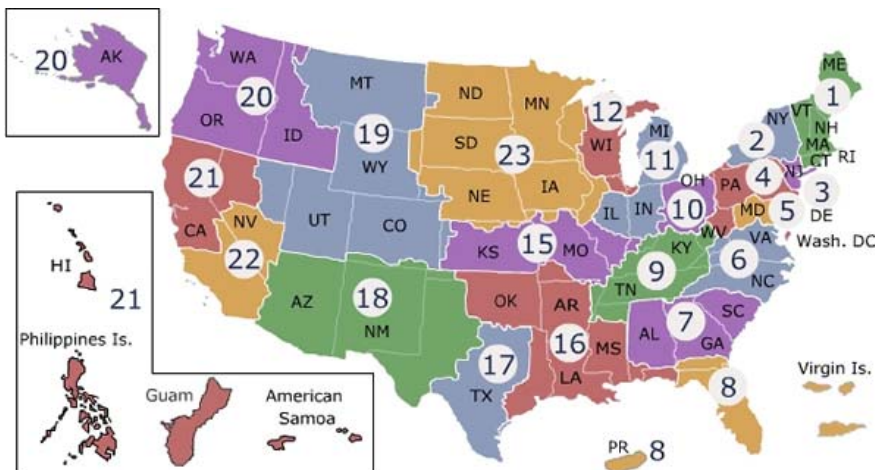


# Macro capacity / care location example



## Questions

- Where to locate which care services?
- In what capacities?
- Which patients receive care where?
- What if demand changes?

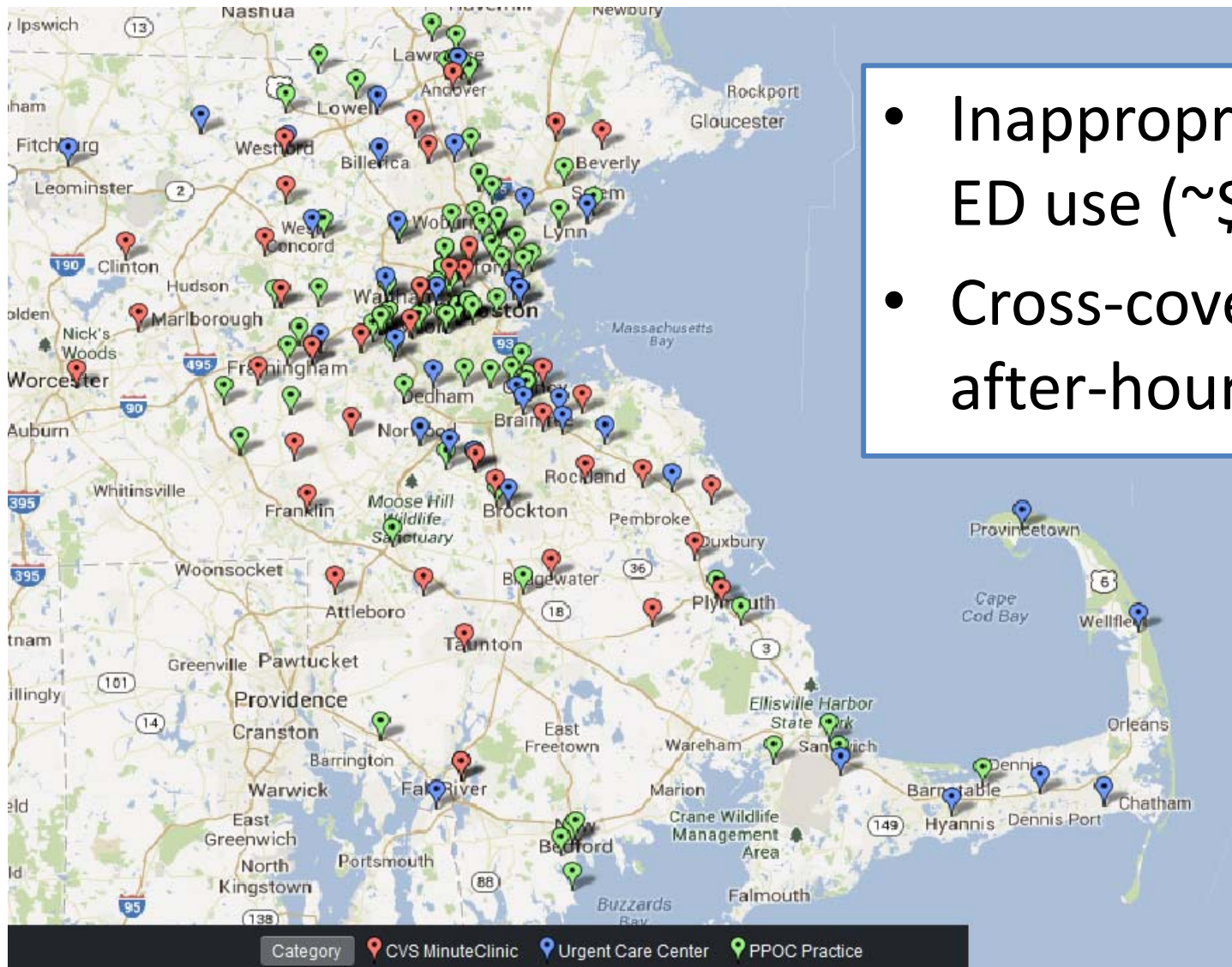


## Objectives

- Max within network care
- Minimize cost
- Minimize distance



# Example: Pediatric evening coverage



- Inappropriate evening ED use (~\$30m/year)
- Cross-coverage for after-hours

Who  
When  
Where  
?

# End-user tools (excel example)

## Model in Words

*Maximize:* Coverage preferences

*While:*

# Satisfying all demand

## Balancing burden on MDs



# Model in Math

$$Max \sum_i \sum_j c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

*subject to*

$$\sum_j x_{ij} = D_i \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_i x_{ij} \geq S^{min} \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_i x_{ij} \leq S^{max} \quad \forall j$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, j$$

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Day	Patient Demand	Number of Physicians needed
Monday	4	1
Tuesday	12	3
Wednesday	10	2
Thursday	8	2
Friday	6	2

Hours/Shift	4
% of Shift Spent Caring for Patient	75%
Visit Duration (minutes)	35

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Preferences

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Physician 1	2	3	5	1	4
Physician 2	1	5	2	4	3
Physician 3	5	2	4	3	1
Physician 4	4	1	3	5	2
Physician 5	3	5	1	2	3
Physician 6	1	4	5	3	2
Physician 7	3	2	4	1	5
Physician 8	2	1	3	5	4
Physician 9	5	3	1	2	4

Make Schedule

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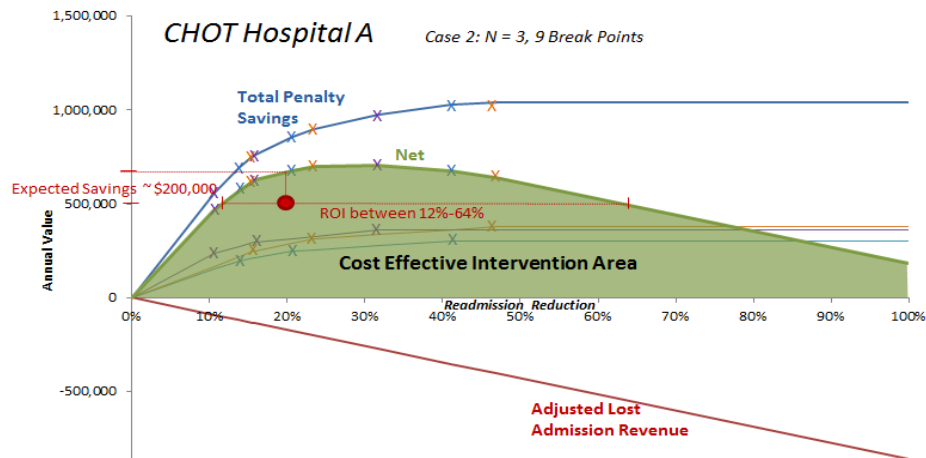
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Schedule

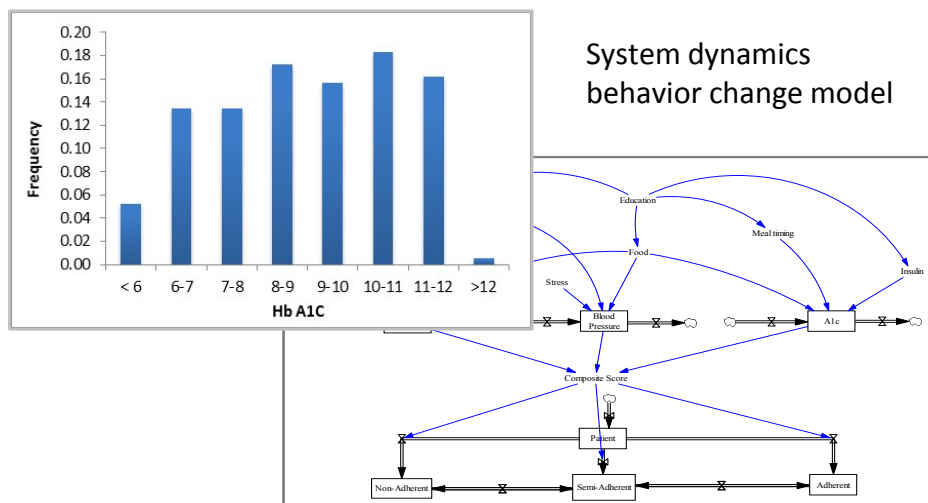
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Physician 1	Off	Off	Working	Off	Off
Physician 2	Off	Working	Off	Off	Off
Physician 3	Working	Off	Off	Off	Off
Physician 4	Off	Off	Off	Working	Off
Physician 5	Off	Working	Off	Off	Off
Physician 6	Off	Working	Working	Off	Off
Physician 7	Off	Off	Off	Off	Working
Physician 8	Off	Off	Off	Working	Off
Physician 9	Off	Off	Off	Off	Working
Total	1	3	2	2	2

# 7. Policy and clinical decision making

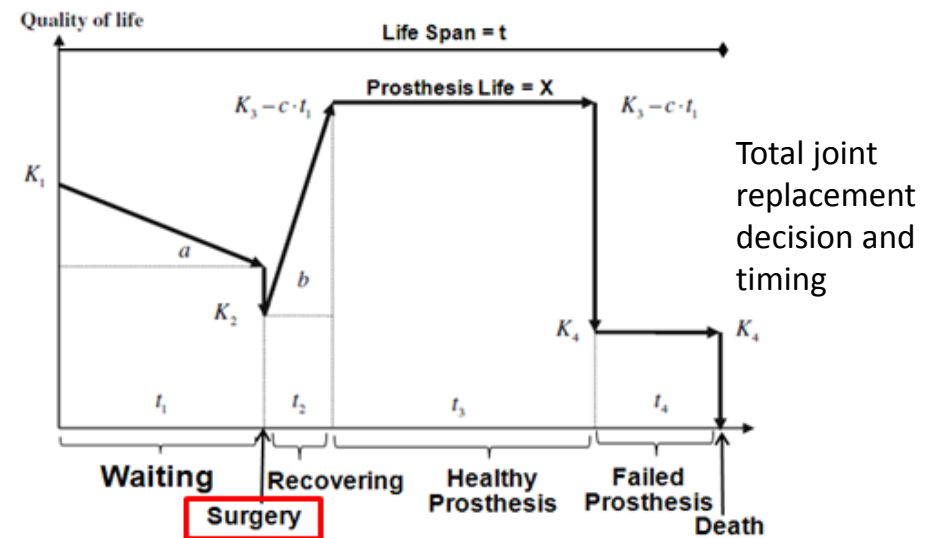
## Incentive policy analysis (readmissions)



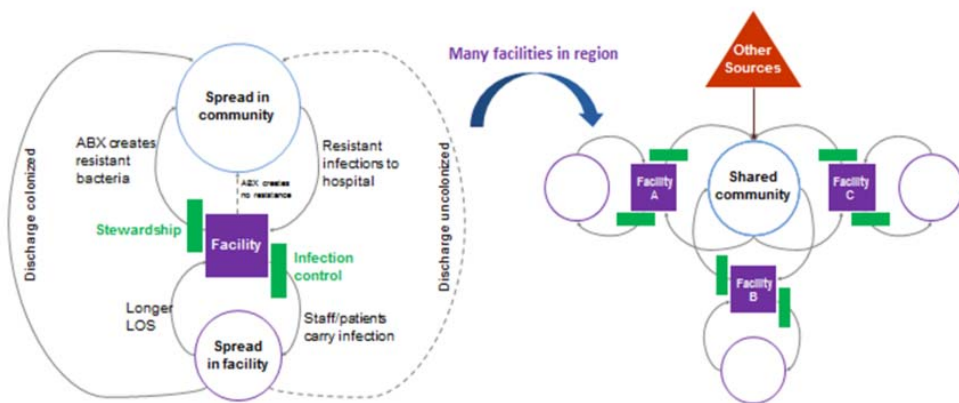
## Diabetes self-care adherence



## Treatment decision optimization



## Abx stewardship



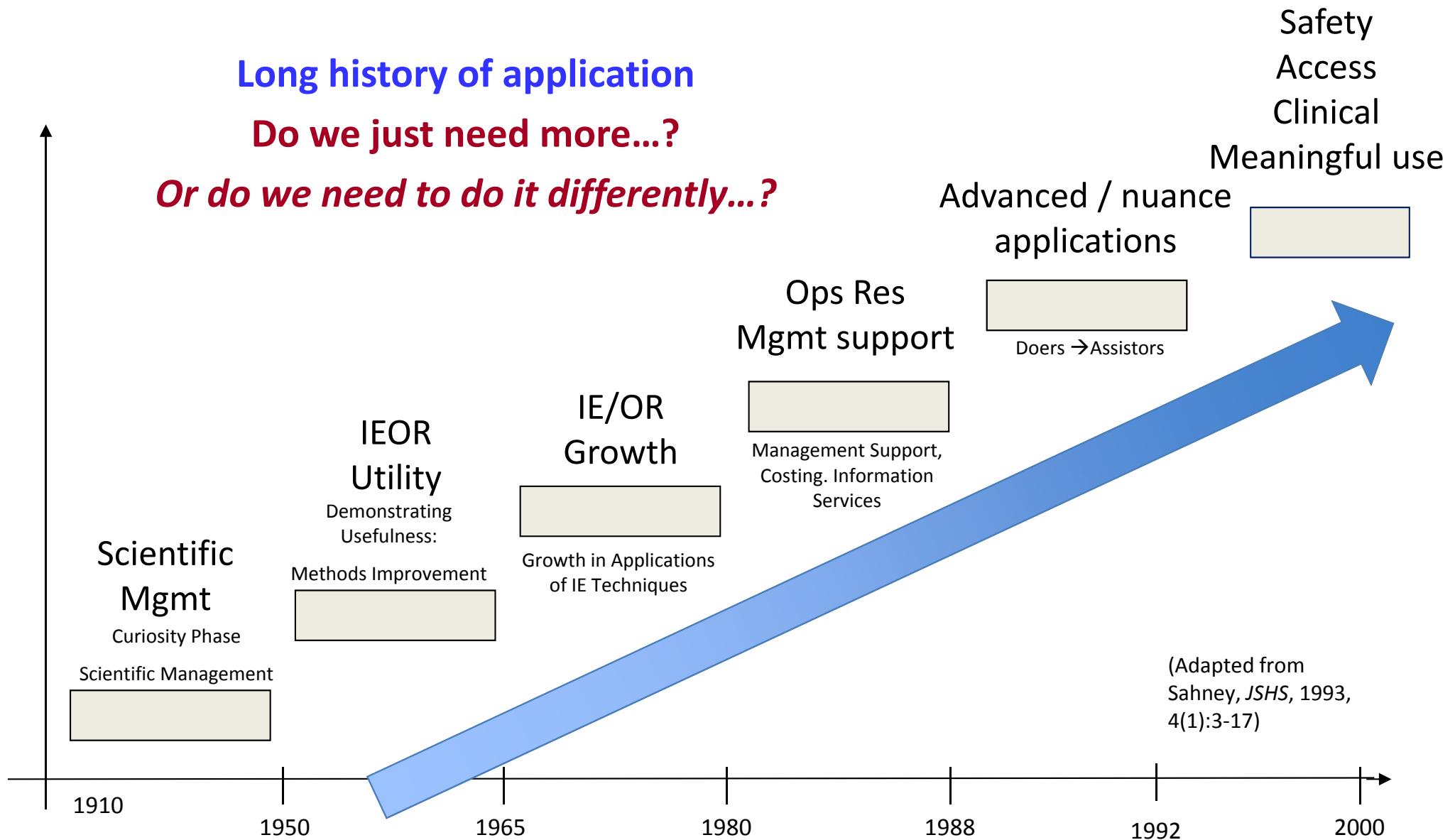
# History of IE in HC

# Historical IE applications

Long history of application

Do we just need more...?

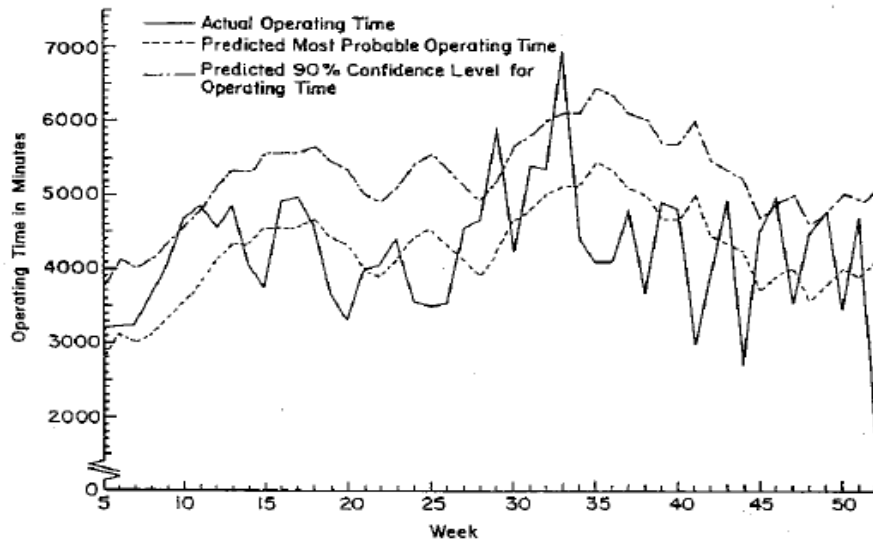
Or do we need to do it differently...?



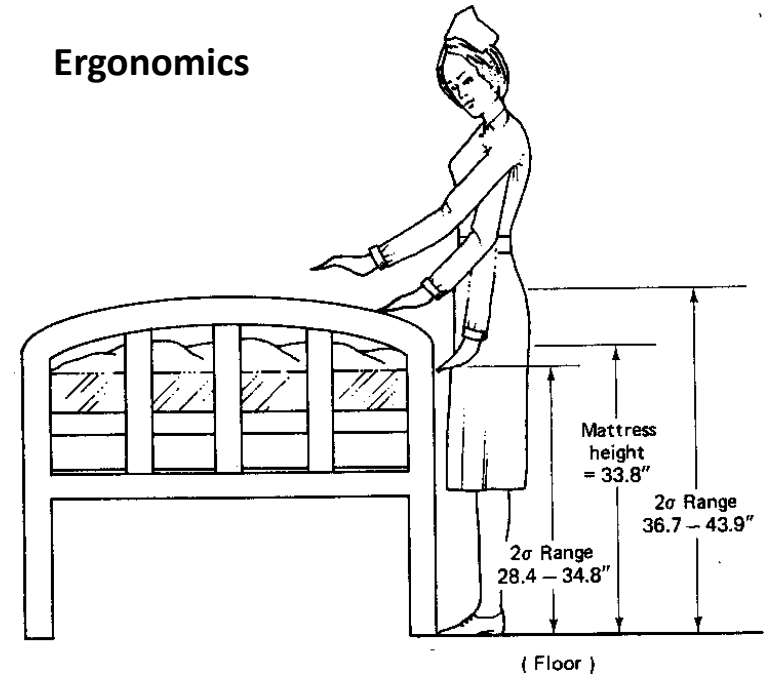


# 1970s examples

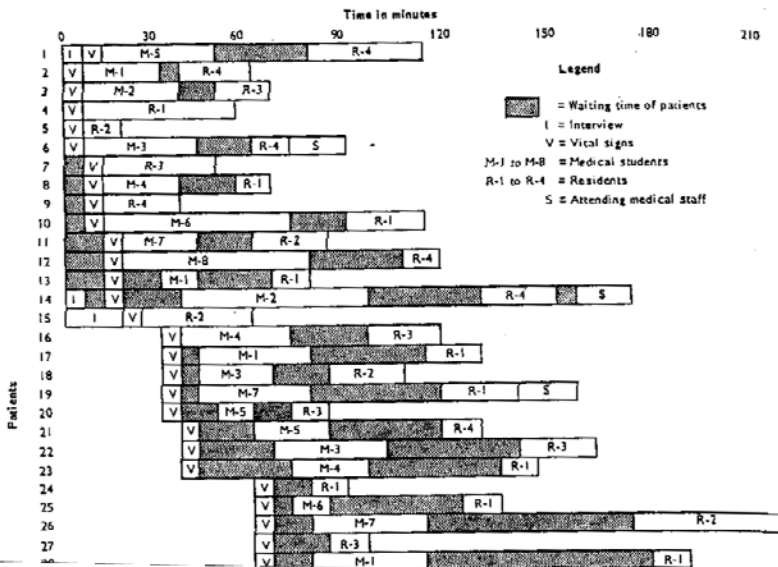
## Operating Room Usage



## Ergonomics



## Block Scheduling (Staggered)



## Capacity Planning

TABLE 14-1. Facilities Required for Maternity Service

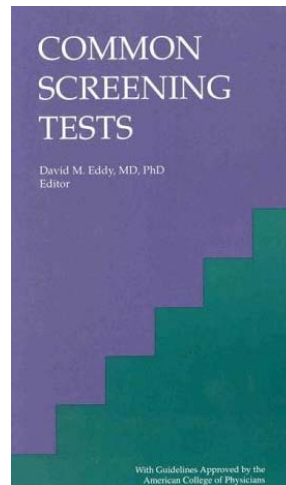
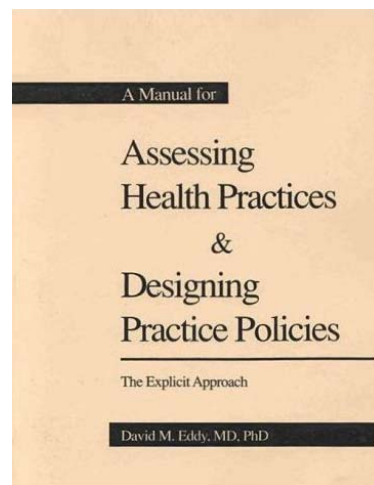
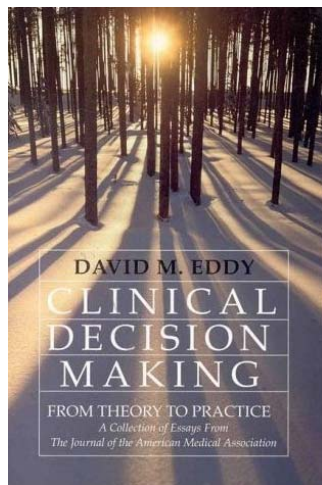
Admis- sions per yr	90% Service		95% Service			
	beds	beds per 100 patients per yr	beds	beds per 100 patients per yr	beds	beds per 100 patients per yr
580	13	2.24	14	2.42	17	2.93
1693	33	1.94	35	2.07	40	2.36
2771	51	1.84	54	1.95	60	2.17
3874	70	1.81	73	1.88	80	2.06
5000	89	1.78	93	1.86	102	2.04
5506	98	1.78	102	1.85	110	2.00
6106	110	1.80	114	1.86	122	2.00
7229	124	1.72	128	1.76	135	1.87
8161	145	1.78	150	1.84	160	1.96
9424	165	1.75	170	1.82	180	1.91

\*LR = Labor rooms; PPR = Postpartum rooms; CSR = Caesarean section rooms; DR = Delivery rooms

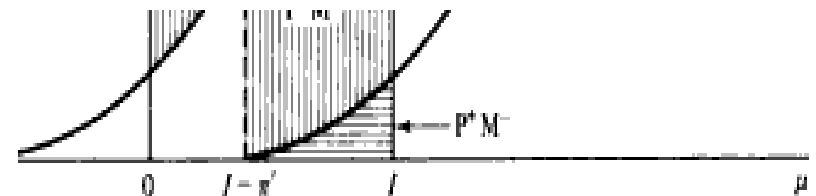
# Nurse rotations - IP (H. Wolfe, 1965)

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1 JOHNSON	F	17			✓				✓				✓														

# Cancer screening - Markov (D. Eddy, 1980)



Founder and medical  
director of Archimedes



**FIGURE 4-3** Effect of a more effective mammogram on the measured

Eddy, David M. (1980). *Screening for Cancer: Theory, Analysis and Design*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, Inc ISBN 978-0137967896

# Oldies but goodies

## Time and Motion Study 1945

SINCE the very beginning of time and motion study, hospital problems have been closely associated with it. During his early days in the construction business Frank Gilbreth had a friend who was going through his internship and through him became tremendously interested in problems of hospital administration, in techniques of management and in all the activities that go on in a hospital. Naturally, the most fascinating of these were in the area of surgery and in the work of the surgeon and all those who assisted him in the operating room. Several accidents at this time gave him first-hand experience as an observer which he utilized to the full.

Later as he developed the techniques both of micromotion study and of the cyclograph method of recording the tasks of motions, he had the needs of the hospital in mind, and the publications of the time and since that time, both in the hospital field and in that of industrial management, take account of the applications of these techniques in the hospital field.

Since that time those who have been carrying on the development of time and motion study or work simplification have added to and adapted the techniques until it would now seem time for the hospital group itself to take over the entire project of the utilization of available material in this field, to evaluate what has been done, to estimate what needs to be done and to utilize to the full the cooperation that is available from all of us who are working in the time and motion study field.

Of the material that is available for review and evaluation, much concerns itself directly with hospital problems. Groups of doctors, nurses, hospital administrators, hospital personnel people, those in charge of dietetics, of laundry and of other areas of hospital work have invited management men and specialists in time and motion study to speak at their meetings and in many cases have discussed the papers intelligently and comprehensively and have followed the meetings with applications of principles and techniques to their own problems or with

projects which have been carefully carried through.

In many cases material that might be of great and immediate use in hospitals is in the management literature but not in the hospital vocabulary. The underlying principles of time and motion study are applicable in the hospital field as in all other fields, but it is for the hospital man rather than the time and motion man to make it clear how many of these are directly applicable in the hospital field and how many must be adapted for use there.

Through the years we have been accustomed to having every person who becomes interested in time and motion study and the possibility of

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Personnel Consultant, Montclair, N. J.

its application to his work start by saying, "But of course my work is different." When such a person sees similarity in his work to work in other areas we have made a good start, and review and evaluation can take place. We usually establish these likenesses through the old questions: What is being done? Who does it? Where? When? How? Why? These would certainly apply to all fields. It is through attempts to answer these questions that organization charts, functional charts, job analyses, personality analyses and all

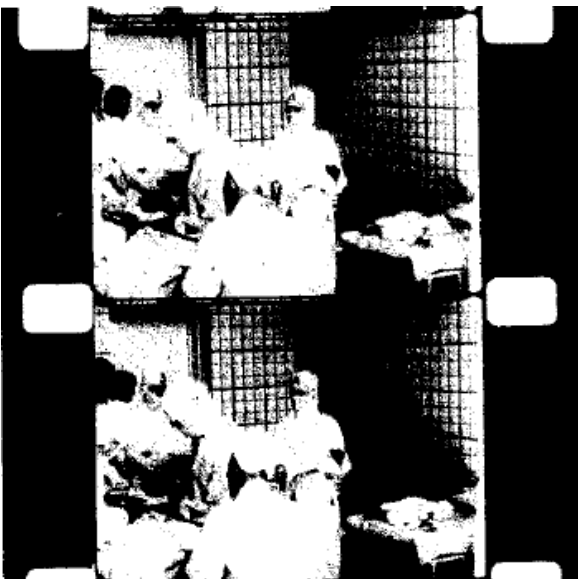


FIGURE 4-1. Frames from early Gilbreth film depict motion study of a surgical procedure. (By permission from the Society for Advancement of Management.)

## Surgical Demand Scheduling: A Review

By James M. Magerlein and James B. Martin

This article reviews the literature on scheduling of patient demand for surgery and outlines an approach to improving overall hospital surgical suites. Reported scheduling systems are that schedule patients in advance of the surgical date a 1978 available patients on the day of surgery. Approaches to procedure times are also reviewed, and the article concludes with a discussion of the failure to implement the majority of reported scheduling schemes.

During the past decade, considerable work has gone into the development of less-costly hospital systems that can also maintain or even improve the associated quality of care. The surgical suite, which has only recently received attention, is a potentially major area of hospital cost containment for two interrelated reasons: (1) surgical suites generally have high costs and historically low facility and/or personnel utilization rates; and (2) surgical patients provide a significant portion of the demand served by other hospital departments. To realize the full potential for cost containment, surgical suite management policies must consider both the surgical suite itself and its interactions with other areas of the hospital. The primary benefits to be derived from improved management policies would result from better coordination of the demand for hospital services by surgical patients and the levels of resources provided—beds, operating rooms, surgeons, anesthesiologists, and surgical and floor nurses. Improved coordination of demand and supply would allow resource reduction and would limit periods of overuse of resources, thus lowering hospital costs and/or improving the quality of care.

There are four basic approaches to achieving improved coordination of demand and supply:

1. Providing the proper levels of resources. Examples include the number of operating rooms within the surgical suite and the

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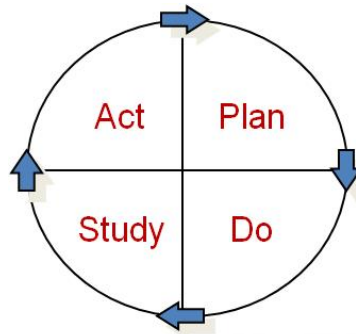
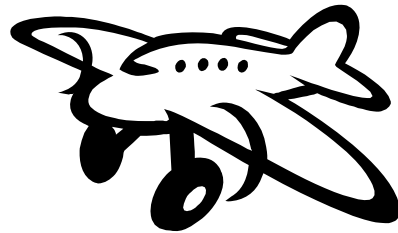


# Healthcare and IE today

Lots of basic CQI methods + Some more advanced methods

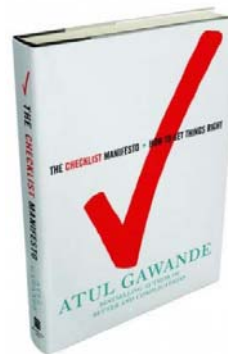
## Airlines

- Reliability
- Scheduling
- Overbooking



## Lean / Six sigma

- Waste reduction
- Quality improvement



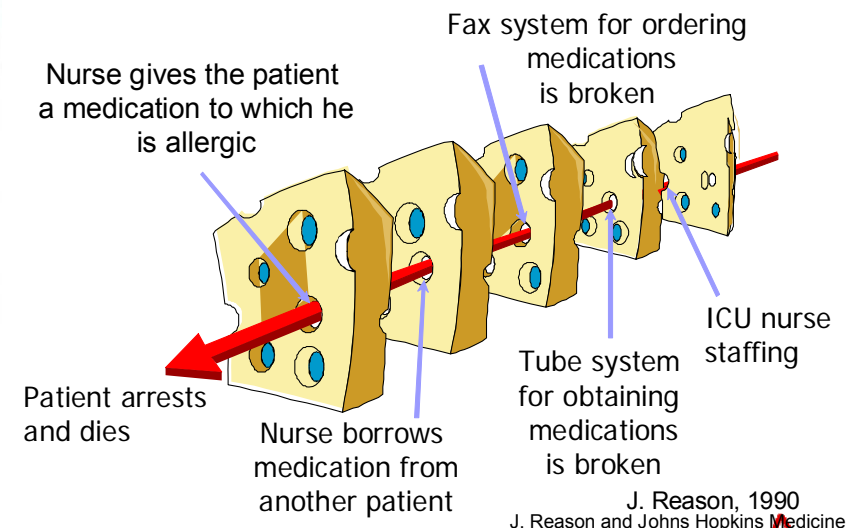
## Human factors

- Error, safety, Ultra-reliability
- Redundancy, forcing functions

## Visual controls



## Medication Errors



# Discussion

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