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# Automating Treatment Planning in Radiation Therapy

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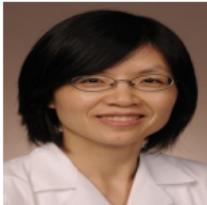
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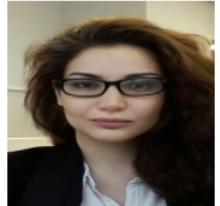
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- Patient Head Motion Correction in External Beam Radiation Therapy
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Linear Accelerator Systems (MRI-LINACs)
  - Intensity-Modulated RT (IMRT): Earlier PhD Work
- Beam Orientation Optimization (BOO)
  - Monte Carlo Tree Search and Neuro-Dynamic Programming for BOO
  - Column Generation as Pretraining for MCTS for BOO
- Robustness Margins and Robust Deep Policies for Nonlinear Control

# Research Significance

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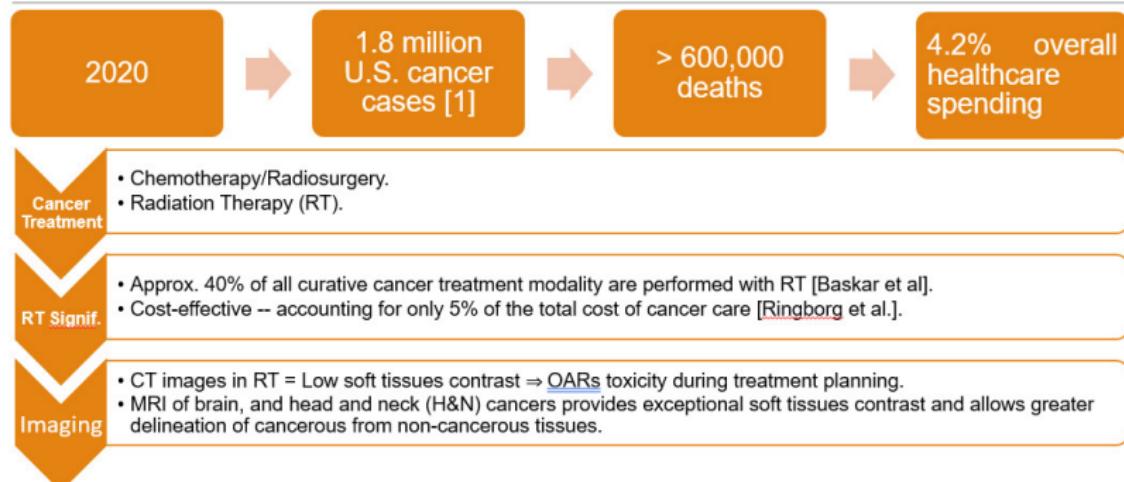
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# IMRT Treatment Planning (Beam Delivery)

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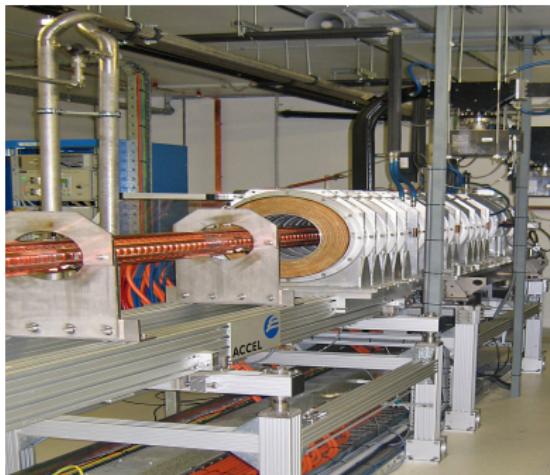
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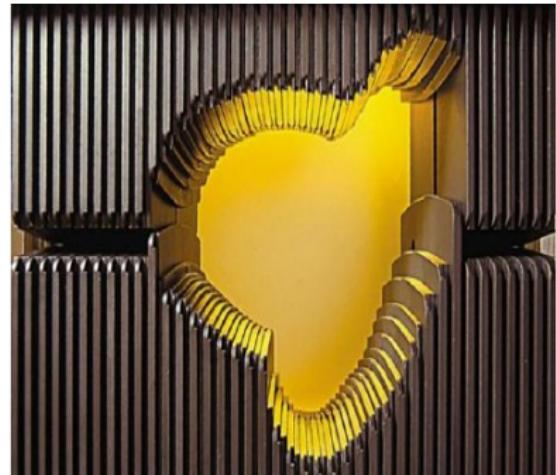
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The Australian Synchrotron.



Multi-leaf collimator (Varian)

# Radiation Delivery Couch and Gantry

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Varian's TrueBeam Radiotherapy System.

# Head Stabilization in Radiation Therapy (RT)

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- Head Stabilization in Cancer Radiation Therapy
  - Intensity-Modulated RT (IMRT): Earlier PhD Work

# Simulation Testbed

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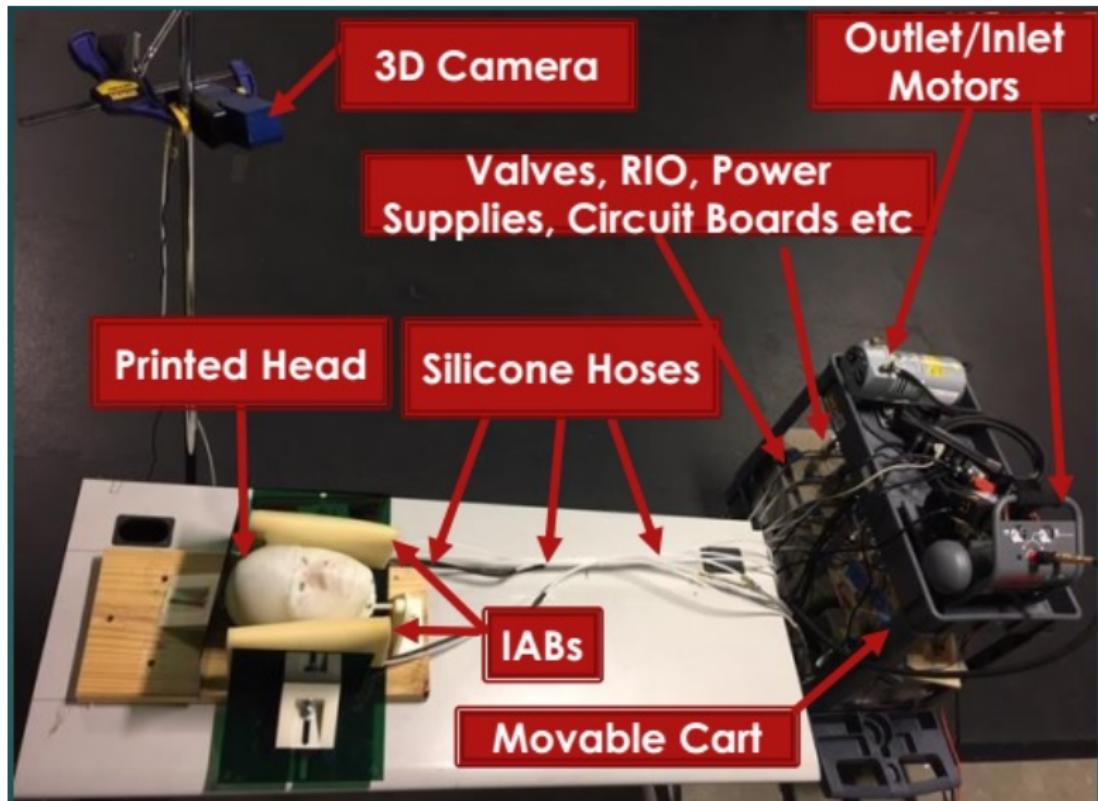
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- Stabilize  $z$ , pitch, and roll states, *i.e.*

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ \theta \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

- By solving an adaptive state feedback controller, optimal regulation, and minimize parametric uncertainties

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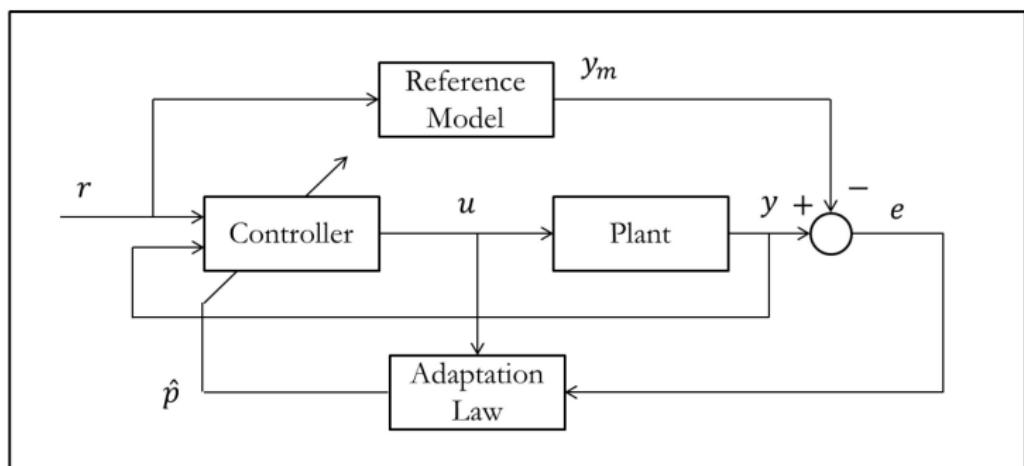
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- Provide closed loop tracking given a desired trajectory,  $r$
- Robustify system to (non-)parametric uncertainties



Indirect MRAC system. (Source mdpi.com)

# Model Reference Adaptive Control

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- Model head and bladder dynamics as
  - $\dot{x} = Ax + B\Lambda(u - f(x, u)) + w(k)$
- Approximate  $f(x, u)$  by a neural network with continuous memory states
- Derive adaptive adjustment mechanism from Lyapunov analysis for Adaptive Control Parks (1966)
  - $u = \underbrace{\hat{K}_x^T x}_{\text{state feedback}} + \underbrace{\hat{K}_r^T r}_{\text{optimal regulator}} + \underbrace{\hat{f}(x, u)}_{\text{approximator}}$

# Neural Network Architecture

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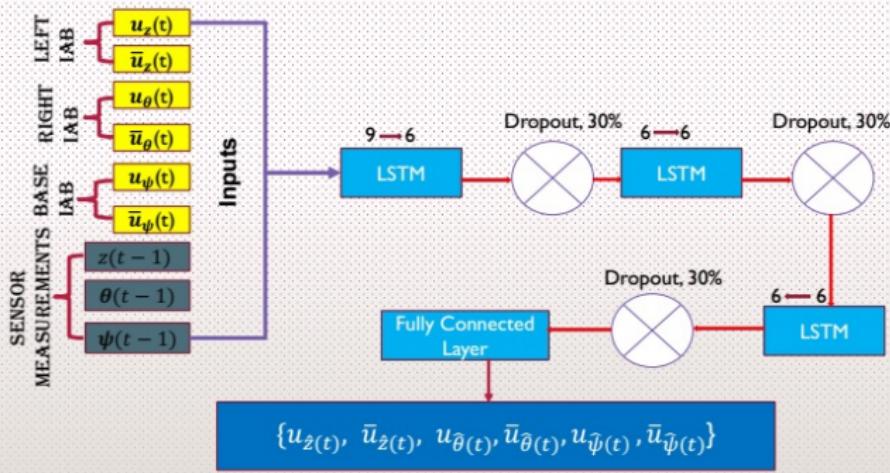
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## Neural Net Architecture



# Lyapunov Redesign: Theorem

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- For correct adaptive gains,  $\hat{\mathbf{K}}_x$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{K}}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}(k)$  is ***uniformly ultimately bounded***, and the state  $\mathbf{x}$  converges to a neighborhood of  $\mathbf{r}$ .
- Choose a  $\mathbf{V}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{e}$ ;  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_x^T$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_r^T$ ; and parameter error  $\varepsilon_f(\mathbf{x}(k))$  space

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{e}, \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_x, \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_r^T) = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{e} + \text{tr}(\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_x^T \Gamma_x^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_x^T |\Lambda|) + \text{tr}(\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_r^T \Gamma_r^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_r^T |\Lambda|)$$

# Stability Results: Ogunmolu et al. (2017)

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$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{V}}(\cdot) &= -\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{e} - 2\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_f \\ &\leq -\lambda_{low} \|\mathbf{e}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{e}\| \|\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B}\| \lambda_{high}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{max}\end{aligned}$$

- $\{\lambda_{low}, \lambda_{high}\} \equiv \min/\max \text{ eigenvalues of } Q \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ .
- $\dot{\mathbf{V}}(\cdot)$  is thus negative definite outside the compact set:  
$$\chi = \left( \mathbf{e} : \|\mathbf{e}\| \leq \frac{2\|\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B}\| \lambda_{high}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{max}(\mathbf{y})}{\lambda_{low}(Q)} \right)$$
  - i.e.  $\mathbf{e}$  is uniformly ultimately bounded, or  $\mathbf{y}(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Results: Z and Pitch Motions

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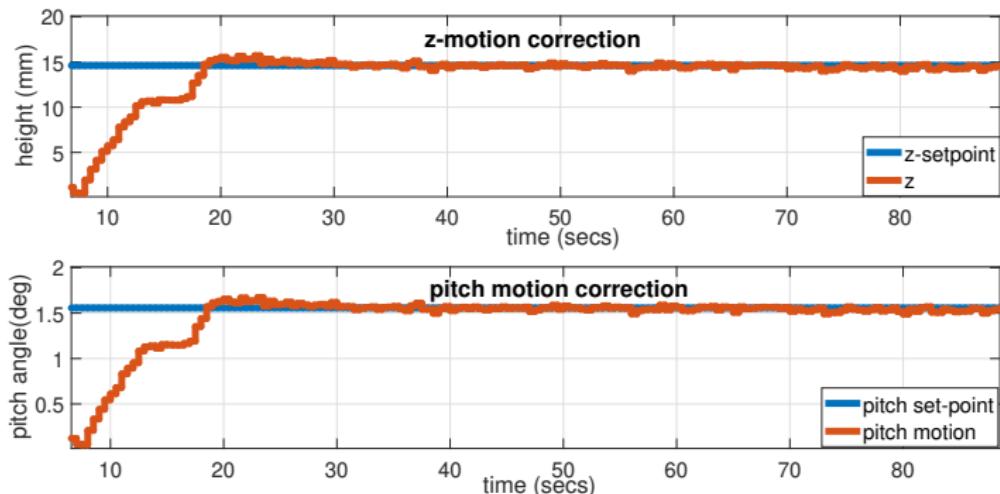
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Goal command:  $(z, \theta, \phi) = (14\text{mm}, 1.6^\circ, 45^\circ)^T$ .

# Results: Roll Motion

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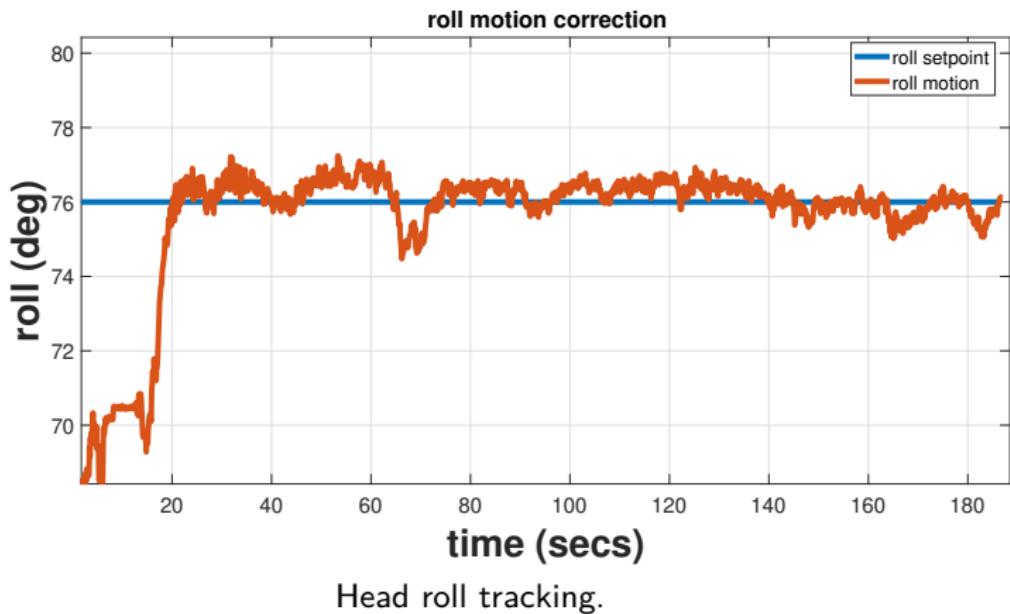
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# Conclusions

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- Non-invasive soft robot for head motion compensation ✓
- Photons-transparent as opposed to rigid/electro-mechanical devices/robots ✓
- Adaptable under MRI coils for newer MRI-LINACs ✓

# Head Stabilization in RT

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- Head Stabilization in Cancer Radiation Therapy
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## A Patient Head Motion-Correction Mechanism for MRI-LINAC RT

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# Correcting Head Motion: RT and MRI-LINACs

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(a) The BRW SRS Frame [Chelvarajah et al. (2004)]



(b) Thermoplastic masks



(c) Frame With MRI Coils (PSOM)

# 4-D Motion Correction Stage

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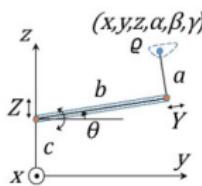
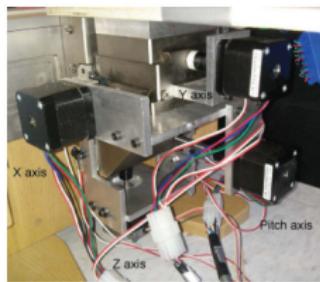
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Liu et al. (2015)

# 4-DOF Motion Controller Block Diagram

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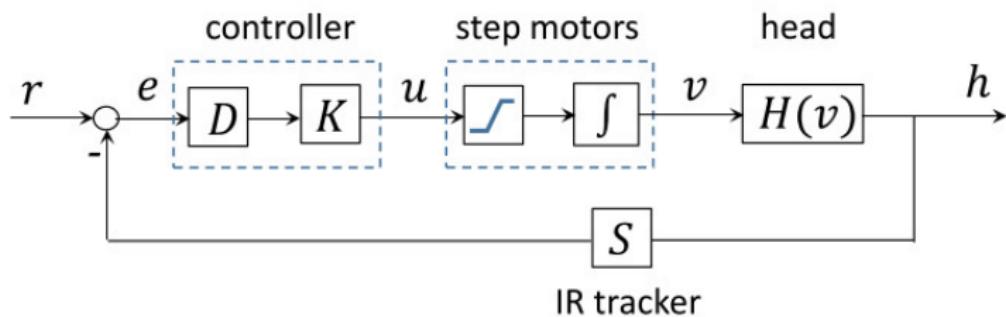
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# Phantom Feedback Motion Correction Results

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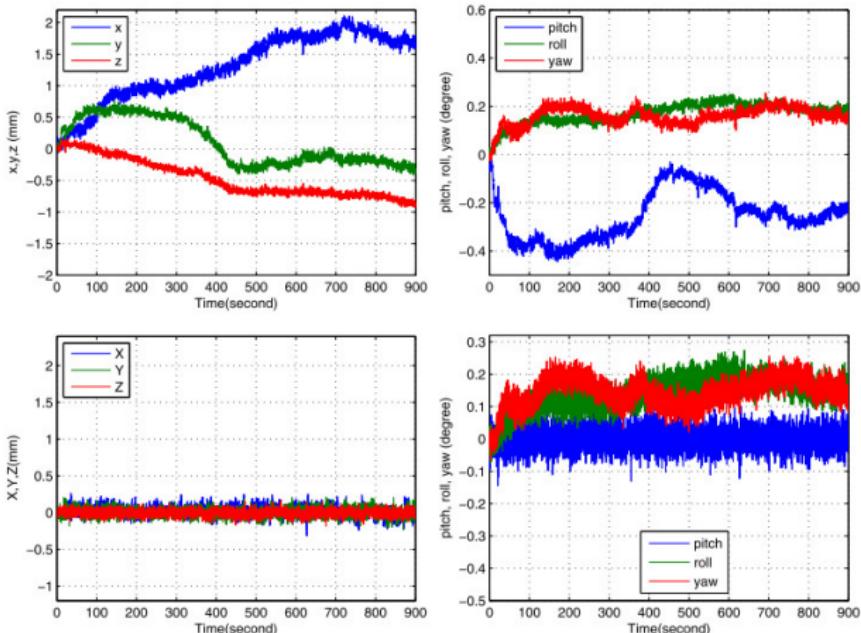
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Time response of feedback control without (left) and with (right) decoupling control [Liu et al. (2015)].

# Human Volunteer Feedback Motion Correction Results

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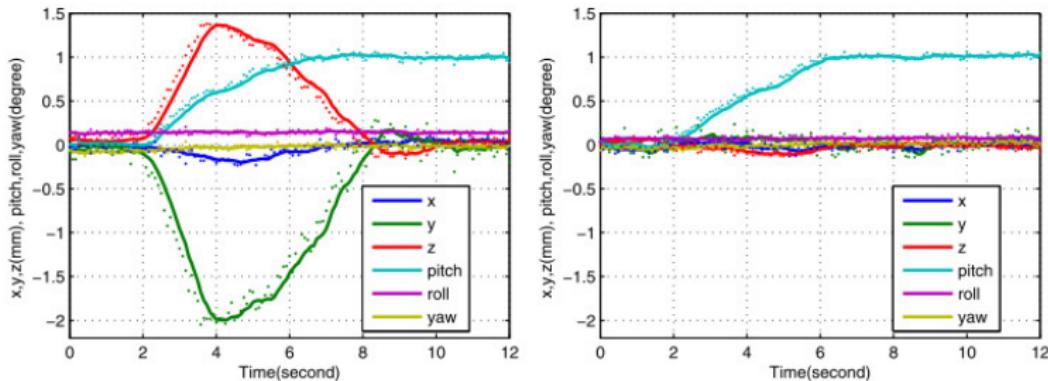
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Head Motion Without and With Motion Correction. Left: Coupled Axes; Right: Decoupled Axes.

# SRS: Wiersma Stewart-Gough Platform

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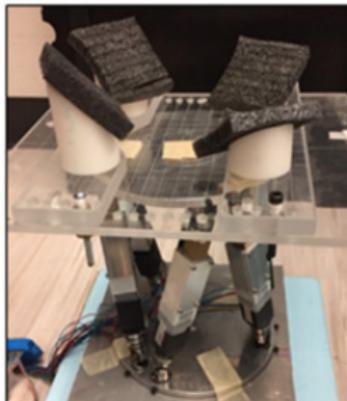
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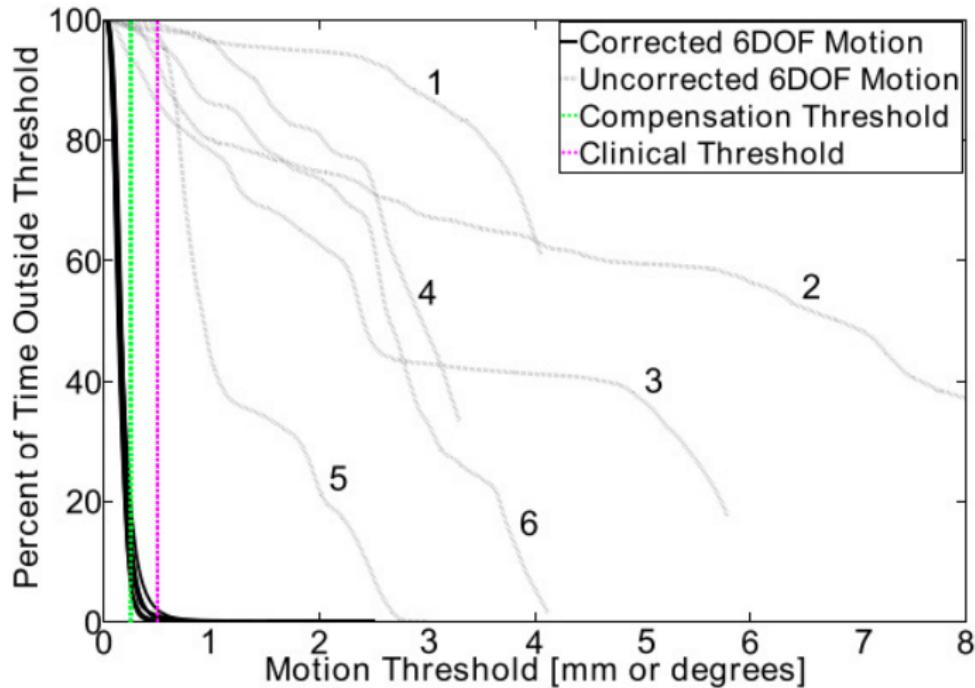
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# Next-Gen RT Treatment with MRI-LINACs

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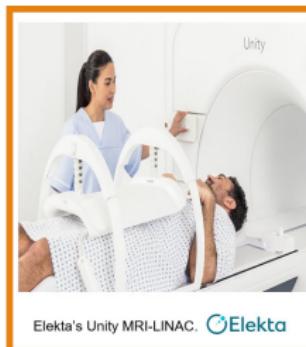
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Elekta's Unity MRI-LINAC.



MagnetTx



MRIDIAN by ViewRay: MR image guidance Radiation on table Adaptive Radiotherapy.



## MRI in LINAC RT

- Next generation precision beam delivery.
  - High speed, high resolution MLC.
  - Online plan adaptation capabilities.
- 
- MRI that offers superior soft tissues visualization integrated with linear accelerator (LINAC) RT Offers univiewed, online, and real-time cancer RT treatment [Raaymakers et al., Raaymakers et al.]
  - Commercialized in systems such as
    - Elekta AB's (Sweden) 1.5T diagnostic imaging system [Raaymakers et al.];
    - Viewray's MRIdian system [Motic et al.]; or
    - the MagnetTx's (Canada) Aurora RT system [Fallone et al.] among others.
  - Random and involuntary patient motion often occurs during image acquisition leading to
    - Artifacts → Poor image quality.
    - Incomplete irradiation of the tumor target.
    - Exposure of healthy tissues to radiation toxicity.
      - ❖ These lower the accuracy of online and real-time precise radiation dose delivery.
      - ❖ Affects clinical efficacy.

# Pneumatic Actuated Soft Robots for Head Motion Compensation

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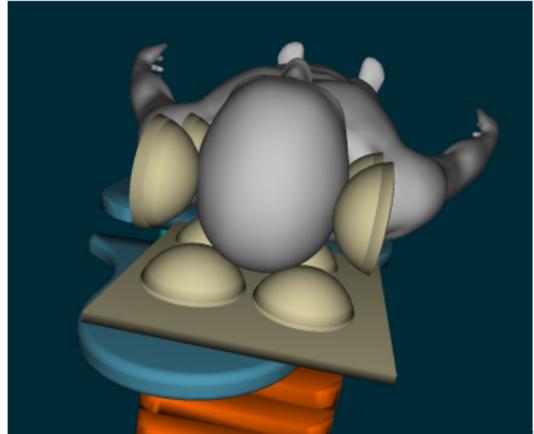
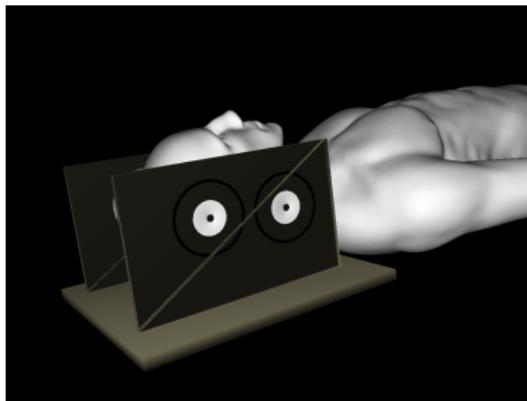
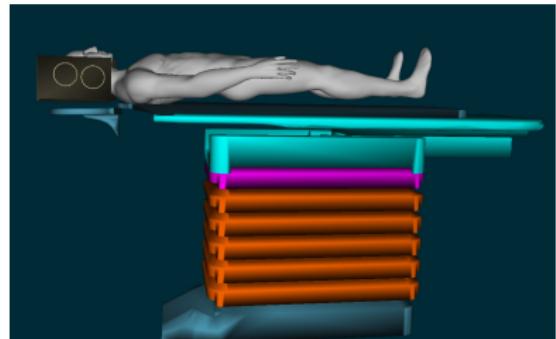
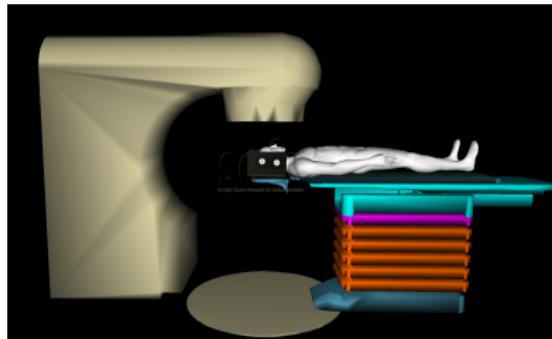
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# Cephalopods-inspired CCOARSE Actuator Design

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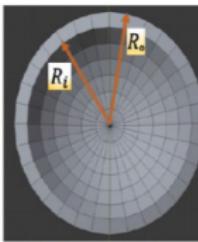
Circumferentially Constrained And Radially Symmetric Elastomers [Pikul et al. (2019)].



(a) Laser-Cut Fiber



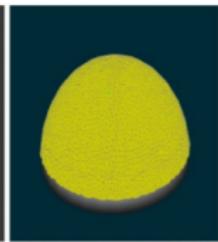
(b) Fiber+Rubber



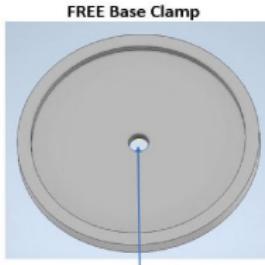
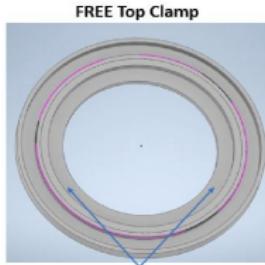
(c) Deformation Model



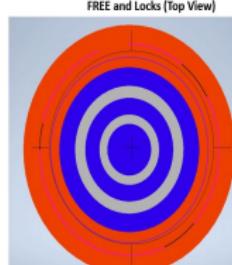
(d) Actuator+PVC Base



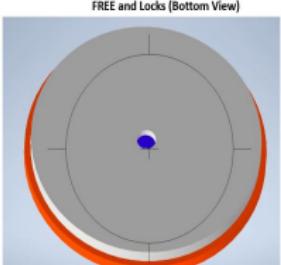
(e) Finite Element Model



(f,g)



(h)



# CCOARSE Actuator Schematic

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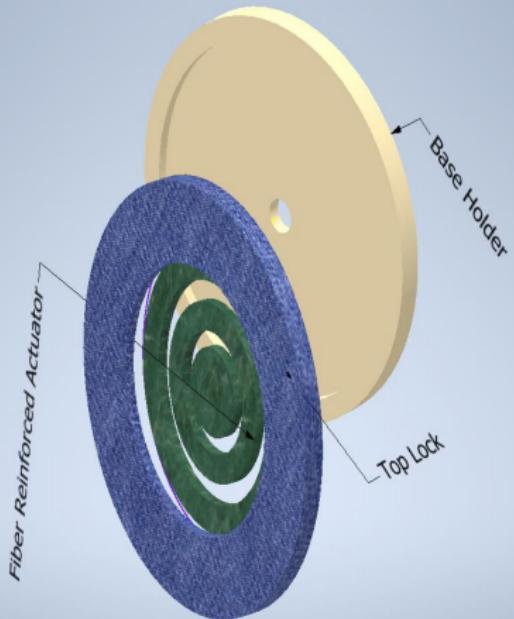
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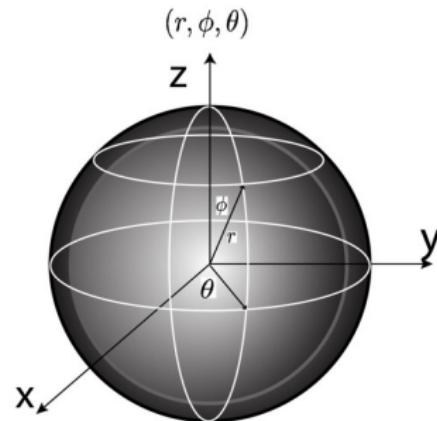
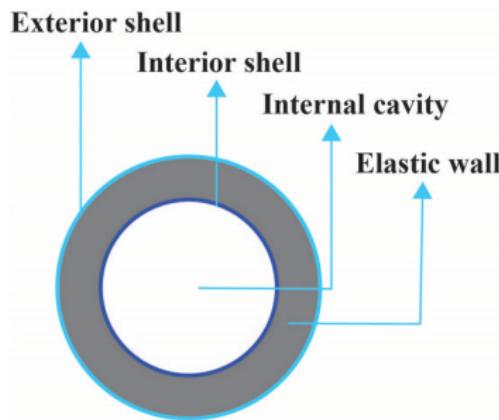
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$$r_i \leq r \leq r_o, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

# Soft IK via Boundary Value Problem

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- Using the following boundary conditions for the Cauchy Stress,
  - $\sigma_{rr}|_{R=R_0} = -P_{atm}, \sigma_{rr}|_{R=R_i} = -P_{atm} - P$
- And together with Cauchy's first law, we find that
  - $\sigma_{rr}(r) = - \int_{r_i}^{r_o} [2C_1\left(\frac{r}{R^2} - \frac{R^4}{r^5}\right) + 2C_2\left(\frac{r^3}{R^4} - \frac{R^2}{r^3}\right)] dr$
  - $\sigma_{rr}(r) = \int_{R_i}^{R_o} [2C_1\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{R^6}{r^7}\right) - 2C_2\left(\frac{R^4}{r^5} - \frac{r}{R^2}\right)] dr$
- With  $\sigma_{rr}|_{R=R_i} = -P_{atm} - P$  and setting  $P_{atm} = 0$ , we find
  - $P(r) = \int_{r_i}^{r_o} [2C_1\left(\frac{r}{R^2} - \frac{R^4}{r^5}\right) + 2C_2\left(\frac{r^3}{R^4} - \frac{R^2}{r^3}\right)] dr$
  - $P(r) = \int_{R_i}^{R_o} [2C_1\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{R^6}{r^7}\right) - 2C_2\left(\frac{R^4}{r^5} - \frac{r}{R^2}\right)] dr$
  - $r^3 = R^3 + r_i^3 - R_i^3$  and  $r_o^3 = R_o^3 + r_i^3 - R_i^3$

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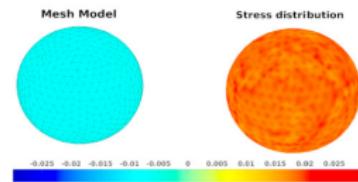
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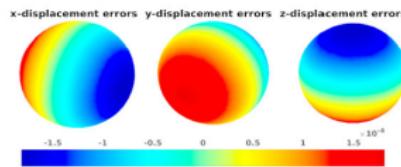
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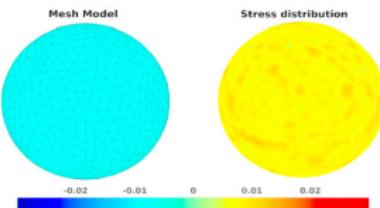
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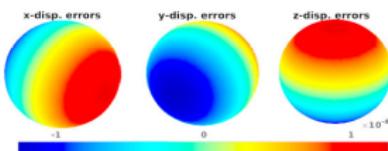
(b) Displacement errors along  $x, y, z$  coordinates.

Inputs				Outputs			
$C_1$	$C_2$	$R_i$	$r_i$	$R_o$	$r_o$	$P$	$\Delta V$
1.1e4	2.2e4	.027	.03	.03	.033	.76	$\approx 0$

Fig. 6: Volumetric Deformation (Expansion).



(a) Left: Mesh model. Right: Stress distribution on outer skin.



(b) Displacement errors along  $x, y, z$  coordinates.

Inputs				Outputs			
$C_1$	$C_2$	$R_i$	$r_i$	$R_o$	$r_o$	$P$	$\Delta V$
1.1e4	2.2e4	.025	.03	.03	.028	-.34	$\approx 0$

Fig. 7: Volumetric Deformation (Compression).

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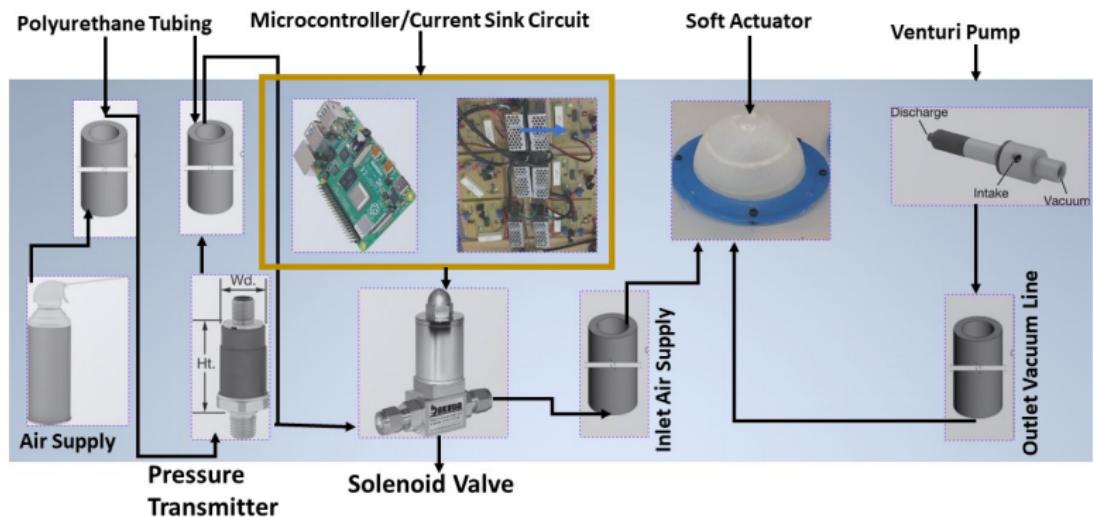
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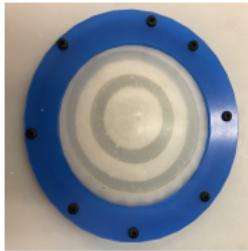
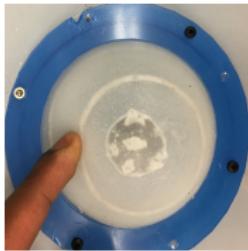
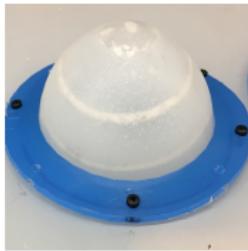
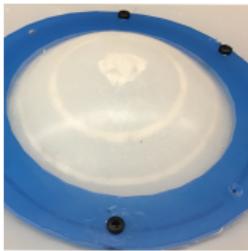
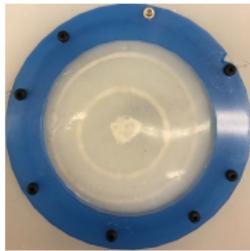
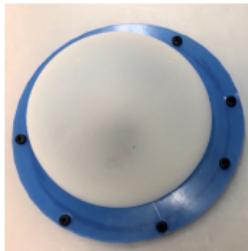
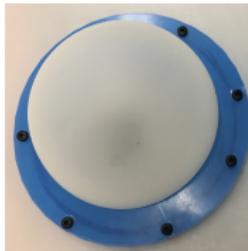
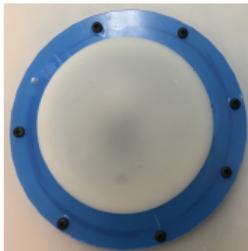
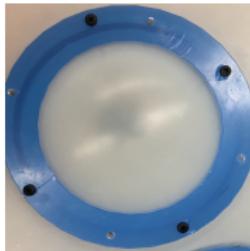
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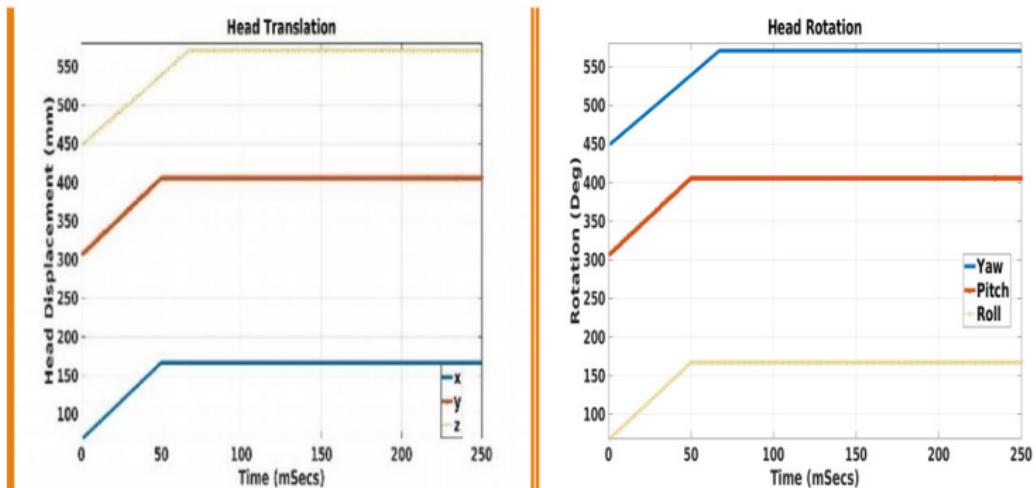
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Head Translation along  $x, y, z$  for a task of raising the head by a certain threshold above the table

Head rotation in Euler angles for a task of tilting the head about the  $x, y, z$  axes on the treatment table.

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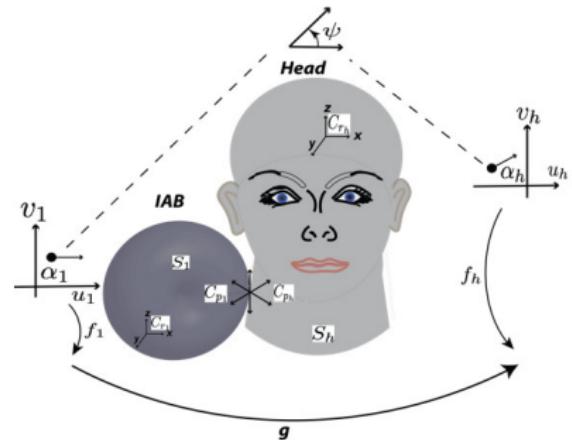
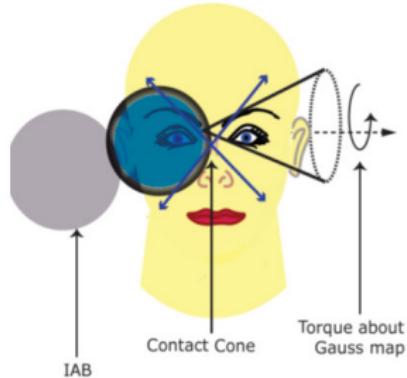
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Continuum Mechanical Model Validation/Differential Geometry/Newton-Euler Dynamics



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## ■ Beam Orientation Optimization (BOO)

- Monte Carlo Tree Search and Neuro-Dynamic Programming for BOO

# BOO Relevant Works

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- A sparse tree lookout strategy for games with large state spaces guides transition between beam angle sets
- Tree lookout strategy guided by a deep neural network policy

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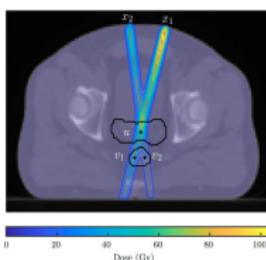
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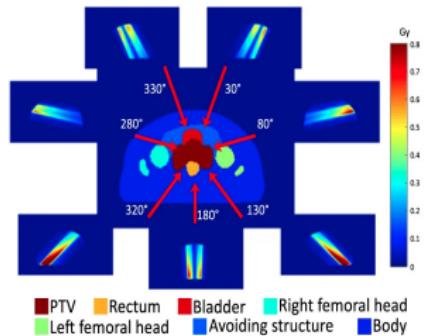
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Prostate CT slice



Prostate before BOO



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# Treatment Plan Flowchart

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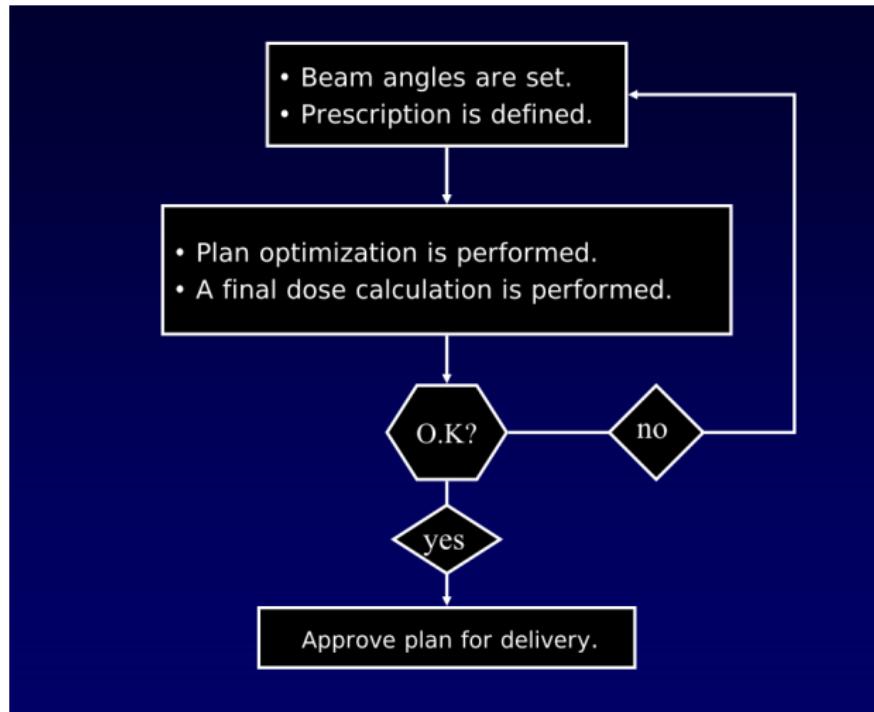
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- Stochastic optimization approaches: simulated annealing; genetic algorithms and gradient search, or a combination of genetic and gradient search algorithms.
- Mixed-integer programming, branch and cut/bound algorithms, beam angle elimination algorithms.
- Commercial planners use some highly non-convex objective (actual function is proprietary and unknown to public).

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Robustness issues

- Beam orientations largely manually chosen or adopted from a standard protocol for clinical use.
- Pre-solve the dose influence matrices for each beam orientation.
- Then solve FMO.
- Time consuming (hours for dose fluence), and minutes for (FMO); Still solution is often not optimal.

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- A Tower Neural Network generates a policy that guides MCTS simulations for two players in a zero-sum Markov game
  - Produces a *utility (value) function* & a subjective *probability distribution*
- Each player in a two-player Markov game finds an alternating best response to the current player's average strategy
  - driving the neural network policy's weights toward an approximate **saddle equilibrium** [Heinrich et al. (2015)].
  - aids network in finding an *approximately optimal* beam angle candidate set that meets a dosimetric requirements.

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- 77 anonymized patient CT scans,  $D$ , and their dose influence matrices,  $\mathcal{D}_{ij}$
- Scans shaped,  $D \times N \times H \times W$  from prostate cases in previous treatment plans
- Each slice resized to  $64 \times 64$

# State Representation: Prostate Organ Masks

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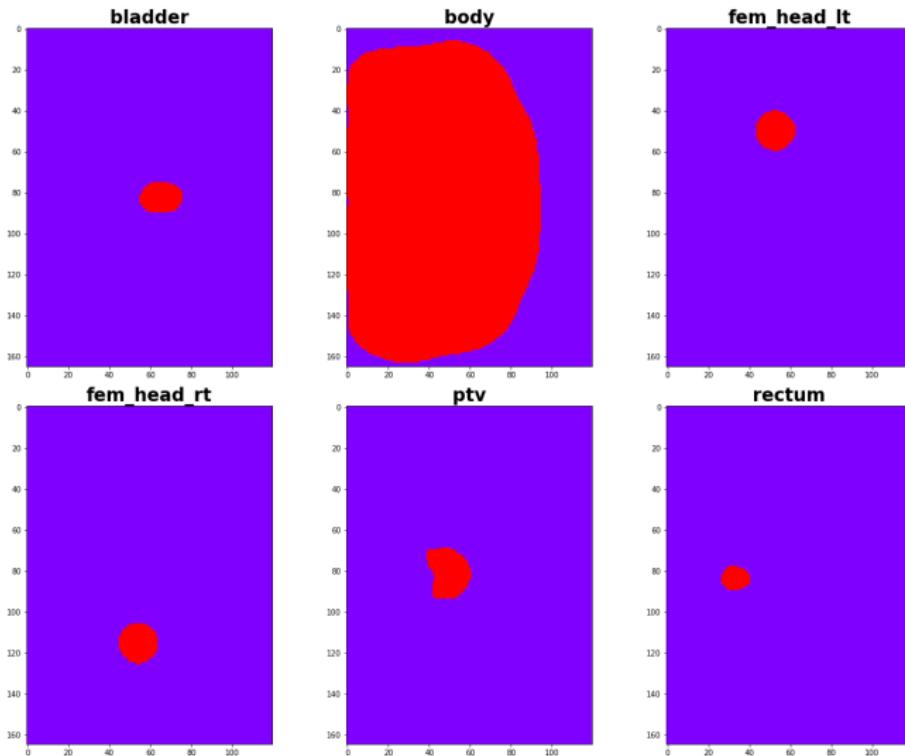
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# State Representation: Beam Angles

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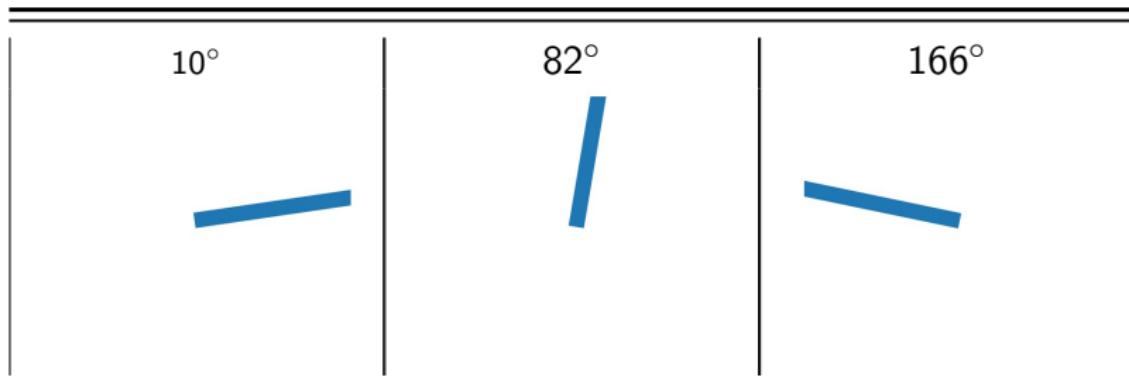
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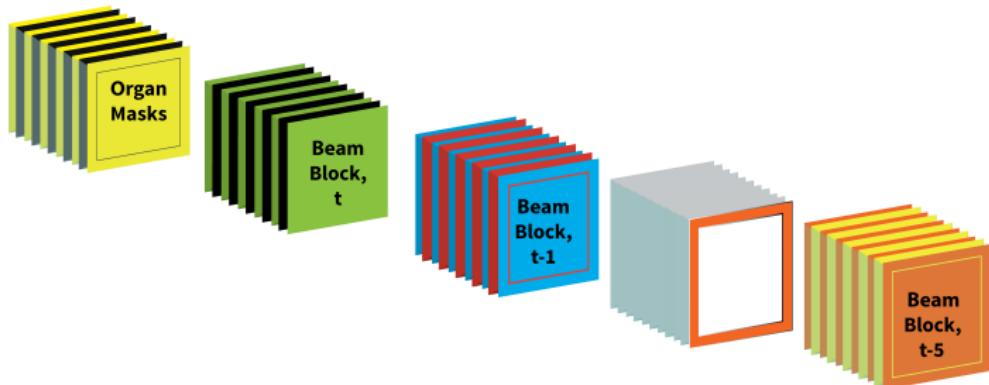
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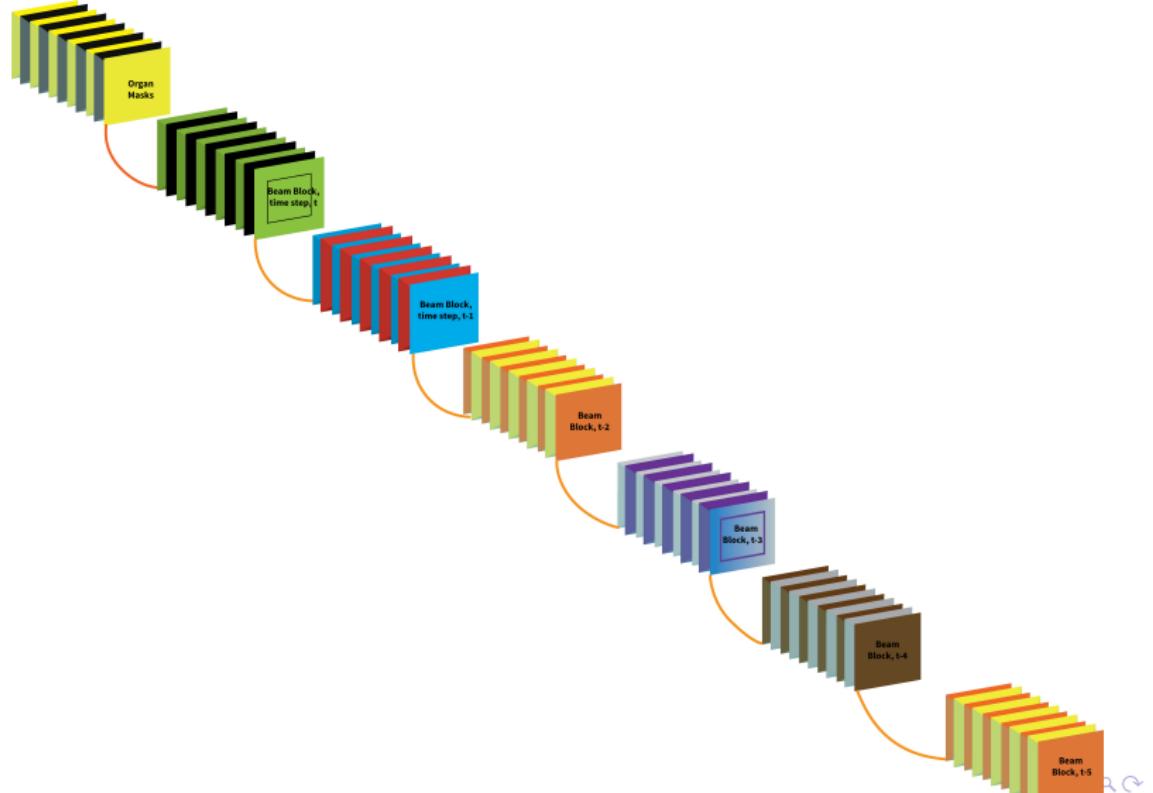
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# Tree Representation and Game Simulation

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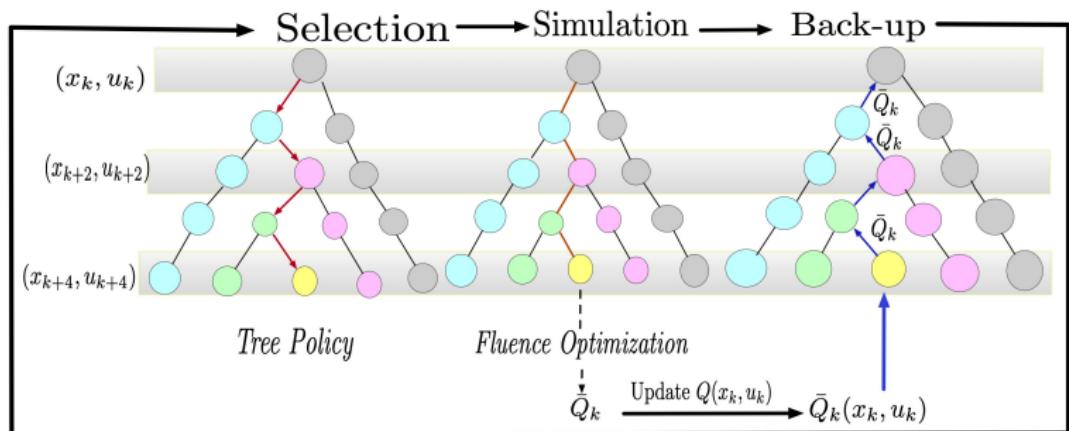
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# Tree Composition

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Every **node** of the tree,  $x$ , has the following fields:

- a pointer to the parent that led to it,  $x.p$ ;
- the beamlets,  $x_b$ , stored at that node;  $b = \{1, \dots, m\}$ ;
- a set of move probabilities prior,  $p(s, a)$ ;
- a pointer  $x.r$ , to the reward  $r_t$ , for the state  $x_t$ ;
- a pointer to the state-action value  $Q(s, a)$  and its upper confidence bound  $U(s, a)$ ;
- a visit count  $N(s, a)$ , that indicates the number of times that node was visited; and
- a pointer  $x.child$ ; to each of its children nodes.

# Game Simulation: Mixed Strategies

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- Each player,  $p_1, p_2$ , bases its decision on a random event's outcome
  - generating a **mixed strategy** determined by **averaging the outcome** of individual plays.
- Both players constitute a two-player **stochastic action selection strategy**:  $\pi(s, a) = Pr(a|s) := \{\pi^{p_1}, \pi^{p_2}\}$  that gives the probability of selecting moves in any given state
- Suppose the game simulation starts from an initial condition  $s_0$ .

# Saddle Point Strategy Formulation

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- The **saddle point strategies** for an optimal control sequence pair  $\{a_t^{p_1^*}, a_t^{p_2^*}\}$  can be recursively obtained by optimizing a state-action value cost,  $\mathcal{J}_t(s, a)$

$$V_t^*(s) = Q_t^*(s_t, \pi_t^{p_1}, \pi_t^{p_2}) = \min_{\pi^{p_1} \in \Pi^{p_1}} \max_{\pi^{p_2} \in \Pi^{p_2}} Q_t^*(s_t, \pi^{p_1}, \pi^{p_2})$$
$$\forall s_t \in \mathcal{S}, \pi^{p_1} \in \Pi^{p_1}, \pi^{p_2} \in \Pi^{p_2}.$$

such that

$$v_{p_1}^* \leq v^* \leq v_{p_2}^* \quad \forall \{\pi_t^{p_1}, \pi_t^{p_2}\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}.$$

where  $v_{p_i}^*$  are the respective optimal values for each player.

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- $\mathcal{X} \implies$  total discretized voxels of interest (*VOI's*) in a target volume
- $\mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{B}_n \subseteq \mathcal{B} \implies$  beam partition subset
- $\mathcal{D}_{ij}(\theta_k) \implies$  matrix that describes each dose influence,  $d_i$ 
  - Computed by calculating each  $d_i$  for every bixel,  $j$ , at every  $\varphi^\circ$ , resolution, where  $j \in \mathcal{B}_k$

# Methods: FMO problem definition

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## ■ Cost

$$\frac{1}{v_s} \sum_{s \in \text{OARs}} \|(\underline{b}_s - \underline{w}_s \mathcal{D}_{ij}^s \mathbf{x}_s)_+\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{v_s} \sum_{s \in \text{PTVs}} \|(\bar{w}_s \mathcal{D}_{ij}^s \mathbf{x}_s - b_s)_+\|_2^2 \quad (1)$$

## ■ Pre-calculated dose term: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \{\sum_s \frac{w_s}{v_s} \mathcal{D}_{ij}^s \mathbf{x}_s \mid \mathcal{D}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}, n > l\}$

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- Rewriting the objective

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to } x \geq 0.$$

- With Lagrangian:

$$L(x, \lambda) = \min \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2 - \lambda^T x.$$

- Introducing an auxiliary variable  $z$ , we have

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|_2^2, \quad \text{subject to } z = x, \quad z \geq 0,$$

# Methods: FMO by way of ADMM

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- Solving either the  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  sub-problems, we have

$$\mathbf{x}^{k+1} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \rho \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} + \rho \mathbf{z}^k - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k). \quad (2)$$

- And using the soft-thresholding operator,  $S_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}/\rho}$ , we find that

$$\mathbf{z}^{k+1} = S_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}/\rho} (\mathbf{x}^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k), \quad (3)$$

where  $S_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}/\rho}(\tau) = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}/\rho)_+ - (-\tau - \boldsymbol{\lambda}/\rho)_+$ .  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  is updated as

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k - \gamma (\mathbf{z}^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}^{k+1}), \quad (4)$$

where  $\gamma$  is a parameter that controls the step length.

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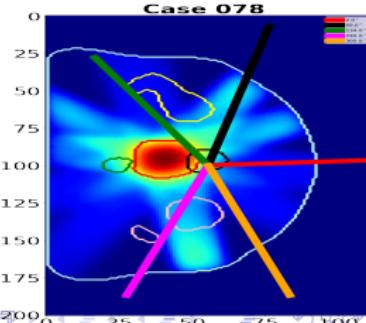
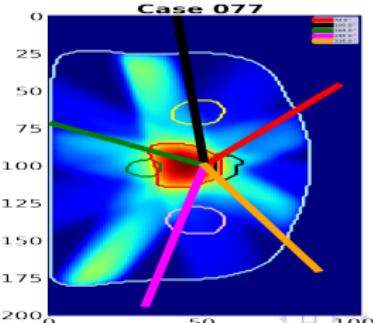
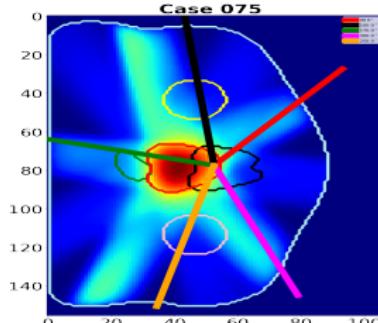
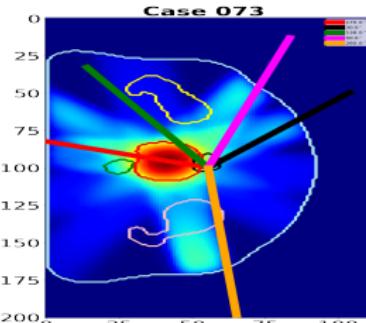
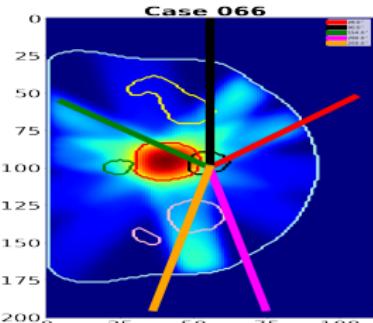
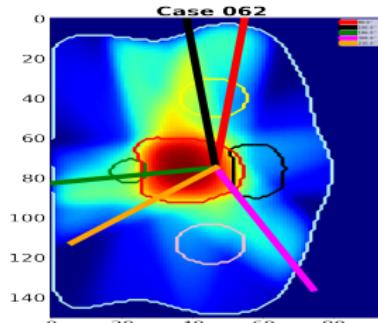
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## Inference Regime



# Part I.B: Supervised Column Generation Pretraining for BOO

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## ■ Beam Orientation Optimization (BOO)

- Monte Carlo Tree Search and Neuro-Dynamic Programming for BOO
- → Column Generation as Pretraining for Deep Neural Network BOO

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# Column Generation as Pretraining for DNN

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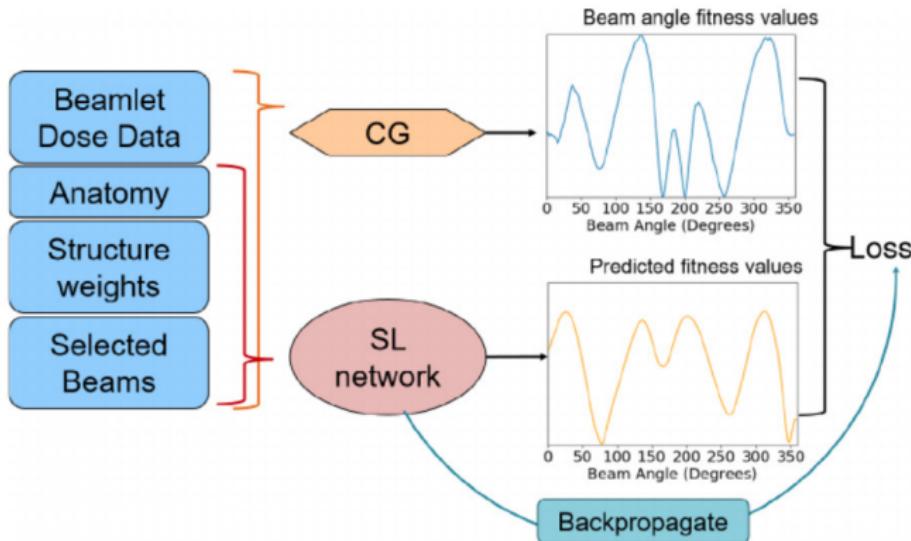
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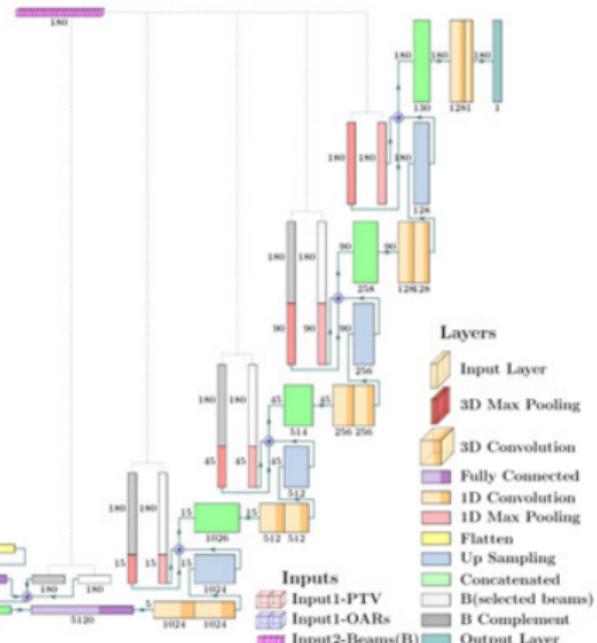
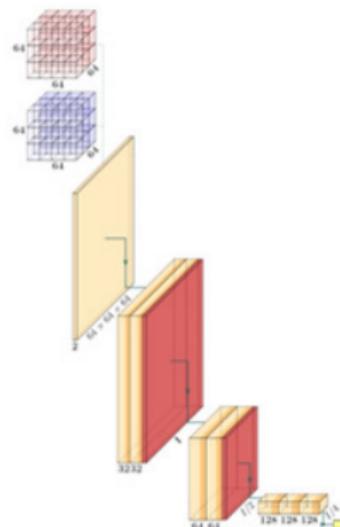
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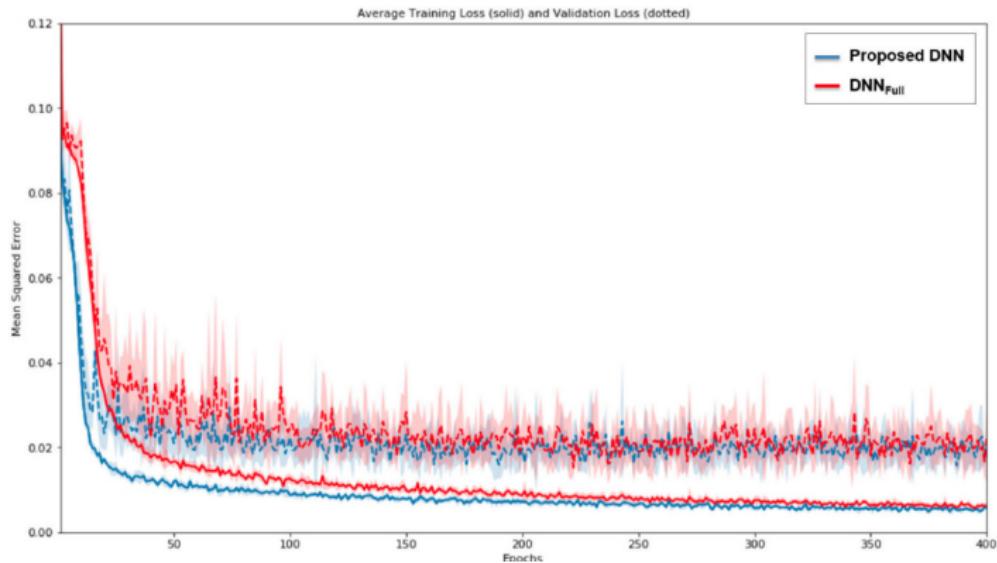
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*Average training (solid) and validation (dotted) loss function (MSE) values across six cross-validation folds for the network (blue) and full network.*

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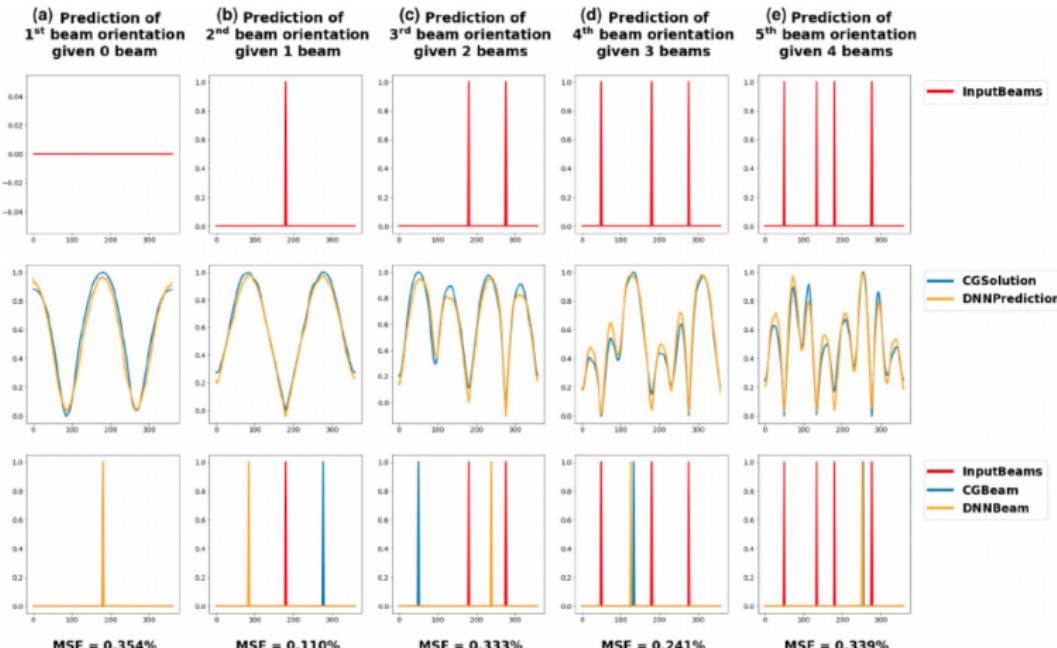
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- Prediction of 1<sup>st</sup> beam orientation given no beam.
- Prediction of 2<sup>nd</sup> beam orientation given 1 beam.
- Prediction of 3<sup>rd</sup> beam orientation given 2 beams.
- Prediction of 4<sup>th</sup> beam orientation given 3 beams.
- Prediction of 5<sup>th</sup> beam orientation given 4 beams.

# Dose Washes of Column Generation vs Neural Network

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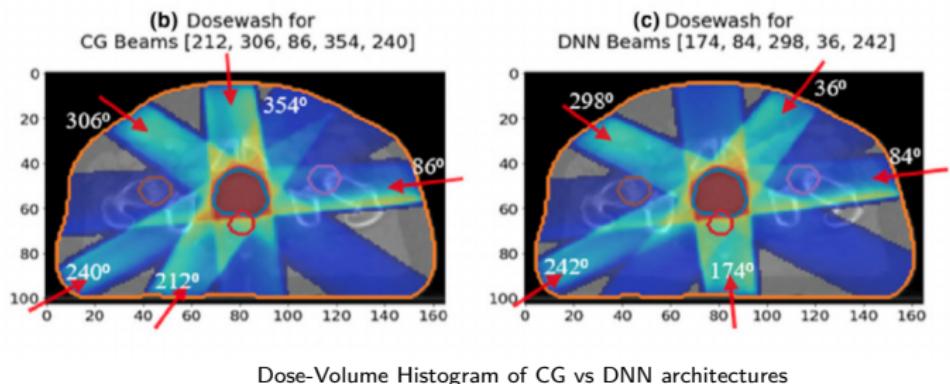
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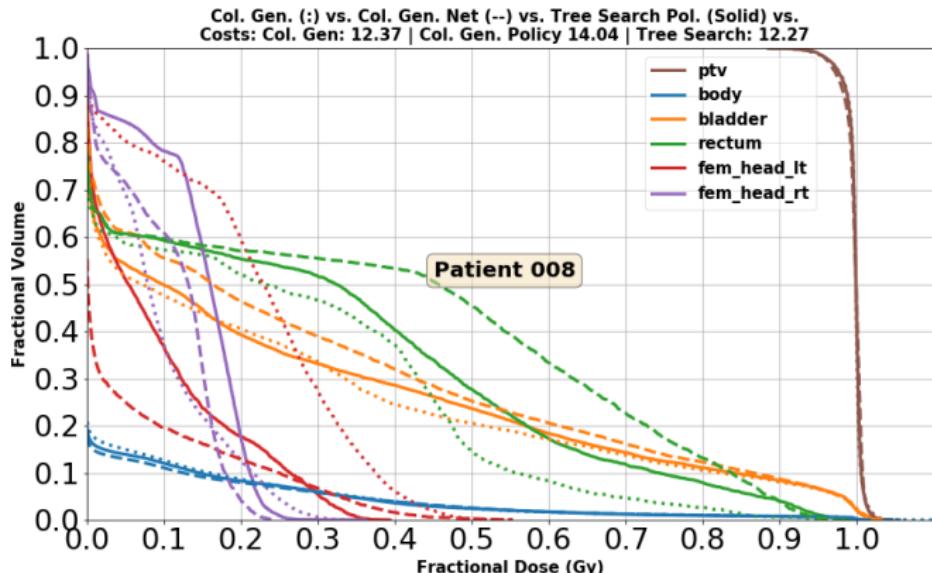
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- Finding the good beam angle candidates is orders of magnitude faster than the current approaches
  - Based on a neural network generative model of an MDP
  - Sparse lookahead search builds tree with nodes labeled by state-action pairs in an alternating manner (2-3 minutes).
  - Tree built stagewise from root to nodes has fixed depth; sample rewards stored on edges connecting state-action with state nodes
- Beam angles prediction takes between 2-3 minutes with MCTS vs 1 minute with Column Generation Pretraining.

# Part III: Robustness Margins and Robust Deep Policies

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- Robustness Margins and Robust Deep Policies for Nonlinear Control

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# The robustness conundrum

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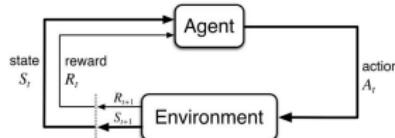
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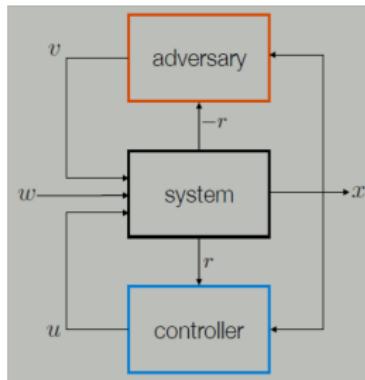
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- How to know *a priori* a policy's robustness limits?



- How to inculcate robustness into multistage decision policies?



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- To quantify the brittleness, we optimize the stage cost

$$\max_{\mathbf{v}_t \sim \psi \in \Psi} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^T \underbrace{c(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t)}_{\text{nominal}} - \gamma \underbrace{g(\mathbf{v}_t)}_{\text{adversarial}} \right]$$

- To mitigate lack of robustness, we optimize the *cost-to-go*

$$\mathcal{J}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \pi, \psi) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_t \sim \pi} \max_{\mathbf{v}_t \sim \psi} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \ell_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{u}_t, \mathbf{v}_t) + L_T(\mathbf{x}_T) \right),$$

- and seek a saddle point equilibrium policy that satisfies

$$\mathcal{J}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \pi^*, \psi) \leq \mathcal{J}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \pi^*, \psi^*) \leq \mathcal{J}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \pi, \psi^*),$$

# Results: Brittleness Quantification

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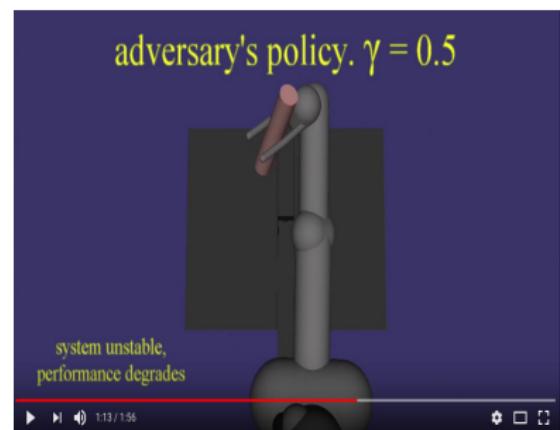
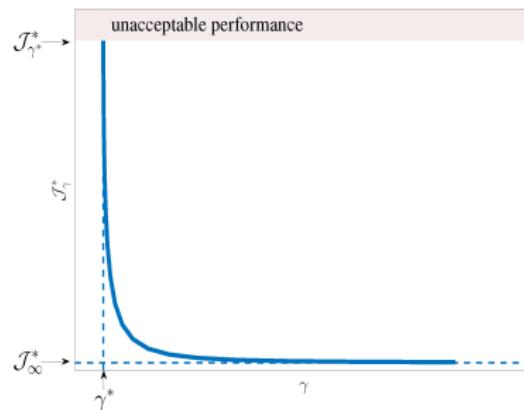
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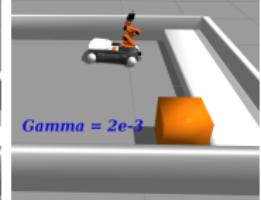
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$y_1^*$



$y_2^*$



End pose of the KUKA platform with our iDG formulation given different goal states and  $\gamma$ -values

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Robustness issues

- Explore multiple parallel robot mechanisms for head motion correction.
- Adopt iterative dynamic game approach [Ogunmolu et al. (2018)] for solving robust controller for head stabilization.
- Build on Freeman and Kokotovic's point-wise min-norm robust control lyapunov function to realize a meaningful value function in deep policies [Freeman and Kokotovic (1996)].

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