



Mips

Developing the World Leading Head Protection Using LS-DYNA

And part of the Mips Story

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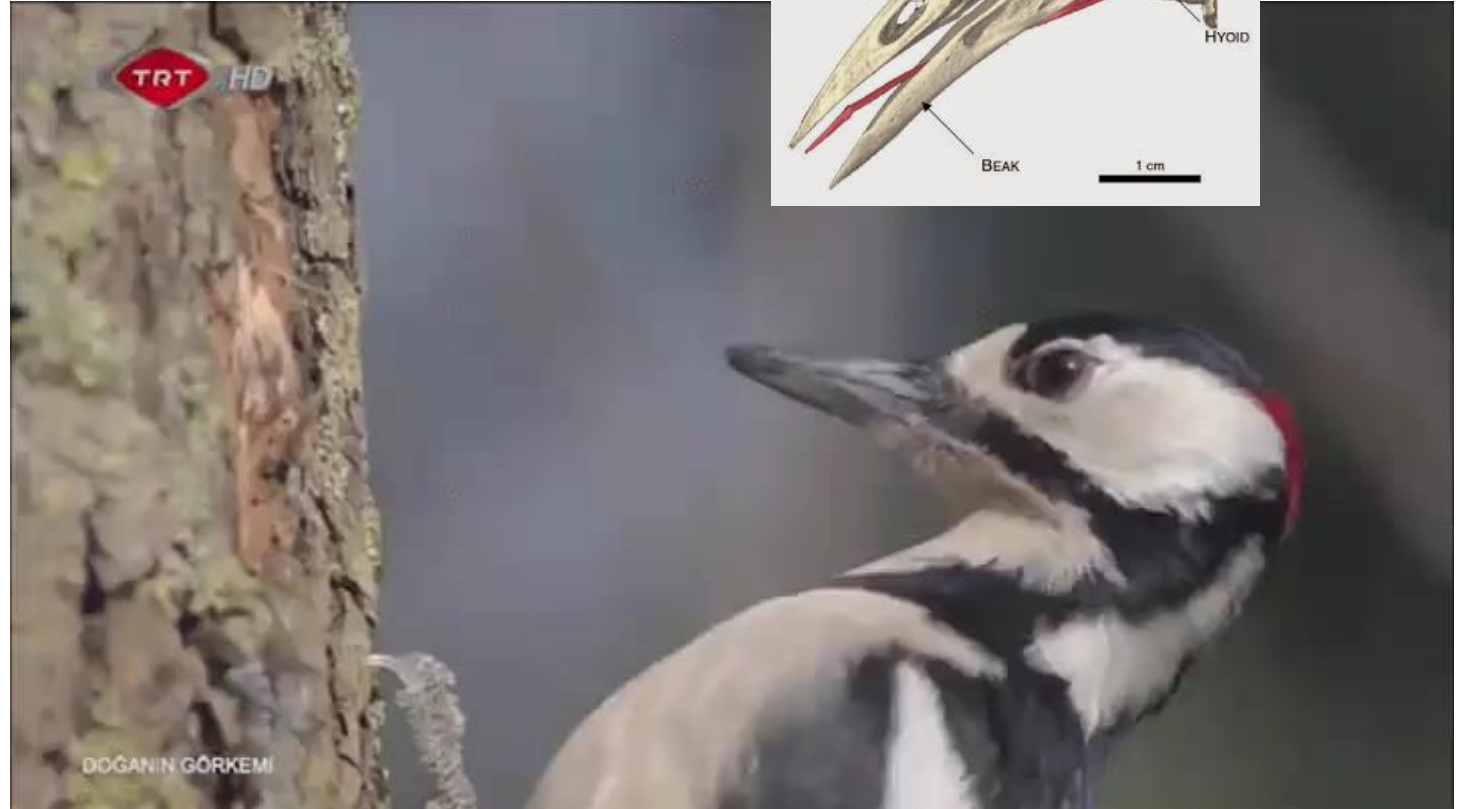
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Why a woodpecker don't get concussion ?

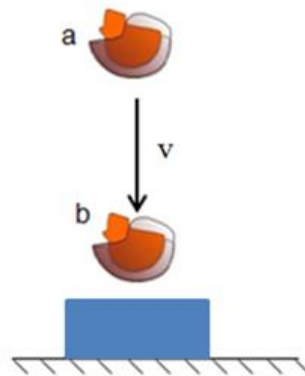
- Thousands impacts per day. Over 1000G per impact.
- Optimized energy absorption system
 - Cranium fixed with flexible joints
 - The tongue surrounds the cranium and work as a damper
 - The lower beak is longer than the upper
 - No rotation of the head



How to design a helmet - Basic course I



Current test methods



< 250G = Pass

Table 13.3 Design requirement for cycle helmet

Function	Protective cycle helmet
Objective	Maximise energy absorption/unit volume
Constraints	Load on skull < damage-load

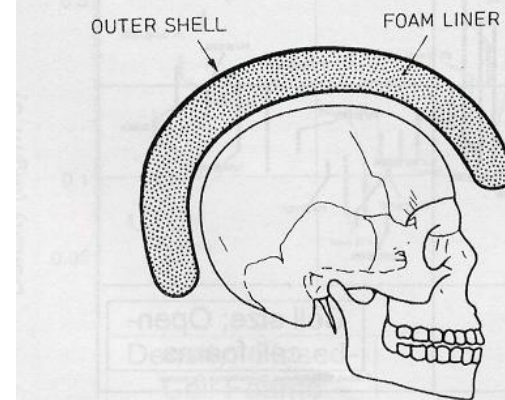
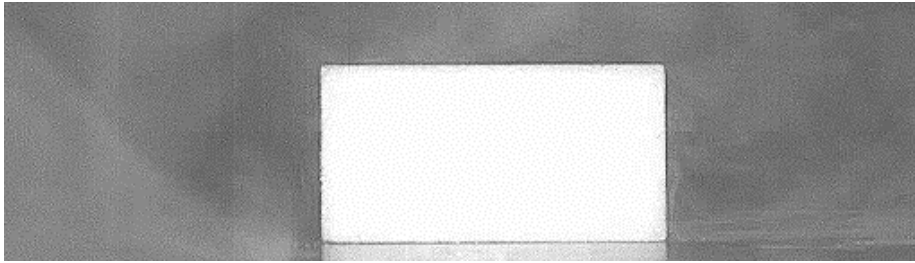


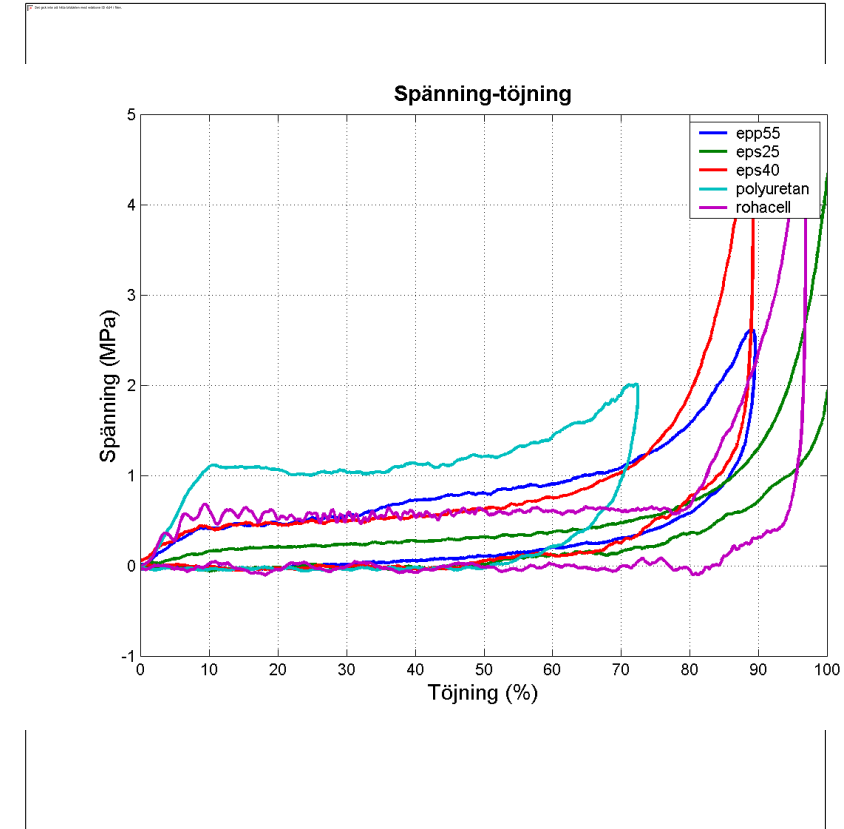
Figure 13.9 A cycle helmet. The liner must absorb as much energy per unit volume as possible without allowing the force on the skull to reach a damaging level.

Picture from Gibson and Ashby 1999

How to design a helmet – Basic course I



→ 20mm EPS will do it!

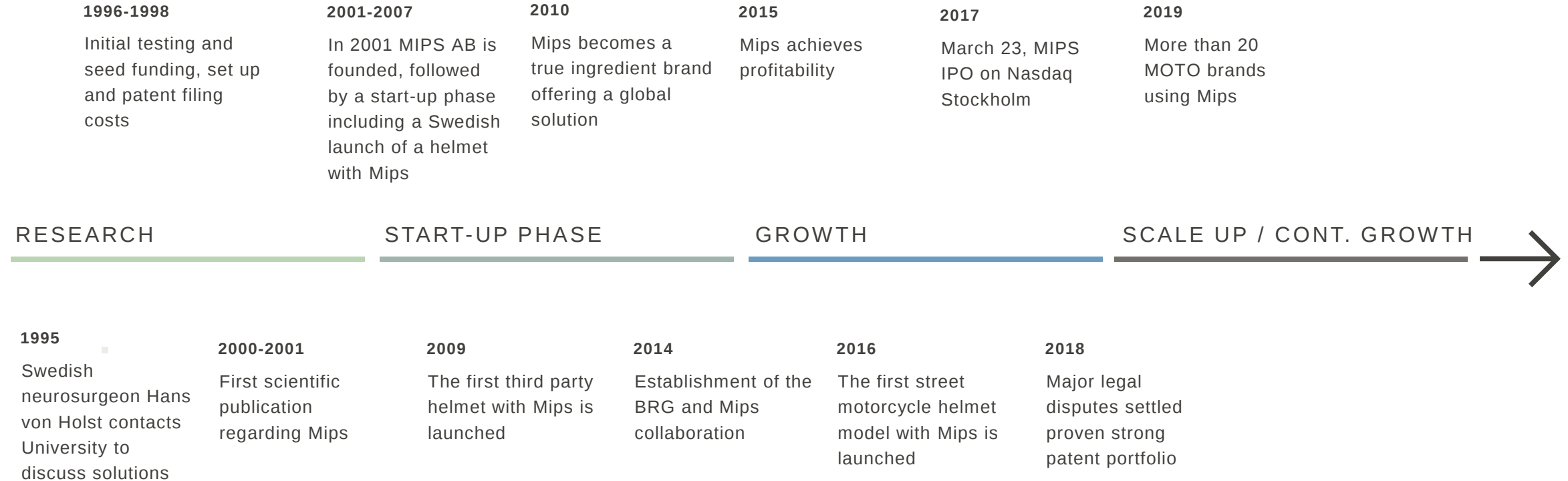


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Our history



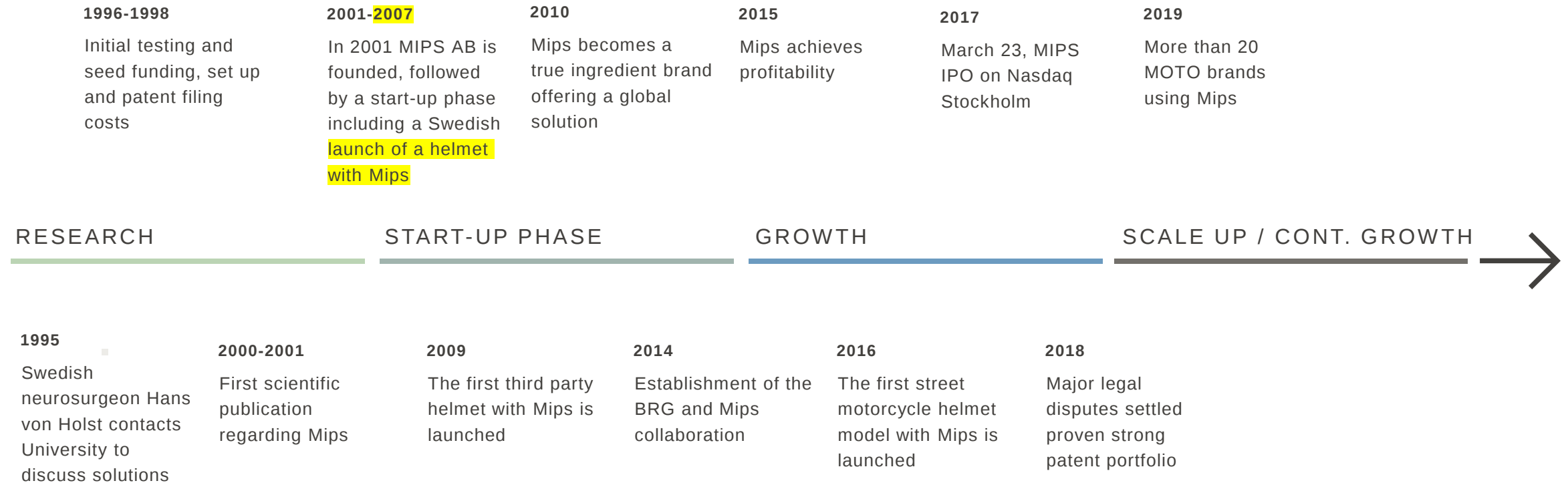
FROM RESEARCH TO COMMERCIAL SUCCESS



Our history



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2007... - Research at KTH and KI has resulted in a 40% Safer equestrian helmet!

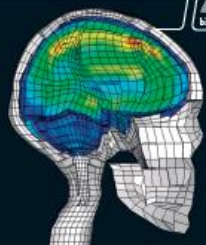
Gothenbourg Horse Show 2007

KÄLLUIGTS

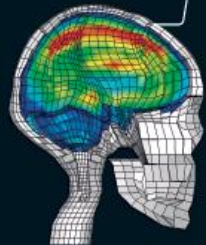
Hur högt värderar du din säkerhet?
Nu kan du skydda ditt huvud 40% bättre.

MIPS-ridhjälmarna

40% bättre testresultat



Konventionella ridhjälmarna



Enbart i Sverige skadas varje dag en nyttare i huvudet och behövs guldmedaljer. Fram till idag har de flesta ridhjälmarna byggts på samma konstruktionsprinciper och varit säkerhetsmässigt likvärdiga. Men nu finns MIPS-ridhjälmarna. Med innovativ teknik, framarbetad av forskare vid Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan och Karolinska Institutet, skyddar MIPS-ridhjälmarna dig 40% bättre jämfört med konventionella ridhjälmarna.

Så här fungerar MIPS-tekniken:
Om du faller av hästen och eller i huvudet träffas ett lägre slagkraftigt objekt som att en MIPS-ridhjälmarna yttre- och innerskal. På så sätt kanystrer skallen glida mot lägre slagkraft, absorbera energi från stötar och slag och skydda huvudet från skador.

Active Safety
MIPS-tekniken är en aktiv säkerhetsöppning. Genom att köpa MIPS-ridhjälmarna i din närmaste ridportbutik, gör du ett aktivt val för din egen säkerhet.
På www.mipshelmen.se kan du läsa mer om din bästa säkerhetsinvestering.

active safety

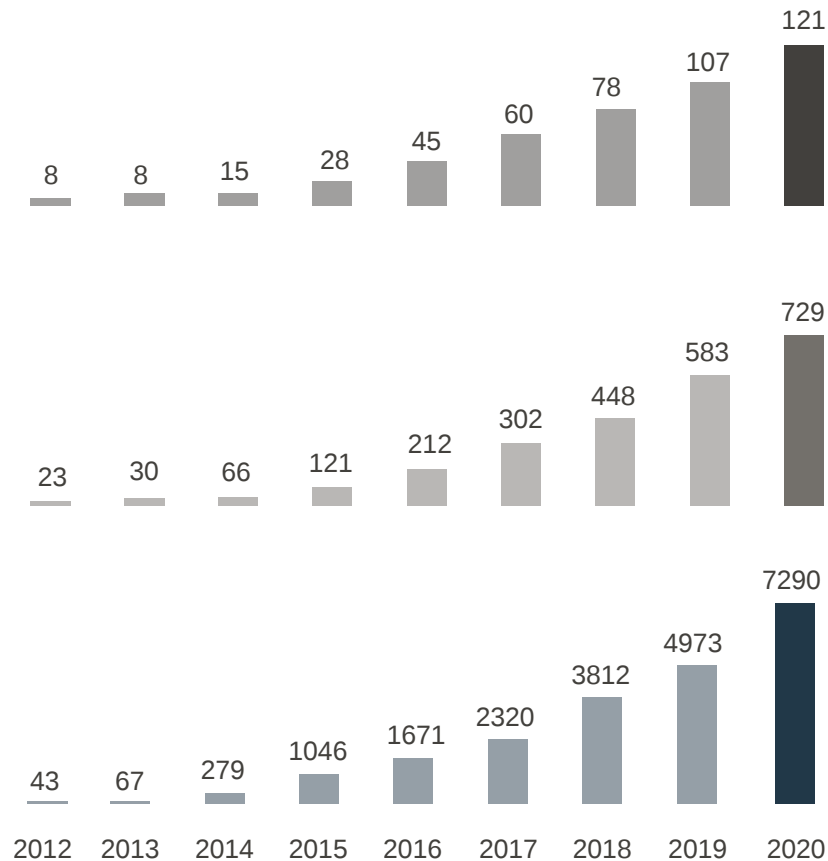
MLAS

MIPS-ridhjälmarna är utvecklad i samarbete med KTH, Läkarsällskapet i Sverige, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan och Karolinska Institutet.



A world leading brand in helmet safety

Mips



121
ACTIVE BRANDS

729
MODELS

7.3M
UNITS SOLD

- ESTABLISHED IN THREE MAIN CATEGORIES:
- Sports (Bike, Snow, EQ, Hockey and Mountaineering)
- Moto (Road motorcycle and MX)
- Safety (Industry and LEAF)
- 70 people in Täby and 20 in China





+120 Helmet Brands Worldwide Have Adopted the Mips safety system in Their Best Helmets



Mips today

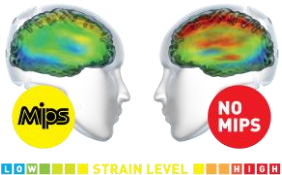
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Years of research at the Royal Institute of Technology and the Karolinska Institute.

4

Thesis and multiple research papers in international scientific publications.



World renowned Finite Element (FE) Model of the human brain.

60.000

State of the art test facility for all helmet categories.



Reconstructions from real life accidents.



External validation by 3rd party in US, Canada and Sweden.

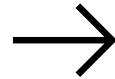
IP

36 patent families

Multi-directional Impact Protection System

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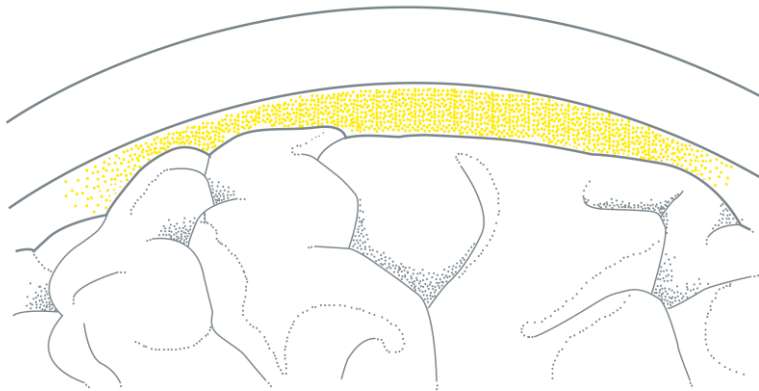
The cerebrospinal fluid is our natural protection system that allows the brain to move relative to the skull.



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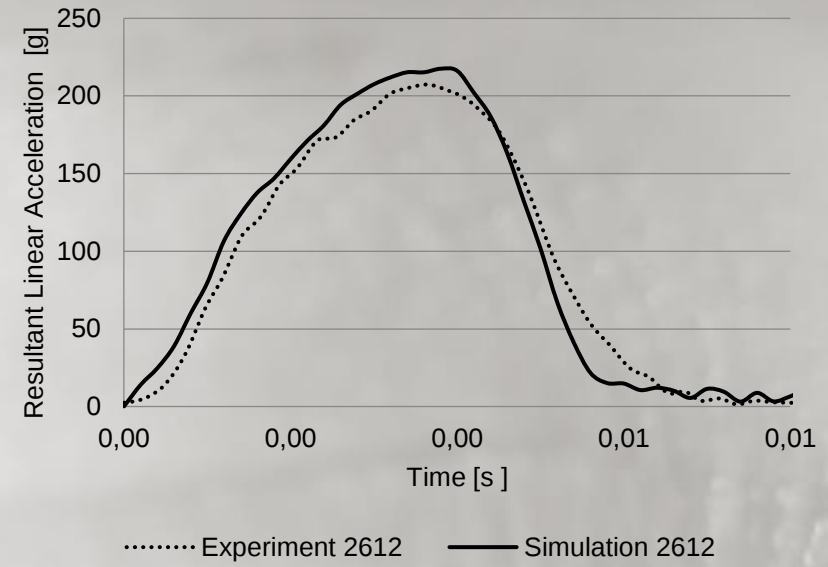
10–15 millimeter
Omnidirectional
Full coverage



Skull
Cerebrospin
Brain



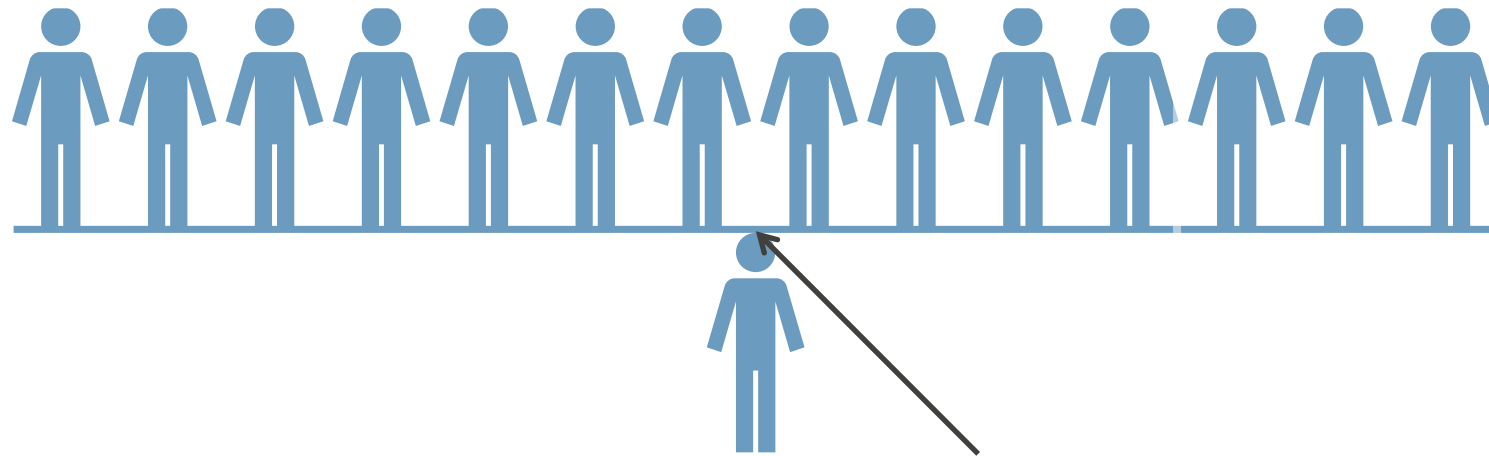




In the critical 5 - 10 milliseconds
of an impact ...

A blink of an eye lasts
100 milliseconds.

WHILE UNDER SIGNIFICANT POINT LOADING



750 kg

At the moment of impact, the point load on the the head and the helmet is approximately 750 kg.

Why do we need Mips?

Type of Injury dependent on Impact

IMPACT DIRECTION:



Linear

ACCELERATION
DIRECTION:



TYPE OF INJURY:

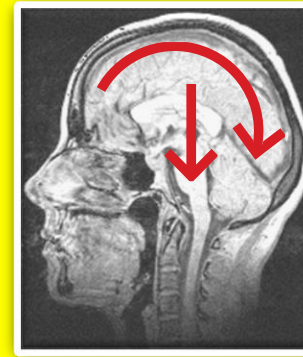
- Fractur
- Epidural hematoma (EDH)
- Contusion

CONCLUSION:

Conventional helmets are tested by dropping them vertically onto a flat surface and they are designed with that testing in mind.



Rotational (Angled
& Tangential)



- Concussion
- Subdural hematoma (SDH)
- Diffuse axonal injury (DAI)

By adding rotational protection to the helmet you add protection from those angled impacts.

Holbourn 1943

Löwenhielm 1974

Ommaya et al. 1967

Ommaya and Hirsch 1971

Gennarelli et al. 1982

McIntosh et al. 2011

Kleiven 2007

The team at KTH & Karolinska



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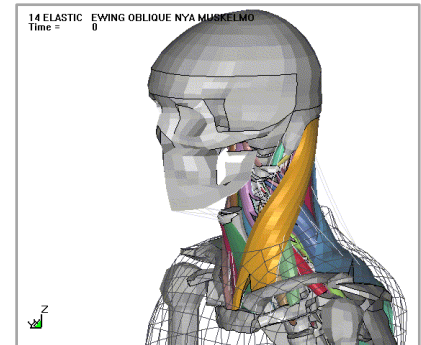
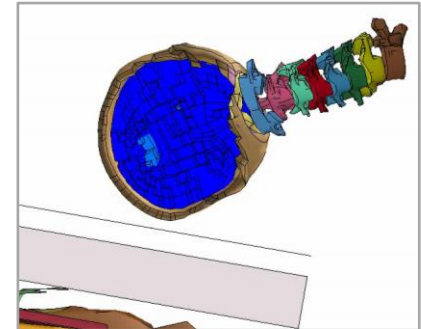
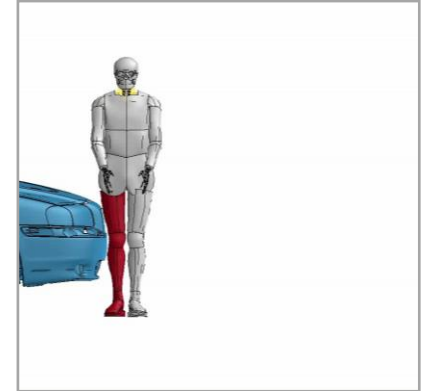
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Professor and
Neurosurgeon Karolinska
University Hospital

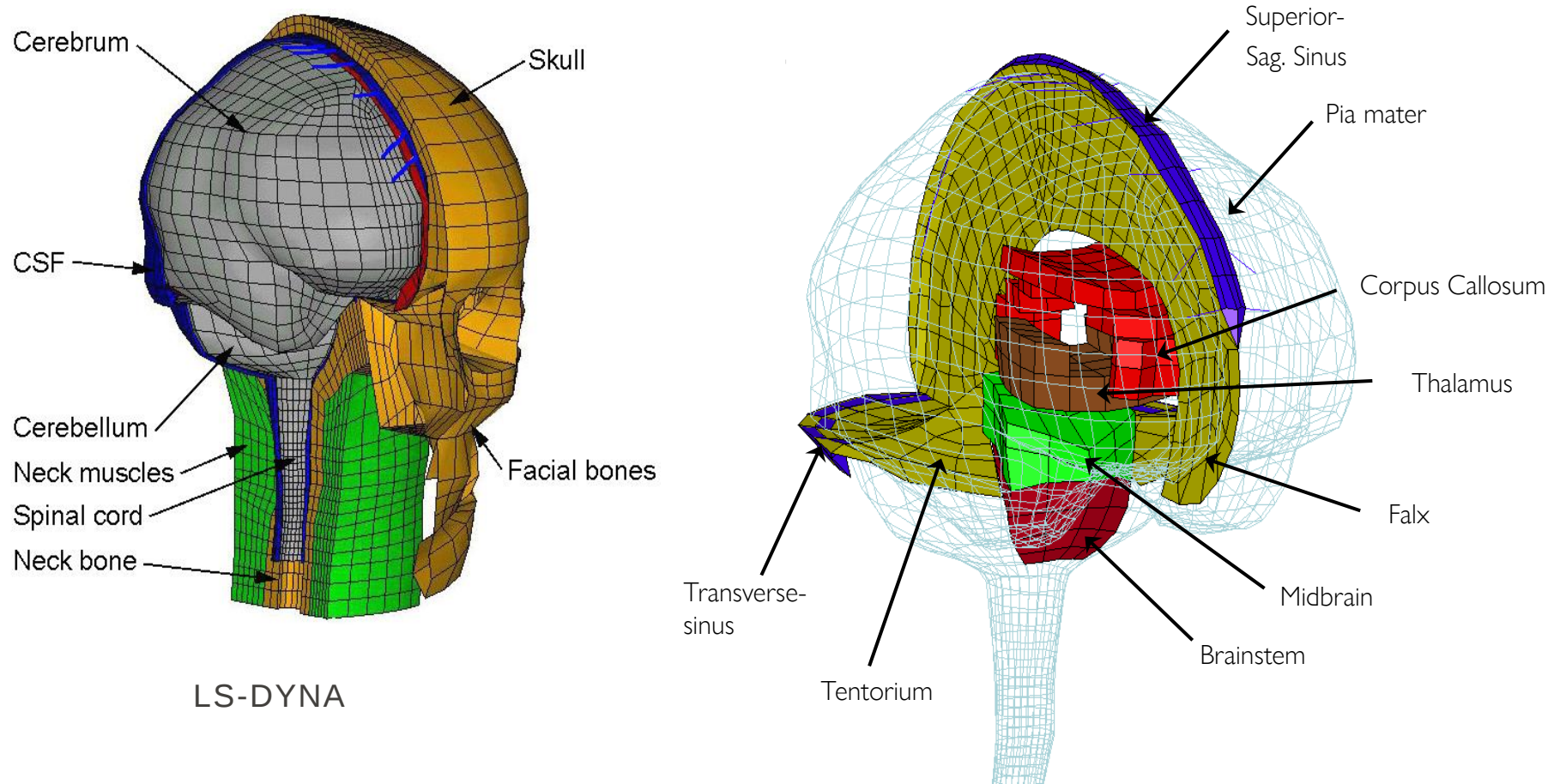


SVEIN KLEIVEN
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Institute of Technology
3-D model of the human
brain

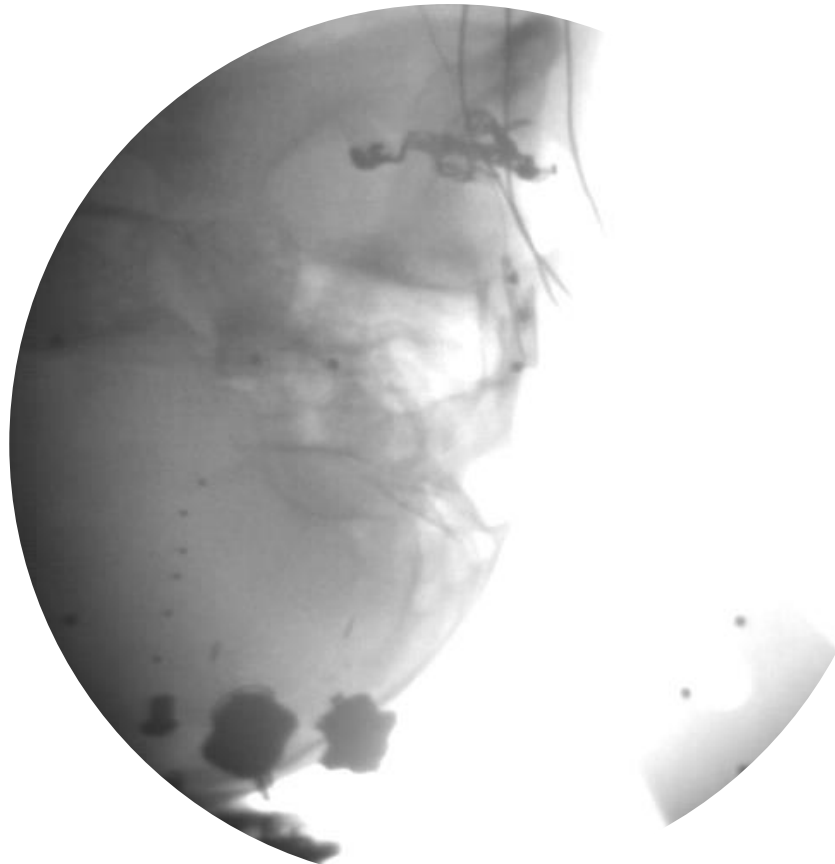


The KTH FE model of the human head and brain

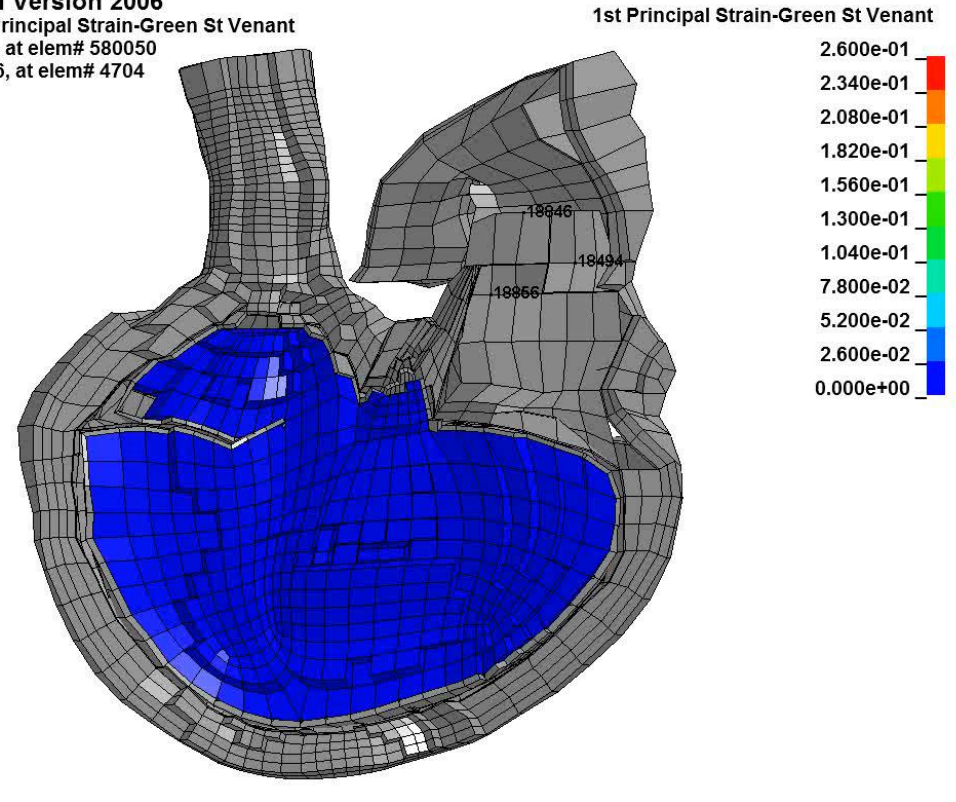


Kleiven et al. 2006

Validation of the KTH head model



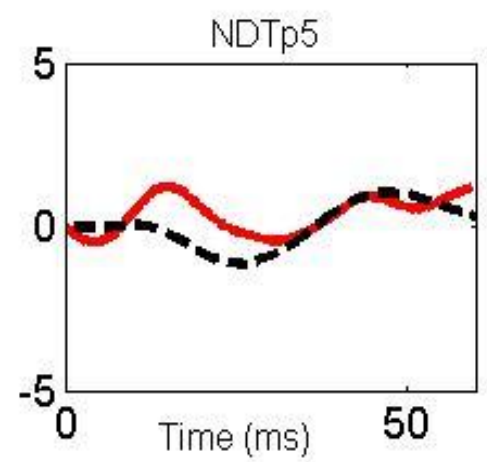
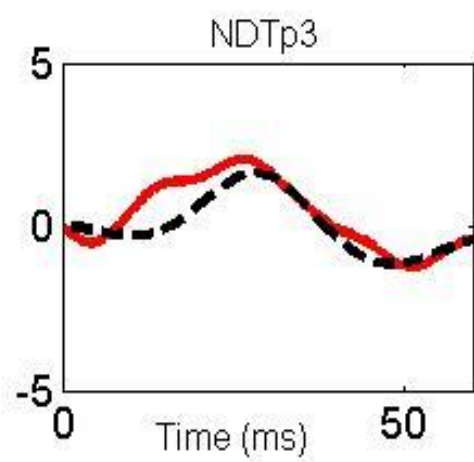
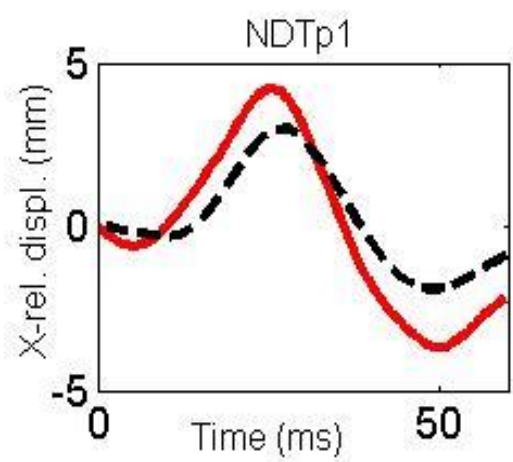
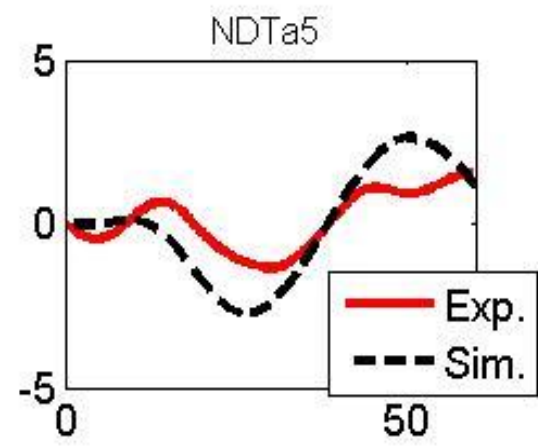
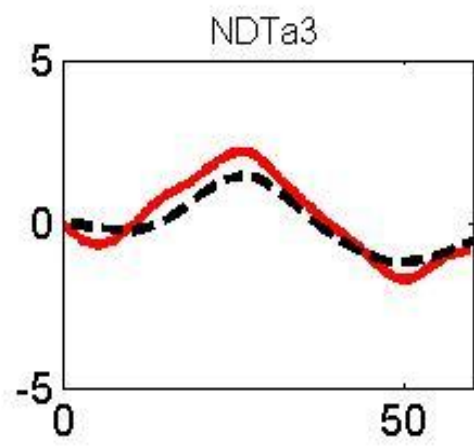
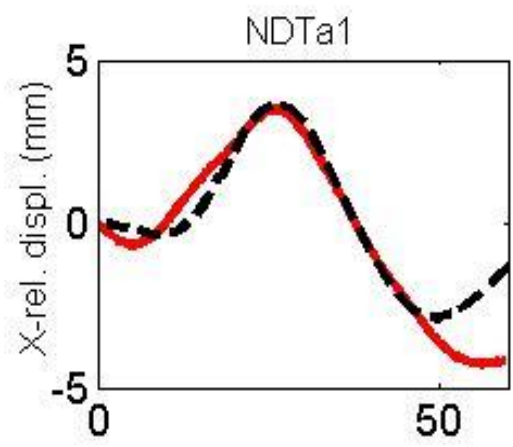
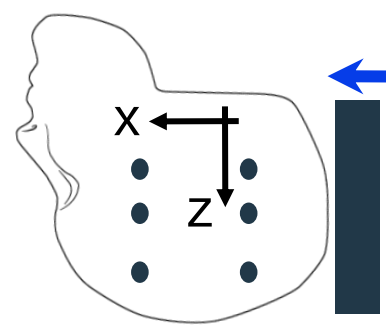
KTH FE Model Version 2006
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KLEIVEN AND HARDY
STAPP CAR CRASH JOURNAL 2002

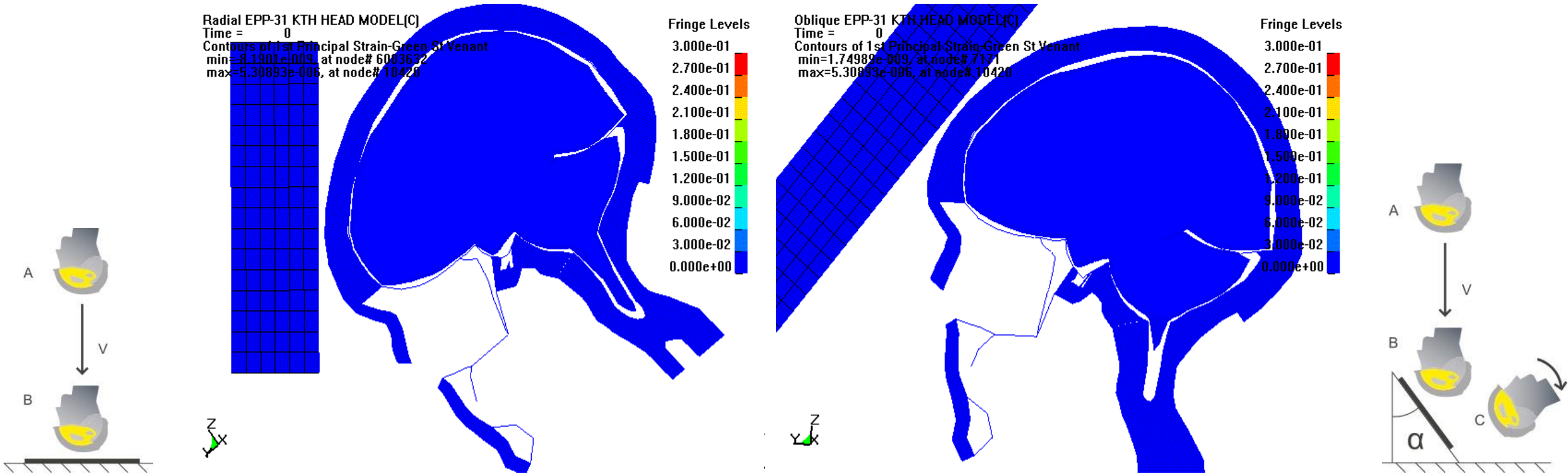
Validation to experiment

- Relative motion in the head



*Kleiven and Hardy, Stapp
Car Crash Journal 2002*

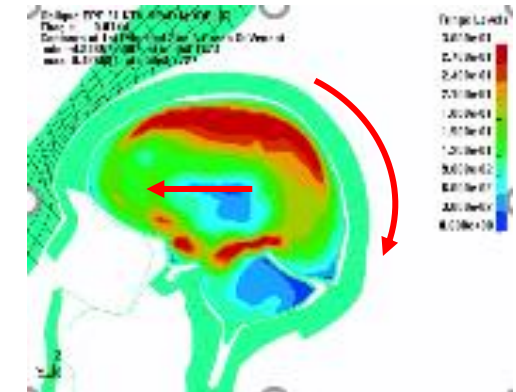
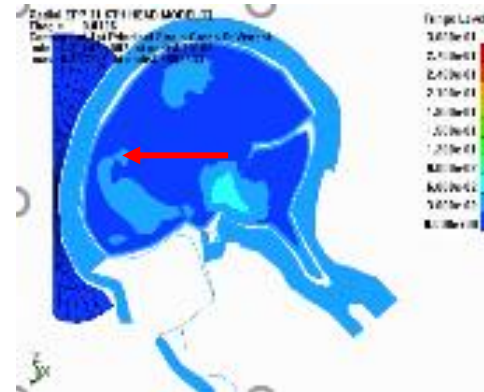
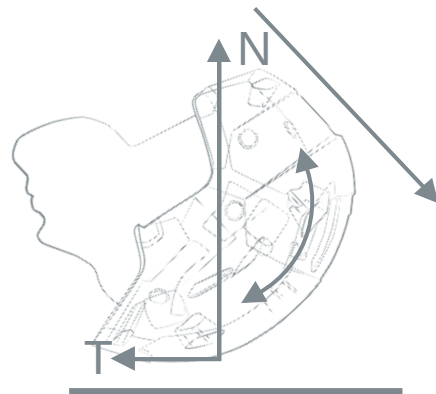
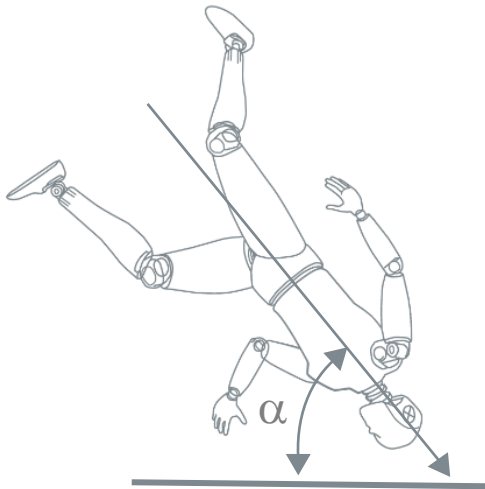
Comparing Radial vs. Oblique impact



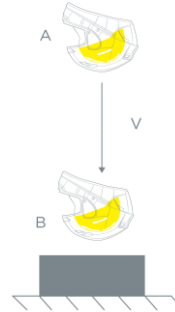
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Summary: The need for safety steps like Mips

- Oblique impacts are common in most sports (Otte et al. 1999, Verschueren 2009, Mellor and Chinn 2006)
- Oblique impacts could lead to a tangential force, depending on the normal force and the coefficient of friction.
- Tangential force -> rotation
- The brain is more sensitive to rotation than pure translational motion. (Holbourn 1943, Genarelli 1983, Margulies and Tibault 1992, Fijalkowski et al. 2007, Kleiven 2007)



Mips approval test protocol



Current helmet test standards EN1078, CPSC

Linear acceleration →
< 250G



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Xrot



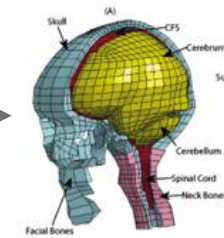
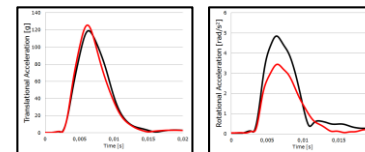
Yrot



Zrot



Linear acceleration +
Angular acceleration

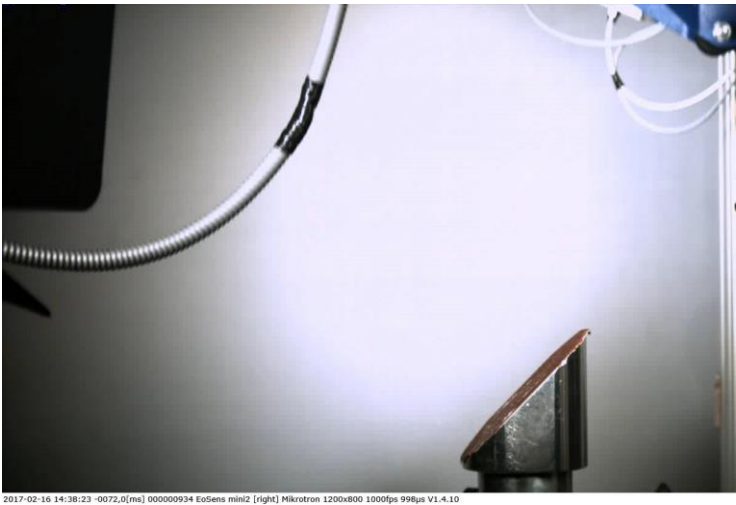


Strain reduction >
10%

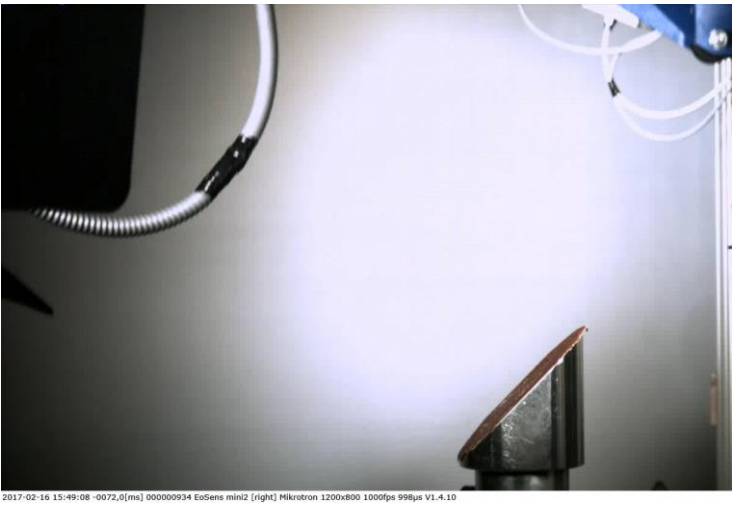


TEST METHOD BIKE AND SNOW – 6.5m/s

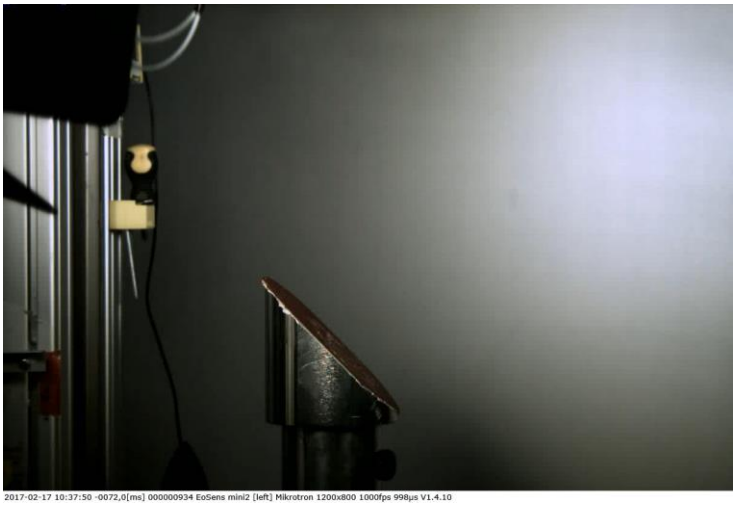
X-Rotation



Y-Rotation

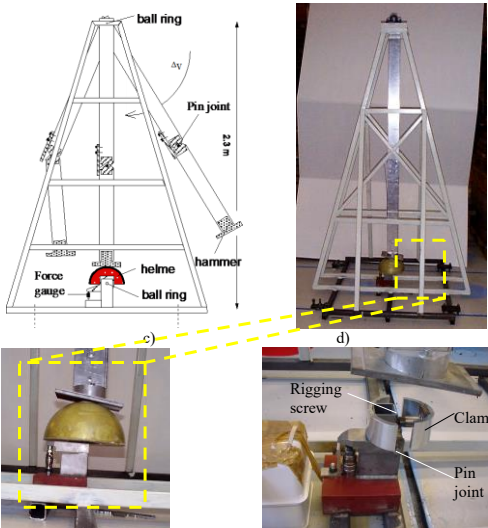


Z-Rotation



MIPS test method history

KTH 1996



UK 2000

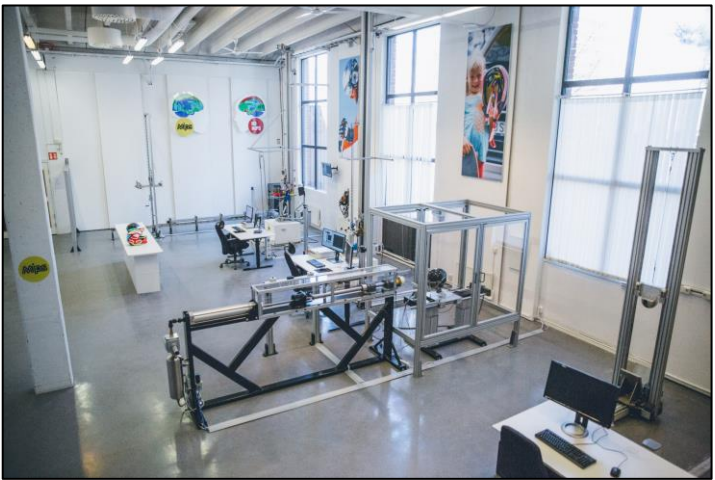


KTH 2001



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Täby 2016-



KTH 2013



Danderyd 2014-2015



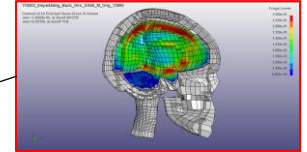
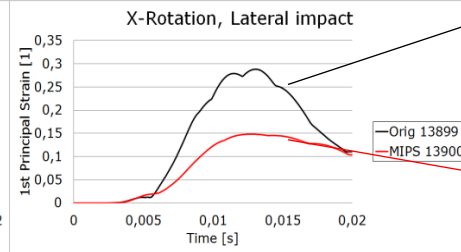
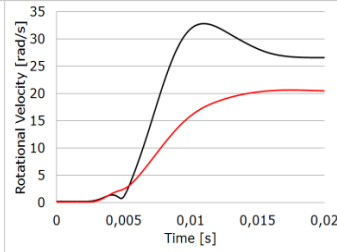
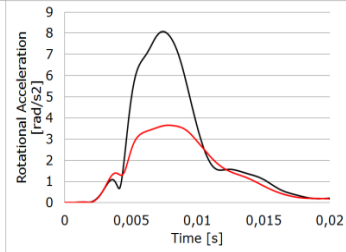
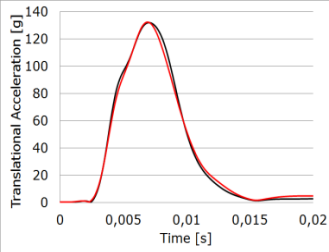
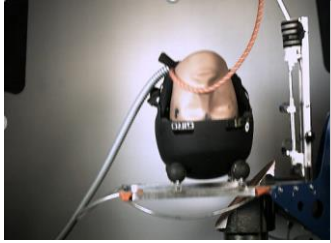
MIPS Test Laboratory

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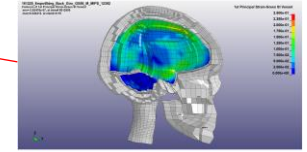
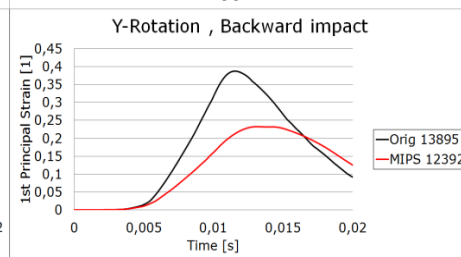
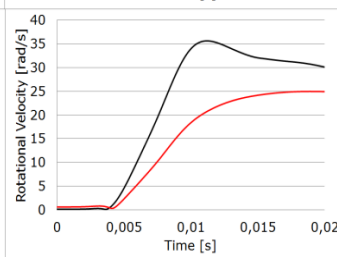
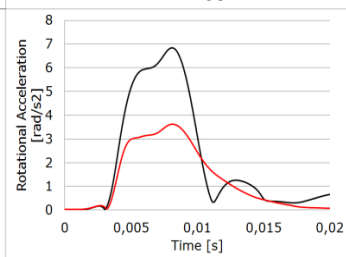
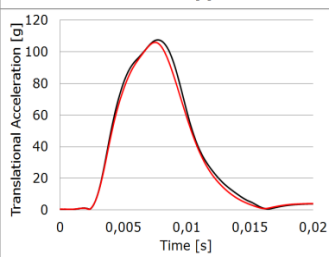


Example of mips function in x, y and z-rotation

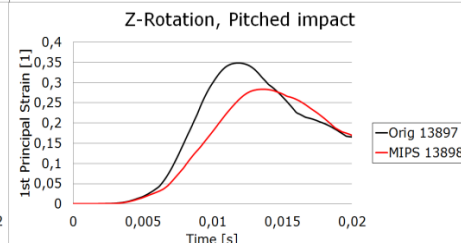
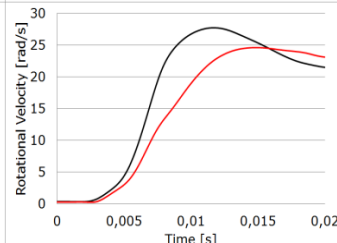
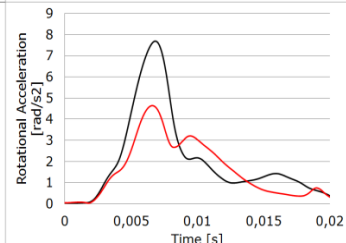
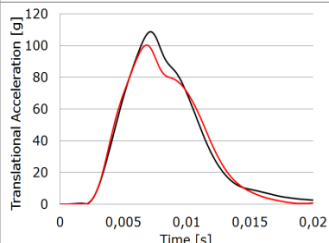
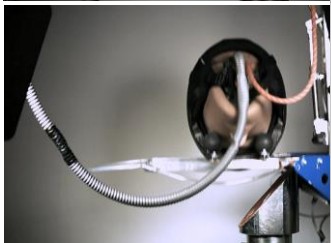
X rot



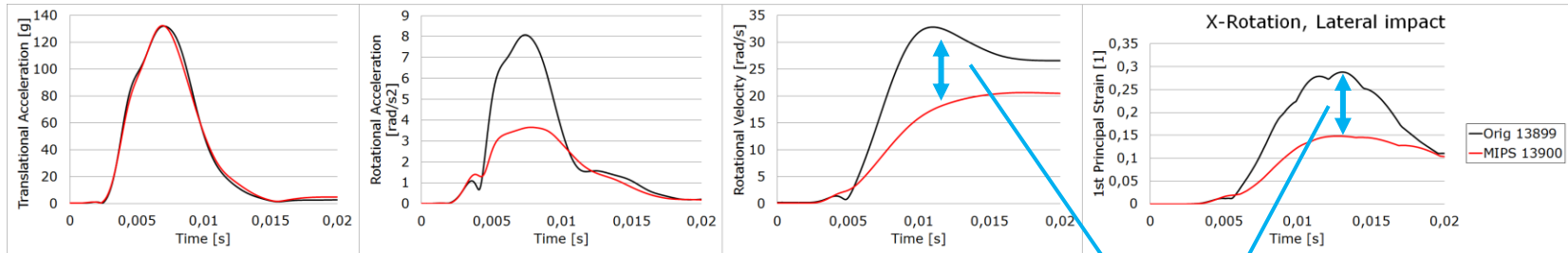
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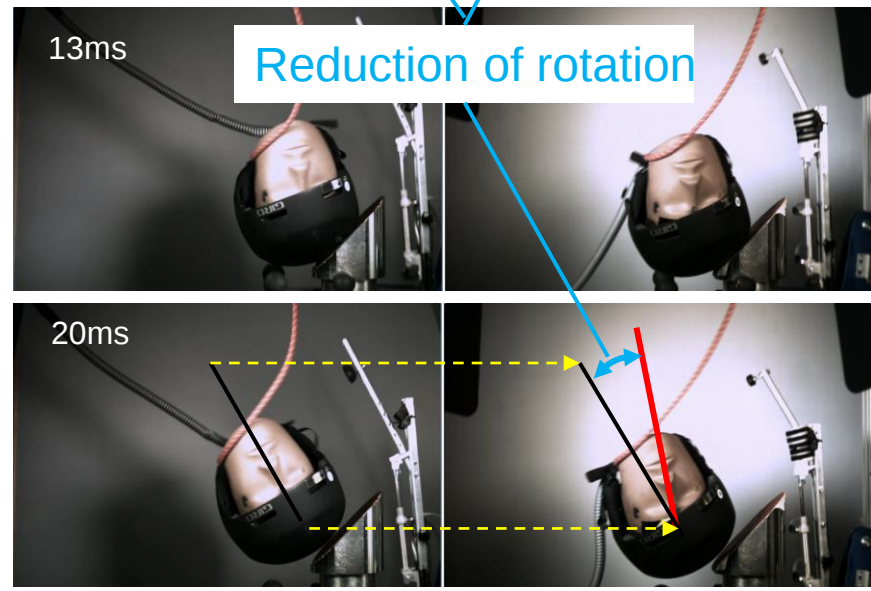
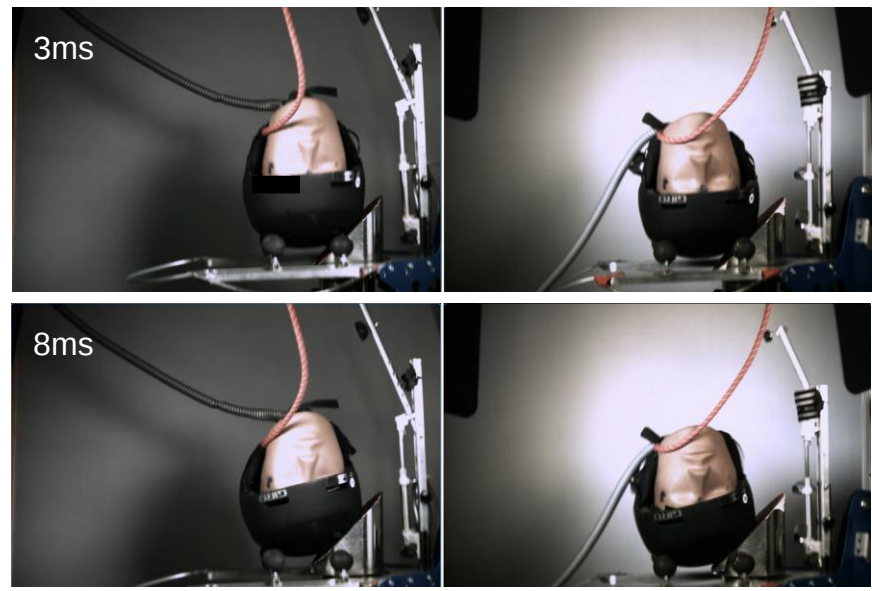


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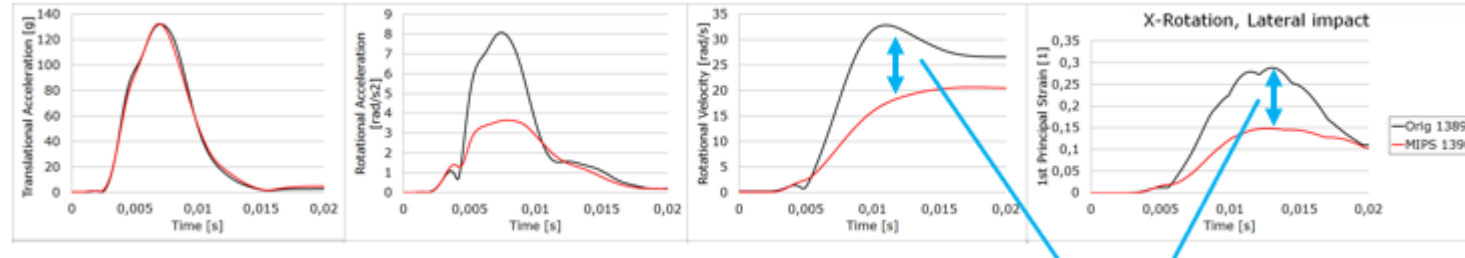
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How does MIPS reduce rotational energy?



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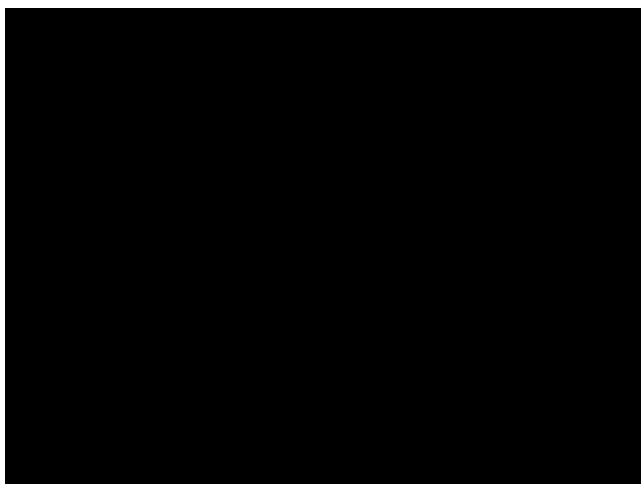
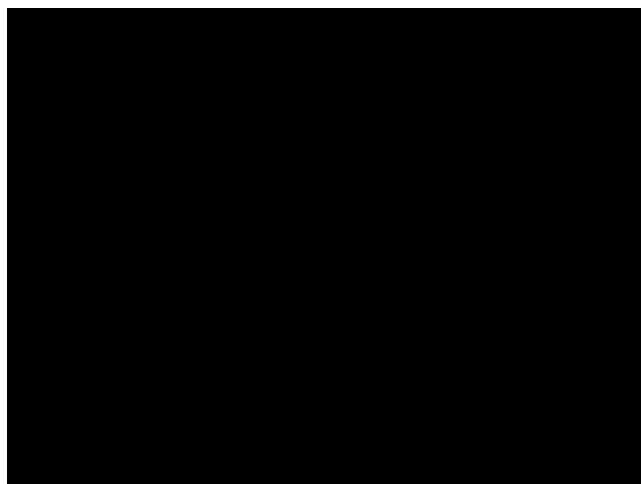
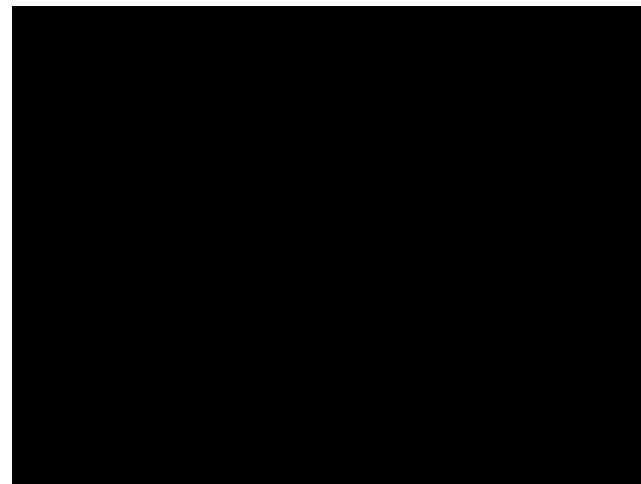
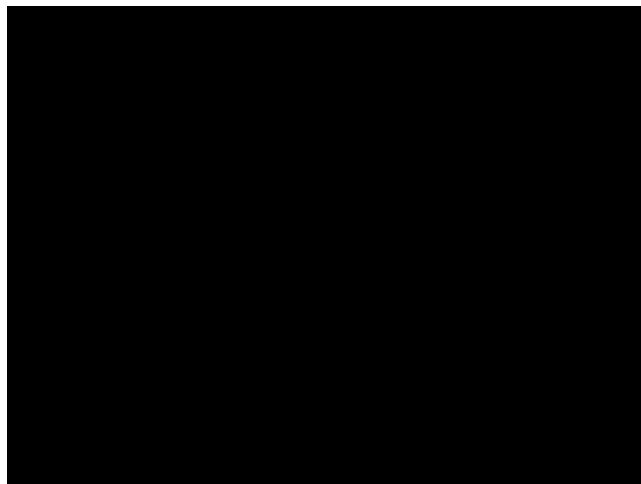
- Friction heat?
- Energy absorption in the fixation mechanisms?
- Spreading the load to larger volume of the EPS liner?



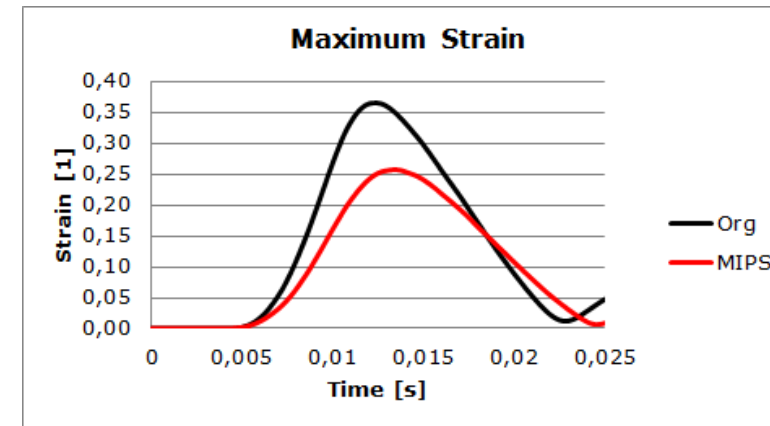
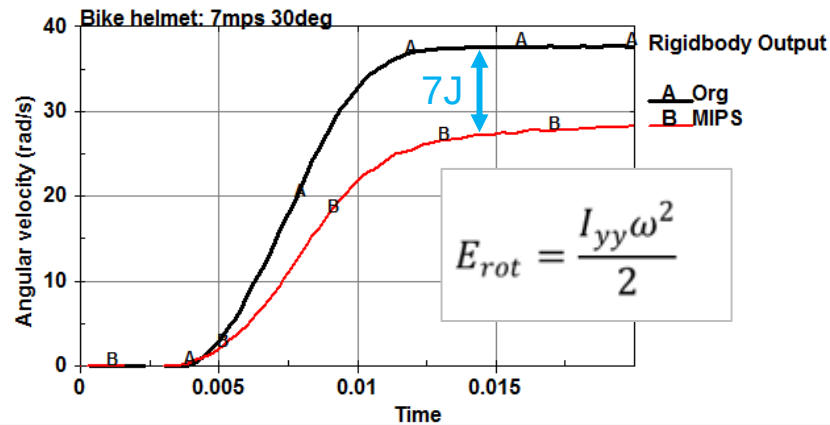
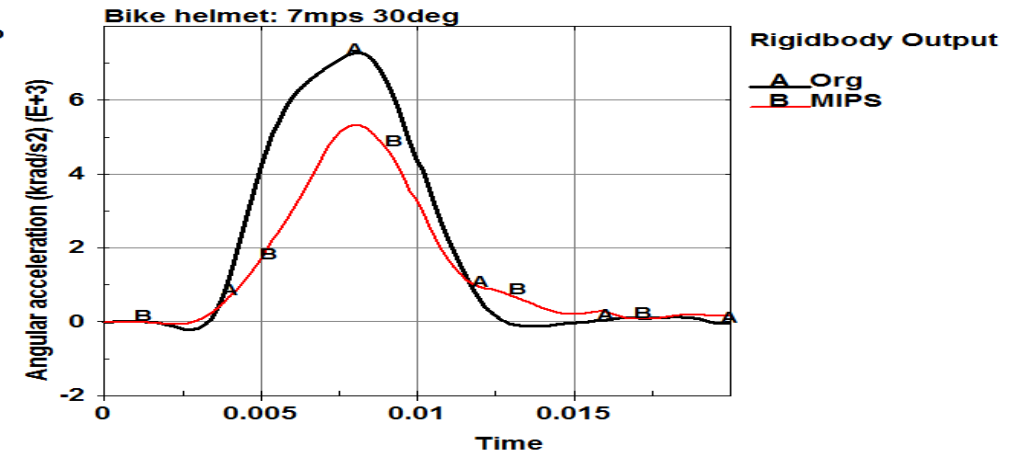
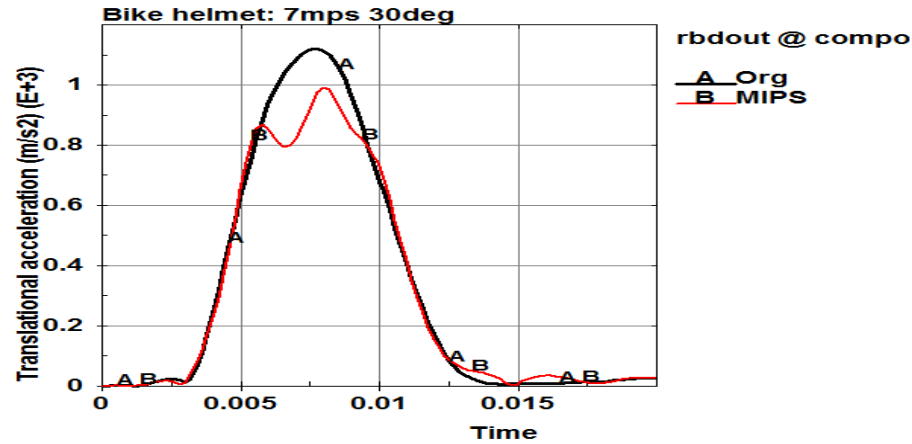
Kinematic analysis

Original

MIPS

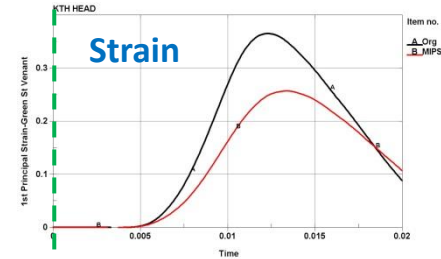
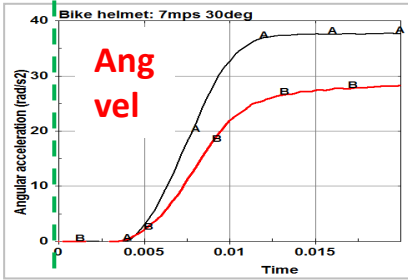


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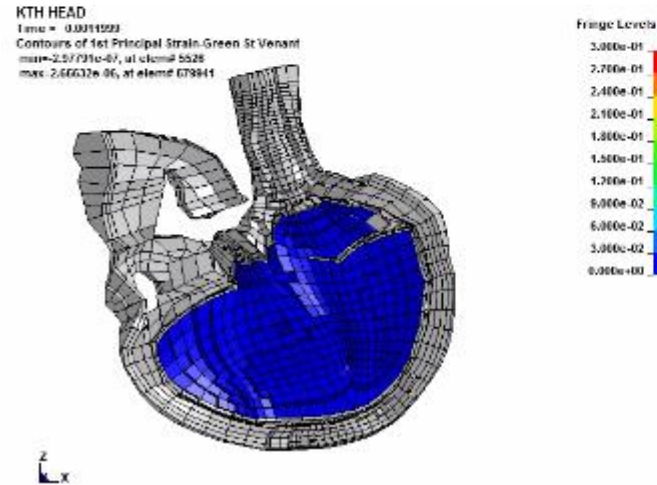
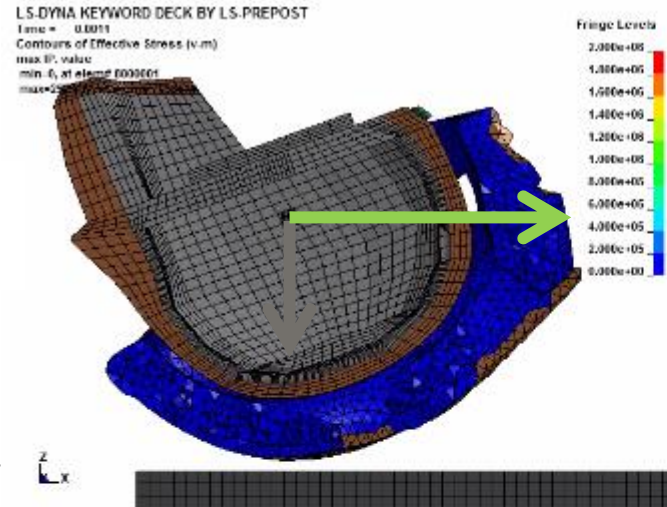


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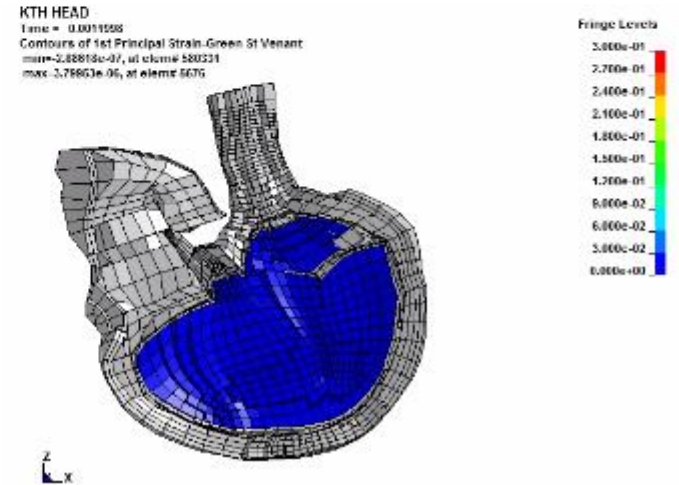
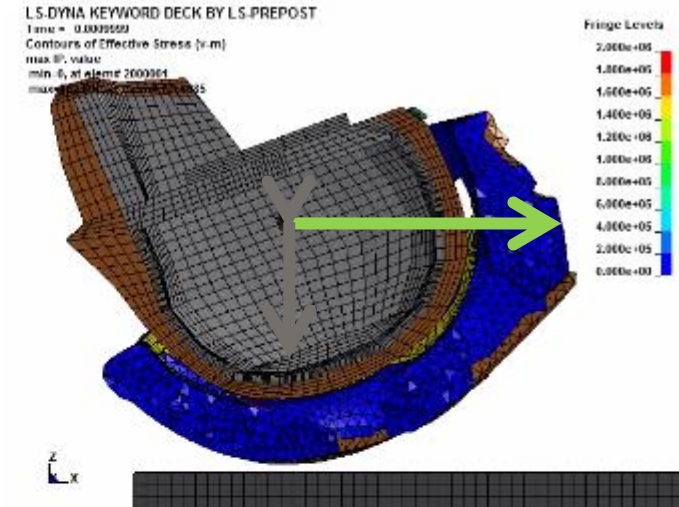
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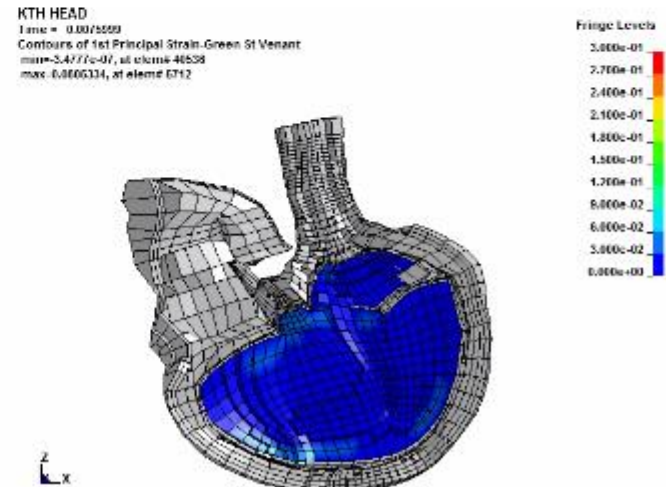
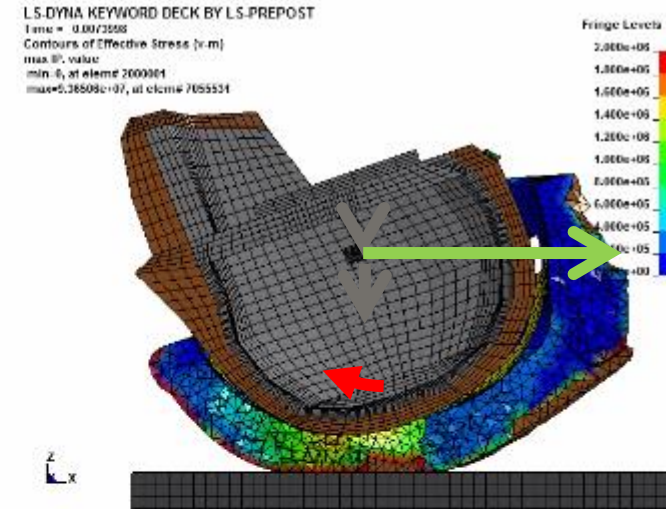
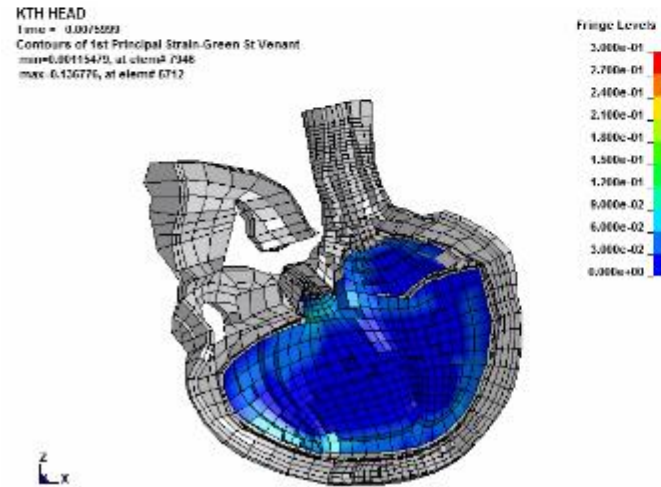
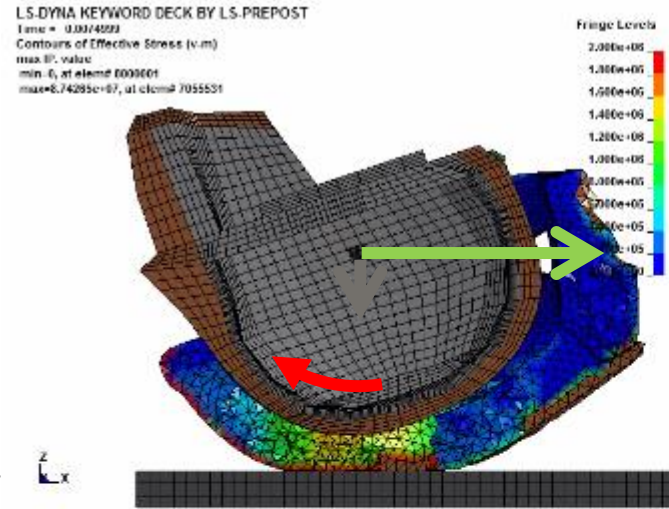
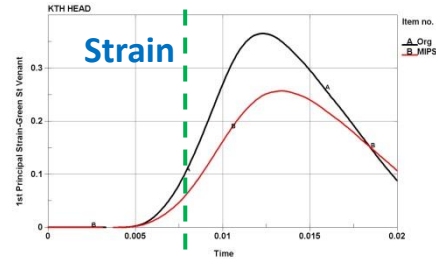
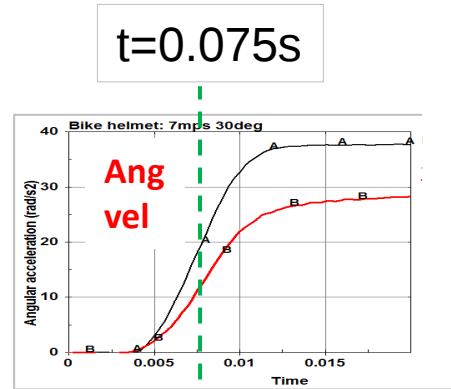
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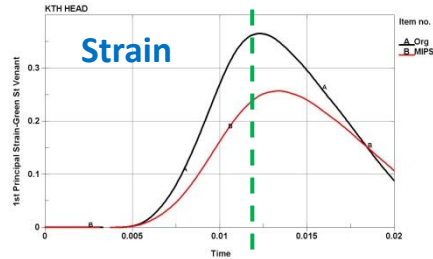
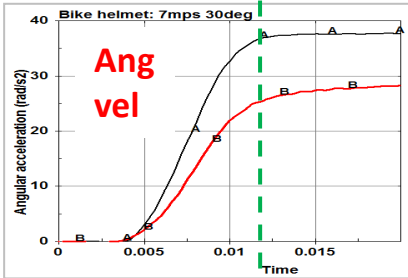


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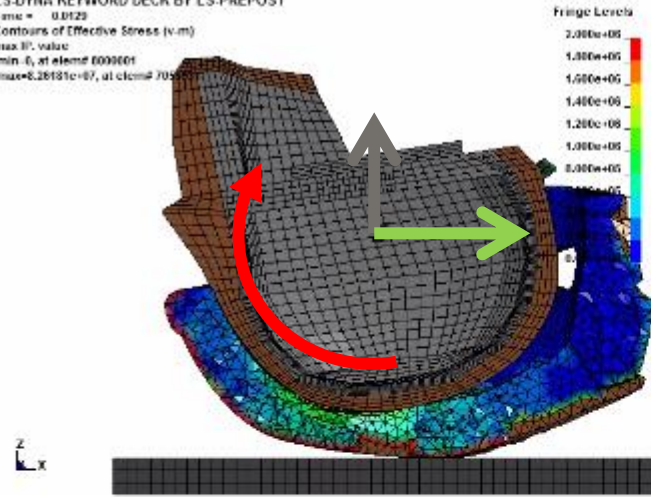
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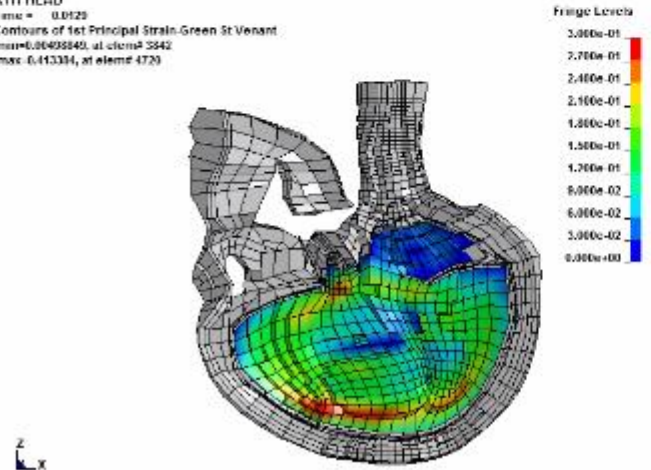
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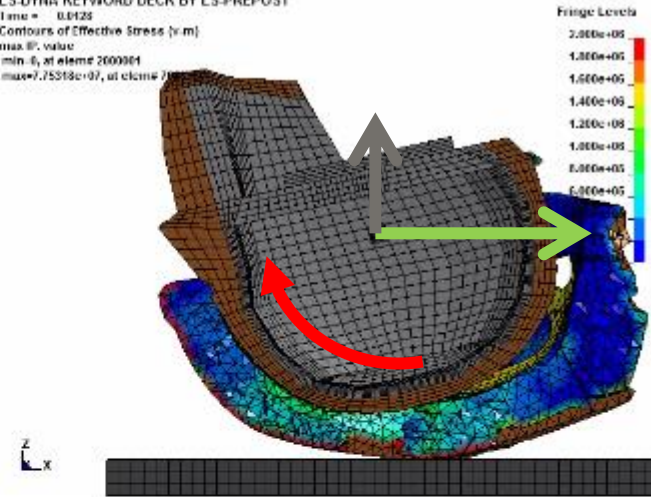
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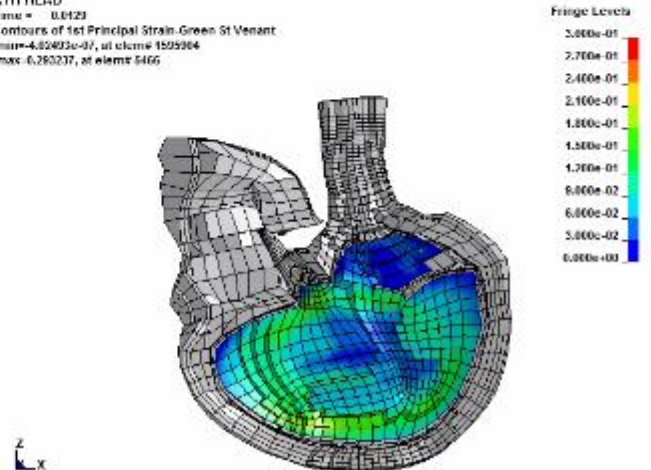
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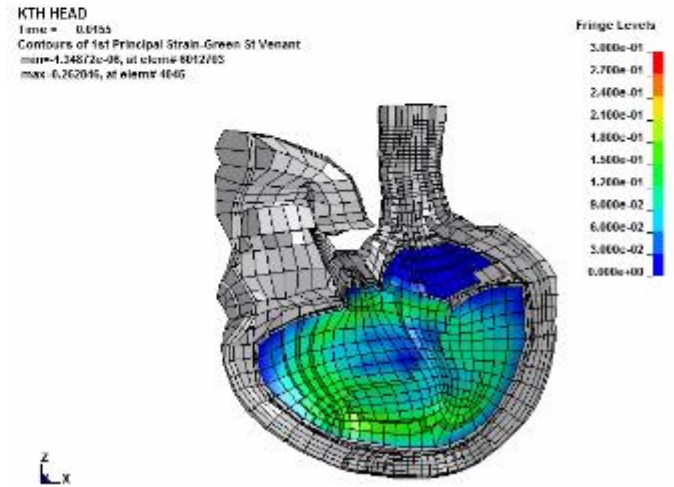
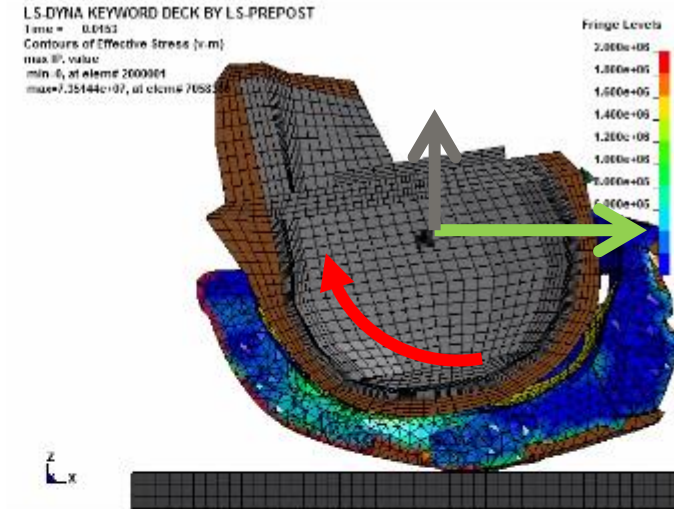
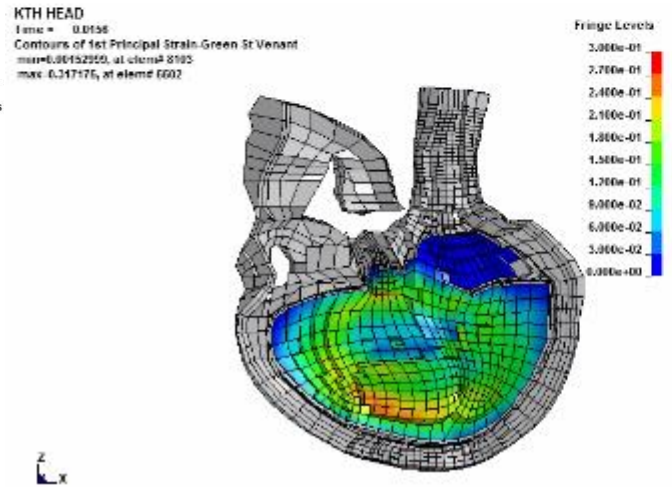
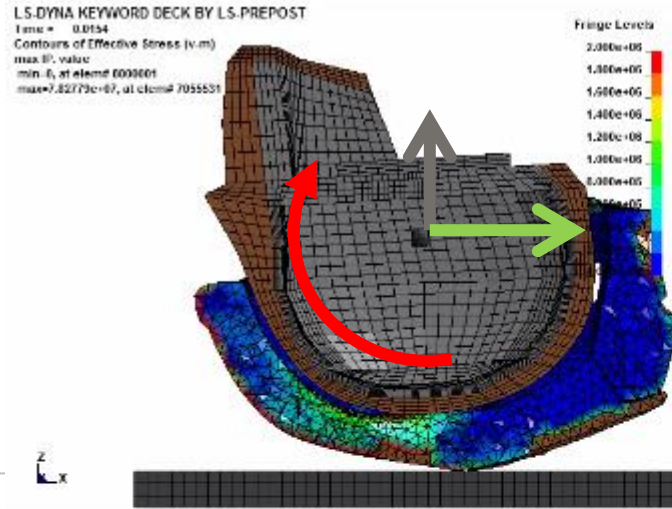
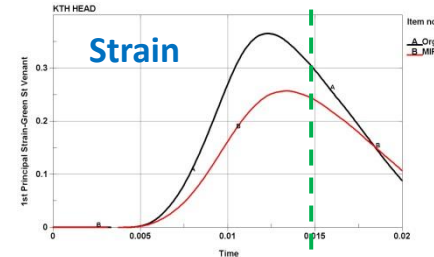
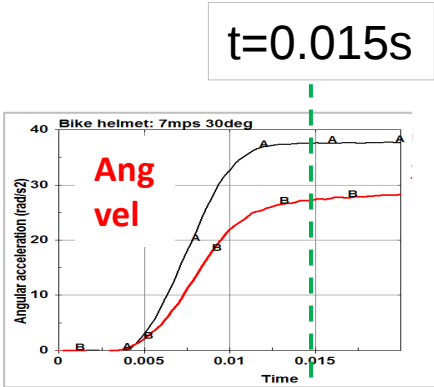
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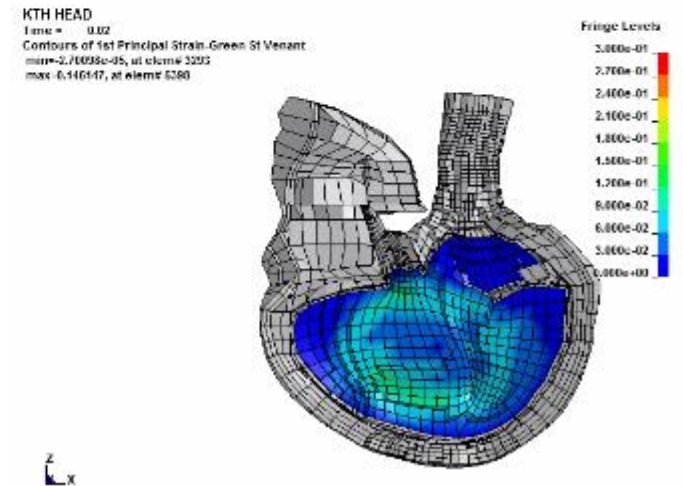
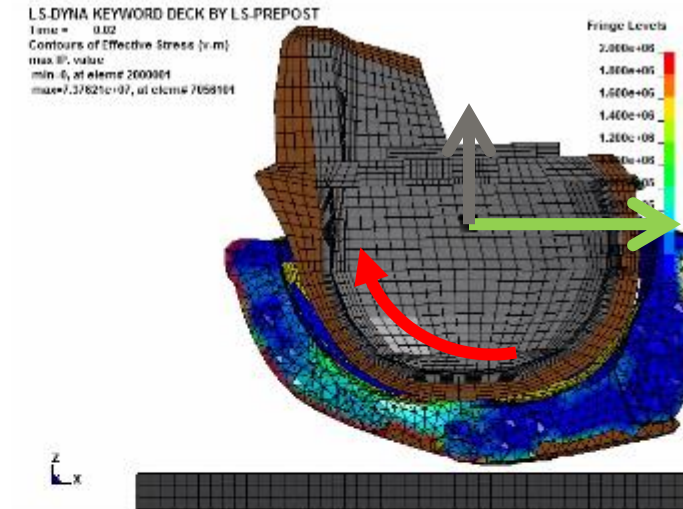
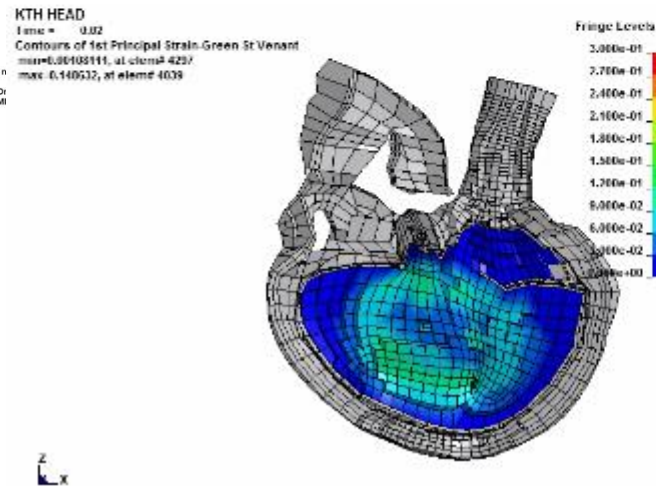
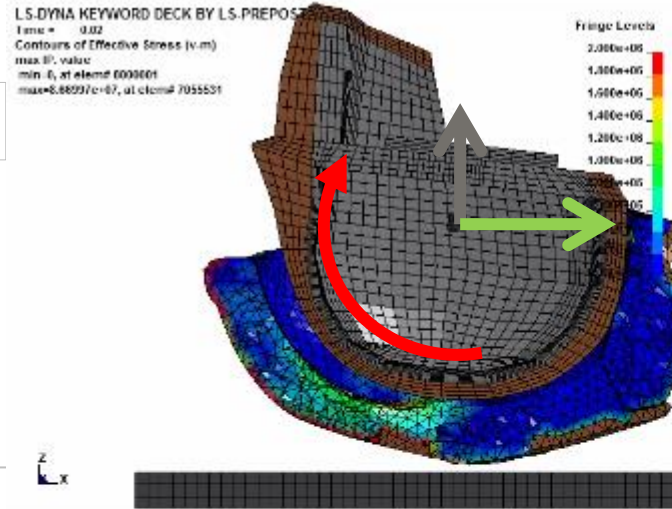
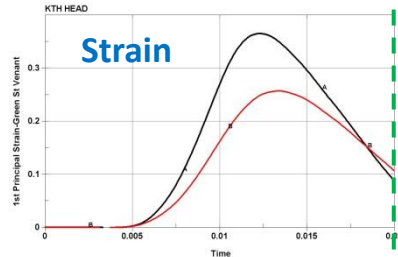
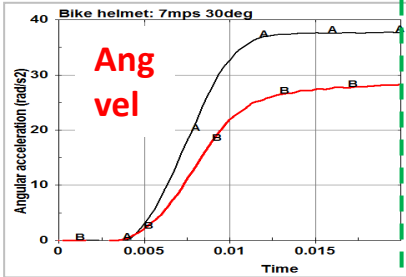


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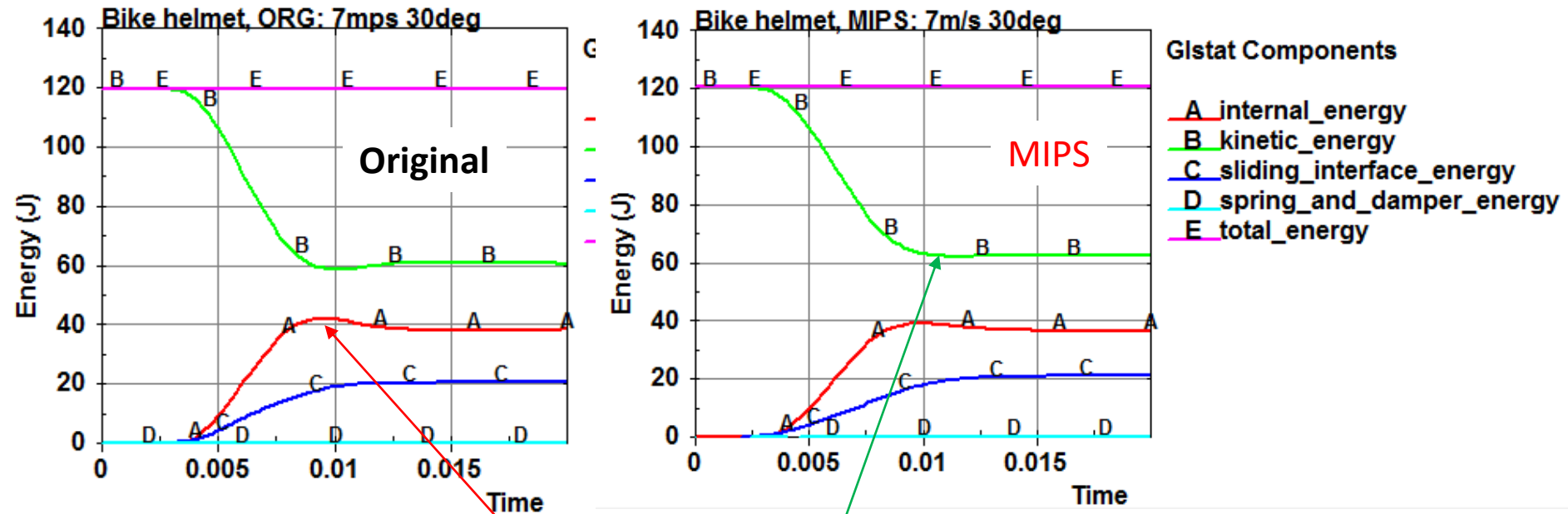
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Energy from simulations



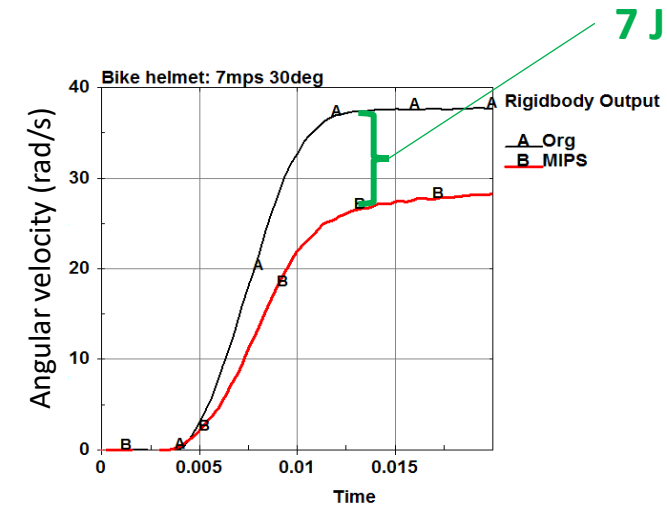
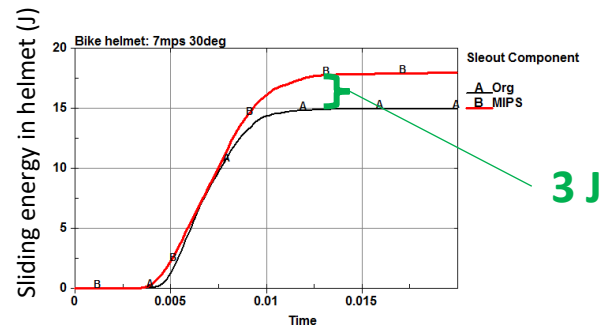
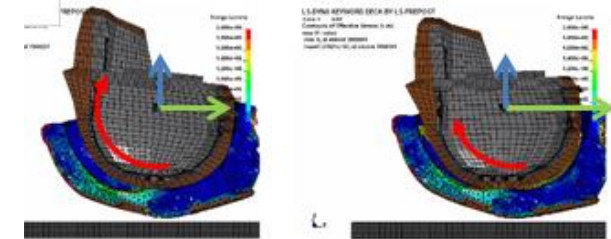
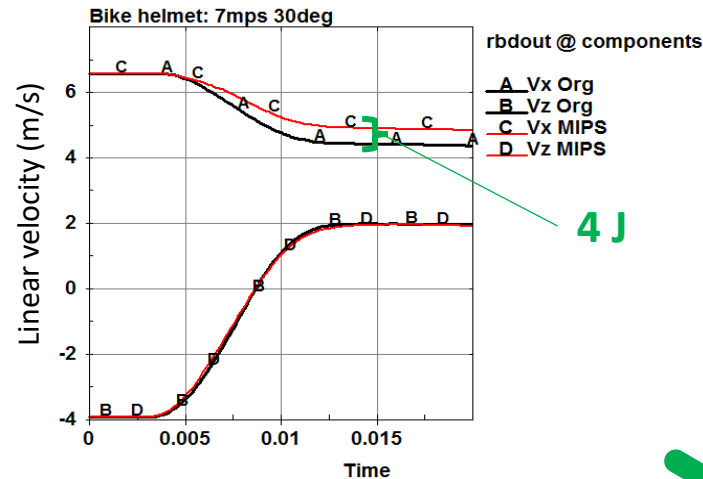
- The MIPS helmet shows higher kinetic energy after impact (X-velocity).
- The simulation with the original helmet design shows higher internal energy (EPS-liner).

Energy balance and energy dissipation in the MIPS helmet



Some of the reduced rotational energy is due to higher linear velocity in X-direction after impact.

Some of the reduced rotational energy is due to sliding energy in the helmet.



$$E_{lin} = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

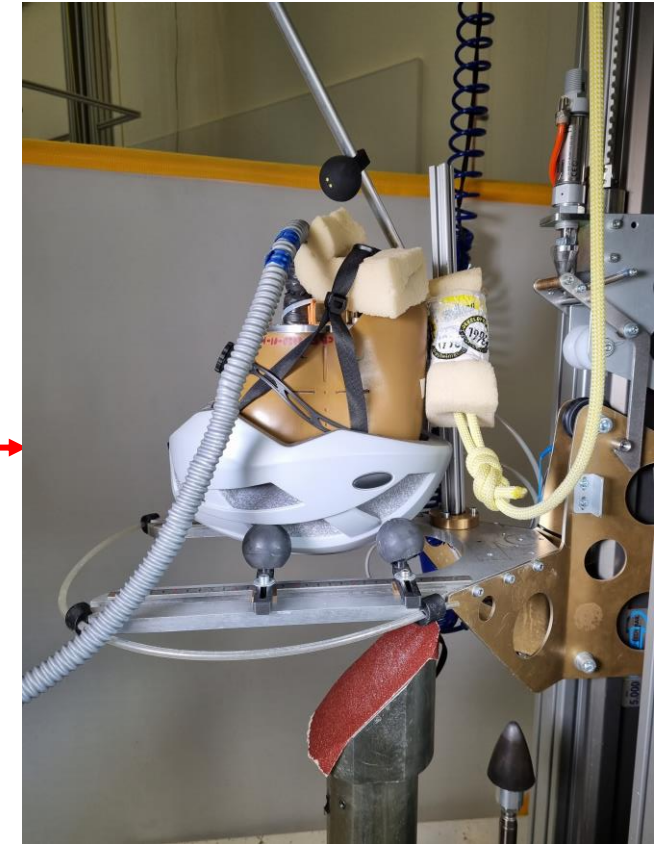
$$E_{rot} = \frac{I_{yy}\omega^2}{2}$$

- Mips introduction (What, How, Why)
- 25 years of Mips & FE
 - Energy absorption in helmets with Mips
 - **The effect of the human cervical spine in helmet testing**
 - Virtual Test Lab
 - Other projects
 - CEN TC158- New rotational test standard
 - Safety helmets and initial rotation
 - Child helmets
 - Chin bar test
 - FE Head model evaluation

How to simplify the real accident?

THE OBJECTIVES:

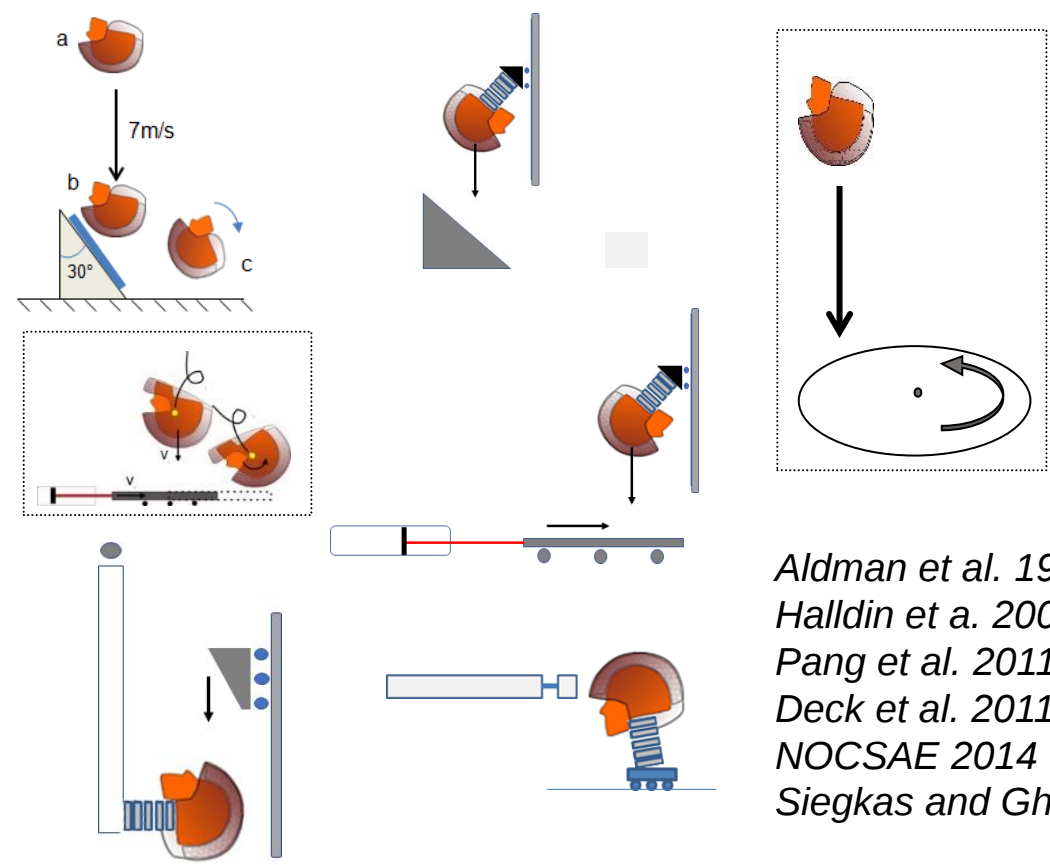
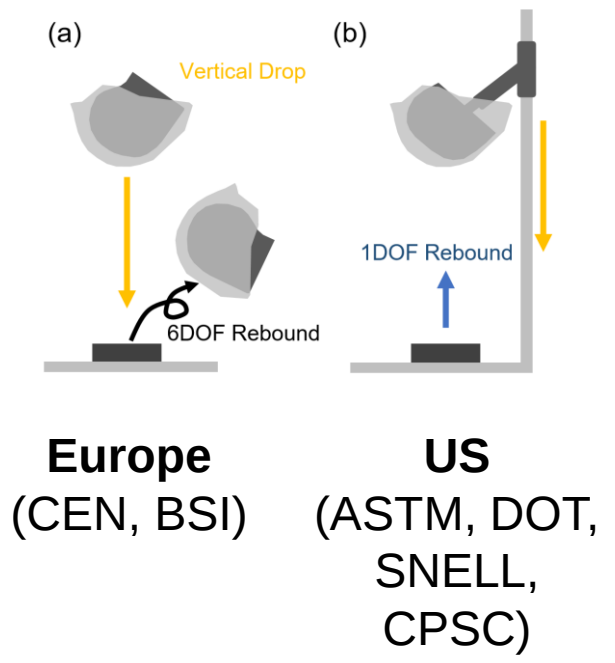
Take the real accident situation into the test laboratory and create both experimental and virtual test methods aiming towards safer helmets.



Overview of Test standards/methods for bike, snow, Moto

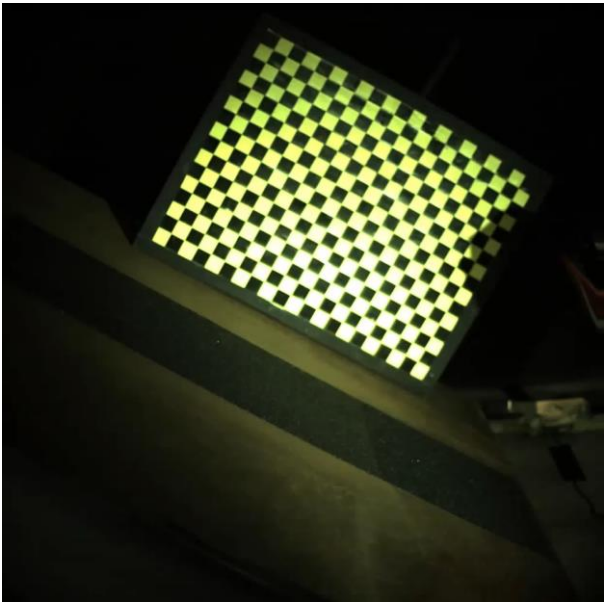
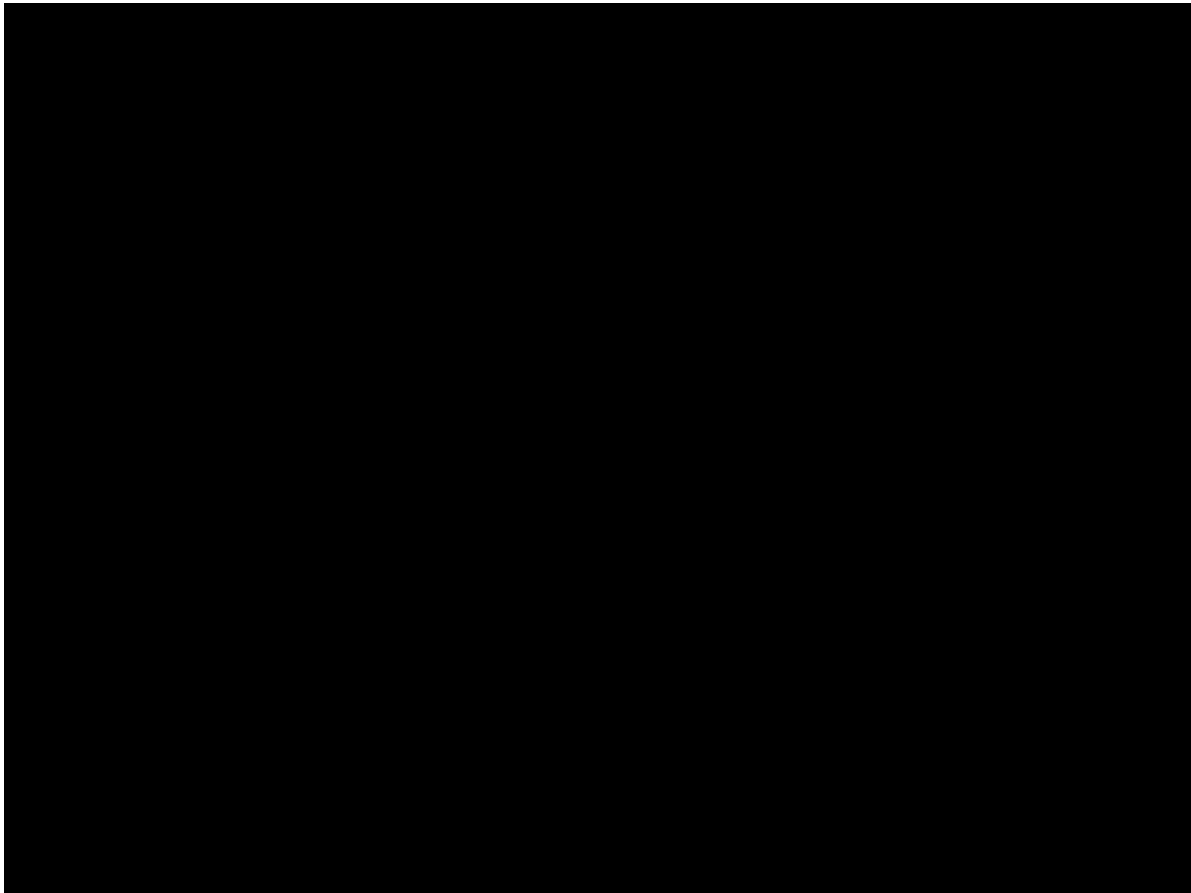
Potential oblique test methods

Current test standards



Aldman et al. 1976
Halldin et al. 2001
Pang et al. 2011
Deck et al. 2011
NOCSAE 2014
Sieckas and Ghajari 2017

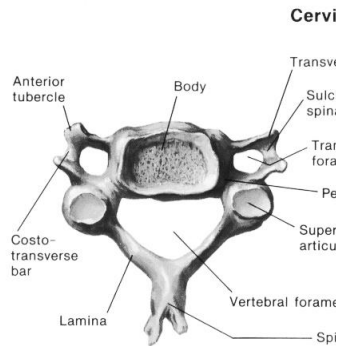
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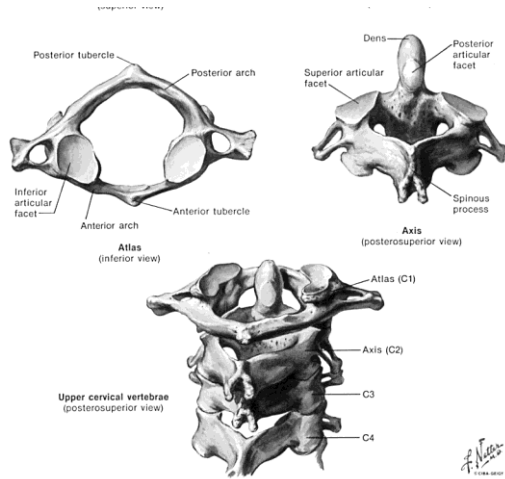
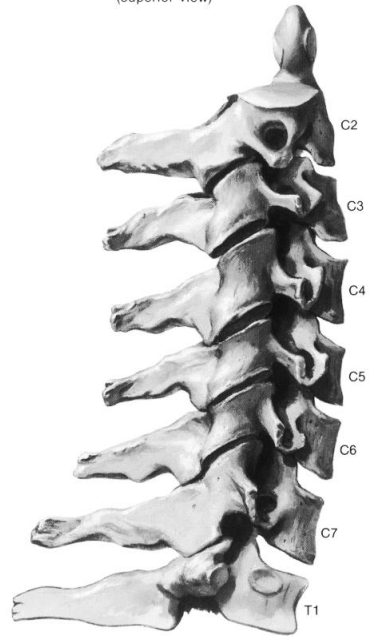
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The Influence of the neck

Anatomy of the cervical spine

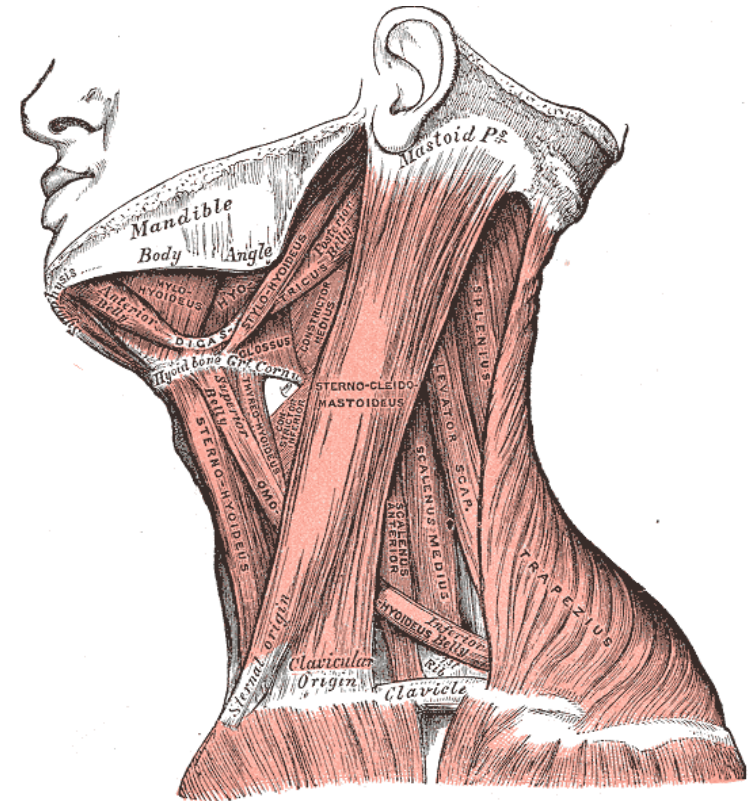


4th cervical vertebra (superior view)

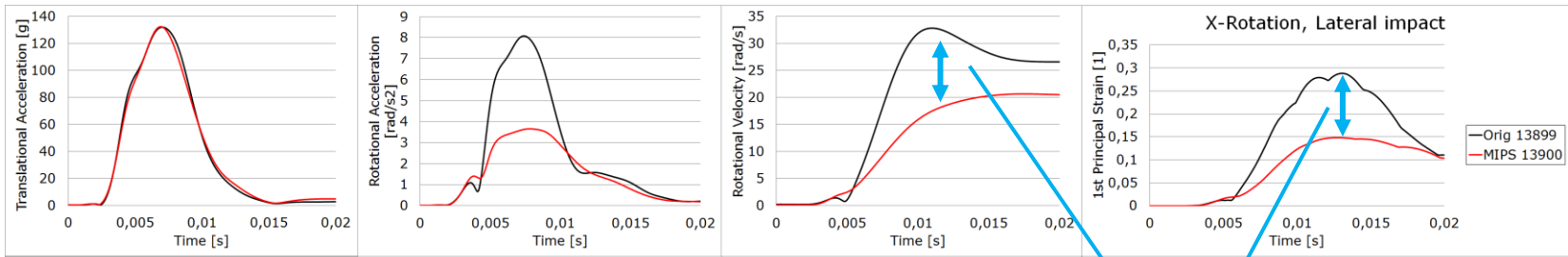


2nd cervical to 1st thoracic vertebrae (right lateral view)

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Example of mips function in x-rotation

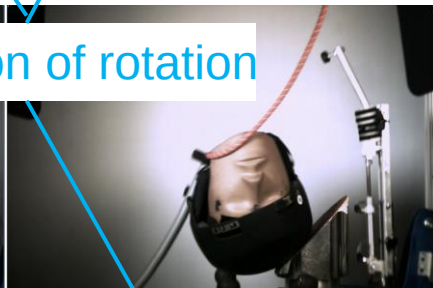
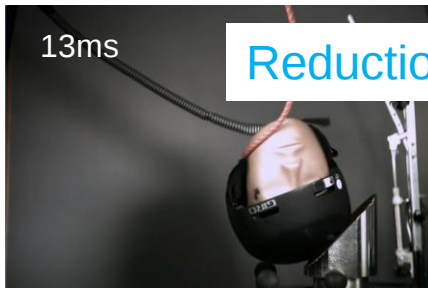
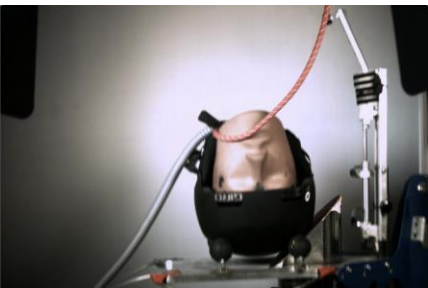
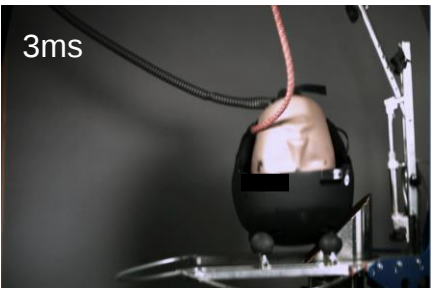


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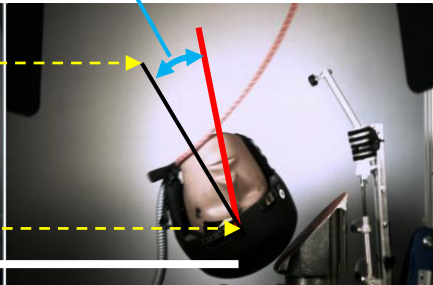
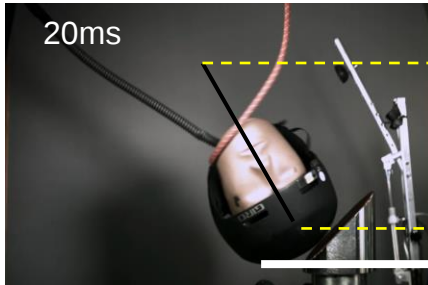
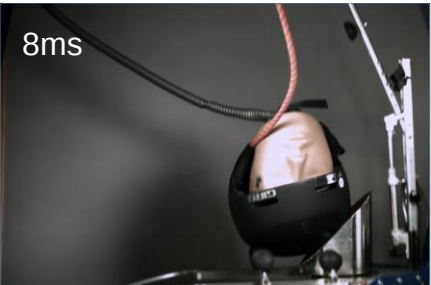
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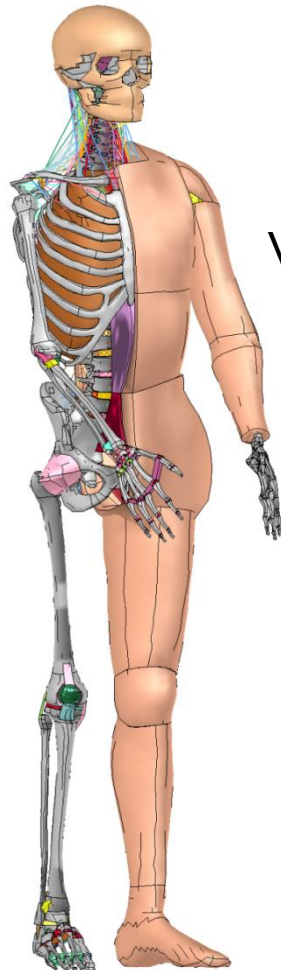


Head only v.s. complete body

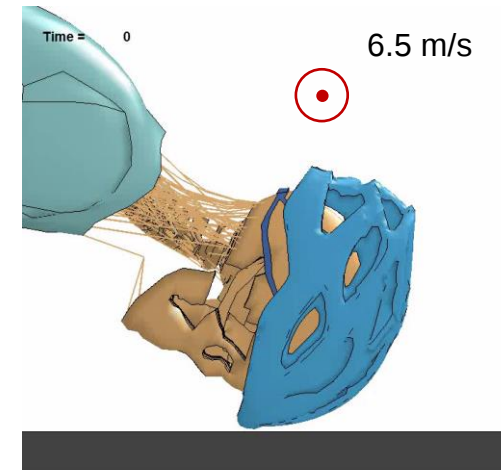
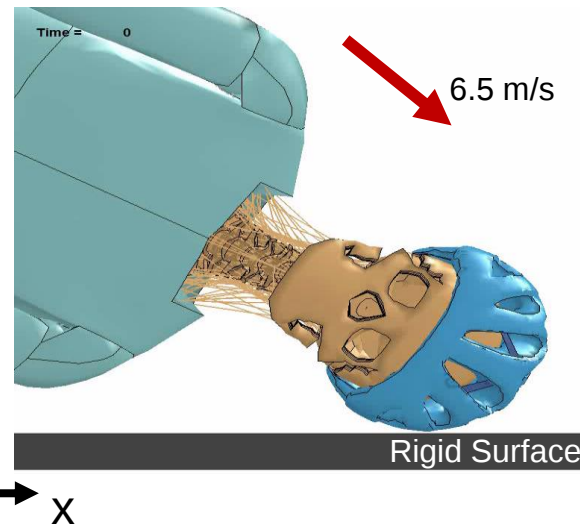
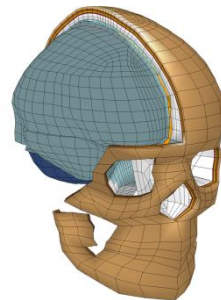
Cyclists Accident

Fall over Handlebars

Side fall



VS

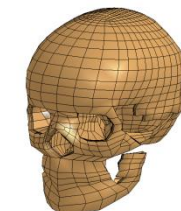


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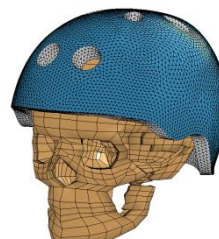
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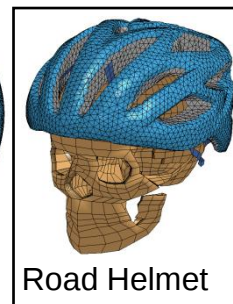
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No Helmet



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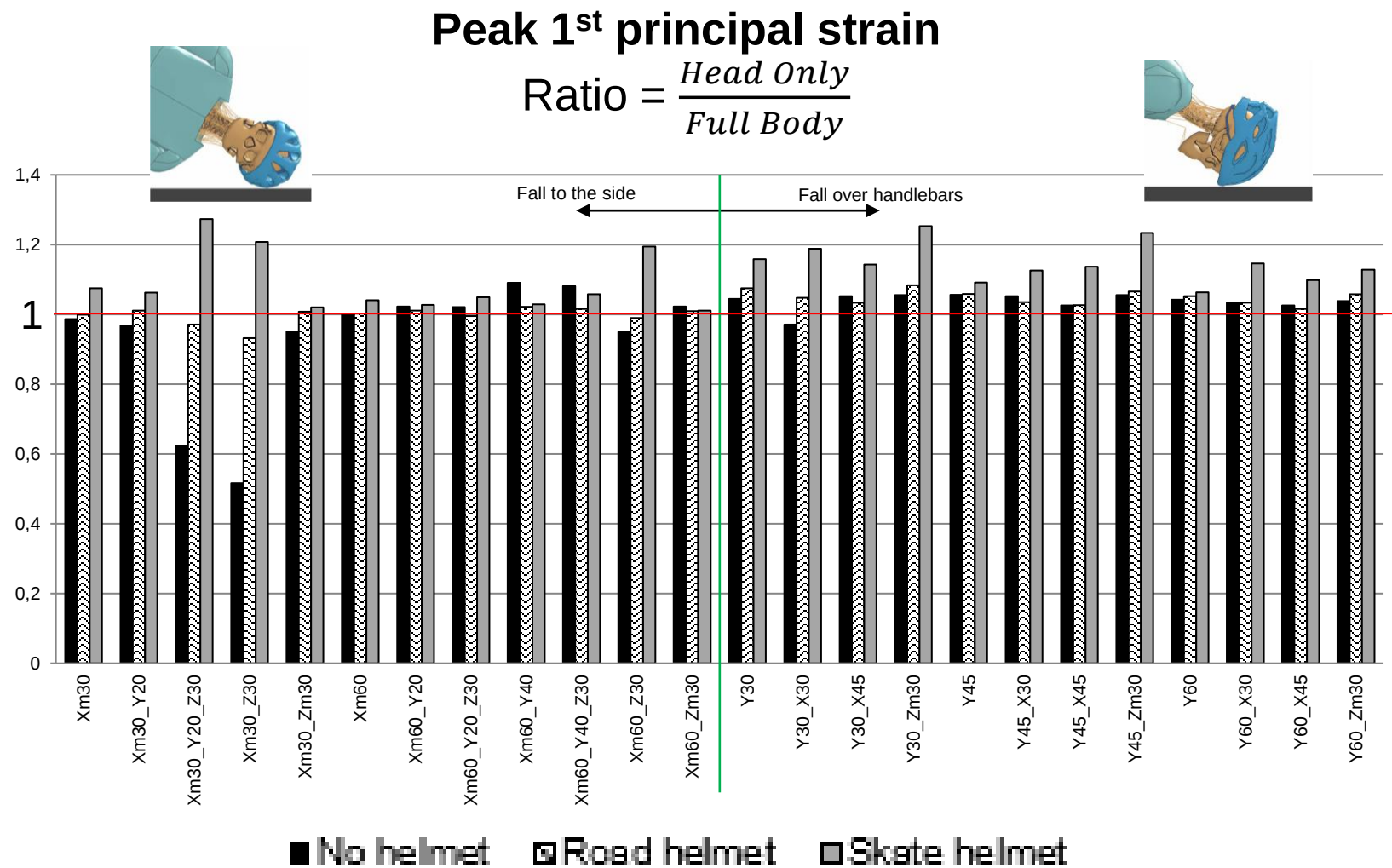


Road Helmet

(Fahlsted et al 2015, IRCOBI)

Head only v.s. complete body

Results

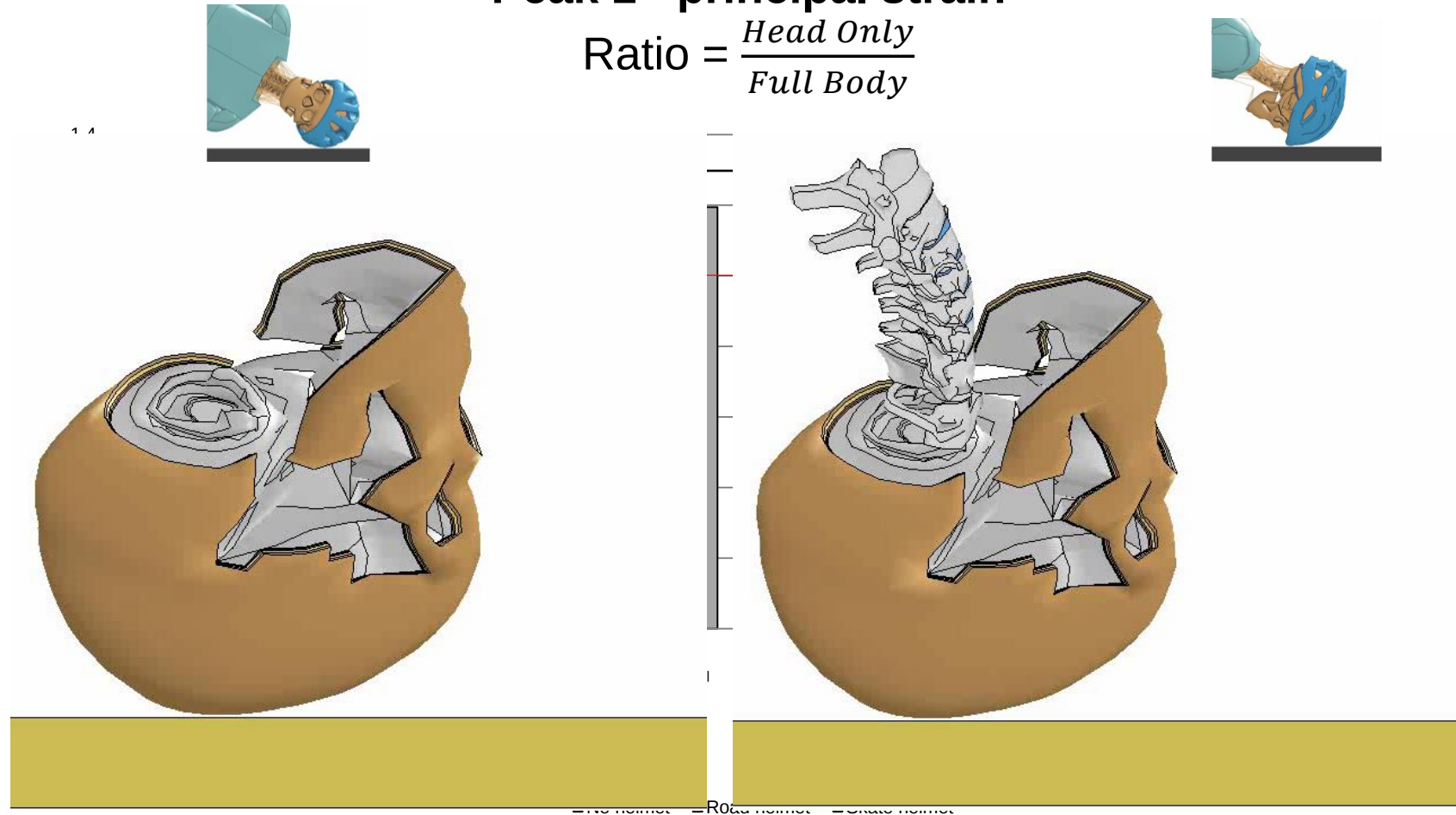


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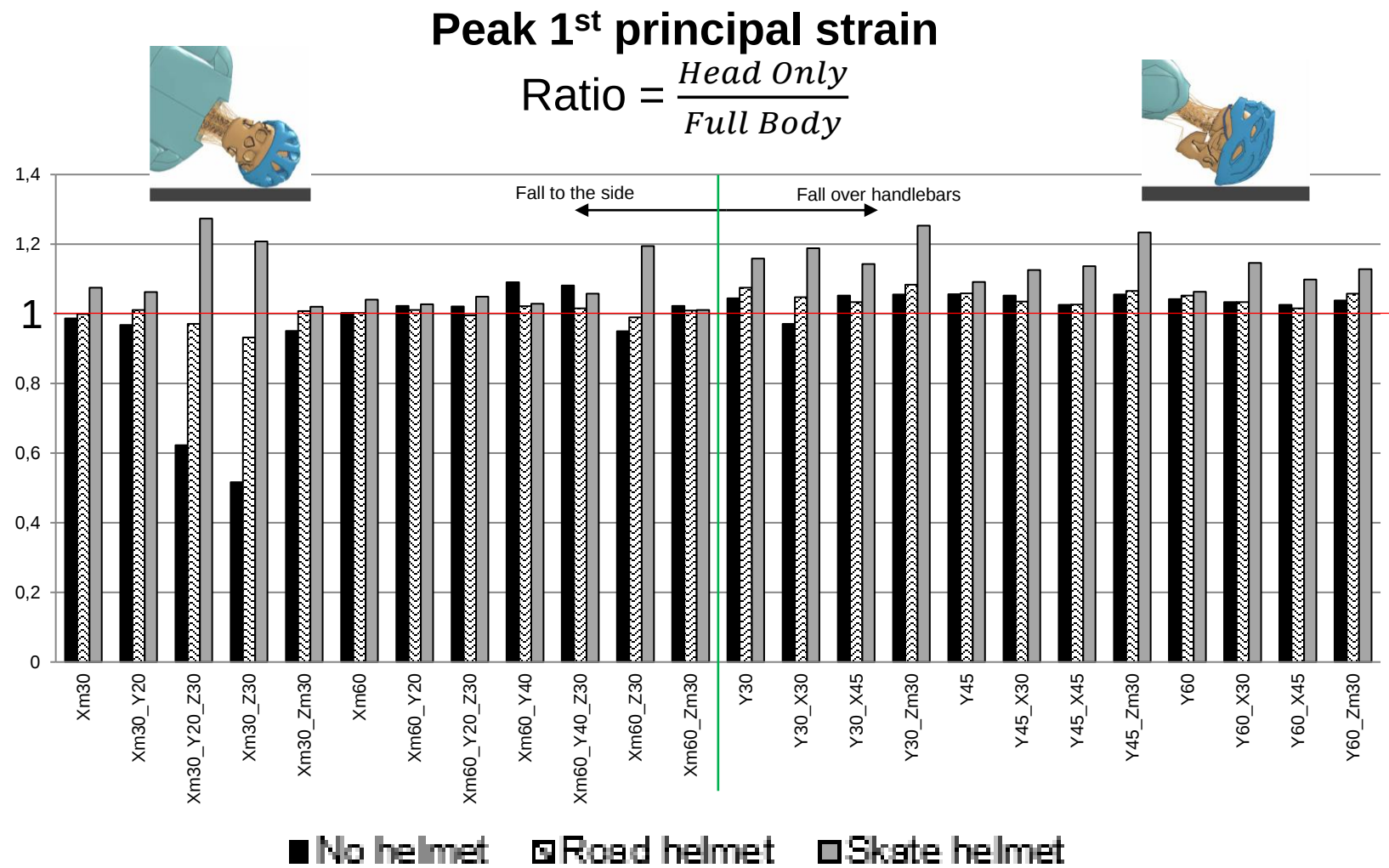
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$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Head Only}}{\text{Full Body}}$$



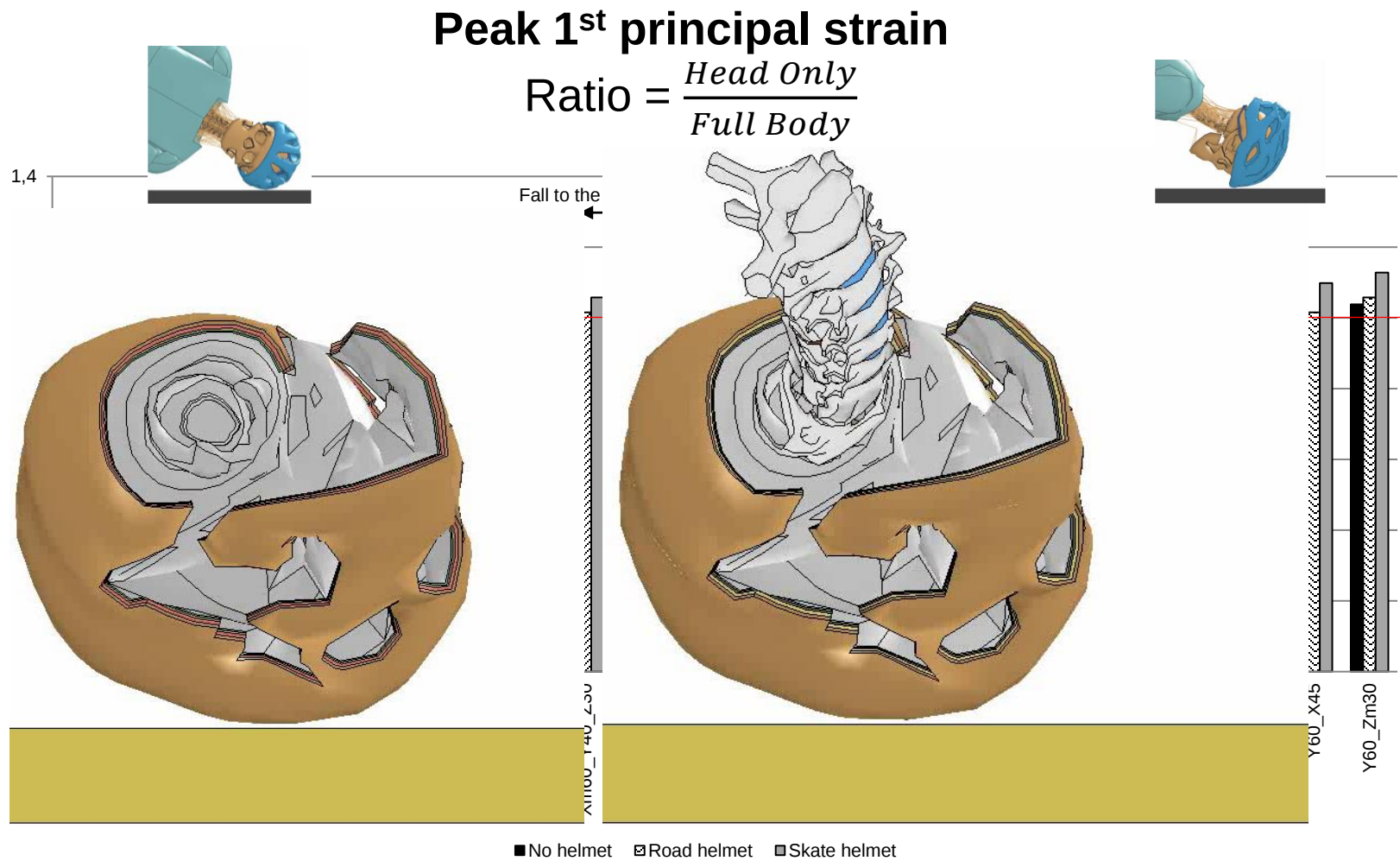
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The Hybrid III neck



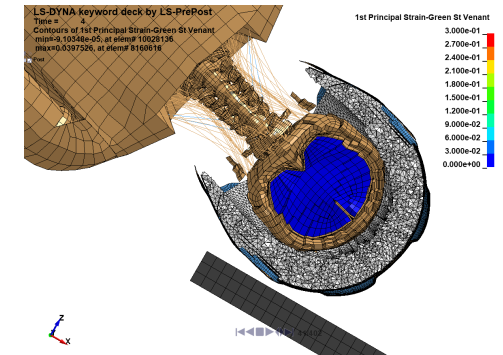
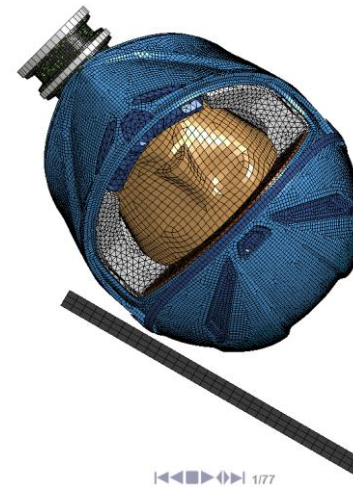
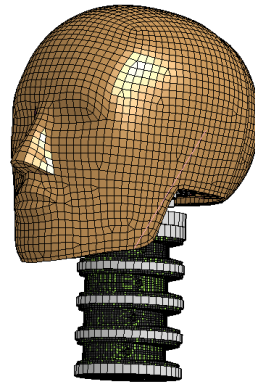
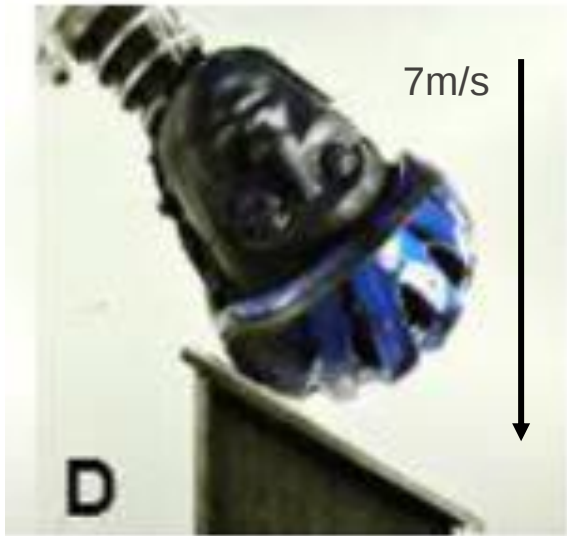
Siegekas and Ghajari 2017



NOCSAE

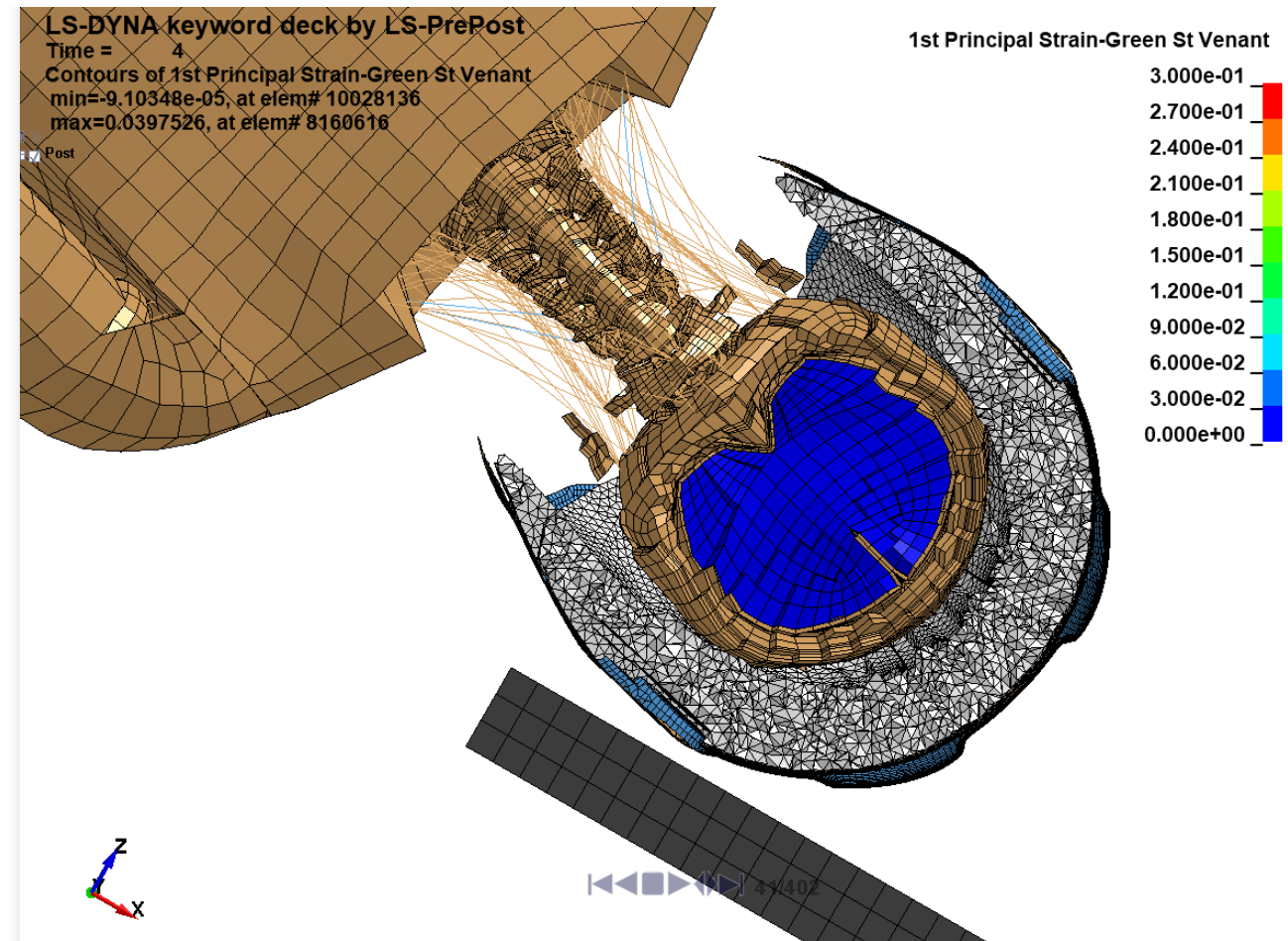
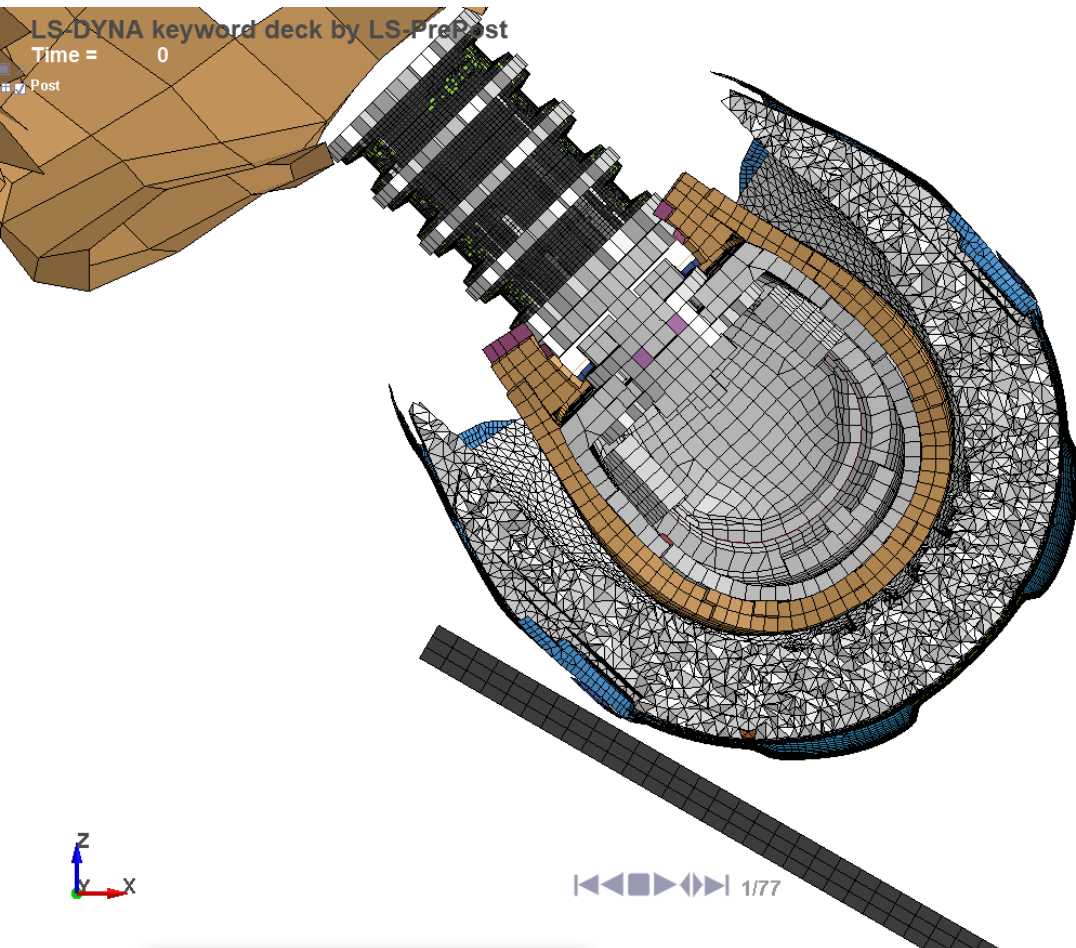


Using the HIII neck in helmet testing ?

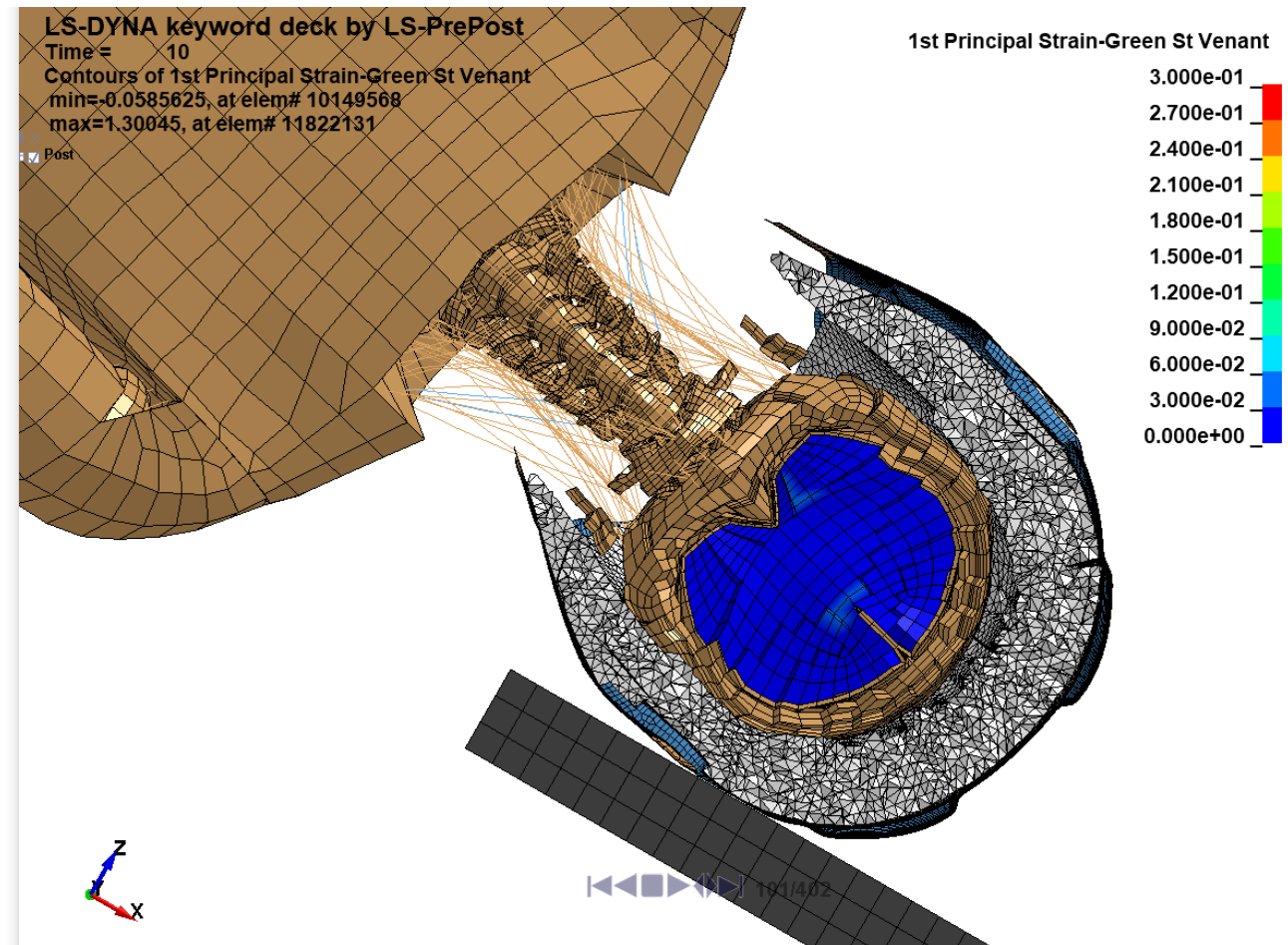
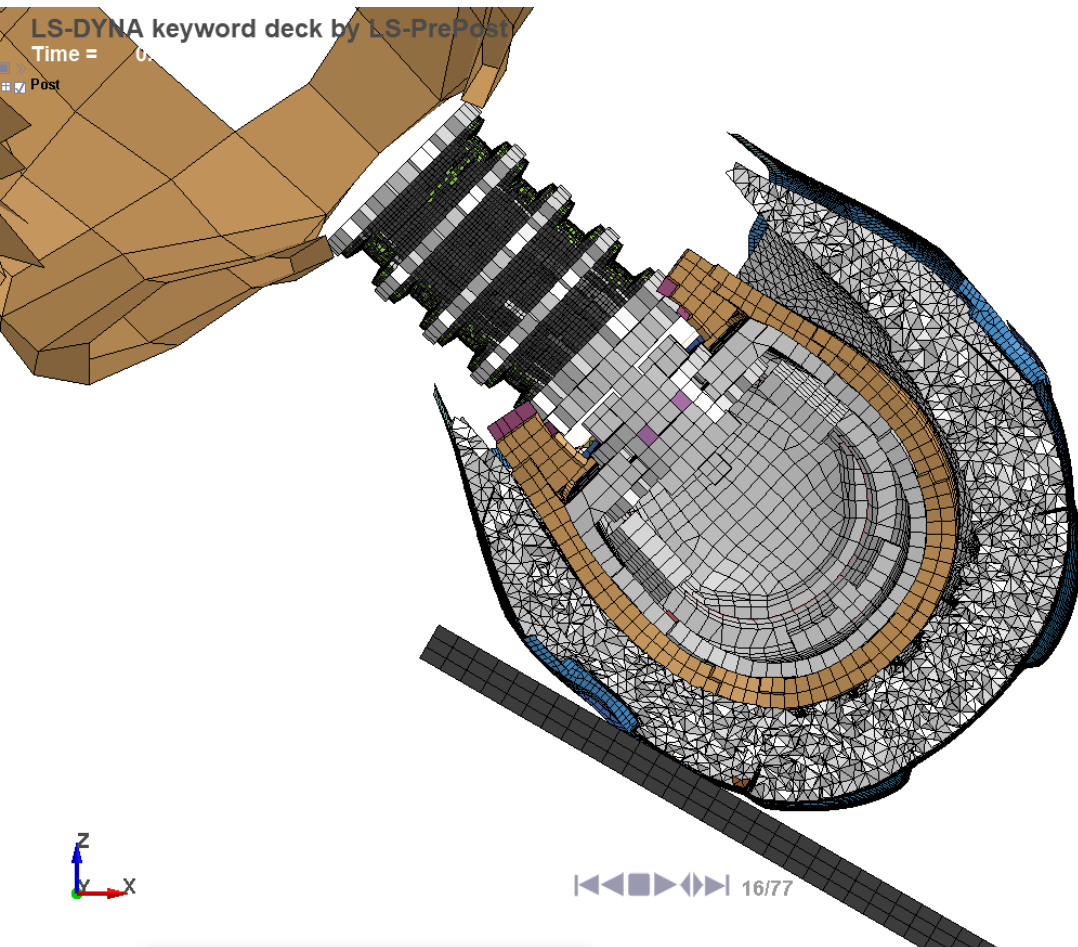


Bland et al. 2018

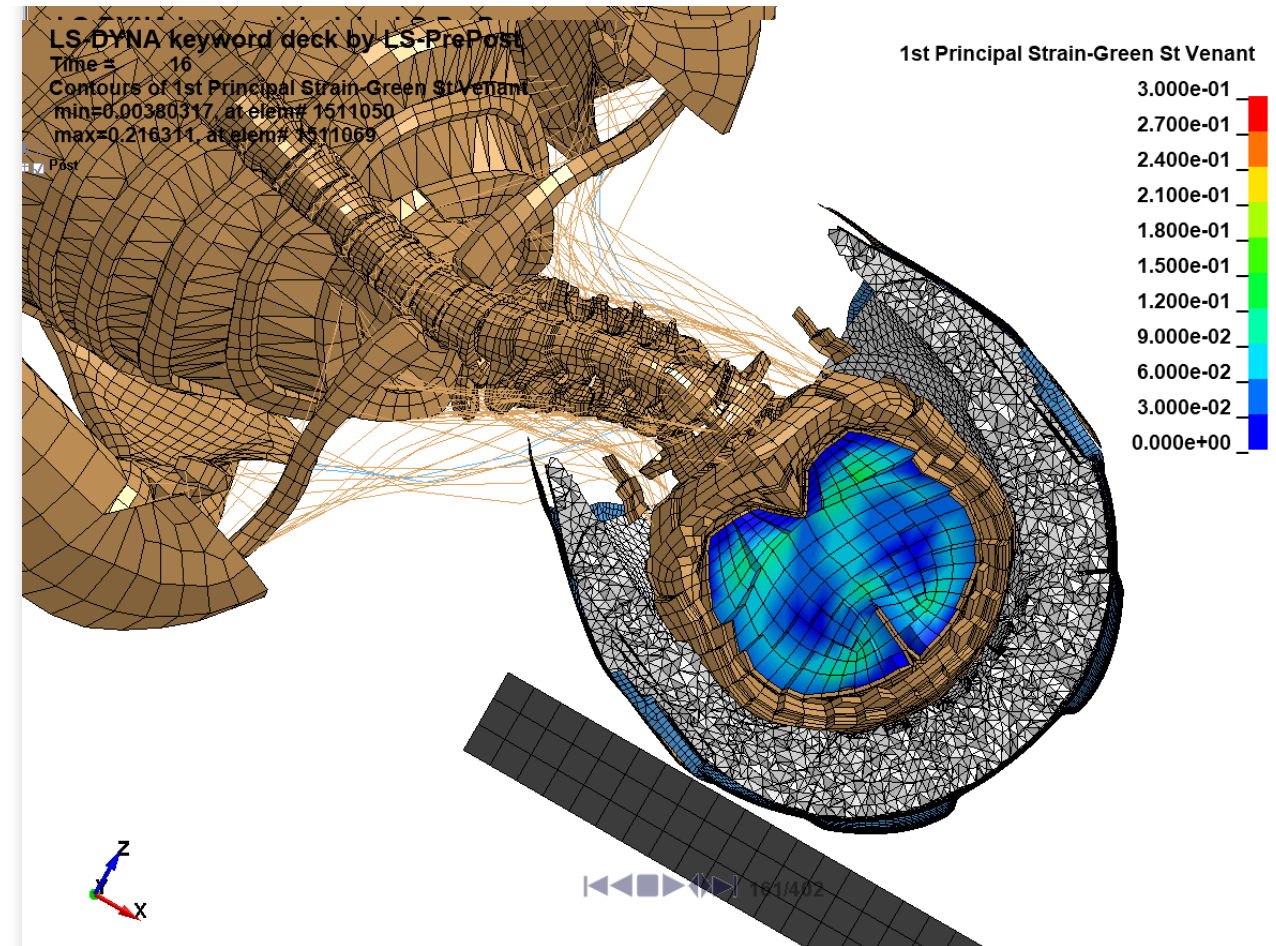
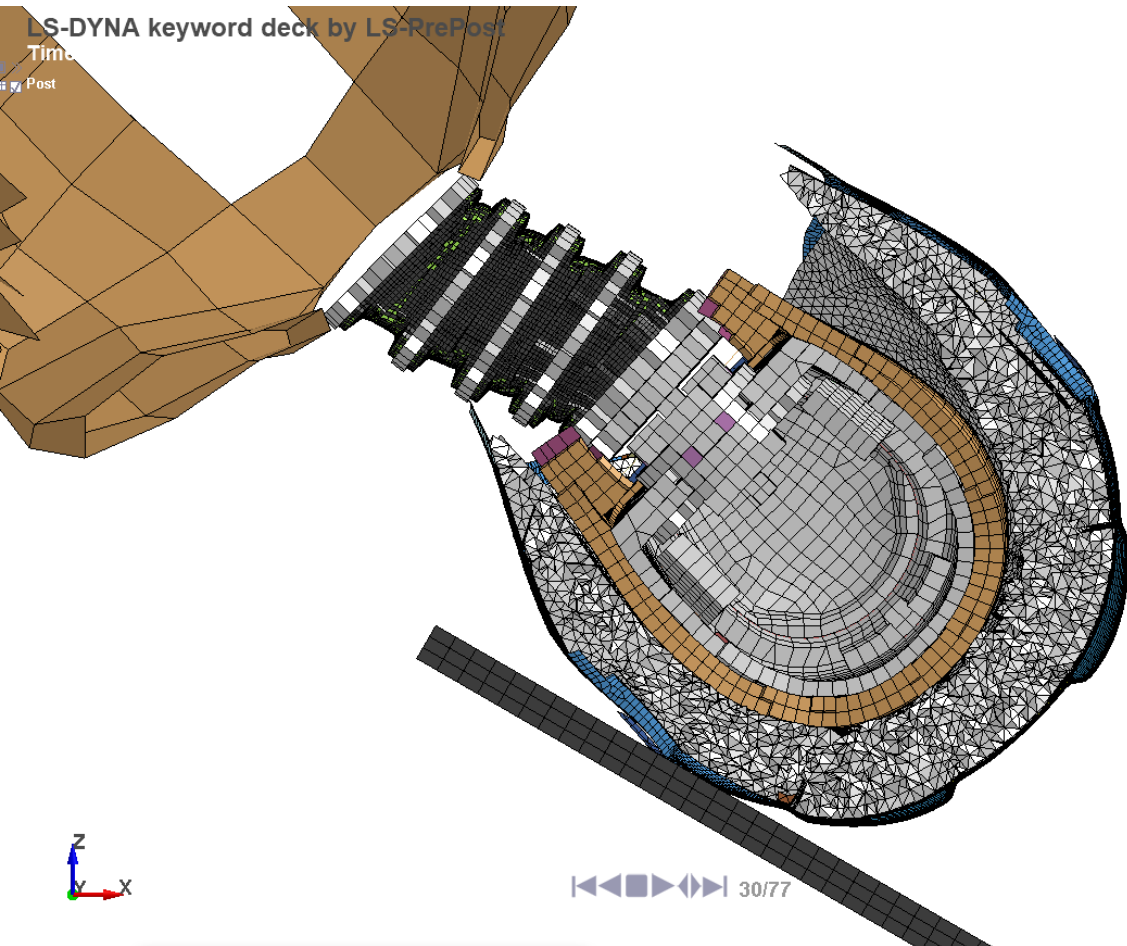
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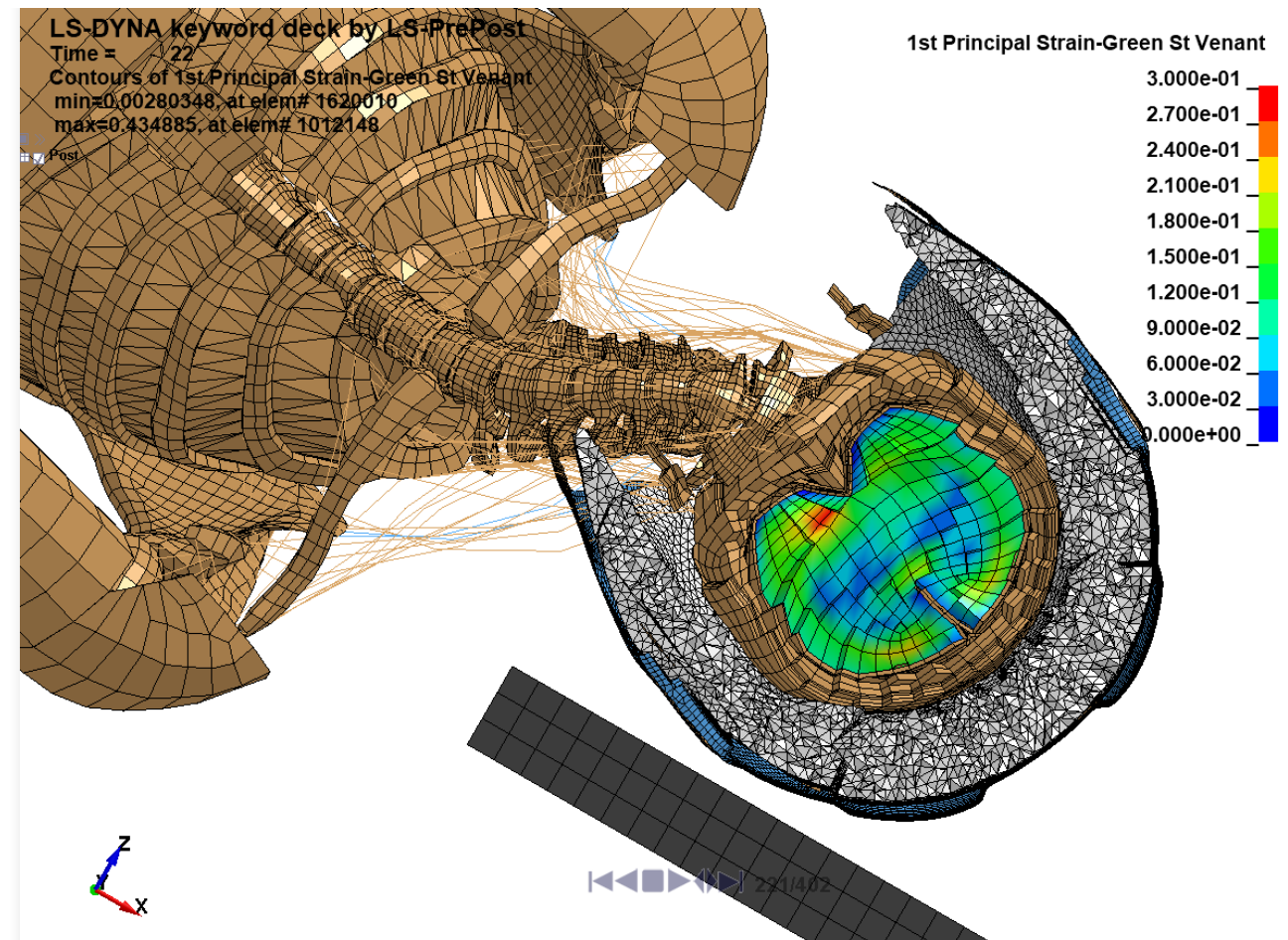
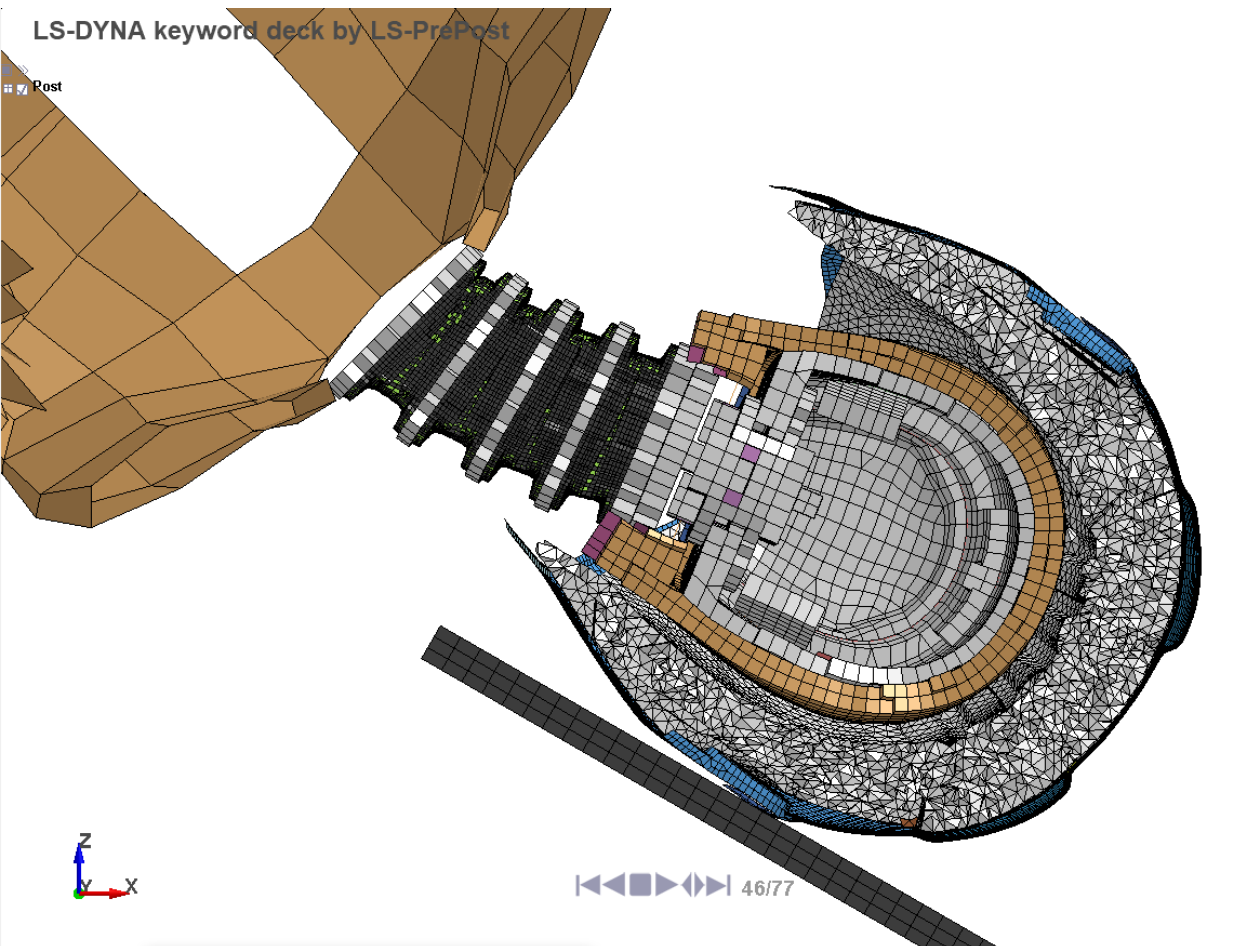
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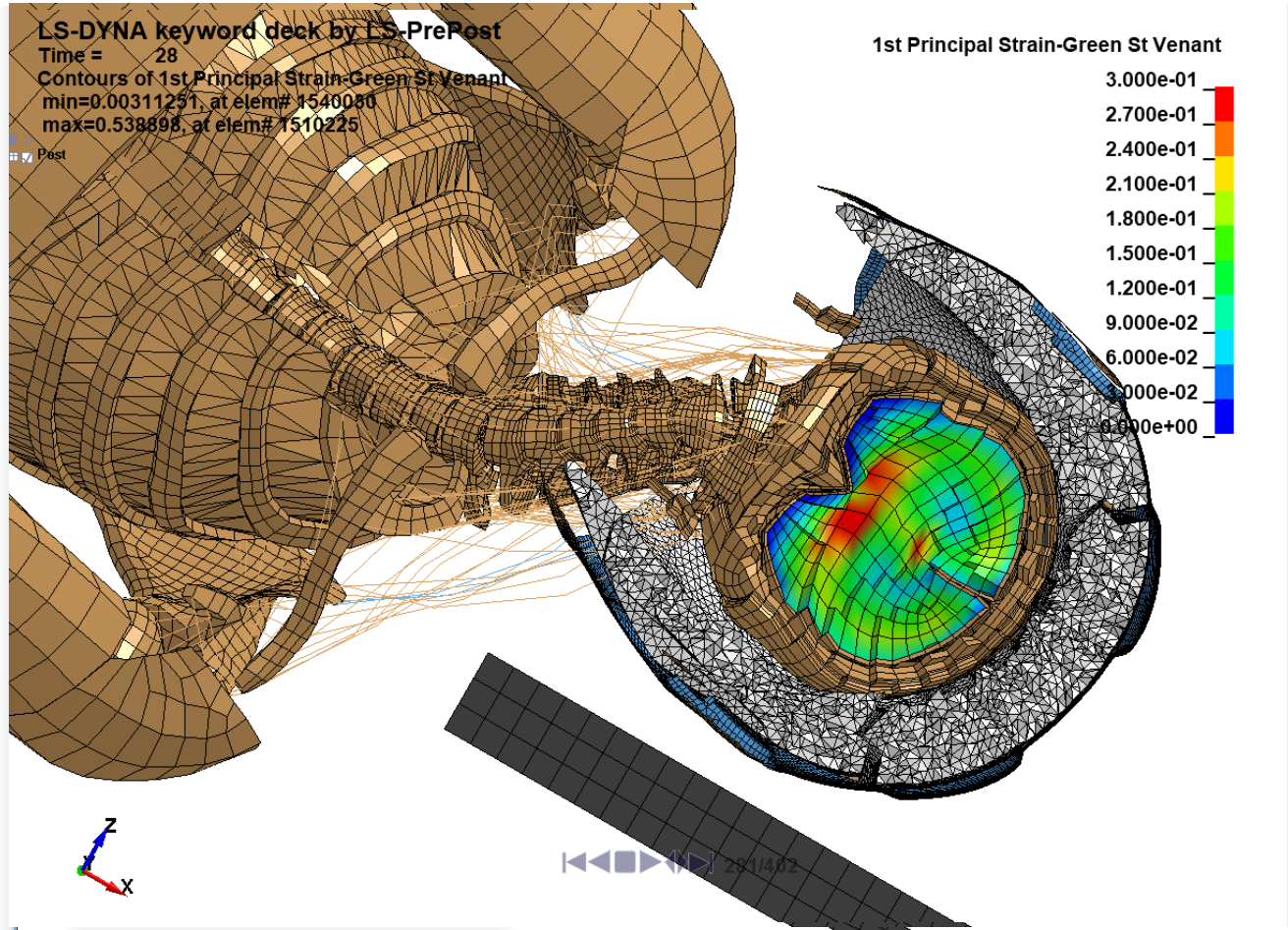
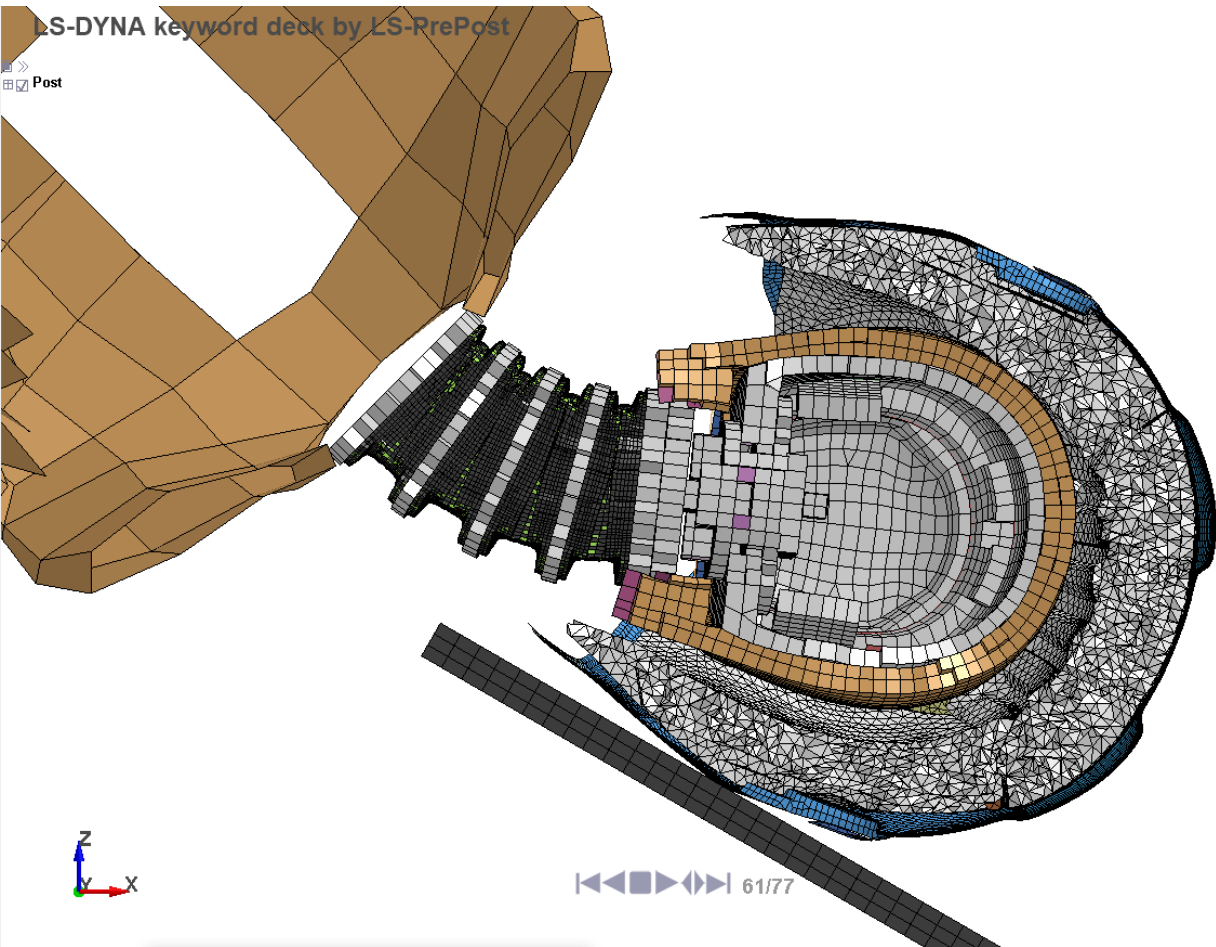
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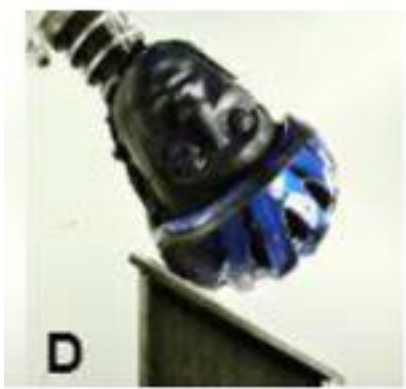
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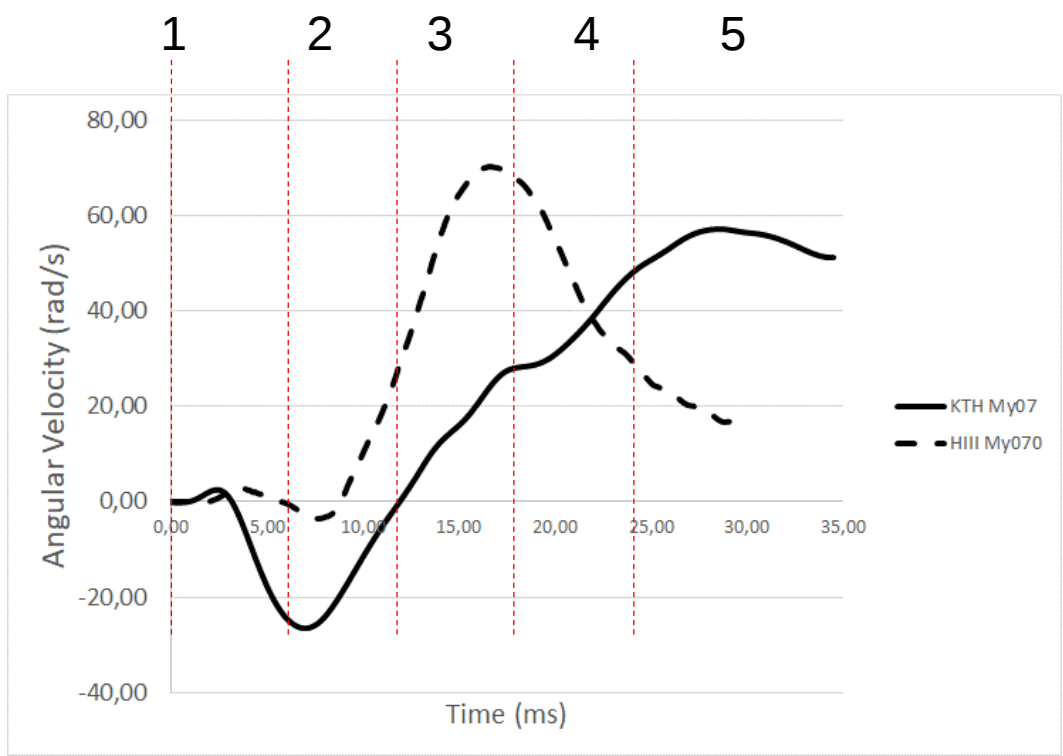
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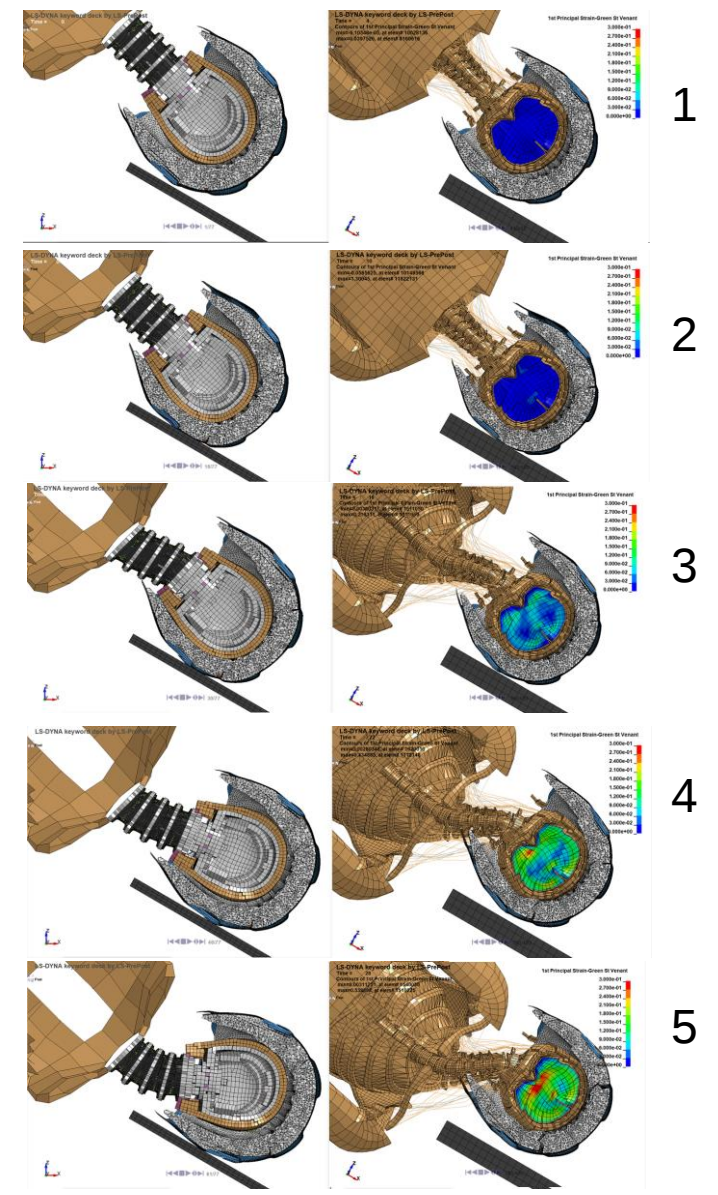
HUMAN NECK v.s. HIII NECK



Bland et al. 2018

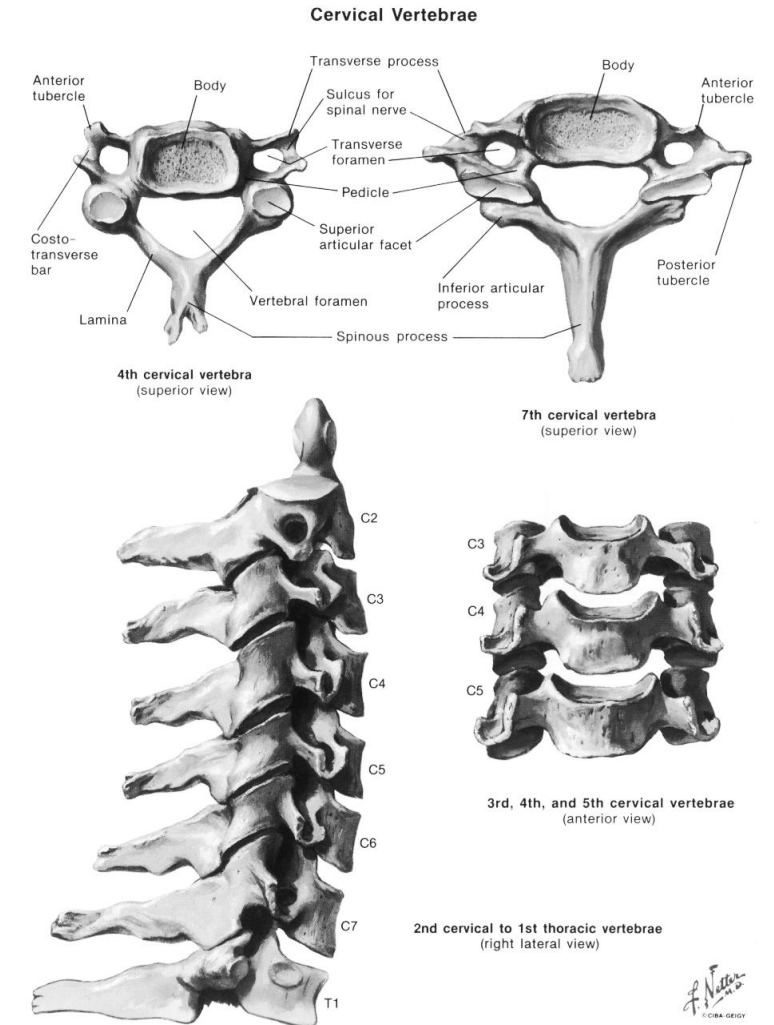


The HIII neck are stiffer than the KTH neck



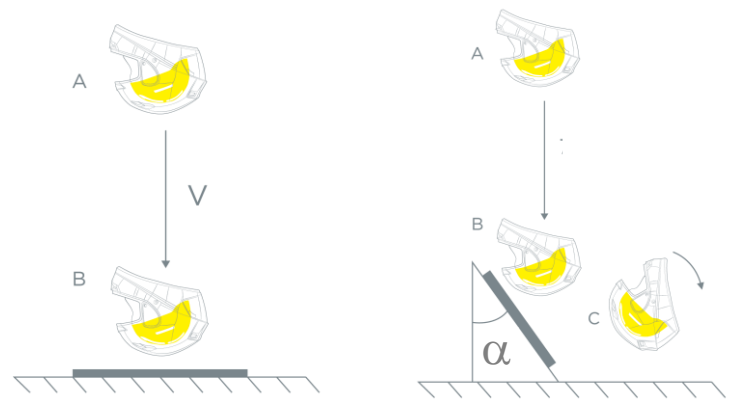
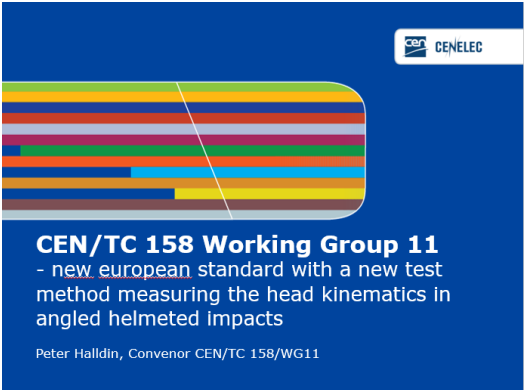
Simplification – No neck

- The neck affect the boundary condition for the head in general
- However, the influence of the neck is small for short duration impacts
- The existing HIII neck is however not the perfect substitute
- It is therefore concluded not to use a neck (today)



ONGOING WORK TOWARDS A NEW SPORT AND MOTORCYCLE HELMET TEST METHOD

- Bike, Ski and EQ: **CEN TC158** (EU) New rotational test method.
- Motorcycle: **FIM** (Federation Internationale de Motorcyclisme)
- **ECE22.06** (Started the work to add rotation into the European test standard)
- Bike: **Virginia Tech** (New rating methods including tangential impacts)

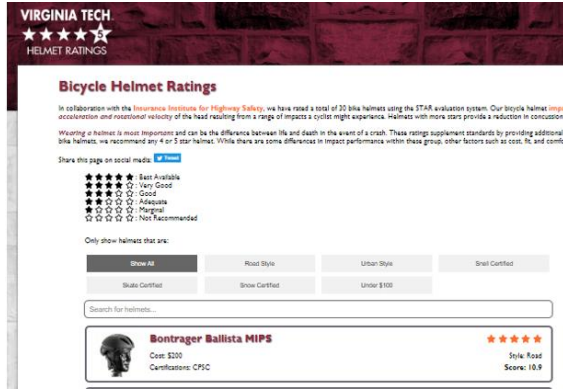
CEN/TC 158 Working Group 11
- new european standard with a new test method measuring the head kinematics in angled helmeted impacts

Peter Hallidin, Convenor CEN/TC 158/WG11



FIM HELMET CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (FHCP)

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VIRGINIA TECH HELMET RATINGS

Bicycle Helmet Ratings

In collaboration with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, we have rated a total of 30 bicycle helmets using the STAR evaluation system. Our bicycle helmet impact acceleration and rotational velocity of the head resulting from a range of impacts a cyclist might experience. Helmets with more stars provide a reduction in concussion risk. Wearing a helmet is most important and can be the difference between life and death in the event of a crash. These ratings supplement standards by providing additional information. While there are some differences in impact performance within these groups, other factors such as cost, fit, and comfort.

Store this page on social media: [Facebook](#)

Only show helmets that are:

Show All	Road Style	Urban Style	Snell Certified
Skate Certified	Show Certified	Under \$100	

Search for helmets...

Bontrager Ballista MIPS ★★★★★

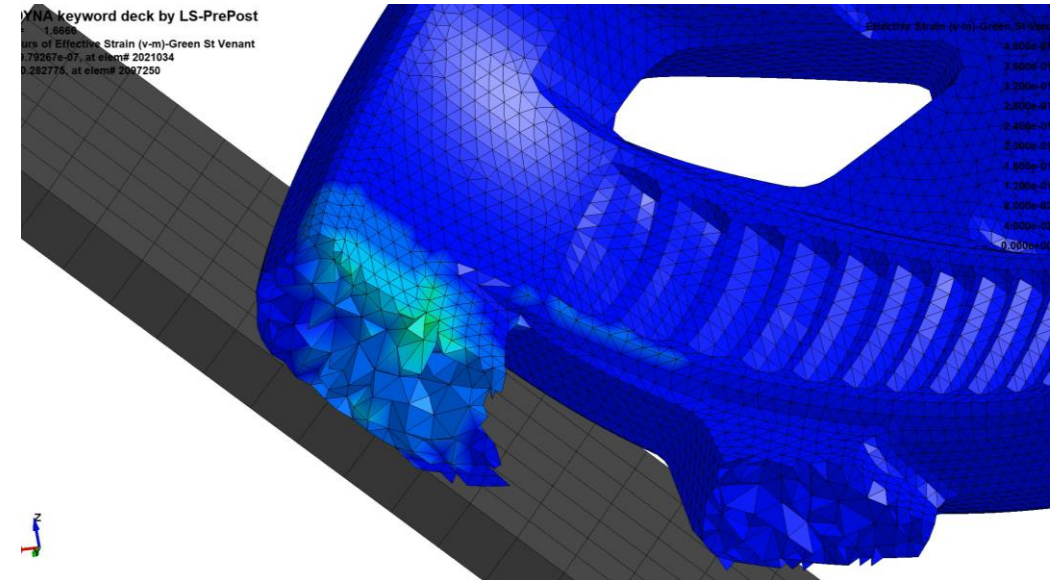
Cost: \$220
Certification: CPSC

Stole Road Score: 10.9

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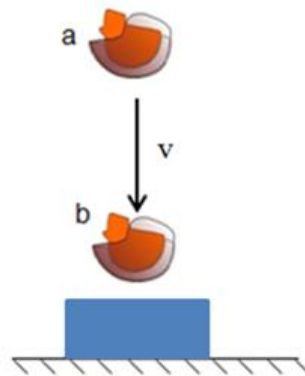
Virtual Test Lab



How to design a helmet - Basic course I



Current test methods



< 250G = Pass

Table 13.3 Design requirement for cycle helmet

Function	Protective cycle helmet
Objective	Maximise energy absorption/unit volume
Constraints	Load on skull < damage-load

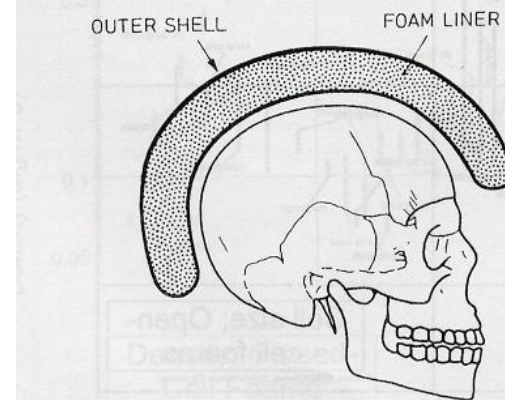
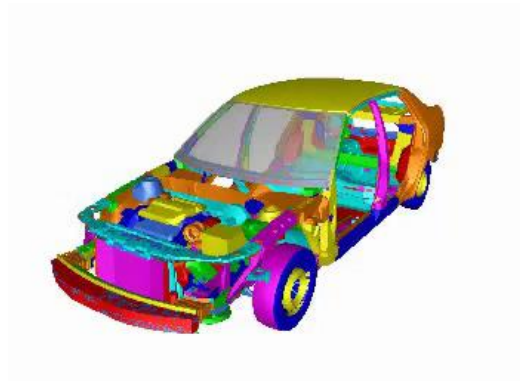
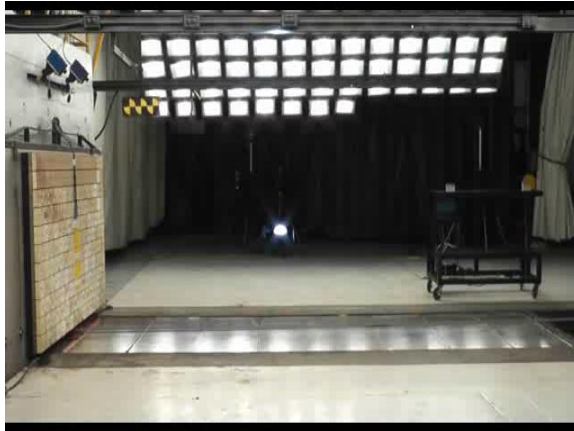


Figure 13.9 A cycle helmet. The liner must absorb as much energy per unit volume as possible without allowing the force on the skull to reach a damaging level.

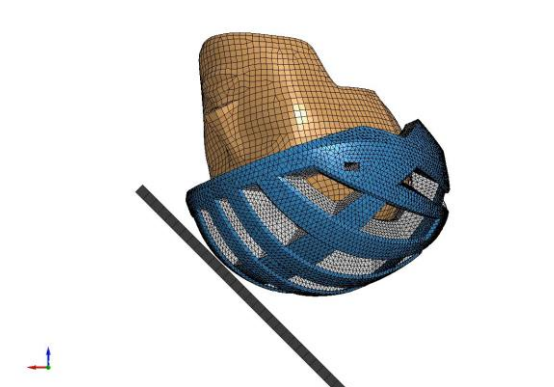
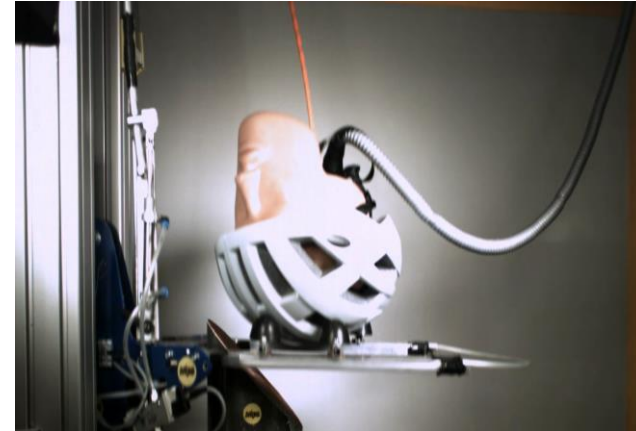
Picture from Gibson and Ashby 1999

Virtual testing of safety

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY 1995

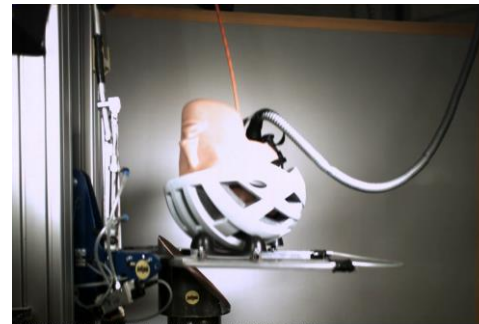
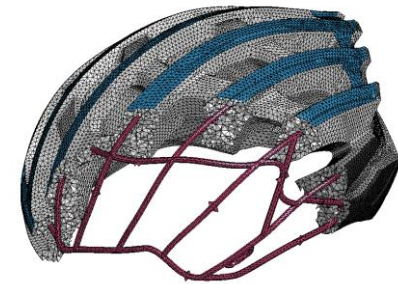


HELMET INDUSTRY 30 YEARS BEHIND



Why is there a need for VTL today and why have no one done it?

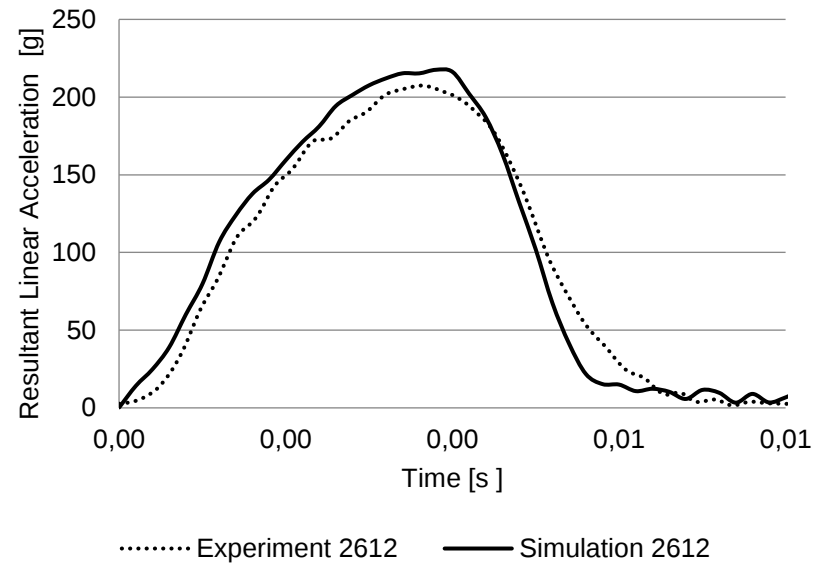
- More sophisticated helmet designs than just 20mm of EPS and an ABS shell
- More advanced test methods and standards to meet
- Helmet industry 30 years behind automotive industry



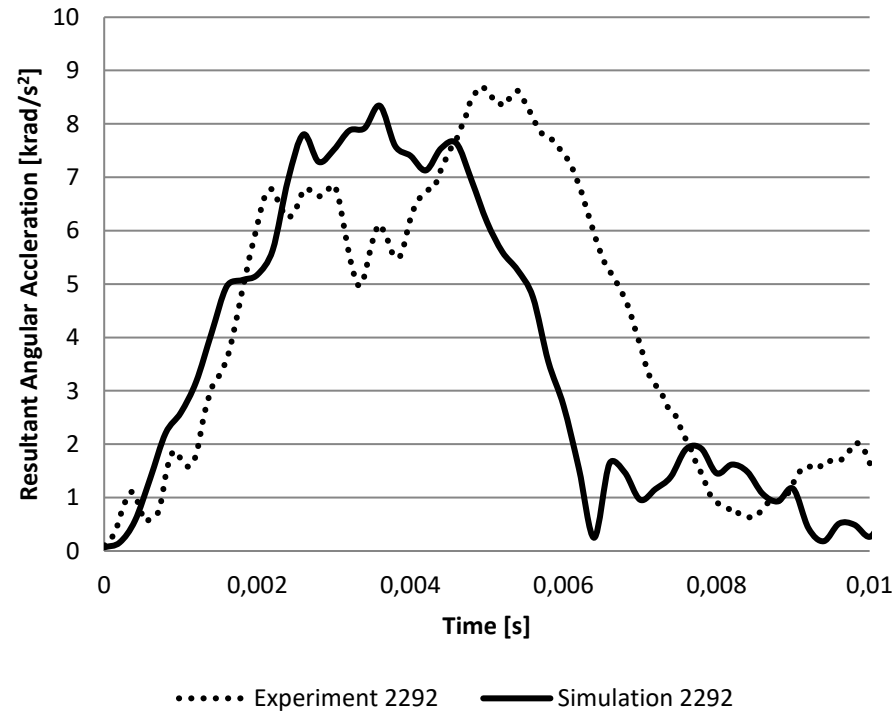
How difficult can it be ?



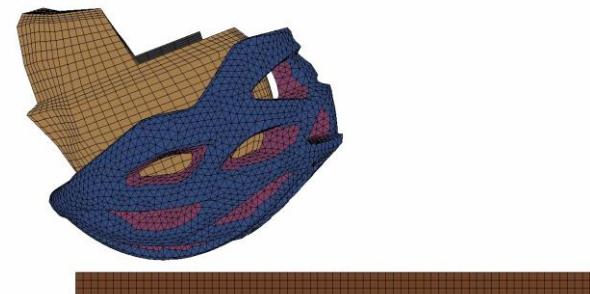
Helmet Validation 2010 – Radial Impact



Helmet Validation 2010 – Oblique Impact



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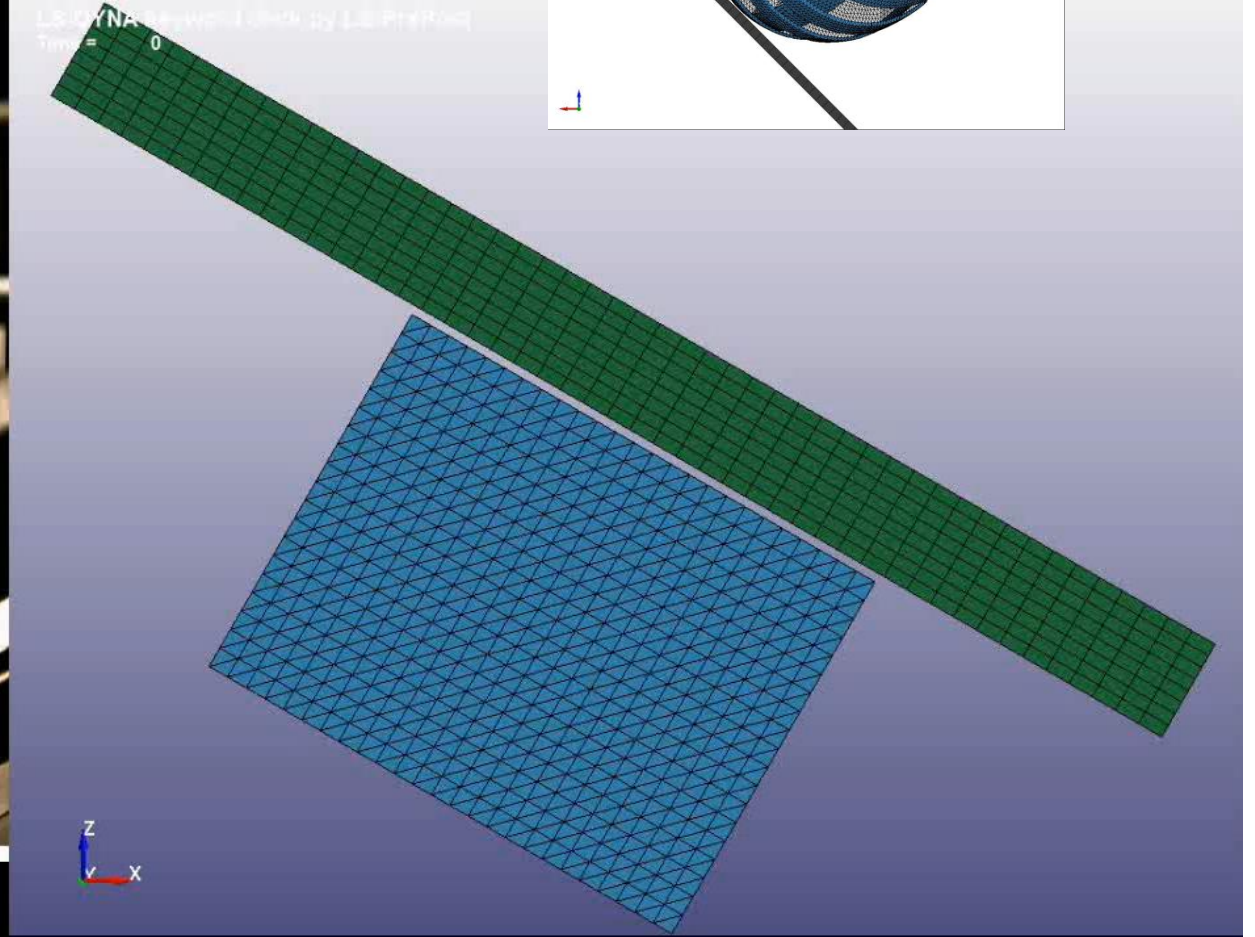


EPS experimental tests



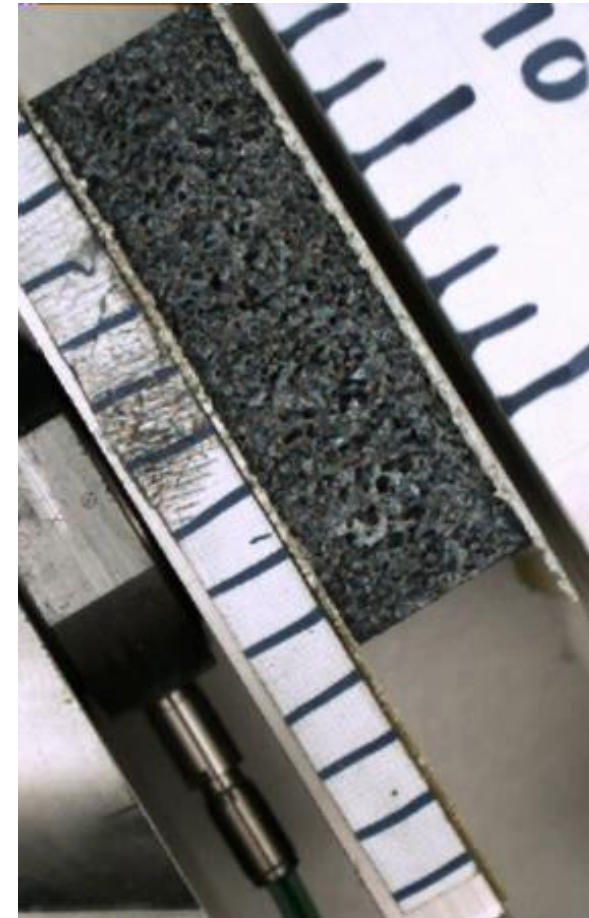
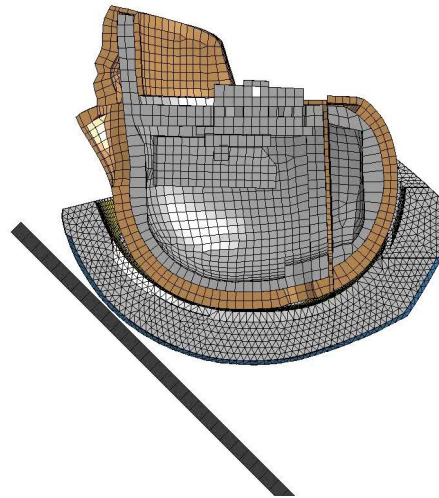
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A constitutive model of an EPS foam

- Compression properties well documented
- Shear properties nearly nonexistent
- Combined compression and shear sparsely documented
- And Fracture propagation

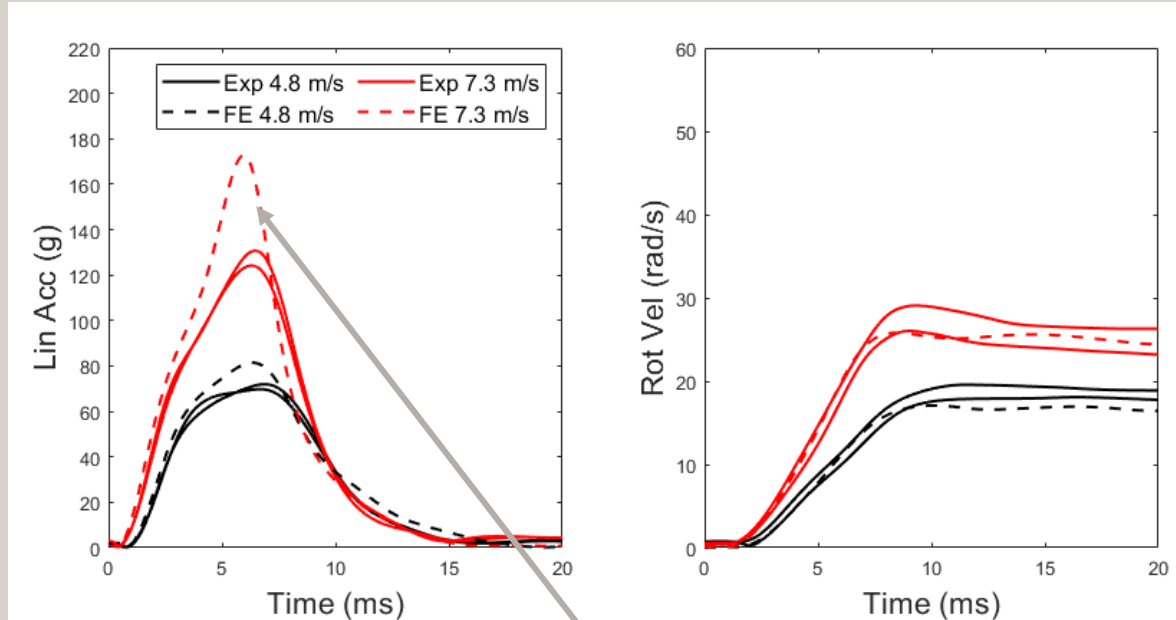


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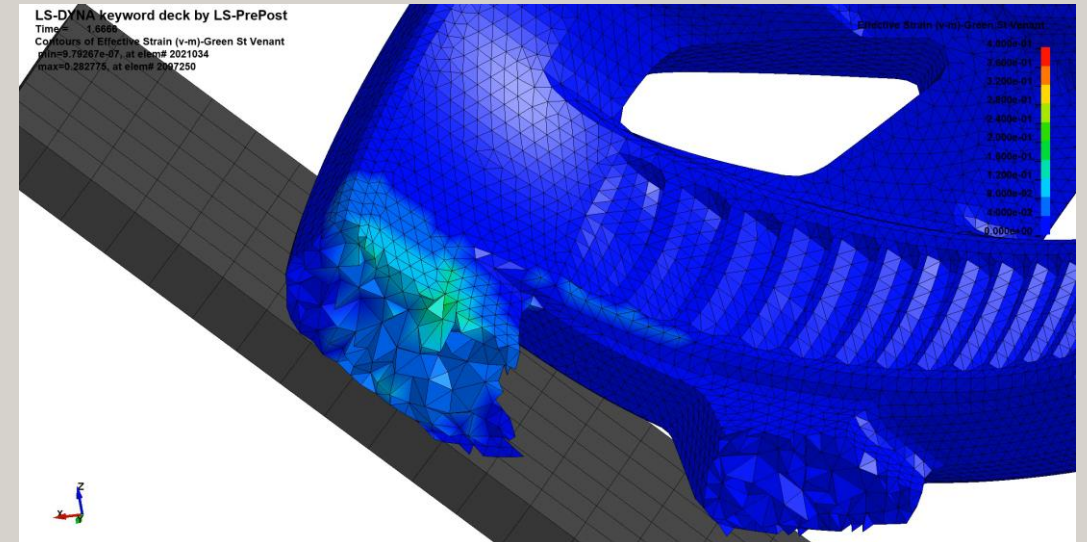
The need to model fracture



Mips



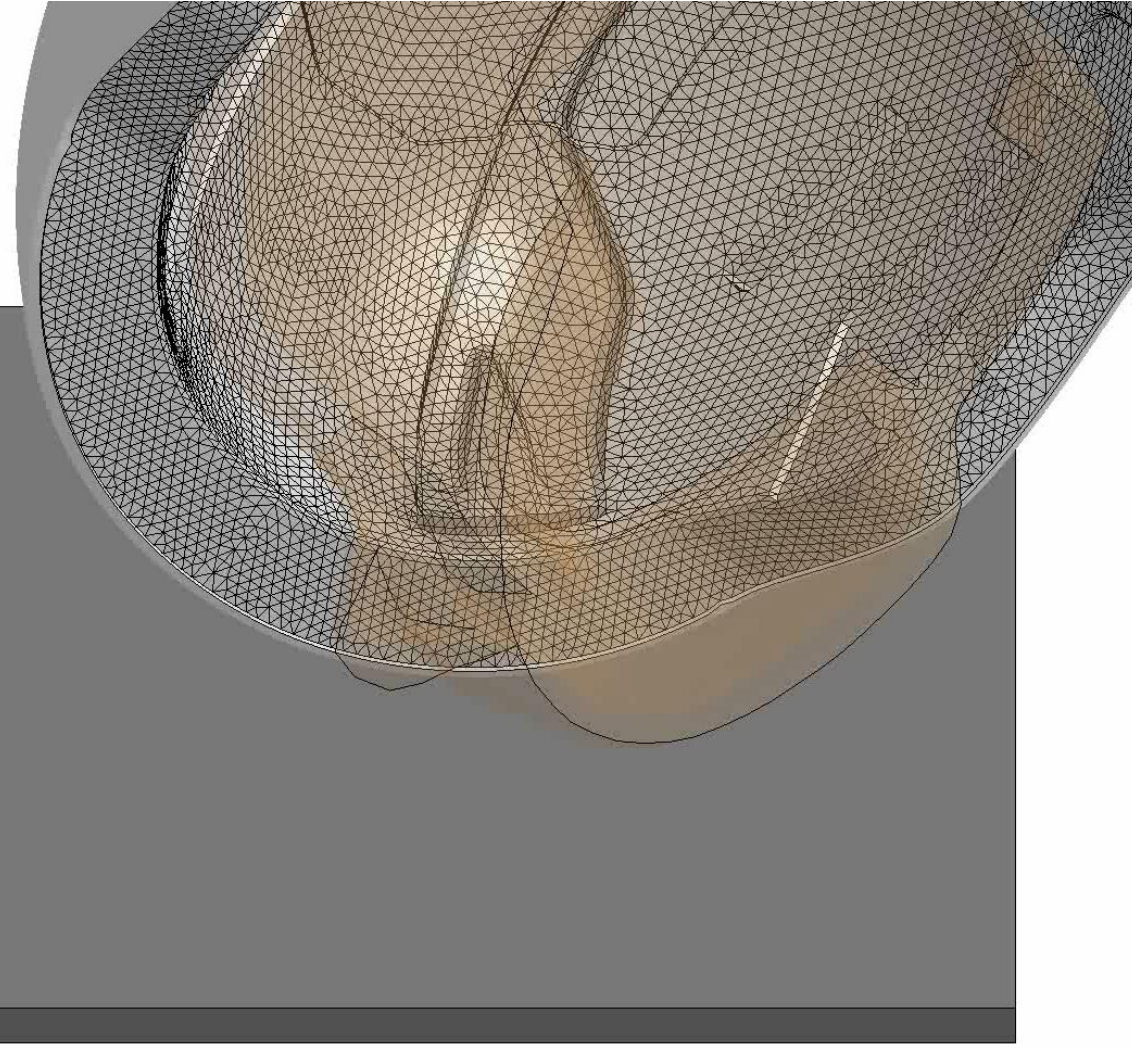
- Current material model does not capture behaviour of the fracture of EPS in impacts with higher speeds



Helmet with fracture model (Erode)

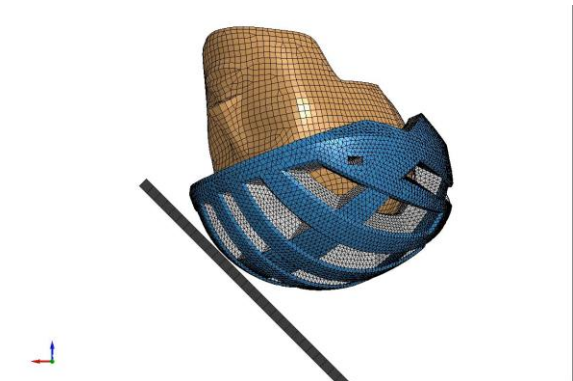
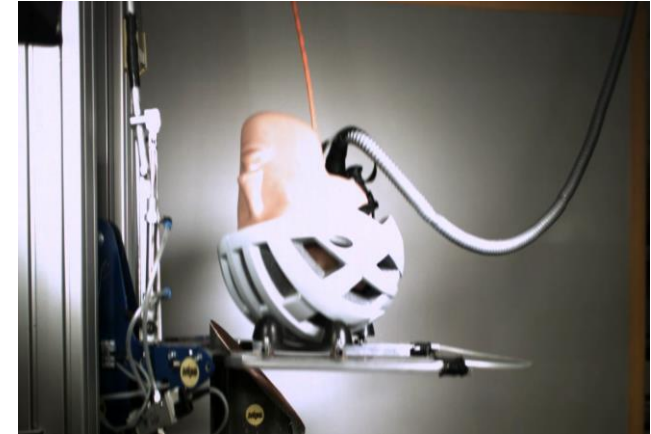


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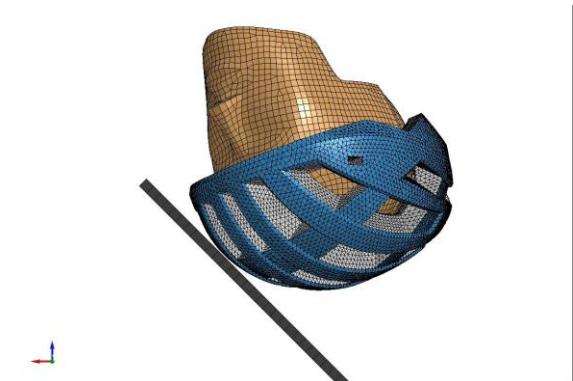
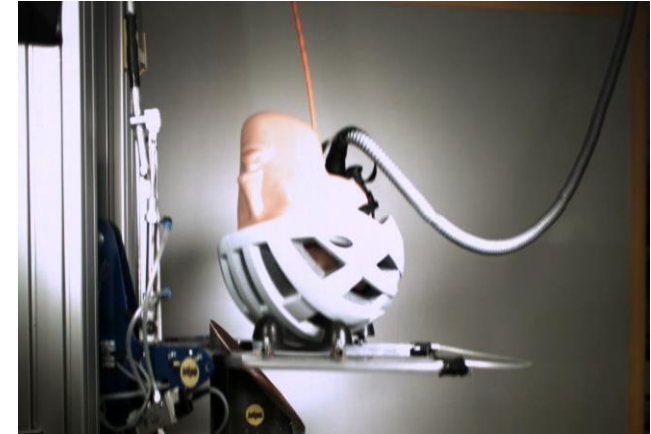
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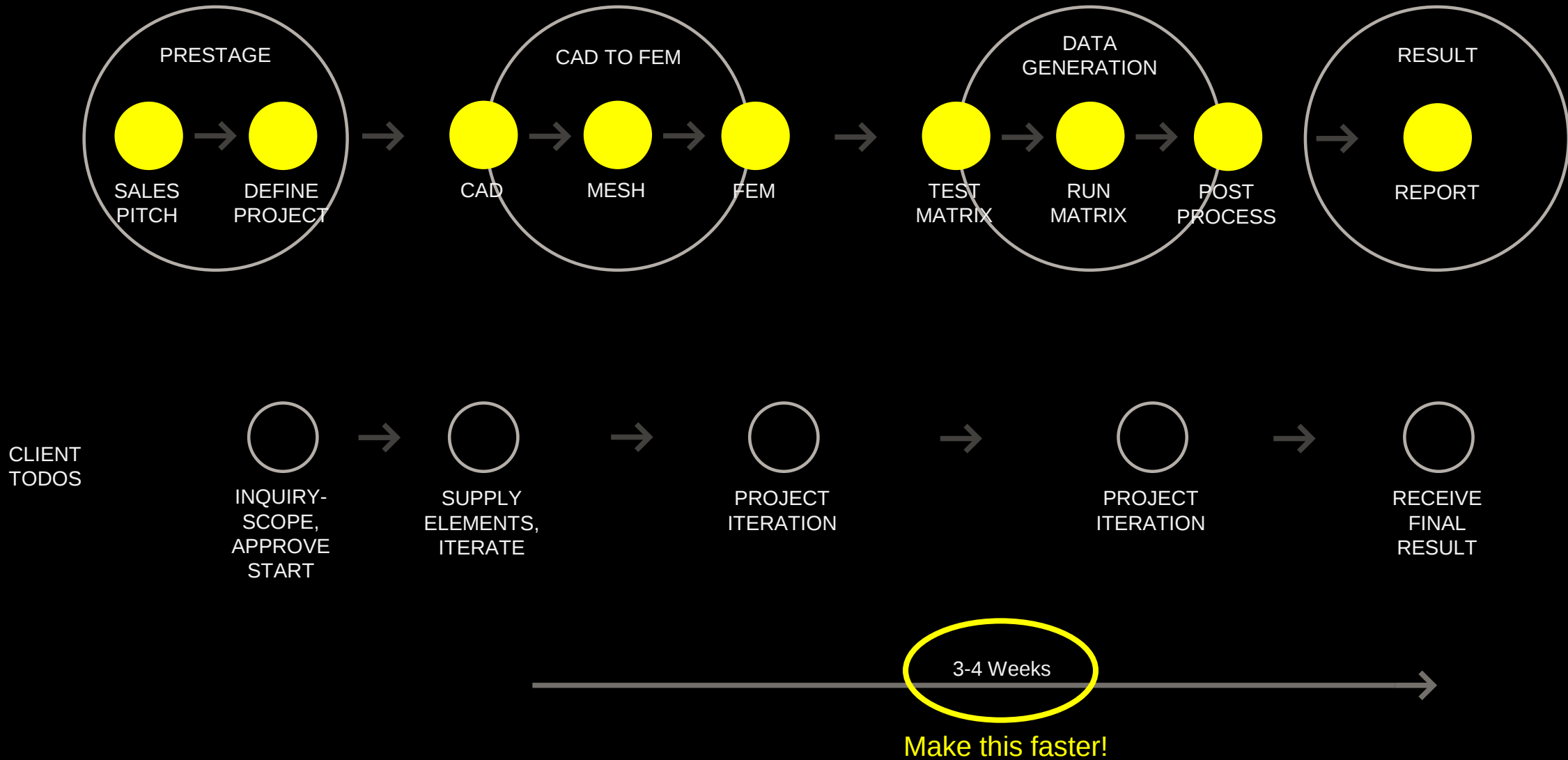
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- Reduce time for each helmet project



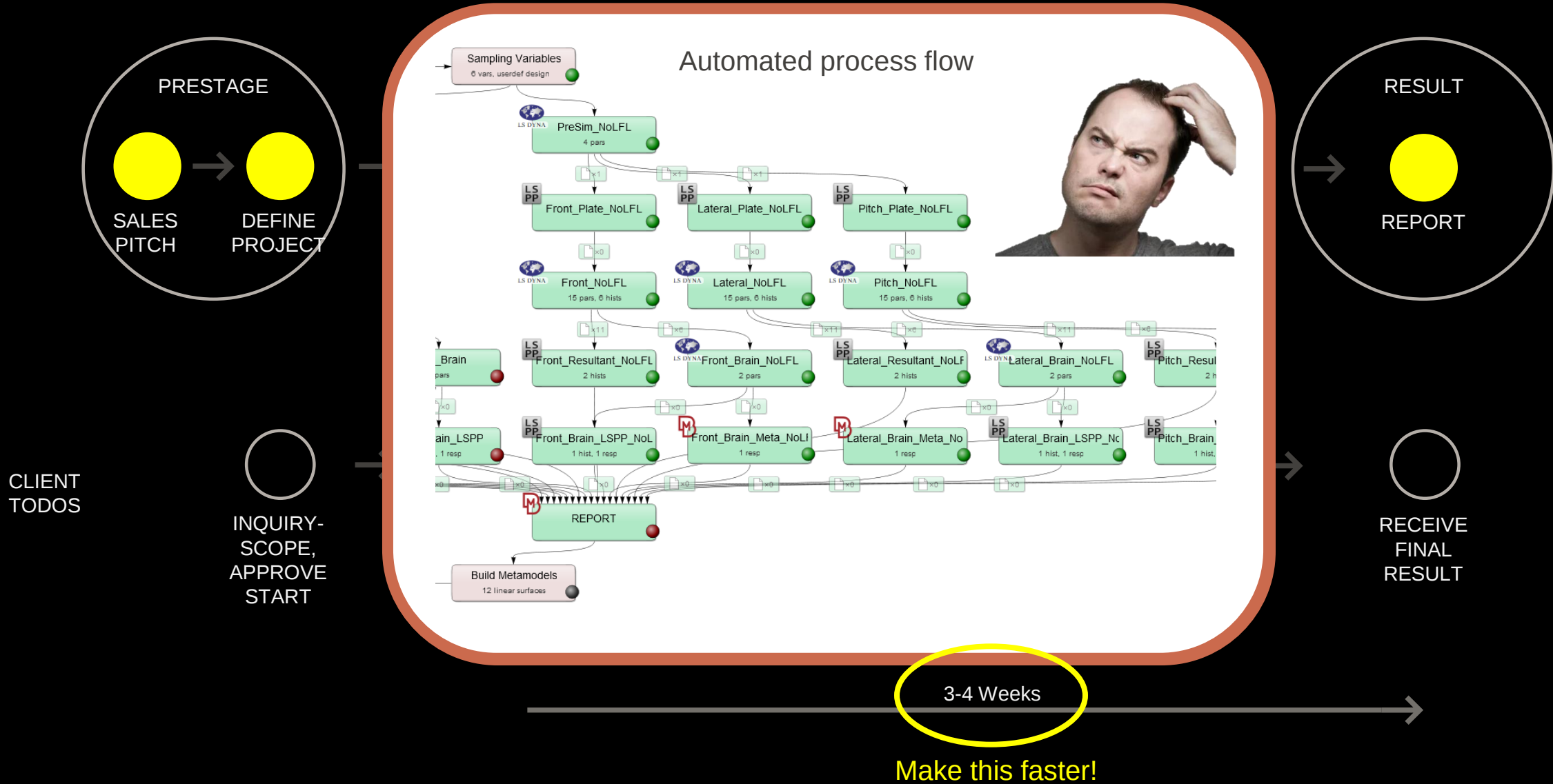


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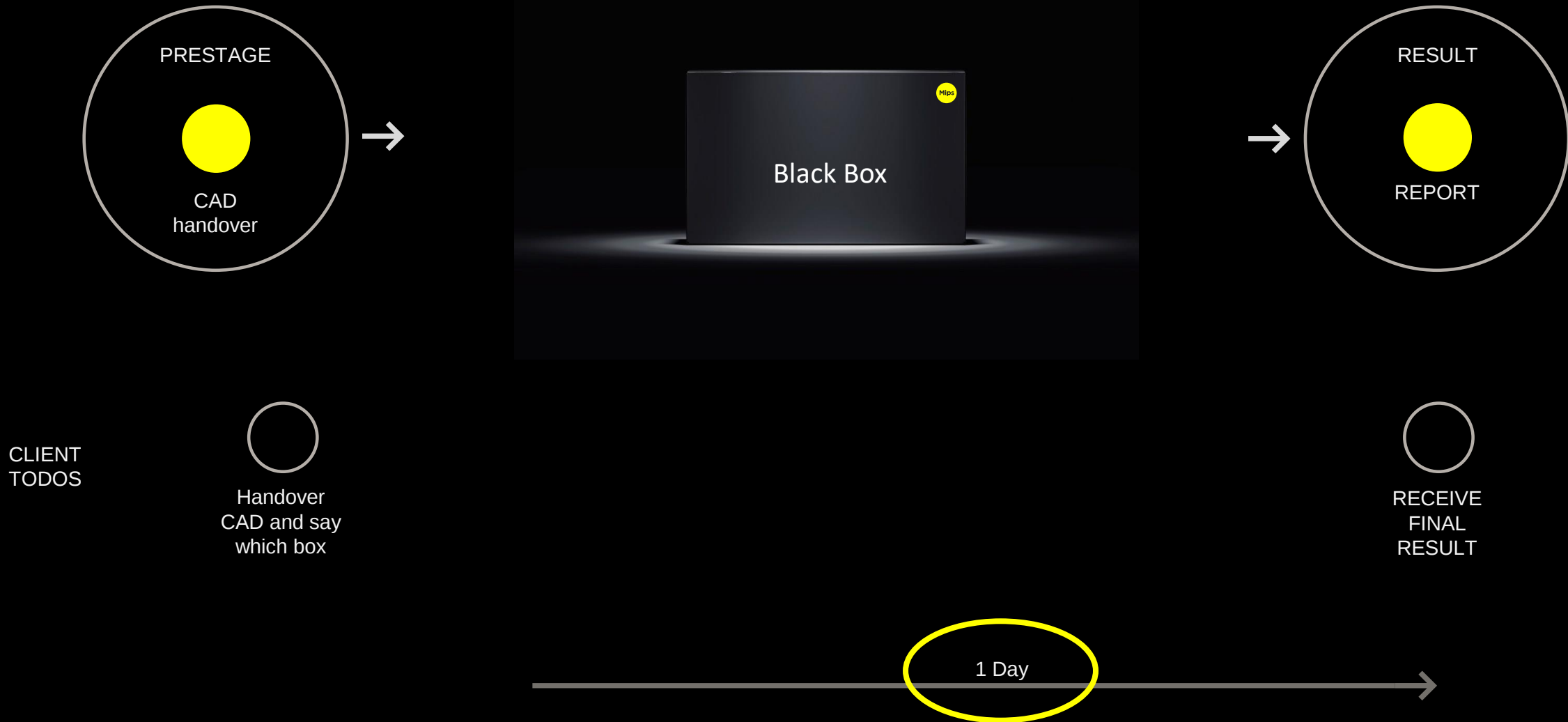
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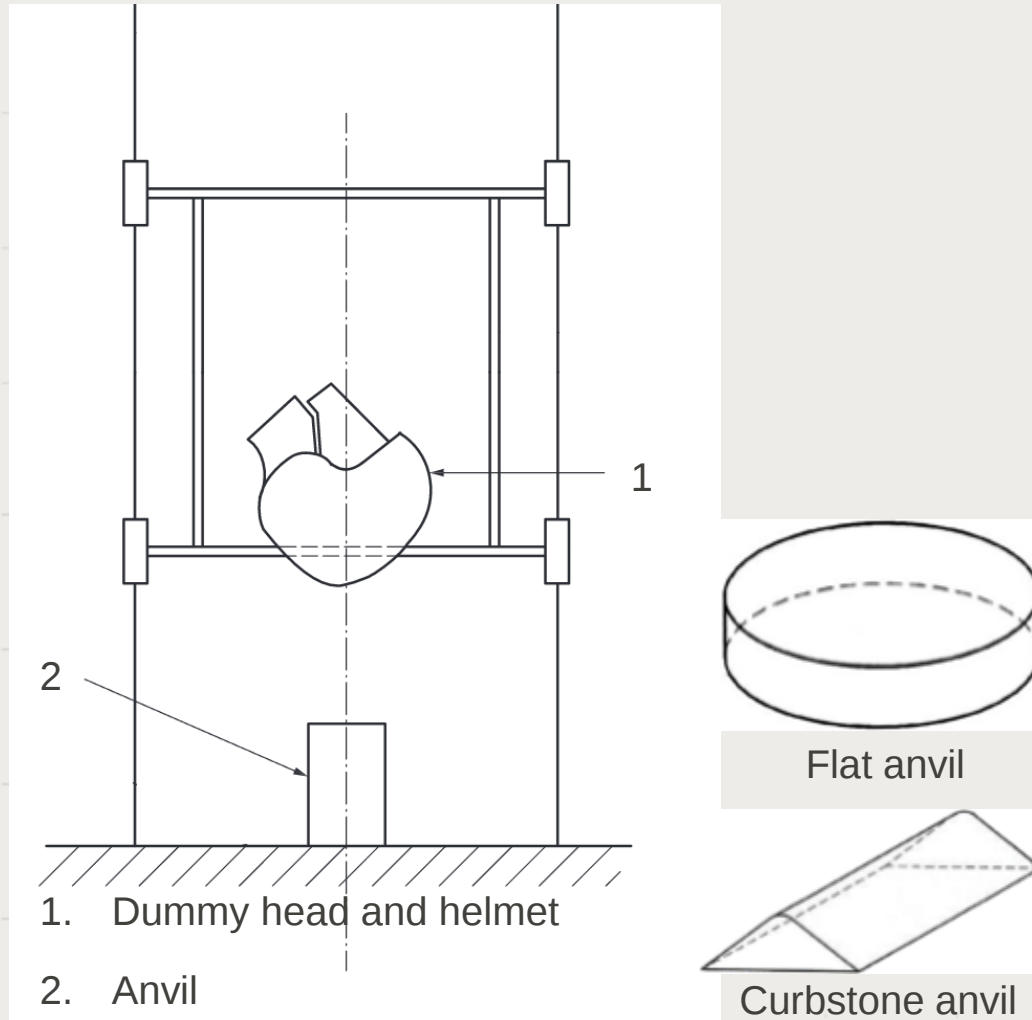


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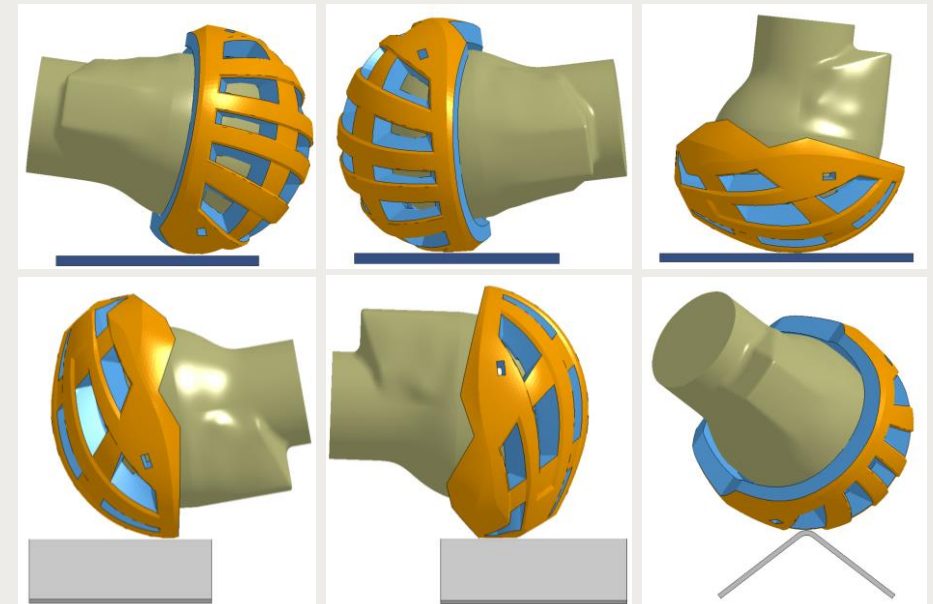


Standard testing – Before helmets are manufactured

EUROPEAN BICYCLE HELMET TEST STANDARD – EN1078

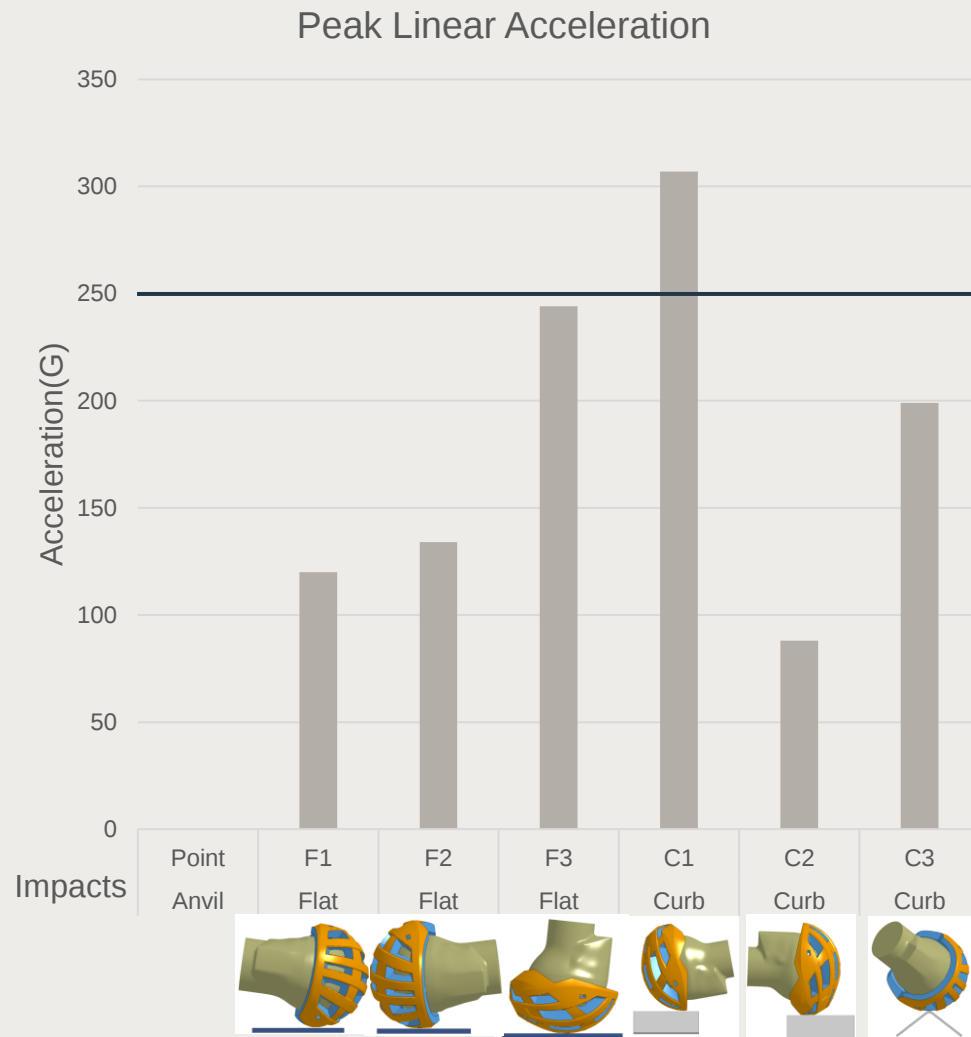


- HELMET MANUFACTURER WANTS TO KNOW IF THEIR NEW HELMET HAS ANY WEAK SPOTS ACCORDING TO THE EN1078 TEST STANDARD BEFORE THEY MANUFACTURE THE HELMETS FOR EXPERIMENTAL TESTING AND CERTIFICATION.
- 3 IMPACT POINTS ON A CURBSTONE ANVIL AND 3 IMPACTS POINTS ON A FLAT ANVIL.



Predict results – Iteration 1

EN1078



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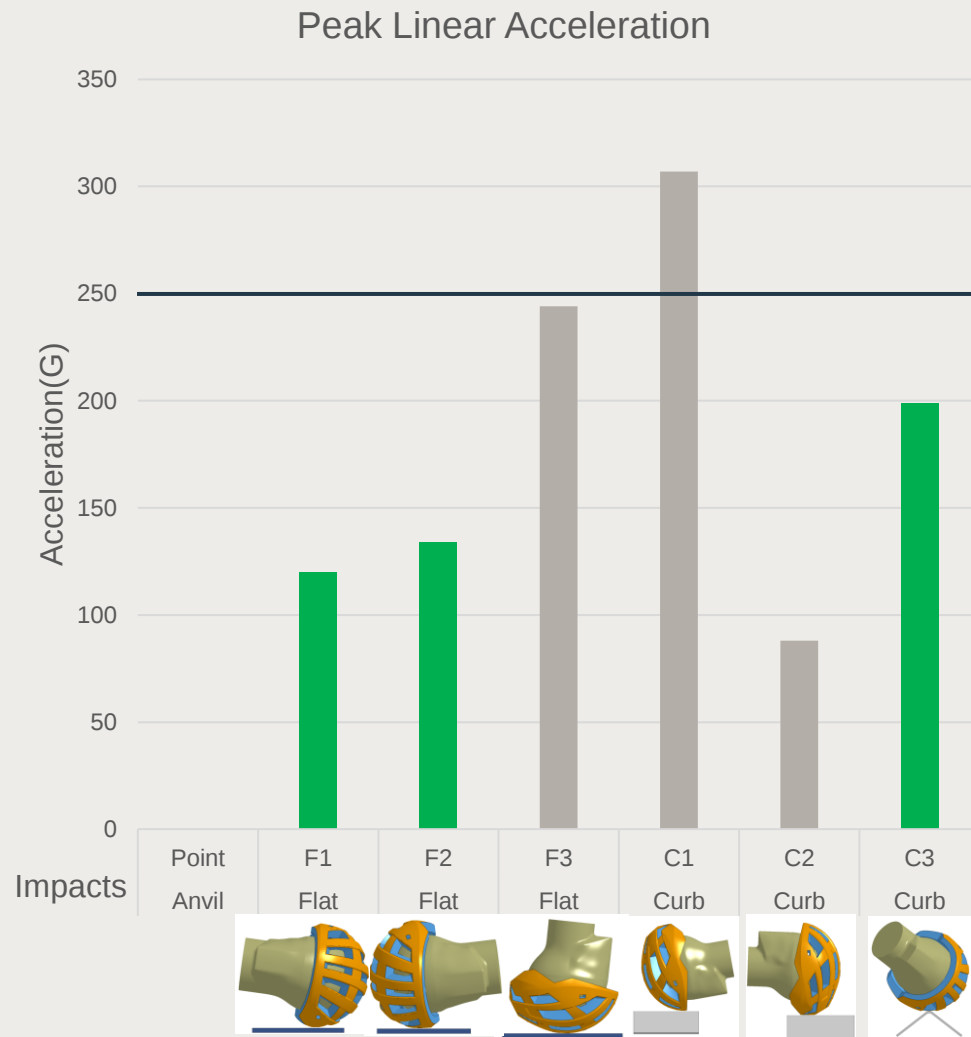
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Fail

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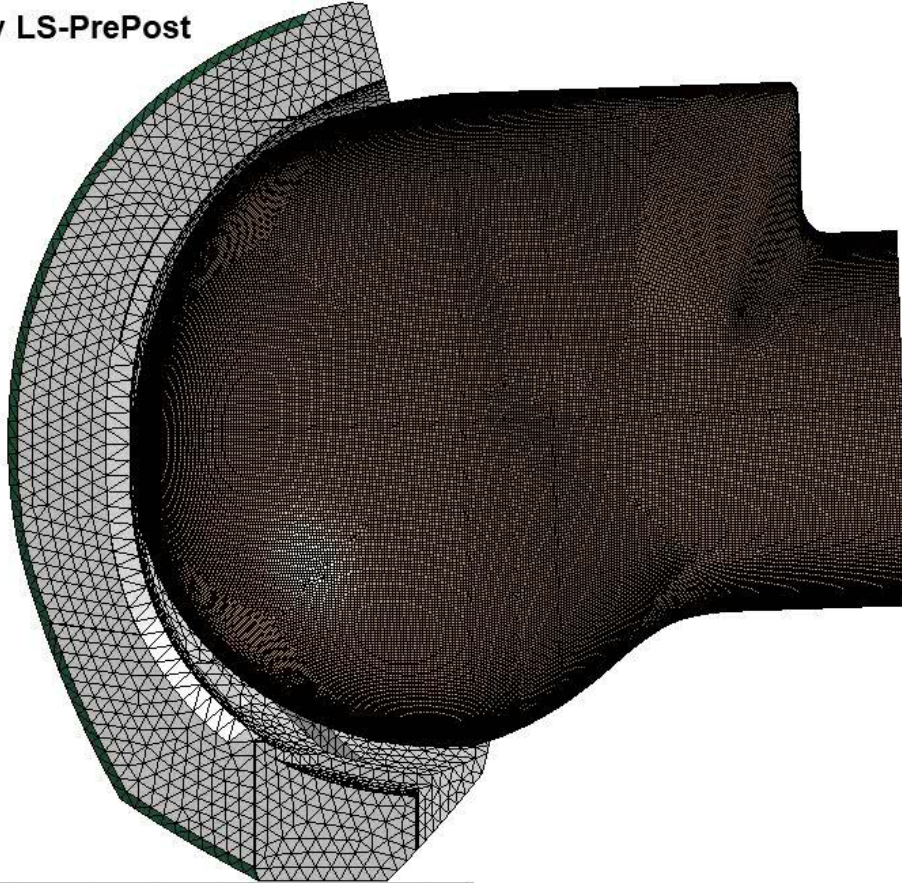


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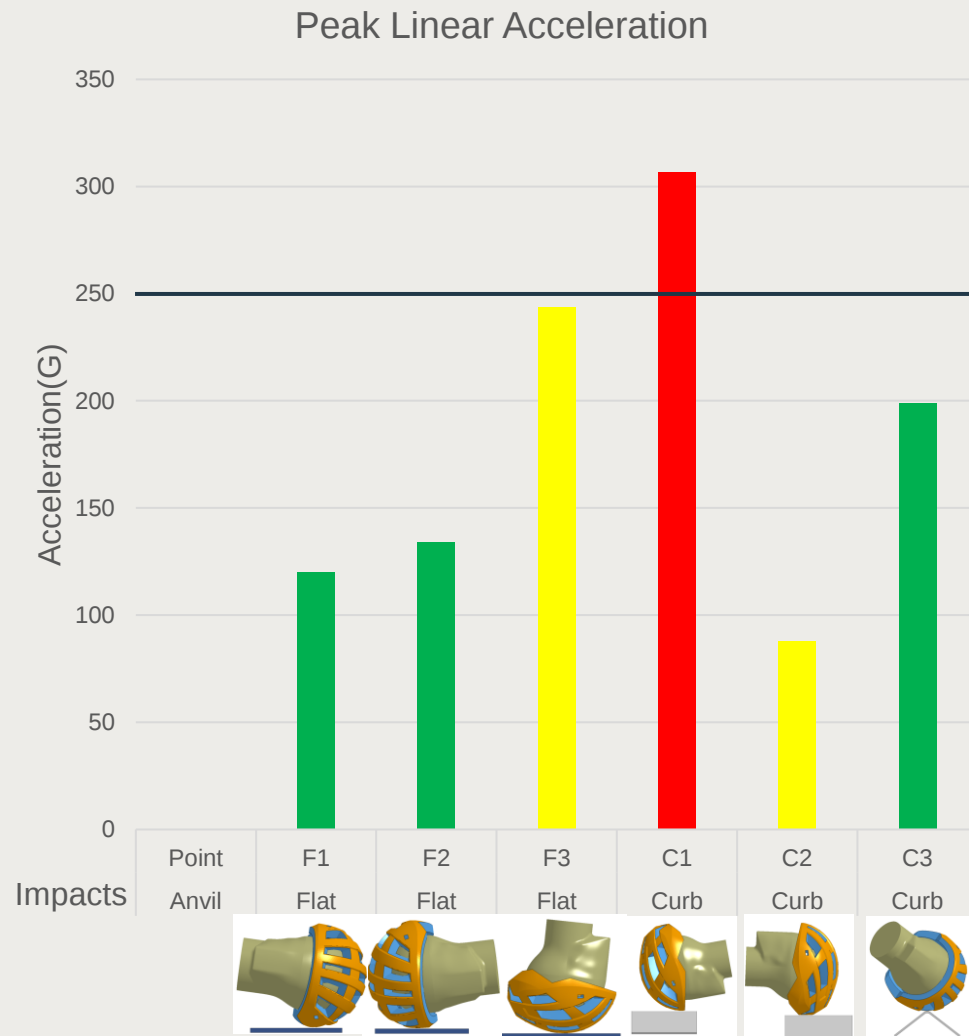
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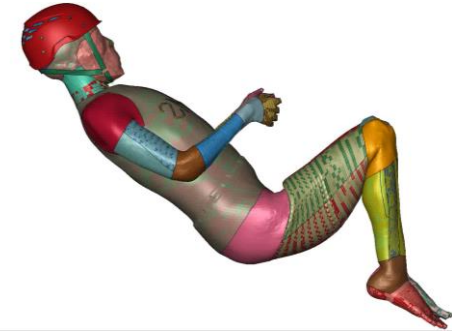
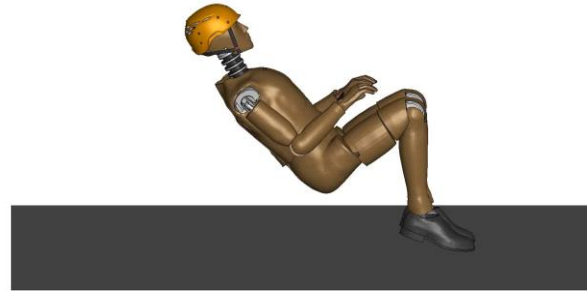
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Simulating Fall accidents (Construction helmets)



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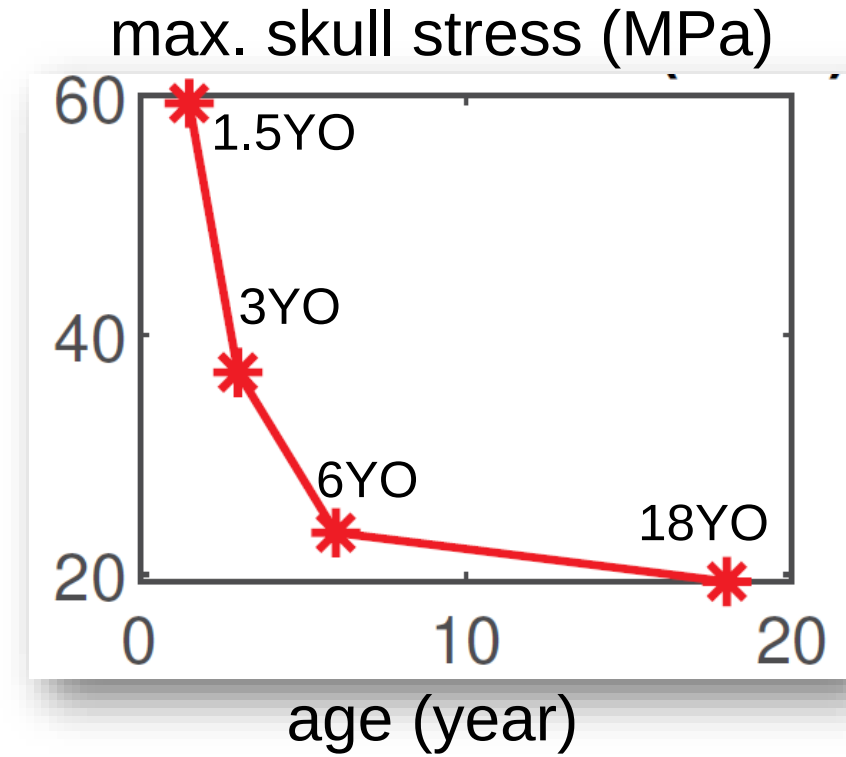
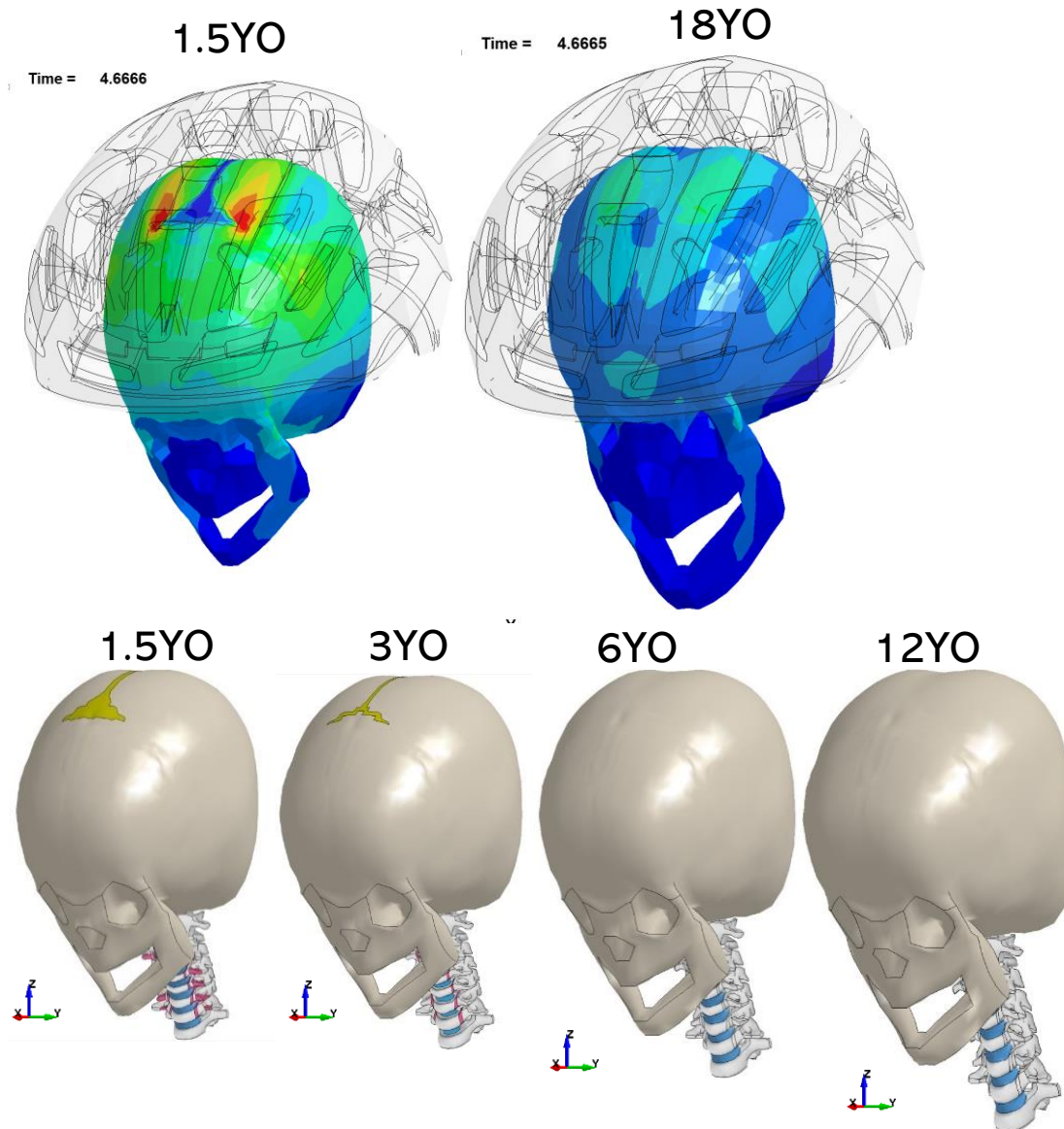
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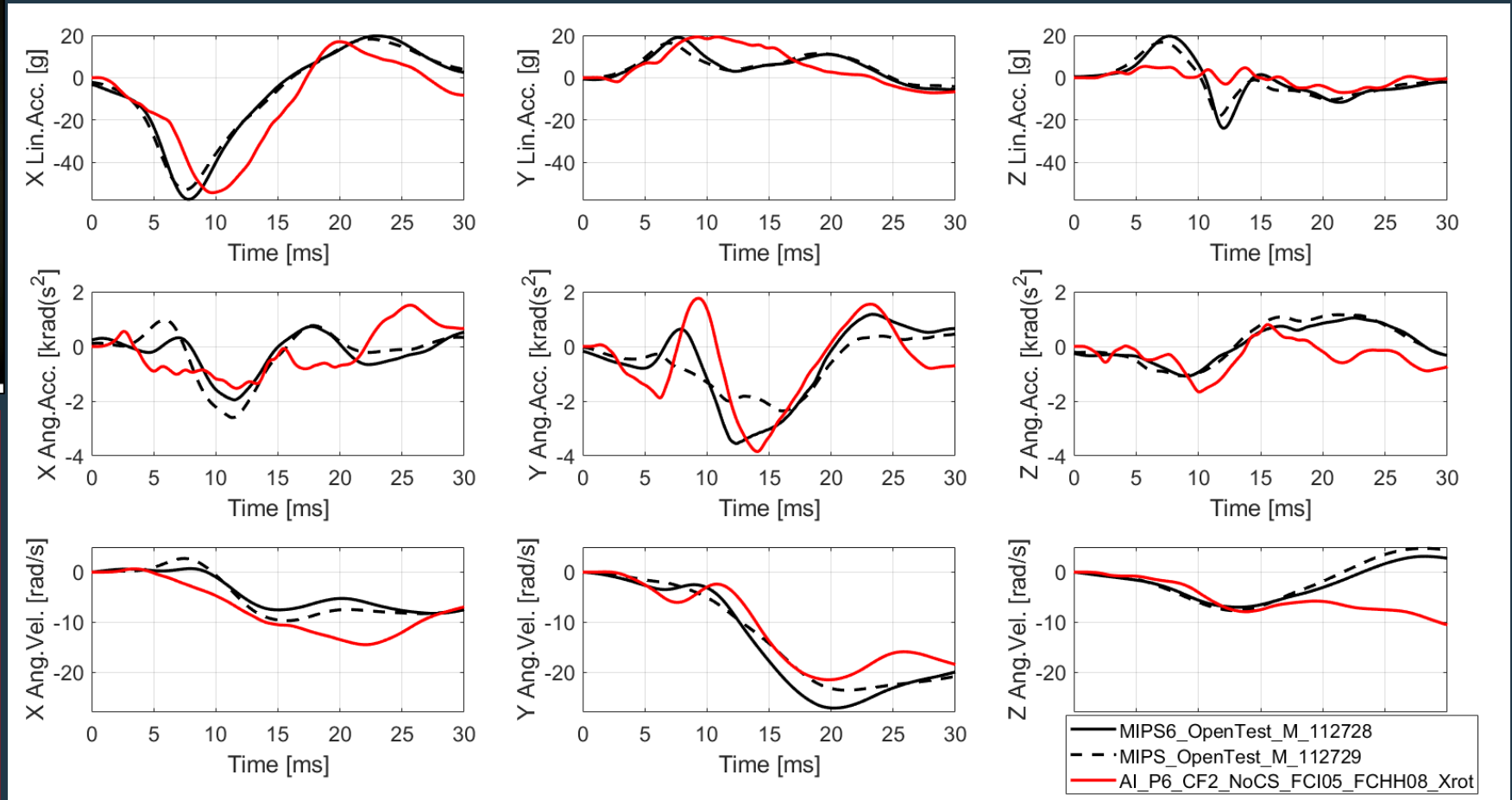
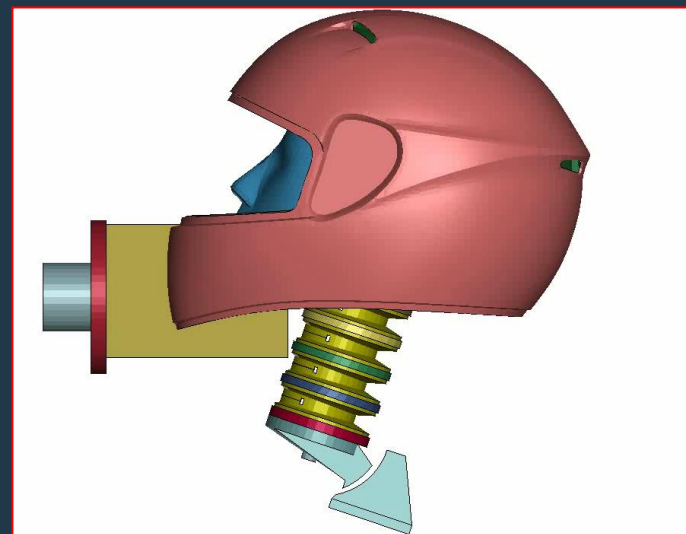
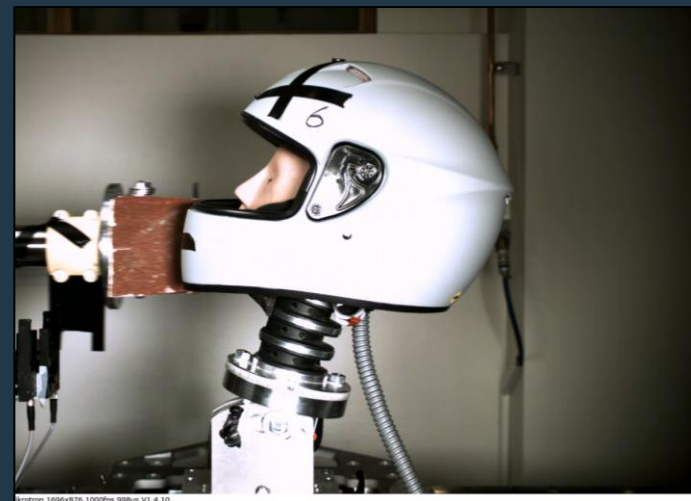


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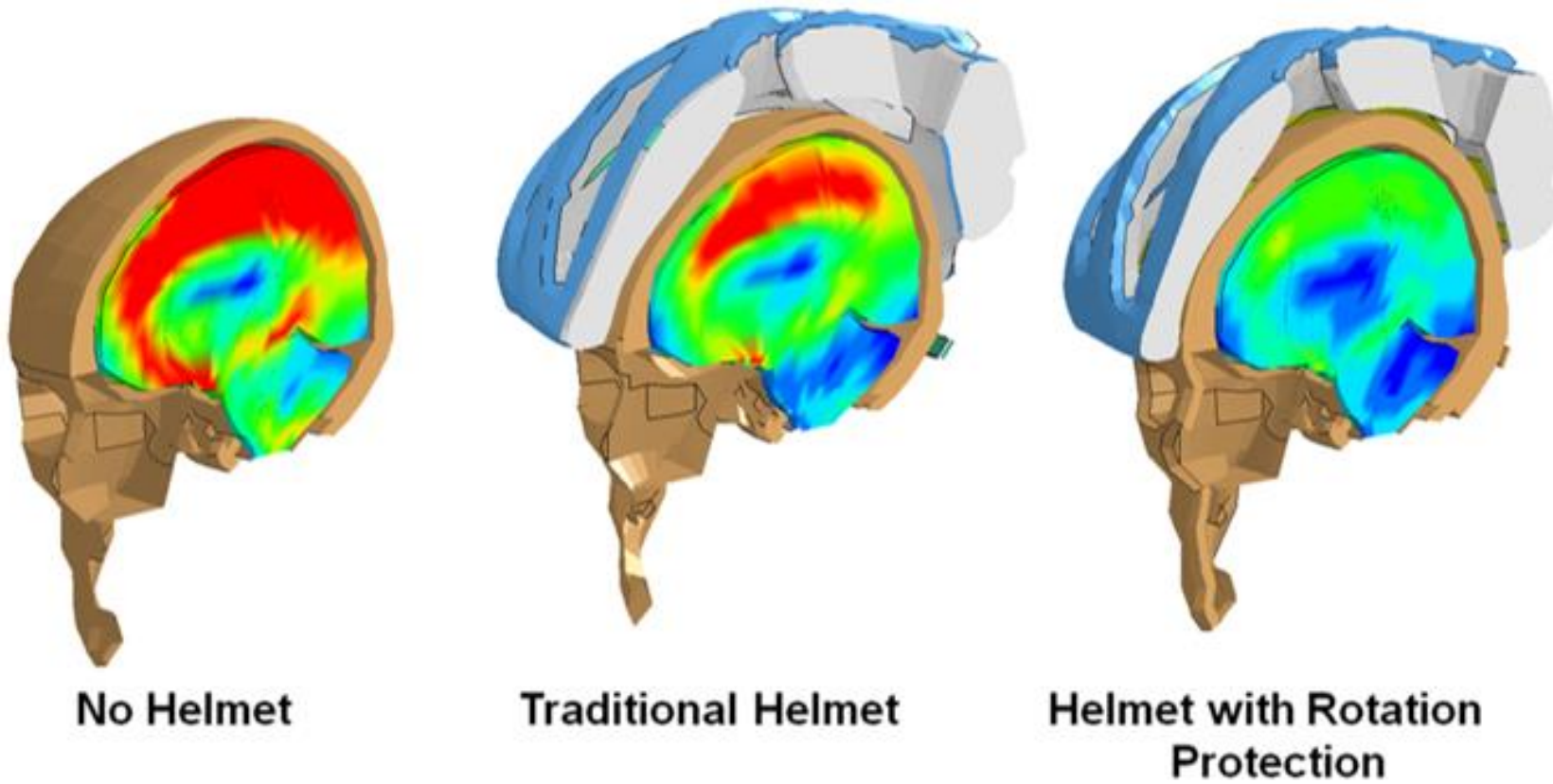
Youngest – largest risk mainly due to the fontanel/suture

Chin bar impacts



All helmets are safe !

Mips





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Thank you
for your attention

Quality good enough for
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