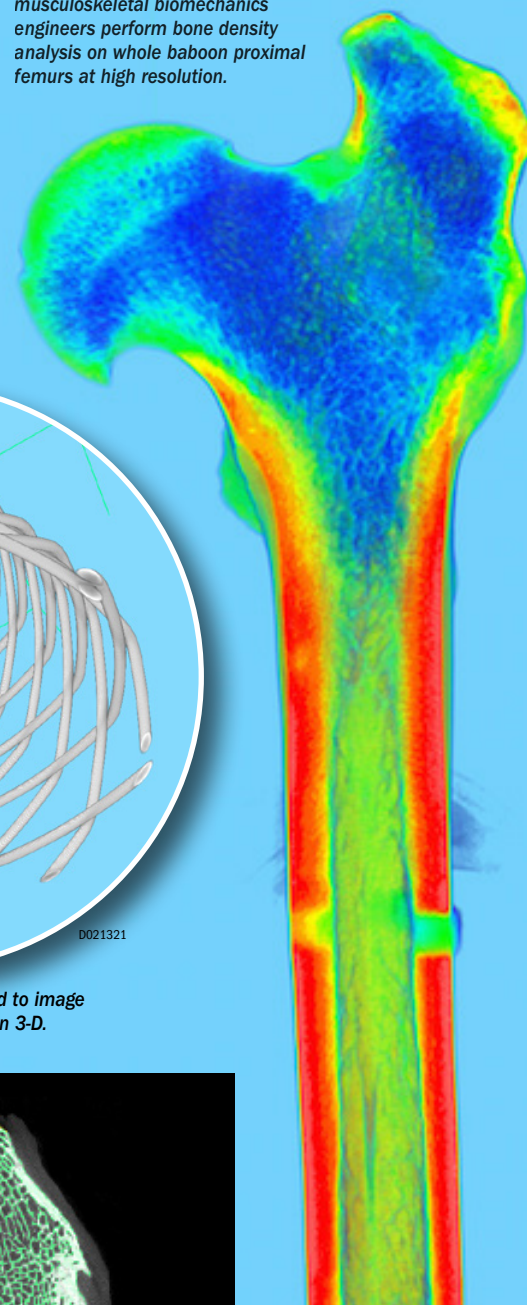




MicroCT Analysis

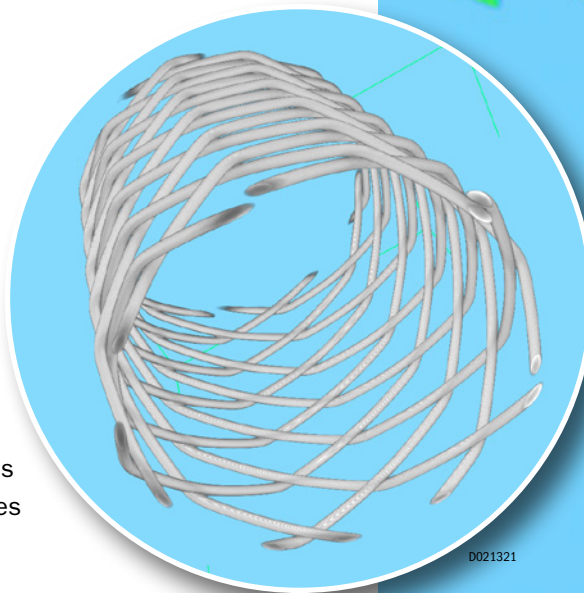
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Using SwRI's microCT system, musculoskeletal biomechanics engineers perform bone density analysis on whole baboon proximal femurs at high resolution.



Capabilities

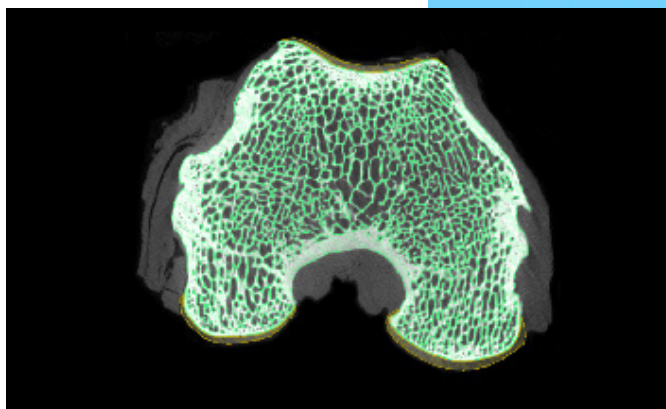
- Advanced 2-D X-ray inspection
- 2-D CT slice reconstruction
- CT volume reconstruction for 3-D inspection
- 3-D internal and external surface scanning
- 3-D measurement and analysis of scanned samples
- Morphological and microstructural characterization of partial or whole biological specimens
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- Large imaging area for large samples
- High-resolution imaging
- Bone density and quality analysis



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The SwRI microCT system is used to image medical devices in high-resolution 3-D.

SwRI engineers use high-resolution microCT along with a contrast agent to characterize subchondral bone and articular cartilage in knee joints.



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Applications

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- Osteoporosis
- Osteoarthritis
- Bone fracture risk
- Musculoskeletal injury risk
- Musculoskeletal implant failure risk



Using SwRI's microCT facility, SwRI engineers investigate the structure-function relationship of whole skeletal structures such as this human lumbar spine.

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