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Preliminary results about the risk of submarining in reclined seating postures



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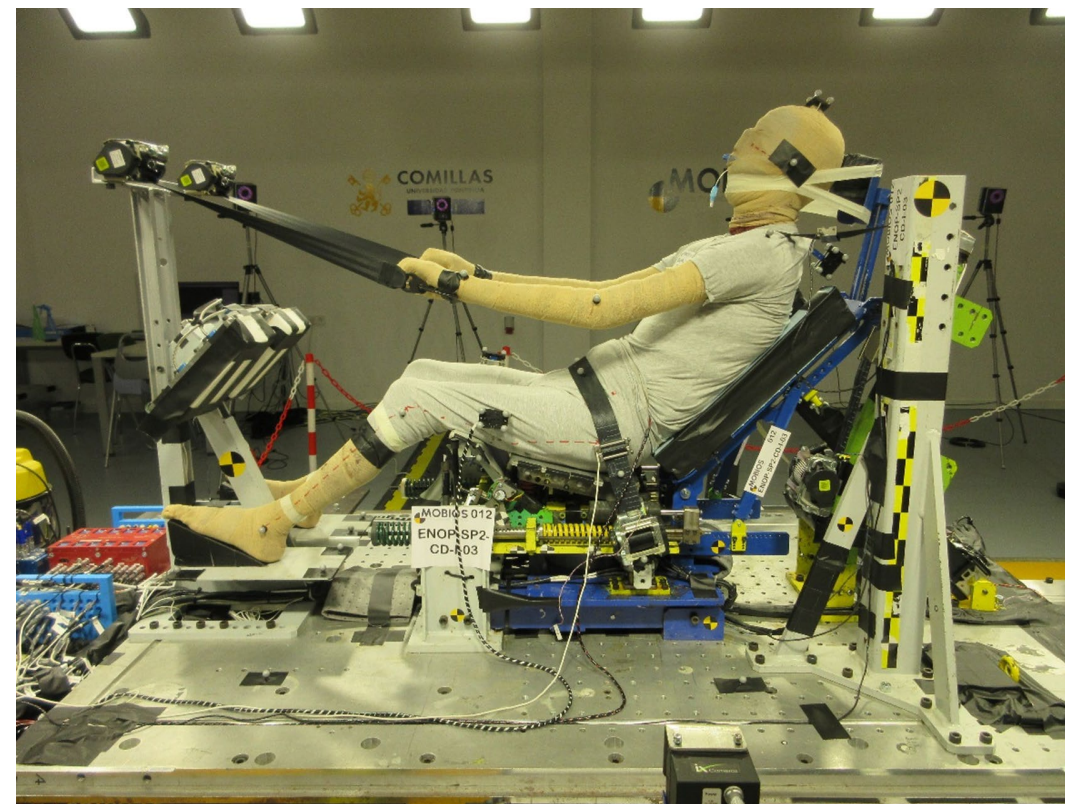
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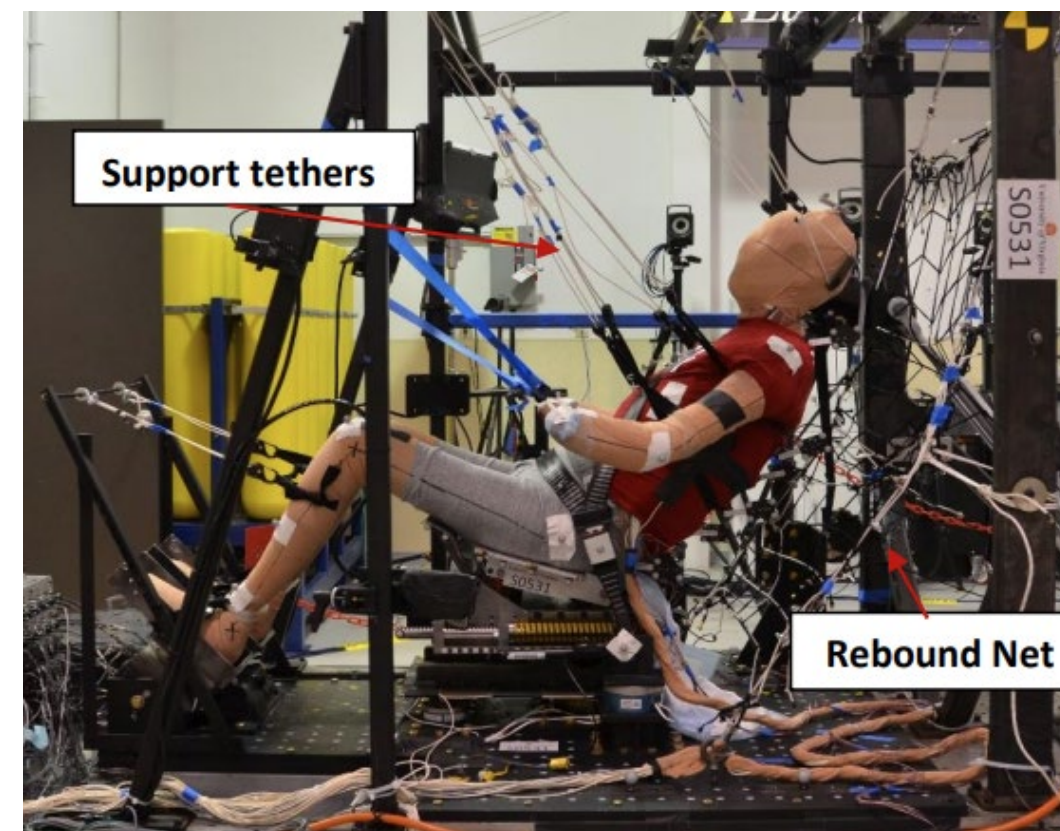
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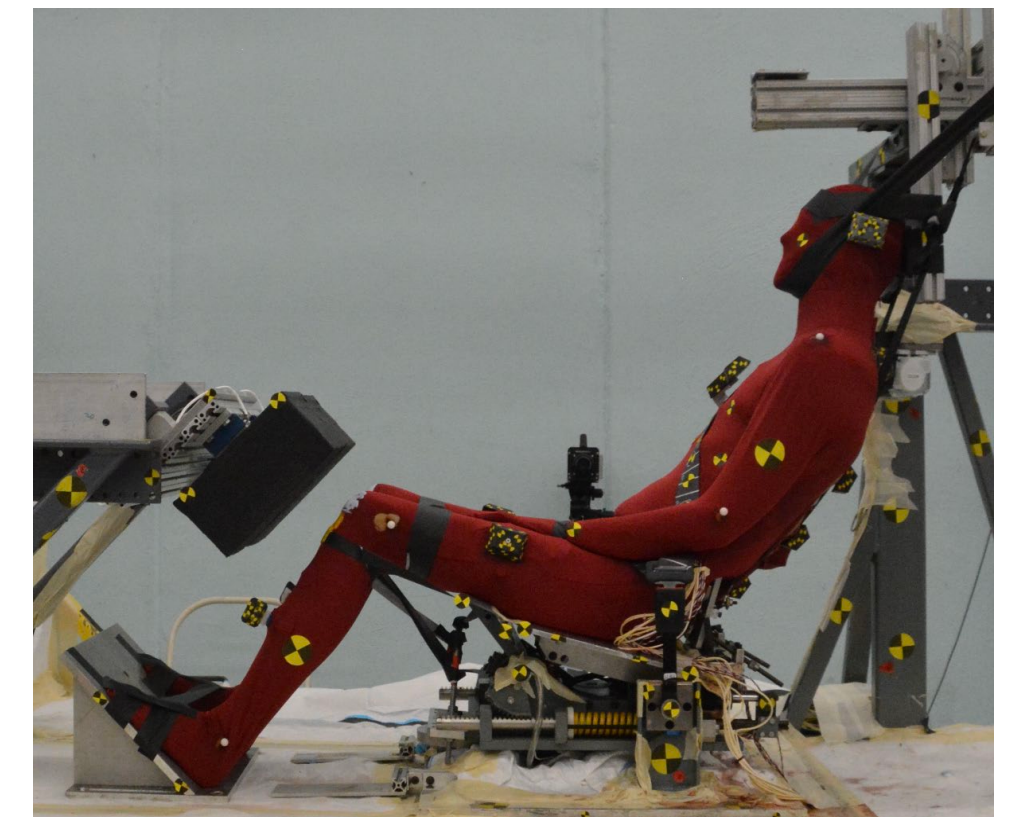
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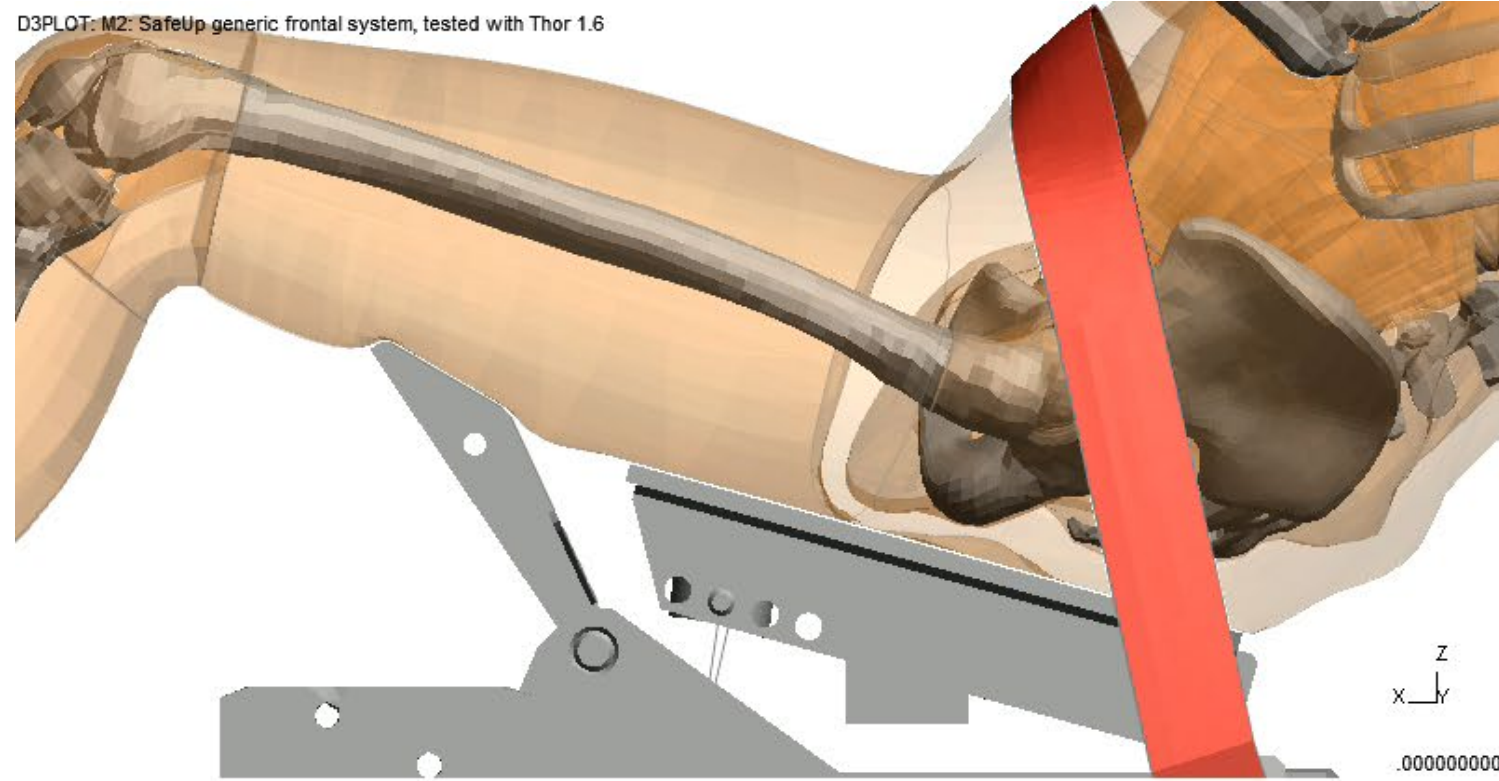
Cervical spine	C6, C7	C7	C2, C5-C6, C7
	T1, T2, T12	T1, T2, T12	T2, T3, T7. T8, T9, T12
Thoracic spine	Vertebral body, transverse processes fx		Endplate, vertebral body, transverse proceses fx
	L1, L2 vertebral body fx	L1, L2	L1, L2, L3, L4, L5
Lumbar spine			Vertebral body, transverse processes fx
Sacrum	Fx	Fx	Fx
Pelvis	Iliac wing, pubic rami, ischial tuberosities	Iliac wing, pubic rami, pubic symphysis	Iliac wing, ischial tuberosities, pubic ramus, pubic symphysis
Ribs	>15 ribs fx	Multiple rib fx (average: 12 fx)	Multiple rib fx
Sternum	Body, manubrium fx		Manubrium, body fx

Reclined positions

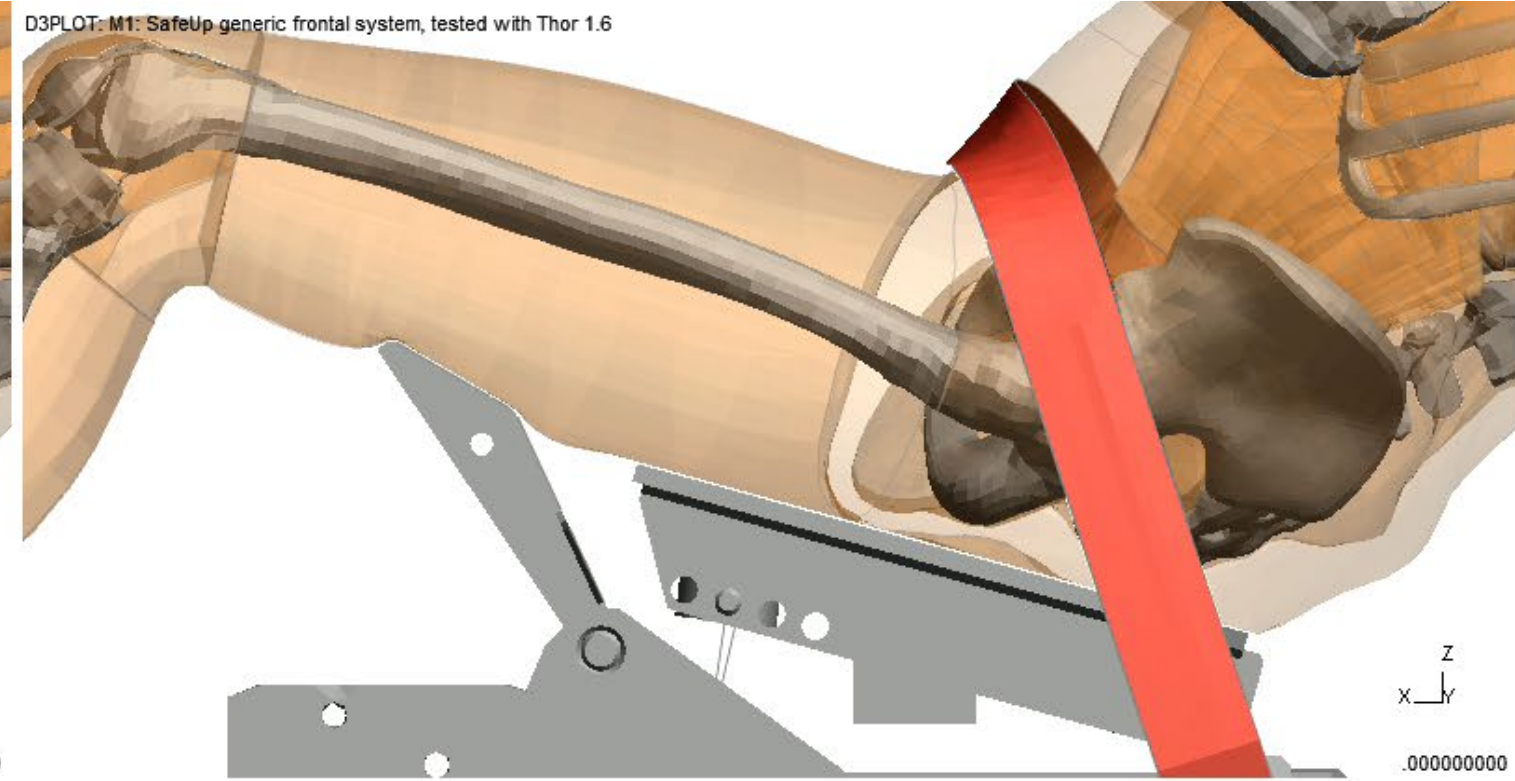
- Severe injury pattern including:
 - Multiple rib and sternal fx
 - Pelvic fx
 - Spine fx
- Increased risk of submarining or submarining-like kinematics (associated to pelvic fx)
- Large forward displacement and sagittal rearward rotation of pelvis

Sensitivity of HBM to lap belt initial position

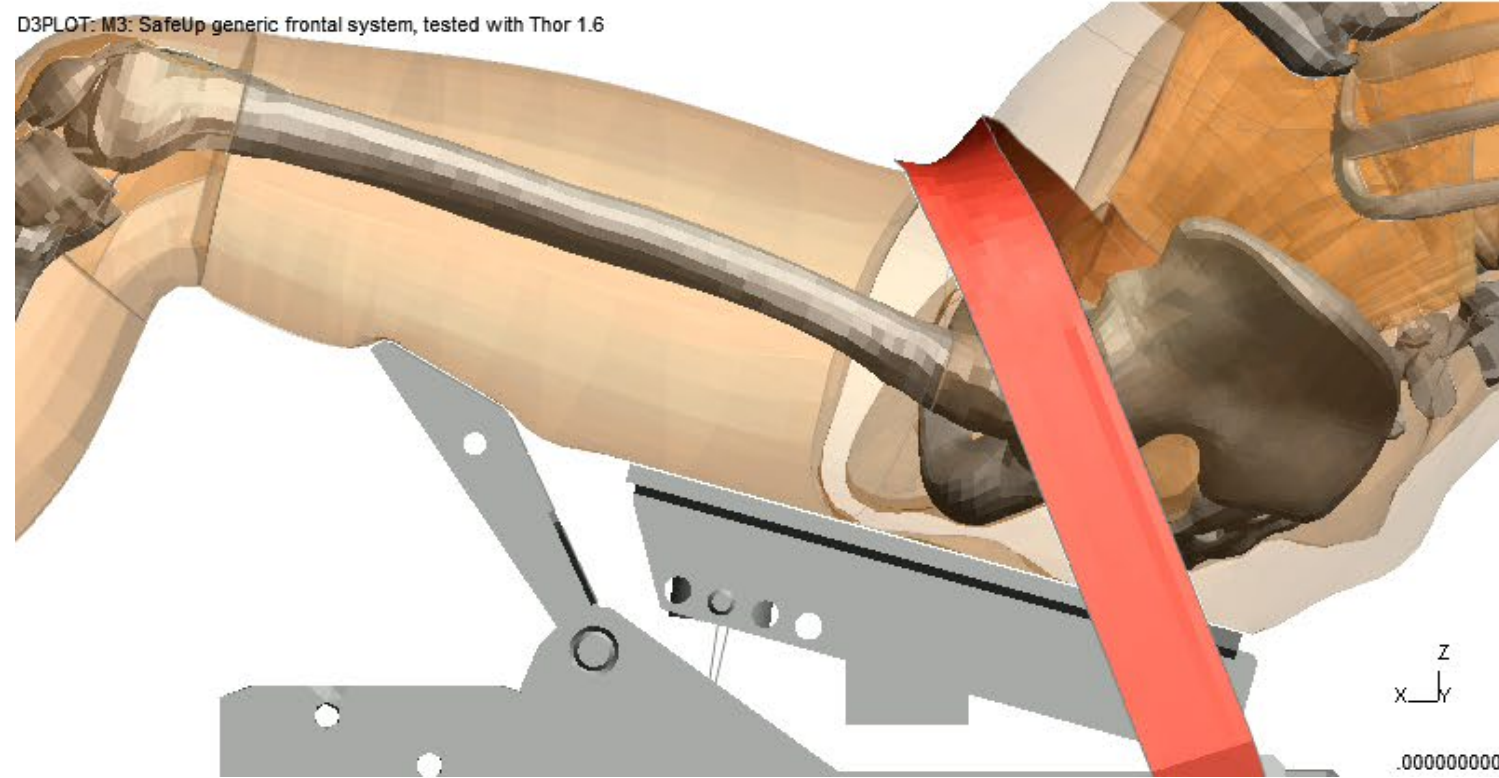
D3PLOT: M2: SafeUp generic frontal system, tested with Thor 1.6



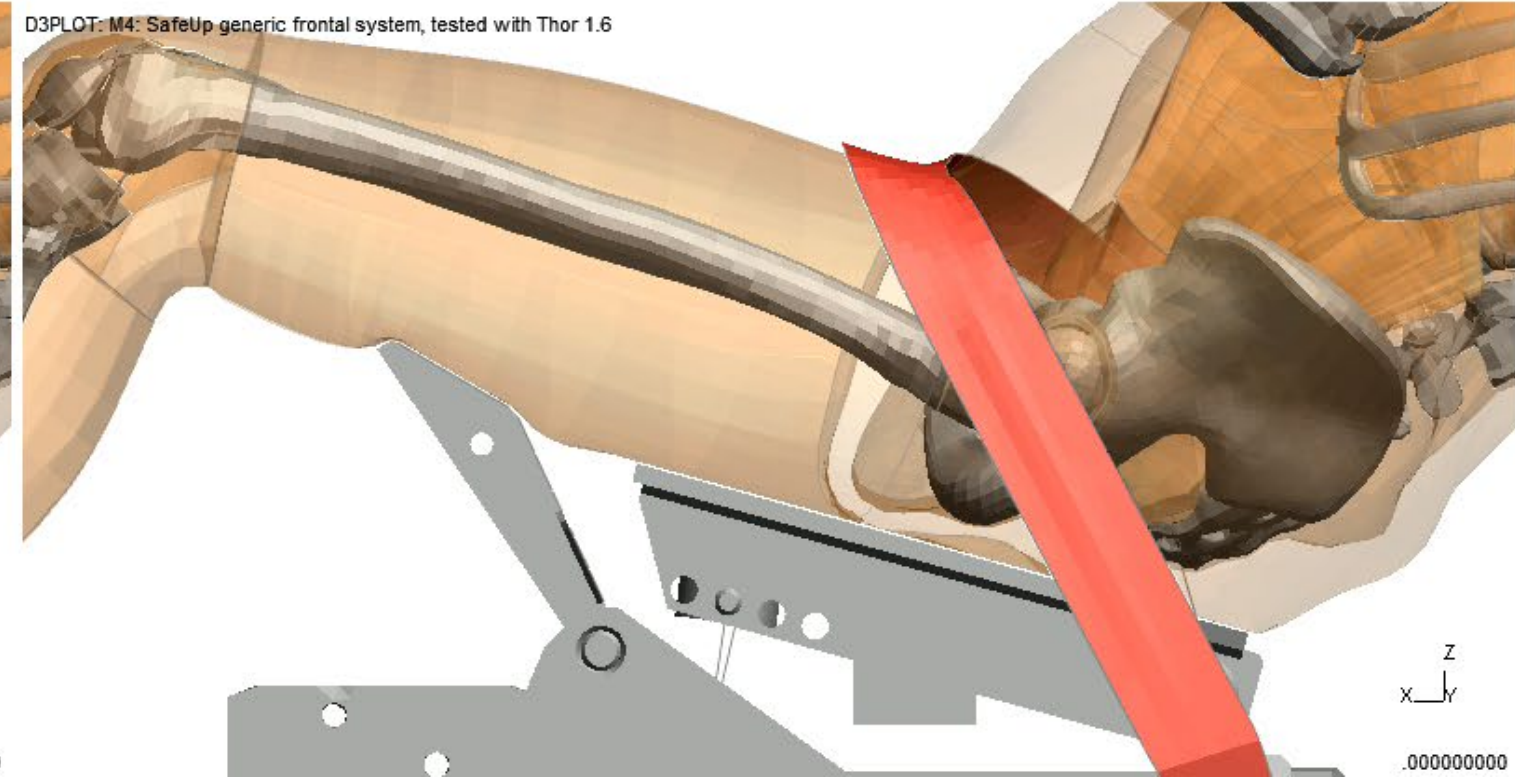
D3PLOT: M1: SafeUp generic frontal system, tested with Thor 1.6



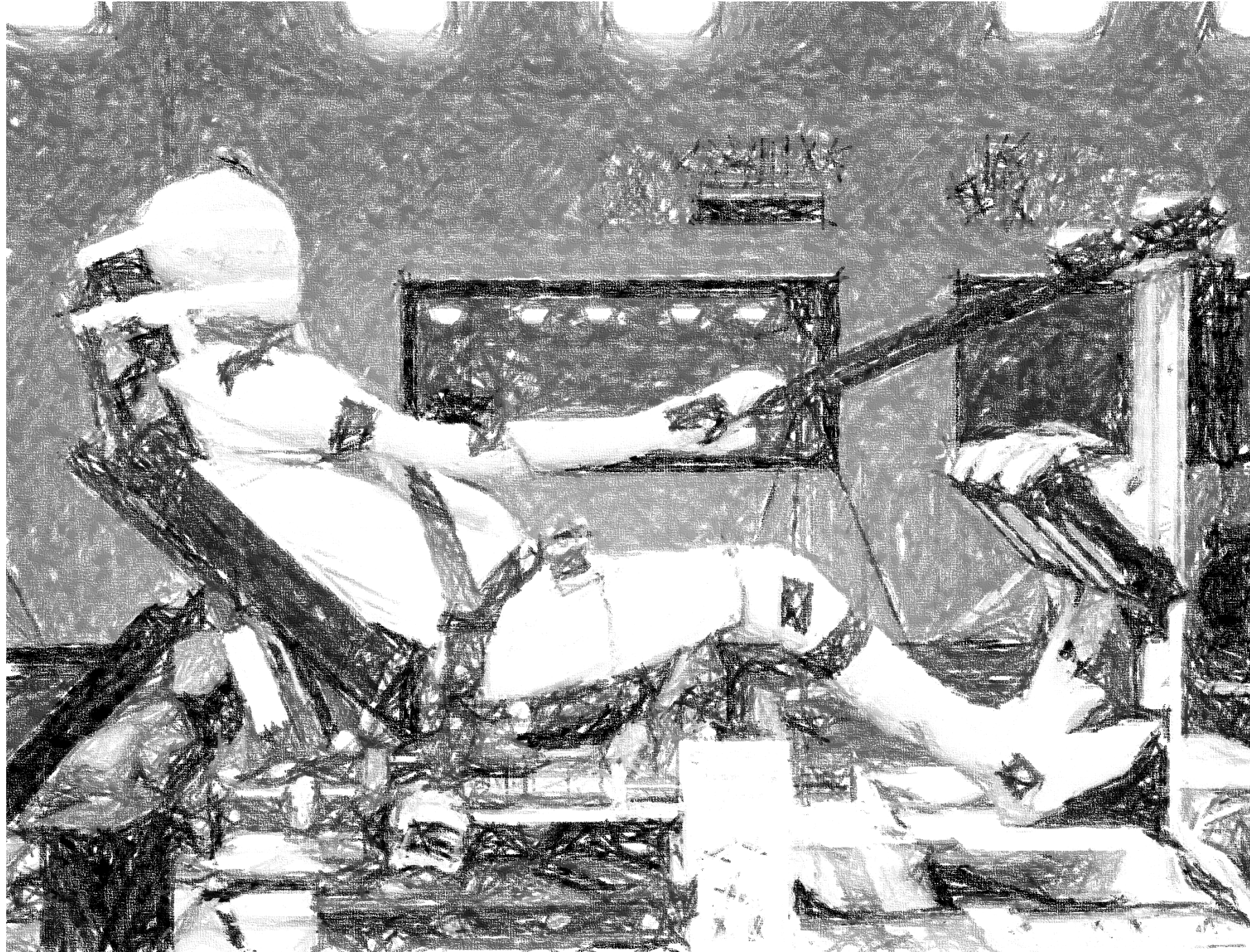
D3PLOT: M3: SafeUp generic frontal system, tested with Thor 1.6



D3PLOT: M4: SafeUp generic frontal system, tested with Thor 1.6



Objectives

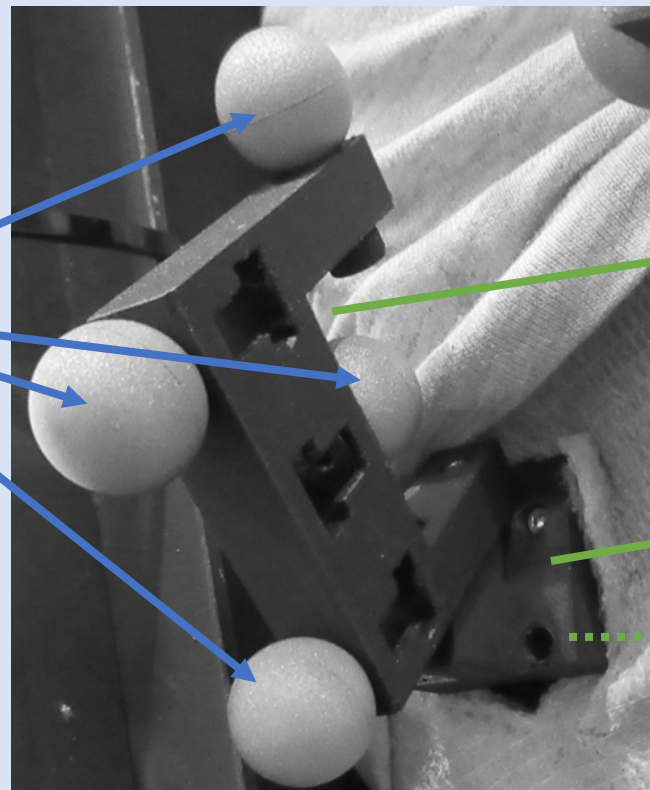


- Performing repeated tests on the same PMHS: 2 low-speed, non-injurious; 1 high-speed, injurious.
- Document with precision the relative position of lap belt and pelvis, and test the same PMHS with two different positions of lap belt.
- Measure relative kinematics of pelvis and lap belt using 3D motion capture system.
- Document the injuries found in the high-speed tests.

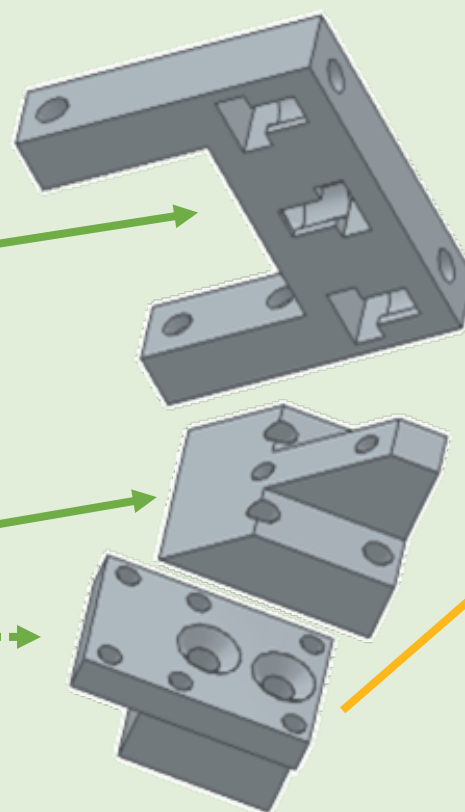
Methodology



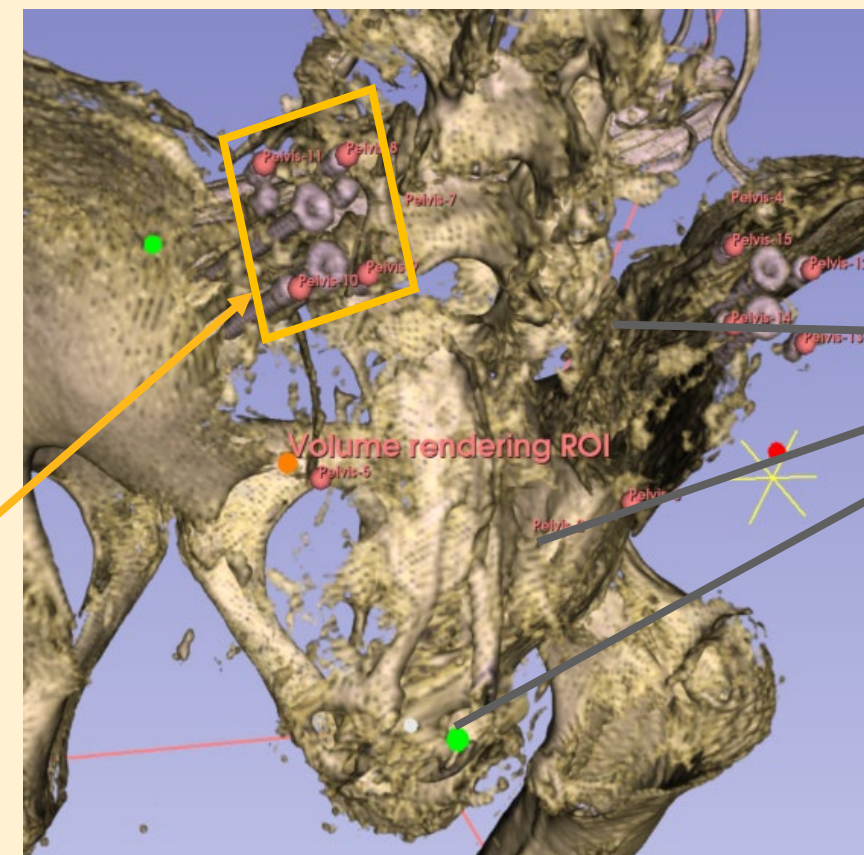
VICON cameras



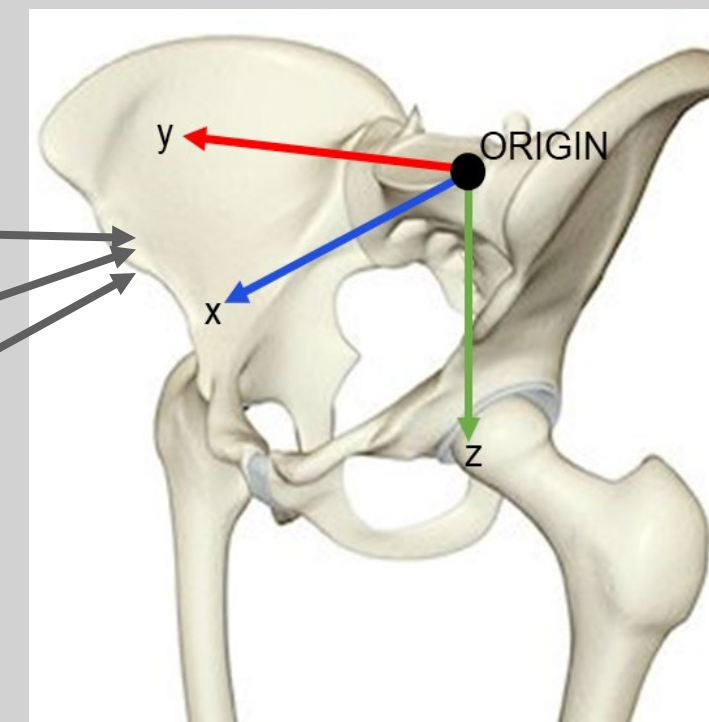
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Pelvic mount



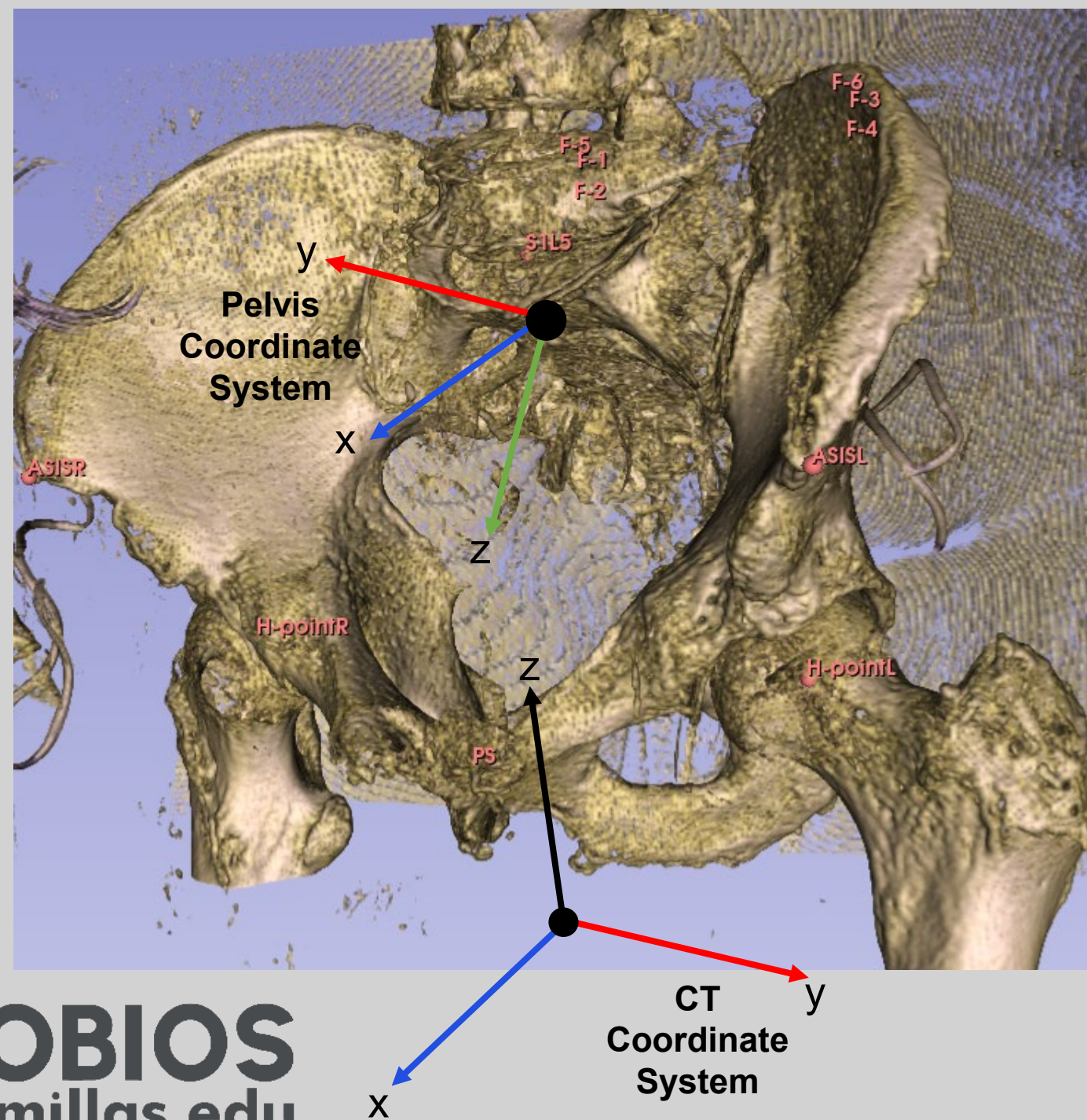
CT scan



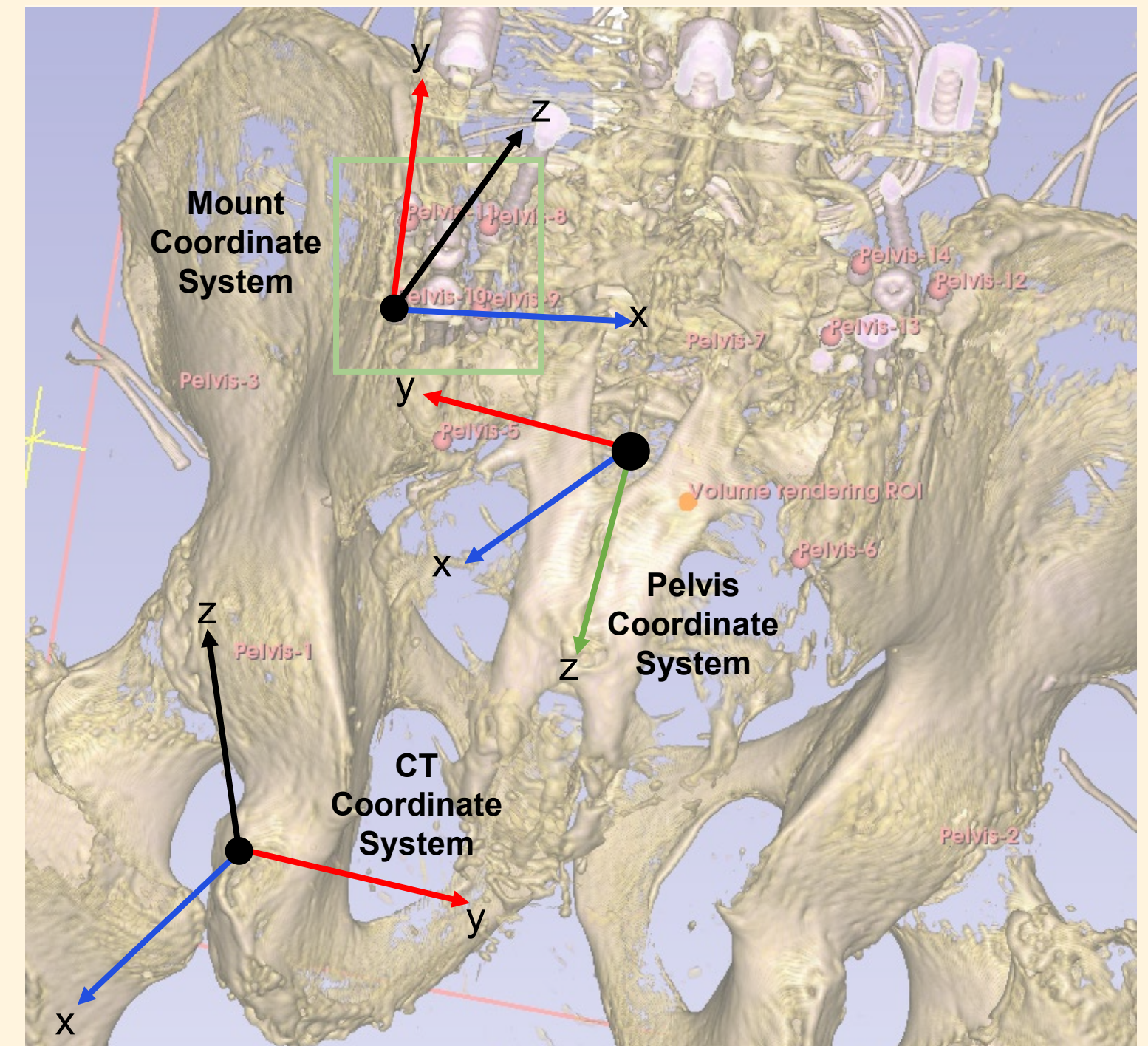
Pelvis

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1. Pelvis Local Coordinate System

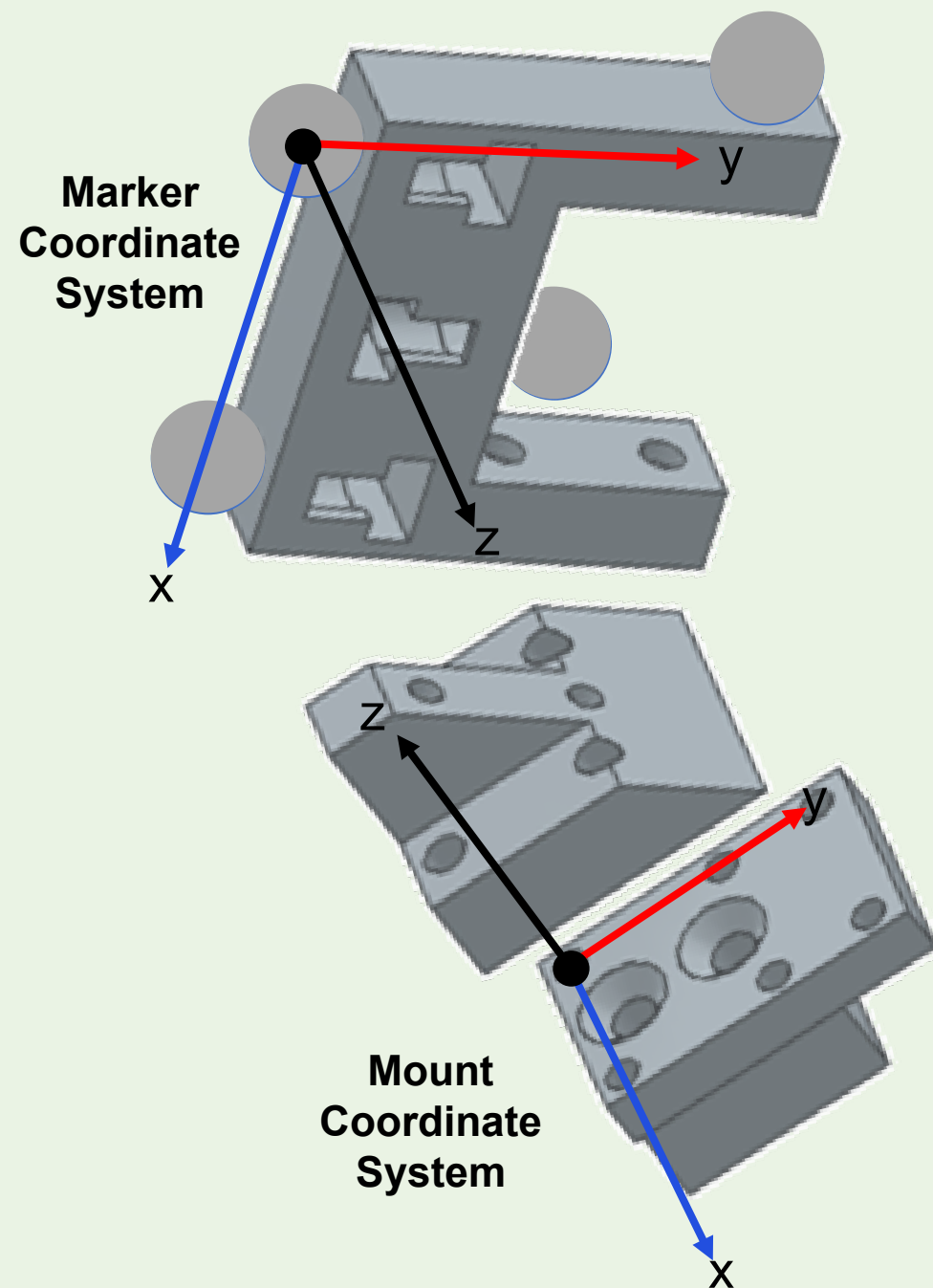


2. CT scan

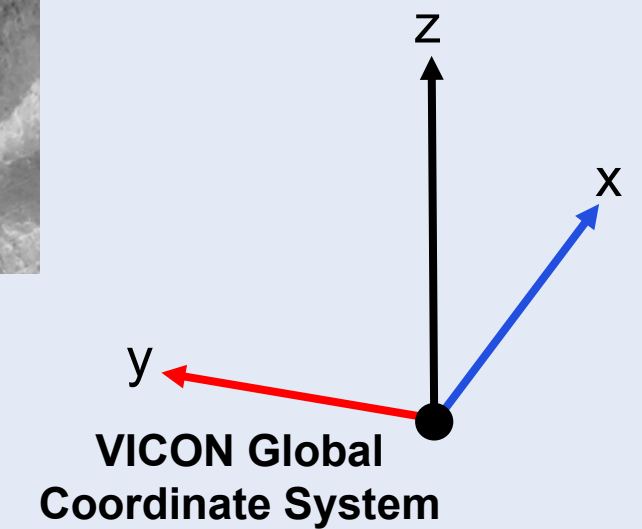
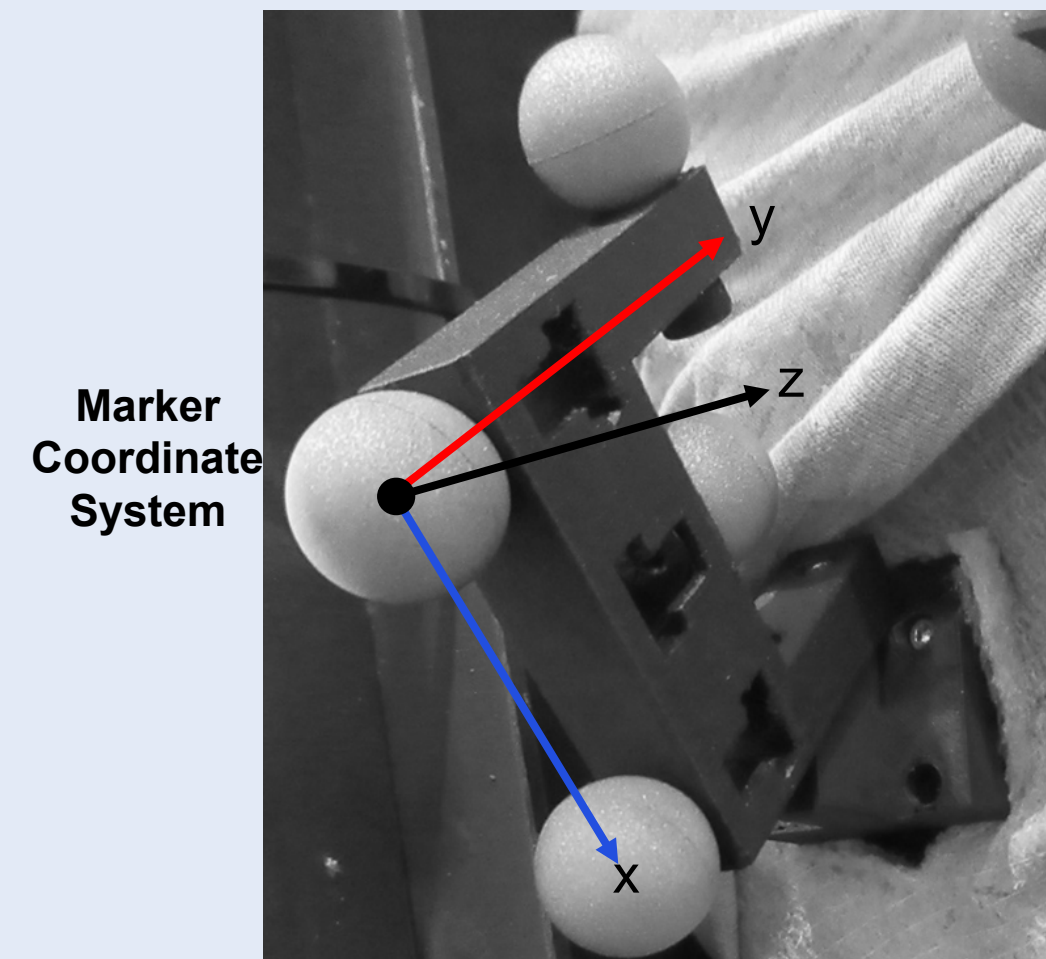


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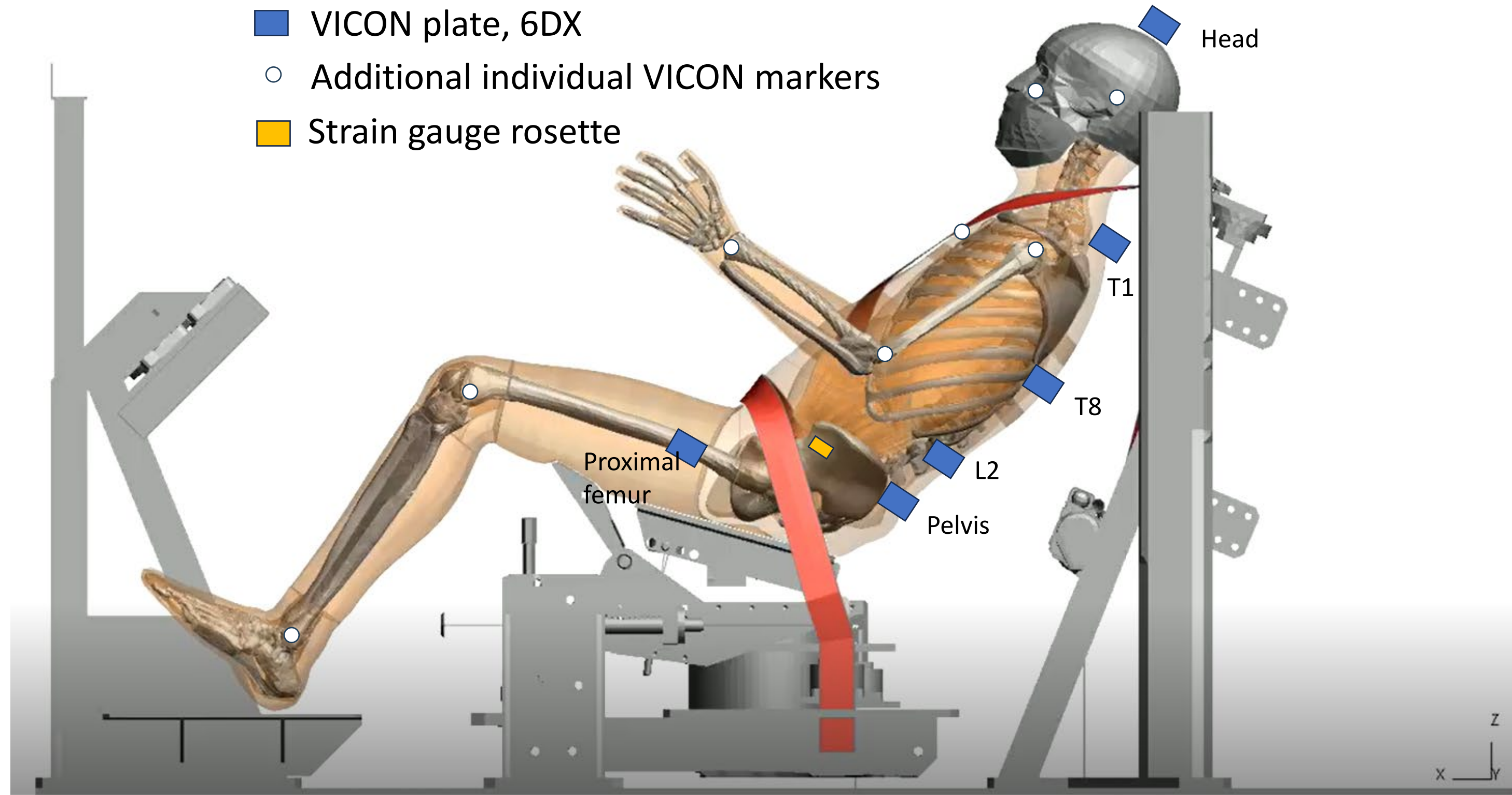
2. Pelvic mount



3. VICON markers



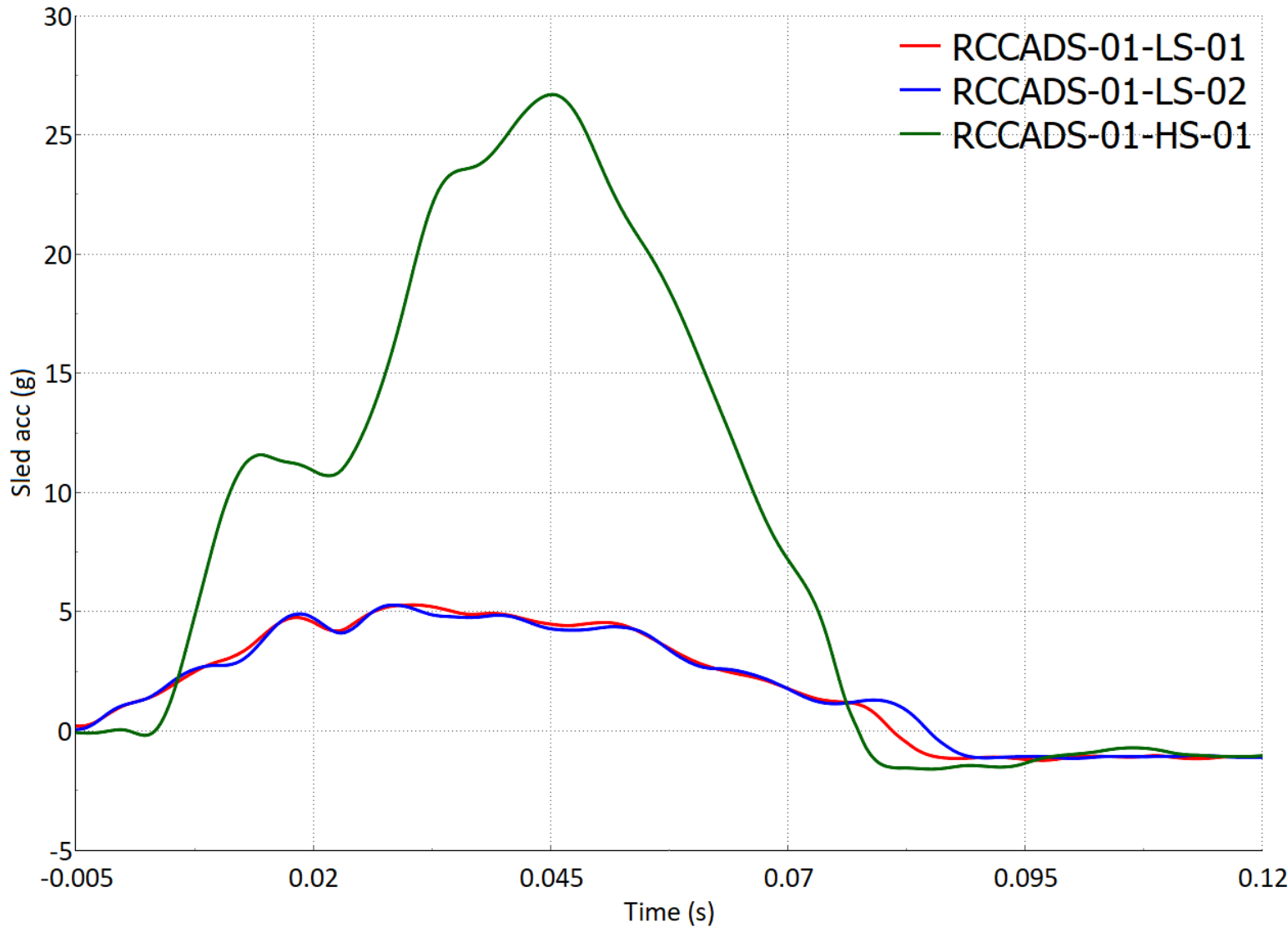
Instrumentation



Test subjects and crash pulse

Donor ID	Age	Stature (cm)	Weight (kg)	Cause of death
0058F	86	162	58.4	Dementia
0063F	94	159	56.5	Bronchopneumonia

Test ID	Donor ID	Delta-v (km/h)	Position LB
RCCADS-01-LS-01	0058F	10*	High
RCCADS-01-LS-02	0058F	10*	Low
RCCADS-01-HS-01	0058F	40**	High

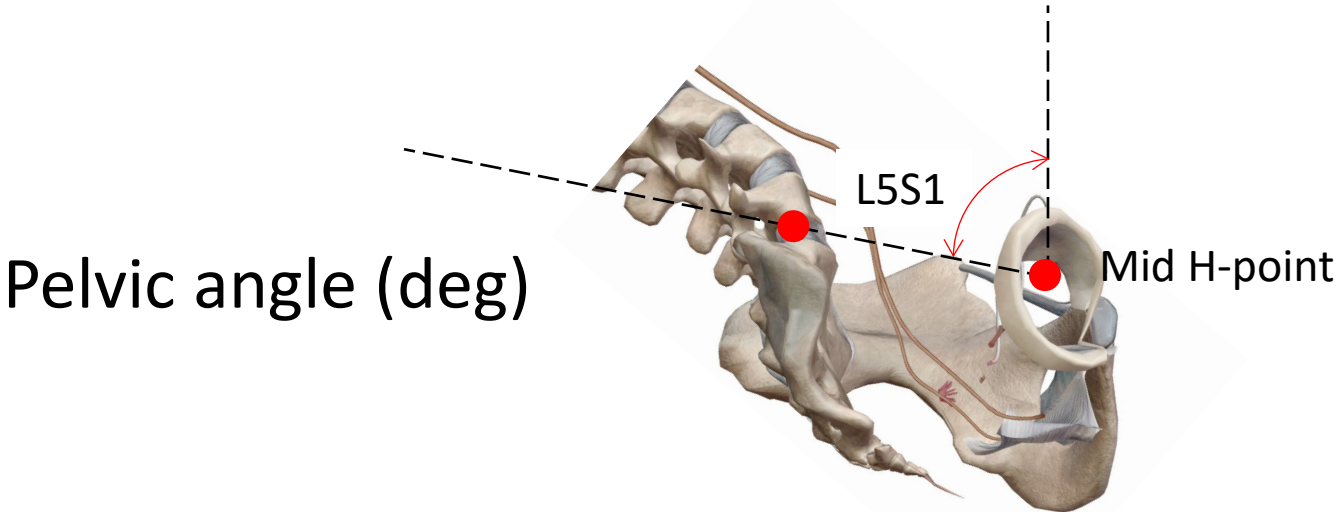


* Arbogast et al. 2008; Lopez-Valdes et al. 2010

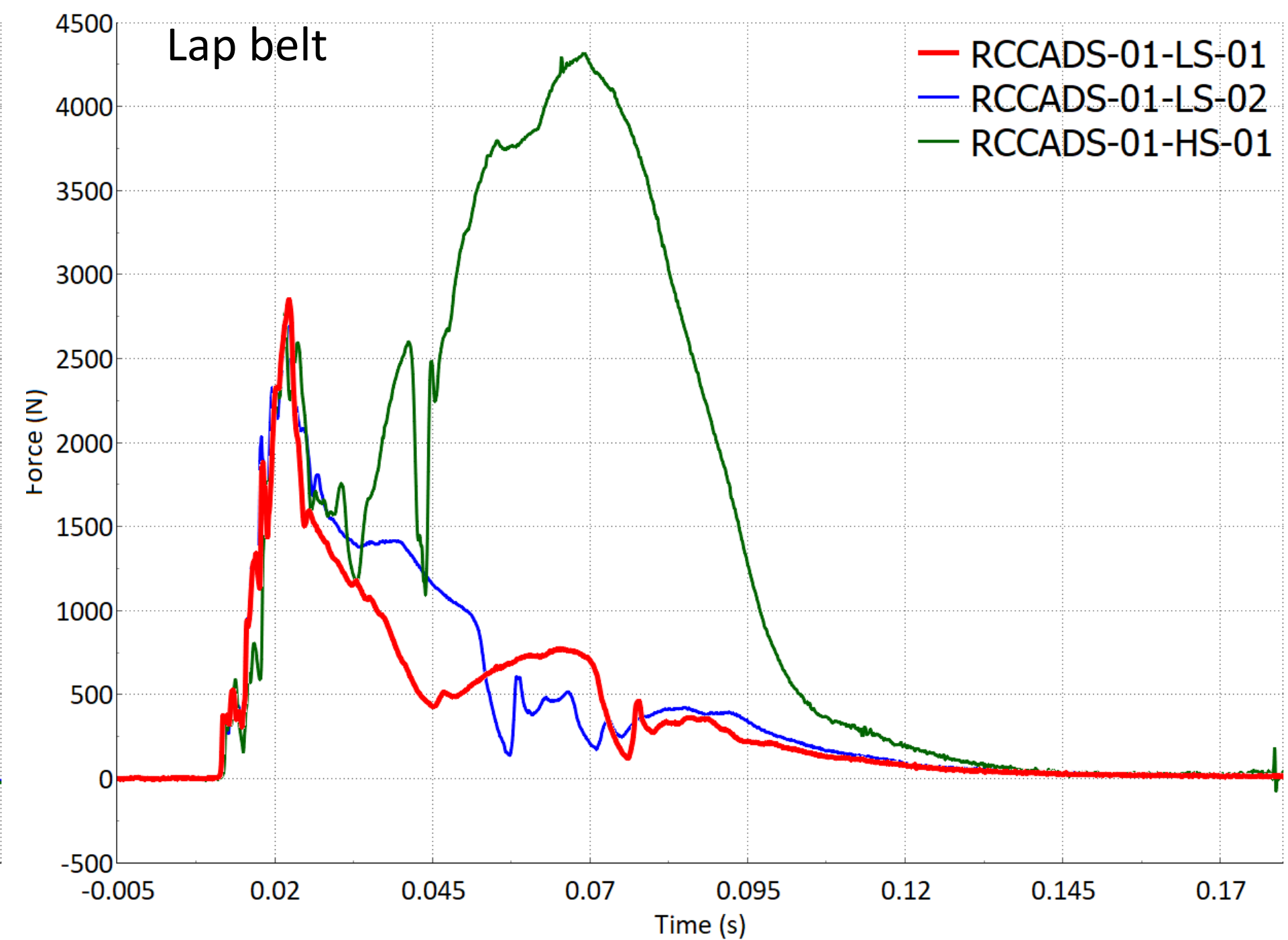
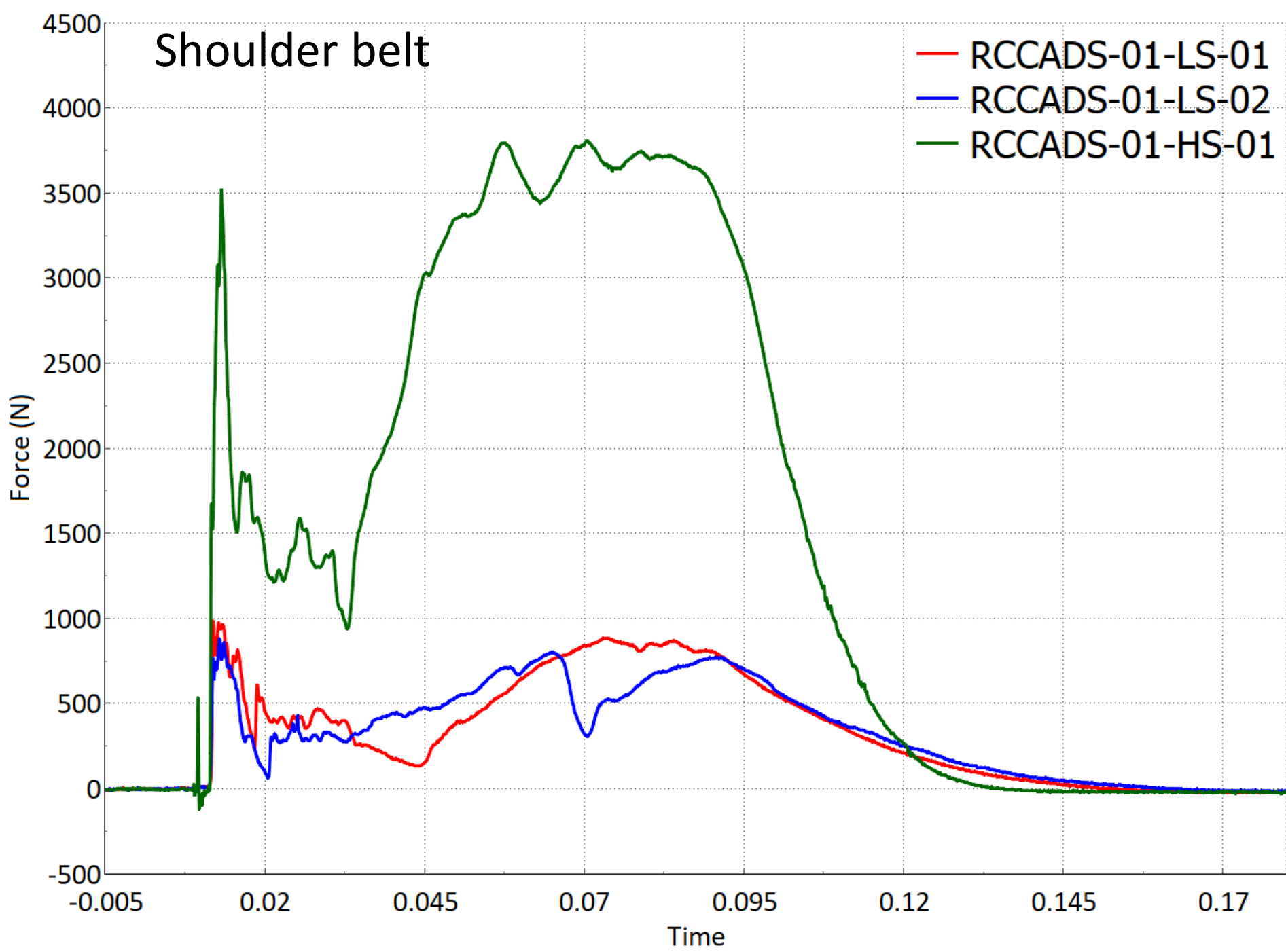
** ENOP pulse

Comparison of initial position between runs

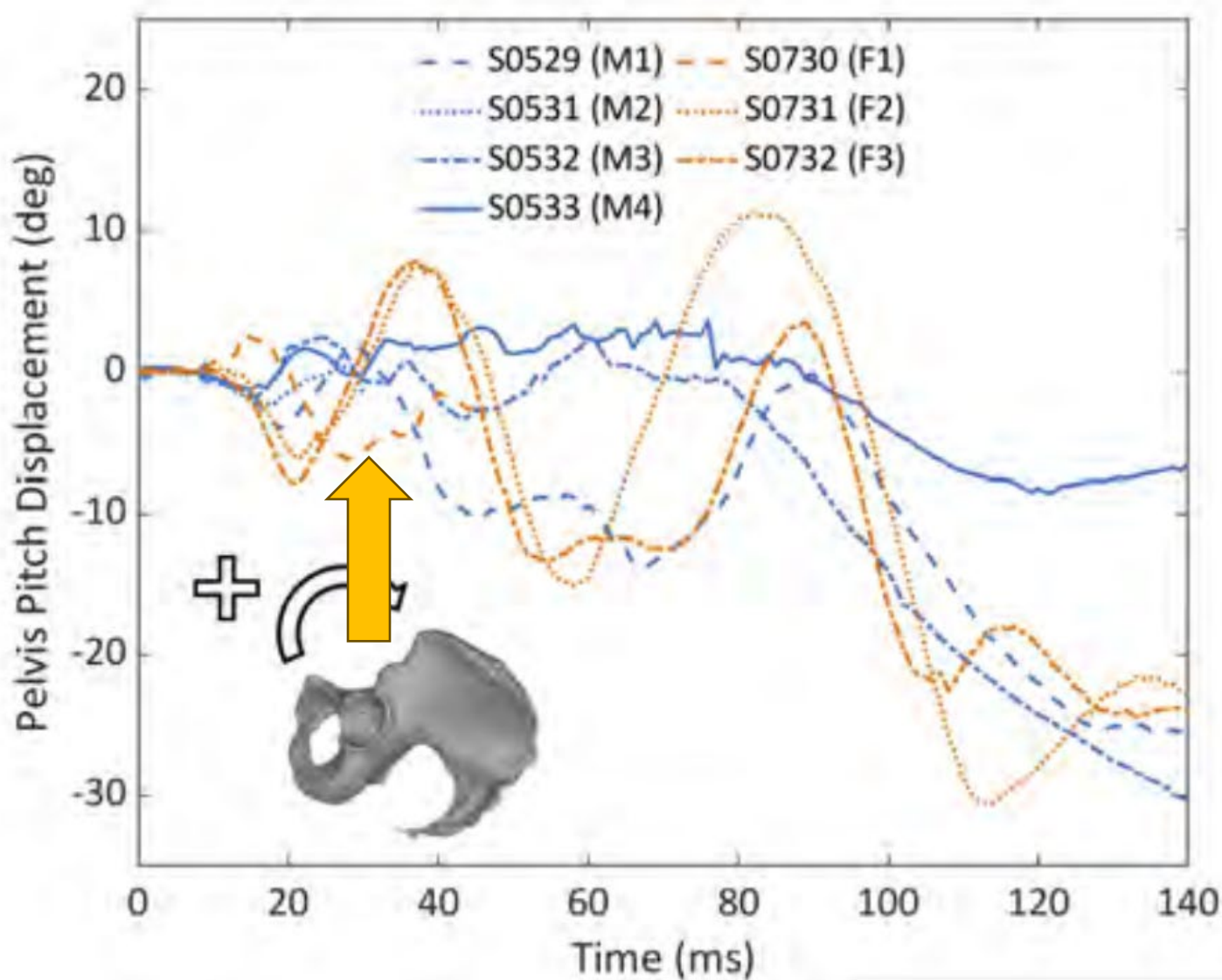
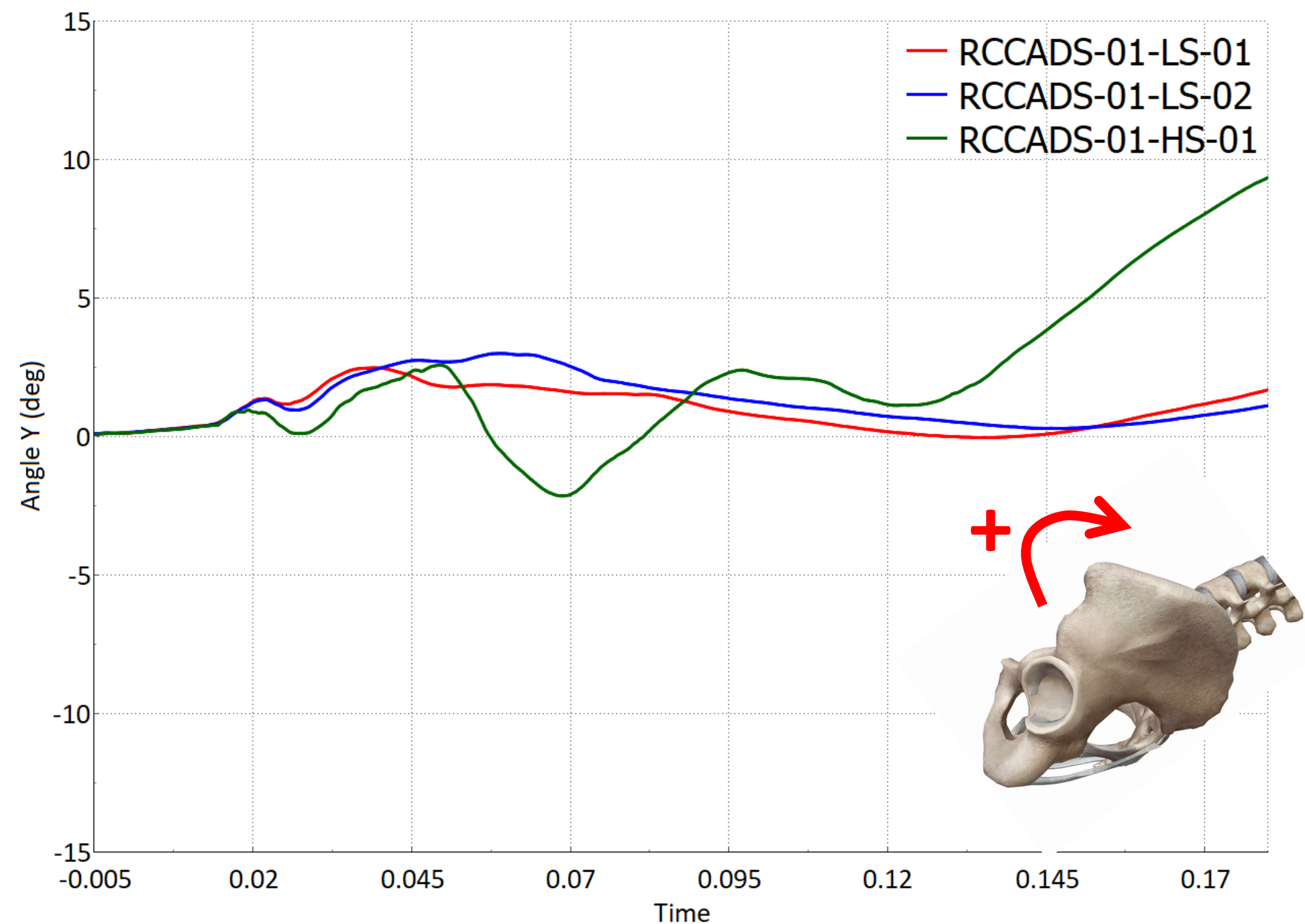
Landmarks	RCCADS-01-LS-01	RCCADS-01-LS-02	RCCADS-01-HS-01
H-point L (x, mm)	32.10	35.90	41.40
H-point R (x, mm)	36.00	42.40	43.80
Pelvic angle (deg)	77.90	78.50	81.00
PS (y, mm)	-3.70	-4.30	-3.50
ASIS L (x, mm)	5.3	7.70	11.40
ASIS R (x, mm)	4.3	10.70	7.90
Sternal notch (x, mm)	-125.79	-124.38	-130.65
Frankfort plane (deg)	26.1 / 24.0	34.0 / 34.0	33.1 / 30.1



Seatbelt forces



Calculated pelvic rotation in sagittal plane



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