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Medical Robotics and Computer-Integrated Interventional Systems:

Integrating Imaging, Intervention, and Informatics to Improve Patient Care

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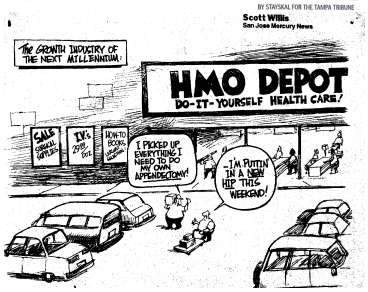
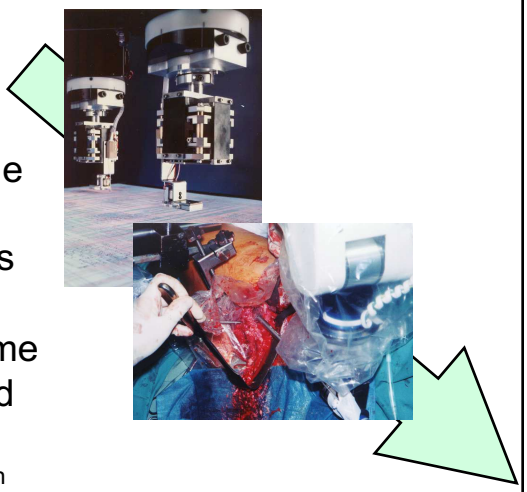
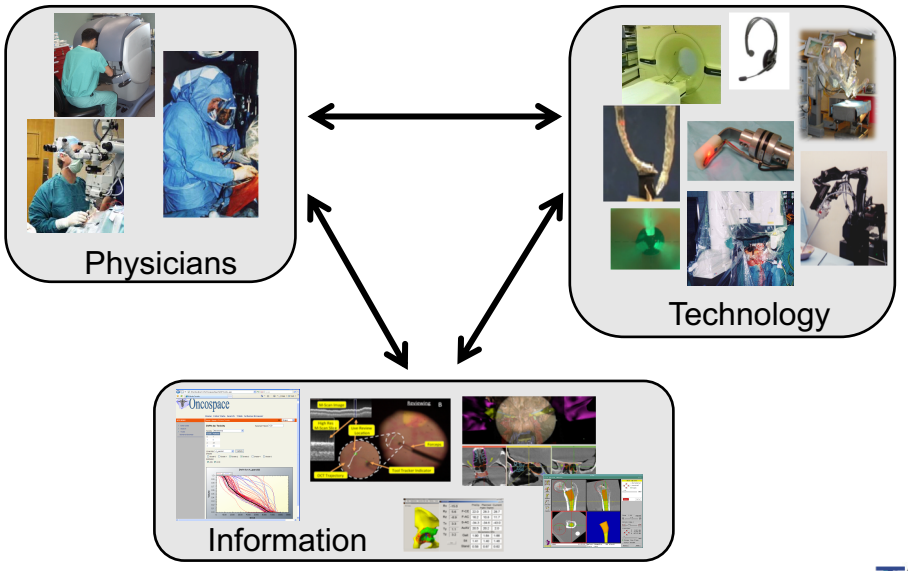


Motivating Insight

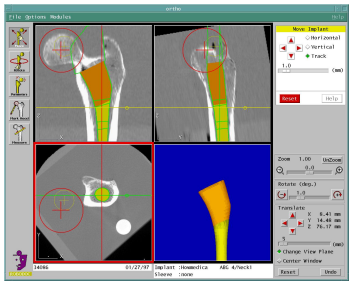
A partnership between human clinicians and computer-based technology will fundamentally change the way surgery and interventional medicine is performed in the 21st Century, in much the same way that computer-based technology changed manufacturing in the 20th Century

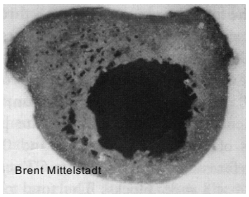


Goal: Human-machine partnership to fundamentally improve interventional medicine

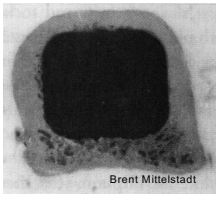


Over 25 years ago: Robotic Joint Replacement Surgery





Manual Surgery



Robotic Surgery

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

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Emerging: Information-Augmented Robotic Surgery

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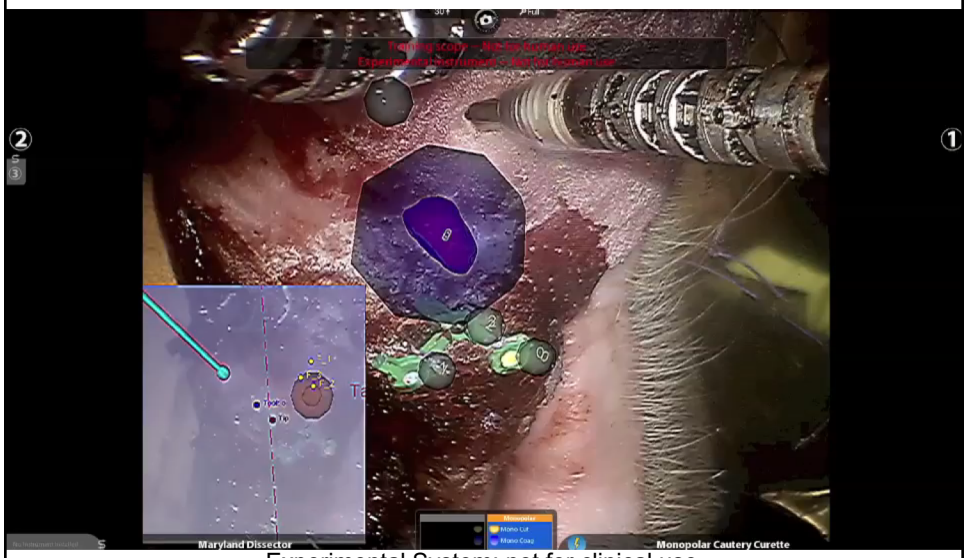

Experimental System: not for clinical use

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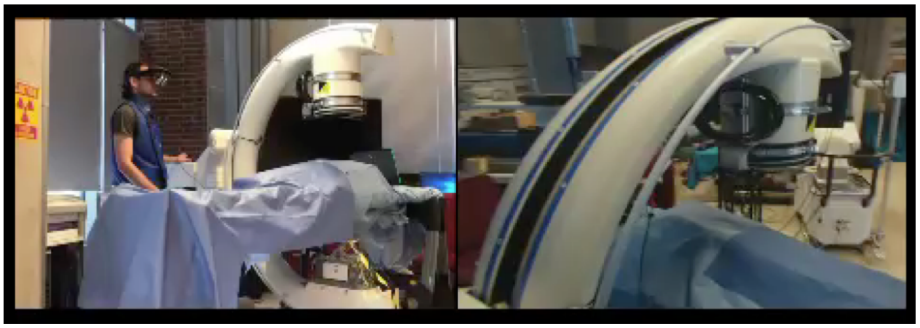
Emerging: Augmented Reality in the OR



M. Unberath* , J. Fotouhi* , J. Hajek* , A. Maier, G. Osgood, R. Taylor, M. Armand, N. Navab. "Augmented Reality-based Feedback for Technician-in-the-loop C-arm Repositioning" To appear in *2018 AE-CAI MICCAI workshop*.

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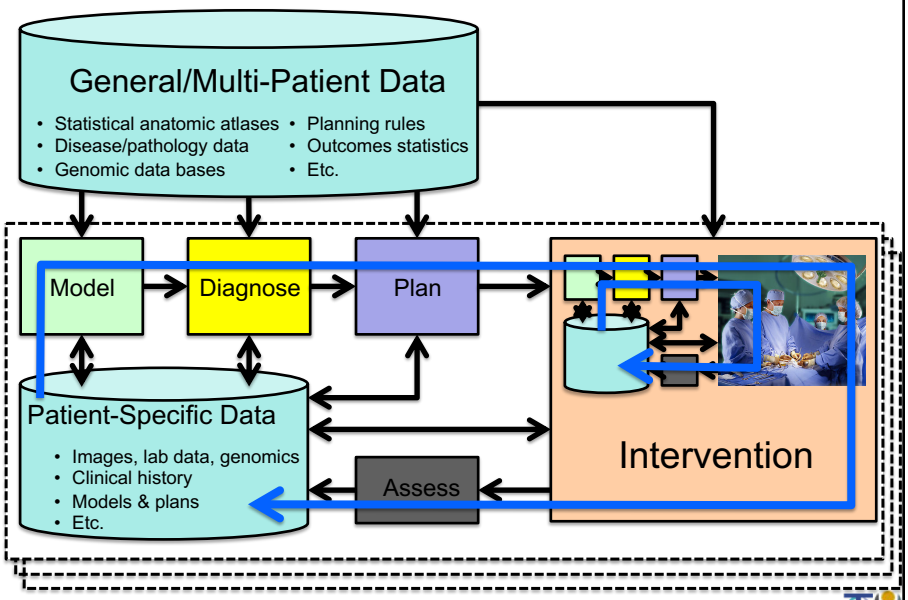
Computer-Integrated Interventional Medicine



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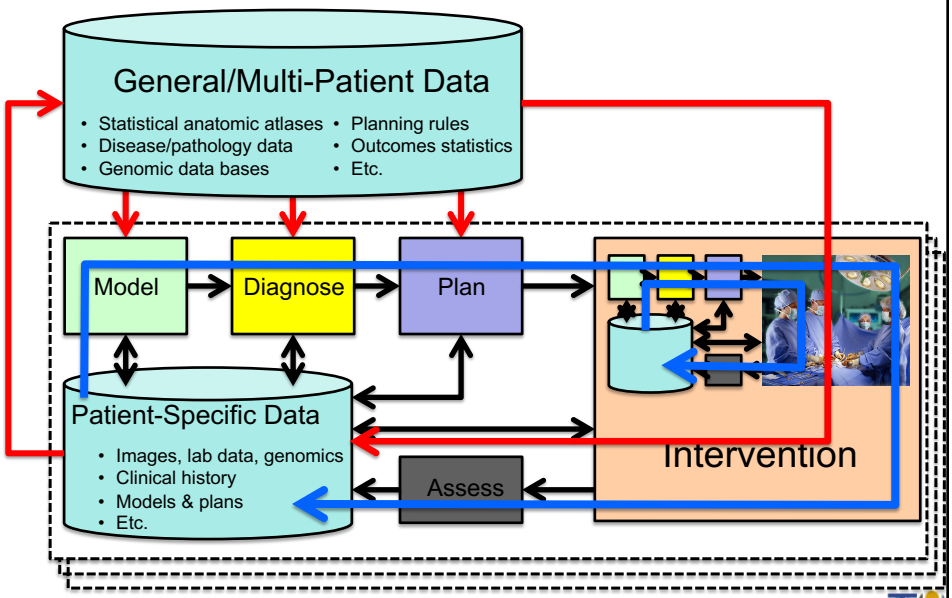
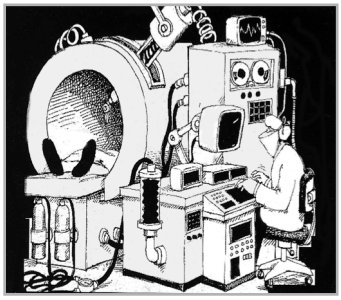


This Paradigm has not changed since Imhotep's day

27th Century BCE

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

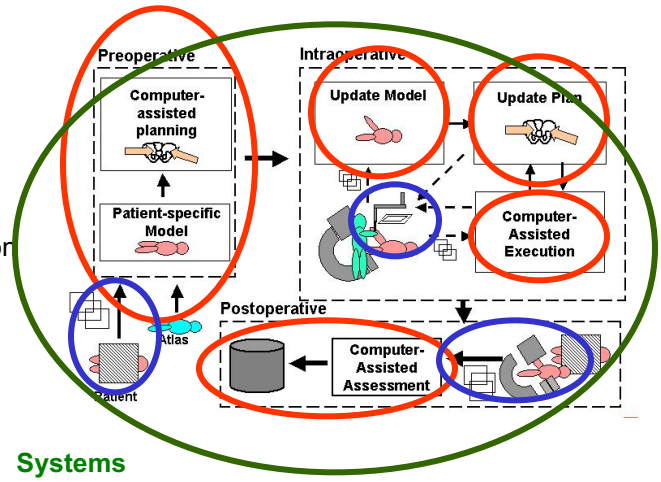


21st Century CE

Multidisciplinary Integration is Crucial

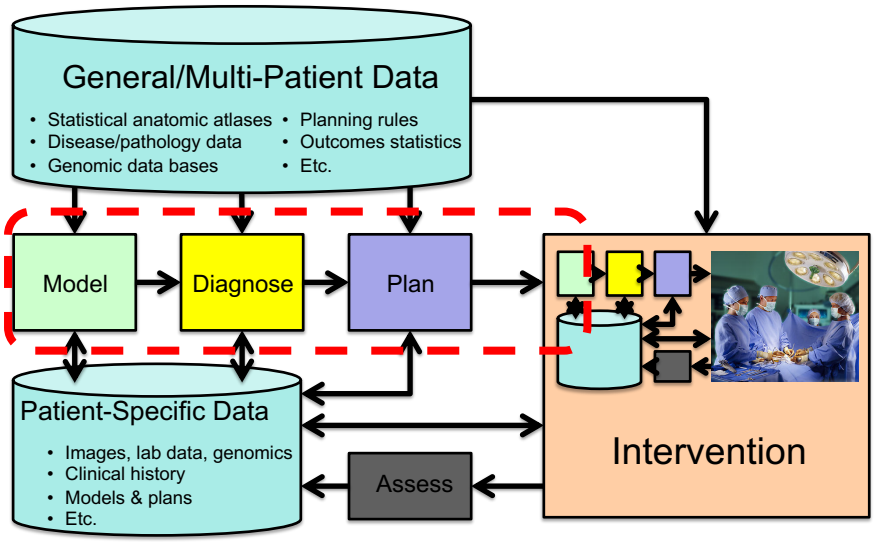
Modeling & analysis
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization
- Task characterization
- *etc.*

Interface Technology
- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces



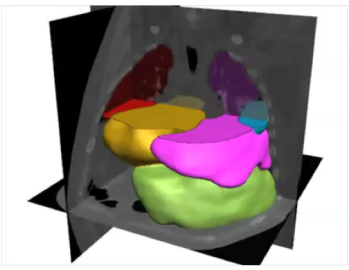
Systems
- Safety & verifiability
- Usability & maintainability
- Performance and validation

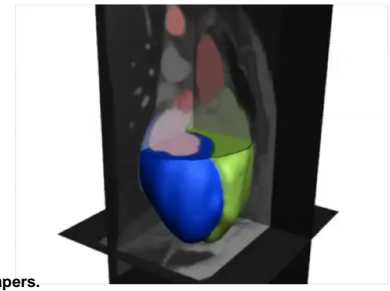
Image-based modeling & analysis



Patient-Specific Models for Interventions

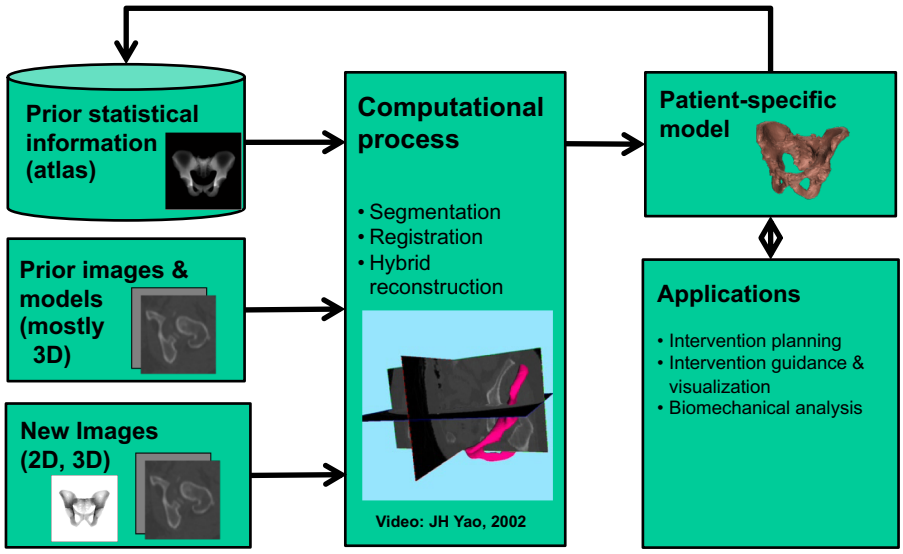
- Computationally efficient **representation of patient** enabling computer to assist in planning, guidance, control, and assessment of interventional procedures
- Generally focus on **anatomy**, but may sometimes include biology or other annotations
- Predominately derived from medical images and image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



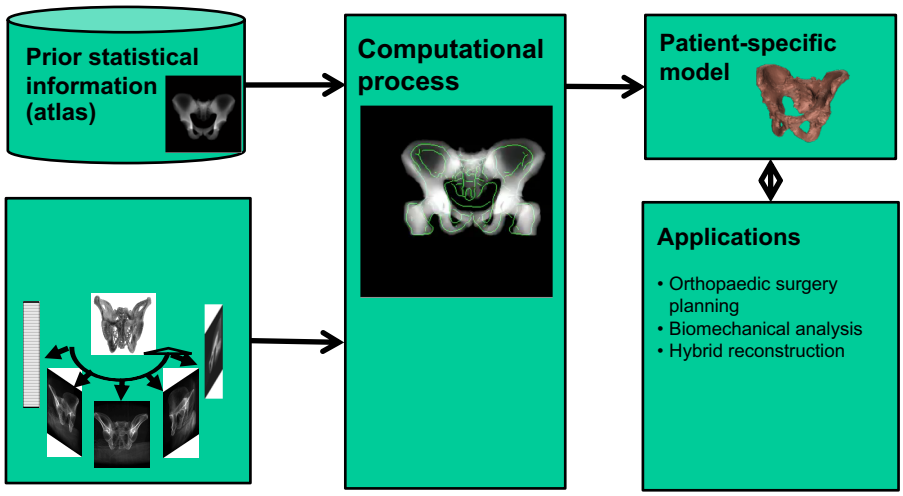


Video: Blake Lucas, "SpringLS…", *MICCAI 2011* & subsequent papers.
Data courtesy of Terry Peters and Eric Ford

Combining prior knowledge with online images



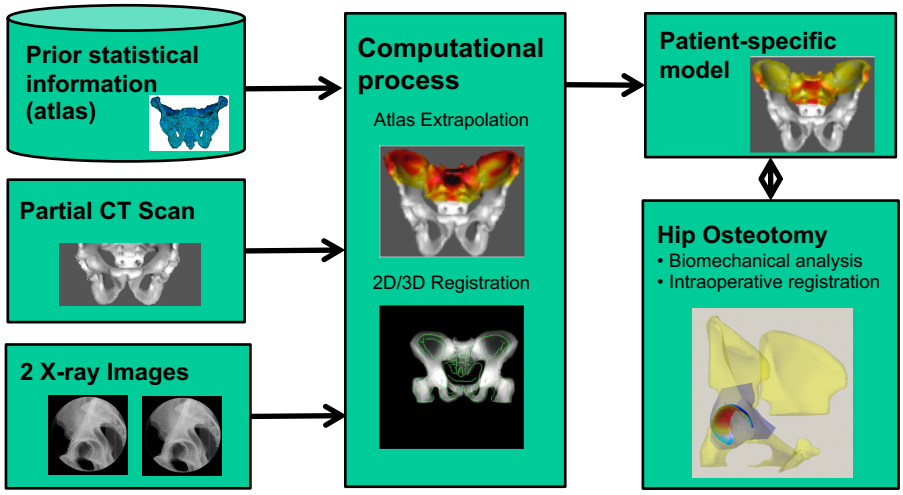
Deformable 2D/3D Registration to Statistical Atlas



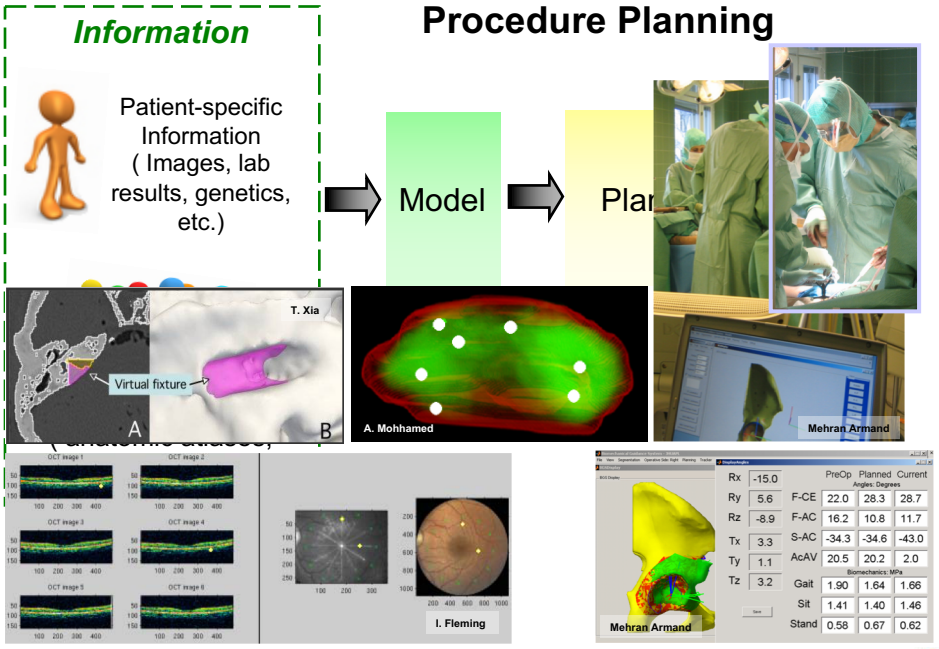
Examples: R. Taylor, J. Yao, O. Sadowsky, G. Chintalapani, O. Ahmad, …

Model Completion, Given Partial CT + X-rays

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



Procedure Planning



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

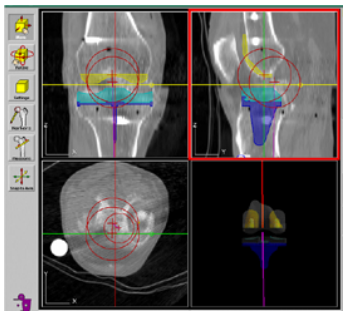
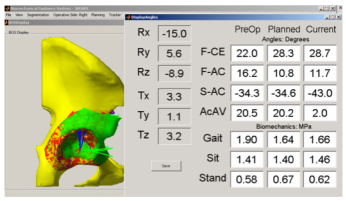


Photo: Integrated Surgical Systems

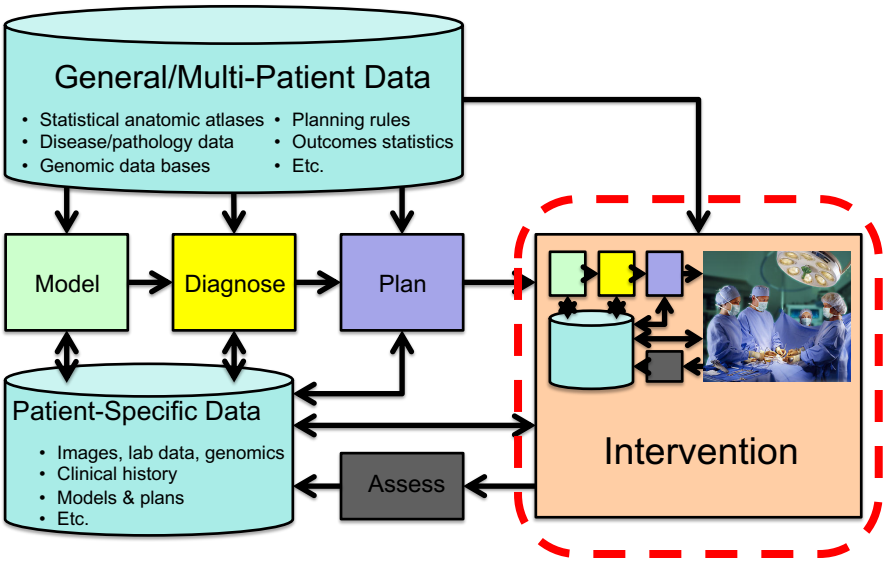
Procedure Planning

- **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



Photos: Mehran Armand

Procedure Execution



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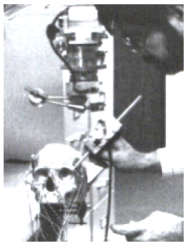
Medtronic



Taylor

Masamune, Fischer, Deguet, Csoma, Taylor, Sauer, Iorchidata, Masamune, Zinreich, Fichtinger, …

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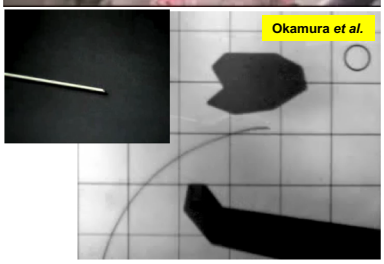

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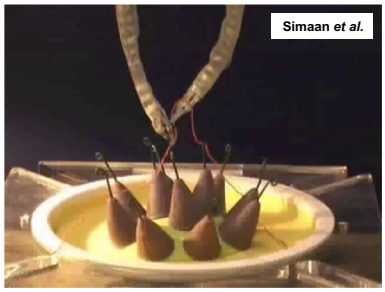

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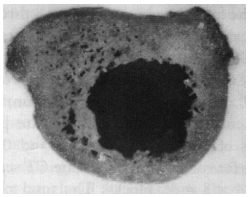

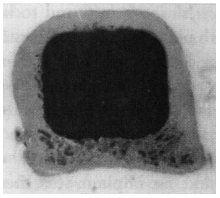

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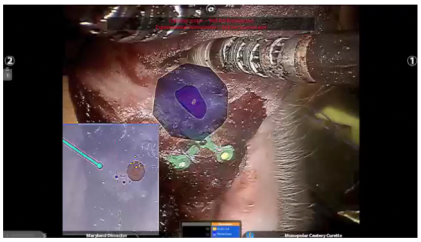
P. Kazanzides, T. Haiddeger, T. Xia, C. Baird, G. Jallo, N. Hata, …

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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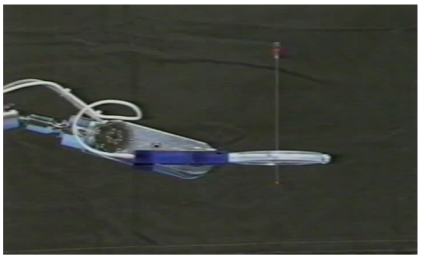
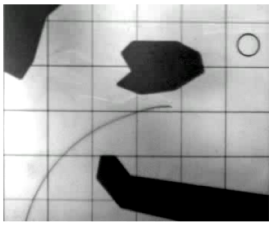


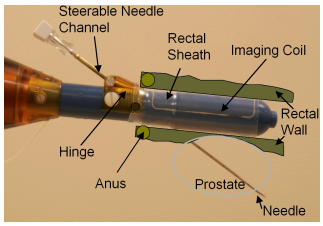
Stoianovici, Taylor, Whictomb, *et al.*

Image-guided needle placement

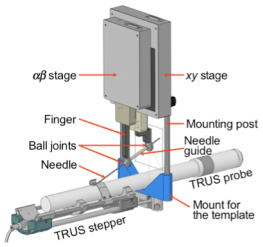
Masamune, Fichtinger, Iordachita, …



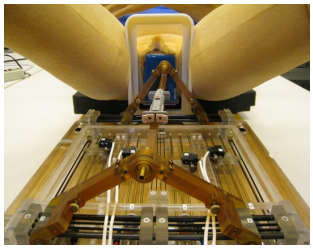
Okamura, Webster, …



Krieger, Fichtinger, Whitcomb, …



Fichtinger, Kazanzides,Burdette, Song …

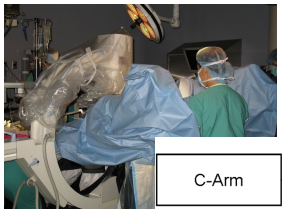


Iordachita, Fischer, Hata…

Taylor, Masamune, Susil, Patriciu, Stoianovici,…

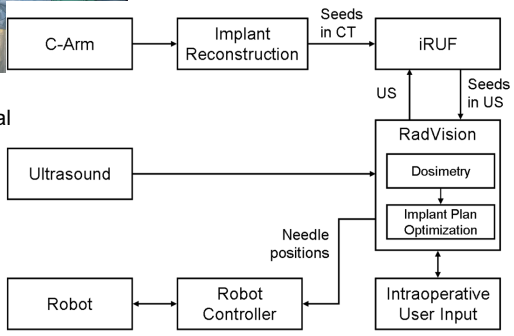
TRUS Robot for Prostate Brachytherapy

Kazanzides, Iordachita, Burdette, Song, et al. *NSF SECO 1246356*

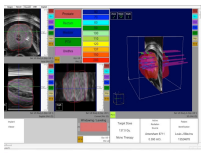


Current efforts:

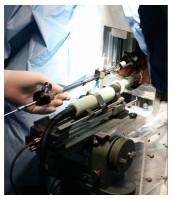
- Integration with RadVision / RUF project
- Needle quick-release mechanism
- Intraoperative user interface (sterile touchscreen)



RadVision

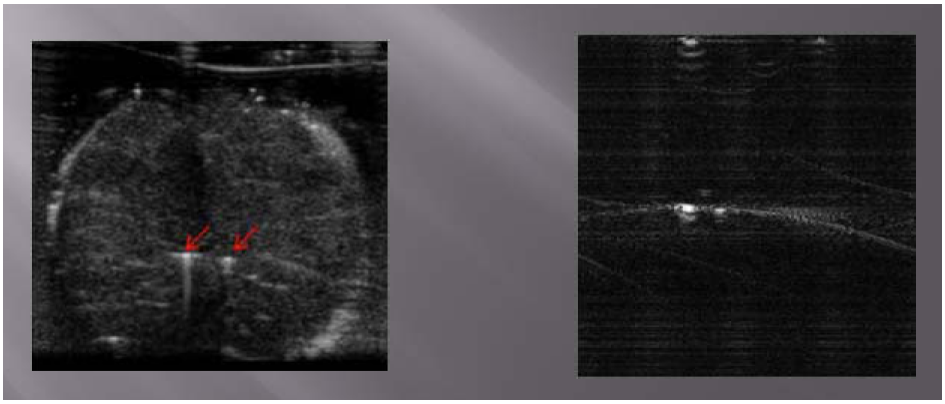


Robot clinical trial



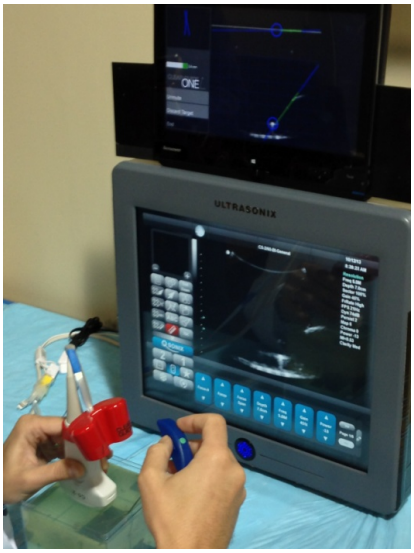
Prototype sterile touchscreen: Digital Dash

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

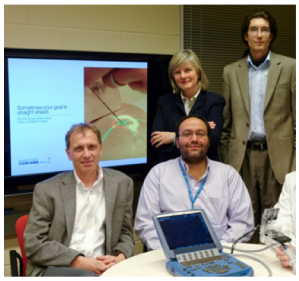


B-mode PA-mode

Clear Guide ONE

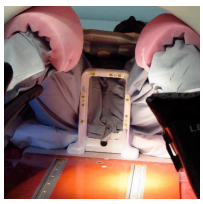


CG1 enables
more doctors to perform
more needle-based procedures
more places,
more effectively and
more quickly.



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

Patient ready on scanner table

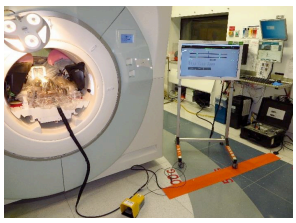


Z-frame in position

Drape robot, attach needle guide

Slide in robot until hit Z-frame

Lock robot in place



Robot ready for targeting

NIH 2R01CA111288: C. Tempany, Iordachita, Fischer, Tokuda, Hata, …

Information-enhanced robotic surgery

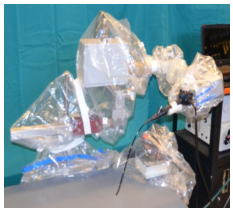
augmented reality displays imaging

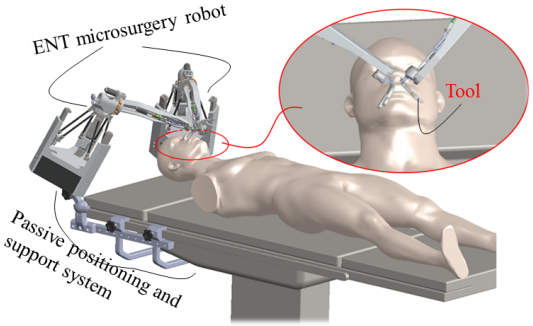
safety barriers shared control "virtual fixtures"

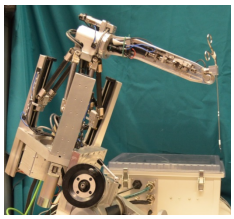
SAW

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





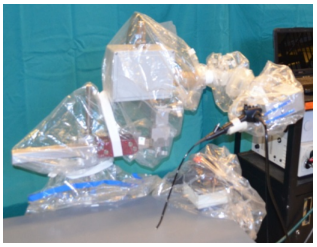


Kevin Olds

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

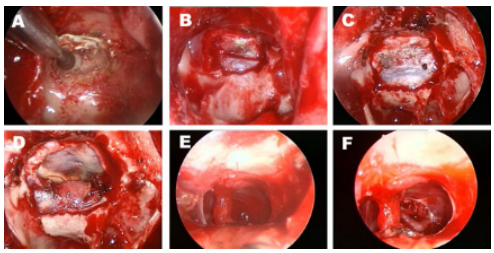
K. Olds, A. Hillel, E. Cha, J. Kriss, A. Nair, L. Akst, J. Richmon, R. Taylor

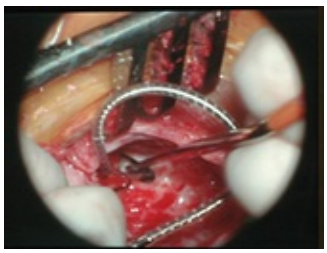
- **Goals**
  - Develop clinically usable robot for manipulating flexible endoscope in throat and airways
  - Permit bimanual surgery
  - Manipulation of ablation catheter
- **Approach**
  - Simple hardware for manipulating unmodified flexible scope
  - Simple joystick control
  - Platform for image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



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





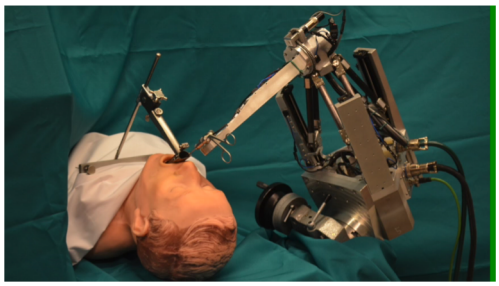
The Robotic ENT Microsurgery System (REMS)

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



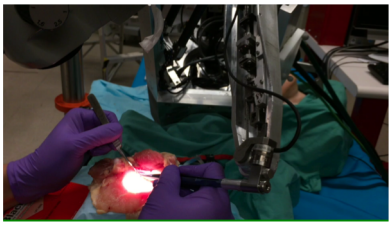
Control modes:

- 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.

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
- …

Cadaver Study: Sinus Surgery with Virtual Fixtures

K. Olds, M. Balicki, M. Ishii, R. Taylor

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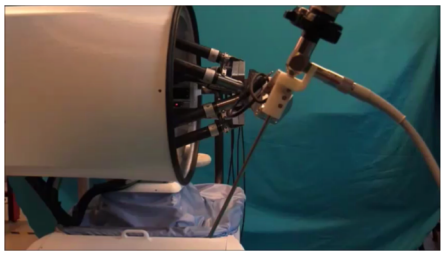
The Galen Platform

Technology:

- Custom 5-DOF architecture
- “Steady Hand” cooperative control
- Hand tremor cancellation
- Virtual fixtures



GALEN ROBOTICS

Ease of Use:

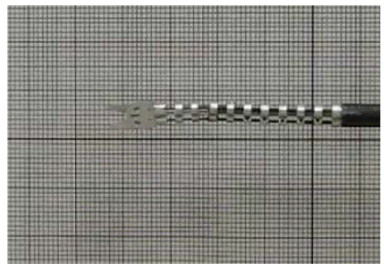
- Same footprint as a person
- Accommodates standard instruments
- Minimal change to existing surgical workflow

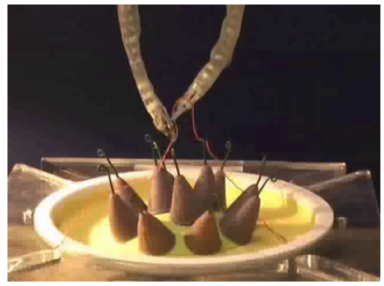
Broad Applications:

- ENT, spine, brain, trauma, ….

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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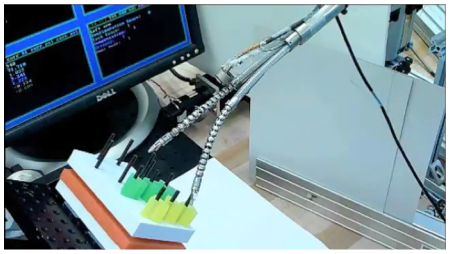
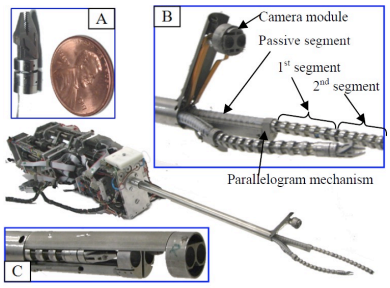
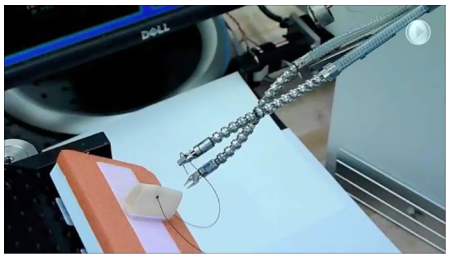
Single Port Access Surgery

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

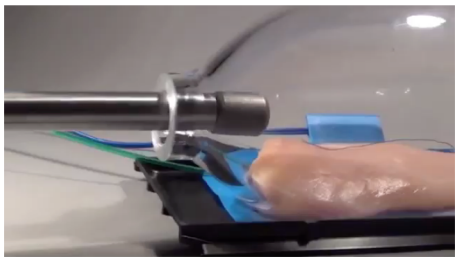


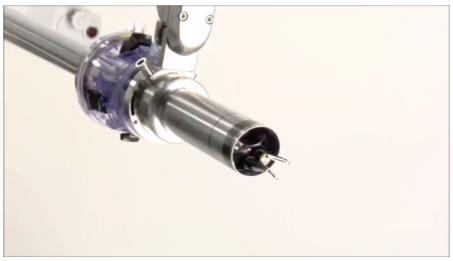




New technology finally allows true evaluation of the potential of single port access surgery. Systems raise new questions about control and telemanipulation infrastructure/cooperative control.

Single Port Access Robotic Surgery





Titan Medical Sport

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Intuitive Surgical Sp

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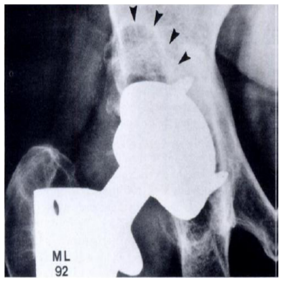
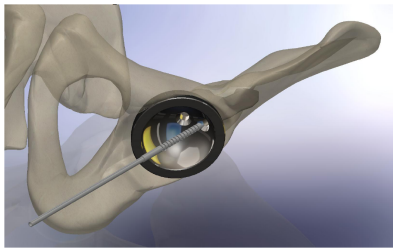
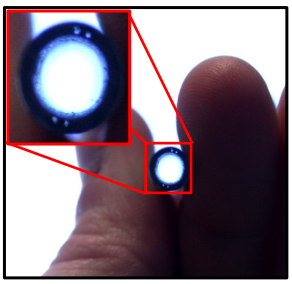
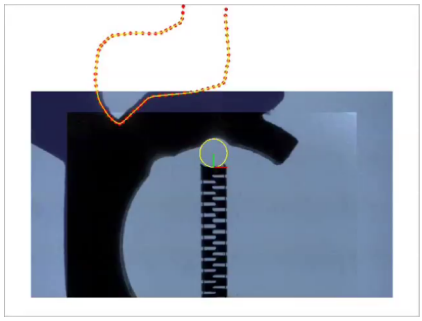
Minimally-Invasive Osteolysis Curettage









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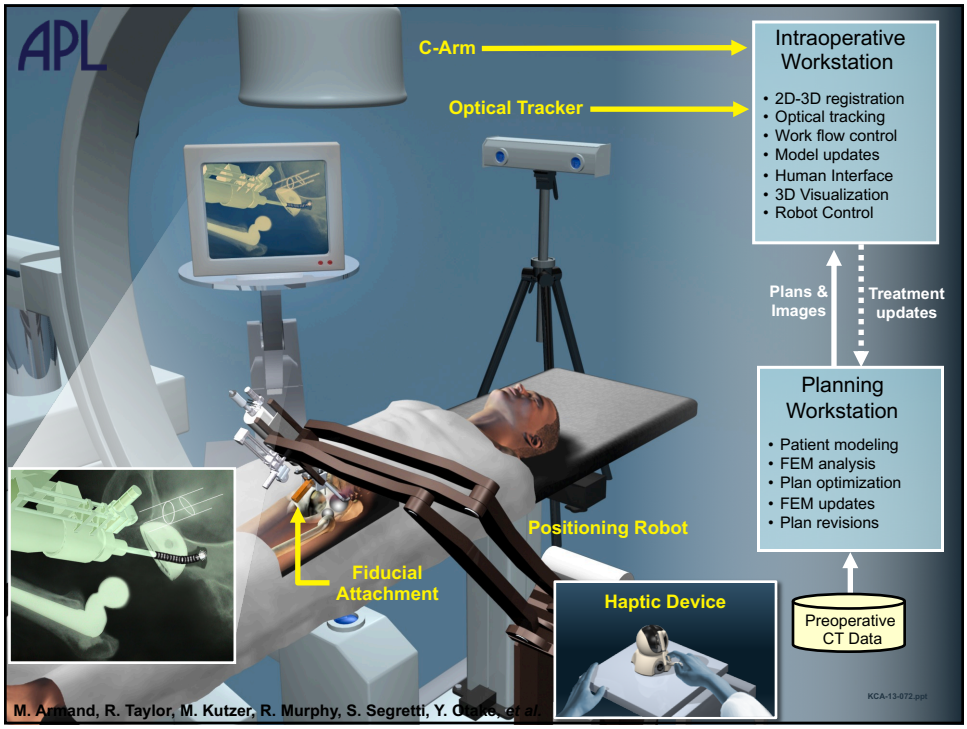
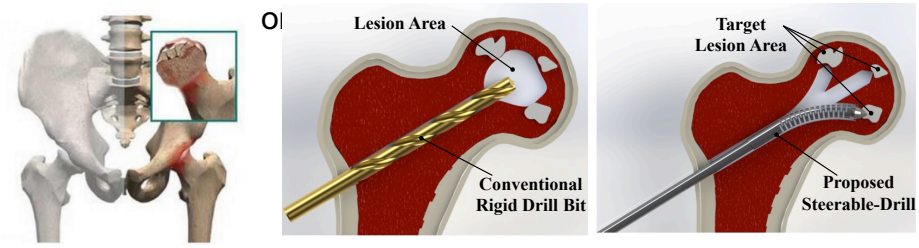


Curved Drilling of the Femoral Head

Alambeigi, *et al.*

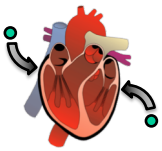
- Osteonecrosis of the femoral head
  - More than 20,000 patients per year
  - To reduce the pressure in the femoral head, core decompression was developed more than three decades ago.
- Steerable "snake" with flexible drill provides better



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*

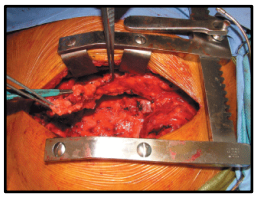
Foreign Bodies in the Heart

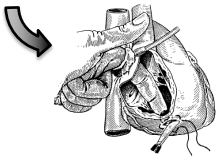
Causes
Thrombi, Shrapnel
Iatrogenic

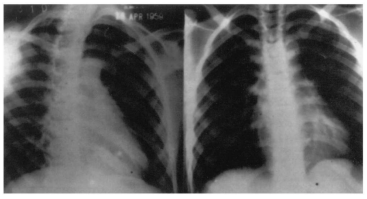


Symptoms
Cardiac Tamponade
Hemorrhage
Arrhythmia
Infection
Shock
Embolism
Valve Dysfunction

Conventional Treatment
Median Sternotomy
Cardiopulmonary Bypass







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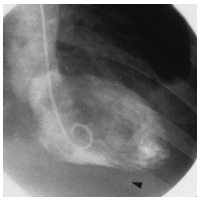

(LeMaire, 1999)

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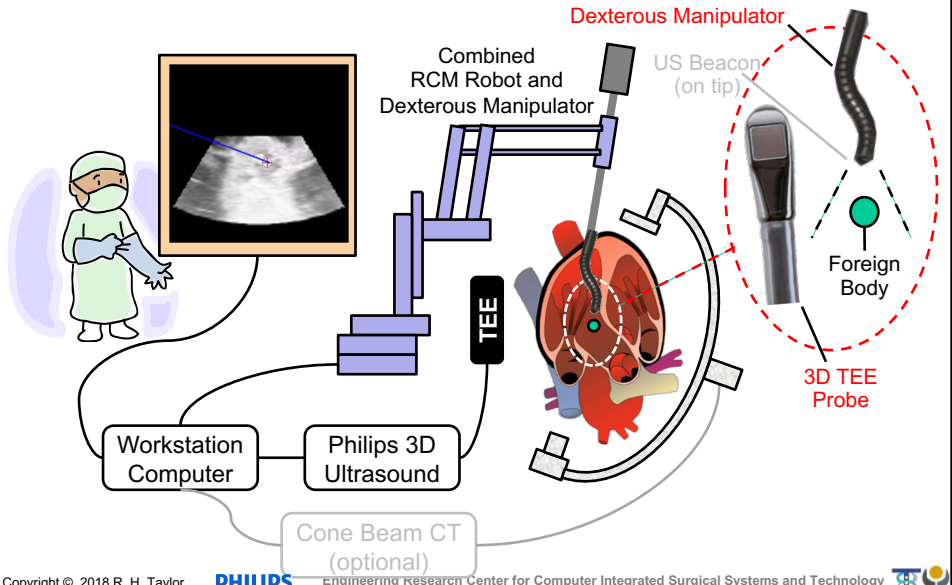
Beating Heart MIS with 3D US Guidance

Paul Thienphrapa, Aleksandra Popovic, Russell Taylor



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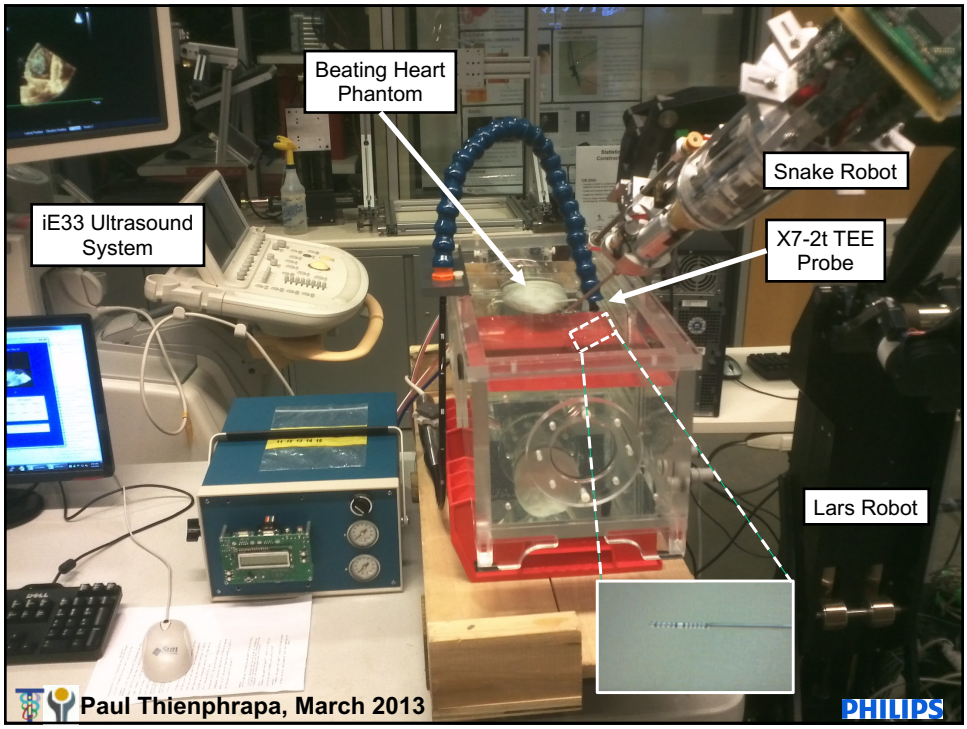
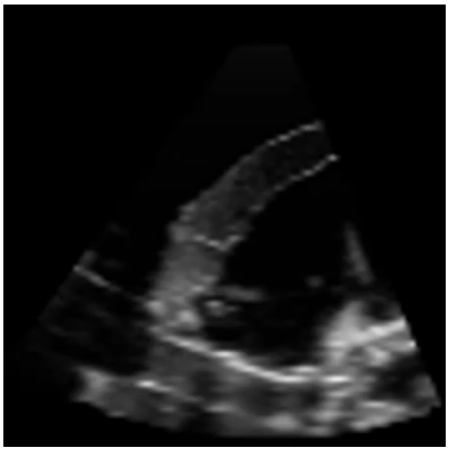
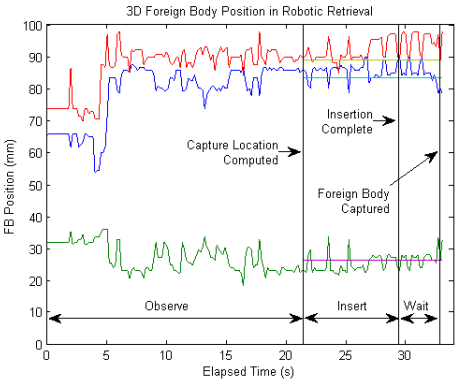


Retrieval Experiment Results





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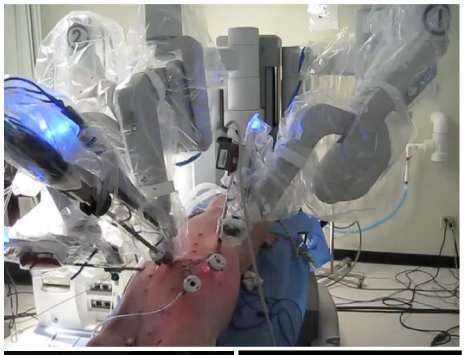
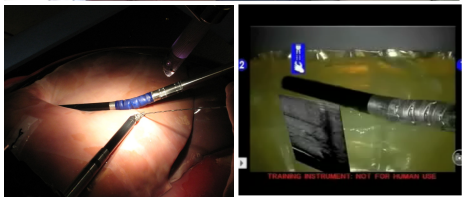
Thienphrapa *et al. 2013*

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

Ultrasound Elastography with DaVinci

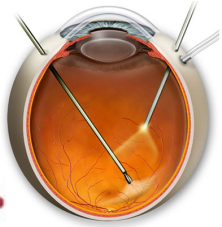
(Boctor, Billings, Taylor)

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

(Research DaVinci Application – Not for Human Use)

Vitreoretinal Microsurgery

British Journal of Ophthalmology 2004 - Akifumi Ueno et al



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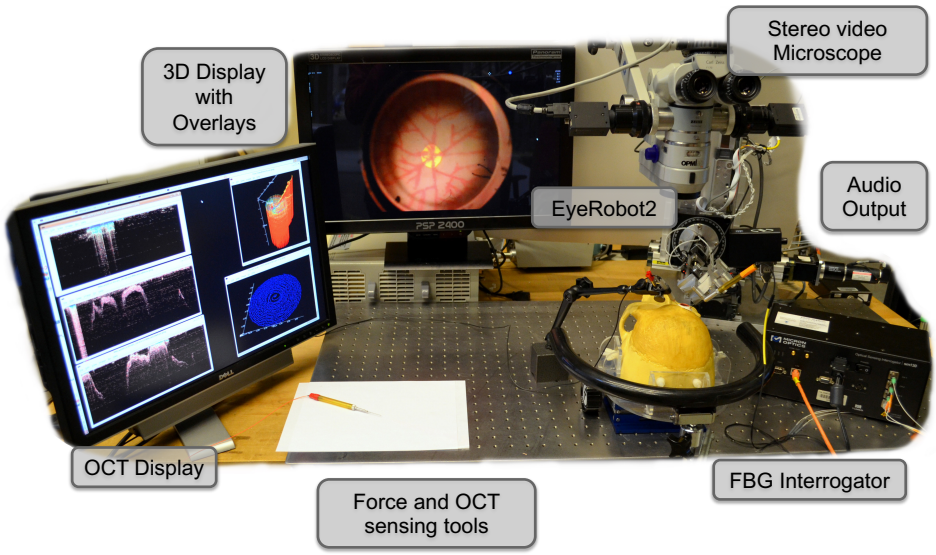
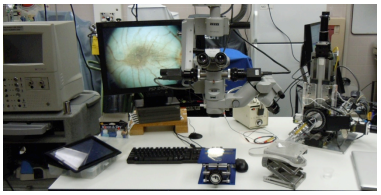
Alcon Vitreosurgery Instrument

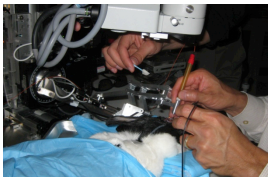
Microsurgery Assistant Workstation

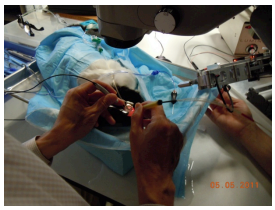


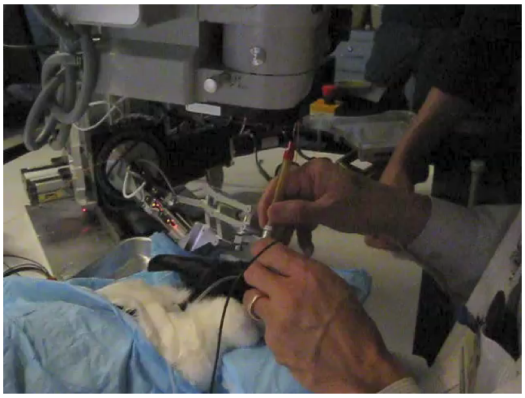
In-Vivo Experiments

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

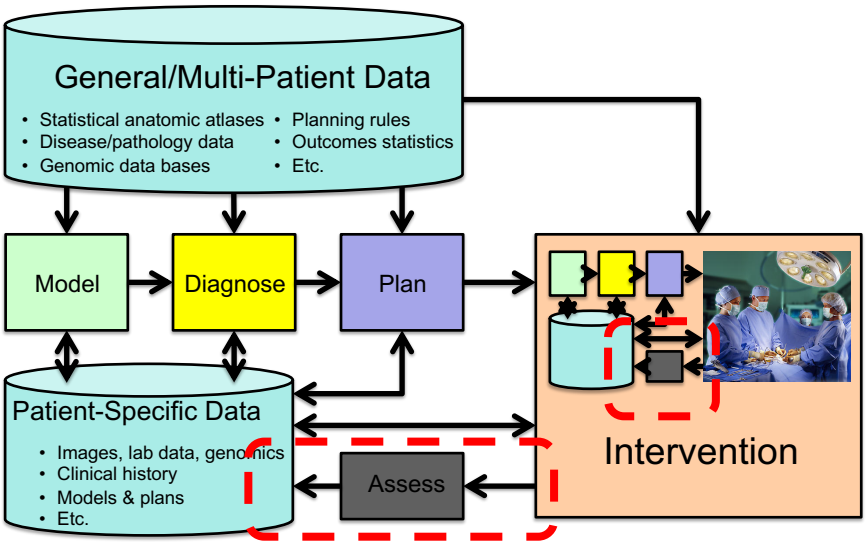




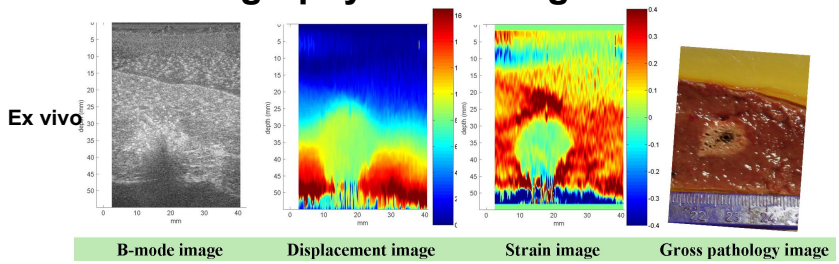


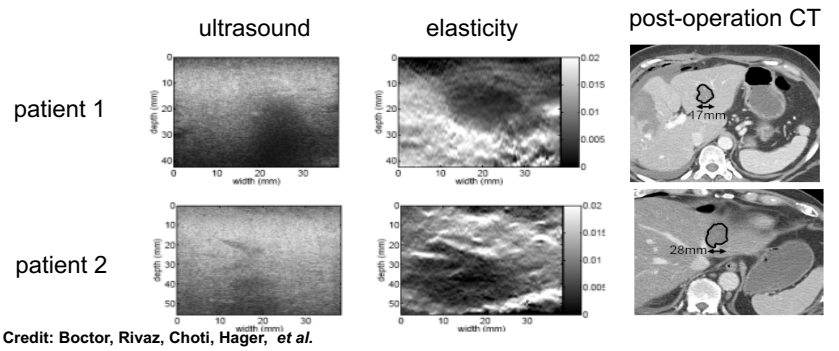


Patient-specific assessment and feedback



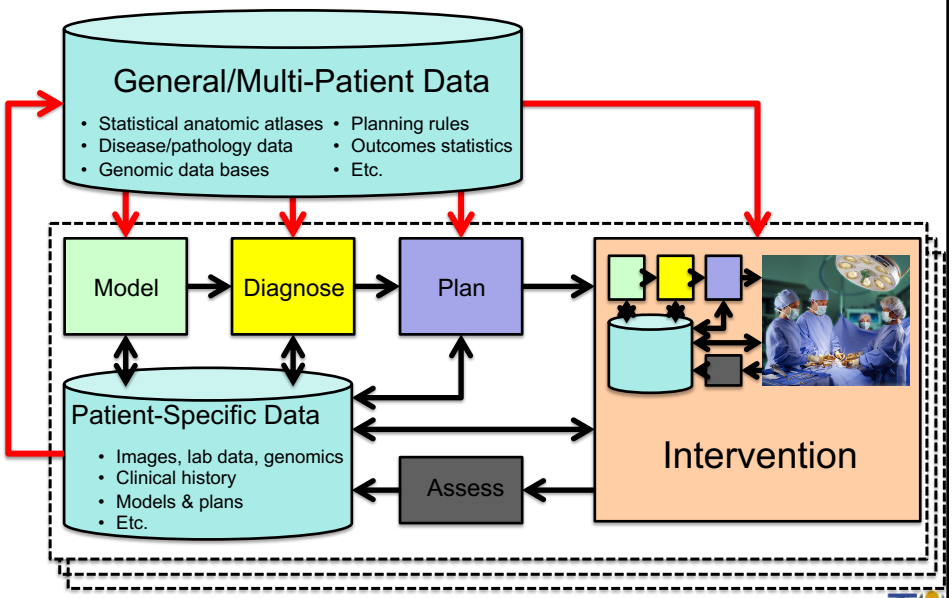
Elastography monitoring of ablations





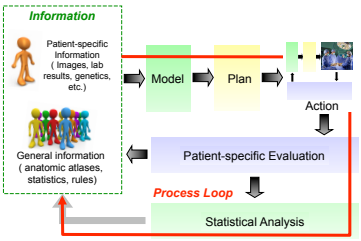
Credit: Boctor, Rivaz, Choti, Hager, *et al.*

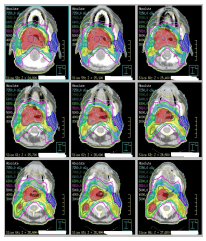
Statistical Analysis and Decision Support



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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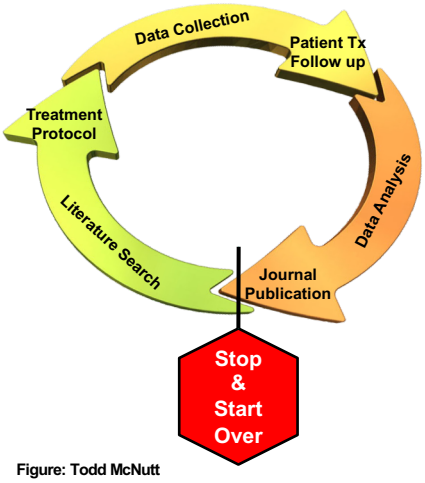
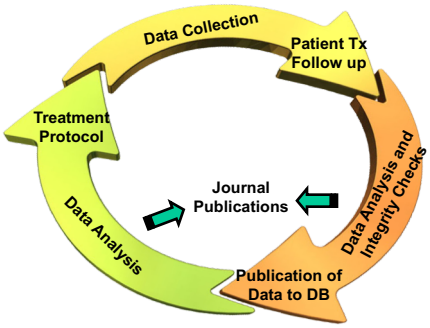
Outer/Population Loop

Current Trial Practice



Hypothetical Future Practice

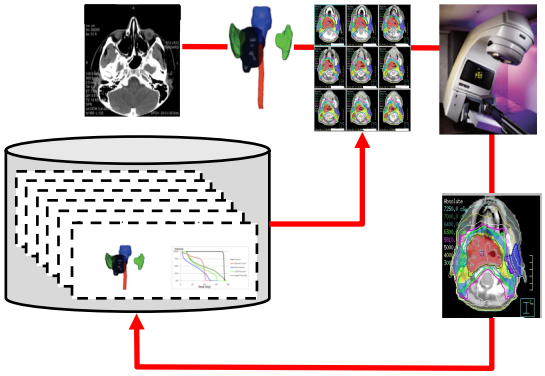


Increased potential for data reuse

Publications with live data!

Figure: Todd McNutt

Statistical process control for radiation therapy



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

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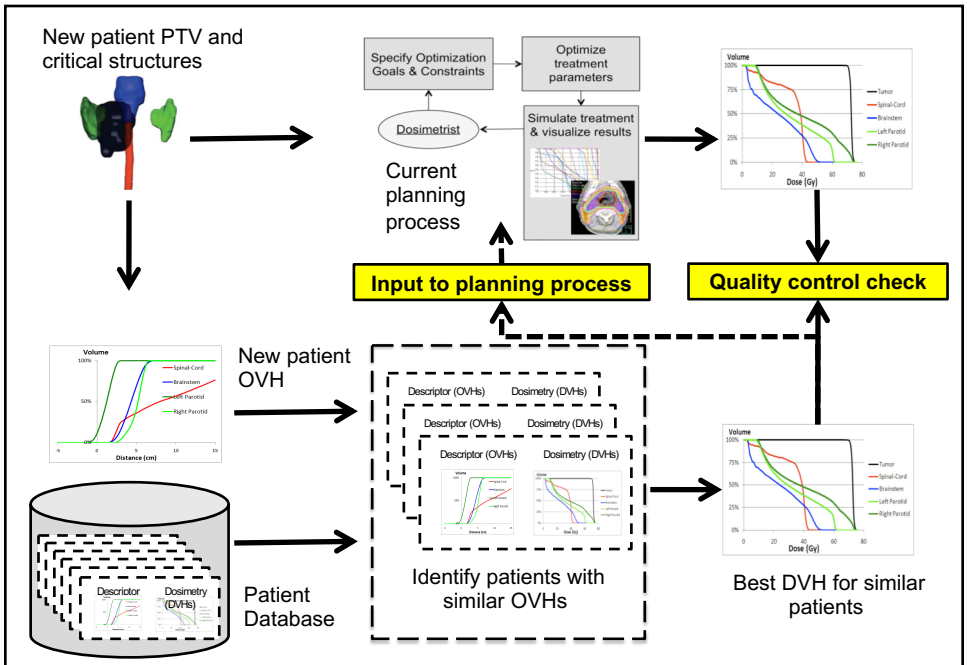

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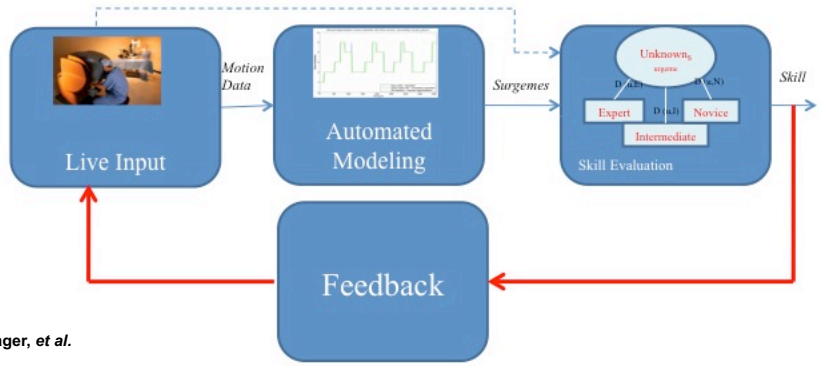
Applications Of Surgical Motion Models

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



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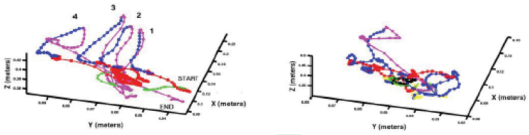

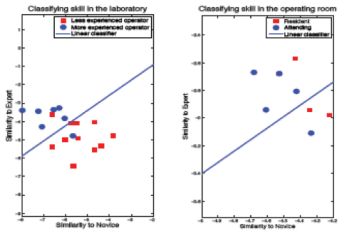

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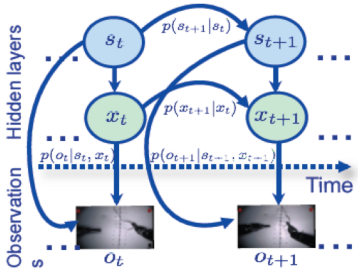

Models

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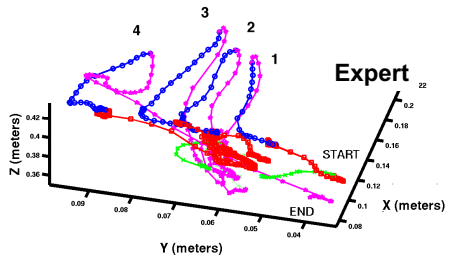
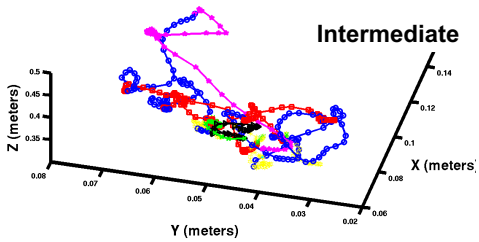
Example: Automatic Detection and Segmentation of Robot-Assisted Surgical Motions

- 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





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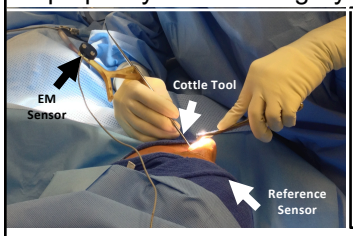
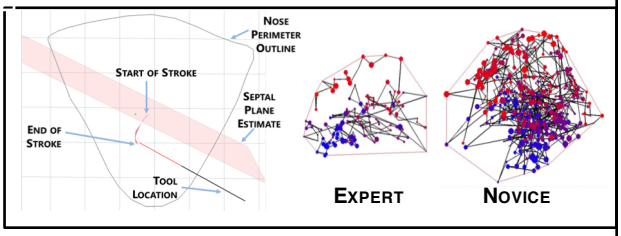
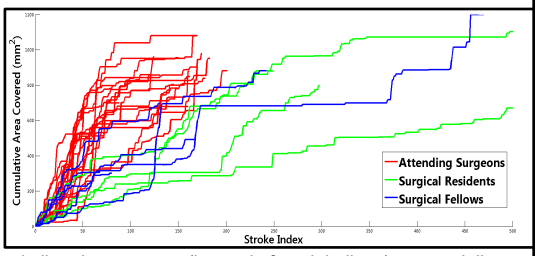
Unstructured surgeries: Discovering "teachable" tactics

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

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OR Workflow Observation and Analysis

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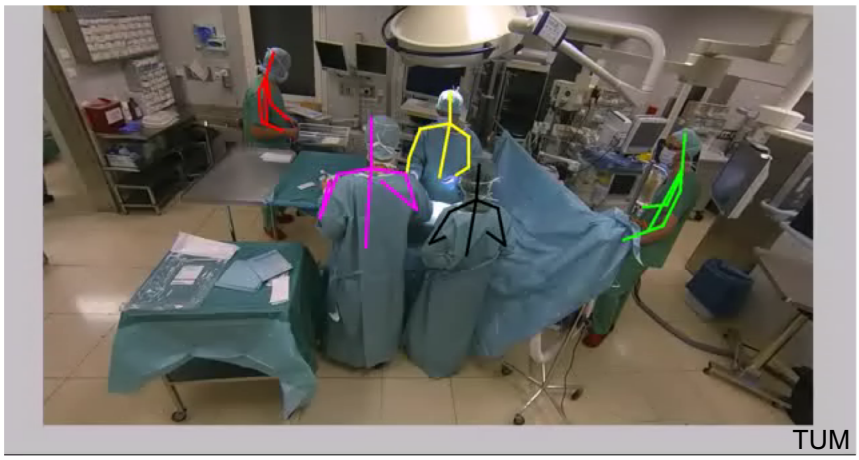

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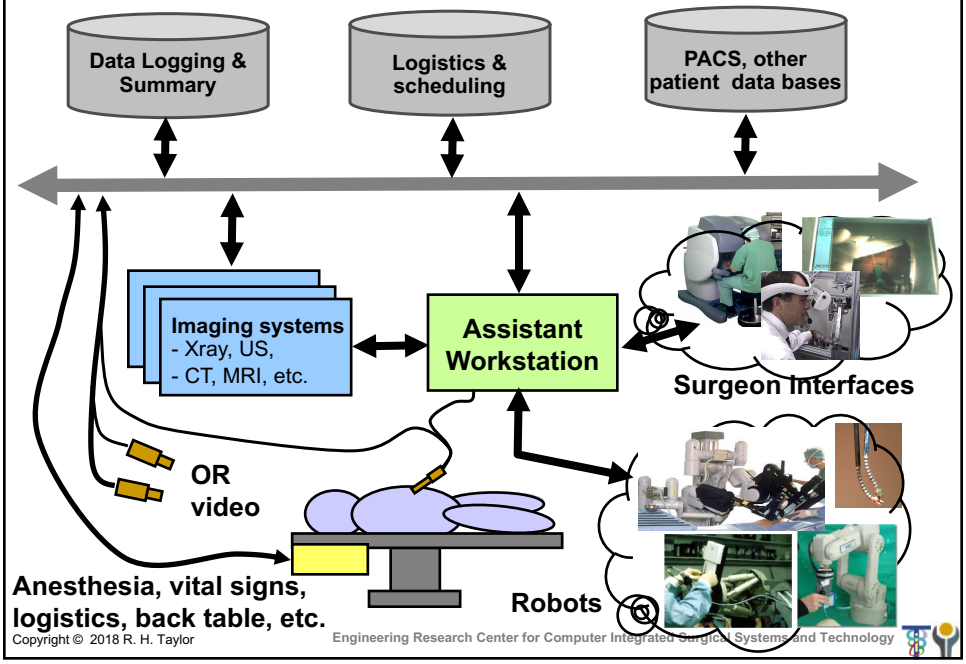

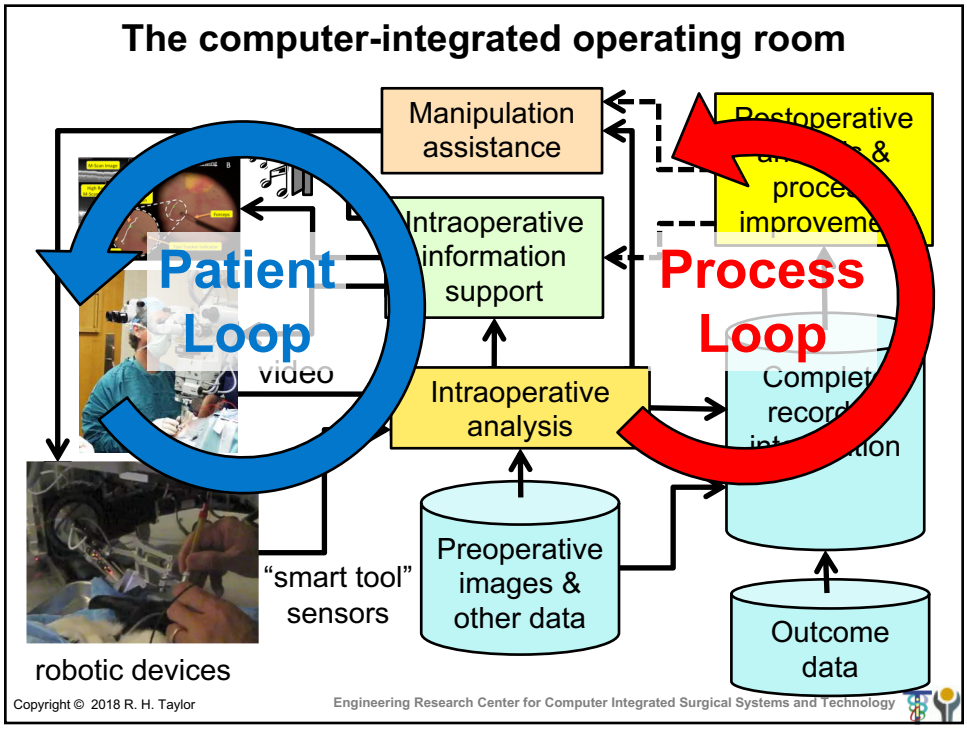
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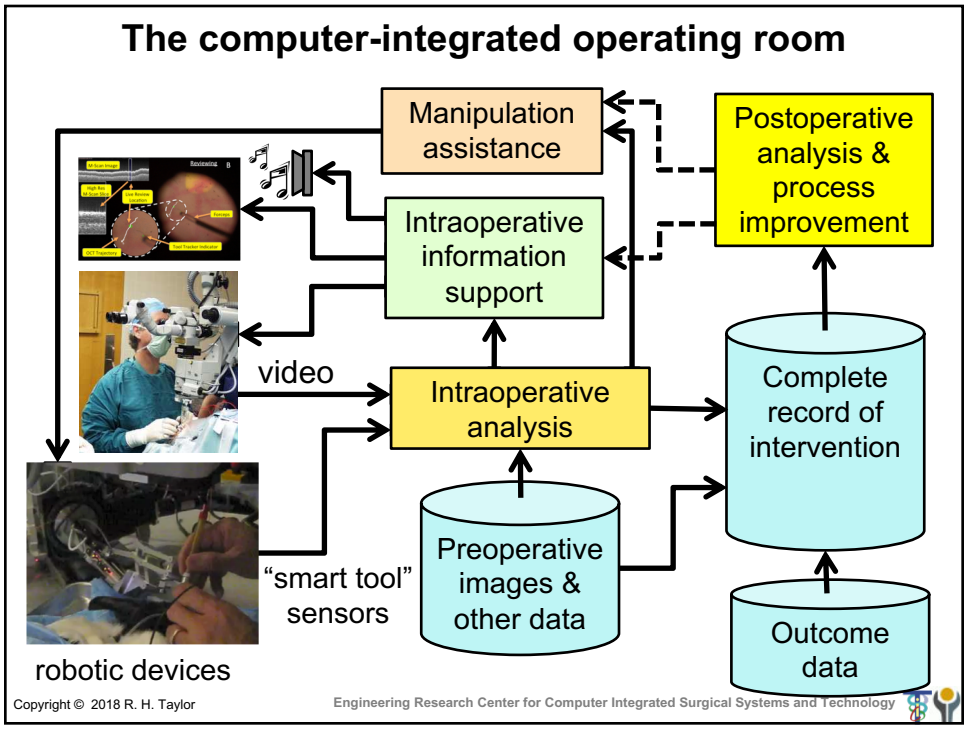
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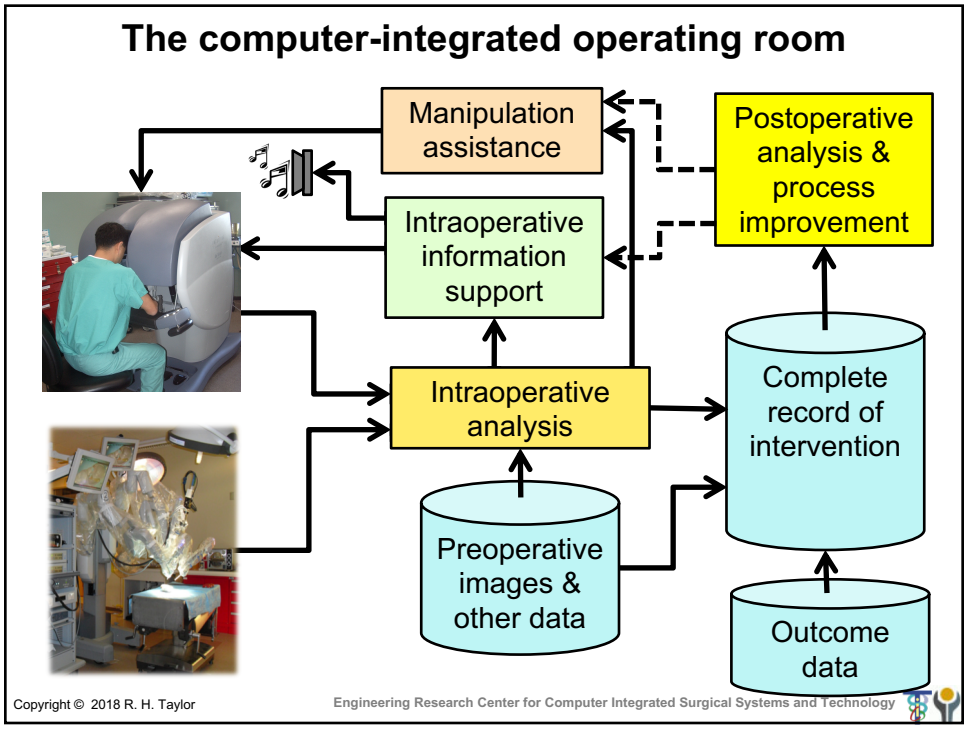
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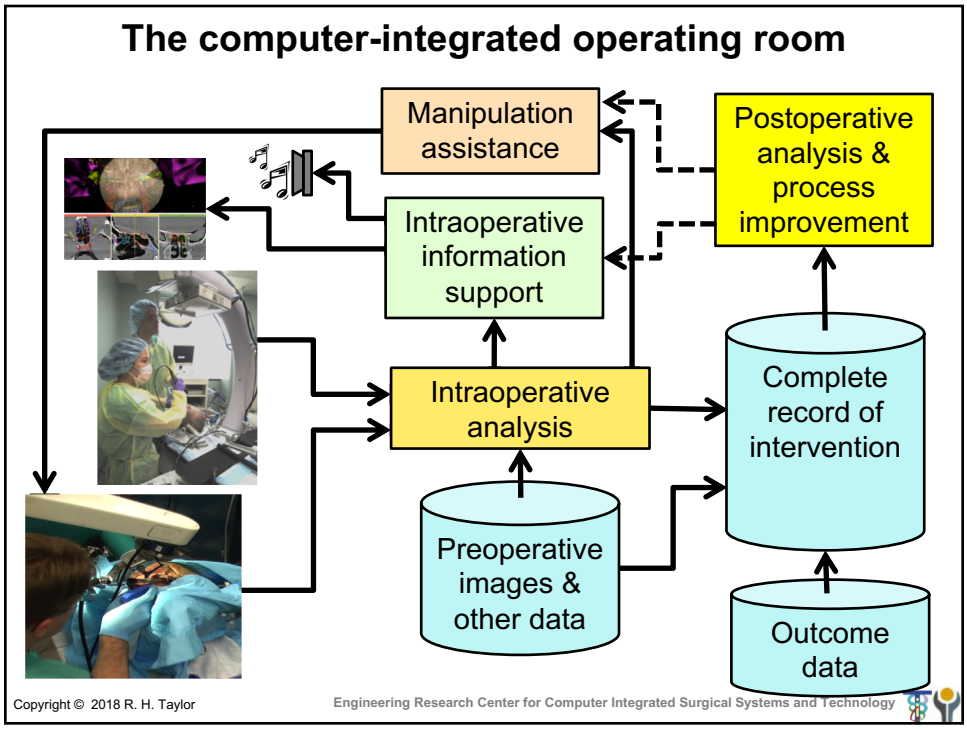
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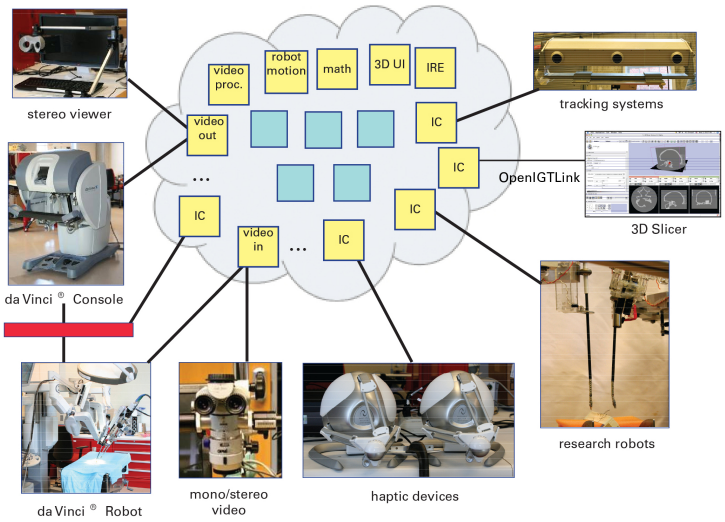

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Use Case: da Vinci Research Kit

- 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/**

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)

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

Discussion