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Robotics in Knee Arthroplasty

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ROBOTS IN INDUSTRY

- Efficient
- Economical
- Exacting



“Robotics industry today is where the PC industry was 30 years ago.” **



Bill Gates, Scientific American 2007

** (Especially healthcare)

EXPERIENCE WITH ORTHOPAEDIC ROBOTS

- Initial skepticism
- Early adopters showed value
 - Alignment
 - Soft tissue balance
 - Recovery
 - Blood loss
 - Safety (semi-autonomous)
- Increased utilization with pricing improvements



STORY OF ROBOTICS IN KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

- Study in patterns that define technological progress and innovation, in general
 - Newer companies/technologies
 - Declining capital and maintenance costs
 - Smaller space requirements
 - Broadening access
 - Increased utilization
 - Expanding applications



STAKEHOLDERS WILL INFLUENCE FURTHER GROWTH OF ROBOTICS

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Editorial

Current Concepts in Robotics for the Treatment of Joint Disease

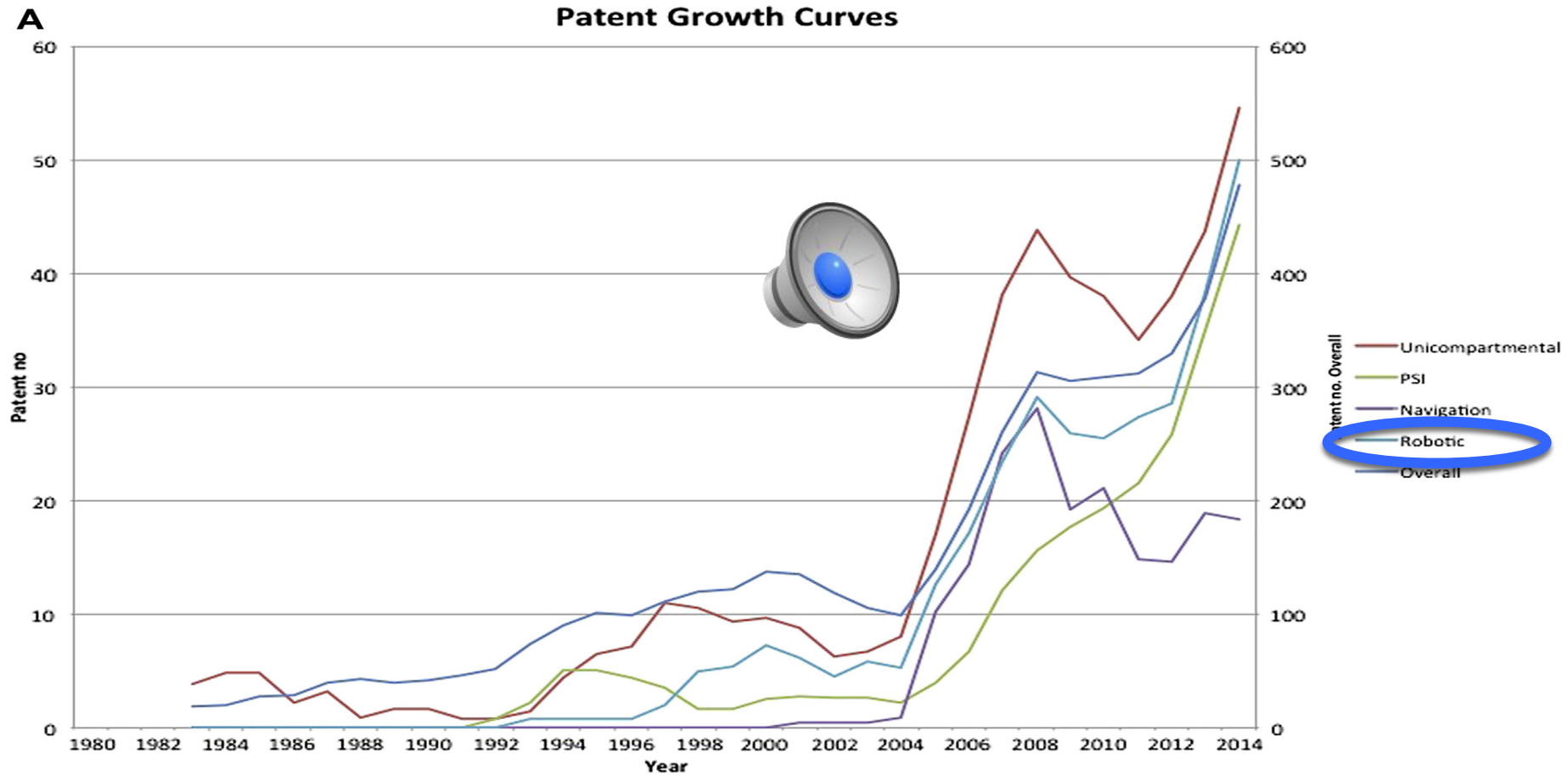
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EXPANDING ROLE FOR ROBOTICS IN UKA

- 15% of UKA's in US (2013)



PATENTS AS A SURROGATE INDICATOR OF INNOVATION



Dalton DM et al. J Arthroplasty 2016

ROBOTIC LANDSCAPE: PROJECTED PENETRATION

■ UKA

- ~29% in five years
- ~37% in 10 years



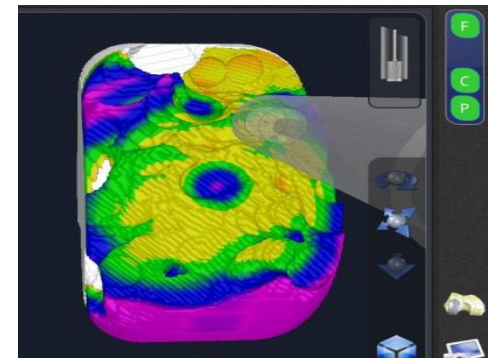
■ TKA

- ~10% in two years
- ~18% in five years
- ~23% in ten years

Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry, March 5, 2015
<http://www.mddionline.com>

KEY DISTINCTION IN ORTHOPAEDIC ROBOTICS

- Autonomous- robot operates independently
 - TCat (formerly Robodoc)– iThink Surgical
 - FDA approved for THA
 - Not FDA approved for TKA
- Semi-autonomous- surgeon guided; haptic or speed/exposure constraint
 - Mako (Stryker)
 - FDA approved for THA, UKA, PFA, TKA
 - Navio (Smith and Nephew)
 - FDA approved for UKA, PFA, TKA
 - OmniBot (Omni)
 - FDA approved for TKA



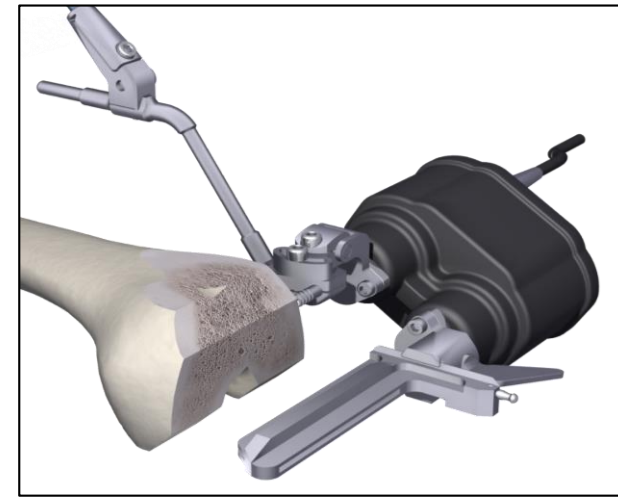
COMPLICATIONS WITH AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS



- Complications THA
 - Soft tissue injuries, over-resection
 - Severe abductor injuries/sciatic nerve injuries
 - 18% revision due to instability (vs 4% control)
- Aborted cases TKA
 - 8% soft tissue injury

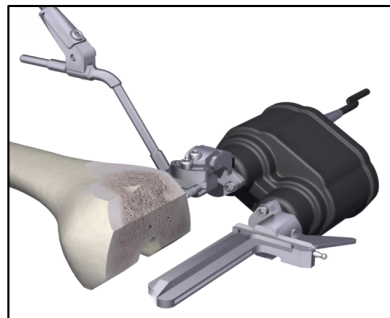
ADVANCEMENT OF SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC SYSTEMS

- Safety and avoidance of soft tissue complications has been key distinction



ROBOTICS FOR TKA?

- Unclear need for “precise” alignment
- Potential roles:
 - Optimizing soft tissue balance?
 - Bicruciate retaining TKA?
 - Access, balance
 - Facilitating efficiencies?
 - Reducing instrument storage/sterilization needs/costs?
 - Applicable for ASC's



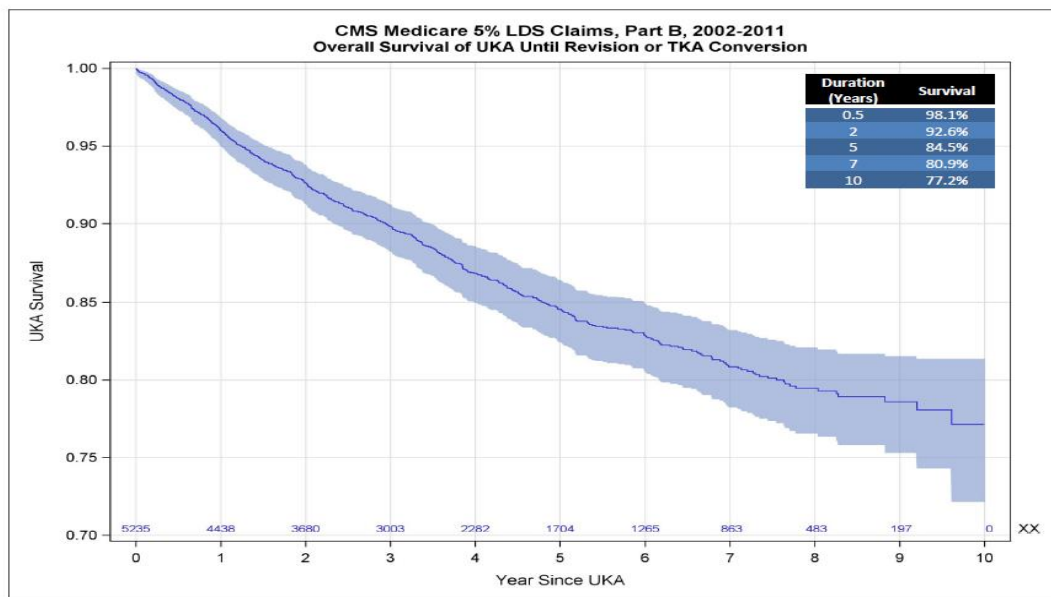
ROBOTICS FOR UKA?

- 94% survivorship at 10-15 yrs in hands of high volume surgeons...



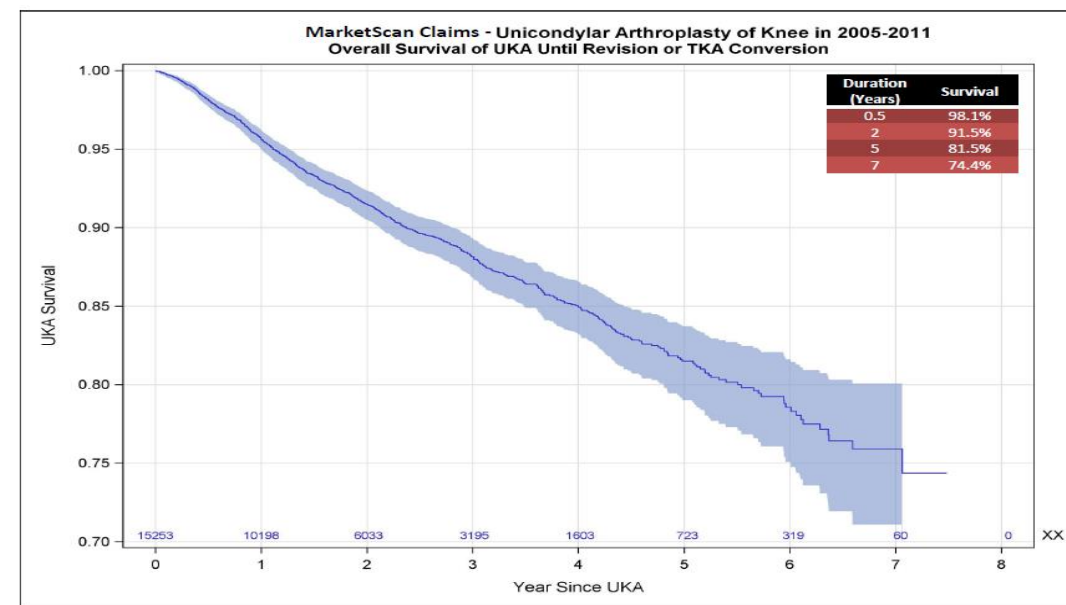
...BUT

> Age 65



10-yr survivorship 77%

< Age 65

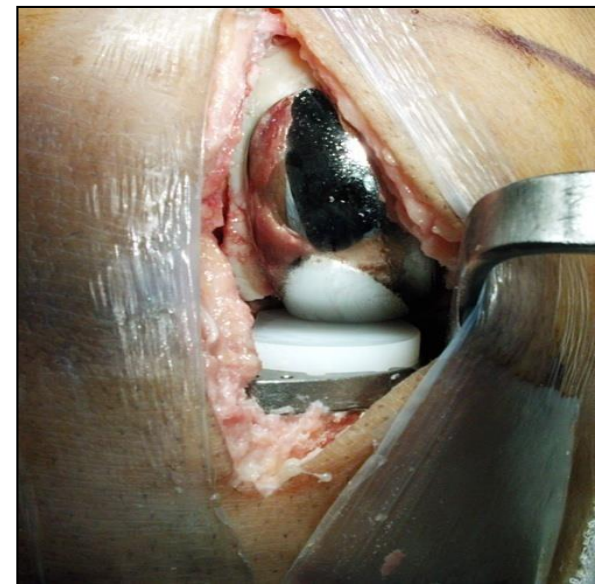


7-yr survivorship 74%



WHAT IMPACTS THE RESULTS OF UKA?

- Pathology/Disease
- Patient selection
- Component design
- Polyethylene quality
- Surgeon experience/volume
- Accuracy of implantation
- Soft tissue balance



MALALIGNMENT PREDISPOSES TO FAILURE

- Coronal malalignment of tibial component $>3^\circ$ varus
- Mechanical limb varus $>8^\circ$
- Posterior tibial slope $>7^\circ$



Collier /Engh et al. J Arthroplasty 2006;
Hernigou JBJS 2004; Chatellard Orthop
Traumatol Surg Res 2013



UKA MALALIGNMENT > IN MIS THAN OPEN WITH STANDARD INSTRUMENTATION

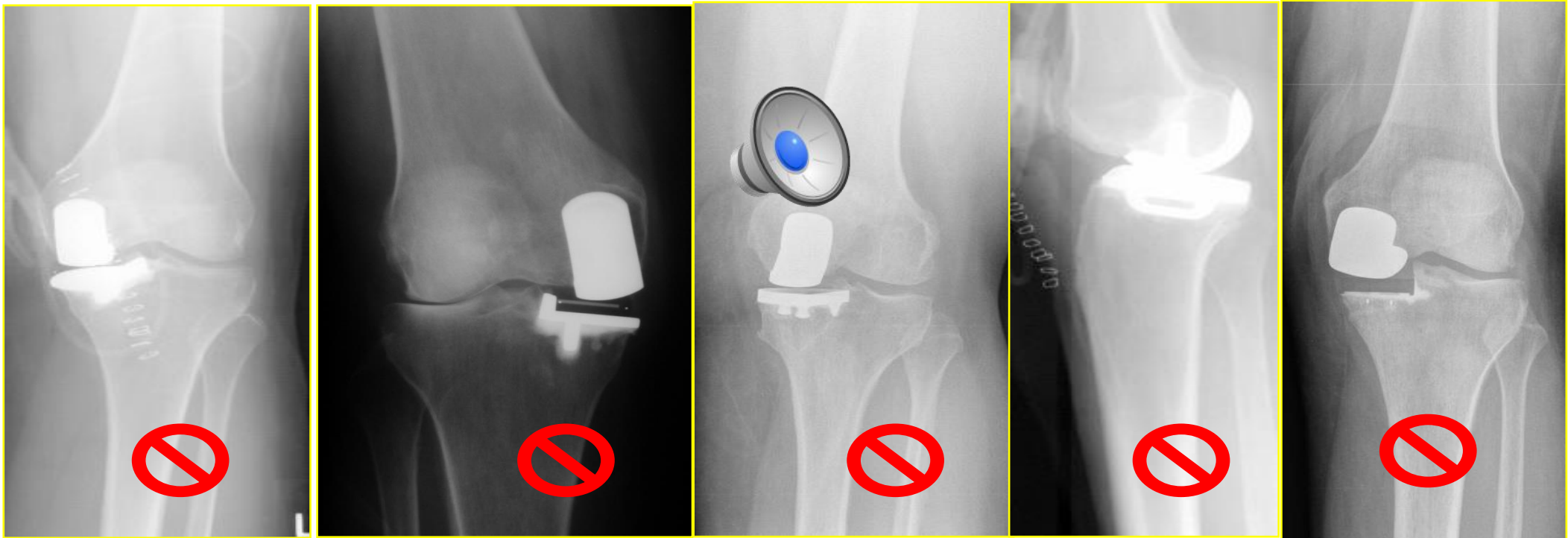


- Greater inaccuracy in tibial component alignment and limb alignment
 - Fisher DA et al. (J Arthrop 2003)
 - Hamilton WG et al. (J Arthrop 2006)



OUTLIERS IN ALIGNMENT IN UKA WITH CONVENTIONAL METHODS

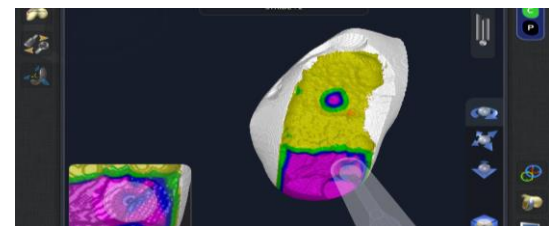
- 40-60% of cases are malaligned beyond 2° of plan



Keene G et al JBJS Br 2006;
Cobb J et al JBJS Br 2006

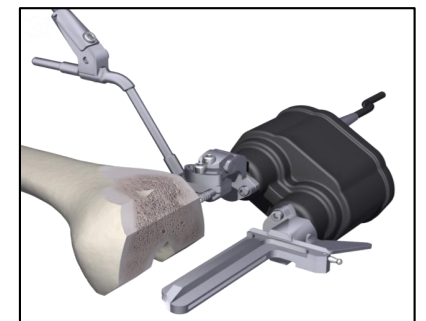
RATIONALE OF ROBOTICS FOR UKA

- Simplify the procedure
 - Reduce the amount of instrumentation
 - Eliminate surgical steps
- Enhance accuracy
 - Bone preparation/component alignment
 - Soft tissue balance
- Improve clinical results




SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTICS IN KNEE ARTHROPLASTY IN U.S.

- Virtual planning
 - Bone resection
 - Component sizing
 - Implant alignment
 - Soft tissue balancing



1ST GENERATION SYSTEM



- Image based CT planning and computer guidance
 - Balance & alignment
 - Implant positioning and sizing 
- Intraop virtual gap balancing
- Bone prep with 6 mm burr attached to robotic arm



1ST GENERATION SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC ARM FOR UKA:

- Haptic constraint
- Efficient
- Accurate
- Safe
- Image-based (preop CT scan)



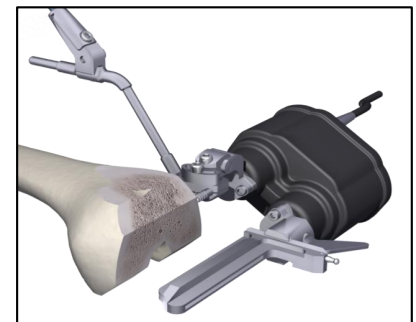
DOWNSIDES OF 1ST GENERATION SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC SYSTEM

- Capital expense
- Preop CT scan
 - Additional expense
 - Denials common; high copays; bundled payments
 - Hospitals “eat cost”
 - Time/Inconvenience
 - Radiation exposure



2ND GENERATION SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC SYSTEMS:

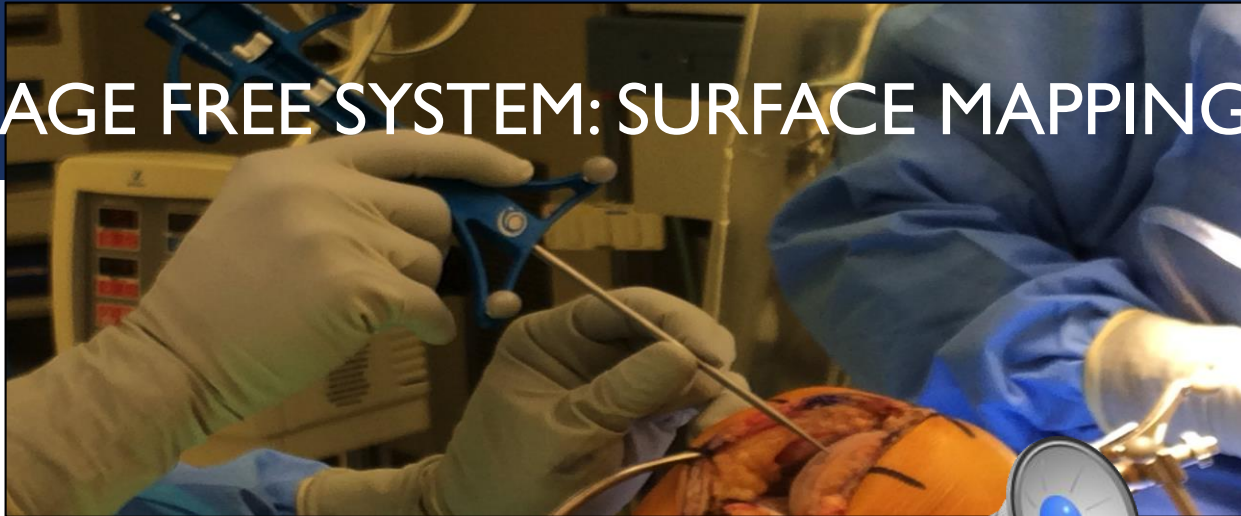
- Image-free (No CT scan)
- Intraop registration/mapping/planning
- Intraop gap balancing
- Burr Speed/Exposure control
- Cost favorable
 - 35% being used in ASC's for UKA



SURGICAL TECHNIQUES



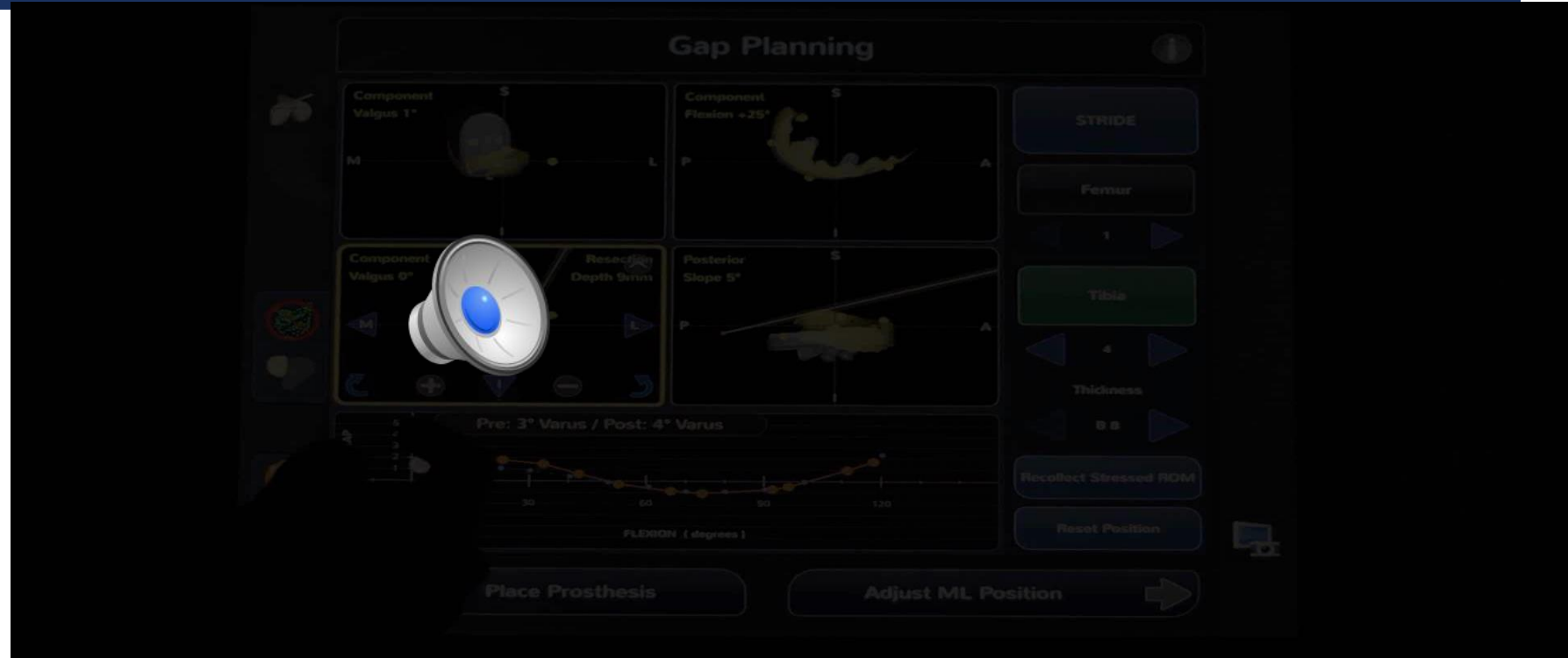
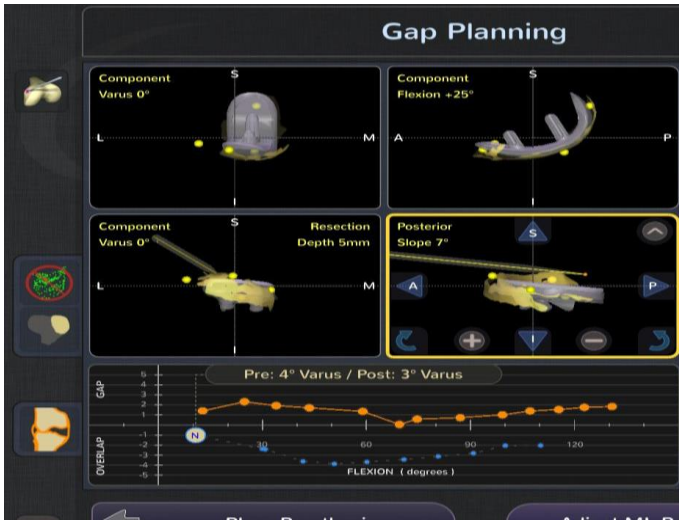
IMAGE FREE SYSTEM: SURFACE MAPPING



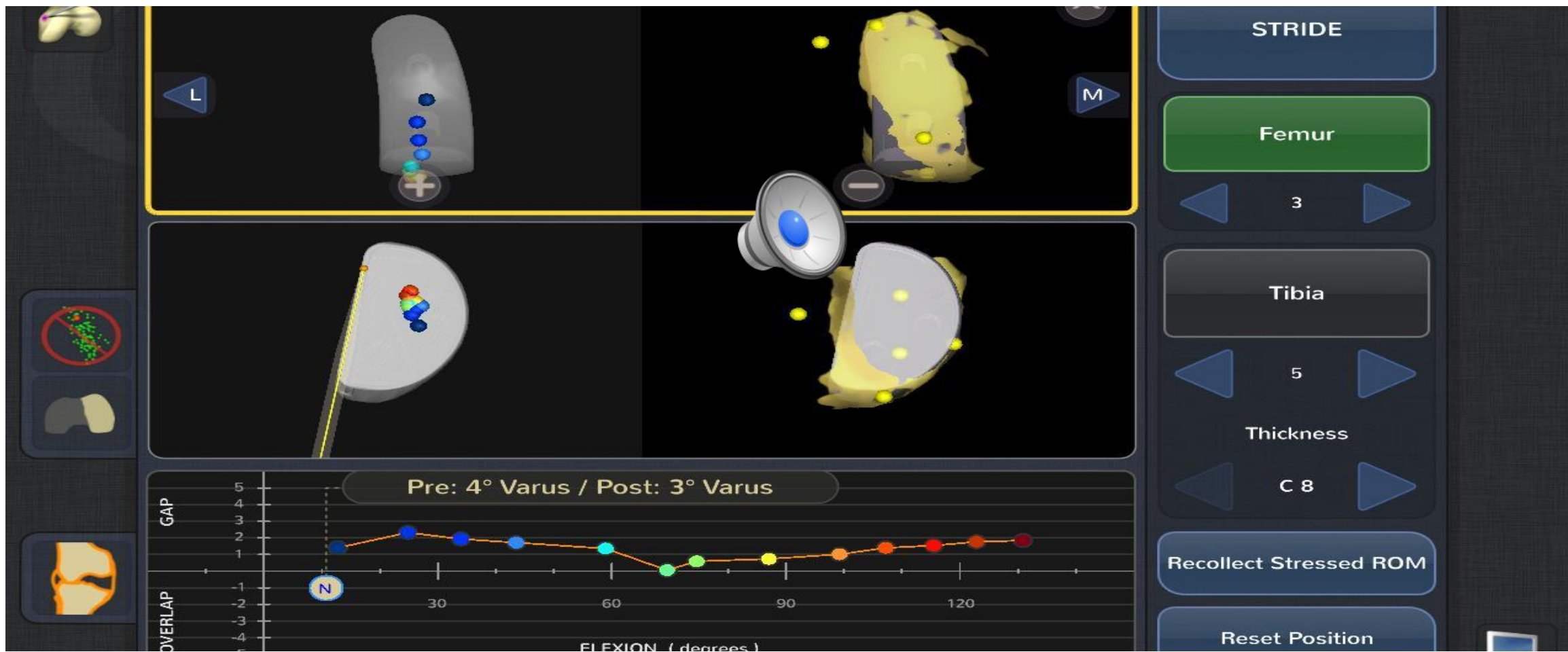
DYNAMIC INTRAOP GAP BALANCING



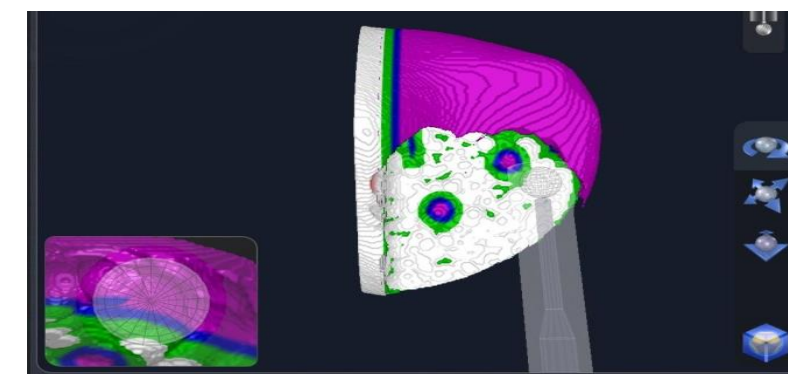
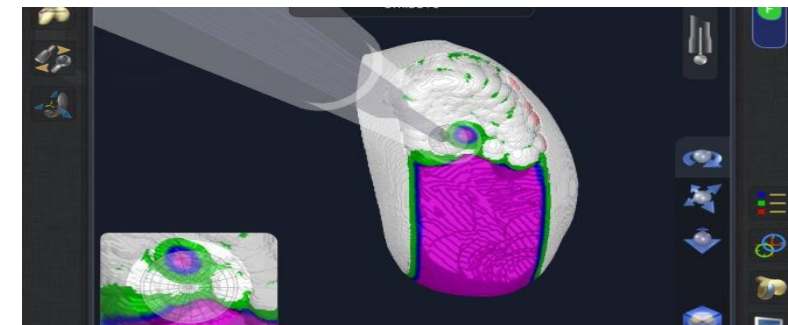
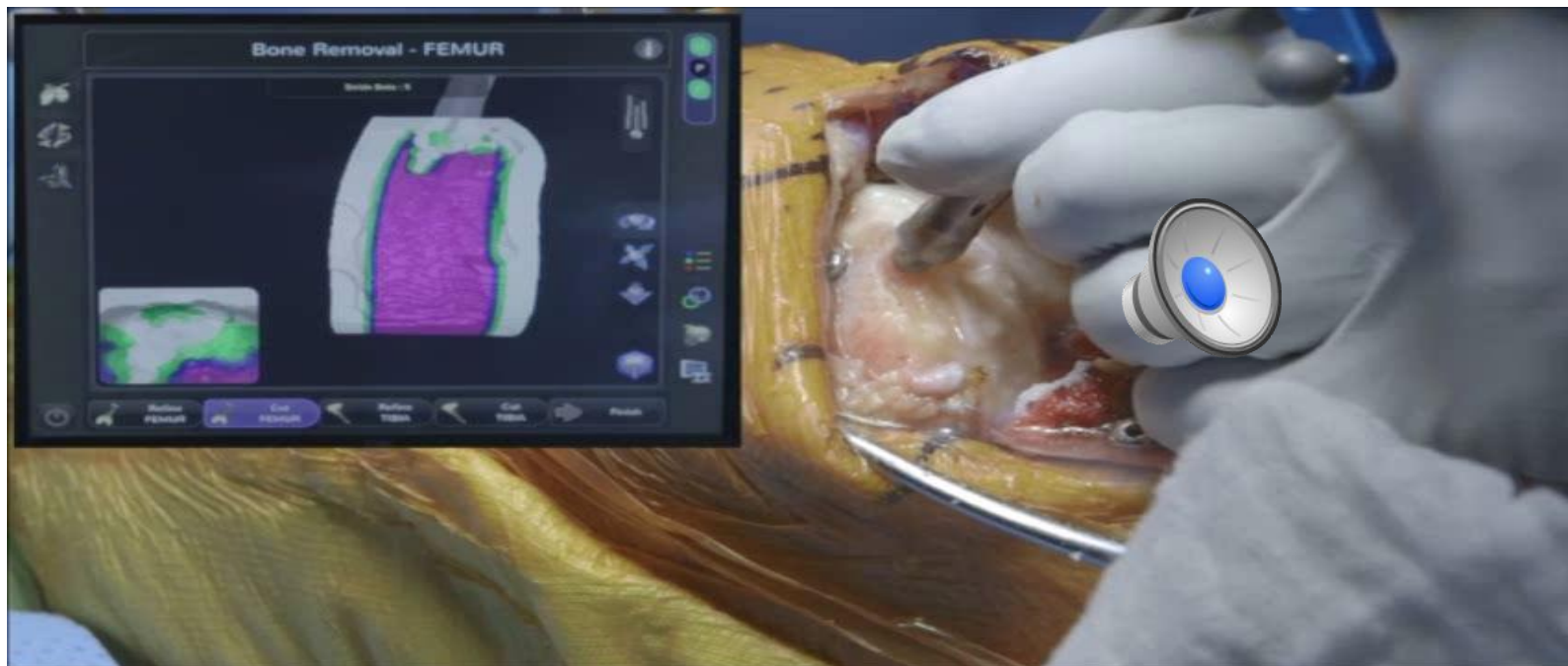
SELECTION OF IMPLANT SIZE/POSITION AND VIRTUAL GAP BALANCE



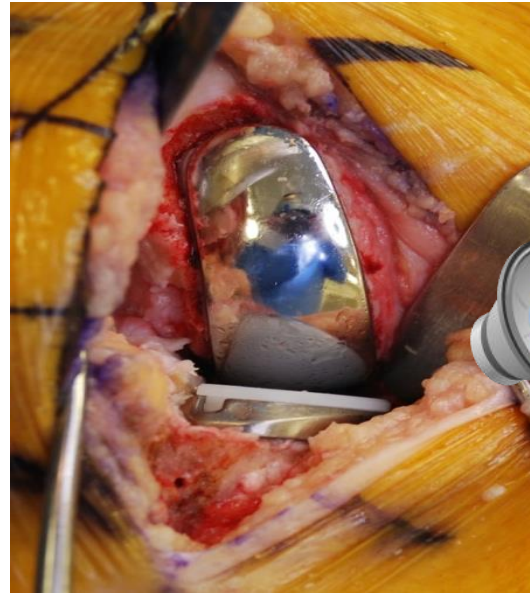
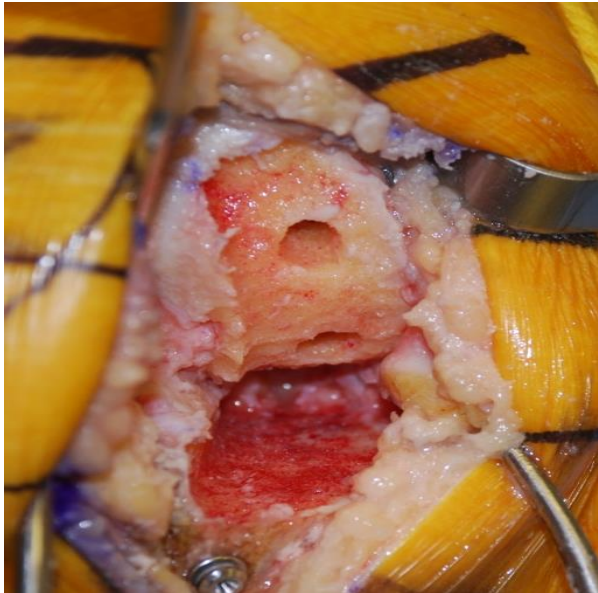
VIRTUAL TRACKING OF FEMUR ON TIBIA



TECHNIQUE: BONE PREPARATION



PREPARED SURFACE



CT-BASED SYSTEM: PREOP PLANNING



IMAGE-BASED SYSTEM: DYNAMIC SOFT-TISSUE GAP BALANCING

- Remove osteophytes
- Tension MCL/LCL
- Capture tissue tension through ROM
- Adjust prn

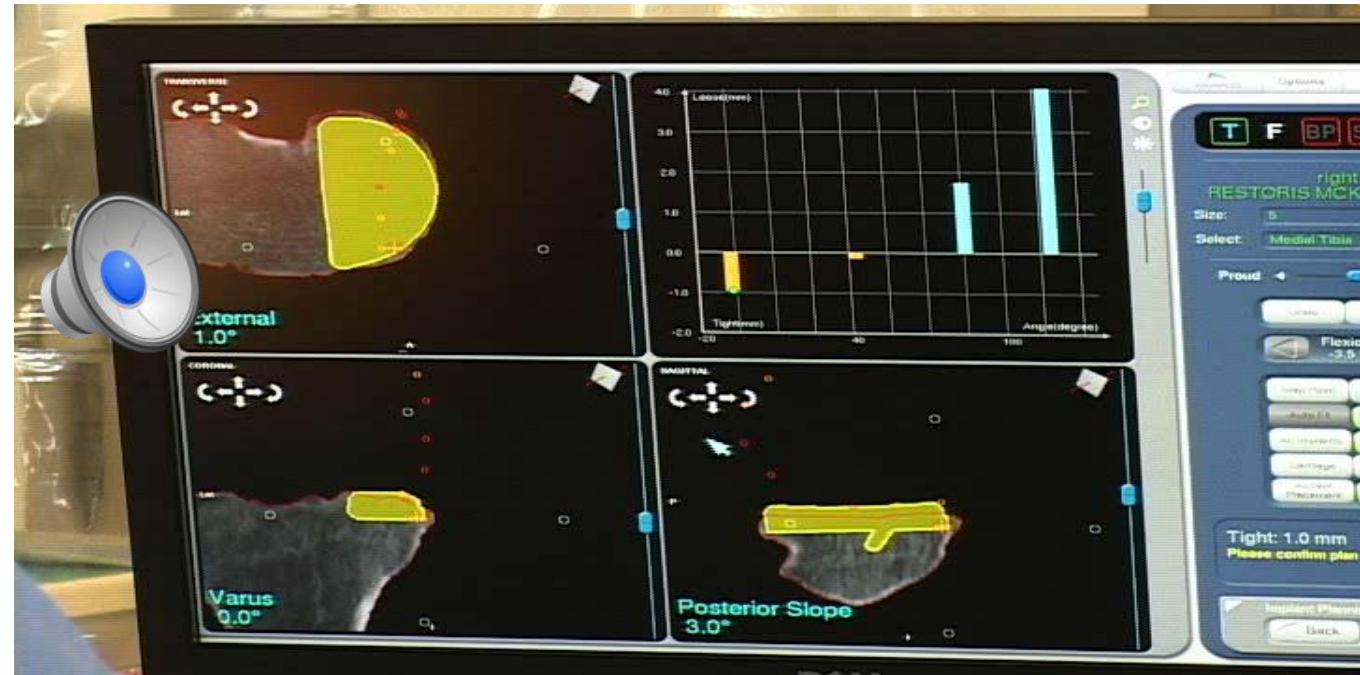


IMAGE BASED SYSTEM: HAPTIC CONSTRAINT

Bone resection volume based upon planned component placement and size

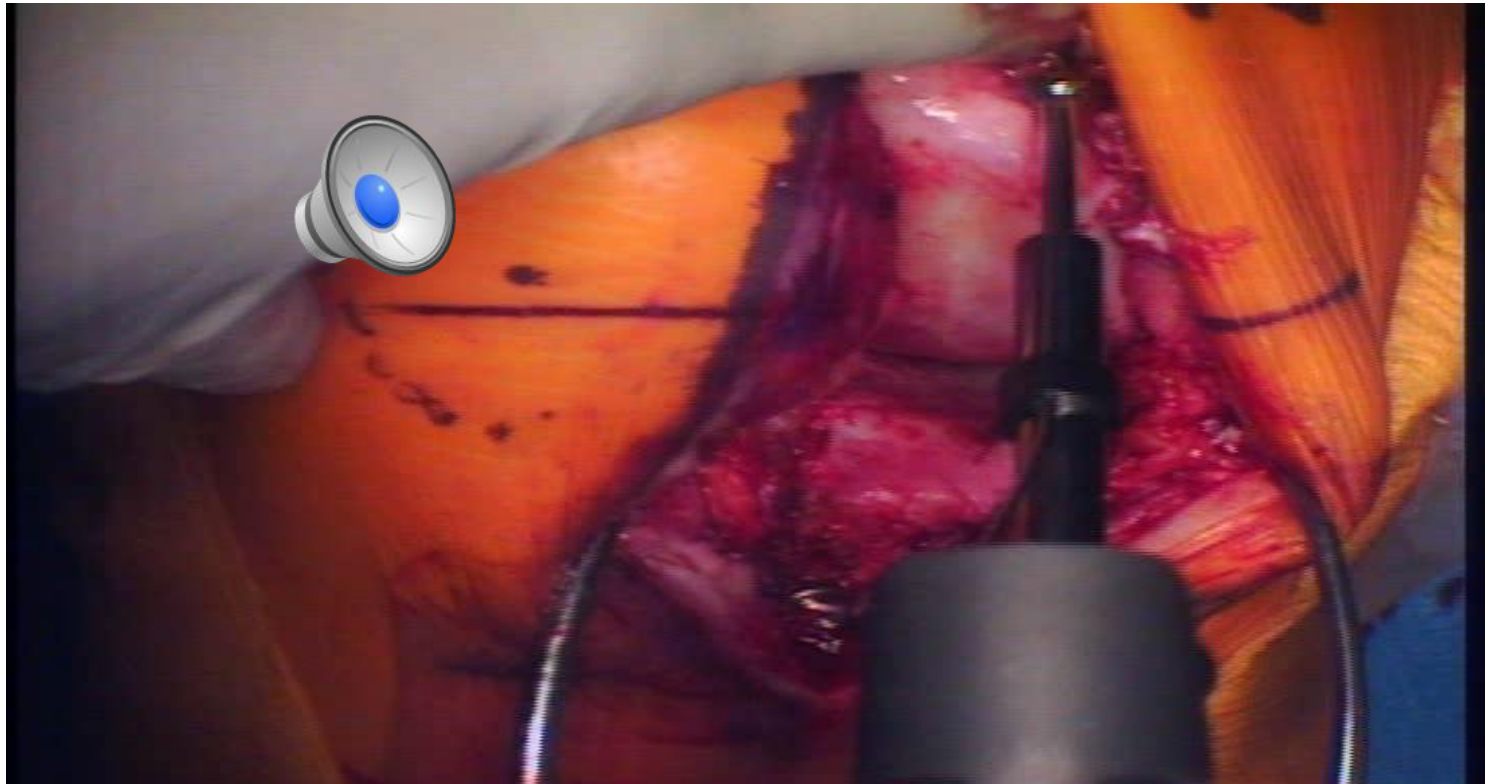
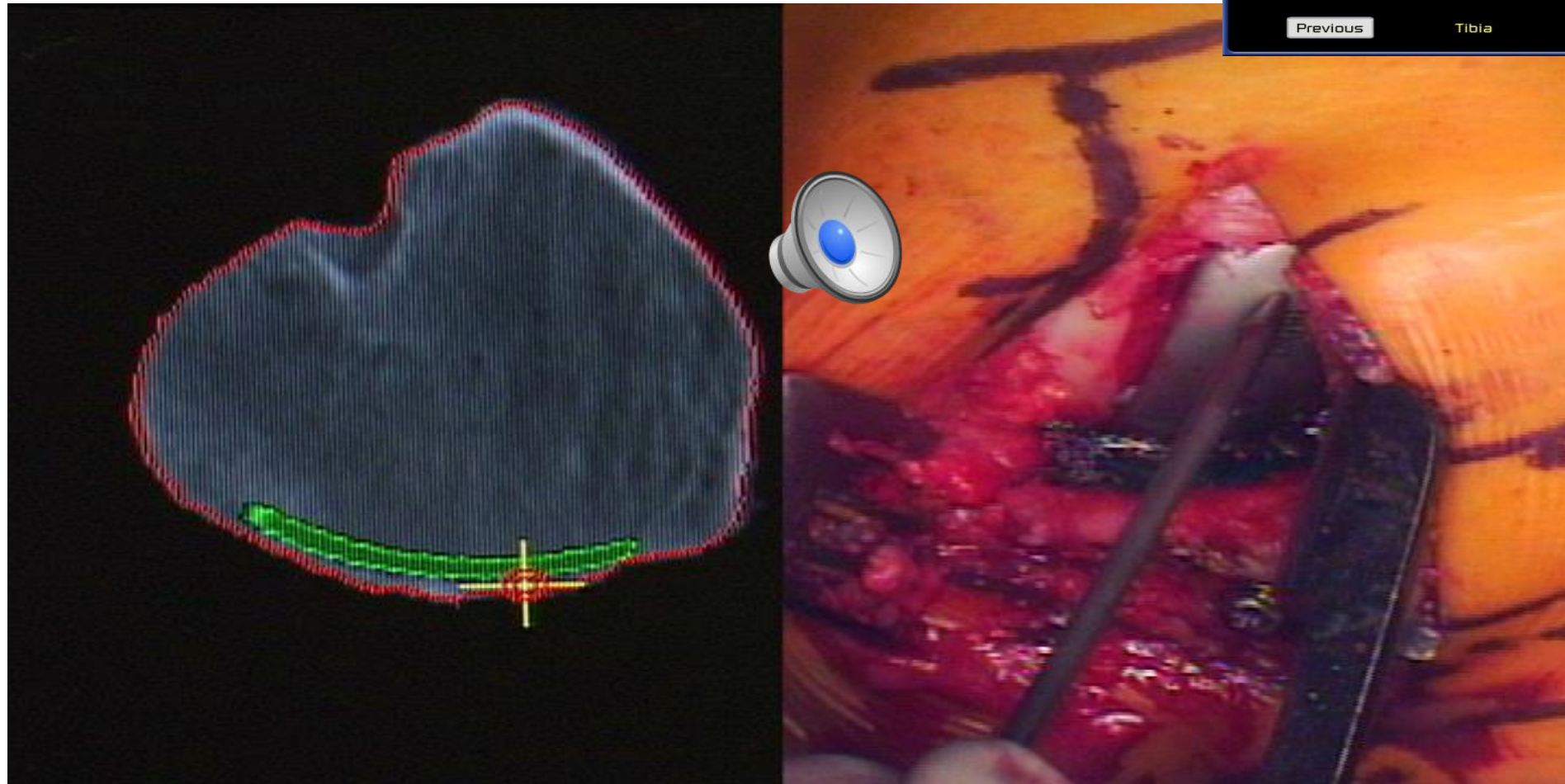
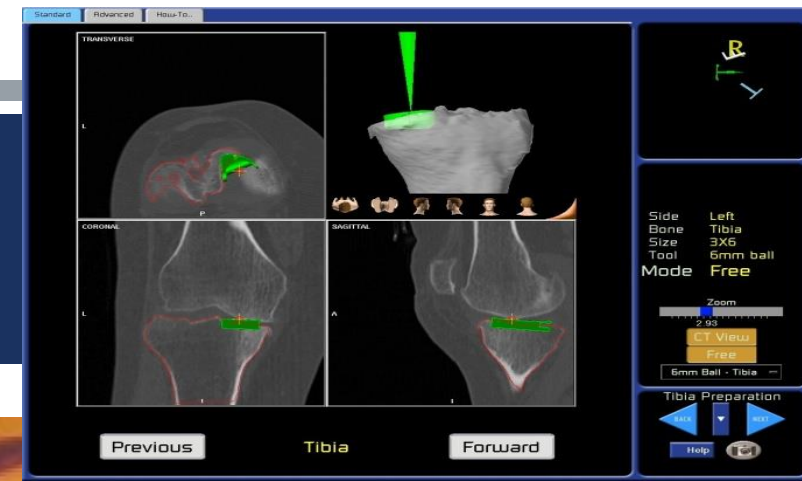



IMAGE-BASED SYSTEM: ASSESSING ACCURACY OF IMPLANT POSITION



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KEY STUDIES

- Accuracy of bone preparation
 - Pre-clinical (cadaveric specimens) and clinical studies
- Comparison of intraoperative plan for limb alignment with postop limb alignment
 - Clinical (navigated measures) 
- Accuracy of tibial component alignment and volumetric bone preservation
 - Radiographic
- Learning Curve
- Safety
- Radiation avoidance by using image-free systems (eliminating preop CT scans)
- Survivorship and satisfaction

TIBIAL ALIGNMENT -- UKA


- Initial 31 robotic UKA's with Haptic, CT based robotic system
- Matched group of preceding 27 conventional UKA
 - Height, weight, ROM, alignment
- Study parameter: Tibial alignment

(Lonner, John, Conditt CORR 2009)

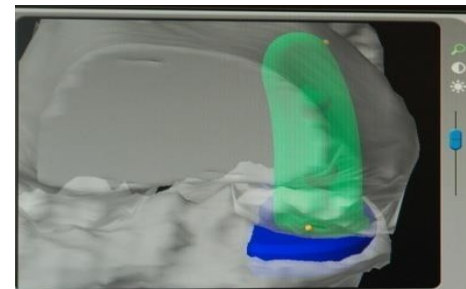


TIBIAL ALIGNMENT -- UKA



- Variance: 2.6x greater with manual techniques ($p < 0.05$)
- RMS error: 3.4° (manual) vs. 1.8° (robot) 
- Coronal alignment – Avg error:
 - Manual: $2.7 \pm 2.1^\circ$ more varus
 - Robot: $0.2 \pm 1.8^\circ$ ($p < 0.0001$)

(Lonner, John, Conditt CORR 2009)



ACCURACY OF COMPONENT POSITIONING IN UKA: SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOT VS. CONVENTIONAL

- Prospective RCT, 120 patients
 - 62 robotic UKA (Robotic)
 - 58 conventional (Conventional)
- Component alignment and position determined by CT scan
 - Coronal, sagittal and axial positioning

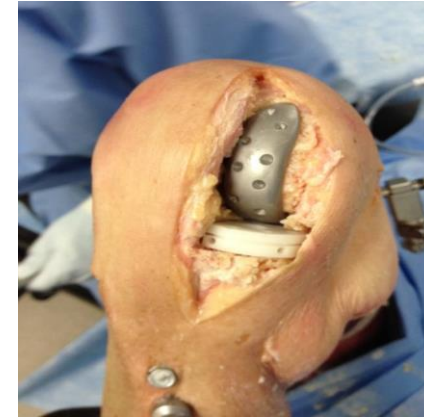
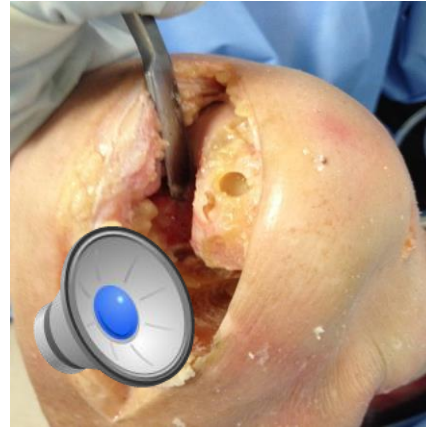
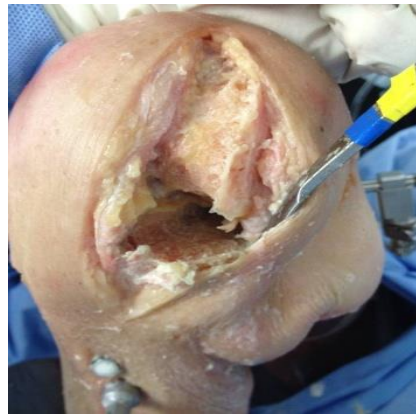


ACCURACY OF COMPONENT POSITIONING IN UKA: SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOT VS. CONVENTIONAL

- Robotic assistance had:
 - significantly lower component medial-lateral, anterior-posterior and rotational implantation errors in all 3 component parameters ($p < 0.01$)
 - Significantly fewer outliers $> 2^\circ$ of target positions



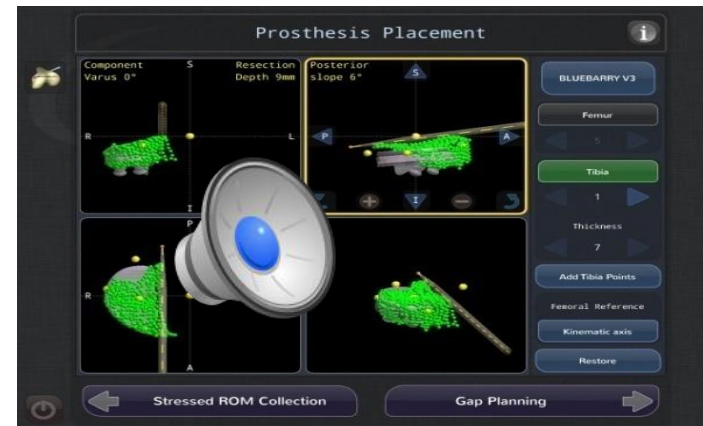
PRE-CLINICAL ACCURACY



- 25 cadaveric specimens
 - Image-free semi-autonomous system (2nd Generation robot)
 - Medial UKA
 - 3 surgeons

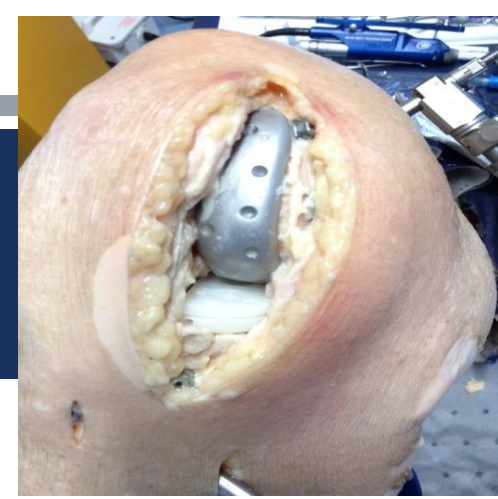
ANALYSIS METHOD

■ Preop plan



■ Postop analysis

- Optical probe inserted into implant divots
- Surface positions mapped
- Postop position compared to plan

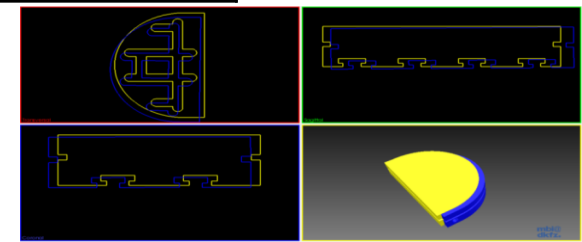
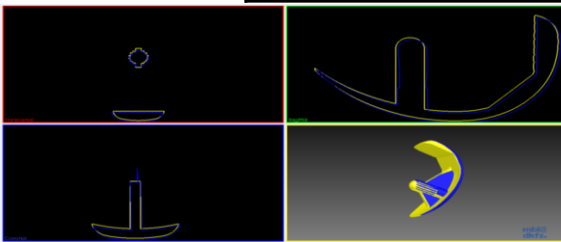


ALIGNMENT: SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTS VS. MANUAL

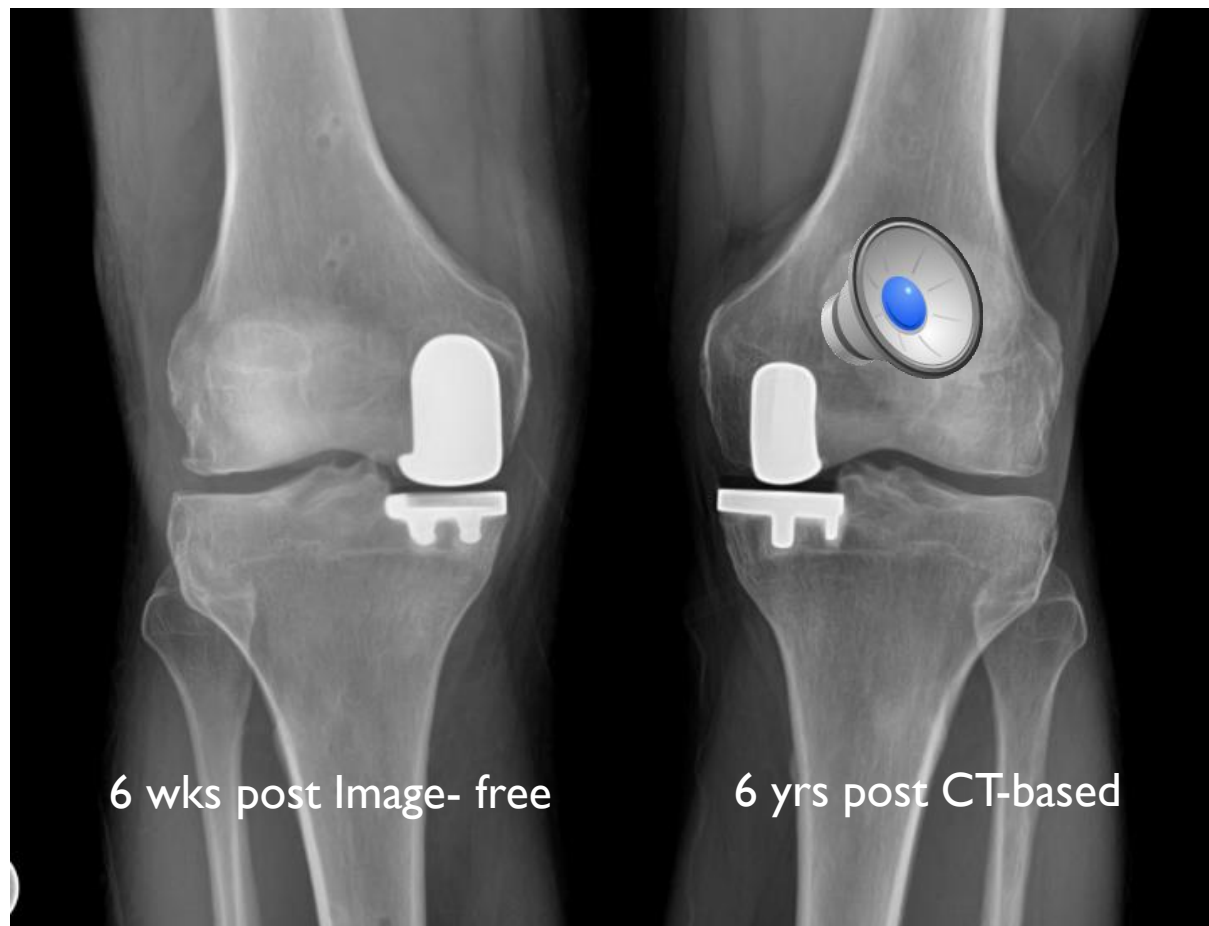
2.6x less variability than manual techniques ($p < 0.05$)

RMS Error	Image-Free	CT-Based	Manual
Flex/Ext ($^{\circ}$)	1.6	2.1	4.1
Varus/Valgus ($^{\circ}$)	2.3	2.1	6.0
Int/Ext ($^{\circ}$)	1.7	3.0	6.3
Prox/Dist (mm)	1.3	1.0	2.8
Ant/Post (mm)	1.3	1.6	2.4
Med/Lat (mm)	0.9	1.0	1.6


Dunbar et al J Arthrop 2012
Jenny J Arthrop 2002
Lonner et al CORR 2014



ALIGNMENT: NO APPARENT DIFFERENCE -- CT-BASED VS IMAGE-FREE ROBOTIC SYSTEMS



PLANNED VERSUS ACHIEVED LIMB ALIGNMENT

- 65 cases, image-free robotic system 
- Multiple surgeons
- Postop limb alignment $\leq 1^\circ$ from plan 92% (60/65)

F Picard, A Gregori, J Bellemans, J Lonner, J Smith, D Gonzales, A Simone, B Jaramaz – CAOS July 2014



TIBIAL RESECTION (ROBOTIC VS. CONVENTIONAL)

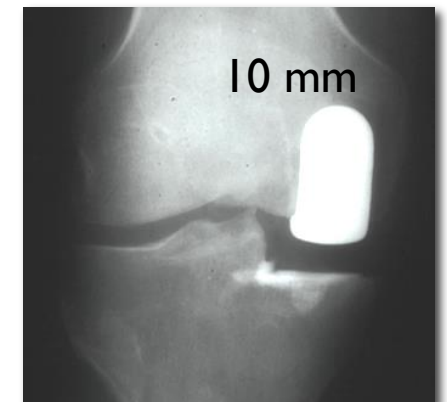
- Industry Data
 - 27,989 conventional UKA's
 - 8421 semi-autonomous robotic UKA's
 - Studied variable: tibial poly thickness
- Implications for revision to TKA
 - Complexity, need for augments/stems




Robotic

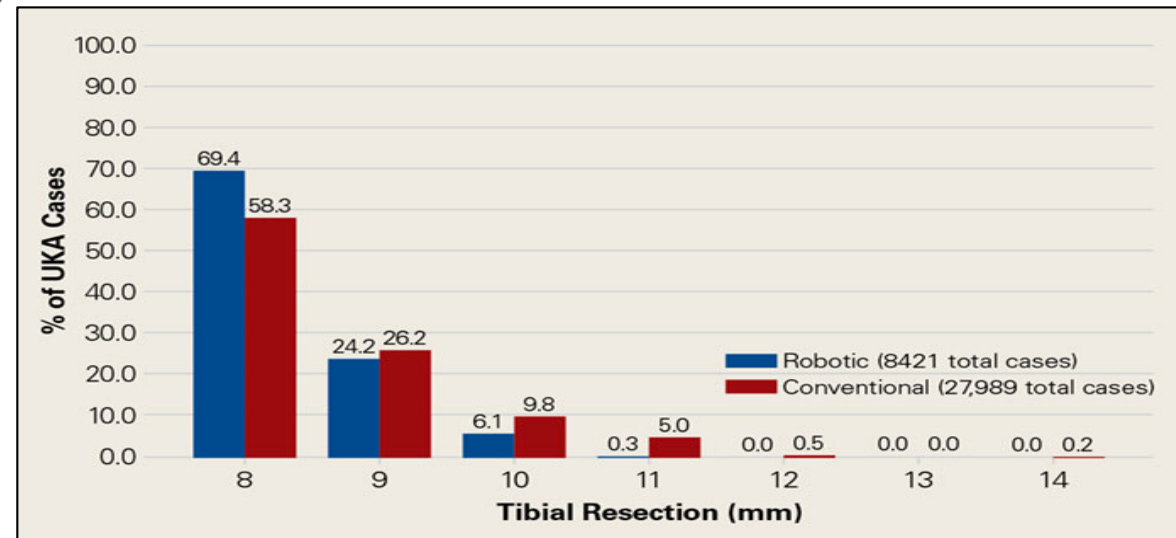


Conventional




TIBIAL RESECTION (POLY SIZES)

- 8-mm and 9-mm polyethylene inserts
 - Robotic group: 93.6%
 - Conventional group: 84.5% ($P < .0001$).
- Aggressive tibial resection, requiring tibial inserts  m
 - Robotic group: 6.4%
 - Conventional group: 15.5%
- Tibial inserts >11 mm
 - Robotic group: 0.3%
 - Conventional group: 5.7%
- No differences between 2 semi-autonomous robots




LEARNING CURVE

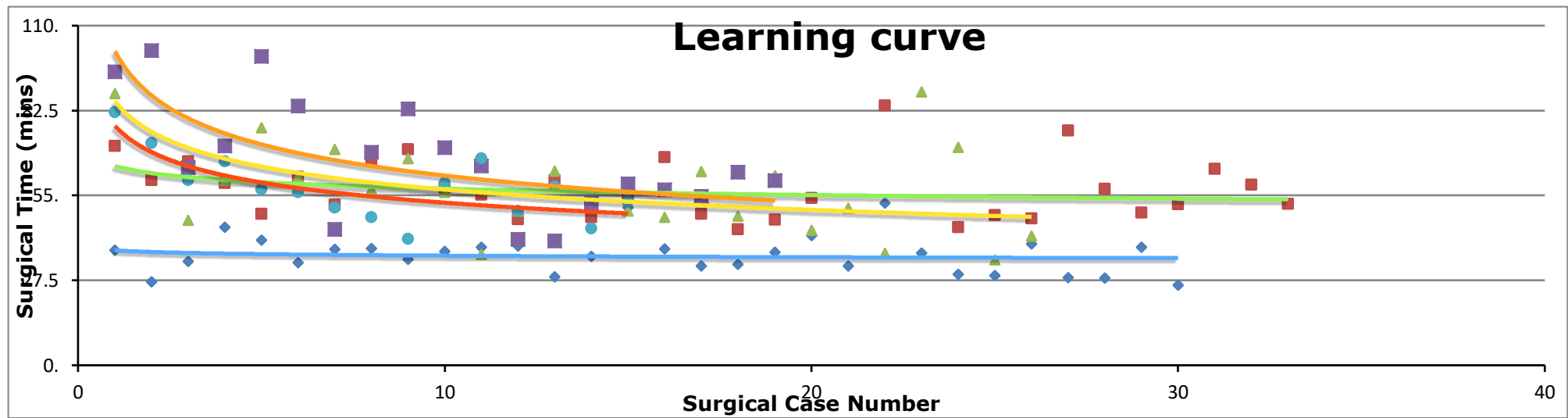
- Eleven novice users (2nd generation image-free system)
- Precision achieved immediately
- Mean of 8 procedures to reach a steady  surgical time (95% confidence interval 6-11)
- Avg. steady state surgical time 45 minutes (range 37-55 minutes)

A Gregori, F Picard, J Lonner, R Marquez, J Smith, A Simone, B Jaramaz - CAOS Abstract 2014



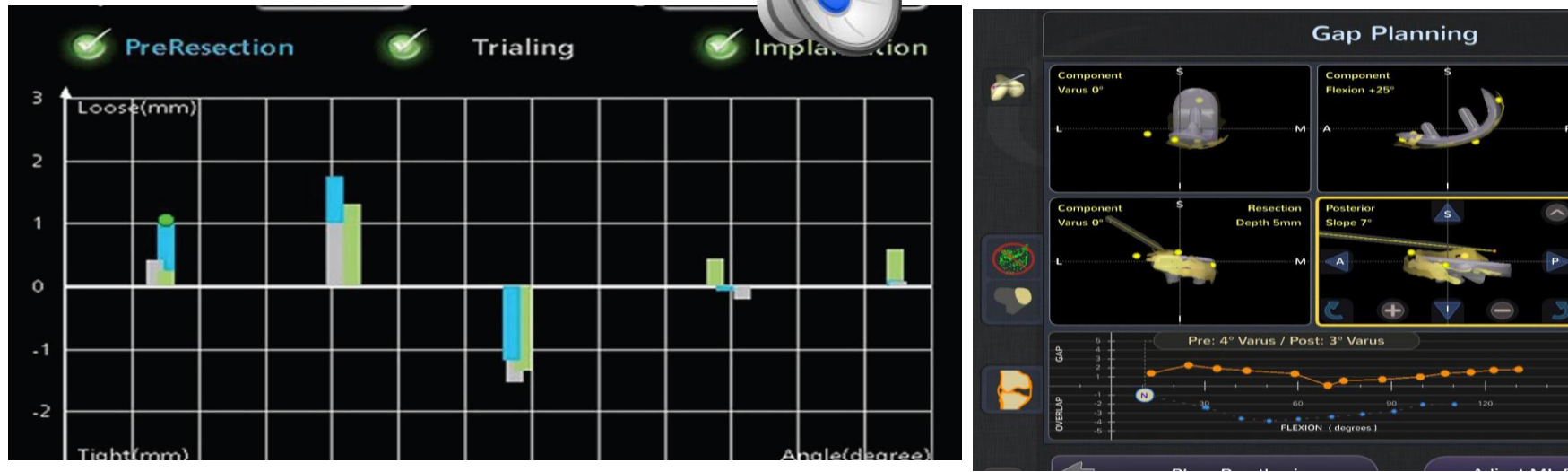
LEARNING CURVE

- Greatest improvement in “Cutting Phase”:
 - Average improvement from 42 to 24 minutes.
- Least improvement in “Anatomic Registration” and “Implant Planning”:
 - Average improvement from 14 minutes to 6 minutes. 
- The mean steady state surgical time for all surgeons was 45 minutes (SE 4.3, $p < 0.001$).



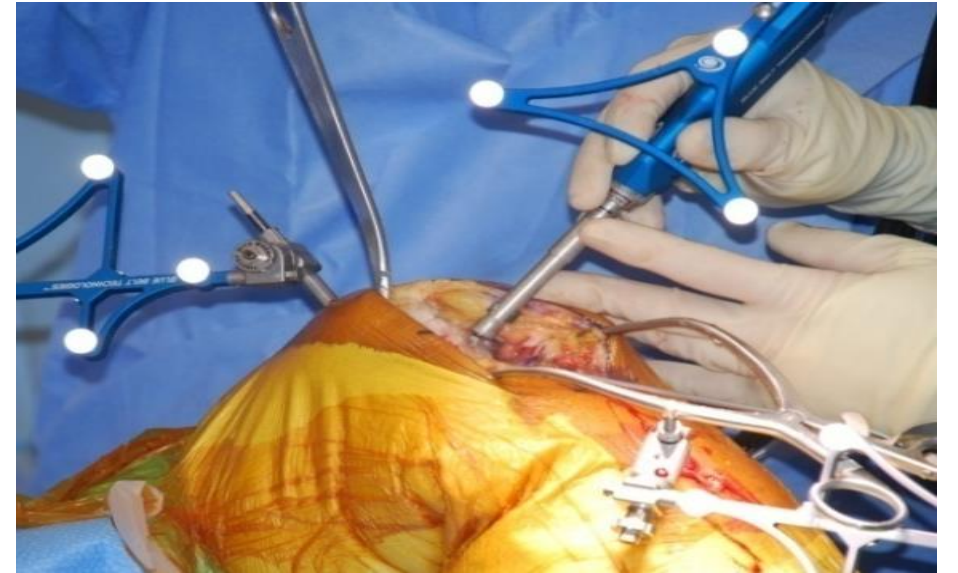
GAP BALANCING

- Final ligament balance after implantation accurate within 0.53 mm compared to dynamic plan




SAFETY: SEMI-AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC SYSTEMS

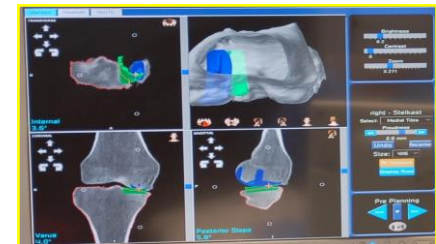
- Initial 1010 cases
- Single surgeon (JHL)
- No robot-related soft tissue complications



RADIATION FROM PREOP CT SCANS

- 236 scans 2011-2013
 - 1st generation image-based system
- ED of radiation from LE CT scan:
 - 4.8 +/- 3.0 mSv
- 25% had add'l CT scans (est cumulative ED of 6-103 mSv)
- Note: 10 mSv increases risk of fatal cancer by 1 in 2000

Ponzio DY, Lonner JH. J Arthroplasty 2015




SURVIVORSHIP AND SATISFACTION


- 909 consecutive semi-autonomous robotic UKA's
- 6 surgeons
- FB metal-backed implant
- Follow up: mean 30 mos [range, 22-52 mos]
 - Survivorship: 98.8% (96% if non-responders failed)
 - 92% satisfied in patients without revision



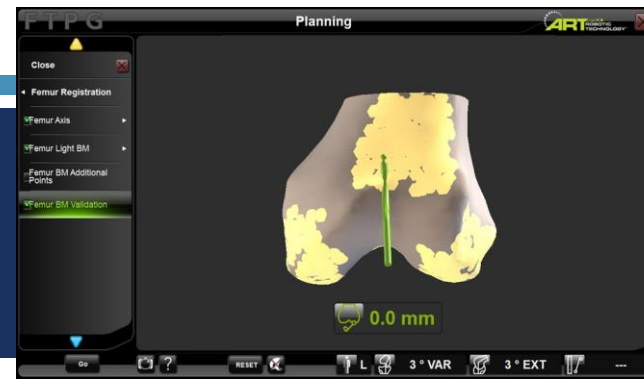
ROBOTICS FOR TKA?

- 100 TKA's
 - 50 conventional
 - 50 autonomous robotic-assisted (currently  not approved for use in U.S.)
- Mechanical axis outliers $>3^\circ$:
 - Robotic: 0%
 - Conventional: 24%
- No differences in ROM or function scores

ROBOTICS FOR TKA?

- Prospective RCT
- 60 TKA's
 - 29 conventional
 - 31 autonomous robotic-assisted (currently proved for use in U.S.)
- Mechanical axis outliers $>3^\circ$:
 - Robotic: 0%
 - Conventional: 19% ($p=0.05$)
- Joint line outliers ($>5\text{mm}$):
 - Robotic: 3.2%
 - Conventional: 20% ($p=0.05$)

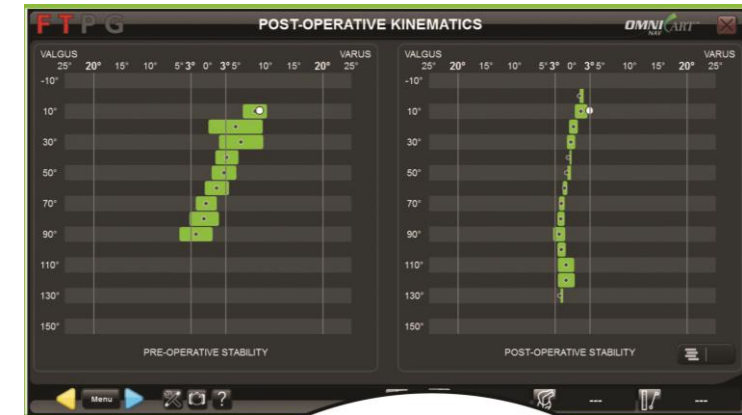
ROBOTICS FOR TKA



- Image-free semi-autonomous system (FDA approved)
- 108 initial cases
- Radiographic alignment data:
 - Mechanical axis within 3°: 91%*
 - Tibial component alignment within 3°: 99%
 - Femoral axis alignment within 3°: 99%

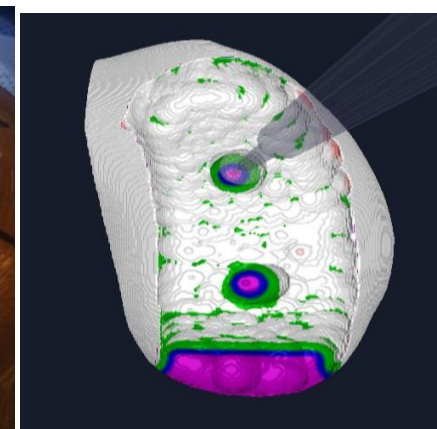
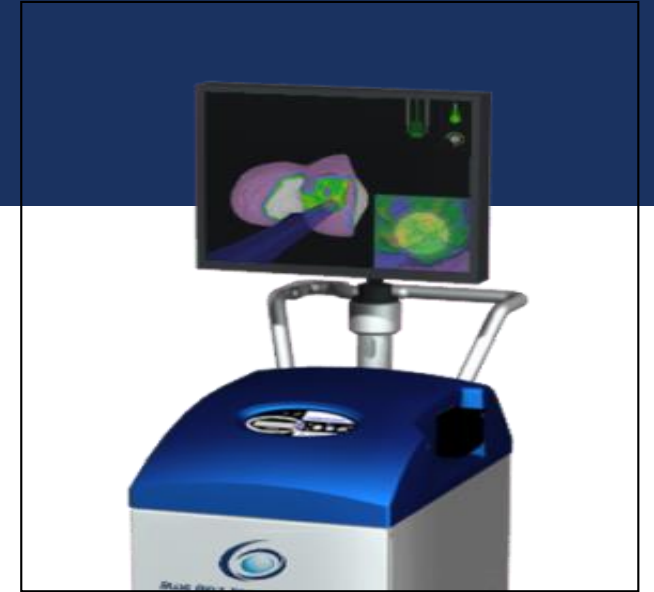


* Unpublished data suggests improved mechanical alignment with new kinematic balancing algorithm

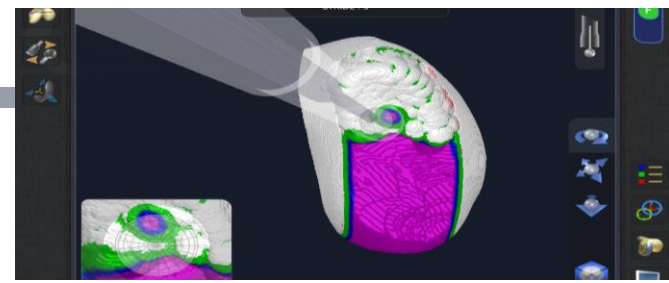


CONCLUSION: ROBOTICS

- Image-free vs CT based
- Autonomous vs. semi-autonomous
- Cost favorable?
- ASC-feasible?
- Expanding applications
 - UKA, PFA, BiKA
 - THA, TKA
 - Etc, etc.



CONCLUSION: ROBOTICS



- Semi-autonomous systems:
 - Accurate bone preparation, implant position, soft tissue gap balance
 - Safe
 - Further study needed to determine:
 - Functional outcomes
 - Impact on late results/durability



CONCLUSION: ROBOT

- Medicine is prime for a “disruption”
- Growing influence of smart technologies in knee arthroplasty
- Robotics fits into that paradigm
- Exponential utilization and development
- Stay tuned...





THANK YOU.



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