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# Aim and goals of work<sup>[1][2]</sup>

- **Digital integration** of the whole nose surgery process:  
from the diagnosis and state of a specific patient, through surgery itself till wider health-care and social context.
- **better understanding – new knowledge**
- **normization – increased efficiency**
- **new tools, mechanization and automation**

[1] [Towards virtualization and optimization of sinus surgery planning and execution](#)

Kunica Zoran, Poje Gorazd, Mlivić Denis, Topolnjak Jan  
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[2] [Conceptualisation of Virtual Reality Experiments for Optimised Sinus Surgery Planning and Execution](#)

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- Two surgery procedures observed in the work:
  - **inferior nasal turbinate surgery**<sup>[3]</sup>
  - **rhinoplasty**<sup>[4]</sup>.

[3] [Virtualizacija kirurških zahvata na nosu](#)/Virtualization of nose surgery

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[4] [Primjena virtualne stvarnosti u radnom okruženju](#)/Application of virtual reality in a work environment

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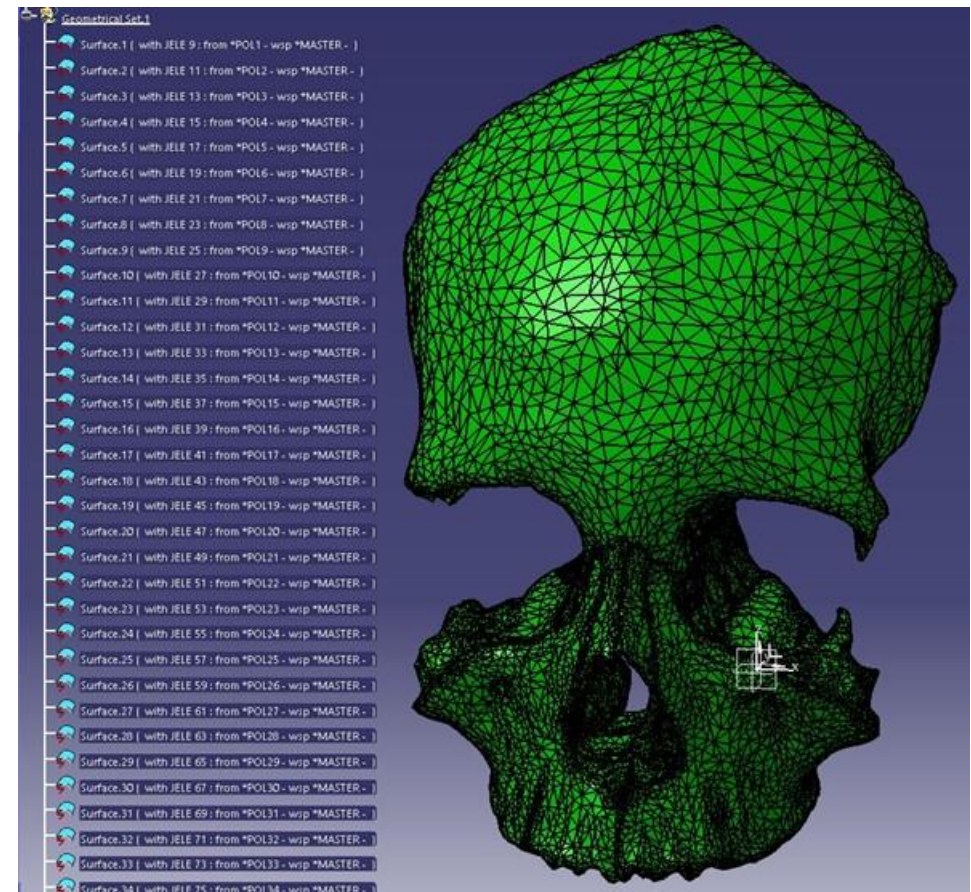
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# Inferior nasal turbinates surgery in CAD

- designed and simulated in CATIA Delmia V5 software
- design stages:
  - head and tissue
  - tool and work environment
  - process

# HEAD AND TISSUE design – complexity and simplifications

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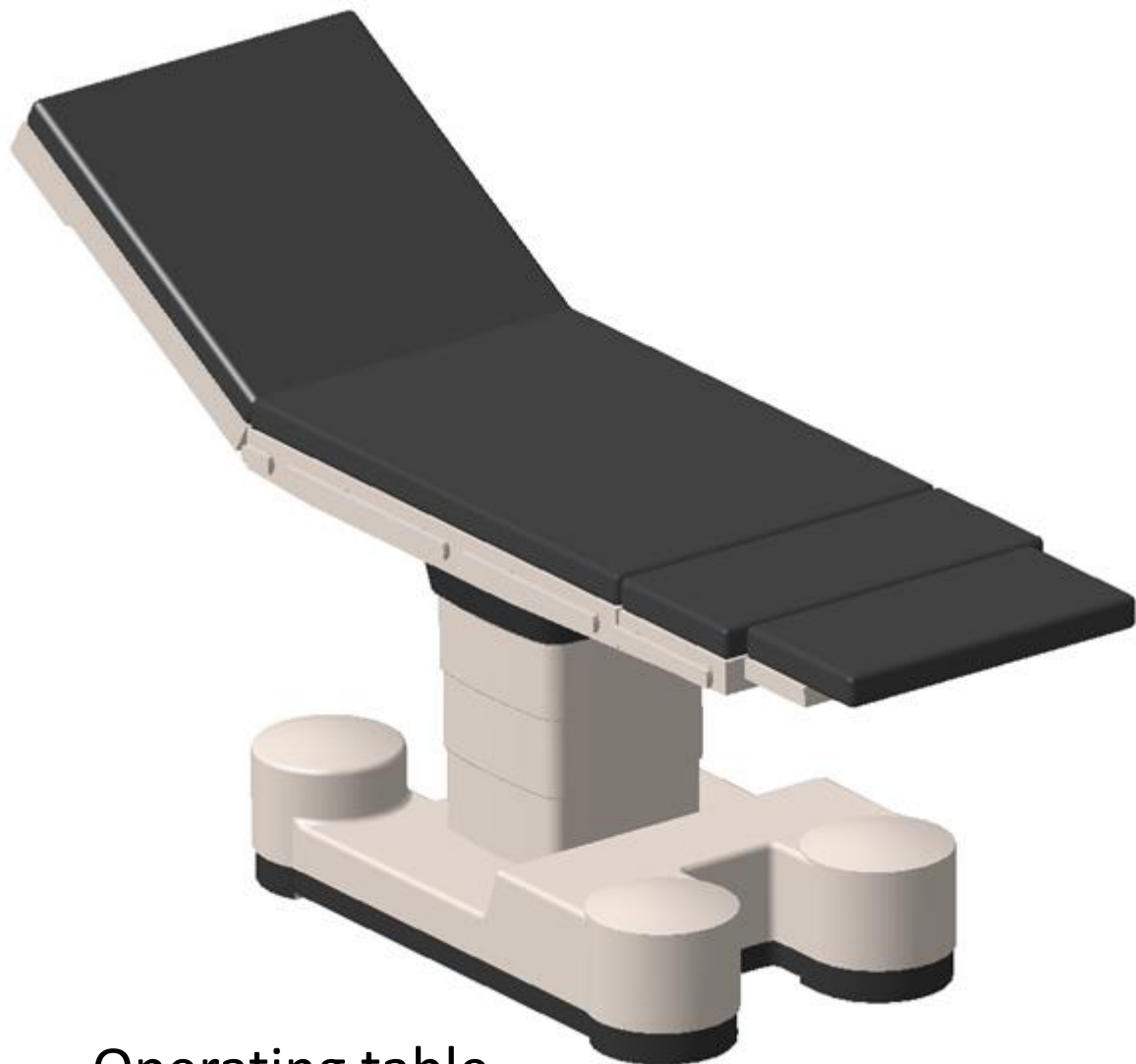


Preparation of the model of the head:

1. collecting CT scans
2. conversion into CAD models (STL format)
3. repairing with Blender



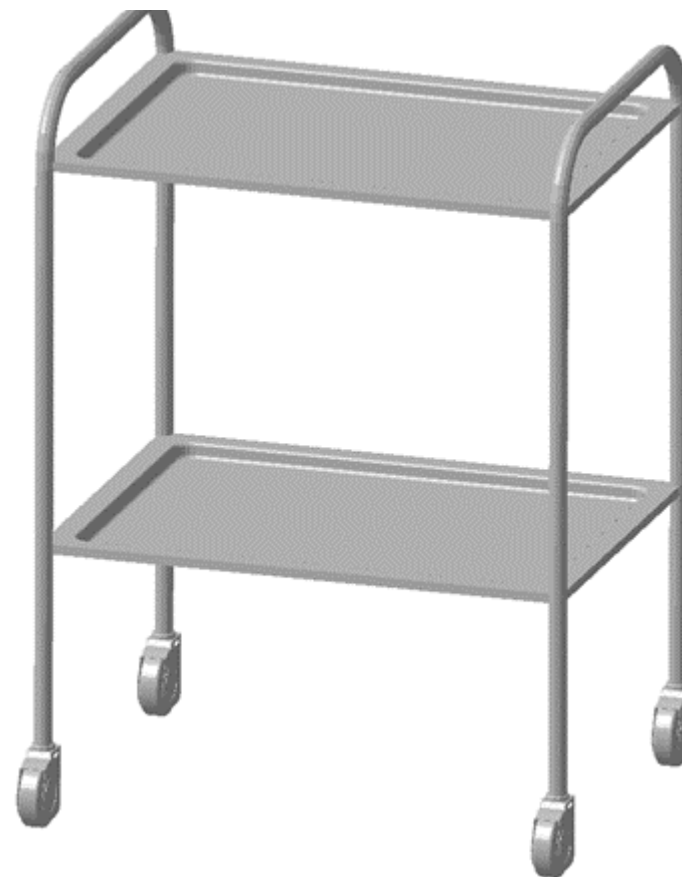
# TOOL AND WORK ENVIRONMENT design



Operating table



Surgery scissors



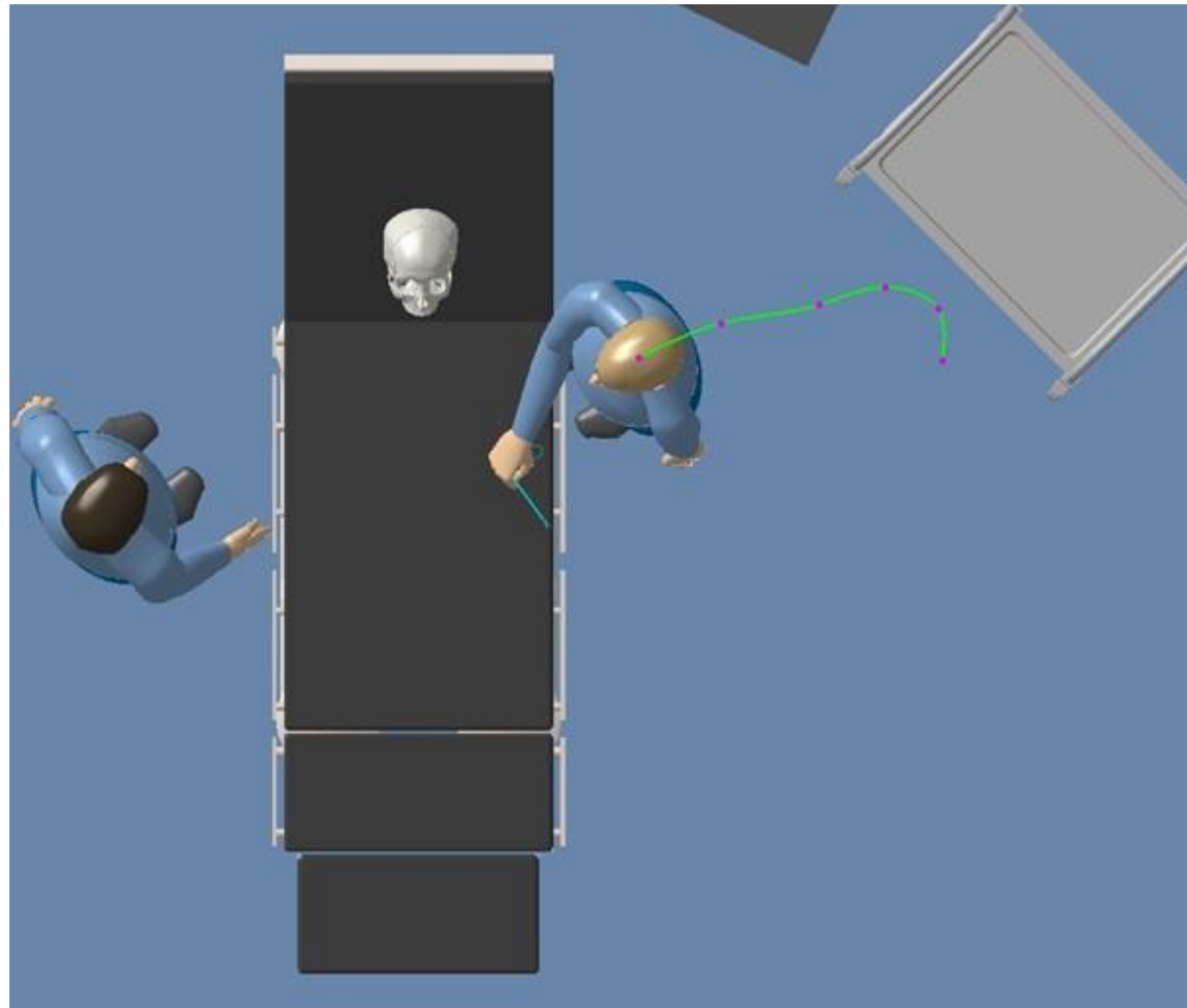
Operating tray (cart)



# The real-world and virtual inferior nasal turbinate surgery

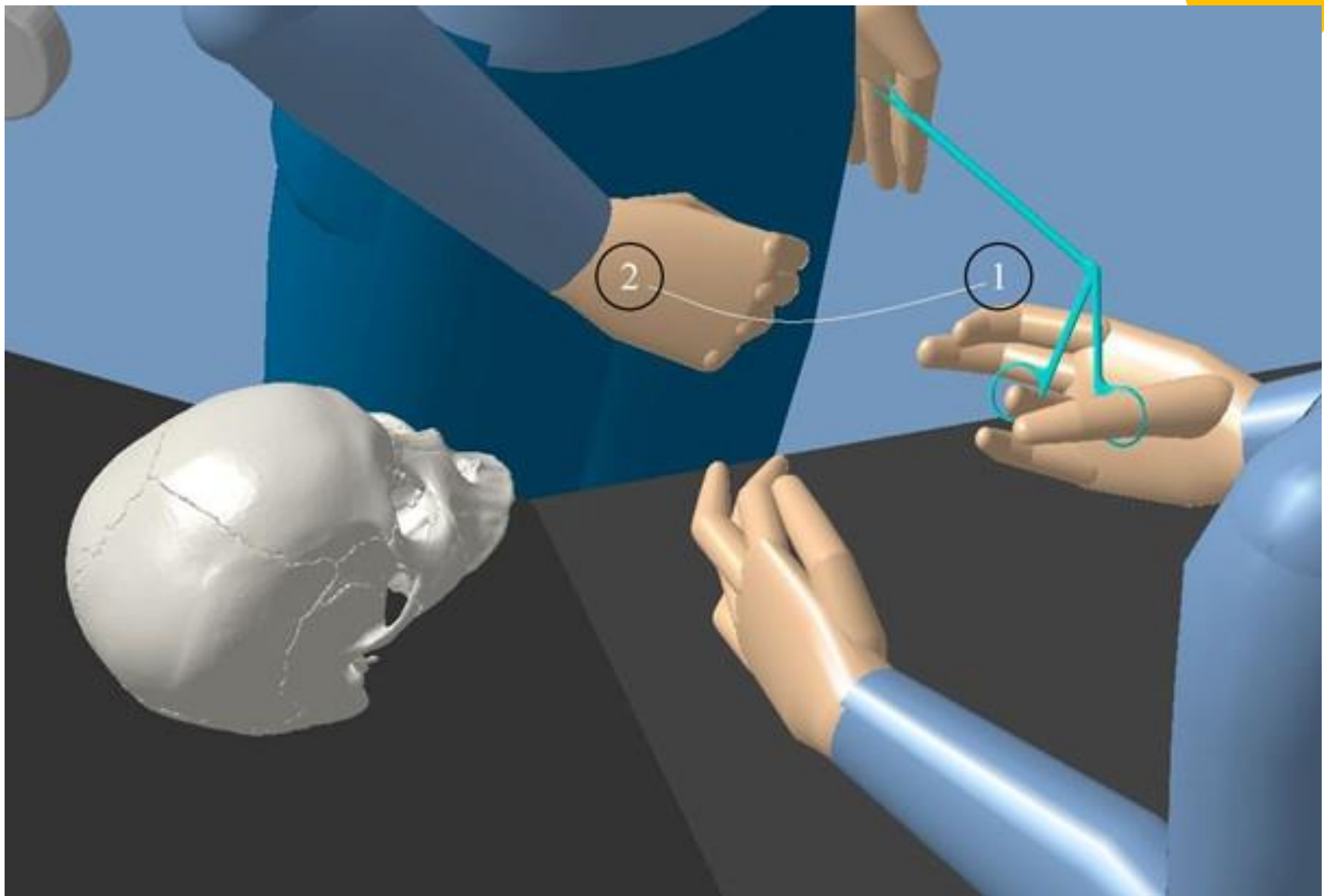


# PROCESS design: work of the surgeon and the instrument technician



The path of the instrument technician shown

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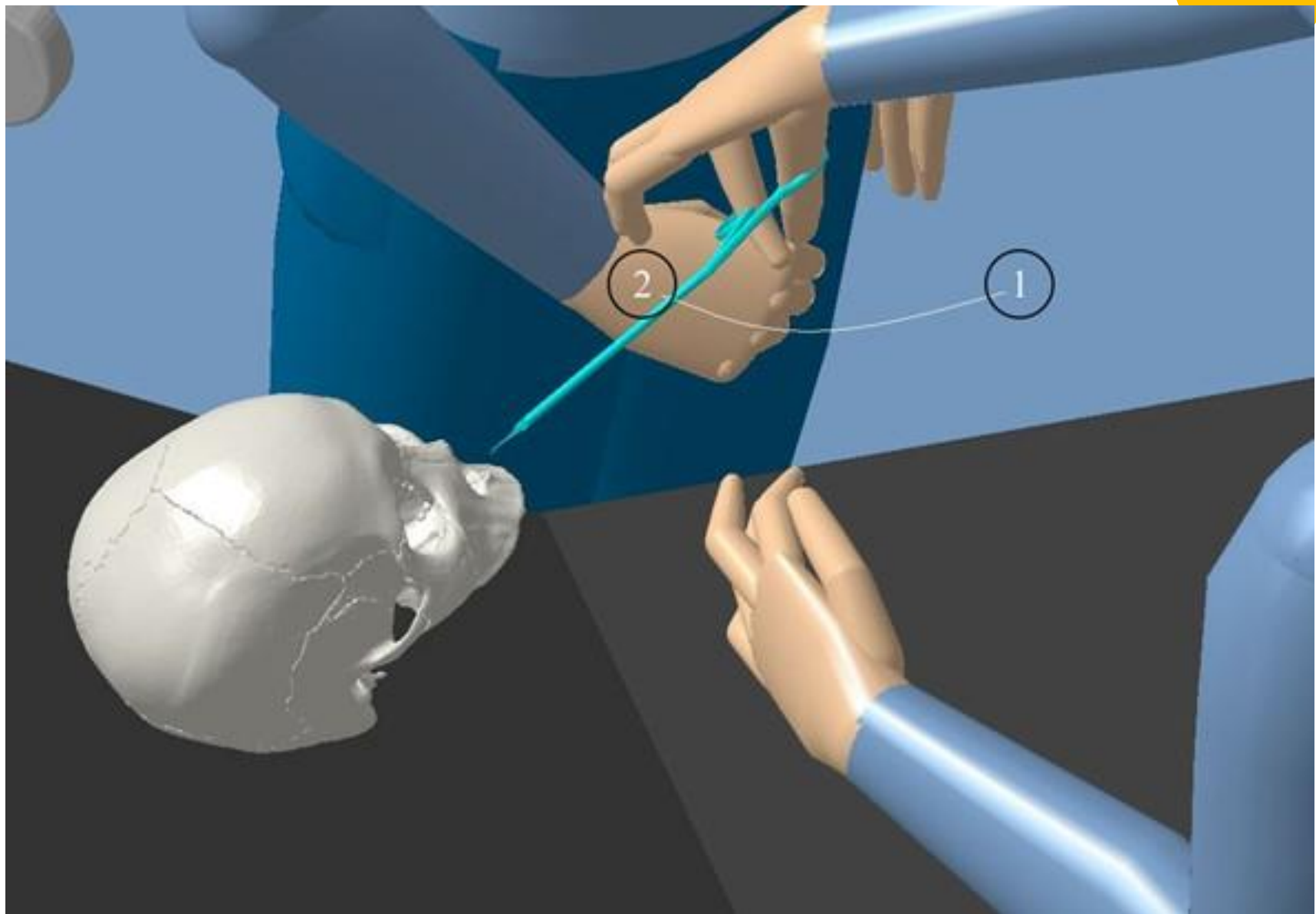


**1 – starting position**

2 – approaching the inferior nasal turbinate

3 – cutting

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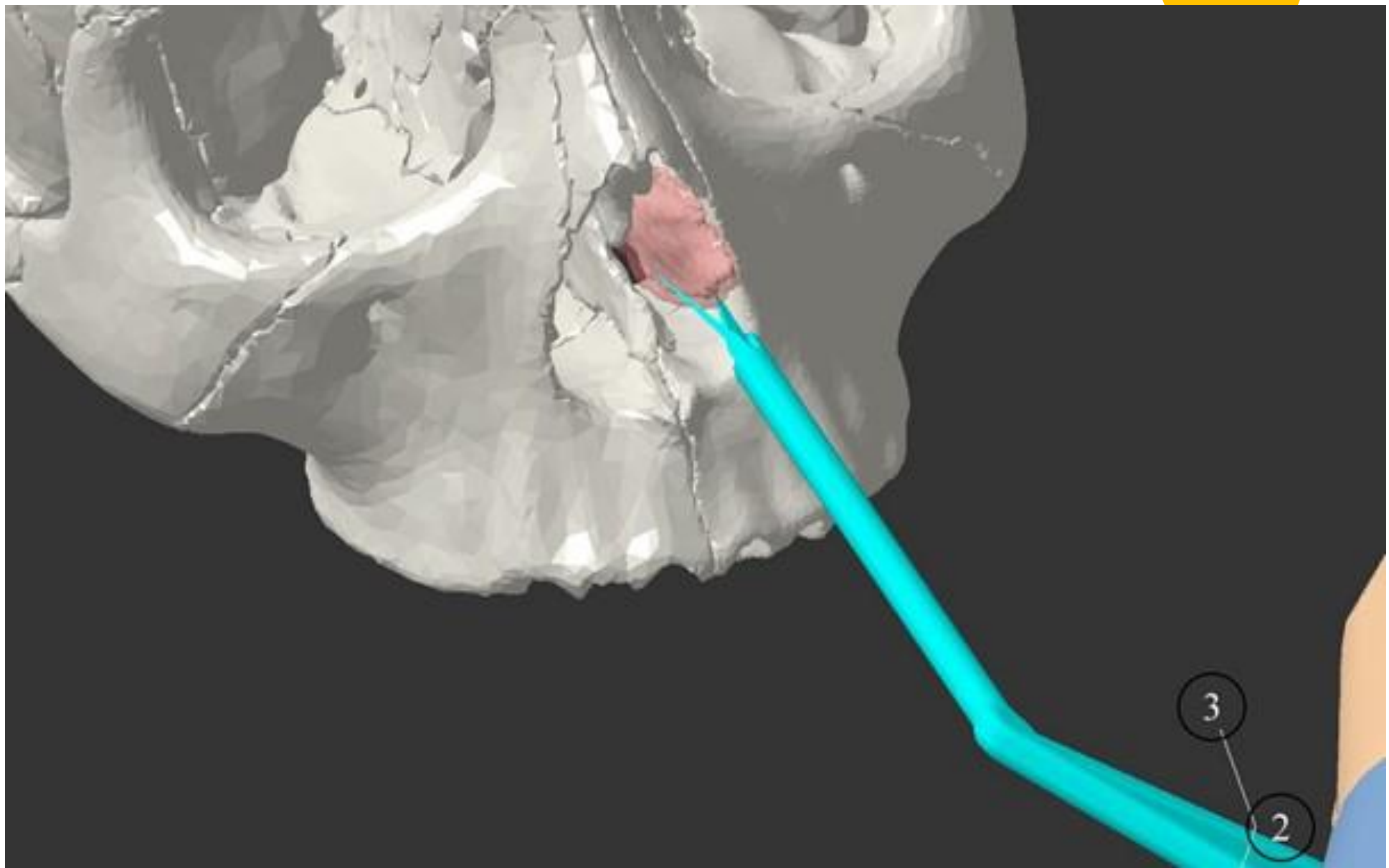


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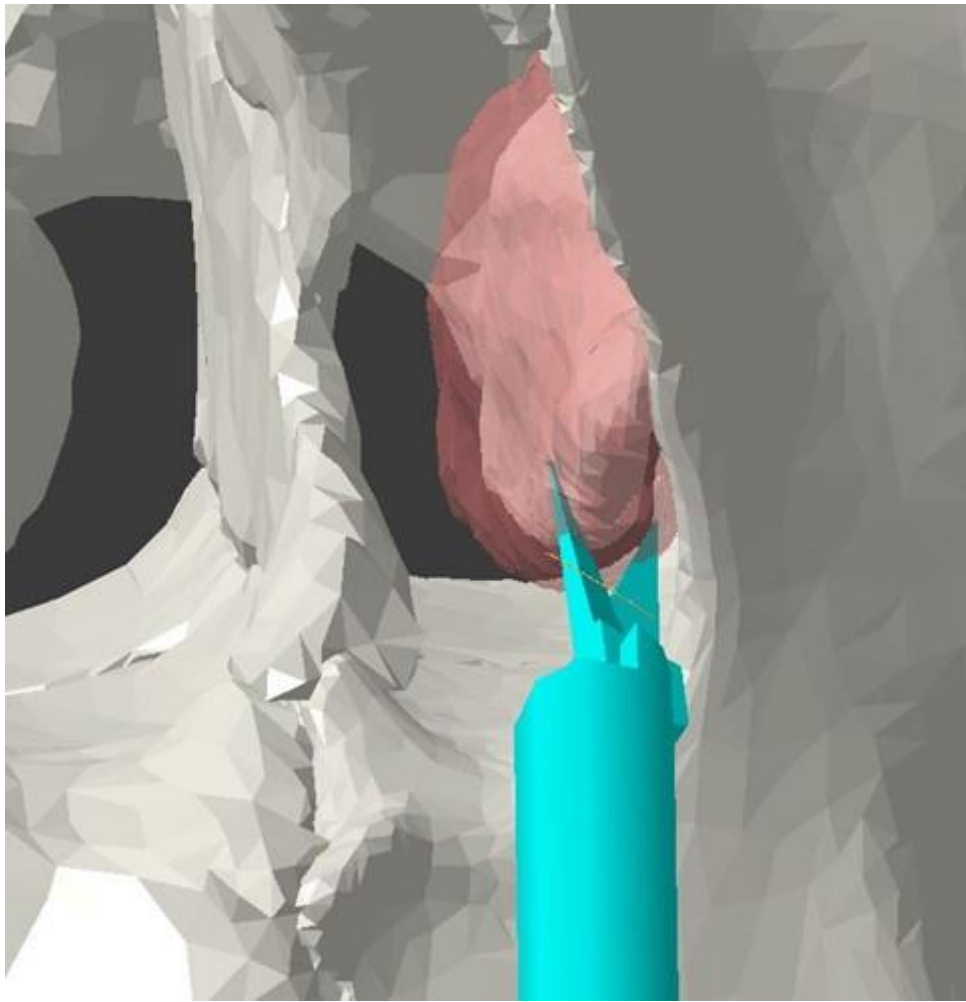
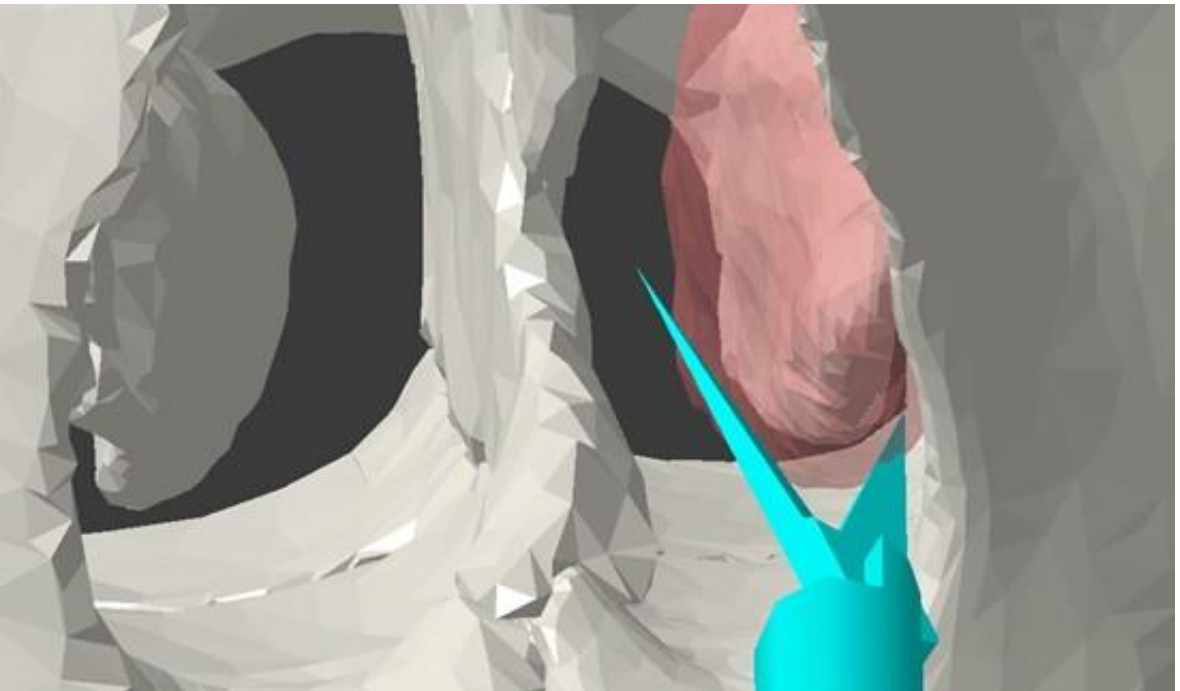
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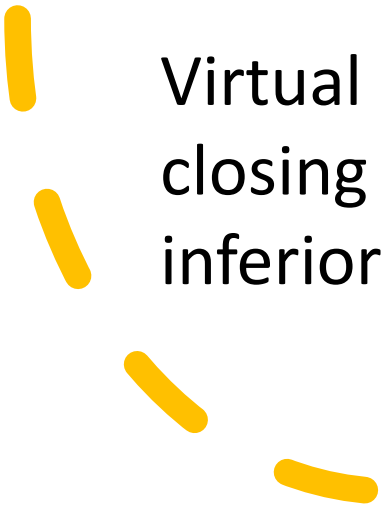


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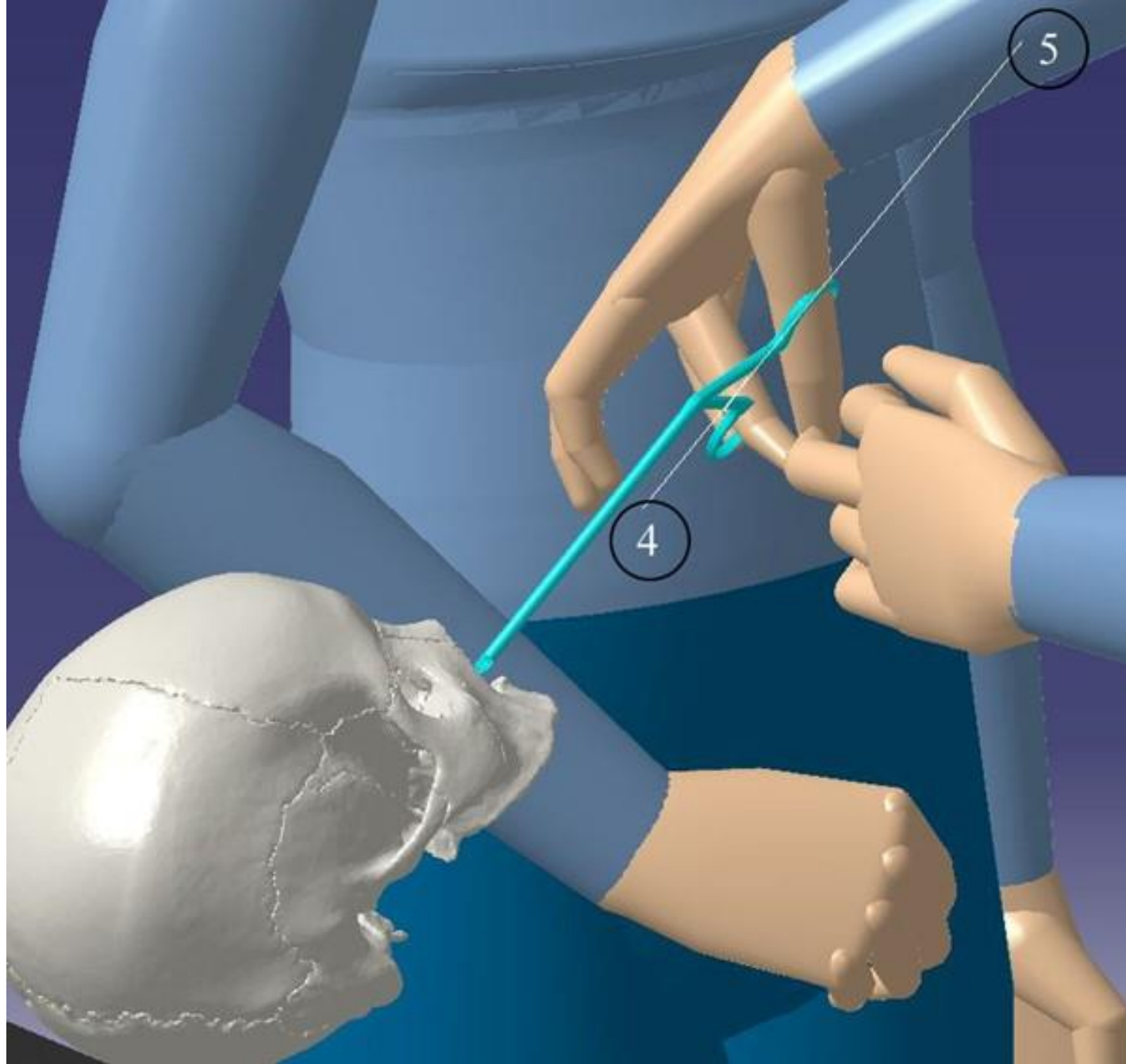




Virtual cutting (opening and closing of scissors) of the inferior nasal turbinate



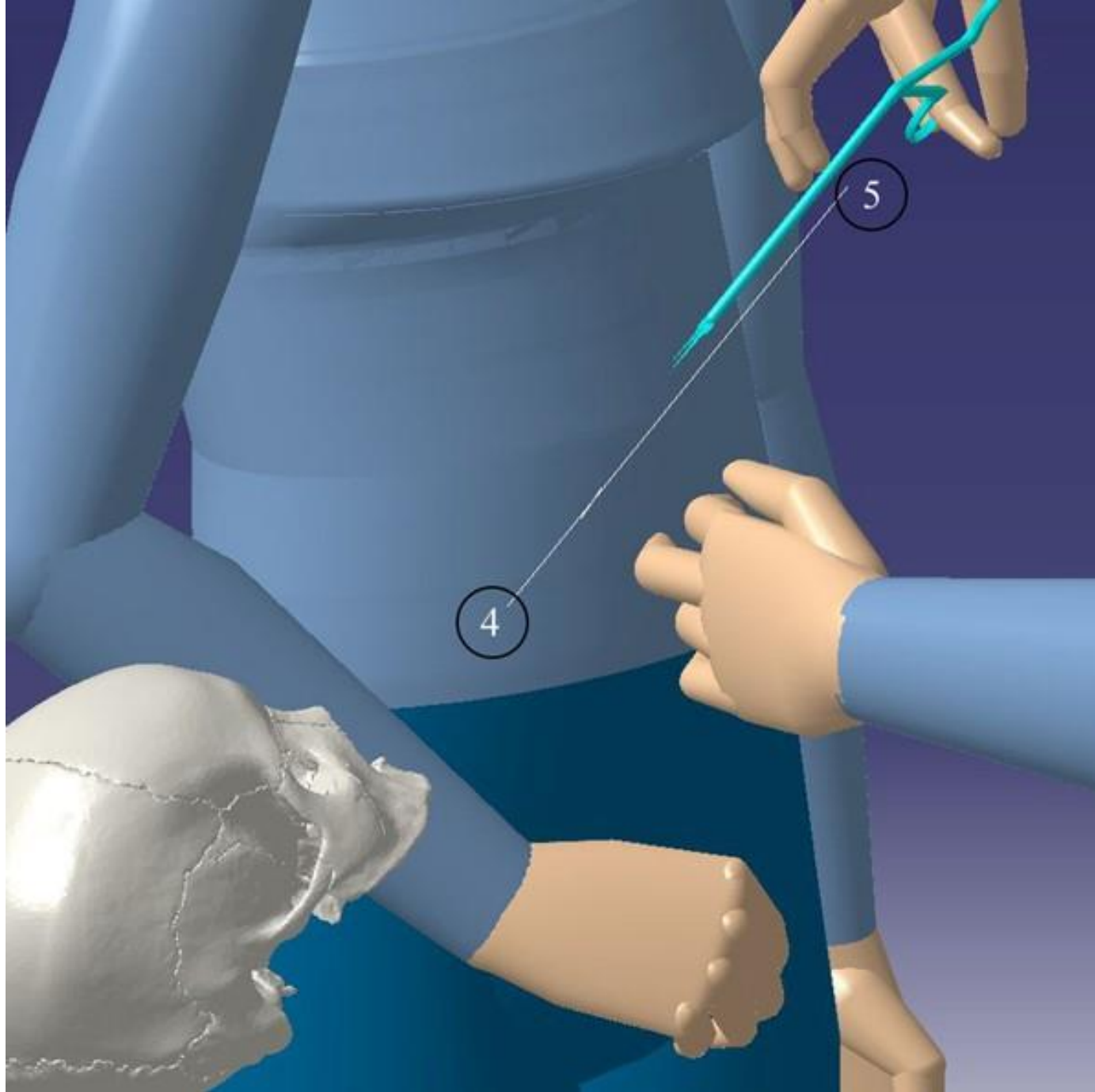
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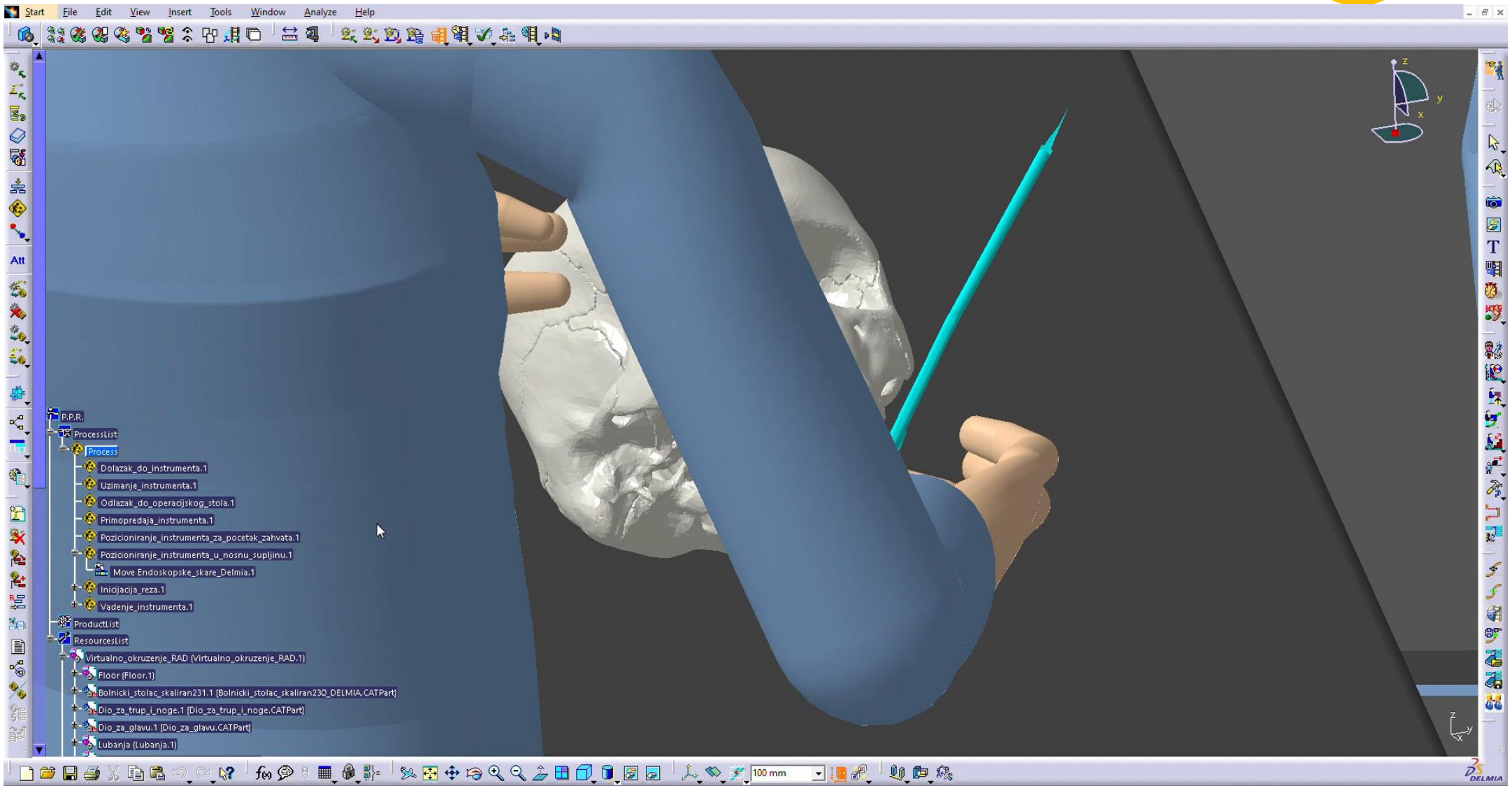
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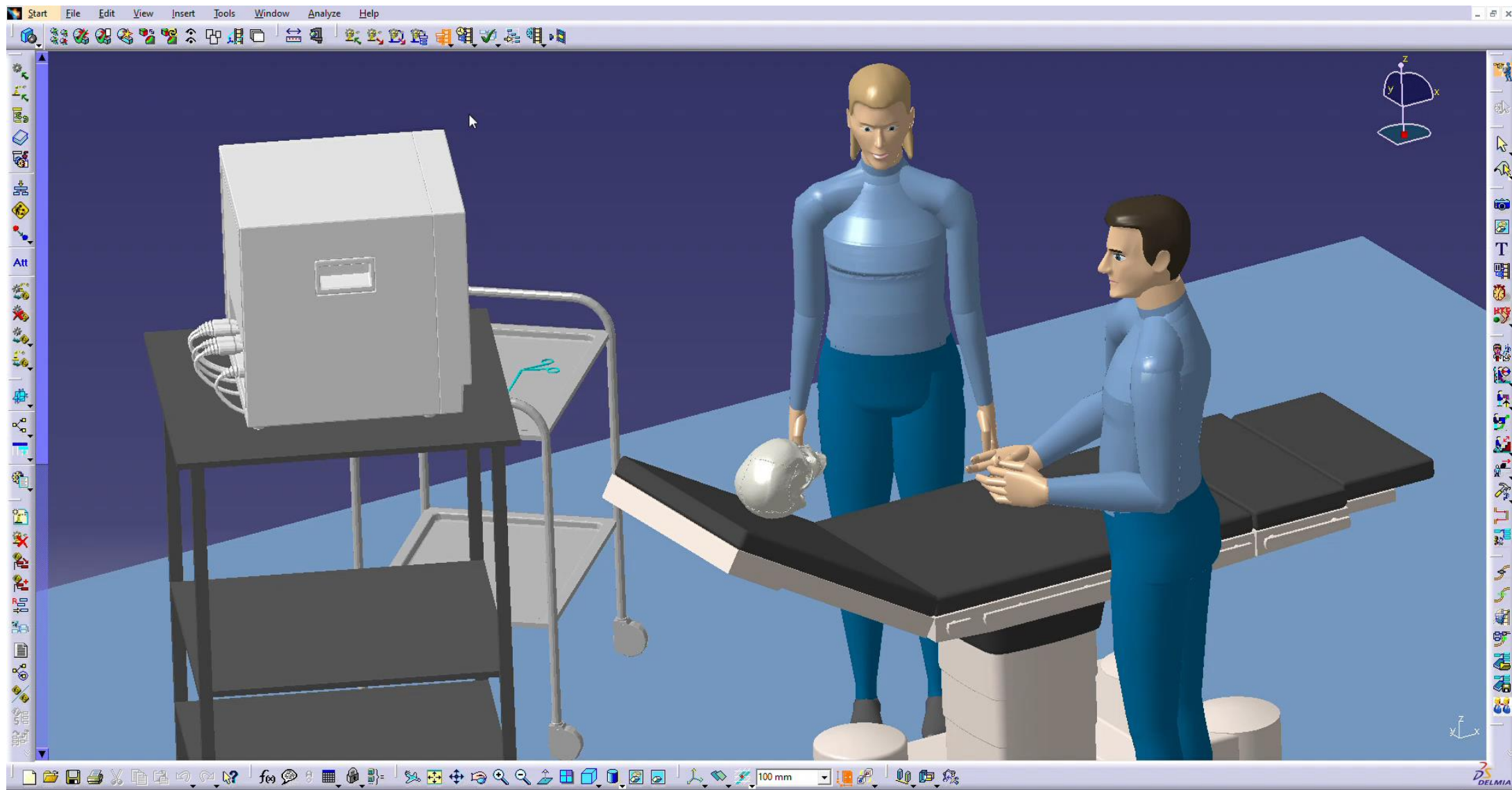
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## Cutting process

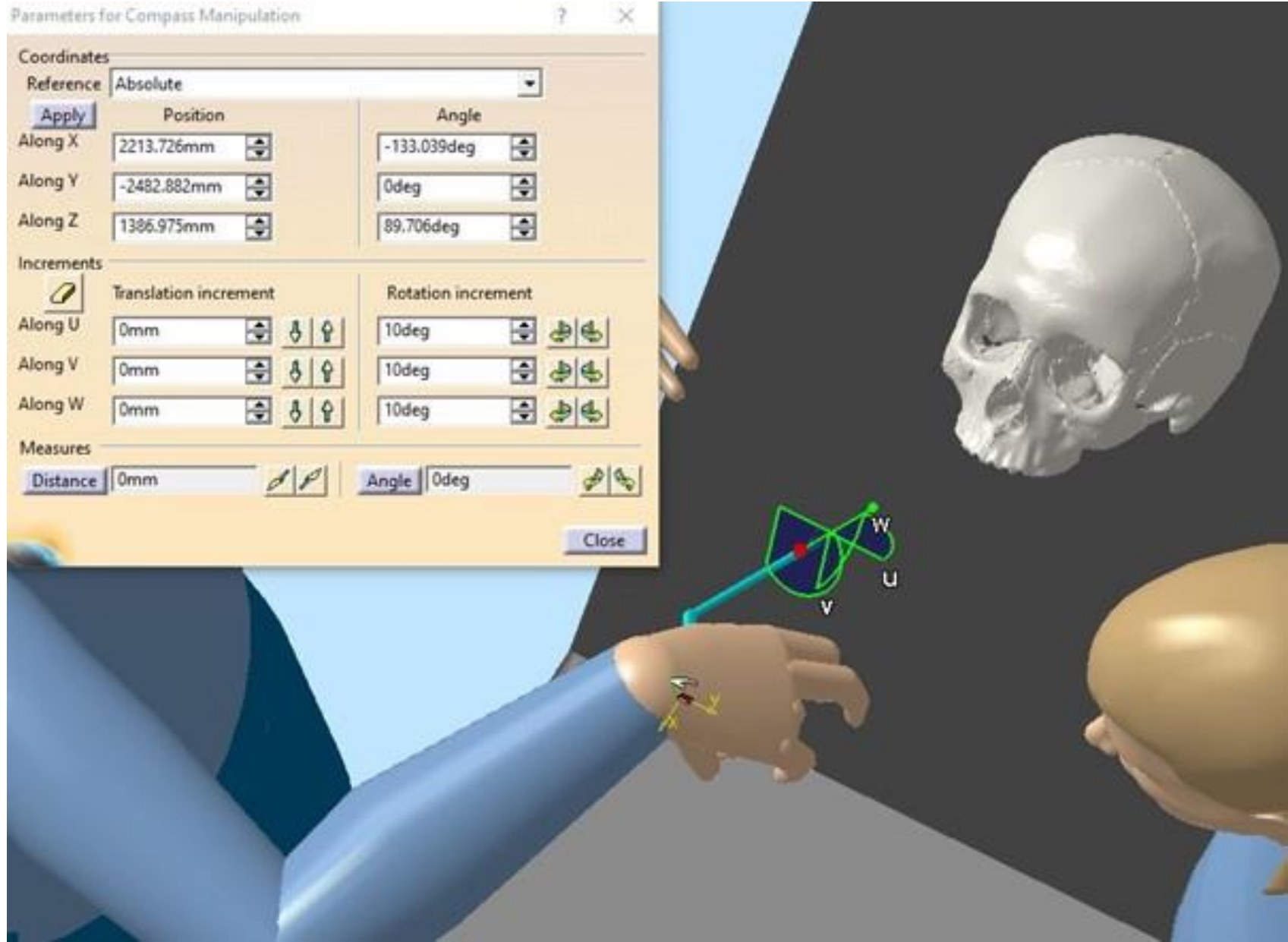
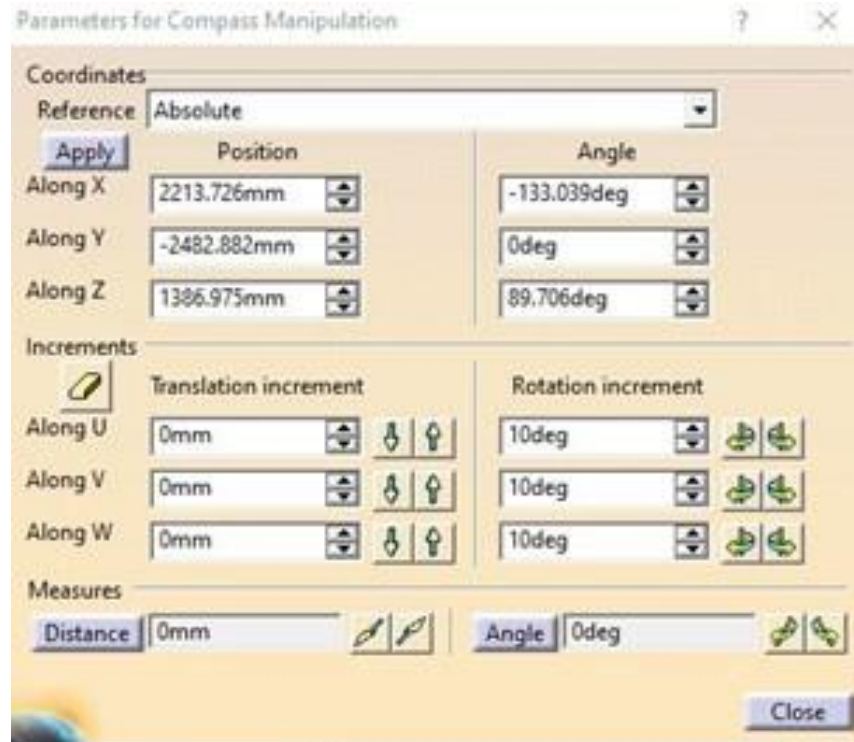


Simulation of the whole process

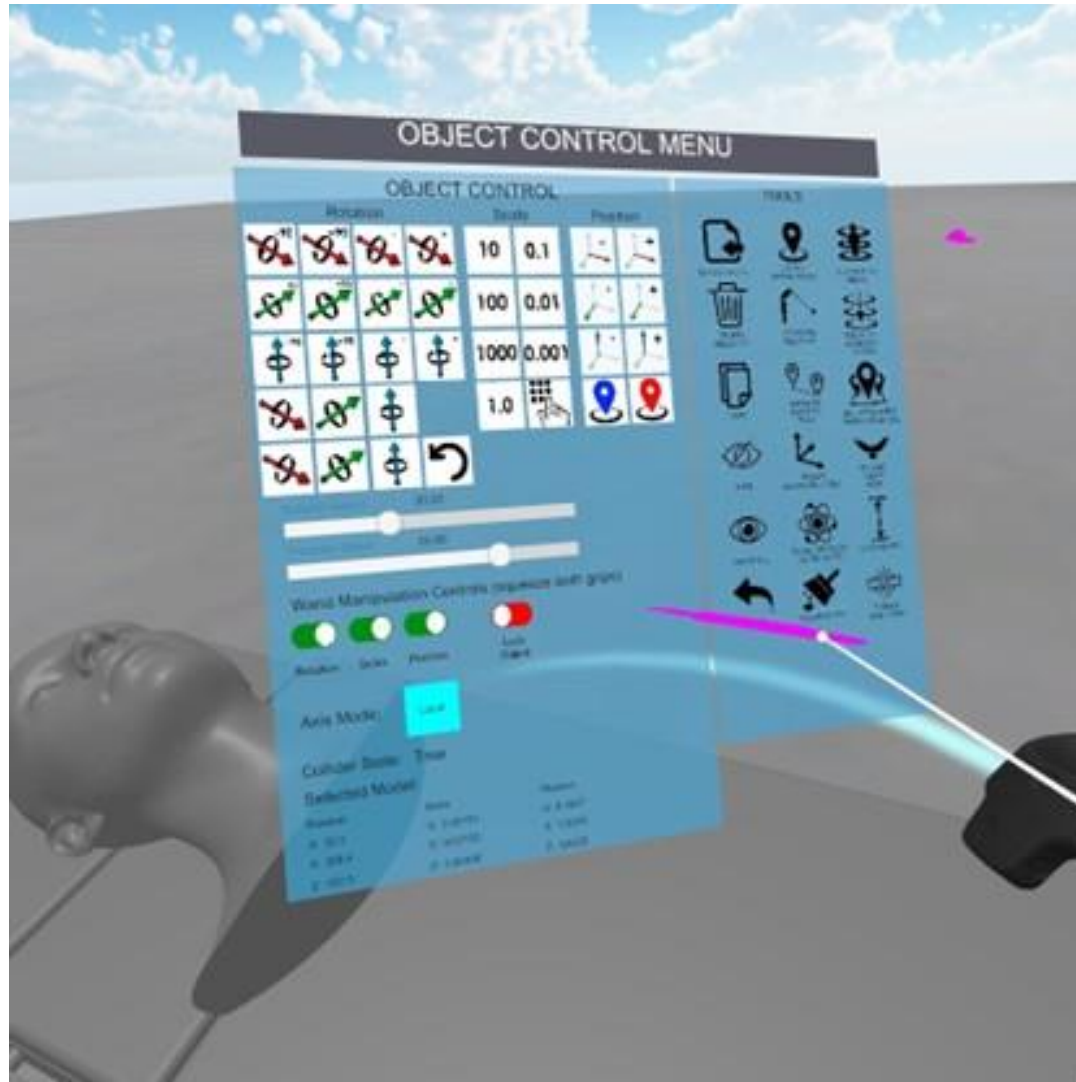


## Results:

- time of process
- precise angles and lengths of movements
- RULA ergonomics analysis



# Rhinoplasty in Virtual Reality



- HTC Vive headset system
- Tool Center Point (TCP) represents the tip of scalpel

## Results:

- precise angles and lengths of movements
- similar feel of control during movements
- delay up to 20 milliseconds



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# Future work

- Both cases of nose surgery digital twinning give basis for future work, that may include:
- digital encompassing of **further details** of mentioned surgical procedures
  - recording of the **surgeon's actual movements** during the procedures and their transfer to a digital model
  - motion capture and comparing the work of **several surgeons**
  - implementation on a **larger sample of patients**
  - the introduction of virtual reality into **training** of surgeons
  - the introduction of **augmented reality** into surgical procedures.