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Medical Robotics and Computer-Integrated Interventional Systems:

Integrating Imaging, Intervention, and Informatics to Improve Patient Care

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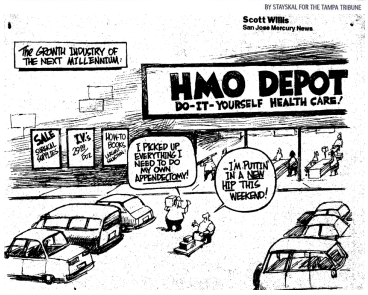

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A short personal background: Russ Taylor

- **1970: BES from Johns Hopkins**
- **1976: PhD in CS at Stanford**
- **1976-1988: Research/management in robotics and automation technology at IBM**
- **1988 - 1996: Medical robotics & computer-assisted surgery at IBM**
  - Robodoc
  - Surgical navigation
  - Robotically assisted MIS and percutaneous interventions (with JHU)
- **1995: Moved to JHU**
  - CS with joint appts in ME, Radiology, Surgery (2005), Otolaryngology (2022)
  - X-ray guided MIS & orthopaedics
  - "Steady Hand" microsurgery
  - Radiation therapy
  - Modeling & imaging
  - Etc.
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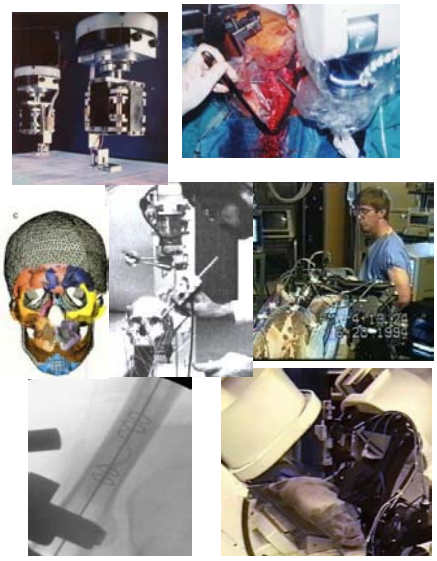

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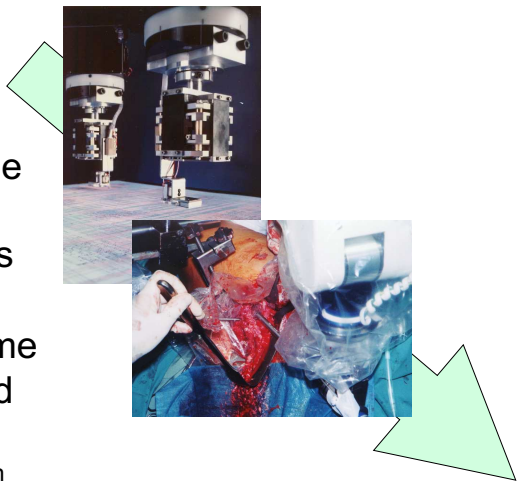
Motivating Insight

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



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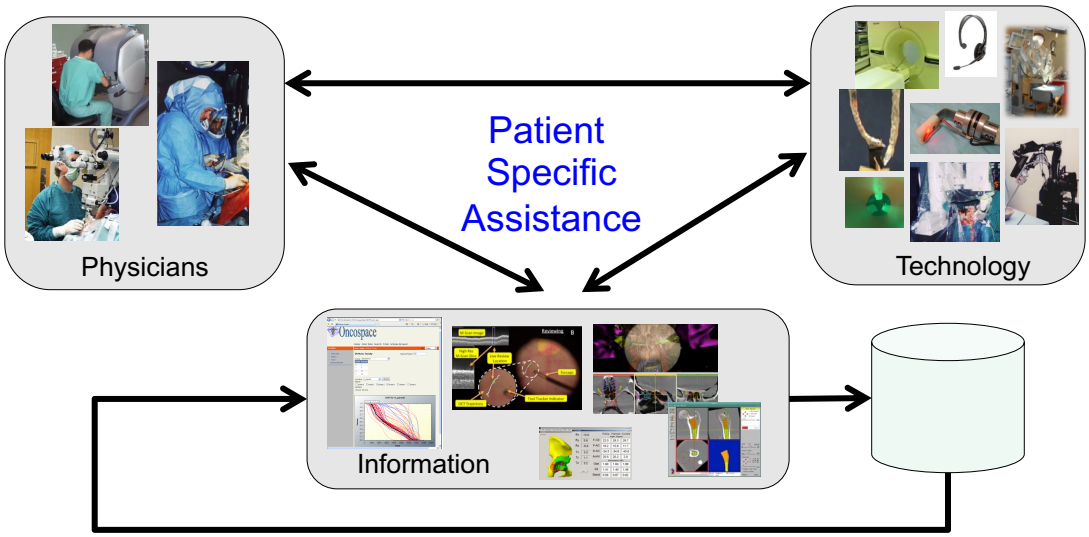
Human-machine partnership to fundamentally improve interventional medicine



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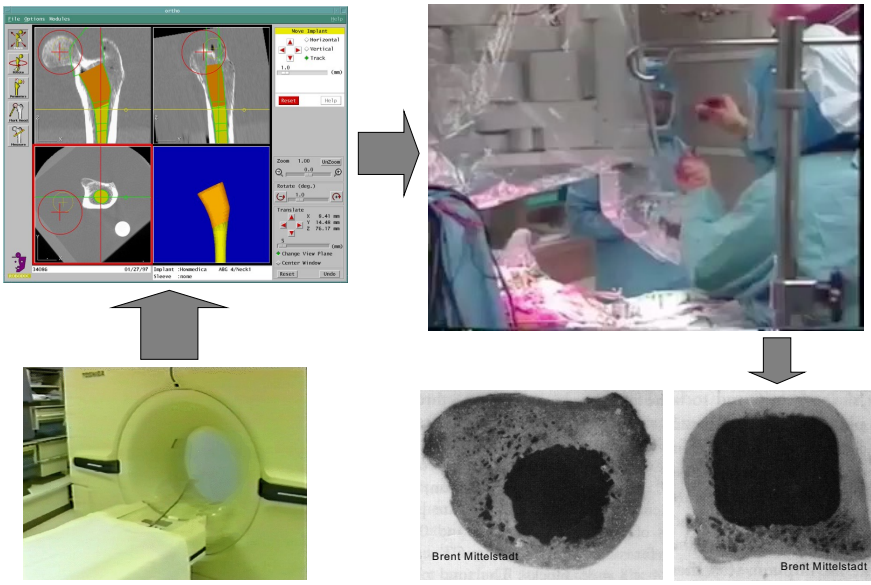
Over 35 years ago: Robotic Joint Replacement Surgery



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Manual Surgery

Robotic Surgery

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Emerging: Information-Augmented Robotic Surgery

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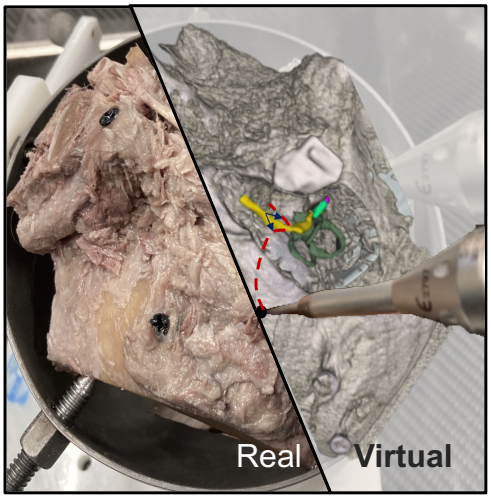

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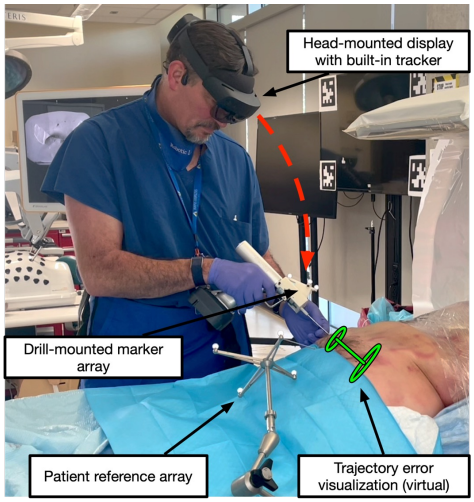
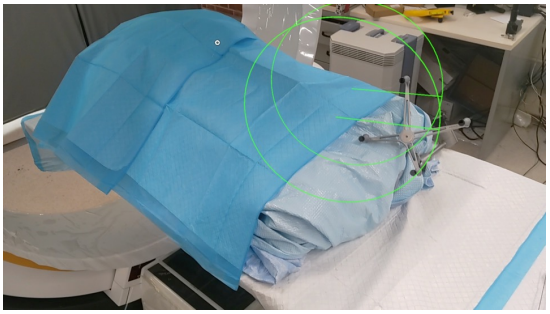
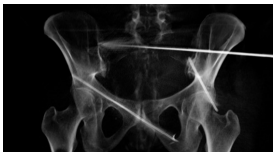
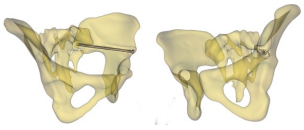
Navigation and Visualization via Head-mounted Display









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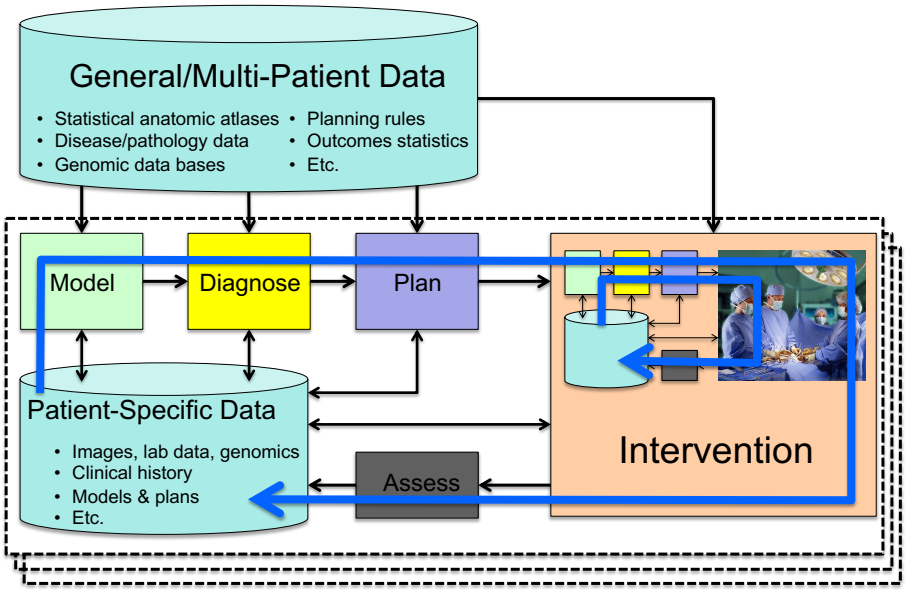

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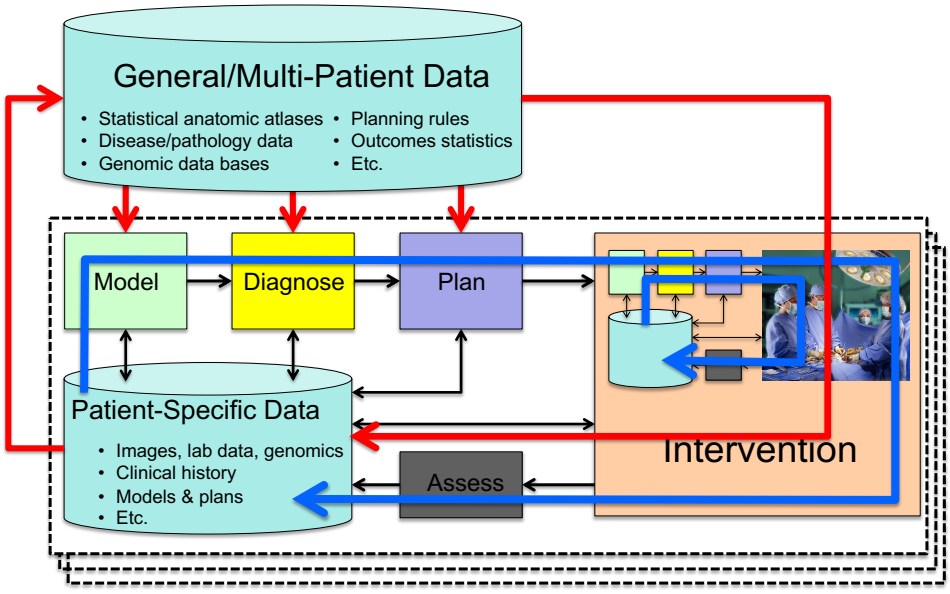

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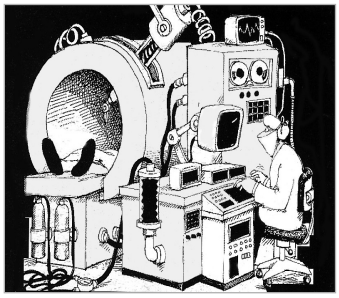
This Paradigm has not changed since Imhotep's day

27th Century BCE

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



21st Century CE

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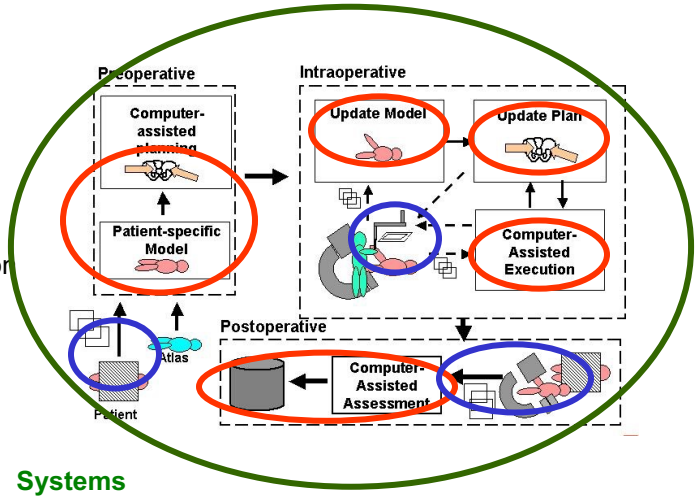
Multidisciplinary Integration is Crucial

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

Interface Technology
- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces



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

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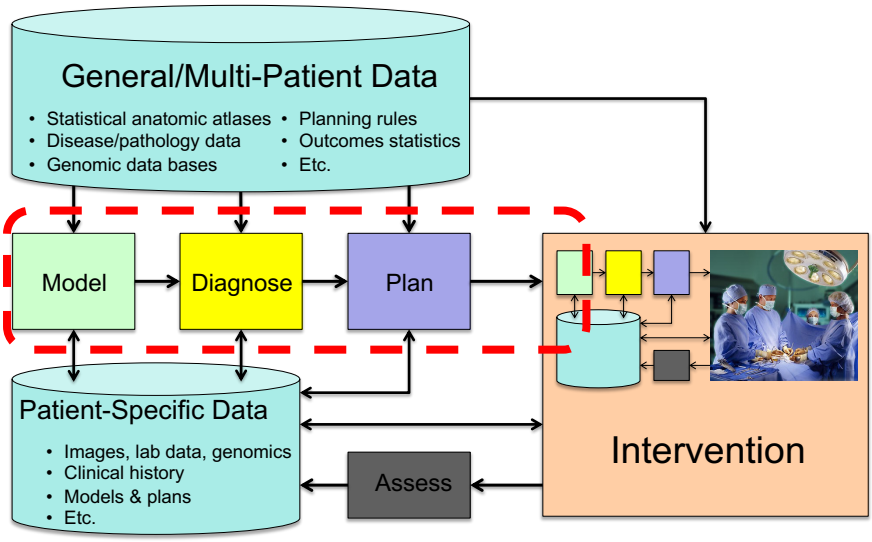
Image-based modeling & analysis



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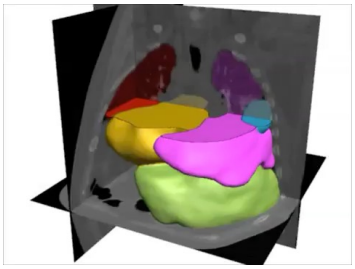
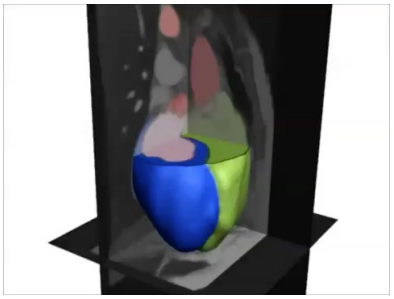
Patient-Specific Models for Interventions

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





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

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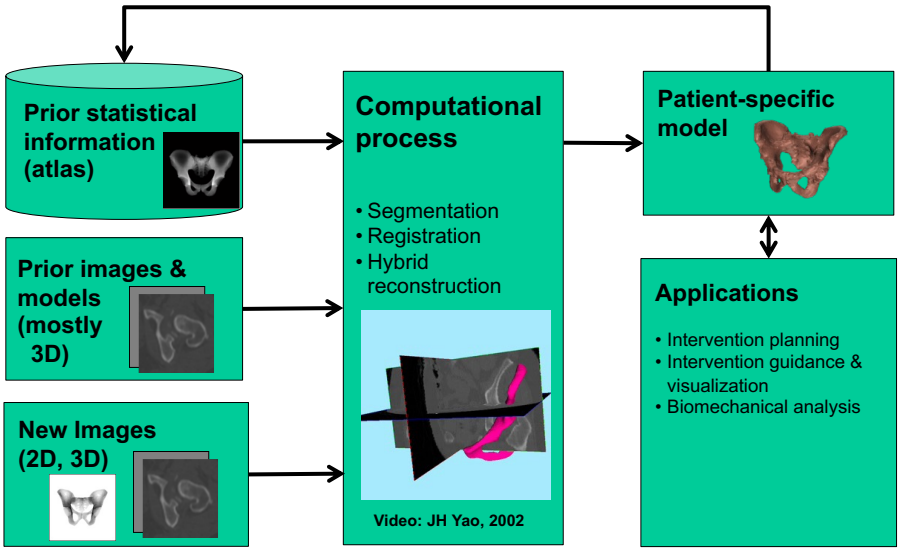
Combining prior knowledge with online images



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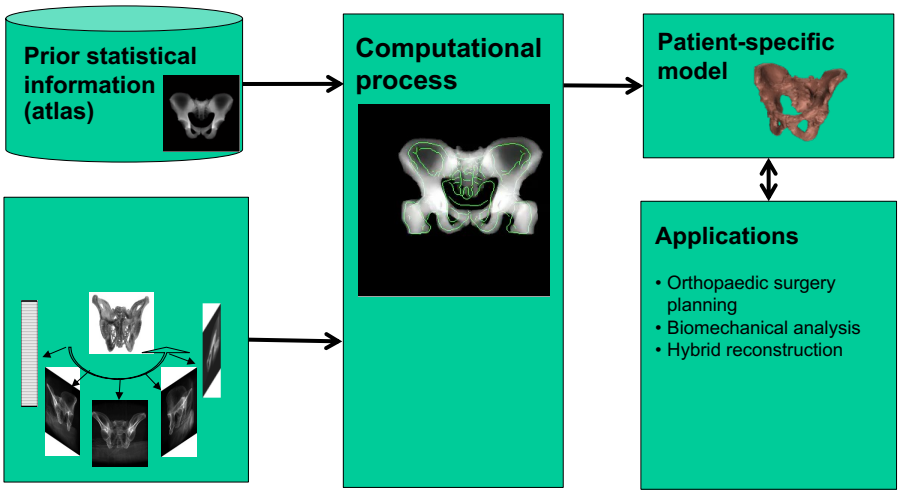
Deformable 2D/3D Registration to Statistical Atlas



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

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Model Completion, Given Partial CT + X-rays

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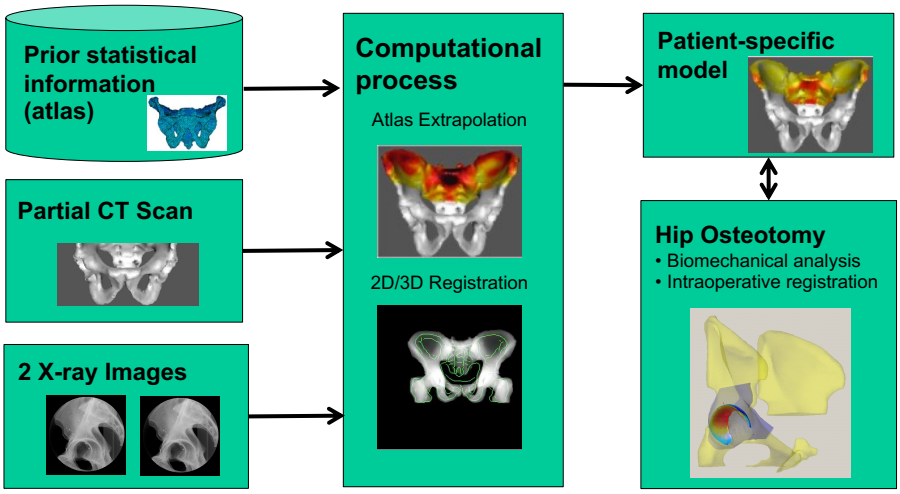

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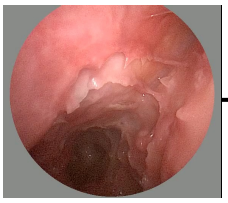
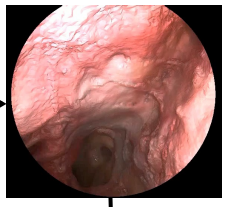
Intraoperative Modeling and Registration



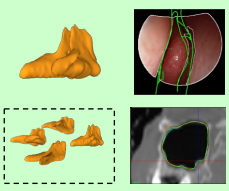
Anatomy Reconstruction from video



X. Liu, Mukul, et al.

- Dense point cloud recovery from untracked monocular endoscope video
- Registration to preoperative CT or statistical model
- Intraoperative navigation and surgical assistance

Navigation
Quantitative endoscopy
Assistance Modes
Learning & Training



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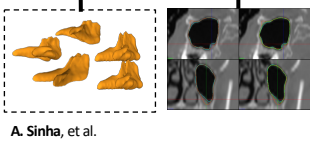

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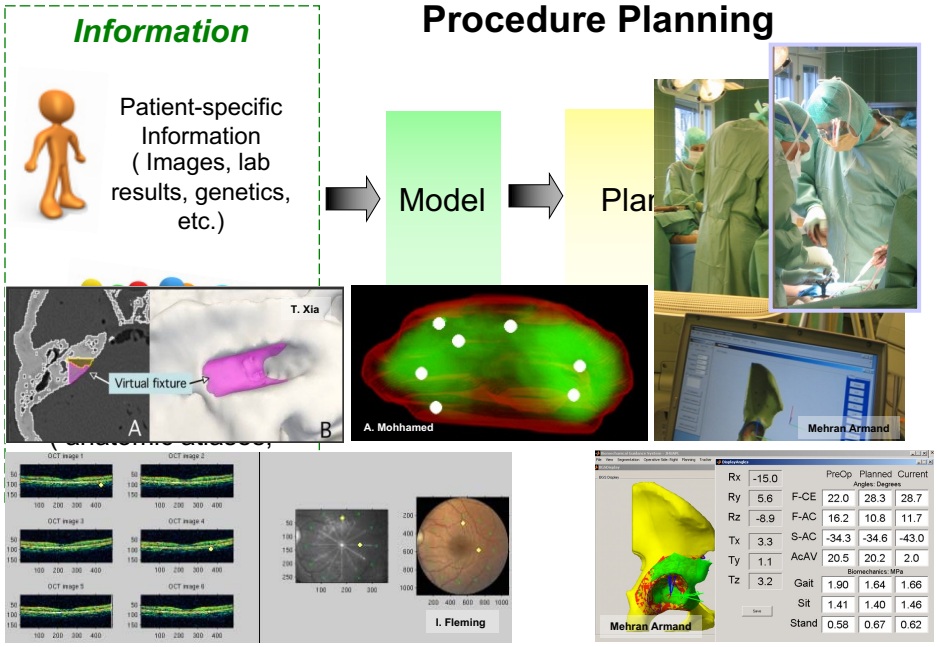
Procedure Planning



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Procedure Planning

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

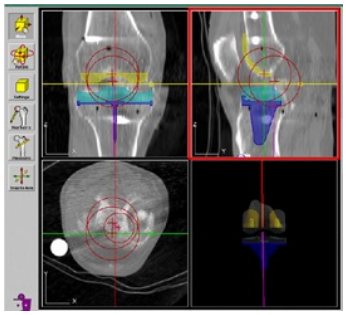

Photo: Integrated Surgical Systems

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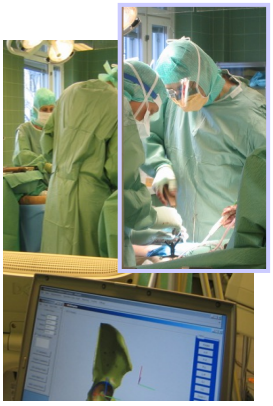
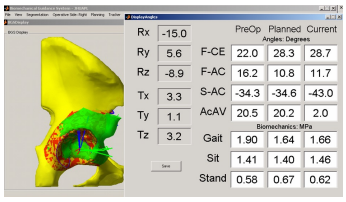
Procedure Planning

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





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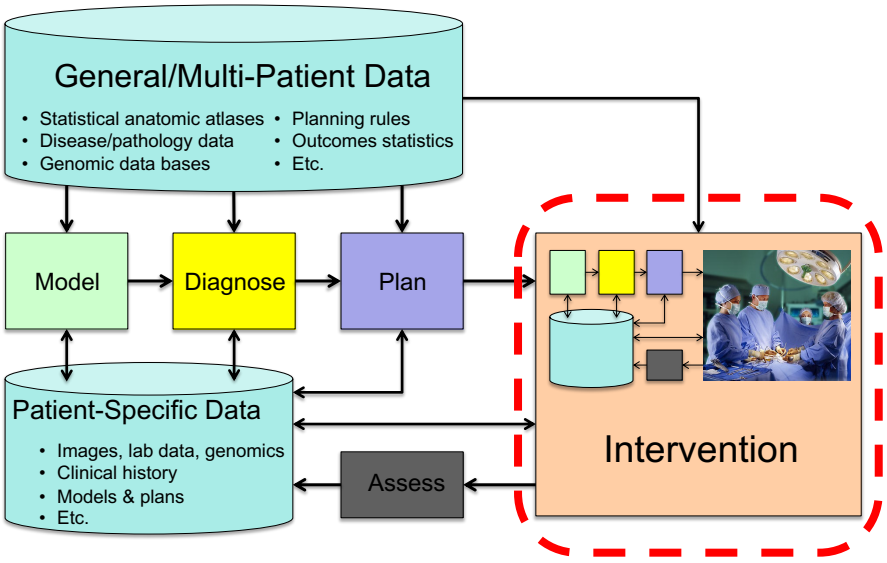
Procedure Execution



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Procedure Execution

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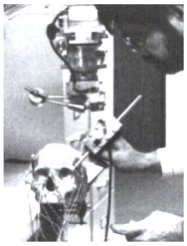

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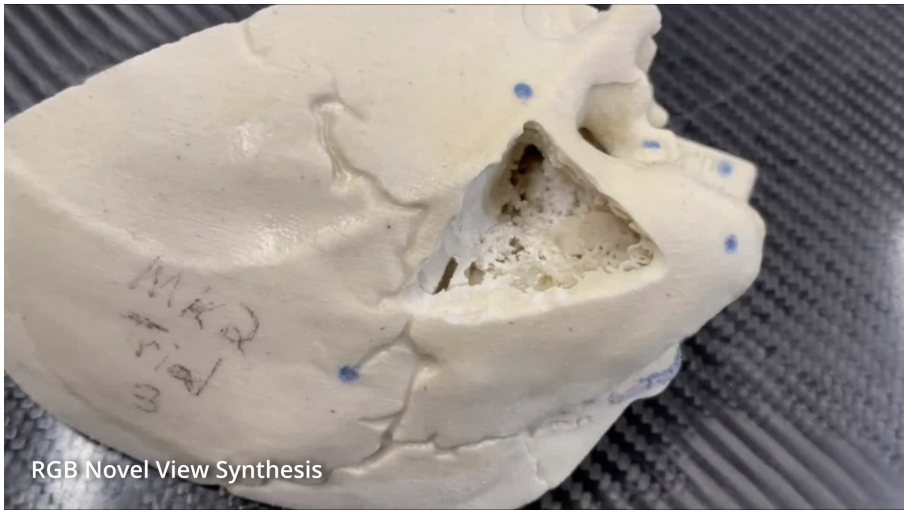
Video-based reconstruction and overlay in skull base surgery



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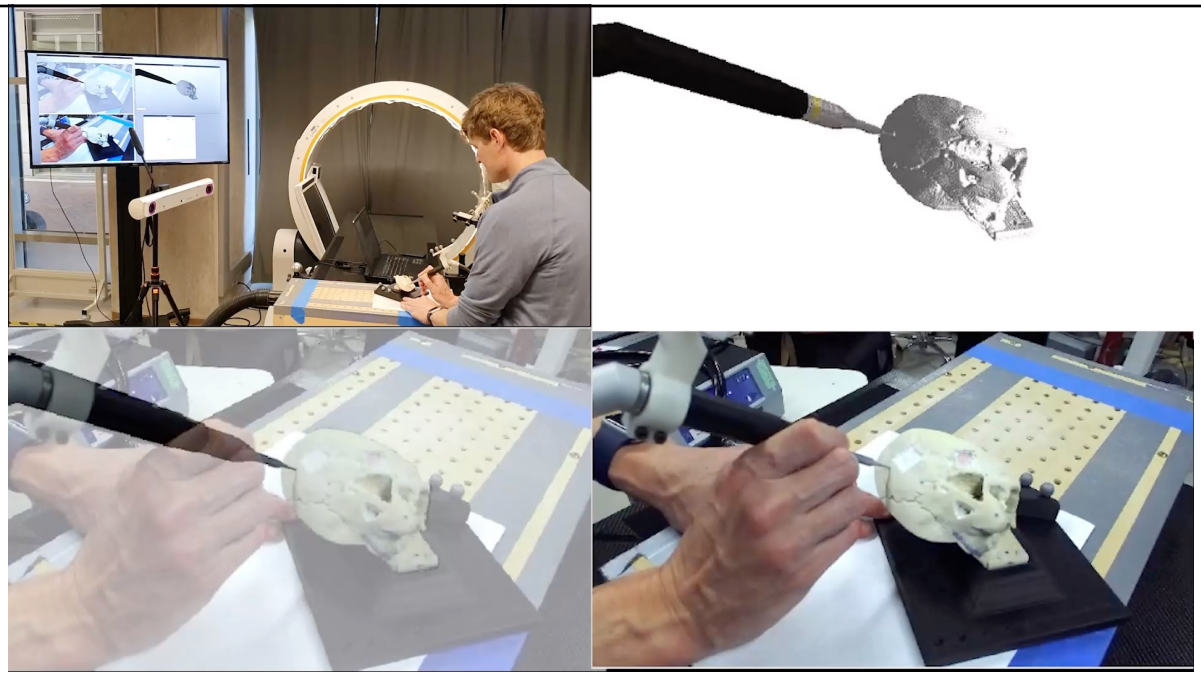

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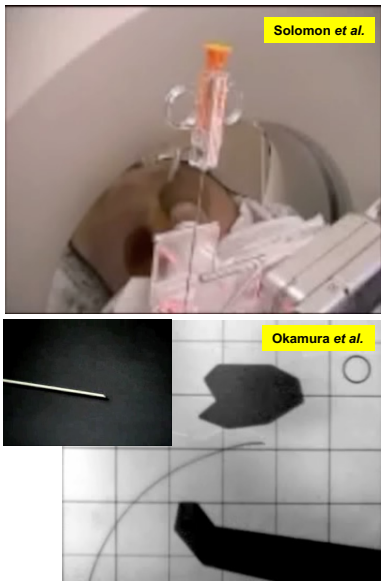

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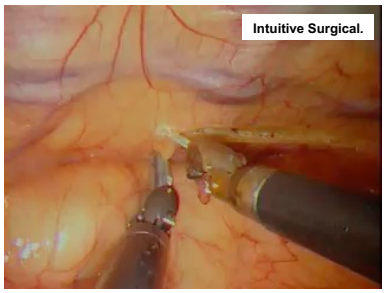

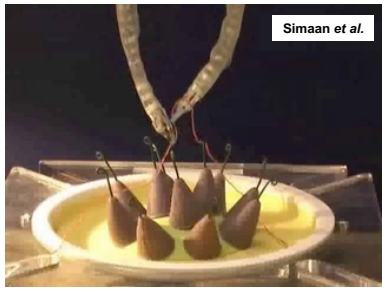

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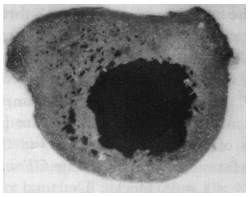

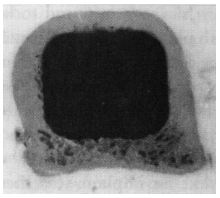

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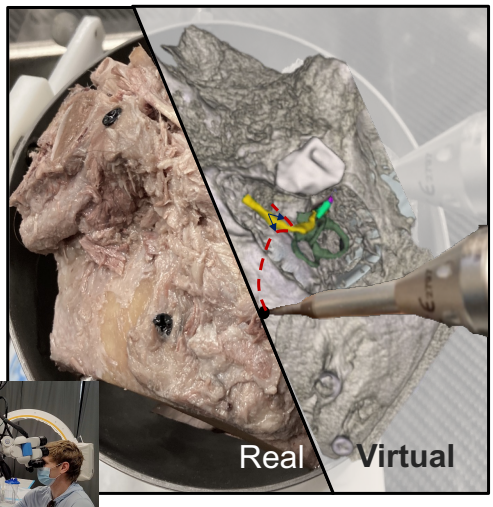

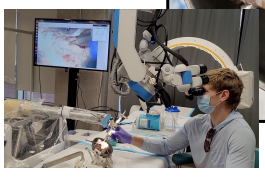

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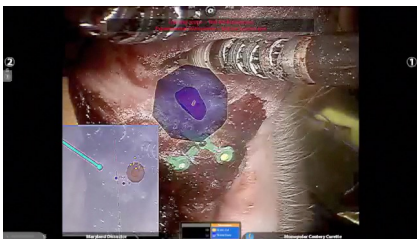
Procedure Execution

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



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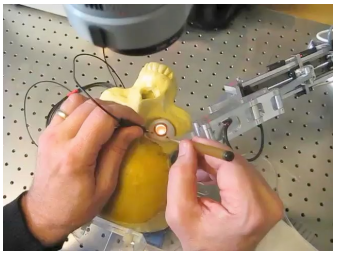

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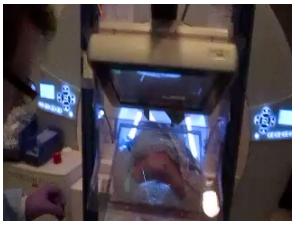
Image-guided needle placement



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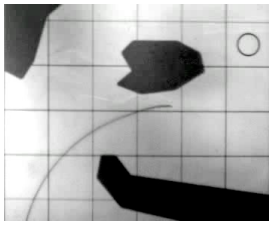

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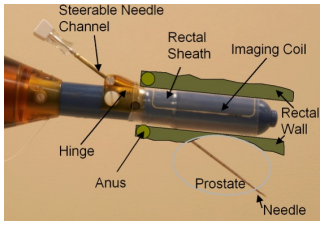

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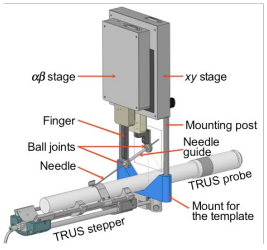

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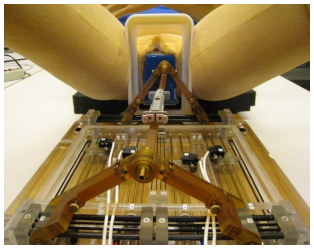

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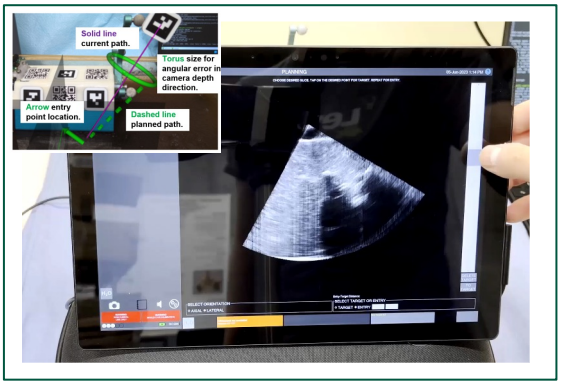
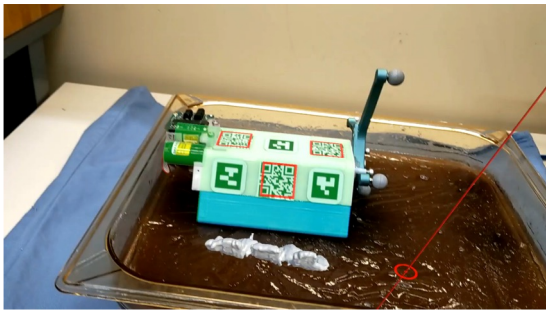
Ultrasound Guided Spine Injection with Mixed Reality

Baichuan Jiang





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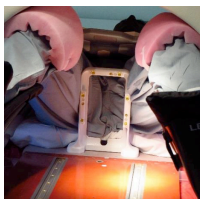
MRI-guided Surgical Manipulator for Transperineal Prostate Interventions - Clinical Workflow

Patient ready on scanner table

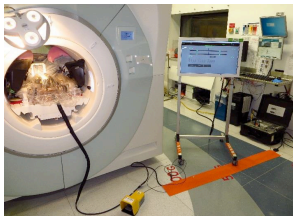


Z-frame in position

Drape robot, attach needle guide

Slide in robot until hit Z-frame

Lock robot in place



Robot ready for targeting

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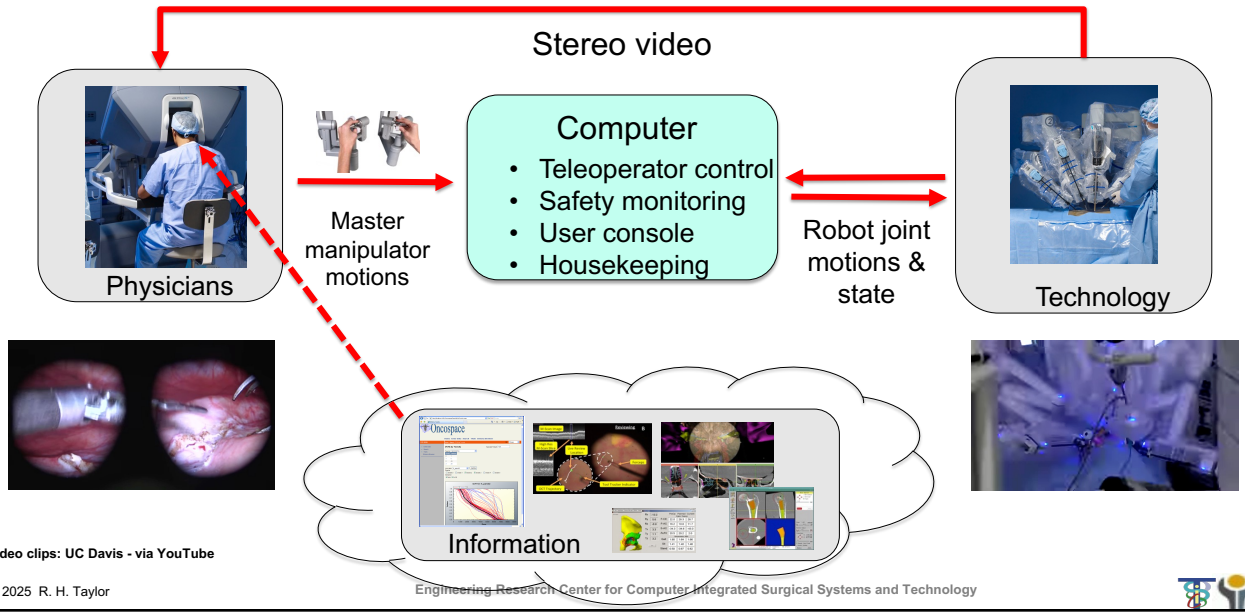
Current dominant paradigm for interactive robotic surgery



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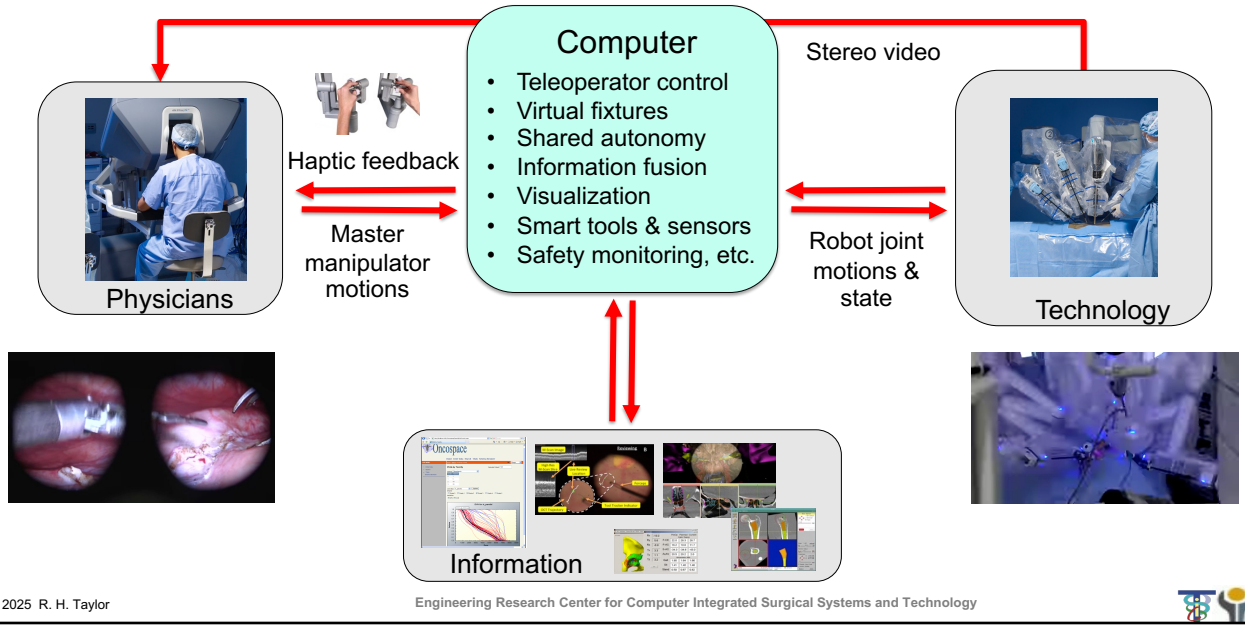
Emerging paradigm (shared autonomy & assistant modes)



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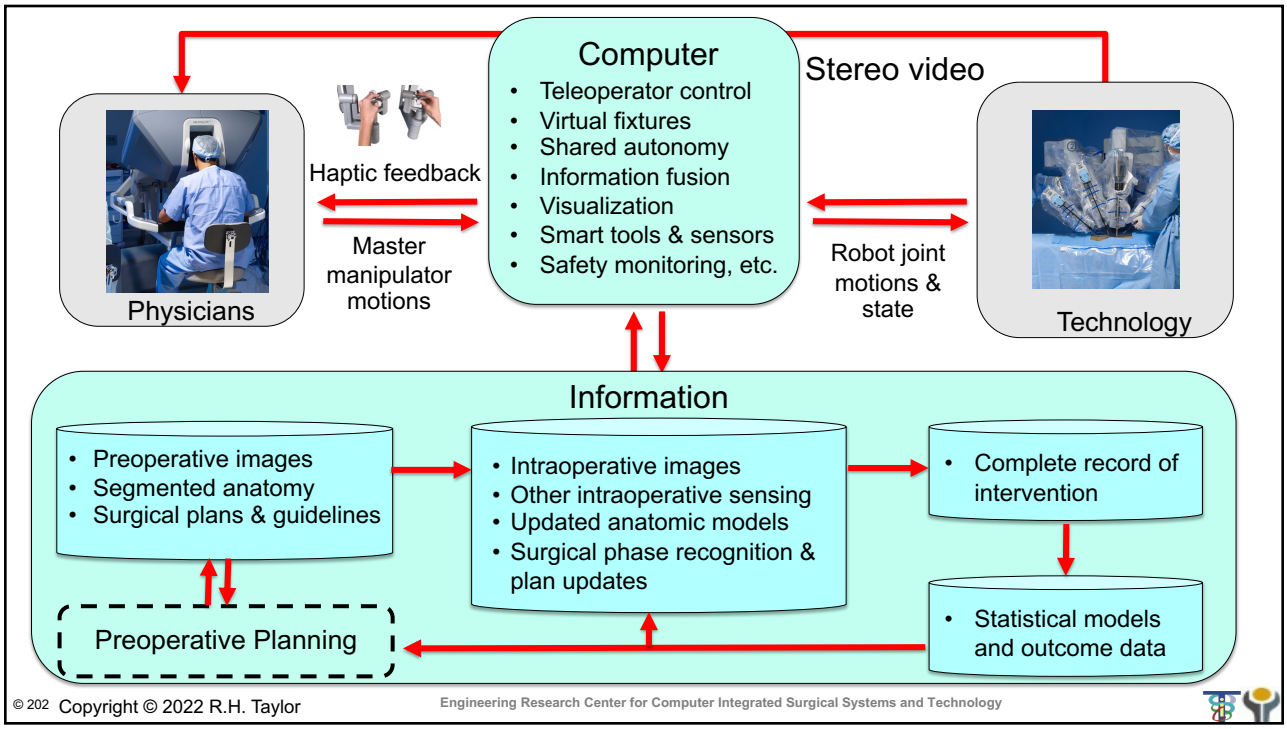

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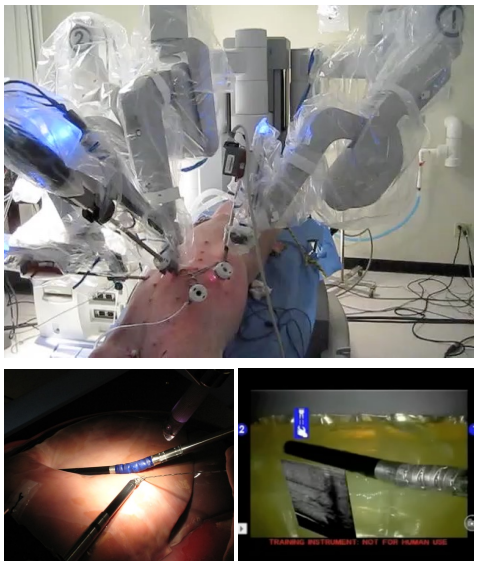
Robotically Assisted Laparoscopic Ultrasound

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

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



Research DaVinci Application – Not for Human Use

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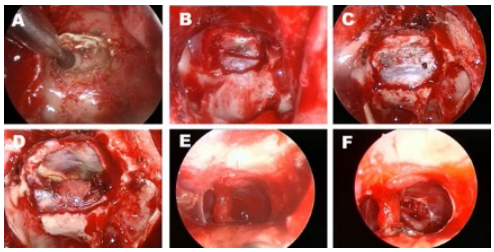
Example: Challenges in Precise Minimally Invasive Head-and Neck Surgery

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



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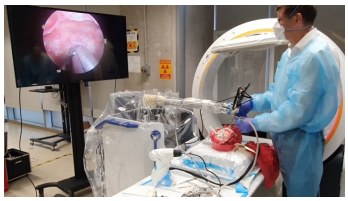
Robotic otologic surgery

Robotic laryngeal surgery

Robotic sinus surgery

Robotic endoscopic endonasal skull base surgery



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Robotic Sinus Surgery

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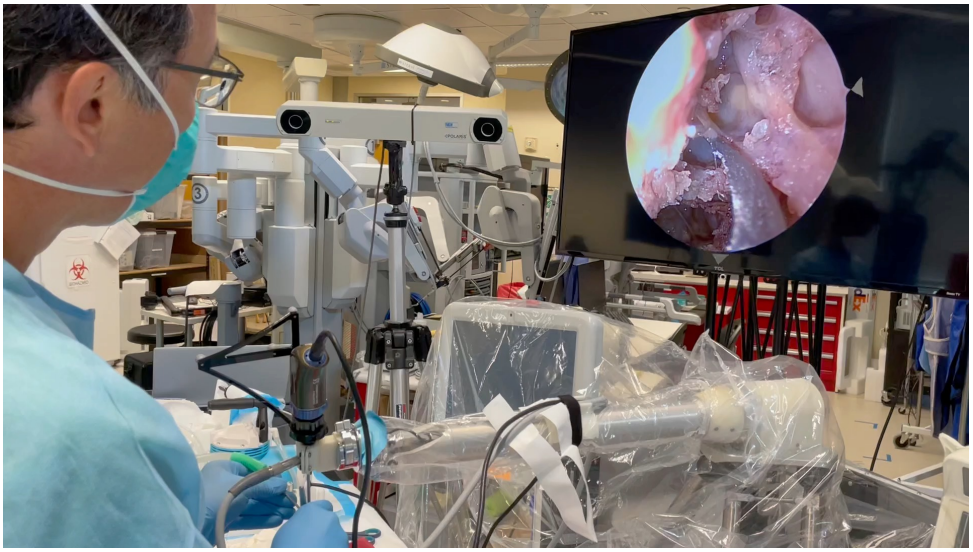
GALEN ROBOTICS

Cadaver Study with Galen Robot



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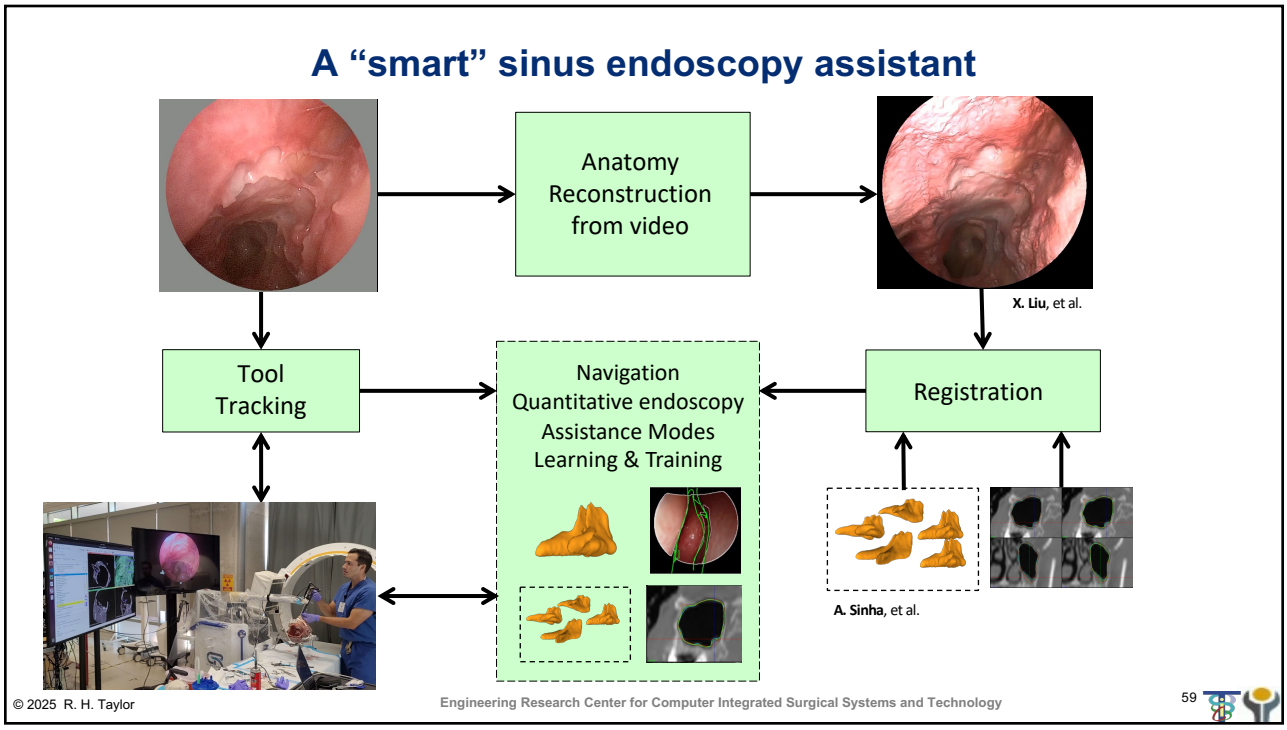
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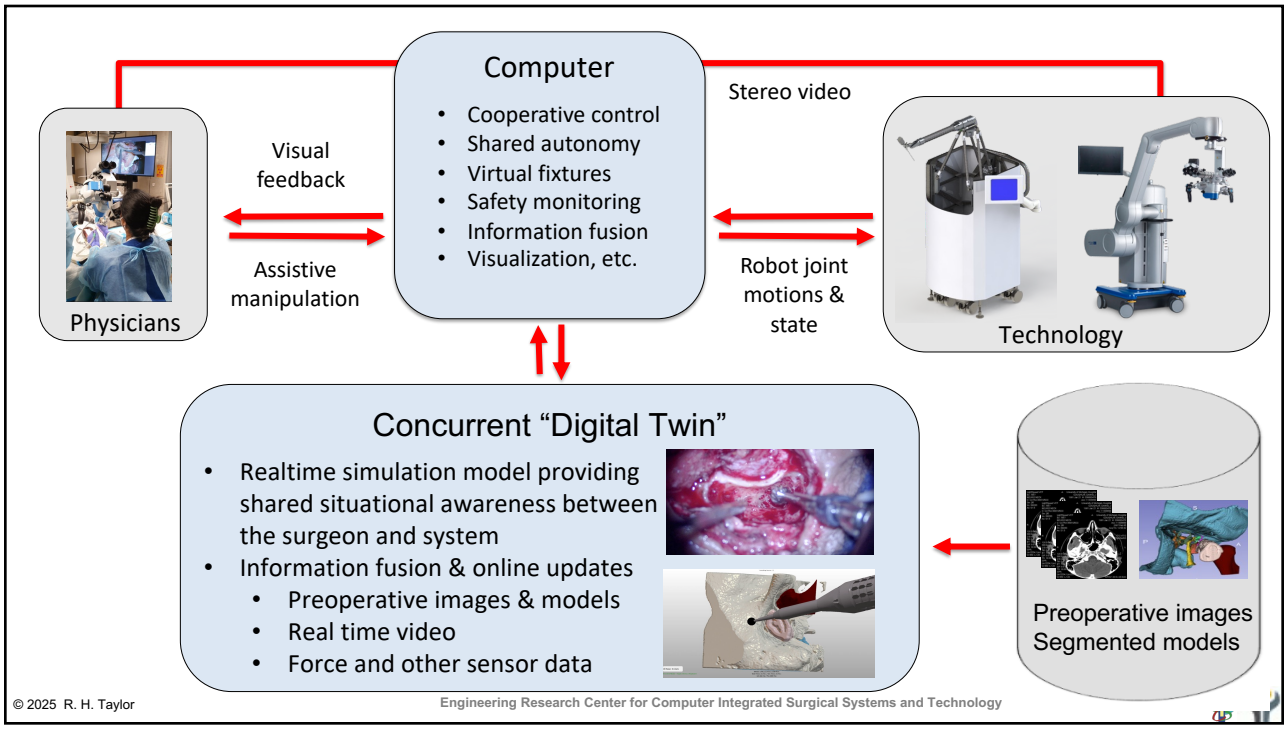

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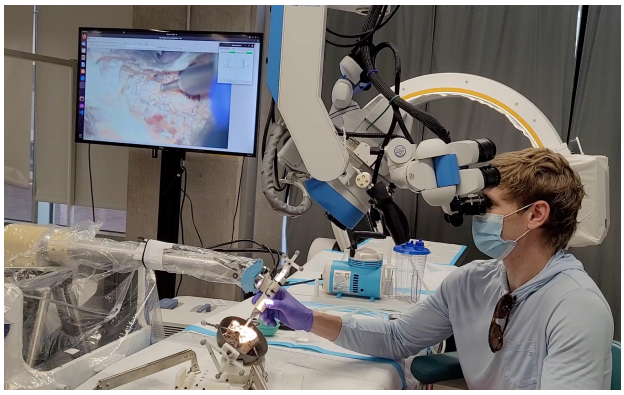
Virtual Fixtures in Skull Base Surgery



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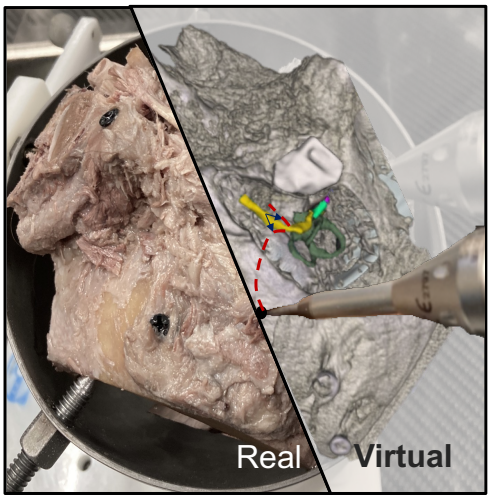

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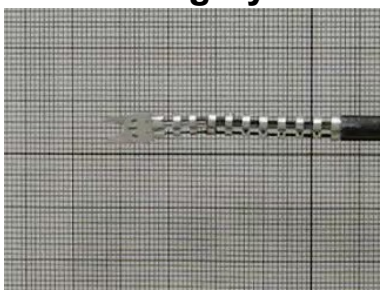
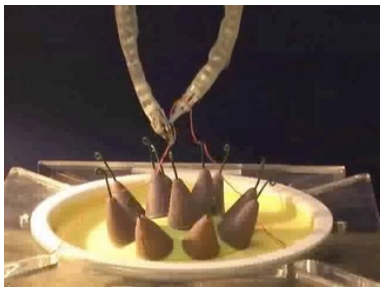
Snake-like robot for minimally invasive surgery

- **Goals**
  - Develop scalable robotic devices for high dexterity manipulation in confined spaces
  - Demonstrate in system for surgery in throat and upper airway
- **Approach**
  - "Snake-like" end effectors with flexible backbones and parallel actuation
  - Integrate into 2-handed teleoperator system with optimization controller
- **Status**
  - Licensed to industry partner
  - Significant research at Vanderbilt
- **Funding**
  - NIH R21, CISST ERC, JHU, Columbia
  - NIH proposals pending





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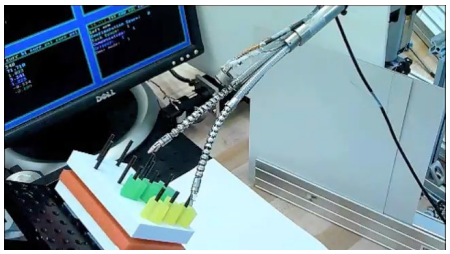
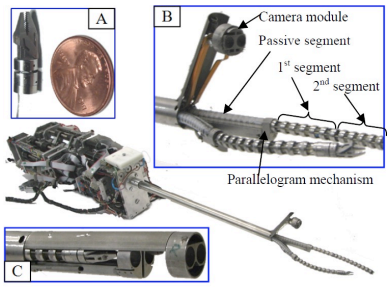
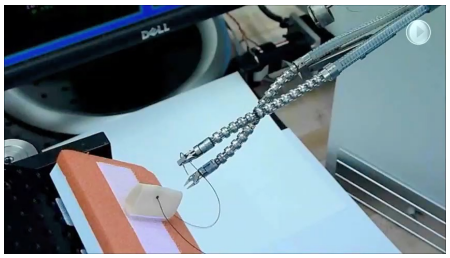
Single Port Access Surgery

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







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

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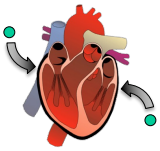
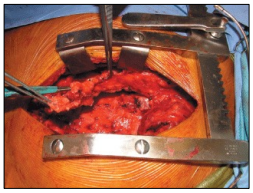
Foreign Bodies in the Heart

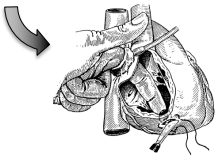
Causes
Thrombi, Shrapnel
Iatrogenic

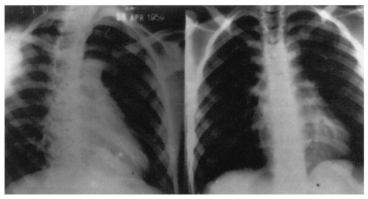


Symptoms
Cardiac Tamponade
Hemorrhage
Arrhythmia
Infection
Shock
Embolism
Valve Dysfunction

Conventional Treatment
Median Sternotomy
Cardiopulmonary Bypass







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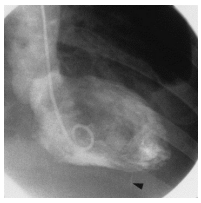

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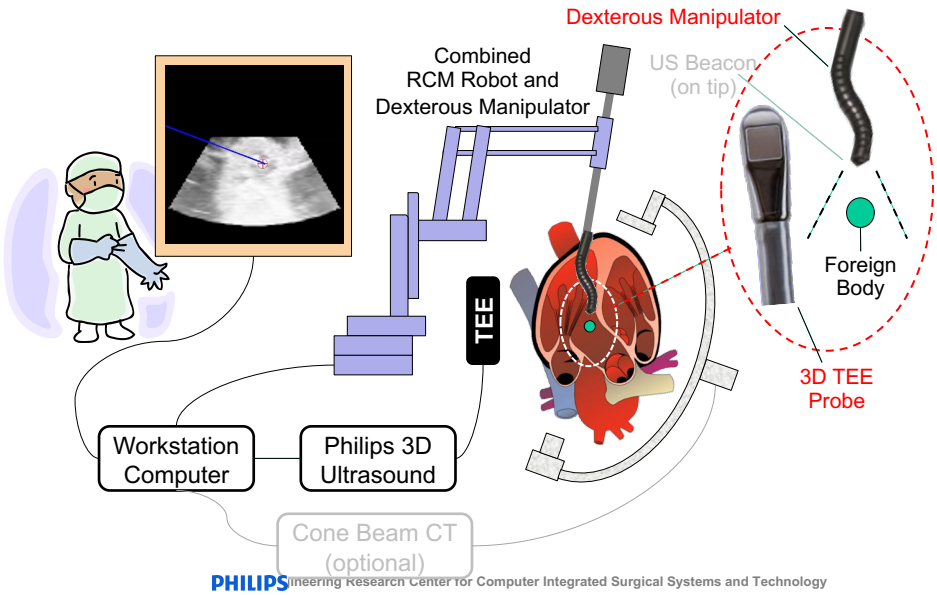
Beating Heart MIS with 3D US Guidance

Paul Thienphrapa, Aleksandra Popovic, Russell Taylor



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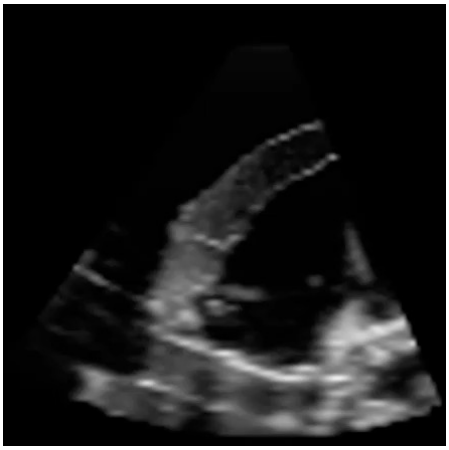

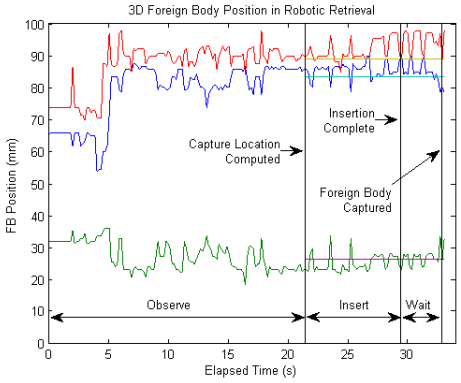

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Vitreoretinal Microsurgery

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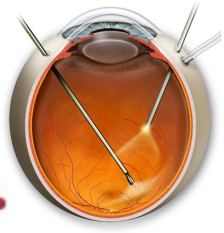

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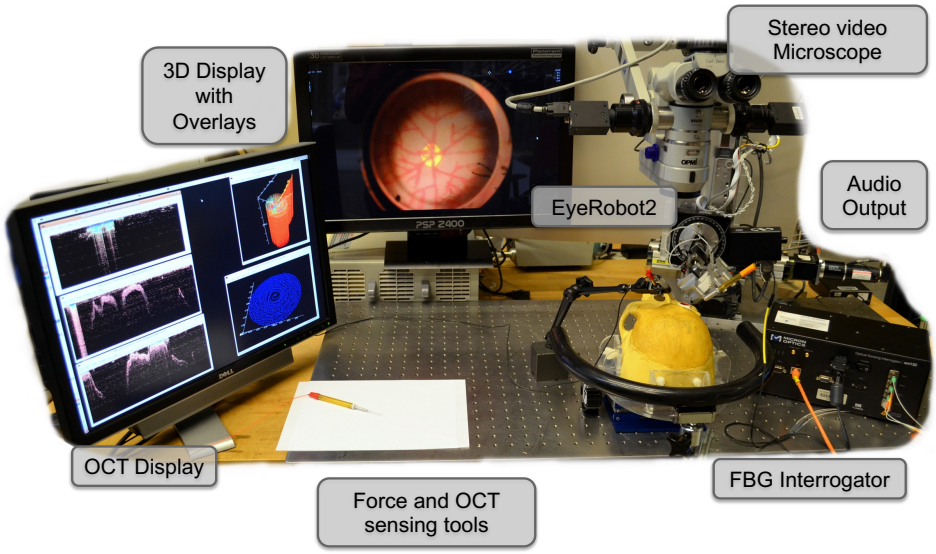
Microsurgery Assistant Workstation



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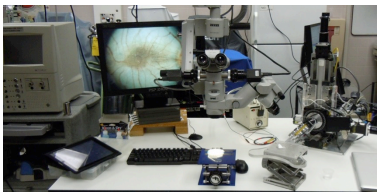
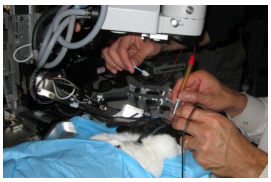
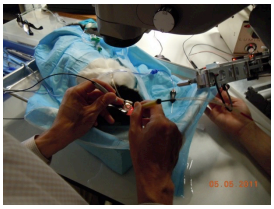
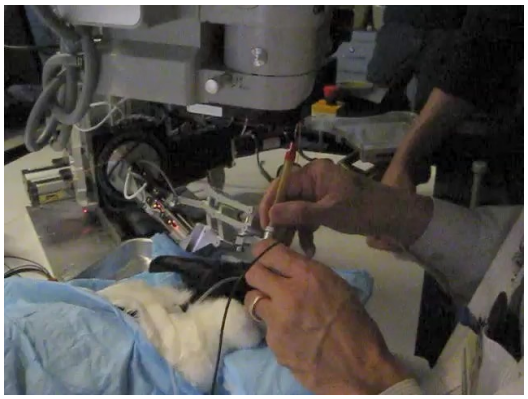
In-Vivo Experiments

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









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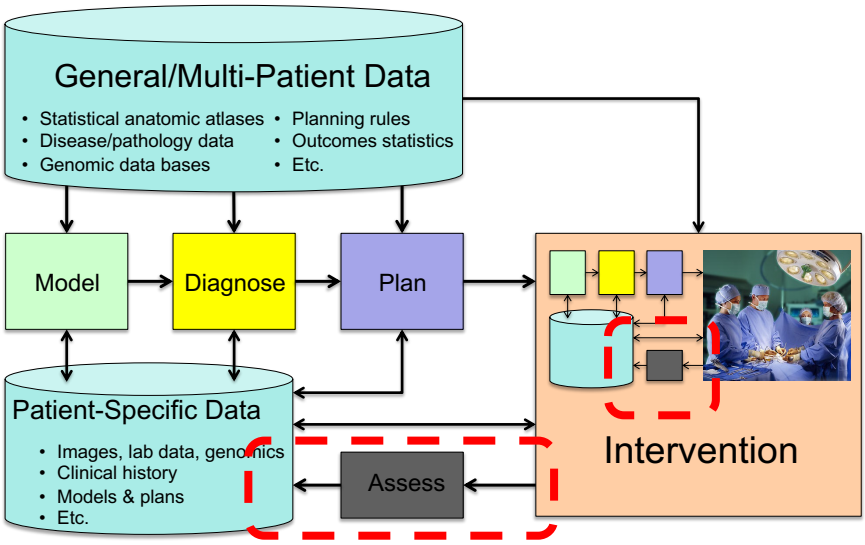
Patient-specific assessment and feedback



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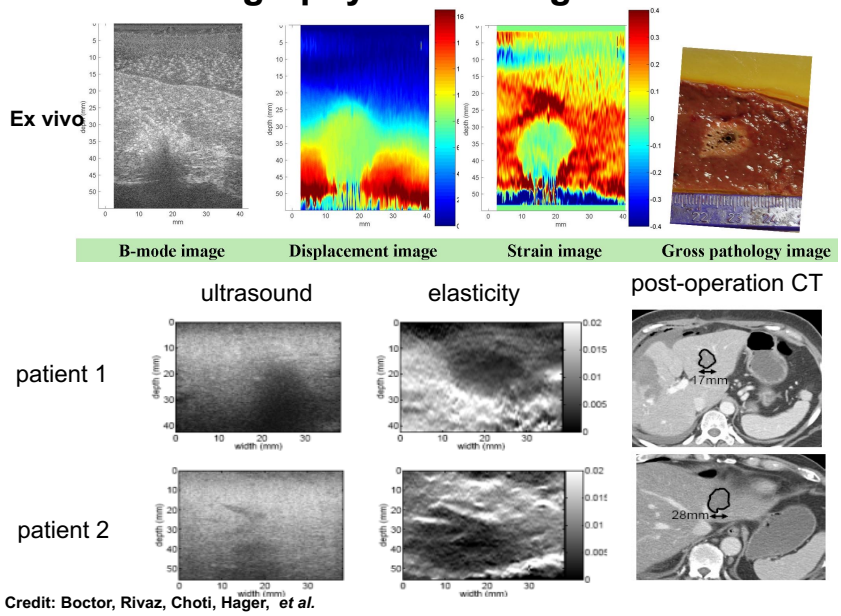
Elastography monitoring of ablations



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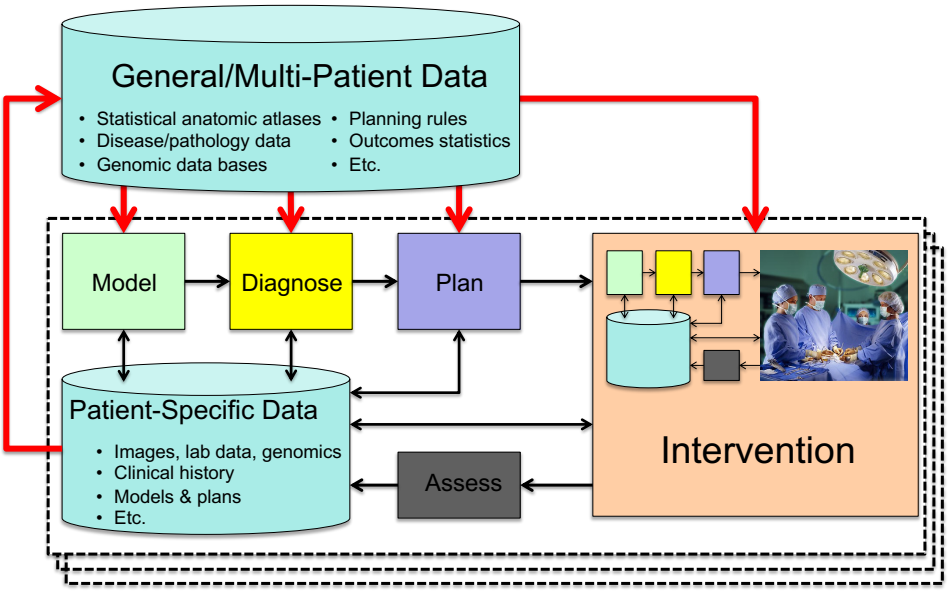
Statistical Analysis and Decision Support



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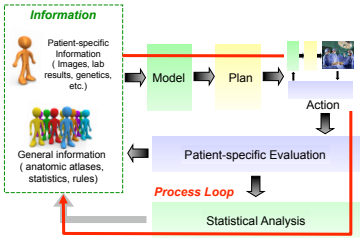
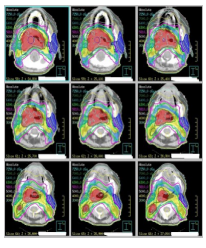
Information-Integrated Process Learning

- **Key idea**
  - Medical robots and CAI systems inherently generate data and promote consistency
  - Eventually, outcomes are known
  - Combine this information over many patients to improve treatment plans / processes
- **Issues / Themes**
  - Very large data bases combining heterogeneous data
  - Statistical modeling of patients, procedures, and outcomes
  - Online tracking of procedures





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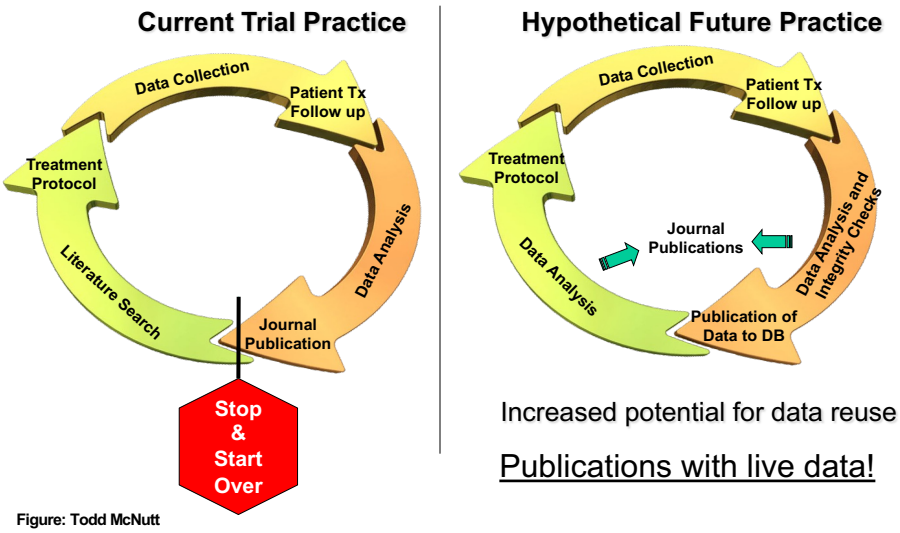

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Increased potential for data reuse

Publications with live data!

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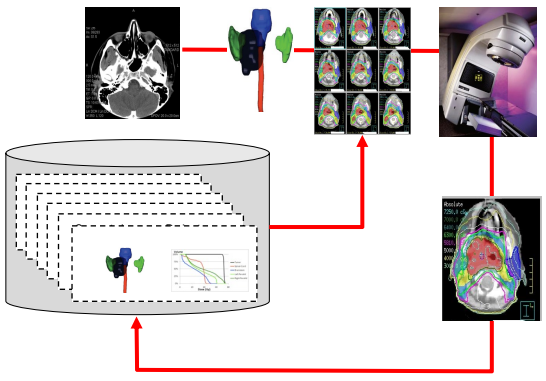
Statistical process control for radiation therapy



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

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Support: Paul Maritz, Philips, JHU internal funds

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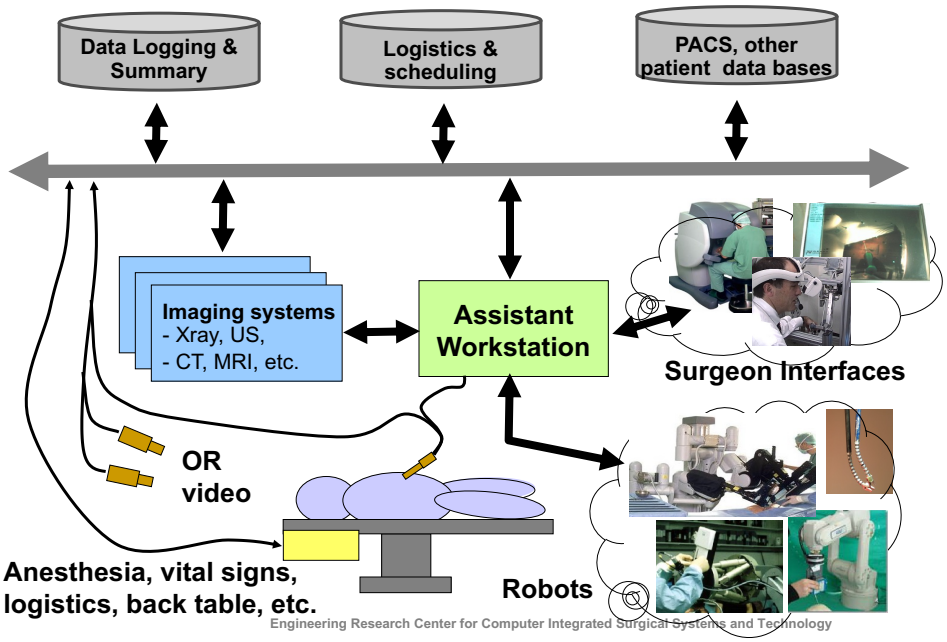
Information-Intensive Interventional Suite



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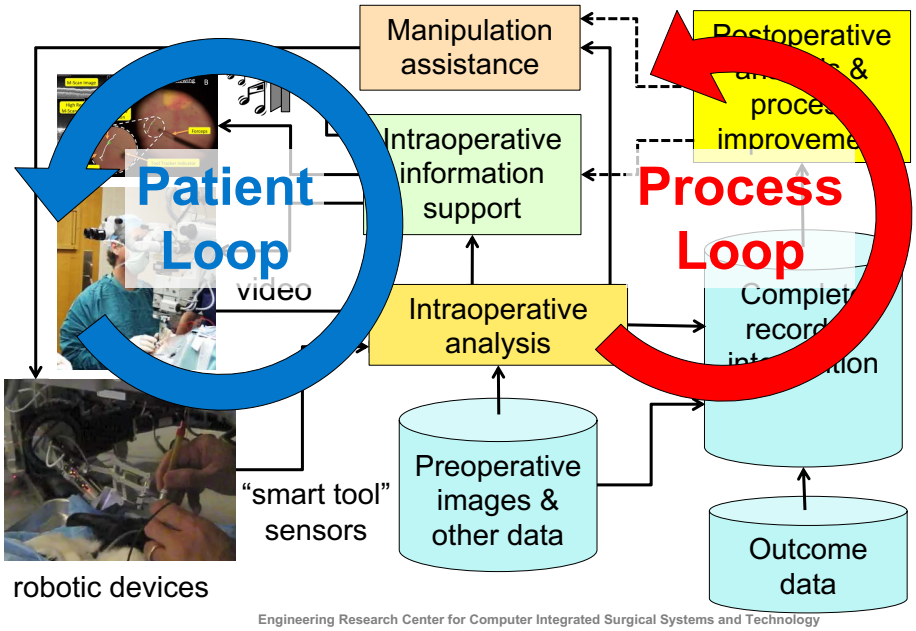

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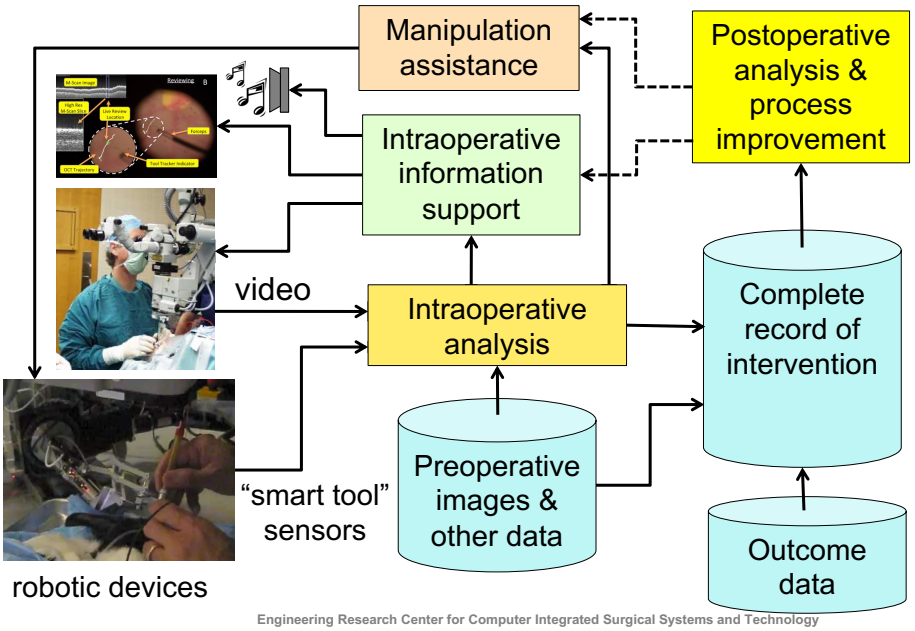

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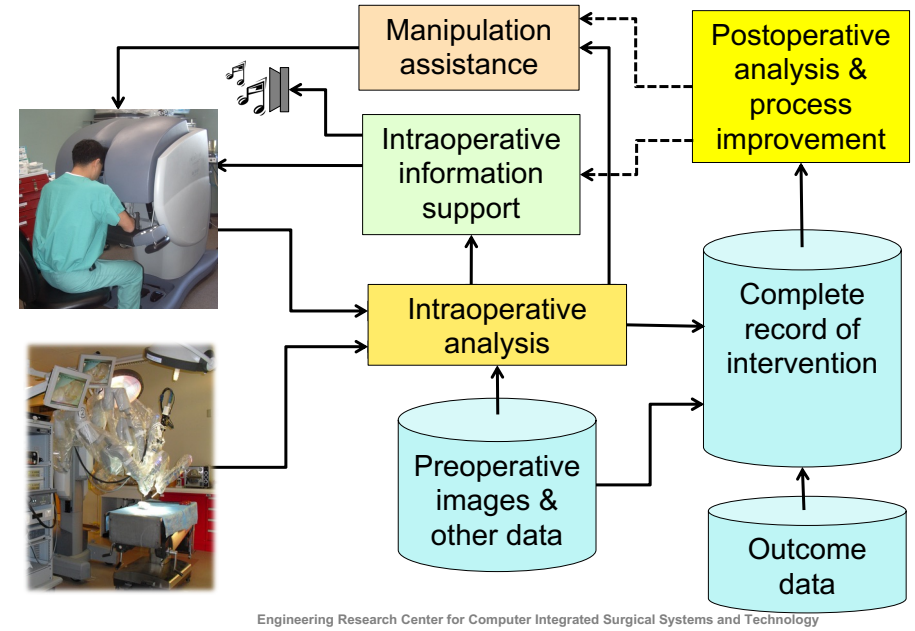

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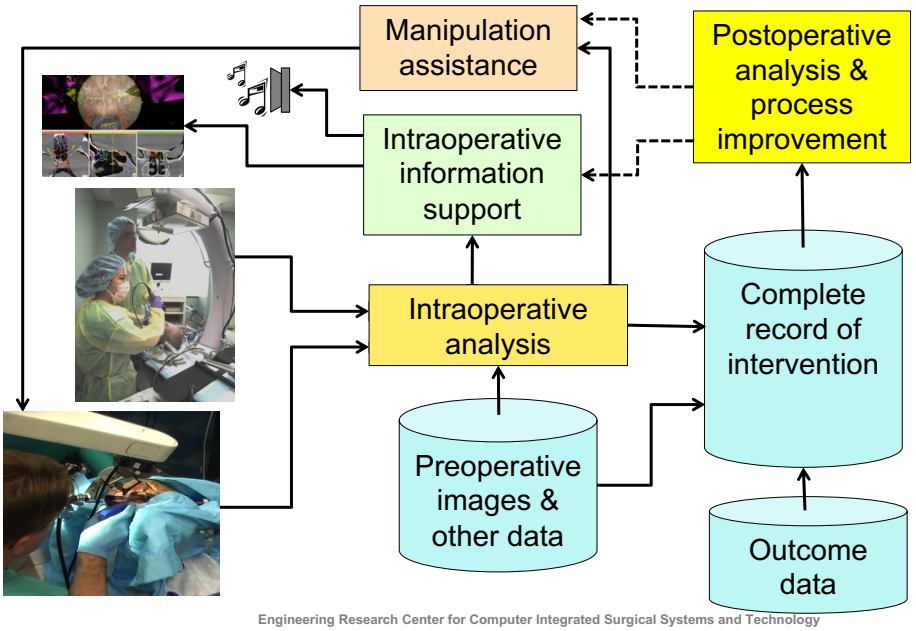

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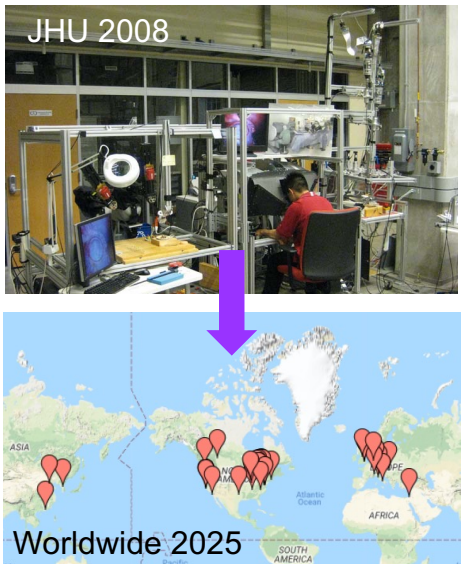
Use Case: da Vinci Research Kit



- Mechanical components from da Vinci “classic” systems
- Donated by Intuitive Surgical to selected academic labs
- Consortium to provide “open source” engineering and support
  - Software – JHU (CISST/SAW)
  - Controller electronics –JHU
  - Interface electronics – ISI
  - Controller power/packaging – WPI
- Controllers and software also adapted for use with complete recycled da Vinci “classic” systems
- Systems at over 40 institutions around the world
- **https://www.intuitive-foundation.org/dvrk/**

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General working model

Use clinical applications to provide focus & key problems

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

Some current areas include

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

Funding models

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

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The real bottom line: patient care

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

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