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# Development of a Biofidelic Dummy for Representation of Complex Injuries During Vehicle Crash

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# Overview

## Introduction

Biofidelic dummy

Responsible institutions

## Concept and development of a new dummy model

Model core function

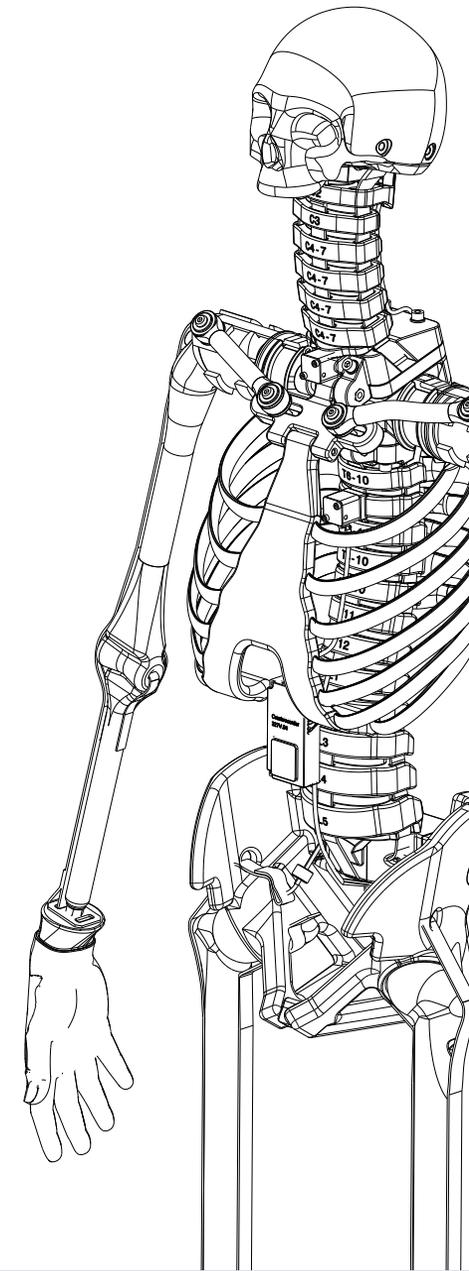
Development process

## Validation of the biofidelic dummy

Sled tests

Full-scale crash tests

## Summary and outlook



# Introduction - Biofidelic-Dummy (PRIMUS breakable)

- Bone components
- Ligaments and tendons
- Soft tissue
- Anthropomorphic geometry
- Real range of motion
- Age, weight, height and mass distribution 50-percentile
- Inertial measuring unit in head, pelvis and thorax
- Correlation between **dummy damage** and **human injury**



Source: Crashtest-Service

# Institutions responsible for the dummy project

**HTW**<sub>D</sub>

Research,  
development,  
testing



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# **Model core function**

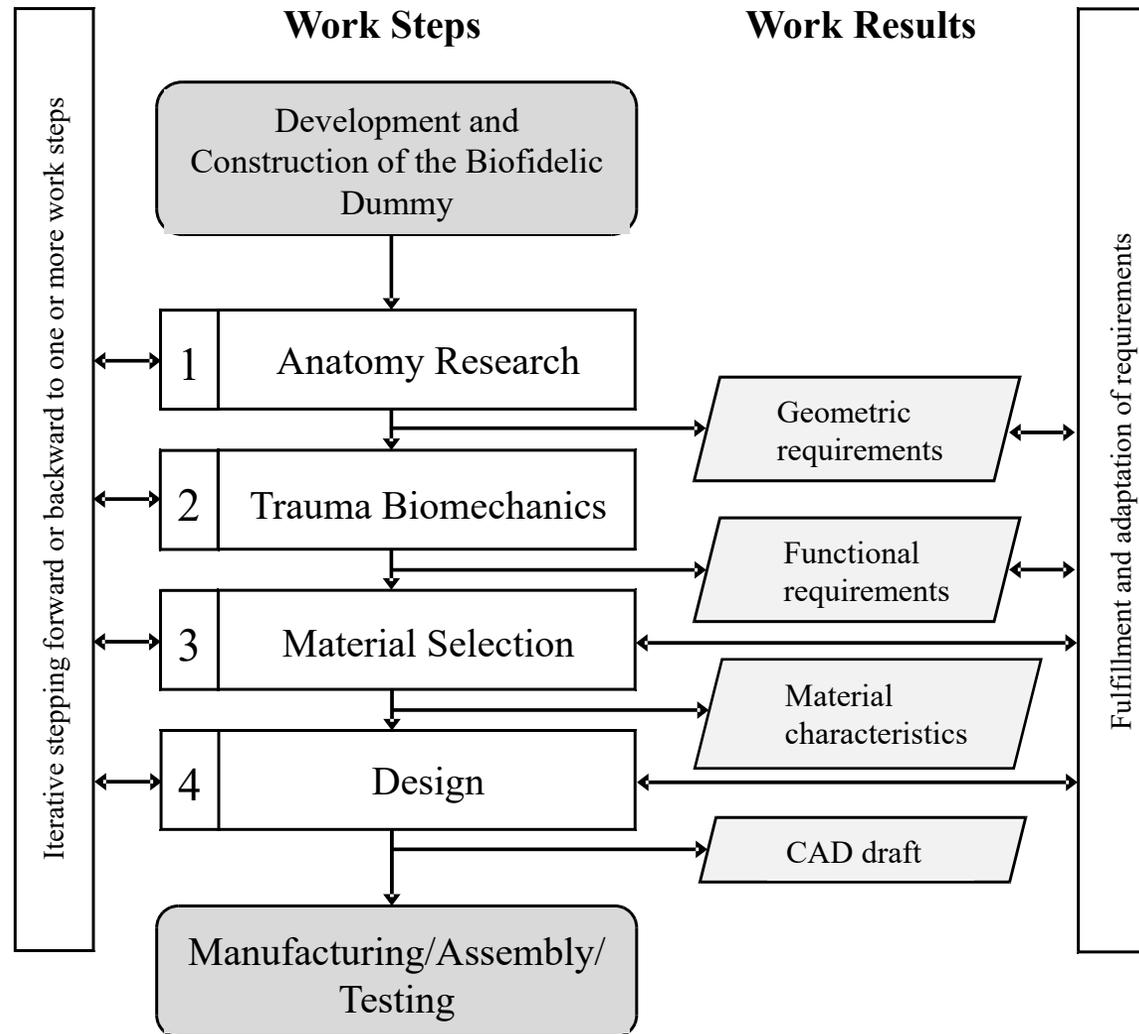
**Correlation between human injury and material damage to the dummy**

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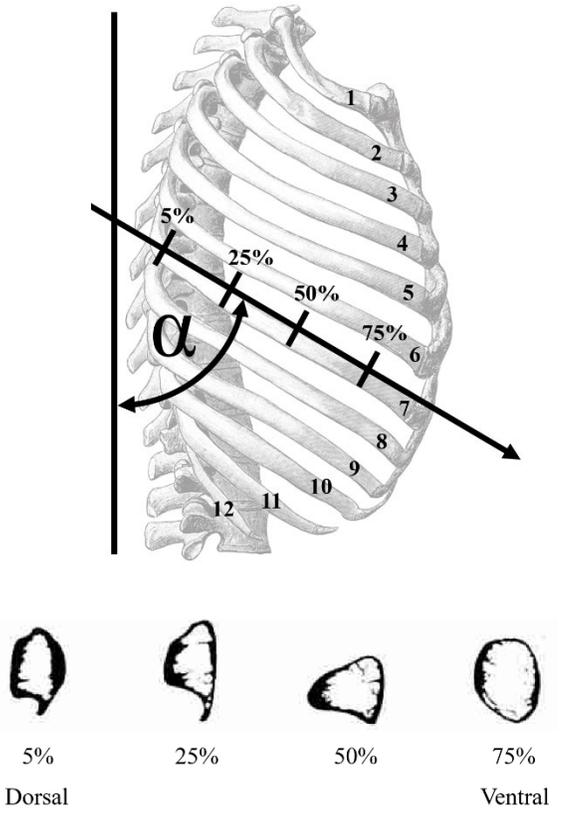
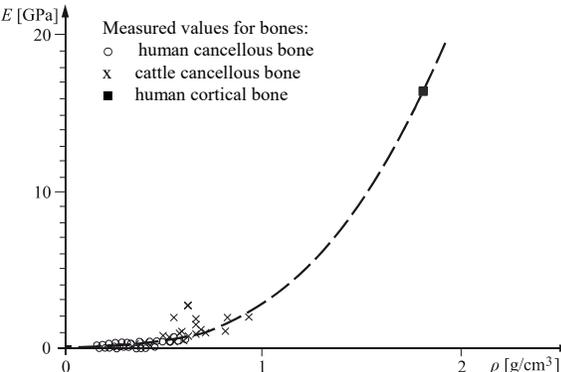
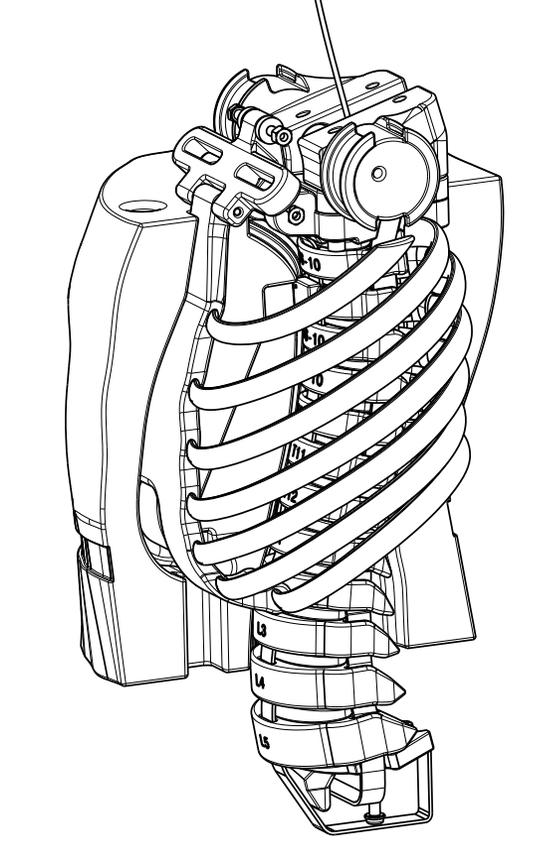
# Development

4-phase process  
according to VDI  
guideline 2221

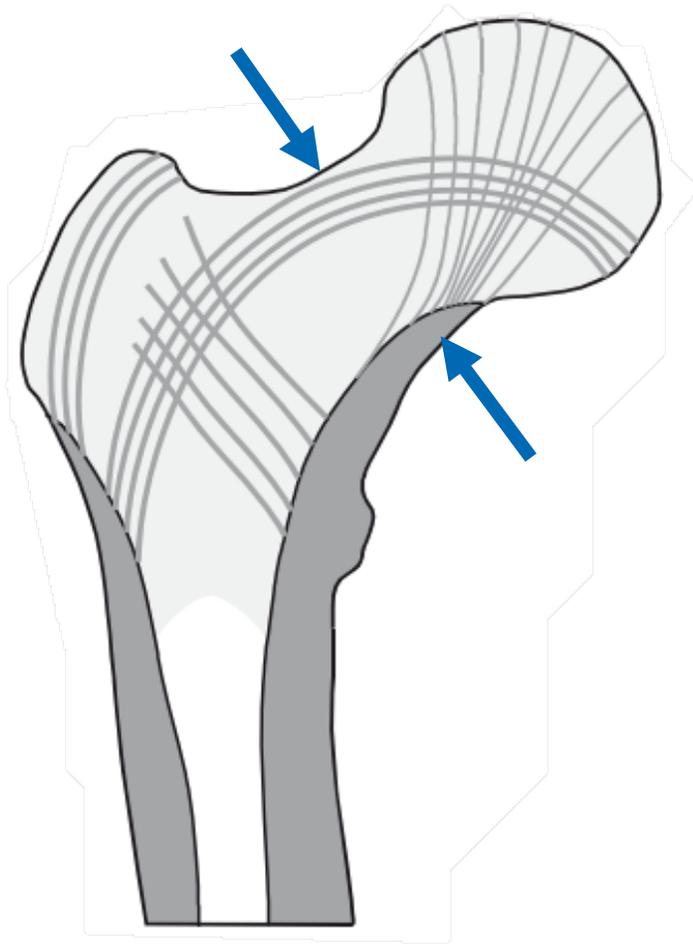
VDI – Verein Deutscher  
Ingenieure  
(The Association of German  
Engineers)



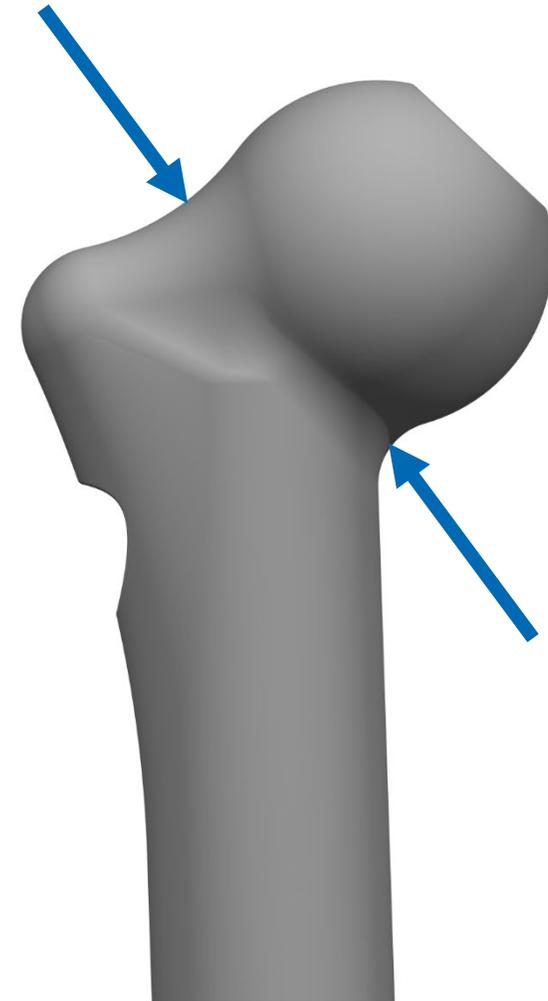
# Development - example thorax

1 Anatomy research	2 Trauma-Biomechanics	3 Material selection	4 Construction																					
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# Construction – example of femur dimensioning

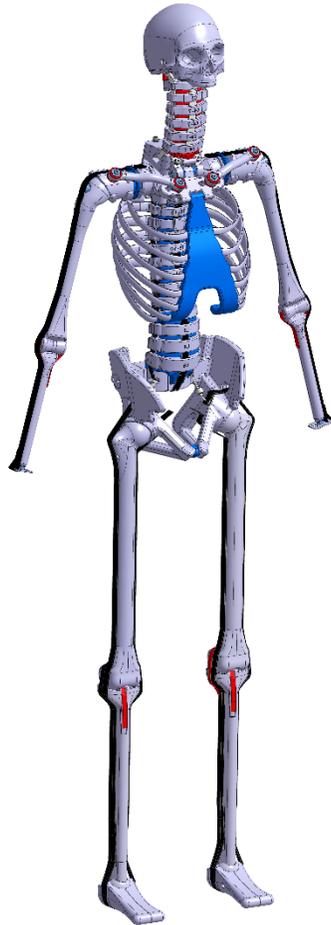


Sectional view of the femoral head [14]



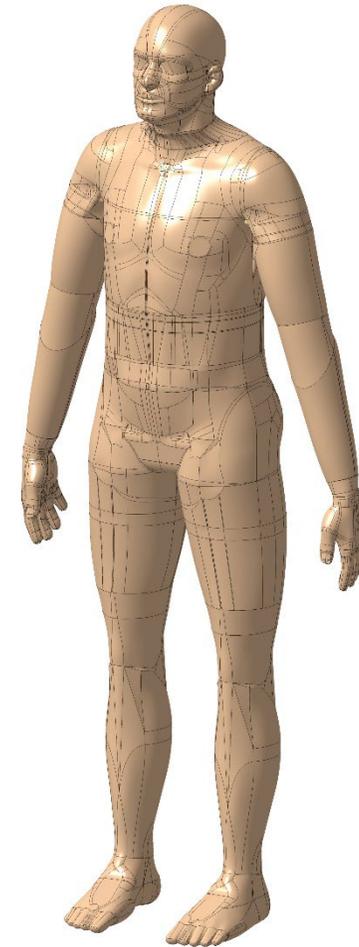
Dummy construction of the femoral head

# Development and design results



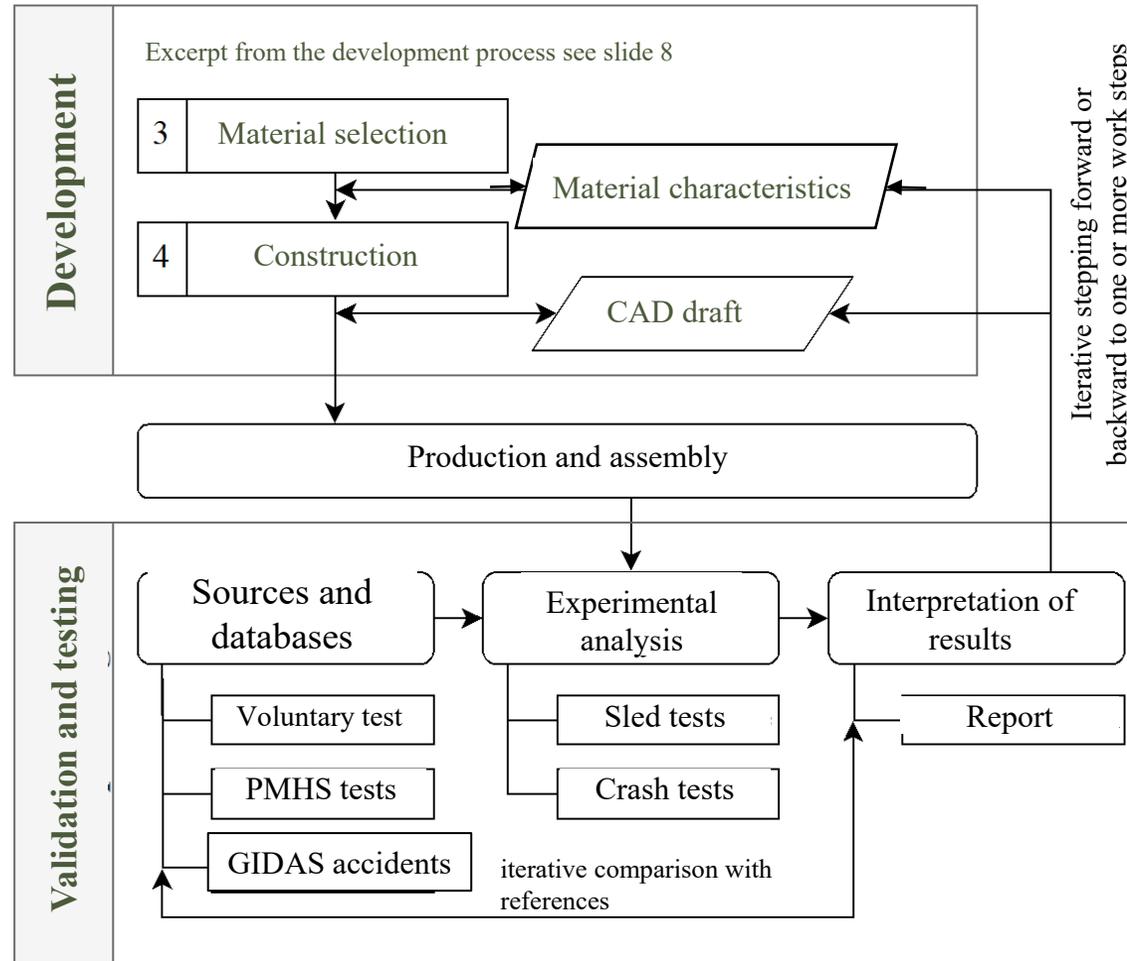
Dummy skeleton

Dummy size:	1,75 m
Dummy weight:	79 kg
Assemblies:	9
Parts:	238
Number of different materials:	7

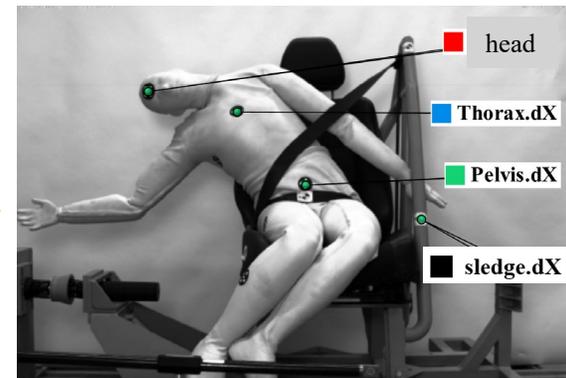
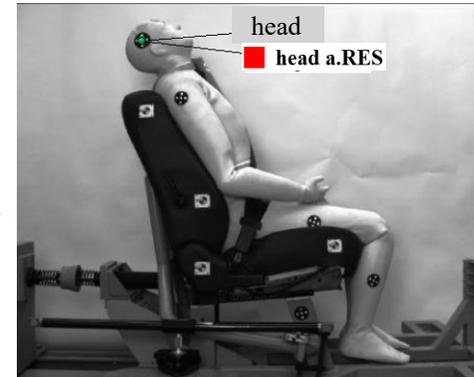
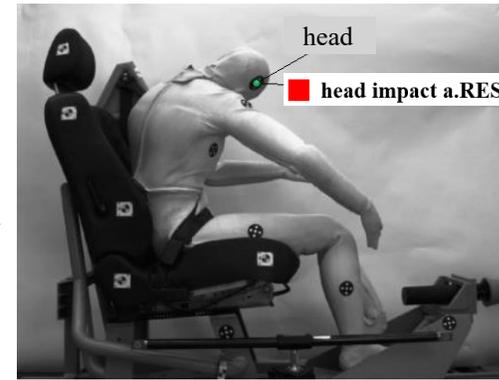
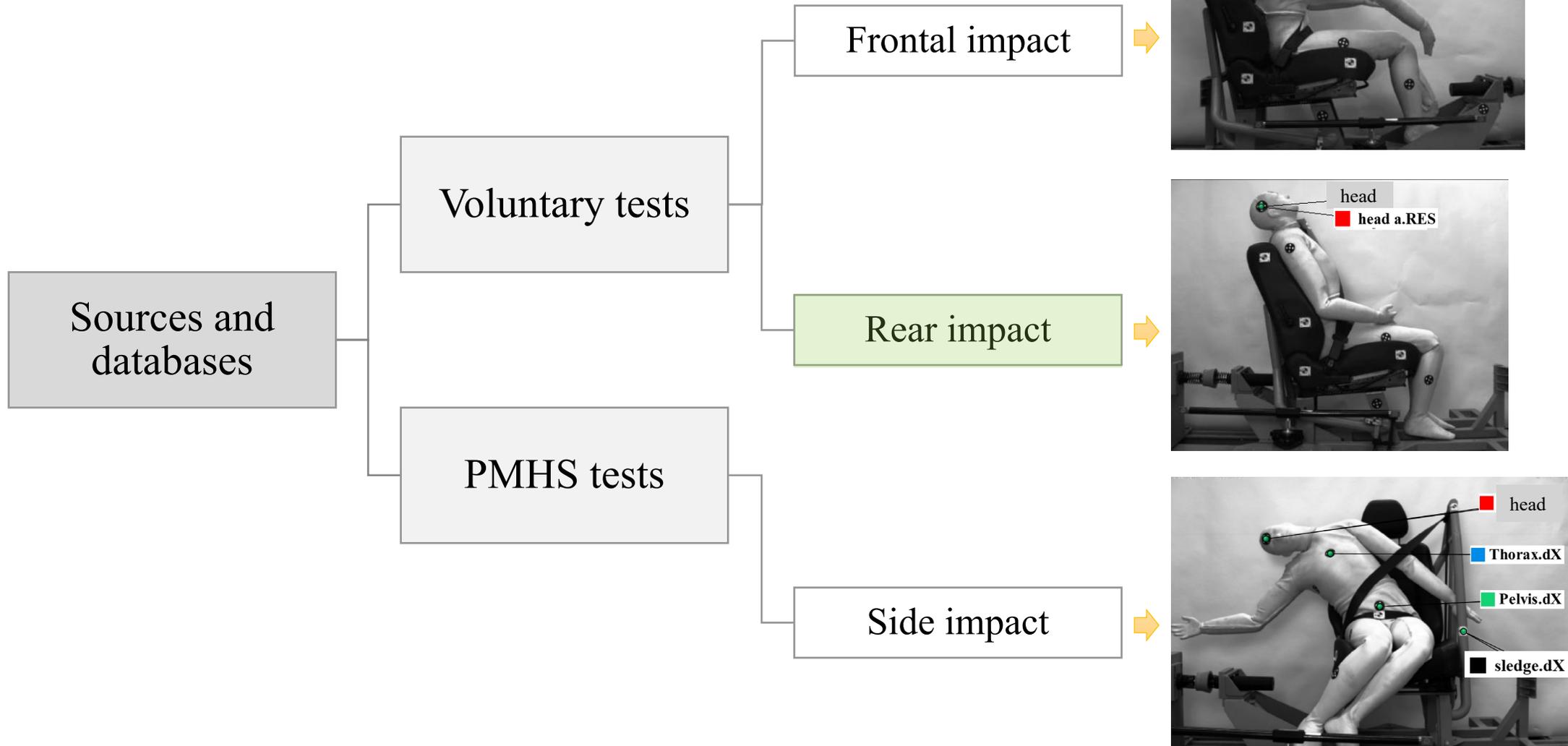


Dummy with soft tissue replacement

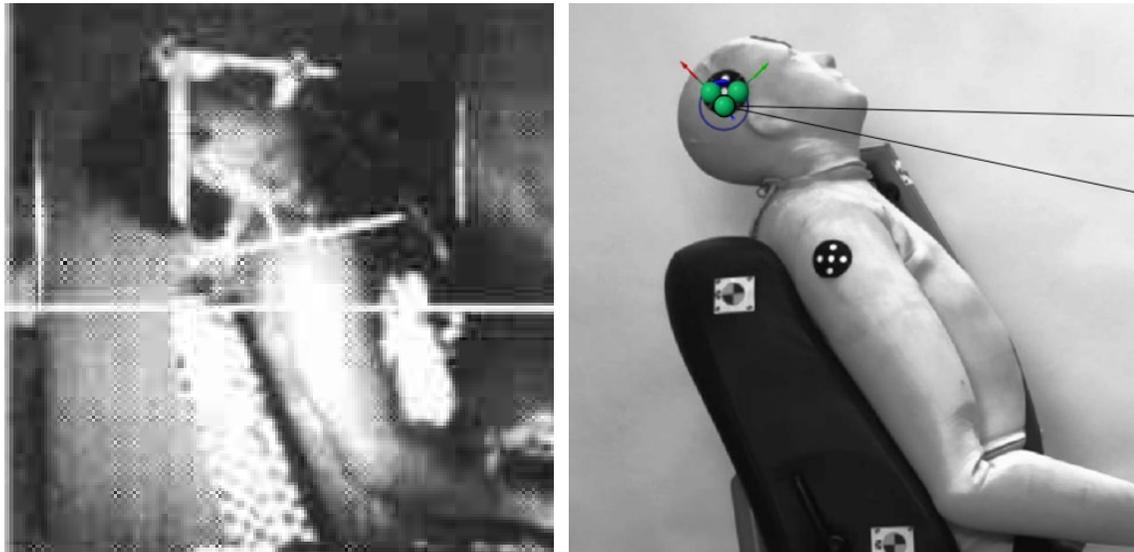
# Validation and testing



# Sled tests

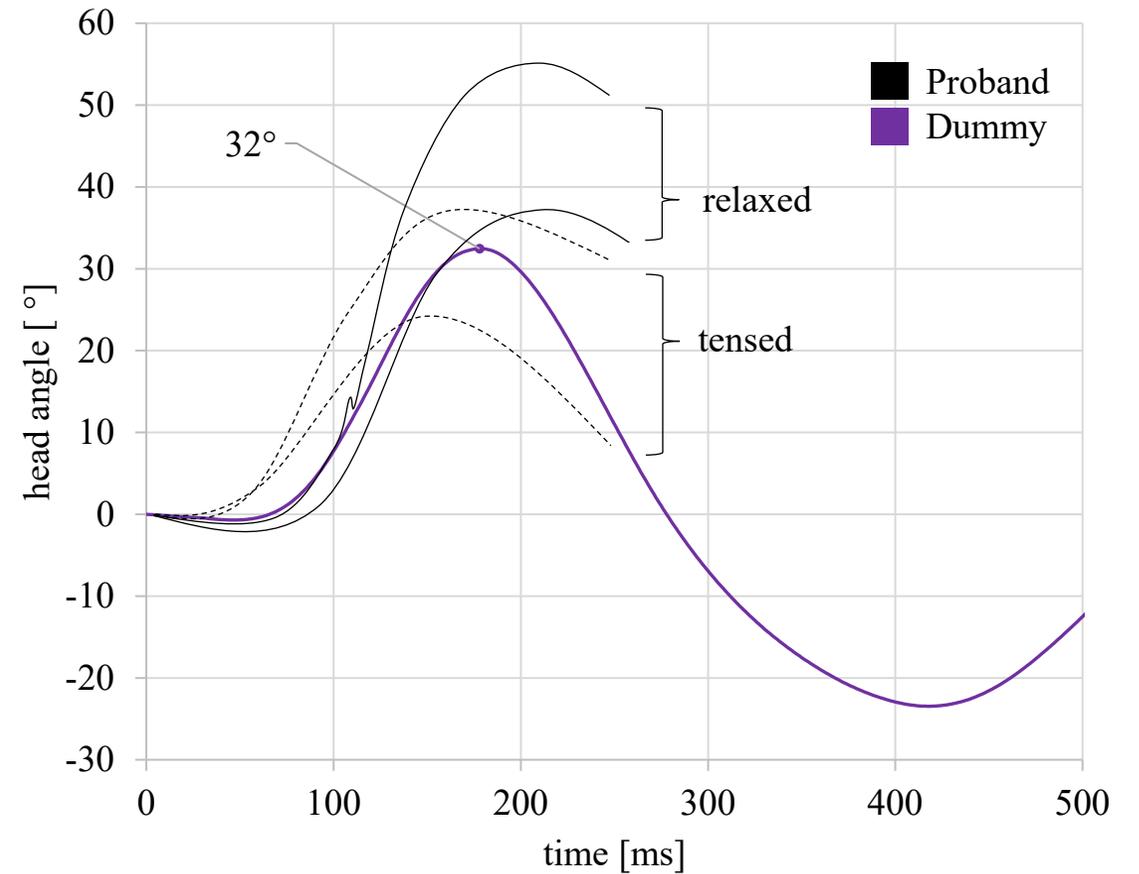


# Sled tests: rear impact according to Ono et. al.



Test subject and crash test dummy compared at maximum head deflection [15]

Rear impact 8 km/h



Head angle  $\Psi$ -t-diagram

# Full-scale crash tests

car-pedestrian 35 km/h



car-car 75 km/h



car-tree 52 km/h



car-bicycle 45



car-car 30 km/h



car-tree 65 km/h

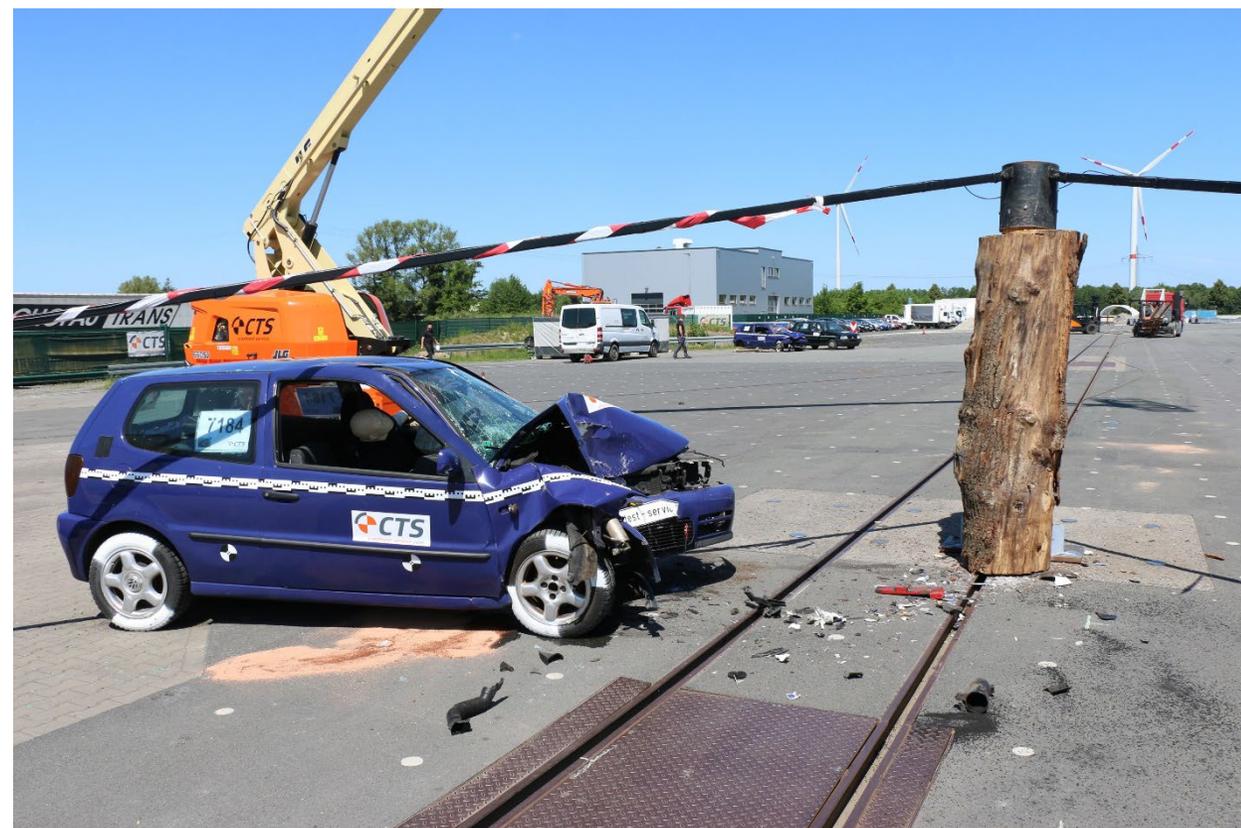


figure 35: Overview of full-scale crash tests

# Full-scale crash tests: car-tree 65 km/h



Accident tree collision [16]

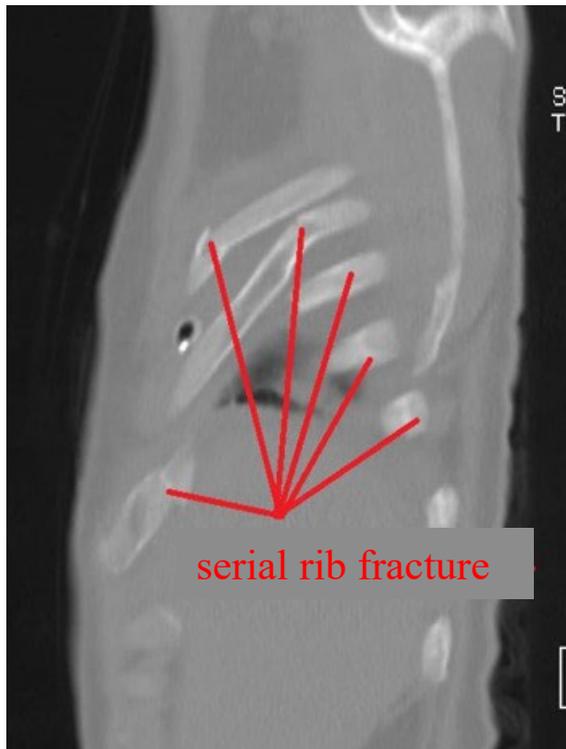


Crash test tree impact

# Injury comparison: car-tree 65 km/h

## Human:

serial rib fracture 2-7 r.



X-ray of serial rib fracture 2-7 r. [16]

## Dummy:

serial rib fracture 3-7 .



Technical autopsy serial rib fracture 3-7 r.

# Injury comparison: car-tree 65 km/h

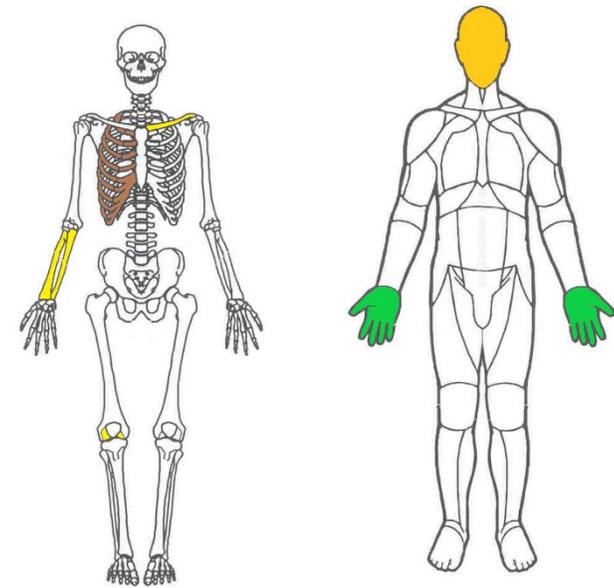
Injuries real accident 1180018		Damage dummy crash test 2			
description	AISG05	min. correlating description	AISG05 min.	max. correlating description	AISG05 max.
temporal contusion hemorrhage	140606.3	mild traumatic brain injury	161000.1	severe traumatic brain injury	161006.3
diffuse subarachnoid hemorrhage	140694.2				
abrasion over right eye lat.	210202.1	no correlating damage			
hematoma under left clavicle	410402.1	clavicle fracture l.	750500.2	medial clavicle fracture (proximal) l.	750511.2
pulmonary contusion	441410.3	no correlating damage			
hematothorax r.	442200.3				
serial rib fracture 2-7 re.	450213.4	serial rib fracture 3-7 r.	450213.4	serial rib fracture 3-7 r.	450213.4
no injury		fracture of thoracic vertebrae	650416.2	large thoracic vertebra fracture	650434.3
abrasion right hand lat.	710202.1	soft tissue injury hands lat.	710099.1	abrasion hands lat.	710202.1
no injury		simple forearm fracture r.	752253.2	simple forearm fracture r.	752253.2
		knee r. outer/internal ligament	840405.2	knee r. outer/internal ligament partial tear	840406.2
MAIS = 4		min. MAIS = 4		max. MAIS = 4	
ISS = 26 (Polytrauma)		ISS <sub>min</sub> = 24 (Polytrauma)		ISS <sub>max</sub> = 34 (Polytrauma)	

# Evaluation

Database-dependent survival probability [17]

AIS-code	color	AIS injury severity	NTDB [%]	GIDAS AIS [%]	GIDAS MAIS [%]
0		uninjured	100	100	100
1	green	minor	99,3	99,8	99,9
2	yellow	moderate	99,2	99,4	99,6
3	orange	serious	96,5	98,3	95,8
4	brown	severe	85,4	74,6	74,9
5	red	critical	60,4	61,5	42
6	black	maximum	21	0	0
9	grey	not further specified			

NTDB National Trauma Database, GIDAS German In Depth Accident Study,  
AIS Abbreviated Injury Scale, MAIS max. AIS value



Visualization of local injuries

# Summary

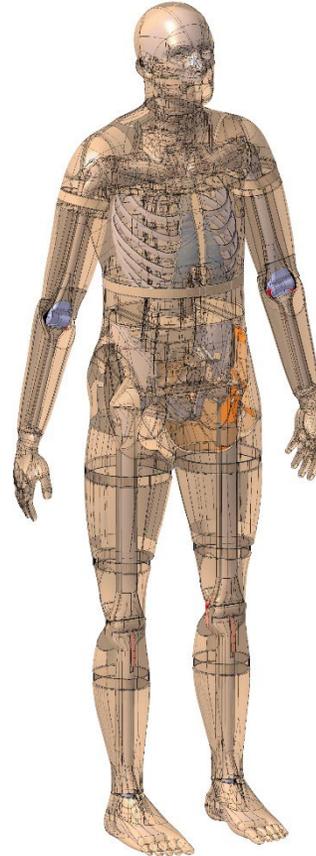
## Dummies for standardized tests

not all relevant injuries  
can be visualized

human injury  
mechanisms are very  
complex

no omnidirectional use  
possible

## Dummy development with a biofidelic approach



## Validation

seat sledge test:

realistic response behavior  
in the application of the  
vehicle crash

crash tests:

5 out of 6 tests are within  
the range of real injury  
severity (MAIS-related)

# Application and outlook

## Application

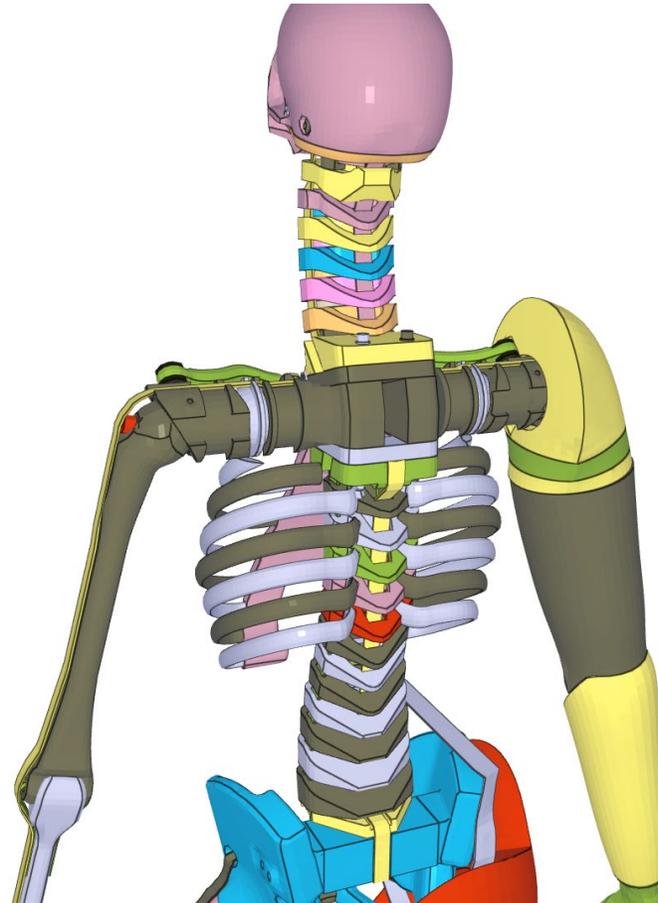


E-scooter crash test setup [18]



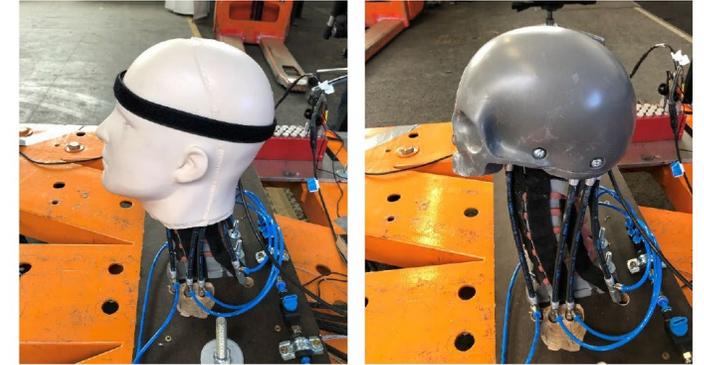
Seated application in special protection [19]

## FEM simulation model

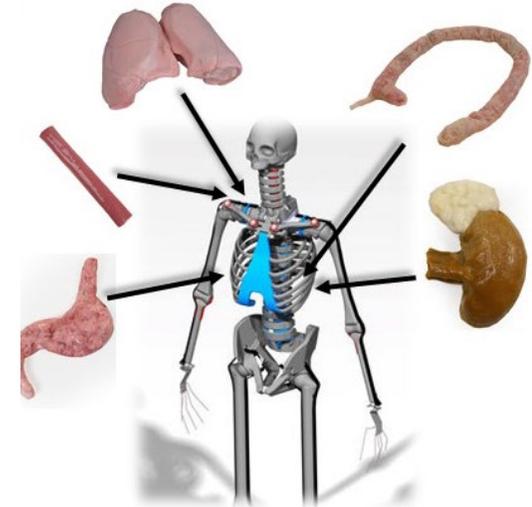


Rib series fracture in the FEM simulation

## Research subjects



Cervical spine with pneumatic replacement muscles



Enhancement using hollow and full organs in the thorax area

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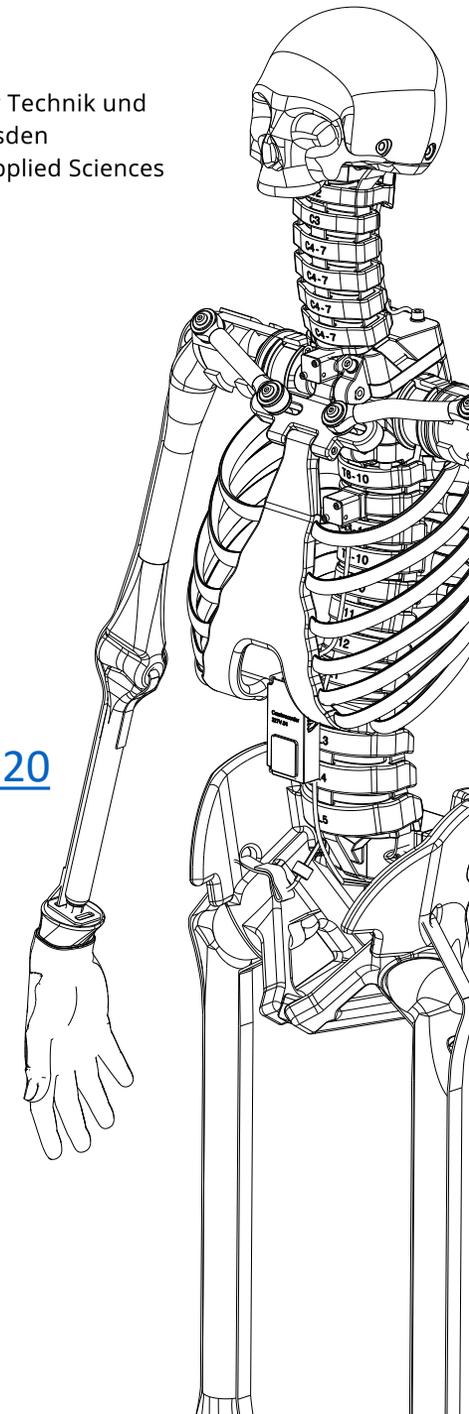


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