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**Towards omni-directional active human body models ...  
that predict injury.**

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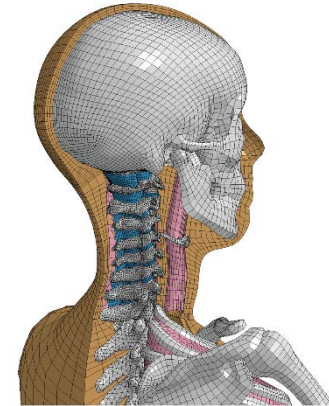
## Human body modelling (HBM) projects



Active muscles



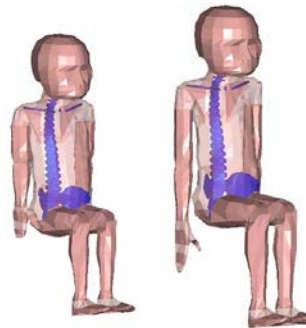
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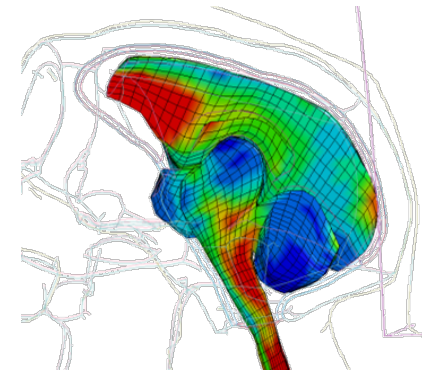
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Adipose tissue



Active child



Brain injury criteria

## Active muscle response in HBM, step 3



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## AIM: SAFER A-HBM

A biofidelic HBM for simulation of sequences of events:

- combined emergency and crash events,
- run off road events, and
- other long duration crash events





## Model and methods

HBM:

Total Human Model for Safety (THUMS) version 3.0

*(Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota Central Labs Inc. 2008. Users' Guide of Computational Human Model THUMS – AM50 Occupant Model: Version 3.0–080225)*

Finite Element Code:

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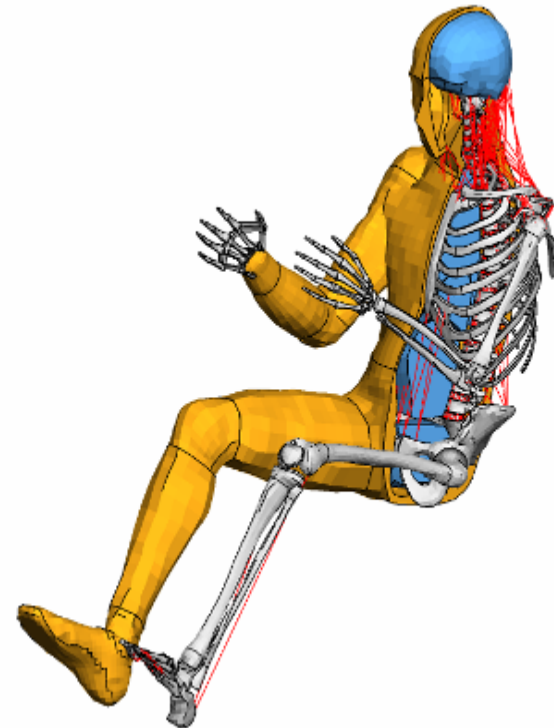
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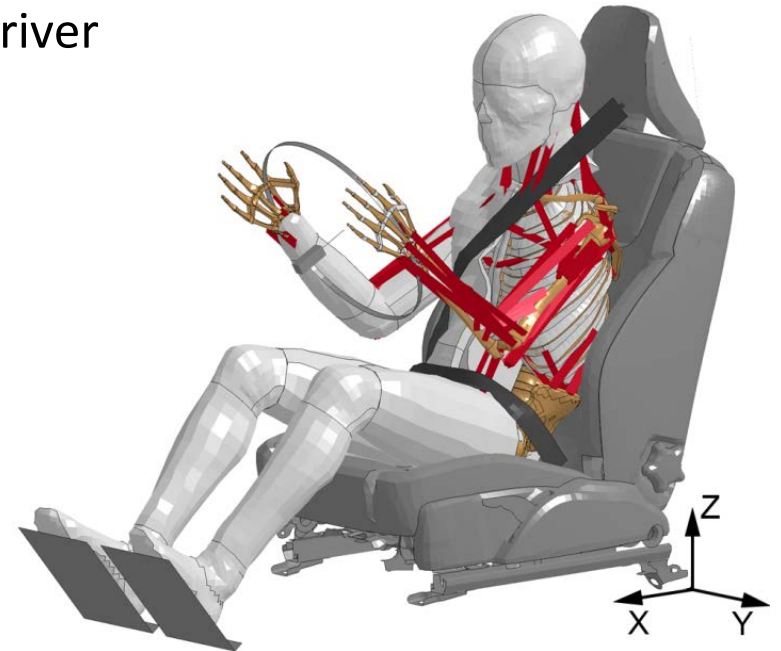
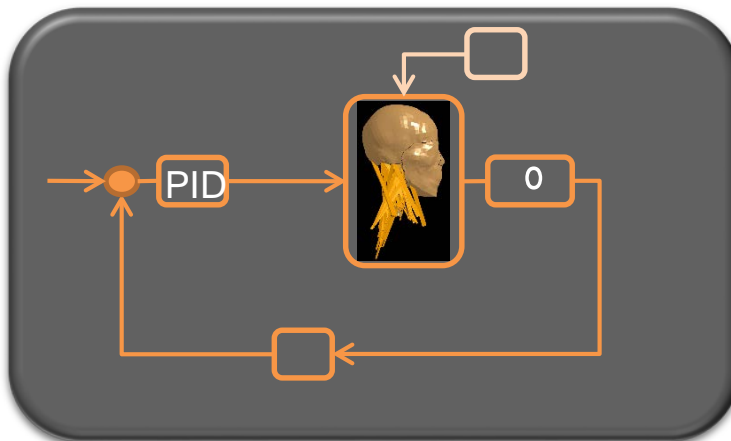
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Primer *(Oasys Ltd., Solihull, UK)*



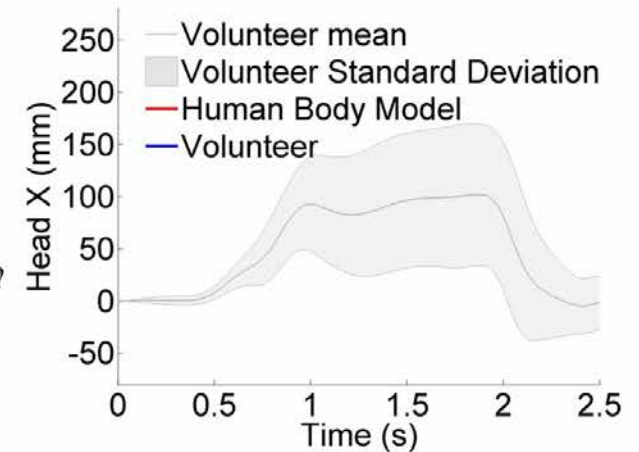
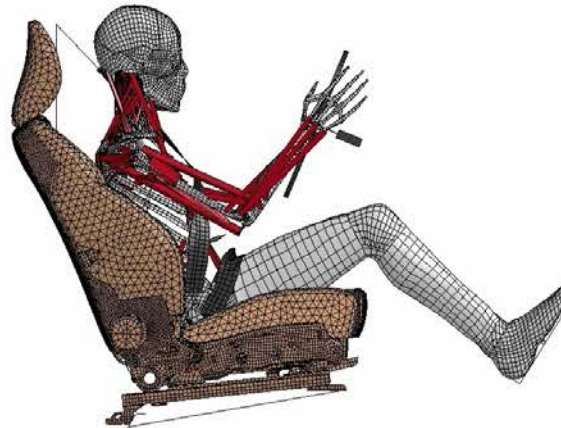
## Previous work (A-HBM steps 1-2)

- Implemented muscle control for braking events using feedback control of body angles.
- Provided validation data for autonomous and driver braking.
- Validated the SAFER A-HBM for braking events.

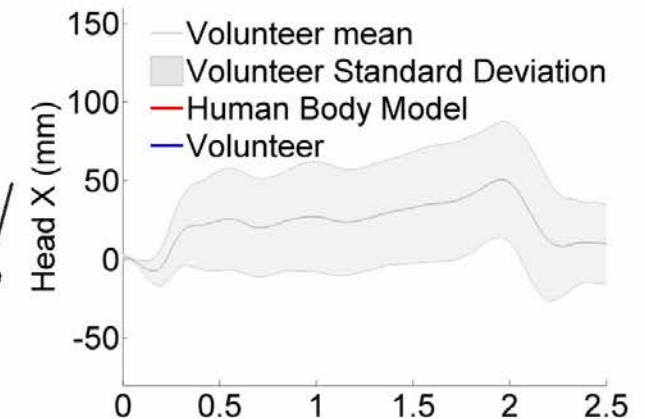
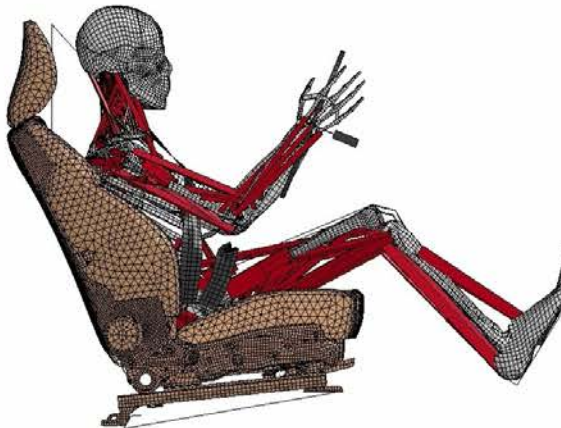


## Previous work (A-HBM steps 1-2)

### Autonomous braking\*



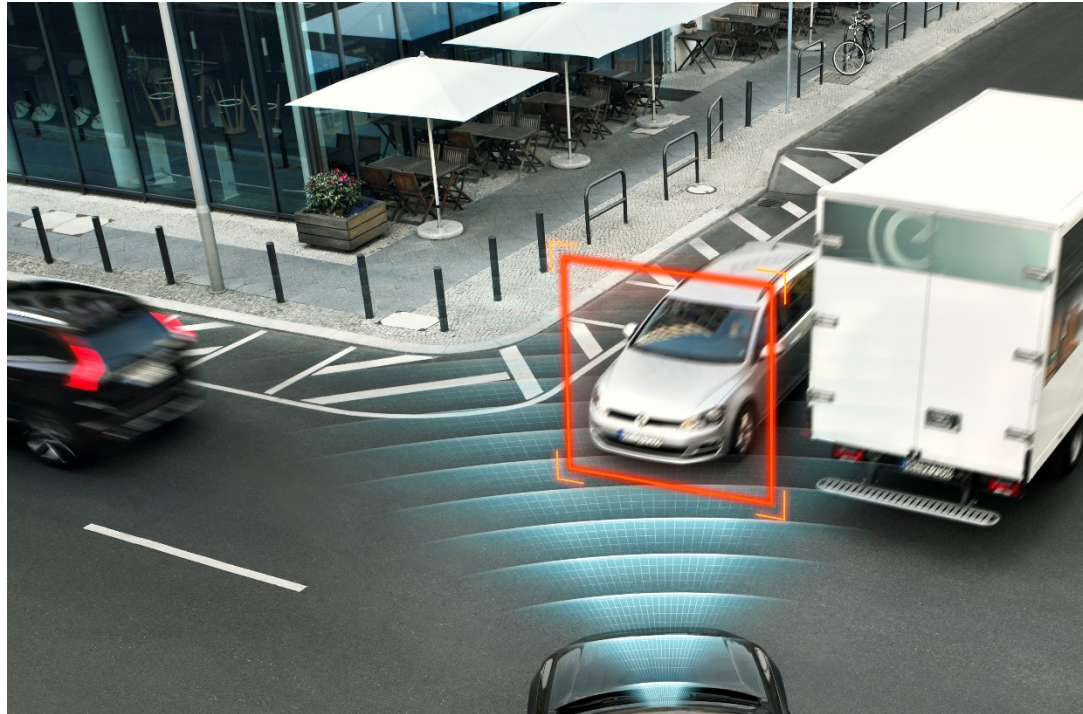
### Driver braking\*\*



\* Östh J, Brolin K, Bråse D. A Human Body Model with Active Muscles for Simulation of Pre-Tensioned Restraints in Autonomous Braking Interventions. *Traffic Injury Prevention*, 16 (3) s. 304-313, 2015.

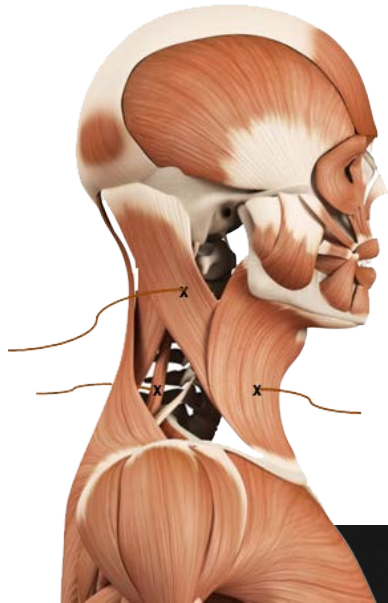
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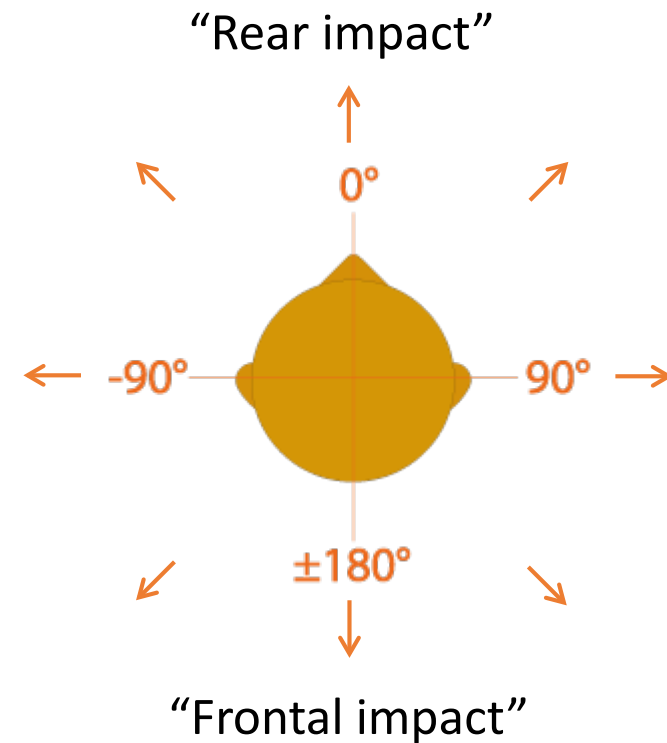


**Omnidirectional active HBM**

## Volunteer experiment - Multidirectional loading

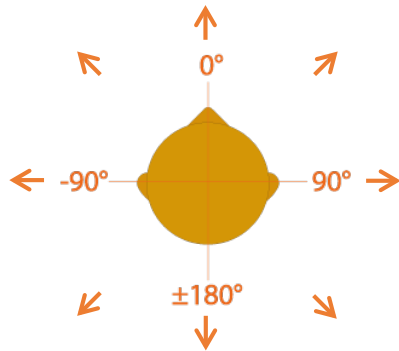


Eight perturbation directions

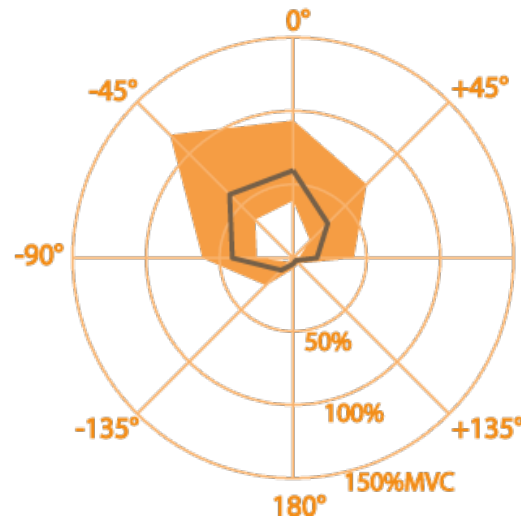
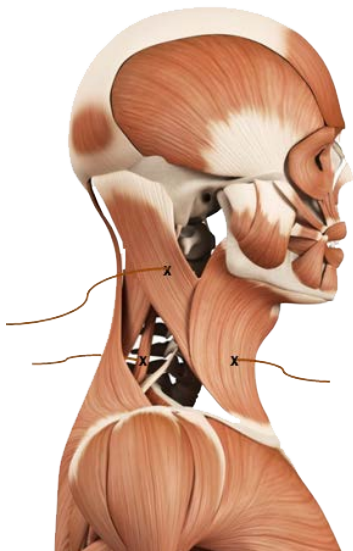


## Volunteer experiment – Resulting muscle activity

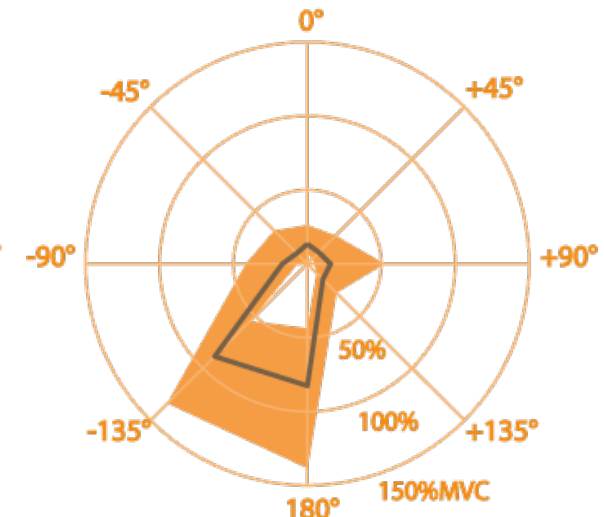
“Rear impact”



“Frontal impact”



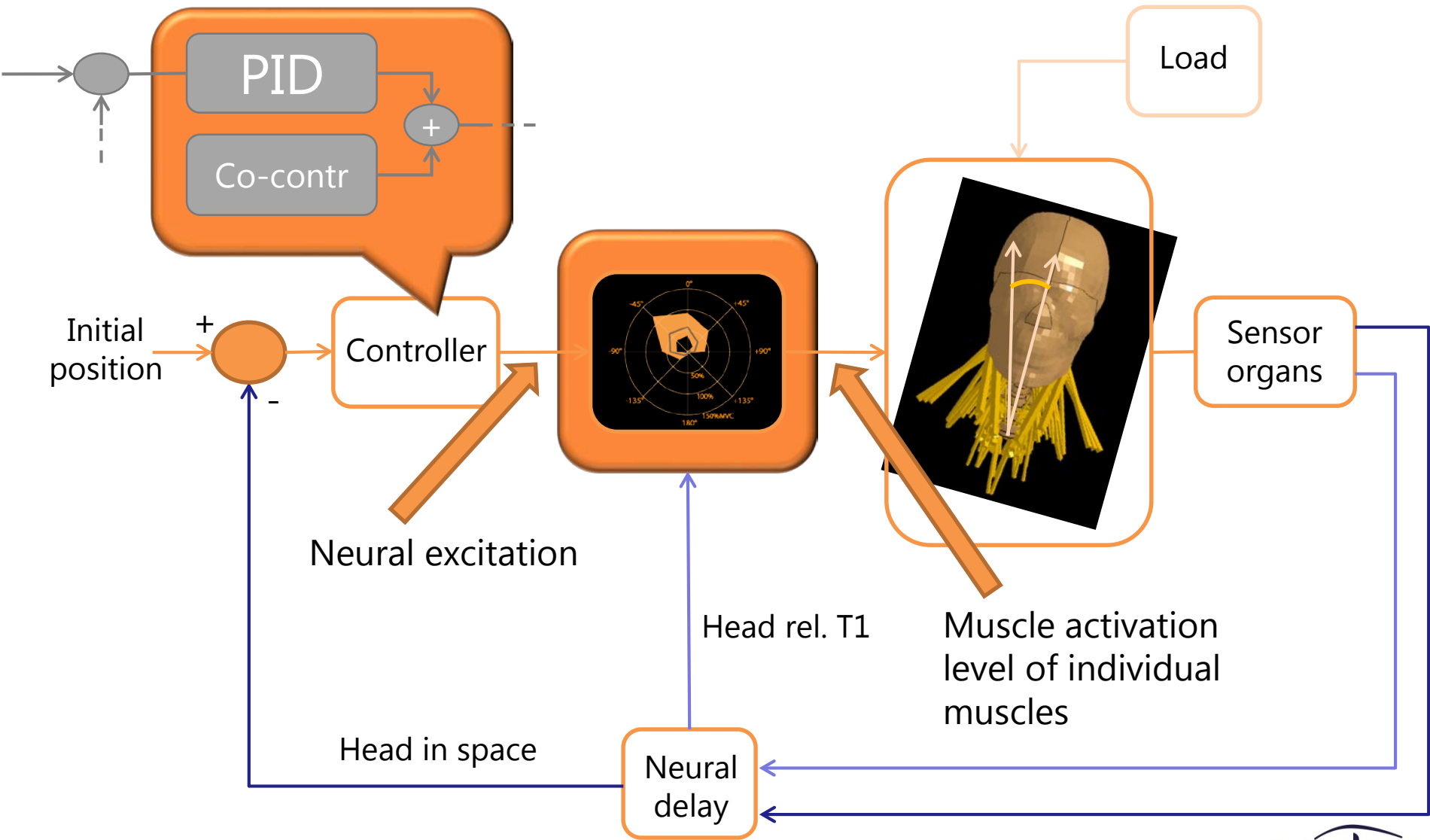
Sternocleidomastoid



Semispinalis capitis

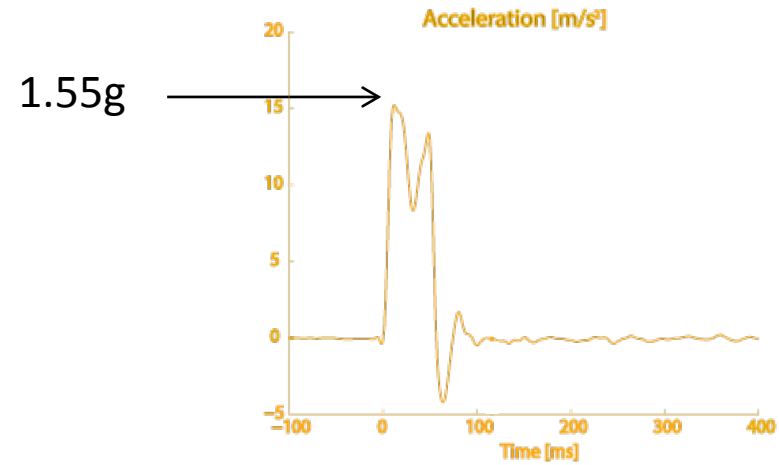
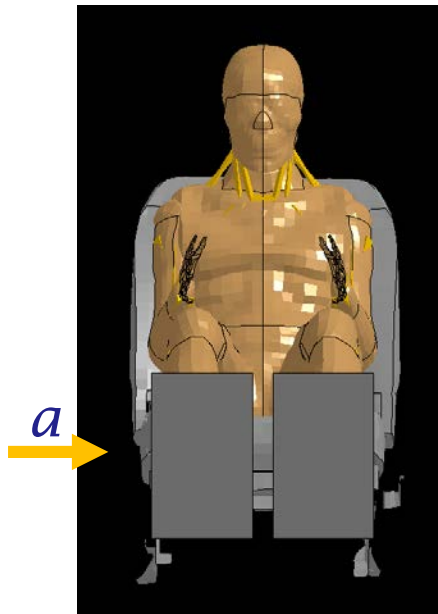
*Olafsdottir J, Brolin K, Blouin J-S, Siegmund G. (2015). Dynamic Spatial Tuning of Cervical Muscle Reflexes to Multidirectional Seated Perturbations. Spine. 40 (4) s. E211-E219*

Neuromuscular control scheme

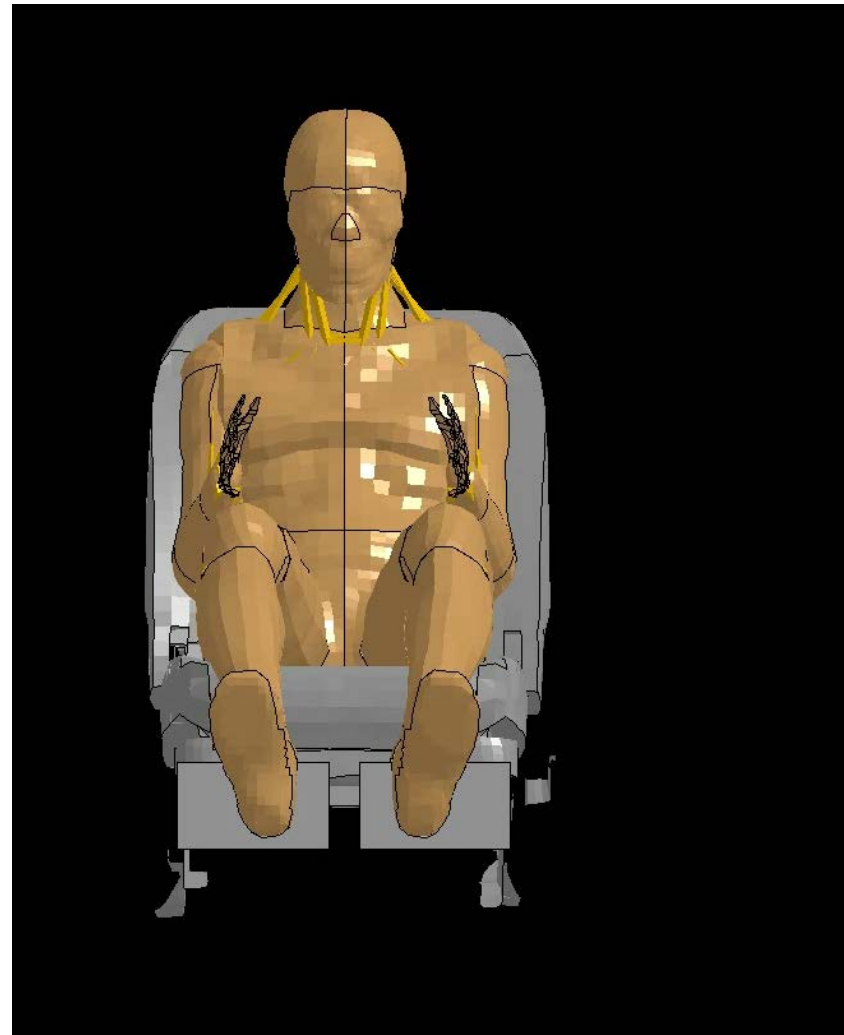
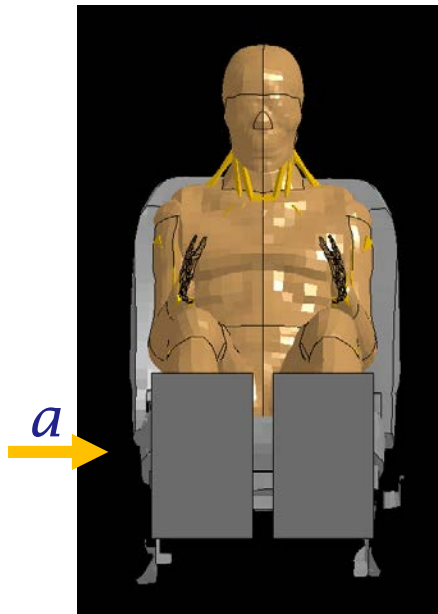




## Model verification



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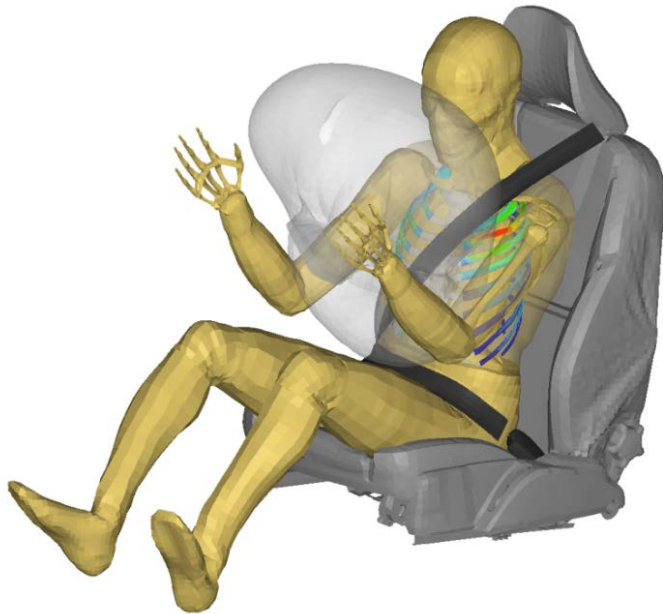
## Model validation - ongoing

New experimental series:

- Volunteer drivers and passengers in test vehicle
- Muscle activity measured with electrodes
- 3-D kinematics with video tracking
- Collect vehicle data
- Events and voluntary driving:
  - Lane change,
  - U-turns,
  - Braking.

All data collected and data analyses about to begin.

## Improved injury prediction using HBM, step 3



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## Previous research ( I-HBM, steps 1-2)

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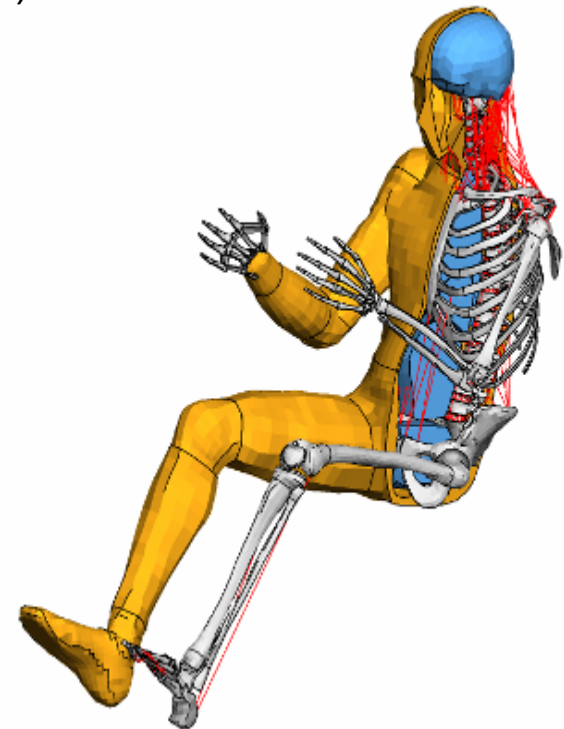
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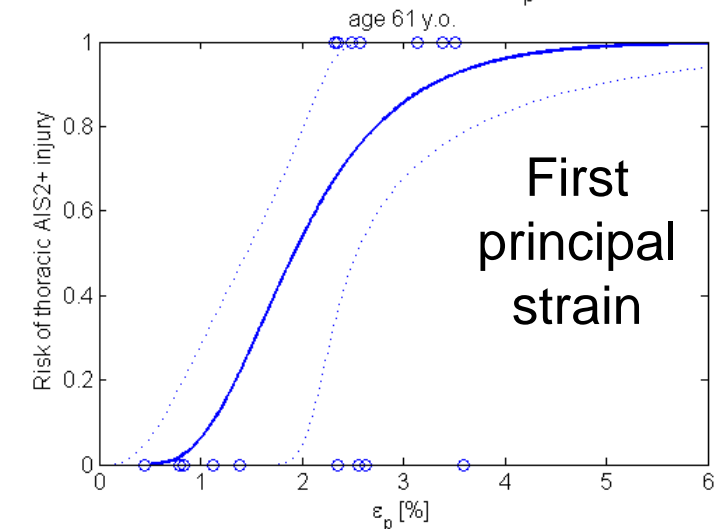
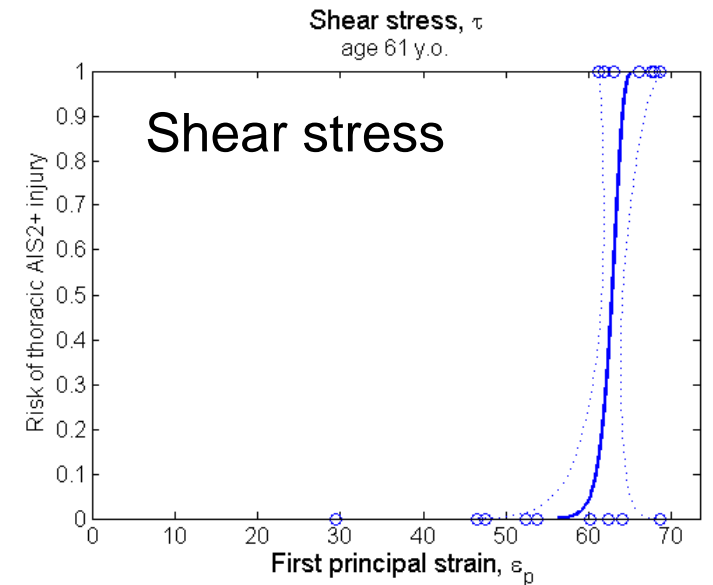
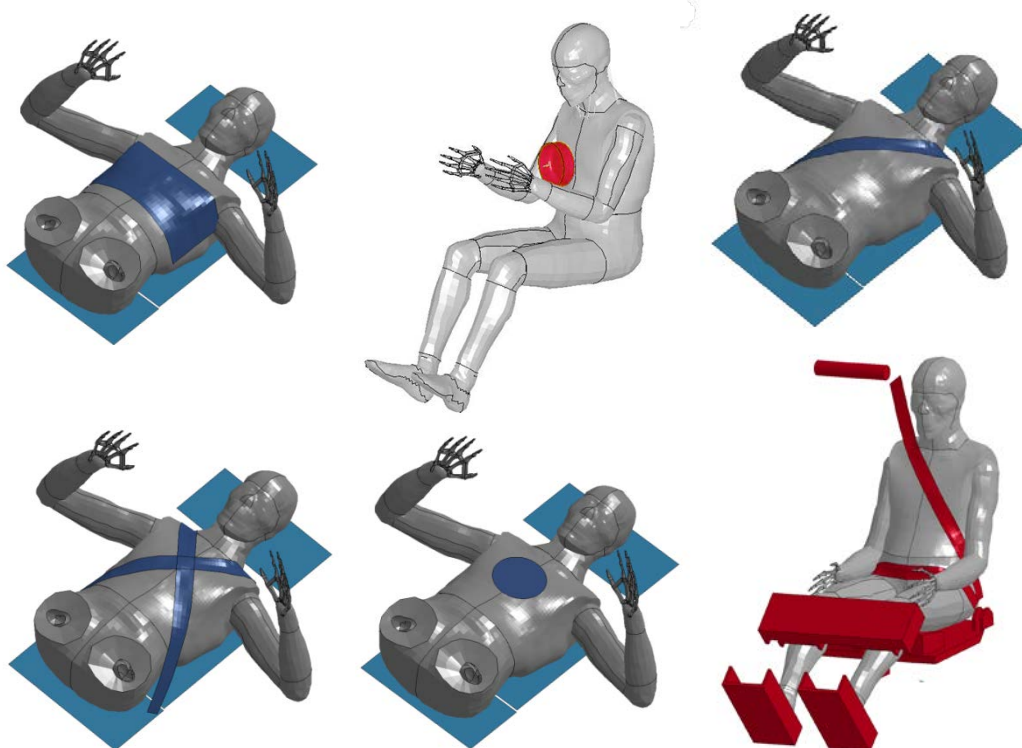
Primer *(Oasys Ltd., Solihull, UK)*



## Previous research ( I-HBM, steps 1-2)

AIS2+ injury risk curves created based on simulations of 23 PMHS tests.

*Mendoza-Vazquez M, Davidsson J, Brodin K. Construction and evaluation of thoracic injury risk curves for a finite element human body model in frontal car crashes. Accident Analysis and Prevention. 2015;85:73-82.*

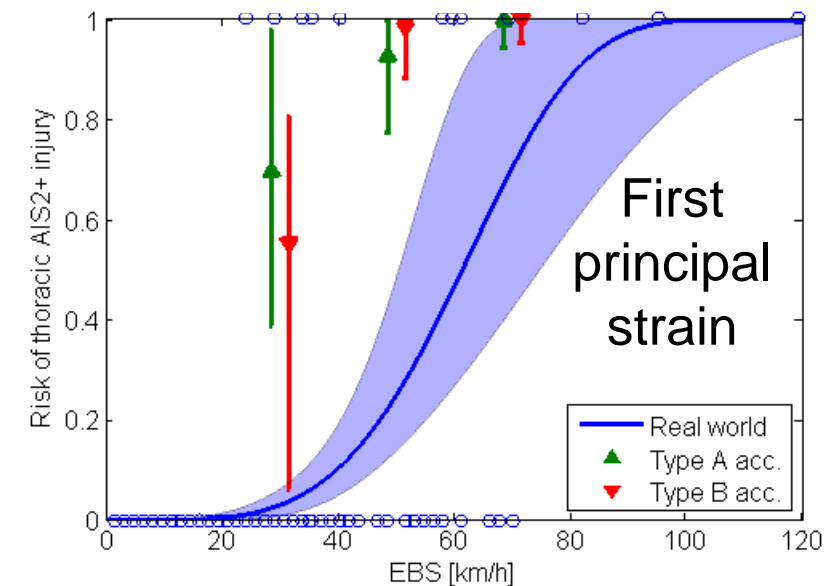
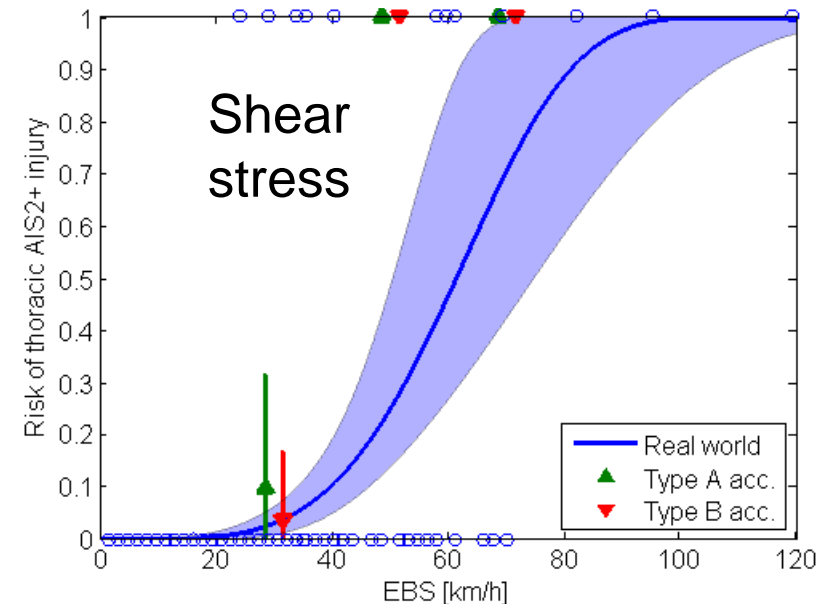


## Previous research ( I-HBM, steps 1-2)

### Accident reconstructions



Mendoza-Vazquez M, Jakobsson L, Davidsson J, Brodin K, Östmann M. Evaluation of Thoracic Injury Criteria for THUMS Finite Element Human Body Model Using Real-World Crash Data. I: IRCOBI Conference Proceedings - International Research Council on the Biomechanics of Injury, 10-12 September, Berlin, Germany . 2014. 528-541.



## Previous research ( I-HBM, steps 1-2)

The HBM was over predicting injury risk in real world accidents.

**How can we improve the biofidelity of injury predictions?**



Improved injury prediction using HBM, step 3



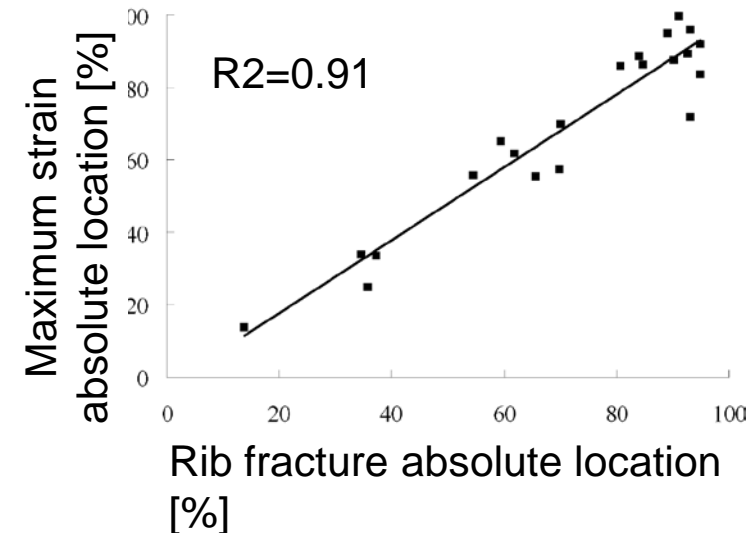
## Enhanced prediction of rib fracture risk using HBMs

### Hypothesis:

Rib fracture is strain controlled.

### Method:

- Understand influence of geometry and material properties
  - Develop a generic rib cage
- Validate distribution of rib strain in load configurations of increasing complexity
  - Evaluate rib strain as indicator of rib fracture
- Evaluate how PMHS results relates to real world accident data.

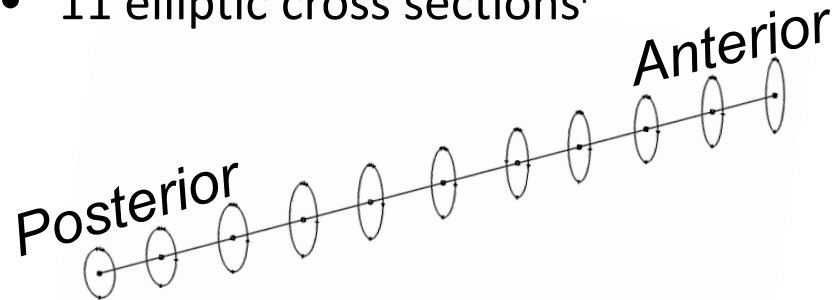


*Adopted from: Trosseille, X., Baudrit, P., Leport, T., Vallancien, G., (2008). Rib cage strain pattern as a function of chest loading configuration. Stapp car crash journal 52, 205-231.*

## Development of a generic ribcage

### 1. Each rib defined using:

- Rib chord length<sup>i</sup>
- 11 elliptic cross sections<sup>i</sup>



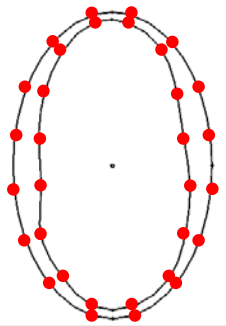
### 3. Create surface and mesh

- First all solid mesh
- Convert outer solids to thin shells



### 2. Each cross section defined using:

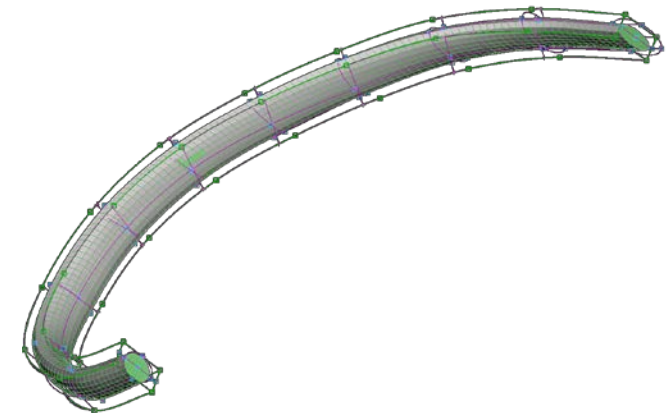
- 16 cortical thickness measurements<sup>i</sup>



- Choi, H.-Y., Kwak, D.-S., (2011). Morphologic characteristics of korean elderly rib. *J Automotive Safety and Energy*, 2011, Vol. 2 No. 2
- Shi, X., Cao, L., Reed, M.P., Rupp, J.D., Hoff, C.N., Hu, J., (2014). A statistical human rib cage geometry model accounting for variations by age, sex, stature and body mass index. *Journal of biomechanics* 47 (10), 2277-2285.

### 4. Fit to 3-D shape using morphing

- Both curvature and twist assigned<sup>ii</sup>



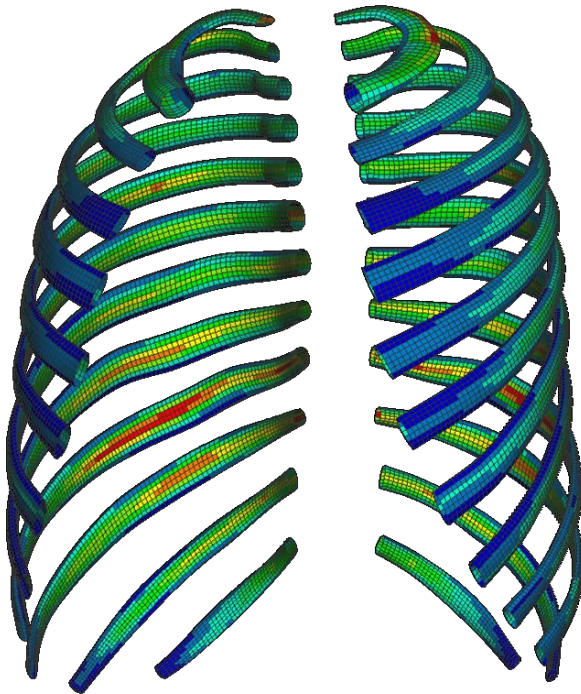
## Development of a generic ribcage

### 5. Assemble all ribs:

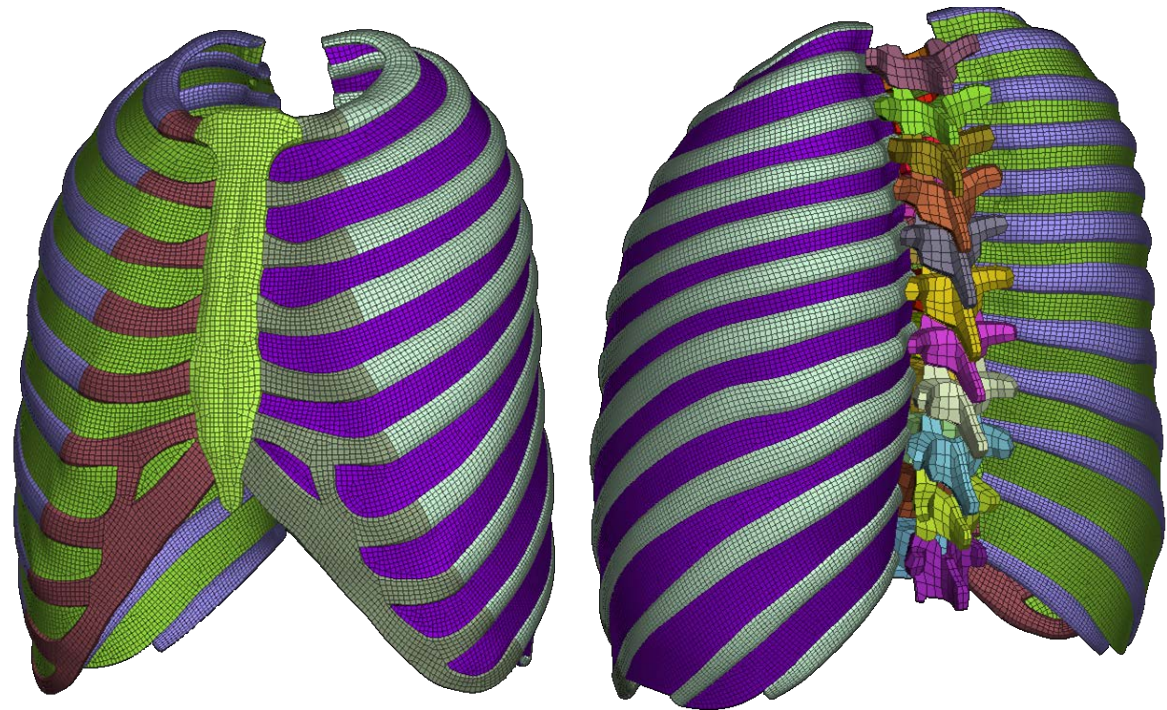
- Ribs location given by Shi study<sup>ii</sup>

### 6. Adapt boundaries to THUMS:

- Adapt costal cartilage
- Reshape ribs locally at spine

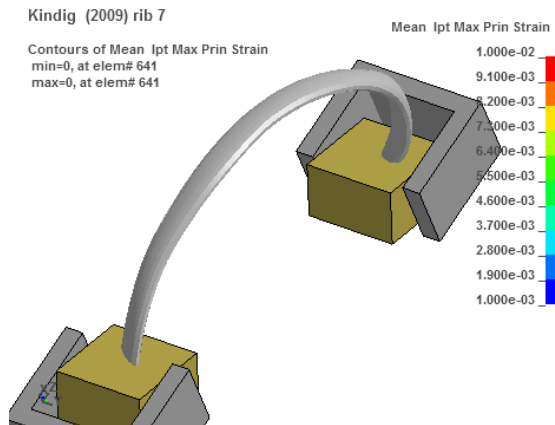


*Fringe=cortical thickness*



## Rib strain validation

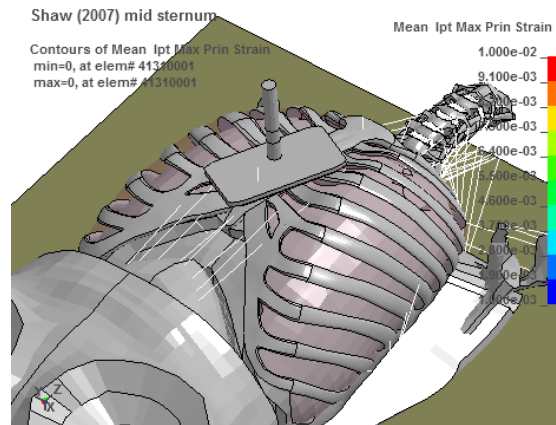
### 1. Single rib tests



*Fringe=maximum  
principal strain*

Kindig, M.W., (2009). *Tolerance to failure and geometric influences on the stiffness of human ribs under anterior-posterior loading*, Thesis, School of Engineering and Applied Science University of Virginia.

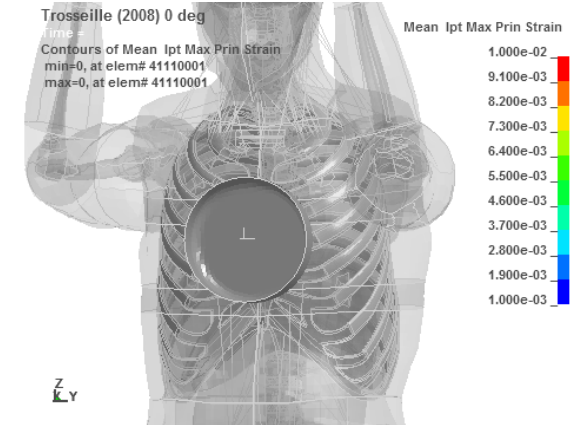
### 2a. Table top tests



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Shaw, C.G., Lessley, D., Evans, J., Crandall, J.R., Shin, J., Portier, P., Paolomi, G., (2007). *Quasi-static and dynamic thoracic loading tests: Cadaveric torsos*. In: *Proceedings of the Proceedings of the International Research Council on the Biomechanics of Injury conference*.

### 2b. Impactor tests



*Fringe=maximum  
principal strain*

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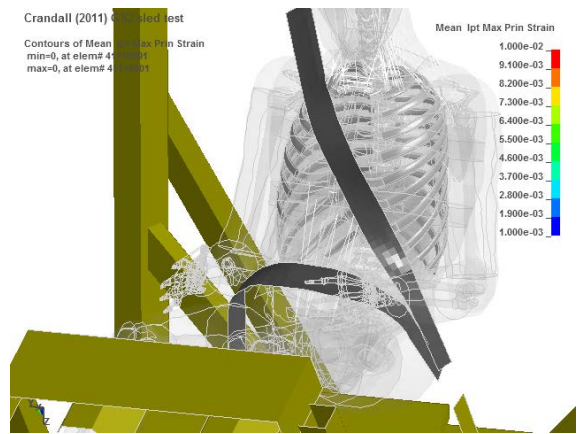


Rib strain validation / Injury criteria evaluation

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3. Sled tests

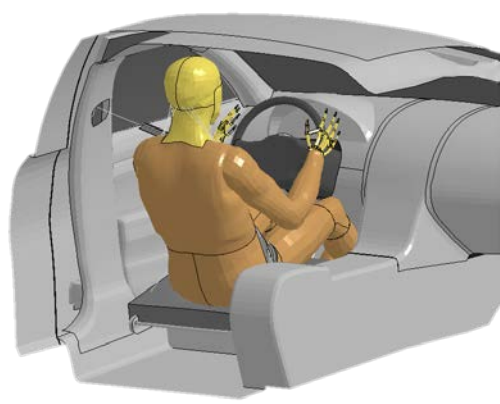


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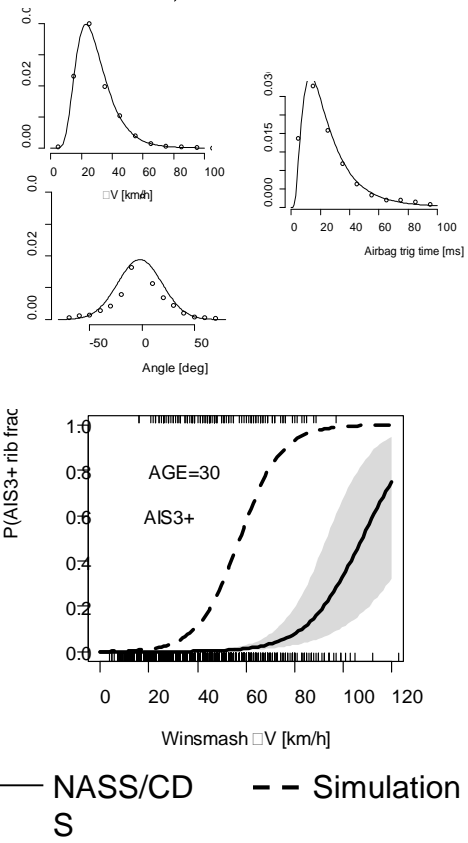
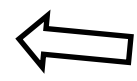
4. Accident reconstructions



Iraeus, J., (2015). *Stochastic finite element simulations of real life frontal crashes. Doctoral thesis, comprehensive summary.* Umeå University.



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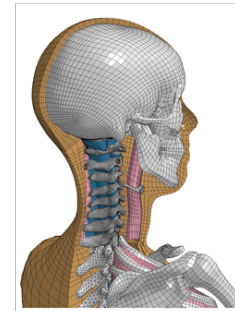
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Active muscles



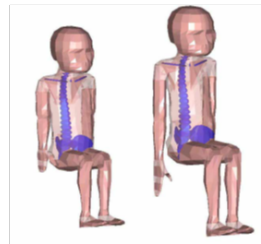
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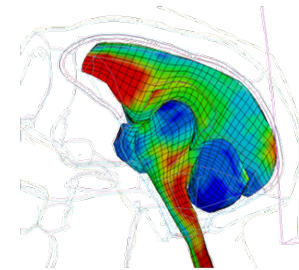
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