

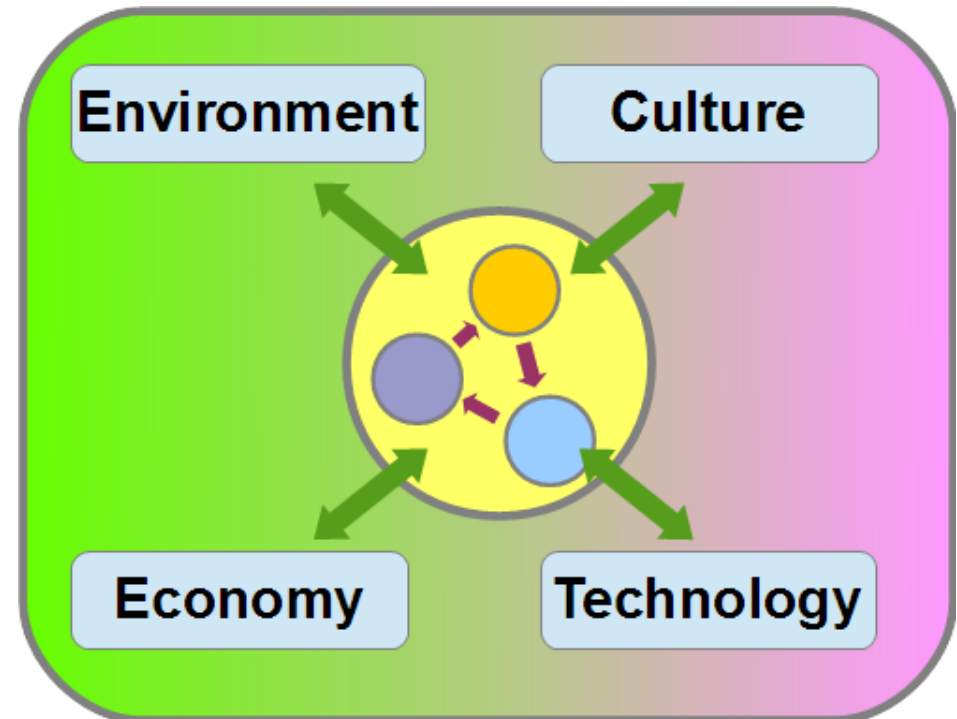
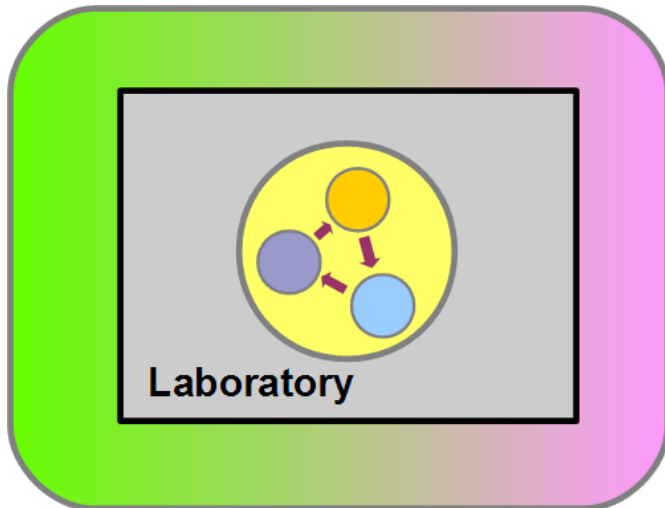
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Basic science



Applied science

RBC and MPC

Rule Based (RBC)

State of the art. Set of rules: If *condition* then *action*

„If *solar irradiation* > *threshold* then *close lid*“ and heating/cooling curves

Parameters need to be adapted to suit a building, components

Control of operational parameters → no direct control of output.

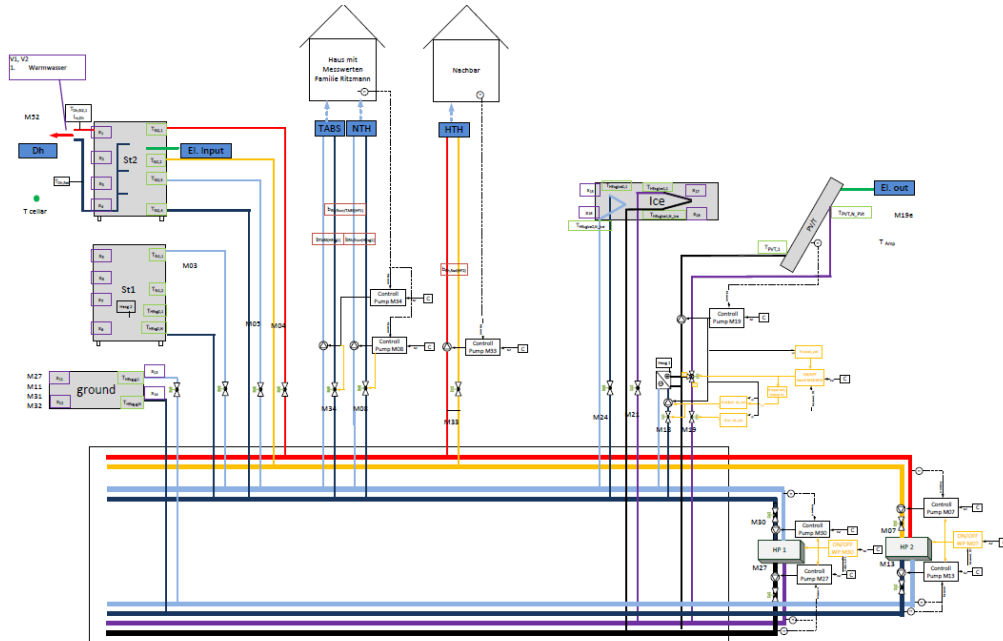
Model predictive (MPC)

e.g. the Opticontrol group, ETHZ

„[...]predictive control strategies in order to reduce the energy usage of buildings, improve occupant comfort, and reduce peak electricity demand.“



Use model to find operational parameters that yield desired output parameters



RINO

Electronics AG

Remo Ritzmann

Offizielles Organ des
Schaffhauser Bauernverbandes
und seiner Fachaktionen

SCHAFFHAUSER BAUER

DONNERSTAG, 50. JUNI 2016, NUMMER 25

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PILOTPROJEKT

Kreativität und Erfindergeist sind seine Markenzeichen

Jungunternehmer Remo Ritzmann blickt voraus. Dem Elektroingenieur ist klar: Er wird bereits mittelfristig sehr knapp. Darum sucht der Entwickler neue Wege. In Guntmadingen wird derzeit ein Pilotprojekt fertiggestellt. Dieses setzt neben der Gewinnung nachhaltiger Energie auch auf deren Speicherung und die Möglichkeit der bedarfsgerechten Nutzung.

Partenerunternehmen ein ausgeklügeltes Gesamtsystem entwickelt, das Energie erzeugt, speichert und nach Bedarf freigeht. Erwärmt und gekühlt werden können damit zusätzlich rund 20 Wohnungen der Nachbarschaft. Herzstück ist der Eispeicher.

Auf dem Dach nutzen Hybridkollektoren die Sonnenenergie optimal. Sie erzeugen zu 80 Prozent Wärme und zu 20 Prozent Strom. Die Umgebungswärme wird über Erdregierer aufgenommen und dort mittelfristig gespeichert.

Eigentliches Herzstück der thermischen Energiespeicherung ist jedoch der Eispeicher. Dieser befindet sich in der ehemaligen Güllegrube des Bauernhauses und wird mit 150 m³ Regenwasser befüllt. Im Winter kann dem



Remo Ritzmann (l.) erläutert die komplexe Vernetzung der verschiedenen Produktions- und Speicherelemente (l. Oben: Mauer, Co-Entwickler des Projekts).

Wasser Wärme für die Liegenächte entzogen werden, wodurch es gefriert. Das vollständige Auftauen erfolgt im Sommer mittels Energie der Sonnenkollektoren. Da ganze Jahr über kann das Eis zudem über die Nutzung von Abwasserwärme aus der Gemeinde teilweise verflüssigt werden. Sämtliche Systemkomponenten, Mauer, Böden, Röhren sowie Erdregierer sind mit Temperatursensoren ausgestattet. Deren laufende Messungen ermöglichen es, die Effektivität der einzelnen Systemelemente zu überprüfen und deren Kosten-Nutzen-Verhältnis zu analysieren. Auch das zentrale Steuermodul, das die Produktions- und Speicherelemente regelt, nutzt die Messungen. Dieses modellbasierte prädiktive System (MPC) ermittelt aufgrund der Messdaten, des Energiebezugs sowie von Wetterprognosen kontinuierlich die optimalen Einstellungen. Entsprechend steuert es die verzweigten Komponenten. Das Projekt wird vom Bund unterstützt. Zurzeit betreibt Ritzmann vier Eispeicherprojekte. Zwei sind in Planung, zwei werden derzeit realisiert (www.eispeicher.ch).

NACHGEFRAGT

«Faszinierend»

Auch Hansueli Graf hat die Pilotanlage Sunnegg in Guntmadingen besucht. Der Landwirt und Präsident des Vereines Landenergie Schaffhausen erklärt im Interview, wie er das Projekt und den Nutzen von Eis speichern in ehemaligen Güllegruben einschätzt.

Schaffhauser Bauer Hansueli Graf: Sie beschäftigen sich seit Jahren mit erneuerbarer Energie. Was halten Sie vom Projekt Sunnegg? Hansueli Graf, Präsident Schaffhauser Landenergie: Die Möglichkeit ist faszinierend, mit dem Eispeicher im Sommer Energie zu speichern und diese dann im Winter abzurufen. Das ist in dieser Form und in diesem Ausmass absolut neu. Da zudem mit der Energie so ressourcenschonend umgegangen wird, braucht das Projekt insgesamt fast keine Fremdenergie mehr. Mich beeindruckt das sehr.

Wie sieht die Energieerzeugung im Gülleloch für Landwirtschaftsbetriebe aus? Der Ansatz ist grundsätzlich und eröffnet eine völlig neue Dimension der Energiespeicherung im thermischen Bereich. Die Speicherung von Energie wird in Zukunft noch viel wichtiger werden. Interview: sbr



	RBC	MPC
Heating / cooling		
	[kWh]	[kWh]
Heating energy	17119	17250
Energy DHW	2065	2065
delivered	19184	19316
Cooling energy	1371	1370
Electricity		
	[kWh]	[kWh]
produced PV	9508	9641
Demand heat pumps / circ. pump	5531	6467
export	8506	5995
import	4528	2820

MPC = 6.85
RBC = 4.24



Christian Jaeger



Peter Bolt

$$J = \frac{\int \dot{Q} dt}{\int \dot{E}_{ext} dt} \xrightarrow{!} \max.$$

Annual work number

Adaptive Control



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<http://www.cs.colorado.edu/~mozer/adaptive-house>

The adaptive house

Not a programmable house, but a house that *programs itself*.

House *adapts* to the lifestyle of the inhabitants.

House monitors environmental state and senses actions of inhabitant.

House learns inhabitants' schedules, preferences, and occupancy patterns.

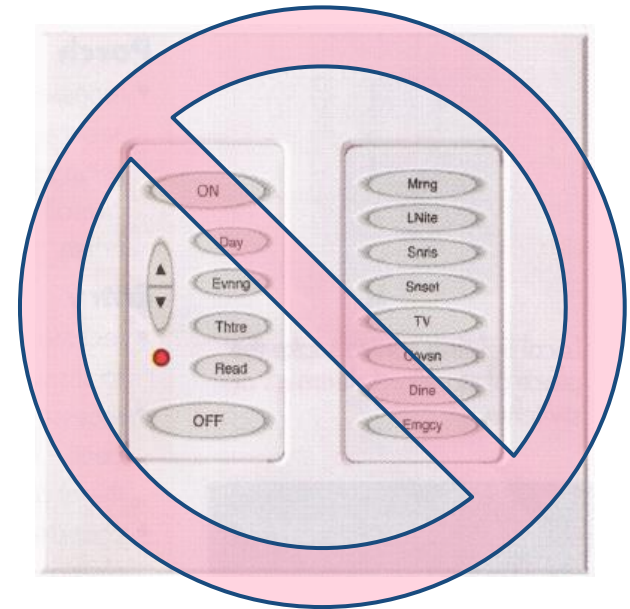
House uses this information to achieve two objectives:

- (1) anticipate inhabitant needs
- (2) conserve energy

Domain: home comfort systems

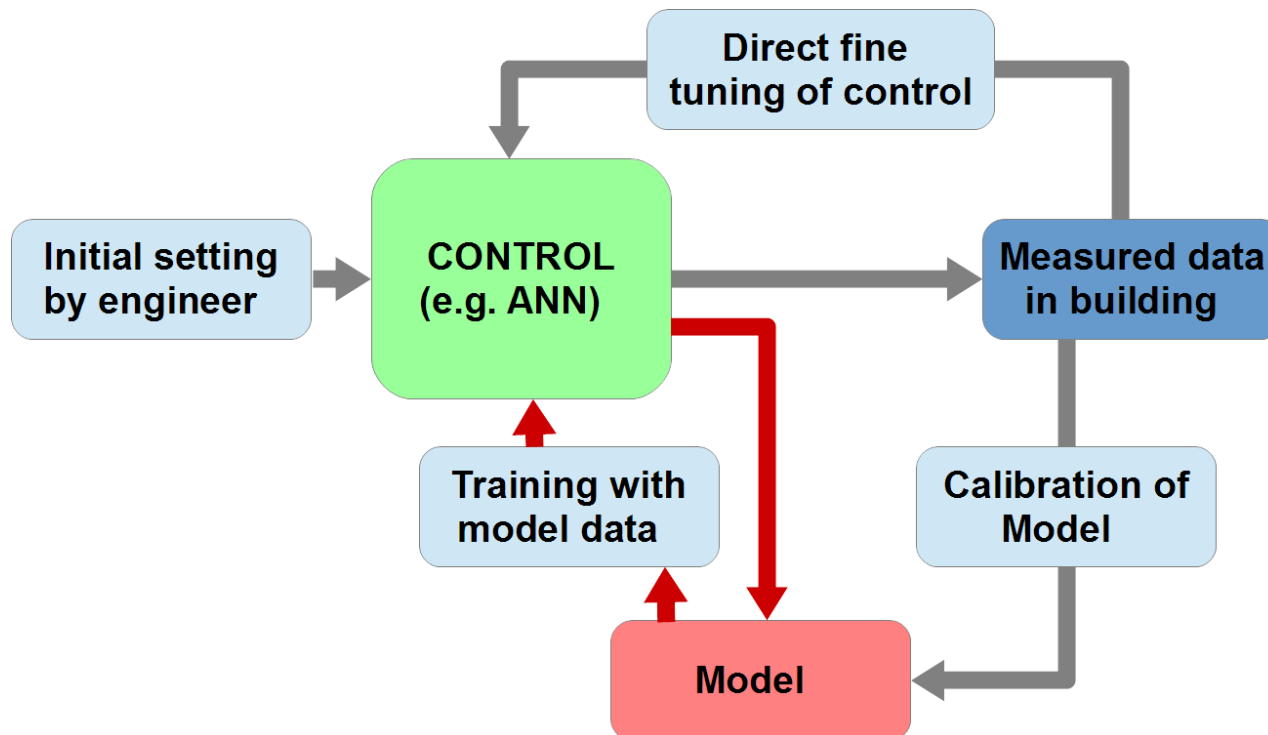
- air heating
- lighting
- water heating
- ventilation

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Model Supported Adaptation

- Machine learning (especially new methods) need to much data for pure on – line training.
- Solution: Learn from model, fine – tune with reality.

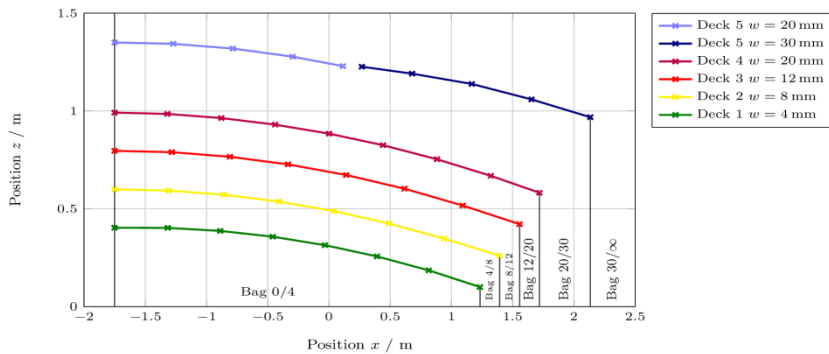
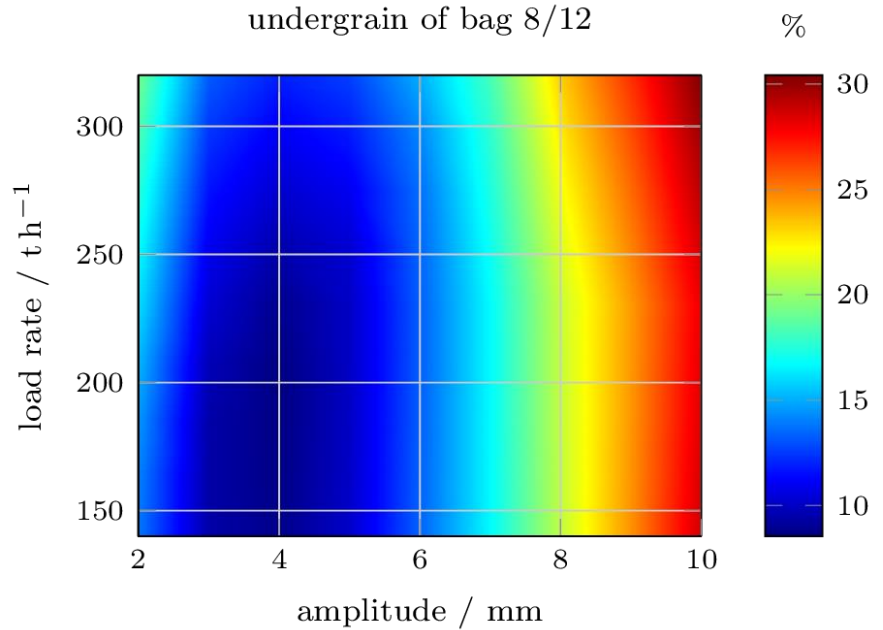


Sieving Machines

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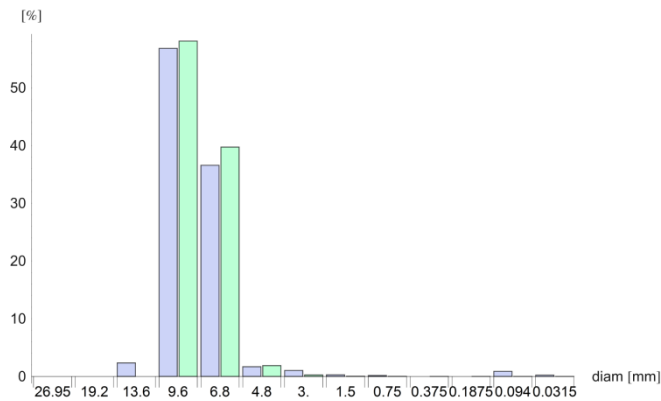
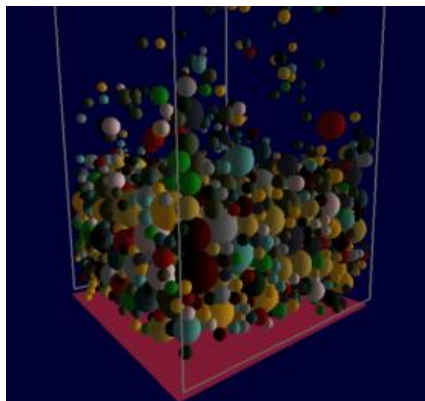
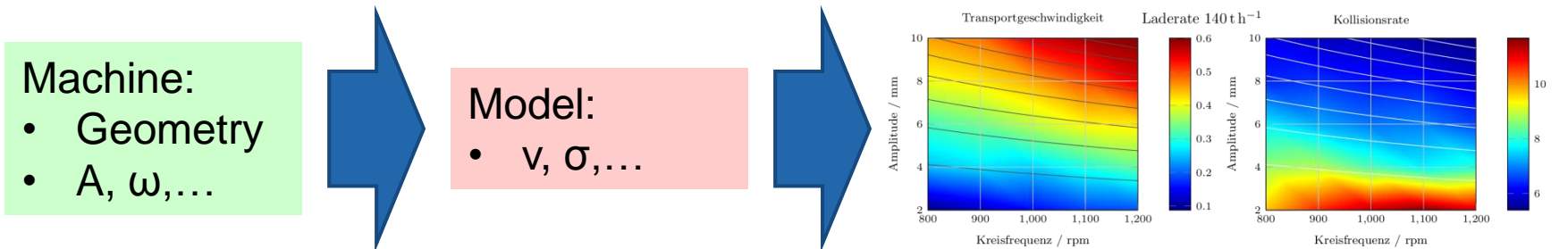
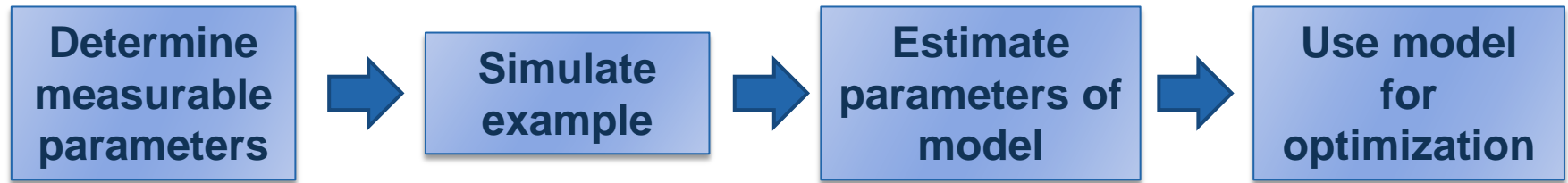


Geometry sieve VA1840



Jaeger, C.; Housseini, R.; Hertwig, M.; Fuchslin, R. M. (2014). Performance Prediction and Optimization for Industrial Sieves by Simulation: a two-tier Approach. Tagungsband ASIM 2014. 22.

Evolutionary optimization



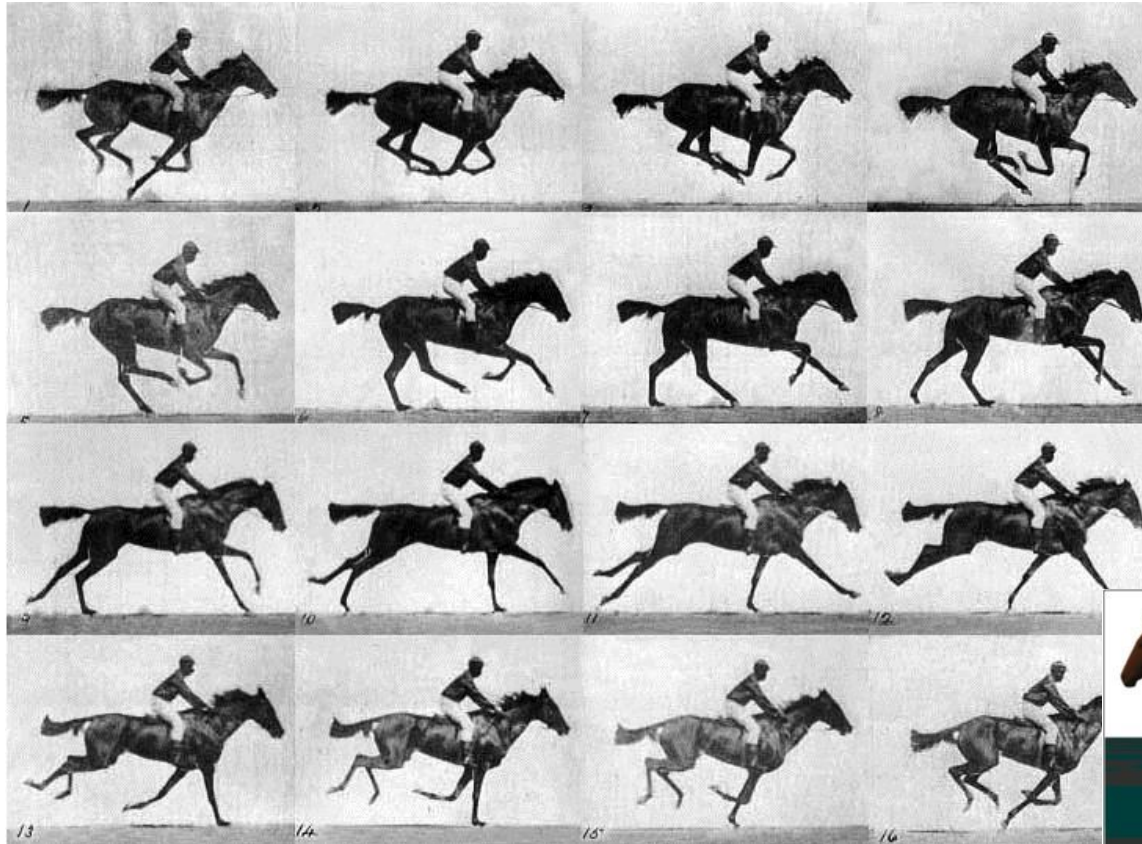
Technical Systems (Robocup 2013)



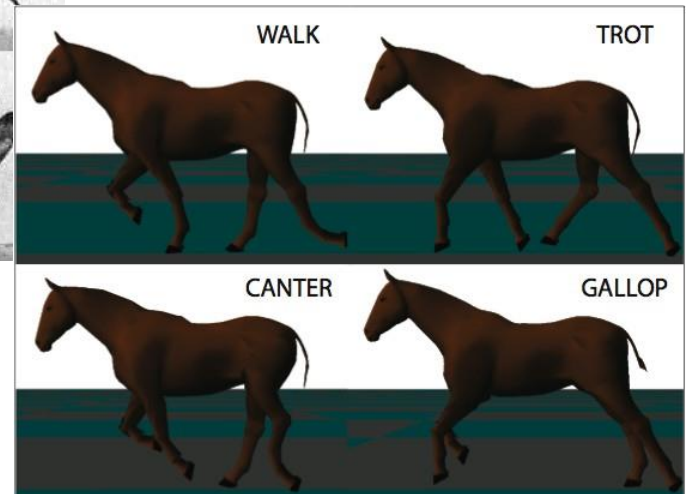
Pennsylvania Ballet's Valerie Amiss and Jonathon Stilesin the world premiere of Kirk Peterson's "Dancing With Monet (A Gathering at Argenteuil)"
Photo: Paul Kolnik

Biological Systems

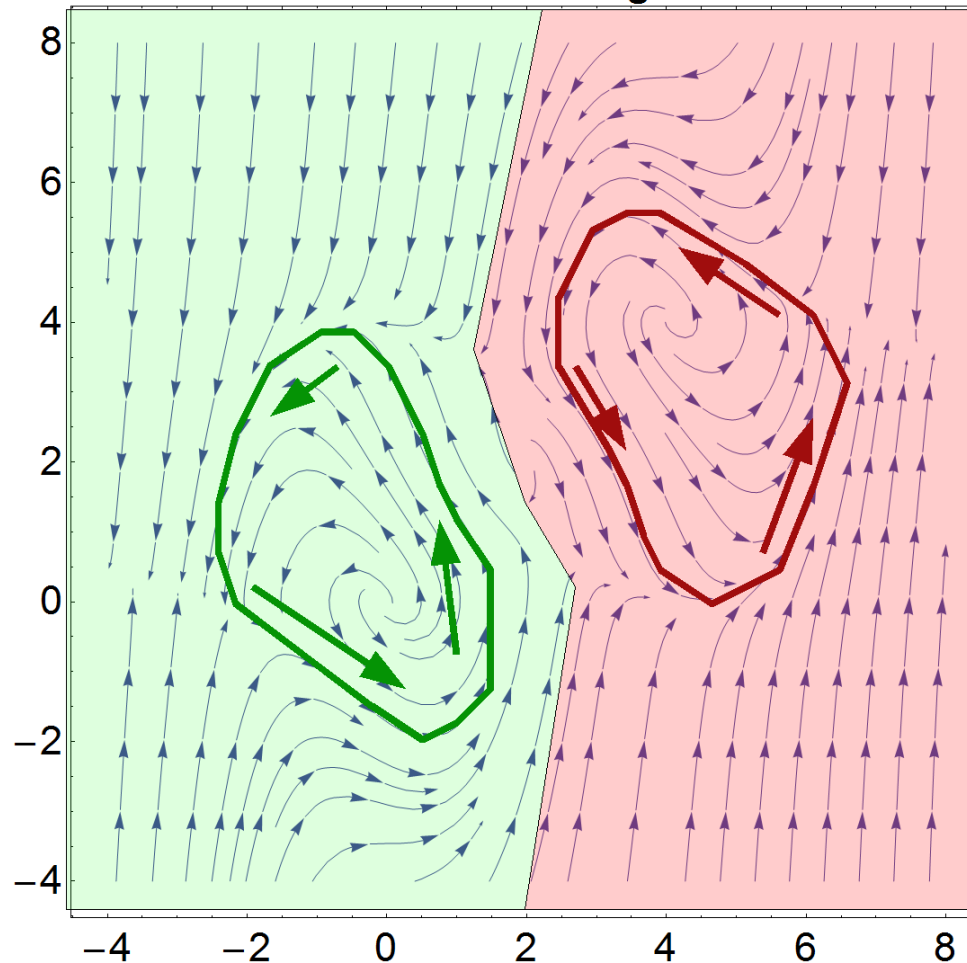
Gait Patterns



Morphology = Shape + material properties

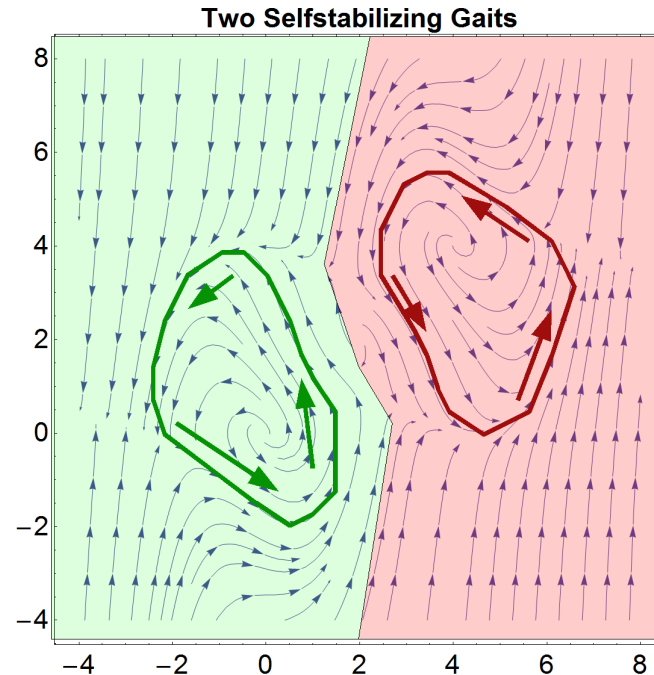


Two Selfstabilizing Gaits



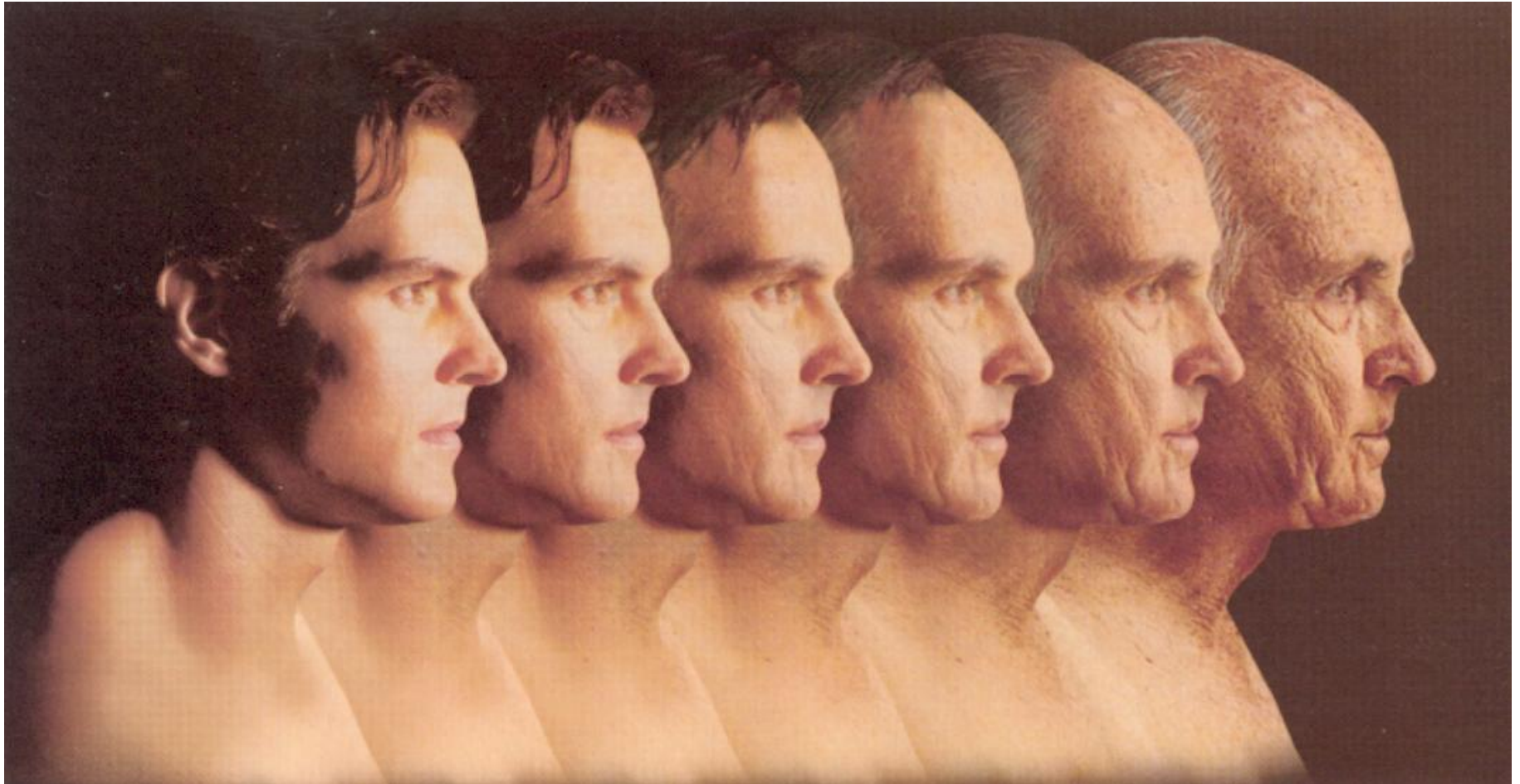
- **Brain** chooses red or green basin of attraction.
- **Body-dynamics** drives system into attractor (and keeps it there).

Gait Patterns: Picture incomplete



- **Transient time should be short.**
- **Fluctuations: Strong damping**
- **Attractor landscape can be changed.**

Aging: Loss of Control over Movements



Good News from MorphControl

**We can't rejuvenate your
body.**

**But maybe, we can rejuvenate
your attractor landscape!**

Brain & Body: A Result from Robotics

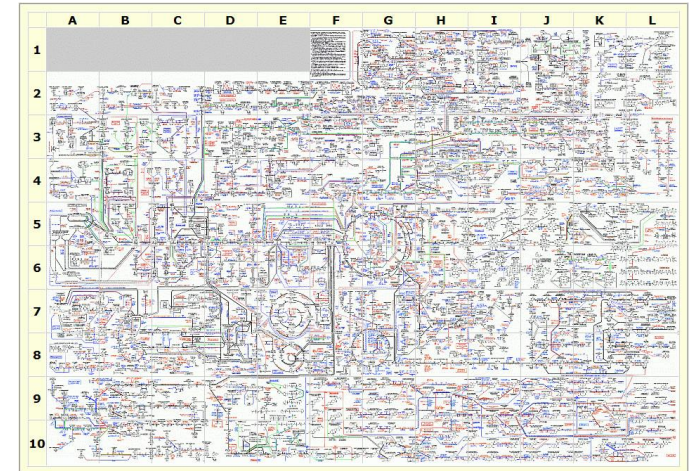
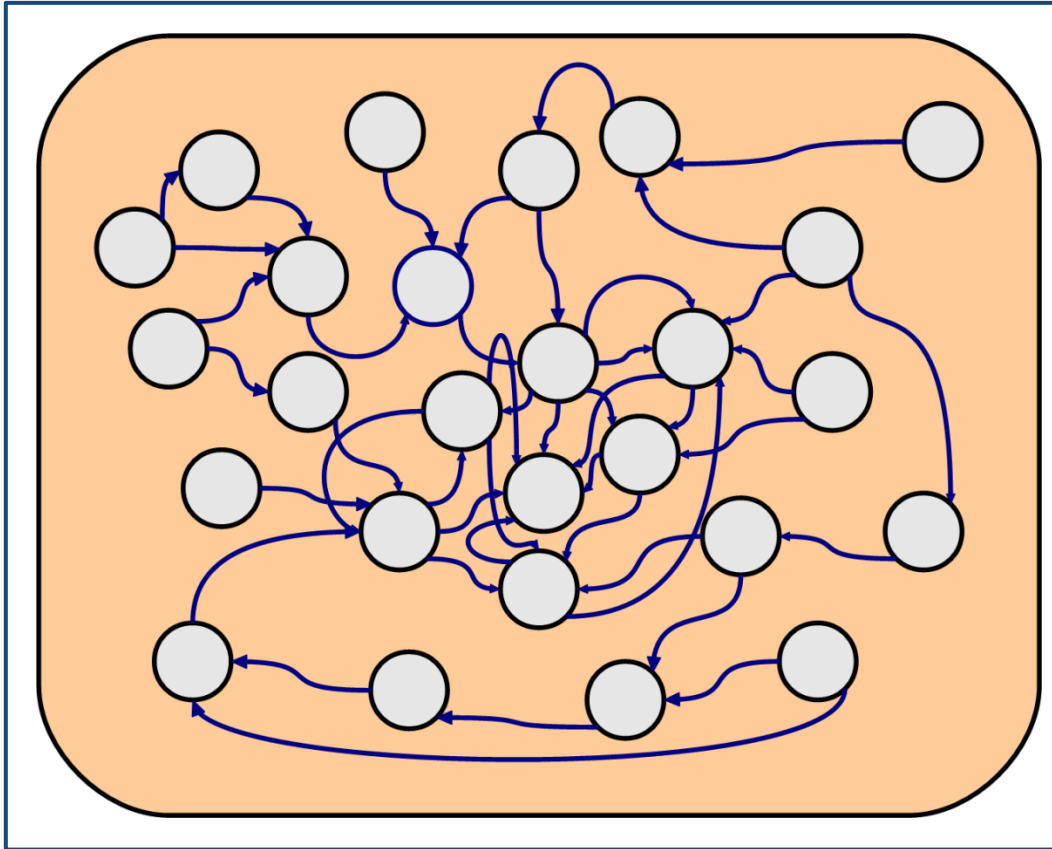
- **Feed-forward neural networks** have some but not universal computational power.
- **Mechanical mass-spring systems** can generate time-dependent signals.

Recent result: A properly interfaced hybrid system (mass-spring + feed forward neural network) can emulate/compute large classes of filters (functions onto functions).

Hauser, H.; Ijspeert, A.J.; Füchslin, R.M.; Pfeifer, R., Maass, W., **Towards a theoretical foundation for morphological computation with compliant bodies**, Biological Cybernetics, 2011, Volume 105, Numbers 5-6, p 355-370.

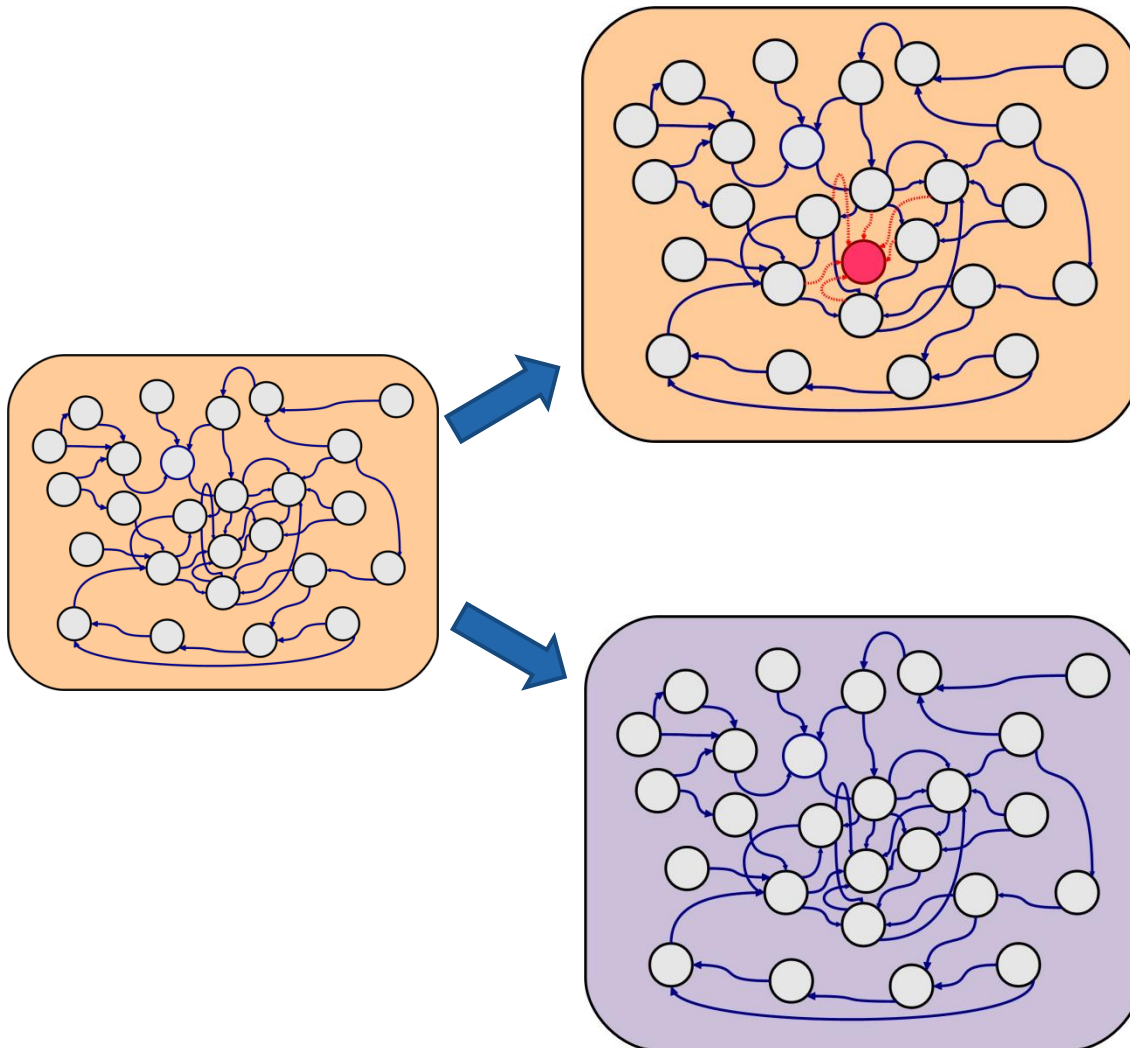
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Cells: The Network Picture



Cell as a dynamical network of physico –
chemical interaction

Two Types of Diseases



One or several nodes are dysfunctional → network functionality may be affected.

All system components are functional, but system is in wrong basin of attraction.

OPINION

Darwinian medicine: a case for cancer

Mel Greaves

Abstract | Epidemiological, genetic and molecular collectively provided us with a rich source of understanding of the aetiology and molecular perspective focuses on proximate mechanisms: adequate explanation for the prevalence of tumours or what seems to be the striking vulnerability precept of Darwinian medicine is that vulnerability diseases, arises at least in part as a consequence of compromises and trade-offs that characterize evolutionary processes.

M. Greaves, Nature Reviews Cancer 7, 213 – 221 (2007).

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A Dynamical Model of Genetic Networks for Cell Differentiation

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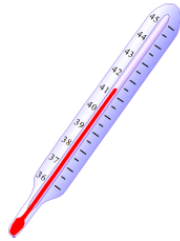
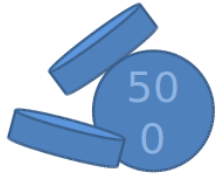
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Use of abstract random Boolean networks.

Synergistic Therapies in Oncology



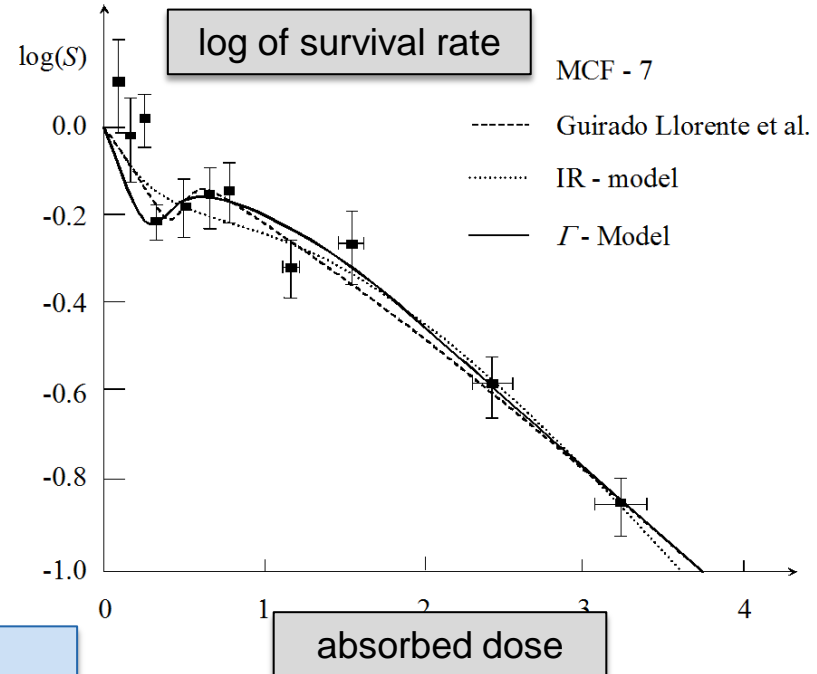
«Doses»: Drugs, Radiation, Thermal (?)



S. Scheidegger



M. Weyland



Conundrum: Reaction of cells to irradiation highly non-linear. "The more intensity, the more (long-term) damage" does not hold (Fig. by S. Scheidegger).

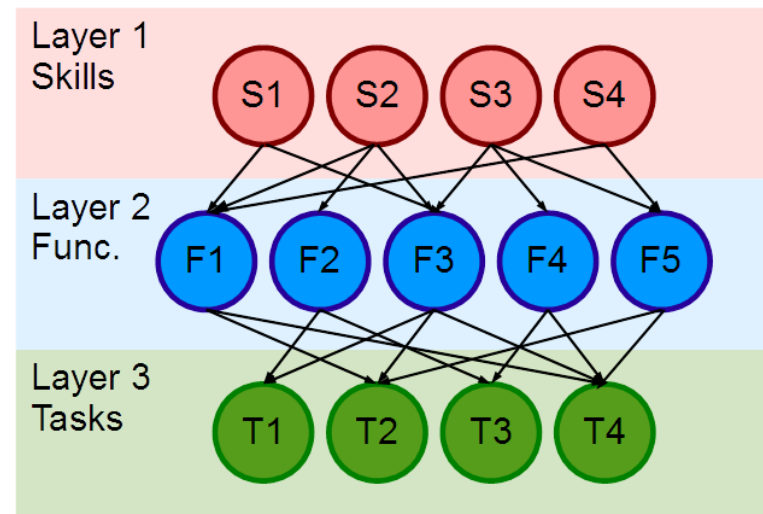
- Probable cause: Repair processes
- Hyperthermia before irradiation → reduction of repair
- Needed: Quantification of thermal effect, **thermal dose**

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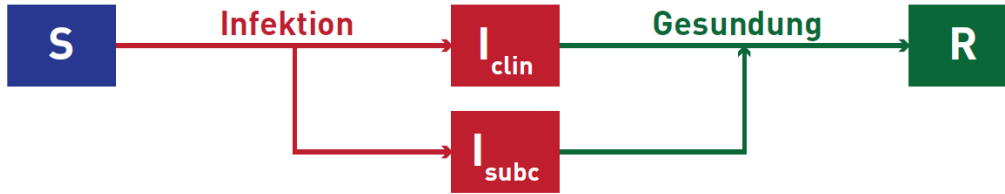
Aging Again

- Frequent observation: Elderly patients often exhibit a sharp transition in the ability to live an independent life.
- Potential explanation: Decompensation effects.
- Role of complex systems sciences: Detection of early warning signals and determination targeted application of support systems.

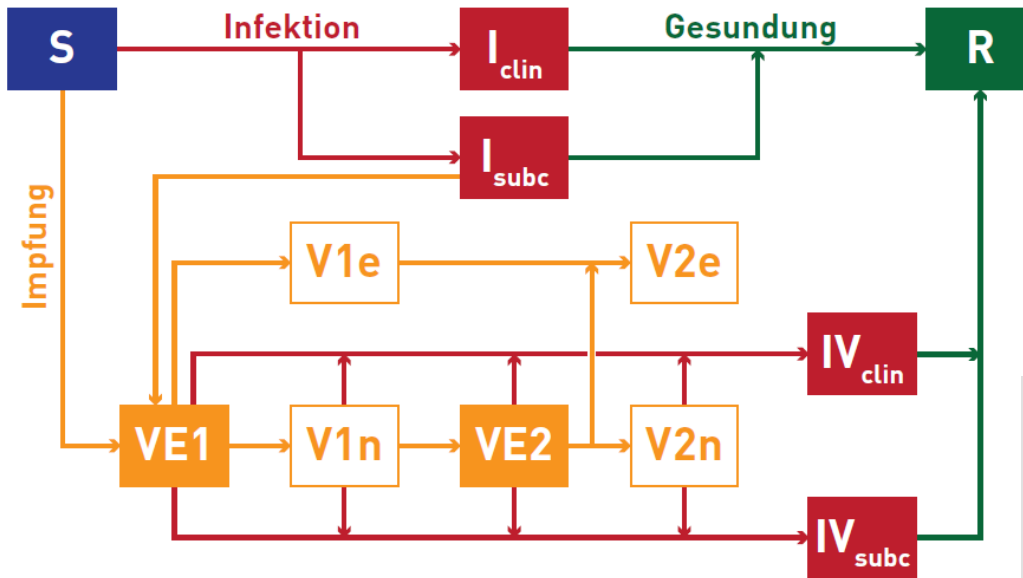
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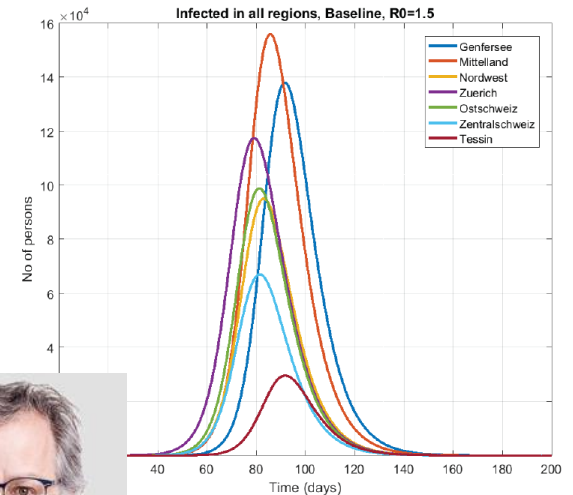
Optimization of Vaccination Strategies



Simple SIR - Model



Realistic vaccination process



Patrik Eschle

What is optimal?

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Number of survivors, red = dead

What is Optimal?

- Lessons learnt:
 - Vaccinate early (vaccination campaigns after peak of infection → waste of money).
 - Ask what you want to achieve: Low death rate or low number of infections.
 - Result depends on strategy / prioritization (First come – first serve / youngest first / risk group first / medical profession).
 - **"Youngest first" reduces overall death toll.**
 - **Ethics: Distinguish functional and normative prioritization!**

Spillover: Spread of Skills

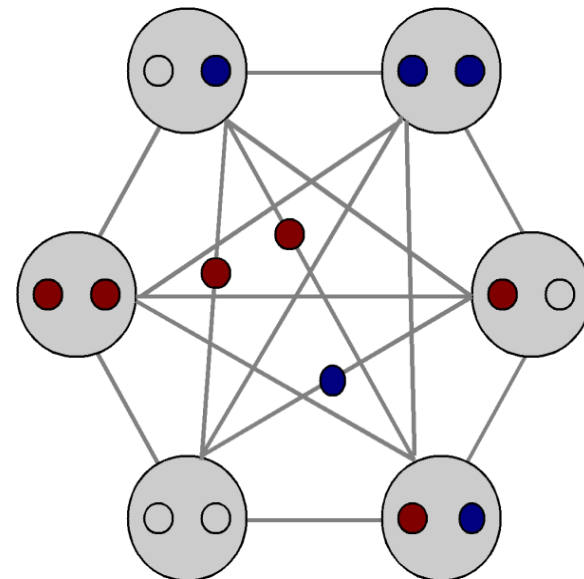
- Assume two skill sets A and B.
- Skill set A is easy to learn, but yields smaller benefits.
- Skill set B takes more time to learn, but yields high benefits.
- Given a large number of small dwellings / villages and some mobility between them.
- **Which skill set will prevail?**

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Social Dynamics on a Simplex

- We assume very simple villages with max. two inhabitants.
- The villages form an infinite simplex: inhabitants may travel with migration rate m .

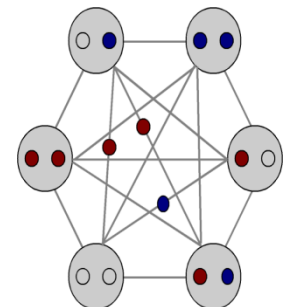


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Finite simplex of villages

Social Dynamics on a Simplex

- Individuals reproduce and die.
- Individuals are uneducated (U), have skill set A or B.
- The "villages" can only be in a finite number of states (00, A0, AU, ...).
- Infinite simplex \rightarrow Spatial heterogeneity, but trivial neighborhood structure \rightarrow mean field approach
- \rightarrow Dynamics of occupation probabilities.



Social Dynamics on a Simplex

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = A(\vec{P}(t))\vec{P}, \quad \vec{P} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{000}(t) \\ \vdots \\ p_{002}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$p_{UAB}(t)$ = Prob. for a village having A individuals with skill set A , B with set B and U uneducated inhabitants.

$$A + B + U \leq 2$$

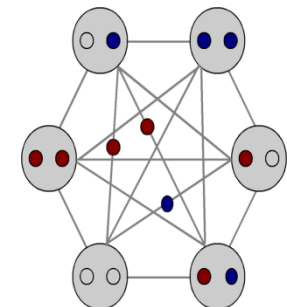
Example: Teaching processes

$$\left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{teach}} = (U+1)(A-1)\tau_A p_{(U+1)(A-1)B} + (U+1)(B-1)\tau_B p_{(U+1)A(B-1)} - UA\tau_A p_{UAB} - UB\tau_B p_{UAB}$$

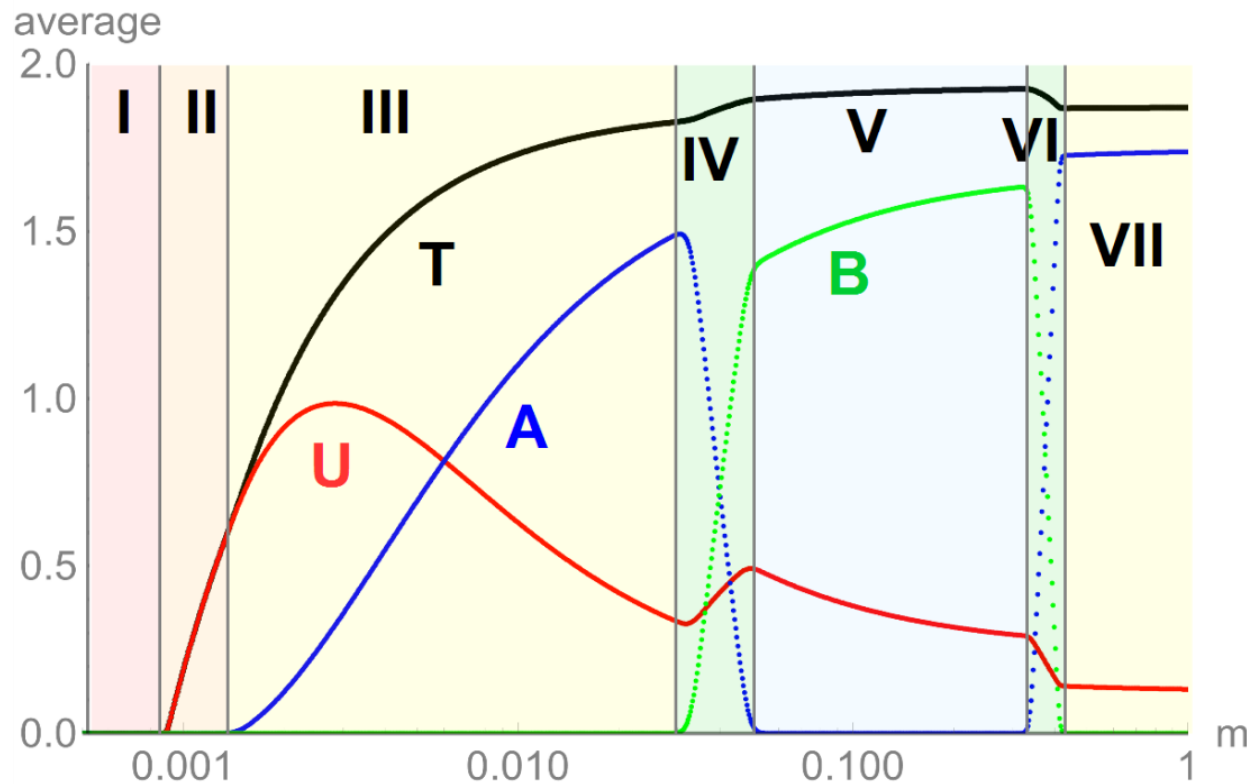
Simplex \rightarrow Diffusion processes depend only on average occupation numbers.

Master equation for p_{UAB} :

$$\frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} = \left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{birth}} + \left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{death}} + \left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{teach}} + \left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{in-diff}} - \left. \frac{dp_{UAB}}{dt} \right|_{\text{out-diff}}$$



Role of Migration for Spread of Skills



$$\beta_U = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\beta_A = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\beta_B = \frac{1}{2.5}$$

$$\delta_U = \delta_A = \delta_B = \frac{1}{80}$$

$$\tau_A = \frac{1}{5}$$

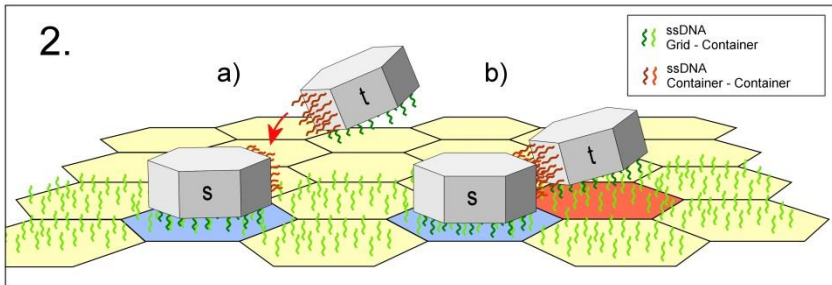
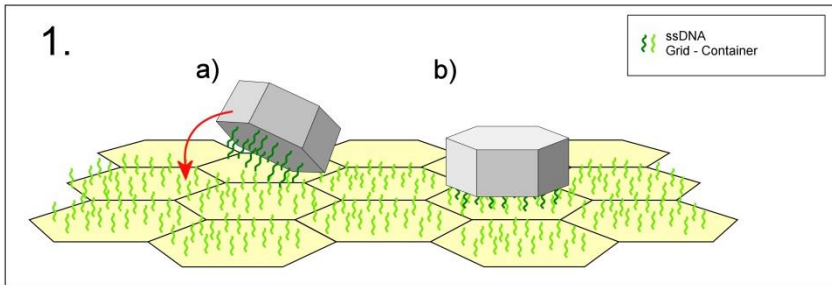
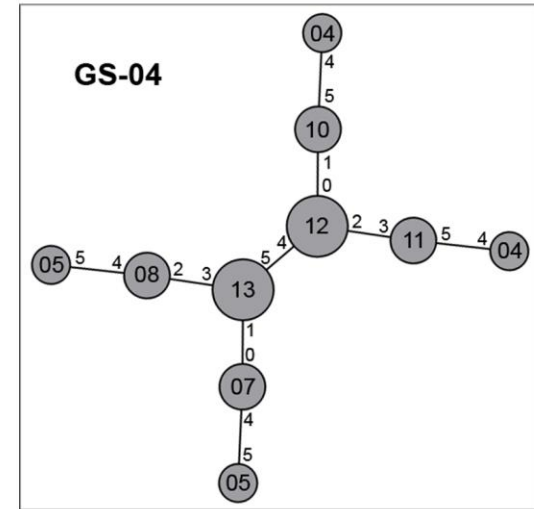
$$\tau_B = \frac{1}{10}$$

What type of skill set survives depends on migration rate.
 → Model can support theories in anthropology.

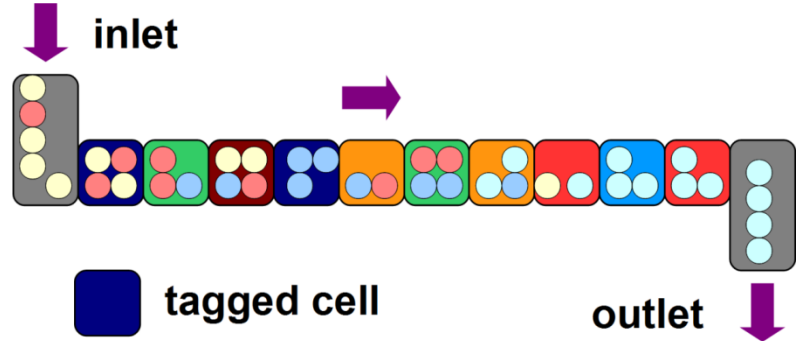
Synthesizing Branched Molecules by Spatially Structured Reactors



D. Lancet, S. Rasmussen, J. S. McCaskill, M. Weyland



Evolved (B. Reller)



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Production of oligosaccharides (among other things)

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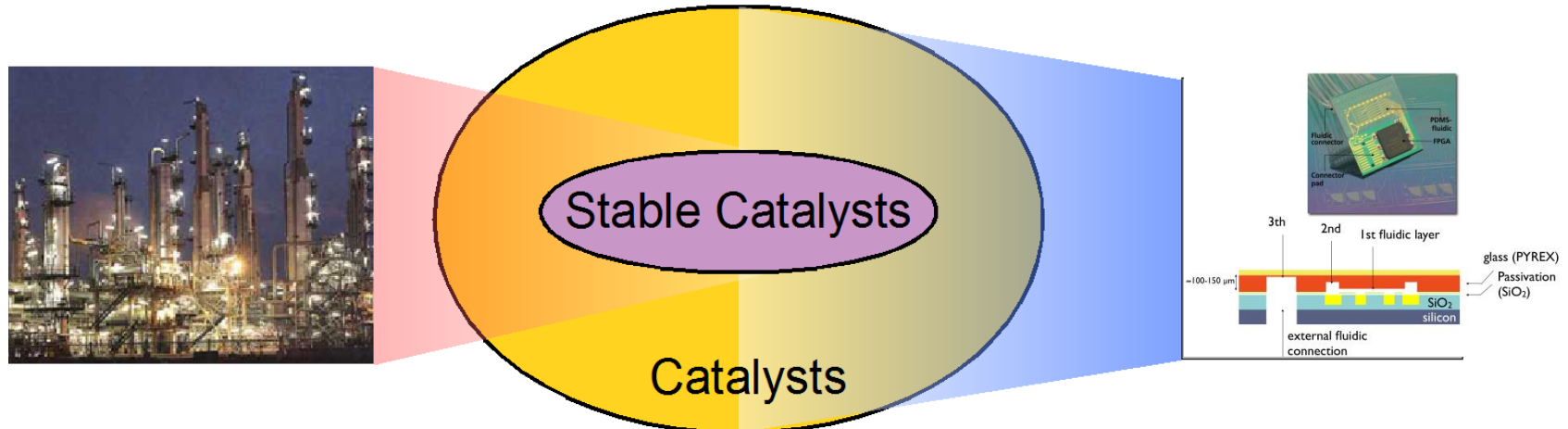
The Hidden Benefit of Small Size

Macroscopic processes: Metastable substances can only be used with considerable effort.

On the micrometer – scale, a few seconds life time are sufficient for diffusive transport.

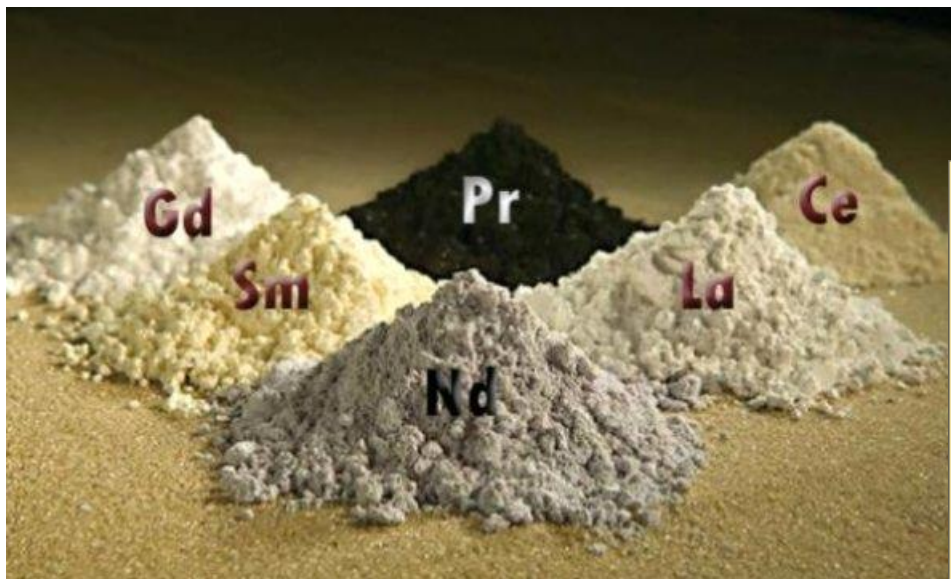
Macroscopic Catalysts: Need efficiency and stability

Microscopic Catalysts: Efficiency is sufficient!



Self-Assembly and Novel Materials

- Most modern materials rely on the **properties of atoms**, either with respect to stability or catalycity.
- Almost all elements are used in todays technology, including the so called "rare earths".



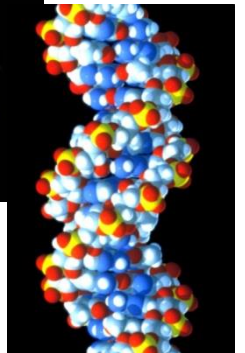
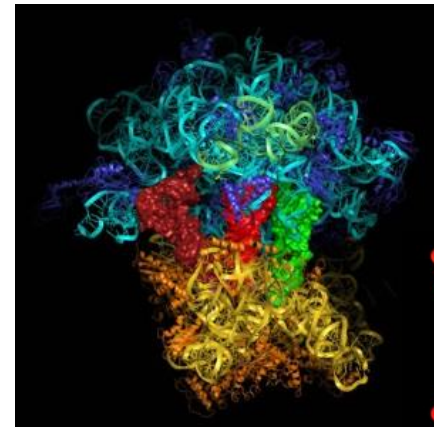
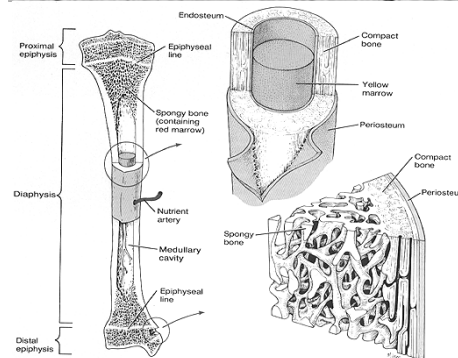
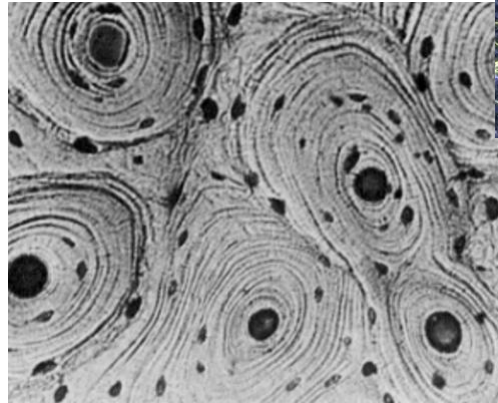
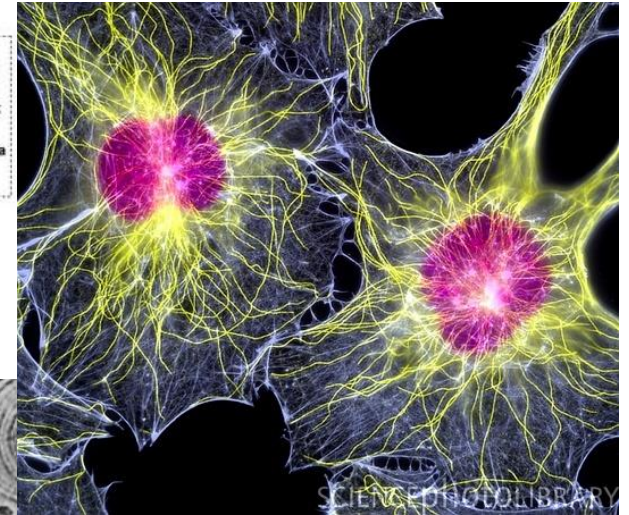
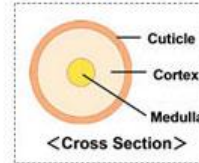
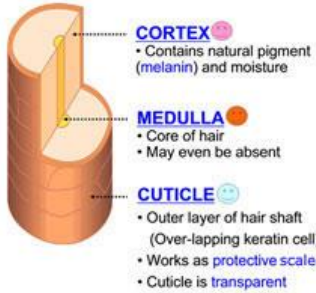
Rare Earth Elements

La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Y
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	39

Lanthanides

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
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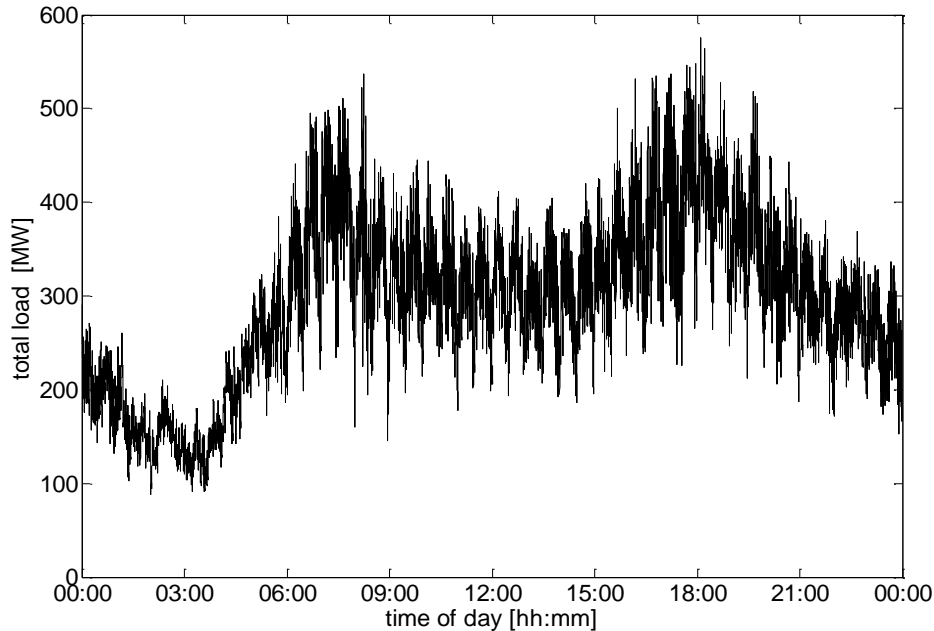
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Rare Earths vs. Artificial Bioinspired Materials

	"Atomic" Matter	Multiscale Matter
Gets its features	From atomic properties	Properties of structures on various length scales.
Production	"Simple"	Very hard, usually requires synthesis more complex than what present technology is able of.
Basic materials	Some are rare	Abundant
Toxicity	Potentially high, difficult to degrade	Often: Degradable by digestion
Stability	Potentially high	Usually not so high (but notable exceptions, such as wood).
Properties understood	Mostly in reach of present science.	

Energy Efficiency



Energy Efficiency:

- Improve efficiency of trains.
- Reduce reserve energy.



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Better understanding of fluctuations

- ➔ improved possibilities for risk assessment and energy trading
- ➔ potential for reduction of reserve energy.

The End of Theory?

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By Chris Anderson  06.23.08



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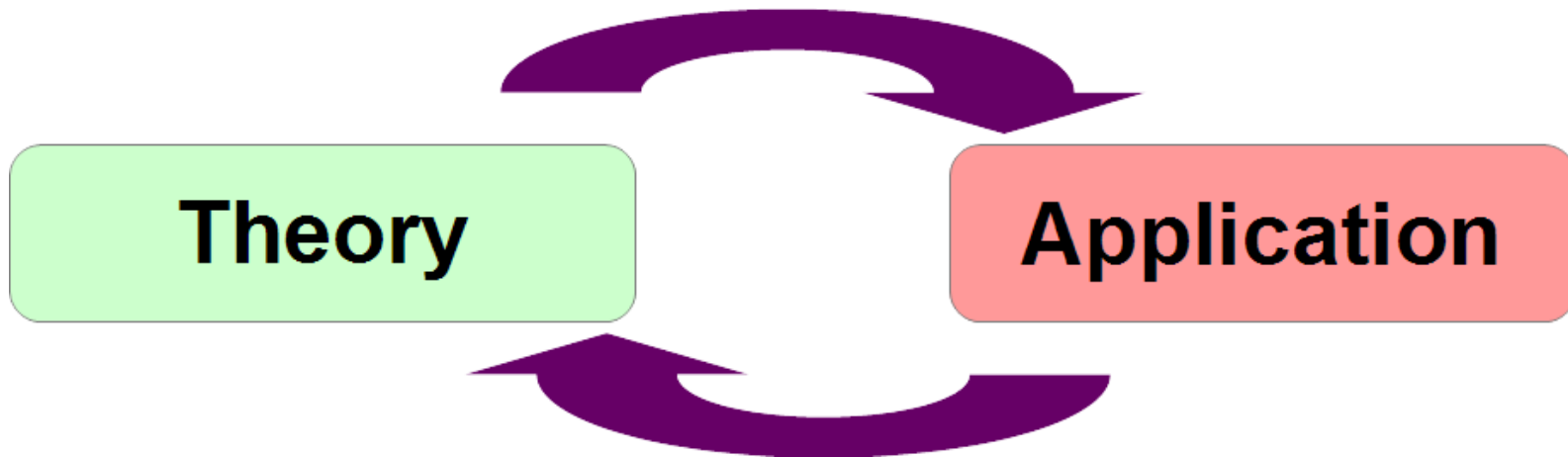
Why Models?

- Check your **understanding** of the past
- **Optimize** the present
- **Predict the future** if you know the present
- **Estimate the future** if you guess the present
- The non – ideal world: Dealing with **fluctuations**
- Find your **weaknesses**, identify your **strengths**

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