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Endovascular surgical training relies on practice by novices using inanimate models or virtual reality systems, coupled with subjective evaluation of skill by experts.



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## Prior work: Smoothness of endovascular tool tip motion correlates with surgical expertise



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OBJECTIVE: Provide realtime performance feedback during endovascular surgical training

- 1. What is a task we can do in the lab without surgeons?
- 2. How are we going to encode "smoothness" for feedback?
- 3. Will this actually affect task performance strategies?



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Compared to feedback based on position, smoothness-based feedback during a mirror tracing task resulted in improved accuracy without sacrificing speed.



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Pandey et al., HFES 2017 Jantscher et al., IEEE Haptics Symp 2018



#### **Recent findings: Validating automated data** collection in the surgical domain

200

150

100

-50

-100 -150

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X, Y, Z, position and velocity data

Guidewire and catheter tool tip kinematics are streamed from **ANGIO Mentor endovascular** simulator running virtualized FEVS training module

Murali et al., ISMR 2020 Belvroy et al., JVS 2020







# Recent findings: Moving to real-time performance feedback in the surgical domain



Fundamentals of Endovascular Skill (FEVS) Duran et al., JVS 2015





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### Findings to date:

- Mirror tracing serves as a validated proxy task for prototyping haptic feedback methods
- Simple vibrotactile cues give performance feedback at timed intervals
- Smoothness feedback positively impacts mirror tracing performance
- Final year: translate our methods to the surgical domain

