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

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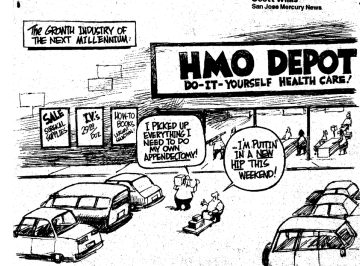
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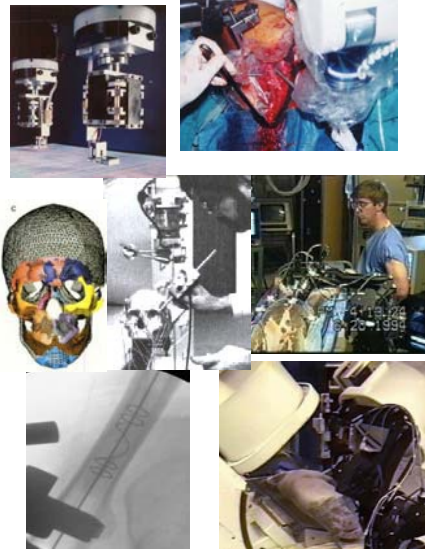
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## A short personal background: Russ Taylor

- 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)
  - X-ray guided MIS & orthopaedics
  - “Steady Hand” microsurgery
  - Radiation therapy
  - Modeling & imaging
  - Etc.
- 1997 - now: NSF ERC; LCSR
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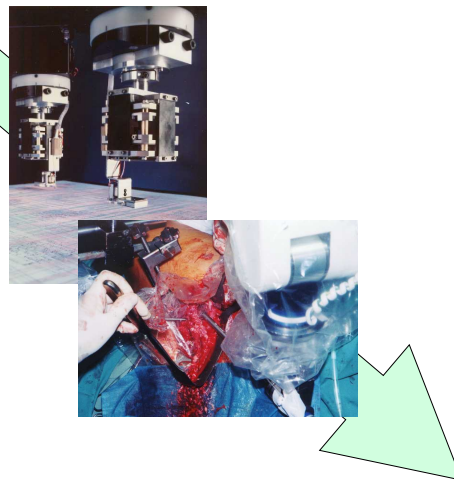
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## Motivating Insight

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



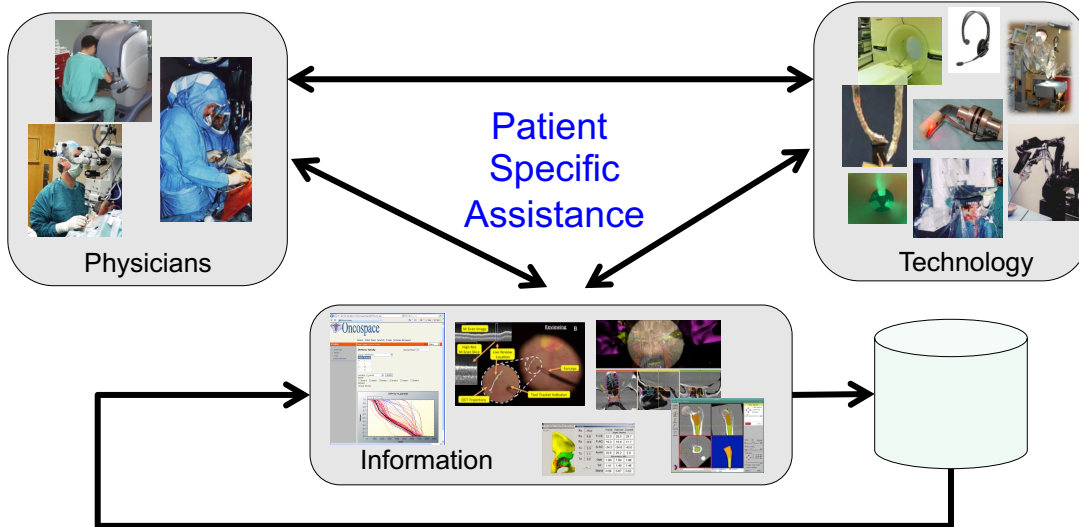
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# Human-machine partnership to fundamentally improve interventional medicine



## Statistical Process Improvement

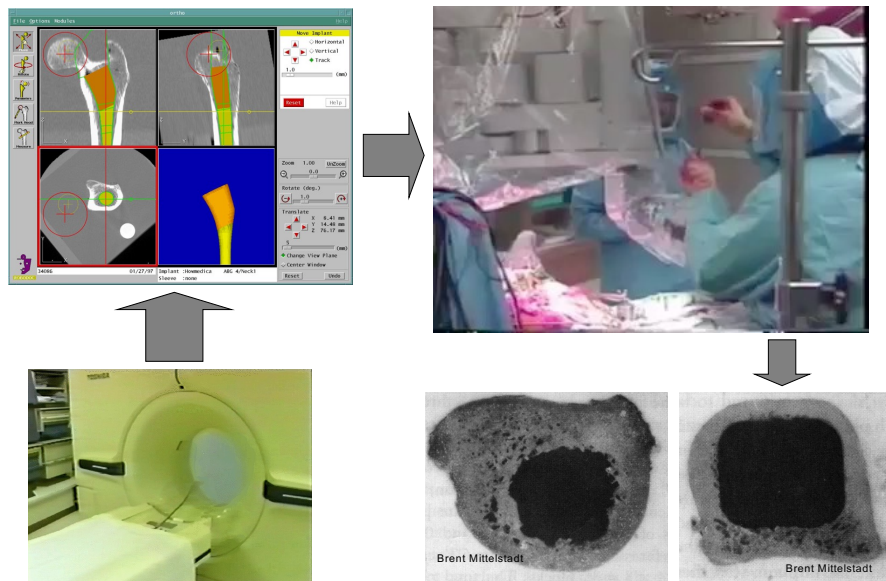
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# Over 25 years ago: Robotic Joint Replacement Surgery



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

Manual Surgery

Robotic Surgery

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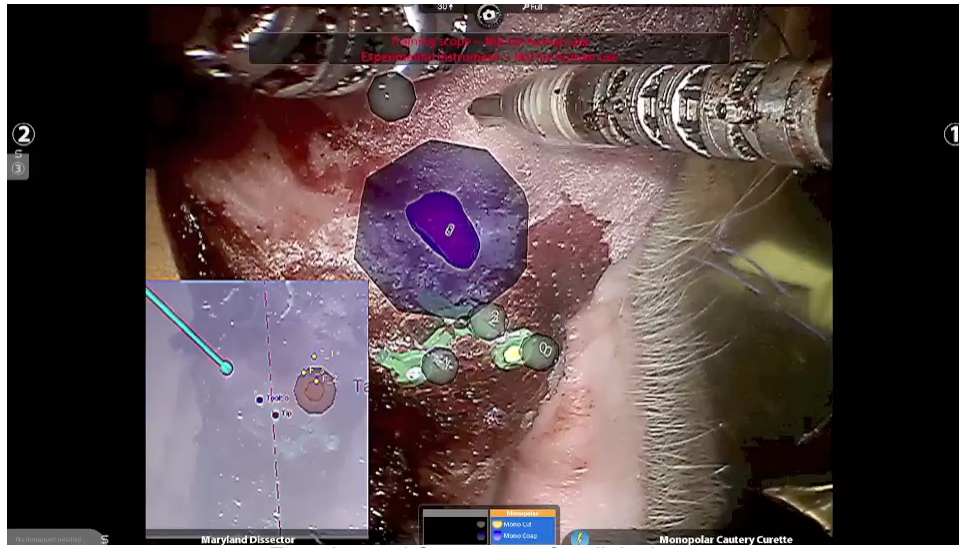
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## Emerging: Information-Augmented Robotic Surgery

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



Experimental System: not for clinical use

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## Emerging: Augmented Reality in the OR



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

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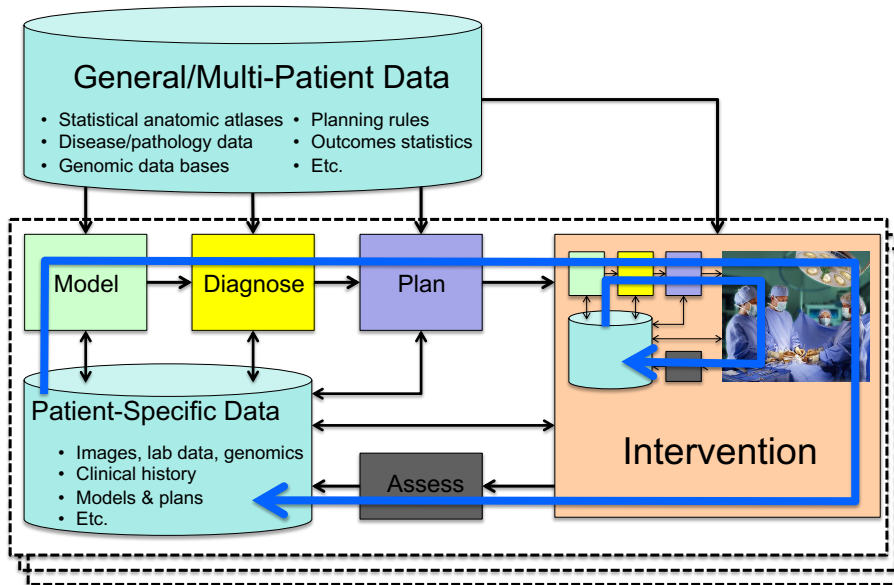
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## Computer-Integrated Interventional Medicine



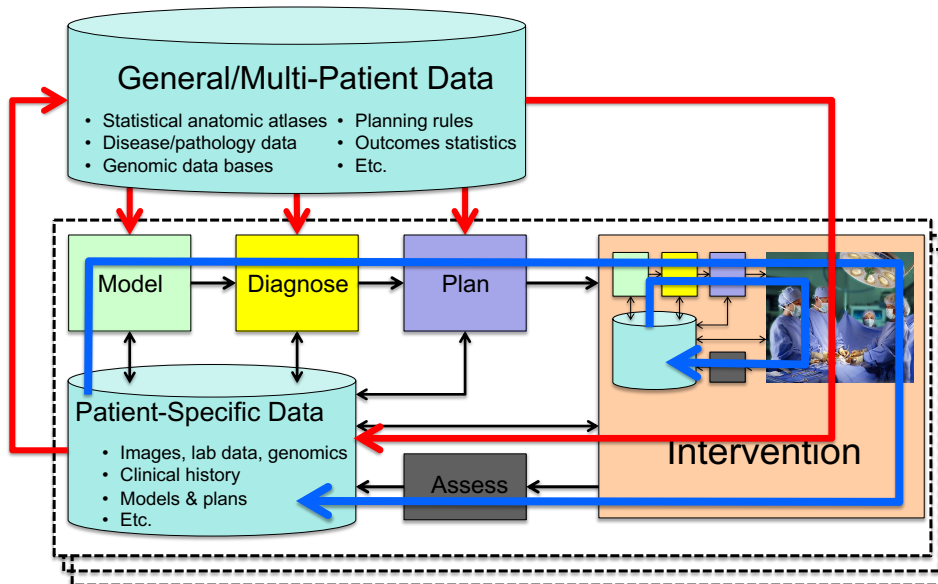
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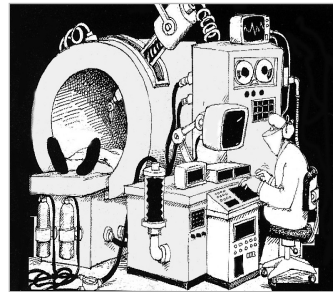
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## This Paradigm has not changed since Imhotep's day



27<sup>th</sup> Century BCE

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



21<sup>st</sup> Century CE



## Multidisciplinary Integration is Crucial

### Modeling & analysis

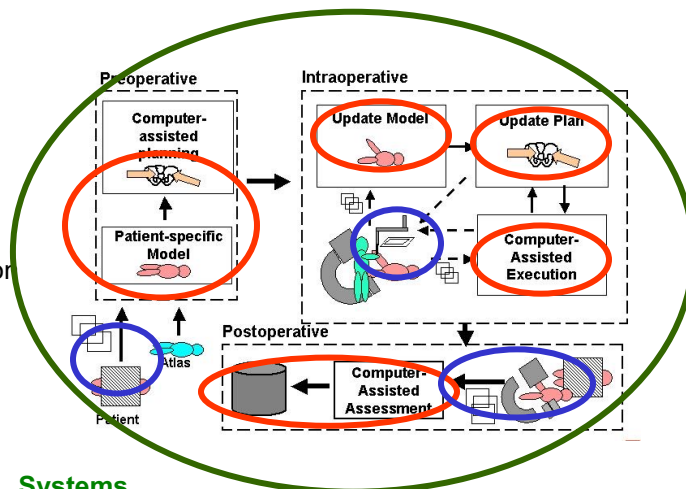
- Segmentation
- Registration
- Atlases
- Optimization
- Visualization
- Task characterization
- etc.

### Interface Technology

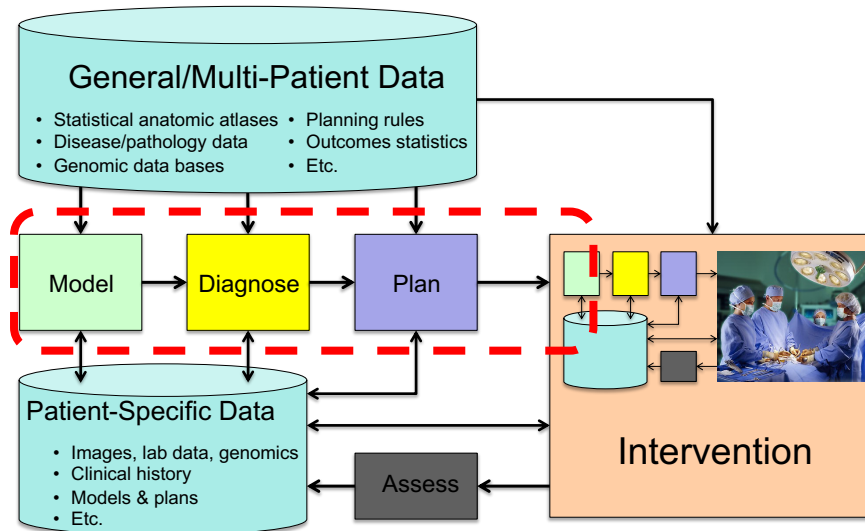
- Sensing
- Robotics
- Human-machine interfaces

### Systems

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



## Image-based modeling & analysis



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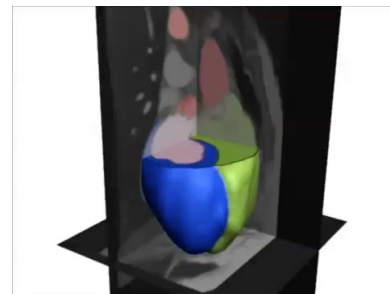
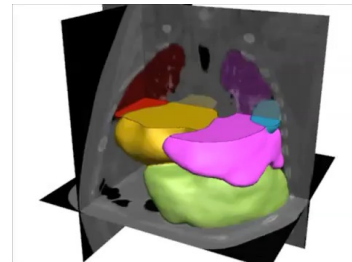
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## Patient-Specific Models for Interventions

- 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.  
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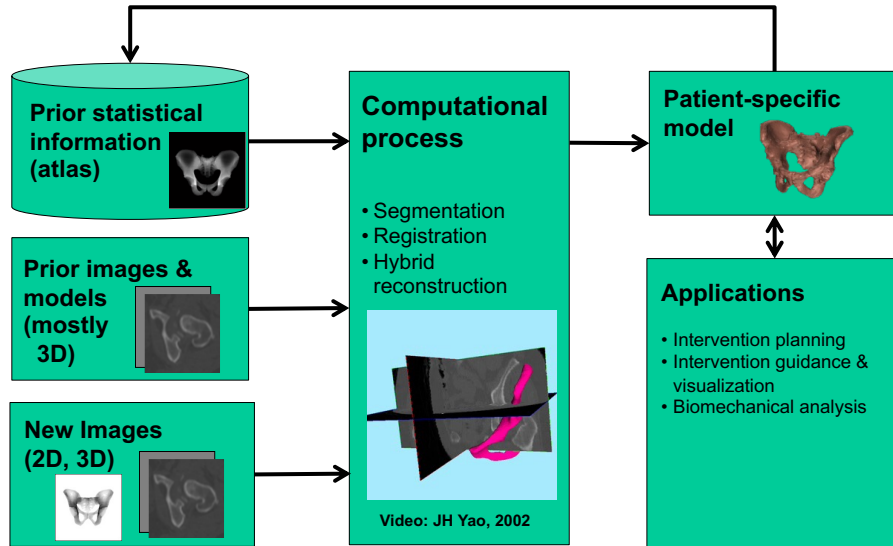
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## Combining prior knowledge with online images



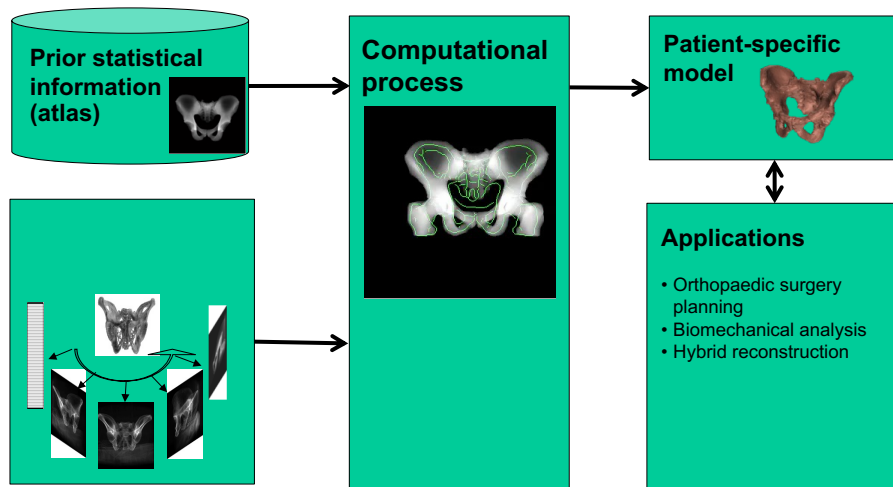
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## Deformable 2D/3D Registration to Statistical Atlas



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

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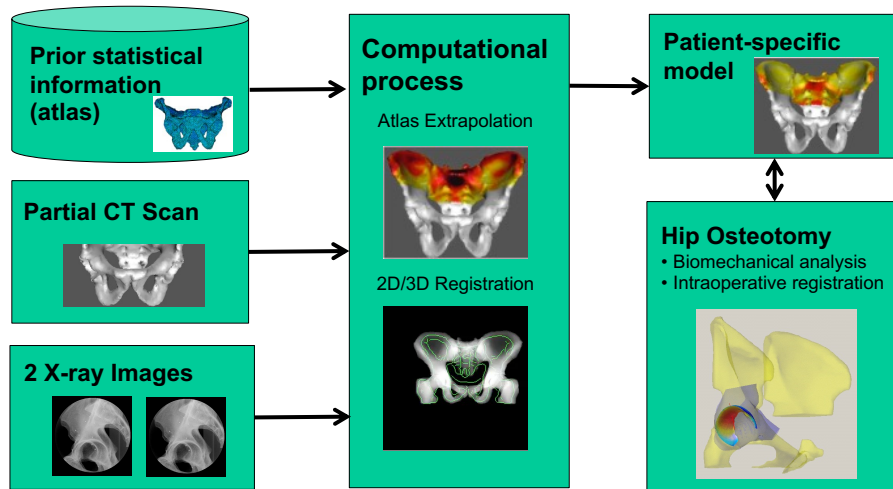


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## Model Completion, Given Partial CT + X-rays

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



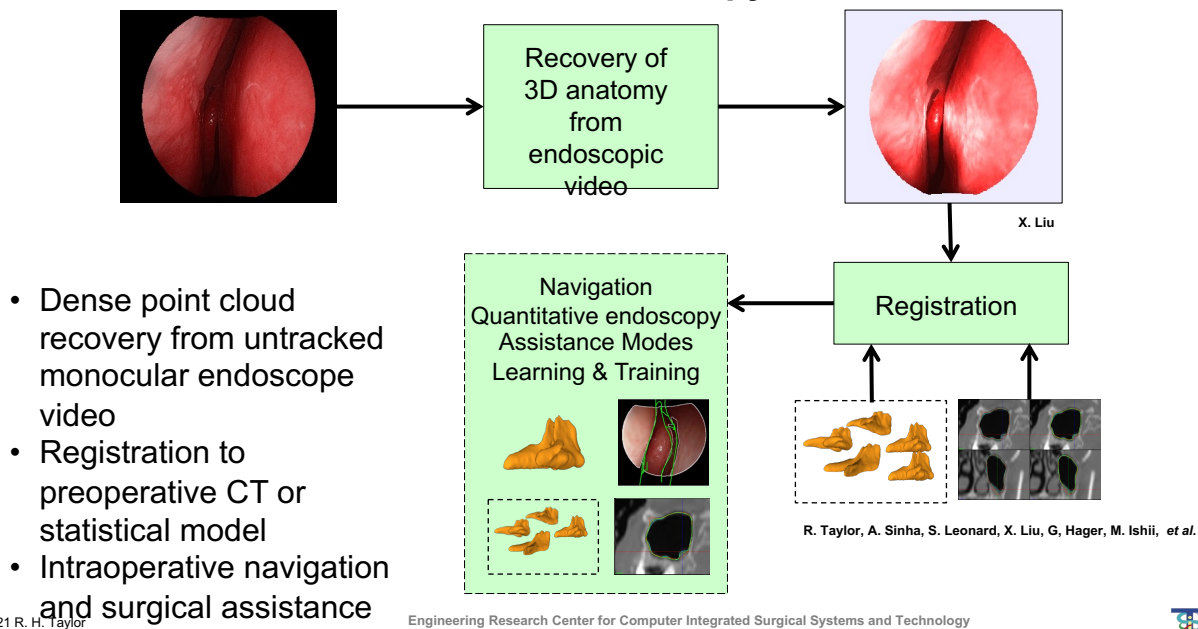
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## A "smart" sinus endoscopy assistant

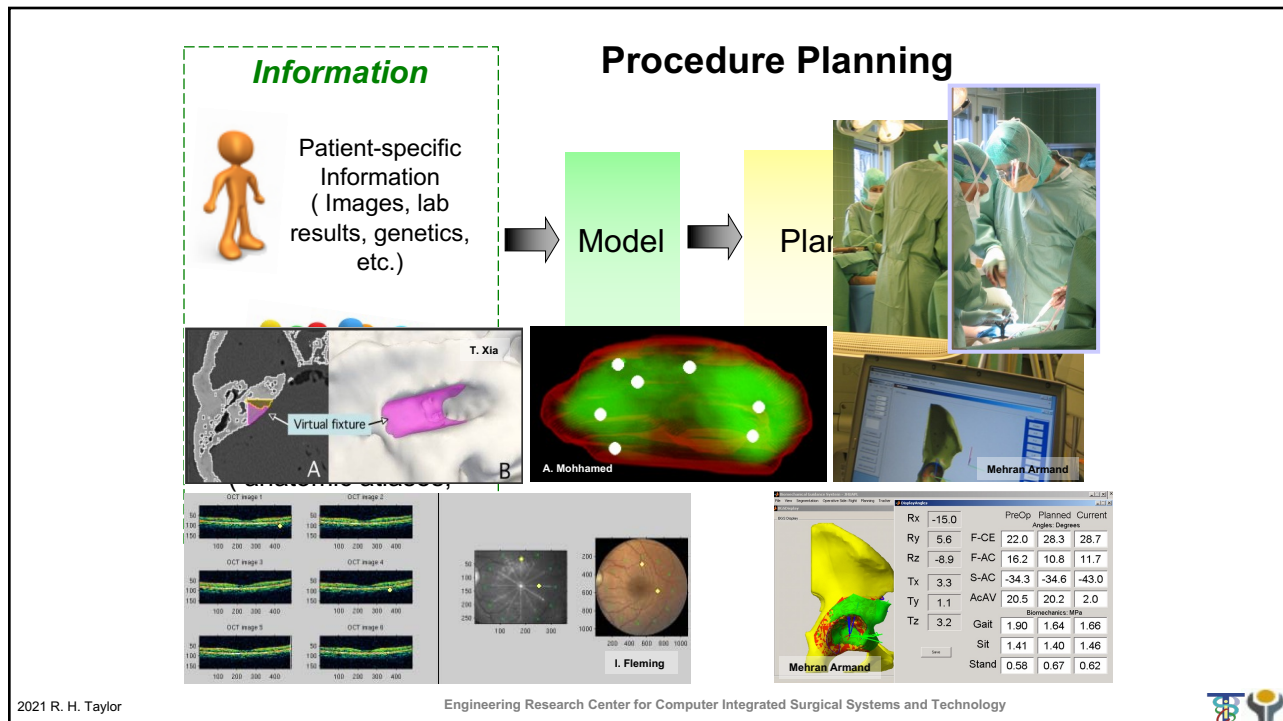


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## Procedure Planning

- **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

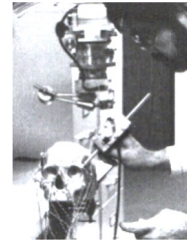
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## Procedure Execution

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



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Masamune, Fischer, Deguet, Csoma, Taylor, Sauer, Iorichidata, Masamune, Zinreich, Fichtinger, ...

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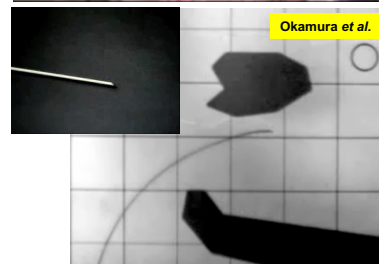
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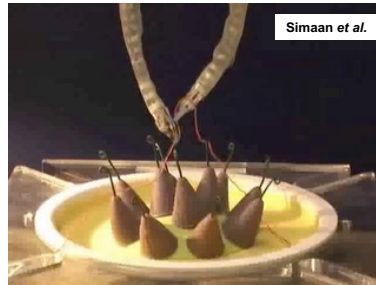
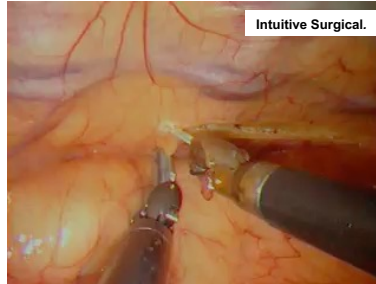
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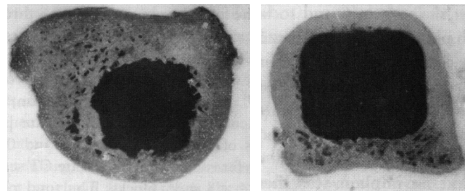
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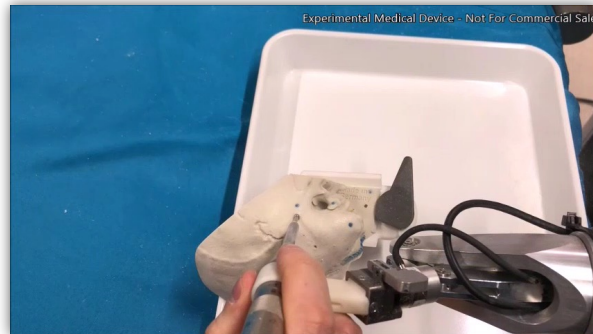


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Francis X. Creighton, Christopher R. Razavi, Paul R. Wilkening, Rui Yin, Nicholas Lamaison, Russell H. Taylor, John P. Carey, "Image-Guided Mastoidectomy with the Robotic ENT Microsurgery System (REMS)", *AAO Conference*, October 7, 2018.

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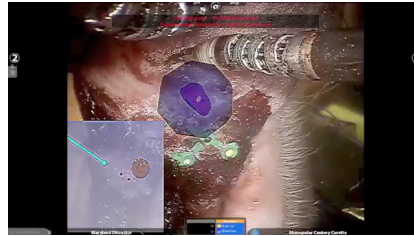
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## Procedure Execution

- **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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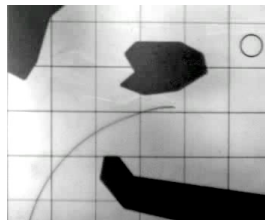


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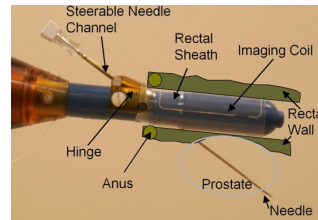
## Image-guided needle placement



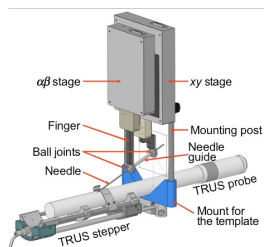
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Okamura, Webster, ...



Krieger, Fichtinger, Whitcomb, ...



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Taylor, Masamune, Susil, Patriciu, Stoianovici, ...

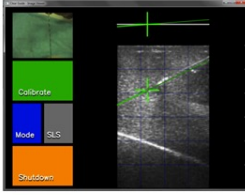
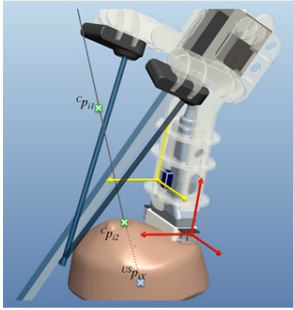
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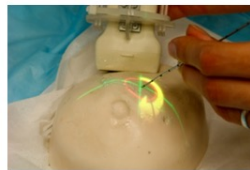


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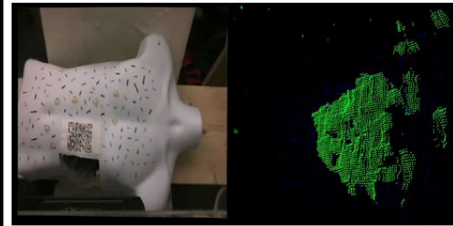
## Example: Ultrasound-guided needle placement



Traditional ultrasound screen AND on-screen guidance overlay



As well as on-patient projection



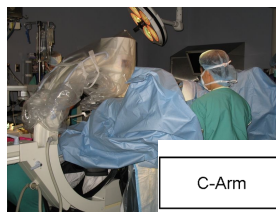
Real-time multi-modal fusion



## TRUS Robot for Prostate Brachytherapy

Kazanzides, Iordachita, Burdette, Song, et al.

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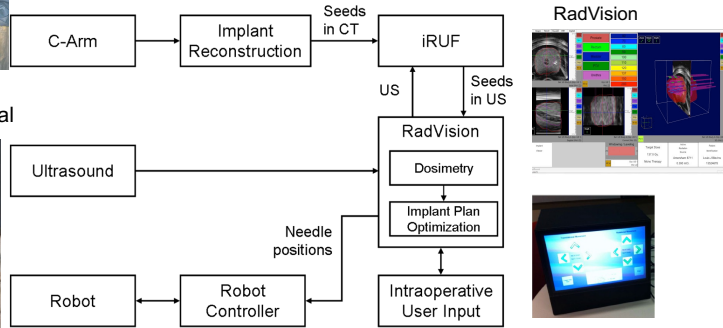


Robot clinical trial



### Current efforts:

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

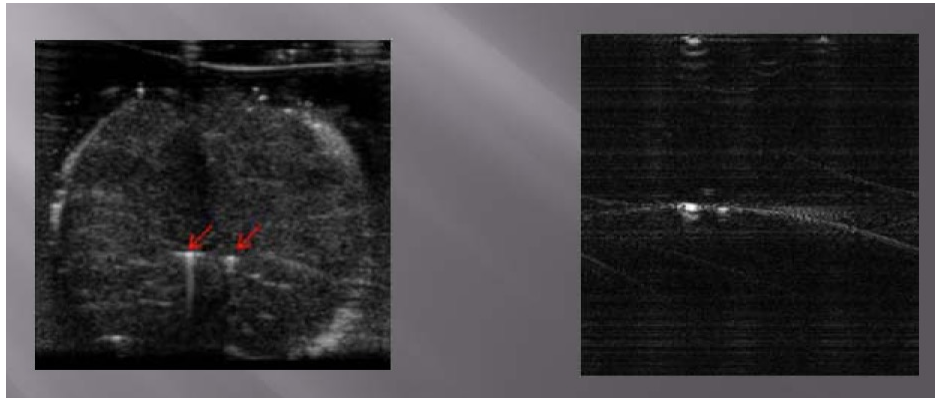


Prototype sterile touchscreen: Digital Dash





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



B-mode

PA-mode

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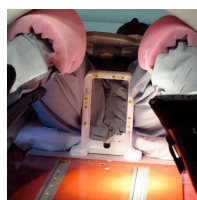


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## MRI-guided Surgical Manipulator for Transperineal Prostate Interventions - Clinical Workflow



Patient ready on scanner table



Z-frame in position



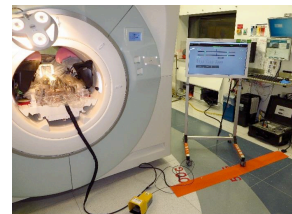
Drape robot, attach needle guide



Slide in robot until hit Z-frame



Lock robot in place



Robot ready for targeting

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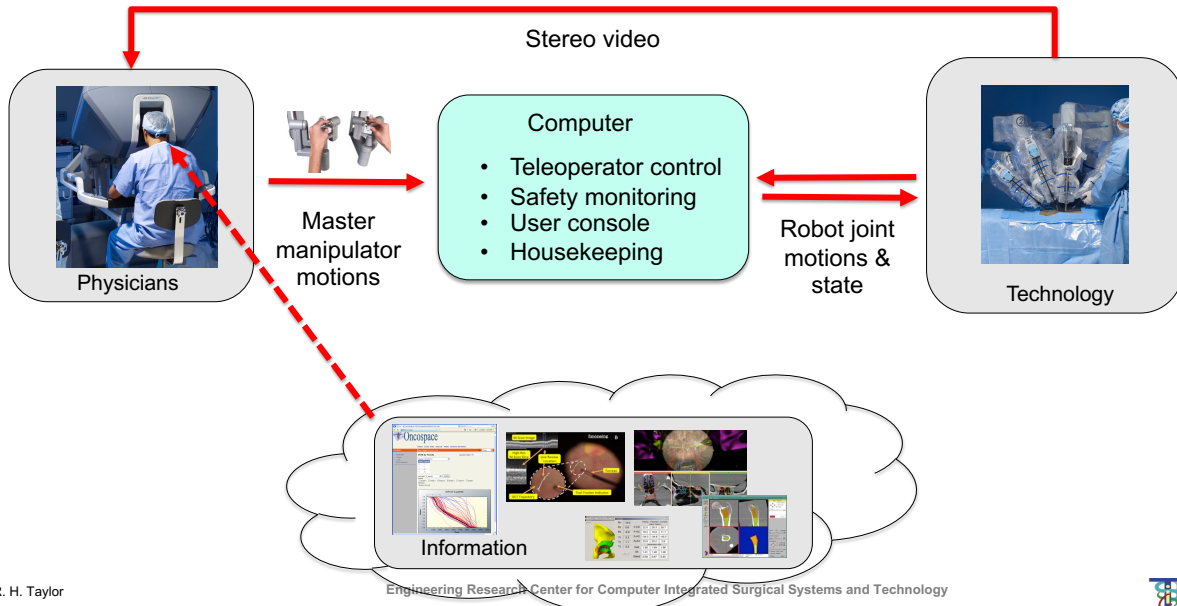
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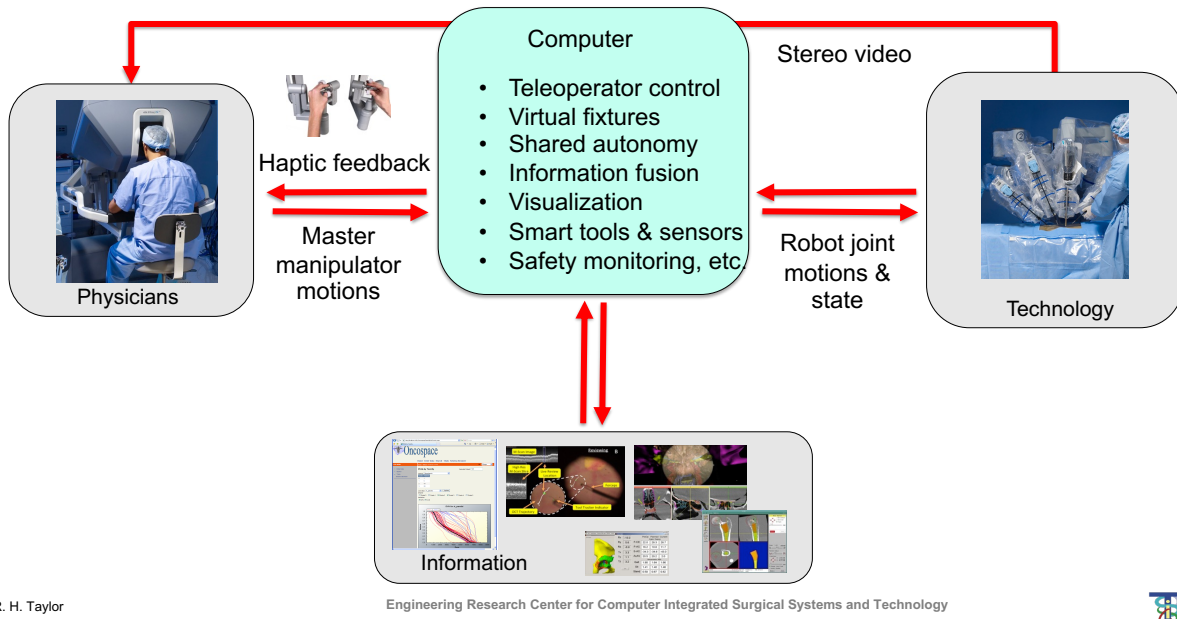
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## Current dominant paradigm for interactive surgery



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## Emerging paradigm ( shared autonomy & assistant modes)

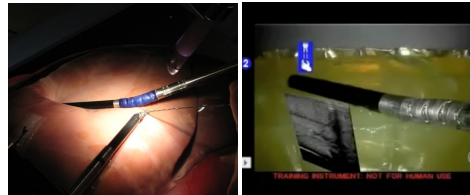
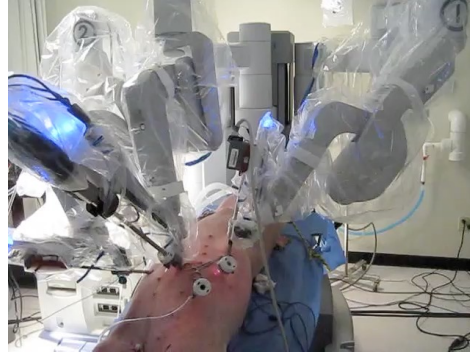


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## Robotically Assisted Laparoscopic Ultrasound

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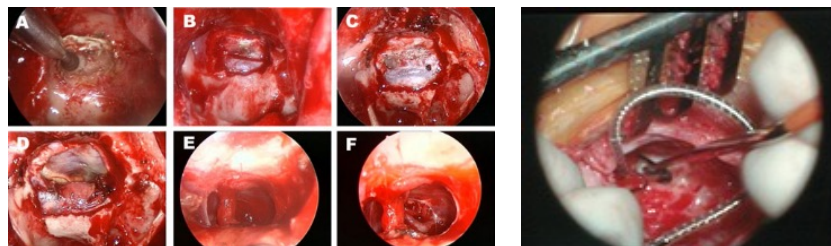
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## Example: Challenges in Precise Minimally Invasive Head-and Neck Surgery

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



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## The Robotic ENT Microsurgery System (REMS)

### User interface:

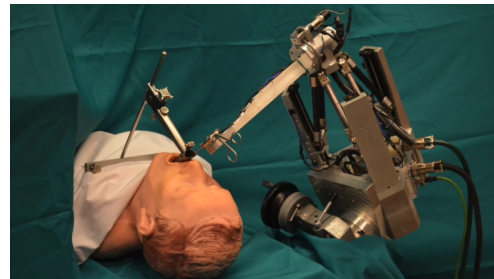
- Hands-on control, surgeon “in the game”
- Foot pedal-controlled gain

### Technical specs:

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

### Control modes:

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



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



## Cadaver Study: Sinus Surgery with Virtual Fixtures



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



## The Galen Platform

### Technology:

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



### Ease of Use:

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



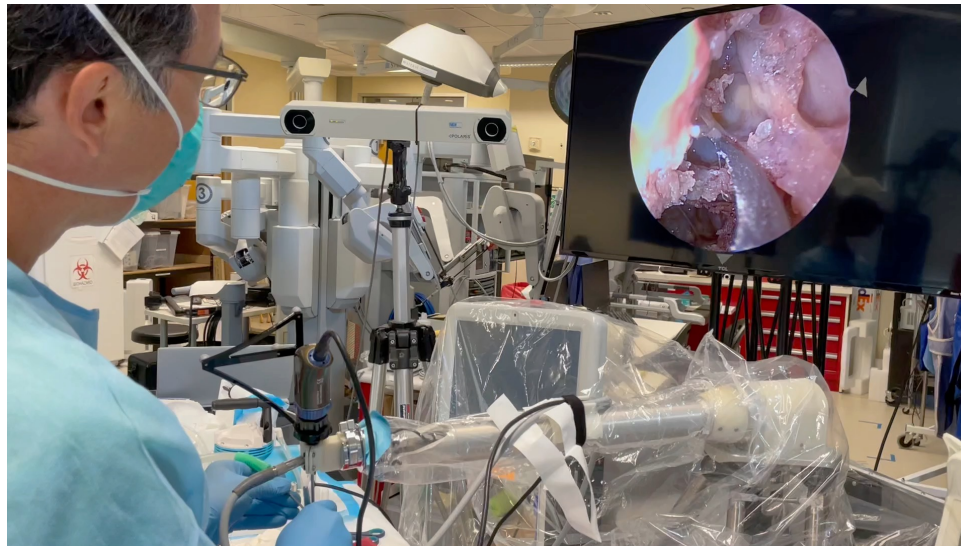
### Broad Applications:

- ENT, spine, brain, trauma, ....

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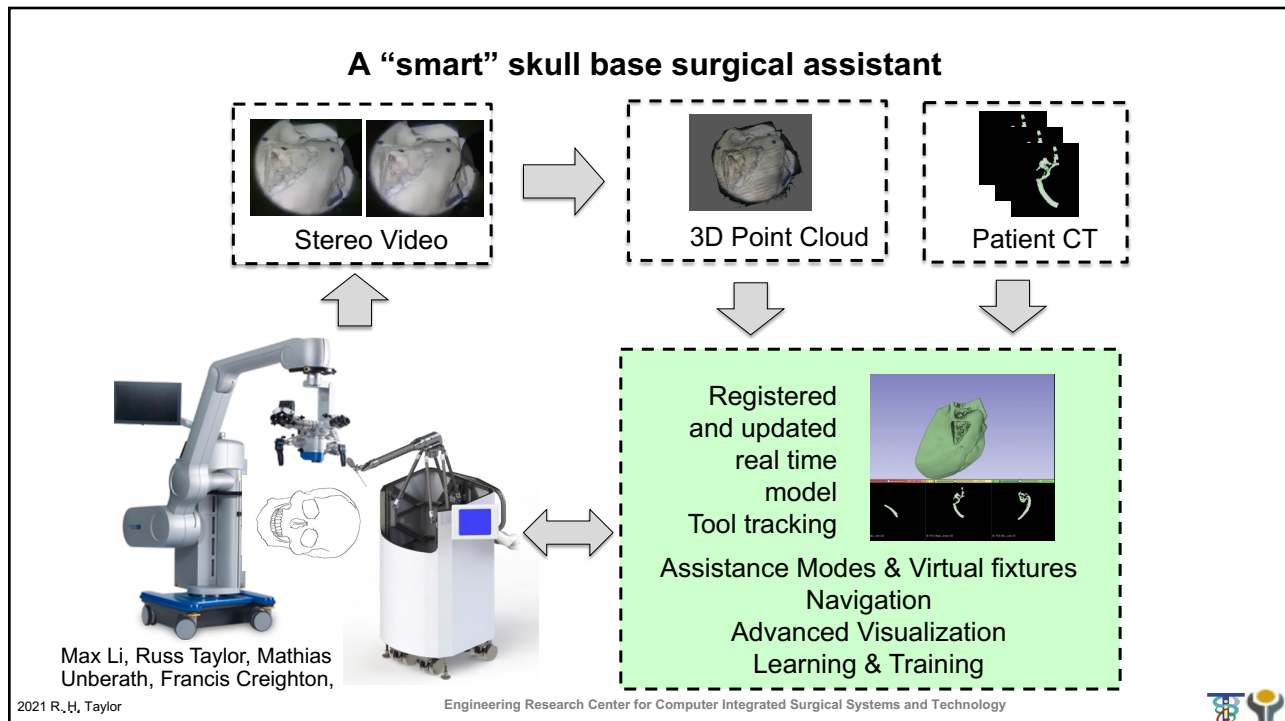


## Recent Cadaver Study with Galen Robot



M. Ishii, M. Sahu, R. Taylor





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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

R. Taylor, N. Simaan, *et al.*

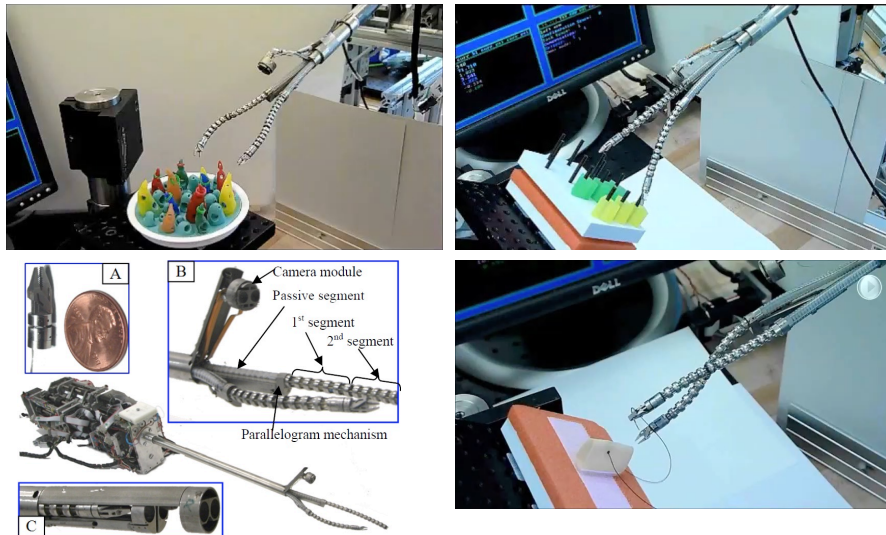
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# Single Port Access Surgery

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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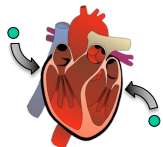


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# Foreign Bodies in the Heart

## Causes

Thrombi, Shrapnel  
iatrogenic

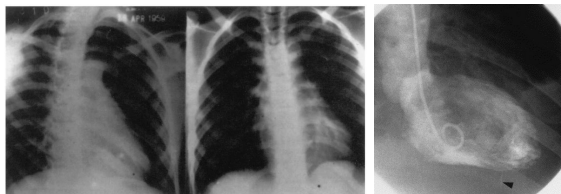
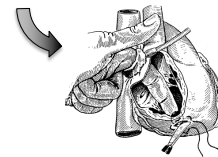
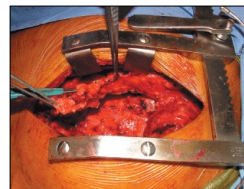


## Symptoms

Cardiac Tamponade  
Hemorrhage  
Arrhythmia  
Infection  
Shock  
Embolism  
Valve Dysfunction

## Conventional Treatment

Median Sternotomy  
Cardiopulmonary Bypass



(Actis Dato, 2003)

(LeMaire, 1999)

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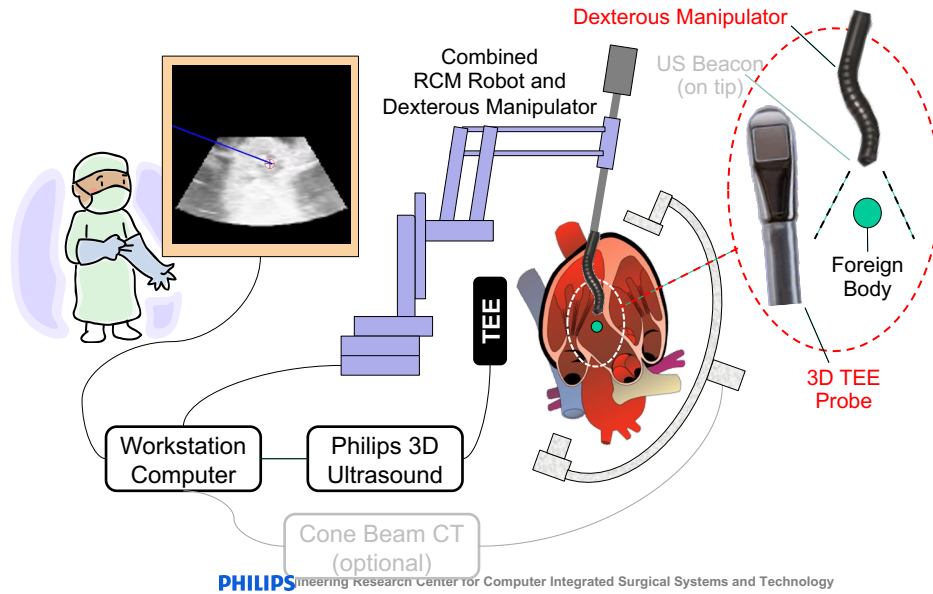
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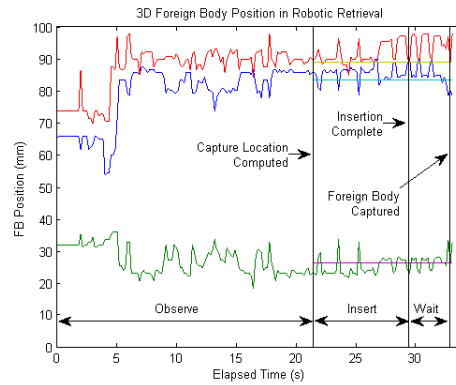
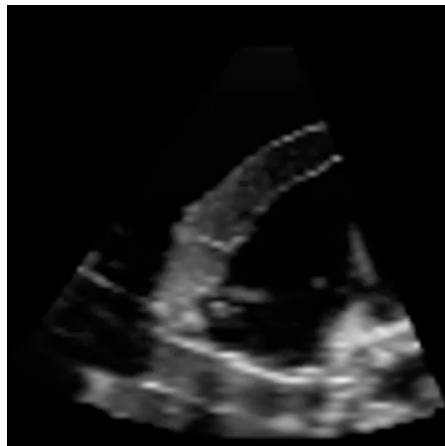
# Beating Heart MIS with 3D US Guidance

Paul Thienphrapa, Aleksandra Popovic, Russell Taylor



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# Retrieval Experiment Results



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Thienphrapa et al. 2013

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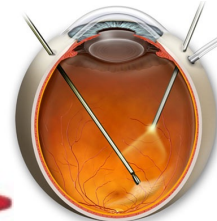
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# Vitreoretinal Microsurgery



British Journal of Ophthalmology 2004 - Akifumi Ueno et al



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Alcon Vitreosurgery Instrument

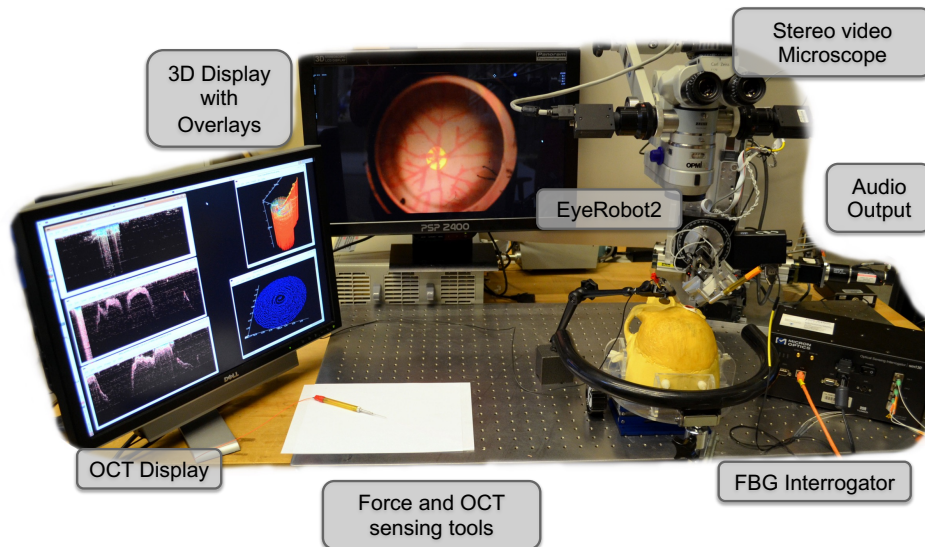
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# Microsurgery Assistant Workstation



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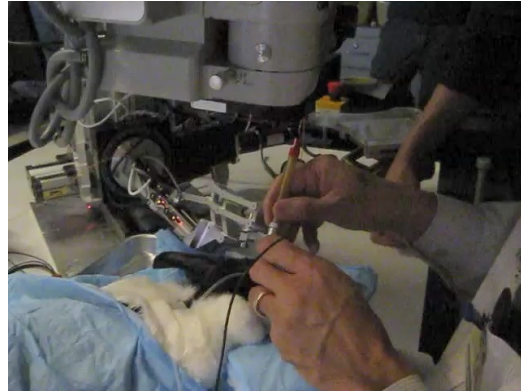
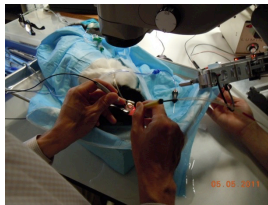
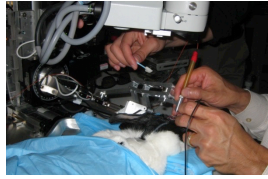
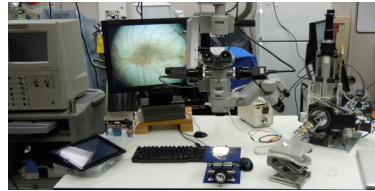
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## In-Vivo Experiments

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



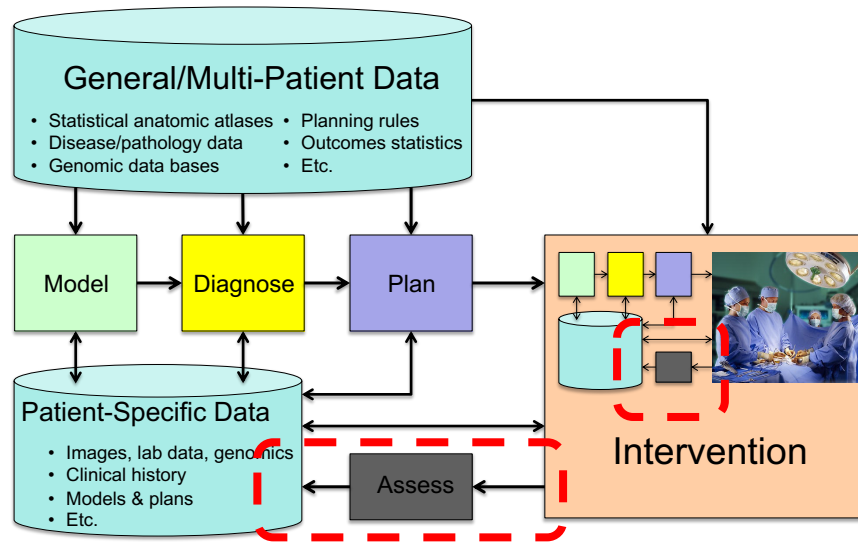
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## Patient-specific assessment and feedback



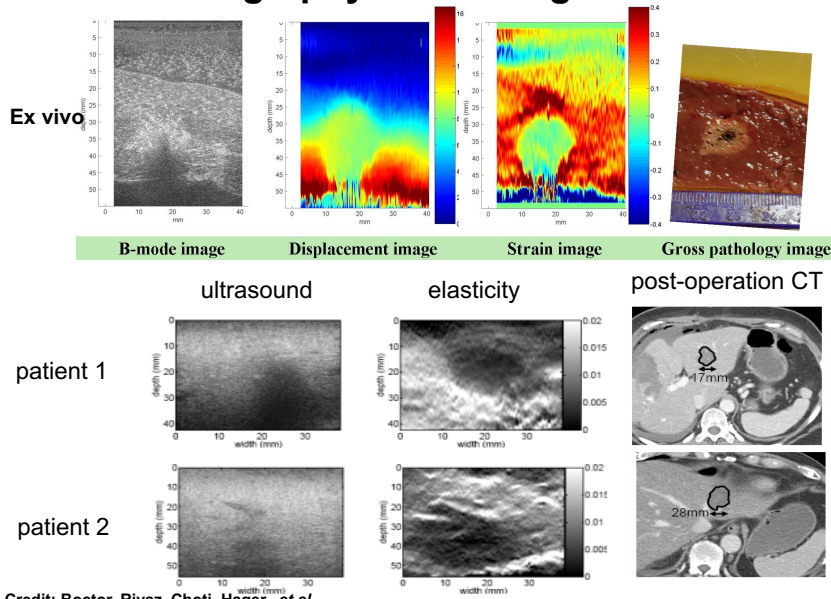
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## Elastography monitoring of ablations



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

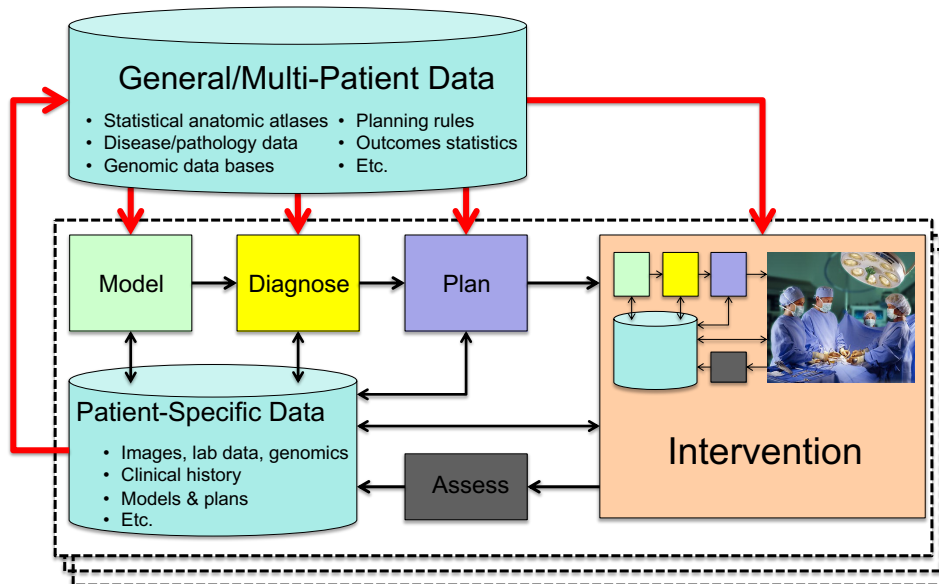
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## Statistical Analysis and Decision Support



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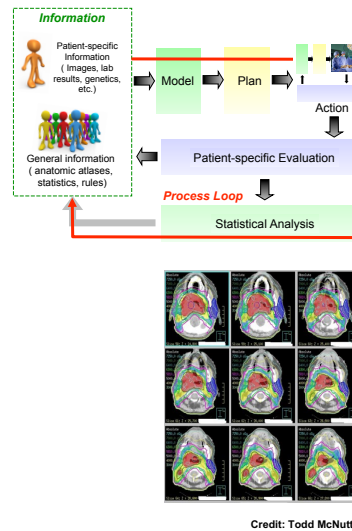
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## Information-Integrated Process Learning

- **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



Credit: Todd McNutt

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## Outer/Population Loop

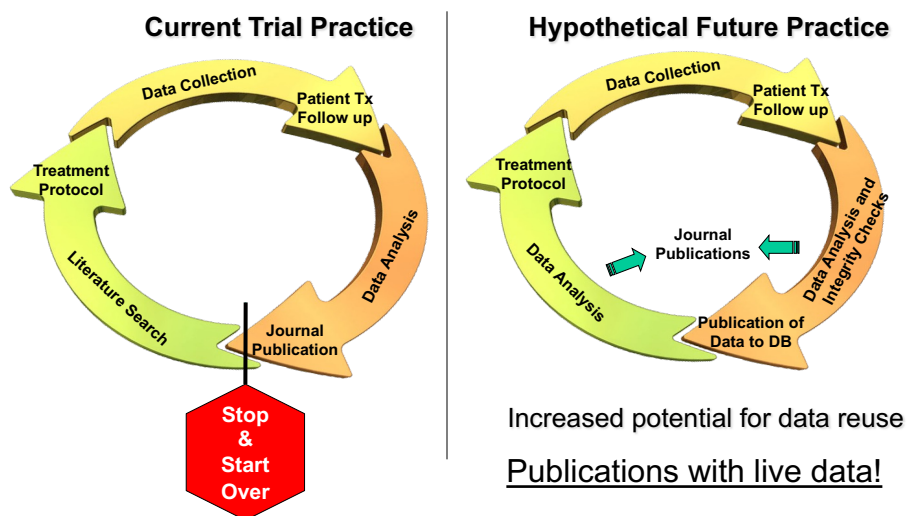


Figure: Todd McNutt

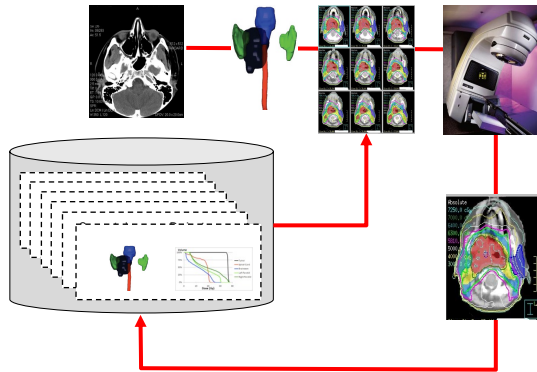
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## Statistical process control for radiation therapy



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

### Team:

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

**BME:** R. Jacques

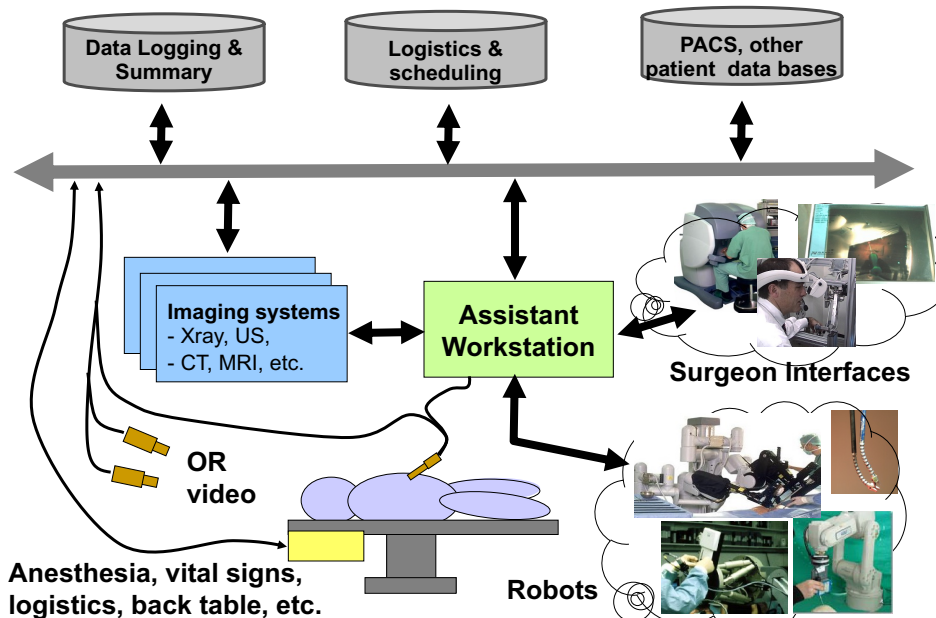
**Rad. Oncology:** T. McNutt, J. Wong, B. Wu, G. Sanguinetti (MD)

**Support:** Paul Maritz, Philips, JHU internal funds

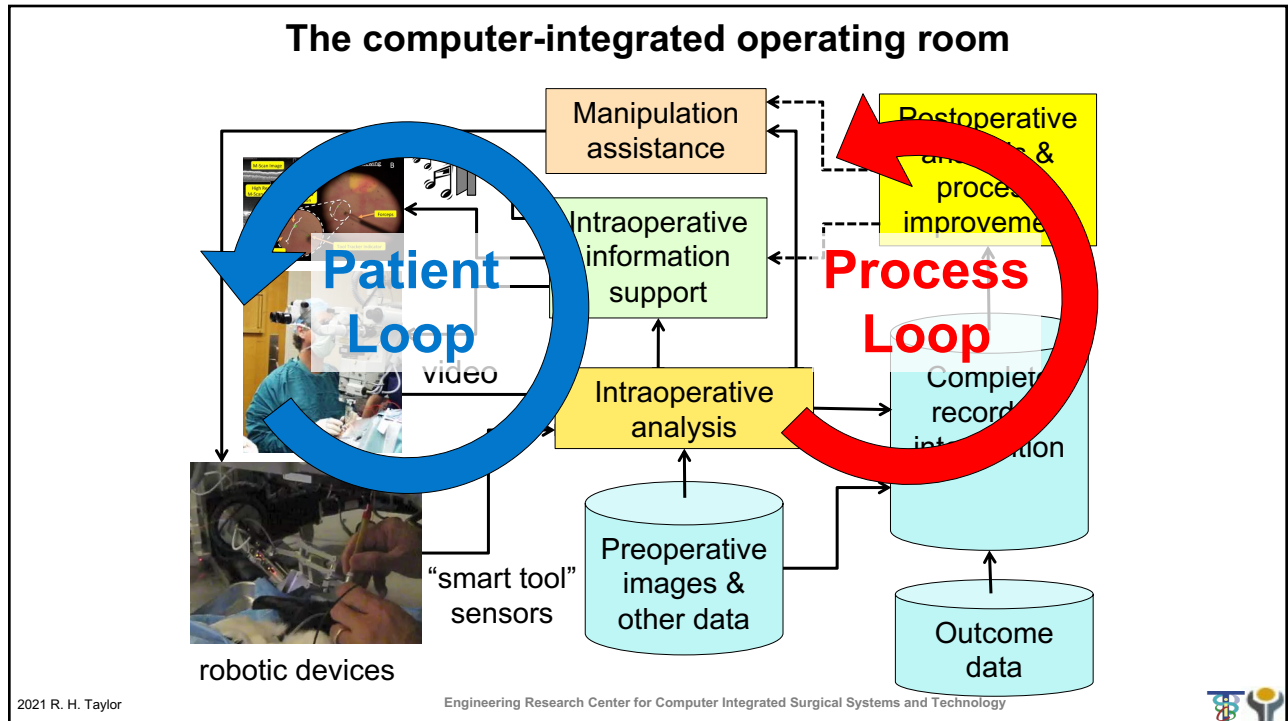


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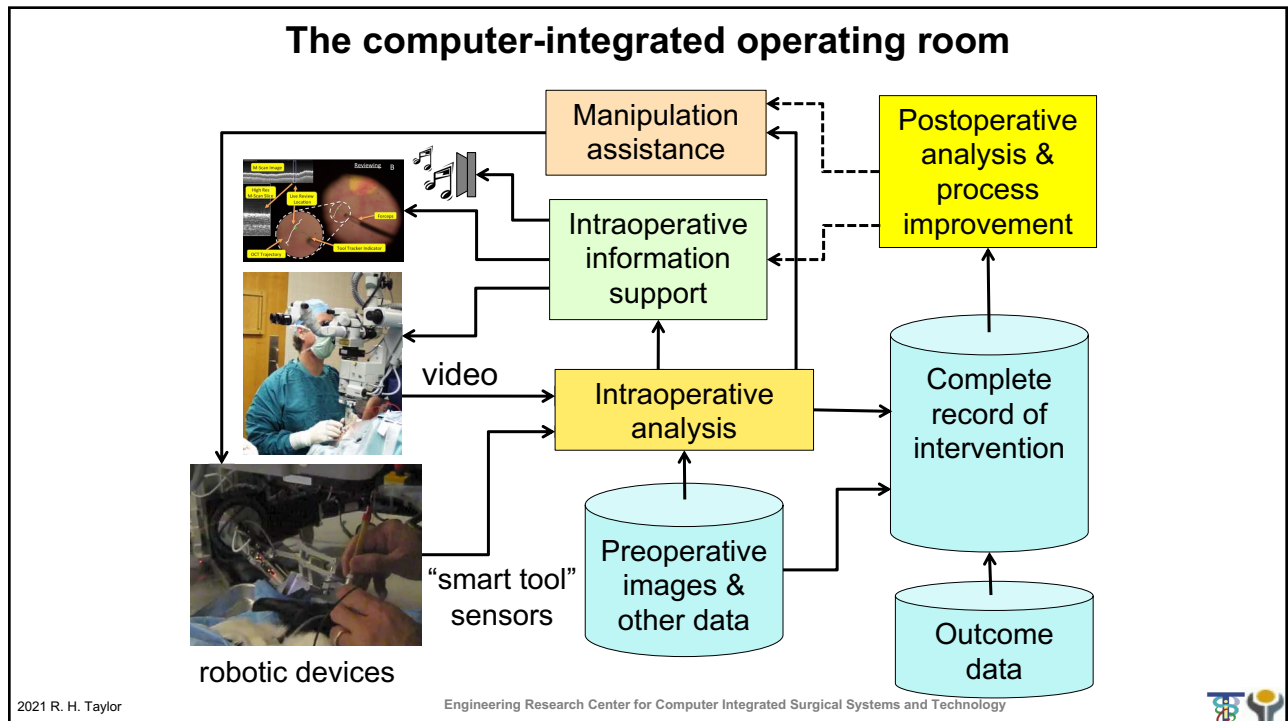
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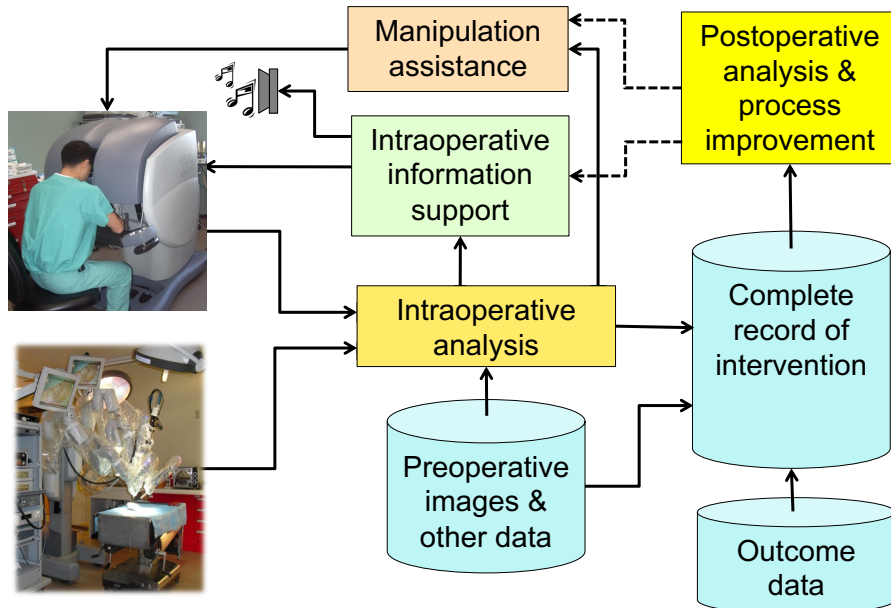


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## The computer-integrated operating room



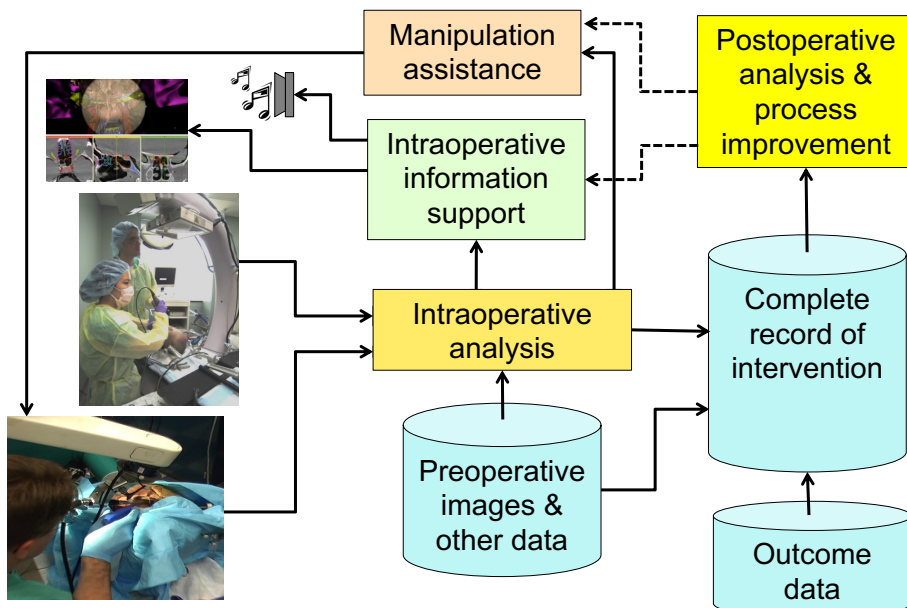
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## The computer-integrated operating room



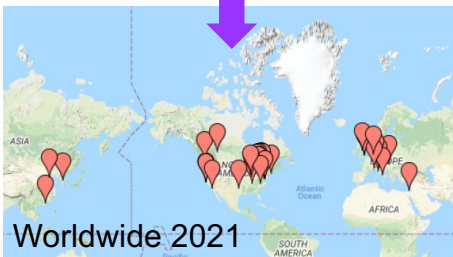
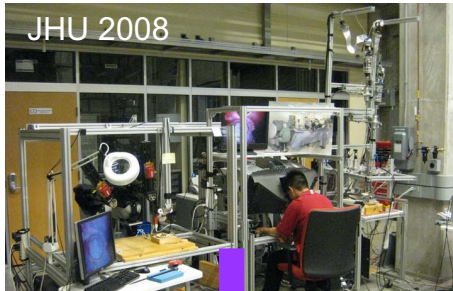
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## Use Case: da Vinci Research Kit



- 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
- 45 systems now deployed around the world
- <http://research.intusurg.com/dvrkwiki/>

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## General working model

### Use clinical applications to provide focus & key problems

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

### Some current areas include

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

### Funding models

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

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## The real bottom line: patient care

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

