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ABSTRACT

Adaptive bone remodeling is an important factor that leads to bone resorption in the surrounding femoral bone and implant loosening. Taking into account this factor in the design of hip implants is of clinical importance, since it allows the prediction of the bone-density redistribution and enables the monitoring of bone adaptation after prosthetic implantation. In this paper adaptive bone remodeling around a new biomimetic polymer-composite based (CF/PA12) hip prosthesis is investigated in order to evaluate the amount of stress shielding and bone resorption. The design concept of this new prosthesis is based on a hollow sub-structure made of hydroxyapatite-coated, continuous carbon fiber (CF) reinforced polyamide 12 (PA12) composite with an internal soft polymer-based core. Strain energy density theory coupled with 3-D Finite Element models are used to predict bone density redistributions in the femoral bone before and after total hip replacement using both polymer-composite and titanium stems. The result of numerical simulations of bone remodeling revealed that the CF/PA12 composite stem generates an excellent bone density pattern compared to the titanium-based stem, indicating the effectiveness of the composite stem to reduce bone resorption caused by stress shielding phenomenon. This may result in an extended lifetime of Total Hip Replacement (THR).

INTRODUCTION

The most common reason for failure of total hip replacement (THR) surgery is aseptic loosening.^{1,2} This problem occurs as a result of several mechanisms including osteolysis induced by wear debris, bone resorption caused by stress shielding and migration due to large micromotions at the implant-tissue interface. Aseptic loosening tends to be painful, and usually requires revision hip replacement. When compared with primary THR, revision surgeries are more complicated and the outcomes are less satisfactory.

Although success has been consistently achieved with most THR's over the last 40 years³, factors related to implant longevity and a younger, more active population of patients have led to a significant increase in the absolute number of failed THR's. A recent projection study showed that the number of THR revisions will increase 137% from 2005 to 2030 in the US⁴. Therefore, the need to improve the survivability of hip implants, *i.e.*, reducing the rate of THR revisions, will be one of the orthopedic challenges for the next decades.

Bone is a living tissue and, like most living organisms, needs continuous adaptation to maintain its architecture. The regulation of bone structure, as well as its adaptation in response to different load conditions, is controlled by the mechanism of bone remodeling. After implantation, femoral periprosthetic bone experiences resorptive bone remodeling caused by the alteration of the stress-strain, *i.e.*, stress shielding.^{5,6} Resorptive bone

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3 remodeling may cause inadequate bone stock maintenance, leading to aseptic loosening
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12 experimental studies and computational models have been developed to understand the
13 relationship between the mechanical loading and the functional adaptation of bone; see
14 for instance, Cowin and Hegedus,⁸ Carter and Hayes,⁹ Cowin et al.,¹⁰ Beaupré et al.,¹¹
15 Prendergast and Taylor,¹² Levenston and Carter¹³ and Wang and Dumas¹⁴. More specific
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31 Nowadays, conventional implants still undergo problems of biomechanical mismatch of
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48 The feasibility of the proposed biomimetic polymer-composite prosthesis previously
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response in the peri-prosthetic tissues²¹, and tests using simulated body fluid conditioning showed that the hydroxyapatite (HA) coated composite has excellent potential of biocompatibility.²²

A key feature of this new biomimetic composite stem is this proximal HA coating that will allow stable short and long-term fixation of prosthesis with minimal bone loss through stress shielding. This new biomimetic composite stem differs significantly from the previous design of lower stiffness composite femoral stems that consisted of a fairly rigid core with low modulus fixation surface²³⁻²⁶. It was shown that this surface was prone to high shear deformation and resulted in poor bone fixation and formation of fibrous tissues. Early failure of these femoral stems (*i.e.*, isoelastic) were related to a lack of fixation, which caused loosening.²⁷

This new biomimetic composite stem is also quite different from the recently studied cobalt-chrome (Co-Cr) stem with a surface layer of polyaryletherketone (PAEK) and a fully porous titanium (Ti) mesh coating²⁸⁻³², which clinically showed the expected reduced bone loss, and stable initial and mid-term bone fixation. The overall stiffness of this stem, calculated from the bending stiffness²⁸ is however still higher than that of cortical bone's.

Following the literature, all bone remodeling simulations are conducted on conventional metallic implants (*e.g.*, titanium, cobalt-chrome and stainless steel alloys). However, no single numerical study has been reported for investigating bone remodeling when HA-

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3 coated composite prostheses are implanted. Therefore, further work is needed in this area.
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5 The aims of this study are thus: 1) to simulate the bone remodeling process in the
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7 proximal femur around a new biomimetic composite hip prosthesis using strain energy
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9 density model combined with Finite Element Method (FEM); and 2) to compare bone
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11 density distributions after THR using the composite-based hip and titanium alloy-based
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20 MATERIALS AND METHODS

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28 The bone remodeling model adopted in this paper is based on the one developed by
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30 Huiskes et al.¹⁶ and expanded later by Weinans et al.,³³ incorporating the dead zone
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32 concept. This model uses strain energy density (*SED*) or *U* as the mechanical signal that
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34 launches and controls the bone remodeling process. The strain energy density *U* can be
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36 expressed as function of stresses and strains by the following equation:
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$$39 \quad U = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} \quad (1)$$

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46 density and the rate of change of bone density is linear. The remodeling governing
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48 equation can be written as follows:
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$$50 \quad \frac{d\rho}{dt} = B(U - k), \quad 0 < \rho \leq \rho_{cb} \quad (2)$$

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where ρ represents the apparent density of the bone, ρ_{cb} is the maximum density of the cortical bone, the constants B and k represent the remodeling rate and the site-specific reference strain energy density respectively.

Carter et al.³⁴ have shown that bone remodeling will not occur if there is no difference between the actual strain energy density (SED) and site-specific reference (target) one (k). This difference known as stimuli (S) is the driving force for adaptation process. In other words, there are thresholds to be exceeded before bone adaptation could occur. The zone, where no adaptive response occurs ($2s$) is called ‘dead zone’ (Fig. 1).

Considering the concept of the dead zone, the new equations for internal bone remodeling are reformulated as follows:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \begin{cases} B[U - (1-s)k], & \text{if } U \leq (1-s)k \text{ resorption,} \\ 0, & \text{if } (1-s)k < U < (1+s)k \text{ dead zone,} \\ B[U - (1+s)k], & \text{if } U \geq (1+s)k, \text{ formation} \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

The differential equation of bone remodeling (Eq. 3) is solved using Euler’s forward method with a constant time step Δt . The change in bone density $\Delta\rho(x)$ in each step is obtained by the following expression:

$$\Delta\rho(x) = \Delta t \cdot \left(\frac{d\rho}{dt} \right) \tag{4}$$
$$0 < \rho \leq \rho_{cb}$$

The new bone density in each element is then calculated by the following equation:

$$\rho(x, t + \Delta t) = \rho(x, t) + \Delta\rho(x, t) \tag{5}$$

Convergence of this iterative process is considered when no significant changes in density of elements are observed (*i.e.* current density minus density at prior time step tends to zero) or when the bone density has reached its maximum or minimal values. In order to make sure that convergence of remodeling process is reached, the following convergence criterion for density is used:

$$CONVD = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \left(\rho_i^{(t)} - \rho_i^{(t-1)} \right) \right| \quad (6)$$

where n is the number of elements in the FEM, $CONVD$ is the sum of the mean absolute values of variation in relative apparent density.

The value of $CONVD$ is calculated after each iteration, when no further change in density is observed (*i.e.*, $CONVD$ approaches to zero) bone remodeling equilibrium is reached. Weinans et al.³³ noticed that the remodeling objective $U = k$ will not be met in elements in which the bone resorbs completely ($\rho = 0.01$) or in which cortical bone is obtained ($\rho = \rho_{cb}$), the remodeling process stops; hence, the remodeling objective $U = k$ will not be met.

The boundary condition for the predicted apparent density is given by:

$$\rho_{\min} < \rho < \rho_{cb} \quad (7)$$

The elastic modulus is determined by the empirical relationship under compressive loading proposed by Carter and Hayes,⁹ in which the bone density (g/cm^3) is correlated to the elastic modulus (MPa) as follows:

$$E = a\rho^3 \quad (8)$$

where a is constant.

Sensitivity analyses for two different density modulus relationships were conducted by Weinnans et al.³⁵ The first relationship taken from Carter and Hayes⁹ and the second relationship taken from Goldstein et al.³⁶. Results showed that the FE models provide consistent stress-shielding patterns in the bone, independent of the choice of the bone density modulus relationship used in the computer model.

For the numerical simulation of the femoral model, Weinans et al.³³ used the values of constant parameters presented in Table 1. The authors showed that these parameter values produced density distribution that was similar to the one obtained by Fyhrie and Carter,³⁷ indicating some resemblance to the natural distribution in the femur. Also, a comparison between animal experiments and adaptive remodeling simulation around bonded non-cemented THR showed similar amounts of proximal bone loss and distal bone densification.¹⁵

In the present simulation parameter values in Table 1 are considered since they lead to realistic bone configuration. Values of the remaining parameters, *i.e.*, values of the starting bone density ρ_0 and the time step Δt , are chosen so that they provide realistic bone density distributions and ensure the stability of the iterative process ($\Delta t = 20$ time unit, $\rho_0 = 0.8$ (g/cm³)).

3-D geometries of the proximal femur and the prosthesis

Computerized tomography (CT) scan sections of the composite femur were used to generate the 3-D geometric model of the proximal femur³⁸ (Fig. 2). The bone material was assumed to be isotropic and linear-elastic. The initial value of bone density was considered homogenous in the whole bone volume and was set to 0.8 g/cm^3 . The material properties of the bone in the first time step depended on the initial value of bone density; in the next time steps the properties changed with bone density change. According to Balle³⁹, Kuhl and Balle¹⁷, a number of case studies has shown that the initial bone density does not have a significant influence on the final density distribution. The initial Young modulus corresponded to the initial bone density was calculated from Eq. 8 to be 1940 MPa, with a equal to 3790 and initial bone density ρ of 0.8 g/cm^3 . Poisson's ratio ν was assumed to be equal to 0.3.

The 3-D geometry of the modular composite hip stem prosthesis is shown in Figure 3a. This stem is straight, follows the antecurvation of the shaft of the femoral bone, has an oval cross-section, and a shaft angle of 135° . The solid model of the prosthesis was created using commercially available software (CATIAV5R13; Dassault Systèmes, Montreal, CA). The design concept of the biomimetic stem is inspired from the structure of the femoral bone itself.⁴⁰ The latter is made of a polymer composite material with a variable density close to that of the cortical bone (density ranged of between 1.6 and 2.1 g/cm^3) to close to that of the spongy bone (density of between 0.03 and 0.12 g/cm^3).⁴⁰ It is composed of 3 mm sub-structure thickness composite of a carbon fiber

(CF)/polyamide 12 (PA12) with carbon fiber content of 68%, as determined from thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA), a 100 microns thick bioactive HA coating in the proximal section and an internal polymeric core. The bioactive HA coating was introduced to promote bone osteointegration and enhance the fixation strength. The sub-structure of the stem is composed of concentric layers of braided commingled composite fibers with pre-determined fiber orientation to reproduce the stiffness of the cortical bone (elastic modulus to be between 12 and 20 GPa).^{40,41} This particular braiding architecture combines filament winding and weaving. The fiber orientation or the helix angle varied between 20° and 50°. 40 spindles of thread were mounted on the carriers in order to obtain a thread-to-thread weave pattern. In the FEM study, an approximate fiber orientation of $\pm 45^\circ$ for the braided layers was considered (see Fig. 3b). For the polymeric core, typical values of different polyethylene grades (low density or high density) were considered. The values of the elastic properties used for the composite material are shown in Table 2.¹⁹

Details of the FE models, boundary and load conditions

Three dimensional finite element models are constructed and analyzed using the software (ANSYS 10.0; Ansys, Inc., Montreal, CA). The first model represents the intact femoral bone (Fig. 4a), the second and the third ones represent THR using conventional Ti-base alloy ($E = 110$ GPa, $\nu = 0.3$) and biomimetic composite (CF/PA12) stems respectively. The bone-implant interface is modeled using surface-to-surface contact elements (CONTA174 and TARGE170). For the two THR models, the interface condition between

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32 employed to simulate the composite sub-structure. Generally SHELL99 element is used
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3 muscle forces. Additionally, two frequent activities mainly walking and stair climbing
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12 directions, are as given in the literature^{42,43} (see Table 3 and 4). The loads were
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23 24 25 **Convergence of bone remodeling process**

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41 figure illustrates the variation of the mean change in bone density per number of elements
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45 convergence of the calculated results is obtained when N reaches 60 iterations.
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(zone below the neck resection or Gruen zone seven), the mean values of bone density range between 1.0 and 1.7 g/cm³ for the intact femoral bone, while in the distal part of the femur these values range between 1.4 and 1.74 g/cm³. When the Ti stem is used, the mean values of bone density in Gruen zone seven range between 0.01 and 0.9 g/cm³, whereas the composite stem generates bone density between 0.8 to 1.7 g/cm³. These values show up to 40% reduction in bone density when the conventional implant is used. However, in Gruen zone four (region around the distal tip of the implant), bone density distributions are quite similar for both Ti and CF/PA 12 stems as can be seen from Figure 8. In the remaining zones (*i.e.* zone 1, 2, 3, 5, 6), values of bone density are lower for the titanium stem than those found with CF/PA 12 stem by approximately 20 to 30%.

These results are confirmed by FEM analyses of cross sections (sliced views) of the proximal femoral bone in Figures 8 and 9. By comparing the density distribution in the intact femoral bone with the one implanted with CF/PA12 composite stem (Figs. 8b and 9b), it appears that the bone density distributions are quite close to each other, indicating the potential of the composite stem to reduce stress shielding and bone resorption.⁵ On the contrary, bone density distributions using Ti stem are lower than those found in the intact femoral showing that stiff materials lead to bone resorption.

Strain energy distribution in the FE models

It is obvious that the strain energy (SE), as well as the strain energy density (SED) decrease after total hip replacement. Figures 10 and 11 illustrate the strain energy density for the three FE models used in this study. The mean values of the strain energy density

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3 in natural femur vary from 0.24 to 5.3 mJ/cm³. These values range between 0.21 and 4.3
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8 seen from these figures, strain energy density patterns (Figs 10a and 11a) in the intact
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27 **Influence of loading conditions on stress shielding using the composite stem**

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DISCUSSION

Many research have demonstrated that analytical and numerical models may be used before conducting extensive experimental tests as initial tools to evaluate components for the design of composite hip implants.^{45,46} Bone remodeling after THR was simulated to assess the amount of stress shielding in the new biomimetic composite stem. The bone remodeling theory based on strain energy density used for this study to demonstrate the potential of the biomimetic composite stem was tested experimentally in five elderly patients⁴⁷. Investigation of bone density using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) showed that the predicted bone loss agree nicely with the DEXA measurements on the retrievals.

In this study, two surgical procedures were evaluated and compared to the initial bone configuration. The first one was the THR with conventional biomedical Ti-6Al-4V and the second one used a new biomimetic composite stem. Three FE models were employed to compute the strain energy and bone density distribution. Results of numerical simulations have shown that the biomimetic composite prosthesis results in bone density closer to that obtained in the intact femoral bone when compared to Ti-6Al-4V stems. This is consistent with previous work conducted on flexible composite and metallic femoral components.⁴⁸ In addition, the biomimetic stem generates considerably higher bone density and strain energy density than the Ti-6Al-4V prosthesis in the proximal part of the femur, due to its resulting stiffness closer to that in the intact femoral bone. Unlike

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5 of the femur, in agreement with other studies.^{15,49} It can be explained by the fact that the
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7 Ti alloy-based prosthesis, which have a high stiffness (110 GPa), sustains the greater part
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41 the stress distribution, which in turn, may influence SED and bone density distributions³⁵.
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16 design of any new implant. A possible extension of the present work would be to
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20 biological and biochemical processes. A new thermodynamic model based on irreversible
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24 group.⁵⁴ We believe that this new model is a powerful tool to design implants. It can be
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28 remodelling such as osteoporosis. Therefore the application of this thermodynamic bone
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38 **CONCLUSION**

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1: Bone remodeling process as described by Huiskes et al.¹⁶

Figure 2: Three dimensional geometry of the femoral bone: a) intact bone and b) cut bone.

Figure 3: Biomimetic hip stem and coordinate system: a) concept design and b) 3-D geometry of the composite stem. Ply configurations used for the composite material $[(\pm 45^\circ)_6]$.

Figure 4: 3-D FE models: a) intact femoral bone, b) femoral bone with CF/PA12 stem and c) femoral bone with Ti stem.

Figure 5: Variation of mean change in density (CONVD) versus the number of iterations (N).

Figure 6: 3D view of bone density distribution (g/cm^3): a) intact femur, b) with CF/PA12 stem and c) with Ti stem.

Figure 7: Section view of bone density distribution (g/cm^3): a) intact femur, b) with CF/PA12 stem and c) with Ti stem.

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Figure 8: A slice view trough the vertical axe of the femur: a) intact femur, b) with CF/PA12 stem and c) with Ti stem.

Figure 9: a) A slice through the proximal section of the femur, b) bone density distributions in the cross section (A-A)

Figure 11: Strain energy density distribution (Joule/cm³): a) intact femur, b) with CF/PA12 stem and c) with Ti stem

Figure 12: Effect of load variation on bone density distribution (g/cm³) using: a) walking load and b) stair climbing load

Figure 13: A slice view of bone density in the proximal femur (g/cm³) using: a) walking load and b) stair climbing load

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TABLE I
Values of parameters used in Weinans et al. model³³

Parameter	Unit	Value
B	$(\text{g}/\text{cm}^3)^2/(\text{MPa} \cdot \text{time unit})$	1
k	J/g	0.004
E	MPa	$3790\rho^3$
s	-----	0.35
ρ_{min}	g/cm^3	0.01
ρ_{max}	g/cm^3	1.74

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TABLE II
Mechanical properties of the composite prosthesis

Material	Modulus of Elasticity (MPa)	Shear Modulus (MPa)	Poisson's Ratio
CF/PA12 composite ($\pm 45^\circ$)	$E_x = 15\ 400$	$G_{xy} = 3\ 000$	$\nu_{xy} = 0.3$
	$E_y = 15\ 400$	$G_{xz} = 3\ 500$	$\nu_{xz} = 0.25$
	$E_z = 3\ 500$	$G_{yz} = 3\ 200$	$\nu_{yz} = 0.2$
Polymeric core	$E = 600$	$G = 250$	$\nu = 0.2$

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TABLE III
Values of the Components of Hip Joint Forces Used in the FE Models

Load Case	Activity	Resultant load (N)	Load Components (N)		
			F _x	F _y	F _z
1	Single limb stance	3409	-1492	-915	2925
2	Walking	3231	-1283	-700	2882
3	Stair climbing	2318	-1034	-906	1866

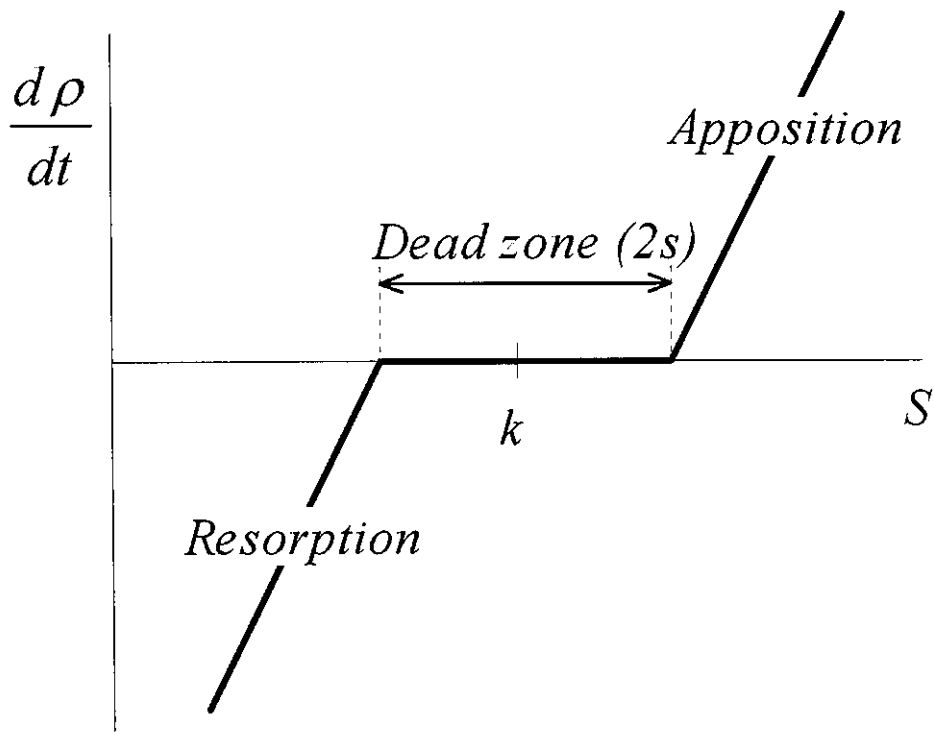
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TABLE IV
Values of the Components of Muscle Forces due to Various Activities

Activity	Resultant Load (N)	Load Components (N)		
		F_x	F_y	F_z
Single Limb stance	2592	1342	832	- 2055
Walking	1086	471	144	- 967
Stair Climbing	750	375	377	- 532

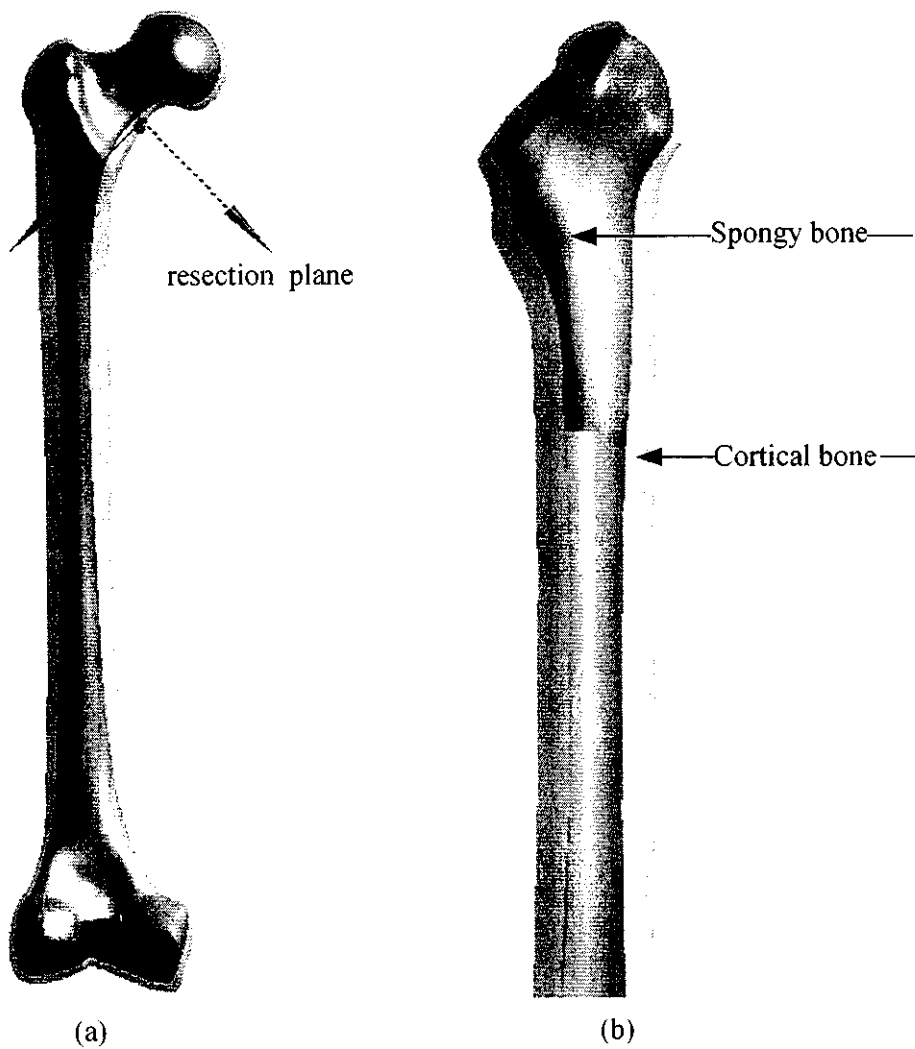
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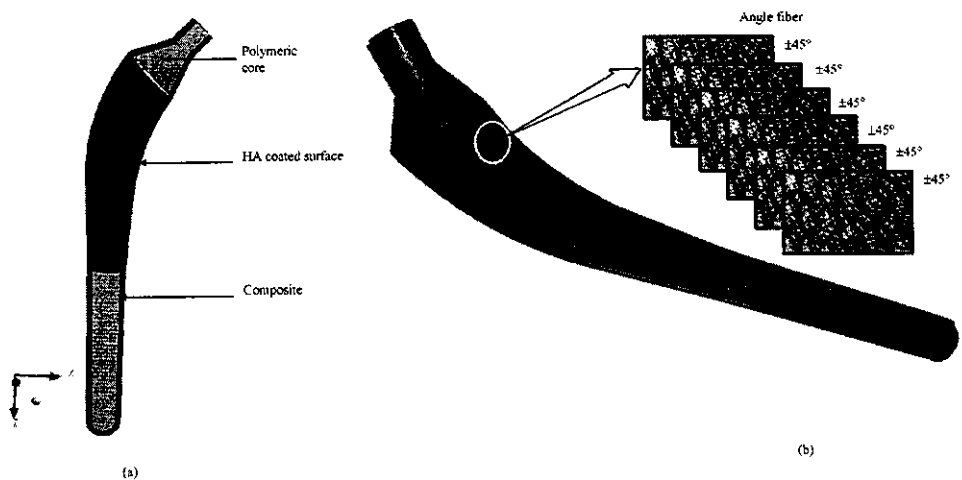
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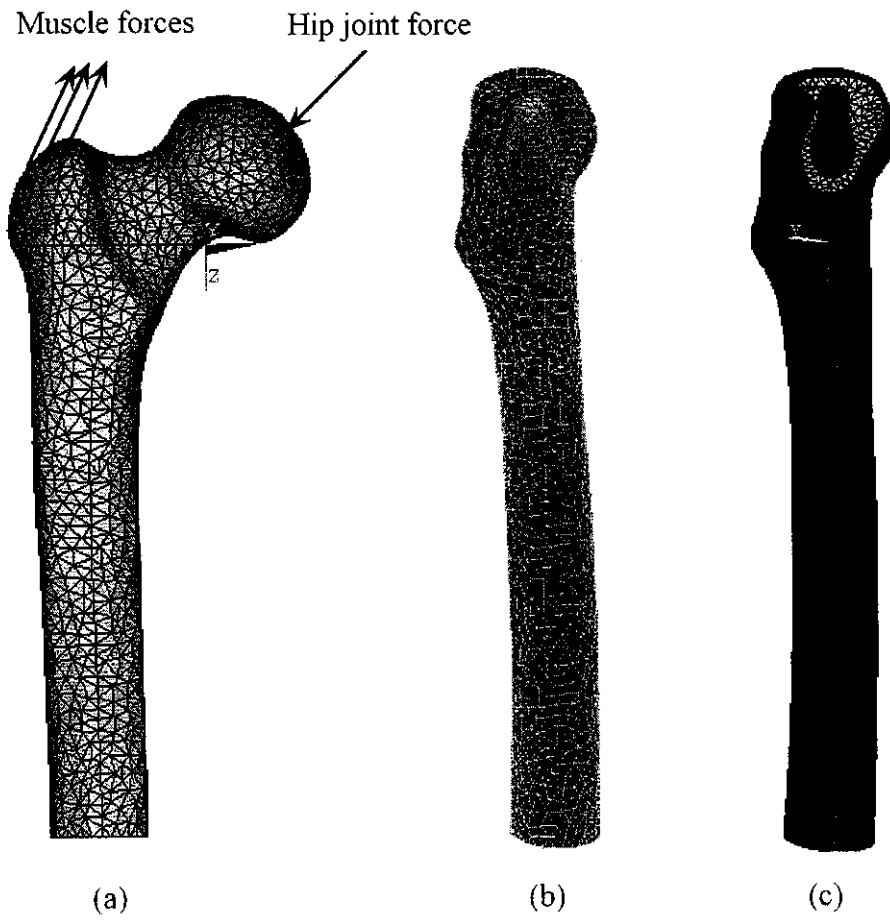
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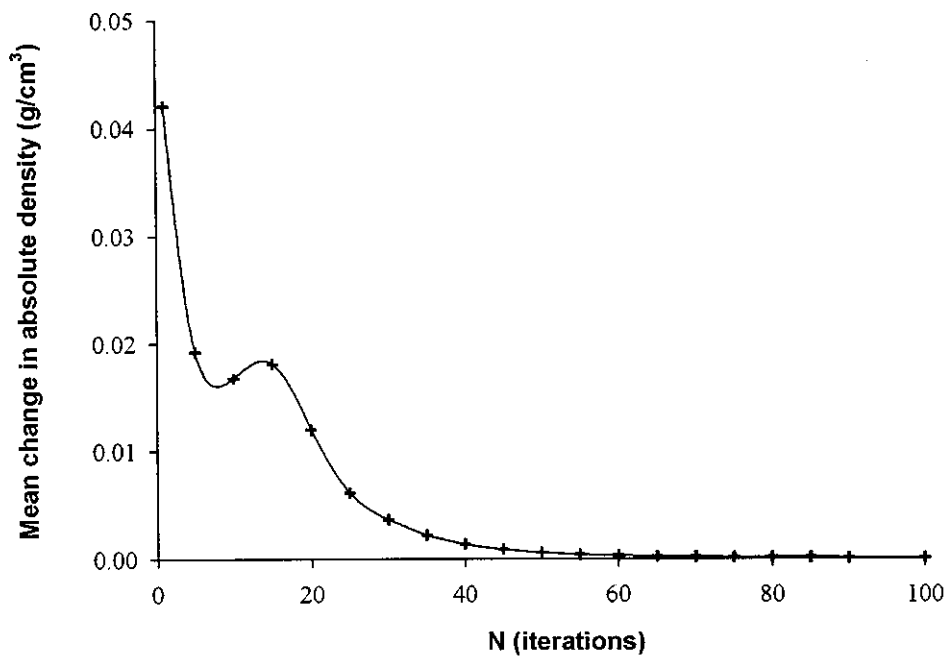
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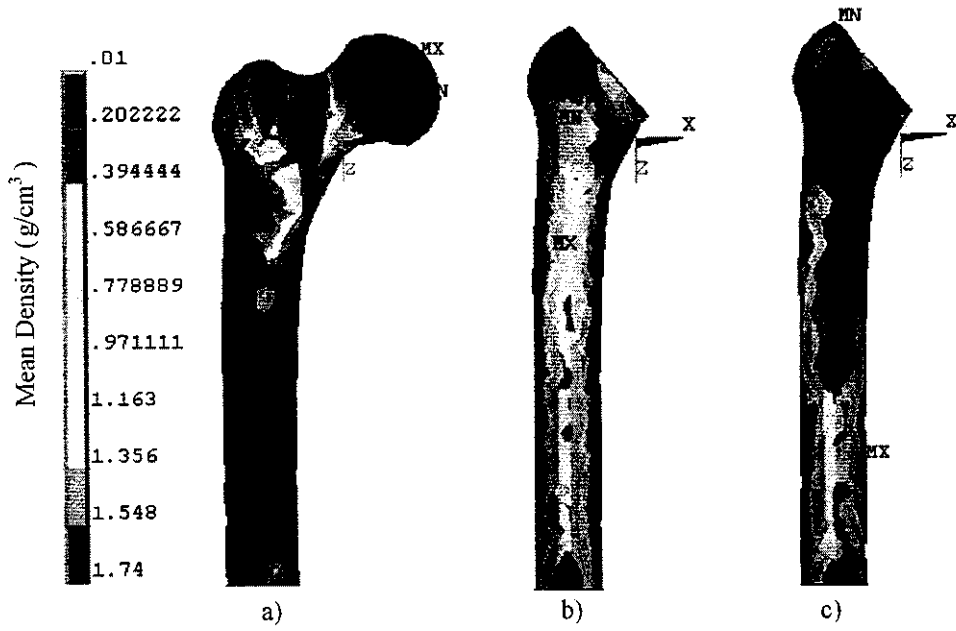


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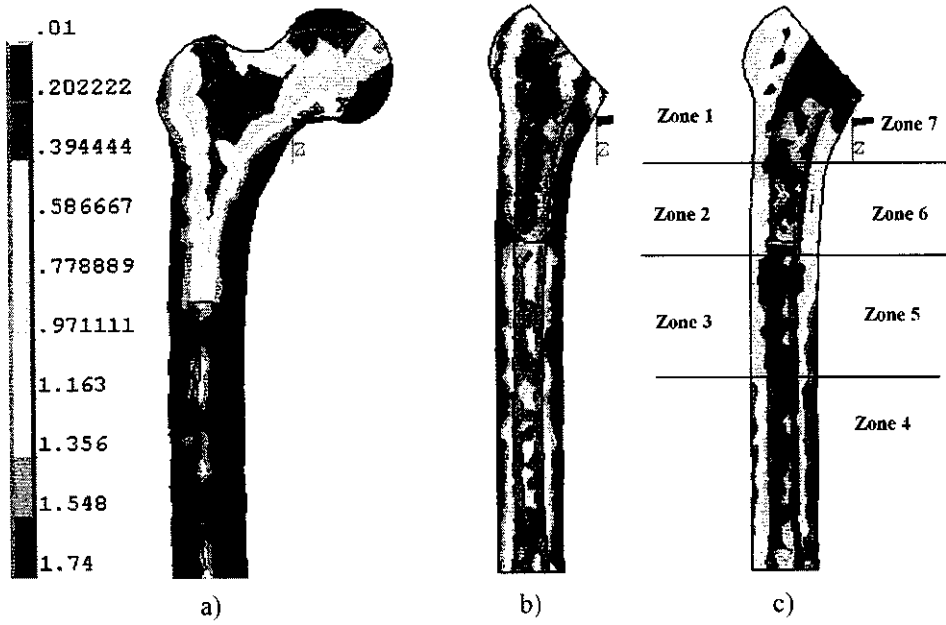
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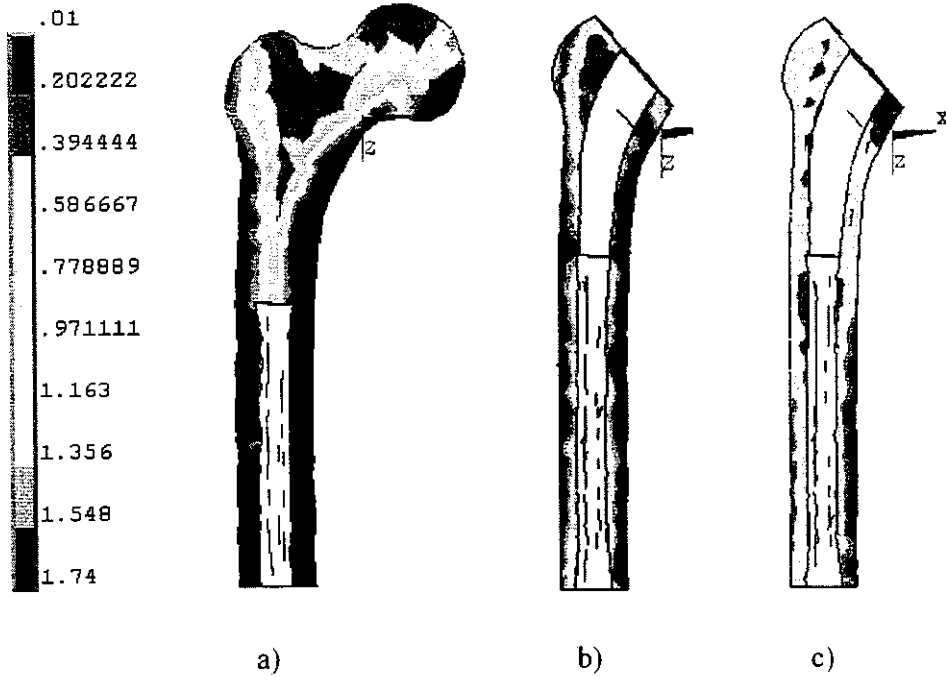
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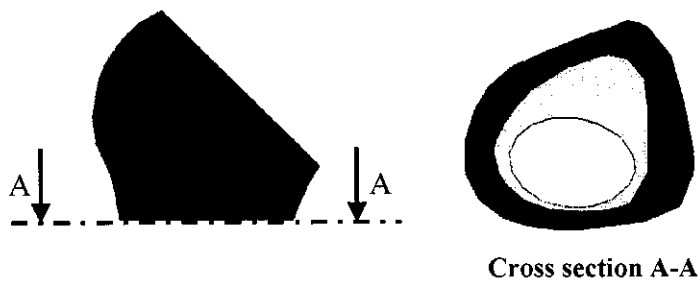


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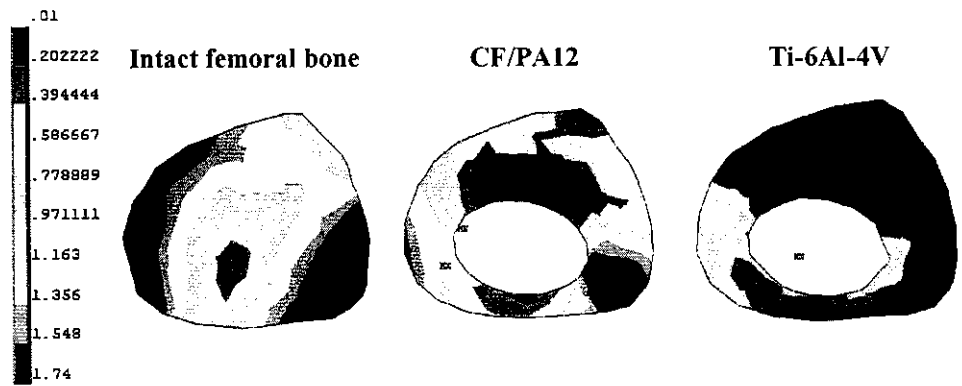


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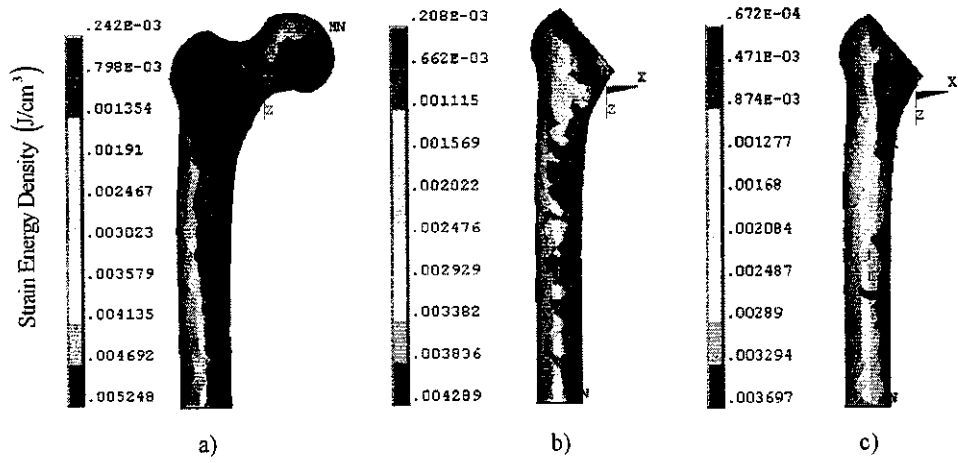
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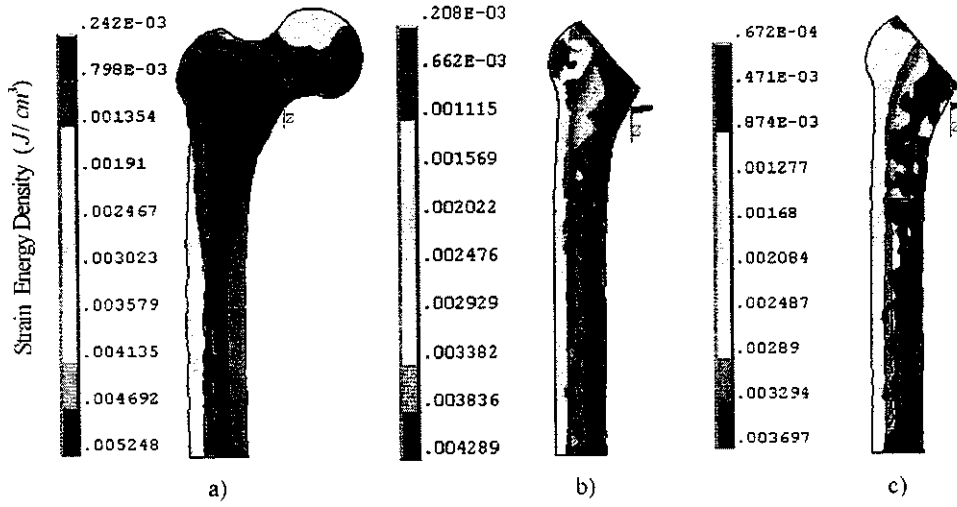
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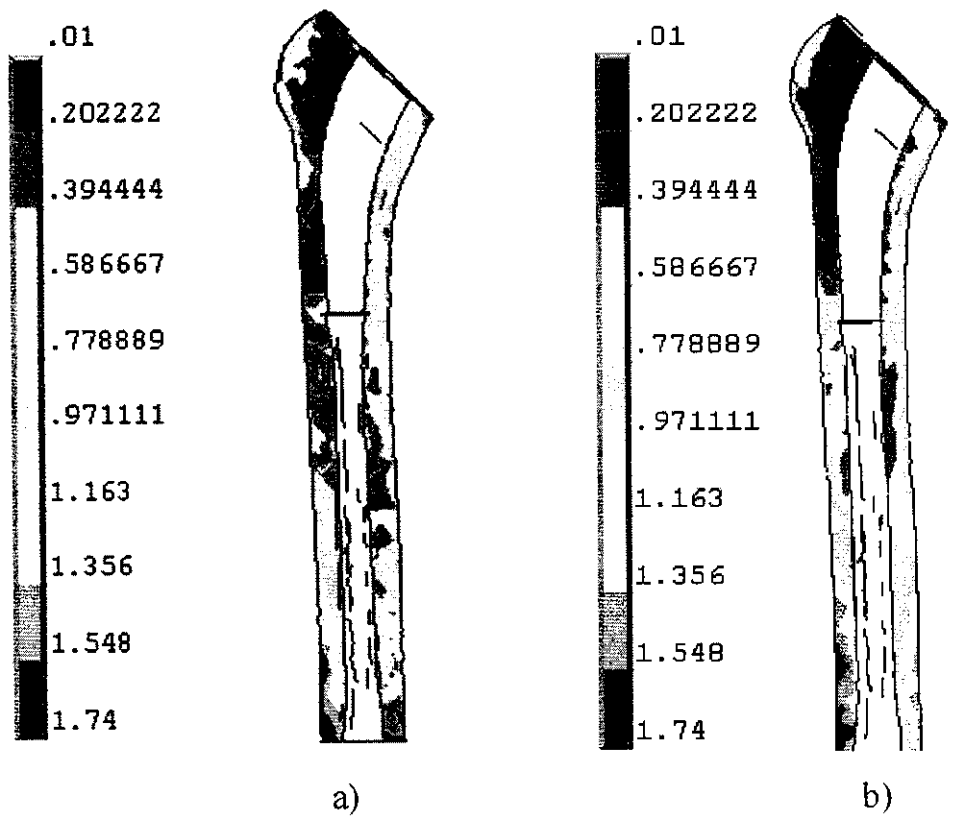


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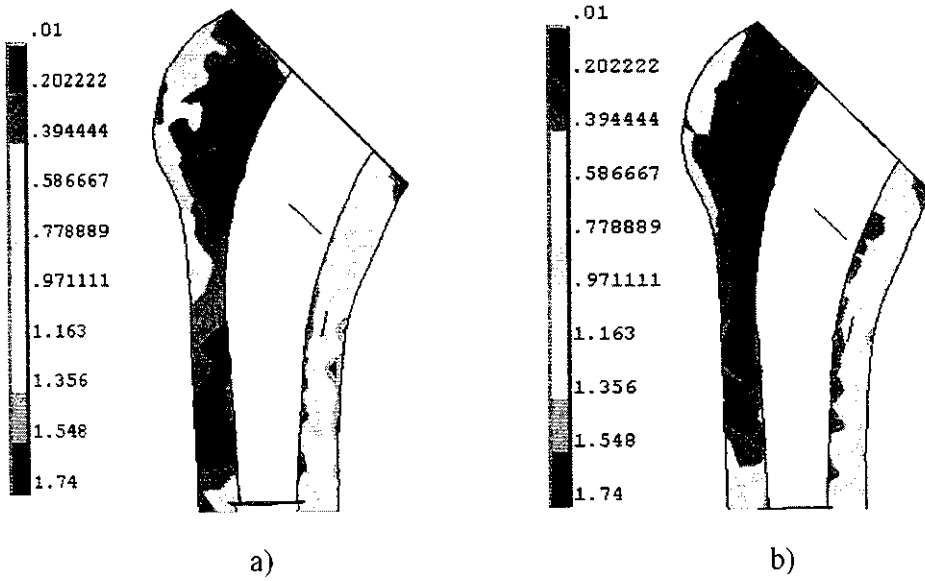


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