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# What do we know about angular head motions (AHM)?

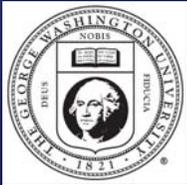
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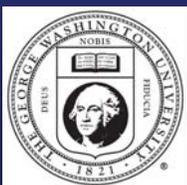
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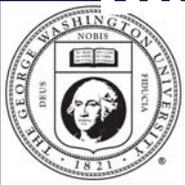
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- **Keep on time !!!**
- **Introduce yourself and your unit: but be humble, like our US presidential contender DT**
- **Keep on time !!!**
- **There is time mostly for main points, add whatever you want to your submission**
- **DIM, Keep on time !!!**



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## Goals and purposes of this workshop

- **to bring together important scientists who have worked in AHM**
- **to discuss contemporary issues regarding AHM**
- **to discuss methods of how best to measure AHM in several venues (sport, vehicular, helmet, etc.)**
- **to develop relationships between performance standards and injury risk**
- **to memorialize the workshop by having it transcribed and placed on our websites after**



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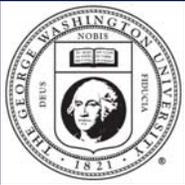
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# Angular Head Motions

- **Is there a crisis regarding AHM?**
- **Is it of our own creation because of shifting definitions of the clinical problem?**



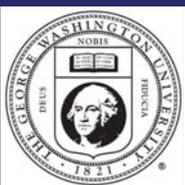
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# The “Truths”

- **Concussion and diffuse brain injuries are due to angular motions**
- **Translational motions don't produce high brain strain**



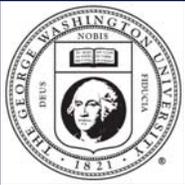
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# The Truths

- **Concussion and diffuse brain injuries are due to angular motions...are they?**
- **Translational motions don't produce high brain strain...don't they?**

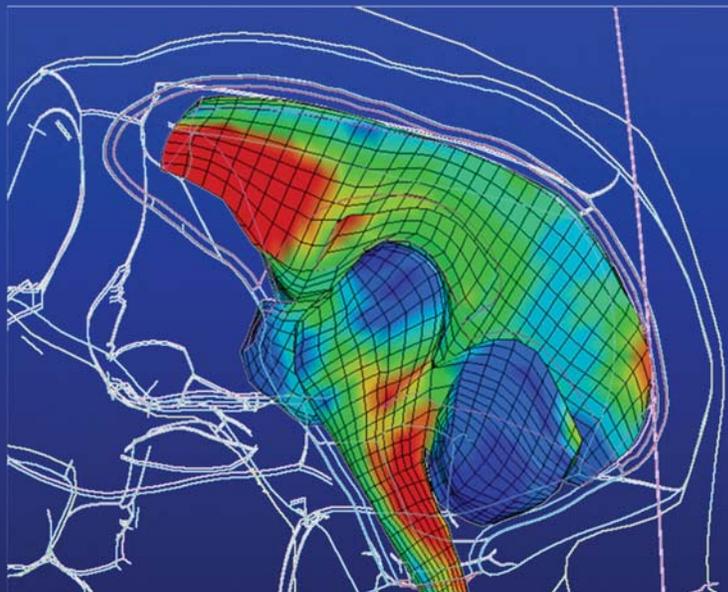


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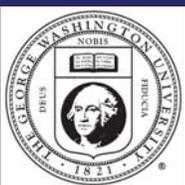
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## Maximum principal strains in Translational Acceleration



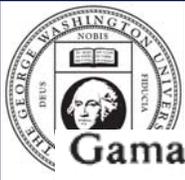
(In red strains above 0.25)

**Jacobo Antona-Makoshi et al., IRCOBI 2012**



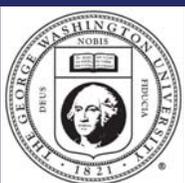
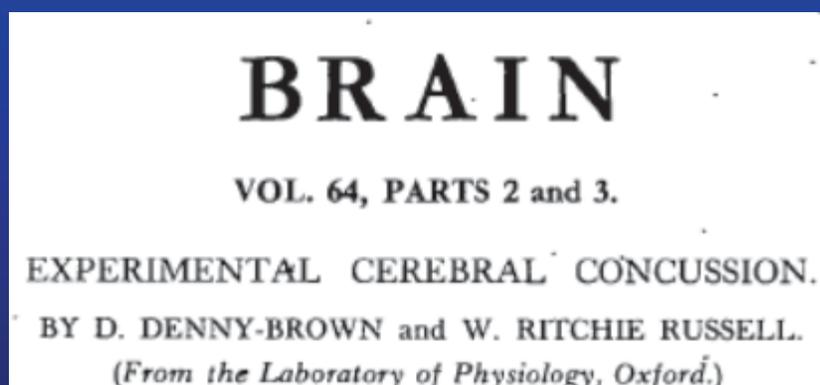
# Gama 1835

- **First experiments: used gel filled flasks with embedded black threads**
- **“fibers as delicate as those of which the organ of the mind is composed are liable to break” as a result of violence to the head.**



Gama, J.-P. (1835). *Traité des Plaies de Tête et de l'Encéphalite*. Crochard, Paris.

## The First really comprehensive experimental concussion paper



**Brain 64:93-164, 1941**



It is necessary to distinguish clearly between "acceleration concussion" and "compression concussion." As has been emphasized, acceleration concussion depends on the skull being subjected to a sudden change of velocity, as occurs in most human injuries, and the effect produced is directly proportional to velocity of the striking object, where other factors are constant. Under certain circumstances, however, as we have described in many of the above experiments, compression concussion may occur owing to severe distortion of the skull. For example, the ex-



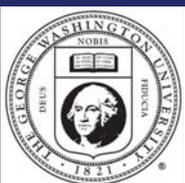
Denny-Brown and Russell *Brain* 64:93-164, 1941



Considerable confusion arises from differing uses of the term concussion. Many clinicians use the term to indicate a mild head injury with impaired consciousness lasting for less than one hour, while when there is more prolonged loss of consciousness the diagnosis of "cerebral concussion" is postulated: it may at once be stated that in this latter group there is often no certain clinical evidence of an area of contusion, so that

If, as the deductions from our investigations indicate, concussion is the direct effect of physical stress on neurones, and contusion the effect of stress on supporting vascular structure:

The mechanism by which the neurones are damaged in acceleration concussion must be of great complexity.



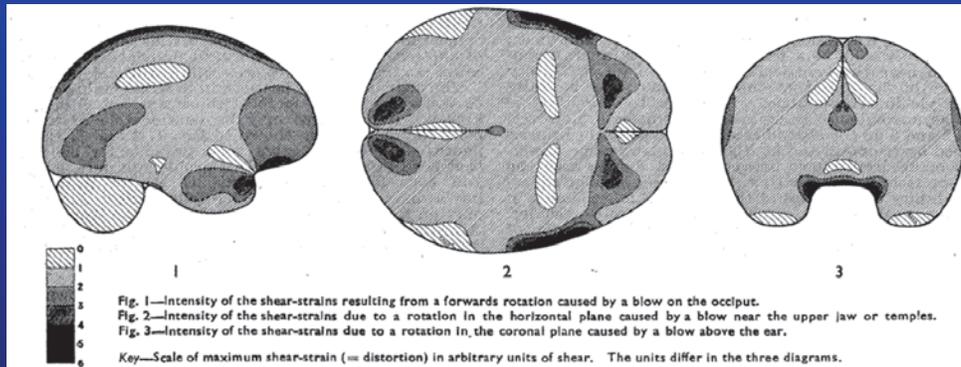
Denny-Brown and Russell *Brain* 64:93-164, 1941



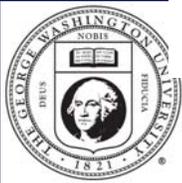
# MECHANICS OF HEAD INJURIES

A. H. S. HOLBOURN, M A EDIN, D PHIL OXF

## Brought angular motions to attention



An attractive feature of HOLBOURN'S presentation of the effects of shear is that it offers a clear mechanical explanation for the observations of DENNY BROWN and RITCHIE RUSSELL on cerebral concussion. Much remains



Lancet, pp. 438-441, Oct 9, 1943

Lancet editorial, pp. 449-450, Oct 9, 1943

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If there is no rotation or only a very small or slow one, there is no rotational injury. Thus, if the head is so well fixed that it cannot rotate at all when it receives a blow, there will be no rotational injury. Denny-Brown and Ritchie Russell<sup>4</sup> found that it was very difficult to produce concussion in cats when the head was fixed, but easy when it was free to move. This points to the fact that concussion is a rotational injury. One would

On this assumption there are two main causes of injury: (1) deformation of the skull with or without fracture; and (2) sudden rotation of the head which is responsible for the so-called contrecoup injuries, for some intracranial hæmorrhages and probably for concussion.

The change-over from one law of injury to the other occurs gradually somewhere in the region between  $1/5$  and  $1/500$  sec.

Experiments are in progress to find a more accurate value for the critical duration of the blow.

Holbourn uses the word "concussion" three times, he was mainly talking about coup and contra-coup hemorrhages and the importance of shear

## Gurdjian and Lissner respond to Holbourn

It is not clear why tensile strains may not be the important factor in the causation of lesions instead of shear strains.

In dynamic head injury with a blow lasting a fiftieth of a second or less, producing linear acceleration, there is a steep pressure gradient through the brain in the direction of the blow. This will cause shear strains. This is not comparable to hydrostatic or equal three-dimensional pressures which may obtain with blows of long duration.

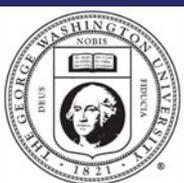


**Lancet 243:389-390, 3/18/44**



## Holbourn fights back...agreeably

They say "it is not clear why tensile strains may not be the important factor in the causation of lesions instead of shear strains." Since any unilateral tensile strain is mathematically equivalent to a dilatation combined with a pair of shear strains, the unilateral tensile strains are just as much the cause of lesions as are shear strains.



**Lancet p. 483, 4/8/44**



# Holbourn's letter to Sabina Strich

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Old Aberdeen

13th. Oct. 56.

Dear Dr. Strich,

I did consider doing the experiment on a cat when I was in Oxford. A strong metal box rather larger than the cat's head would have to be made and attached to the axis of rotation. The cat's head would be put in the box and plaster of Paris poured into the gap between head and box. An arm projecting out from the axis would be moved in such a way as to produce a constant rotational acceleration. I got as far as making the metal box when I was in Oxford.



## HAD-II (Stapp: 670905 1967)

### A Device for the Investigation of Head Injury Effected by Non-Deforming Head Accelerations

Lawrence S. Higgins and Robert A. Schmall  
Life Sciences Div., Technology Inc.

#### Abstract

The major contribution of this effort to the investigation of head injury is the design and construction of a machine having the following functional goals:

1. Delivery of a reproducible acceleration-time profile to a primate head.
2. Capability of increasing the acceleration magnitude while retaining a similar acceleration-time profile.
3. The path traversed by the head must be constrained during the acceleration.
4. The forces applied to the head must be distributed so as not to produce gross damage to the brain or skull.

The machine that has evolved is designated as the Head Acceleration Device II (HAD-II). Basically, this machine consists of an axial cam cut on the face of a



## HAD-II Stapp 1971, 1972

### Comparison of Translational and Rotational Head Motions in Experimental Cerebral Concussion

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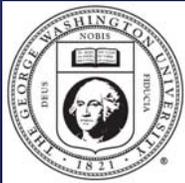
**L. E. Thibault**

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### Pathophysiologic Responses to Rotational and Translational Accelerations of the Head

T. A. Gennarelli, L. E. Thibault, and A. K. Ommaya  
National Institute of Health and Georgetown University



## Stapp 1987

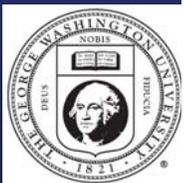
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### Directional Dependence of Axonal Brain Injury due to Centroidal and Non-Centroidal Acceleration

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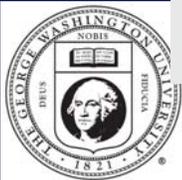


# Hypothesis of Concussion and Prolonged Traumatic coma

## Cerebral Concussion and Traumatic Unconsciousness—Correlation of Experimental and Clinical Observations on Blunt Head Injuries

AYUB K. OMMAYA AND T. A. GENNARELLI

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# Hypothesis of Concussion and Prolonged Traumatic coma

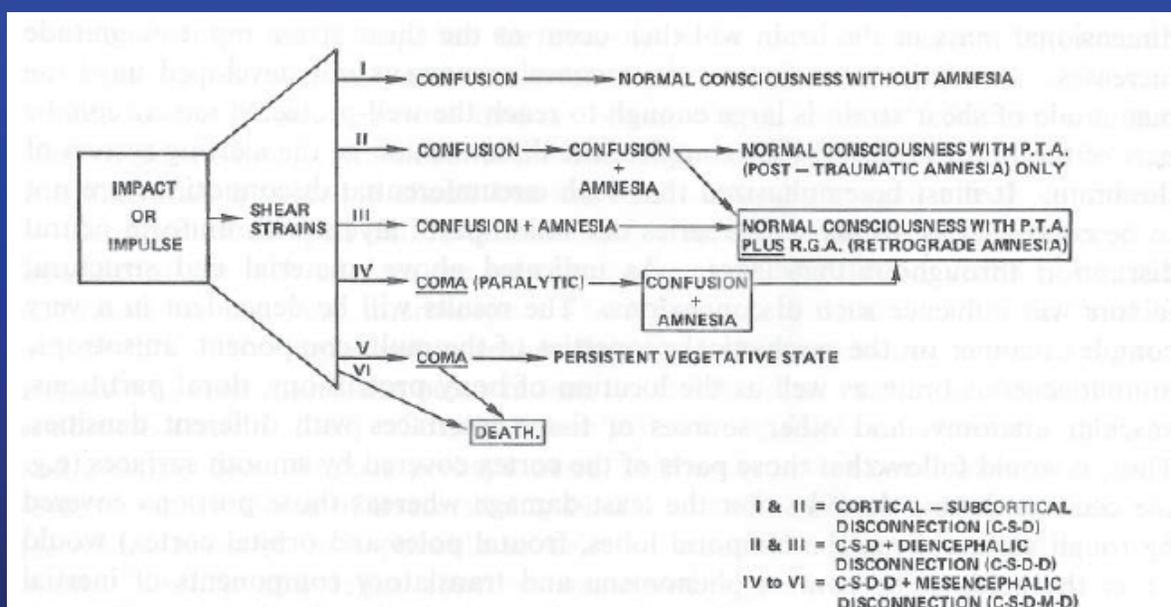


FIG. 2.—Diagrammatic description of our hypothesis for the syndromes of cerebral concussion with increasing severity of primary injury causing more extensive disconnections between the cortex and the mesencephalic-diencephalic “core” of the brain. Note that Grade IV cerebral concussion is the state of traumatic unconsciousness which may be further subdivided according to duration of coma or severity of neurological sequelæ.

## First CT Description of DAI

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### Computed Tomography of Shearing Injuries of the Cerebral White Matter<sup>1</sup>

Robert A. Zimmerman, M.D., Larissa T. Bilaniuk, M.D., and Thomas Genneralli, M.D.

Changes secondary to shearing injury of the cerebral white matter can be demonstrated on CT. These consist of eccentric hemorrhage in the corpus callosum, diffuse cerebral swelling, subarachnoid hemorrhage and less frequently, hemorrhage around the third ventricular region and in the cerebral white matter. These CT findings are associated with acute severe neurologic deficits and sequelae. Eight cases with this injury pattern were encountered in 286 acute head injuries. All 8 patients were involved in automobile accidents.

INDEX TERMS: Brain, injuries, 1[0].400 • Computed tomography, head, 1[0].1211 • (Supratentorial brain laceration, 1[3].439)

Radiology 127:393–396, May 1978

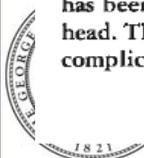
## Large Pathological Description of DAI

### Diffuse Axonal Injury Due to Nonmissile Head Injury in Humans: An Analysis of 45 Cases

J. Hume Adams, FRCPATH,\* D. I. Graham, MRCPATH,\* Lilian S. Murray, BSc,† and Grace Scott, MBChB\*

Forty-five cases of diffuse axonal injury (DAI) brought about by nonmissile head injury in humans are analyzed and compared with 132 cases of fatal head injury without DAI. All cases were subjected to a comprehensive neuropathological study. In the patients with DAI a statistically significant lower incidence of lucid interval, fracture of the skull, cerebral contusions, intracranial hematoma, and evidence of high intracranial pressure were found, with a higher incidence of head injury due to road traffic accident. Brain swelling and hypoxic brain damage were not statistically different in the two groups. The features of DAI in humans are compared with the DAI that has been produced in subhuman primates by pure inertial loading brought about by angular acceleration of the head. The available evidence indicates that DAI in human beings occurs at the time of head injury and is not due to complicating factors such as hypoxia, brain swelling, or raised intracranial pressure.

Adams JH, Graham DI, Murray LS, Scott G: Diffuse axonal injury due to nonmissile head injury in humans: an analysis of 45 cases. *Ann Neurol* 12:557–563, 1982



## First Experimental reproduction of DAI

PROLONGED TRAUMATIC  
COMA WITHOUT MASS,  
HYPOXIA OR ISCHEMIA

Diffuse axonal injury and  
traumatic coma in the primate.  
Ann Neurol 12:564–574, 1982

Gennarelli TA, Thibault LE, Adams JH, Graham DI, Thompson CJ, Marcincin R

Immediate, prolonged unconsciousness unaccompanied by mass lesions occurs in almost half of severely head injured patients and is associated with 35% of all deaths from injury [21]. Although the coma in such injuries has in the past been regarded as the result of the primary brainstem injury, evidence gained from human postmortem material fails to support the presence of brainstem injury in the absence of hemispheric damage [37, 46]. The more common neuropathological pattern includes diffuse microscopic damage to innumerable axons throughout the brain as well as focal lesions in the corpus callosum and in the dorsolateral quadrants of the rostral brainstem [2, 6–8]. The cause of this axonal injury has been proposed, but not proved, to be due to shear strain [26, 27, 50]. The term *shear*, however, connotes a specific injury mode to the biomechanician, so that we prefer the descriptive term *diffuse axonal injury* (DAI) for this entity rather than the numerous designations currently in use [8, 28, 42,

# Clinical Classification of DAI

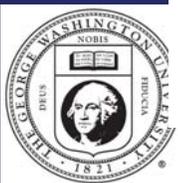
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## Head Injury in Man and Experimental Animals: Clinical Aspects

By

T. A. Gennarelli



# DAI is usually, but not always, associated with immediate coma

**Table 1.** The relationship between diffuse axonal injury (DAI) and fracture of skull, type of injury and the occurrence of a lucid interval as defined in the text

	Cases with DAI (n = 122)	Cases without DAI (n = 312)	P value
Fracture of skull	70 (57%)	254 (81%)	<0.001
Road traffic accident	84 (69%)	157 (50%)	<0.005
Fall	22 (18%)	122 (39%)	<0.001
Lucid interval	17 (14%)	119 (59%)	<0.001

**Table 2.** The relationship between diffuse axonal injury (DAI) and some other types of brain damage resulting from a head injury

	With DAI (n = 122)	Without DAI (n = 312)	P value
Gliding contusions	71 (58%)	65 (21%)	<0.001
Raised intracranial pressure	85 (70%)	253 (81%)	<0.01
Moderate/severe hypoxic brain damage	60 (49%)	171 (55%)	NS
Large intracranial haematoma	32 (26%)	182 (58%)	<0.001
Basal ganglia haematoma	23 (19%)	24 (8%)	<0.001
Swelling	49 (40%)	169 (54%)	<0.01

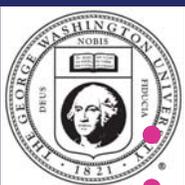
Adams DAI in head injury: definition, diagnosis, grading. *Histopathol* 15:49 1989

## PHENOTYPES OF TRAUMATIC HEAD INJURY

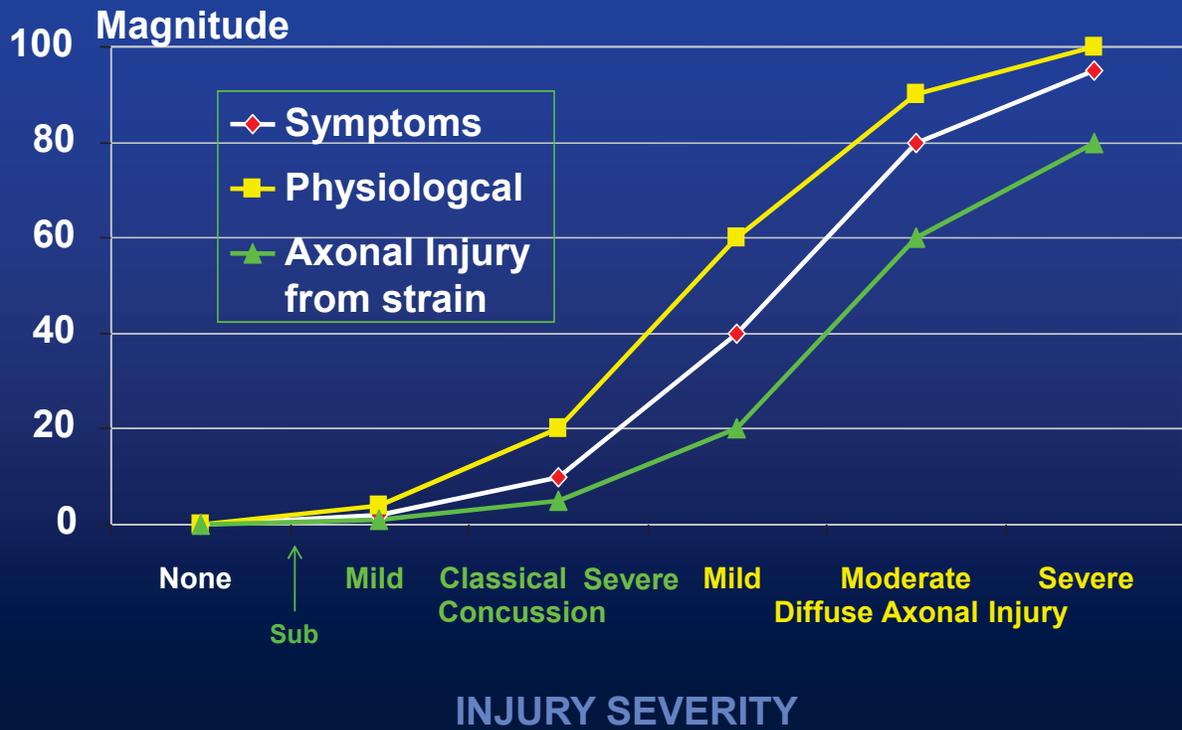
- SCALP LACERATIONS
- SKULL FRACTURES
- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
  - FOCAL BRAIN INJURIES
    - CONTUSION, LACERATION
    - HEMORRHAGE: EDH, SAH, SDH, ICH
  - DIFFUSE BRAIN INJURIES
    - CONCUSSION SYNDROMES
      - Civilian non-sport
      - Civilian sport related
      - Military
    - DIFFUSE AXONAL INJURY
      - Brain Swelling: unilateral or bilateral
  - PENETRATING INJURIES

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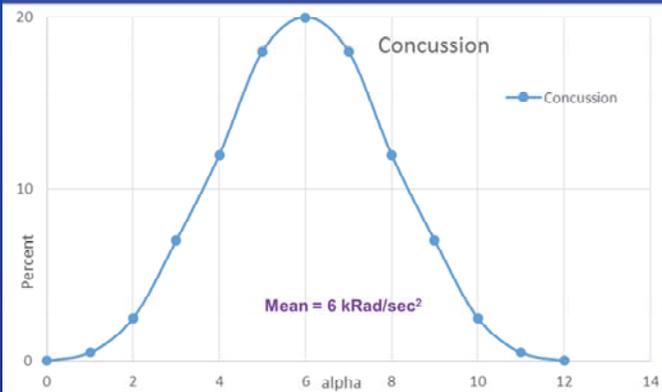


# THE CONTINUUM OF DIFFUSE BRAIN INJURY



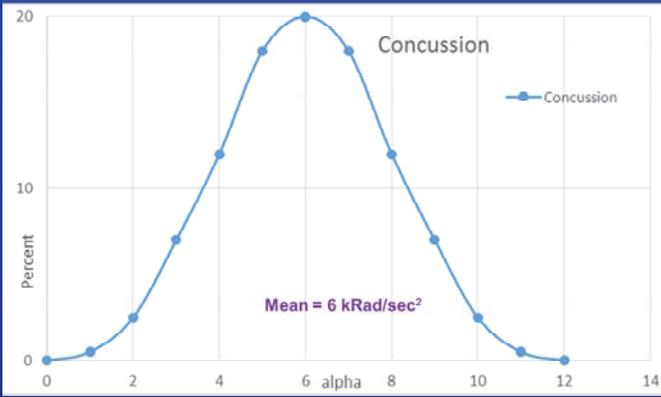
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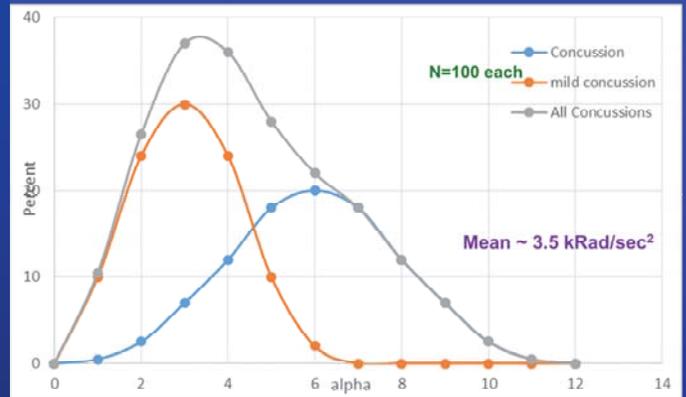


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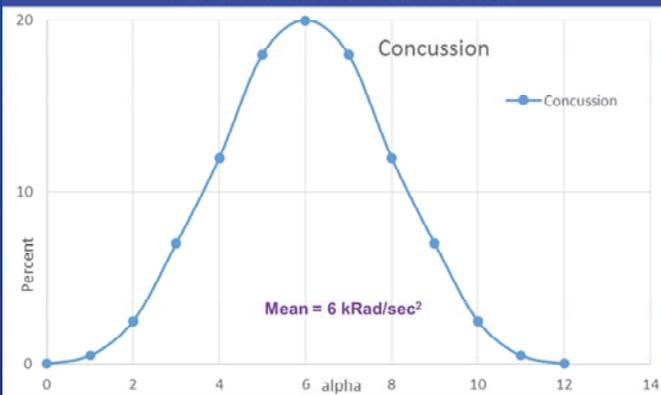


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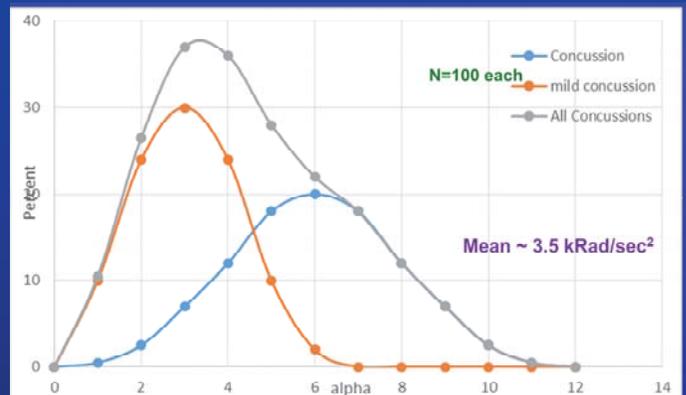


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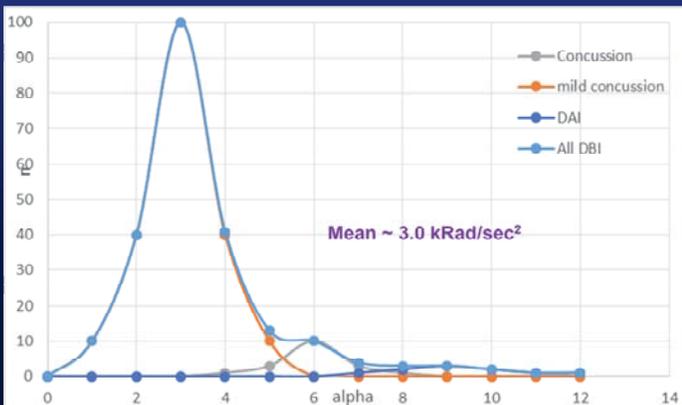
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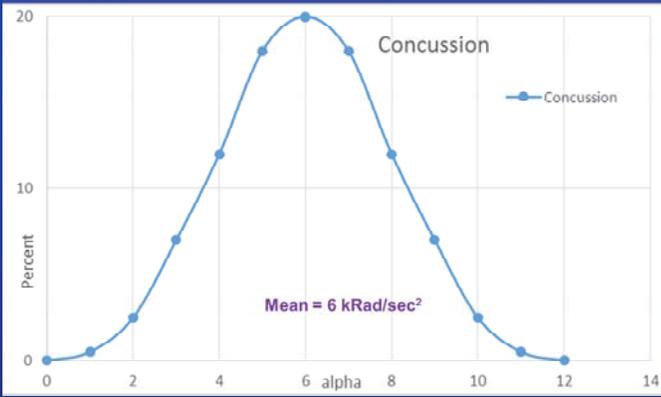


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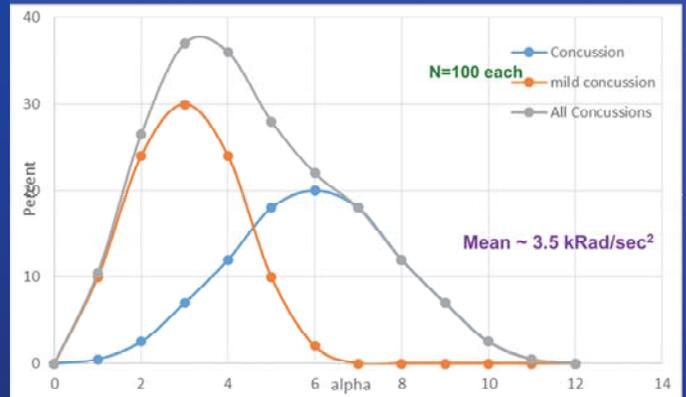


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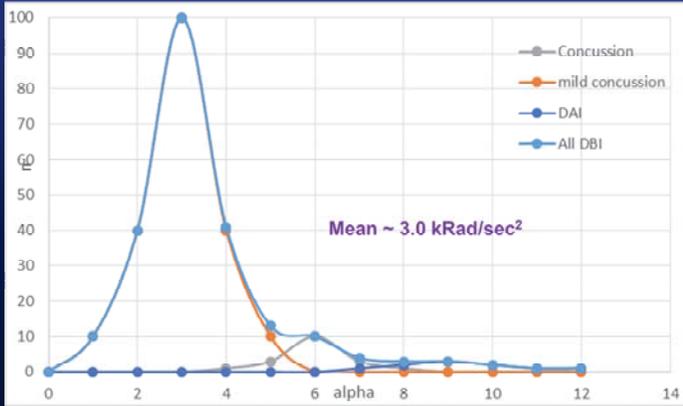
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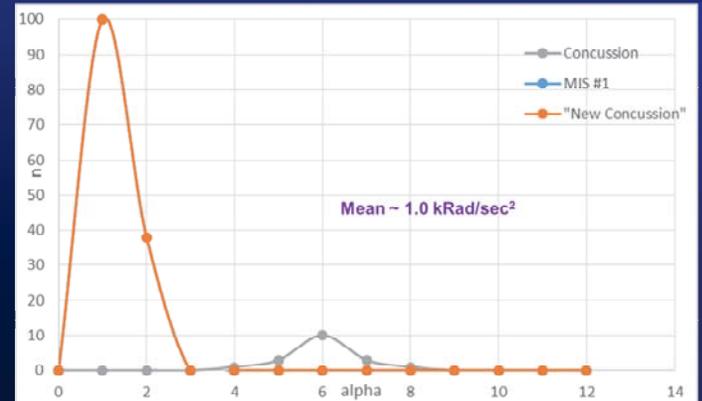
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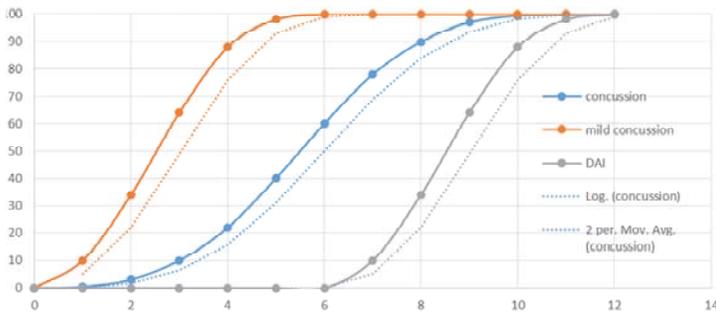
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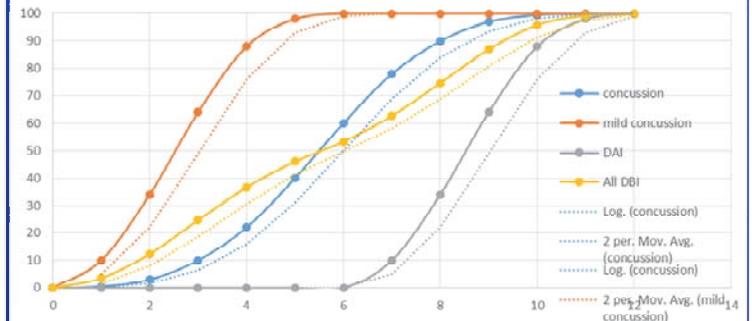
### 2010's: Concussion (mTBI) = any MIS MIS = Mechanically Induced Symptom



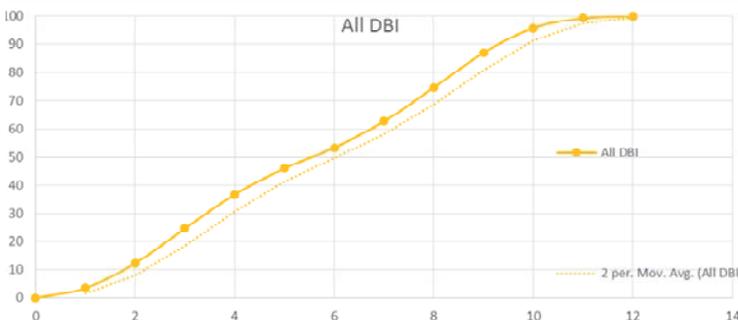
### Cumulative Distribution of DBI



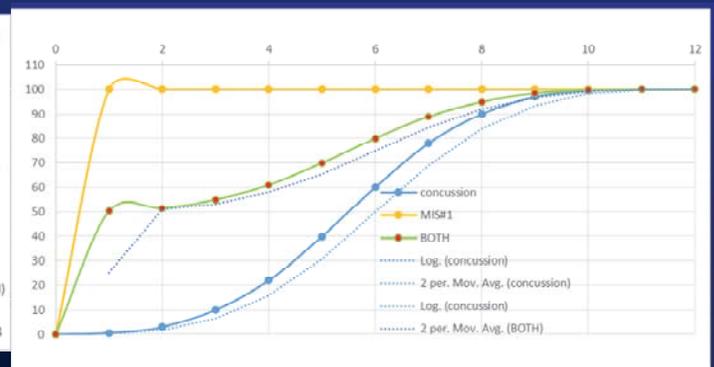
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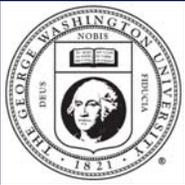
### Cumulative Distribution of Concussion and MIS#1



# The new concussion:

any symptom after a head hit

(or not hit)

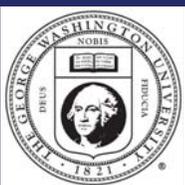


# The new concussion:

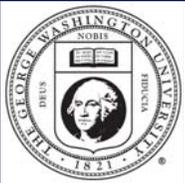
any symptom after a head hit

(or not hit)

The theories of concussion  
have lagged far behind the  
publications



## Current Concept of Concussion and the CTC

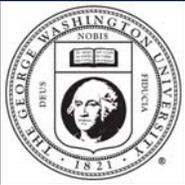


## Today's new "concussion"

- No longer is "concussion" the same as "cerebral concussion" or "commotio cerebri" because many symptoms currently ascribed to "concussion" or its (more) confusing moniker mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) are arguably not of cerebral or even of brain origin.
- These include headache, dizziness, seeing "stars", tinnitus, fuzzy or blurred vision, fatigue, neck pain, photophobia, taste or smell disorders, sensitivity to noise, etc.
- Currently, the term "cerebral" concussion is being replaced by virtually any symptom arising after head motion whether it arises from the cerebrum or not..
- Thus, a Symptomcentric Concept of the Concussions is proposed whereby symptoms from various sites arise in response to a mechanical stimulation of the brain or other individual anatomic



# What other brain structures can respond to mechanical Stimuli?



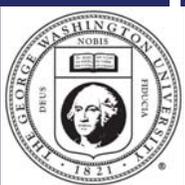
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# What other brain structures can respond to mechanical Stimuli?

- **Neurons:** axons, soma, dendrites, synapses, networks
- **Blood vessels:** arterial, venous, capillary
- **Oligodendrocytes**
- **Astrocytes**
- **Microglia**



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# Brain Mechanical Responses

## Mechanically Induced Symptoms = MIS

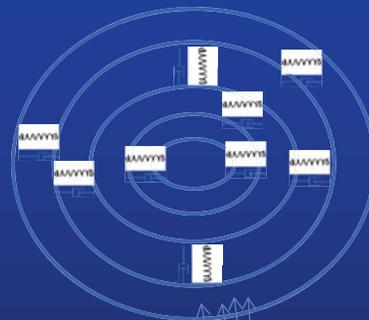
- **Neurons:** axons, soma, dendrites, synapses, networks
- **Blood vessels:** arterial, venous, capillary vasoconstriction or vasodilatation
- **Oligodendrocytes:** demyelination, altered electrical transmission
- **Astrocytes:** gliosis
- **Microglia:** inflammation



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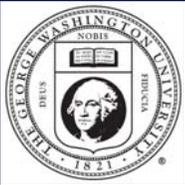


BNC = BRAIN NEURONAL CONCUSSION  
BVC = BRAIN VASCULAR CONCUSSION  
BOC = BRAIN OLIGO CONCUSSION  
BAC = BRAIN ASTROCYTIC CONCUSSION  
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# What else can be concussed besides the brain?

Are there other structures that respond to mechanical stimulation? What is concussible?



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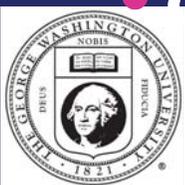


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# What else can be concussed besides the brain?

Are there other structures that respond to mechanical stimulation? What is concussible?

- **Olfactory nerves, tract**
- **Retina, optic nerves**
- **Trigeminal: Face, scalp, skin**
- **Vestibular apparatus: semicircular canals**
- **Auditory apparatus: cochlea**
- **The neck: muscles, ligaments, joints, vessels**
- **Cervical spinal cord**



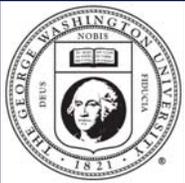
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## Mechanically Induced Symptoms = MIS

- **Olfactory concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from the olfactory nerves, bulbs or tracts such as diminished or exaggerated smell.
- **Retinal concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from retinal motions or from traumatic alterations of the electroretinogram such as diminished, dim or “fuzzy” vision, photophobia or visual aberrations.
- **Trigeminal concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from stimulation or depression of the branches of the trigeminal nerve such as headache, facial pain or numbness.
- **Vestibular concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from semicircular canal dysfunction such as dizziness, balance problems, lightheadedness.
- **Auditory Concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from cochlear dysfunction such as hyper or hypoacusis, sensitivity to noise.



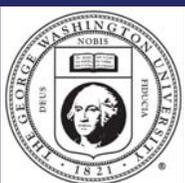
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## Mechanically Induced Symptoms = MIS

- **Cervical concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from the nerves, muscles, joints, ligaments or blood vessels in the neck such as neck pain, numbness/pain in posterior portion of head, lightheadedness.
- **Spinal concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from the cervical spinal cord such as tingling, numbness, weakness.
- **Psychological Concussion:** posttraumatic symptoms arising from the influence of mechanical energy on one's overall psychological state. This is a more abstract “injury”, the magnitude and expression (symptoms) of which depend on not only the magnitude of the mechanical input but also on the pre-existing personality “strength”.

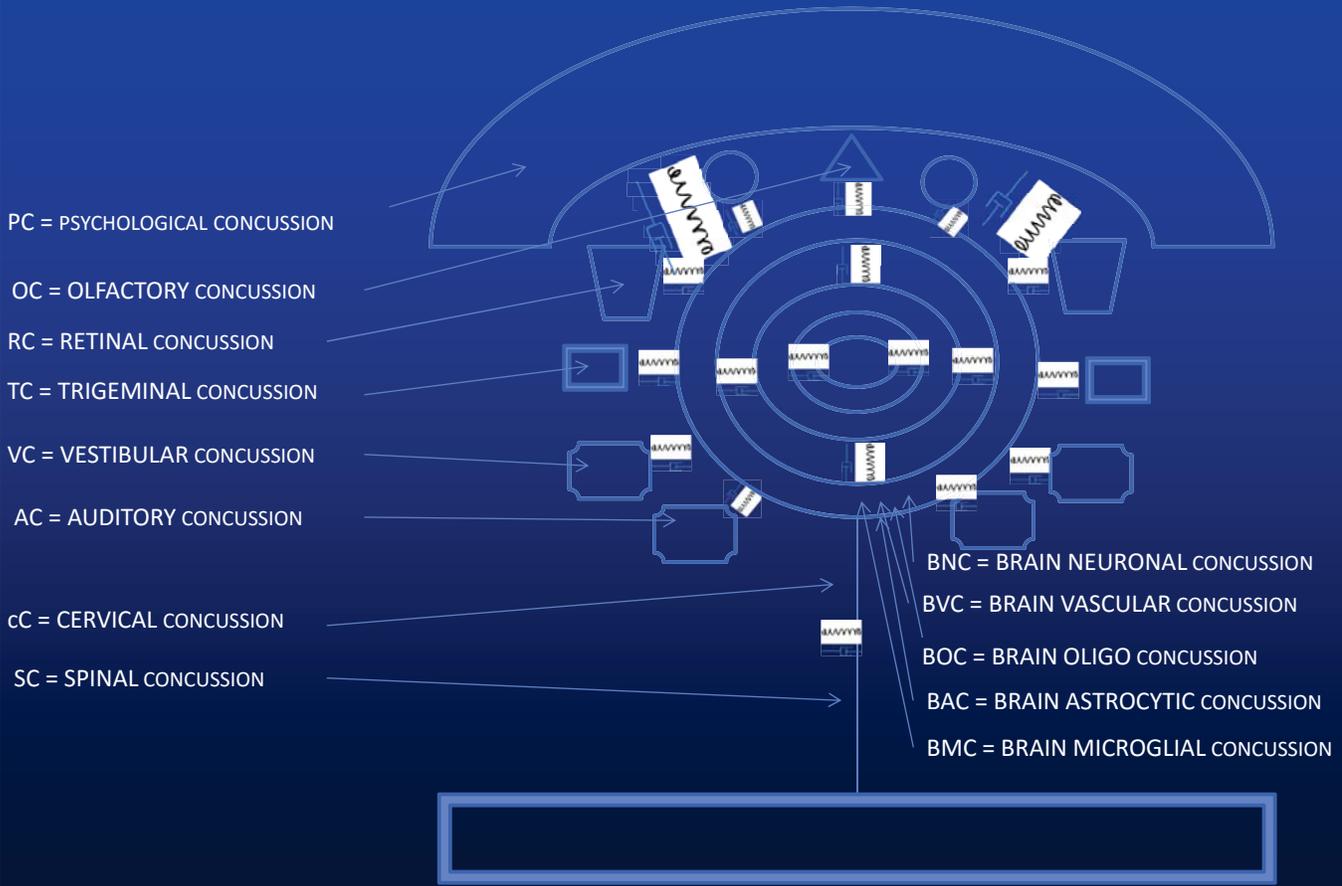


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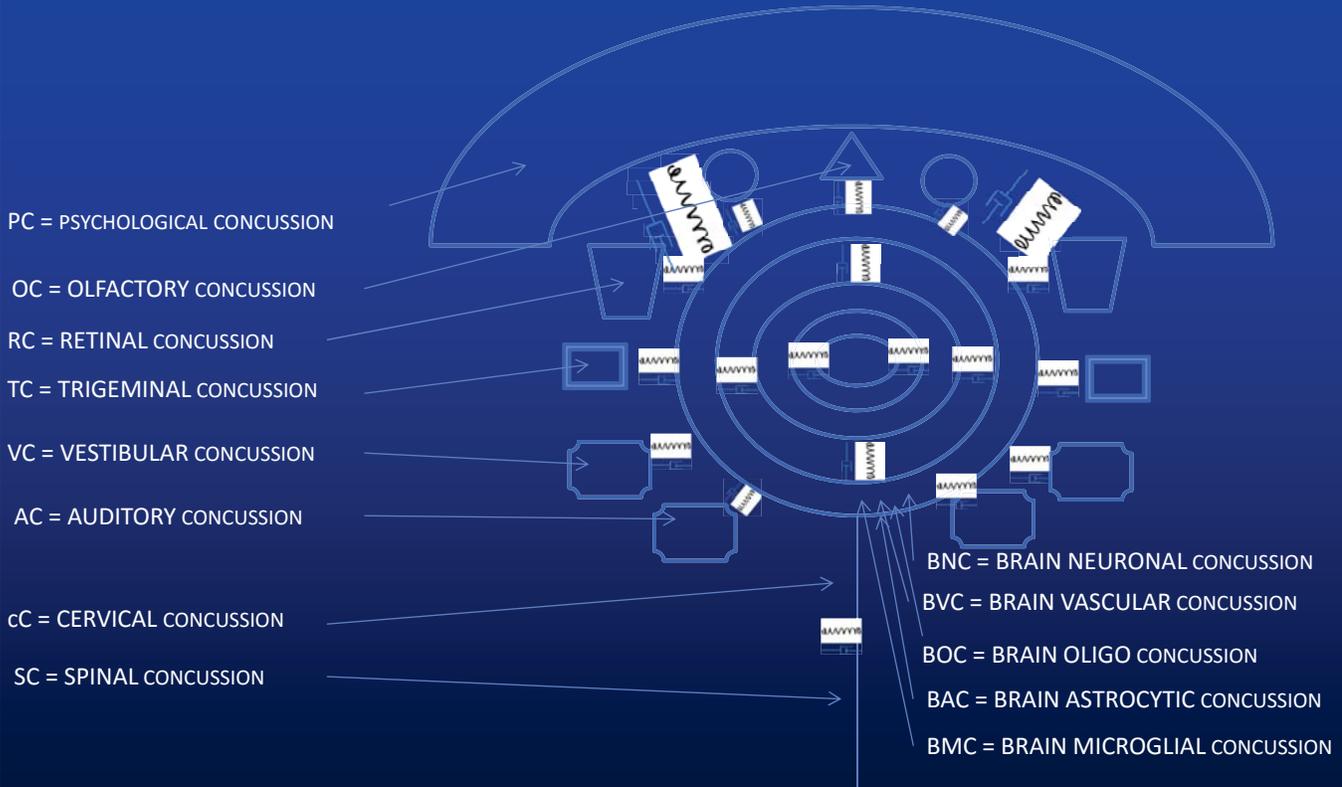


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## Symptomcentric Concept of the Concussions



## Symptomcentric Concept of the Concussions



**These can occur singly or in any combination**

## Symptomcentric Concept of the Concussions

PC = PSYCHOLOGICAL CONCUSSION

OC = OLFACTORY CONCUSSION

RC = RETINAL CONCUSSION

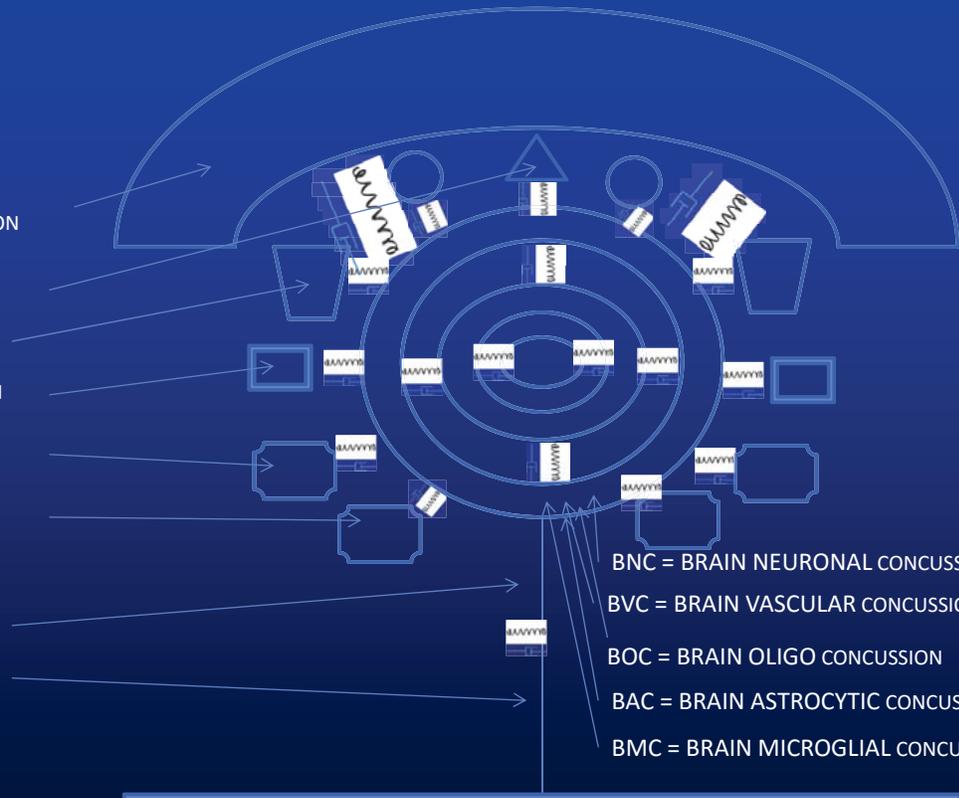
TC = TRIGEMINAL CONCUSSION

VC = VESTIBULAR CONCUSSION

AC = AUDITORY CONCUSSION

CC = CERVICAL CONCUSSION

SC = SPINAL CONCUSSION



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**Surely, these are not all due just to angular head movements**

# Now, the rest is in your hands!



# The Evolution (and demise?) of Kinematic Brain Injury Metrics

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ANGULAR MOTION BRAIN INJURY WORKSHOP

SMF/NOCSAE/PDB/IRCOBI Workshop  
Lyon, France, September 8, 2015

## Our Premise.

Closed brain injury is caused by head motion.

The severity/probability of head injury is somehow related to the way in which the head/skull moves.

There is a relationship between brain injury and head kinematics.

## In the Beginning.....

- 1943 Holbourne      MAXIMUM ANGULAR VELOCITY
- 1946 Gurdjian      LINEAR ACCELERATION, DURATION
- 1956 Snively      MAXIMUM LINEAR ACCELERATION
- 1960 Patrick      LINEAR ACCELERATION PLUS  
"DWELL TIMES".

## A. Holbourne 1943

“Mechanics of Head Injury.” Lancet

“ For very short duration blows, (brain) injury is proportional to the change of rotational velocity not the rate of change – i.e. acceleration.”

## E. Gurdjian, J. Webster, H. Lissner 1943 - 1970

“Experimental Head Injury with Special Reference to the Mechanical Factors in Acute Trauma.”

“When a linear fracture was obtained in the human cadaver, a moderate to severe concussion could be deduced.”

Skull fracture coincided with head translational acceleration of about 250Gs.

# Helmet Impact Twin Wire Test Setups

## Crash

## Athletic



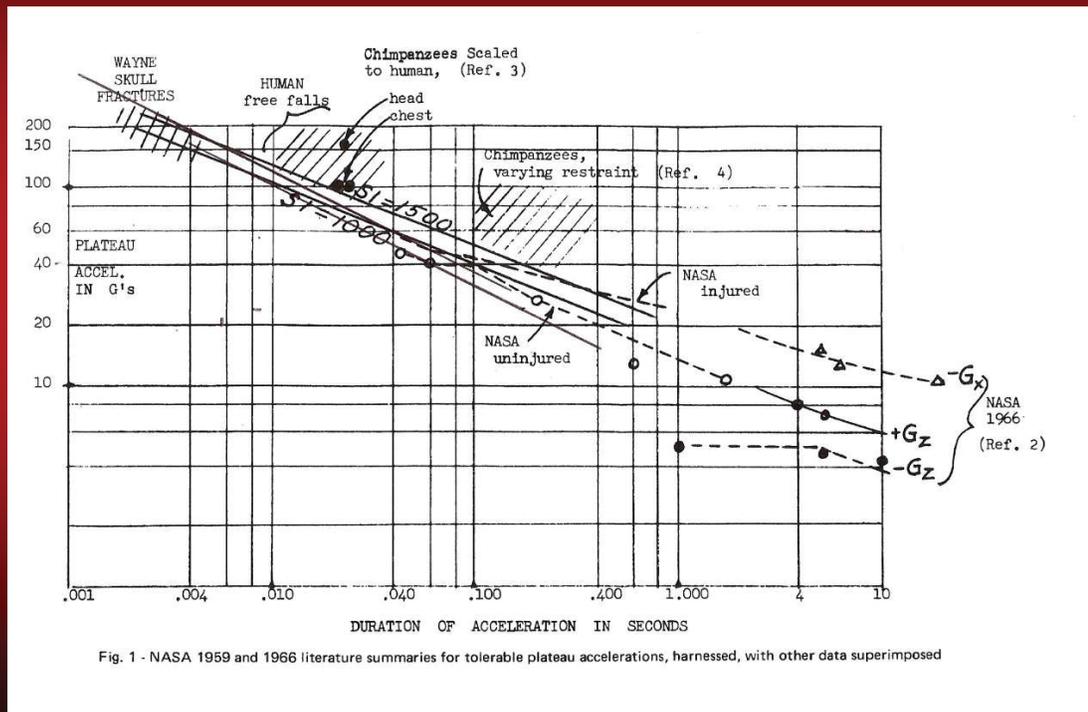
## ASA Z90.1 – 1966

“Headform acceleration in excess of 200G shall not persist for longer than 2msec and at 150Gs for no longer than 4msec.”

NHTSA DoT 218 - 2015



# Acceleration "data" circa 1966



# NOCSAE Severity Index

$$a^{-2.5} T < 1,000$$

$$SI = \int_T a^{2.5} dt < N$$

# Versace 1971

$$a^{-2.5} T < 1,000$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_T a(t) dt \right]^{2.5} T < 1,000$$

## Head Injury Criterion

$$\text{HIC} = \left[ \frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right]^{2.5} (t_2 - t_1)$$

# Ommaya et al 1966 - 1981

*“no convincing evidence has to this date been presented which relates brain injury and concussion to translational motion of the head...” - 1972*

## Thibault & Gennarelli - primate scaling

concussion	8,000 rad/s <sup>2</sup>	@ 75 rad/s
subdural hematoma	12,500 rad/s <sup>2</sup>	@ 60 rad/s
diffuse axonal injury	15,000 rad/s <sup>2</sup>	@150 rad/s

## Toward the End.

- 1985 Newman GAMBIT
- 2000 Newman et al HIP
- 2003 Klieven PI
- 2007 Newman NSI
- 2011 Takhounts et al BrIC
- 2013 Takhounts et al Max angular velocity

## Generalized Acceleration Model for Brain Injury Tolerance - 1985

$$G(t) = \left[ \left( \frac{a(t)}{a_c} \right)^n + \left( \frac{\alpha(t)}{\alpha_c} \right)^m \right]^{1/s}$$

## Head Impact Power - 2000

- ▶  $HIP = m a_x \int a_x dt + m a_y \int a_y dt + m a_z \int a_z dt +$
- ▶  $I_x \alpha_x \int \alpha_x dt + I_y \alpha_y \int \alpha_y dt + I_z \alpha_z \int \alpha_z dt$

## New Severity Index - 2007

$$NSI = \left( \frac{m_k}{m_r} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{A_m \Delta V}{A_t V_i} \right) \leq 1.0$$

## Brain Rotational Injury Criterion - 2011

$$BRIC = \frac{\omega_{max}}{\omega_{cr}} + \frac{\alpha_{max}}{\alpha_{cr}}$$

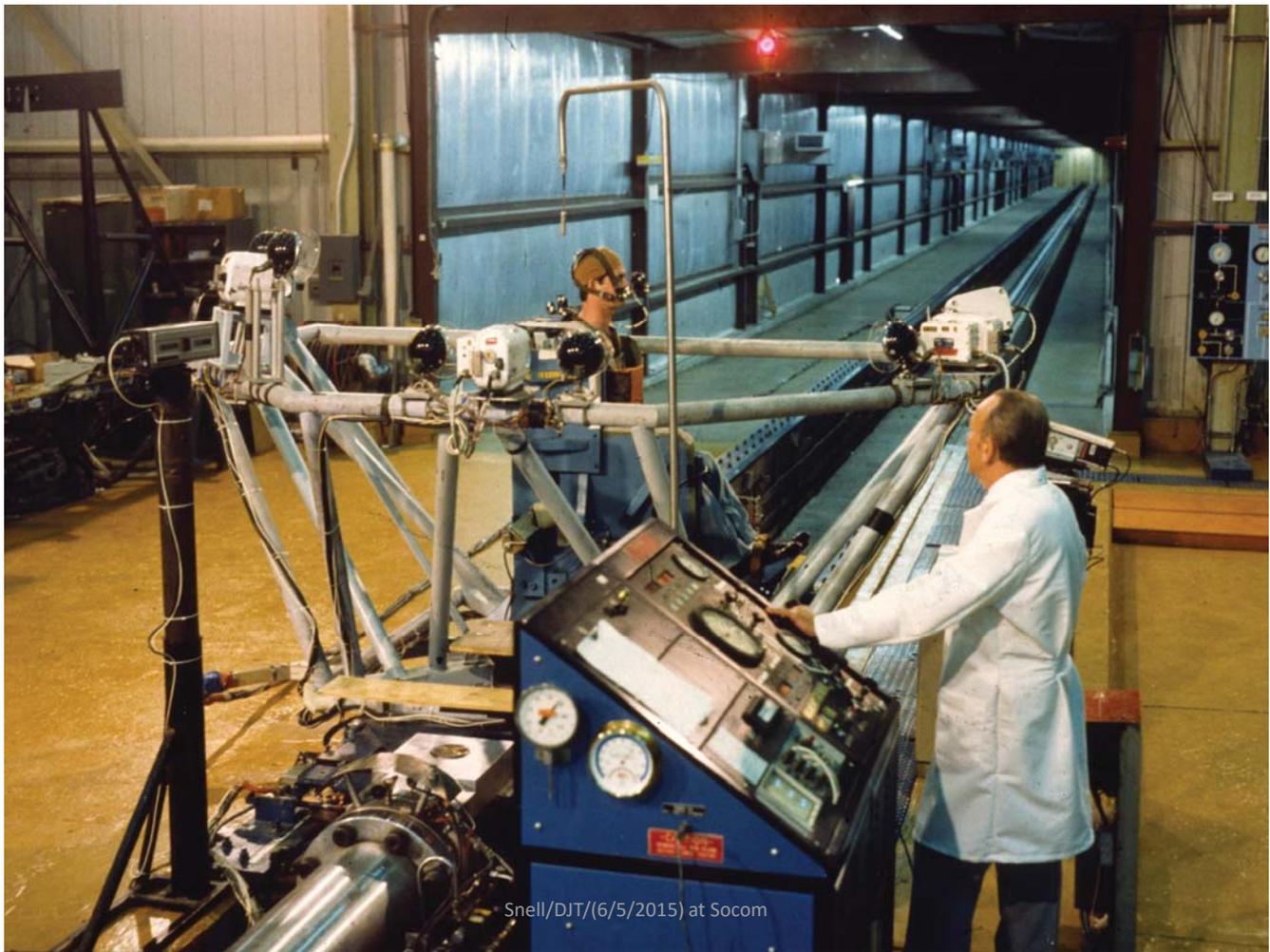
## Brain Injury Criteria (BrIC) - 2013

*rotational velocity (not rotational acceleration) is the mechanism for brain injuries . (See Holbourne 1943).*

And in the end.....

Kinematic correlations will no longer be required when mathematical (FE) brain models can quickly and accurately predict brain tissue distortion characteristics (eg CSDM) for various head impact scenarios.





- Impact Injury of the Head and Spine

Chapter5: "Experimental Head and Neck Injury"

Daniel J. Thomas and  
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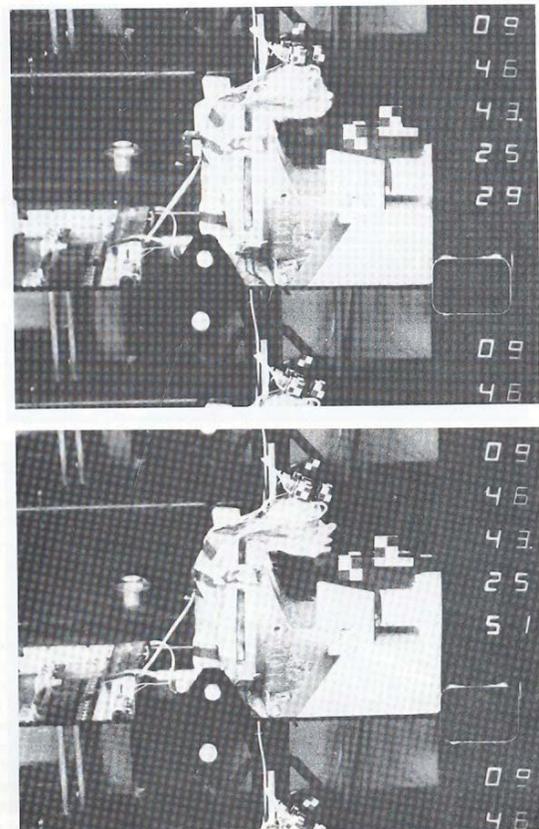


Figure 5-24. Side photographs (500 frames per second) of two successive positions in LX1893 animal A03924, which encompass the time of peak head angular and linear accelerations shown in Figures 5-15 and 5-16. The camera was laboratory mounted.

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FATAL RHESUS HEAD/NECK INJURY IN -X EXPERIMENTS

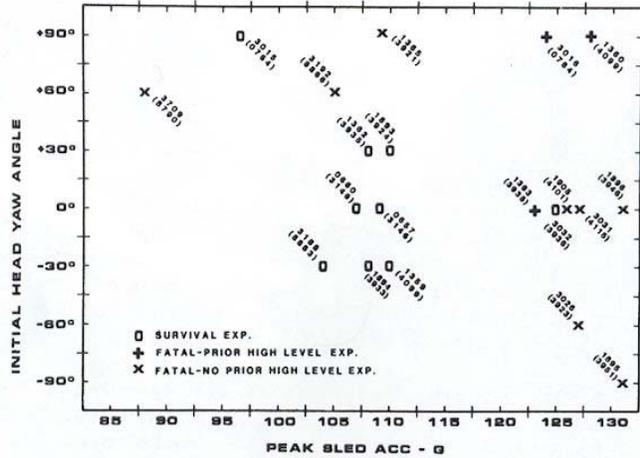


Figure 5-23. Illustration of the effect of peak sled acceleration and initial head yaw angle on the threshold for fatal anatomical disruption in the Rhesus monkey.

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# Concussion and Angular Acceleration

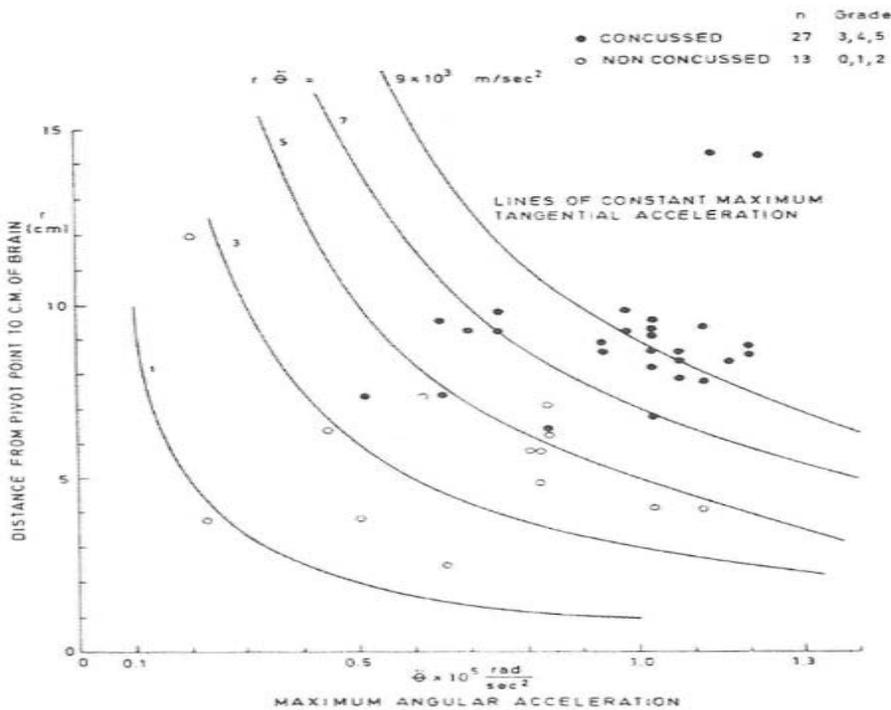


Fig. 7 - Concussion as function of r,  $\dot{\theta}$

22nd Stapp - 1978 - Gennarelli

*A Statistical Analysis of -X Rhesus Head Kinematics*

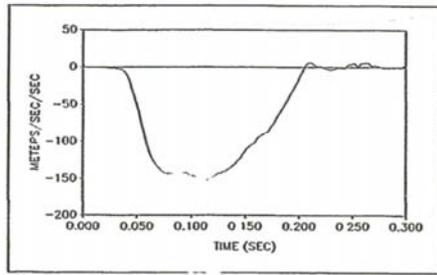


Figure 1. Sled acceleration profile for 15 g, -X human NUCU run.

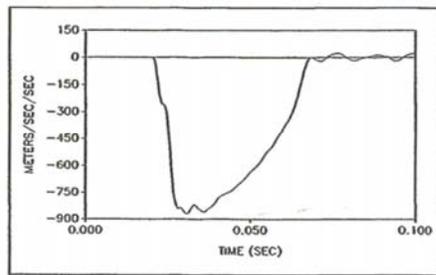


Figure 2. Sled acceleration profile for 89 g, -X animal NUCU run.

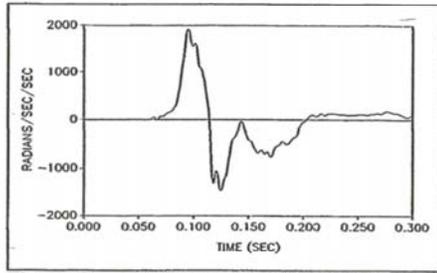


Figure 3. Head angular acceleration (Y-axis) for 15 g, -X human NUCU run.

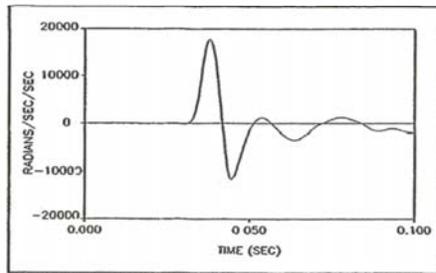


Figure 4. Head angular acceleration (Y-axis) for 89 g, -X animal NUCU run.

**Human vs. Rhesus Head Kinematics Comparison**

B-1

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## Important Lessons Learned

1. Primate species can be used to experimentally and exactly replicate known critical human injury
2. (- X) Head neck separation Man-Rhesus-Baboon, about 100 G
3. Initial conditions of head and neck critical to threshold for injury
4. (+ X) Head neck separation at same level. More complicated
5. No concussion, no microscopic brain tissue effects using 1982 technique
6. Head neck restraint solutions work (motorsport-Hans by Hubbard, and Downing)
7. Sensory Evoked Potential changes in animal can guide safe human research

# Helmet Testing Issues

Head Device

Neck/No Neck

3D Response

Retention Performance

Fit

Multiple Hits in a Single Event

Force Applicator

Neck Brace?

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## **Strain Distributions in the Brain with Varying Pulse Separations**

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# Brain Injury Mechanisms

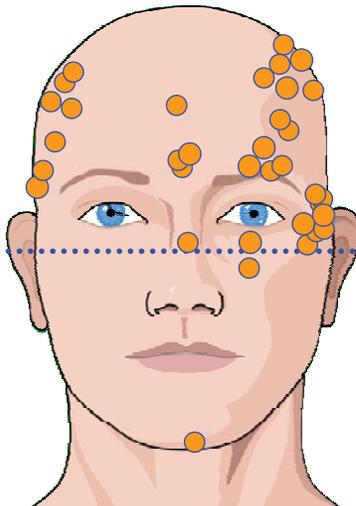
- Head contact-based
  - ❖ Epidural hematoma
  - ❖ Coup contusion
- Head motion-based
  - ❖ Concussion
  - ❖ Subdural hematoma
  - ❖ Contrecoup contusion
  - ❖ Diffuse axonal injuries

Generalli, Snell, 2005

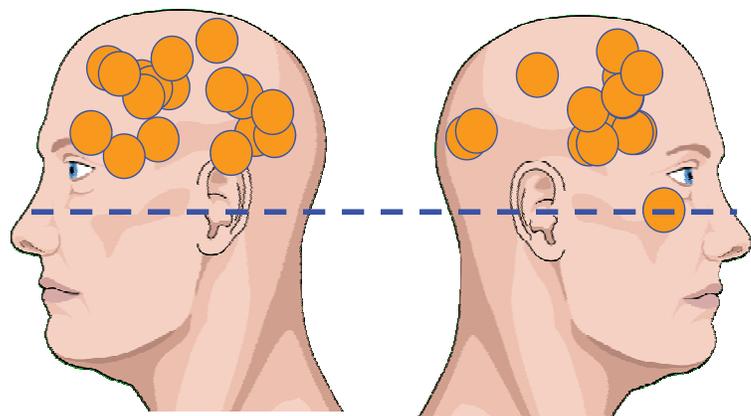
## CIREN Data

### Head Contact Loading Regions

Frontal impacts



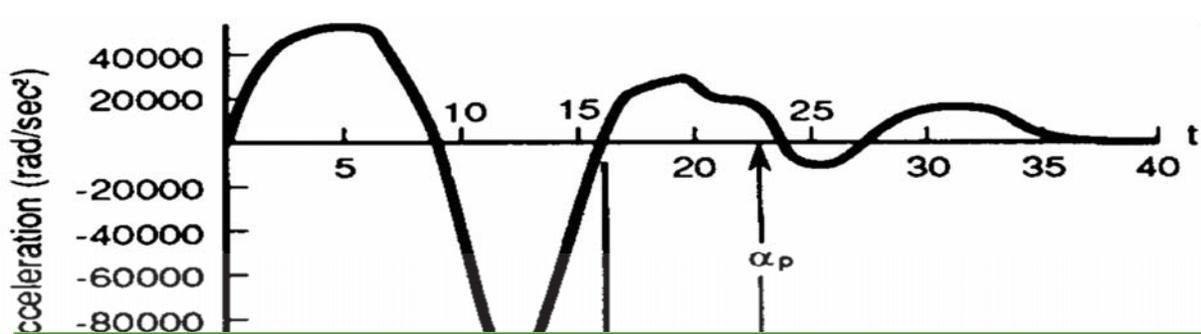
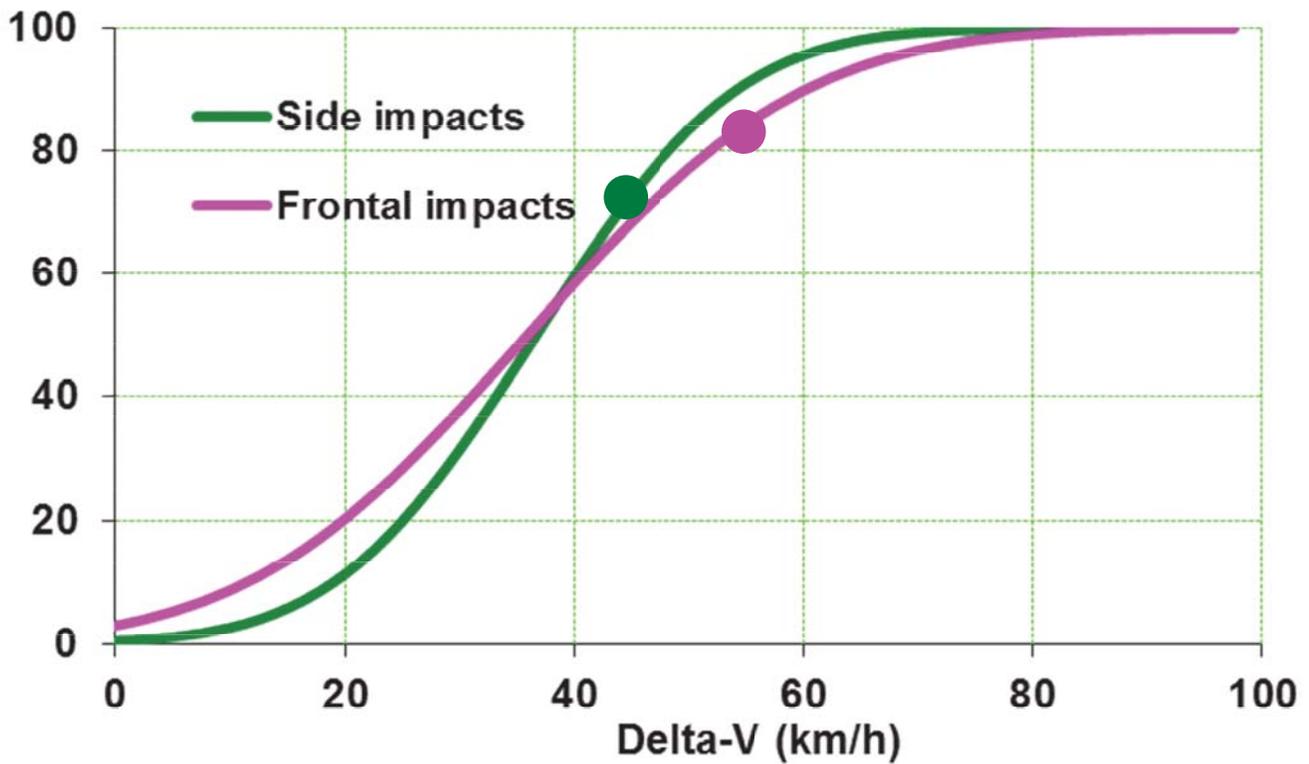
Nearside impacts



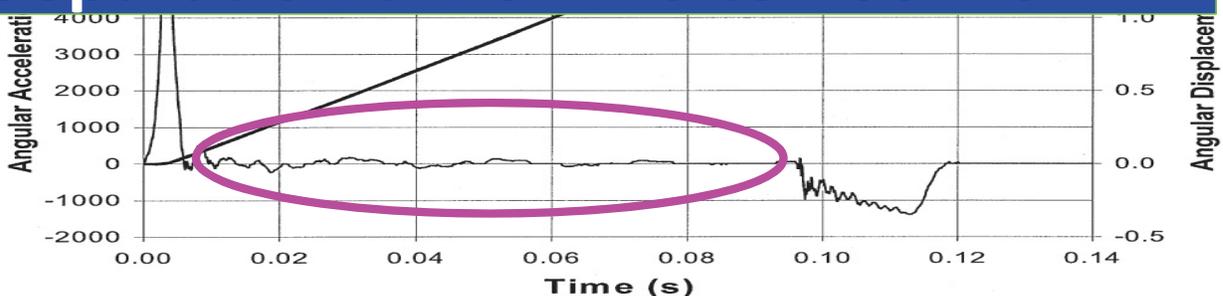
A majority of contacts occur away from the head cg: Implications ⇔ angular acceleration

Yoganandan et al, AAP, 2010

# Cumulative Frequency (%) Distribution



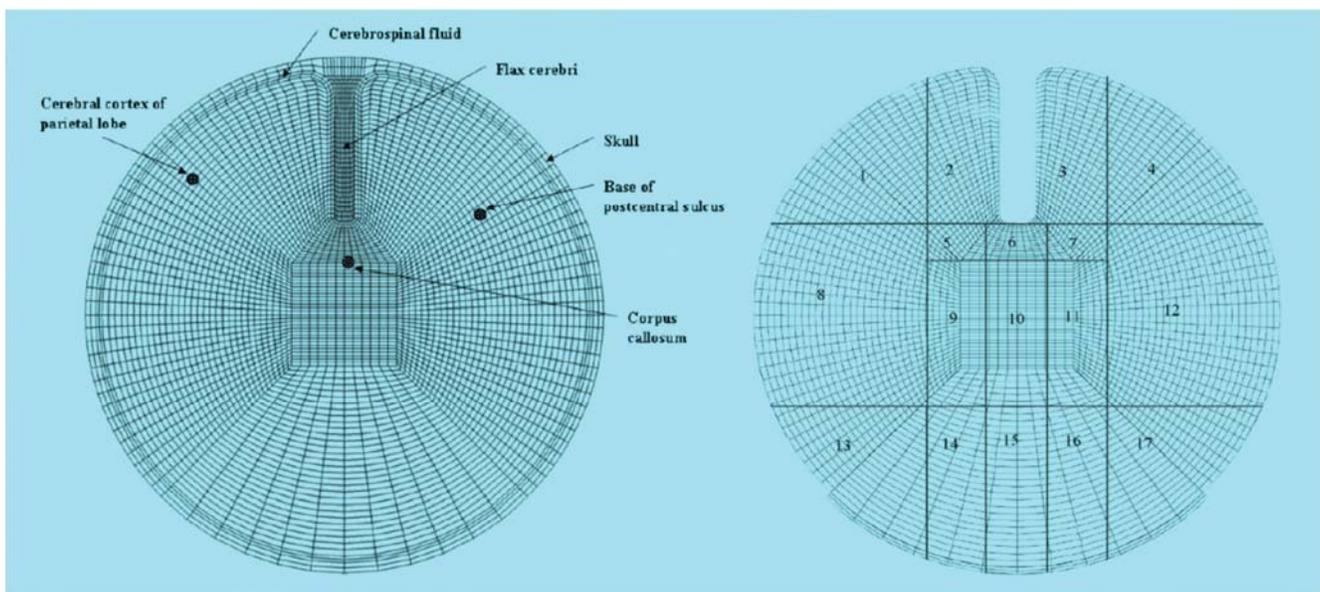
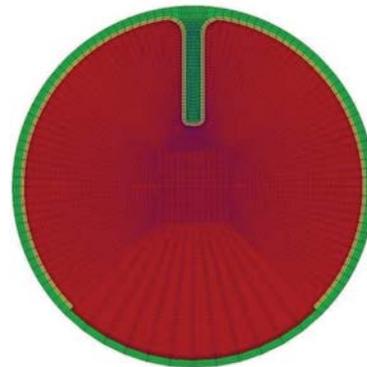
Acceleration	4 to 210 krad/s <sup>2</sup>
Deceleration	1 to 170 krad/s <sup>2</sup>
Separation time	0 to 100 ms



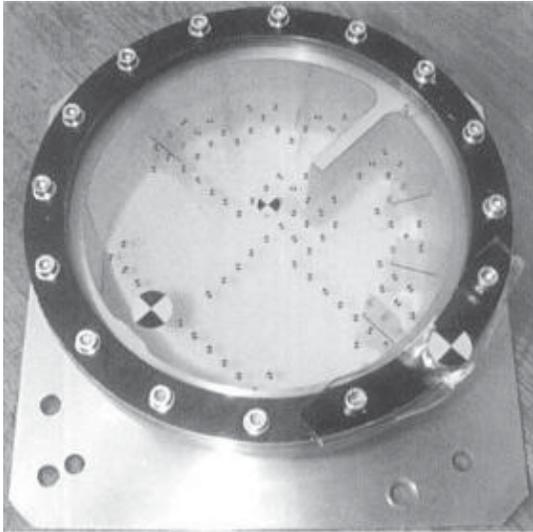
# Strain Fields in different Brain Regions

- Delineate the role of:
  - ❖ acceleration pulses,
  - ❖ deceleration pulses,
  - ❖ alone or in combination, and
  - ❖ with varying separation times
- Using a finite element model

## Finite Element Model



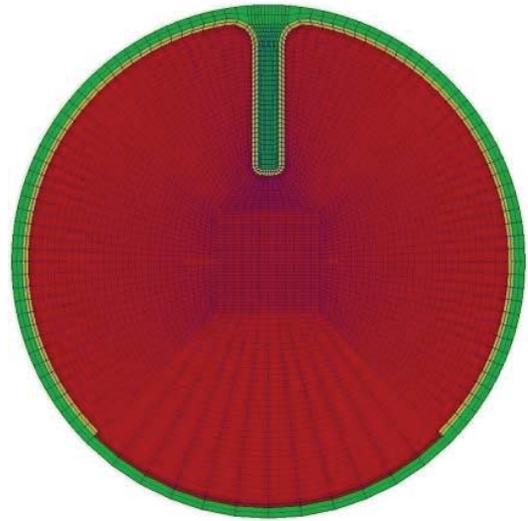
# Experimental Study



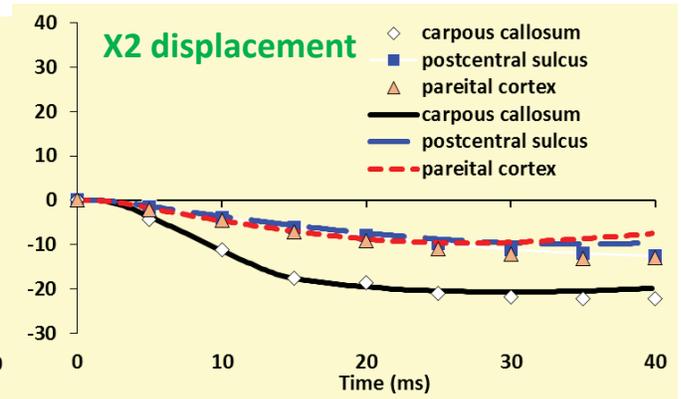
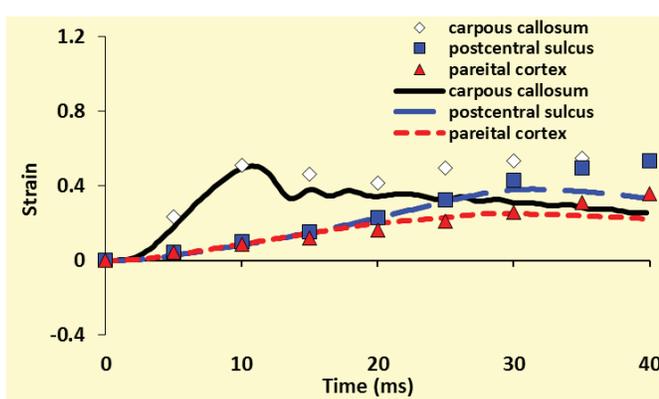
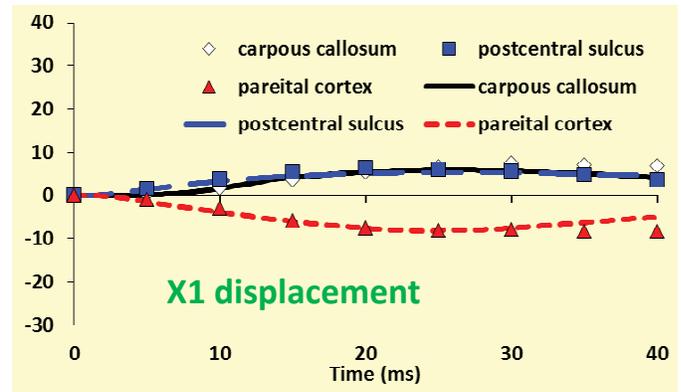
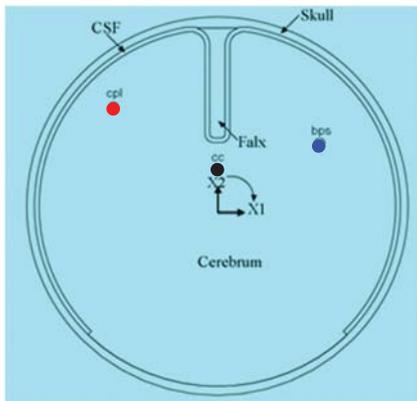
- Skull – cylindrical aluminum vessel
- CSF – liquid paraffin layer
- Cerebrum – silicone gel
- Angular acceleration loading

Bradshaw et al. 2001

# FE model



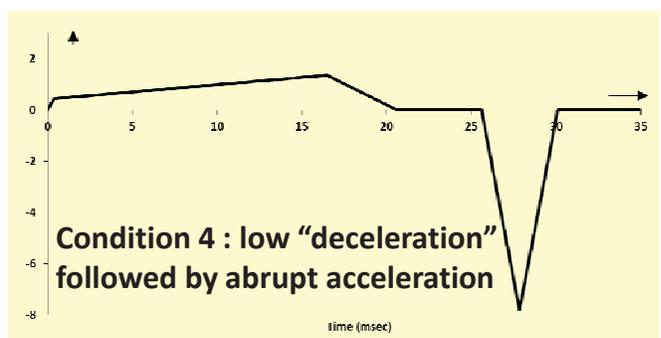
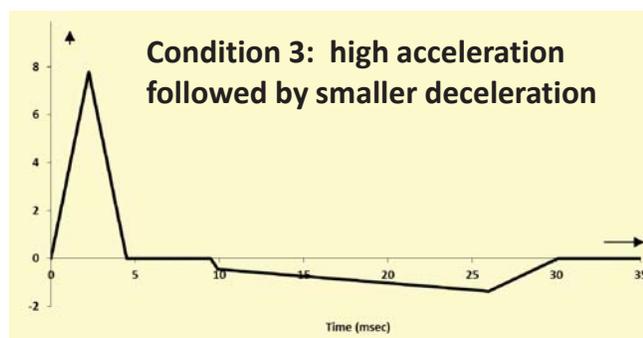
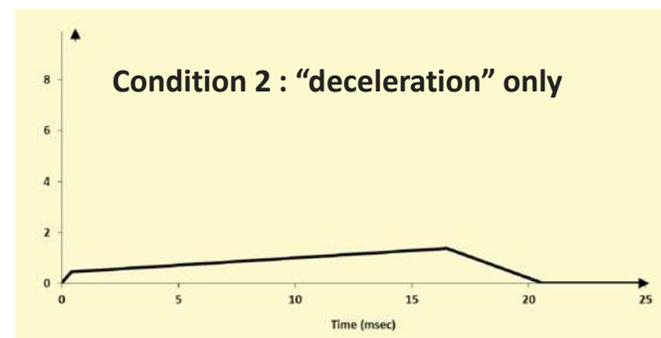
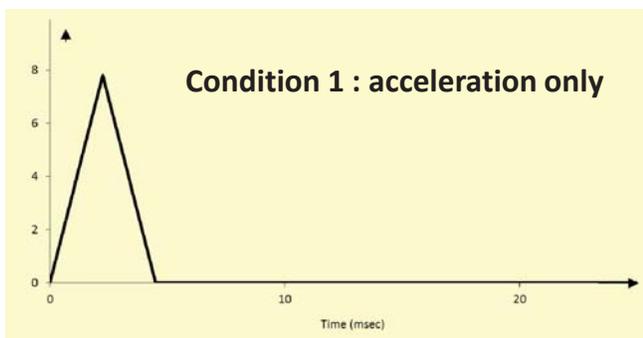
# Validation: Displacement (mm), $\epsilon$



# Strains with varying Pulses

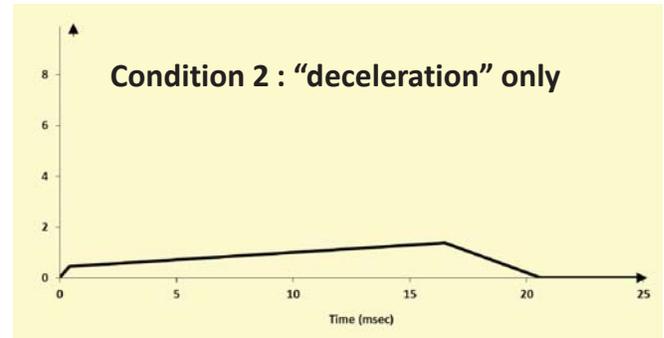
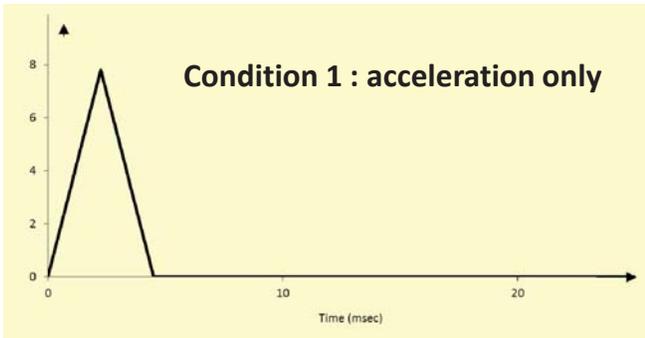
- 1. Acceleration only vs deceleration only**
  - effect of pulse shape at same velocity
- 2. Acceleration and then deceleration**
  - effect of dual pulses
- 3. Acceleration and then deceleration**
  - with varying separation times
- 4. Deceleration and then acceleration**
  - with varying separation times

## Acceleration-deceleration Pulses



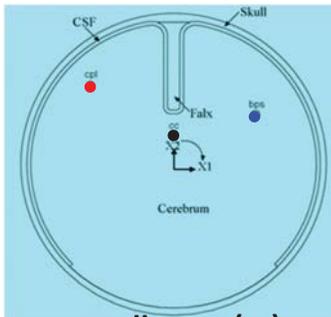
# 1. Acceleration versus deceleration:

-Effect of pulse shape

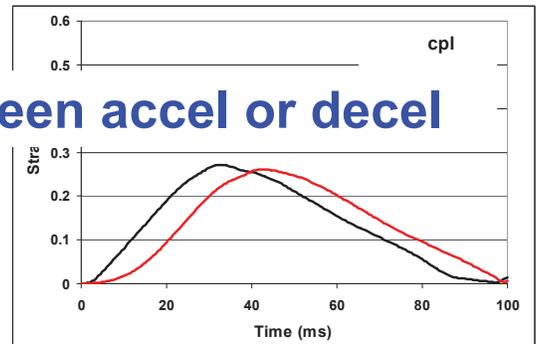
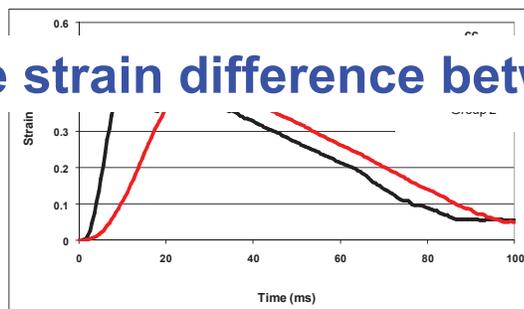
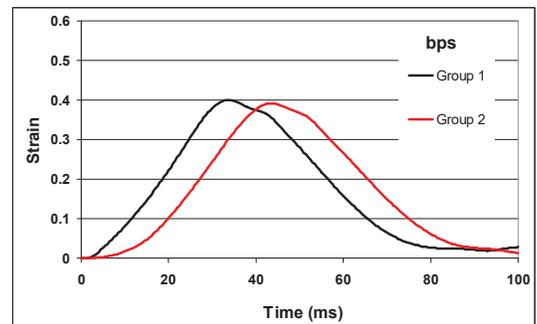


Two pulses have same change in angular velocity

## Strain Histories in Several Brain Regions



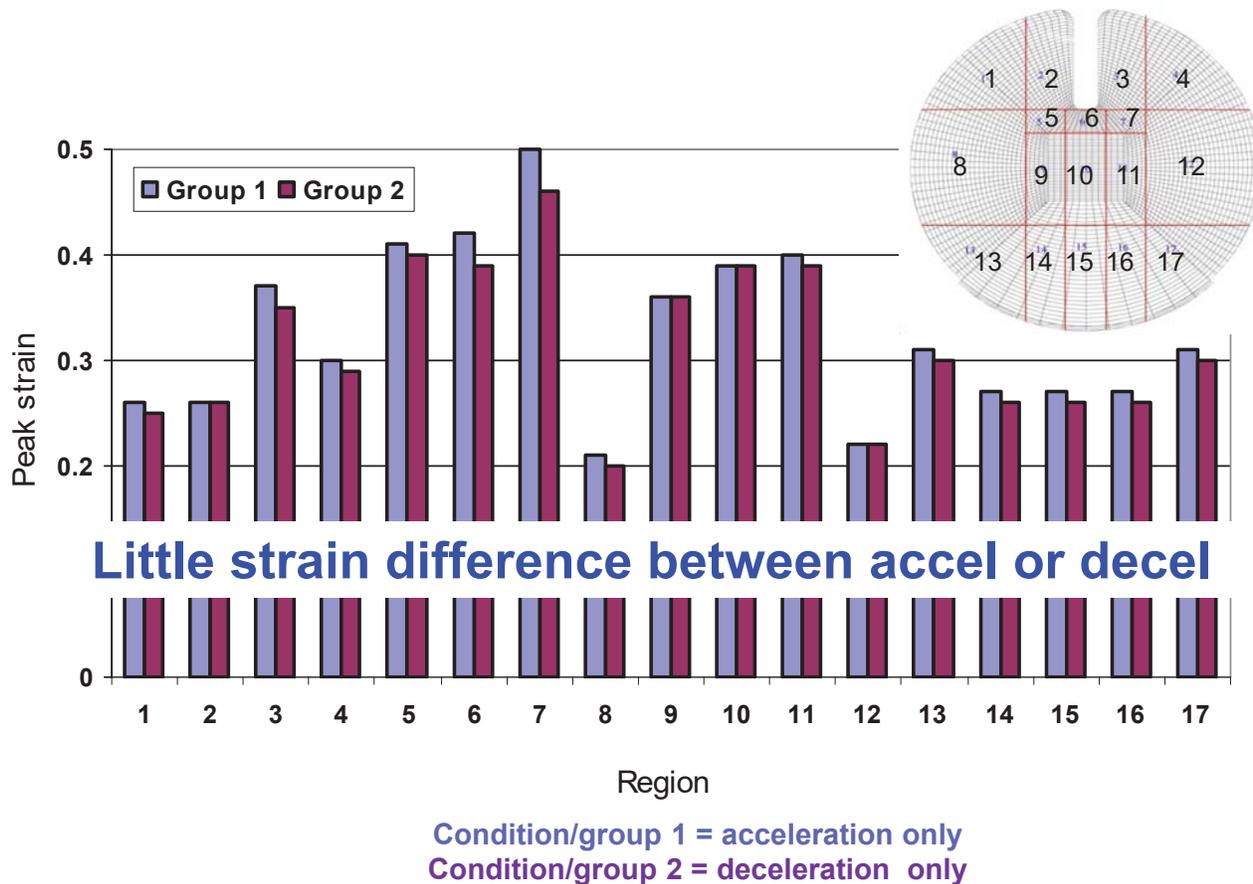
corpus callosum (cc),  
base of postcentral sulcus (bps),  
and cortex of the parietal lobe (cpl)



Little strain difference between accel or decel

Condition/group 1 = acceleration only  
Condition/group 2 = deceleration only

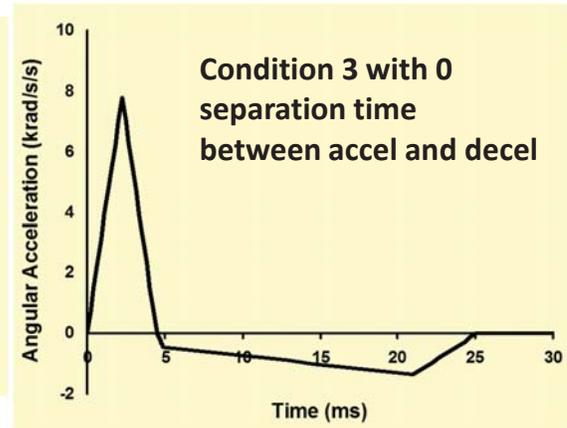
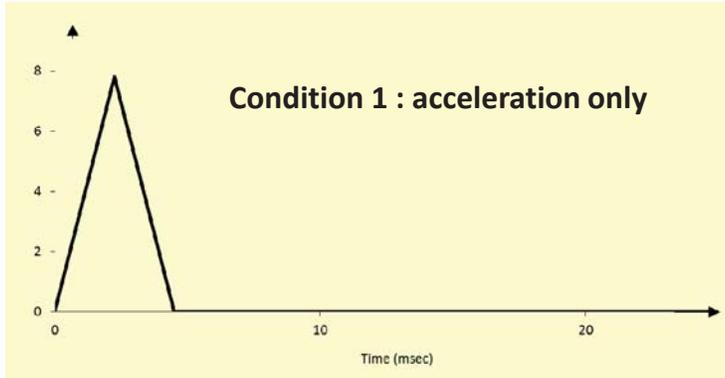
# Peak Average Strains in 17 Regions



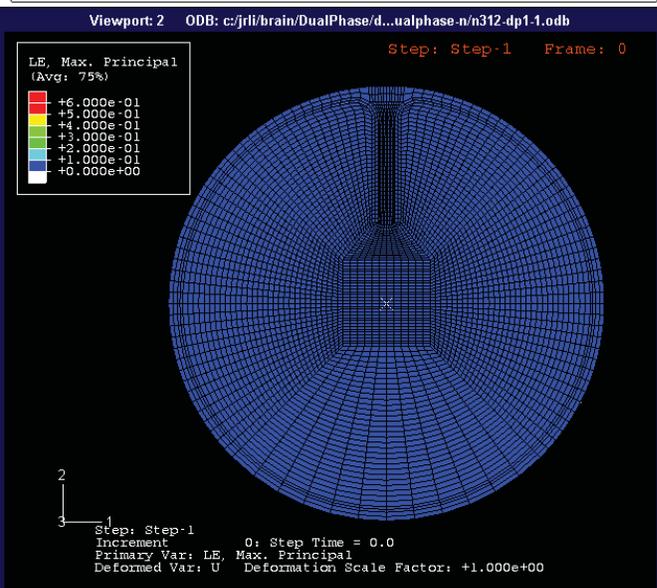
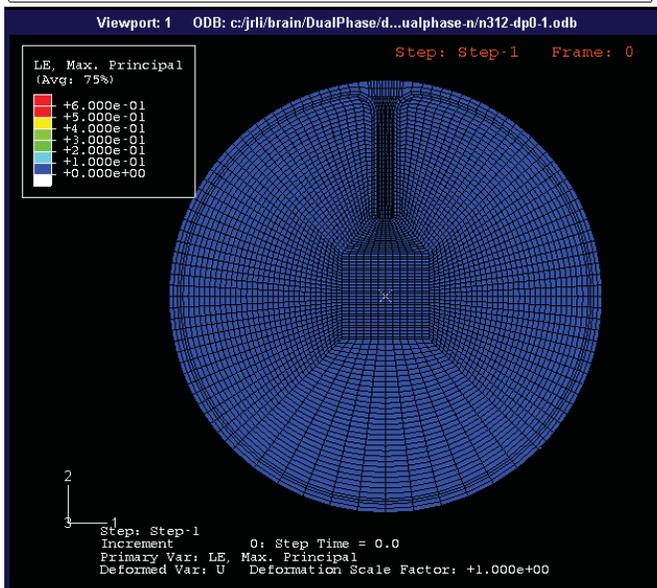
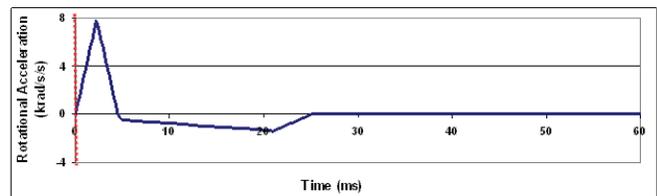
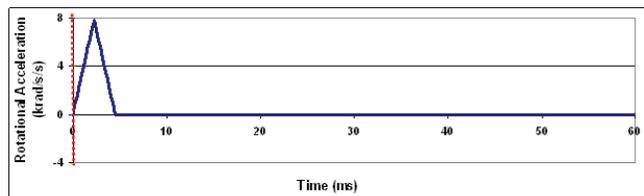
## Summary

- At the same angular velocity, the magnitude of acceleration does not produce different strain fields

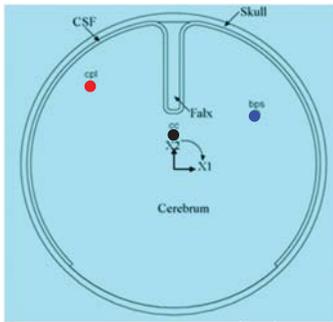
# 2: Combined Loading: Effect of presence of deceleration pulse



# Effect of Deceleration on Brain Strains

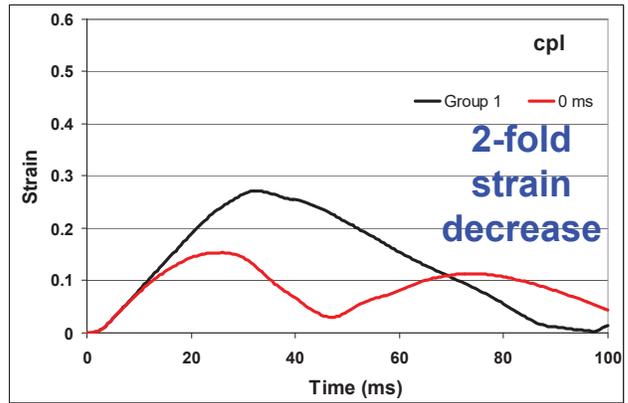
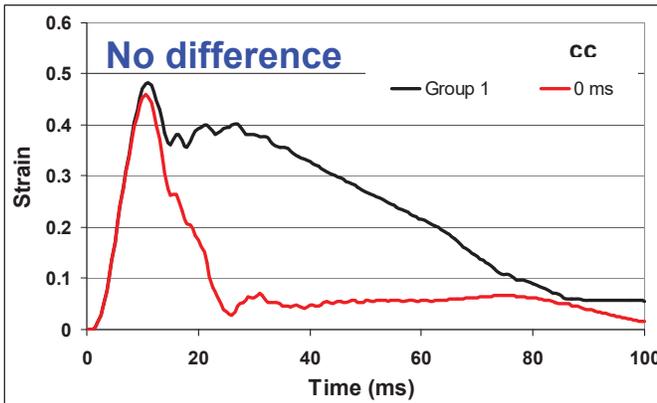
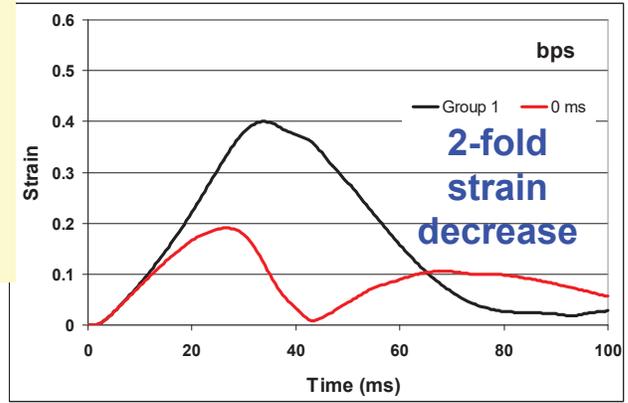


# Strain Histories: Conditions 1 & 3 simulations

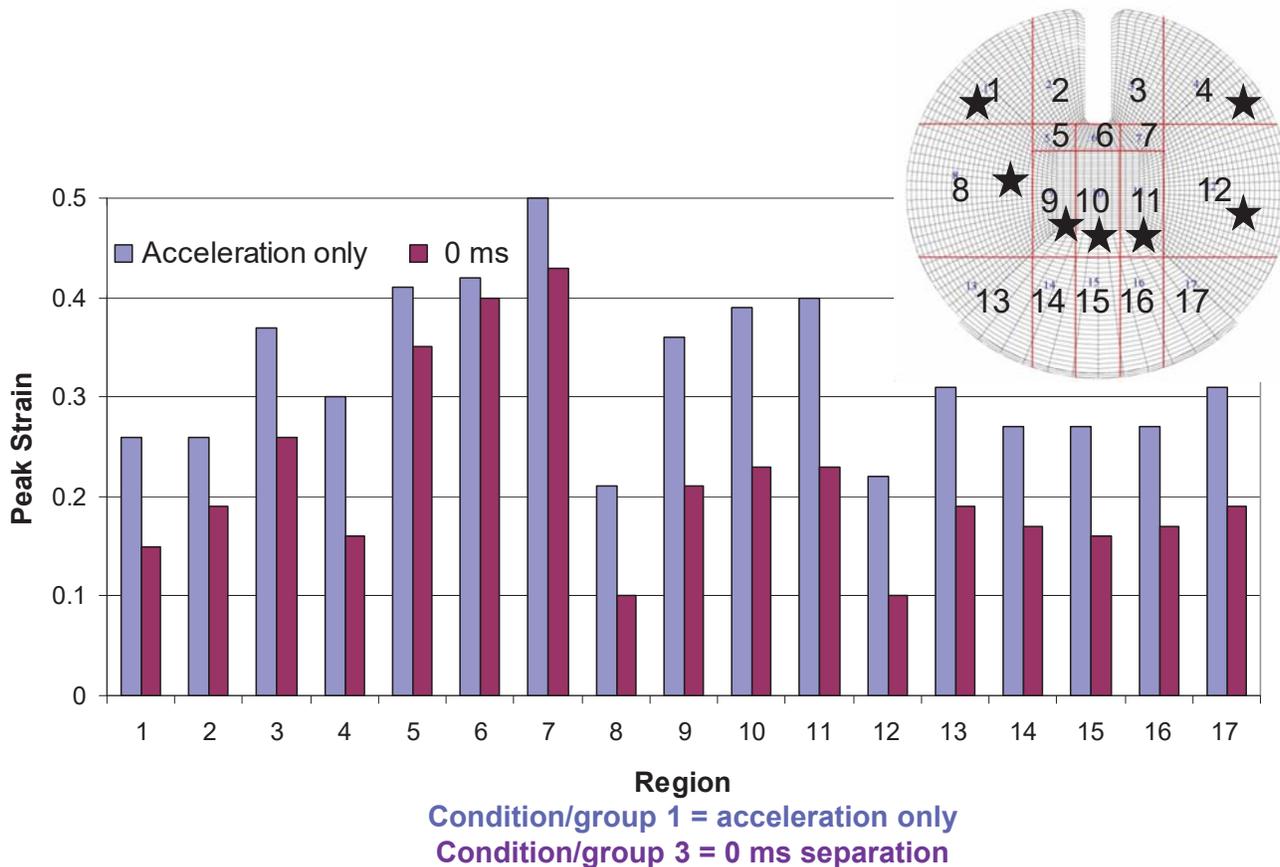


Condition/group 1 = accel only  
Versus  
No separation between accel and decel

corpus callosum (cc),  
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and cortex of the parietal lobe (cpl)



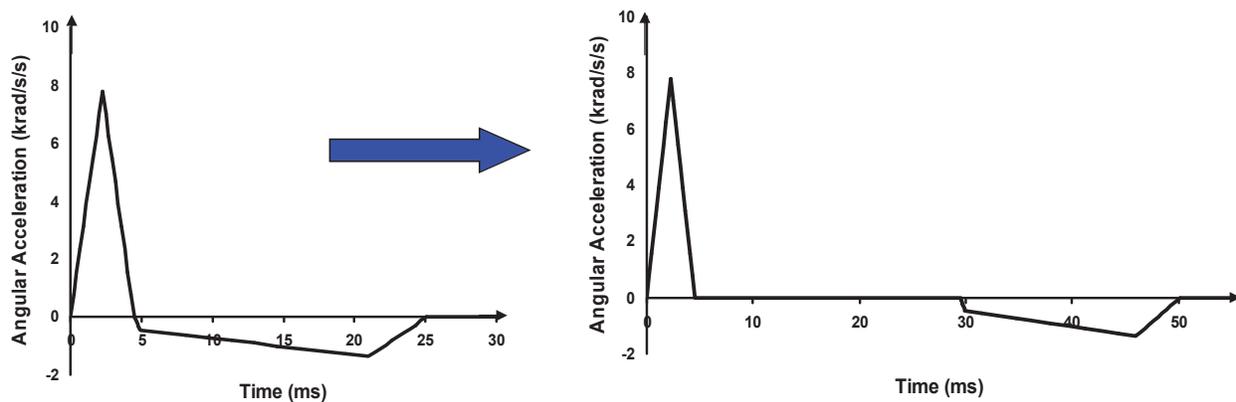
## Peak Mean Regional Strains: Conditions 1 & 3:



# Summary

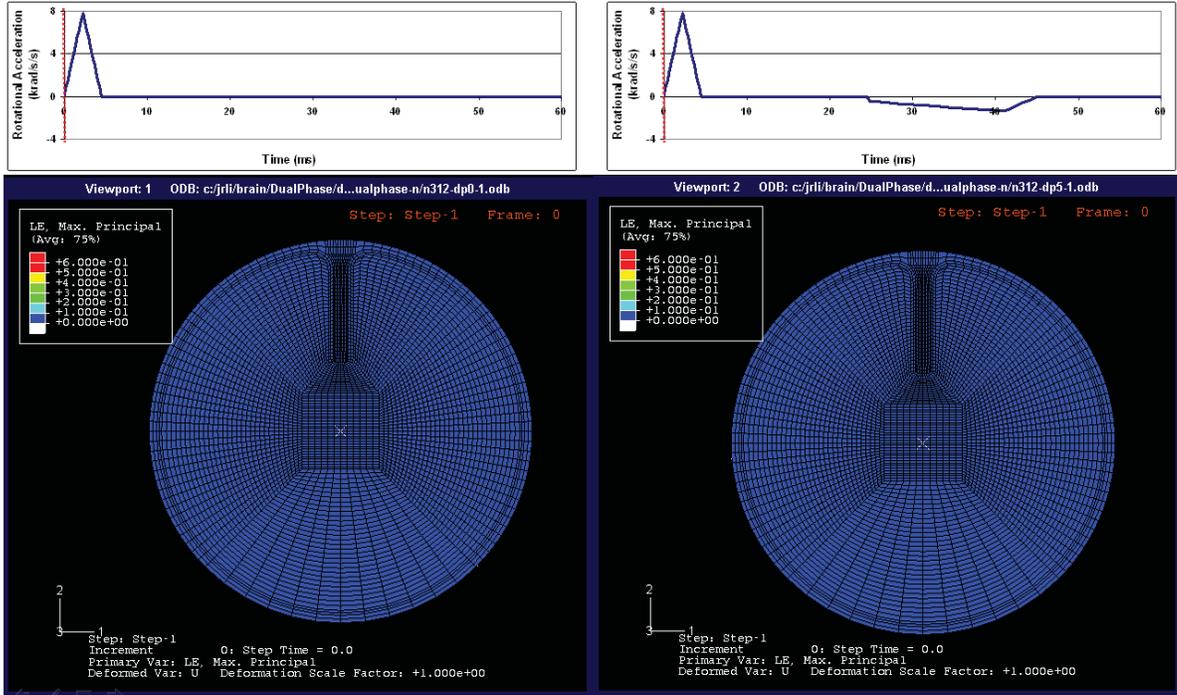
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## C: Combined Loading: Effect of changing separation time



separation time: 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 ms

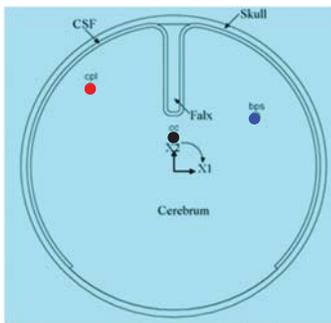
# Long Separation: Equivalent to Single Pulse



20 ms

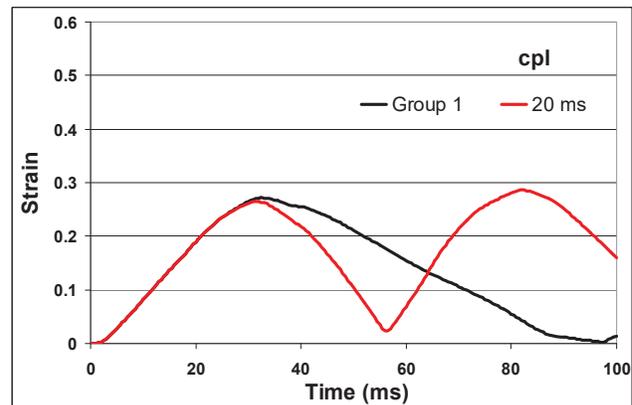
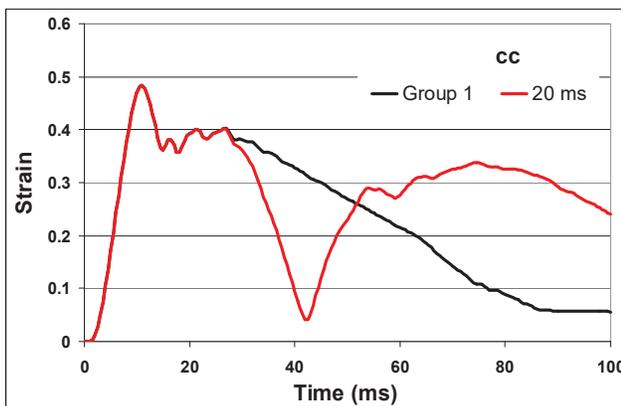
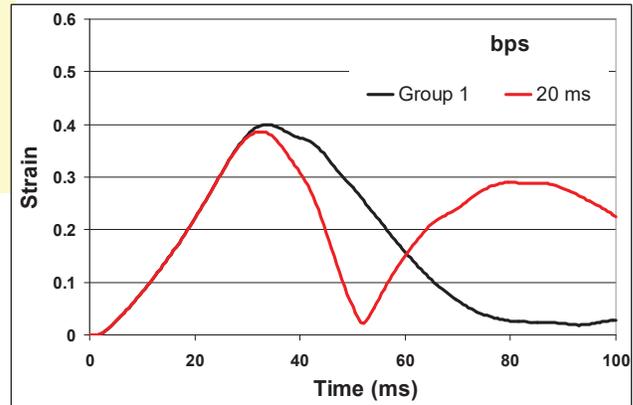
Very little differences at 20 ms+

# Strain-time Histories: Single vs 20 ms A & D



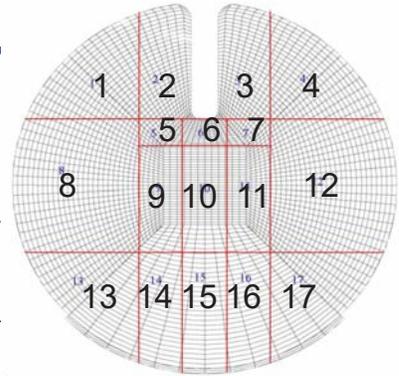
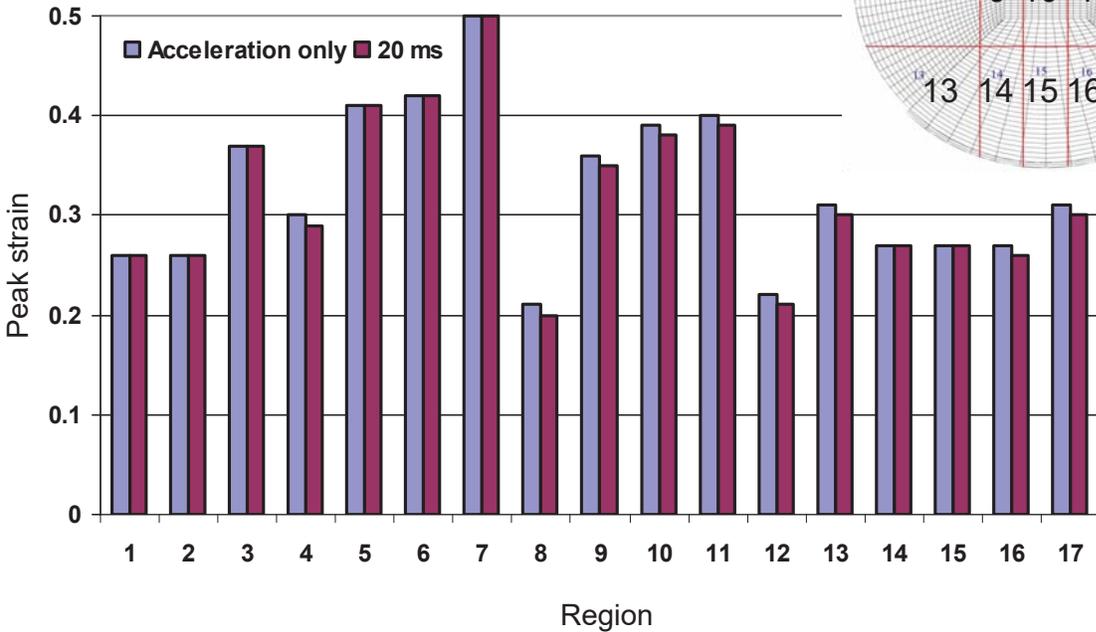
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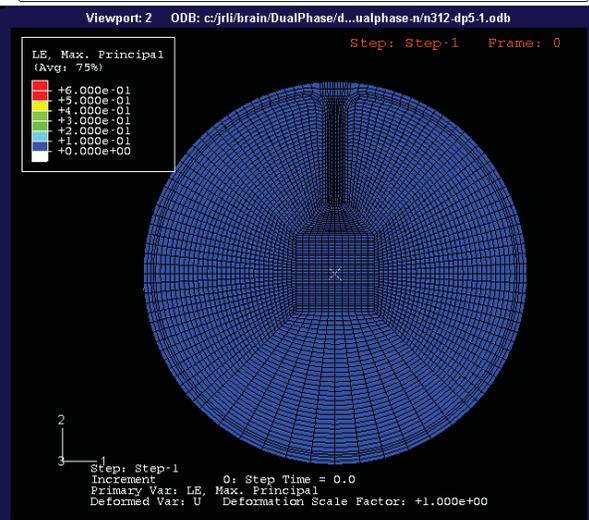
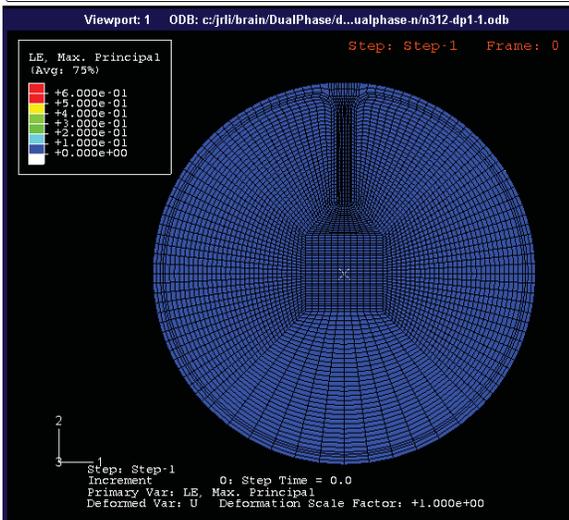
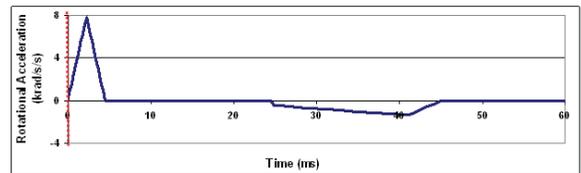
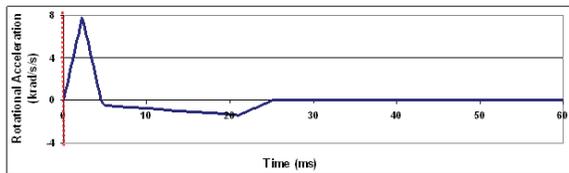


# Peak mean regional strains: Conditions 1 & 3:

Very little differences at 20 ms+



# Effects of Separation Times on Brain Strain

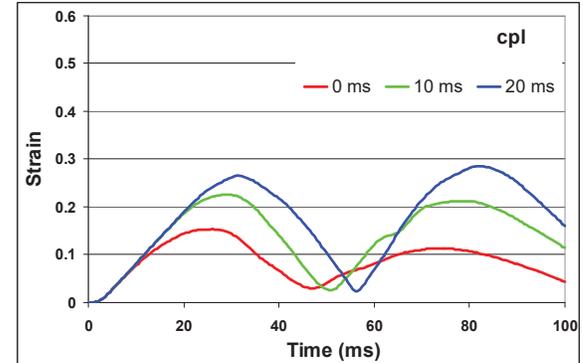
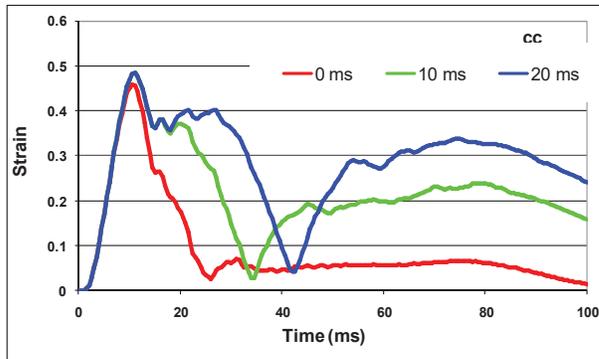
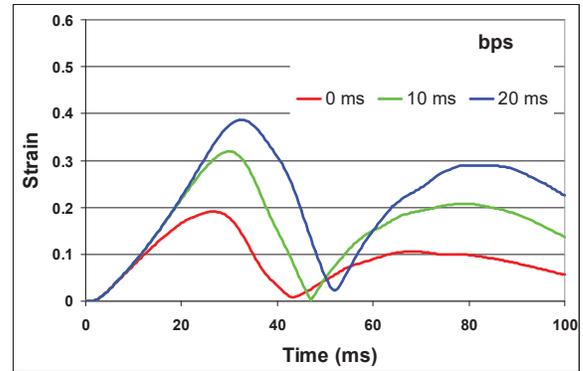
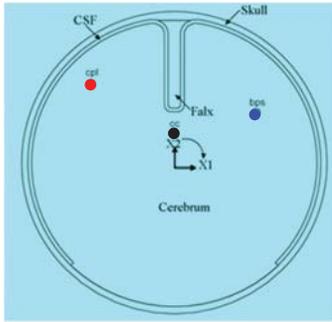


0 ms

20 ms

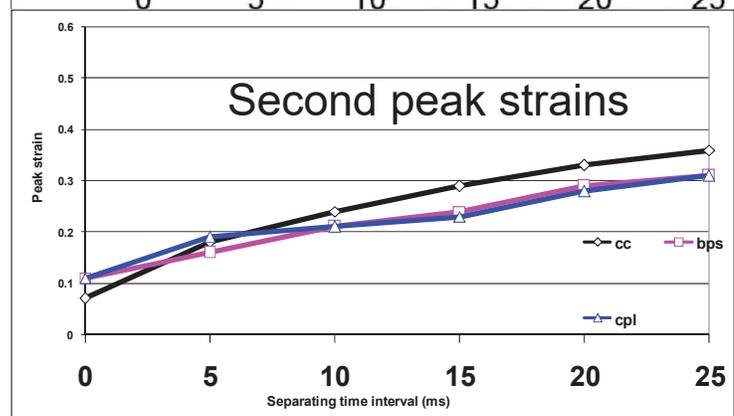
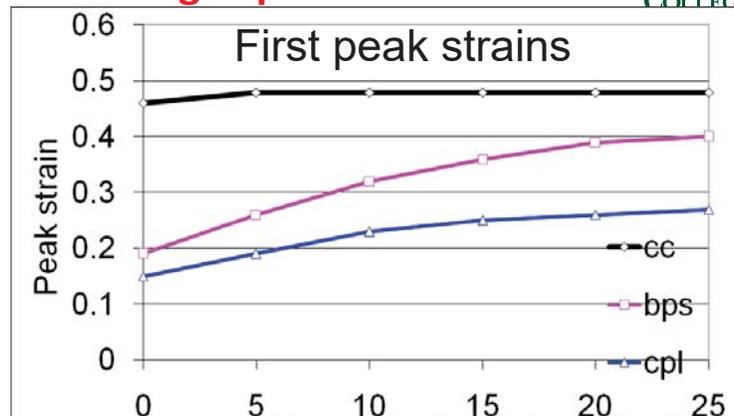
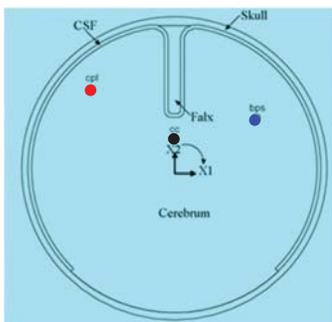
Strain increases as separation increases

# Strain Histories with Increasing Separation Times (A & D)



Strain increases as separation increases

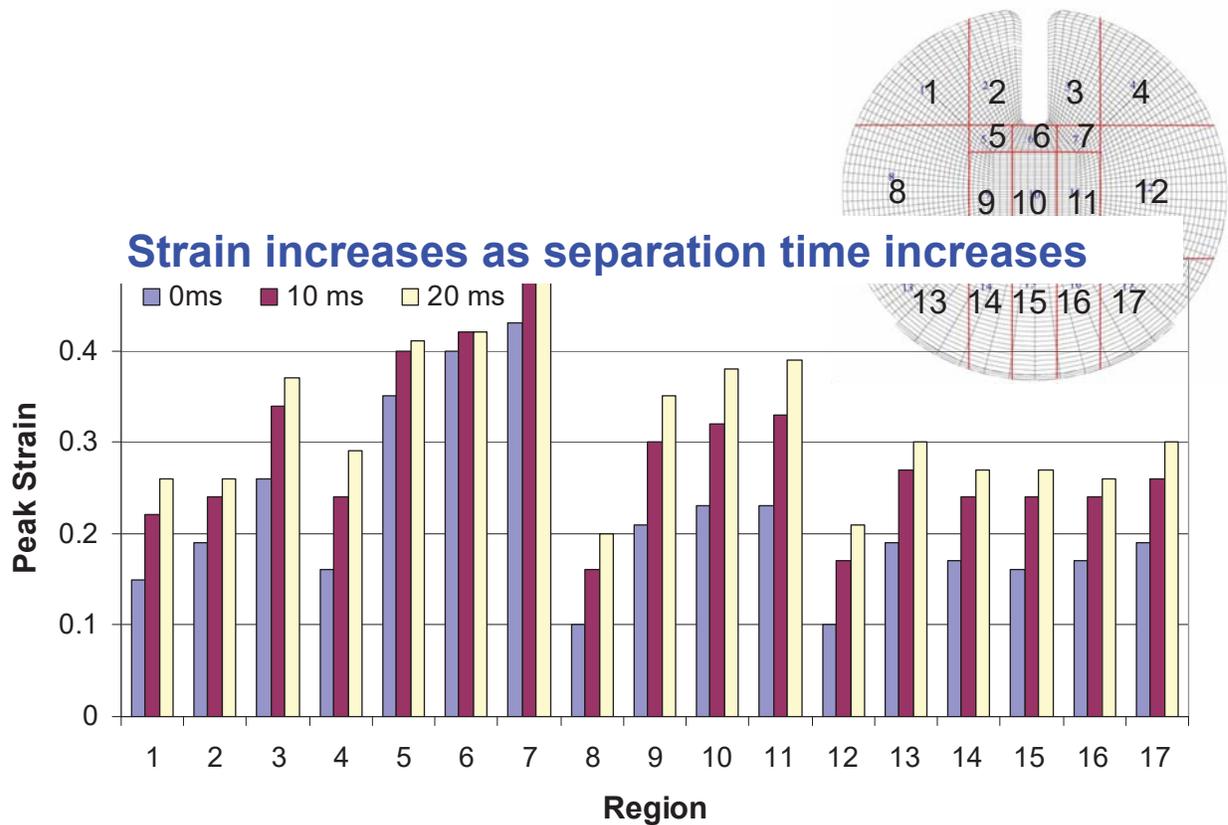
# 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peak Strains with Increasing Separation Times



Strain increases as separation increases

# Peak mean regional strains: Conditions 1 & 3:

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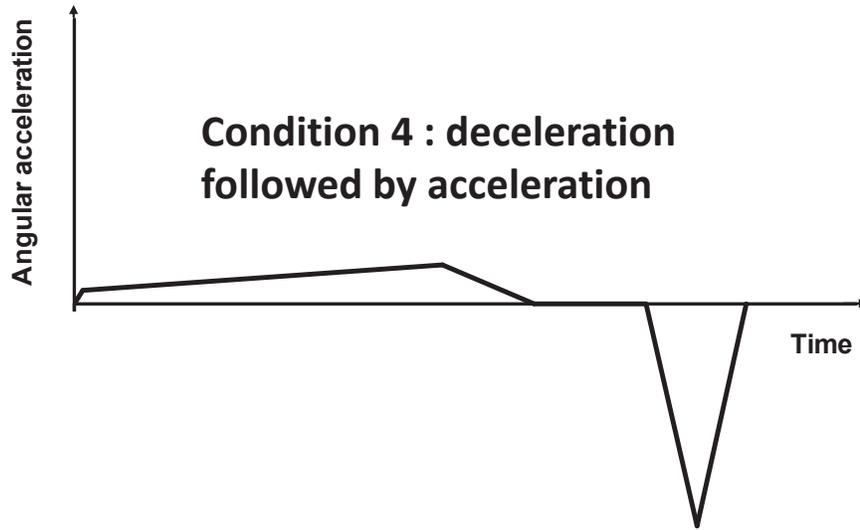


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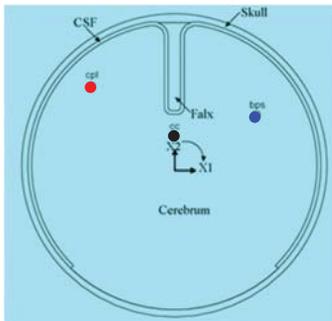


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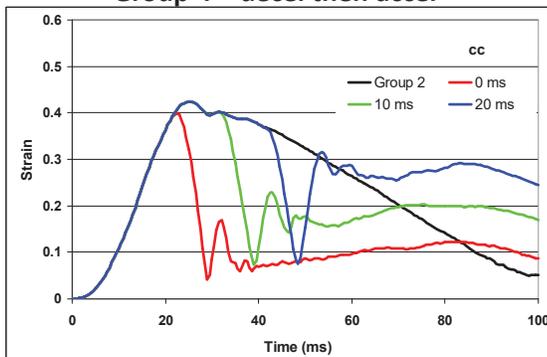
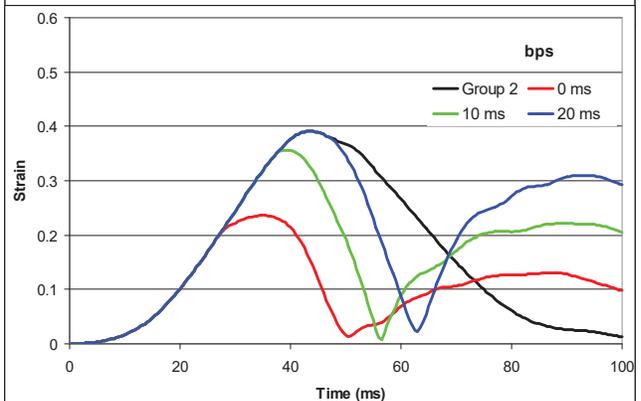
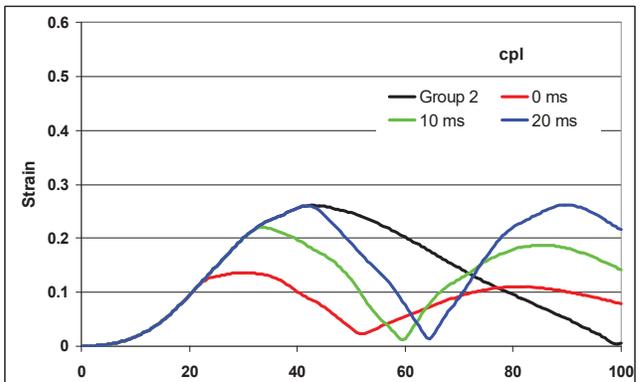
# D. Results of Condition 4 simulations



## Strain Histories with Deceleration 1<sup>st</sup> and D& A



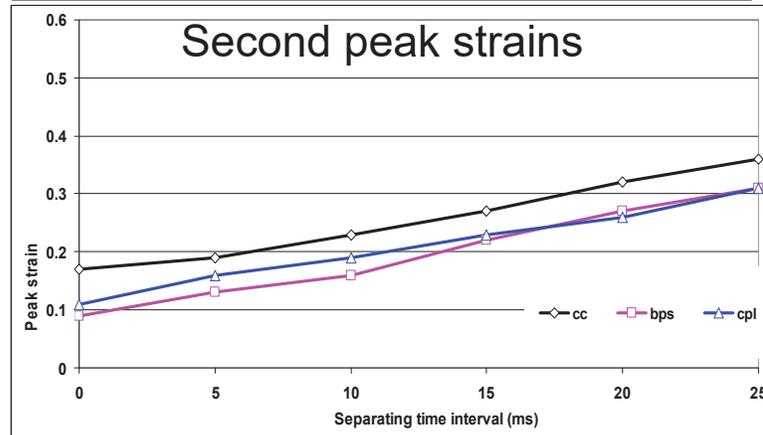
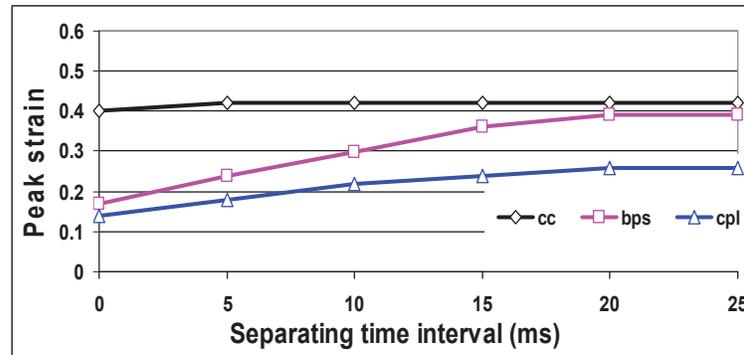
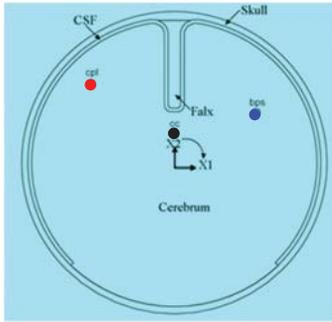
Group 2 = decel only  
Group 4 = decel then accel



Strain increases 2-fold from no separation

# 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peak Strains in Condition 4 (D & A)

## First peak strains



## Summary

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# Conclusions



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  - ❖ Increasing separation time increases strains in most regions
- Deceleration followed by acceleration - similar trends
- Brain demonstrates regional and pulse-specific responses to angular accelerations
- Regional strain distributions depend on pulse shape



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## Angular Measures in Testing and their implications

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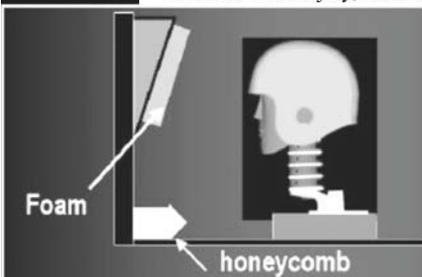
## Linear vs. Angular Acceleration

### IS HEAD INJURY CAUSED BY LINEAR OR ANGULAR ACCELERATION?

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#### ABSTRACT

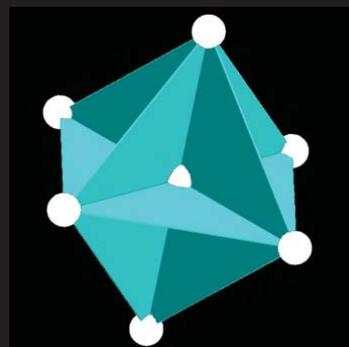
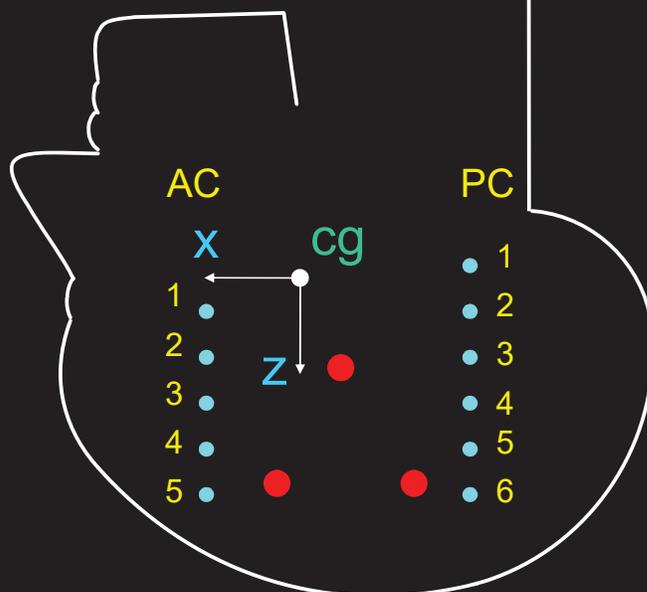
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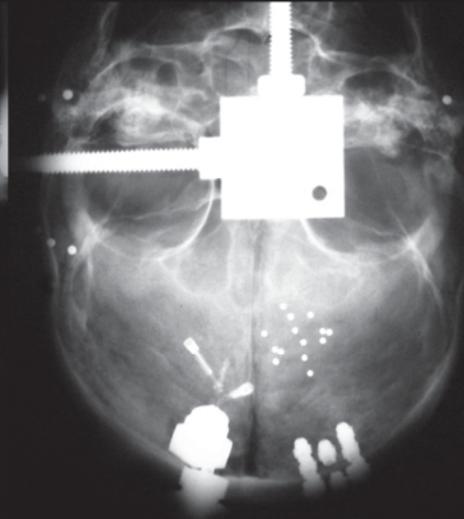
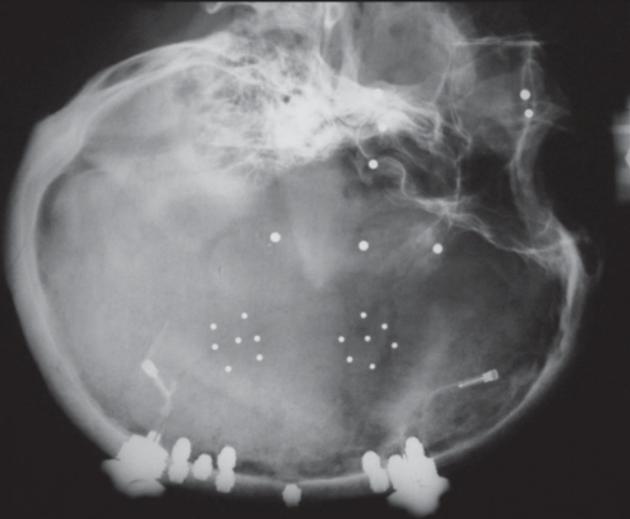


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- Hodgson et al. (1966)
- Shatsky et al. (1973, 1976)
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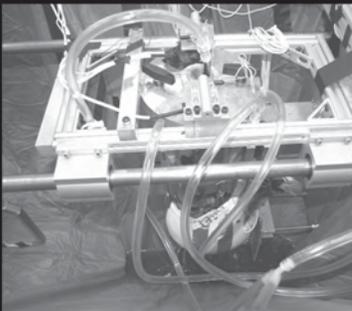
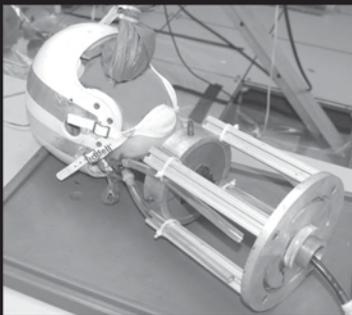
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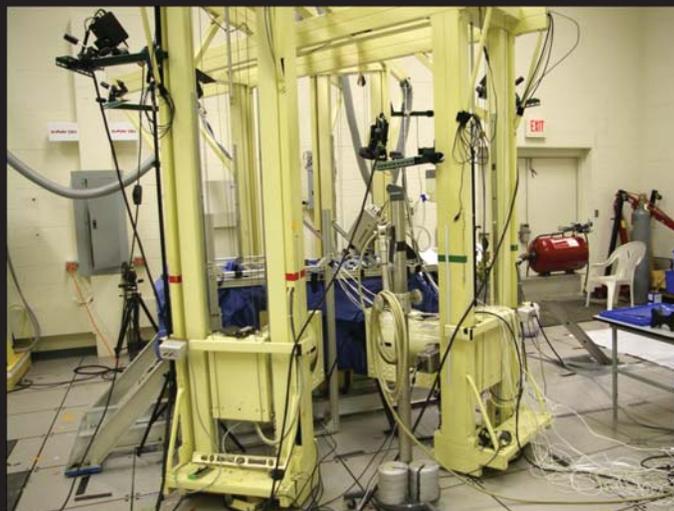


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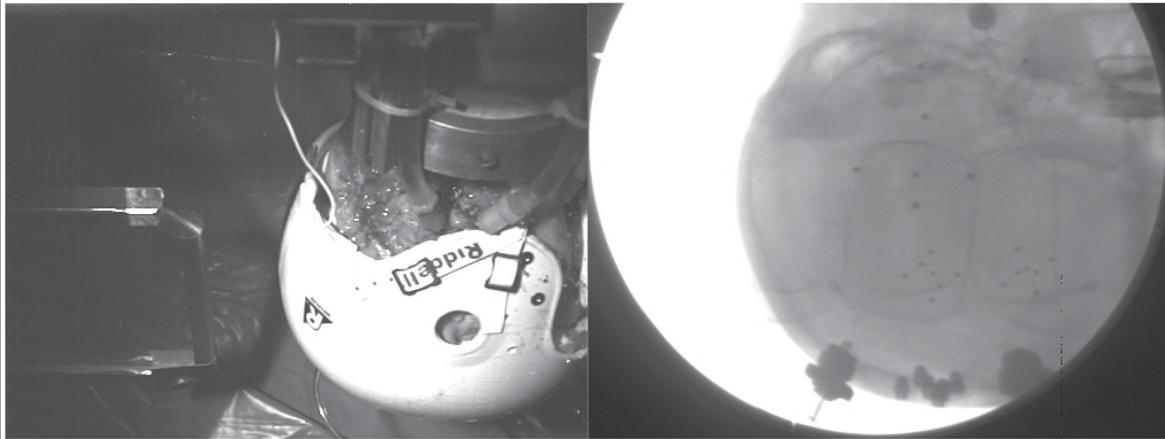
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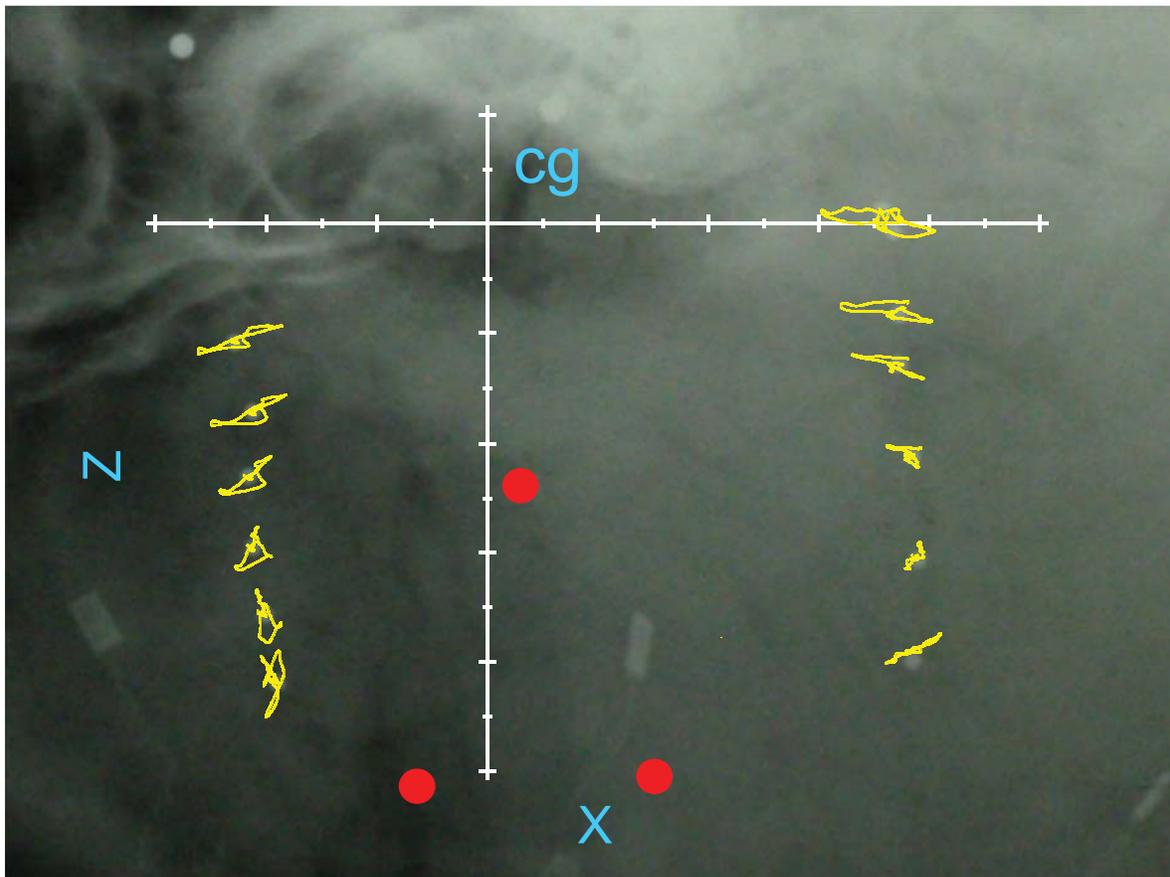
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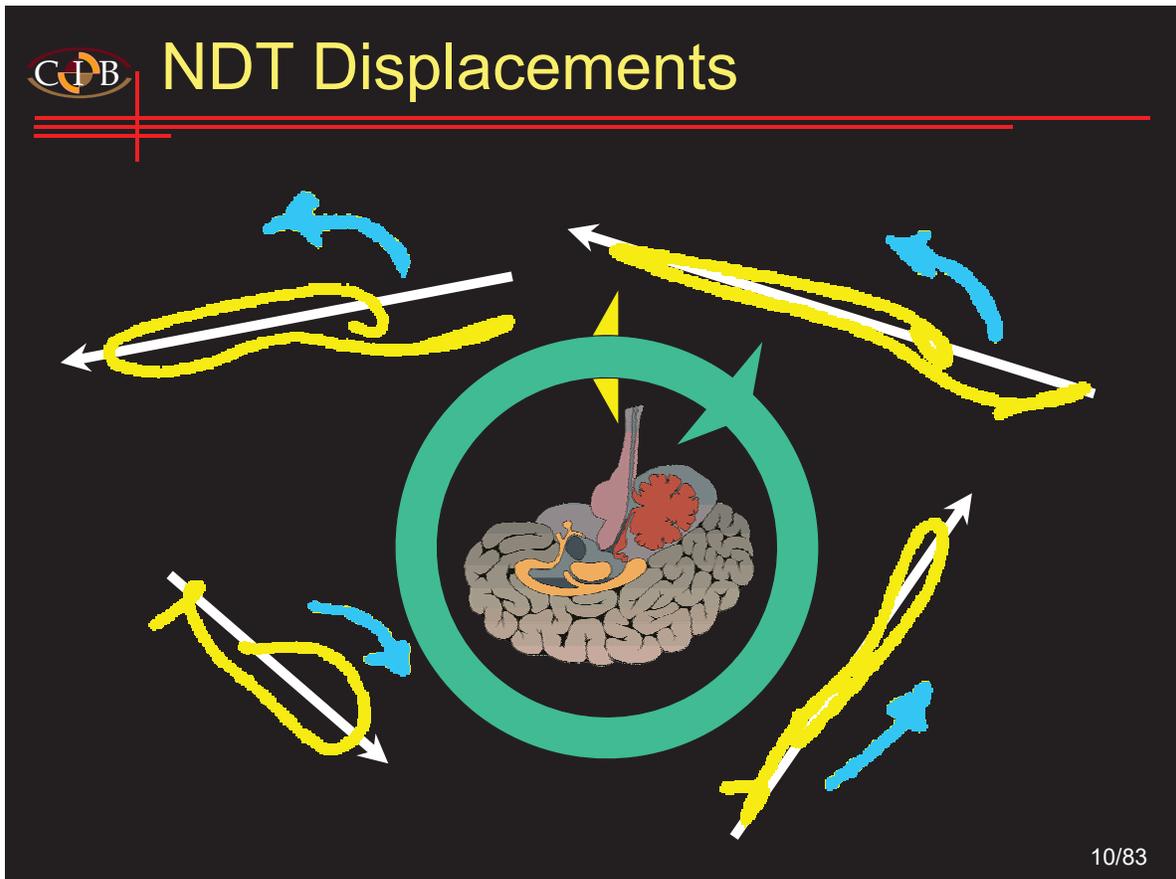
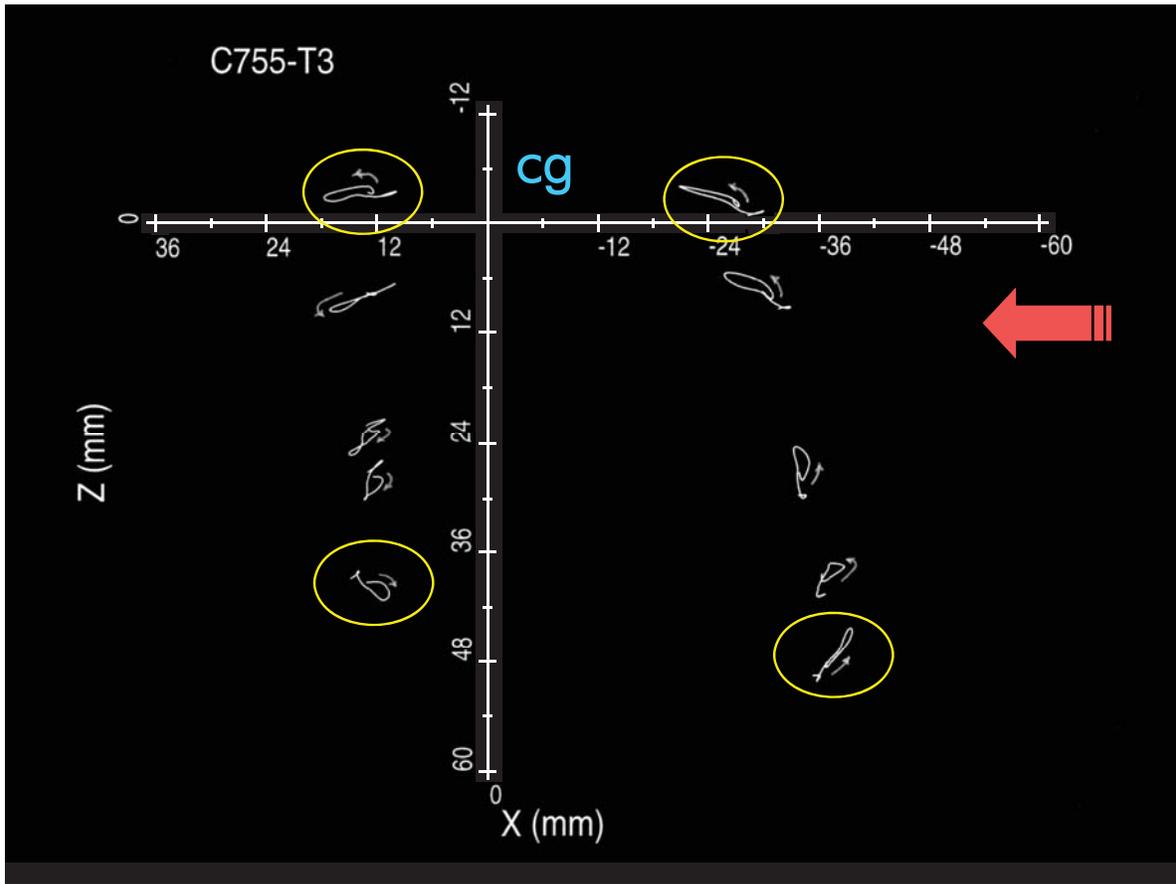


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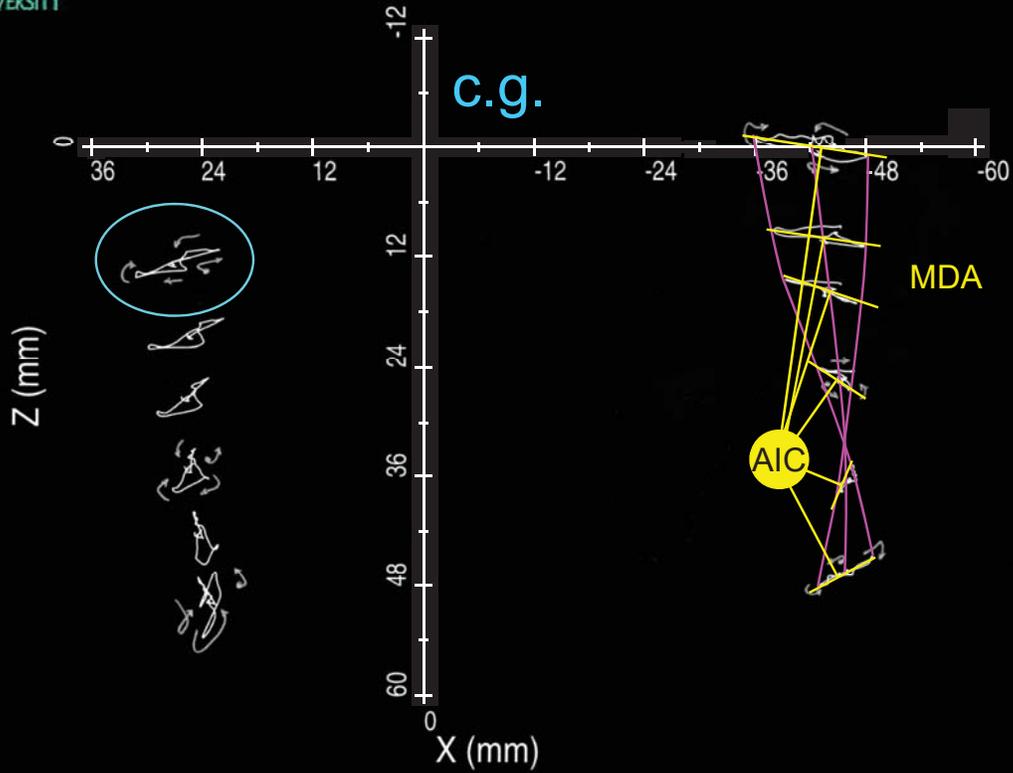


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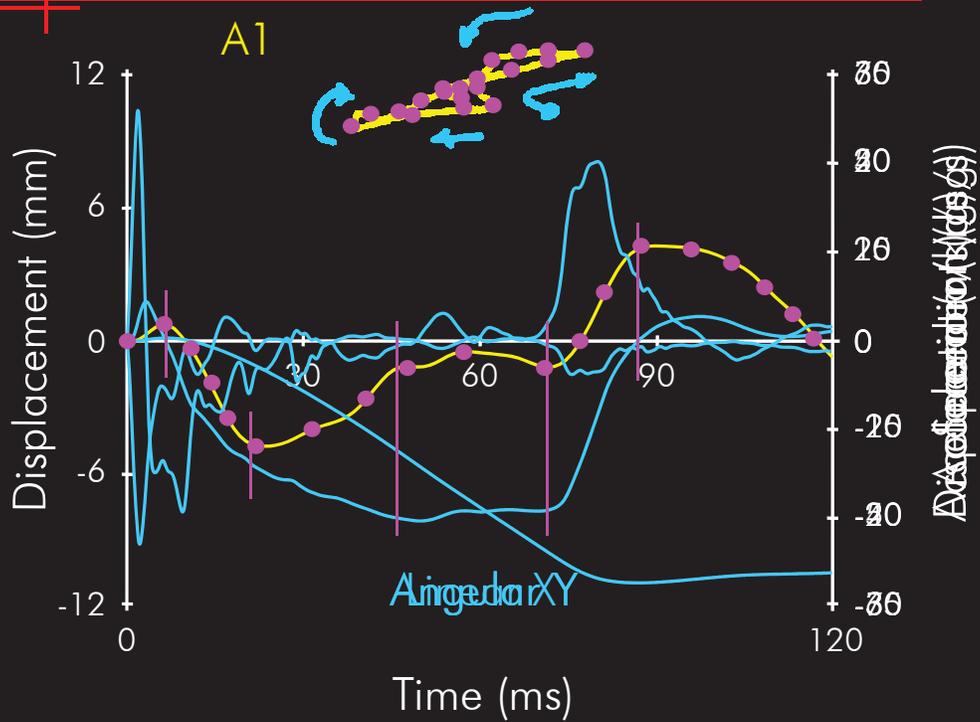




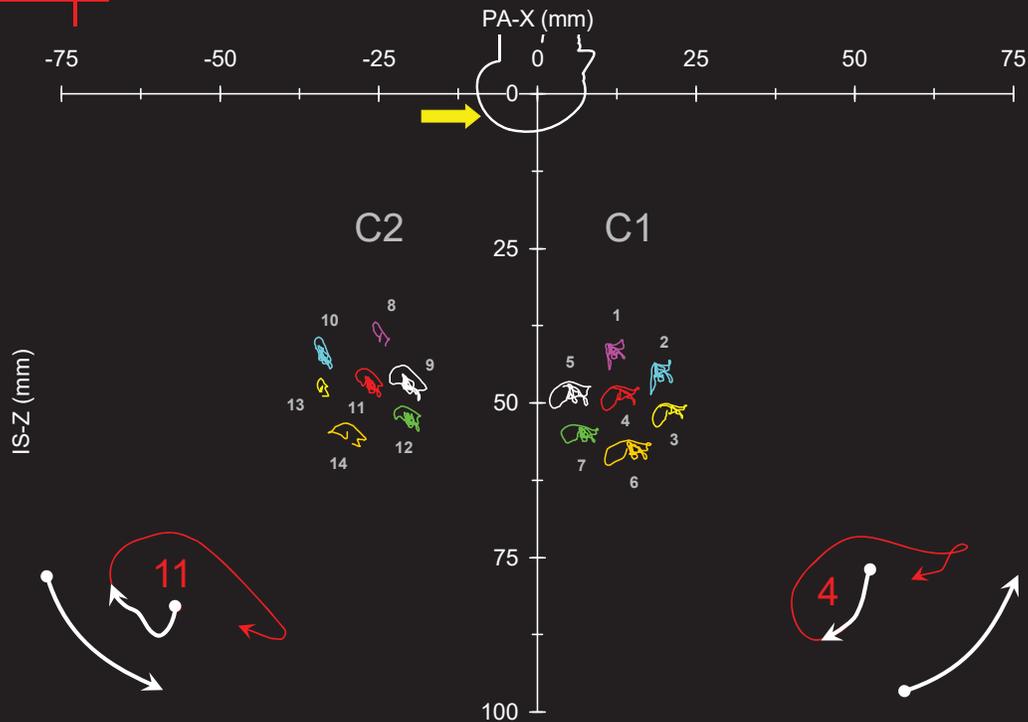
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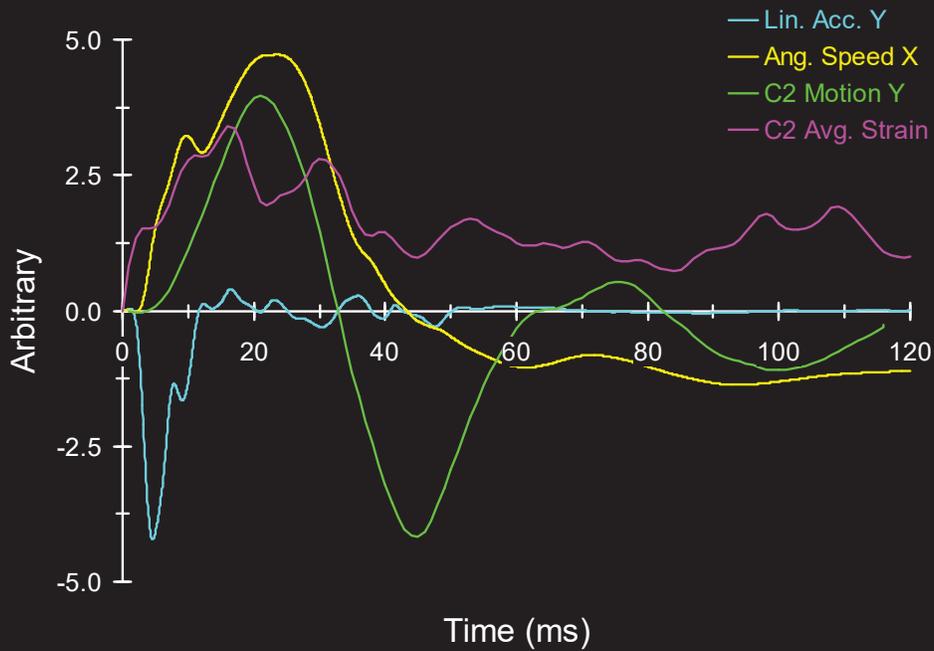
# C383-T1 Kinematics



# C288-T3 Motion Patterns



# C380-T1 Comparisons



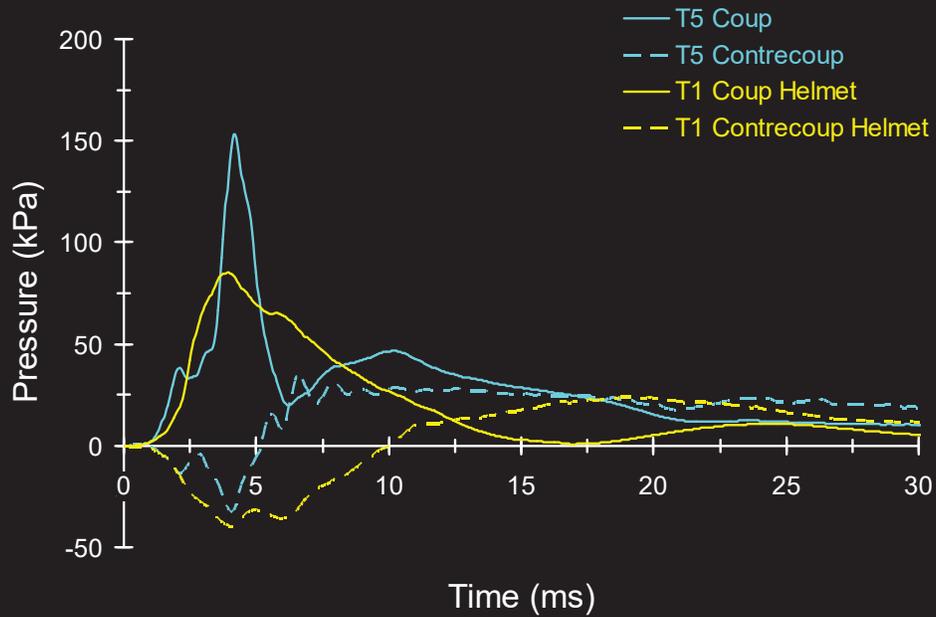
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	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	
Linear Acc. (g)	124	38	75	34	0.0009
Angular Acc. (krad/s/s)	10.6	5.4	5.9	3.8	0.0093
Angular Speed (rad/s)	21	6	20	5	0.5890

**p < 0.05**

Peak Average Responses	No Helmet		Helmet		p
	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	
Total Excursion (mm)	6.9	3.8	6.4	1.9	0.6669
Max. Princ. Strain	0.025	0.016	0.039	0.023	0.0138
Max. Shear	0.022	0.009	0.037	0.021	0.0013
Max. Princ. Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	25	15	28	21	0.5950
Max. Shear Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	24	17	29	24	0.4221
Max. Princ. * Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	0.184	0.201	0.331	0.328	0.0559
Max. Shear * Rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	0.132	0.153	0.314	0.312	0.0100

**p < 0.05**

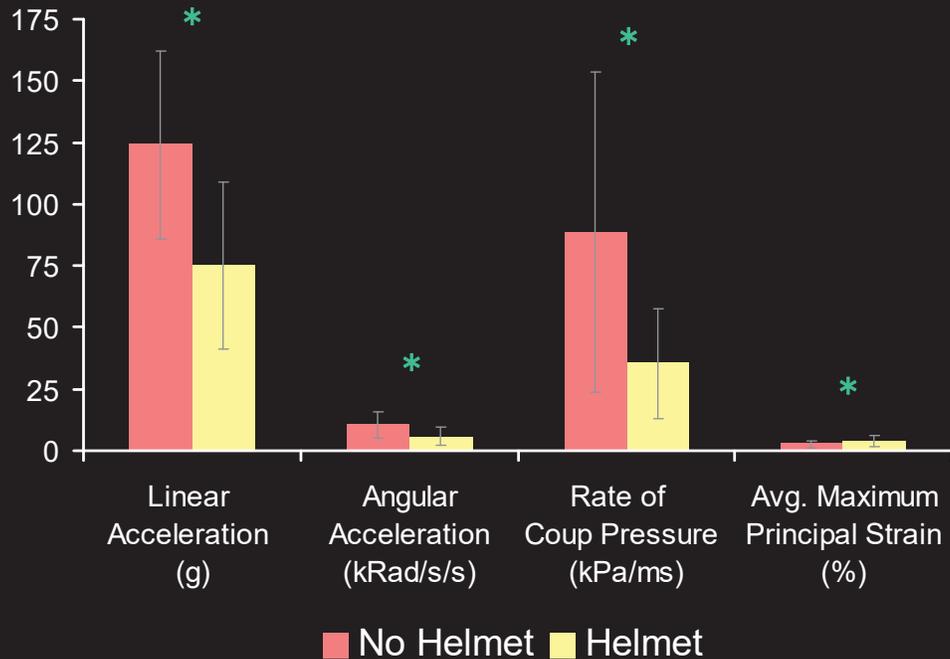
C241 Pressure



Coup Responses	No Helmet		Helmet		p
	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	
Peak (kPa)	68	48	59	22	0.5952
Duration (ms)	16	18	22	19	0.5204
Rate (kPa/ms)	89	65	35	22	<b>0.0304</b>
Impulse (kPa*ms)	374	307	394	173	0.8708

**p < 0.05**

## Effect of Helmet Use



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## Summary: Helmet Effects

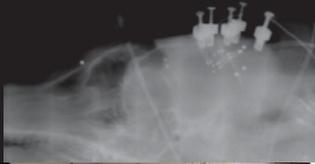
- ❖ Linear and angular acceleration of the head are reduced with use of a helmet,
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- ❖ Helmet use did not influence the extent of relative brain displacement,
- ❖ Peak average maximum principal strain and peak average maximum shear strain increase for helmet use\*.

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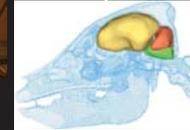
# Improved Injury Metric



Brain Markers



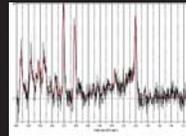
Biplane X-Ray



Relate input kinematics to injury characterized with immunohistochemistry and MRS



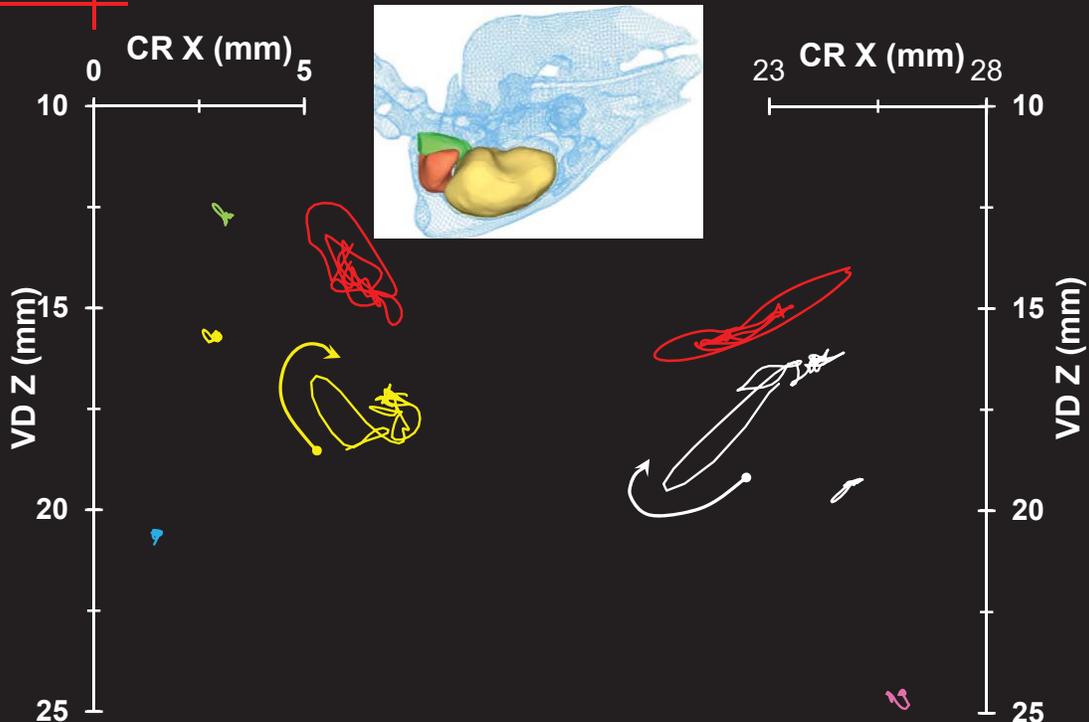
Longitudinal Mapping



Location and extent of neuronal damage over time

Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

# In-Vivo Motion Patterns

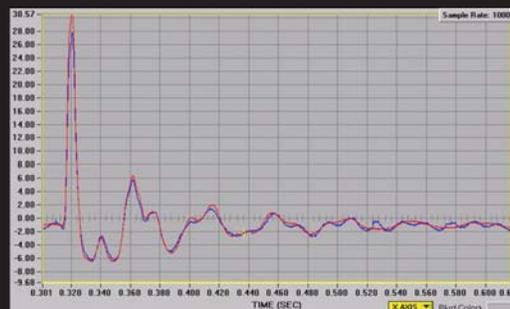


## Summary: In-Vivo Testing

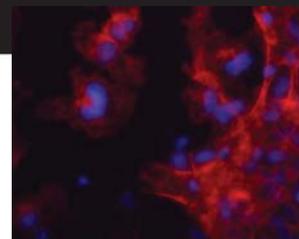
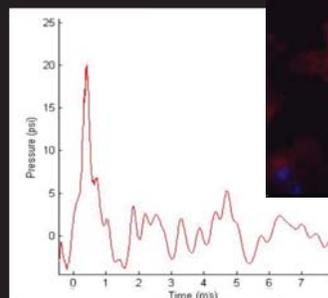
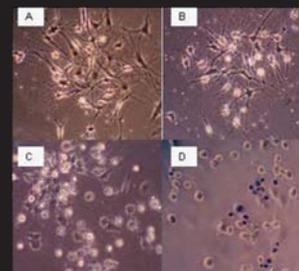
- ✦ Increases in light and heavy neurofilament
- ✦ Similar metabolite changes suggest myelin damage or inflammation
- ✦ Unique metabolite changes suggesting energy crisis in the GABA shunt system and Glu excitotoxicity

**Findings suggest distinct underlying mechanisms**

## Impulse & Shock Wave Generator

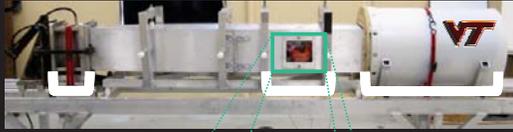
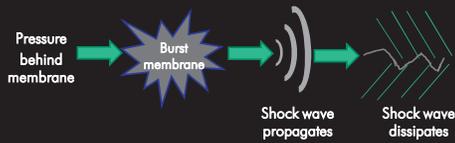


Astrocytosis



Actin Damage

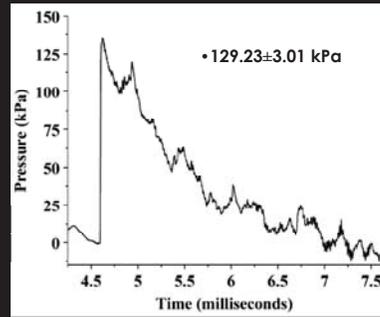
# Blast-Induced Neurotrauma



Driver

Test Section

End Wave Eliminator



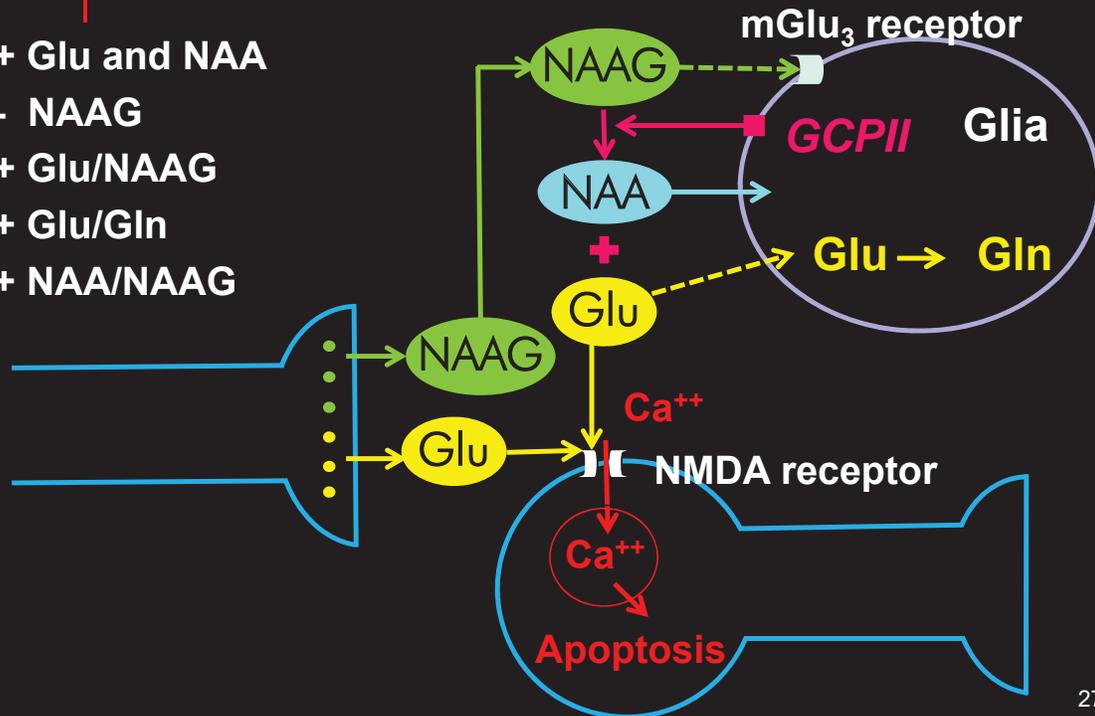
Oxidative stress  
Neuroinflammation  
Neuronal loss  
Neurochemical changes

## Thank You



# Combined Metabolite Pathway

- + Glu and NAA
- NAAG
- + Glu/NAAG
- + Glu/Gln
- + NAA/NAAG



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# Animal Model

Human



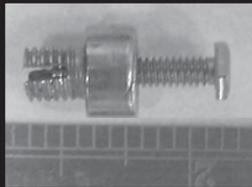
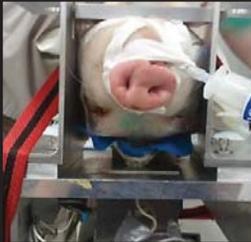
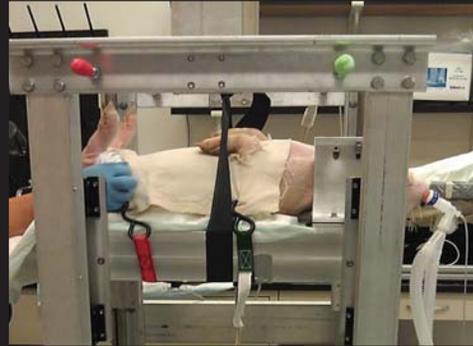
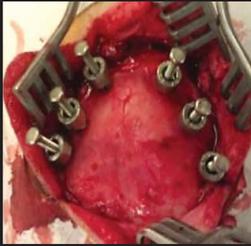
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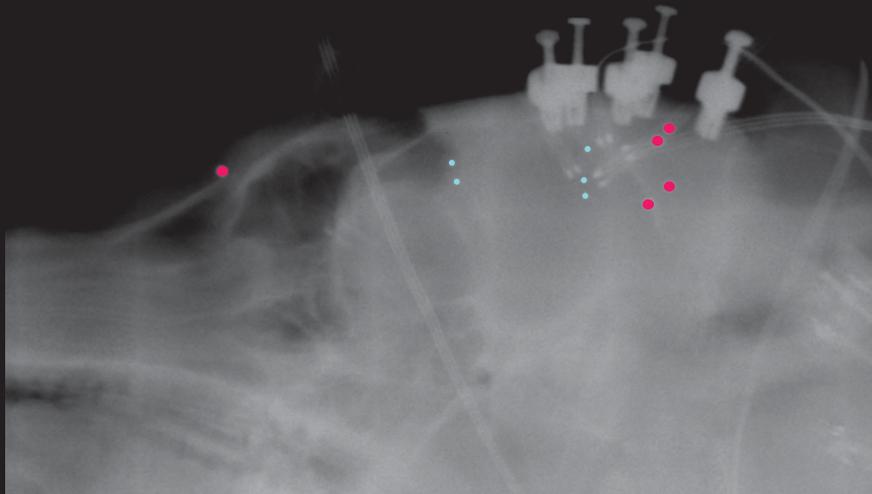
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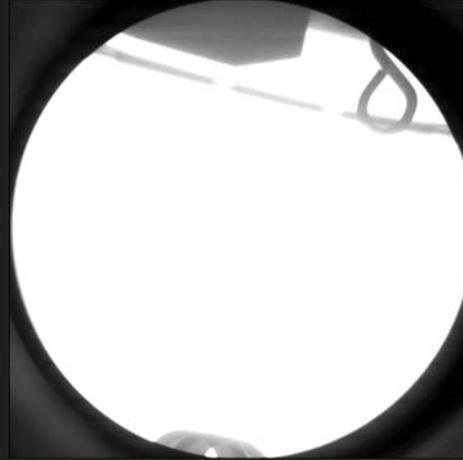
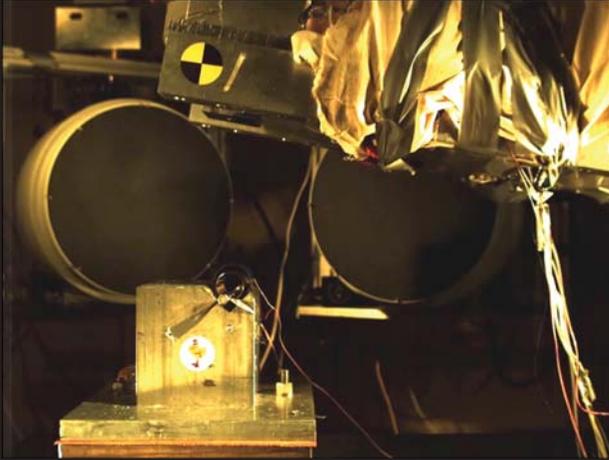


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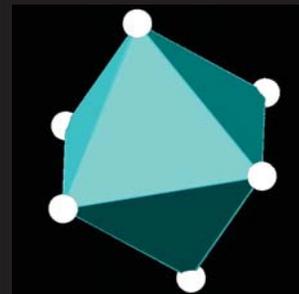
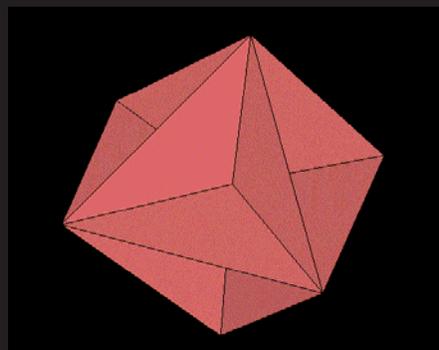
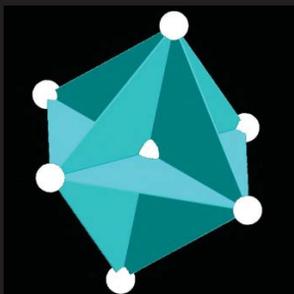
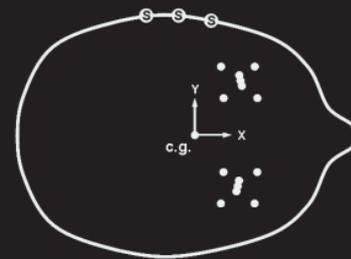
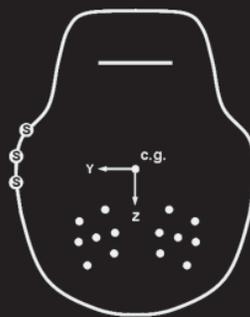
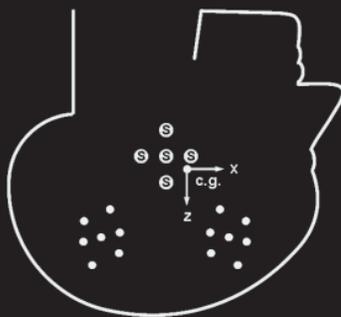
- ★ Radio-opaque markers
  - 2 mm skull markers
  - 1 mm brain markers





Combined input device

All animals were dropped from an angle of  $25^\circ$  to vertical



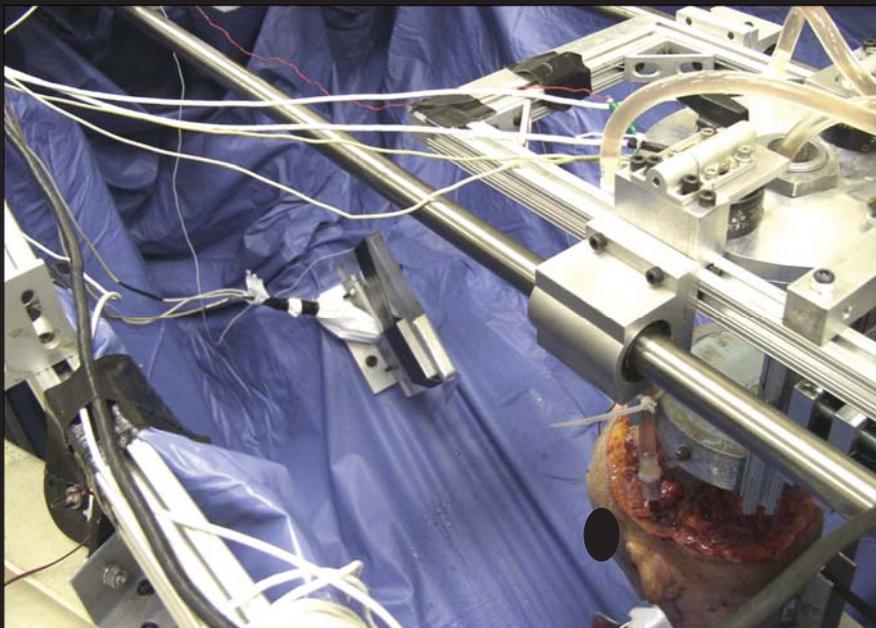
## Range of Peak Kinematics Parameters

Parameter	Translation	Combined
Impact Speed (m/s)	2.7 - 3.5	2.6 - 4.3
Impact Duration (ms)	13.0 - 23.0	13.6 - 19.9
Linear Acceleration (g)	27.5 - 70.1	40.1 - 95.9
Angular Acceleration (rad/s <sup>2</sup> )	NA	1014.5 - 3814.9
Angular Speed (rad/s)	NA	7.2 - 10.8

- ❖ **Physical Damage:** Axonal disruption identified with light and heavy neurofilament
- ❖ **Metabolite changes:** glutamate excitotoxicity or an energy crisis along with inflammation and axonal/myelin damage

• Fievisohn et al. 2014

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# Measuring Impact Severity for *in Vivo* Biomechanics

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## Problem?



- Head Impact/Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Major societal problem, across ages, sex, no particular need to convince this audience
- Problem:

Are there mechanical correlates (6DOF rigid)  
with 'mild' TBI?

If so, what are they?

- An Assumption is Often Made that Some 'Rigid Body' Impact Characteristics of the Skull are Associated with Human Changes in Mentation

*Is This True?*

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Don't We Already Have  
Successful Ways to  
Measure Exposure?

(i.e. Head Impact, Acceleration, etc.)

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Yes.

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Yes. **In cadavers with screws.**

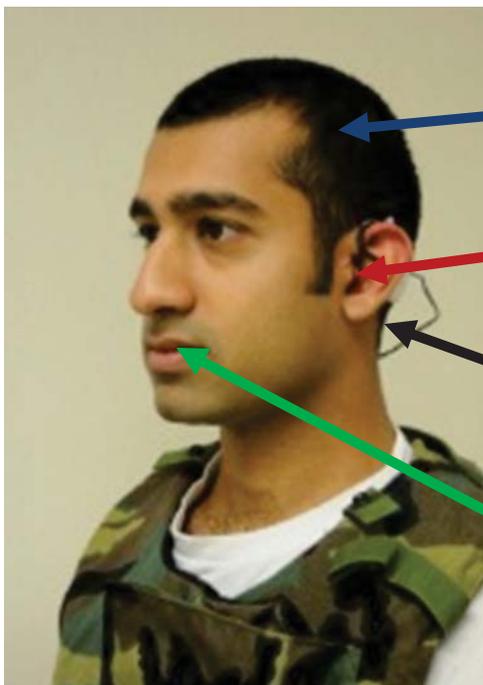
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## Don't We Already Have Successful Ways to Measure Exposure?

At higher severities, living humans  
are more difficult.

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## Options (Examples)



Helmet - Sprung against  
head - HITS (Duma,2005)

In Ear - DASHR, Motor  
sports (Knox, 2009, Panzer, 2009)

Skin Surface, X2

In Mouth – Attached to  
Teeth/Mouthguard, X2, I1  
(Camarillo, 2013)

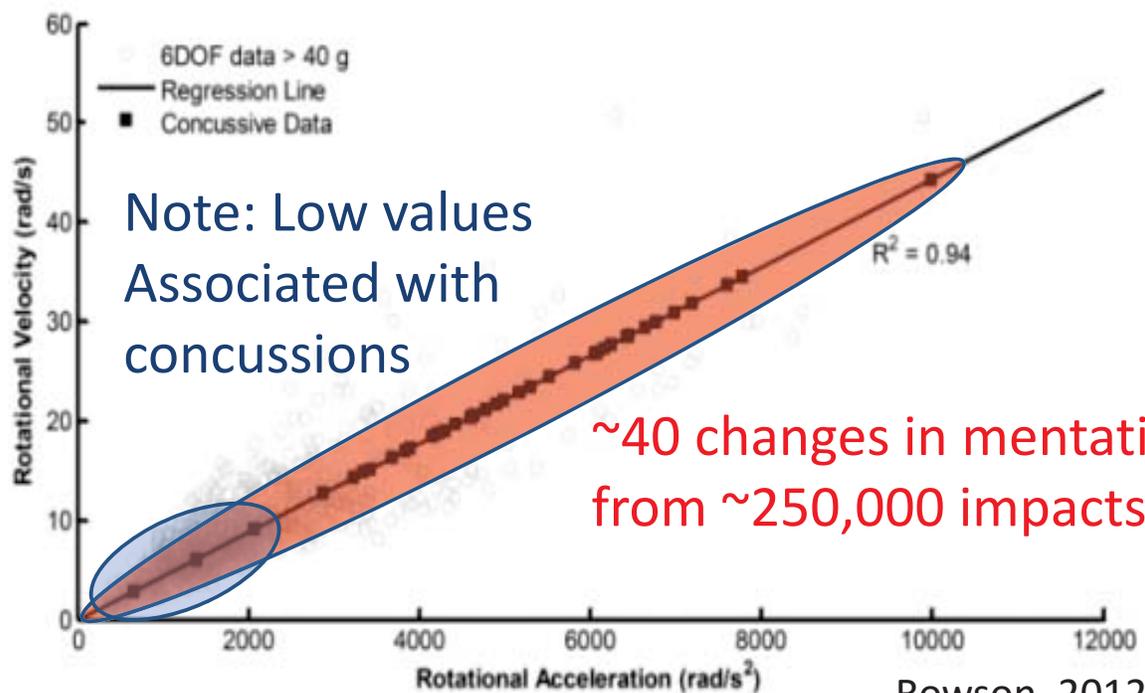
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- HITS System
  - (E.g. Duma, 2005, Rowson, 2011, 2012)
  - Football helmet-based accelerometers
  - In contact with head
  - Has been used to reconstruct 6DOF accel



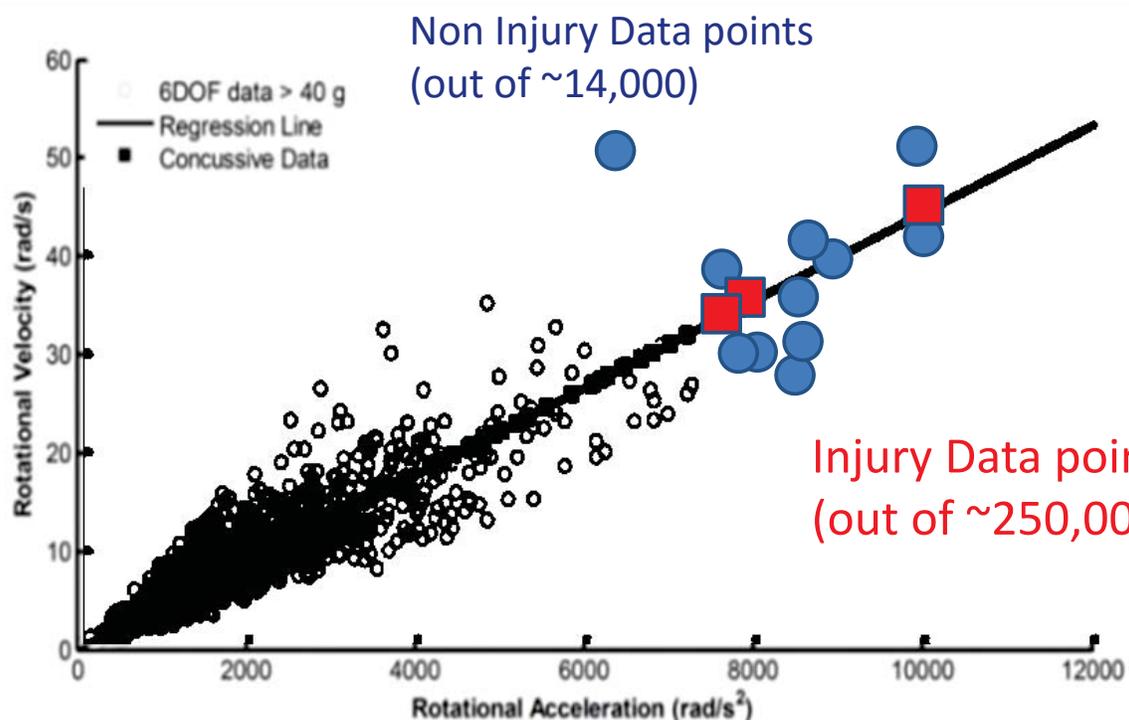
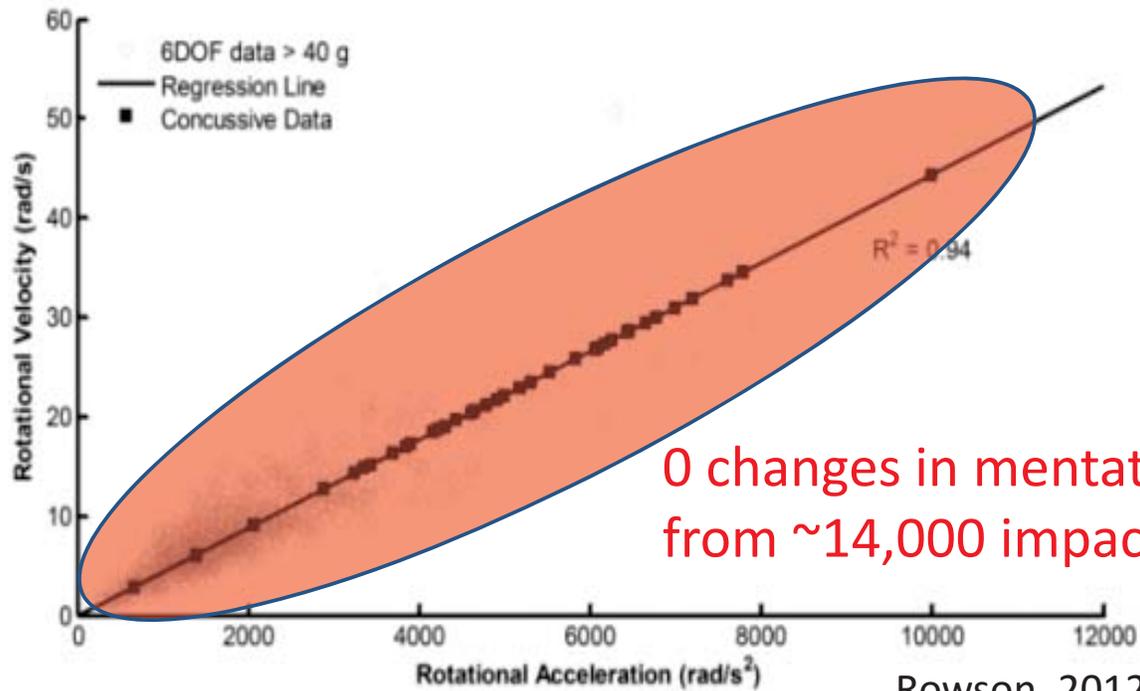
Riddell, 2014

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Rowson, 2012

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At highest values,

11 non injuries (out of ~14,000) ●

for the 3 injuries (out of ~250,000) ■

So, simply putting them on the same basis  
(i.e. out of ~250,000), there are:

196 non injuries for every 3 injuries  
at the highest ‘severity’

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So.

Is impact rotation/acceleration simply  
not well associated  
with change of mentation?

(e.g. sensitivity/specificity,  
other genetic, phylogenetic etc. factors?)

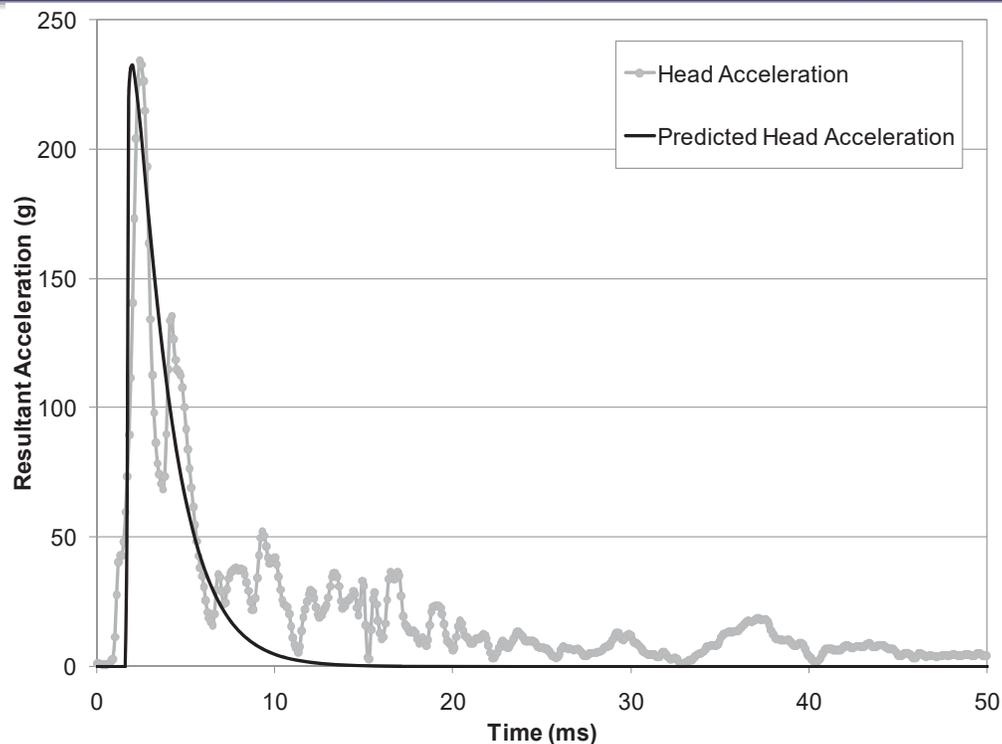
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Is impact rotation/acceleration simply not well associated with change of mentation?

Unknown, but our Hypothesis: Probably Coupling/Analysis Issues.

## Ear Coupling –

(Panzer, 2009; Salzar, 2008)



- Ear Accelerometers Circa 2009
  - *Relies on post-test modeling*
  - ~\$8000 sensors (6)
  - Too much coupling to the EAM, heavy resin (e.g. Begeman, 2006)
  - No one manufactured the sensors, we had a few triax units.

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## Data Acquisition System - Head Response

Concept:  
In bony canal of one ear (3 accel, 3 ARS)



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Advantage: *Strong biomechanical coupling with low mass and compact earpiece design*

- Earpiece/sensor/board < 4 g
- Small electronics package (~16 x 24 mm)
  - > 200 g peak accel
  - ~ 4000 deg/sec angular velocity
  - > 100 kS/s/Ch for 7 channels (typical 10 k)
  - Heart rate/RR (though heart rate)
- Battery life – depends on battery, application

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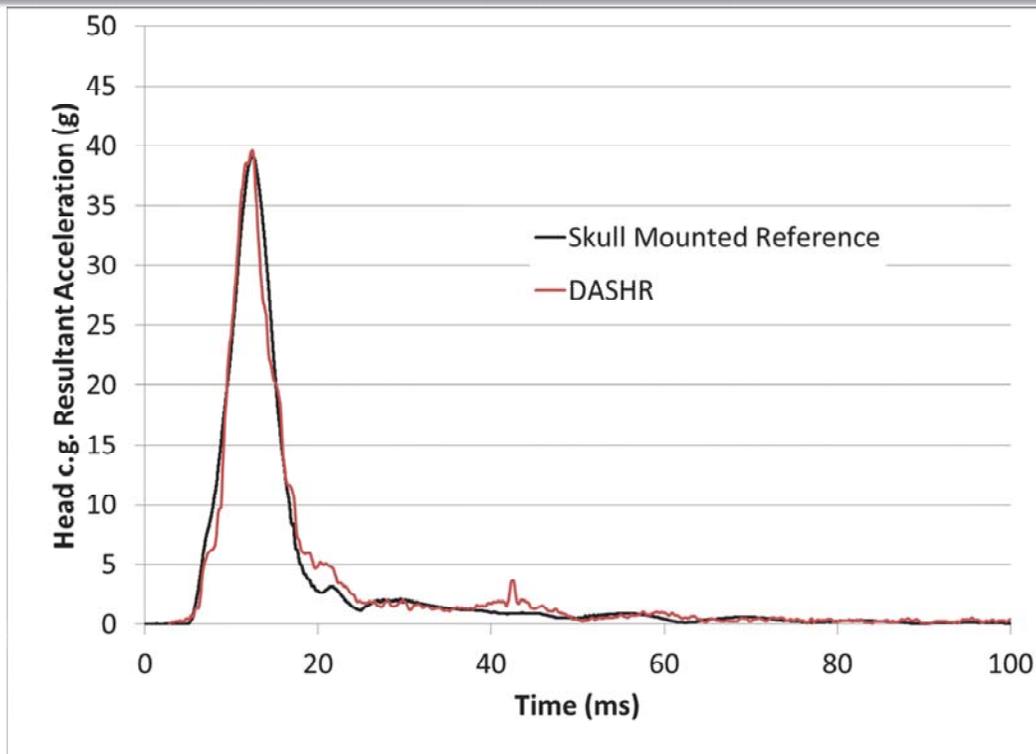
Some Validation Data from Cadaver Head Test – Drop Tests

- Cadaver, ~ midsize adult male
- Hard surface impacts
- No helmet – to 3-25 cm
- Helmet – to 10-100 cm
- Impacts to ~180 g - Vertex, Frontal, Frontal Oblique, Occipital, Occipital Oblique, Parietal
- Reference sensor screwed to occiput



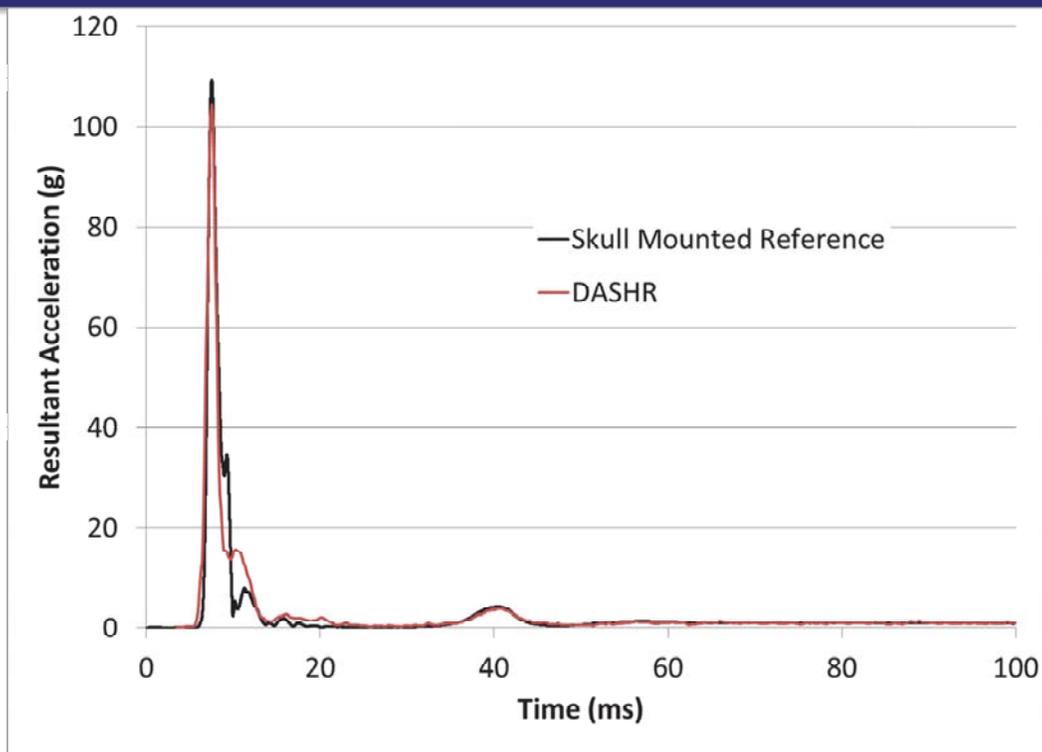
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# Typical Time History – Helmet

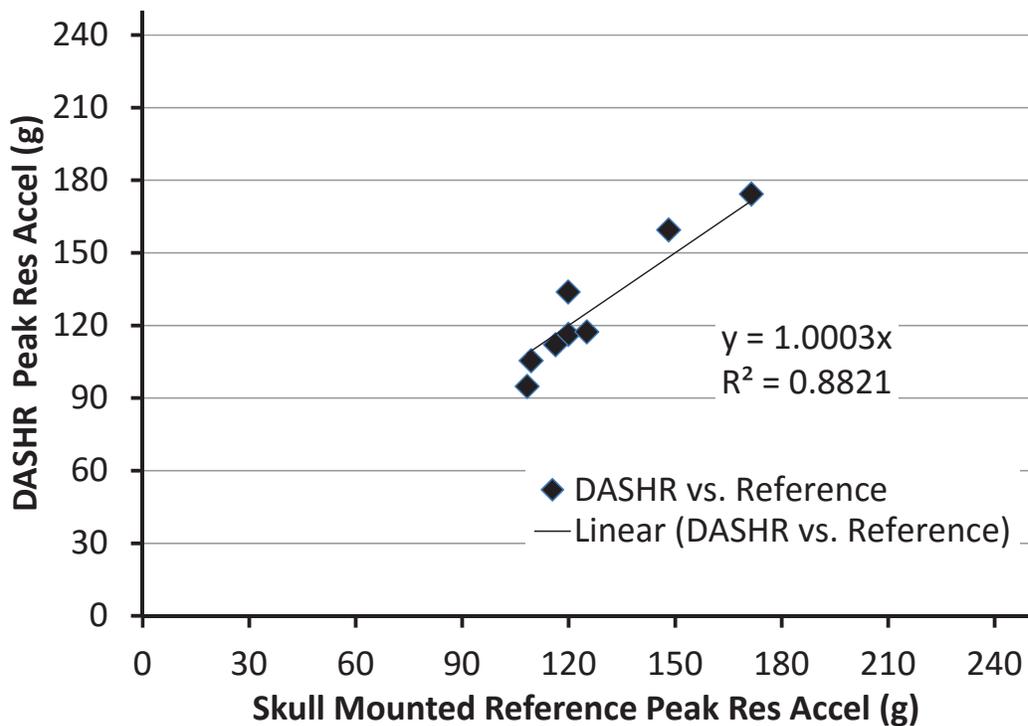
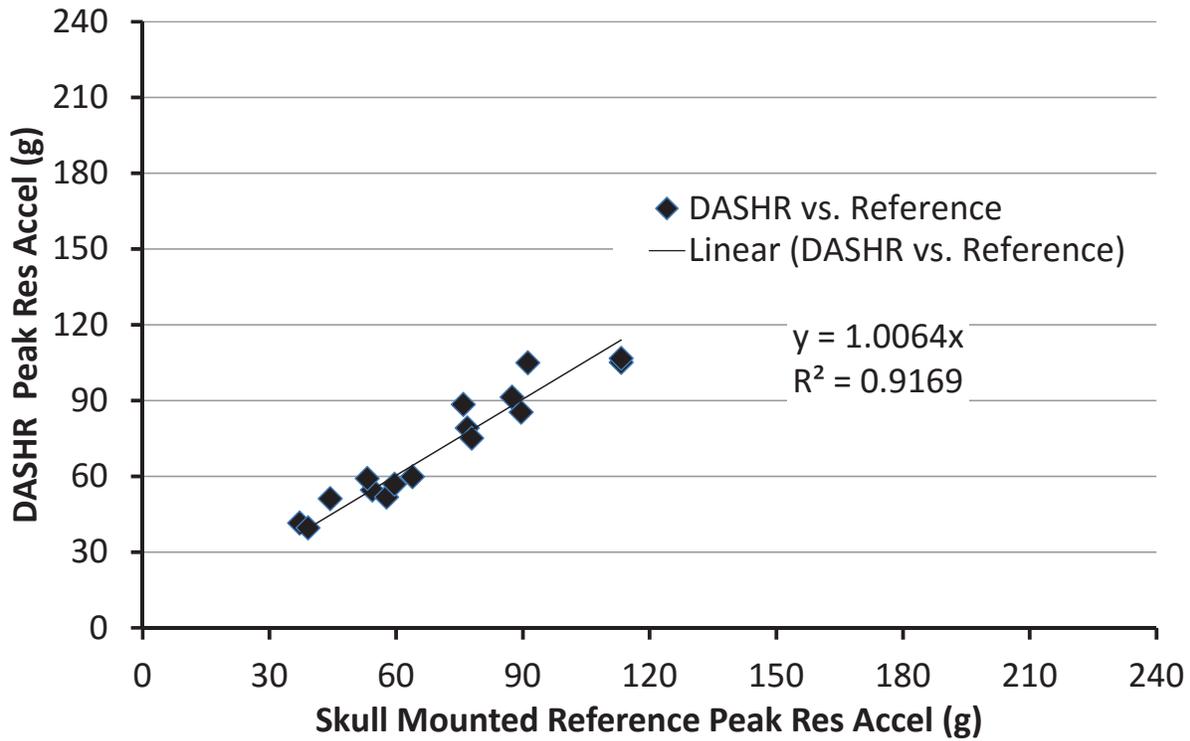


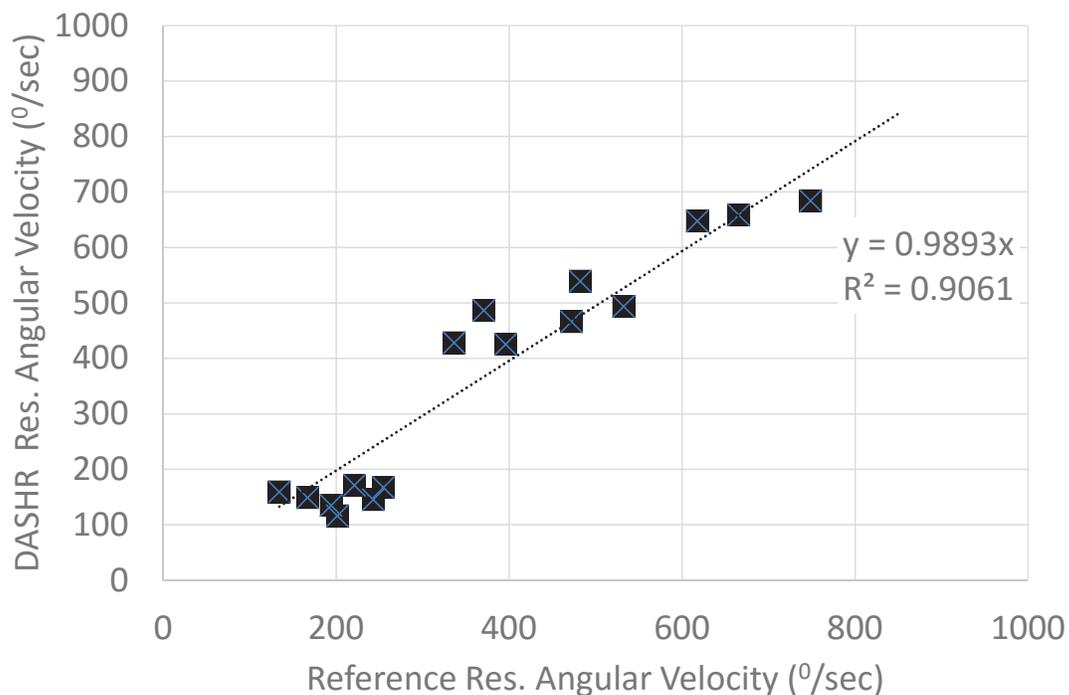
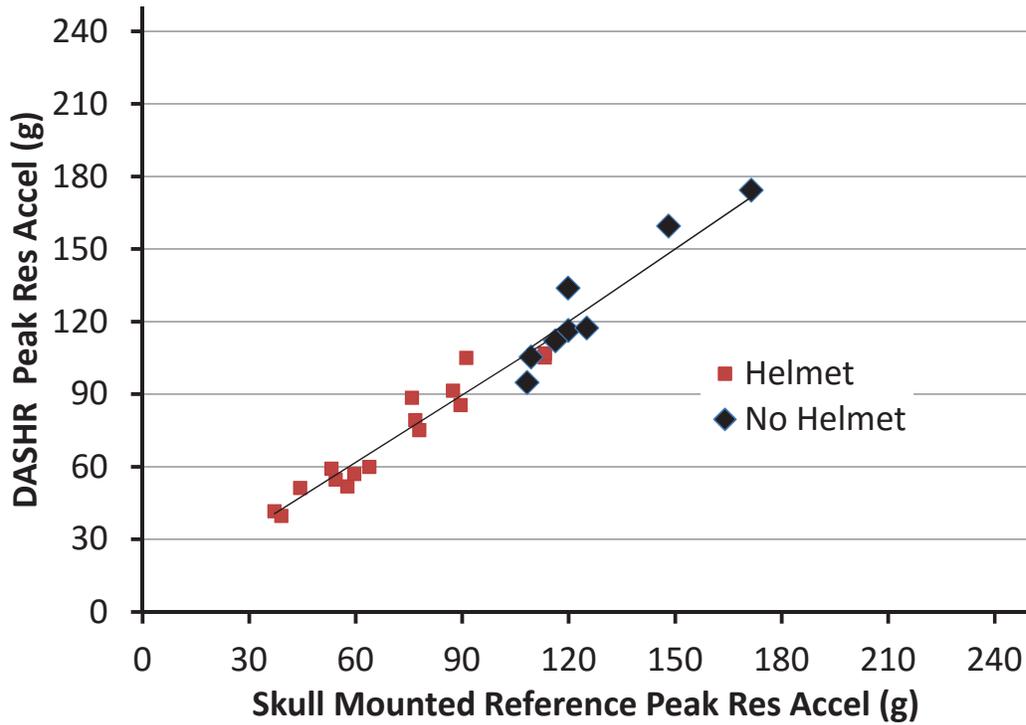
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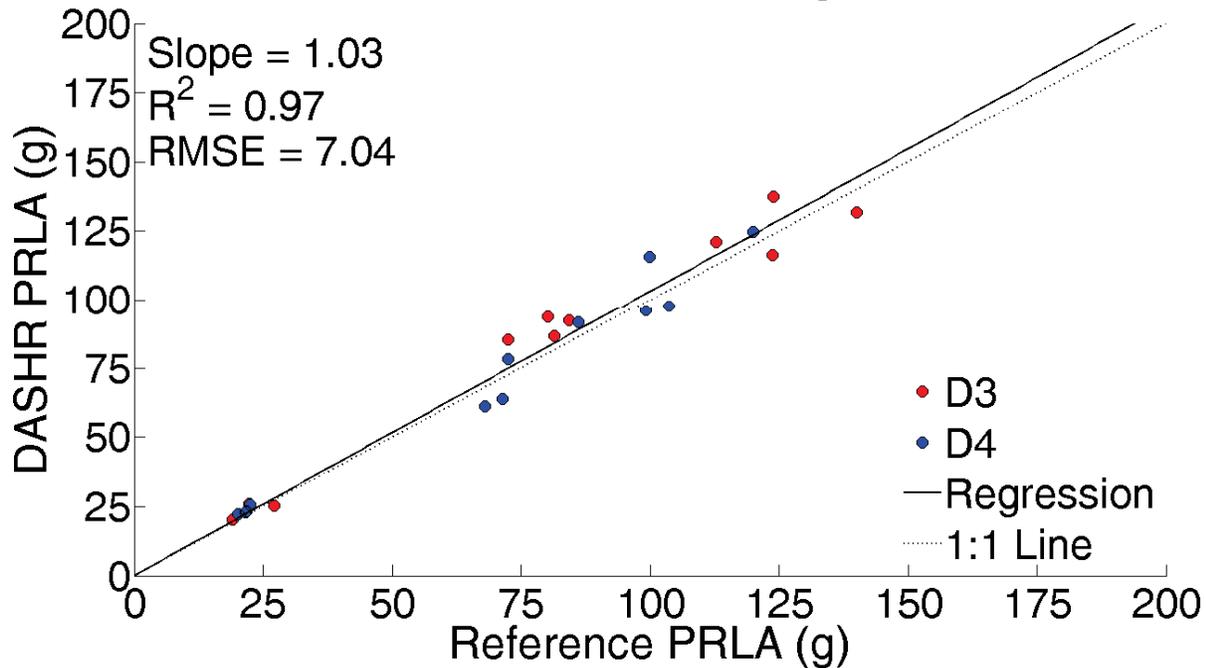


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## Frontal Oblique Right



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## DASHR Bottom Line

- New System for Assessing Head Impact
  - Good preliminary validation
  - Both linear and rotational acceleration for typical impact directions
  - Both helmeted and non-helmeted
  - Addresses coupling issues in other techniques
  - Ergonomics of use refinements
    - e.g. Earpiece, electronics unit, compliance

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- Previously Used
  - Epidemiological Study of Military Head Impact (~100 Subjects with ~200 units) and Other Assessments
- Currently Being Used
  - Sports assessments (~50 Subjects with ~50 Units)

- The DASHR System Was Developed with Internal Funds from Bass Laboratory – Duke University
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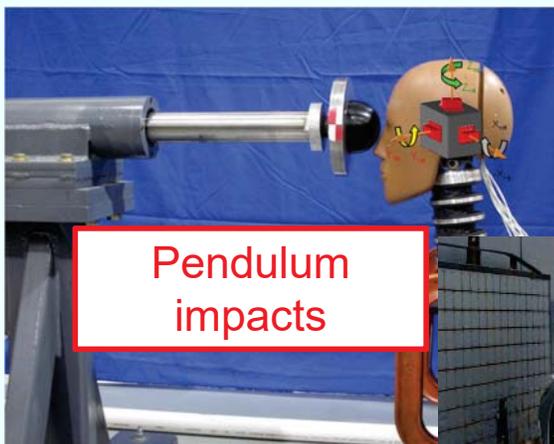
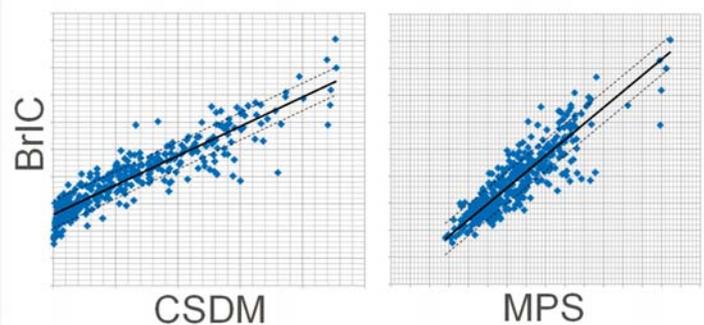
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## Takhounts et al. 2013

$$BrIC = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_x}{\omega_{xC}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega_y}{\omega_{yC}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega_z}{\omega_{zC}}\right)^2}$$

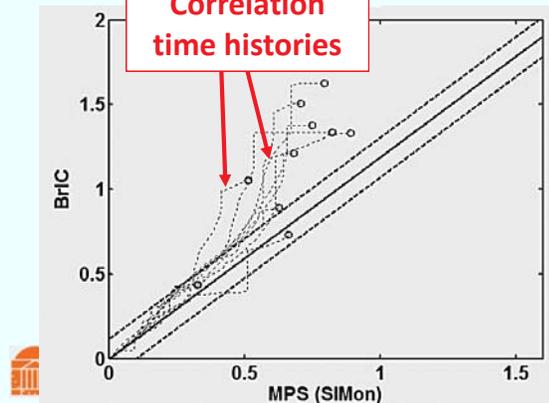


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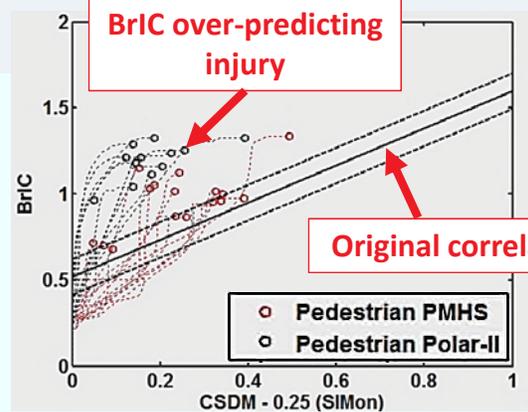
**Pedestrian sled impact**



**Correlation time histories**

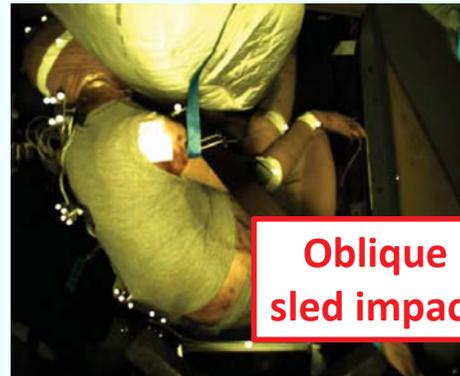


**BrIC over-predicting injury**



**Original correlation**

**Oblique sled impact**



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## Gabler et al. 2014 (Stapp Workshop)

- BrIC correlations compared to Takhounts et al., 2013
  - Qualitative assessment using SIMon

Condition	Early history (Inertial dominated)	Full history (Impact dominated)
Pedestrian	Inconsistent (BrIC high)	Consistent
Frontal	Consistent	Consistent
Oblique	Inconsistent (BrIC high)	Inconsistent (BrIC high)

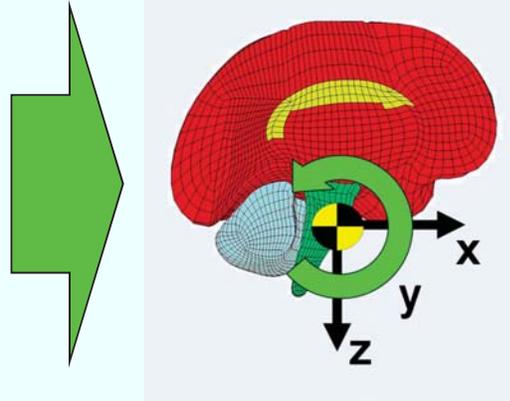
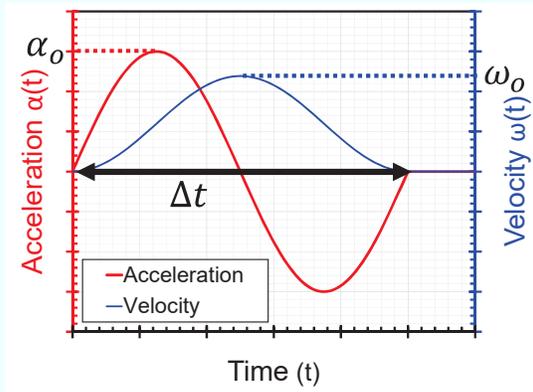
- BrIC was overestimating brain deformation for longer-duration responses

# Gabler et al. 2015 (JSAE)

- Investigated effect of impact duration ( $\Delta t$ ) on strain response
- Preliminary study using sagittal plane kinematics

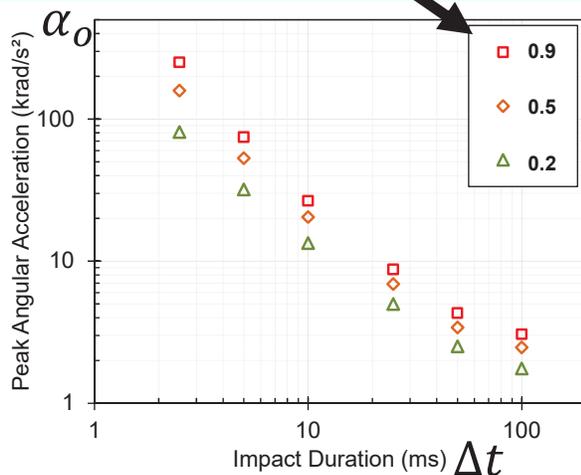
$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_o \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} t\right)$$

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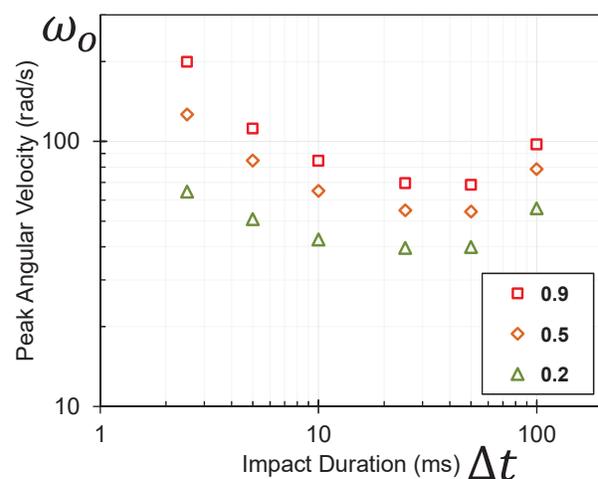


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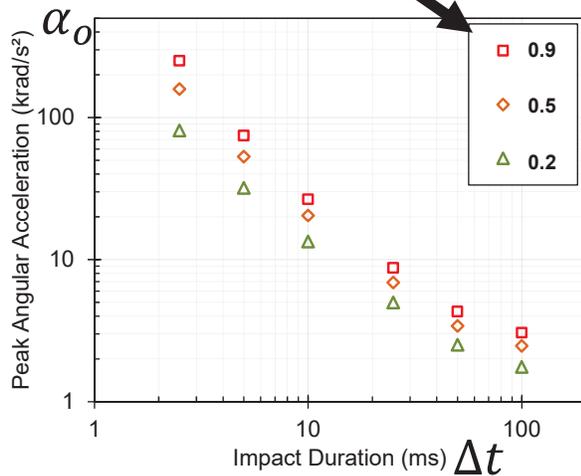
**CSDM**



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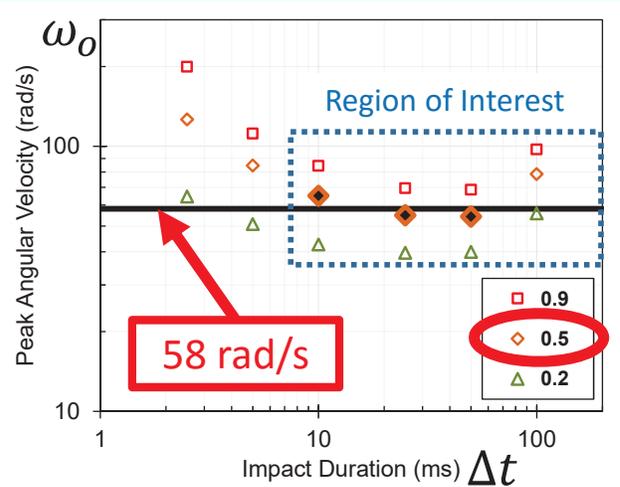


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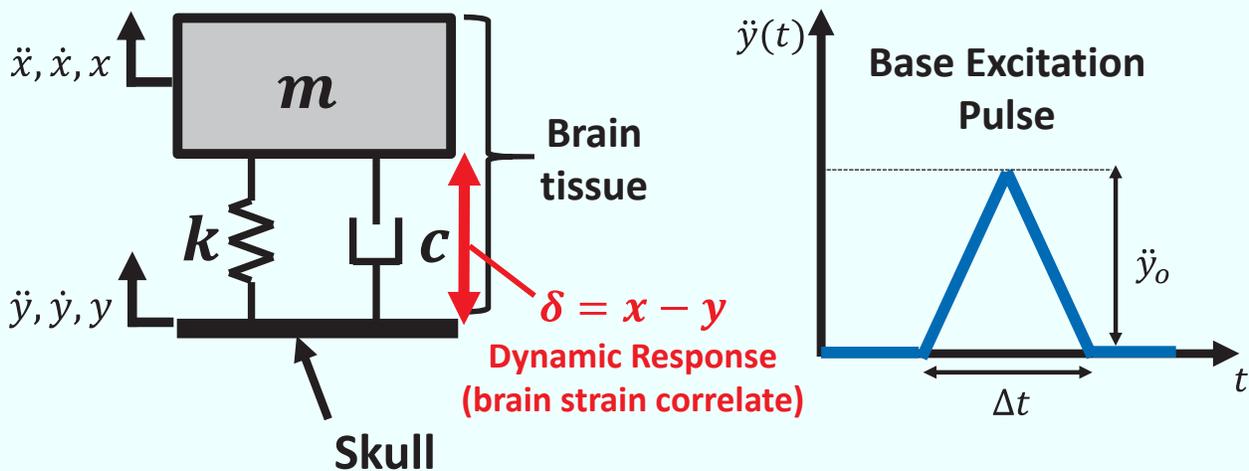
59 rad/s  
(Takhounts et al. 2013)

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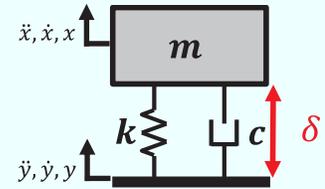
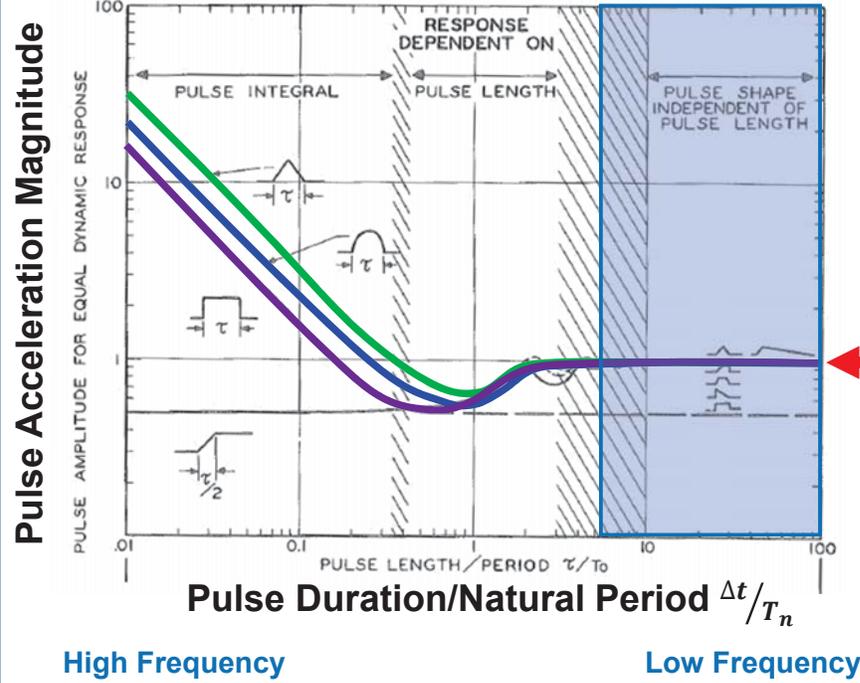


Theoretical Considerations

- Consider 1DOF dynamic system with base excitation.



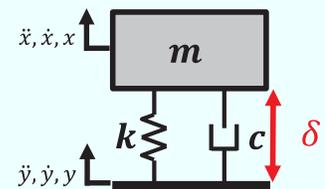
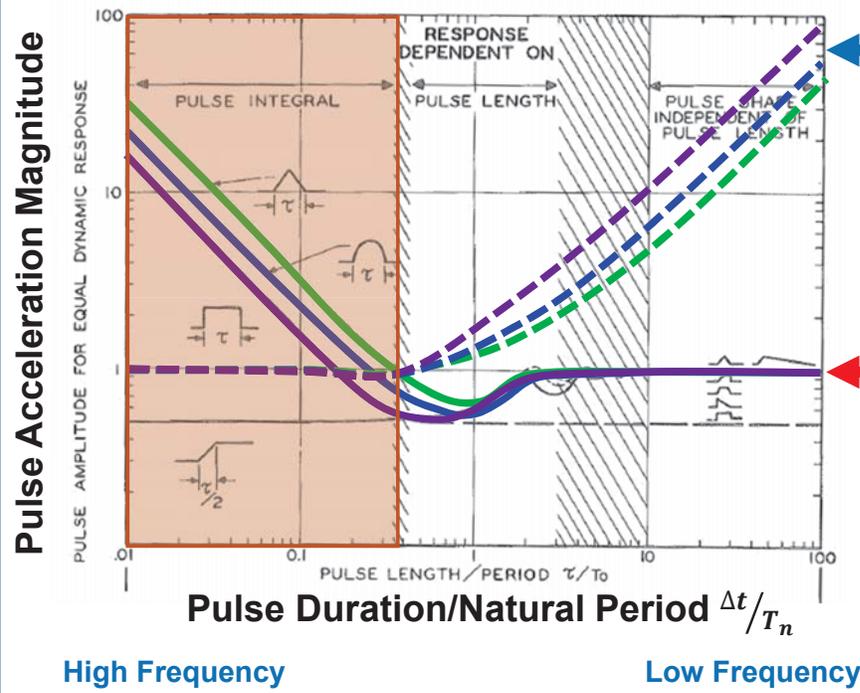
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 Response depends only on acceleration magnitude!

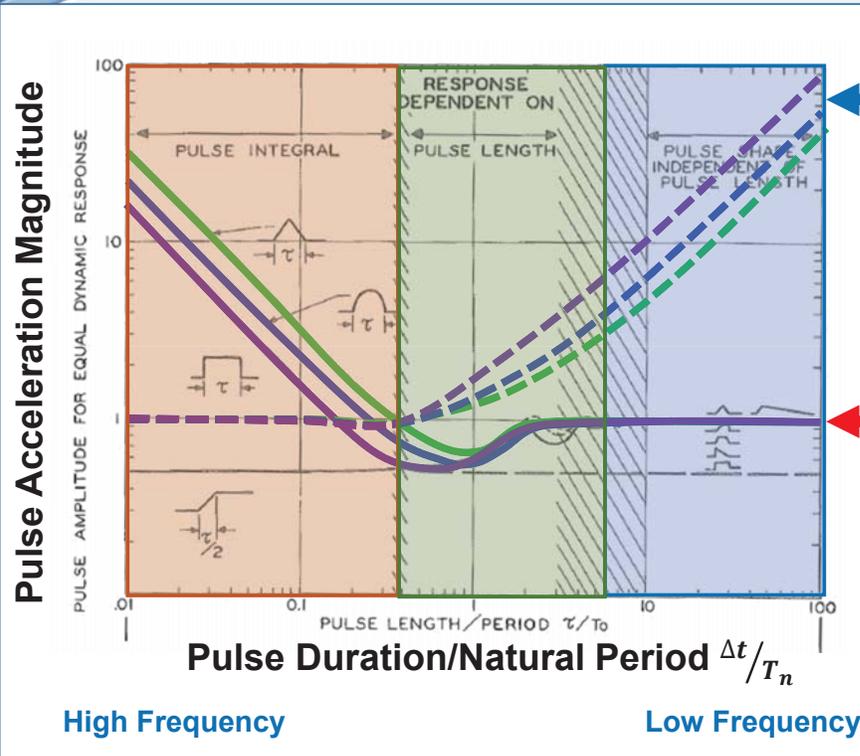
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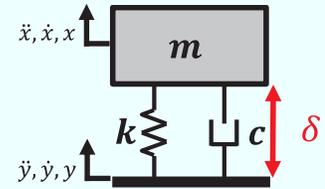
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Shorter durations:  
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# Theoretical Considerations



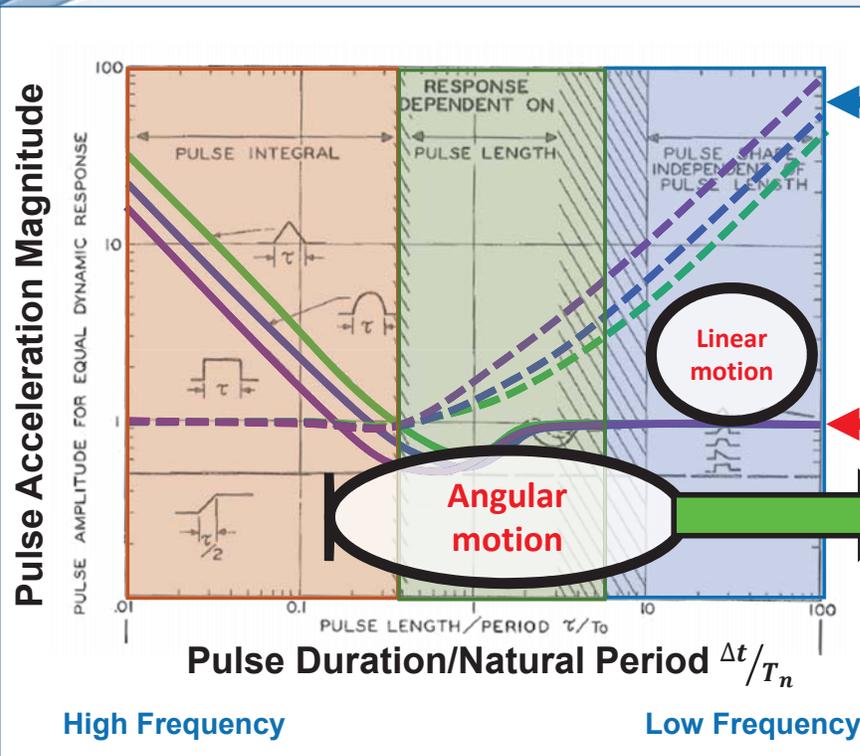
$\dot{y}_{max}$  curves



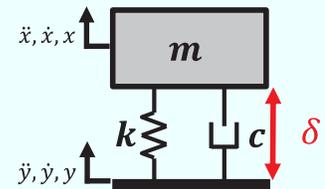
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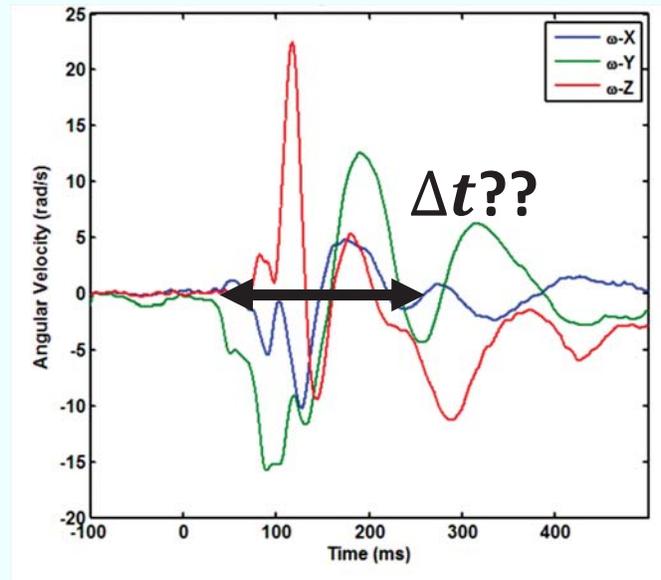


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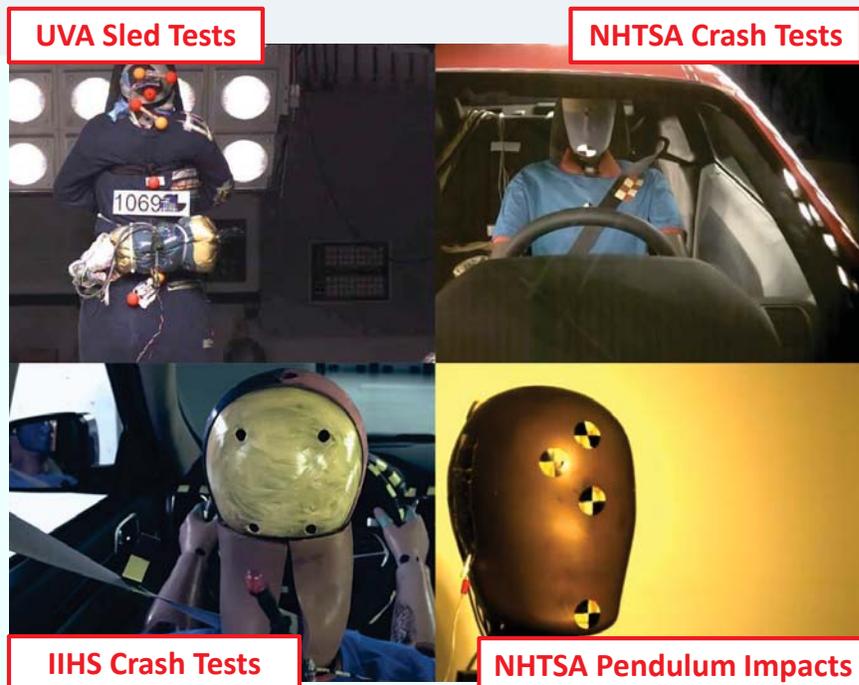
# Impact Duration

- Difficult to define  $\Delta t$ 
  - Multiple DOF
  - Rotational vs. translational
- Our approach is to define a relationship between  $\alpha$  &  $\omega$  based on mechanics



# Head Impact Database

Crash Modes	Total # of Impacts (n = 593)
FRONTAL†	274
OBLIQUE‡	166
SIDE	125
PEDESTRIAN	28



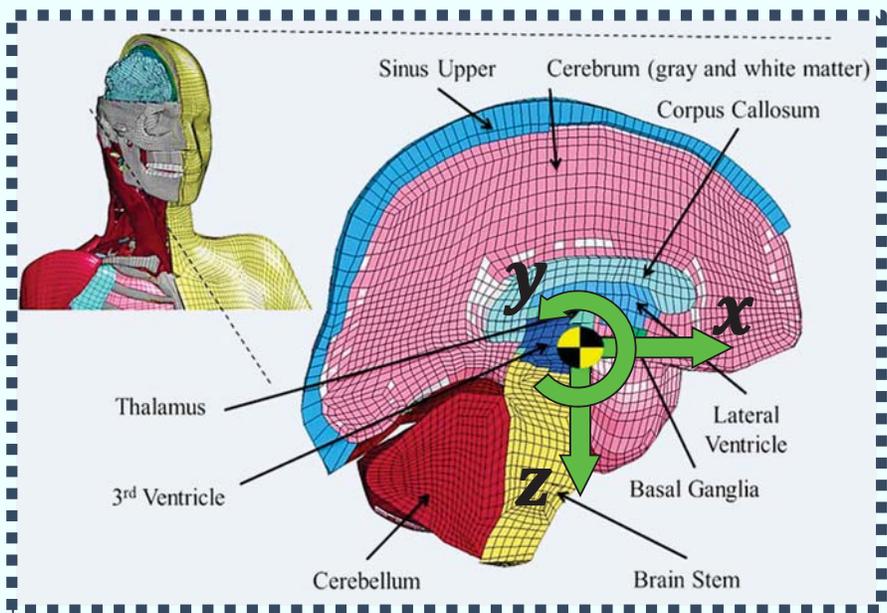
†Includes Small Overlap Tests

‡Includes 7°, 15°, 20°, & 60° impacts

# GHBMCM FE Head Model

## GHBMCM v4.3

- Adult 50<sup>th</sup> male
- ~120,000 elements
- 25 sub-structures
- Intracranial responses validated for 6DOF

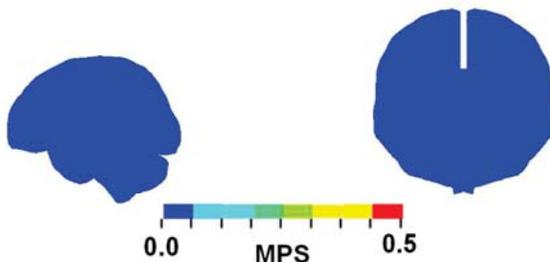


# Strain Measures

NHTSA Frontal NCAP

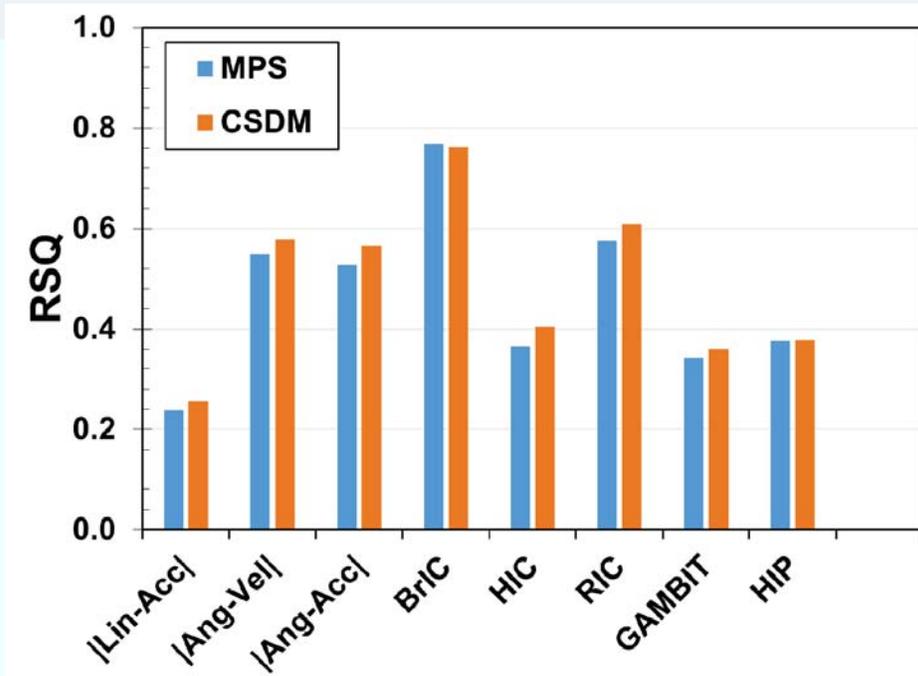


Pedestrian Sled



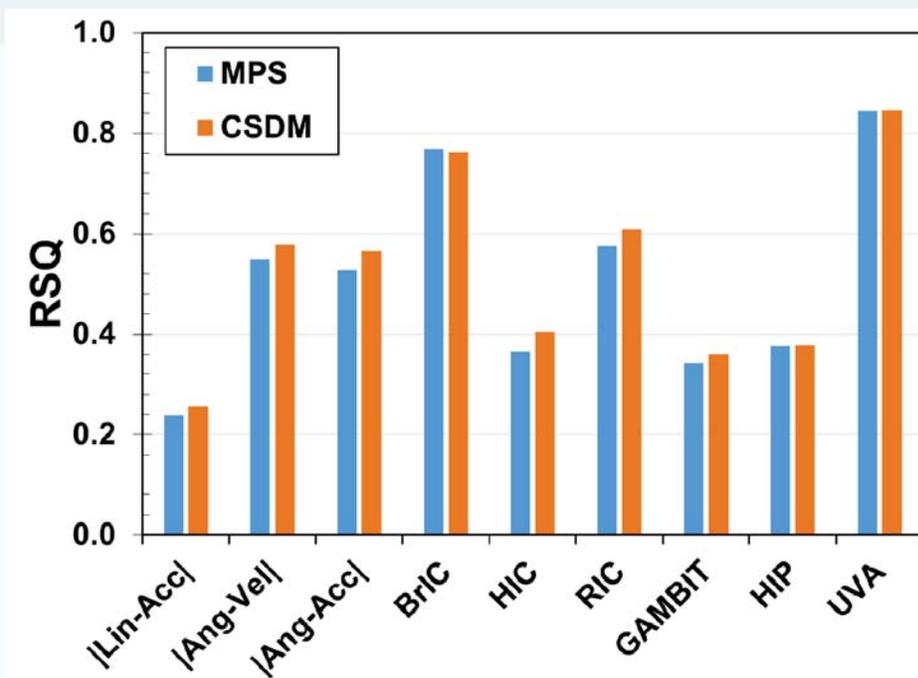
- MPS – Maximum Principal strain
- CSDM – Cumulative Strain Damage Measure

## Correlation with Existing Metrics



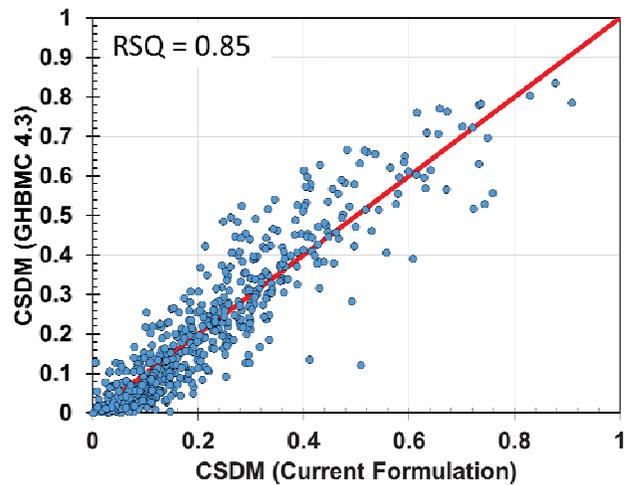
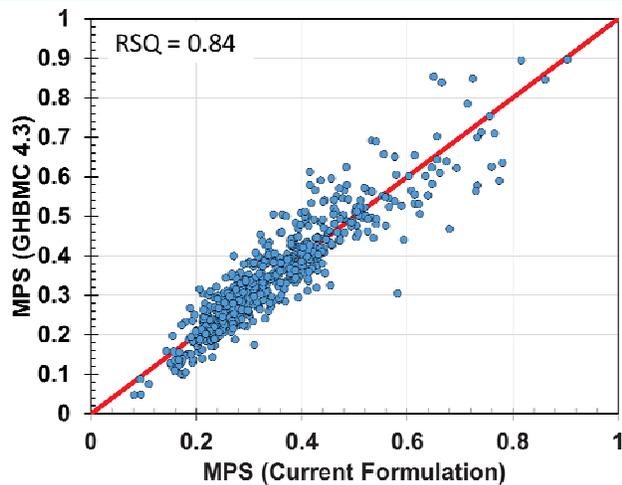
BrIC is the best correlate to FE model results

## Correlation with Proposed Metric



Current UVA formulation based on mechanics

# Correlation with Proposed Metric



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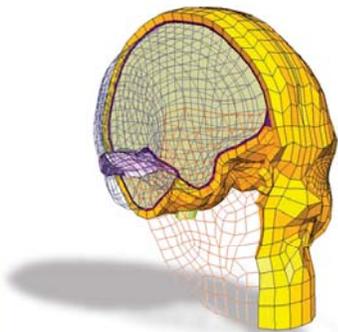
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# 6D Brain Injury Metric Based on Axon Elongation



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- Introduction and context
- Advanced brain FE modelling
- Real world head trauma database
- 6D brain injury metric based on axon strain
- Head injury prediction tool for end user
- Application in automotive and helmet industry
- Conclusion

## CONTEXT

It is **well known** that brain is sensitive to rotational acceleration  
since Holbourn (1943)

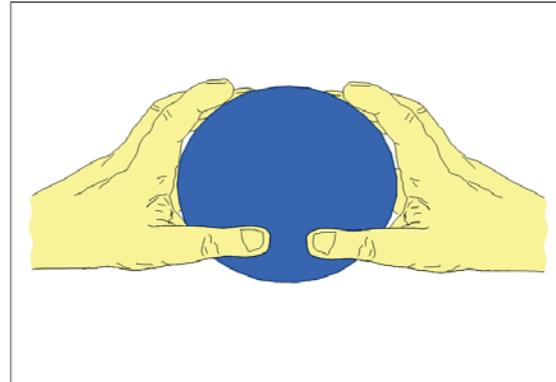
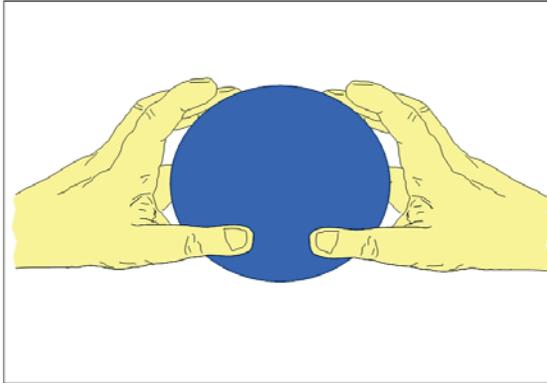
This phenomenon has essentially been addressed qualitatively with  
**animal or physical models.**

Ommaya et al. (1967, 1968), Unterharnscheidt (1971), Ono et al. (1980), Gennarelli et al. (1982), Newman et al. (1999,2000).....

By using **Finite Element Head Models** it was expressed quantitatively  
how **dramatic** the influence of the **rotational acceleration** is on intra-  
cerebral loading.

Deck et al. (2007), Kleiven et al. (2007), Zhang et al. (2001)...

- Low shearing modulus of soft biological tissue



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- Evidence in volunteer head shaking
- A very simple test

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## CONTEXT

A number of studies focussed on the victim kinematics in **real world accident** and demonstrated the effectiveness of tangential head impact conditions

Mills et al. (1996), Bourdet et al. (2011, 2012, 2015)...

Despite this consolidated knowledge **no head protection standard are currently considering head rotational acceleration.**

The reason may be that there is no accepted brain injury criteria for 6D head kinematic

A number of experimental in vivo investigations emphasized that **axonal strain** was the most realistic mechanism of DAI (Bain and Meaney, 2000, Meythaler *et al.*, 2001, Morrison *et al.*, 2003)

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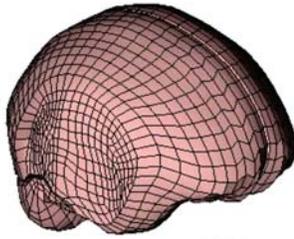
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## STRASBOURG UNIVERSITY FINITE ELEMENT MODEL

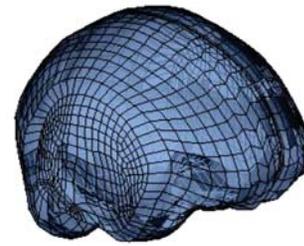
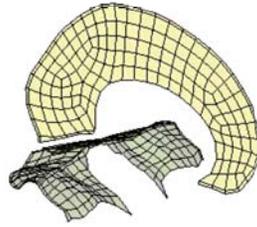
### (SUF EHM)

**Brain**



**Membranes**

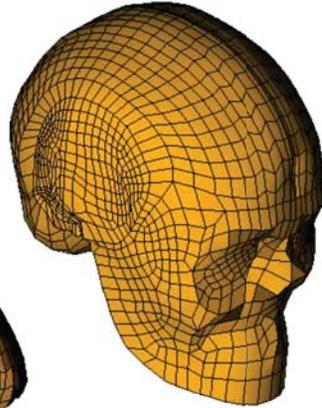
(Elastic  $E=31.5\text{MPa}$ ,  $\gamma=0.23$ )



**CSF**

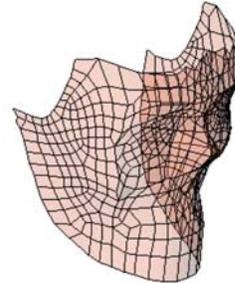
(Elastic  $E=12\text{kPa}$ ,  $\gamma=0.49$ )

**Brainstem**



**Scalp**

(Elastic  $E=16.7\text{MPa}$ ,  $\gamma=0.42$ )

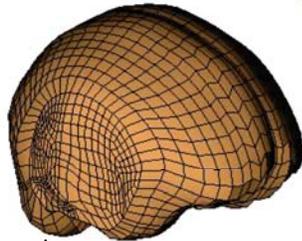


**Face**

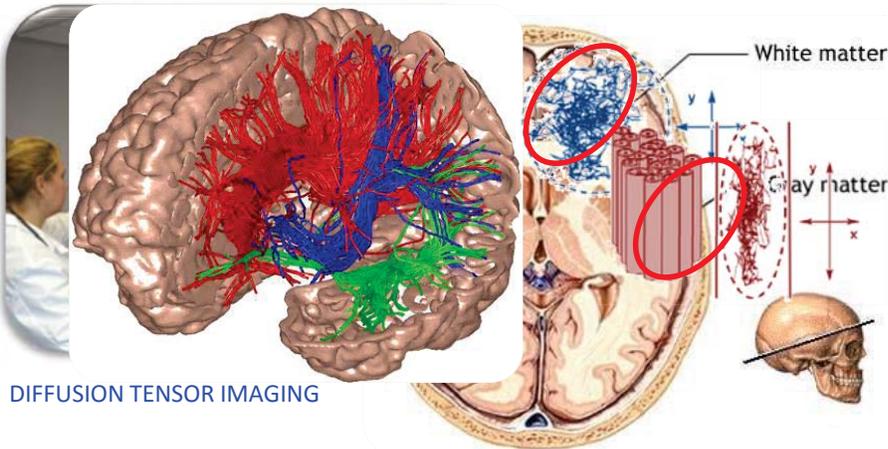
(rigid)

**Skull**

(Shell elements, composite law with failure criterion)



# DTI of the Brain



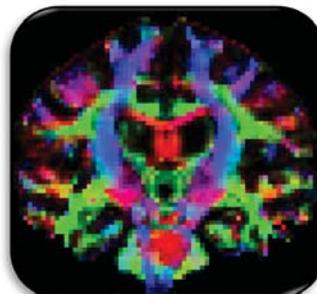
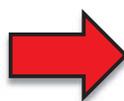
DIFFUSION TENSOR IMAGING

ISOTROPIC DIFFUSION

ANISOTROPIC DIFFUSION

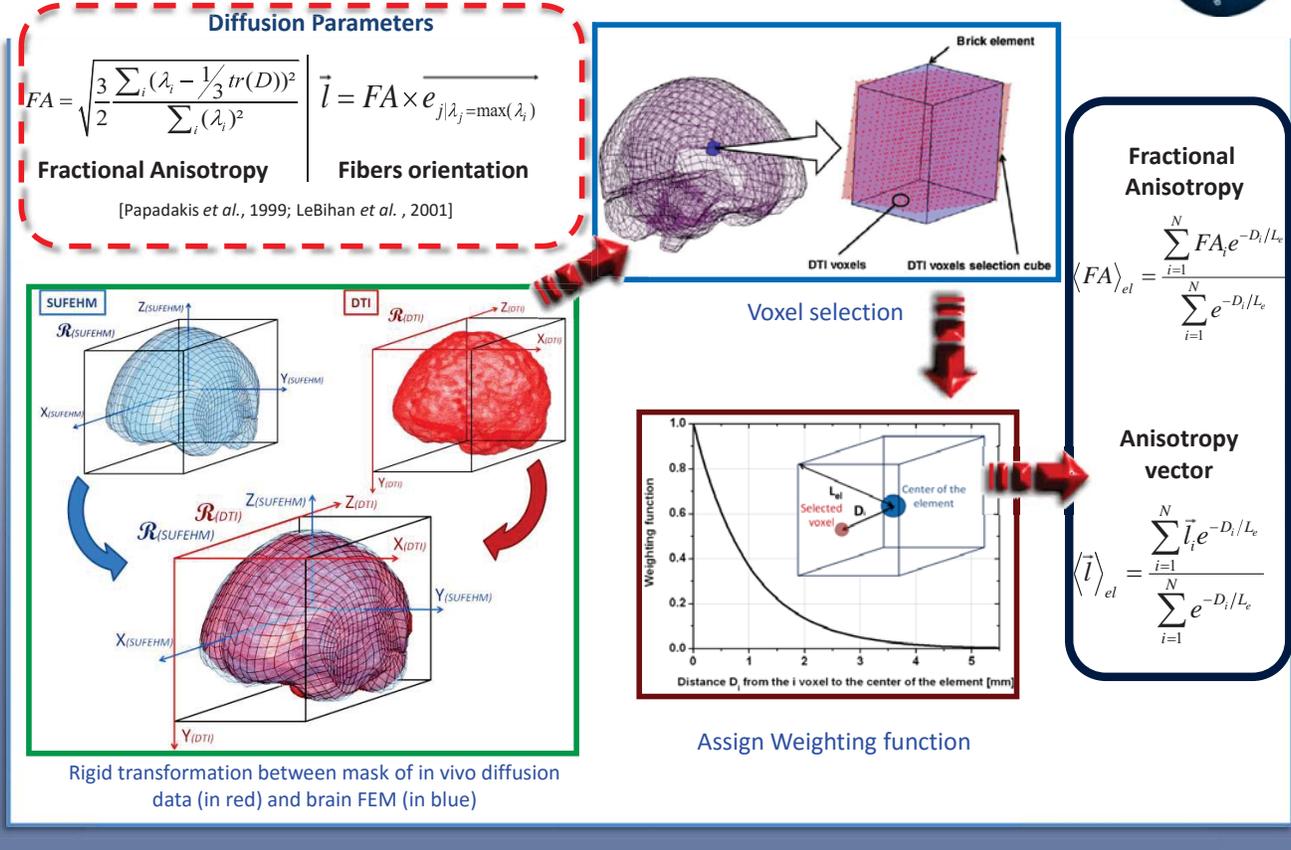


HEALTHY PERSONS



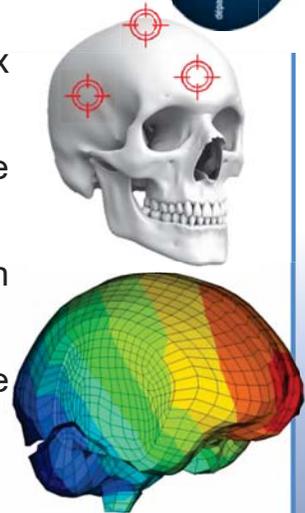
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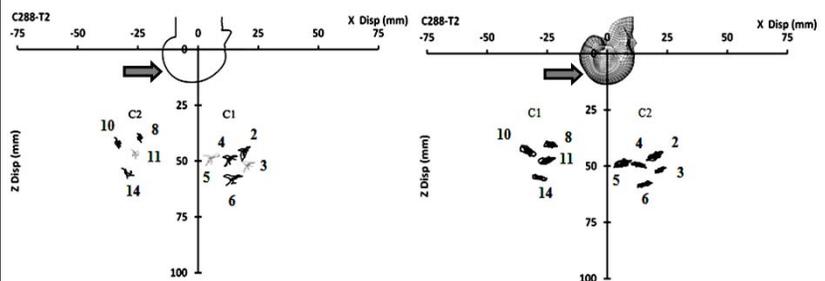
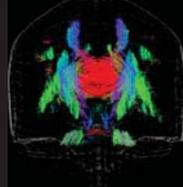
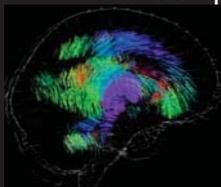


## Validation of SUFEHM (Sahoo et al 2014)

- ✓ New skull mechanical law was validated in frontal, vertex and lateral impacts
- ✓ Validation of brain model in terms of intracranial pressure against Nahum's and Trosseille's Experiments.
- ✓ Validation of brain behavior in terms of local brain motion was done by reconstruction of 11 Hardy's experiments.
- ✓ Parametric studies were performed which demonstrate the influence and importance of Fiber orientation .



More than 100 NDT trajectories obtained from experiments for comparison



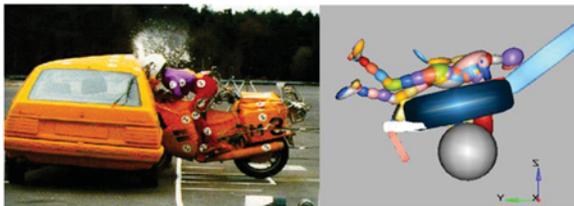


# HEAD TRAUMA DATABASE

## Accidents reconstructions

- METHODOLOGY**

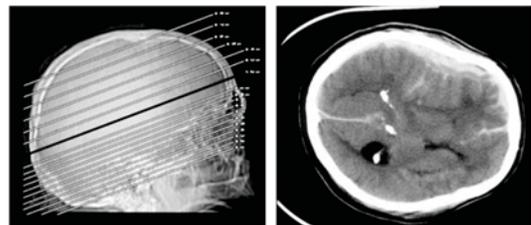
Experimental or analytical replication



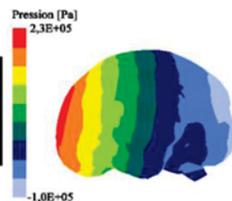
Real accidents



Detailed medical report



Numerical reconstruction



Injury mechanisms and tolerance limits



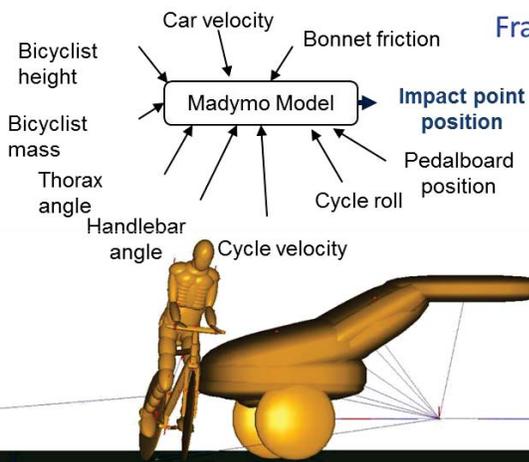
# DETAILED ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION

## Unistra modeling

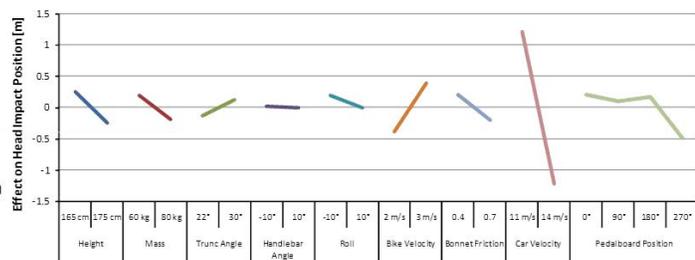
### Parametric study

(~16 simulations)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	M
	Height [m]	Mass [kg]	Trunc Ang. [deg]	Handlebar Ang. [deg]	Roll [deg]	Bike Vel. [m/s]	Bonnet friction	Car vel. [m/s]	Pedalboard Ang. [deg]
Level 1	1.65	60	22	-10	-10	2	0.4	11	0
Level 2	1.75	80	30	10	10	3	0.7	14	90
Level 3									180
Level 4									270

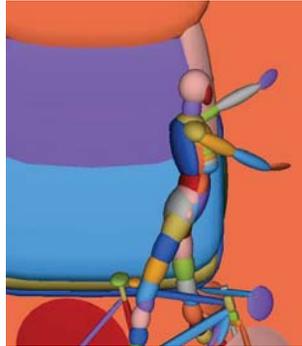


Fractional orthogonal array L16 (12 factors at two levels and a factor with 4 levels)



Evaluation function F versus car velocity and bicyclist position

## Unistra modeling



$$V_{\text{resultant}} = 10.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{normal}} = 10.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{tangential}} = 4.4 \text{ m/s}$$

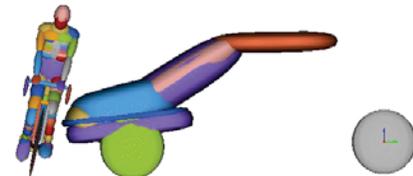
Loadcase 1 : Time = 0.000000  
Frame 1

Two impacts

- on windshield with the left shoulder,
- on pillar with head area occipito-parieto-temporal.

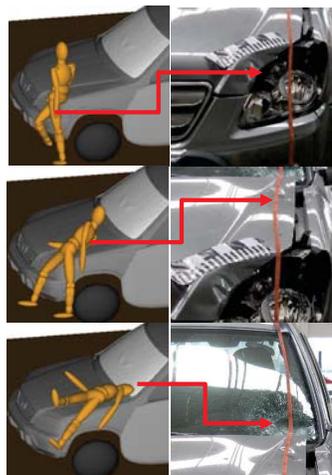
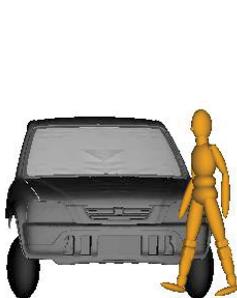
Projection distance of 16.3 m

WAD of 2.10 m

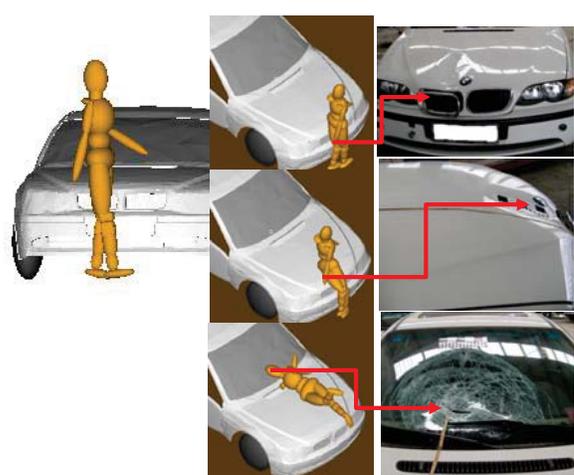


## ➤ Reconstruction results

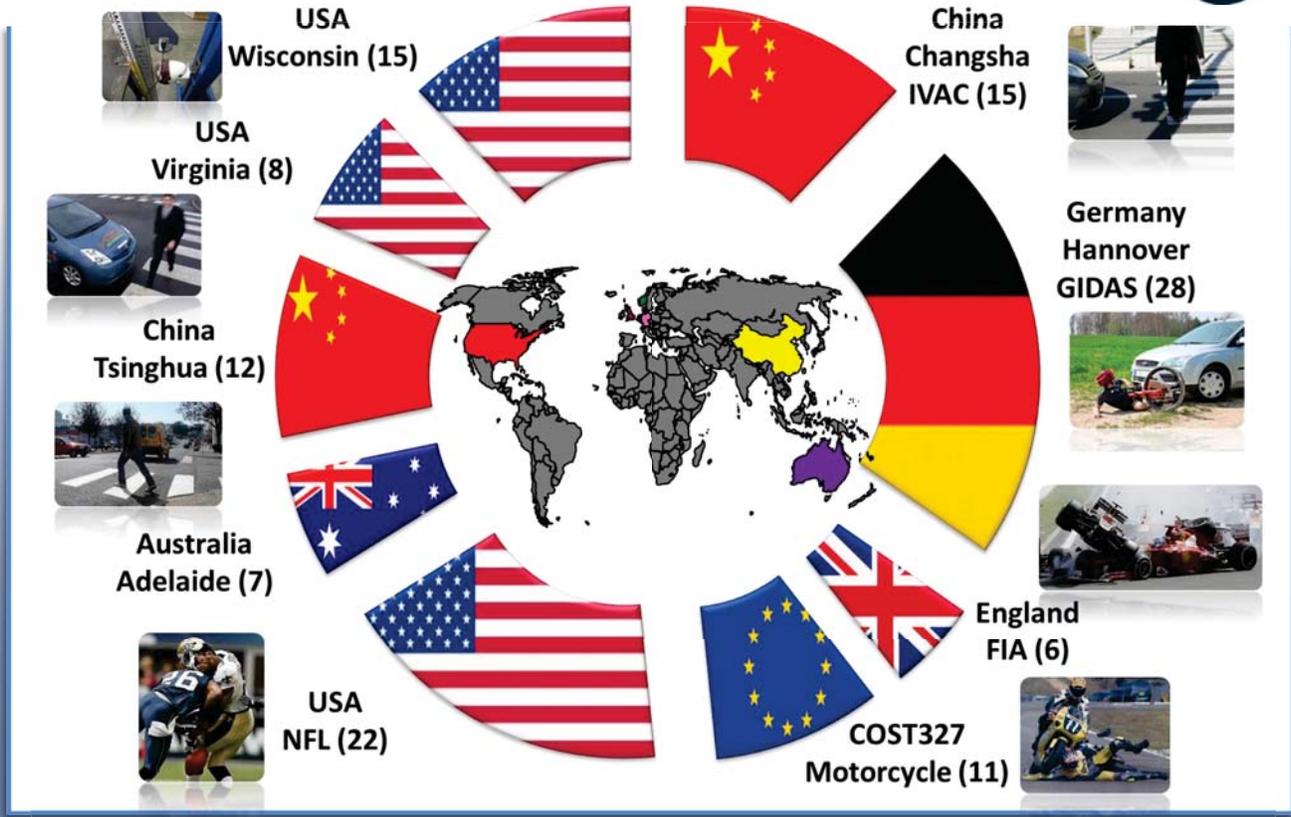
	Example 1		Example 2	
	Accident	Simulation	Accident	Simulation
Throw distance (m)	12.4	11.3	18	17.5
WAD (mm)	2000	2030	1980	1940
Velocity (km/h)	60	54	60	62.9



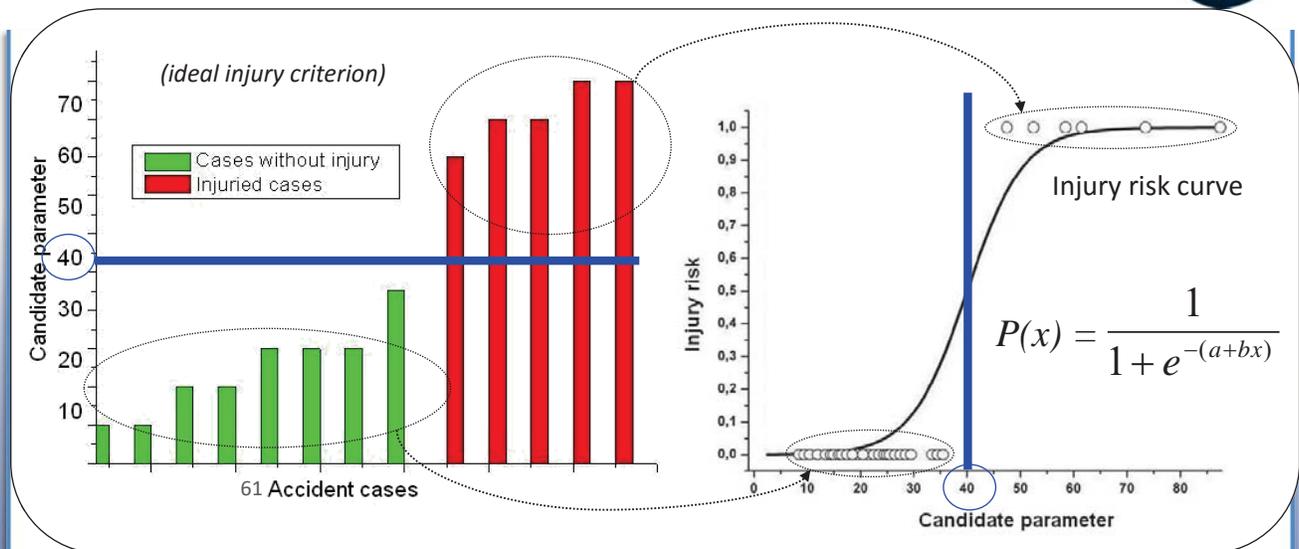
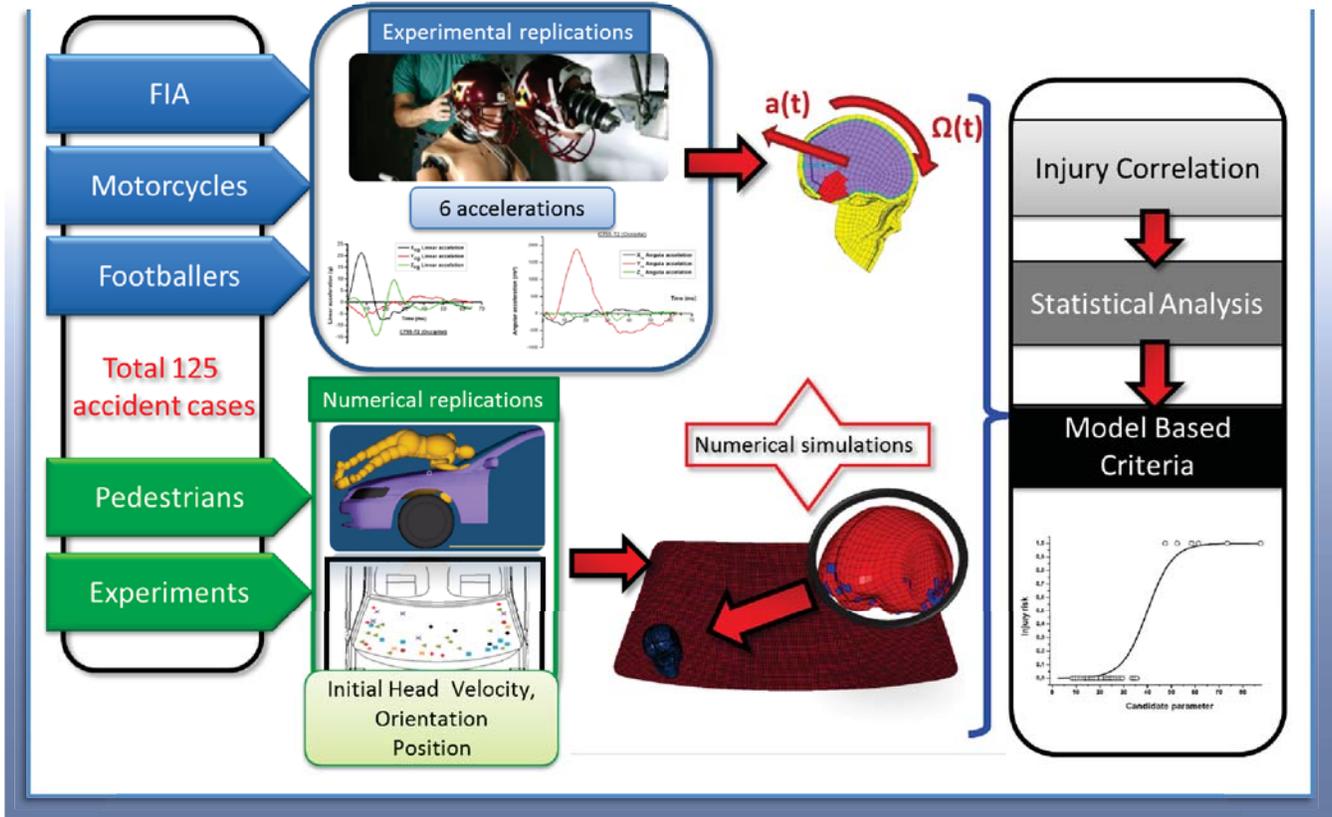
Example 1



Example 2



## MODEL BASED HEAD INJURY CRITERIA

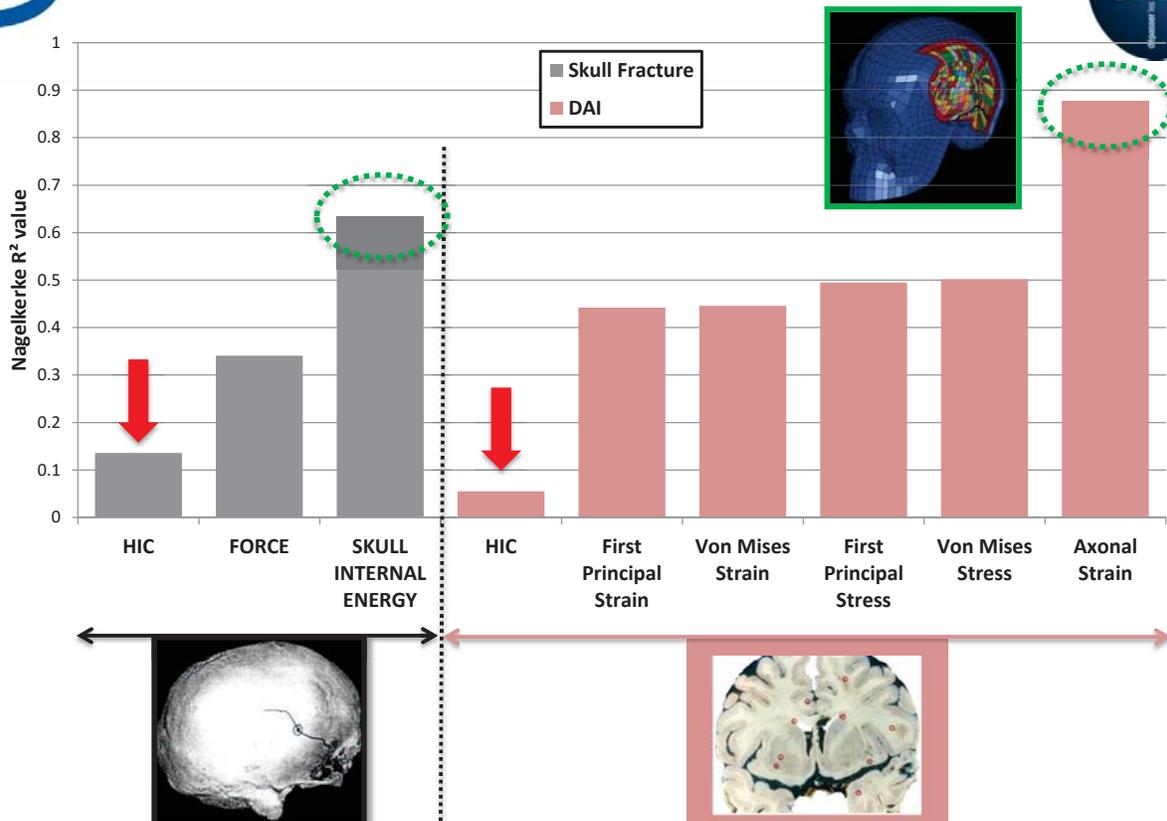
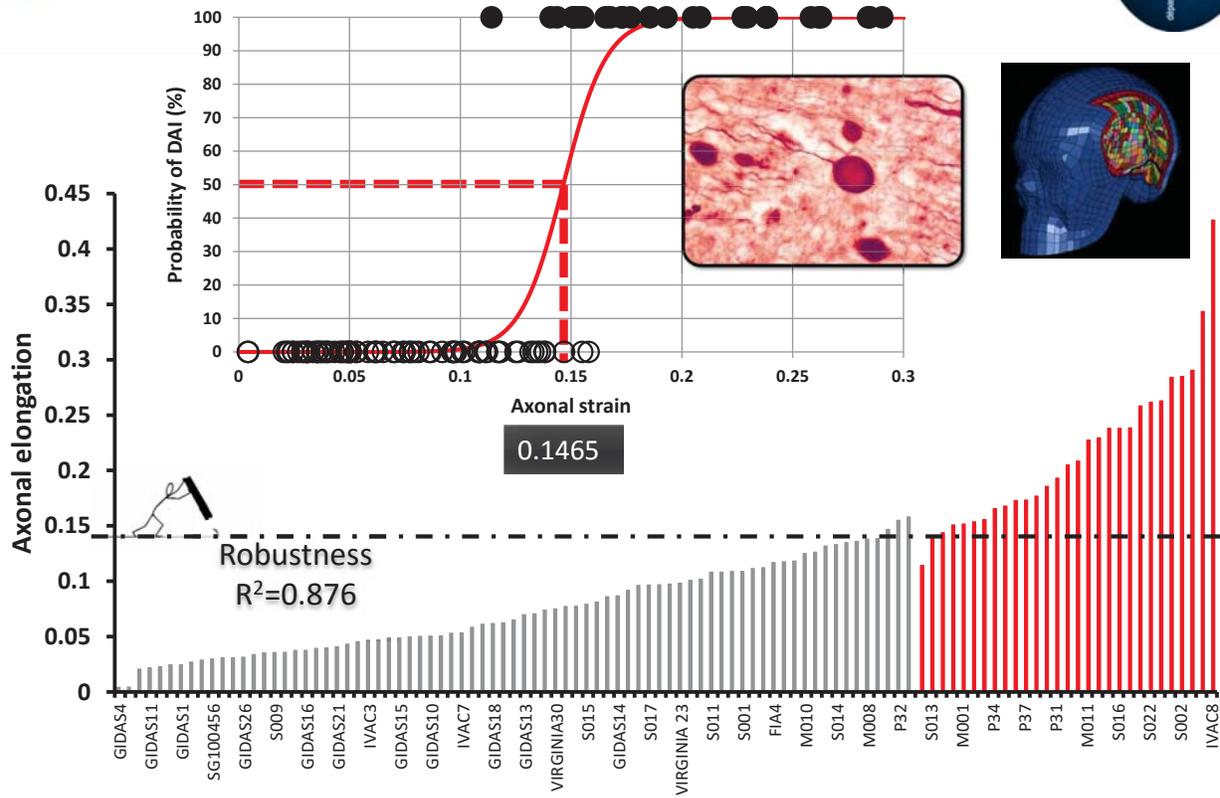


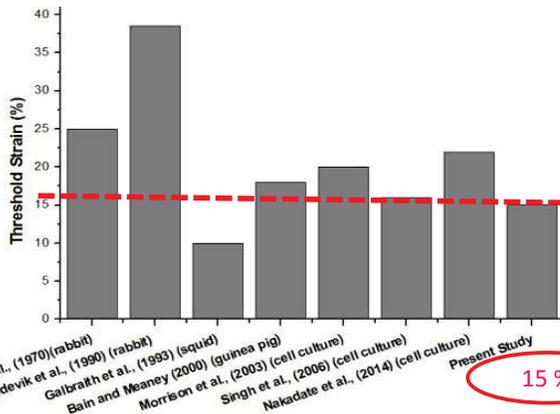
Modified likelihood method Nakahira et al. (2000)

$$EB = \frac{1}{n} \text{Log} \left\{ \prod_i P(x_i) \times \prod_j (1 - P(x_j)) \right\}$$

Binary logistic regression (SPSS v14.0)

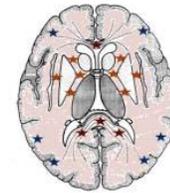
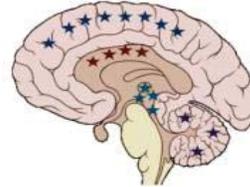
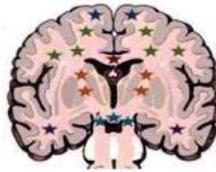
Nagelkerke R-sq statistic





- ✓ Experimental data based on cell culture lead to similar axon strain threshold.
- ✓ A similar approach based on NFL data simulated with KTH model lead to 7% to 15 % depending on the brain region (Kleiven et al 2014)
- ✓ General DAI description shows injury within main axon bundles.

- ★ Interface white/gray matter
- ★ Corpus callosum
- ★ Corona radiata
- ★ Internal capsule
- ★ Cerebellum
- ★ Others

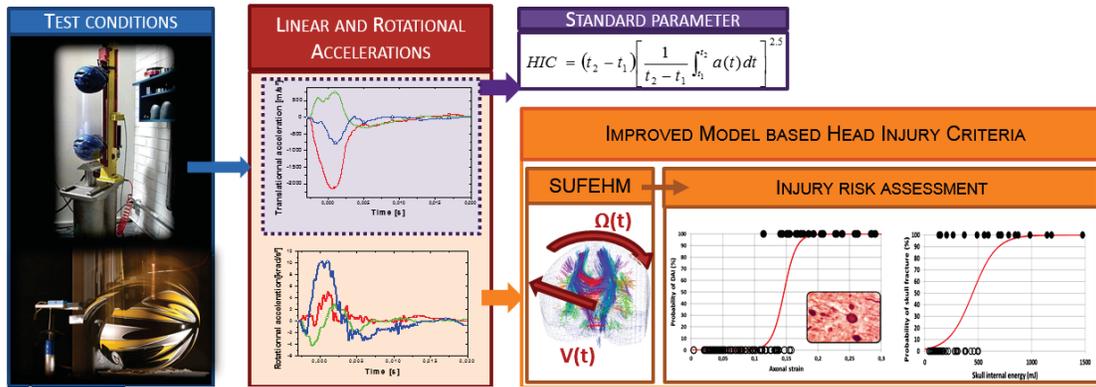


[Gennarelli et al., 1982] [Gentry et al., 1988] [Ng et al., 1994] [Graham and Gennarelli, 1997] [Arfanakis et al., 2002]



## HEAD INJURY PREDICTION TOOL FOR END USERS

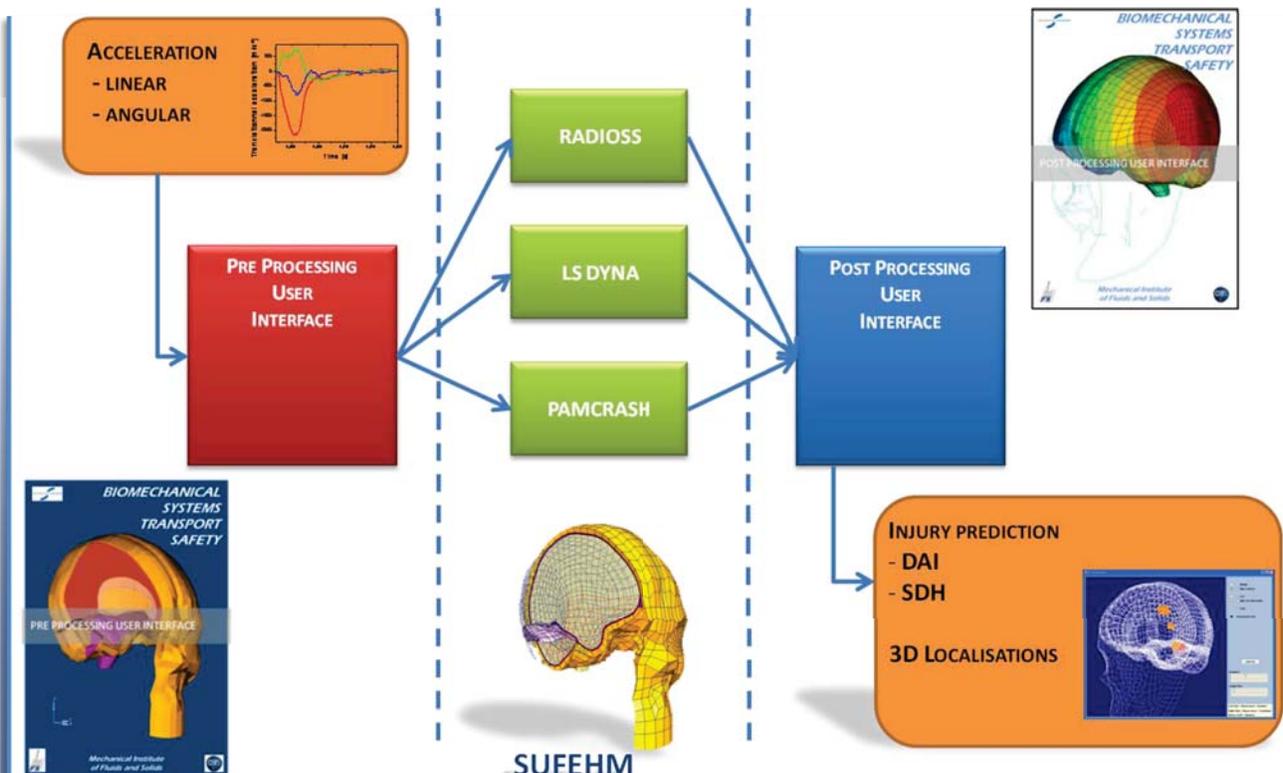
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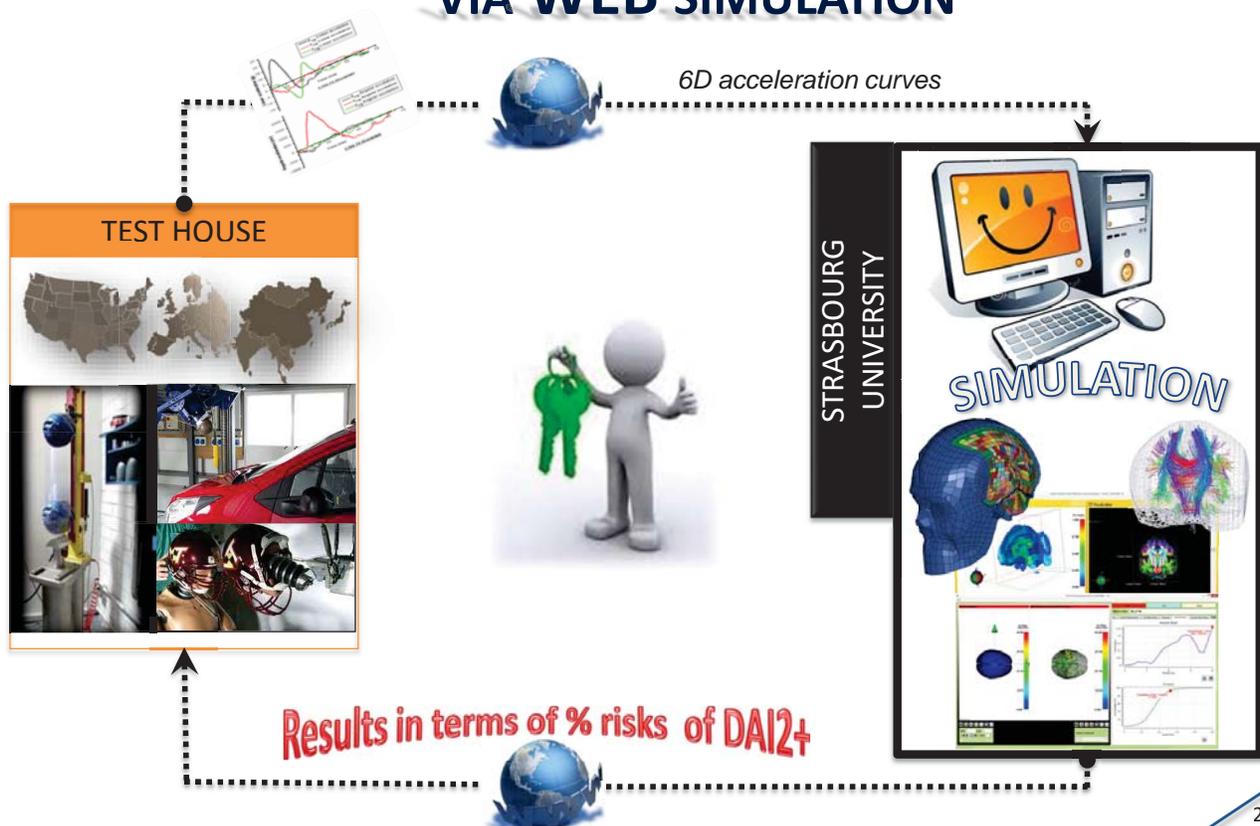
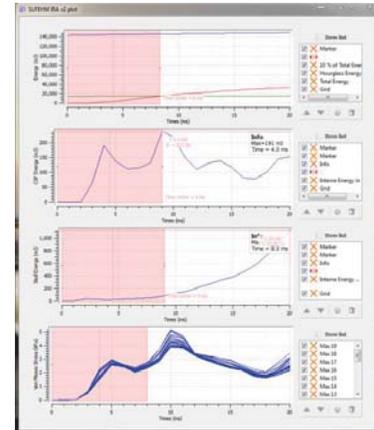
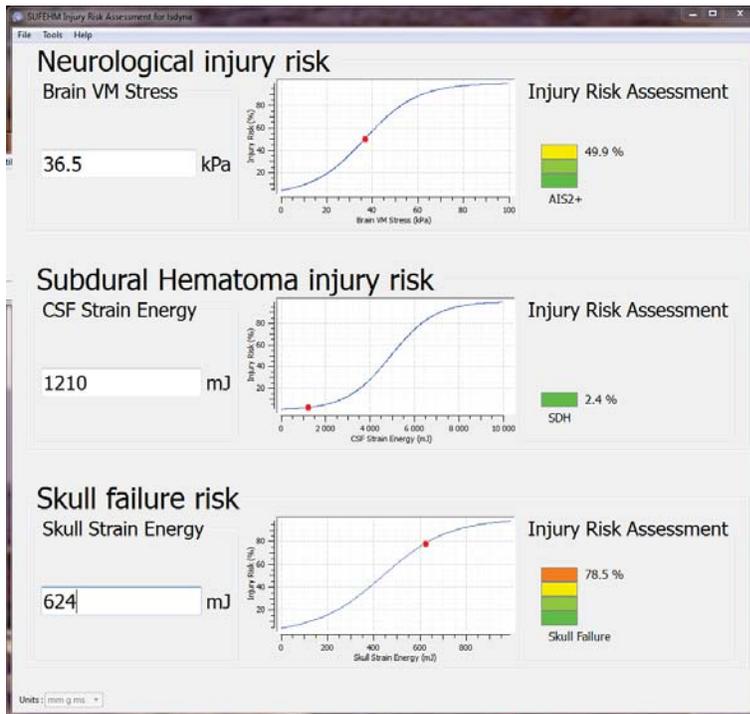


- FULL FE APPROACH



- PRE-POST-PROCESSING USER INTERFACES :

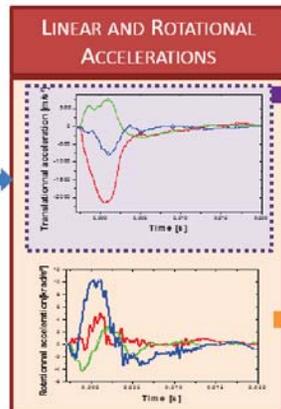
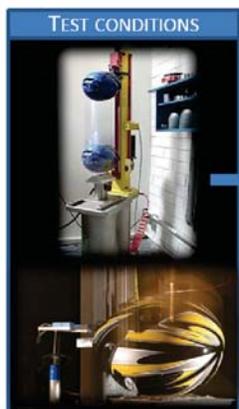
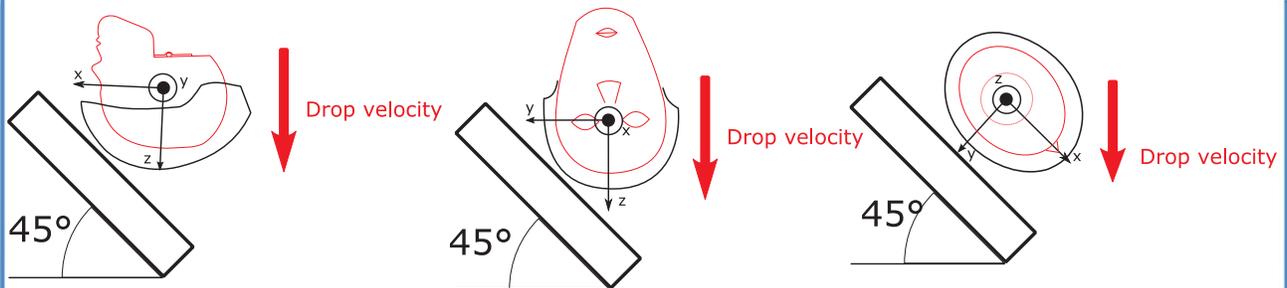






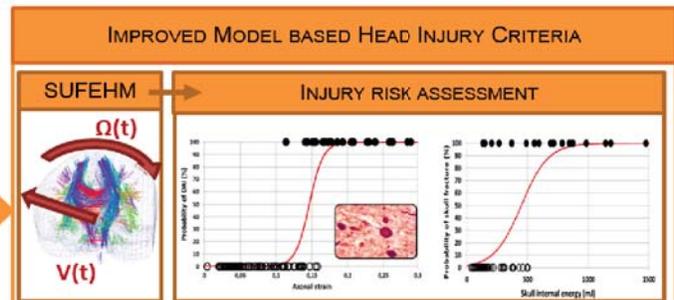
# FAISABILITY AND FIRST APPLICATIONS

## Head Injury Criteria in helmet test method (CEN TC 158-WG11)



**STANDARD PARAMETER**

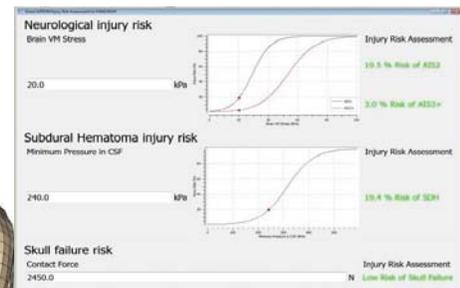
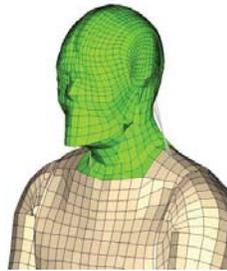
$$HIC = (t_2 - t_1) \left[ \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right]^{2.5}$$







- Assessment of head injury risk (using SUFEHM –IRA tool under VPS)



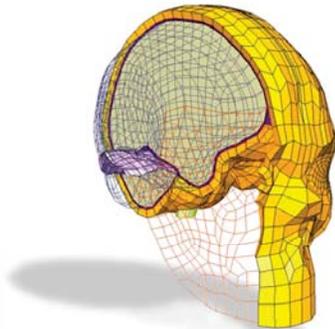
- Further possible injury risk indicators (based on max. strain analysis)



## CONCLUSION-1

- Angular acceleration exist and is critical for brain
- Advanced brain FE models
- Computation of axon strain
- Consolidated head trauma database with 125 cases.
- Very high Nagelkerke  $R^2$  value ( $R^2=0.876$ ) for brain injury
- Best candidate parameter for brain injury is axon strain
- The model based head injury criteria are:
  - Axon strain for brain AIS2+ ( $\epsilon_a = 15\%$ )
  - Skull strain energy for fracture (0.5 J)

# 6D Brain Injury Metric Based on Axon Elongation



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## Importance of Angular Head Motions for Brain Injury Prediction

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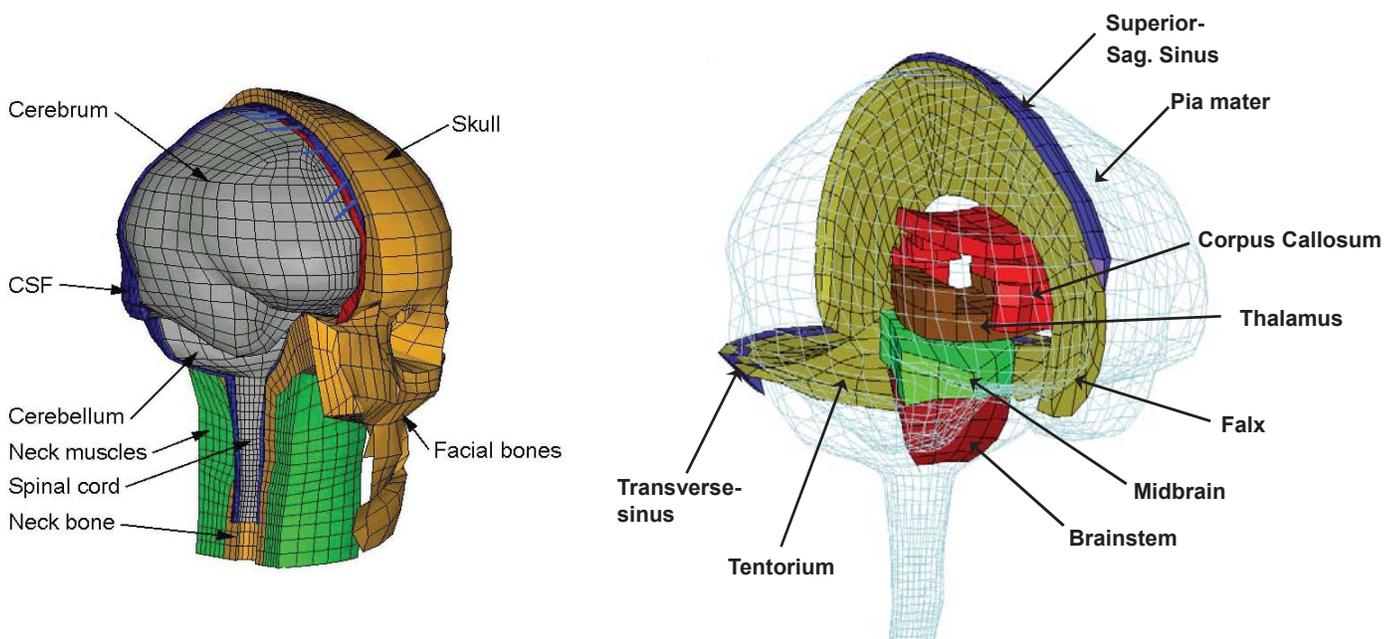
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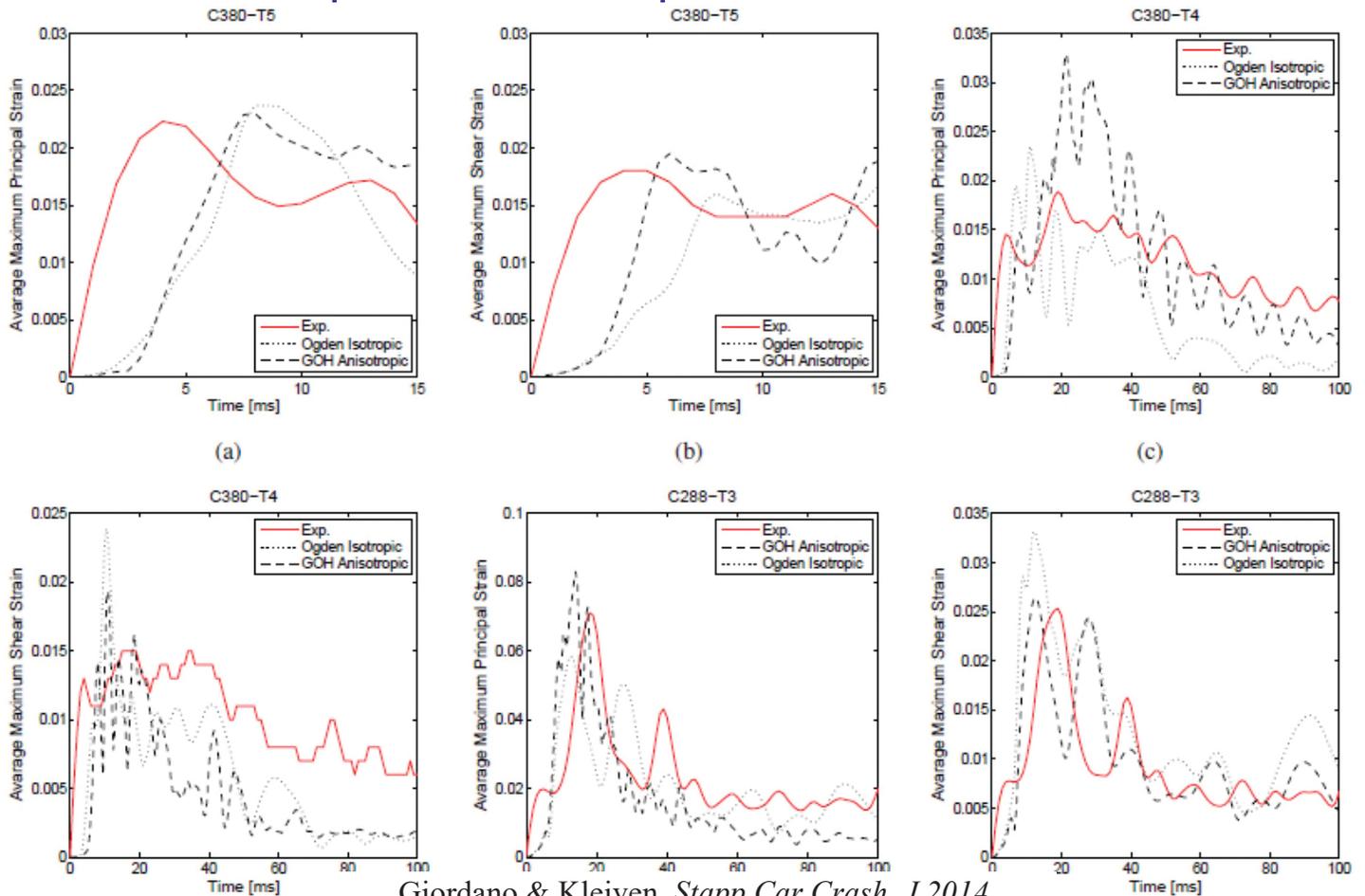
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## The KTH head model



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# Comparison with experimental strain data

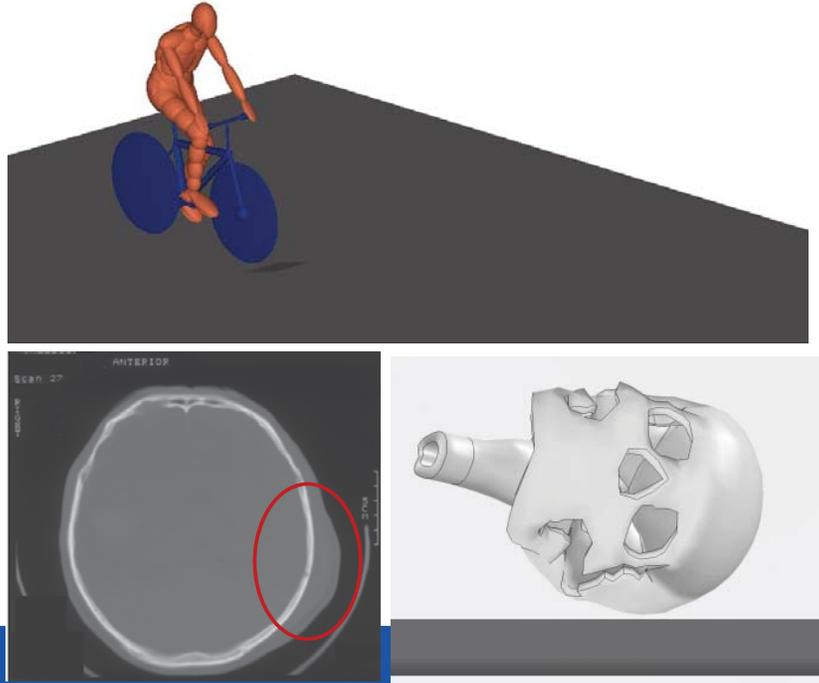


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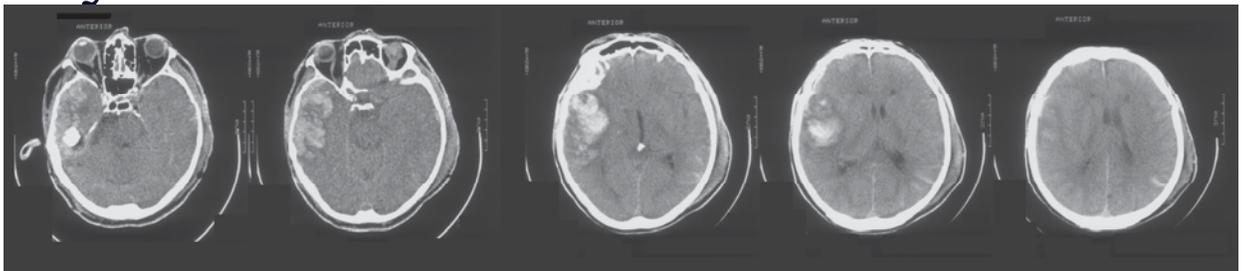
# Bicycle Accident Reconstruction

- Elderly man
- Uneven ground
- Skull fracture  
Contusion
- No Helmet

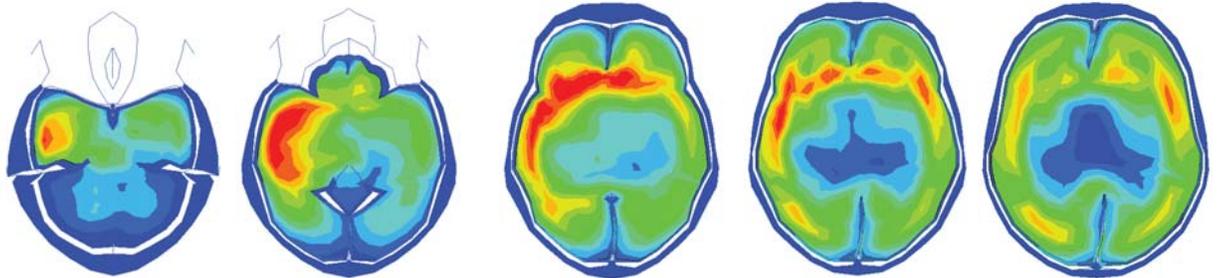


(Fahlstedt et al. J.Biomech. 2015)

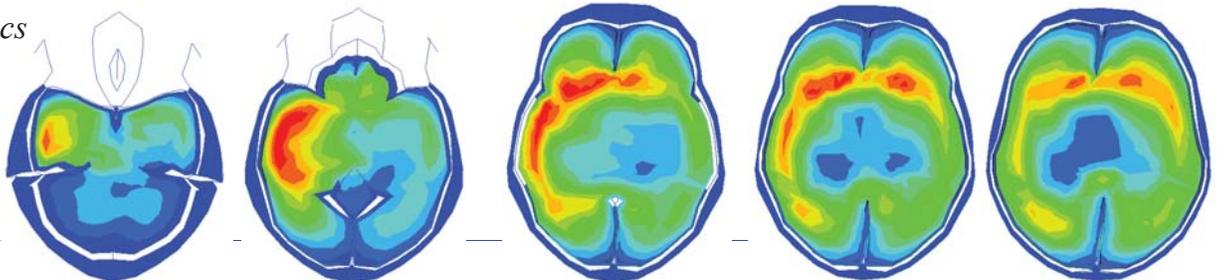
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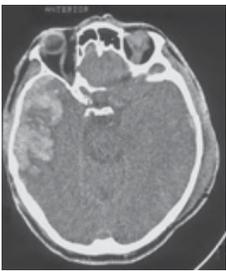


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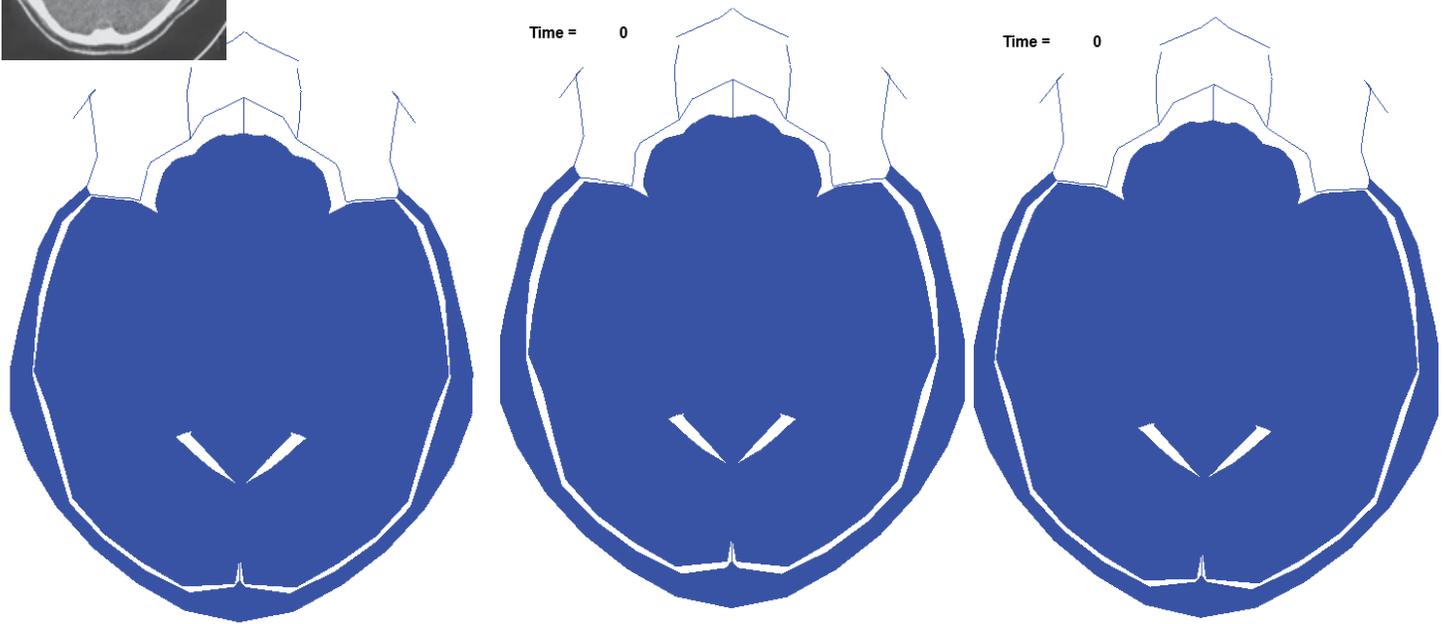


*6DOF kinematics*





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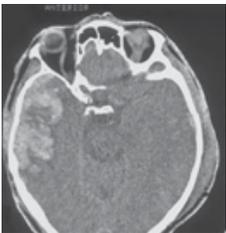
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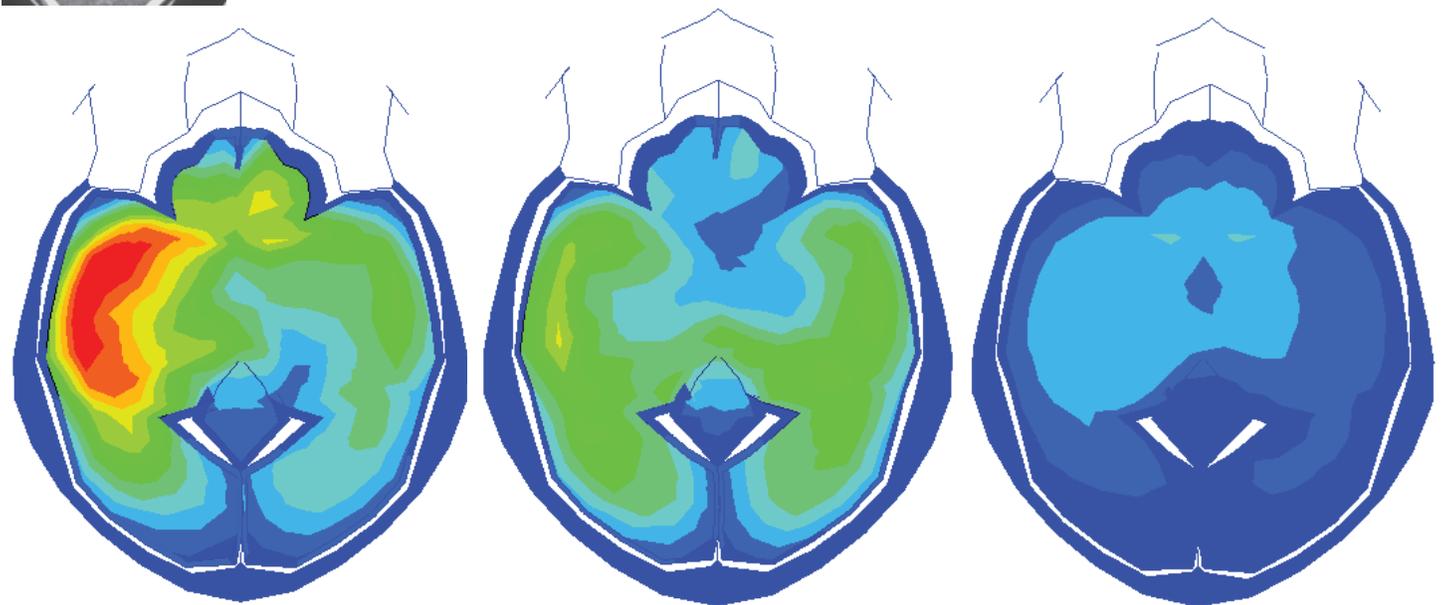
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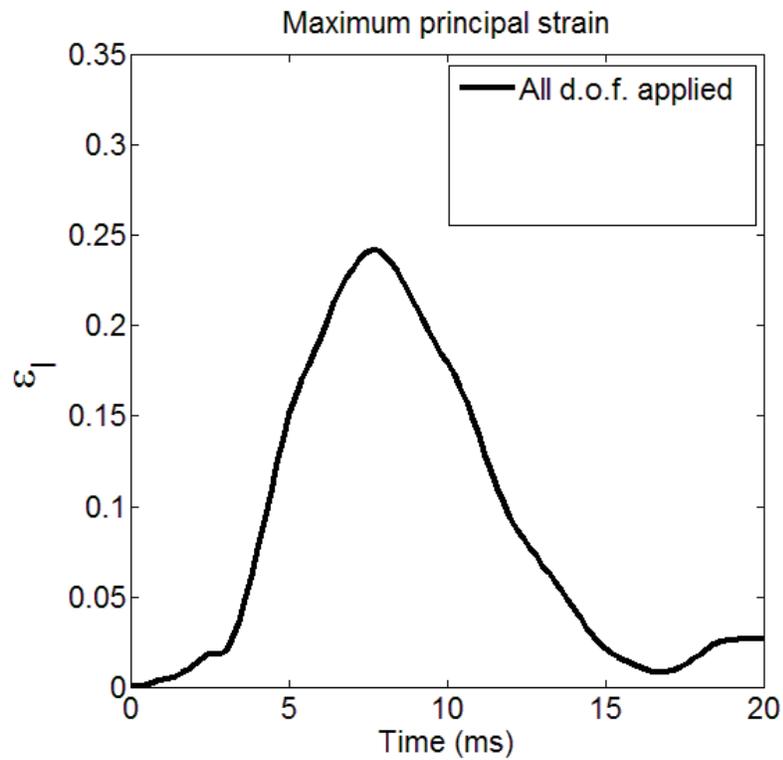
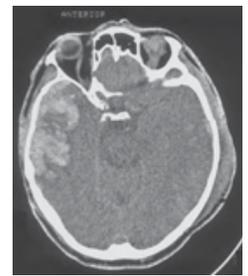
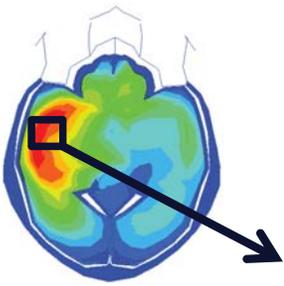
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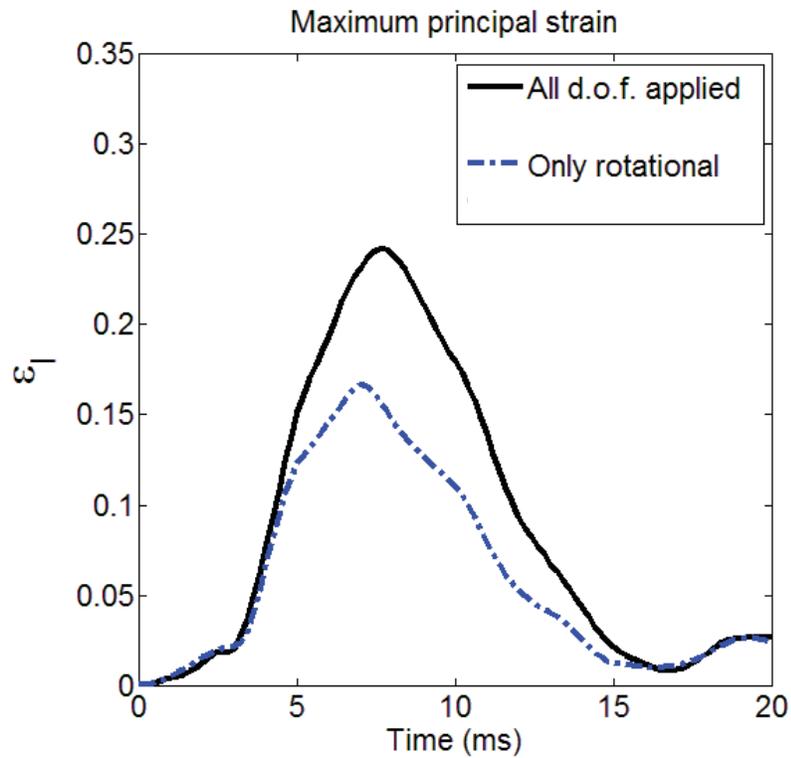
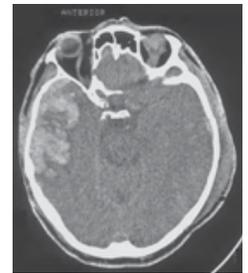
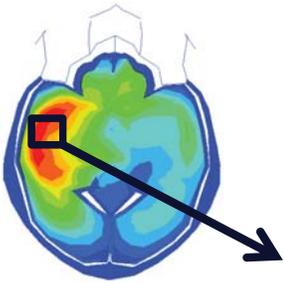


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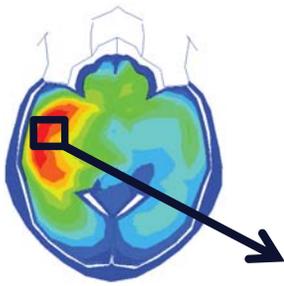


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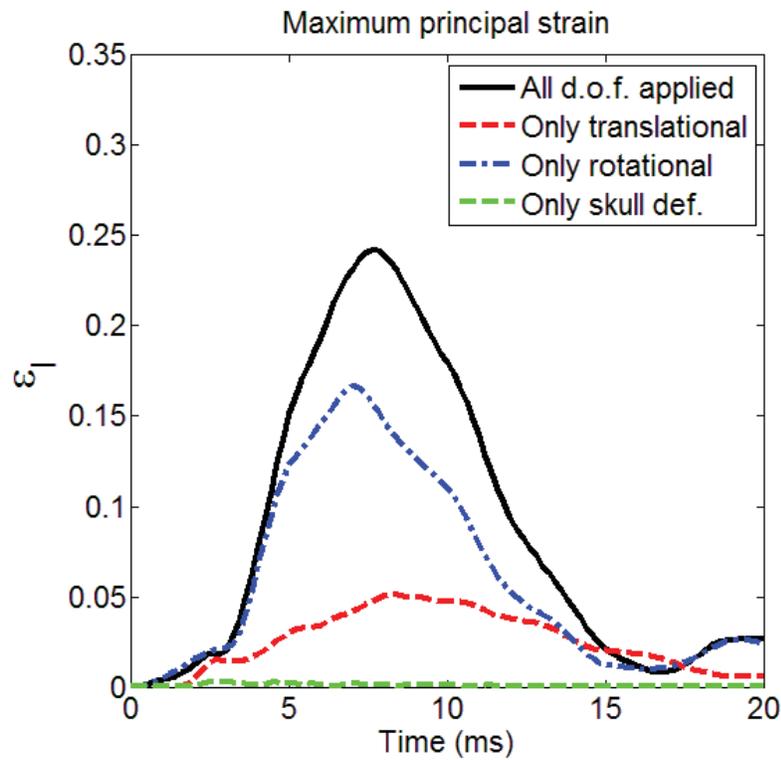
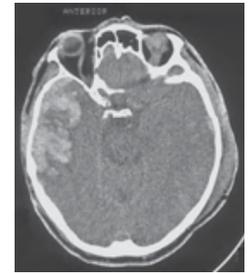
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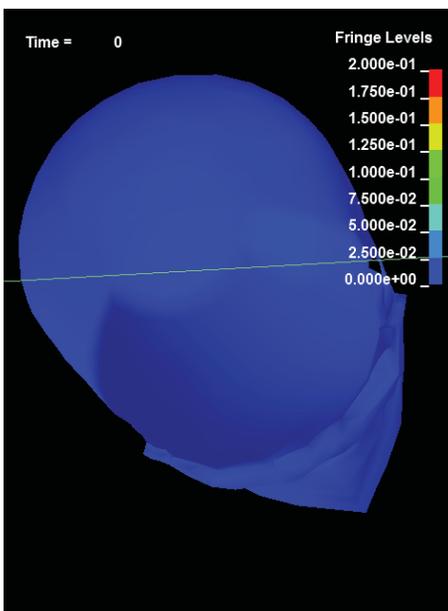


# Bicycle Accident reconstruction



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# Fall Accident reconstruction



Medical record:

Fall accident from 4 meters.

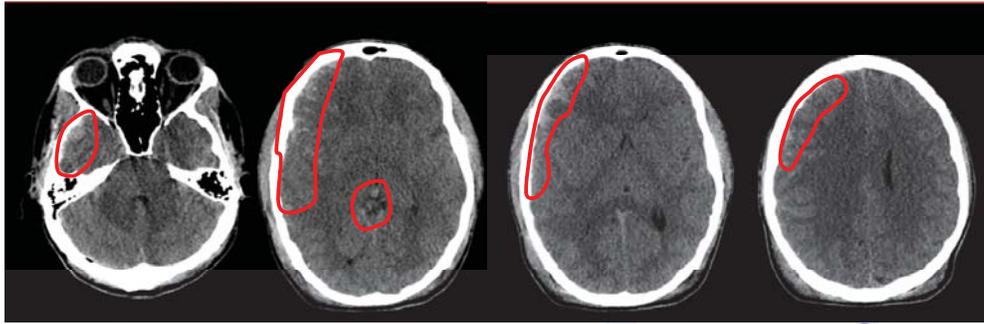
Wound on the right eyebrow.

CT images show multiple contusions at frontal, parietal and temporal lobe at right hemisphere.

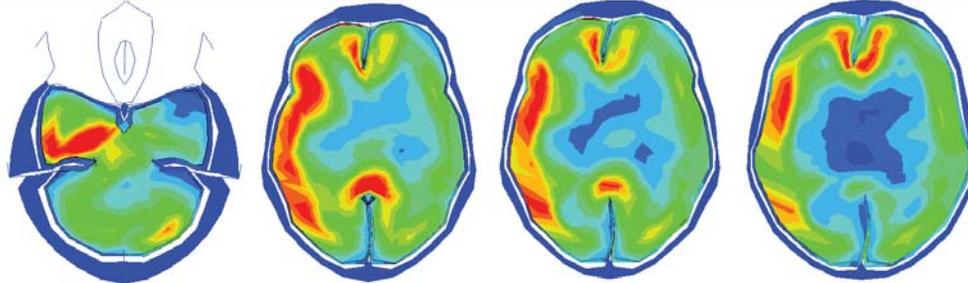


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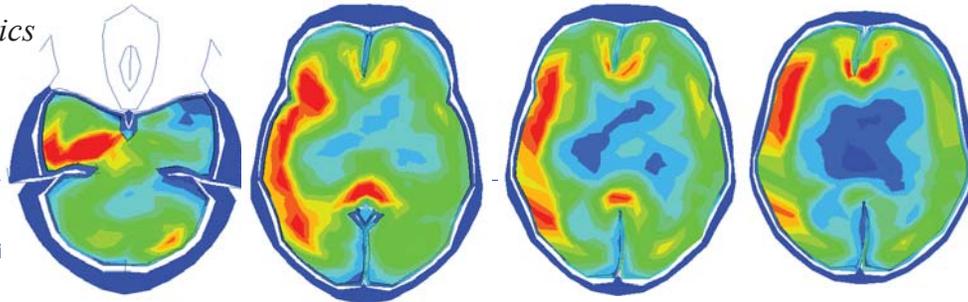
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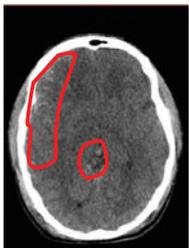
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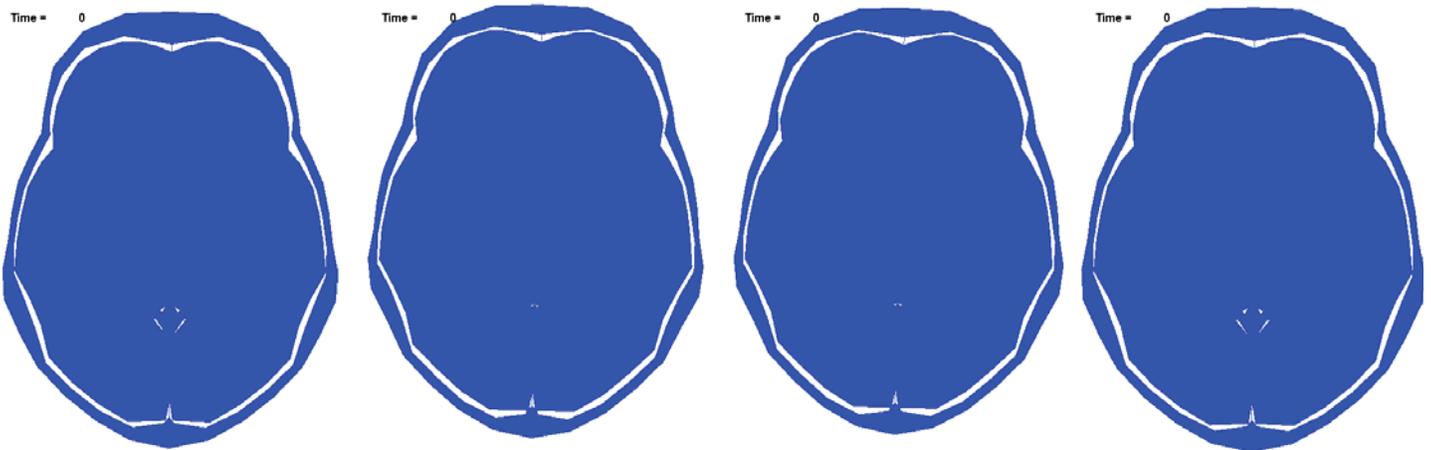
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# Fall Accident reconstruction



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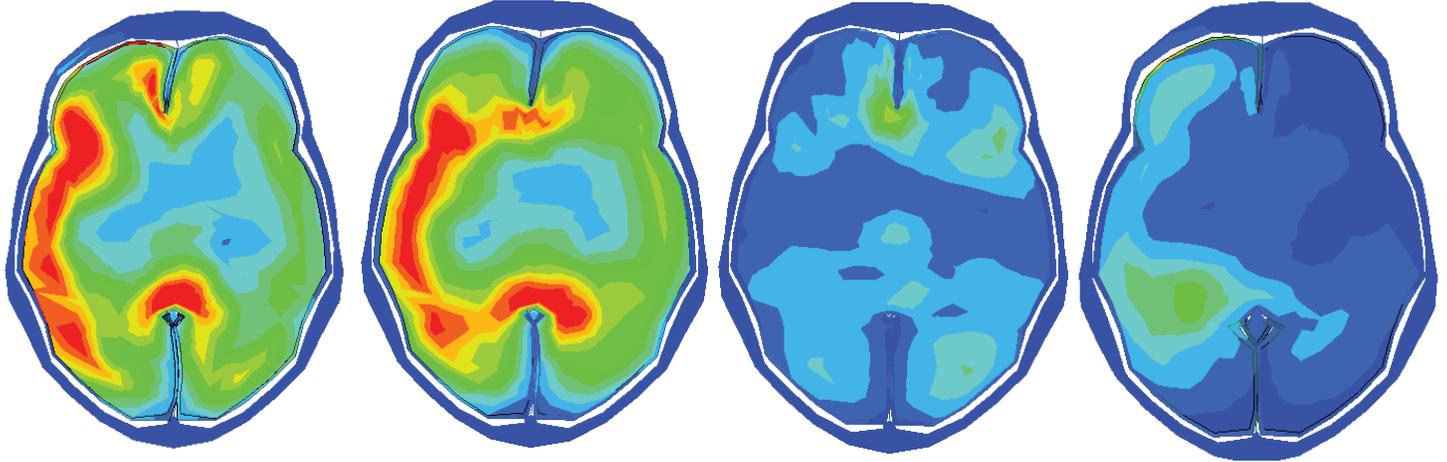
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1<sup>st</sup> Principal Green-Lagrange Strain





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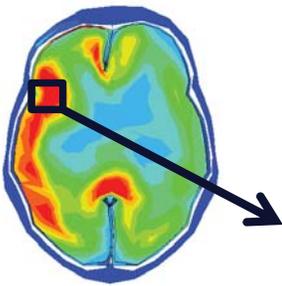
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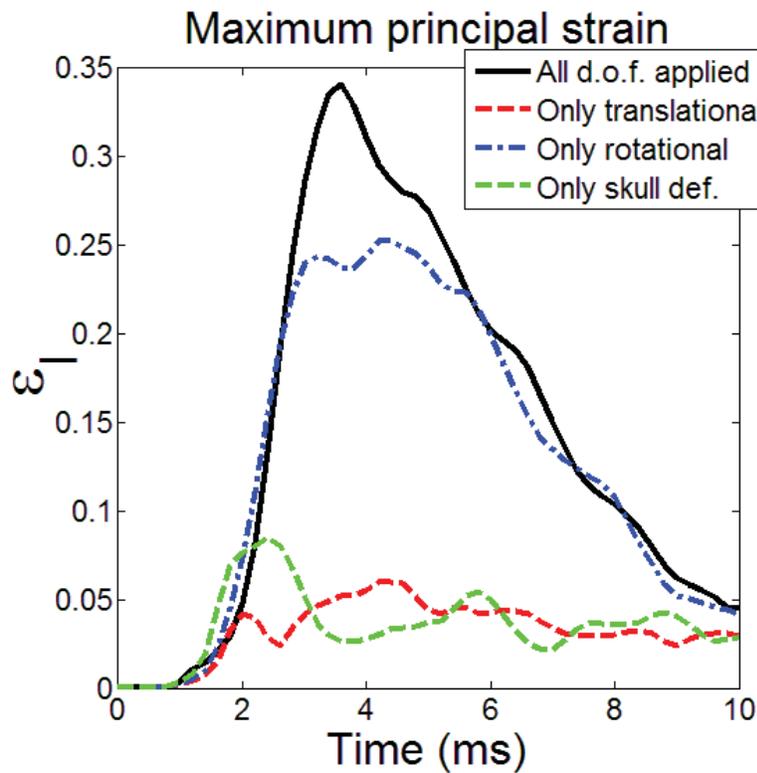
Only skull def.



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# Fall Accident reconstruction



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# Reconstruction of 58 NFL accidents



Courtesy of Biokinetics 2006



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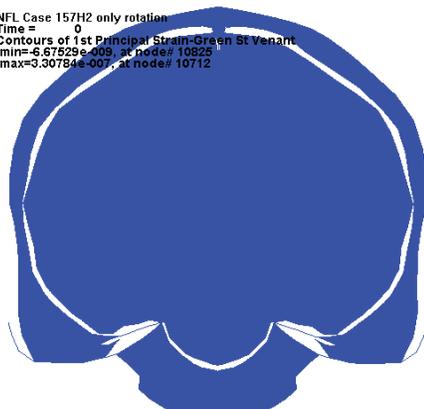
## Influence of rotational and translational kinematics

NFL Case 157H2 only translation  
Time = 0  
Contours of 1st Principal Strain-Green St Venant  
min=-2.33637e-008, at node# 19983  
max=1.09483e-006, at node# 1005613



*Only translational kinematics*

NFL Case 157H2 only rotation  
Time = 0  
Contours of 1st Principal Strain-Green St Venant  
min=-6.67529e-009, at node# 10825  
max=3.30784e-007, at node# 10712



*Only rotational kinematics*

NFL Case 157H2 KTH head model  
Time = 0  
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max=1.09483e-006, at node# 1005613



*All kinematics applied*

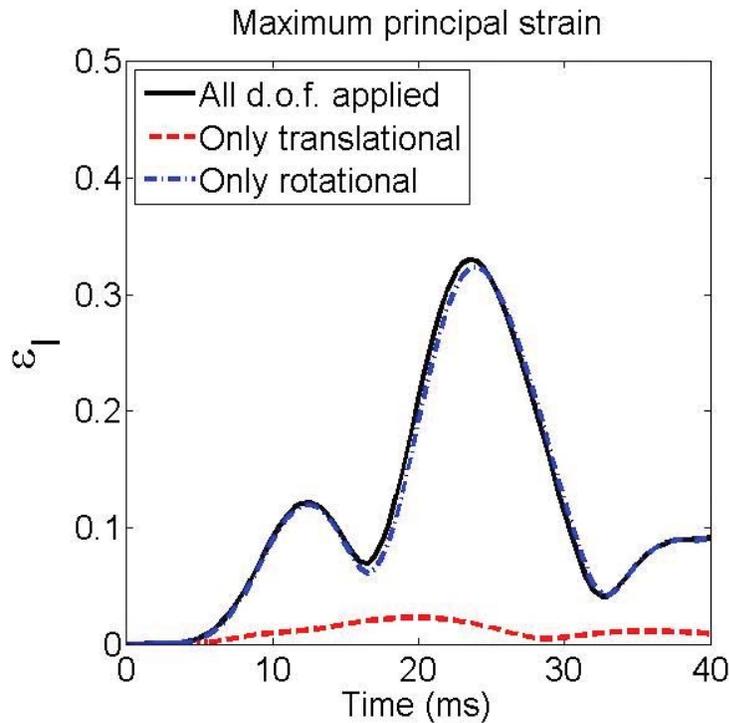
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4.000e-02  
2.000e-02  
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# Study of directional influence

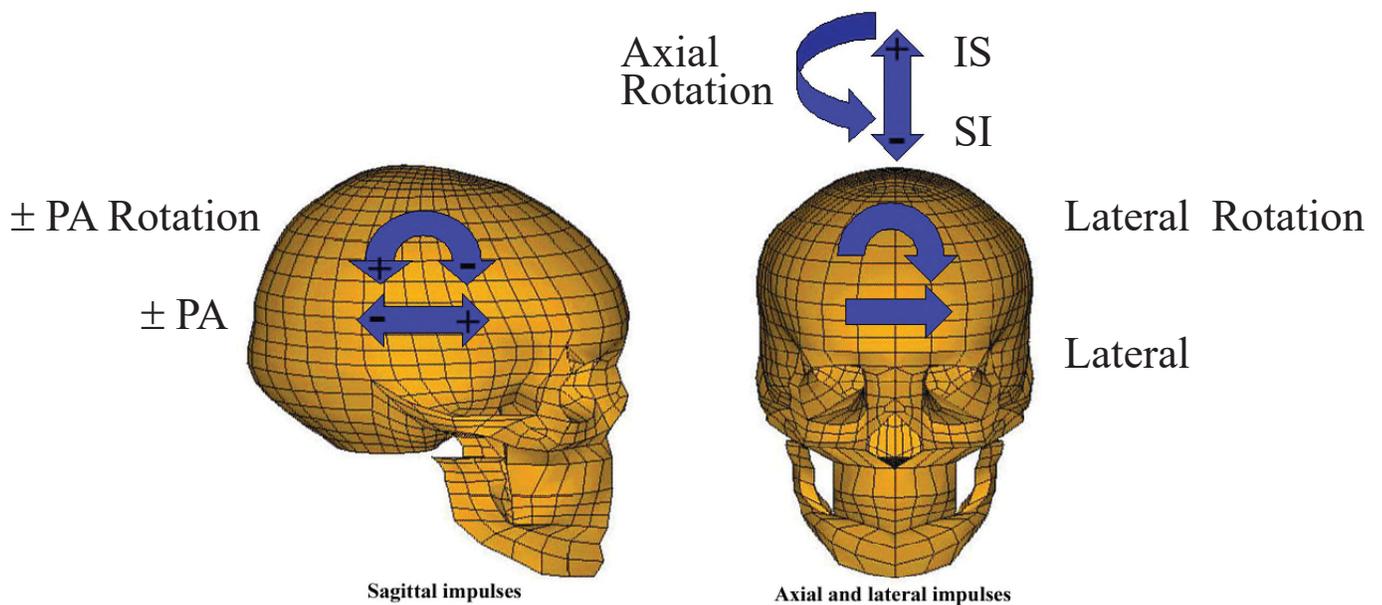
Variation in **Impact Direction** gives a **Change in Intracranial Response** which are not predicted by existing **Head Injury Criteria**.



Kleiven, *J. Neurotrauma*, 2003; *IJCrash worthiness* 2006

*Biomechanics of the human head*

## Applied Impulses

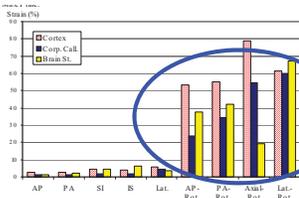


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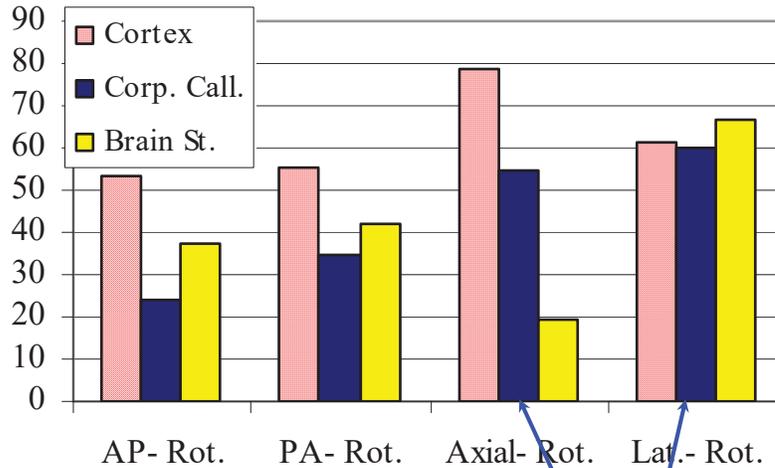


*Biomechanics of the human head*

# Rotational impulses



Max. Princ. Strain (%)



Gennarelli *et al.*  
(1982, 1987)



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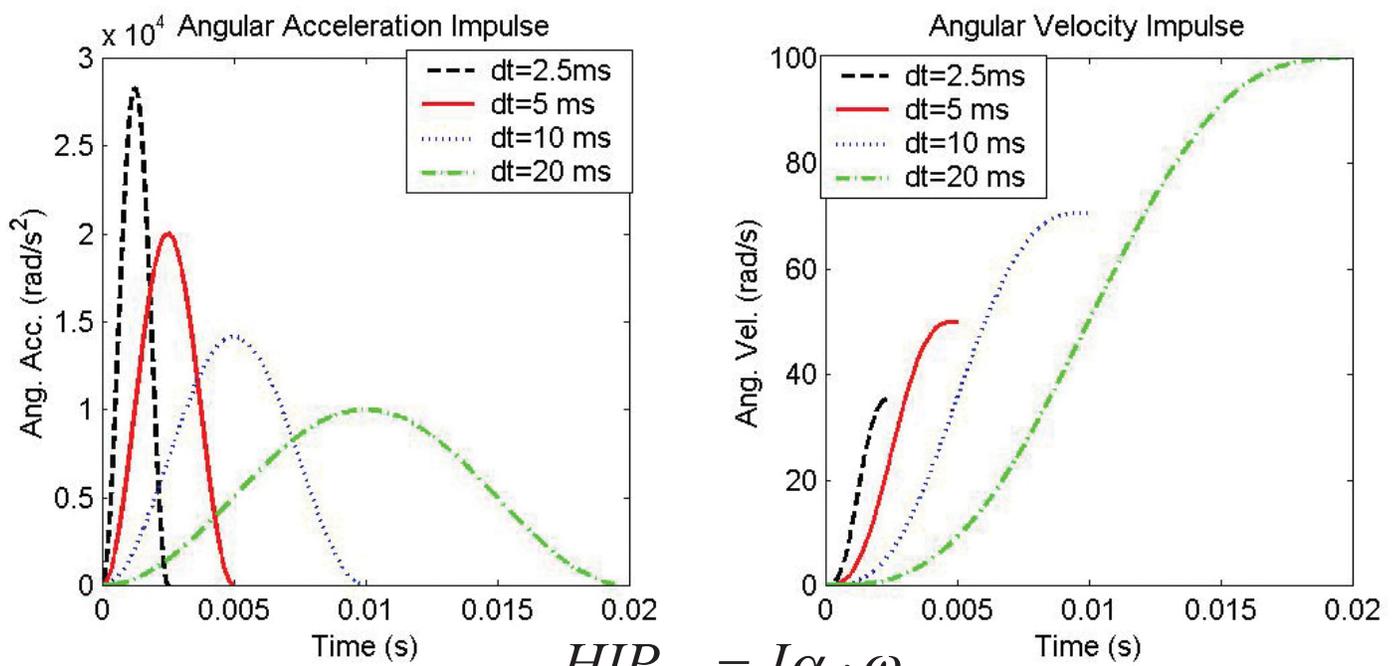
# Evaluation of global injury measures

Keeping the measures constant and varying the impulse duration. If the measure is correlating with strain, applying a constant value of the injury measure would result in a constant strain in the model.



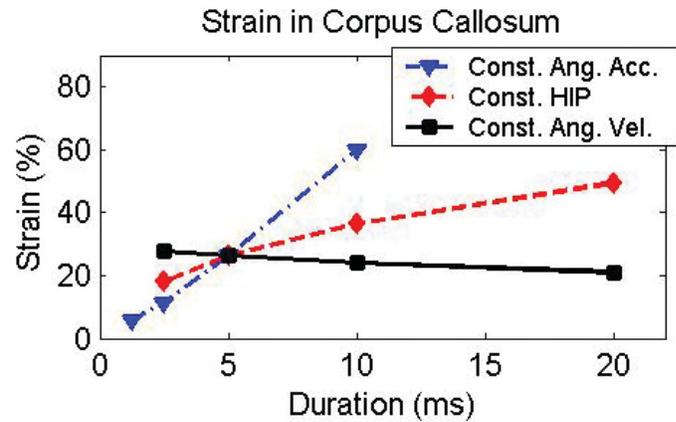
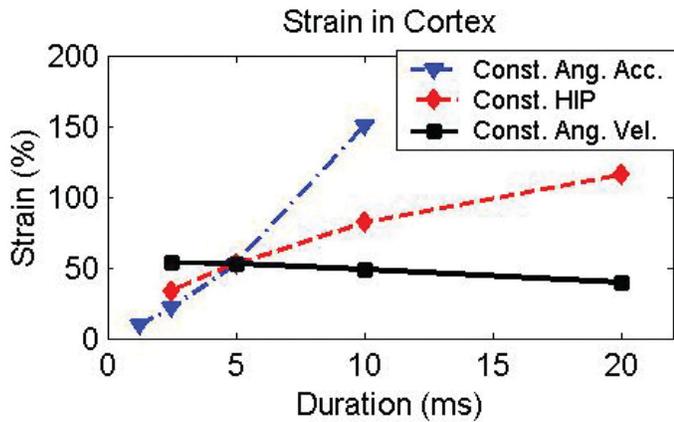
Kleiven, *WCB-2002, IJCrash worthiness 2006*

## Same HIP but varied duration



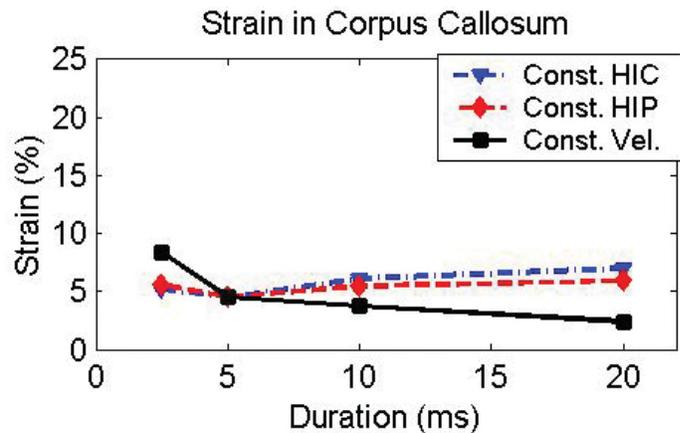
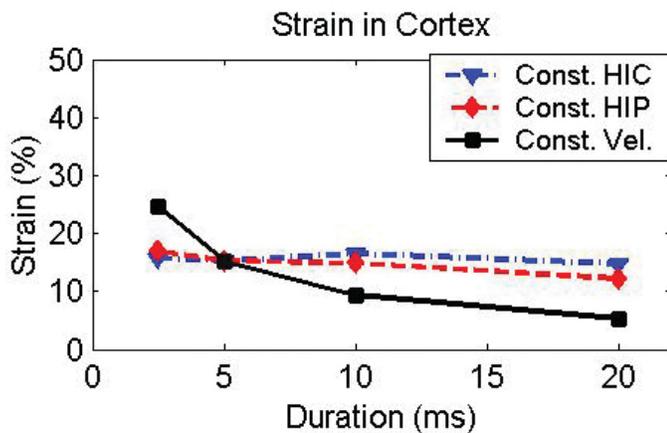
*Newman et al. (2000)*

# HIP, $\alpha$ and $\Delta\omega$ for rotational kinematics



Kleiven, *WCB-2002, IJCrash worthiness 2006*

# HIC, HIP and $\Delta V$ for translational kinematics



Kleiven, *WCB-2002, IJCrash worthiness 2006*

# Reconstruction of NFL concussions

	-2 log likelihood ratio Statistic	p-value	p-value Hosmer- Lemeshow	Nagelkerke pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	Perc. Correct classification
<i>Resultant translational acc.</i>	28,457	<0.001	0,315	0,52	74,1
<i>Resultant roational acc.</i>	25,439	<0.001	0,391	0,48	79,3
<i>Resultant rotational vel.</i>	14,193	<0.001	0,437	0,29	74,1
<i>HIP</i>	16,403	<0.001	0,587	0,33	77,6
<i>HIC</i>	31,528	<0.001	0,955	0,56	82,8
<i>Transl. Acc + Rot. Acc.</i>	32,875	<0.001	0,348	0,58	82,8
<i>Transl. Acc + Rot. Vel.</i>	33,119	<0.001	0,097	0,58	84,5
<i>HIC + Rot. Acc.</i>	35,477	<0.001	0,816	0,61	86,2
<i>HIC + Rot. Vel.</i>	35,856	<0.001	0,582	0,62	87,9
<i>HIC + Rot. Vel. X, Y, Z</i>	41,847	<0.001	0,466	0,69	87,9



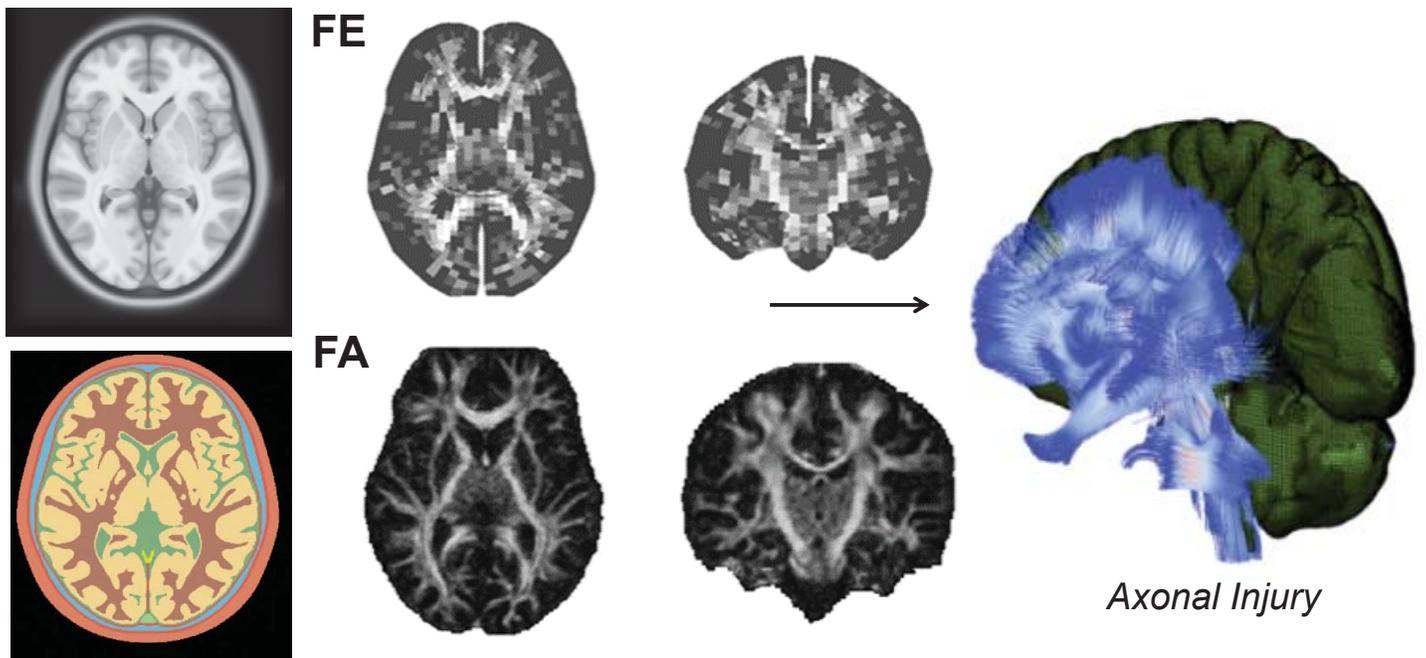
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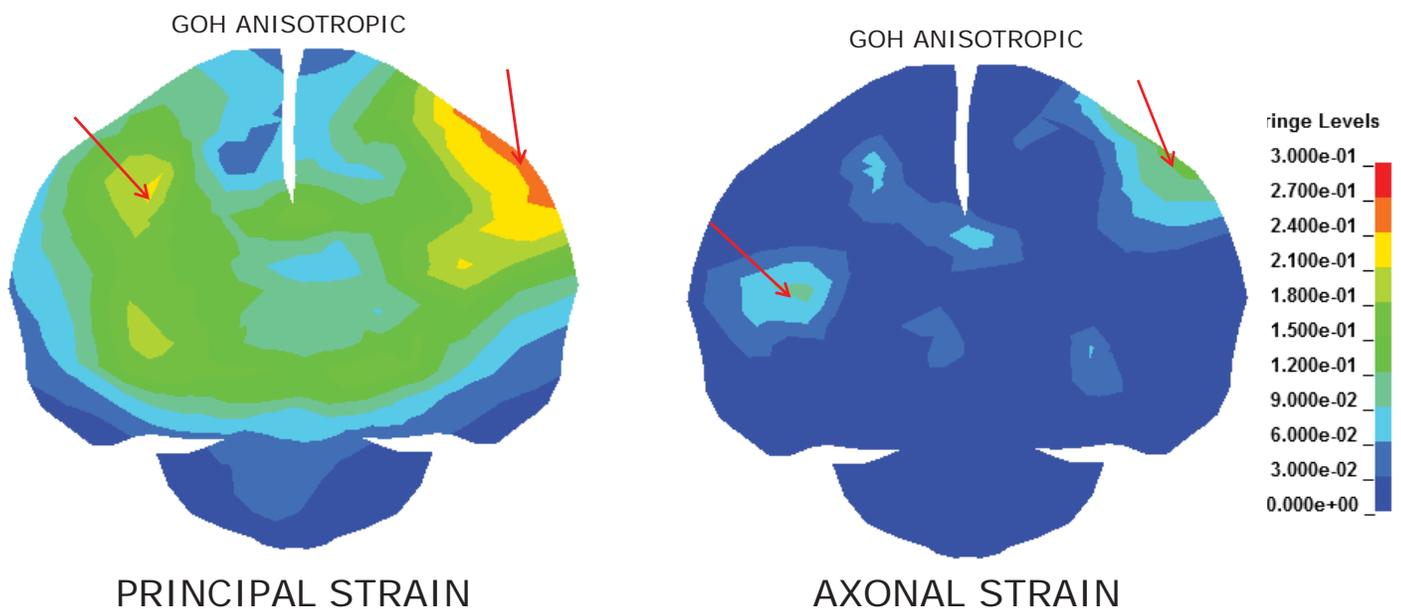
# Connecting FA with mechanical anisotropy



Giordano & Kleiven, *Roy.Soc.Int.* 2014

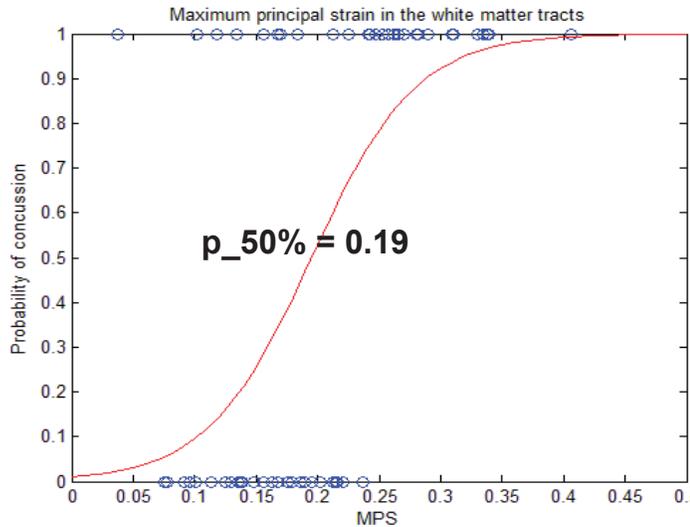


## Maximum principal strain is an overprediction of axonal strain

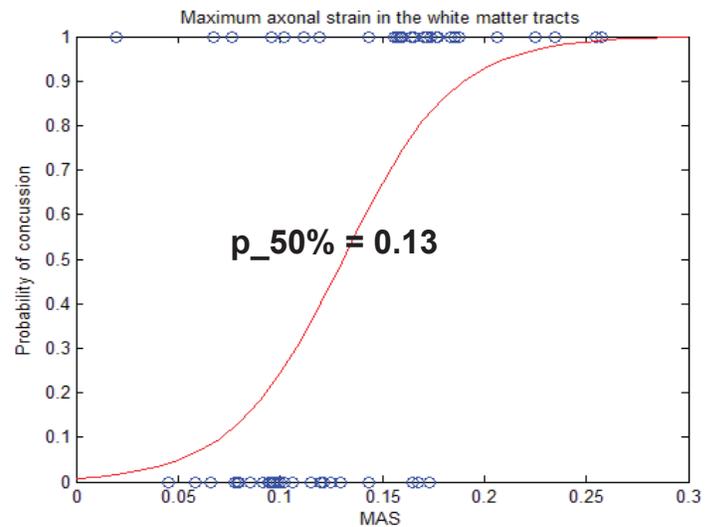


Giordano *et al.* *J. Biomech.* 2014

# Axonal strains better predict concussion



**74 % of concussions are correctly classified**



**81 % of concussions are correctly classified**

Giordano & Kleiven, *Stapp Car Crash. J* 2014

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## Conclusions

- Strain fringes is similar to injury patterns of contusions and hematoma in several accident reconstruction cases
- Injurious strains are mainly induced by angular motion
- Angular velocity is proportionate to strain
- Axonal strains better predict concussion than other predictors

# Tissue level predictor or global predictor?

- If choosing a tissue level predictor (e.g. FEM)<sup>1</sup>:
  - Brain responses are different for each head FE model.
  - Lack of a standard adopted for successful validation.
  - Establish a set of criteria for model qualities such as mesh element qualities, numerical stability, mesh convergence, hourglass energy, etc.
- Bench-marking of models.

<sup>1</sup>Ji S. et al. (2013). Parametric Comparisons of Intracranial Mechanical Responses from Three Validated Finite Element Models of the Human Head.

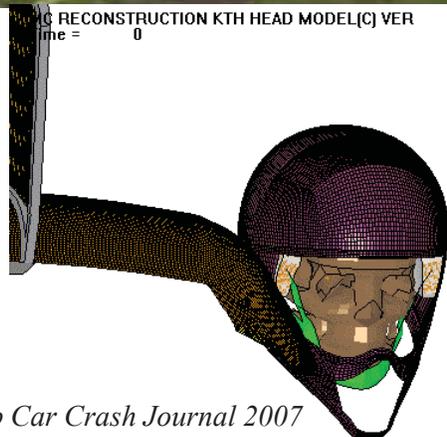
# Tissue level predictor or global predictor?

- If choosing a global predictor:
  - Load direction has to be accounted for
  - Angular velocity is more important for strain & injury than angular acceleration (Holbourn)
  - Has to reflect injury mechanism and severity



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## MC accident reconstruction



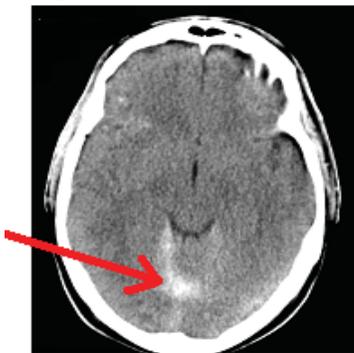
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# Helmet design for rotational protection

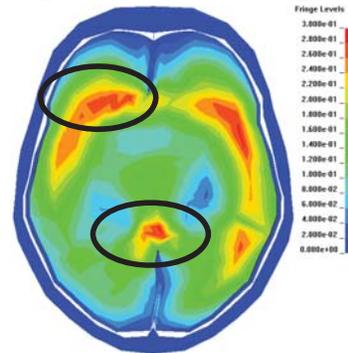
Hematoma in the frontal lobe



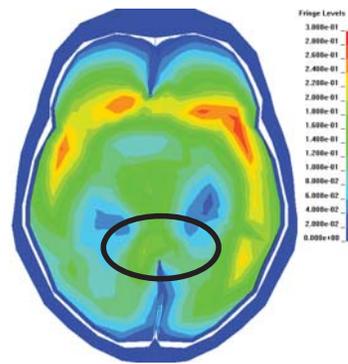
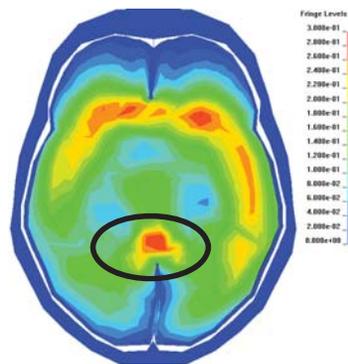
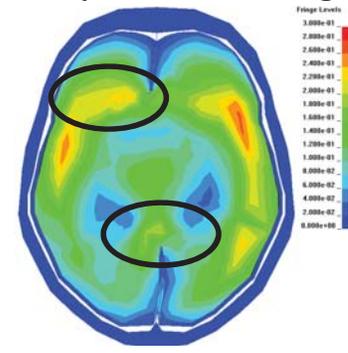
Hematoma in the rear part of the brain



Regular helmet design

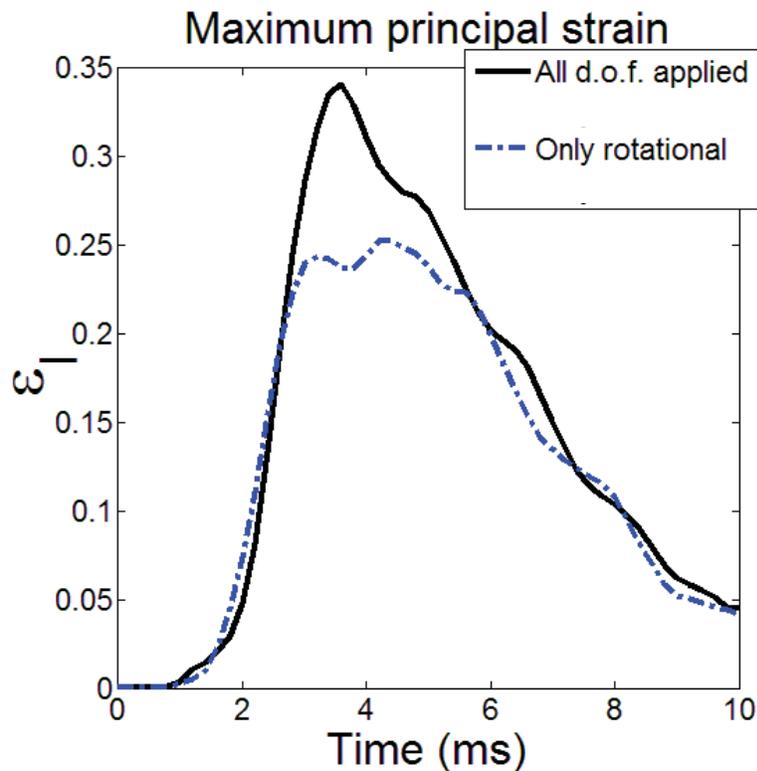
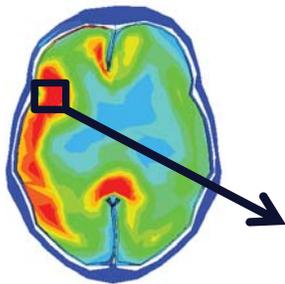


Modified helmet design



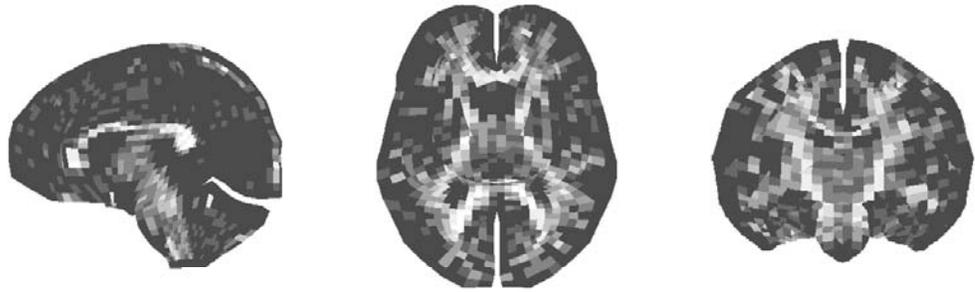
- Halldin, Aare, Kleiven, von Holst, *Improved helmet design and test methods to reduce rotational induced brain injuries*, Proc. Int. Conf. on Closed Head Trauma, 2003.

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# Connecting FA with mechanical anisotropy

FE model



DTI FA map



Giordano & Kleiven, *Roy.Soc.Int.* 2014

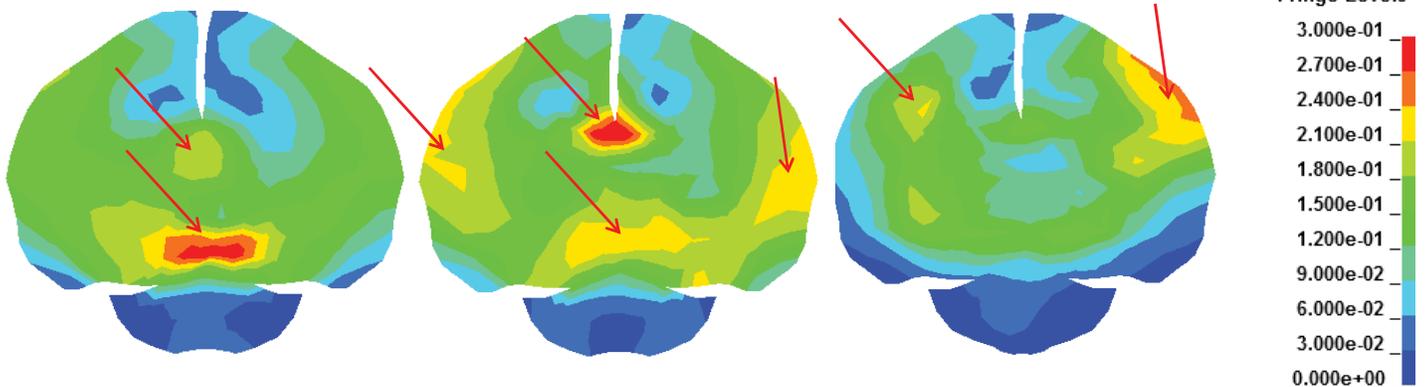


## CONCUSSIVE CASE PRINCIPAL STRAIN

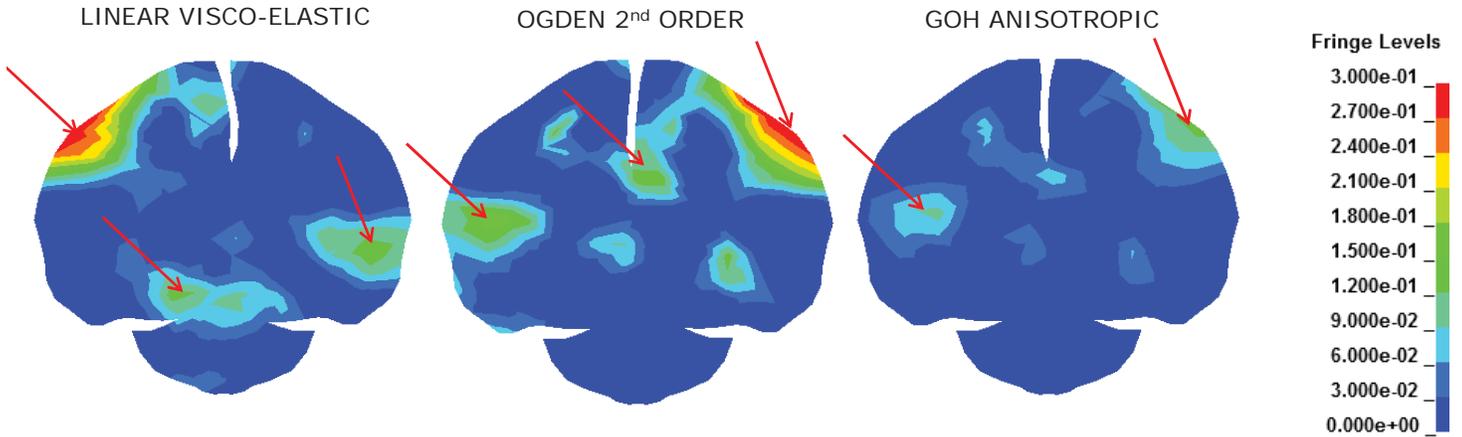
LINEAR VISCO-ELASTIC

OGDEN 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER

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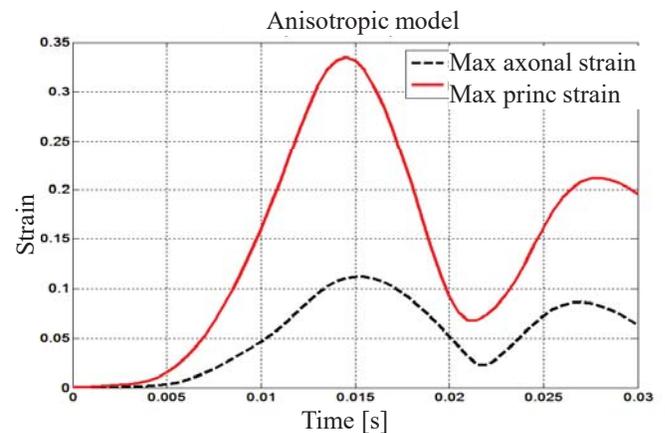
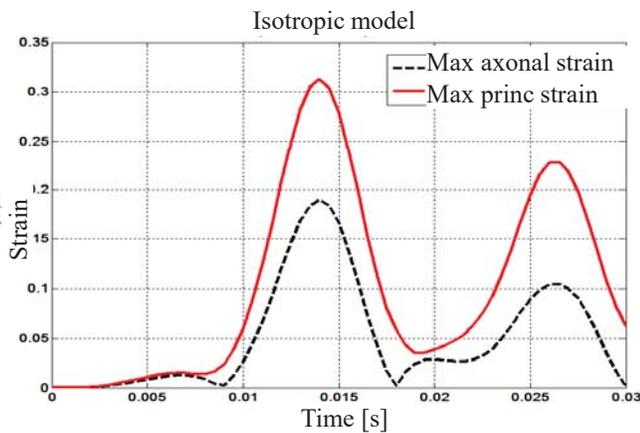
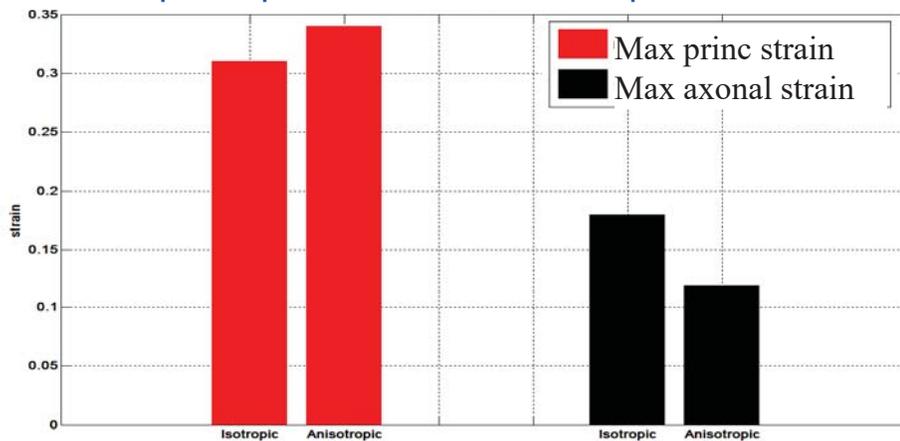


# CONCUSSIVE CASE AXONAL STRAIN



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## Maximum principal strain is an overprediction of axonal strain



AVERAGE	
Predictor	AUC
MPS	0.82
<b>MAS</b>	<b>0.92</b>
AESM	0.89
CSDM 10%	0.83
HIC	0.85
BrIC	0.86



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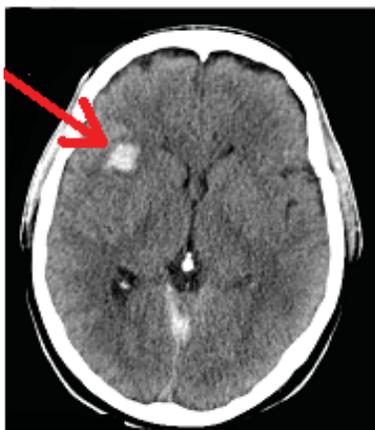
## Conclusions benchmark of DSNM, SIMon & WSU

- Differ in mesh geometry and material properties.
- Significant disparities in brain responses ( $p < 0.05$ ) in both magnitude and spatial distribution.
- Model-predicted brain responses from one study should not be compared with or extended to other studies in which a different head FE model is utilized.
- Injury tolerance thresholds from a specific model also should not be generalized to other studies when a different model is used.
- Limited experimental data available for partial but incomplete model validation, and lack of a standard adopted for successful validation.
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# Strain & pressure pattern in the brain

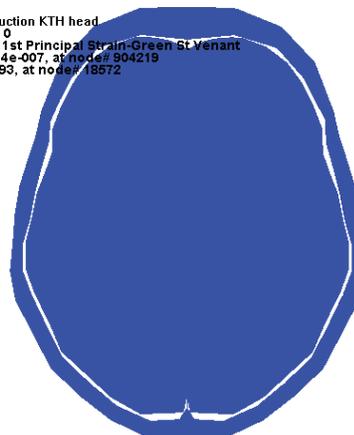
Hematoma in the frontal lobe



CT image

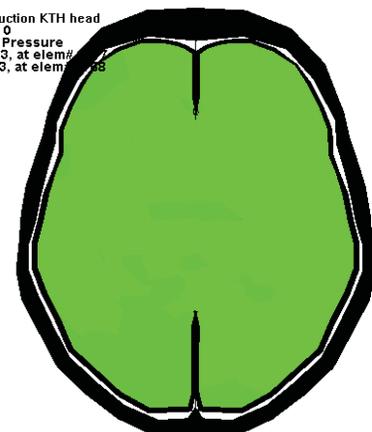
FEM-simulations

MC Reconstruction KTH head  
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Contours of 1st Principal Strain-Green St Venant  
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max=0.037393, at node# 18572



Strain

MC Reconstruction KTH head  
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Contours of Pressure  
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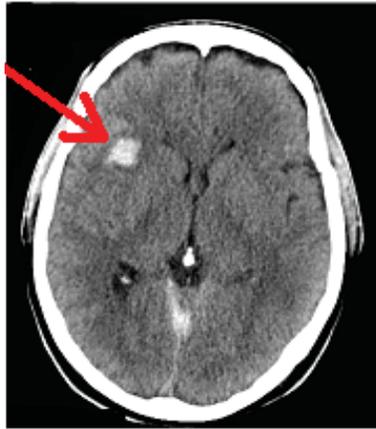


Pressure

Fringe Level  
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1.000e+04  
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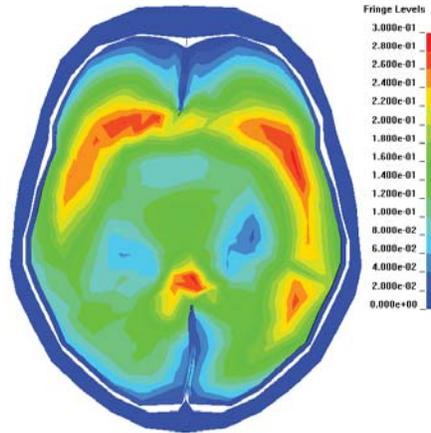
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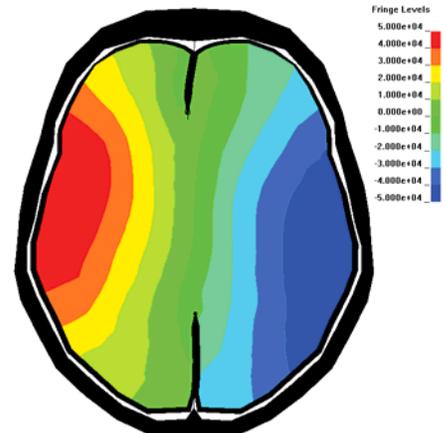


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Strain



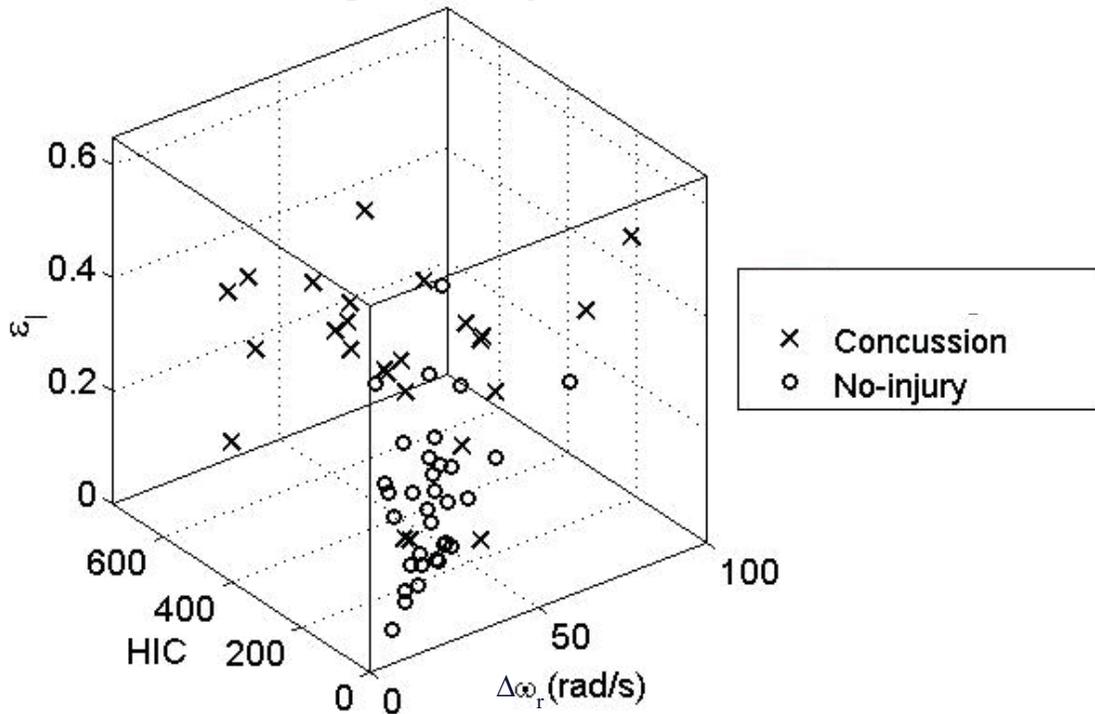
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Strain as a function of HIC and resultant angular velocity

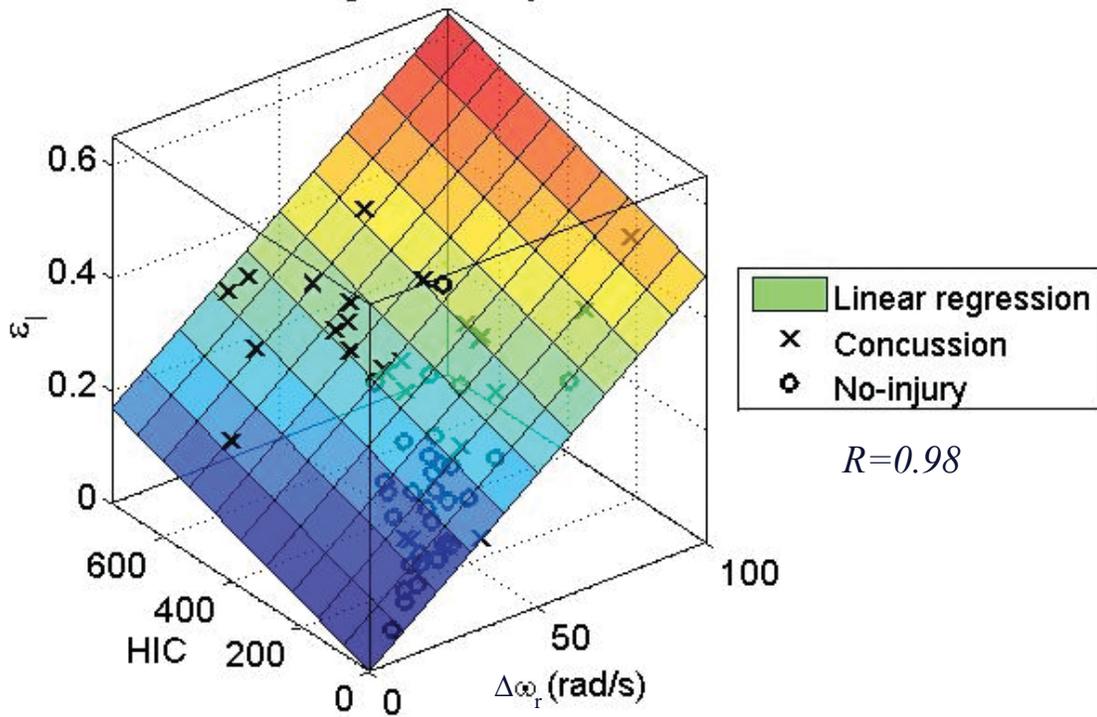


$$\varepsilon_r(\Delta\omega_r, HIC) = 0.004718 \Delta\omega_r + 0.000224 HIC$$



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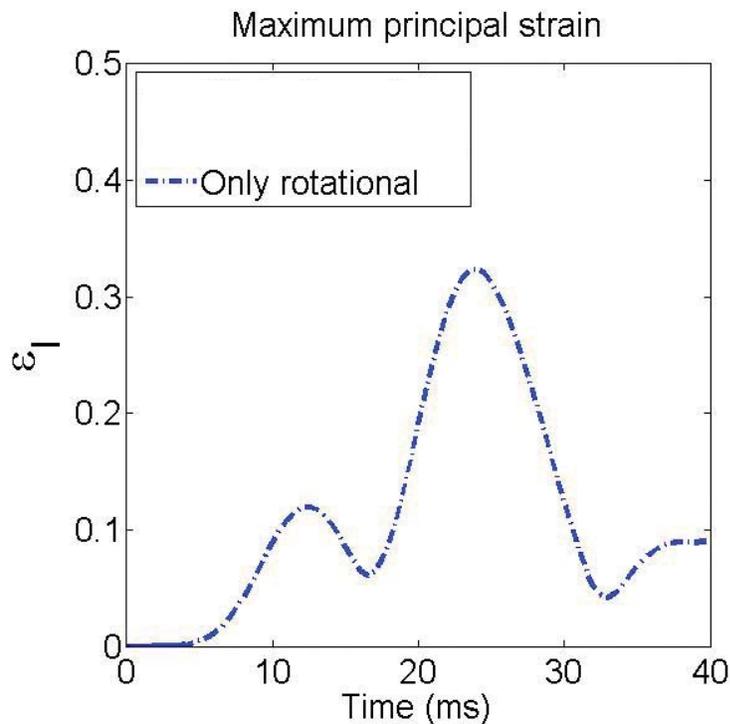


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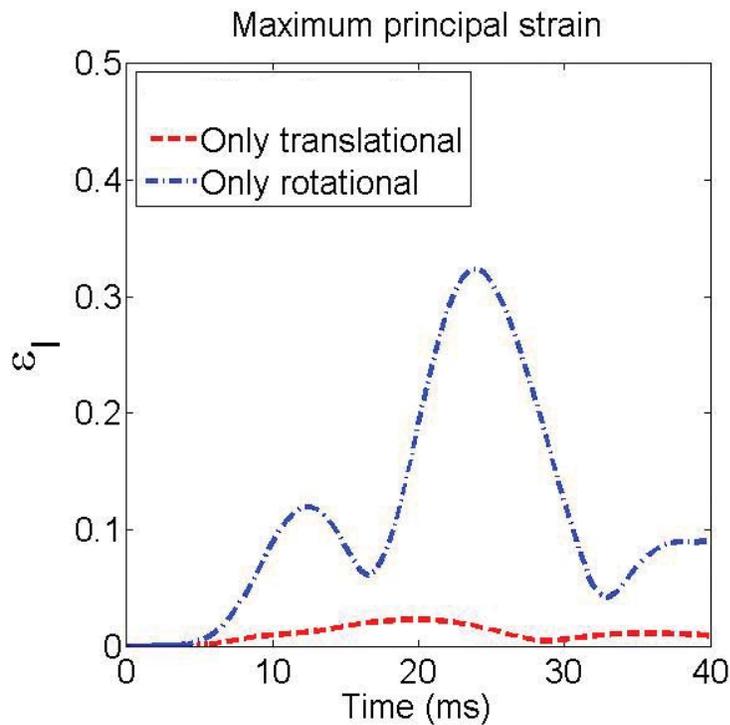
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## Summary

- Existing criteria (HIC) only accounts for a translational motion
- HIC is a good predictor for translational motion
- Rotational motion give higher strain in the brain due to its low shear modulus/high bulk modulus
- $\Delta\omega$  (rotational velocity) is a good predictor for rotational motion
- Load direction has to be accounted for



# BrIC

Takhounts et al. 2013

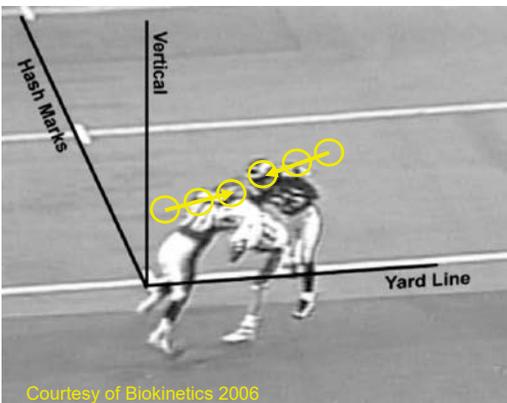
$$BrIC = \sqrt{\left(\frac{W_x}{W_{xc}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{W_y}{W_{yc}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{W_z}{W_{zc}}\right)^2}$$

evaluates the effect of angular velocity components on brain damage. The criterion is based on angular velocities in different directions as the mechanism for brain injury.

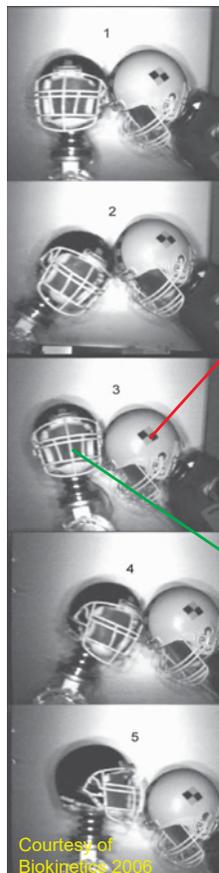
$W_{xc}$ ,  $W_{yc}$ , and  $W_{zc}$  :  
critical angular velocities

SiMON head model:  
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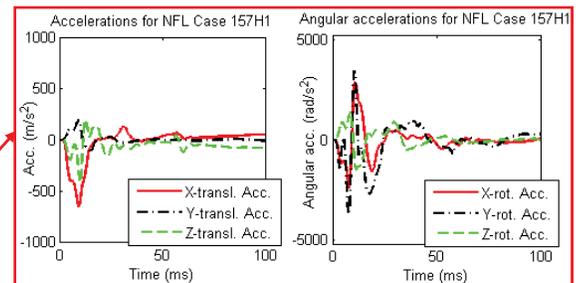
KTH head model:  
45.2, 40.1 and 27.5 rad/s



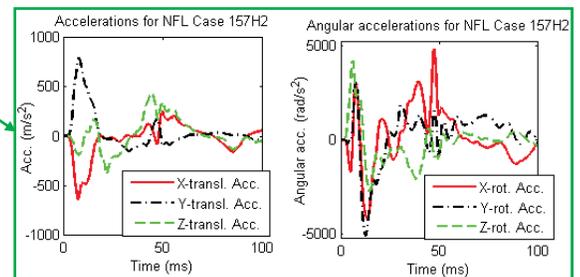
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Striking player (H1)



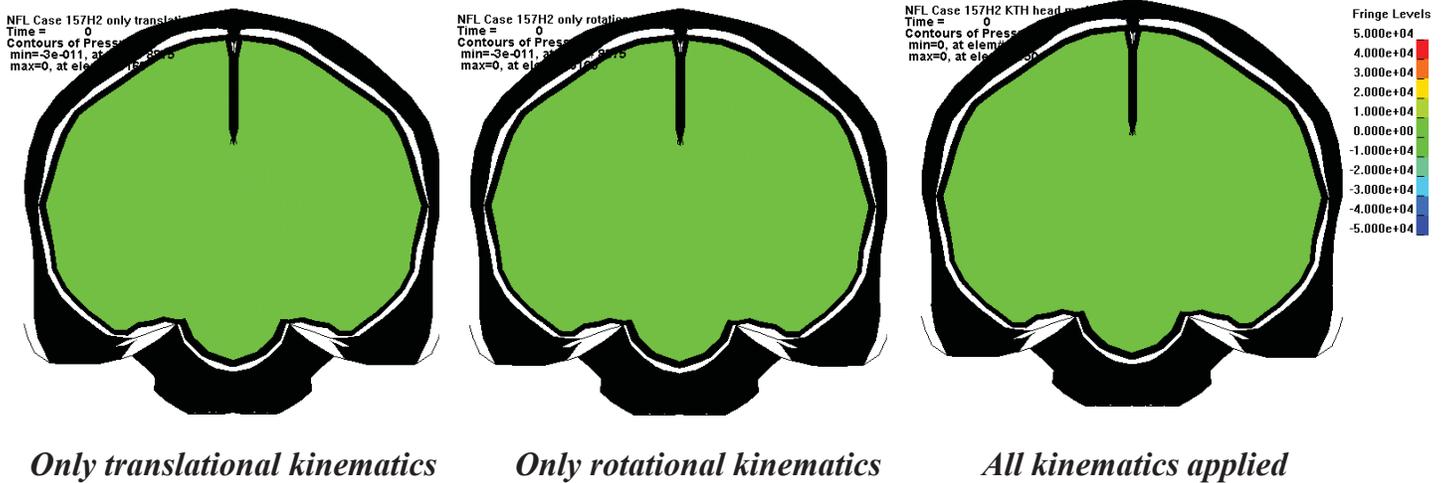
Struck player (H2)



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## Automatic generation of finite element models from DTIs

Aim :

To create a patient specific FE-model

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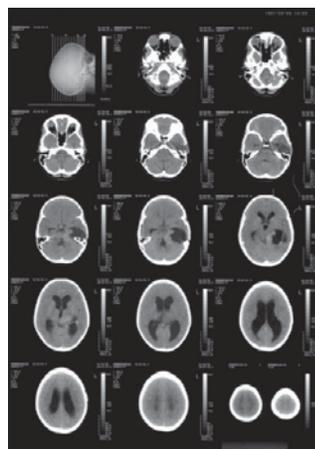
DTI / MR from the patient

Procedure:

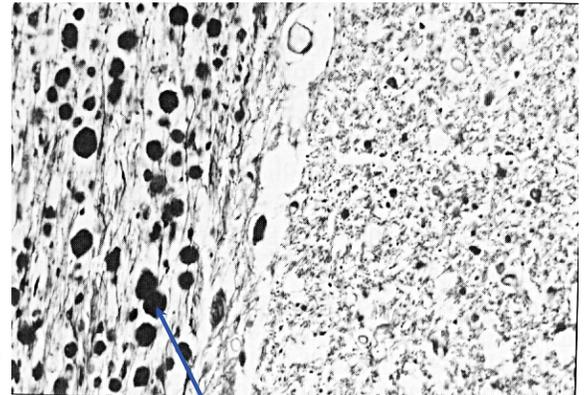
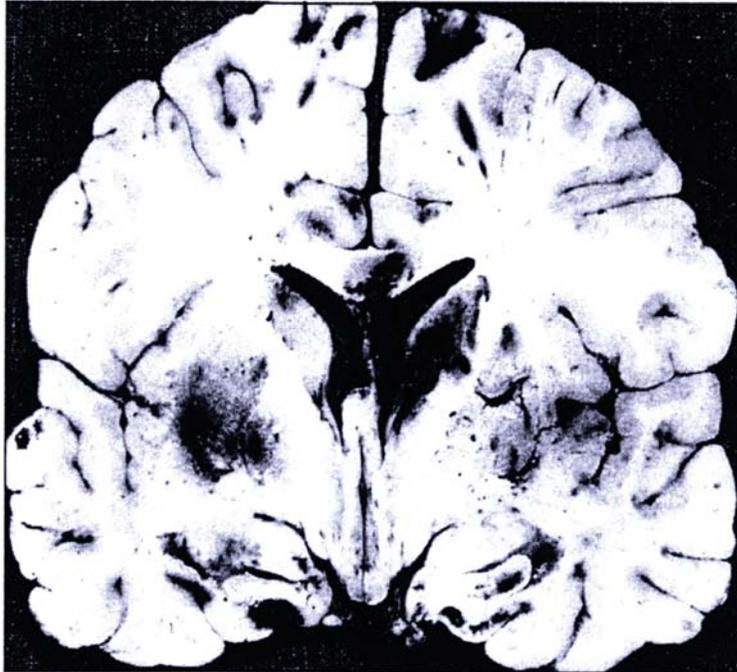
Anatomy & anisotropy is extracted

Result :

Authentic model



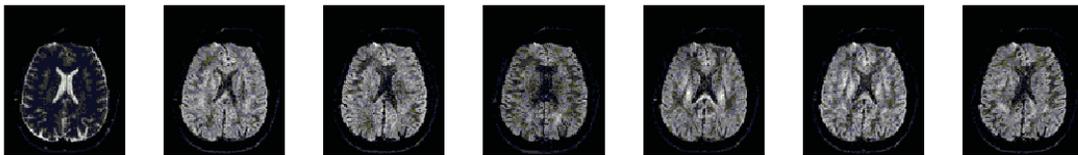
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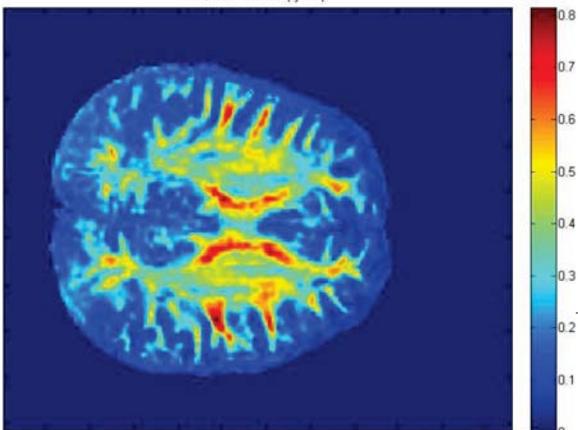
Axonal swelling (left )  
360 X Amplif.



## Diffusion Weighted Images

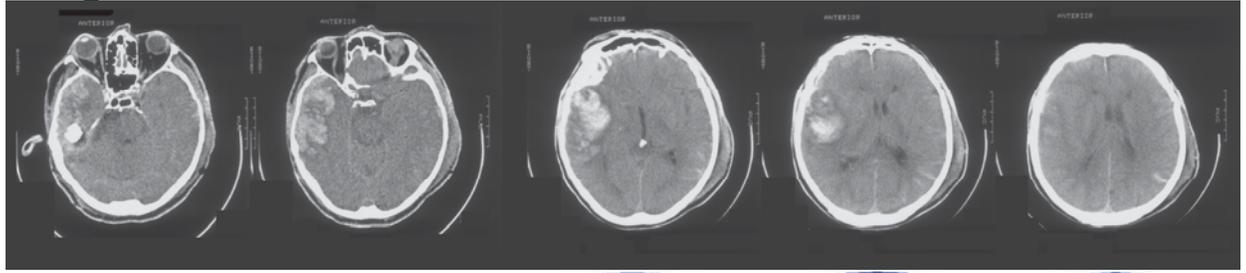


Fractional Anisotropy map

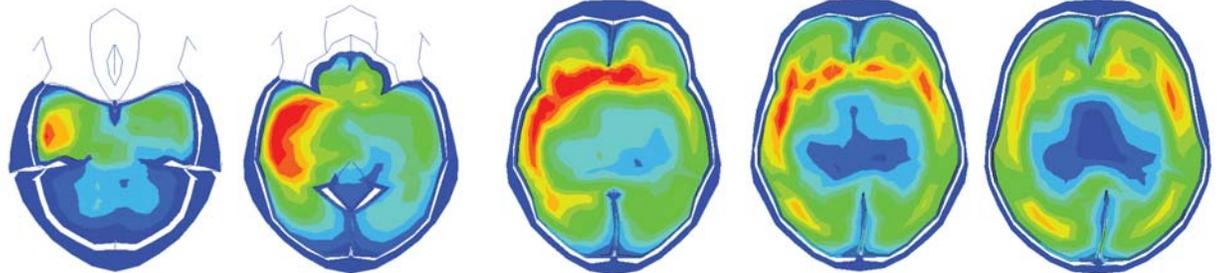


**Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)** is a *MRI* technique that can delineate macroscopic axonal organization in brain tissue.

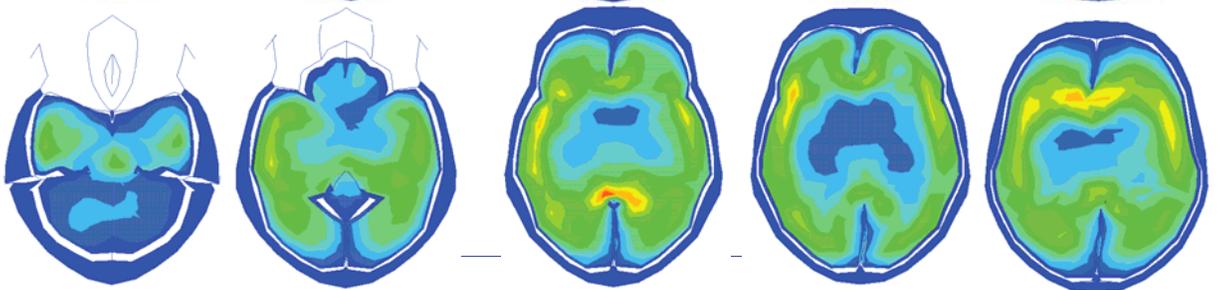
# Bicycle Accident reconstruction



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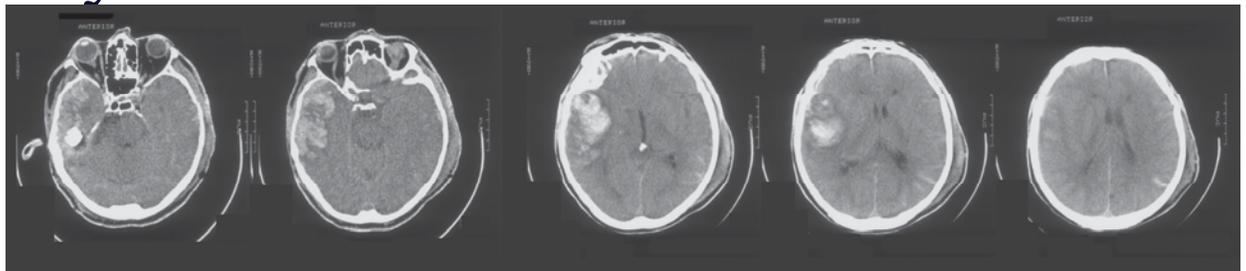
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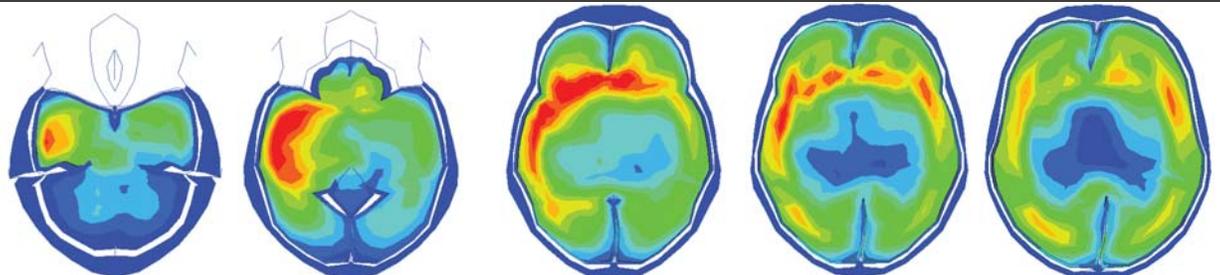
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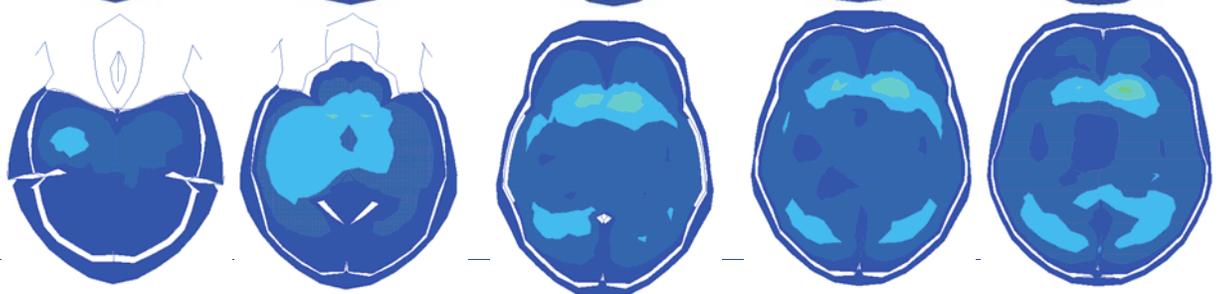
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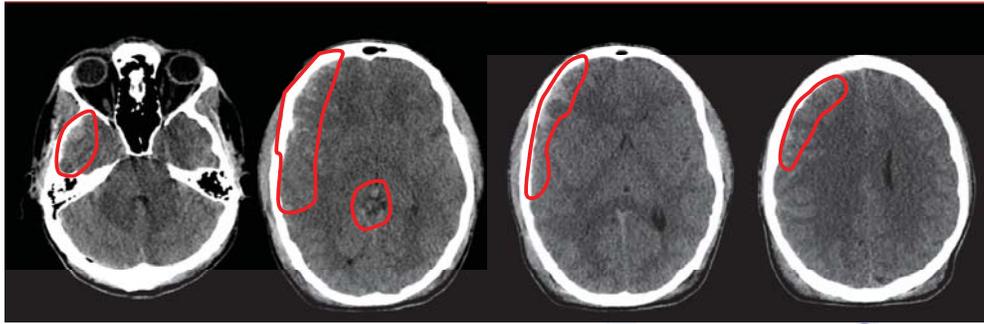
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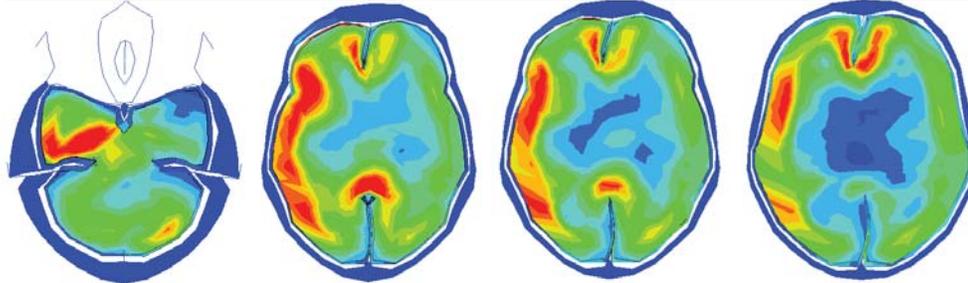
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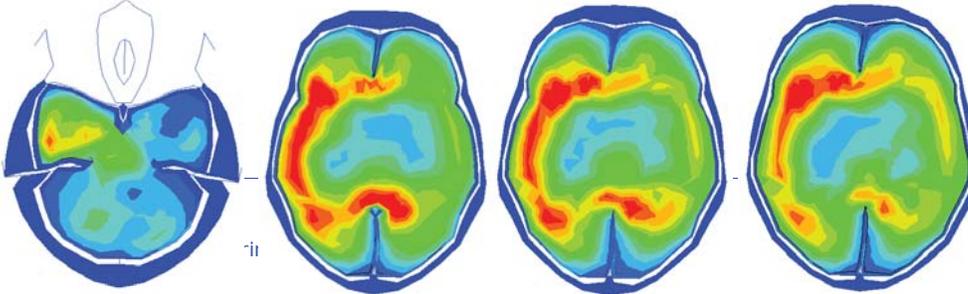
# Fall Accident reconstruction



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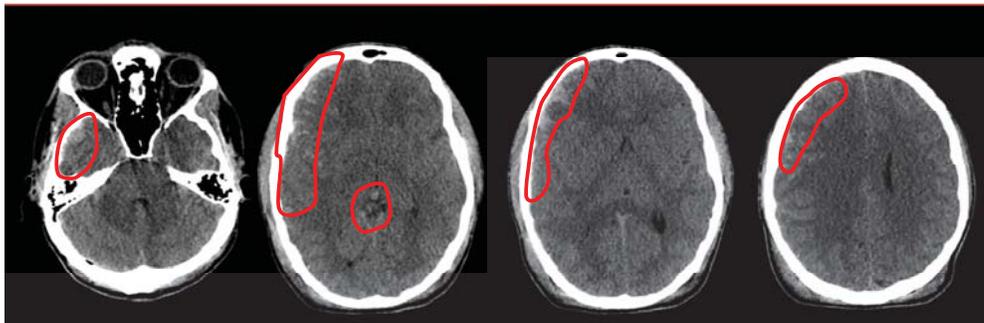
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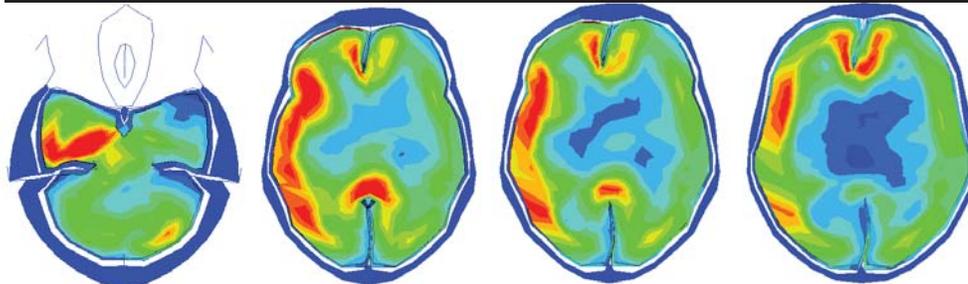
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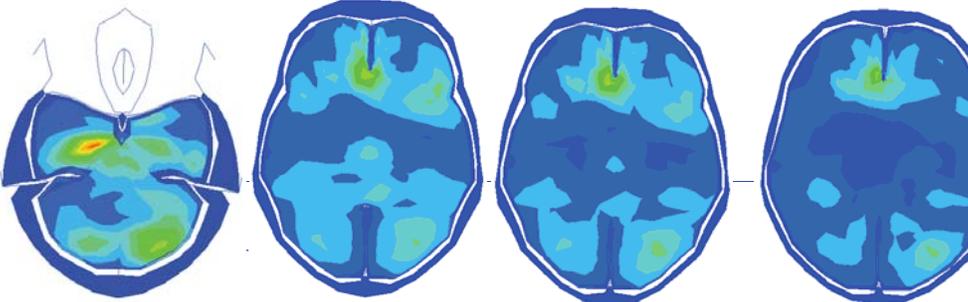
# Fall Accident reconstruction



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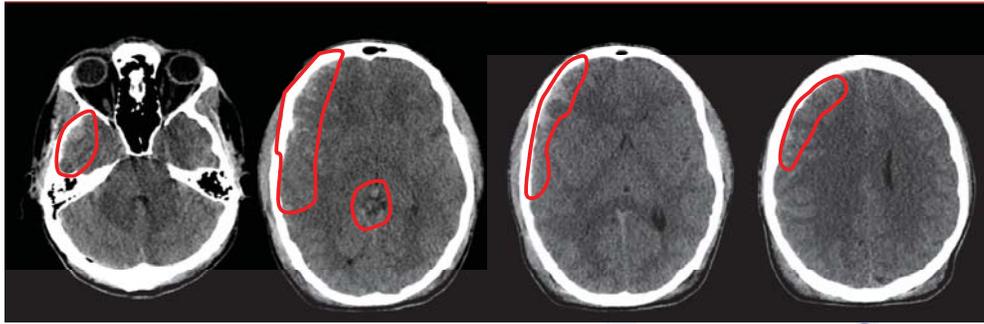


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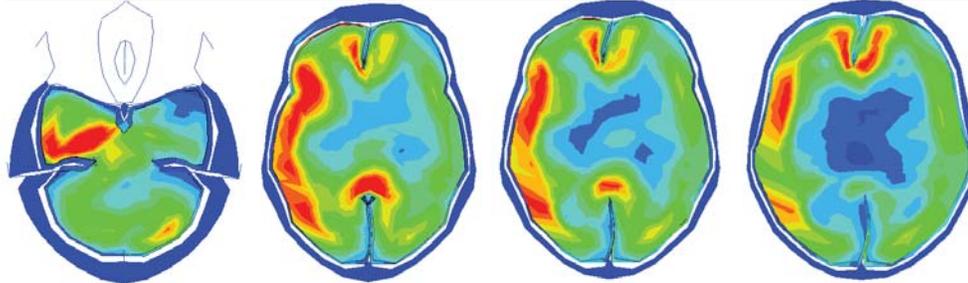


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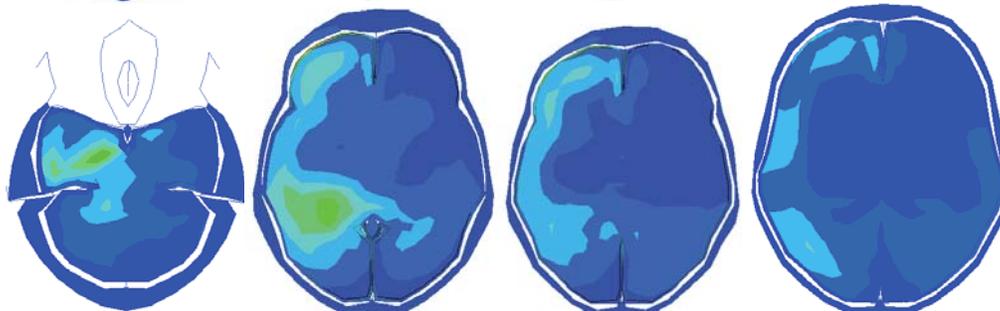
# Fall Accident reconstruction



Impact



Only skull def.



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## Material properties of brain tissue

- Average experimental Shear modulus ( $G_0$ ) around  $2.0 \text{ kPa}$
- Bulk modulus around  $2.0 \text{ GPa}$  (as water)

$$K \approx 10^6 \cdot G$$



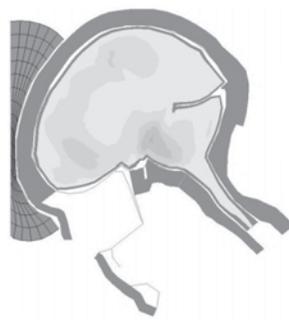
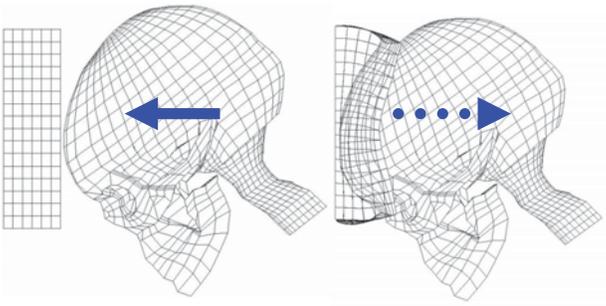
*Impact direction*

*Kinematics*

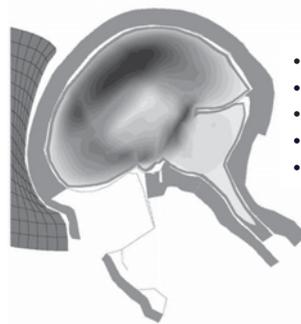
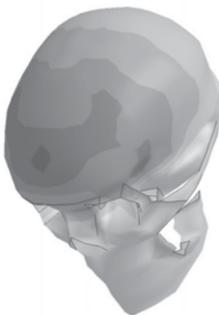
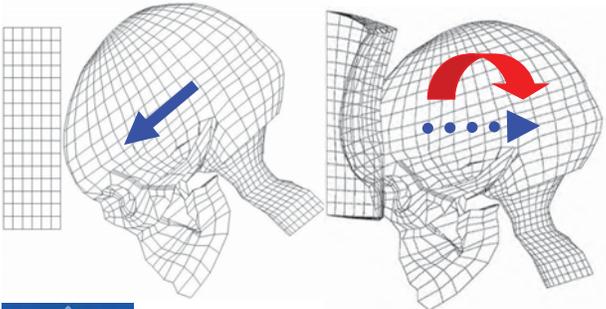
*Skull stress*

*Brain strain*

*Injury types*



- Skull fracture
- Contusion (secondary)
- Epidural Hematoma



- Concussion
- Diffuse Axonal Injury
- Contusion
- Subdural Hematoma
- Intracerebral Hematoma



# BrIC Update: Does BrIC Depend on the Signal Time Duration?



*Erik G. Takhounts*

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my own and not necessarily  
those of DOT

# Current Formulation (Takhounts et al., 2013)

$$BrIC = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_x}{\omega_{xC}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega_y}{\omega_{yC}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega_z}{\omega_{zC}}\right)^2}$$

$\omega_{xC}$	66.25 rad/s
$\omega_{yC}$	56.45 rad/s
$\omega_{zC}$	42.87 rad/s

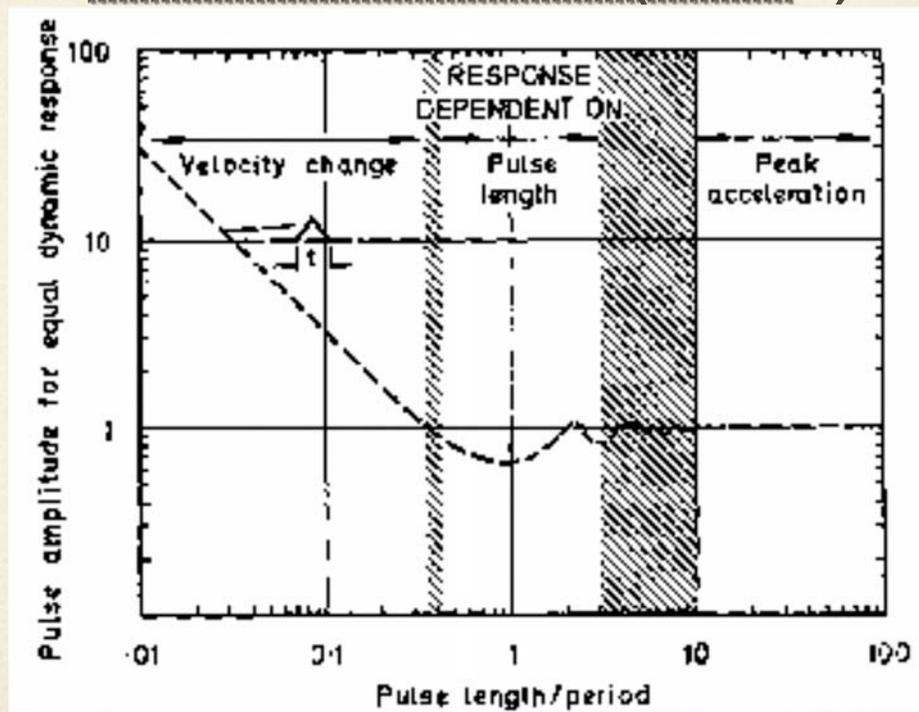
## Motivation Holbourn (1943)

“For blows of long duration the shear strains in the brain are proportional to the force, hence the injury is proportional to the acceleration, or the rate of change of velocity of the head.”

“For very short blows the injury is proportional to the force multiplied by the time for which it acts, hence the injury is proportional to the change of velocity of the head...”

The switchover occurs between 2 and 200 ms.

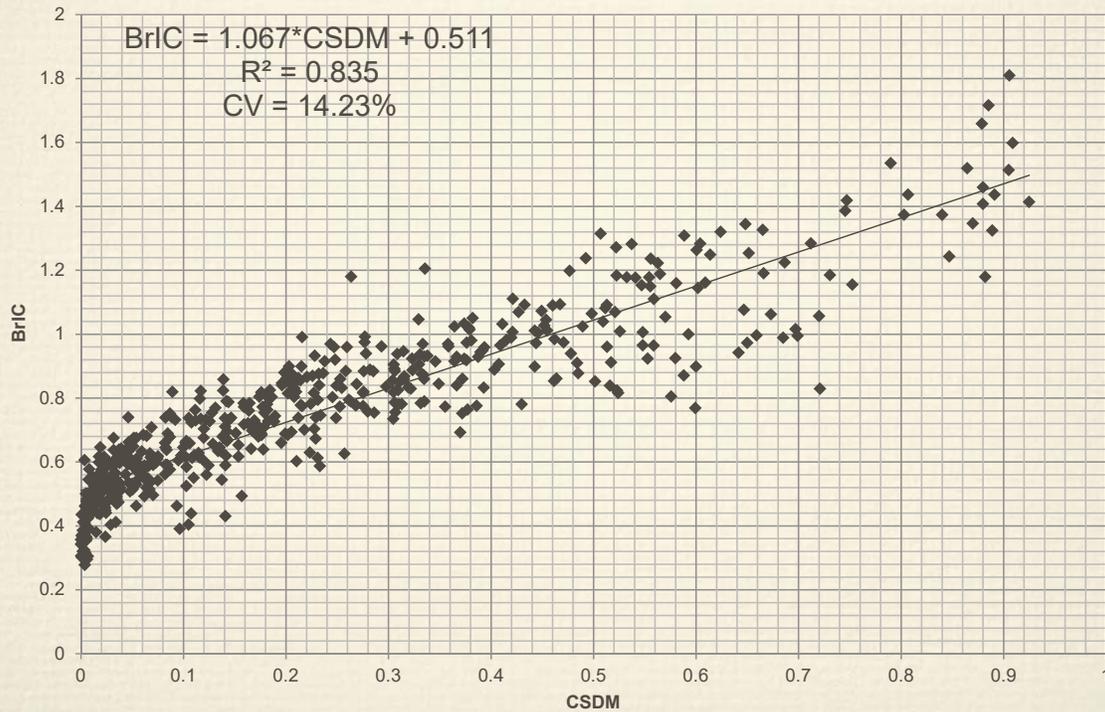
# Glaister (1975) after H.E. von Gierke (1964)



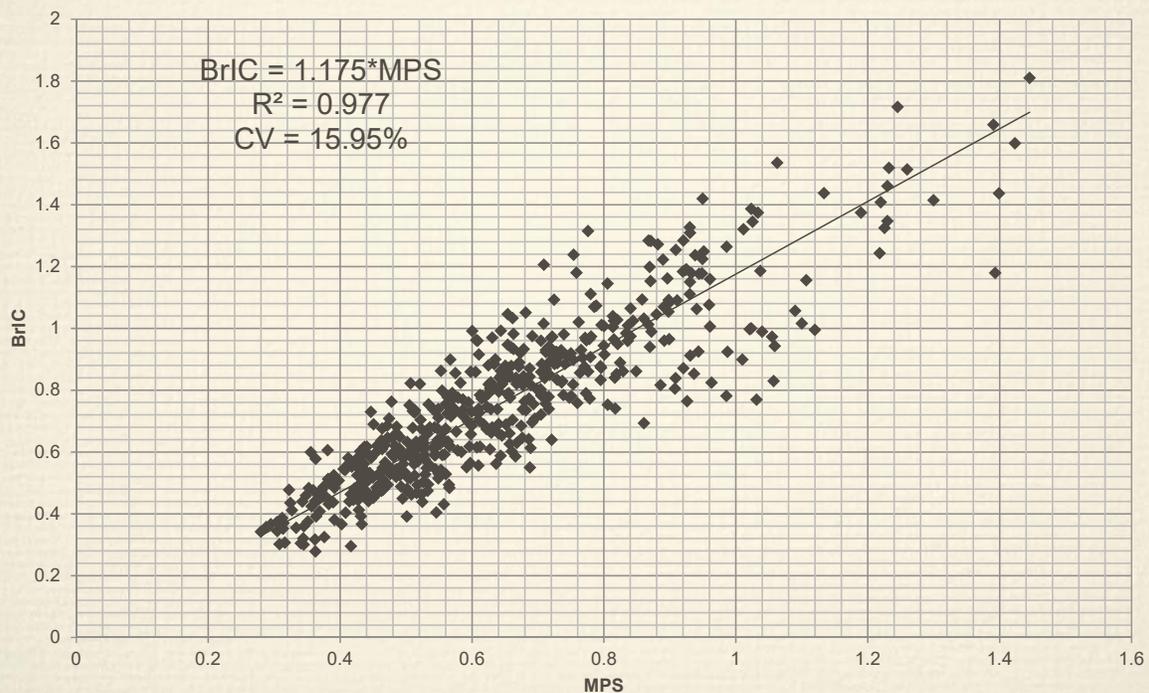
## Research Question

Does BrIC depend on the time duration of the angular velocity signal?

# “Original BrIC” is a Correlate for CSDM (543 tests)



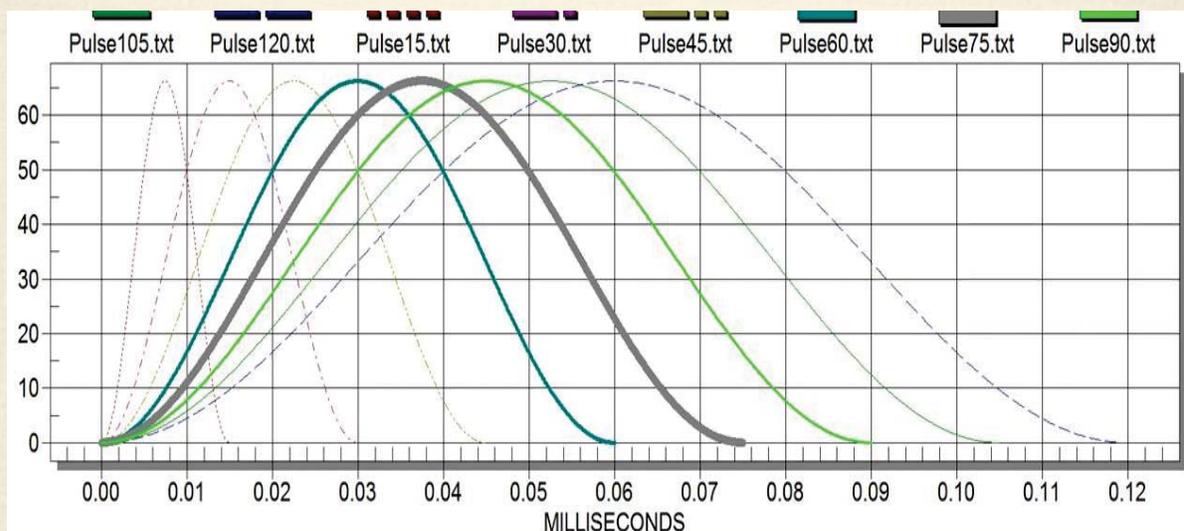
# “Original BrIC” is a Correlate for MPS (543 tests)



# Research Question (slightly modified)

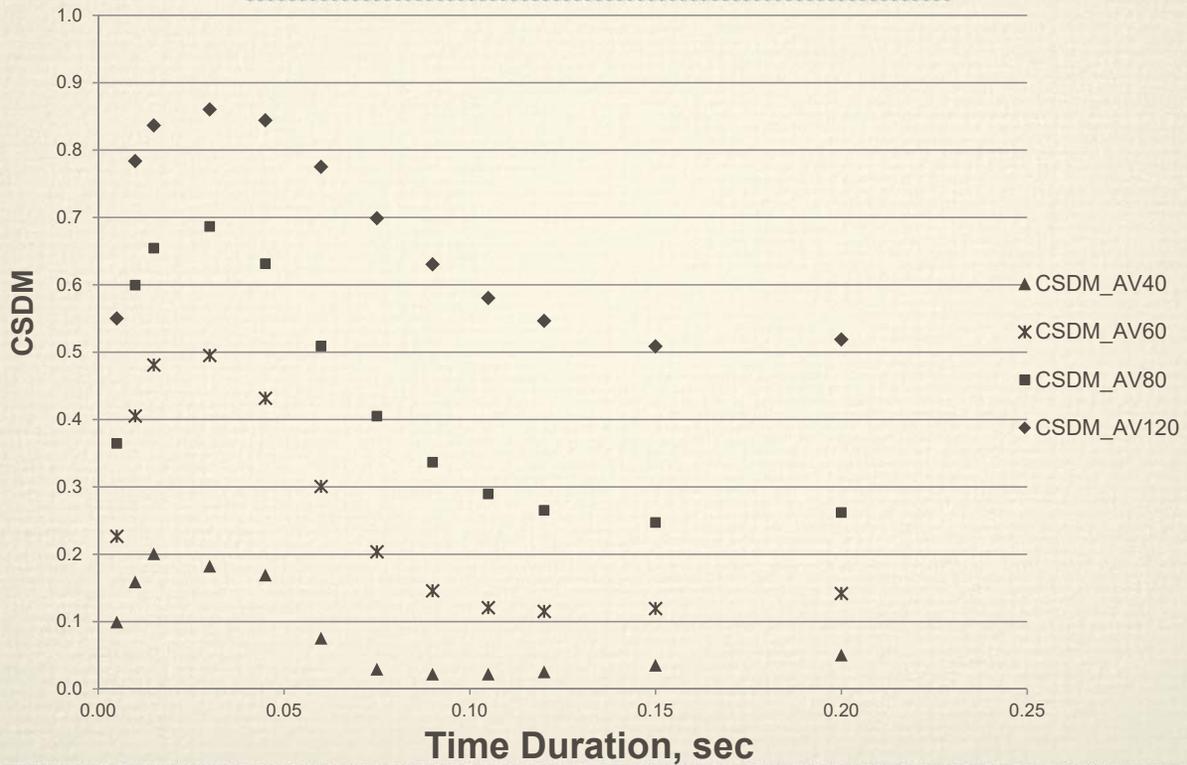
Does the CSDM depend on the time duration of the angular velocity signal?

## Angular Velocity Input Signals to the SIMon FE Model

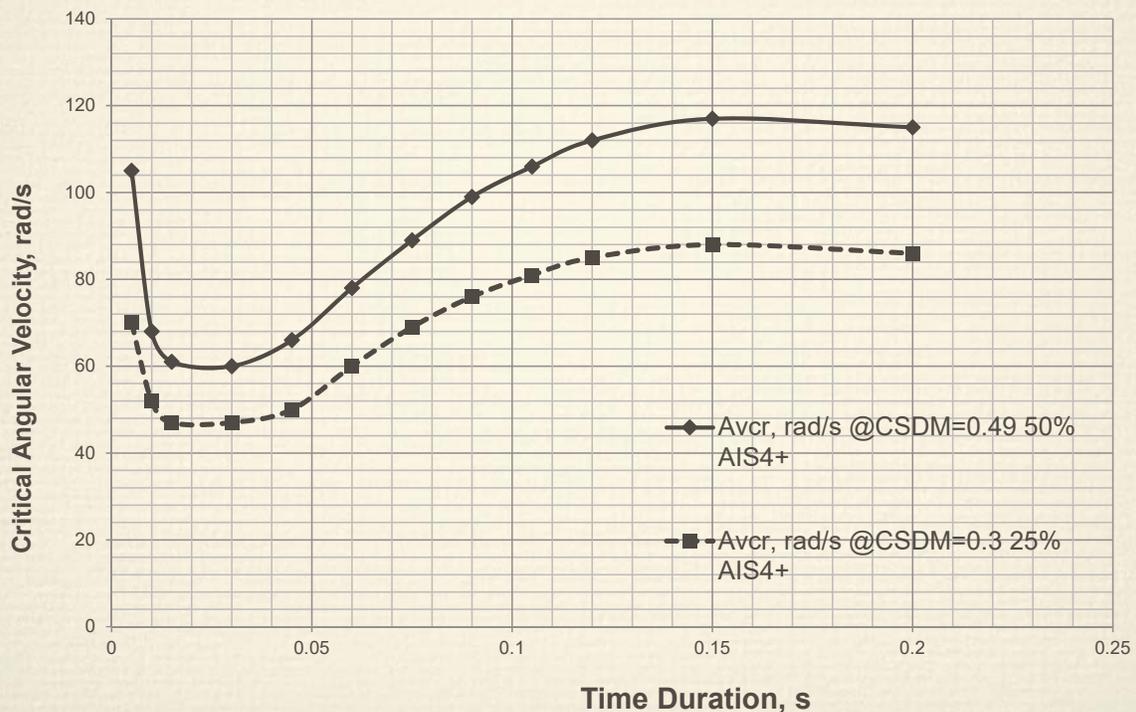


Magnitude range from 20 to 120 rad/s with 10 rad/s interval  
Time duration range from 5 to 200 ms with 15 ms time interval

# Results: CSDM vs Time Duration (X-direction)



# Results: Critical Angular Velocity vs Time Duration (X-direction)

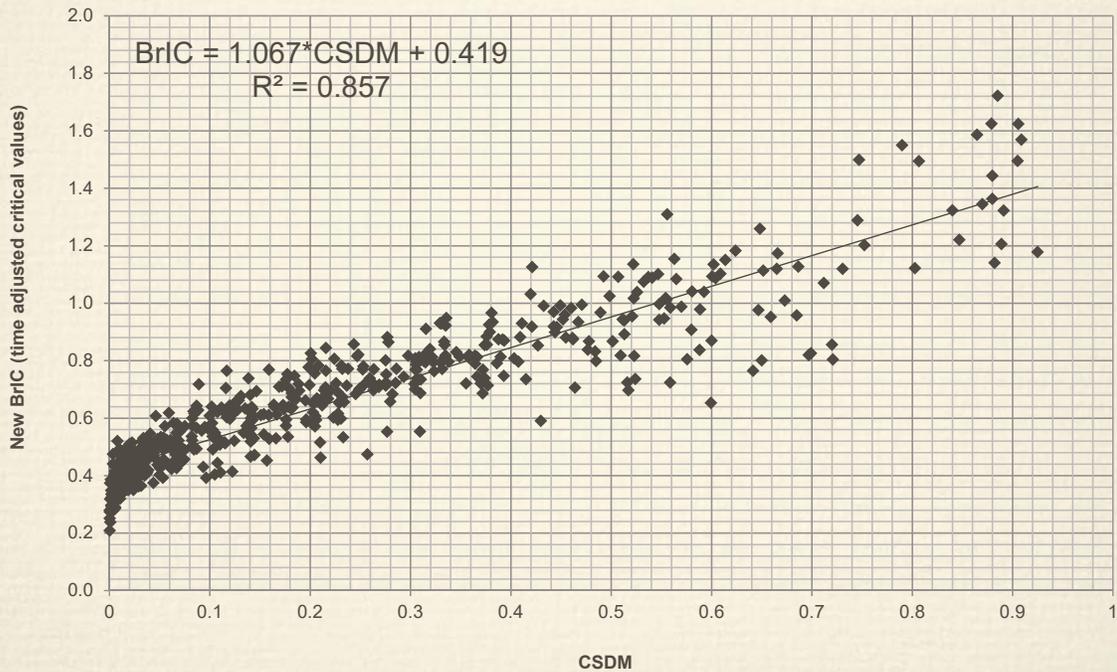


# Results: Critical Angular Velocities for Each Time Duration

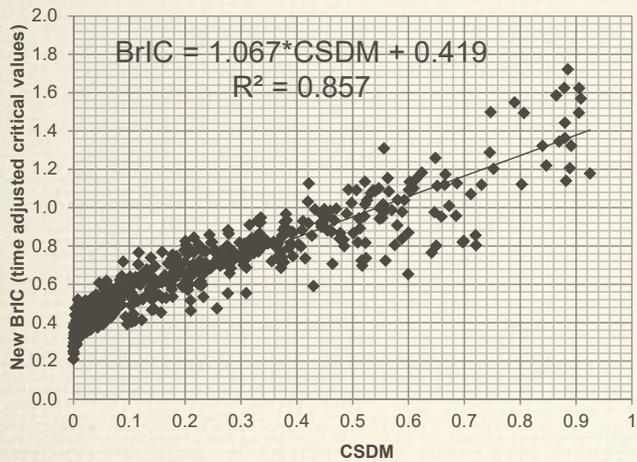
Time, s	X-direction		Y-direction		Z-direction	
	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.49 50% AIS4+	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.30 25% AIS4+	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.49 50% AIS4+	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.30 25% AIS4+	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.49 50% AIS4+	Avcr, rad/s @CSDM=0.30 25% AIS4+
0.005	105	70	92	65	99	57
0.010	68	52	66	52	60	39
0.015	61	47	59	49	46	34
0.030	60	47	58	48	42	32
0.045	66	50	54	46	39	31
0.060	78	60	59	51	50	38
0.075	89	69	68	57	64	49
0.090	99	76	74	62	73	57
0.105	106	81	80	65	81	63
0.120	112	85	84	68	87	68
0.150	117	88	89	70	95	74
0.200	115	86	93	70	100	78

Devised three methods of calculating time duration for an arbitrary signal and recalculated BrIC (New BrIC) with the time adjusted critical values

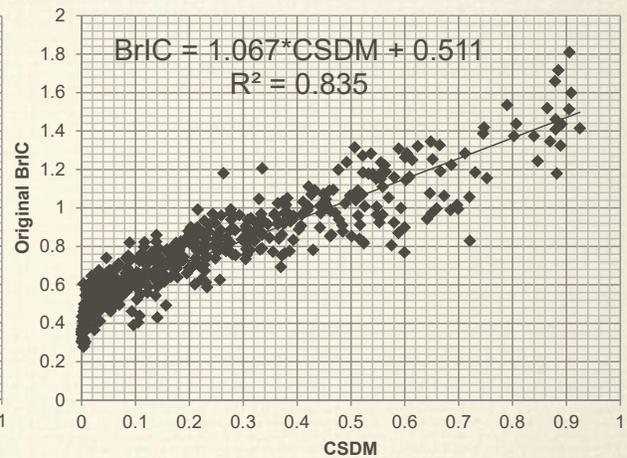
# “New BrIC” as a Correlate for CSDM (543 tests)



# “New BrIC” vs “Original BrIC”



For CSDM = 0.49, BrIC = 0.94



For CSDM = 0.49, BrIC = 1.03

# Conclusions

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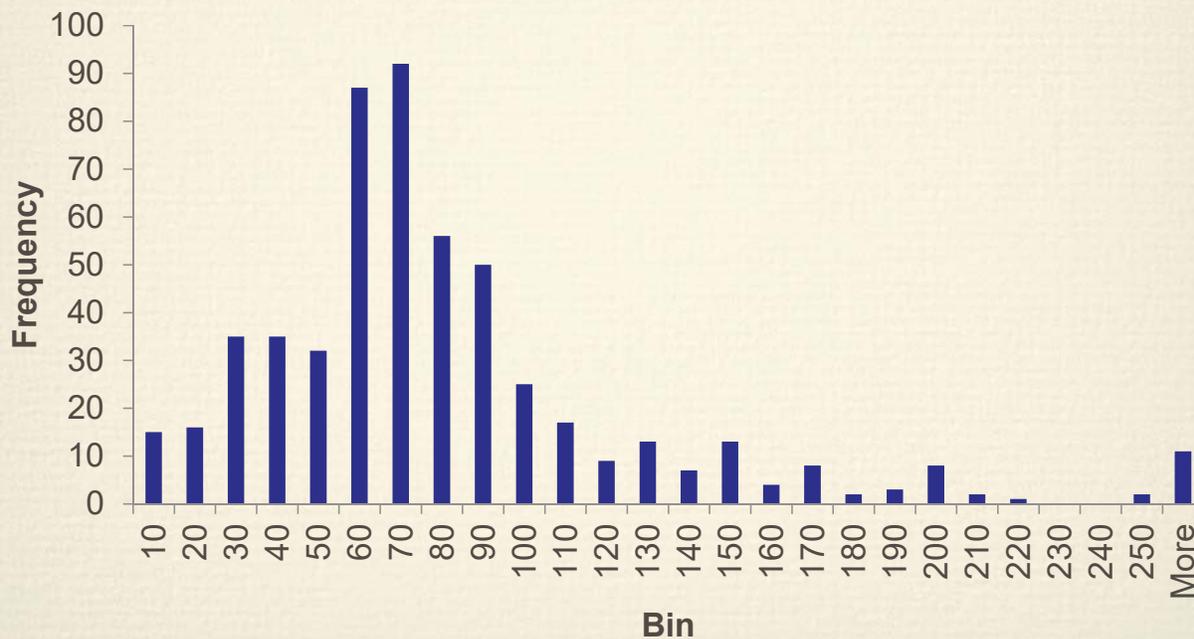
- ❖ No clear advantage for using the time adjusted BrIC – New BrIC – for evaluating brain injury risk for car passengers
- ❖ For pedestrians, where the pulse time duration is much longer than those seen in car occupants, the time adjusted BrIC may be useful

The End



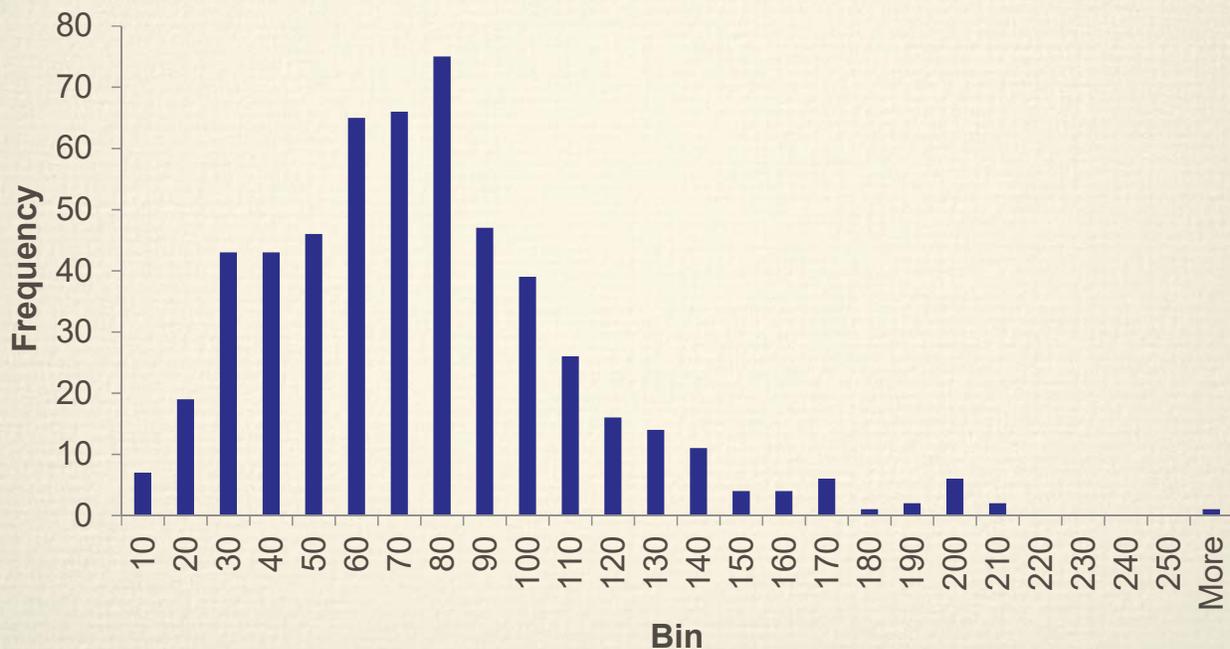
# Signal Time Duration Distribution in X-direction (543 tests)

Histogram



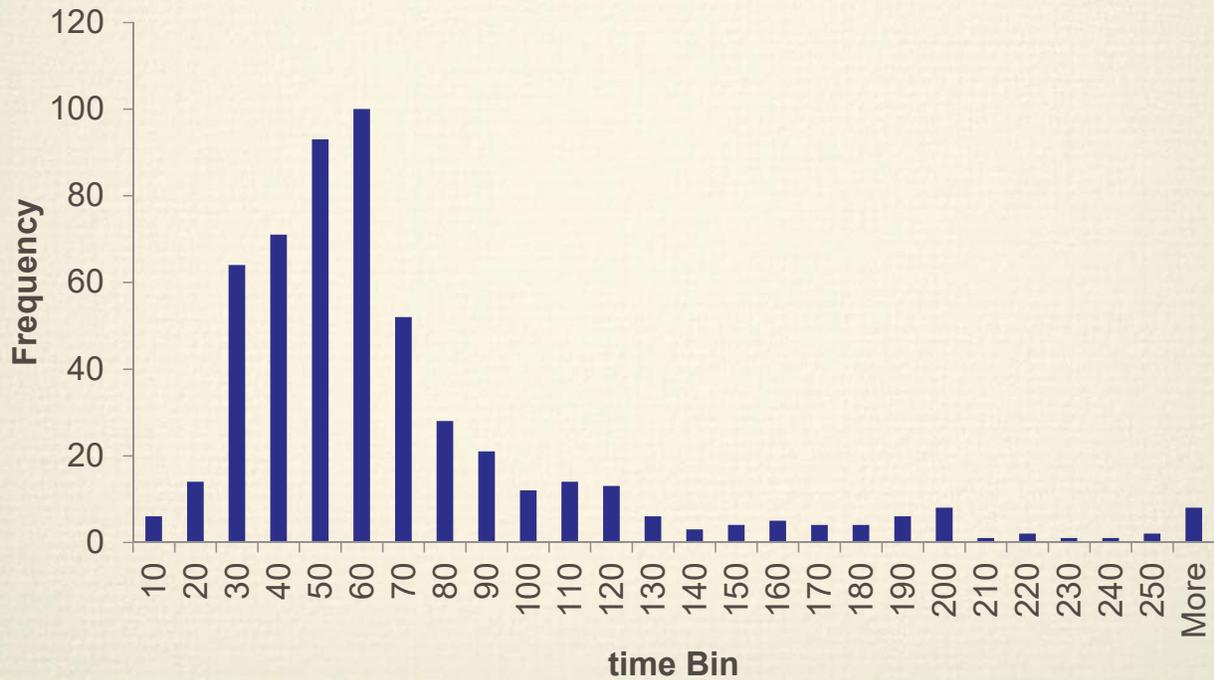
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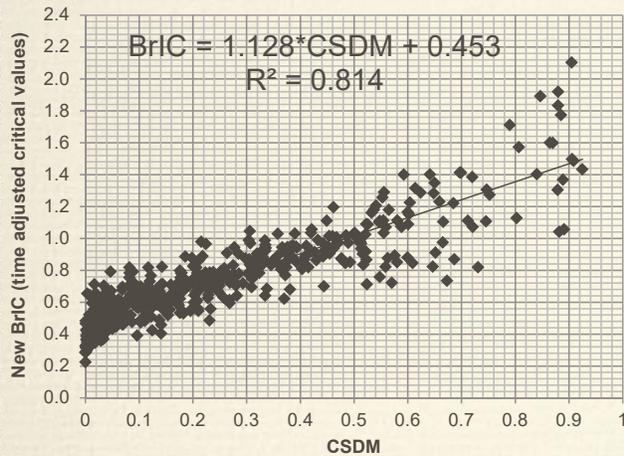


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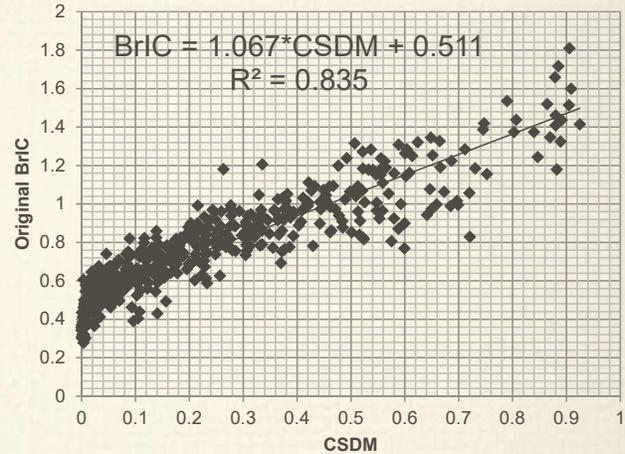
Histogram



## “New BrIC” vs “Original BrIC”



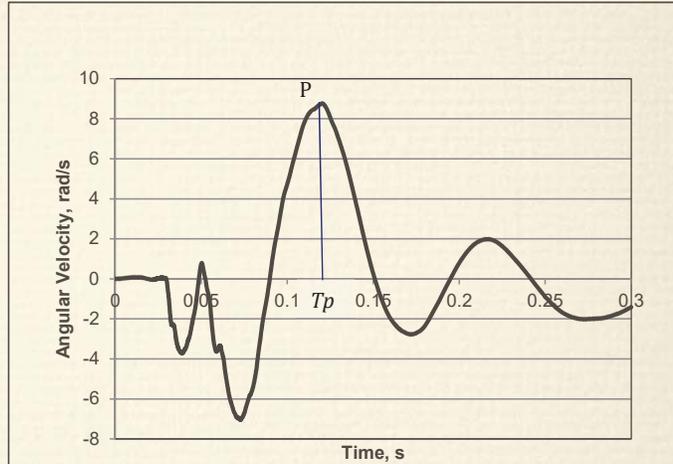
For CSDM = 0.49, BrIC = 1.01



For CSDM = 0.49, BrIC = 1.03

# Algorithm #1

- ❖ Find Peak (point  $P$ )
- ❖ Find time to peak ( $T_p$ )
- ❖ Set time step ( $dt$ )
- ❖ Move to the left and right of  $T_p$  by  $dt$  and compute areas under the curve
- ❖ Find  $T_{left}$  and  $T_{right}$  when respective areas reach max
- ❖ If peak  $P$  is too close to zero and the area doesn't reach max then  $T_{left}$  is time = zero
- ❖ If peak  $P$  is too close to end and the area doesn't reach max then  $T_{right}$  is time = end
- ❖  $\Delta T = T_{left} + T_{right}$

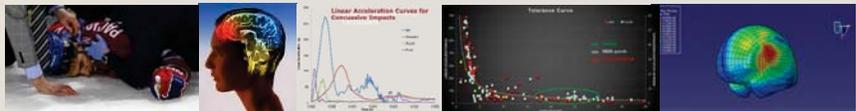


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## Measuring Head Motions in Sports Helmet Testing

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# Helmet Performance



1. Head injuries in sport.
2. Mechanisms for head injury in sport.
3. Dynamic response curves for concussion.
4. Dynamic response and impact duration for concussive impacts.
5. Concussive head impacts comparing four sports.
6. Helmet performance for four injury mechanisms.



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Head injuries in sport are ill defined and complex.



## 1. Traumatic

1. Skull fractures (**linear**)
2. Intracranial bleeds (**linear**)
3. Subdural bleeds (**rotational**)
4. Diffuse axonal injury (**rotational**)



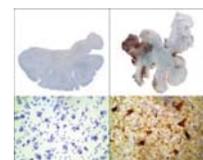
## 2. Concussive injuries (levels of severity of concussion)

1. Transient (symptoms). (**linear/rotation**)
  1. Typically concussions resolve in the first three days.
  2. Disability from concussion is hard to predict?
2. Persistent (**linear/rotation**)
  1. May result in serious and permanent disability.



## 3. Repetitive brain injuries

1. cerebral traumatic encephalopathy, (CTE) (?)
2. Serious and long term neurological disability (Depression/Parkinson) (?)





High Velocity Impact



Knee



Shoulder

## Head Injury Events



Fall



Elbow



Punch

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Helmet

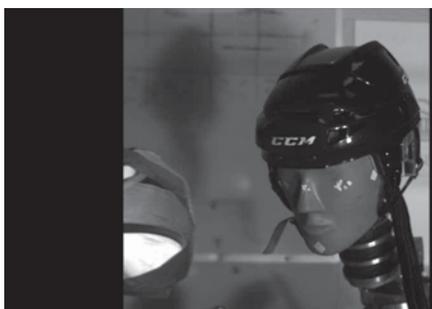


Knee



High Velocity Impact

## Velocity - Location - Angle - Mass - Compliance - Mechanics



Shoulder



Fall



Punch

## Injury Reconstructions

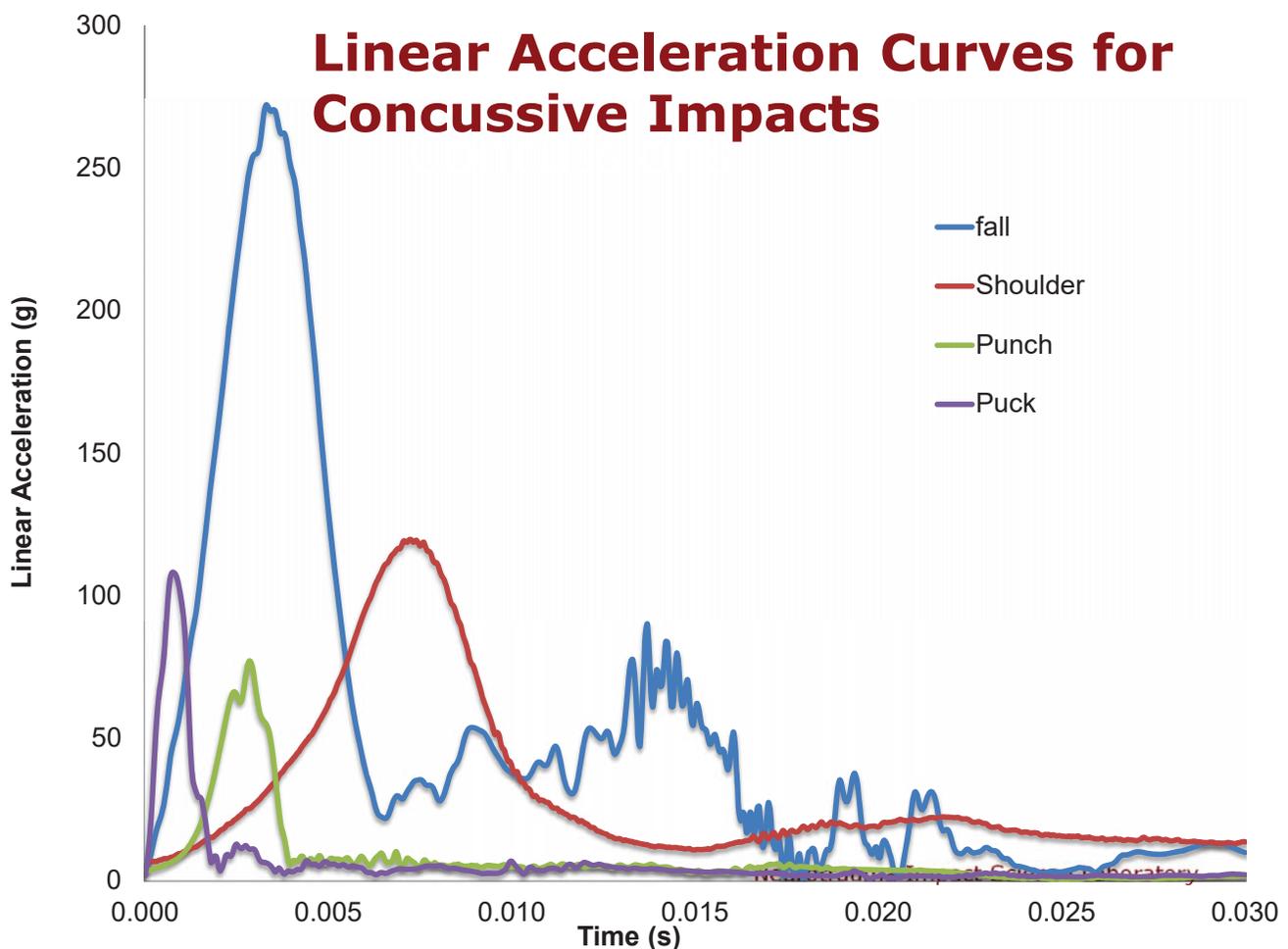
# Impact parameters that create injury risk



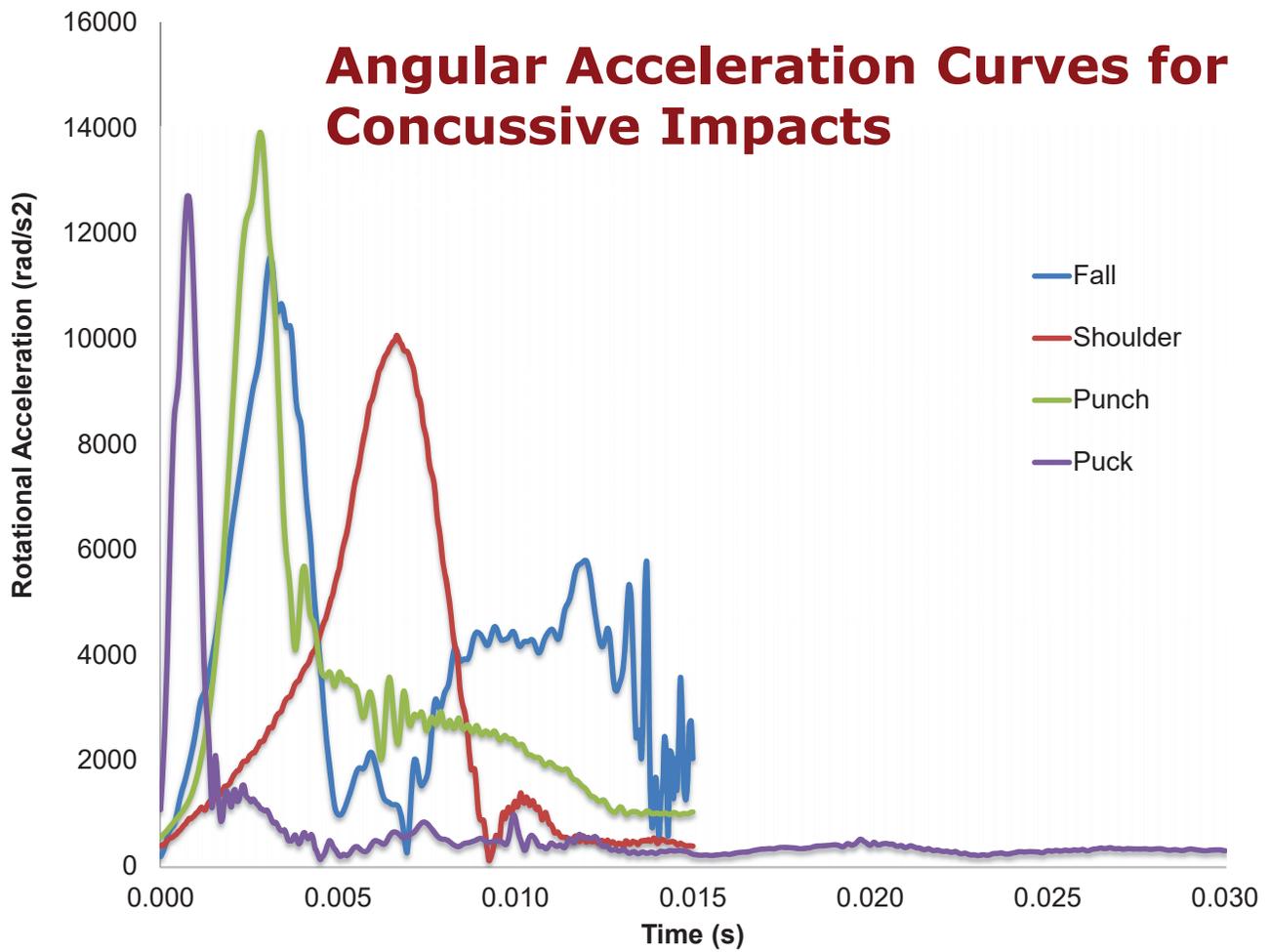
- Velocity** –influences magnitude and duration
- Location** –influences linear, angular magnitude and direction.
- Angle** –influences linear, angular acceleration
- Mass** – influences magnitude and duration
- Compliance** – influences magnitude and duration
- Mechanics** – influences linear, angular magnitude and duration.



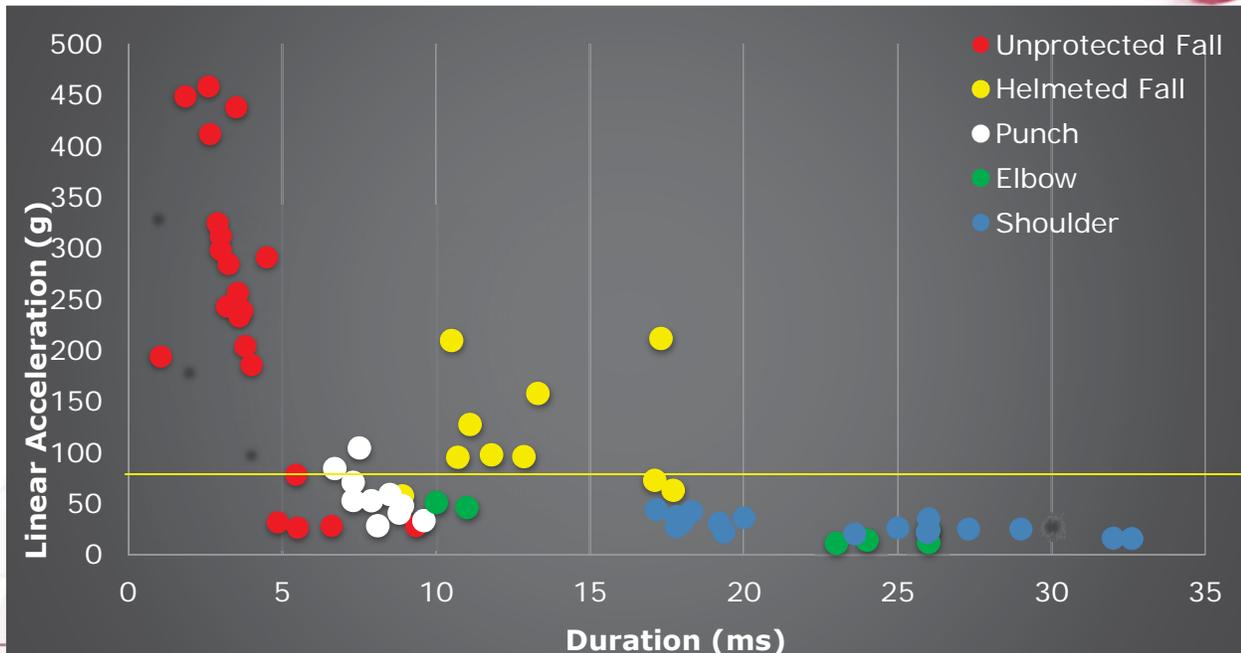
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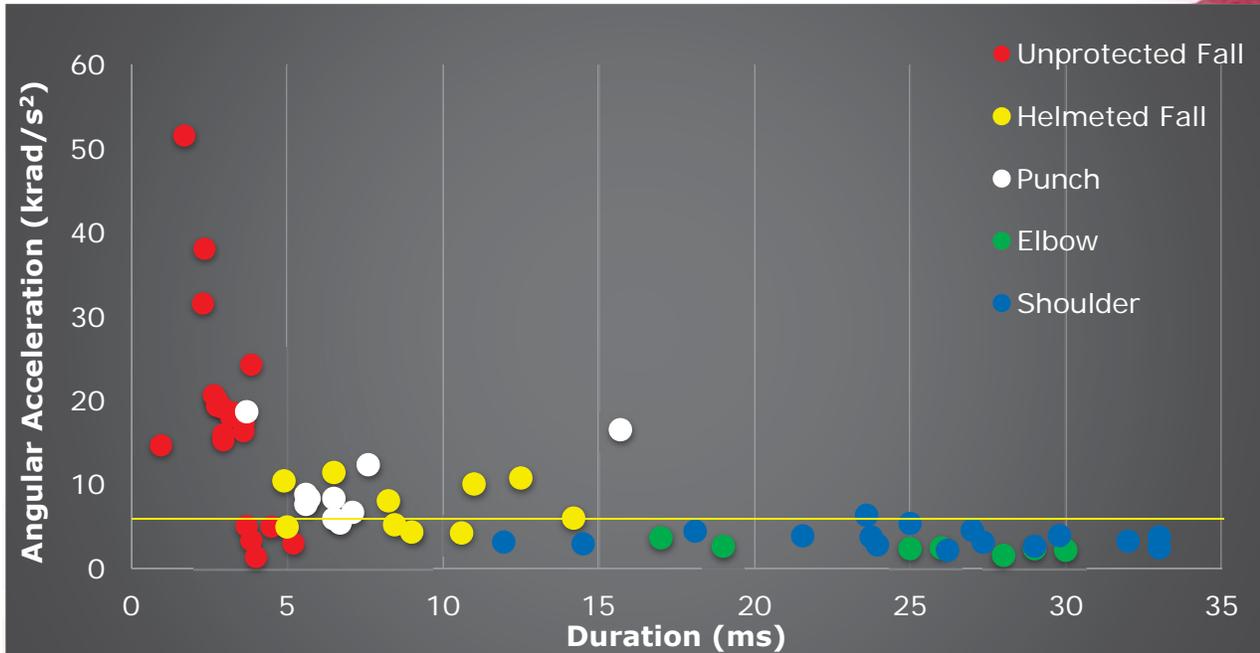
# Angular Acceleration Curves for Concussive Impacts



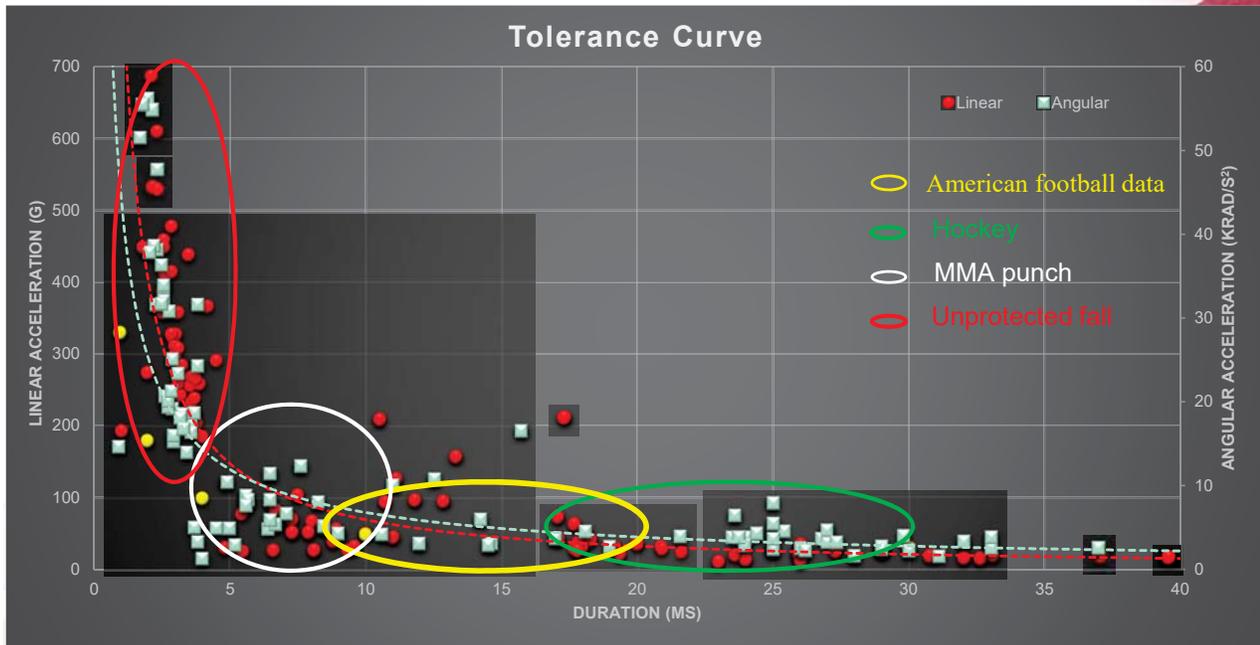
## Linear Acceleration – Duration: Tolerance curve for Concussive Impacts

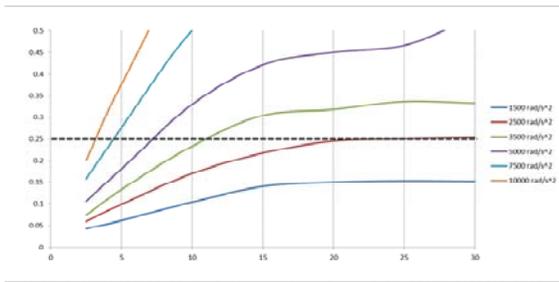


# Angular acceleration – Duration: Tolerance curves for Concussive Impacts

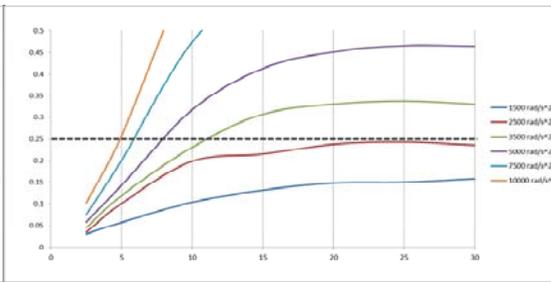


# Line of best fit for linear and rotational acceleration and time for concussion events

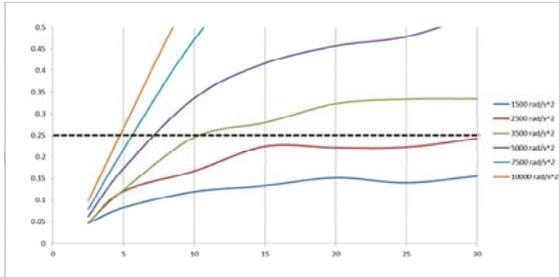




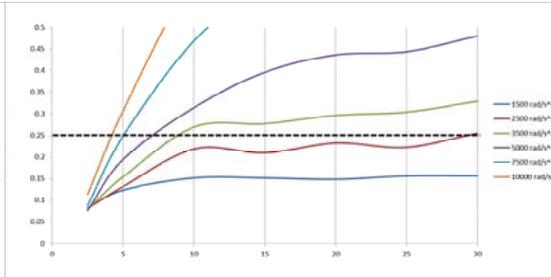
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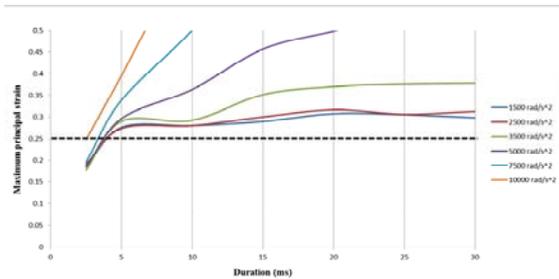
Rotational acceleration with 20g linear input



Rotational acceleration with 50g linear input



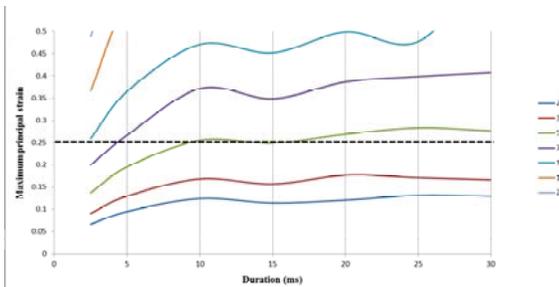
Rotational acceleration with 100g linear input



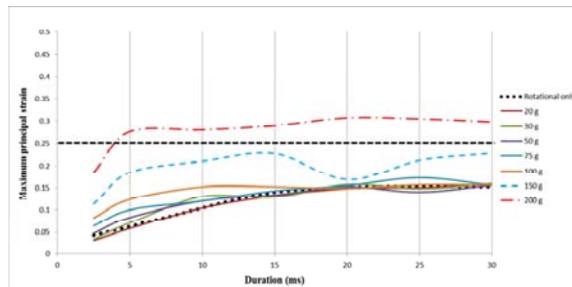
Rotational acceleration with 200g linear input

## Maximum Principle Strain for Rotational Acceleration for White matter (UCD FEM)

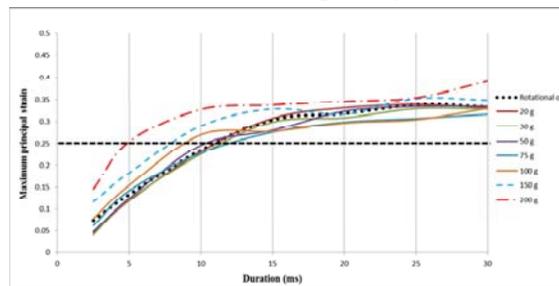
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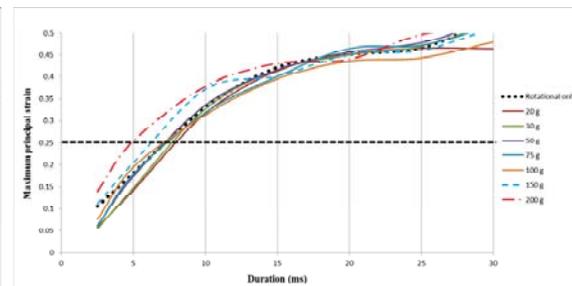
Linear input only



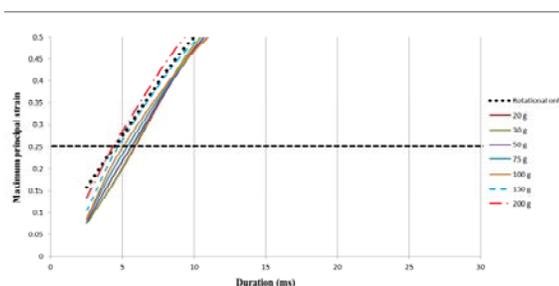
Linear acceleration with 1500 rad/s<sup>2</sup> rotational accel.



Linear acceleration with 3000 rad/s<sup>2</sup> rotational accel.



Linear acceleration with 5000 rad/s<sup>2</sup> rotational accel.

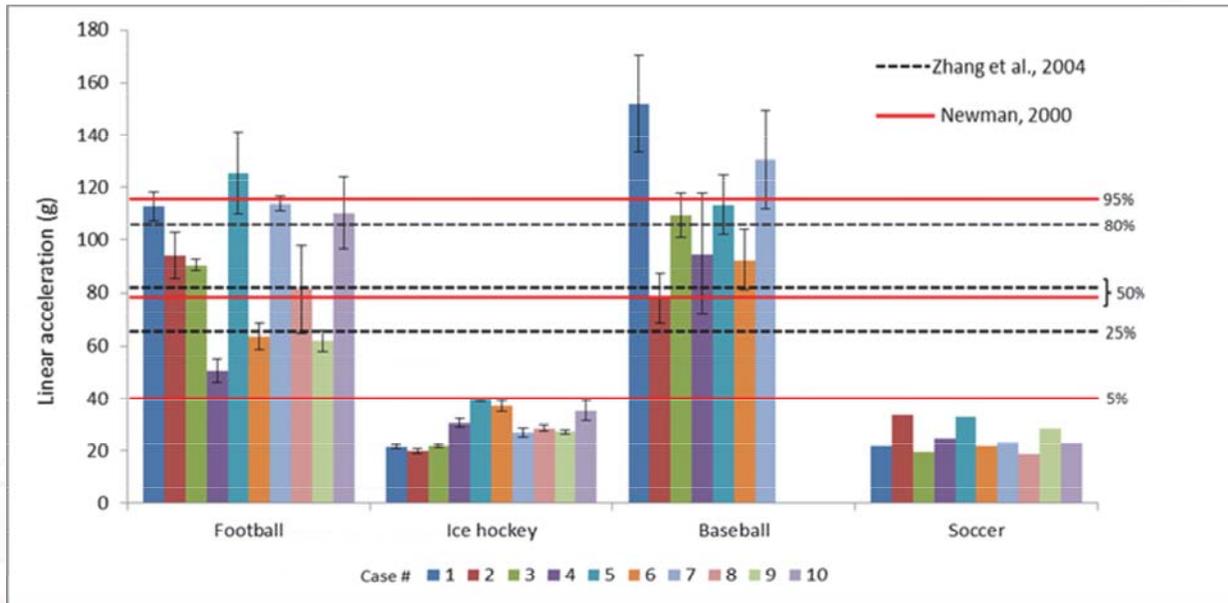


Linear acceleration with 10000 rad/s<sup>2</sup> rotational accel.

## Maximum Principle Strain for Linear Acceleration for White matter (UCD FEM)

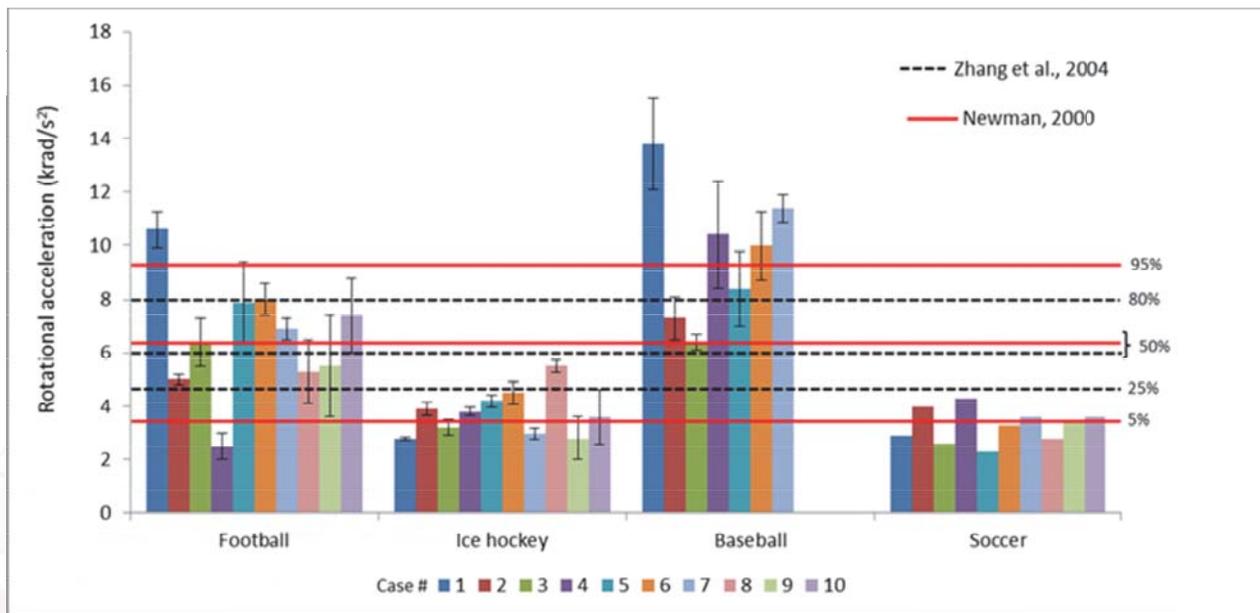
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# Linear acceleration for Concussive impacts for four Impact mechanisms.



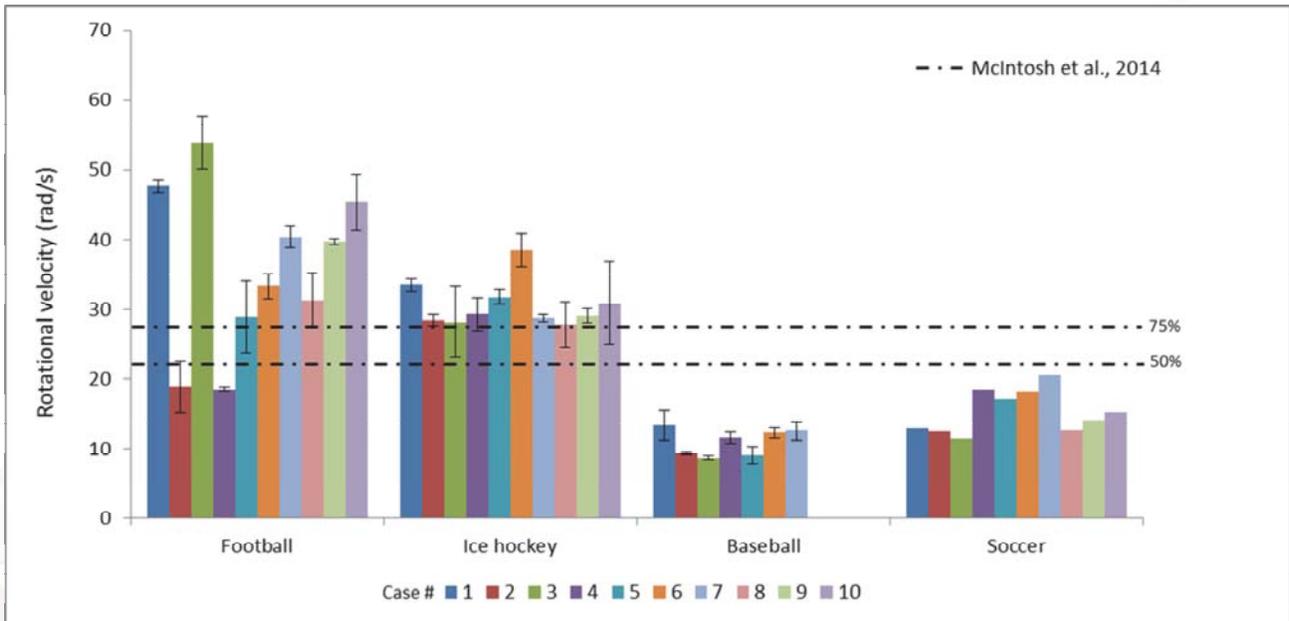
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 Ice hockey - shoulder to helmet  
 Baseball - ball to helmeted head  
 Soccer - ball to head

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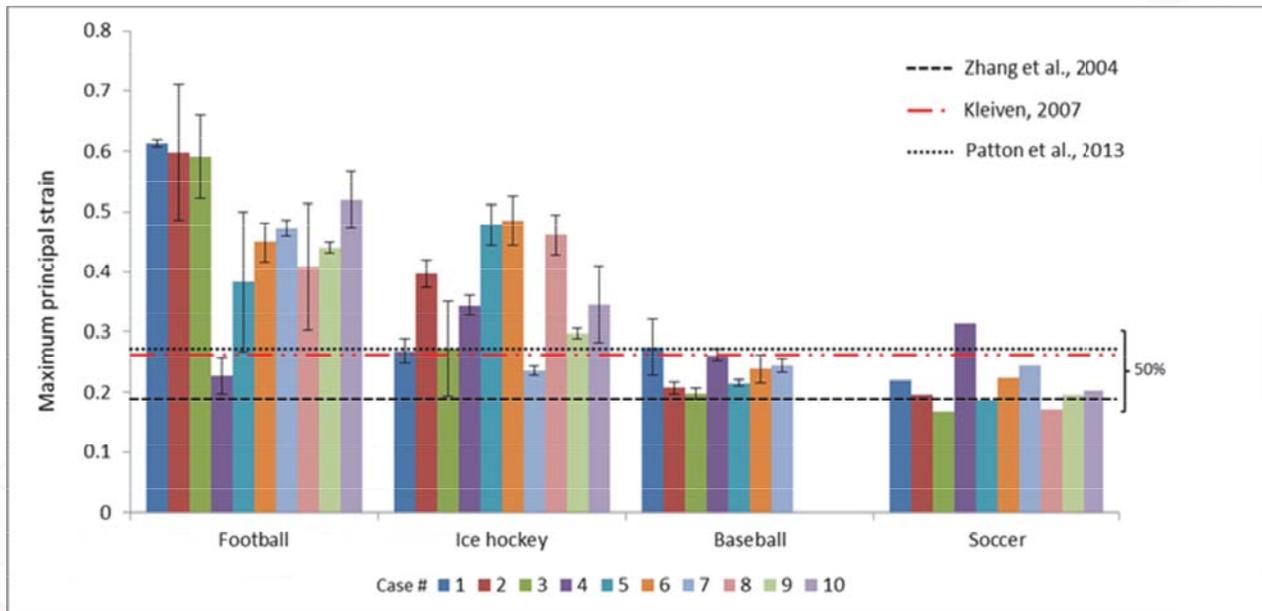
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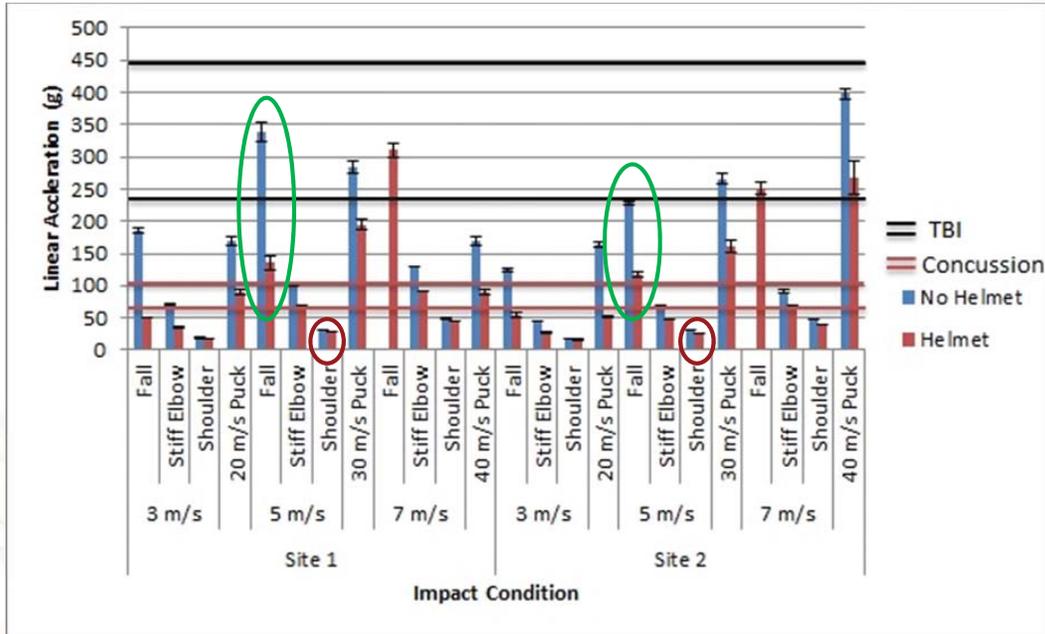
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# Maximum Principal Strain for Concussive Impacts for Four Impact Mechanisms



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# Linear acceleration for hockey helmet and no helmet conditions for Fall, Elbow, Shoulder & Puck Impacts.

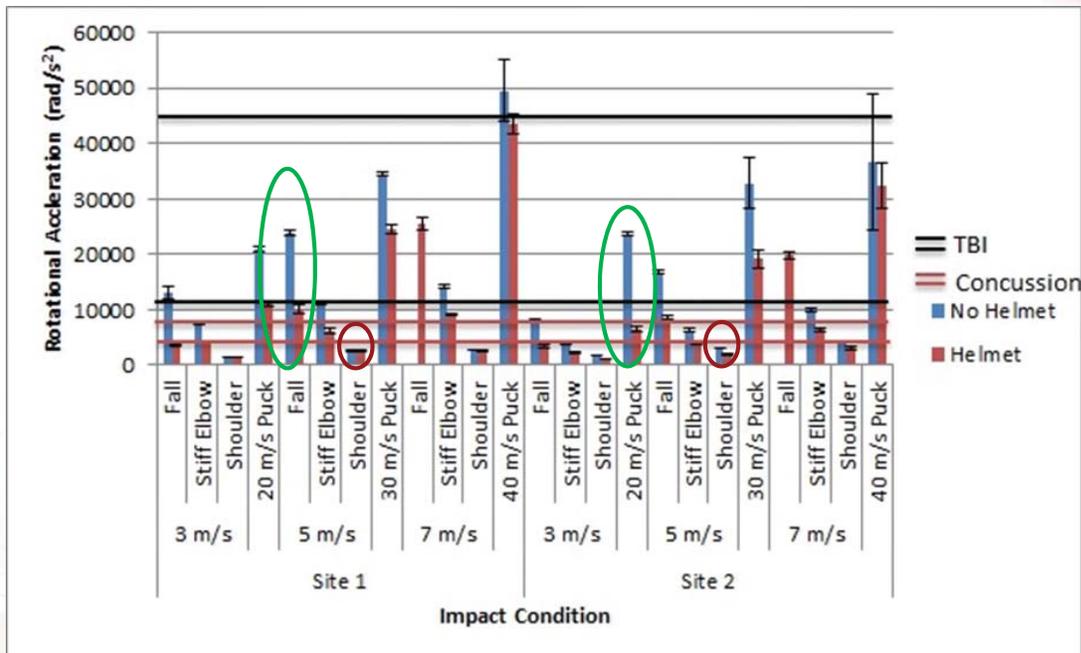


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Hockey helmet

# Rotational acceleration for hockey helmet and no helmet conditions for Falls, Elbow, Shoulder & Puck Impacts.



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Hockey helmet

# Summary



1. Defining the event(s) creating the risk of concussion for the activity is critical. In order to effectively measure the capacity of a helmet to manage rotational head motions the injury event has to be defined.
2. Injury event impact characteristics: Velocity – Location – Angle – Compliance – Mass – Mechanics interact to predict the dynamic response characteristics associated with concussions.
3. Helmet Rotational head motions have to be considered with all parameters when developing a test method.
4. Evidence supports the importance of rotational head motions in predicting concussions in longer duration impacts.



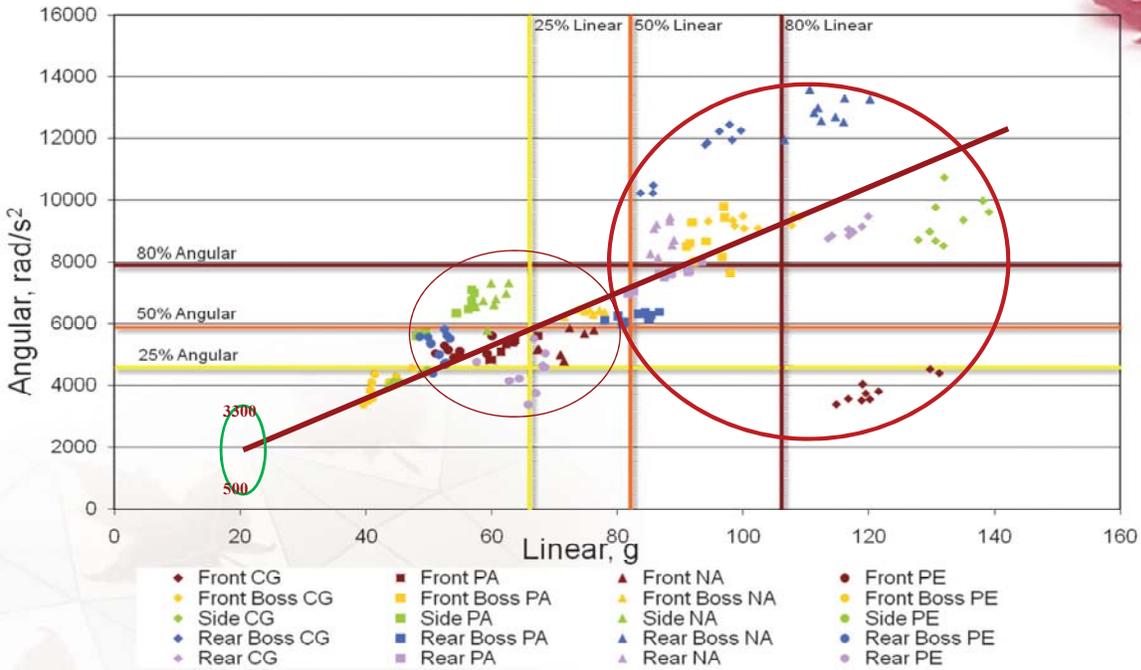
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## *Thank you*



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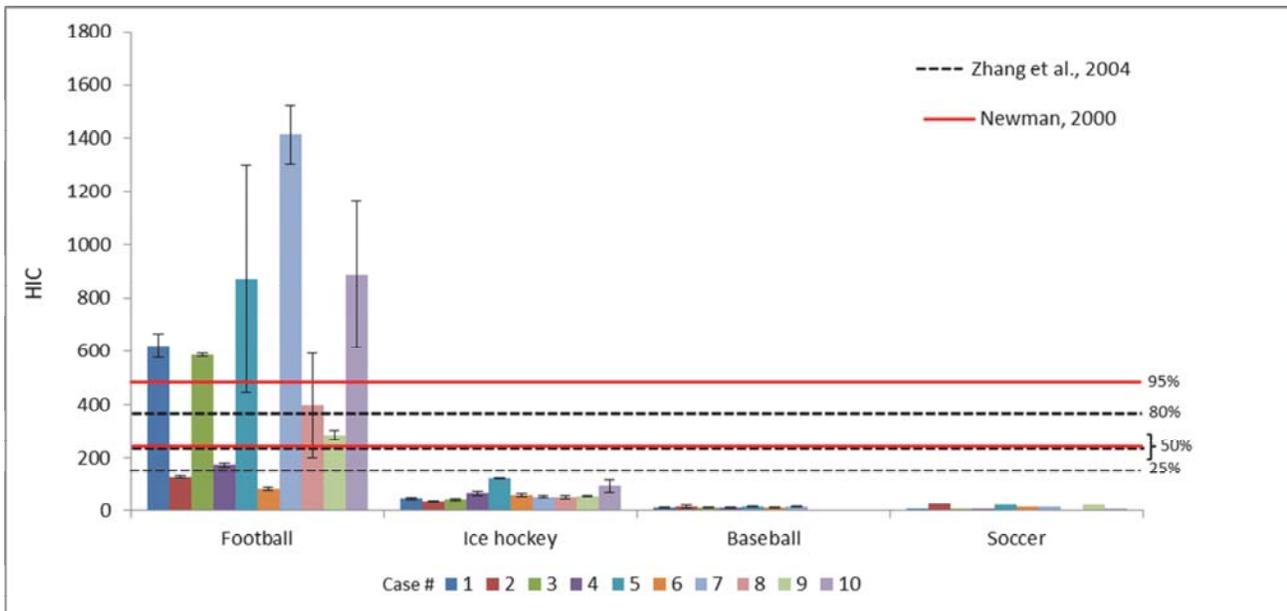
# The relationship between peak linear and peak rotational acceleration



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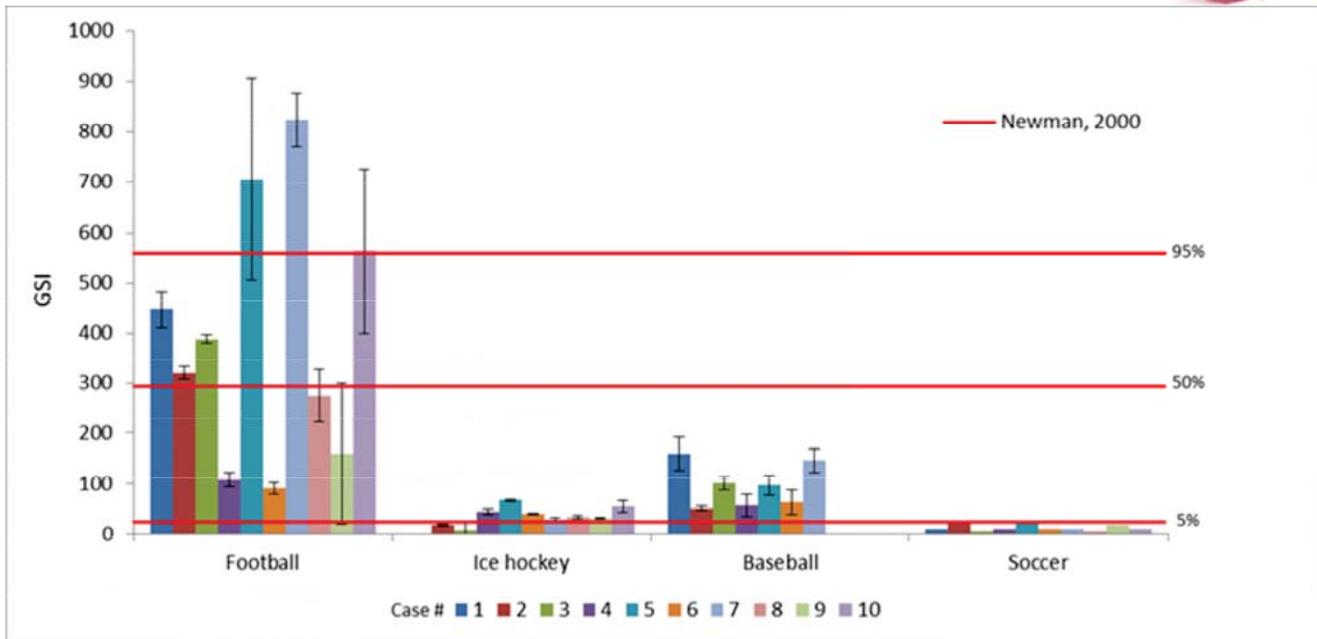


# HIC<sub>15</sub> (HIC<sub>36</sub> for ice hockey) for Concussive Impacts for Four Impact Mechanisms.



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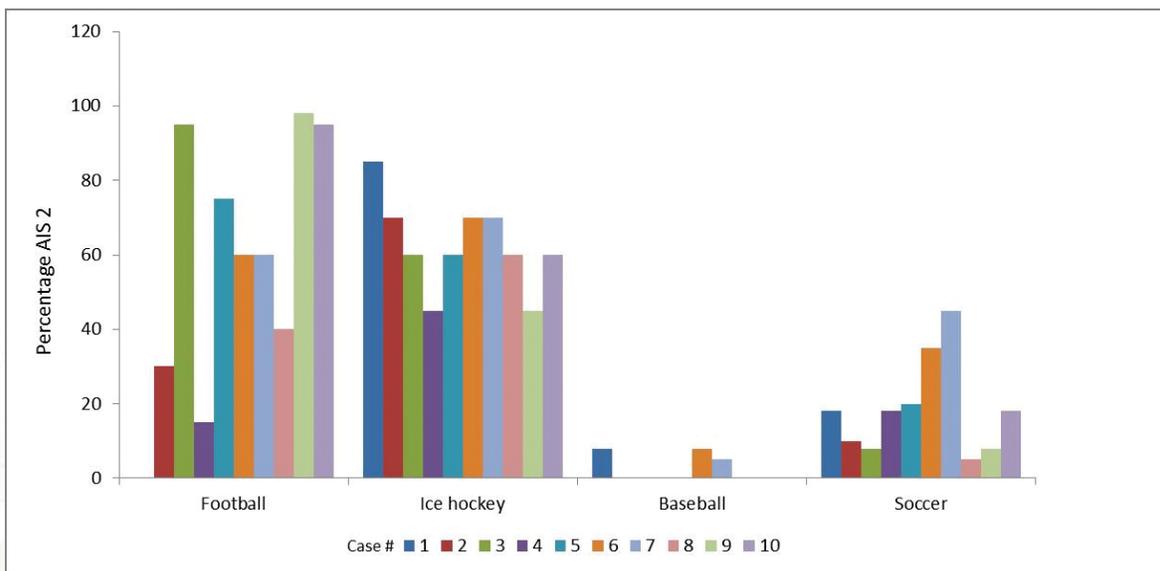
# GSI for Concussive impacts for four Impact mechanisms.



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# BrIC - AIS 2 for Concussive Impacts for Four Impact Mechanisms.



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# Concussive Impacts in Ice Hockey

MECHANISM	Linear (g)	Acceleration		Duration	Input type	Grey matter
		Rotational (rad/s <sup>2</sup> )				Maximum principal strain
Puck	145.1	19813.6	5 ms	LIN + ROT		0.2832
					LIN	0.2363
					ROT	0.1781
Puck	253.4	24487.5	5 ms	LIN + ROT		0.2985
					LIN	0.3555
					ROT	0.2275
Puck	108.9	11353	5 ms	LIN + ROT		0.1261
					LIN	0.1468
					ROT	0.1104
Puck	71.1	9878	5 ms	LIN + ROT		0.2152
					LIN	0.1619
					ROT	0.1815
Shoulder	25.8	3919.7	25 ms	LIN + ROT		0.438
					LIN	0.168
					ROT	0.4101
Shoulder	24.8	3815.8	25 ms	LIN + ROT		0.3621
					LIN	0.125
					ROT	0.3607
Shoulder	19.9	3753.6	25 ms	LIN + ROT		0.419
					LIN	0.1269
					ROT	0.4241



# NOCSAE

- National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.
  - **Purpose: To commission research on and establish standards for protective athletic equipment.**

## NOCSAE History

- Formed in 1969 through efforts of American College Health Association, NCAA, National Federation of State High Schools Associations, & Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association
- Formed to conduct research directed toward injury reduction and prevention
- Development of human headform which mimics human head response to impact accelerations
- First football helmet standard was published in 1973
- 1998 changed criterion to 1200 SI from 1500 SI

# NOCSAE Board of Directors

- American College Health Association
- American College of Sports Medicine
- American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
- Athletic Equipment Managers Association
- College Football Association
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- NATA
- NAERA
- SGMA

## NOCSAE Standards Process

### Step 1: Standard Requested

- Test method/performance standard/procedural guide

### Step 2: Investigate

- Is the standard necessary?
- What does the data support?

### Step 3: Write Standard

- Draft -> Proposed -> Final Document

### Step 4: Modify/Revise as needed

# NOCSAE

## Test Methods

- Helmets
  - Football
  - Baseball/Softball Batting/Catchers
  - Lacrosse
  - Field Hockey
- Baseballs/Softballs
- Lacrosse Face Masks
- Football Face Masks
- Fund research into the mechanics of head injuries. One key goal is gender and age differences to be incorporated in standards.

## System Improvements

- NOCSAE system modifications are many and include
  - Reduced system friction
  - Increased system rigidity
  - Modified coupler system
  - Improved calibration procedures
- Consistency between NOCSAE and other systems
  - Better than with non bio-fidelic head form systems

# System Repeatability

- Standards must be repeatable to be a standard
- NOCSAE Test methods are separate from Performance requirements.
- NOCSAE DOC 001 Drop test method
- NOCSAE DOC 021 Projectile test method
- NOCSAE DOC 081 Pneumatic Ram Impact test method

The Pneumatic Ram test is a complex system with many compliant interactions beside the test specimen headgear

Preliminary Round Robin Inter Laboratory testing and previous limited lab to lab studies have been positive.

## Performance Specifications

- NOCSAE has specific performance requirements when tested in accordance with the required test method.
- Multiple inputs and Pass/Fail requirements.
  - Low level vs max impact
- Demanding QC/QA requirements
- Independent third party certification required.

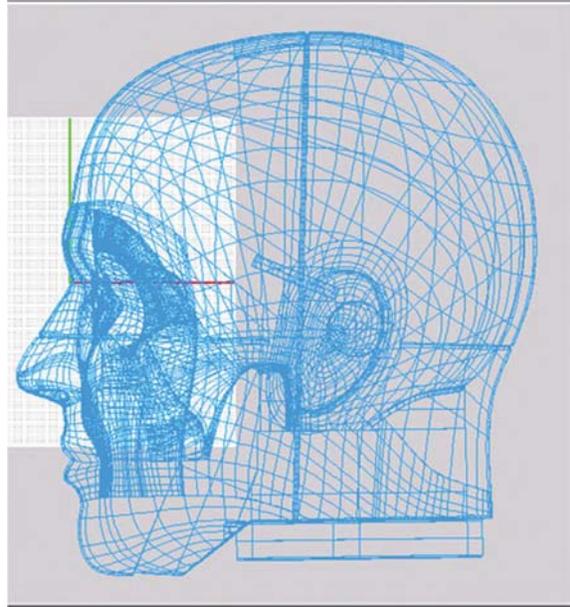
# NOCSAE Testing

- Football helmets -
  - Proposed Pneumatic Ram test
- Batting helmets -
- Lacrosse helmets -
- Field Hockey Headgear-
- Projectiles-
  - Base balls, LAX balls, Field Hockey balls
- Various Face protectors-

## Head Form Development

The Heart of The NOCSAE System

# NOCSAE Headforms



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Anthropometrical References used in the development of the new NOCSAE head model.

The Farkas references refer to the following:

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Anthropometry: The individual and the Population  
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Editors: S. J. Ulijaszek & C. G. N. Mascie – Taylor  
Department of Biological Anthropology  
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

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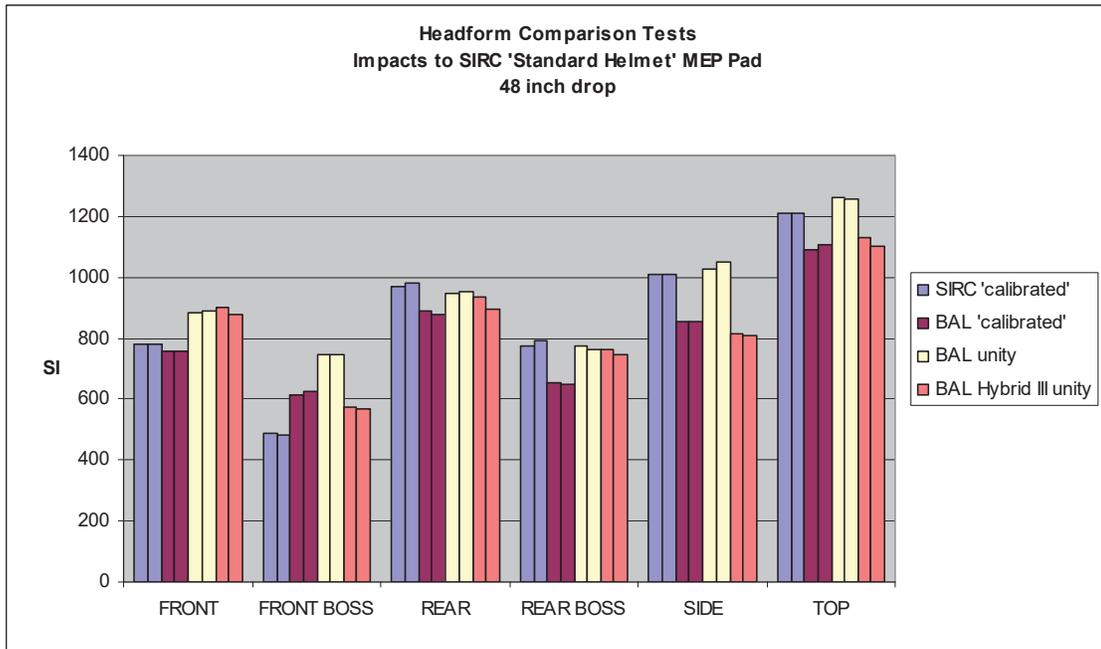
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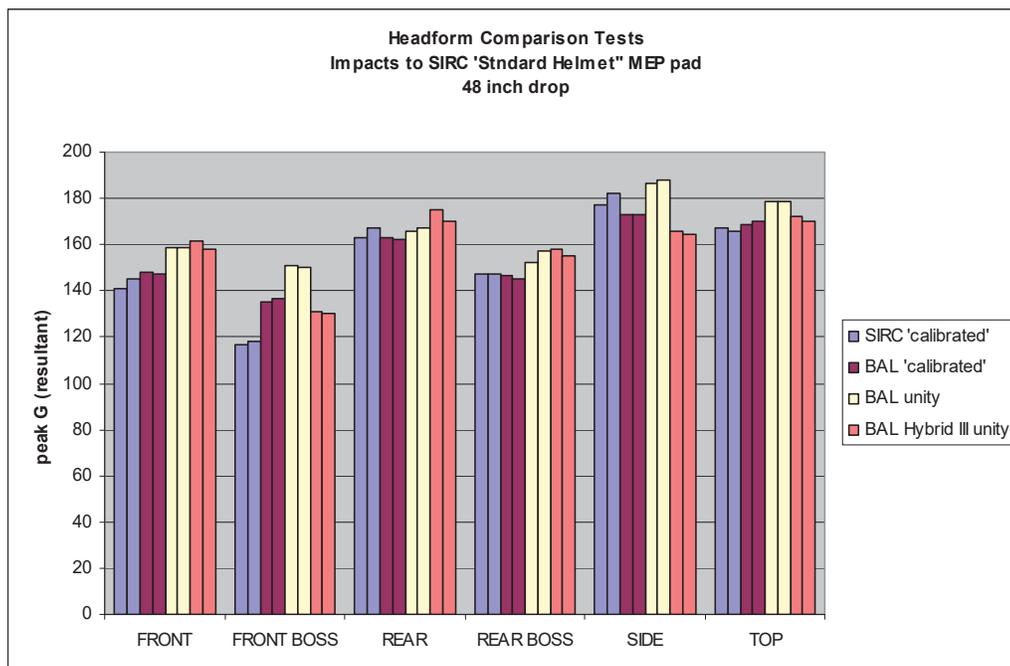
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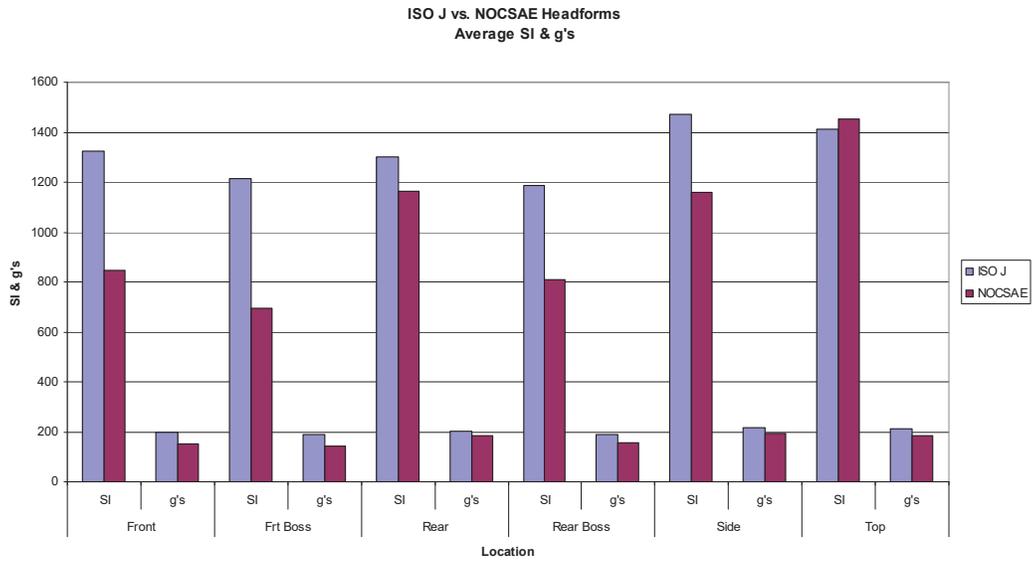


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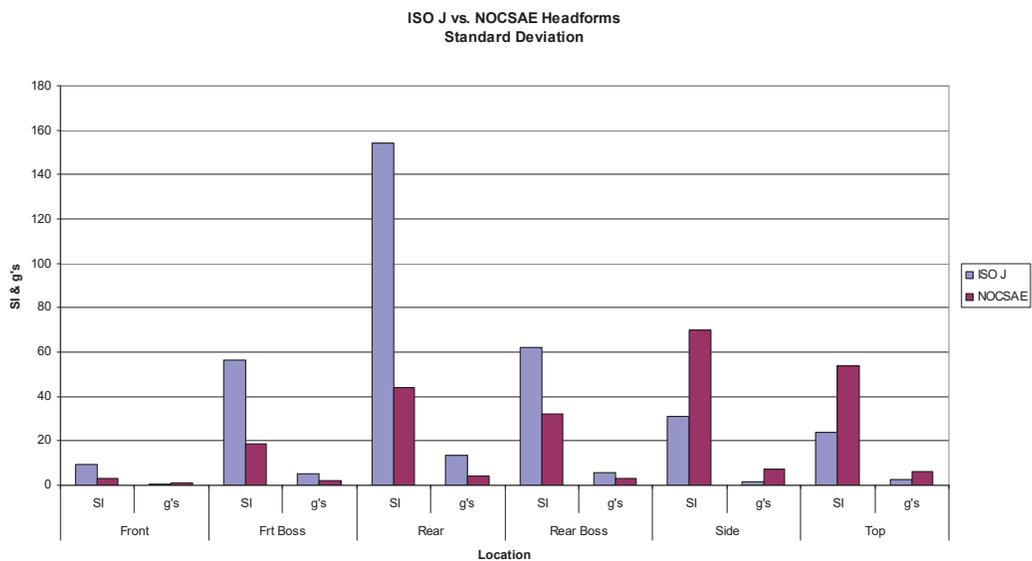
# ISO vs. NOCSAE Headform

## Average SI and g



# ISO vs. NOCSAE Headform

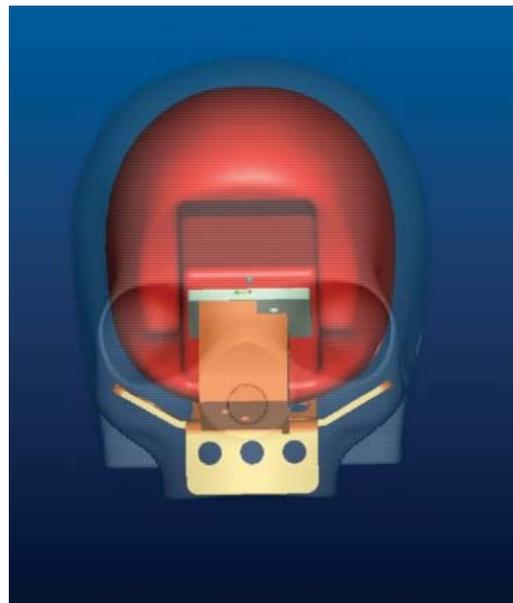
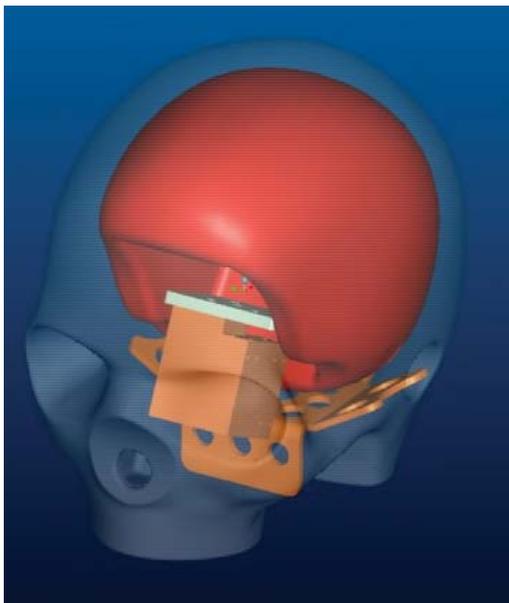
## Standard Deviation



# Headform Sizes

- NOCSAE headforms are available in three sizes, based on significant anthropometric work
- 5% male head form (50% 10 year old male)
- 50% male head form
- 95% male head form
- Mass is size variable
- This creates challenges in performance across sizes.

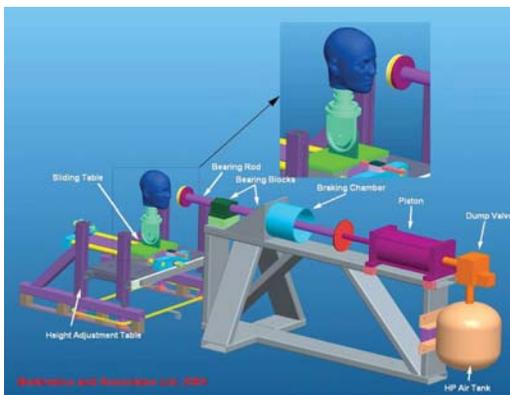
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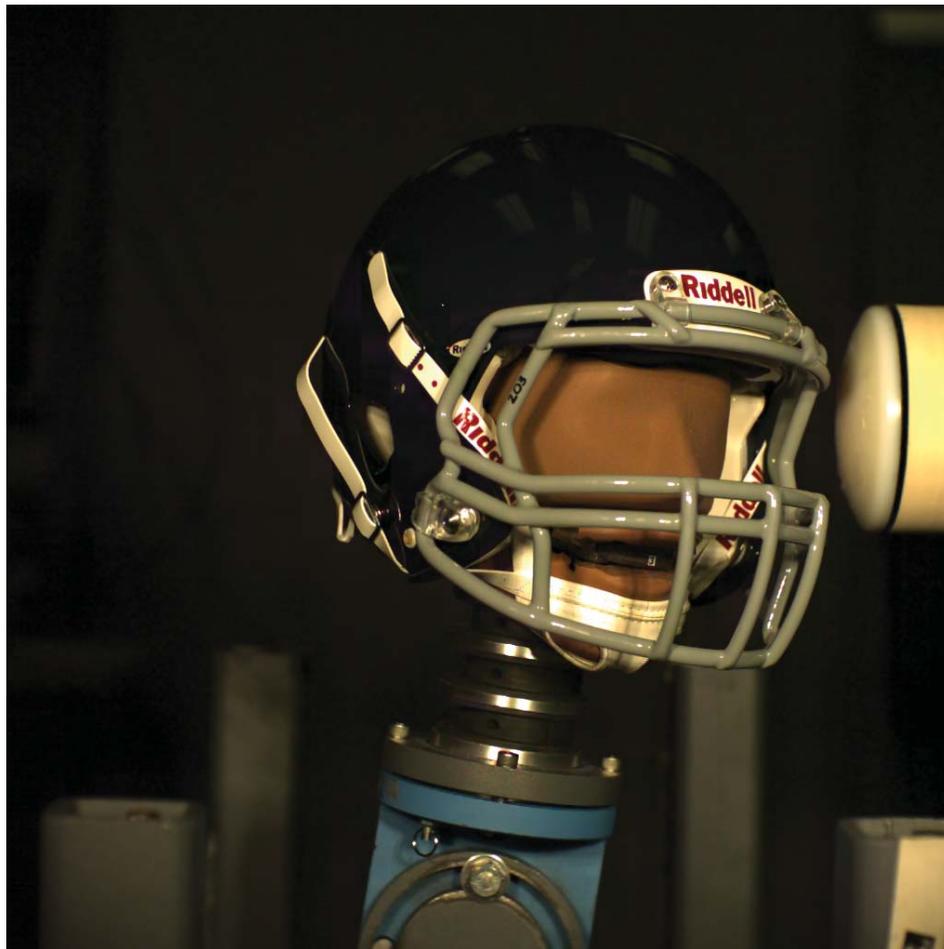


# 3-2-2-2 placement



# Pneumatic Ram





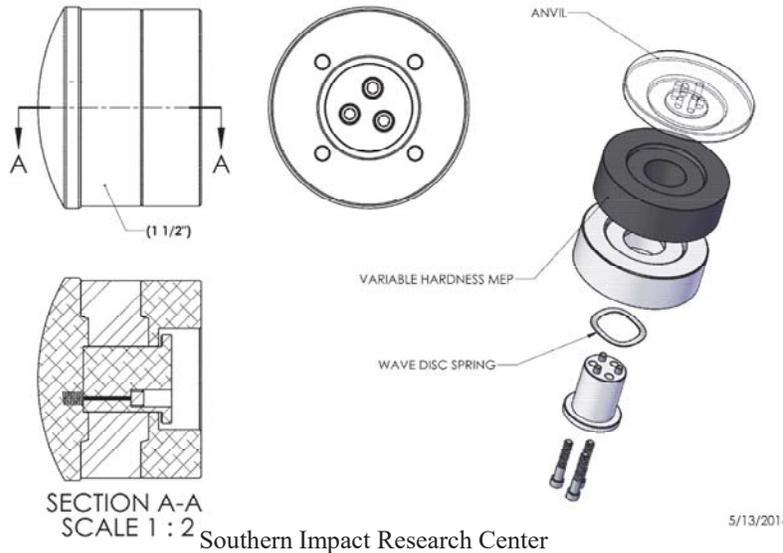
## Pneumatic Ram Test Method – ND 081

Current status: Proposed

### History

- Draft document goes back to 2005
- 7.4, 9.3, and 11.2 m/s velocities were investigated
- Pass/Fail criteria based on Severity Index
- Impact locations were directed through the CG
- Vinyl Nitrile end cap with nylon impactor face

# New Modular Elastomer Programmer [MEP] End Cap



## MEP End Cap

- PROS**
- MEP stiffness can be specified
- Material properties can be tracked with a drop test and can be replaced when necessary
- Uniform deformation during impacts
- End cap is bolted onto the ram so all impact energy is transferred to the test helmet

- Cons**
- Increased impactor mass
- Increased Stiffness compared to VN
- Reduction of on-field helmet to helmet impact replication

# Current Proposed Parameter

NOCSAE Document 081 – PR Test Method

Inter-laboratory Study Specifications

- 6 standard impact locations + 1 random
- New MEP/Aluminum Striker
- Impact velocity: 6.0 m/s [+/- 2%]

NOCSAE Document 002 – FB Performance Spec.

- Pass/fail criteria 6,000 rad/s<sup>2</sup>

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## Pneumatic Ram Test Method – ND 081

- Proposed Impact Locations
  - 4 locations are related to the locations impacted during NOCSAE drop testing but are not directed through the cg of the headform
  - 2 impact locations designed to create high rotational accelerations
  - 1 random location will give the test technician the opportunity to expose a weakness for a particular model

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QUESTIONS?



# Angular Head Motion With and Without Head Contact: Implications for Brain Injury

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## Angular Head Motion With and Without Head Contact – Implications for Brain Injury

- ▶ Hybrid III headform and neck with NAP
- ▶ Mounted onto a monorail drop tower
- ▶ 48" drop height
- ▶ Rear impact location
- ▶ Three different helmet types (bicycle, football, hockey)
- ▶ 3 impacts per configuration (new helmet each impact)
- ▶ Fixtures installed to induce one of three different head motions
  - ▶ Indirect Loading – head rotation, no head impact
  - ▶ Direct Loading – no pre contact head rotation, linear impact onto flat anvil
  - ▶ Combined Loading – pre contact head rotation, impact onto 45 degree anvil

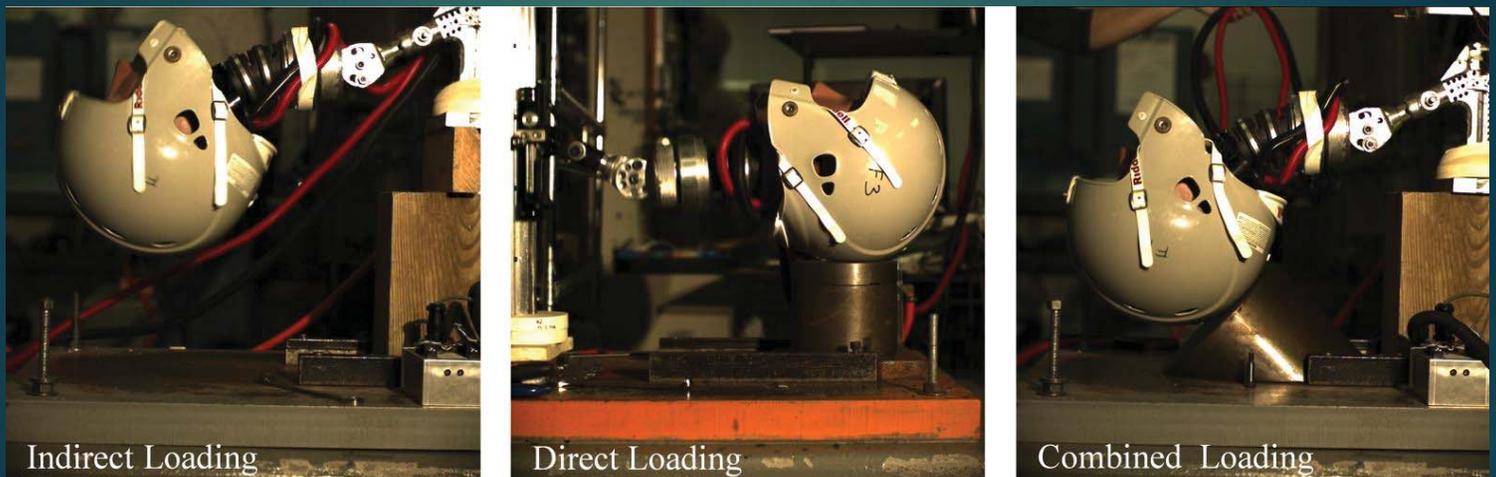
# Methodology

## DATA COLLECTION

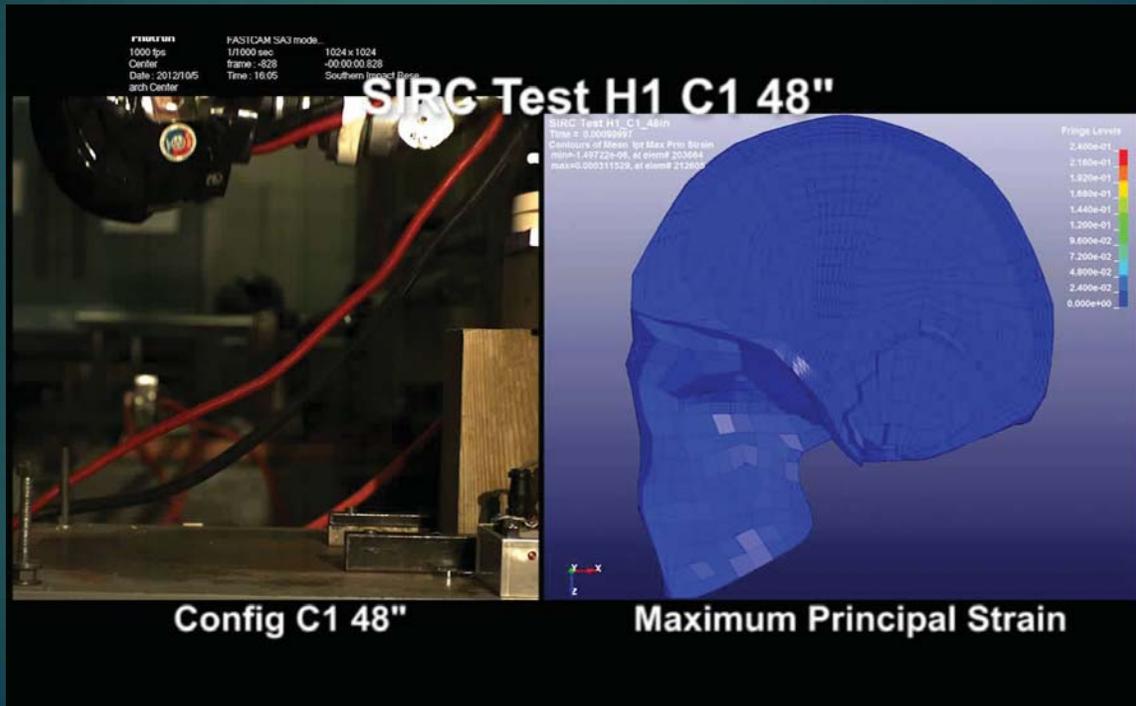
- ▶ 10 kHz data sampling per channel
- ▶ Anti-aliasing and SAE J211 Filter (Class 1000)
- ▶ Computation of linear and angular accelerations for all three directions
- ▶ Convert data into SAE sign convention for input into UCD Brain Injury Model

## MODELING

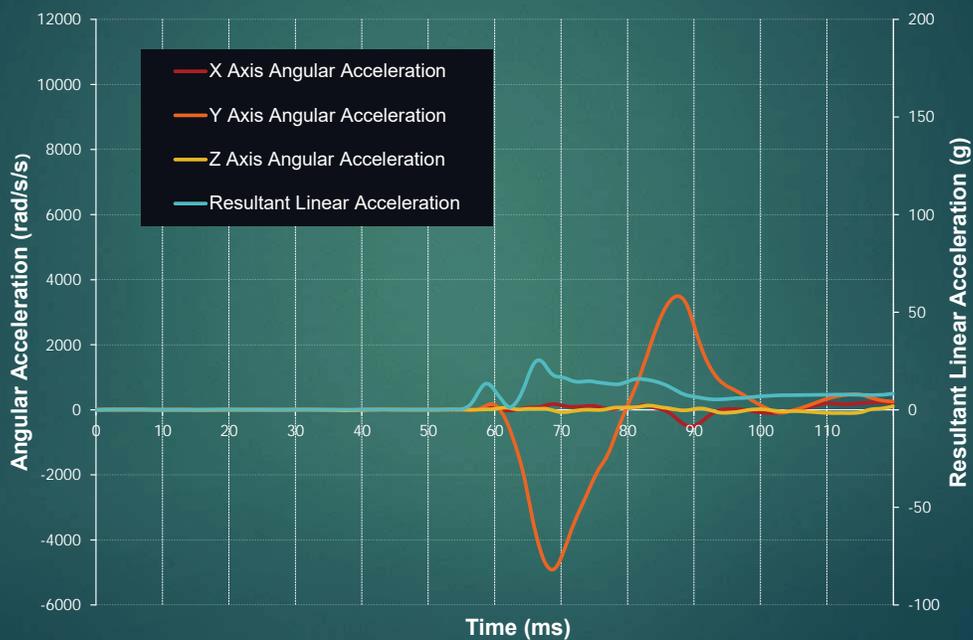
- ▶ Skull and brain model developed by University College Dublin
- ▶ Consists of 18,448 solid elements and 7,877 shell elements
- ▶ 13 different anatomical components
- ▶ Validated using data from Nahum et al. (1977)
- ▶ Output from SIRC testing used as an input to drive the skull (modeled as a rigid shell)



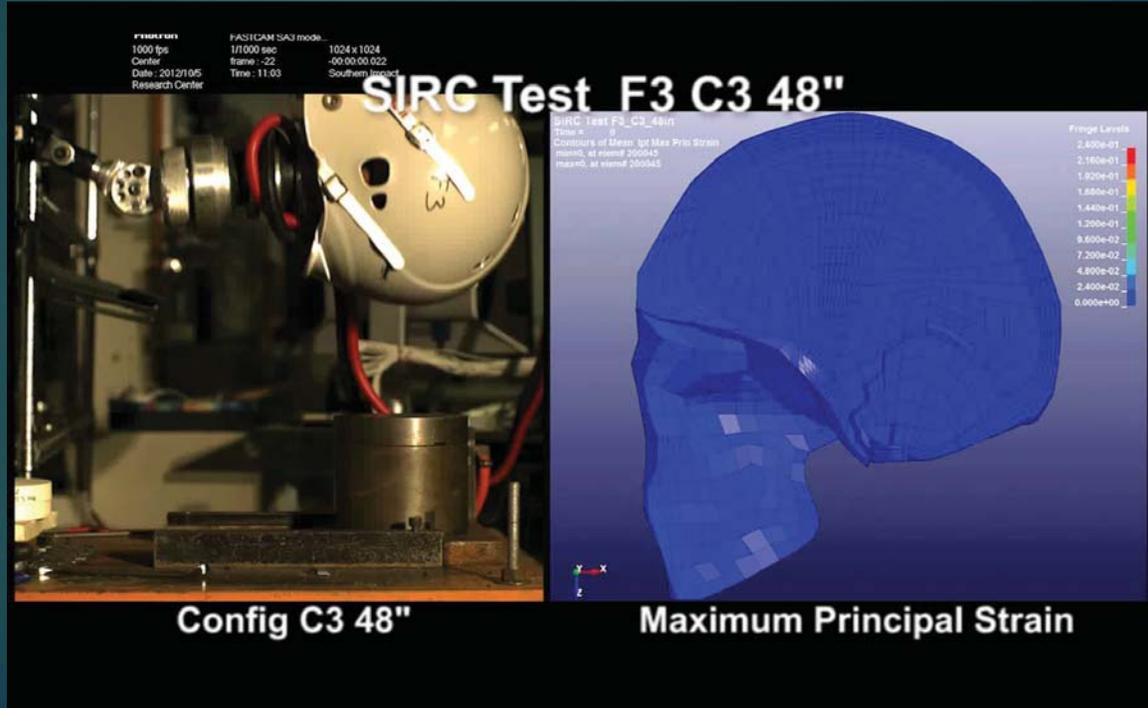
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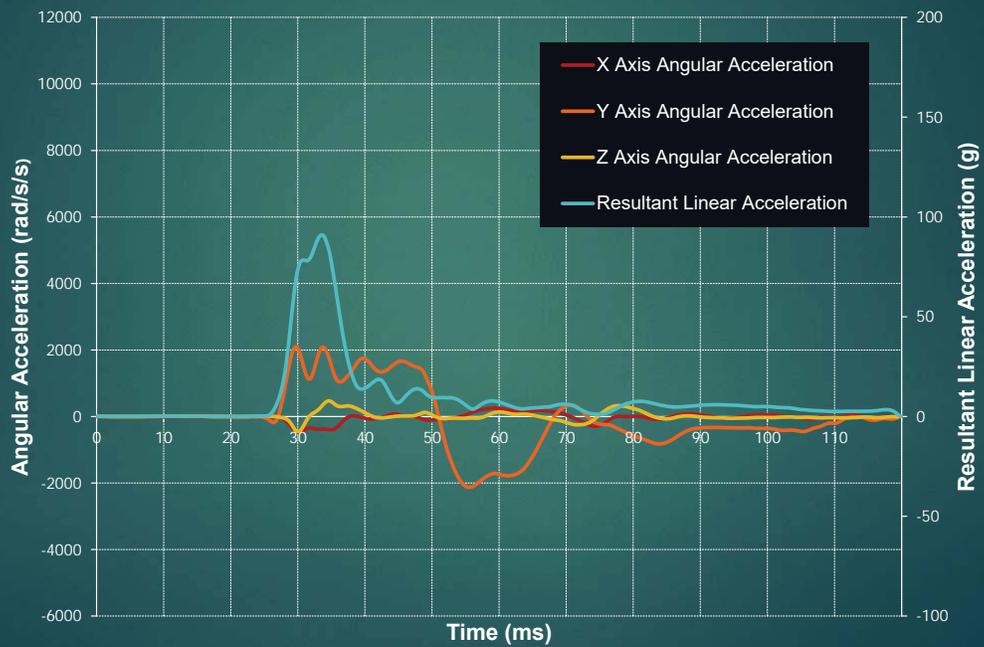
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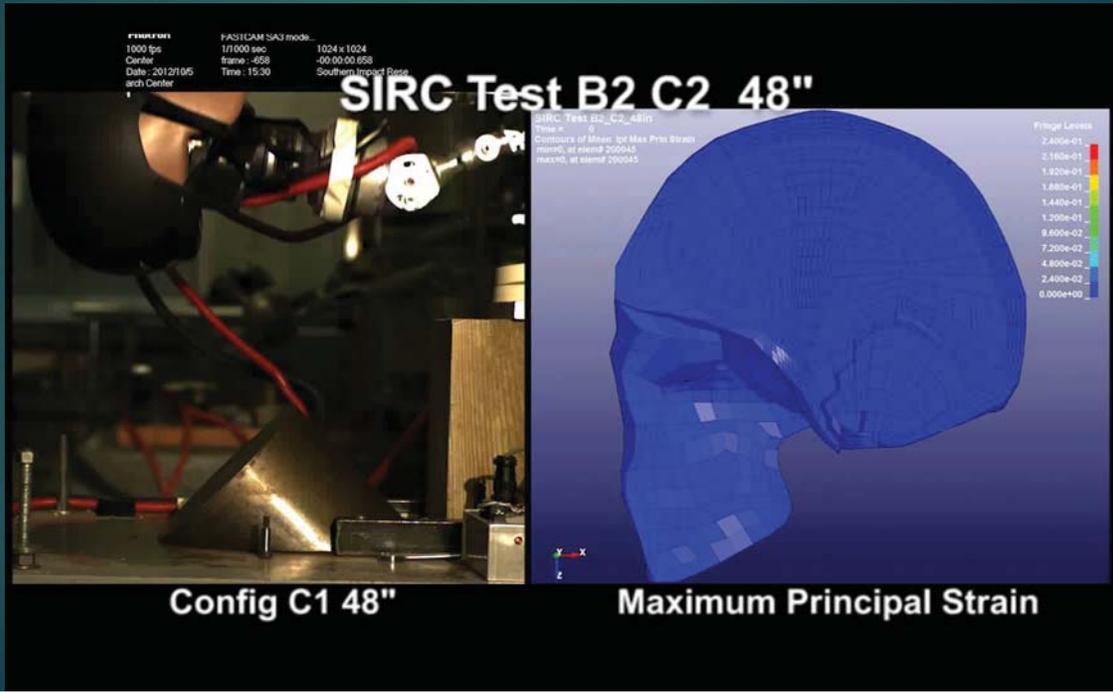
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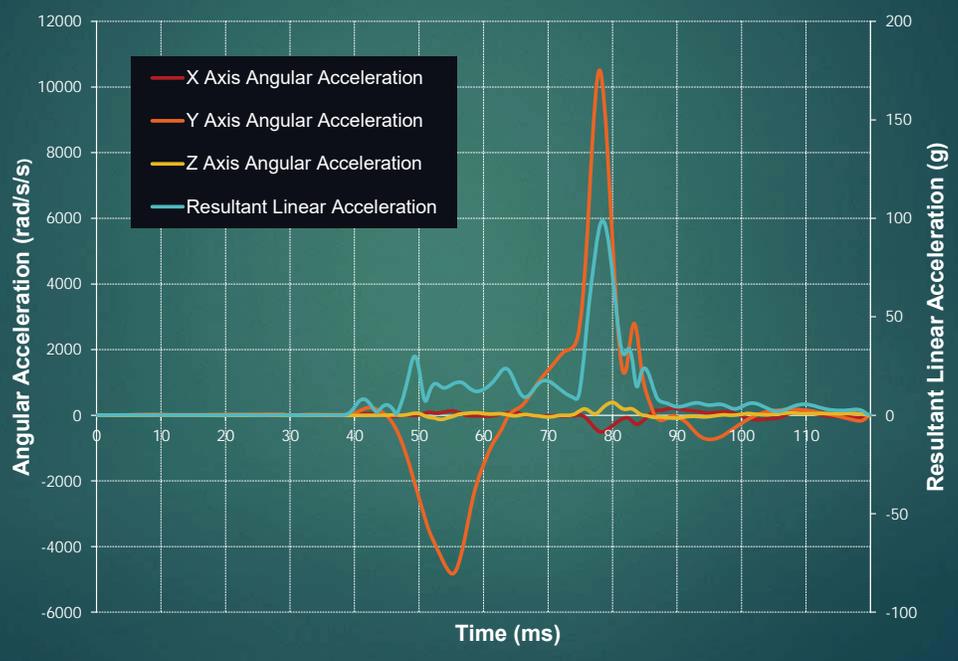
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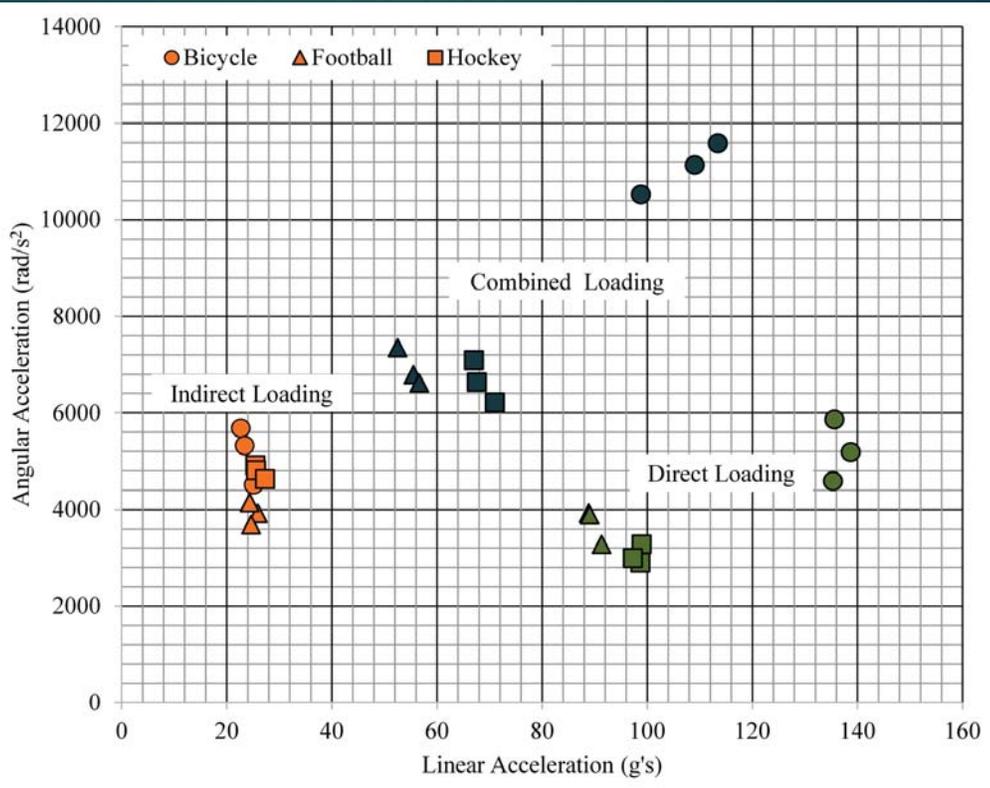
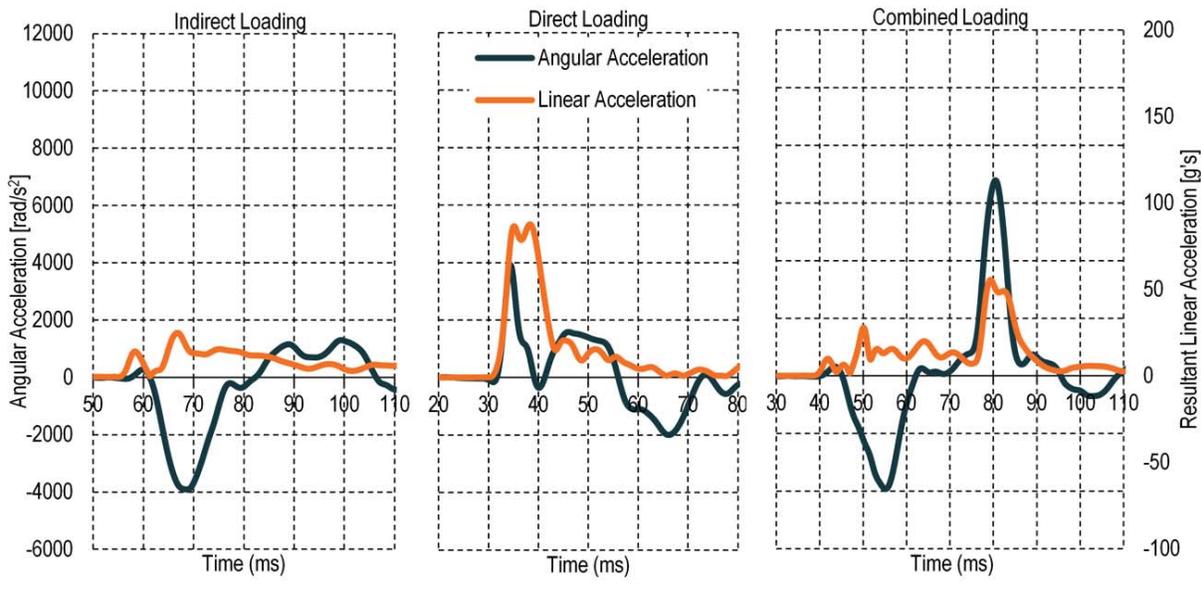


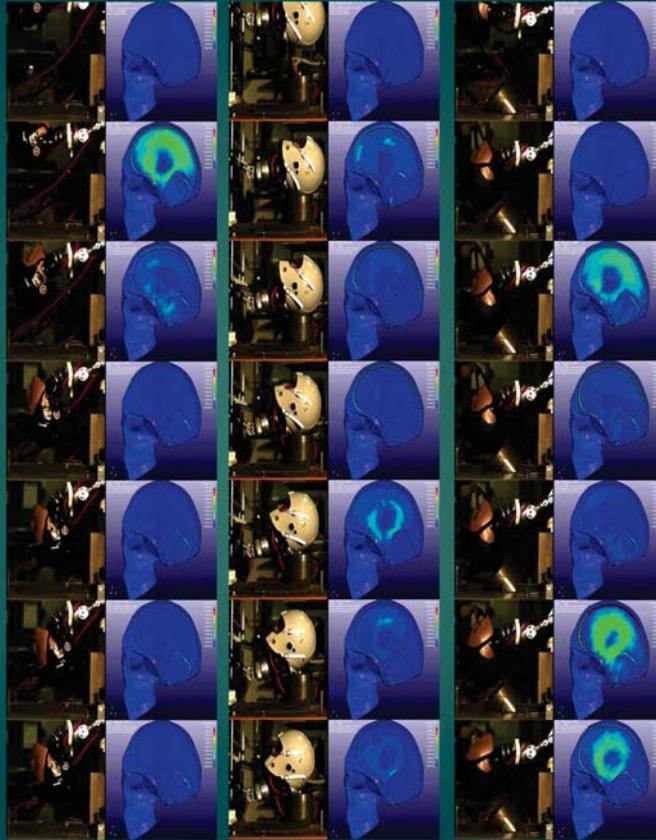
# Combined Loading



# Results – Combined Loading







## Results: Peak Linear and Angular Acceleration

Peak Linear Resultant Acceleration (g)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	23.8 (1.3)	107.1 (7.5)	136.6 (1.9)
Football	25.0 (0.8)	54.9 (2.1)	89.7 (1.4)
Hockey	26.1 (1.0)	68.6 (2.2)	98.3 (0.9)

Peak Angular Resultant Acceleration (krad/s<sup>2</sup>)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	5.2 (0.6)	11.1 (0.5)	5.2 (0.6)
Football	3.9 (0.2)	6.9 (0.3)	3.7 (0.4)
Hockey	4.8 (0.2)	6.6 (0.4)	3.1 (0.2)

\* Significant across helmet type, test condition and helmet X test condition (alpha = .05)

# Results: MPS and VMS

Maximum Principal Strain in Gray Matter (%)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	18.4 (1.6)	31.2 (1.9)	20.8 (2.2)
Football	14.9 (0.3)	24.2 (1.0)	14.2 (0.6)
Hockey	17.6 (0.6)	17.8 (0.7)	10.3 (0.3)

Maximum Von Mises Stress in Gray Matter (kPa)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	9.8 (0.9)	17.7 (1.2)	11.7 (1.2)
Football	7.9 (0.2)	14.0 (0.5)	1.7 (0.5)
Hockey	9.4 (0.3)	9.5 (0.3)	5.6 (0.2)

\* Significant across helmet type, test condition and helmet X test condition (alpha = .05)

# Results: Brain Volume Under Strain

Gray Matter Volume at 15% Strain Threshold (% volume)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	0.6 (0.4)	7.7 (2.2)	0.8 (0.3)
Football	0.0 (0.0)	6.5 (2.5)	0.0 (0.0)
Hockey	0.4 (0.2)	2.7 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0)

Gray Matter Volume at 20% Strain Threshold (% volume)\*

	Indirect	Combined	Direct
Bicycle	0.0 (0.0)	1.1 (0.7)	0.1 (0.1)
Football	0.0 (0.0)	0.4 (0.2)	0.0 (0.0)
Hockey	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)

# Summary and Conclusions

- ▶ Head/neck kinematics prior to impact play a significant role in the resulting linear and angular accelerations
- ▶ This research has identified a kinematic profile and injury mechanism that may explain those cases involving low level linear acceleration and concussion
- ▶ Impacts involving pre-contact angular head acceleration and contact result in higher levels of strain in the gray matter and a greater volume of gray matter tissue undergoing strain
- ▶ The role of the helmet in cases involving angular acceleration and contact is very limited
- ▶ Future research needs to focus on the entire kinematic sequence, including pre-contact linear and angular head motion



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# Purpose of Testing

- To evaluate contemporary helmet performance in laboratory impacts replicating open-field hits of NFL players



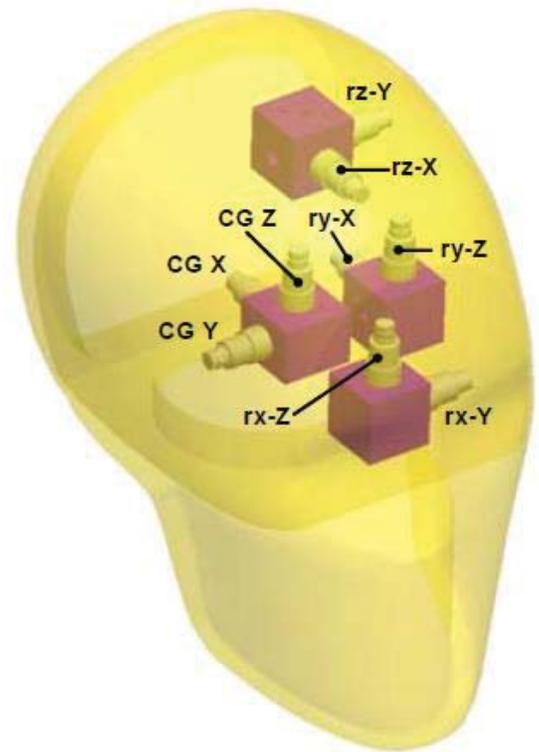
# Test Apparatus



- Test protocol comparable to previous NFL testing of helmets (Viano et al. 2012)
- Linear impactor strikes a helmeted Hybrid III head and neck mounted to a slider (head translation and rotation)
- Meant to replicate on-field impacts in the NFL based on video reconstructions

# Test Apparatus

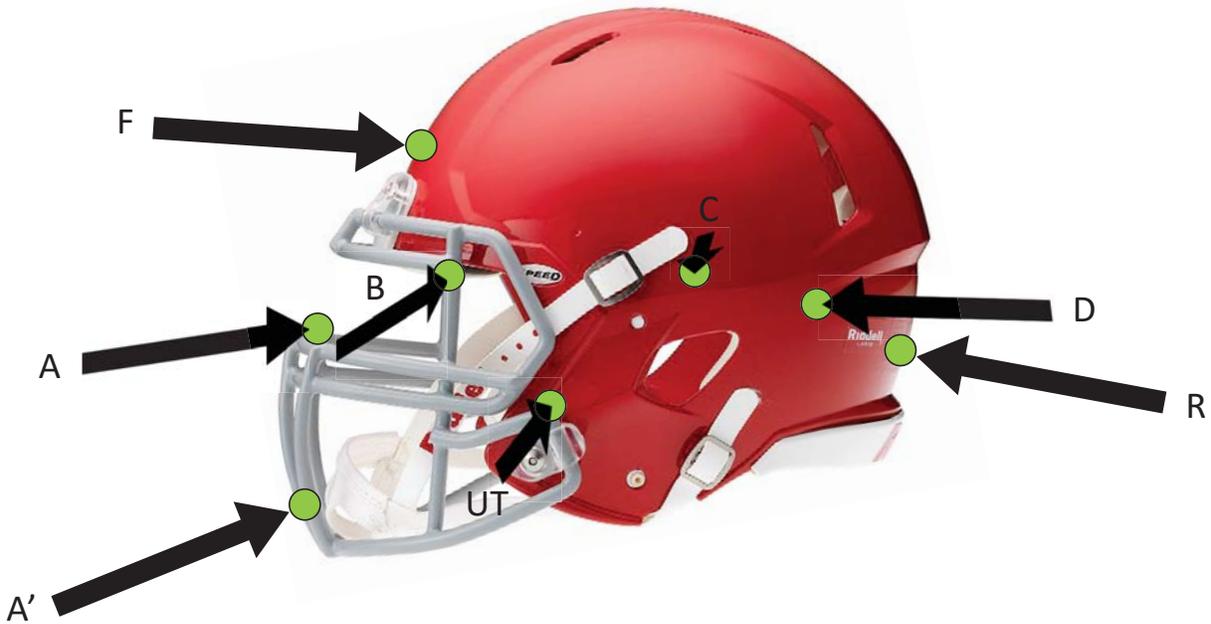
- Impactor mass = 14 kg
  - Effective mass of striking player
- Vinyl nitrile end cap
  - Meant to replicate shape and stiffness of striking player's helmet
- 50<sup>th</sup> male Hybrid III head and neck
- 2 layers of nylon stockings on head
- EGOP facemask (or similar)
- Soft chinstrap



# Methodology

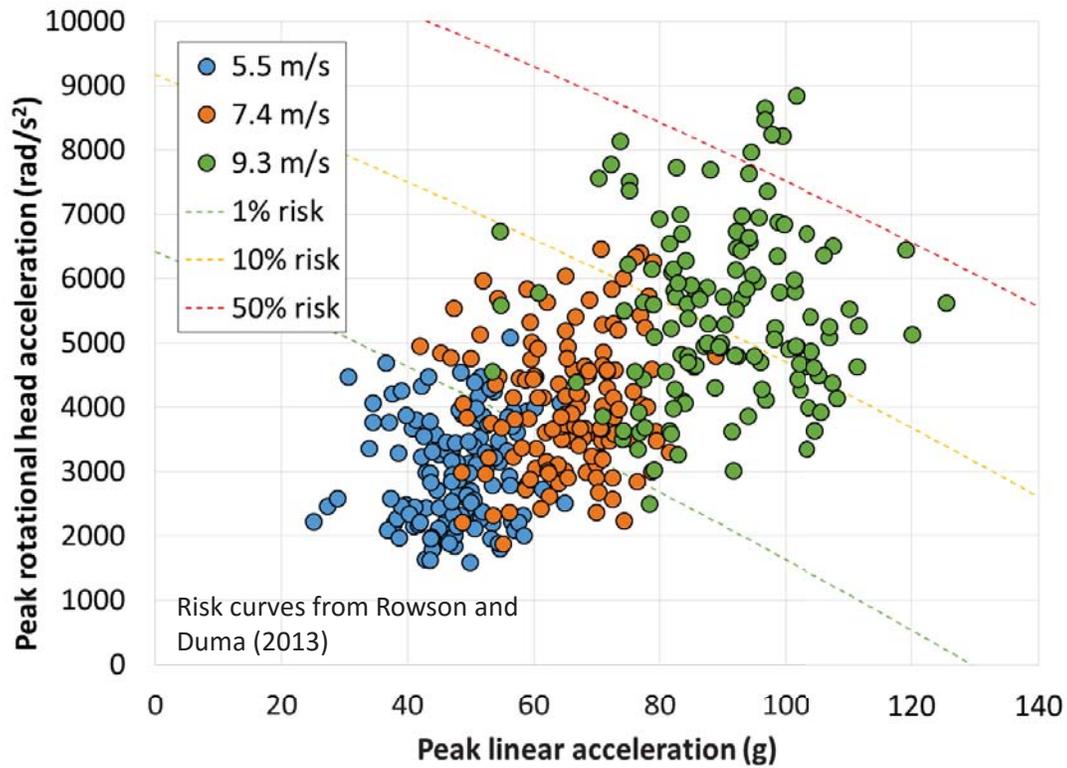
- Full test matrix: 3 factors -helmet, speed, location
- 17 helmet models (representing >95% of NFL player's helmets)
- 3 test speeds
  - 9.3 m/s = average closing speed of concussive impacts in the NFL
  - 7.4 m/s = average – 1 sd
  - 5.5 m/s = average – 2 sd
- Ambient temperature

# Helmet Impact Locations



## Test Matrix

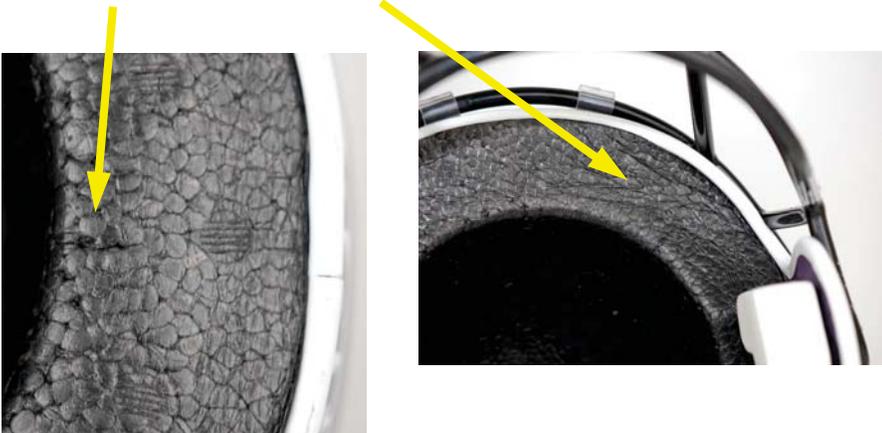
Test purpose		Performance			Repeatability (same helmet)	Reproducibility (different helmet)	
Manufacturer	Model	5.5 m/s	7.4 m/s	9.3 m/s	7.4 m/s	9.3 m/s	# tests
Riddell	Revolution Speed Classic	X	X	X	X	X	40
Riddell	Revolution Speed	X	X	X			24
Riddell	Revolution	X	X	X			24
Riddell	SpeedFlex	X	X	X	X	X	40
Riddell	VSR-4	X	X	X			24
Schutt	Air XP	X	X	X	X	X	40
Schutt	Air XP Pro	X	X	X			24
Schutt	Vengeance DCT	X	X	X			24
Schutt	Vengeance VTD	X	X	X			24
Schutt	Vengeance VTD II	X	X	X			24
Rawlings	Impulse	X	X	X	X	X	40
Rawlings	Impulse +	X	X	X			24
Rawlings	NRG Quantum	X	X	X			24
Rawlings	NRG Tachyon	X	X	X			24
Xenith	Epic Varsity	X	X	X	X	X	40
Xenith	X2E	X	X	X			24
SG	Varsity	X	X	X	X	X	40
Total		17	17	17	6	6	504



## Results

- No sensor failures or test equipment failures
- No helmet failures, but some post-test damage

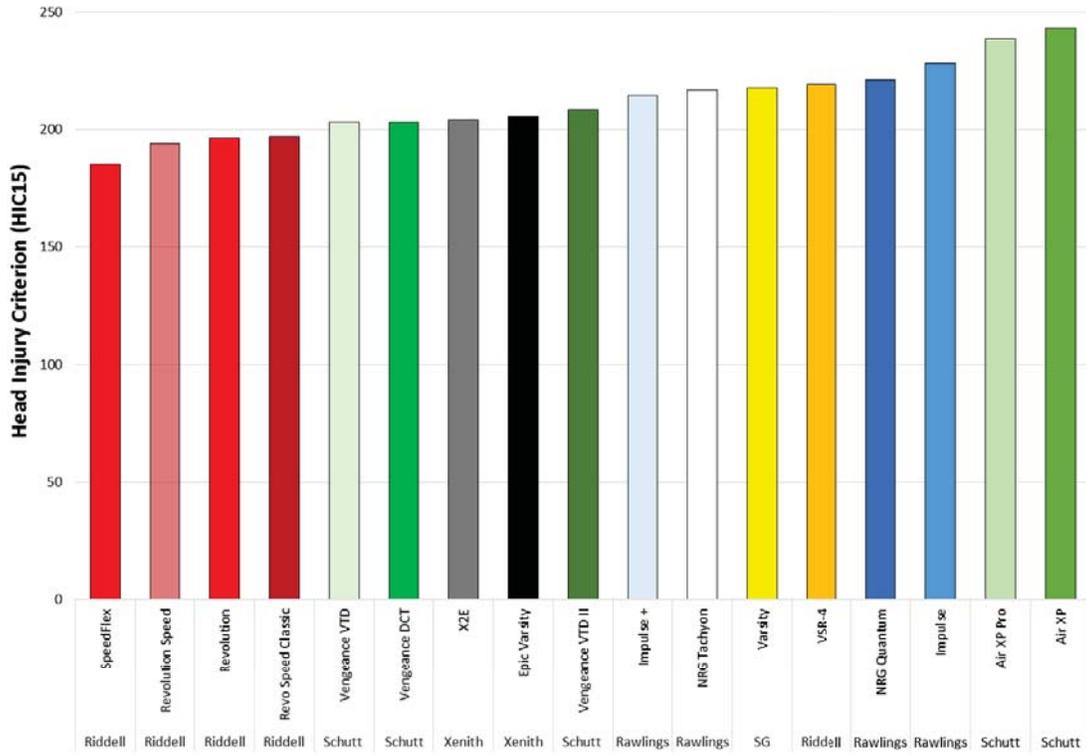
Cracking and compression of liner in SG Varsity



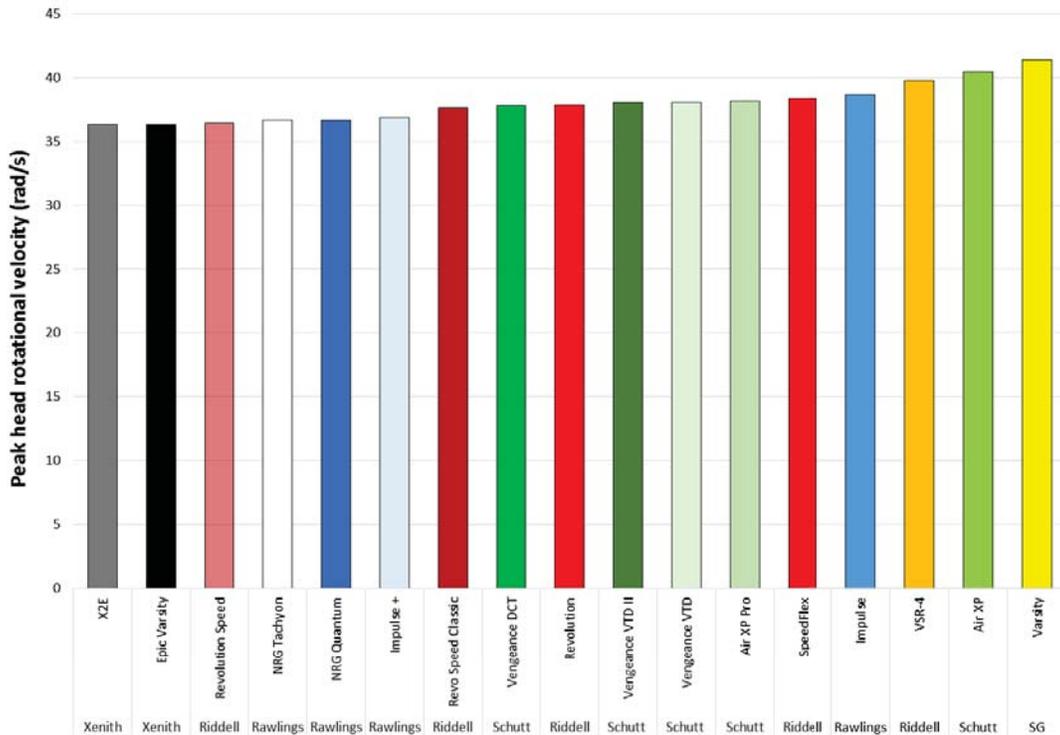
Broken facemask clip on Xenith X2E



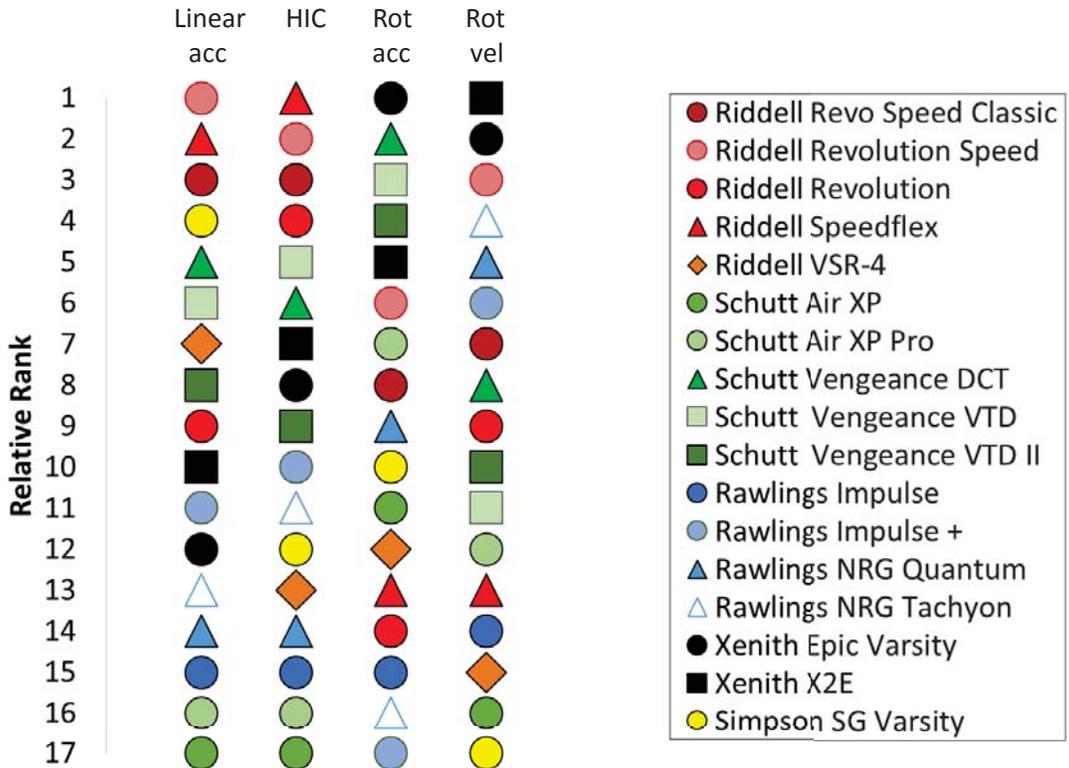
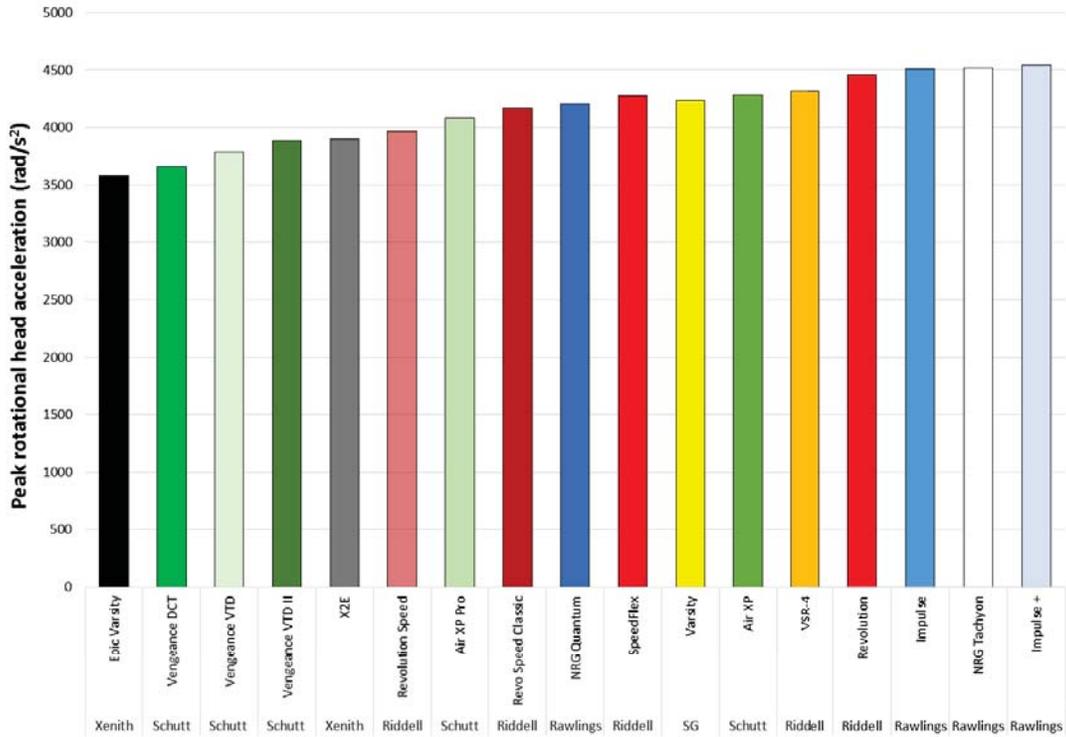
### Averaged over all test conditions



### All speeds, all sites



### Averaged across all test conditions



# Relationship between Metrics (Correlation Matrices and Scatterplot)

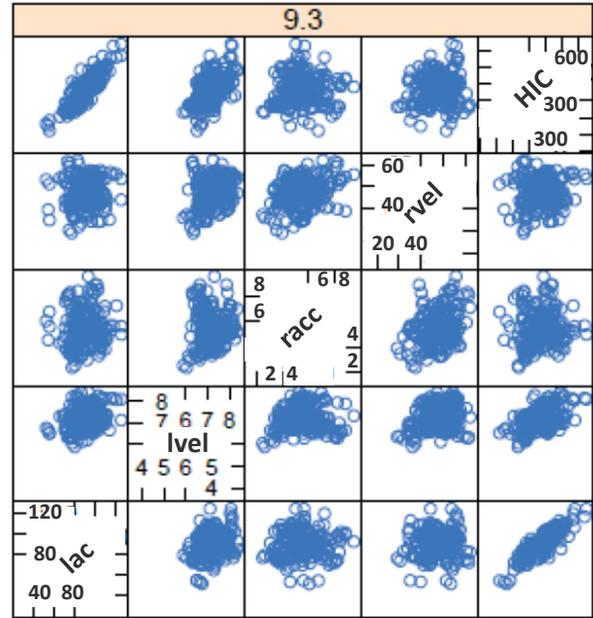
HIC, Maximum Resultant Accelerations and Velocities

5.5 m/s	linacc	rotacc	rotvel	HIC15
linacc	1.000	0.068	0.217	0.878
rotacc	0.068	1.000	0.292	0.100
rotvel	0.217	0.292	1.000	0.306
HIC15	0.878	0.100	0.306	1.000

7.4 m/s	linacc	rotacc	rotvel	HIC15
linacc	1.000	0.065	0.137	0.885
rotacc	0.065	1.000	0.343	0.112
rotvel	0.137	0.343	1.000	0.215
HIC15	0.885	0.112	0.215	1.000

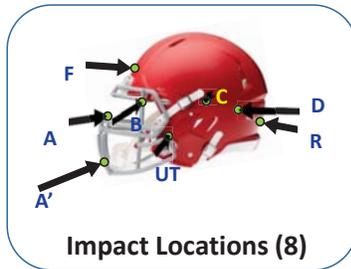
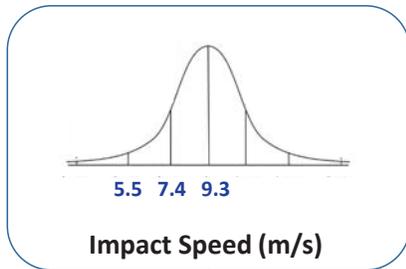
9.3 m/s	linacc	rotacc	rotvel	HIC15
linacc	1.000	0.046	0.048	0.893
rotacc	0.046	1.000	0.348	0.040
rotvel	0.048	0.348	1.000	0.101
HIC15	0.893	0.040	0.101	1.000

Pearson's Correlation Coefficient (r)



lacc (g), lvel (m/s), rvel (rad/s), racc (krad/s<sup>2</sup>)

## Helmets Compared with Linear ANOVA models



$$Metric = \mu + Helmet + Speed + Location + \epsilon$$

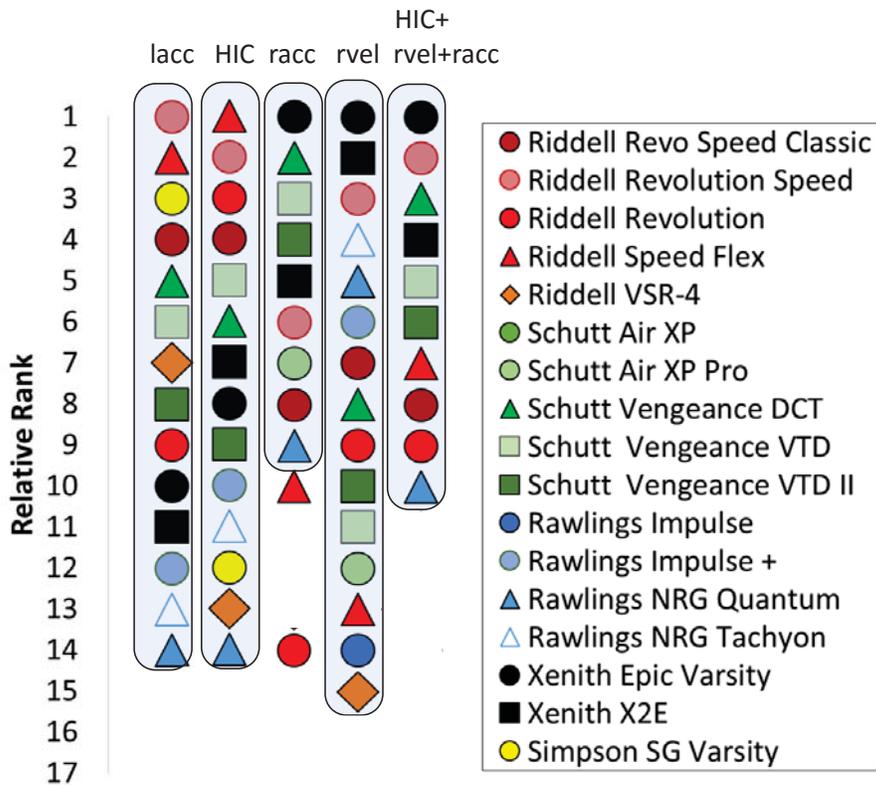
### Independent Variables

- $\mu$  – average performance across all helmets (17)
- Helmet** – accounts for differential performance across helmets
- Speed** – categorical variable to account for nonlinearities
- Location** – accounts for differential performance in impact location
- $\epsilon$  – random variable incorporating all other variation in data

### Dependent Variables (Metrics) (Maximum Values)

- lacc** – resultant linear acceleration
- HIC** – Head Injury Criterion (15)
- racc** – resultant rotational acceleration
- rvel** – resultant rotational velocity
- HIC + rvel + racc** – normalized sum with equal weighting of individual metrics

ANOVA and Tukey's HSD methodology originally used in "Independent Review and Evaluation of NFL Helmet-Testing Program" by D. Meaney and B. Myers (July 2010)



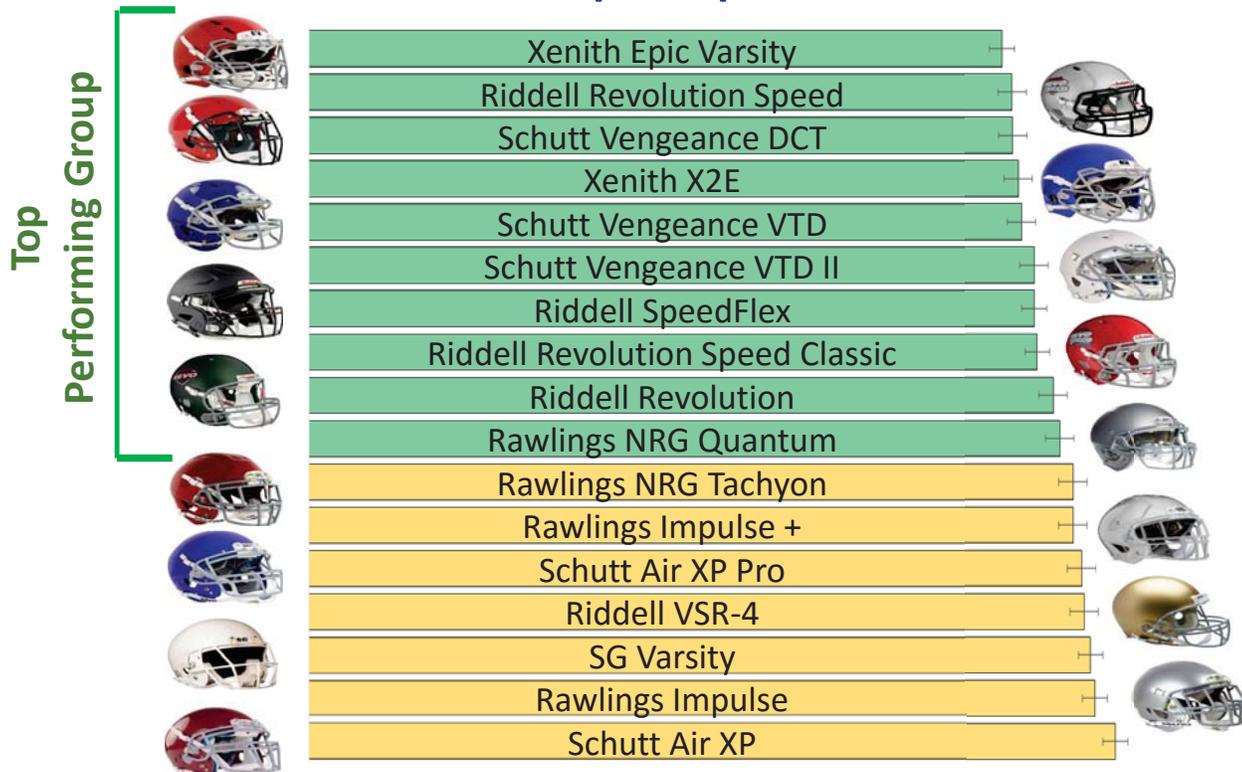
With a few exceptions for rotational acceleration (racc), the helmets in the top group of the combined metric were also in the top groups of all the individual metrics

Tukey's HSD

Dependent Variable Metrics  
(maximum variable)

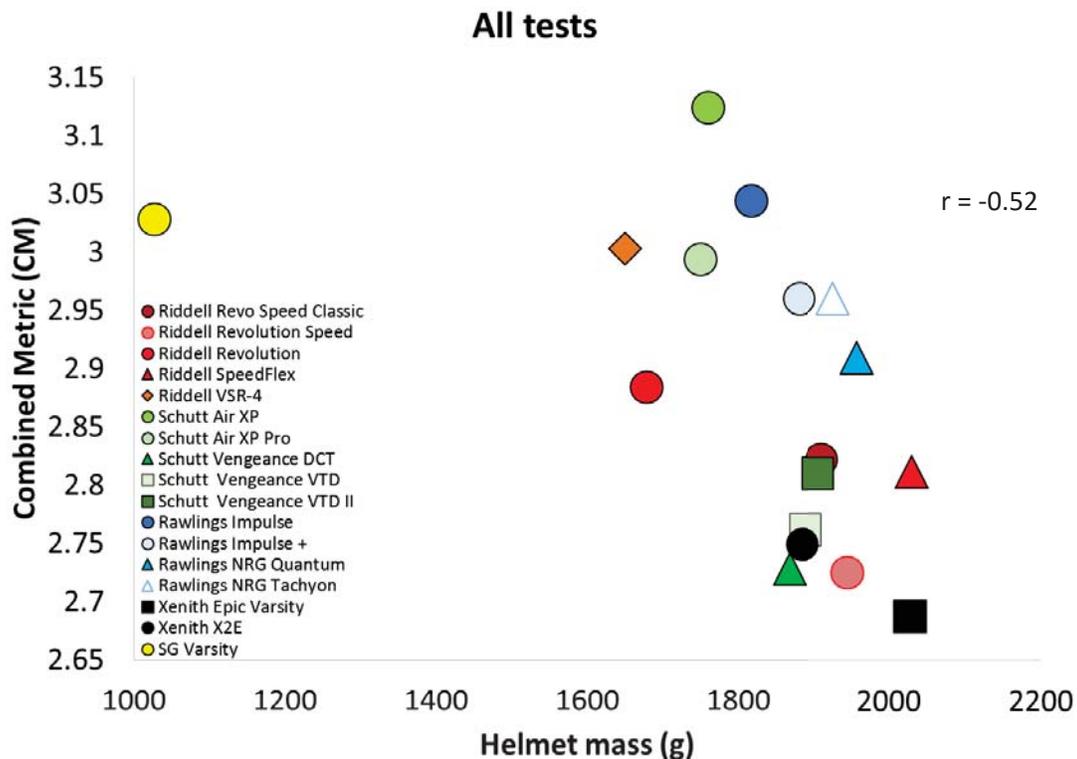
<b>lacc</b>	linear acceleration
<b>HIC</b>	Head Injury Criterion (15)
<b>racc</b>	rotational acceleration
<b>rvel</b>	rotational velocity
<b>HIC + rvel + racc</b>	normalized sum with equal weighting of individual metrics

## Rank Order of Helmets- Graph Depicts LS Mean with Standard Error

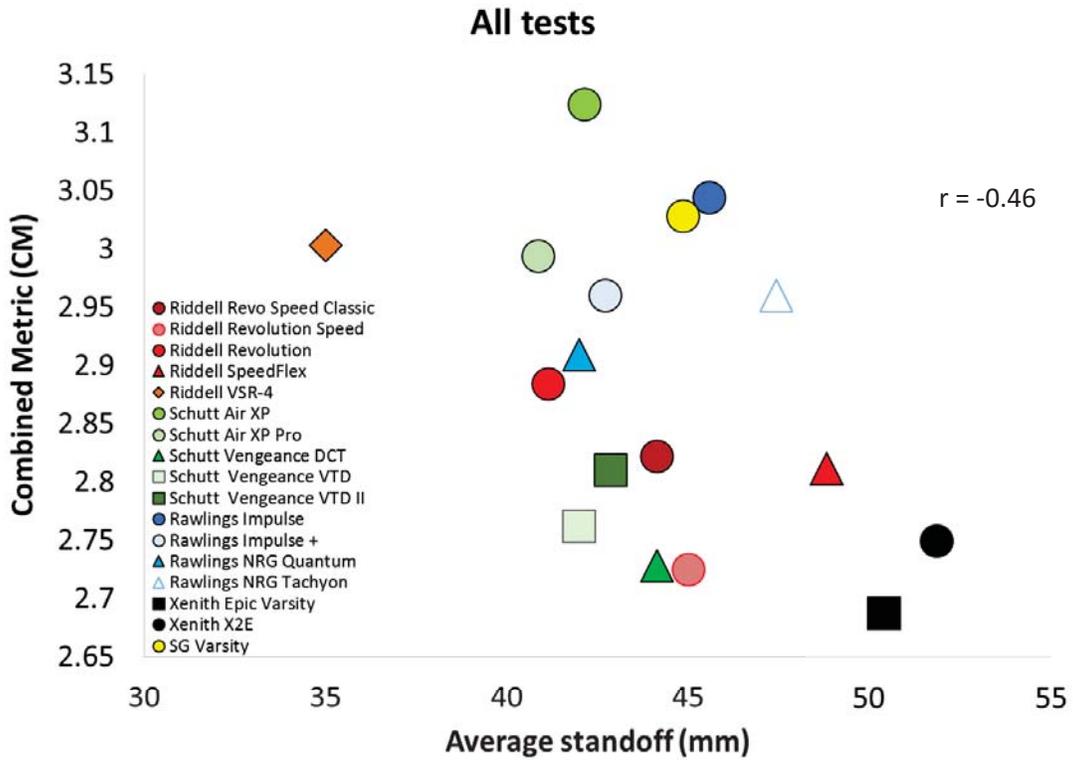


# Limitations

- Test-to-test variability
  - Repeatability testing (same helmet): RMS error = 6% - 9%
  - Reproducibility testing (different helmet): RMS error = 8% - 13%
- Higher Speed Tests (11.2 m/s) not conducted
- Current state of biomechanical knowledge
- No consensus on injury criteria for concussion, i.e. risk levels associated with a particular injury metric
  - Multiple Rotational Metrics (velocity, acceleration)
  - Relative Ranking



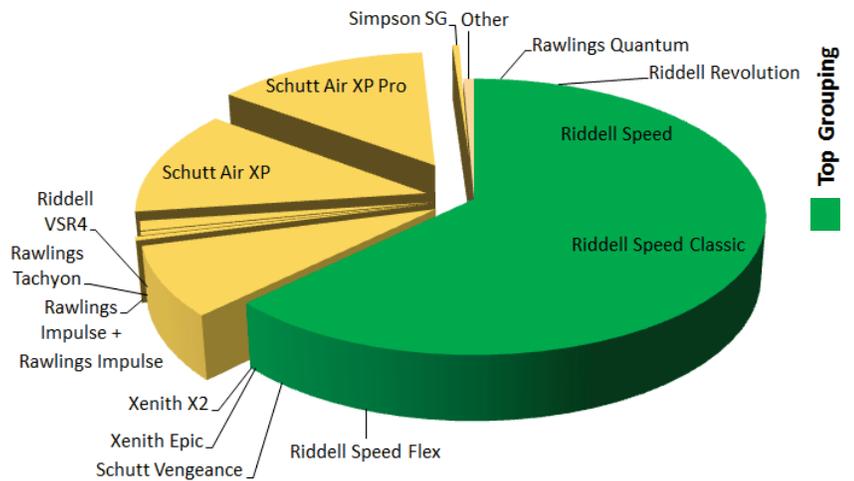
Moment of Inertia Measurements to be completed by 12/2015



PLAYER HELMET SIZE FORM	
PLAYER	
HEIGHT	
WEIGHT	
POSITION	
HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE Measure approximately 1" above the eyebrows at the widest part of the head	
MANUFACTURER	
MODEL	
SIZE	
JAW PADS	
CROWN SIZE, FRONT PAD, LINER, ETC.	
SHIMS (IF APPLICABLE)	
MANUFACTURER	
MODEL	
MATERIAL (CARBON STEEL, TITANIUM, ETC.)	
MANUFACTURER	
HARD/SOFT	
CUP SIZE (MEDIUM, DEEP, ETC.)	
Items worn under helmet (Skull Cap, etc. - leave blank if nothing)	
COMMENTS ON HELMET FIT	
Name of person filling out form	
Date	

## 2015 Helmet Survey

Helmet information collected on all players during season, entered in NFL Injury Surveillance System when a head injury occurs



Helmet Models Not separated from pie are in top performing group (62.7%)  
 Helmet Models separated from pie are not in the top performing group (37.3%)



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## HEAD ACCELERATION SENSING: VALID OR INVALID?

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# Head sensing options



Jolt Sensor

<http://www.joltsensor.com/>



Reebok Checklight

Wu et. al. ABME 2015



Triax Sim g

<https://www.triaxtec.com/sim-g/>



HIT System

Beckwith et. al. ABME 2012  
Jadischke et al. J Biomech 2013



Brain Sentry

<http://brainsentry.com/>



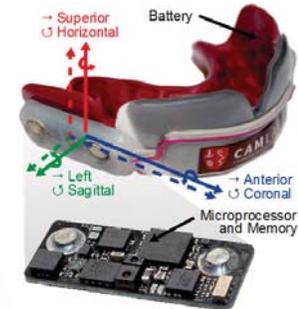
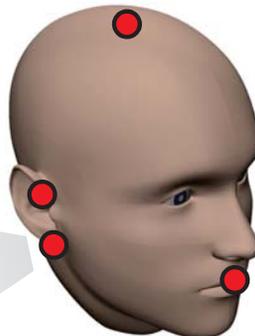
DASHR ear plug

Salzar et. al. SAE 2008



X2 Skin Patch

Wu et. al. ABME 2015



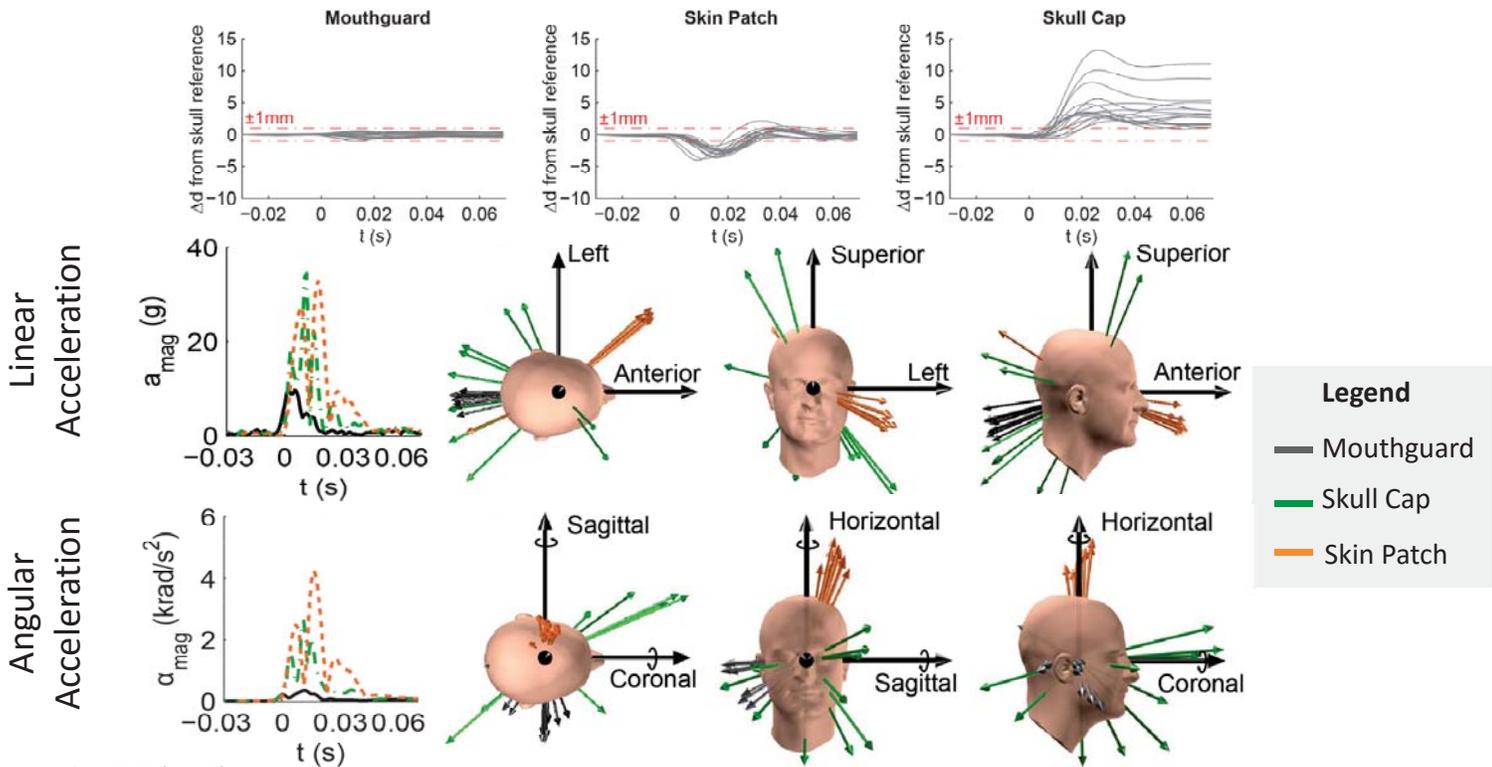
Mouthguard

Wu et. al. ABME 2015, Bartsch et al. Stapp 2014,  
Seigmund et al. ABME 2015, Higgins 2007

# Sensor motion during *In vivo* soccer header

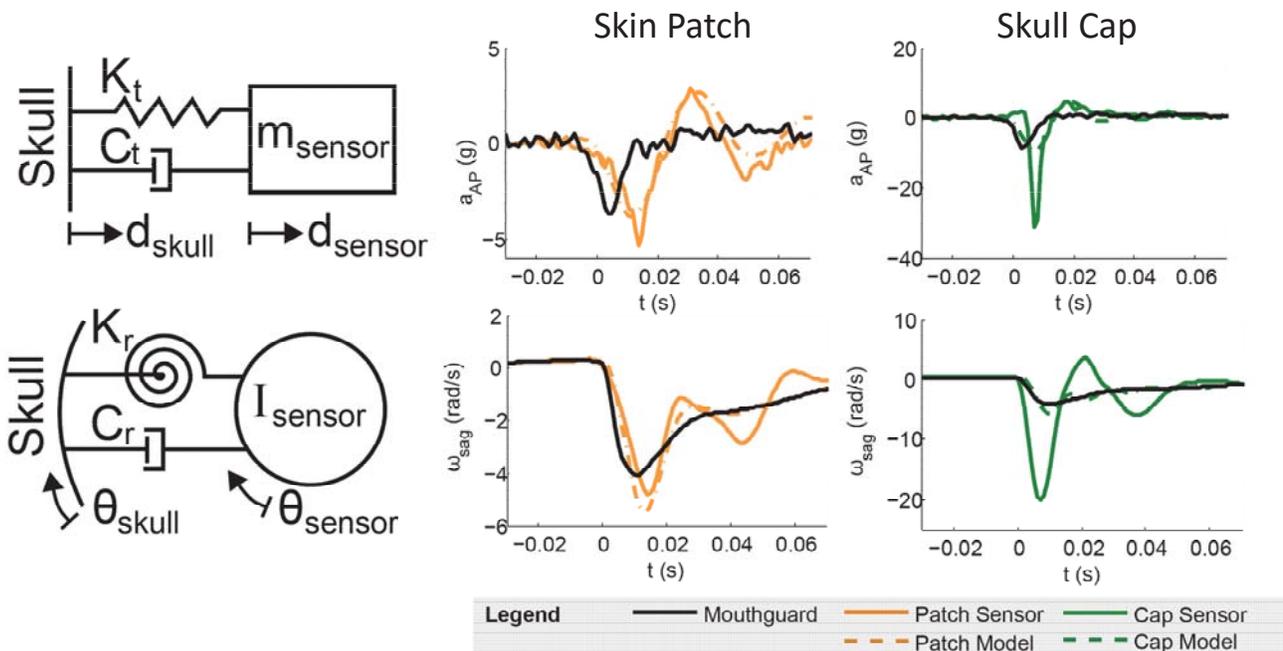


# Displacement errors, acceleration differences



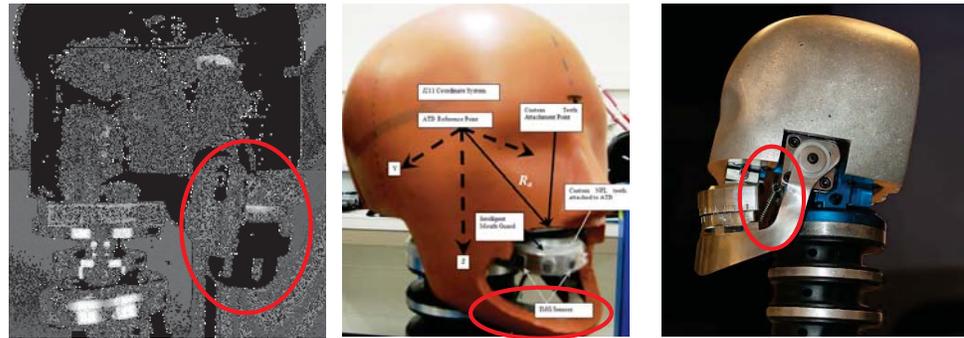
Wu, et al. ABME (2015).

# Semi-modelable errors



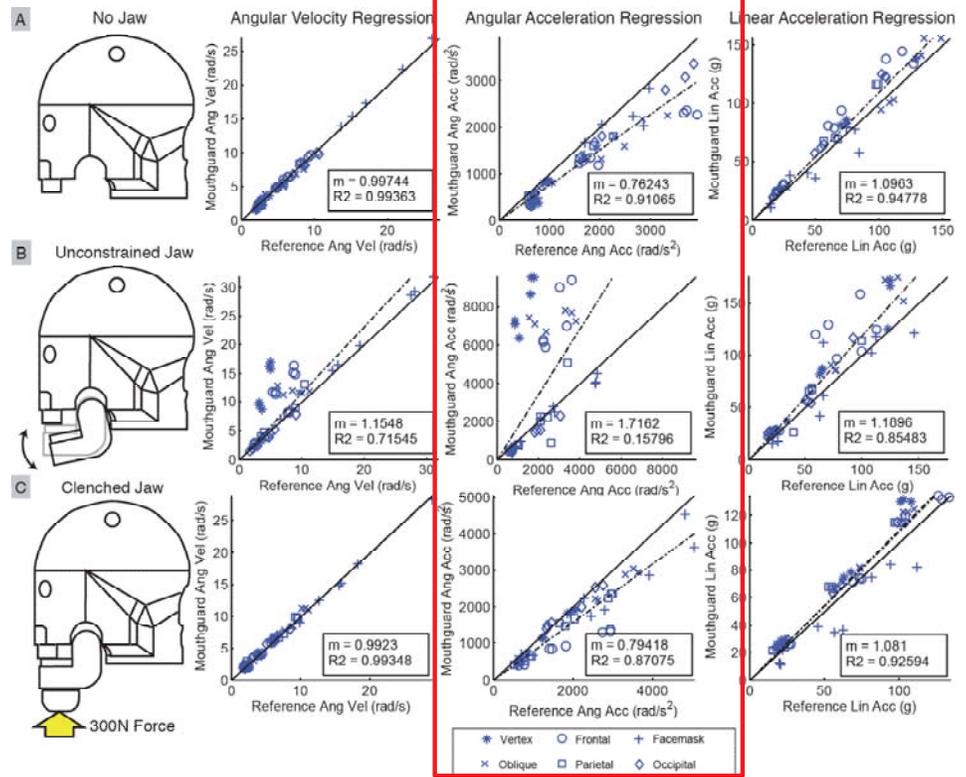
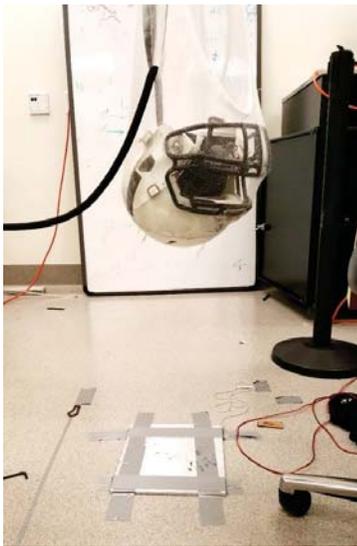
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# Mouthguard Evaluations

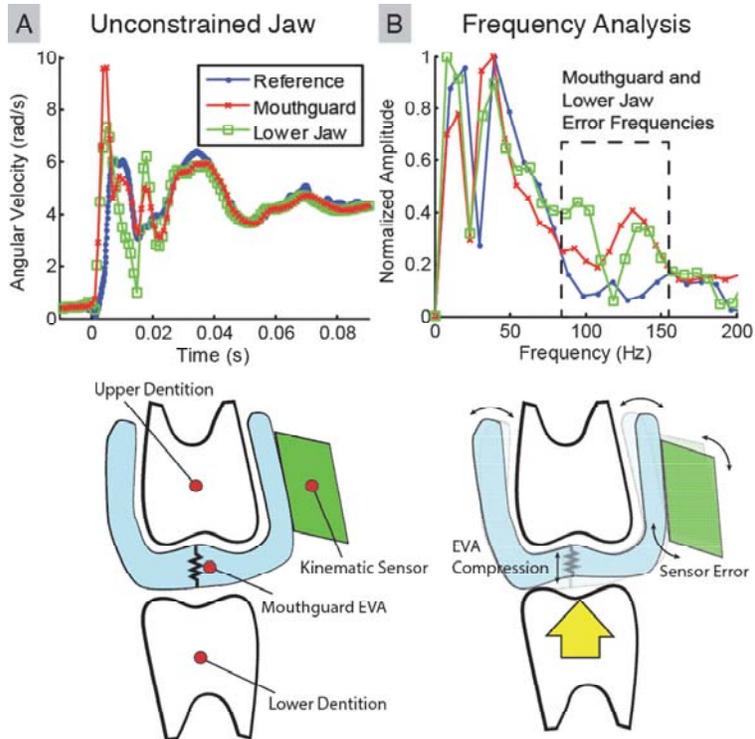


	Camarillo et. al. 2013, ABME	Bartsch et. al., 2014, Stapp	Seigmund et. al., 2015, ABME
Linear Acceleration	$m=1.01, R^2=0.96$	$m=1.01, R^2=0.99$	$m=0.90, R^2=0.90$
Angular Acceleration	$m=0.90, R^2=0.89$	$m=1.00, R^2=0.99$	$m=1.30, R^2=0.56$

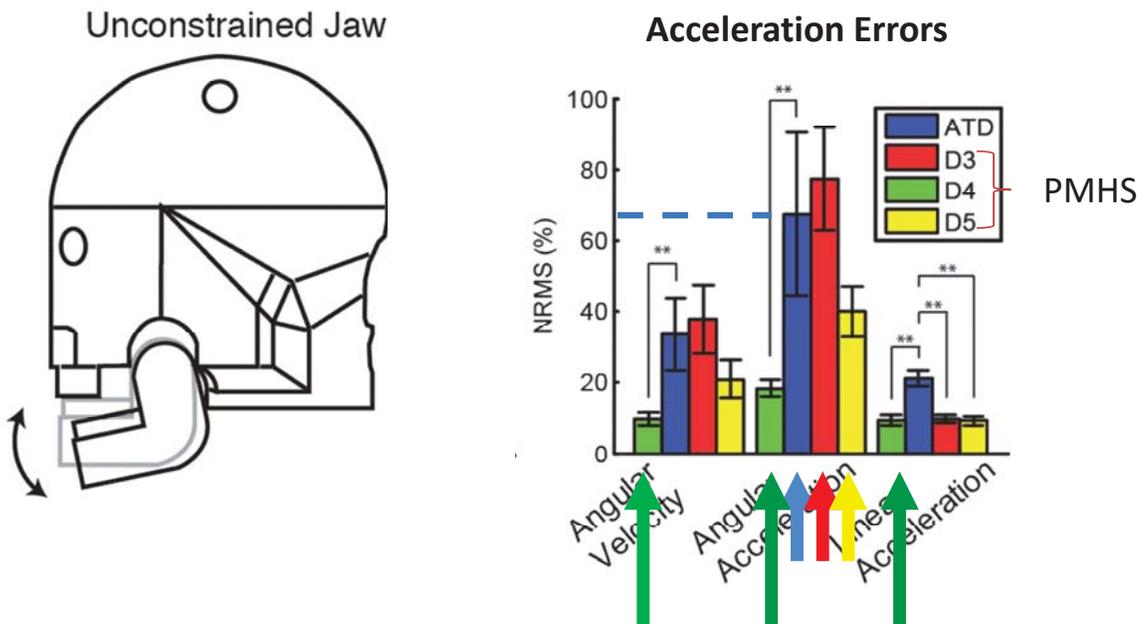
## Mouthguard accuracy and ATD jaw force



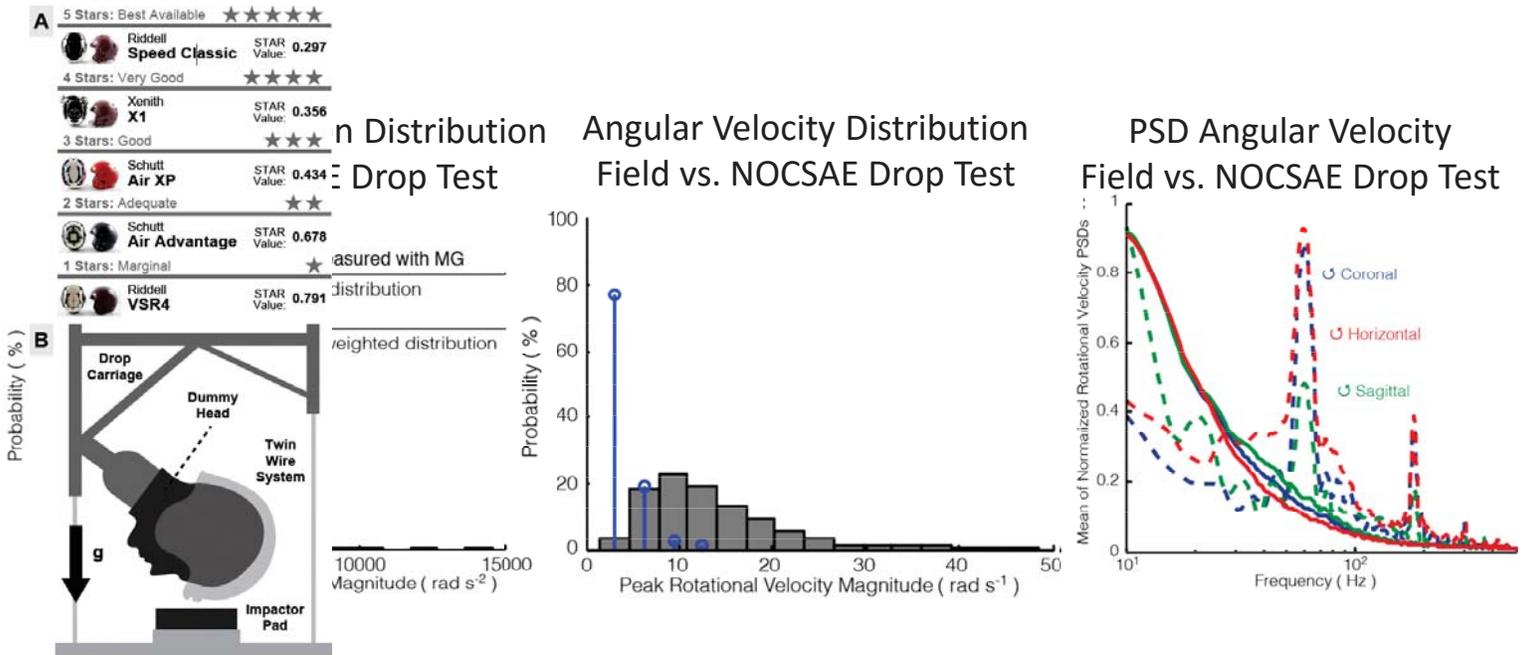
# Modeling Mouthguard Error



## PMHS evaluation



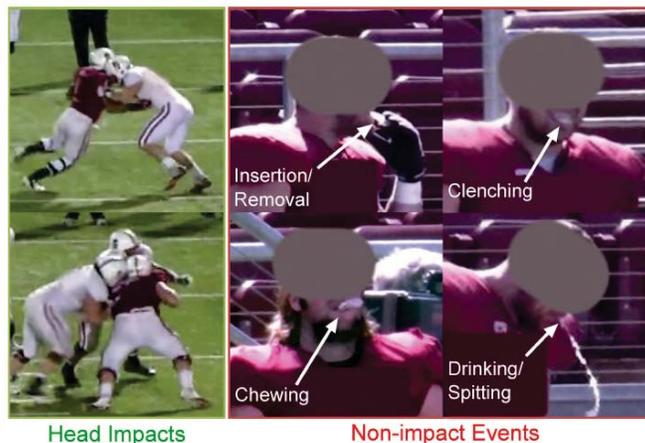
# Collegiate football rotation and NOCSAE/STAR



Hernandez, et al. *J Biomech* (2015).

## Impact Detection

- Any medical screening: false positive -> unnecessary care
- False positives are also scary
- US Lystedt Law – any suspected concussion needs care

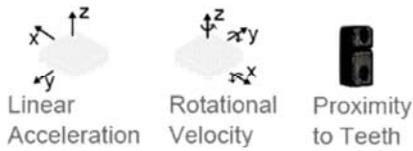


Head Impacts

Non-impact Events

Wu, et al. *IEEE Trans. Biomed. Eng.* 61.11 (2014)

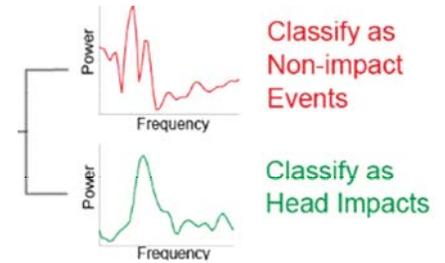
# Impact Detection



Detect an impact:  
10g threshold



Classify as on mouth:  
IR proximity sensing



Classify as impact:  
SVM classifier

	10 g Threshold Only	10 g Threshold + Proximity	SVM Alone	SVM + Proximity
<b>Sensitivity</b>	0.92	0.92	0.98	0.98
<b>Precision</b>	0.37	0.93	0.97	0.9998
<b>Specificity</b>	0.58	0.96	0.99	0.9999
<b>Accuracy</b>	0.65	0.94	0.99	0.99
<b>Area Under ROC</b>	0.780 (0.031)	0.979 (0.005)	0.998 (0.001)	1 (0.000)

Wu, et al. *IEEE Trans. Biomed. Eng.* 61.11 (2014)

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- Dr. Dale Bass's group at Duke
- X2 for donating skin patch
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# Workshop on Rotation

September 8, 2015

## Snell Impact Testing

- Drop Testing – Guided Fall
  - Shock Directed Through the Center of Gravity
  - Specified Velocity & Impact surfaces
  - Rotational Input deliberately minimized
- Uniaxial Accelerometer Measures
  - Parallel to the force vector – as much as possible
- Peak G Criterion
  - No attention to pulse shape
  - That is: no SI, HIC or Time Duration limits

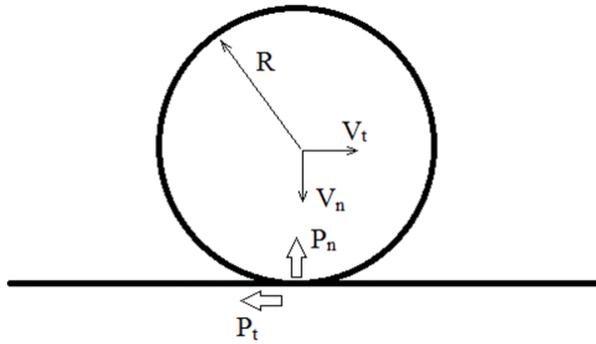
## ...And No Angular Acceleration

- We do inspect for shell projections etc.
- But the concerns are mostly post impact
  - Neck Injury
    - Sliding Forces and Torques
    - Helmet kept from sliding with rest of body

## Rotational Acceleration Limiters

- SuperSkin®
  - Appears to be compatible with Snell M2015
  - Minimal increase in helmet dimensions
  - Slip Plane at the outside shell
- 6D – Omni Directional Suspension
  - Also appears compatible
  - Slip plane about half-way through the liner
- MIPS®
  - Currently present in some Snell certified helmets
  - Slip plane on inner surface of liner
- No Extra Credit at Snell But No Outright Rejection
  - Maybe some of these will be proven in the field

# Simple Model



$$\omega \leq \frac{R * (1 + C_r) * V_N * M * C_f}{I}$$

**Table 3. Summary of test results from flat coupon structures**

Sample	Normal force [N]	Coefficient of friction ( $\mu$ )	
		Peak	Sliding
Polycarbonate	1,900	0.77	0.42
Carbon fibre (CS-01)	2,000	0.17	0.12
Sacrificial layer	1,900	0.10	0.09

Mellor and StClair, Advanced Motorcycle Helmets, TRL Ltd. UK, 2005.

## Some Parameters

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*The Biomedical Engineering Handbook, Second Edition*

**TABLE 23.1** Average Male Head Mass

Reference	No. of Subjects	Average Body Mass (kg)	Average Head Mass (kg)
Walker et al., 1973	16	67.1	4.49
Hubbard and McLeod, 1974	11		4.54
Reynolds et al., 1975	6	65.2	3.98
Adjusted per HMRTF	6	76.9	4.69
Beier et al., 1980	19	74.7	4.32
McConville et al., 1980	31	77.5	4.55*
Robbins, 1983	25	76.7	4.54†

\* Based on adjusted head volume of 95% of the reported head volume (4396 cm<sup>3</sup>) and a head specific gravity of 1.097.

† Based on an estimated head volume of 4137 cm<sup>3</sup> and a head specific gravity of 1.097.

**TABLE 23.2** Average Mass Moments of Inertia\* of the Male Head (kg·m<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>-3</sup>)

Reference	$I_{xx}$	$I_{yy}$	$I_{zz}$
Walker et al., 1973		23.3	
Hubbard and McLeod, 1974	17.4	16.4	20.3
Adjusted per HMRTF	22.6	21.3	26.3
Beier et al., 1980 (16 male subjects only)	20.7	22.6	14.9
McConville et al., 1980	20.4	23.2	15.1
Adjusted by sp. gr. 1.097	22.4	25.5	16.6
Robbins, 1983	20.0	22.2	14.5
Adjusted by sp. gr. 1.097	22.0	24.2	15.9

\* The mass moments of inertia given are about the x, y, or z anatomic axes through the center of gravity of the head.

$C_r$	0.2
$V_n$ (DOT)	6.0 m/sec
R	15 cm
I - Helmet	0.015 kg·m <sup>2</sup>
M - Helmet	1500 grams
Wall Thickness	4 cm

# Estimated Outcomes

Material	Delta $\omega$ rad/sec	$\omega \cdot R$ Rolling Speed	$\omega/2 \cdot 0.01$ secs Travel?	$\omega/0.01$ secs Avg Rot Acc?
Polycarbonate	129	19.35 m/sec	37°	12.9 krad/s <sup>2</sup>
Carbon Fiber	28.4	4.26 m/sec	8°	2.84 krad/s <sup>2</sup>
Sacrificial Layer	16.7	2.5 m/sec	5°	1.67 krad/s <sup>2</sup>

- Presumably
  - Angular velocity times R won't exceed the final tangential velocity
  - Completely Effective Slip Planes might reasonably be expected to manage the anticipated angular velocity divided by two and times the pulse duration
    - (10 msec)

## Implications

- Current Test Methods Ameliorate Angular Accelerations (At least somewhat)
  - They limit normal forces
    - Which limit tangential forces & torques
- Total Angular Momentum Transfer
  - Depends on impact velocity
  - And not shock attenuation
- Slip Zones may have to afford considerable travel
  - High Friction surfaces and high tangential velocities may lead to considerable angular displacements

$$HIC = C_{pulse} V_0^4 / (X_0^{1.5} g^{2.5})$$

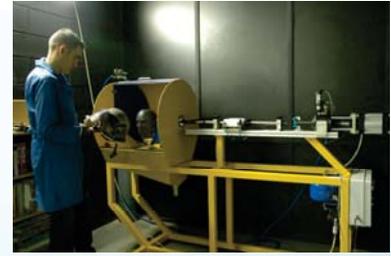
- $C_{ramp} = 0.75872$   $A = \frac{8V_0^3}{9gX_0^2}t, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{3X_0}{2V_0}$
- $C_{half\ sine} = 0.65132$   $A = \frac{V_0^2}{gX_0} \text{Sin}\left(\frac{V_0}{X_0}t\right), 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi X_0}{2V_0}$
- $C_{square\ wave} = 0.35355$   $A = \frac{V_0^2}{2gX_0}, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{2X_0}{V_0}$
- $C_{minimal} = 0.22964$   $A = 0.6 \left[\frac{HIC}{t}\right]^{0.4}, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{8X_0}{3V_0}$

## Regulation ECE22/05

Test for projections and surface friction

# NEWTON TESTING

- Head Protection
- Face and eye protection
- Body Protection
- Automotive

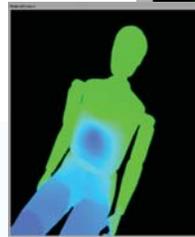
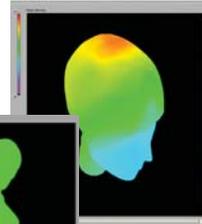


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# NEWTON: WIND TUNNEL

- Aerodynamics
- Acoustics
- Thermodynamics



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# REGULATION ECE22/05

Rev. 4 addendum 21@20 February 2002:  
 UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF PROTECTIVE  
 HELMETS AND THEIR VISORS FOR DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR  
 CYCLES AND MOPEDS



UNITED NATIONS

Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval  
 and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and  
 Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958.

ECE symbol	Contracting Parties	Date of application
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E 2	France	16.05.95
E 3	Italy	03.06.77
E 4	Netherlands	01.06.72
E 5	Sweden	15.06.73
E 6	Belgium	01.06.72
E 7	Hungary	23.11.79
E 8	Czech Republic	26.05.95
E 9	Spain	03.12.76
E 10	Serbia	27.04.92
E 11	United Kingdom <sup>1</sup>	30.06.00
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E 53	Thailand	
E 56	Montenegro	03.06.06
E 58	Tunisia	

## PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

### WHAT HAS TO BE TESTED?

§ 6.6 All projections from or irregularities in the outer surface of the shell greater than 2 mm shall be tested for shear assessment

The outer surface of the helmet shall be tested for friction assessment

§ 6.7.2 All external projections more than 2 mm above the outer surface of the shell shall have a radius of a minimum of 2 mm.

**The latter specific requirements shall not apply if a projection satisfies the requirements**

§ 7.4.1.3: exclusions

The rim of the shell and the upper and lower edge of the visor situated within an area bounded by a sector of 120° divided symmetrically by the vertical longitudinal plane of symmetry of the helmet do not constitute a projection for the purpose of this test.

The helmet shall be tested in any condition in which it may be placed on the market, that is both with and without accessories if they are supplied as original equipment.



### SHEAR ASSESSMENT



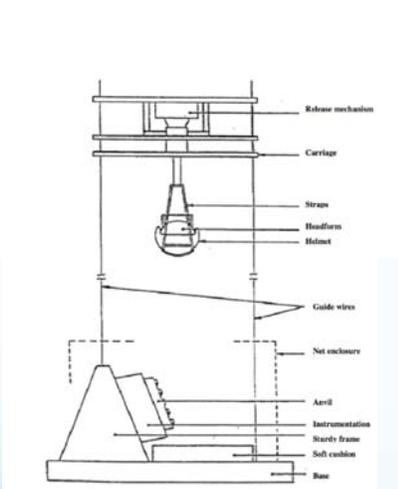
### FRICION ASSESSMENT

### HOW TO TEST?

# TEST FOR PROJECTIONS AND SURFACE FRICTION: METHOD A

The rotation-inducing forces caused by projections on the helmet and friction against the outer surface of the helmet which occur when a helmeted headform is dropped vertically on to an inclined anvil are measured in the longitudinal axis of the anvil.

The peak force and its integral with respect to time over the duration of the positive impulse are used as performance criteria.



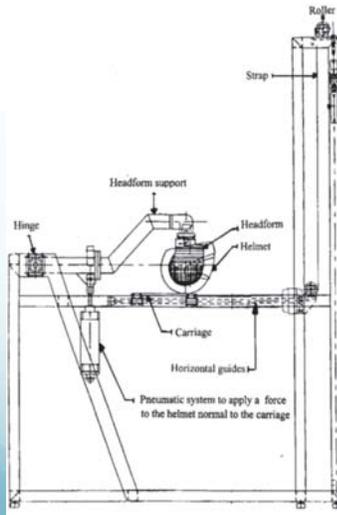
## METHOD A: SHEAR ASSESSMENT



# TEST FOR PROJECTIONS AND SURFACE FRICTION: METHOD B

The rotation-inducing forces caused by projections on the helmets and friction against the outer surface of the helmets are assessed firstly by a shear impact on the projections using a shear edge against which the projections shall shear away, be detached, or permit the shear edge to slide past the projections.

The friction is assessed by the displacement of a carriage abrading the outer surface of the helmet. The shear impact and abrading carriage displacement are generated by a drop weight device.



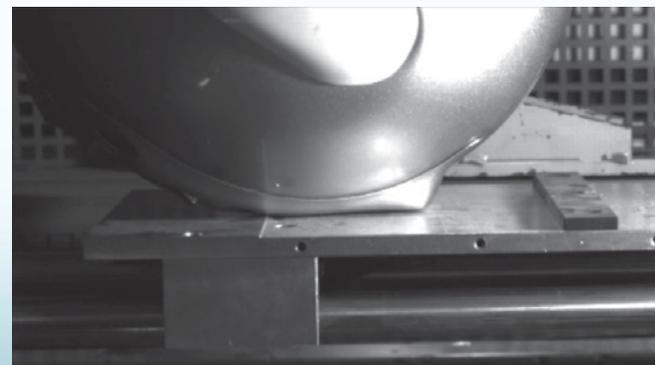
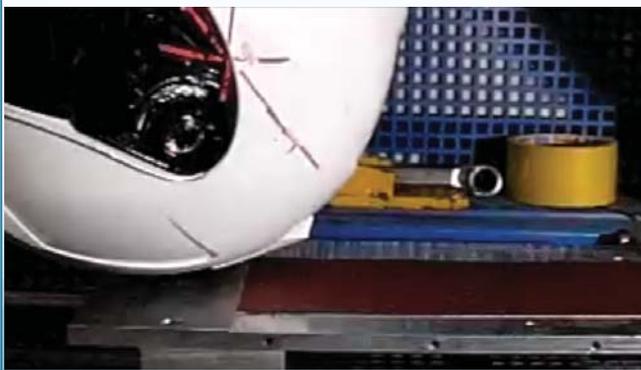
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## METHOD B: SHEAR ASSESSMENT



## FRICITION ASSESSMENT



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1985: BSI 6658  
Impact speed: 10 m/s

# A BRIEF HISTORY

1995-99: COST327  
ECE GRSP working group

2000: Reg. ECE22/05

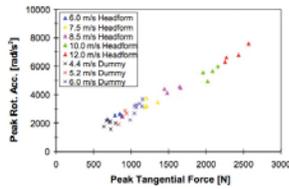


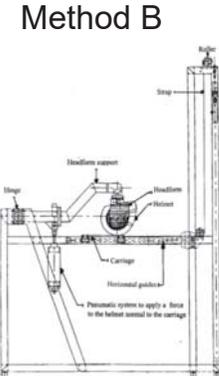
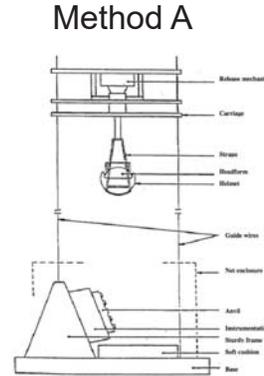
Figure 8.13. Peak rotational acceleration versus peak tangential force for dummy and headform impacts onto the oblique abrasive anvil.

Table 7. Injury related to peak tangential force on a motorcycle helmet

Peak tangential force	AIS	Probability of injury
1000 N	1	-
2000 N	2	-
3500 N (Reg 22-05)	3	<50%
4000 N	3	50%
7000 N	4	-



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## METHOD A

Pro:

- Numerical/Quantitative performance criteria

Cons:

- cost: plate load cell (KISTLER9293)/ 3 triaxial load cell + high structure
- Calibration cost
- Time to set up the tests in order to grant repeatability

## METHOD B

Pro:

- Easy to use
- Low price

Cons:

- Maintenance to grant the speed accuracy

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# TEST FOR PROJECTIONS AND SURFACE FRICTION

## Method A

### TEST FOR PROJECTIONS

Helmet impact speed: 8.5 m/s  
Bar anvil cross section : h= 6 mm  
(centres@40mm)  
Impact angle:15°  
Headform: size J (4,7 kg)



Pass criteria:

the peak longitudinal force measured on the anvil shall not exceed 2,500 N, nor shall its integral with respect to time over the duration of the impact exceed 12.5 Ns

### TEST FOR SURFACE FRICTION

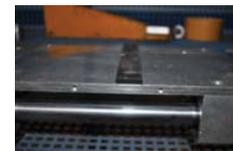
Speed: 8.5 m/s  
Grade 80 abrasive paper (L>225 mm)  
Impact angle:15°  
Headform: size J (4,7 kg)

Pass criteria: the peak longitudinal force measured on the anvil shall not exceed 3,500 N, nor shall its integral with respect to time over the duration of the impact exceed 25 Ns

## Method B

### TEST FOR PROJECTIONS

Bar anvil cross section : 25x6 mm  
Application force: 400 N  
Carriage mass: 5 kg  
Drop weight mass: 15 kg  
Height of drop: 500 mm



Headform: proper size

Pass criteria:

For shear assessment the tested projection shall shear away, be detached or alternatively shall not prevent the assessment bar from sliding past the projection. In all cases the bar on the horizontal carriage shall travel past the projection.

Application force: 400 N  
Carriage mass: 5 kg  
Drop weight mass: 15 kg  
Height of drop: 500 mm



Headform: proper size

Pass criteria: the abrasive carriage shall not be brought to rest by the helmet.

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***Thanks for your kind  
attention!***

Dynamic Research Inc.

Motocross Helmets  
and Concussion Risk Reducing Technologies  
Do They Work?

Terry Smith, Scott Kebschull

Dynamic Research Inc.  
Torrance, California  
USA

## BACKGROUND TO THE PROBLEM

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## METHODOLOGY – IMPACT TESTING

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- P50 Hybrid III headform and neck with NAP
- Free fall carriage mounted onto a monorail drop tower
- 45 degree high mu impact surface
- Drop heights of 1.0m, 1.5m, 2.0m, 2.9m
- Four impact locations per helmet sample
- 10 kHz sample rate per channel
- anti-aliasing, SAE J211 Class 1000 Filters



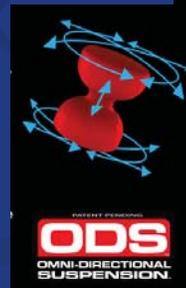
## METHODOLOGY – IMPACT TESTING

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- Three samples each of different motocross helmet models
  - 6-D ATR1 with ODS Technology
  - Bell Moto-9 with Bell Flex Technology
  - 2 Motocross helmets with MIPS technology
  - 2 Motocross helmets without MIPS technology (n=1)

## METHODOLOGY – IMPACT TESTING

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## METHODOLOGY – DATA REDUCTION

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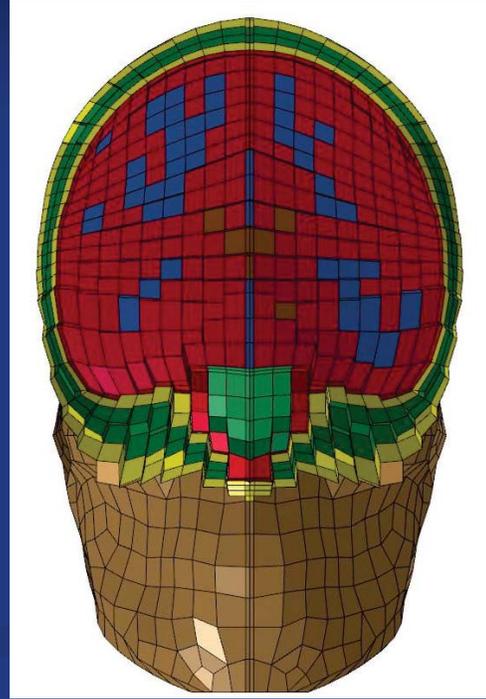
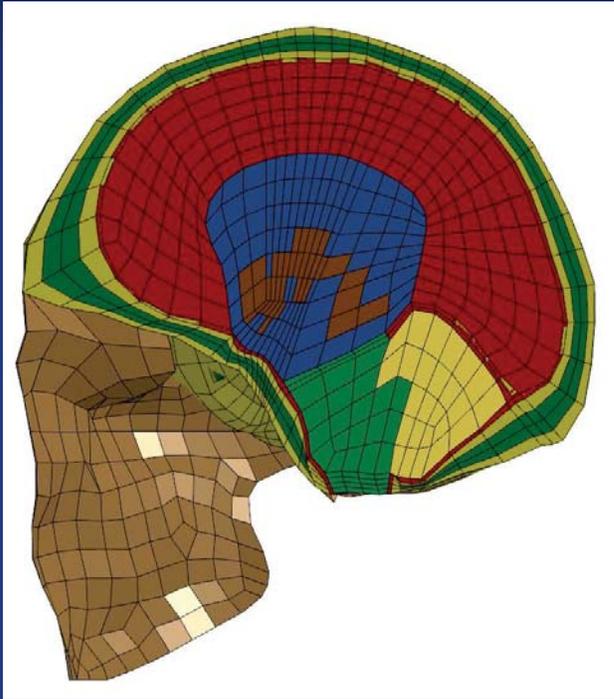
- Peak Linear and Angular Acceleration
- Head Injury Criteria (HIC)
- GAMBIT
- Head Impact Power (HIP)
- LS DYNA FE with UCD Brain Model
  - Maximum Principal Strain

## METHODOLOGY – MODELLING

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- Skull and brain model developed by University College Dublin (Horgan and Gilchrist, 2003)
- Consists of 18,448 solid elements and 7,877 shell elements
- 13 different anatomical components
- Validated using data from Nahum et al. (1977)
- Output from Hybrid III testing used as an input to drive the skull (modeled as a rigid shell)

## METHODOLOGY – MODELLING



## RESULTS

### Mean Peak Linear Resultant Acceleration (g)

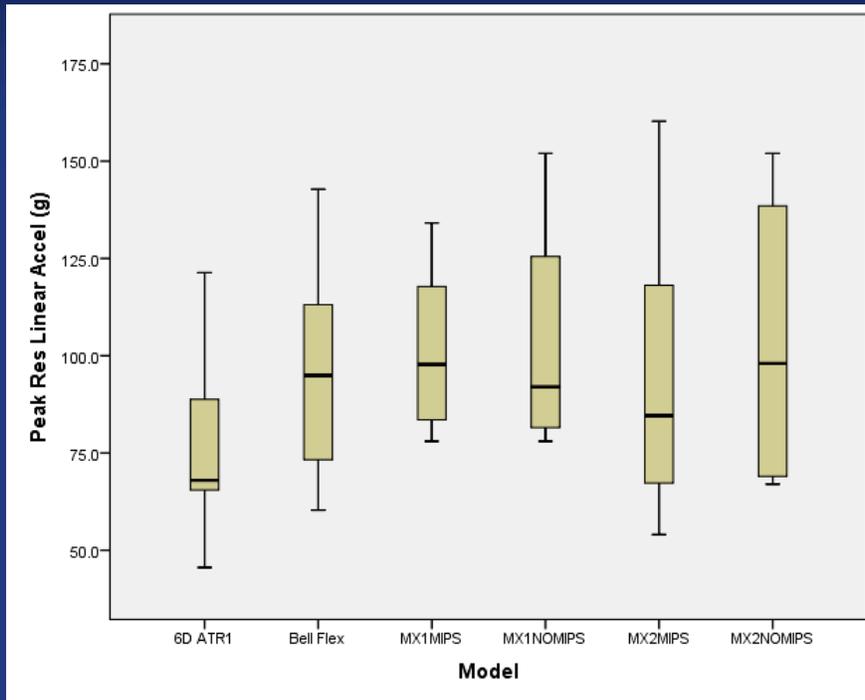
6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
75.5 (6.5)	96.8 (7.8)	101.2 (5.9)	103.5 (16.8)	94.2 (10.3)	103.8 (20.8)

### Mean Peak Angular Resultant Acceleration (krad/s<sup>2</sup>)\*

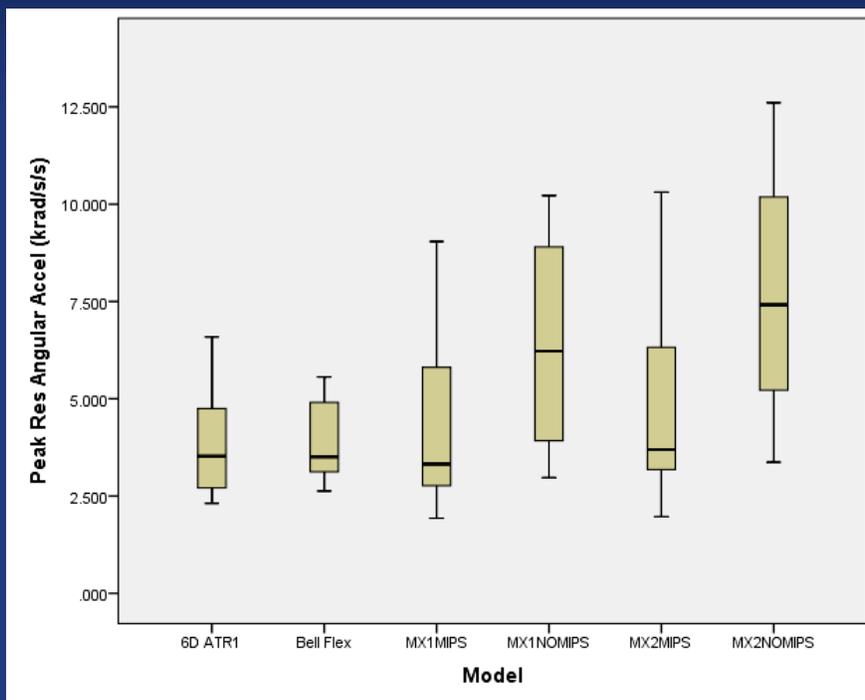
6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
3.82 (0.41)	3.95 (0.29)	4.27 (0.70)	6.41 (1.58)	4.61 (0.69)	7.70 (1.90)

\* Significant across helmet model (alpha = .05)

## RESULTS



## RESULTS



## RESULTS

Mean Difference Peak Angular Resultant Acceleration (krad/s<sup>2</sup>)\*

	6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
6-D		-0.13	-0.45	-2.59*	-0.79	-3.88*
Bell Flex	0.13		-0.32	-2.46	-0.66	-3.75*
Mx1 MIPS	0.45	0.32		-2.14	-0.34	-3.43*
Mx1 No MIPS	2.59*	2.46	2.14		1.80	-1.29
Mx2 MIPS	0.79	0.66	0.34	-1.80		-3.09*
Mx2 No MIPS	3.88*	3.75*	3.43*	1.20	3.09*	

\* Significant across helmet model (alpha = .05)

## RESULTS

Mean Head Injury Criteria (HIC)

6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
237 (40)	369 (57)	395 (53)	429 (150)	356 (73)	472 (192)

Mean GAMBIT

6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
0.33 (0.03)	0.40 (0.03)	0.43 (0.03)	0.46 (0.08)	0.41 (0.04)	0.48 (0.08)

## RESULTS

## Mean Head Impact Power (HIP)

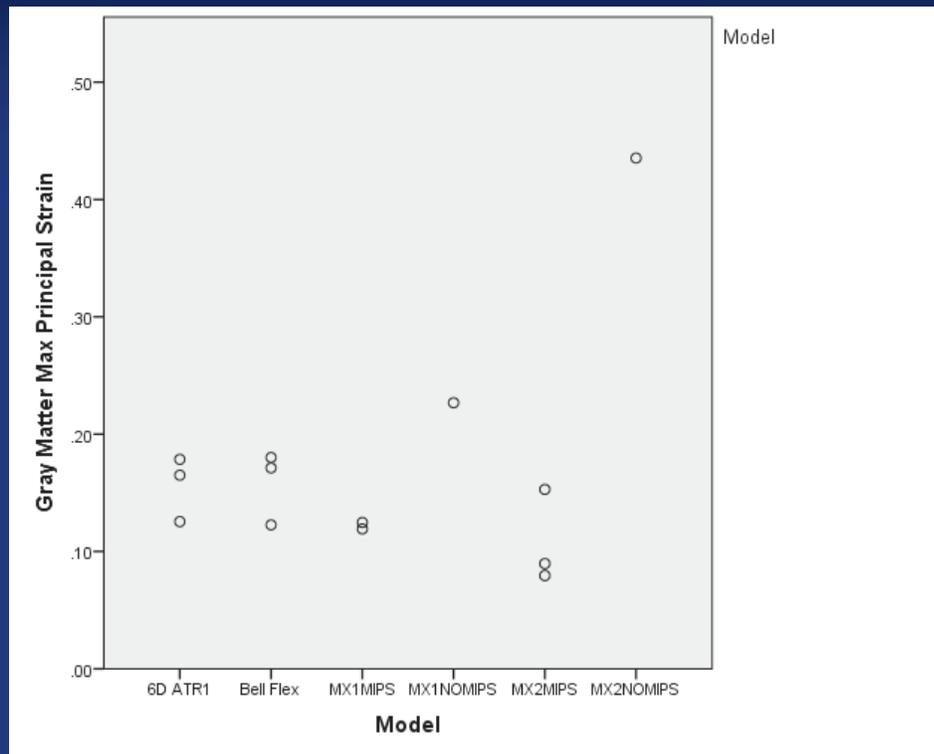
6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
13.43 (1.89)	17.10 (2.27)	19.53 (2.34)	20.26 (7.14)	17.51 (3.34)	21.99 (7.57)

## RESULTS

## Mean Maximum Principal Strain (200cm)

6-D	Bell Flex	Mx1 MIPS	Mx1 No MIPS	Mx2 MIPS	Mx2 No MIPS
.156 (.016)	.158 (.018)	.122 (.003)	.227	.107 (.023)	.435

## Results



## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- No significant difference in linear acceleration between motocross helmets with technology and motocross helmets without technology
- Significant differences in angular acceleration between motocross helmets with technology and motocross helmets without technology were observed. Motocross helmets with concussion reducing technology were found to have significantly lower peak angular accelerations

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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- When measured across a range of drop heights, there does not appear to be a significant difference between the different concussion reducing technologies (6-D, MIPS, Bell Flex)
- The free fall headform/incline anvil test methodology is sensitive enough to identify differences between very similar helmets (i.e. with and without technology added).

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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Thank You

# Proposal for a new test method measuring the head kinematics in angled helmeted impacts

This document is a quick summary of the work within CEN TC158 – WG11.  
Covering the work since 2013.

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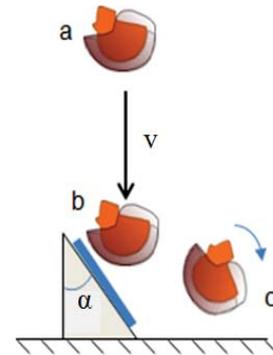
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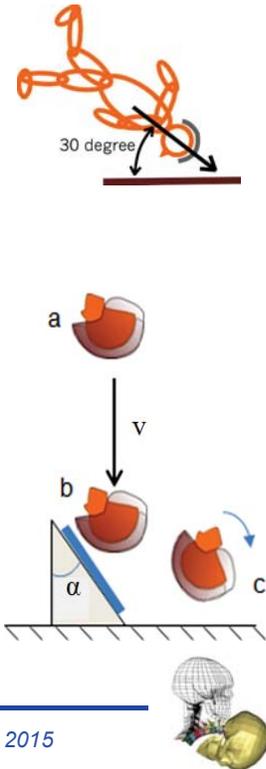
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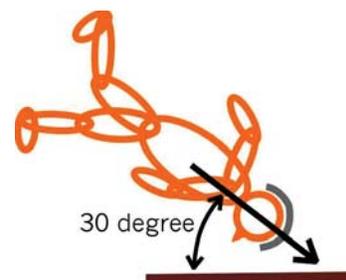
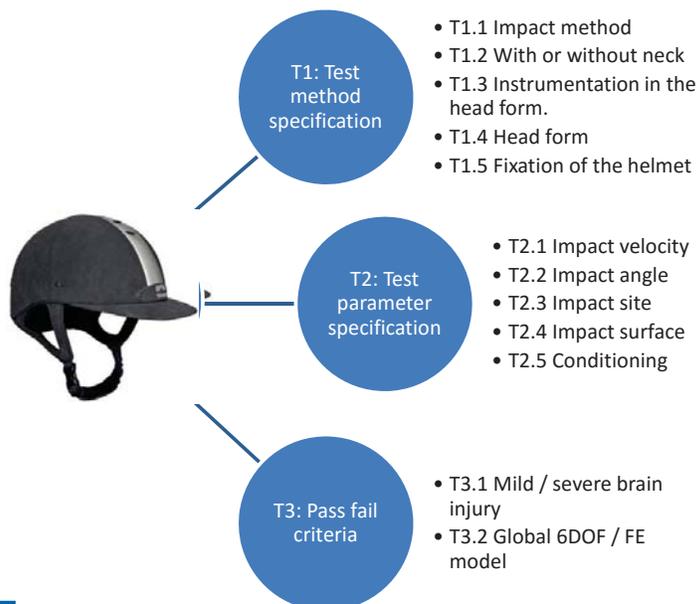


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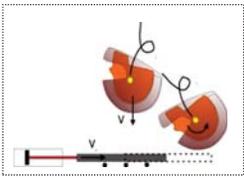
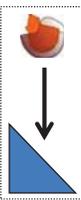
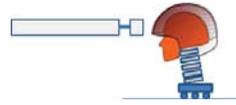
- Within WG11 continue the work aimed to define a method to measure rotational energy absorption in tangential impacts.
  - The first version of the test method is designed for *bike* and *equestrian* helmets.
  - Impact conditions based on *real accident* data
    - 6-7m/s, 45degrees, hard impact surface
  - The test must be *simple, robust and cost effective*.



## The fundamentals for a new test method



# Possible test methods

Moving ground	Vertical drop against angled anvil	Linear impactor
		
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complicated</li> <li>• Neck?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use existing drop tower</li> <li>• Neck?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This test method requires a neck.</li> <li>• Tangential loading?</li> </ul>



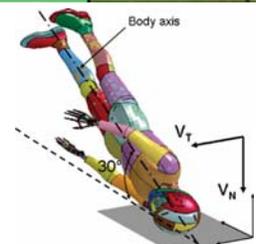
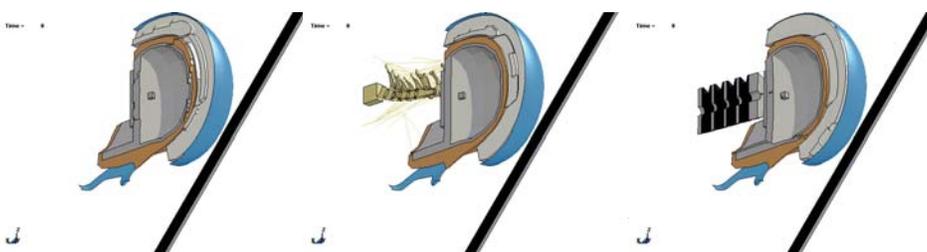
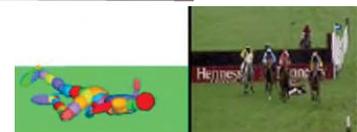
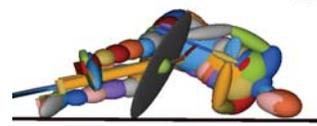
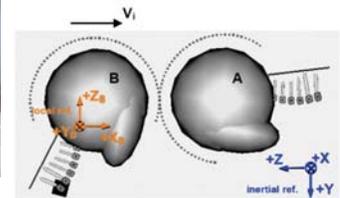
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## Neck / no neck

Reference	Method	Test method	Difference/Correlation of rotational components
COST 327	Experimental study	HIII dummy v.s. HII head form	17%
Beusenberger et al 2001	Simulation of helmeted football impacts	MADYMO (1997)	Bad
Verschueren 2006	Reconstruction of Bike accidents	MADYMO HBM (2005)	Good to bad
Forero 2009	Reconstruction of Equestrian accidents	MADYMO HBM (2005)	Good to bad
Ghajari et al. 2012	FE simulation of MC accident	Human FE model (THUMS)	20%
Halldin (ongoing)	FE simulation of MC and Bike helmet impacts	Human FE model (THUMS and HIII)	Good to bad



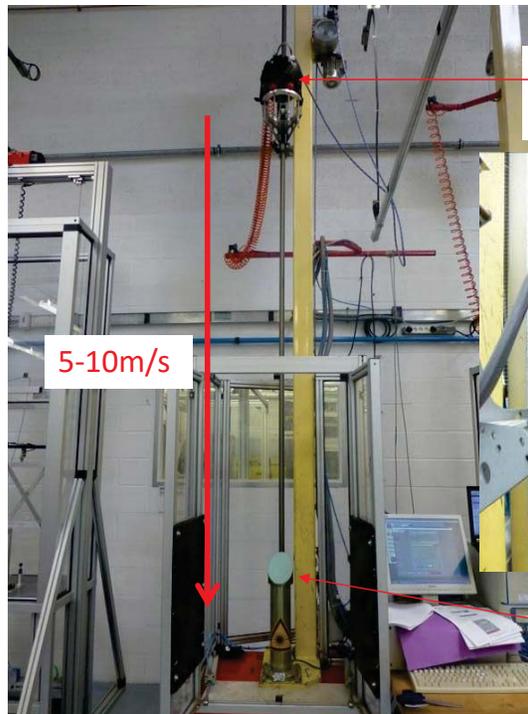
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# Proposal for the new oblique test method

Built around existing test rigs from AD Engineering or Cadex



Hybrid III head form and helmet

30-60° anvil with abrasive paper

Standard helmet drop test machine adapted for rotational impact



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## A typical test

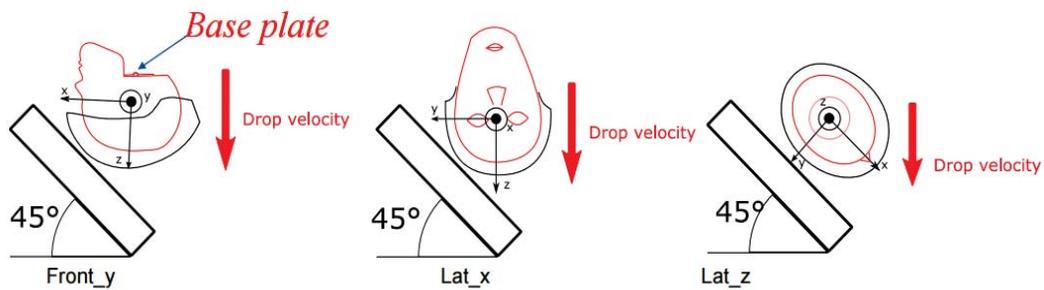


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# At least three impact points/directions – 6.5m/s, 45 degree impact



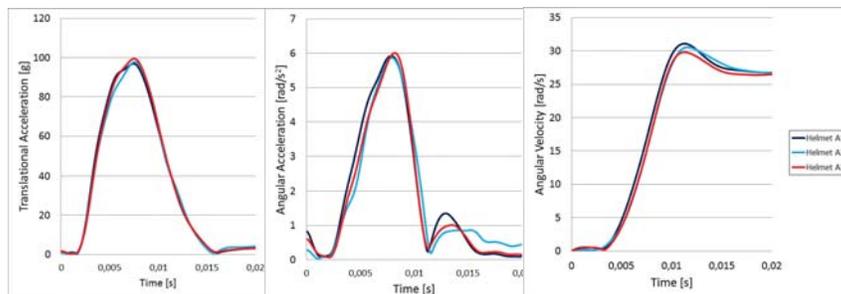
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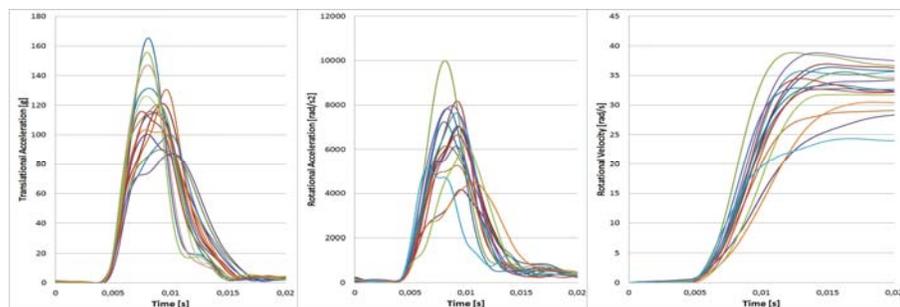


## Example of test with the new oblique test method

Three identical helmets



Benchmark of 17 bike helmets



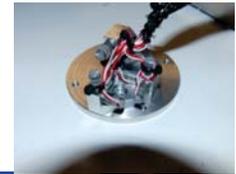
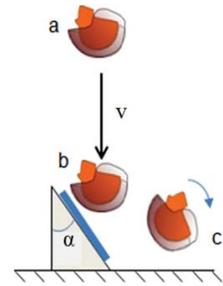
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# Proposal by WG11 per October 2014

- Free falling head against angled plate (30-60 degree) using existing test drop tower from CADEX or AD Engineering. (The main reason for this test method is low cost and simplicity)
- No neck (The main reason is that the existing HILL neck has been shown to be less humanlike than no neck, for the first 10ms of an helmeted impact to a hard surCEN are open for a discussion regarding the neck/no neck question with other test organizations in order to work for a global harmonizationface.)
- HILL head (The reason for this head form is the human like mass and inertial properties. Missing! two head sizes, 56cm and 62cm.)
- Head instrumentation: 9-acc-array (until ARS are proven to work for a typical helmet impact situation)



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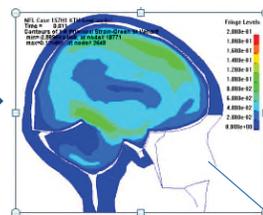
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## Pass/fail criteria

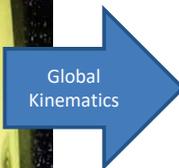
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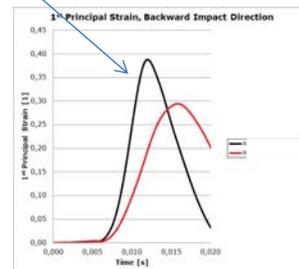
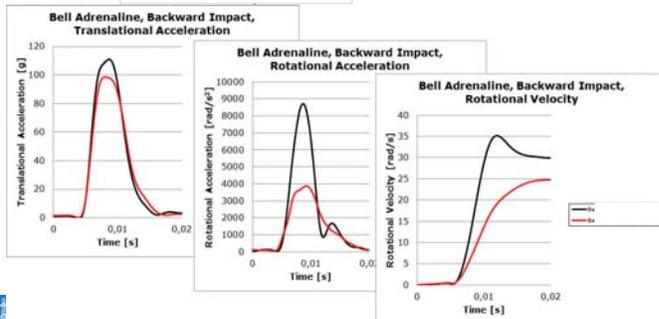
Numerical simulations



Strain / Injury



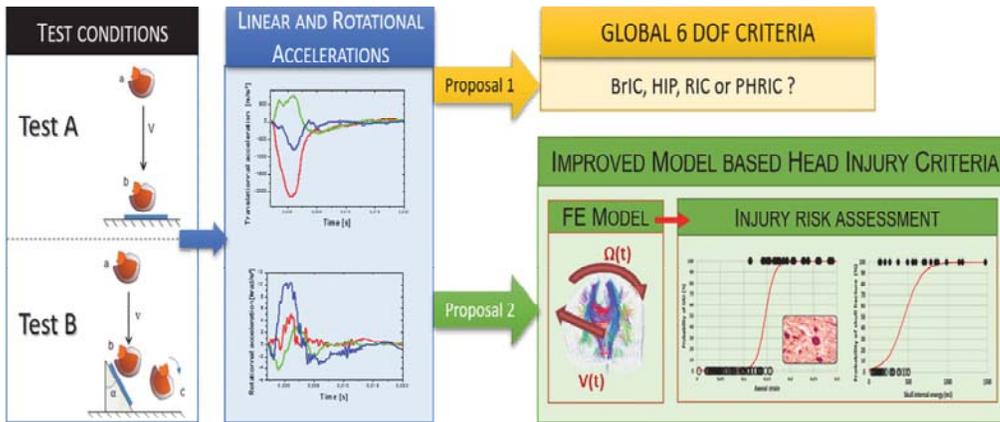
6 DOF Accelerations



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## Next step

- Test *point* or test *area* on helmet
  - The sensitivity of changes in impact points and impact directions needs to be understood
- Calibration tests
  - Instrumentation
  - Rubber skin
- Pass/Fail criteria
  - derived from 6 DOF accelerations that are combined in a criteria (HIP, BRIC,,) or
  - Injury Risk Assessment Tool based on a validated FE model.



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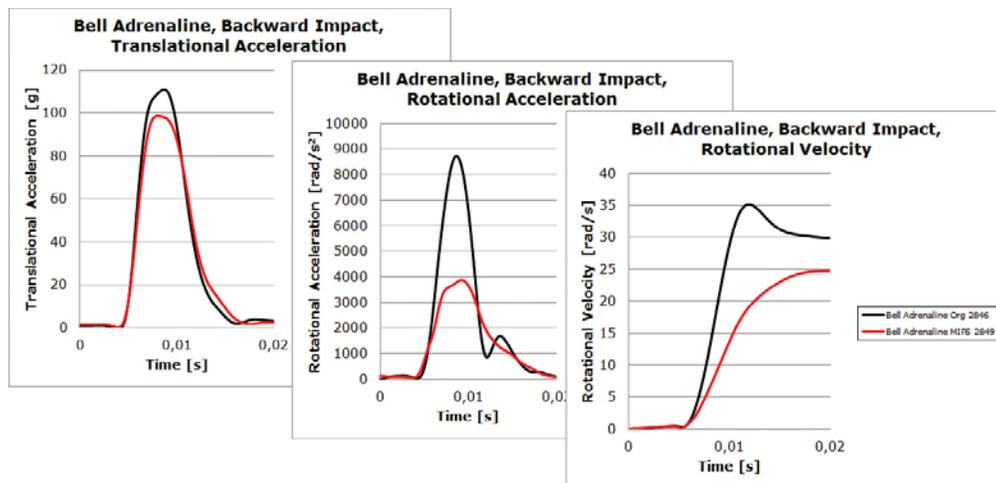


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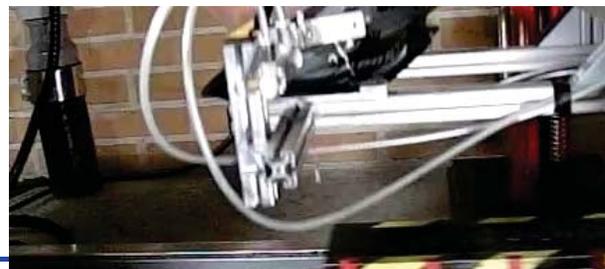
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## Results from a typical test



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# HIII head sizes v.s. EN 960 head form

EN 960 headform size	Head circumference [mm]	Dummy model	Head circumference [mm]
A	500	HIII 3 Year Old	508
B	510		
C	520	HIII 6 Year Old	520.7
D	530		
E	540	HIII 5% Female	538.5
F	550		
G	560		
J	570		
K	580	Hybrid III 95% Large Male	584
L	590		
M	600	HIII 50t% Male	597
N	610		
O	620		
P	630		
Q	640		



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# Fixation of assembly by one pneumatic cylinder



Pneumatic cylinder aimed to clam the helmet during the vertical drop.



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# Fixation of assembly by one pneumatic cylinder

Fixation arm releases 5cm befor helmet impacts the anvil

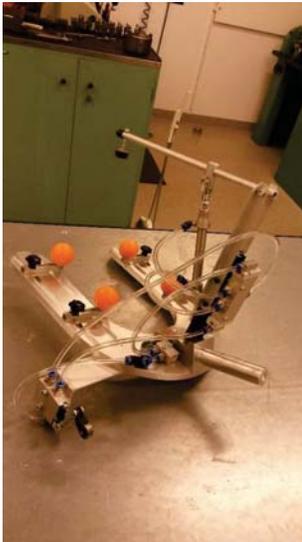


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# Fixation for a CADEX machine



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## Summary

- Upgrades to existing test equipment are:
  - Angled impact anvil
  - Five sizes of HIII head form with 3-2-2-2 accelerometer array
  - Software/hardware updates to handle the 9-channel output from accelerometers
  - New helmet basket/carrier



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FE simulations of angled impacts  
the helmeted HIII Head alone  
compared to the HIII head attached  
to the HIII neck and a human neck  
model.



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## Objectives

- How is the head kinematics effected by the neck in direct impact conditions.



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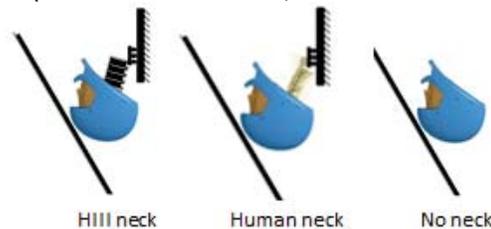
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# Configuration details

- Boundary condition neck: “Guided” neck bottom plate (T1) locked in Global X, Y, RotX, RotY and RotZ.
- Weight “T1-plate” =10kg-(mass of current neck)
- Coefficient of friction between:
  - Helmet/plate: 0.4
  - Helmet/head: 0.3
- Compare the results from the HIII neck with no neck and also a human neck model. (Halldin et al. 2001, Brodin et al 2005, Hedenstierna 2008).
- Impact speed: 7m/s
- Angle of Anvil : 45degree



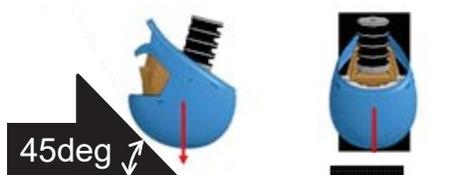
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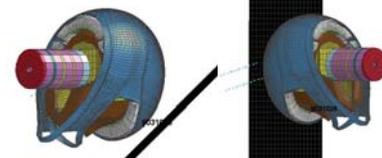


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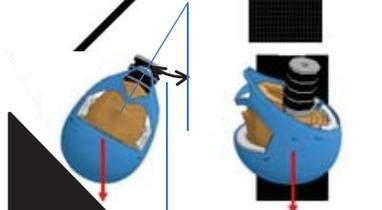
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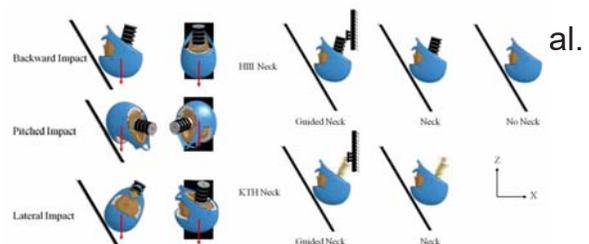
Impact Rz



Impact Rx



30 deg



local X-axis 45 degree.

Bottom plate of HIII head is horizontal.  
Then rotate head 30 degree around local X-axis.



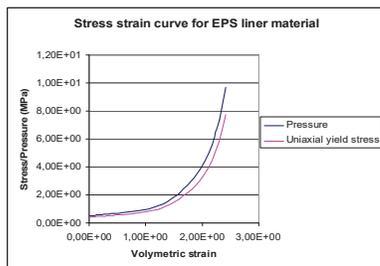
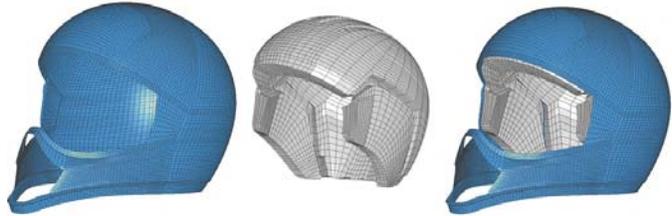
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# FE model of helmet

- The helmet shell was modeled by 13470 shell elements with a thickness of 1,5mm
- The shell was modeled as a glass fibre reinforce shell (\*MAT\_COMPOSITE\_FAILURE\_SHELL\_MODEL
- The liner consists of three different parts and was modeled as EPS liner with densities 35, 50 and 70 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (\*MAT\_BILKHU/DUBOIS\_FOAM in LSDYNA). A total of 14582 elements were used.



*MAT_COMPOSITE_FAILURE_SHELL_MODEL						
Density (Kg/M <sup>3</sup> )	Ea (Pa)	Eb (Pa)	Ec (Pa)	Poissons ratio, ba	Poissons ratio, ca	Poissons ratio, cb
1054.0	6.8900E+10	6.8900E+10	4.0300E+9	0.30	0.24	0.24
<b>Gab (Pa)</b>	<b>Gbc (Pa)</b>	<b>Gca (Pa)</b>	<b>Bulk modulus of failed material</b>			
27.0E+9	1.55E+9	1.55E+9	6.72E+9			
<b>Longitudinal compressive strength</b>	<b>Longitudinal tensile strength</b>	<b>Transverse compressive strength</b>	<b>Transverse tensile strength</b>	<b>Shear strength</b>		
1.8000E+8	3.3100E+9	1.8000E+8	3.3100E+9	1.1550E+7		

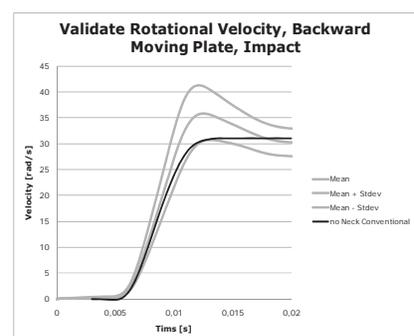
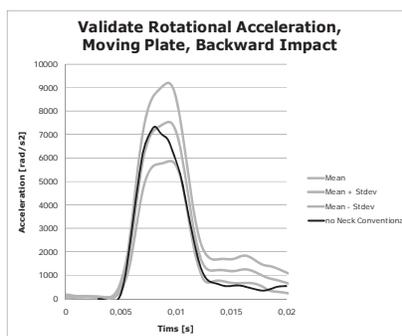
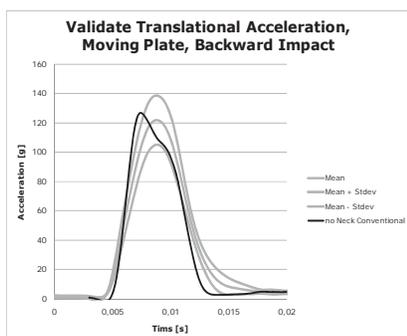


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## Comparison of FE model of MC helmet to benchmark study of 12 different MC helmets



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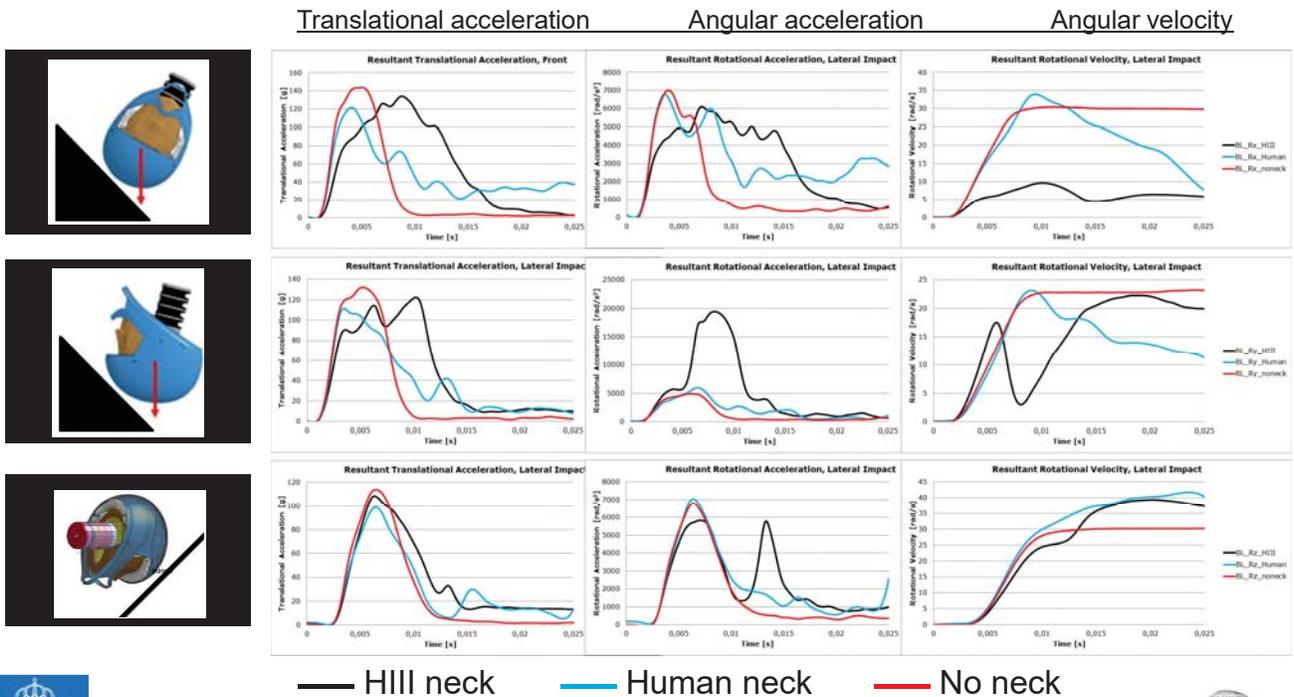
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# Examples from simulations



# Results from simulations

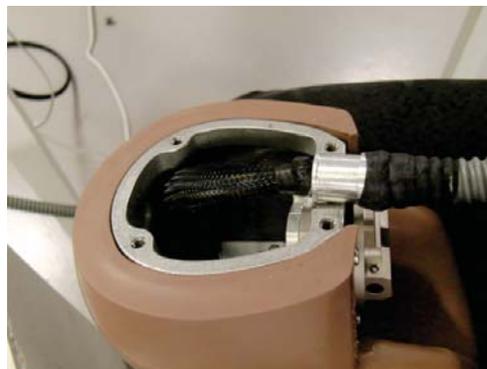


# Conclusion

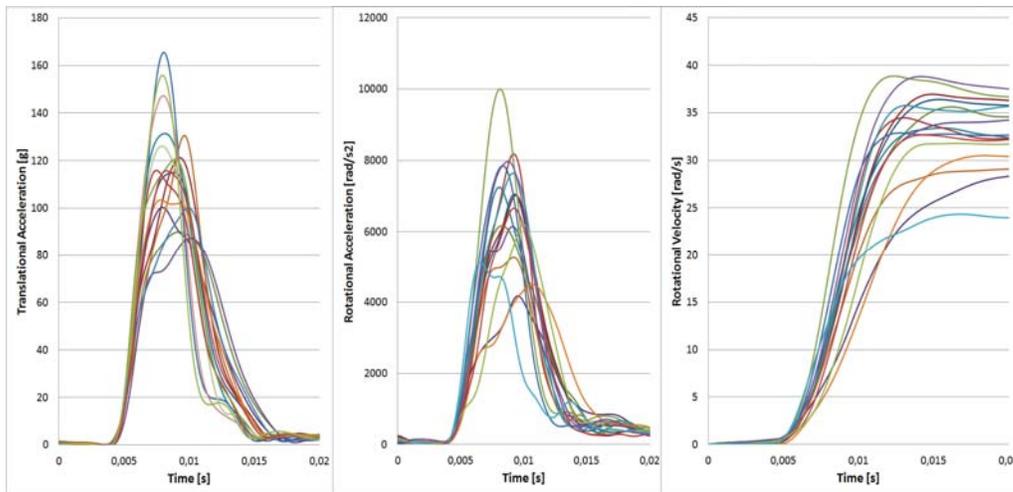
- The results differs significantlt between the different neck configurations for the Lateral (Rx and the Frontal (Ry).
- It is believed that the HIII neck could be used for Pitched Rz impact.
- Frontal and Ry impacts must be unvestigated further.



## Attachment of cable to head



# Example from Benchmark test of 17 Bike helmets from Swedish market



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## Example of test with the new oblique test method

- 50% HIII head form
- Impact velocity: 6.5m/s
- Impact angle: 45 degrees
- Impact surface: Steel covered with grinding paper

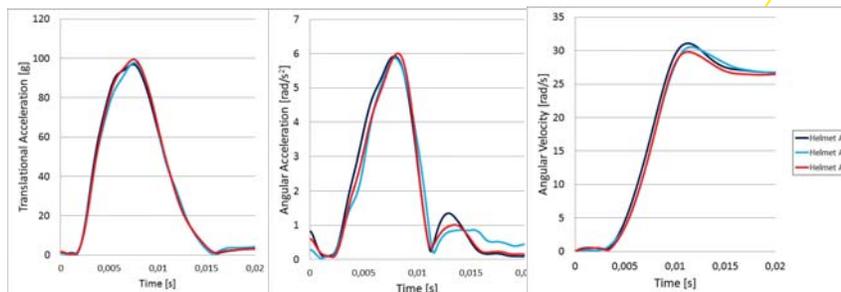
Results from three identical ski helmets



T=0.000



T=0.010s



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