Robots in Image-Guided Interventions

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My Background

- 1983-1988 Ph.D. EE (Robotics), Brown University
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 - Director of Robotics and Software
 - Commercial development of ROBODOC® System
 - Sales in Europe (CE Mark) and Asia
 - Clinical trials in U.S. and Japan
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 - Leader of CISST ERC engineering infrastructure
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Hackerman Hall



Swirnow Mock Operating Room



Robotorium (shared lab)



What is Robotic Surgery?

The integration of information processing with sensing and robotics to produce a "super-human" man-machine team



Themes of Today's Talk

- Origins of Robotic Surgery
 - Surgical CAD/CAM: Robodoc ®, Neuromate, ...
 - Surgical Assistance: da Vinci ®, Aesop, ...
- Current and Future Research
 - Merger of Surgical CAD/CAM and Surgical Assistance
 - Better situational awareness in Surgical CAD/CAM
 - Adding image guidance to Surgical Assistance

Surgical CAD/CAM: Overview

- Preoperative imaging (e.g., CT scan)
- Preoperative planning
- Intraoperative registration
- Computer assistance to execute plan
 - (e.g., autonomous or semi-autonomous robot)



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Surgical CAD/CAM: ROBODOC® System

- Initially developed to assist with Total Hip Replacement (THR) surgery
 - machine femur for cementless prosthesis (femoral stem)





ROBODOC® System

Conventional procedure (mallet and broach)



Computer-assisted planning and execution



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Surgery to implant pins (bone screws) prior to CT





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Planning software detects pins in CT coordinates



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Robot finds pins in Robot coordinates



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Software checks pin distances (safety check) and then computes transformation between CT coordinates and robot coordinates



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ROBODOC Benefits

- Intended benefits:
 - Increased dimensional accuracy
 - Increased placement accuracy
 - More consistent outcome





Broach

Robot

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ROBODOC Status

- Approximately 50 systems were installed worldwide
 - Europe (Germany, Austria, Switz., France, Spain)
 - Asia (Japan, Korea, India)
 - U.S. (Clinical trial for FDA approval)
- Over 20,000 hip and knee replacement surgeries
- ROBODOC no longer used in Europe (lawsuits still ongoing)
- Popular in Korea one hospital claims 2,500 surgeries/year
- Curexo Technology still attempting to grow business







Surgical CAD/CAM: Robotic Needle Guidance for Neurosurgery



Lavallee, Troccaz, et al. 1989



Kwoh, et al. 1988

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TRUS Guided Prostate Seed Placement (ultrasound for intraoperative planning)



JHU RadOnc: Song, DeWeese JHU Engineering: Kazanzides Queen's : Fichtinger Industry: Burdette, Acoustic Medsystems Kronreif, ProFactor Insert Needle Retract Needle Retract Needle

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Surgical CAD/CAM: Summary

- Works well when:
 - Registration can be performed accurately
 - Anatomy does not change
 - Little or no motion, deformation
- Thus, more often used for:
 - Orthopaedics
 - Neurosurgery
 - Needle-based interventions with minimal change between imaging and insertion

Surgical Assistance: Overview

- Provide information and/or mechanical assistance during procedure
 - improve physician's existing sensing and/or manipulation
 - e.g., reduced tremor, go where physician cannot go
 - increase the number of sensors and actuators (e.g., more eyes and hands)

Surgical Assistance: Overview

- Control paradigms:
 - Teleoperation









Surgical Assistance: da Vinci® System



SRI telesurgery system, *circa* 1992



da Vinci S system, *circa* 2006

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da Vinci Status

- Over 1,800 systems installed worldwide
- Principle application prostatectomy
 - By 2007, over 50% of prostatectomies in US were performed by a da Vinci
- Financial success
 - 2007 revenue \$601 M
 - 2010 revenue \$1,413 M
 - Intuitive Surgical market cap. > \$15 B



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Surgical Assistance: Robotic "Third Hand" Assistants

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





Surgical Assistance: Retinal Microsurgery



(Left) Regular setup of ophthalmic procedure and (Right) Needle used to insert into a retinal vein in vein cannulation procedure

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Steady Hand Guidance for Retinal Microsurgery







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Steady hand motion



Steady Hand Guiding at the Cellular Level



Kumar, Kapoor, Taylor



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The Future: Merger of Surgical CAD/CAM and Surgical Assistants

- Provides assistance to enable surgeon to execute a preoperative or intraoperative plan
 - Why should a Surgical CAD/CAM system continue to execute a preoperative plan if the situation has changed?
 - Why shouldn't a Surgical Assistance system consider preoperative information?
- Result is a human/machine collaborative system

New Technical Challenges

- Provide more complete information to the surgeon
 - Pre-operative images (preferably registered to view)
 - Intra-operative images (e.g. ultrasound)
 - Local sensing: force, tissue stiffness, oxygenation
- Provide physical guidance
 - Improve safety through "no-fly" zones
 - Improve repeatability through guidance (virtual rulers)
- Improve dexterity and reduce size (mechanism design)
 - Robots for micro-surgical applications
 - Go where humans cannot go

Case Studies

- Augmented reality for (da Vinci) minimallyinvasive surgery
- Retinal microsurgery system
- Cooperative control for skull base surgery



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Integration of Preoperative Images



Surgical Assistant Workstation (SAW)

Better integration is possible!

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Augmented Reality in Robot-Assisted Surgical Systems











Video to CT Registration



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Retinal Microsurgery System



20-25 gauge tools & sensors (proximity, force, ischemia, OCT, other) Crea

Credit: Russell Taylor



Retinal Microsurgery System



Credit: Marcin Balicki

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Manipulators for Microsurgery



Steady Hand Robot (Rev 2) Iordachita, Balicki, Kazanzides, Taylor

Micron *Riviere (CMU)*



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Sensor-Based Manipulation (OCT)



Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Surface following using OCT visual servo Balicki, Kang, Taylor





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Sensor-Based Manipulation (Force)



Sensory substitution (force → audio) Balicki, Iordachita, Taylor



Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensor and interrogator





Tool Tracking



Especially useful for hand-held instruments

Credit: Rogerio Richa

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Augmented Reality Display



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Micro-force overlay



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Continuous OCT (MScan) scan/review



(not yet using background tracking)

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Example: Cooperatively-controlled Robot for Skull Base Surgery

- Skull base has complex 3D anatomy and traversing critical structures (nerves, vessels)
- Drilling of the skull base is often necessary to achieve access, such as for tumor removal
- Manual drilling can take hours, even when only millimeters are removed
 - Risk of damage to critical structures
 - Limits of human dexterity
 - Surgeon fatigue







Proposed Solution

- Use robot assistance to improve safety and efficiency of skull base drilling:
 - Define "safe zone" (virtual fixture) in CT
 - Register CT, patient, and robot
 - Robot holds cutting tool
 - Cooperative control: responds to surgeon's forces
 - Virtual fixtures: prevent excursion outside "safe zone"





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System Description



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Cadaver Experiments

- Drill bone around internal acoustic canal (IAC)
 - Robot provided ergonomic benefits
- Postoperative CT to assess accuracy
 - Average overcut ~1 mm
 - Maximum overcut ~3 mm



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Mechanism Design: Snake Robot for Minimally Invasive Surgery

• Telerobotic system for throat MIS with high distal dexterity, force feedback and high redundancy for optimal suturing.





Mechanism Design: MR-Compatible "Robot" for Prostate Biopsy

A manual "robot" with real-time MR feedback



Krieger et al, IEEE TMBE, 2005 Susil et al. J Urol,, 2006 Krieger et al, MICCAI 2007



Summary

- Differing objectives means a wide variety of robot systems:
 - Surgical CAD/CAM: increase accuracy, precision, repeatability
 - Surgical Assistance: put the eyes and hands of surgeon in places they could not otherwise go
 - The Future: systems that combine both paradigms
 - Situational awareness for Surgical CAD/CAM
 - Image-guidance for Surgical Assistants

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