

3D printing in orthopedics and neurosurgery

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Modular femur replacement for tumor orthopedics

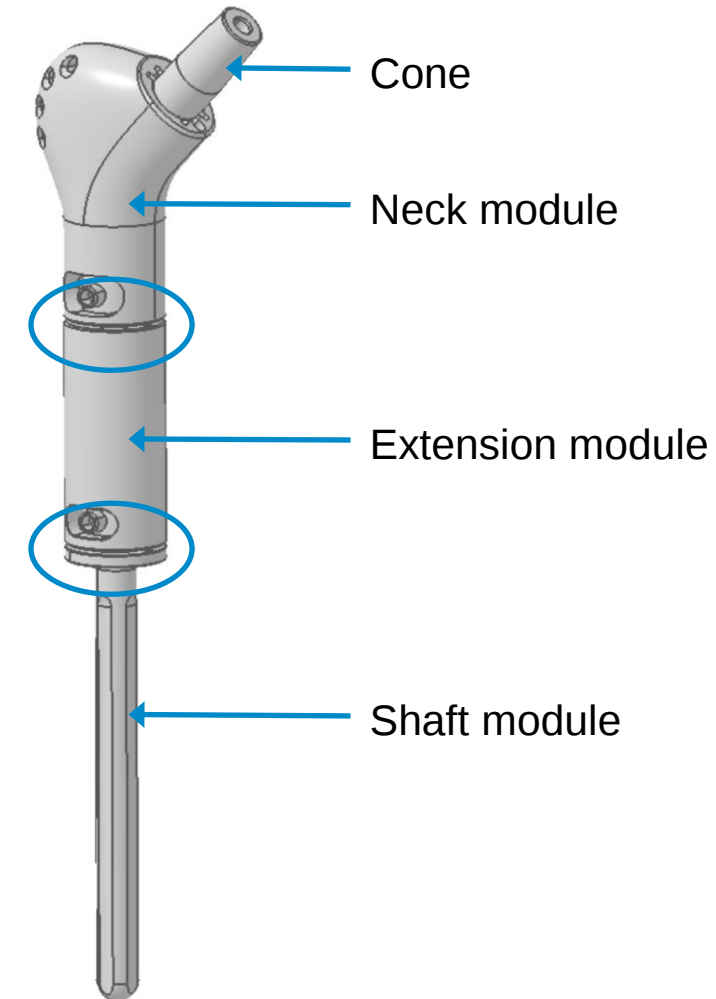


Motivation

- All examinations and optimizations were based on a current modular tumor endoprosthesis (MML system, ESKA)

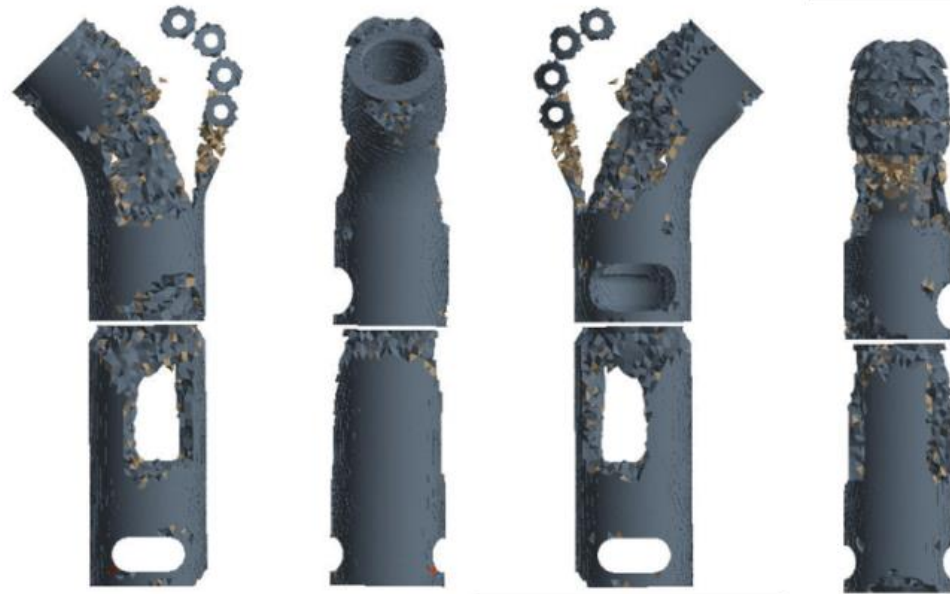
Disadvantages:

- High dead weight
- Refixation of detached muscle groups is only possible to a limited extent
- Difficulties by separating the individual modular components, because of fixation by conical clamping



Weight reduction

- Topology optimization (neck module)
- Simulated load (1200 N)
 - illustrating dominant load paths
- Goal: Reduction of the implant weight



Topology optimisation by Fraunhofer IWU



Result

Weight reduction

- Based on the topology optimization a total of 3 versions of the new neck module were created
- Weight reduction



Version 1



Version 2

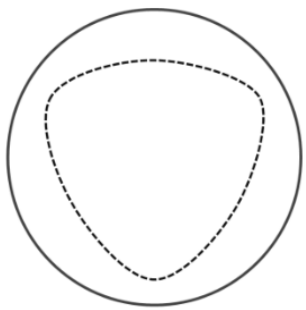


Version 3

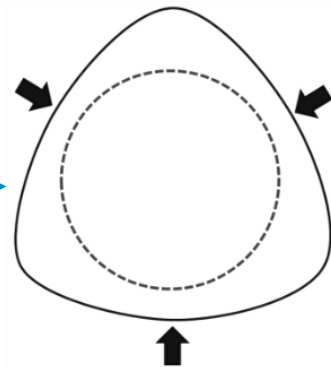
Interface

- Polygon interface
- Based on the polygon clamping principle
- By external load application, a minimal elastic deformation is caused by a few hundredths of a millimeter

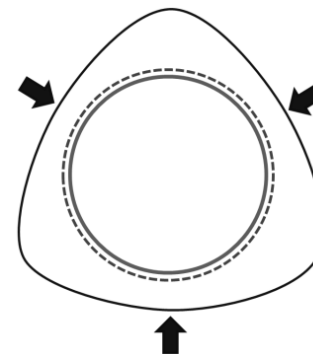
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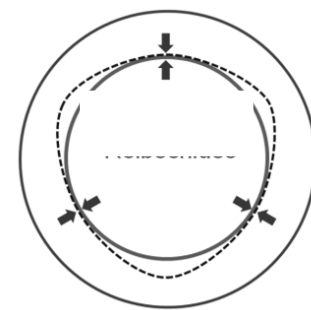
Externally-loaded condition



Externally-loaded assembly



Final assembly



Generative production

- Production of individual components by means of laser beam melting
- Material: titanium alloy grade 5 (TiAl6V4)
- Subsequent heat treatment against susceptibility to cracking

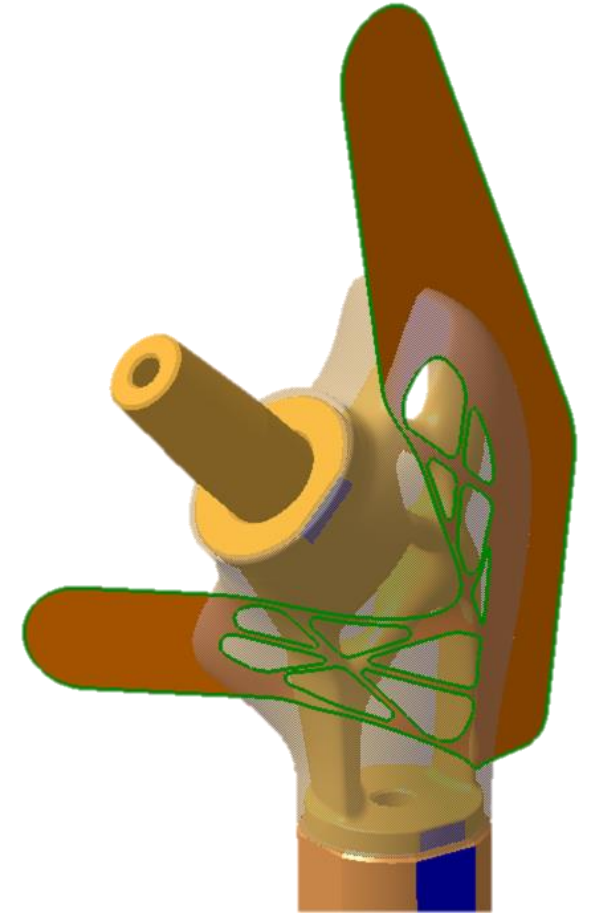
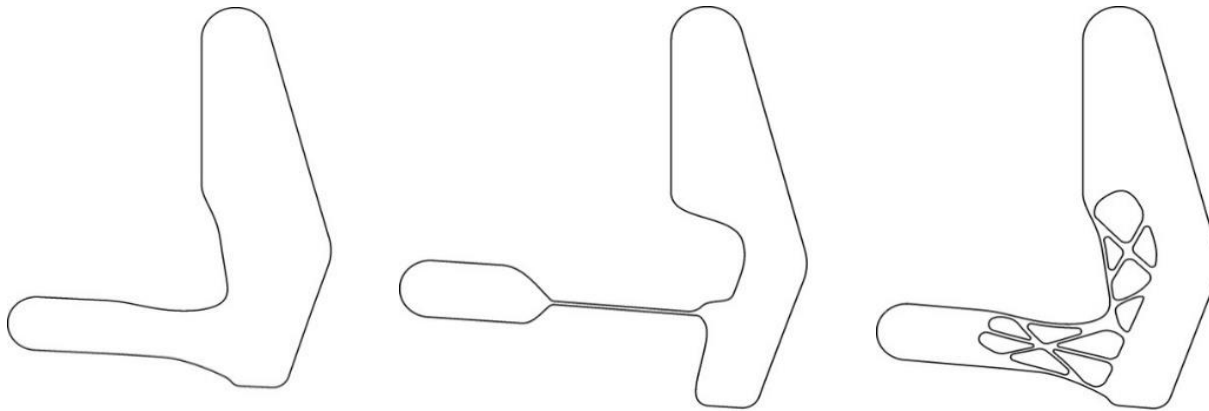
Result

- Individual endoprosthesis parts for post processing



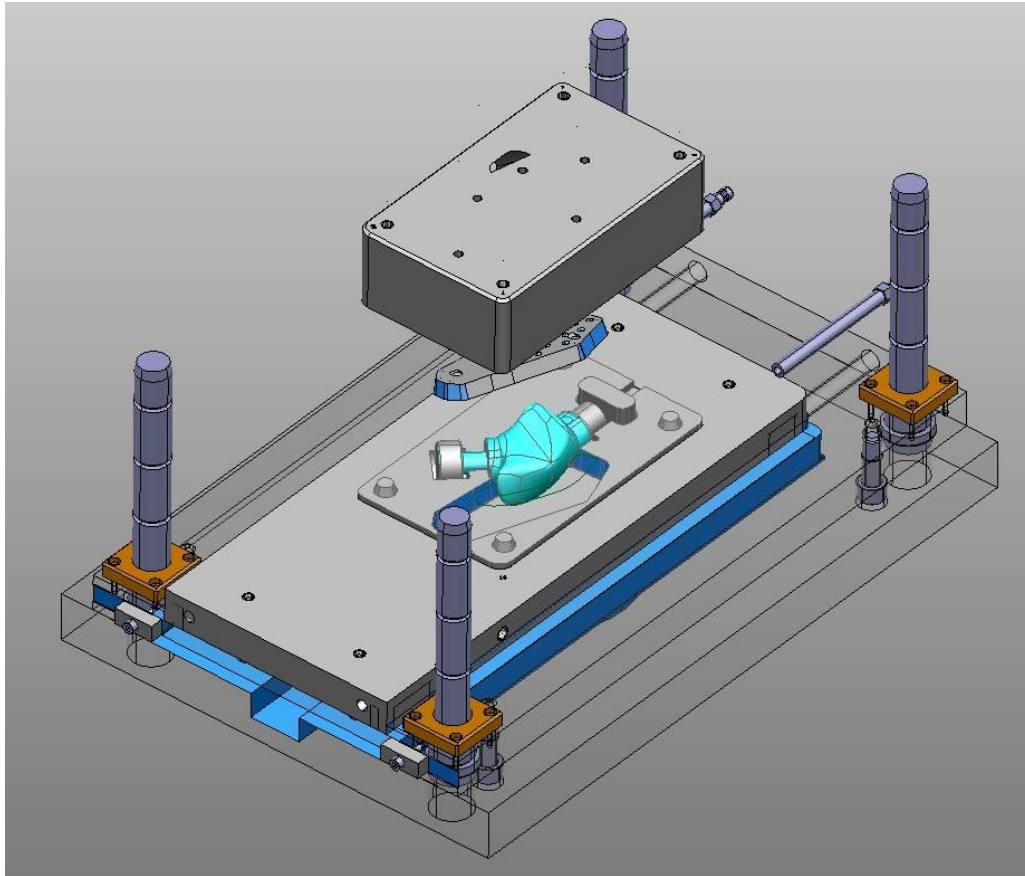
Textile attachment points

- Integration of two-dimensional textile structure for refixation of detached muscle groups
→ restoration of the function
- 3 textile variants were developed and implemented constructively
- Fixation by overmolding of the metal core and the textile with polyethylene



Fixing of the connection points

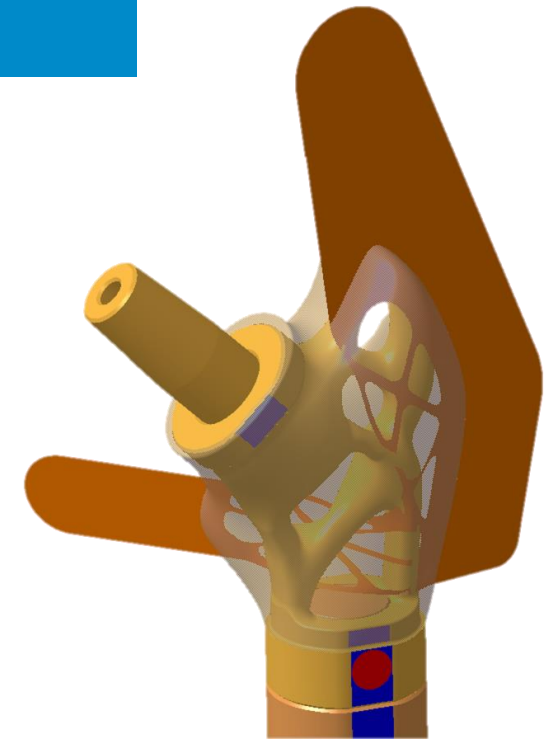
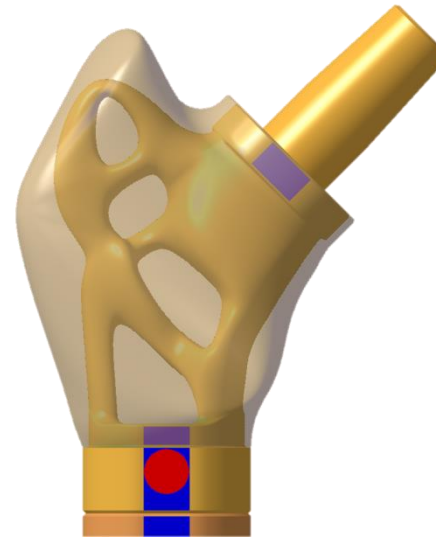
- By means of an injection molding tool
- Fixation of the textile to the neck module



Result

Final prototype

- Weight-reduced endoprosthesis (743g $\rightarrow$ 397 g)
- Integrated connection points for refixation of detached muscle groups
- Modular design
- Coupling of the modules via novel interface



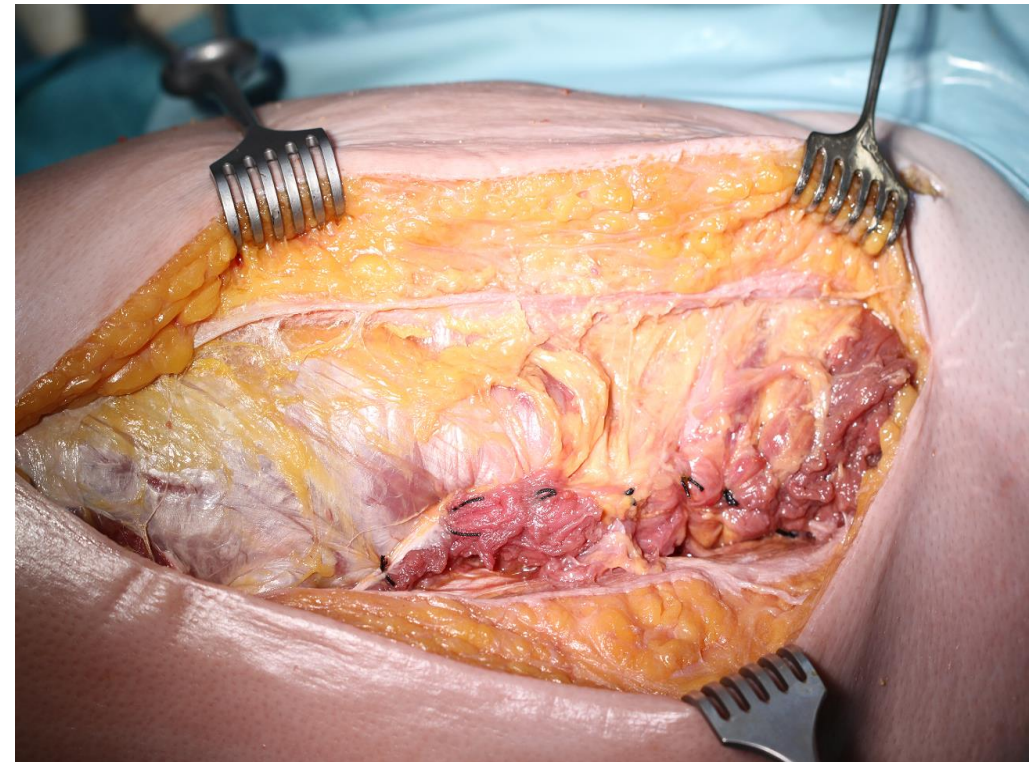
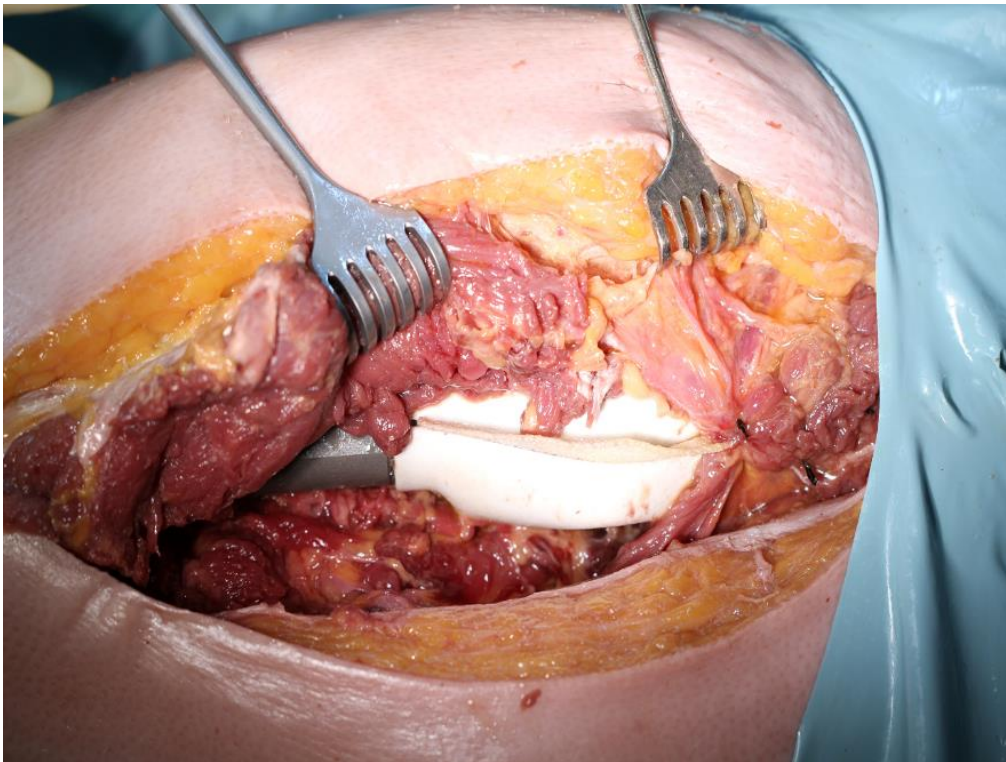
Final testing

- 6 prototypes have been tested
- In the context of dynamic stress tests, the lightweight construction geometry was tested
- Test according to ISO 7206-4 (test of the shaft area)
- Test according to ISO 7206-6 (test of the neck area)
- All tests were completed successfully!



Final testing

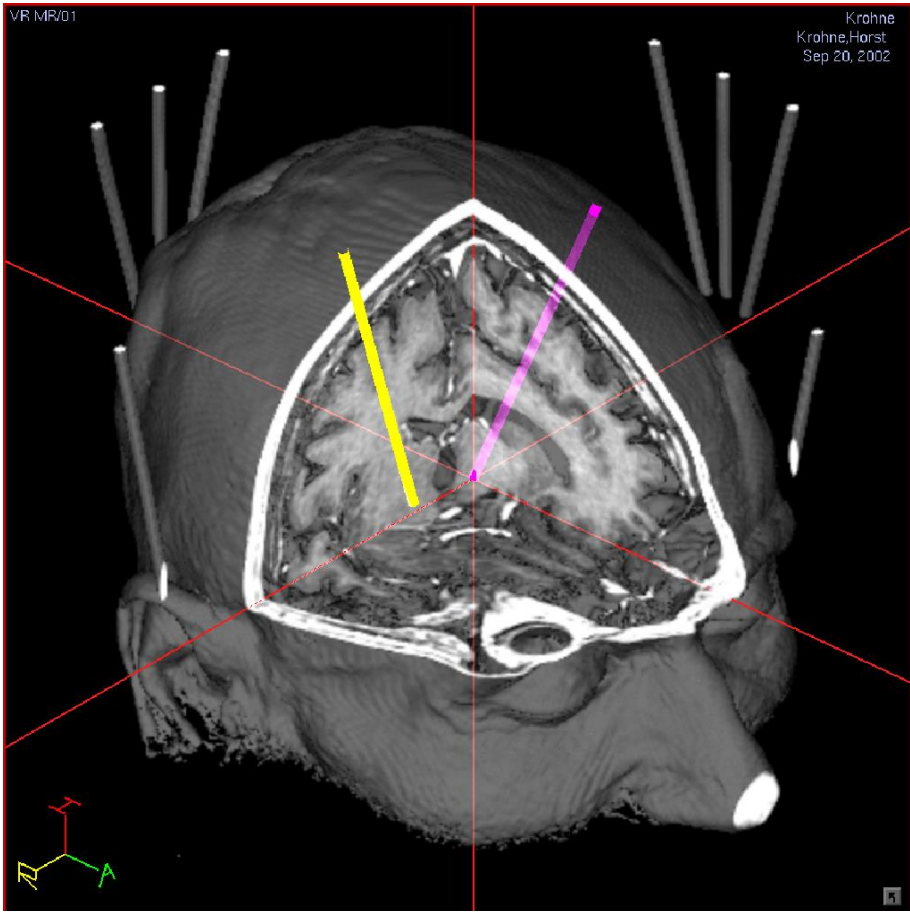
- Body donor tests (in cooperation with the Institute of Anatomy)
- Lateral approach to the hip joint (modified according to Bauer)
- Implantation by use of bone cement (PMMA)
- Successful refixation of the muscles at the created attachment points



High precision patient-individual brain biopsy



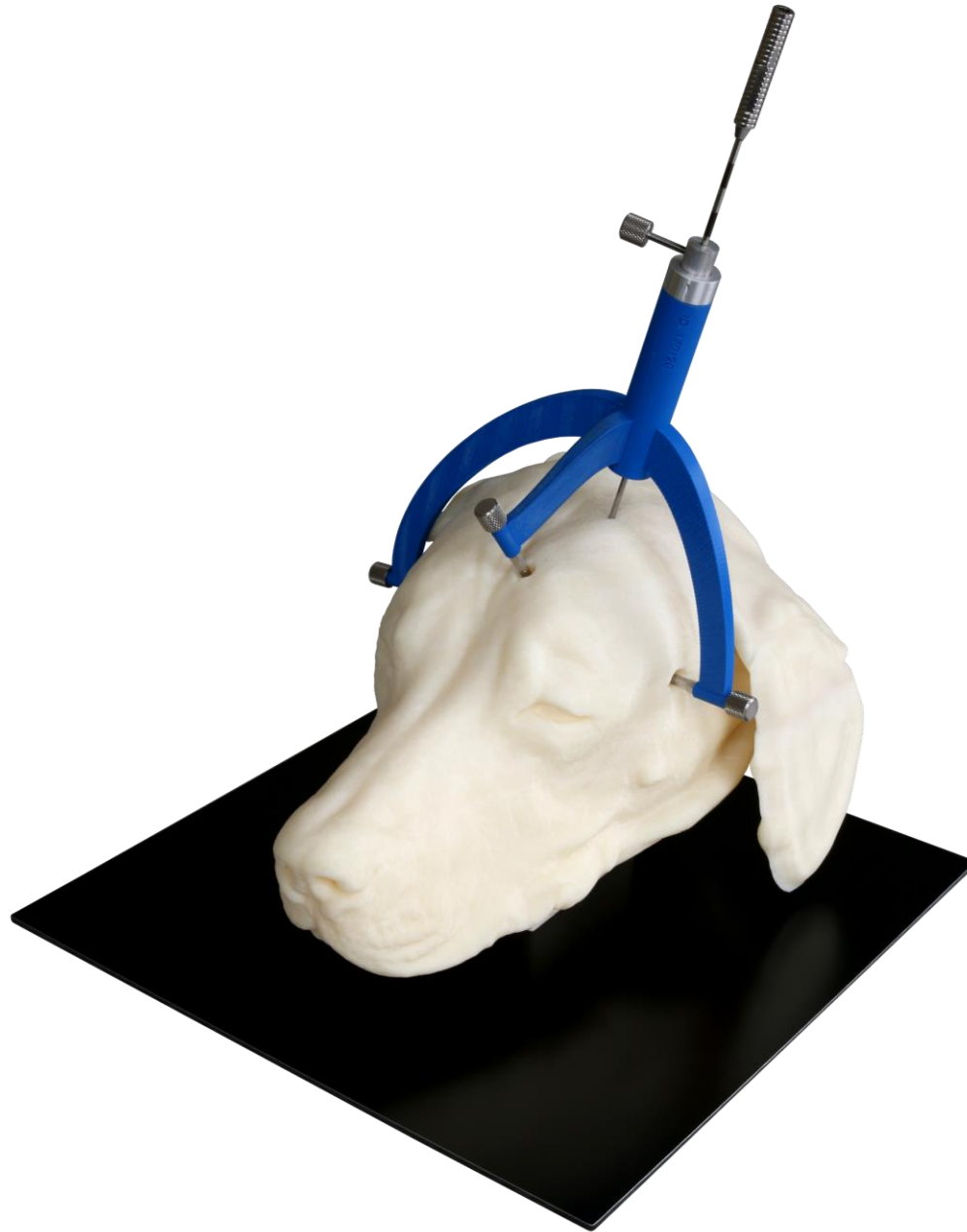
Stereotaxy



Problems in stereotactic surgery

- Traumatic and time-consuming
- Complex application
- Limited to high-specialized neurosurgical centers
- Difficult for beginners
- Complex sterilization and storage

New approach



Video



High-precision instrument
for
brain biopsy



NEUROTEC

plavis

Placement of bone screws



Placement of MRI markers

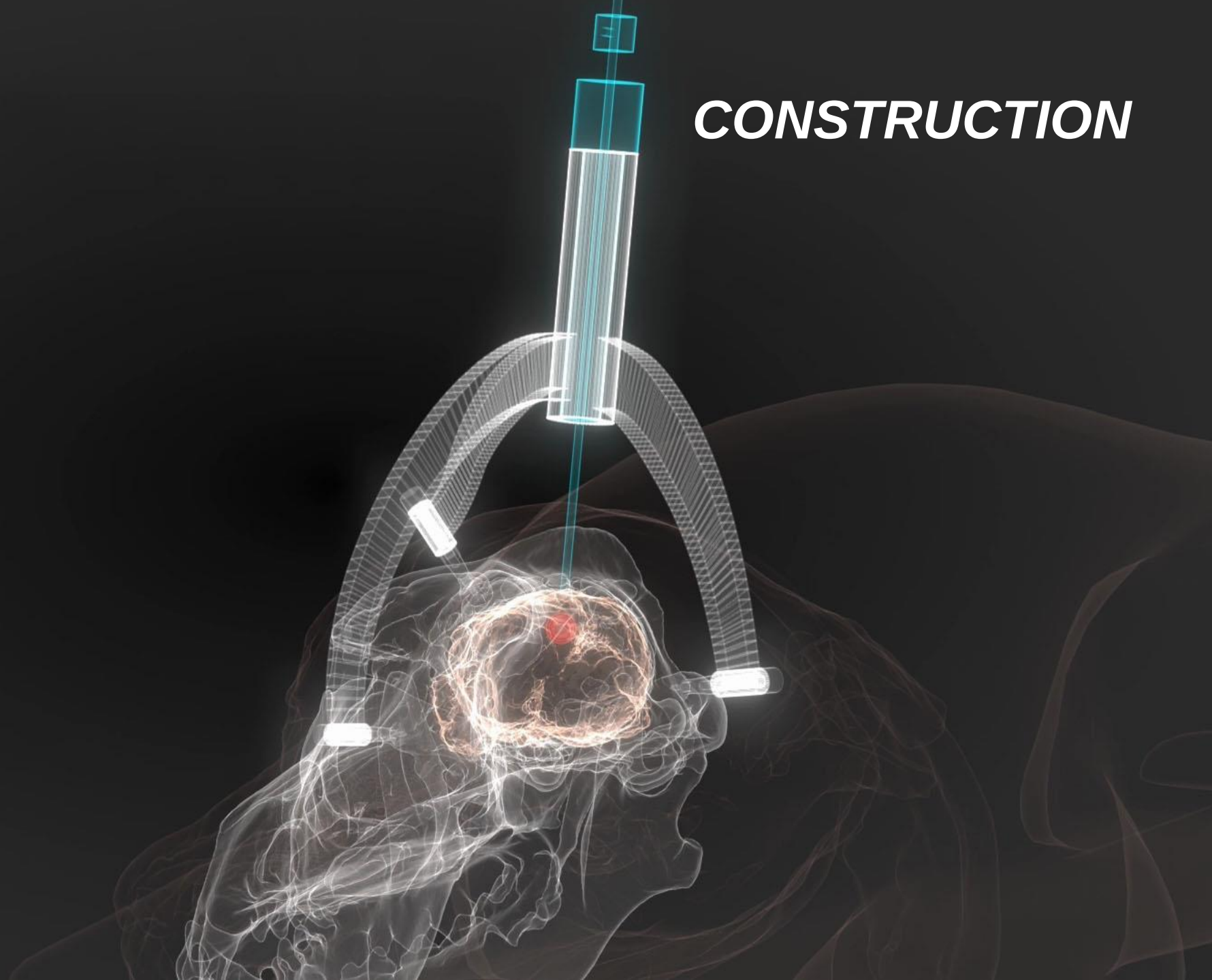


Image acquisition with MRI



NEUROTEC

CONSTRUCTION



3D Printing



Surgery



Diagnostic



Accuracy in comparison to the state of the art

System	Typ	RMS	Sample size
<i>OAS, Radionics</i>	<i>Mechanic arm</i>	<i>2,9 mm ± 1,1 mm</i>	<i>n = 22</i>
<i>SPOCS, Aesculap</i>	<i>Infrared</i>	<i>2,9 mm ± 1,2 mm</i>	<i>n = 16</i>
<i>OTS Radionics</i>	<i>Infrared</i>	<i>3,2 mm ± 1,2 mm</i>	<i>n = 10</i>
<i>MKM, Zeiss</i>	<i>Microscope</i>	<i>2,1 mm ± 0,8 mm</i>	<i>n = 101</i>
<i>Integrierter Z-Rahmen</i>	<i>Frame</i>	<i>2,4 mm</i>	<i>n = 3</i>
<i>Brainsight Frameless Stereotactic System</i>	<i>Frame</i>	<i>4,6 mm ± 1,5 mm</i>	<i>n = 4</i>
<i>microTargeting™ Platform, FHC</i>	<i>3D- print frame</i>	<i>2,8 mm</i>	<i>n = 20</i>
<i>Renaissance Guidance System, Mazor Robotics</i>	<i>Robot</i>	<i>1,5 mm</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>NeuroTec System</i>	<i>3D- Print frame</i>	<i>0,45 mm ± 0,3 mm</i>	<i>n = 20</i>

→ 3 x accurate than robots

Transfer to human medicine



Advantages

- Most accurate and gentle brain biopsy
($0,64 \pm 0,42$) mm, Max.=2,00mm, Min.=0,09mm
- MRI or CT based planning
- Patient-individual planning and production with 3D-printer
- No intraoperative image acquisition
- Triple precision and 1/50 of the costs than robots

