



The Future of Robotics/Automation & Course Review

METR 4202: **Robotics** & Automation

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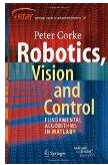
Week	Date	Lecture (W: 12:05-1:50, 50-N202)
1	27-Jul	Introduction
2	3-Aug	Representing Position & Orientation & State (Frames, Transformation Matrices & Affine Transformations)
3	10-Aug	Robot Kinematics Review (& Ekka Day)
4	17-Aug	Robot Inverse Kinematics & Kinetics
5	24-Aug	Robot Dynamics (Jacobians)
6	31-Aug	Robot Sensing: Perception & Linear Observers
7	7-Sep	Robot Sensing: Single View Geometry & Lines
8	14-Sep	Robot Sensing: Feature Detection
9	21-Sep	Robot Sensing: Multiple View Geometry
	28-Sep	<i>Study break</i>
10	5-Oct	Motion Planning
11	12-Oct	Probabilistic Robotics: Localization & SLAM
12	19-Oct	Probabilistic Robotics: Planning & Control (State-Space/Shaping the Dynamic Response/LQR)
13	26-Oct	The Future of Robotics/Automation + Challenges & Course Review



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Follow Along Reading:



[Robotics, Vision & Control](#)
by [Peter Corke](#)

Also online: [SpringerLink](#)

[UQ Library eBook:](#)
[364220144X](#)

Today

- Vision-Based Control
 - §15.1-15.3 (pp. 456-473)
- ➔ **Review** ➔
- SLAM
 - pp. 123-4
(§6.4-6.5)

- Everything? ☺
 - Many references...

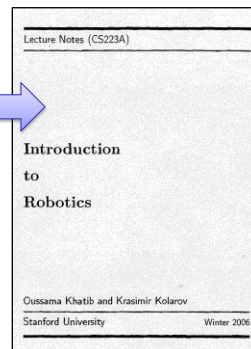
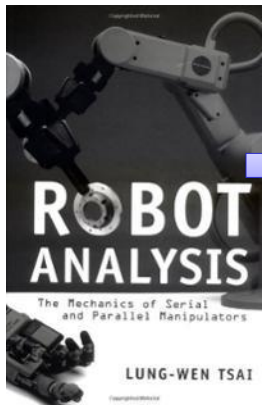
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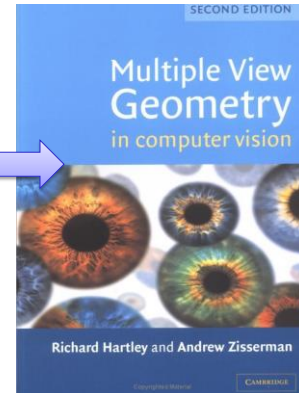
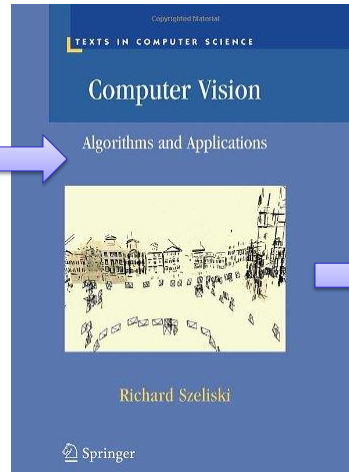
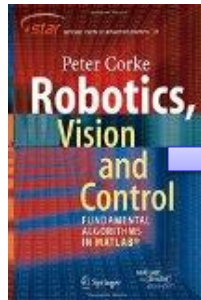
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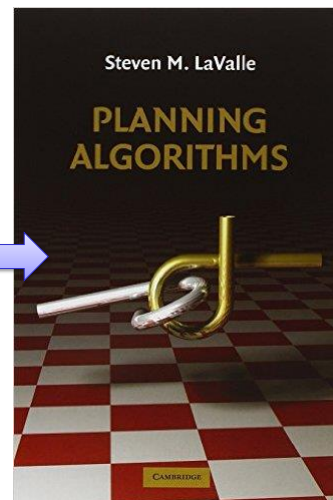
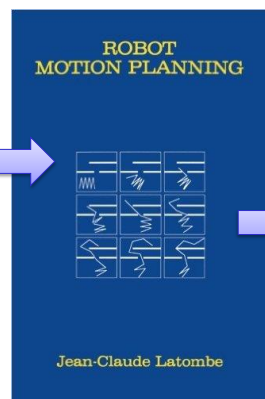
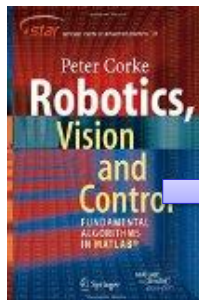
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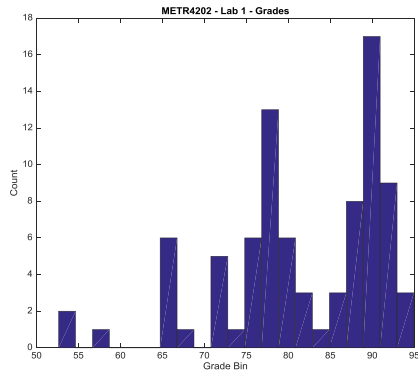


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Grades!

- Lab 1



- MEAN: 82 | STD: 10
- MIN: 52 | MAX: 95
- MEDIAN: 83.5

- Lab 2

Coming Soon!

PS: For those who have not LAB 2 “PAF-ed” please do so by tonight! 😊



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Some 2017 Robotics Thesis Topics

Projects (2017 RDL S. Singh)	
ID	Title
1	Light Fields in Motion
2	Image Sensing and Control
3	One Sweet Robot
4	Remote Access CT imaging Laboratory for clinical skills education and training
5	Semi-Automatic Tracking of Athletes Diving using Pre-selected Keypoints
7	(RDL*) Dermatology Outback
8	Interactive Ball / Beeper Ball - Smart Tones
9	Affine Breathing: Tracking
10	Underactuated Robotics: Katita Walks The Line
11	Assistive Ultrasound Support
13	SuperResolve 3D [NEW]
14	Privacy Preserving Roadmap Planning [NEW]
15	Color My World (Art Meets Robotics) [NEW]
16	Robots: In Play (Probabilistically) [NEW]
17	Project with Sound and Hearing and Mechatronics [NEW]
18	Biomedical Engineering Meets Robotics [NEW] [ARC DP co-funding]
19	(Virtual) Robotics and Experimental Platform [NEW]
20	BYO Robot Project [NEW]



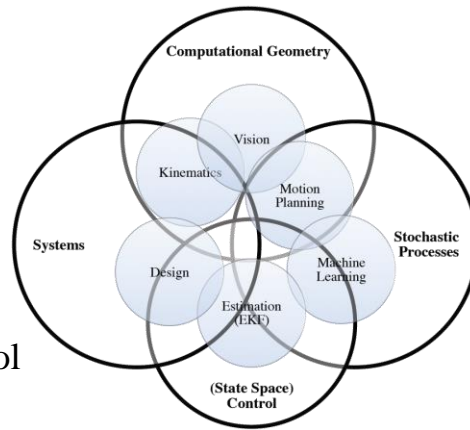
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Learning Objectives

Robotics: Facets of overarching principles

- Scene Geometry
- Structure | Unstructured
- Adaptive models for control
- Interactions:
Deterministic | Probabilistic



Estimation

Along multiple dimensions



State Space

- We collect our set of uncertain variables into a vector ...
 $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]^T$
- The set of values that \mathbf{x} might take on is termed the *state space*
- There is a *single* true value for \mathbf{x} , but it is unknown



State Space Dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}$$

$$H(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}$$



Measured versus True

- Measurement errors are inevitable
- So, add Noise to State...
 - State Dynamics be $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$
 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$
- Can represent this as a “Normal” Distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi})\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



Recovering The Truth

- Numerous methods
- Termed “Estimation” because we are trying to estimate the truth from the signal
- A strategy discovered by Gauss
- Least Squares in Matrix Representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_1^n t_i \\ \sum_1^n t_i & \sum_1^n t_i^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_1^n z_i \\ \sum_1^n t_i z_i \end{bmatrix}$$



Recovering the Truth: Terminology

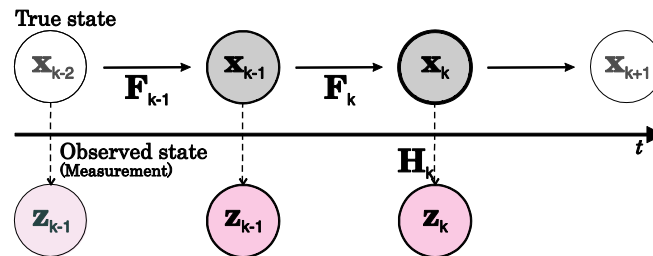
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$$

- \mathbf{x} : the state vector
 $\mathbf{x}_{A|B}$: the state of \mathbf{x} at time A based on data taken up to time B
 $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$: estimate of the true state vector
 \mathbf{F} : system dynamics matrix in continuous time (equivalent to \mathbf{A} in Eq. 1)
 \mathbf{G} : system control matrix relating deterministic input, \mathbf{u} , to the state (equivalent to \mathbf{B} in Eq. 1)
 \mathbf{H} : measurement matrix in continuous time (equivalent to \mathbf{C} in Eq. 2)
 \mathbf{F}_i : system model in **discrete** time at $t = t_i$
 \mathbf{H}_i : measurement model in **discrete** time at $t = t_i$
 \mathbf{P}_i : estimate covariance in **discrete** time at $t = t_i$
 \mathbf{w} : process uncertainty (noise) vector (of type $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$)
 \mathbf{Q} : process noise matrix, $\mathbf{Q} = E[\mathbf{w}\mathbf{w}^T]$
 \mathbf{Q}_i : \mathbf{Q} in discrete time at $t = t_i$
 \mathbf{v} : measurement noise vectors (of type $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$)
 \mathbf{R}_i : the measurement variance matrix, $\mathbf{R} = E[\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T]$, in discrete time at $t = t_i$



General Problem...

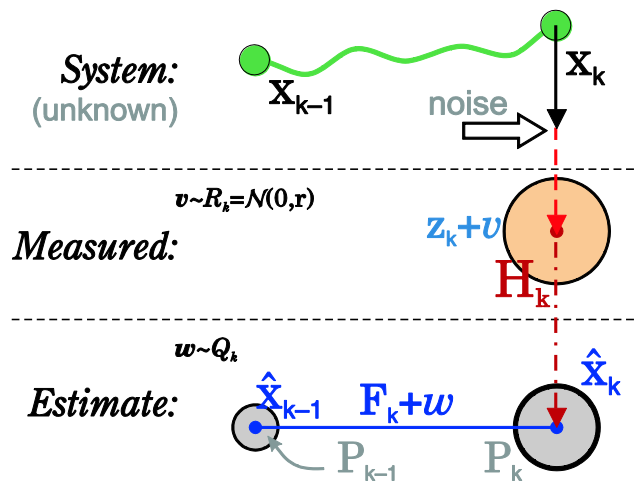


Duals and Dual Terminology

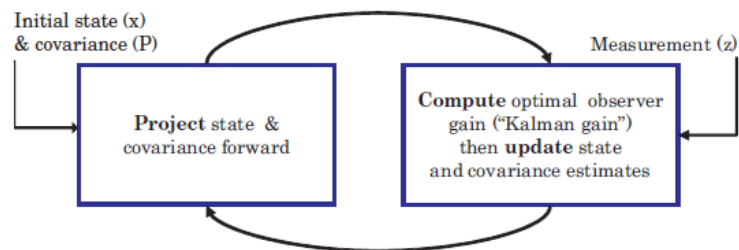
	Estimation		Control
Model:	$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$ (discrete: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}_k\mathbf{x}$)	\leftrightarrow	$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}^1$
Regulates:	\mathbf{P} (covariance)	\leftrightarrow	\mathbf{M} (performance matrix)
Minimized function:	\mathbf{Q} (or $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{G}^1$)	\leftrightarrow	\mathbf{V}
Optimal Gain:	\mathbf{K}	\leftrightarrow	\mathbf{G}
Completeness law:	Observability	\leftrightarrow	Controllability



Estimation Process in Pictures



Kalman Filter Process



KF Process in Equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Prediction: } \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}, & (\text{state prediction}) \\
 \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} + \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T, & (\text{covariance prediction}) \\
 \text{Kalman Gain: } \mathbf{K}_k &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}^T [\mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R}_k]^{-1}, \\
 \text{Update: } \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}] \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}, & (\text{covariance update}) \\
 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}) & (\text{state update})
 \end{aligned}$$



KF Considerations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}}_{n \times 1} &= \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_{k-1}}_{n \times n} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} + \underbrace{\mathbf{G}_{k-1}}_{n \times j} \underbrace{\mathbf{u}_{k-1}}_{j \times 1} \\
 \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}}_{n \times n} &= \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}_{k-1}}_{n \times n} + \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^T \\
 \underbrace{\mathbf{K}_k}_{n \times m} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{H}^T}_{n \times m} \underbrace{[\mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R}_k]^{-1}}_{m \times m} \\
 \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}] \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \\
 \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k \left(\underbrace{\mathbf{z}_k}_{m \times 1} - \underbrace{\mathbf{H}}_{m \times n} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{u}_{k-1} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



Ex: Kinematic KF: Tracking

- Consider a System with Constant Acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{y} &= -g \\ \dot{y} &= gt + p_1 \\ y &= p_0 + p_1 t + \frac{gt^2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y} \\ \ddot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & t_s & \frac{t_s^2}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & t_s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{z}_k - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1})$$



In Summary

- KF:
 - The true state (x) is separate from the measured (z)
 - Lets you **combine** prior controls knowledge with measurements to filter signals and find the truth
 - It **regulates** the covariance (P)
 - As P is the scatter between z and x
 - So, if $P \rightarrow 0$, then $z \rightarrow x$ (measurements \rightarrow truth)
- EKF:
 - Takes a Taylor series approximation to get a local “F” (and “G” and “H”)



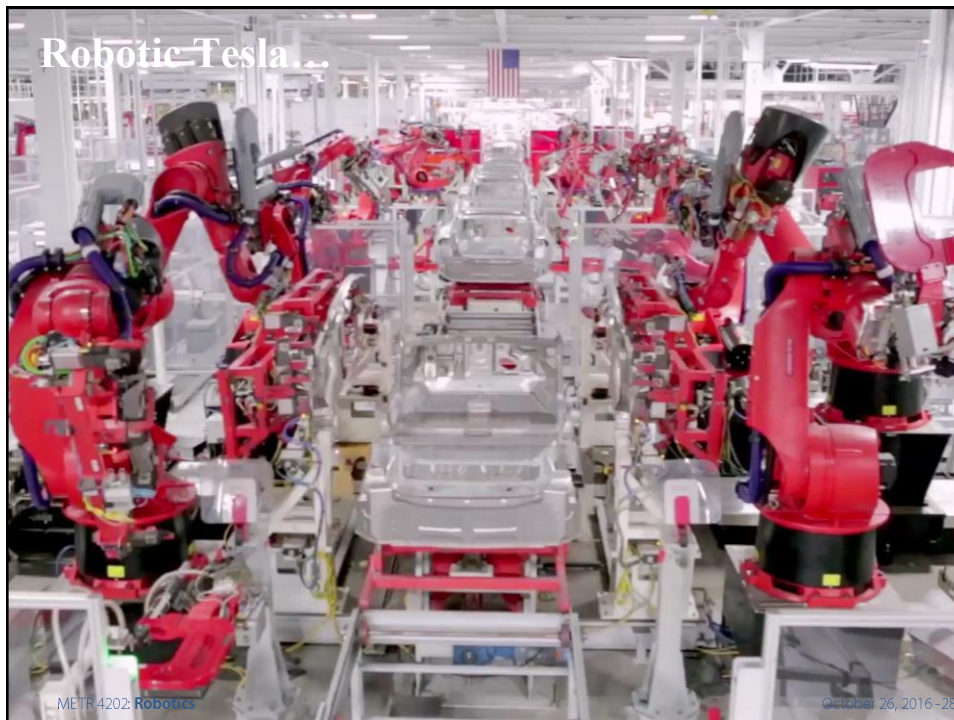
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(Self-Driving Vehicles)

(Notes from Prof. John Leonard, MIT)

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Other Robotic Tesla...



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Cars: Software/Robots With 4 Wheels



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Robotics & Automation Has Limits Too



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More to Dynamic “Obstacles” than one’s own Control... Ethics in Engineering



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Q: Why has Google has chosen to exclusively pursue level 4?

A: They don't trust people to pay attention



t=41.56: "people do really stupid stuff when they are driving...it isn't pretty. The assumption that humans can be a reliable backup for the system was a total fallacy. Once people trust the system, they trust it"

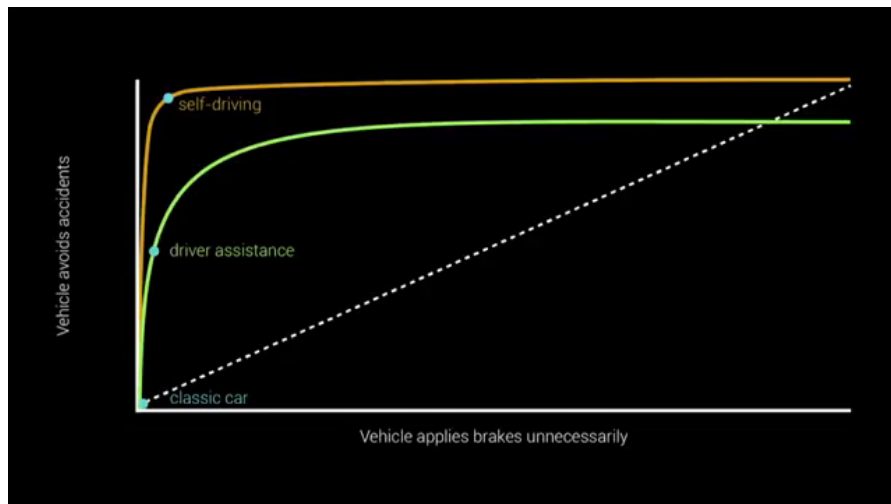


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Astro Teller, Head of GoogleX, March 2015

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“Vehicle Avoids Accidents” vs.
“Vehicles Applies Brakes Unnecessarily”



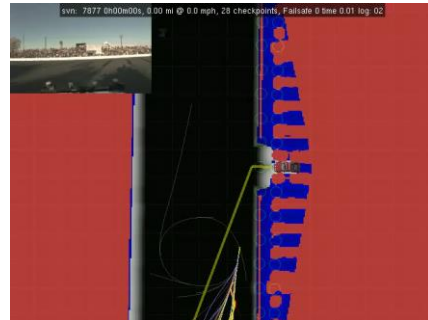
Chris Urmson Keynote Address at the Intelligent Transportation Systems 25th Annual Meeting & Expo, Pittsburgh, May 2015



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MIT DARPA Urban Challenge Team (2006-2007)

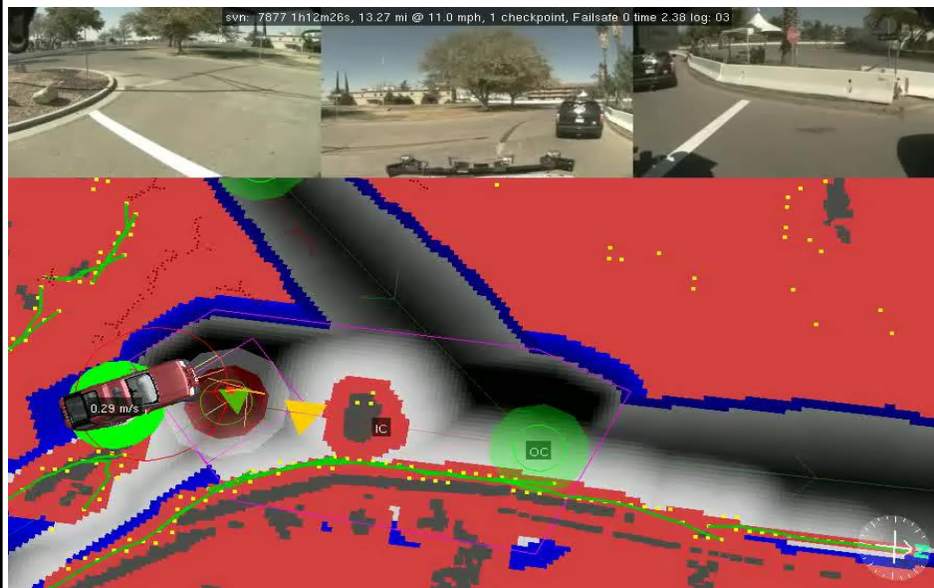


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Leonard et al., JFR 2008 ; Karaman and Frazzoli, IJRR 2011; Huang et al., AR 2009

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2007 DARPA Urban Challenge Collision between MIT and Cornell

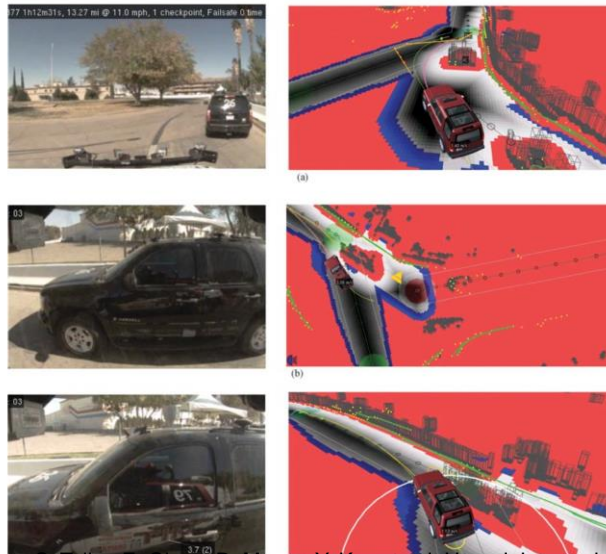


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L. Fletcher, S. Teller, E. Olson, D. Moore, Y. Kuwata, J. How, J. Leonard, I. Miller, M. Campbell, D. Huttenlocher, and others, "The MIT–Cornell collision and why it happened." In *Journal of Field Robotics*, 25(10), pages 775-807. 2008.



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From Prof. Ed Olson (Umich): The logic of whether to represent an "obstacle" as a track (i.e., something with velocity) or as a blob, was this (relevant part is highlighted):

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//      if (t->vmag > 4)
//          use_rects = 0;

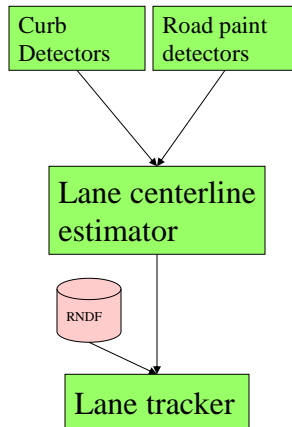
if (t->vmag > 3.0 && t->maturity > 8)
    use_track = 1;
double MAX_DIM = 10;
if (t->box.size[0] > MAX_DIM || t->box.size[1] > MAX_DIM)
    use_track = 0;
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Lane Estimation (PhD Thesis of Albert Huang, supervised by Prof. Seth Teller)



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2015: Self-Driving Vehicles Have a Perception Problem



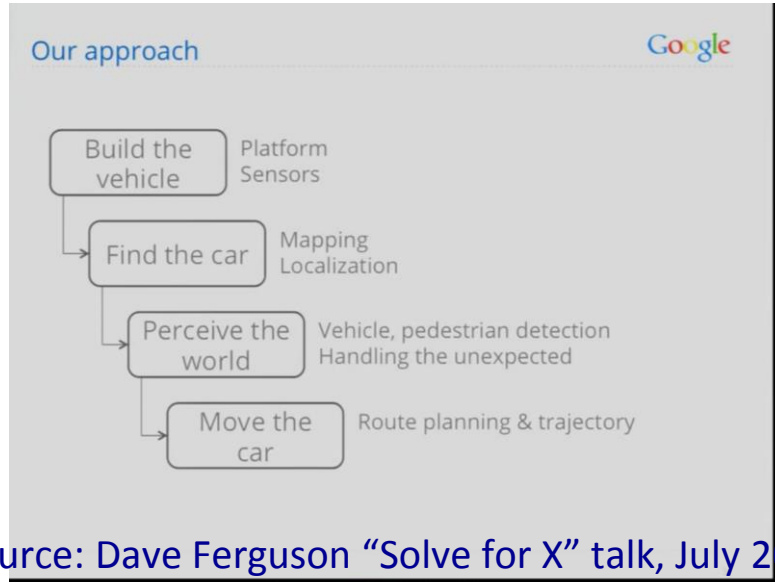
- The Google Car is an amazing research project that might one day transform mobility
- The technology of the Google Car, however, has been over-hyped and is poorly misunderstood
- This has led many people to say that self-driving is a “solved” problem
- “Just because it works for Google”, doesn’t mean it will work for everyone else



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How Does Google's Self Driving Car Work?



Source: Dave Ferguson "Solve for X" talk, July 2013

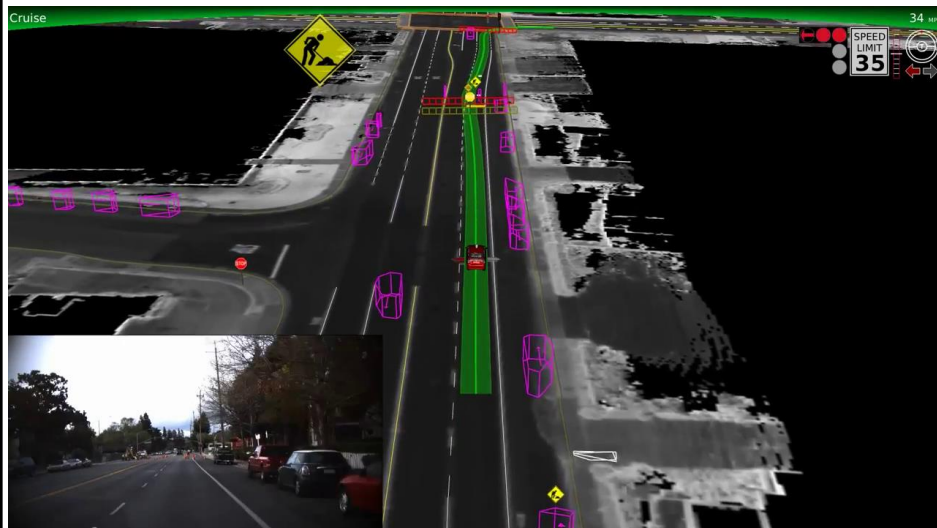
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KA_C6OpL_Ao



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Google: Lidar Localization with an a priori map



<https://plus.google.com/+GoogleSelfDrivingCars/videos>



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SDVs: The Big Questions Going Forward

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- Level 2.99 – Hidden Autonomy (Human must pay attention, but autonomy will jump in to prevent accidents)



Summary – Self-Driving Vehicles

- Transformative technology that can/will change the world, but many open questions
- Hope for reducing accidents and saving lives
- Admiration for Google's audacious vision and amazing progress
- Impressed by recent efforts by auto manufacturers
- Pride for the robotics community's contributions
- Fear that the technology is being over-hyped
- Uncertainty about open technological challenges, such as:
 - left-turn across high-speed traffic onto busy roads
 - Interpretation of gestures by traffic cops, crossing guards etc
 - Effect of changes in road surface appearance on map-based localization
 - Capability to “predict what will happen next” in demanding situations
 - Operations in adverse weather



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Move Heaven & Earth

“Field Arm” Motion Generation



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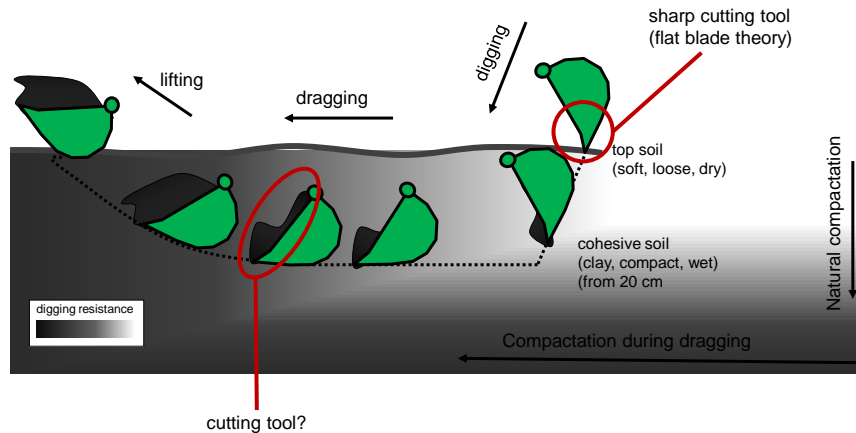
Terrain is Not “Structured,” But It’s Not Random...



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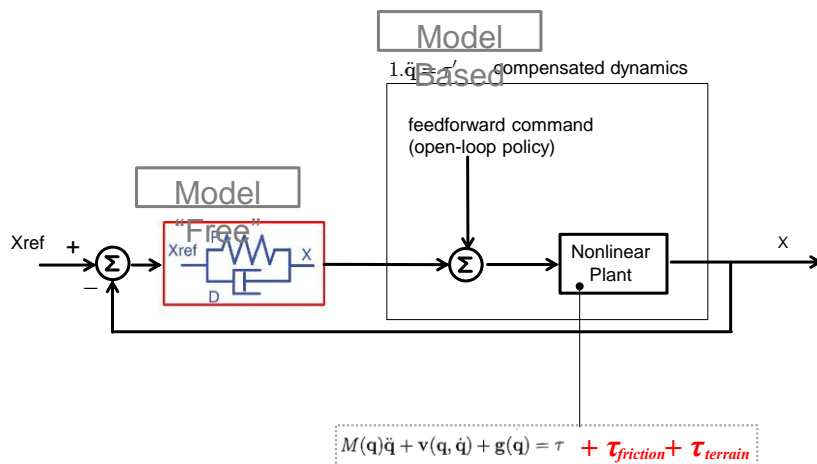
Excavation as Terrain Manipulation



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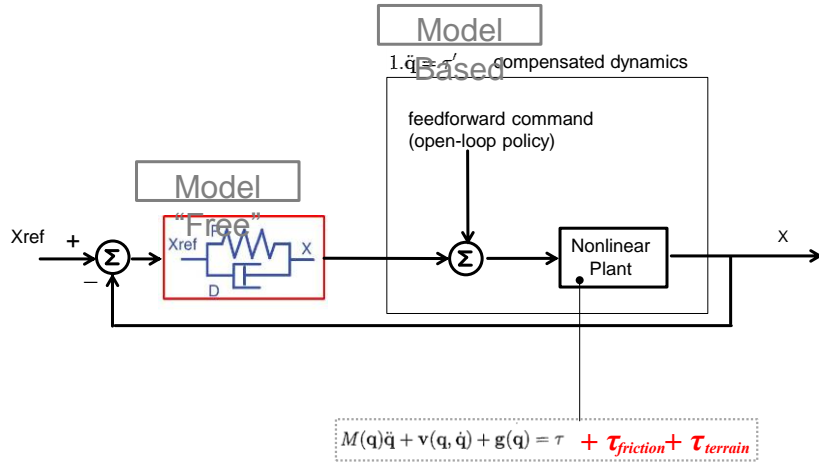
Operation Space (Computed Torque) (2 DOF Example)



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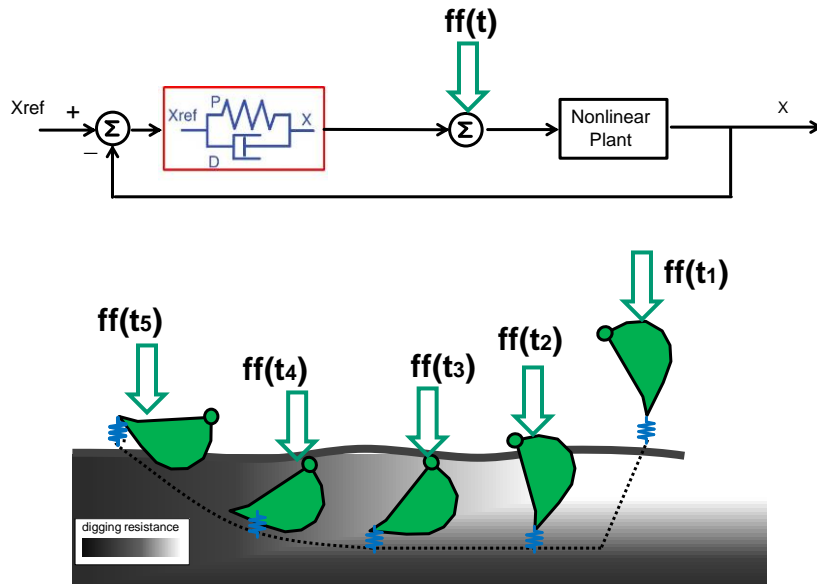
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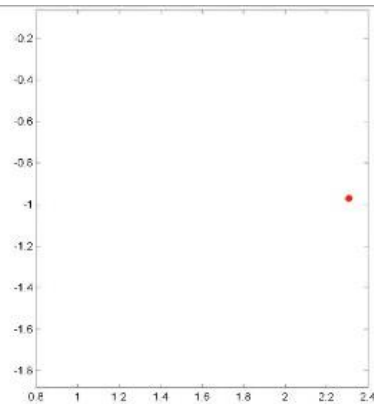
Reminder: Compensated Manipulation



Thus for Excavation ...



Manipulation under Large Disturbances

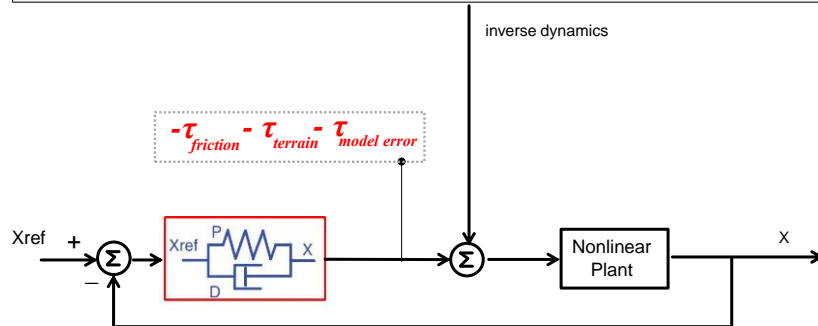


Inverse Dynamics is Not Trivial

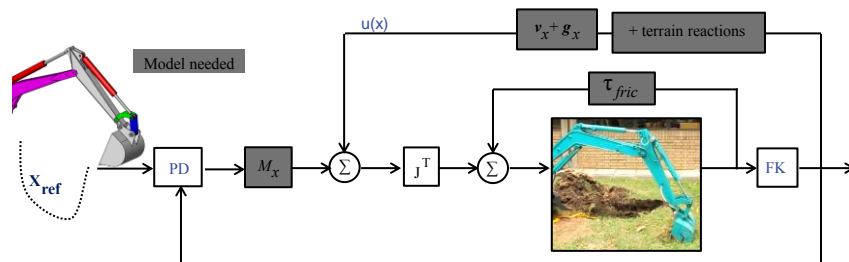
Inverse dynamics helps, but performance is dependent on model structure and parameter identification

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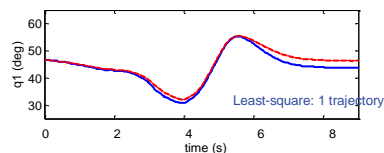
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Local Compensation

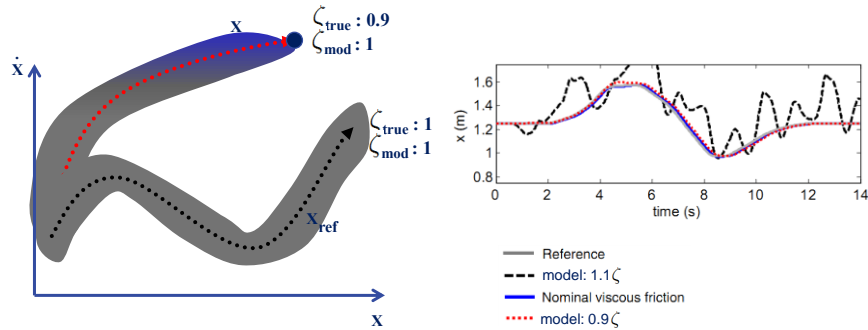


- Modelling globally is hard
- Local models are easy, but can destabilize

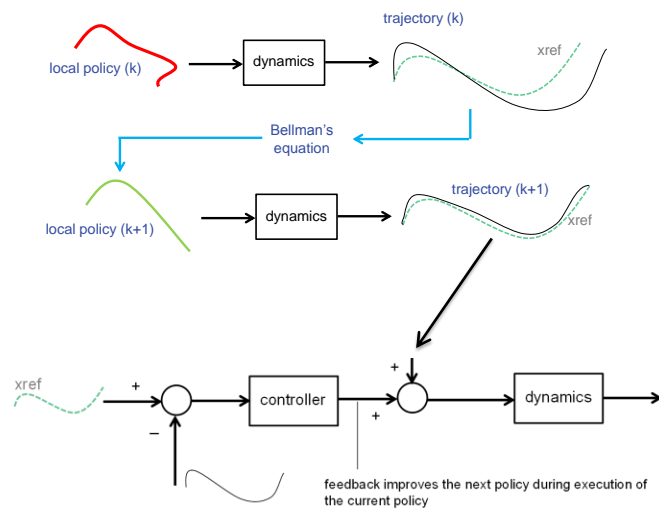


Local model + Disturbance = **Wrong Compensation**

- Unless tracking is perfect, a state that is far from \mathbf{x}_{ref} will require a different model



Model Updating & Iterative Tracking...



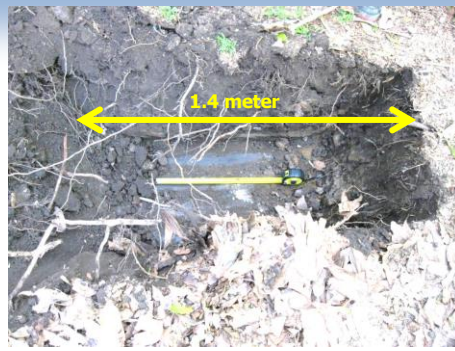
Pay Dirt!



Clay friction

Broken red bricks

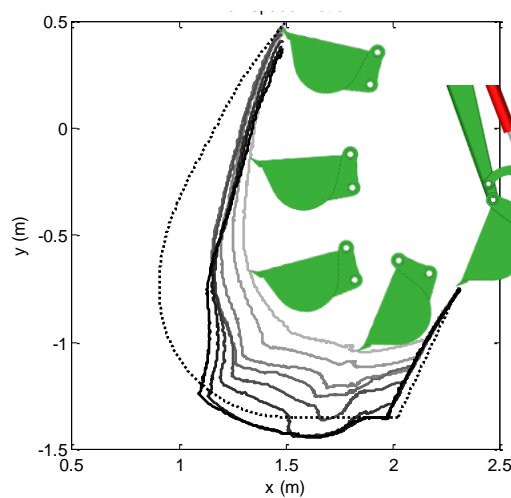
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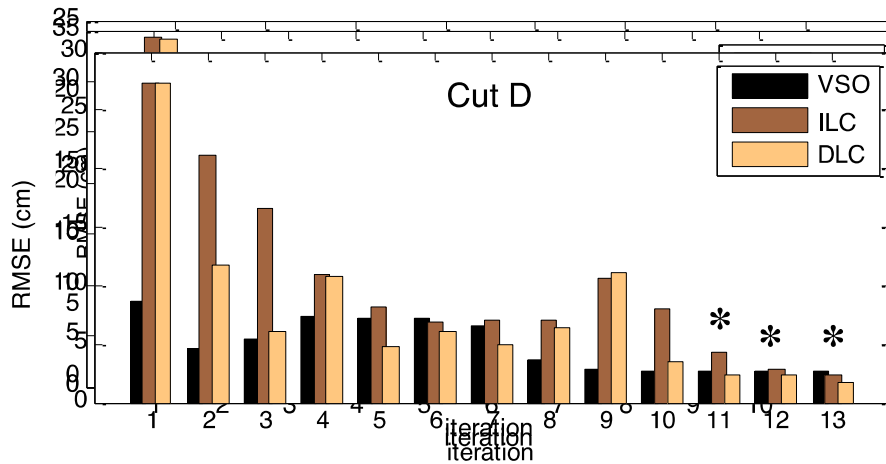
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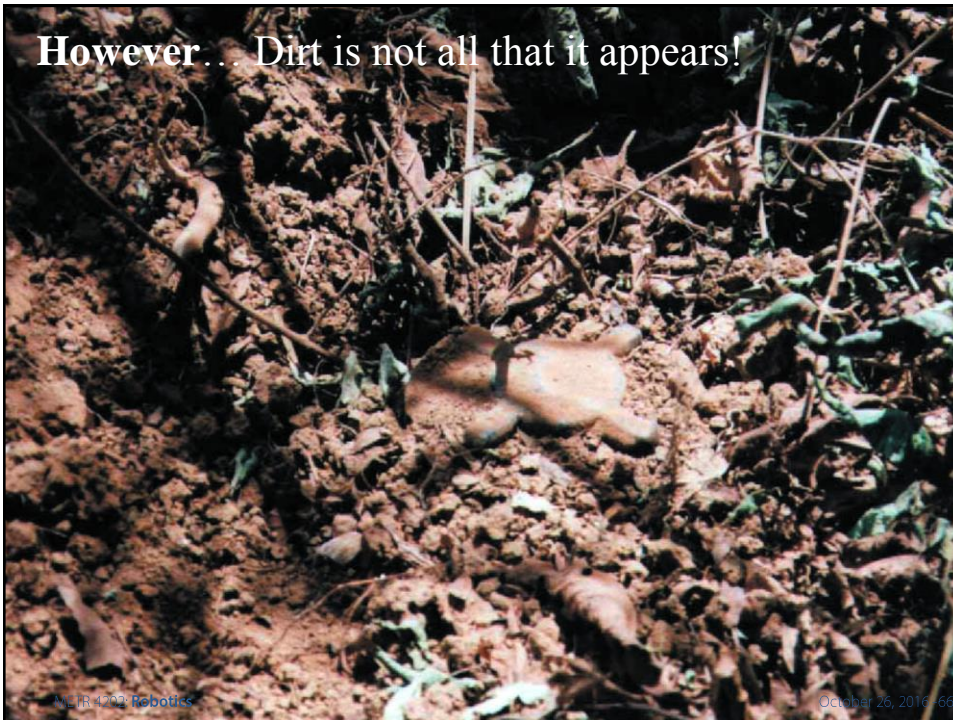
Pay Dirt: Looking at Trajectories



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However... Dirt is not all that it appears!



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Future of Robotics

Medical Robotics

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Conclusion and Future Research Challenges

“Soft” robots yield “hard” problems

Goals:

- My dream is to achieve dynamic motion, **particularly of compliant systems under feedback.**
- To *adapt & learn* in highly dynamic environments
- Can we robustly integrate continuous planning/control with continuum mechanics to extend our reach

Open Questions:

- Robustness – we would love to have guarantees of performance, but we do not have them for most approaches
- Representation – how can we integrate many different types?
- We need dynamic understanding and robust control (recent work in computer vision/machine learning is exciting, but current precision-recall curves indicate we have a long way to go)

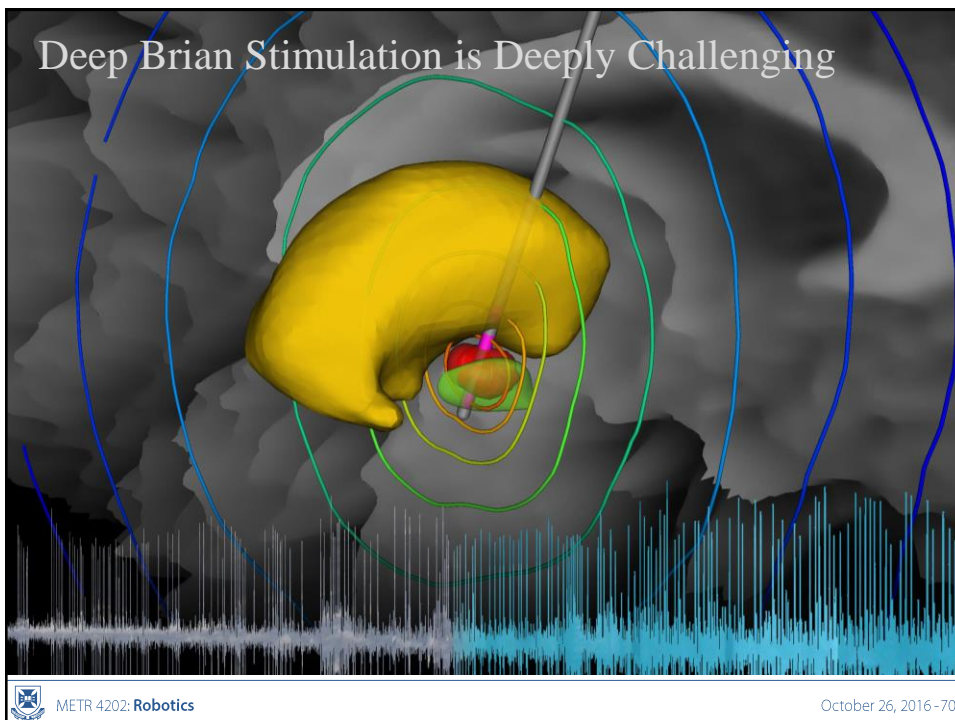
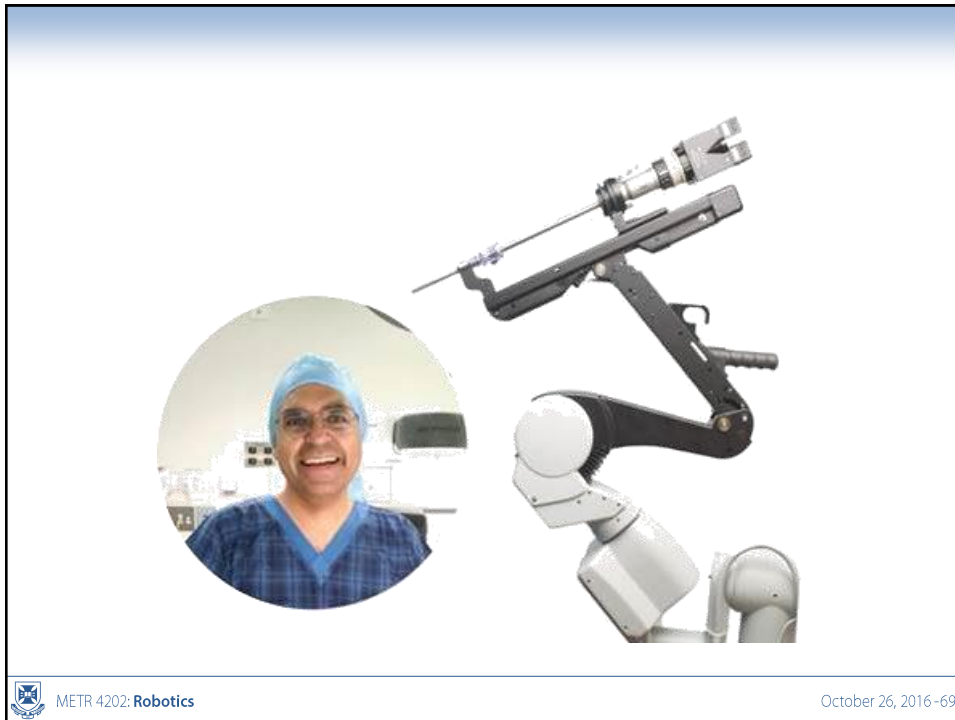
Clinically-motivated applications:

- **Surgical robotics** and **guided therapeutic techniques**



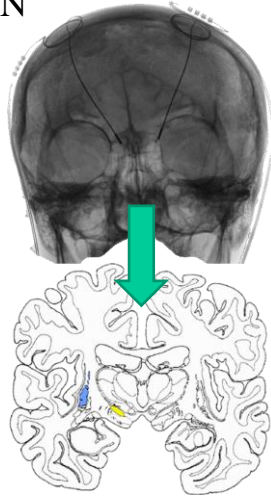
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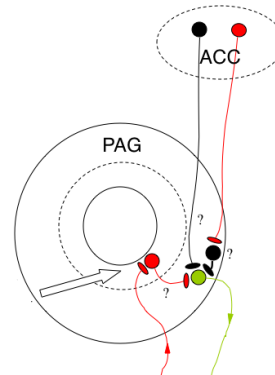


Accuracy is *sine qua non*

- STN



- PAG



Source: Nauta, Feirtag, and Donner, *Fundamental Neuroanatomy*, Freeman, 1986

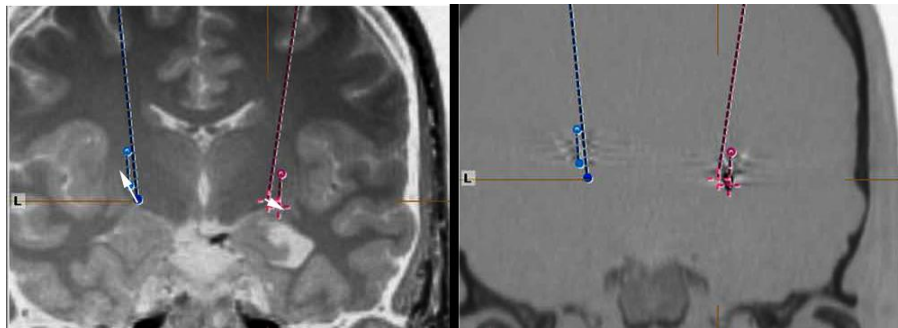


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Accuracy is *sine qua non*

- Accuracy of Frame Based Stereotactic Placement via CT/MRI Comparison



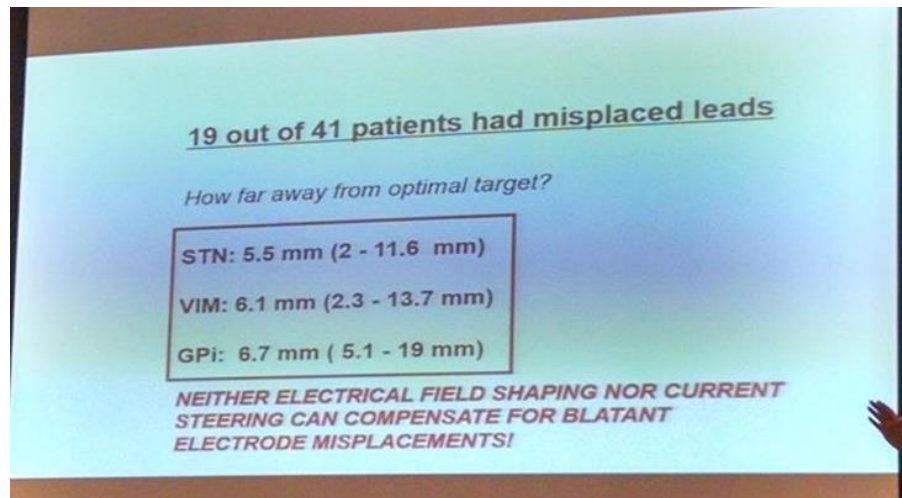
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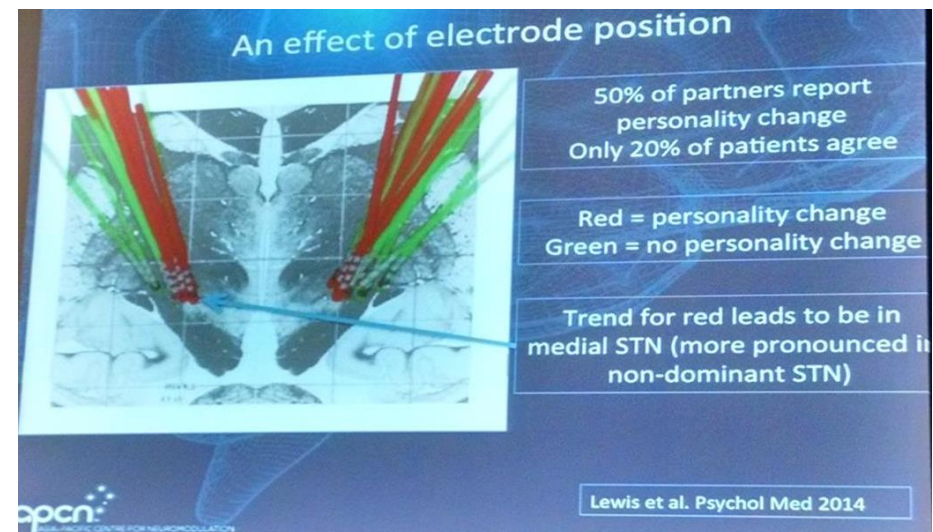
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DBS Targeting is Hard



It has consequences...



Computer Aided Surgery: Lots of Potential



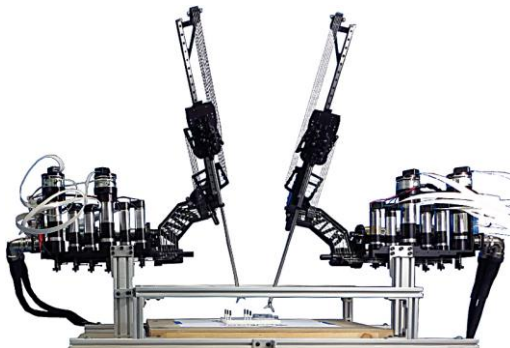
- Unstructured environment (patient tissue) makes this harder



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Neurosurgical Robotics

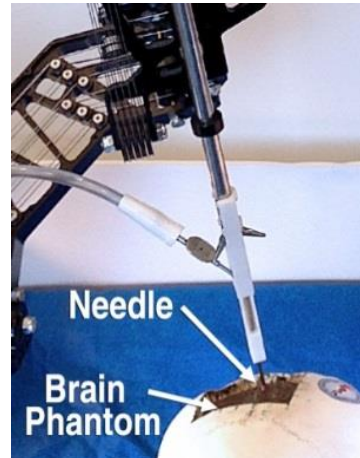
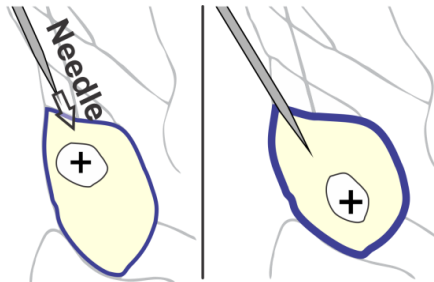


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Neurosurgical Robotics:

- **Biomechanics approach:**
Predict expected tissue trajectories



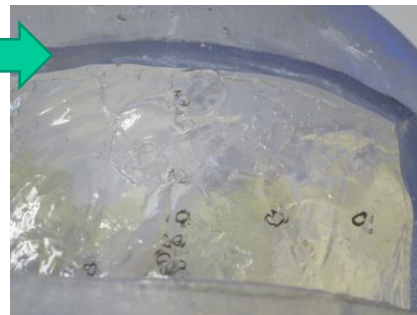
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“Soft” is “Hard” (but not impossible)



S. List, UWA

➔ Many Issues: Including Craniotomy Induced Brain Shift

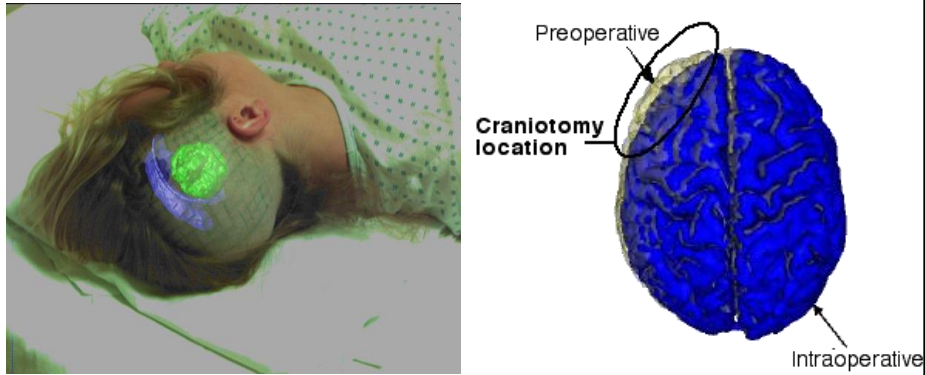


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Soft Tissue Mechanics: Brain Shift/Brain Sag

Ex: Image-guided neurosurgery



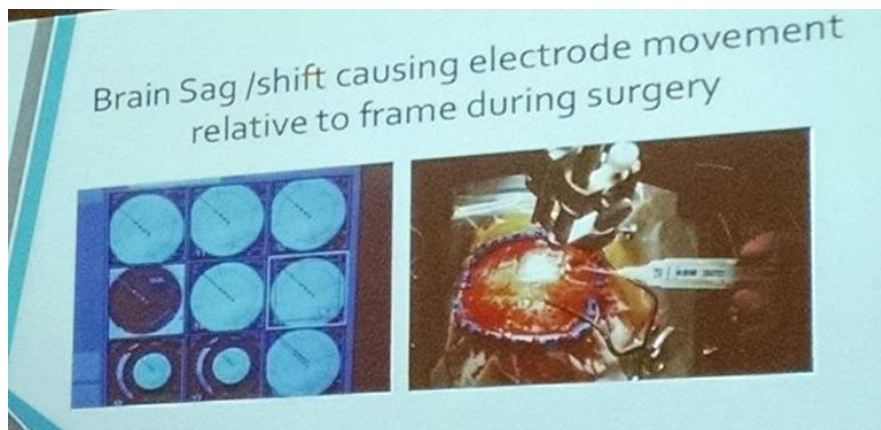
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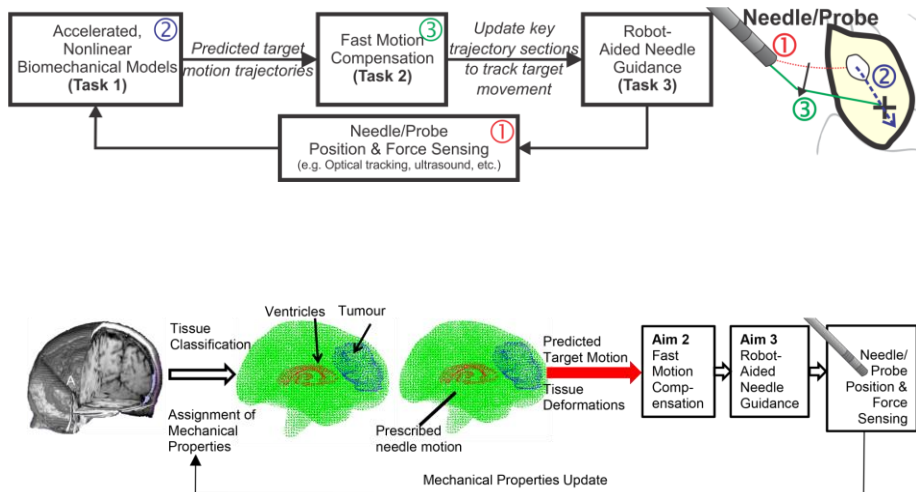
Brain Shift Identified in Neurosurgery Community



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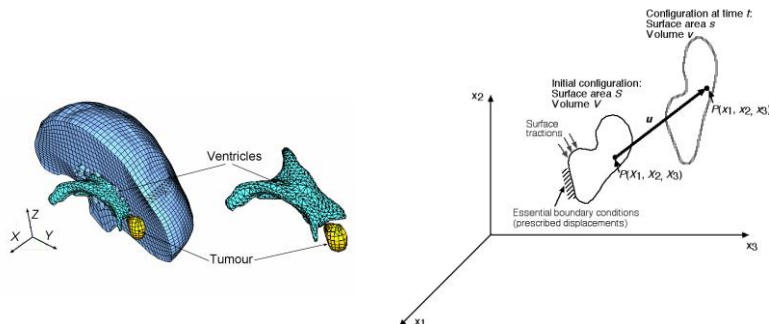
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A Robotic “Plan”: Handling Brain Shift



Treating Brain Shift Mechanically

- Post this as a Biomechanics Problem
- Non-linear Continuum Mechanics Problem



$$\int_V \tau_{ij} \delta \varepsilon_{ij} dV = \int_V f_i^B \delta u_i dV + \int_S f_i^S \delta u_i dS$$

Qualitative Evaluation – Canny Edges



Biomechanics



BSpline

Red contours –
Intra-operative

Blue contours –
Warped pre-operative

Green contours –
Overlap

Mostayed et al. (2013) *Annals of Biomed. Eng.* 41(11), 2409-2425

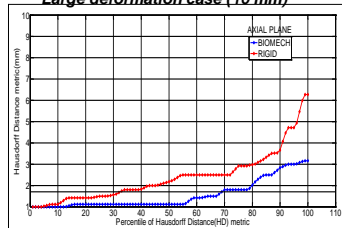


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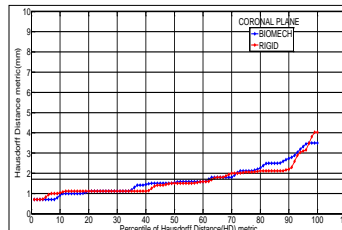
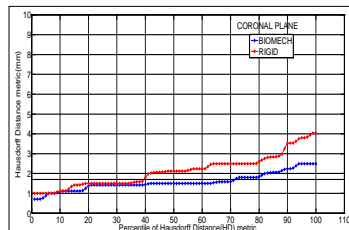
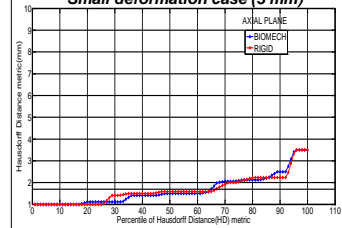
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Comparison: Hausdorff Distance Metric

Large deformation case (10 mm)



Small deformation case (3 mm)



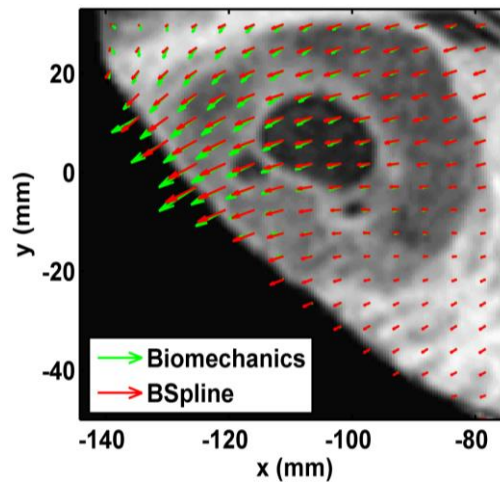
- Comparison of Biomechanics-based & rigid registrations



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Qualitative Evaluation: Deformation Field



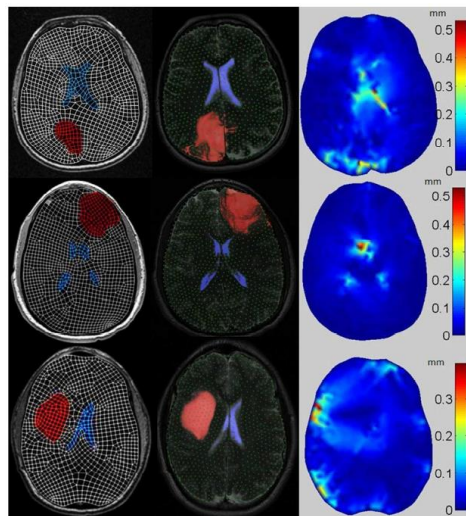
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Accuracy for Mesh-free Models



Left: Finite Element Models

Middle: Fuzzy Mesh-free Model

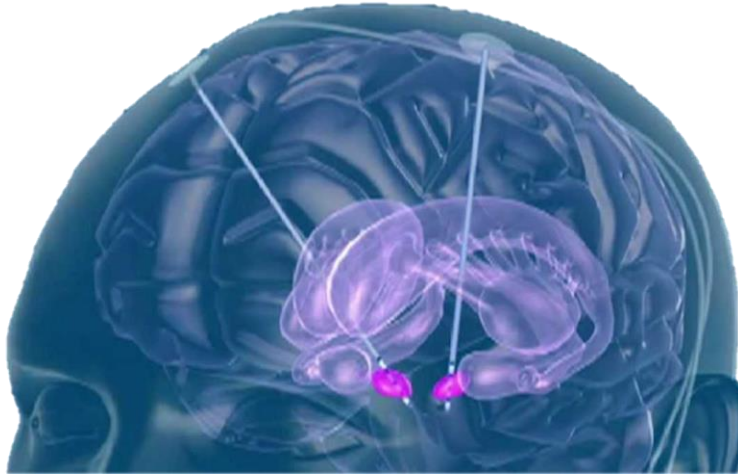
Right : Difference of the simulation results



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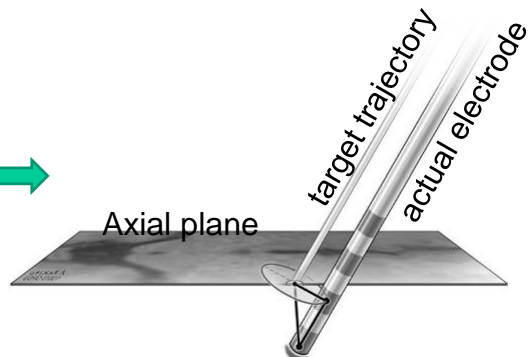
Targeting: We Already Do Careful Preoperative Planning



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The Best Laid Plans ...



Source: Burchiel, McCartney, *et al.*, *J Neurosurg* 119:301–306, 2013

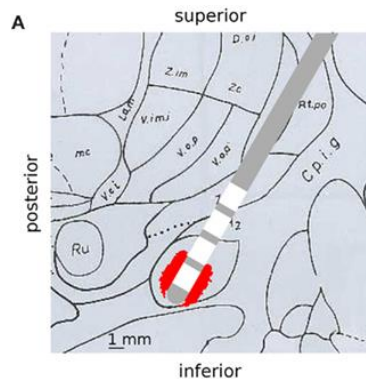


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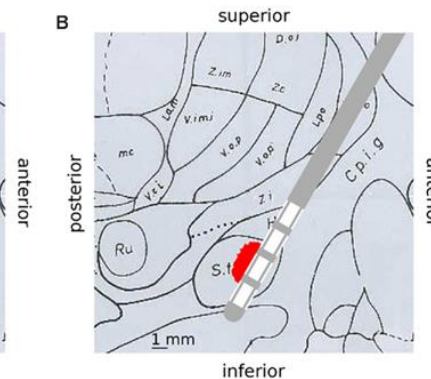
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Does This Suggest Steering/Path Correction?

- Plan:



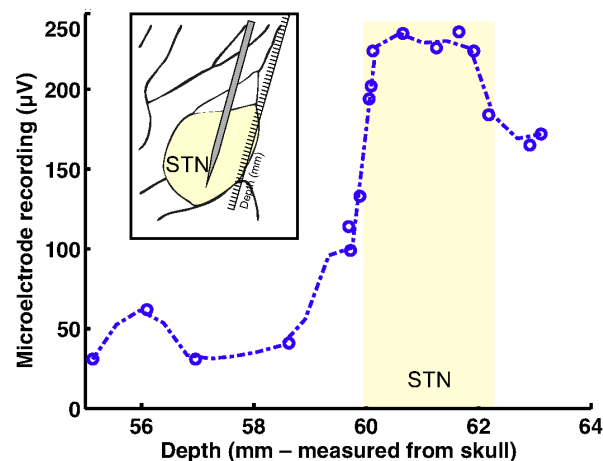
- Result:



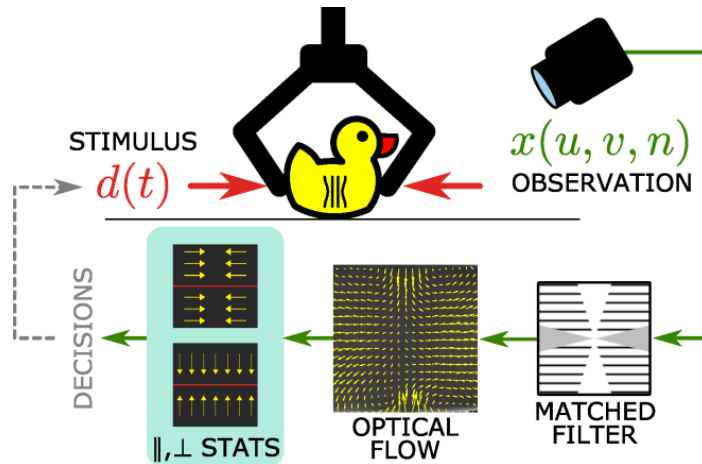
- Stereotactic (Leksell) frames alone are not enough...
- Brain Shift, Compliance, Drift, etc.



In-Vivo Feedback: Incorporating MER Incorporating tissue signal signatures

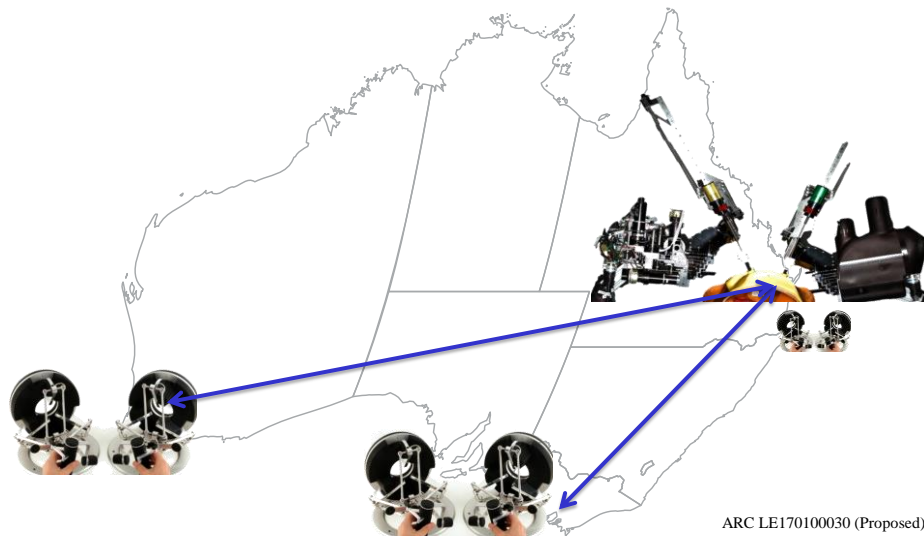


What's Next? Incorporating Stiffness: Visual Deformable Object Analysis



Dansereau, Singh, Leitner, *ICRA 2016*

What's Next: Open Access Robotics Infrastructure for High-Fidelity Telesurgical Research



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“4” Is Average

- What is a 3?



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SECaTs: Some Lessons in the Works for Next Year

- I shall only use my own slides
- Less is more!
 - Smaller assignments
 - More time for Examples
- Better organization
 - Better tutorials
 - More examples!!
 - I get that. But, we've come a long way

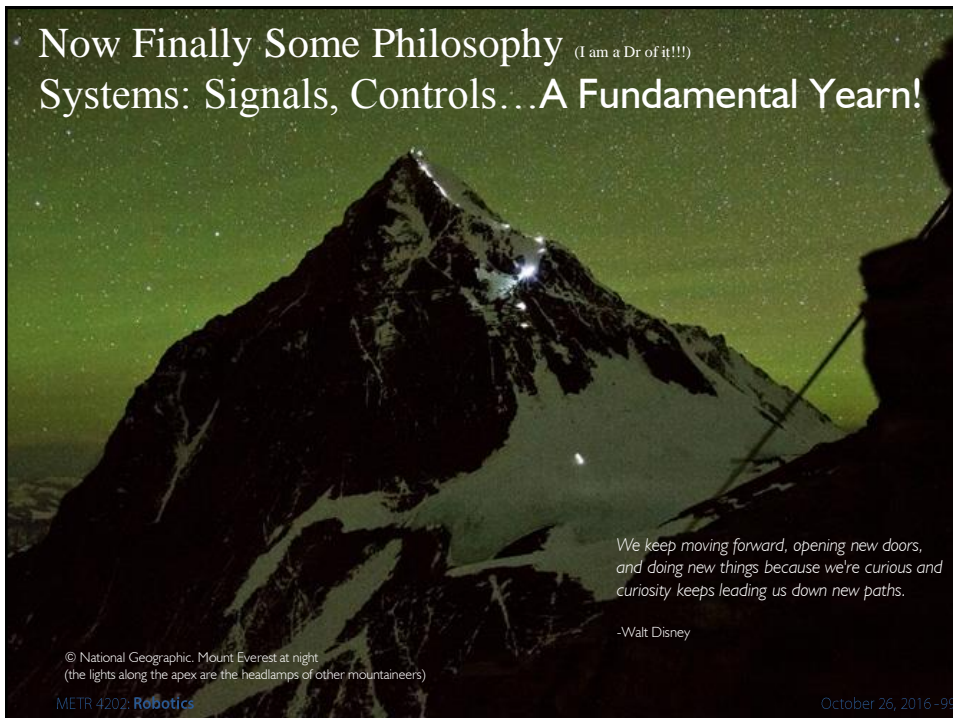
➔ To make this happen I need your support!



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Now Finally Some Philosophy (I am a Dr of it!!!) Systems: Signals, Controls...A Fundamental Yearn!



*We keep moving forward, opening new doors,
and doing new things because we're curious and
curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.*

-Walt Disney

© National Geographic. Mount Everest at night.
(the lights along the apex are the headlamps of other mountaineers)

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