



ERISTO: European Research In Space and Terrestrial Osteoporosis: principales réalisations et perspectives

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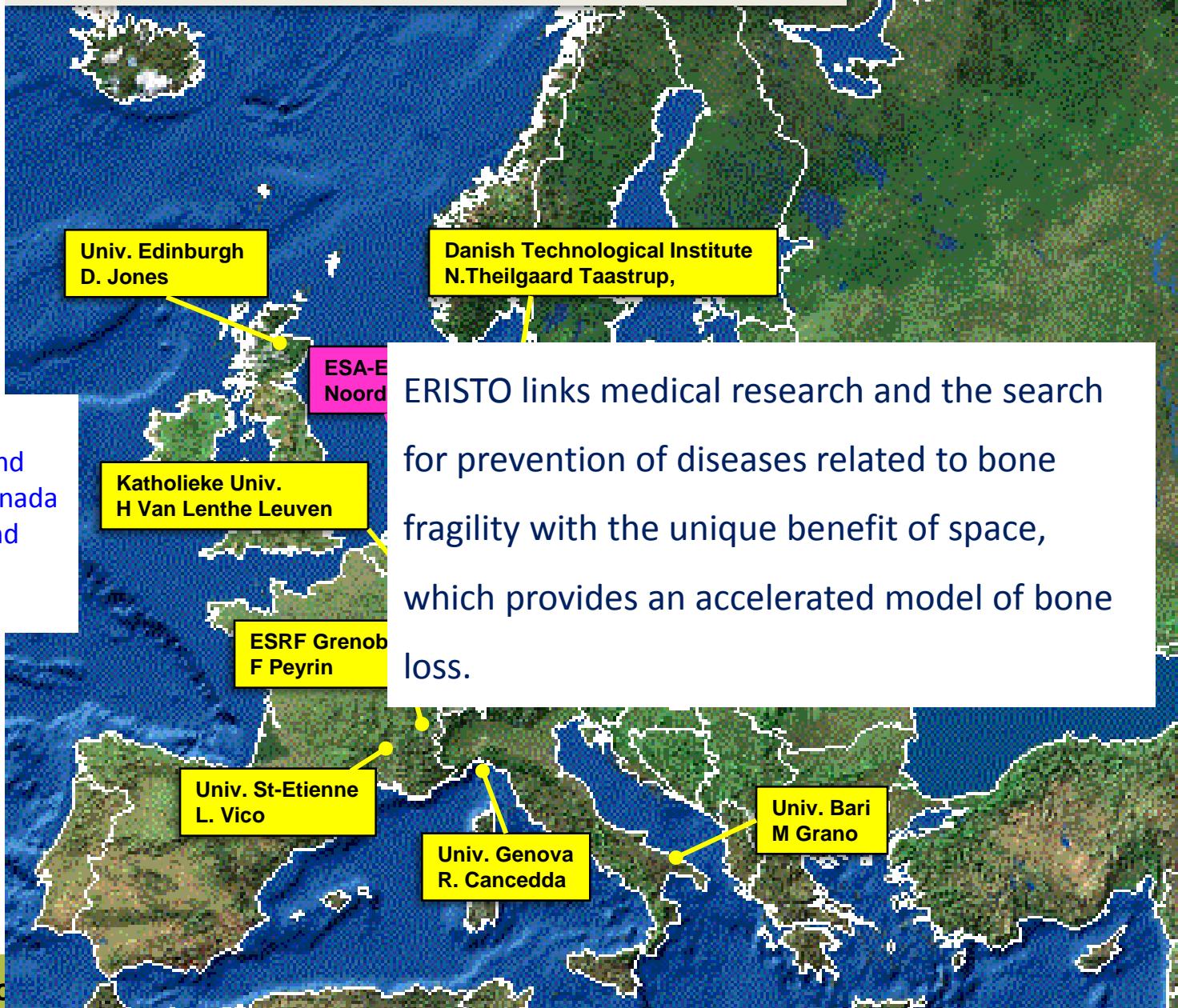
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Altered gravity

Lack of:

- Gravitational loading
- Hydrostatic pressure
- Convection
- Buoyancy
- Sedimentation

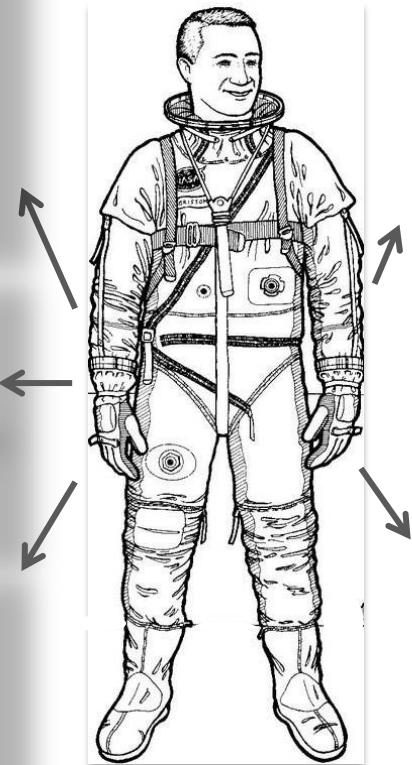
Ultraviolet and ionizing radiations, increased risk in deep space

- Acute in-flight effects
- Long-term cancer risk

Extravehicular activity

- High vacuum
- Extremes of temperature
- Meteoroids
- Space debris
- Ionospheric plasma
- Hand and shoulder injuries

HAZARDS OF SPACEFLIGHTS



Habitat

- Distance from Earth
- 90 min. day and night cycles
- Acoustic noise (60 dBA)
- Reduced and closed space
- Isolation
- Lack of natural light and surrounding
- Modest elevated ambient PCO₂

Conditions of life

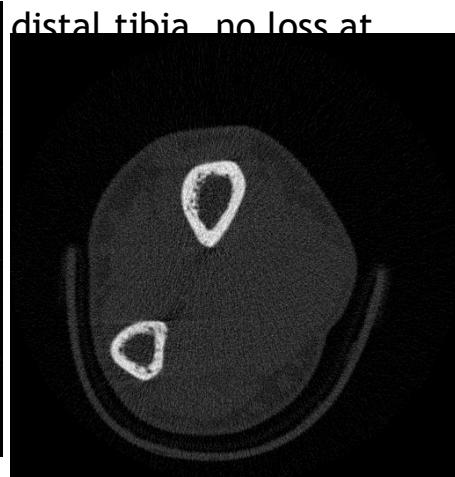
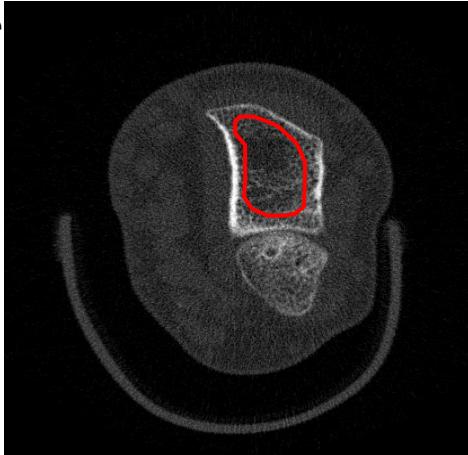
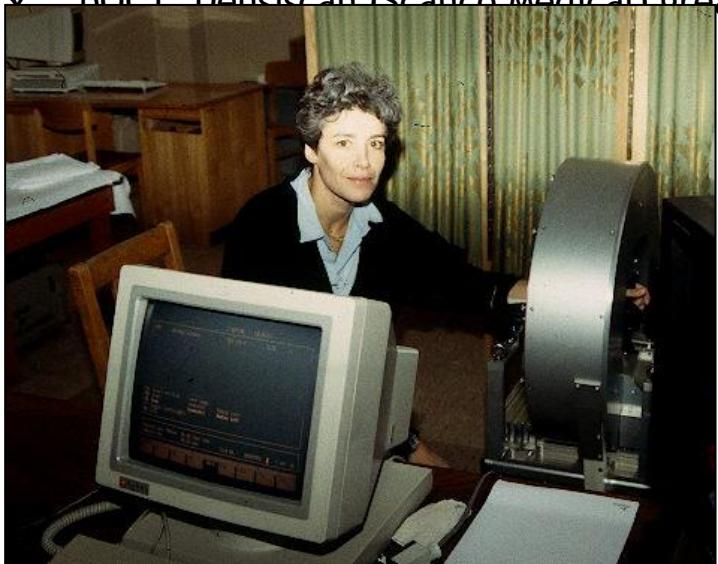
- Limited privacy
- Floating
- Disturbances in sleep
- Hygiene
- Performance pressures

- Reduced ground force reaction
- Physiological changes
- Behavioral changes
- Psychological changes



BONE LOSS IN COSMONAUTS/ASTRONAUTS

- ✓ DXA: spine and hip aBMD losses (1 - 1.5%/month) greater than typical age-related loss rate (0.5 - 1%/year) in older individuals. Leblanc A et al., *J Musculoskeletal Neuronal Interact*, 2000 ; Orwoll ES et al., *JBMR*, 2013
- ✓ QCT : vBMD decrease in trabecular and cortical proximal femur Lang T et al., *JBMR*, 2004
- ✓ pQCT Densiscan (Scanco Medical) greater distal tibia no loss at





Two hours of physical activities / day

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/gallery/images/shuttle/sts-133/html/s133e008323.html>



Steve Lindsey, STS-133, 2011
aRED, Advanced Resistance Exercise Device
Max load (2675 N),

Astronaut Edward T. Lu,
Expedition 7 NASA ISS
Interim Resistive Exercise Device (IRED)
Max load (1337 N)



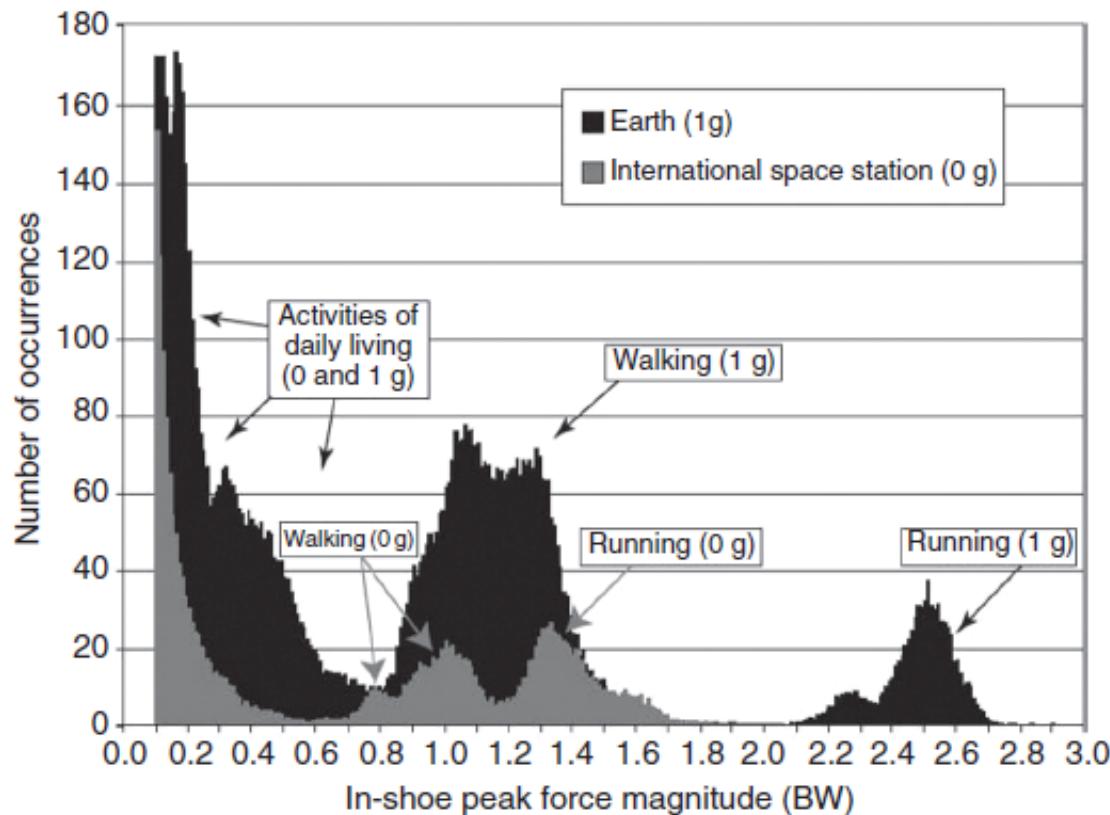
Failed to affect bone



<http://www.agences-spatiales.fr/thomas-pesquet-salle-de-sport-de-liss/>



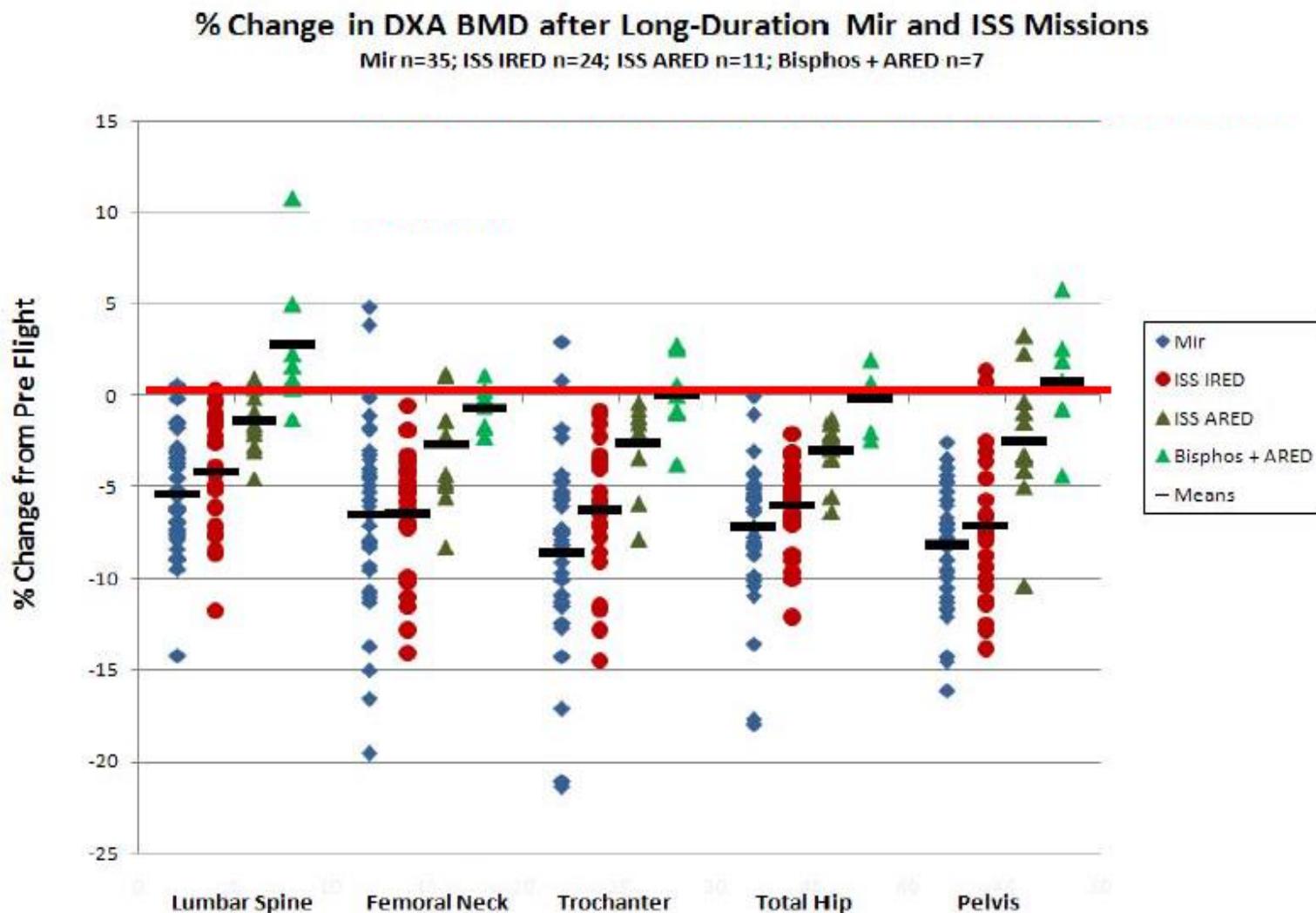
FOOT FORCES ABOARD ISS ARE MUCH REDUCED COMPARED TO 1G



In-shoe peak force magnitudes recorded during activities of daily living on Earth and aboard ISS. Both magnitude and frequency of the GRFs observed in 1g are reduced onboard ISS. No GRF's > 2xBW, from Cavanagh et al., 2010



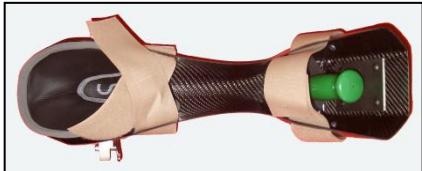
EFFECTS OF COUNTERMEASURES USING DXA aBMD





The XtremeCT is an *In Vivo* system for measurements on human extremities on the radius and the tibia

- Hardware description



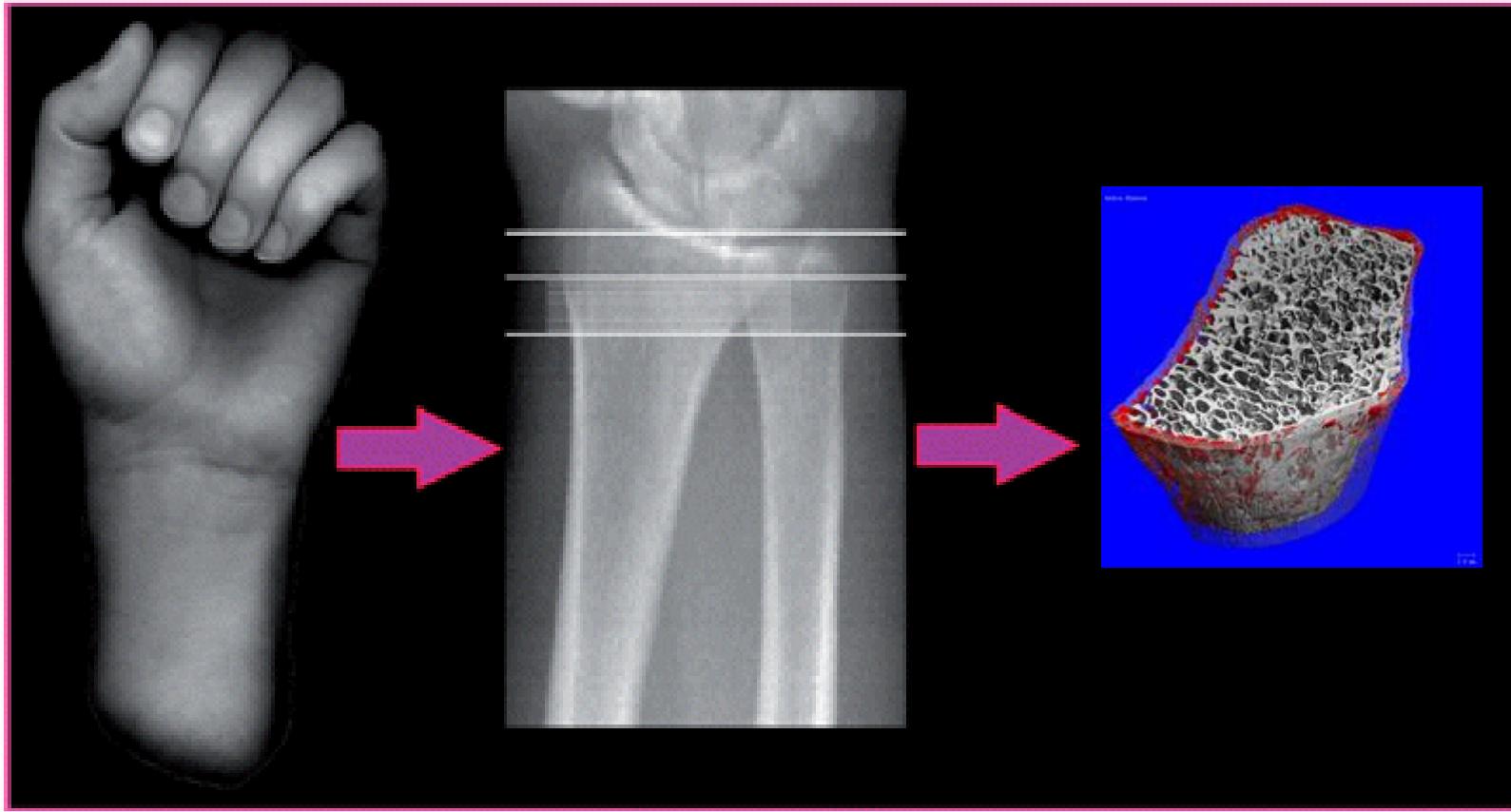
Size (WxDxH): 1.35 m x 0.9 m x 1.35 m
(without Computer)
Weight: 450 kg
Voxel size 82 μm^3

The effective dose (ICRP91) of the 3D-pQCT examination is inferior to 3 μSv .





Region of interest

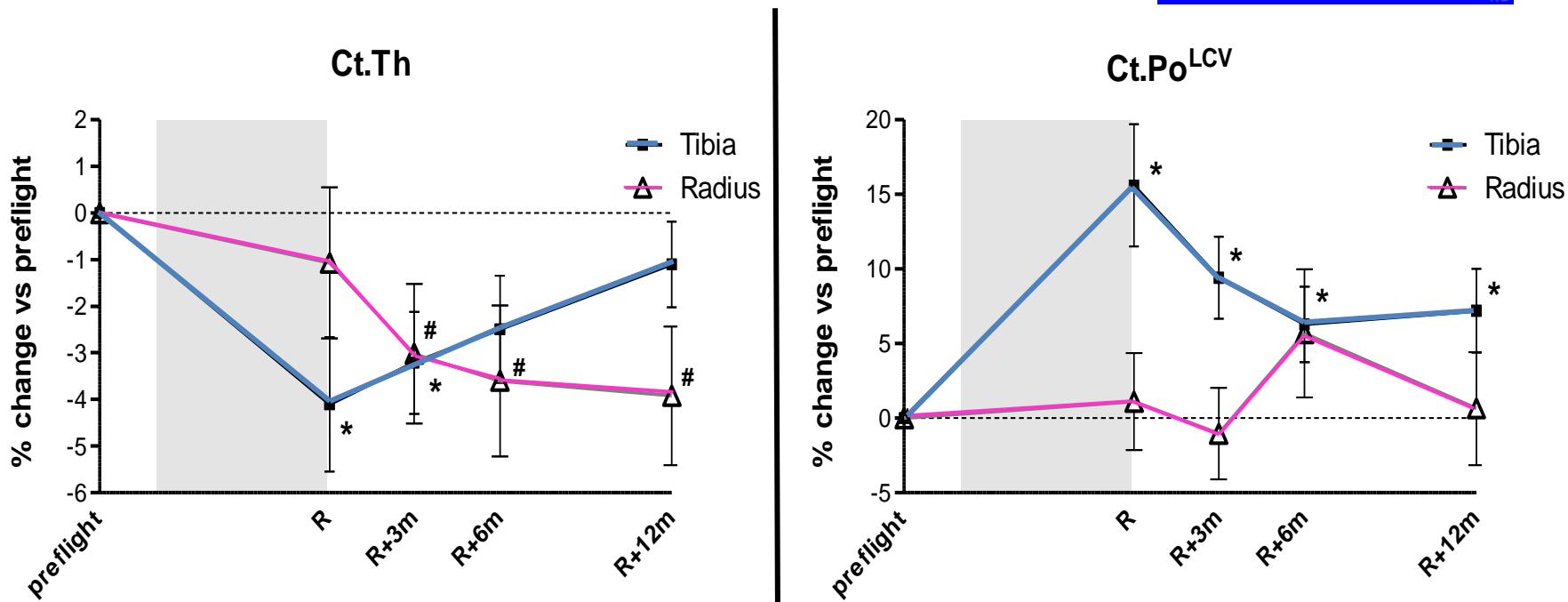
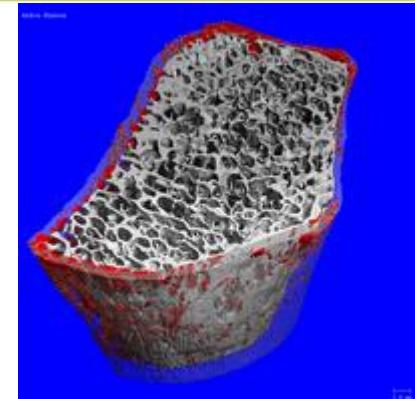


In vivo μ CT of the distal radius using the XtremeCT system, with images showing the region of the distal radius imaged (centre) and the resulting 3D trabecular and cortical envelopes (right).

Courtesy Bruno Koller.



RADIUS and TIBIA: cortical bone

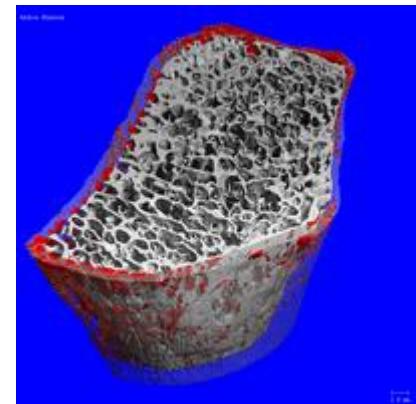


Differences in % vs preflight (mean±SE), tibia *p<0.05; radius # p<0.05

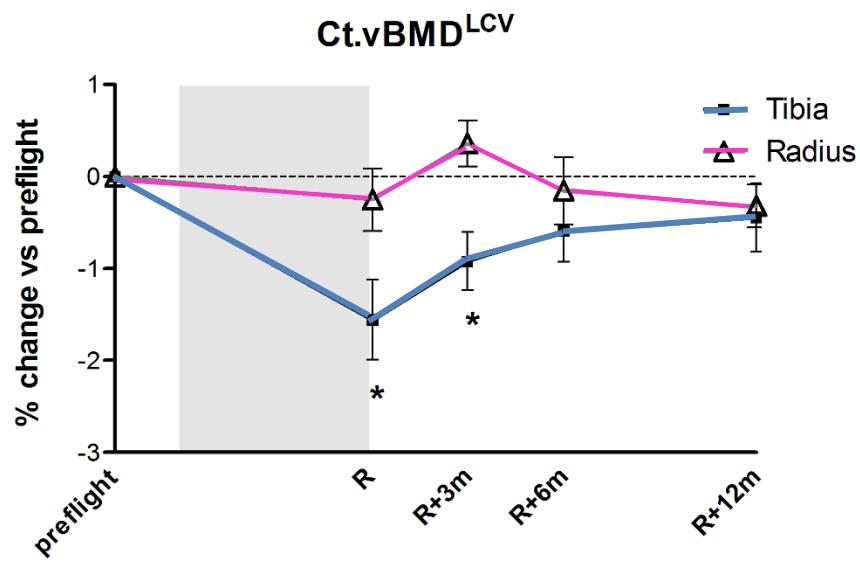
Vico et al., *JBMR*, 2011



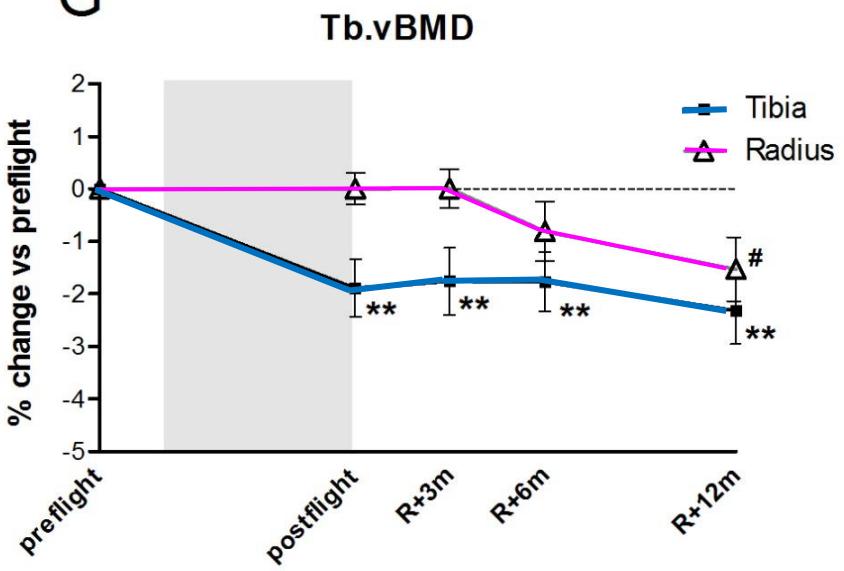
RADIUS and TIBIA: trabecular bone



A



G



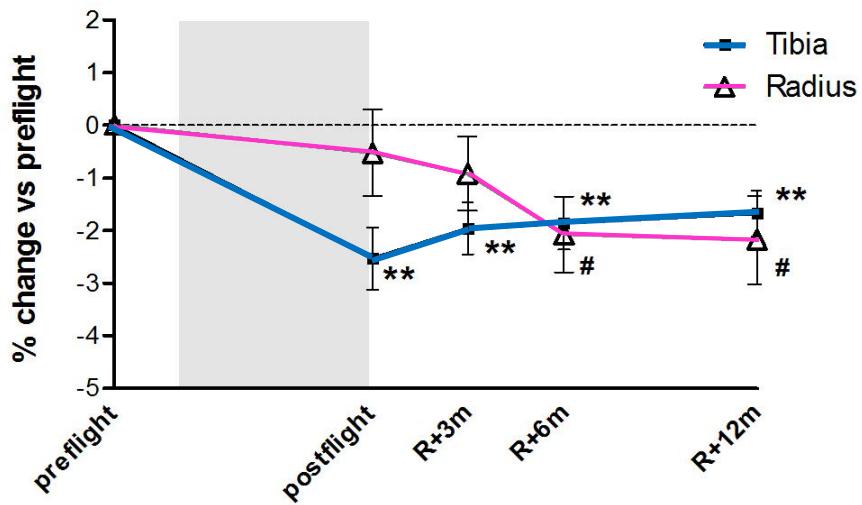
Differences in % vs preflight (mean±SE), tibia *p<0.05; **p<0.01, radius # p<0.05



RADIUS and TIBIA : total bone (cortical +trabecular)

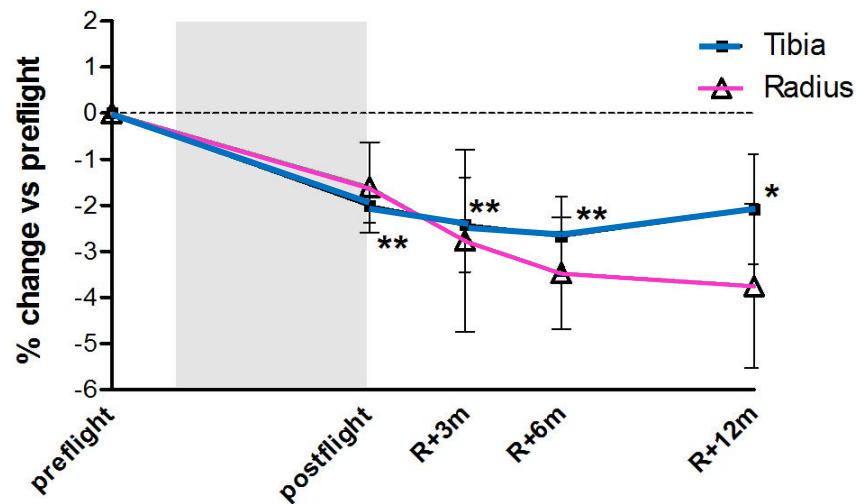
A

Total vBMD



B

Total Ultimate Load



Differences in % vs preflight (mean \pm SE), tibia * $p<0.05$; ** $p<0.01$, radius # $p<0.05$



SUMMARY: new findings

➤ TIBIA

- 6-m post flight, cortical bone recovers its size, the porosity remains elevated
- 12-m post flight, trabecular bone is as low as after landing

➤ RADIUS

- No alteration at immediate return
- Then a progressive fragility develops, becoming significant at 12-m

➤ **ULTIMATE LOAD** is compromised at both sites 1 year after reentry

➤ **BONE MARKERS**

- Resorption is elevated at postflight, P1CP rebound 2 weeks after return
- Between 6 and 12-month post flight, bone markers declined below preflight values.



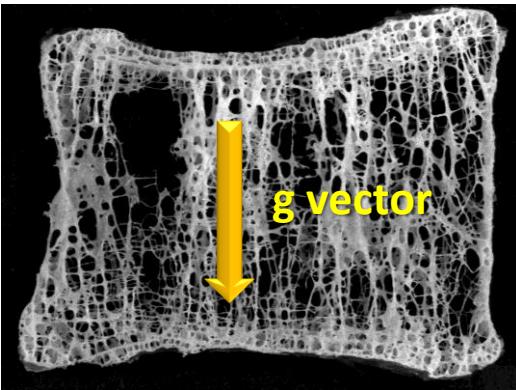
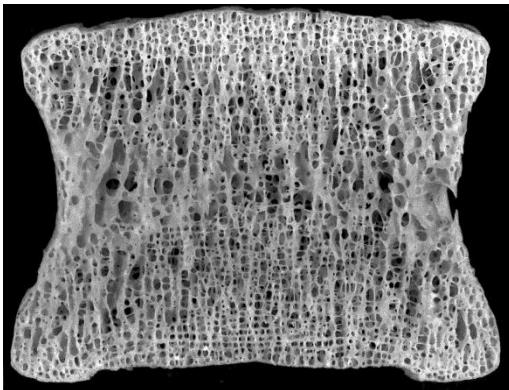
Still to investigate...

CORTICAL BONE



<http://www.vet.uga.edu/ivcvm/courses>

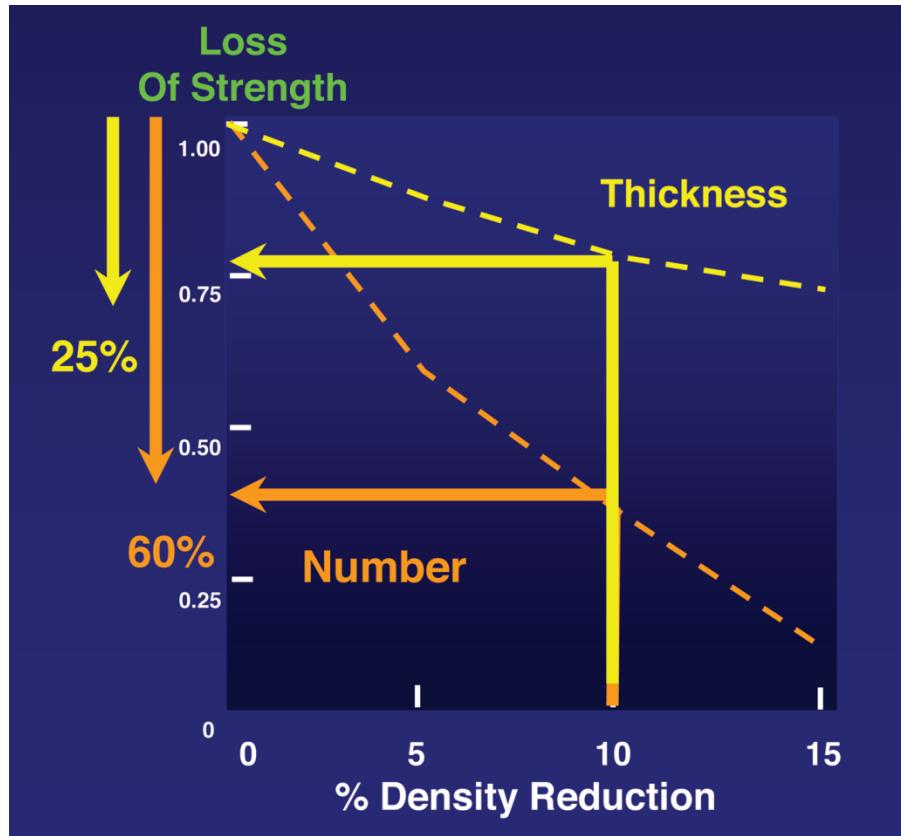
TRABECULAR BONE



<http://en.wikipedia.org>



Trabecular compartment



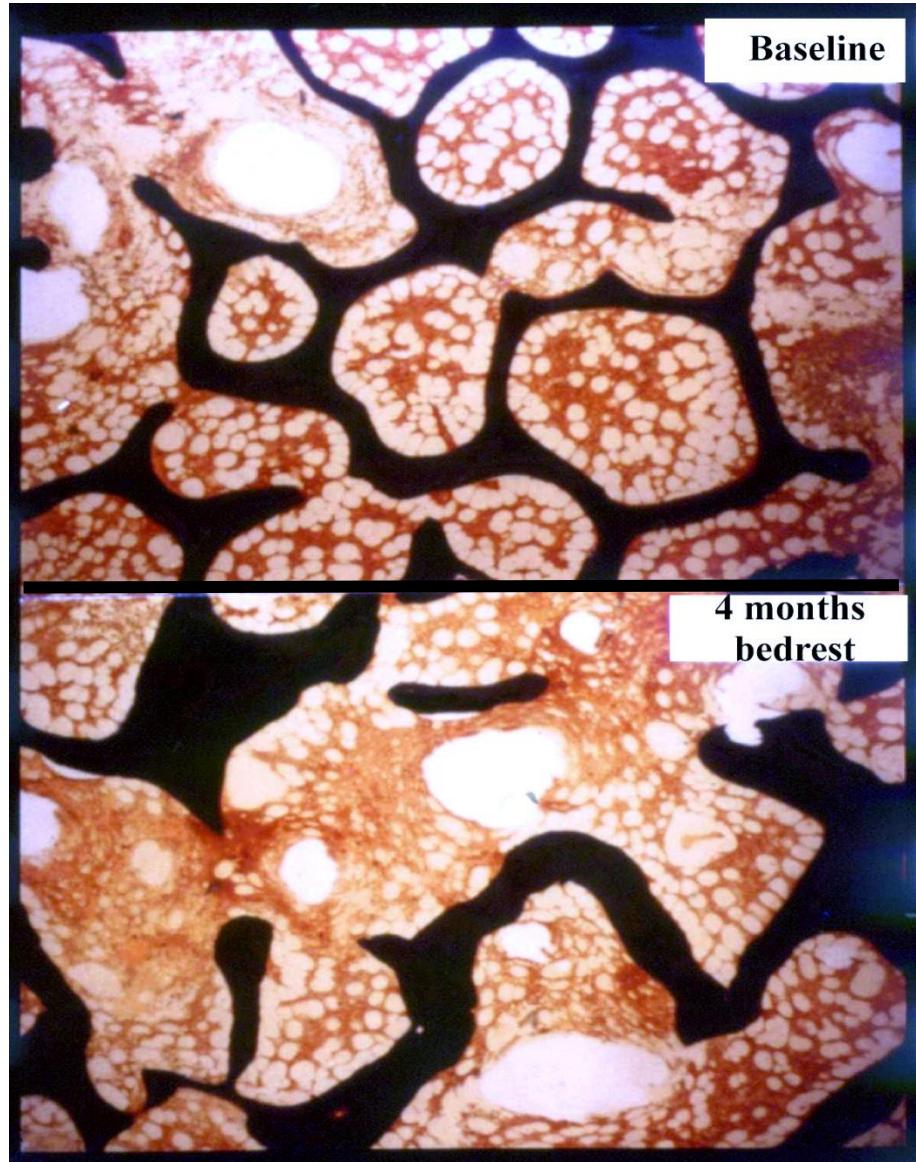
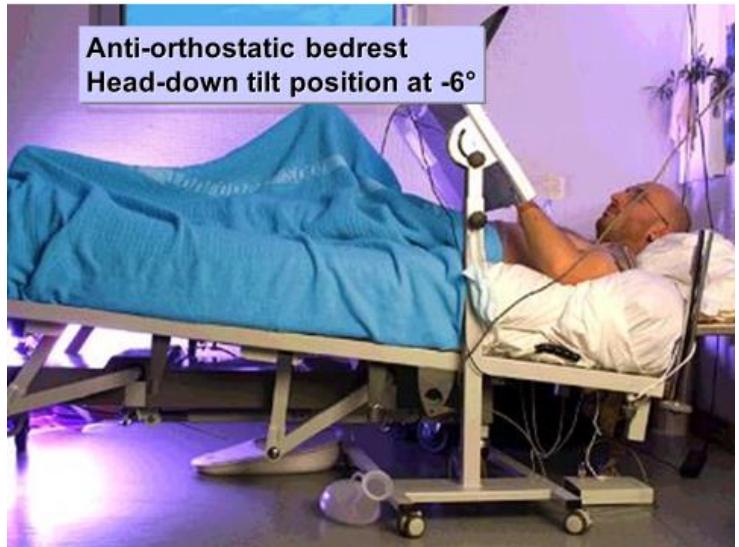
Bjørnerem Å et al., *Bone* 2011

van der Linden JC et al., *JBMR*, 2001

Trabeculae are rapidly lost because their large surface area facilitates remodeling \Rightarrow loss of connectedness



Bone iliac crest 4-month antiorthostatic bedrest



Palle S, Calcif Tissue Int. 1992



Bion-M1 biosatellite (April 19-May 19, 2013)

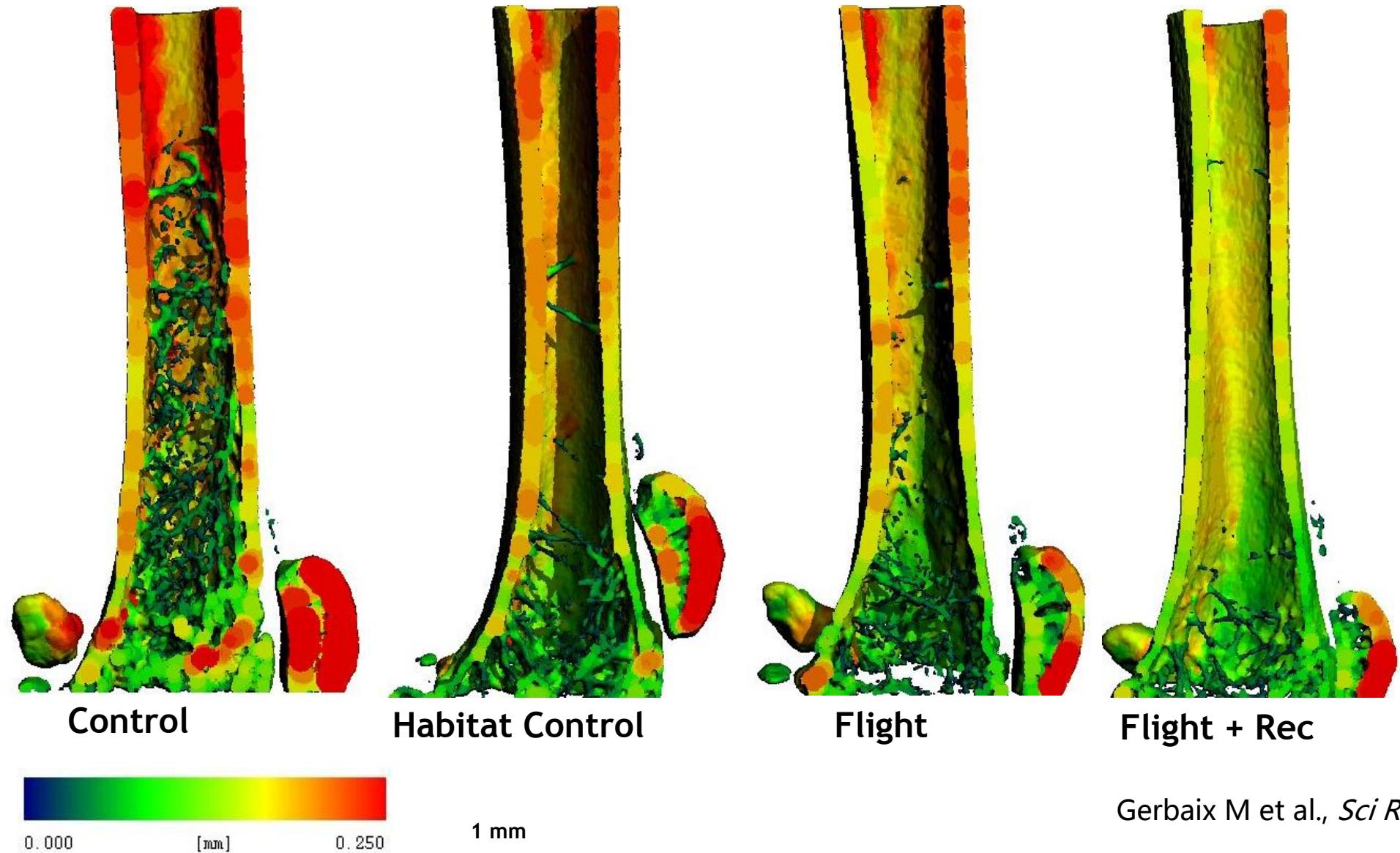


male mice C57BL6/J
3-month old

1. Flight, n=5
2. Flight + 8-d. recov, n=5
3. Habitat Ctr, n=6
4. Ctr, n=15



Bion-M1 : femoral bone loss worsens in flight+recovery

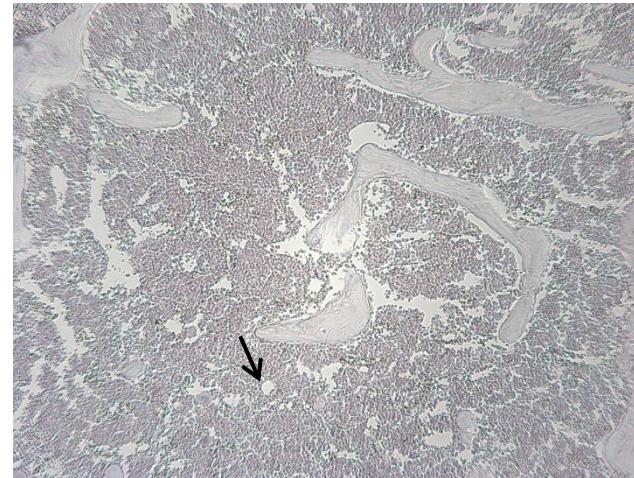
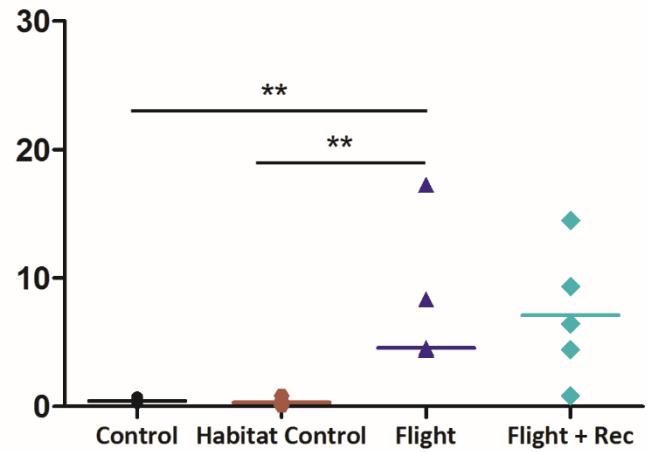


Gerbaix M et al., *Sci Re*

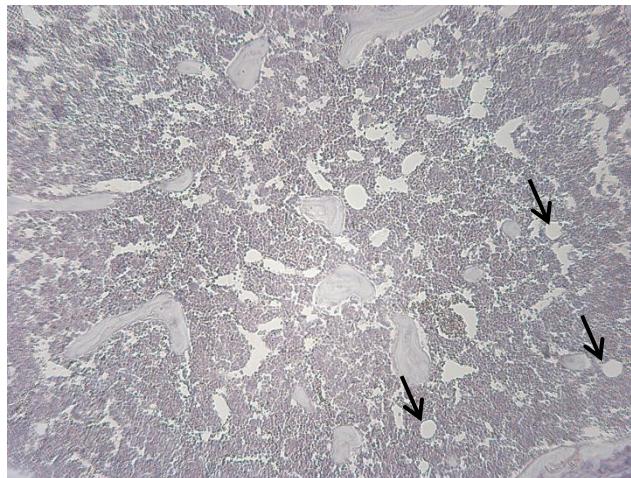


Bion-M1 : lipid droplets increase in the bone marrow

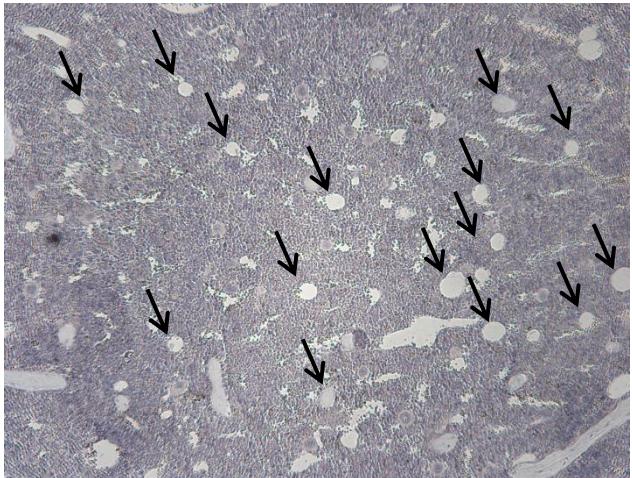
Femur marrow adipocytes density ($1/\text{mm}^2$)



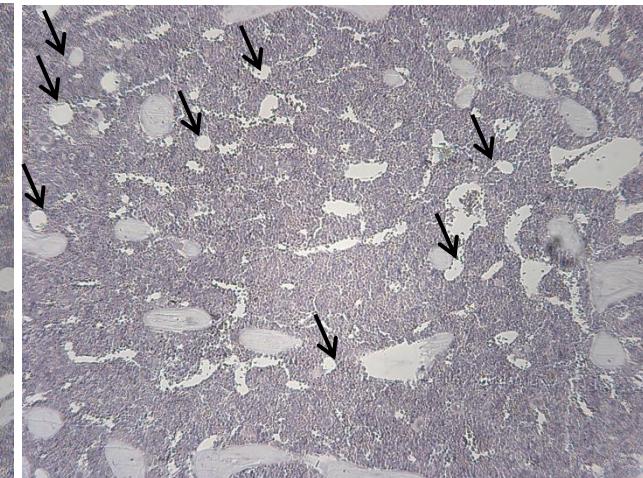
Control



Habitat Control



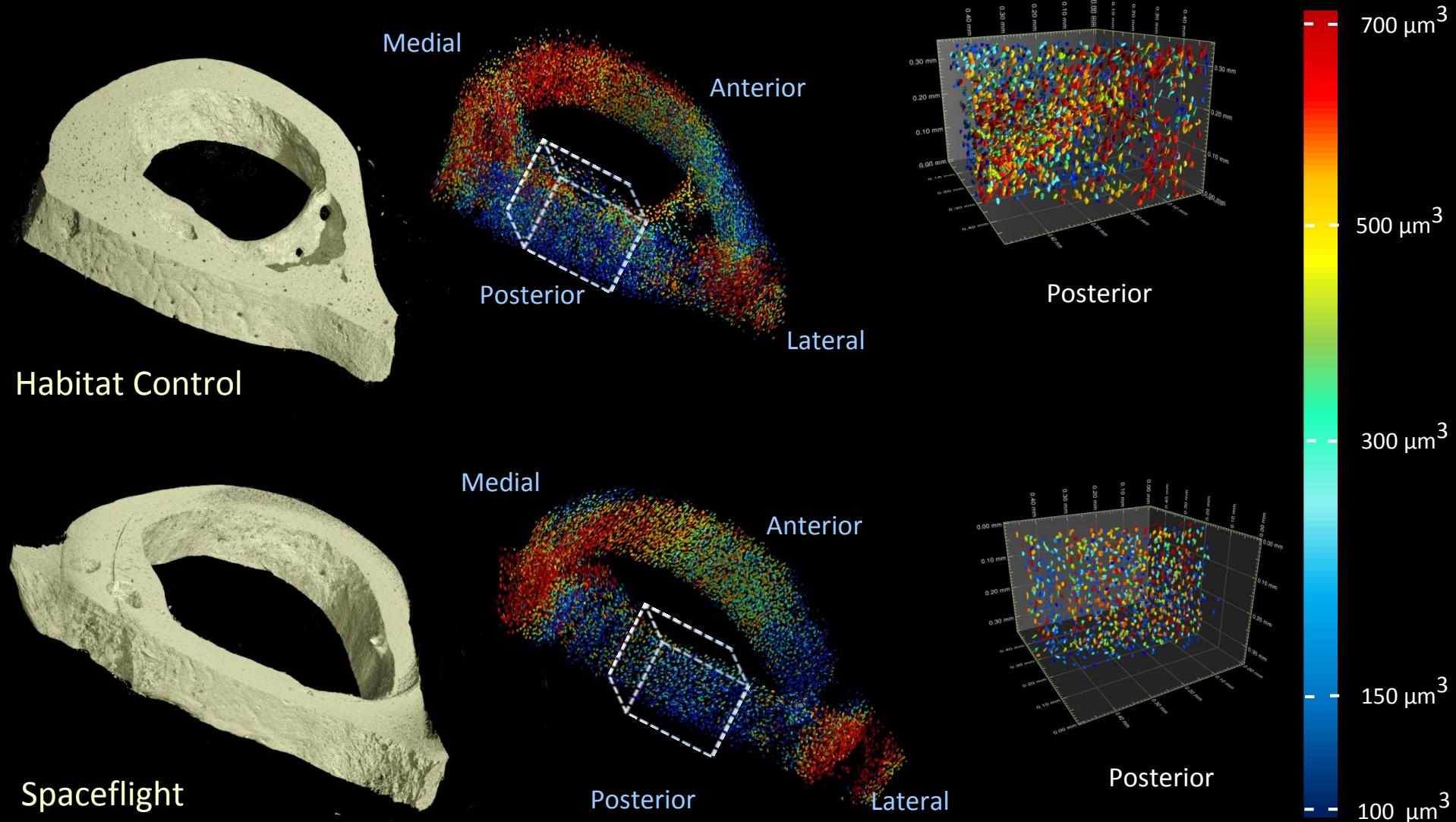
Flight



Flight + Rec

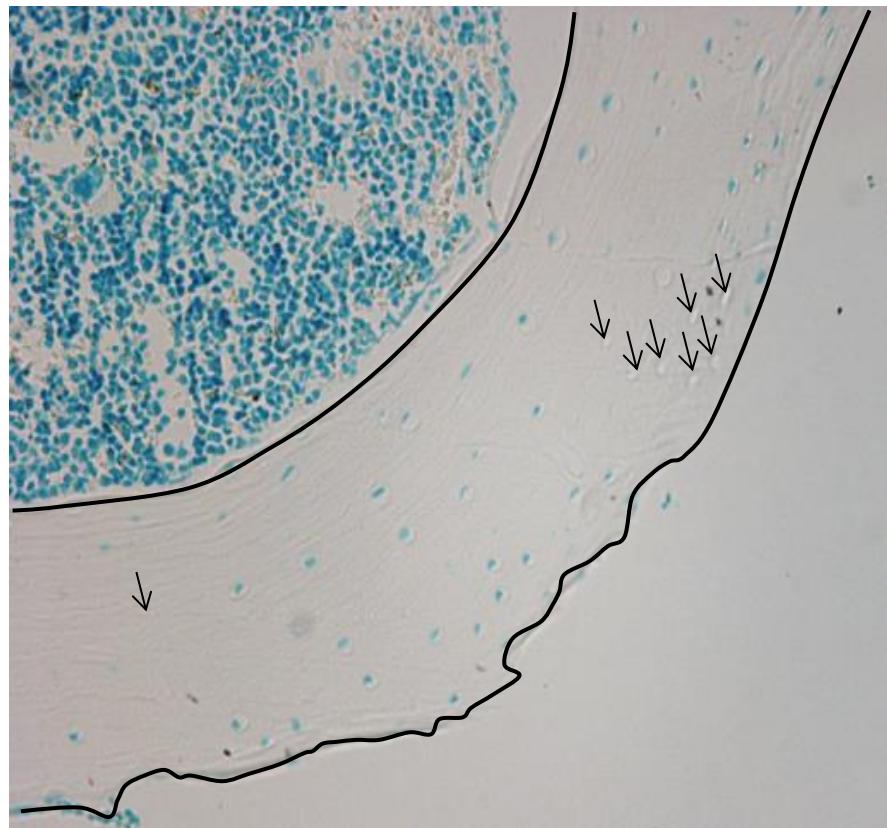
Gerbaix M et al., *Sci Rep*

BION-M1 : synchrotron radiation osteocyte lacunae

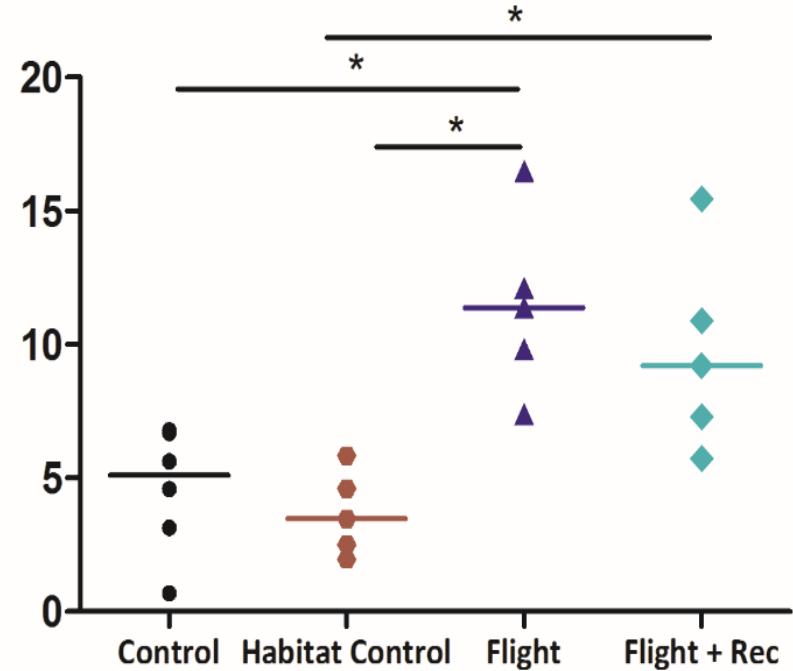




Bion-M1 : osteocytes



Empty Lc.N / Total Lc.N (%)



Gerbaix M et al., *Sci Rep*, 2



Bion-M1 : SUMMARY

Space habitat conditions decreased trabecular BV/TV and increased trabecular and endosteal resorption.

VERTEBRA: Trabecular bone volume decreased (-26%, vs Ctr) +++ in lumbar



site, osteoclast surface increased (X6, vs Ctr) and osteoblast surface was not significantly modified.

FEMUR: Trabecular bone volume decreased (-65%, vs Ctr), resorption activity



(X3 vs Ctr) and marrow adiposity (X22 vs Ctr) increased.

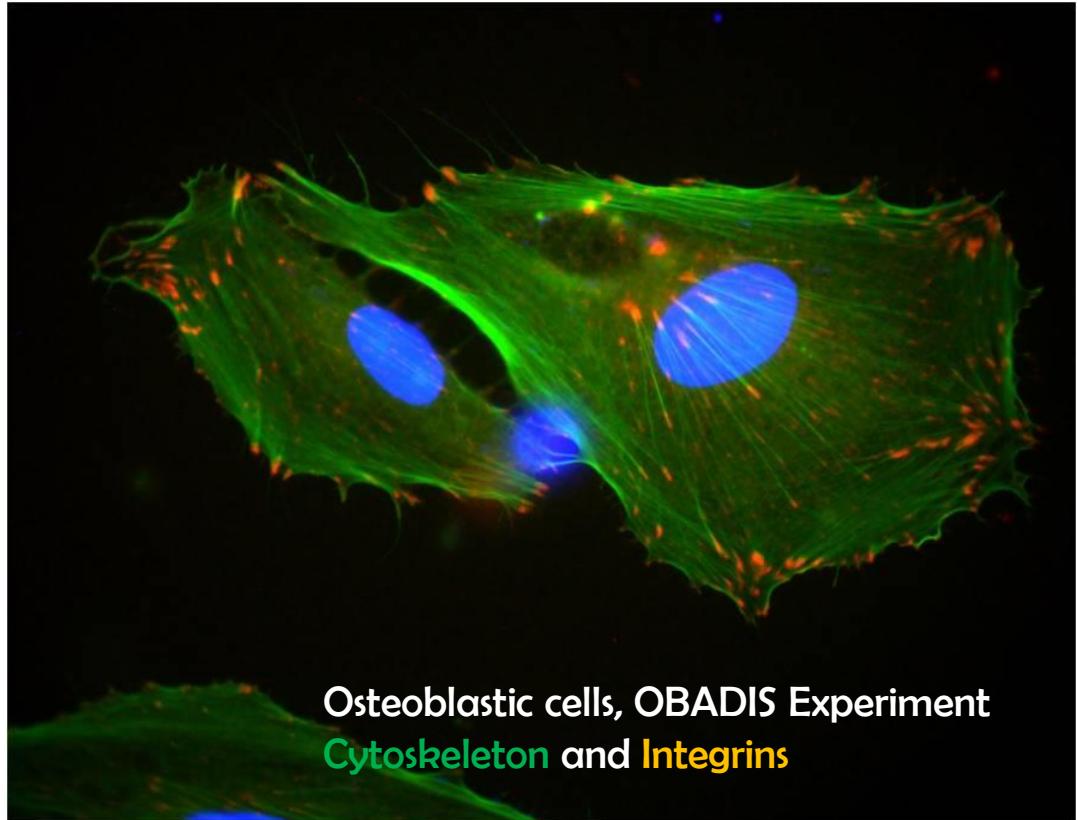
Cortical thickness decreased (-20% vs Ctr) + periosteal resorption.

Osteocyte Lacunae mean volume was smaller in posterior zone and the number of empty lacunae increased ▶ osteocyte death



At cellular level, mechanical coupling: interactions matrix/cells?

- loss of gravity-dependent convection
- negligible hydrodynamic shear
- lack of sedimentation

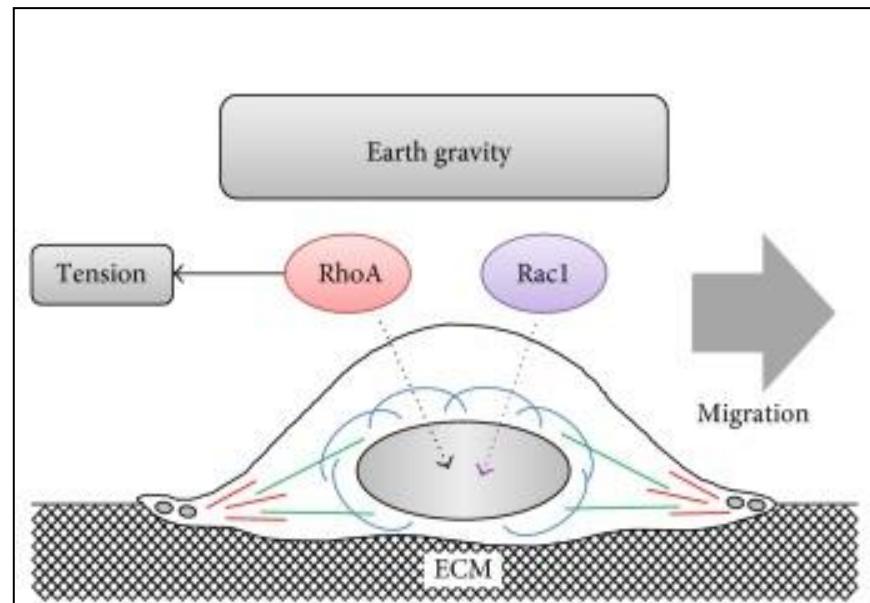
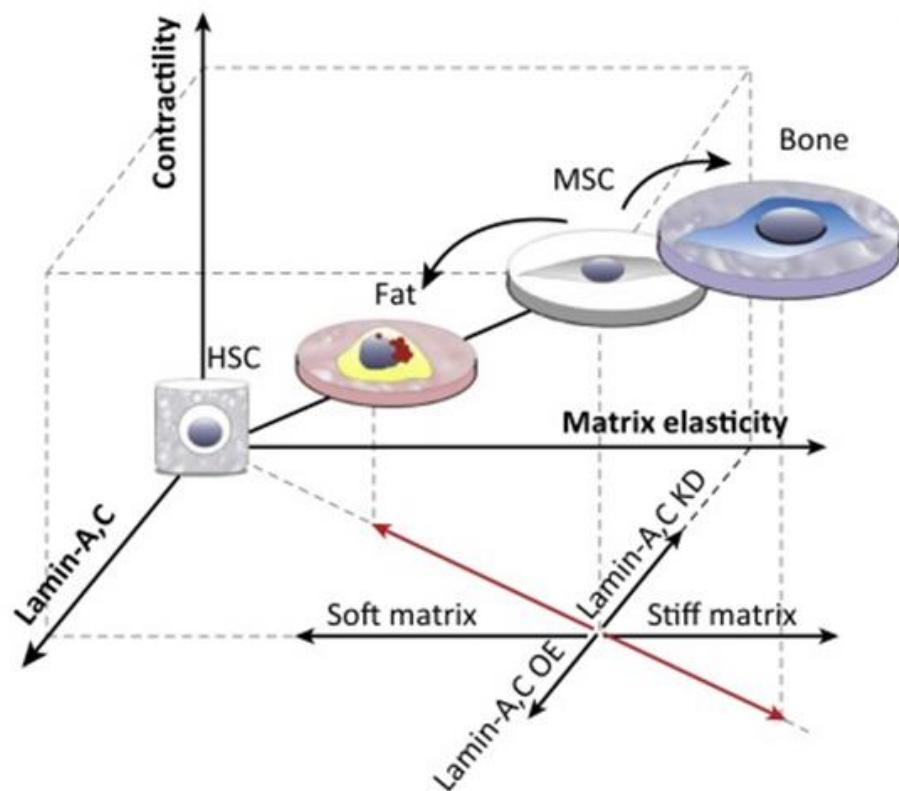


Disorganization of the cytoskeleton associated with disassembling of vinculin spots and phosphorylated proteins within focal contacts (post-mitotic cells).

Guignandon et al., Faseb, 2001



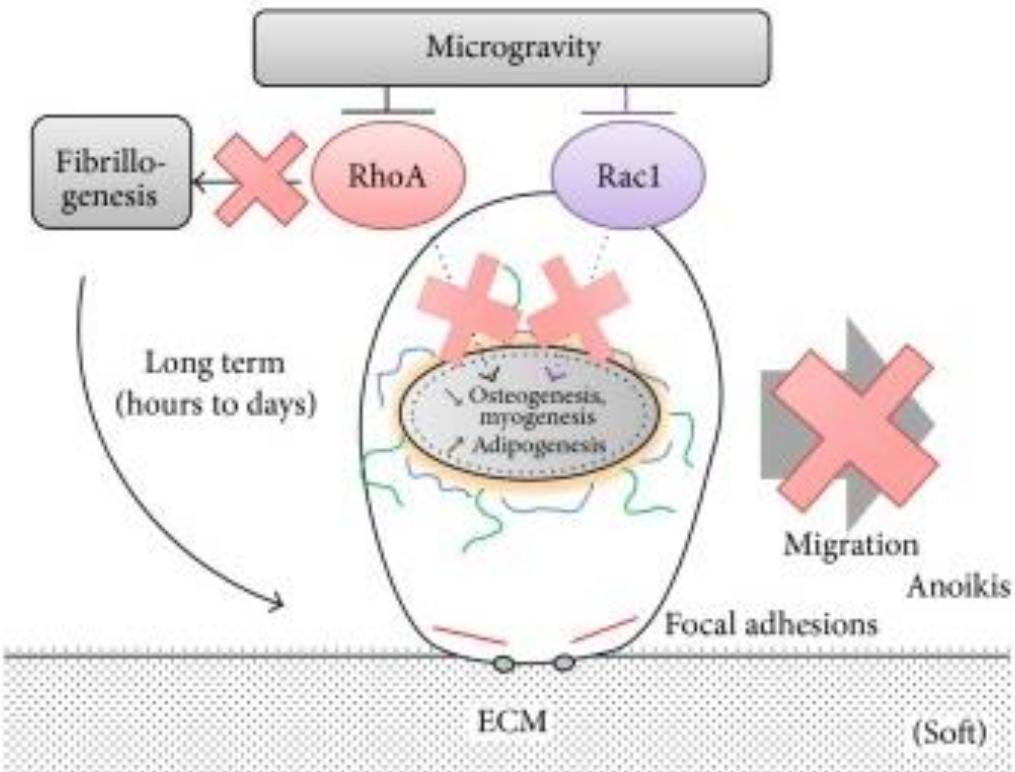
Cellular mechanotransduction



Mesenchymal stem cells are well spread and exhibit a tensed cytoskeleton in particular of microtubules, intermediate filaments, and actin stress fibers associated with stable focal adhesions within the extracellular matrix. These elements are controlled by GTPases RhoA and Rac1.

Guignandon et al.,
Faseb 2014
Louis et al., *BioMed*

Regulation of RhoA and Rac1 activities in space-related conditions



Inhibition of RhoA and Rac1 : ↘ osteogenesis and myogenesis and ↗ adipogenesis of mesenchymal stem cells.

- rounder cell shape with disorganization of microtubules, stress fibers, intermediate filaments, and focal adhesions.
- Transcription is altered as nucleus shape is changed.
- Fibrillogenesis (a tension-dependent process) limited; ECM not properly synthesized and lost its mechanical properties appearing softer for mesenchymal stem cells, reinforcing adipogenesis

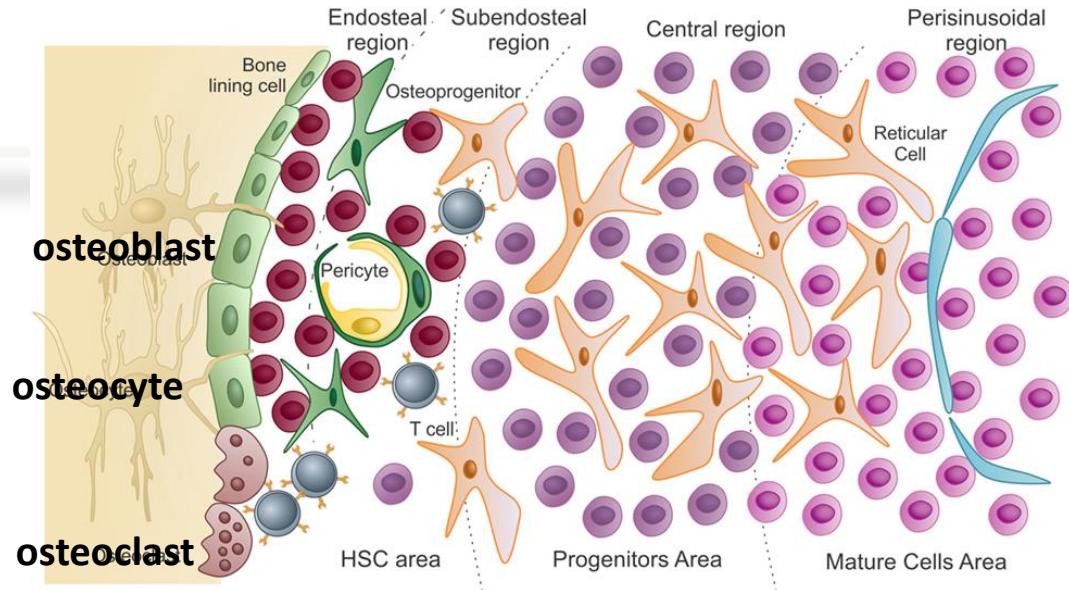
— Actin stress fibers
— Intermediate filaments
— Microtubules

— Intermediate filaments
— Perinuclear actin

Guignandon et al., *Faseb*
2014

Louis et al., *BioMed Res. Int.* 2015

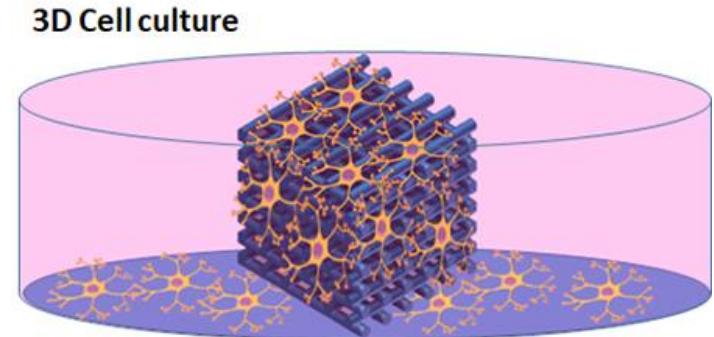
In vitro bone



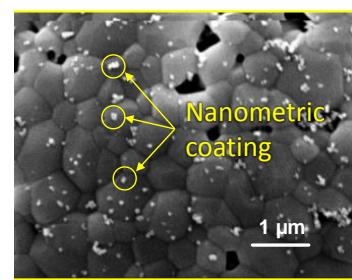
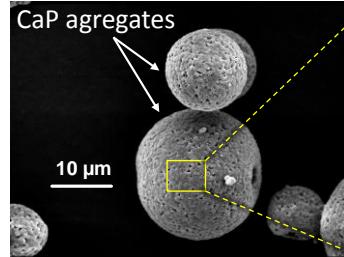
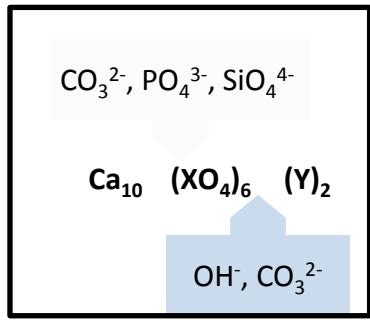
The models were aimed at better understanding bone loss at the cellular level to better achieve bone generation.

- develop 3D multicell models mimicking bone marrow environment
- provide a complete model of bone remodeling in a very well controlled environment

... a challenge!



In vitro bone



$H = 5,19 \text{ mm}$

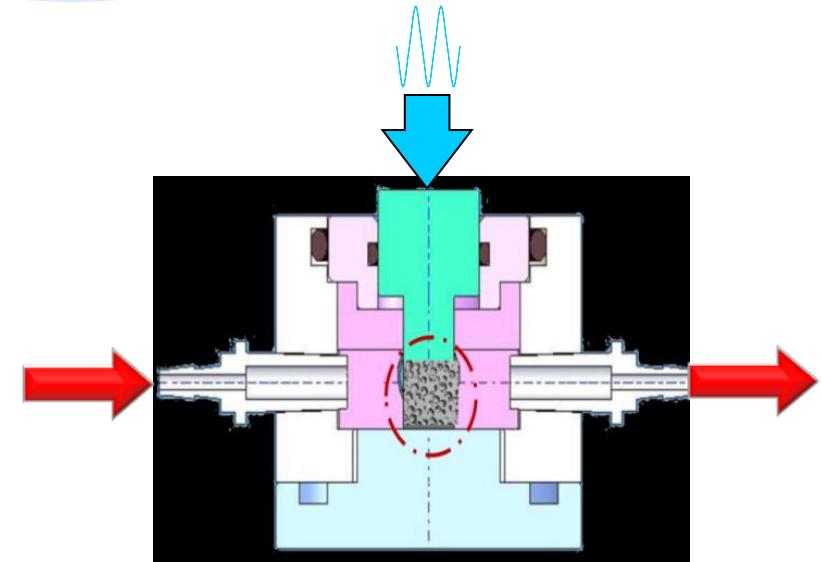
$L = 5,15 \text{ mm}$

Needs – supporting technology

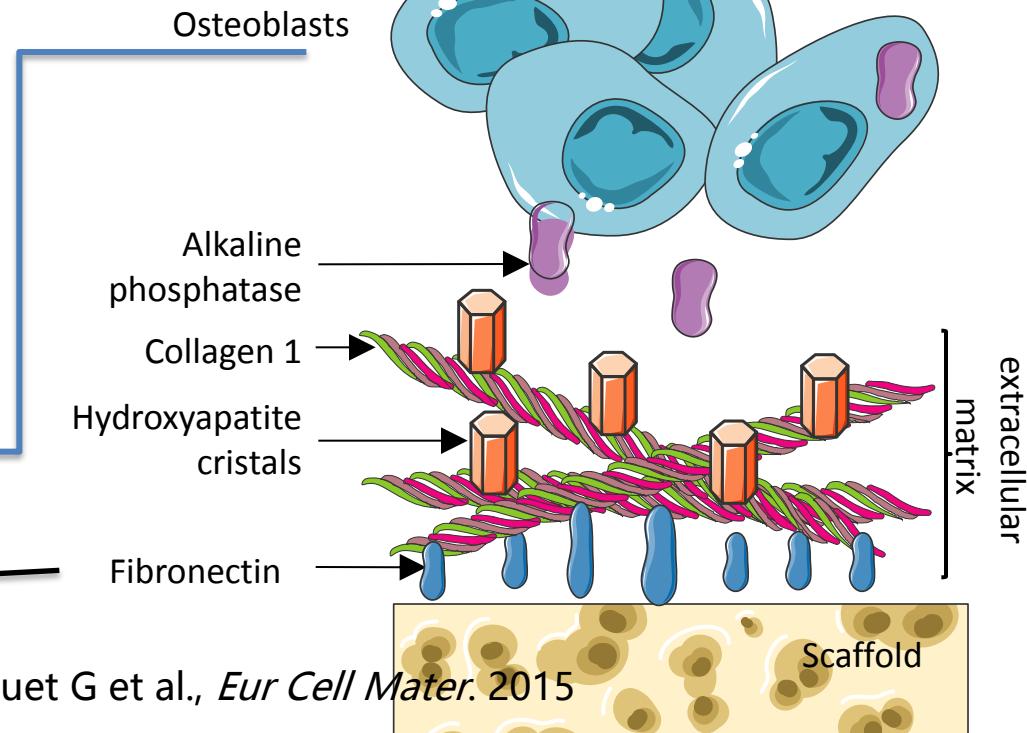
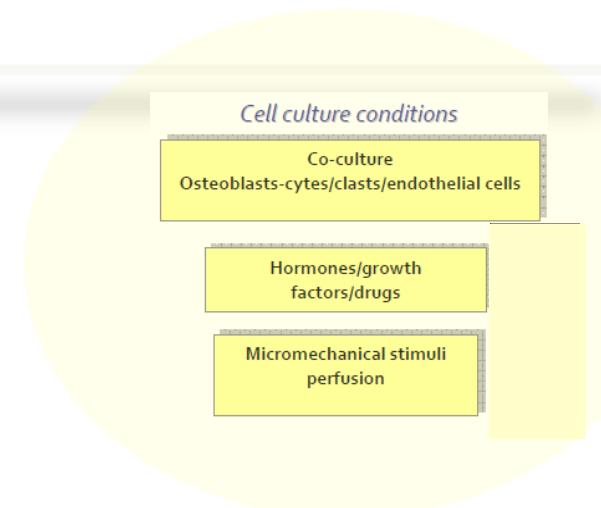
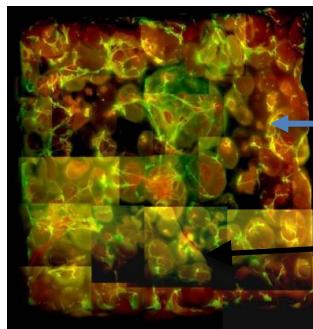
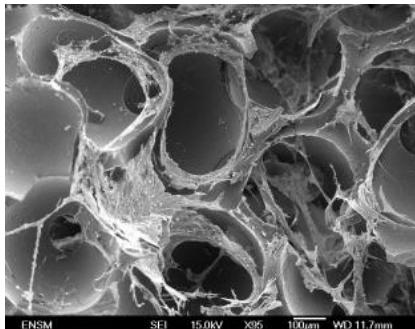
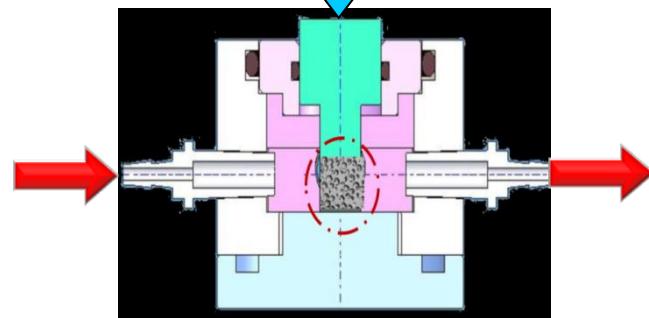
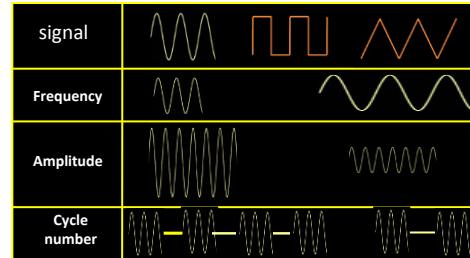
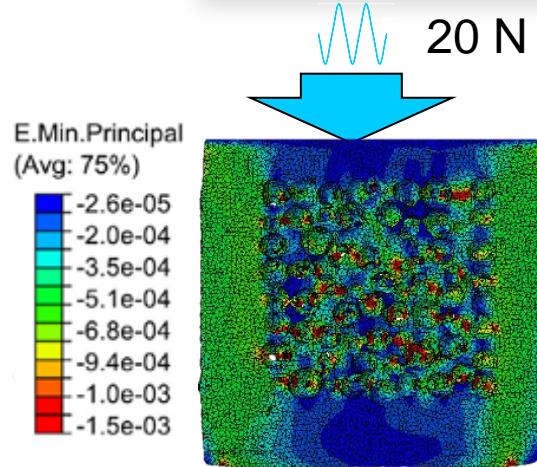
3D macroporous substrates
HA/ β TCP/PLA composition and geometry
Mechanical properties

Culture chambers
Fitting with fragile scaffolds,
allowing perfusion and micromechanical stimuli

Culturing conditions
Culture medium, gaz exchange, closed systems



In vitro bone



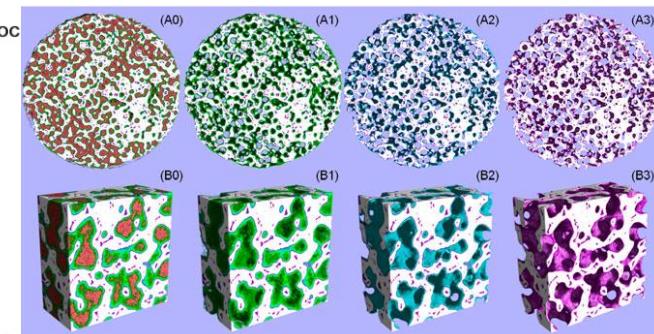
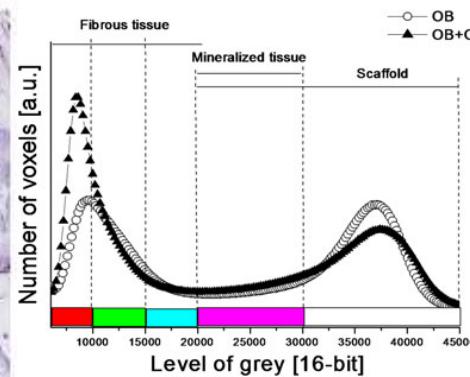
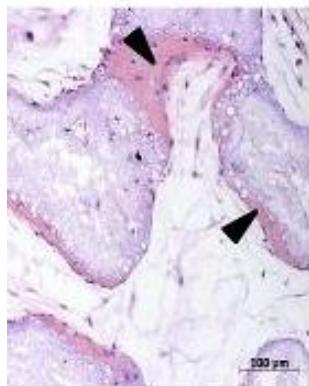
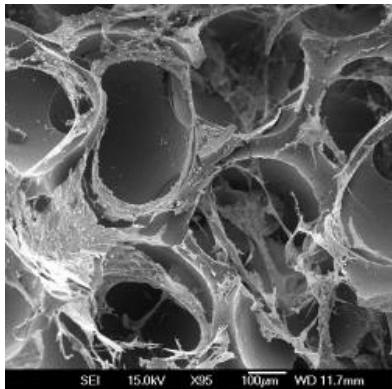
In vitro bone

Characterization

Cell – Cell interactions
Cell – tissue – scaffold
interactions

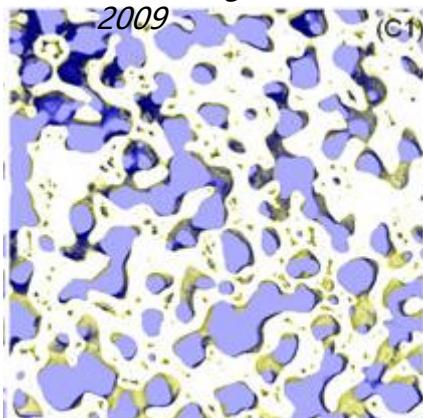
Chemical analyses of harvested
Medium

μ CT, holotomography
OCT imaging



Bouet et al., Eur Cell Mater. 2015

Tortelli et al.,
Tissue Eng, Part A,
2009



Ruggiu et al., J Tissue Eng Regen Med. 2014

3D display of a scaffold before seeding with OB and OC and subsequent in vitro culture.
(yellow=volumes with decreased density;
blue=scaffold volumes representing matrix deposition)

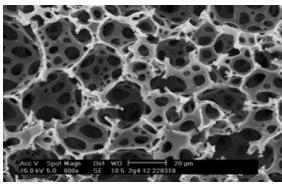
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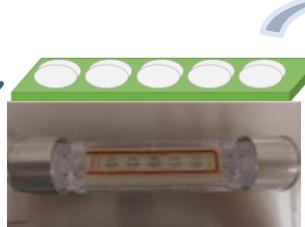
Invitrobone III - Adiposteo, mission spatiale eOSTEO

- Cellules amplifiées sur supports durs qui les reprogramment (perte de stemness).
- Comparaison entre cellules naïves et programmées => déterminer si les conditions de pesanteur **restaurent la stemness et/ou limitent la sénescence** (régulation épigénétique, gènes de mécano-transduction et de sénescence).

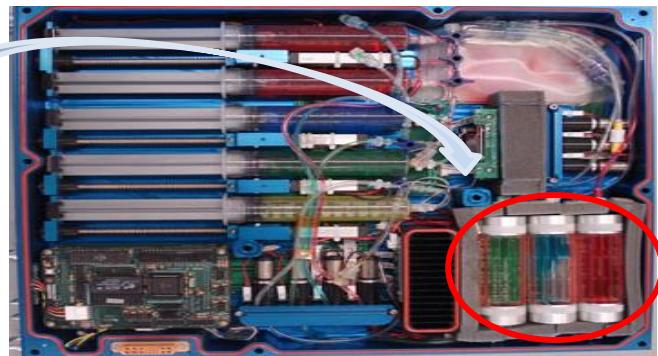
cellules souches squelettiques humaines, différents passages.



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Integration des bioréacteurs eOSTEO dans le tray (T° fixe et changements de milieu).

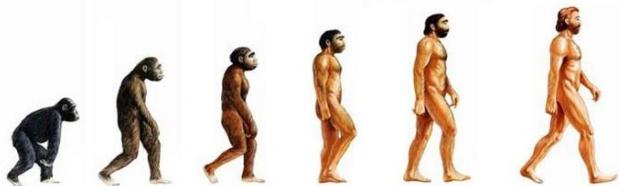


SPACEX mars 2018.



A continuum from organs to cells

Structural hierarchies composed of a tense network of muscles, bones, extracellular matrices, cells, and cytoskeletal filaments are influenced and shaped by constant 1-G on Earth. Changing the G level and direction is thus a unique challenge spanning several size scales from organ to organelle and whose mechanisms of adaptation to altered gravity have begun to be studied.



From *Homo erectus* toward *Homo ingravitus*?



Tour Eiffel

Many Thanks to:

The crewmembers for their time,
effort, and dedication to the success
of these studies



From Apollo 8 dec 1968

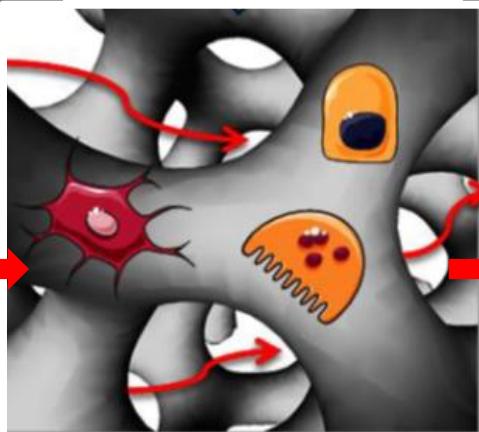


Devices for perfused 3D cultures with load generation

Scaffold

- Controlled macro- and micro-porous architecture
- Optimized mass transport and mechanical properties
- Fitted in culture chamber
- Accurately characterized (experimental and computational methods)

loading



Cells

- Cell types (cell line, primary cells)
- Suitable medium
- homogeneous cell seeding

Bioreactor

- Perfused
- Mechanical stimulation via loading and/or shear stress
- Specific design for on-line monitoring
- Low cost production
- Easy handling (limit contamination)
- Sterilizable

In situ characterization

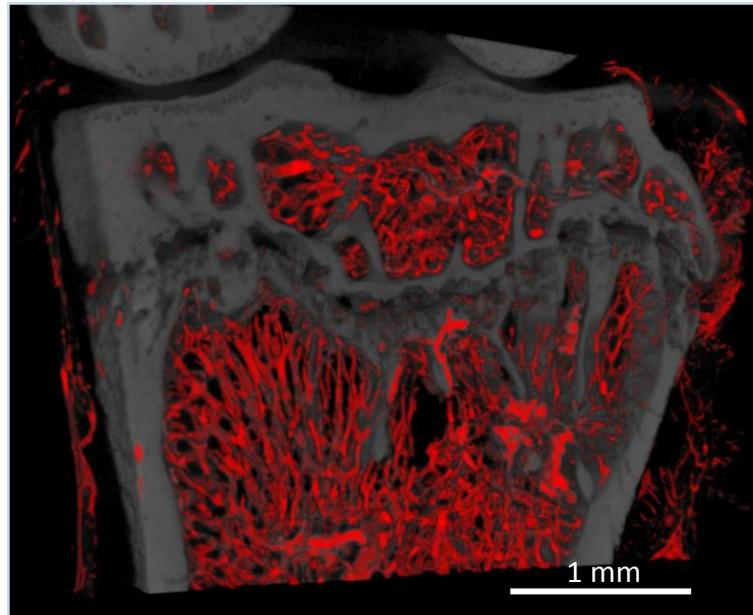
- Culture medium analyses : cell metabolism, pH, gaz exchanges
- Micro-CT for mineralized scaffolds
- 3D Imaging (holotomography, optical coherence tomography, confocal microscope)



The transition to microgravity eliminates the hydrostatic gradients in the vascular system

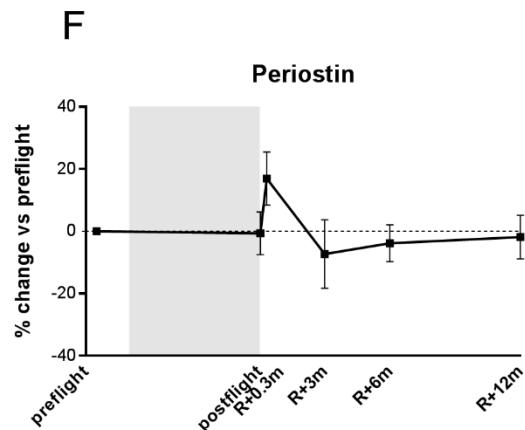
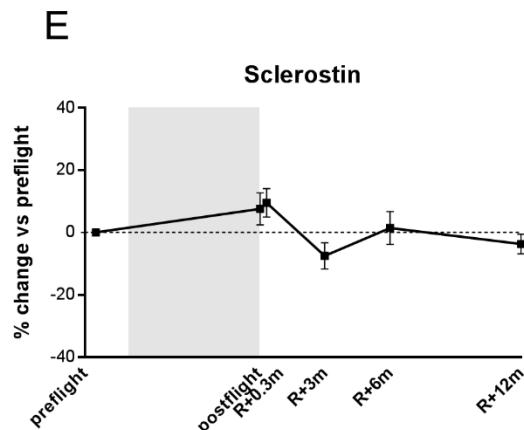
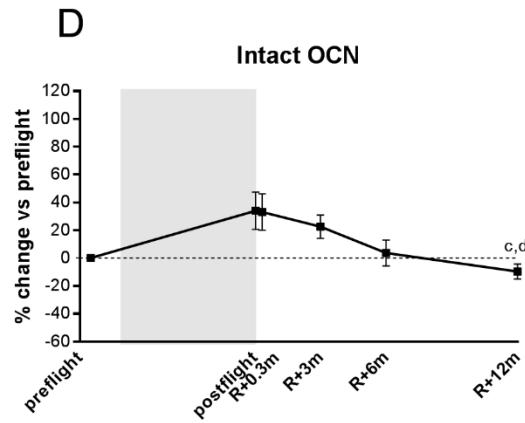
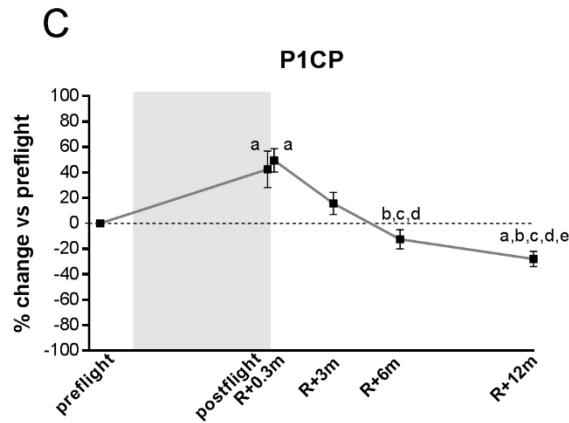
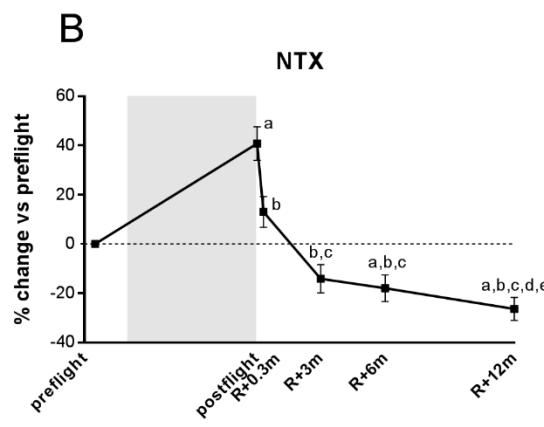
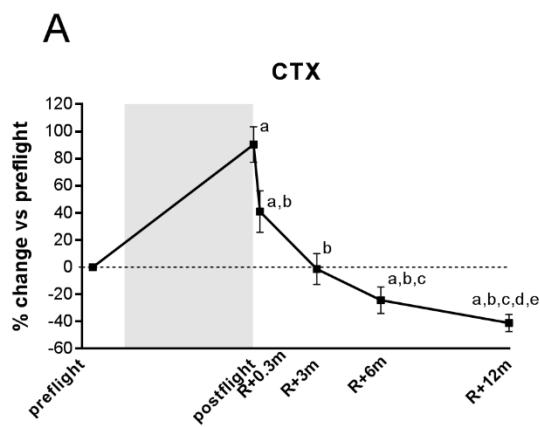


Human leg



Mouse proximal tibia

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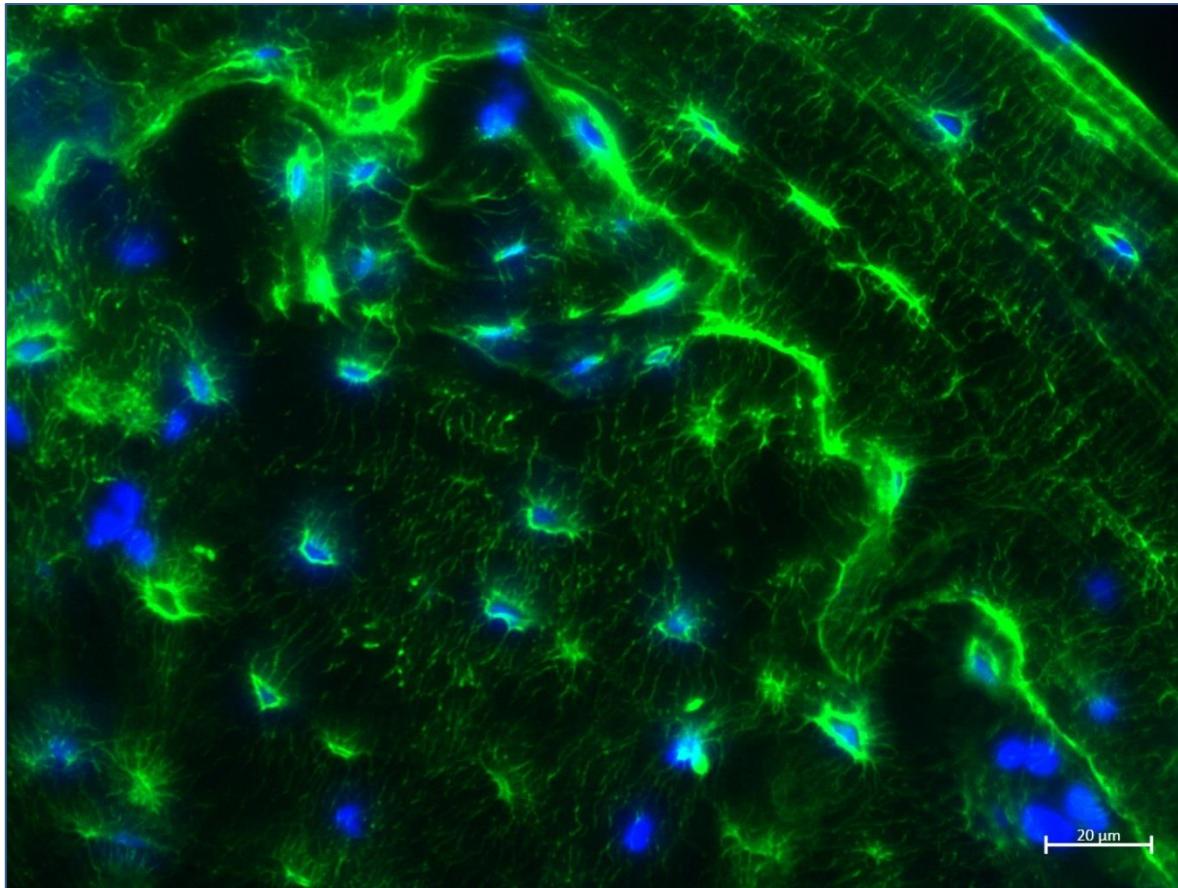


Differences in % vs preflight
(median±quartile),
 $p \leq 0.05$

a vs. preflight,
b vs. postflight,
c vs. 0.5-mo,
d vs. 3-mo,
e vs 6-mo,



Osteocyte Network



- 14-d STS-131 mission: \nearrow osteocyte lacunae size, \nearrow MMP10 \rightarrow **osteocytic osteolysis**, Genoux et al., *Sci Rep*, 2017
- 30-day Bion M1 mission: \searrow lacunar volume, lacunae more spherical \nearrow empty lacunae
- 91-day ISS mission, osteocyte lacunae acquired a rounder shape