



# **Definition of SGI/SSMI-categories using NEMS and SAS**

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# **A simple scoring system: General requirements**



- ❖ For general use in all Swiss ICU's
- ❖ Simple
- ❖ Objective and reproducible
- ❖ Validated (i.e. measures what it is intended to)

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# SGI/SSMI-categories: Actual definitions

Kategorie	Pflegepersonal pro Schicht	Zeitbedarf (Min/h)	Zeitbedarf (h/Tag)
1A	4/3	> 40	> 16
1B	3/3	30 – 39	12 – 16
2	2/3	20 – 29	8 – 12
3	1/3	< 20	< 8

Der Pflegepersonalbedarf auf Intensivstationen, Schriftenreihe SKI Bd. 41 1989, p.72ff  
(see also: Critical Care Medicine, JAMA 1983, 250:798-804)

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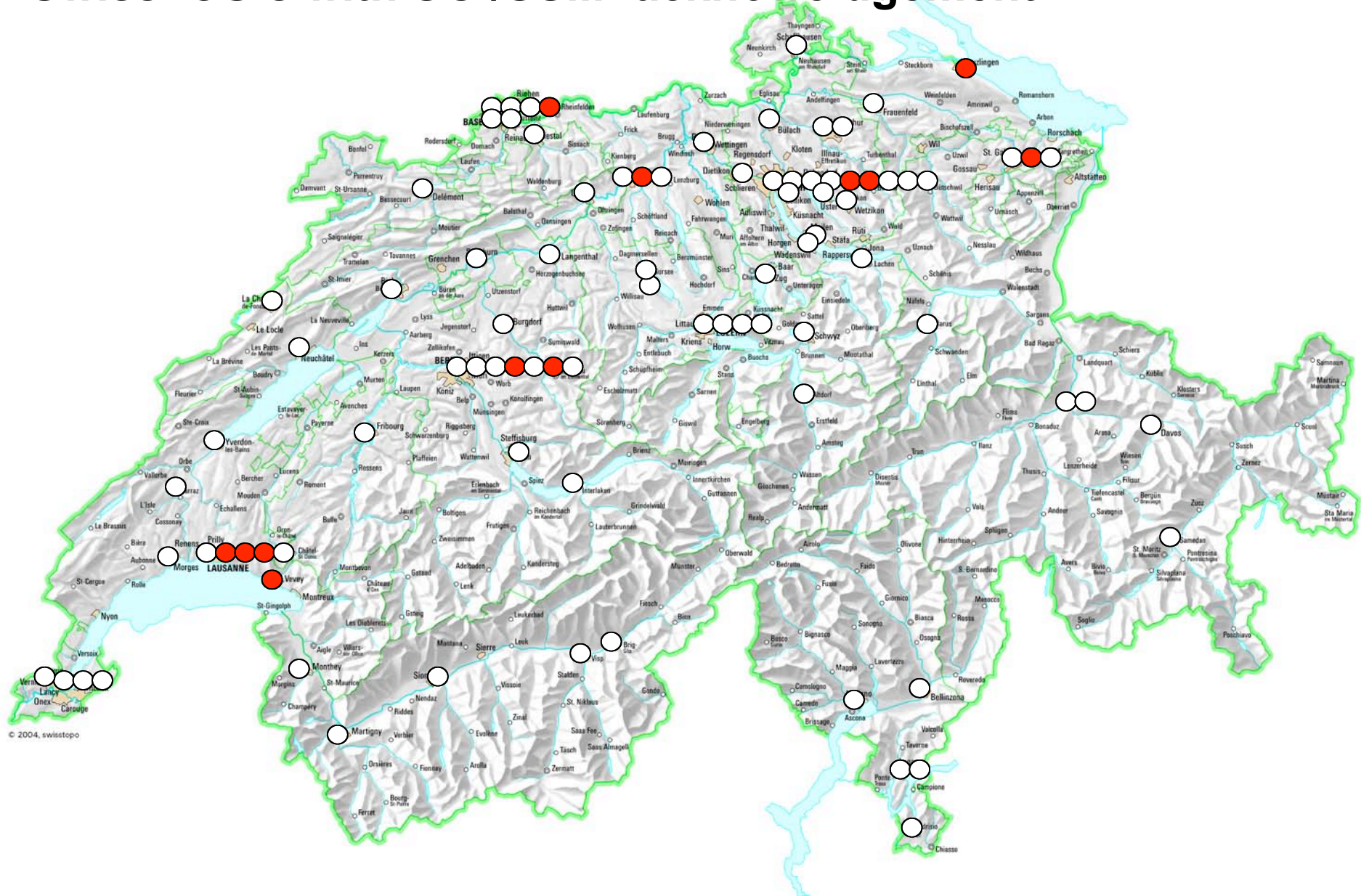
## Intensivpflegestationen (IPS)

	Ärztliche Leistung	Nichtärztliche Leistung IPS	Nichtärztliche Leistung Verbr.-IPS	Nichtärztliche Leistung Neo-IPS
Kat. 1A Erste 2 Std. Jede weitere 8 Std.	172 239	621 1150	657 1295	619 1141
Kat. 1B Erste 2 Std. Jede weitere 8 Std.	172 63	621 882	657 1027	619 874
Kat. 2 Erste 2 Std. Jede weitere 8 Std.	172 28	621 615	657 760	619 608
Kat. 3 Erste 2 Std. Jede weitere 8 Std.	172 16	621 348	657 493	619 340

**N.B.:** nichtärztliche Leistung Kardio-/angiologische Überwachungsstation: erste 2 Std. 82TP, dann 32TP pro Std., maximal 14 mal

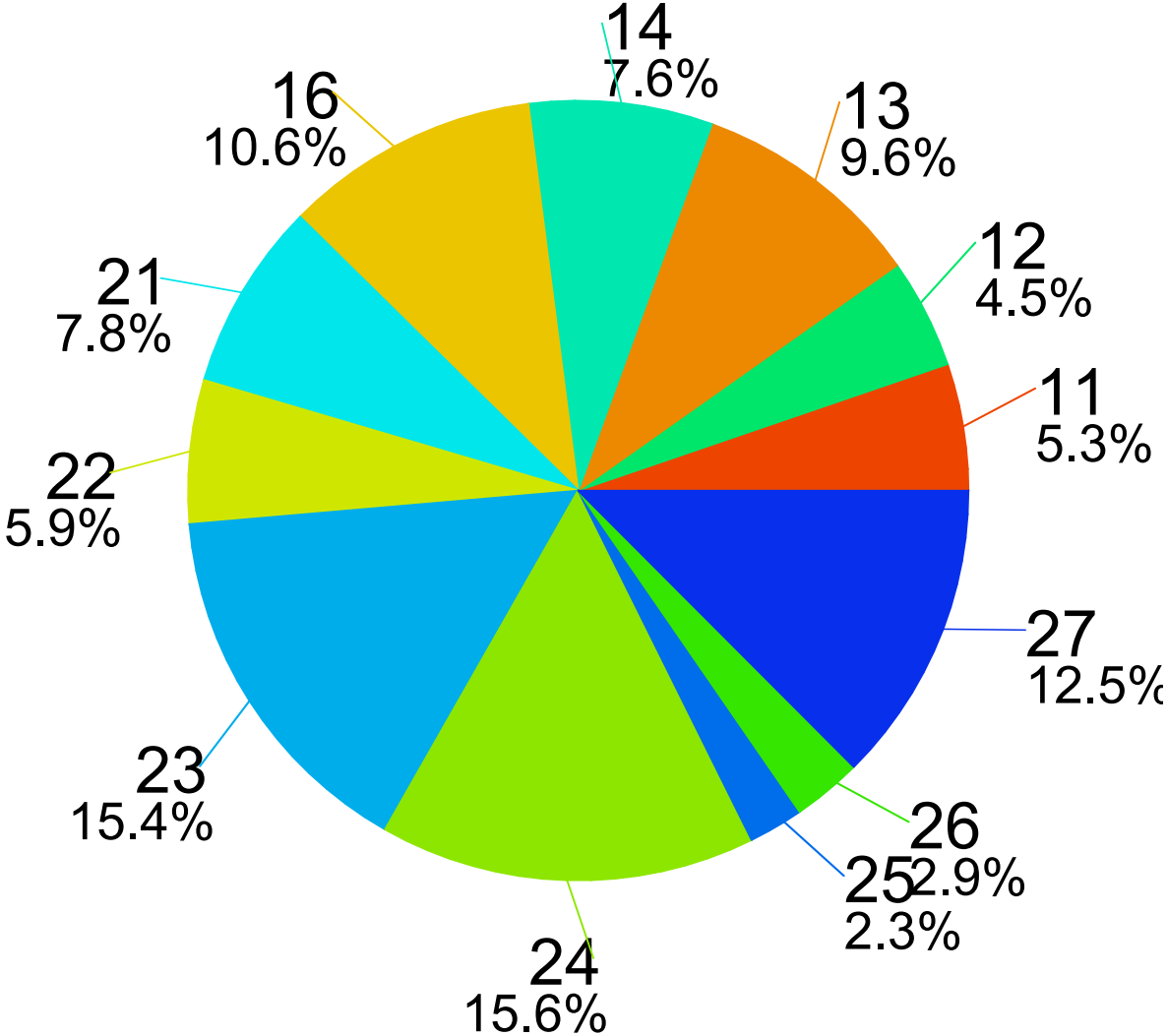
Kategoriewechsel jeweils bei Schichtwechsel

# Swiss ICU's with SGI/SSMI-acknowledgement



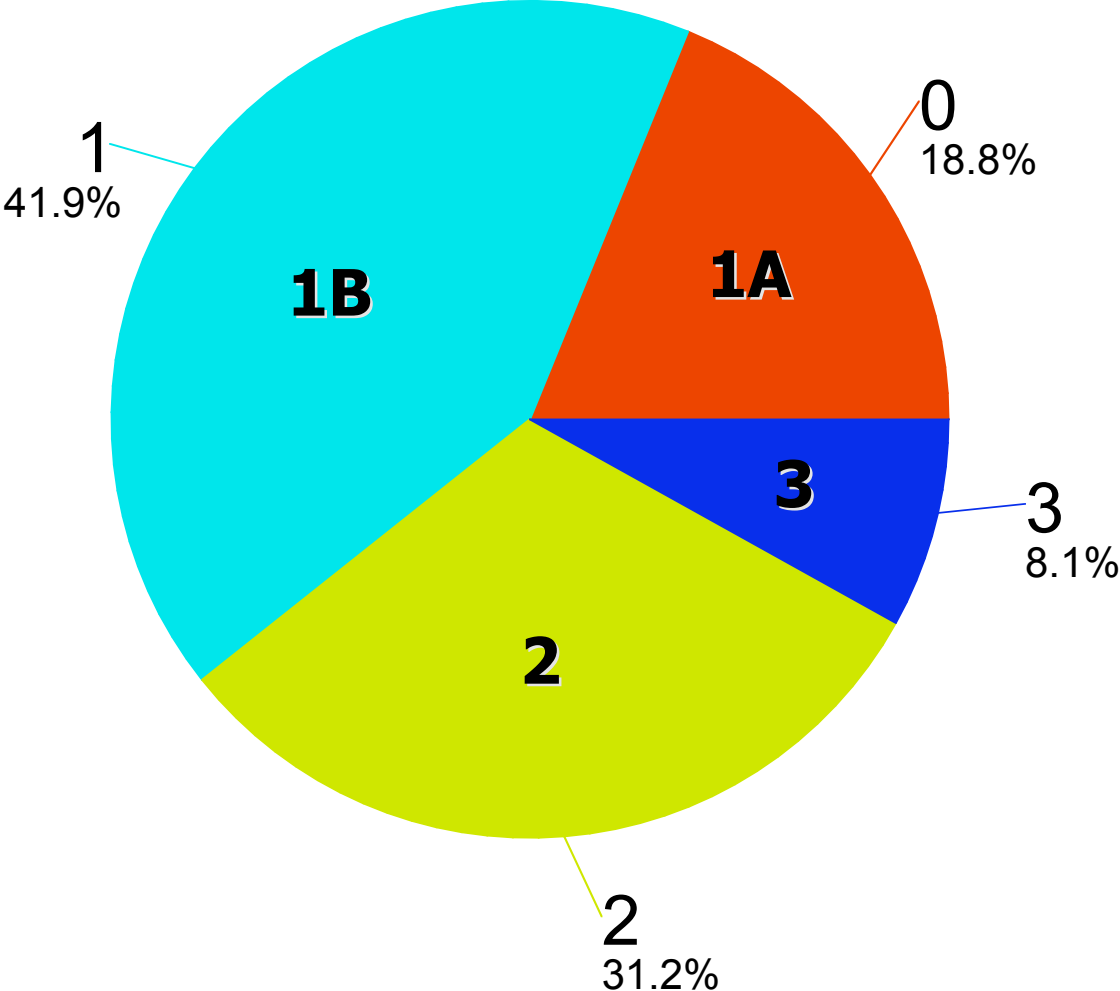
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# New calibration of SGI/SSMI-categories: participating units

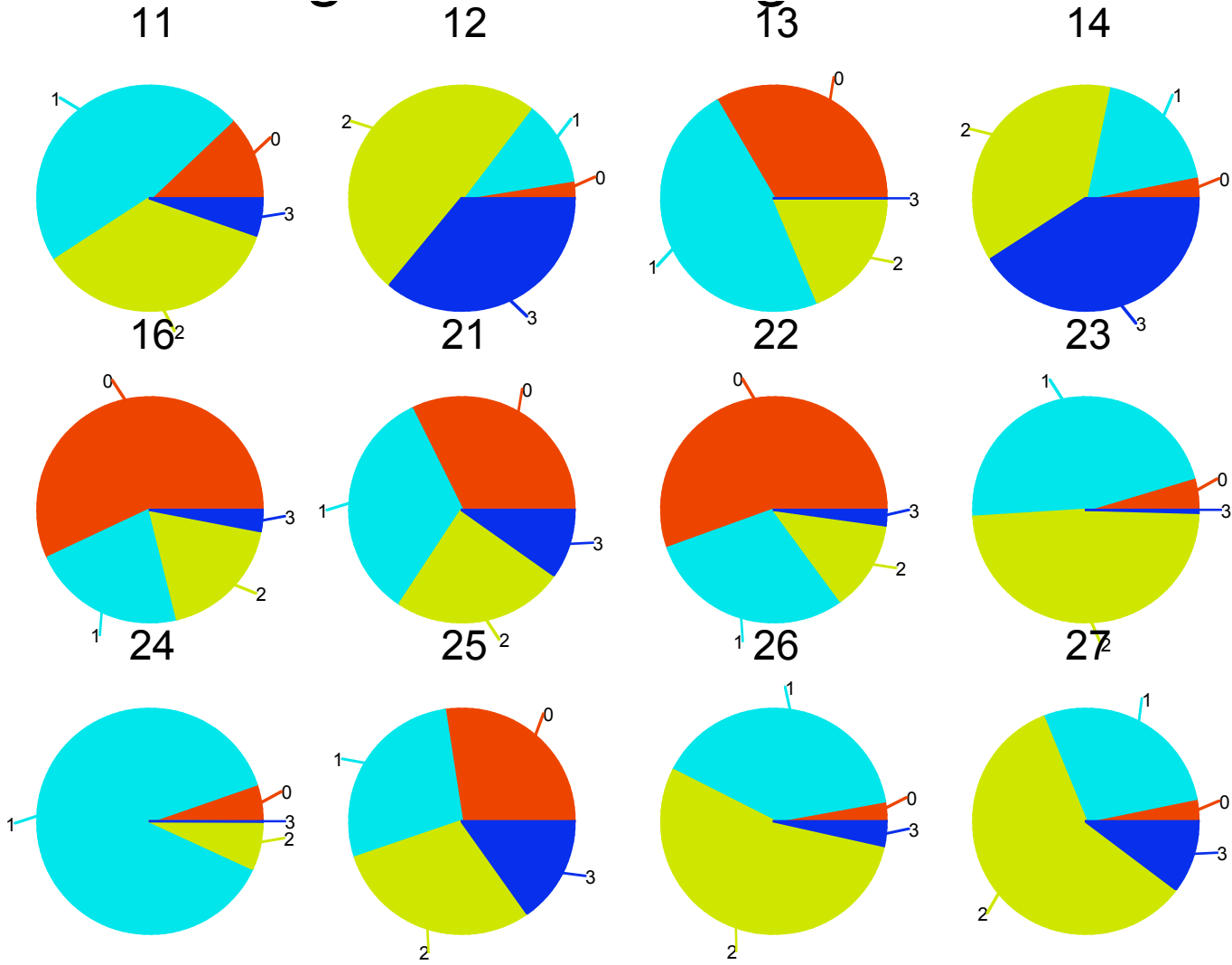




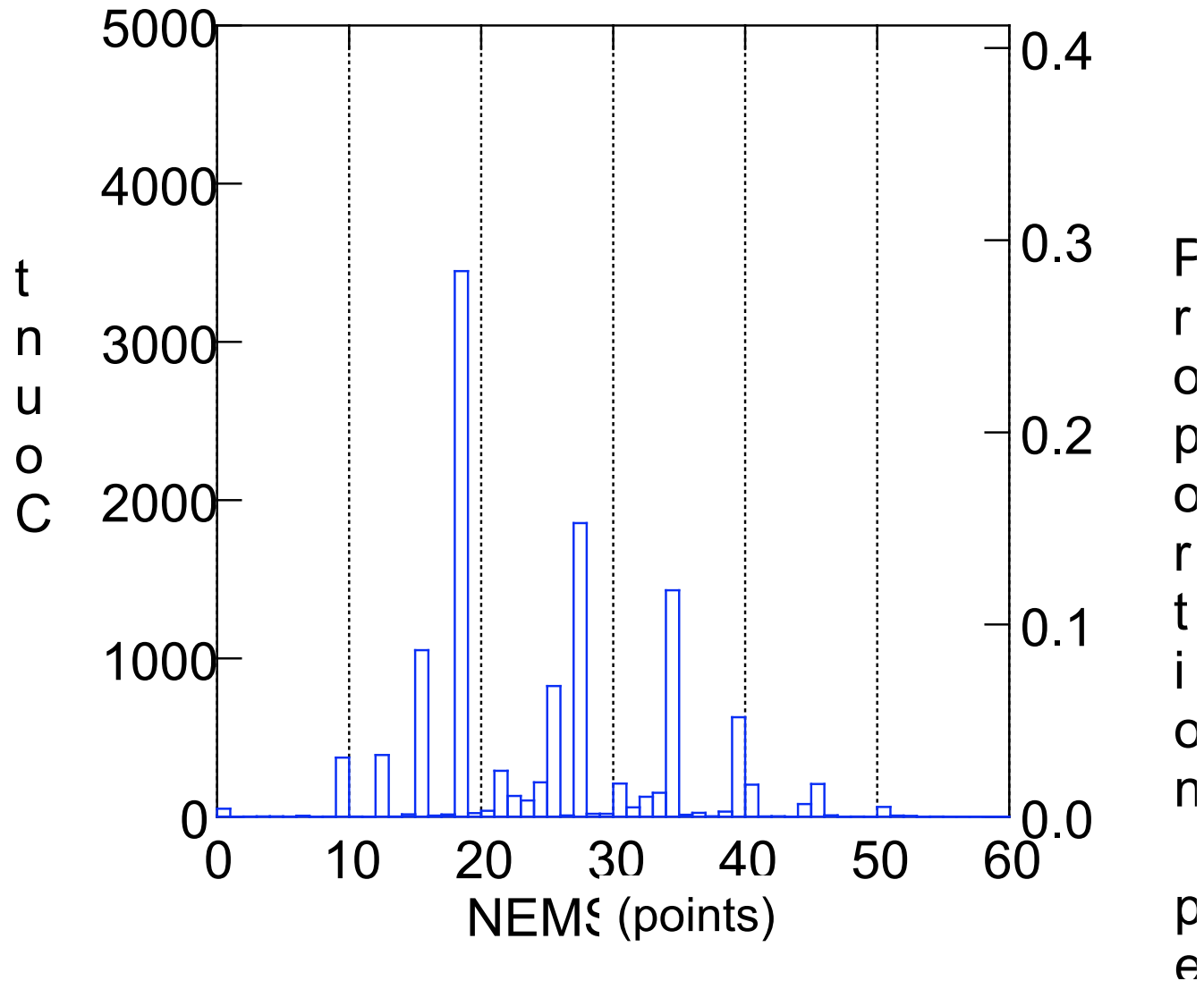
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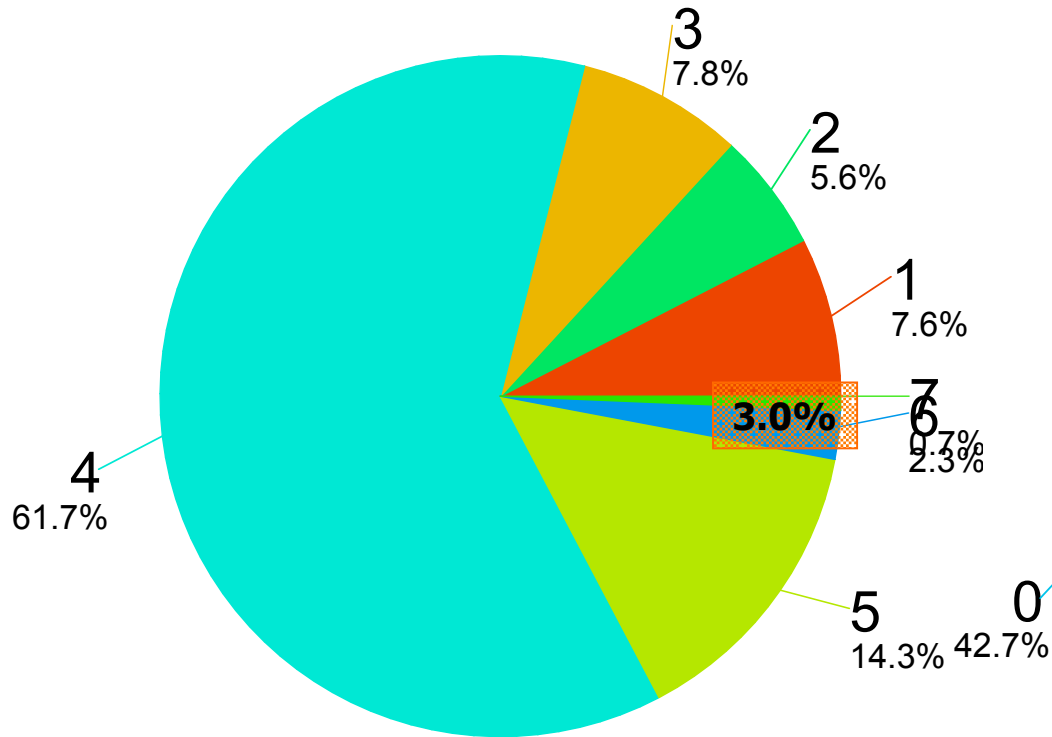


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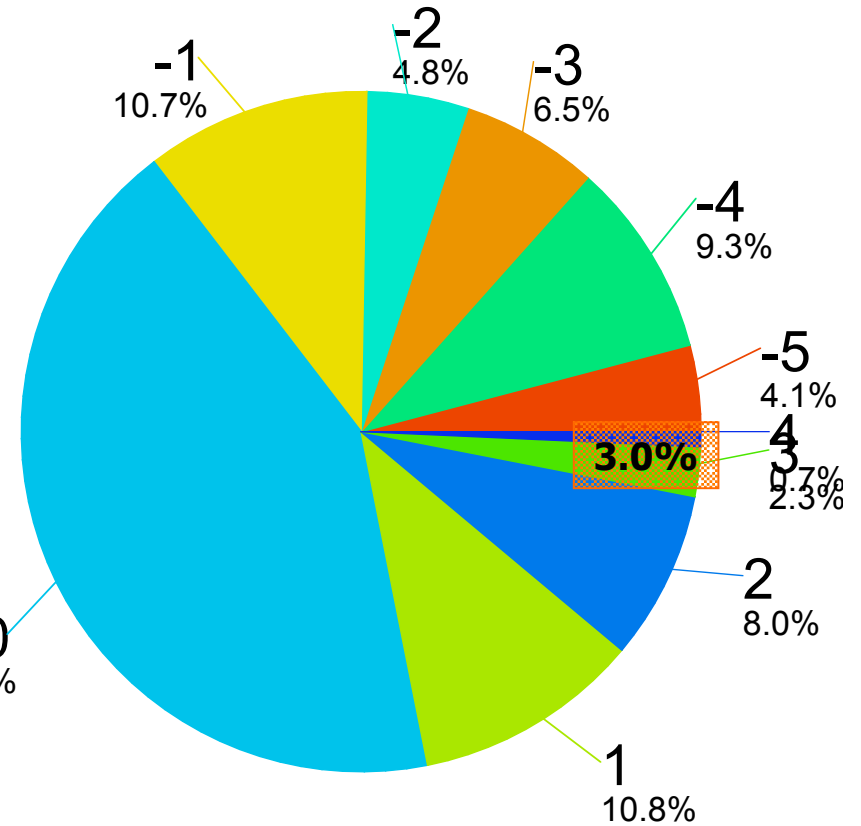


# Distribution of SAS/RASS in participating units

Distribution of SAS  
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Distribution of RASS  
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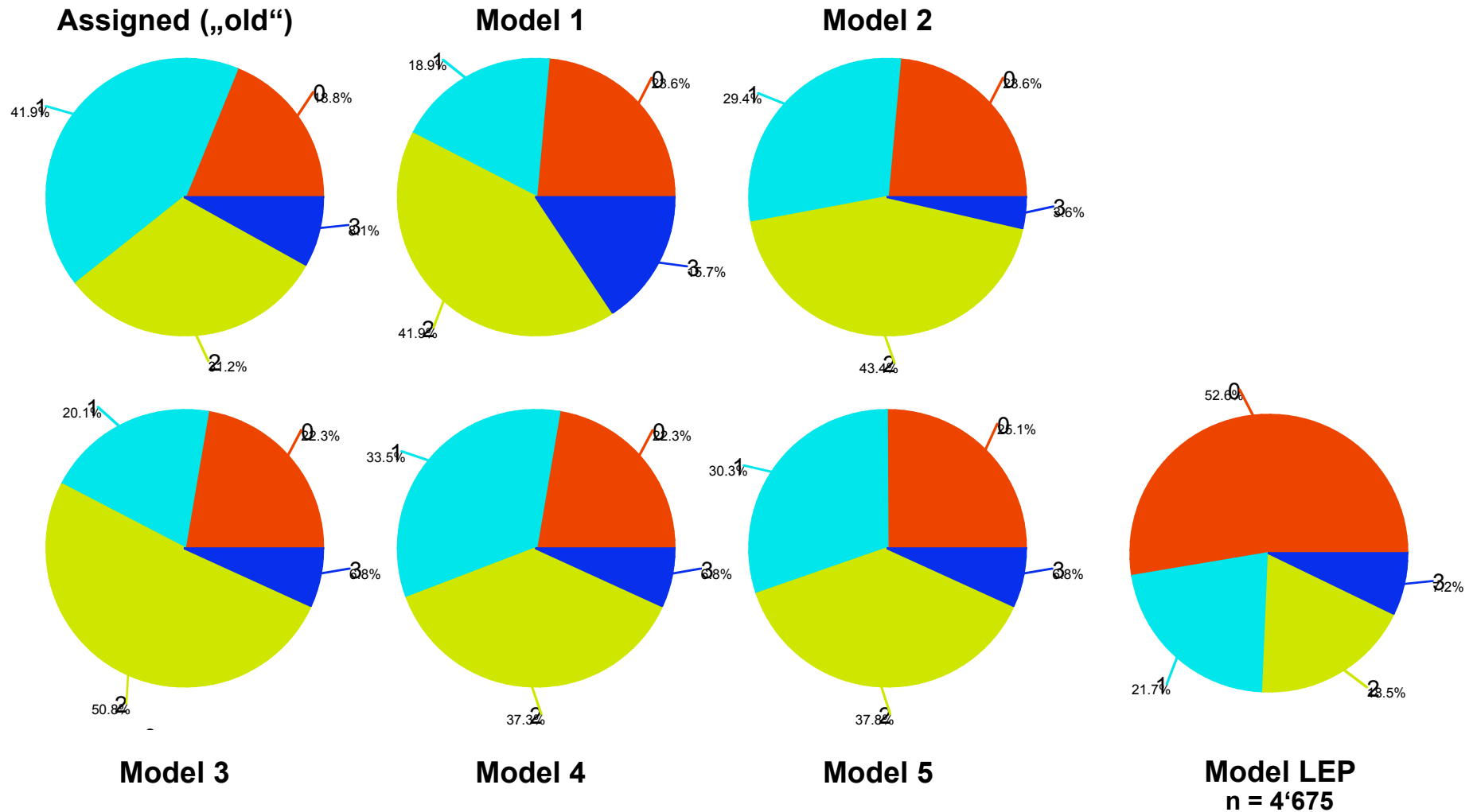


# Definition of SGI/SSMI-categories using NEMS and SAS

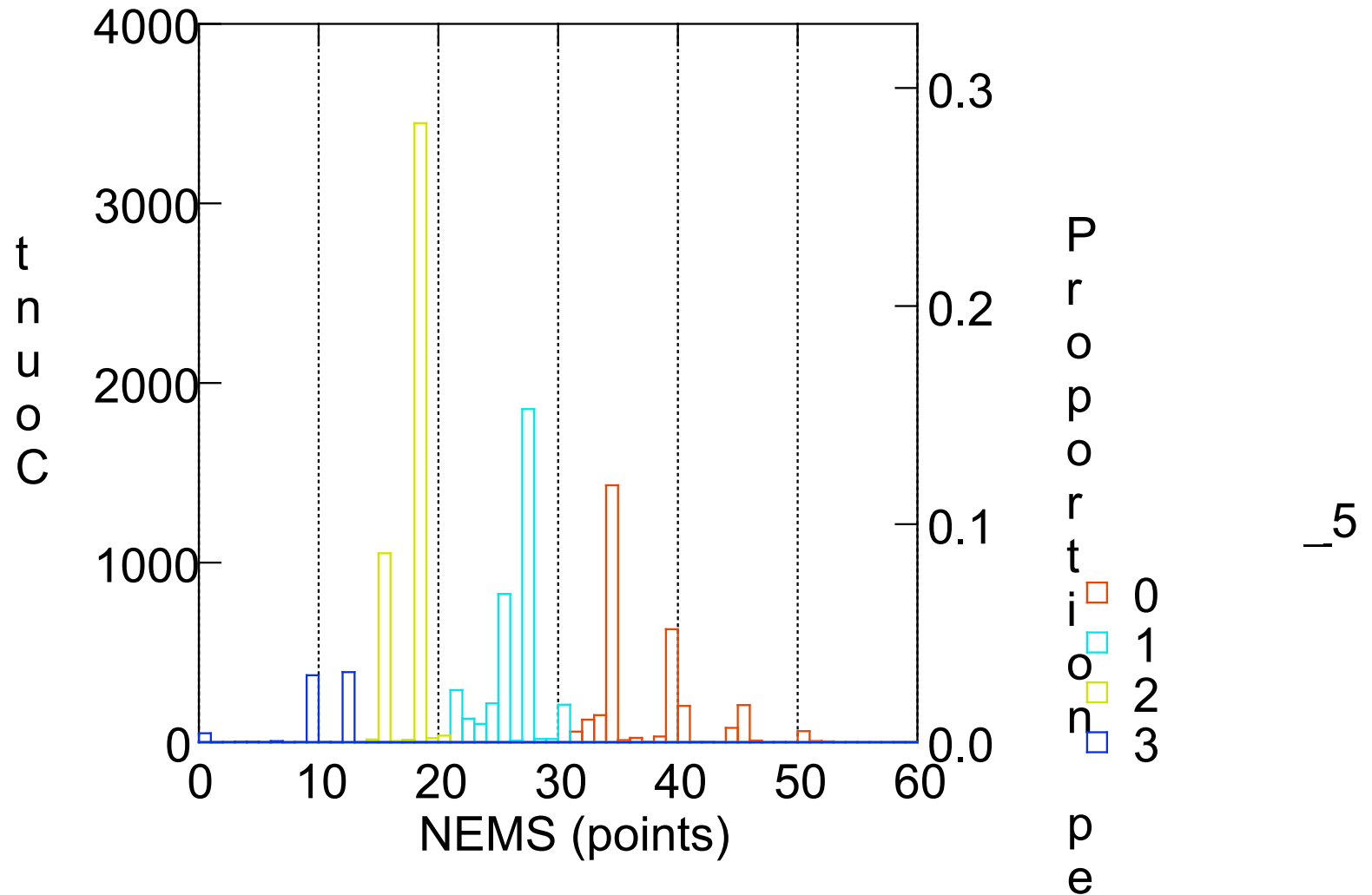
Model	SGI/SSMI-category			
	1A	1B	2	3
1 (NEMS)	>32 Pt.	26-32	17-25	0-16
2 (NEMS)	>32 Pt.	22-32	11-21	0-10
3 (NEMS)	>33 Pt.	27-33	13-26	0-12
4 (NEMS)	>33 Pt.	19-33	14-18	0-13
4_S (NEMS)	>33 Pt.	19-33	14-18	0-13
5 (NEMS)	>30 Pt.	21-30	13-20	0-12
5_S (NEMS)	>30 Pt.	21-30	13-20	0-12
6 (LEP)	>320 Min.	241-320	161-240	0-160
Euricus-1	>30		21-30	0-20

models 4\_S and 5\_S: category increased by 1 level if SAS > 5

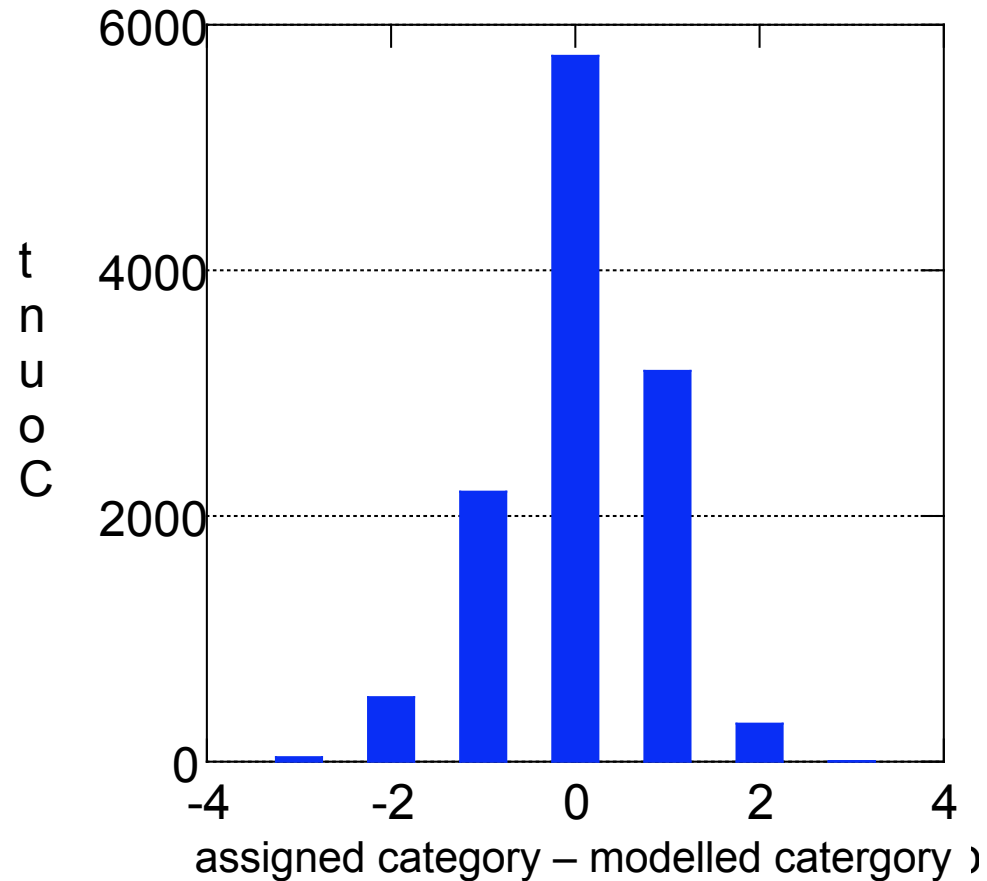
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# SGI/SSMI-categories using model 5



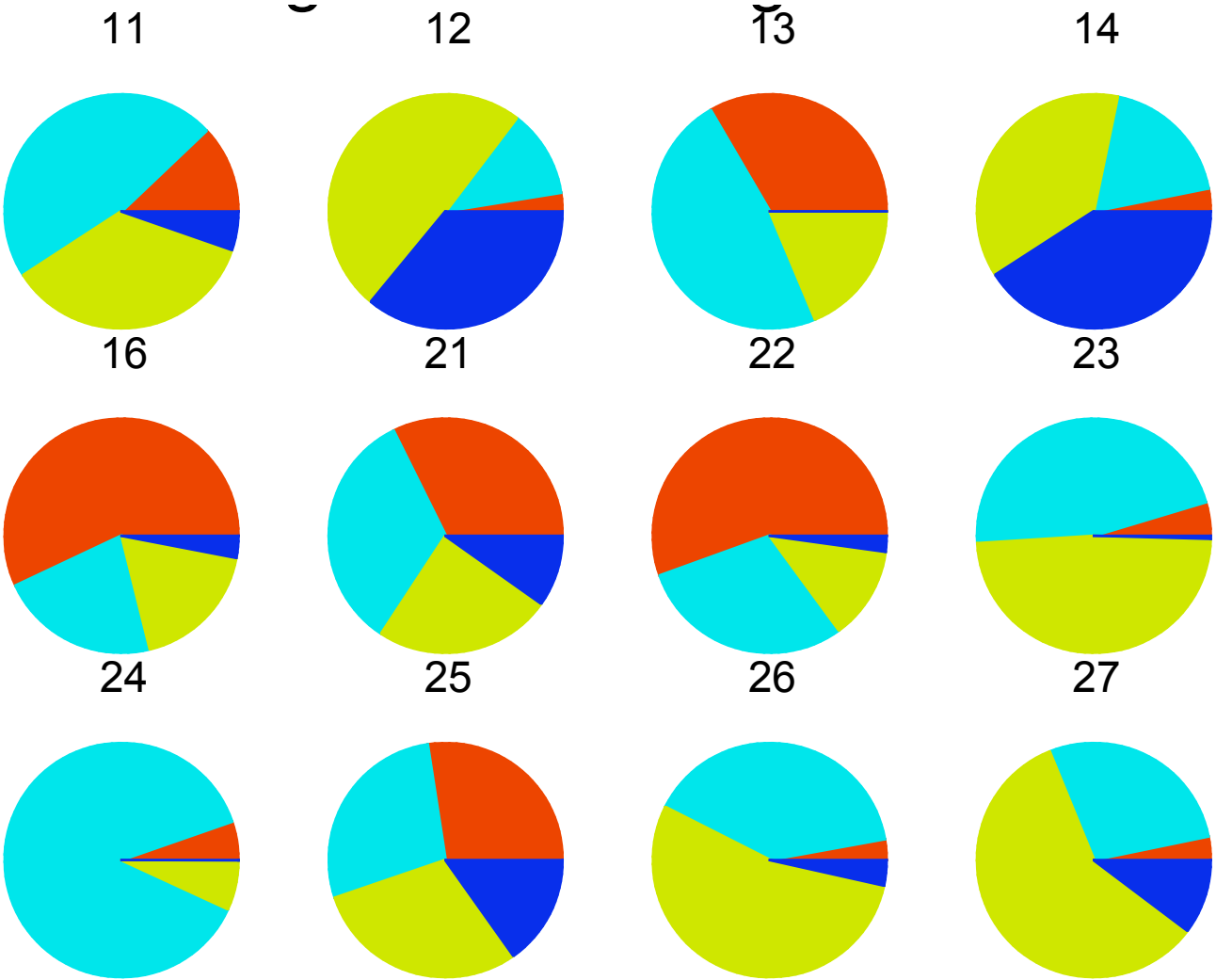
# Change in SGI/SSMI-category „old“ vs. model 5 including SAS



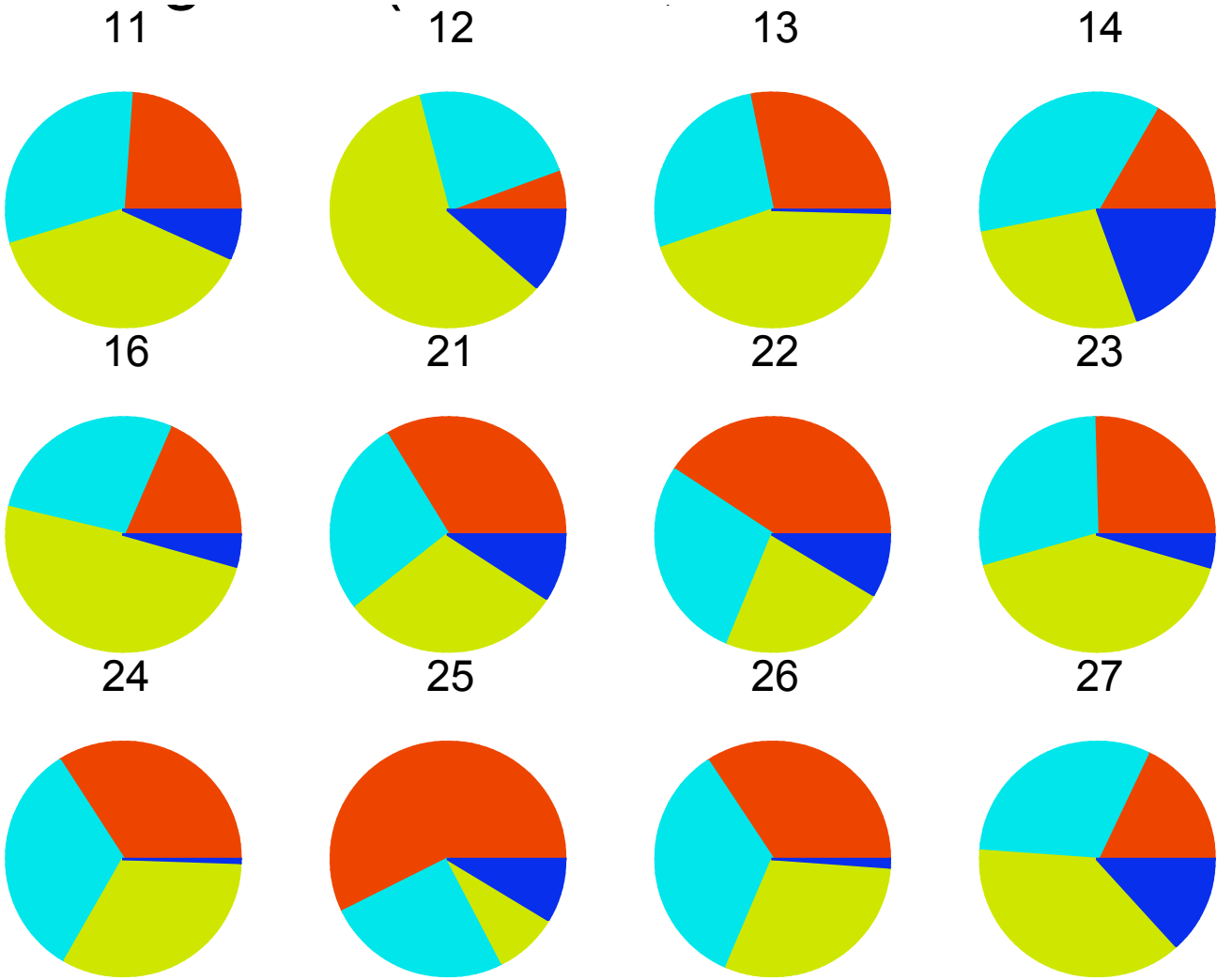
Note: negative number = modelled ("new") category is lower



# Distribution of SGI/SSMI-categories „old“



# Distribution of SGI/SSMI-categories model 5 including SAS



# Patient Scoring: An uniform system for Switzerland?



- ✓ Common standard for Switzerland
- ✓ Common documentation of patient process and performance  
(KAI, KWFB, paritätische Kommission für WB in IP)
- ✓ Common language in MDSi  
(Quality management, Benchmarking, etc.)
- ✓ Common base for reimbursement  
(SLK/TarMed/SwissDRG?)
  
- ✗ The actual used scoring system (SGI/SSMI-categories) is not very plausible, there is thus a risk of low credibility in the future
- ✗ Units using LEP or PRN would prefer not to add a further, new scoring system

# **Patient scoring (categorization) using NEMS and SAS/RASS**




- ✓ NEMS and SAS can easily be collected with minimal amount of expenses
- ✓ NEMS and SAS form a common base for all users
- ✓ NEMS is well established in the general medical literature
- ✓ NEMS is validated as a tool to analyse the patient process in critical care
- ✓ NEMS may be used to calculate indicators for quality management
- ✓ NEMS allows for a direct, easy documentation of a few core competencies in critical care
- ✓ NEMS (and SAS) might serve as basis for an ICU-specific module in Swiss-DRG
- ✓ NEMS (and SAS) may have some limited use as tool in human resource management

# **Patient scoring (categorization) using NEMS and SAS/RASS**




- ❌ Due to the small number of items included, there is limited resolution
- ❌ NEMS is not a tool for detailed assessment of nursing care
- ❌ If used without any further context, neither NEMS nor SAS will allow to estimate quality of care
- ❌ NEMS and SAS are not included in TarMed
- ❌ NEMS is in general used only once per 24 hours
- ❌ SAS/RASS have only recently been introduced
- ❌ The point of view of the patient is virtually missing

# Patient scoring (categorization) using model 5\_S



- ✓ Aims at an overall similar distribution of SGI-categories as actually used („conventional“ categorization)
- ✓ SAS is included based on a proposal by nurses
- ✓ Units using RASS may easily transform their data to SAS-equivalents
- ✓ Model 5\_S shows plausible distribution of categories, both in non-university and in university ICUs

# Patient scoring (categorization) using model 5\_S



- ❌ Possibly might result in a small increase in the relative number of shifts with SGI-category 1A, and on the other hand a small decrease in SGI-category 3
- ❌ The share of category 1A/1B is high in comparison to EURICUS-1 (but is low in comparison to the LEP-model)
- ❌ The model needs further evaluation
  - ❖ Use in paediatric/neonatology ICU
  - ❖ Large-scale application
- ❖ Explore the future use of this model in intermediate care units
- ❖ Explore the use of this model (or NEMS) for Swiss-DRG

# Patient scoring (categorization) using NEMS and SAS/RASS

- ❖ **The KPK proposes**  
to calculate SGI/SSMI-categories based on NEMS and SAS:
  - NEMS (nine equivalents of nursing manpower use score) contains nine elements, representing core competencies of critical care
  - SAS (sedation agitation scale) or RASS (Richmond agitation-sedation scale) is used to assess the patient's mental state
  
- ❖ Categories are defined as follows

Category	NEMS (points)
• 1A	> 30
• 1B	21 – 30
• 2	13 – 20
• 3	0 – 12

  - If SAS > level 5, a given category is increased by 1 step. Note that category 1A can not be increased further.
  
- ❖ The MDSi-tool calculates the SGI/SSMI-categories based on this new algorithm since 01.01.06



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## ❖ SAS: Sedation agitation scale

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