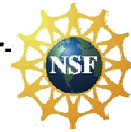




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Medical Robotics and Computer-Integrated Surgery

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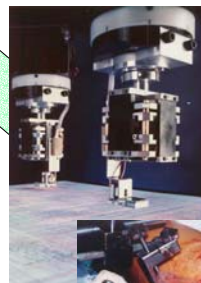


- Multi-institution, multi-disciplinary center
 - Johns Hopkins University + Medical Institutions
 - MIT + Brigham & Women's Hospital
 - CMU + UPMC
 - Others: Morgan State, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn
- Funding
 - NSF core grant: \$25.7M (1997-2006); \$3.7M (2004)
 - Total annual budget approximately \$5.3M (2004)
- University researchers, clinicians, industry
- Research, Systems, Education, Outreach



Prediction

The impact of computer-integrated surgical systems and technology on medical care in the next 20 years will be as great as the impact of computer-integrated manufacturing systems and technology on industrial production over the past 20 years.



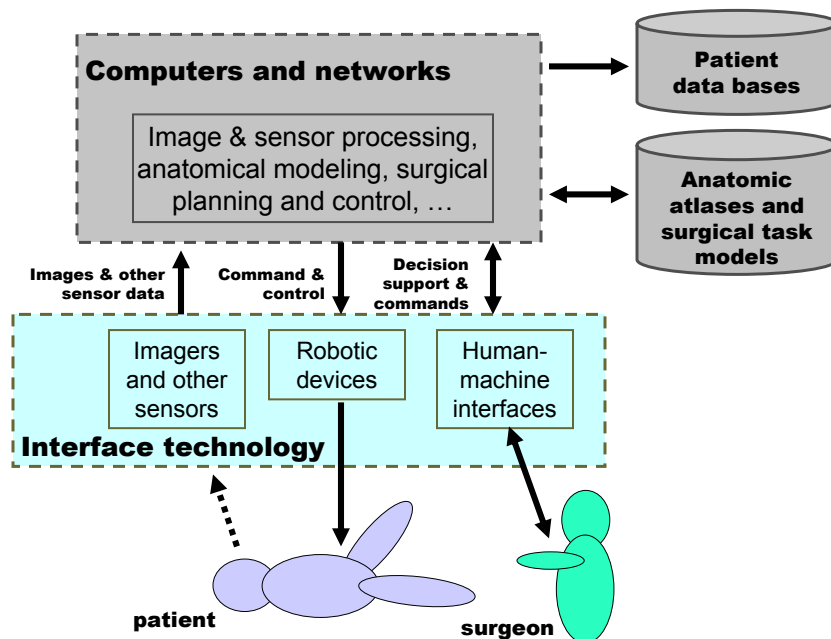
Basic means for fulfilling prediction: systems that integrate information to action

- 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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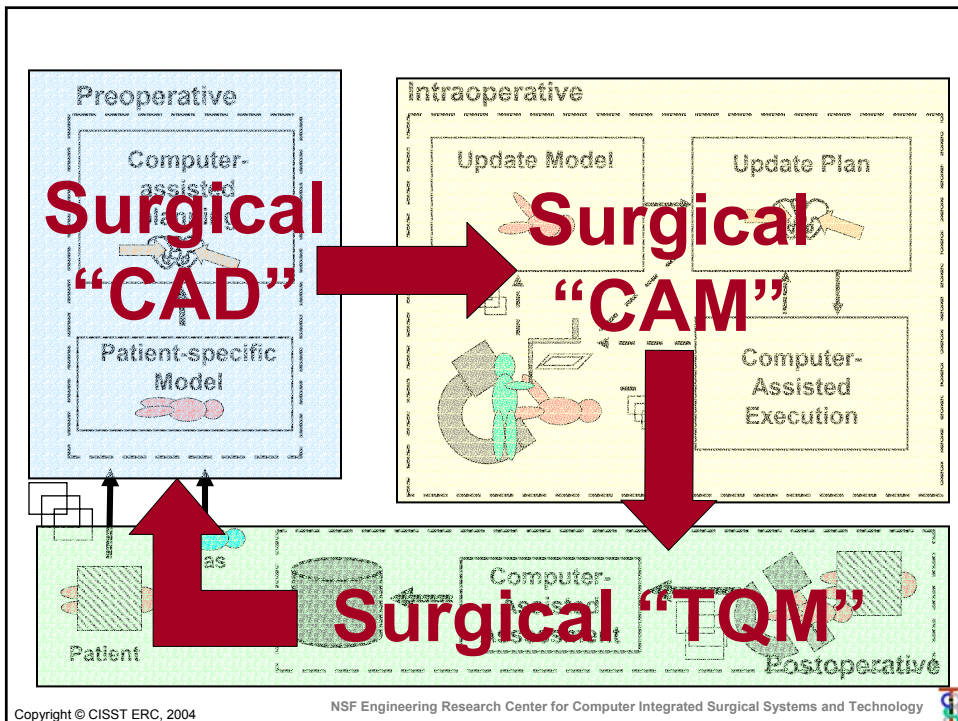
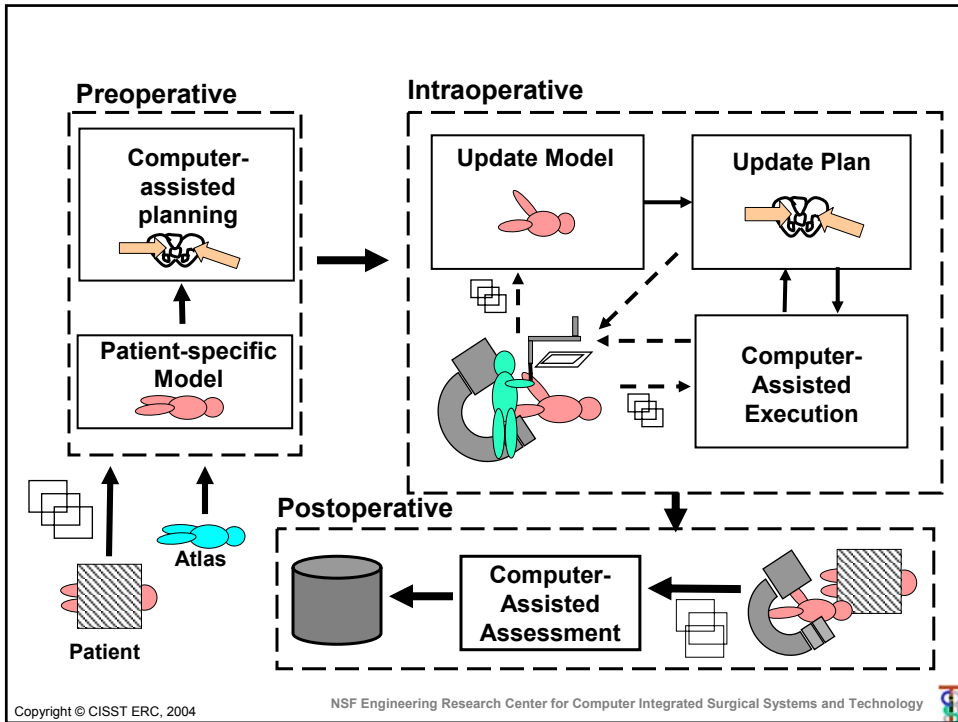
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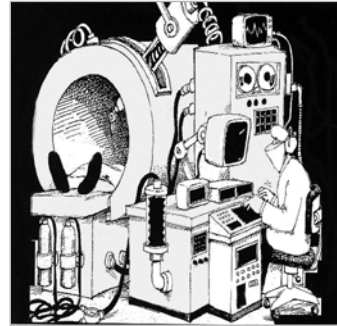
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Vision: “One stop shopping” therapy

- Fully integrated and optimized planning, execution, assessment, and follow-up of **minimally invasive** interventional procedures
- ... for a broad spectrum of clinical conditions
- ... anywhere in the body
- ... **with convenience comparable to current outpatient diagnostic procedures.**



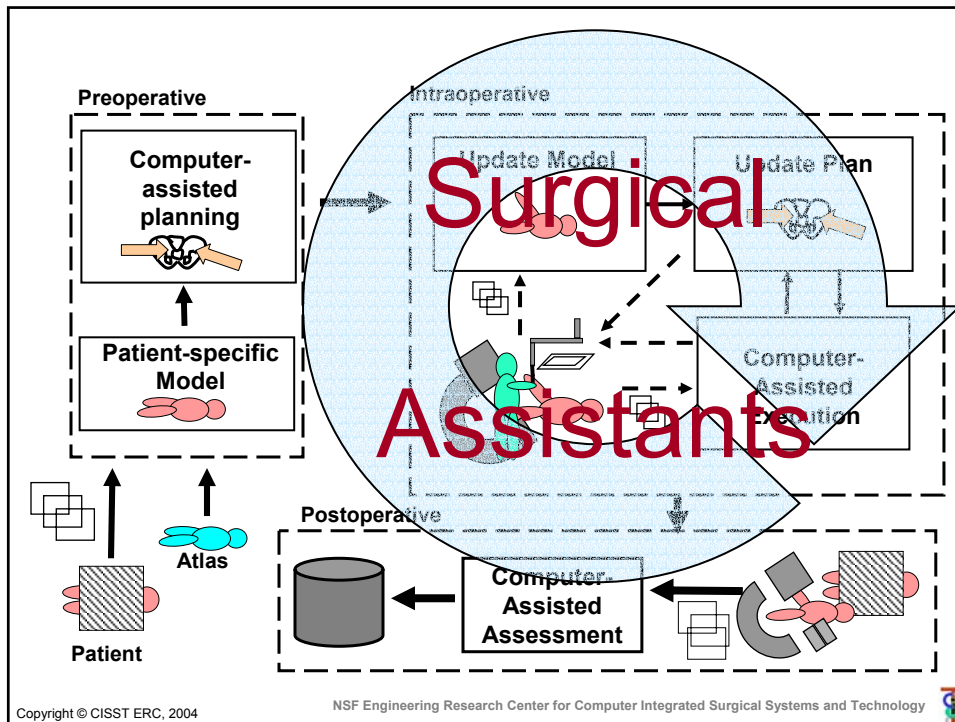
Sketch: Ferenc Jolesz



Vision: “Plug and Play” Surgery

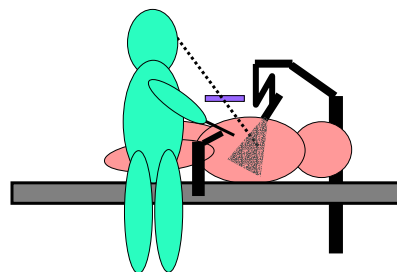
- A modular family of subsystems, including
 - imaging devices and methods
 - modeling & analysis algorithms
 - robotic devices
 - visualization & human-machine interfaces
 - systems development tools ...
- which can be **quickly integrated** with novel therapeutic end effectors to produce ...
- complete and effective surgical CAD/CAM systems with **predictable and certifiable performance** ...
- for **multiple** organ systems, therapeutic approaches, and imaging modalities.





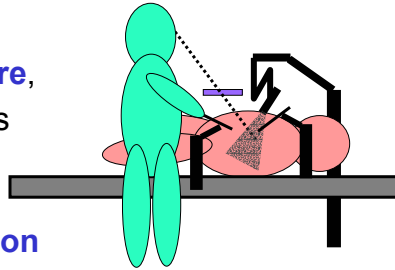
“Information-intensive” surgery

- Surgical systems interfacing to an information-rich surgical environment
- ... and capable of using this information to maintain **patient-specific models**
- ... **registered in real time** to the physical reality of the operating room
- ... with the ability to use these models to **assist surgeons in carrying out complex surgical procedures**
- ... through robotic assists and information display devices.

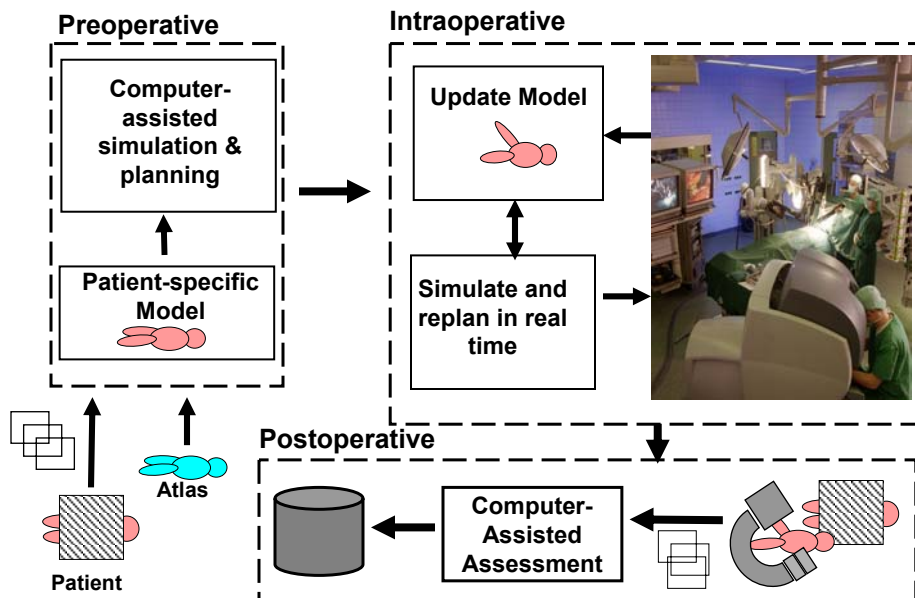


“Super-human” surgical teams

- Surgical systems capable of **modeling and following the progress of a surgical procedure**,
- ... and able to use robotic devices and sensors extending human performance
- ... **cooperatively with the surgeon**
- ... in order to improve the quality of surgical procedures and to enable interventions that would be otherwise impossible.



Eventual goal: grand unified system



Research and technology barriers

Modeling & analysis

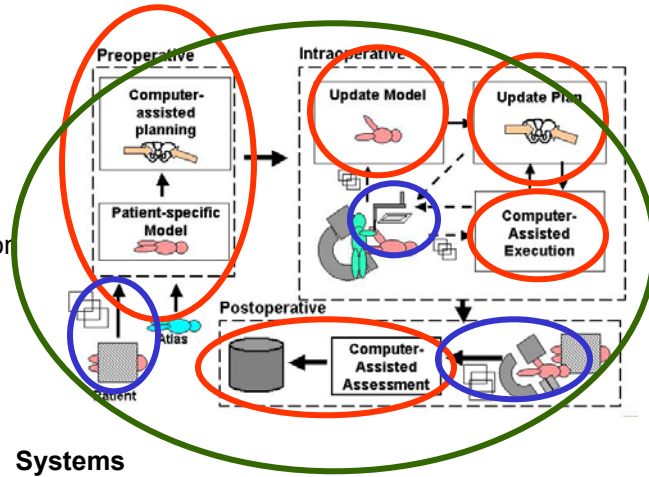
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization
- Task characterization
- etc.

Interface Technology

- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

Systems

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



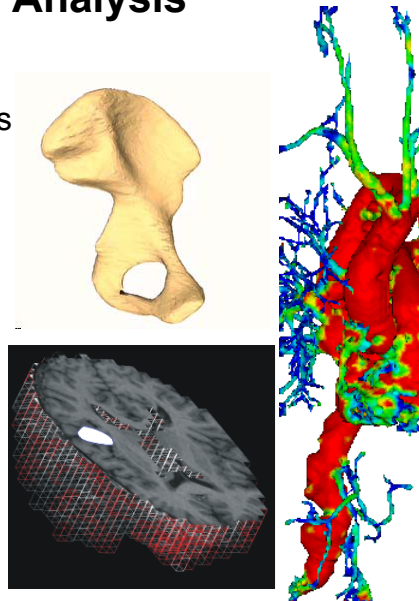
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Modeling & Analysis

- Extracting & combining information from multiple sources and sensors
- Combining functional and geometric information
- Representing and reasoning about uncertainty
- Managing complexity

Core Challenge: Develop computationally effective methods for patient-specific modeling and analysis

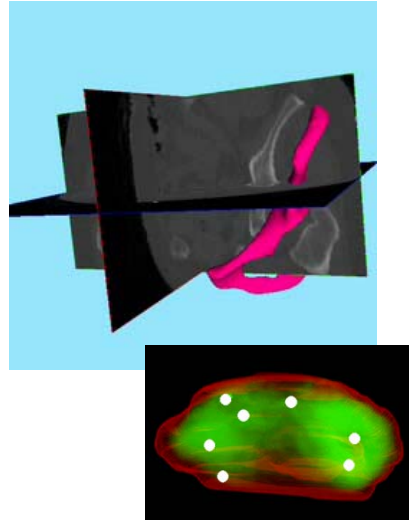


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Modeling and Analysis Highlights

- Explosion of 3D imaging modalities
 - MRI, CT, Ultrasound, etc.
- Patient-specific models based on images
- Statistical atlases and deformable models are emerging as crucial enabling technologies within CIS
- Beginning to see application of real-time computer vision methods



Example: Biomechanical Simulation of Medical Needle Insertion

Ron Alterovitz, Ken Goldberg (UC Berkeley)

Jean Pouliot, I-Chow Hsu (UCSF)

- *Goal:* Reduce radioactive seed placement error in prostate cancer brachytherapy treatment using biomechanical simulation
- Developed 2D dynamic finite element model of needle insertion in tissue
- Interactive simulation: 24 fps on a 750MHz PC
- *Applications:* Physician training and treatment planning



Tissue deformations cause seed placement error



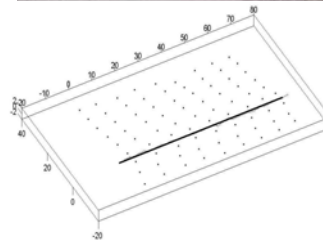
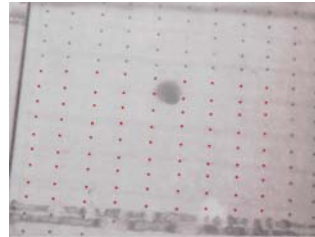
Planner computes offsets to compensate for simulated tissue deformations



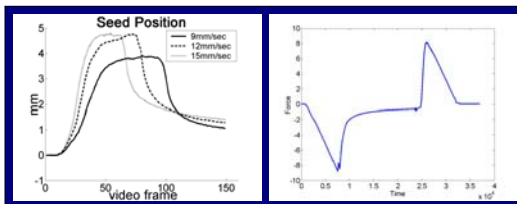
Needle Insertion Modeling

Jessica Crouch, Allison Okamura, Chad Schneider, Josh Wainer

- **Goal:** Improve needle targeting for biopsy, brachytherapy by modeling tissue deformation
- **Strategy:**
 - *Reproduce* deformation with phantom & robotically controlled needle
 - *Record* deformation & force data
 - *Fit* finite element models to data
 - *Predict* deformations with FE model and intelligently guide insertion
- **Status:** on-going research



3D model of needle and fiducials



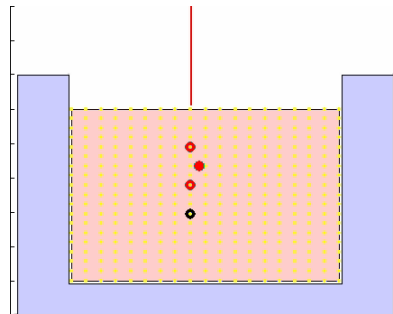
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Other related work on deformable soft tissue modeling

- Simon DiMaio (UBC, now at BWH)



- Rob Howe (Harvard)
- Various groups in Europe, Japan

S. DiMaio (UBC)

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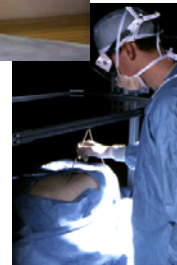
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Interface Technology

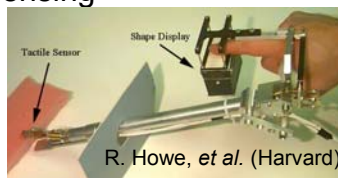
- Imaging and sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

Core Challenge: Fundamentally extend the sensory, motor, and human-adaptation abilities of computer-based systems in an unusually demanding and constrained environment



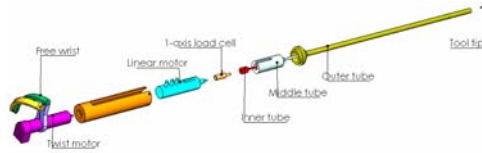
Interface Technology Highlights

- Emergence of robot manipulator designs specifically designed for surgical applications
 - E.g., RCM, MRI compatible systems, “snake” robots, ...
- Cooperative control for human skill augmentation
- Specialized systems with tissue or image sensing



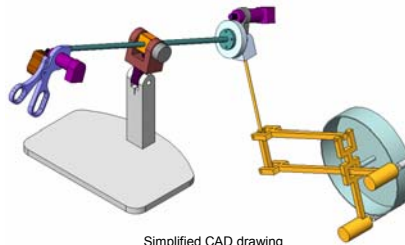
Instrumented endoscopic end effector:

- Non-invasive measurement of forces/torques in all five DOFs; no sensor on the tip jaws
- Detachable tips
- Outer tube diameter < 1 cm
- Applications:
 - Robotic surgery
 - Surgical skills assessment; study of force/torque signatures



Force-reflective interface for endoscopic manipulation:

- Force feedback in all five DOFs
- Fairly large workspace for the instrument tip
- Partial static balancing
- Applications:
 - Robotic surgery
 - VR-based simulation and training; haptics-assisted guidance



Simplified CAD drawing

* M. Tavakoli, R.V. Patel and M. Moallem, Design Issues in a Haptics-Based Master-Slave System for Minimally Invasive Surgery, *In proceedings of the 2004 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, April 2004, New Orleans, LA.

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Micron:

Active Cancellation with Freehand Device

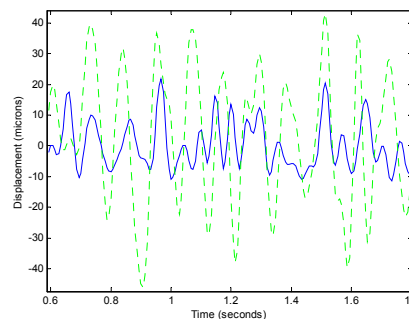
Riviere, Ang, et al. (CMU)

Micron incorporates motion sensing and endpoint control

- small, hand-held design
- active tremor cancellation
- new system meets goal of < 10 μ m rms motion



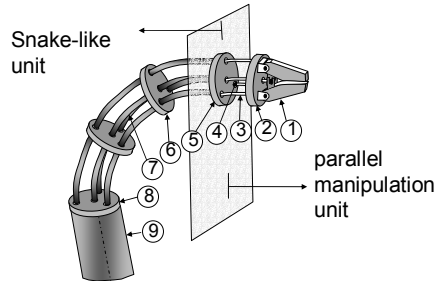
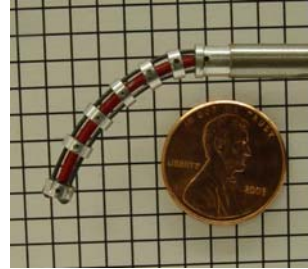
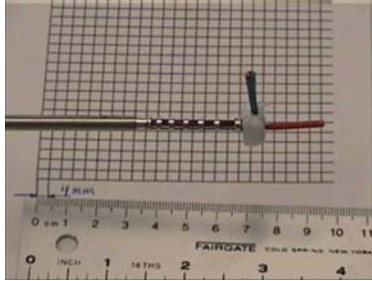
Precise control of piezoelectric actuators is needed for effective active tremor compensation.



Active error compensation via Micron, displaying uncompensated (green) vs. compensated (blue) results.

Telesurgical robot for throat surgery

Nabil Simaan, Russell Taylor, Paul Flint, MD



- 1 gripper
- 2 moving platform
- 3 parallel stage flexible links
- 4 Gripper actuation link
- 5 end disk
- 6 spacer disk
- 7 central backbone tube
- 8 base disk
- 9 DDU holder

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Surgical Robot Technology Work Elsewhere

- Asia
 - Ikuta, Mitsuishi, Fujii, Hata, Sakuma, Dohi, Masamune, Nakamura, Kwon, Fukuda, ...<<more to be added>>
- Europe + Israel
 - Davies, Dombre, Mathelin, Krupa, Dario, Herzinger, Fischer, Nelson, Shoham, Radermacher, Degoulange, Ortmaier, Woern, Troccaz, Papadopoulos, ... <<more to be added>>
- North America
 - Sastry, Salcudean, Hannaford, Allen, Howe, Fichtinger, Stoianovici, Whitcomb, Taylor, Simaan, Okamura, Patel, McBeath, Charles, Salisbury, Peshkin, Riviere, ...<<more to be added>>
- See, e.g., Taylor's & Dario' survey articles in recent *IEEE Transactions Special Issue*



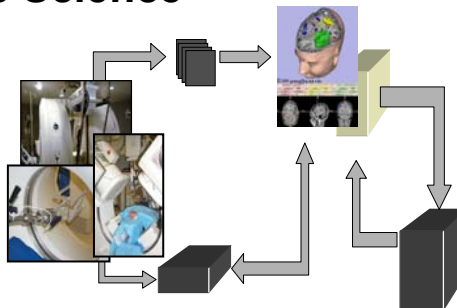
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Systems Science

- Modularity & Standards
- Robustness & Safety
- Customization
- Validation
- Information management



Core Challenge: Develop architectures, building blocks, and analysis techniques that facilitate rapid development and validation of versatile CIS systems & processes with predictable performance



Systems Highlights

- Commercial systems
 - CAD/CAM: Robodoc, Arthrobot, Neuromate, Accuray, Image-Guide, ...
 - Assistants: daVinci, Zeus, AESOP, ...
- Research systems being clinically evaluated
 - E.g., JHU in-MRI prostate robot, US guided robots, ...
- Recognized need for testbed architectures & shared components
- New interest in systems as enablers for biomedical research

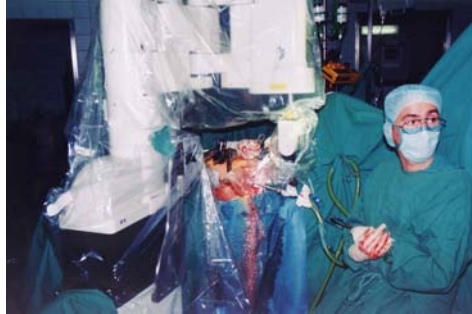


Intuitive Surgical daVinci

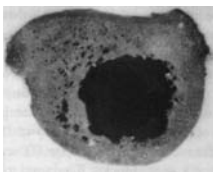


CIS Systems Examples

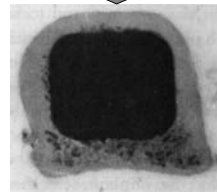
- **Surgical CAD/CAM Systems**
- Surgical Assistant Systems
- Some concluding remarks



Robotic Joint Replacement Surgery



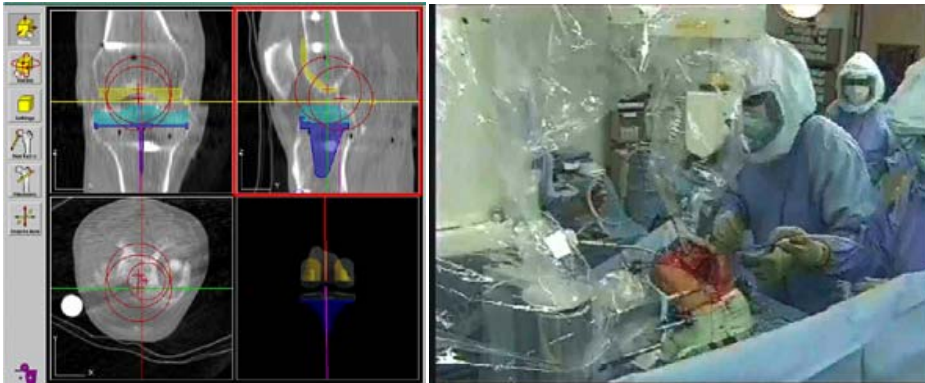
Manual Surgery



Robotic Surgery



Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery



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Robotic THR & TKR Systems in Research Phases (Partial List)

- Parallel link approaches
 - Aachen (GRIGOS)
 - ➡ – KAIST
 - Technion
- “Conventional” arms
 - Northwestern
 - U. Washington
 - Rizzoli Institute
- Cooperative Control
 - ➡ – Imperial College (ACROBOT)
 - Grenoble (PaDyc)



Movie: KAIST



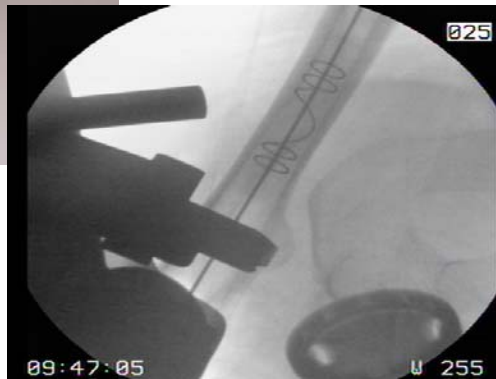
Movie: Brian Davies

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X-ray based registration



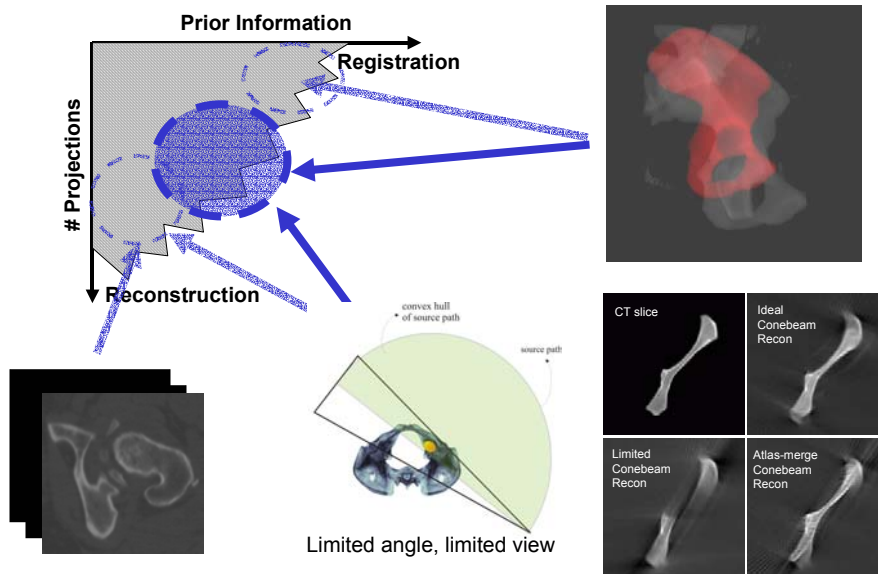
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3D models from limited x-ray projections

Taylor, Prince, Yao, Sadowsky, Ramamurthi, *et al.*



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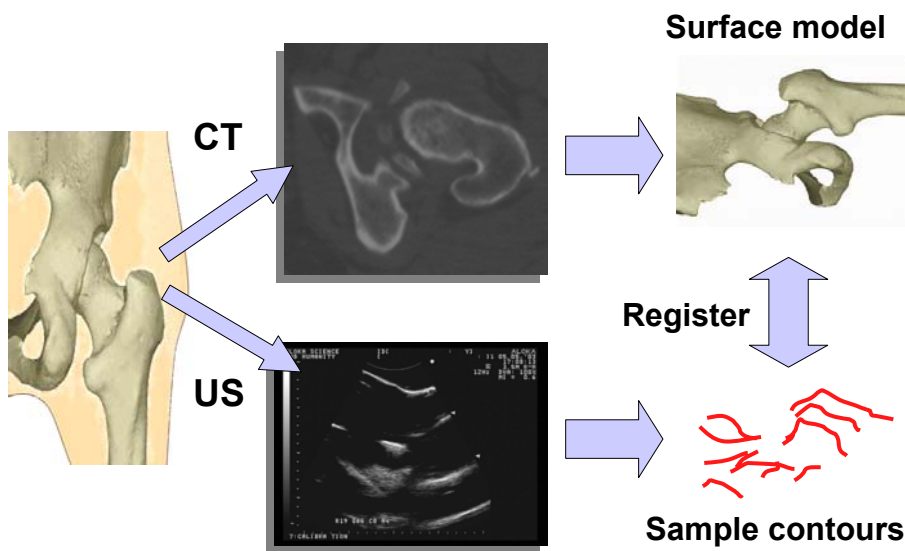


Other related work on statistical atlases with strong tie to interventions

- C. Davatzikos & D. Shen (U. Penn)
- T. Peters & A. Fenster (Robarts)
- R. Kikinis, S. Warfield, *et al.* (BWH)
- D. Hawkes, C. Taylor, *et al.* (Guy's Hospital)
- N. Ayache *et al.* (INRIA)
- Many more groups in US, Europe, Asia



Ultrasound-based registration



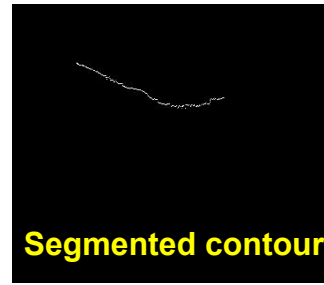
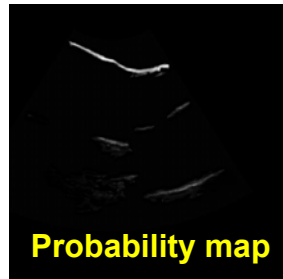
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Understanding Bone responses in B-mode Ultrasound Images and Automatic Bone Surface extraction using a Bayesian Probabilistic Framework

19th Feb 2004
 Ameet K. Jain, Russell H. Taylor

Computer-Integrated Surgical Systems and Technologies (CISST-ERC),
 Department of Computer Science,
 Johns Hopkins University.

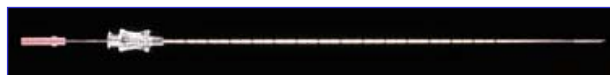
- Construct 3D surface probability map from multiple tracked 2D US images
- Compute segmented contours from probability map
- Presented SPIE 2004



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Image-Guided Needle-Based Interventions



Potentially significant impact on medical practice

- Minimally invasive (compared to open surgery)
 - Faster recovery
 - Less morbidity
 - Fewer complications
 - Lower cost
 - Repeatable in many indications
- Sharply increasing number of procedures

Challenging but also doable

- *Constrained process – formally describable*
- Major challenges (in addition to open/lap surgery):
 - no visibility
 - no access
 - no room to maneuver
 - no room to recover

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Current clinical scope

MACRO SCALE			MICRO SCALE	
Prostate 200,000 cancers/year 1M biopsies /year 10M BPH currently 25% of men affected in lifetime	Liver Metastasis from colorectal cancer 130,000 new /year 60,000 death /year Hepatitis worldwide	Spine/Bone 70% of population affected in lifetime 400,000 metastatic cancer /year	Eye ~100k/y retinal occlusions, >100k/y age-related macular degeneration (AMD)	Ear Hearing loss of 30-35% of 65-75 yo 40-50% over 75 yo

United States numbers

Why these?

- Significant health problems
- Right mix of challenge and doability
- Clinical buy-in
- Experience of investigators
- Funding opportunities



Clinical example

- Kidney biopsy
- Robot registered to CT from single image using markers on end-effector



Photos: D. Stoianovici, L. Kavoussi, A. Patriciu, S. Solomon (JHU Bayview)

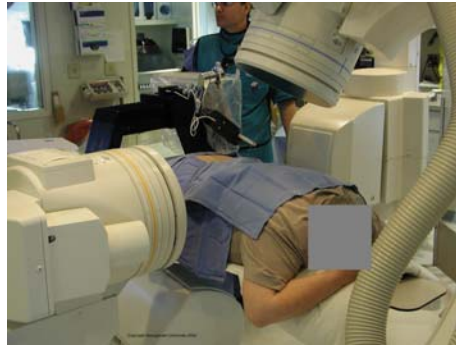
Other contributors: R. Susil, G. Fichtinger, K. Masamune, R. Taylor (JHU WSE)



Robotically Assisted Spinal Pain Blocks

K. Cleary, V. Watson (Georgetown), D. Stoianovici (Hopkins)

- Assist physician in needle placement for spinal blocks
- Joystick controlled robot
- Steady needle holder
- Physician can manipulate needle in real-time without radiation exposure
- FDA and IRB approved clinical trial completed



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Robotically Assisted Lung Biopsy

K. Cleary (Georgetown), R. Taylor (Hopkins), C. White (Maryland)

- Automatically take lung biopsy sample under CT fluoroscopy
- Needle driver robot
- Frame grab images
- Predict lung motion and command robot
- Phantom and swine studies in progress

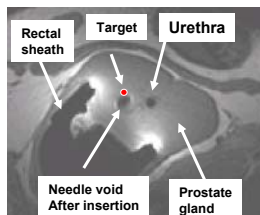
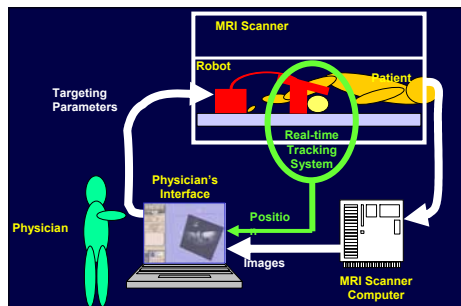


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Intra-Cavity Robot in Closed MRI



In clinical trial at NIH for prostate biopsy and seed implant.

JHMI: Ergin Atalar (Radiology), Ted DeWeese (RadOnc)

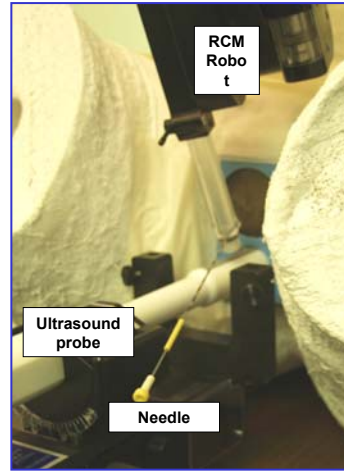
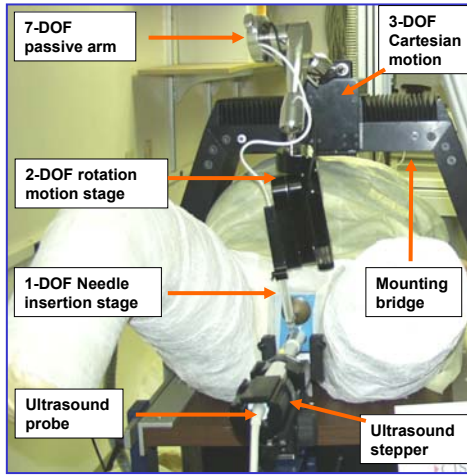
WSE: Gabor Fichtinger, Louis Whitcomb, Axel Krieger

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TRUS-Guided Prostate Therapy



JHMI: Stoianovici, Kavoussi (Urology), TedDeWeese (RadOnc)
WSE: Fichtinger, Whitcomb
Industry: Burdette Medical Systems

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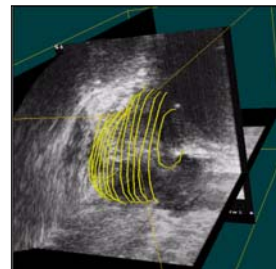
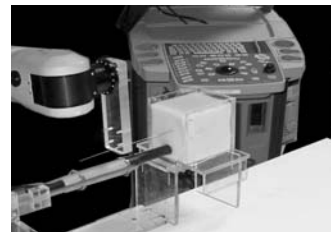
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3D ULTRASOUND GUIDED & ROBOT AIDED PROSTATE BRACHYTHERAPY

A. Fenster (Robarts)

- Conventional robot holds needle guide
- 3D TRUS targeting & needle tracking
- In-vitro test results
 - Needle placement accuracy: 0.145 mm
 - Needle placement accuracy: 0.09° at 15°
 - Needle targeting accuracy: 1.54 x 0.78 x 0.22 mm³ at 95% confidence
 - 3D Prostate segmentation accuracy: 95%
 - Needle tracking accuracy: 0.8 mm

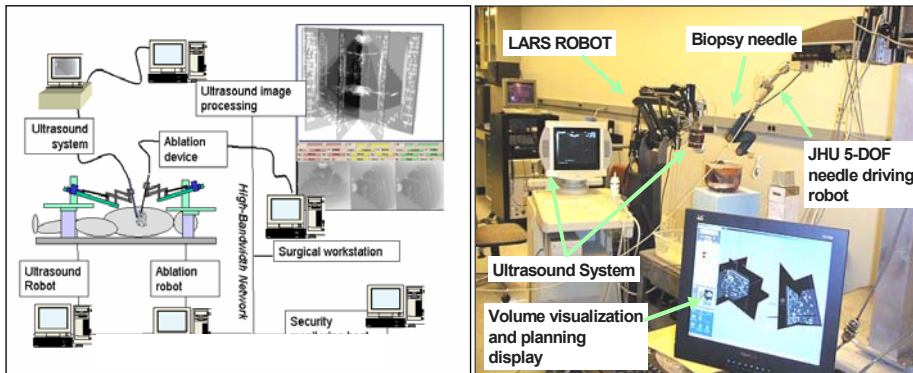


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Robot-Assisted US-Guided Liver Therapy



JHMI: Choti (Surg), Kavoussi (Urology), Solomon (Radiology)

WSE: Fichtiger, Taylor, Bector, Jain, Fischer, Vishwanathan, et al.

Industry : Burdette Medical, Intuitive Surgical, Aloka, Siemens

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Stereotactic Radiosurgery Robots

- **Radiosurgery systems**
 - Aim beam at patient from multiple directions
 - Typically multiple sessions
 - Millions of procedures per year (breast, prostate, brain, ...)
- **Key “robotics” issues**
 - Planning
 - Registration to patient
 - Patient motion

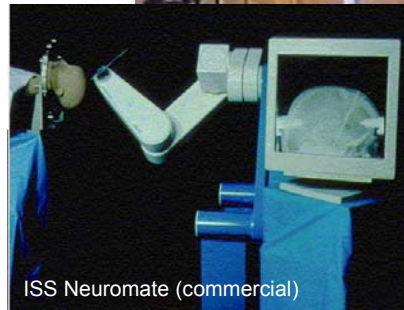


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Stereotactic Neurosurgery Robots

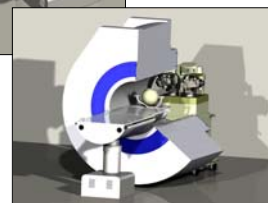
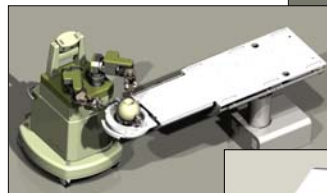
- First clinical application of robots
 - Kwoh, *et al.*
 - Lavallee, *et al.*
 - Benabid, *et al.*
 - ...
- Commercialized
 - E.g., ISS Neuromate



Project neuroArm™

G.R. Sutherland, P.B. McBeth, D.F. Louw
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Micro-neurosurgery
- Stereotaxy
- Master-Slave Control
- MR Compatibility
- Image Guidance
- Haptic Feedback
- Status: In Development
 - 2yrs from clinical application



CAS Systems Examples

- Surgical CAD/CAM Systems
- **Surgical Assistant Systems**
- Some concluding remarks



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Robotic “Third Hand” Assistants

- Limb positioners
- Retractors
- Endoscope holders
 - Aesop
 - IBM/JHU LARS
 - etc.
- Can incorporate sophisticated HMI, voice, vision, etc.



Credit: Yulun Wang

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Telerobotic Surgical Augmentation

- Commercial systems include Zeus, daVinci
- Teleoperated MIS surgery
 - Late 1990s robotics implementing late 1980s techniques
- Great potential to go beyond this
 - Information fusion
 - “Virtual fixtures”
 - Truly remote access

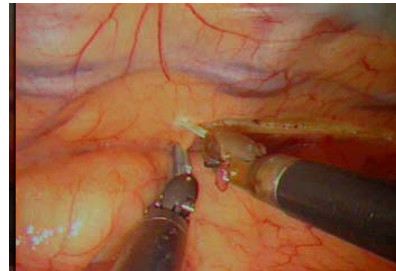
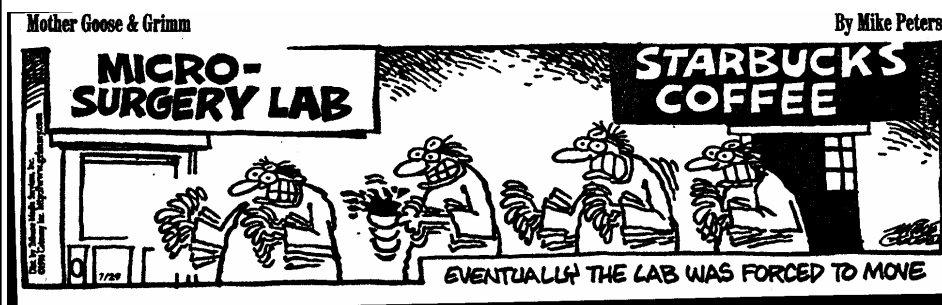


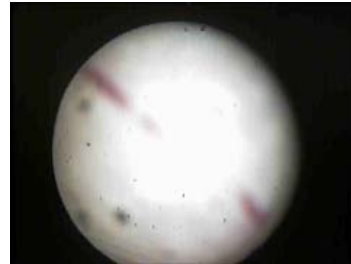
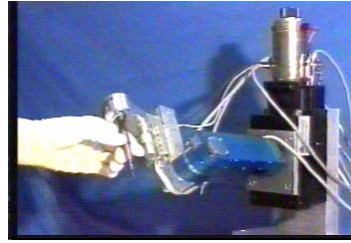
Photo: Intuitive Surgical



Robotic Assistants for Microsurgery



Steady Hand Guiding for Microsurgery



Free hand motion

Steady hand motion

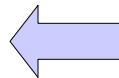
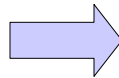
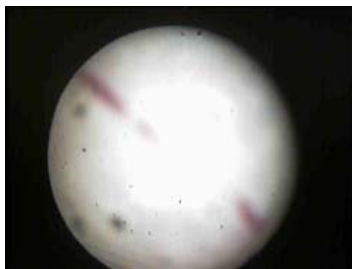
R. Taylor & R. Kumar

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Stable platform for interventions



R. Kumar, 2001

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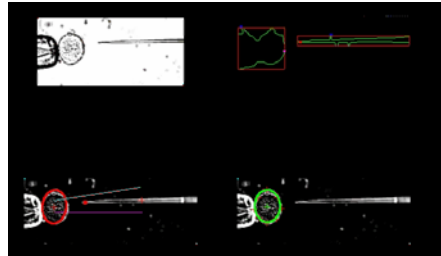
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Biomanipulation with a steady hand robot

Rajesh Kumar⁽¹⁾, Ankur Kapoor⁽²⁾, Russ Taylor⁽²⁾

- Cooperatively controlled robot for single-cell scale biomanipulation tasks
- Multiple control modes
 - Simple compliant guiding
 - “Augmented” compliant guiding
 - Shared/supervised autonomy
- Future work includes:
 - Next generation system
 - Visual “virtual fixtures”



(1) Foster-Miller; (2) CISST ERC, JHU
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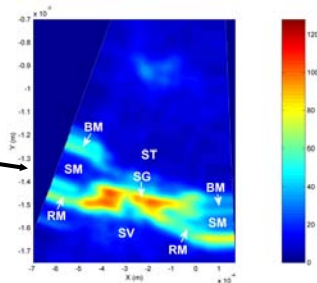
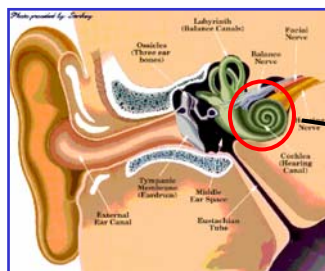
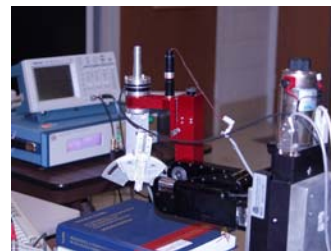


High Precision Ultrasound Guided Needle Placement

Rothbaum/Roy/Mustafa/Niparko/Francis/Whitcomb

Goal: to access the scala-media under ultrasound guidance

- Novel high resolution US device (collaboration with K. Shung and the Biomedical Ultrasonics Laboratory at USC)
- <30 μm resolution

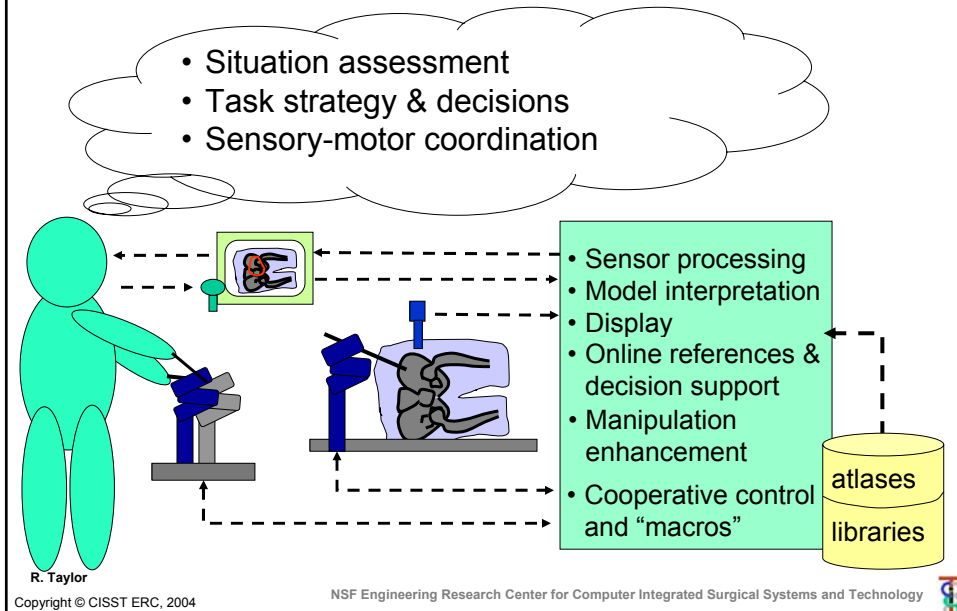


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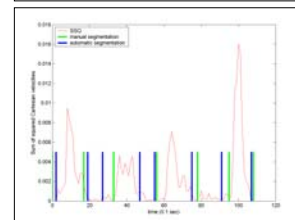
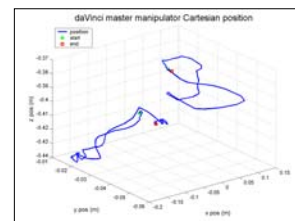
Evolution to human-machine partnership



Objective Surgical Skill Evaluation

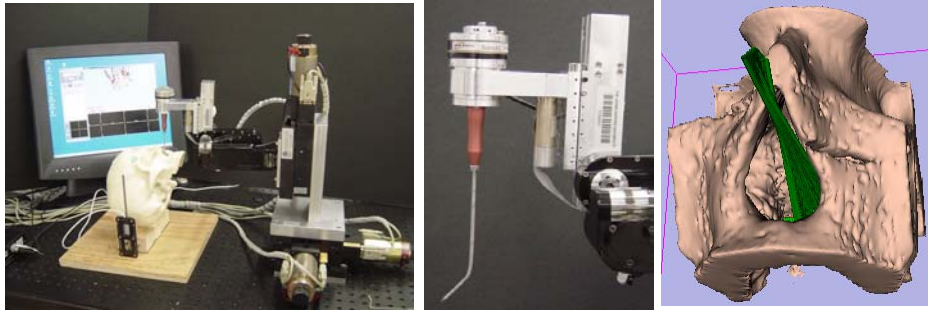
Todd E. Murphy, Allison M. Okamura (Johns Hopkins Mechanical Engineering), David D. Yuh (Johns Hopkins Cardiac Surgery)

- Project goal: identify learning curves for surgeons new to the da Vinci® system
- Approach: exploit the robotic nature of the da Vinci® to collect detailed motion information
 - Develop models to enable automatic recognition of basic motions
 - Use sequence of motions to evaluate skill
- Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) are used for motion recognition
- Status: achieved 85% correct motion recognition rate for motions used during a simple training task
 - Further work to develop a more generalized motion vocabulary and definition of appropriate examination tasks



Steady-hand sinus surgery with virtual fixtures derived from CT models

Ming Li, Russell Taylor



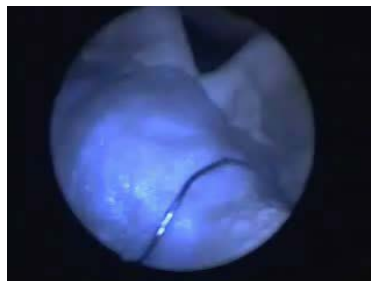
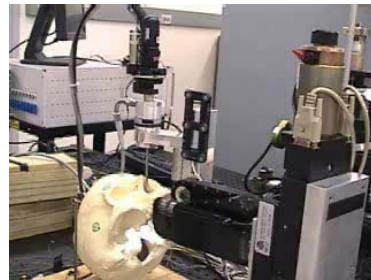
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Sample task: steady hand path tracing

- Optimal control with “virtual fixture” constraints automatically generated in real time from preoperative CT models
- Compare with free-hand
 - Approx 2:1 improvement in path following accuracy
 - Approx 1.5:1 improvement in time to complete task



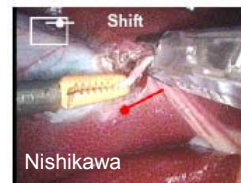
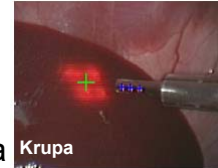
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Related work on “virtual fixtures”, “verbs” & sensor-based servoing for medical robots

- **North America**
 - Hannaford (U. Wash.)
 - Howe (Harvard)
 - Okamura, Hager, ... (JHU)
 - ...
- **Europe**
 - Dombre (Montpellier), Mathelin & Krupa (Strasbourg), Knoll (Munich), Martelli (Pisa) ...
- **Asia**
 - Nishikawa (Osaka)
 - ...



Related work on spatial planning

- **North America**
 - Howe (Harvard) & Dupont (BU)
 - Latombe (SU) & Kavraki (Rice)
- **Europe**
 - Adhami & Coste-Maniere (INRIA)
 - ...



Adhami & Coste-Maniere



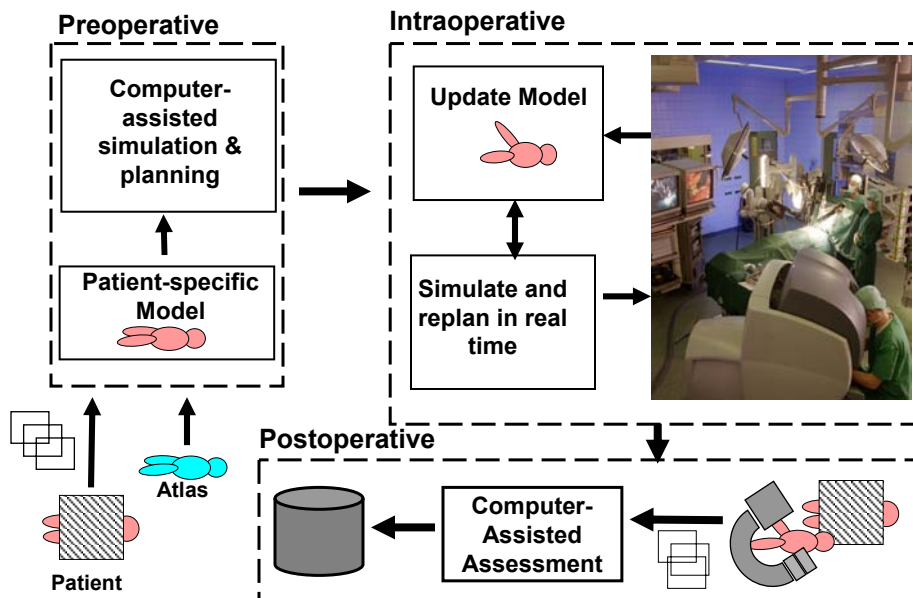
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The grand unified system*



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Surgical Total Information Awareness

- **Real time sensing & modeling of surgical situation**
 - Patient-specific models
 - Surgical tools & tool-tissue interactions
 - Surgeon movements
 - Etc.
- **Application drivers**
 - Assistance (robots & information support)
 - Outcomes assessment
- **Technology drivers**
 - Imaging, computer vision, image analysis
 - Sensors, sensor networks
 - Biomechanics, statistical modeling
 - Human-machine interfaces, haptics
 - Performance/task modeling




“Fantastic Voyage”

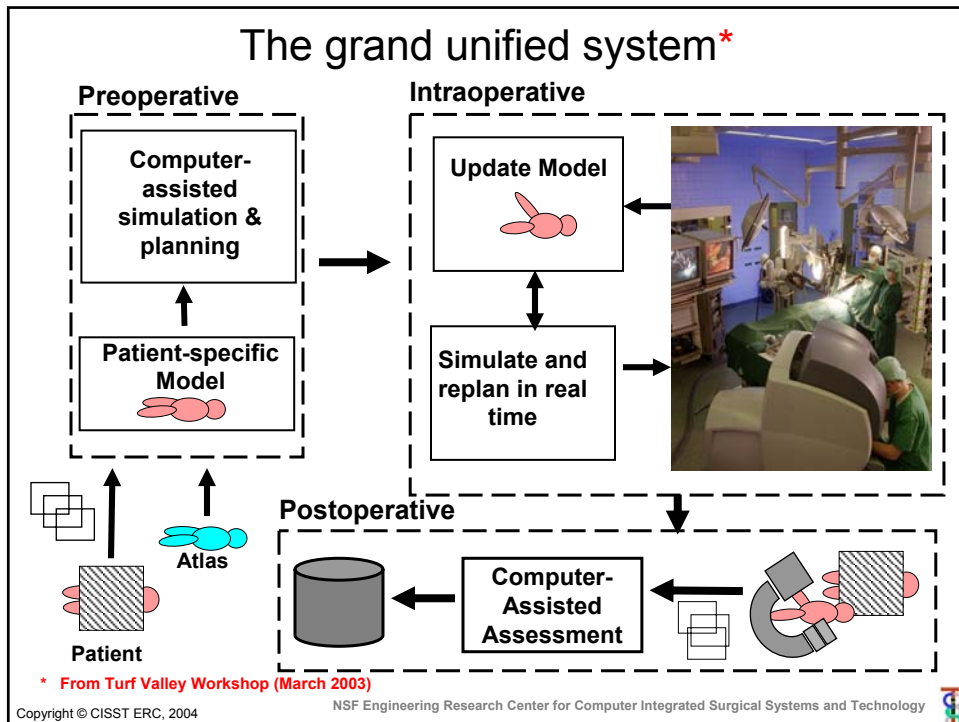
- **Micro-invasive microsurgery robots**
 - Very small robots that get to the target anatomy & perform very precise interventions
 - Multiple/flexible access paths
 - Dexterity needed to do task. Break conventional “two hands/two eyes” paradigm
 - Integration with special devices for diagnosis & therapy
 - **Example procedures**
 - Robotic Maze procedures, beating heart surgery, micro-neurosurgery, nerve root decompressions, ...
 - **Technnology drivers**
 - Micro/MEMS robots & sensors, tiny dexterous mechanisms
 - Navigation/remote control
 - Human-machine integration
 - Sensor nets / team robots
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Cell & microstructure surgery

- **General goal**
 - Extremely precise robotic systems for manipulating structures in single cells or small assemblages of cells
- **Application drivers**
 - Basic biology research 
 - Therapeutic interventions
- **Technology drivers**
 - MEMS, micro-sensors, really tiny dexterous mechanisms
 - Novel imaging,
 - Visual servoing
 - Human-machine systems





Drivers for adoption

- **Error-free surgery**
 - Designs & systems to make things safer
 - Integration of imaging, computer assistance, etc.
- **Enablers for otherwise infeasible interventions**
 - Superhuman capabilities (access, precision, ...)
 - Delivery systems for novel image-guided therapies
- **Enablers for research & development**
 - Consistency, capability & data gathering
- **Capture of information about cases**
- **Use of robots as training tools**
 - Mentoring
 - Simulation integrated with robotics

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Research and technology barriers

Modeling & analysis

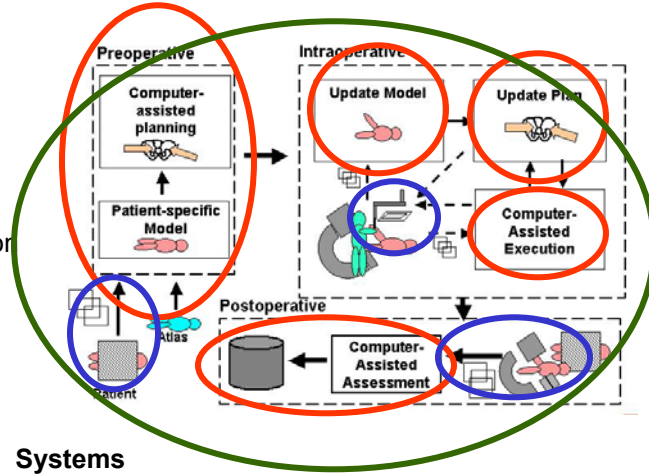
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization
- Task characterization
- *etc.*

Interface Technology

- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

Systems

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



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Table 1: A Sampler of Surgical CAD/CAM Systems

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Table 2: A Sampler of Surgical Assistant Systems

System	Institution	Country	Year	Goal: Assistant	Chained Area	Applied to	Commercial Status	Maint	Positioning: Arm	DOF	HCAM Type	Backdrift: assist	Ref
AESOP	Case Western Reserve	USA	1992	End, Force, Vision, Reach	Laparoscopic	Human	Commercial: FDA Cleared 1994	Cart and Table Adjust	-	3	Passive	Low	[12]
BlueBottle	University of Washington	USA	2002	Force, Vision, Reach	Laparoscopic	Human	-	Table	-	4	Robot	Very High	[165]
CLIM	TMU/UMVA	France	2002	-	Laparoscopic	Human	-	Table	-	3	Compliant	High	[43]
40/50ml	Intuitive Surgical	USA	1999	Master-Slave	Laparoscopic	Human	Commercial: FDA Cleared 2000	Floor Trolley	Passive, breaks	29	Passive	High	[14]
LARS	BM	USA	1995	Stereoscopic / Image Guidance	Laparoscopic	Animal	-	Floor Trolley	-	6	Robot	Low	[37]
SC-MAP	LIRMM	France	2001	Surgical Assistant	Brain harvesting	Human	-	Flare	Augmented, SC, M.A.	6	-	?	[131]
SS-Colum	Scienze della Vita / Santa Anna	Italy	1997-2002	Master-Slave	Colonoscopy	Calvario	-	Free mount	-	17	-	Low	[141]
Steady Hand	Johns Hopkins	USA	1999	Stereoscopic	Microsurgery	Calvario	Not commercial	Table	-	7	Parallel-robot	Medial	[123, 124]
Endoscope	Hanksville University / Indigent Instruments	Germany	1997	Navigation system	Microsurgery	Human (micro-instruments)	-	Cutting	Parallel	6	-	Low	[166]
TER	TMU/UMVA	France	2001	Master-Slave	Teleroentology	Human	-	Table patient	Parallel	2	Constant at entry	High	[158]
URC/US	University of British Columbia	Canada	1999	3D Binaural	Endoscopic exams	Human	-	Floor Trolley	-	6	4 line free, all-gram	High	[142]
URC/US	University of British Columbia	Canada	1997	Master-Slave	Microsurgery	Human	-	Table	4000g active, robot	6	-	High	[104]
URC/US	University of British Columbia	Canada	1995	Master-Slave	Microsurgery	Human	-	Table	4000g active, robot	6	-	High	[107, 108]
UTLAP	University of Tokyo	Japan	1999	Master-Slave	Foot	Human	-	Table	-	4	Passive (for free-gram)	High	[39]
Zion	Computer Motion	USA	1998	Master-Slave	Laparoscopic	Human	Commercial	Table Mount	-	3	with non-inertial	Low	[13]

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How can we get there?

Strong and committed teams

- Surgeons
- Engineers
- Industry



Focus on systems that address important needs



Rapid iteration with measurable goals



Have fun!



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

