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## Modeling und Simulation



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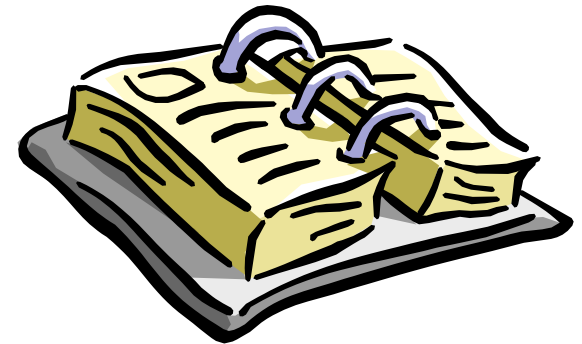
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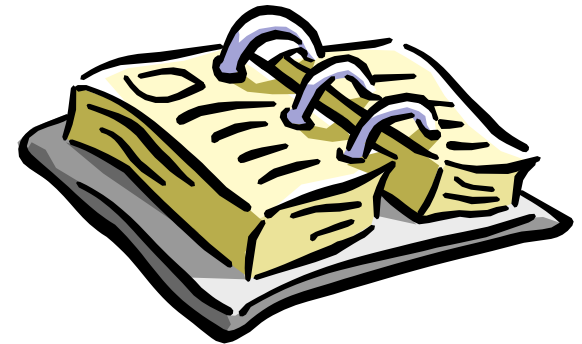
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## Concept of model ([3], S. 15)

*A model is an abstract representation of a system. It is used to diagnose the system state and to predict the system behavior.*

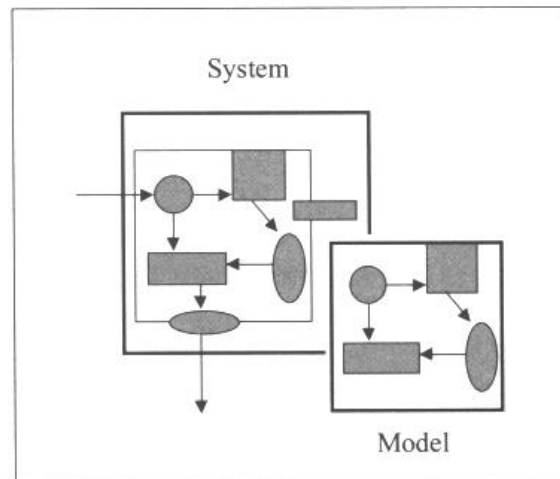
System means a real construct of interacting components, which in turn interacts with the system environment, and whose state or behavior description is of interest.

Modeling serves, among other things, to represent the essential aspects of the structure and behavior of the system in the model in order to be able to examine the model as an alternative.

## Abstraction

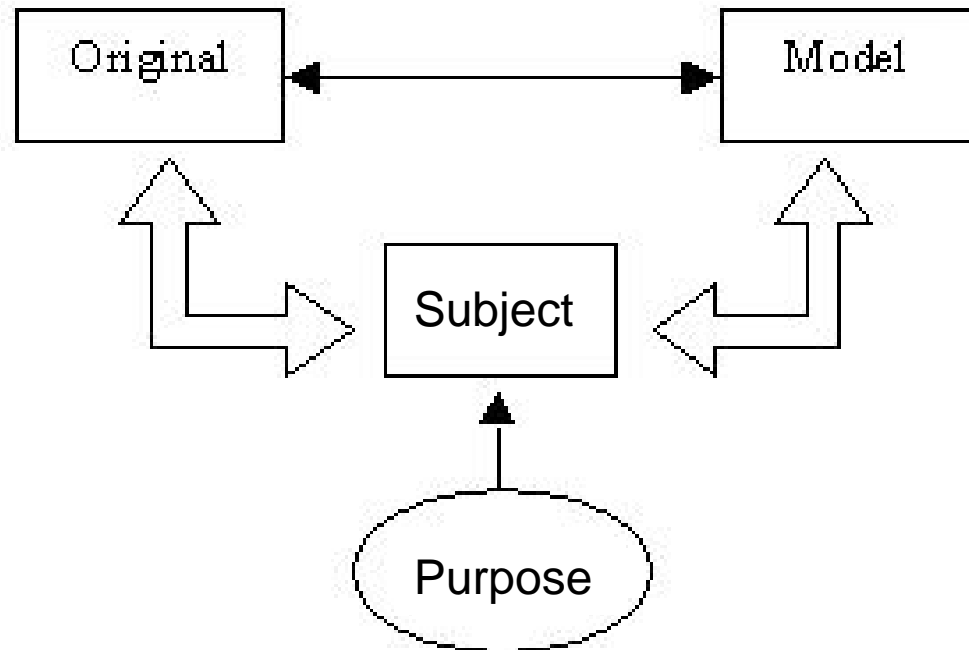
Limitation to essential aspects of the system

Components and relationships with the outside world, for example, are neglected



System and Model; from [3]

## Characteristics of models [4]



Models are not per se assigned to their originals, they fulfill their function only for a specific purpose



## Characteristics of models

**A model for an original can be spoken of if an original is reproduced in a shortened manner, i.e.**

- some original attributes are omitted ([preterition](#)) or
- some model attributes are introduced additionally ([abundance](#)),
- some original attributes are assigned other meanings ([transcoding](#)) or
- some original attributes are highlighted ([contrasting](#)).





## Types of models [3]

### White box vs. black box-Models

White box: Systems whose components and interactions are known are mapped to models under the conscious application of abstraction, reduction and modification – *structurally*

Black box: Only the behavior of the system, the interaction with the environment is modeled - *pragmatic*



## Types of models [ [2]

### White box vs. black box-Models

#### Hybrid

In practice, often; The structure of the system's effect is presented to the best of its knowledge in such a way that "qualitatively" correct behaviour results; unknown model parameters are then adjusted in such a way that the model behavior also numerically corresponds to the observed behavior of the original as far as possible ("empirical validity") "grey box"



## Types of models [3]

### Quantitative vs qualitative models

Quantitative: measurable

Qualitative: descriptive

Advantageous: quantitative evaluation of qualitative process types – for example, processes can be qualitatively modeled by state transitions, then state transition models are used for quantitative evaluation (e.g. [Markov chains](#))

## Types of models [1, 3]

### Continuous vs Discrete Modeling

Differential / Difference Equations

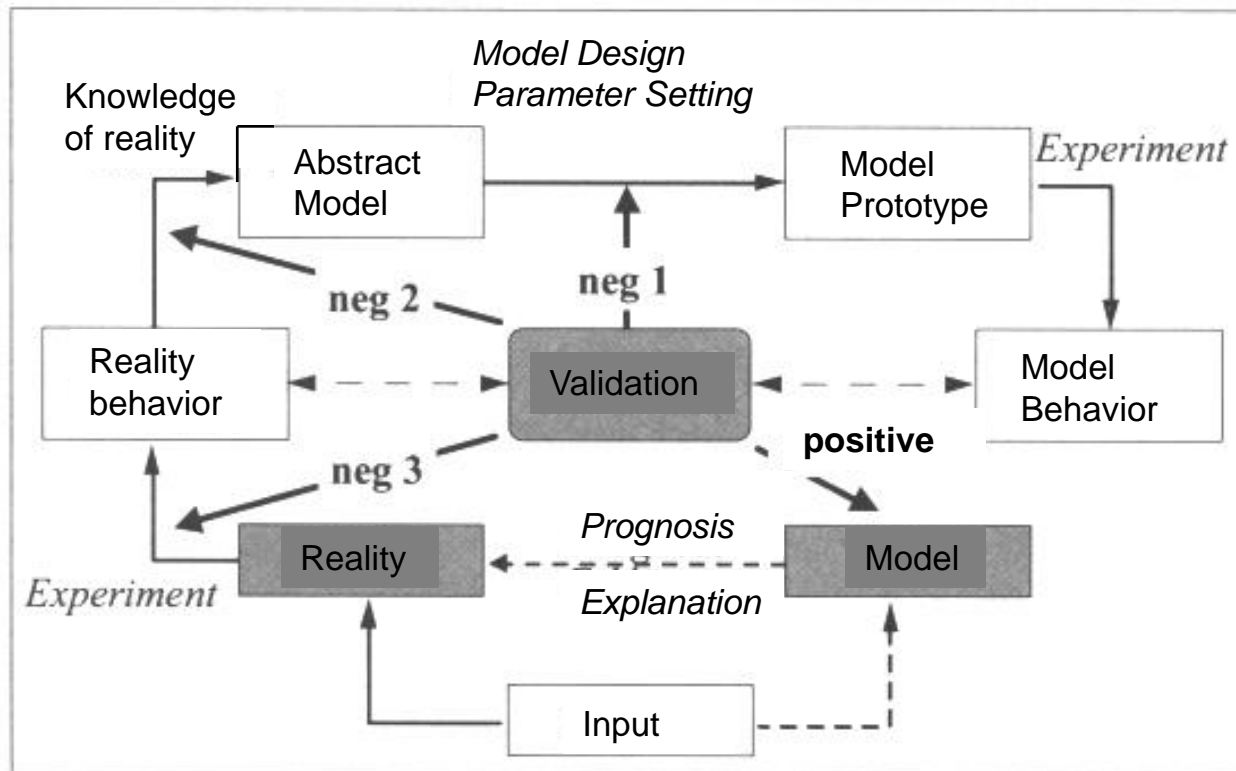
Time/State Event Oriented

### Structure-oriented vs process-oriented modeling

Structure-oriented: Model consists of action/situation structures ("consists of" description); e.g.: frequency distributions; *static*

Process-oriented: Model consists of state-event transitions (procedural "passes in" description); *dynamic*

## Modeling [3]

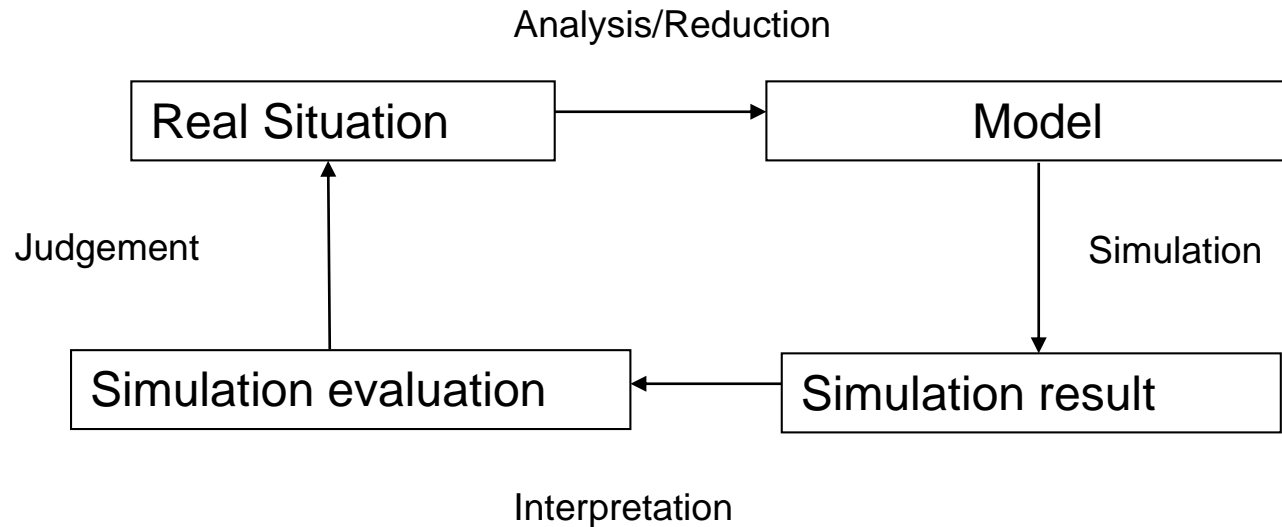


Modeling as iterative process; from [3]



# Simulation

The main goal is to predict the behavior of the modeled system





## Unconventional modeling paradigms

Neural networks

Fuzzy Modeling

Genetic algorithms

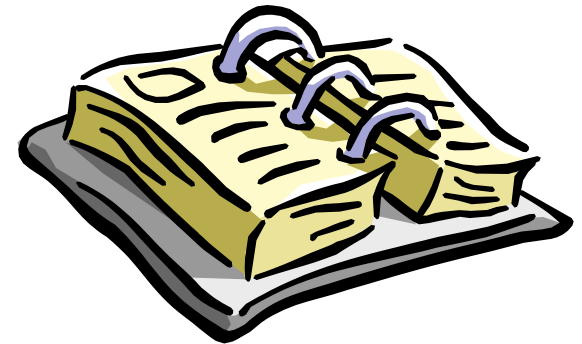
Chaos Theory

Data Driven Modelling



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## Markov Chains

The game/competition is described by a transition matrix

Transition probabilities are determined on the basis of states

In the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of the matrix, the probability of transition from state  $i$  to state  $j$  is given



## Markov Chains

If one assumes the state transition probabilities of the following property, one can understand the matrix as a description of a stochastic process; you can then calculate different quantities (e.g. probabilities of success)

„**Markov“-Property**: The subsequent state (the transition probability to this state) depends only on the present state and not on the prehistory



## Markov Chains Example Table Tennis

	A-Serve	B-Forehand	B-Backhand	A-Defensive	A-Offensive	A-Error	A-Point
A-Serve	0	0.7	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.1
B-Forehand	0	0	0	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.18
B-Backhand	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
A-Defensive	0	0.4	0.2	0	0	0.2	0.2
A-Offensive	0	0.4	0.3	0	0	0.2	0.1
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Matrix **M**



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A-Defensive	0	0.4	0.2	0	0	0.2	0.2
A-Offensive	0	0.4	0.3	0	0	0.2	0.1
A-Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A-Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Probability of Point for A after 1, 2 or 3 strokes?

## Markov Chains Example Table Tennis

In the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of the matrix  $\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{M}$ , the probability of transition from state  $i$  to state  $j$  in 2 steps is given

	A-Serve	B-Forehand	B-Backhand	A-Defensive	A-Offensive	A-Error	A-Point
A-Serve	0	0	0	0.219	0.219	0.199	0.156
B-Forehand	0	0.216	0.135	0	0	0.108	0.054
B-Backhand	0	0.24	0.15	0	0	0.12	0.06
A-Defensive	0	0	0	0.168	0.168	0.128	0.132
A-Offensive	0	0	0	0.198	0.198	0.138	0.162
A-Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A-Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## Markov Chains Example Table Tennis

In the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of the matrix  $\mathbf{M}^n$ , the probability of transition from state  $i$  to state  $j$  in  $n$  steps is given

How can the probability of A making the point be calculated?



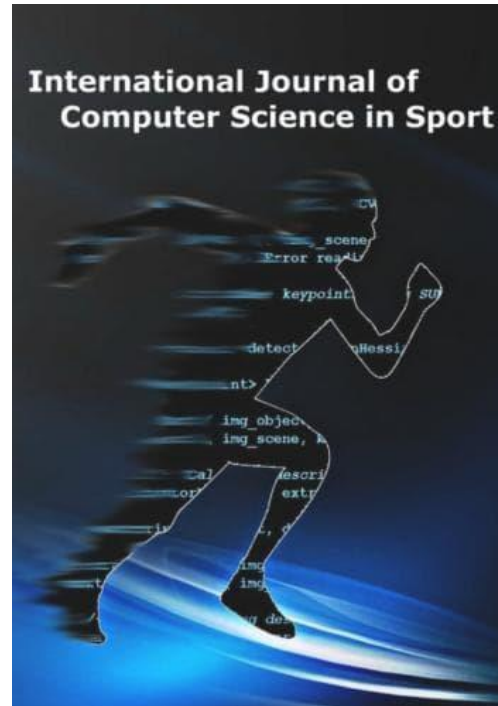
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A-Defensive	0	0.4	0.2	0	0	0.2	0.2
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A-Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Simulation

## How to identify the most influencing game situation?

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## Hidden Markov Models

### Markov chain/process with unobservable states

There are a finite number of states, each of which is associated with a transition probability to other states. At each time one specific state is taken. The state at a specific time is directly and solely influenced by the state at the previous time.

After each transition from one state to the next, an output observation is generated based on an observation probability distribution associated with the current state (cf. Jiang, 2010). From the observable output the underlying process shall be deduced.

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## Hidden Markov Models - Example

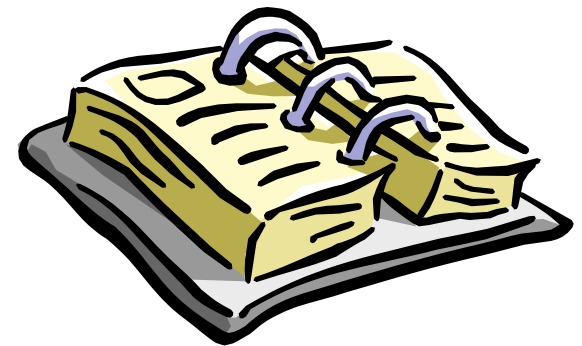
*„If, for instance, different exercises shall be classified, separate HMMs may be trained for each individual exercise. When evaluating a given sequence, likelihoods from each trained HMM may be calculated. The sequence can then be assigned to that HMM with the largest likelihood.“*

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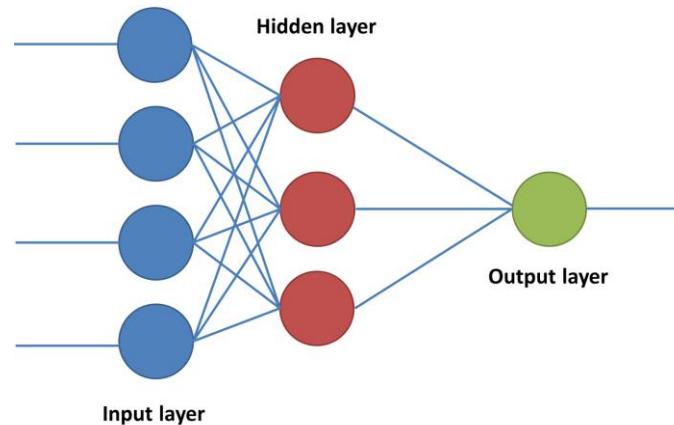




# Methods of artificial intelligence

## Neuronal Networks

### Supervised Learning

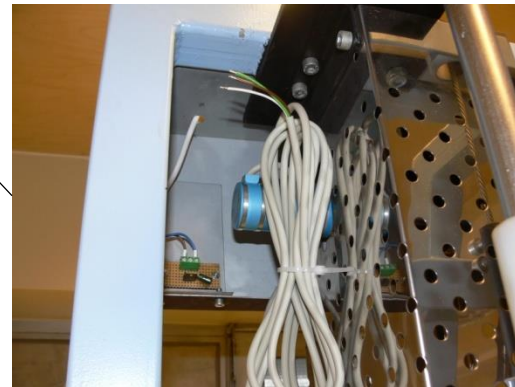
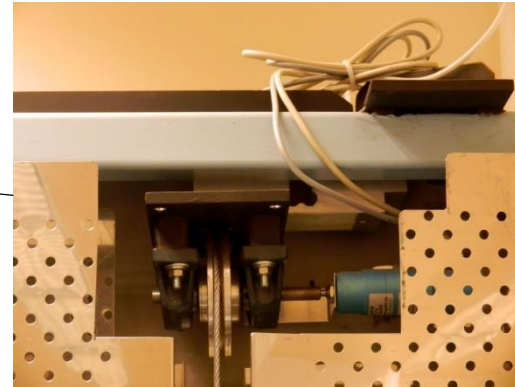




## MMA: Leg press machine



Sensor-equipped leg press machine



Attached force (load cell) and way (rotary encoder) sensors



## MMA – Weight training machine: Classification by MLP

- Features based on time and velocity dependent characteristics
- 3 classes:

well-performed  
execution

improper/  
inconstant  
flexion phase

improper/  
inconstant  
extension phase

Confusion Matrix				
Output Class	1	2	3	
	245 38.8 %	2 0.3 %	4 0.6 %	97.6 2.4 %
	4 0.6 %	100 15.8 %	1 0.2 %	95.2 4.8 %
	1 0.2 %	7 1.1 %	267 42.3 %	97.1 2.9 %
				98.0 2.0 %
				91.7 8.3 %
				98.2 1.8 %
				97.0 3.0 %
				1
				2
				3
				Target Class

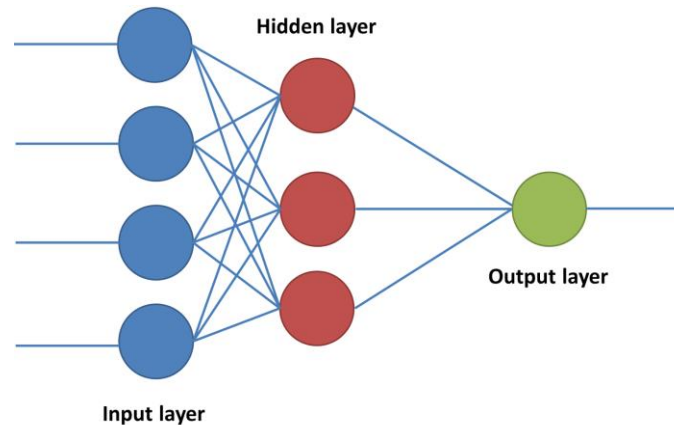
Confusion matrix of entire data set



# Methods of artificial intelligence

## Neuronal Networks

### Supervised Learning



### Unsupervised Learning



## Criteria

Training set consists only of input patterns

Learning algorithm attempts to identify groups (clusters) of similar input vectors and map them to groups of similar or adjacent neurons

Best known: Self-organizing maps according to Kohonen (1984) -  
**SOM**





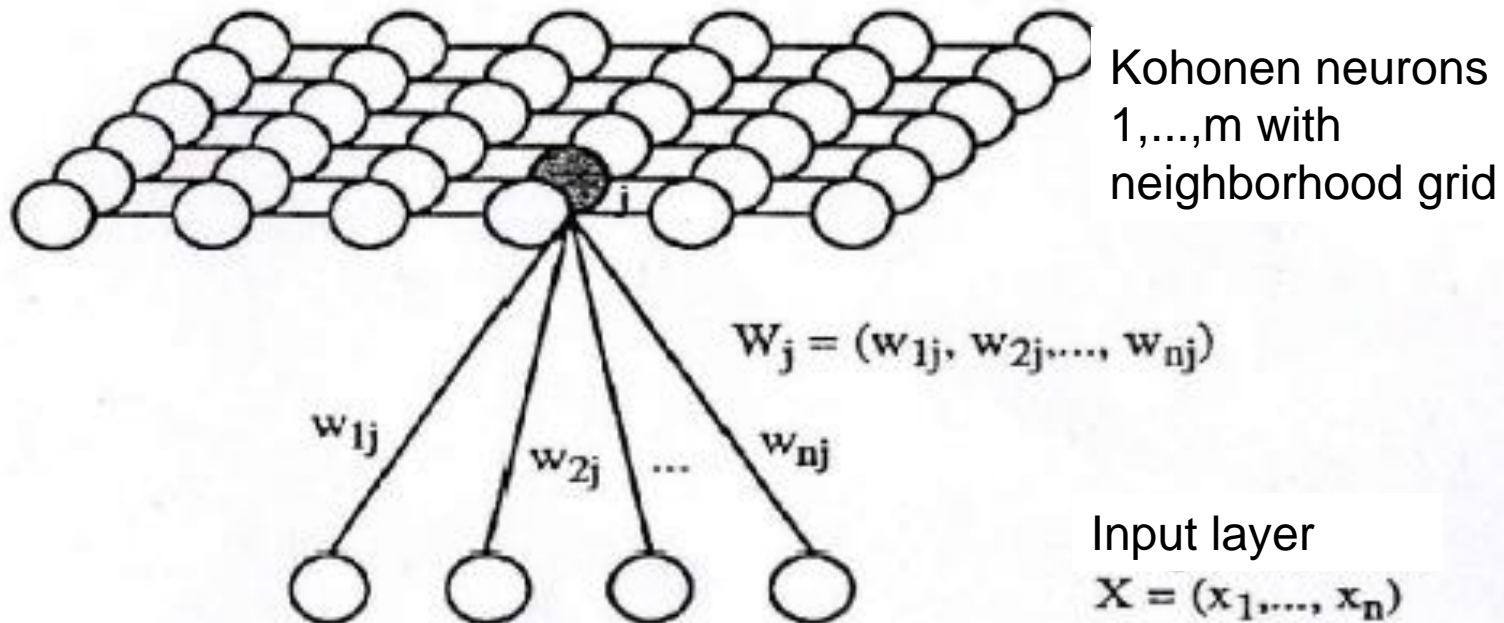
## SOMs

The learning method makes the weighting factors of the neuron that is most similar to the input vector ("winner neuron") to the input vector and those of its neighboring neurons more similar to the input vector

Biologically the most plausible; it is assumed that parts of the brain realize a topology-preserving image

Very suitable for classification problems

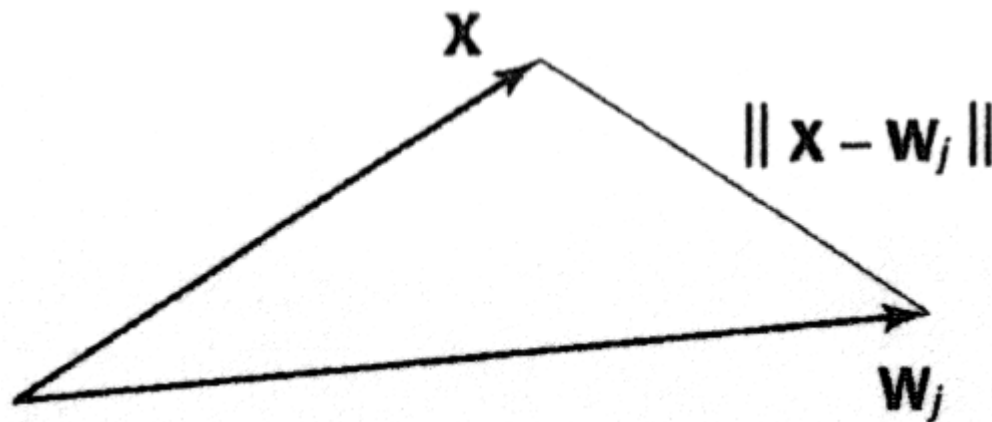
## Architecture of a SOM



## Determination of the "winner neuron"

Use of the "Euclidean Norm" – determination of the distance of the vector  $X$  to the individual weighting vectors. Winnerneuron  $W_c$  is the one for which:

$$\| X - W_c \| = \min_j ( \| X - W_j \| )$$



Minimal Euclidean Distance



## Training: Neighborhood & Learning Rate Function (= training function)

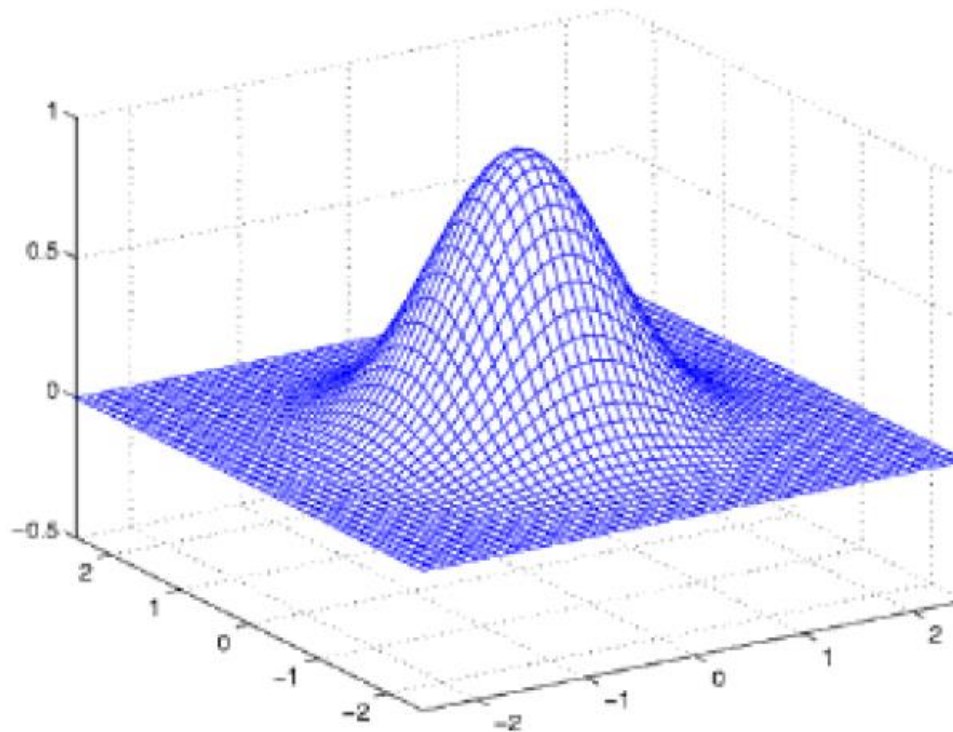
The actual training of the map is to adapt the weight vectors of the winning neuron and those of its surrounding neurons to the input vector using a learning rule. The degree of proximity to the winning neuron plays a major role. The training function consists of the so-called **neighborhood or distance function** and the learning rate function (see below).

The speed and accuracy of a learning process is always controllable by and proportional to a **learning rate** written as  $\eta$  or  $\alpha$ . The learning rate is reduced after each epoch to reduce the learning progress of the card over the course of the training.

Good value range: 0.01 - 0.9

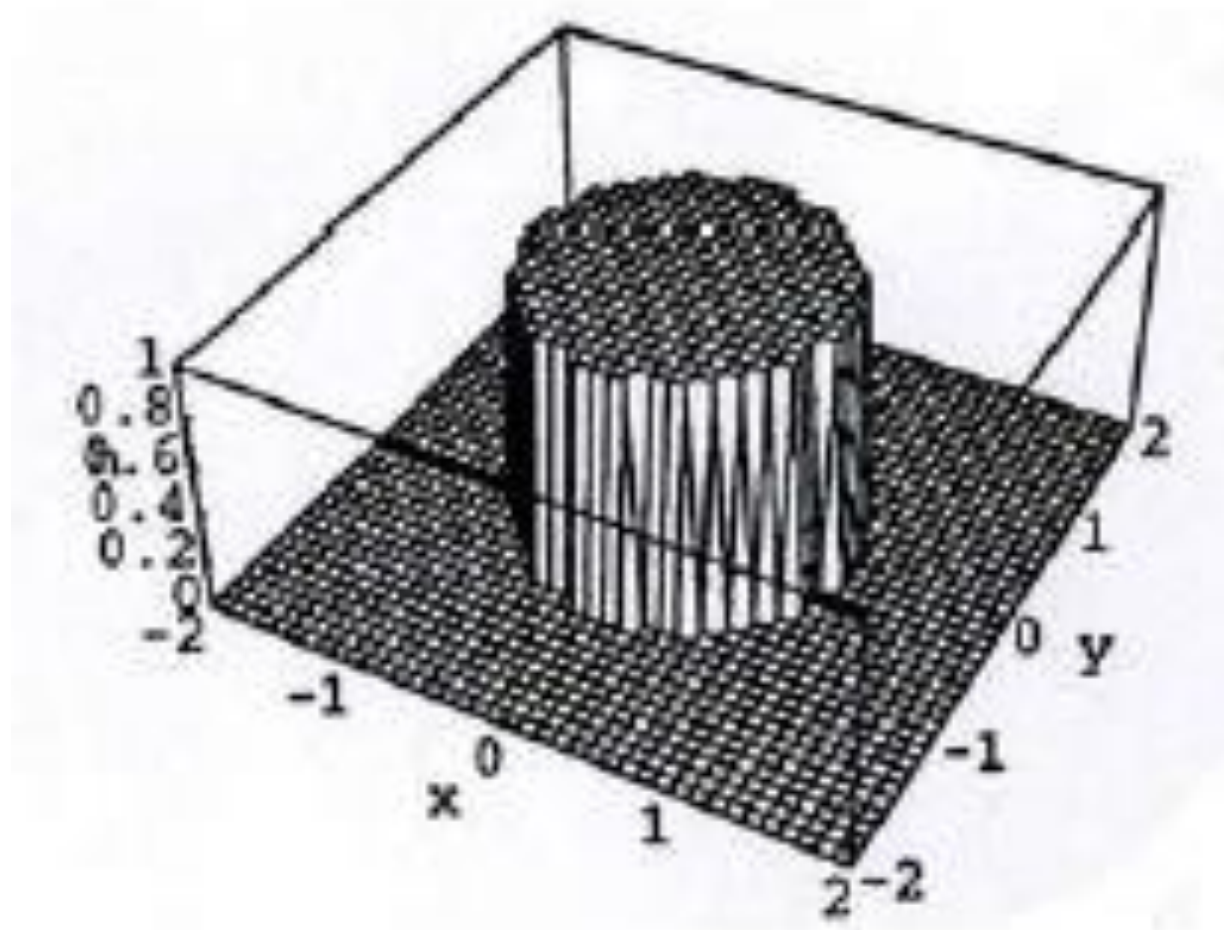


## Gaussian Bell Curve



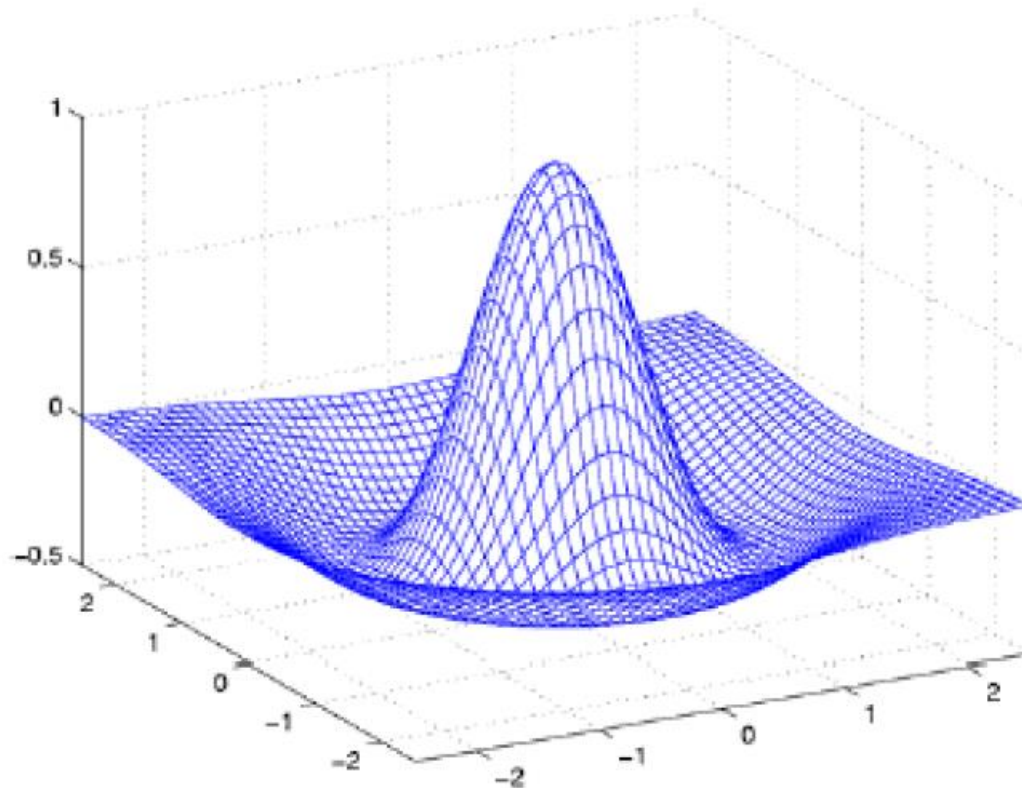


## Cylinder function





## Mexican-Hat-Function

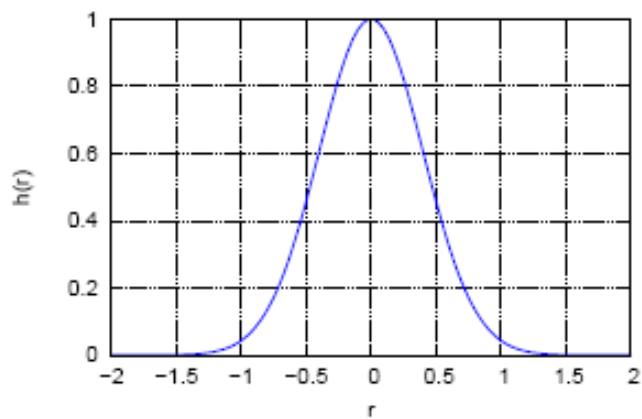


Divergence possible

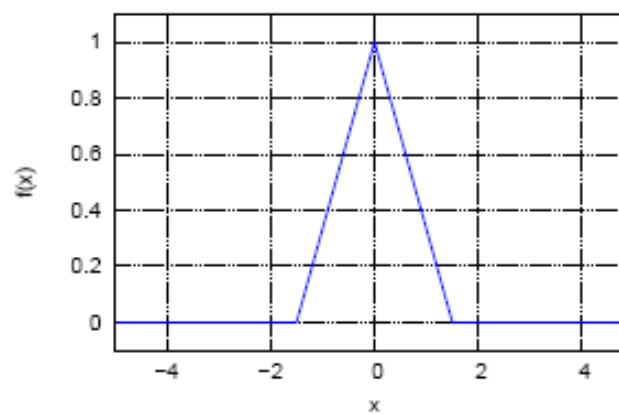




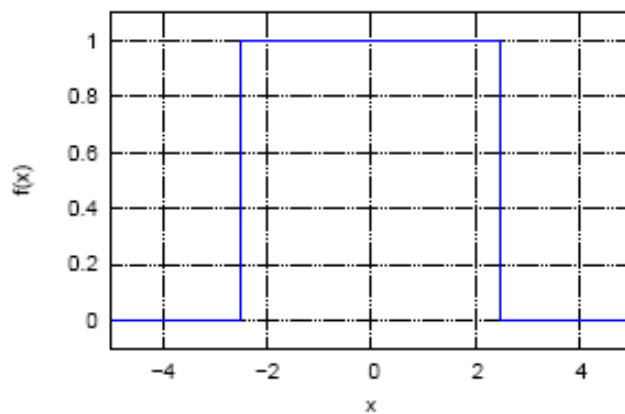
Gaussian Bell



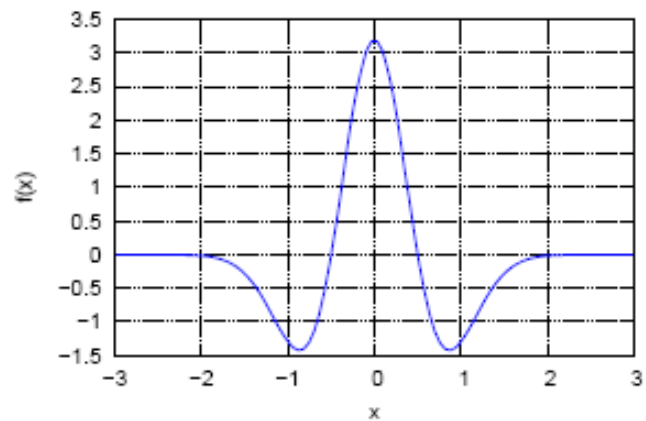
Cone Function



Cylinder Function



Mexican Hat Function







## Learning algorithm:

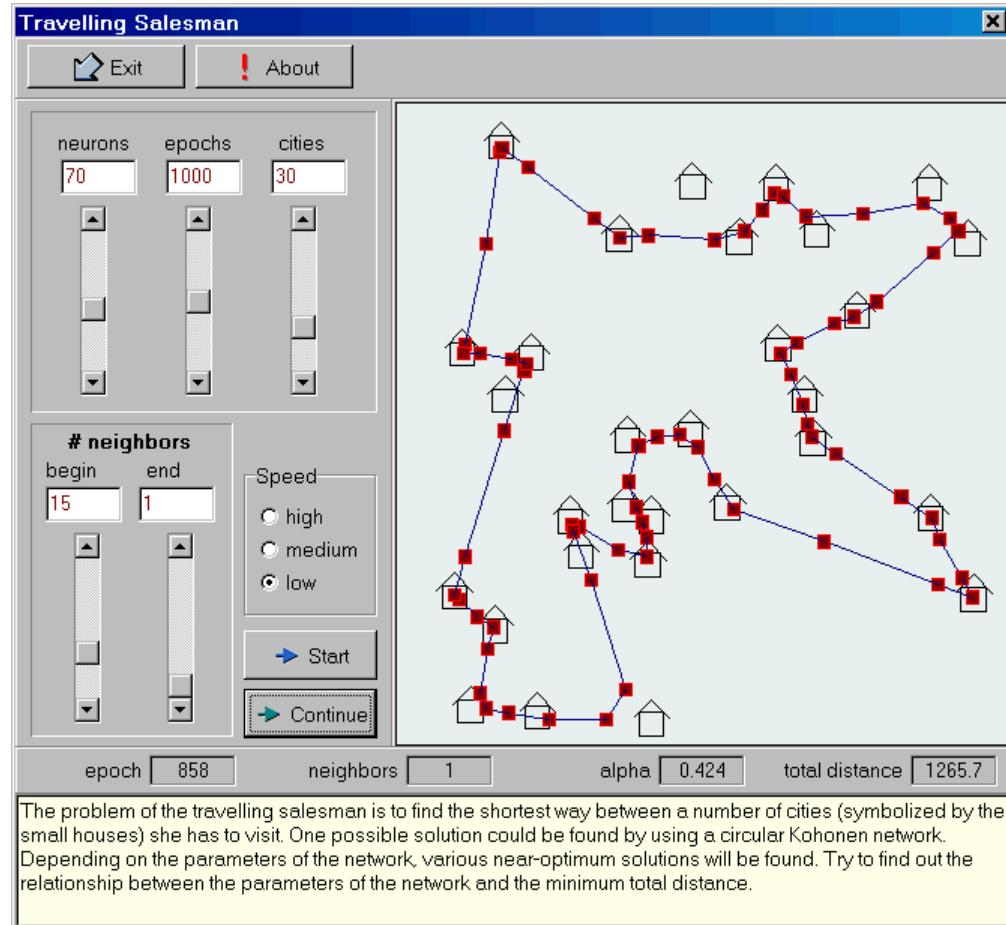
In the case of self-organizing maps, a distinction is made between two different learning methods, pattern and epochal learning. In pattern learning, the weight vectors are adapted according to each input pattern that has been applied to the input layer, whereas in epochal learning, the weight adjustment is only made after passing through a complete epoch, i.e. after entering all existing input patterns. However, the most common is pattern learning.



$$W_j(t+1) = W_j(t) + \eta(t) * h_{cj}(t) * [ X(t) - W_j(t) ]$$

## Example Travelling Salesman

Ring topology



The problem of the travelling salesman is to find the shortest way between a number of cities (symbolized by the small houses) she has to visit. One possible solution could be found by using a circular Kohonen network. Depending on the parameters of the network, various near-optimum solutions will be found. Try to find out the relationship between the parameters of the network and the minimum total distance.

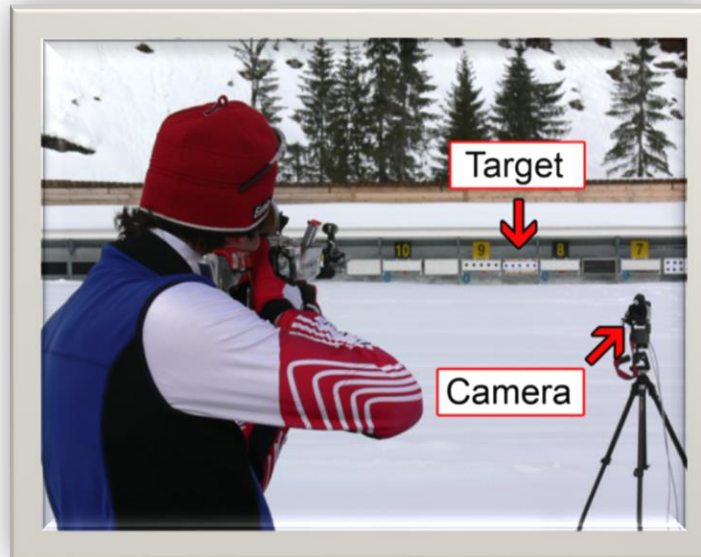
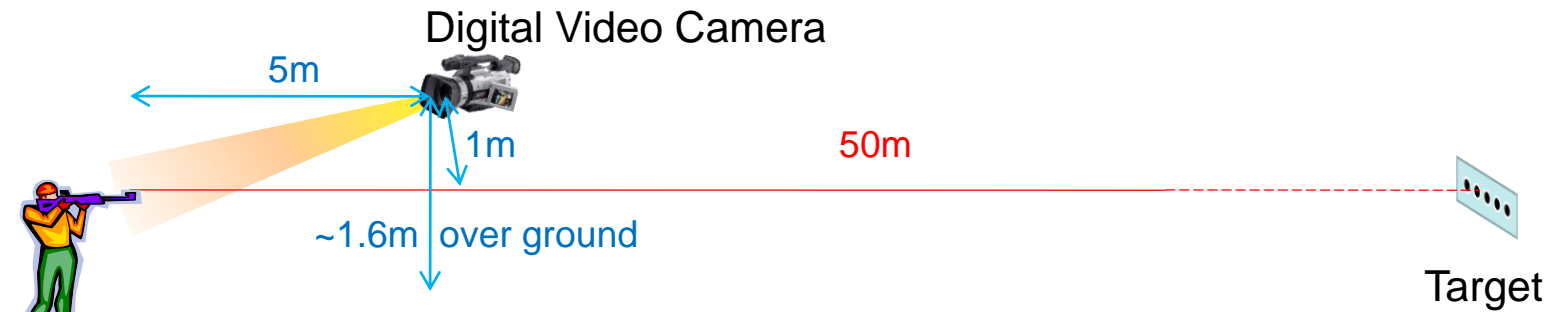
## Applications in Sport

Motion Analysis – Clustering/Classification

Match and competition analysis

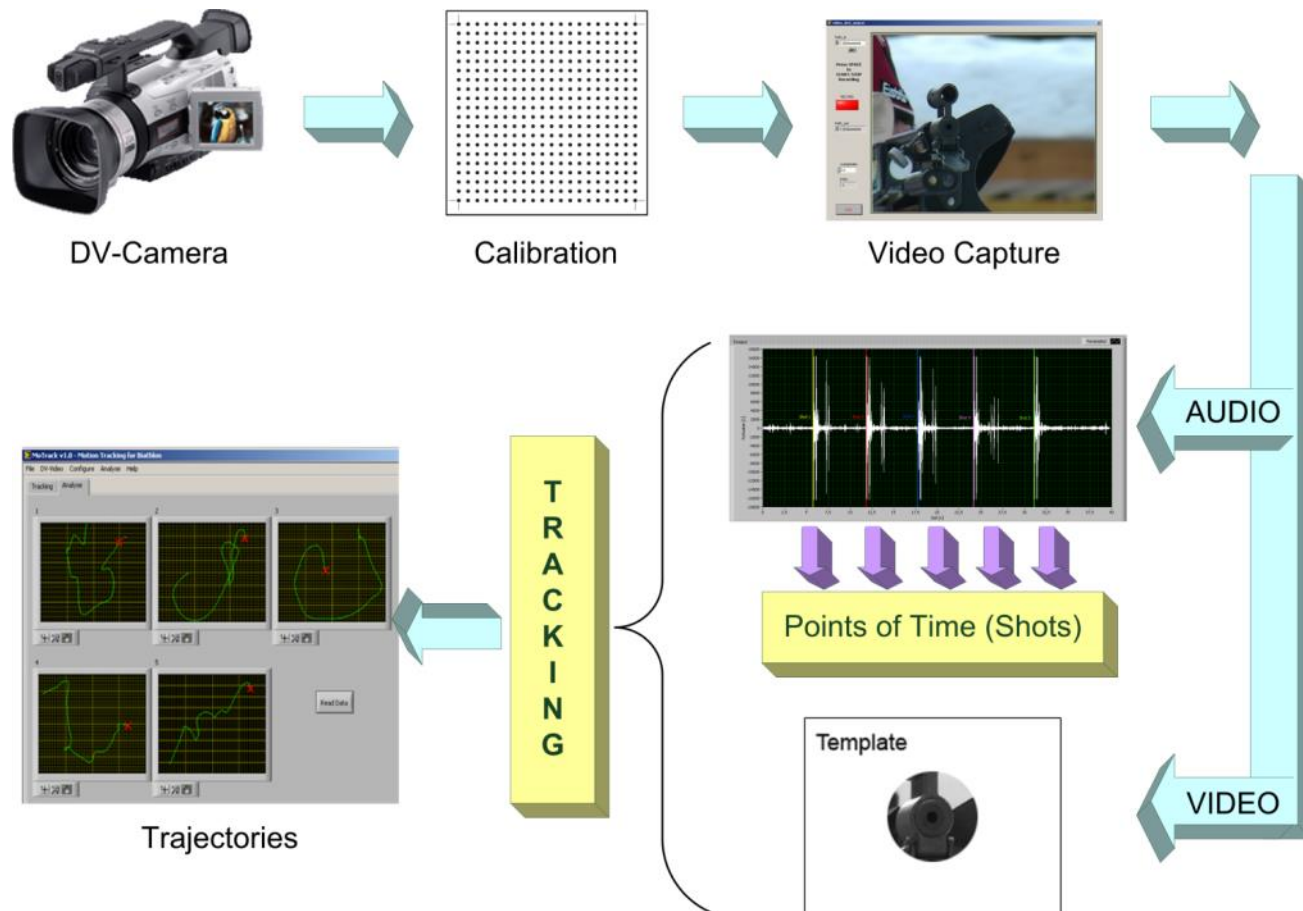
E.g. position sequences in squash

## Example – Biathlon shooting





## Data acquisition

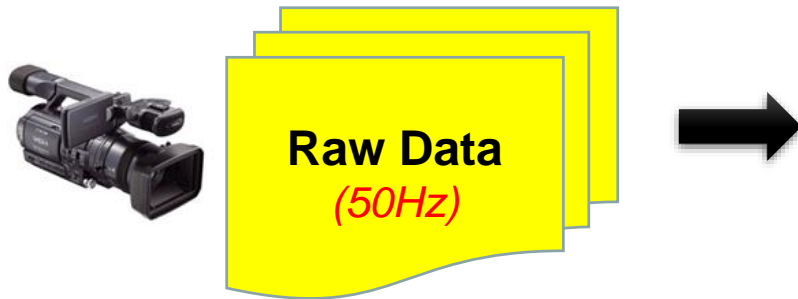


## Example of muzzle trajectories (object space coordinates) of a series of five shots



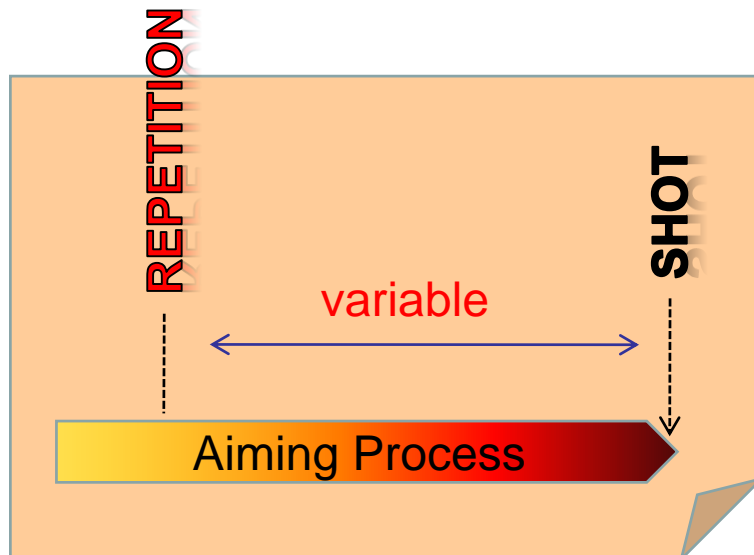


## Data Sets



9 athletes each one with:

8	Sessions
4	Same target
4	Targets next to each other



Calculation of Attribute Vectors  
for 10 time intervals  $\Delta t$  (variable)

**Attribute-Vector (8-dimensions)**

abs. range (x,y) <sup>1</sup>  
path length (x,y) <sup>1</sup>  
interval difference (x,y) <sup>1</sup>  
relative coordinates (x,y)

<sup>1</sup> normalized with regard to  $\Delta t$

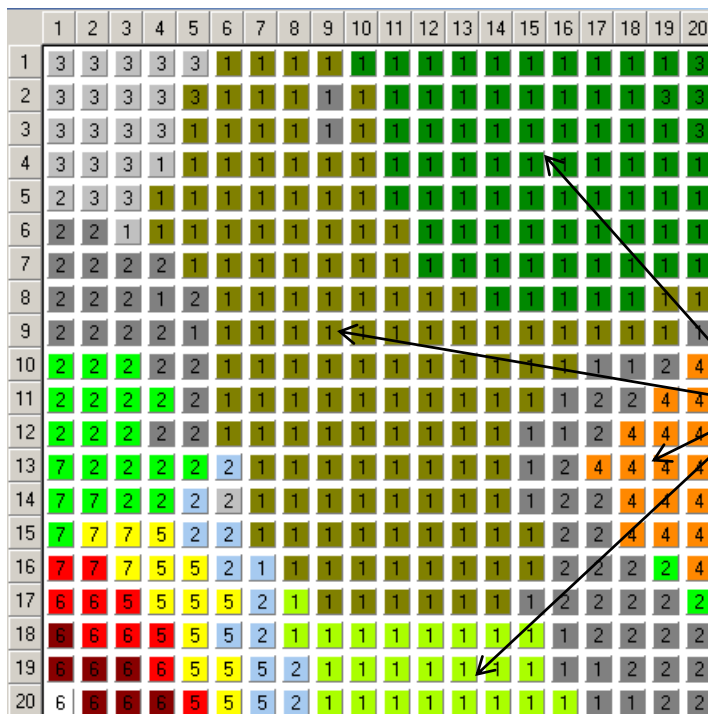




First shot within a series of 5 shots  
not further processed

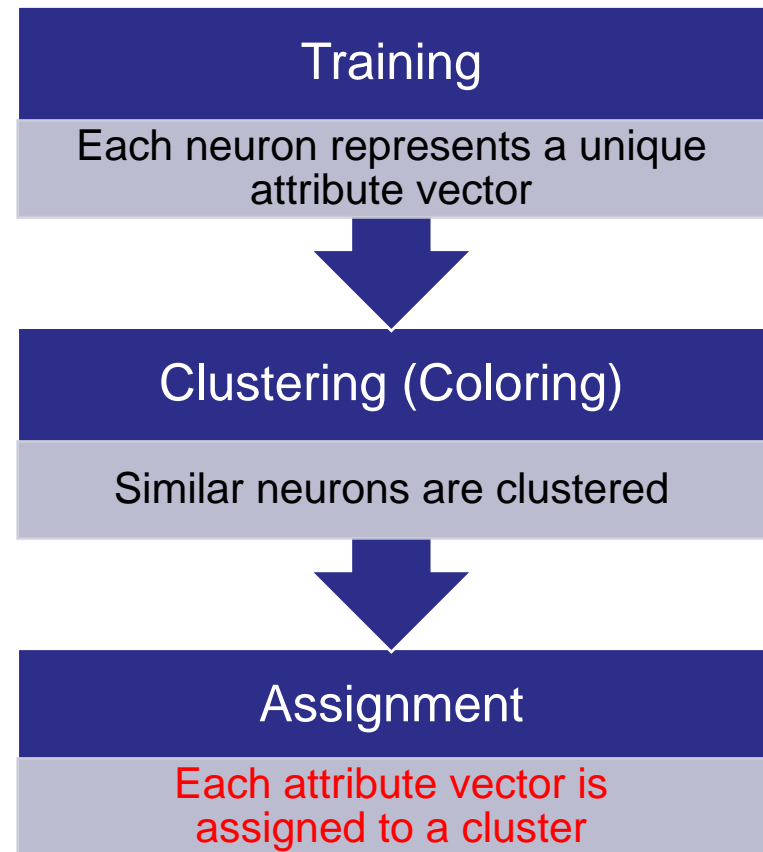
## Methods – Neural Network Analysis (*DyCoN*)

**D**ynamically **C**ontrolled Network (self organizing map)



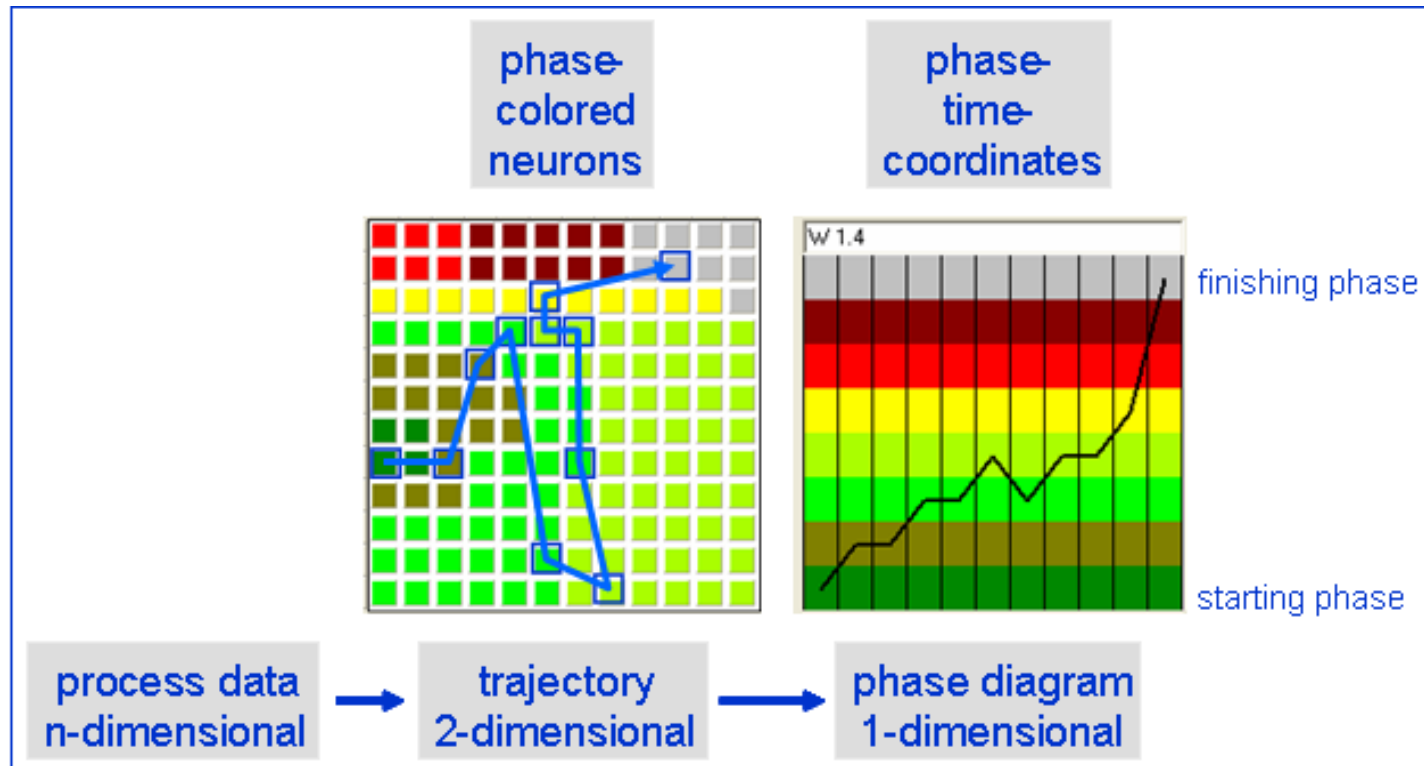
20x20 Neurons

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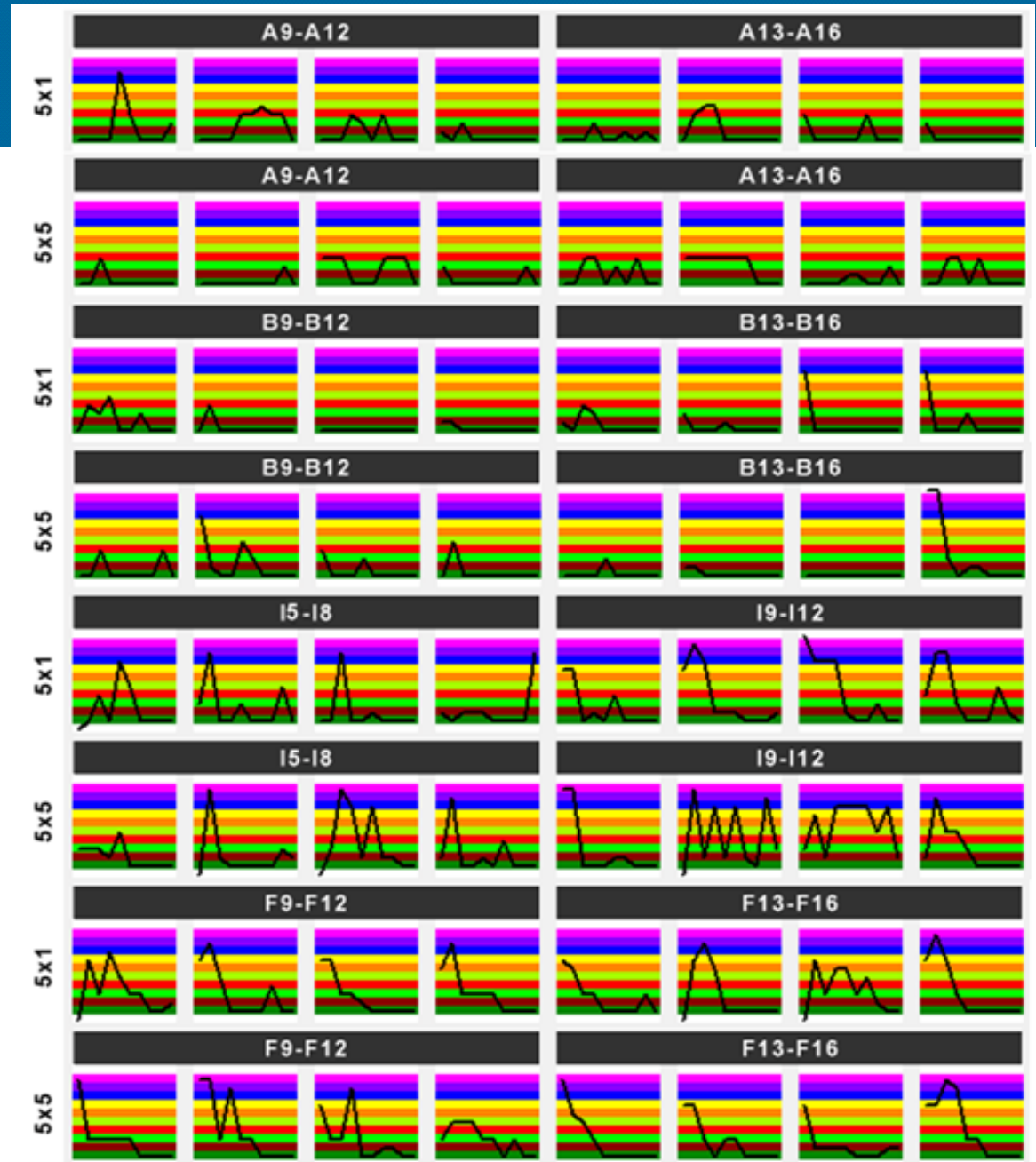
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### „Phase Diagrams“

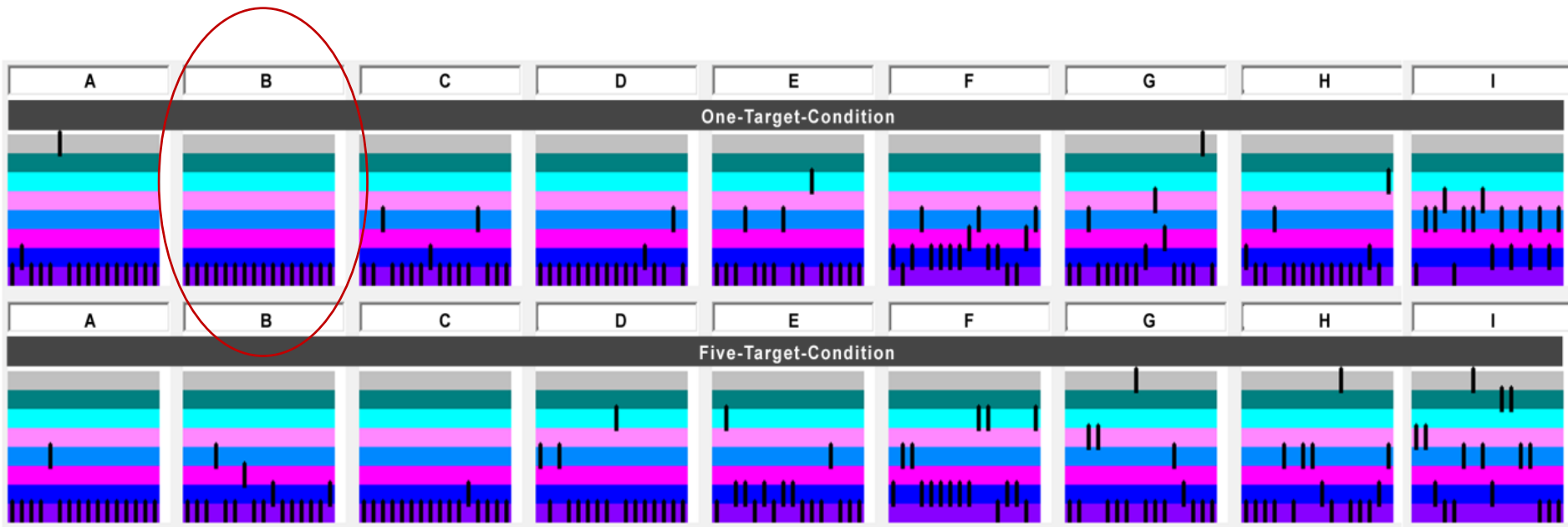


## Selected Phase Diagrams

4 series of 4 shots (2-5)  
for biathletes A and B  
(national squad) as well  
as for I and F (A-level).  
5×1: one target, 5×5: five  
targets.



## Similarity Analysis

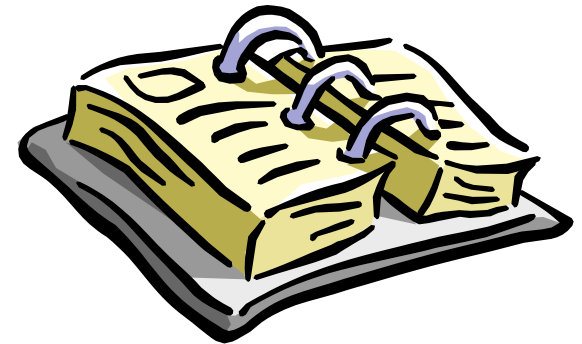


Each bar represents a different type. All shots of B under the one-target-condition, for example, correspond to the same type.



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Physical models

Theoretical models

Anthropometric models

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- Invers dynamic models

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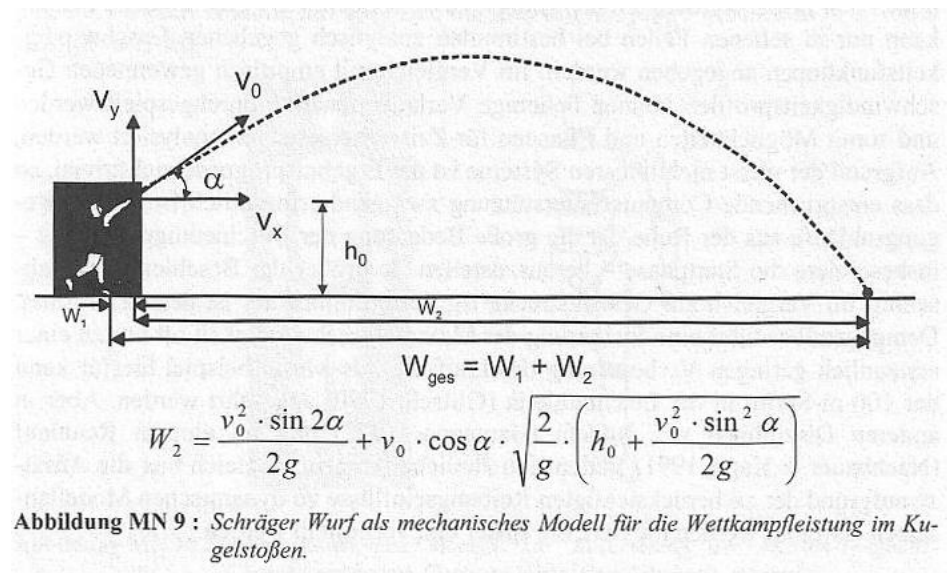
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*Mathematics & Physics*



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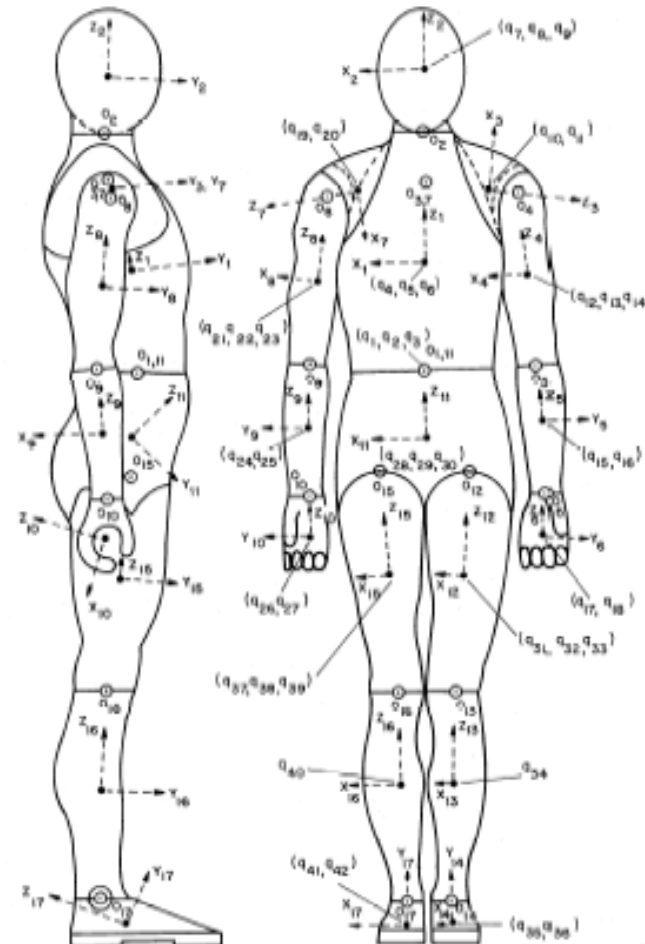
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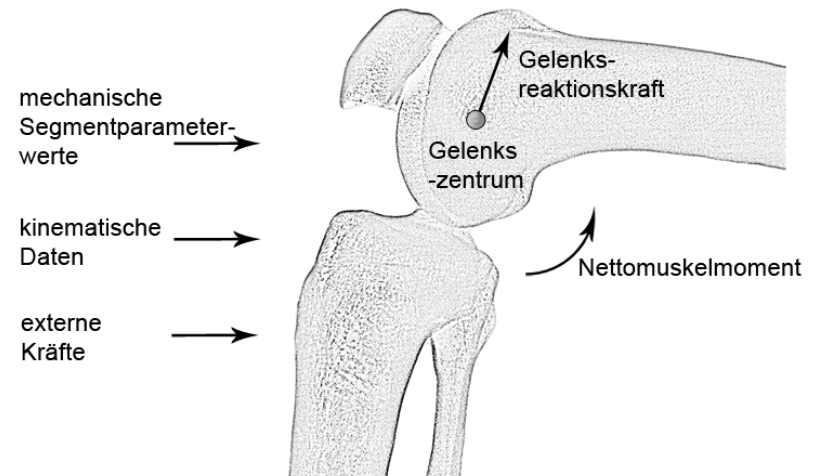
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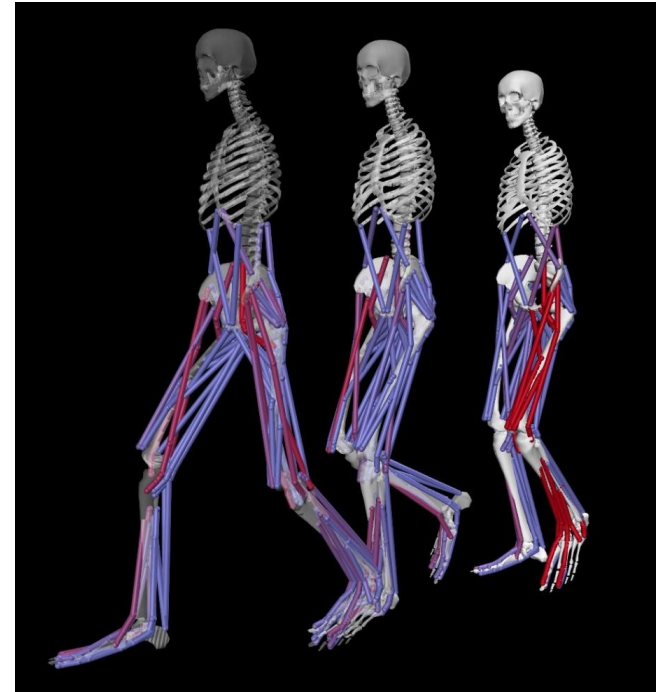
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$$\ddot{s} = \frac{F}{m}$$

➤ Dynamic equations of motion

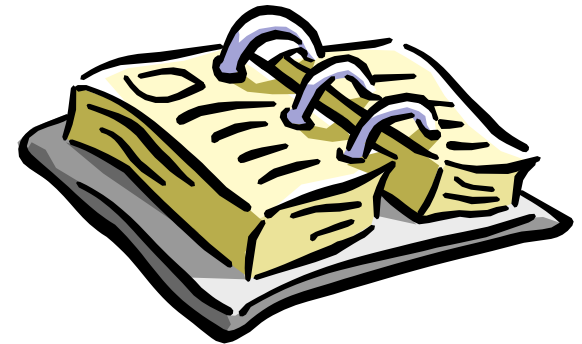
➤ Constraints

→ differential algebraic  
equation systems

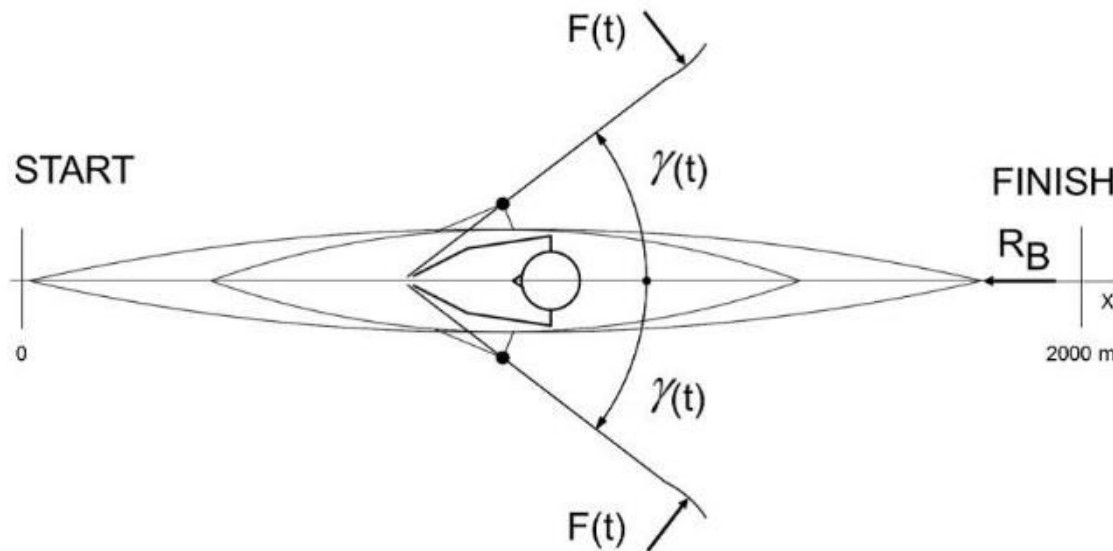


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## Models in Biomechanics – Example: Rowing



$F(t)$  – scull force,  
 $R_B$  – boat drag

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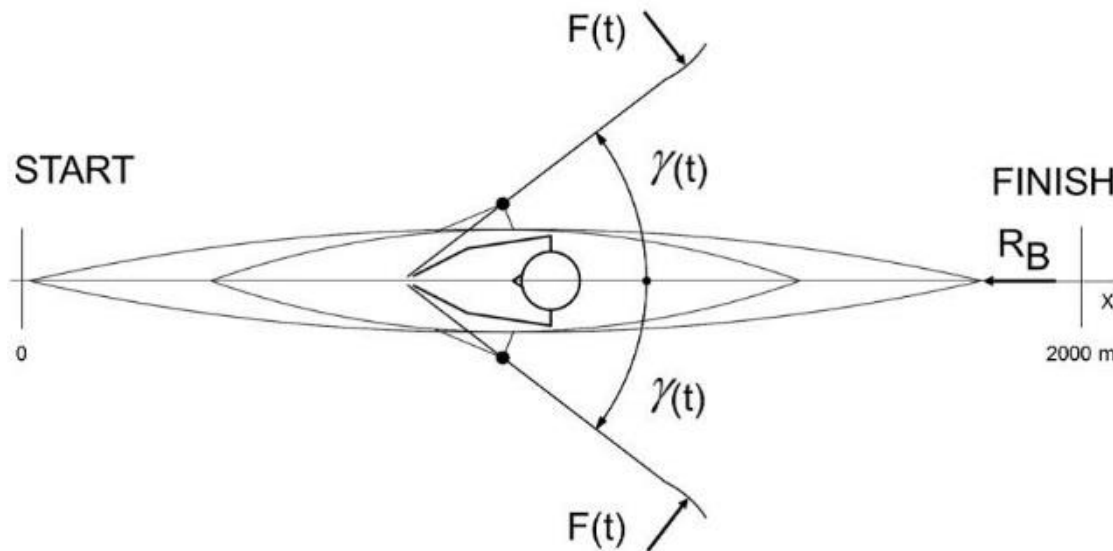
## Motion technique

- How movement task is performed
- Analysis by utilizing biomechanical methods

## Tactics

- Conscious change of movement technique – changing the paddling method
  - Paddling frequency
  - Times of active phases of paddle's blade
  - Times of blade dipping and ascent of paddle
- Phase model of regattas
  - E.g. Start – distance - finish

## Physical model



$F(t)$  - scull force,  
 $R_B$  - boat drag

Mathematical model derived from  
2<sup>nd</sup> Newton's dynamics law and  
rules describing the hydrodynamic forces



## Simple mathematical model

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = T_{OA}(t) - k_B \dot{x}^2(t)$$

$$T_{OA}(t) = 2F(t) \sin \gamma(t)$$

where:

$m$  – mass of the system,

$k_B$  – drag coefficient,

$F(t)$  – force generated by the oar,

$T_{OA}$  – propulsion force.





## Oar force – simplified Bollay's model (1939)

$$F(t) = 0.25c_{DOA}\rho_{H_2O}[1 + \operatorname{sgn} \dot{\gamma}_{OA}(t)]\eta(t) \operatorname{sgn} g(t) \int_{l_{OAMIN}}^{l_{OAMAX}} [l_{OA}\dot{\gamma}_{OA}(t) - \dot{x}(t)\sin\gamma_{OA}(t)]^2 b_{OA} dl_{OA}$$

where:

$c_{DOA}$  – shape coefficient of the oar blade,

$F(t)$  – oar force,

$\gamma(t)$  – oar angle,

$l_{OA}$  – oar length,

$b_{OA}$  – oar width,

$\operatorname{sgn} g(t)$  – braking or propelling function,

$\eta(t)$  – oar diving control function



## Mathematical model of single sculling

PARAMETER	$p_i$	Value
Total mass	$m$	100 kg
Drag coeff. boat	$k_B$	3.8 kg/m
Drag coeff. oar	$C_{DOA}$	1.13
Water density	$\rho_{H2O}$	1.0 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Dist. oar lock – blade tip	$l_{OAmax}$	2.04 m
Dist. oar lock – blade root	$l_{OAmin}$	1.6 m
Blade dipping, ascent	$T_{IN}, T_{OUT}$	0.1 s
Oar blade width	$b_{OA}$	0.23 m

## Tactics

Prestart phase: 1 stroke;  $T_A = 0.7$  s;  $T_B = 0.5$  s

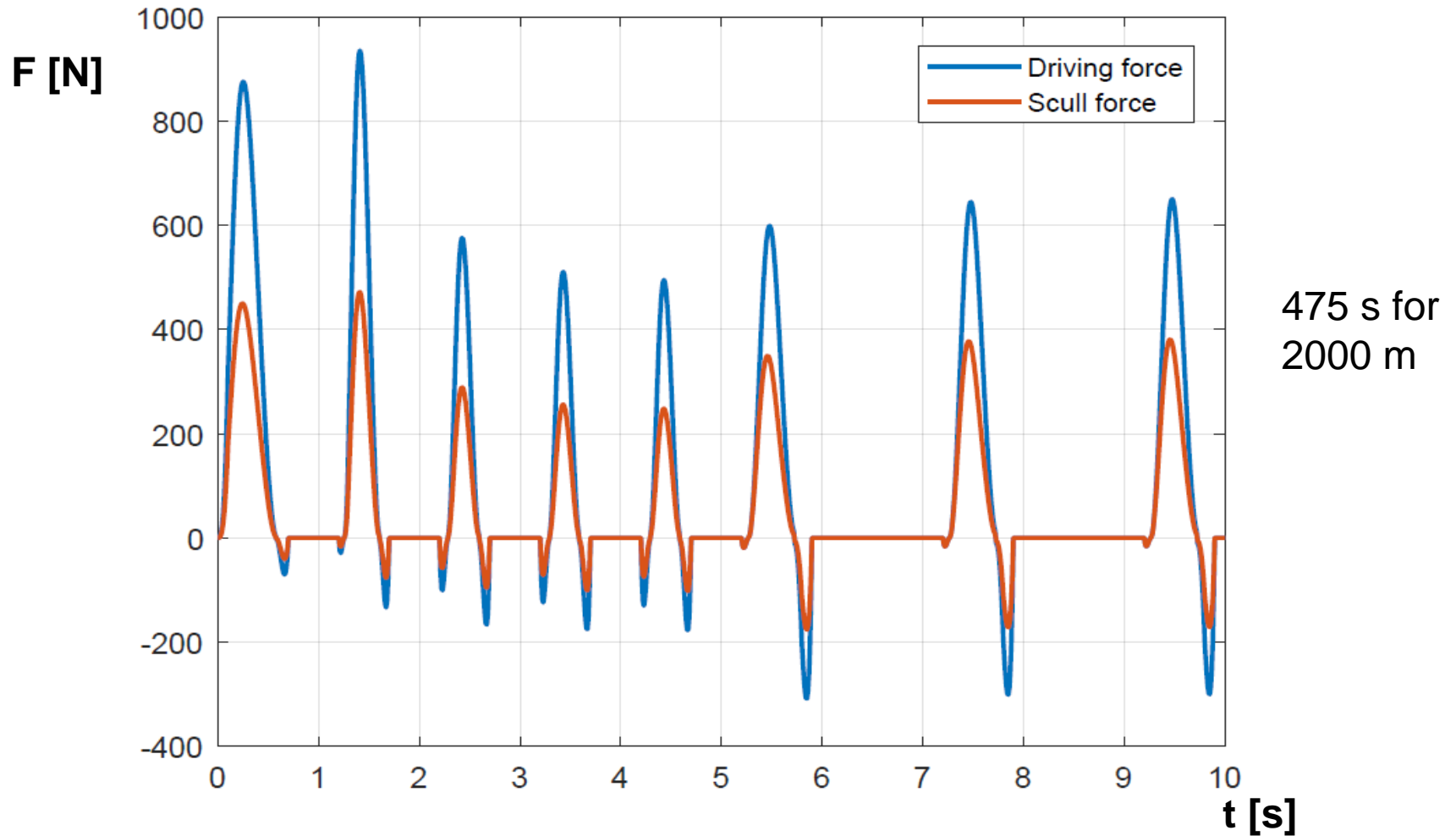
Start phase: 4 strokes;  $T_A = 0.5$  s;  $T_B = 0.5$  s

Distance phase: 200 strokes;  $T_A = 0.7$  s;  $T_B = 1.3$  s

Finish:  $T_A = 0.6$  s;  $T_B = 1.0$  s



## Results - Forces

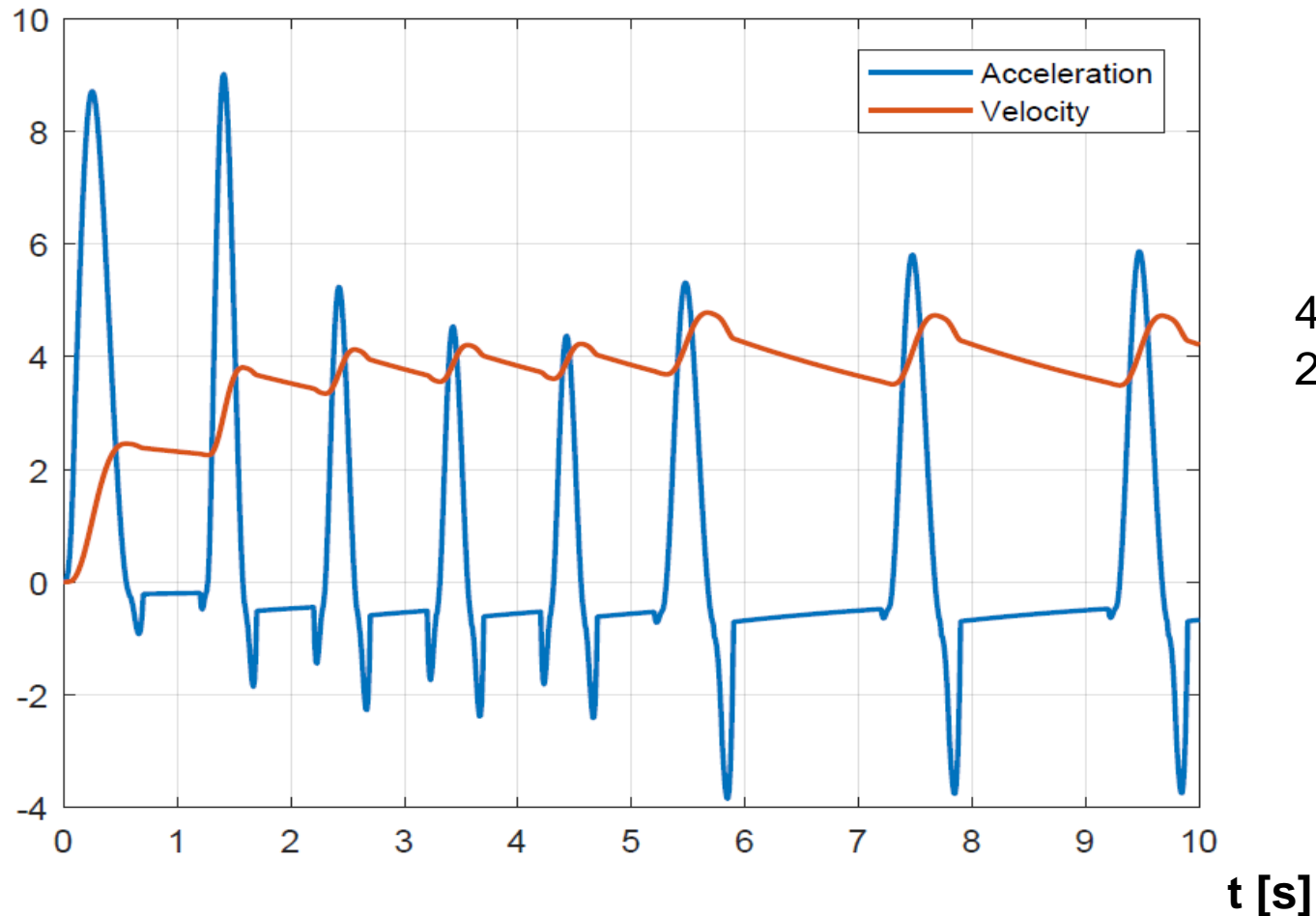




## Results – boat acceleration & velocity

$a$  [m/s<sup>2</sup>]

$v$  [m/s]



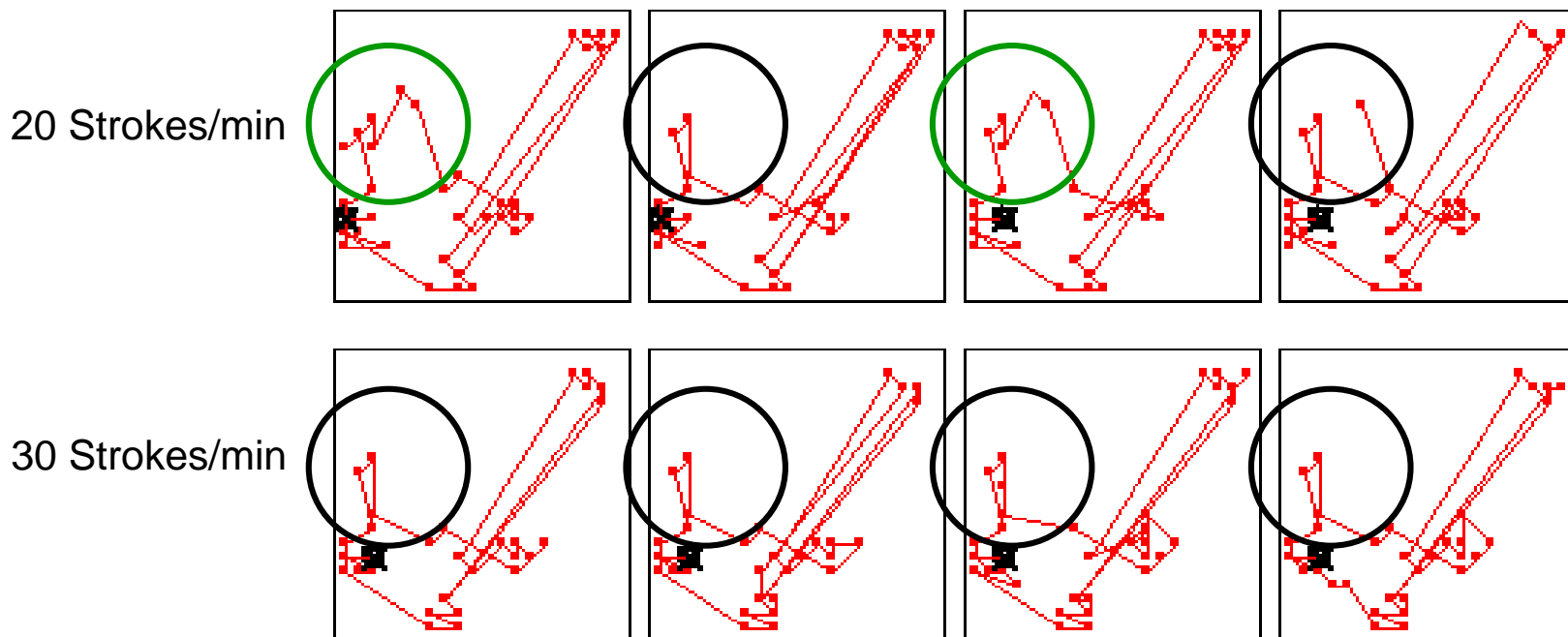


## Data driven models

One main **basis** of almost any **data driven model** in human motion related studies is the successful **recognition** or **classification** of patterns underlying this motion.

This analysis does not only comprise **kinematic parameters**, but, moreover, also **kinetic** and **physiological** data.

## Example: Unsupervised Neural Networks



 20 strokes/min: two different patterns

 30 strokes/min: one prevailing pattern

*Perl & Baca, 2003.*

## Team composition

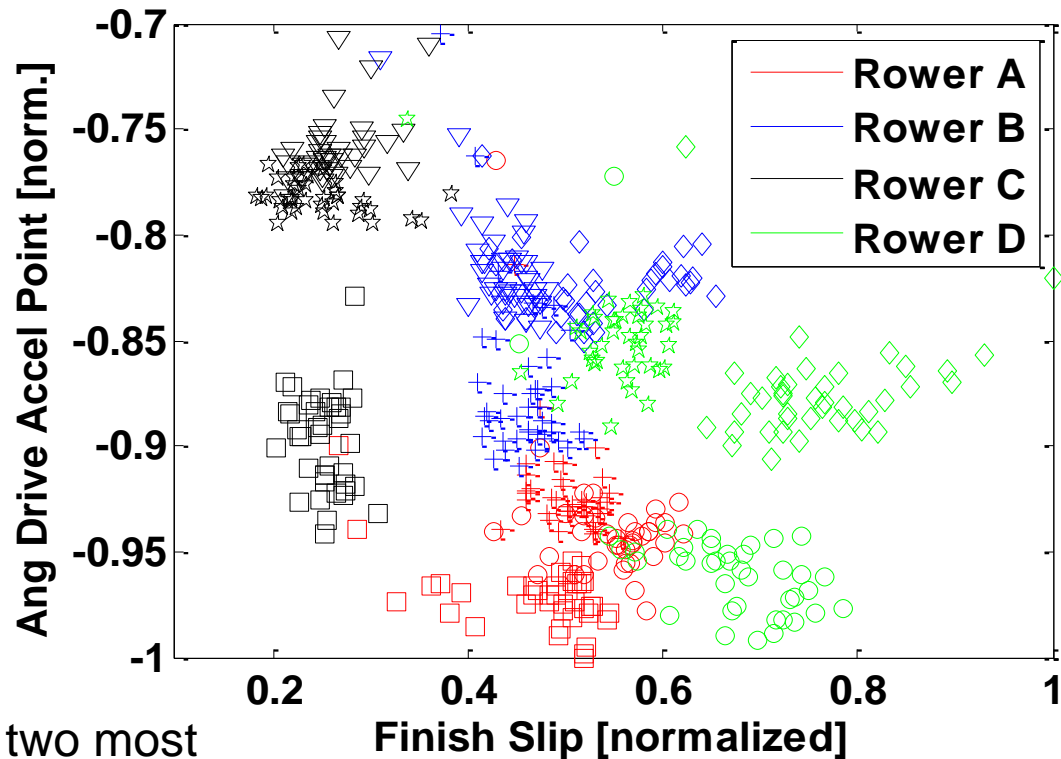
Gravenhorst et al., 2015: [Double scull](#)

- Most relevant features making individual rower's technique unique („biomechanical fingerprint“)
- Selected features allowed them to distinguish technique of four rowers with high accuracy
- Identification of best-fitting rowers for crews

Gravenhorst, F. et al. (2015). Identifying unique biomechanical fingerprints for rowers and correlations with boat speed. A data-driven approach for rowing performance analysis. *International Journal of Computer Science in Sport*, 14 (1), 4-33.



## Data driven model



*Oar angle during drive at which boat accelerates most*

Distribution of two most discriminative features

*Angle from end of drive phase until end of stroke*



**Thank you for your  
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