

Towards Intelligent Endoluminal Navigation & Intervention: Theoretical, Artificial, and Embodied Intelligence in Action

Typically, medical access to vital organs is achieved through direct open surgery, laparoscopy, needle-sized incisions, or navigating body lumens. While a close entry site is often preferred to reduce surgery time, remote entry sites can be used to limit haemorrhage and recurrent stroke risks. Body lumens, such as blood vessels and cerebrospinal fluid pathways, act as highways to the intervention site, minimizing risks like secondary stroke, excessive arterial bleeding, and damage to proximal nerves. Safe access and effective navigation within body lumens, provide comprehensive access to most organs.

This talk presents an overview of our theoretical, artificial and embodied intelligence frameworks for intelligent endoluminal navigation and intervention. Through the integration of soft robotics, embodied intelligence and artificial intelligence, we envision to enable minimally invasive interventions deep within the body via automated multi-modal tissue and endoluminal navigation.

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