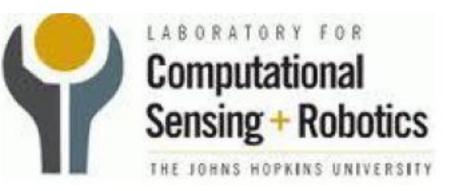


Control Architecture of Cranial Implant Laser Cutting System



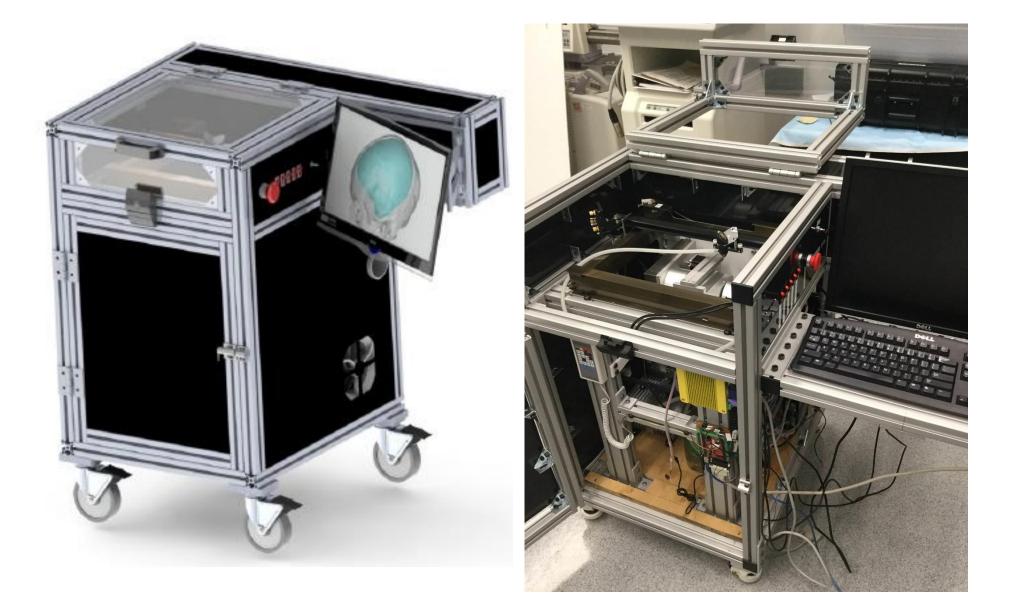
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Introduction

- Cranioplasty is a procedure to repair cranial defects using custom cranial implants (CCIs).
- The goal is to develop a portable 5 DOF laser cutting system that assists surgeons in resizing CCIs in single-stage cranioplasty.
- Currently, CCIs are resized manually. This system aims to automate the current procedure. Benefits include decreasing surgery time and labor cost, and improving accuracy of implant modifications.
- Area of research
 - Biomedical engineeringSurgical instrumentation





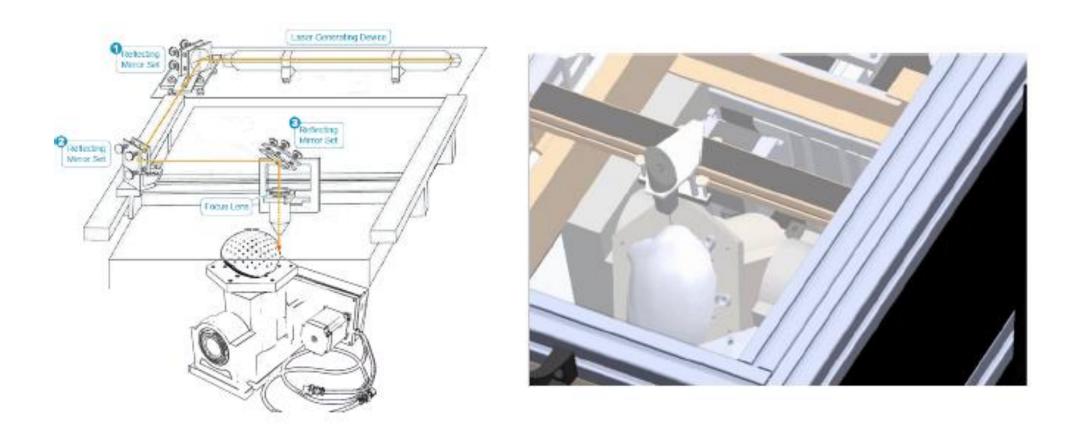
Laser cutting system: CAD model shown on left, real device shown on right

The Problem

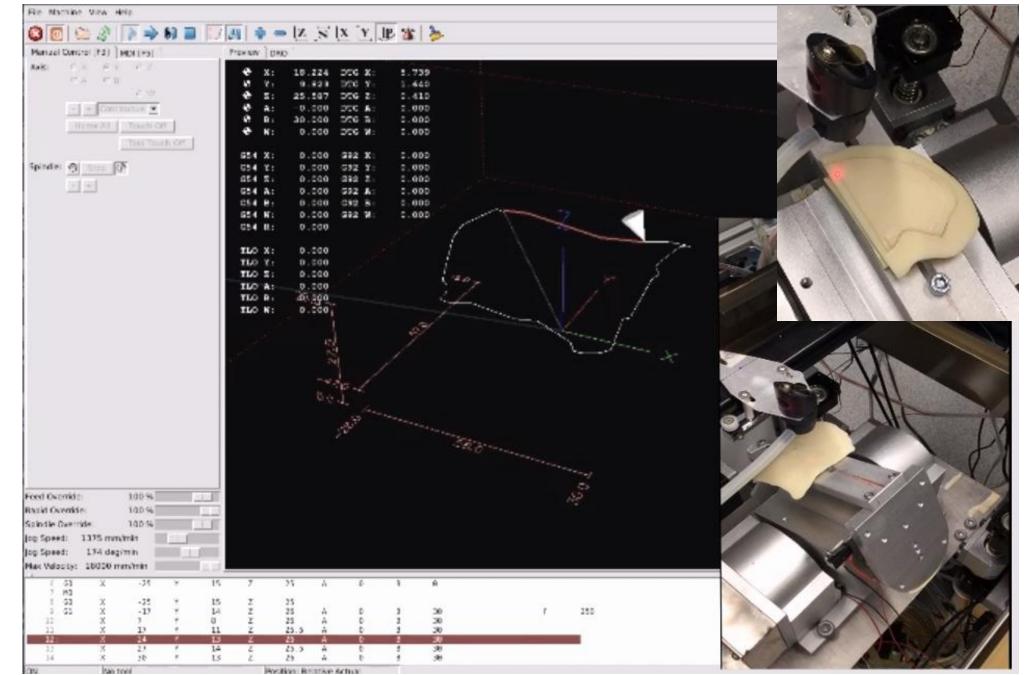
- CCIs are made in oversized profiles, and require numerous iterations of manual modification to become suitable for patients.
- This process can take up to 80 minutes depending on the size of the implant and the complexity of the modification.
- Modification is based on the surgeon's visual analysis, and therefore is prone to errors in precision and accuracy.

The Solution

- CNC laser system consisted of 35W CO₂ laser, mirrors, and linear stage; constitutes 3 transitional axis
- Rotary table; constitutes 2 rotational axis



Outcomes and Results

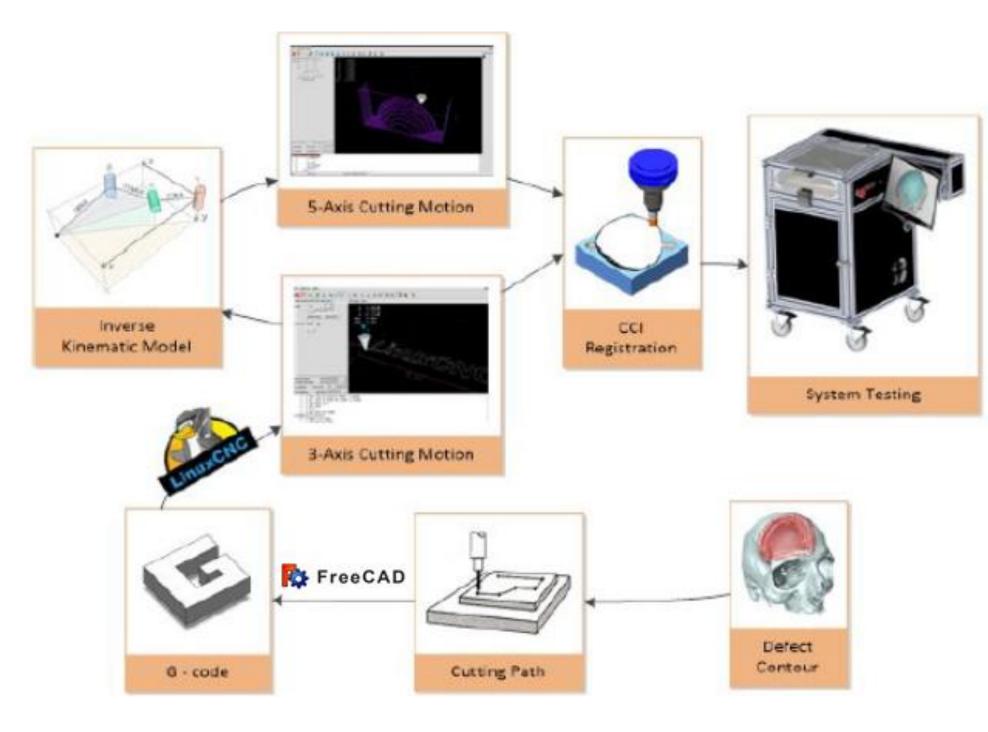


Future Work

- Implant registration
- Cutting path to G-Code conversion algorithm
- FreeCAD cranioplasty module

Lessons Learned

• We acquired experience in tool path generation, FreeCAD, LinuxCNC, hardware abstraction layer, system configuration, and software/hardware debugging.



Software Design for the laser cutting system

Credits

- Joshua focused on implementing algorithms for cutting motion and tool path generation, and developing GUI
- Jerry focused on assembling hardware, aligning laser components, path to G-Code conversion
- Both contributed to configuring and debugging the system

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