


**Customized surgical guides = Individual Templates\*** (Radermacher et al. 1993)

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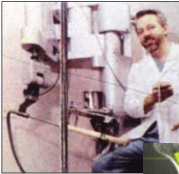
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**History of CAOS (1/6)**


- 1985 First concepts in (neuro-)surgical **robotics** (Kwoh et al.)
- 1989 First concepts of Robotics in Orthopaedic Surgery (Taylor et al.)
- 1991 First human intervention with ROBODOC (Taylor et al.)



Hap Pault,  
R. Taylor et al. 1989

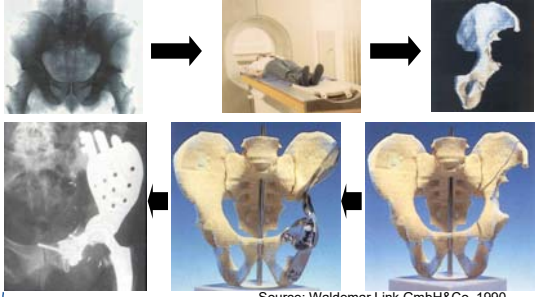


First human intervention  
ROBODOC THR 1991  
B. Bargar, R. Taylor et al.




**History of CAOS (2/6)**

**Patient specific anatomical models and implants**

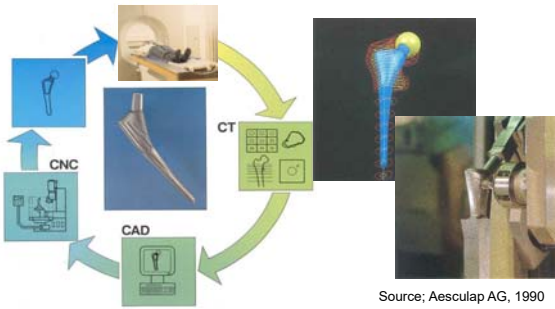


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**History of CAOS (3/6)**

**3C - custom made implants**



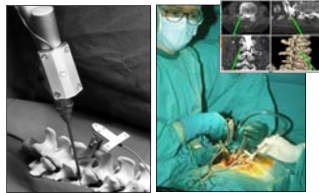
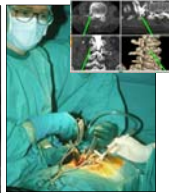

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**History of CAOS (4/6)**

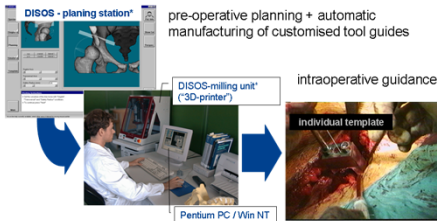
- 1985 First concepts of **navigation** in ENT and neurosurgery (Krybus et al. )
- 1989 First navigated interventions in ENT & neurosurgery (Gilsbach et al.)
- 1990 First concepts of navigation in orthopaedic surgery (Nolte et al.)
- 1994 First navigates pedicle screw in CAOS (Schwarzenbach et al.)

Nolte et al. 1990  
 First pedicle screw insertion  
 June 8, 1994  
 O. Schwarzenbach

## History of CAOS (5/6)

- 1988-1992 First concepts of individual templates CAOS (Radermacher et al.1992)
- 1993 First human intervention with individual templates (Staudte et al.)



First CAS Tripel-Periacetabular Repositioning Osteotomy  
With individual templates: 1993 by Prof. Staudte, Aachen/Würselen



## History of CAOS (5/6)

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### Basic principle of the individual template approach

Unique shape of the bone molded into a mechanical template = unique fit and position of the drilling jig

Principle

CT-based planning of the bone and the reference surface („3D-Abdruck“)

NC-milling of the individual impression

Intraoperative: unique fit of the template and related positioning of the toolguide with respect to the bone

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### Preoperative Workflow and Components (CT + 5-10 minutes planning + 10-20 minutes milling (in 1993))

Contact surface definition

Template Pre-Design

3D-Reconstruction & Planning

CT

Desktop CAM

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### Workflow and Components

Autoclave (20-30 min)

Basic idea: Create a desktop inhouse planning and CAD/CAM process usable by the surgeon him/herself to produce a template for surgery within less than one hour

intraoperative

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### Image Acquisition – CT vs. MRI (in 1993)

- CT
  - + price, availability,
  - + semiautomatic bone image segmentation and 3D-reconstruction
  - + resolution, (geometric accuracy)
  - No cartilage visible
  - Radiation exposure
- MR
  - + no radiation
  - + soft tissue and cartilage contrast
  - price, availability
  - complex image processing and segmentation
  - limited accuracy due to limited resolution and field inhomogenities

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### Geometric Accuracy

#### CT- MRI comparison (2007/2008)

Accuracy of MRI vs CT imaging with particular reference to patient specific templates for total knee replacement surgery (White 2008)

- The CT models appear to be larger than the real bones but the differences are small (greatest difference +1.9 mm)
- The MRI based models are smaller than the real bones and the differences are larger (greatest difference -10.9 mm)

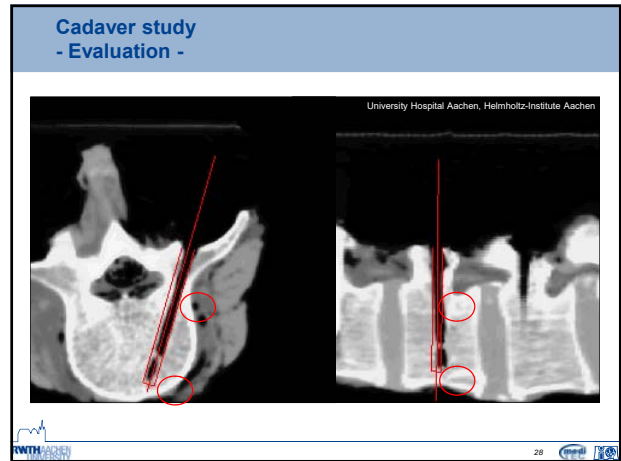
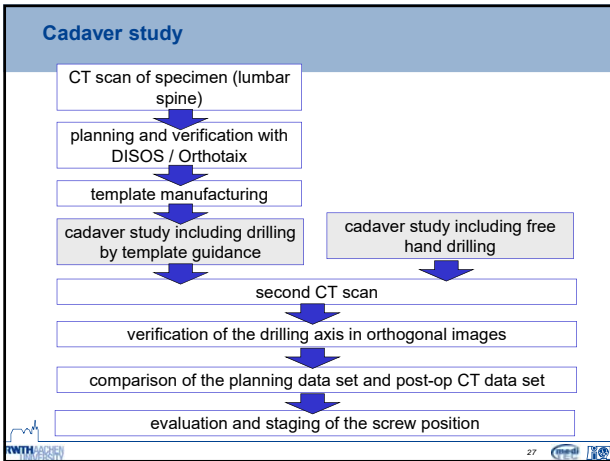
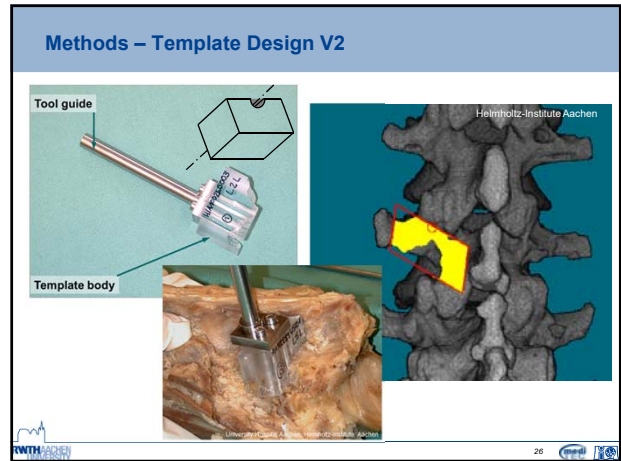
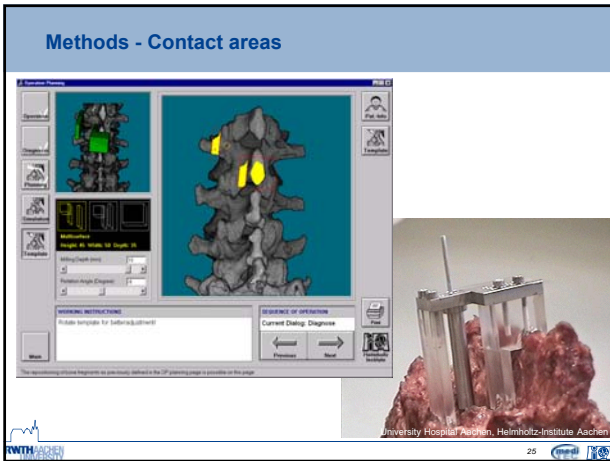
Can magnetic resonance imaging-derived bone models be used for accurate motion measurement with single-plane 3 dimensional shape registration? (Moro-Oka 2007)

- Results of comparing CT and MRI-models of femur and tibia showed regions where the surfaces differed by several millimeters.

3D-distance measurements from CT model to MRI model (mm)

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### Cadaver Study - Results -

Number of spines: 3	Indiv. templates	conventional
Number of drillings	9	9
Error	0,8 mm	0,5-1,5 mm
Preparation time per pedicle (sec)	171 sec	210 sec
X-ray time per pedicle (p<0,05)	7 sec	46 sec
Subjective assessment (1= very good...5= very bad)	2	3

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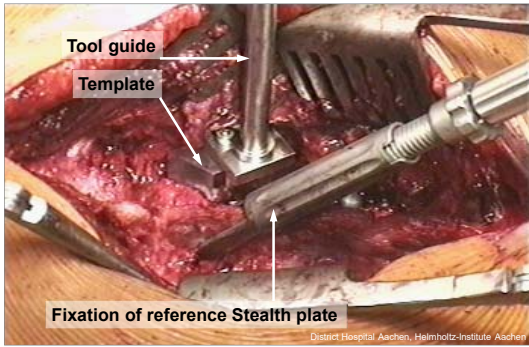
### Comparative Study in Spine Surgery Freehand Navigation vs. Template Based Navigation

Freehand Navigation      Individual Templates

#### A comparative clinical study

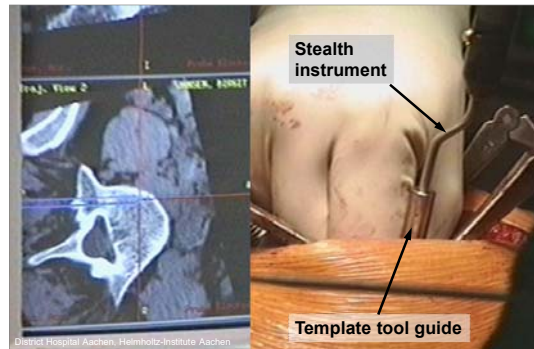
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### Clinical study - Intraoperative template positioning



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### Clinical study - template position check with the 3D localiser -



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### Clinical study - results

	Navigation (n=16)	Individual Templates (n=24)
<b>Quality of placement</b> (Intraoperative Evaluation by the surgeon; 1= very good; 5= bad)	Ø1,5	Ø1,71
<b>Fit of the template</b> (Intraoperative Evaluation by the surgeon; 1= very good; 5= bad)	-	Ø2,21
<b>Additional OP time per vertebra</b> (registration / template positioning)	Ø7 min 48 sec	Ø2 min 40 sec
<b>Installation time for devices in the OR (in 2000)</b>	Ø10min 33s	Ø0min 0s

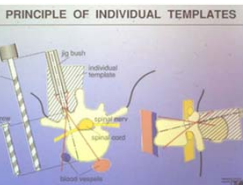
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### Conclusion (2000) on pedicle screw placement

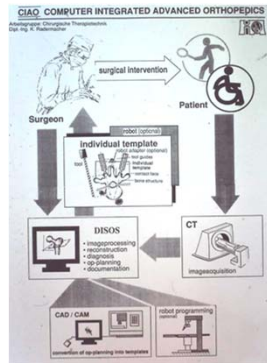
- little changes to intra-operative task sequences
- reduced x-ray exposure for patient and OR-staff
- high accuracy
- no additional installations in the OR
- no additional time consuming intra-operative registration
- intuitive intra-operative handling
- standard autoclavable (at up to 135°C)
- not suitable for traumatology

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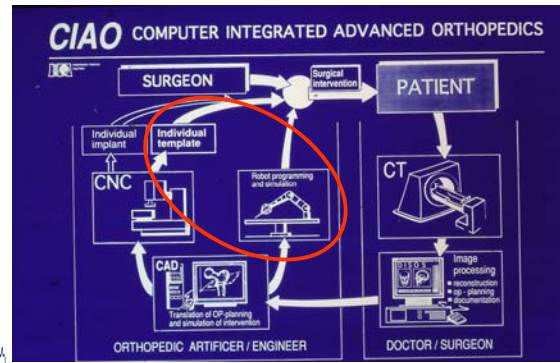
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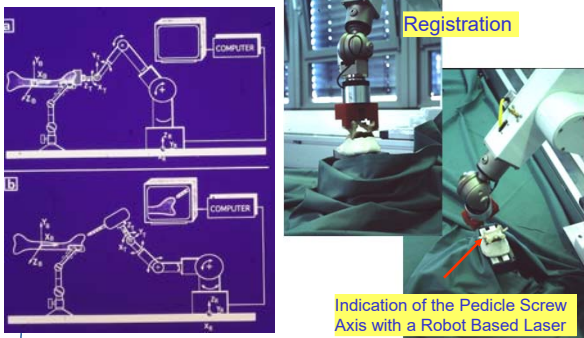
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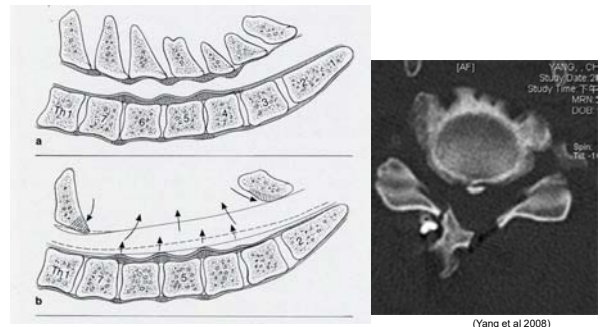
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**Cervical spinal stenosis Decompression**

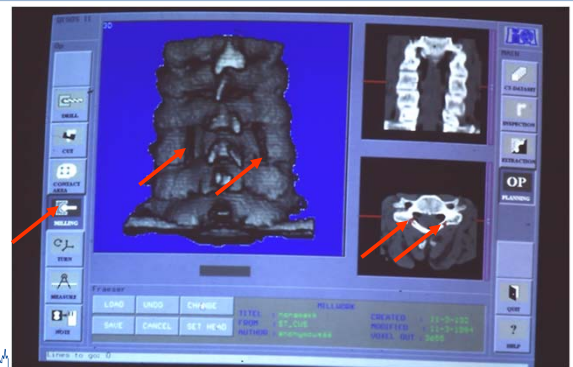


(Yang et al 2008)

**Dorsal cervical spine for template area of contact (dorsal border)**



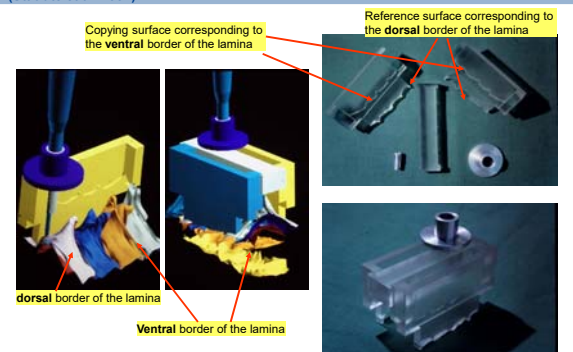
**Open Door Decompression in Cervical Spine - CT-based planning - (Staudte et al. 1998)**



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**Open Door Decompression in Cervical Spine - CT-based planning of 3D guidance limiting milling depth - (Staudte et al. 1994)**



### Open Door Decompression in Cervical Spine

- CT-based 3D guidance limiting milling depth -  
(Staudte et al. 1998)

Parallel guide  
Copying cam  
Standard high speed milling tool

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### 2D depth control: First concept study on ventral repositioning osteotomy on the spine

(Staudte et al. 1993)

Correction of scoliosis through a ventral portal by means of individual templates

Repositioning osteotomies Temporal fixation of spine

Scoliotic spine 45° cut plane vertebra individual template copying cam limiting cutting depth saw percutaneous fixation fixateur externe Corrected spine individual template

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### 2D depth control: First concept study on ventral repositioning osteotomy on the spine

Copying cam & surface  
Tuke saw with parallel guide

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### Study on Manufacturing Strategies (1993)

- Milling vs. Rapid Prototyping (or generative manufacturing) -

Rapid Prototyping (Stereolithography)  
About 1200 €, 1-2 days (1993)

NC Milling  
About 1200 €, 1-2 days (1993)

1993-?: No low cost desktop units available  
However, today Rapid Prototyping can be more than 10 time cheaper !!!

1993/95 Lowcost Desktop units available  
NC-milling today can be much cheaper too !!!

Depending on the complexity of the template !

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### CA - Triple Osteotomy with individual templates

First clinical application of the individual template technique at our department for Orthopaedic Surgery in December 1993  
(submitted to MIT-Press in spring 1994...published in 1996: Radermacher, Staudte et al. 1996)

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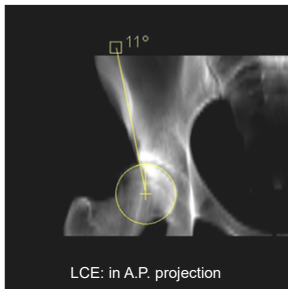
### Hip Dysplasia: A.P. and 65° Faux-Profile X-ray

> Evaluation of the femoral coverage

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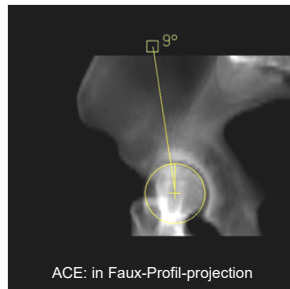


## Hip Dysplasia: Evaluation of the femoral coverage using DRR



LCE: in A.P. projection

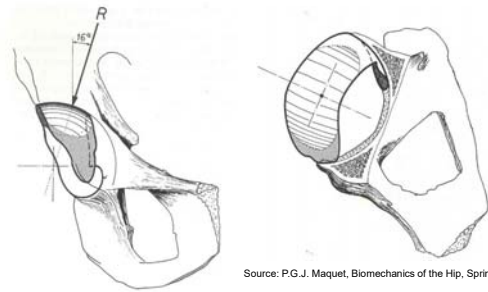
Goal: LCE= 30-35°



ACE: in Faux-Profil-projection

Goal: ACE= 30-35°

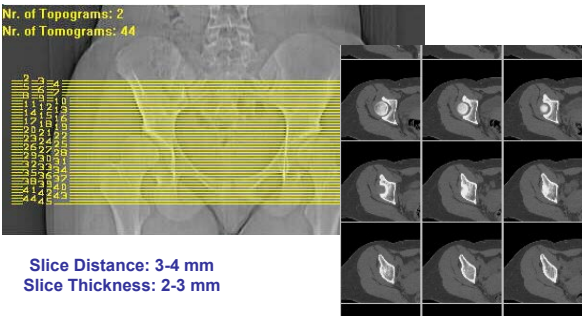
## 3D-Geometry of the Weight Bearing Zone



Source: P.G.J. Maquet, Biomechanics of the Hip, Springer, 1985

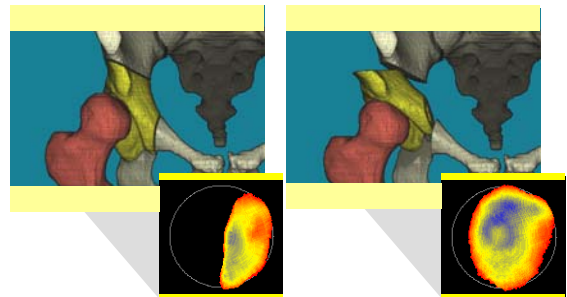
## CT Image Acquisition

Nr. of Topograms: 2  
Nr. of Tomograms: 44



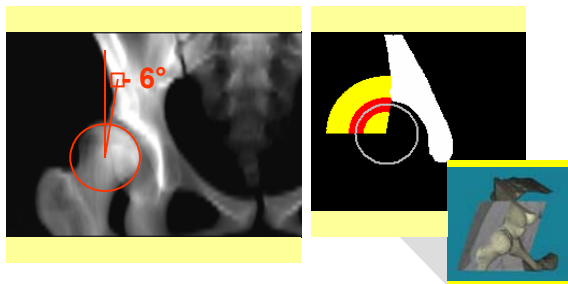
Slice Distance: 3-4 mm  
Slice Thickness: 2-3 mm

## 3D-Reconstruction and 3D-Analysis of the Weight Bearing Zone and Femoral Coverage



(Staudte and Radermacher et al. 1998 ff.)

## X-Ray based vs. 3D-based Measurement of LCE and ACE Angles (Portheine et al. 2000)



## 1st Study: Material and Method (Portheine et al. 2000)

- 20 CT datasets of dysplastic hips
- 3 clinical experts
- Comparison of
  - Conventional x-ray based diagnosis vs.
  - 3D analysis of the lateral and anterior center-edge angles (ACE & LCE)

## Results

- Significant difference of +5° between conventional and automatic 3D-based measurement of the LCE-Angle ( $p < 0,05$ )
- NO Significant difference between conventional and automatic 3D-based measurement of the ACE-Angle



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## Problem Statement

- High inter- and intra-rater variability especially for the LCE (and ACE) measurement due to x-ray projections and the 3D geometry of the acetabular weight bearing area
- based on x-rays the estimation of the weight bearing area in 3D and the resulting correction necessary is quite challenging
- x-ray controls on the OR table do NOT reflect the weight bearing situation
- Clinically overcorrections have been reported (e.g. *Tönnis, 1999*)

Correction needed = Goal (30-35°) – actual angle ???



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## 2nd Study: Material and Methods (Portheine et al. 2000)

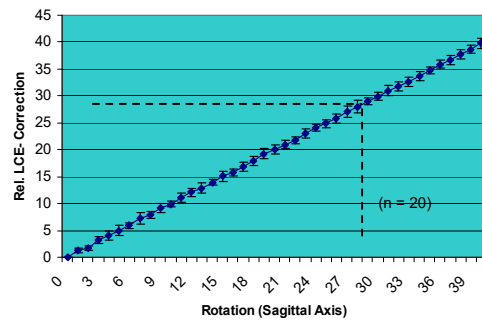
- 20 CT data sets of dysplastic hips
- Stepwise rotation of the acetabular fragment (1°/step lateral or anterior respectively)
- Automatic Measurement of the LCE and ACE angle after each step
- Subjective (visual) evaluation of the femoral coverage in 3D



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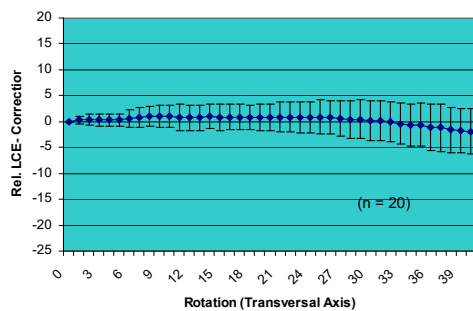
## Results (1/4): LCE vs. lateral rotation



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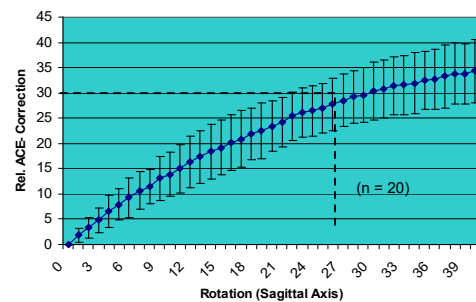
## Results (2/4): LCE vs. anterior rotation



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## Results (3/4): ACE vs. lateral rotation (!!!)



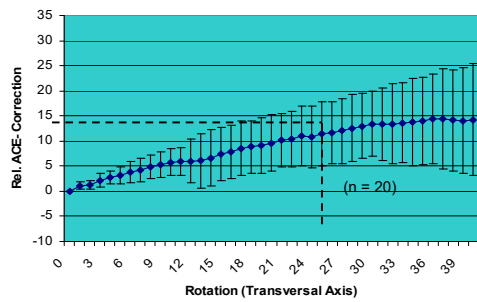
(note: high patientspecific variability !!!)



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### Results (4/4): ACE vs. Anterior Rotation

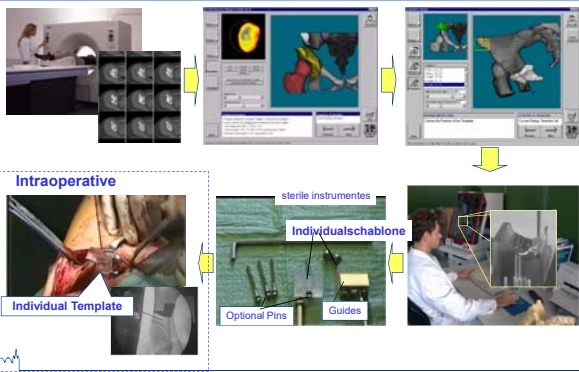


(note: high patientspecific variability !!!)

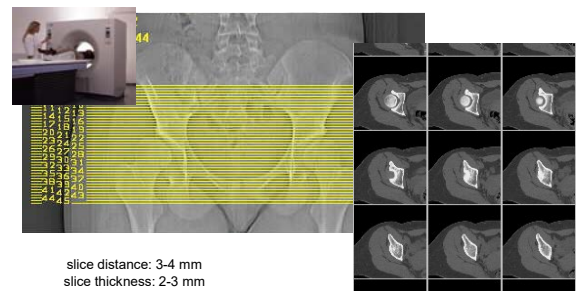
### Conclusion (Portheine et al. 2000)

- the anterior coverage in many cases is sufficiently corrected only by a lateral rotation !
- In these cases an additional anterior rotation would lead to an over correction (which would have to be compensated by a internal rotation (e.g. Tönnis, 1999))
- The automatic 3D measurement and correction of LCE and ACE to 30° results in a good 3D coverage of the femoral head

### Individual Templates Transfer of Preoperative Planning using Individual Templates

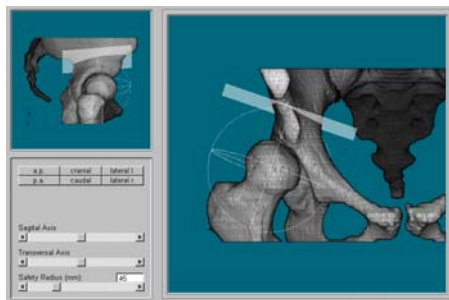


### Individual Templates Individual Templates based Navigation: CT- Image acquisition



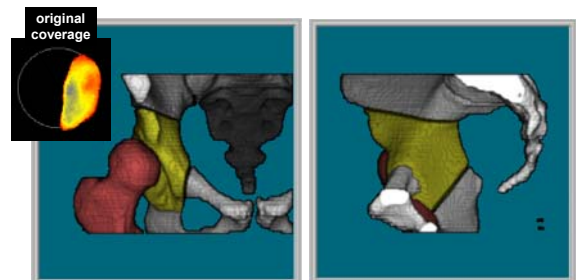
### Individual Templates Interactive Planing of the Tripel-Osteotomy

Automatic 3D-Reconstruction of the CT-Data



### Individual Templates Interactive Planing of the Tripel-Osteotomy

Automatic Segmentation of the Femoral Head and Simulation of the Tripel-Osteotomy



### Individual Templates

#### Interactive Planing of the Tripel-Osteotomy

Planning and Simulation of the Repositioning

**Analysis:**

- result. 3D-coverage (autom. measurement)
- resulting LCE- & ACE-angles (automatic measurement)
- estimated changes in leg length (autom. Measurement)
- mobility of the acetabulum ?
- possible refixation

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### Individual Templates

#### Interactive Planing of the Tripel-Osteotomy

Planning and Positioning of the Templates

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### Individual Templates

#### Automatic Desktop Manufacturing of Individual Templates

Is the „unique fit“ really unique and is the surgeon able to identify the position in the operating site (haptic quality)???

**Mathematical constraint analysis** to predict the quality of fit and its experimental validation (Radermacher et al. 1999):

**Apriori Identification of unreliable reference shapes: Sensitivity of**

a) subjective visual ratings of	
Experienced users:	94,8%
Unexperienced users:	64,8%
b) Model based automatic ratings:	<b>97,3 %</b>

**Concept: color coding of the quality of contact**

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• automatic milling of the templates (ca. 5-20 Min.)

• autoclave (135°C; ca. 5-30 Min.)

• transfer of the sterile tool set to the OR

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### Individual Templates

#### Intraoperative Guidance of Tripel-Osteotomy by Individual Templates

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### Individual Templates

#### Periacetabular Tripel-Osteotomy with Individual Templates

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### Individual Templates Clinical Study Tripel-Osteotomy

1 expert surgeon (> 50 interventions), 2 less experienced surgeons (< 20 interventions)

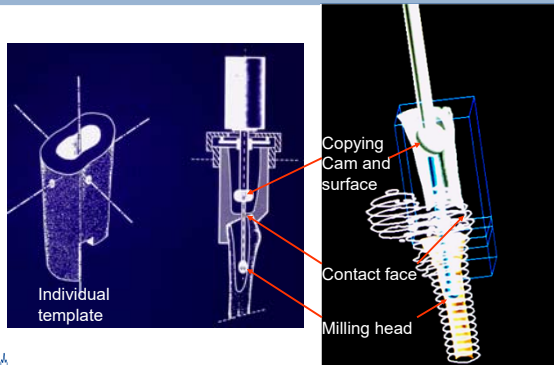
Ø	conventional (K) (n=10)	Template based (C) (n=24)
Duration of operation (min)	150.9	115.8
Intraop. X-ray time (sec) (mean / expert surgeon)	30.9 / 40,7	21.4 / 13,5
Loss of blood (ml)	783.3	641.3
Hospital stay (days)	22.9	18.4

- Reduction of operating time: 23 % (p<0,005)
- Reduction of intraoperative x-ray time (mean/expert): 30 / 70 % (p>0,05 / p<0,05)
- Reduction of bloodloss: 18% (p>0,05)
- Reduction of hospitalisation time: 19% (p<0,05)
- 6-12 months postop: slight improvement in Harris hip score as well as Merle d'Aubigne score (experienced surgeon; p > 0.05)

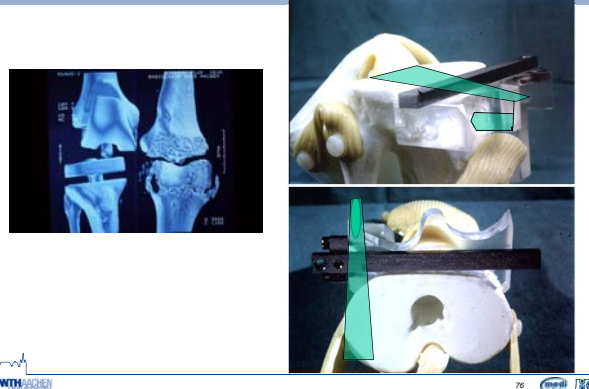
### DISOS – Desktop Planning and Manufacturing System for Orthopaedic Surgery (1998)

The diagram illustrates the DISOS workflow: 1. Imaging (CT/MRI) leading to 2. Desktop planning (Autonomous planning by the surgeon < 5 minutes), and 3. Intraoperative use (Individual Template, sterile instruments, Individualschablone, Optional Pins, Guides). The final step is noted as Low cost (<5k€) desktop milling.

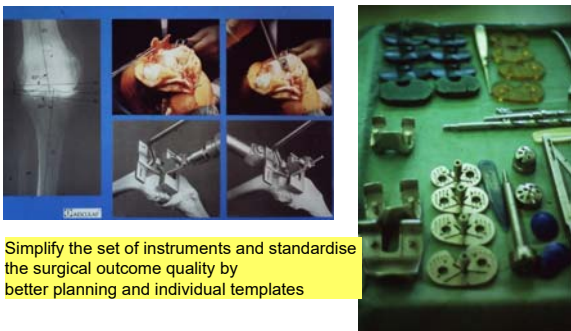
### First concepts of 3D-shape control (in THA)



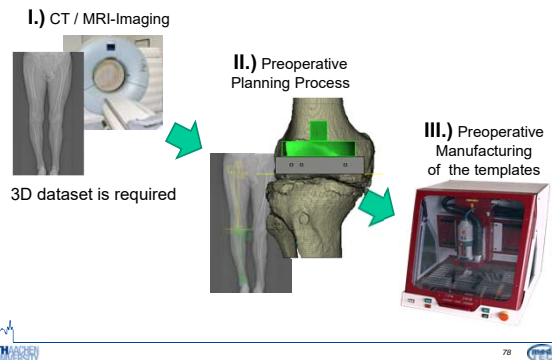
### 1992: First concepts of 2D depth control (osteotomies in TKA)



### Individual Templates in TKA – Basic Motivation (1988)



### Individual Templates - Overview - Workflow -



### Individual Templates - Overview - Workflow -

**IV.) Cleaning and Sterilization** → **V.) Intraoperative Use** → **VI.) Clinical Outcome**

Source: KSG 2010

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

#### 3 Steps of the planning process

- 1.) Identification of the mechanical axis and landmarks
- 2.) Planning of the prosthesis
- 3.) Generation of the template geometry

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIXAG, Aachen, Germany

#### 1.) Identification of the mechanical axis via a guided dialog

Planning procedure

Workplace (all relevant information according to planning step)

Navigation

Instructions

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIXAG, Aachen, Germany

#### 1.) Identification of the mechanical axis via a guided dialog

Topogram / Scoutview (a.p. and lateral direction)

- a.p. for mechanical axis
- lateral for extension deficit

Identification of the mechanical axis via measuring tool

All information on the mechanical axis can be calculated from the scoutviews

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIXAG, Aachen, Germany

#### 1.) Identification of landmarks

The corresponding grey cuts in a.p. and cranial direction are shown in realtime

To identify rotation of the femur, we define landmarks which are representing the trans-epicondylar axis. Thus the user can define the lateral and medial epicondylus.

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIXAG, Aachen, Germany

#### 2.) Planning of the prosthesis

Prosthesis (type)

Prosthesis (size)

Position (autoplacement)

- Correct alignment
- Correct rotation
- No notch effect
- ...

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIX AG, Aachen, Germany

Incorrect Placement

- Penetration of tibia fixation
- Contact between ligament and prosthesis

Bone quality assessment (especially tibia cut) for minimal resection of the defect

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIX AG, Aachen, Germany

#### 2.) Planning of the prosthesis

The flexion and extension can be shown in an animation.

Determination of the changes of the ligament lengths in extension as well as in flexion (isometric conditions)

Volumetric mass-spring model

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### Individual Templates - Planning -

Source: SurgiTAIX AG, Aachen, Germany

#### 3.) Generation of the template geometry

- 1.) Different variations of templates
- 2.) Automatic generation of the individual templates
- 3.) Verification (contact face)
- 4.) Export in STL File Format

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### Individual Templates - Intraoperative use -

- First intraoperative use in 2000!
- Very simple template geometry
- Using the conventional cutting block

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### Individual Templates - Clinical Outcome -

#### Individual templates for TKA (first 10 trials)

- + Unambiguous positioning of the template
- + No additional dilation of the surgical portal
- + Good alignment ( $\leq 3^\circ$  in all cases)
- + Intuitive use
- + Extra- and intramedullary rods are not required
- + Operation time was between 70 and 35 minutes
- o CT- required
- o Preoperative computer based planning necessary

Surgery performed with individual templates: optimal position

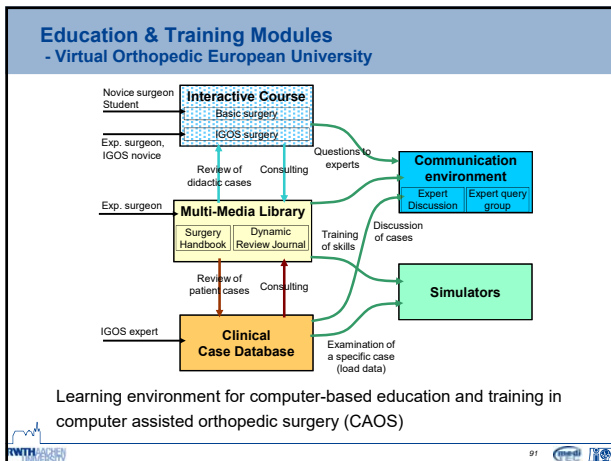
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### Experimental and Clinical Applications of the Individual Template Approach in CAOS (our Group only; 1991-2001)

- Spine Surgery
  - Pedicle screw placement (clinical study)
  - Dorsal Hirayabashi open-door decompression (cadaver study)
  - Ventral decompression (cadaver study)
  - Ventral repositioning osteotomies (lab study)
- Hip Surgery
  - Total hip surgery (cup and shaft) (lab study)
  - Intertrochanteric osteotomy (incl. Function of bone cyst) (lab study)
  - Periacetabular repositioning osteotomy (Tönnis) (clinical study)
  - Spherical Periacetabular Osteotomy (lab study and first cadaver study)
- Knee Surgery
  - Total Knee Arthroplasty (clinical study)

> Transfer to SurgiTAIX AG, Aachen, Germany

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### Training - Example: E-Learning module for hip surgery

*interactive course* simulating working with virtual patient cases in clinical procedures

*surgical Simulator* to train the surgeon's skill in certain planning steps when using a real CAS system

*multimedia handbook* presenting procedural and declarative knowledge in a narrative format

### Individual Templates (other groups & disciplines): CT-based Individual Templates for Dental Implants

Source: Materialise, Leuven

### Individual Templates (other groups & disciplines): CT-based Individual Templates for Cranio-Surgery

Source: Craniocconstruct, Bochum

### Individual Templates (other groups & disciplines): Cervical Spine

Sheng Lu et al.; A Novel Patient-specific Navigational Template for Cervical Pedicle Screw Placement; Department of Orthopedics, Kunming General Hospital, PLA, Kunming, China, 2009

### Individual Templates - Pros and Cons -

- + precise planning & intraoperative guidance
- + no changes of the intraoperative procedure
- + simple & intuitive handling
- + no additional equipment in the OR
- + no intraoperative registration required
- + reduction of OR-time and x-ray time
- + good cost/benefit ratio
- pre-operative CT required (optional MRI)
- pre-operative planning required
- no percutaneous application, access to bone/cartilage/
- hard tissue required



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"Image Guided Orthopaedic Surgery (IGOS)" (DGXIII-HC1026HC) 1998  
Concerning the Clinical Relevance of Individual Templates in Orthopaedic Surgery

**1998**

- "... a good practical example of the applicability of IGOS techniques to operative surgery"  
*(Prof. M.A.R. Freeman, London and Prof. S.D. Stulberg, Chicago ; IGOS Peer Review Report, 1998)*
- "Templates constitute obviously the most simple IGOS solution with no important implications on the OR. Therefore, for all applications where they can be used with similar advantages to other technologies, they should be used."  
*(Prof. Ph. Merloz, Grenoble, IGOS Partner, 1998)*



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**1999**

**„We believe that this type of individual based template surgery is an valuable approach which has a clear benefits in relation to simplicity, availability, safety and costs.“**

*Prof. A. Lindstrand, Lund (Schweden), Prof. W. Siebert, Kassel,  
Prof. P. Regazzoni, Basel (Schweiz), IGOS 2 Peer Review Report 1999*

