

Mechanics Lab
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We utilize multiscale approaches to study composition, architecture, mechanical integrity, and fracture resistance throughout the hierarchy of bone:

- To understand differences caused by disease
- To modify tissue properties with interventions
- To increase fracture resistance even if tissue is defective
- To focus on the critical role of collagen in bone health

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#### Aiming to improve bone health and quality of life for:

Diabetes • Chronic Kidney Disease • Osteogenesis imperfecta • Lathyrism • Osteoporosis • and more!

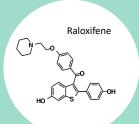
Trabecular bone

Cortical bone

## **Treatments under Investigation**

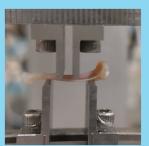


Exercise and mechanical stimulation

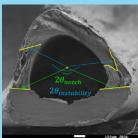


Anabolics and SERMS

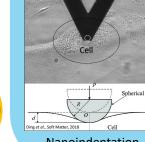
# **Mechanical Analyses**



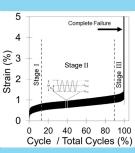
Bending tests



Fracture toughness

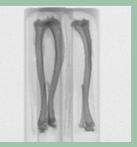


Nanoindentation

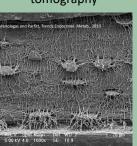


Fatigue

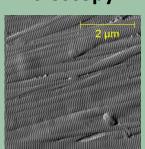
## **Imaging and Microscopy**



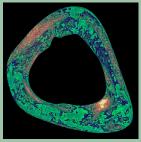
Micro-computed tomography



Scanning electron microscopy

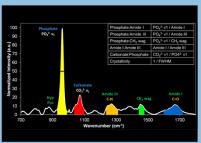


Atomic force microscopy

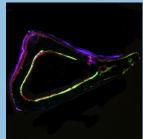


Polarized light microscopy

# **Composition and Organization**



Raman Spectroscopy



Dynamic histomorphometry