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## **EXTRACAPSULAR EXTENSION ON NEUROVASCULAR BUNDLES DURING ROBOT-ASSISTED RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY PRECISELY LOCALIZED BY 3D AUTOMATIC AUGMENTED-REALITY RENDERING**

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## Precision Surgery era

Nowadays, in uro-oncological surgical procedures, **functional** and **oncological outcomes** are equally important.

New technologies have allowed to pursue these two objectives  
**personalizing surgical interventions**





## Limits of 2D imaging

**Standard 2D imaging** remains the basis for **preoperative planning** and **intraoperative decision making**, but requires an important "building in mind" process.

**3D reconstructions** allow to overcome this limitation.

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Review – From Lab to Clinic

### Current Use of Three-dimensional Model Technology in Urology: A Road Map for Personalised Surgical Planning

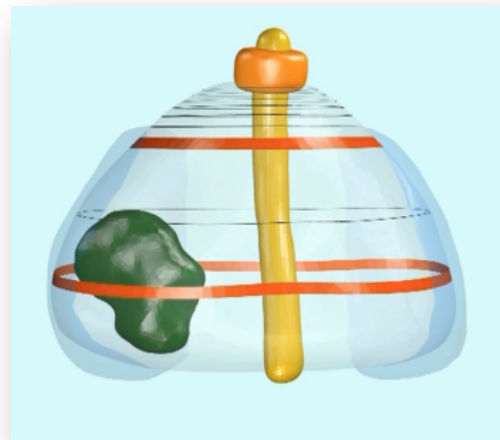
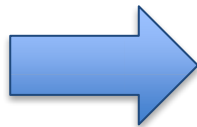
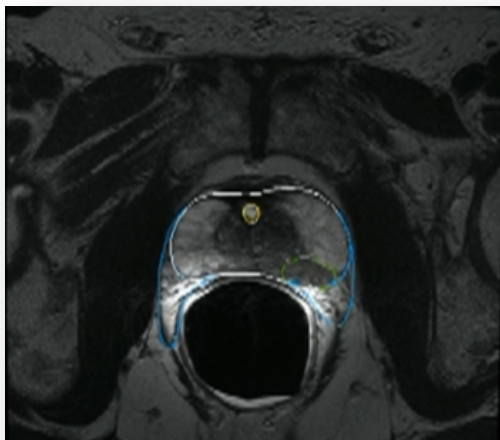
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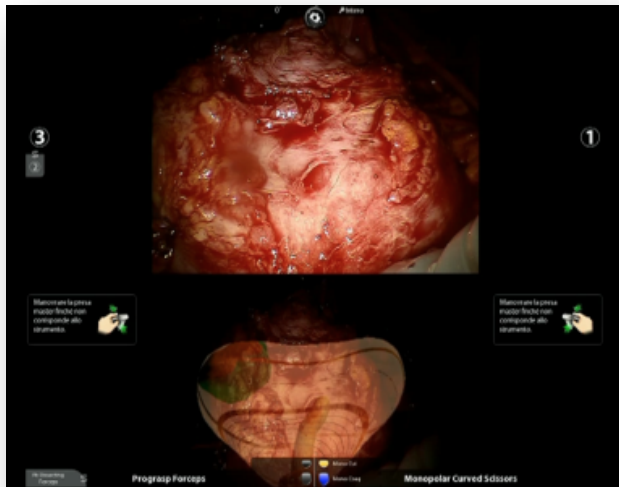


## 3D virtual models

From standard 2D imaging, thanks to dedicated software, it's possible to obtain **3D virtual models**



- In these models **organs were reproduced in the same position of the pre-operative imaging**
- These virtual **models can be overlapped** to the endoscopic view during the surgical procedure
- They can only be used during **static phases of the procedure**



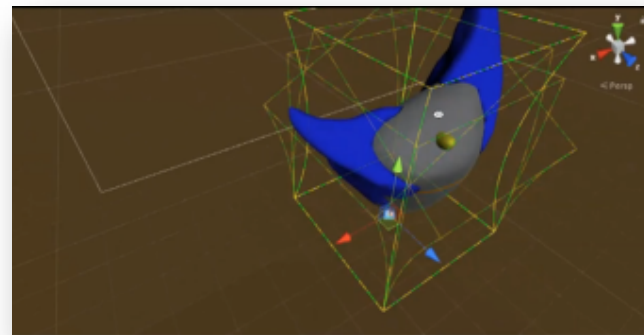
## Augmented-reality robot-assisted radical prostatectomy using hyper-accuracy three-dimensional reconstruction (HA3D™) technology: a radiological and pathological study

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## 3D elastic virtual models

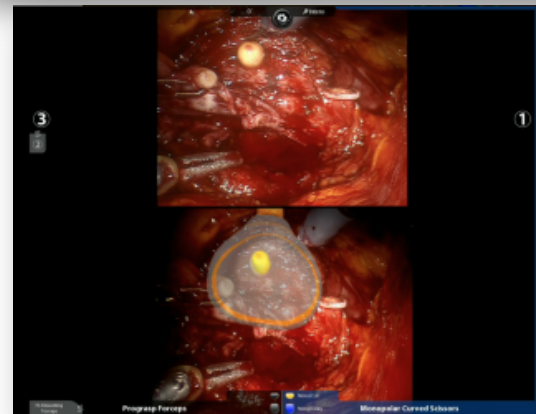
- In order to **simulate tissue's deformation** during surgical procedures different software and engineering approaches were proposed
- Among the different techniques available we chose **non-linear parametric deformations** and we applied it to our rigid 3D models



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**Three-dimensional Elastic Augmented-reality Robot-assisted Radical Prostatectomy Using Hyperaccuracy Three-dimensional Reconstruction Technology: A Step Further in the Identification of Capsular Involvement**

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## Limit of rigid and elastic models

- The entire **overlap process** is **operator dependent**
- The virtual images are manually superimposed to the real organs thanks to a **3D mouse**







## 3D virtual models & prostate surgery

- Better identification of **tumour's location**
- The potential **involvement of the capsule** is clearly visible
- Intraoperative tailoring of the **nerve sparing strategy**







## Automatic AR system

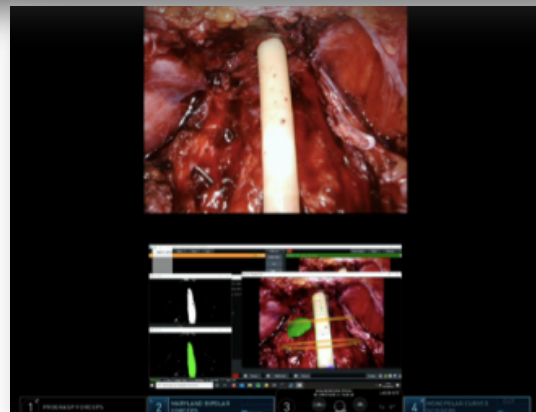
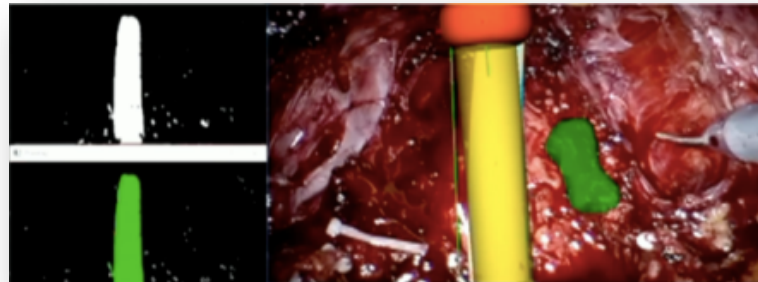
- **Aim of our study:** evaluate the accuracy of our new **Automatic AR system** in order to identify the tumour **extracapsular extension** at the level of preserved **neurovascular bundles**
- **Population:** **10 patients** with positive target biopsy performed on an index lesion with **suspicious ECE**





## Automatic AR system

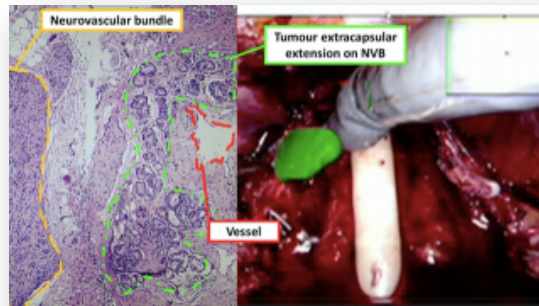
- We developed a new AR software able to **automatically identify the catheter**, overlapping automatically the 3D virtual model to the real anatomy
- A **metallic clip** was placed at the level of **suspected ECE** as indicated by the virtual images
- Finally, the **entire NVBs** with suspicious ECE were removed for pathological examination.



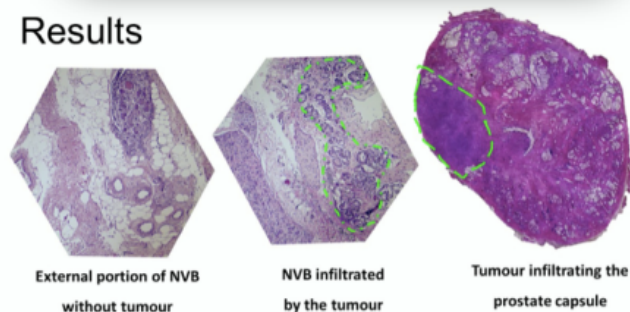


## Results

- In **8 cases** the final pathology confirmed the **presence of ECE**
- The **presence of ECE** at the level of **metallic clip** was recorded in **100% of the cases**
- Microscopic evaluation confirmed the **cancer presence in all the cases** and revealed a mean length of **ECE of 4 mm**



### Results





## Conclusions

- Our AR platform based on computer vision algorithm allows an **effective Automatic AR RARP**
- The 3D virtual images, automatically anchored to the catheter, are able to **correctly identify the location of ECE at the level of NVBs**
- This tool might be useful to **tailor the procedure** and the **nerve sparing strategy**

