

Applications of Simulation, Morphometrics and Robotics in Craniofacial Surgery

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GOALS

- Computer-assisted planning of craniofacial osteotomies based on optimal approximation to “normal” (i.e., average) skull shape
- Accurate intraoperative tracking and 6-dof positioning of bone fragments



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Generations of CT-based Planning Programs

- ▶ **1st** - 3D "cut and move" simulators
- ▶ **2nd** - Adds fragment position optimization
- ▶ **3rd** - Adds automatic ranking of best surgical designs



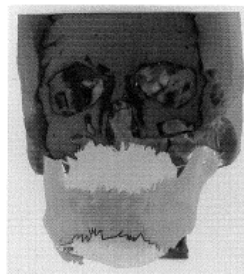
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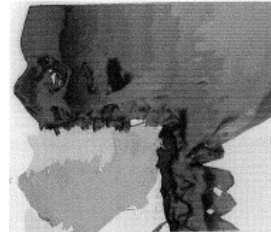
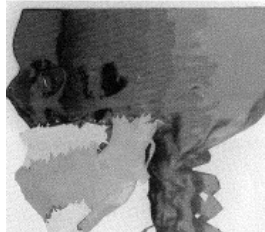
Cut and Move Simulators



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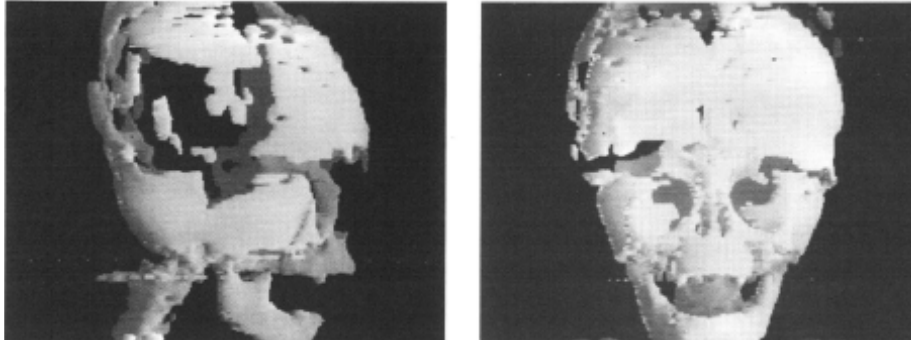


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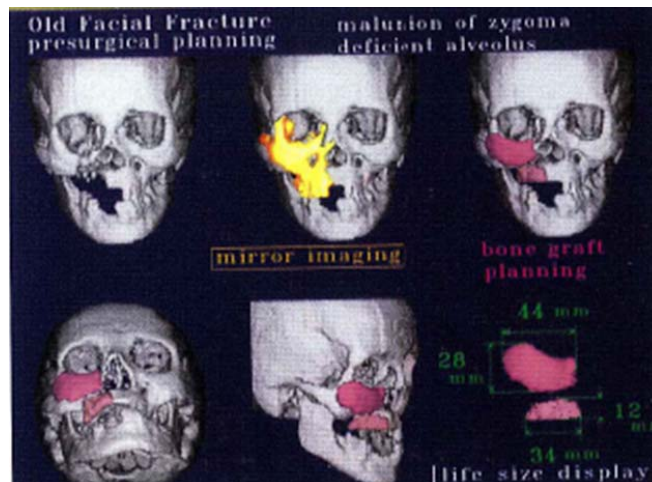
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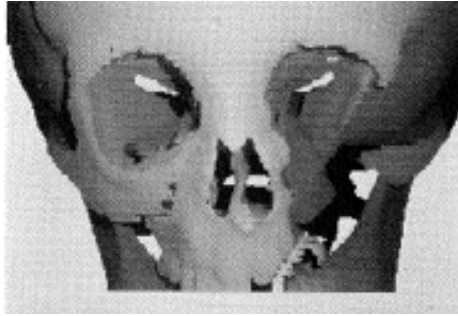
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Physical Simulators: Rapid Prototyping



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Video Simulators



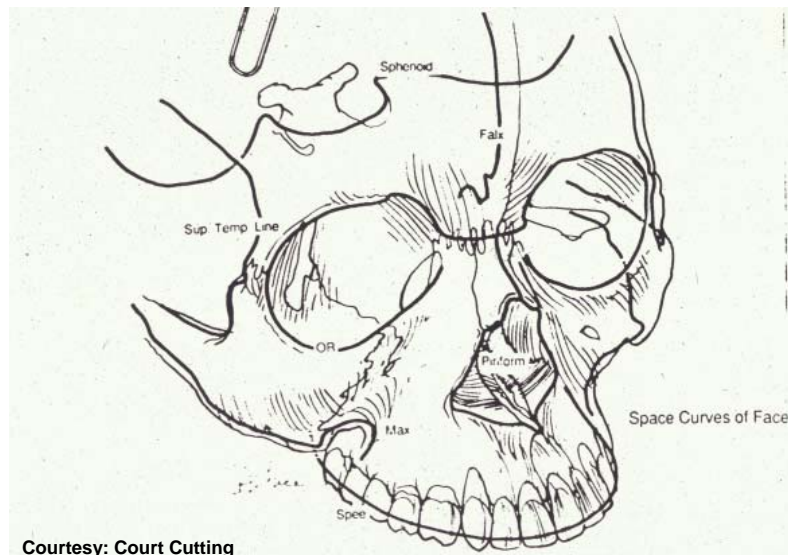
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The ridge curves of the face



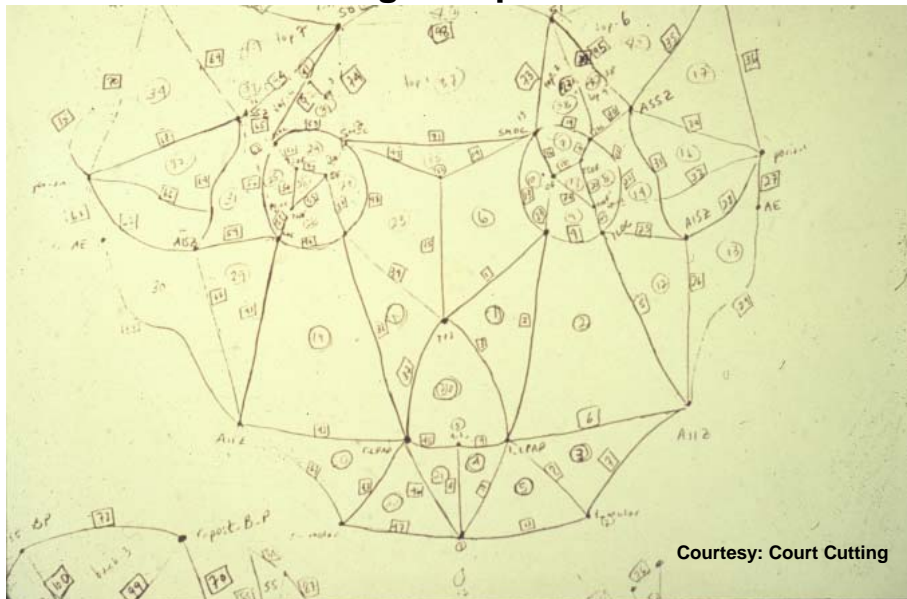
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Dr. Cutting's map of the face



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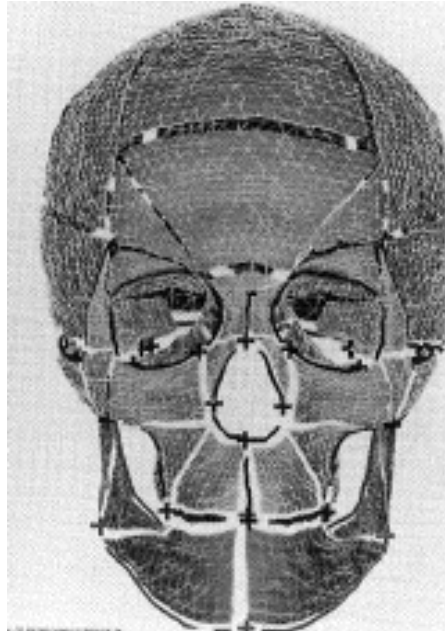
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Computer mesh corresponding to Dr. Cutting's map

- Point landmarks
- Ridge curves
- Additional curves along geodesic lines between landmarks
- Triangular and quadrangular patches
- Take this data for many patients and average to make atlas



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Menu Window

Warping Curves	Specimen Curves
Drop Point Norm	Display Near
Get Extra Length	Find Ridges
Save Extra Length	Find Ridges old
Warping Normals	Find Ridges
Change Curves	Exit

Dialog Window

MOUSE CONTROL:

RIGHT SIDE PANELS:

LEFT: All / Ridge Curve Find Menu

MIDDLE: Find All Points in Order

Without: Find a Specific Point

Click Middle: Find a Specific Point

Display WINE: Change a Point's Parabola Arc Length

Middle: Rotate / Toggle / Buffer

Left: Up / Down

Click here for digression on skull averaging

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Fitting Error for Landmark Points

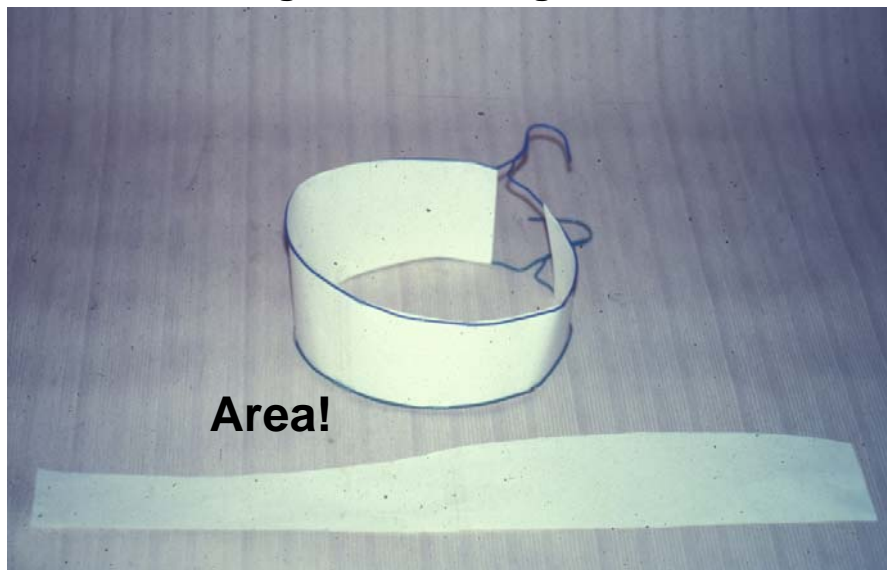


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Fitting Error for Ridge Curves

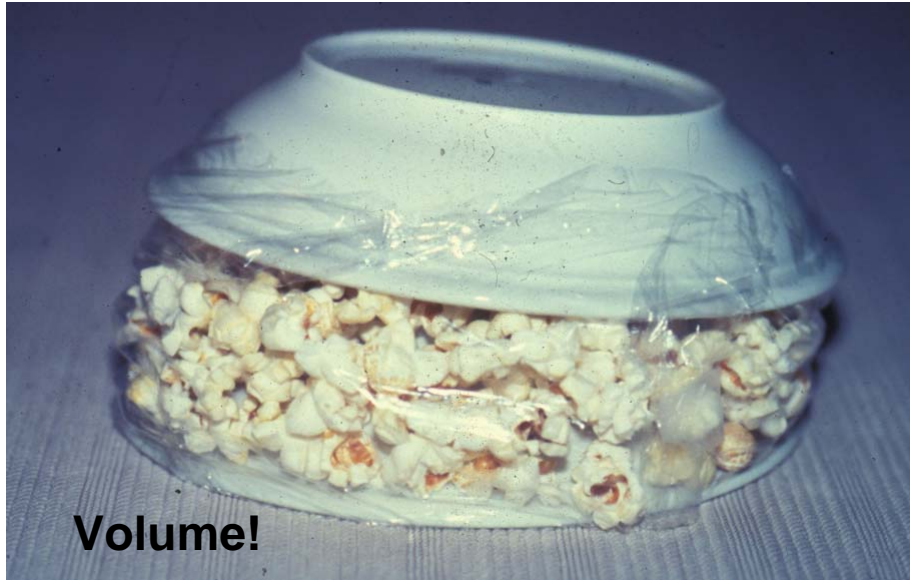


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Fitting Error for Surfaces



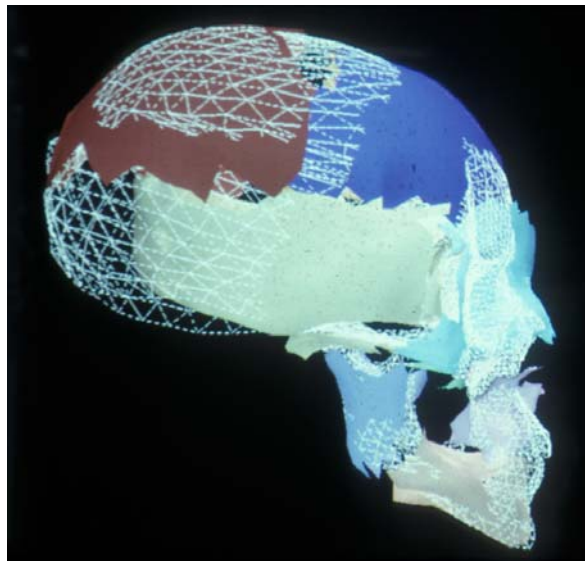
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Optimization

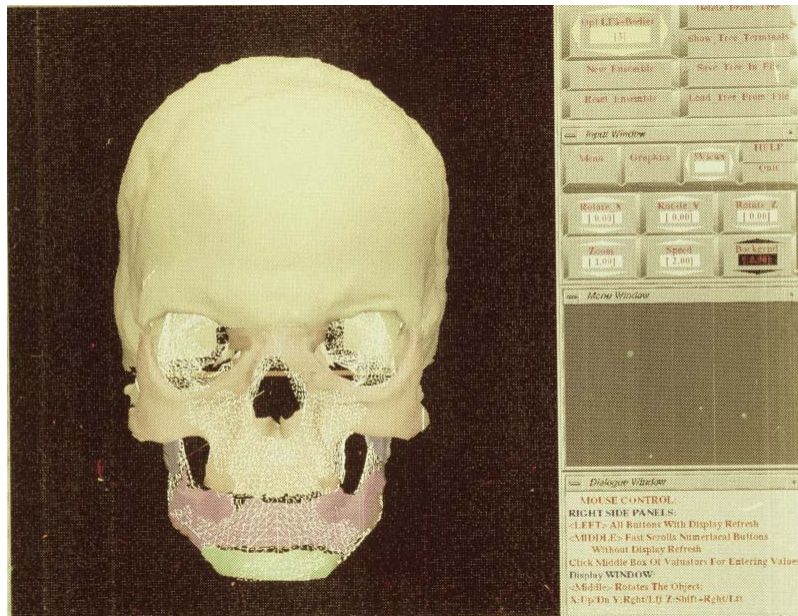
Given models bone fragments corresponding to parts of an ideal skull, the computer minimizes a weighted sum of these three distance metrics



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Automated Osteotomy Ranking

- Computer plans all common osteotomies
- Computer optimizes bone fragment motion and computes error score
- Systematically remove osteotomy lines one at a time in score order. Re-optimize positions and rescore
- Show clinician the plans
- Clinician picks desired plan and further refines based on anatomical/clinical knowledge

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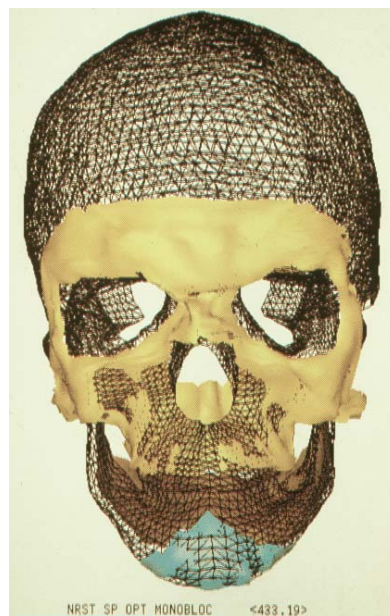
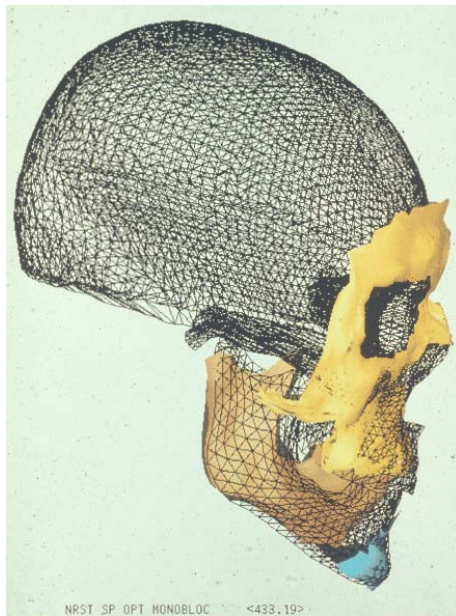
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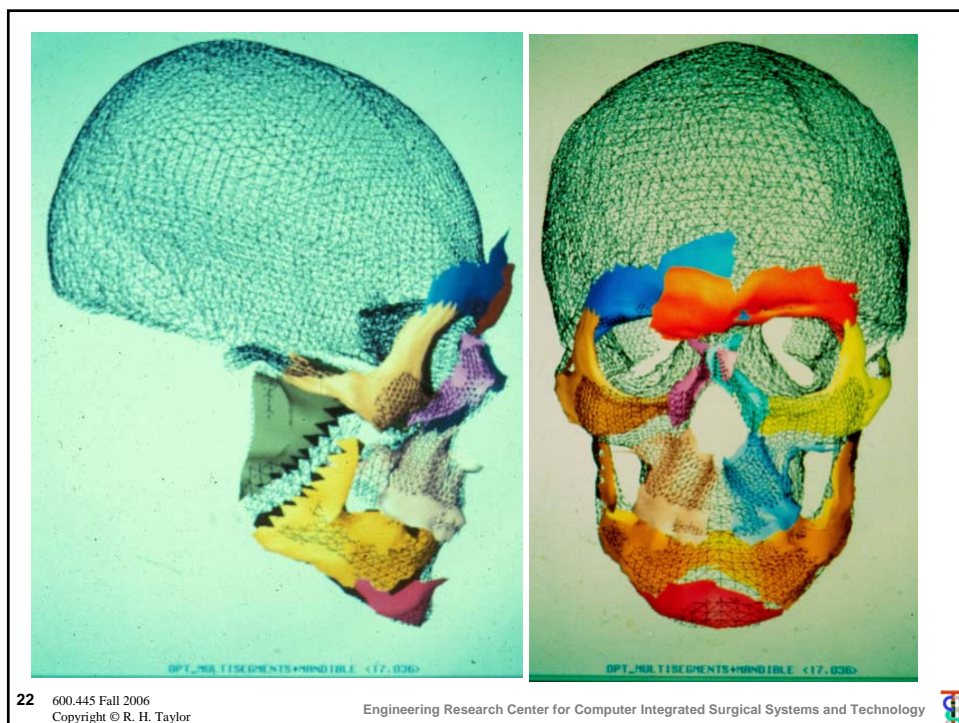
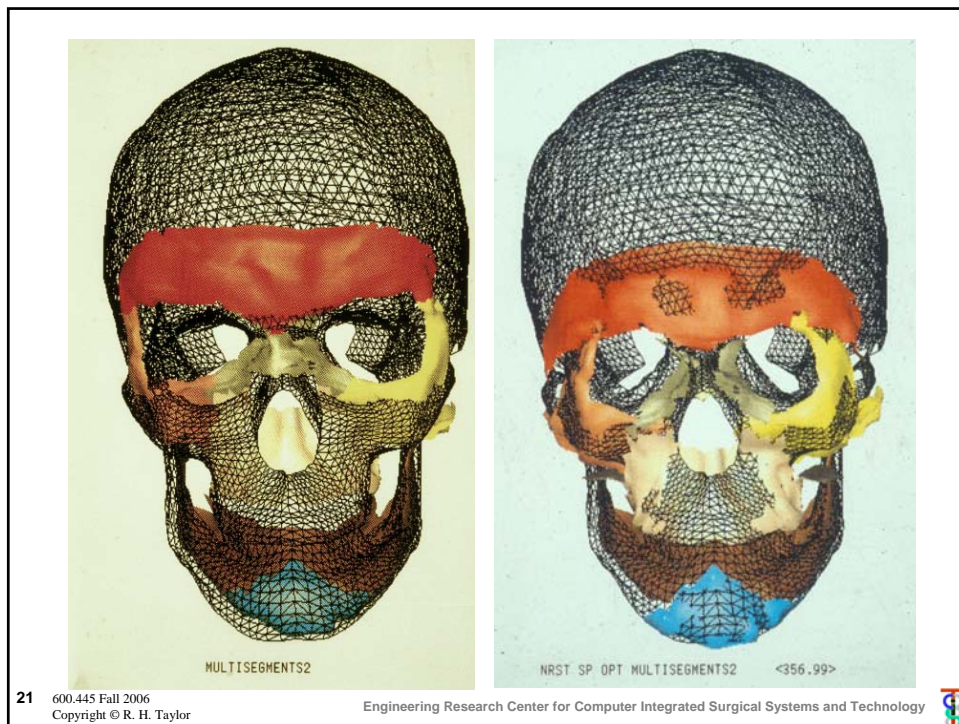
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Surgical Execution



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Tripartite Osteotomies

- Proposed by Converse in 1971 to improve flexibility in shaping the midface.
- Abandoned due to technical difficulty of fragment positioning and fixation

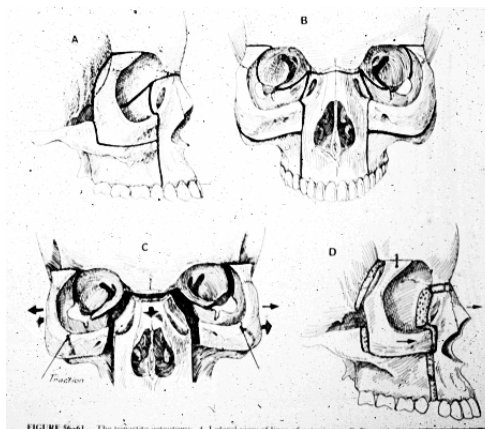


FIGURE 56-61. The tripartite osteotomy. A, Lateral view of line of osteotomy.

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Cutting and Grayson Technique: Inter-occlusal stents

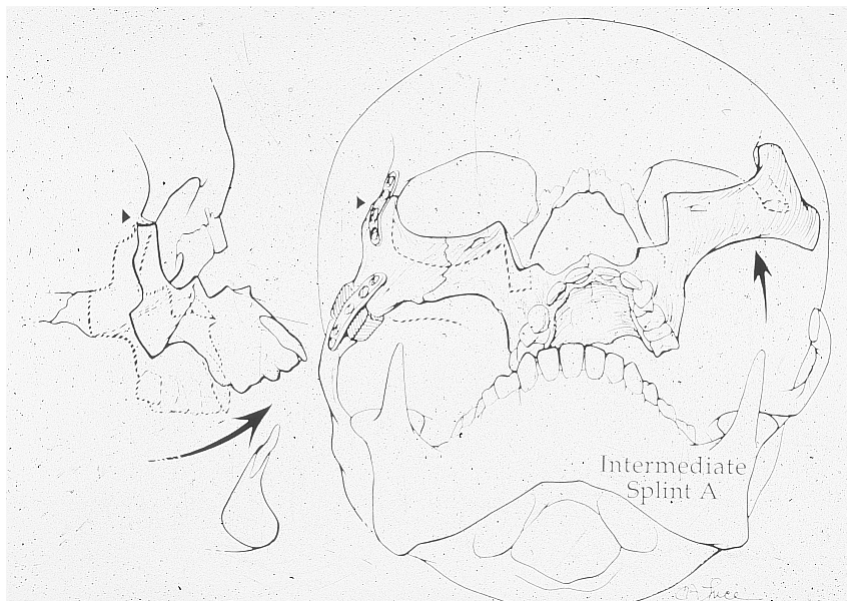


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First Move



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Second Move

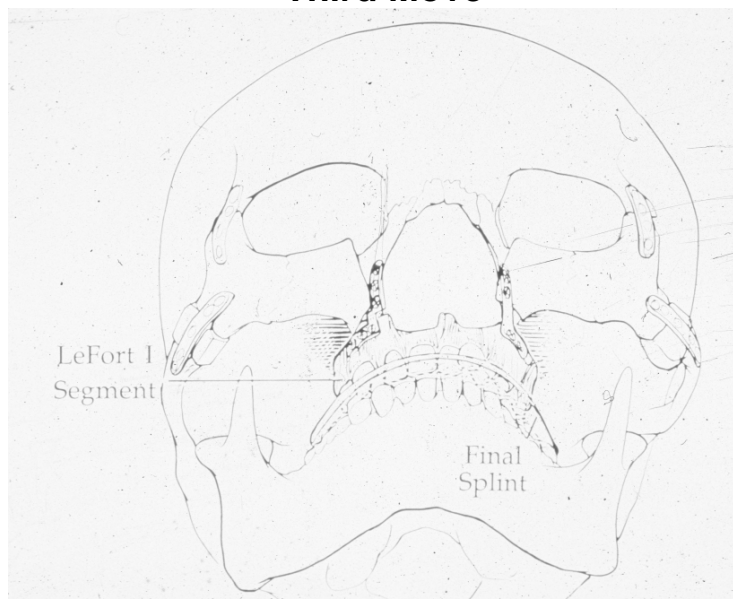


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Third Move



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Enter robotics ...



- Surgeon **did not** want help in making the cuts.
- Surgeon **did** want help in positioning and holding the bone fragments
- Robots can do this

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But there were some minor concerns ...

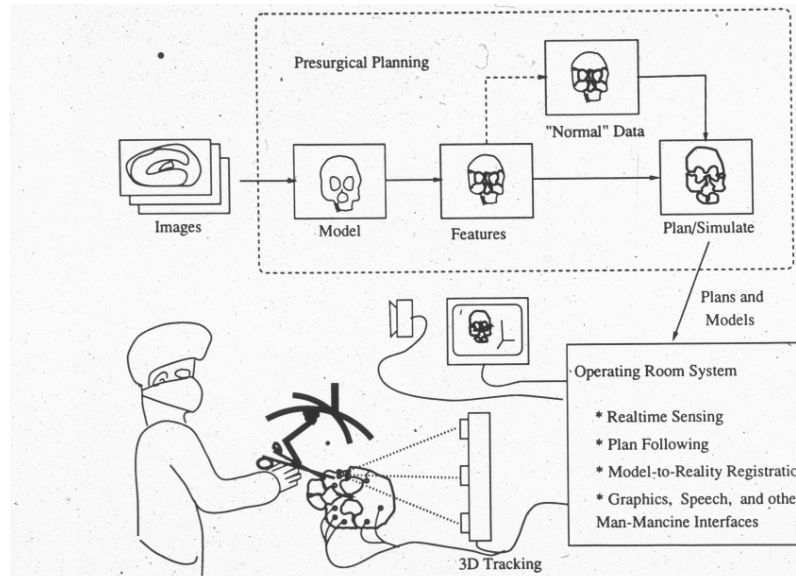


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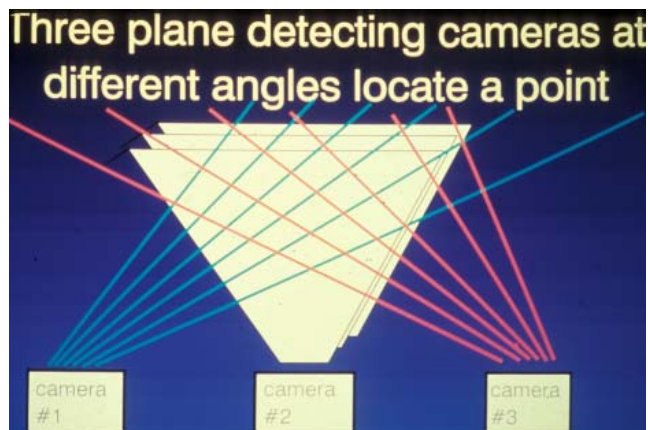
Our approach: navigation + passive manipulation aid



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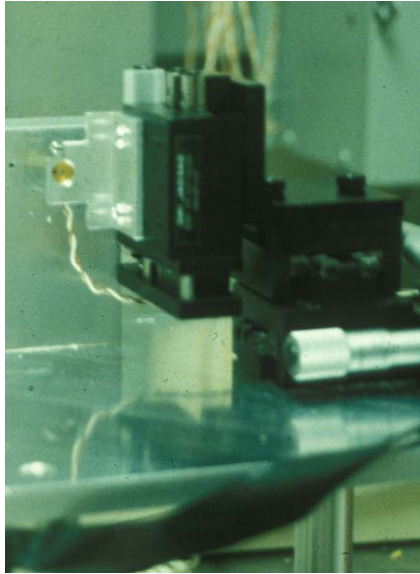
Optical tracking: NDI Optotrak



Accurate (± 0.1 mm) tracking of infrared LED markers over approx 1 m³ workspace

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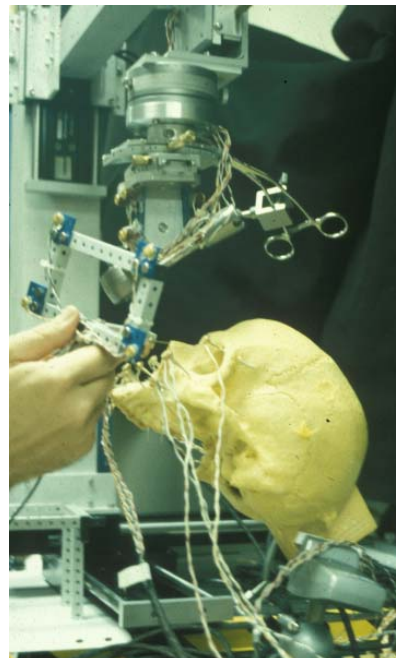
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Passive Manipulation Aid

- LED markers on adjustable manipulation aid, pointer, and patient skull



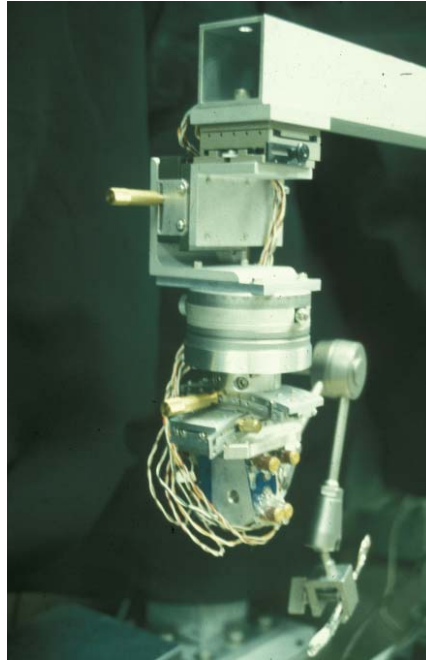
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Passive Manipulation Aid

- Adjustable surgical clamp holds bone forceps
- Six DOF motion with hand-set brakes
- Remote center-of-motion with iso-center in bone



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Assembled system



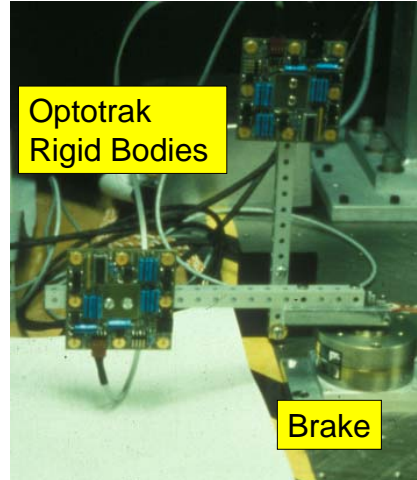
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Possible refinement: computer set brakes with audible feedback cue

- Computer tracked position of tool optically
- Electric particle brake set when reached target
- Computer played tone to give audible feedback when got close to alignment



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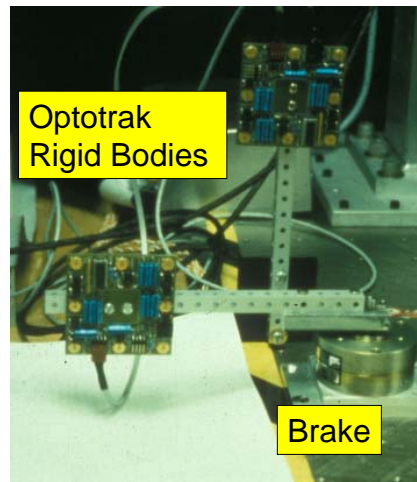
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Possible refinement: computer set brakes with audible feedback cue

Results

- Were able to achieve very good alignments (sub-mm)
- Very tedious to use
 - Brake was too slow
 - No “d-tent” effect



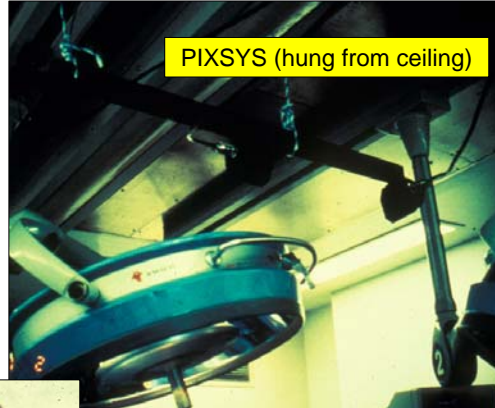
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On to clinical use ...

- For legal reasons, the IBM hardware was not used clinically.
- Dr. Cutting was able to re-implement the tracking system using a PIXSYS optical tracker
- First case encountered equipment difficulties and was completed manually



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2nd Clinical Case



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2nd Clinical Case

- Patient had radiation therapy at relatively early age
- As a result bone around one eye socket failed to grow properly
- Goal was to fix this defect

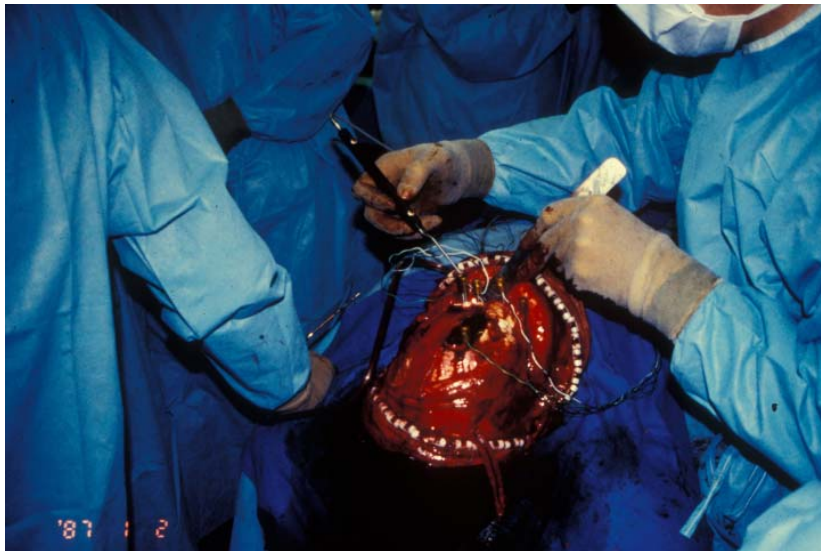


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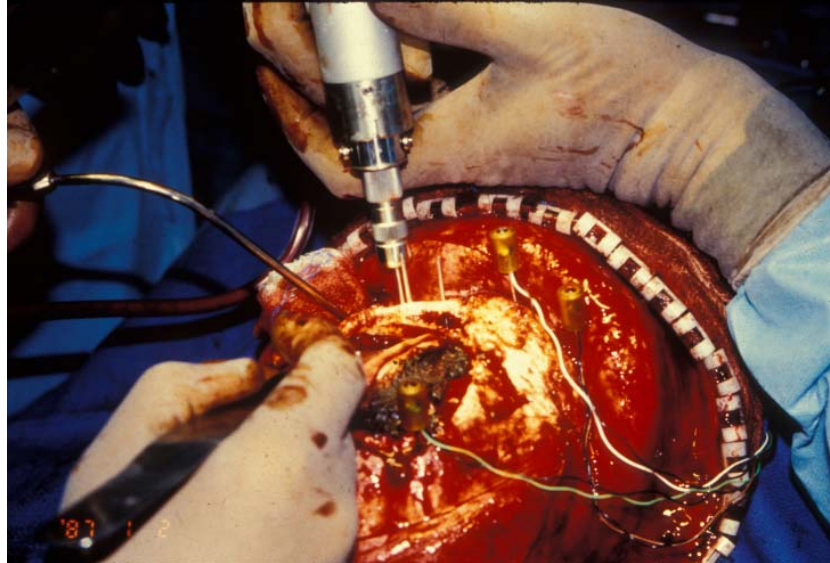


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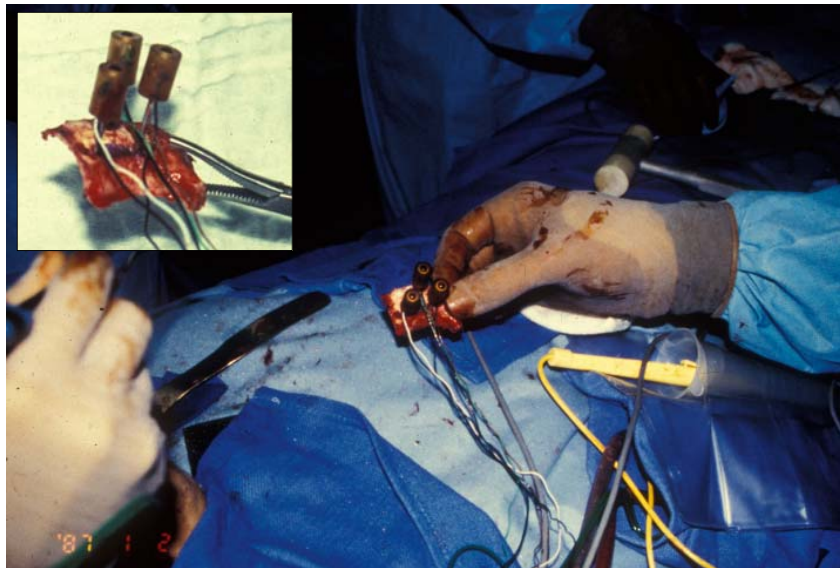


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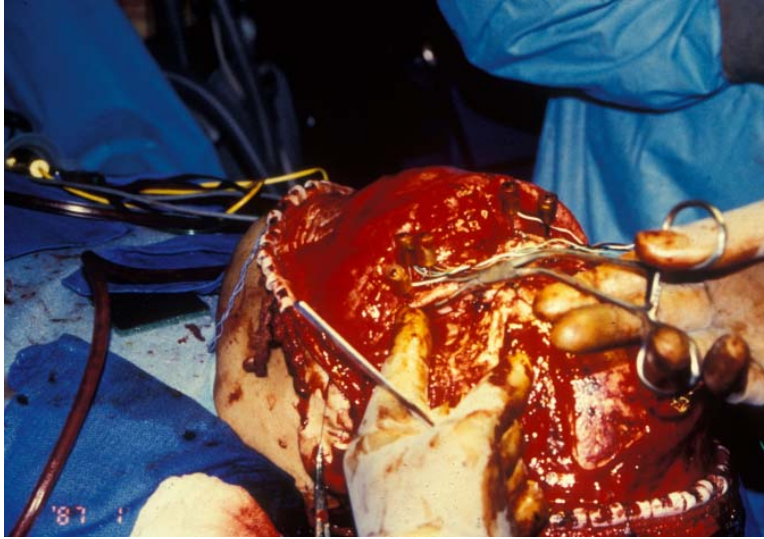


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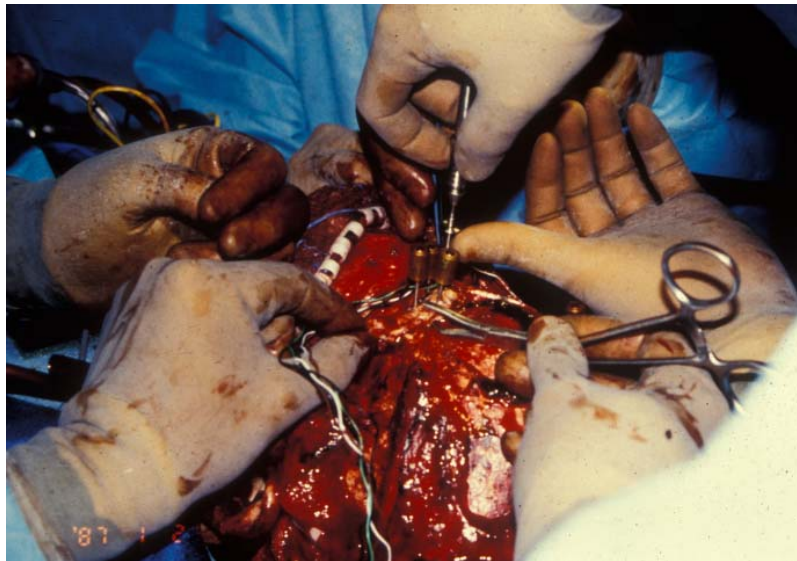


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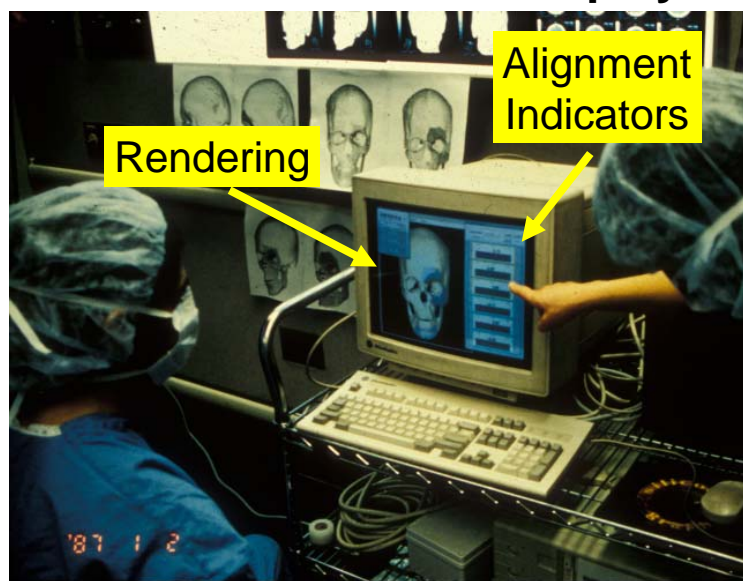


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2nd Clinical Case: Display



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2nd Clinical Case: Display

- Full 3D display



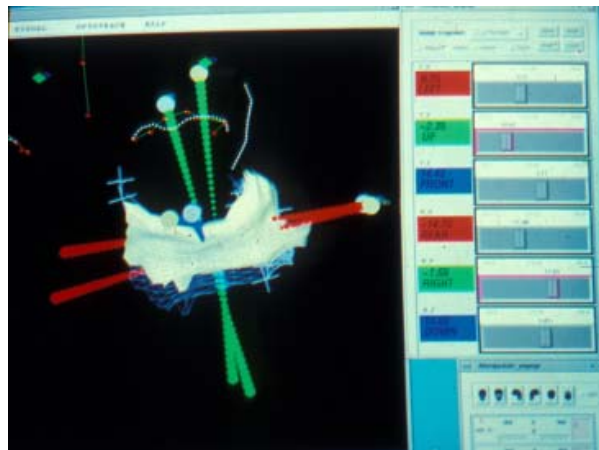
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2nd Clinical Case: Display

- Full 3D display
- Bone fragments + slider bars to show alignment



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2nd Clinical Case: Display

- Full 3D display
- Bone fragments + slider bars to show alignment
- Axes + slider bars to show alignment

