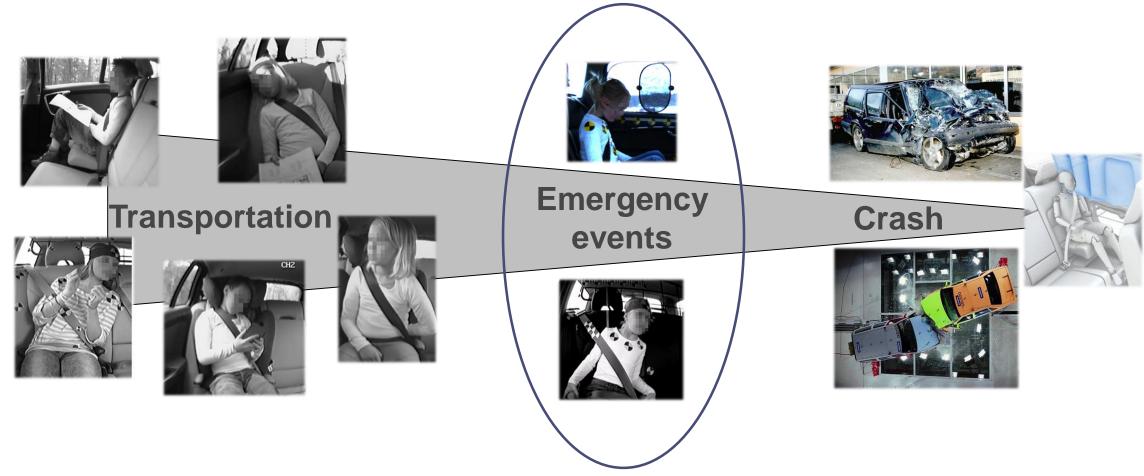
Children's kinematics in evasive events and countermeasures



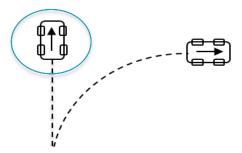






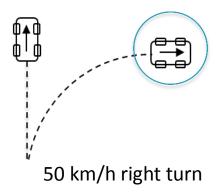


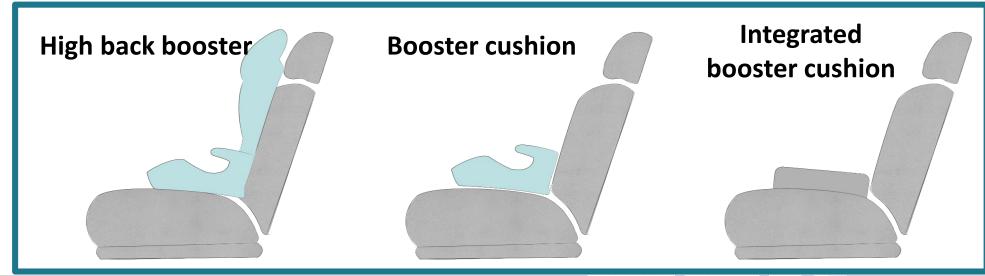
Braking Maneuvers



70 km/h to full stop Deceleration 1 g

Steering Maneuvers





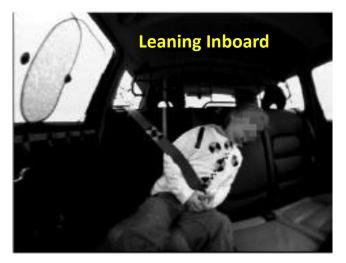






Initial Sitting Position



















Initial Seatbelt Fit



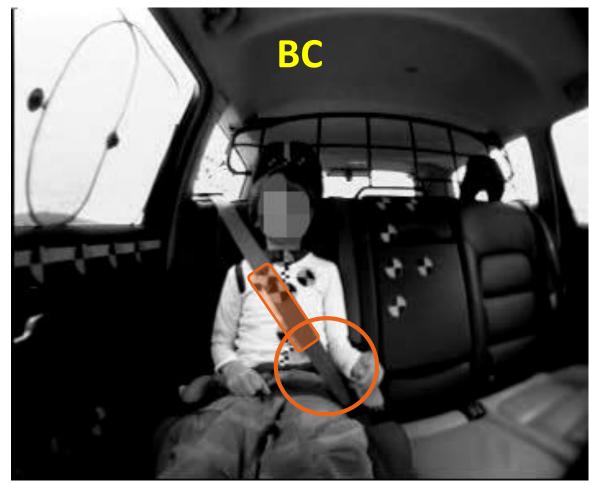








Shoulder Belt Contact with Torso





Shorter Child

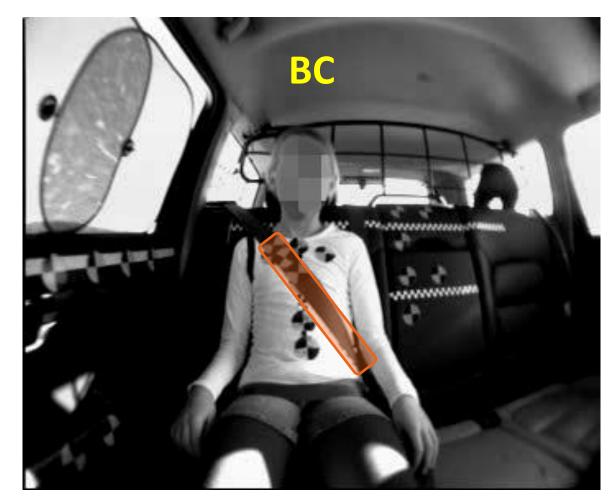








Shoulder Belt Contact with Torso





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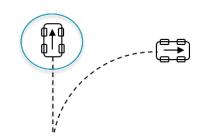








Emergency Braking



Shorter Child Taller Child





Playback speed 0.5*normal speed

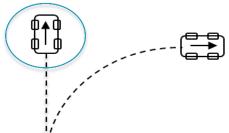


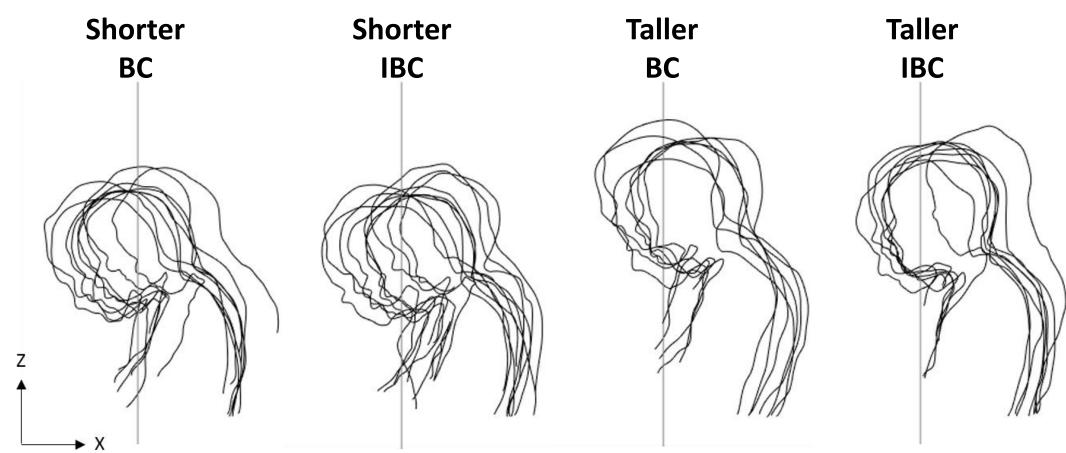






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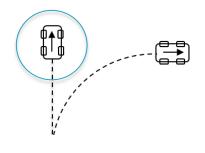




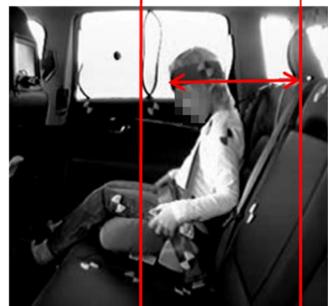
















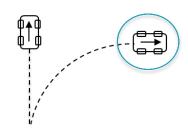








Evasive Steering



Shorter Child



Taller Child

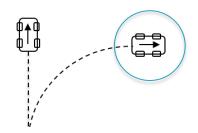






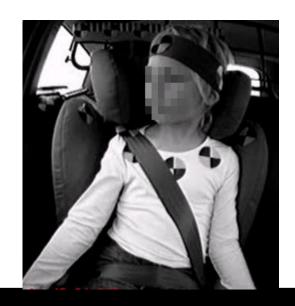


Shoulder belt position















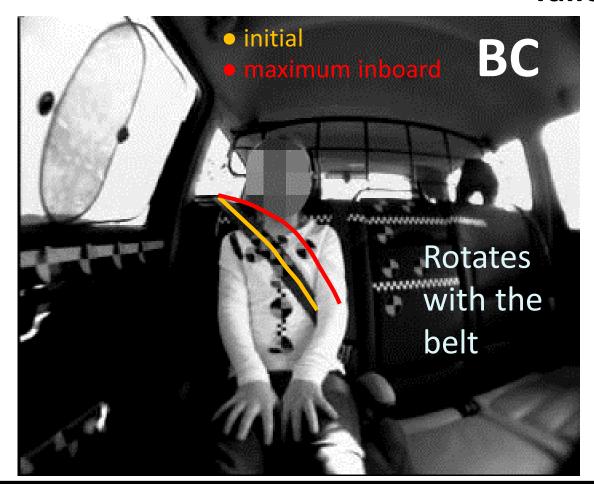


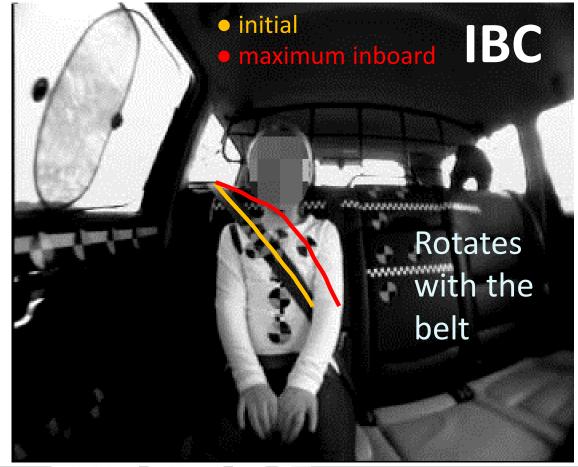




Shoulder Belt Engagement

Taller Child







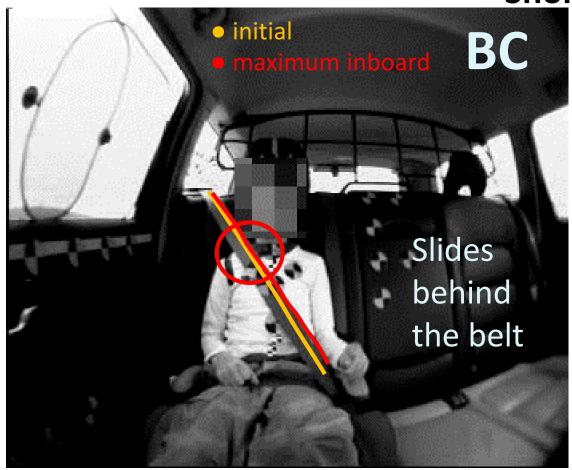


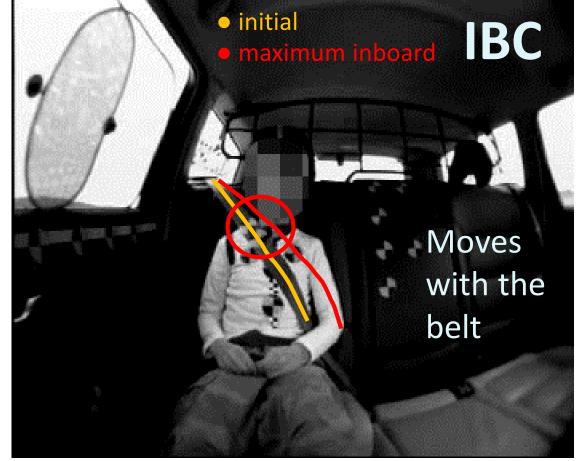




Shoulder Belt Engagement

Shorter Child





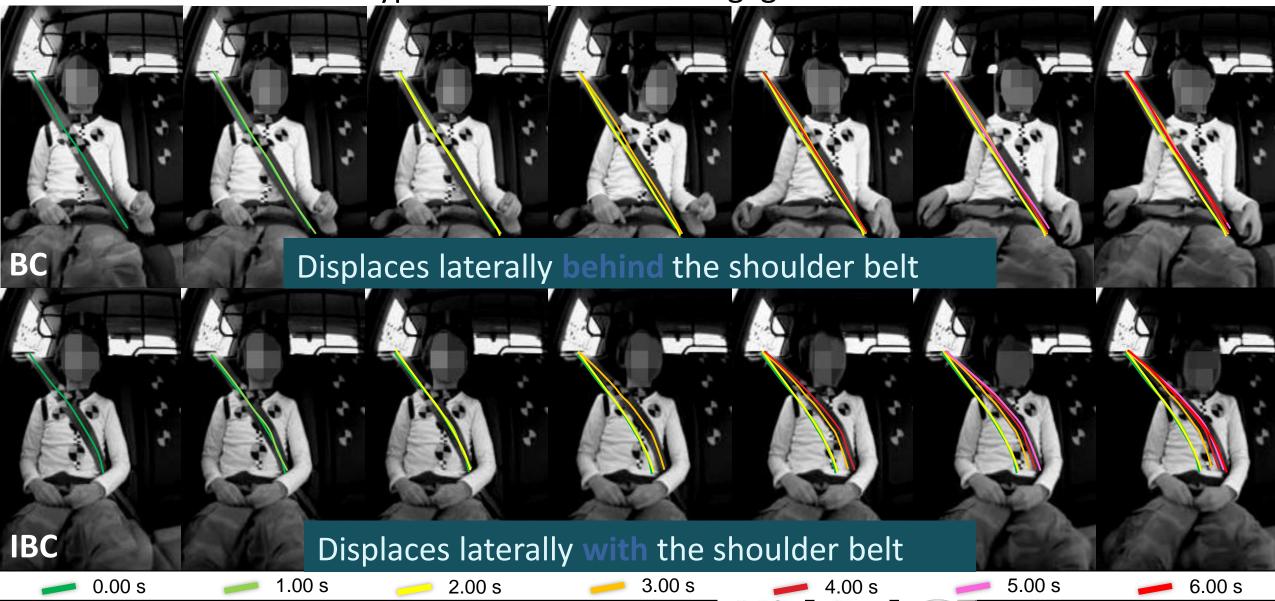








Two types of Shoulder Belt Engagement



Implications for Child Safety

Evasive maneuvers \rightarrow forward and inboard positions closer to vehicle surfaces

- Impact in the case of a subsequent crash
- Possibility increasing the likelihood of sustaining (head) injuries

Evasive maneuvers \rightarrow shoulder belt far out or slipped-off

- Not engaging with the shoulder belt during maneuvers (prior to crash)
- Potential unstable conditions in case of subsequent crash

Initial seatbelt engagement → motion types, displacement, final restraint scenarios

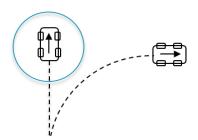
- Booster design and anthropometry (seated height, chest depth, etc.)
- Pre-maneuver voluntary motions → shifted and/or tilted postures, grabbing, leaning forward, or supporting with the feet











Children





Crash test dummies

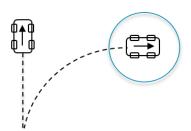














Dummies limited due to rigid spine

Unstable results when out of the restraint zone

Loading device when inside the restraint zone







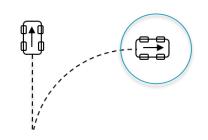


Countermeasure – pre-pretensioner

- Method 1 Rig test
- Method 2 In-vehicle test
- Method 3 Steering maneuver with passenger car















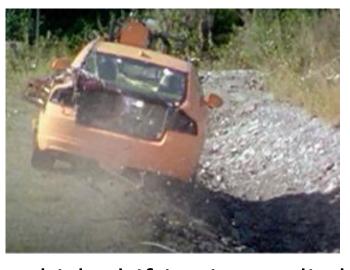
Method 1 – Rig test

Rear seat (Volvo XC60) mounted on a multi-axial robot.

- Q6 and Q10 using integrated booster.
- HIII 5%-ile female direct on seat.
- 2 different pre-pretensioner force levels + inactivated.







Recreating a vehicle drifting into a ditch.











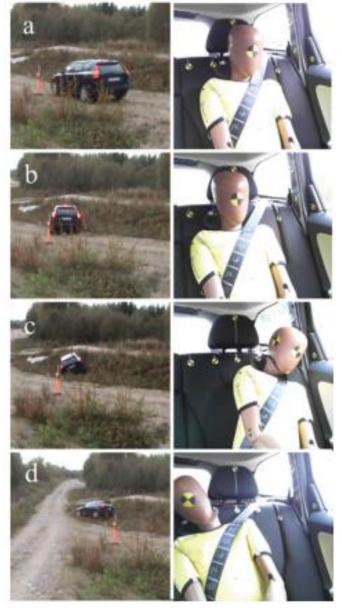
Method 2 – In vehicle test

Volvo XC60 with robot driving device.

- Q6 and Q10 using integrated booster.
- HIII 5%-ile female direct on seat.
- 2 different pre-pretensioner force levels + inactivated.



Driving in the ditch and driving up from the ditch.











Method 3 – Steering maneuver with passenger car

Volvo XC60 with robot driving device.

- Q6 and Q10 using integrated booster.
- HIII 5%-ile female direct on seat.
- 2 different pre-pretensioner force levels + inactivated.

40 km/h – left turns, lateral acceleration of 0.8g



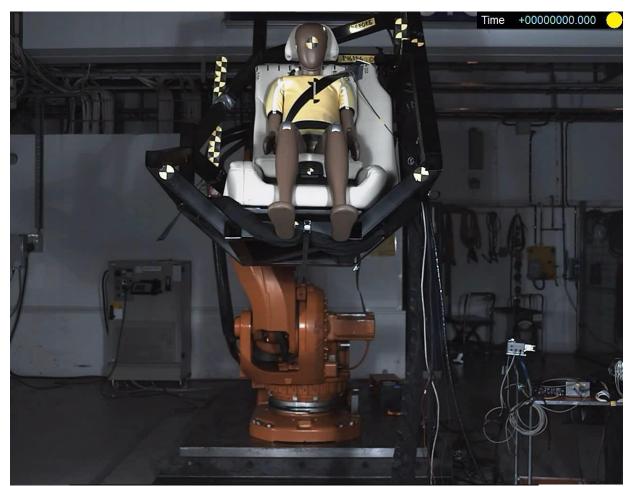




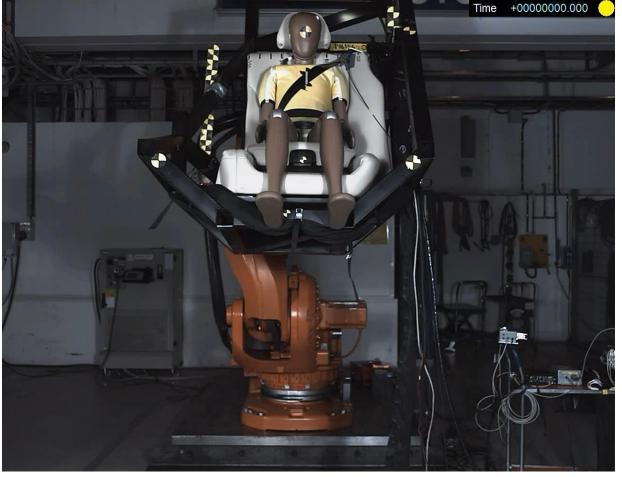


Rig test

No pre-pretensioner



Pre-pretensioner











Results - Rig test

- Restricts lateral motion
- Shoulder belt stays on shoulder

No pre-pretensioner





Pre-pretensioner













Results – In vehicle test





No pre-pretensioner



Pre-pretensioner



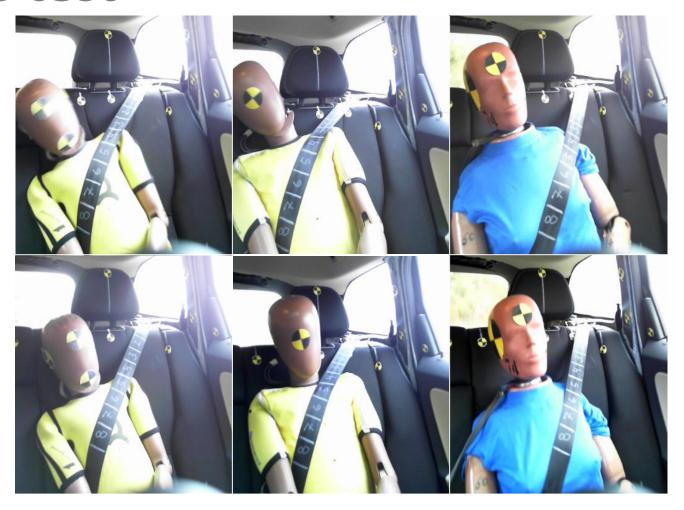




Results – In vehicle test

No pre-pretensioner

Pre-pretensioner





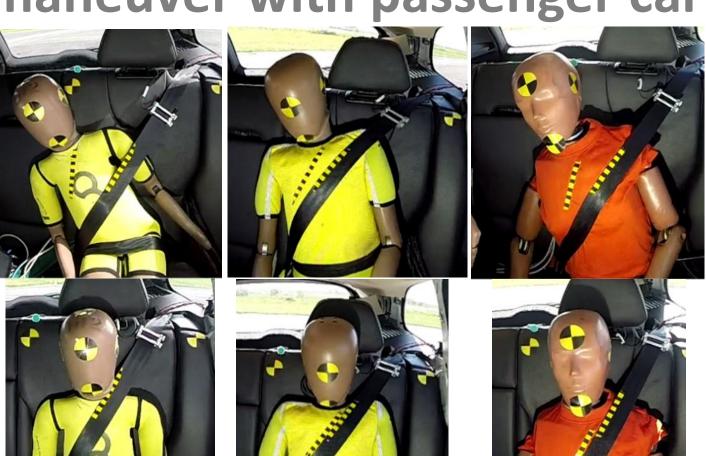




Results – Steering maneuver with passenger car

No pre-pretensioner













Child kinematics

- a braking event places the child's head in a forward position
- a steering event places the shoulder belt far out on the shoulder or completely off

Kinematic response of crash test dummies

- capable as a loading device in the restraint zone
- limited in capturing realistic child response

Pre-pretensioner

- help restrict lateral motion
- help shoulder belt to stay on shoulder

Ensure that the upper torso remains restrained despite a preceding emergency event







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