



Surgery Planning with Dr. Liver: Advanced Features and Functions

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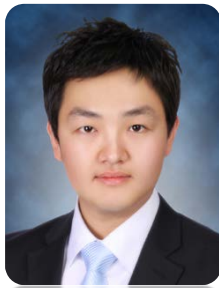
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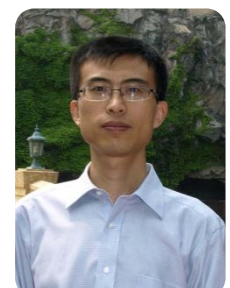
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Dr. Liver: a User-Centered Liver Surgery Planning System

- 3D **Reconstruction** of the liver, vessels, and tumor(s) from CT volume dataset
- Liver **anatomical segmentation**
- Virtual **resection simulation**

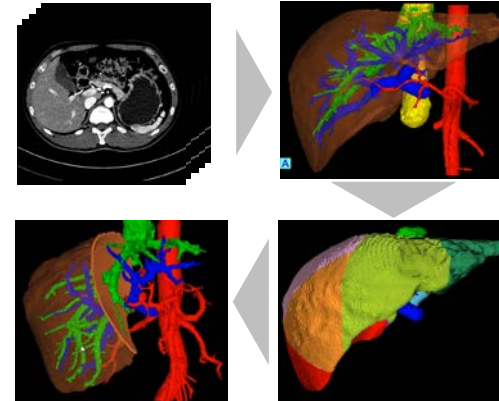


Image Processing

Safe & Rational Surgery

Quantitative Analysis

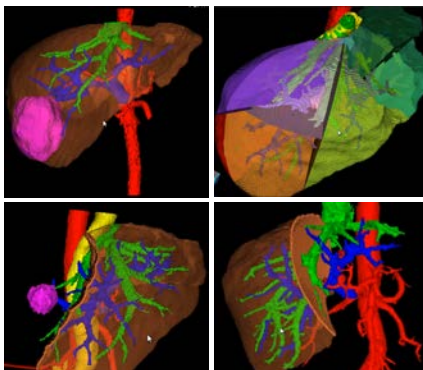
Anatomical Visualization



- **Volumetric measurement** of the liver, vessels, tumors, liver segments, the remnant, and/or graft

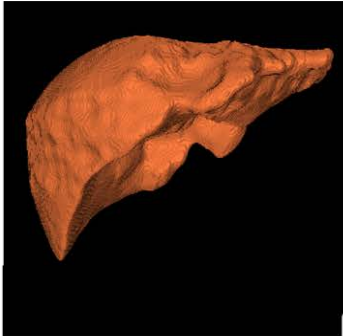


- **Location & size** of the tumor(s)
- **Vascular structure**
- Liver **segments**
- Location, orientation, and shape of the **Cutting plane**

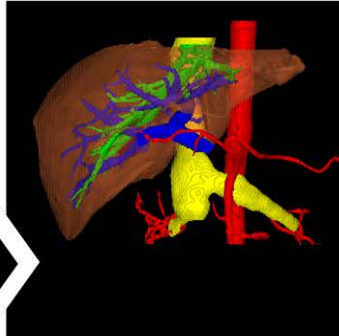


Use Scenario: Overall

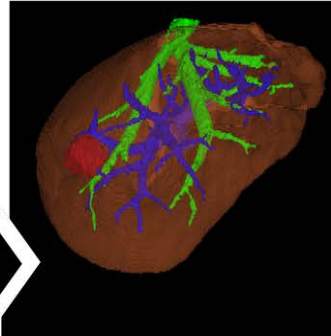
S1. Liver extraction



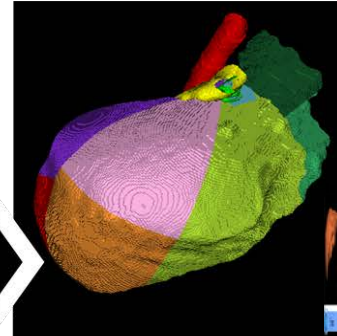
S2. Vessel extraction



S3. Tumor extraction



S4. Liver segmentation



S5. Surgery planning



5 min

5 ~ 10 min

5 min

5 min

5 min

- S1.1. Seed point selection
- S1.2. Liver extraction
- S1.3. Contour editing
- S1.4. Update & save

- S2.1. Mask the liver
- S2.2. Seed point selection
- S2.3. Vessel extraction
- S2.4. Contour editing
- S2.5. Update & save

- S3.1. Seed point selection
- S3.2. Tumor extraction
- S3.3. Contour editing
- S3.4. Update & save

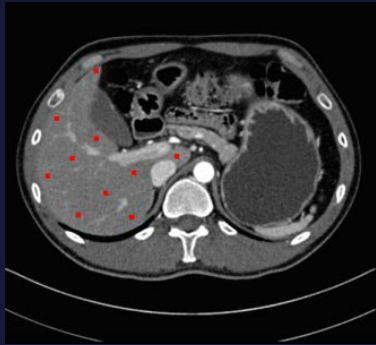
- Plane-based
 - S4.1.1. Plane generation
 - S4.1.2. Confirm segmentation
 - S4.1.3. Segment management
- Sphere-based
 - S4.2.1. Load the liver
 - S4.2.2. Remove segment
 - S4.2.3. Update & save
 - S4.2.4. Segment management

- Plane-based
 - S5.1.1. Load files
 - S5.1.2. Point selection
 - S5.1.3. Plane generation
 - S5.1.4. Volume calculation
- Segment-based
 - S5.2.1. Load segments
 - S5.2.2. Cut by segments
- Sphere-based
 - S5.3.1. Load the liver
 - S5.3.2. Liver resection
 - S5.3.3. Update & save

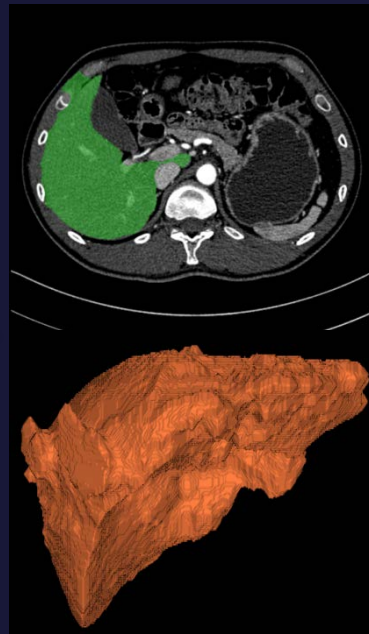
Entire processing time: **20 ~ 30 min**

Use Scenario: Liver Extraction

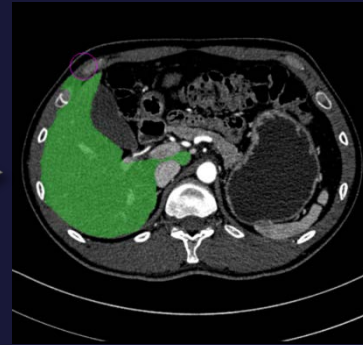
S1(M). Seed point selection



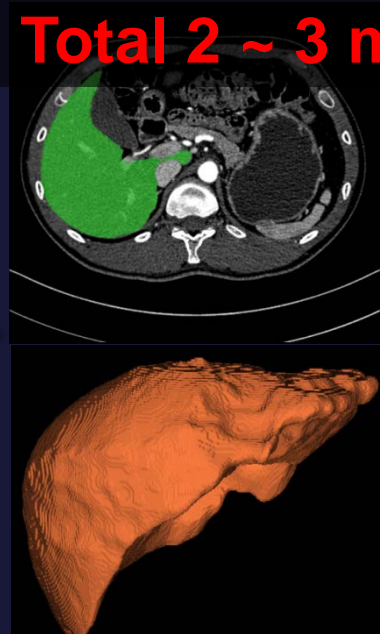
S2(A). Liver extraction



S3(M). Contour editing



S4(A). Update & save



Total 2 ~ 3 min

< 1 min

< 2 min

< 2 min

< 1 min

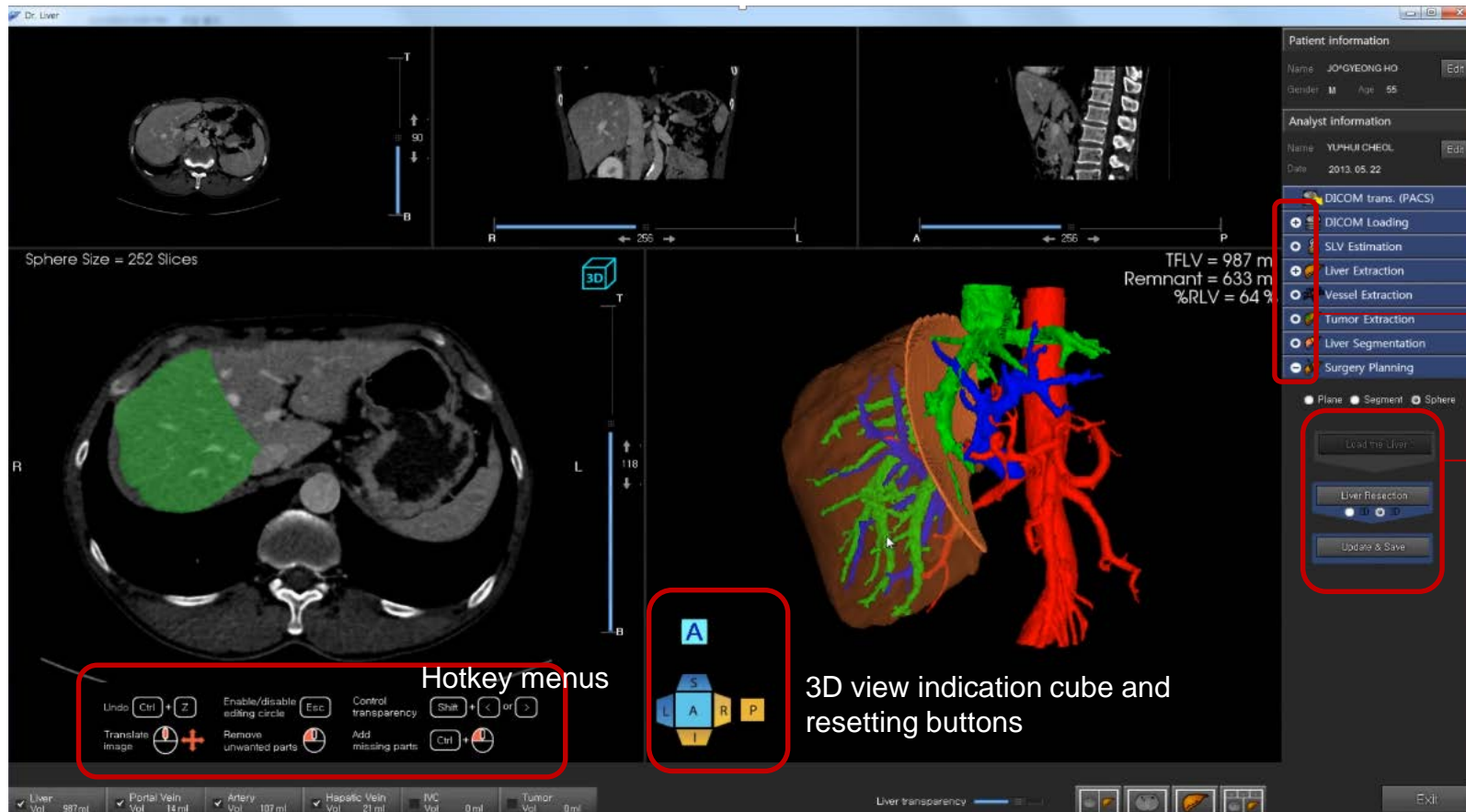
- **Multiple seed point selection** on liver using the mouse

- **Liver extraction** using our hybrid method
- Liver contour **verification**

- **Liver contour editing** using a scalable editing sphere

- **Update** of the 3D liver
- Liver surface smoothing
- Liver extraction result saving

User Interface: User-Friendly Features



Hierarchical drop-down menus

Procedure status indication coding

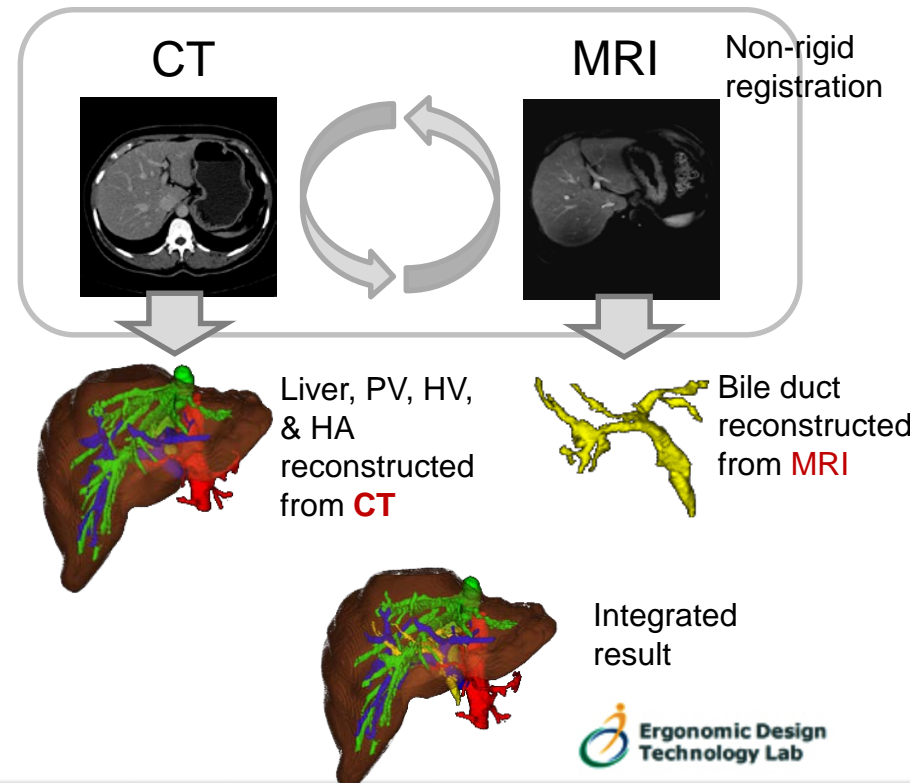
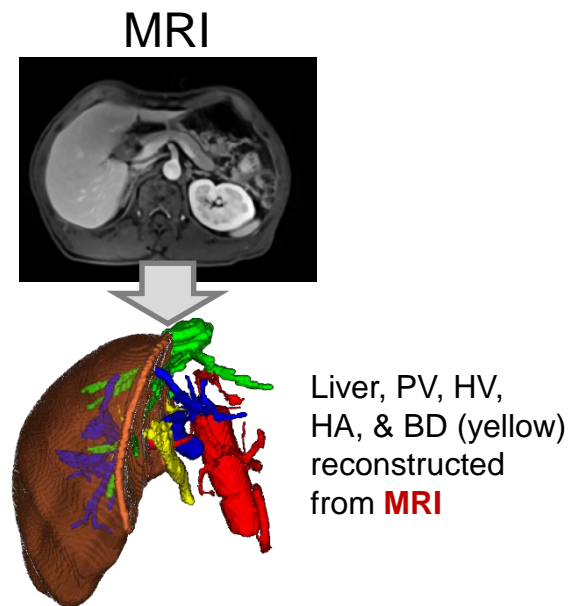
Procedure status color coding

Hotkey menus

3D view indication cube and resetting buttons

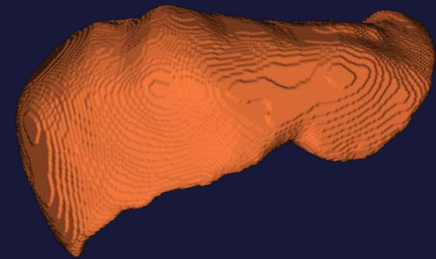
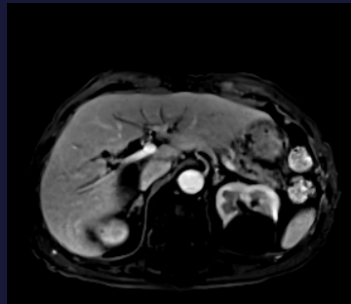
Advanced Features: MRI Analysis (1/3)

- Developed especially for **visualization** and **volumetric measurement** of **bile duct** in liver surgery planning
 - Module 1: extraction of the **liver, vessels, tumor(s)** and **bile duct** from **only MRI**
 - Module 2: extraction of the **liver, vessels, and tumor(s)** from **CT**, extraction of the **bile duct** from **MRI** non-rigidly registered to CT

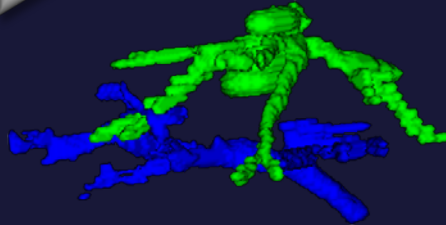
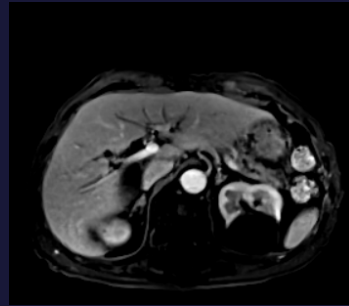


Module 1: Analysis from **Only MRI**

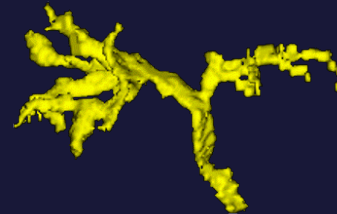
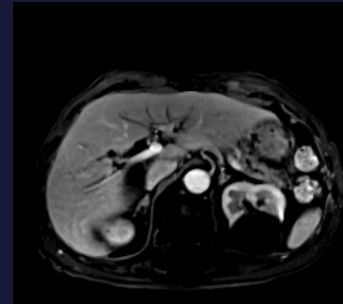
S1(SA). Liver extraction (MRI)



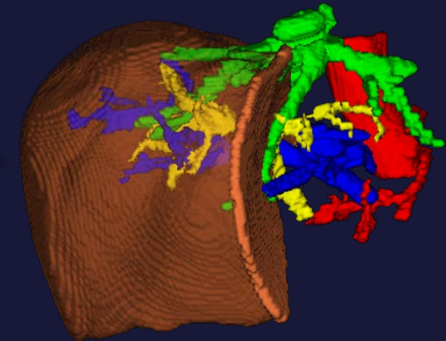
S2(SA). Vessel extraction (MRI)



S3(SA). BD extraction (MRI)



S4(SA). Surgery Planning



Total 30 min

3 ~ 5 min

- **Liver extraction** using our proposed hybrid method

15 ~ 20 min

- **Vessel extraction** using our proposed method (long editing time due to low contrast of MRI)

2 ~ 3 min

- **BD extraction** using the same method as vessels

1 ~ 2 min

- **Resection simulation**
- **Volumetric** measurement

Module 2: Non-Rigidly Registered CT & MRI

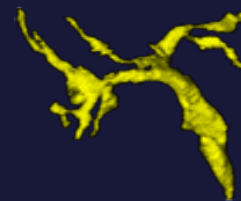
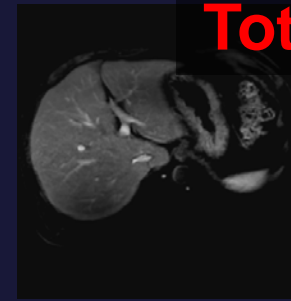
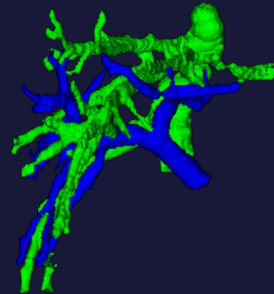
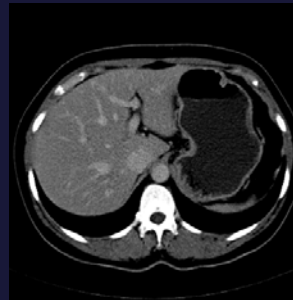
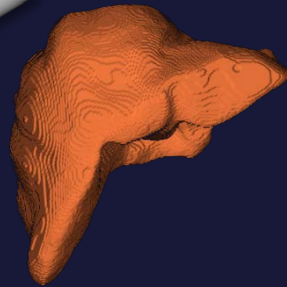
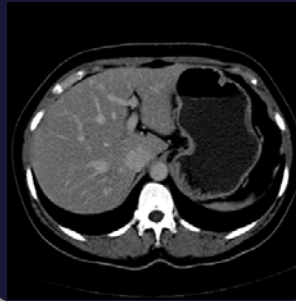
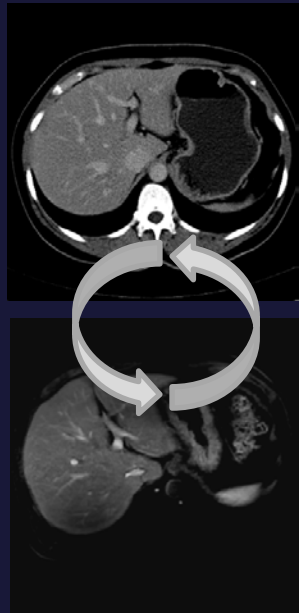
S1(A). Regis-
tration

S2(SA). Liver
extraction
(CT)

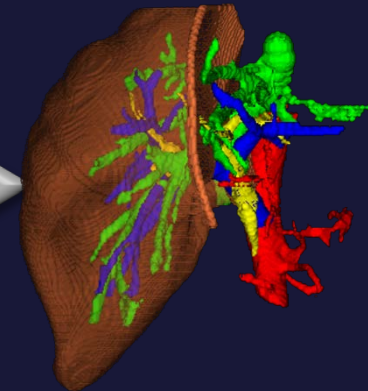
S2(SA). Vessel
extraction
(CT)

S3(SA). BD
extraction
(MRI)

S4(SA). Surgery
Planning



Total 15 ~ 20 min



6 min

3 ~ 5 min

2 ~ 3 min

2 ~ 3 min

1 ~ 2 min

- **Non-rigid registration** between MRI & CT

- **Liver extraction** using our proposed hybrid method

- **Vessel extraction** using our proposed method

- **BD extraction** using the same method as vessels

- **Resection simulation**
- **Volumetric measurement**

Advanced Features: Standard Liver Volume (SLV) Estimation

- Three regression equations used by Dr. Liver for SLV estimation

Author	Regression models	Adjusted R^2	Errors*				Sample		
			Mean	Median	SD	SE	Nation	Size	Age
Yu et al. (2004)	$LV = 21.585 \times BW^{0.732} \times BH^{0.225}$	0.590	-27.96	-27.78	275.4	275.8	Korea	652	42.4 ± 16.5
Urata et al. (1995)	$LV = 2.4 + 706.2 \times BSA$	0.962†	226.90	213.31	289.4	289.6	Japanese	96	11.1 ± 8.8
Heinemann et al. (1999)	$LV = -345.7 + 1072.8 \times BSA$	0.300†	-30.64	-29.88	281.5	281.7	Caucasian	1332	50.6 ± 18.9

*Differences between actual LV data and corresponding regression estimates

†Values reported by Heinemann et al. and Urata et al.

BW: body weight, BH: body height, BSA: body surface area

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SLV Estimation

Weight kg

Height cm

Yu et al.	1546,8 ml
Urata et al.	1307,6 ml
Hienemann et al.	1637,0 ml

Advanced Features: Risk Prediction

- Risk prediction equation added to Dr. Liver proposed by Yamanaka et al. (1994)

$$Y = -84.6 + 0.933 \text{ PHRR} + 1.11 \text{ ICG R15} + 0.999 \text{ age}$$

where: PHRR = parenchymal hepatic resection rate

ICG R15 = indocyanine green dye retention rate 15 minutes after injection of 0.5 mg/kg

Risk Prediction

PHRR %

ICG R15 %

Age

PS = 44.6 (Yamanaka et al.)

PS: <= 45: safe zone
PS: 45 ~ 55: borderline
PS: >= 55: risky zone

PHRR: parenchymal hepatic resection rate

ICG R15: indocyanine green dye retention rate 15 minutes after injection of 0.5 mg/kg

PS: prediction score

Y > 55: risky
45 < Y < 55: borderline
Y < 45: safe

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Yamanaka et al. (1994)

A Prediction Scoring System to Select the Surgical Treatment of Liver Cancer

Further Refinement Based on 10 Years of Use

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From the First Department of Surgery, Hyogo College of Medicine, Mukogawa-cho, Nishinomiya, Japan

Objective

This study reports further refinement of a prediction scoring system, which was established in 1980 as a guide to determine a safe limit for hepatectomy, based on 10 years of use.

Summary Background Data

In the past, whether major resection was safe was judged empirically from the net resection volume or the residual hepatic volume combined with the patient's liver function. However, such judgment was not based on objectively defined criteria.

Methods

Patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC; n=376) and metastatic cancer (n=58) who had hepatectomy at some time from 1981 through 1990 were entered into this study. A prediction score (PS) was computed using a multiple regression equation that consists of computed tomographic scan-estimated resection rate, indocyanine green retention rate, and the patient's age. A PS greater than 55 was classified as a risky zone, a PS of 45 to 55 was considered borderline, and a PS less than 45 was a safe zone.

Surgery Planning for LDLT

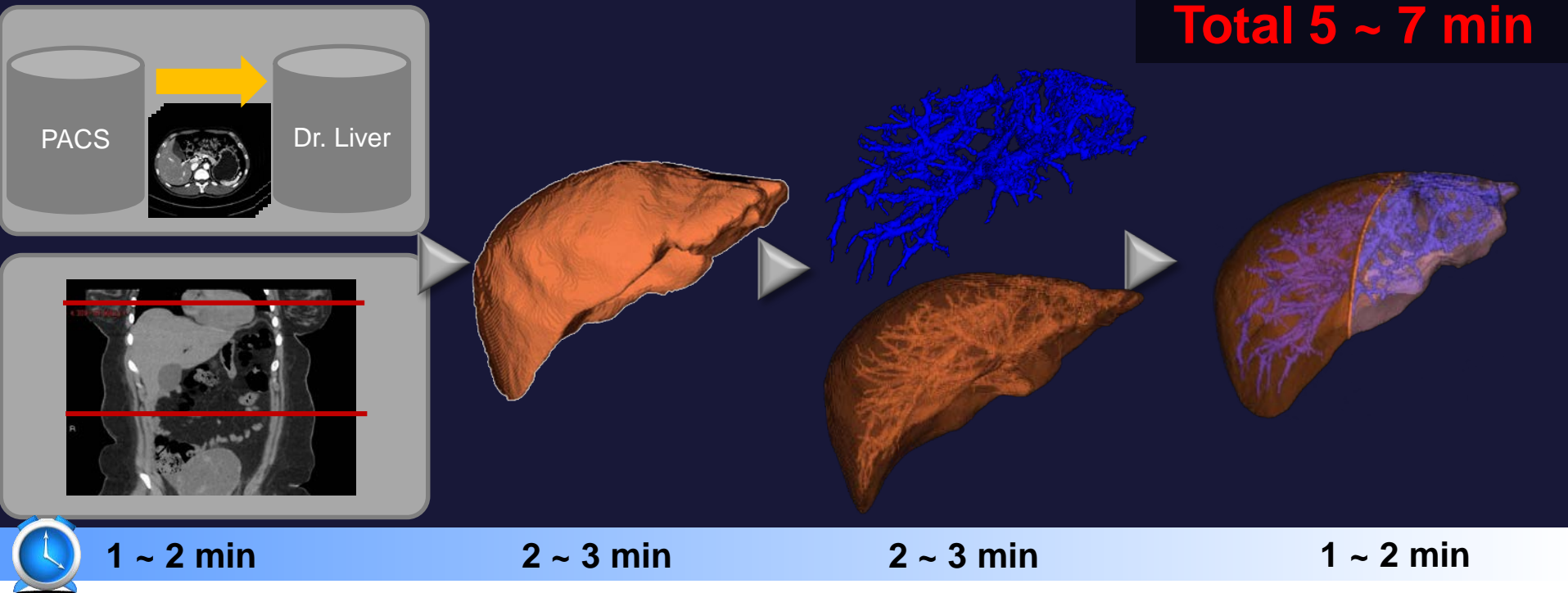
S1(M). Data Preparation

S2(SA). Liver extraction

S3(SA). PV & HV extraction

S4(SA). Surgery Planning

Total 5 ~ 7 min



- **Data transfer** from PACS
- **Data cut**

- **Liver extraction** using our proposed hybrid method


- **Vessel extraction** using our proposed method
- **Exclude vessels** from the liver

- **Resection simulation**
- **Volumetric** measurement
- **Print** the liver surgery planning results

Graft Weight Estimation by Dr. Liver

- Proposed a regression model for **graft weight estimation** from preoperative **vein free graft volume**

$$GW = 29.1 + 0.943 \times GV_{w/o_vein} \text{ (Adj. } R^2 = 0.94)$$

Methods	PNUYH Data (<i>n</i> = 20)					CBNUH Data (<i>n</i> = 23)				
	Absolute Error (AE; g)		Percentage of AE (PAE)		Percentage of PAE > 10%	AE (g)		PAE		Percentage of PAE > 10%
	Mean (SD)	SE	Mean (SD)	SE		Mean (SD)	SE	Mean (SD)	SE	
Lemke et al. (2006) by GV_{w_vein}	36.6 (22.5)	5.0	5.8% (4.1%)	0.9%	15.0%	45.5 (32.9)	6.9	6.1% (4.1%)	0.9%	17.4%
Yoneyama et al. (2011) by GV_{w_vein}	34.2 (26.4)	5.9	5.0% (3.5%)	0.8%	10.0%	42.0 (36.8)	7.7	5.7% (4.9%)	1.0%	13.0%
SyngoVia	52.5 (49.7)	12.4	8.3% (7.1%)	1.8%	31.3%	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed by GV_{w/o_vein}	16.3 (12.6)	2.8	2.6% (2.2%)	0.5%	0.0%	21.5 (16.5)	3.4	3.0% (2.3%)	0.5%	0.0% 

Demo: Surgery Planning for LDLT

Dr. Liver

Patient information
Name: JO*GYEONG HO [Edit]
Gender: M Age: 55

Analyst information
Name: YU*HUI CHEOL [Edit]
Date: 2014. 03. 24

- DICOM trans. (PACS)
- Data Cut
- DICOM Loading
- Liver Extraction
- Vessel Extraction
- Surgery Planning

Control contrast [Slider]
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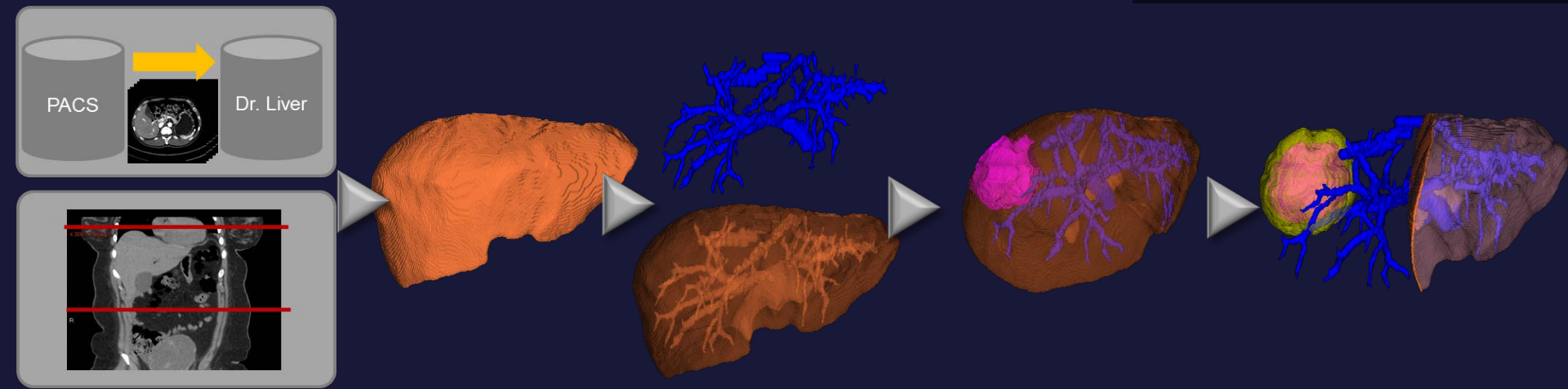
Liver Vol ml PV & HV Vol ml

Exit

Surgery Planning for Tumor Resection

S1(M). Data Preparation S2(SA). Liver extraction S3(SA). PV & HV extraction S4(SA). Tumor extraction S5(SA). Surgery Planning

Total 8 ~ 13 min



 < 1 min 2 ~ 3 min 2 ~ 3min 2 ~ 3min 1 ~ 2 min

- **Data transfer** from PACS
- **Data cut**
- **Liver extraction** using our proposed hybrid method
- **Vessel extraction** using our proposed method
- **Exclude vessels** from the liver
- **Tumor extraction** using the same method as liver extraction
- **Resection simulation**
- **Volumetric** measurement
- **Print** the liver surgery planning results

Demo: Surgery Planning for Tumor Resection

Dr. Liver

LVw/o_vein = 1046 ml
PV & HV = 44 ml

Patient information
Name: LEE'JAE SANG
Gender: M Age: 66
Analyst information
Name: CHO'MONG
Date: 2014. 02. 20

DICOM trans. (PACS)
Data Cut
DICOM Loading
Liver Extraction
Vessel Extraction
Tumor Extraction

Seed Point Selection
Reset
Tumor Extraction
Contour Editing
Update & Save

Liver Segmentation
Surgery Planning

Liver Vol: 1046 ml
PV & HV Vol: 44 ml
Tumor Vol: ml

Liver transparency

Exit

Control contrast
Control brightness
Zoom in/out
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Select seed points

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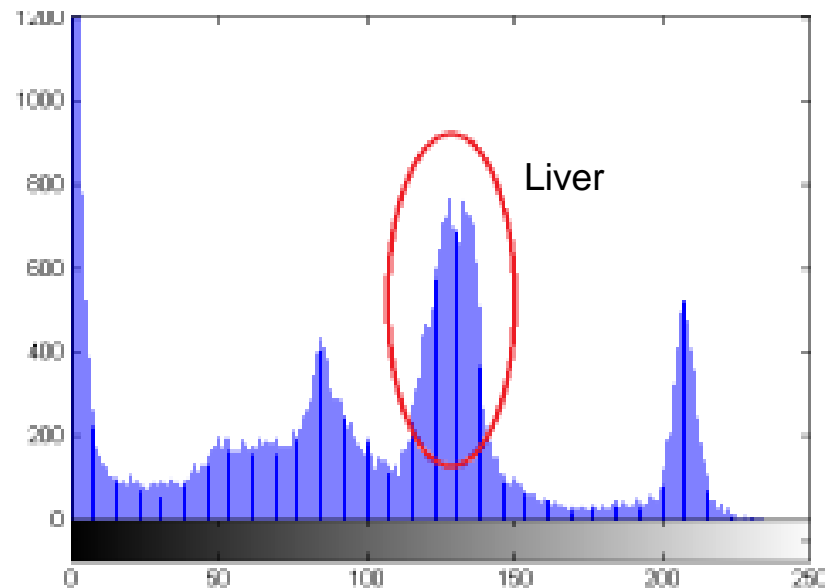
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Future Work: Automatic Liver Reconstruction

- Currently, **user interaction** such as **seed point selection** is needed for liver extraction \Rightarrow Surgeons don't like it.
- Through **histogram analysis** of CT images, **ROI** can be **automatically detected** and **used as seed** for extraction of the liver, vessels, and tumors.

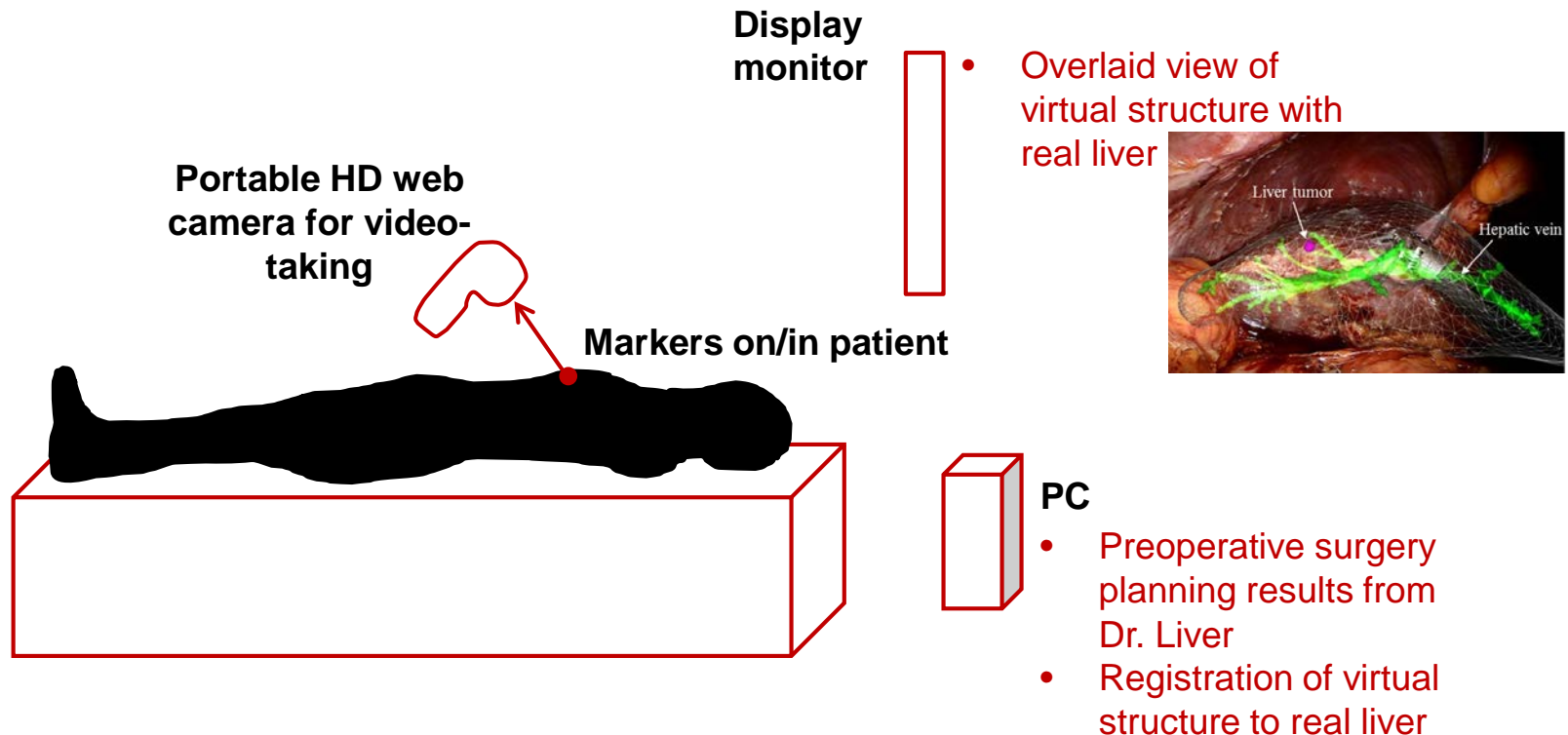
Abdominal CT Histogram



Kumar & Moni, 2010

Future Work: Intraoperative Navigation

- Develop **higher accuracy** registration algorithms to synchronize **preoperative surgery planning results** (from Dr. Liver) with **the real liver** during surgery
 - **Visualize vital structures** such as vessels and tumors invisible during surgery
 - Support more **safe and accurate** liver surgery



Future Work: 3D Printing of the Liver

- Develop a module to support **3D printing** of the **liver**, **vessels**, **tumor(s)** and **surgery planning results** obtained from Dr. Liver
 - Intuitive visual inspection of the **liver**, **vasculature structures**, **tumor location and size**, and **cutting plane**



Q & A

Thank
You



Research Work Conducted by Dr. Liver

- 1) Prediction of Postoperative Liver Function After Tumor Resection by RLV/TFLV and RLV/SLV
 - 2) Graft Weight Estimation
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Prediction of Postoperative Liver Function After Tumor Resection by RLV/TFLV and RLV/SLV

[Korean J Hepatobiliary Pancreat Surg 2013;17:143-151](#)

Original Article

Comparison of remnant to total functional liver volume ratio and remnant to standard liver volume ratio as a predictor of postoperative liver function after liver resection

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Backgrounds/Aims: The future liver remnant (FLR) is usually calculated as a ratio of the remnant liver volume (RLV) to the total functional liver volume (RLV/TFLV). In liver transplantation, it is generally accepted that the ratio of the graft volume to standard liver volume (SLV) needs to be at least 30% to 40% to fit the hepatic metabolic demands of the recipient. The aim of this study was to compare RLV/TFLV versus RLV/SLV as a predictor of postoperative liver function and liver failure. **Methods:** CT volumetric measurements of RLV were obtained retrospectively in 74 patients who underwent right hemihepatectomy for a malignant tumor from January 2010 to May 2013. RLV and TFLV were obtained using CT volumetry, and SLV was calculated using Yu's formula: $SLV (ml) = 21.585 \times \text{body weight (kg)}^{0.732} \times \text{height (cm)}^{0.225}$. The RLV/SLV ratio was compared with the RLV/TFLV as a predictor of postoperative hepatic function. **Results:** Posthepatectomy liver failure (PHLF), morbidity, and serum total bilirubin level at postoperative day 5 (POD 5) were increased significantly in the group with the $RLV/SLV \leq 30\%$ compared with the group with the $RLV/SLV > 30\%$ ($p=0.002$, $p=0.004$, and $p<0.001$, respectively). But RLV/TFLV was not correlated with PHLF and morbidity ($p=1.000$ and 0.798 , respectively). RLV/SLV showed a stronger correlation with serum total bilirubin level than RLV/TFLV (RLV/SLV vs. RLV/TFLV, $R=0.706$ vs. 0.499 , $R^2=0.499$ vs. 0.239). **Conclusions:** RLV/SLV was more specific than RLV/TFLV in predicting the postoperative course after right hemihepatectomy. To determine the safe limit of hepatic resection, a larger-scaled prospective study is needed. ([Korean J Hepatobiliary Pancreat Surg 2013;17:143-151](#))

Key Words: Liver volumetry; Future liver remnant; Liver resection; Liver failure

Volumetric liver analysis using Dr. Liver

All patient underwent contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) as part of the routine preoperative assessment. Arterial, portal, and venous phase series of images from the preoperative CT scans were used for the CT volumetry. Volumetric analysis using Dr. Liver (Humanopia co., Ltd, Pohang, Gyungbuk, Korea) was performed by two surgeons (HJ Kim and CY Kim). The liver