

# Surgical Robotics New trends in research

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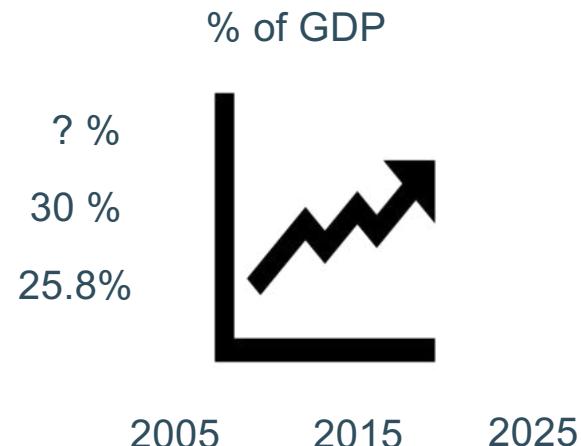


# Outline

- Surgical Robotics - Background
- New trends

# Background

1. temperature
2. gas bill
3. age
4. taxes
5. healthcare costs



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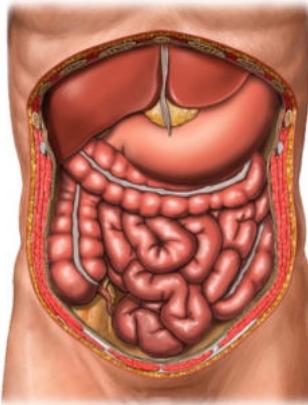
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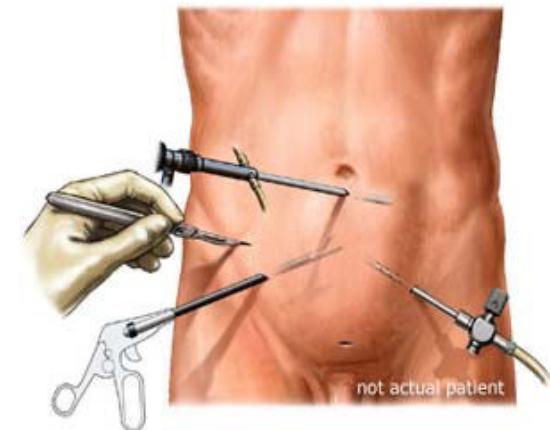


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overnight

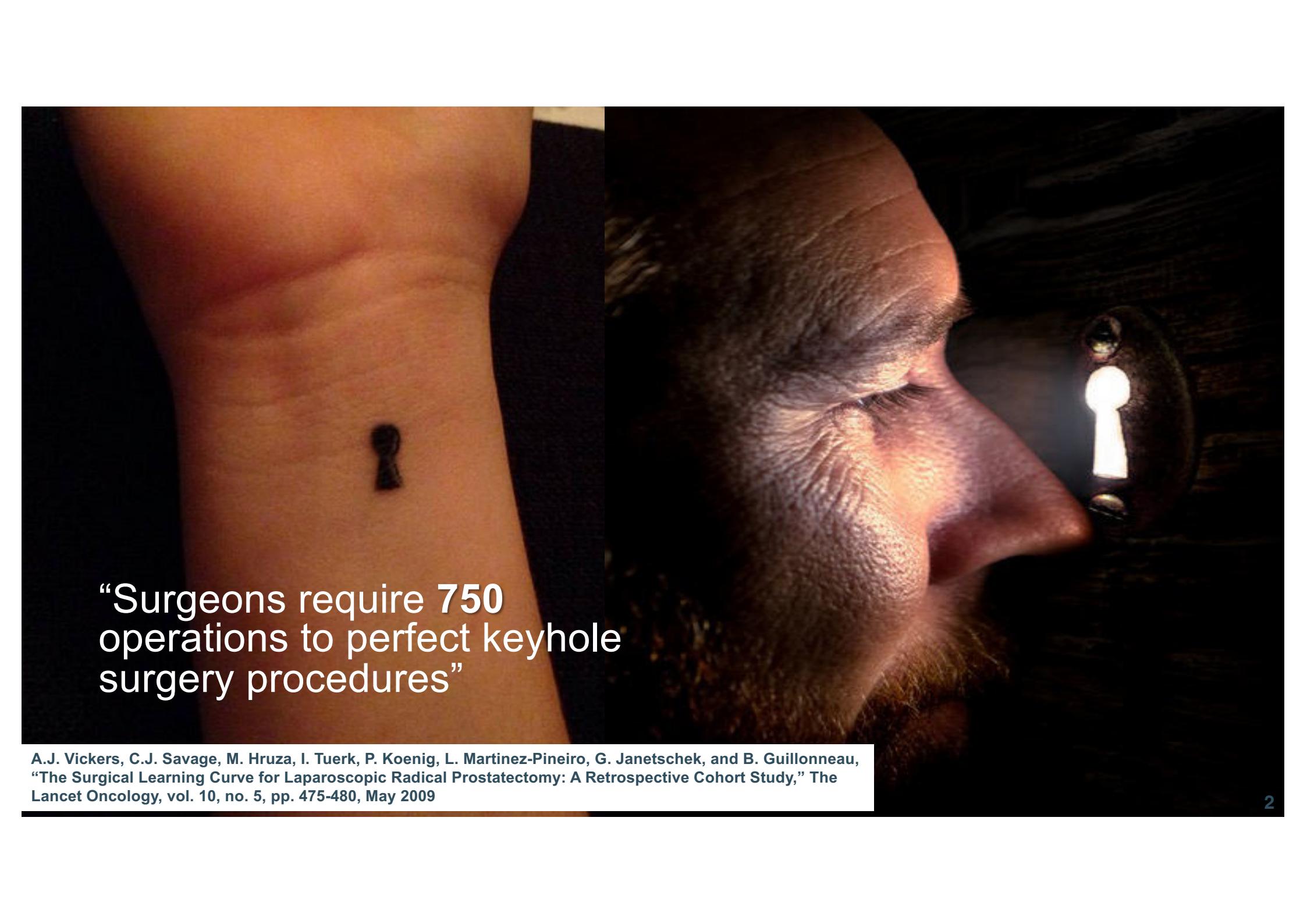


MIS  
day-hospital

	700.000 (6%)	246	644.000 (5.7%)
target	479.000 (4.1%)	551	865.000 (7.4%)
	#/yr (%/pop)		#/yr (%/pop)

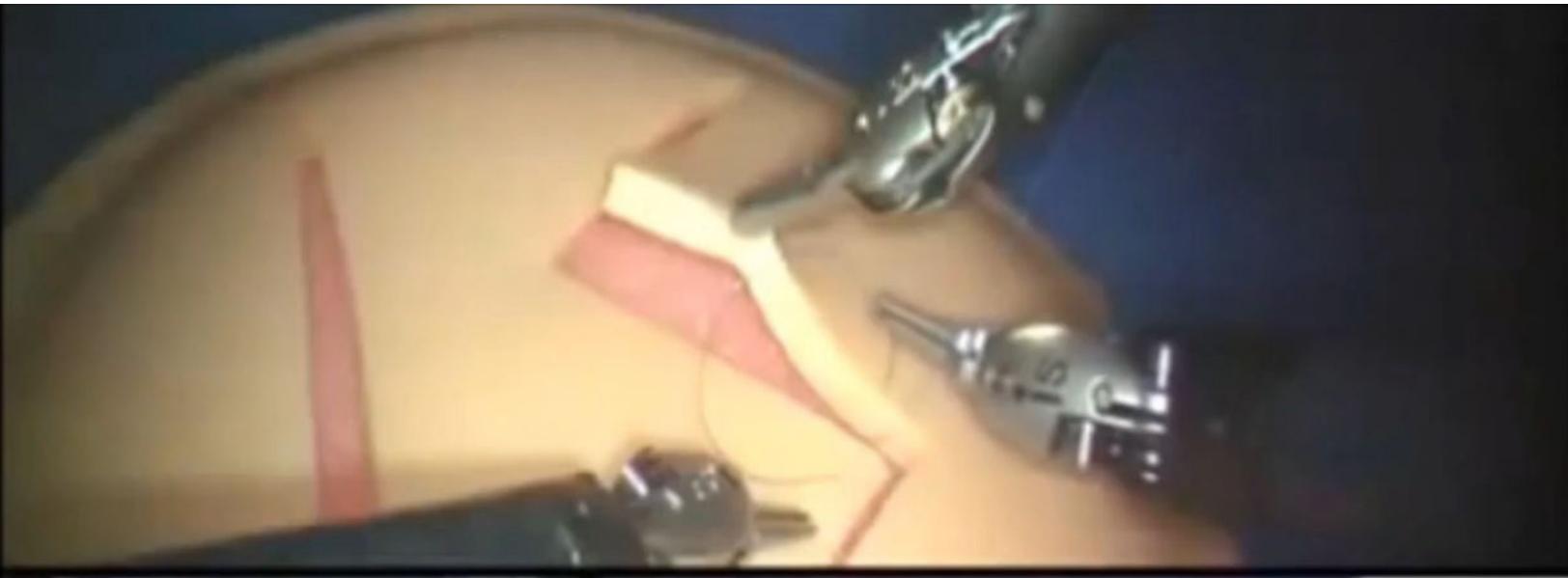
population Belgium : 11.7 million

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“Surgeons require 750 operations to perfect keyhole surgery procedures”

A.J. Vickers, C.J. Savage, M. Hruza, I. Tuerk, P. Koenig, L. Martinez-Pineiro, G. Janetschek, and B. Guillonneau,  
“The Surgical Learning Curve for Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy: A Retrospective Cohort Study,” The  
Lancet Oncology, vol. 10, no. 5, pp. 475-480, May 2009



# Learning Curve

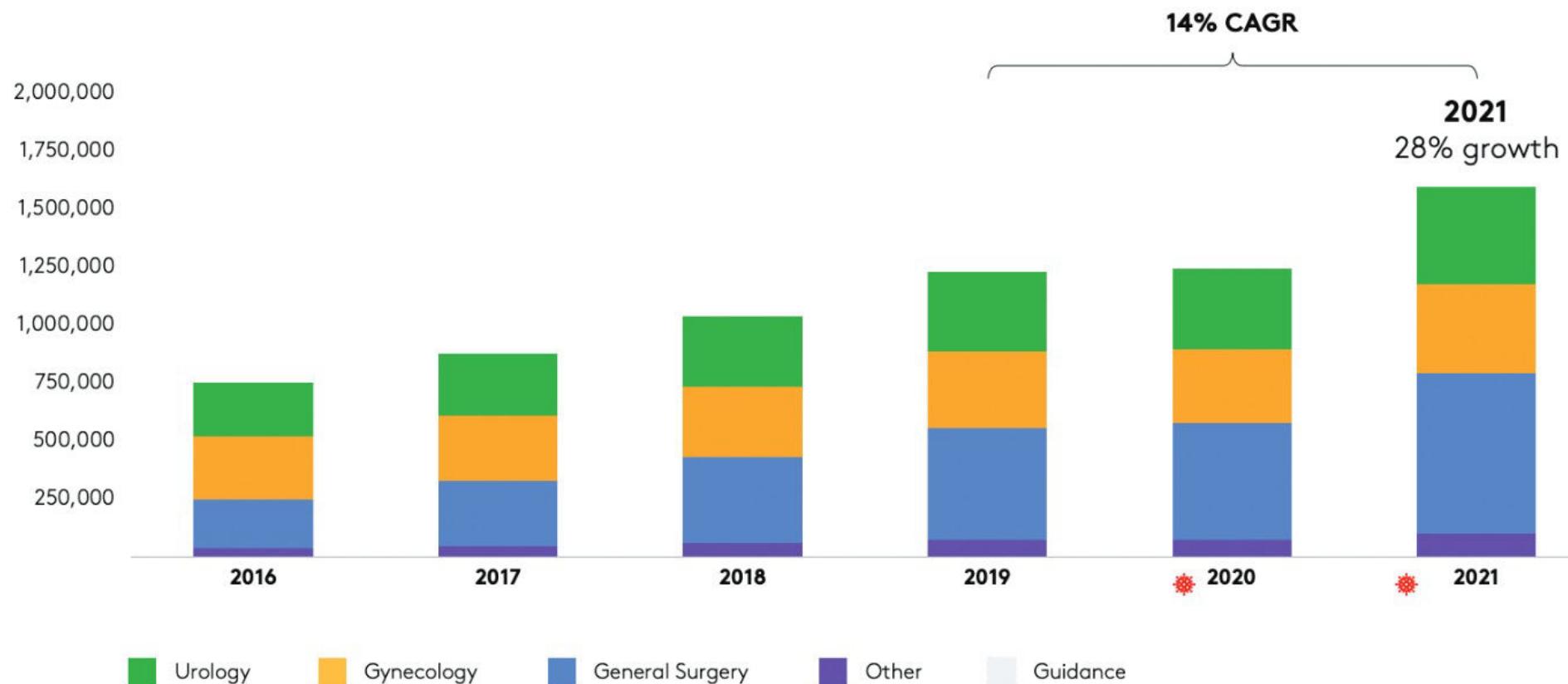
	open	laparoscopic	robotic	ref
radical prostatectomy	250-1000	200-750	40	[1]
radical cystectomy			16-30	[1]
colorectal cancer surgery		5-310	15-30	[2]
Roux-en-Y gastric bypass		> 100	10-15	[3]

[1] Abboudi, H., et al. (2014). Learning curves for urological procedures: a systematic review. *BJU international*, 114(4), 617-629.

[2] Barrie, J., Jayne, et al. (2014). Attaining surgical competency and its implications in surgical clinical trial design: a systematic review of the learning curve in laparoscopic and robot-assisted laparoscopic colorectal cancer surgery. *Annals of surgical oncology*, 21(3), 829-840.

[3] Fourman, M. M., & Saber, A. A. (2012). Robotic bariatric surgery: a systematic review. *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*, 8(4), 483-488.

# Practical Update



# Ranking hardware companies

**Johnson & Johnson** – 386 Bill. US\$

**Medtronic** – 106 Bill. US\$

**Stryker** – 110 Bill. US\$

**Intuitive** – 104 Bill US\$

**Mercedes** – 77 Bill US\$

**BMW** – 70 Bill US\$

**VW/Audi** – 64 Bill US\$

**FANUC** – 27 Bill US\$

**Olympus** – 17 Bill US\$

**Auris Health** – 3.4 Bill US\$ → J&J

**iRobot** – 1.0 Bill US\$ (3 Bill 2021/2019)

**KUKA** – 2.6 Bill US\$ → MIDEA (2016)

**MAKO** – 1.6 Bill US\$ → Stryker

**MAZOR** – 1.6 Bill US\$ → Medtronic

**Corindus** – 1 Bill US\$ → Siemens Healthineers (2022-23)

**Boston Dynamics** – 1.1 Bill US\$ → Hyundai (2021)

**Accuray** – 254 Mill US\$ (1.3 Bill. 2008)

**Stereotaxis** – 136 Mill US\$ (11 Bill. 2007)

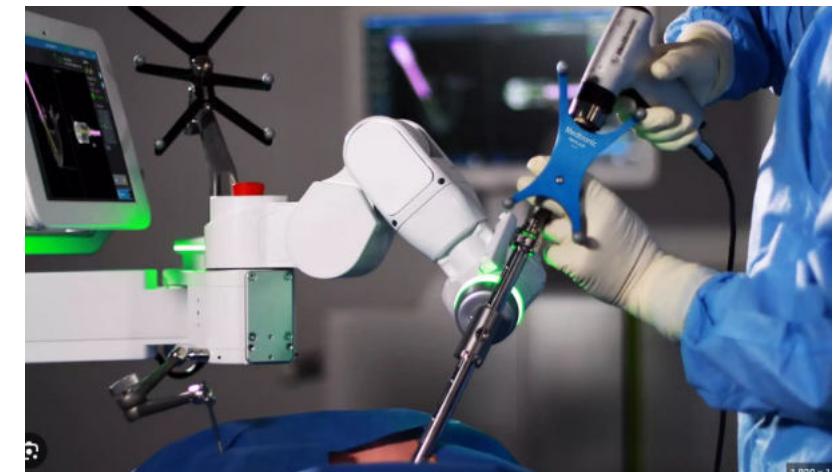
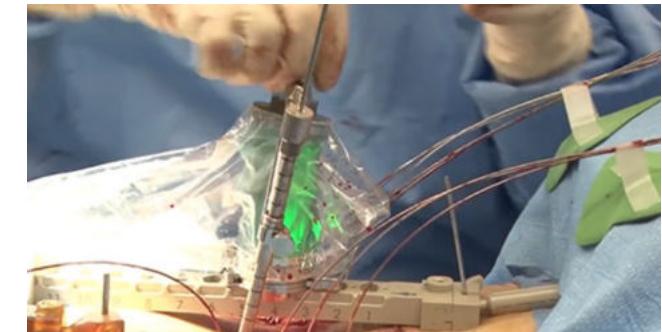
**Blue Belt** – 275 Mill US\$ → Smith & Nephew

**Hansen Medical** – 75 Mill US\$ → Auris

**Robocath** – funding 58 Mill raised (2022)

**Hocoma** (private)

**Rewalk** – 20 Mill US\$

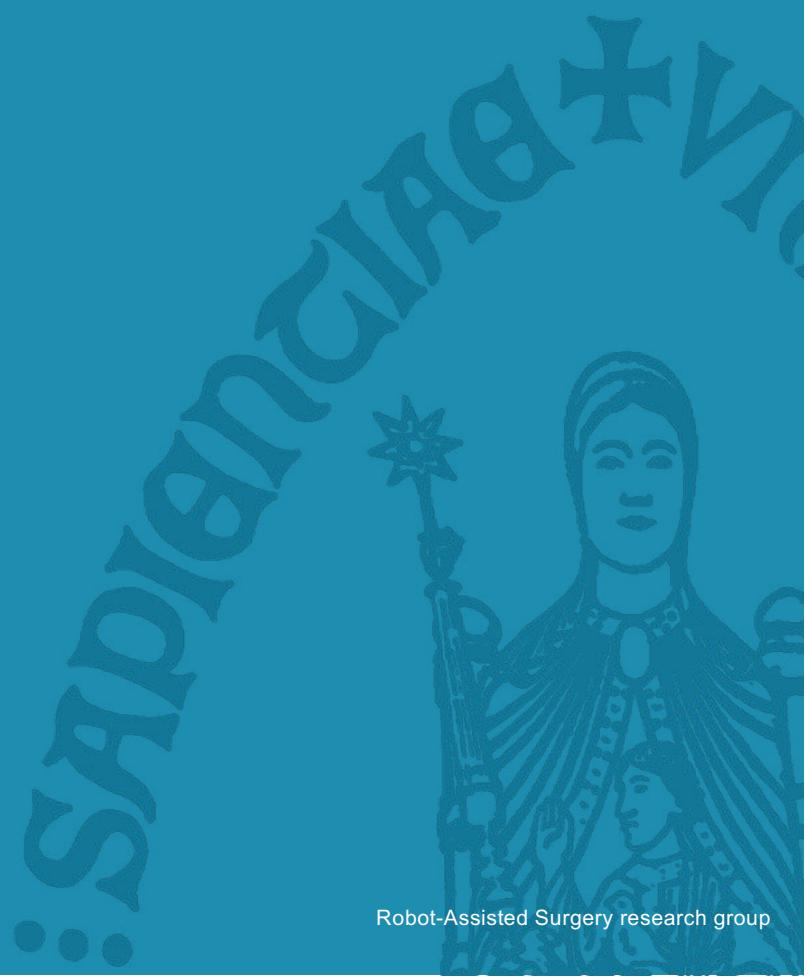


**Medical devices**  
**Automotive**  
**Industrial Robotics**  
**Service Robotics**  
**Surgical Robotics**

Source: Tim Lüth, TUM, Sept. 2023

# Haptic Feedback

Recent Evolutions



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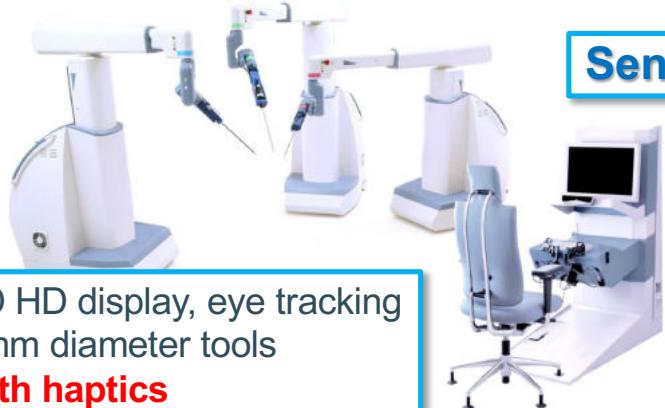
# Challenges



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# Intuitive Surgical's competition



**Senhance**

- 3D HD display, eye tracking
- 5mm diameter tools
- **with haptics**



**REVO-I**

- 20 times re-usable
- **with haptics**



**AVATERA**

- single use instruments
- **with haptics**

## Recent Review Papers :

- [1] Rao, P. P. (2018). Robotic surgery: new robots and finally some real competition!. *World journal of urology*, 36(4), 537-541.
- [2] Rassweiler, J. J. and A.S. Goezen, J. Klein, E. Liatsikos, (2017) New Robotic Platforms, *Robotic Urology*, pp.3-38.
- [3] Peters, B.S. et al. (2018), review of emerging surgical robotic technology, *Surgical Endoscopy* 32: 1636-1655.

# da Vinci 5 – with haptic feedback



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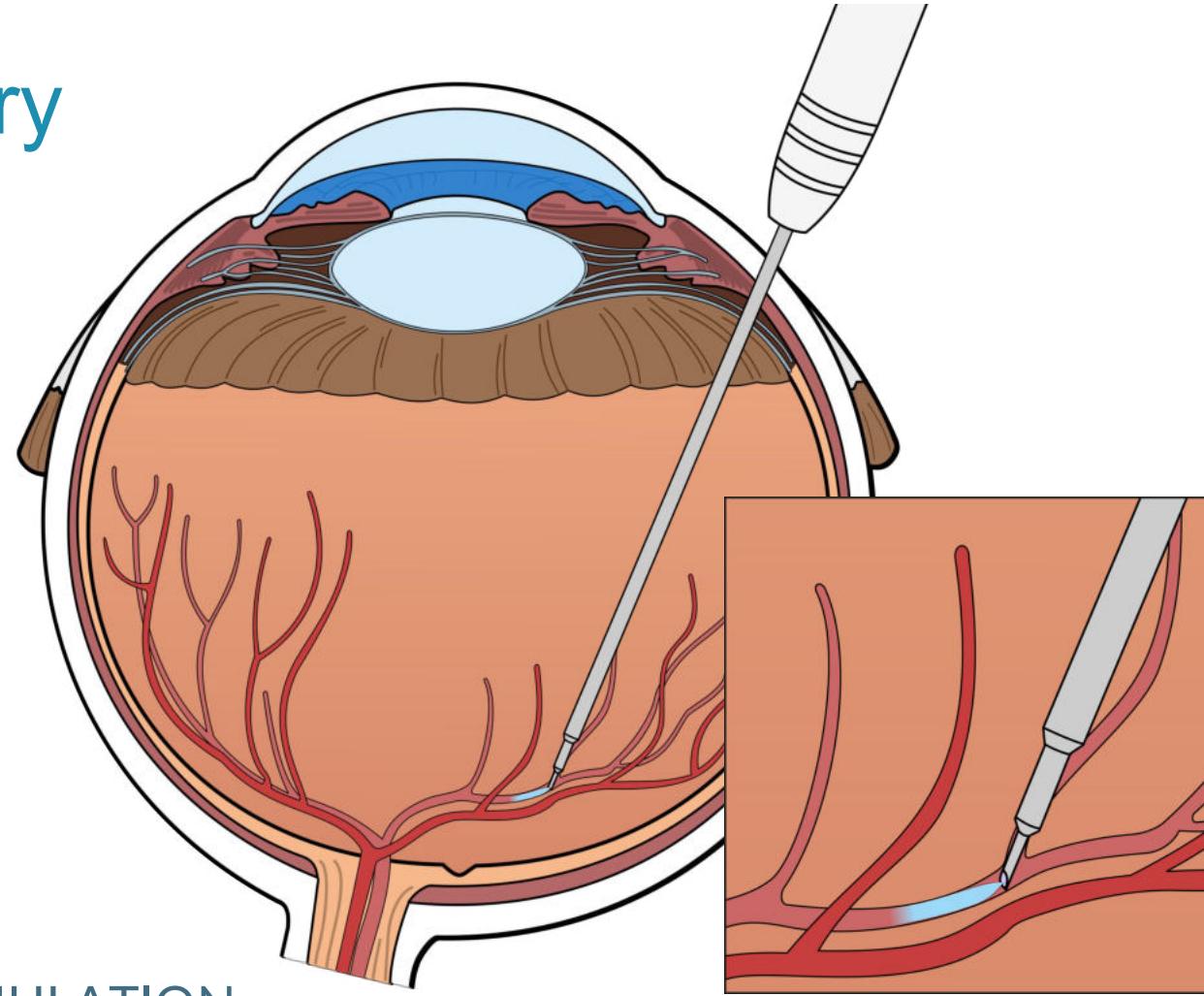
# Increased Precision

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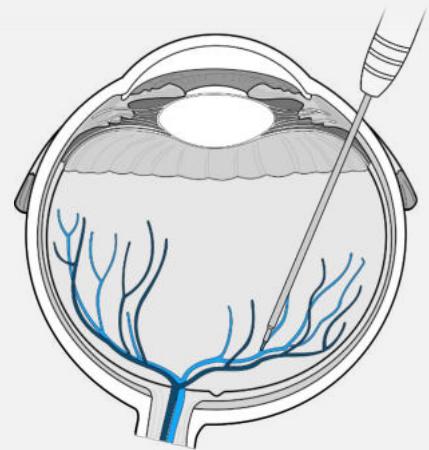
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# Micro-surgery

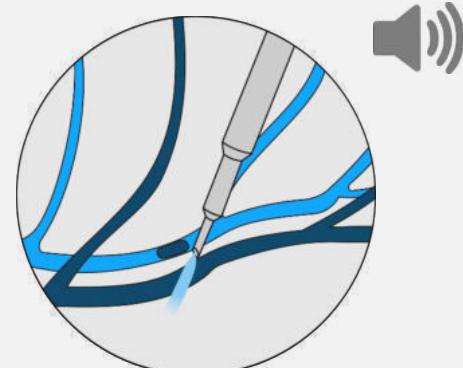


RETINAL VEIN CANNULATION

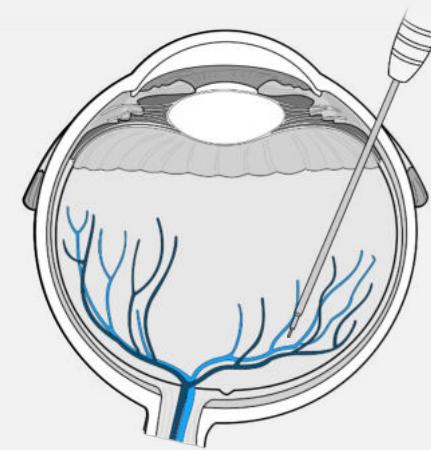
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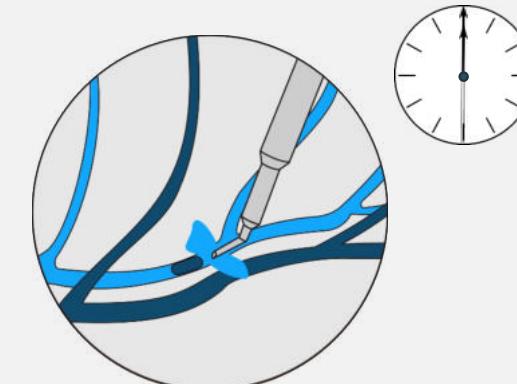
EYE STABILISATION



PUNCTURE ASSISTING

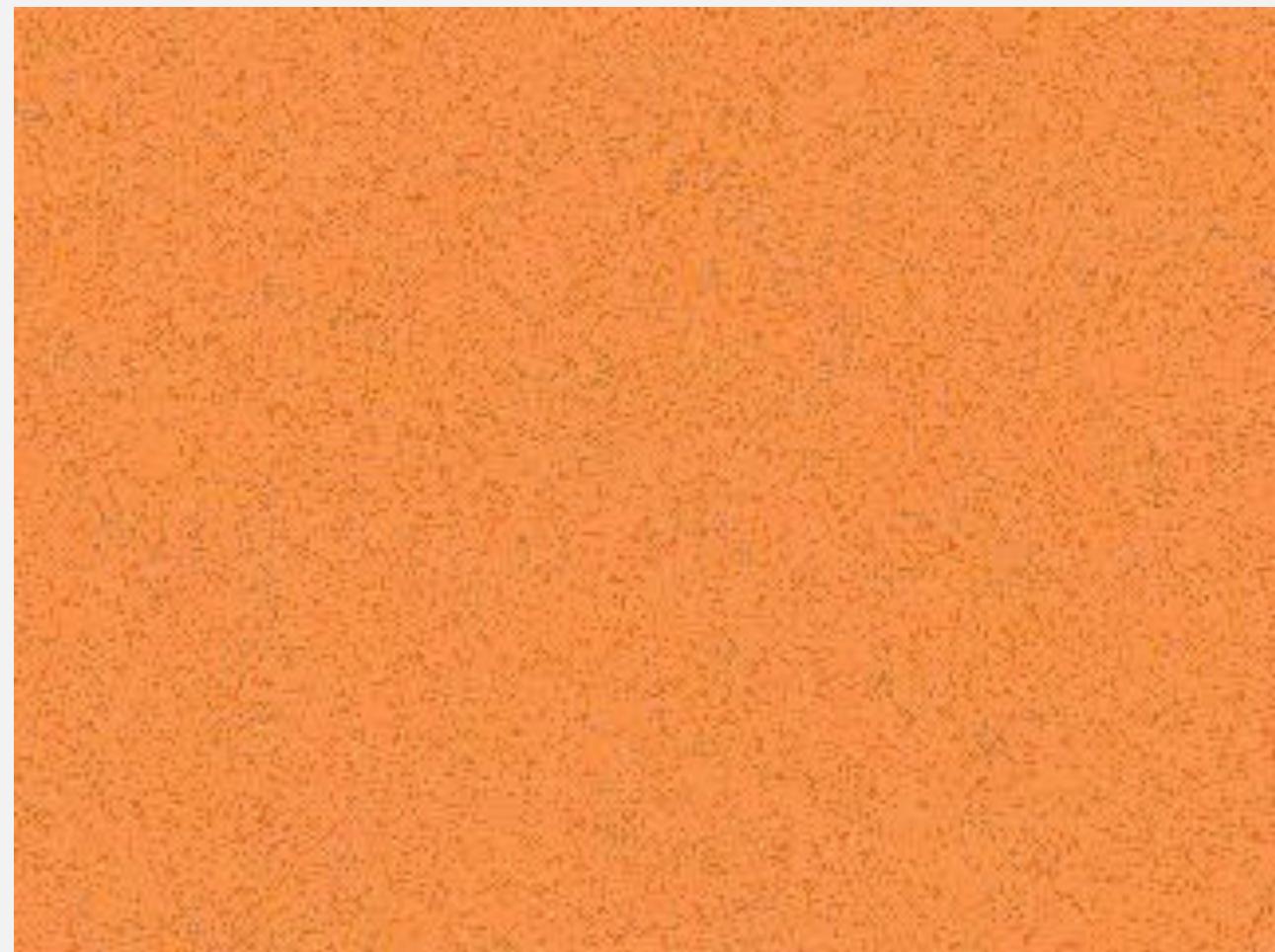


HAND STABILISATION



TOOL STABILISATION

# Manual



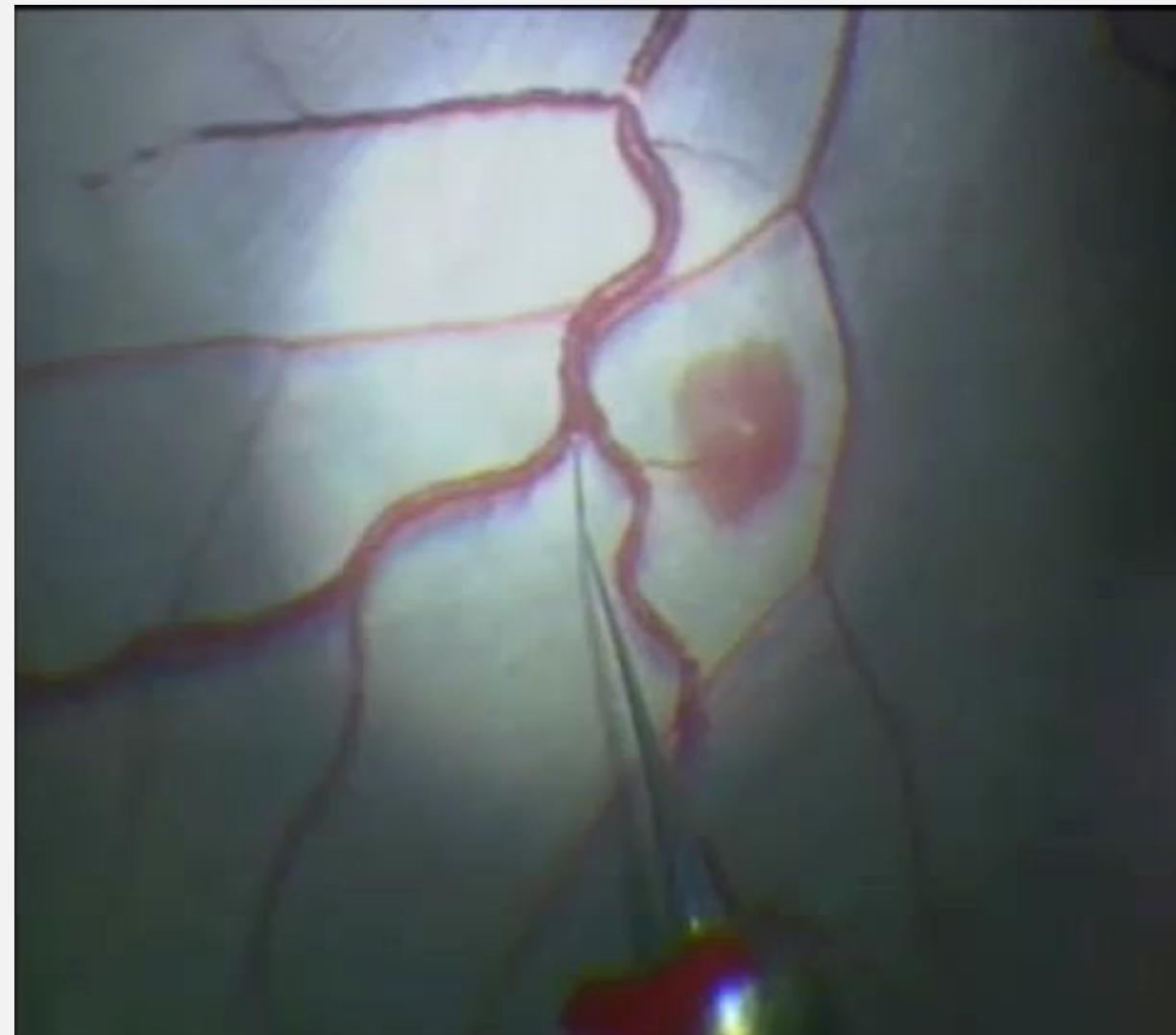


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# Robotic Approach

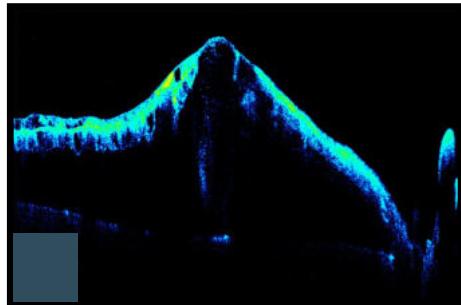


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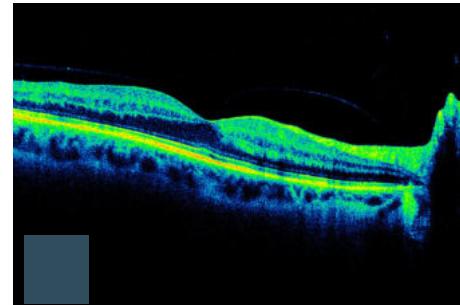
# Phase 1 Clinical Trial

UZ Leuven, Prof. Stalmans

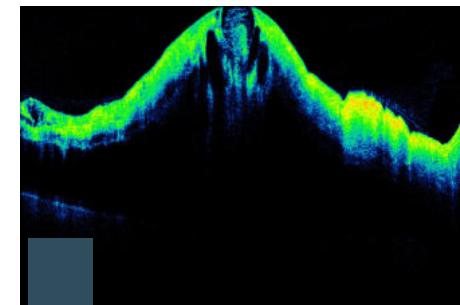
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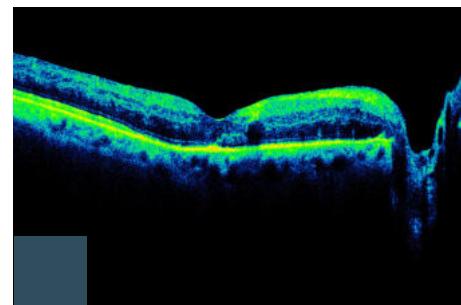
patient 1



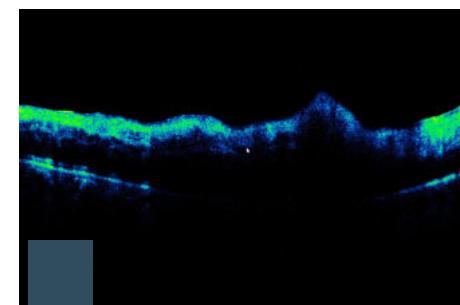
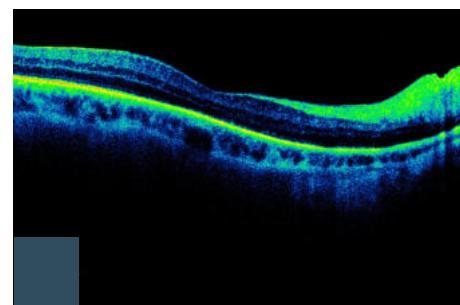
patient 2



patient 3



10 days after surgery



# Increased Ergonomy/Efficiency

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# Laparoscopic assistants

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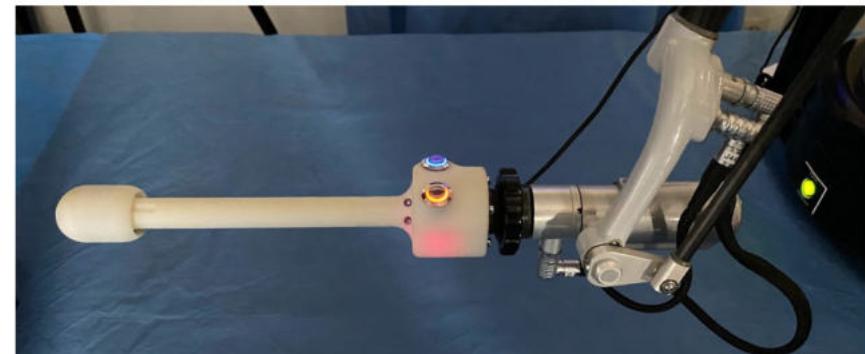
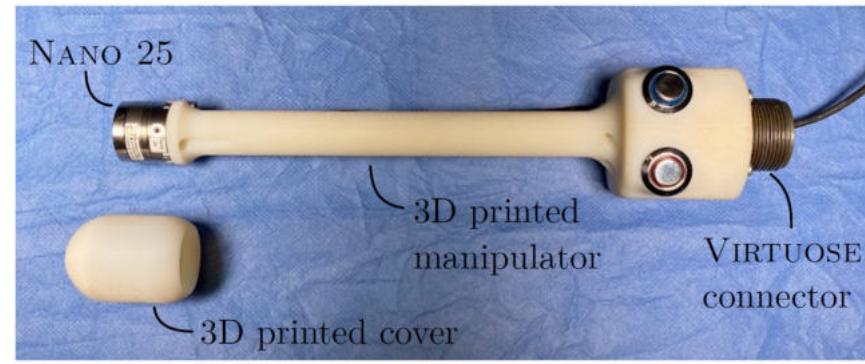
- sacrocolpopexy
- ergonomics/efficiency challenges

# Robotic Comanipulation

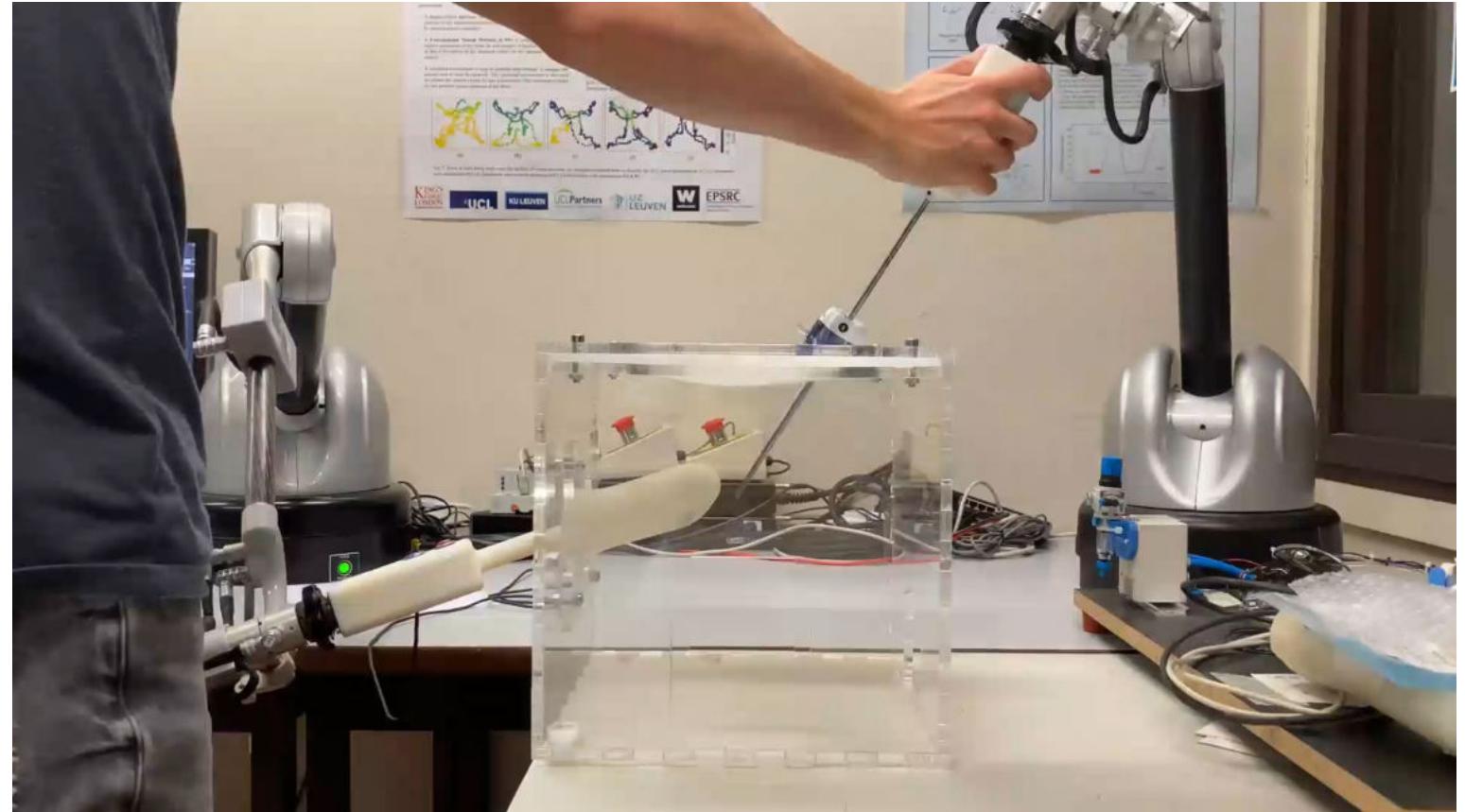
- hands-on operation
- clinician at bed-side



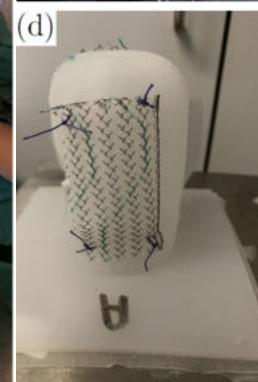
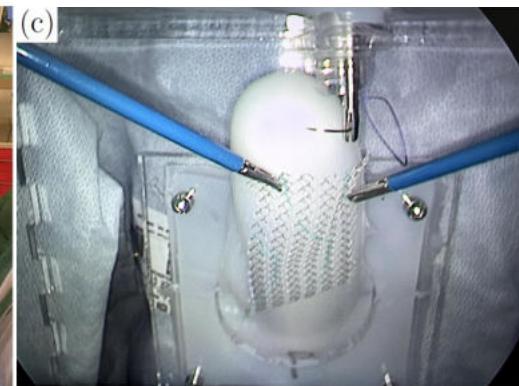
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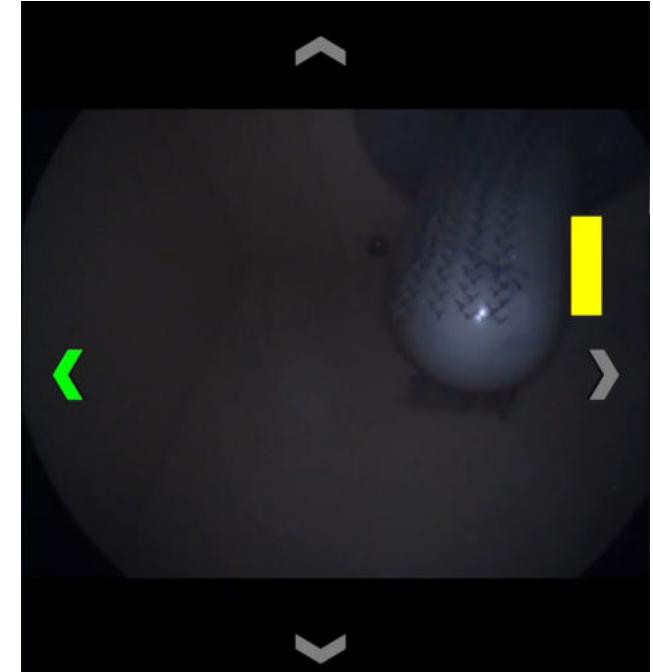
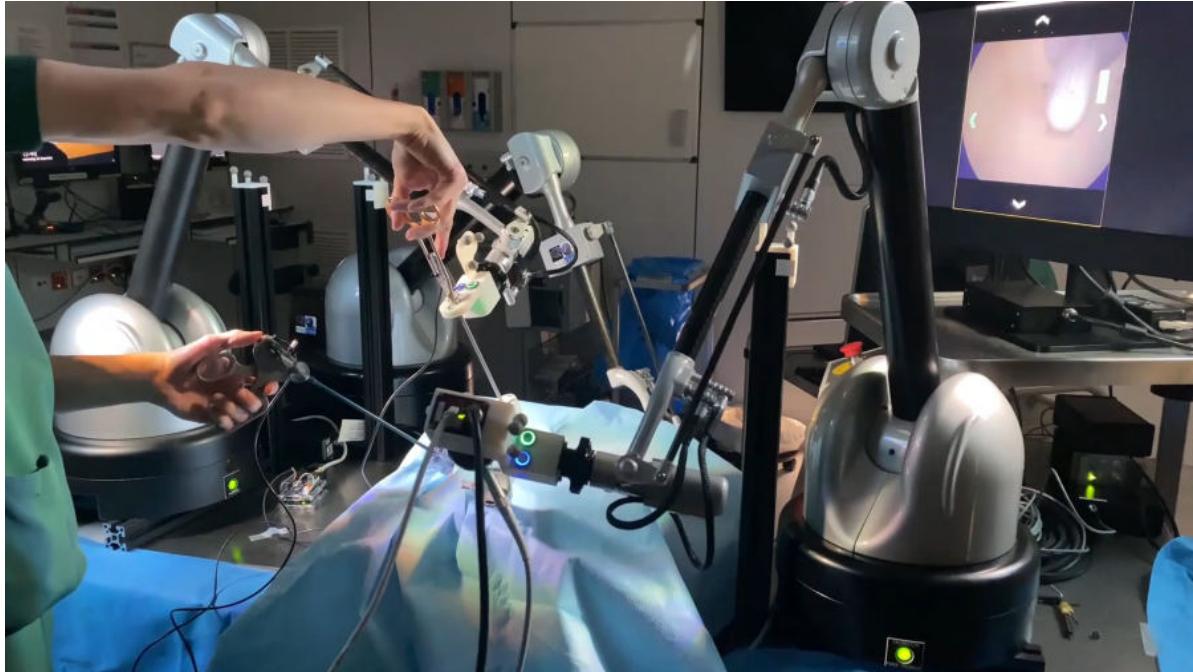
# Comanipulation



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# Comanipulation with visual guidance



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	Time [min]	Sutures	Score	Force [N]	
				Mean	Max
M	P1	25.0	2	6.69	13.76
	P2	25.0	5	6.29	10.88
	P3	25.0	7	4.74	11.69
	P4	22.86	8	4.66	9.81
	P5	25.0	4	7.04	15.02
	P6	25.0	7	6.37	13.29
	P7	25.0	7	8.88	18.22
	P8	19.82	8	4.43	7.09
	P9	23.02	8	4.29	13.34
	P10	25.0	4	4.98	9.21
		$24.07 \pm 1.63$	$6.0 \pm 2.00$	$7.0 \pm 2.32$	$5.84 \pm 1.40$
R	P1	25.0	3	7.51	9.37
	P2	25.0	2	7.44	9.73
	P3	22.35	8	6.16	8.31
	P4	24.05	8	6.31	9.05
	P5	25.0	4	4.25	10.93
	P6	25.0	4	6.07	8.65
	P7	21.54	8	6.80	8.73
	P8	20.75	8	1.73	6.38
	P9	23.76	8	7.16	11.90
	P10	25.0	1	7.32	9.55
		$23.75 \pm 1.54$	$5.4 \pm 2.73$	$6.1 \pm 3.48$	$6.08 \pm 1.72$
		p-value	$0.49^{\ddagger}$	$0.60^{\dagger}$	$0.53^{\dagger}$
				$0.47^{\ddagger}$	$0.02^{\dagger,*}$



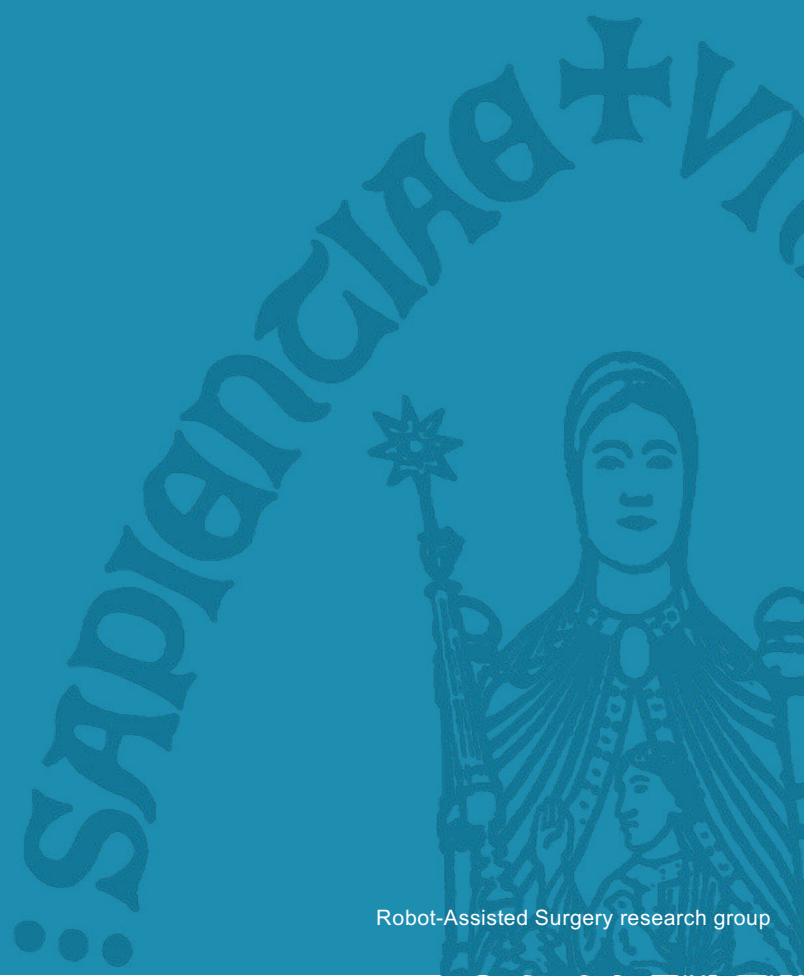
# Moon Surgical



<https://moonsurgical.com/maestro-system>

# Reduced Invasiveness

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## Recall ...



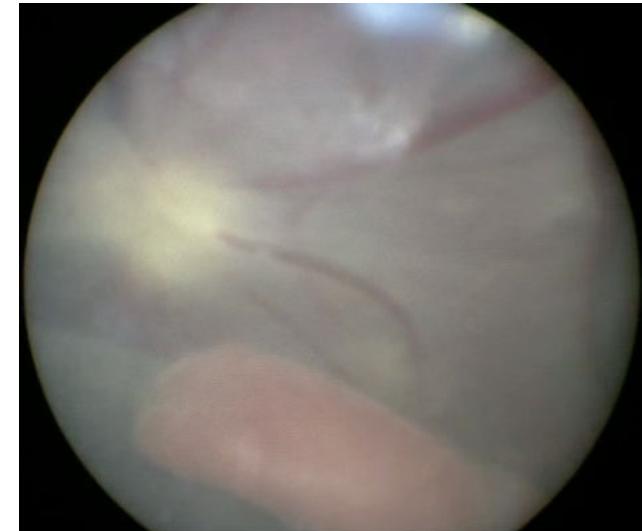
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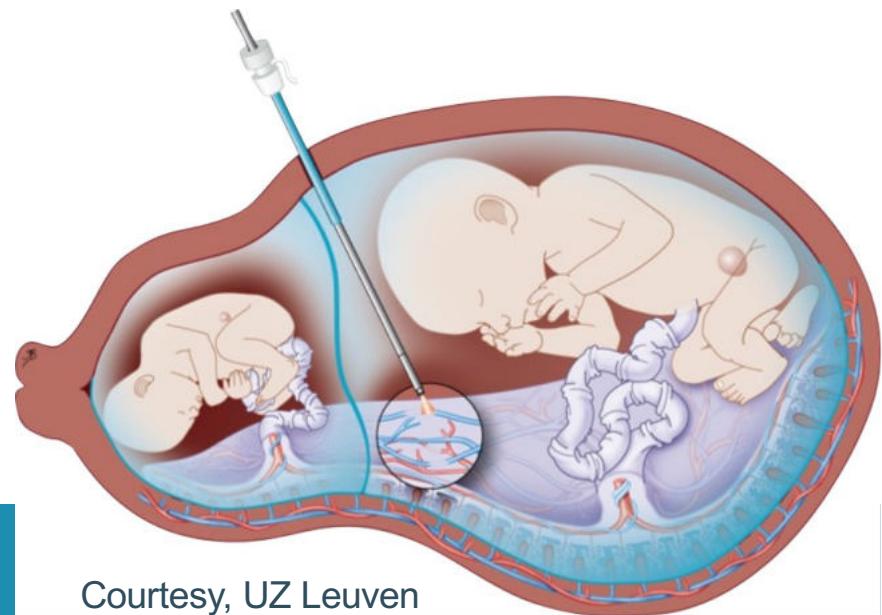
# Minimal invasive Fetal Surgery

 **Success is relative !**

Stiff instruments & large forces  
18.5 % rupture of membranes



Fetoscopic Laser  
Photocoagulation  
treatment success  
close to 100 %



L. Maggio et al., "iatrogenic preterm premature rupture of membranes after fetoscopic laser ablative surgery," *Fetal Diagn Ther.*, 38(1), pp. 29–34, 2015.

Courtesy, UZ Leuven

# Intrinsic safety



# Steerable instruments





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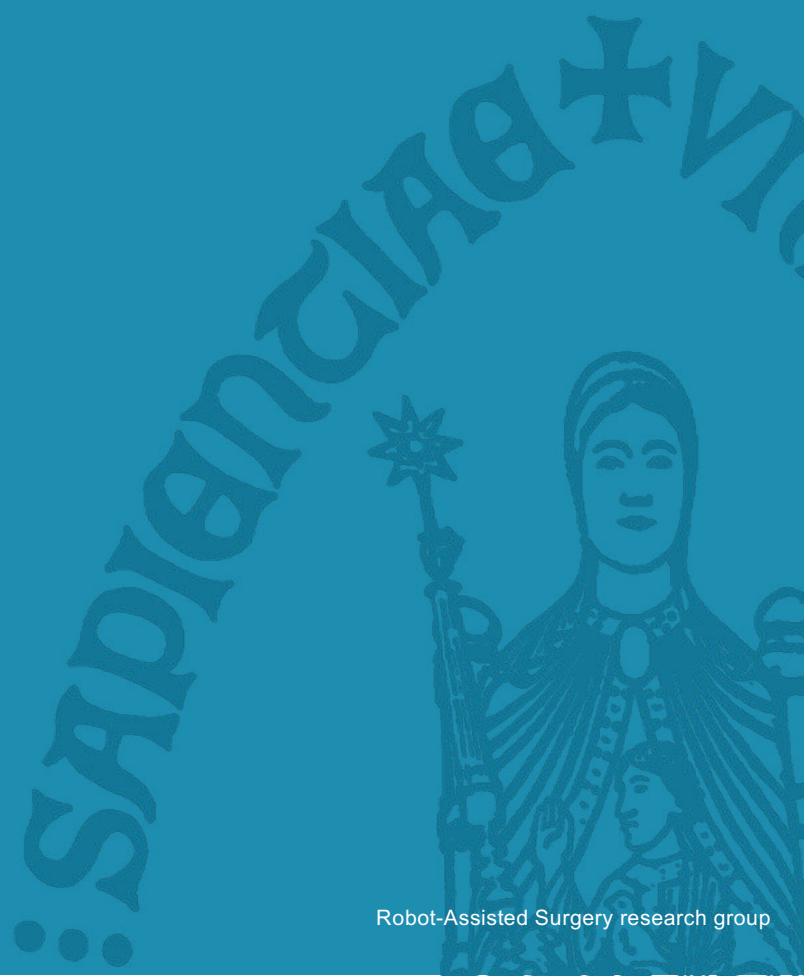
# Multi-arm robotic systems

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# Improved Awareness

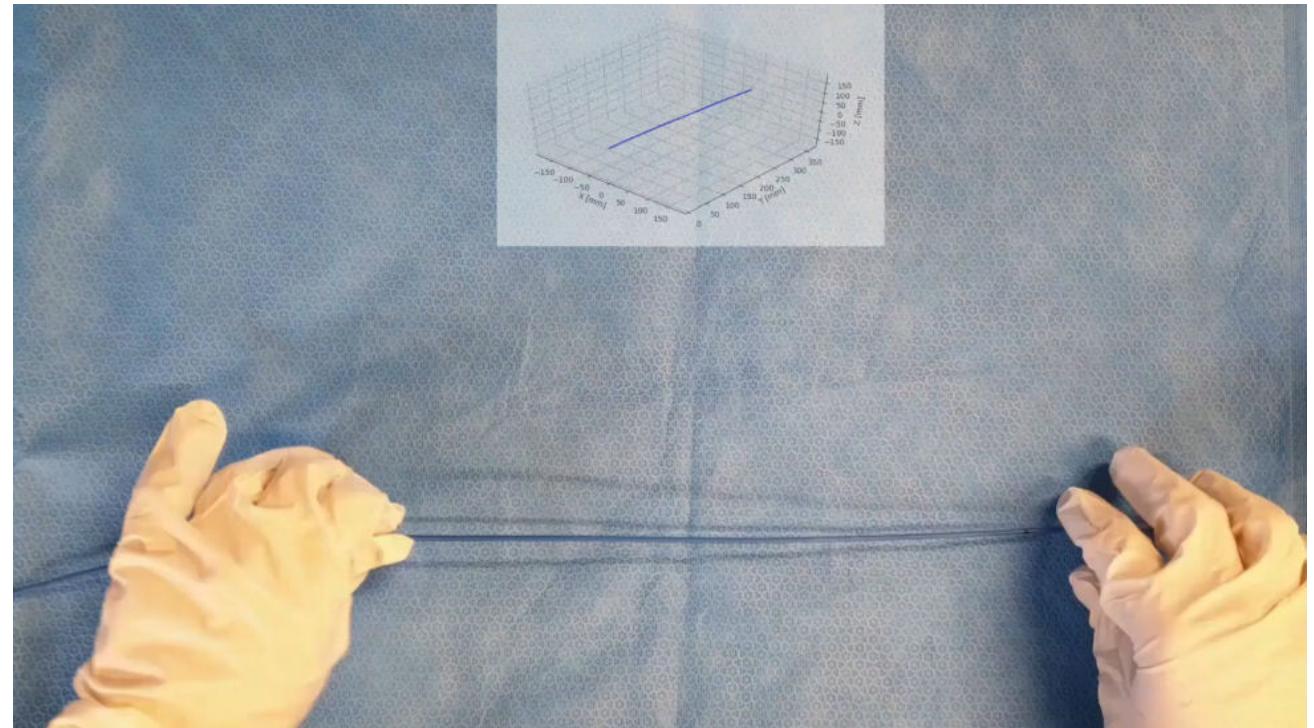
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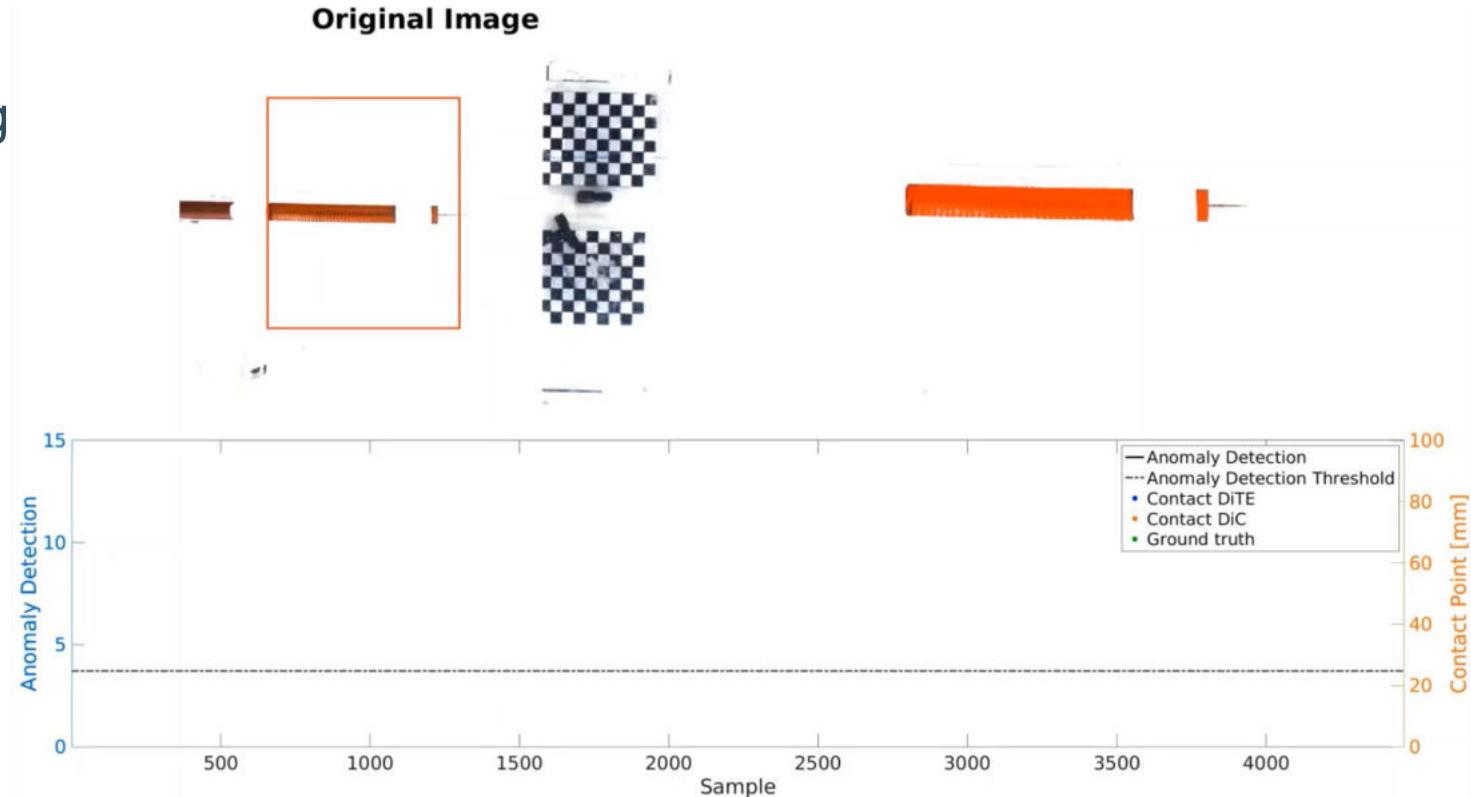
# Integrated sensing

shape sensing



# Integrated sensing

distributed force sensing



# Improved Intuitiveness

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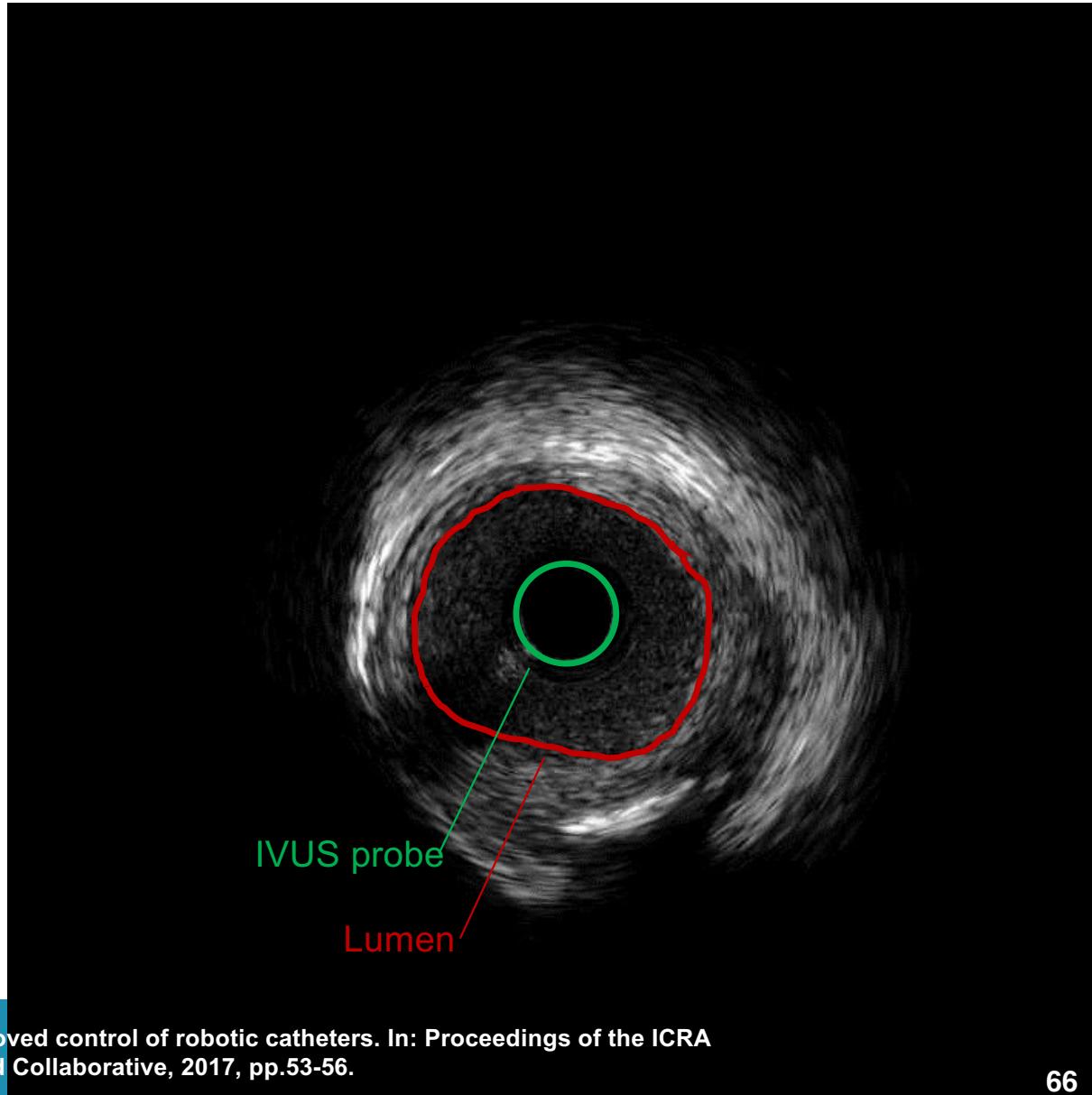
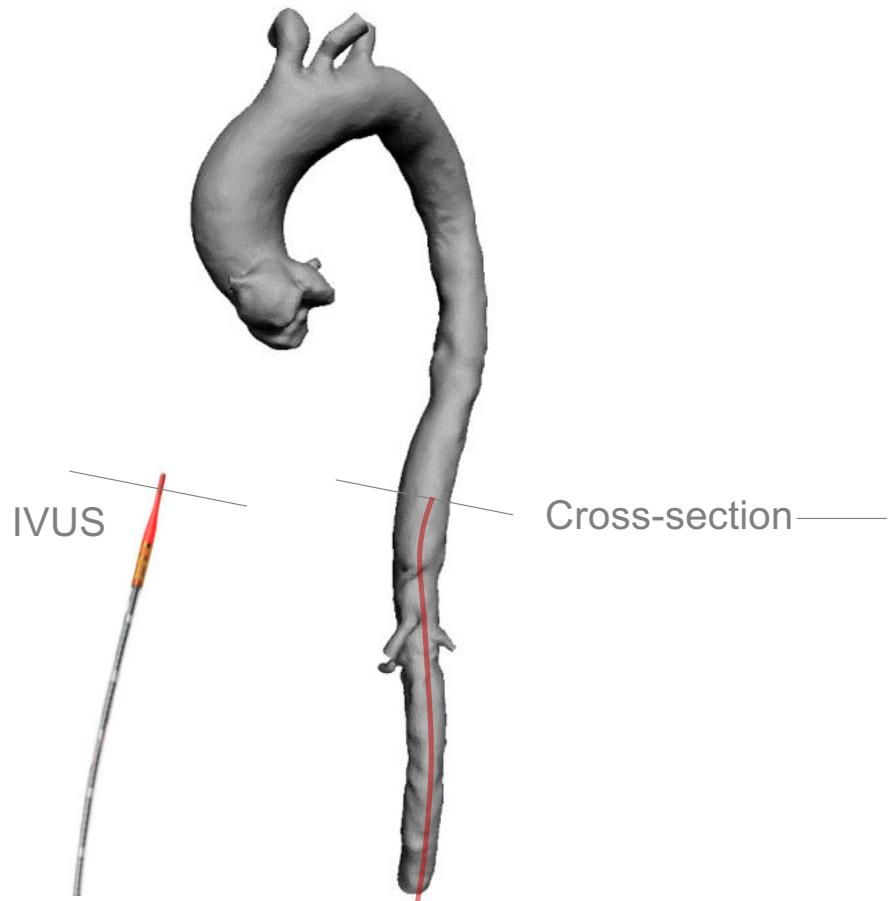


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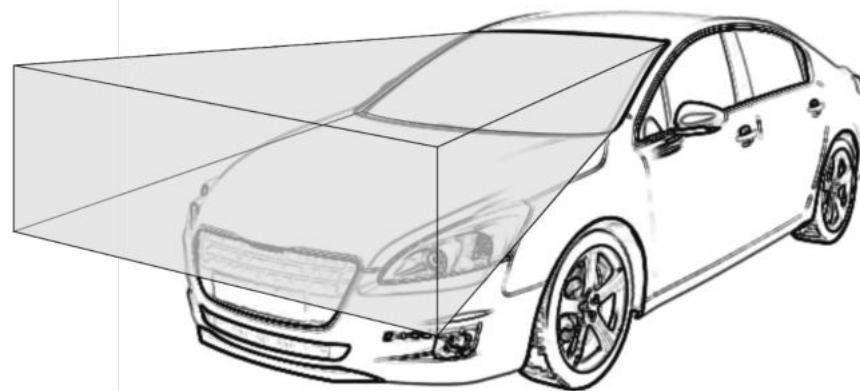
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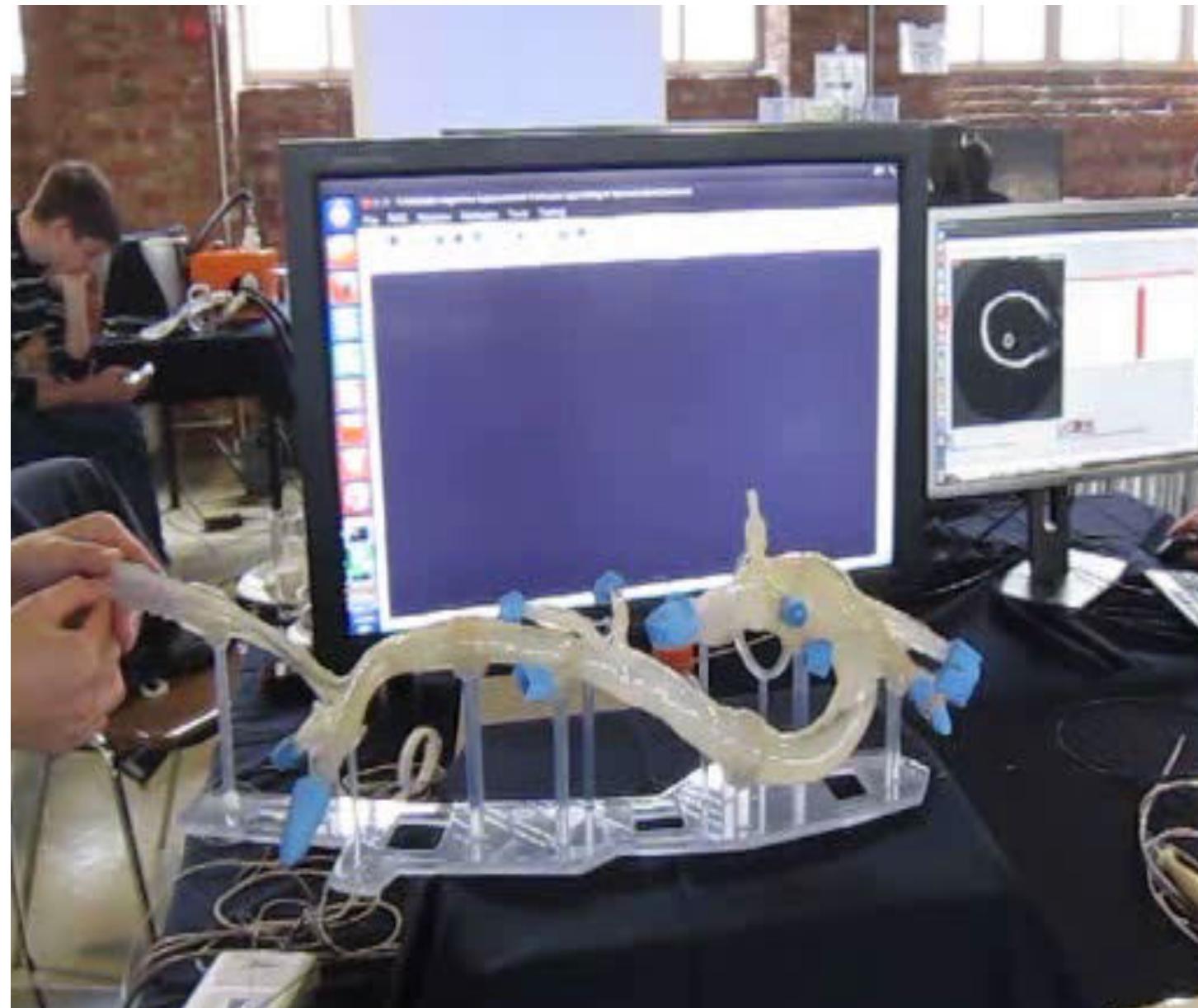
navigation assistance

## Vessel reconstruction



Tran PT., et al. IVUS-based local estimation of vessel geometry for improved control of robotic catheters. In: Proceedings of the ICRA workshop on C4 Surgical Robots: Compliant, Continuum, Cognitive and Collaborative, 2017, pp.53-56.



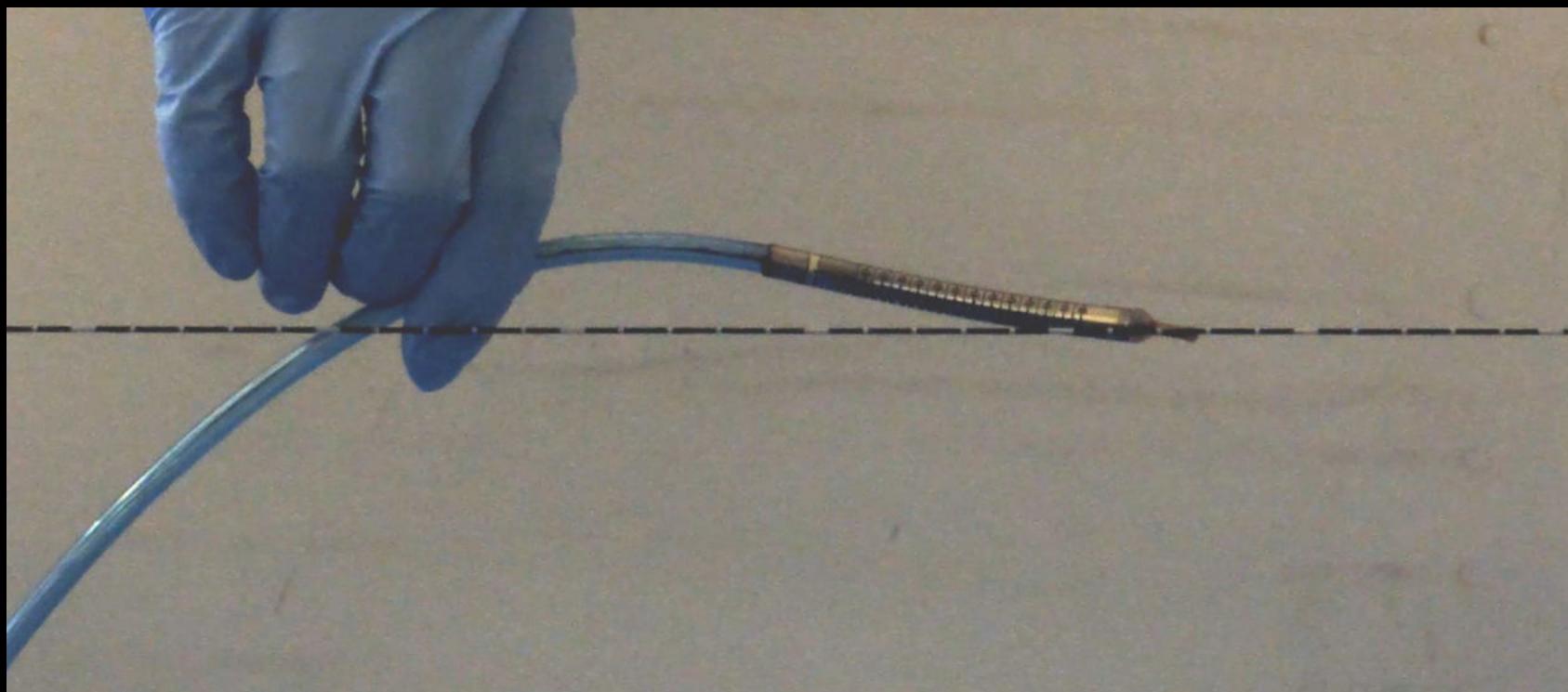


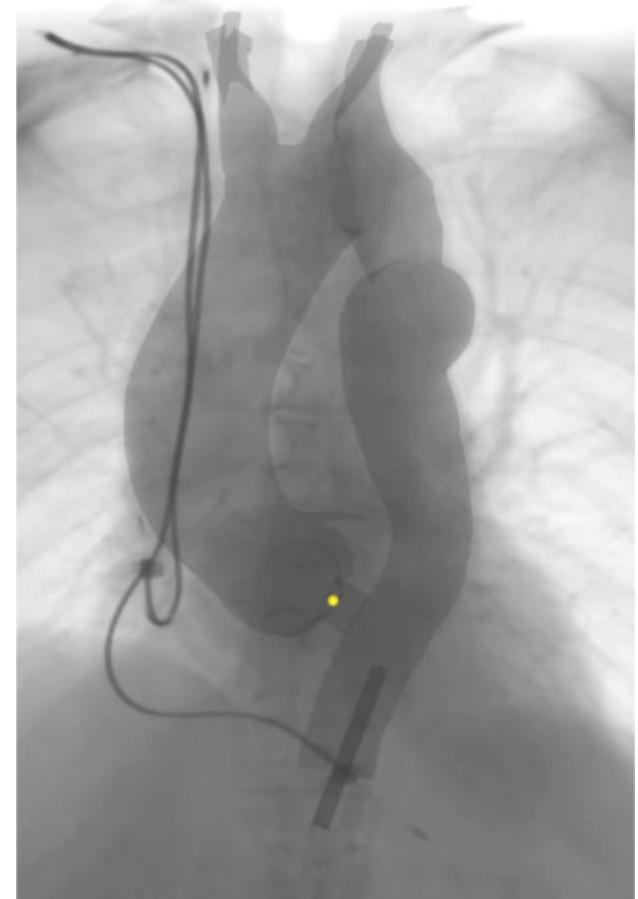
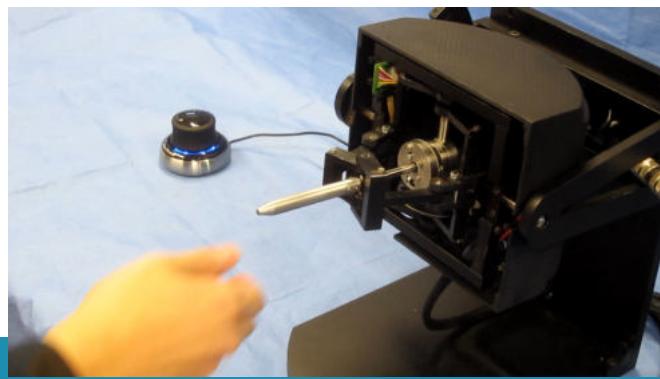
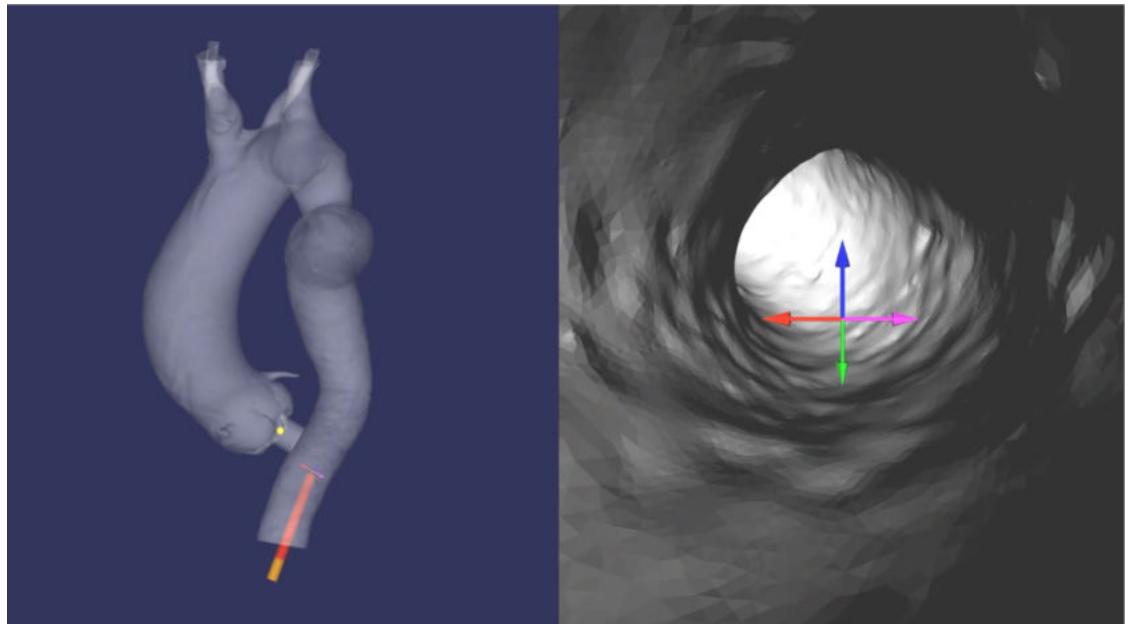
Imperial College  
London

The Hamlyn Centre  
for Robotic Surgery

**Materialise**   
*innovators you can count on*

L. Zhao et al., "SCEM+: Real-Time Robust Simultaneous Catheter and Environment Modeling for Endovascular Navigation", RAL 2016, 1(2), pp.961-968





# Trends

- improved ergonomy, lower learning curves
  - new treatment approaches
  - new sensors
  - new interfaces
  - autonomy
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- new therapies