Finite Element Analysis Software
Specifications

Main features:

The Scanco Finite Element software consists of several additional software modules to enable Finite Element (FE) analyses. With this type of analyses it is possible to simulate mechanical tests in order to calculate bone mechanical properties and loading condition. It contains:

- A solver for linear elastic microstructural finite element analyses
- A solver for non-linear continuum finite element analyses using fabric/density based properties
- An export tool to convert micro-CT images to input files for 3rd party FE-solvers
- Tools for pre- and post processing

Finite Element solvers

Main features

- Integrated in the standard evaluation-tasks workflow: FE-analysis can be started with a few mouse clicks
- Contains a built-in library of pre-defined tests (compression, tension, torsion, bending etc.)
- Micro-FE models can represent the actual bone microstructure for linear elastic analysis
- Continuum-FE models can represent the homogenized bone microstructure for elastic/plastic/damage analysis
- Integrated in Scanco-IPL for scriptable user-defined analysis
- Results of FE-analyses are stored in a database for easy access
- Solving can be automatically redirected to an additional Linux computer or Windows PC for parallel processing

Typical applications for mechanical analysis of XtremeCT images

- Well validated approach to measure in-vivo mechanical properties of bone
- Assessment of Stiffness, Failure load and Load distribution
- Assessment of changes in mechanical properties over time

Typical applications for mechanical analysis of vivaCT and microCT images

- Simulation of mechanical tests
- Complete characterization of elastic properties of bone samples
- Determination of bone tissue-level loading conditions

Export tool for 3rd party solvers

Main features

- Supports MSC.MARC™, ABAQUS™ and ANSYS™ format
- Voxel conversion and marching tetrahedrons algorithms
- Can generate 1st/2nd order hexahedron/tetrahedron models
- Can generate mixed hexahedron/tetrahedron models (bricks inside, tetrahedrons at the surface)
- Built-in library of pre-defined tests for easy generation of boundary conditions
- Can assign voxel density-dependent element material properties to micro-FE analysis
- Can assign homogenized density and fabric values to elements for continuum-FE analysis

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