Applications of Simulation, Morphometrics and Robotics in Craniofacial Surgery

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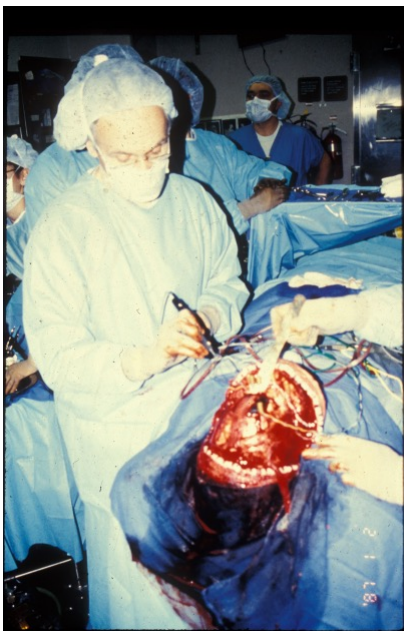
GOALS

- 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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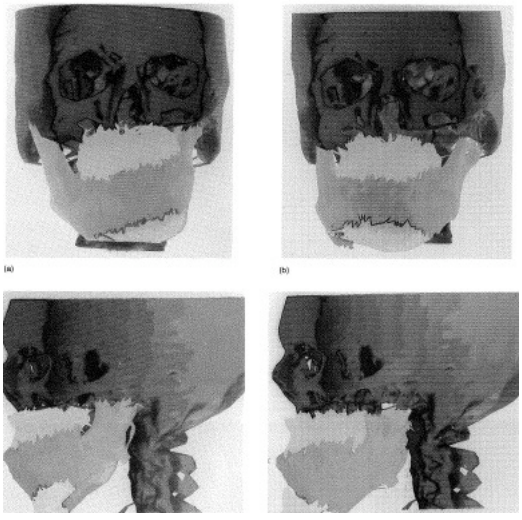
Cut and Move Simulators



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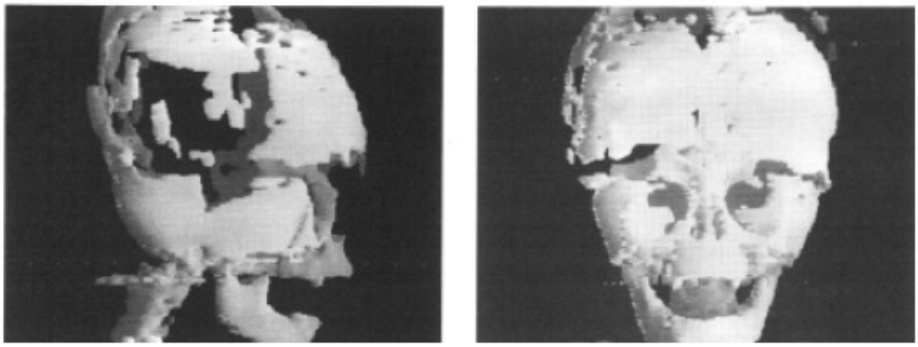

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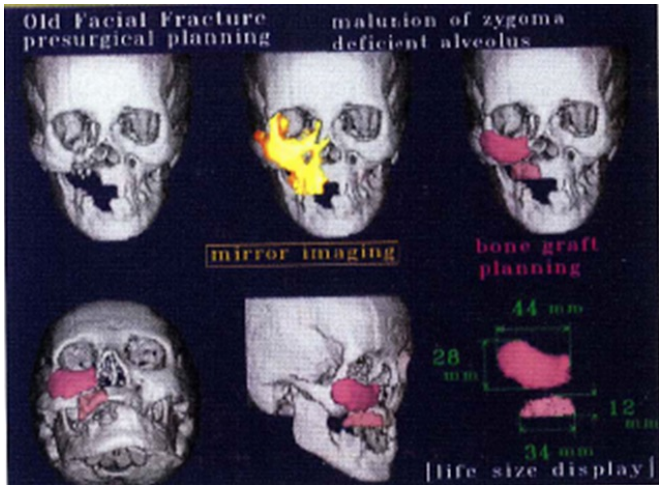

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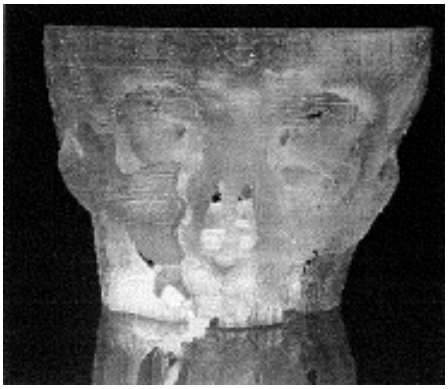
Physical Simulators: Rapid Prototyping



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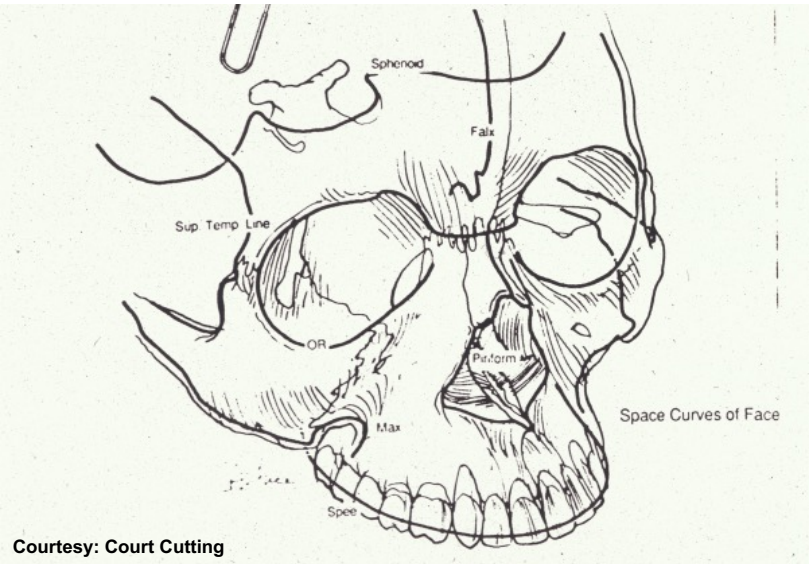
The ridge curves of the face



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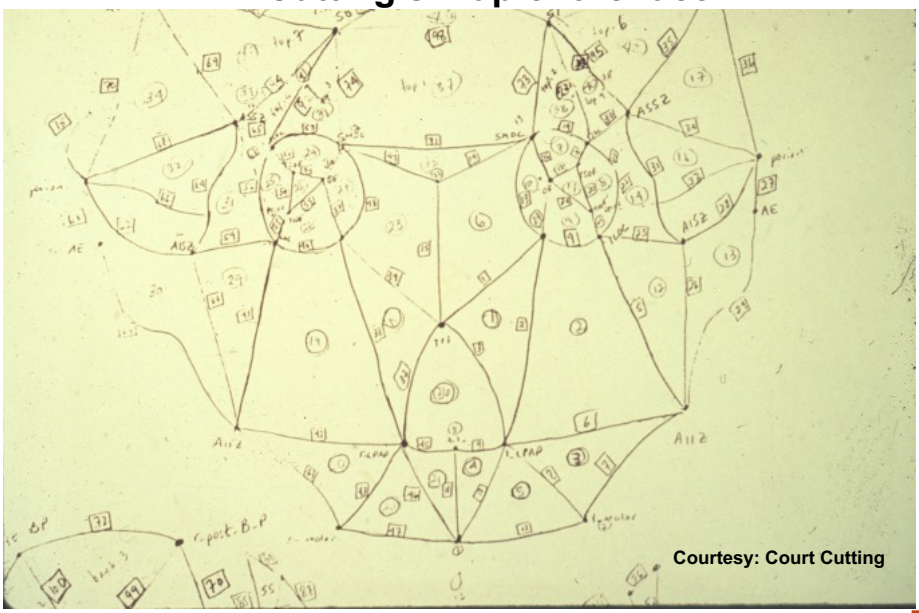
Dr. Cutting's map of the face



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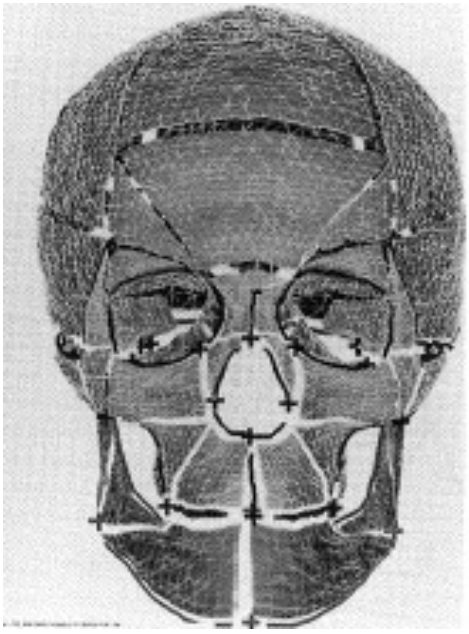
Computer mesh corresponding to Dr. Cutting's map

- 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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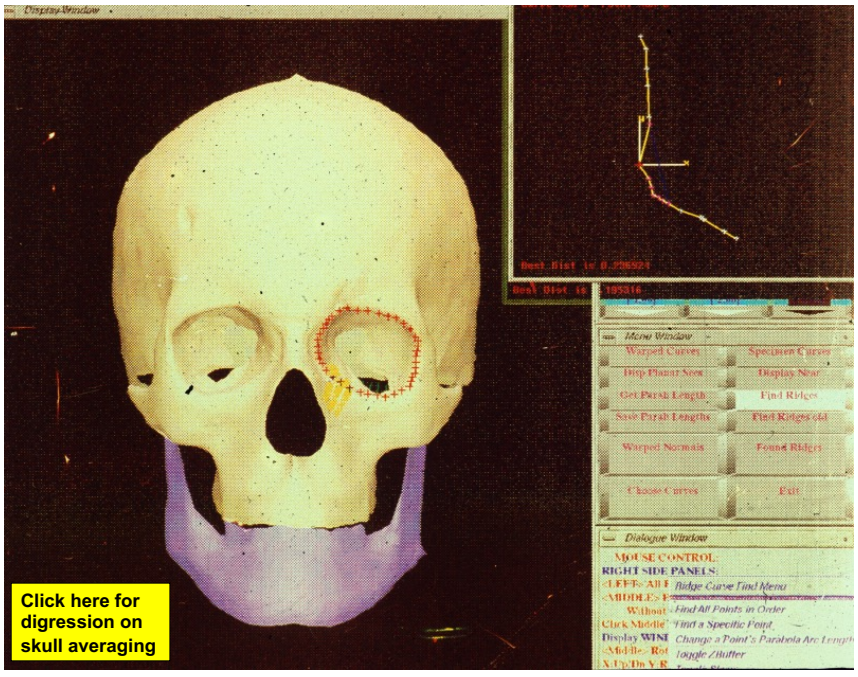

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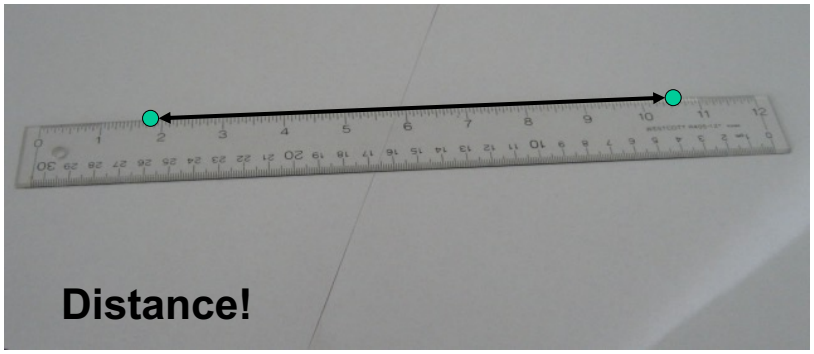

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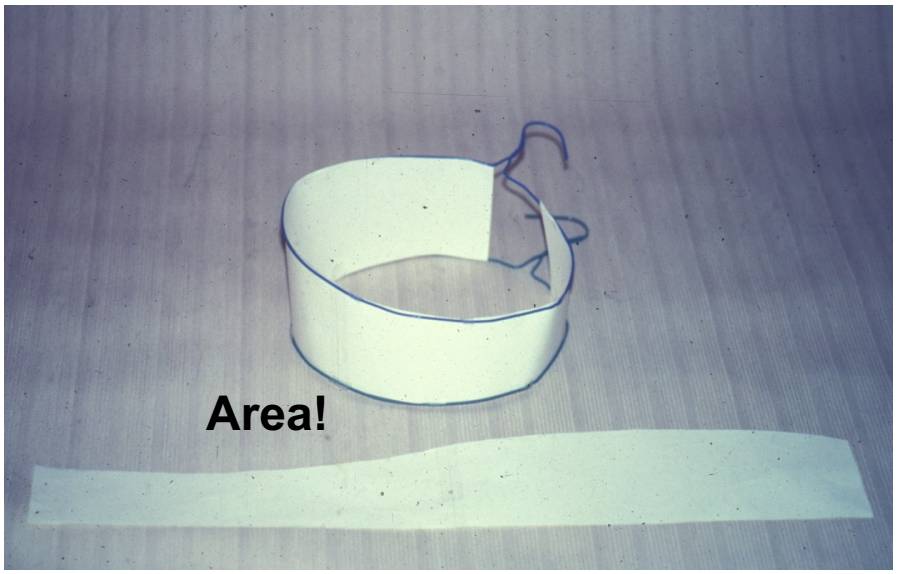

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Fitting Error for Surfaces

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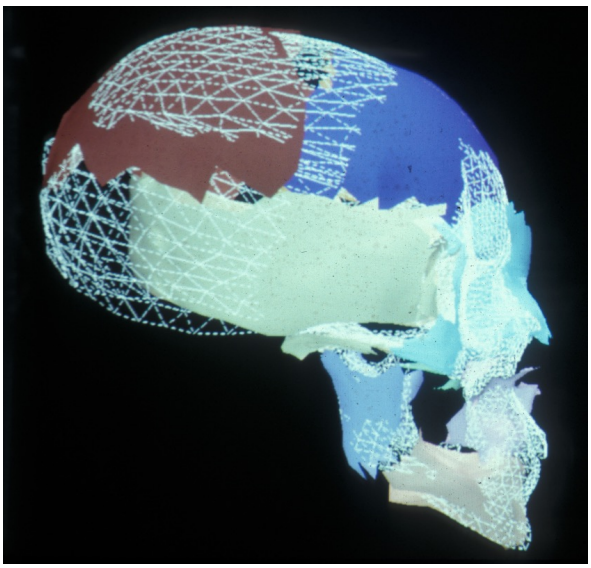
Optimization

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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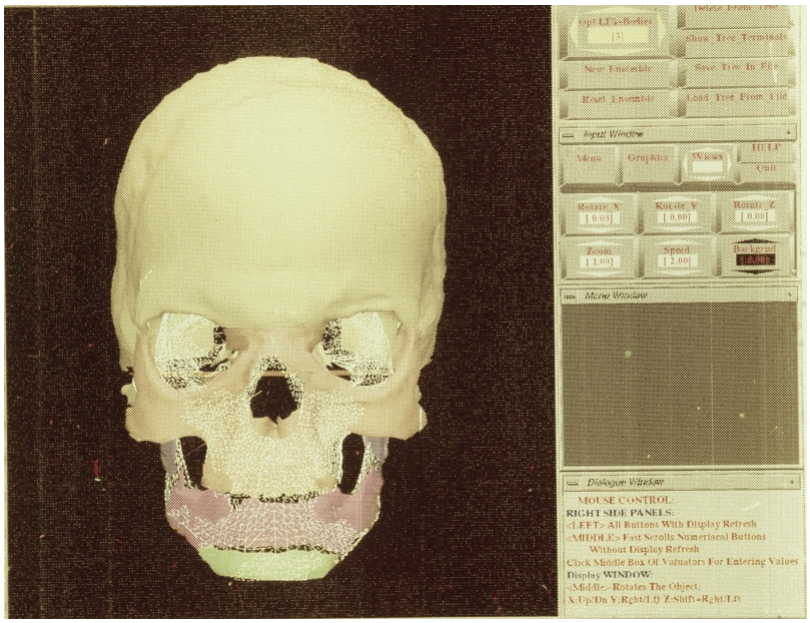

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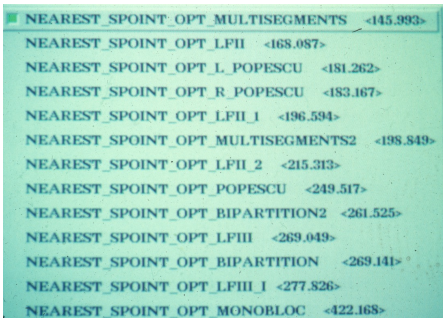
Automated Osteotomy Ranking

- 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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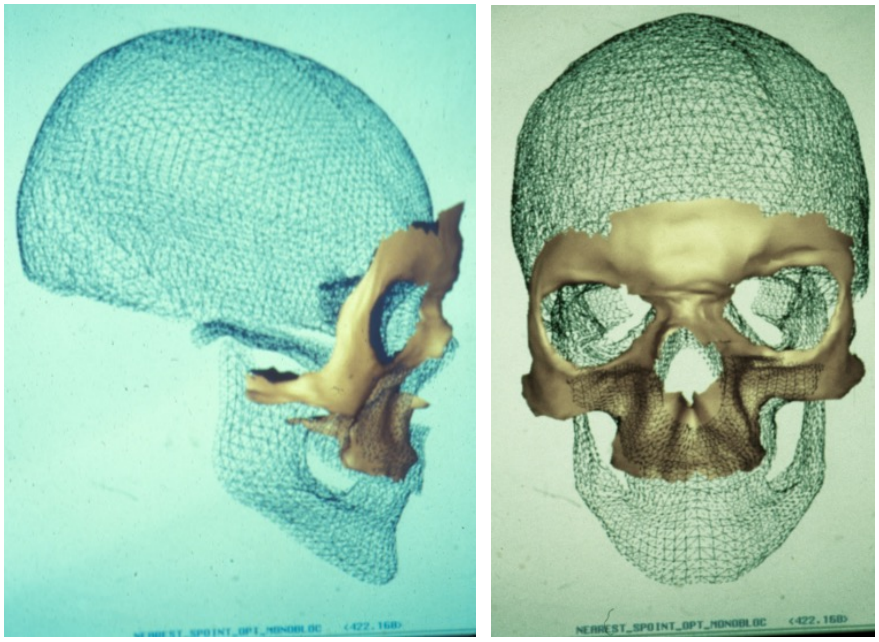
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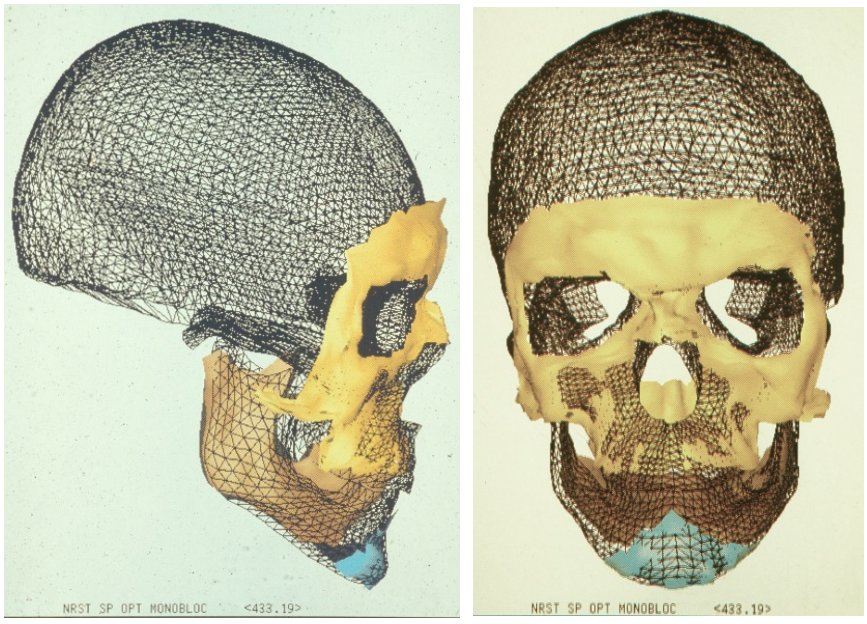
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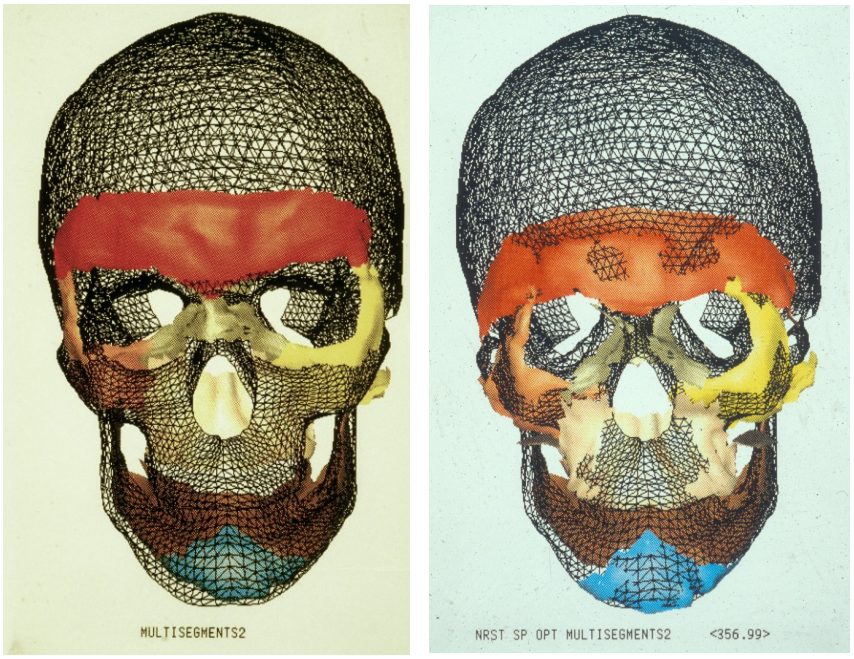

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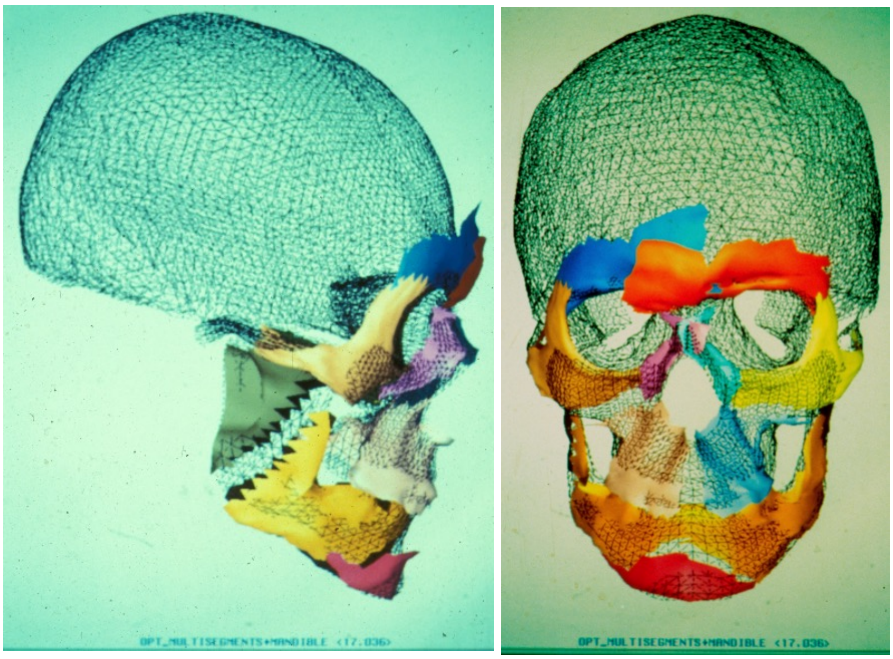

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Surgical Execution

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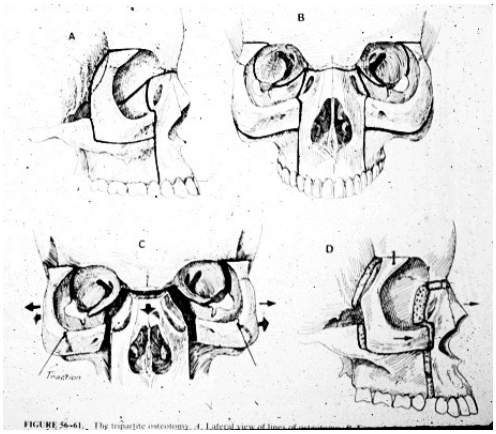
Tripartite Osteotomies

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



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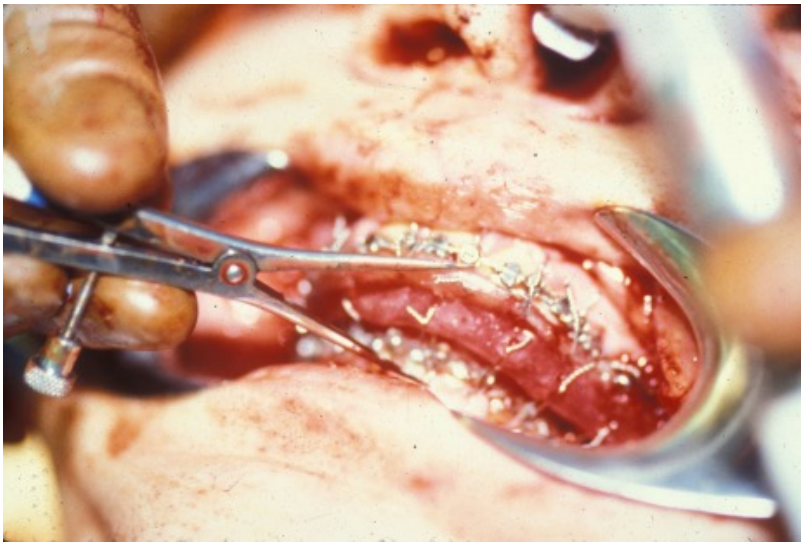
Cutting and Grayson Technique: Inter-occlusal stents



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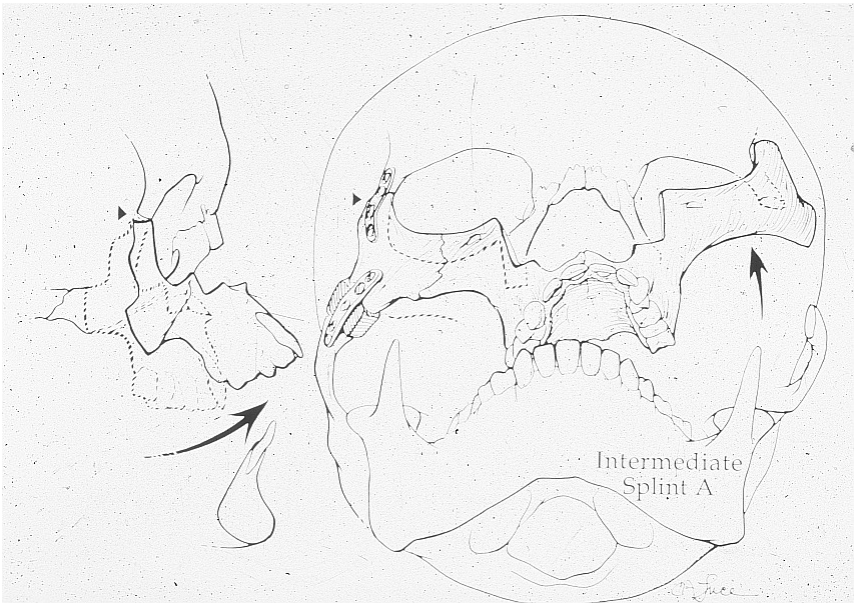
First Move



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Second Move

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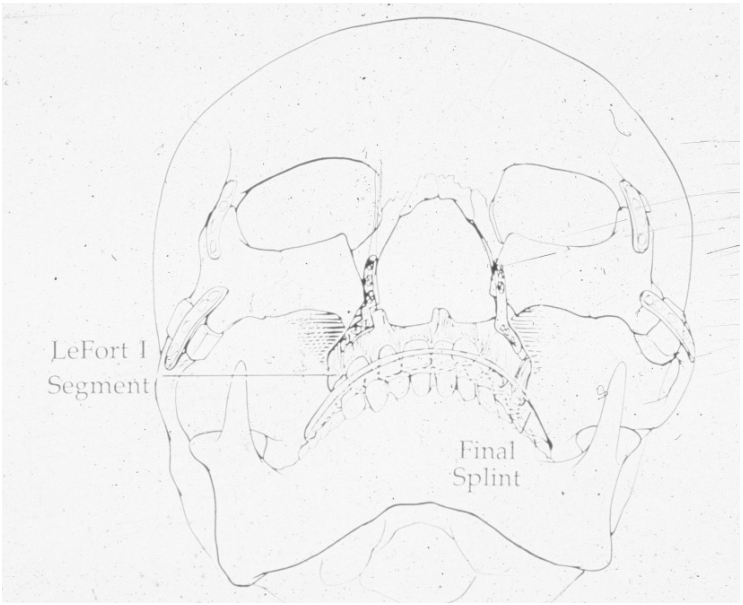
Third Move



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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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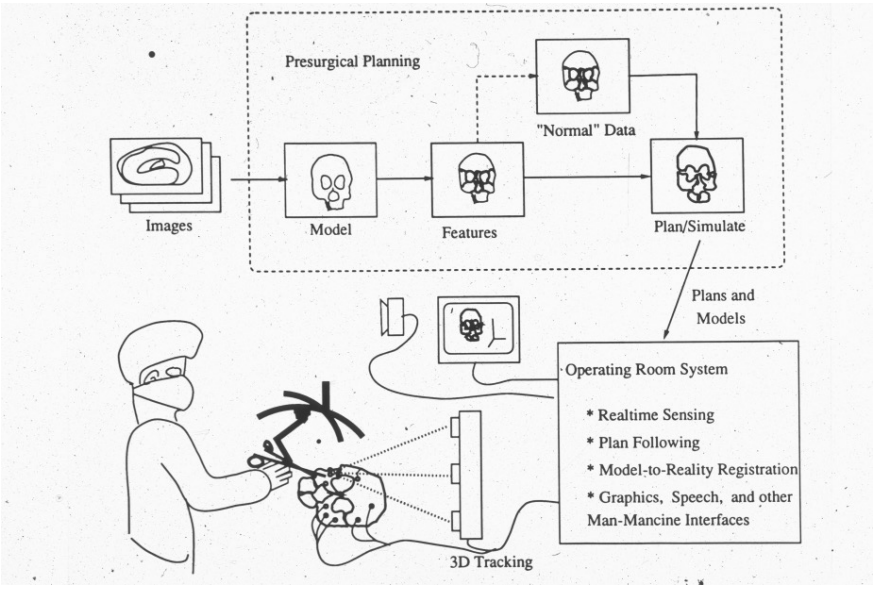
Our approach: navigation + passive manipulation aid



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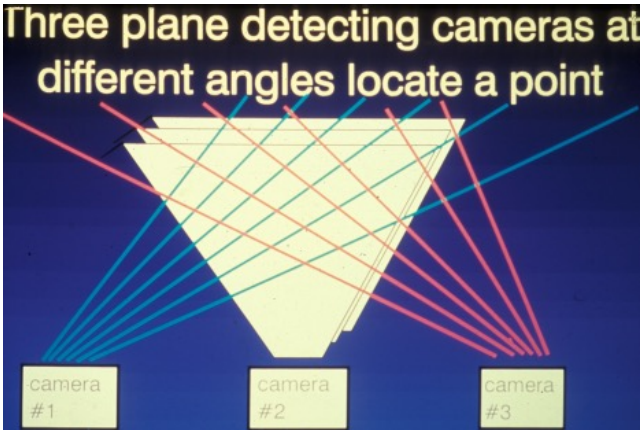
Optical tracking: NDI Optotrak



Accurate (±0.1 mm) tracking of infrared LED markers over approx 1 m^3 workspace

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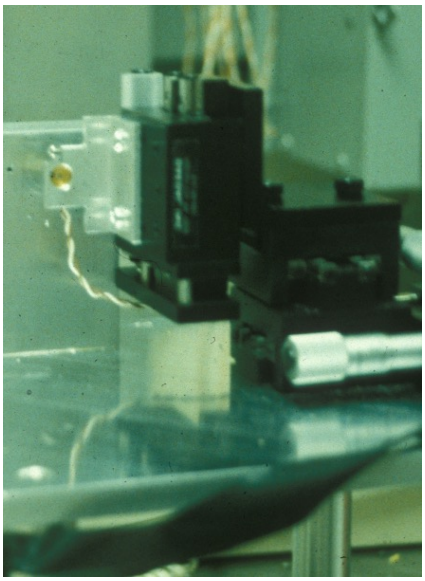

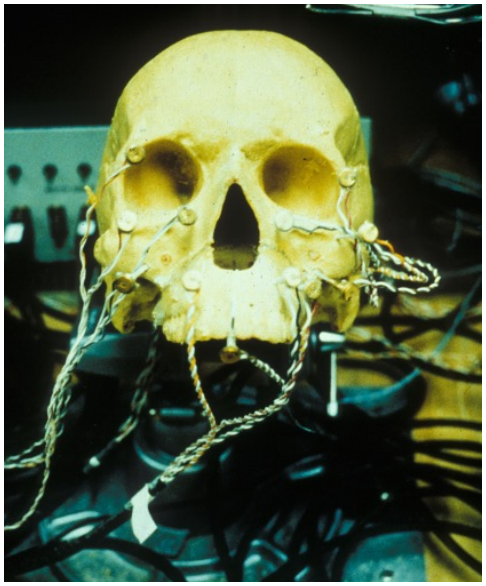

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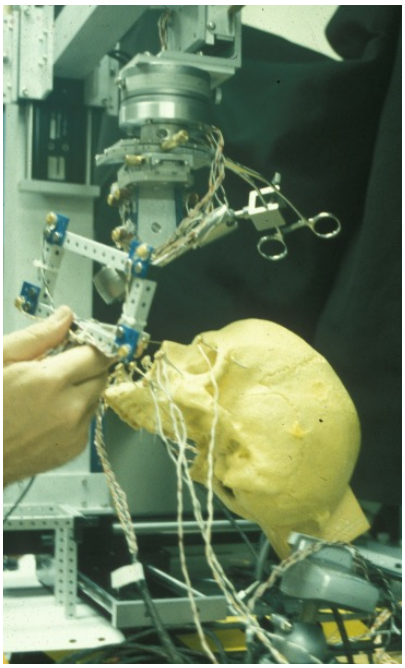
Passive Manipulation Aid

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



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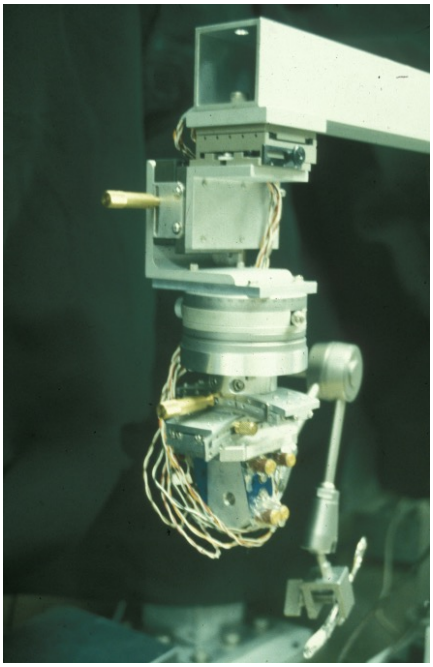
Passive Manipulation Aid

- 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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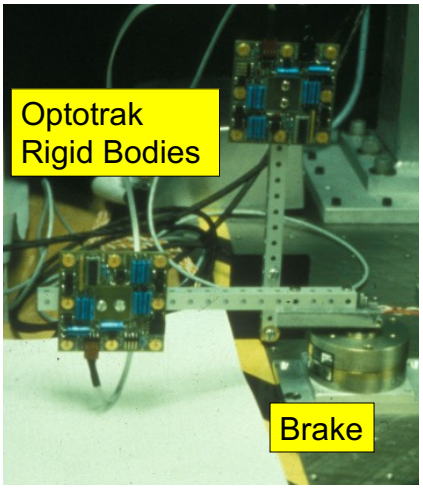
Possible refinement: computer set brakes with audible feedback cue

- 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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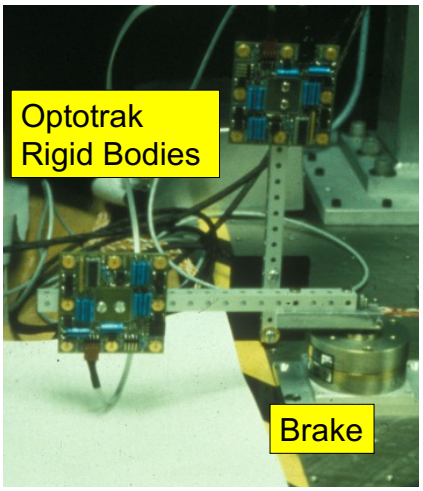
Results

- 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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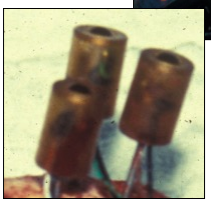
On to clinical use …

- 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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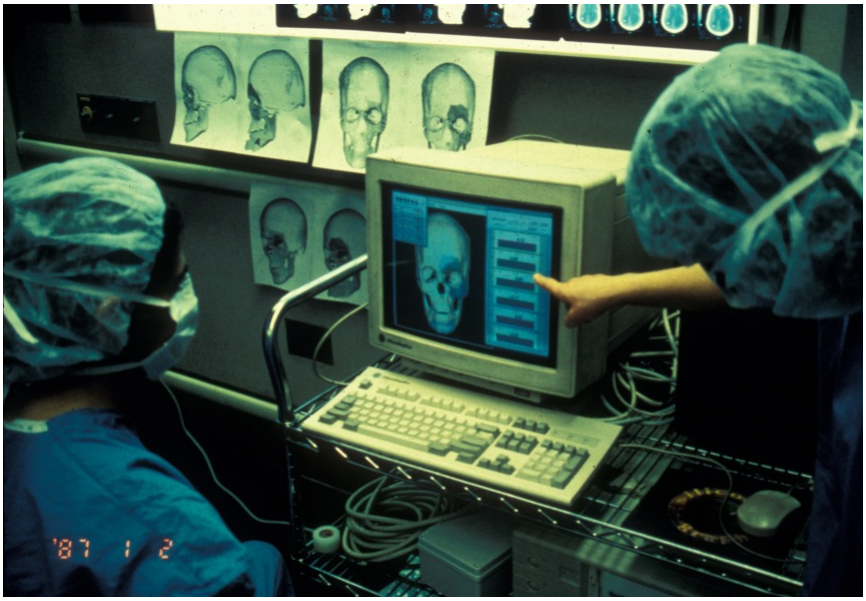
2nd Clinical Case



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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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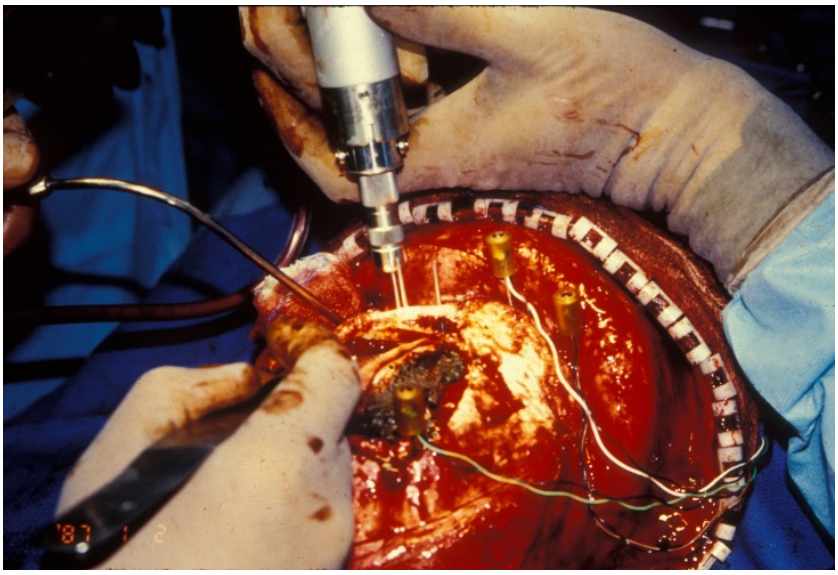

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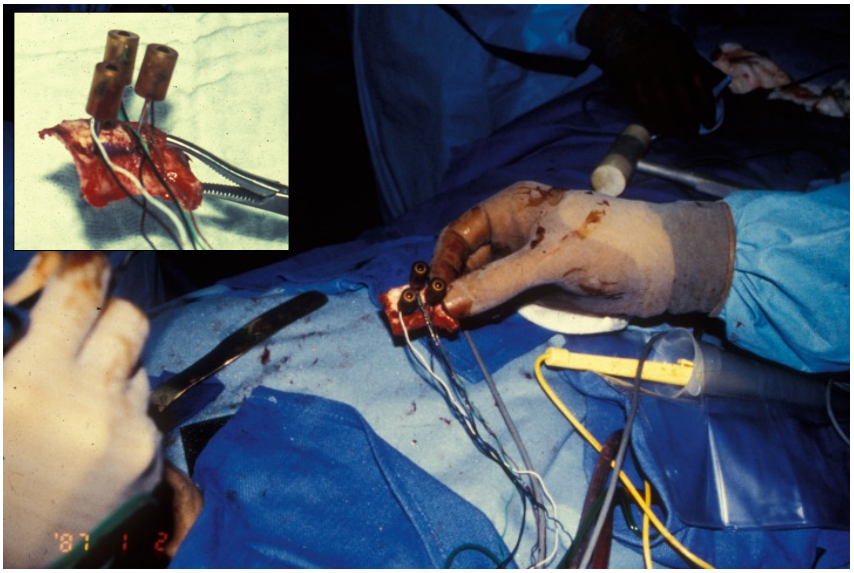

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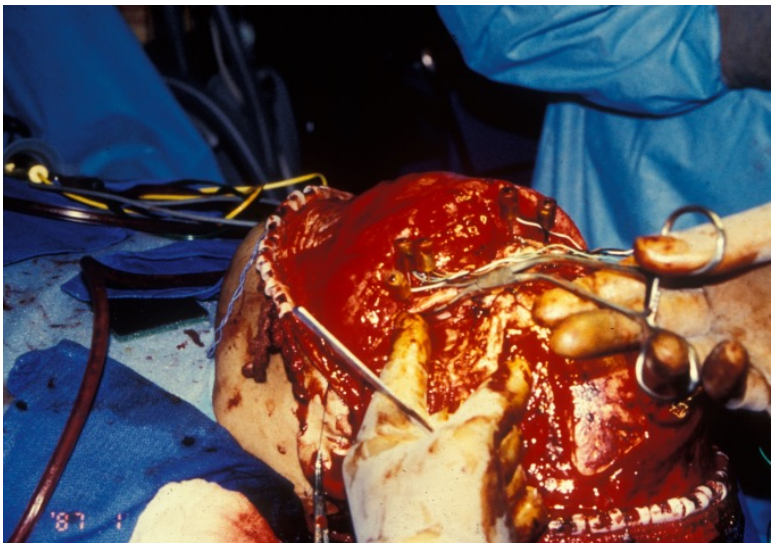

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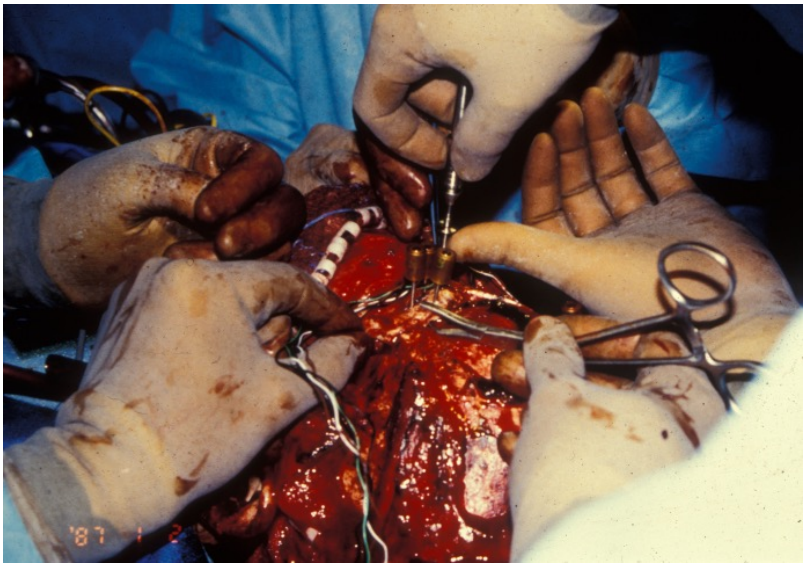

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2nd Clinical Case: User Interface

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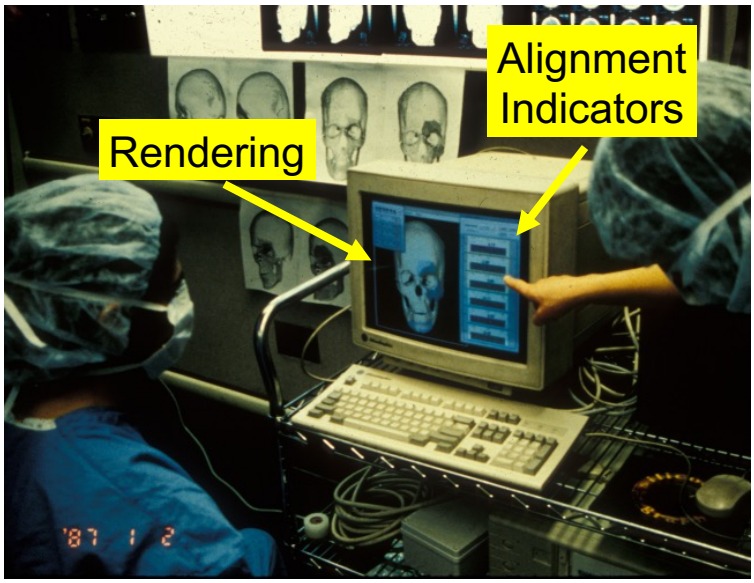
2nd Clinical Case: Display



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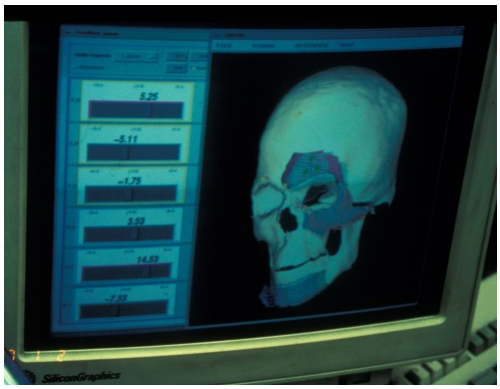
2nd Clinical Case: Display

- **Full 3D display**



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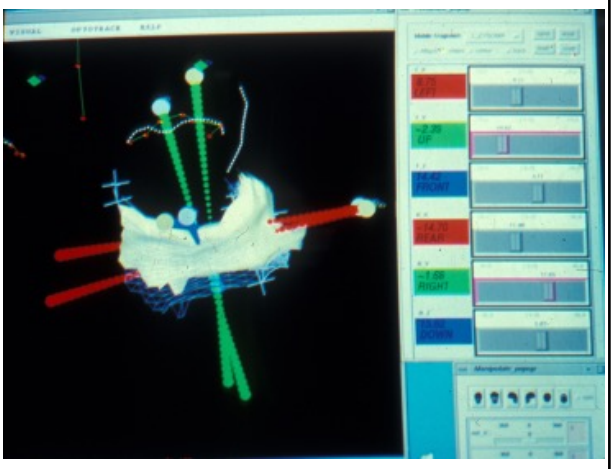
2nd Clinical Case: Display

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



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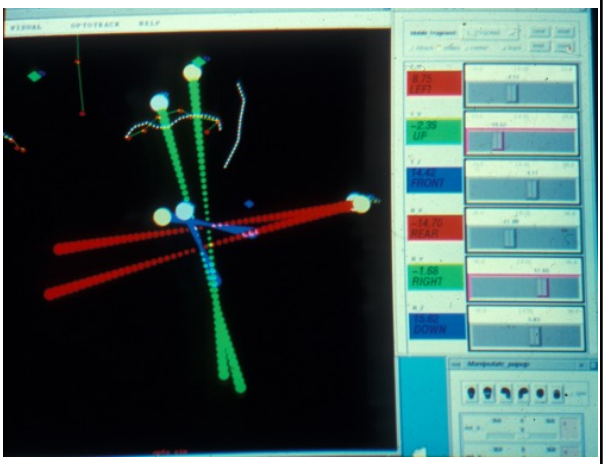
2nd Clinical Case: Display

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



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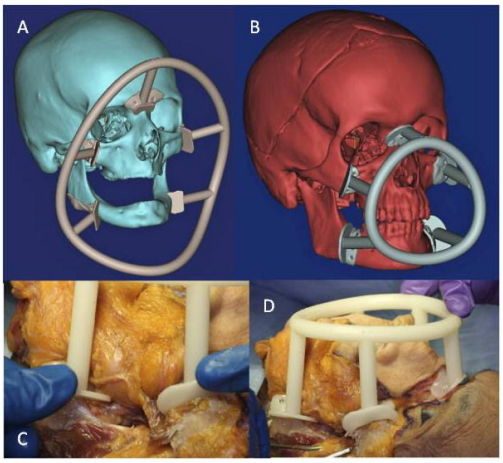

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Robot-Assisted Mandibular Surgery

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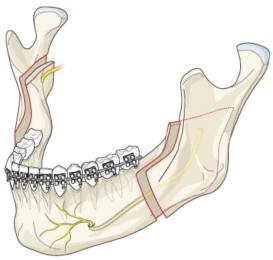

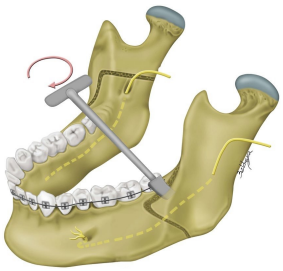

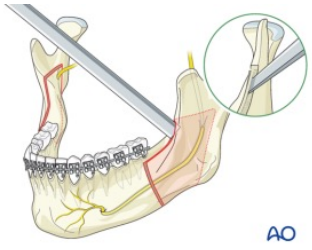

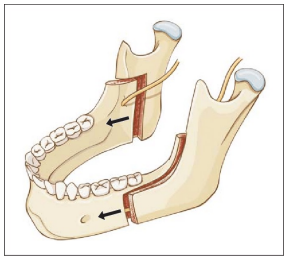

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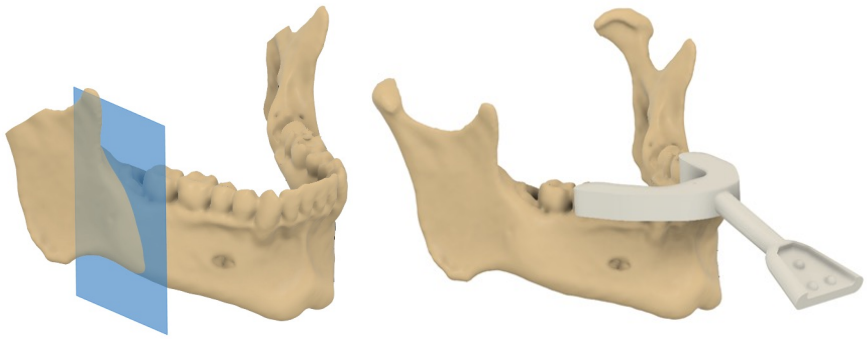

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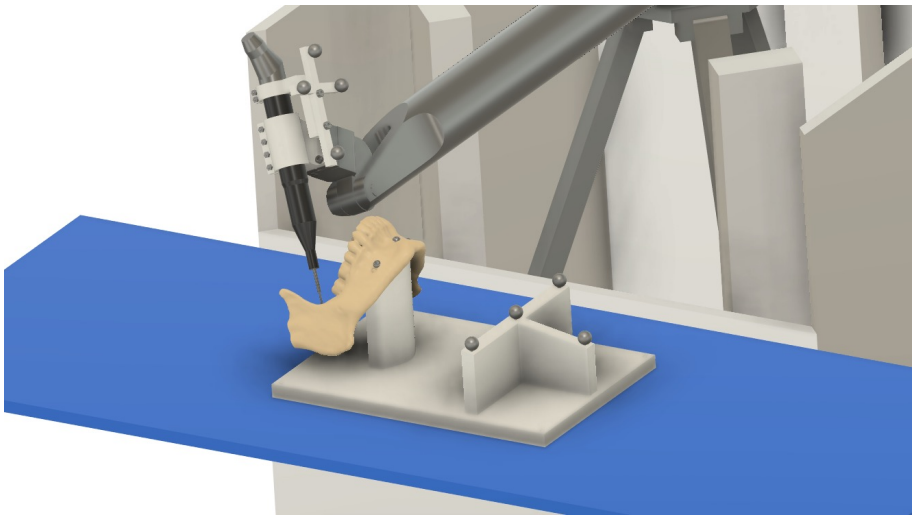

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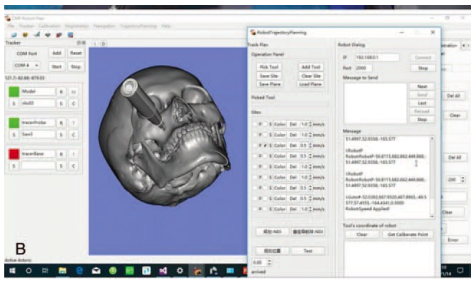
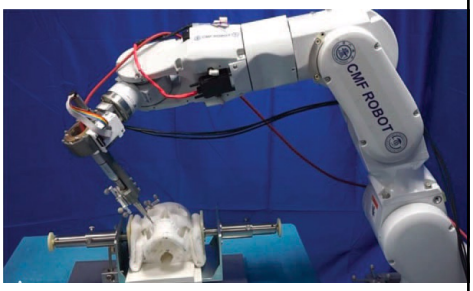
Robot-Assisted Orthognathic Surgery





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Robot-Assisted Dental Implants

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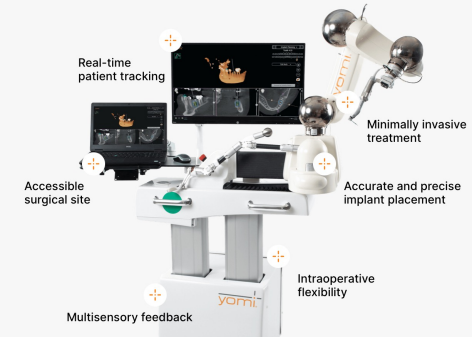

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