

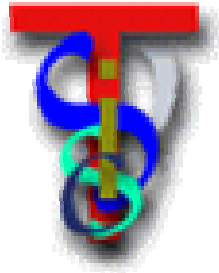


# **NSF Engineering Research Center for Computer-Integrated Surgical Systems and Technology**

## **CISST Research Program: Current and Future Trends**

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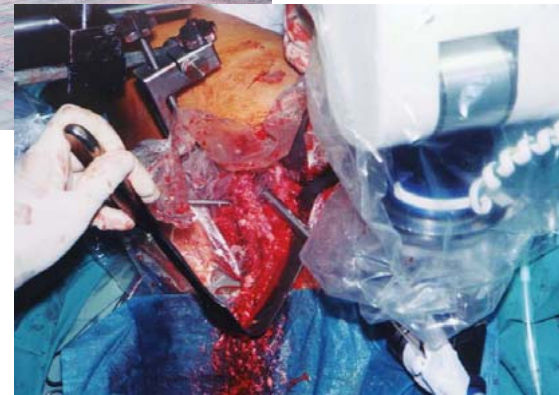
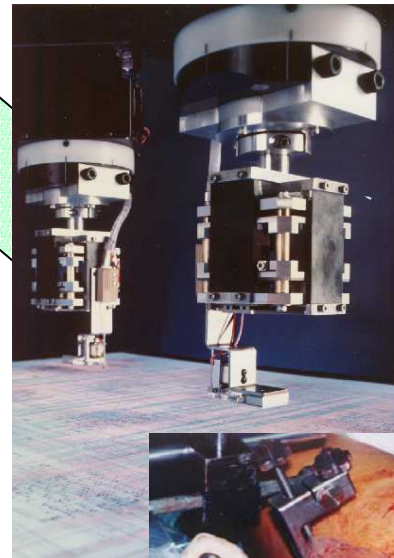


- Established 1998
- Multi-institution, multi-disciplinary center
  - Johns Hopkins University + Medical Institutions
  - MIT + Brigham & Women's Hospital
  - CMU + UPMC
  - Others: Morgan State, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, Columbia
- Funding
  - Core NSF Grant + NIH + Industry; Total = \$9-10M
- University researchers, clinicians, industry
- Research, Systems, Education, Outreach

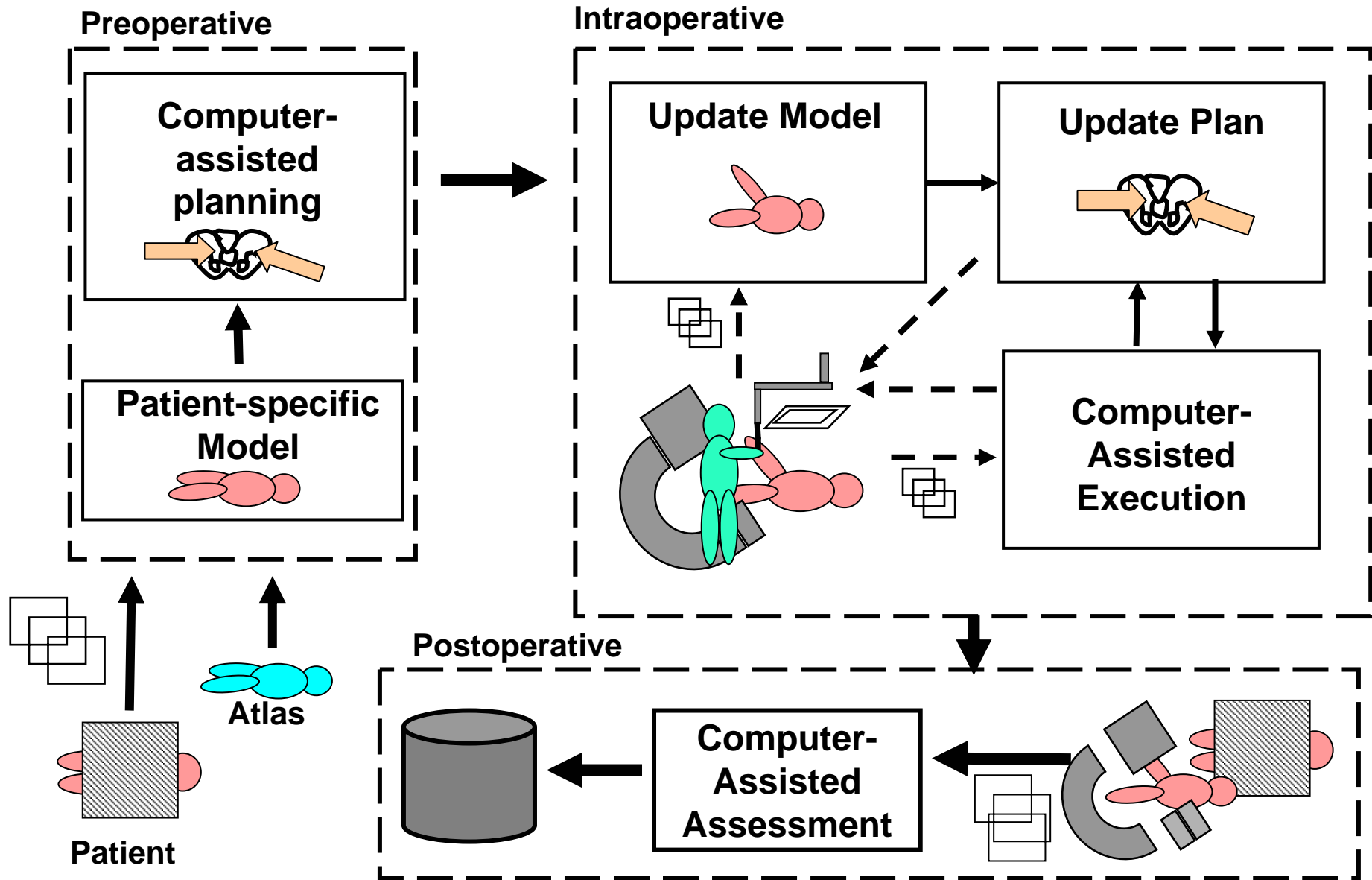


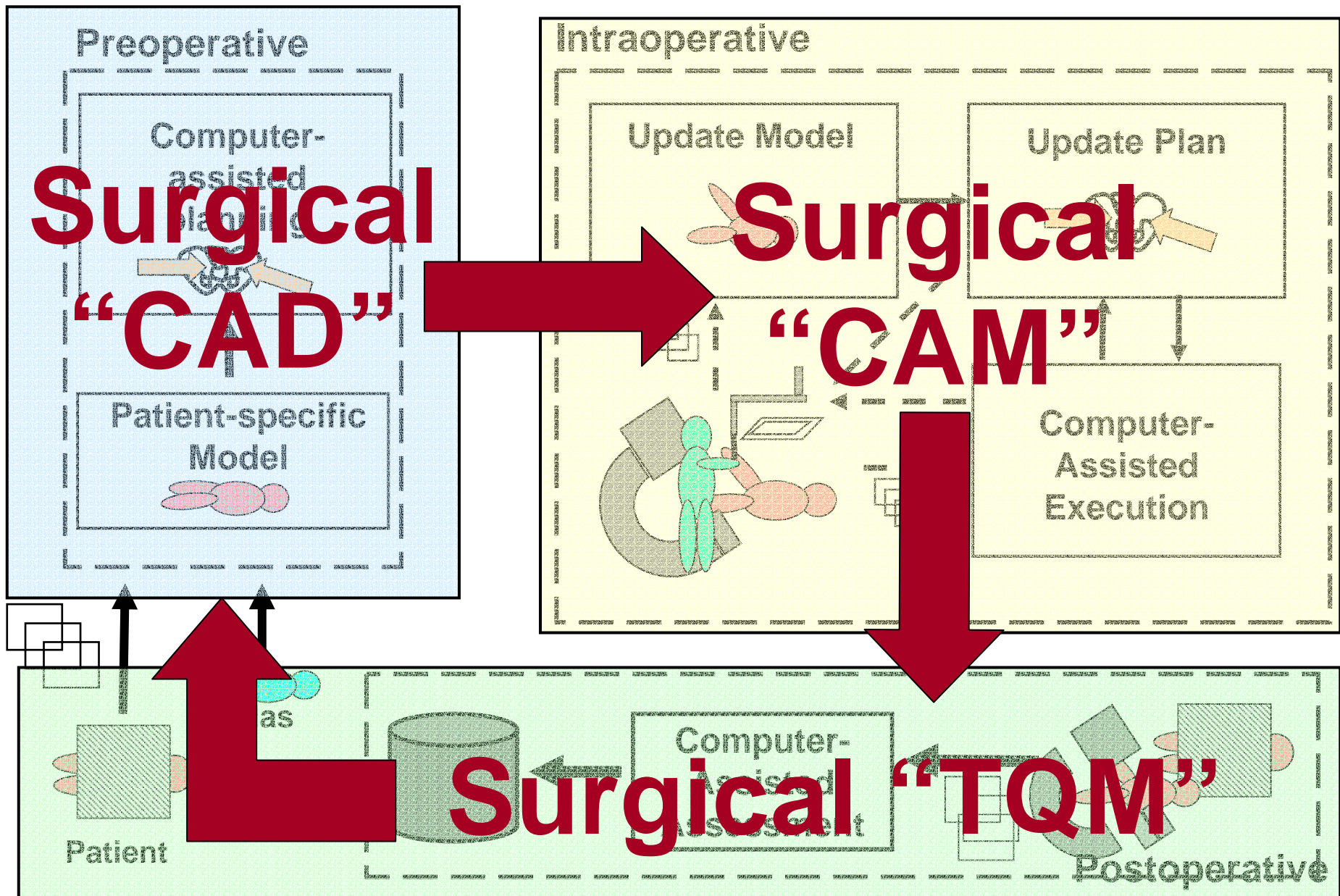
# CISST Premise

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.



# CIS Systems Vision





# Surgical CAD-CAM Activities

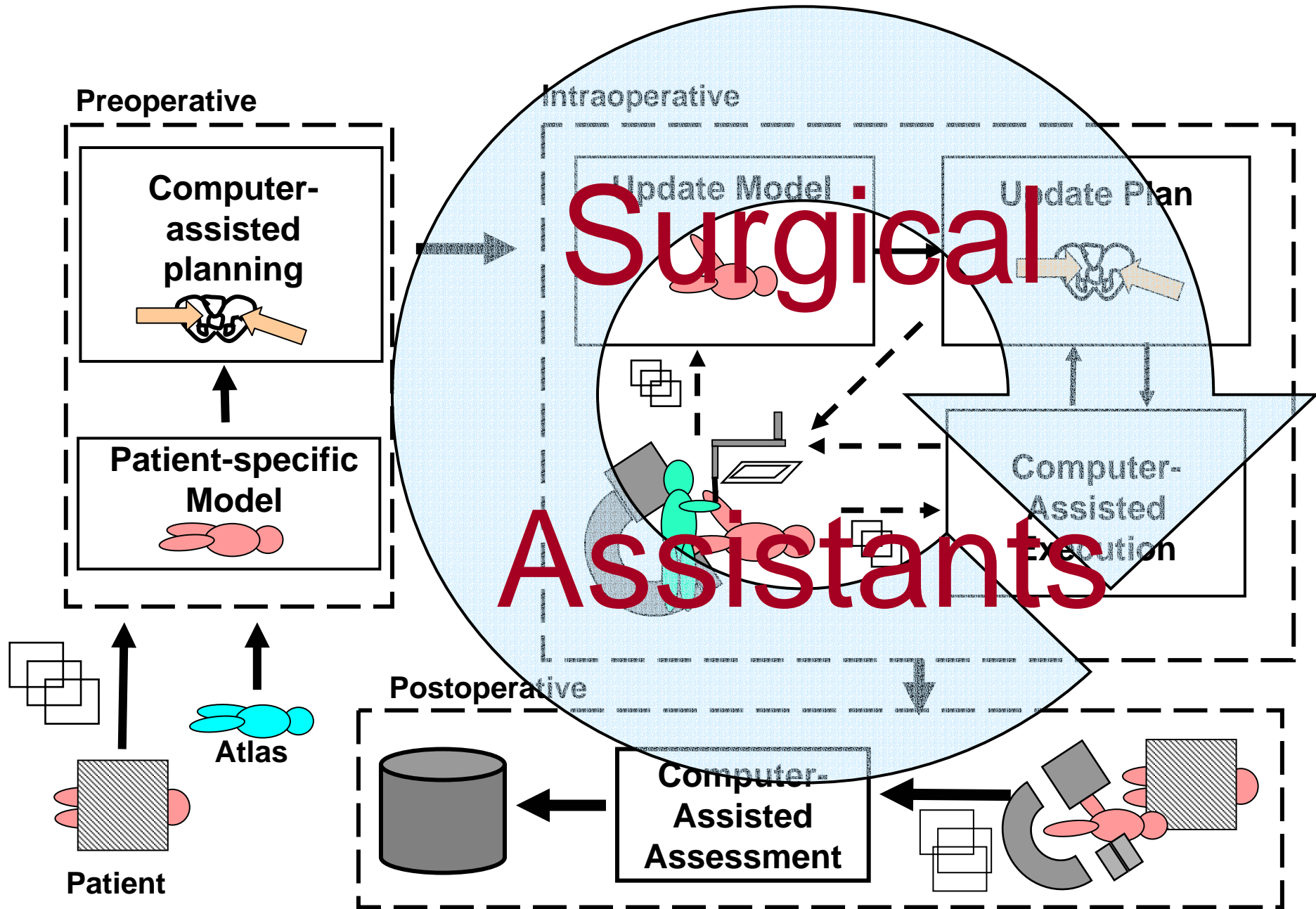
<h2>Prostate</h2> <p>200,000 cancers/year 1M biopsies /year 10M BPH currently 25% of men affected in lifetime</p>	<h2>Liver</h2> <p>Metastasis from colorectal cancer 130,000 new /year 60,000 death /year Hepatitis worldwide</p>	<h2>Spine</h2> <p>\$120 billion cost 70% of population affected in lifetime</p> <h2>Bone</h2> <p>400,000 metastatic cases/year</p>
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*United States numbers*

## Why these?

- Significant health problems
- Clinical collaboration
- Experience
- External funding
- Suitable mix for prototyping





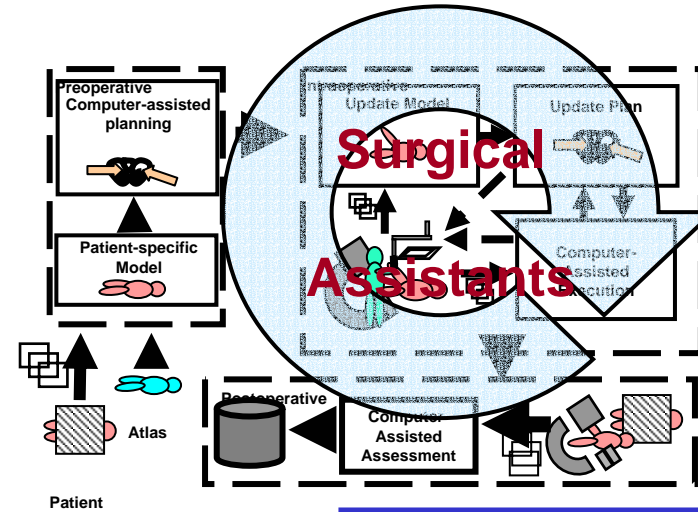
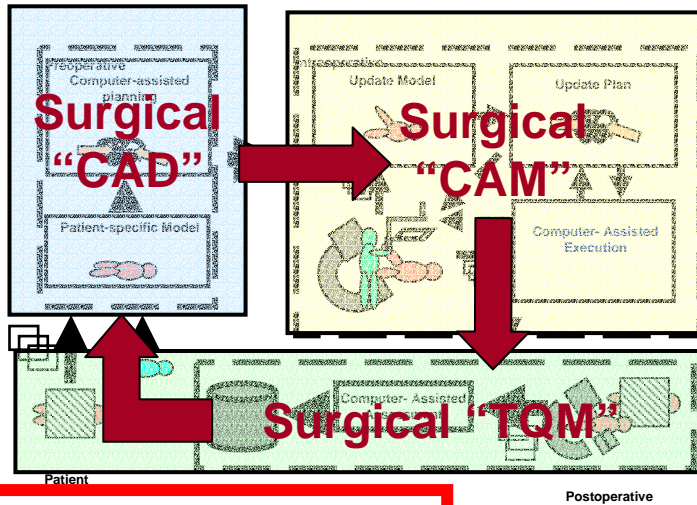
# Surgical Assistance Activities

	Eye	Ear	Sinus	Throat	Brain	General MIS
<b>Engineering Faculty</b>	Hager, Okamura Riviere. Cole- Rhodes, Etienne- Cummings	Whitcomb	Taylor Hager	Taylor Simaan Okamura	Taylor Kazanzides Hager Riviere	Okamura, Hager Taylor, Kanade Riviere, Kazanzides
<b>Clinical Faculty</b>	Handa Humayen DeJuan Thompson	Rothbaum Francis	Ishii	Flint	Long Clatterbuck Engh	Yuh, Gott Talamini Choti Marohn, Hanly
<b>Principal Focus</b>	Tremor reduction and image-based guidance	Accessing the Scala-Media	Advanced visualization with SHR guidance	High dexterity in confined spaces	Integration of Navigation and Robotics Needle steering	Telesurgery and human factors/ Robot-assisted ultrasound
<b>Platform</b>	JHU SHR with adapted Doheny Eye Institute cannulae CMU Micron with same	JHU SHR with special delivery system	EndActive endoscope	New JHU snake design, Intuitive Surgical da Vinci system	JHU SHR, Medtronic Stealthstation Steered Needle	Intuitive Surgical da Vinci system  Lars Ultrasound robot
<b>Tasks Involved</b>	1, 2, 3, 4	1	2, eventually 1, 3 and 4	1, eventually 2, 3, 4	1	2, 3, 4
<b>Clinical Status</b>	Phantom trails (Micron, SHR) ongoing	New delivery system under development.	Cadaver and Phantom trials	Phantom trials	Phantom trials in August	System development/ infrastructure underway
<b>External Funding Status</b>	NIH R01 (Micron) NIH R21 Submitted (Image-guided Micron) Planned NIH (SHR)	Seeking NIH funding	NIH R21 under revision	NIH R21	Pittsburgh Foundation ABC <sup>2</sup> pending NIH R21/33 pending	NIH R01, SBIR P1, Whitaker, NSF Other NIH, Army pending





# The Spectrum of CIS Systems



## Modeling & Analysis

- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization

## Systems

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

## Interface Technology

- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

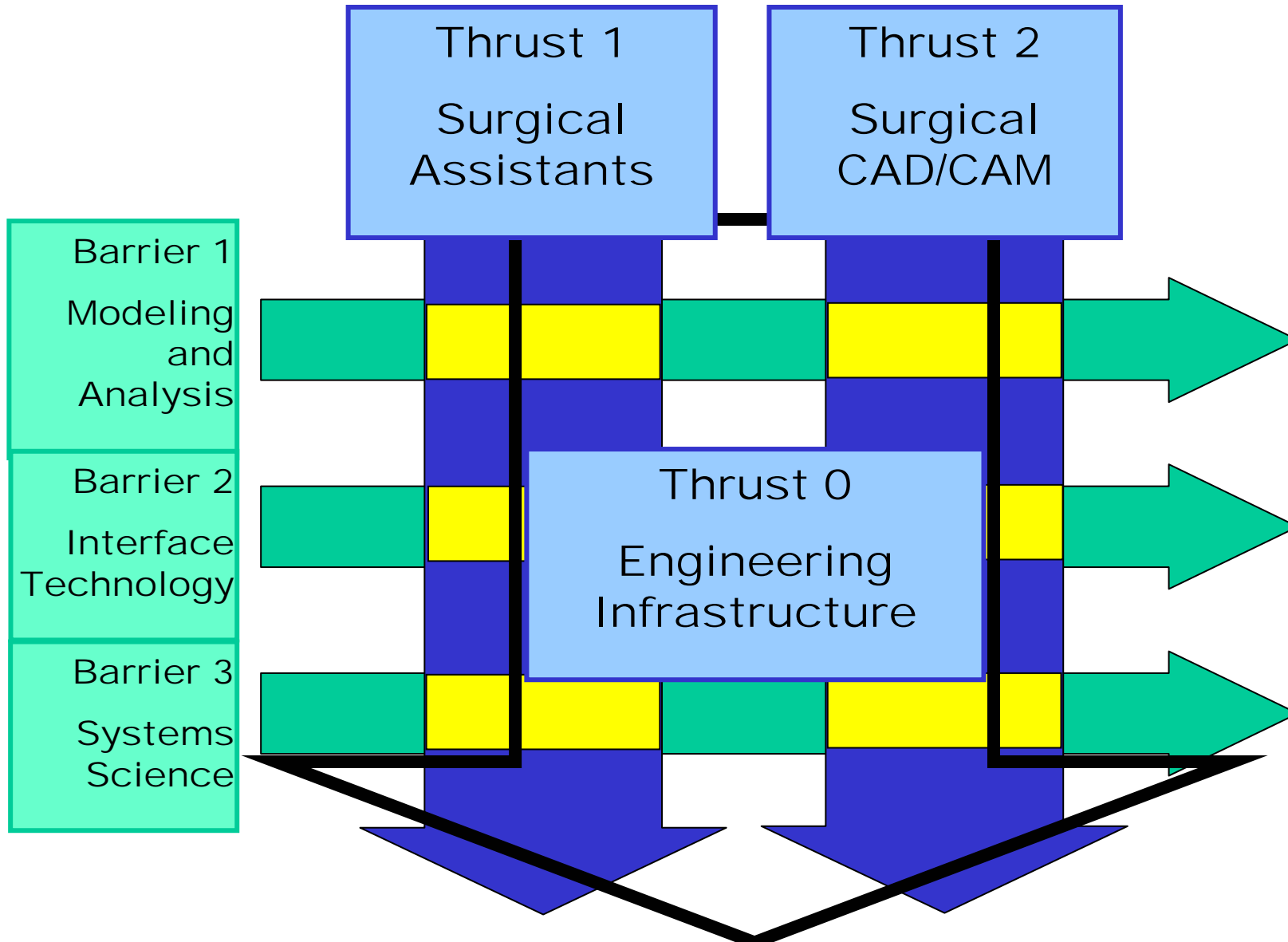
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- Robotics

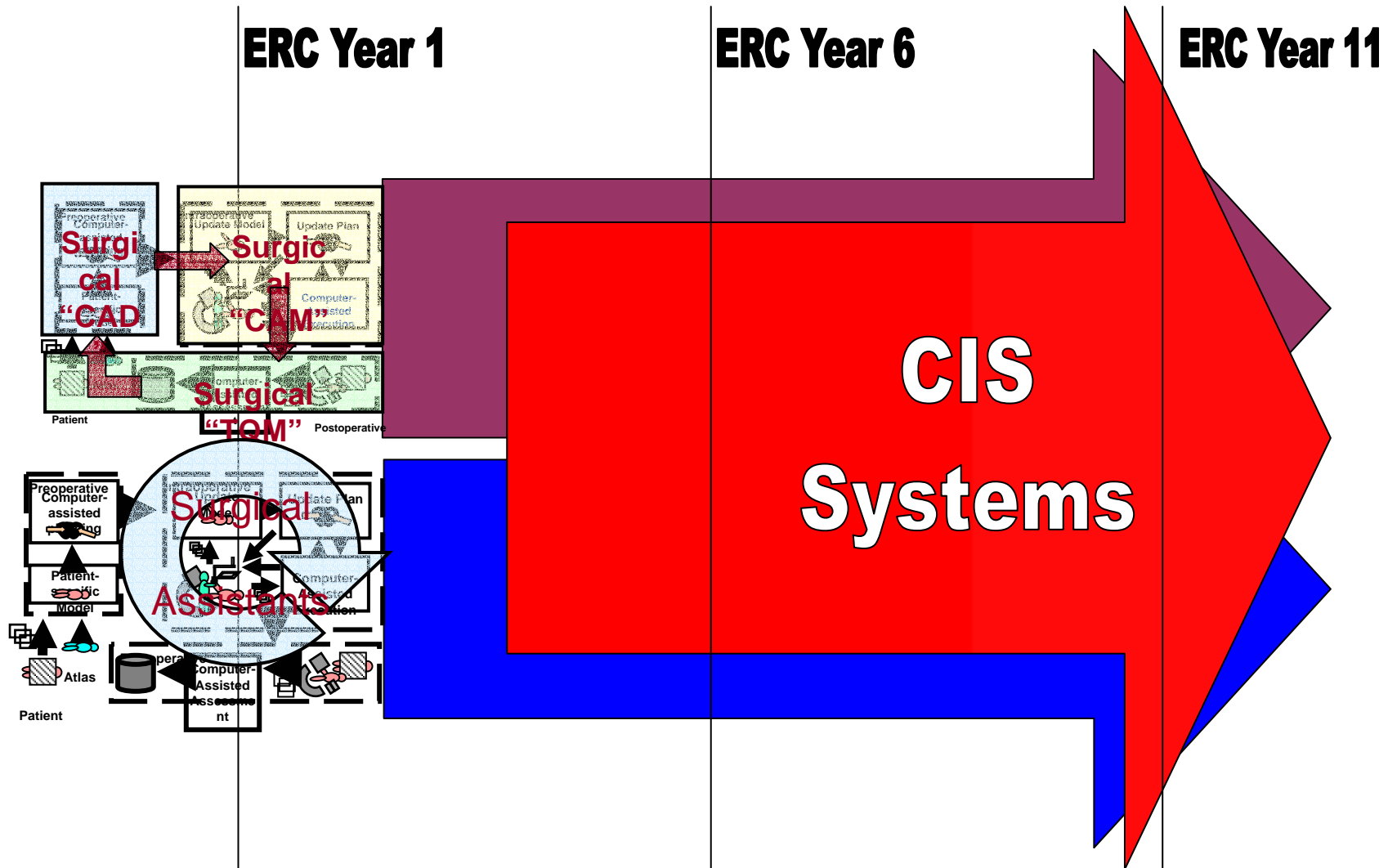
## Modeling & Analysis

- Real-time registration
- Visualization
- Task characterization

# CISST Research Organization

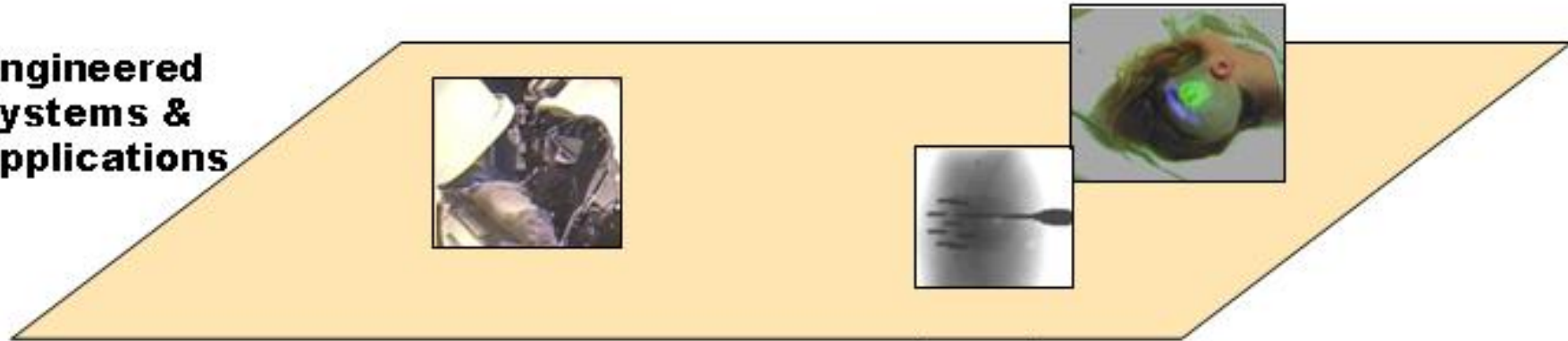


# Planned CISST Systems Evolution

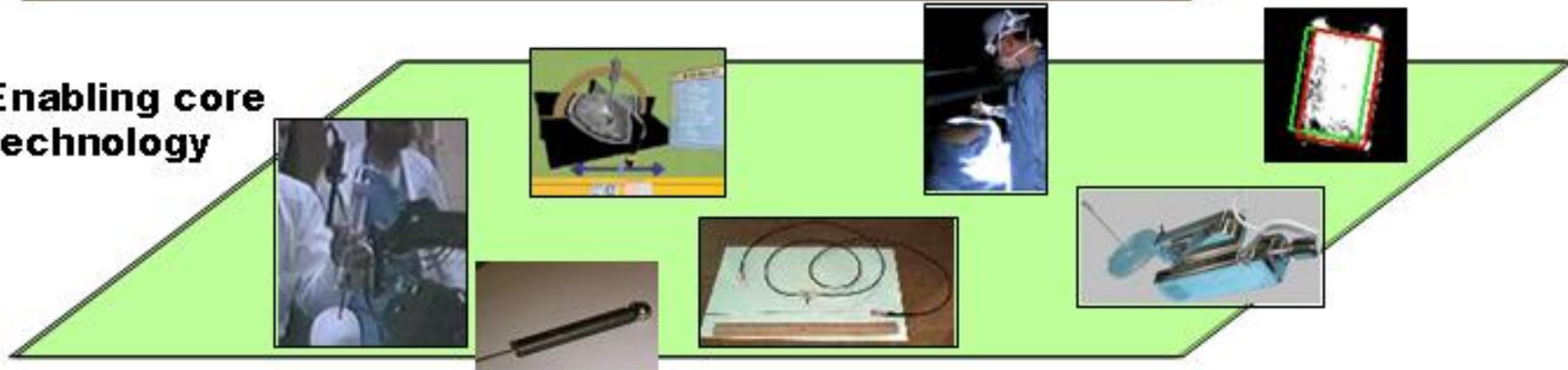


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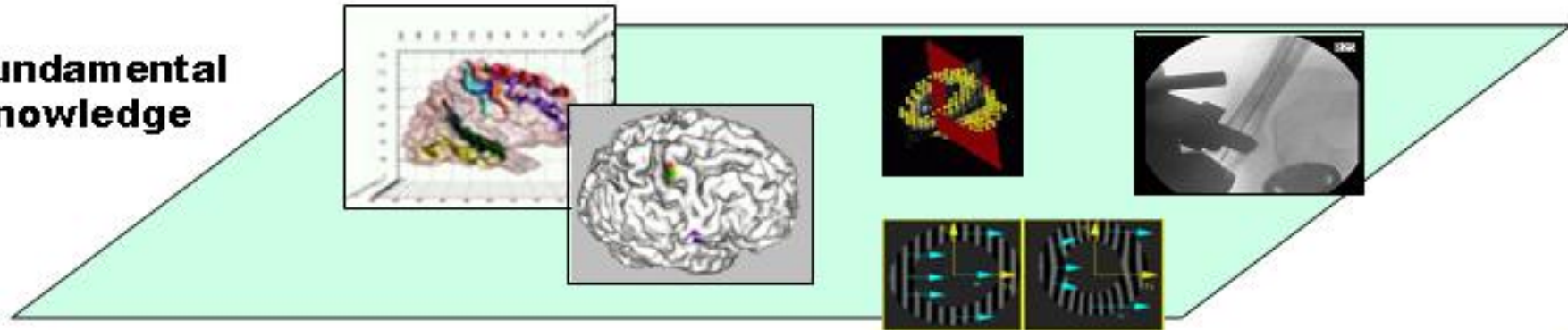
**Engineered Systems & Applications**



**Enabling core technology**



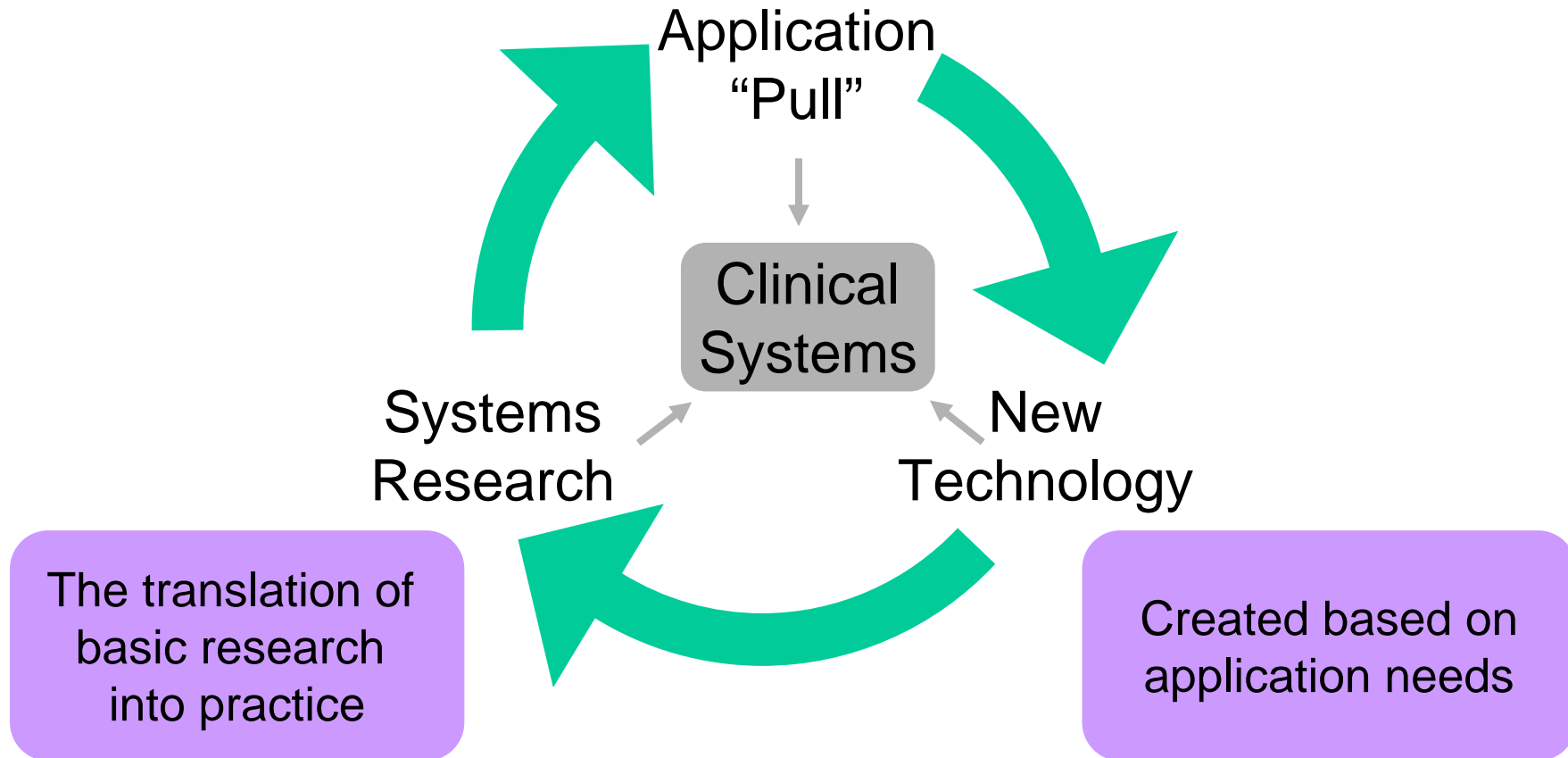
**Fundamental Knowledge**





# CISST Research Program Today

Developed through clinical and industrial collaborations



**The basis for a rich, self-sustaining program of basic and applied research, and academic and industrial collaboration**

# Future Trends

- Combine imaging, visualization and action in the OR
  - Multi-modal registration, intra-operative imaging, statistical atlases
  - In-scanner robots
  - Real-time US calibration and 3D elastography
- Novel instruments/sensors for specific applications
  - Micron (Cam Riviere, CMU)
  - Scalable snake robot
  - Heart Lander (Cam Riviere, CMU)
- Real-time information update and assistance
  - Virtual fixtures for safety and guidance
  - Novel instruments and sensory substitution
  - Context Aware Surgical Assistance (CASA)



# Surgical CAD-CAM: Motivation

## Prostate Cancer

- 1 Million prostate biopsies annually
- 230,000 new cases
- 30,000 deaths in U.S. in 2004





# Current Practice

## Clinical Standard: Ultrasound guided biopsy

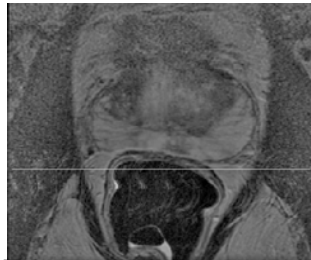
- Poor tissue contrast
- 'Blind' systematic biopsy of the gland (6-12 samples)
- False negative 20-30%
- Gleason score on US biopsy of 25% of patients is being 'upgraded' at time of surgery

## Advantages of MRI:

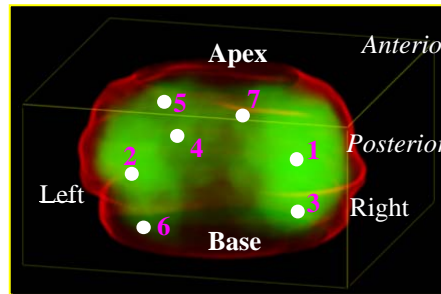
- MRI with endo-rectal coil has excellent sensitivity for detecting tissue abnormalities and may allow for 'targeted' biopsy.
- High SNR improves diagnostic accuracy, especially for MRSI and DCE-MRI.



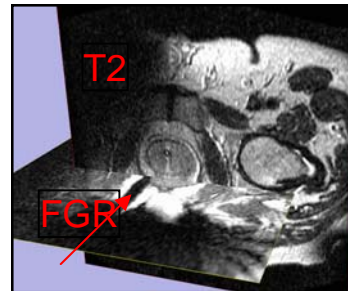
# MRI-Guided Prostate Interventions



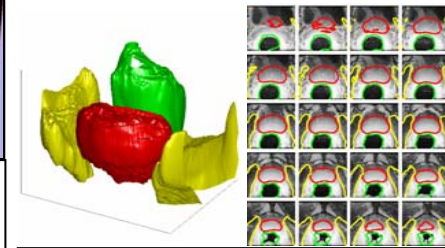
Signal correction  
(Warfield)



Deformable Prostate Atlas (Davatzikos, Shen)



Deformable Fusion (Kikinis, Warfield)



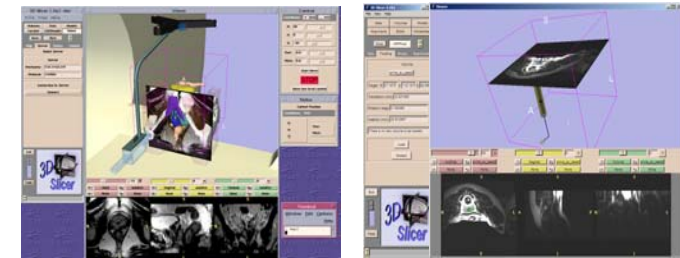
Prostate Segmenter (Wells, Grimson)

**Penn**

**NIH center**  
**3xRO1**  
**BRP, PO1**

**BWH**

**JHU**



Planning (DiMaio, Fichtinger)

Needle Tracking (DiMaio)



IMRT Robot (Chinzei, Kikinis) Engineering Research Center for Compu

3T Prostate Robot (Whitcomb Fichtinger, Atalar, et al.)



# MRI Guided Prostate Interventions

**A. Krieger<sup>1,2</sup>, R. C. Susil<sup>3</sup>, Cynthia Ménard<sup>5</sup>,  
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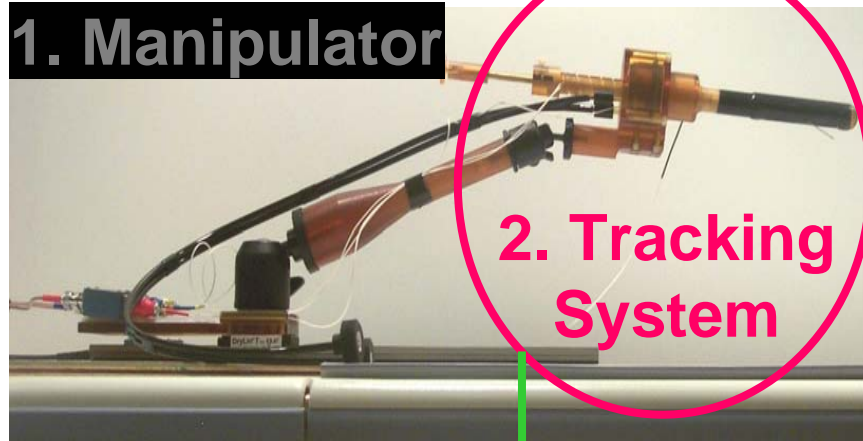
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# Overall System



Position  
Parameters

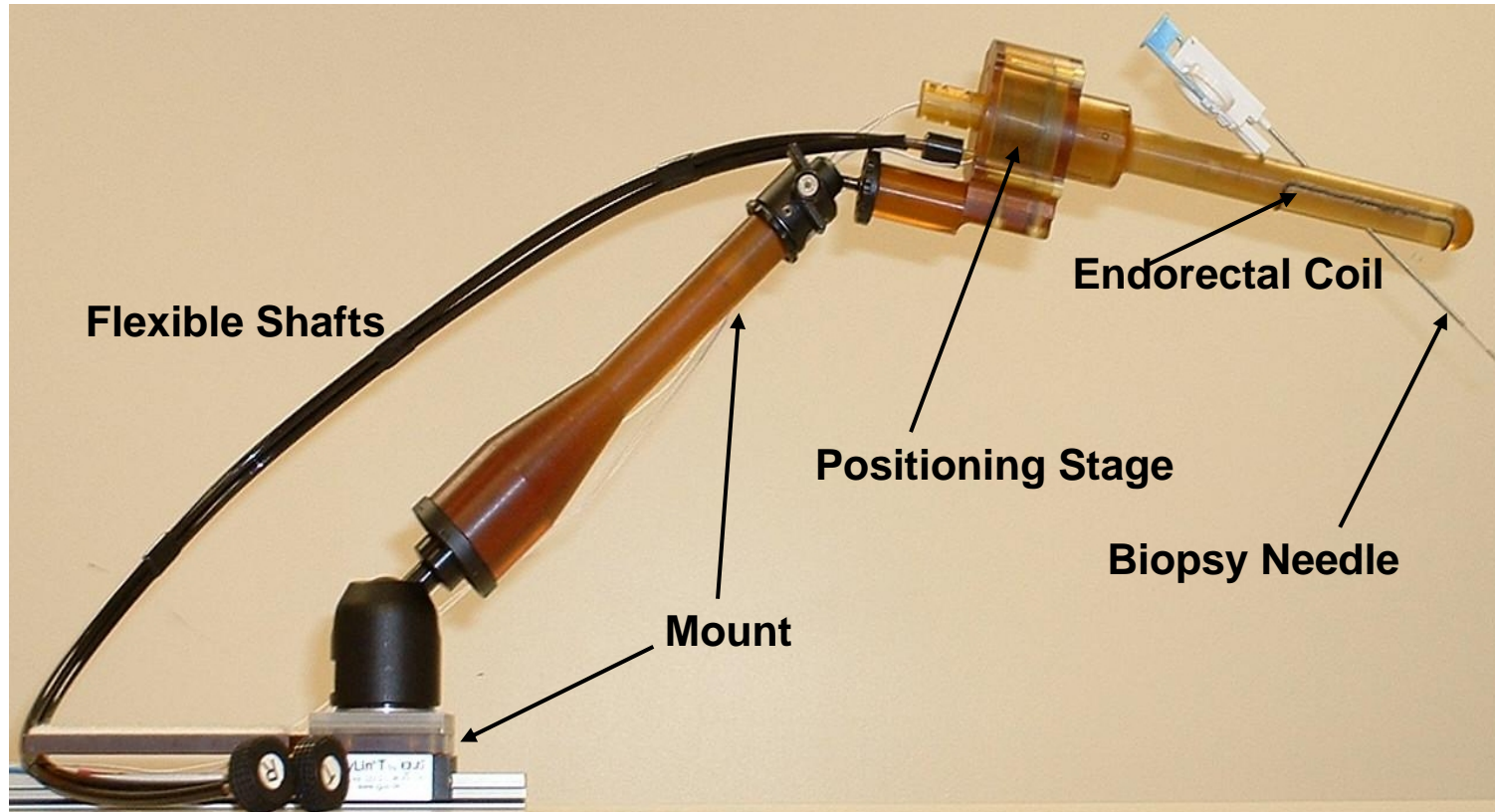
**3. Visualization and  
Targeting Program**



Digital  
Images

Physician Interface

# Manipulator



# Simulation

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YUV420 codec decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.



# Visualization and Targeting Program



# Results

## Clinical Trials under 1.5T and 3T

- **Gold marker seed placements**

Implantation of 4 gold marker seeds to guide external radiation beam therapy.

16 patients with 4 seed implants each

- **Biopsies**

15 patients with 4-10 biopsies each

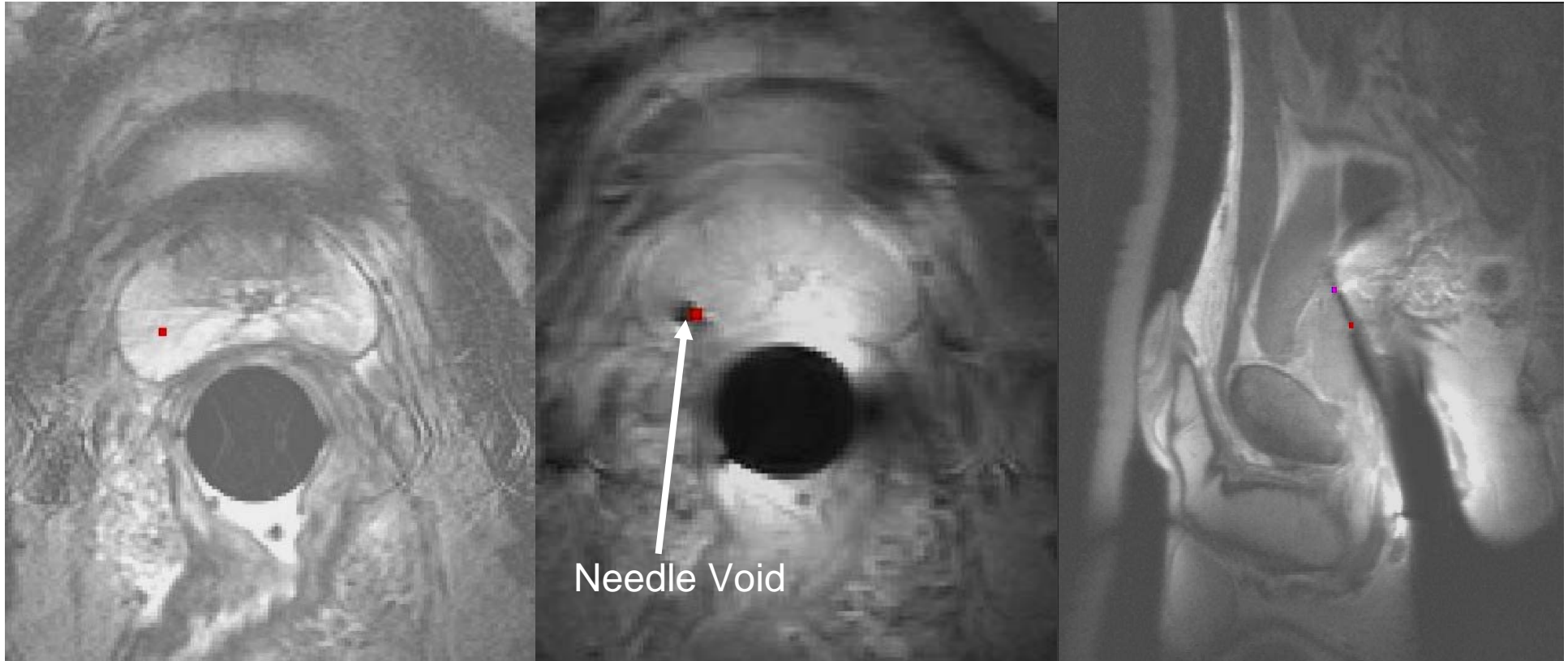
- No severe adverse events

- Average targeting accuracy between 2.8mm and 7.4mm





# Results



MR images during a clinical procedure:

**Left:** A target (red dot) is selected on an axial TSE T2-weighted image.

**Middle:** The needle tip void is visualized in an axial TSE Proton Density image. The desired target matches the actual position of the needle.

**Right:** The needle void is visualized on a sagittal TSE Proton Density image, where the estimated needle path (red and purple dots) matches the actual path.

# Current and Future Work

## Redesign of the Prostate Interventional System

- Faster procedure time
- Easy implementation with different scanner architectures

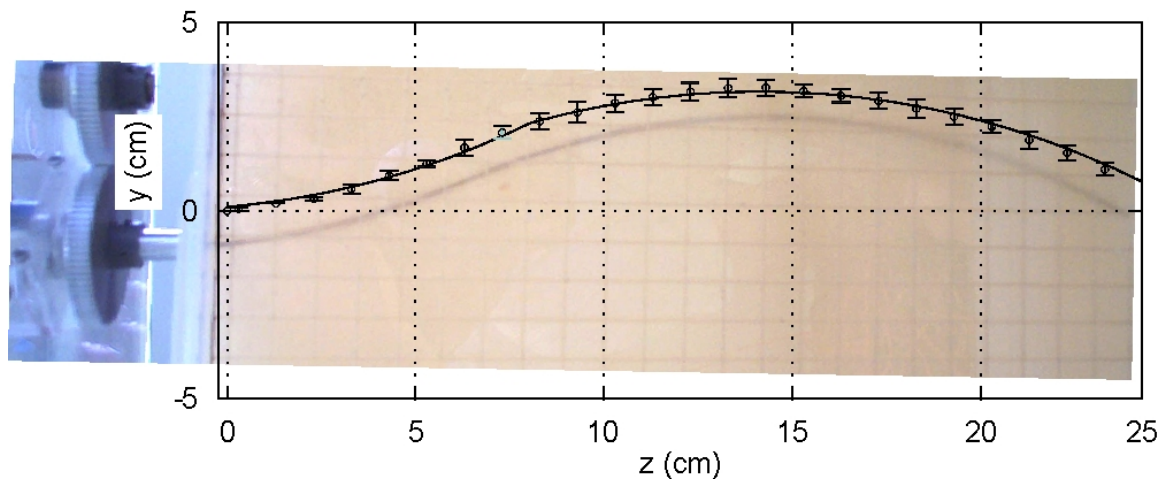
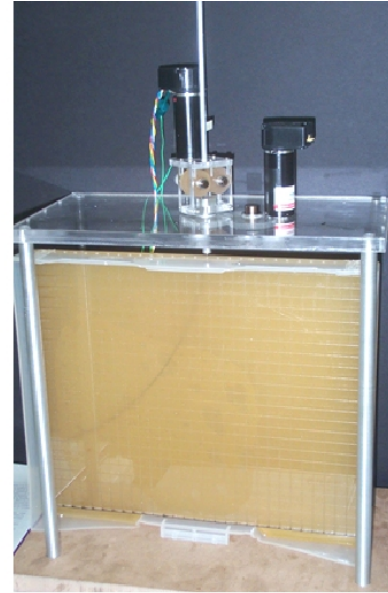
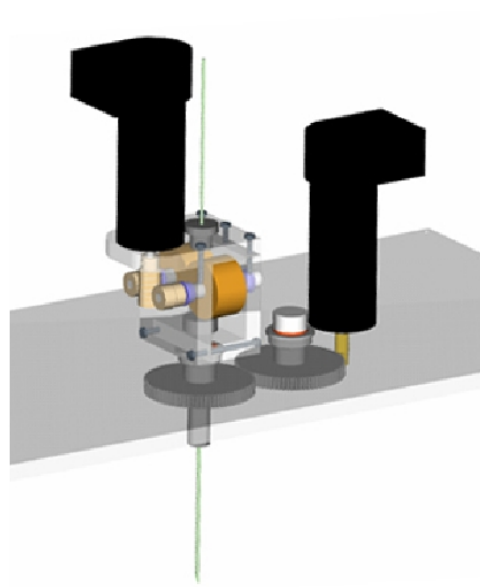
Improvements include:

- Steerable needle guide
- New tracking scheme



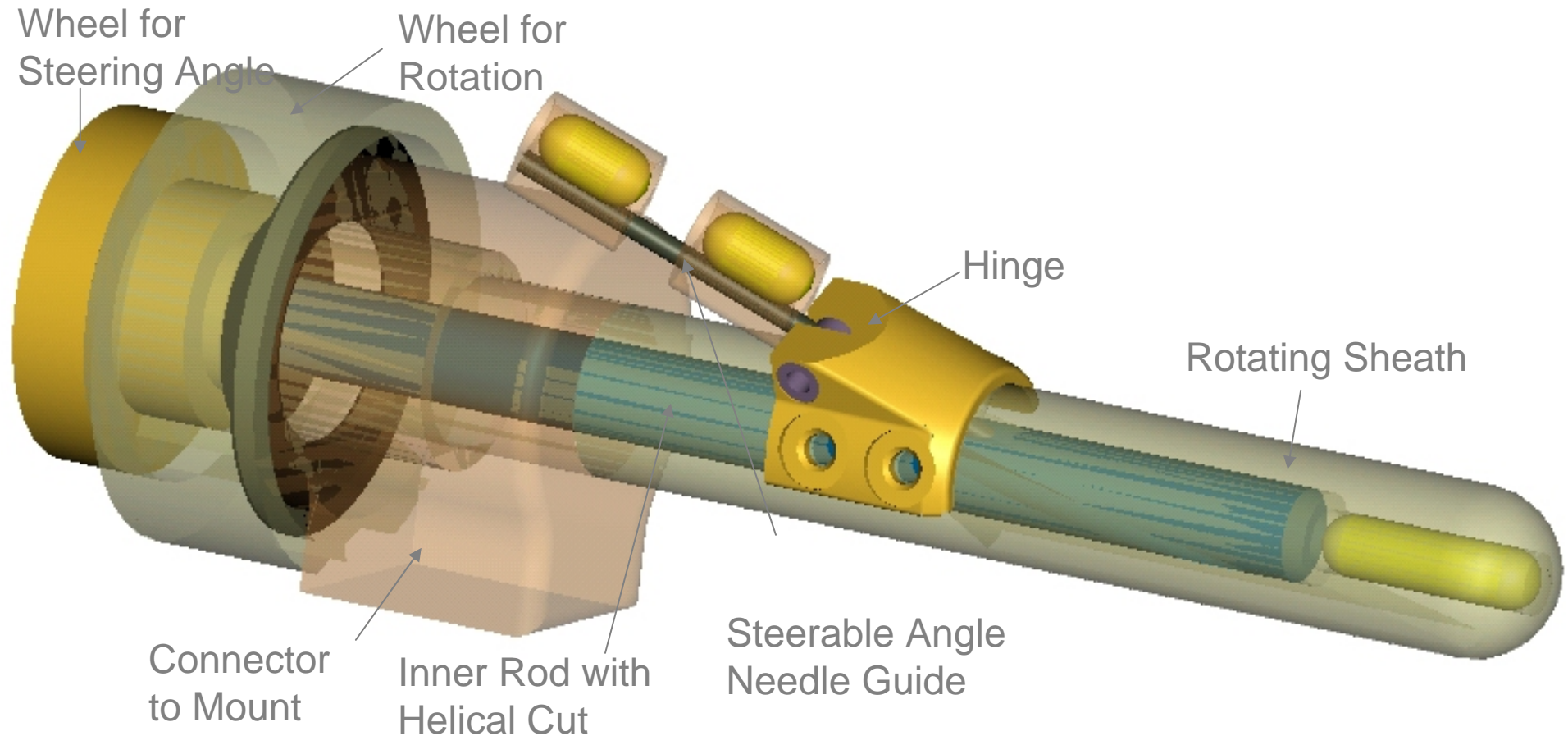
# Steerable Needles

A. Okamura, N. Cowan, G. Chirikjian, K.T. DeWeese, K. Murphy

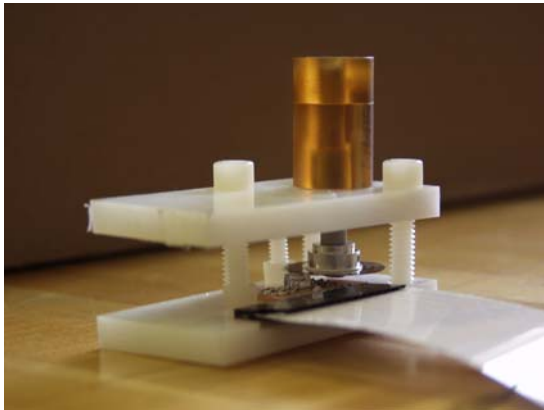


<http://www.haptics.me.jhu.edu/publications/iser04-webster.pdf>

# Steerable Needle Guide Design

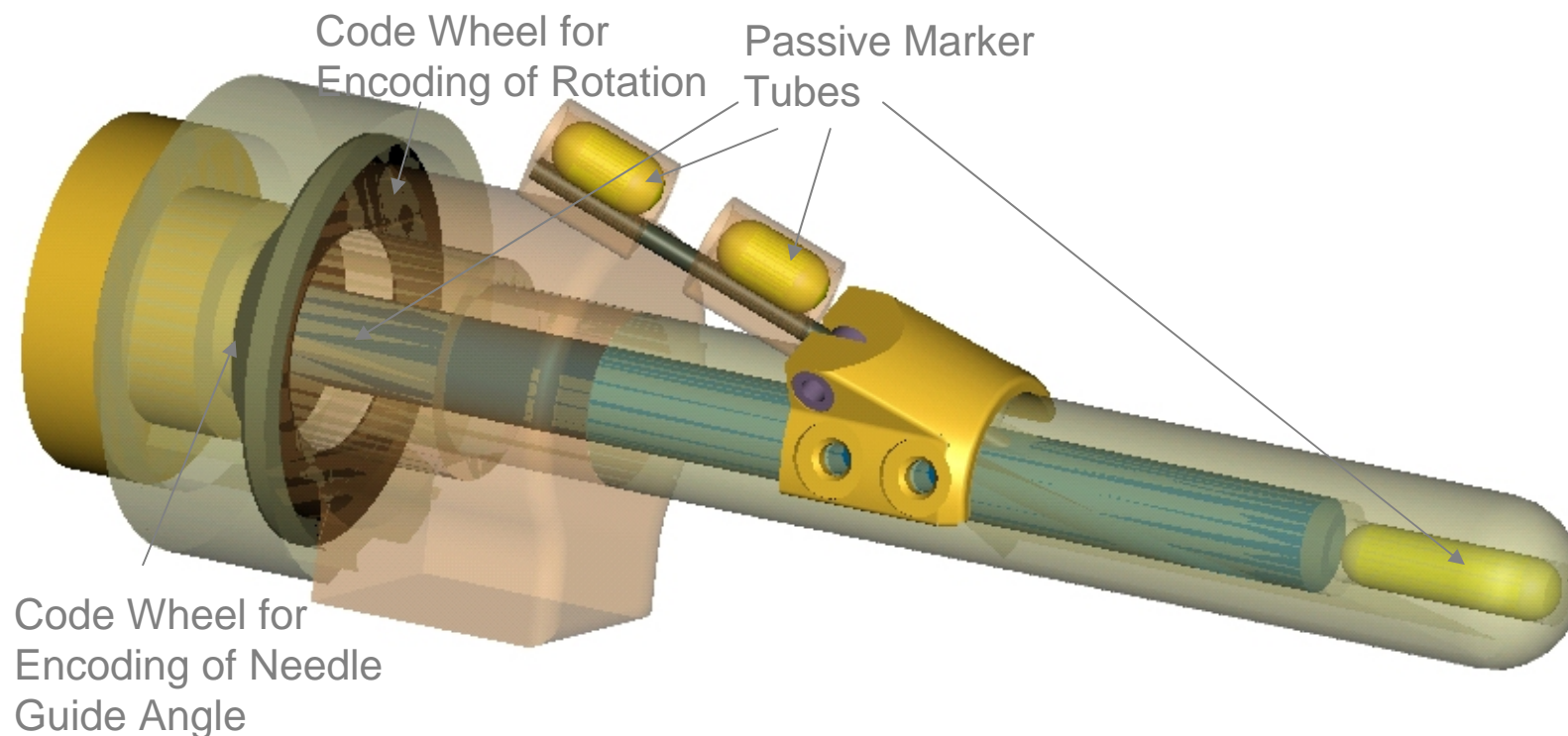


# New Tracking Scheme



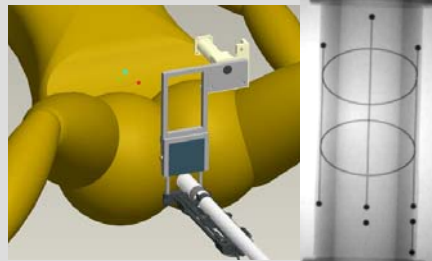
Combination of

- Passive Tracking for initial registration
- Optical Encoders for rotation and needle angle



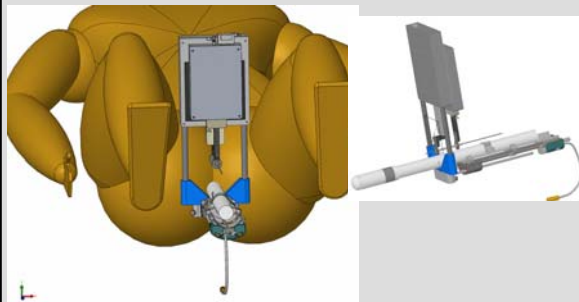
# US Guided Prostate Interventions

## Registration of Ultrasound to Fluoroscopy

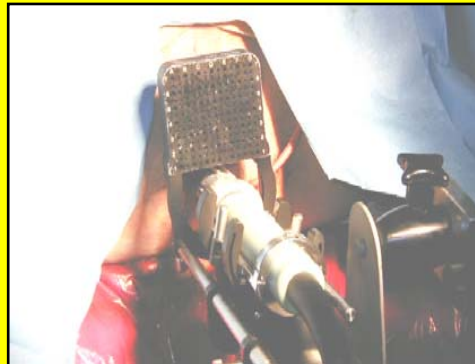


- SBIR Phase-1
- DoD Clinical trial award
- Burdette ½ fellowship
- SBIR Phase-2 (pending)
- SPORE supplement (pending)
- DoD fellowship (pending)
- R21 (pending)
- **IRB/clinical trial approved**

## Robotic Brachytherapy

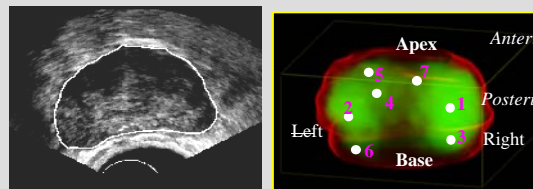


- SBIR Phase-1
- SBIR Phase-2
- **IRB/clinical trial approved**



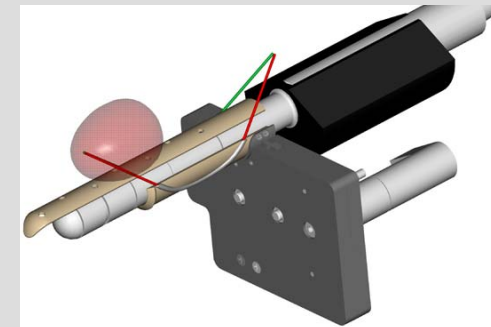
**TRUS Guided Brachytherapy  
(Burdette Medical Systems)**

## Atlas Based US Biopsy



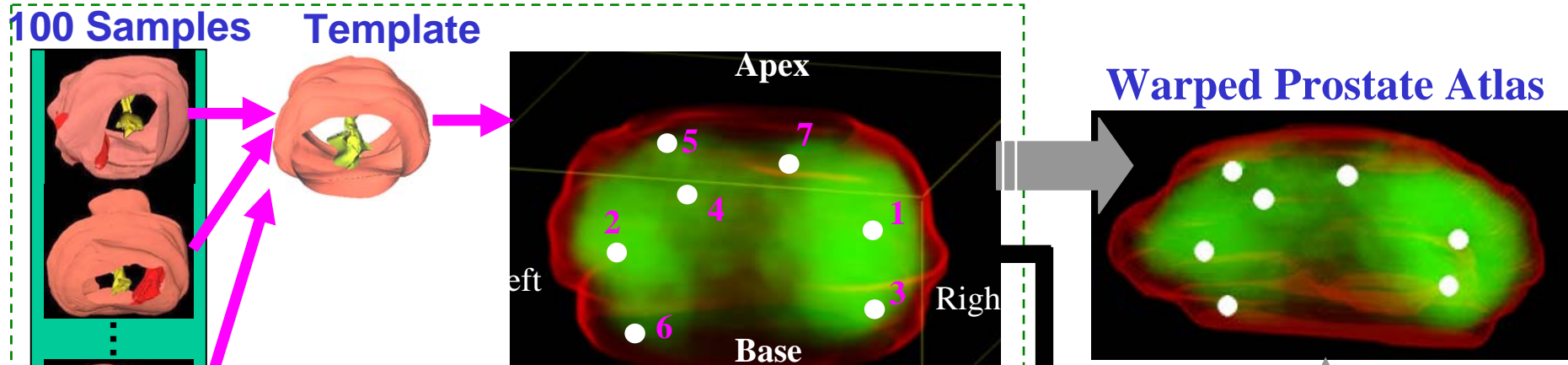
- RO1 -- atlas
- RO1 – segmentation (pending)

## Transrectal US Ablation

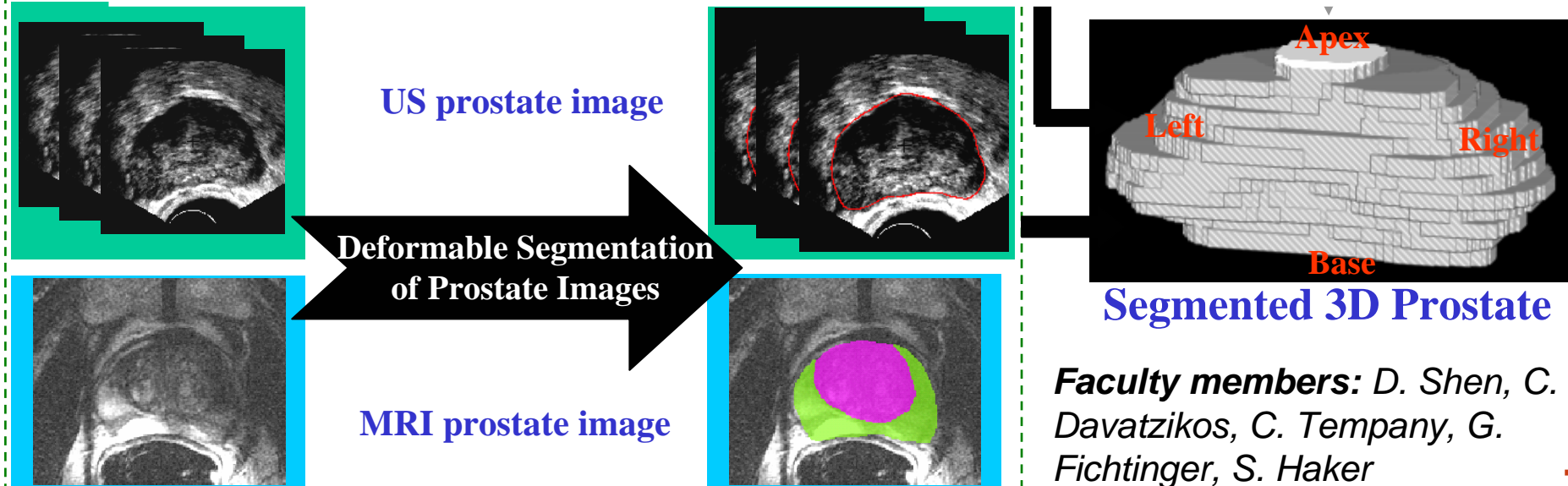


- STTR Phase-1
- Burdette ½ fellowship

# Example: Atlas-based, image-guided prostate biopsy



**Detection Rate of > 99%!**  
**Compared to 77% using standard methods**



*Faculty members: D. Shen, C. Davatzikos, C. Tempany, G. Fichtinger, S. Haker*

# 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

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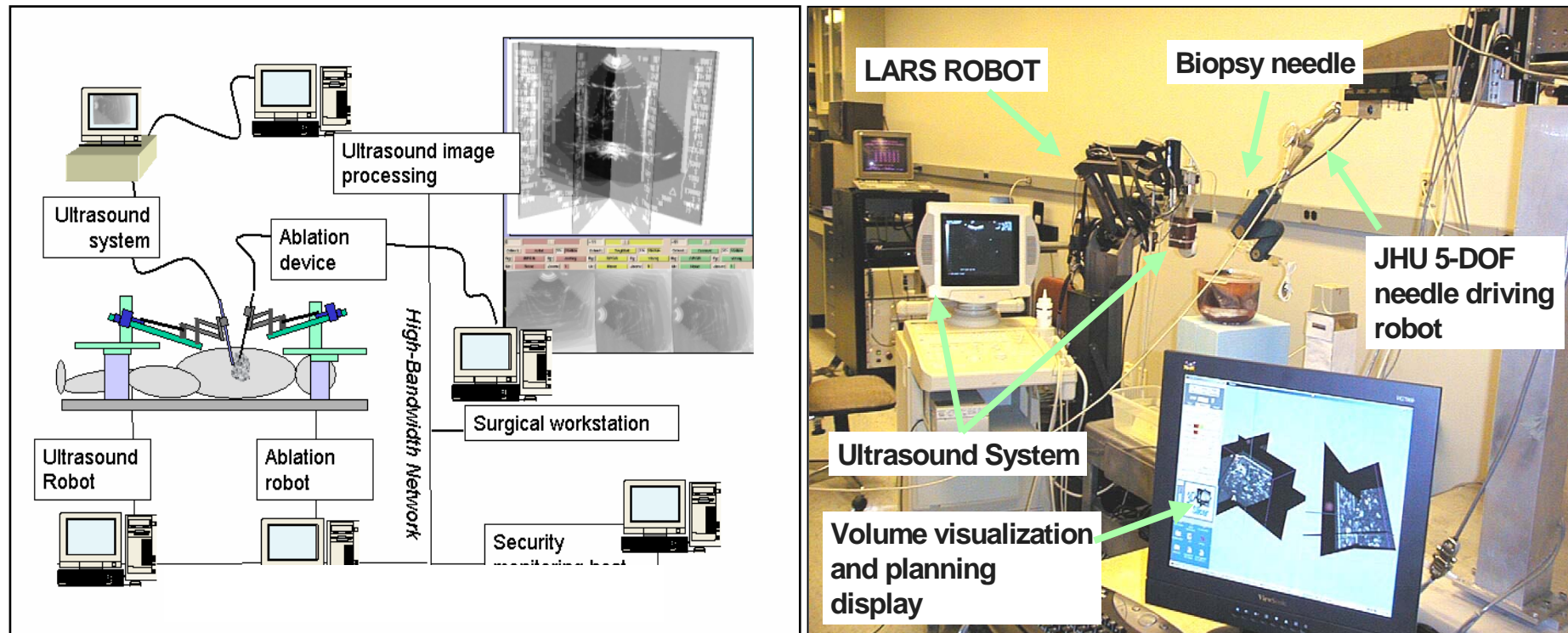
Tissue deformations cause seed  
placement error

Planner computes offsets to compensate  
for simulated tissue deformations

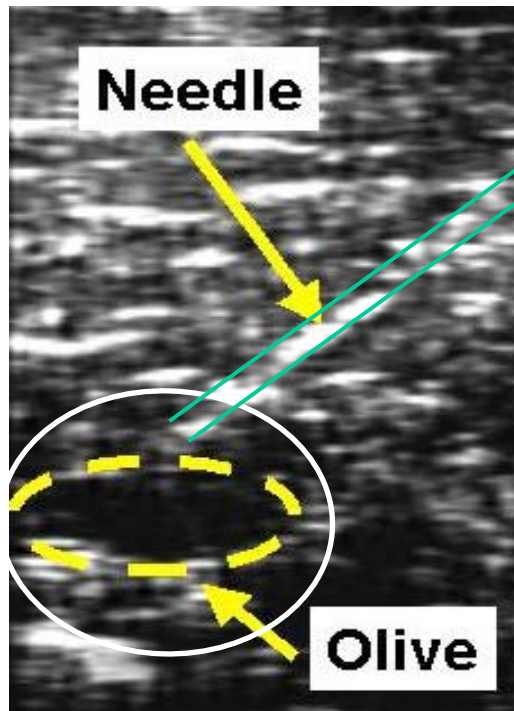
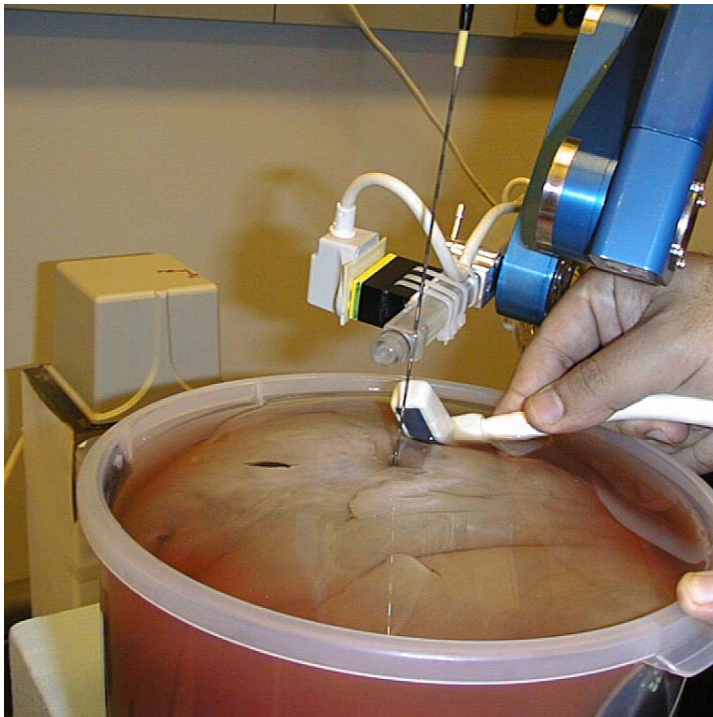
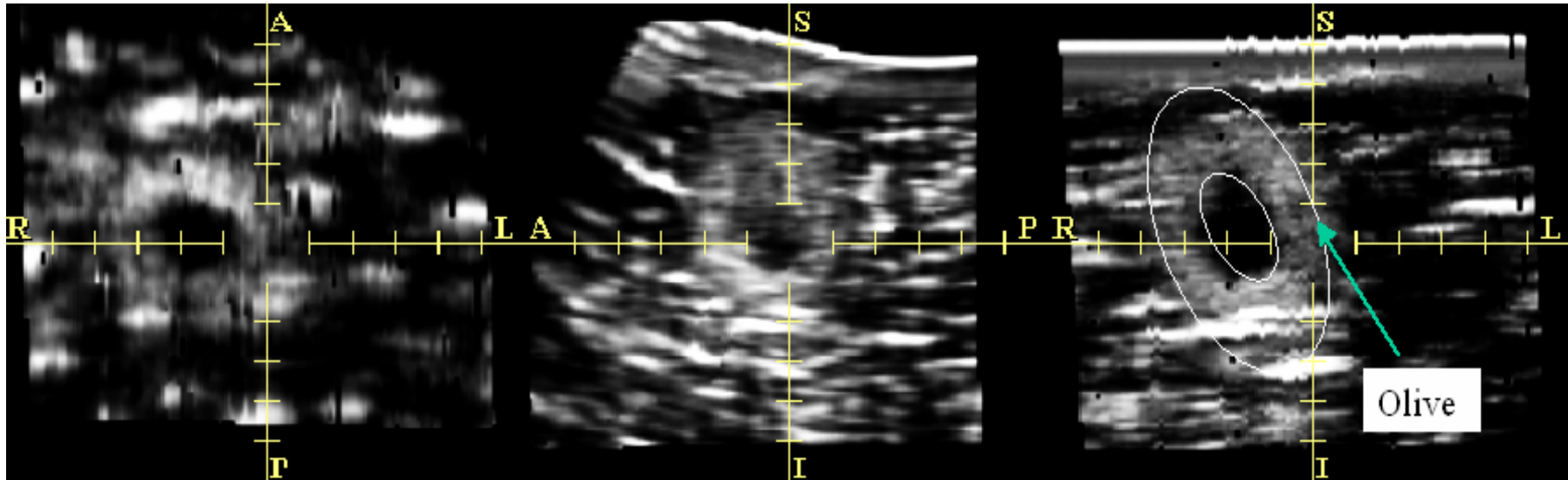




# Robot-Assisted US-Guided Liver Therapy



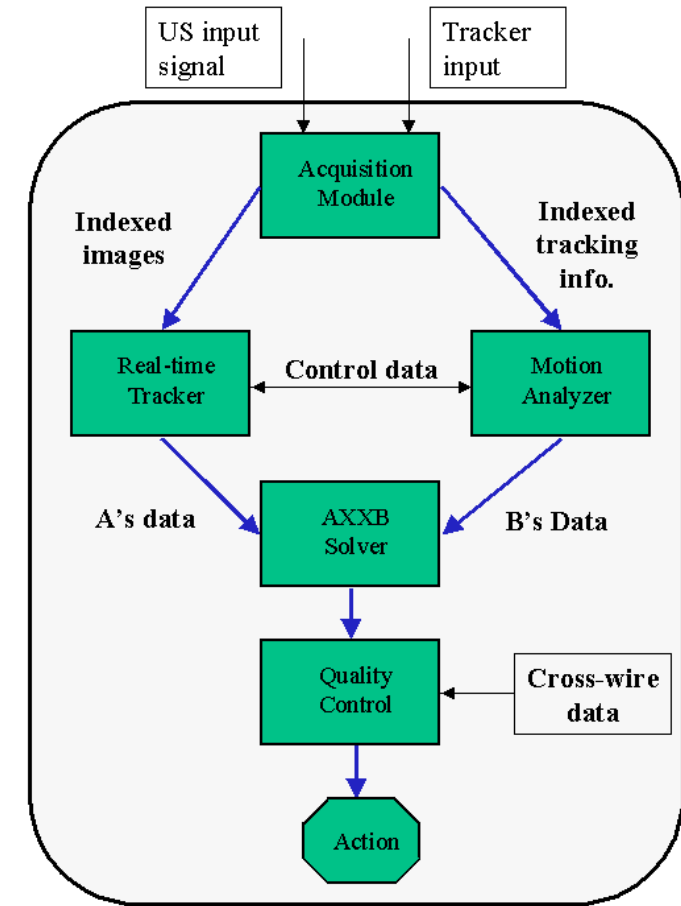
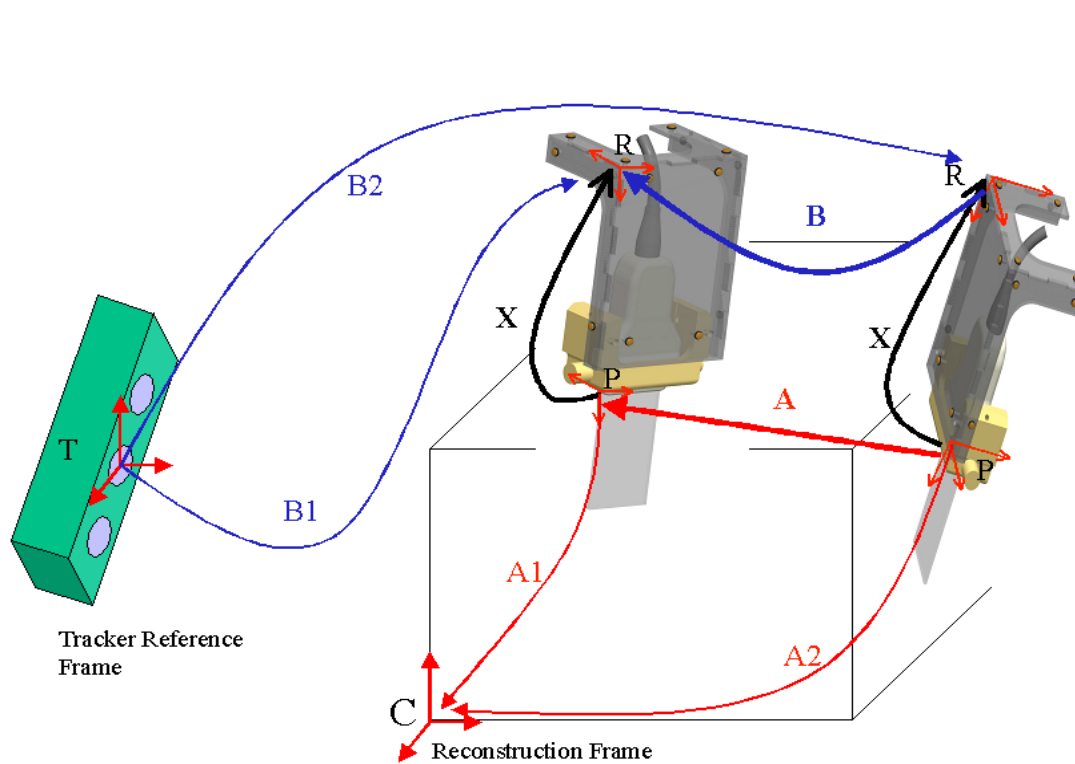
**JHMI: Choti (Surg), Kavoussi (Urology) , Solomon (Radiology)**  
**WSE: Fichtiger, Taylor, Boctor, Jain, Fischer, Vishwanathan, et al.**  
**Industry : Burdette Medical, Intuitive Surgical, Aloka, Siemens**



- Average error for 10 trials ~3mm
- Main limitation was EM tracker

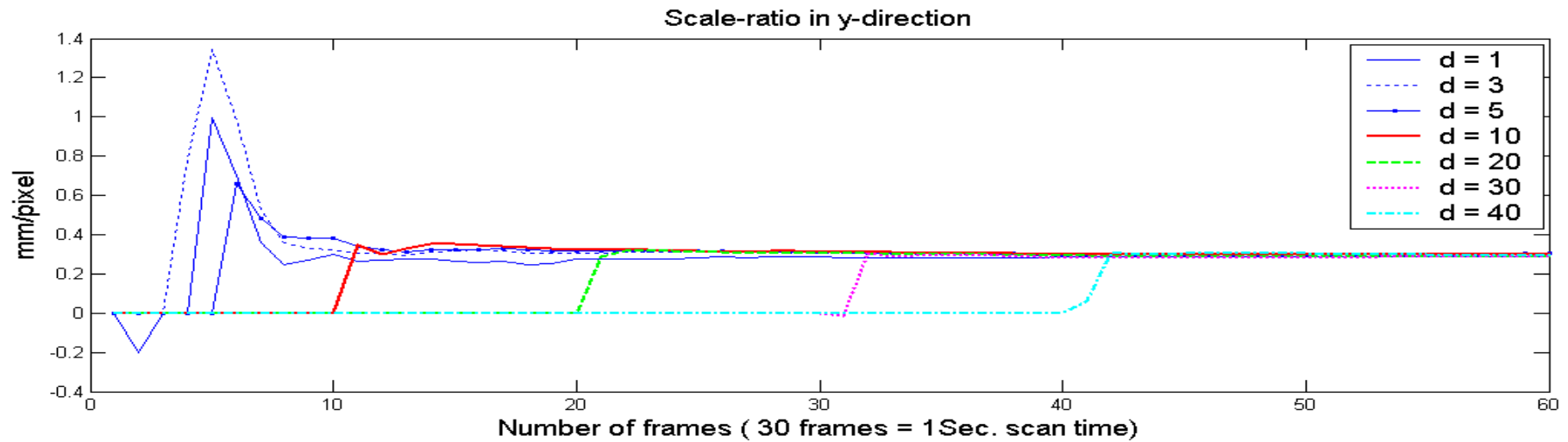
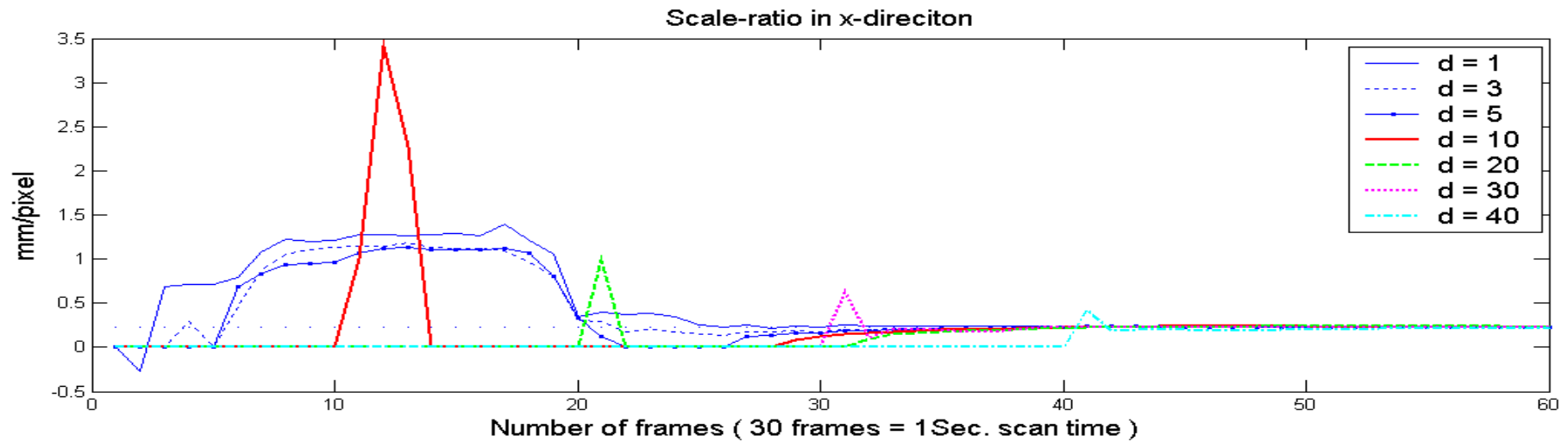
Credit: Boctor, Fichtinger, Vishwanathan, Fischer, Taylor, Jain, Choti, *et al.*

# In-Vivo Ultrasound Calibration



Track motion in probe images and supply it to  $AX = XB$  solver:  
 provides online estimation of calibration

# Online Calibration: Results



Convergence in < 1 sec at 3mm travel/sec.

# Problem: How do you monitor therapy?

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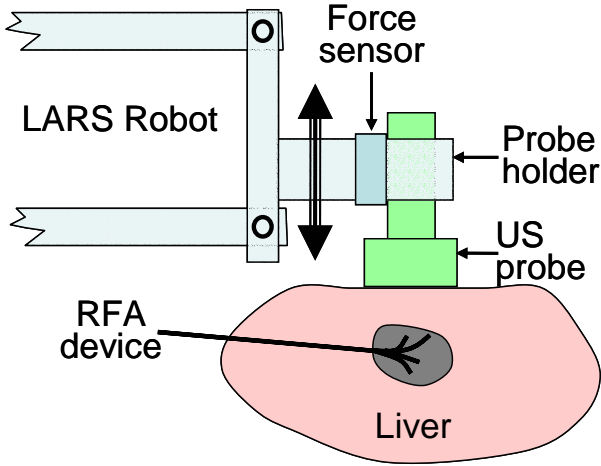
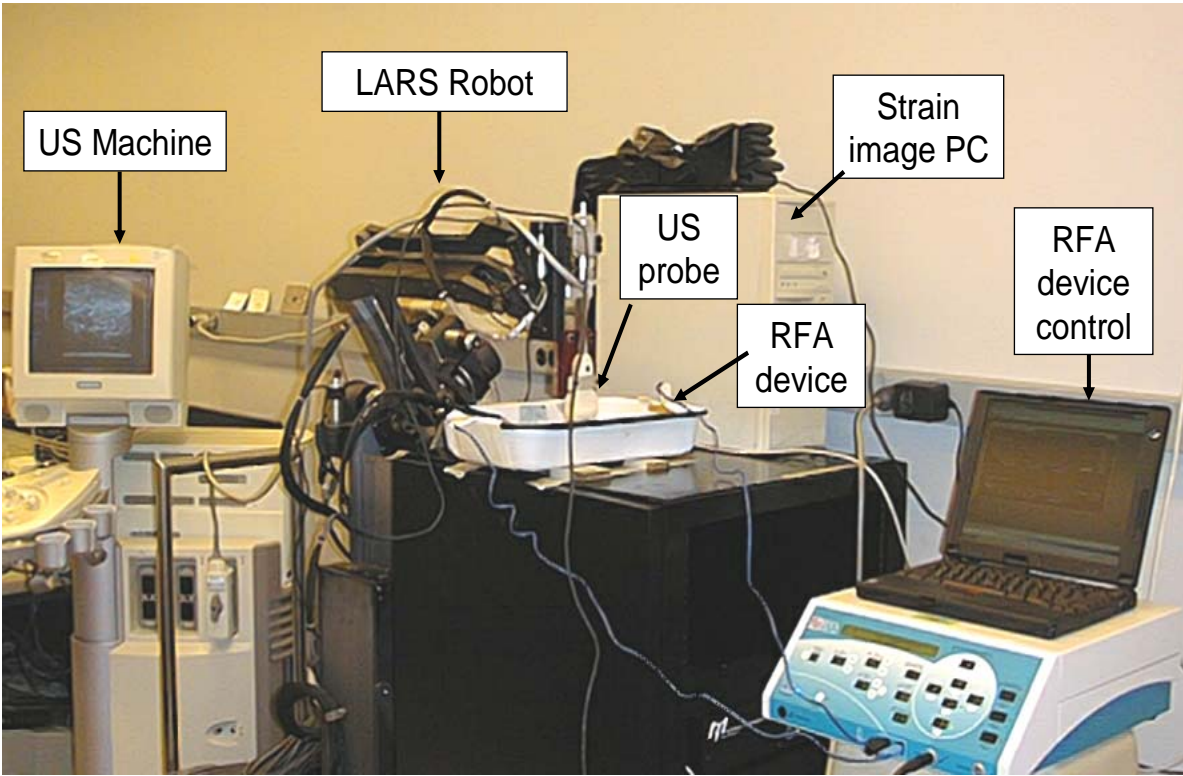
## What are boundaries of ablated region?

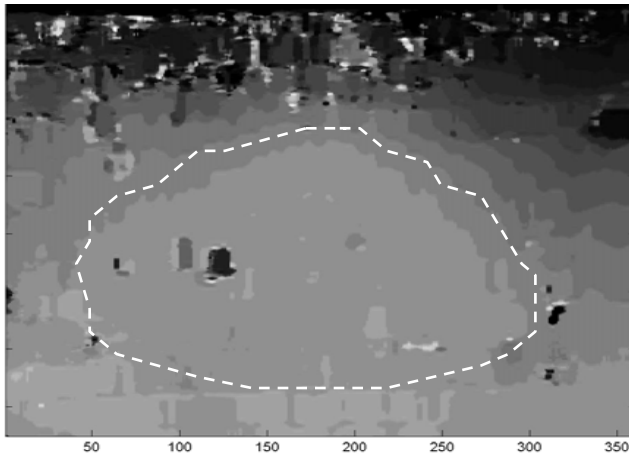
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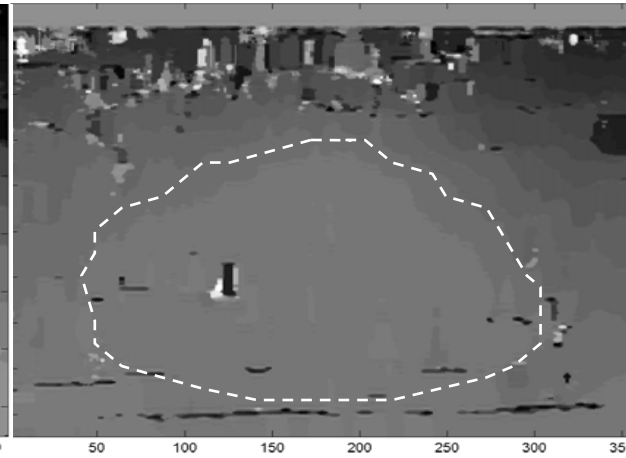
# Strain Imaging with Ultrasound

Emad Boctor, *et. al.*

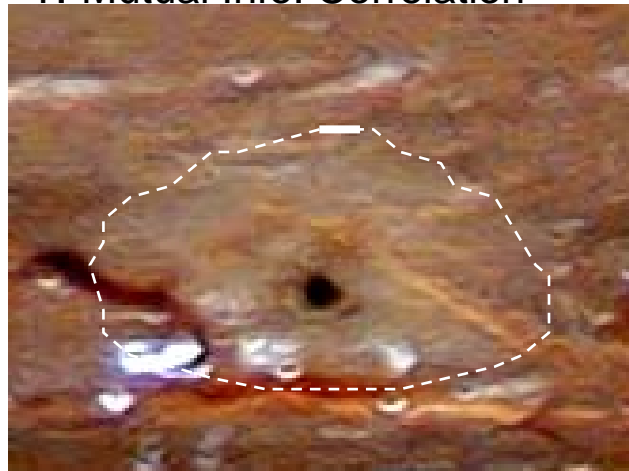




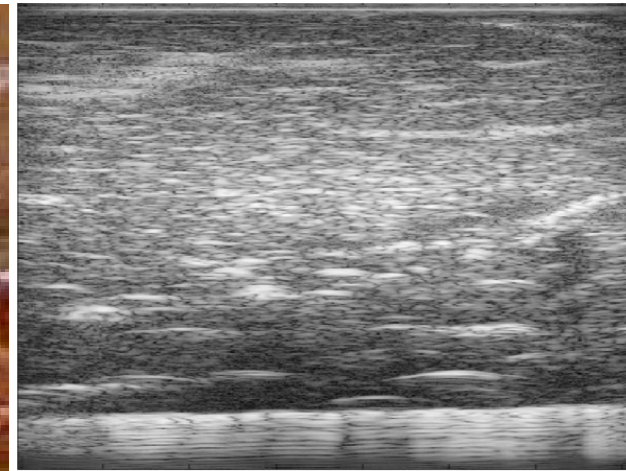
1. Mutual Info. Correlation



2. Norm. Cross Correlation



3. Pathological Image



4. B-Mode Ultrasound Image

Strain images with corresponding pathology and B-mode images at 100°C, with the RFA device perpendicular to the plane of imaging. The white contour is created on the pathological picture and matches with the determined strain images.

**Credit: Emad Bactor**

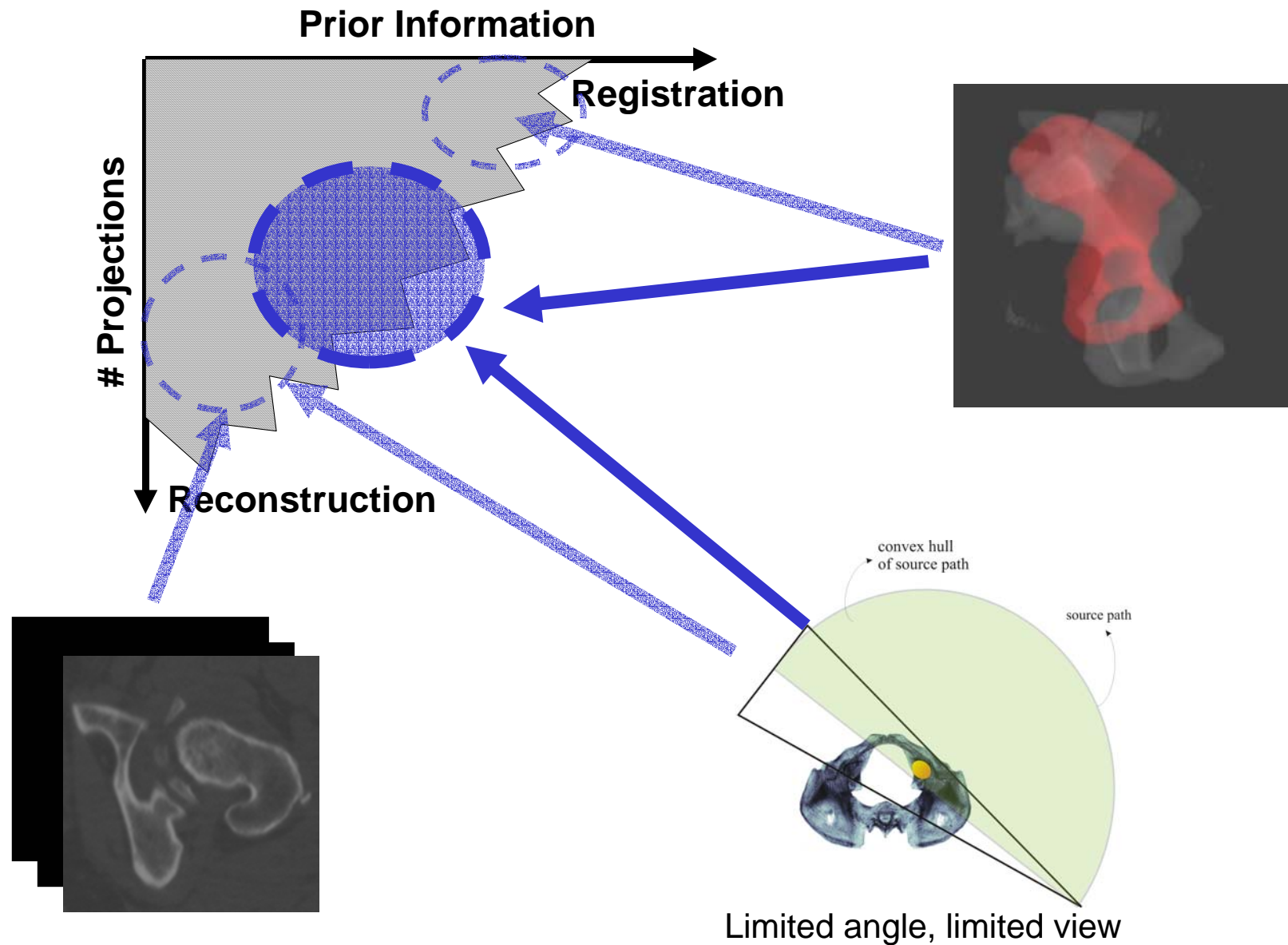
# Strain Imaging: Next Steps

- Cyclic compression of tissue combined with out of plane motion
- Resulting 3D elastography can be used for segmentation of tissues structures
- Applications: TRUS-guided EBRT



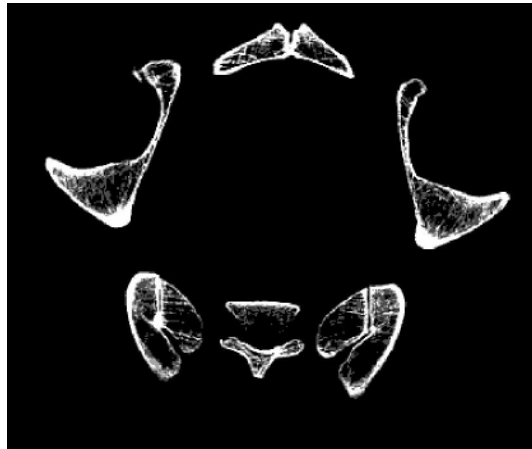


# 3D reconstructions from limited 2D projections

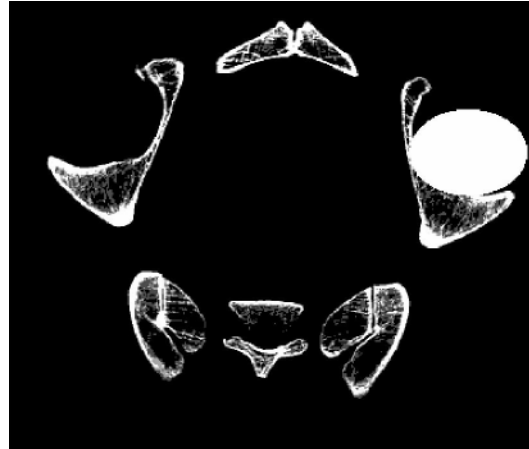


# Using prior CT to fill in missing data

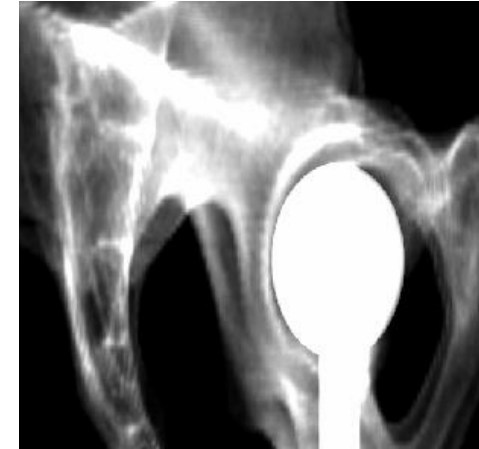
Jerry Prince, Krishna Ramamurthi



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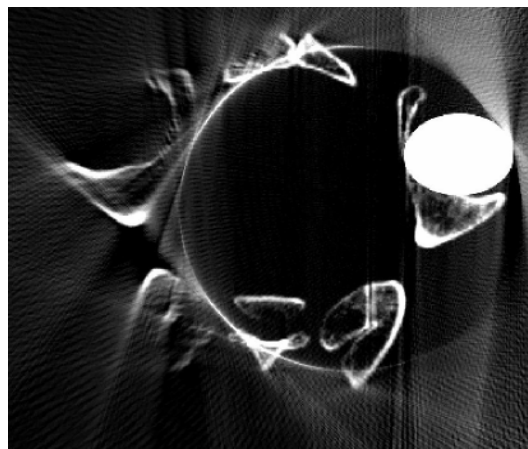


**Simulated implant**

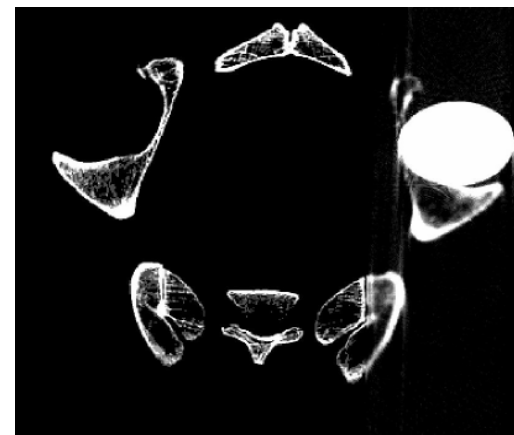


**Projections**

**Feldcamp  
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(standard  
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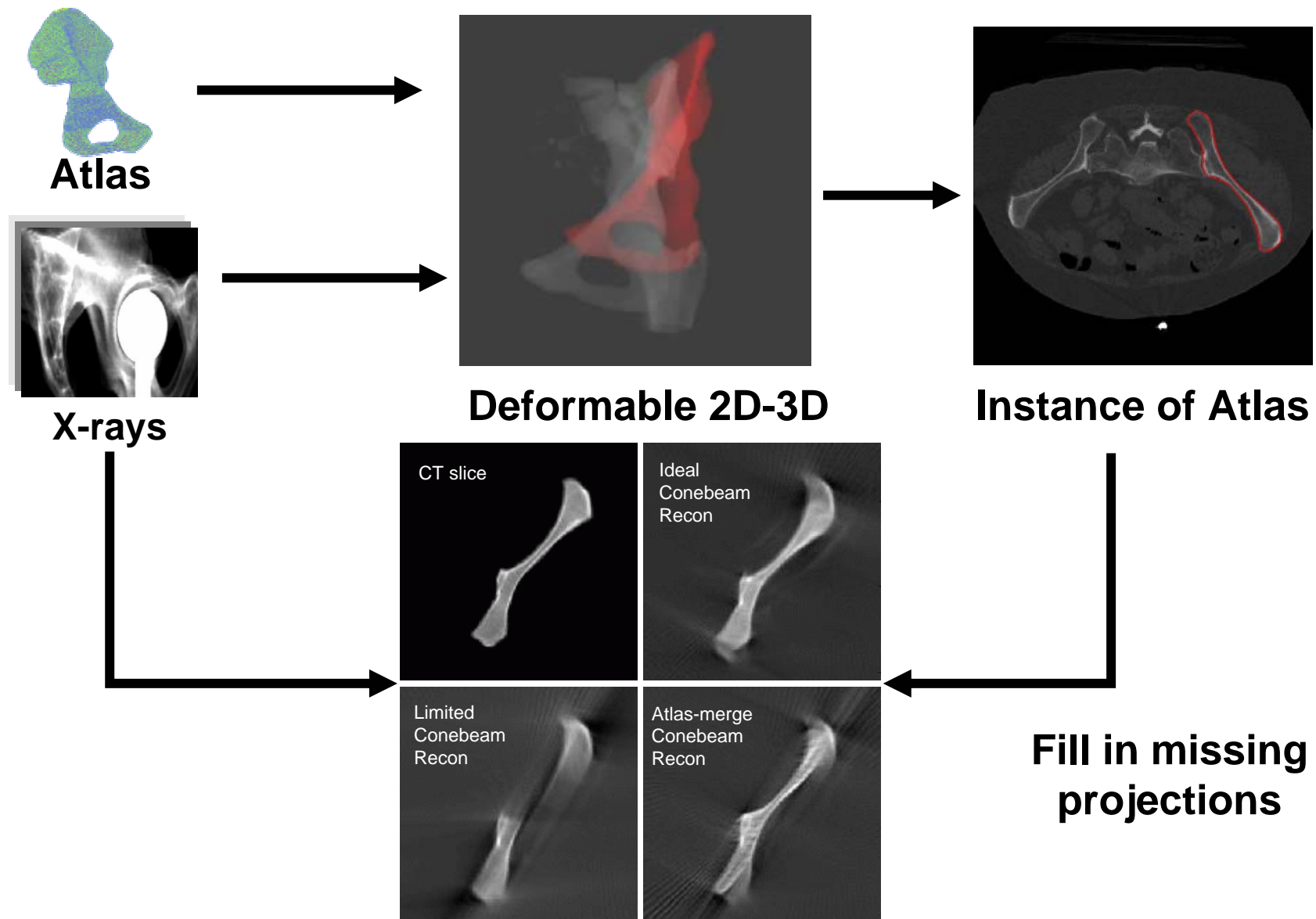


**Prince &  
Ramamurthi  
result**



# Atlas-augmented X-ray Reconstruction

Taylor, Prince, Yao, Sadowsky, Ramamurthi



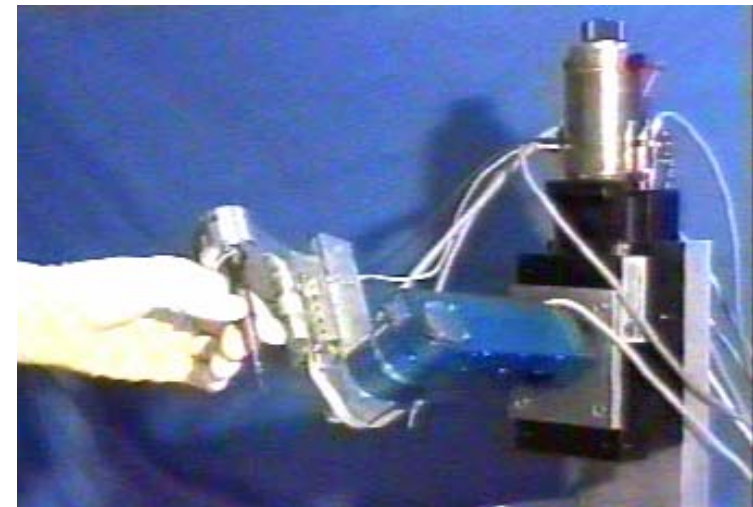
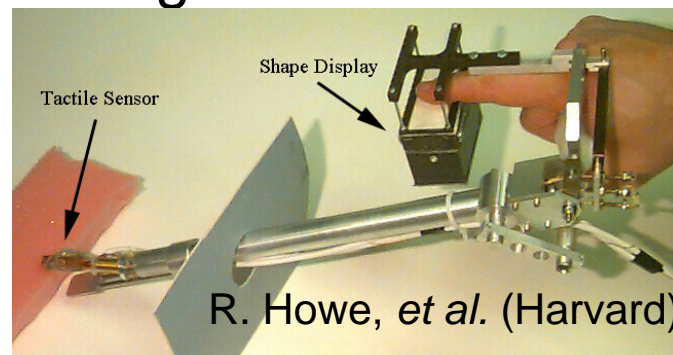
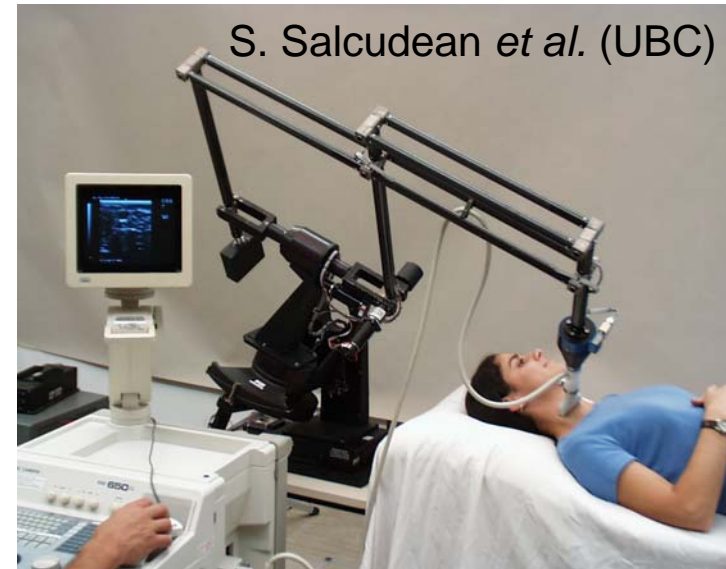
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## Novel Instruments

- 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

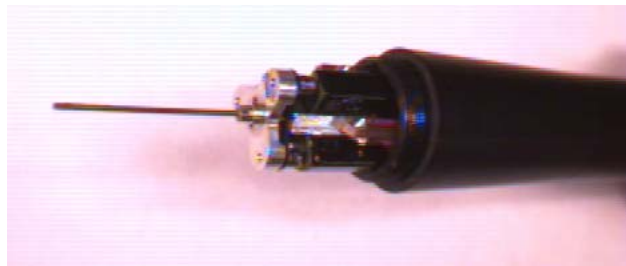


# Micron: Active Cancellation with Freehand Device

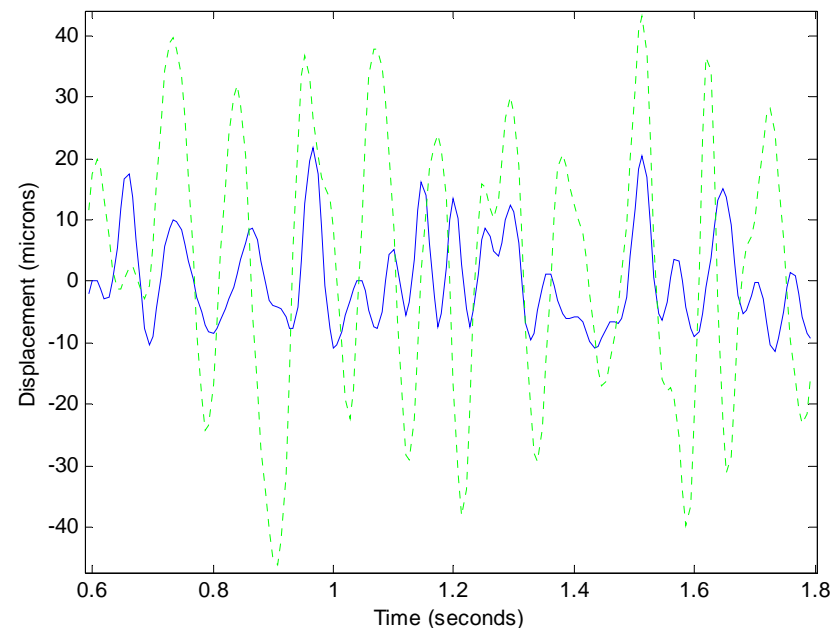
Riviere, Ang, *et al.* (CMU)

Micron incorporates motion sensing and endpoint control

- small, hand-held design
- active tremor cancellation
- new system meets goal of  $< 10\mu\text{m}$  rms motion



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



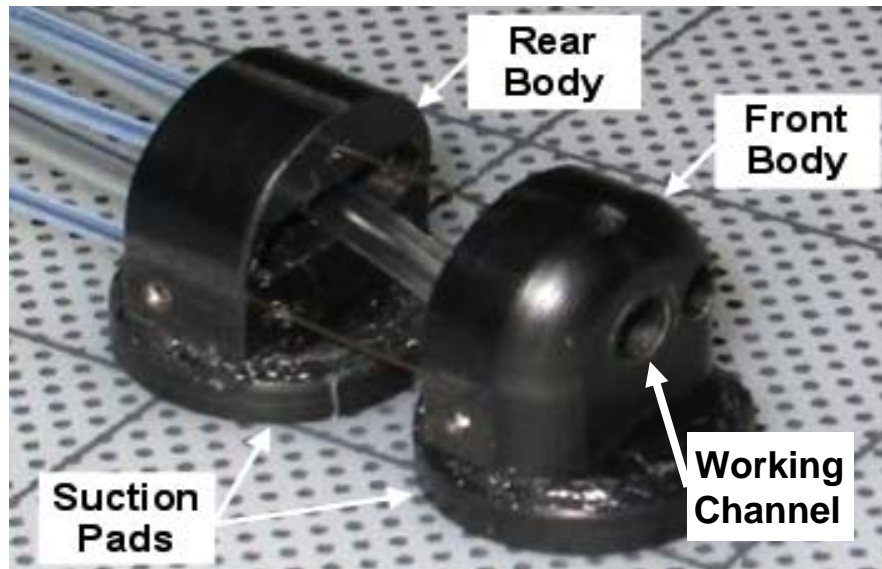
**Active error compensation via Micron, displaying uncompensated (green) vs. compensated (blue) results.**

# Heart Lander

Riviere/Patronik/Zenati (CMU/U. Pittsburgh)

Subxiphoid approach

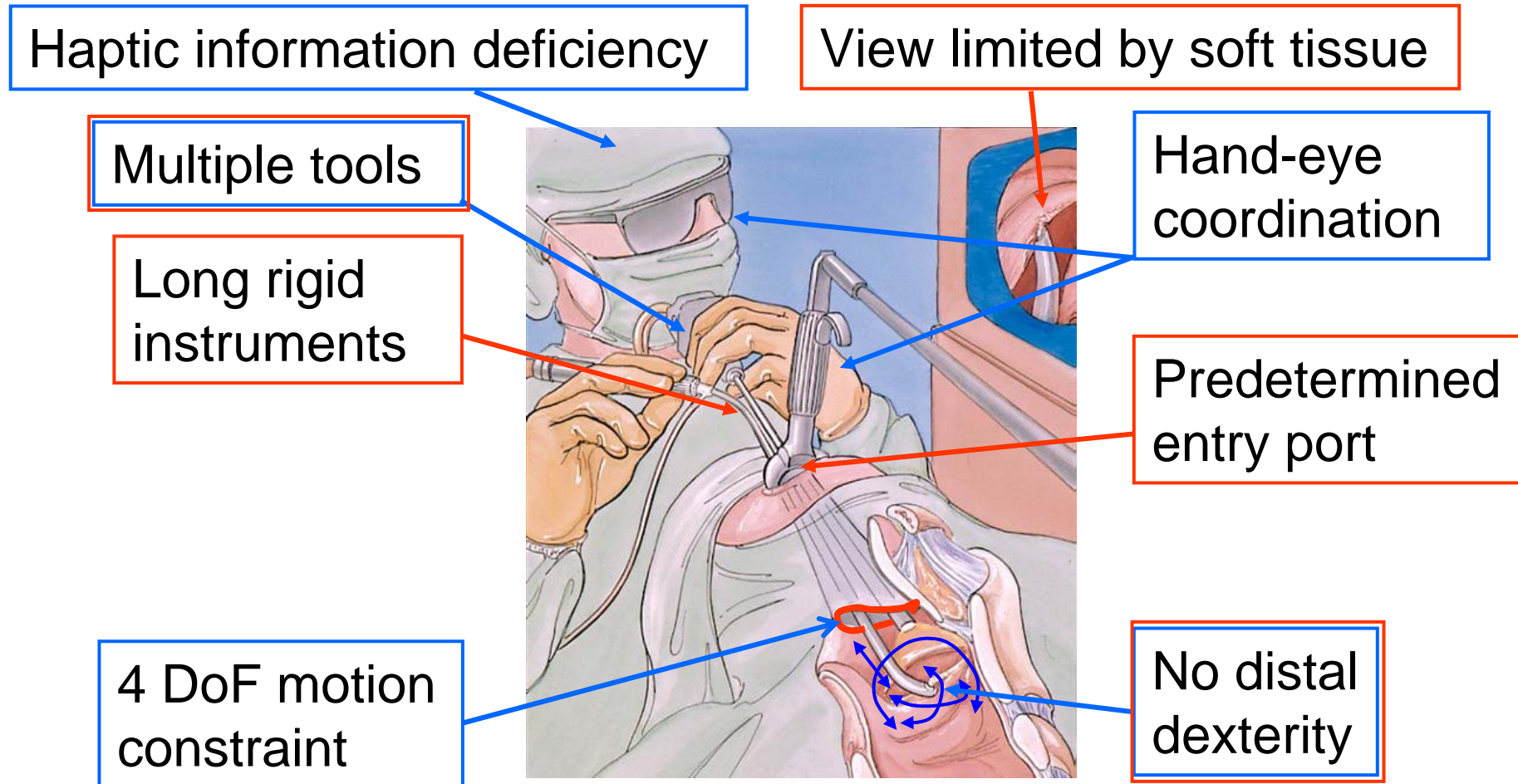
- attach to beating heart via suction
- maneuver to site
- perform therapy



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**A new concept for minimally invasive surgery!**

# One Driving Application: MIS of upper airway



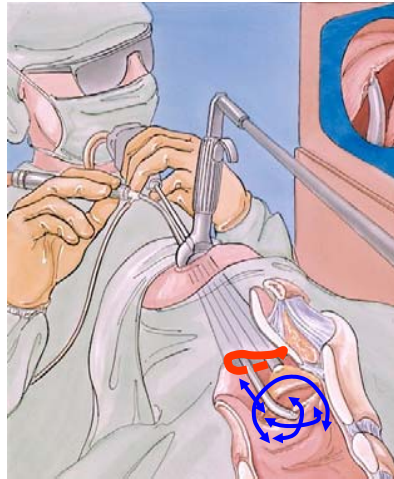
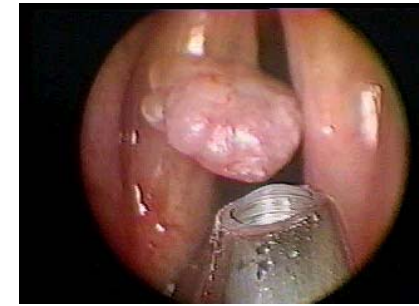
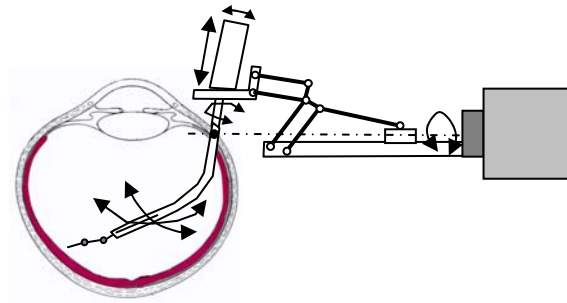
**No suturing or functional tissue reconstruction capability**

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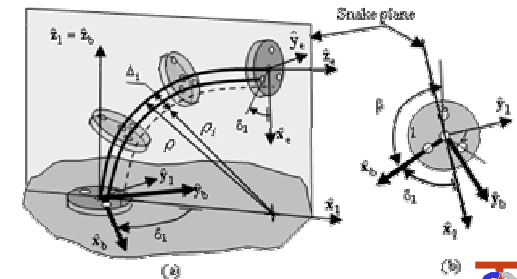
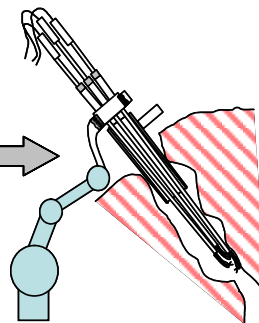
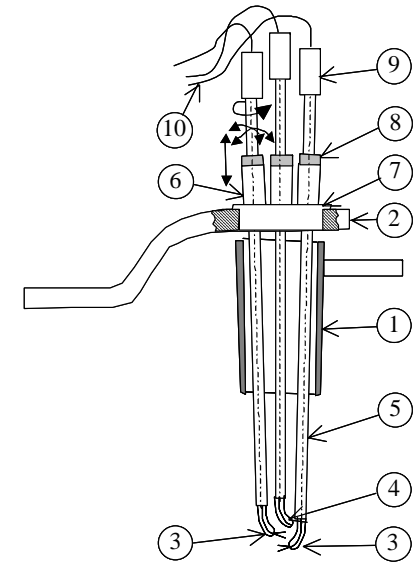
# Working in constrained spaces



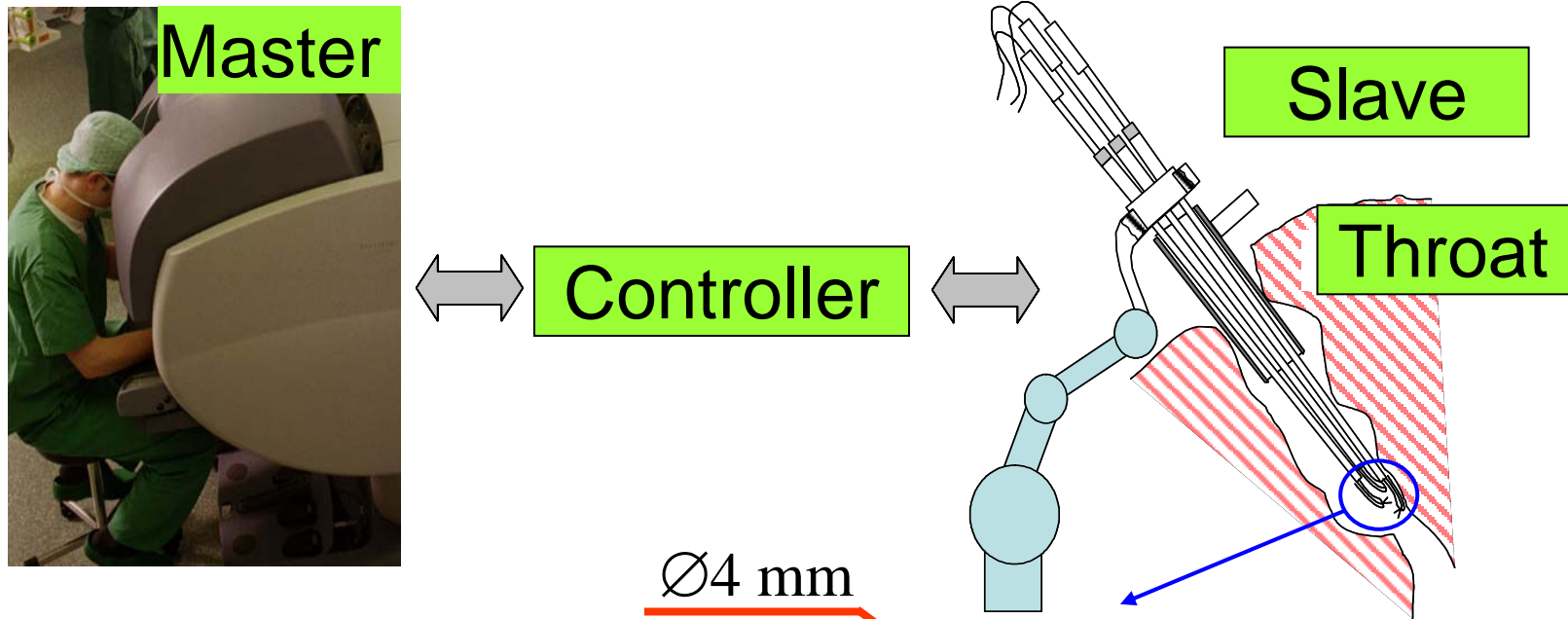
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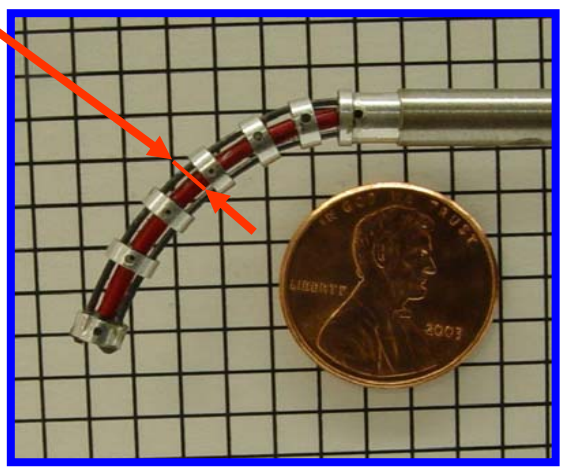


# High Dexterity Robot for Confined Spaces



Ø4 mm

Ø4 mm Distal Dexterity Unit for Surgical tool manipulation



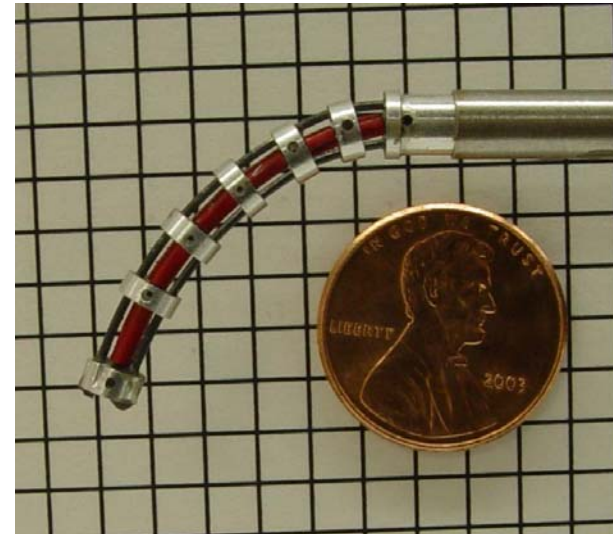
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# Scalable robot for dexterous surgery in small spaces

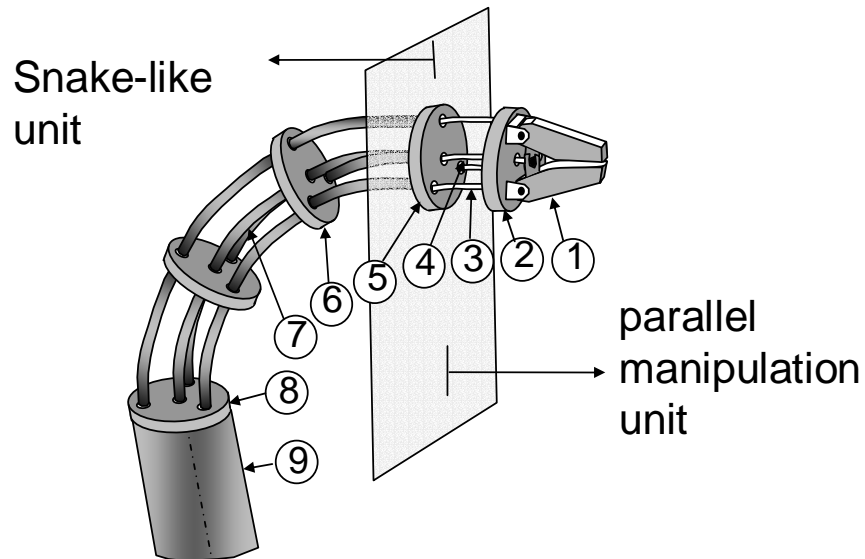
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4.2 mm diameter

>1 N force application ability

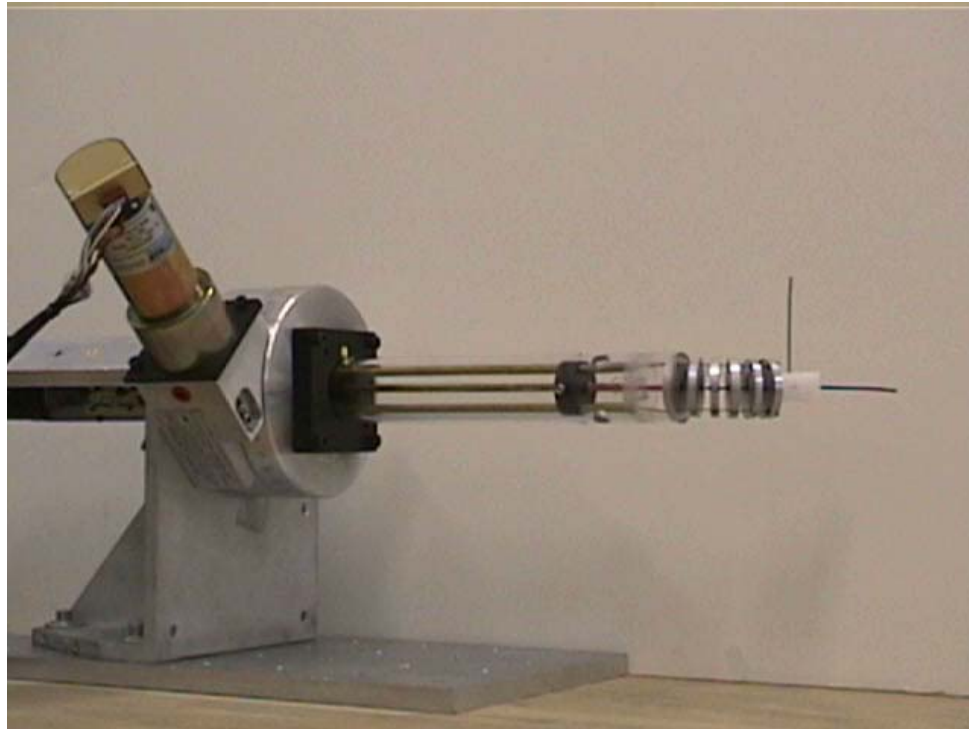


- 1 gripper
- 2 moving platform
- 3 parallel stage flexible links
- 4 Gripper actuation link
- 5 end disk
- 6 spacer disk
- 7 central backbone tube
- 8 base disk
- 9 DDU holder



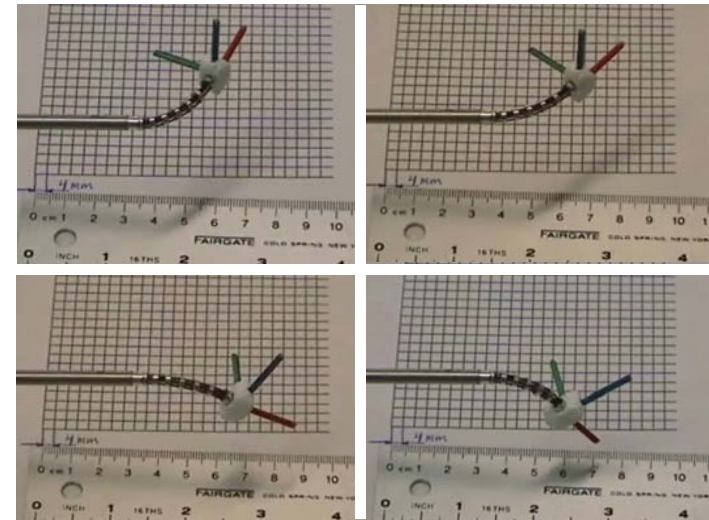
# Functional Prototypes: Large and Small Scale

Large Scale



Test-bed for Suturing Application & Low Level Controllers and Debugging

Small Scale



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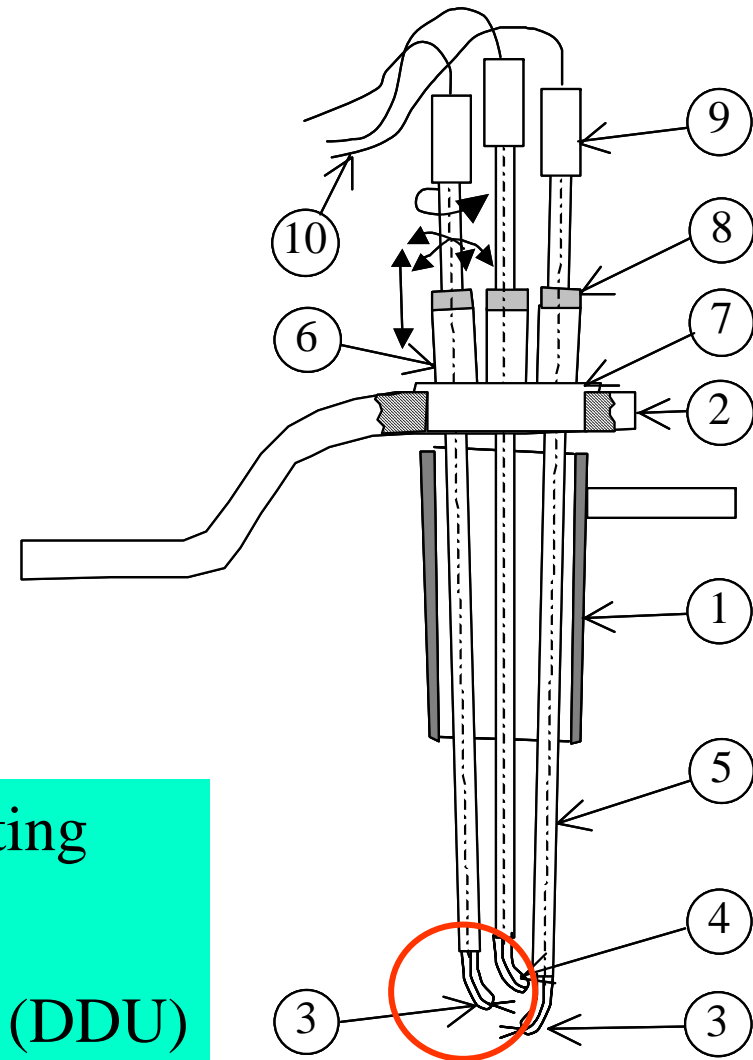
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# Slave Robot

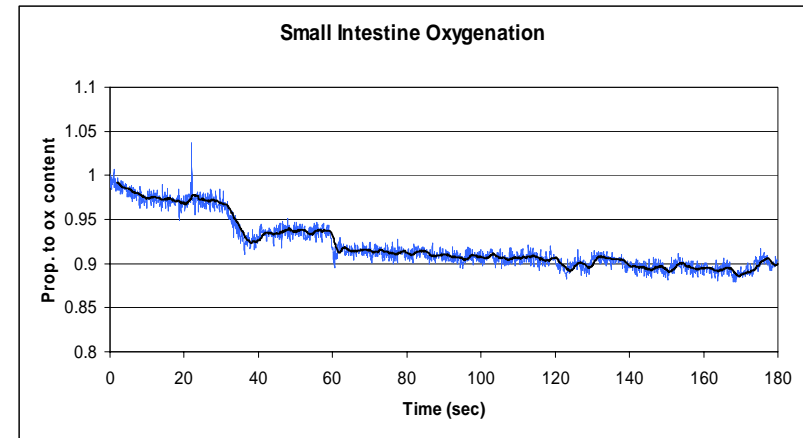
1. Laryngeoscope
2. Base link
3. Distal Dexterity Unit (DDU)
4. DDU for saliva suction
5. DDU holder
6. Tool Manipulation Unit (TMU)
7. Rotating base
8. Fast clamping device
9. Driving unit for the snake
10. Electrical supply /data lines



- A 34 DoF 3-armed slave robot operating through a long and narrow cannula
- Each arm has a Distal Dexterity Unit (DDU)

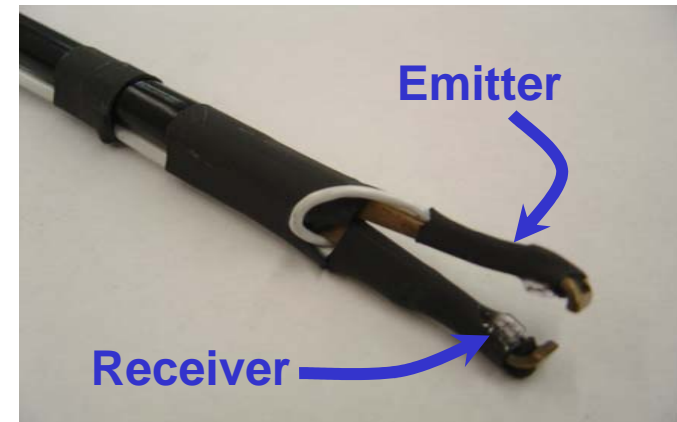
# Sensorized Instruments

- Tool-to-tissue interaction force
- Tissue oxygenation, etc.
- Integrate with information infrastructure, process control, decision supports



Oxymetry Sensors

Force Sensor



Emitter

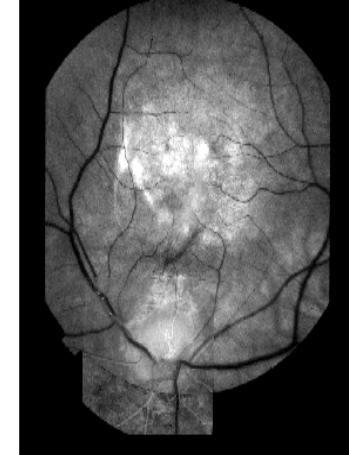
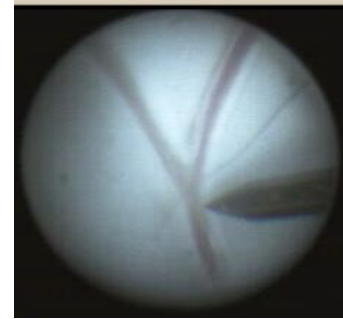
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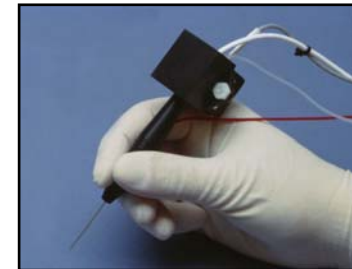
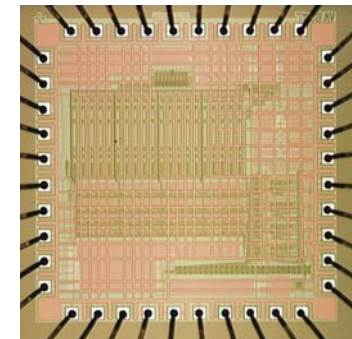
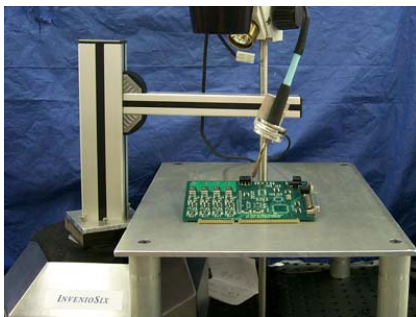
# Microsurgery



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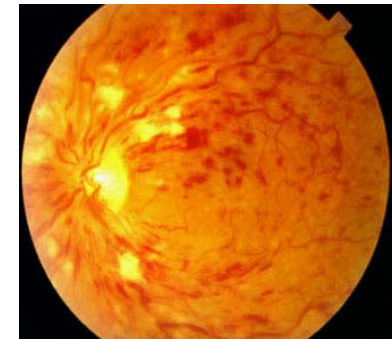


# Eye Conditions: Leading Causes of Blindness

- Central Retinal Vein Occlusion (CRVO)
- Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion (BRVO)

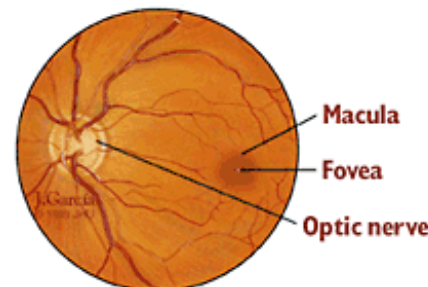


**BRVO**

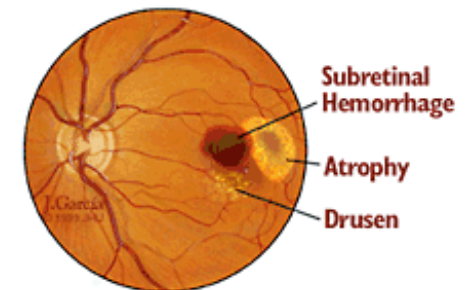


**CRVO**

- Age-related Macular Degeneration (ARMD)



**Normal**

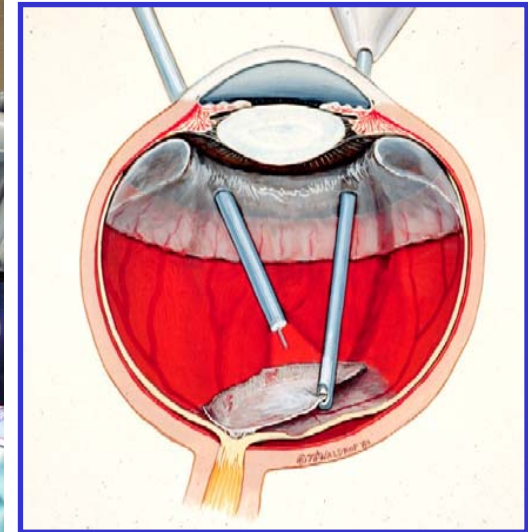


**Macular degeneration**

Images taken from the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute and [www.avclinic.com](http://www.avclinic.com)

# Vein Cannulation - Challenges Involved ?

- Manipulation within delicate retinal structures
  - Retinal Vein (100 microns in diameter)
  - Needle (20-50 microns in diameter)



- At these micro-scales
  - Tactile feedback is practically non-existent
  - Depth perception is limited

} Need for  
dexterity  
enhancement

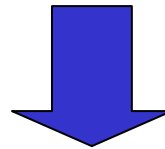
Also the **unstructured**  
**nature** of the task



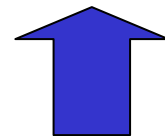
human needs to be  
directly **in the loop**

# Research Objectives

Development and demonstration of **vision-based guidance** that provides **assistance** in **micro-scale eye surgery**, specifically retinal vein cannulation.



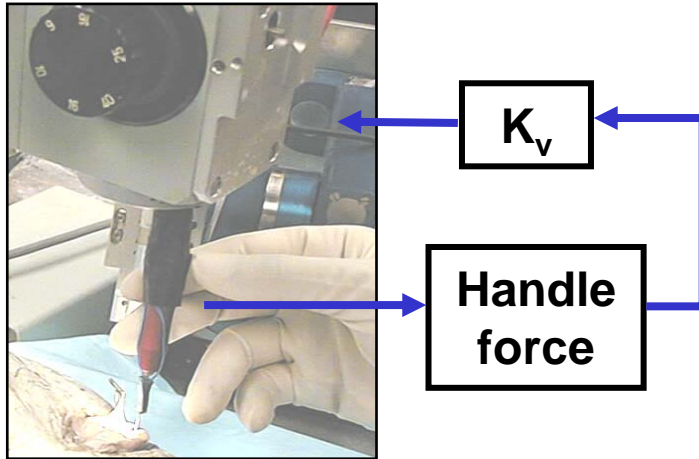
Implementation of the system at a resolution close to 50 microns.



Recent work by Bettini04 has shown that under certain controlled conditions **vision-guided cooperative manipulation in 2D** can be done at a **resolution of approx. 10 microns**.

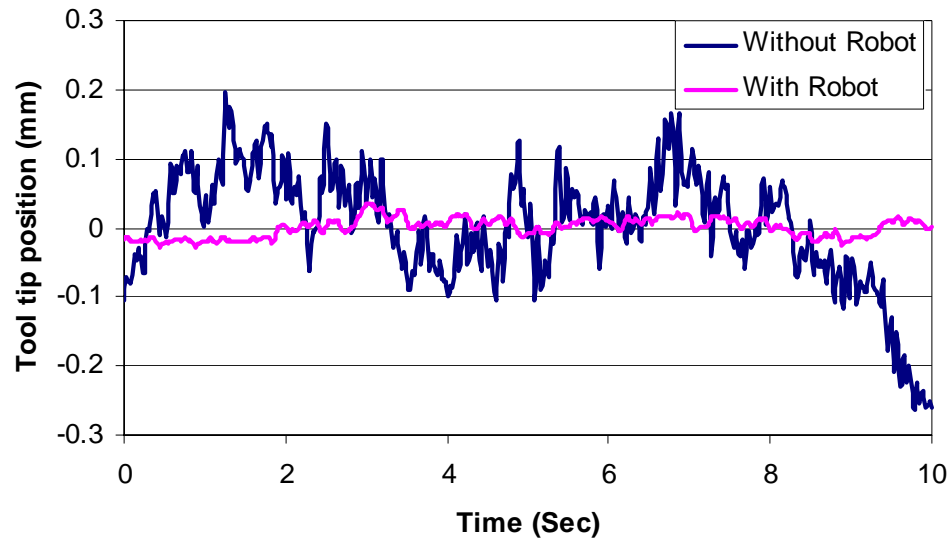


# Steady Hand Guiding for Microsurgery



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R. Taylor & R. Kumar



2 Micron Accuracy

Force-scaling

Remote Center of Motion

# How To Structure Visual Guidance?

“Classification and Realization of the Different Vision-Based Tasks”  
(Chaumette, Rives, Espiau, 1994)

“A Modular System for Robust Hand-Eye Coordination (Hager,  
1997)

“Task Specification Languages for Uncalibrated Visual Servoing”  
(Dodds, 2000)

**Our Problem:** Design a control framework that maps traditional active (vision-based) control systems into admittance controls with a similar geometric interpretation



# Virtual Fixtures: Basic Idea

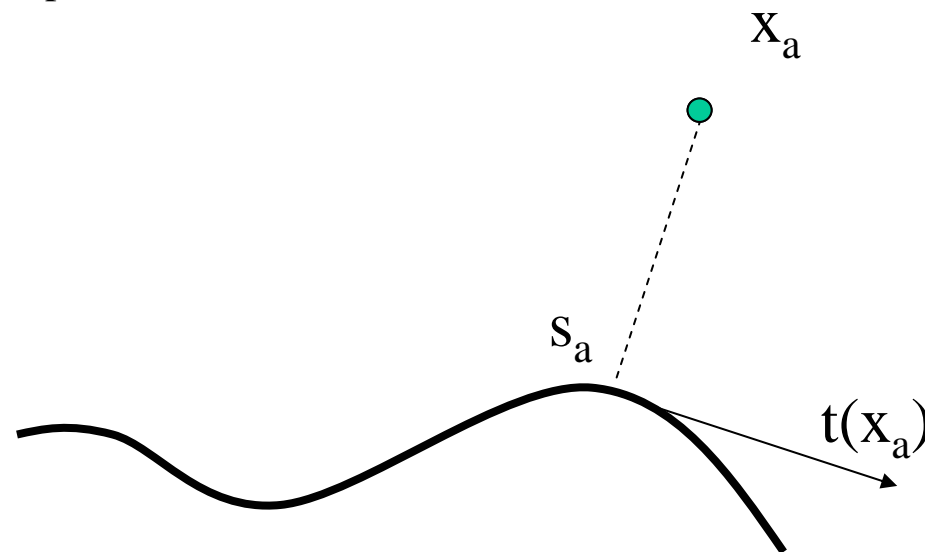
Consider

- curve  $p(s)$
- tool tip  $x_a$
- closest point  $p(s_a)$  to  $x_a$

The preferred direction  $\delta_p$  is the normalized tangent

$$t(x_a) = \frac{d}{ds} p(s) \Big|_{s=s_a}$$

$$\delta_p(x_a) = \frac{t(x_a)}{\|t(x_a)\|}$$



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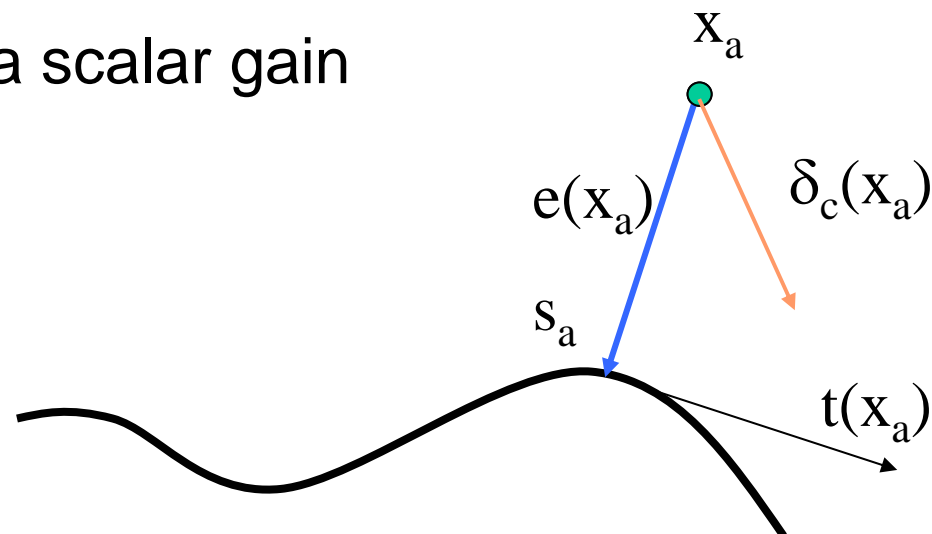
Now, define an error that returns tool to p

$$e(x_a) = p(s_a) - x_a$$

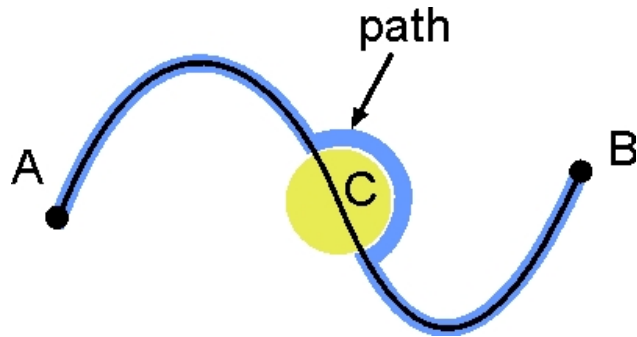
Define a new reference direction with this error term

$$\delta_c(x_a) = \delta_p(x_a) + k_d e(x_a)$$

where  $k_d > 0$  is a scalar gain



# Effect of Varying Compliance



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YUV420 codec decompressor  
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$c_\tau$	Average error (pixels)	Execution time (sec)	Obst. avoidance time (sec)
0	0.59	16.38	N/A
0.3	0.84	21.16	8.71
0.6	2.08	17.49	4.36
1 (fast)	7.06	19.55	4.58
1 (precise)	2.25	39.29	7.85



# Micro Scale: Varying Compliance

$c_{\tau}$	Average error (pixels)	Execution time (sec)
0	3.20	26.86
0.3	4.97	34.85
0.6	7.64	45.66
1	8.15	55.75

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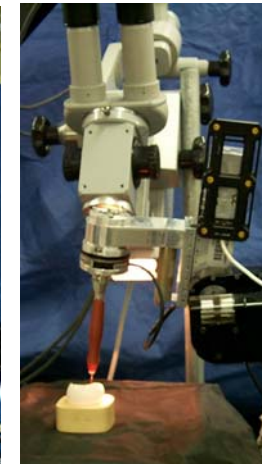
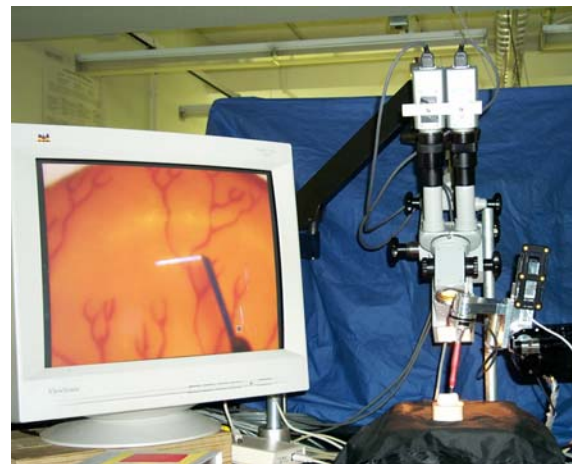


# The Eye TestBed

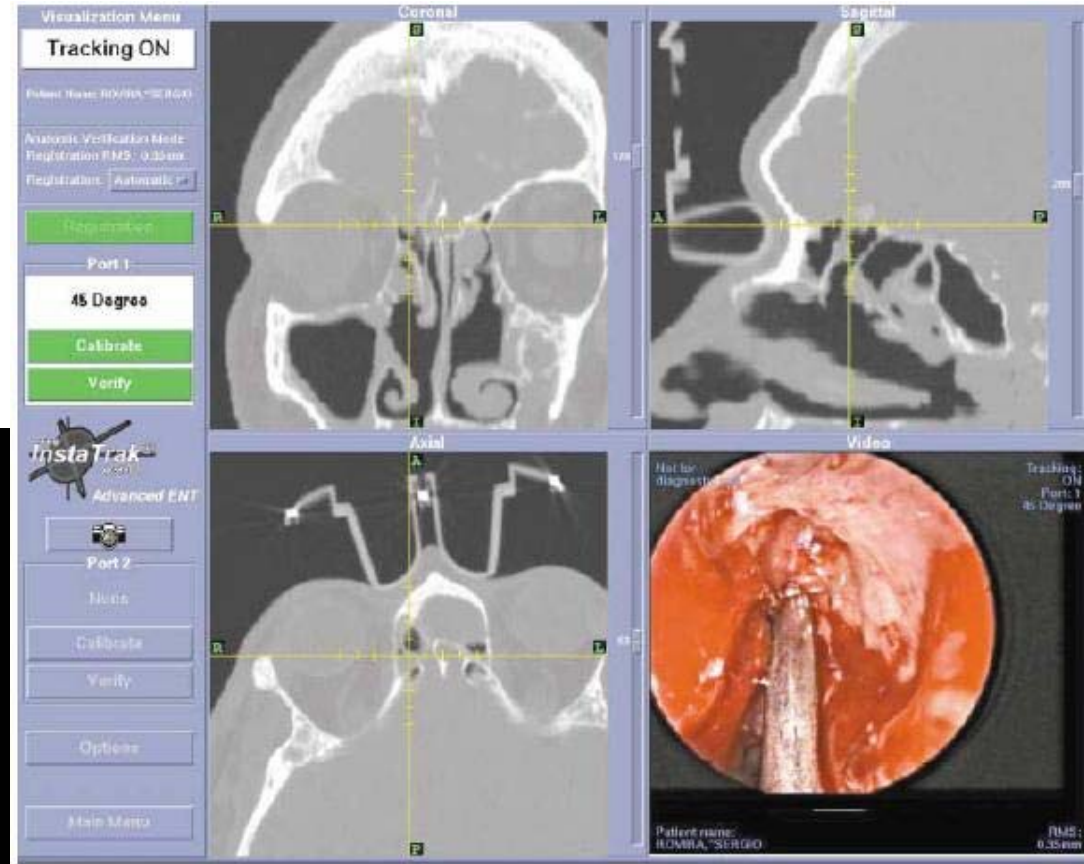
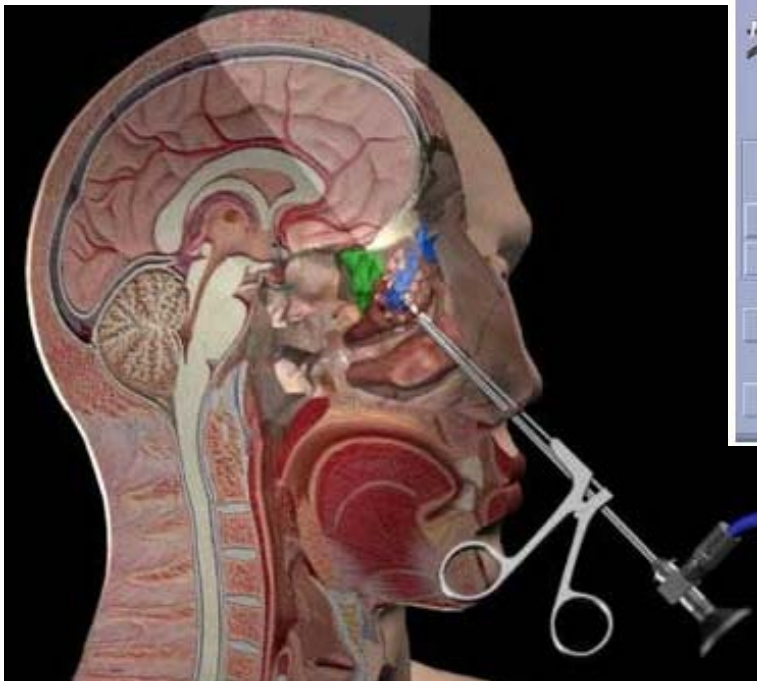


- **Preliminary testbed** (scaled version) for application of virtual fixtures to real surgery. Steady Hand robot with stereo cameras.
- **Fully calibrated system** – robot to camera calibration and stereo calibration. Average robot to camera transformation error is 2 mm +/- 1.5mm.
- **Resolution** of the system ~ 3mm/pixel.

- **Current System:** Zeiss stereo surgical microscope, steady-hand robot, stereo display
- **Minimal Calibration:** direct image-based formulation
- **Resolution** of the system ~ 100 $\mu$ /pixel.



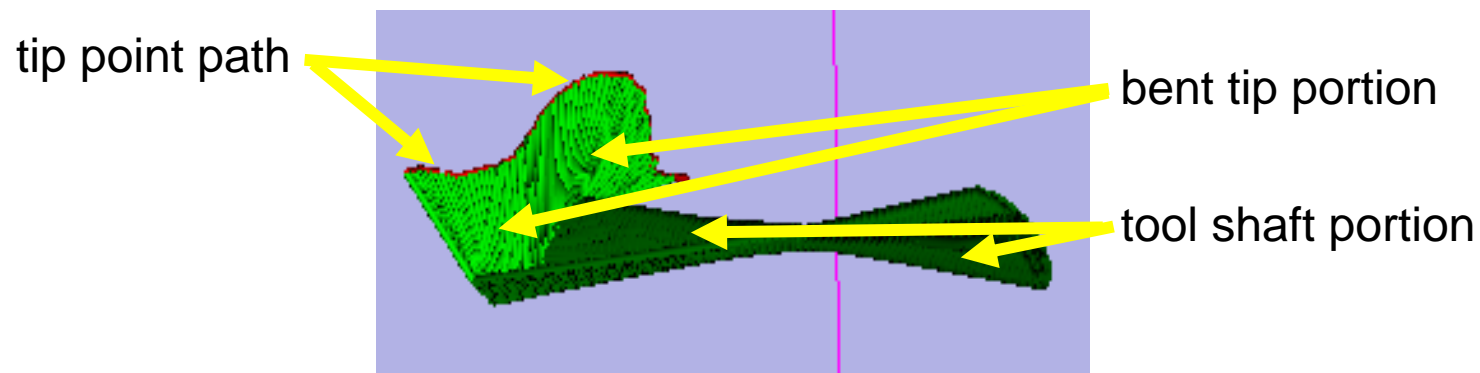
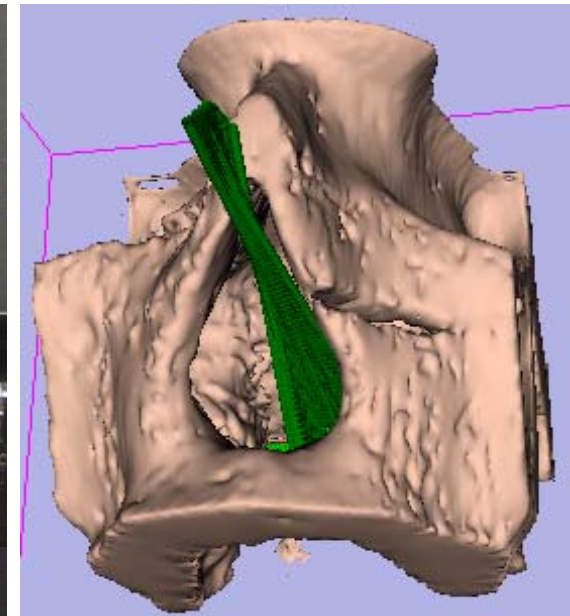
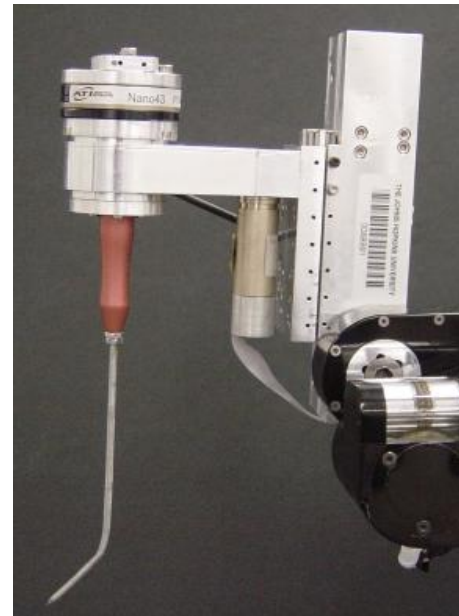
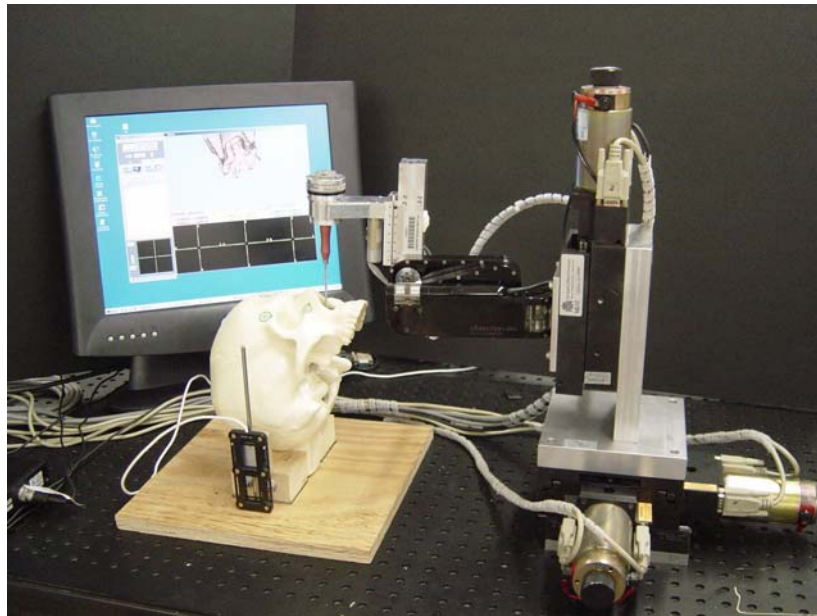
# Example: Endoscopic Sinus Surgery



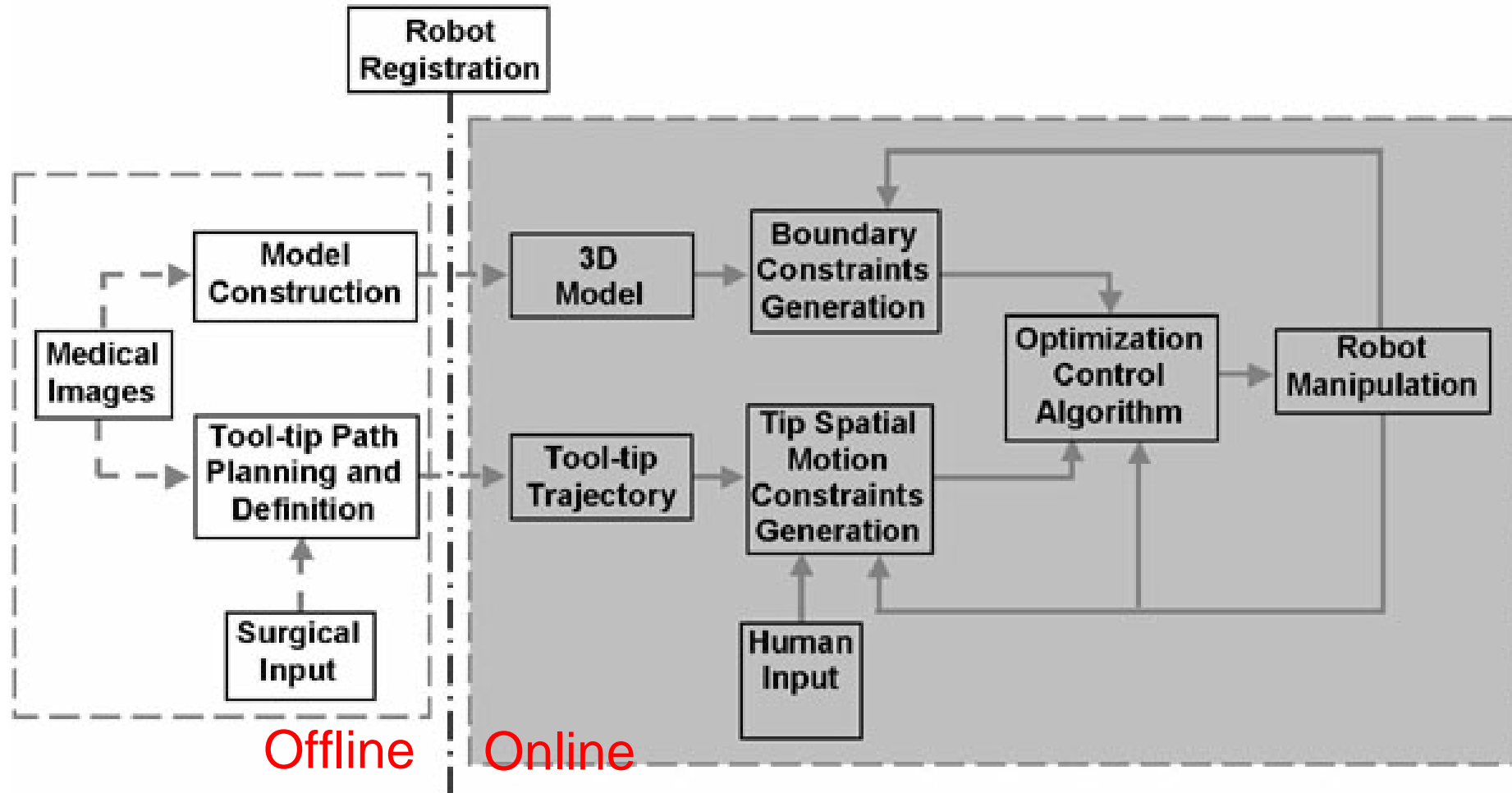
D. W. Kennedy, W. E. Bolger , and S. J. Zinreich  
*Diseases of the Sinuses: Diagnosis and Management.* 2001.

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

Ming Li, Russell Taylor



# Virtual Fixture Generation System



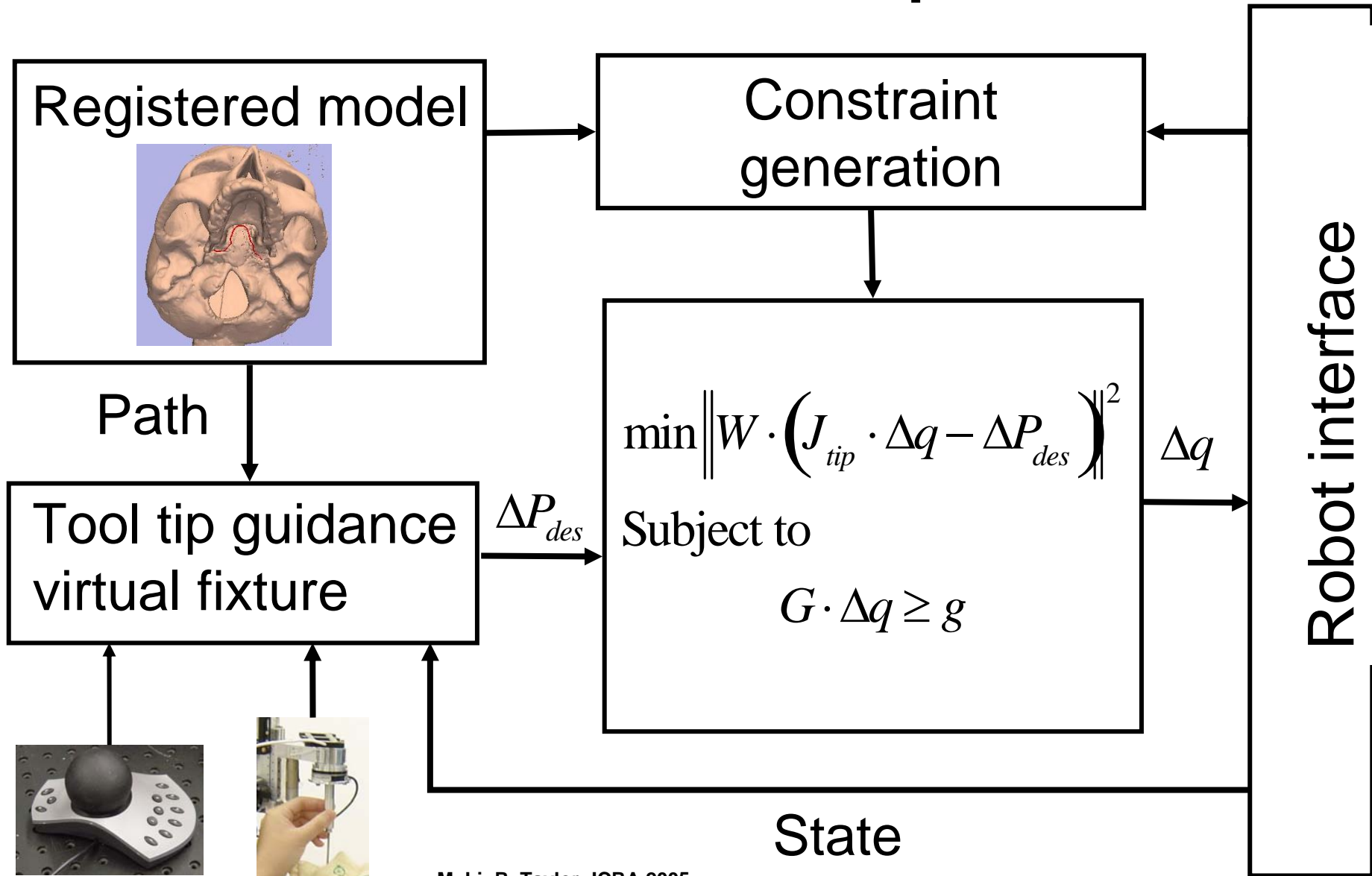
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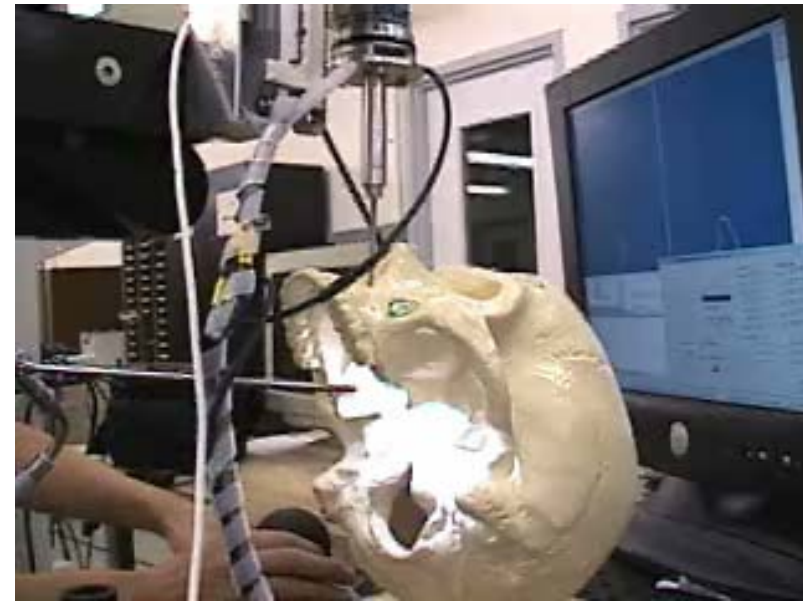
# Virtual Fixture Online Implementation



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Cooperative  
control guiding



3D mouse guiding

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View of path & tool

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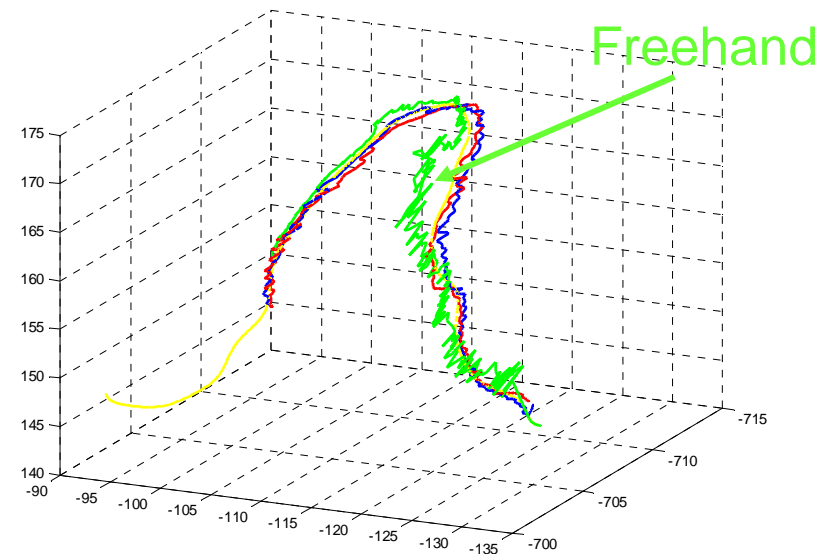
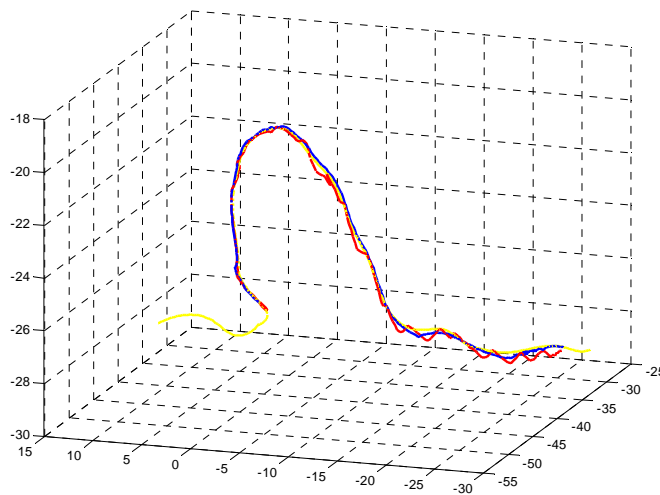
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# Performance of Teleoperation vs Cooperatively Hands-on Operation

## Trajectory of the path



Yellow: given path; Red: remote; Blue: hands-on

Robot context

Optical Tracking context

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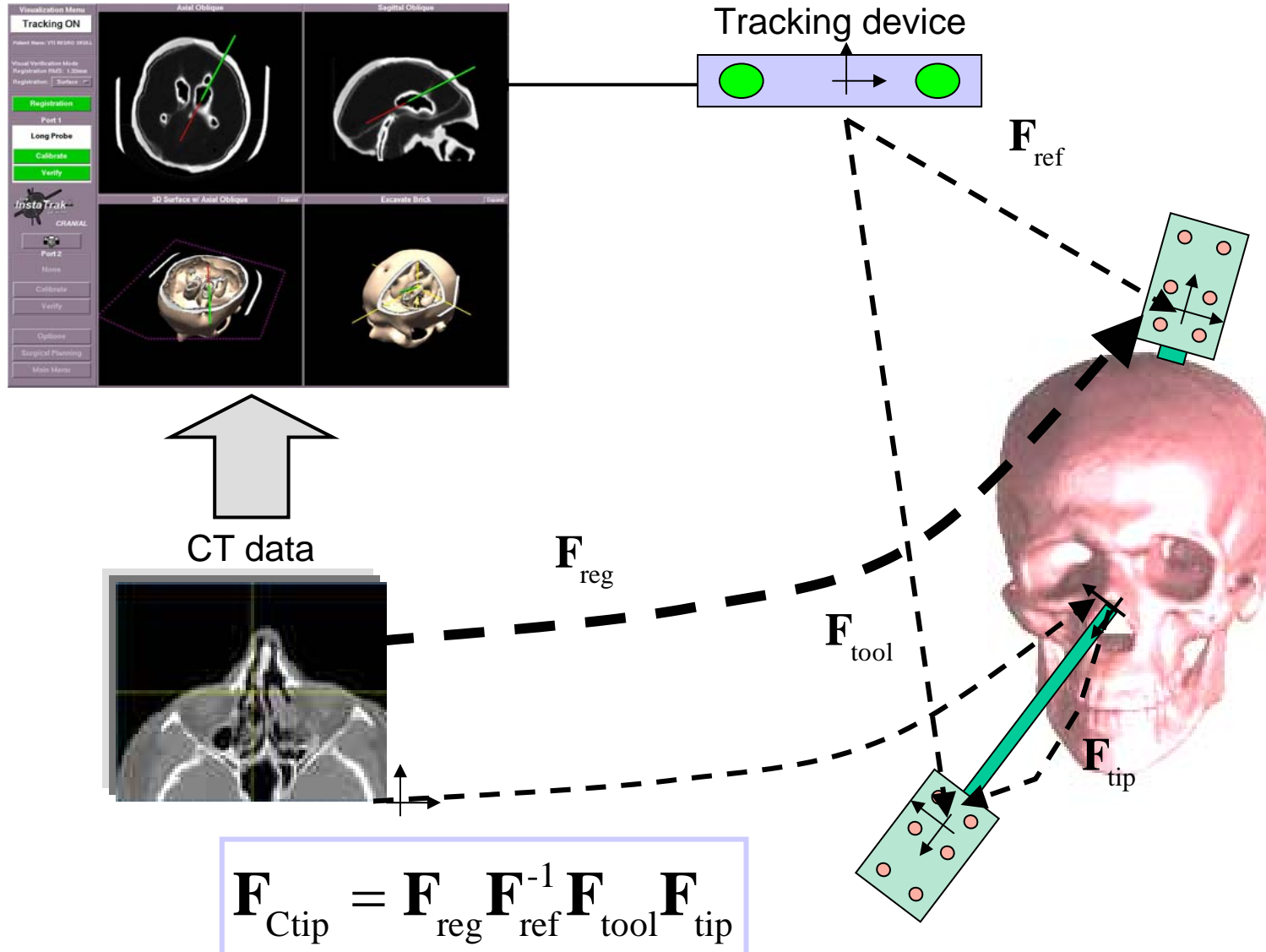
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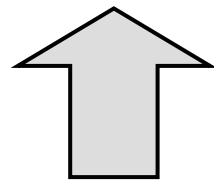
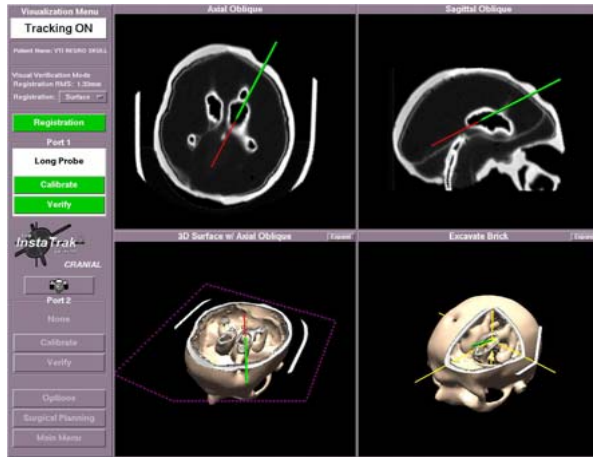


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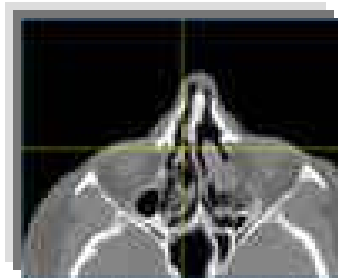


# Our Goal: Direct Registration

From a sequence of endoscope images, compute registration to CT and endoscope position



CT data



$\mathbf{F}_{reg}$

$\mathbf{F}_{anat}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{Ctip} = \mathbf{F}_{reg} \mathbf{F}_{anat}$$



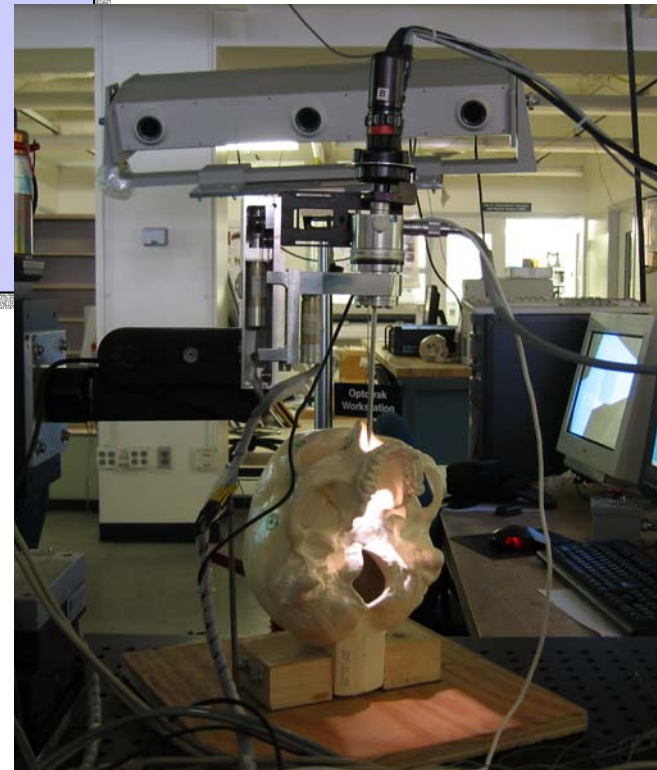
# Scale-Invariant Registration of Monocular Images to CT-Scans for Sinus Surgery

**Darius Burschka, Ming Li,  
Russell Taylor, Gregory D. Hager**

**Proc. MICCAI 2004  
St. Malo, France**

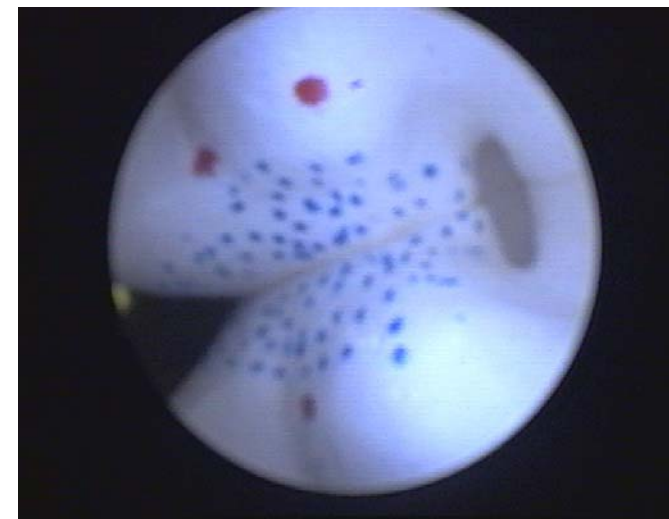
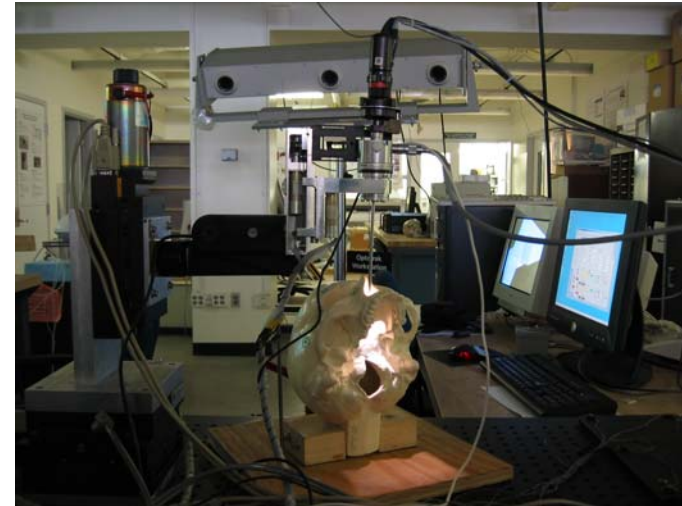
- Accuracy Experiments
  - Plastic skull phantom
  - Surface reconstruction  $\sim 0.5$  mm
  - Registration  $\sim 0.5$  mm

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# Validation: Phantom Results

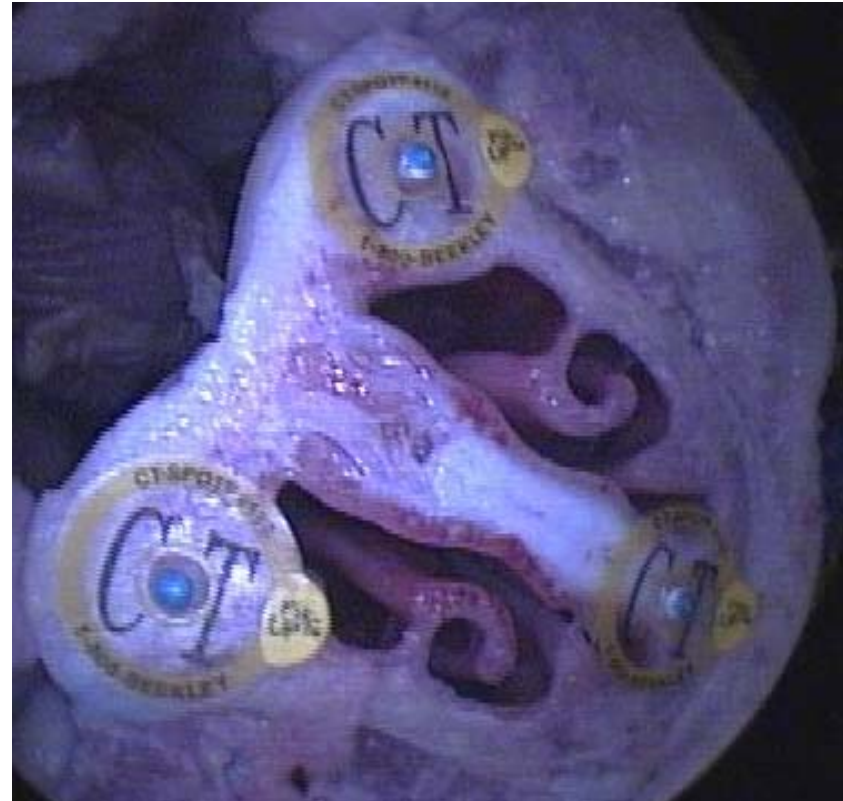
- Surface Reconstruction accuracy  $\sim 0.5$  mm
- Registration accuracy  $\sim 0.5$  mm



**Burschka, Li, Taylor, Hager**

# Cadaver Validation

- Porcine model with modified anatomy
- Embedded CT fiducials
  - again “gold standard” registration
- Hand-held endoscope



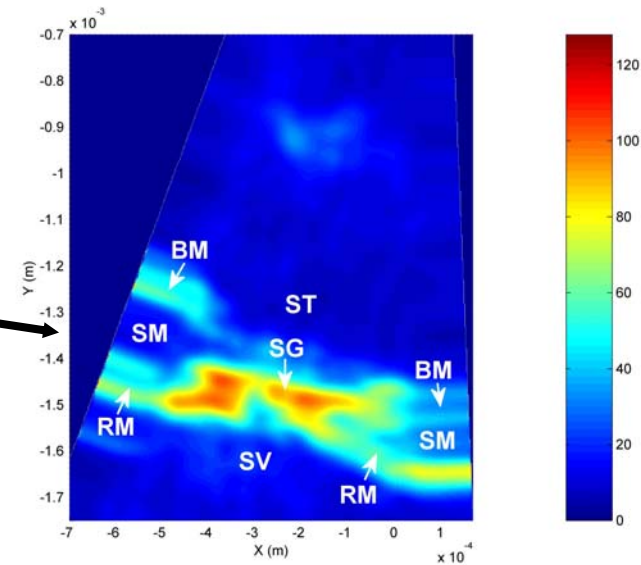
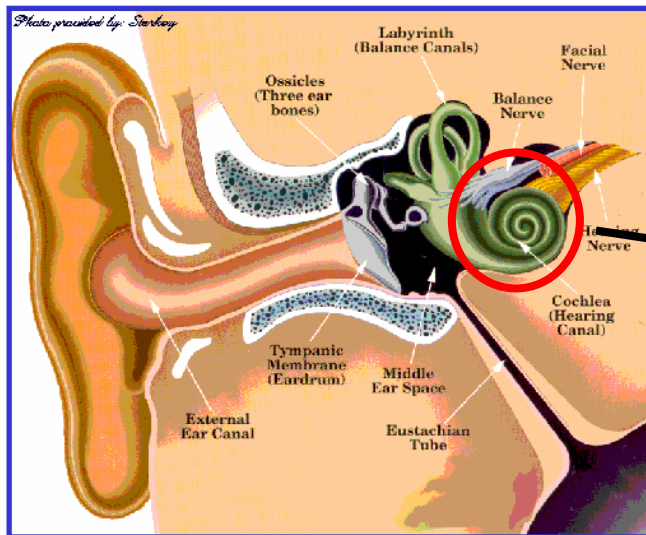
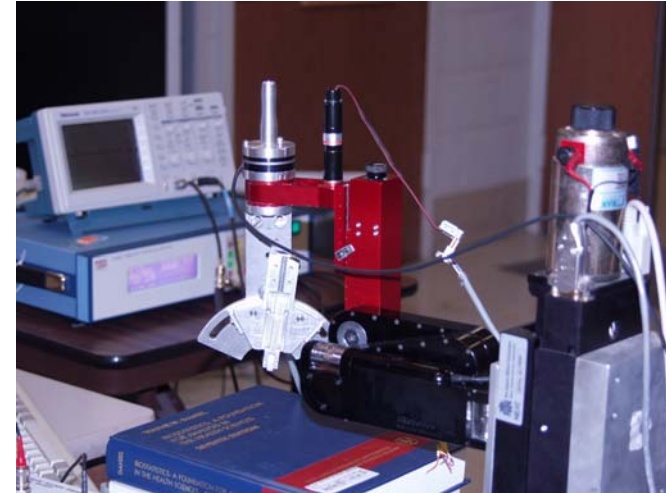
**Burschka, Li, Taylor, Hager**

# High Precision Ultrasound Guided Needle Placement

Rothbaum/Roy/Mustafa/Niparko/Francis/Whitcomb

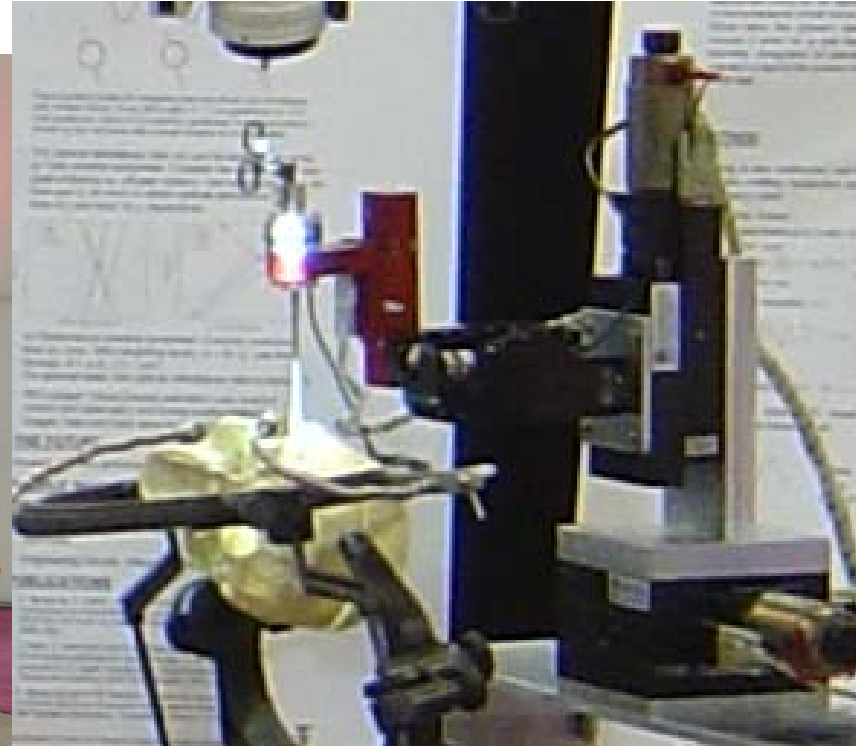
Goal: to access the scala-media under ultrasound guidance

- Novel high resolution US device (collaboration with K. Shung and the Biomedical Ultrasonics Laboratory at USC)
- $<30 \mu\text{m}$  resolution



# NeuroSurgery

Kazanzides/Clatterbuck - JHU/Synergetics, Inc



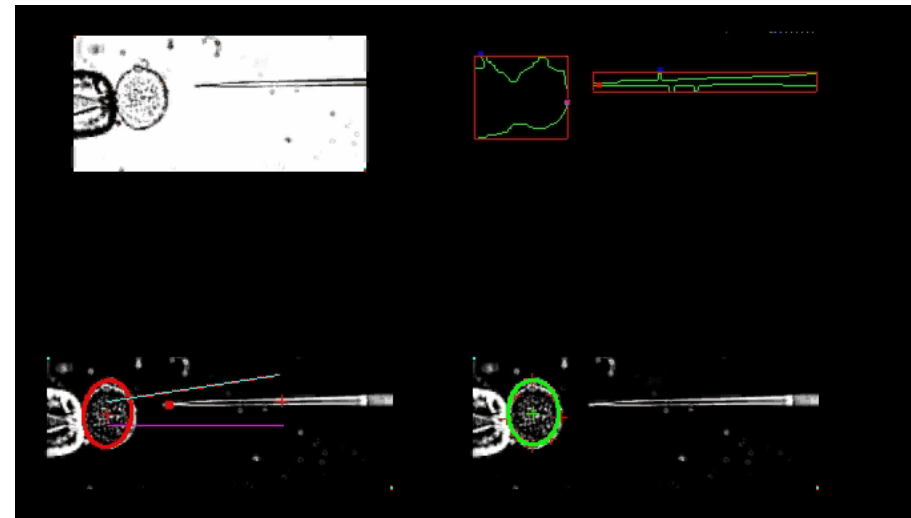
**Collaborative demonstration of JHU Steady-Hand technology for neuro application at CNS "OR of the Future"**

**Two weeks from conception to completion!!**

# Biomanipulation with a steady hand robot

Rajesh Kumar<sup>(1)</sup>, Ankur Kapoor<sup>(2)</sup>, Russ Taylor<sup>(2)</sup>

- 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”

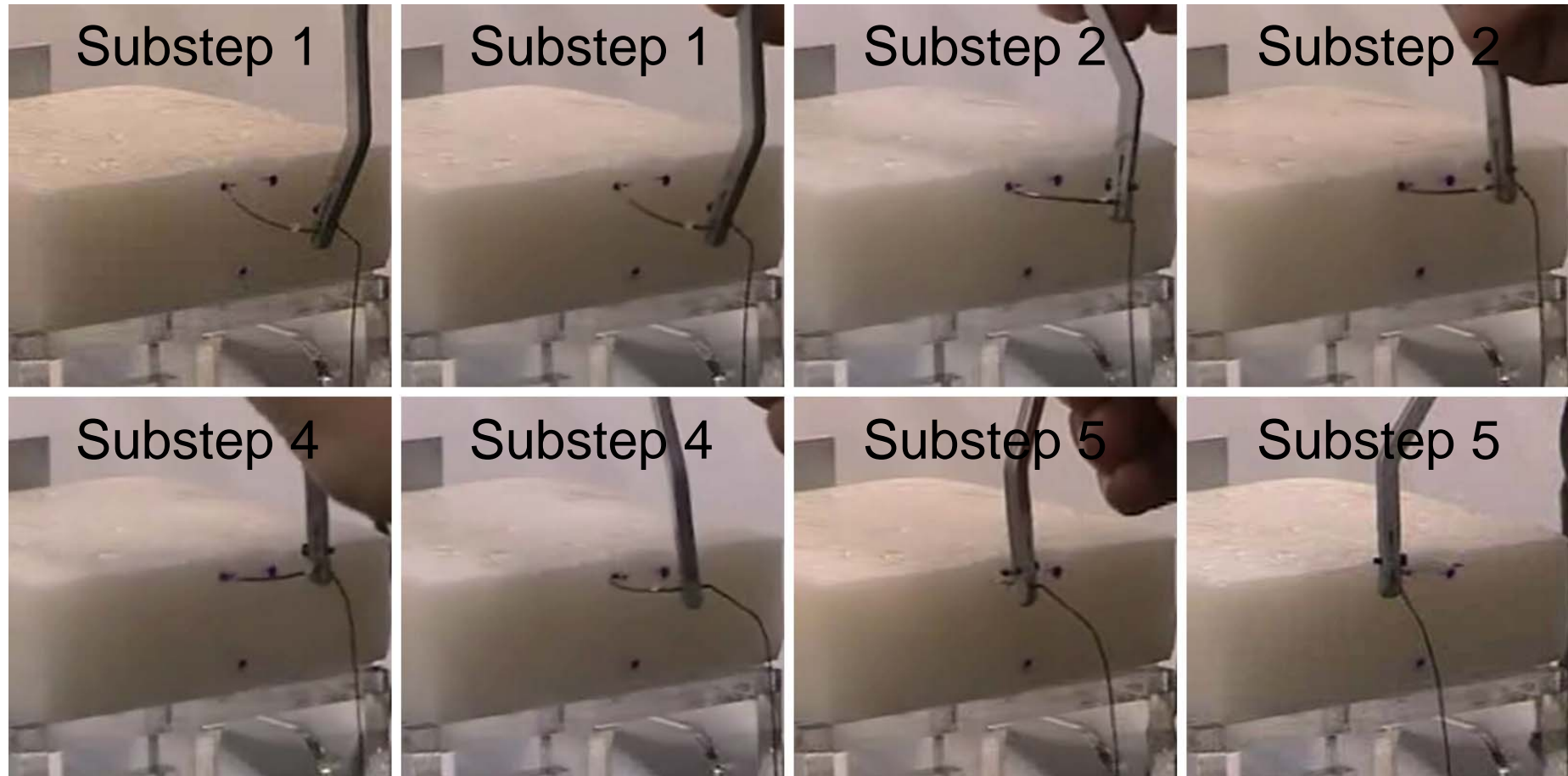


(1) Foster-Miller; (2) CISST ERC, JHU  
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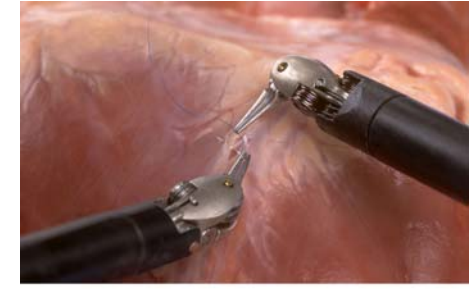
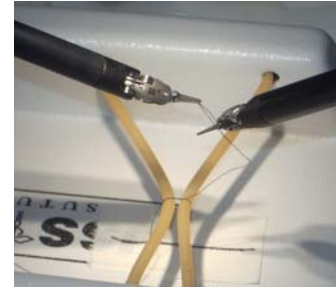


# Virtual Fixtures for Suturing

Ankur Kapoor, Ming Li, Russ Taylor



# Teleoperation

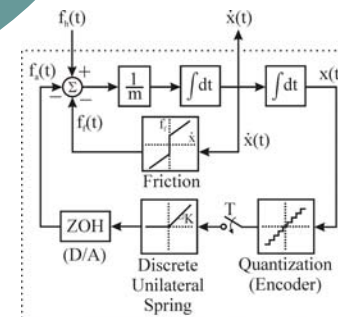
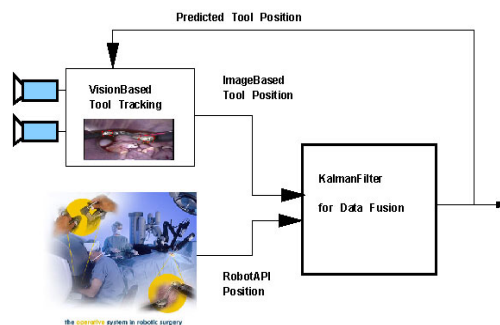


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"Pull"

Systems  
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New  
Technology

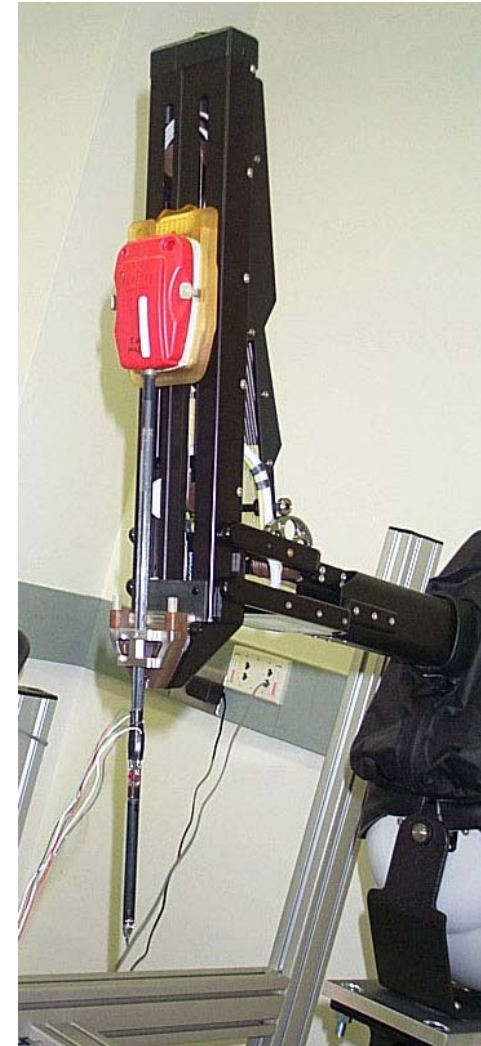
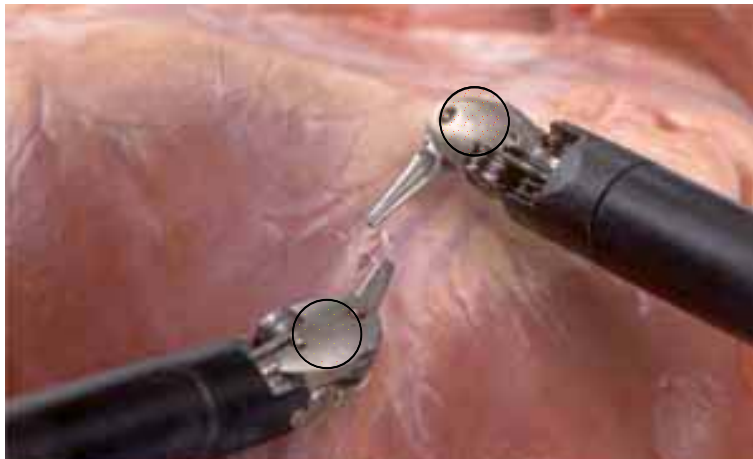
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# Augmented Reality for Surgeon Assistance

T. Akinbiyi, A. Okamura, D. Yuh

- Force sensors in robotic surgical instruments
- Computer display of warning when force is too high
- Pilot study for suturing
  - 3:1 reduction in broken sutures



# Pilot Study



# Ideal Trial

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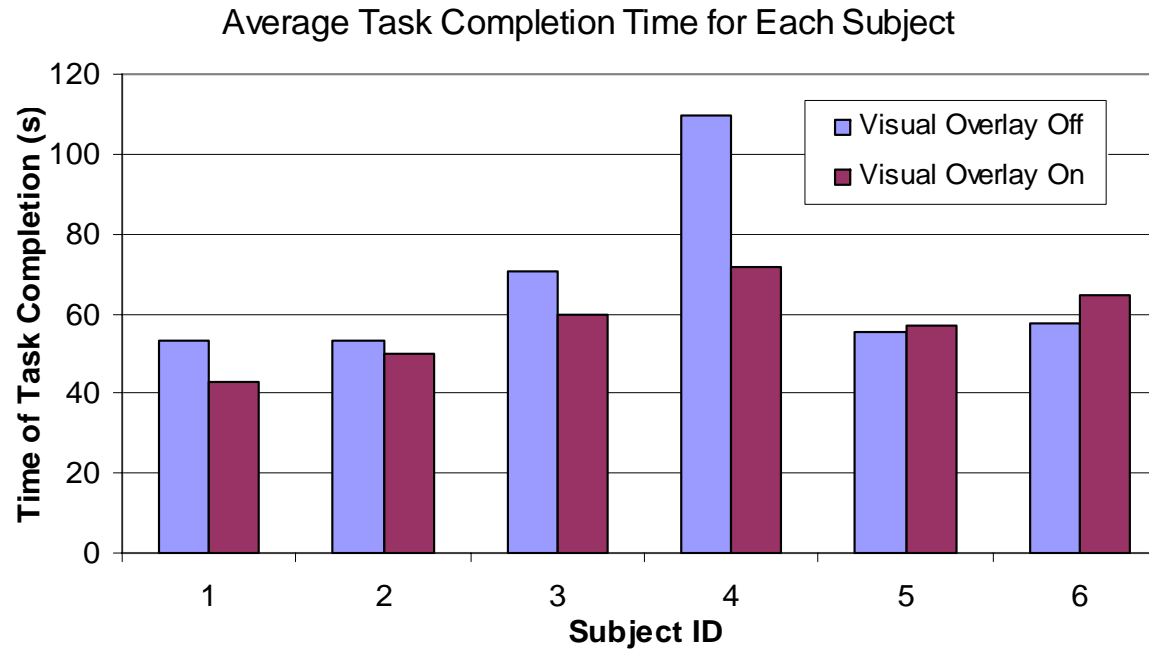


# Excessive Force

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# Results



- Number of Broken Sutures
  - Visual overlay on: 1
  - Visual overlay off: 3
- 5 out of 6 users preferred task with visual overlay



# Video tracking of surgical tools

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# Real-time Video Registration Techniques

## Hager/Thakor/Yuh/Lau (JHU)

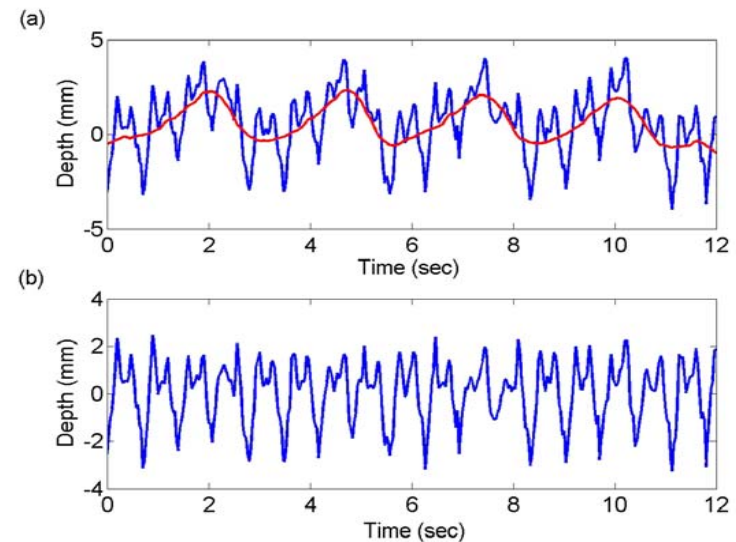


**Problem:** Construct dynamically tracked models of deformable surfaces

**Solution:** Optimize a parametric surface from stereo imagery

**Results:** Real-time tracking of a beating heart with:

1. Real-time performance
2. Extremely high accuracy ( $< 1/10$  pixel)
3. Generalization to many imaging devices and applications

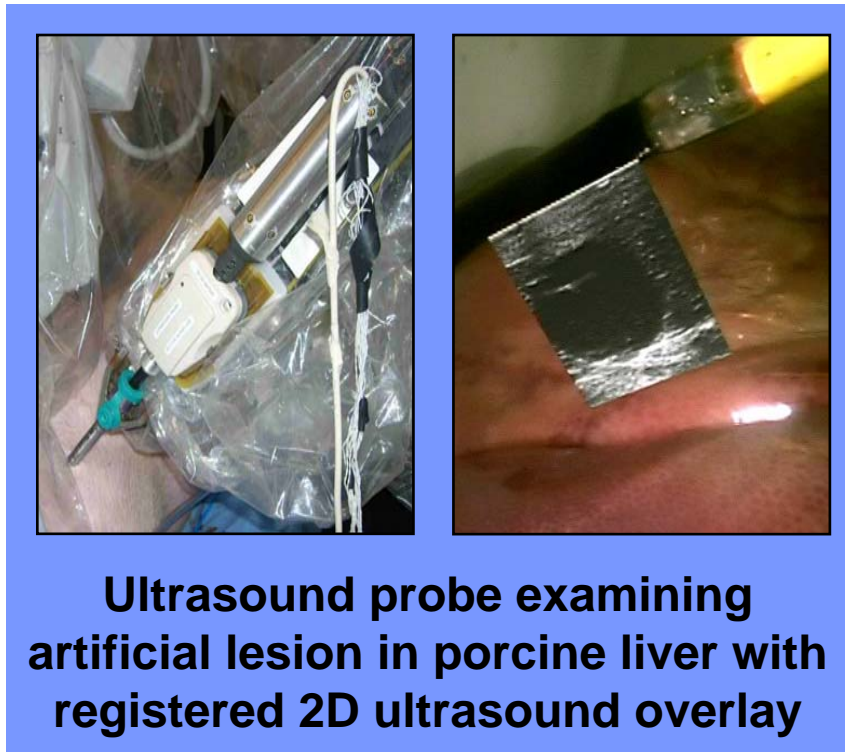


**Stereo tracking of in-vivo beating heart using Intuitive Stereo Endoscope**

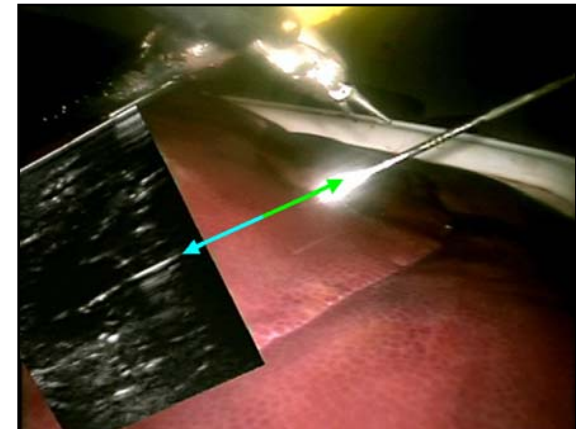
# Telesurgery with Integrated Laparoscopic Ultrasound for Hepatic Surgery

Collaboration between JHU and Industrial Partner

*Presented by Christopher J. Hasser, Director of Applied Research, Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*



**Needle  
insertion  
demonstrates  
alignment**

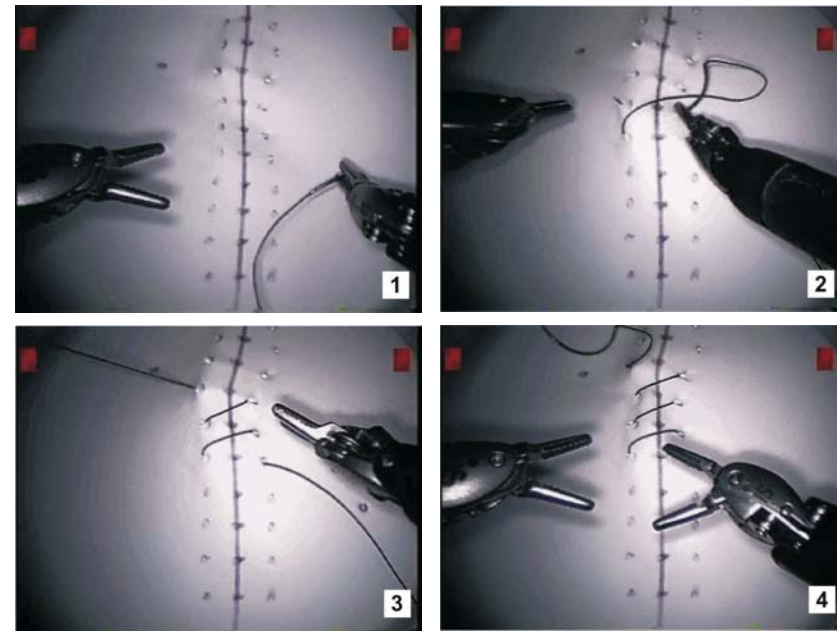
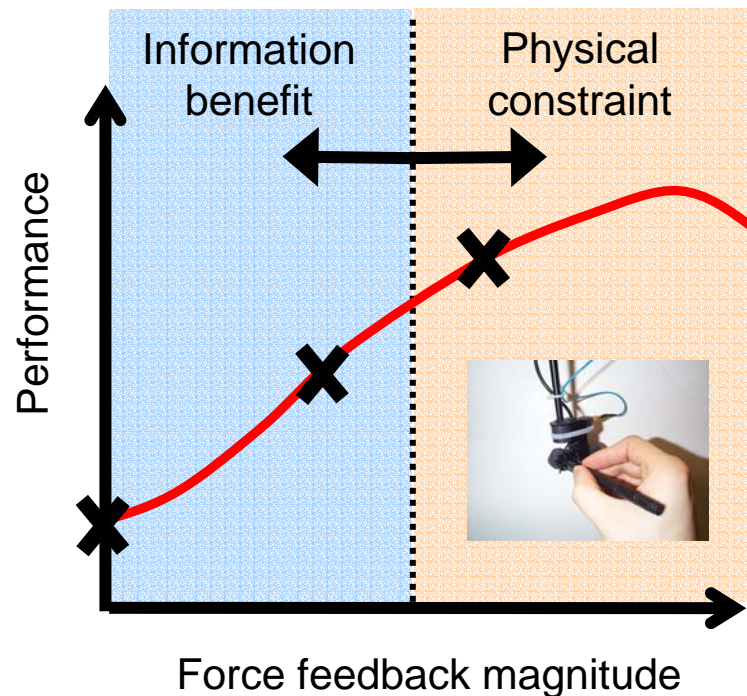


**Registered 3D  
ultrasound  
volume swept  
w/autonomous  
robot motion**

# Human Modeling

Fundamental research on human modeling for learning and effectiveness is needed

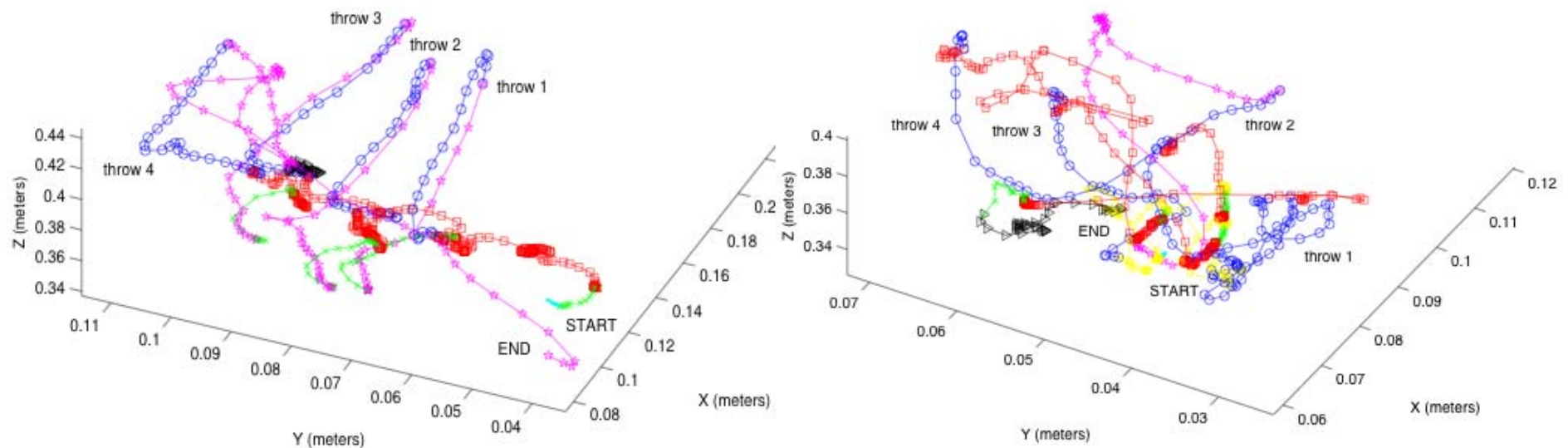
Increased force feedback provides increasing performance benefit



Studies of surgical learning curves require task modeling and human motion recognition

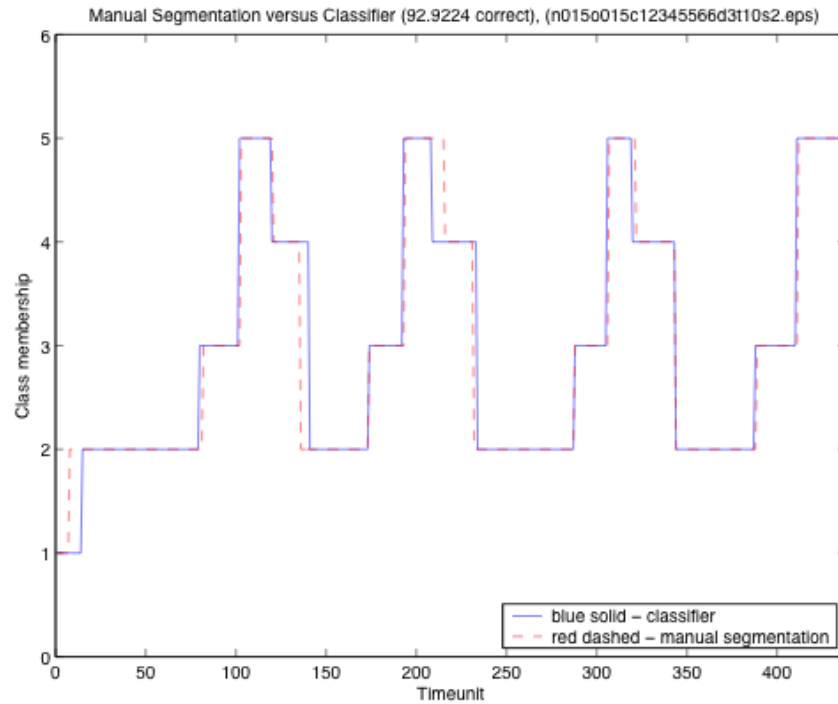
# Context Aware Surgical Assistant (CASA)

- Develop methods for observing and understanding surgery and surgical technique

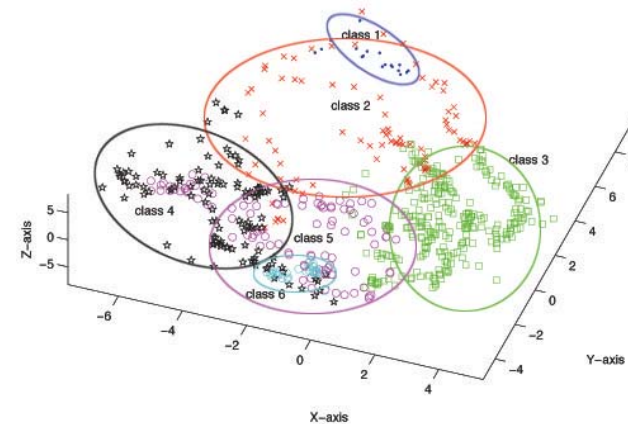
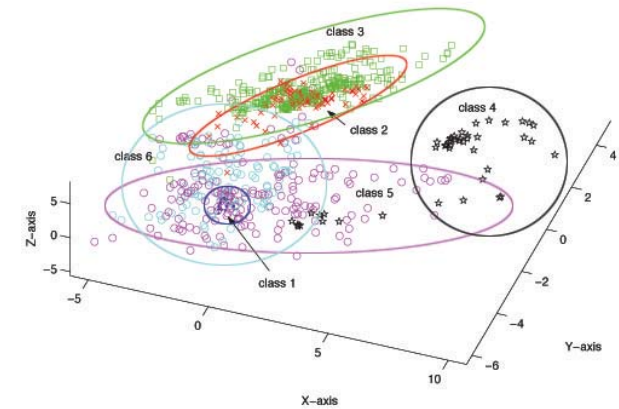


*Two examples of a 4-throw suture*

# Other Views of the Same Data



*HMM-based segmentation*



*LDA Projections*

# Our Objective: To Observe, Interpret, and Diagnose Surgical Gestures

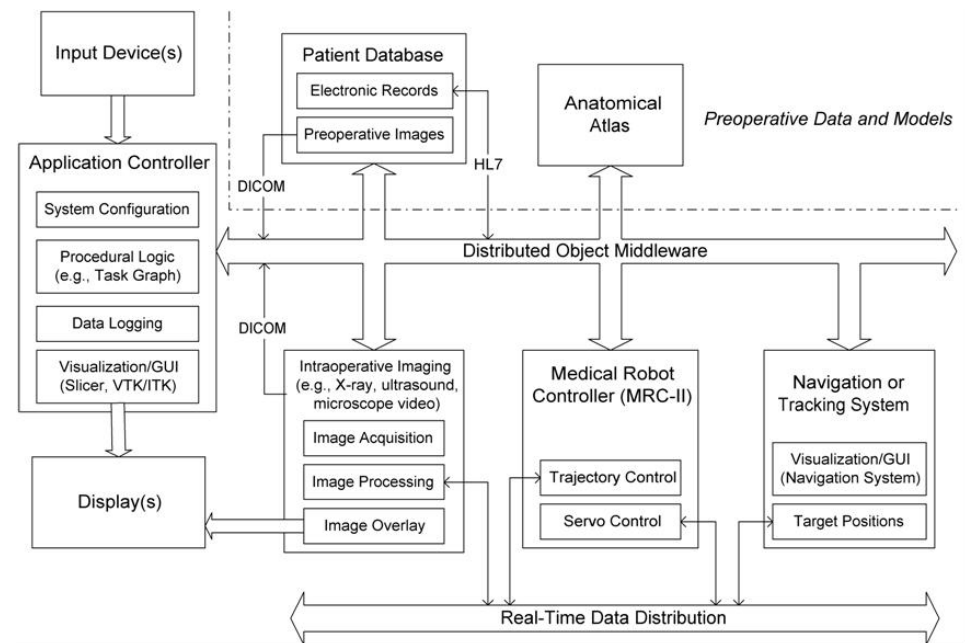
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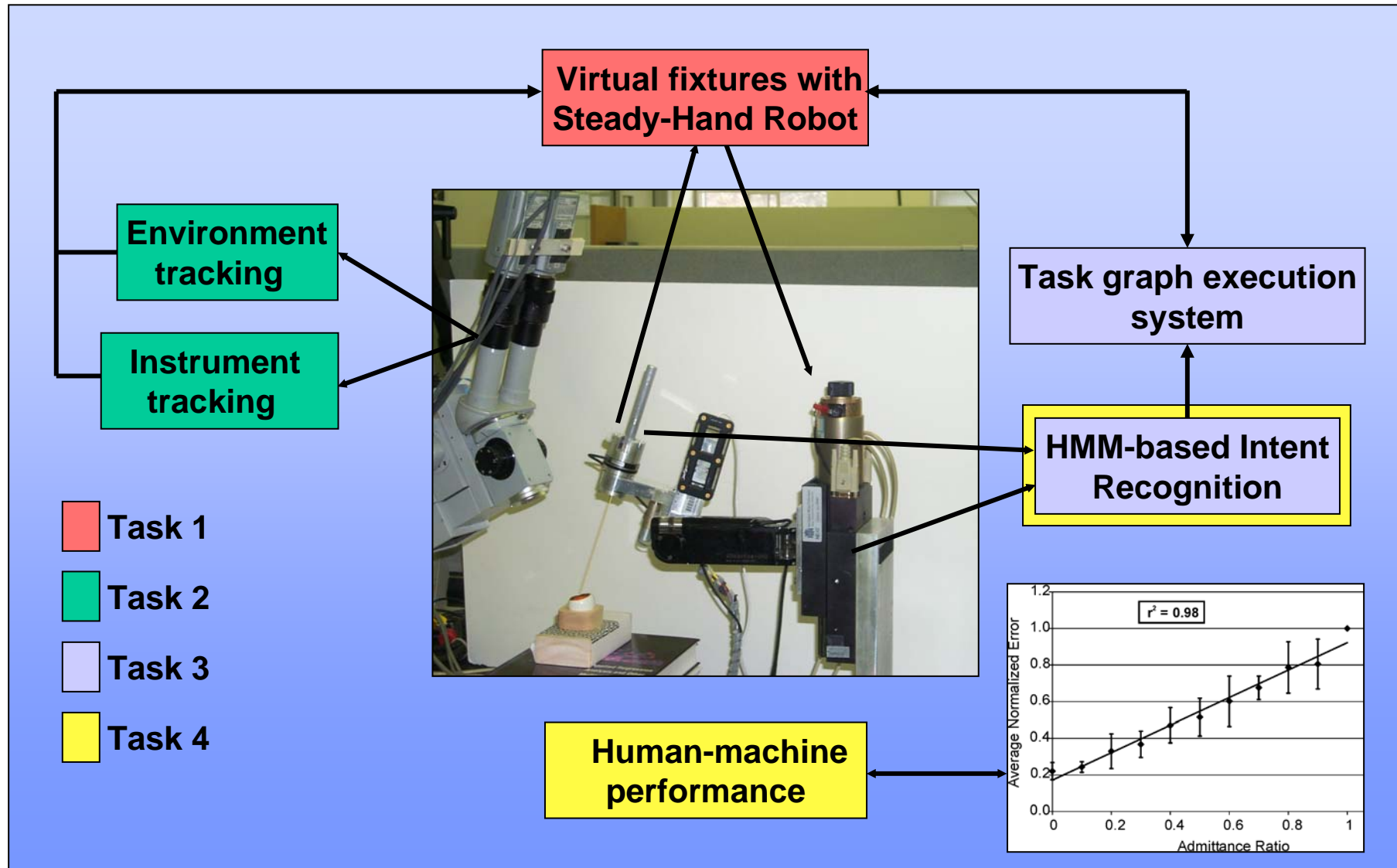
# A Final Comment: Systems Science

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

- Modularity & standards
- Robustness & safety
- Customization
- Validation
- Information management

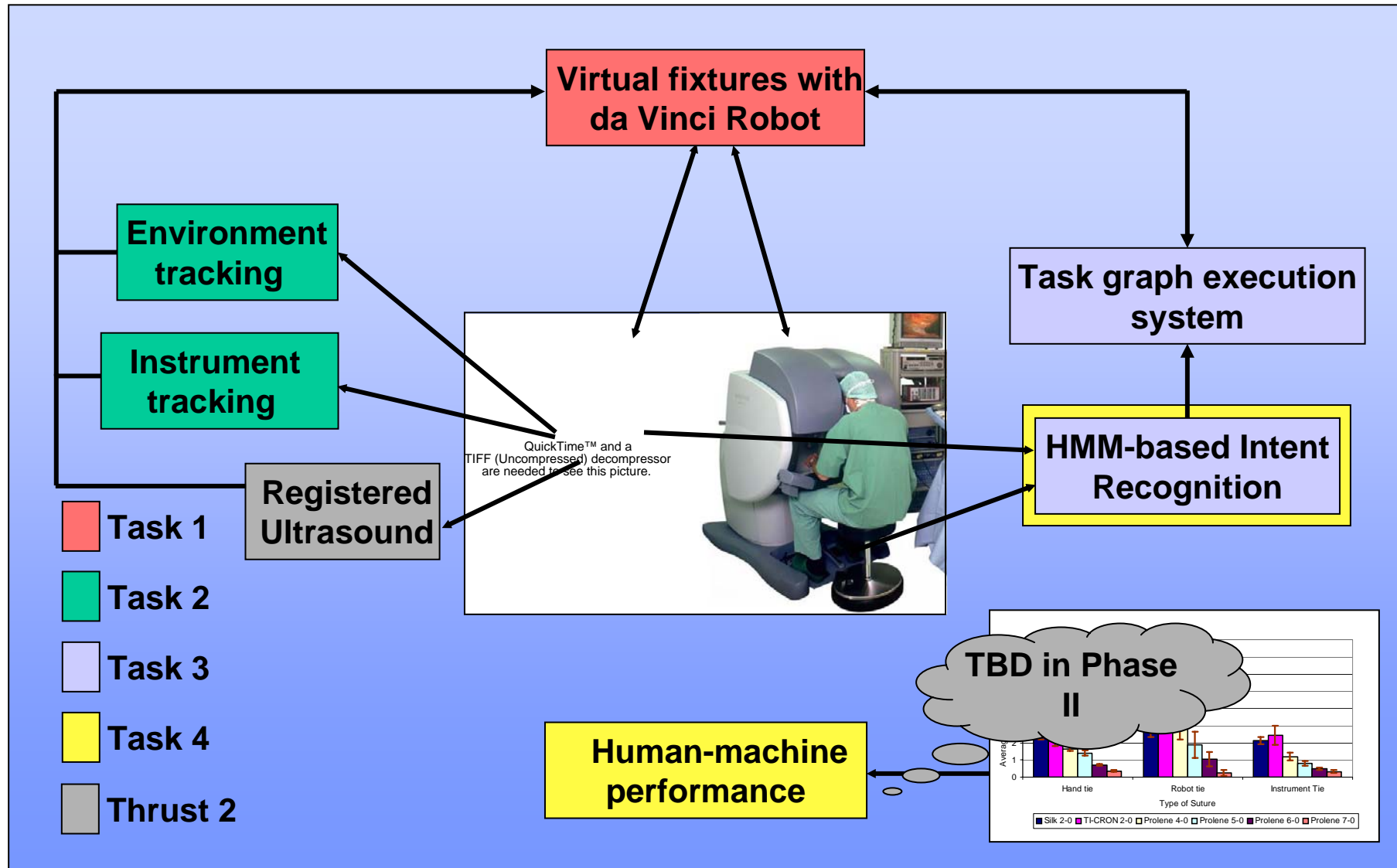


# Microsurgical Workstation Architecture

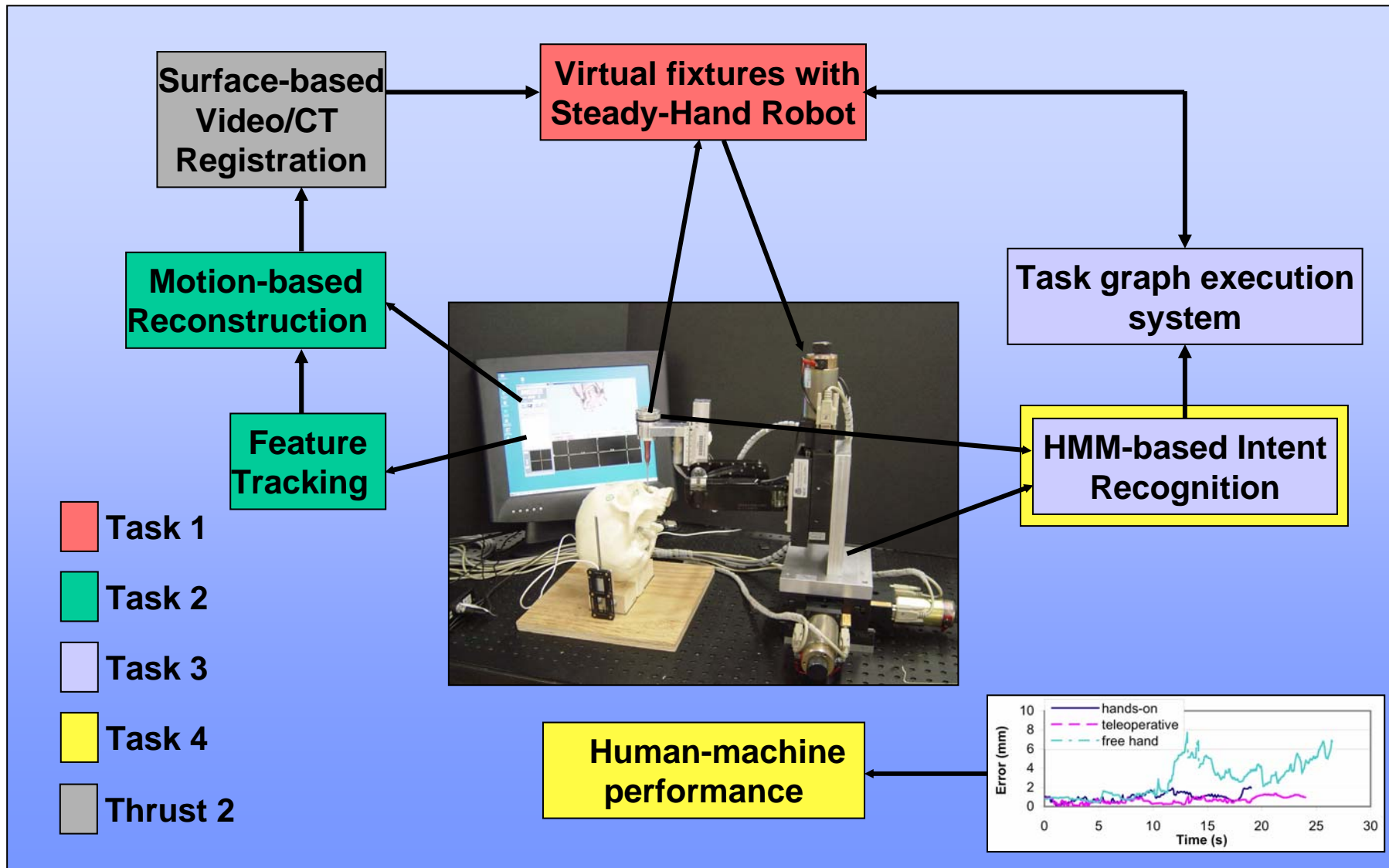




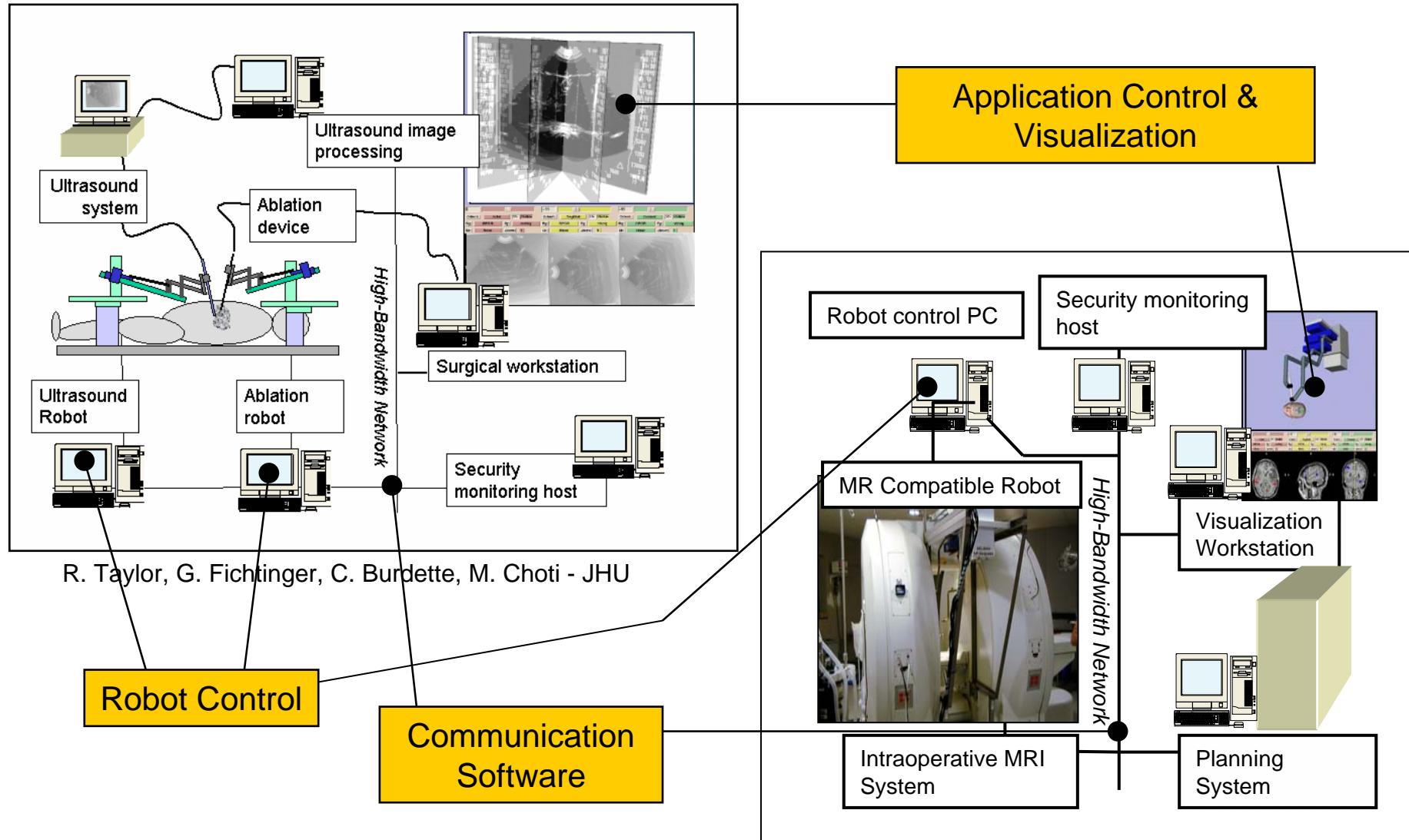
# Teleoperation Workstation Architecture



# Sinus Surgery Workstation Architecture



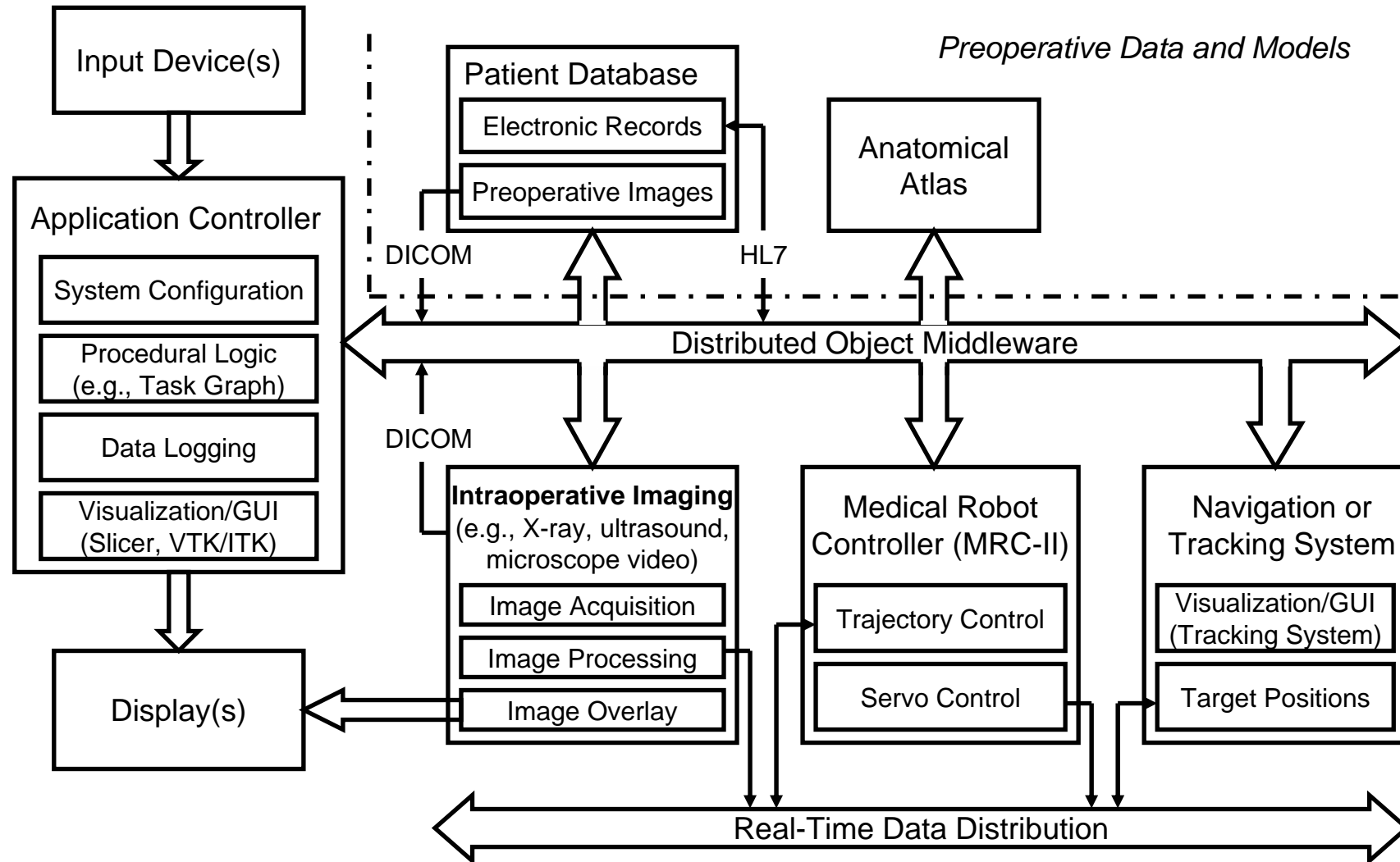
# Crucial need: common architecture & infrastructure



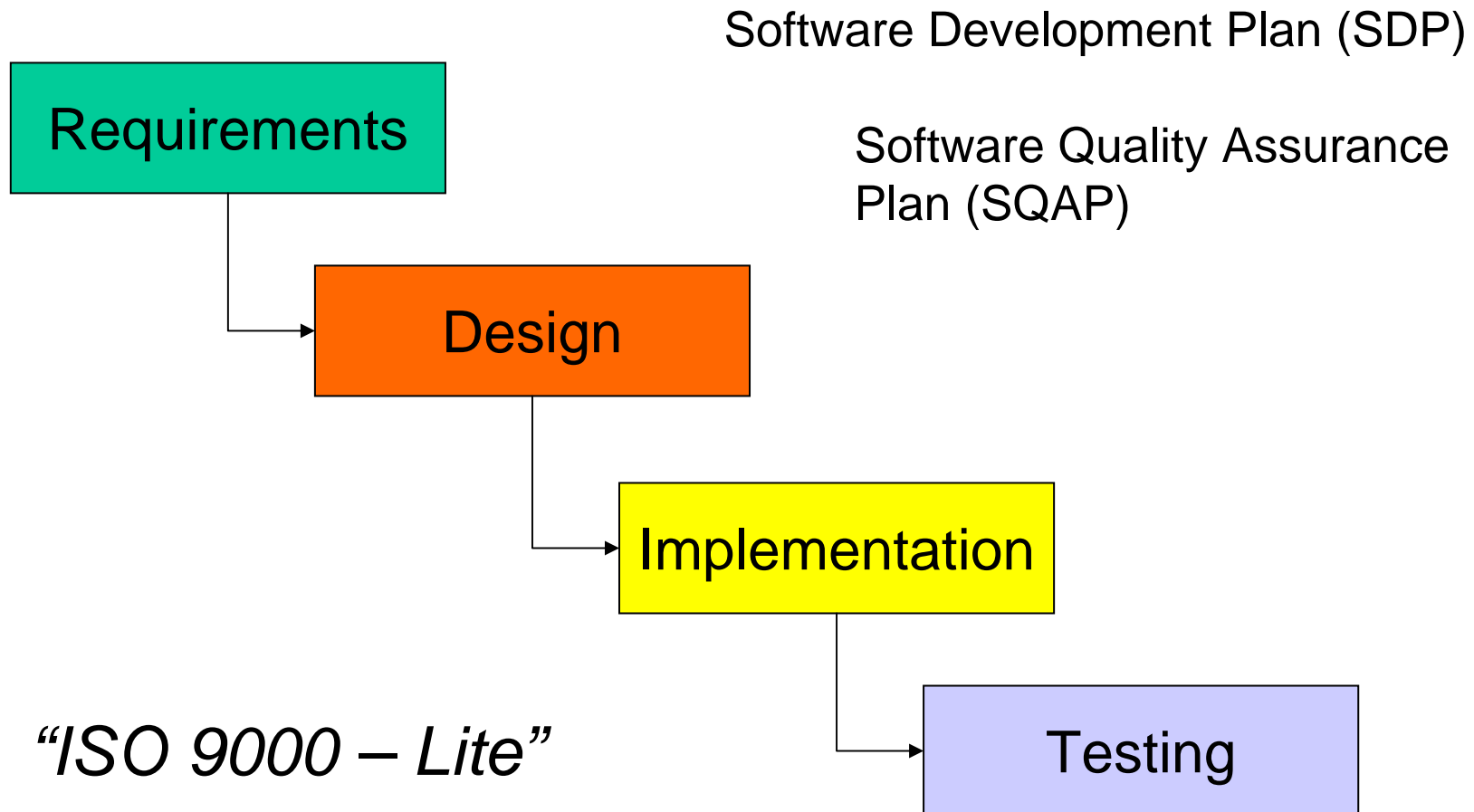
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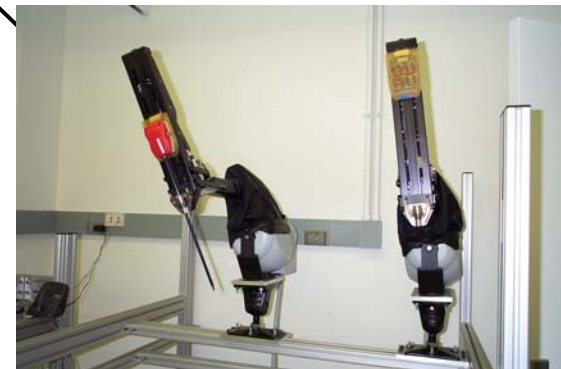
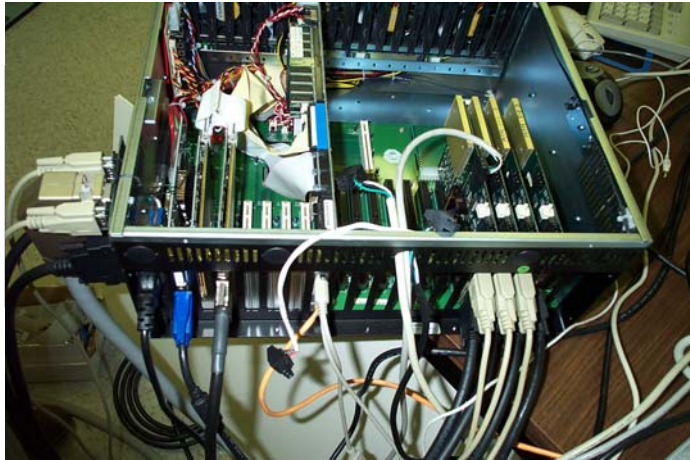
# CISST Architecture (physical view)



# Software Development Process

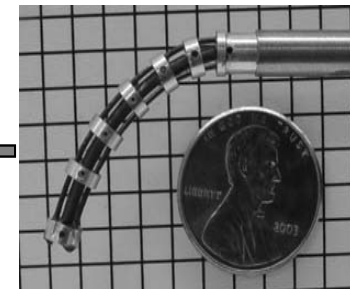
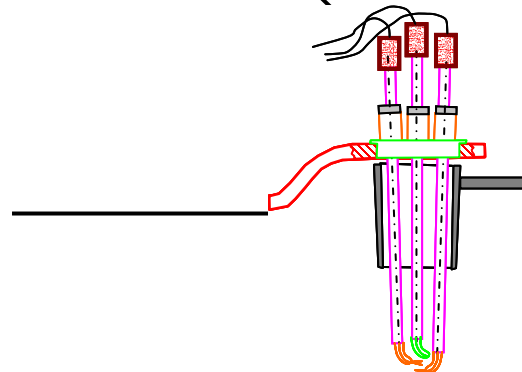
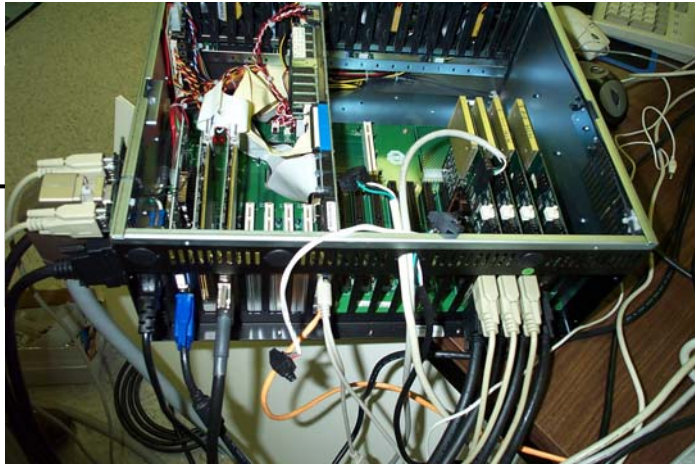


# Example: Teleoperation (daVinci)

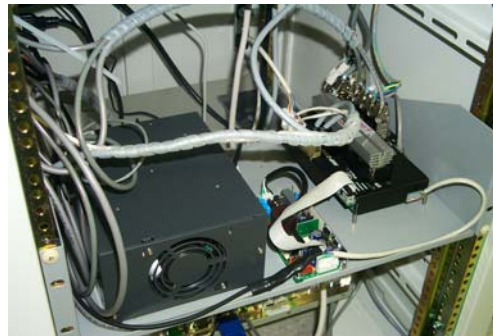
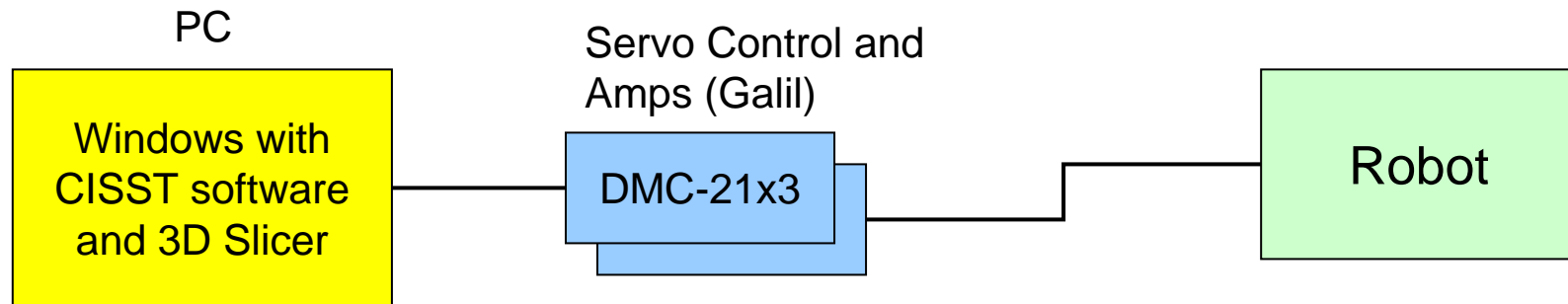


# Example: Teleoperation (Snake)

Middleware

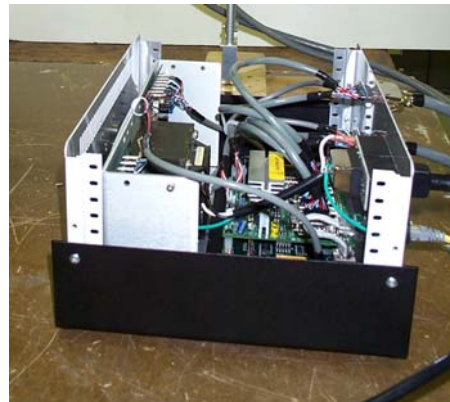
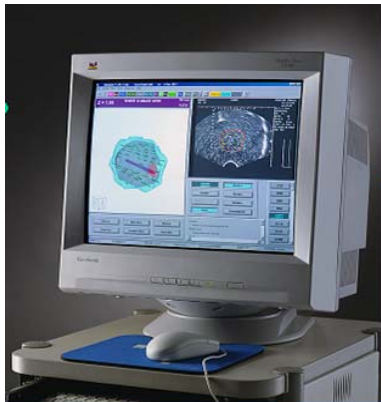
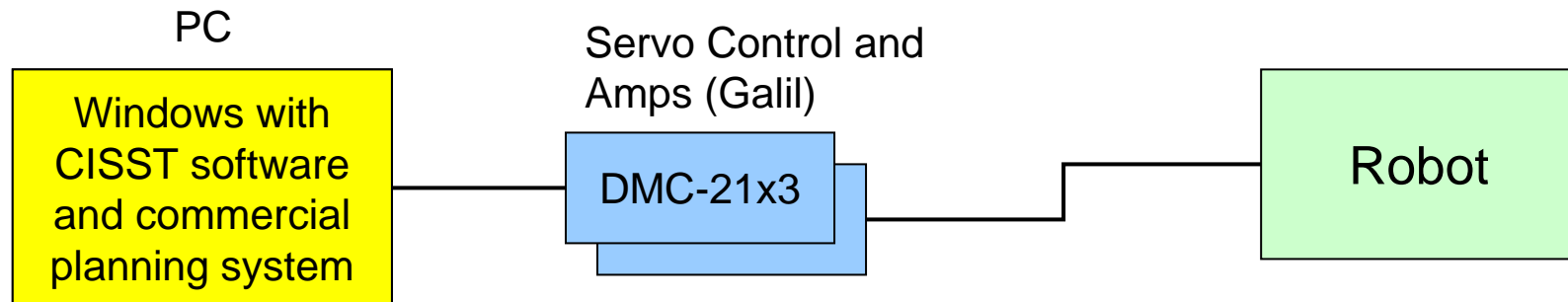


# Example: Image-Guided Robot (Animal Res.)





# Example: Image-Guided Robot (Prostate)



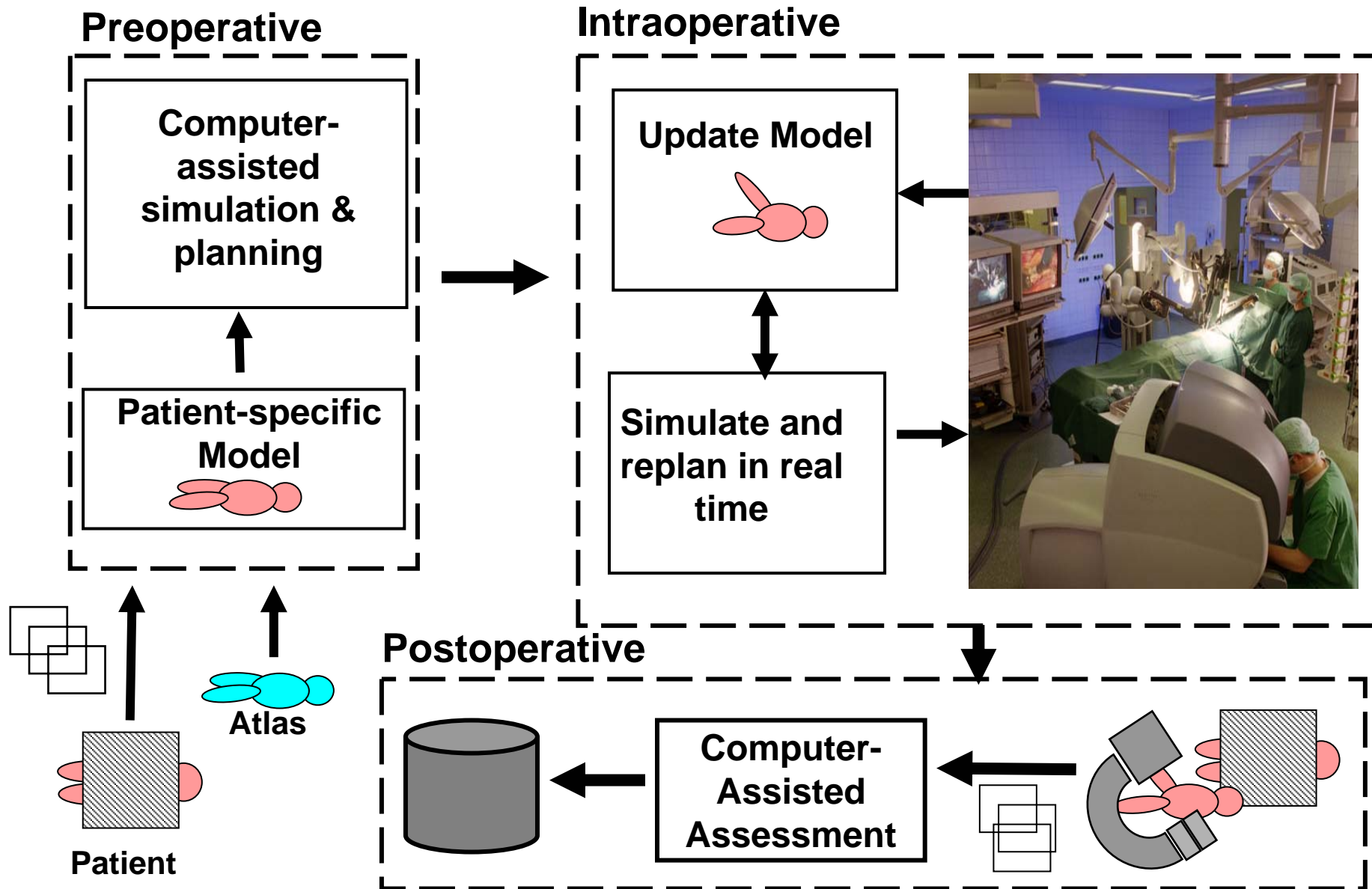
# The Big Question

**When Will it Happen?**

**What is the “killer” app?**

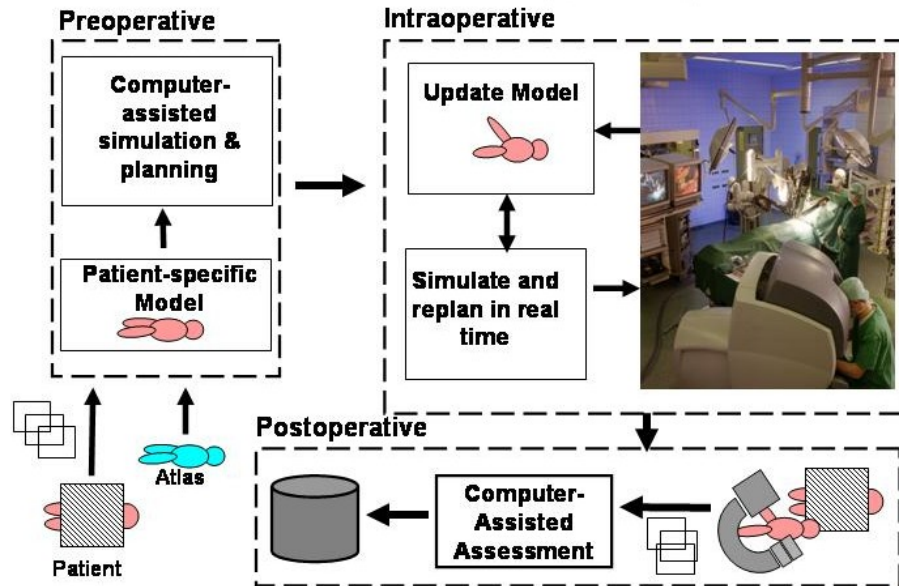


# The Computer-Integrated OR



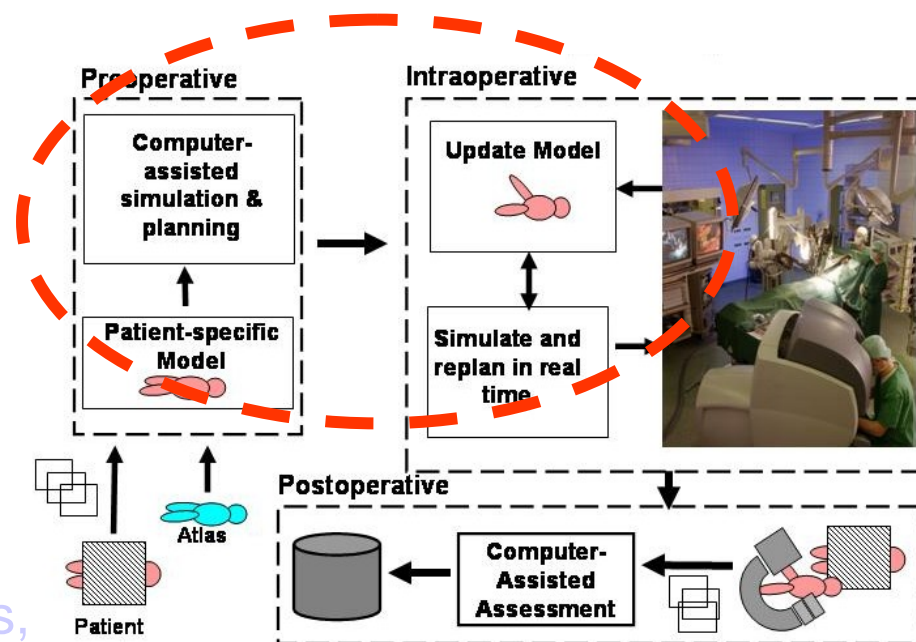
# Drivers for Adoption

- **Improved quality**
  - Reduce surgical errors
  - Lower morbidity
  - Greater consistency
- **Enable new interventions**
  - Transcend human limits
  - Minimize invasiveness
  - Process feedback
- **Cost Effectiveness**
  - Supply / workflow control
  - “Do it once”
  - Time



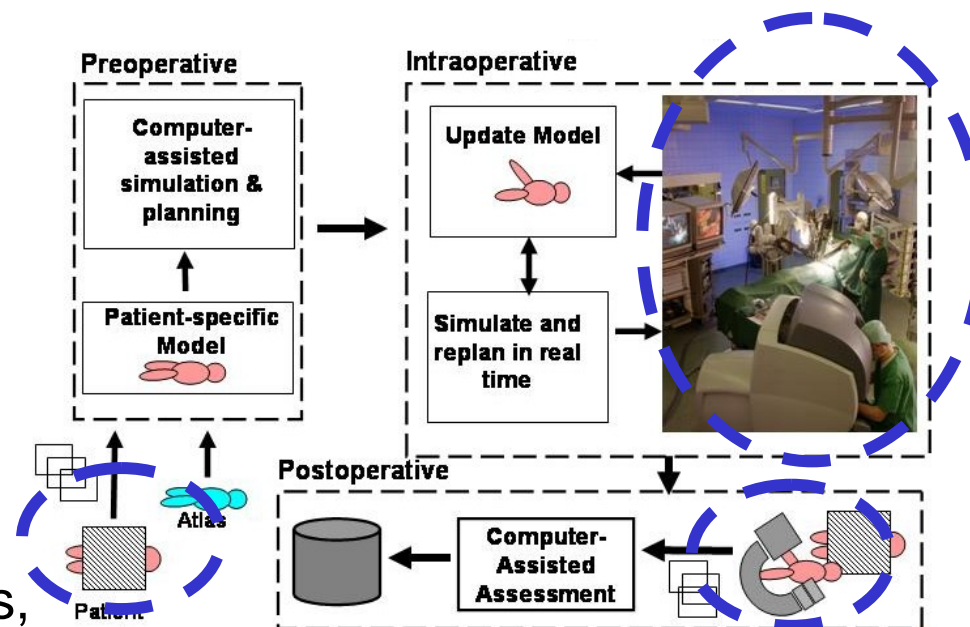
# Key elements

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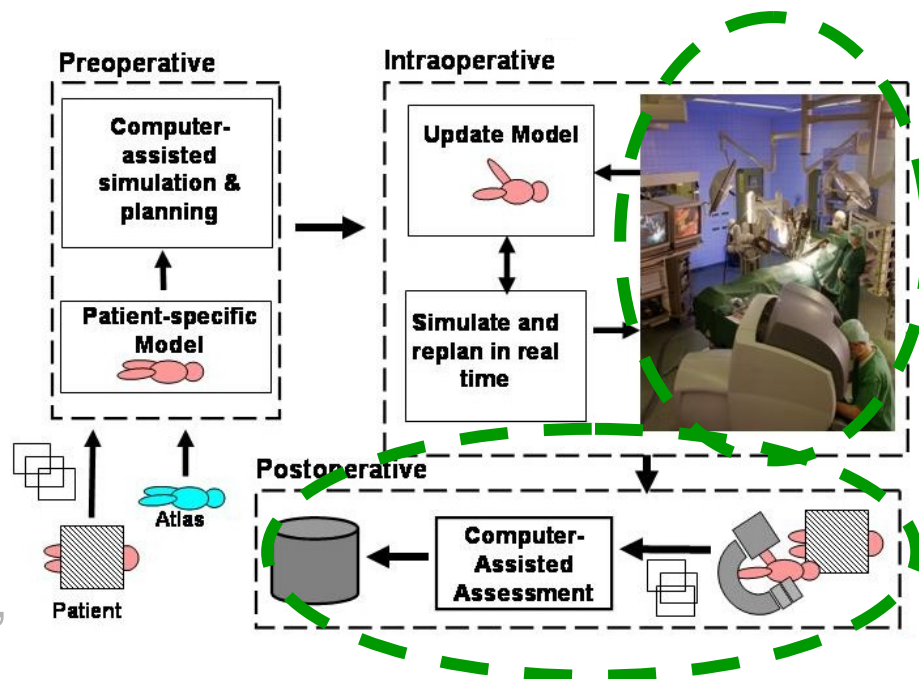
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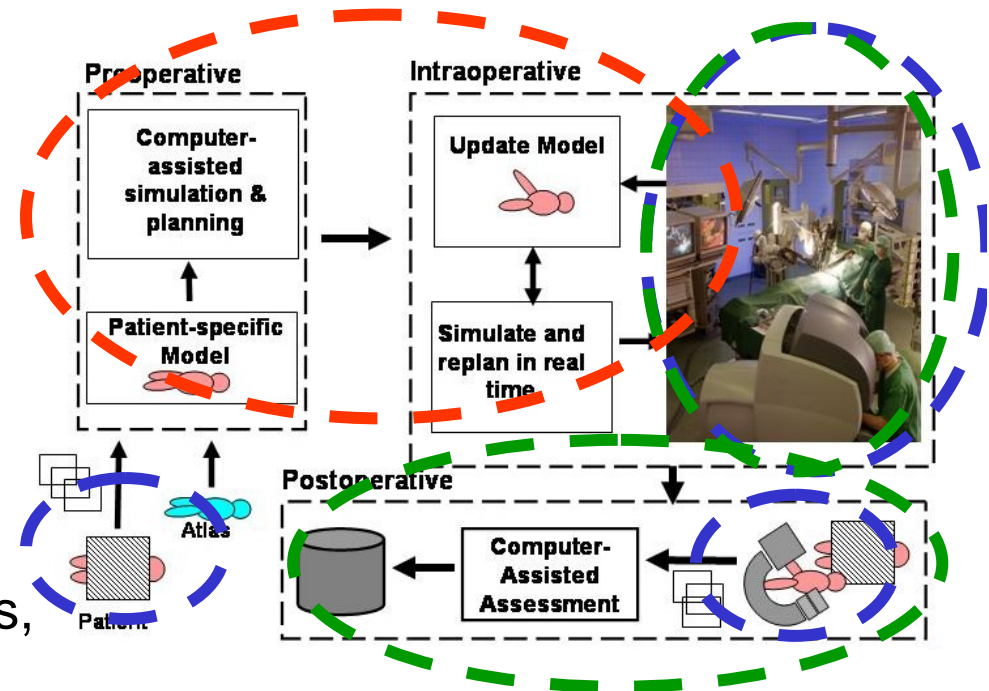
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# The whole is greater than the sum of parts

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# 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

\* From Turf Valley Workshop (March 2003)



# “Six Sigma Surgery”

- Goal: Eliminate errors in interventional medicine.
  - 44,000-98,000 hospital patients die each year as a result of errors (*Institute of Medicine, Dec. 1999*)
  - Over 50% of “should never happen” events are surgery related (*Minnesota Report on Adverse Health Events, Jan. 2005*).
  - *What actually happens in the OR is poorly documented and variations in surgical technique are not well controlled in outcome studies*
- *Significant attention from Congress, DoD, NIH, ...*
- *Solution inherently requires systems approach integrating process information management, human factors, technology.*



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- **HUMAN FACTORS**

- LEADERSHIP
- MANAGEMENT
- TEAMWORK
- COMMUNICATION
- TRAINING
- INFORMATION TRANSFER
- MANDATES

- **TECHNOLOGY**

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**Human factors and technology  
are synergistic elements of  
any comprehensive approach!**

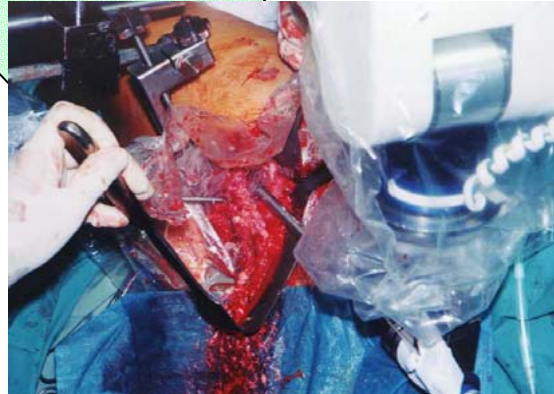
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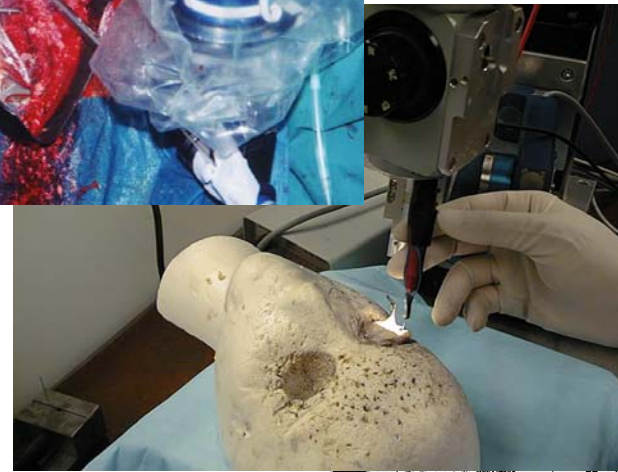
# How can we get there?

## Strong and committed teams

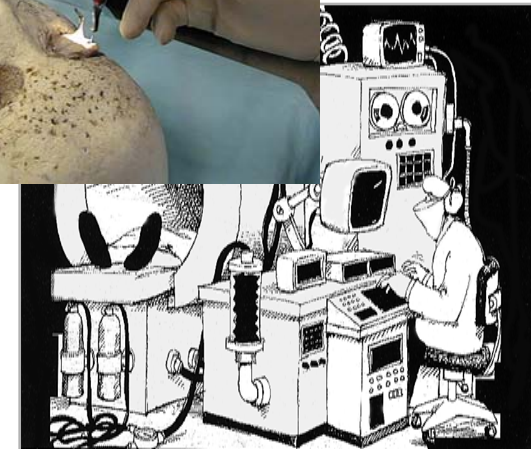
- Surgeons
- Engineers
- Industry



## Focus on systems that address important needs



## Rapid iteration with measurable goals



## Have fun!

# The real bottom line: patient care

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

