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Medical Robotics and Computer-Integrated Interventional Systems: Integrating Imaging, Intervention, and Informatics to Improve Patient Care

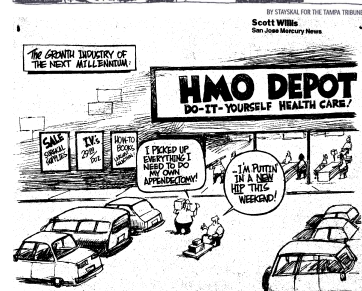
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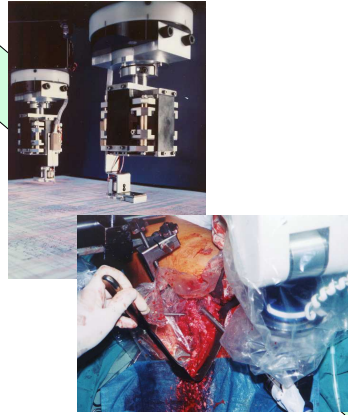
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Motivating Insight

A partnership between human clinicians and computer-based technology will fundamentally change the way surgery and interventional medicine is performed in the 21st Century, in much the same way that computer-based technology changed manufacturing in the 20th Century

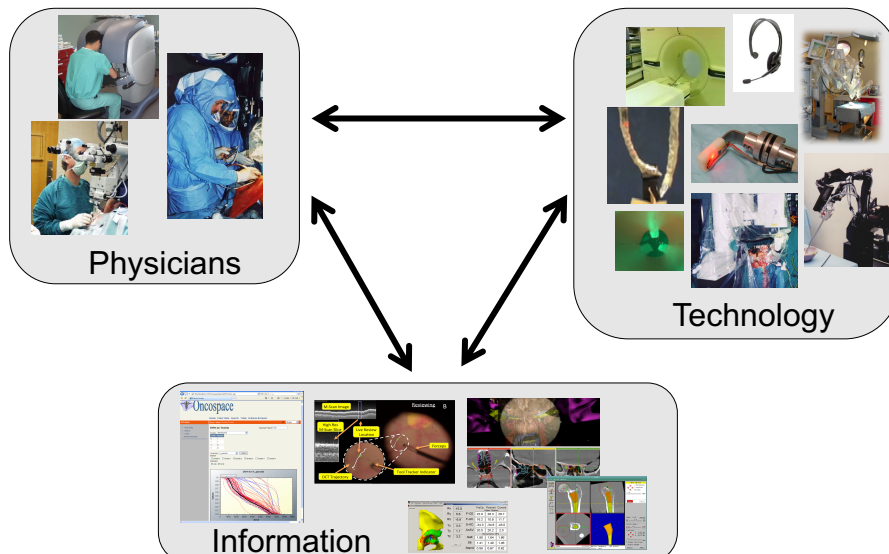


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Goal: Human-machine partnership to fundamentally improve interventional medicine

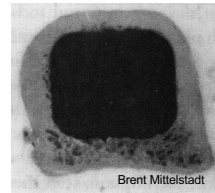
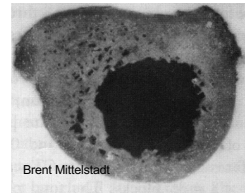
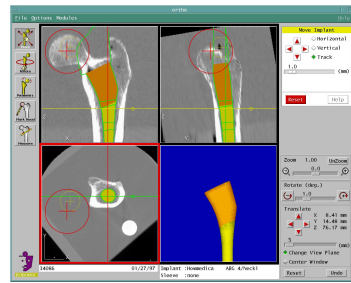


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Over 25 years ago: Robotic Joint Replacement Surgery



Taylor, Kazanzides, Paul, Mittelstadt, *et al.*
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Manual Surgery

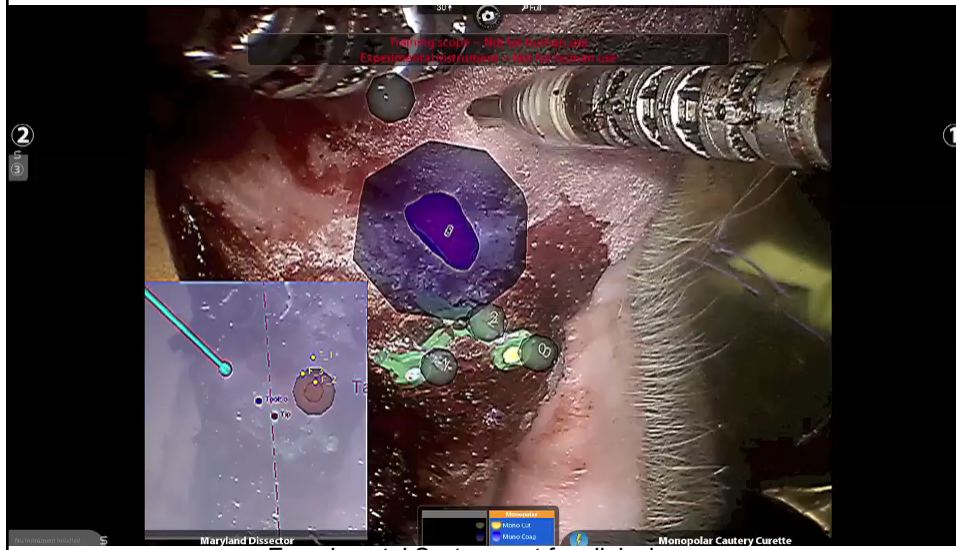
Robotic Surgery

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Emerging: Information-Augmented Robotic Surgery

W. P. Liu, S. Reaugamorrnat, A. Deguet, J. M. Sorger, J. H. Siewerdsen, J. Richmon, R. H. Taylor



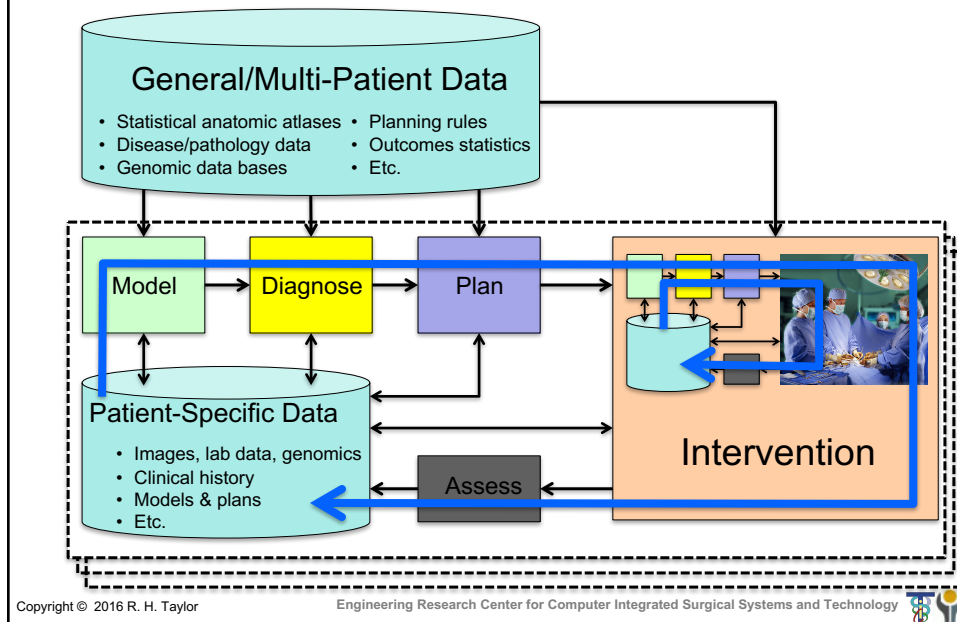
Experimental System: not for clinical use

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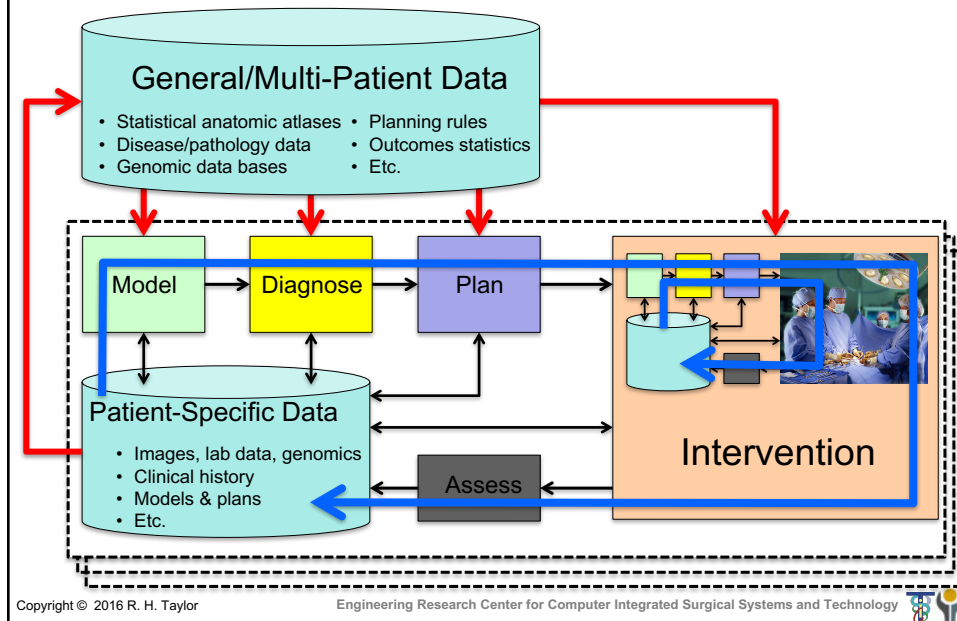
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Computer-Integrated Interventional Medicine



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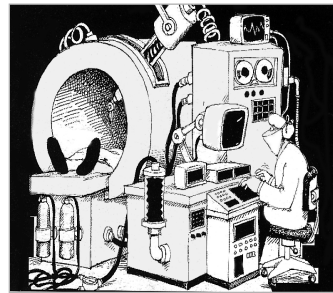


This Paradigm has not changed since Imhotep's day



27th Century BCE

But medical robots and computer-integrated interventional systems will make it much more effective



21st Century CE

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Multidisciplinary Integration is Crucial

Modeling & analysis

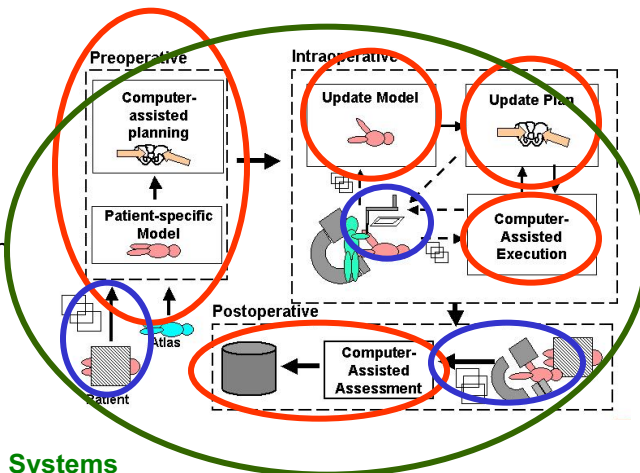
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization
- Task characterization
- etc.

Interface Technology

- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

Systems

- Safety & verifiability
- Usability & maintainability
- Performance and validation

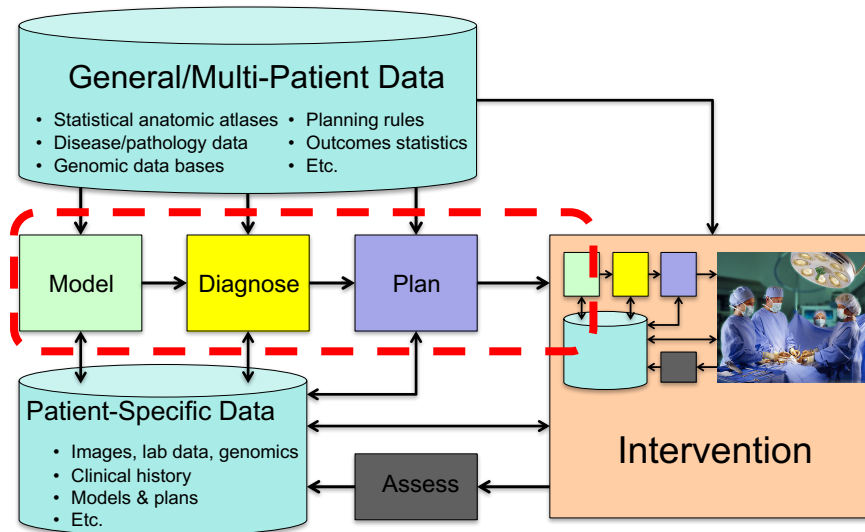


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Image-based modeling & analysis



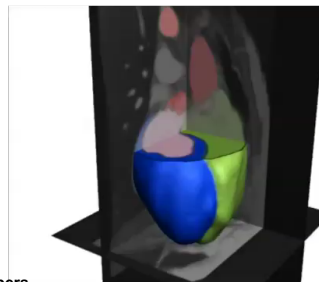
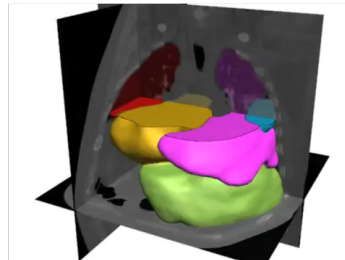
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Patient-Specific Models for Interventions

- Computationally efficient **representation of patient** enabling computer to assist in planning, guidance, control, and assessment of interventional procedures
- Generally focus on **anatomy**, but may sometimes include biology or other annotations
- Predominately derived from medical images and image analysis
- Increasingly reference statistical “**atlases**” describing patient populations



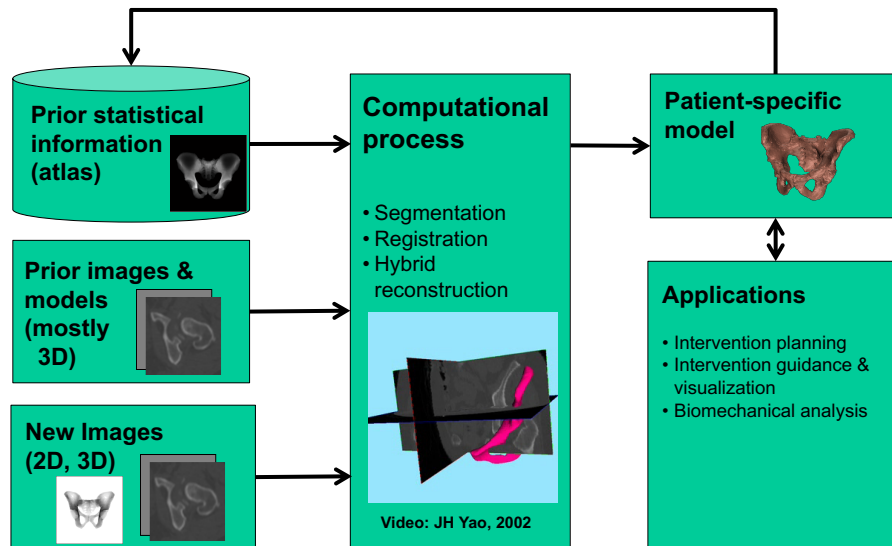
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Combining prior knowledge with online images

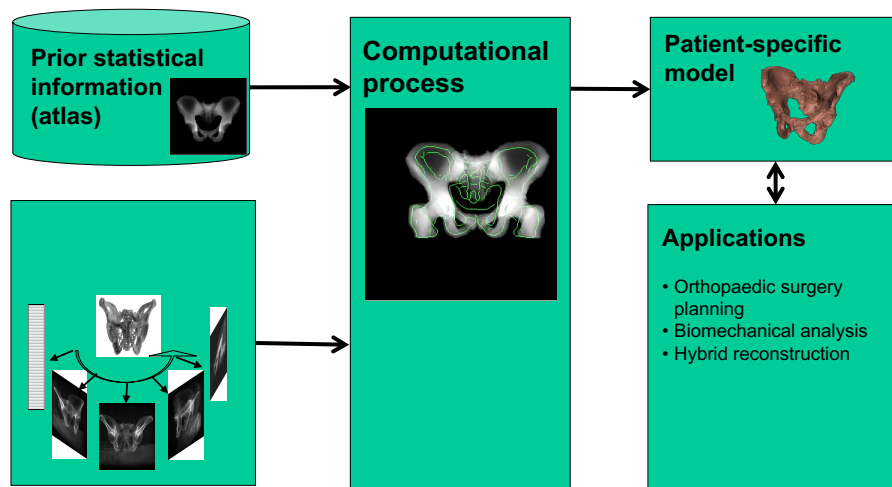


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Deformable 2D/3D Registration to Statistical Atlas



Examples: R. Taylor, J. Yao, O. Sadowsky, G. Chintalapani, O. Ahmad, ...

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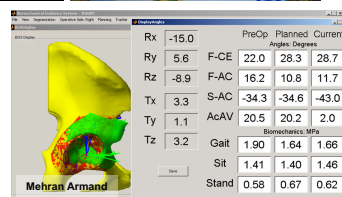
G. Chintalapani, et al. "Statistical Atlas Based Extrapolation of CT Data for Planning Periacetabular Osteotomy", SPIE Medical Imaging 2010

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Information

Model

Plan



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Procedure Planning

- **Highly procedure-specific**
- **Occurs at many time scales**
 - Preoperative
 - Intraoperative
 - Preop. + intraop. update
- **Typically based on images or segmented models**
- **May involve:**
 - Optimization
 - Simulations
 - Visualization & HCI

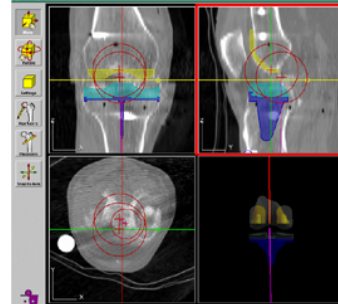


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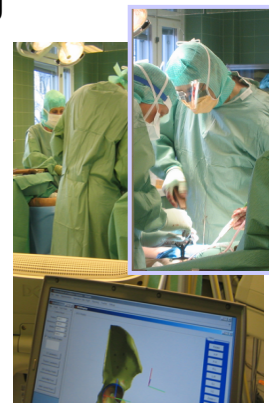
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Procedure Planning

- **Typical outputs**
 - Target positions (seeds, biopsies, ablation sites, etc.)
 - Tool paths
 - Desired geometric relationships
 - Key-frame visualizations
 - Images, models & control parameters
- **Emerging themes**
 - Atlas-based planning
 - Statistical process control & integration of outcomes into plans
 - Dynamic, interactive replanning



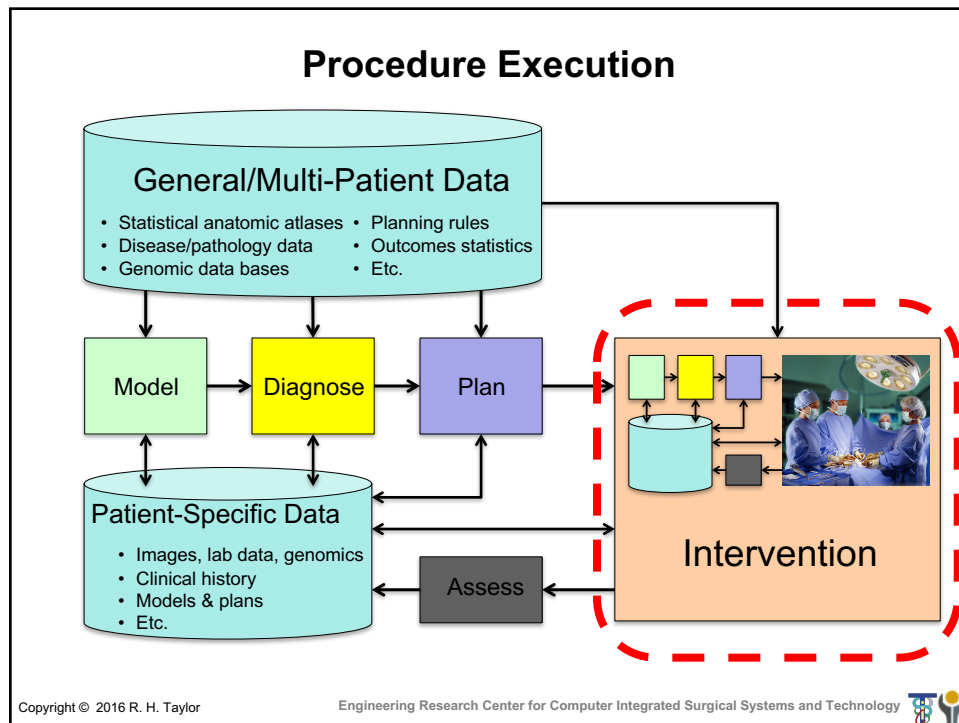
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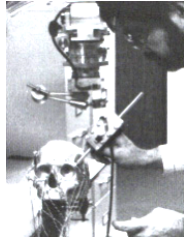
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Procedure Execution

- **Highly procedure-specific**
- **Don't always have a robot**
 - Surgical Navigation
 - Image Overlay
- But robots can transcend human limitations
 - to make procedures less invasive,
 - more precise,
 - more consistent,
 - and safer

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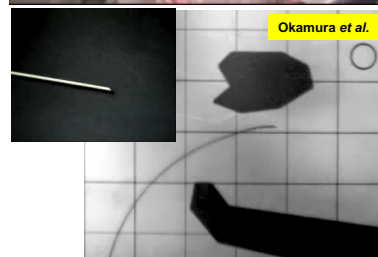


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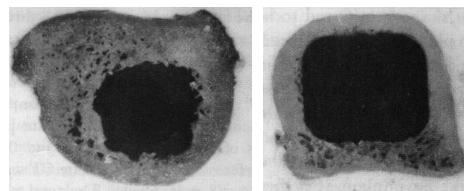
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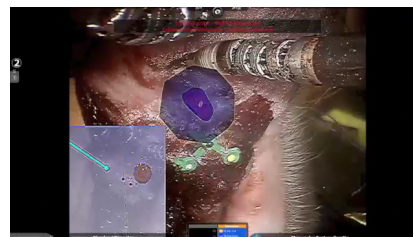
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Procedure Execution

- **Intraoperative systems typically combine multiple elements**
 - Imaging
 - Information fusion
 - Robotics
 - Visualization and HMI
- **Issues**
 - Design
 - Imaging compatibility
 - OR compatibility
 - Safety & sterility
 - Intelligent control
 - Human-machine cooperation



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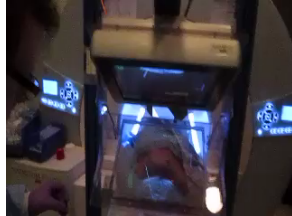
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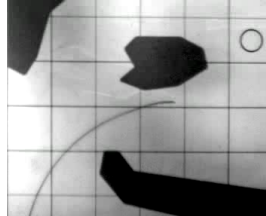
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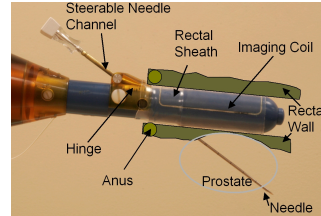
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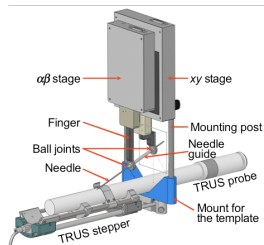
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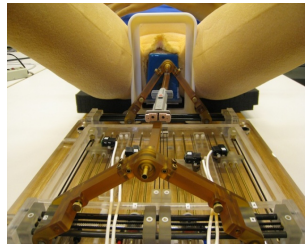
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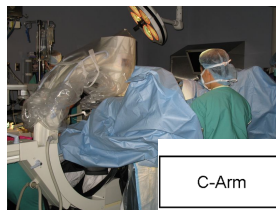
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TRUS Robot for Prostate Brachytherapy

Kazanzides, Iordachita, Burdette, Song, et al.

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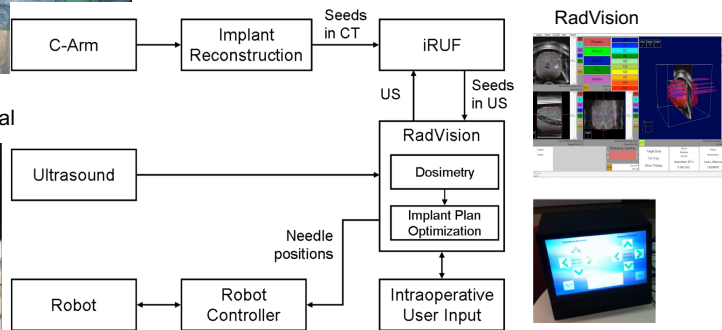


Robot clinical trial



Current efforts:

- Integration with RadVision / RUF project
- Needle quick-release mechanism
- Intraoperative user interface (sterile touchscreen)



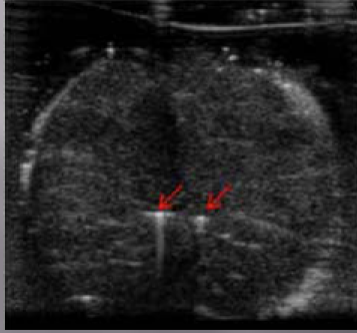
Prototype sterile touchscreen:
Digital Dash

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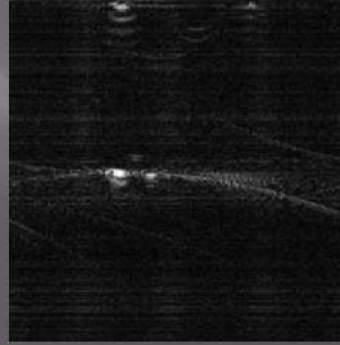
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Prostate brachytherapy seed localization using combined photoacoustic and ultrasound imaging Boctor/Kang/Prince (JHU), Burdette (AMS)



B-mode



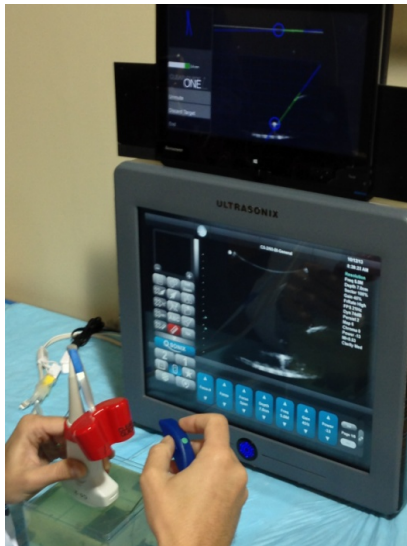
PA-mode

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Clear Guide ONE



**CG1 enables
more doctors to perform
more needle-based procedures
more places,
more effectively and
more quickly.**



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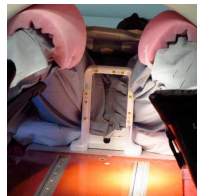
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MRI-guided Surgical Manipulator for Transperineal Prostate Interventions - Clinical Workflow



Patient ready on scanner table



Z-frame in position



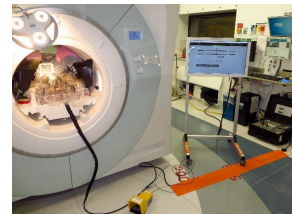
Drape robot, attach needle guide



Slide in robot until hit Z-frame



Lock robot in place



Robot ready for targeting

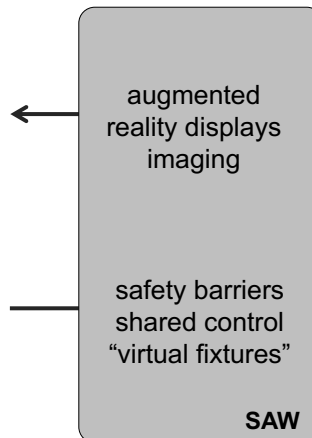
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Information-enhanced robotic surgery



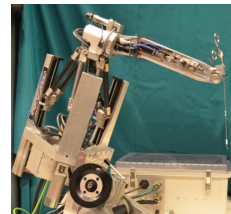
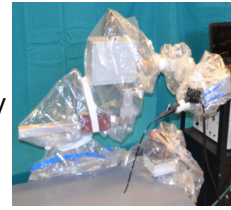
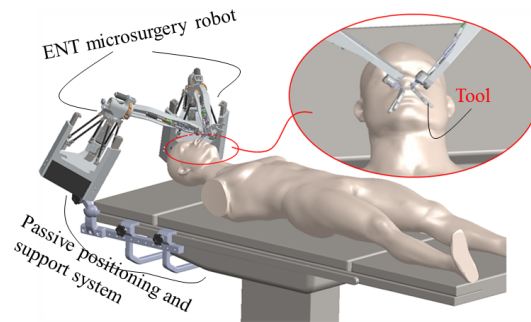
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Robots for Head and Neck Surgery

- Collaboration with JHU Department of Otolaryngology
- Robot to manipulate flexible endoscopes (RoboELF)
 - Prototype for flexible laryngoscope
 - “No significant risk” from FDA; IRB approved at JHU
- Steady-hand robot for head and neck surgery (REMS)
 - Initial targets: laryngeal, sinus, ear, open microsurgery
 - Readily adapted for spine, brain, other microsurgery
 - First prototype constructed



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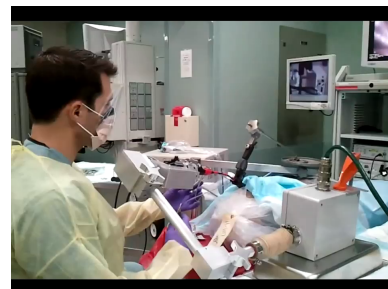
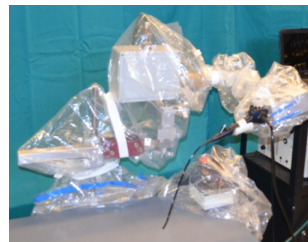
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A Robotic Assistant for Trans-Oral Surgery: The Robotic Endo-Laryngeal Flexible (Robo-ELF) Scope

K. Olds, A. Hillel, E. Cha, J. Kriss, A. Nair, L. Akst, J. Richmon, R. Taylor

- **Goals**
 - Develop clinically usable robot for manipulating flexible endoscope in throat and airways
 - Permit bimanual surgery
 - Manipulation of ablation catheter
- **Approach**
 - Simple hardware for manipulating unmodified flexible scope
 - Simple joystick control
 - Platform for image guidance
- **Status**
 - “No significant risk” determination from FDA
 - IRB approved clinical trial starting



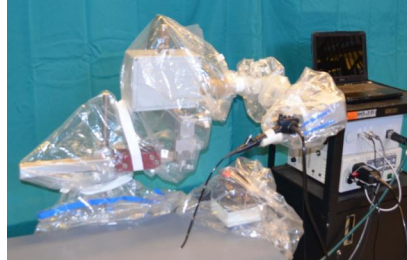
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Robo-ELF Scope Clinical Prototype

- FMEA
- Extensive documentation
 - User manual etc.
- New scope holder and draping system
- FDA approved as NSR
- JHU Clinical engineering approval
- JHU IRB approval
- Clinical study starting this summer



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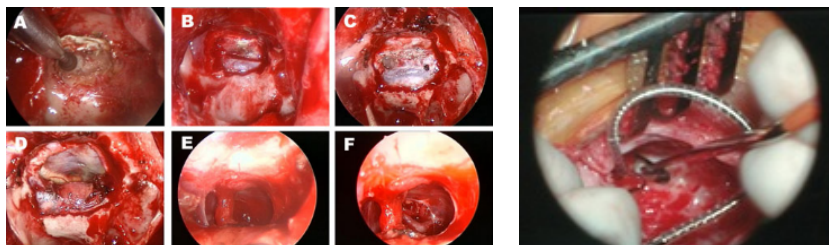
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Challenges in Precise Minimally Invasive Head-and Neck Surgery

- Long (25cm) instruments
 - amplify hand tremor
 - reduce precision
- Tight spaces near sensitive anatomy
- Limited working area



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The Robotic ENT Microsurgery System (REMS)

User interface:

- Hands-on control, surgeon “in the game”
- Foot pedal-controlled gain

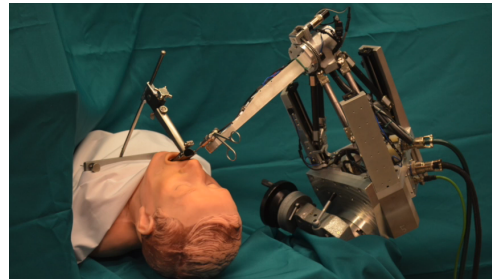
Technical specs:

- Up to 0.025 mm precision on-demand
- 6 degrees of freedom
- 125x125x125mm work volume
- Calibrated accuracy ~50-150µm

Control modes:

- Free hand
- Remote center of motion
- Virtual fixture avoidance
- Teleoperation

K. Olds, *Robotic Assistant Systems for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*, PhD thesis in Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, March 2015.



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REMS Typical Applications



Laryngeal / Vocal Cord



Open Microsurgery



**Image-guided sinus surgery
with virtual fixtures**

Other applications include:

- Otology
 - Stapes surgery
 - Mastoidectomy
 - Cochlear implant
- Craniotomy
- Spine
- Hand
- ...

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Snake-like robot for minimally invasive surgery

- **Goals**

- Develop scalable robotic devices for high dexterity manipulation in confined spaces
- Demonstrate in system for surgery in throat and upper airway

- **Approach**

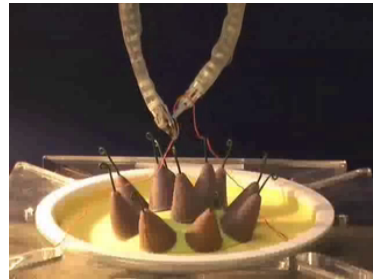
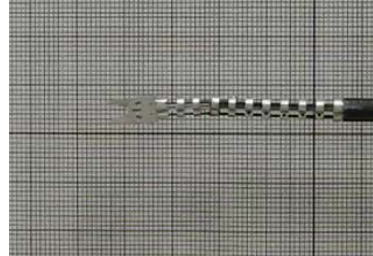
- “Snake-like” end effectors with flexible backbones and parallel actuation
- Integrate into 2-handed teleoperator system with optimization controller

- **Status**

- Evaluation of prototype ongoing
- Licensed to industry partner

- **Funding**

- NIH R21, CISST ERC, JHU, Columbia
- NIH proposals pending



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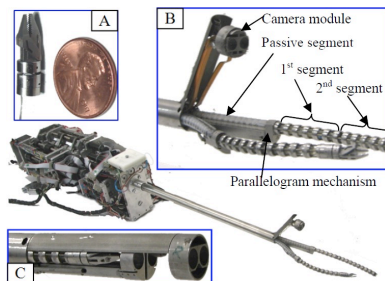
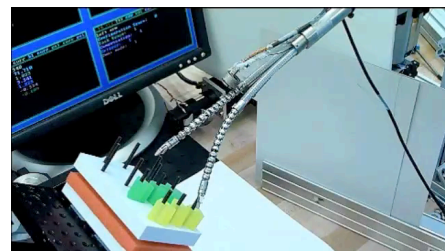
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Single Port Access Surgery

Nabil Simaan (Vanderbilt, Columbia), with P. Allen (Columbia), D. Fowler (Columbia)



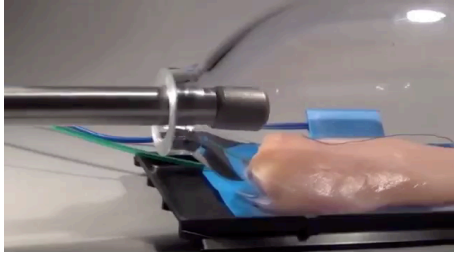
New technology finally allows true evaluation of the potential of single port access surgery. Systems raise new questions about control and telemanipulation infrastructure/cooperative control.

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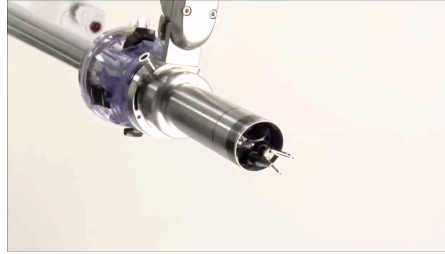


Single Port Access Robotic Surgery



Titan Medical Sport

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Intuitive Surgical Sp

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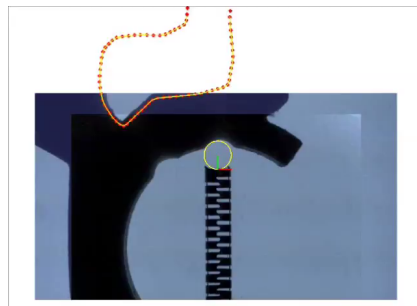
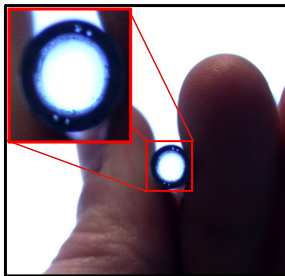
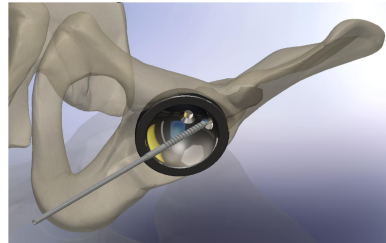
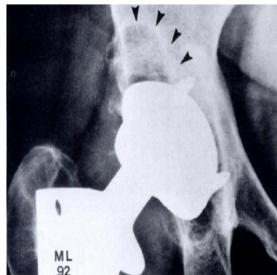
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Minimally-Invasive Osteolysis Curettage

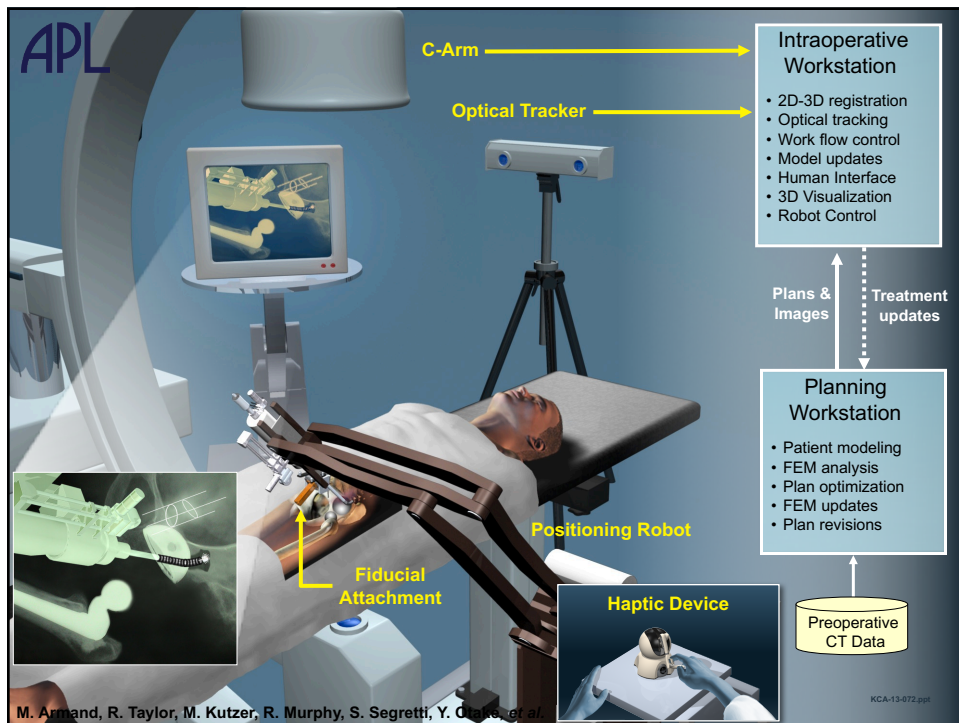


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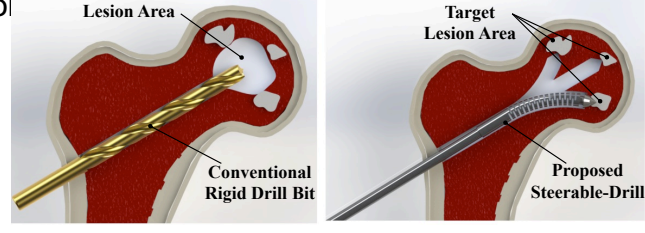


Curved Drilling of the Femoral Head

Alambeigi, *et al.*

- Osteonecrosis of the femoral head
 - More than 20,000 patients per year
 - To reduce the pressure in the femoral head, core decompression was developed more than three decades ago.
- Steerable “snake” with flexible drill provides better





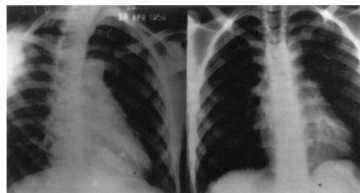
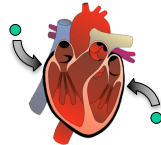
Farshid Alambeigi, Yu Wang, Shahriar Sefati, Ryan. J. Murphy, Iulian Iordachita, Russell H. Taylor, Harpal Khanuja, and Mehran Armand, “Curved-Drilling Approach in Core Decompression of the Femoral Head Osteonecrosis Using a Continuum Manipulator”, *Proc. ICRA 2017*

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Foreign Bodies in the Heart

Causes

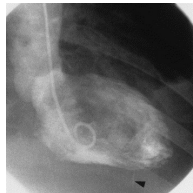
Thrombi, Shrapnel
Iatrogenic



(Actis Dato, 2003)

Symptoms

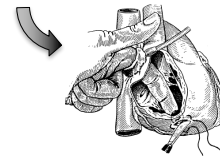
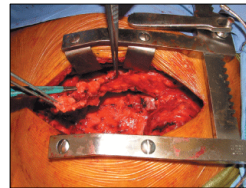
Cardiac Tamponade
Hemorrhage
Arrhythmia
Infection
Shock
Embolism
Valve Dysfunction



(LeMaire, 1999)

Conventional Treatment

Median Sternotomy
Cardiopulmonary Bypass



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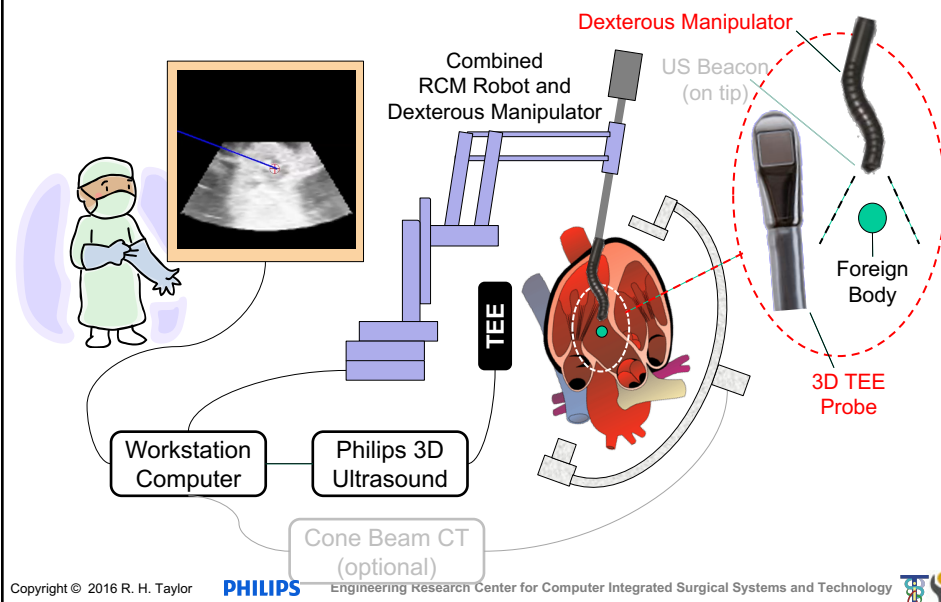
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Beating Heart MIS with 3D US Guidance

Paul Thienphrapa, Aleksandra Popovic, Russell Taylor

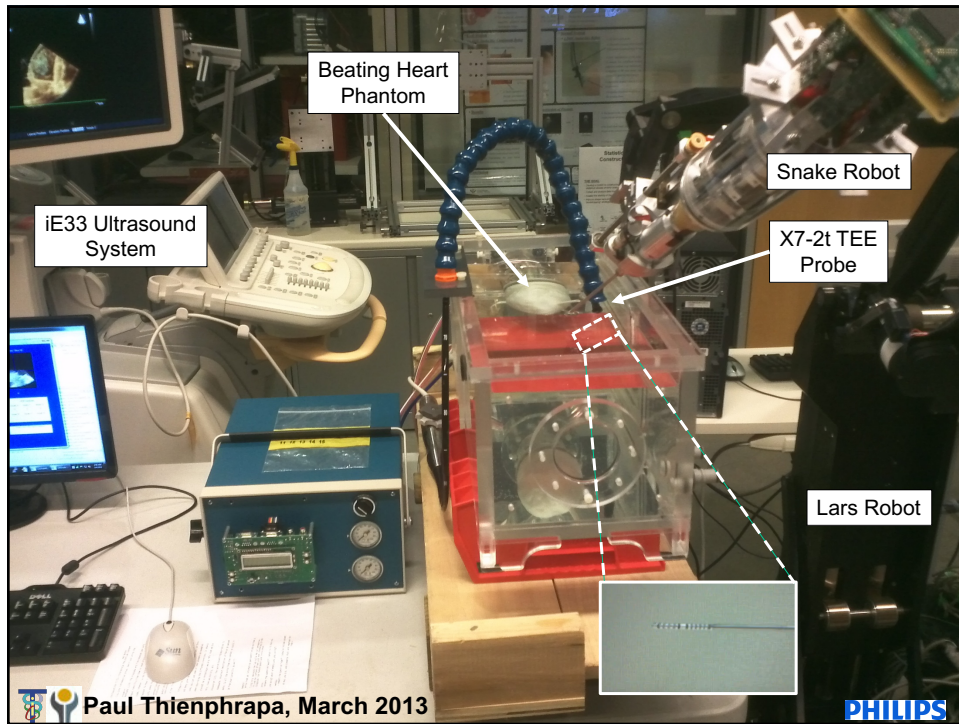


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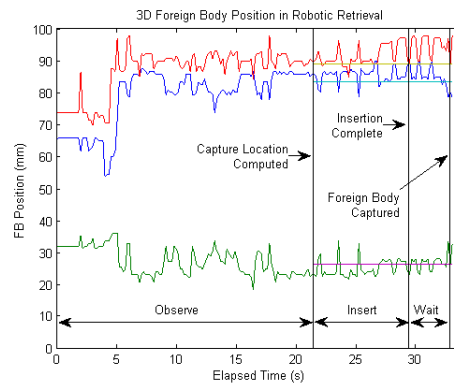
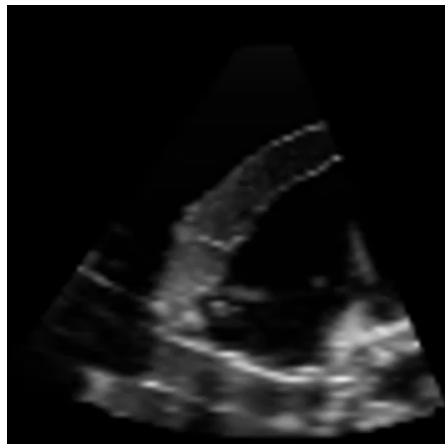
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Retrieval Experiment Results



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Thienphrapa *et al.* 2013

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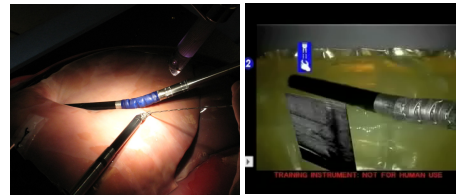
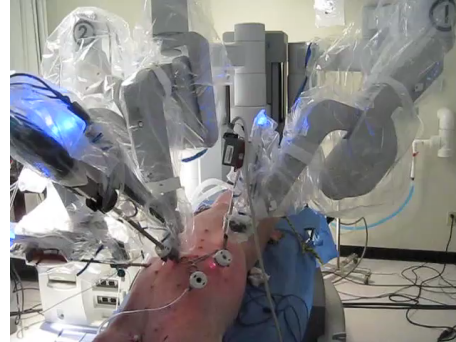
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Robotically Assisted Laparoscopic Ultrasound

C. Schneider, P. Peng, R. Taylor, G. Dachs, C. Hasser, S. Dimaio, and M. Choti, "Robot-assisted laparoscopic ultrasonography for hepatic surgery", *Surgery*, Oct 5. (Epub), 2011.

- NIH STTR between CISST ERC and Intuitive Surgical
- Goals
 - Develop dexterous laparoscopic ultrasound instrumentation and software interfaces for DaVinci surgical robot
 - Produce integrated system for LUS-enhanced robotic surgery
 - Evaluate effectiveness of prototype system for liver surgery
- Approach
 - Custom DaVinci-S LUS tool
 - Software built on JHU/ISI "SAW" interface
- Status
 - Evaluation of prototype by surgeons



Research DaVinci Application – Not for Human Use

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Ultrasound Elastography with DaVinci

(Boctor, Billings, Taylor)



Human-robotic collaboration for in-vivo detection of tumors and monitoring of therapy

(Research DaVinci Application – Not for Human Use)

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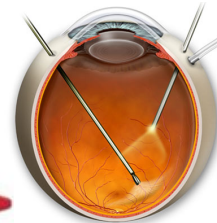
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Vitreoretinal Microsurgery



British Journal of Ophthalmology 2004 - Akifumi Ueno et al



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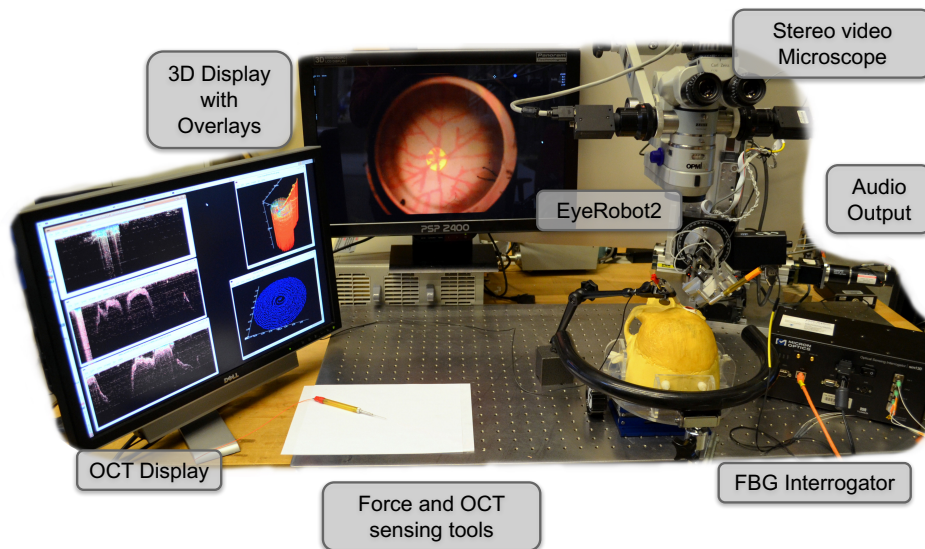
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Microsurgery Assistant Workstation



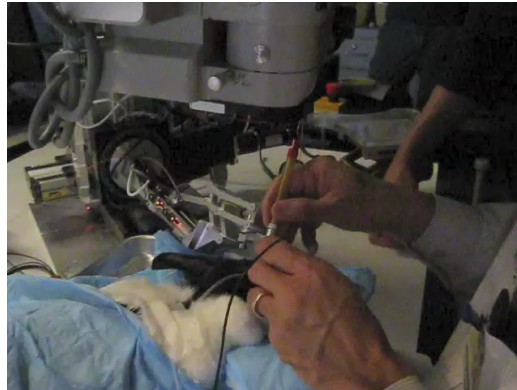
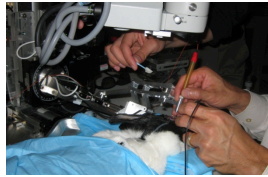
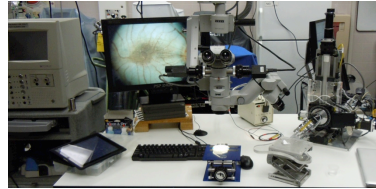
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In-Vivo Experiments

- Overall System Performance
- System Ergonomics
- Collect Data
 - Robot / Force / OCT
 - Video / Audio

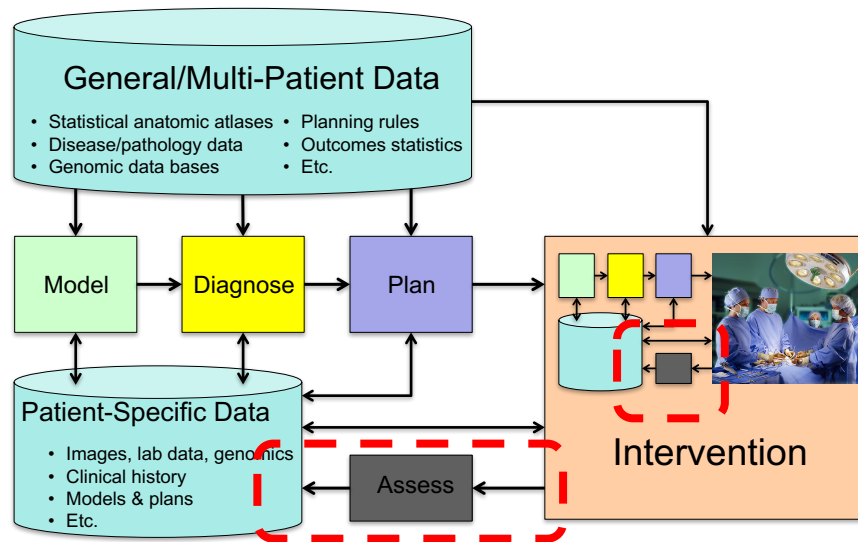


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Patient-specific assessment and feedback

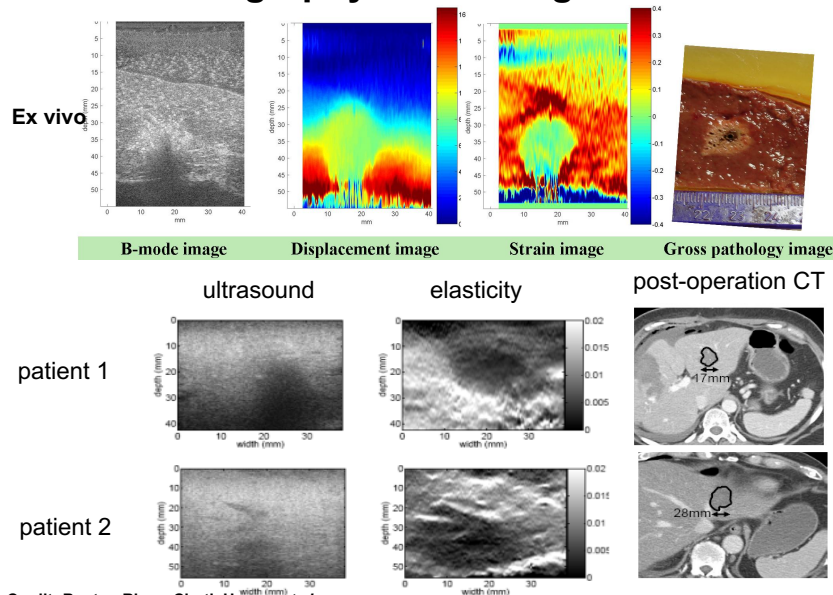


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Elastography monitoring of ablations



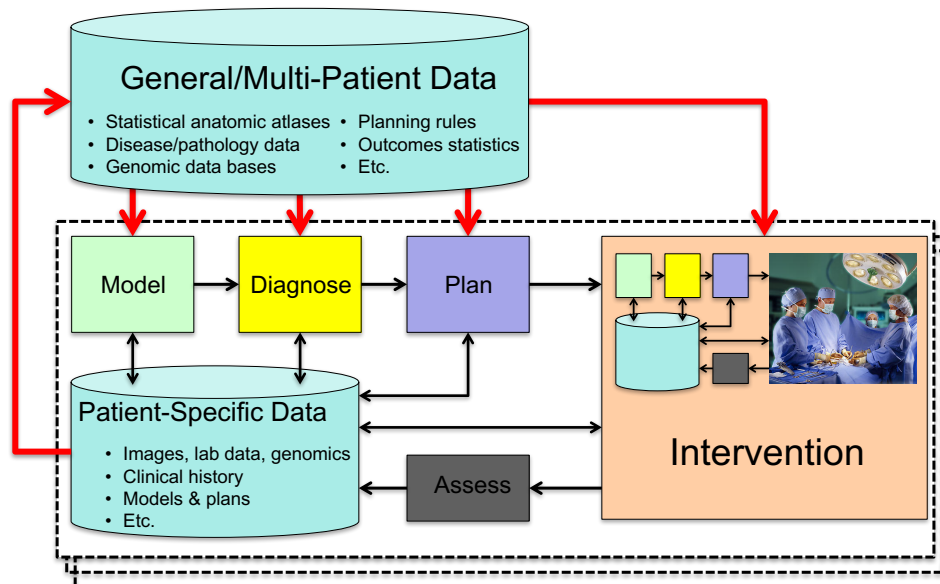
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Statistical Analysis and Decision Support



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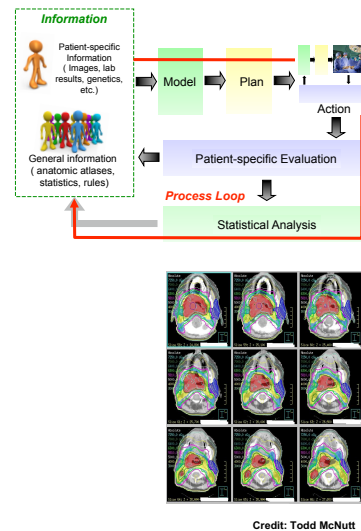
Information-Integrated Process Learning

- **Key idea**

- Medical robots and CAI systems inherently generate data and promote consistency
- Eventually, outcomes are known
- Combine this information over many patients to improve treatment plans / processes

- **Issues / Themes**

- Very large data bases combining heterogeneous data
- Statistical modeling of patients, procedures, and outcomes
- Online tracking of procedures



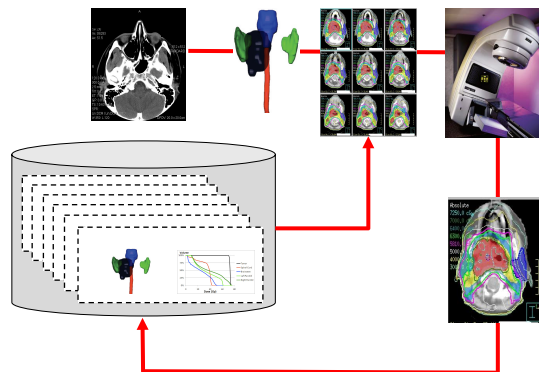
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Statistical process control for radiation therapy



Overall Goal: Use a database of previously treated patients to improve radiation therapy planning for new patients

Team:

CS: R. Taylor, M. Kazhdan, P. Simari, A. King

BME: R. Jacques

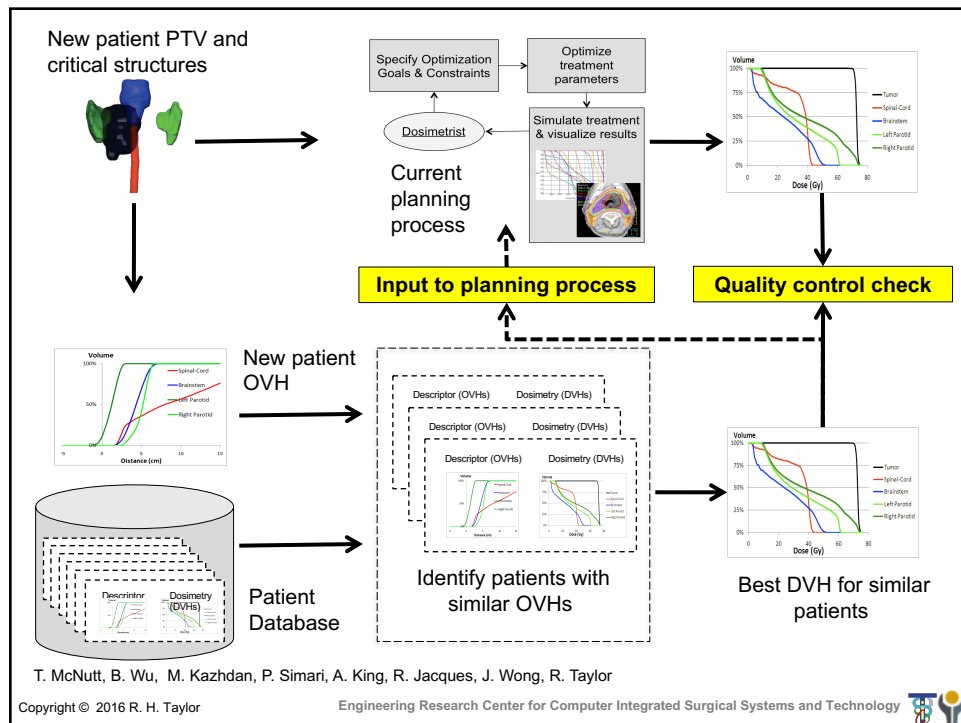
Rad. Oncology: T. McNutt, J. Wong, B. Wu, G. Sanguinetti (MD)

Support: Paul Maritz, Philips, JHU internal funds

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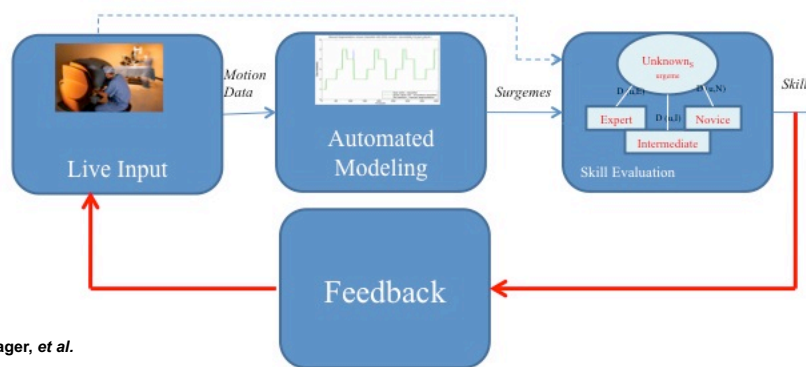
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Applications Of Surgical Motion Models

Underlying hypothesis: Learned motion models of experts can be used for teaching, training, and automation of surgical actions.



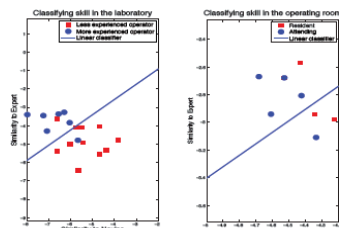
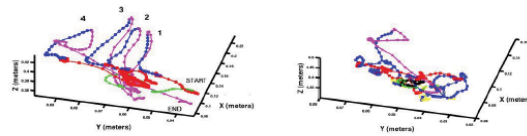
The Language of Surgery

Hager, Khudanpur, Vidal + Chen, Lee, Ishii

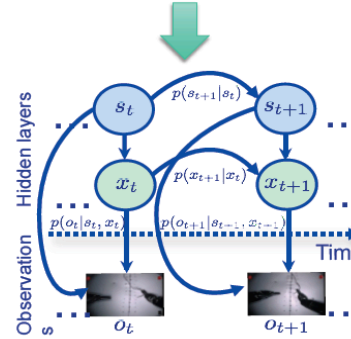
Trainees



Data



Assessment



Models

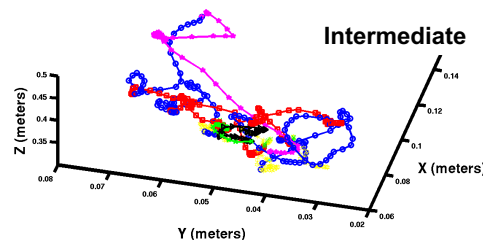
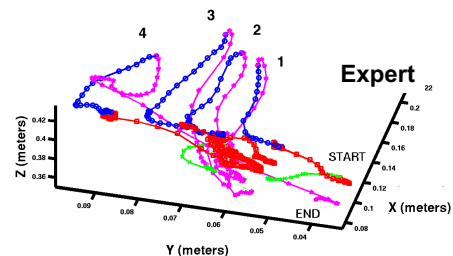
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Example: Automatic Detection and Segmentation of Robot-Assisted Surgical Motions

- Goals:
 - Automatic recognition of different surgical motions
 - Comparison of skill level differences between surgeons
- Method
 - Extract features from position and velocity traces
 - Linear discriminant analysis with probabilistic Bayesian classifier



H. Lin, I. Shafran, T. Murphy, D. Yuh, A. Okamura, G. Hager (MICCAI 2005)

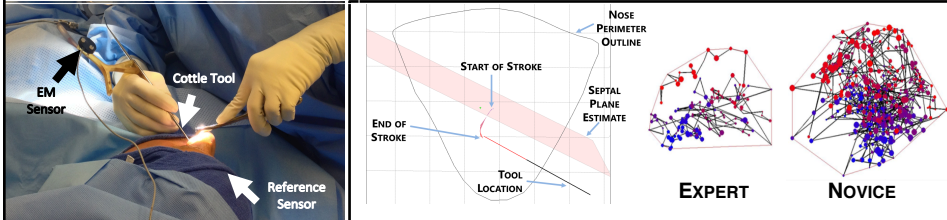
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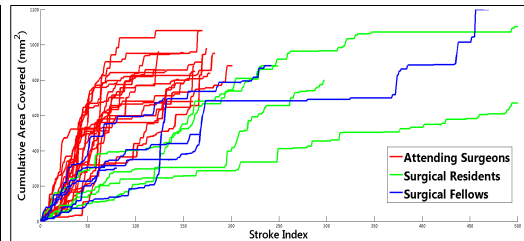


Unstructured surgeries: Discovering “teachable” tactics

Septoplasty: “index” surgery



Automatic Segmentation of Strokes in Nasal Septoplasty



Feedback: Stroke Curvature Consistency: Draw similar-shape curves (instead of straight lines) sequentially
Stroke Duration Consistency: Spend the same amount of time drawing the curves

Coverage Rate: Practice strong enough brushing motions to elevate mucosa

Poddar P., Ahmadi N., Vedula S.S., Ishii, L., Hager G.D., Ishii M.: Automated Objective Surgical Skill Assessment in the Operating Room Using Unstructured Tool Motion. M2CAI 2014.

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OR Workflow Observation and Analysis

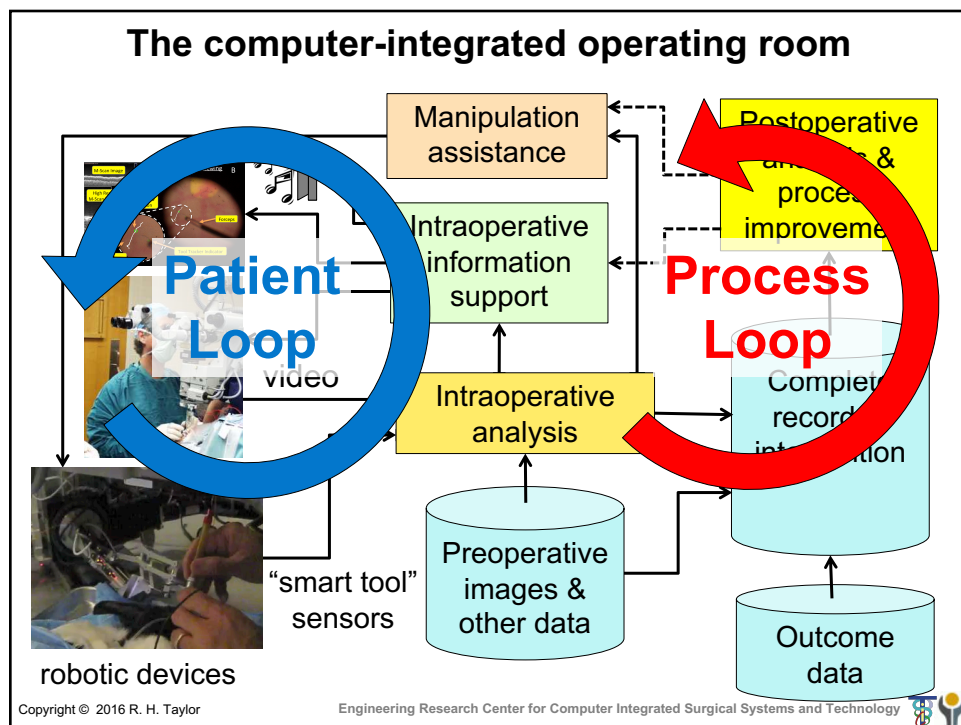
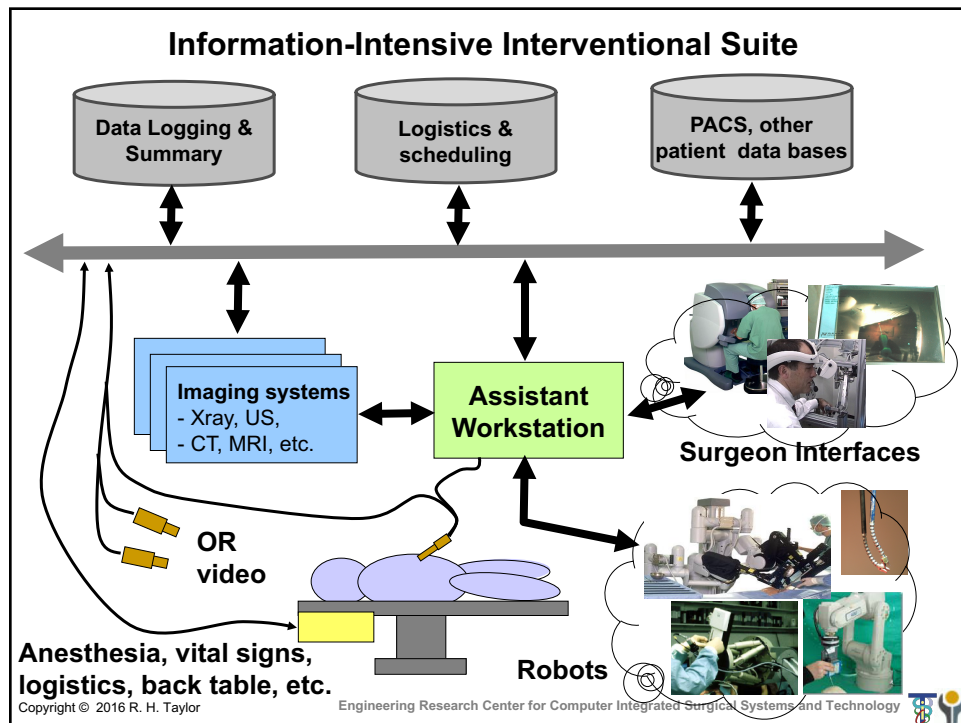
N. Navab *et al.*



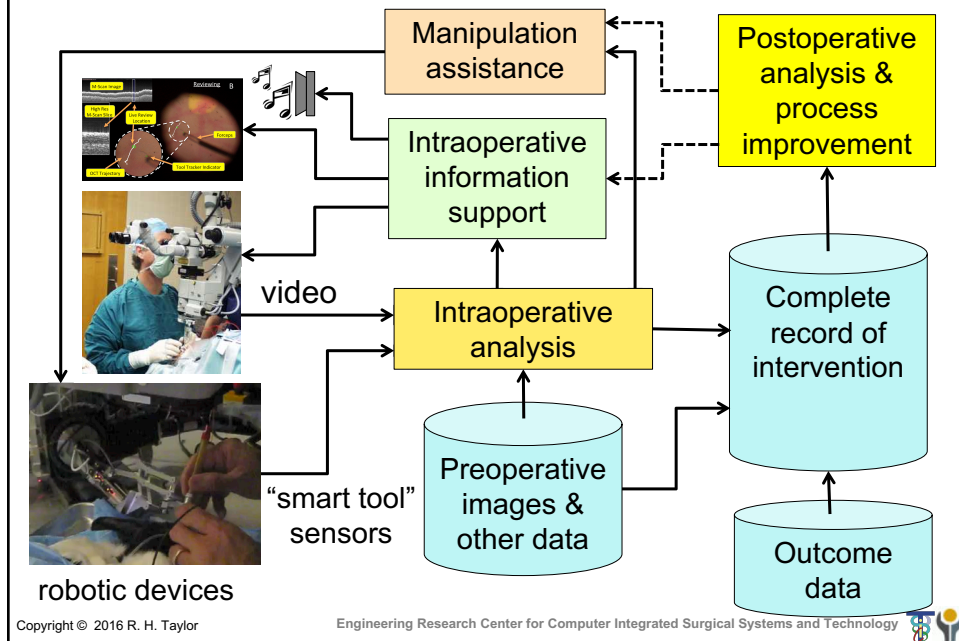
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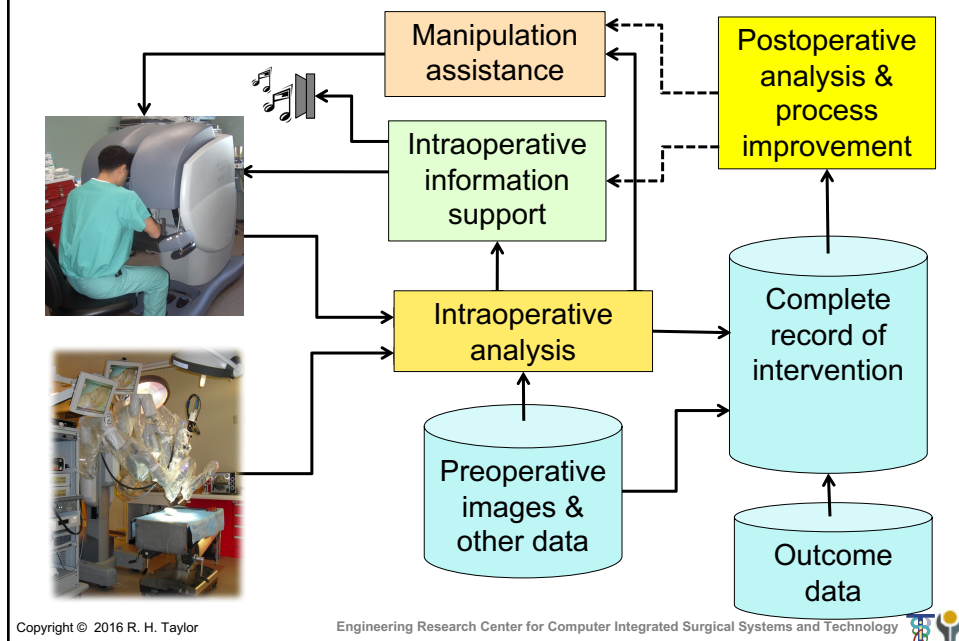




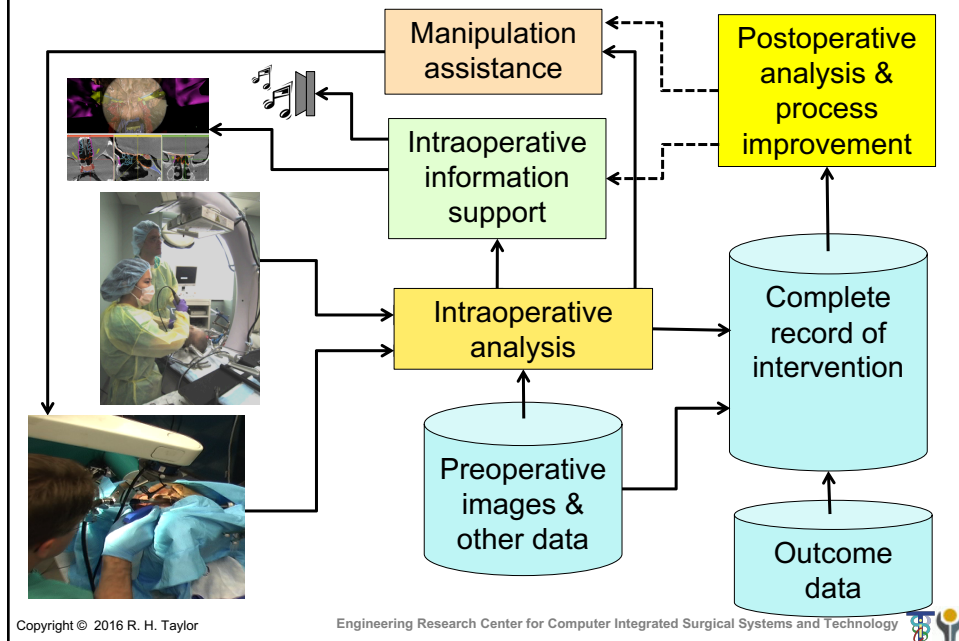
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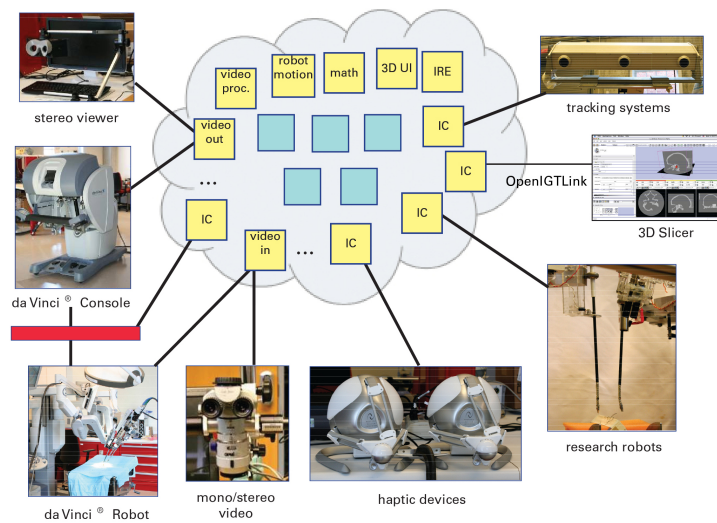


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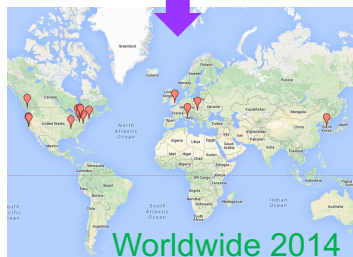
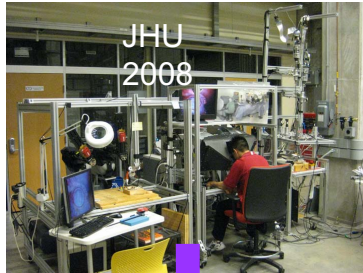


cisst libraries and Surgical Assistant Workstation

<https://trac.lcsr.jhu.edu/cisst>



Use Case: da Vinci Research Kit



- Mechanical components from da Vinci “classic” systems
- Donated by Intuitive Surgical to selected university labs
- Consortium to provide “open source” engineering and support
 - Software – JHU (CISST/SAW)
 - Controller electronics – JHU
 - Interface electronics – ISI
 - Controller power/packaging – WPI
- Controllers and software also adapted for use with complete recycled da Vinci “classic” systems
- <http://research.intusurg.com/dvrkwiki/>

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General working model

Use clinical applications to provide focus & key problems

- Emphasis on surgery and interventional procedures
- Directly involve clinicians in all stages of research
- Emphasize integration into complete systems
- Point toward clinical deployment

Some current areas include

- Skull base and head-and-neck
- Spine and orthopaedic surgery
- Thoracic surgery
- Abdominal and solid organ procedures (kidney, liver, prostate)
- Vascular & endoluminal
- Microsurgery

Funding models

- NIH, other Government grants
- Collaboration with NIH intramural programs
- Industry partnerships (use master research agreements to facilitate)

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The real bottom line: patient care

- Provide new capabilities that **transcend human limitations** in surgery
- Increase **consistency and quality** of surgical treatments
- Promote **better outcomes** and more **cost-effective** processes in surgical practice



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Discussion



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