



# Articulations mécaniques inspirées du coude de mammifères quadrupèdes

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PSNM: Plasticity of Muscular and Nervous Systems  
AdapJuste: Adaptations and Adjustments  
DCI: Behavioral Dynamics and Immersion  
ICS: Interactions between Cognitive and Sensorimotor Behaviors  
CMC: Context, Motivation and Behaviors  
P3M: Motor Performance and Multiscale Modelling  
GIBOC: Interdisciplinary Group in Osteoarticular Biomechanics  
BIROB: Biorobotic  
**CBI: Bio Inspired Design**

# CBI Research team (2021-22)



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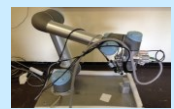


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## Bio inspired research team

1 Engineer



Doctoral grant

ED SMH



3 PhD

1 PhD

1 PhD

1 Post Doc

1 PhD

1 Post Doc

1 Full Professor

1 Emeritus Professor

3 Associates professors

1 Indus/Univ Professor

1 Assit. Engineer

# Research activities (2021-22)

Prof. Jean-Marc Linares  
Prof. Jean-Michel Sprauel (Emeritus)

## Bio-inspired research team

Bio-inspired part structure

Dr Julien Chaves-Jacob

PhD  
**THALES**

Bio-inspired 2D parts  
(2020-22)

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Bio-inspired design  
Dr Santiago Arroyave-Tobon

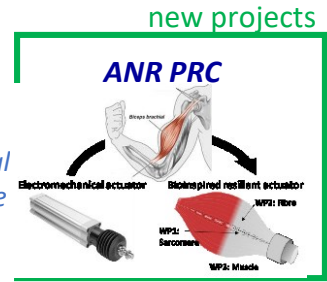
PhD  
**AIRBUS HELICOPTERS**  
Joint digital twin  
(2020-23)

ANR ICIC  
**BioDesign**  
(2020-24)

**DASSAULT SYSTEMES**  
— La Fondation —

Bio-actuators and dampers  
Dr Loic Tadrist

PhD  
**AIRBUS HELICOPTERS**  
*Electromechanical actuators lifetime*  
(2021-24)



Chaire AMU/AH  
2016-20  
Prof. Emmanuel Mermoz

PhD  
**AIRBUS HELICOPTERS**  
Load in  
biological joints  
(2017-20)

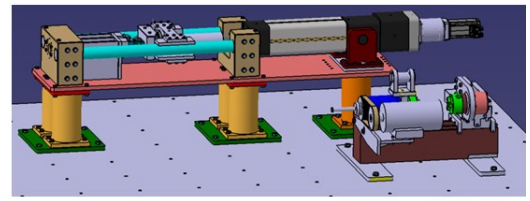
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Bio-inspired joints  
(2018-20)

# Team research equipment

## Additive manufacturing



## Digital image correlation and tracking



## Residual stress (MRX Compagny)



## Material integrity



## Testing



## Polishing operations



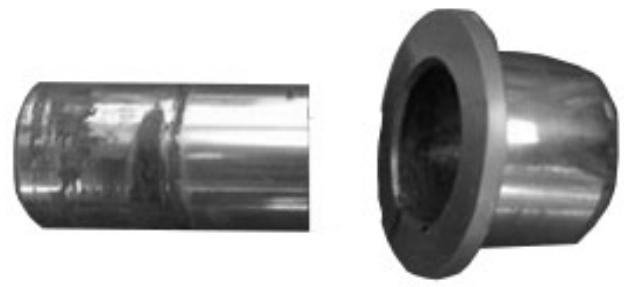
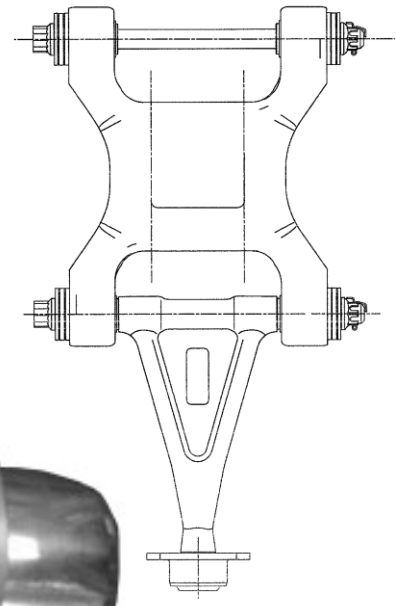
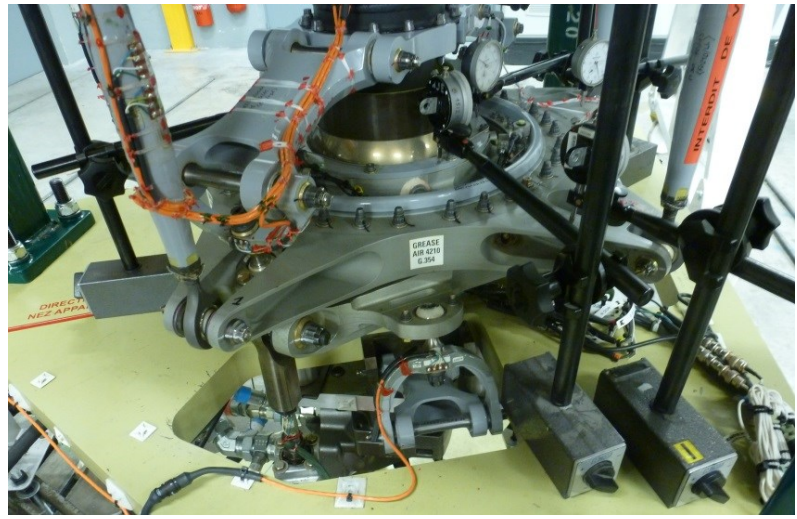
## Geometry





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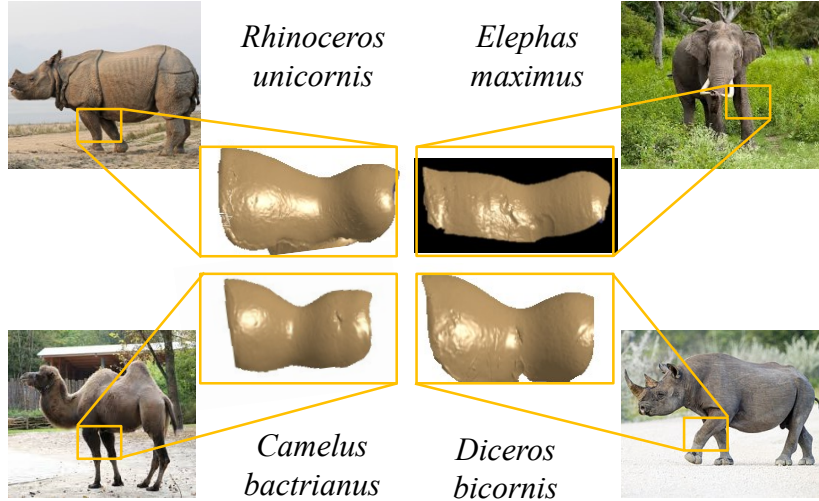
- Mechanical linkages are heavily tested, but in-service experience is showing sometimes the apparition of wear that requires significant maintenance burdens for the customer.



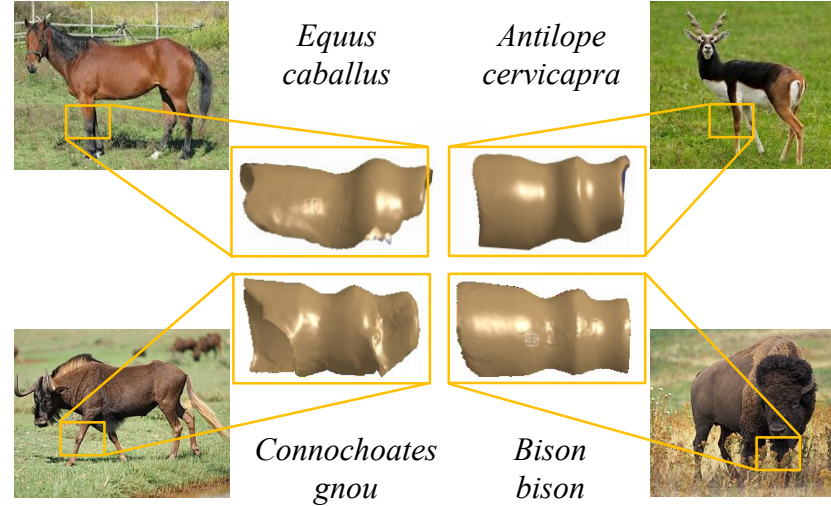


# Endoskeletons developed different morphologies for revolute joints

## Morphology I



## Morphology II



Collections from the Natural History Museum of Paris

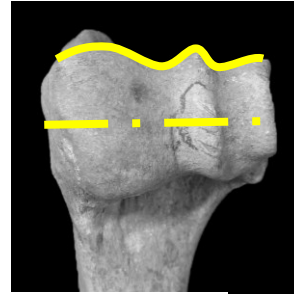
Which are the **functional advantages** of these morphologies?

# Schedule: bio-inspiration at two levels

*Camelus bactrianus*



*Bison bison*



## Level 1: understand the relation **structure-function**

Sanz-Idirin, A., Arroyave-Tobon, S., Linares, J.-M., Arrazola, P.J.  
*Bioinspiration & Biomimetics*, 2021, 16(4), 046025

← Earlier work

## Level 2: mimic morphological **mechano-adaptation**



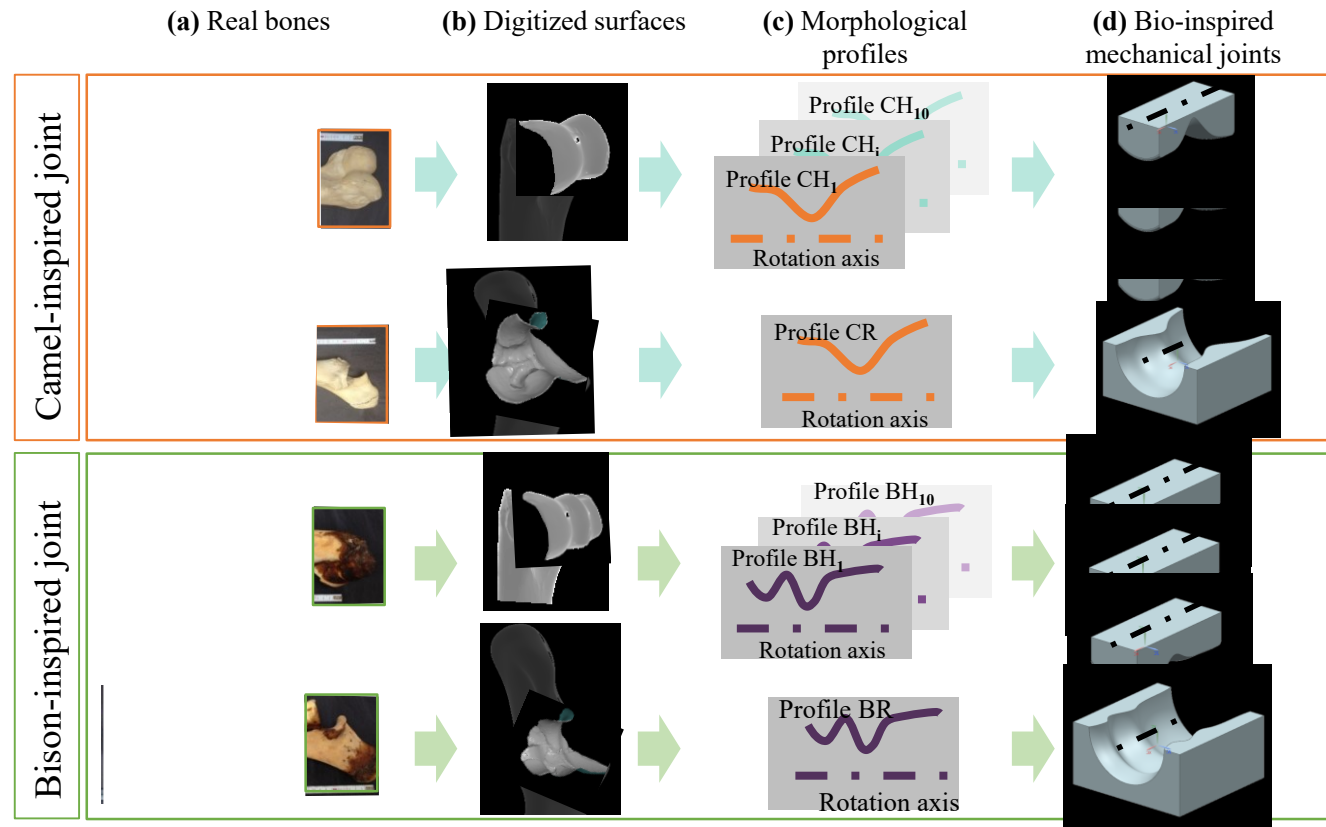
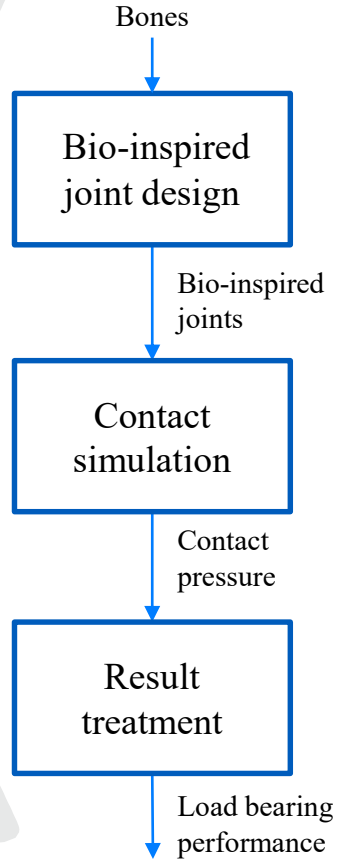
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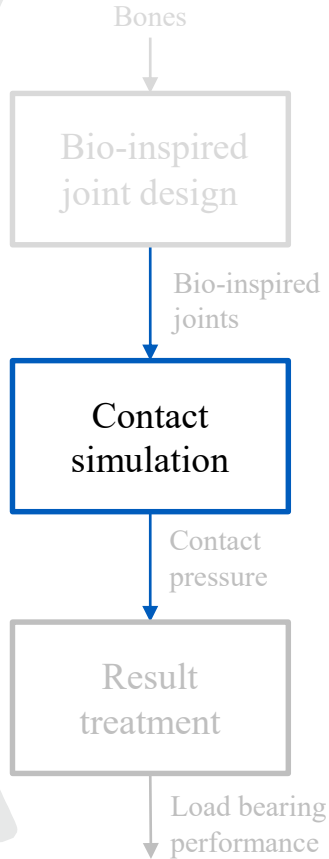
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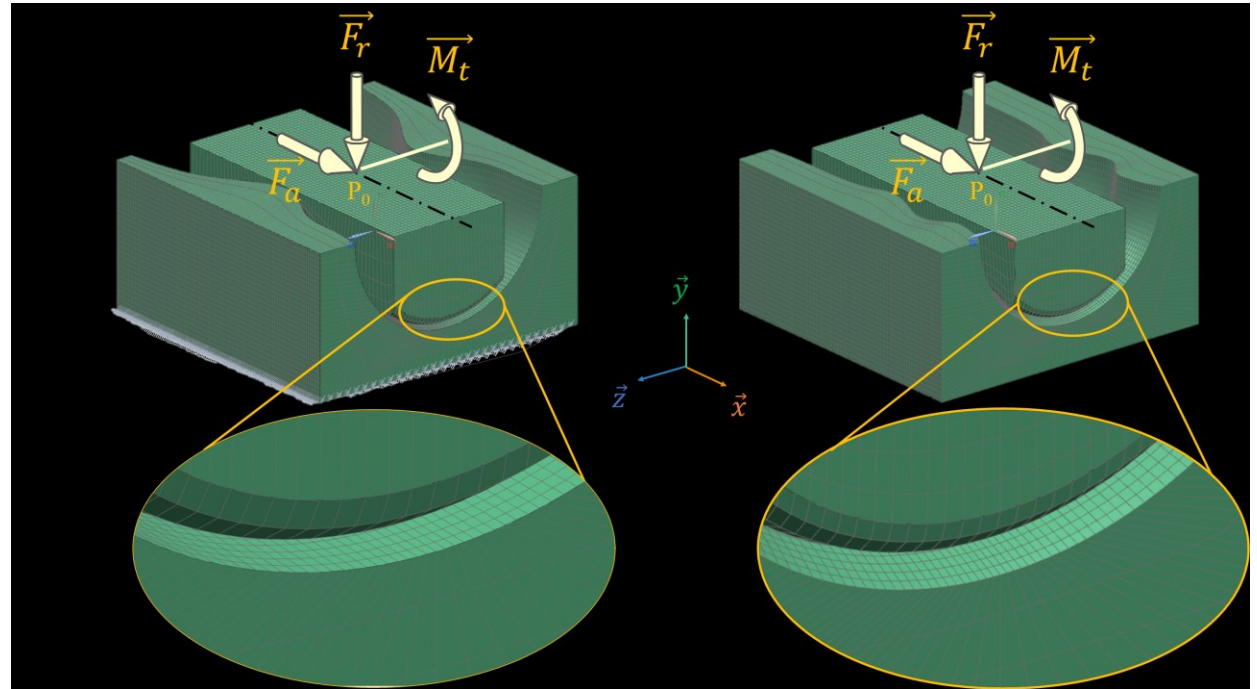
# Level 1: understand the relation structure-function

# From camel and bison bones to mechanical joints

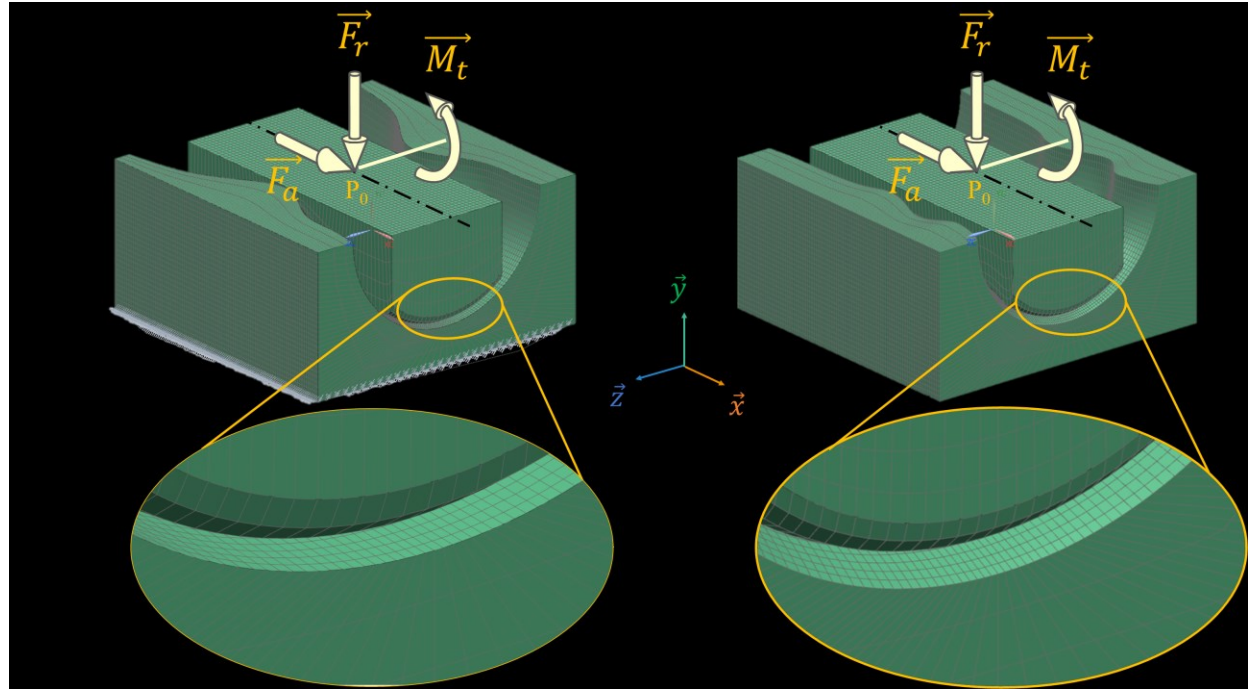




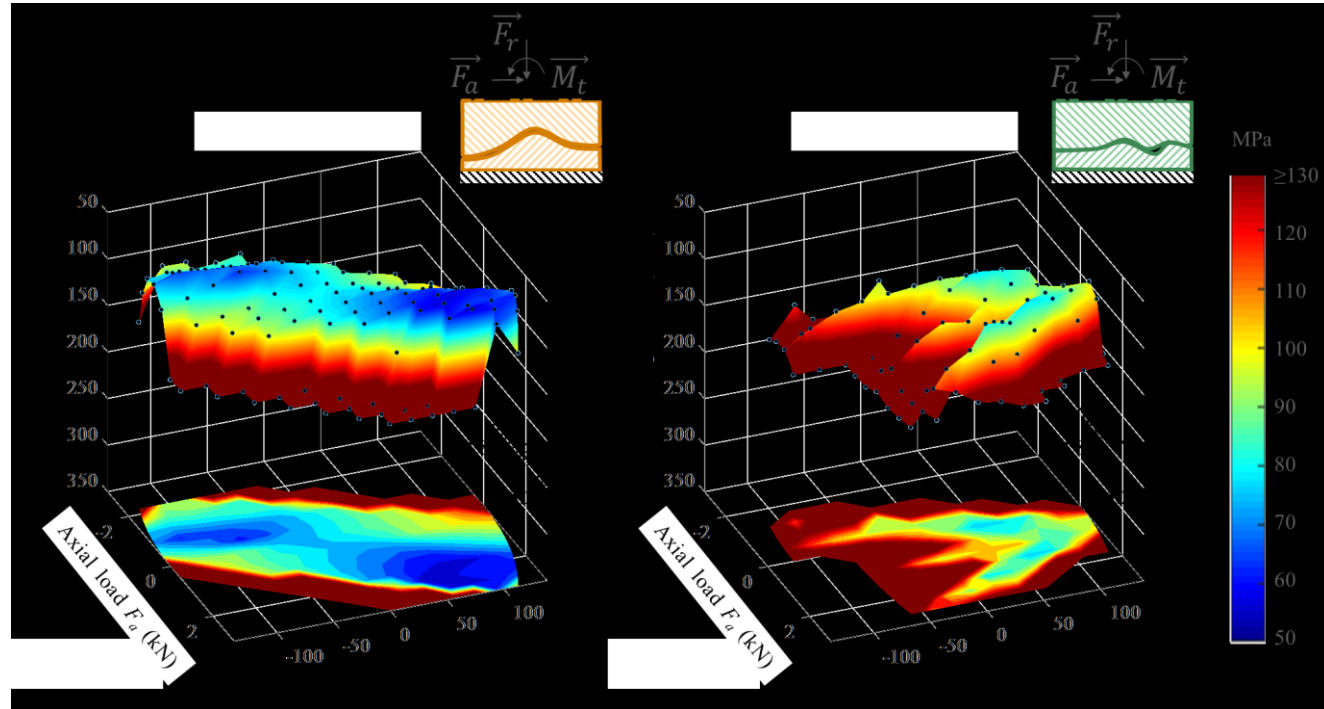
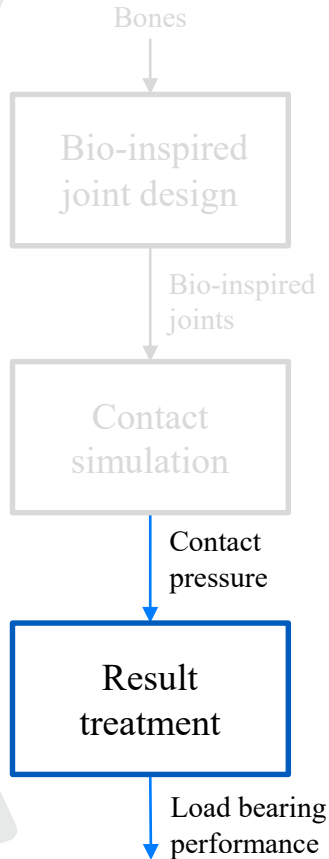
## Camel-inspired joint



## Bison-inspired joint



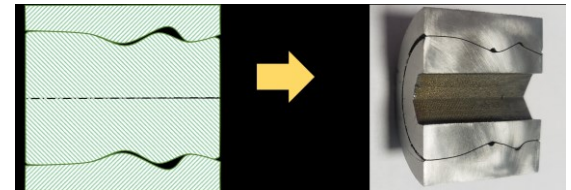
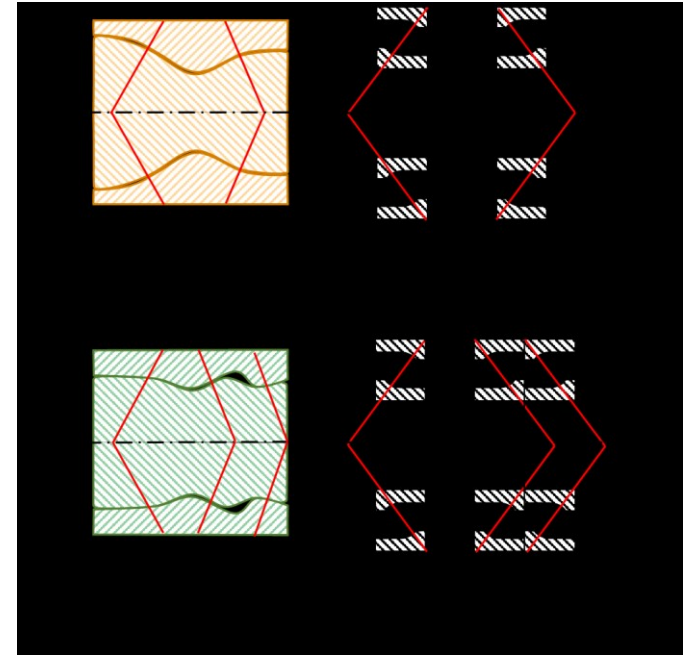
# Bearing performance to combined loads



720 numerical simulations were conducted using Samcef solver

# Conclusions about level 1

- Asymmetrical response regarding load transmission.
- Preferential loading conditions not far from the physiological loading.
- Camel-inspired joint:
  - more suitable for supporting combined loads.
  - similar to back-to-back (DB) bearing arrangement.
- Bison-inspired joint:
  - more specialized for bearing turnover moments.
  - similar to a back-to-back and tandem (TBT) arrangement.





# Level 2: mimic morphological mechano-adaptation

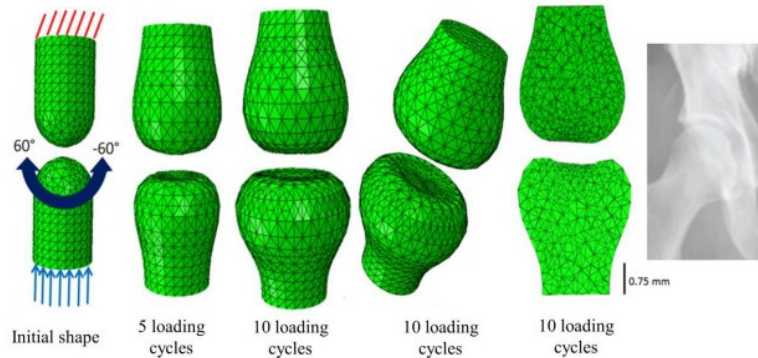


# State of the art: joint morphogenesis

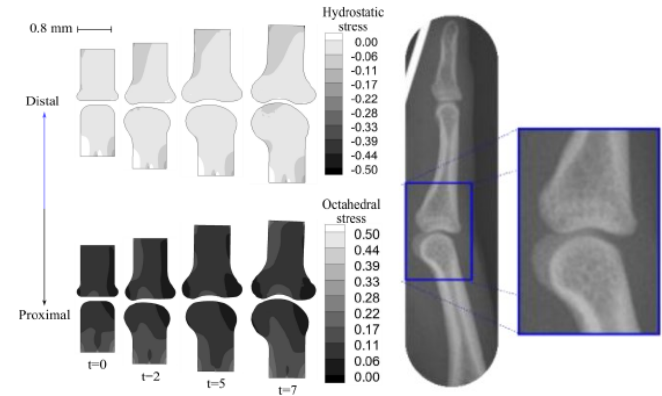
**Joint morphogenesis:** biochemical + mechanical factors

biochemical: molecular distribution (Turing, 1952), mechano-transduction

mechanical: mechano-adaptation (Wolff, 1892; Guilak, 1994), cartilage differentiation (Carter and Wong, 2003)



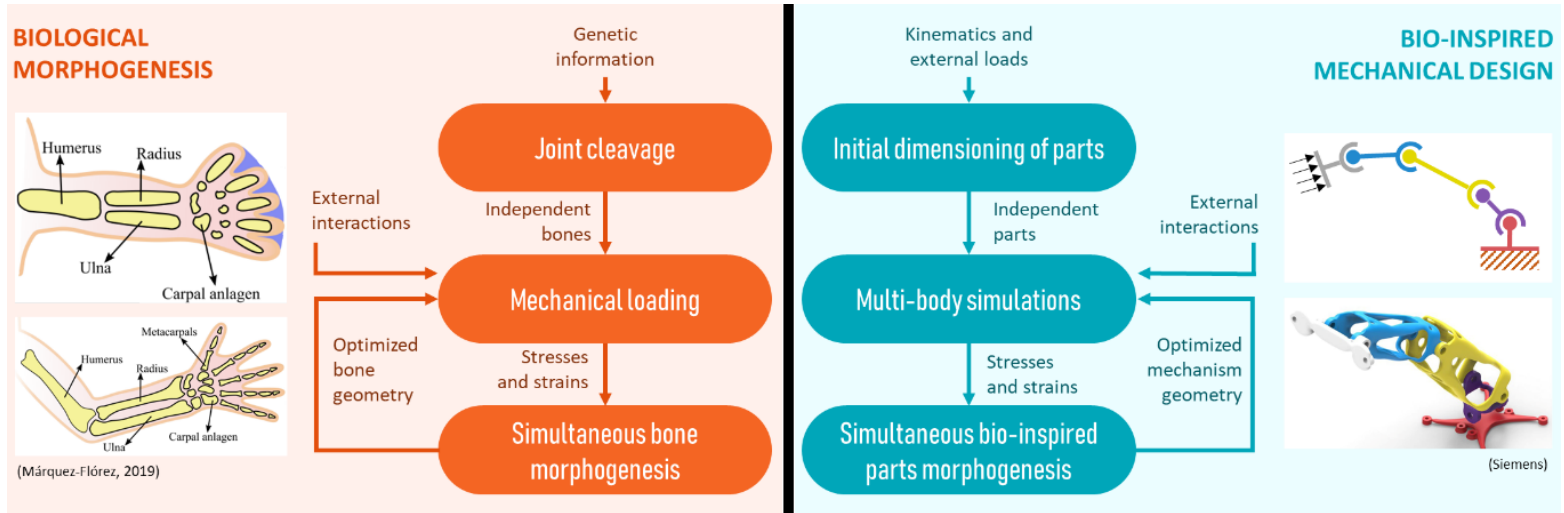
Giorgi M., Mechanobiological predictions of fetal joint morphogenesis, 2015, Phd Thesis, Imperial College.



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# Mimicking morphological mechano-adaptation

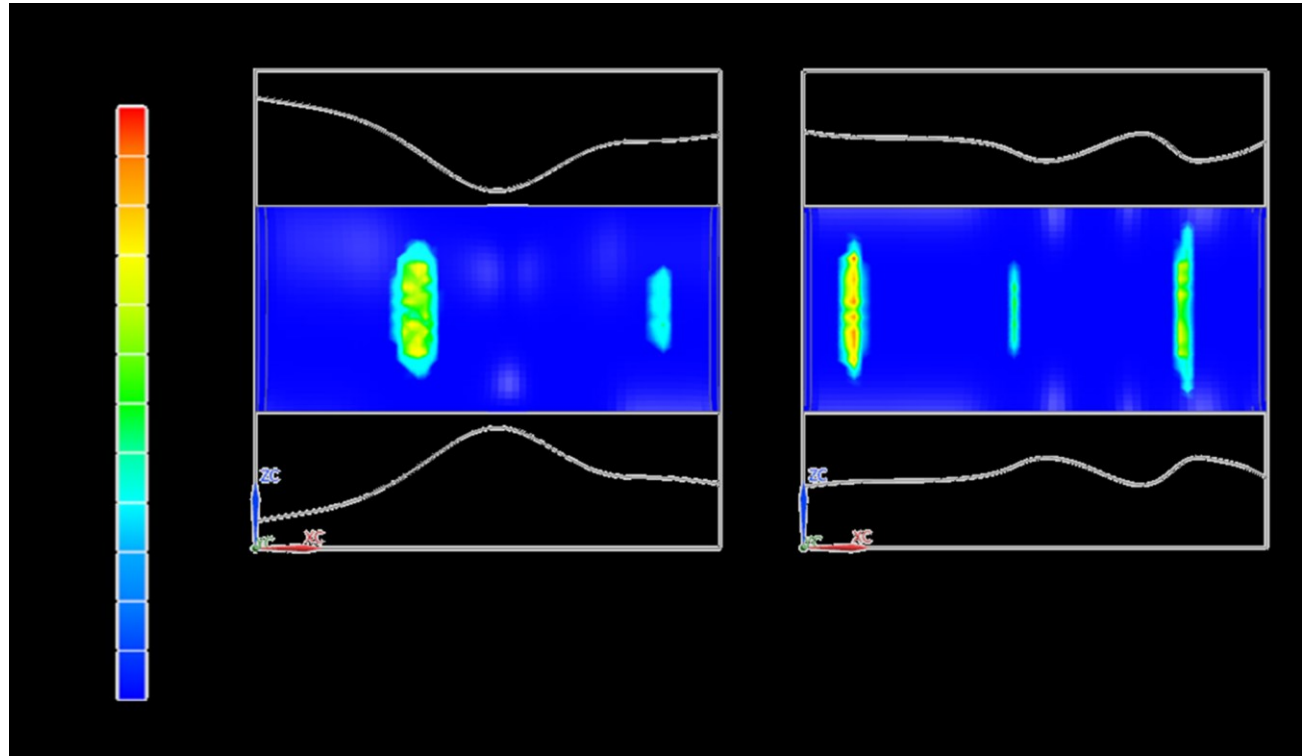
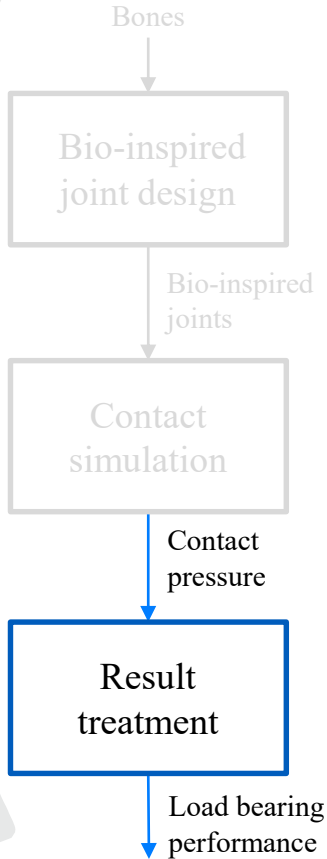
**Research hypothesis:** bone morphogenesis process can be mimicked in engineering to automate the design of mechanisms.



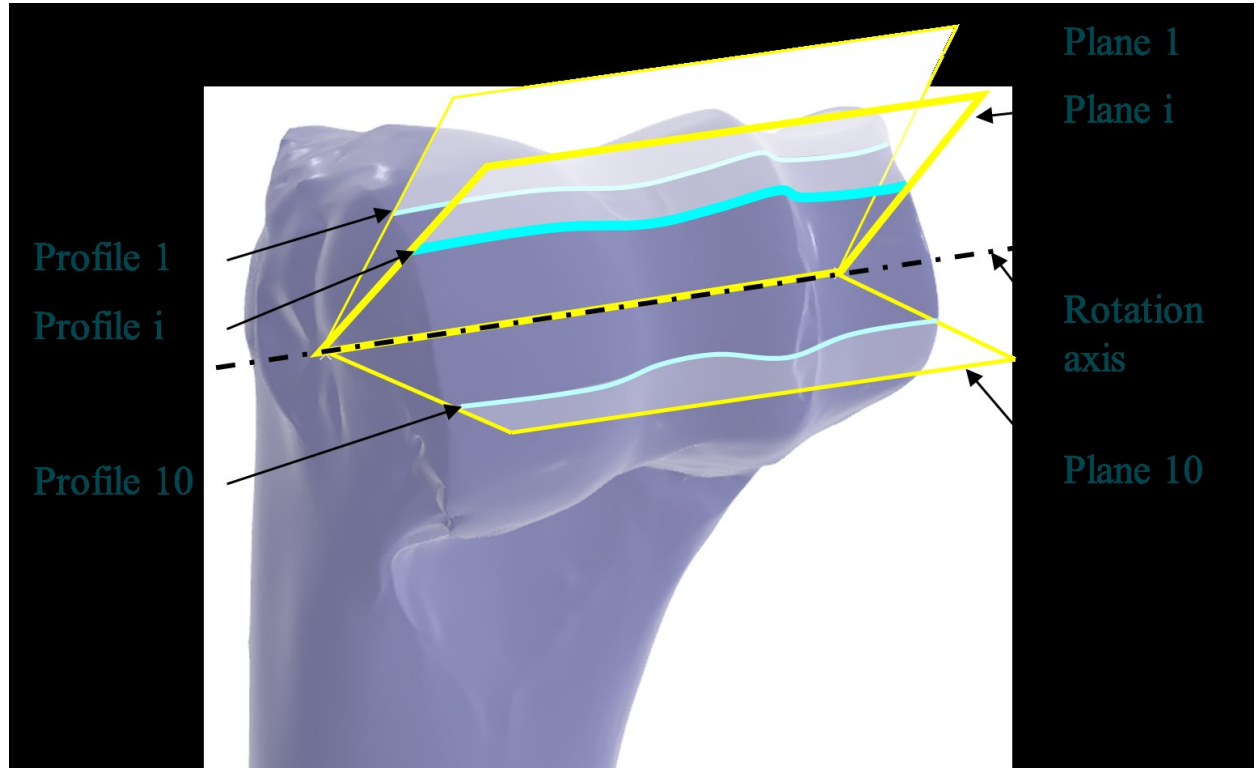
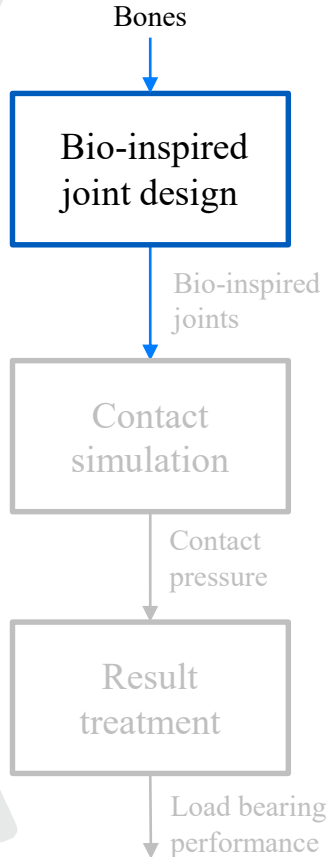


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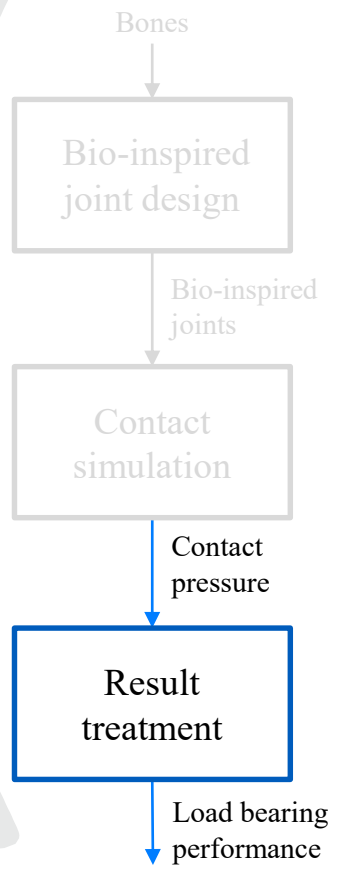
# Preferential loading conditions



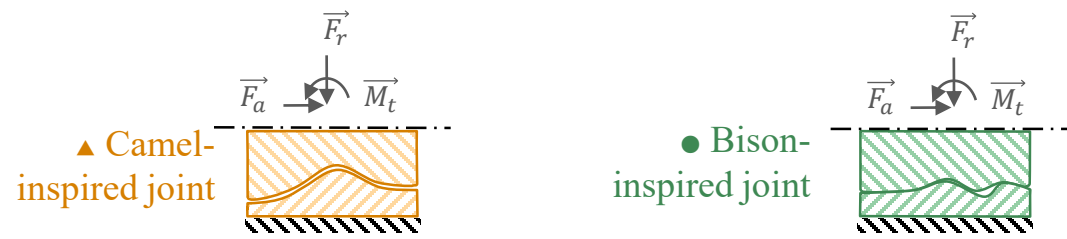
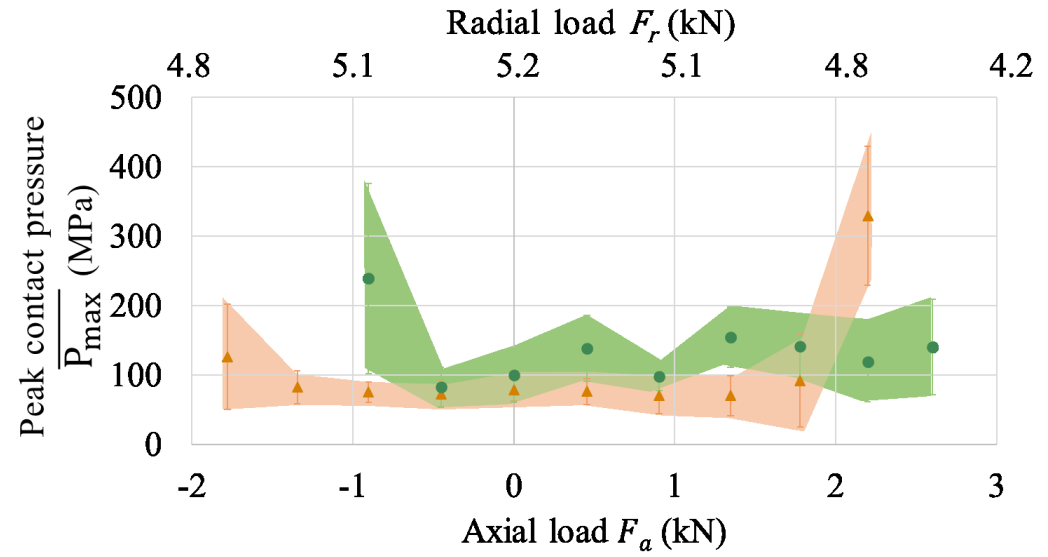
# Extraction of morphological profiles



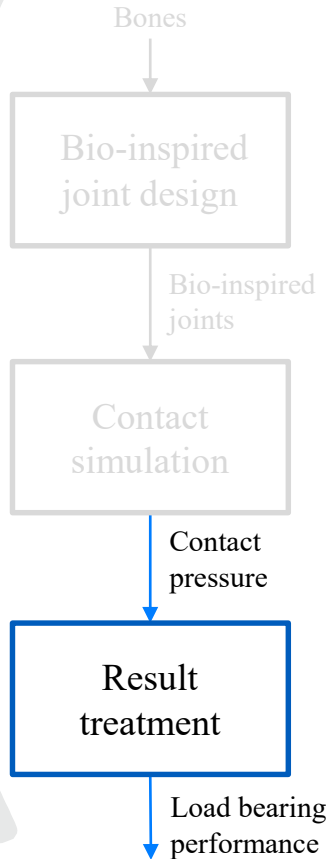
# Axial load bearing performance



(a)  $M_t = 0$  Nm



# Tournover moment bearing performance



(b)  $F_a = 0 \text{ kN}, F_r = 5.2 \text{ kN}$

