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Conference Agenda			
Date	Time	Program Schedule//Venue	
06/11 Wednesday	Morning 8:00—8:30 Registration	Medical Robotics & Imaging Session	Tissue Engineering Session
	Morning 8: 30—8: 45 Opening address 8:45—12:00 Presentation 25 Min/Person Coffee break 20 Min	Medical Robotics, Imaging, & Tissue Engineering Haoran Building 102	
	12:00-13:00 Lunch	Faculty Club	
	Afternoon 13:15—17:25 Presentation 25 Min/Person Coffee break 25 Min	Medical Robotics & Imaging (I) Medical Robotics & Imaging (II) (The Museum of SJTU’s History,108)	Tissue Engineering (I) Tissue Engineering (II) (Med-X School, 218)
	18:00—19:30	Shun Feng Restaurant	
07/11 Thursday	Morning 8:30—11:50 Presentation 25 Min/Person Coffee break 25 Min	Medical Robotics & Imaging (III) (The Museum of SJTU’s History, 108)	Laboratory Visits
	11:50—12:50 Lunch	Faculty Club	
	Afternoon/Evening 13:30—21:30	Sightseeing: Shanghai City	

Welcome to the Stepping Stone Symposium on Medical Technologies

Dear symposium participants,

It is our honour and pleasure to welcome you to the Stepping Stone Symposium on Medical Technology.

In this symposium, we bring together researchers and clinicians from renowned Swiss and Chinese universities and hospitals so as to ensure scientific excellence. We also invited practitioners of innovation as speakers in order to keep societal needs in the perspective. We wish all participants an exciting and mentally stimulating conference.

Representing organising committee, we thank Shanghai Jiao Tong University, SSSTC, Med-X Research Institute of SJTU, Institute of Forming Technology and Equipment of SJTU, Shanghai Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics, Johnson and Johnson Medical Companies, Shanghai Ingenious Automation Technology Co., Ltd., and Swissnex China for their moral, intellectual, and financial support. Last but not least, we thank the scientific board members and various session chairs for shaping the programme and the speakers for their scientific contributions: without your support, this symposium would not have been possible.

Sincerely yours,

Le Xie

Lianfu Deng

Organising Committee



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Directions

The symposium will take place in the **Xuhui campus of Shanghai Jiao Tong University**.

How to reach the conference location **from Hengshan Hotel**:

Walk down Wanping Road and turn right to Guangyuan Road at the first crossing.

Walk on for about 10 mins (600 meters) to the crossing and turn right to Huashan Road. Lastly walk for 50 meters and you will see **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** on your left.

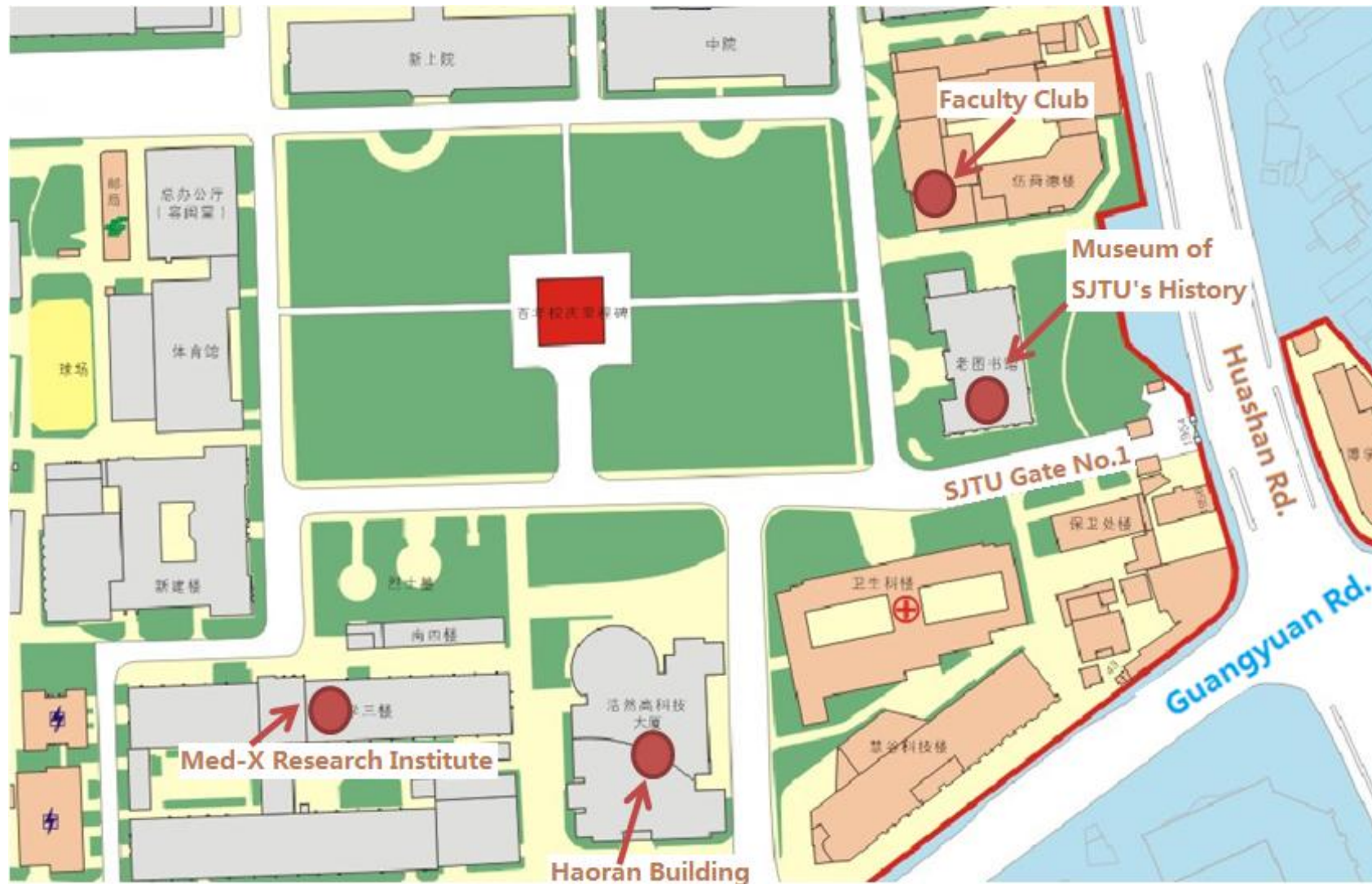
How to find the conference venues:

After you enter the **Xuhui campus of Shanghai Jiao Tong University** through Gat No.1, you will find the **Museum of SJTU's History** and the **Faculty Club** on your right, and the **Haoran Building** and **Med-X Research Institute** on your left.

The directions in details can be found from the following maps.



From Hengshan Hotel to Shanghai Jiao Tong University



Conference Venues (within the Xuhui Campus of Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Registration desk:

The registration desk is located in front of the conference room: **Haoran Building 102**. See also the site map above for further details.

It will open at 08:00am on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. After the first session it will be open and occupied every morning 30 min before the conference starts as well as before and after each session.

Walk-in registration will be possible during the conference at the beginning of each session.

Instructions to speakers:

To ensure that your presentation is loaded timely onto the presentation computer, please follow the instructions below and submit your presentation slides on November 5, 2013 to Juan Fang or Le Xie, or at the registration table on November 6/7.

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Programme

Wednesday, November 06, 2013

Haoran Building 102

08:00—08:30 **Registration**

08:30—08:45 **Opening Ceremony**

Session I Medical Robotics, Imaging & Tissue Engineering

Session chairs: **Shao-Xiang Zhang** (Third Military Medical University)

and **Ralph Müller** (ETH Zurich)

(Wednesday, November 06, 2013 Haoran Building 102)

(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and 5- minute discussion)

08:45—09:10 **Kerong Dai** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

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“Mechanobiology in Bone Tissue Engineering and Skeletal Regeneration”

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09:35—10:00 **Shao-Xiang Zhang** (Third Military Medical University)

“Chinese Visible Human Project and its application”

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10:00—10:20 **Coffee Break**

10:20—10:45 **Nikos Stergiopoulos** (EPFL)

“The Role of the Academic Lab in the Development of Frontline and Clinically

-Relevant Medical Technologies”

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10:45—11:10 **Marco Domenico Caversaccio** (University Hospital Bern)

“Navigation and Robotics in Paranasal Sinuses and Ear Surgery”

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11:10—11:35 **Yubo Fan** (Beihang University)

“Modeling and Its Applications of Orthopedic Biomechanics”

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11:35—12:00 **Marco Stampanoni** (ETH Zurich)

“Phase Contrast X-ray Imaging: New Frontiers in Medical Diagnostic”

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12:00—13:00 **Lunch**

Faculty Club

Session II Medical Robotics & Imaging (I)

Session chairs: **Erik Schkommodau** (University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland) and **Tiange Zhuang** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

(Wednesday, November 06, 2013 The Museum of SJTU's History, 108)

(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and 5- minute discussion)

13:15—13:40 **Wenwei Yu** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

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13:40—14:05 **Guoyan Zheng** (University of Bern)

“Medical Image Computing for Orthopaedic Applications” page 29

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14:30—14:55 **Christoph Teichler (Johnson & Johnson Medical Companies)**

“Product Development for Trauma Surgery in China: Current Challenges and Opportunities” page 46

14:55—15:20 **Lei Tang** (Southern Medical University of China)

“Construction and Visualization of High-Resolution Three-Dimensional Anatomical Structure Datasets for Chinese Digital Human” page 30

15:20—15:45 **Coffee Break**

Session III Medical Robotics & Imaging (II)

Session chairs: **Le Xie** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

and **Guoyan Zheng** (University of Bern)

(Wednesday, November 06, 2013 The Museum of SJTU's History, 108)

(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and 5- minute discussion)

15:45—16:10 **Erik Schkommodau** (University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland)

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16:10—16:35 **Tiange Zhuang** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

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- 16:35—17:00 **Brett Bell** (University of Bern)
- “High Accuracy Minimally Invasive Robotic Cochlear Implant Surgery” page 43
- 17:00—17:25 **Junjun Pan** (Beihang University)
- “A Medical VR Simulator in Laparoscopic Surgery for Rectum Cancer” page 38
- 18:00—19:30 **Dinner** **Shun Feng Restaurant**

Session IV Tissue Engineering (I)

Session chairs: **Doninique Pioletti** (EPFL)

and **Guo-Yuan YANG** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

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(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and 5- minute discussion)

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- 13:15—13:40 **Weihai Yin** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
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- 13:40—14:05 **Marcus Textor** (ETH Zurich)
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- 14:30—14:55 **Ursula Graf-Hausner** (Zurich University of Applied Sciences)
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- 14:55—15:20 **Xiaoling Zhang** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
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- 15:20—15:45 **Coffee Break**

Session V Tissue Engineering (II)

Session chairs: **Weihai Yin** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

and **Marcus Textor** (ETH Zurich)

(Wednesday, November 06, 2013 Med-X School, 218)

**(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and
5- minute discussion)**

15:45—16:10 **Doninique Pioletti** (EPFL)

“Drug Delivery, Implant-Tissue Bed Preparation, and Biomechanical Stimulus as Tools to
Enhance Musculoskeletal Tissues Formation” page 22

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16:35—17:00 **Marcy Zenobi-Wong** (ETH Zurich)

“Engineering Cell/cell and Cell/tissue Adhesion for Regenerative Medicine Application”
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Regeneration” page 47

18:00—19:30 **Dinner**

Shun Feng Restaurant

Thursday, November 07, 2013

Session VI Medical Robotics & Imaging (III)

Session chairs: **Lixu Gu** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

and **Markus Rudin** (ETH Zurich)

(Thursday, November 07, 2013 The Museum of SJTU's History, 108)

**(Each speaker has 25 minutes, including 20-minute speech and
5- minute discussion)**

08:30—08:55 Markus Rudin (ETH Zurich)

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08:55—09:20 Lixu Gu (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

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09:20—09:45 Beat Werner (University Children's Hospital Zurich)

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09:45—10:10 Gang Chai (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

“Precise Osteotomy of Craniofacial Surgery Through Augmented Reality” page 36

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10:35—11:00 Daniel Andr éR üfenacht (Clinic Hirslanden, Zurich)

“Computational Aneurysm Phantom: Its Potential for Use in Clinical Sciences” page 26-27

11:00—11:25 Juan Fang (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

“Robotics Design for Early Rehabilitation of Walking Based on Circle Approximation of the Toe Trajectory” page 40

10:25—11:50 Qing Wang (University Hospital of Lausanne)

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Faculty Club

Speakers



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AbstractTitle: Orthopaedic Application of 3D Printing Technology

Author/s: Kerong Dai

Keywords:

Abstract: U.S. "Time" magazine listed 3D printing technology into "America's top ten fastest-growing industries", and British "Economist" magazine believes that 3D printing technology will "promote the realization of the third industrial revolution together with other digital production modes".

In the medical field, 3D printing technology could meet the demand for individualized treatment that the patients and surgeons dreamed of. We could customize personalized prosthesis of all the joints and bones in limbs, head and face. Furthermore, the tissue engineering scaffolds that meet the individual requirements can be made through 3D printing technology, thus bone, cartilage, tendons and other tissues or bone/cartilage composite could be constructed by tissue engineering technology, and even in the process of 3D printing, the "planting" of cells and growth factors are completed simultaneously.



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Research Interest: Mechanobiology, Bioimaging, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

Professional History: Ralph Müller is a Professor of Biomechanics and the Deputy Head of the Department of Health Sciences and Technology at ETH Zurich. He received his doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering from ETH in 1994. Prior to his tenure at ETH Zurich, he served as an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Harvard University. The research he has completed and is currently pursuing employs state-of-the-art biomechanical testing and simulation techniques as well as novel bioimaging and visualization strategies for biological tissues. His approaches are now often used for precise phenotypic characterization of tissue response in regenerative medicine, mechanobiology and mammalian genetics. He is an author of over 500 peer-reviewed publications in international scientific journals and conference proceedings.

Abstract Title: Mechanobiology in bone tissue engineering and skeletal regeneration

Author/s: *Ralph Müller*
Keywords: *Mechanobiology, tissue engineering, skeletal regeneration*

Abstract: Mechanical forces play a central role in determining the 3D spatial organization of biological tissues. Biological processes such as tissue remodeling and repair are all influenced by a variety of mechanical and biochemical stimuli. Bone tissue, for example, utilizes mineralized collagen to resist both tensile and compressive stresses. Various elements such as cell migration, shape-change, orientation, or matrix synthesis, can be explained in terms of cell attachment sites, matrix anisotropy, stress-shielding, force vectors, or rates of strain. The research field investigating how cells interpret external loads imposed on their extracellular environment and how cell-substrate interactions are converted into biochemical signals in mechanically active tissues such as bone is referred to as mechanobiology. The importance of mechanobiology in tissue engineering is constantly growing: an understanding of the effect of mechanical stimuli on tissue growth is increasingly seen as the next major research focus in this area. Additionally, when designing novel materials and manufacturing methods for scaffold production, it is mandatory to consider deficiencies of scaffolds currently on the market, for example related to efficacy, handling, biocompatibility, biodegradability, and mechanical performance. In order to test in a systematic and controlled way the interaction between cells and scaffolds, and to assess the optimal scaffold parameters, both in vitro studies and computer simulations are necessary. Recently, a number of new microstructural imaging modalities have been put forward allowing quantification with high precision and accuracy. Using this approach, quantitative endpoints have become an important factor for success in functional tissue engineering and skeletal regeneration. Microtomographic imaging is key to these developments and is expected to shed light on the relationship between cell in-growth and viability and structural features of the host material. As part of the presentation, new strategies for advanced imaging techniques to improve and control tissue engineering strategies in skeletal applications will be presented. The focus will be on hierarchical micro- and nano-imaging as well as image-guided biomechanics and mechanobiology using both experimental and computational models of tissue regeneration in vitro and in vivo.



Research Interest:

Educational History:

Previous Positions:

AbstractTitle:

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Keywords:

Abstract:

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Visible human, digital medicine, computer assisted surgery

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Chinese Visible Human Project and its application

Shao-Xiang Zhang and Li-Wen Tan

Visible human, Chinese visible human, 3D reconstruction, Digital medicine

“Visible Human Project (VHP)” was initiated by US National Library of Medicine in 1989. Afterwards, the library signed contract with Health Science Center of the University of Colorado to formally carry out the project in August 1991. Accordingly, research team at the University of Colorado collected a structural data set of human body after obtaining successive sectional images. A digital image data set of a complete human male cadaver was acquired and made available for public use in November 1994, which aroused worldwide enthusiasm in this field. And remarkable social and economic benefit has been gained. Thereafter, some countries initiated their visible human project one after another. Korea started 5-year “Visible Korean Human (VKH)” project (Mar.2000—Feb.2005) in 2000 and first data set was derived from a patient with acquired cerebroma in 2001. China started its project in 1999 which the first data set of Chinese visible human was set up at The Third Military Medical University in October 2002. Before then, by utilizing data made public by US VHP, Chinese scientists in informatics had exerted themselves on preliminary work to pave the way for further achievement. Now VHP research is so promising a scientific field to meet the need of digital era and will be increasingly common in many areas relating with structure and function of human body, the deployment of Chinese Visible Human Project (CVHP) is of great strategic significance in science and technology.

Since it was build up nine years ago, CVH data set has been widely applicated in various fields including creating a human body model for radiation protection and for comparing images for B ultra sound diagnosis and making models for surgery simulation.



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 1994 – 2011 Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Department of Materials,
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AbstractTitle: 3D cell culture platforms for drug development and screening

Author/s: Maria Hakanson, Stefan Kobel, Matthias P. Lutolf, Marcus Textor, Edna Cukierman

Keywords:

Abstract: Increasing evidence shows that the cancer microenvironment affects both tumorigenesis and the response of cancer to drug treatment. Therefore in vitro models that selectively reflect characteristics of the in vivo environment are greatly needed. Current methods allow us to screen the effect of extrinsic parameters such as matrix composition and to model the complex and three-dimensional (3D) cancer environment. However, 3D models that reflect characteristics of the in vivo environment are typically too complex and do not allow the separation of discrete extrinsic parameters.

In this study we used a poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) hydrogel-based microwell array to model breast cancer cell behavior in multilayer cell clusters that allows a rigorous control of the environment. The innovative array fabrication enables different matrix proteins to be integrated into the bottom surface of microwells. Thereby, extrinsic parameters including dimensionality, type of matrix coating and the extent of cell-cell adhesion could be independently studied.

Our results suggest that cell to matrix interactions and increased cell-cell adhesion, at high cell density, induce independent effects on the response to Taxol in multilayer breast cancer cell clusters. In addition, comparing the levels of apoptosis and proliferation revealed that drug resistance mediated by cell-cell adhesion can be related to altered cell cycle regulation. Conversely, the matrix-dependent response to Taxol did not correlate with proliferation changes suggesting that cell death inhibition may be responsible for this effect.

The application of the PEG hydrogel platform provided novel insight into the independent role of extrinsic parameters controlling drug response. The presented platform may not only become a useful tool for basic research related to the role of the cancer microenvironment but could also serve as a complementary platform for in vitro drug development.

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Dr. Yang's major achievements were including: 1) He was the pioneer in the world to develop a middle cerebral artery occlusion and reperfusion model in mice; 2) the first to apply gene therapy for ischemic stroke in the world using adenoviral vector; 3) established a focal angiogenesis to treat focal brain ischemia and developed an arteriovenous malformation model in mice; 4) pioneeringly studied the morphology and distribution of cerebral vessels in mice using a synchrotron radiation angiography and; 5) stem cell therapy for cerebral vascular diseases.

AbstractTitle: Silica-coated superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles targeting of EPCs in ischemic brain injury
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Keywords:

Abstract:

Background and Purpose: Endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs) hold high therapeutic value for their capability of vascular re-pairing and post-ischemic neovascularization. Intravenous injection for stem cell transplantation is relatively non-invasive and more approximate to clinical application. However, only a small portion of injected cells migrate to sites of interest using this way. In present study, we investigate a novel approach to promote the migration of intravenously transplanted cells to cerebral ischemic region.

Methods: Human EPCs were transfected with superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (SPIO). Cell viability, proliferation, migration and tube formation were tested *in vitro*. Magnetic devices in the static and flowing condition were applied to test whether SPIO-transfected EPCs could be captured. Adult male ICR mice (n=60) underwent transient suture middle cerebral artery occlusion (tMCAO) and cell transplantation with or without magnetic application. Brain atrophy volume, neurobehavioral outcomes, microvessel counts, migration of EPCs and VEGF secretion quantification were examined at 2 weeks and 4 weeks after MCAO respectively.

Results: Cell viability, proliferation, migration and tube formation were not affected by SPIO and exterior magnetic field. SPIO-transfected EPCs can be captured *in vitro*. Brain atrophy volume was greatly reduced, neurobehavioral outcomes were largely improved and quantification of microvessel, EPCs migration and VEGF secretion were significantly increased in both magnet and SPIO-transfected EPCs treated mice compared with control mice at 2 weeks and 4 weeks after MCAO ($p<0.05$).

Conclusions: Magnetic targeting promoted cell engraftment and resulted in greater functional improvement in long-term observation. It proves to be a new and promising method in stem cell systemic transplantation.

is to target. The system was validated by animal studies on six porcine subjects.



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Tissue Engineering for Drug Development, Biomaterials, Bioprinting, 3D tissue models, automation

Professional History:

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AbstractTitle: Tissue Engineering for Drug Development and Substance Testing

Author/s: Ursula Graf-Hausner
Keywords: 3D organotypic tissue models, bioprinting, automation

Abstract:

Physiological relevance is a key parameter to improve predictivity of cellbased assays in drug discovery and toxicity testing for compound de-risking. The continually rising numbers of compound failures and increasing costs of drug and substance development are fostering the use of biologically more complex cell models in drug development. Conventional 2D culture conditions are highly limited as native tissue morphology and cell composition is not properly reflected. To create tissue-specific structures and function in vitro, cell cultures have to be translated into the third dimension.

Therefore, 3D cell culture technologies and associated analytical tools are essential for basic and pharmaceutical research as well as for the evaluation of chemicals and cosmetics. The talk covers the newest developments in the key areas of 3D cell culture technologies. This comprises enabling technologies to create advanced 3D tissues models as well as their implementation in substance testing.



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He is author of 4 text books and published over 100 papers. He has won many prizes at the State level and Munciple level and has been the vice chairman of the “Biomedical Information & Cybernetic Sub-society of Chinese Society of Biomedical Engineering”. He was the co-chair of the 27th Annual International Conference of IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society(EMBC’05) 2005, Shanghai.
Be the fellow of AIMBE (American Institute for Medical and Biology Engineering).

AbstractTitle: **From Xero(radio)graphy to modern X-ray based medical imaging**
Author/s: **Zhuang Tiange**
Keywords: **Xerography, CT, medical imaging**

Abstract: In this topic the speaker will summarize the path of development of X-ray based medical imaging since 1895.The speaker indicates that the development course can be divided into three stages: the 1st stage covers the year from 1895 to 1971,. In this period radiology has not made any advance since Roentgen discovered X-ray except for the development of Xeroradiography. The later invoked a new principle in its method of recording; The 2nd stage is from 1972 to 1989. In this period the landmark is the invention of CT. It dominated radiology area from 1972-1980. However from 1980 to 1989 it developed rather slow until spiral CT was invented in 1989.. The 3rd stage began from 1990 and is still going on in full swing. This is the most contributive period. Many new devices were developed. However, most of the ideas involved were conceived in the 1st and 2nd stages. The speaker then talk about the impact of IT to the X-ray imaging, especially the Flat Panel Detectors. The speaker indicated that Xeroradiography play a significant role in the development of FPD. Finally the speaker will share their research on triple-source helical cone beam CT.



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Prof. Dominique Pioletti received his Master in Physics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (known as EPFL) in 1992. He pursued his education in the same Institution and obtained his PhD in biomechanics in 1997. He developed original constitutive laws taking into account viscoelasticity in large deformations. Then he spent two years at UCSD as post-doc fellow acquiring know-how in cell and molecular biology. He was interested in particular to gene expression of bone cells in contact to orthopedic implant. From 2006 to 2013, he was an Assistant Professor at EPFL and since August 2013, was appointed Associate Professor of Biomechanics at EPFL. He is the director of the Laboratory of Biomechanical Orthopedics. His research topics include: Biomechanics of the musculoskeletal system; Mechano-transduction in bone; Development of orthopedic implant as drug delivery system; and Functional tissue engineering.

AbstractTitle: **Drug delivery, implant-tissue bed preparation, and biomechanical stimulus as tools to enhance musculoskeletal tissues formation**

Author/s: *Dominique Pioletti*
Keywords:

Abstract:

Anchorage of a screw in low bone quality, treatment of cartilage defect, sinus augmentation are all examples of clinical situations where a tissue formation is needed. In this talk I will present different strategies to increase tissue formation around implant or inside scaffold. These strategies are based on the use of the implant as drug delivery, the preparation of the implant-tissue bed preparation or the application of biomechanical stimulus. Corresponding clinical situations where these strategies could be used will be presented.



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- 2) Mechanisms of neural cell death and cancer cell death;
- 3) oxidative stress and energy metabolism;
- 4) mechanisms of synchrotron radiation X-ray-mediated tissue injury.

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AbstractTitle: Strategies and Mechanisms of Tissue Injury and Neuroprotection

Author/s: Weihai Ying, Tissue Injury, Neuroprotection, Cell Death, NAD+, Synchrotron Radiation X-ray

Keywords:

Abstract:

I will present our novel findings on the following topics:

- 1) NAD+ in cell death and tissue injury;
- 2) Roles of NAD+ in tumor cell death;
- 3) Applications of nanoparticles to carry NAD+ into cells
- 4) Roles of SIRT2 in cell death and tissue injury;
- 5) Roles of CD38 in cell death and tissue injury;
- 6) Mechanisms underlying synchrotron radiation-induced tissue injury.



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Structural, functional & molecular imaging in biomedical research; Neuroscience and Cancer

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AbstractTitle: Noninvasive imaging: from anatomical structures to cellular and molecular processes

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Keywords: Biomedical imaging, Rodents, Neuroscience, Cancer

Abstract:

Today, non-invasive multimodal imaging has emerged as indispensable tool in biomedical research enabling the characterization of tissue at a structural, physiological, metabolic, cellular and molecular level. This information is used to address fundamental biological questions, for phenotyping of pathological tissue transformation (diagnosis) and for the evaluation of therapeutic interventions. Imaging is inherently translational, i.e. the same methods can be applied in the clinical examination and in studies involving experimental animals. Depending on whether structural, functional or molecular issues are addressed, the imaging strategy has to fulfill different requirements regarding spatial resolution, temporal resolution, sensitivity, and molecular specificity.

Mice and in particular genetically engineered mice have become essential in biomedical research both for basic research studies and as model of human diseases. The challenge in mouse imaging is the need for high spatial resolution and correspondingly for high sensitivity (i.e. high signal to noise ratio SNR). Similarly, deriving molecular information faces sensitivity issues as molecular events may occur at low frequency. Increases in sensitivity, i.e. high SNR can be achieved by increasing the signal (increasing the payload, i.e. the amount of signal generating moieties), or by reducing the noise and/or the background signal. Physiological conditions have to be maintained as stable as possible in order to minimize fluctuations in the signal caused by the biological sample. Today, these problems are largely solved and high resolution images or images displaying specific physiological and molecular processes can be obtained from anaesthetized mice. The lecture will illustrate the potential of non-invasive multimodal mouse imaging using examples from neuroscience and oncology.



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AbstractTitle: **Medical robot&virtual surgery**
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Keywords: *Minimally invasive surgical robot; Rehabilitation robot; Virtual surgery; haptic*

Abstract: The minimally invasive surgical assistant robot is developed rapidly in the world recent years, the slave-master minimally invasive surgical assistant robot prototypesystem is developed, in which the force measuring in slave robot and haptic feedback in master robot are especially discussed.

The exoskeleton robotic could be used in rehabilitation engineering, the exoskeleton rehabilitation robot for upper limb and lower limb are developed, the key technology in which is discussed.

The cardio surgery and laparoscope surgeryneed long time to train. Combining with surgery the virtual reality technology is able to use in surgical training, which could reduce the doctor training time, fee and practice operation risk. The virtual cardio surgery and laparoscope surgery are researched, especially the haptic technology in virtual surgery is discussed.

Virtual reality could also be used in the rehabilitation training and evaluating, the virtual rehabilitation training is discussed.



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AbstractTitle: Computational Aneurysm Phantom: its Potential for Use in Clinical Sciences

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Keywords: intracranial aneurysms, neurovascular disease, imaging biomarker, endovascular treatment

Abstract:

Numerical assessment and simulation, as a "virtual reality" method for better disease understanding and planning endovascular treatment of aneurysms disease, has in recent years received increasing attention by engineering and by medical as well as by basic and by clinical scientists.

Intracranial aneurysm disease presents with a low, but risky incidence of hemorrhage (10/100'000/y) due to rupture, while there is a high prevalence of silent lesions (approx. 3000/100'000) that, today are increasingly found incidentally on a regular brain imaging examination. Once diagnosed, the incidental finding of an aneurysm leads to the difficult question of whether to treat or not a patient to prevent him from experiencing a risky aneurysm bleeding. With diagnosis based on imaging information, use of an image disease surrogate, a computational phantom, would be welcome and efficient in many ways. While the wall of an aneurysm is too thin to be directly visualized by imaging, the characterization of its biomechanical strength is a matter of indirect assessment. With all currently used medical imaging evaluation methods for aneurysms, able of providing flow-based and contrast-material enhanced visualization of the circulating blood, a digital 3D replica of the vascular lumen can be easily produced for more detailed analysis. Current concepts suggest that blood governs wall remodeling by multiple biological steps. The process starts with flow induced thrombus adhesion (atherothrombosis) to the wall, leading secondarily to the release of biological mediators of inflammation and ensuing destructive remodeling. Destructive wall remodeling jeopardizes the mechanical wall integrity (circumscribed softening and expansion of the aneurysm shape). These are the critical steps of the mechano-biological transduction chain in aneurysm disease as is understood today. Further illumination of the exact interconnection of these steps is a matter of continuous research, involving validation and computational biology studies, with the potential of further unraveling the secrets of this degenerative arterial disease in the interest of understanding and developing predictive capabilities to estimate the evolution potential of an incidental aneurysm and with the potential of simulating and designing flow modulating corrective endovascular measures.

Today, the computational aneurysm phantom has become the most promising instrument for characterizing reproducibly intracranial aneurysms, potentially allowing for predicting their evolution in an individual case and help prepare for flow correction measures using endovascular treatment methods involving devices such as special stents (flow diverters).



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The best poster award (2003), 17th congress of computer assisted radiology and surgery (CARS) in London, UK.
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AbstractTitle:

RImage Guided Cardiac Intervention Using MTS and Intro-operative US

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Abstract:

We propose an augmented magnetic navigation system for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) which employs a magnetic tracking system (MTS) with a dynamic aortic model and intra-operative ultrasound (US) images. The dynamic 3D aortic model is constructed based on the preoperative 4D computed tomography (CT), which is animated according to the real time electrocardiograph (ECG) input of patient. And a preoperative planning is performed to determine the target position of the aortic valve prosthesis. In order to synchronize the ECG signals, a synchronize mechanism designed by this research is performed to achieve the temporal alignment of the three different inputs. Afterwards, with the assistance of synchronized ECG signals, the spatial registration is performed to register the contour of aortic root automatic extracted from short axis US image by a feature based registration intra-operatively. Then the augmented MTS guides the surgeon to confidently position and deploy the aortic valve prosthesis to target. The system was validated by animal studies on six porcine subjects.



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AbstractTitle: Medical Image Computing for Orthopaedic Applications

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Keywords: Medical Image Computing, Orthopaedics, statistical shape modeling, 2D/3D reconstruction

Abstract:

The role of medical image computing in computer assisted orthopaedic diagnosis and interventions is continuously increasing. Recent innovations in medical imaging technology are revolutionizing diagnosis, therapy planning and follow-up, and allow for multi-modal, multi-temporal, and multi-subject assessment. A consequence is that accurate and automated quantitative image computing has become indispensable to computer assisted orthopaedic diagnosis and interventions. In this talk, I will discuss the state-of-the-art medical image computing technologies for orthopaedics, with a focus on the construction and the application of a variety of statistical shape models of human skeleton in orthopaedics.



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AbstractTitle: Construction and visualization of high-resolution three-dimensional anatomical structure datasets for Chinese Digital Human

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Keywords: **Chinese Digital Human, anatomical atlas, extremely large data processing, three-dimensional modeling, visualization**

Abstract: The objective of the China Digital Human Project (CDH) is to digitize and visualize the anatomical structures of human body. In the project, a database with information of morphology, physical characteristics and physiological function will be constructed. The raw data of CDH which was completed in the Southern Medical University is employed. In Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), the frozen section images are preprocessed, segmented, labeled in accordance with the major organs and tissues of human beings, and reconstructed into three-dimensional (3D) models in parallel on high performance computing clusters (HPC). Some visualization software for 2D atlas and 3D models are developed based on the new dataset with high resolution (0.1 mm × 0.1 mm × 0.2 mm). In order to share, release and popularize the above work, a website (www.vch.org.cn) is online. The dataset is one of the most important parts in the national information database and the medical infrastructure.



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AbstractTitle:

Navigation and robotics in paranasal sinuses and ear surgery

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Keywords:

Navigation, robotics, ORL

Abstract:

Navigation and robotics in paranasal sinuses and ear surgery MARCO CAVERSACCIO(Switzerland).

Navigation surgery of the paranasal sinuses its frequently performed, on the lateral skull base is a rare intervention in daily practice. In case of changed anatomy e.g. chronic infection, tumors the normal anatomical landmarks are often missing rendering the orientation for the surgeon more difficult. Navigation together with imaging like CT, MR and Angiography support the surgeon in such cases to perform the operation more accurate and in some cases also in shorter time. Worldwide, no clear indications for navigated surgery on the anterior and lateral skull base exist. With the incorporation of augmented reality, image guided PET, CT, actual cone beam CT images surgery will evolve into information guided surgery. Since 16 years we are developing and evaluating enabling navigations surgery tools for simulation, planning, training, education and performance in Bern. This clinically applied technological research was complemented by a series of patients who were treated between 1996 and 2012. Our last development focused on a telemanipulator(robot) supporting the surgeon during the operation for hearing implants.

The goal of this instructional course is to learn more about the basics and clinical application with the navigation and robot technology.

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Abstract Title: Stem cells: two sides of the coin
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Keywords: Mesenchymal stem cells, bone regeneration, osteosarcoma

Abstract: Stem cells, especially for the bone marrow derived mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs), can promote the tissue repair or regeneration with great application potential in orthopaedic clinic. By applying the BMP-2 gene transfected MSCs loading on several kinds of scaffolds, we have demonstrated enhanced bone repair in various animal models including the critical-size segmental bone defects in weight bearing animals or aged animals, periprosthetic bone defects, and experimental necrosis of femoral head.

However, recent studies also indicated that the stem cells could contribute to the tumor growth. We have demonstrated that the hMSCs could target osteosarcoma and promote its growth and pulmonary metastasis. We found that the conditioned medium from MSCs could stimulate the growth of osteosarcoma cells (Saos-2) *in vitro*. It was also found that STAT3 was activated and that the activation could be blocked by an IL-6-neutralizing antibody. The inhibition of STAT3 in Saos-2 cells by siRNA or AG490 decreased cell proliferation, migration and invasion, down-regulated the mRNA expression of Cyclin D, Bcl-xL and Survivin and enhanced the apoptotic response. Furthermore, a nude mouse osteosarcoma model was established by injecting luciferase-labeled Saos-2 cells into the tibia, and the effect of STAT3 on tumor growth was determined by treating the mice with AG490. Altogether, our data indicate that MSCs in the bone microenvironment might promote the progression of osteosarcoma and protect tumor cells from drug-induced apoptosis through IL-6/STAT3 signaling.



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AbstractTitle: The role of the academic lab in the development of frontline and clinically-relevant medical technologies

Author/s: Nikos Stergiopoulos
Keywords: Swiss medtech landscape, startup creation, implantable devices

Abstract: Switzerland holds a prominent place in the medical device world. Academic institutions furnish qualified scientists and engineers and collaborate closely with the medical device industry. As major medical device companies become increasingly risk-averse and medical device startups are often under money and time pressure during their development, I believe there is a huge potential for academic labs to invest energy and know-how into not only inventing technology and developing prototypes but also going through the entire cycle of development of clinically-relevant devices. In my talk I will discuss this opportunity and I will use as example the strategy and approach we use at the Laboratory of Hemodynamics and Cardiovascular Technology in developing a novel implant for the surgical treatment of glaucoma. I will also make reference to earlier developments done on devices to treat congenital heart disease, morbid obesity as well as devices for local drug delivery.



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Stem cells and bone and cartilage regeneration, development of novel tissue engineering biomaterial scaffolds and nano-gene delivery system
 Xiaoling Zhang, Ph.D. , Professor of Institute of Health Sciences, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (SJTUSM) & Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences (SIBS), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). She received her Ph.D. in sports medicine from Peking University, China in 2003. Dr. Zhang got many awards, such as, Award of Shanghai Unilever (2005), Best Paper Awards for Young Investigator of 29th FIMS World congress of Sport Medicine (2006), Shanghai Rising-star Program of Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality (2007), Raine International Visiting Research Fellowship of University of Western Australia (2008), Meiji Life Sciences Award (2010), Shanghai Aurora talent program of Shanghai Municipal Education Commission (2010), Shanghai Rising-star Following Program of Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality (2011), Morningstar A program of Shanghai Jiao Tong University (2012). Dr. Zhang has authored over 50 scientific papers including some in Biomaterials, J Ortho Res, Arthritis Res Ther, Spine, J Control Release, Osteoporos Int, J Cell Mol Med.

AbstractTitle:

The Strategy of Metallic Implants Coating Enhance BMSCs Osteogenesis and Bone Regeneration

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Keywords:

porous tantalum, CaO-ZrO₂-SiO₂, coating, osteogenesis, bone regeneration

Abstract:

In the last few years, great interest has been focused on tissue engineering as a potential therapeutic approach for musculoskeletal diseases. The role of metallic implants either for osteo-synthesis or for arthroplasty has been tested in preclinical and clinical settings. An ideal implant material should have appropriate elastic modulus, corrosion resistance, good biocompatibility and favor bone anchorage. However, most medical implant materials do not simultaneously fulfill all these characteristics. Accordingly, various coatings have been developed to improve the biocompatibility and osseointegration of load-bearing materials. In our study, porous tantalum coating and CaO-ZrO₂-SiO₂ (CZS) coating were first successfully fabricated on titanium substrates by plasma spraying, porous tantalum coating exert the excellent biocompatibility of tantalum and alleviate the elastic modulus of tantalum for bone tissue, CZS coating have good bioactivity, high bonding strength with the substrate. We evaluated cytocompatibility and osteogenesis activity of these coatings using human bone marrow stromal cells (hBMSCs) and its ability to repair rabbit femur bone defects . The morphology and actin cytoskeletons of hBMSCs were observed via electron microscopy and confocal, and the cell viability, proliferation and osteogenic differentiation potential of hBMSCs were examined quantitatively by PrestoBlue assay, Ki67 immunofluorescence assay, real-time PCR technology and ALP staining. For in vivo detection, the repaired femur were evaluated by histomorphology and double fluorescence labeling 3 months postoperation. Porous tantalum coating and CZS coating surfaces promoted hBMSCs adhesion, proliferation, osteogenesis activity and had better osseointegration and faster new bone formation rate than titanium coating control. Our observations suggested that the porous tantalum coating and CZS coating had good biocompatibility and could enhance osseointegration in vitro and promote new bone formation in vivo, which is a promising strategy for bone regeneration.



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AbstractTitle: **TOOL MOUNTED NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR COMPUTER AIDED SURGERY**
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Keywords: *Computer assisted surgery, miniaturized tracking system*

Abstract:

Background: Currently existing optical navigation systems have ergonomic disadvantages such as size, the "line of sight" problem and extended registration procedures. The operation room becomes crowded by additional installations and competitive supporting devices around the patient. These points reduce and limit the acceptance of navigation systems for further applications. But especially for surgical quality management, navigation systems have a high potential as objective measurement systems.

Method: A miniaturised measuring and navigation system, which is directly fixed at the surgical tool, could overcome these limitations and fulfil the requirements demanded by current and future operation rooms. Minimizing the distance between situ and camera promises an increased accuracy, a reduced "line of sight problem", intuitive handling and one coordinate transformation less. However, such a setting reduces the navigation working space available, needs a sterile system, a new marker design and special requirements for the cameras. The developed prototypes were tested in vitro using Synbones™ and ex vivo at anatomical specimen. Following surgical pilot applications were defined and considered during the studies: maxillofacial restoration osteotomy, hip replacement and unicondylar knee replacements (UKR). Special emphasis was placed on measured and recorded accuracy and miniaturised hardware.

Results: Hard and software components have been tested for UKR application in an ex vivo study. Clinical trials for maxillofacial restoration osteotomy were carried out at the University Hospital Basel.

The accuracy of the presented systems was evaluated in vitro with two setups. After intrinsic and extrinsic camera calibration with a 3D calibration specimen, the accuracy (RMS) of a single point of the 3D point coordinates of the calibration specimen could be determined with 0,020 mm in z-axis and 0,010 mm in x/y-axis. In another setup the accuracy was measured in 3D with a fixed camera system and two markers rigidly fixed together. The marker system was moved around working space. The repeat accuracy of the distances between the two markers was 0,025 mm (RMS).



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AbstractTitle: Precise osteotomy of craniofacial surgery through augmented reality

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Keywords: Augmented reality ;craniofacial;

Abstract:

Background: Augmented reality (AR) can provide an overlay of the anatomical structure, or visual cues of specific landmarks, which were previously scanned with computed tomography (CT). In this study, an AR Toolkit used to define osteotomy according to operative plan.

Methods: 20 patients were involved in our study. All the patients performed pre-operative CT scan. The dental cast along with the occlusal splint were prepared by doctors, which could be recognized by the AR Toolkit. The occlusal splint and marker (OSM) were transformed to 3D data by scanning. Afterwards OSM digital data and the mandible image were integrated to generate the virtual image. By video monitoring system, we acquired a virtual image of the designed plan onto the anatomical sites.

Results: The technology was successfully used in 20 patients. The deviations of position and angle between the pre-operative designed cutting plane and the actual cutting plane were minor without significant difference.

Conclusion: Augmented reality tools like AR Toolkit may be helpful for precise osteotomy in craniofacial surgery.



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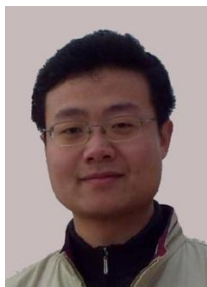
AbstractTitle: Phase contrast X-ray imaging: new frontiers in medical diagnostic

Author/s: Marco Stampanoni

Keywords: Medical X-ray imaging, coherent X-ray imaging, phase contrast X-ray imaging, mammography

Abstract:

A crucial characteristic of coherent beams is their intrinsic capability of generating interference signals and, as a consequence, to provide access to phase information in the investigated sample. The Swiss Light Source operates TOMCAT, a beamline dedicated to TOMographic Microscopy and Coherent rAdiology experimenTs. This beamline provides cutting-edge equipment for tomographic experiment and offers the necessary instrumentation for phase contrast imaging at spatial resolution ranging over three orders of magnitude and a time frequency of few Hz for a whole 3D data set. Recently, as a result of our translational imaging activities, we successfully carried out the first phase-contrast enhanced mammography clinical study on humans, investigating non-fixed breast mastectomy samples using a conventional X-ray source and a grating interferometer. Grating-based phase contrast and scattering X-ray imaging are intrinsically capable of detecting subtle differences in the electron density of soft tissue and of measuring the effective integrated local small-angle scattering power generated by the microscopic density fluctuations in a specimen. Our approach simultaneously records absorption, differential phase and small angle scattering signals and combine these quantities into novel, high frequency enhanced radiographic images. Supported by scientific cases, this talk will illustrate the methods implemented to record phase contrast 2D and 3D dataset for imaging single cells, at 100 nm resolution, tiny samples and small animals, at 1 and 10 micron resolution respectively. Further, I will discuss issues related to the interpretation of phase-contrast enhanced mammographic images (50-100 microns resolution) and discuss their relevance and the potential for early breast cancer detection.



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Abstract Title: A Medical VR Simulator in Laparoscopic Surgery for Rectum Cancer

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Keywords: *laparoscopic surgery simulation; virtual reality; Rectum Cancer*

Abstract: Colorectal cancer is the third commonest cancer in the UK, with approximately 40,000 new cases diagnosed every year. And 90% of cases are suitable for a laparoscopic surgery treatment. At present there is a relative lack of surgeons trained to perform such demanding surgery. This is particularly true for rectal cancer surgery, which is the most complex and technically challenging for the laparoscopic colorectal surgeon. Medical simulators with vision and haptic feedback techniques offer a cost-effective and efficient alternative to the traditional medical trainings. They have been used to train doctors in many specialties of medicine, allowing tasks to be practised in a safe and repetitive manner. In this research, we design and develop a virtual-reality (VR) system which will help to influence surgeons' learning curves in laparoscopic surgery of the rectum.

Data from MRI of the rectum and real operation videos are used to construct the virtual models. A haptic force filter based on radial basis functions is designed to offer realistic and smooth force feedback. To handle collision detection efficiently, a hybrid model is presented to compute the deformation of intestines. Finally, a multi-layer mass spring model is presented to cope with the deformation and the dissection simulation of the rectum.

Fast and realistic solutions of soft tissues with large deformation, such as intestines, prove extremely challenging. We introduces our latest contribution to this endeavour. With this system, the user can haptically operate with the virtual rectum and simultaneously watch the soft tissue deformation. Our system has been tested by colorectal surgeons who believe that the simulated tactile and visual feedbacks are realistic. It could replace the traditional training process and effectively transfer surgical skills to novices.



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AbstractTitle: **Trancranial MR Imaging Guided Focused Ultrasound for the Treatment of Functional Brain Disorders**

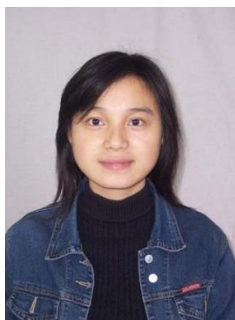
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Keywords: *Focused Ultrasound, Brain, Neurosurgery, Non-invasive*

Abstract:

For over 50 years researchers have been seeking for a way to perform non-invasive thermal ablation for brain treatments. Recent technical advances allowed the clinical introduction of Magnetic Resonance guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for non-invasive surgery under closed loop image guidance and control throughout all steps of the intervention process. MR-imaging allows for precise intraprocedural localization of the ablation target, definition and verification of safety margins for the ultrasound treatment, real-time monitoring of thermal ablation dynamics, and intra- and post-treatment assessment of intervention results. Thanks to its non-invasiveness Focused Ultrasound minimizes the risk of bleeding and infection and avoids collateral damage to non-targeted tissue. In addition, it does not involve ionizing radiation. Transcranial application of MR guided Focused Ultrasound, therefore, promises to become an important new modality for neurosurgical interventions and is envisioned to enable novel treatment strategies against a variety of brain diseases.

Here, we will present a short introduction into this exciting technology and give an overview of the clinical studies conducted at the Center for MR-Research in Zurich.



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AbstractTitle:

Robotics Design for Early Rehabilitation of Walking Based on Circle Approximation of the Toe Trajectory

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Pendulum model, locomotion, toe trajectory, early rehabilitation of walking

Abstract:

Rehabilitation of walking is an essential element of therapy for patients with motor impairments. To promote walking function in the early post-injury phase for patients who cannot maintain an upright position, robotic system for the early rehabilitation of walking requires with two features: 1) provision of stepping for users in a supine position; 2) coordinated walking-like movements in the hip, knee and ankle joints.

End-effector control of the foot trajectory is an effective design approach for gait orthoses. Normal gait data suggest that the toe trajectory relative to the hip joint over the whole gait cycle can be well approximated by a circle with center near the hip and radius approximately equal to the leg length. The functions of the center offset and the radius with the walking speed and the leg length were obtained through the walking data from a gait experiment on 24 able-bodied subjects walking at 7 different speeds. This circle-approximation of the toe movement provides the basis for using a swaying rigid driven bar for toe movement during normal gait.

Based on circle approximation of the toe trajectory, we developed three prototype gait robots for supine stepping: the Gait Orthosis for Early Rehabilitation (GOER), the Leg Drive system and a modified Erigo system. Each adopts a swaying driven bar connected to a rotating foot plate with axis at the toe. The driven bar pivots near the hip joint, and moves the toe upwards and downwards for generation of the swing and stance phases. The three systems employ different actuator setups for foot rotation but they all produce walking-like motion.

It is demonstrated that the circle-approximation concept for the toe trajectory embodied in these devices provides a unique tool for the design of robotic orthoses for early gait rehabilitation.



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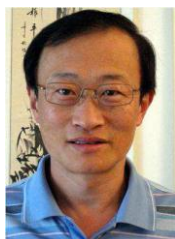
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AbstractTitle: Engineering cell/cell and cell/tissue adhesion for regenerative medicine application

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Abstract: Current cell-based therapies for tissue regeneration are hampered by poor cell retention and poor control over the cell's microenvironment. As a result, fibrous tissue is often formed instead of true regenerated tissue. In our laboratory, we use multiple approaches to improve the outcome of clinical treatments, with a particular focus on healing cartilage lesions. Our approach includes designing functional materials which mimic certain aspects of the native 3D extracellular environment, by the use of collagen mimetic peptides or high sulfation. We have found that these materials induce cells to proliferate while preserving their organotypic expression. Furthermore we are developing techniques to treat the surface of tissues, to become adherent to cells and biomaterials important in regeneration. Finally, biofabrication techniques such as 3D printing can be used to assembly these materials into layers, thereby recreating the zonal structure of tissue. This research lays the foundation for improving current clinical strategies for treating cartilage lesions.



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Abstract:

Invasive blood pressure (BP) monitoring system is daily used for operated and intensive care patients in hospital. This conventional BP monitoring system is complicated and inconvenient, and has potential risks of thrombosis, infection, and bleeding. Moreover, this system is difficult to move with the patient or hospital beds. Although non-invasive method including 24-hour ABPM is widely employed for measuring BP at home and hospital, it is not used for beat-by-beat continuously and accurately monitoring BP and is difficult to accurately monitor BP in some physiological and pathological state such as renal dialysis patient with arterial calcification or during sleep period, etc.

Today, wireless biosensors are increasingly applied for improving Human and animal vital signal monitoring system that can improve research and medical practice quality. This requires innovative high-precision micro technology. We have recently developed an implantable and portable wireless pressure monitoring system that can be applied for real-time continuously and accurately monitoring BP. The new system consists of a battery-free telemetric pressure sensing unit that can be easily connected to cardiovascular catheter, a Bluetooth relay station, specific software, and computer/notebook. BP signals can be sent to a notebook via the telemetric pressure sensing unit and the Bluetooth unit. This telemetric BP monitoring system is enabling for (1) real-time continuously and accurately monitoring arterial and venous blood pressure, and ventricular pressure, etc; (2) blood sampling and drug delivery. This telemetric BP monitoring system has been tested in intensive care patients and animals.

Further investigation is to increase communication distance between the implantable telemetric pressure device and receiver, and to improve the telemetry chip's data transmission bandwidth in order to accurately monitoring some high frequency vital signals such as left ventricular pressure etc in small rodent animals.



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Abstract Title: Robot Assisted Minimally Invasive Surgery for Cochlear Implantation

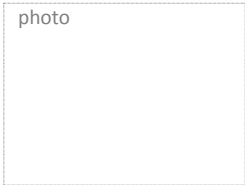
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Abstract:

The main aim of cochlear implants (CIs) is to overcome hearing loss by direct electrical stimulation of the spiral ganglion cells of the inner ear. While technological progress in the past two decades has led to powerful implantable devices, the actual implantation procedure remains a challenging task. Conventionally, the surgical procedure involves a mastoidectomy, which is the surgical removal of a large portion of the region of the skull directly behind the ear (mastoid) in order to safely uncover and identify anatomical landmarks which aid the surgeon in creating a mental map of the area. This process enables the surgeon to determine the approximate location of and to avoid damage to critical anatomy such as the facial nerve (responsible for motor responses of the face), labyrinth (part of the greater cochlea), chorda tympani (the 'taste' nerve), etc. Once access is gained to the middle ear cavity, a small hole is created in the cochlea, and the implant electrode is inserted.

We have developed a robot assisted minimally invasive intervention for cochlear implantation. The robot system consists of a five degree of freedom serial kinematics arm, a custom drill unit attached to the end effector, a high precision stereo camera system, and a non-invasive head holder. The surgical workflow associated with its use has been investigated extensively over the past 3 years. The process begins with the insertion of small fiducial screws into the mastoid bone. Next, a high resolution CT scan is made, followed by computer assisted planning of the intervention, wherein anatomical structures of the facial recess are identified. Finally, the patient is brought to the OR and prepared for surgery. The robotic procedure begins with registration of the fiducial screws. Once performed, the robot can then automatically drill the small tunnel to the cochlea for insertion. Finally, the electrode is inserted into the cochlea.



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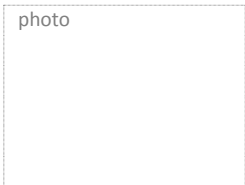
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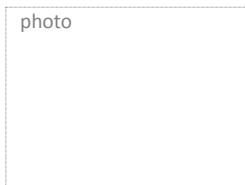
Developing Orthopedic Trauma products for Asia poses several challenges. Asia-Pacific is a regional term, which presents a vast diversity of cultures, developmental status and needs. While some populations are well developed, having similar needs as western countries, others are at an earlier stage of development.

Chinas strong growth in particular has attracted increased focus from multinational companies previously primarily focusing on western markets. This change of focus brings forth a multitude of challenges.

Language barriers, different needs, cultural barriers new customer profiles in the new markets demand a different approach than what these companies are accustomed to.

A discussion on the different approaches.

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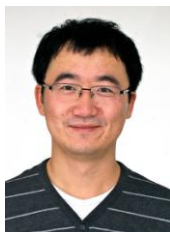
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AbstractTitle: Quantitative volumetric breast density estimation using phase contrast mammography

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Keywords: Breast density, phase contrast imaging, mammography

Abstract:

Phase contrast mammography using a grating interferometer is an emerging technology for breast imaging. It provides complementary information to the conventional absorption-based methods. Additional diagnostic values could be further obtained by retrieving quantitative information from the three physical signals (absorption, differential phase and small-angle scattering) yielded simultaneously. We report a non-parametric quantitative volumetric breast density estimation method by exploring the absorption and small-angle scattering signal together. The proposed method is evaluated by phantom study and clinical mastectomy breast dataset. 27 samples with known in-vivo diagnostic breast densities (BI-RADS scores) were included in the study and the diagnostic results were used as the ground-truth for comparison. The estimated VBD results using the proposed method are consistent with the pre-surgical diagnostic results, indicating the effectiveness of this method in breast density estimation. A positive correlation is found between the estimated VBD and the diagnostic BI-RADS score for both the CC view ($p=0.033$) and AP view ($p=0.001$). A linear regression between the results of the CC view and AP view showed a correlation coefficient $\gamma = 0.77$, which could further confirm the effectiveness and robustness of the proposed method. This method is believed to provide more accurate, quantitative information regarding the breast density and solve the subjectivity of the current clinical methods.