

# DEVELOPMENT OF AN OLDER OCCUPANT FE MODEL INCORPORATING GEOMETRY, MATERIAL PROPERTIES, AND CORTICAL THICKNESS VARIATION

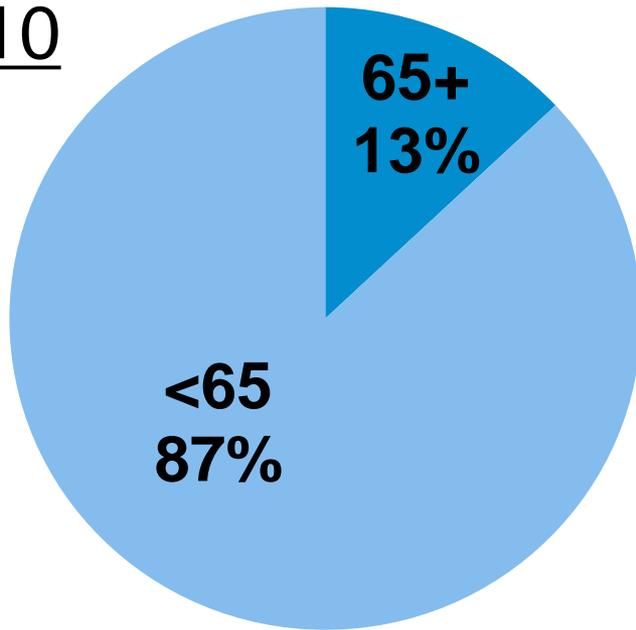
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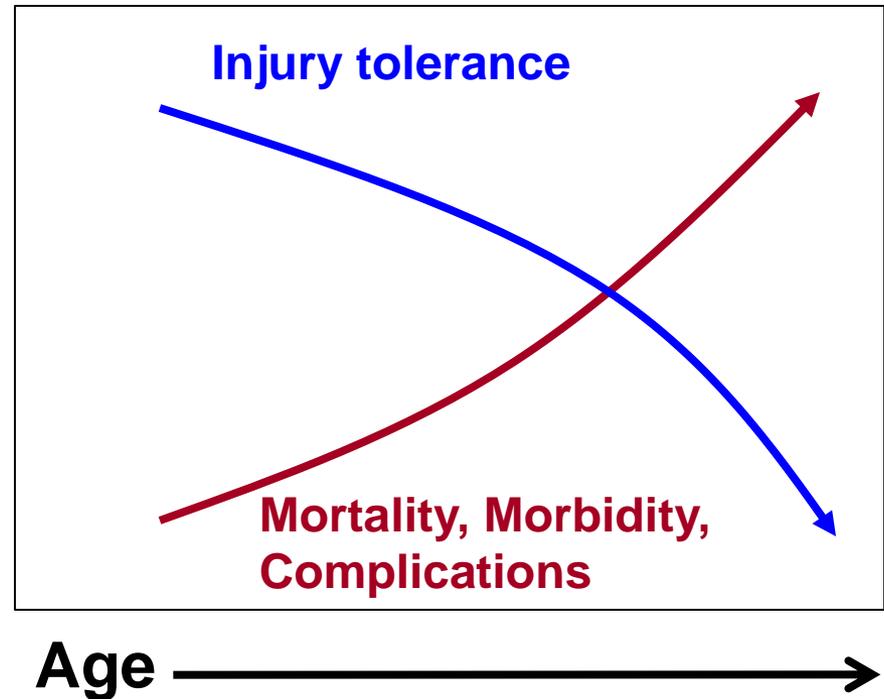
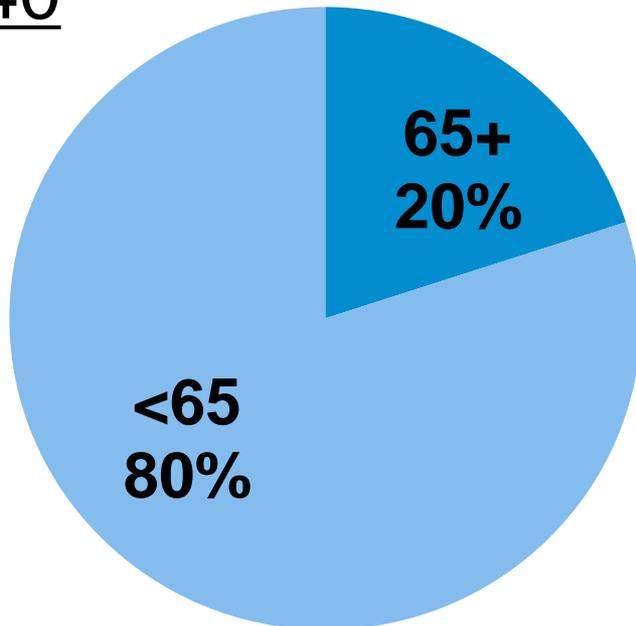
# Motivation

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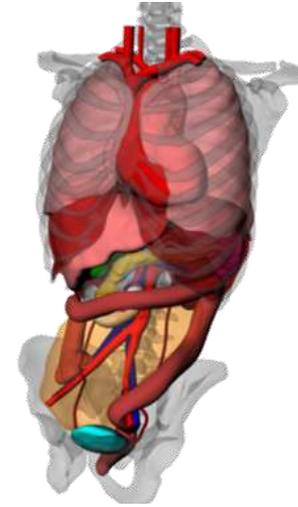
- Elderly population is growing
- Increased fragility and frailty

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# Global Human Body Models Consortium

- Develop & maintain high biofidelic FE human body models for crash simulation
- Representative of a 50<sup>th</sup> percentile male (M50)
- Based on medical images of a 26 YO & literature data



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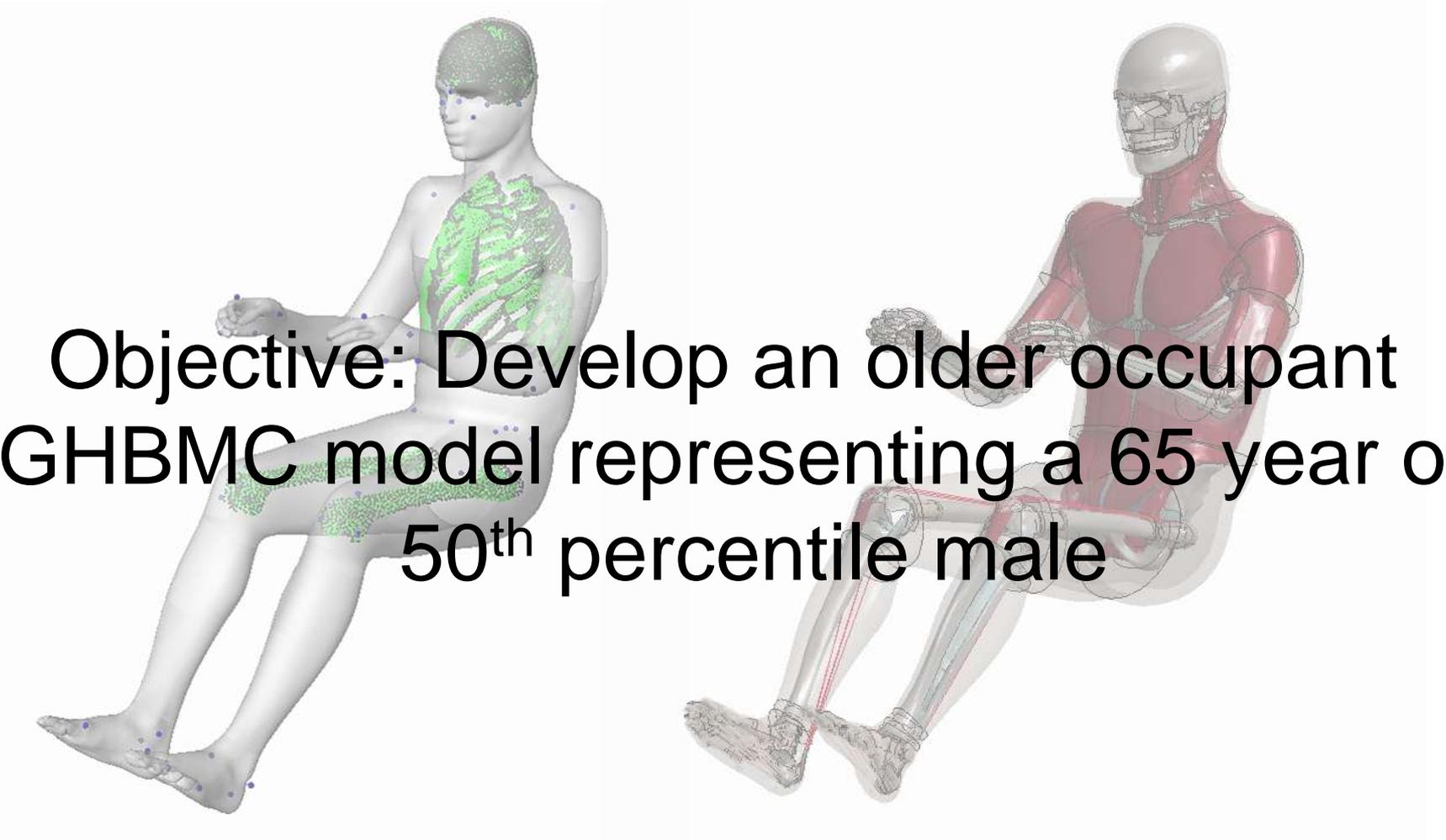
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**Objective: Develop an older occupant  
GHBMC model representing a 65 year old  
50<sup>th</sup> percentile male**

**Characterize Shape,  
Material Property,  
Cortical Thickness**



**Model  
Morphing**



**Simulation**



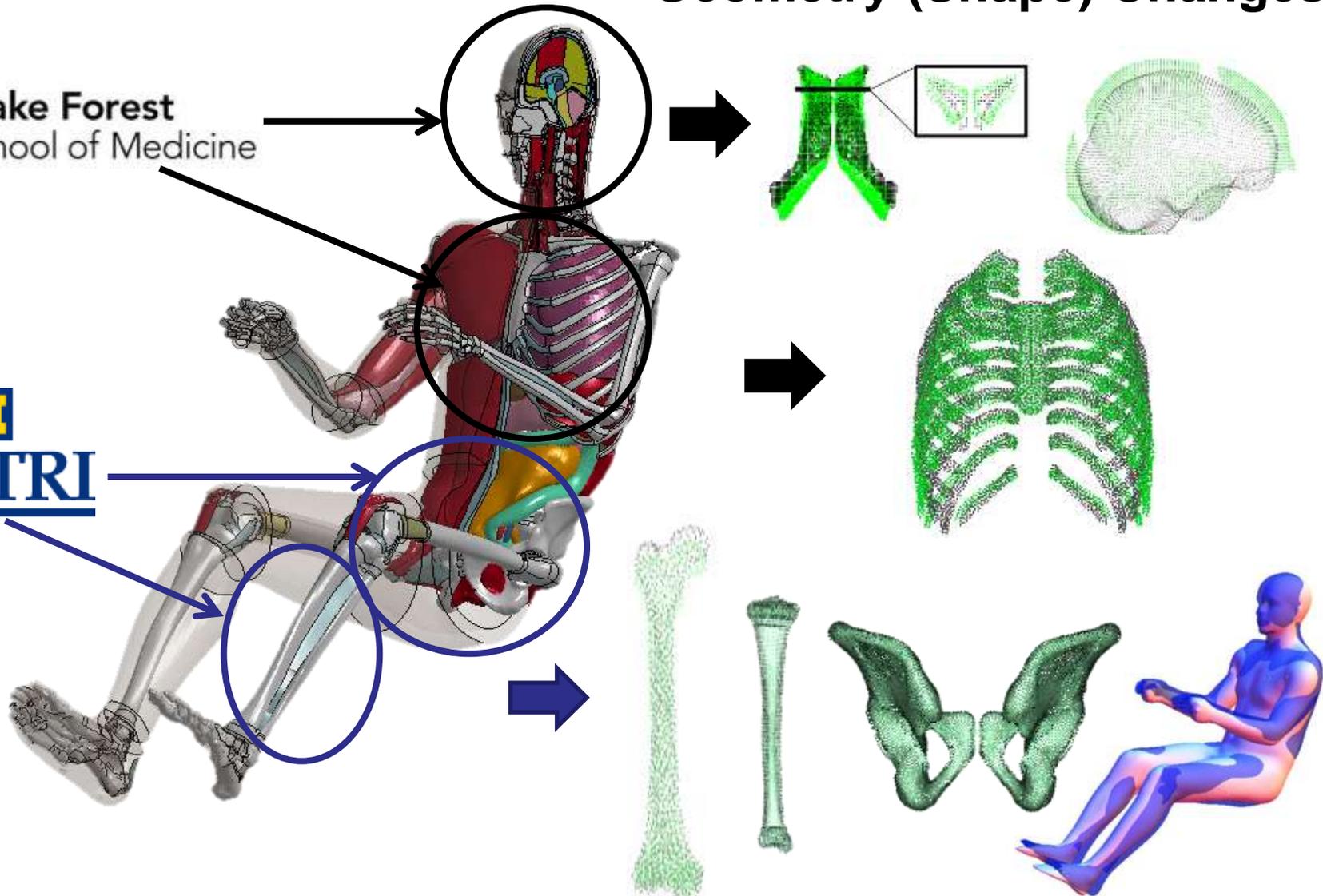
**Understand age-  
specific injury  
mechanisms**

# Overview of 65 YO Model

## Geometry (Shape) Changes

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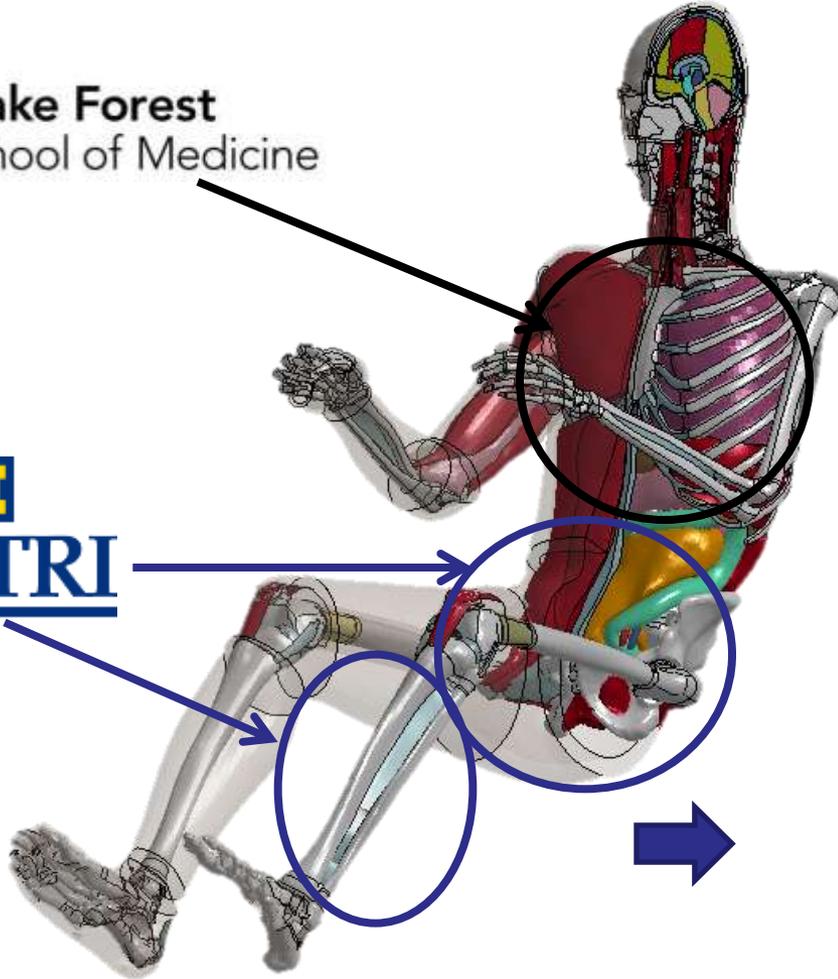
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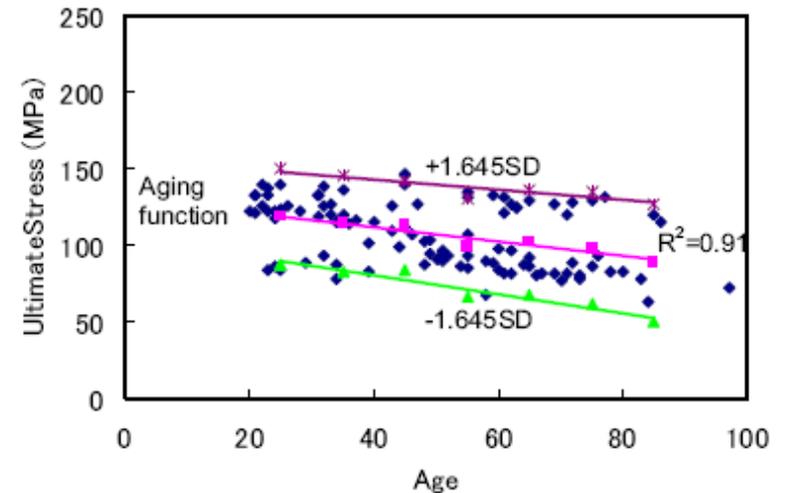
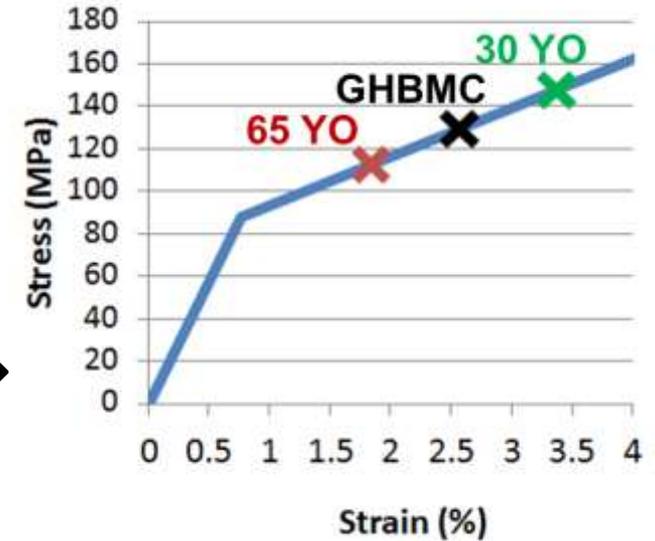
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## Material Property Changes

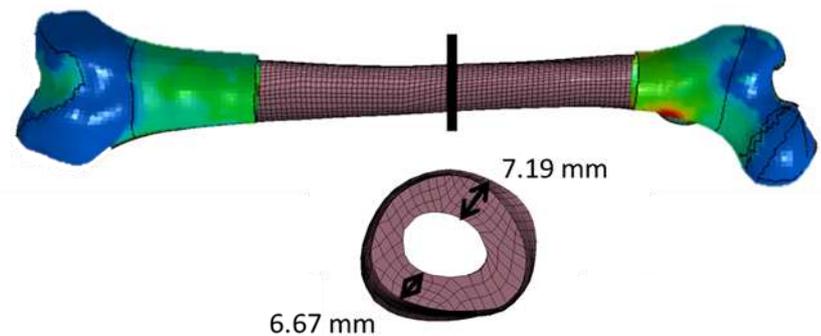
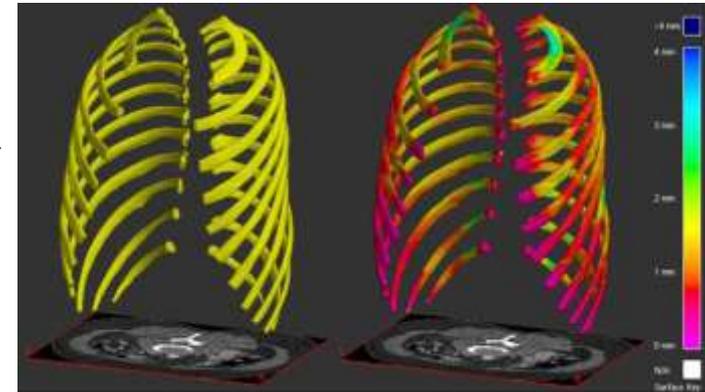
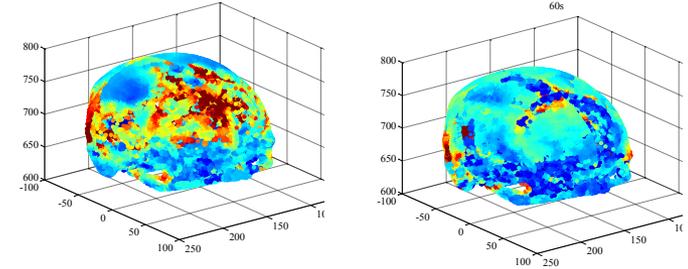
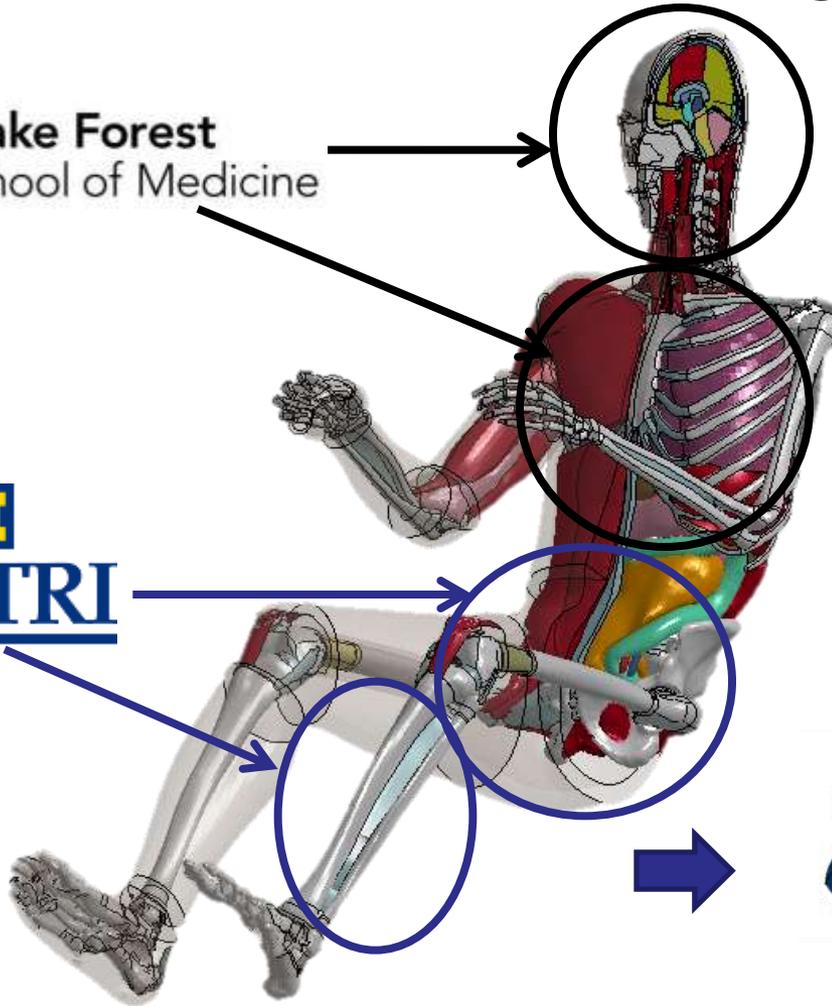


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## Cortical Thickness Changes



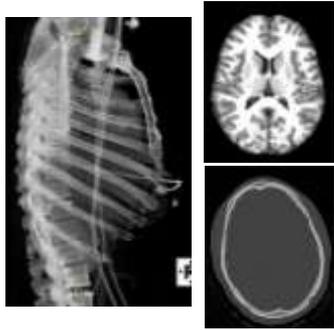
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Scan and landmark collection

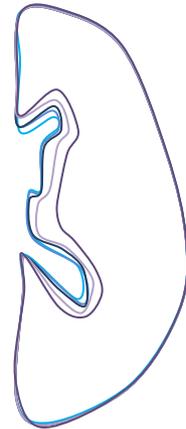
Shape variation functions

Model morphing

FE analysis & parametric simulation



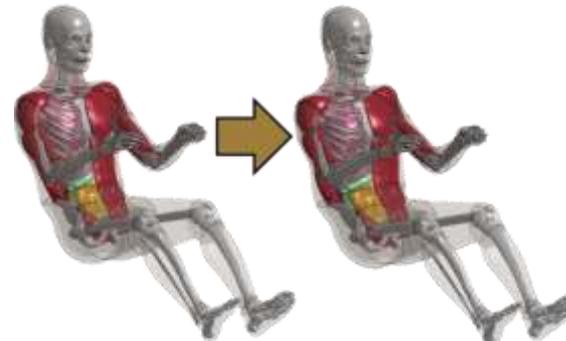
CT and MRI Scans



## Model

### Parameters

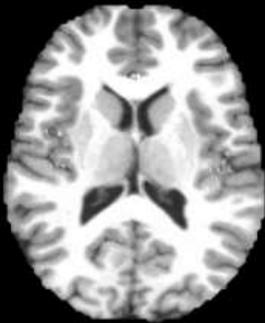
Shape landmark data  
Material properties  
Cortical thickness



# Scan Collection

- 343 Thoracic CTs, 120 MRIs, 120 Head CTs
- Demographic data: sex, age, weight, height, BMI

Normal MRI Scan



Normal Thoracic CT Scan



Rib cage only



Pediatric

Rib cage and head



Adult

0-3 mo.

20-30 yr

3-6 mo.

30-40 yr

6-9 mo

40-50 yr

9-12 mo

50-60 yr

1-3 yr

60-70 yr

3-6 yr

70-80 yr

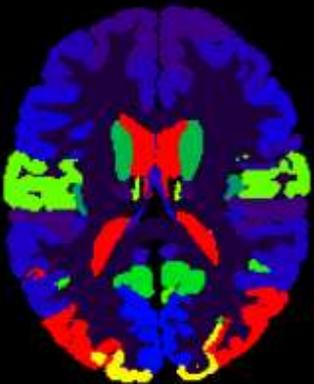
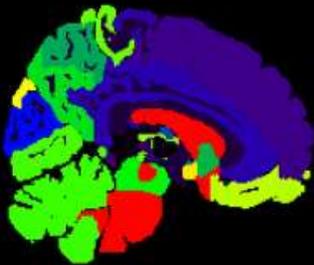
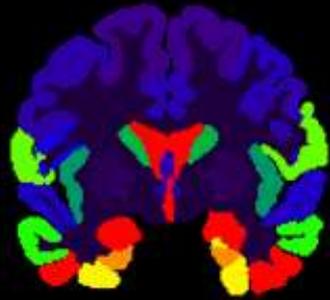
6-10 yr

80-90 yr

10-20 yr

90-100 yr

# Segmentation Methods



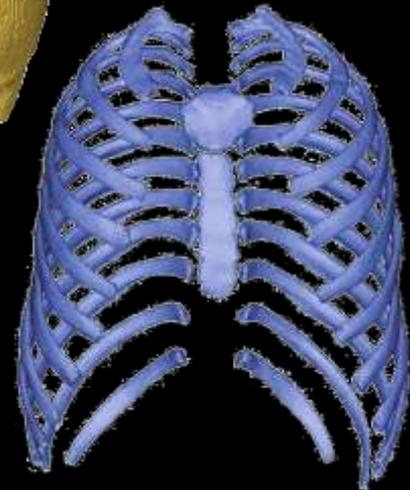
## *Soft Tissue*

Fully –  
automated  
brain label  
segmentation



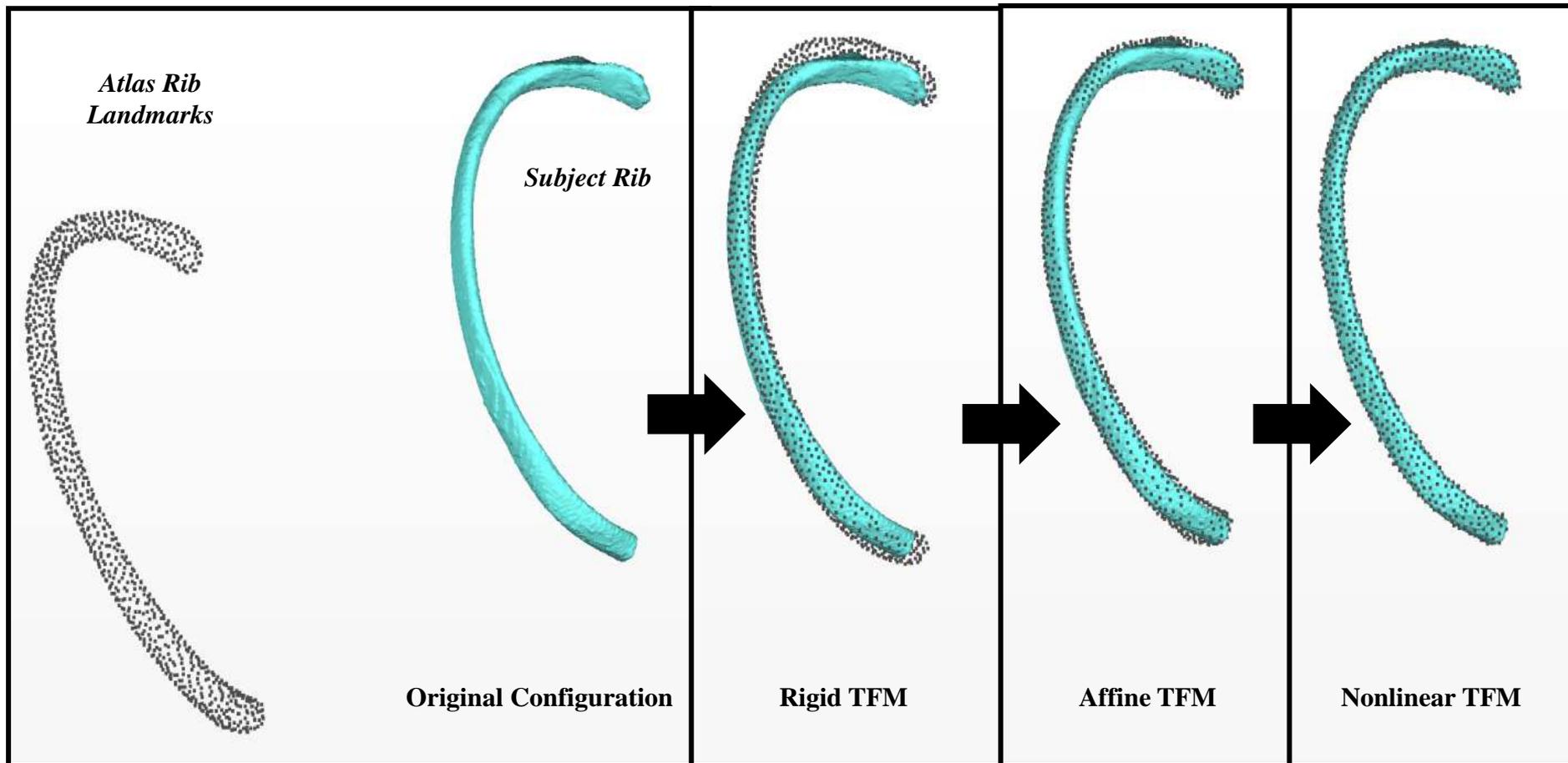
## *Bone*

1. Bone Threshold
2. Region grow
3. Manual edit
4. Hole filling

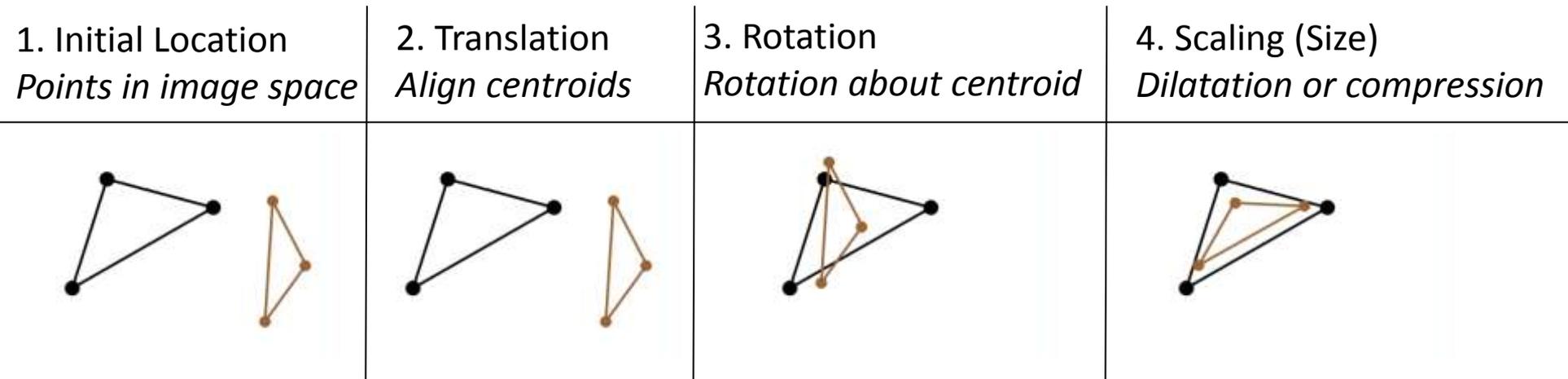
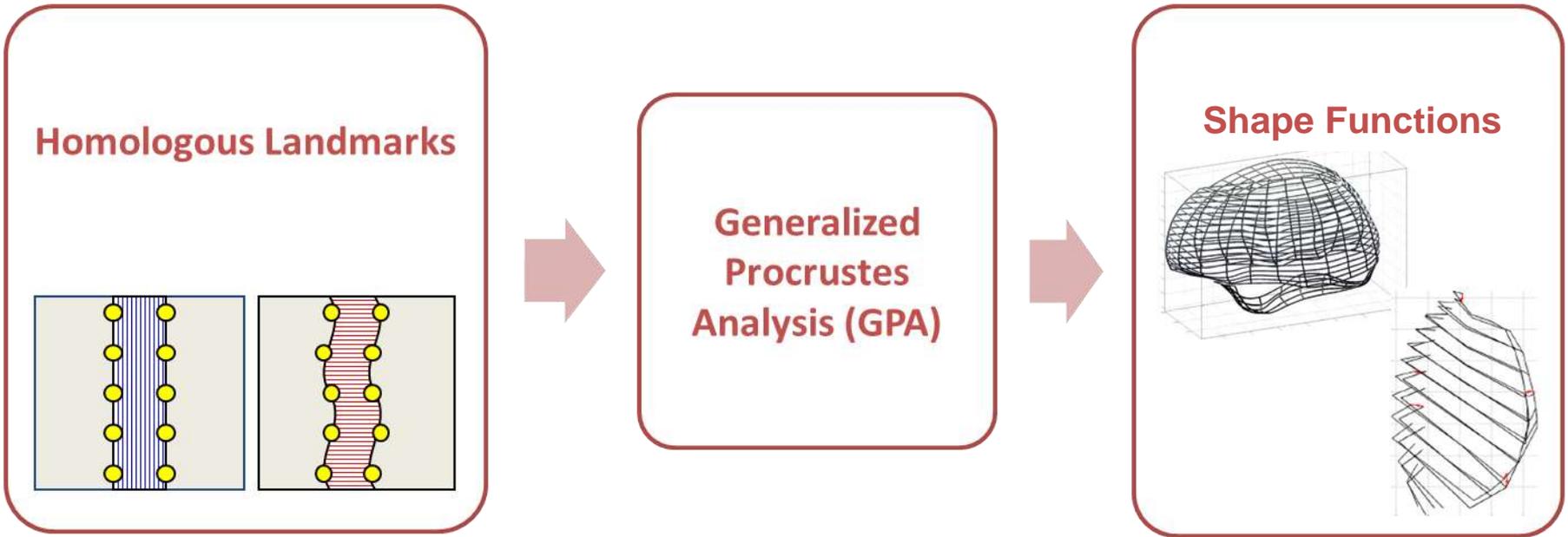


# Homologous Landmark Collection

Registration of Atlas Landmarks to Subject Segmentations

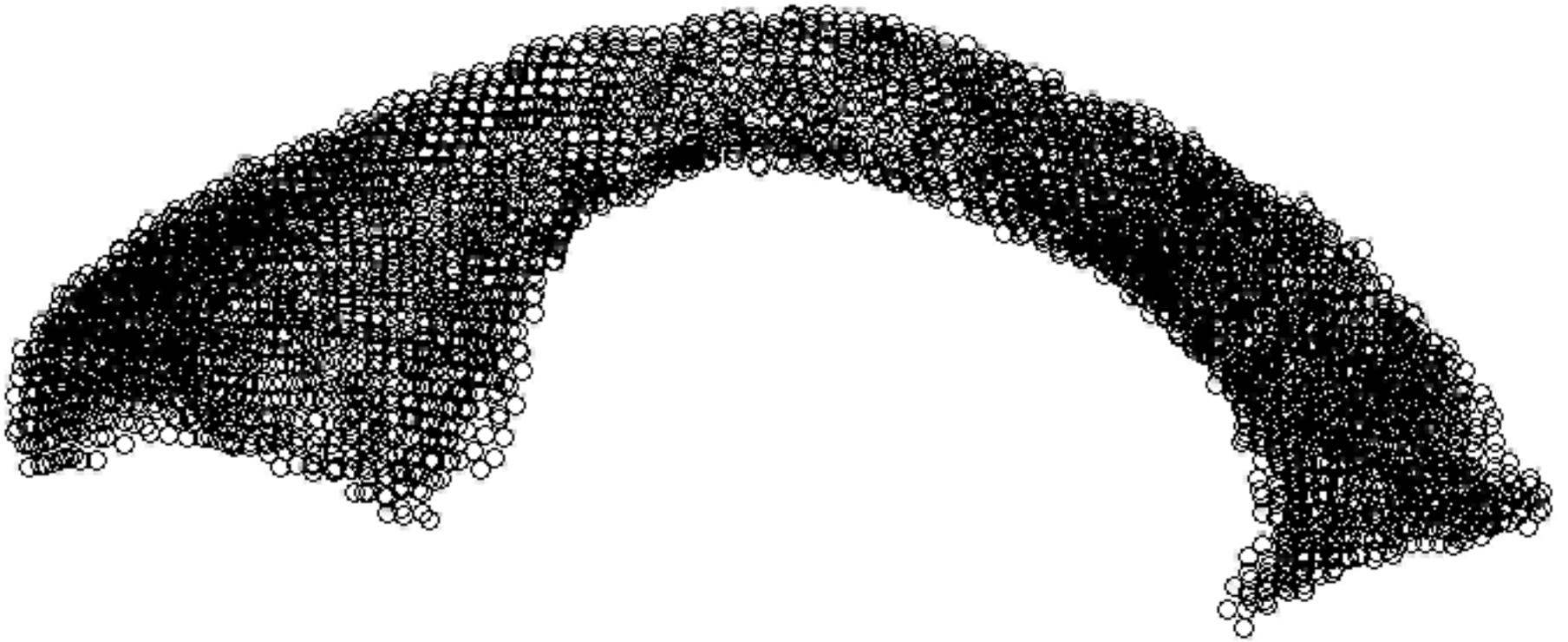


# Geometric Morphometrics



**Lateral Ventricle Shape Changes (Males) –  
*Urban et al. (Biomed Sci Instru 2012)***

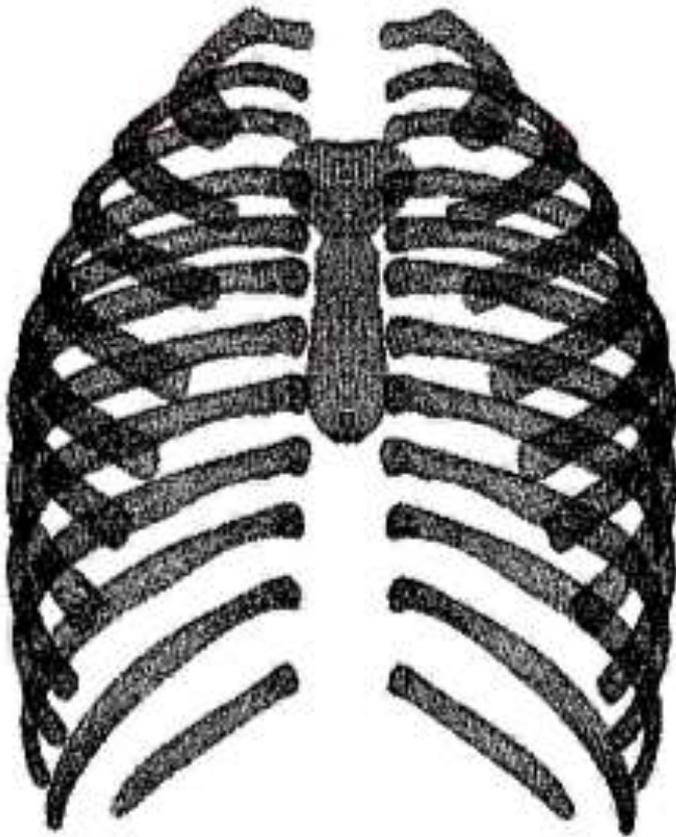
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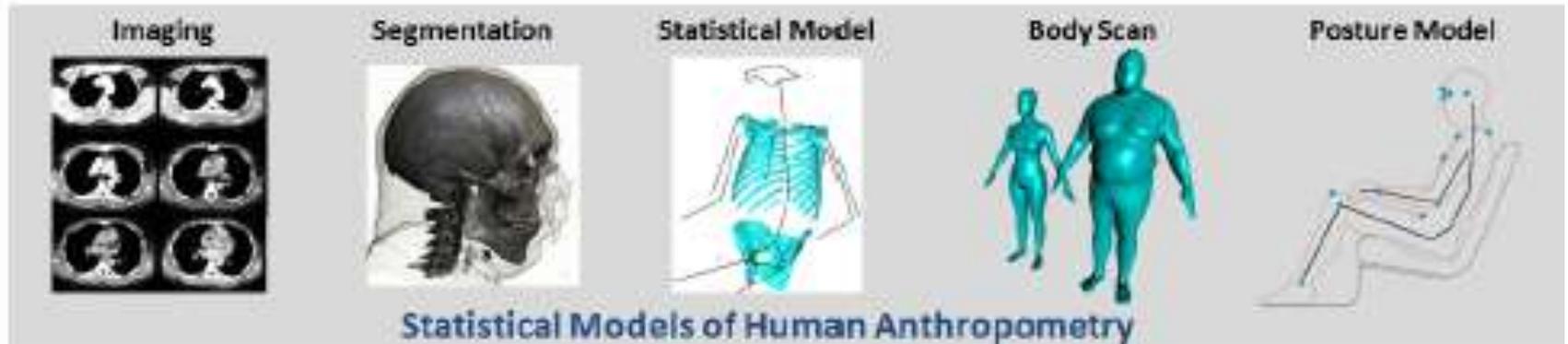
# Rib Cage Shape Changes (Males) -

*Weaver et al. (J Anatomy 2014), Weaver et al. (J Morphology 2014)*

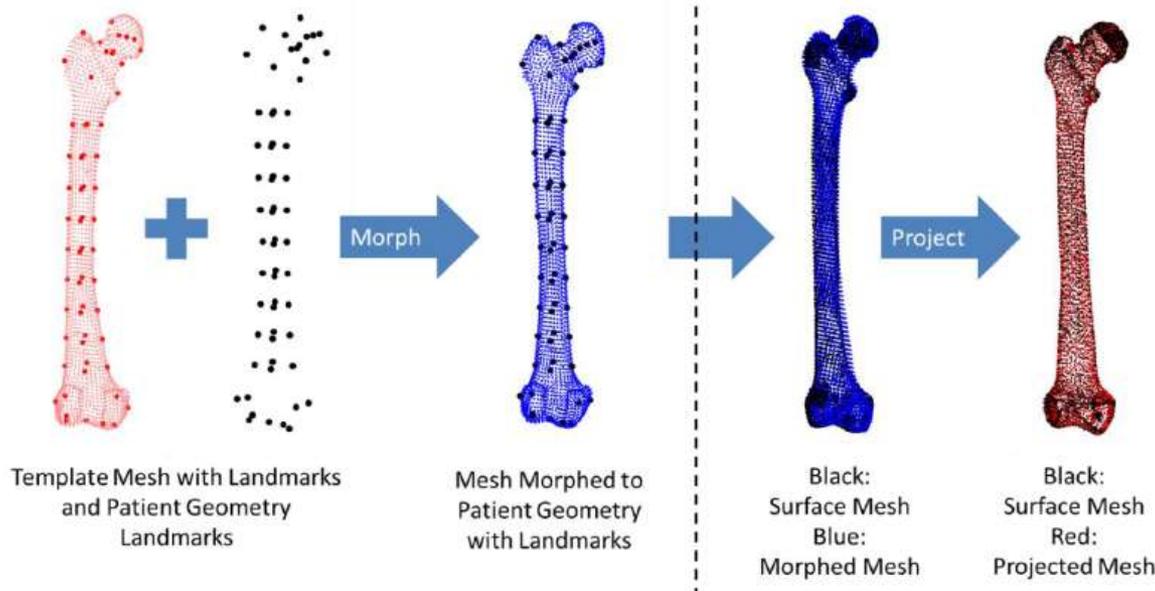
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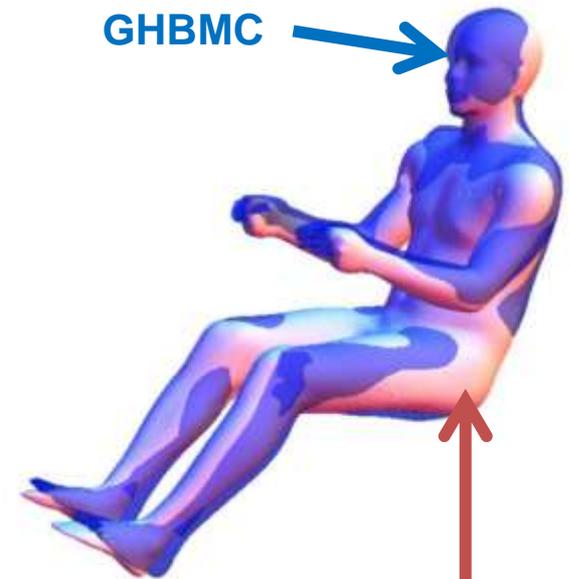
# UMTRI Mesh Morphing



## Femur



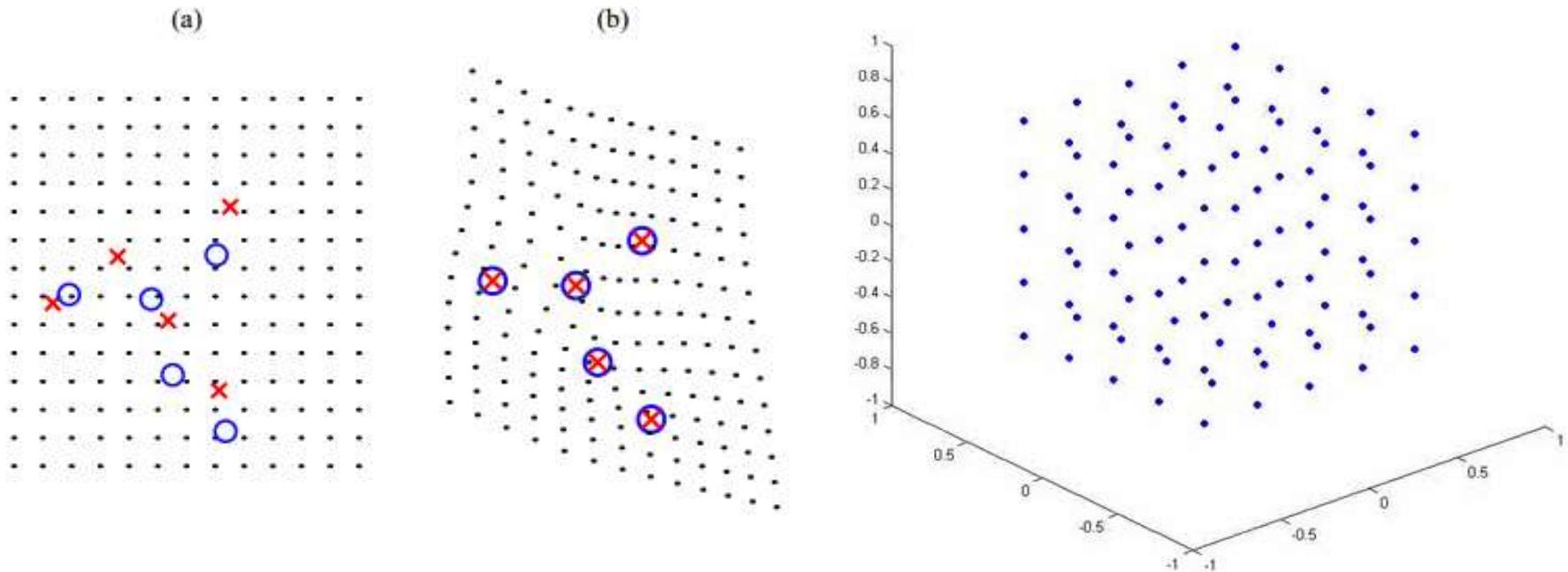
## External Anthropometry



UMTRI M50 Body Shape  
(Future: implement age effect)

# Thin-Plate Spline Interpolation Model Morphing

“Thin-plate spline” refers to a physical analogy involving the bending of a thin sheet of metal of metal



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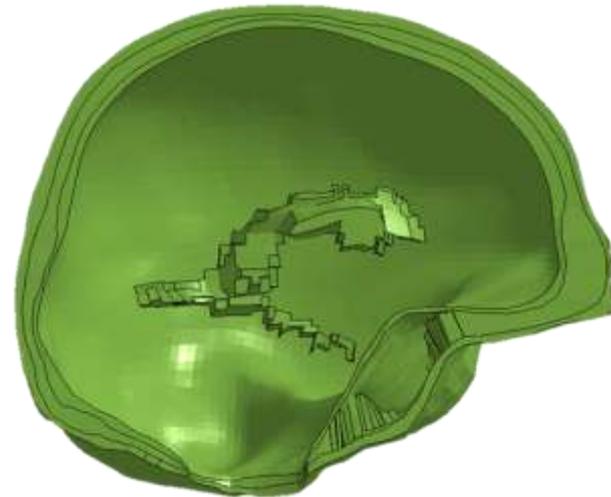
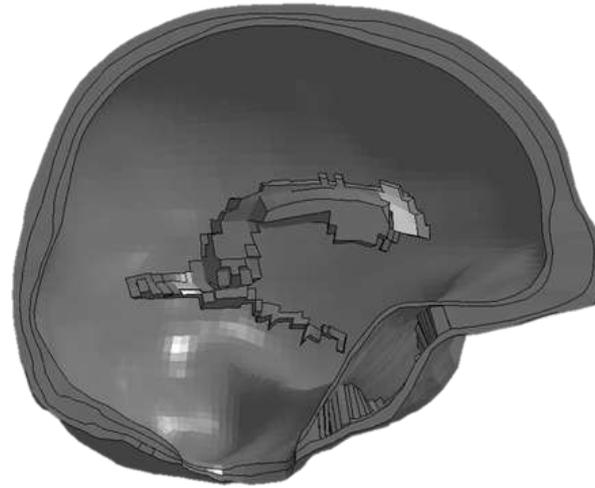
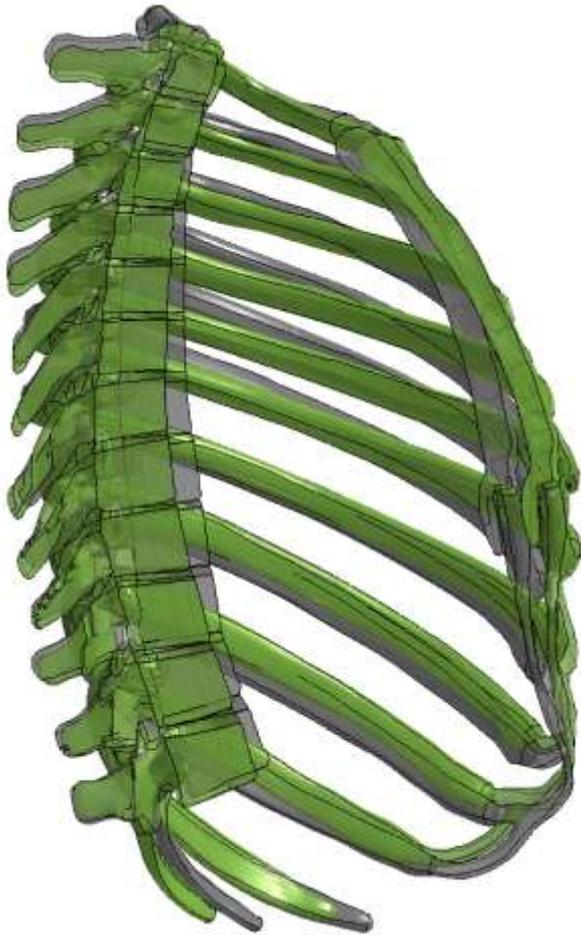
Homologous LMs  
GHBMCM50 v4.2 vs  
65yr Male

GHBMCM50 v4.2

65yr Male  
Morphed  
GHBMCM50 v4.2

# Preliminary Morphing Results

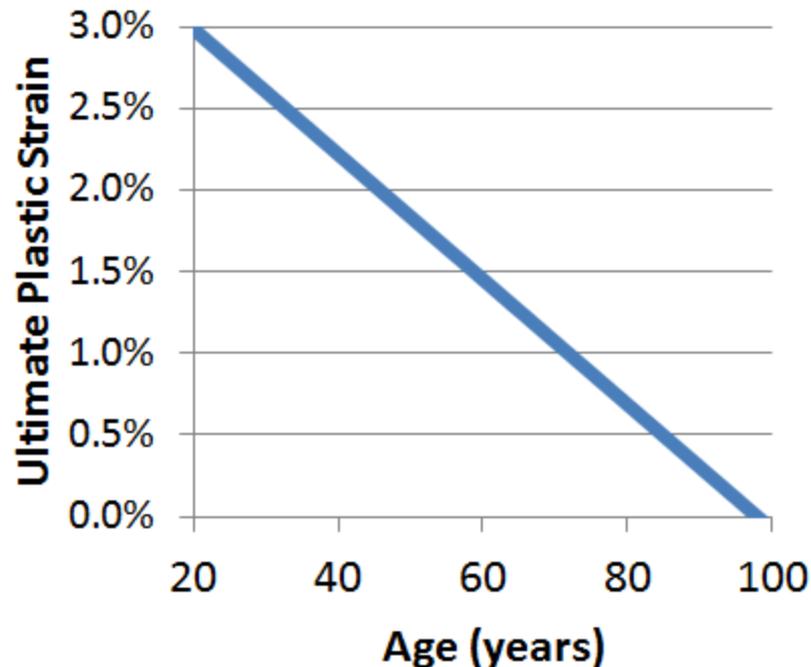
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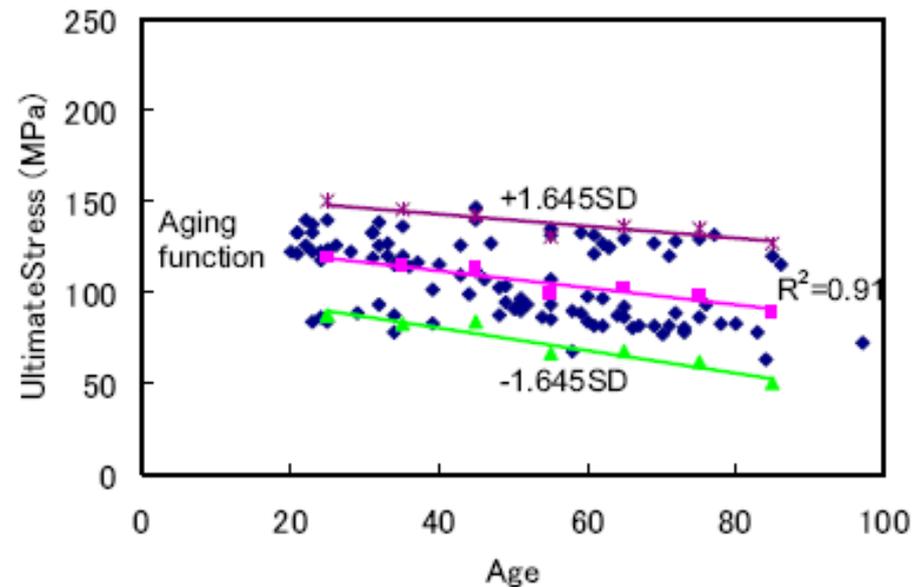
# 65YO Material Properties

- Adapted from literature
- Ultimate strain of the ribs and ultimate stress of the femur cortical bone decreases significantly with age

## Ribs



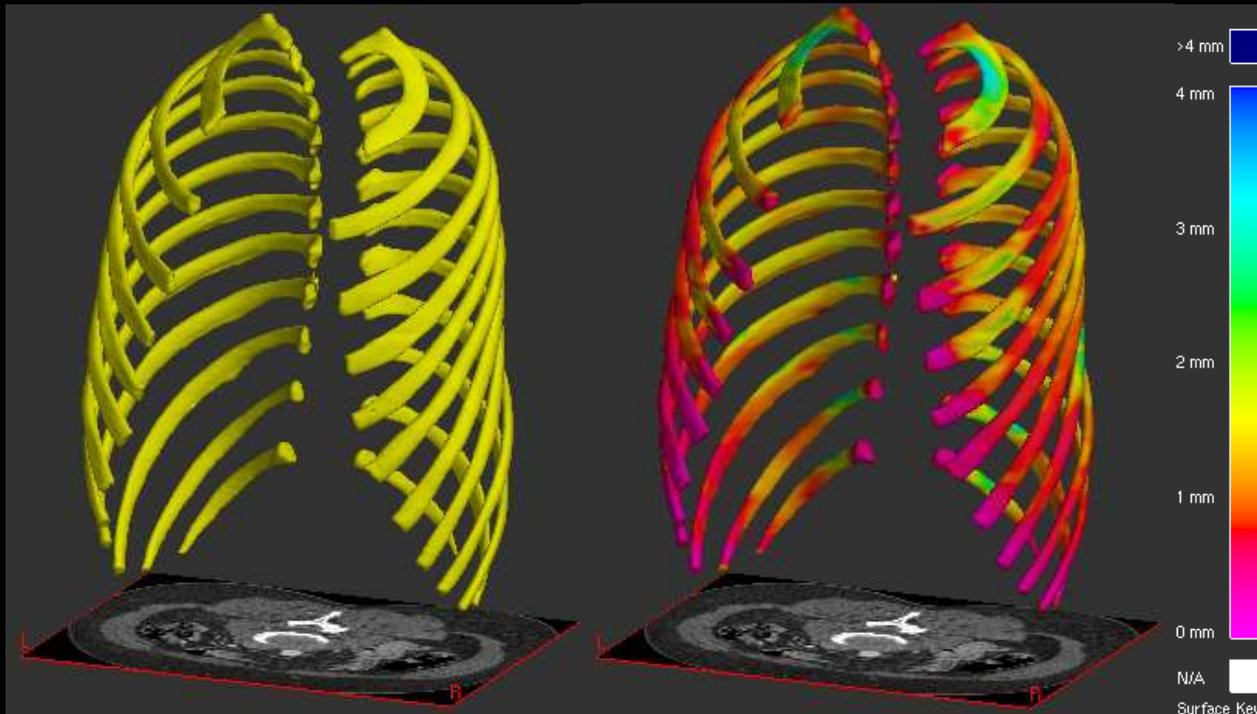
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# Cortical Thickness Estimation

*Treece et al. 2010, 2012*

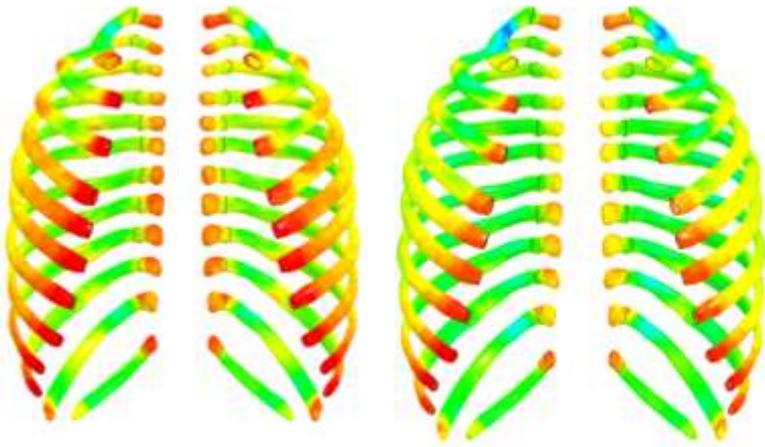
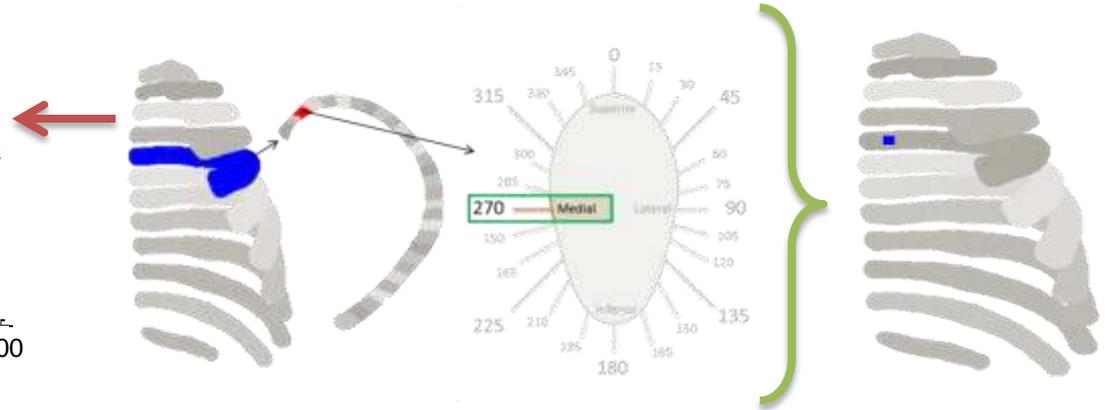
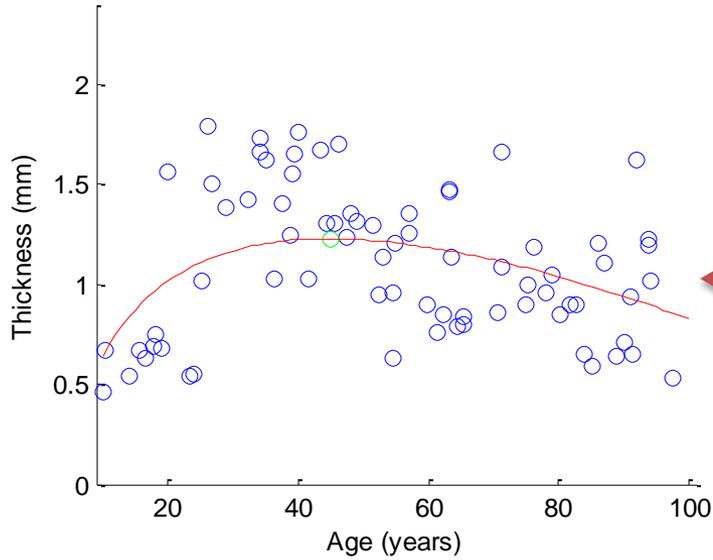
1. Computes HU value (density) from entire CT scan that best represents cortex
2. Algorithm uses density value to estimate cortical thickness over entire surface



Outputs point cloud with associated cortical thickness values at each point

# Rib Cortical Thickness Variation with Age

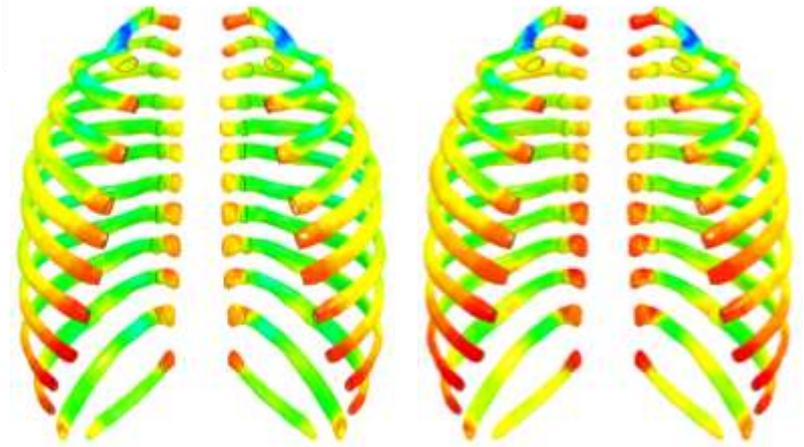
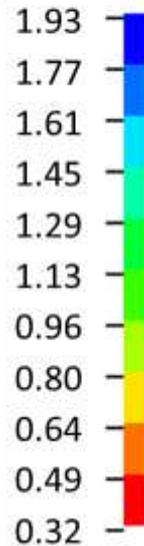
Rib:5, Ring:5, Angle:266



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Fringe Levels  
(mm)



60

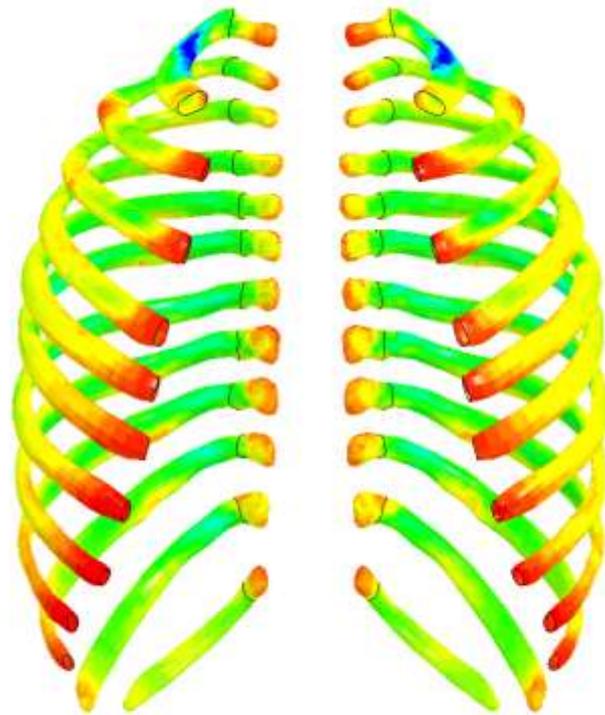
80

Years

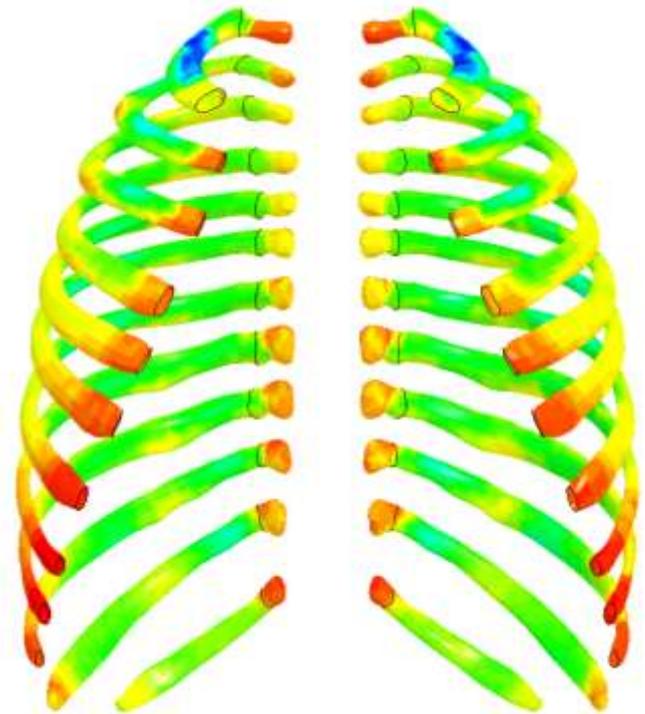
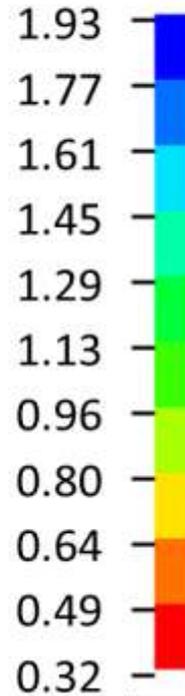
# Rib Cortical Thickness Comparison

**GHBMC**

**65yr Male**



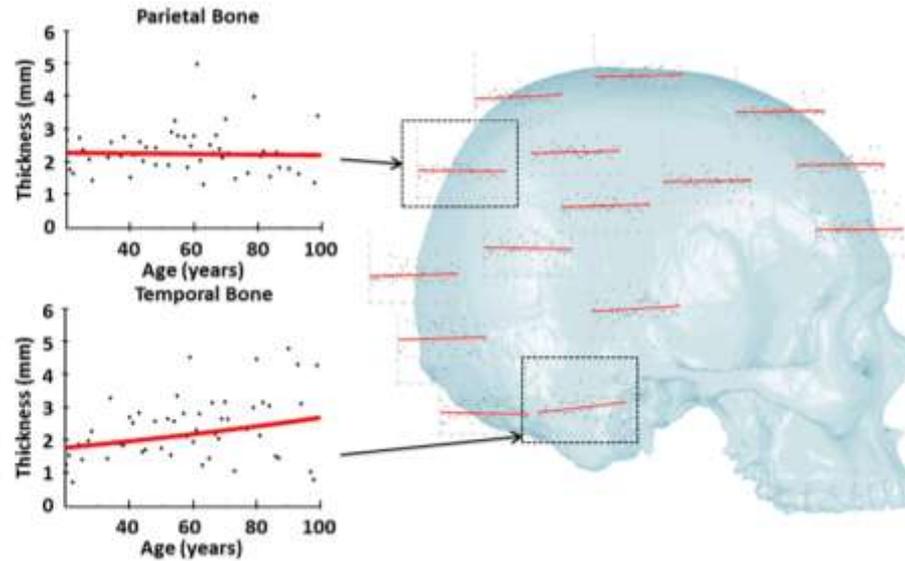
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# Skull Cortical Thickness Variation

*Lillie et al. (J Anatomy 2015)*

**Male**

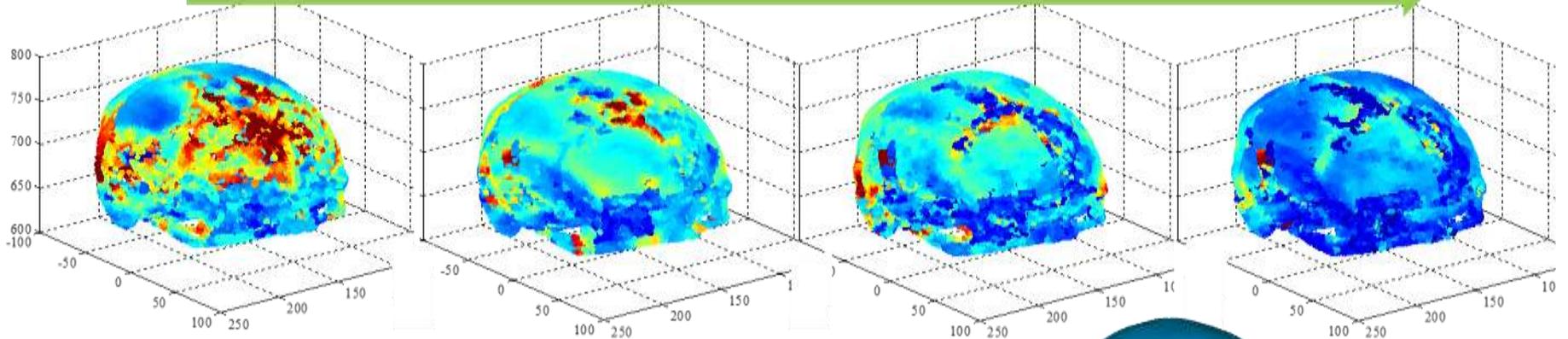


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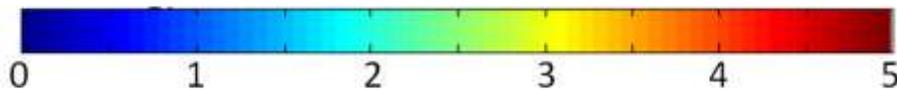
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80's

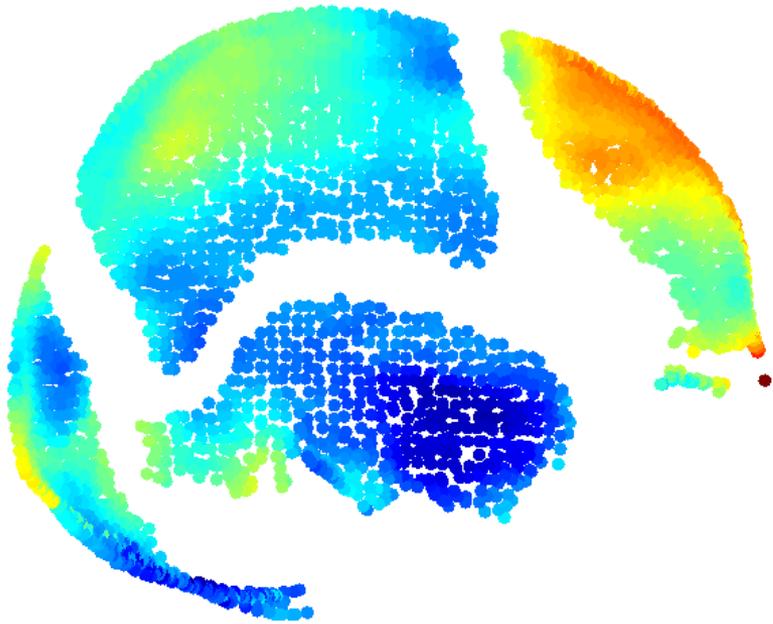


Thickness in mm

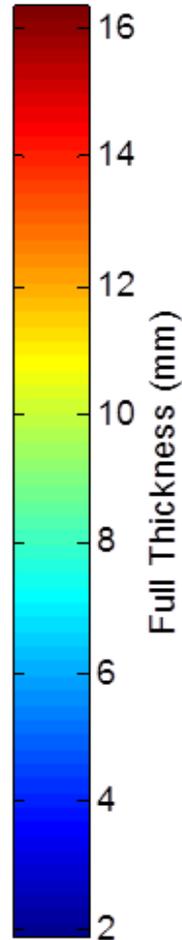
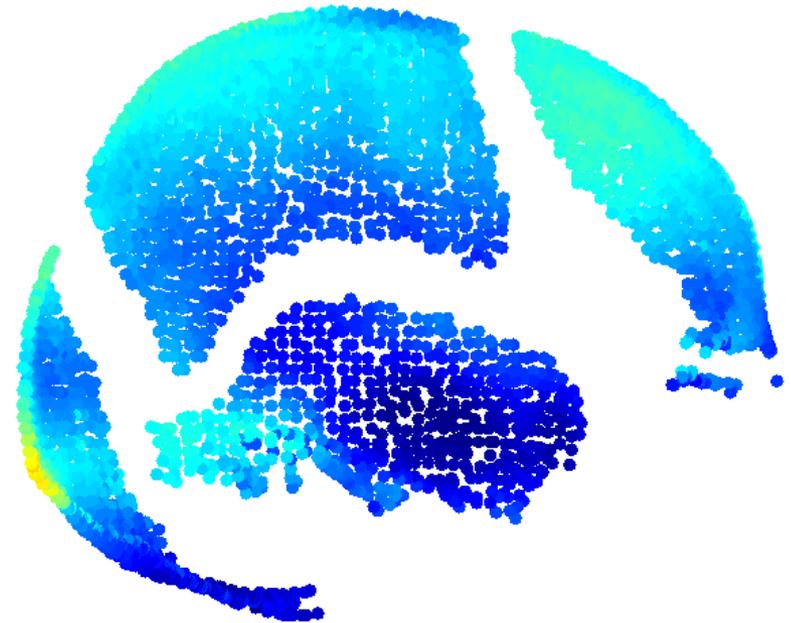


# Skull Cortical Thickness Comparison

**GHBMBC**



**65yr Male**



# Femur Cortical Thickness Comparison

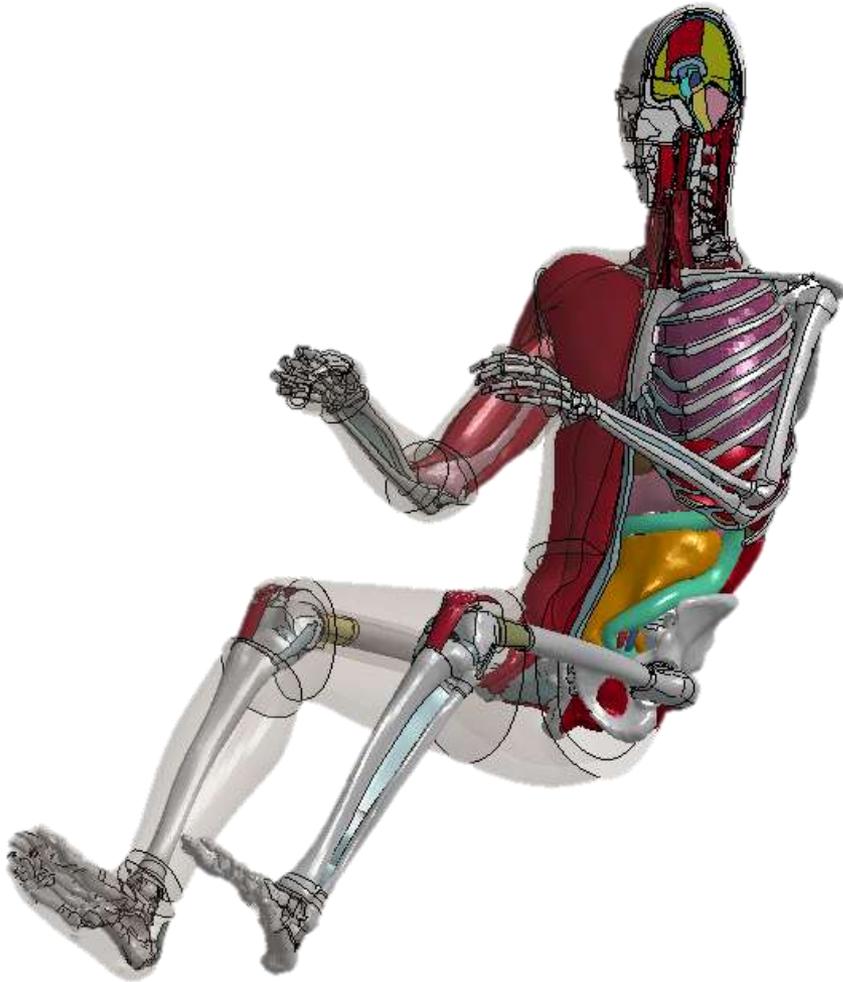
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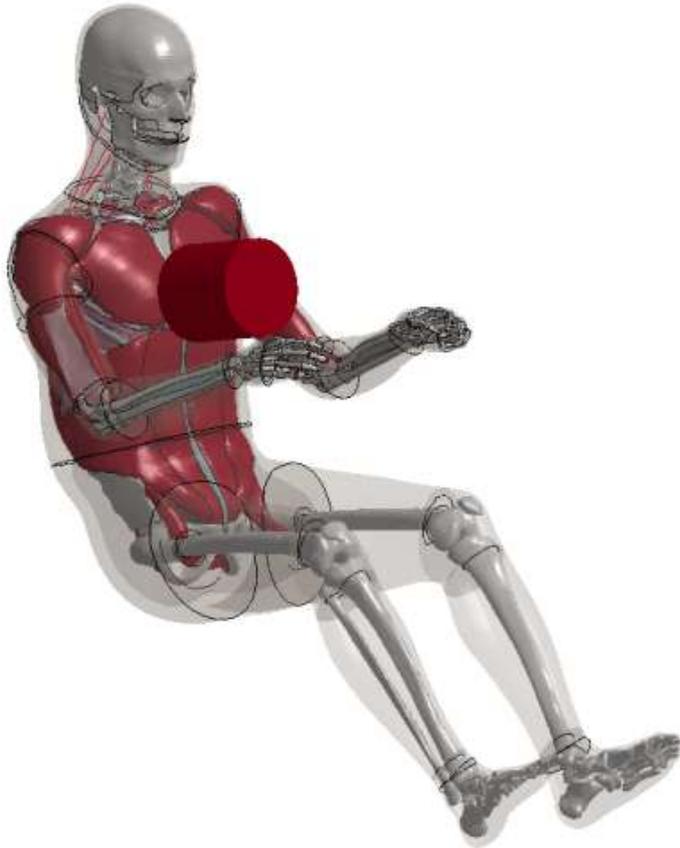


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# Summary & Conclusions

- 65 YO GHBMCM model development
  - Shape variation in brain, skull, thorax, lower extremities, and external anthropometry
  - Bone material property variation
  - Cortical thickness variation (skull, ribs, lower extremity)
- Investigating age-specific injury mechanisms

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Thank you!



OASIS Project for MRI scans  
P50 AG05681, P01 AG03991, R01 AG021910,  
P20 MH071616, U24 RR021382



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