

TOWARDS ADVANCED BICYCLE HELMET TEST METHODS

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Towards Safer Bicycling Through Optimization of Bicycle Helmets and Usage

- Current situation of head protection standards...and limitations
- Previous attempts
- Proposal of a new helmet test method
- Impact conditions
- Model Based Head Injury Criteria
- Conclusion



EXISTING BICYCLE TEST METHODS AND LIMITATIONS

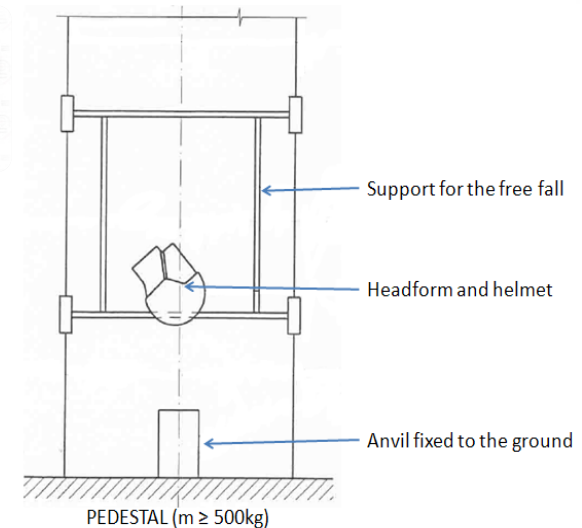
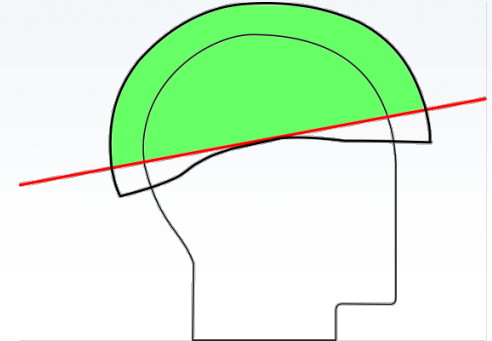
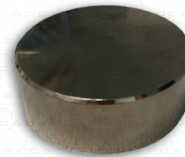
STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE HELMETS

	NF EN 1078	ANSI Z90.4	CPSC	SNELL B-95	BS 6863	AS/NZS 2063	CAN/CSA D1132-M
Year	1997	1995	1999	1995	1997	1996	1996
Scope	EU	USA	USA	International	UK	Australia / NZ	Canada
Headform + helmet mass	5 kg	5 kg	5 kg	5 kg	5 kg	5 kg	5 kg
Tests	3 tests •Drop •roll-off •retention system strength test	2 tests •Drop •retention system strength test	3 tests •Drop •roll off •retention system strength test	3 tests •Drop •roll off •retention system strength test	2 tests •Drop •retention system strength test		
Drop apparatus	Guided free fall	Twin wire drop rig	Guided free fall	Guided free fall	Twin wire drop rig	Twin wire drop rig	Twin wire drop rig
Conditioning	Hot +50°C Cold -20°C Wet	Ambient Hot +50°C Cold -10°C Wet	Ambient Hot +50°C Cold -20°C Wet	Ambient Hot +50°C Cold -15°C Wet		Ambient Hot +50°C Cold -5°C Wet	Ambient Hot +50°C Cold -10°C Wet
Impact on flat anvils	5,42 m/s (73J) at 1,5m	4,57 m/s	6,2m/s (98J) at 2m	110J (6,4 m.s) at 2,1m (limits for certification)	4,57 m/s	5.42m/s	5.7m/s
Impacts on hemispherical anvils			4,8 m/s (57J) at 1,2m	72 J 5,2 m/s at 1,4m (limits for certification)			Cylindrical 4.7m/s
Impacts on kerbstone anvils	4,57 m/s (52J) at 1,05m	4,57 m/s	57 J (4,8 m/s)	65 J (5,2 m/s) at 1,4m	4,57 m/s		
Homologation criteria	< 250g	< 300g	< 300g	< 300g	< 300g	<300g <200g for 3ms <150g for 6ms	<250g <200g

EN 1078 STANDARD TEST

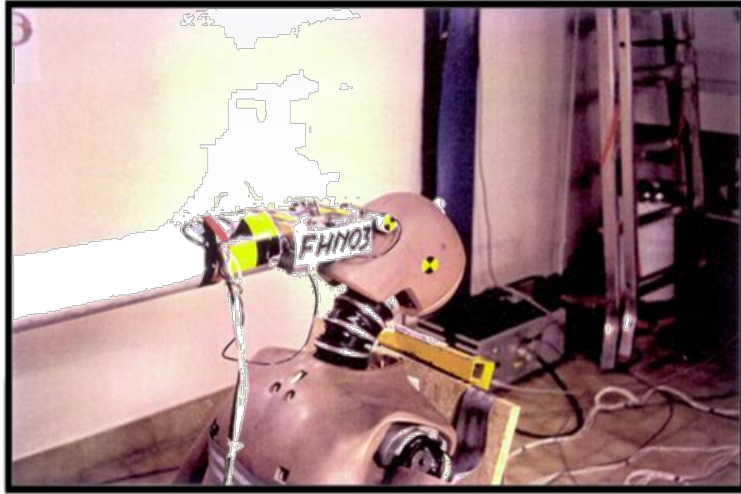
➤ Shock absorbing capacity

- The helmet should protect the forehead, the occipital and parietal area of head
- Two kind of anvils (Kerstone, Flat)
 - $V_{\text{kerbstone}} = 4.57 \text{ m/s (16.5 km/h)}$
 - $V_{\text{flat}} = 5.42 \text{ m/s (19.5 km/h)}$
- Two temperatures (-20°C, +50°C) and one wet condition (+20°C)
- No ambient test



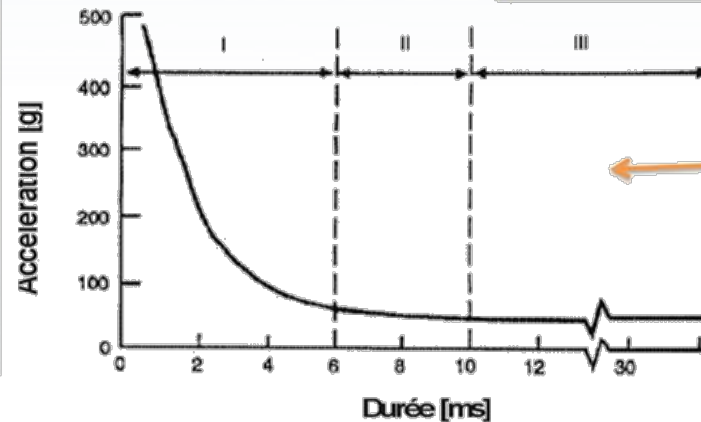
Approval criteria = acceleration < 250 G

HEAD INJURY CRITERIA (1972)



Partie I : cadaver tests, tests for which the fracture of the skull is chosen as a criterion of injury.

Partie II : intracranial pressure recorded on cadavers and animals correlated with concussions



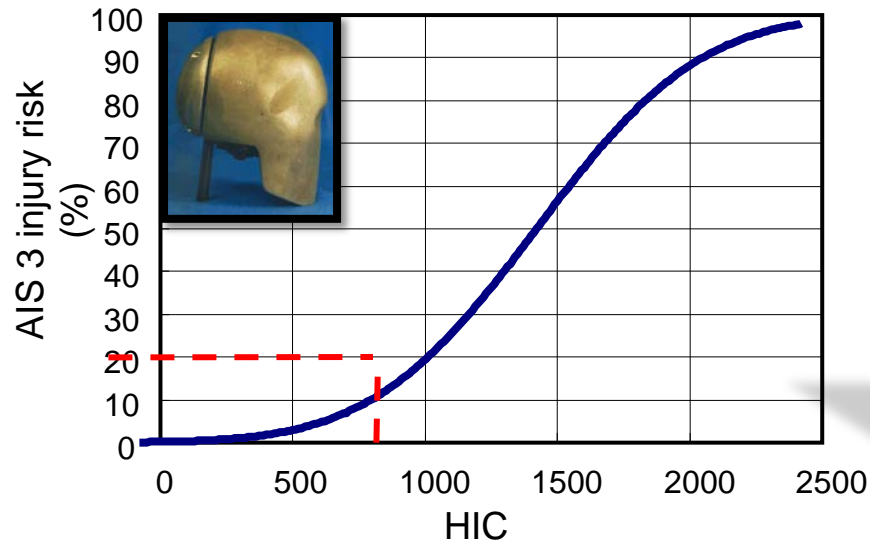
Partie III : Tests on volunteers with whole body acceleration recorded and no injury.

Head mass = 4.58 kg; HIC = 1000

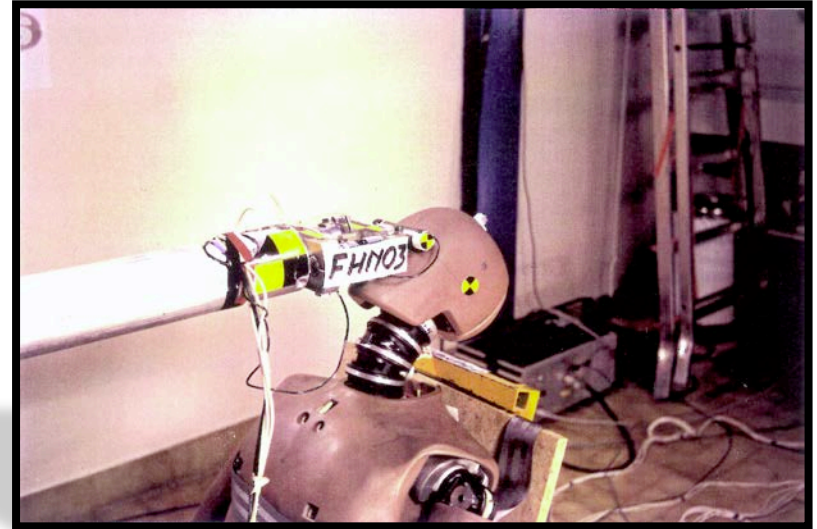
LIMITATIONS

- NO CONSIDERATION OF ROTATIONAL ACCELERATION
- NOT DIRECTION DEPENDANT
- NOT INJURY MECHANISM RELATED
- POOR CORRELATION WITH REAL WORLD OBSERVATION

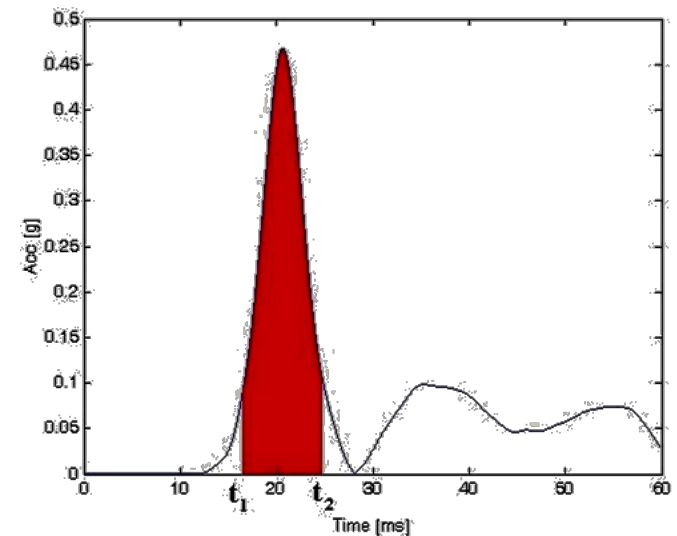
$$HIC = (t_2 - t_1) \left[\frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a dt \right]^{2.5}$$



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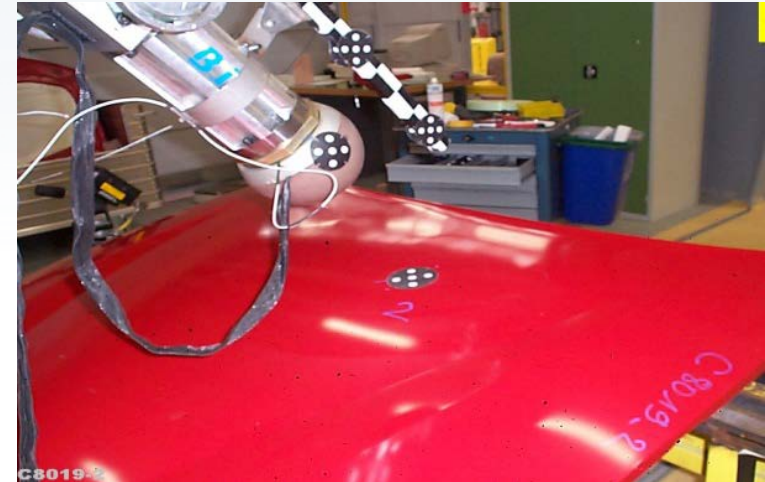
$$HIC = \max_{(t_1, t_2)} \left\{ (t_2 - t_1) \left[\frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right]^{2.5} \right\}$$



WHAT ABOUT STANDARDS?

- Inside a car (1970)
 - Dummy head; **HIC 1000**
- Outside – pedestrian (2005)
 - Headform; $V=11$ m/s ;
 $e = 7$ cm ; **HIC 1000 à 1700**
- Motorcyclist (2002)
 - Headform; $V = 7.5$ m/s ;
 $e = 5$ cm ; **HIC 2400 ; $\Gamma = 275G$**
- Cyclist
 - Headform; $V = 5.42$ m/s ;
 $e = 2.5$ cm ; **$\Gamma = 250G$**

... for a same human head !

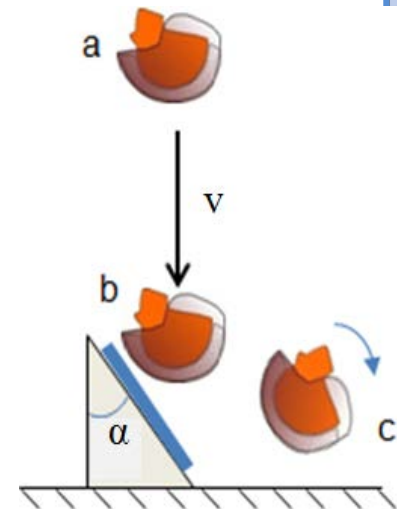
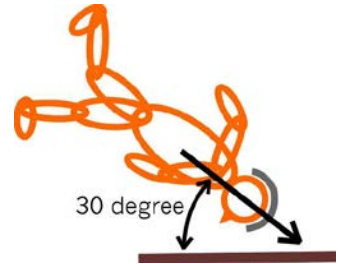


- Poor correlation with real world observation
- HIC was defined for a frontal impact
- Head injury criteria is direction dependant
- HIC is not injury mechanism related
- No consideration of rotational acceleration
- First proposals exist (4.5 krd/s² to 8.5 krd/s²)
- What about rotation direction ?

Define a method to measure rotational energy absorption in tangential impacts

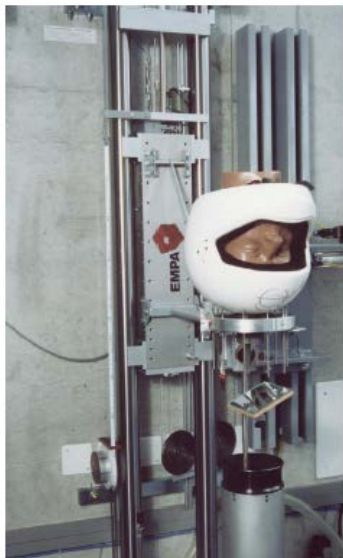
- The first version of the test method is designed for *bike* and *equestrian* helmets.
- Impact conditions based on *real accident* data
 - 5-10m/s, 30-60degrees, hard impact surface
- The test must be *simple, robust and cost effective*.

First attempts exist ...

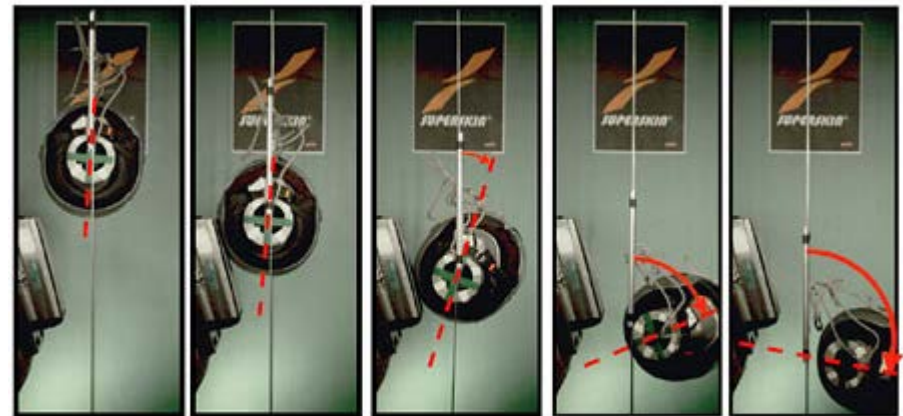


Despite this consolidated knowledge **no head protection standard are currently considering head rotational acceleration**. Only ECE R2205 EU and BS6658 motorcycle helmet standards consider a tangential impact condition but helmet evaluation is limited to the recording of the tangential force

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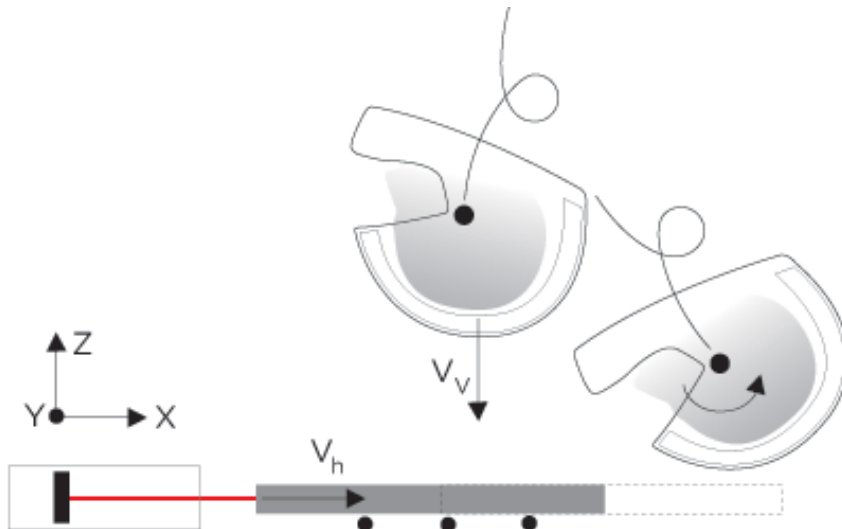
Impact tests on an anvil to test new helmet concept Philips Head Protection System (the inclined impact test, part of the approval tests for the ECE 22.05 regulation)



Oblique impact test (ECE 22.05) standard helmet: strong rotational force

Halldin et al. (2001)

- Simulate a fall from a motorcyclist on to the road surface
- A HIII headform falls vertically to impact a horizontally moving rigid rough.
- This rig was used to evaluate new helmet design (MIPS)



Pang et al. (2011)

- A novel laboratory test in order to investigate head and neck responses under oblique motorcycle helmet impacts. a helmeted Hybrid III head fitted to the Hybrid III neck



EXISTING TEST PROCEDURES

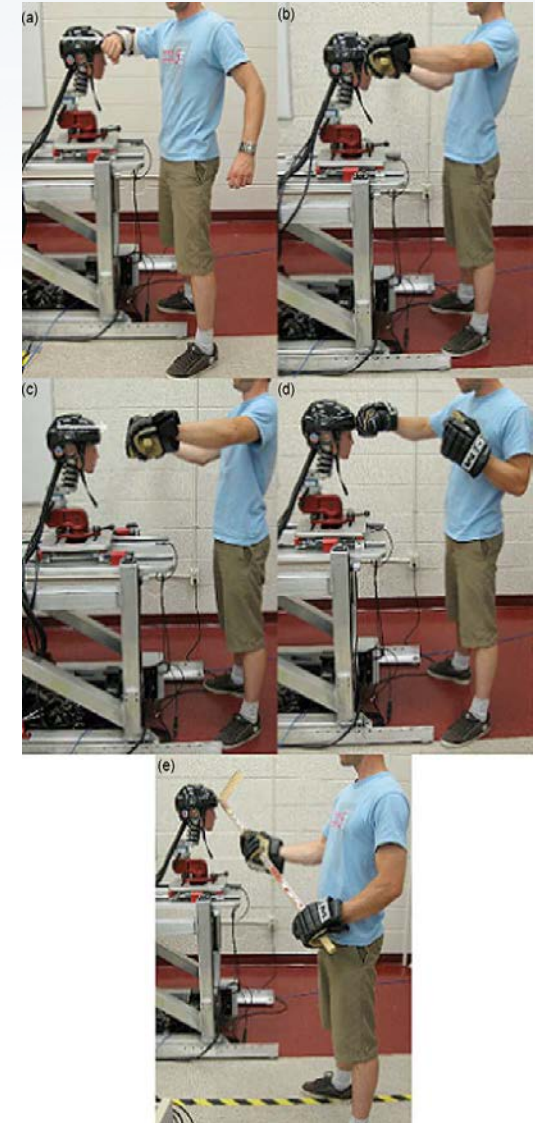
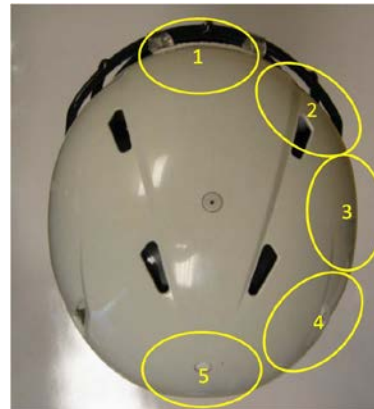
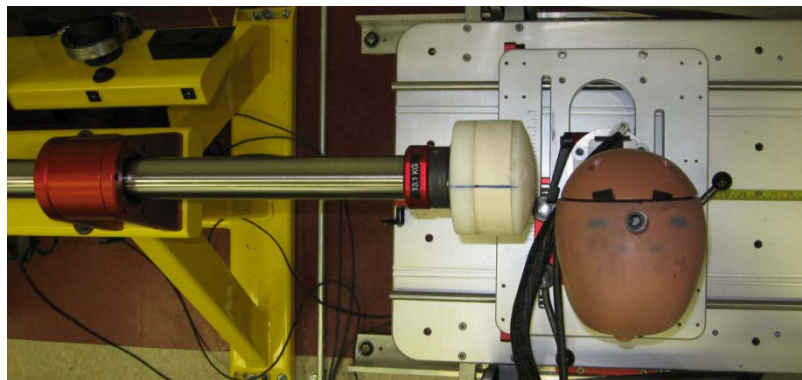
Gerberich *et al.* (1987), Flick *et al.* (2005), Coulson *et al* (2009),
Rousseau *et al* (2009)

Walsh *et al.* (2009, 2010, 2011)

Test bench

Linear Impactor

- 50th percentile Hybrid III head- and neckform
- 3-2-2-2 accelerometer array
- Finite Element Model of the human head

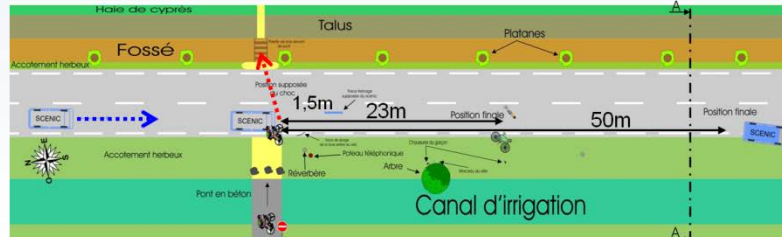


- **Impact conditions**
 - **Velocity vector,**
 - **Impact location,**
 - **Temperature, Humidity**
 - **Boundary conditions at neck**
- **Headform to be used**
- **Model Based Head Injury Criteria**

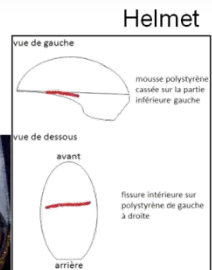
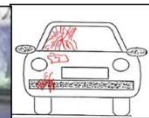
HEAD IMPACT CONDITIONS_VELOCITY

➤ under real world accident reconstructions

A total of **26 real world accidents** involving a bicycle were reconstructed
Bourdet et al. (2012)



- Coma (Glasgow score = 3)
- Several bleedings
- Intracranial Hypertension.
- Left clavicle fracture
- Left orbital contusion



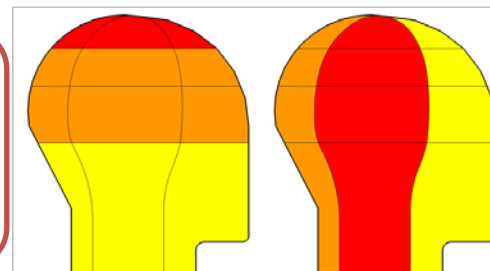
Head Impact conditions

Resultant Velocity $V_{\text{mean}} = 6.8 \pm 2.7 \text{ m/s}$

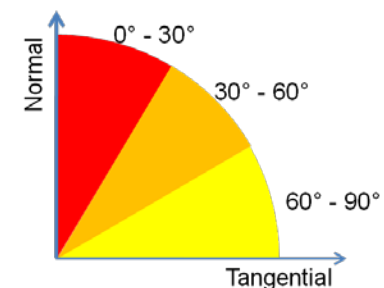
Normal Velocity $V_{\text{mean}} = 5.5 \pm 2.9 \text{ m/s}$

Tangential Velocity $V_{\text{mean}} = 3.4 \pm 2.0 \text{ m/s}$

More often Moderately often Less often



Head Impact Area



Head Impact Angle

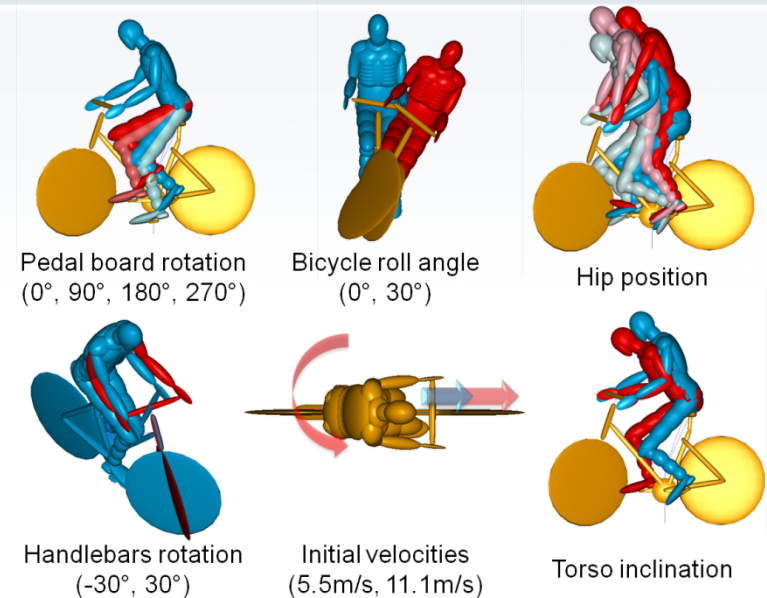
HEAD IMPACT CONDITIONS_VELOCITY

➤ in case of bicyclist falling

Study done by *Bourdet et al. (2012)*

- 8 selected factors have been studied
- 2 configurations of falling

A total of 1024 accident simulations was done



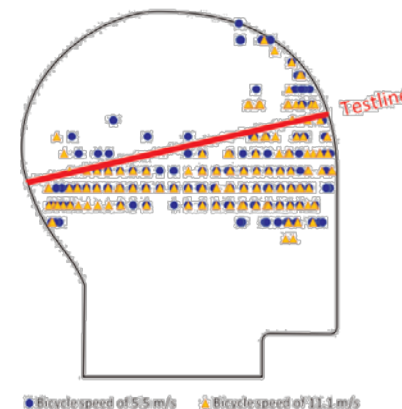
Head Impact conditions for a bicycle speed of **5.5m/s** :

	$V_{\text{resultant}}$ [m/s]	V_{normal} [m/s]	$V_{\text{tangential}}$ [m/s]	Impact angle [°]
Skidding fall	6.9 ± 1.2	5.7 ± 1.3	3.7 ± 0.9	32.9 ± 8.7
Curb hitting	6.4 ± 0.9	5.2 ± 1.0	3.7 ± 0.8	35.4 ± 7.7

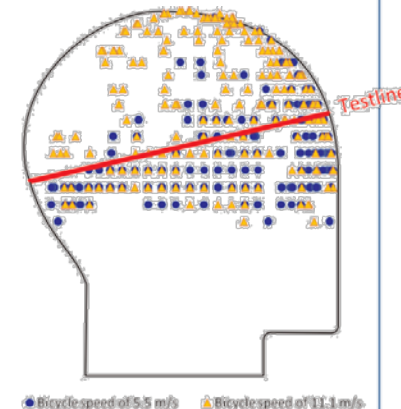
Head Impact conditions for a bicycle speed of **11.1m/s** :

	$V_{\text{resultant}}$ [m/s]	V_{normal} [m/s]	$V_{\text{tangential}}$ [m/s]	Impact angle [°]
Skidding fall	11.3 ± 1.1	6.2 ± 1.0	9.4 ± 1.0	56.6 ± 5.1
Curb hitting	9.1 ± 2.1	4.8 ± 1.3	7.7 ± 1.9	58.1 ± 6.5

Skidding fall



Curb hitting



HEAD IMPACT CONDITIONS_LOCATION

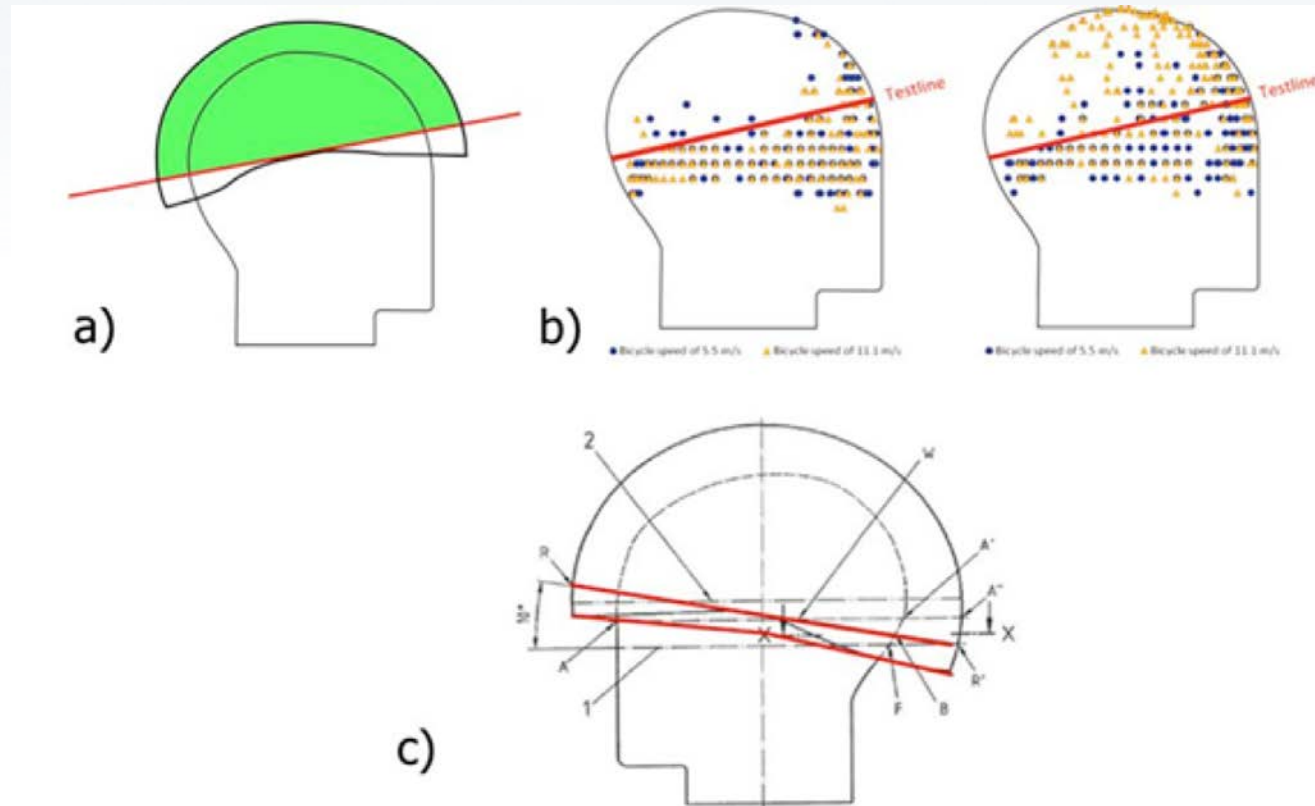


Illustration of current test line

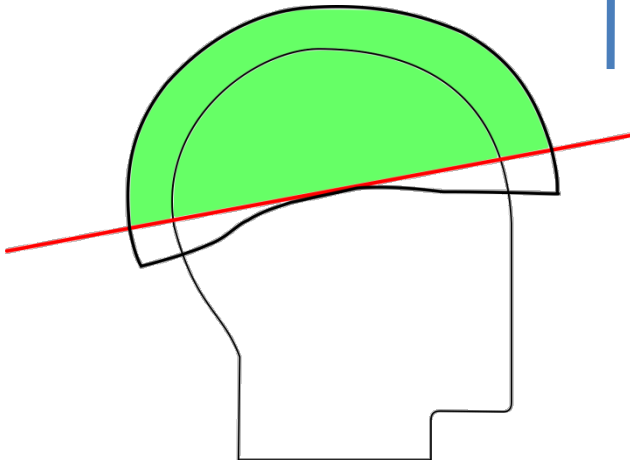
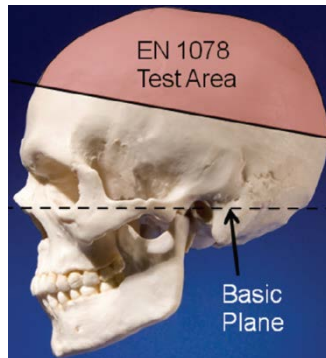
Impact points to the head (Bourdet et al 2012)

Proposal of new test line as from Otte et al 2013

HEAD IMPACT CONDITIONS_LOCATION

Critical issue

Impact area upper
RR' line



Comments

Sides of the helmets were the
most frequently damaged
regions



Recommandations

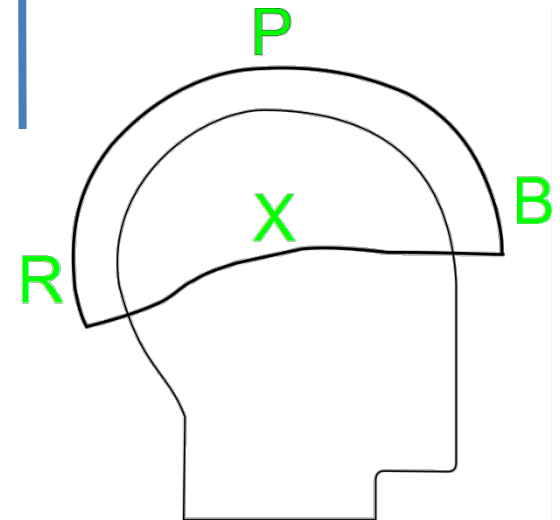
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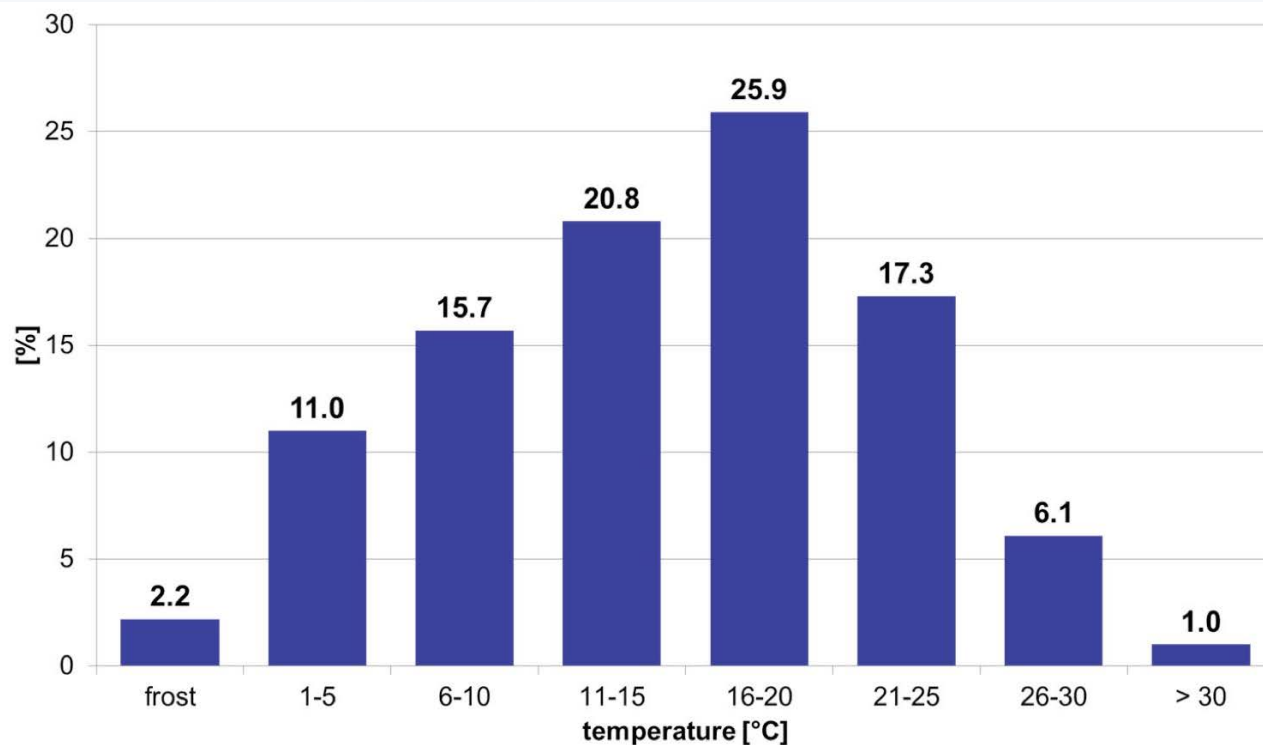
B (frontal)

P (vertex)

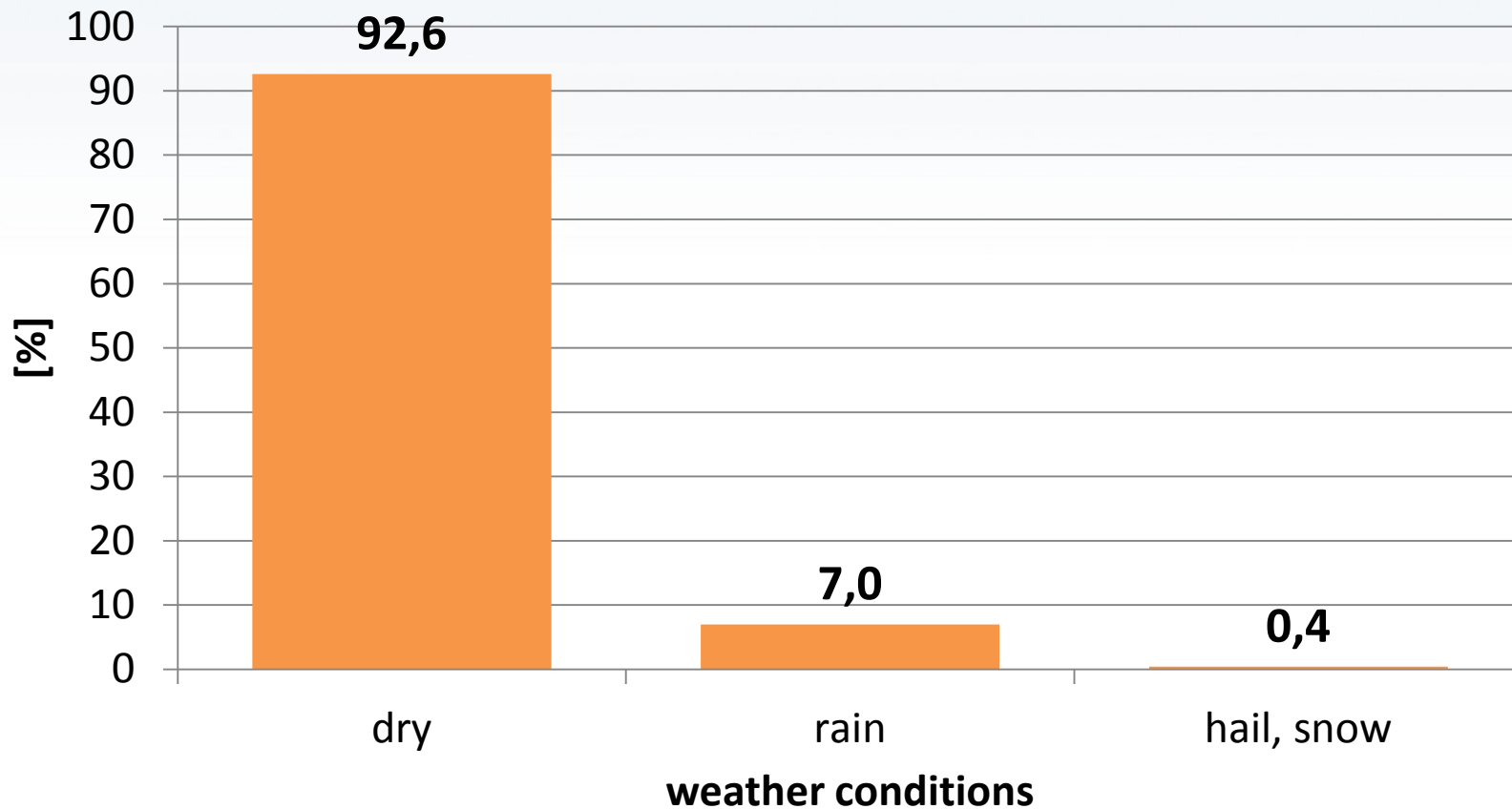
R (rear)

X (lateral)



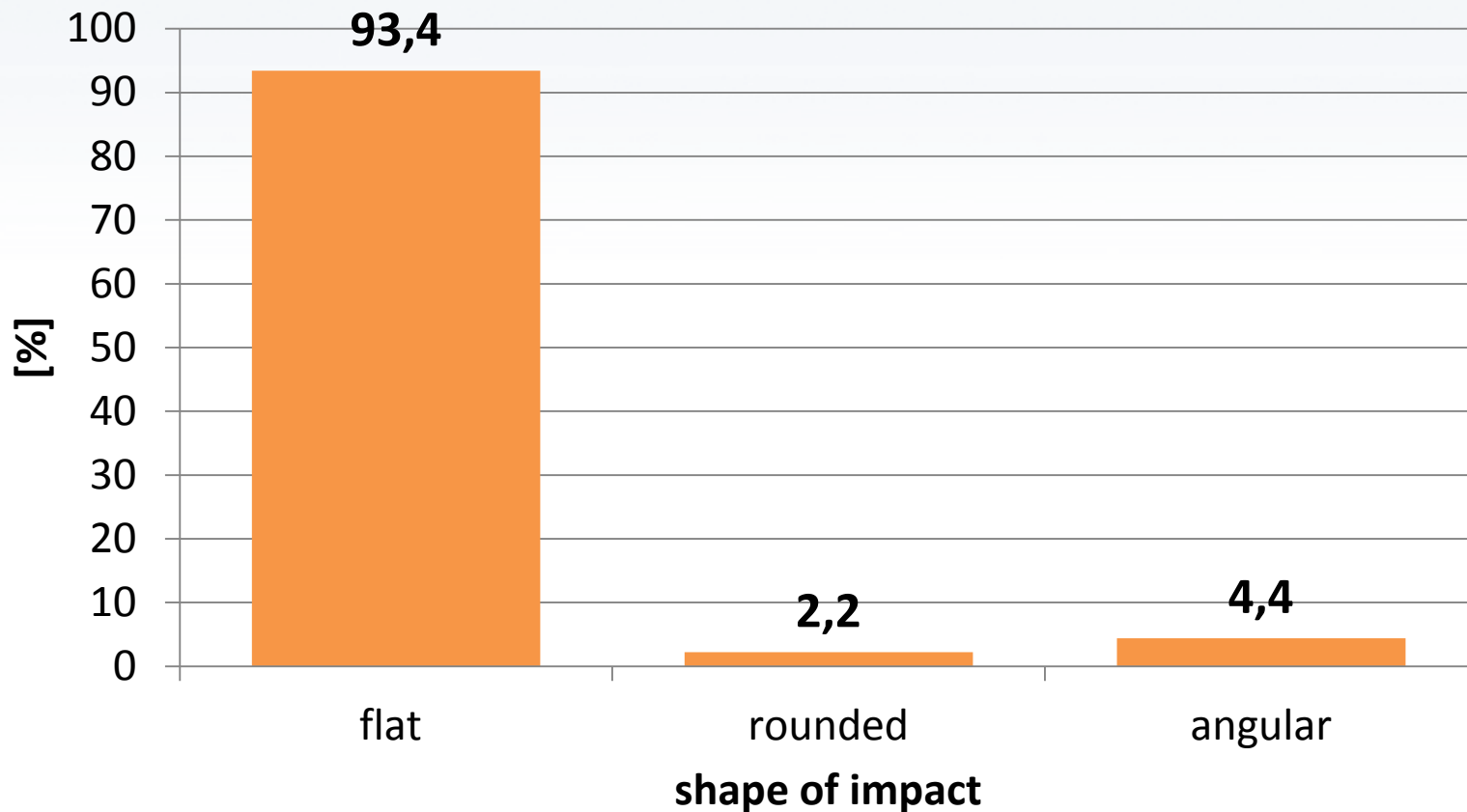


Results based on GIDAS and illustrating that 96.8% of the accidents occur between 1 and 30 °C (n=2412)



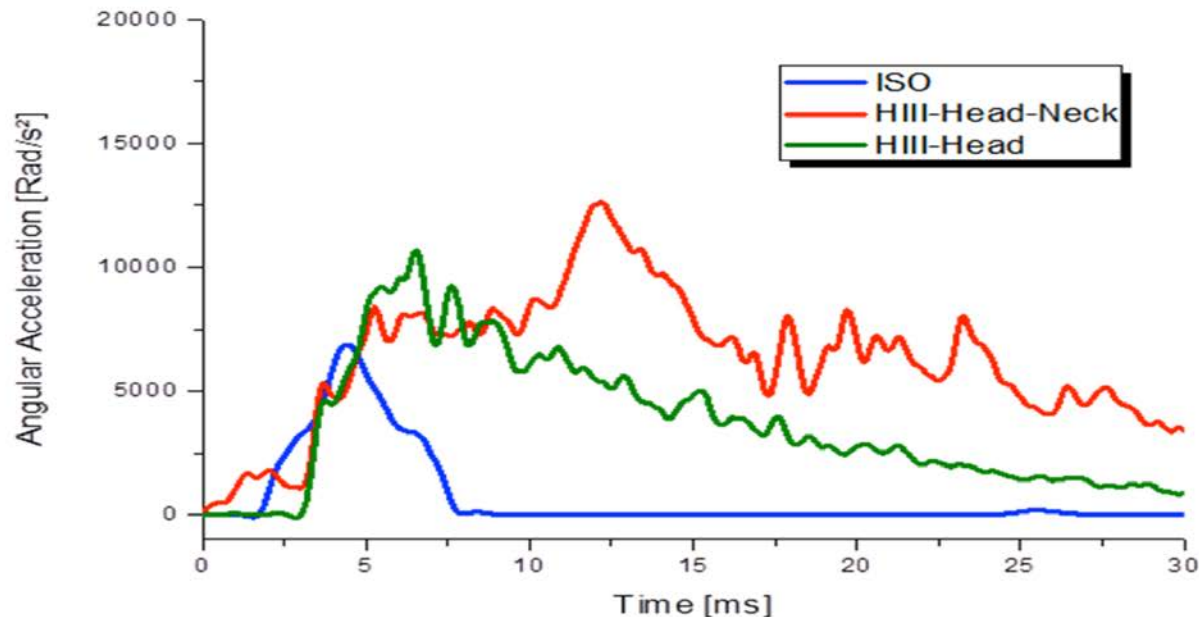
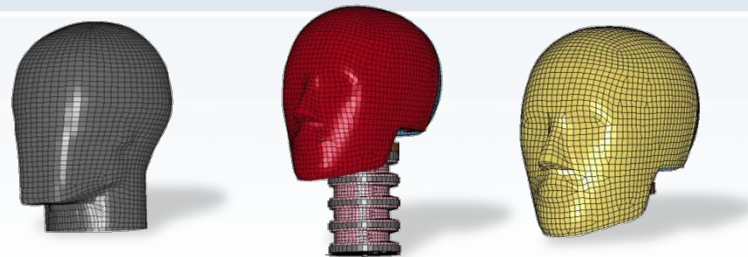
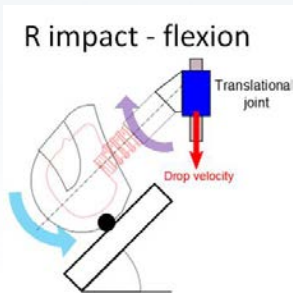
Results based on GIDAS and illustrating that 92,6 % of the accidents occur under dry weather conditions (n=2412)

IMPACT CONDITIONS _IMPACTED SURFACE



Results based on GIDAS and illustrating that 93.4 % of the head impacts are against a flat surface (n=2412)

IMPACT CONDITIONS _AT NECK LEVEL



Rotational acceleration computed with three different helmeted headforms and head boundary conditions under occipital impact against a 45° inclined anvil.

Critical issue

Comments

Recommandations



Rigid Mass

The value of the mass includes “some” neck effects and its inertia is not controlled

Replacing ISO headforms by Hybrid III head

- More realistic head mass
- More realistic head inertia
- Deformable skin
- Easy link to Hybrid III neck
- Possibility to fix rotational transducers

	Mass [kg]	I_{xx} [kg.m ²]	I_{yy} [kg.m ²]	I_{zz} [kg.m ²]
ISO Pedestrian	4.5	11.10^{-3}	11.10^{-3}	$110.5.10^{-3}$
Hybrid III 50 th	4.5	17.088.10 ⁻³	18.872.10 ⁻³	22.685.10 ⁻³
SUFEHM	4.5	17.996.10 ⁻³	18.360.10 ⁻³	21.902.10 ⁻³
ISO motor M	5.7		Not controlled	

The A, C, E, J, M and O sizes represent 95% of size used in global standards.

EN 960 headform size	Head circumference [mm]	Dummy model	Head circumference [mm]
A	500	Hybrid III 3 Year Old	508
C	520	Hybrid III 6 Year Old	520.7
E	540	Hybrid III 10 Year or 5th Female	538.5
J	570	Hybrid III 95th Large Male	584
M	600	Hybrid III 50th Male	597
O	620		

Critical issue

Comments

Recommandations



Cold condition
-20°C

Very few bicyclist's accident occur at temperatures as low as -20 °C

Non realistic temperature

Cold conditioning
-10°C



Kerbstone anvil

Accident analysis shows that bicyclist heads only rarely impact kerbstone

~~Kerbstone anvil~~



Head boundary conditions

1. Any linear impact, not strictly in line with the head-helmet center of mass leads to rotation
2. If tangential impacts are to be considered

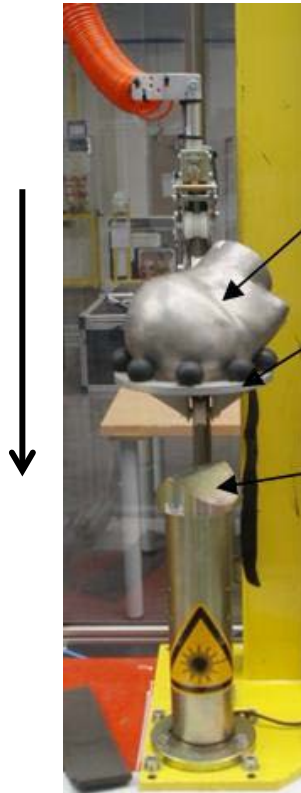
Add a HIII neck ?



Head Impact Conditions

Critical issue

Linear Velocity
5.42 m/s



Comments

If the head initial velocity seems to be reasonable in regard of real world accident situation, and fall alone simulations, the fact that this velocity has only a normal component is not acceptable

Velocity with only a normal component is not acceptable

Recommendations

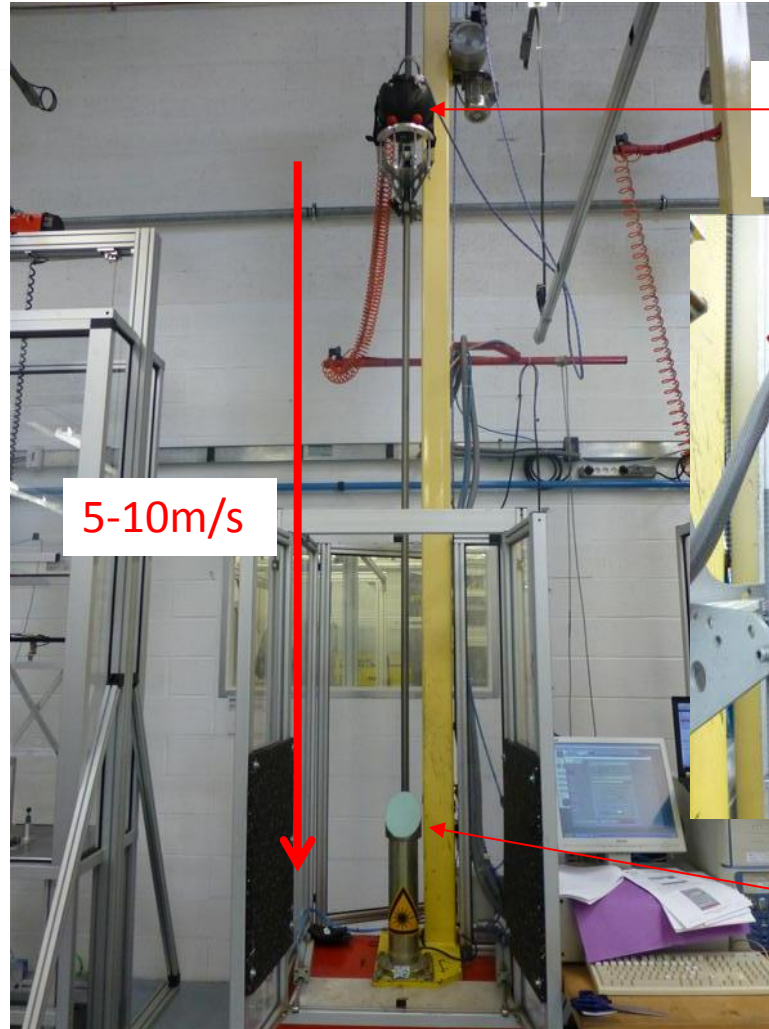
Two tangential impacts characterized by :

- $V_N = 5.42$ m/s
- $V_T = 3.5$ m/s,
- $V_R = 6.5$ m/s

Frontal and lateral impacts



Built around existing test rigs from AD Engineering or Cadex

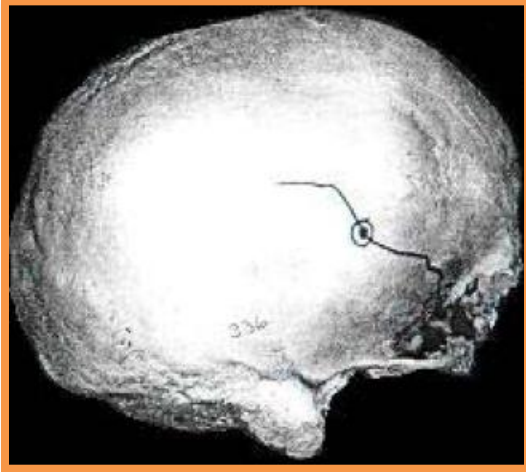


Hybrid III head form and helmet



30-60° anvil with abrasive paper

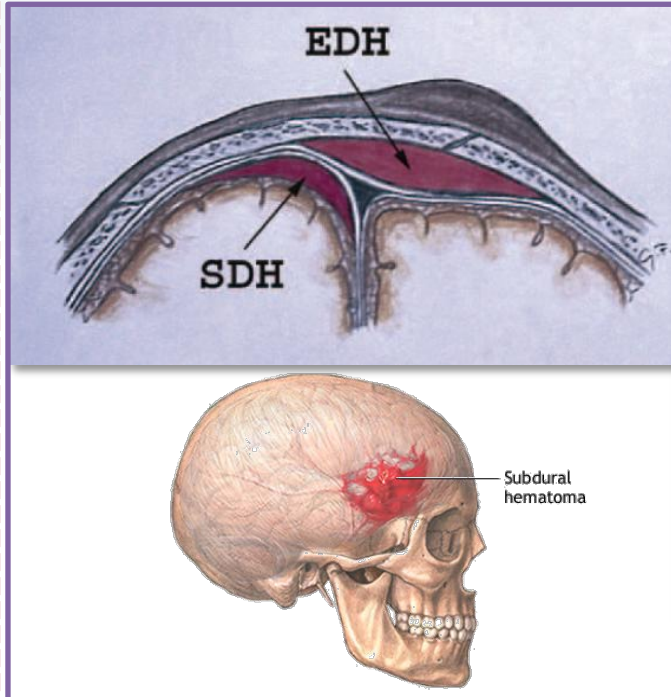
Standard helmet drop test machine adapted for rotational impact



SKULL FRACTURES



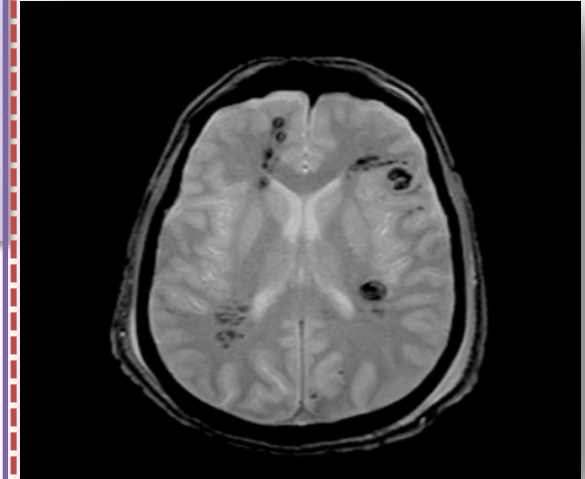
SKULL DEFORMATION



**SUBDURAL AND SUBARACHNOIDAL
HAEMATOMA**



**RELATIVE MOTION BETWEEN
THE BRAIN AND THE SKULL**



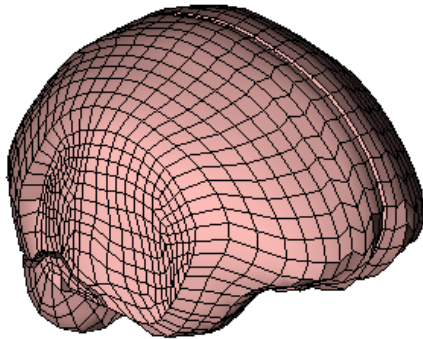
**DIFFUSE AXONAL INJURIES
(DAI)**



**INTRACEREBRAL
STRAINS/STRESS**

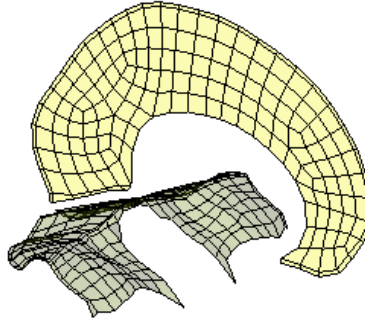
Brain

(Viscoelastic $G_0=49\text{kPa}$, $G_\infty=16.7\text{kPa}$, $\beta=145\text{s}^{-1}$)



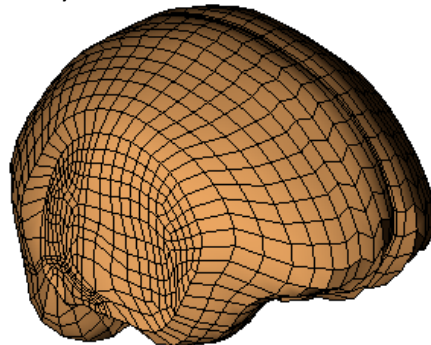
Membranes

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



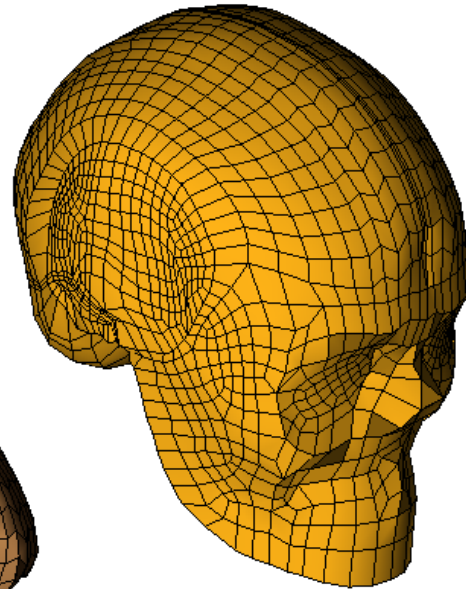
Brainstem

(Viscoelastic $G_0=49\text{kPa}$, $G_\infty=16.7\text{kPa}$, $\beta=145\text{s}^{-1}$)



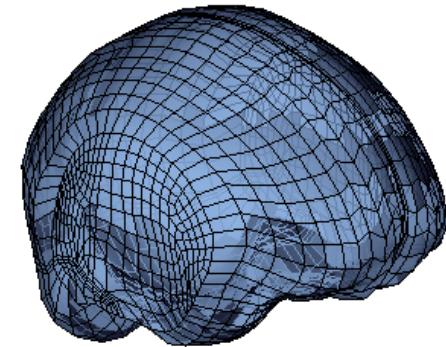
Skull

(Shell elements, composite law with failure criterion)



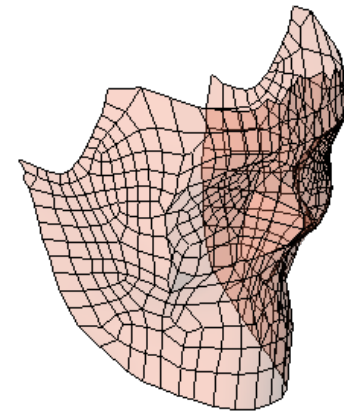
Scalp

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



CSF

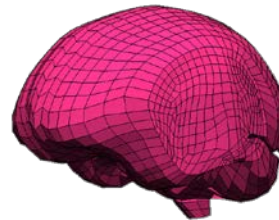
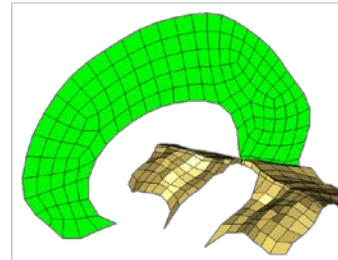
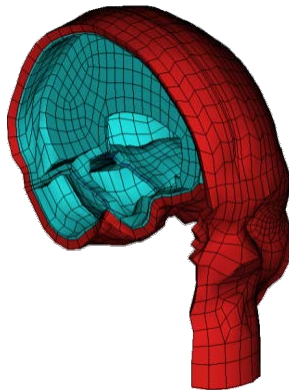
(Elastic $E=12\text{kPa}$, $\gamma=0.49$)



Face

(rigid)

PARTS



	ρ [kg.m ⁻³]	E [MPa]	ν
Face	2500	5000	0.23
Scalp	1200	16.7	0.42
CSF	1040	0.012	0.49
Falx and tentorium	1140	31.5	0.45

BRAIN

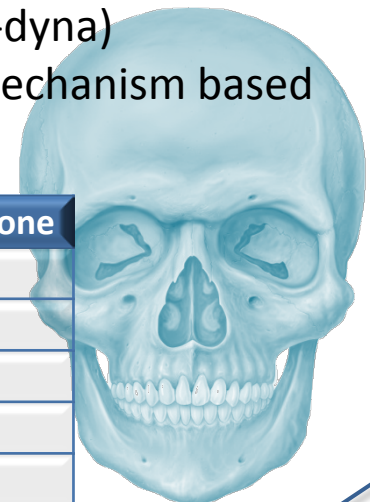
$$G(t) = G_{\infty} + (G_0 - G_{\infty})e^{-\beta t}$$

	K [GPa]	G_0 [kPa]	G_{∞} [kPa]	β [s ⁻¹]
Brain	1.125	49	16.2	145

SKULL

- ❑ Skull material model = MAT55_ENHANCED COMPOSITE_DAMAGE (Ls-dyna)
- ❑ Skull was modelled by a three layered composite shell and damage mechanism based on Tsai and Wu criterion (Tsai and Wu, 1971).

Parameters	Cortical bone	Diploe Bone
Mass density (Kg/m ³)	1900	1500
Young's Modulus (Mpa)	15000	4665
Poisson's ratio	0.21	0.05
Longitudinal and transverse compressive strength (Mpa) X_c, Y_c	132	24.8
Longitudinal and transverse Tensile strength (Mpa) X_t, Y_t	90	34.8



Head FEM around the World

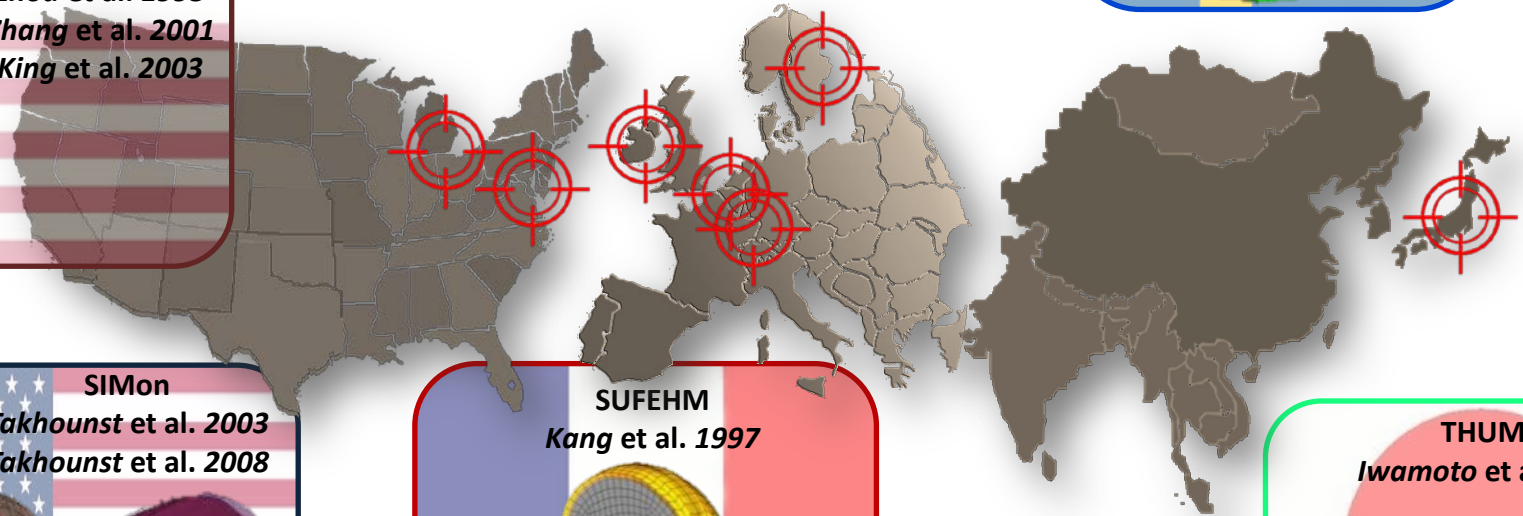


Dublin
Horgan et al. 2003
Gilchrist et al. 2004

Eindhoven
Claessens et al. 1997
Brands 2002

Stockholm
Kleiven et al. 2002, 2007

WSUBIM
Zhou et al. 1995
Zhang et al. 2001
King et al. 2003

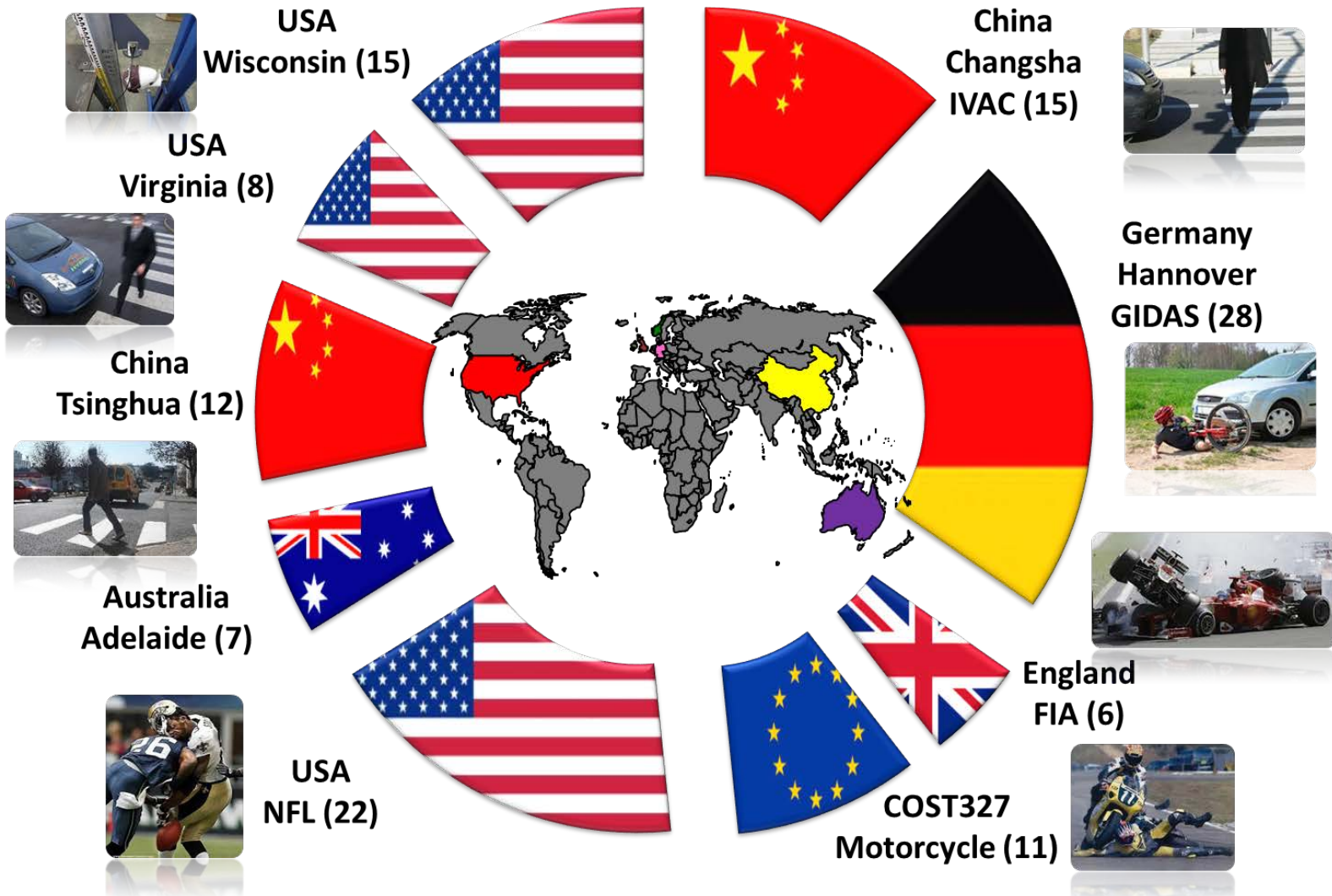


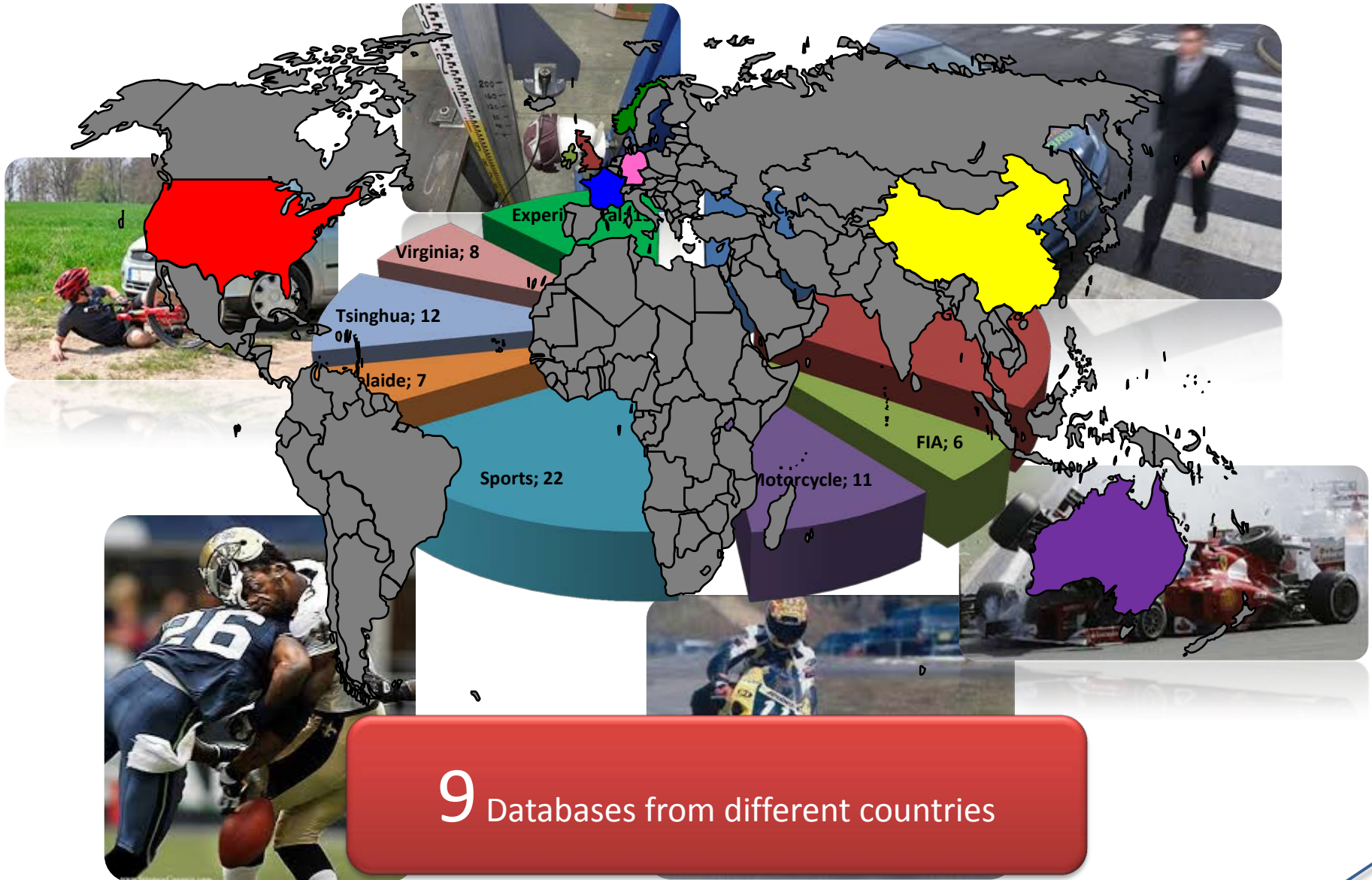
SIMon
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Takhounst et al. 2008

SUFEHM
Kang et al. 1997

THUMS
Iwamoto et al. 2001

Head Trauma database (125 cases)

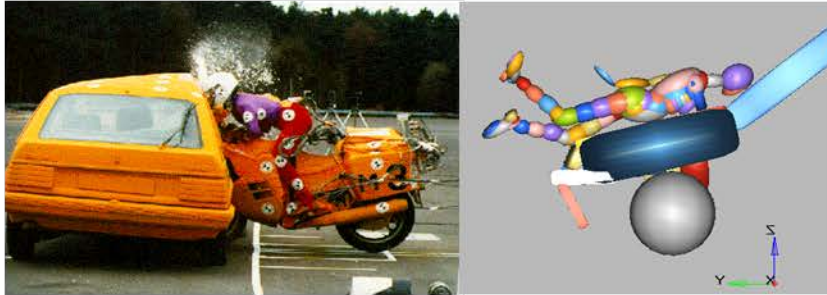




ACCIDENTS RECONSTRUCTIONS

- METHODOLOGY

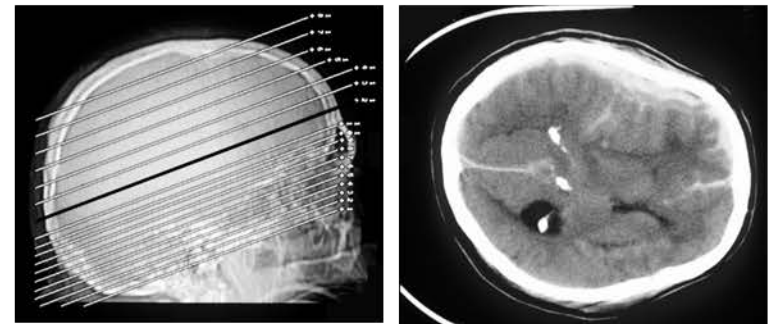
Experimental or analytical replication



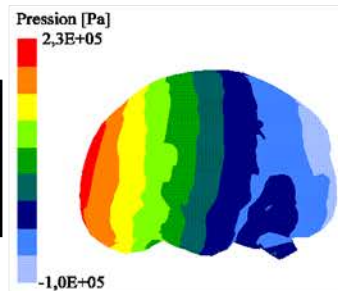
Real accidents



Detailed medical report

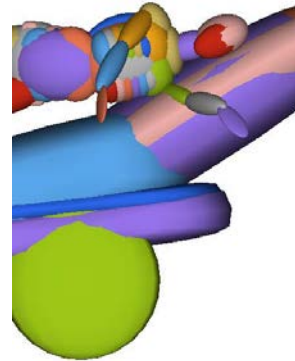
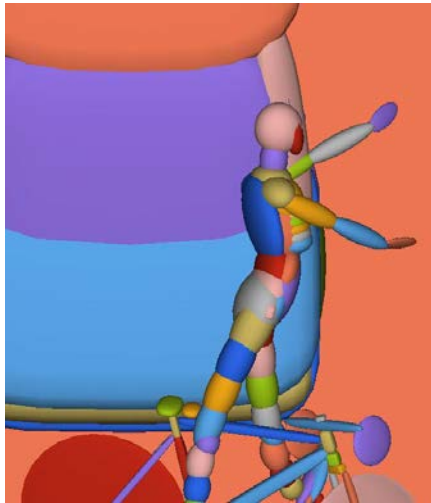


Numerical reconstruction



Injury mechanisms and tolerance limits

Unistra modeling



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

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

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

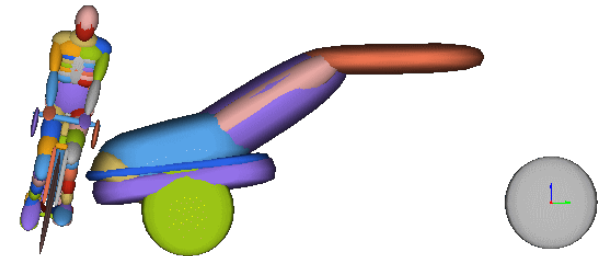
Loadcase 1 : Time = 0.000000
Frame 1

Two impacts

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

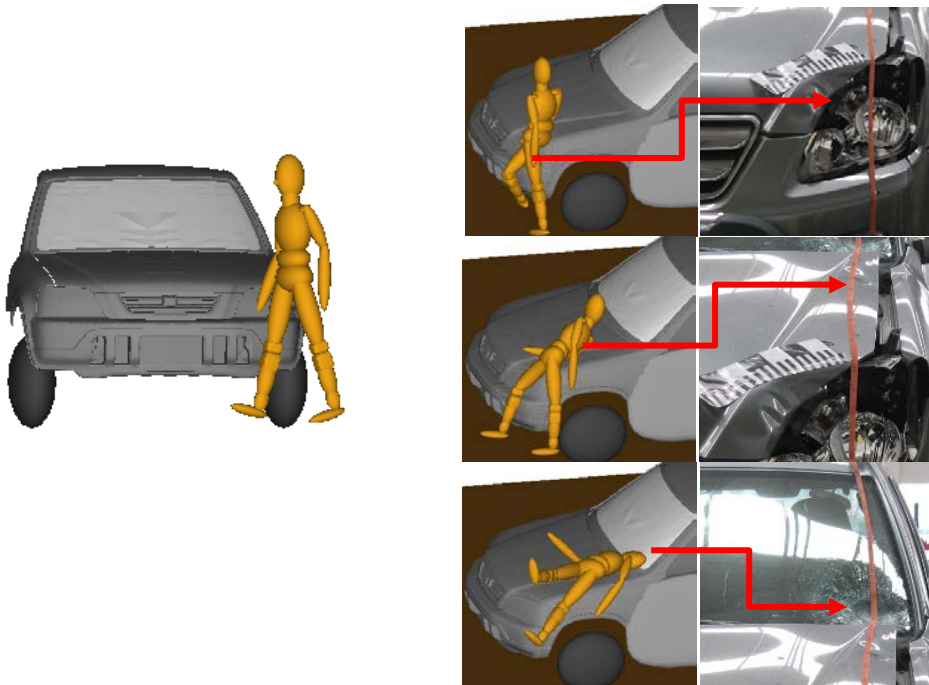
Projection distance of 16.3 m

WAD of 2.10 m

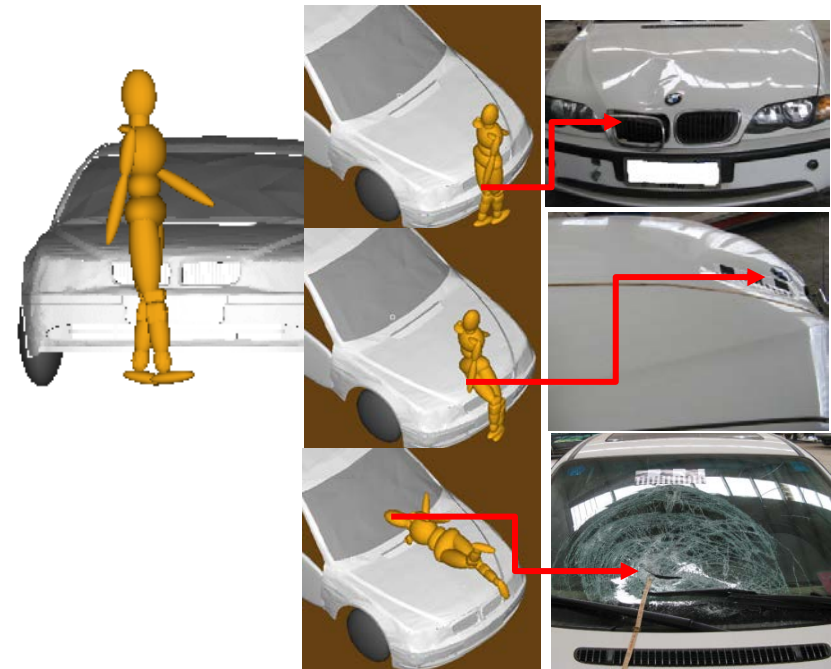


➤ *Reconstruction results*

	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

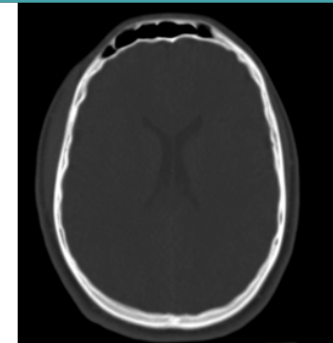
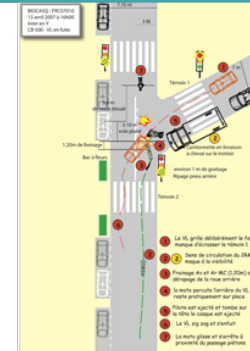


Example 2

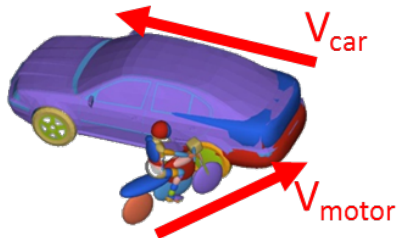
Case 2

Accident description

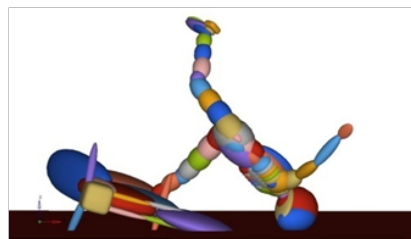
- Accident between a car and a motorcycle
- Doubt on helmet wearing
- Unconsciousness (Glasgow 7)
- AIS 3



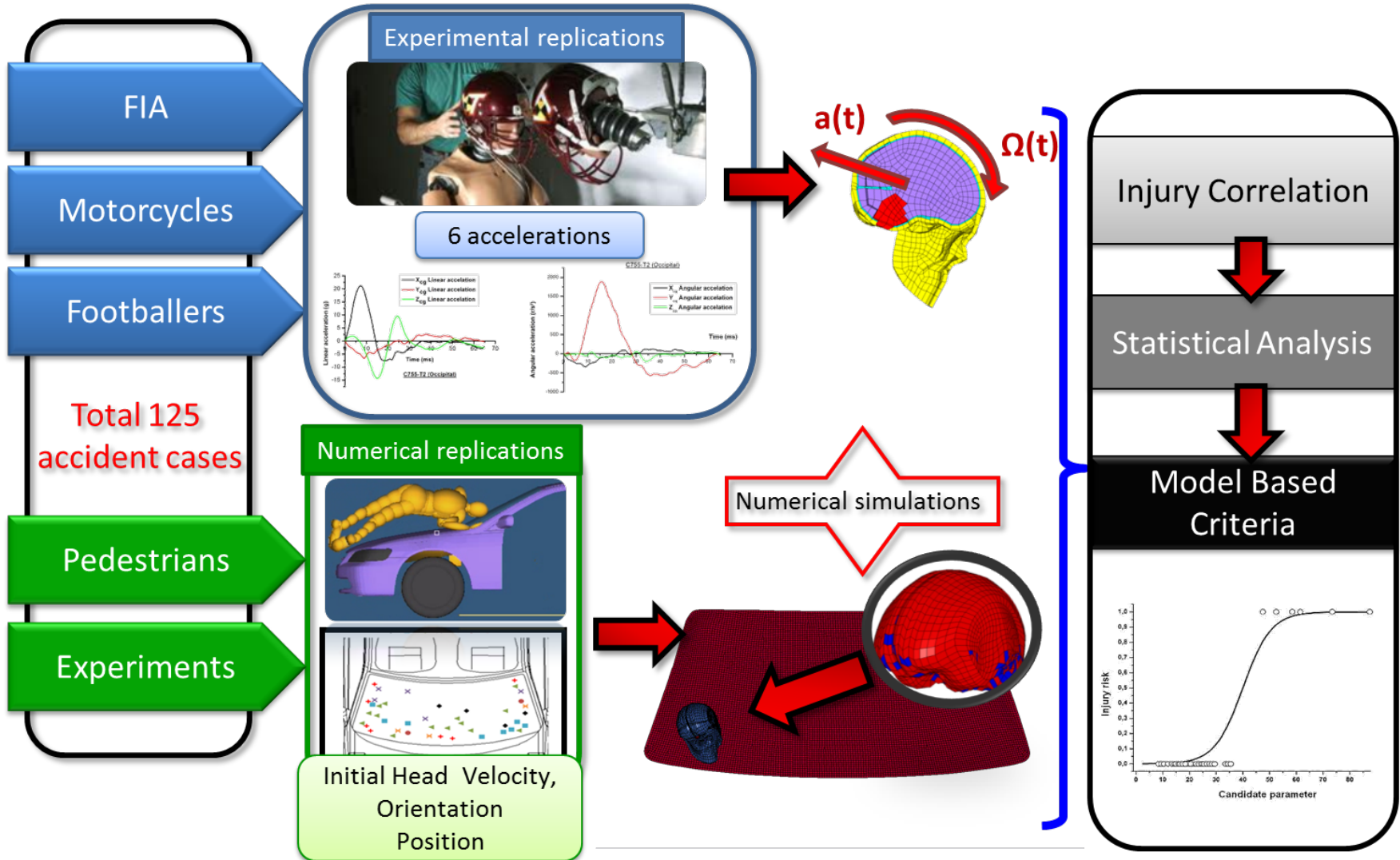
Accident reconstruction

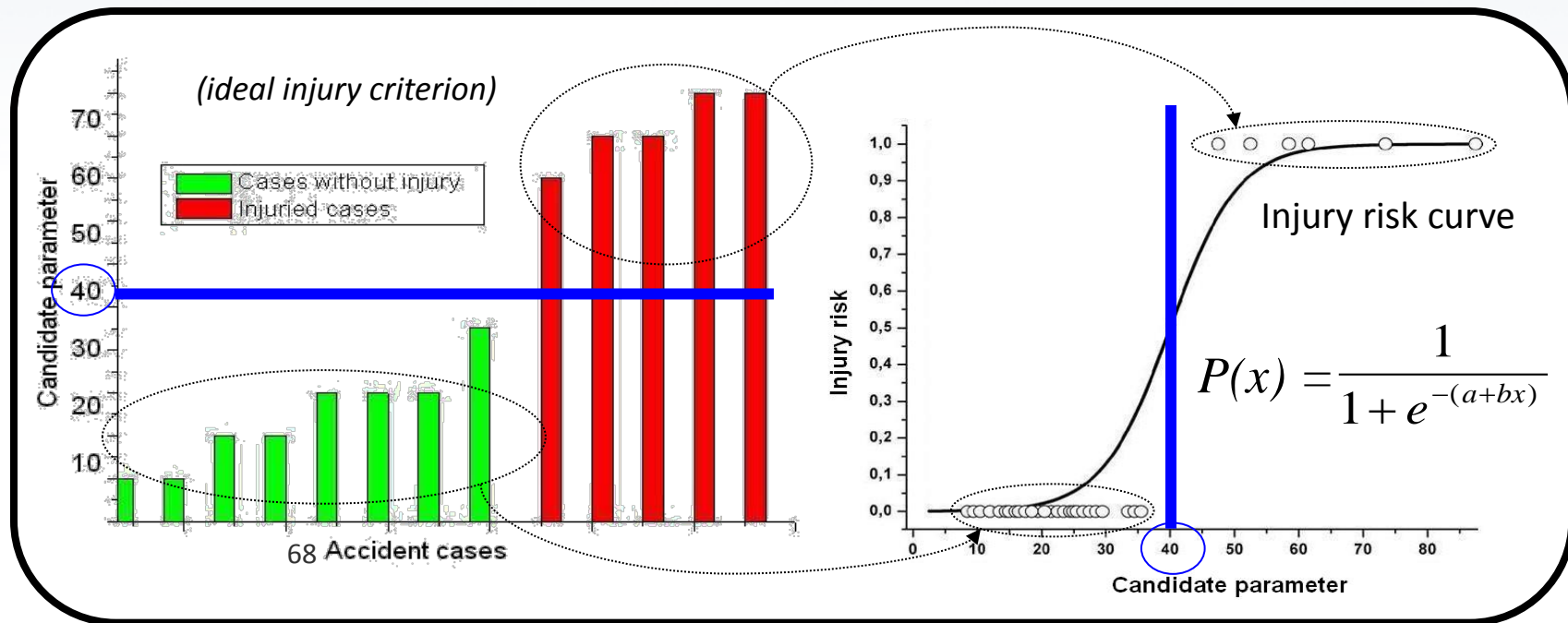
Initial configurationImpact kinematics

Extraction of head
impact angle and
velocity



Inputs for the
helmeted headform
under RADIOSS



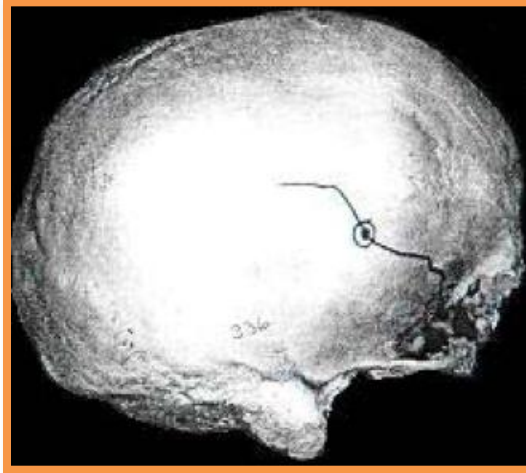


Modified likelihood method Nakahira
et al. (2000)

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

Binary logistic regression (SPSS v14.0)

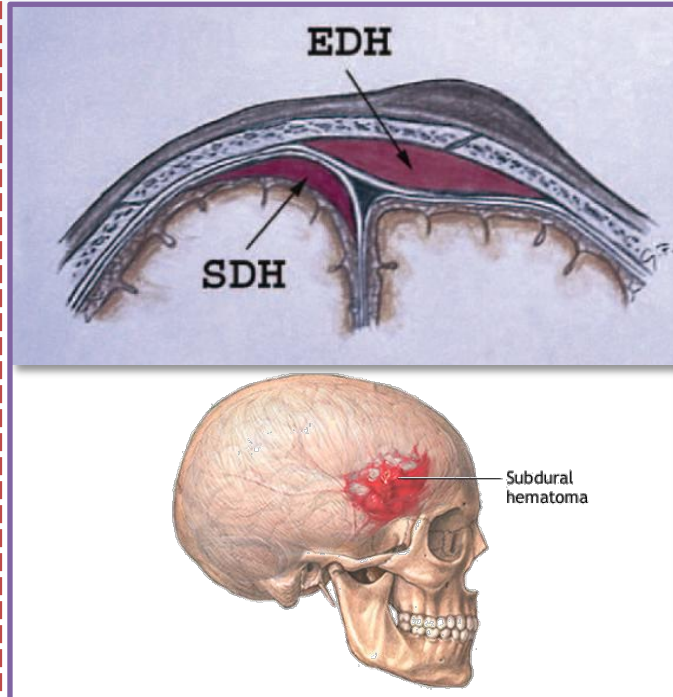
we compared
the Nagelkerke R-sq statistic



SKULL FRACTURES



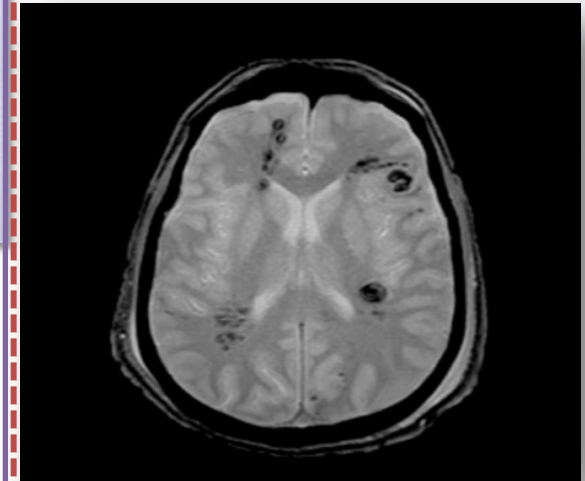
SKULL DEFORMATION



**SUBDURAL AND SUBARACHNOIDAL
HAEMATOMA**



**RELATIVE MOTION BETWEEN
THE BRAIN AND THE SKULL**



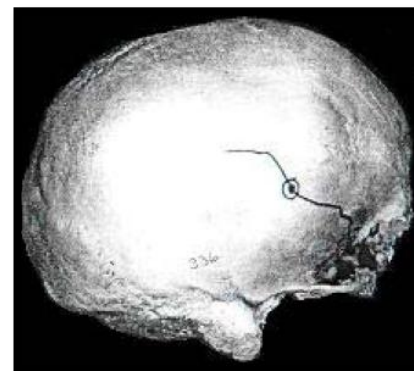
**DIFFUSE AXONAL INJURIES
(DAI)**



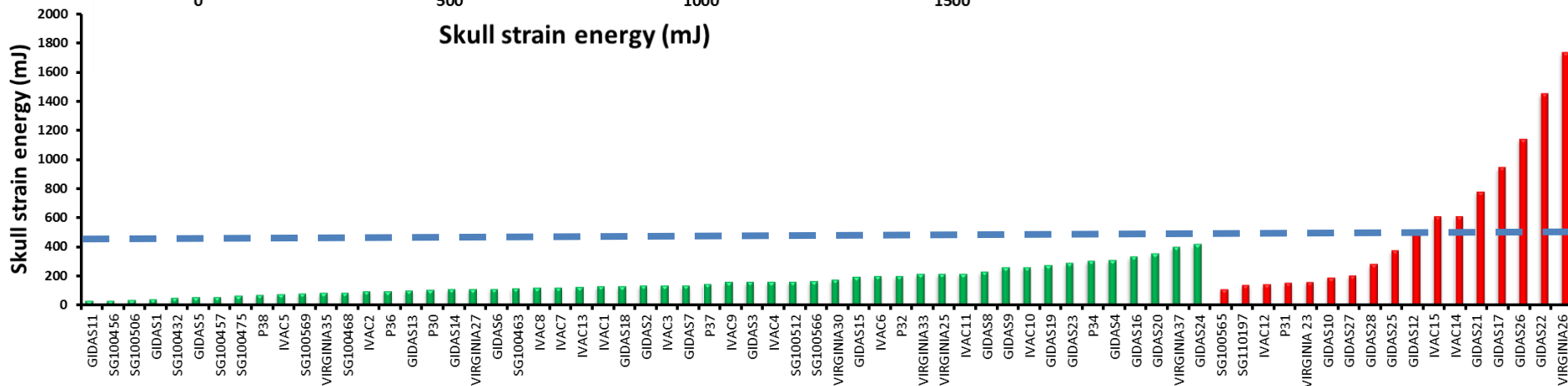
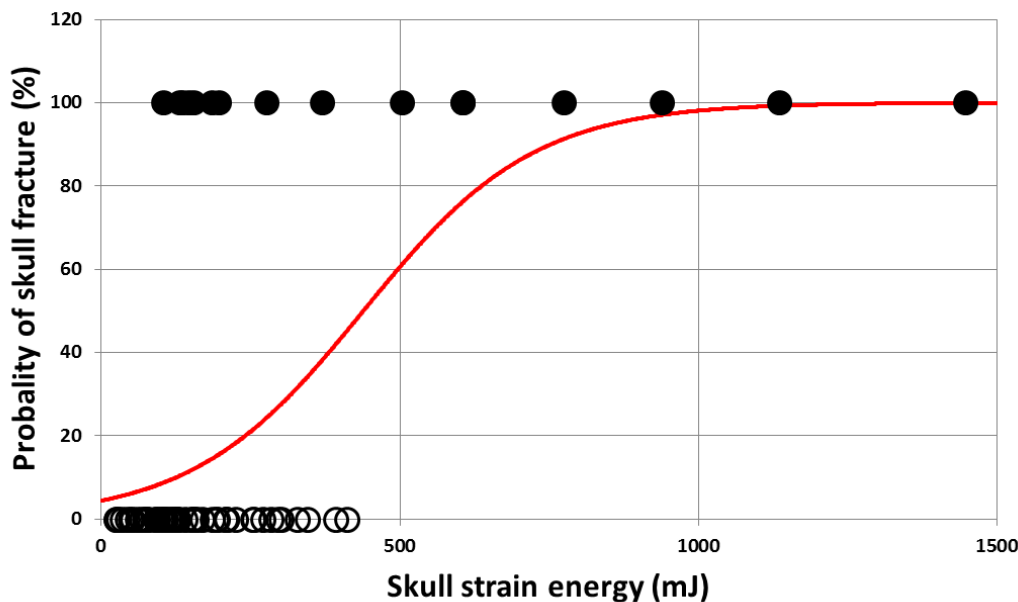
**INTRACEREBRAL
STRAINS/STRESS**

Skull fracture Criteria

In terms of Skull Internal Energy :

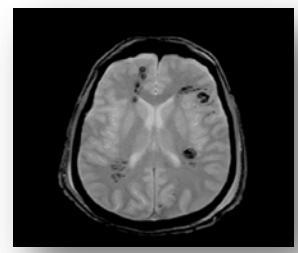
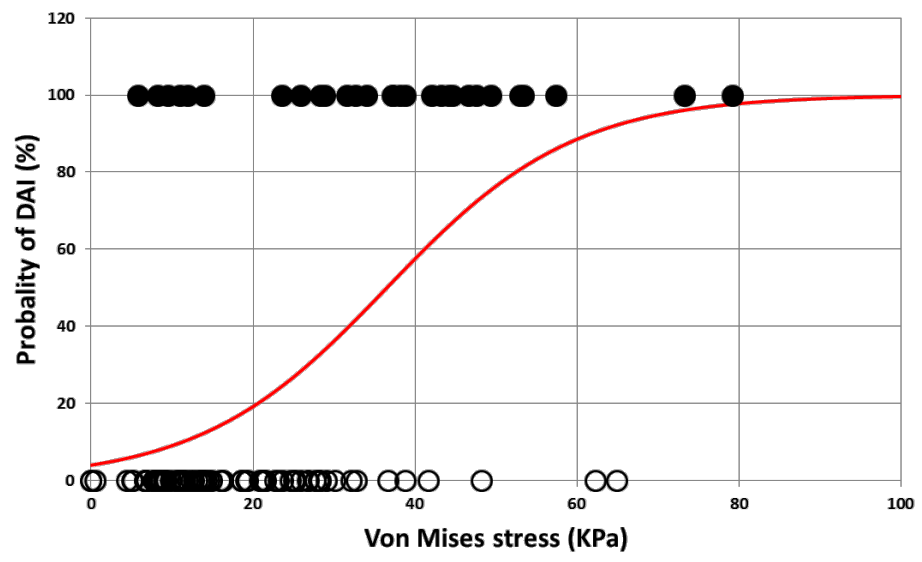


*50% risk of skull failure:
Skull Internal Energy=439mJ*

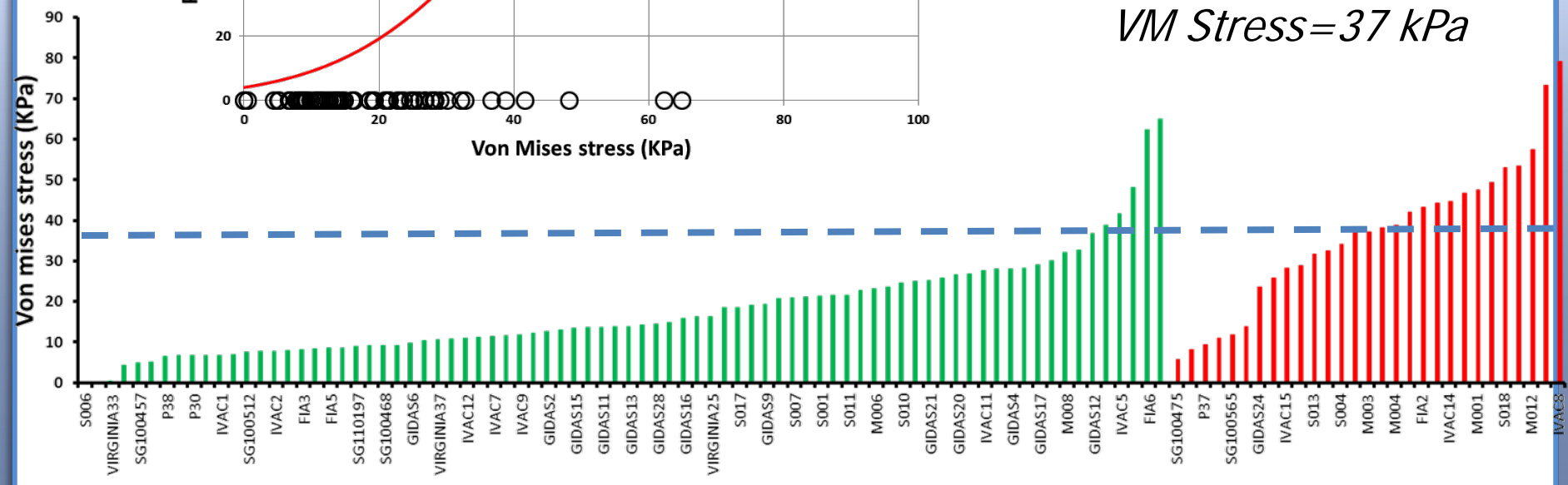


Brain injury Criteria : AIS 2+

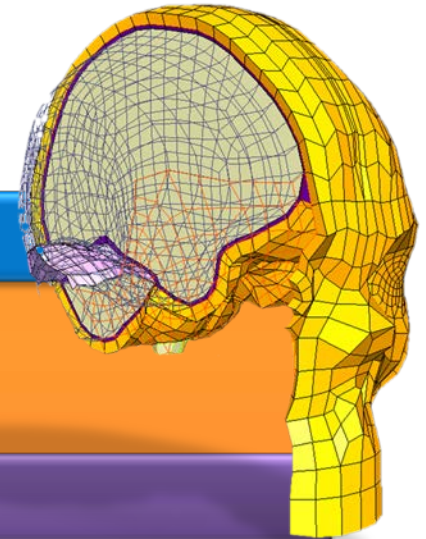
In terms of Brain VM Stress : $R^2=0.36$



*50% risk of DAI (AIS 2+):
VM Stress=37 kPa*



Model based Head injury Criteria



SUB-ARACHNOIDAL HAEMATOMA (50% Risk)

- ✓ CSF Internal Energy : 4950 mJ

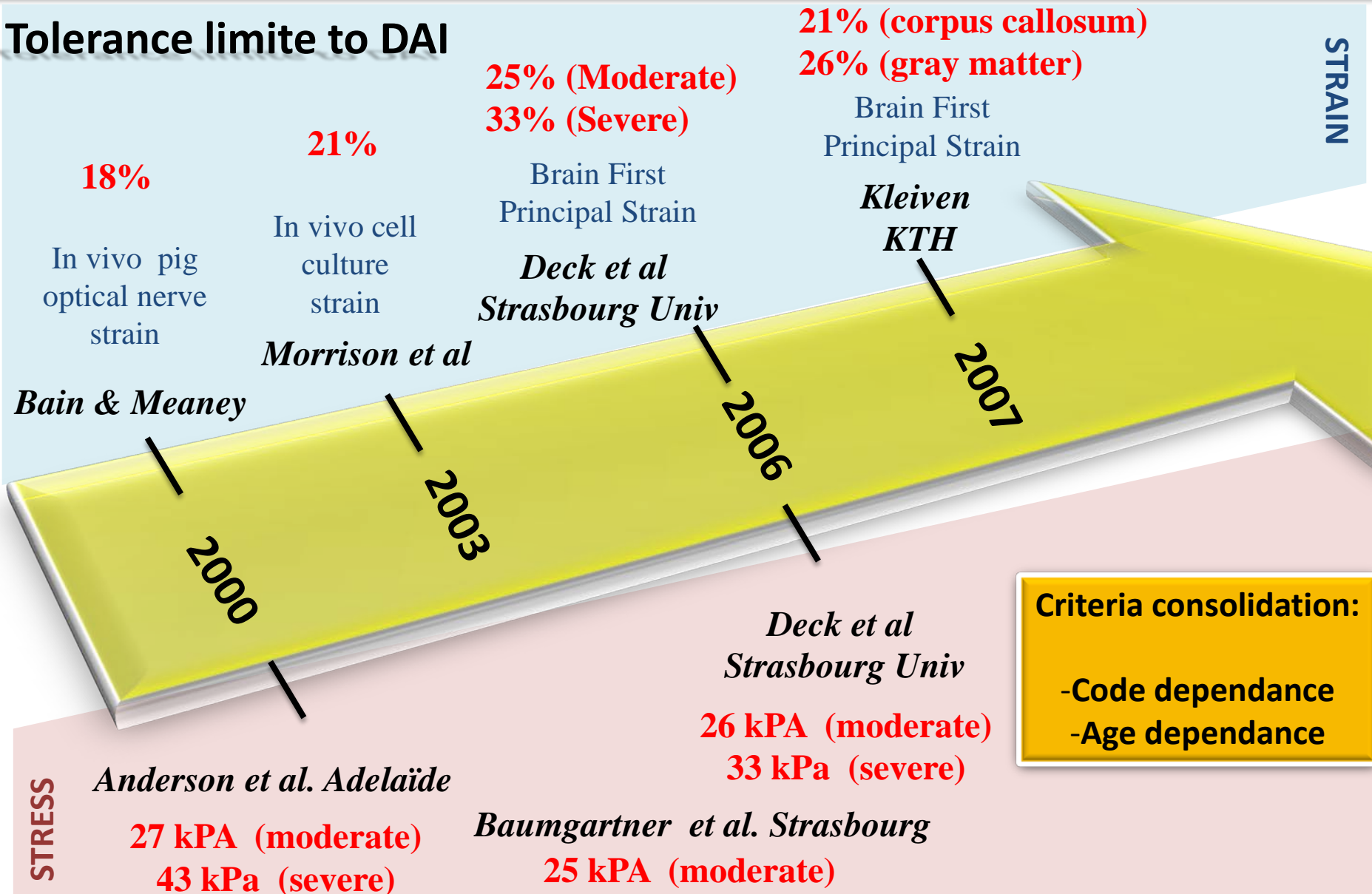
DAI (50% RISK) OF AIS 2+

- ✓ Intra-cerebral Von Mises stress : 37 kPa (previously 26-53kPa)

SKULL FRACTURE INJURIES (50% RISK) OF AIS 2+

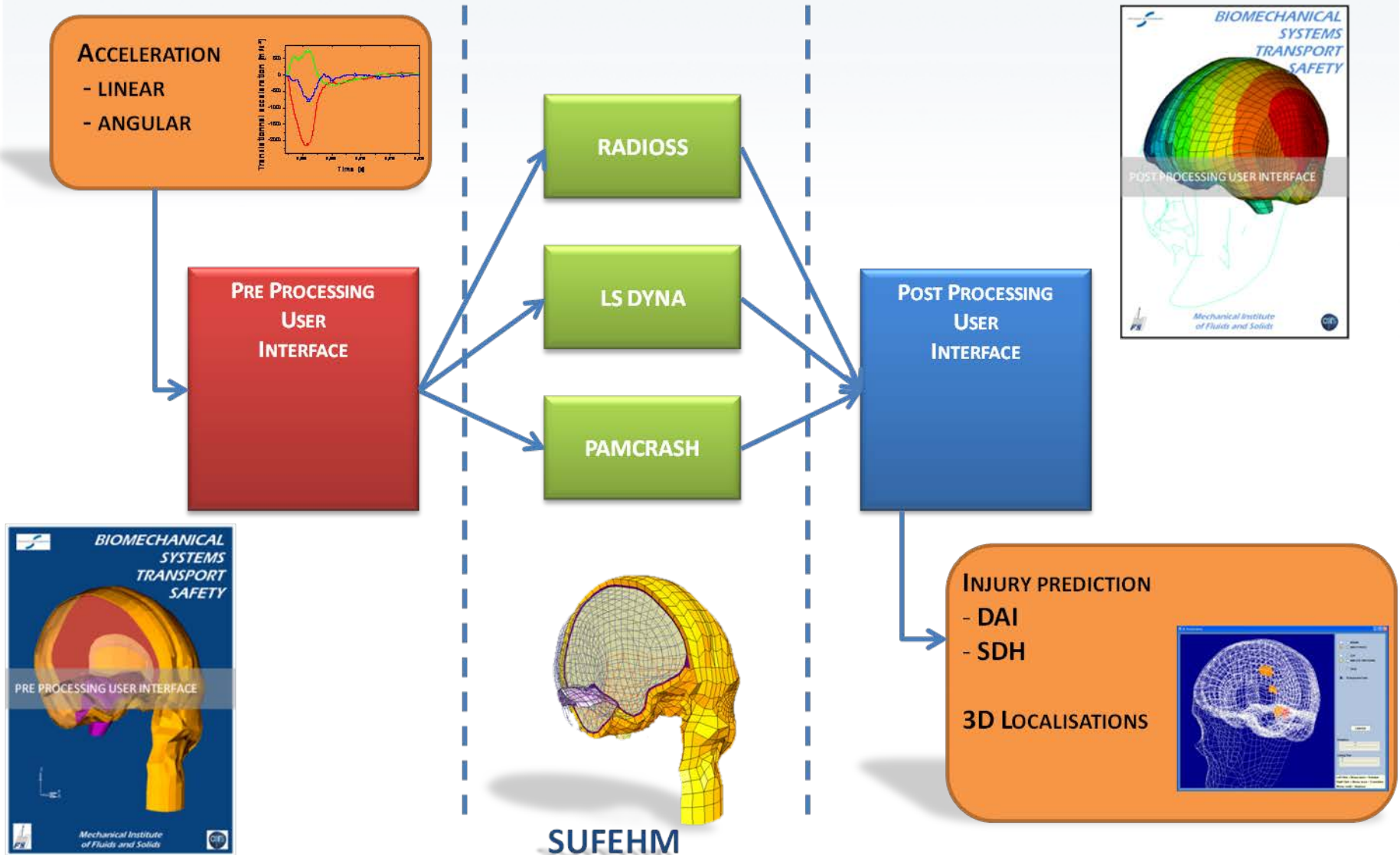
- ✓ Skull strain Energy : 439 mJ (previously 421 mJ)

Tolerance limite to DAI

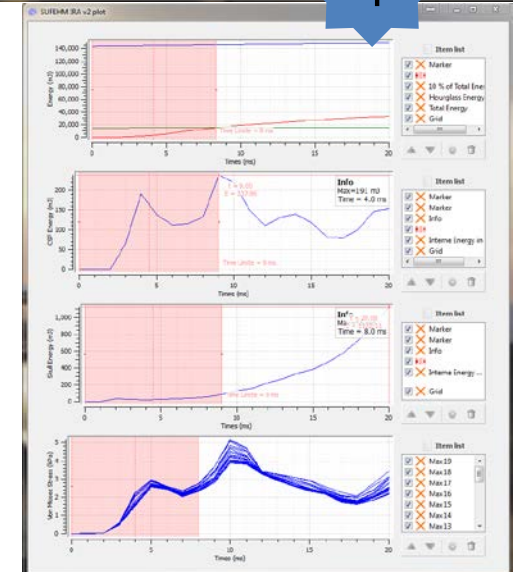
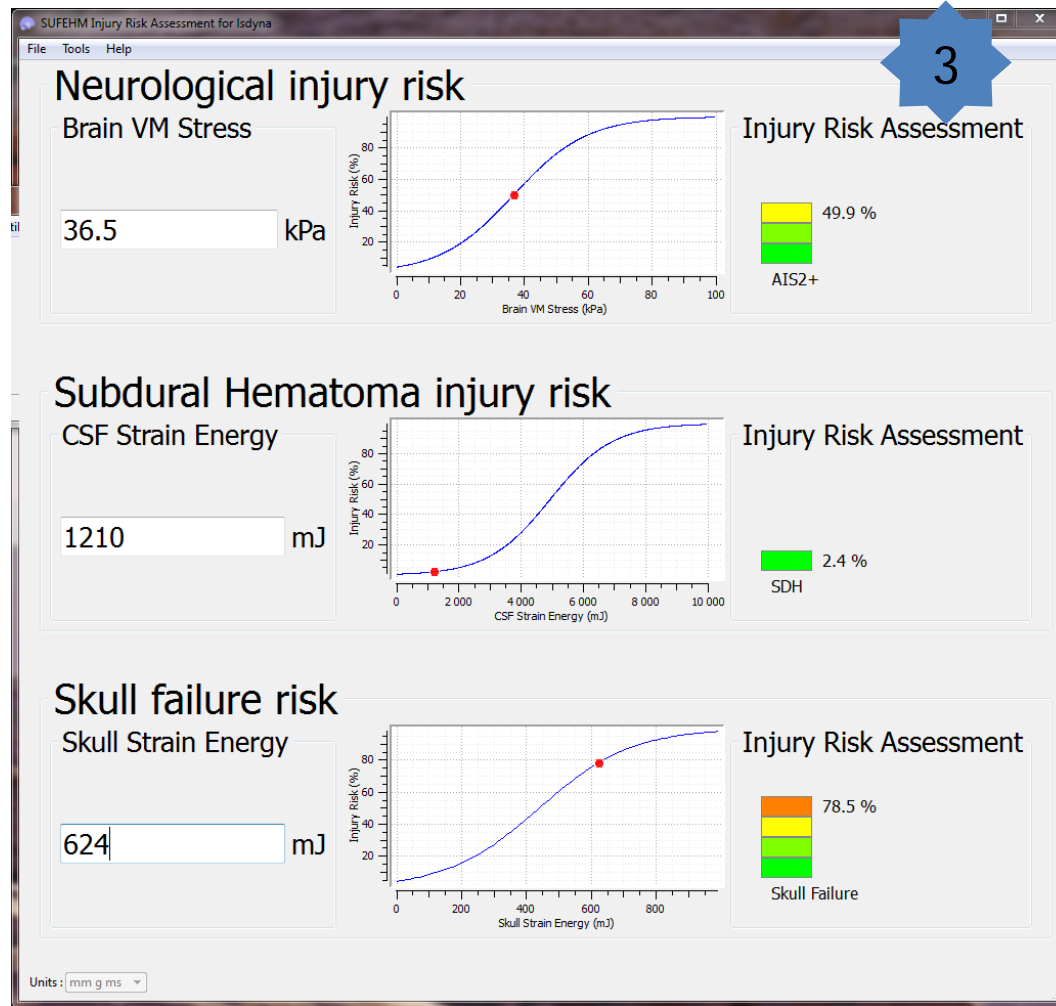


FROM RESEARCH TO END USERS

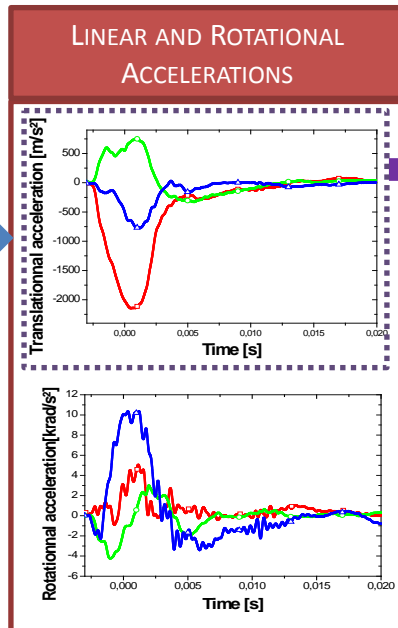
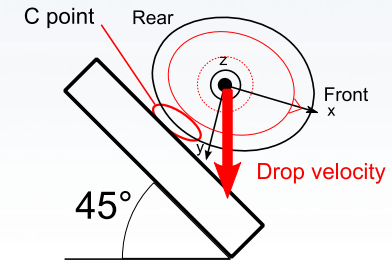
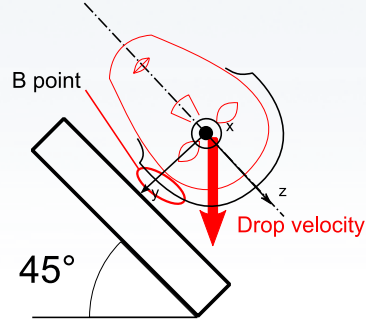
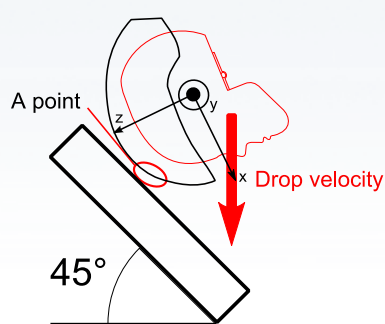
- PRE AND POST-PROCESSING USER INTERFACES :



Head injury prediction tool

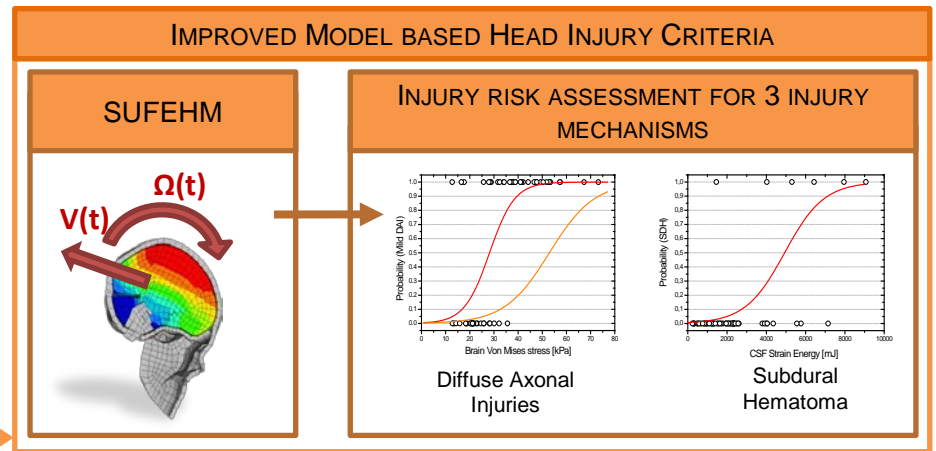


Head Injury Criteria in a new standard



STANDARD PARAMETER

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



- A total of **four key aspects** have been reviewed in a critical way
(head impact conditions, head surrogate, head impact location and head injury criteria)
- At head impact conditions level it is proposed to implement **tangential** head impact tests with a helmeted **Hybrid III** head.
- Further improvement concerns the impact location as the current test line excludes any impact to the **temporal** region.
- Simplified test conditions are proposed for impacted surface, temperature, humidity and neck boundary conditions
- A final key evolution concerns the assessment of the head injury risk for which a coupled experimental versus numeric method is proposed in order to introduce **model based head injury criteria**.

It is expected that the evolution of helmet standard test method will enable advanced helmet evaluation and optimization against biomechanical criteria

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