

(How) Will RTLS transform healthcare delivery (research) ?

Strengths & Limitations

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Outline

- “Introduction”
- Helpful history
- Strengths, via data
- Limitations, relative to needs
- Examples, that hint at future apps: Research, Practice
- Concluding speculations

Caveats:

- RTLS = Location+ID tracking of human operations, which is automatic, continuous, online
- Technology transparent (RF or IR, US, WIFI, BLT, UWB, Smartphone; passive/active,...)
- General healthcare delivery

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- Cost?
 - Patients (if uninsured, can negotiate down significantly)?
 - Providers (isolated from costs to optimize care)?
 - Hospitals = billing charges?
 - Insurance = reimbursements (?30% of charges, after negotiations)?

True cost?

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- (The World Health Organization (WHO) owns, develops and publishes ICD codes, and national governments and other regulating bodies adopt the system.)

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But patients’ resource utilization varies significantly by the individual, and here

RTLS can come to the rescue by measuring personalized true costs of care.

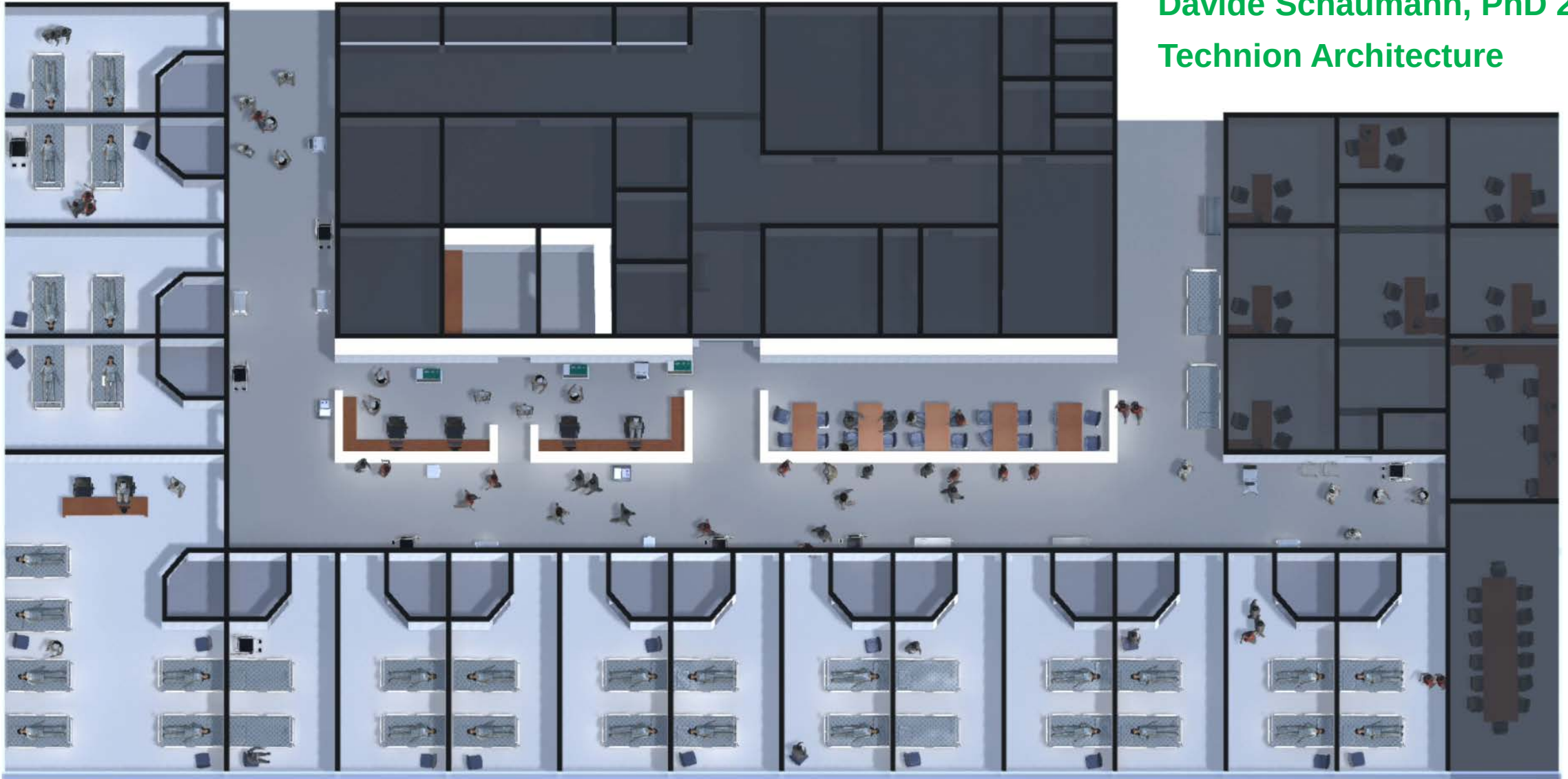
This could/would change healthcare (e.g. enabling evidence-based management, market-based models of care, ...).

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- ... and consider **Process and Spatial Design**, as a 2nd central example:

(Physical) Simulation of an Internal Medicine Ward

Davide Schaumann, PhD 2018
Technion Architecture



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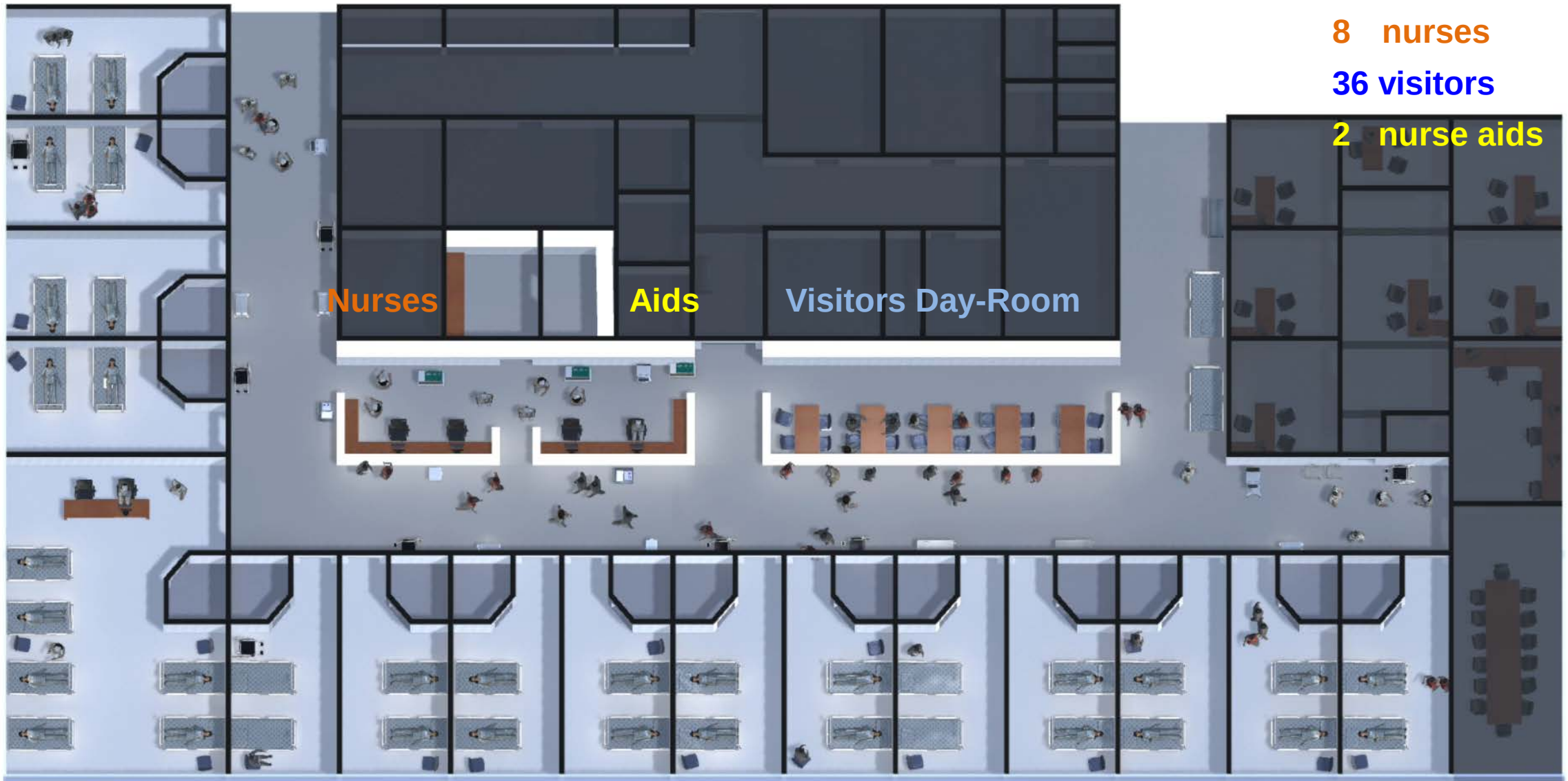
36 patients

6 doctors

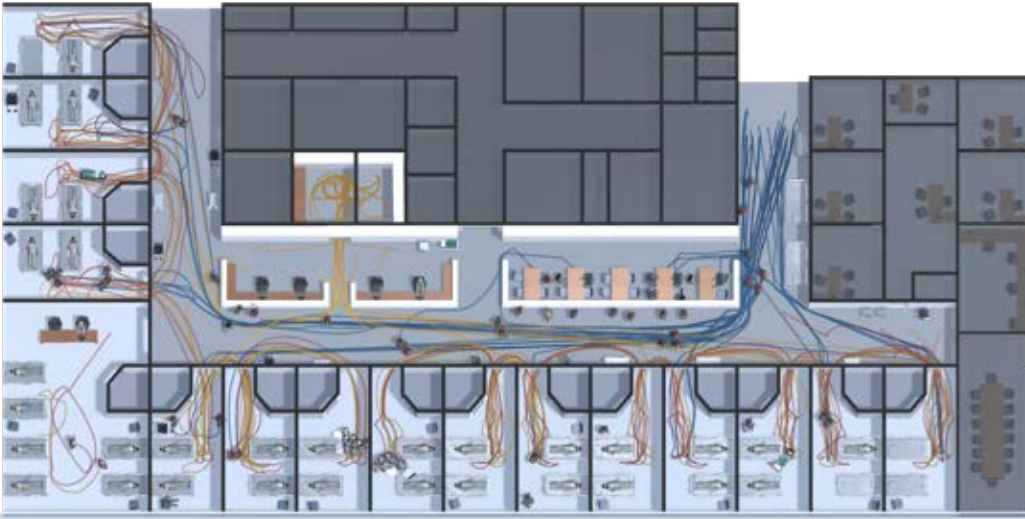
8 nurses

36 visitors

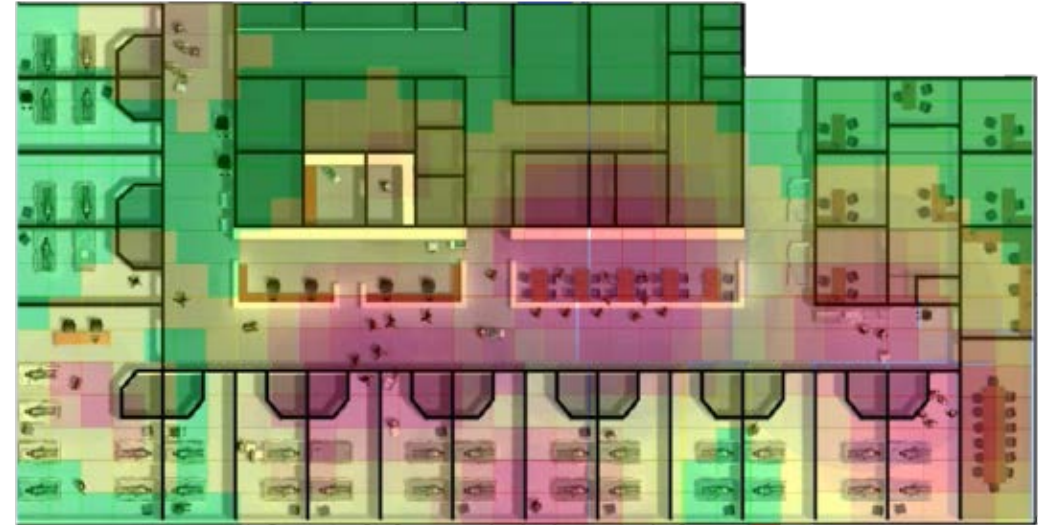
2 nurse aids



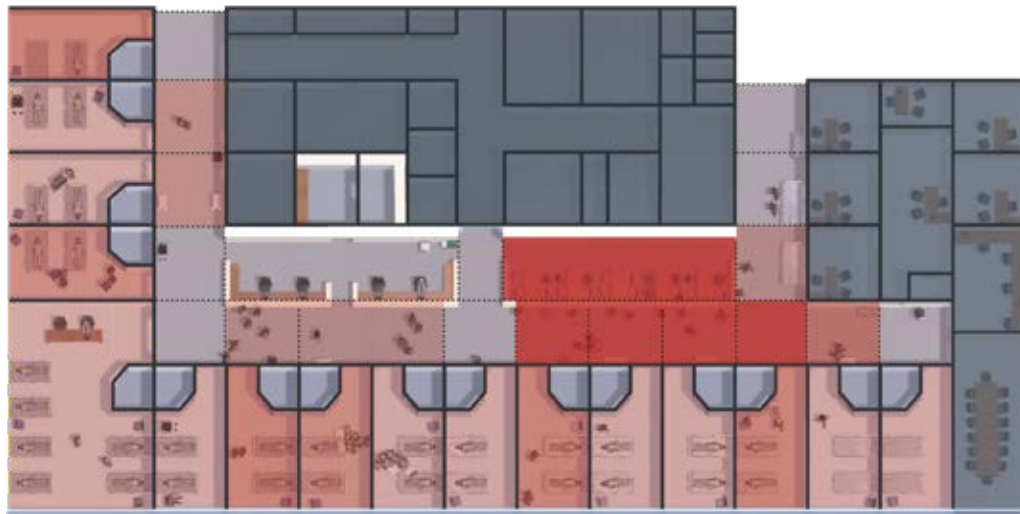
Human-Centric Analysis of Spatial Utilization



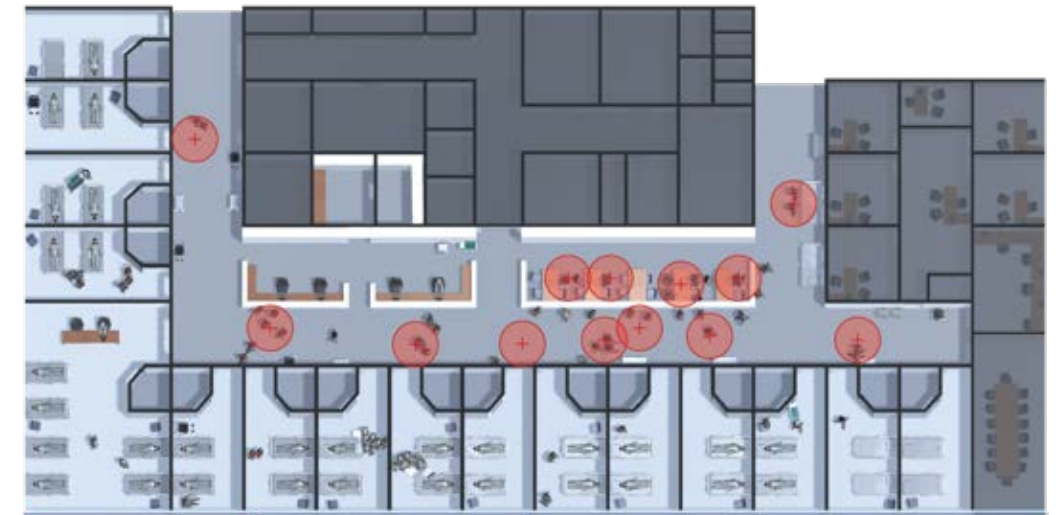
Travelled Paths



Noise (Talking, can AC, ...)

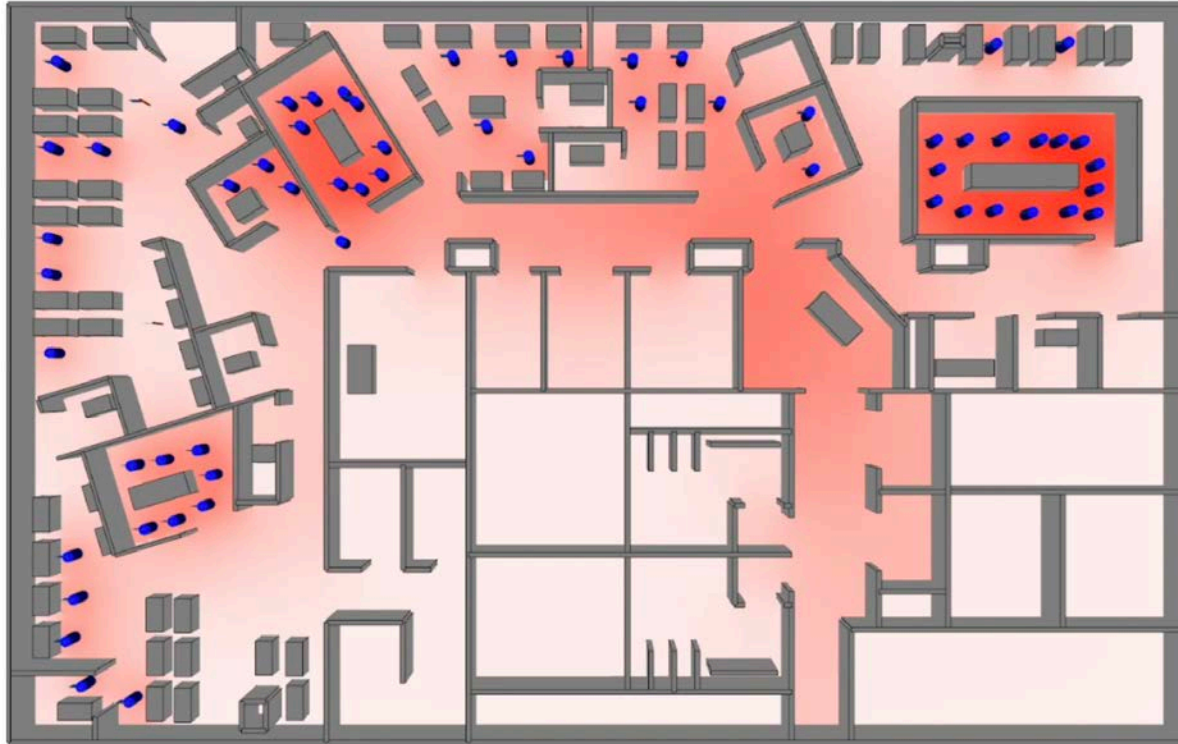


Density of People in Space

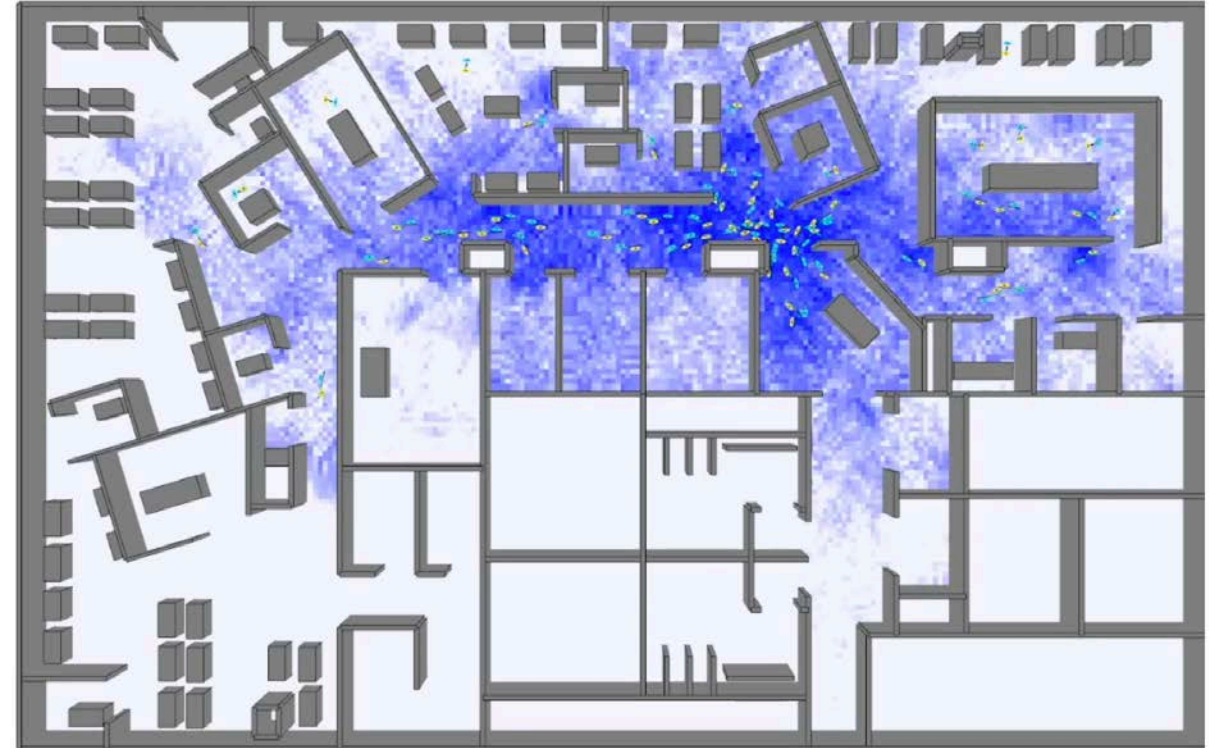


Social Interactions (Staff-Visitor, can Staff-Staff)

Environmental Conditions: Heat, Noise (Refined)



Thermal simulation of occupants' **body heat**
(differential equations)



Acoustics simulation of occupant's **footstep**
sound = $f(\text{floor material, wall absorption, ...})$

Building DESIGN

Building in USE: Operations

GAP

Spatial Over/Under Utilization
Operational Inefficiency
Low Quality of Care
(Patient Dissatisfaction)

This is how architects DESIGN a hospital



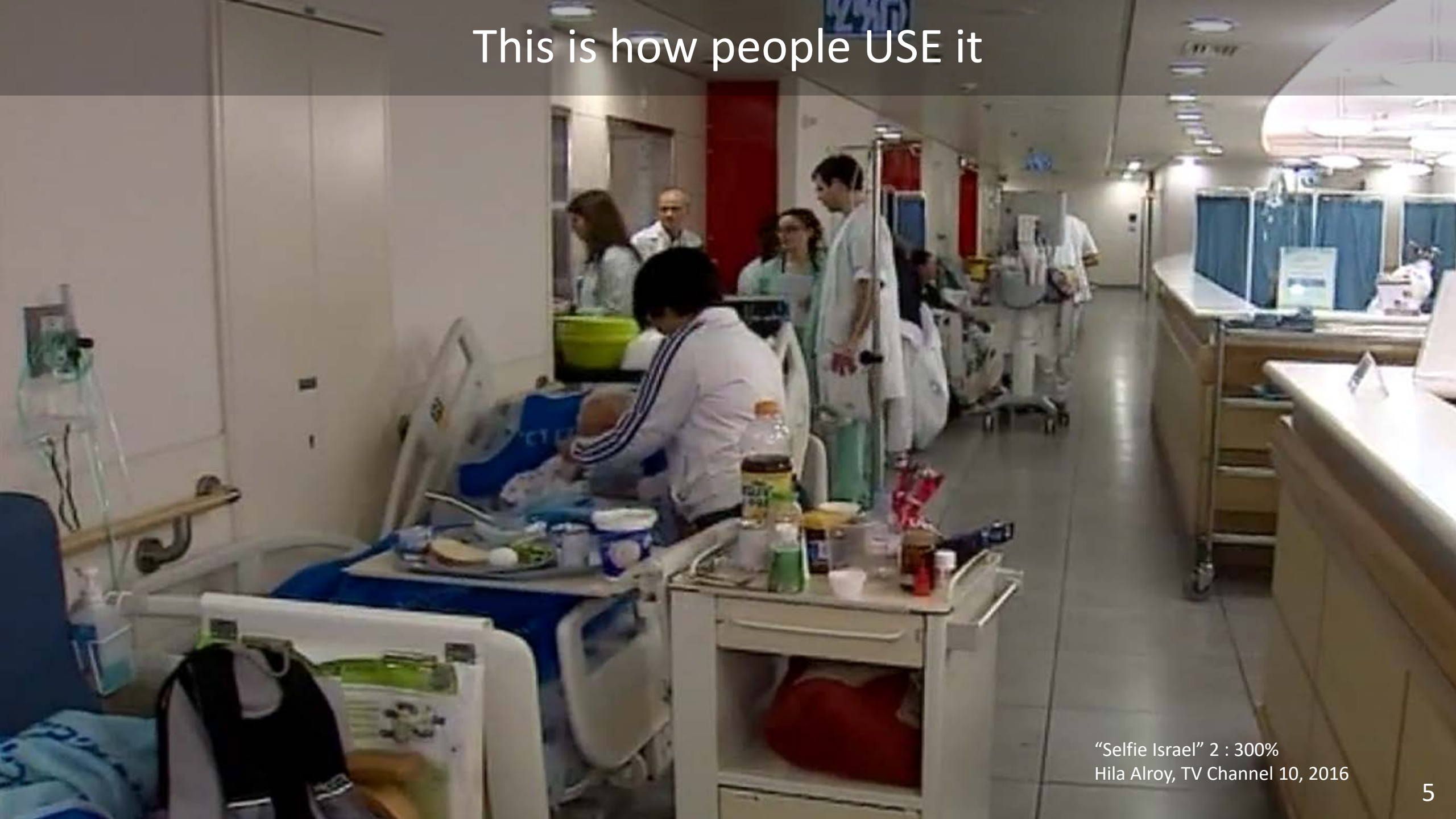
This is how people USE it



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"Selfie Israel" 2 : 300%
Hila Alroy, TV Channel 10, 2016

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- Beyond operational & within hospital:
 - Smart Hospital: social-networks (multi-directional connection); noise, energy (heat), crowdedness; operational + clinical + psychological + financial dimensions
- Beyond both: technology around the corner
 - Complete cycle of care (community, home), that integrates the physical + above dimensions, ...
 - Comparing performance (hospitals, states, city vs. periphery, ...)

Main Takeaways – Research + Practice: OR/DS/OM/IE, (Social) Networks, <>Mining, ML, Ethics, Incentives, ...

1. RTLS **data** affects both

- **Empirical** and
- **Theoretical** research.

2. RTLS-based **Empirical Research** is to affect both

- the **Practice in Hospitals** and
- the **Practice of Research**.
 - e.g. Practice in Hospital: our empirical analysis revealed gaps between the scheduled and the actual, which will help reduce this gap
 - e.g. Practice of Research: ample data will help identify novel research opportunities and validate existing research.

3. RTLS-based **Theoretical Research** is to affect both

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 - e.g. Practice in Hospital: novel technologies & tools – smartphone; planning, scheduling, control
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This will support, for example:

- Real-time: control of patient-flow (bottlenecks); status-info + prediction (“waze”)
- Short-term: on Monday, set Tuesday’s staffing levels (or next week’s); real cost of care for the individual patient (vs. mean/negotiated costs)
- Long-term: capacity allocation, facility/triage design; social network (e.g. correlated w/ outcomes); change-management (Epic); congestion laws

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3 Researches (professionals)
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w/ **Itai Gurvich** (PI), ...

SEEZHEN @ CUHK-Shenzhen /SRIBD
w/ **Jim Dai**, ...

SEELab = Environment for Graphical EDA

Operational histories (customers, servers) at the **individual-transaction level**, e.g.

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Data-Collection Technologies (leaving aside Interfaces)

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SEELab History:

Shapes the Present and Informs (Enhances & Constrains) the Future

Started with Call Centers, then Hospitals, ...

Data originates in Service Event-Log files:

Operational histories (event time stamps), of

both customers & service providers, at the

level of the individual transaction



What defines a call center, back office ...



global AI industry Financial Times ...



Pinterest



Admission Essays Service - Smart ...

“Courage & Strength” from Call-Centers = Fruit-Flies of Hospitals



Call Center: Call Center Environment



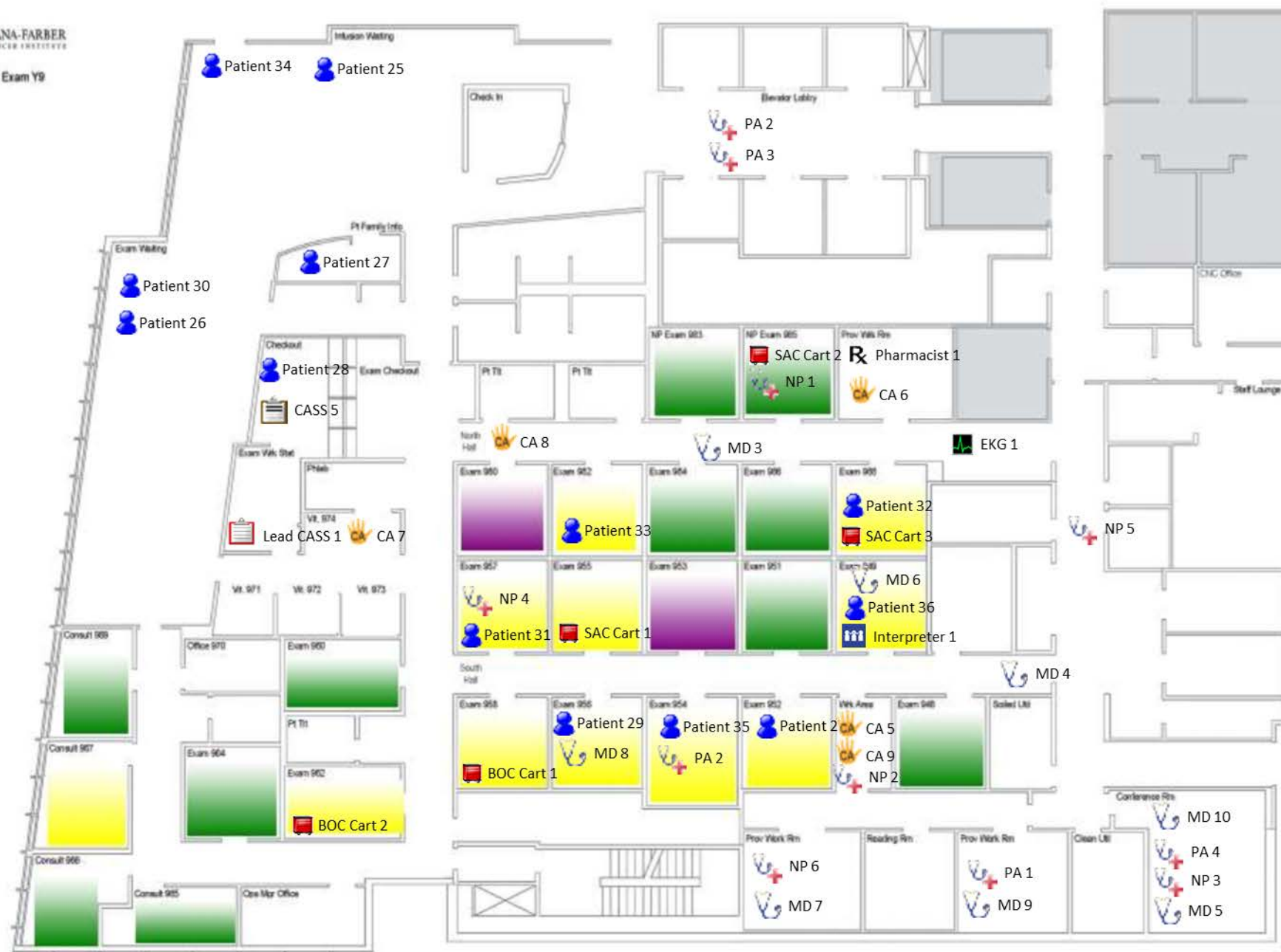
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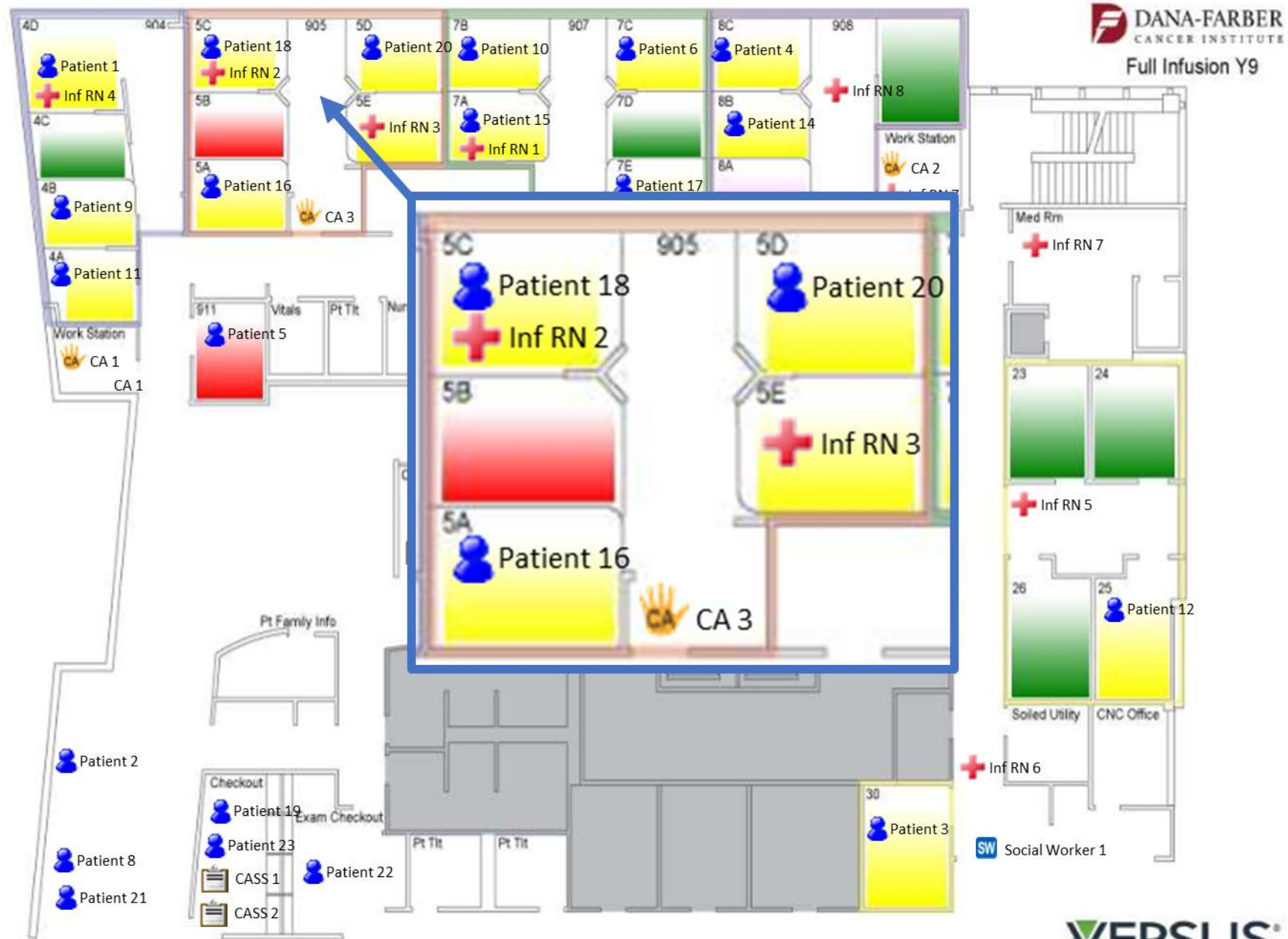
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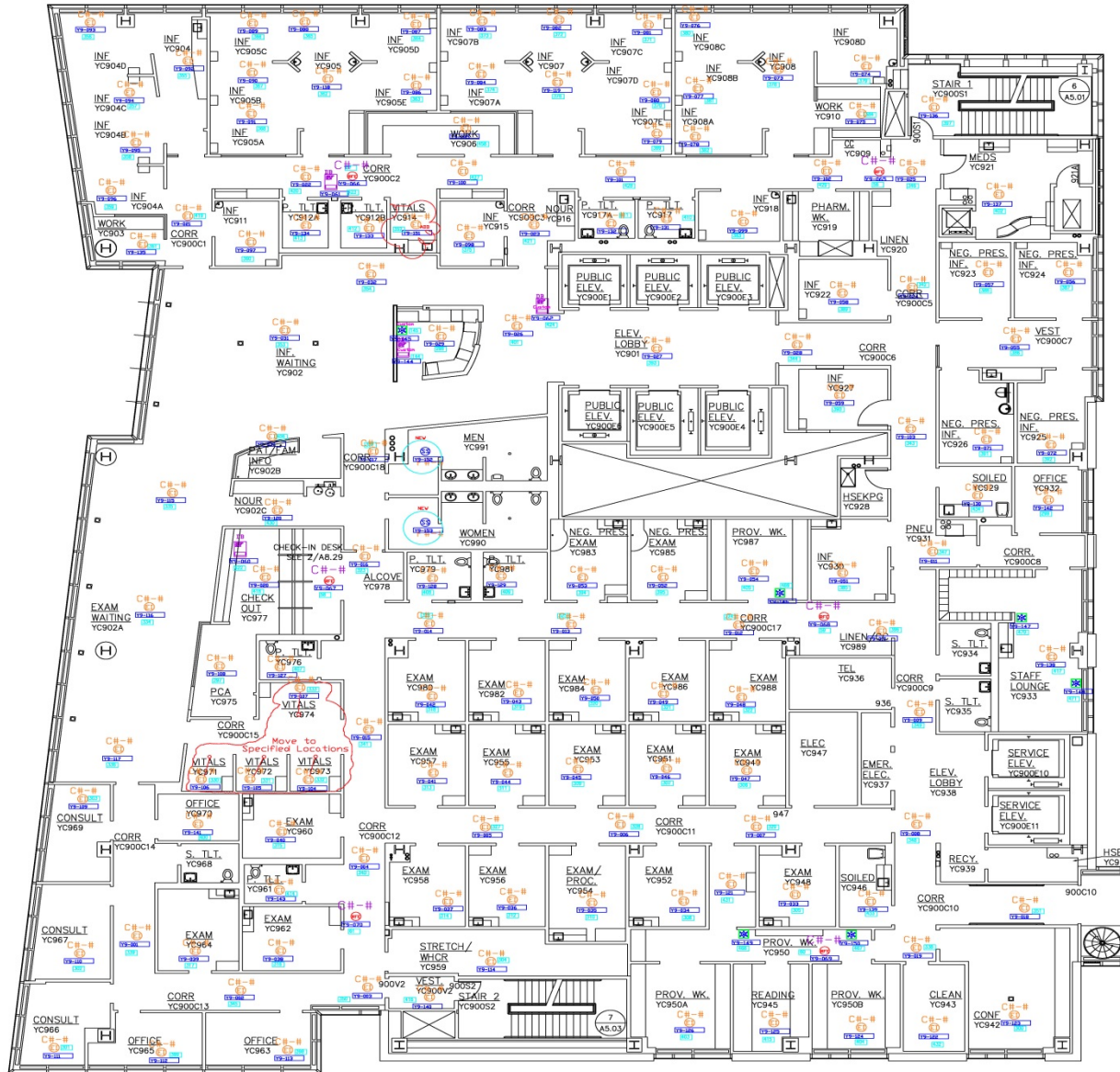
Company Business News Latest Indian ...







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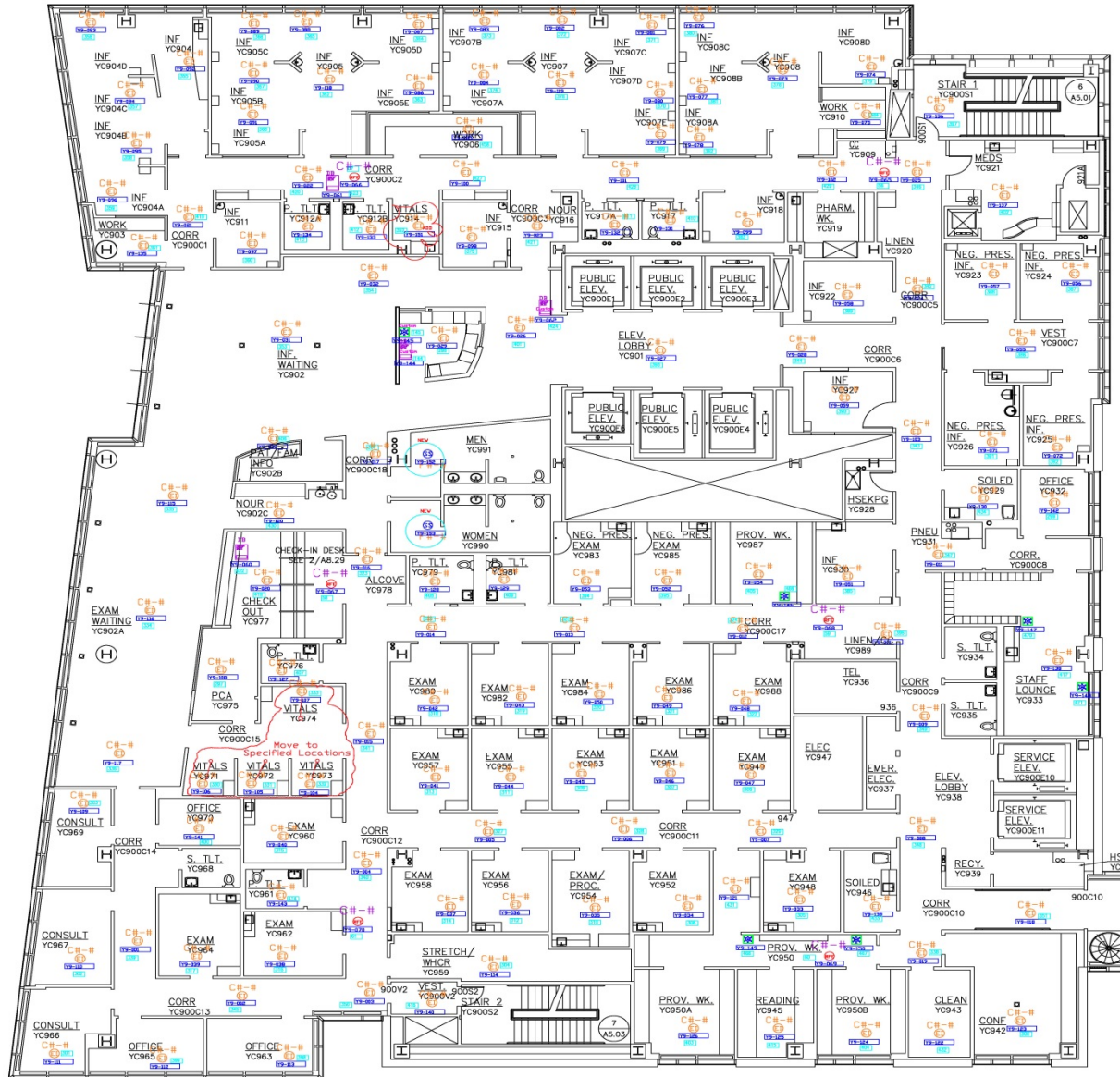
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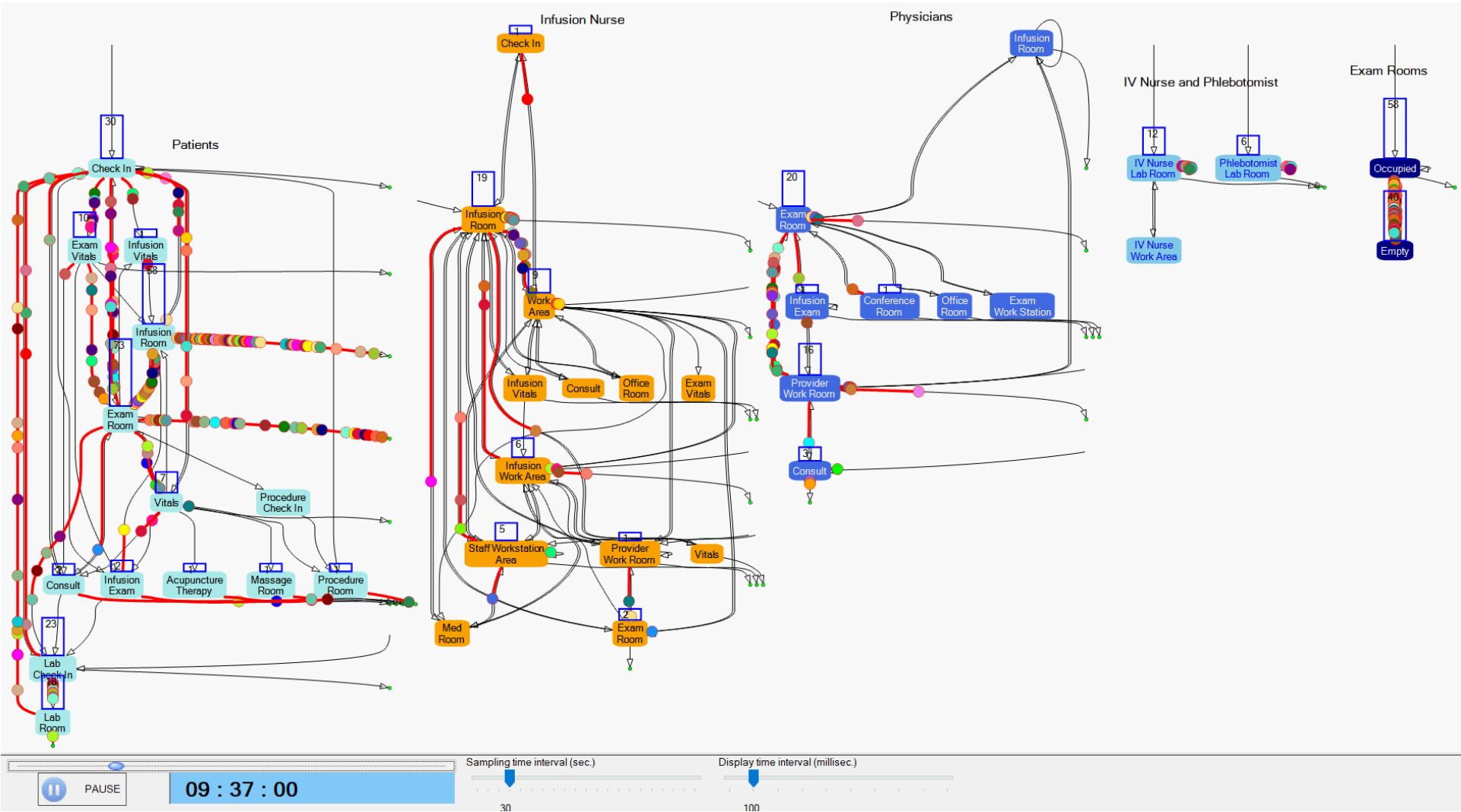
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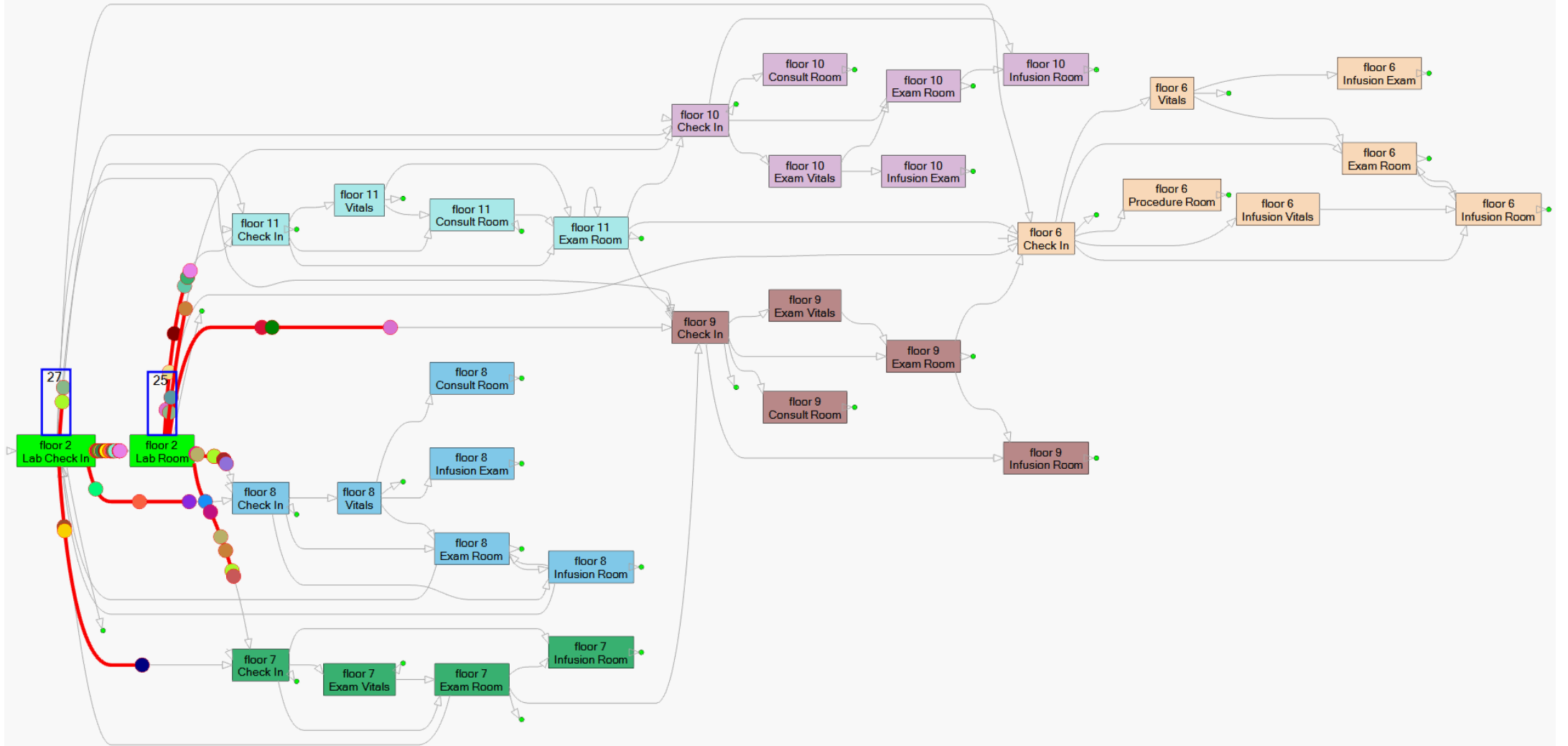
300-400 doctors & nurses

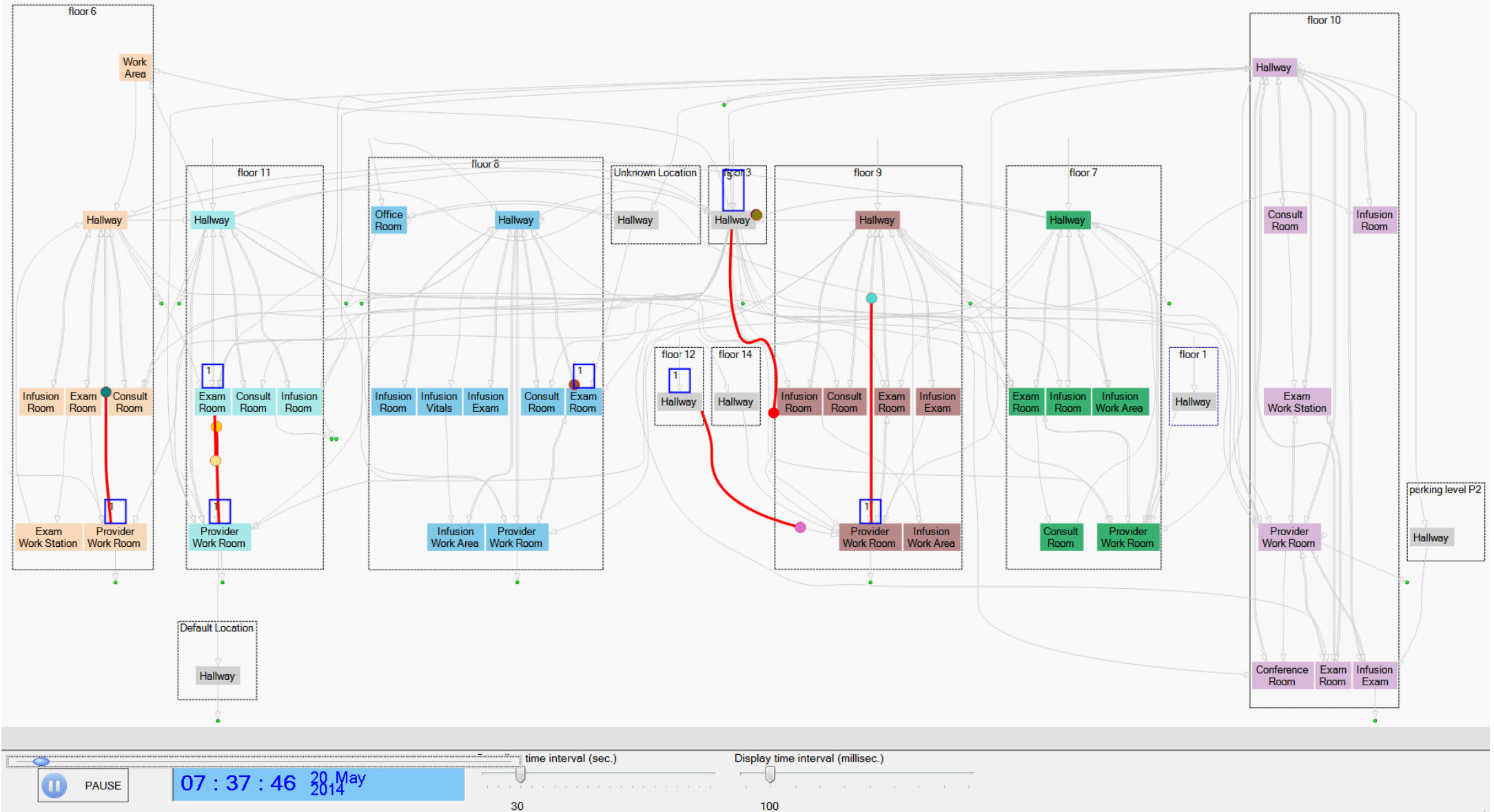
8 clinical floors





Patients flow (by floors), Process Mining + Operations Research view (DayHospital)
3 December 2014



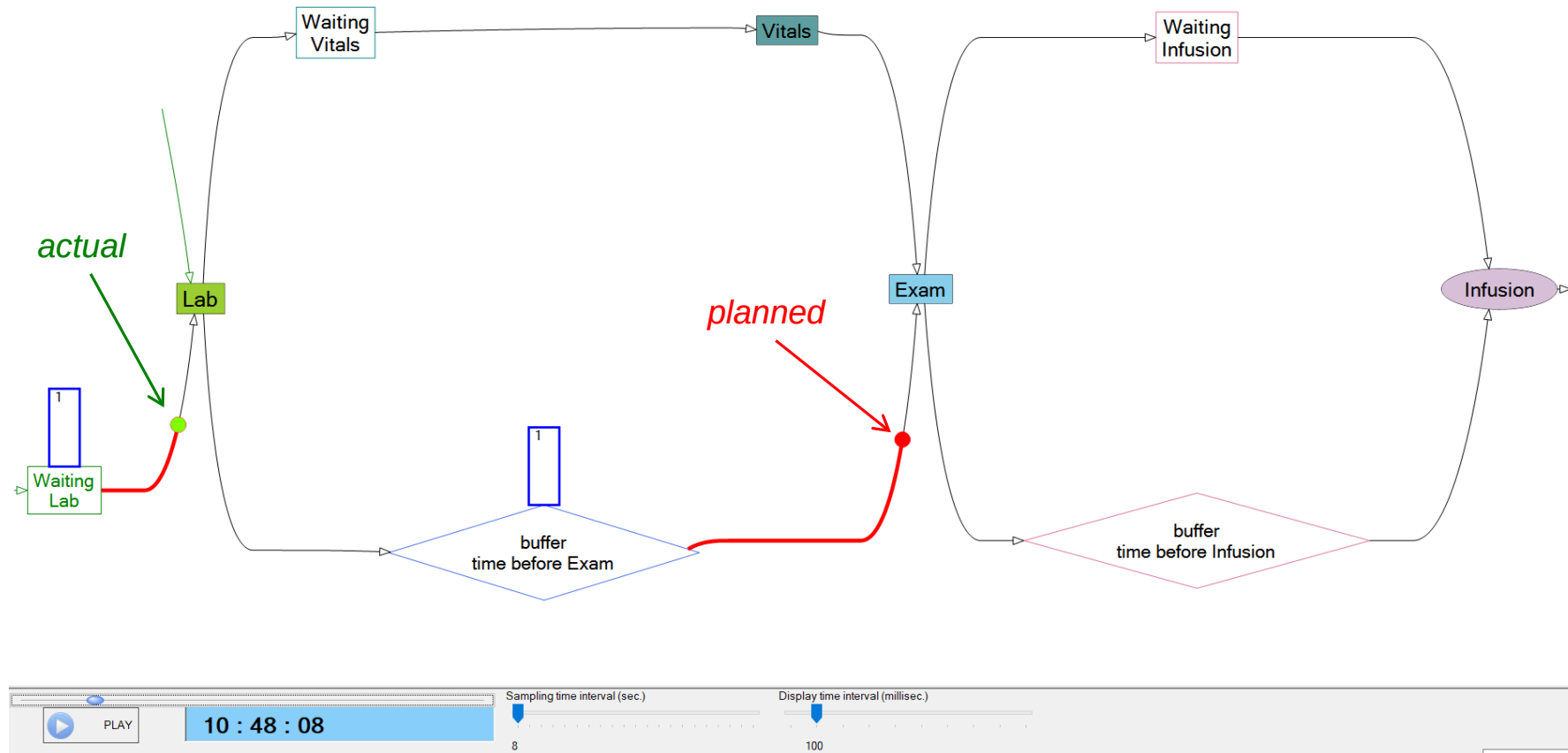




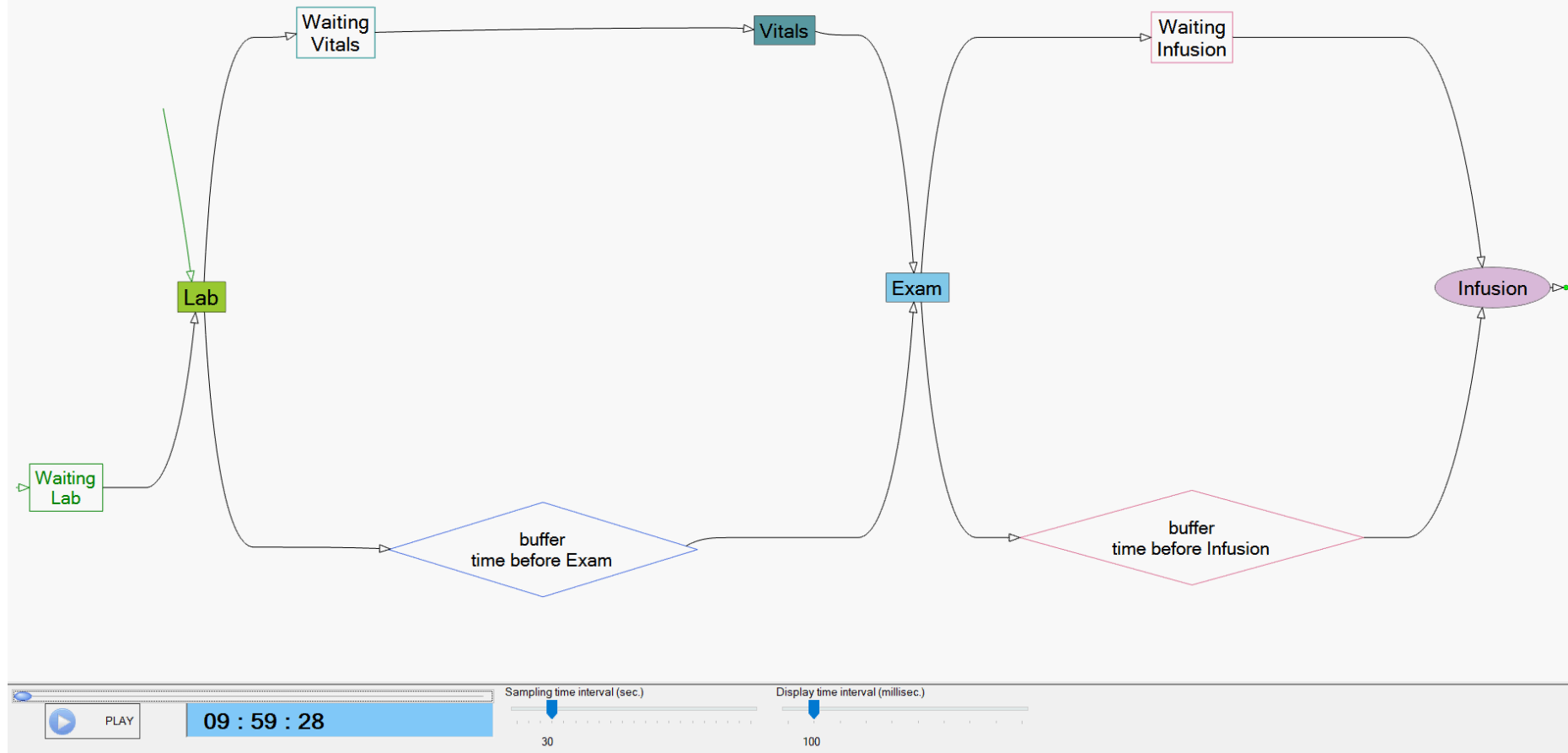
Appointment-Net vs. Actual-Net

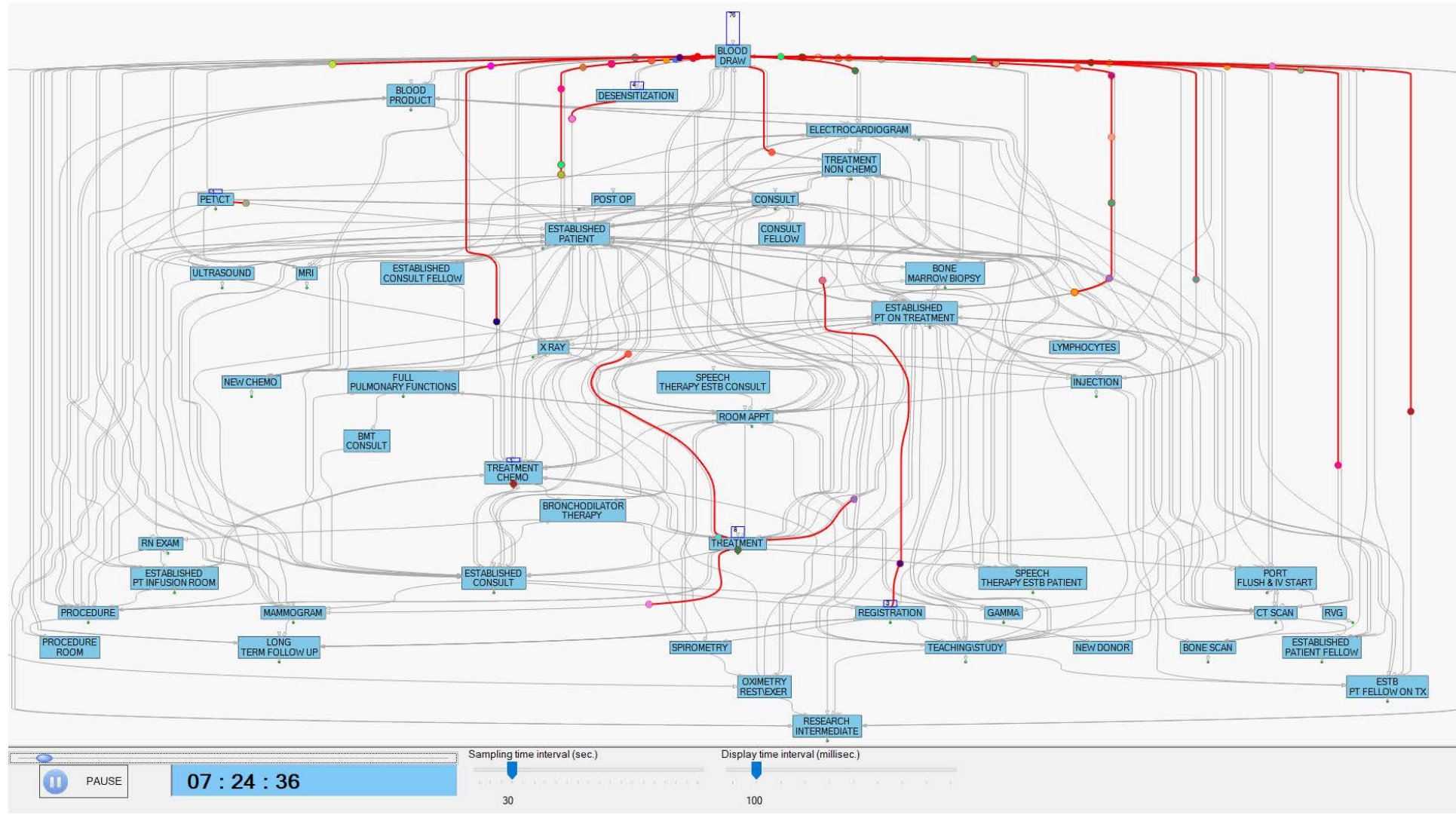
Single Patient

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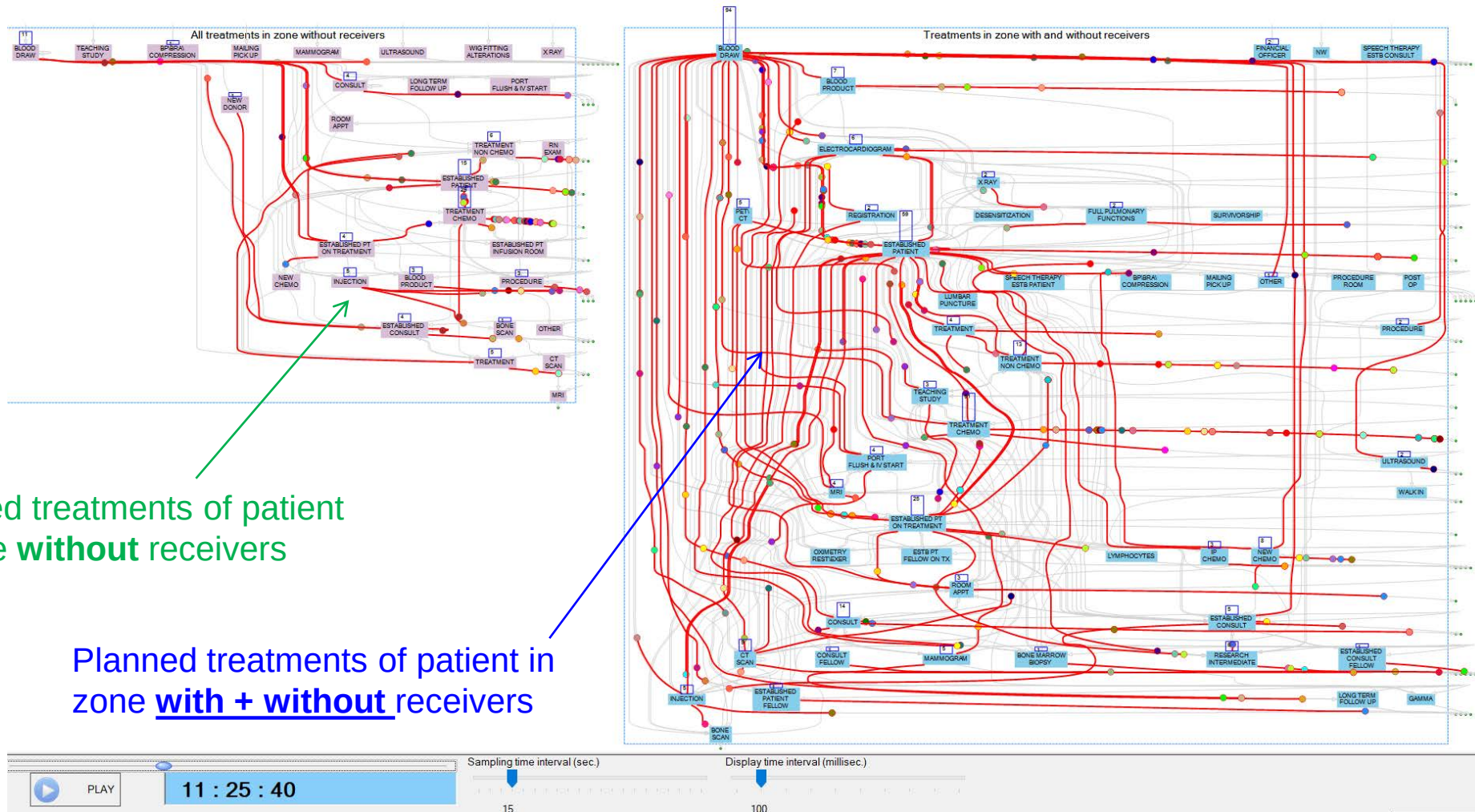


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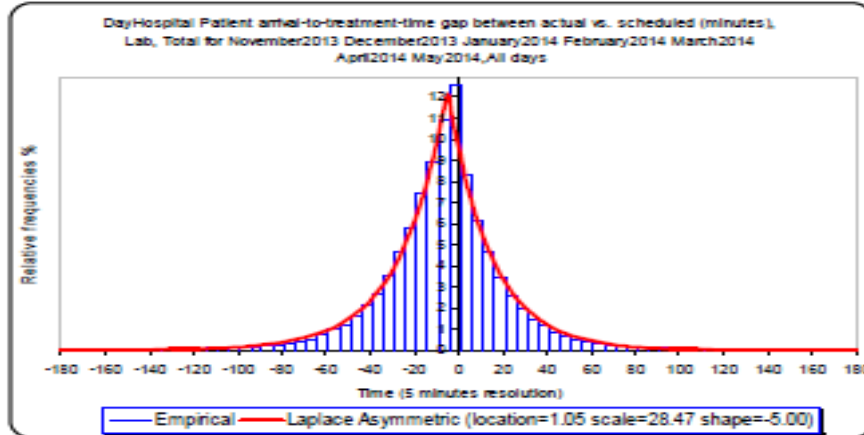
Processes in zones with and without receivers (Appointments)



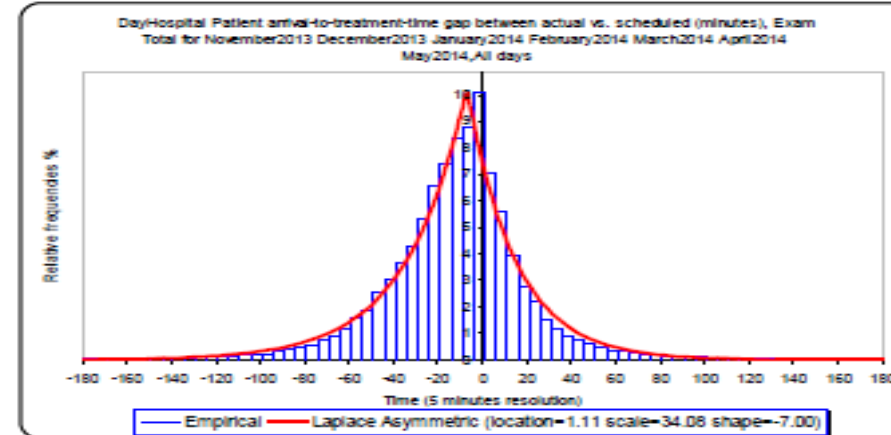
Primitives: Punctuality

Planned vs. Actual Arrival to Service @ Stations 1, 2, 3 in a Hospital

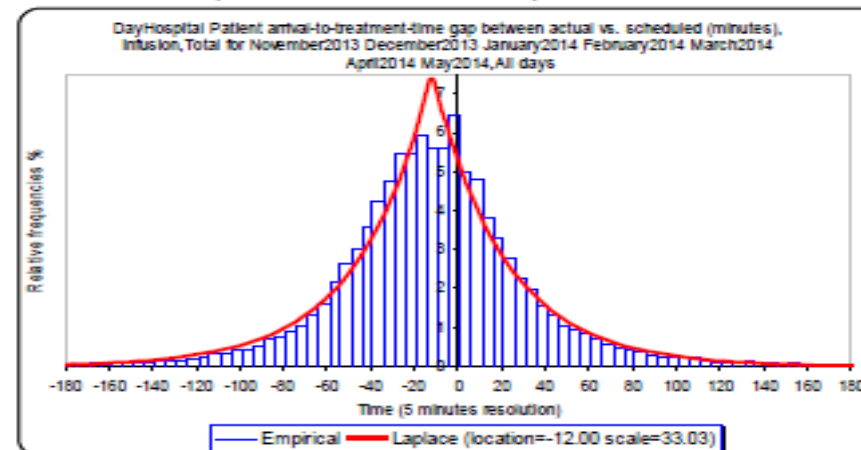
Lab (mean = -7 min)



Exam (mean = -12 min)



Infusion (mean = -12 min)



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and

- **Appointment Systems:** 30% cost reduction ➡ planned pilot
- **Time & Motion Studies** (IE of the 21st century): cost of care
- **Mining Social Networks:** relate to outcomes (treatment, learning)
- **Prediction:** “waze” (times on a given care-path, predict path)
- ...

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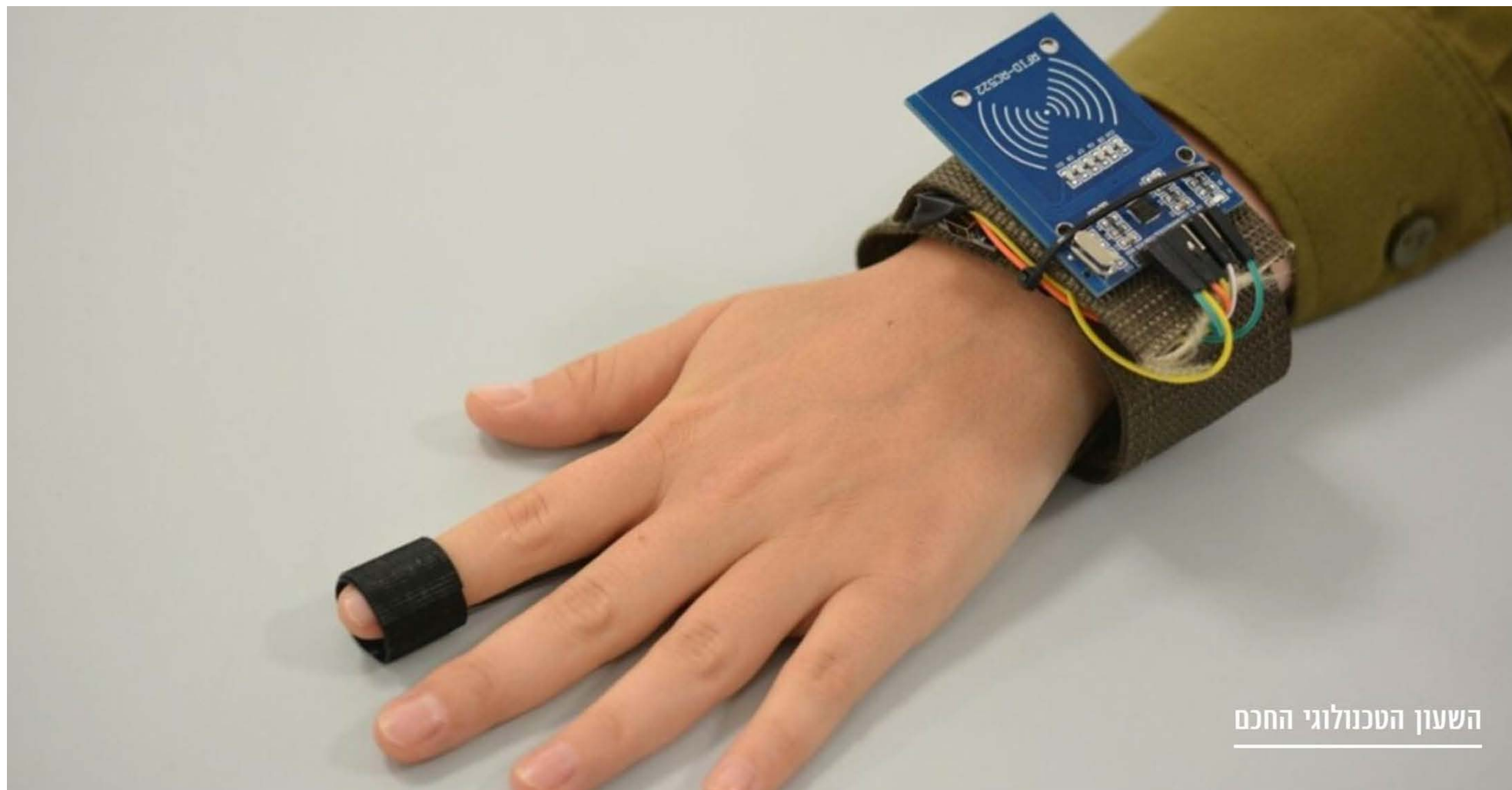
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Around the corner:

- RTLS+, via wearable personalized sensors (active smartphones):
Operational, physical and physiologic tracking.
- This will empower people, both healthy or not (e.g. chronic), to routinely conduct self-monitoring and self-care (e.g. full cycle of care).
- Data-based research-partnerships require Infrastructure (funding).
- Will empower researchers and organizations to develop and adopt novel models of delivery, world-wide (e.g. China).

Physiological Dimension: BioMarkers

MCE Smart Watch (Israeli Army)



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Research challenge: Why has the DFCI+Technion partnership model been successful (personal, organizational & both)

The Technion SEE Center / Laboratory

Data-Based Service Science / Engineering

