

# Musculoskeletal Loads within the Rats Hind Limb

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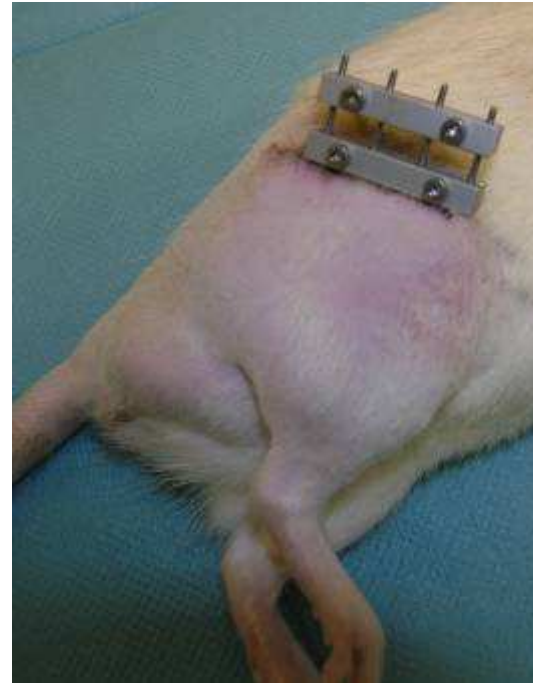
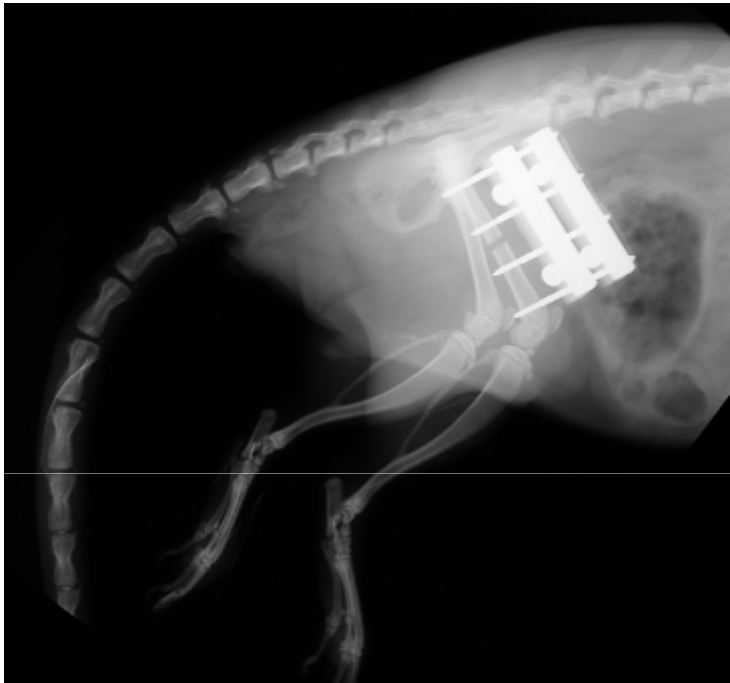
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# Introduction

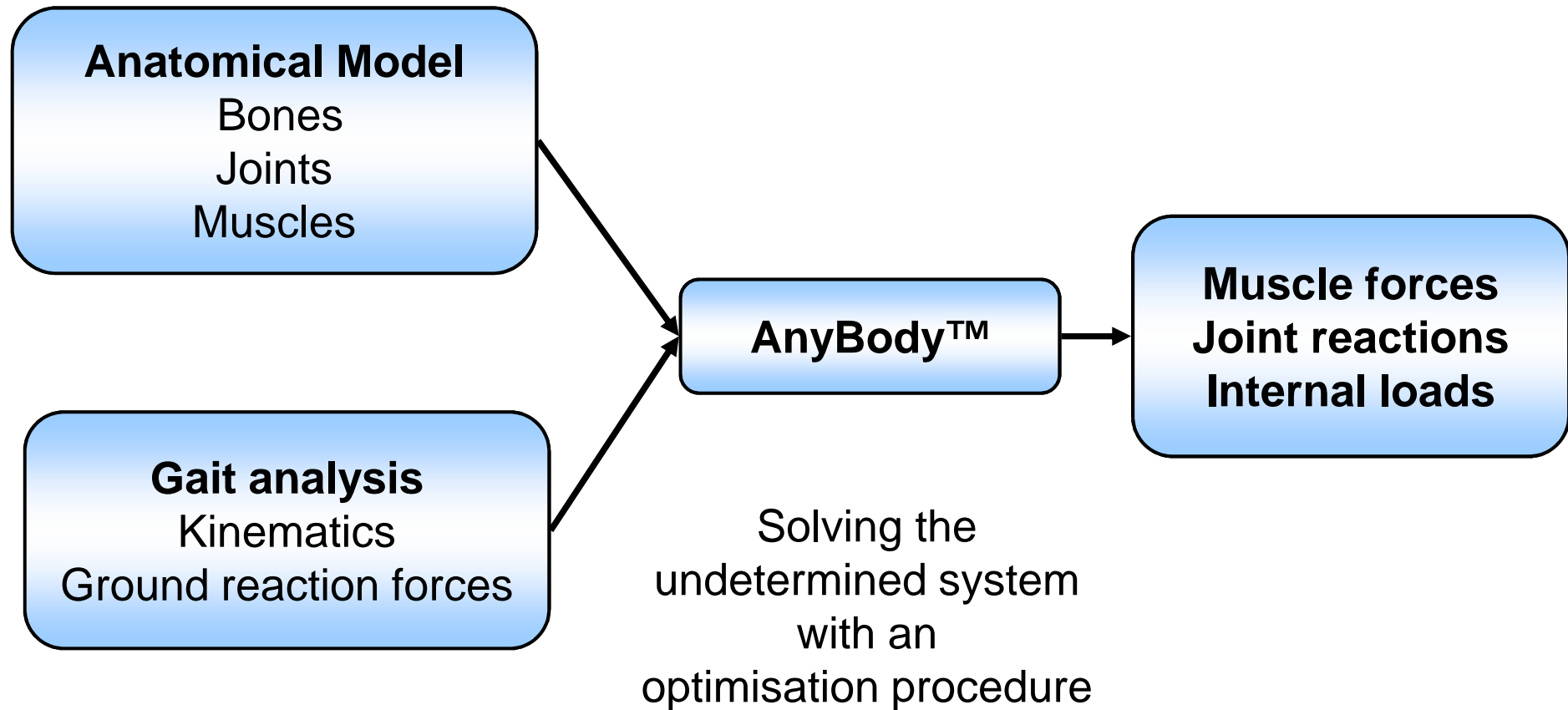


Increasing importance of the rat for fracture healing studies

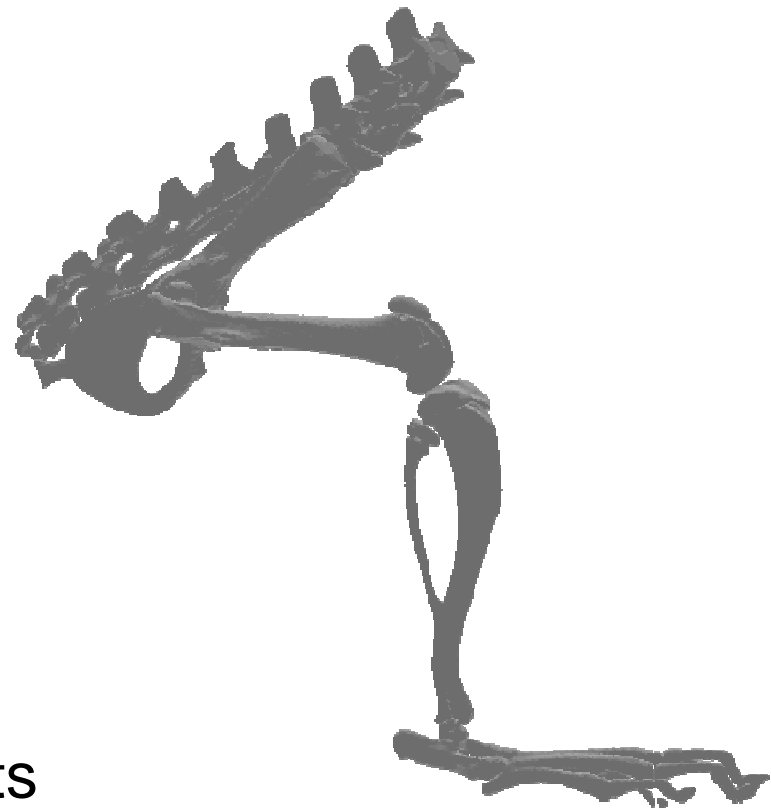
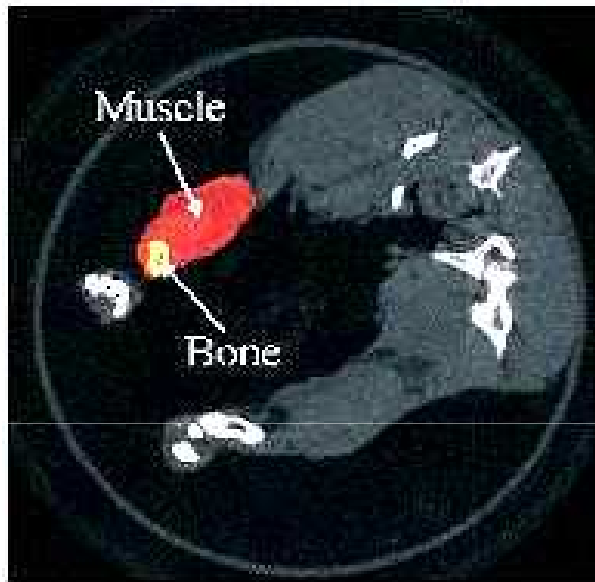
- Aims:**
- Development of an inverse-dynamic model of the rats hind limb
  - Determine the internal loads in the femur during gait



# Creating the inverse-dynamic model



## Anatomical model:



- $\mu$ CT-Scan  $(160\mu\text{m})^3$
- reconstruction of bones and joints
- Mass, center of mass, inertia moments



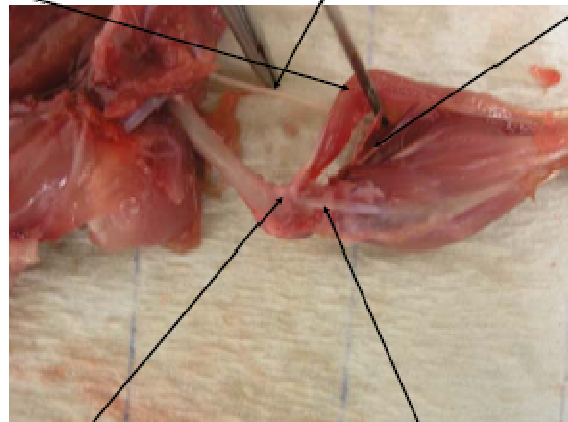
# Anatomical model:



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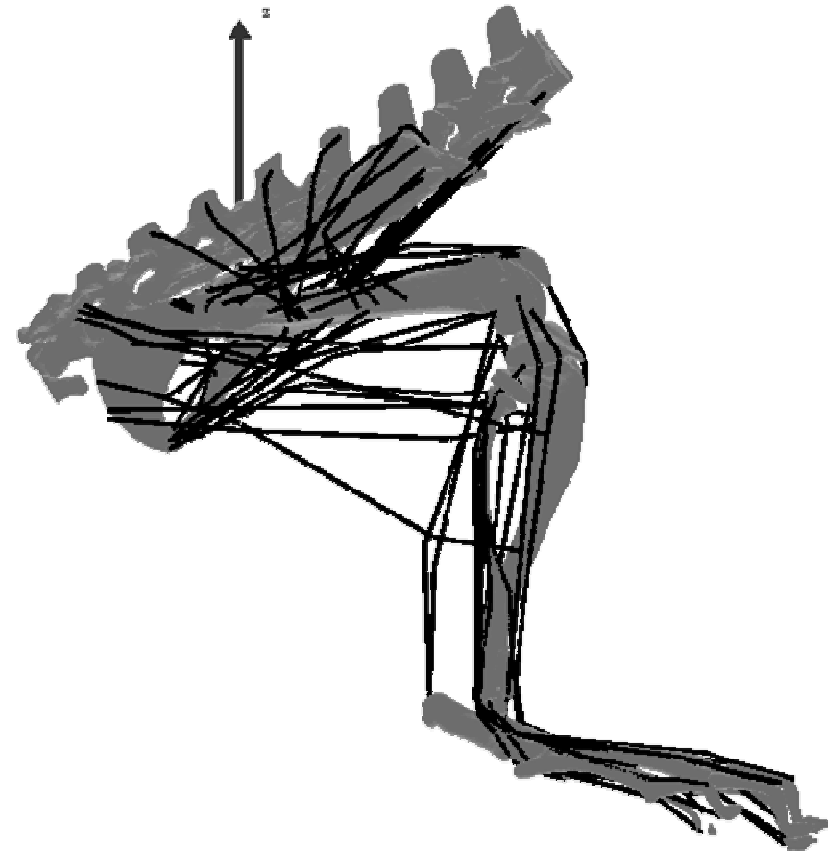
N. ischiadicus

M. soleus

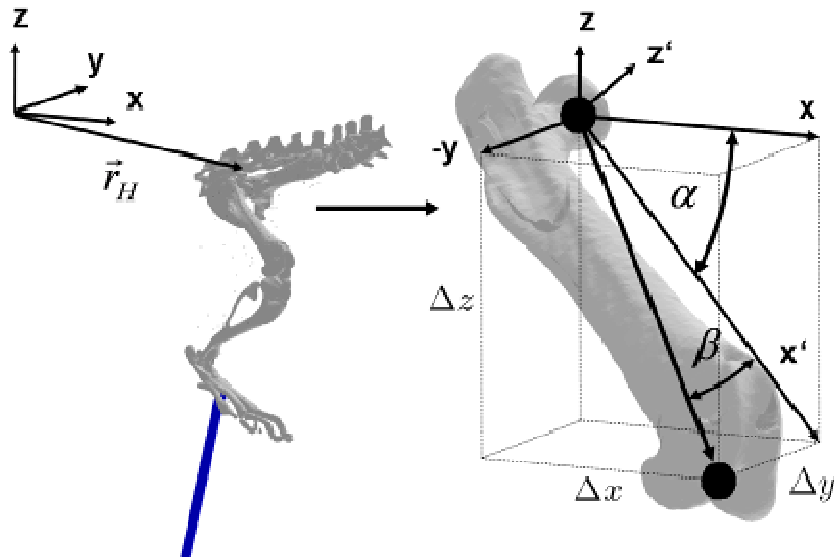
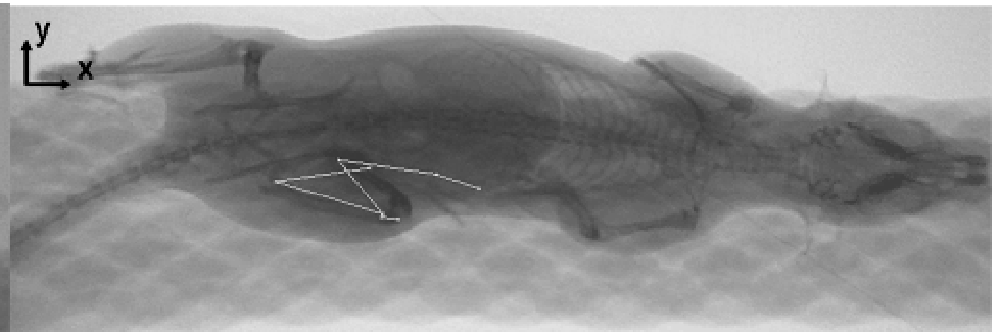
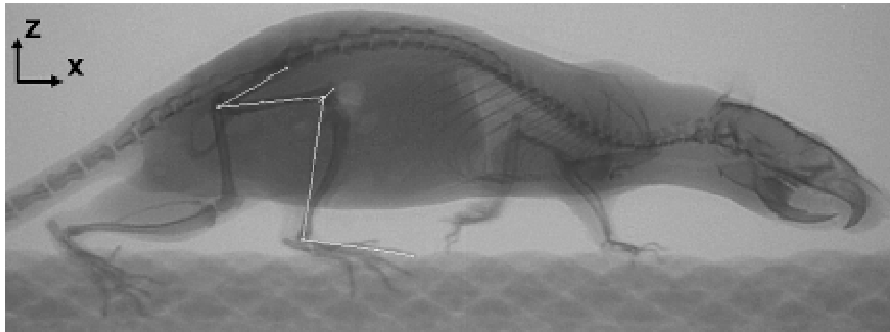


med. C. Femoris

L. collaterale tibiale



# Kinematics:



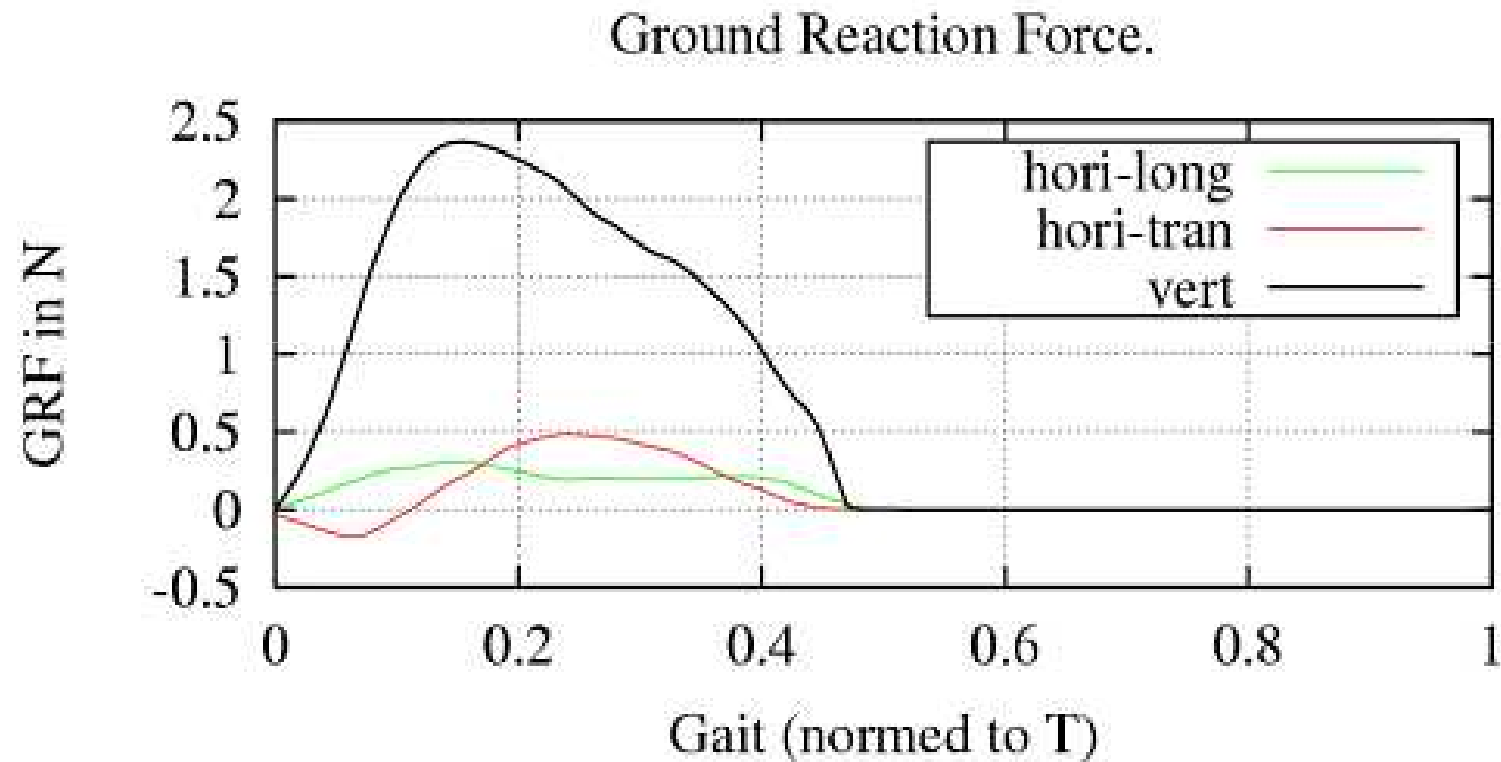
$$\alpha = \begin{cases} -\arccos\left(\frac{\Delta x}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta z^2}}\right) & \text{for } \Delta z > 0 \\ \arccos\left(\frac{\Delta x}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta z^2}}\right) & \text{for } \Delta z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta = \arctan\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta z^2}}\right)$$



# Ground reaction forces (GRF)

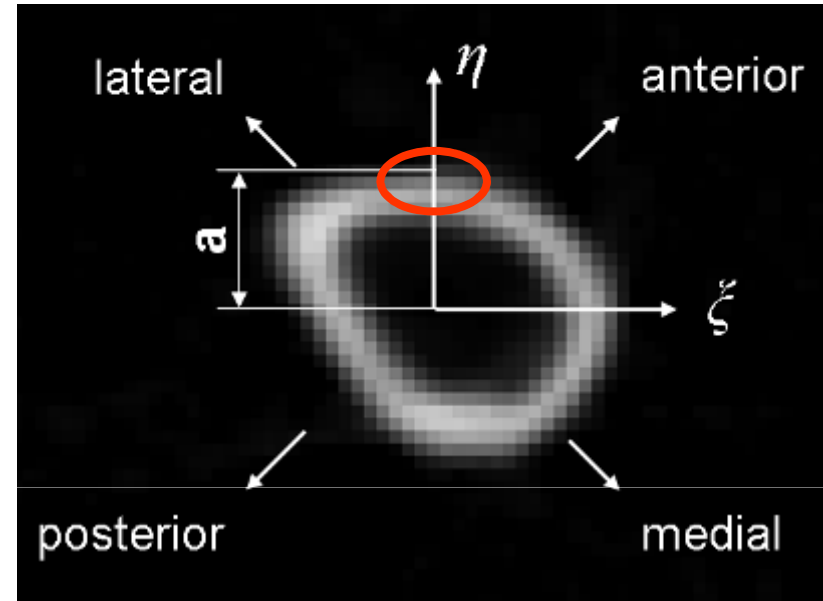
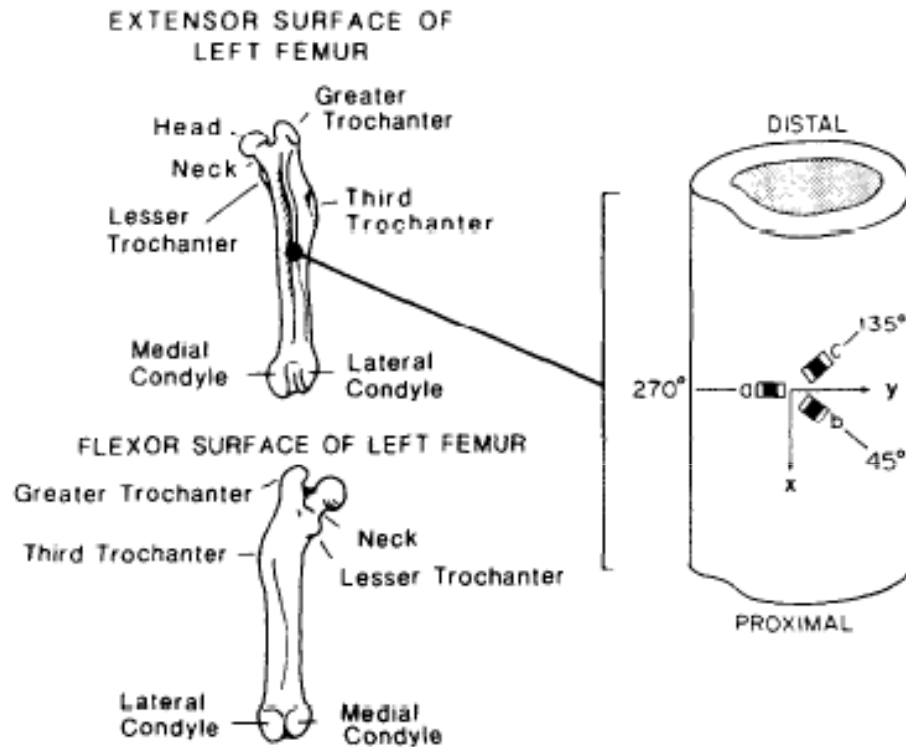
- taken from literature



Muir, G.D.: Whisaw, Q.I.: Ground reaction forces in locomotion hemi-hemiparkinsonian rats. Exp. Brain Res. 126: 307-314, 1999



# Validation



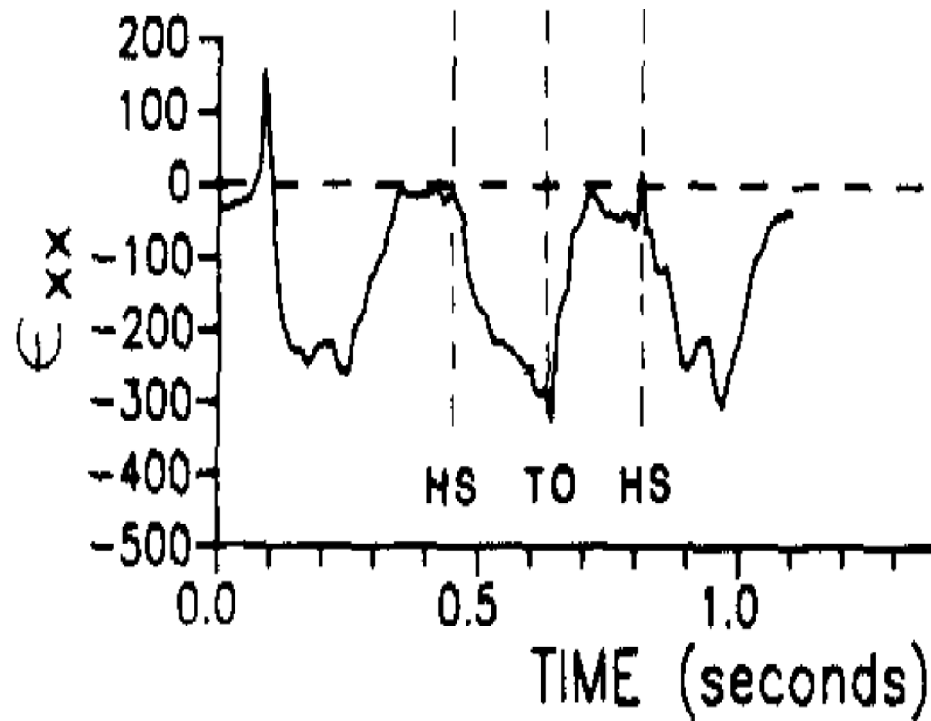
$$\sigma_{ax} = - \left( \frac{F_x}{A} + \frac{M_\xi}{I_\xi} \cdot a \right) \quad \epsilon_{ax} = \frac{\sigma_{ax}}{E_{ax}}$$

Keller and Spengler, J Biom 1989

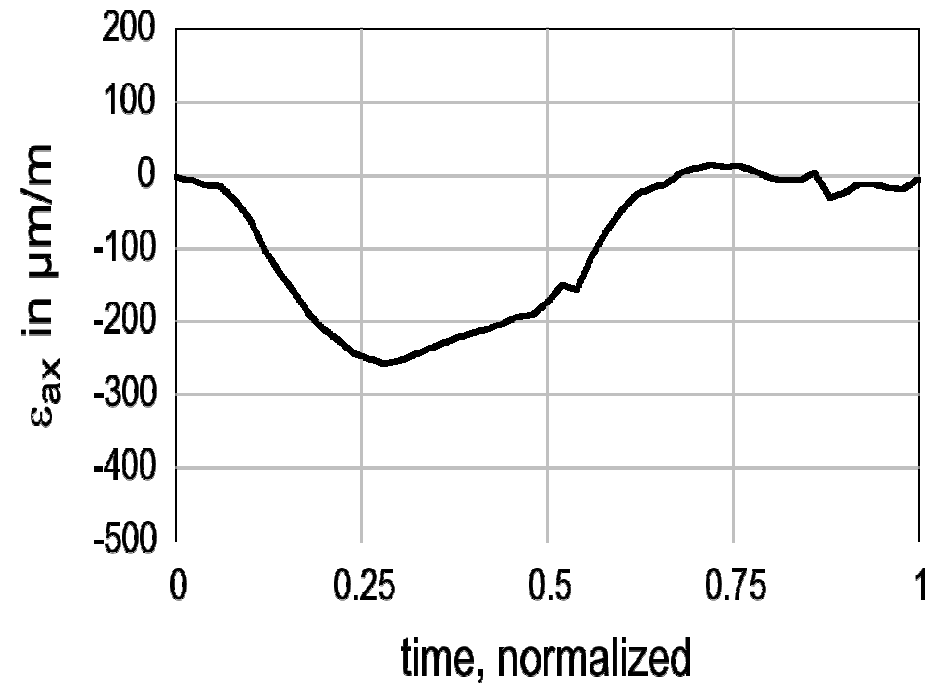




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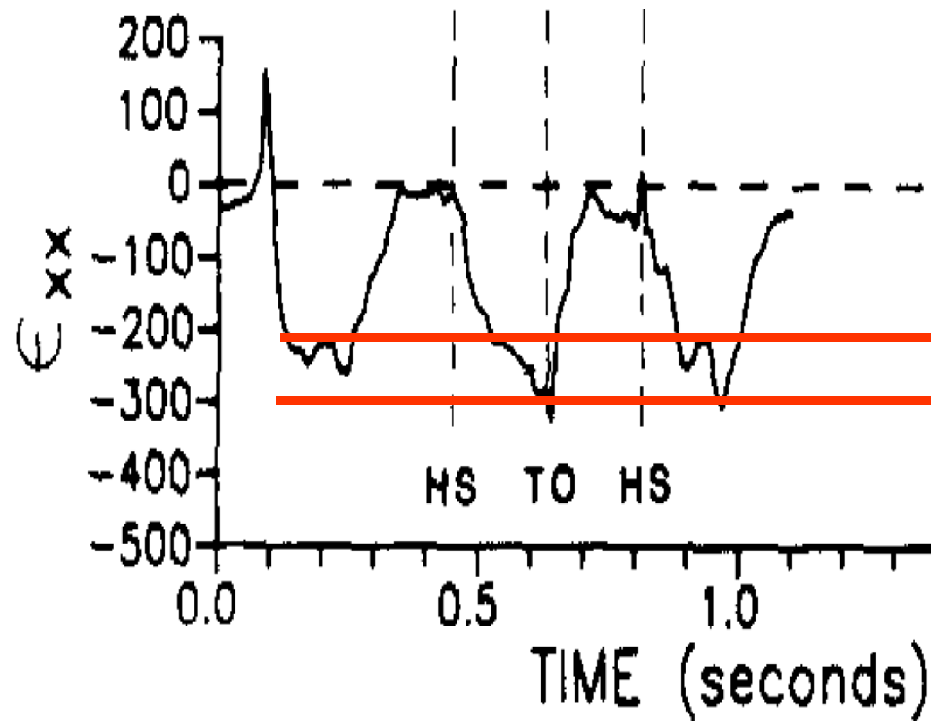
In vivo data  
(Keller and Spengler, J Biom 1989)



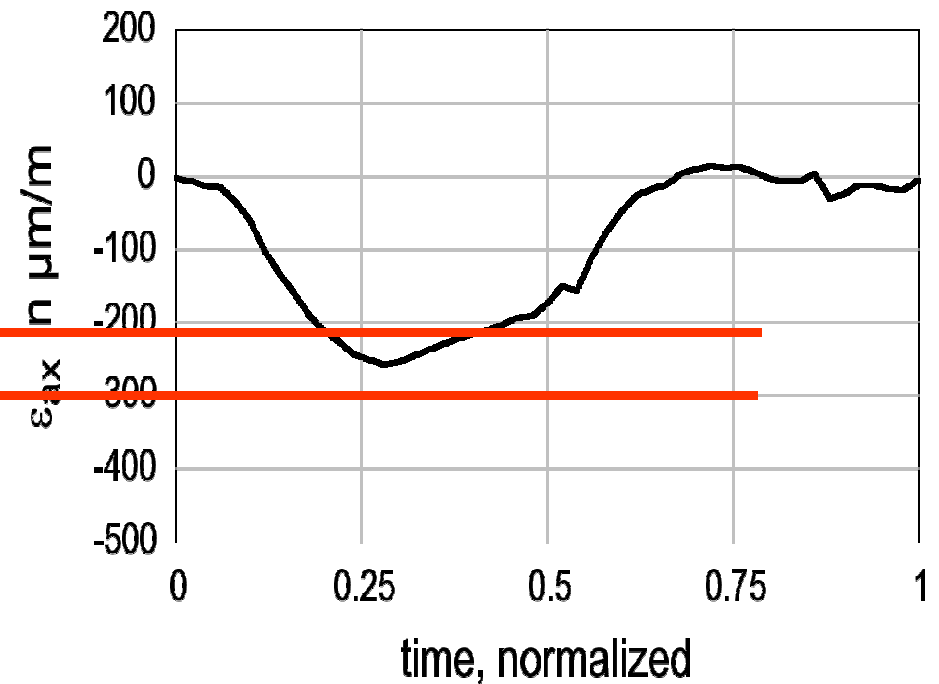
Numerical model



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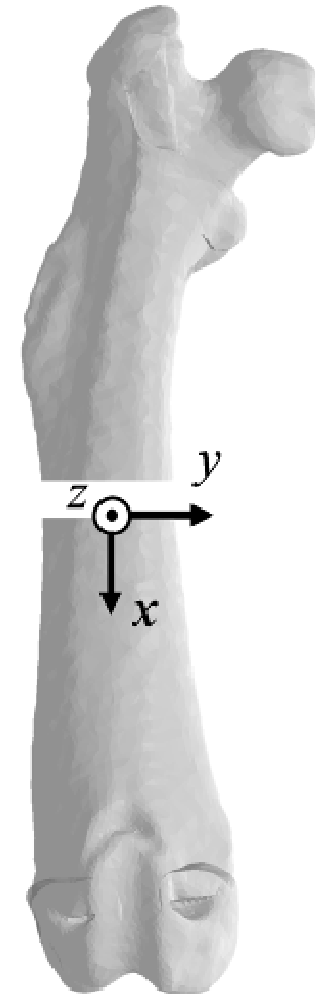
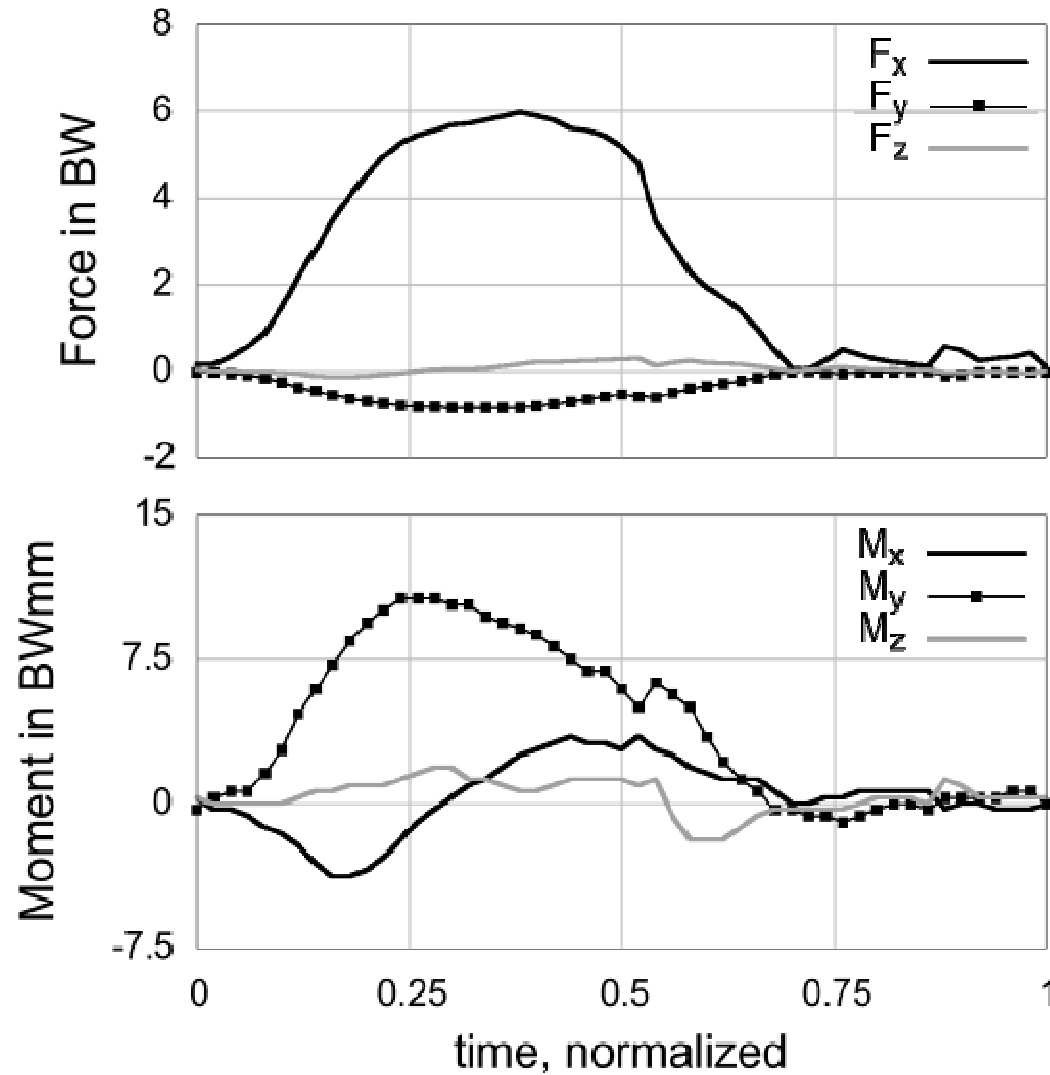
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# Internal loads in the femur



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  - possible to estimate the interfragmentary movement
  - possible to adjust the stability of the fixation device
- possible to better control the mechanical factors in experimental fracture healing studies



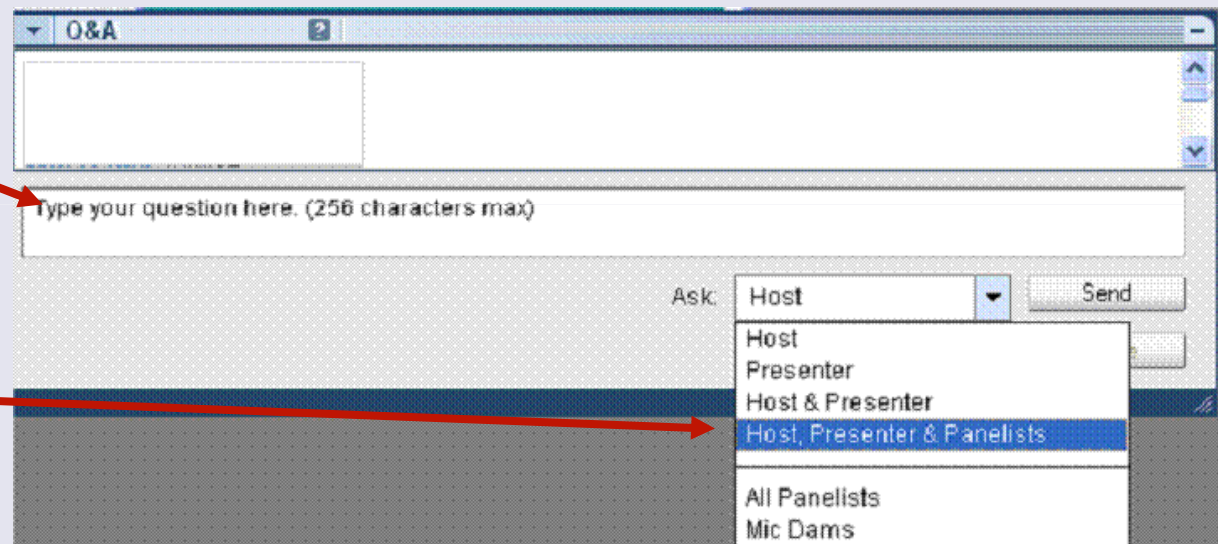
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