Probabilistic Robotics: The Future of Robotics/Automation + Challenges + Course Review

METR 4202: **Robotics** & Automation

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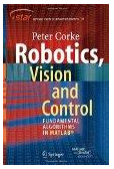
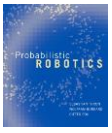
Lecture Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture (W: 3:05p-4:50, 7-222)
1	26-Jul	Introduction + Representing Position & Orientation & State
2	2-Aug	Robot Forward Kinematics (Frames, Transformation Matrices & Affine Transformations)
3	9-Aug	Robot Inverse Kinematics & Dynamics (Jacobians)
4	16-Aug	*Ekka Day* (Robot Kinematics & Kinetics Review)
5	23-Aug	Jacobians & Robot Sensing Overview
6	30-Aug	Robot Sensing: Single View Geometry & Lines
7	6-Sep	Robot Sensing: Basic Feature Detection
8	13-Sep	Robot Sensing: Scalable Feature Detection
9	20-Sep	Mid-Semester Exam & Multiple View Geometry
	27-Sep	*Study break*
10	4-Oct	Motion Planning
11	11-Oct	Probabilistic Robotics: Planning & Control (Sample-Based Planning/State-Space/LQR)
12	18-Oct	Probabilistic Robotics: Localization & SLAM
13	25-Oct	**The Future of Robotics/Automation + Challenges + Course Review**

Follow Along Reading:



Robotics, Vision & Control
by Peter Corke
Also online:SpringerLink
UQ Library eBook: 364220144X



Probabilistic robotics
by Thrun, Burgard, and Fox

UQ Library: TJ211 .T575 2005

Today

- Everything
  - It's a review/recap lecture ☺

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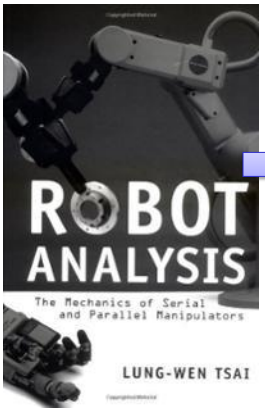

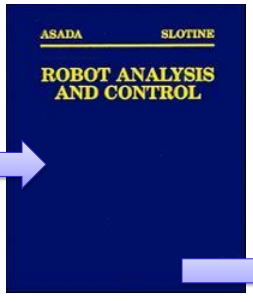

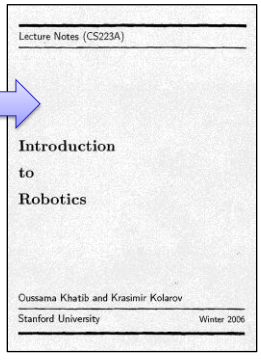

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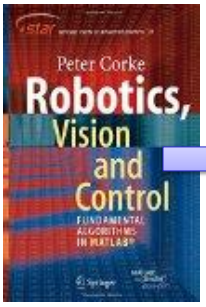

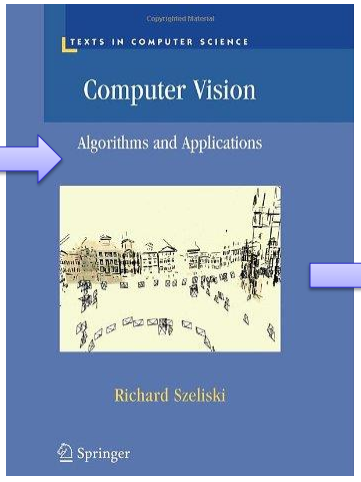

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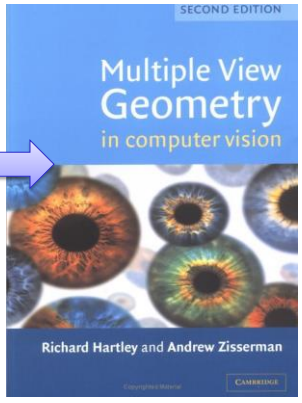

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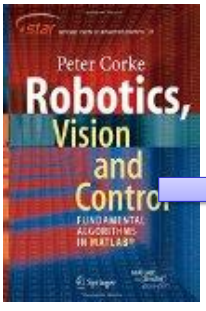

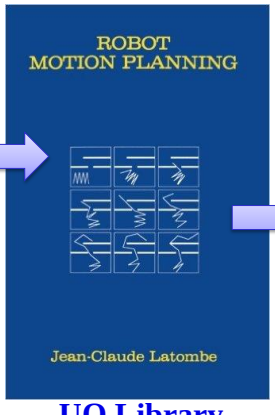

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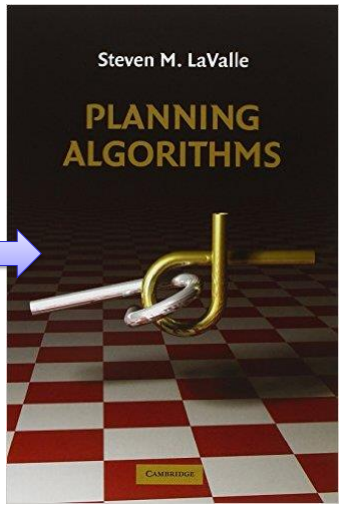

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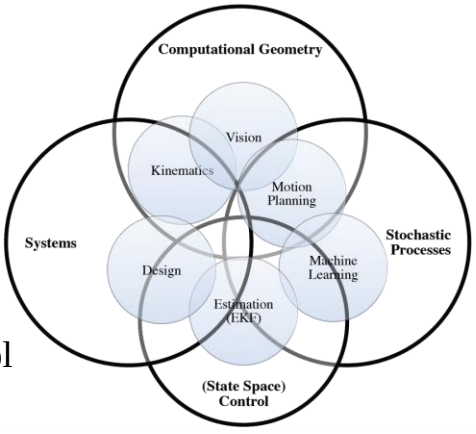
Learning Objectives

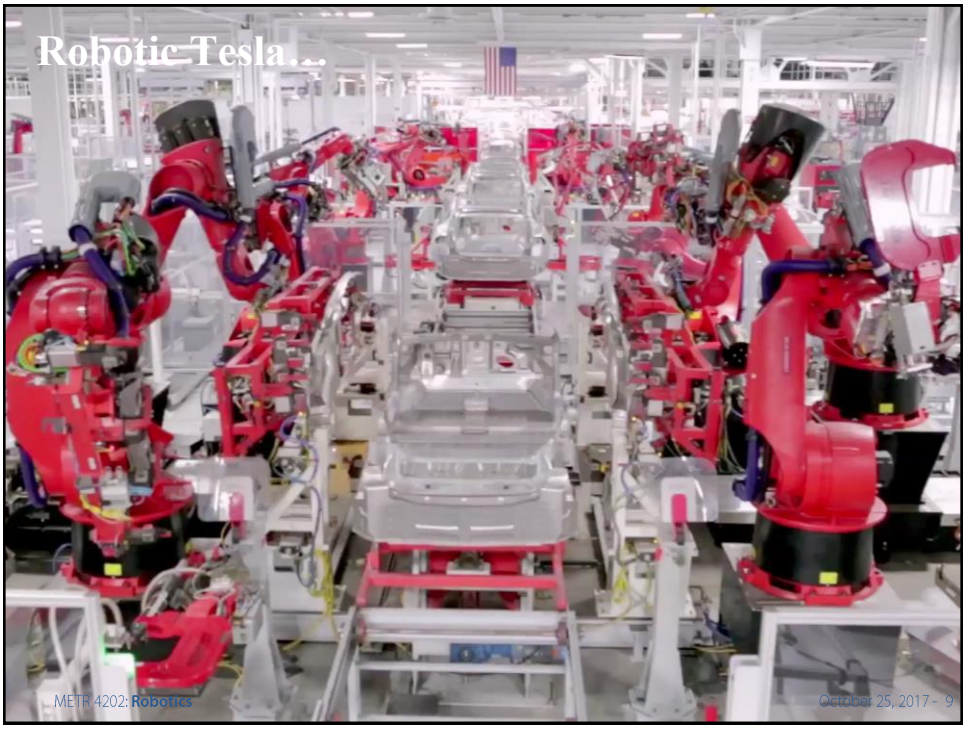
Robotics:
Facets of overarching principles

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



Future of Robotics:
Self-Driving Vehicles
(Notes from Prof. John Leonard, MIT)

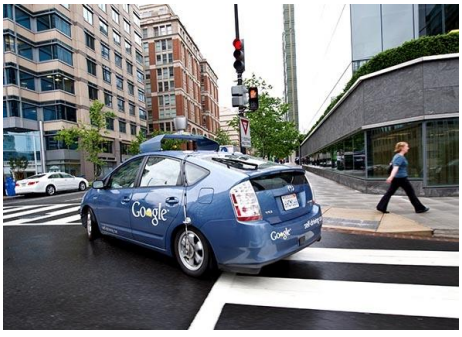
Robotic Tesla…



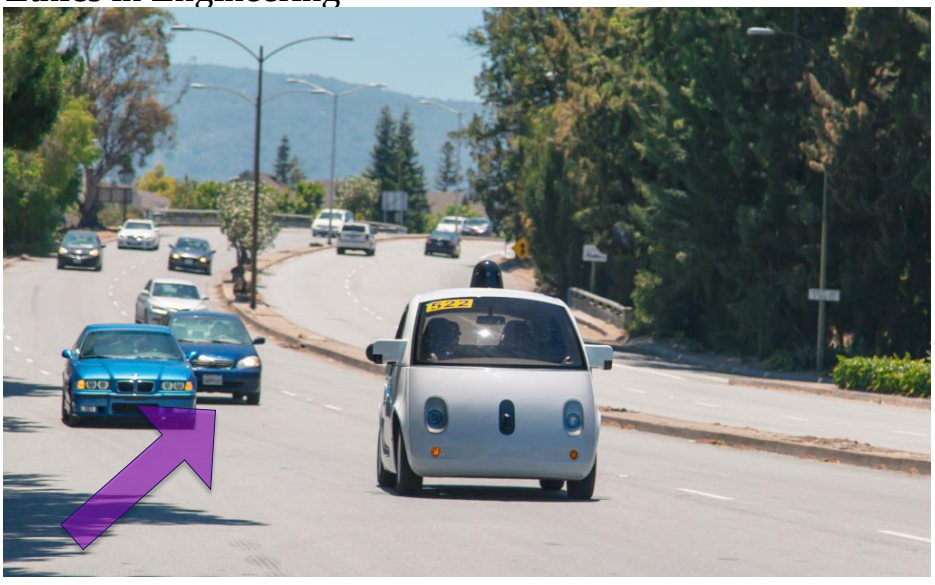
Other Robotic Tesla…

Cars: Software/Robots With 4 Wheels

Robotics & Automation Has Limits Too



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



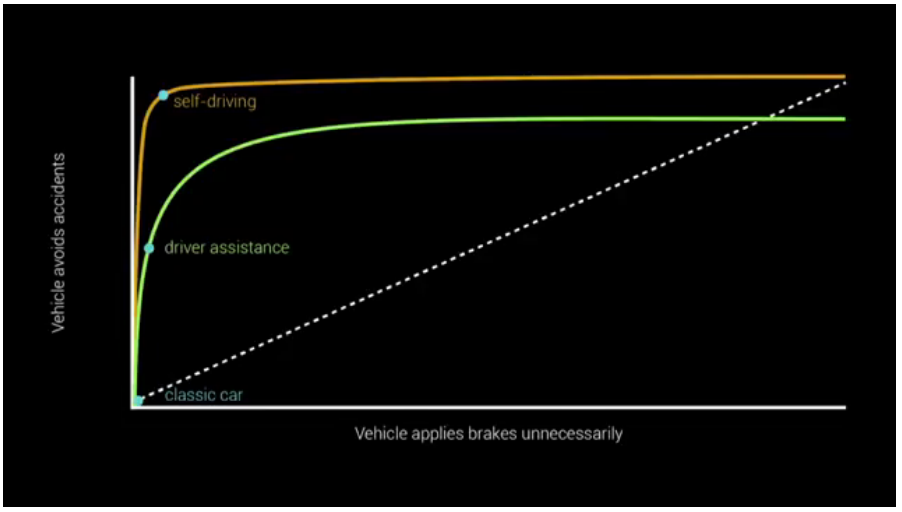
Q: Why has Google has chosen to exclusively pursue level 4?

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"

Astro Teller, Head of GoogleX, March 2015

"Vehicle Avoids Accidents" vs. "Vehicles Applies Breaks Unnecessarily"



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

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Google Brings in Chief for Self-Driving Cars

Hiring of Detroit veteran John Krafcik indicates keenness to commercialize the technology

Google has hired Detroit veteran John Krafcik to run its self-driving car division, sending a message that it is serious about the commercial viability of the autonomous vehicles business. Photo: Zuma Press

By ALISTAIR BARR And MIKE RAMSEY

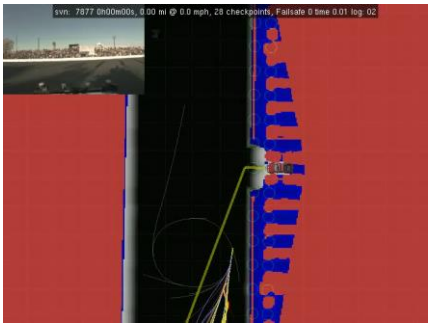
49 COMMENTS

2015 11:04 p.m. ET

"When the company wanted a team of roboticists, it raided a University Lab to get them. Can high-tech academia survive today's Silicon Valley talent binge?"

by Clive Thompson, New York Times, September 11 2015

MIT DARPA Urban Challenge Team (2006-2007)



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

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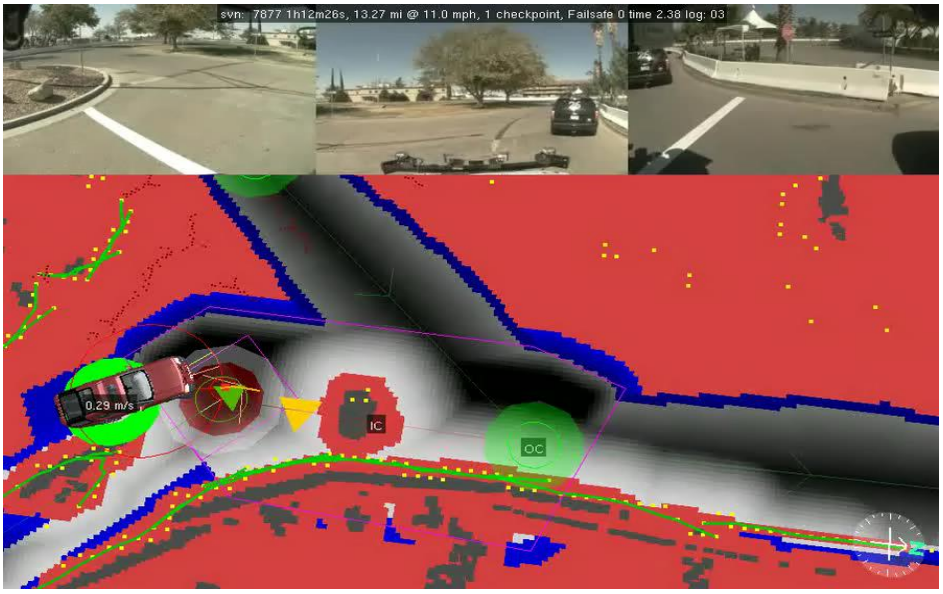

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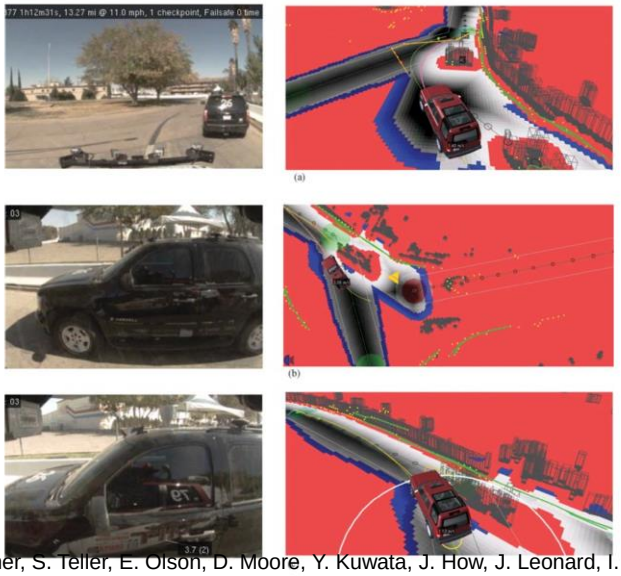

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From Prof. Ed Olson (Umich): The logic of whether to represent an "obstacle" as a track (i.e., something with velocity) or as a blob, was this (relevant part is highlighted):

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int use_track = 0, use_rects = 1;
//         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)
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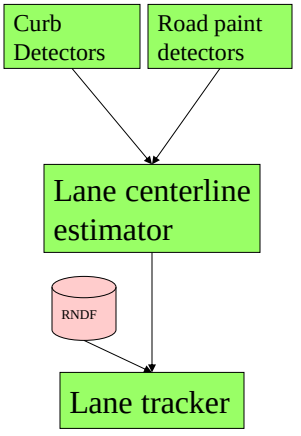
Lane Estimation (PhD Thesis of Albert Huang, supervised by Prof. Seth Teller)

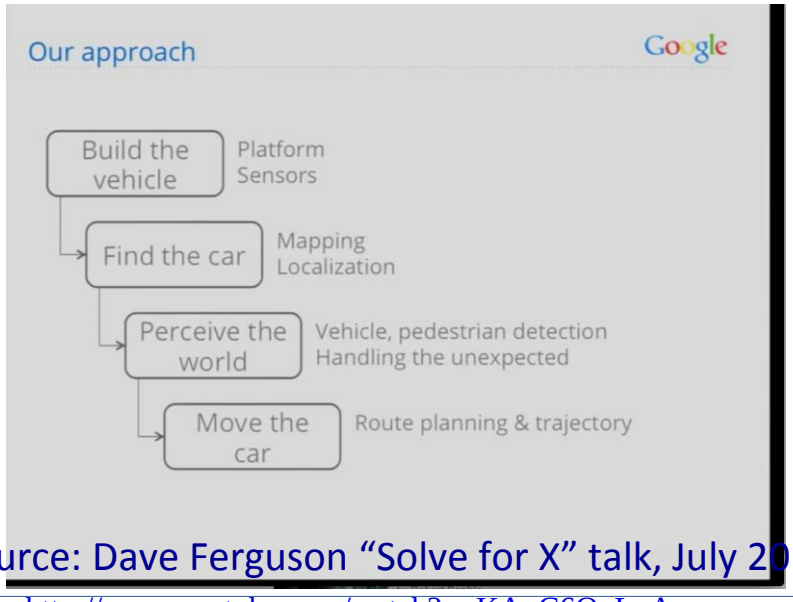


2015: Self-Driving Vehicles Have a Perception Problem



- 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

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

Google: Lidar Localization with an a priori map

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

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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

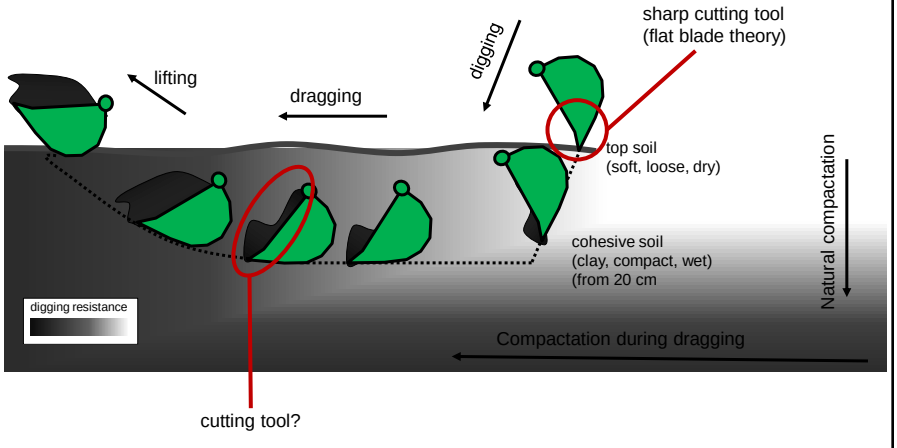
Future of Robotics

Move Heaven & Earth

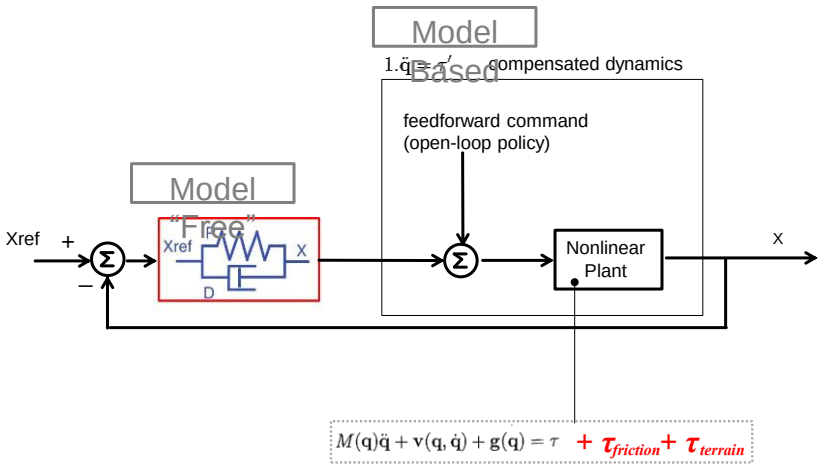
"Field Arm" Motion Generation

Terrain is Not "Structured," But It's Not Random…

Excavation as Terrain Manipulation



Operation Space (Computed Torque) (2 DOF Example)



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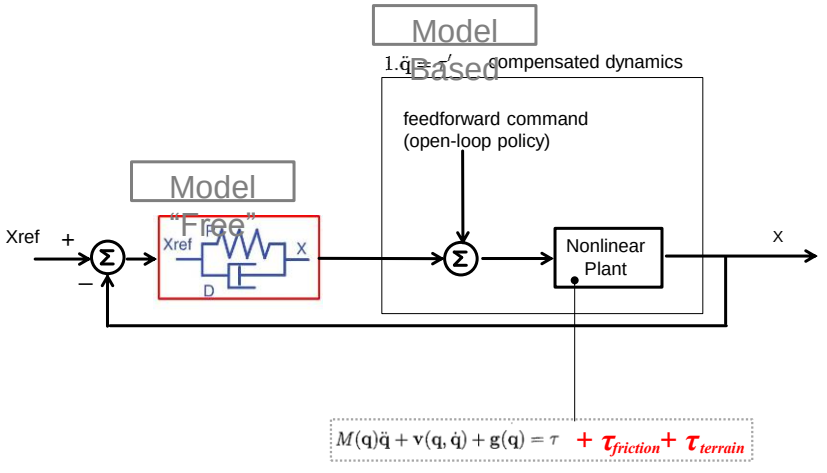
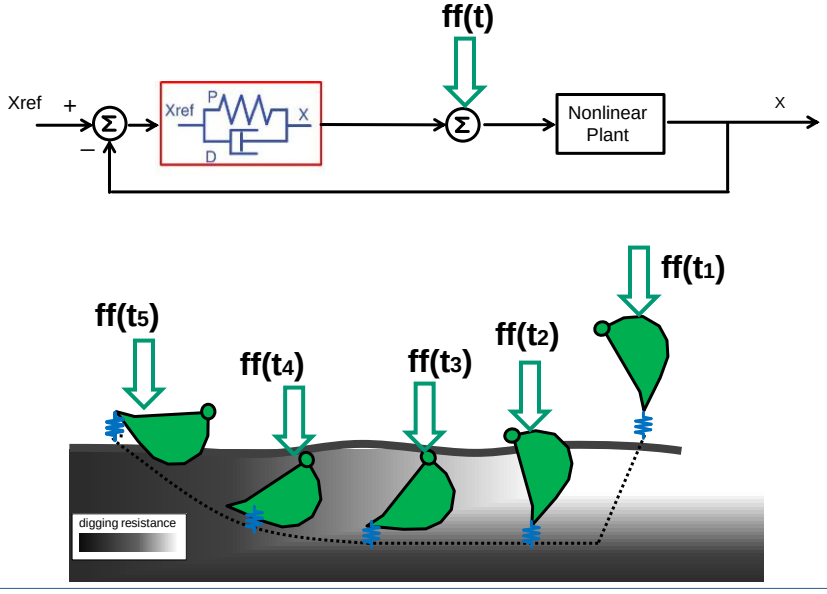
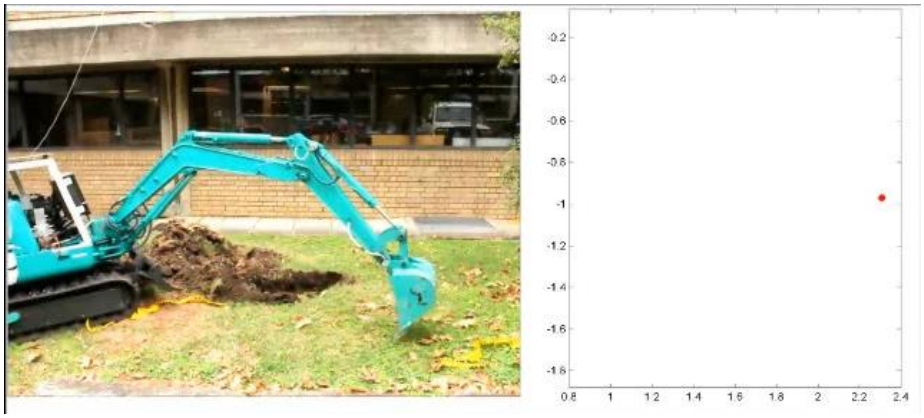


Reminder: Compensated Manipulation

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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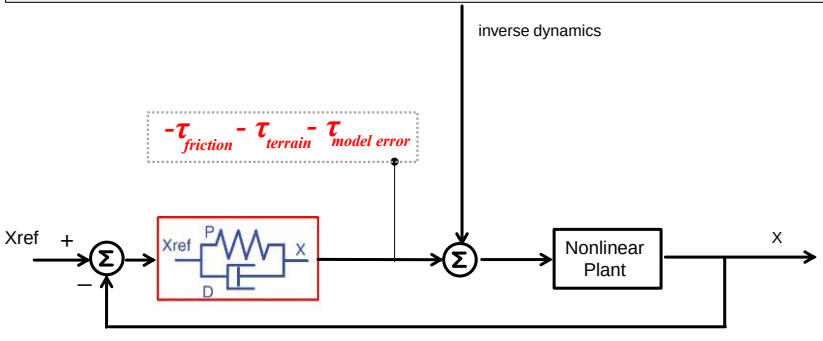
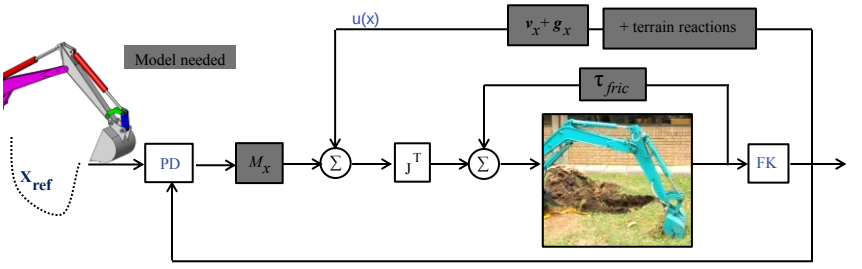
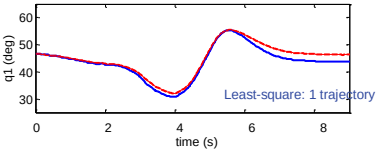


Local Compensation

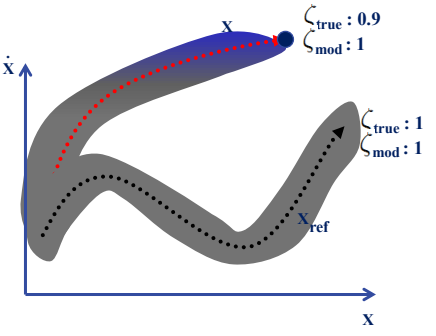


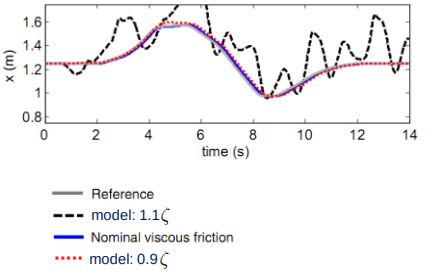
- Modelling globally is hard
- Local models are easy, but can destabalize



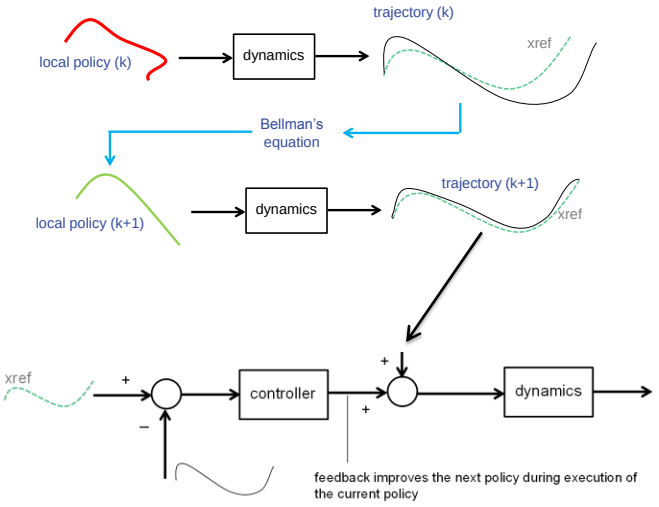
Local model + Disturbance = Wrong Compensation

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





Model Updating & Iterative Tracking…



Pay Dirt!

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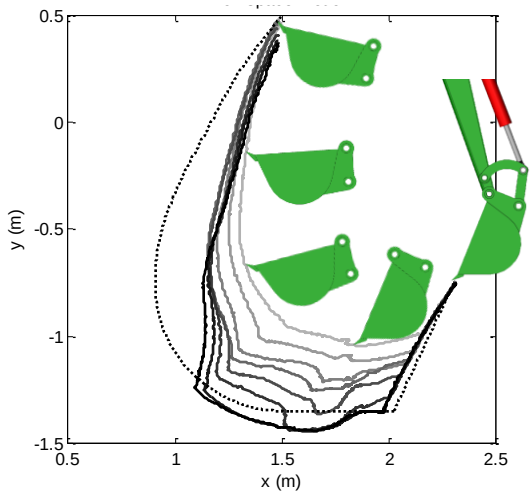
Looking at Trajectories



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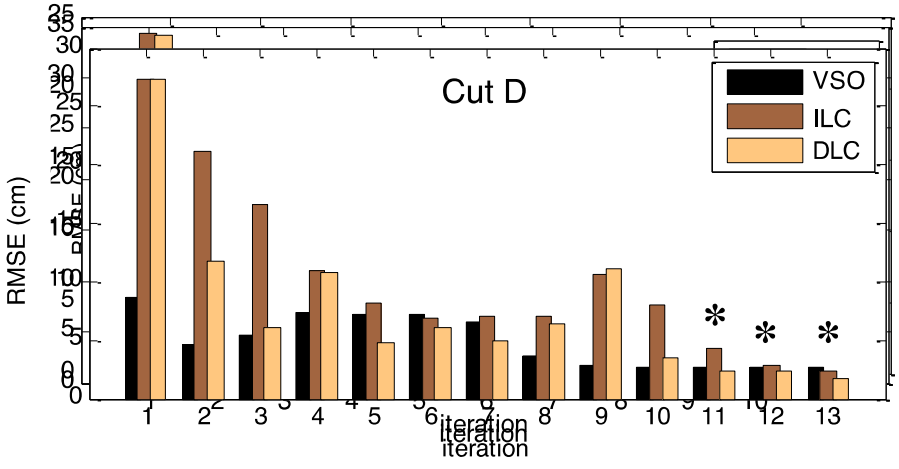
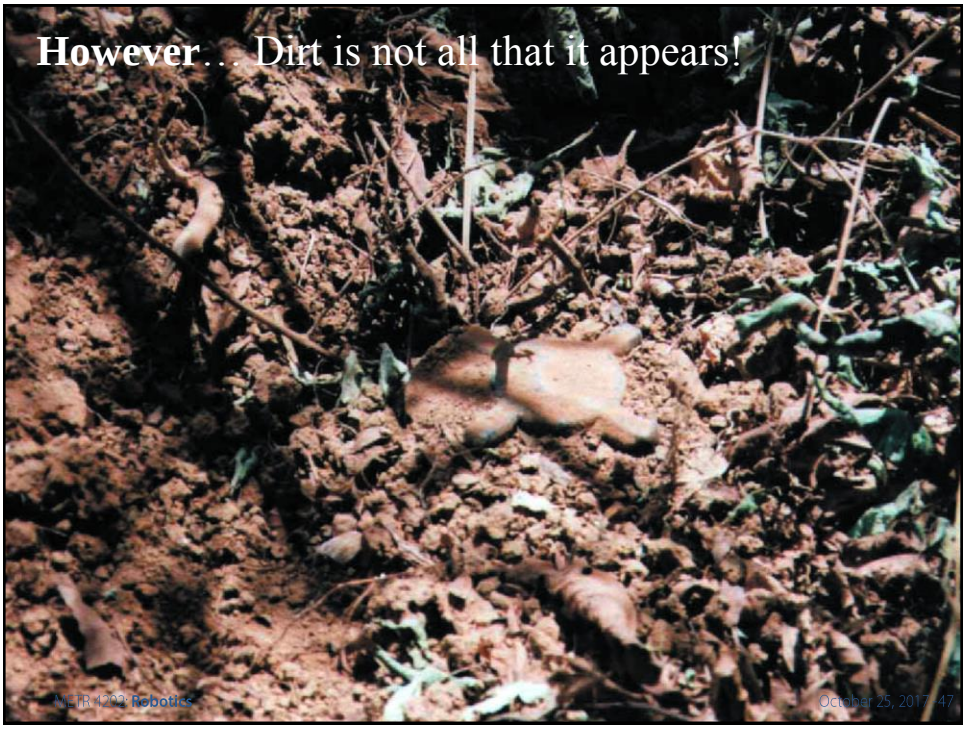




Future of Robotics

Medical Robotics

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

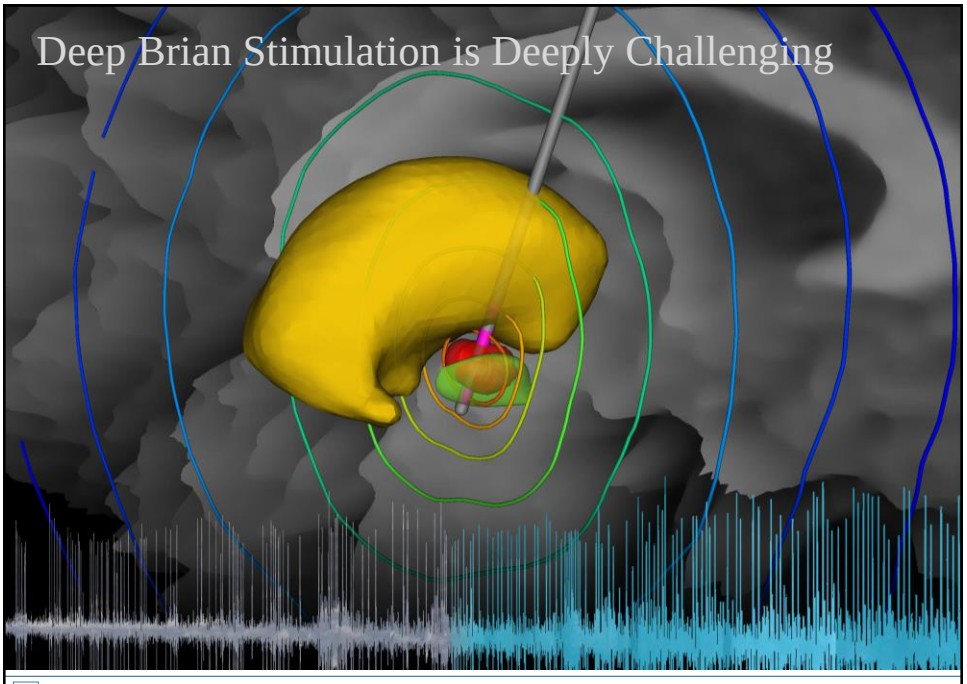
Open Questions:

- 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**

Deep Brian Stimulation is Deeply Challenging



Accuracy is *sine qua non*

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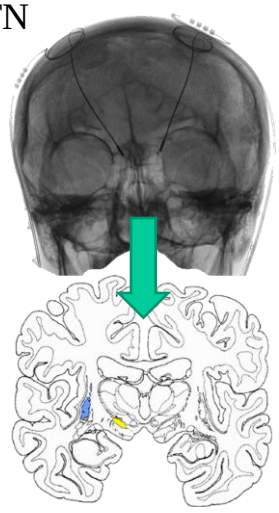

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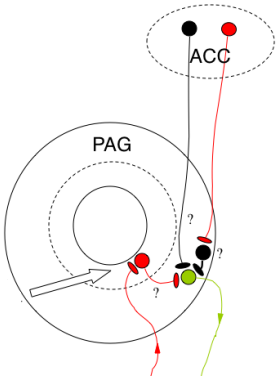

Source: Nauta, Feirtag, and Donner, *Fundamental Neuroanatomy*, Freeman, 1986

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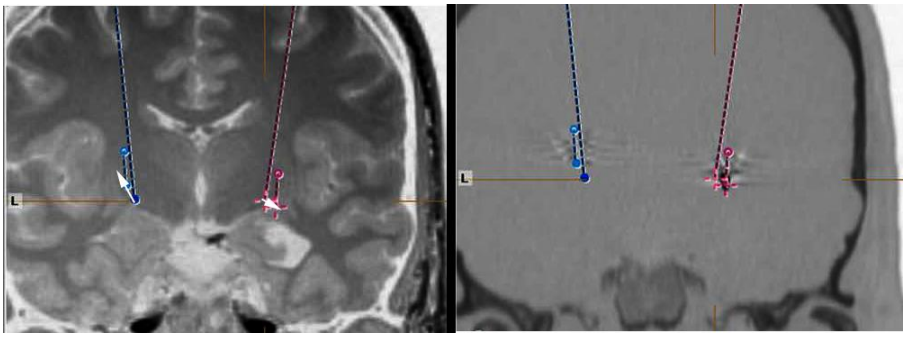
- Accuracy of Frame Based Stereotactic Placement via CT/MRI Comparison



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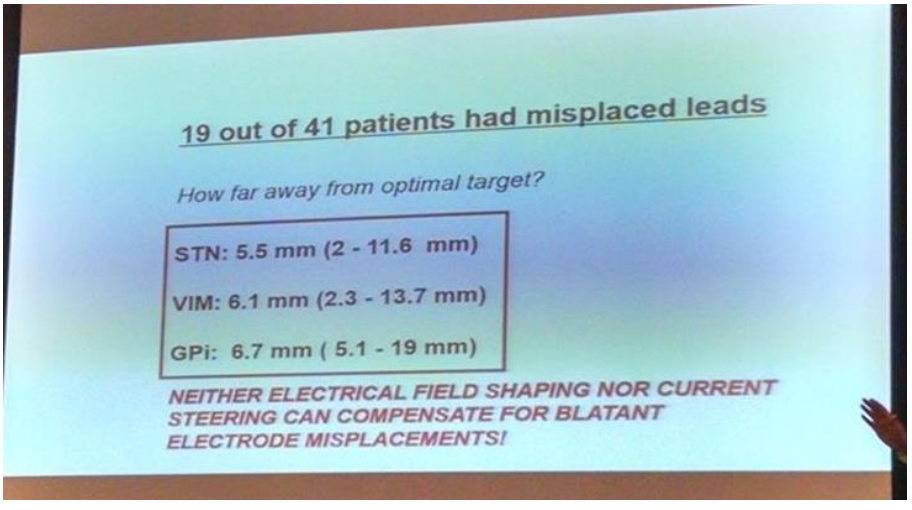
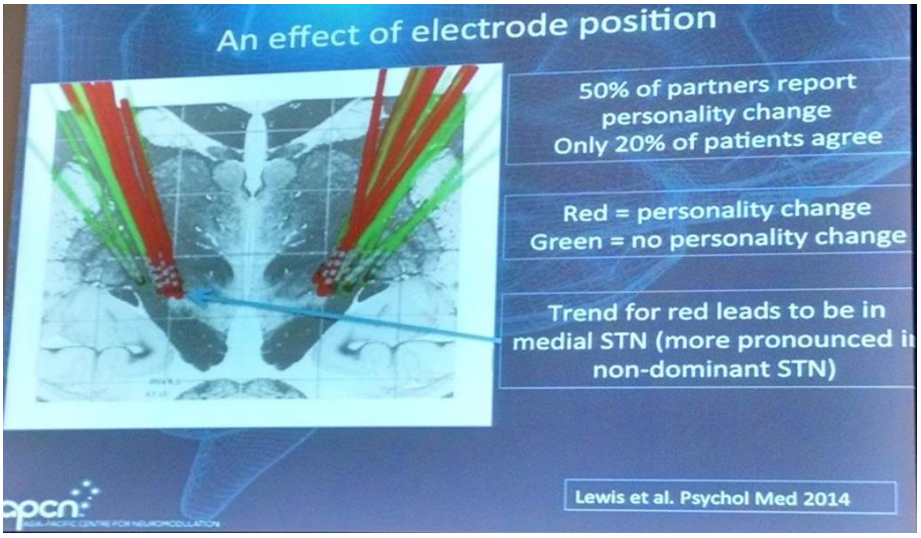
DBS Targeting is Hard



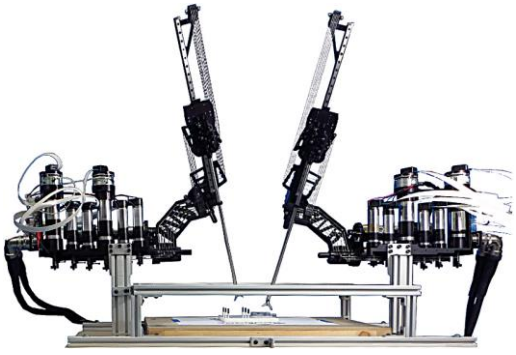
It has consequences…

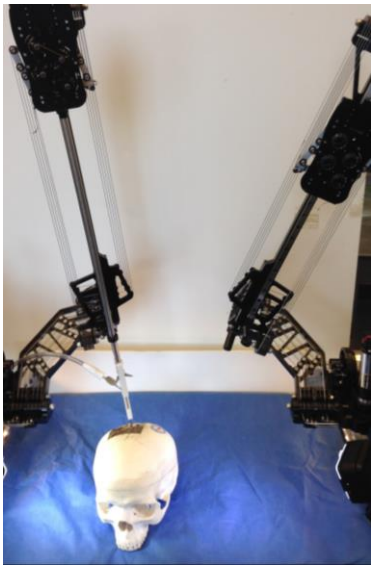


Computer Aided Surgery: Lots of Potential

- Unstructured environment (patient tissue) makes this harder

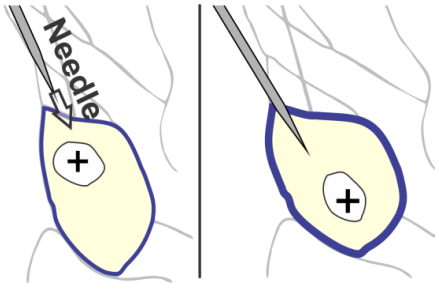
Neurosurgical Robotics

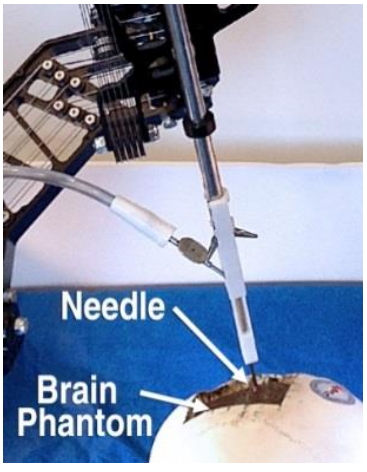




Neurosurgical Robotics:

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





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"**Soft**" is "**Hard**" (but not impossible)

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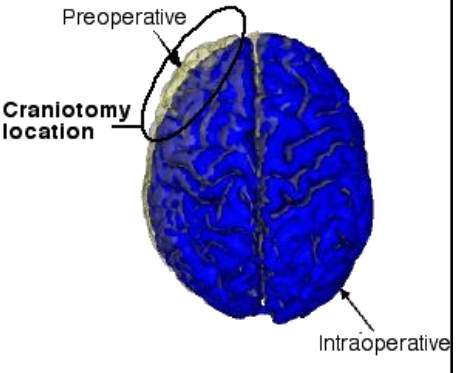
➔ Many Issues: Including Craniotomy Induced Brain Shift

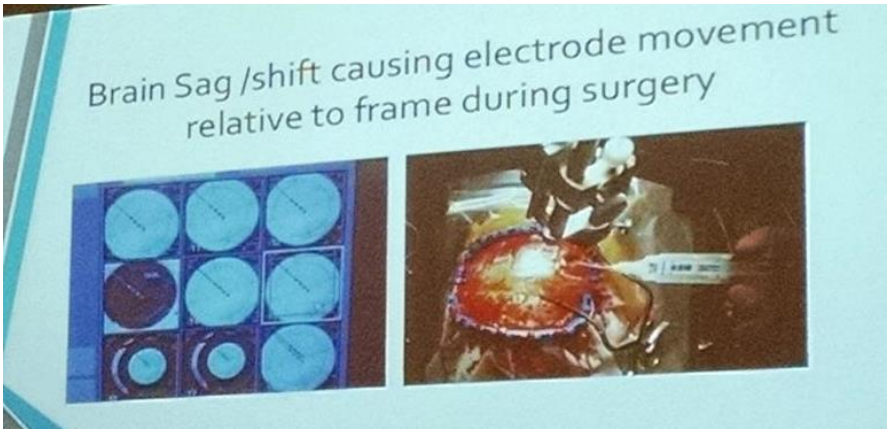
Soft Tissue Mechanics: Brain Shift/Brain Sag

Ex: Image-guided neurosurgery

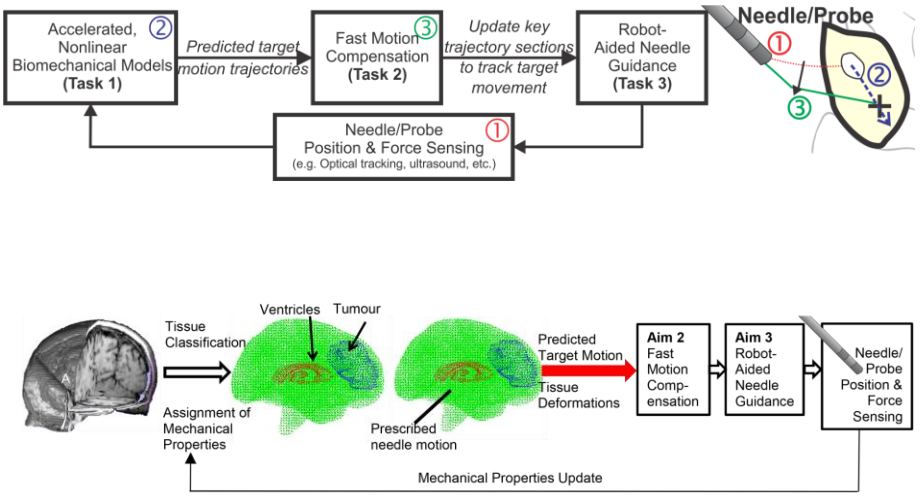


Courtesy: SPL, Harvard

Brain Shift Identified in Neurosurgery Community

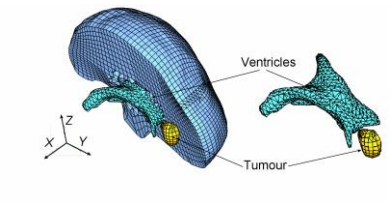


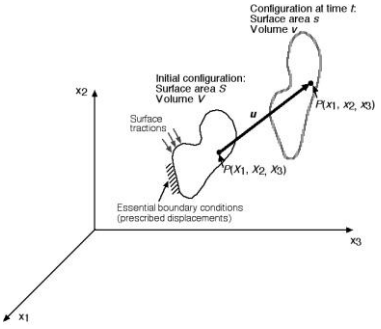
A Robotic "Plan": Handling Brian Shift



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**

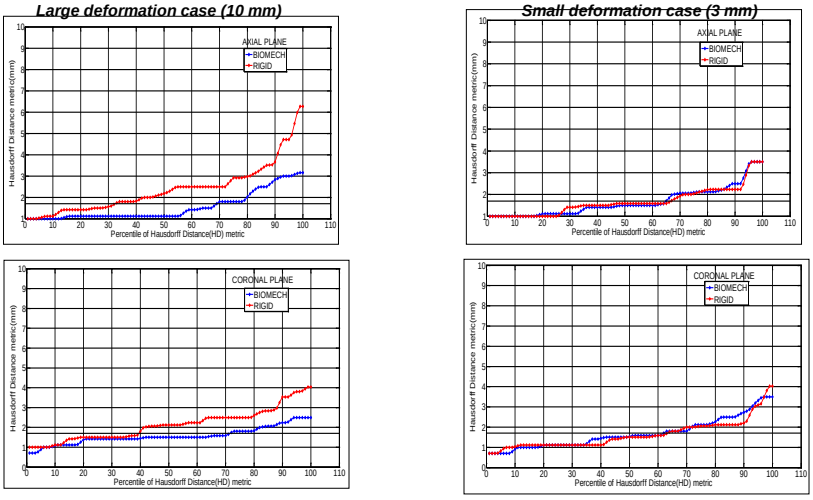
Red contours – Intra-operative

Blue contours – Warped pre-operative

Green contours – Overlap

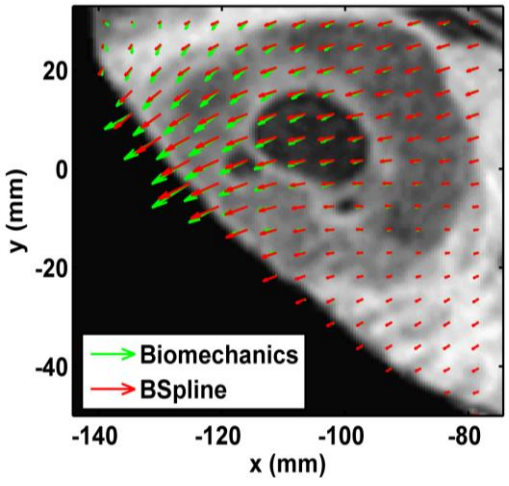
Mostayed et al. (2013) *Annals of Biomed. Eng.* 41(11), 2409-2425

Comparison:Hausdorff Distance Metric



- Comparison of Biomechanics-based & rigid registrations

Qualitative Evaluation: Deformation Field



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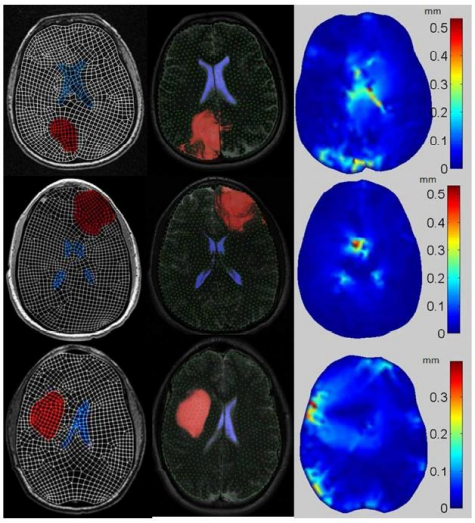
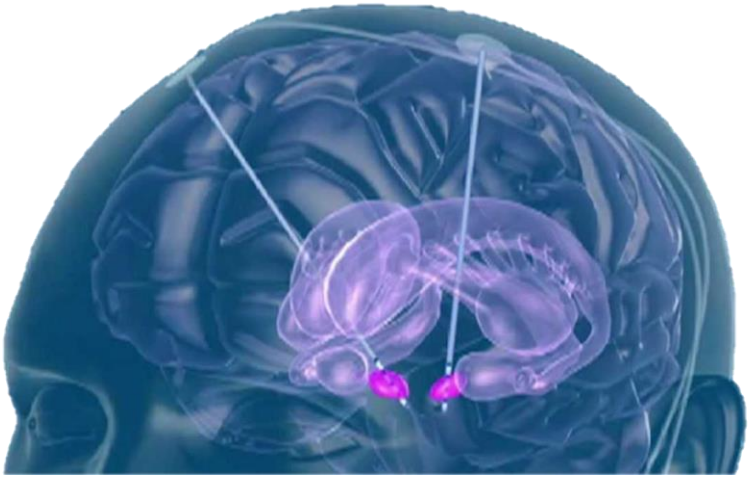
Accuracy for Mesh-free Models

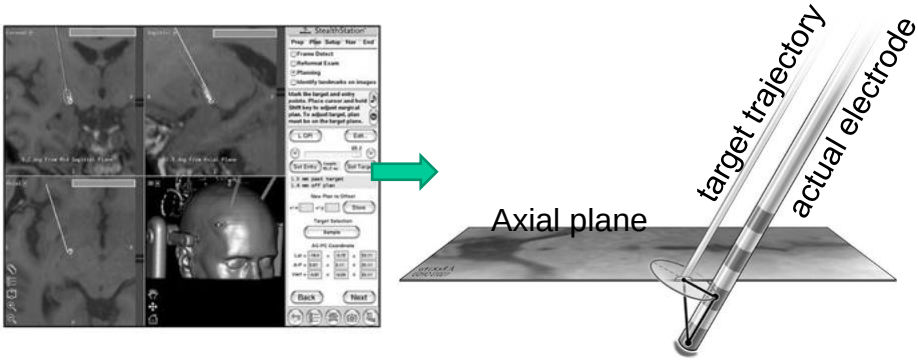


Left: **Finite Element Models** ***Middle***: **Fuzzy Mesh-free Model** ***Right*** : **Difference of the simulation results**

Targeting:
We Already Do Careful Preoperative Planning



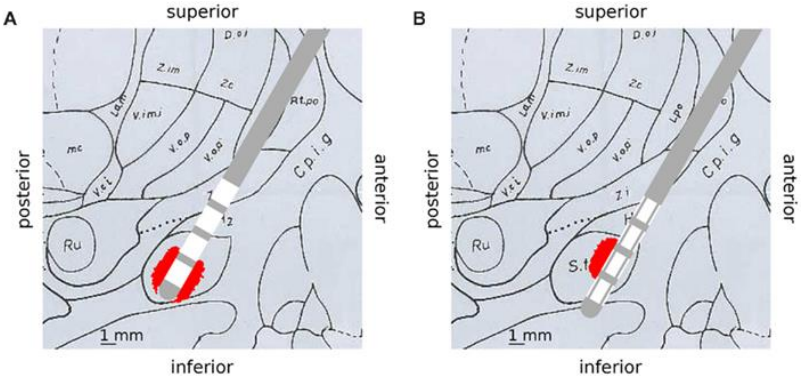
The Best Laid Plans …



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

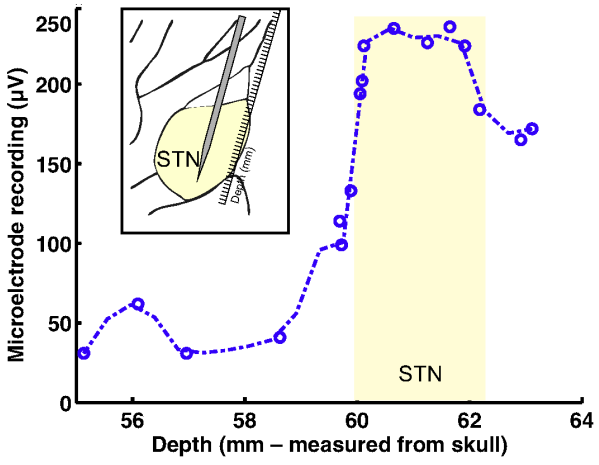
Does This Suggest Steering/Path Correction?

- Plan:
- Result:

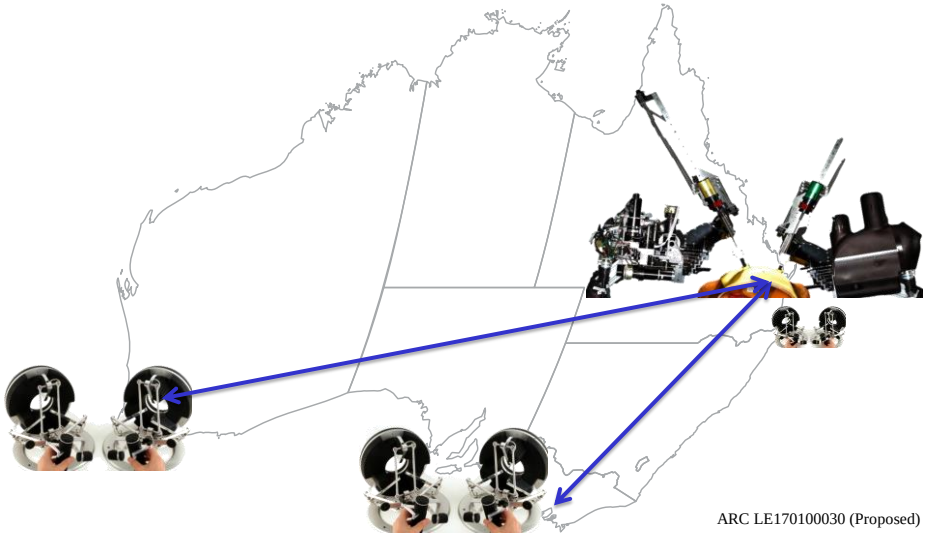


- Stereotactic (Leksell) frames alone are not enough…
- Brain Shift, Compliance, Drift, etc.

In-Vivo Feedback: Incorporating MER
Incorporating tissue signal signatures



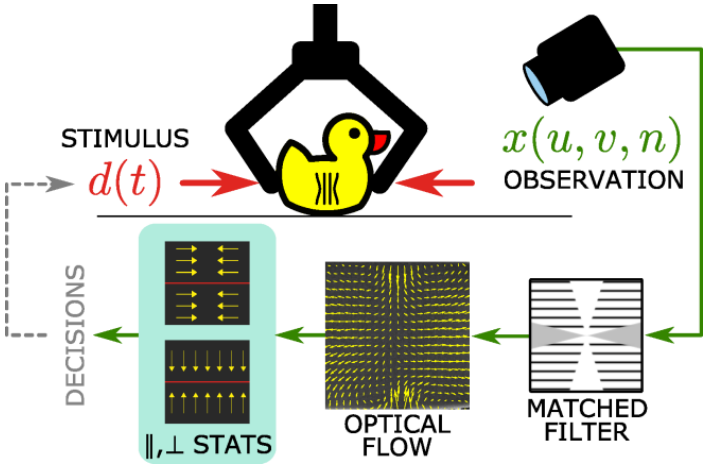
What's Next: Open Access Robotics Infrastructure for High-Fidelity Telesurgical Research



Future of Robotics

Computational Imaging

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



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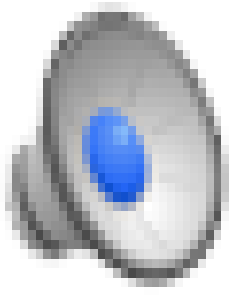
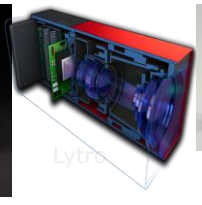
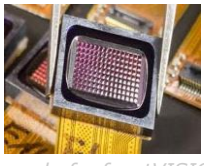
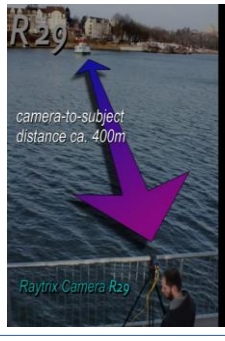
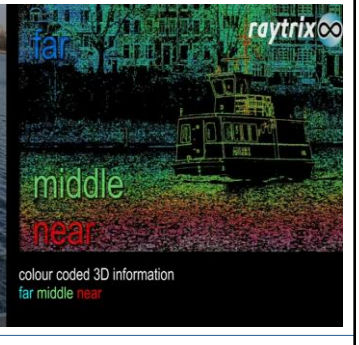


Industry Example: Computational Imaging









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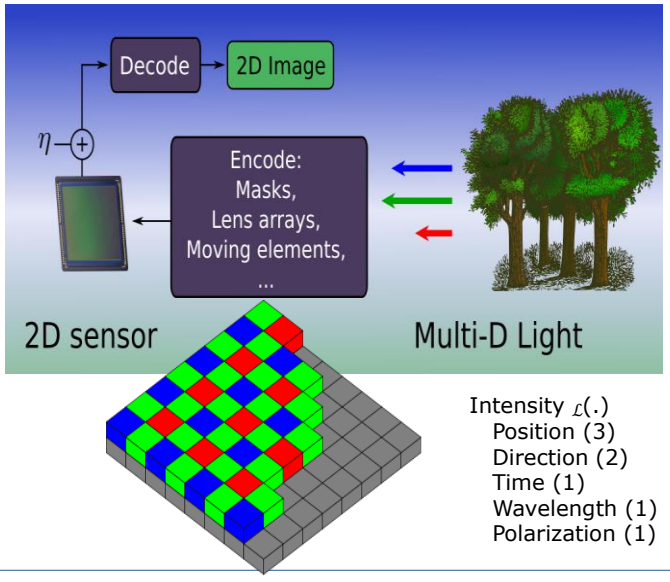
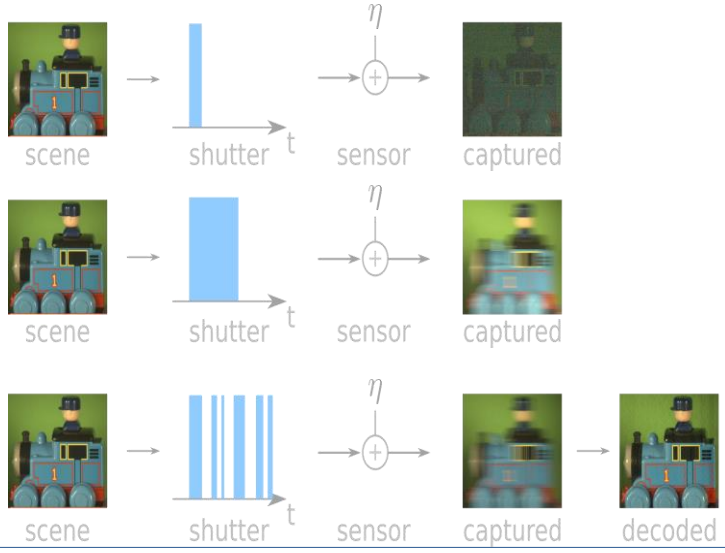


Intensity $\mathcal{L}(.)$
- Position (3)
- Direction (2)
- Time (1)
- Wavelength (1)
- Polarization (1)

Another Example: Computational Imaging

- Flutter Shutter

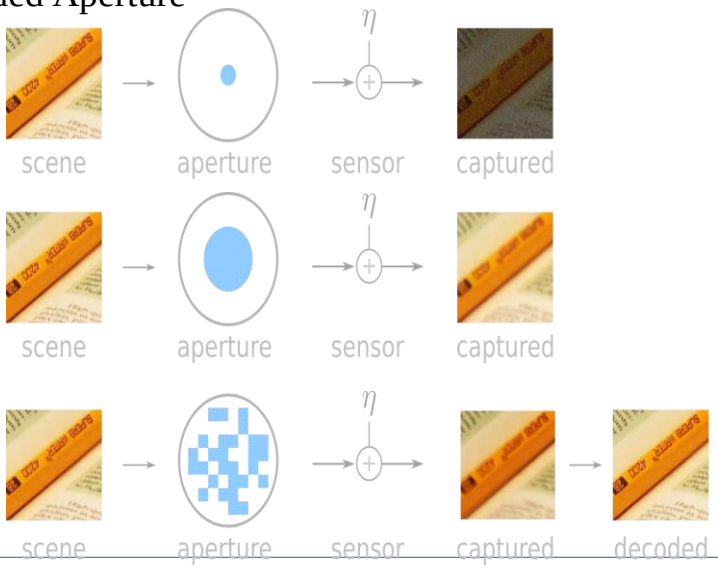
[raskar2006]



Another Example: Computational Imaging

- Coded Aperture

[gottesman89, levin2007, zhou2009 and others]



Some 2018 Robotics Thesis Topics

Projects (2018 | 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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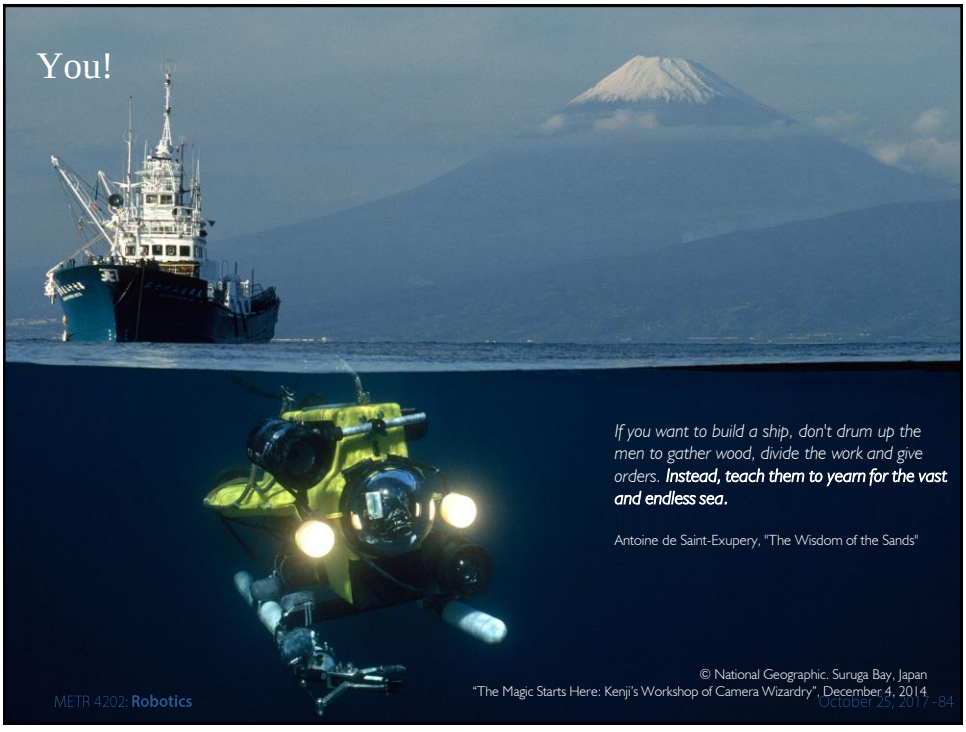
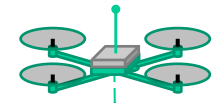


UQ Robotics: Dynamic Systems in Motion

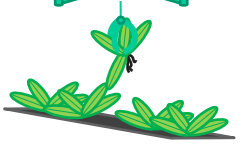
Diverse international research group

Hanna Kurniwati *(NUS/MIT)*
Paul Pounds *(ANU/Yale)*
Surya Singh *(Stanford/Syd)*

Aerial Systems



Bio-inspired Systems



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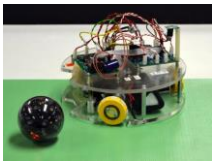
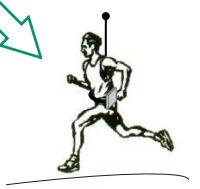


Mechanics of motion



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