

# **MicroCT Analysis**

Southwest Research Institute<sup>®</sup> (SwRI<sup>®</sup>) offers expertise in high-resolution micro-computed tomography (microCT) imaging and analysis. SwRI's advanced imaging system allows high-resolution digital X-ray inspection and microCT imaging of a wide variety of samples, including musculoskeletal tissue and structures, and a variety of polymeric, metallic, and ceramic industrial and medical device components.

# 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
- Dimensional characterization and defect inspection of medical devices
- Large imaging area for large samples
- High-resolution imaging
- Bone density and quality analysis

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

> 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**

SwRI's biomechanics engineers develop and apply advanced computational and unique experimental techniques to address a variety of musculoskeletal biomechanics-related problems, including:

- 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.

## We welcome your inquiries. For more information, please contact:

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