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# Joint-Based Skin Deformation in God of War Ragnarök

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# Talk Outline

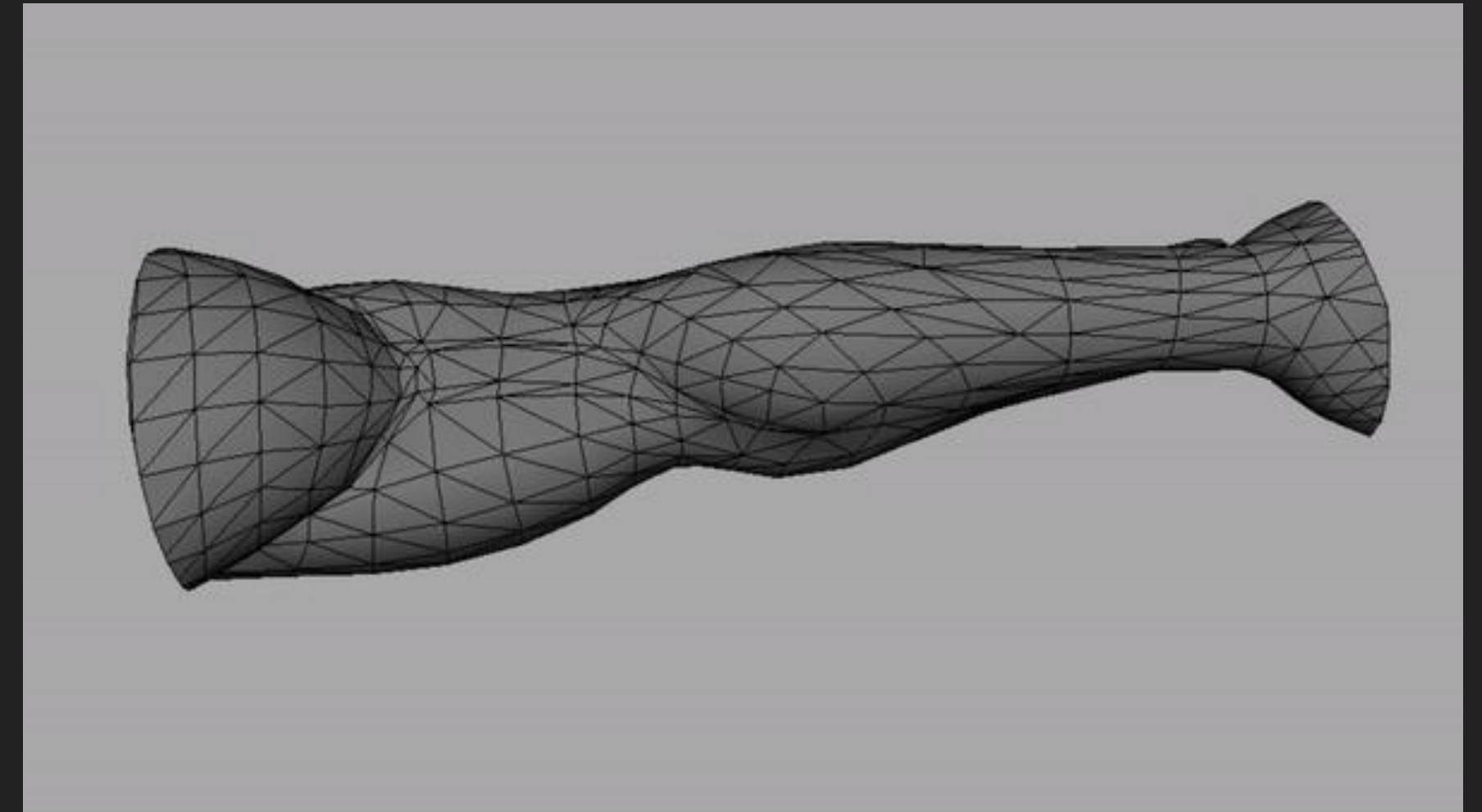
- Joint-Based Muscle Rig
- Joint Dynamics



# Joint Based Muscle Deformatio

## n. Helper Joints

GDC 2005: Helper Joints: Advanced Deformation  
s on Runtime Characters by Jason Parks



Corrective Joint-Based Rigs By Kiel Friggins

## • Skinning Decomposition and RBF Driver

Dem-Bones or Skinning Converter in Houdini  
RBF Solver



Automatic Creation of Helper Joints with Skinning Decomposition and RBF  
By Chad Vernon



# Muscle Simulation with ZivaRT



Physically Based Muscle & Costume Deformations



Non-Physically Based



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# Muscle Simulation with PSD



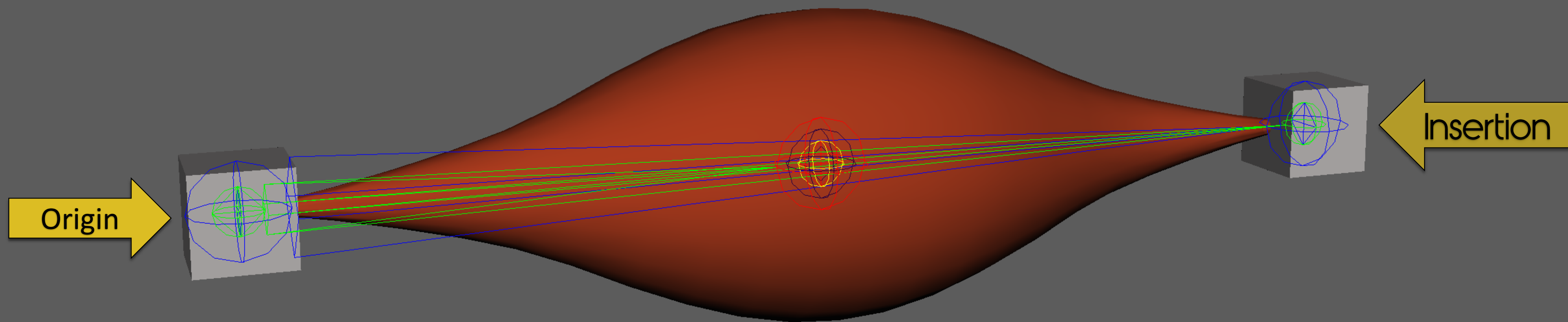




# Joint-Based Muscle Rig



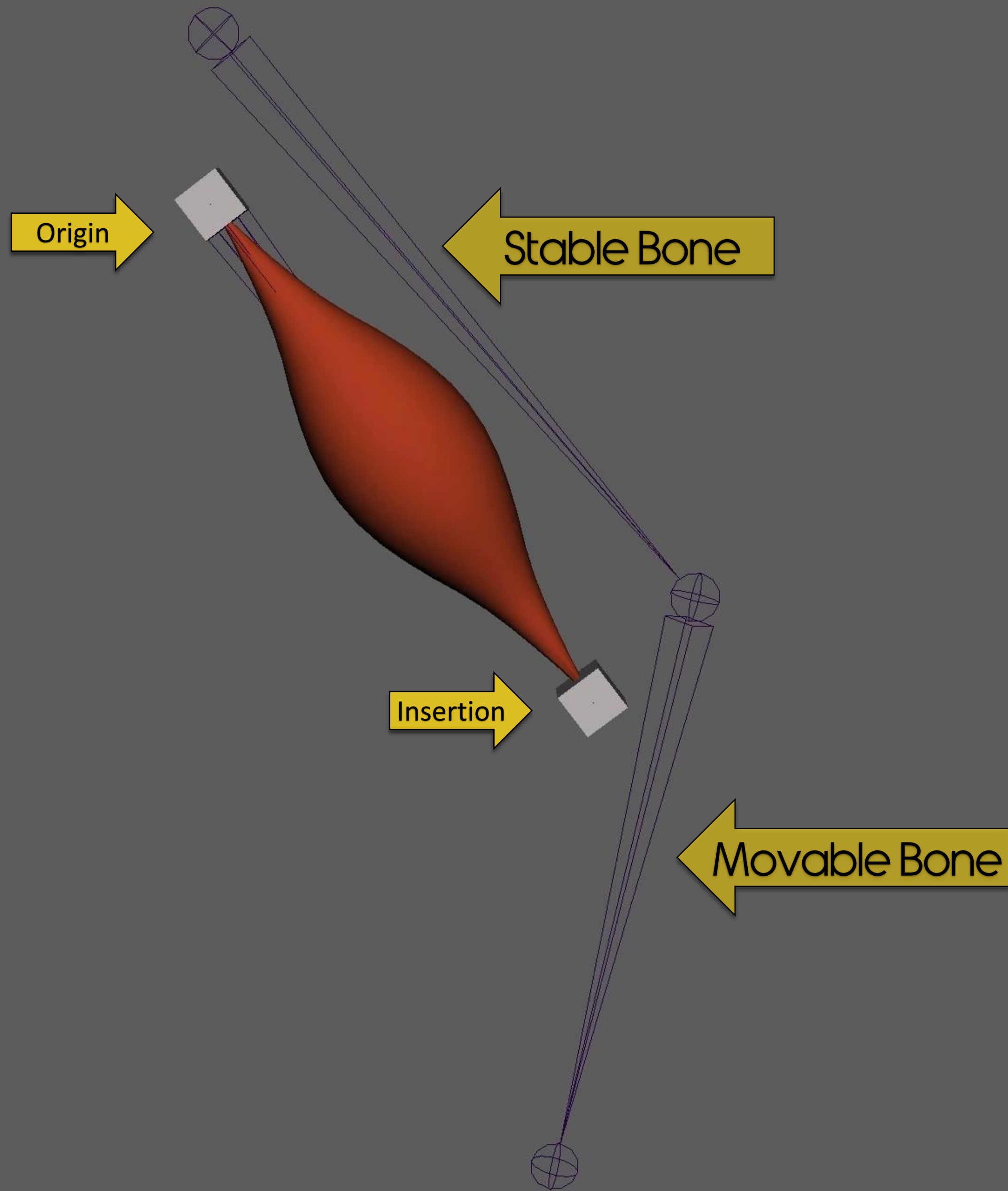
# Muscle Joint Group





# Muscle Properties

- Curve fiber structure, start - end
- Volume preservation
- Dynamics

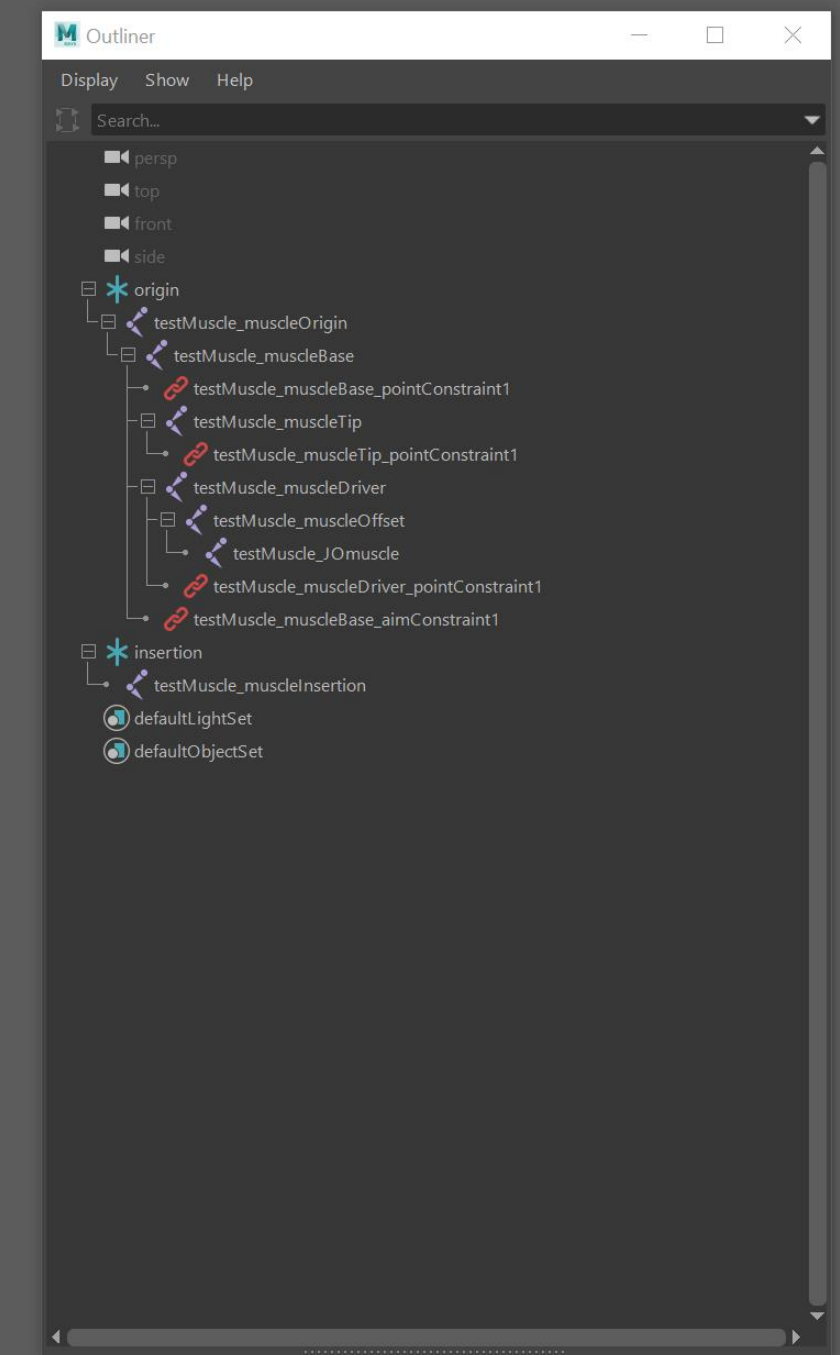
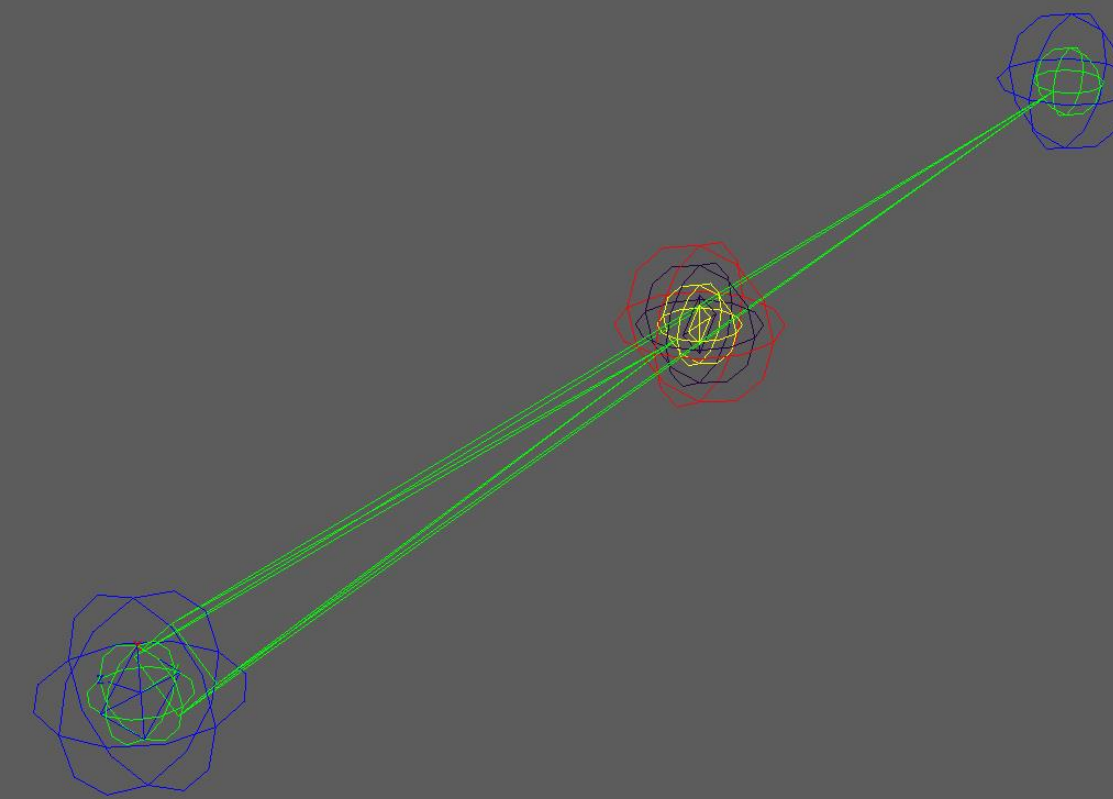




# Muscle Joint Group

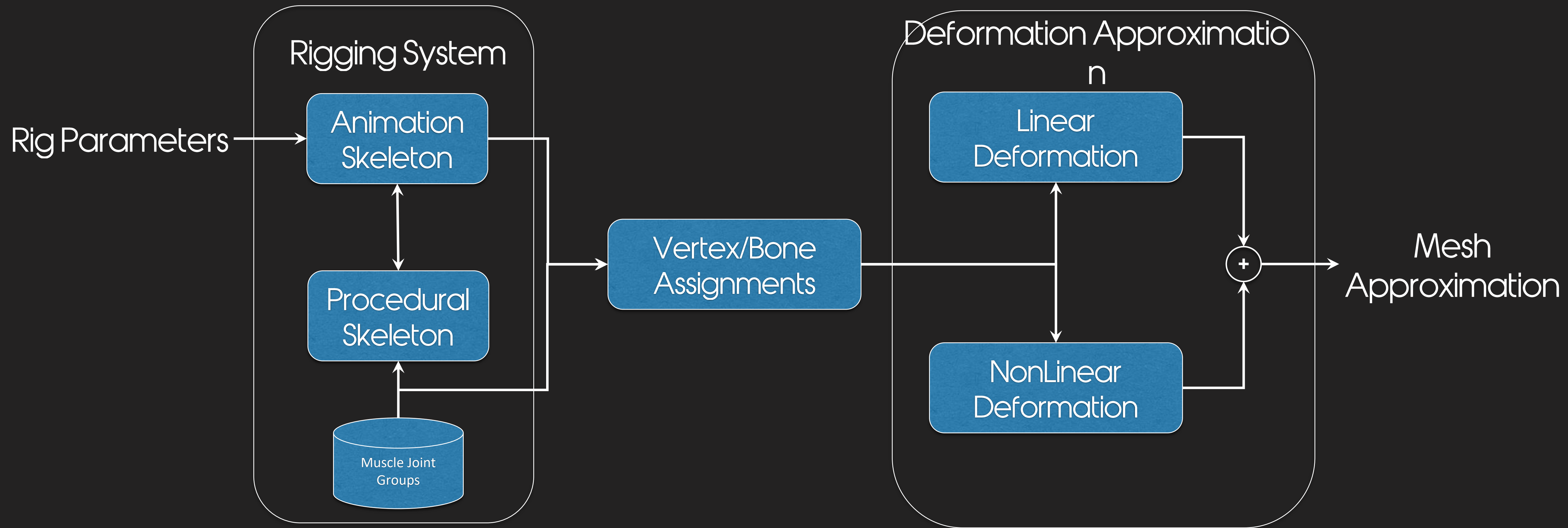
- Use aim constraints to simulate muscle attachments
- Use point constraints to simulate muscle movement
- Use set driven key to simulate muscle bulges and correct deformation
- Constraints and SDK are supported in-engine

- muscle origin and muscle insertion
- muscle base and muscle tip
- muscle driver
- muscle skinned joint





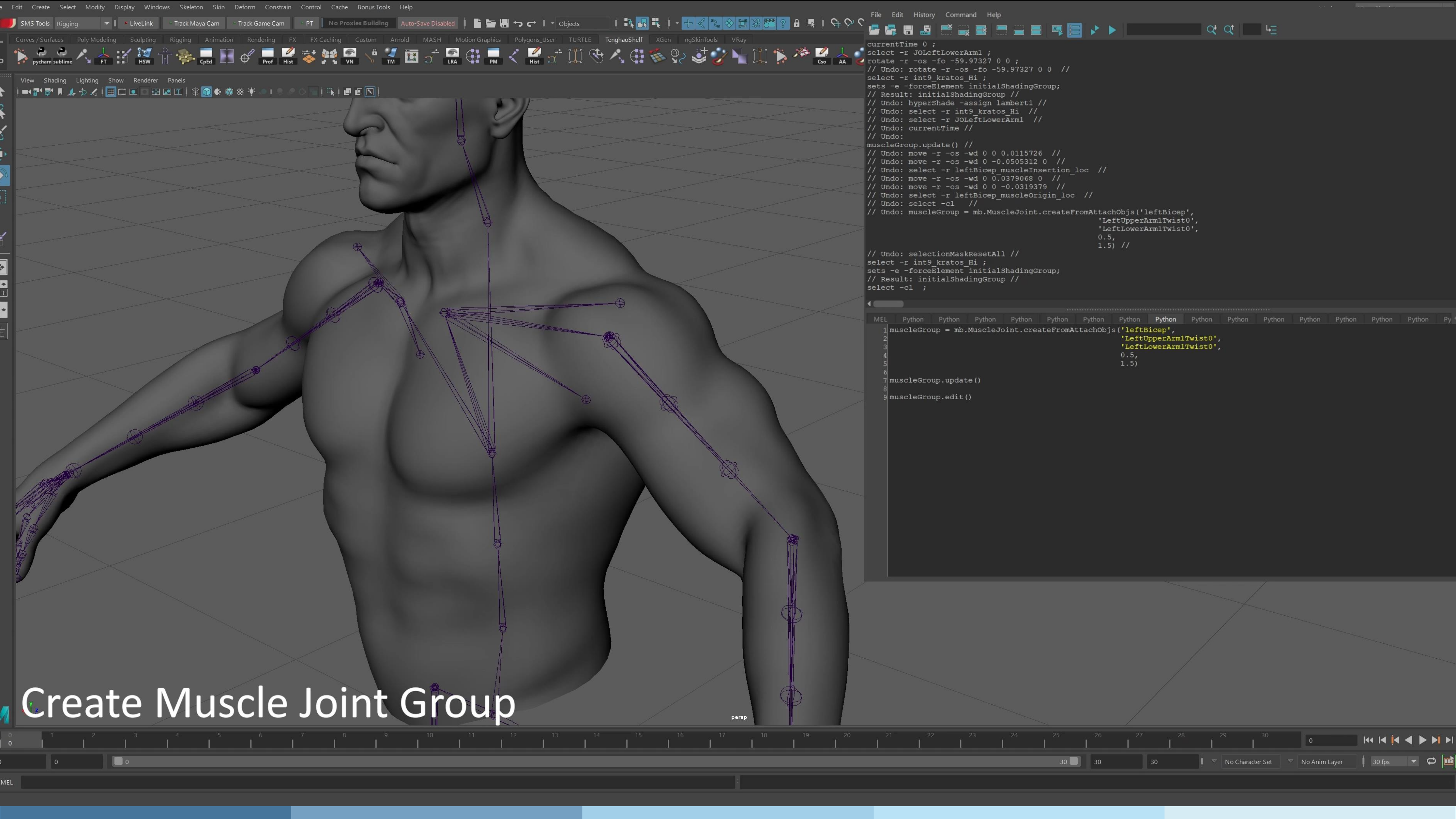
# Overview of the Joint-Based Muscle Rig











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currentTime 0 ;
select -r JOLeftLowerArm1 ;
rotate -r -os -fo -59.97327 0 0 ;
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select -r int9_kratos_Hi ;
sets -e -forceElement initialShadingGroup;
// Result: initialShadingGroup //
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// Undo:
muscleGroup.update() //
// Undo: move -r -os -wd 0 0 0.0115726 //
// Undo: move -r -os -wd 0 -0.0505312 0 //
// Undo: select -r leftBicep_muscleInsertion_loc //
// Undo: move -r -os -wd 0 0.0379068 0 //
// Undo: move -r -os -wd 0 0 -0.0319379 //
// Undo: select -r leftBicep_muscleOrigin_loc //
// Undo: select -cl //
// Undo: muscleGroup = mb.MuscleJoint.createFromAttachObjs('leftBicep',
'LeftUpperArm1Twist0',
'LeftLowerArm1Twist0',
0.5,
1.5) //

// Undo: selectionMaskResetAll //
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sets -e -forceElement initialShadingGroup;
// Result: initialShadingGroup //
select -cl ;

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7 muscleGroup.update()
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9 muscleGroup.edit()

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# Create Muscle Joint Group



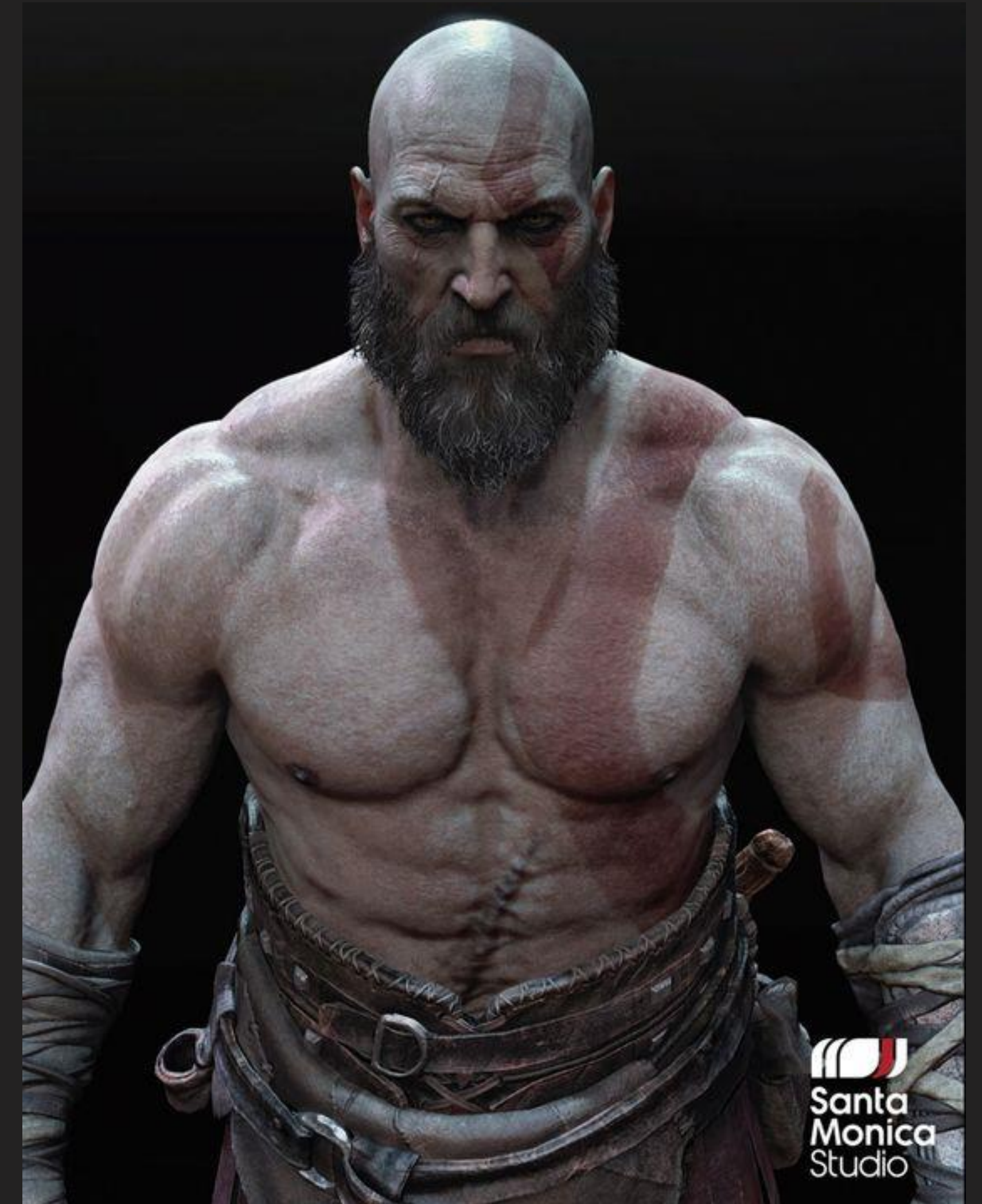
- 26 muscle joint groups
- 14 bilateral muscles
- +130 runtime-driven joints
- +26 skinned joints
- +0 animation sampled joints





# Advantages of the Joint-Based Muscle Rig

- No highly realistic blendshapes needed
- Not depend on registered pose spaces
- Compatible with the game engine
- Speed up rig evaluation and save memory usage
- A generic and systematic rigging solution





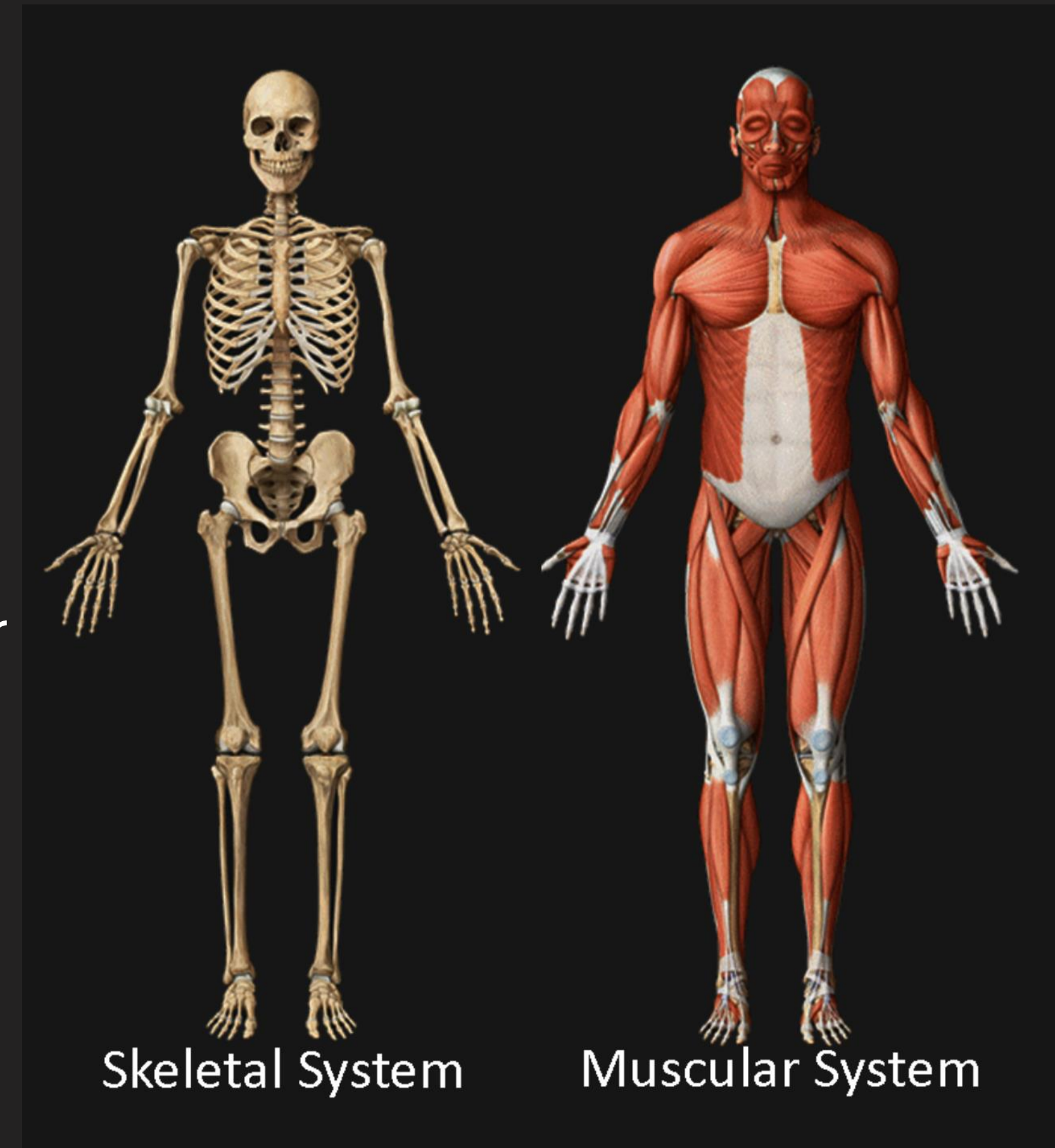
# Implementation Details





# Musculoskeletal System

- Provides our body with movement, stability, shape, and support
- Subdivided into two systems: skeletal system and muscular system
- Skeletal muscles are located between bones with origin and insertion
- Skeletal muscles are the ones that act on the body joints to produce movements





- Skeletal System

- Animation Skeleton

- Procedural Helper Joints





# Animation Skeleton

- Core skeleton that is necessary to describe the motion accurately.
- Standard and fixed for production
- A shared asset between different departments
- Can be broken down into four major areas: the spine, skull, arms and legs



Animation Skeleton Used in God of War: Ragnarok





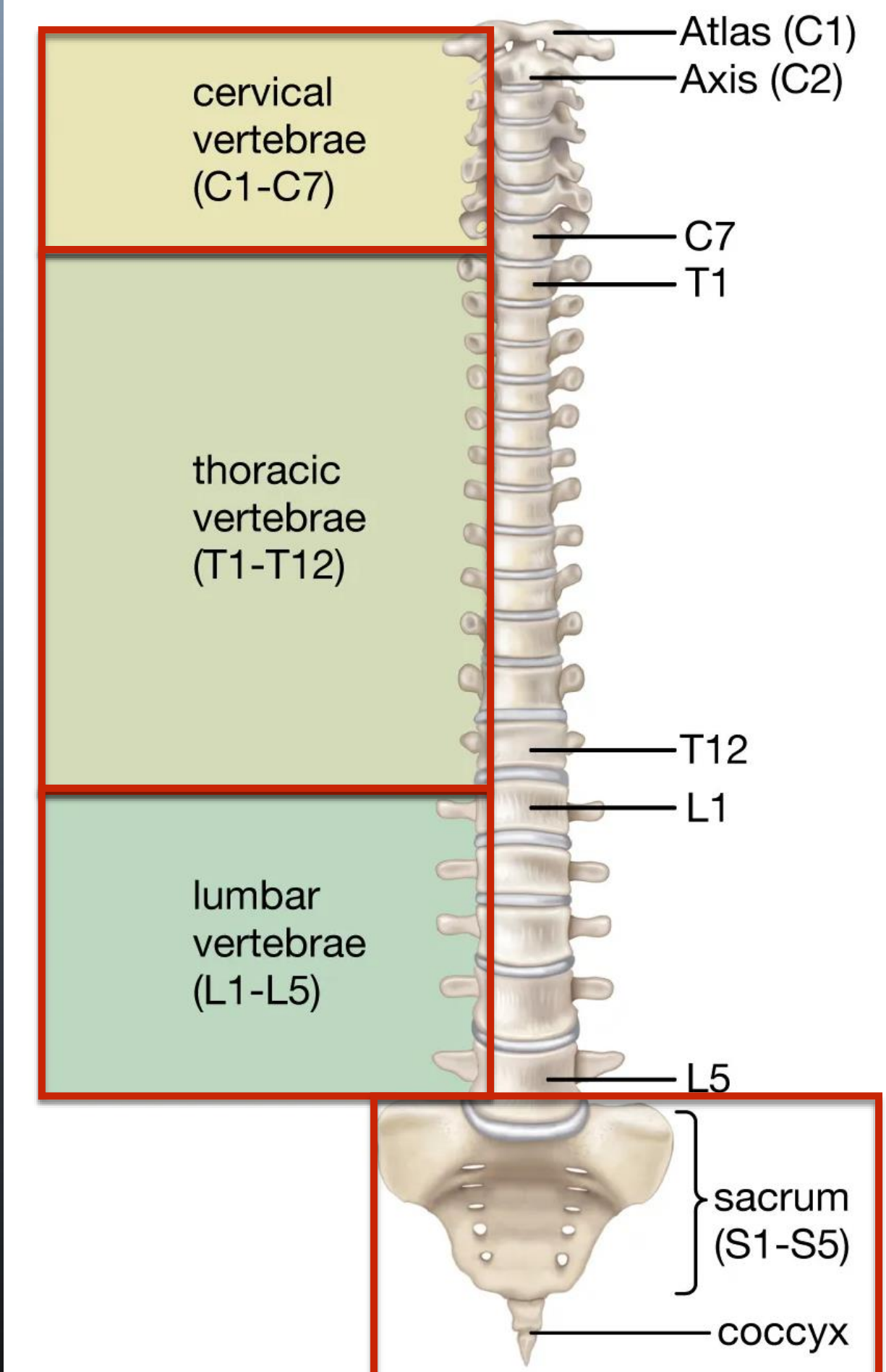
Skeleton

An example of muscle simulation in Ziva VFX



# Spinal Column

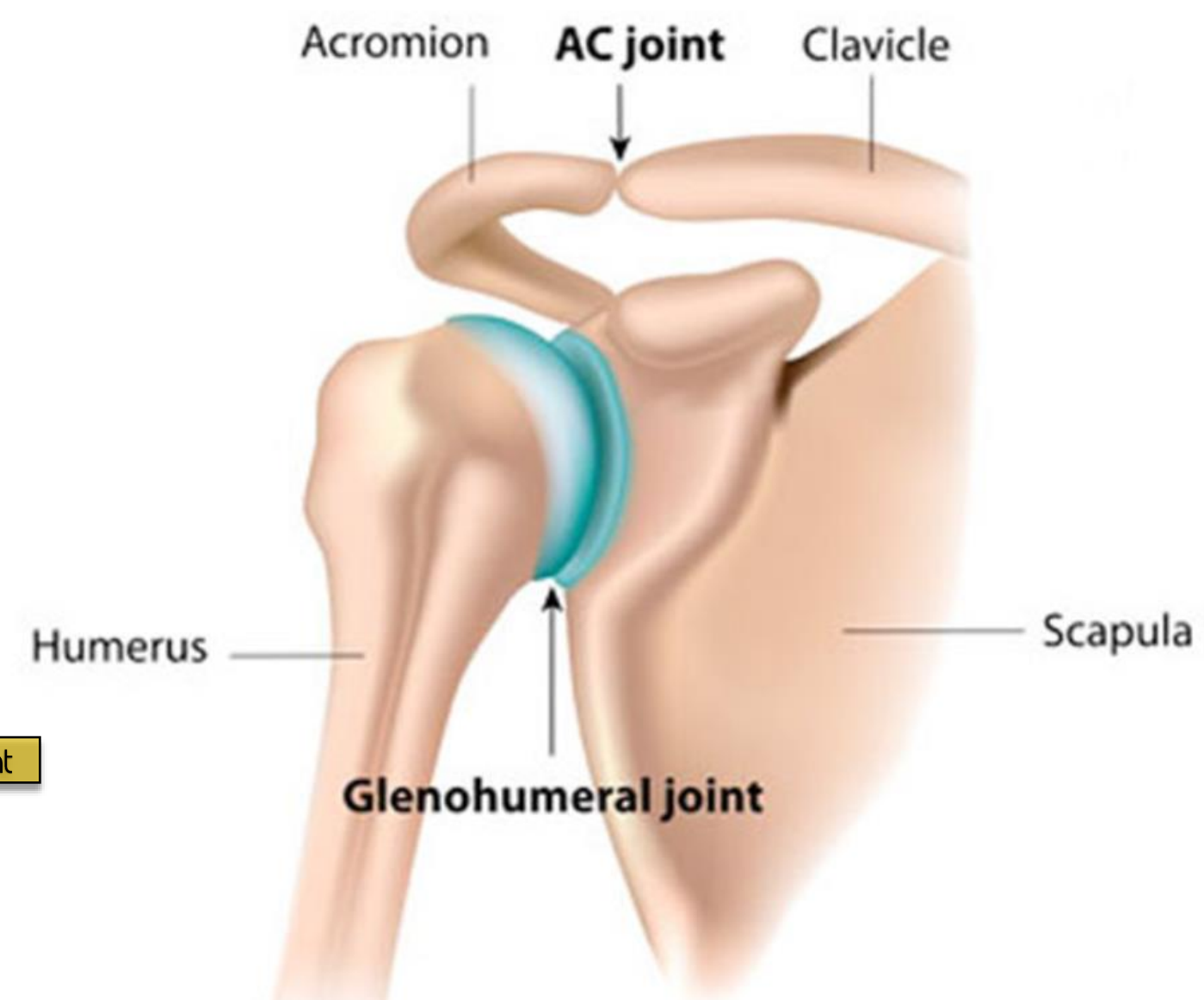
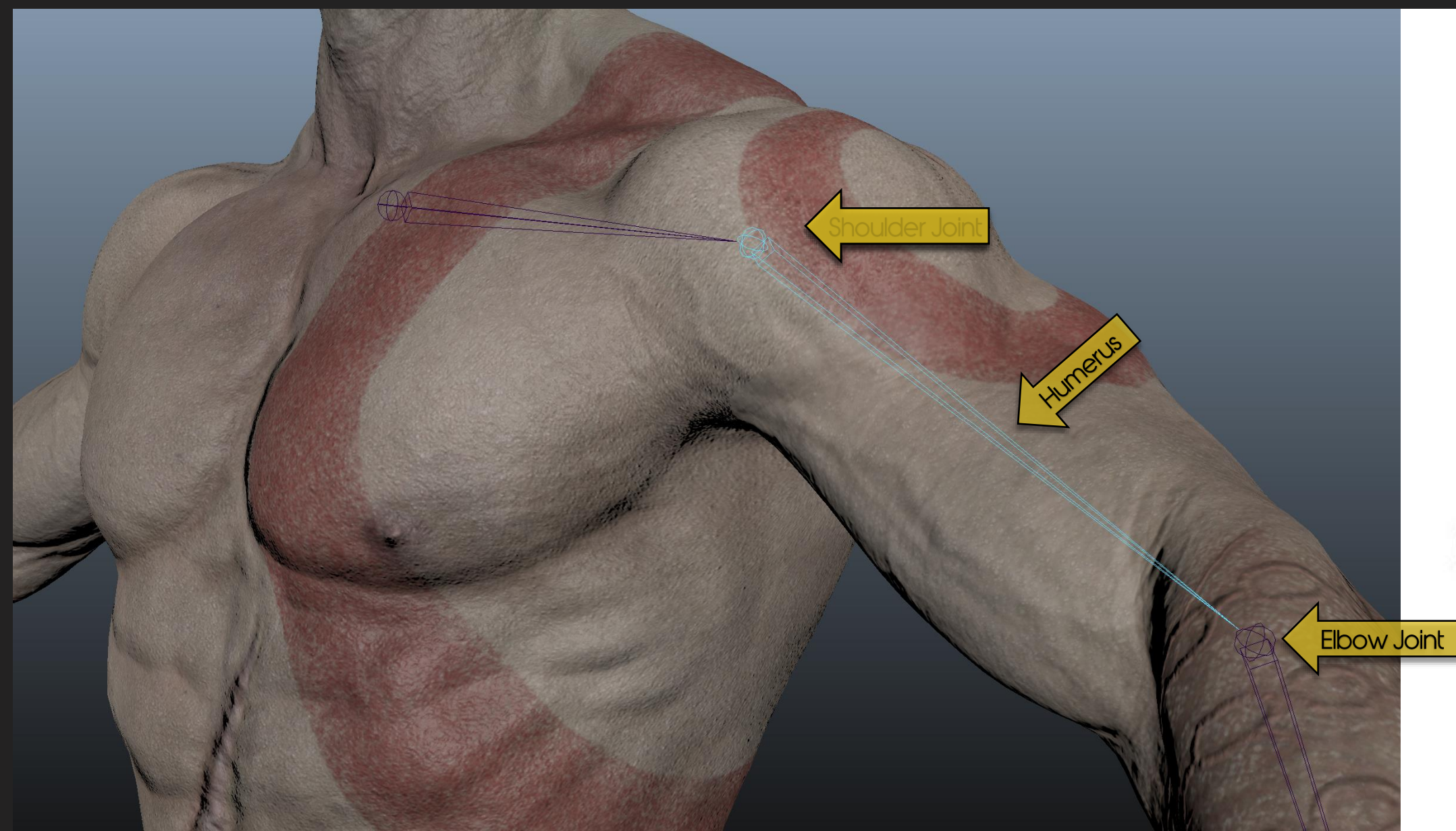
- JOHead1 maps to 1<sup>st</sup> cervical vertebra (C1)
- JONeck1 maps to 7<sup>th</sup> cervical vertebra (C7)
- JOBack3 maps to 8<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebra (T8)
- JOBack2 maps to 12<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebra (T12)
- JOBack1 maps to 5<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebra (L5)
- JOPelvis1 maps to 5<sup>th</sup> sacral vertebra (S5)



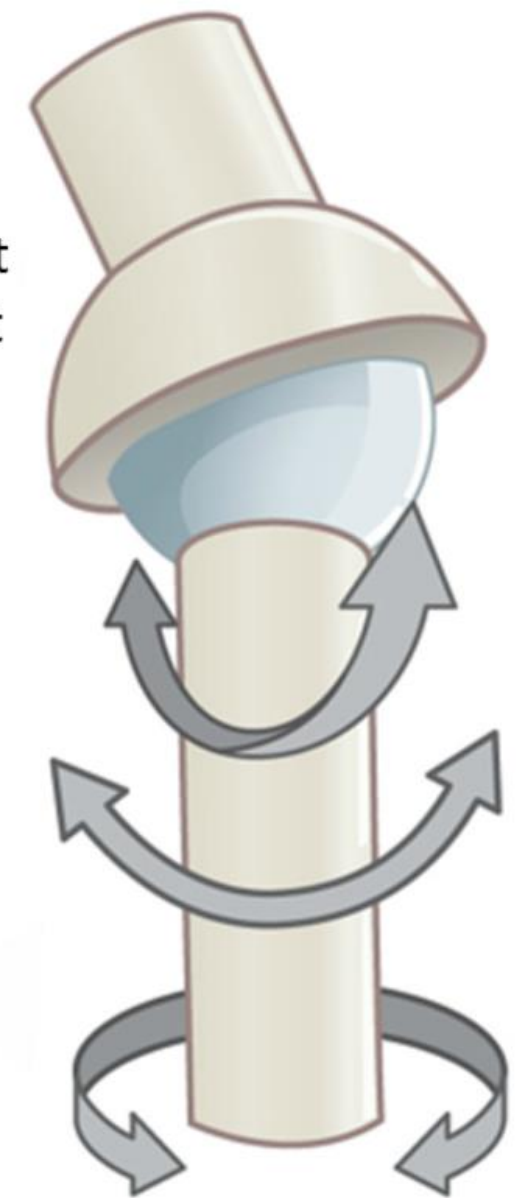


# Humerus (Upper Arm Bone)

- Runs from the shoulder and scapula to the elbow
- Ball-and-socket joint allows for movement with 3 degrees of freedom



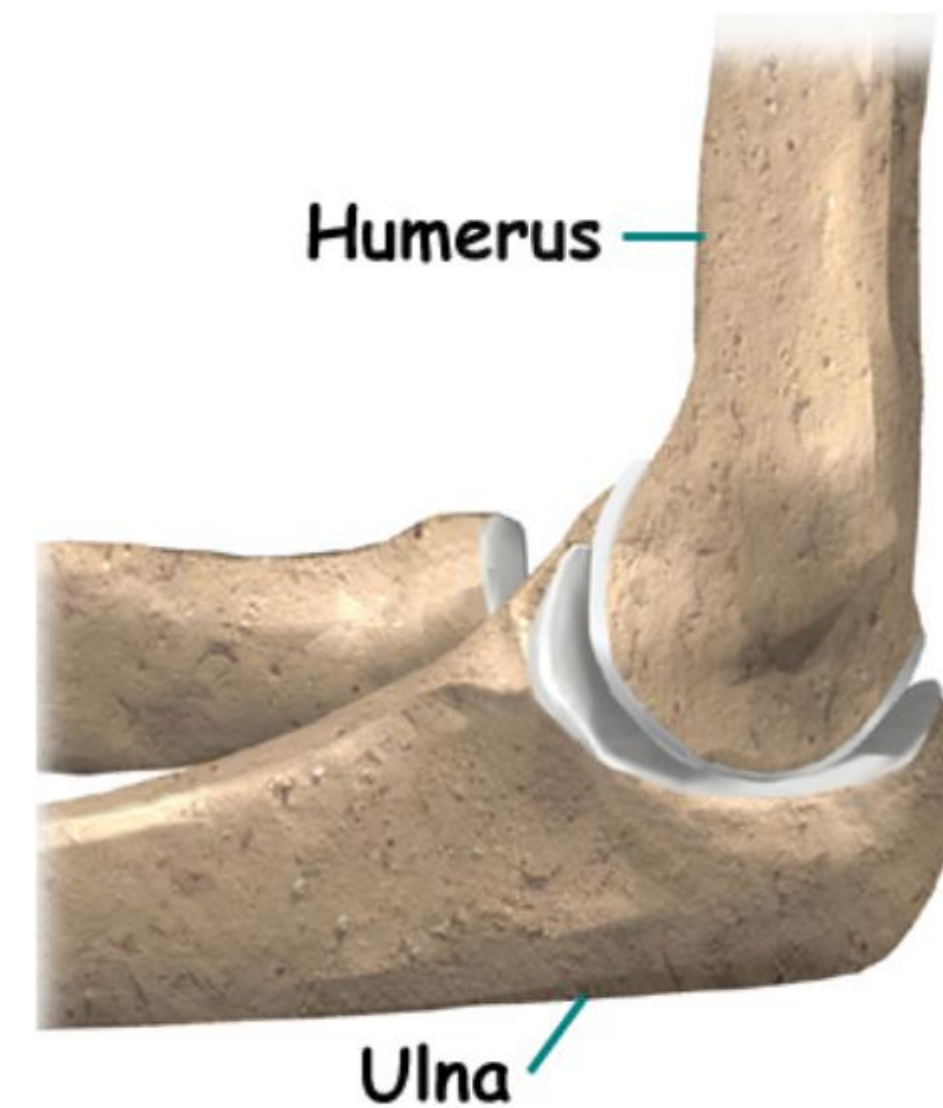
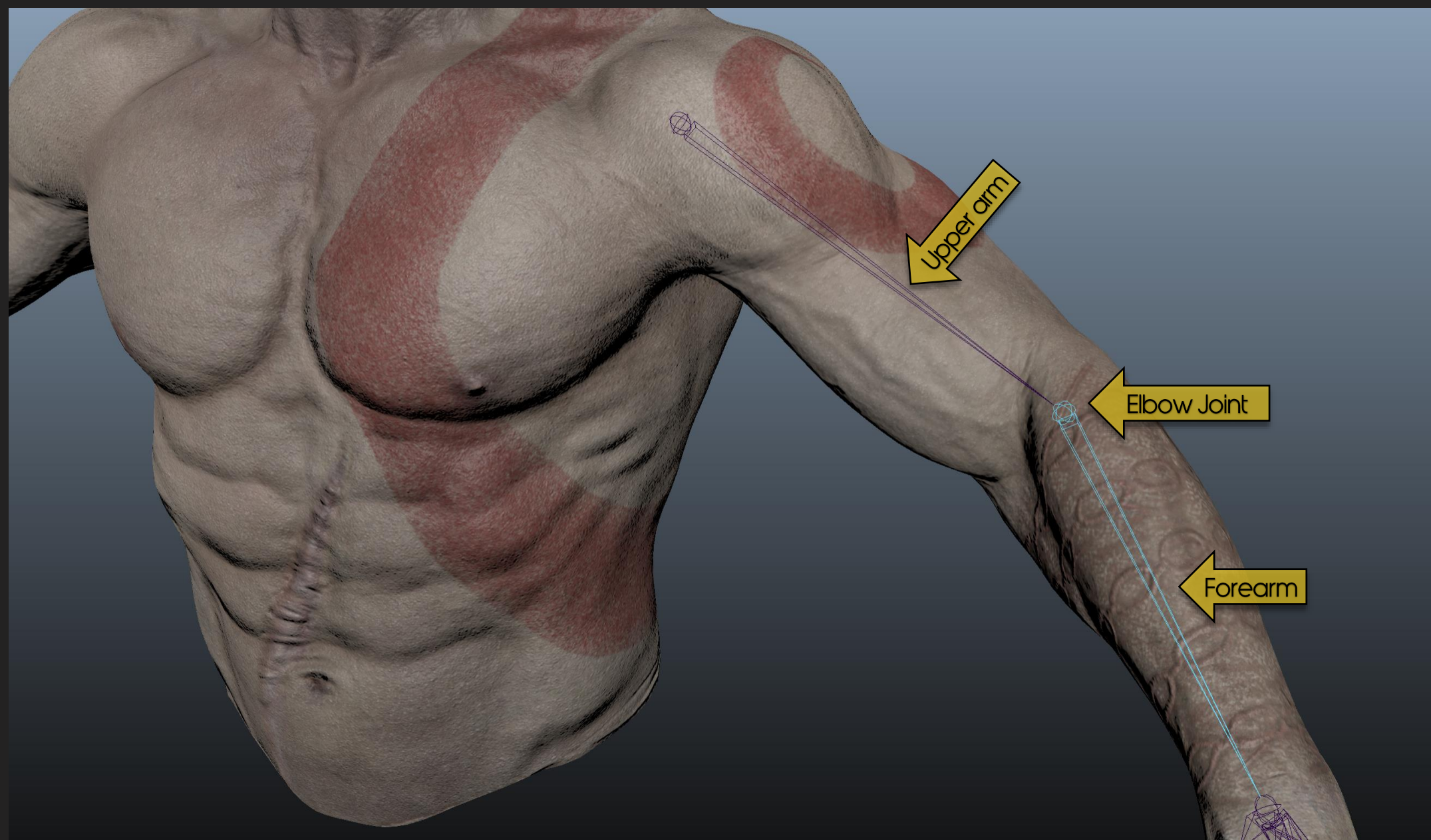
Ball & Socket Joint  
eg. Shoulder Joint



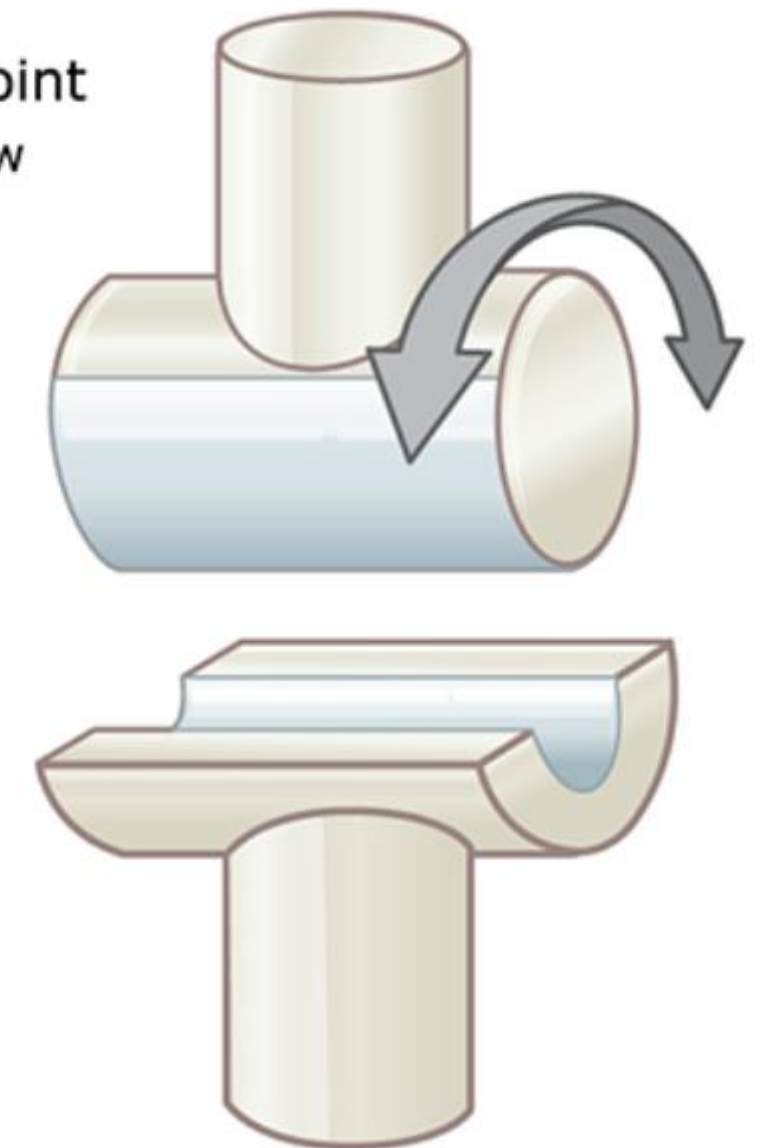


# Elbow

- Made up of three bones, the humerus, ulna, and radius
- Hinge joint serves to allow motion primarily in one plane



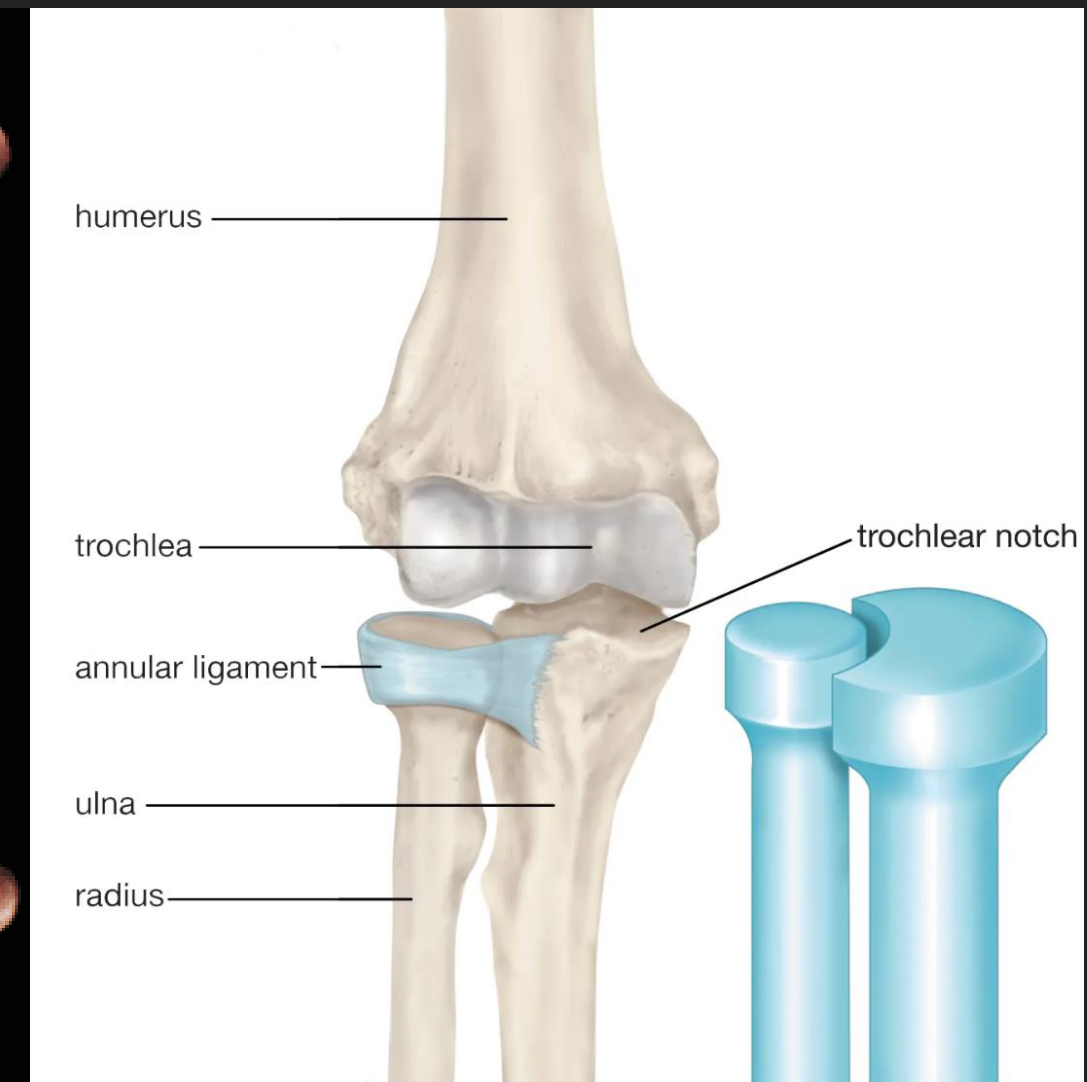
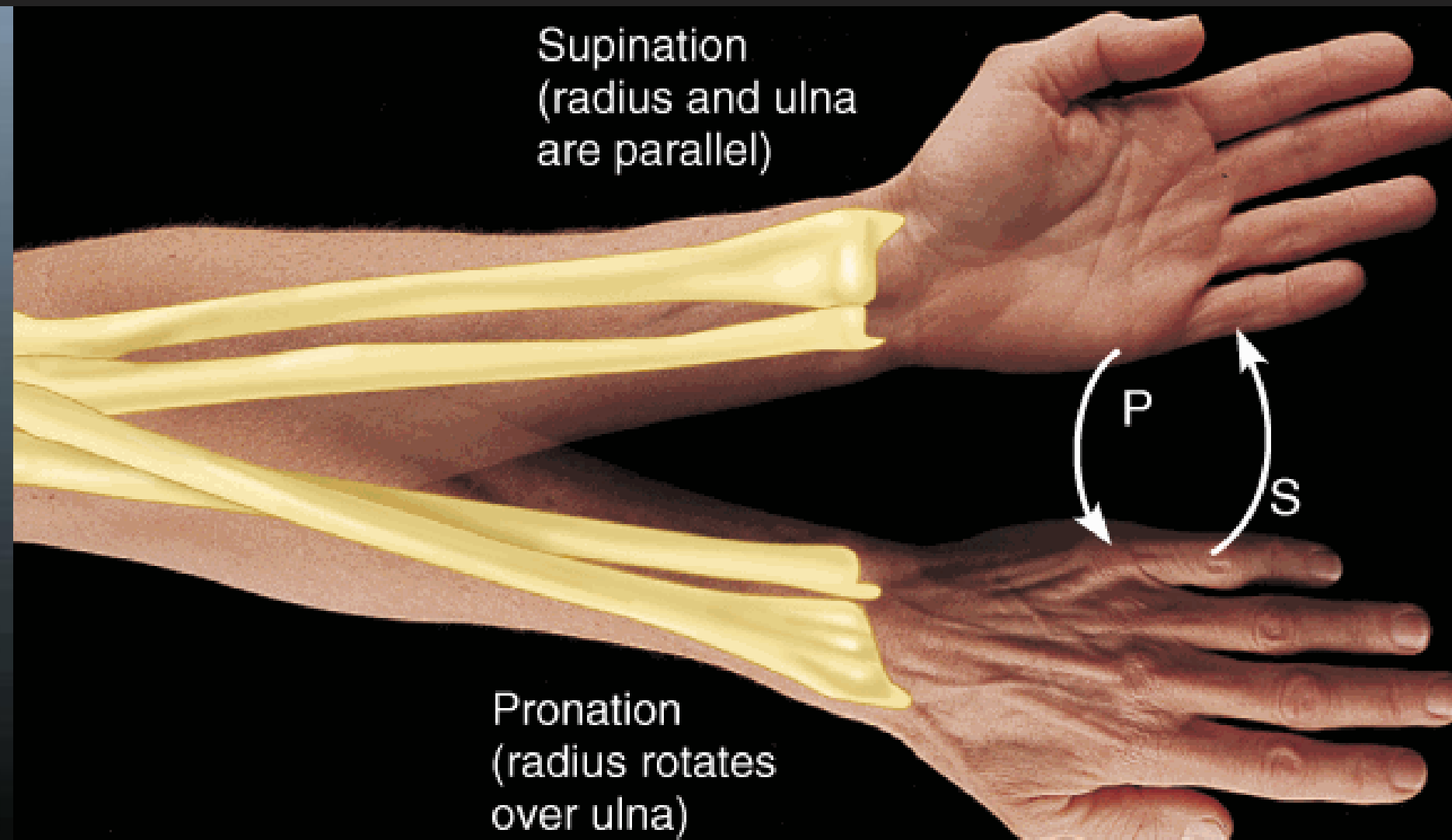
Hinge Joint  
eg. Elbow





# Forearm Twisting

- Known as pronation and supination of the forearm
- Setup Roll bones to achieve the twist distribution of arms
- Pivot joint allows only rotary movement around a single axis





# Procedural Joints

- RBF joints: driven by RBF solver and get the transformation based on pose interpolation
- SDK joints: controlled by set-driven keys
- Constraint joints: runtime-aim/point/orient/parent constraints, etc.



Thor's shoulder Pad is driven by RBF joints



Tyr's elbow is corrected by SDK joints



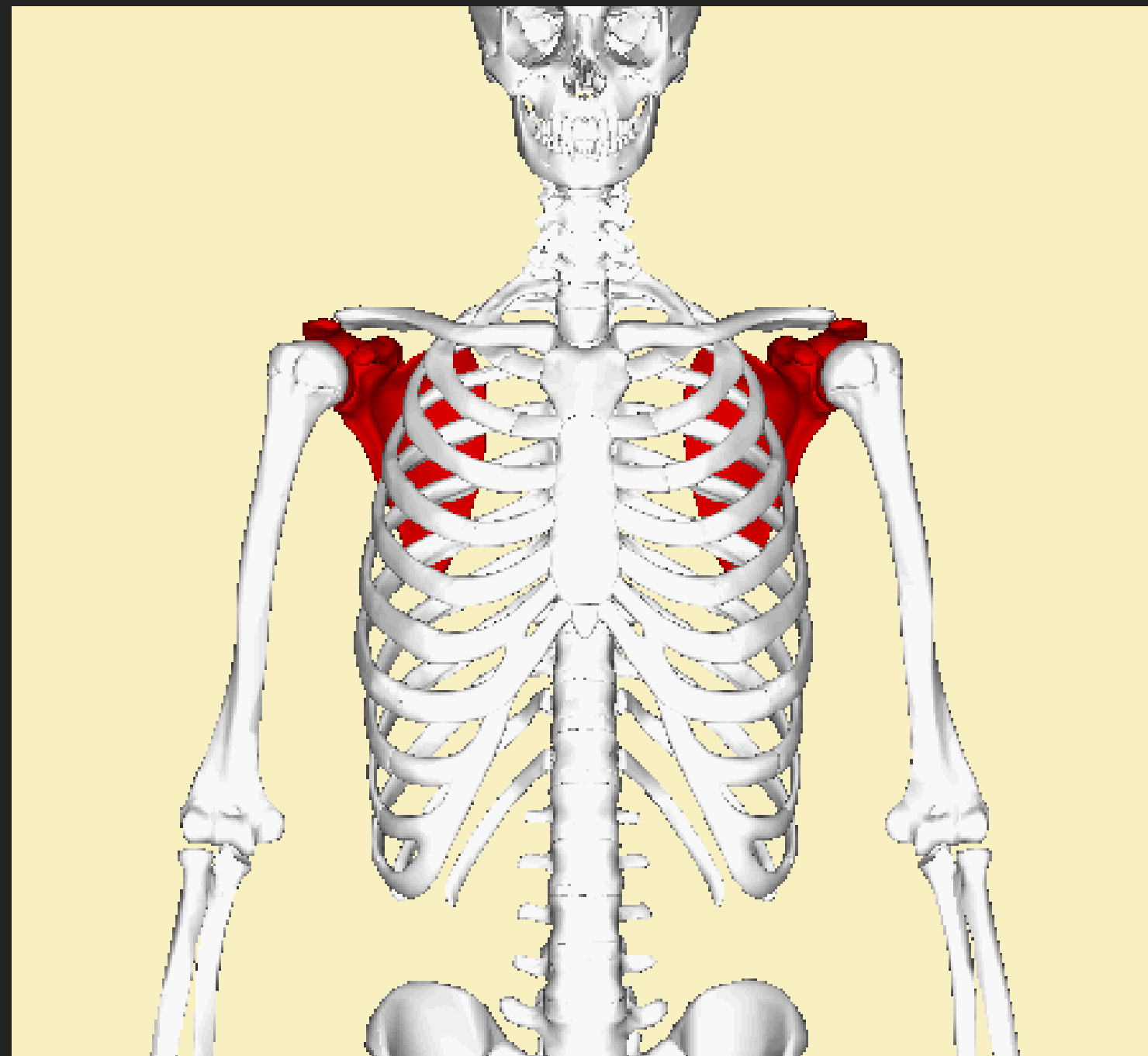
# Advantages of Procedural Joints

- Save memory usage and the overall size of the game will be reduced
- Better support procedural animation
- Friendly to animators

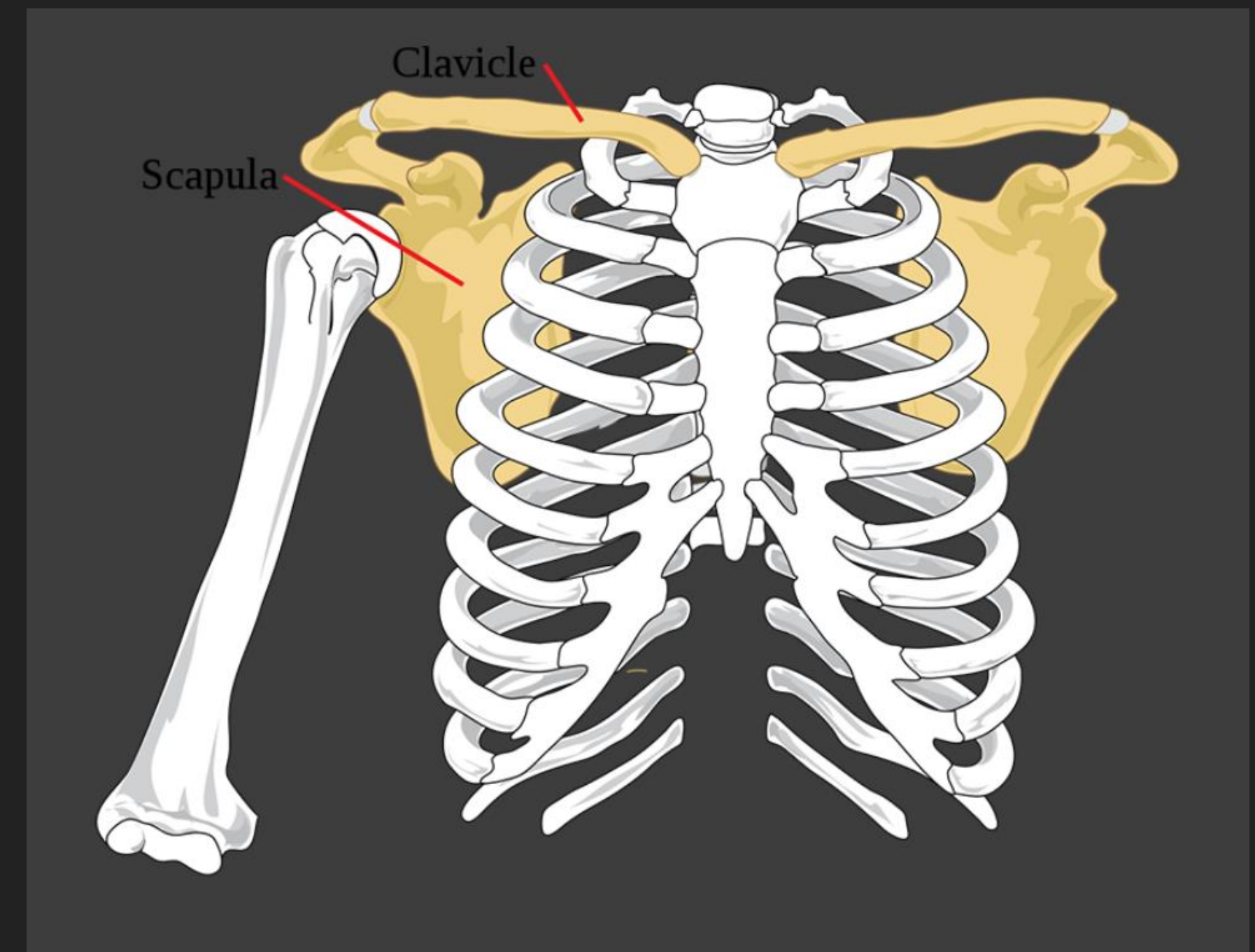




# Scapula Bone



Position of the scapula shown in red

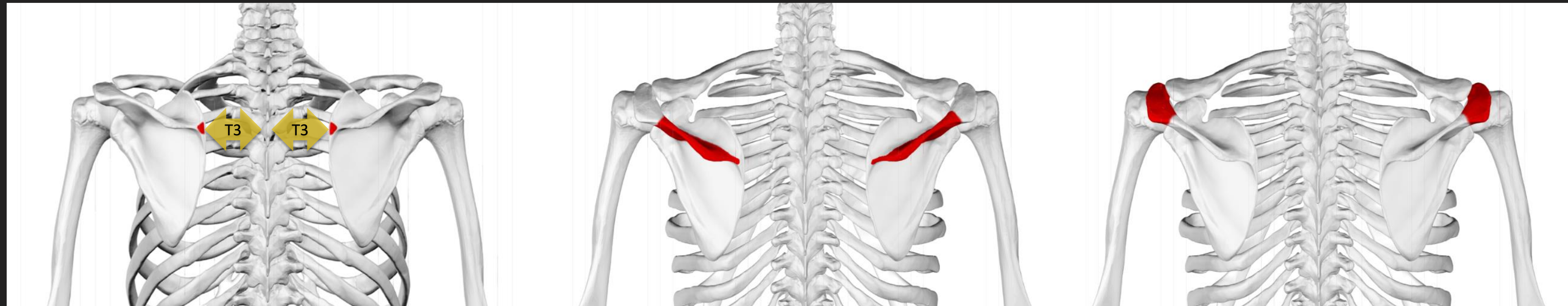


Anterior view of the scapula and clavicle



# Spine of Scapula

Starts at the root of the spine of the scapula and ends in the acromion



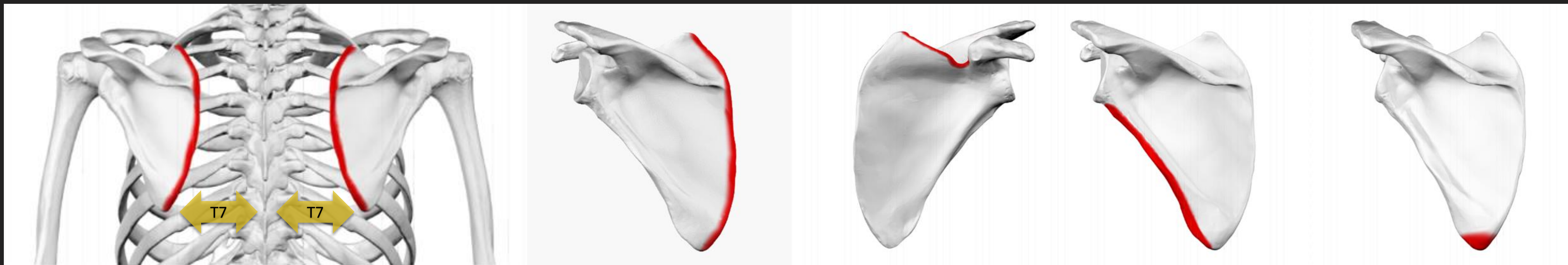
Root of spine shown in red

Spine of scapula shown in red

Acromion of each scapula shown in red

# Medial border

Starts from the superior angle to the inferior angle



Medial border shown in red

Medial border

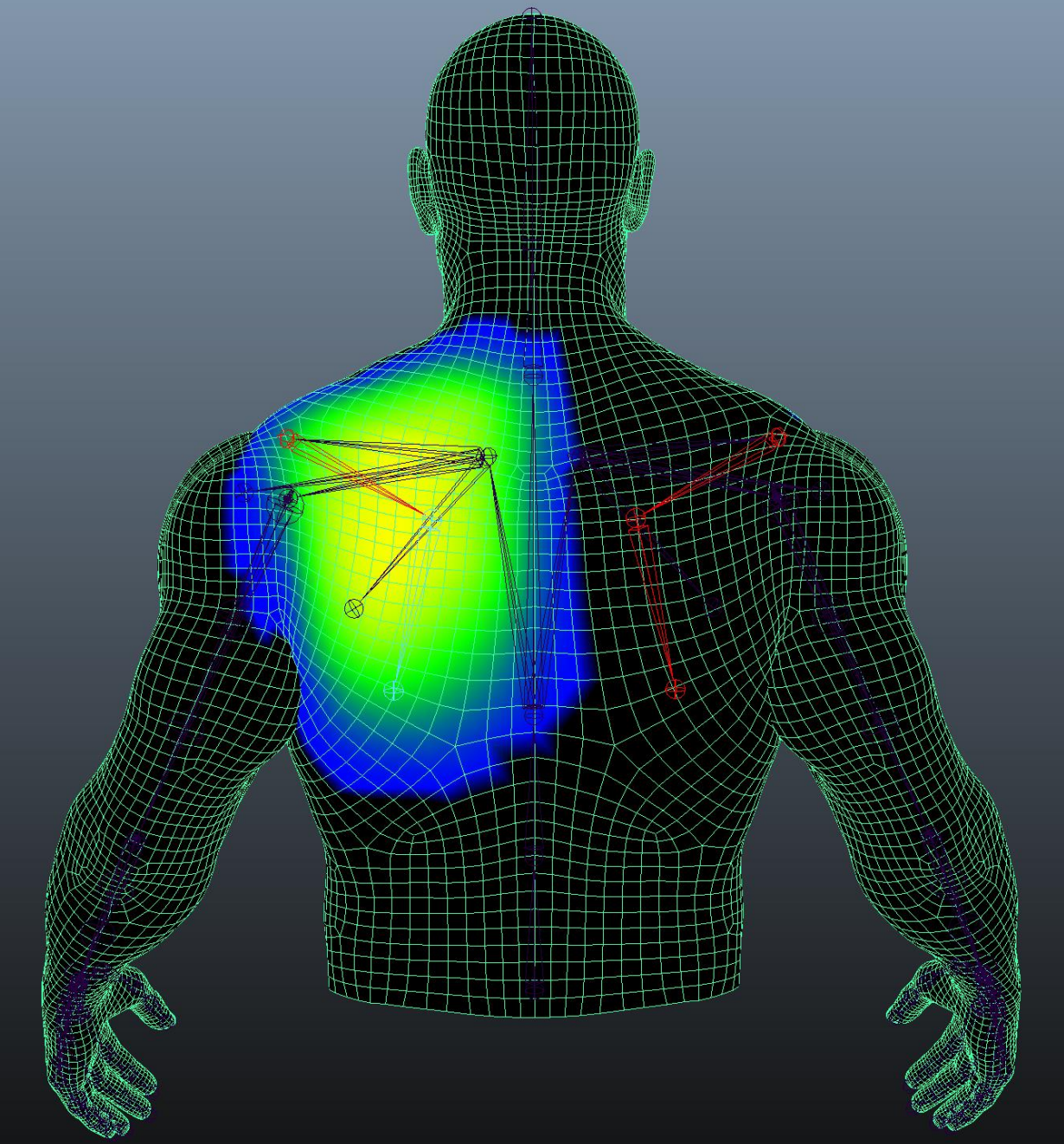
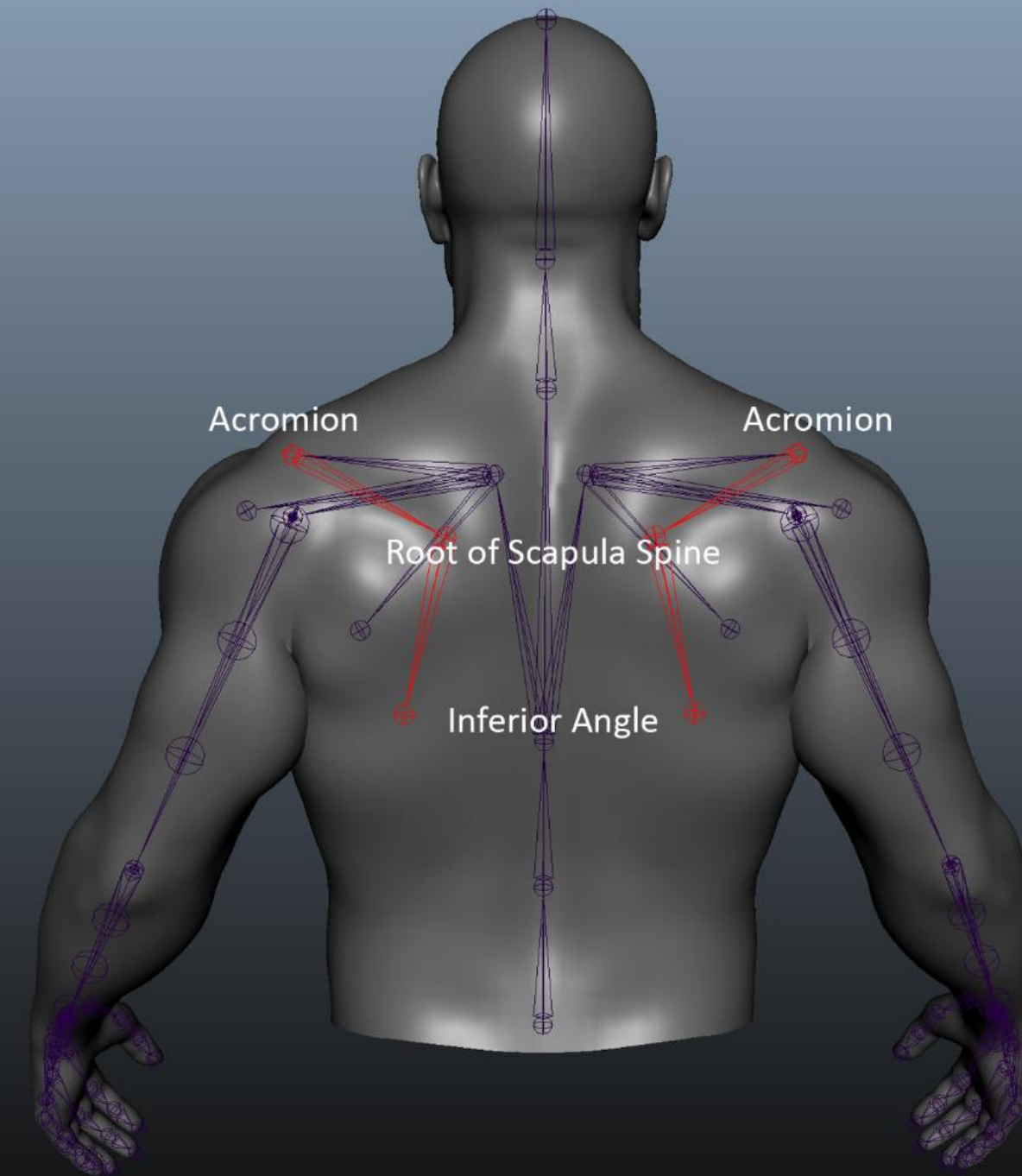
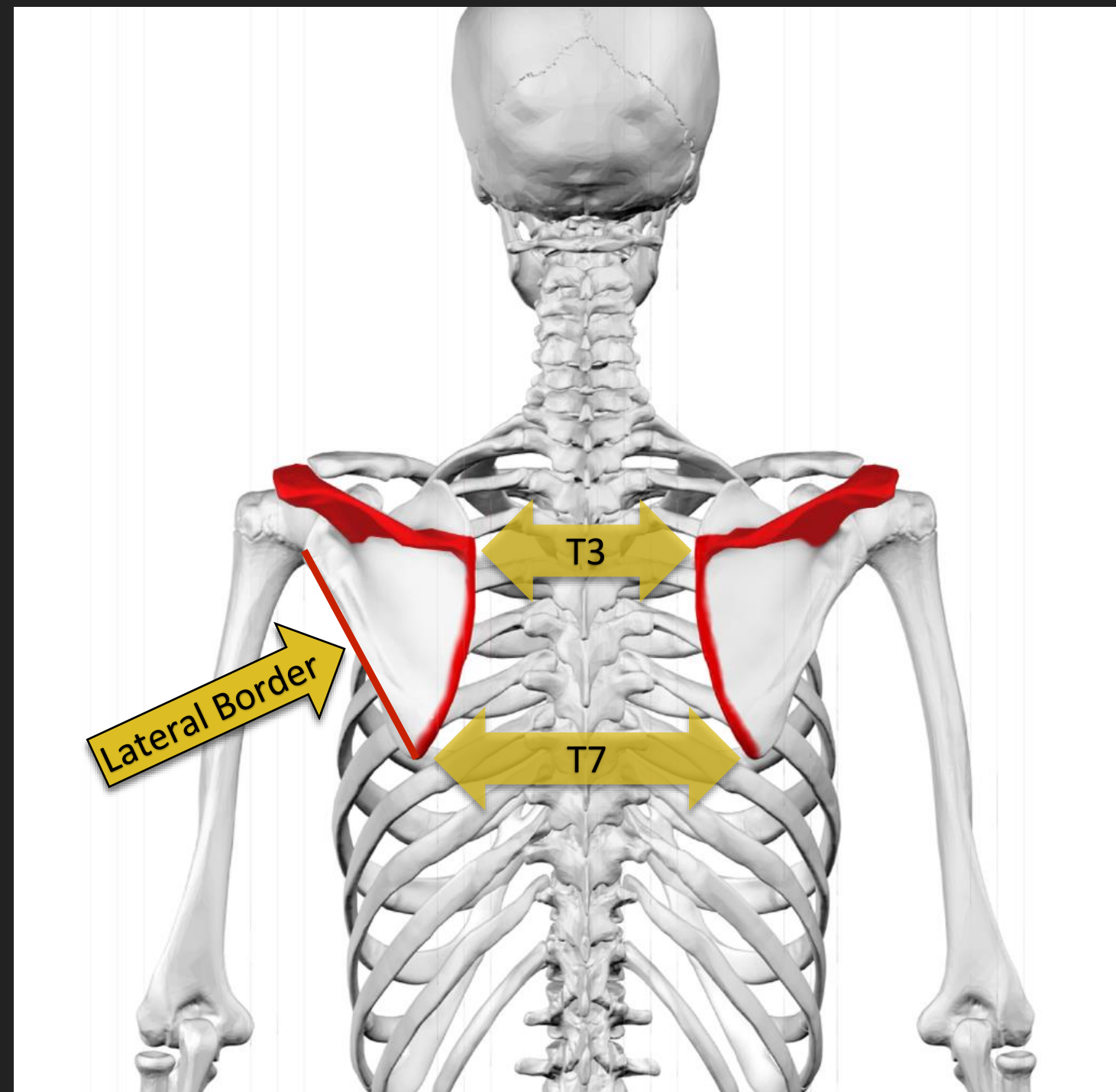
Superior border

Axillary border

Inferior angle



# Scapula Joint Positioning



Start at the acromion, extends along the spine of the scapula and down to the inferior angle

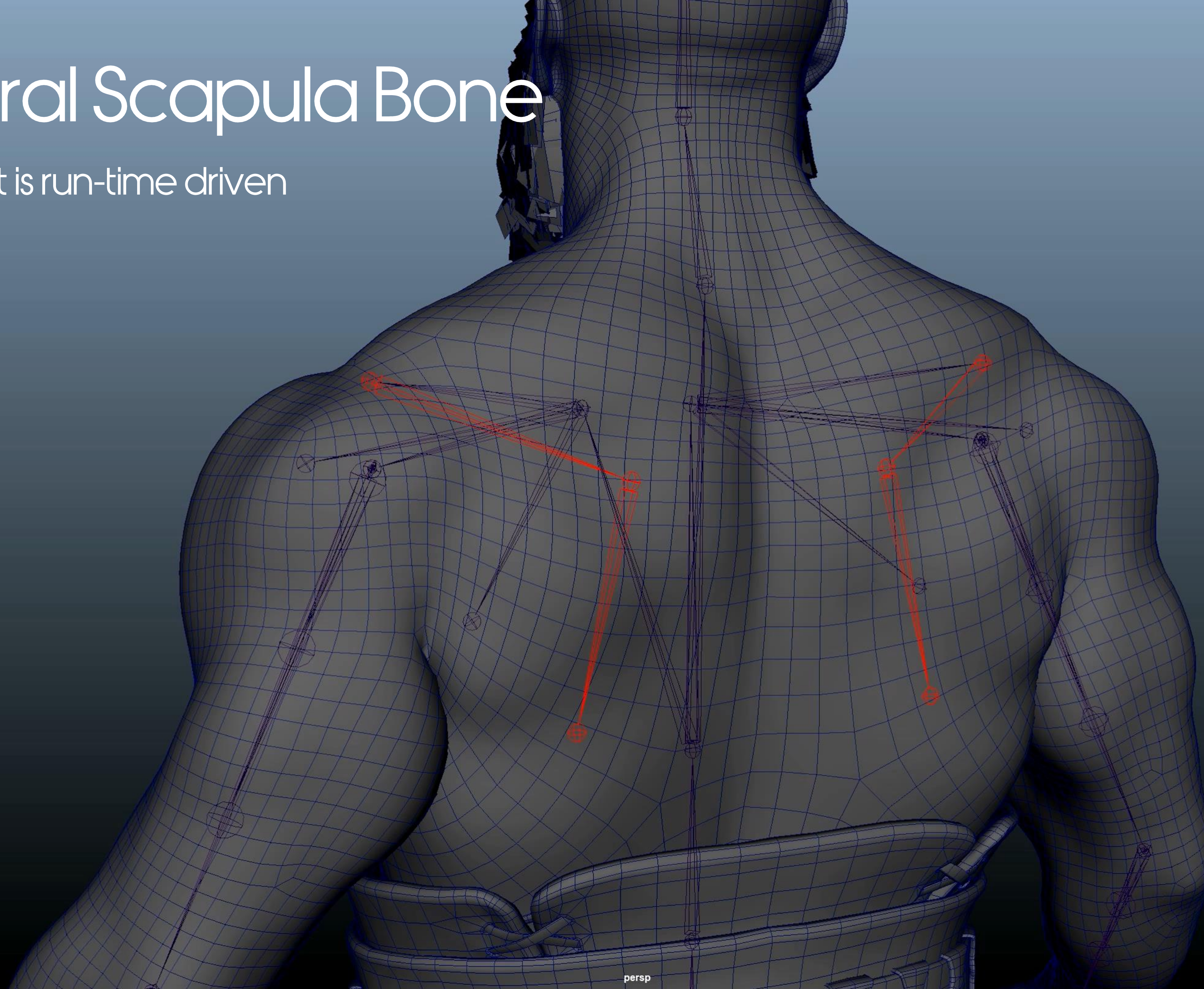
The three scapula joints are shown in red

Skin weights of the left scapula joint



# Procedural Scapula Bone

- Acromion joint is run-time driven







- Muscular System

- Focus on skeletal superficial muscles
- Learn the anatomy and function of the muscles



# Superficial Back Muscles

- Trapezius
- Latissimus Dorsi
- Teres Major

# Arm Muscles

- Deltoid
- Triceps
- Biceps

# Chest Muscles

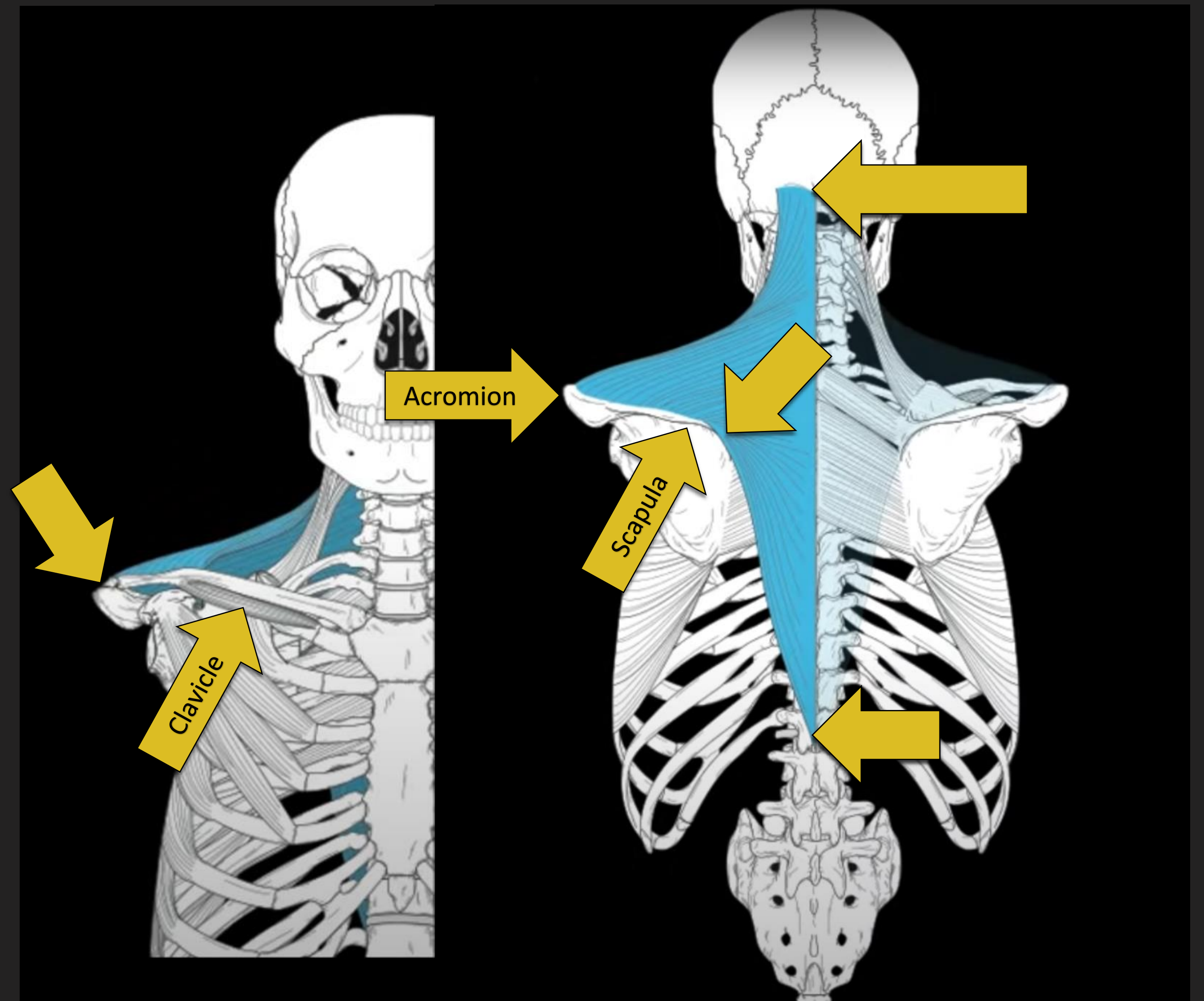
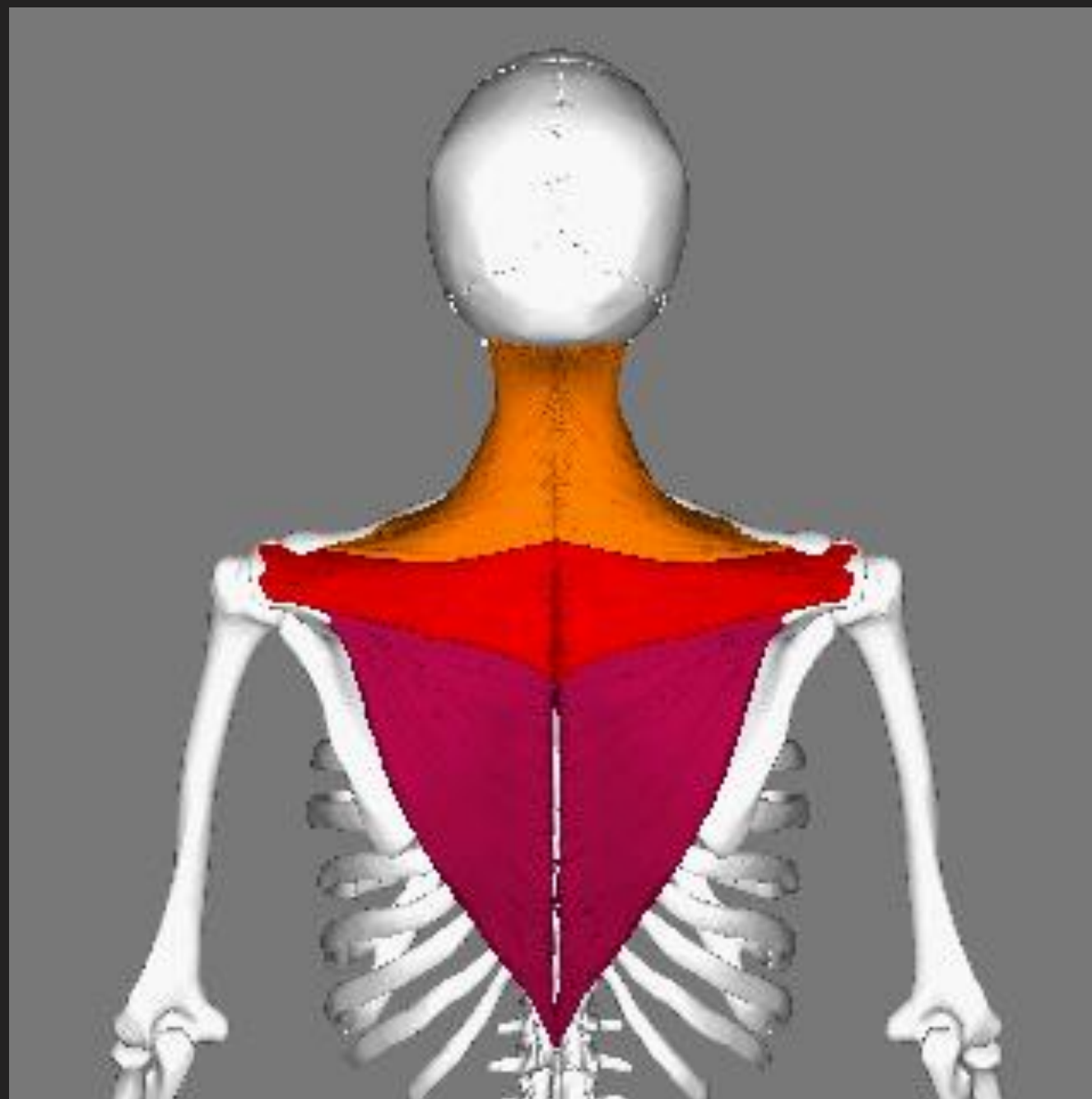
- Pectoralis Major





# Trapezius Muscle

- Descending Part (superior fibers)
- Transverse Part (middle fibers)
- Ascending Part (inferior fibers)

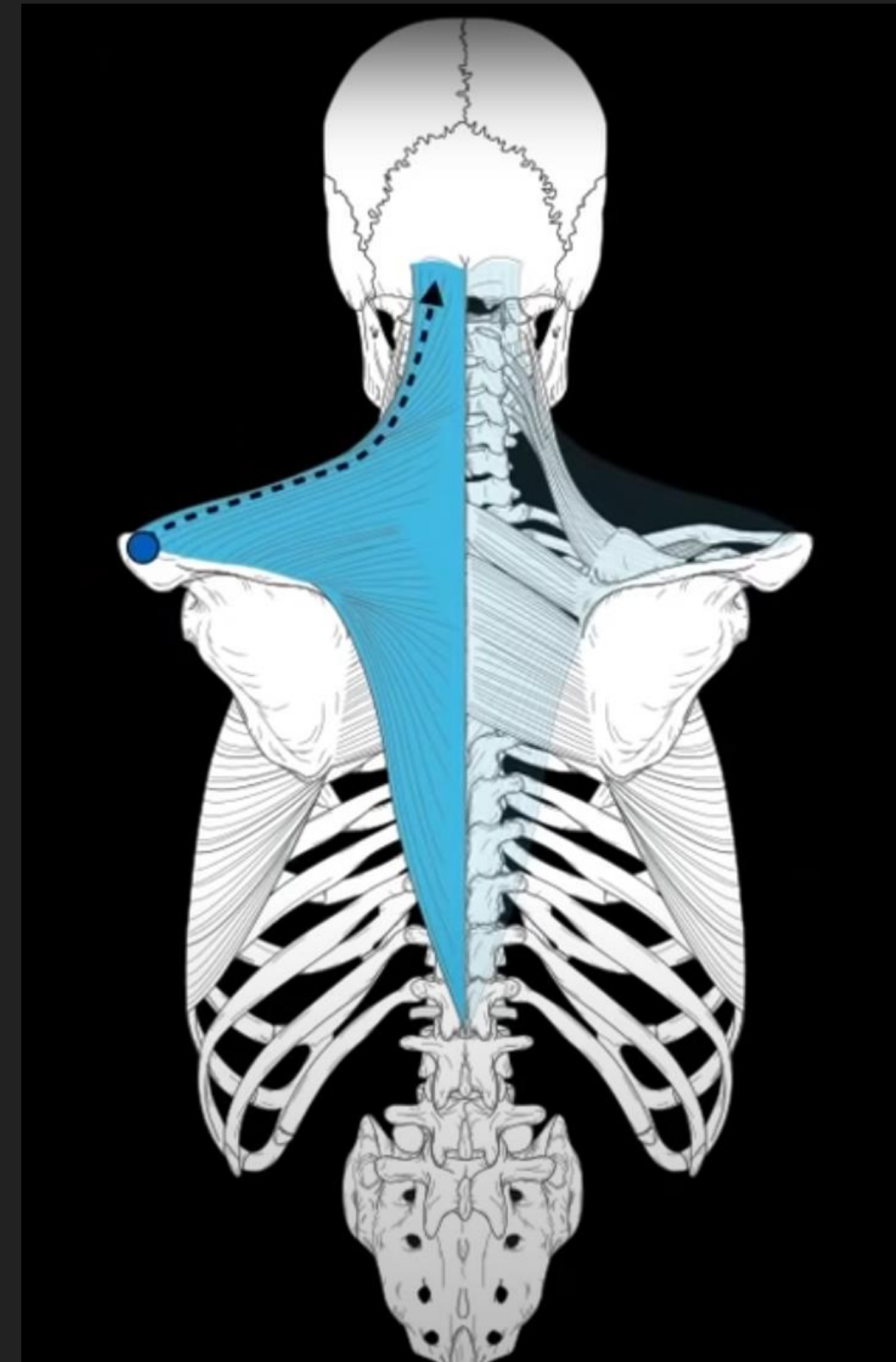




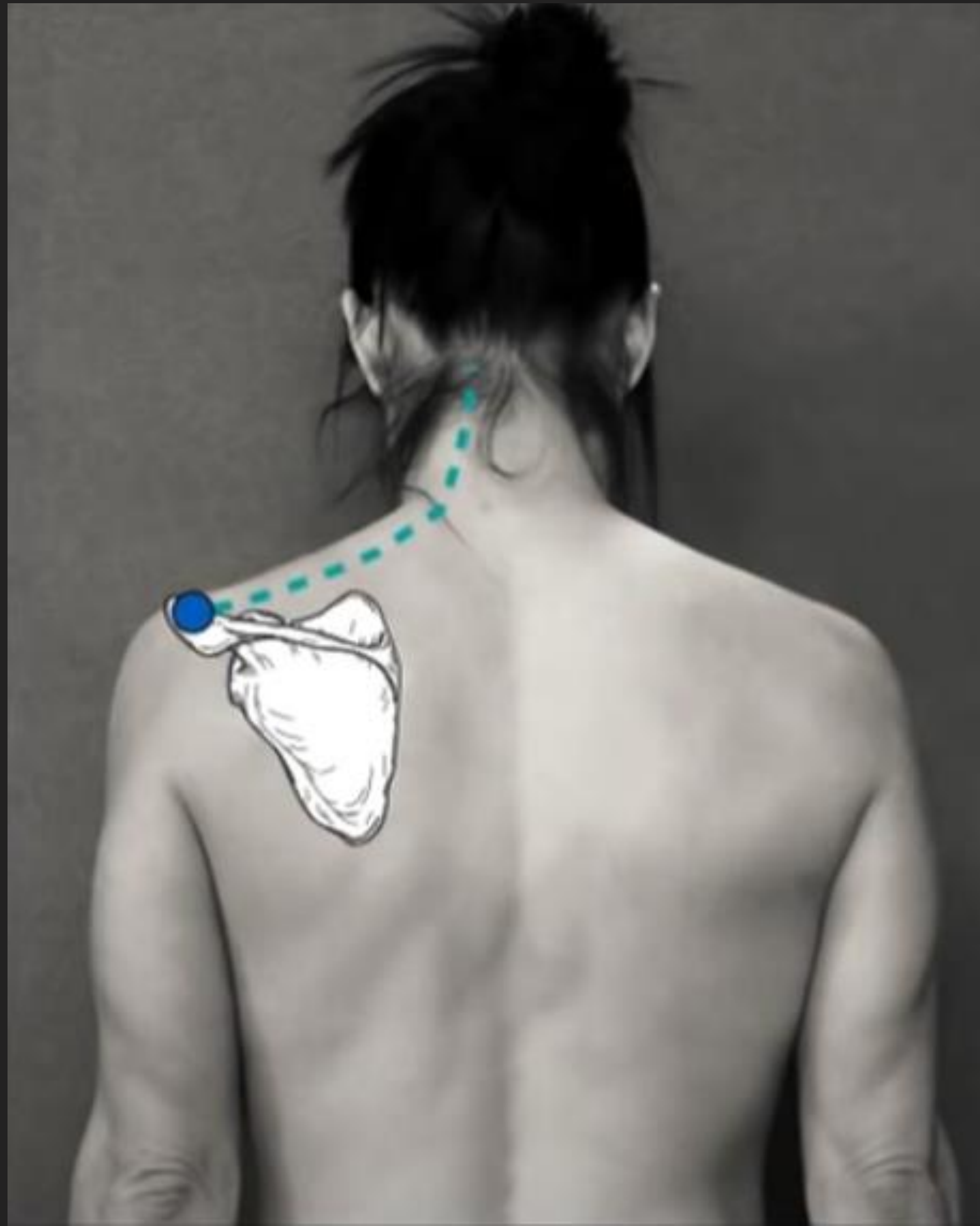
# Descending Part

Origin: spinous process of the vertebrae C1 – C7

Insertion: lateral third of the clavicle





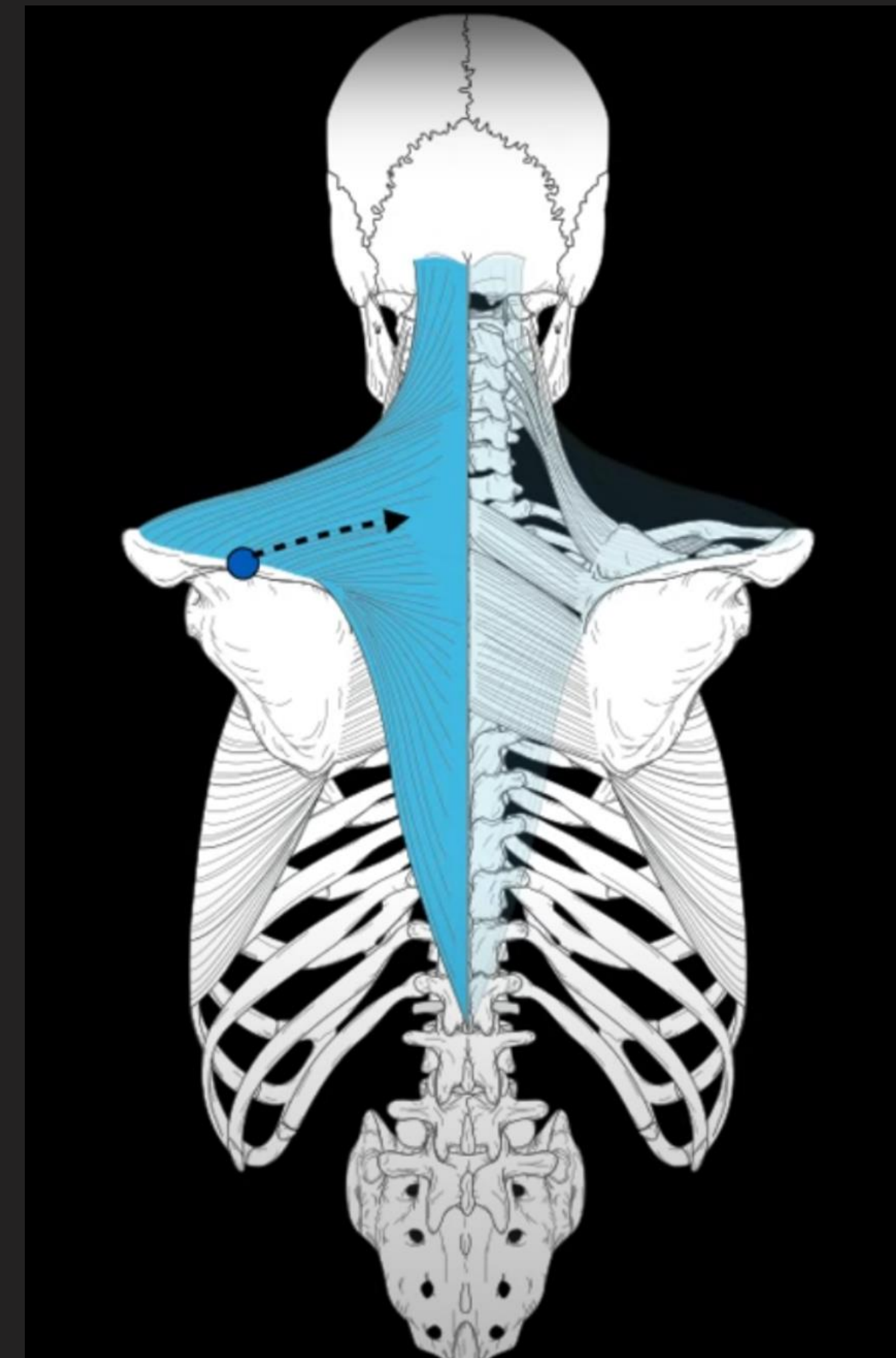




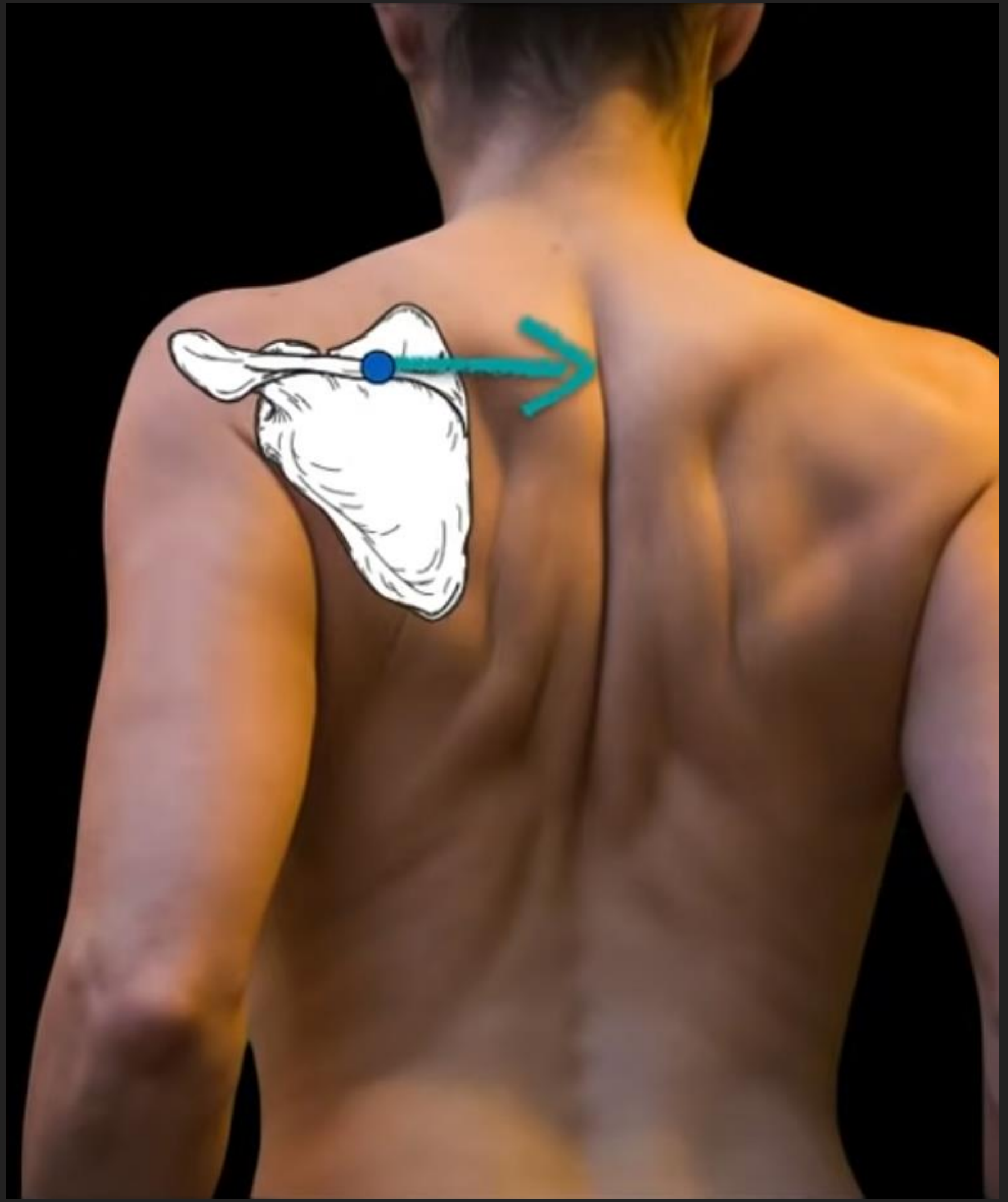
# Traverse Part

Origin: spinous process of vertebrae T1 – T4 (C7 – T3)

Insertion: medial acromial margin





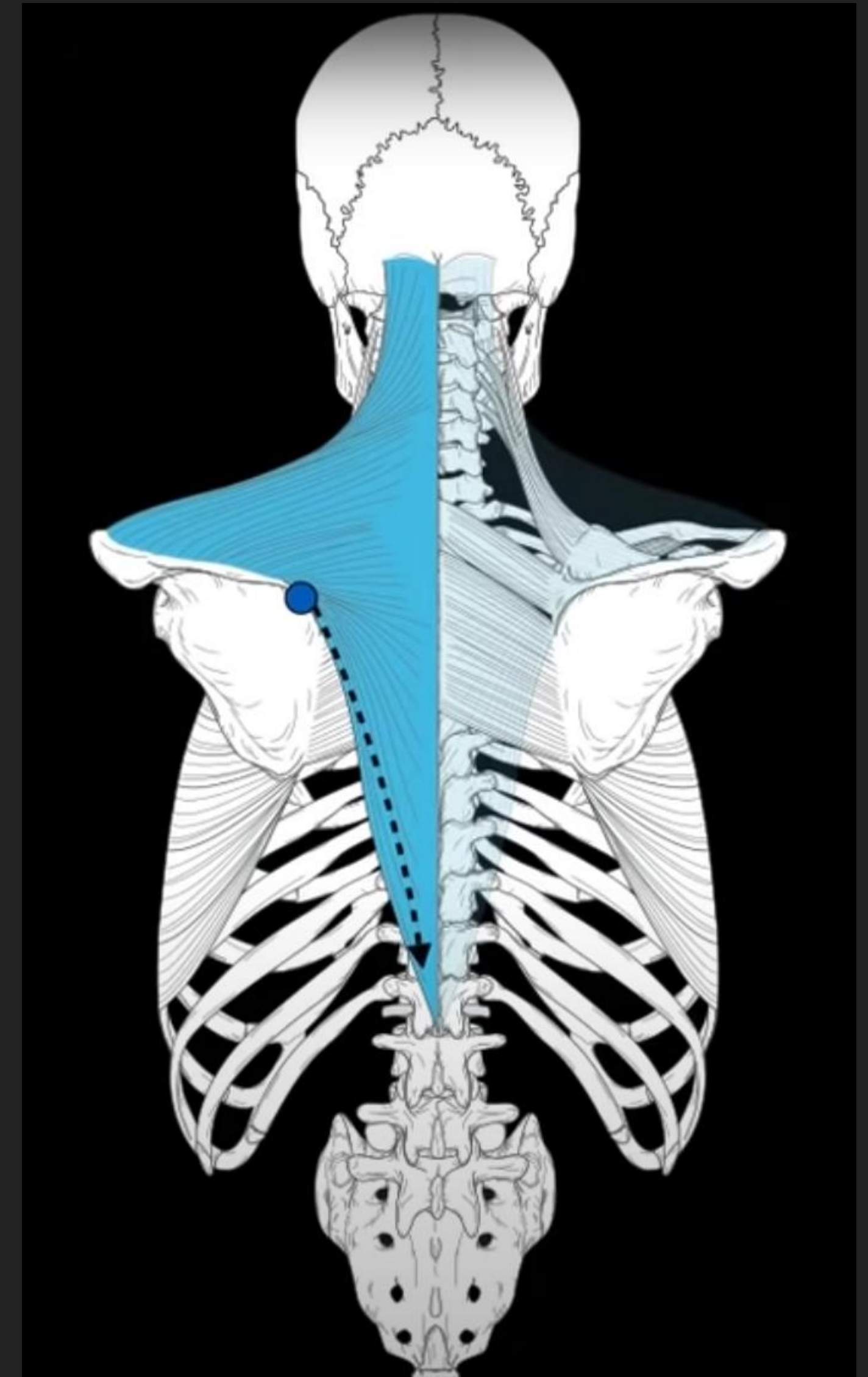




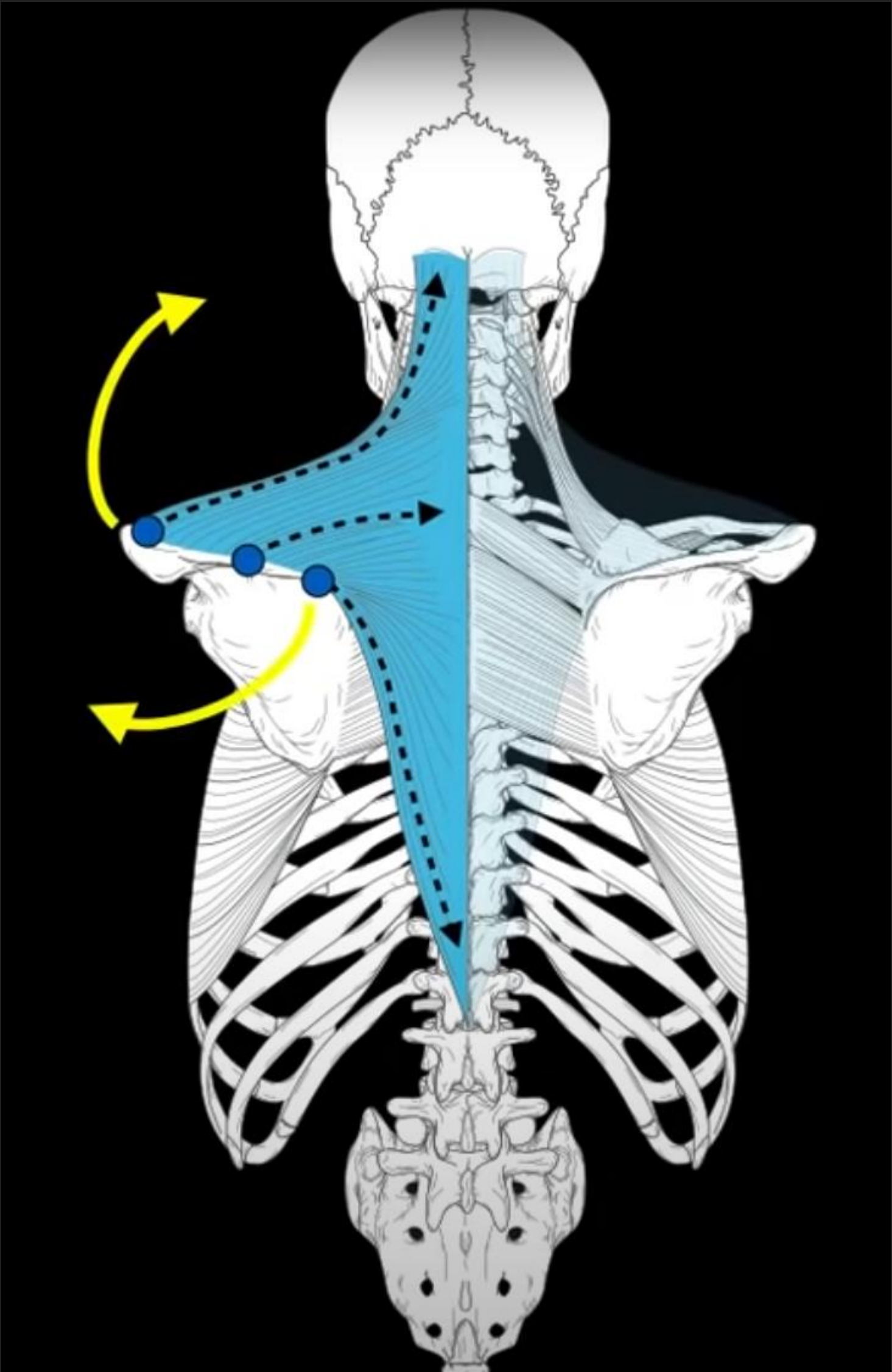
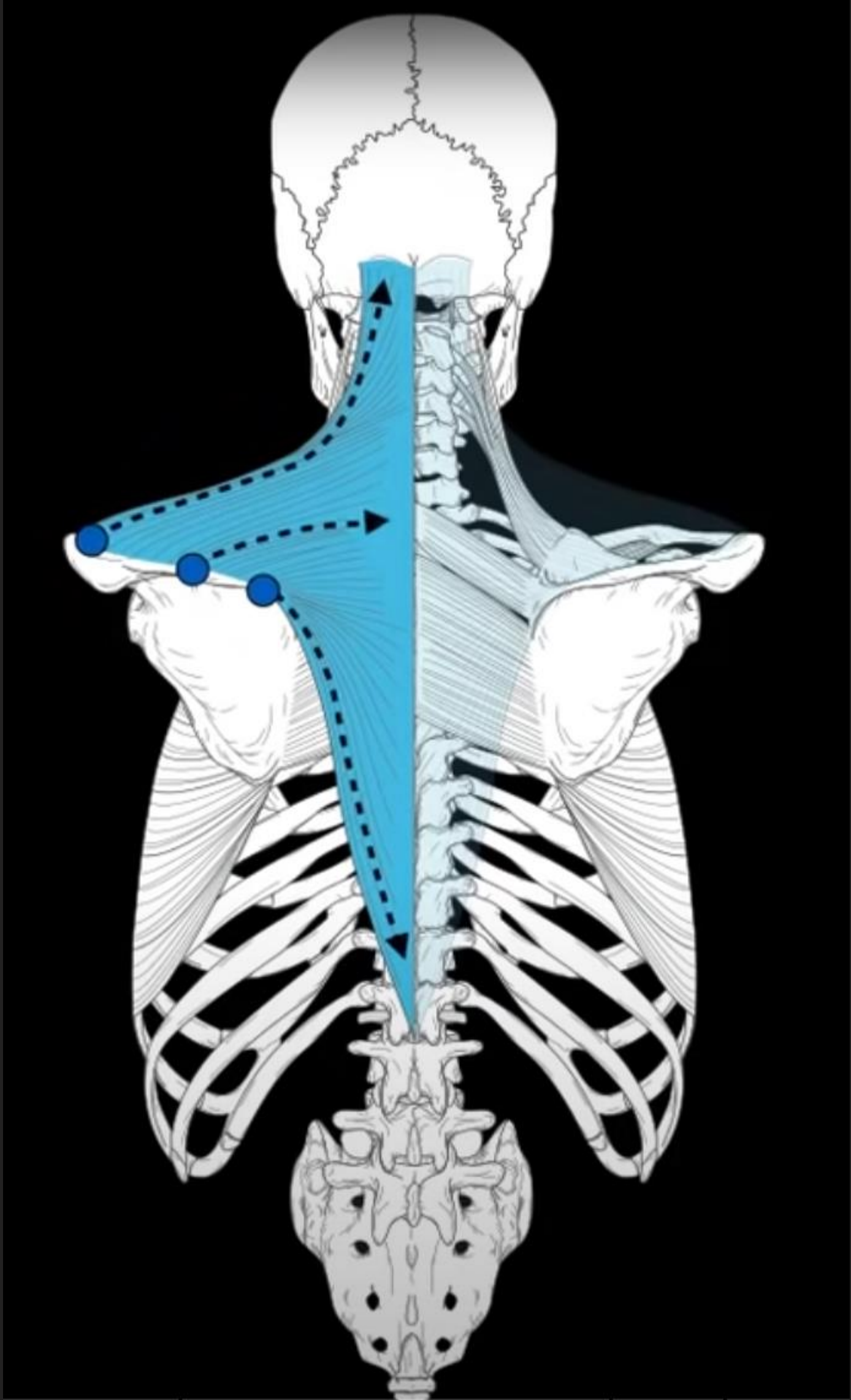
# Ascending Part

Origin: spinous process of thoracic vertebrae (T4 – T12)

Insertion: medial end of the scapular spine









# Bone Mapping

## Origin:

Descending Part: spinous process C1 – C7

Traverse Part: spinous process T1 – T4

Ascending Part: spinous process T4 – T12

## Insertion:

Descending Part: lateral third of the clavicle

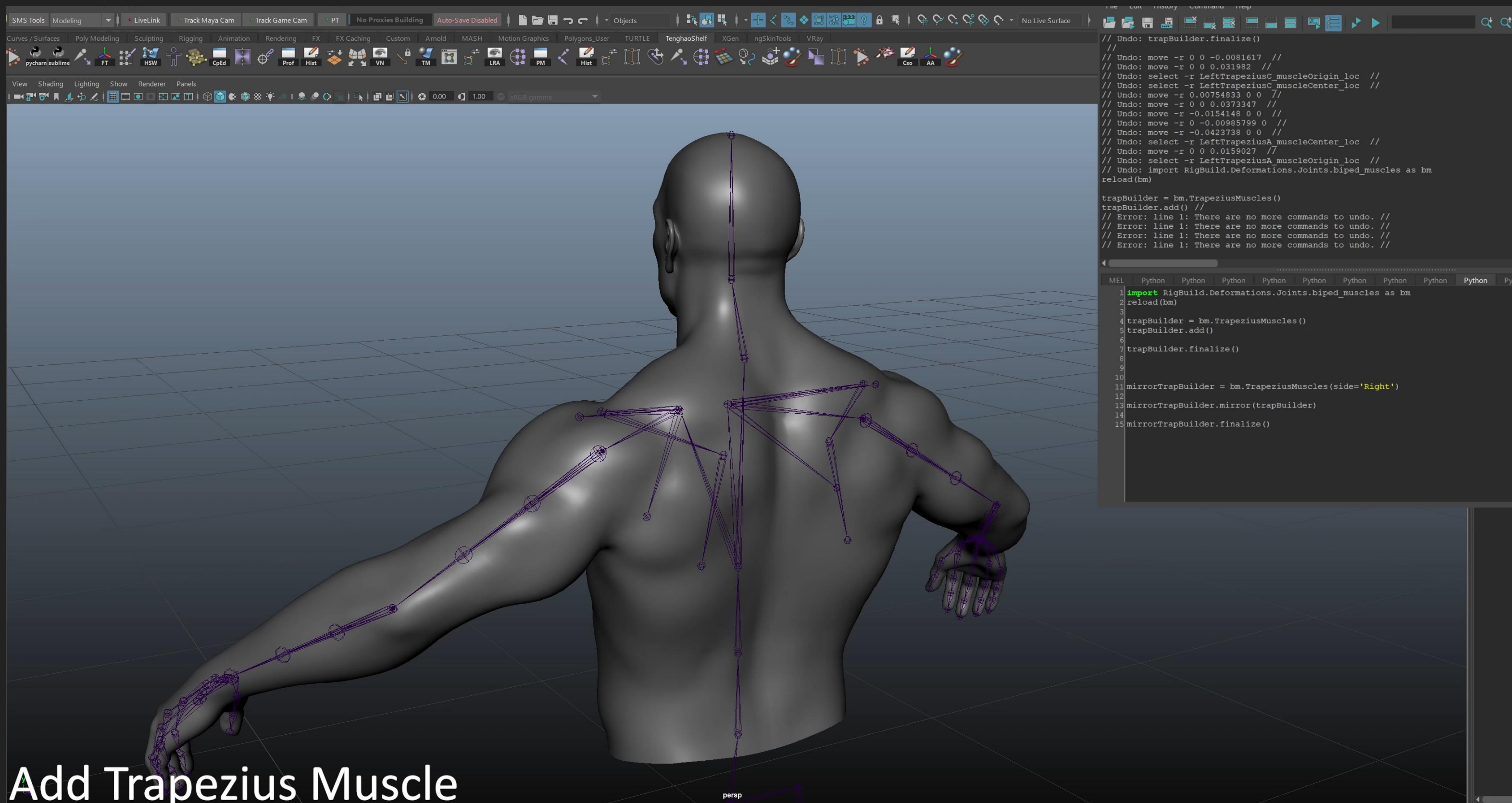
Traverse Part: medial acromial margin

Ascending Part: medial end of the scapular spine





# Trapezius Muscle Component



## Add Trapezius Muscle

```
# create muscle joint groups for left side
trapBuilder = TrapezusMuscles(side='Left')
trapBuilder.add()
trapBuilder.finalize()
```

```
# mirror the left traps to the right side
mirrorTrapBuilder = TrapezusMuscles(side='Right')
mirrorTrapBuilder.mirror(trapBuilder)
mirrorTrapBuilder.finalize()
```

```
Undo: trapBuilder.finalize()
Undo: move -x 0 0 -0.0081617 //
Undo: move -x 0 0 0.021982 //
Undo: select -r LeftTrapeziusC_muscleOrigin_loc //
Undo: select -r LeftTrapeziusC_muscleCenter_loc //
Undo: move -x 0.00754833 0 0 //
Undo: move -x 0 0 0.0373347 //
Undo: move -x -0.0154149 0 0 //
Undo: move -x 0 -0.00985799 0 //
Undo: move -x -0.0423738 0 0 //
Undo: select -r LeftTrapeziusA_muscleCenter_loc //
Undo: move -x 0 0 0.0159027 //
Undo: select -r LeftTrapeziusA_muscleOrigin_loc //
Undo: import RigBuild.Deformations.Joints.biped_muscles as bm
reload(bm)

trapBuilder = bm.TrapeziusMuscles()
trapBuilder.add()
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11 mirrorTrapBuilder = bm.TrapeziusMuscles(side='Right')
12 mirrorTrapBuilder.mirror(trapBuilder)
13
14
15 mirrorTrapBuilder.finalize()
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```
class TrapezusMuscles(BipedMuscles):
```

```
def add(self):
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```
# Descending Part: superior fibers of the trapezius
# Origin: spinous process of C7 to the occipital bone (neck joint to head joint)
neckJointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.neckJoint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
headJointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.headJoint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
averagePos = (neckJointPos + headJointPos) / 2.0
neckJointWorldMatrix = mc.getAttr('{0}.worldMatrix'.format(self.neckJoint))
offsetVector = om.MVector(neckJointWorldMatrix[8: 11]) * 0.02
trapeziusAOrigin = offsetVector + averagePos
```

```
# Insertion: lateral third of the clavical
clavicalJointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.clavicalJoint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
acromoinJointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.acromoinJoint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
offsetVector = (clavicalJointPos - acromoinJointPos) / 6.0
trapeziusAInsertion = acromoinJointPos + offsetVector
```

```
self.trapeziusA = mb.MuscleJoint.createFromAttachObjs(muscleName='{0}{1}A'.format(self.side, self.name),
originAttachObj=self.neckJoint,
insertionAttachObj=self.clavicalJoint,
compressionFactor=0.5,
stretchFactor=1.5,
bulgeVector=[0.0, 0.0])
```

```
self.muscleParts.append(self.trapeziusA)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusA.originLoc, translation=trapeziusAOrigin, worldSpace=True)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusA.insertionLoc, translation=trapeziusAInsertion, worldSpace=True)
# Transverse Part: middle fibers of the trapezius
scapulaJointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.scapulaJoint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
# Origin: Broad aponeurosis at spinous processes of vertebrae T1-T4 (or C7-T3)
averagePos = (neckJointPos + scapulaJointPos) / 2.0
trapeziusBOrigin = om.MVector(neckJointPos.x, averagePos.y, averagePos.z)
# Insertion: Medial aspect of acromion, Superior crest of spine of scapula
offsetVector = (scapulaJointPos - acromoinJointPos) / 4.0
trapeziusBInsertion = offsetVector + acromoinJointPos
```

```
self.trapeziusB = mb.MuscleJoint.createFromAttachObjs(muscleName='{0}{1}B'.format(self.side, self.name),
originAttachObj=self.spine3Joint,
insertionAttachObj=self.acromoinJoint,
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bulgeVector=[0.0, 0.0])
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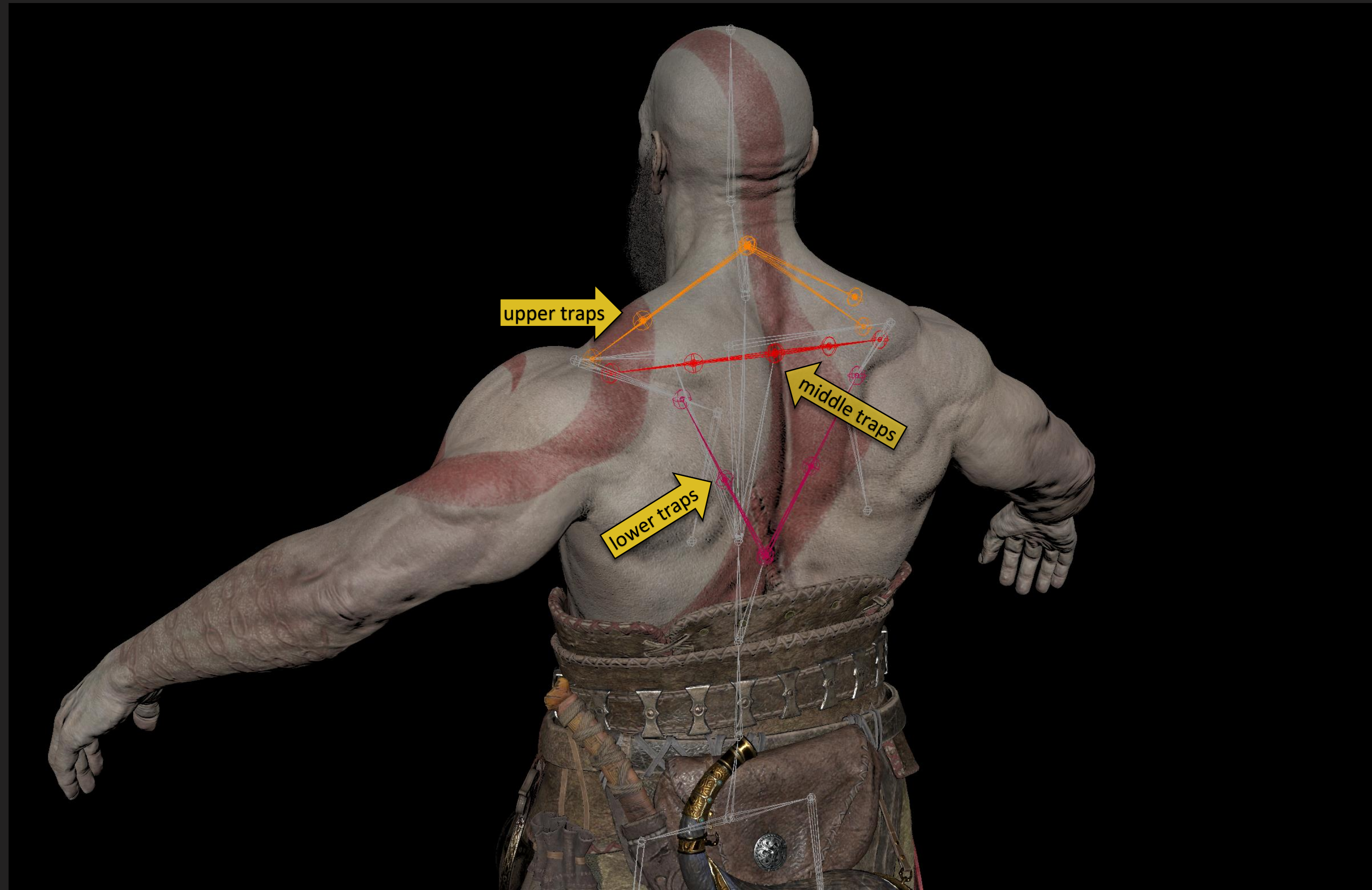
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self.muscleParts.append(self.trapeziusB)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusB.originLoc, translation=trapeziusBOrigin, worldSpace=True)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusB.insertionLoc, translation=trapeziusBInsertion, worldSpace=True)
# Ascending Part: inferior fibers of the trapezius
# Origin: Arise from the spinous processes of the remaining thoracic vertebrae (T4-T12)
# roughly is T8 at the same level as the xiphisternum: (JOBBack3)
spine3JointPos = om.MVector(mc.xform(self.spine3Joint, translation=True, q=True, ws=True))
trapeziusCOrigin = om.MVector(spine3JointPos.x, spine3JointPos.y, trapeziusBOrigin.z)
```

```
# Insertion: Medial end of spine of scapula
trapeziusCInsertion = offsetVector * 3 + acromoinJointPos
self.trapeziusC = mb.MuscleJoint.createFromAttachObjs(muscleName='{0}{1}C'.format(self.side, self.name),
originAttachObj=self.spine2Joint,
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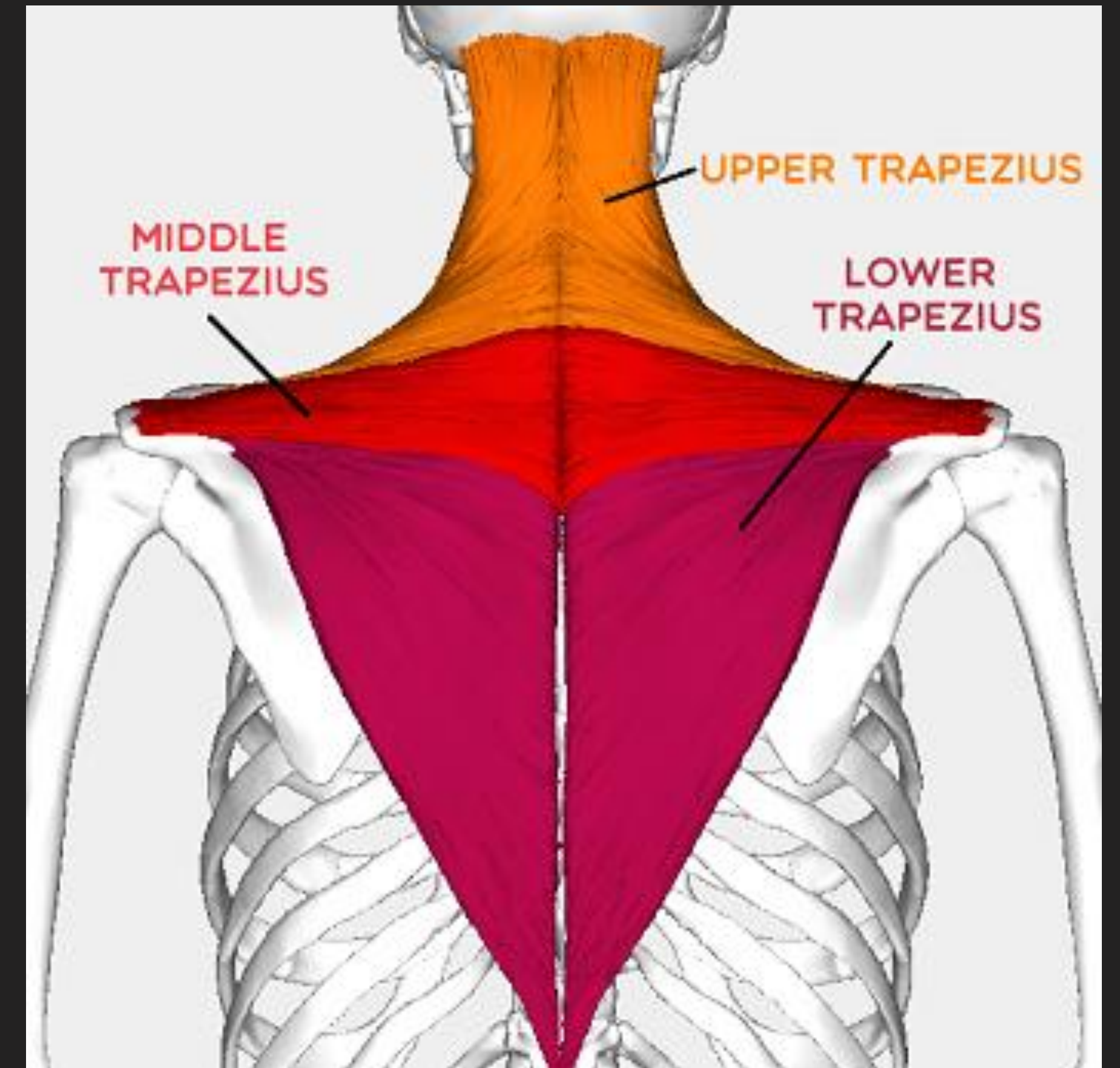
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self.muscleParts.append(self.trapeziusC)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusC.originLoc, translation=trapeziusCOrigin, worldSpace=True)
mc.xform(self.trapeziusC.insertionLoc, translation=trapeziusCInsertion, worldSpace=True)
```



# Trapezius Muscle Component



Joint layout of trapezius muscle component



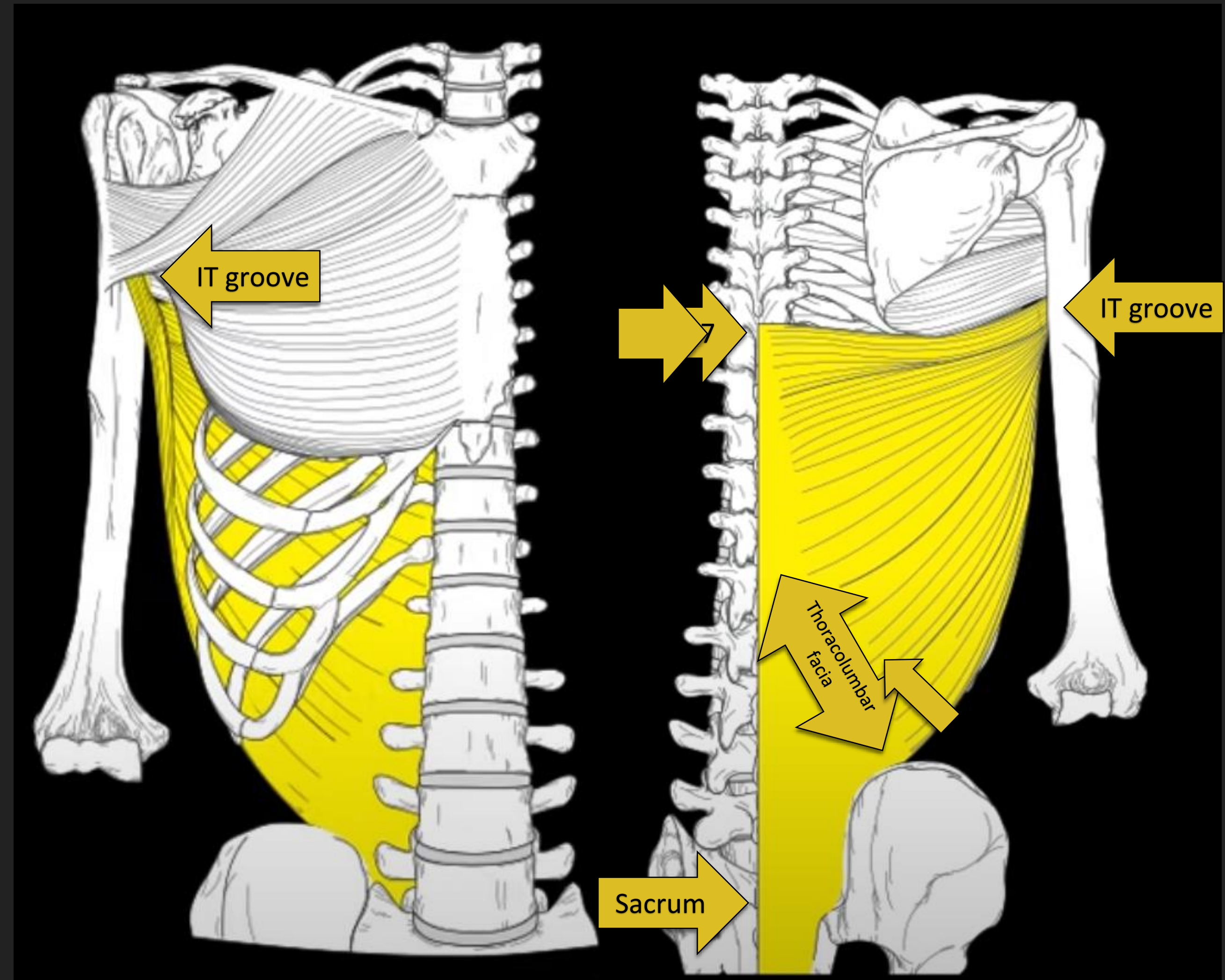
Trapezius muscle anatomy



# Latissimus Dorsi Muscle

Origin: spinous process T7 – T12  
thoracolumbar fascia

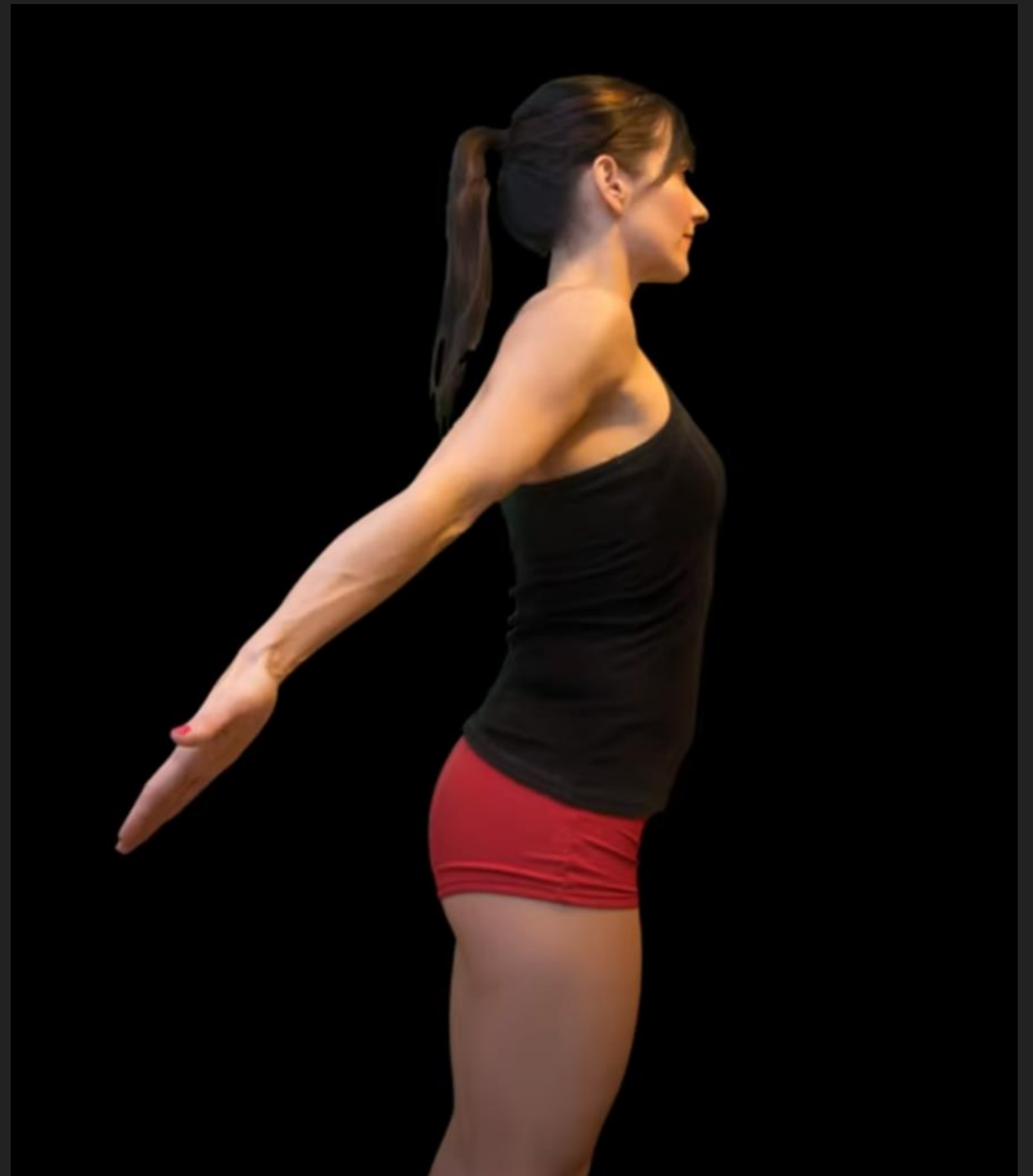
Insertion: intertubercular groove













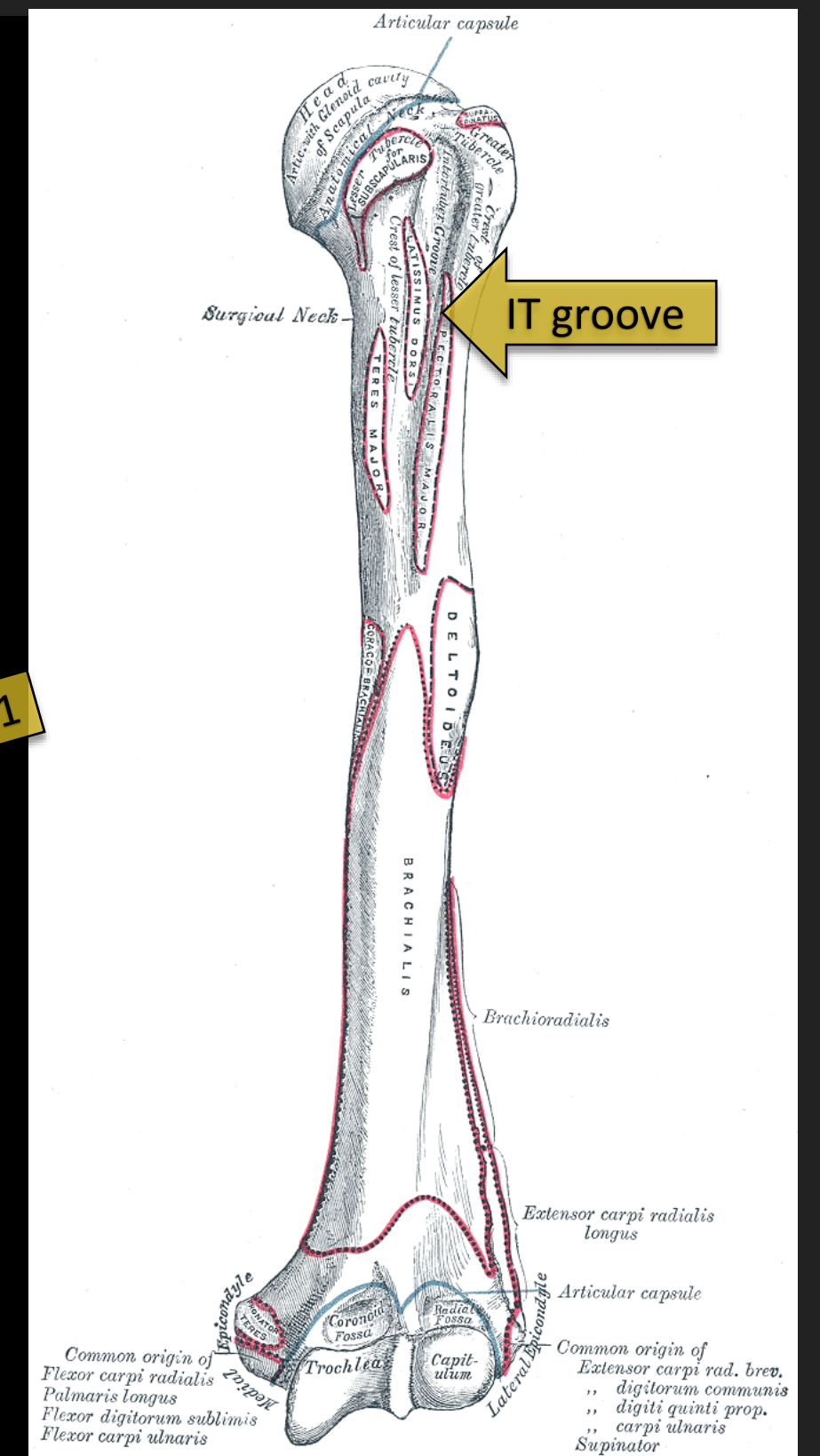
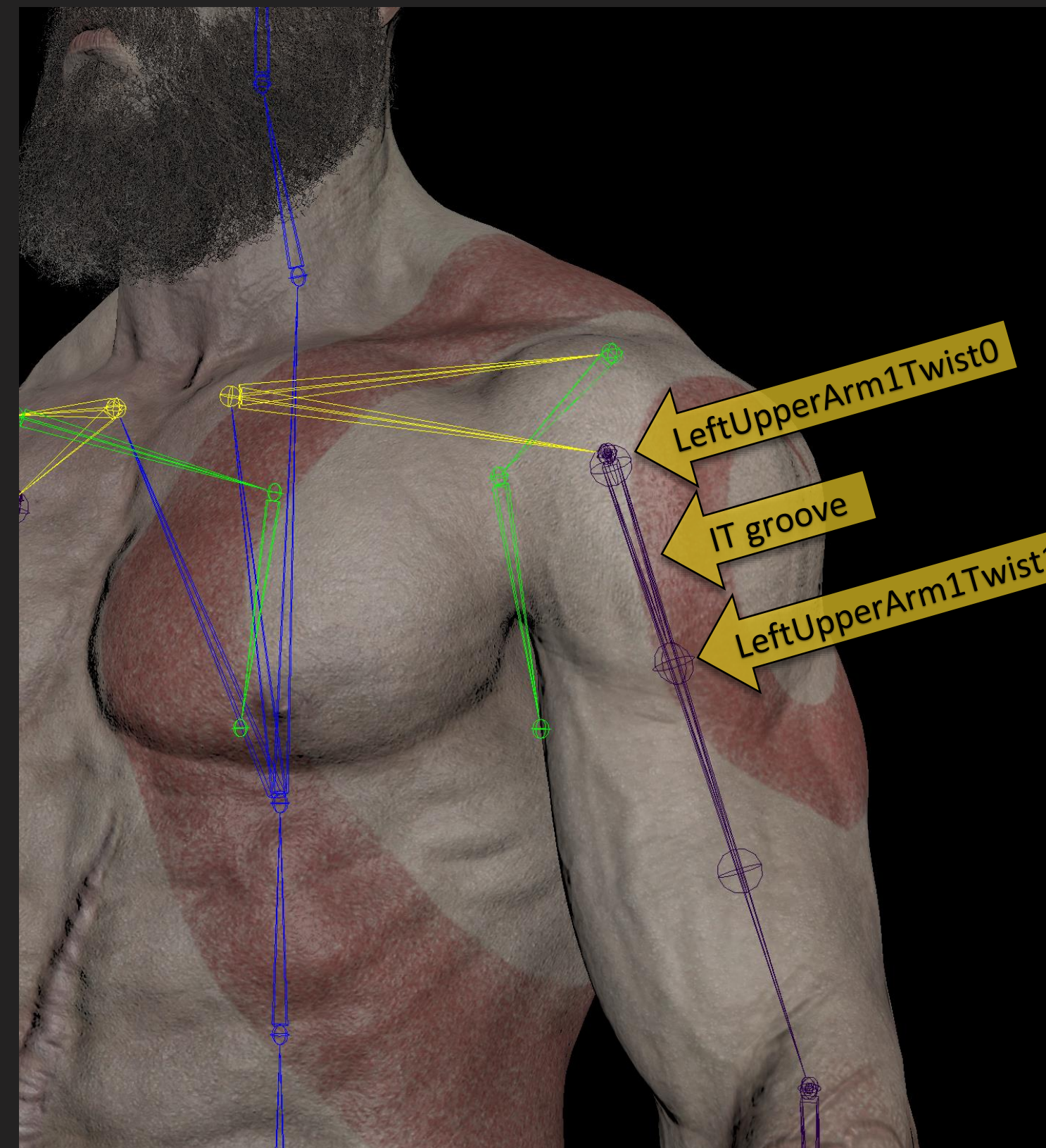
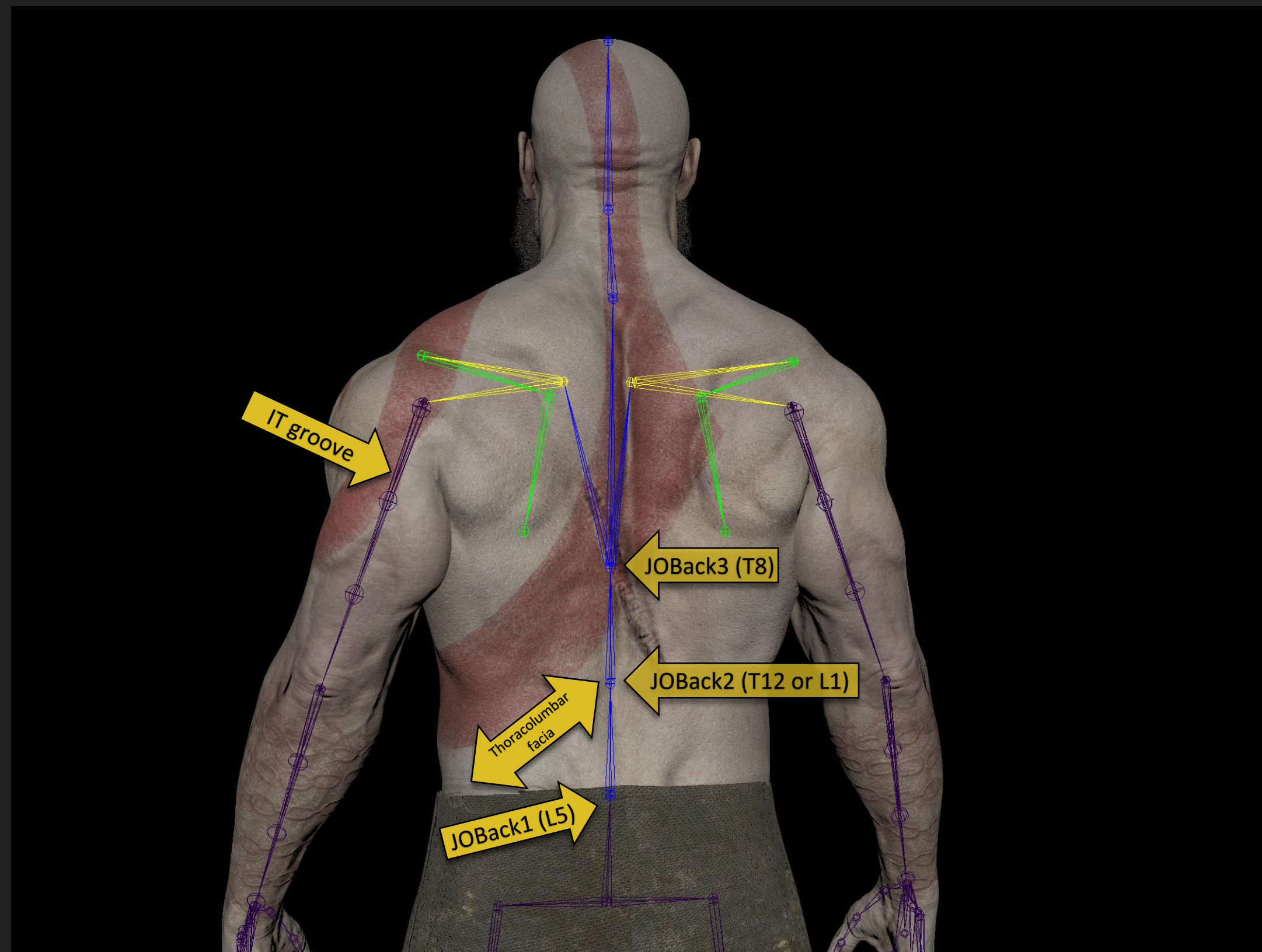
# Bone Mapping

## Origin:

Vertebral Part: spinous process T7 — T12  
Thoracolumbar fascia: spinous process (L1- L5)

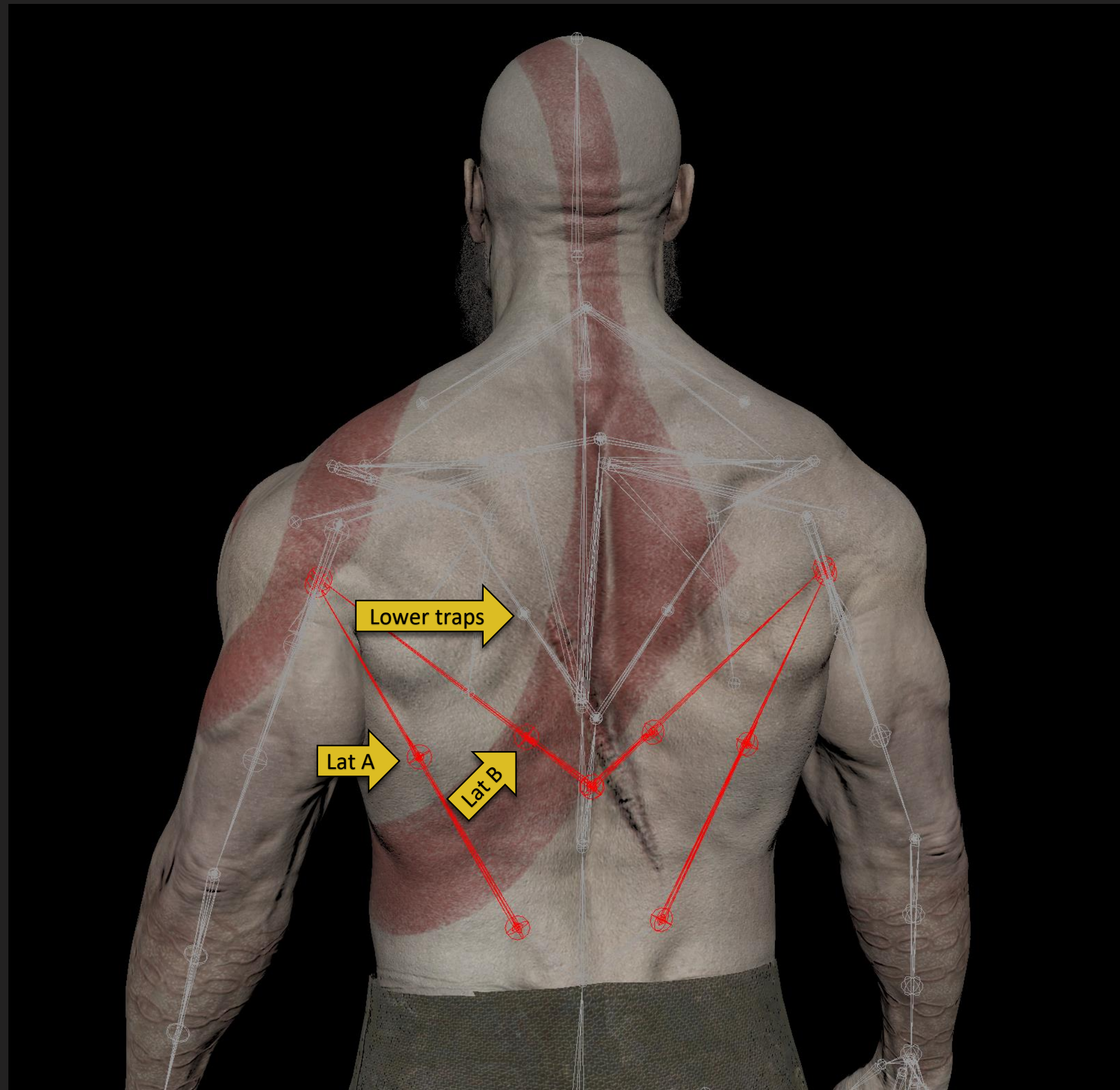
## Insertion:

Intertubercular groove

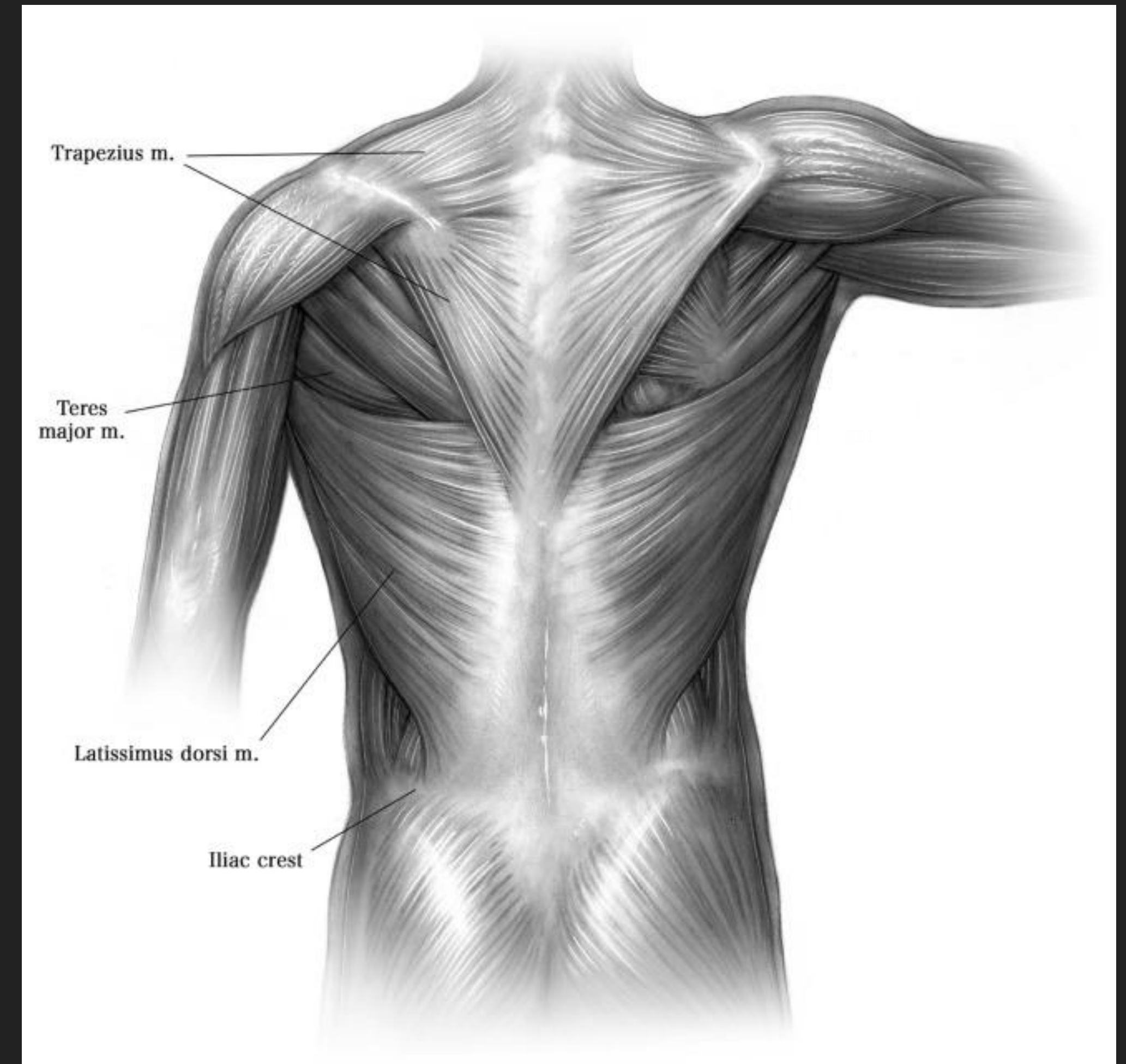




# Latissimus Dorsi Muscle Component



Joint layout of latissimus dorsi muscle component

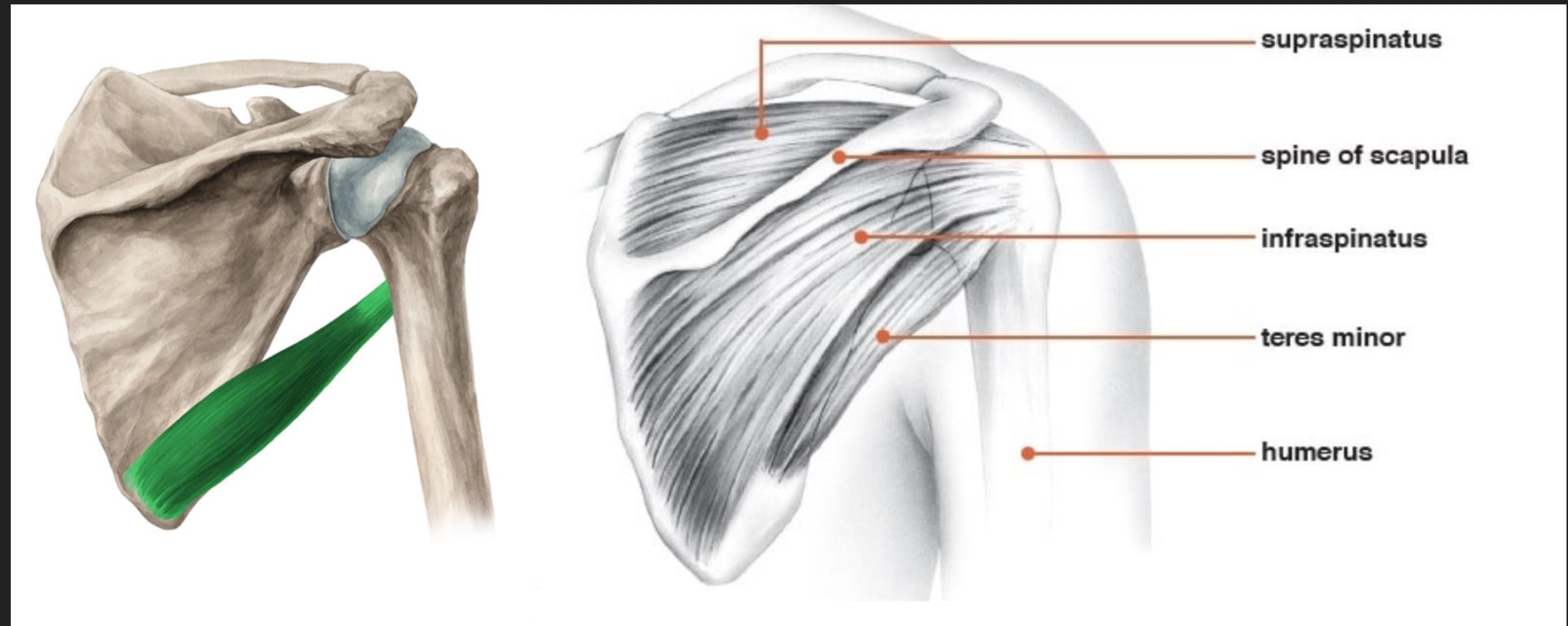


Superficial back muscles anatomy



# Scapula Muscles

- Teres major
- Supraspinatus
- Teres minor
- Infraspinatus



Teres major muscle in green

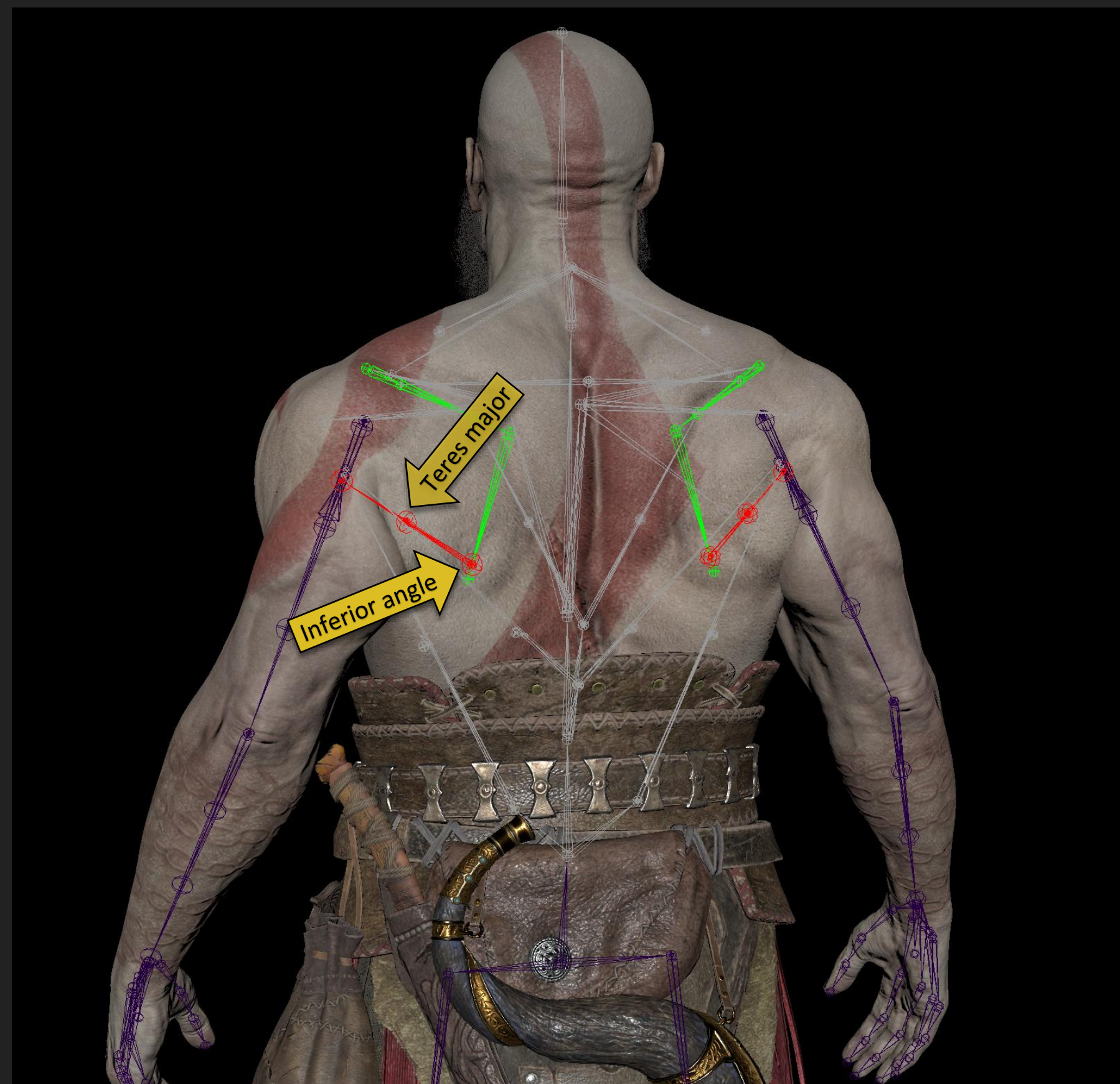
Rotate cuff muscles



# Bone Mapping

Origin:

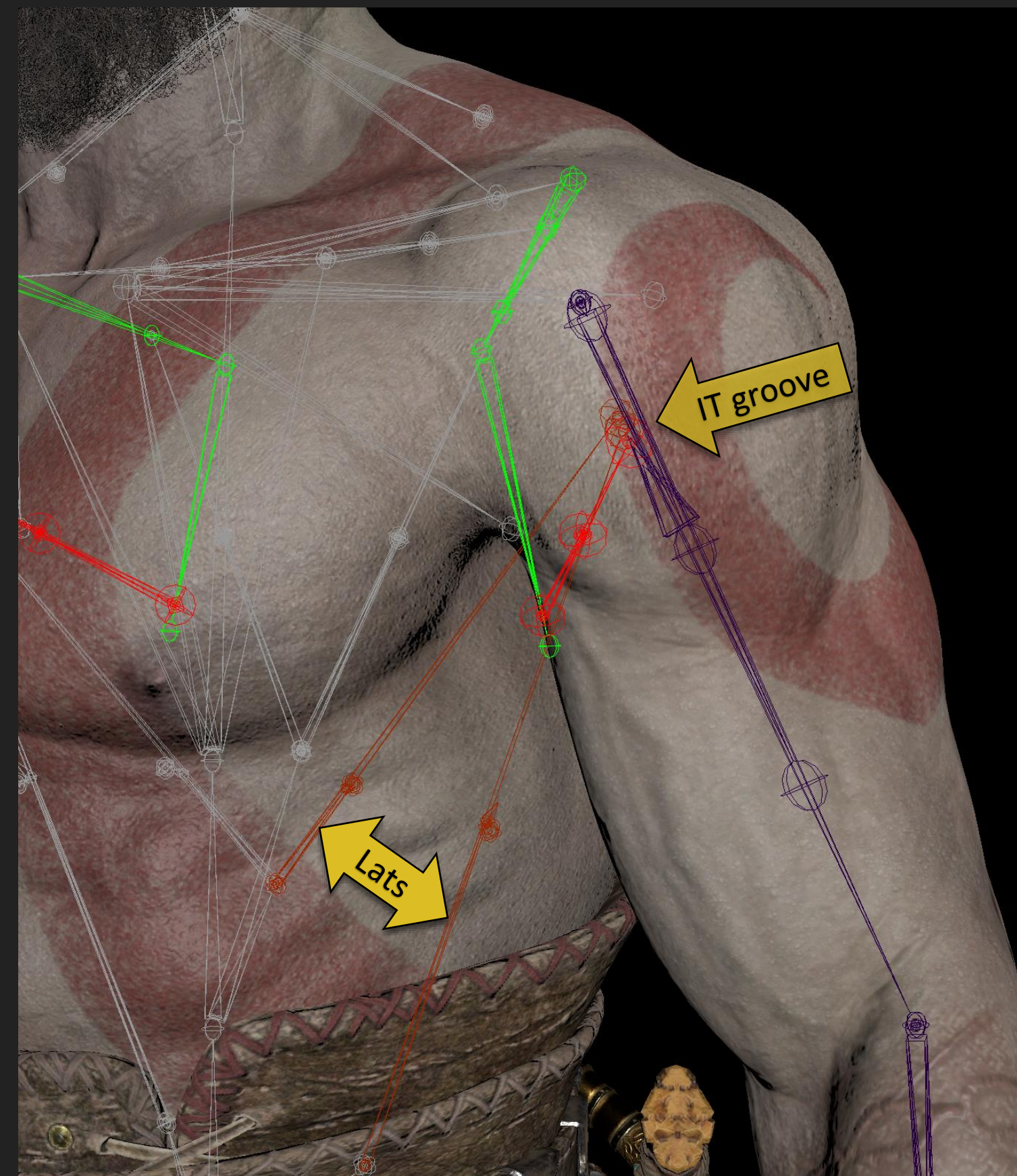
Inferior angle



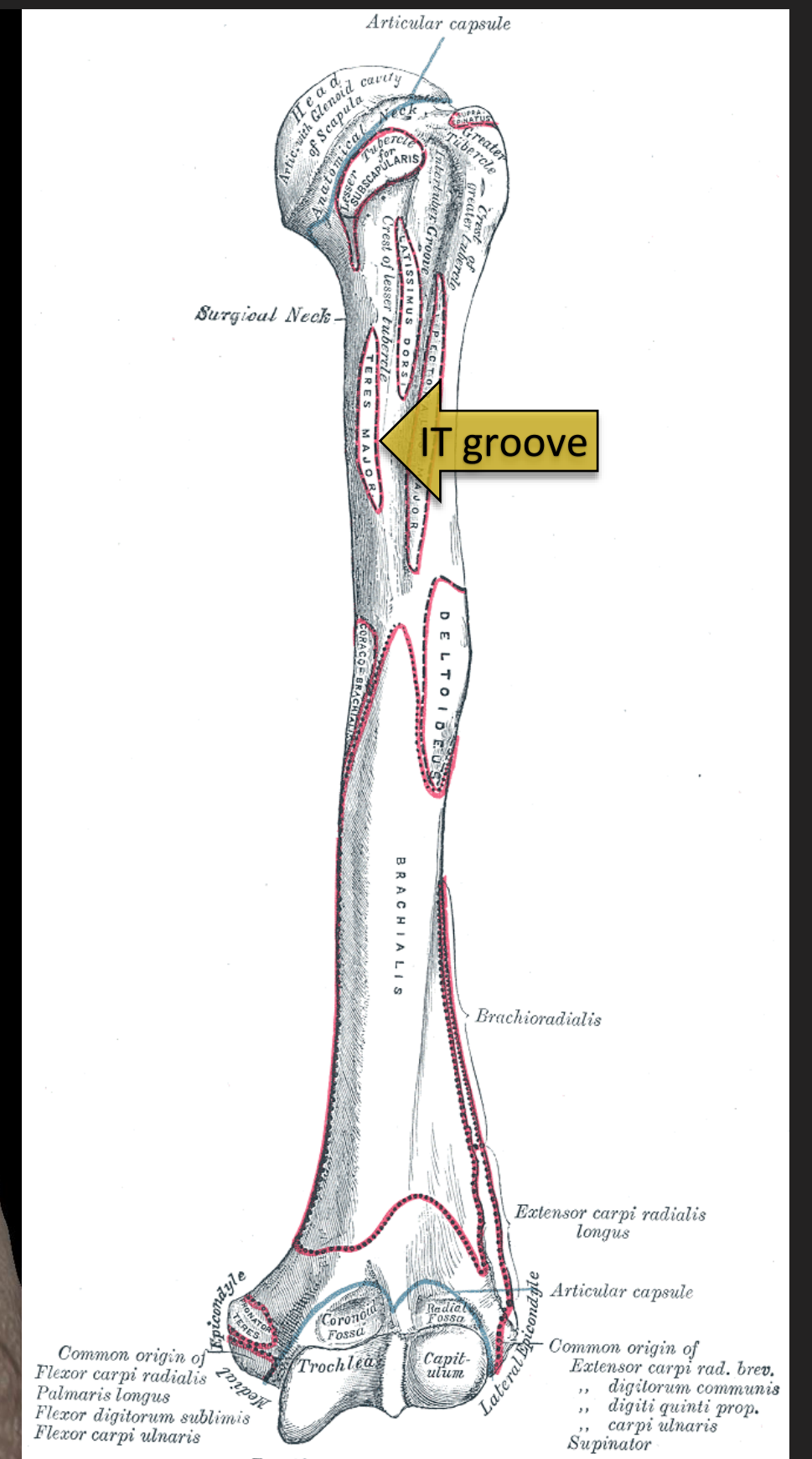
Joint layout of teres major muscle component

Insertion:

Intertubercular groove



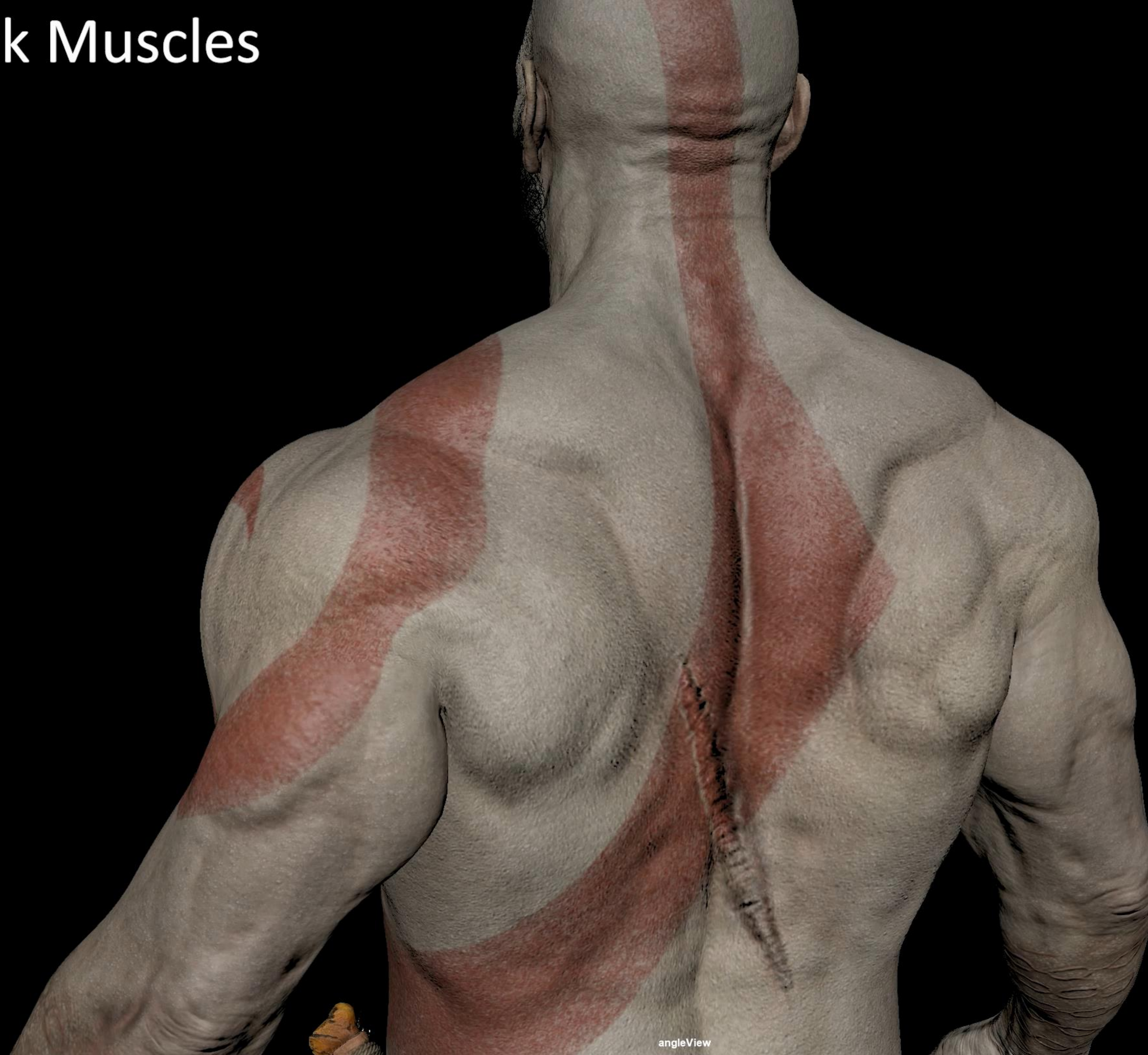
Common insertion for lats and teres major muscles





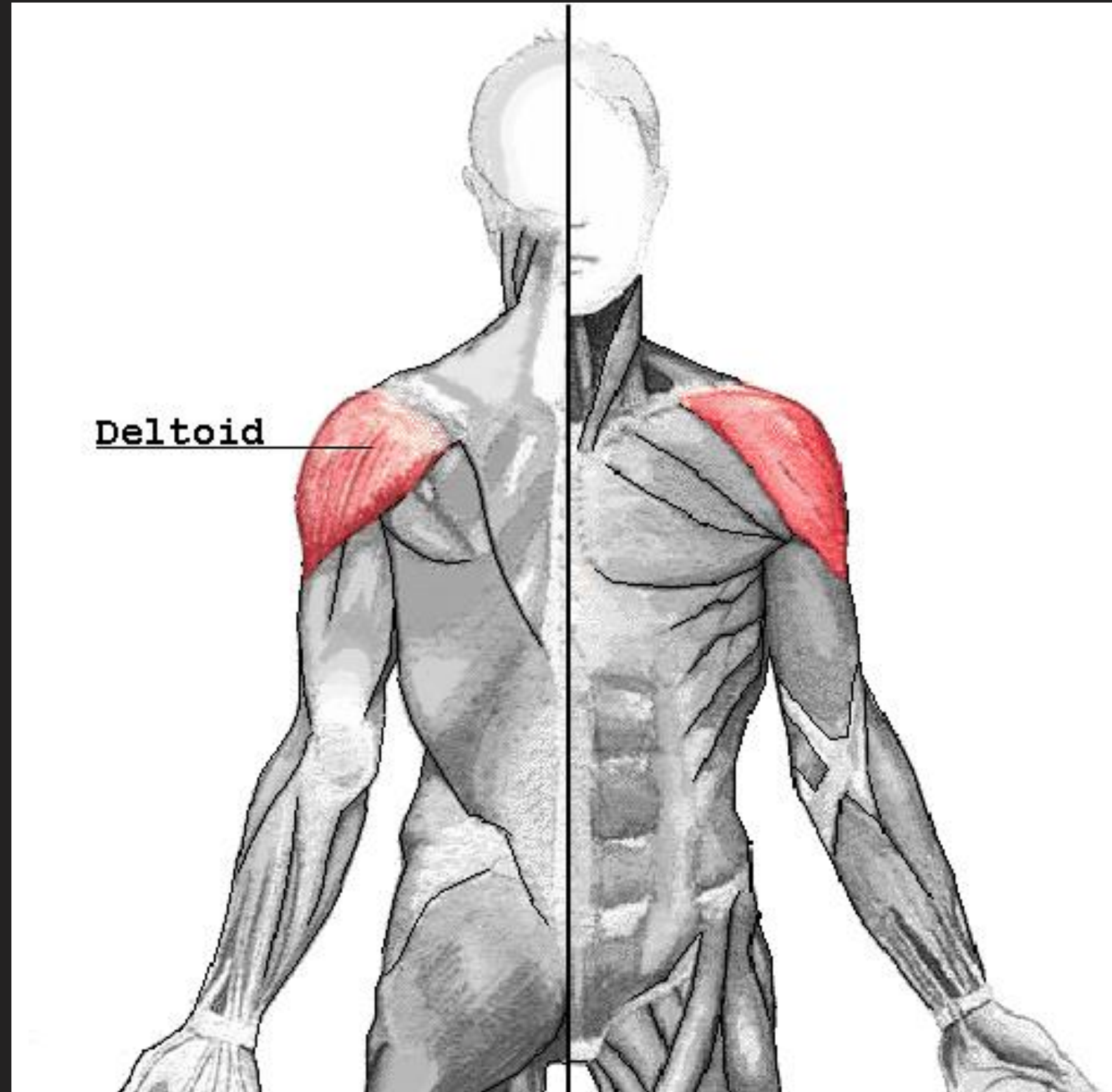
# Superficial Back Muscles

## Traps + Lats





# Deltoid Muscle



Deltoid muscle

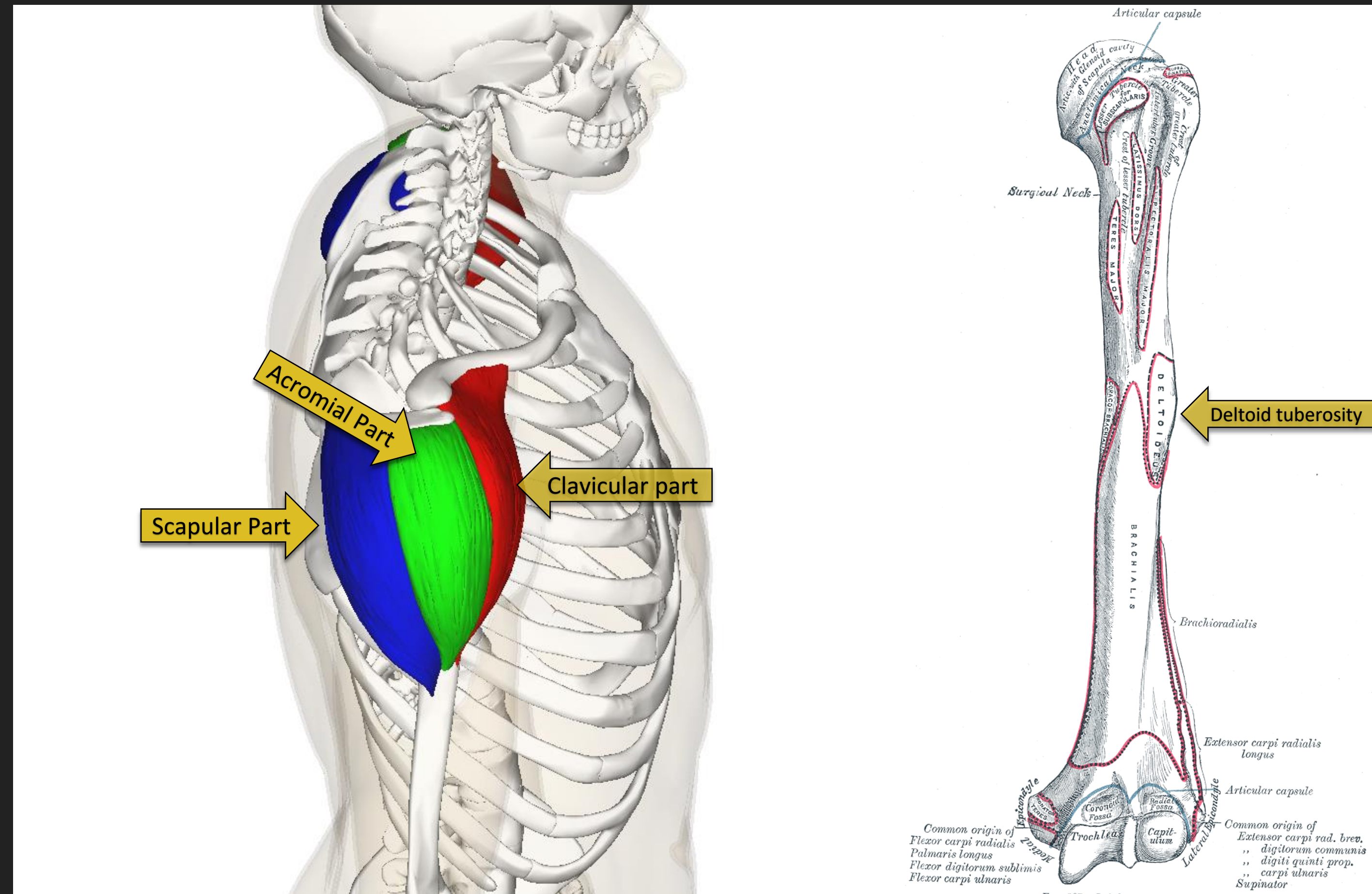


Kratos's shoulder loses volume



# Deltoid Muscle

- Anterior or clavicular part
- Posterior or scapular part
- Intermediate or acromial part



Side view of the deltoid muscle



# Bone Mapping

## Origin:

Clavicular Part: lateral third of clavicle

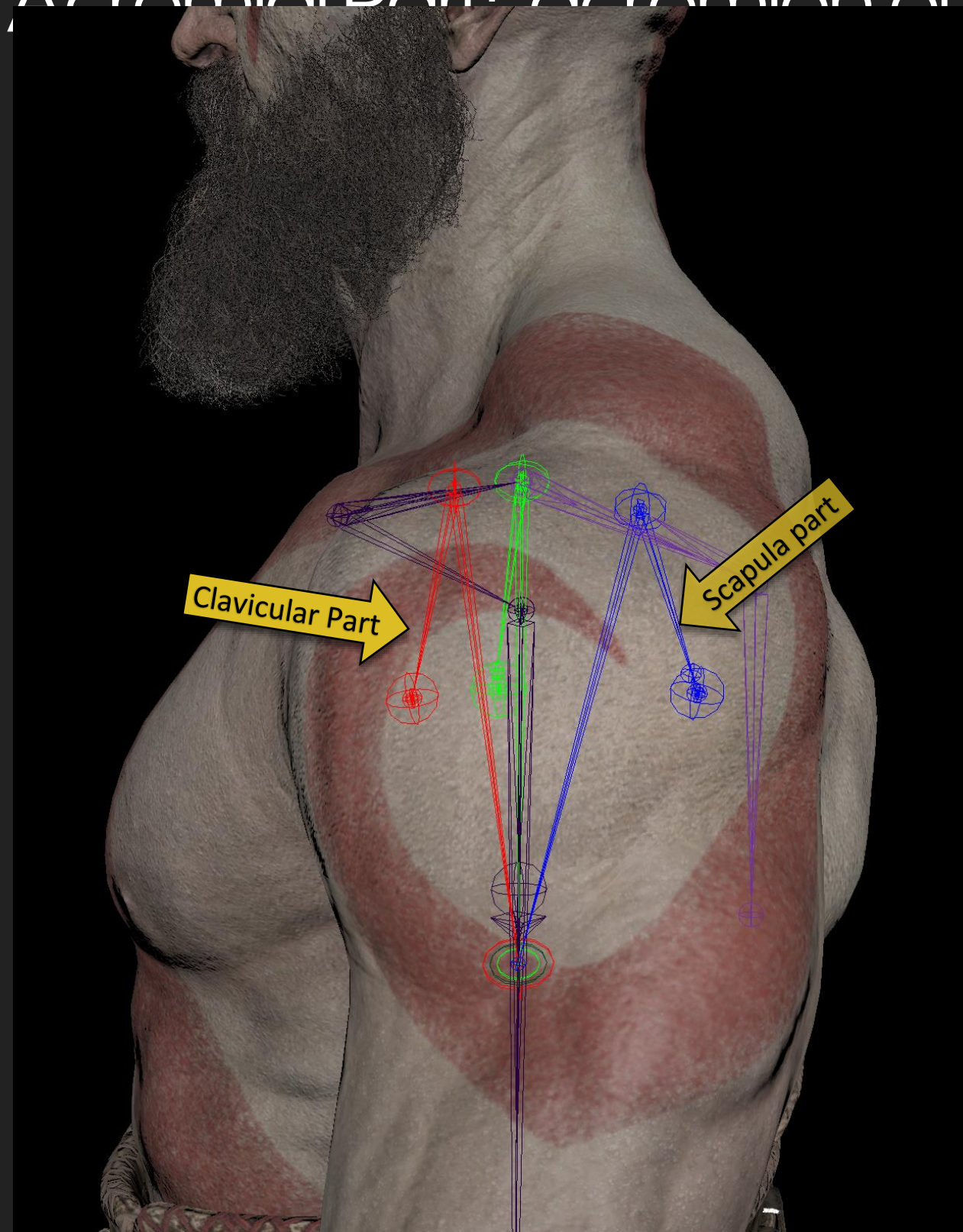
Scapular Part: lateral third of the spine of scapula

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Acromial Part: acromion of scapula

## Insertion:

Deltoid tuberosity



Joint layout of deltoid muscle component



# Biceps Brachii Muscle

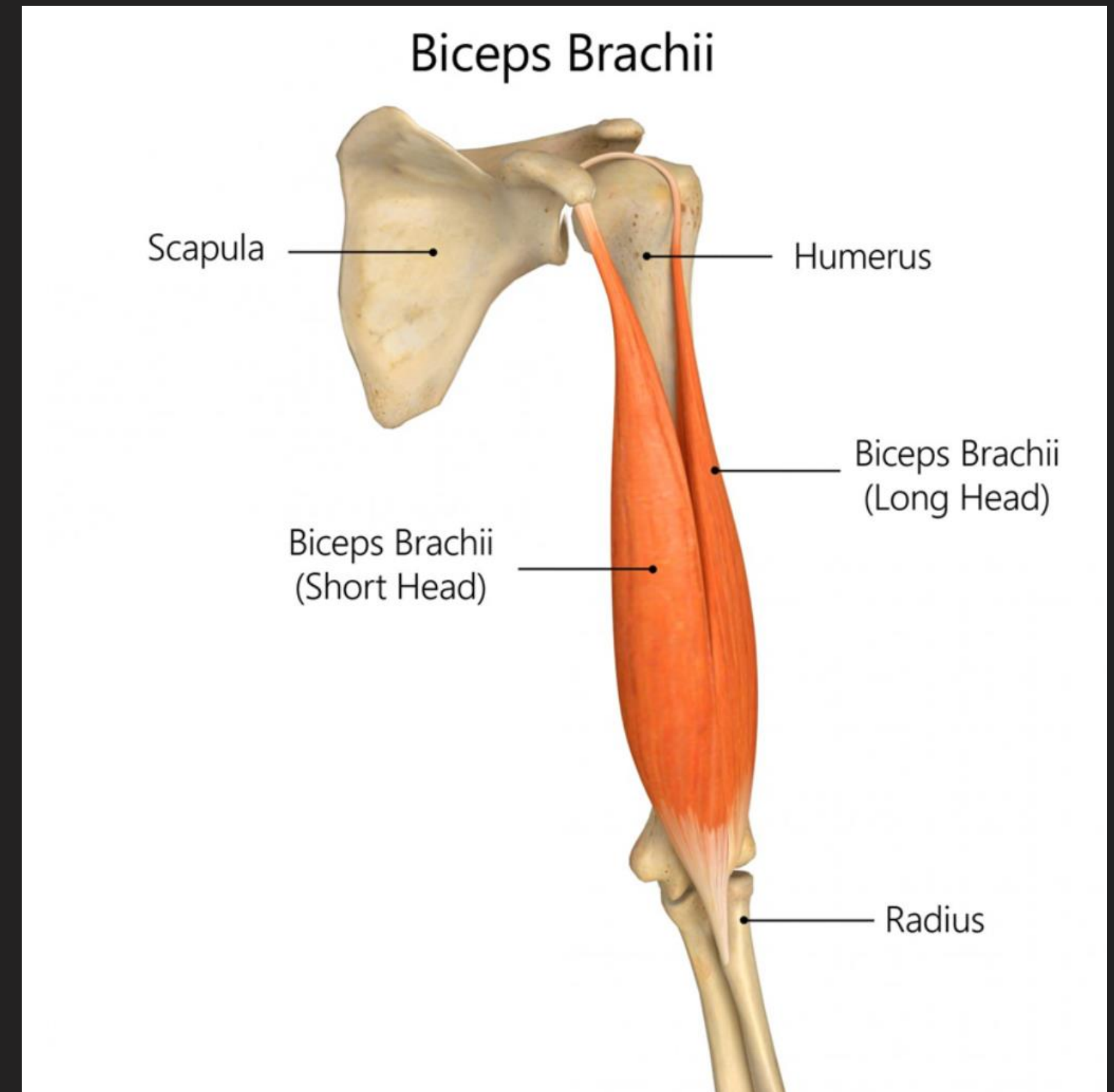




# Biceps Brachii Muscle

Origin: Scapula bone

Insertion: Radial tuberosity and the fascia of the forearm





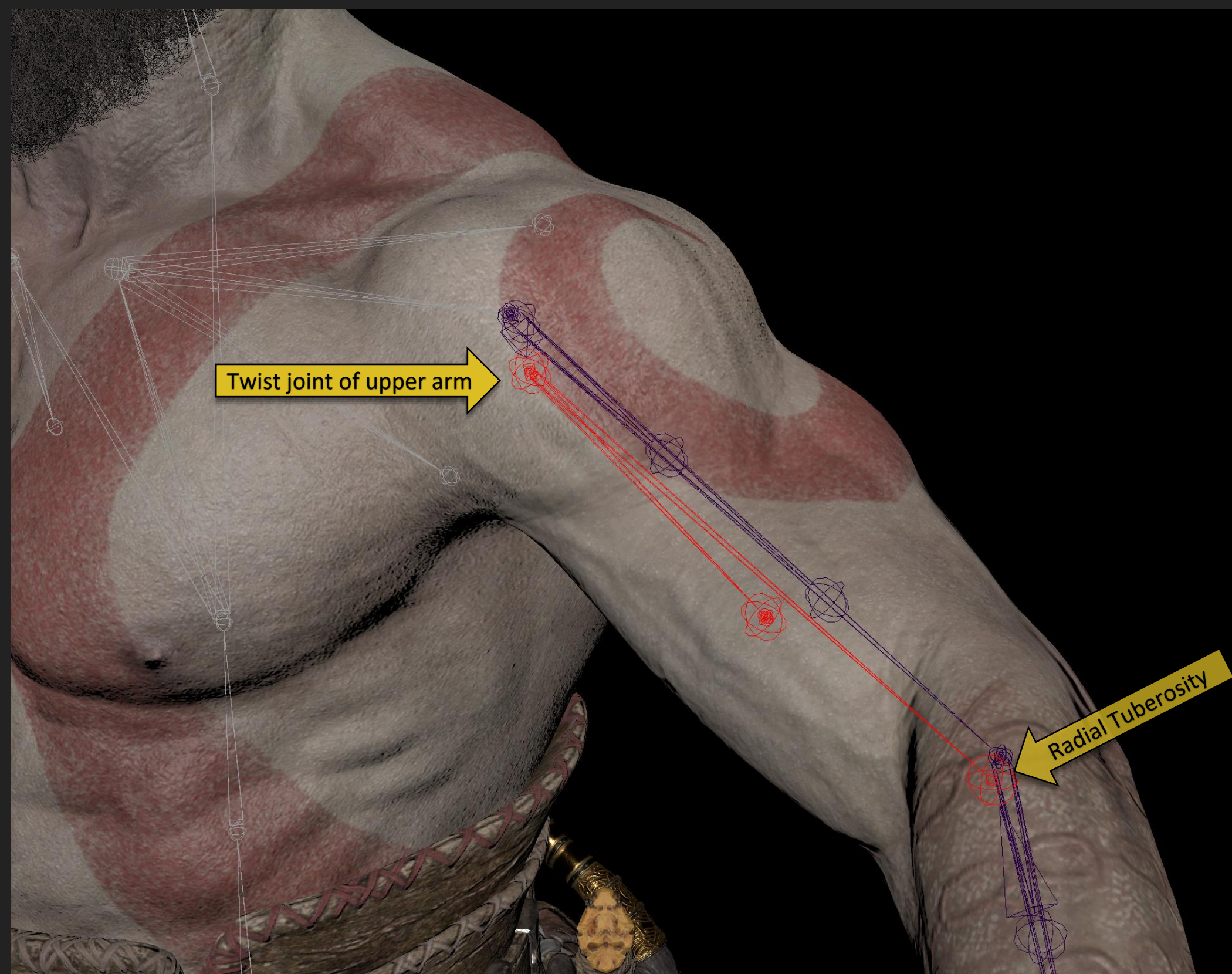
# Bone Mapping

Origin:

Scapula bone

Insertion:

Radial tuberosity



Joint layout of biceps muscle component

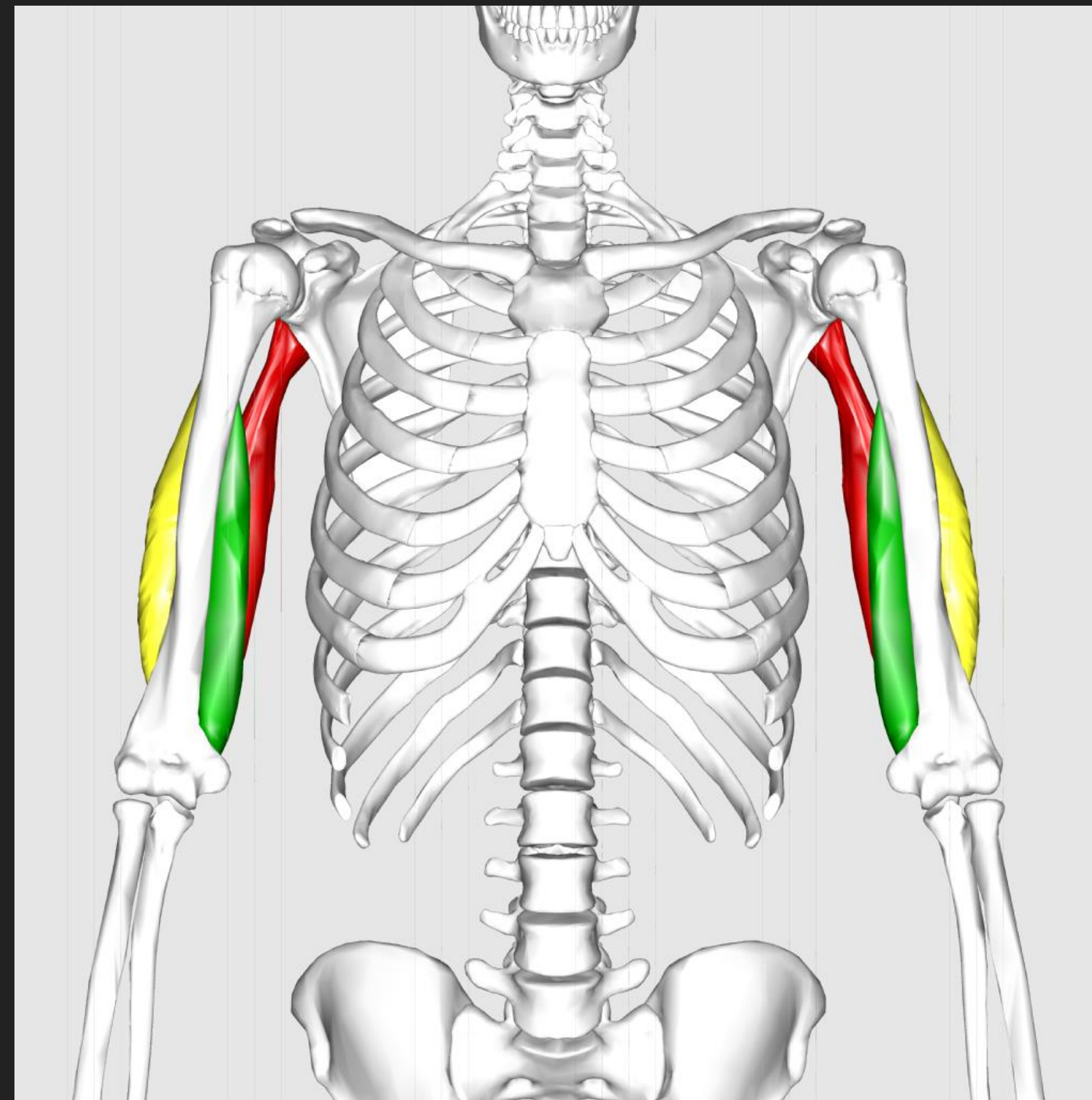


Forearm flexion, supination and pronation

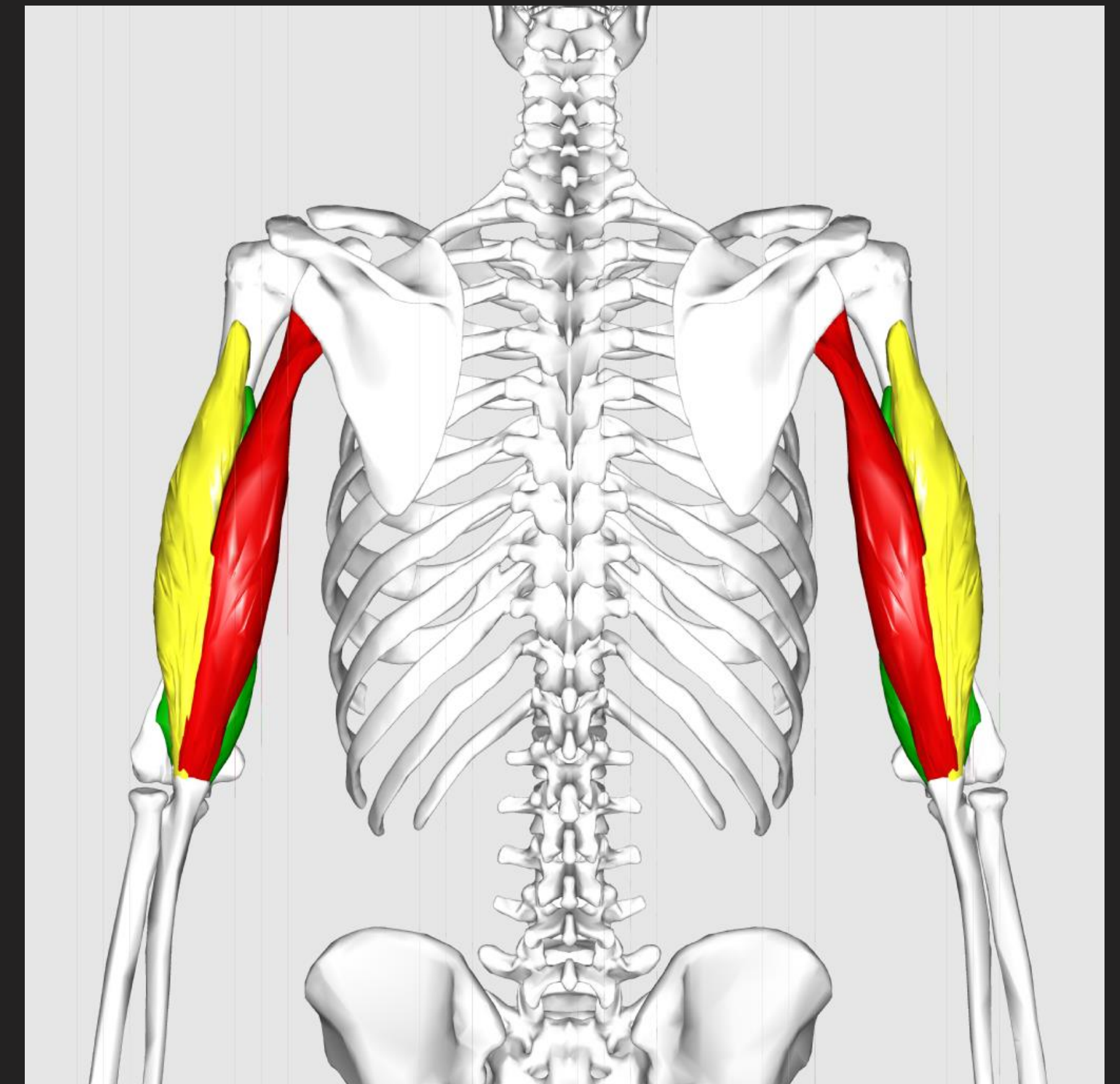


# Triceps Brachii Muscles

- Long head
- Lateral head
- Medial head

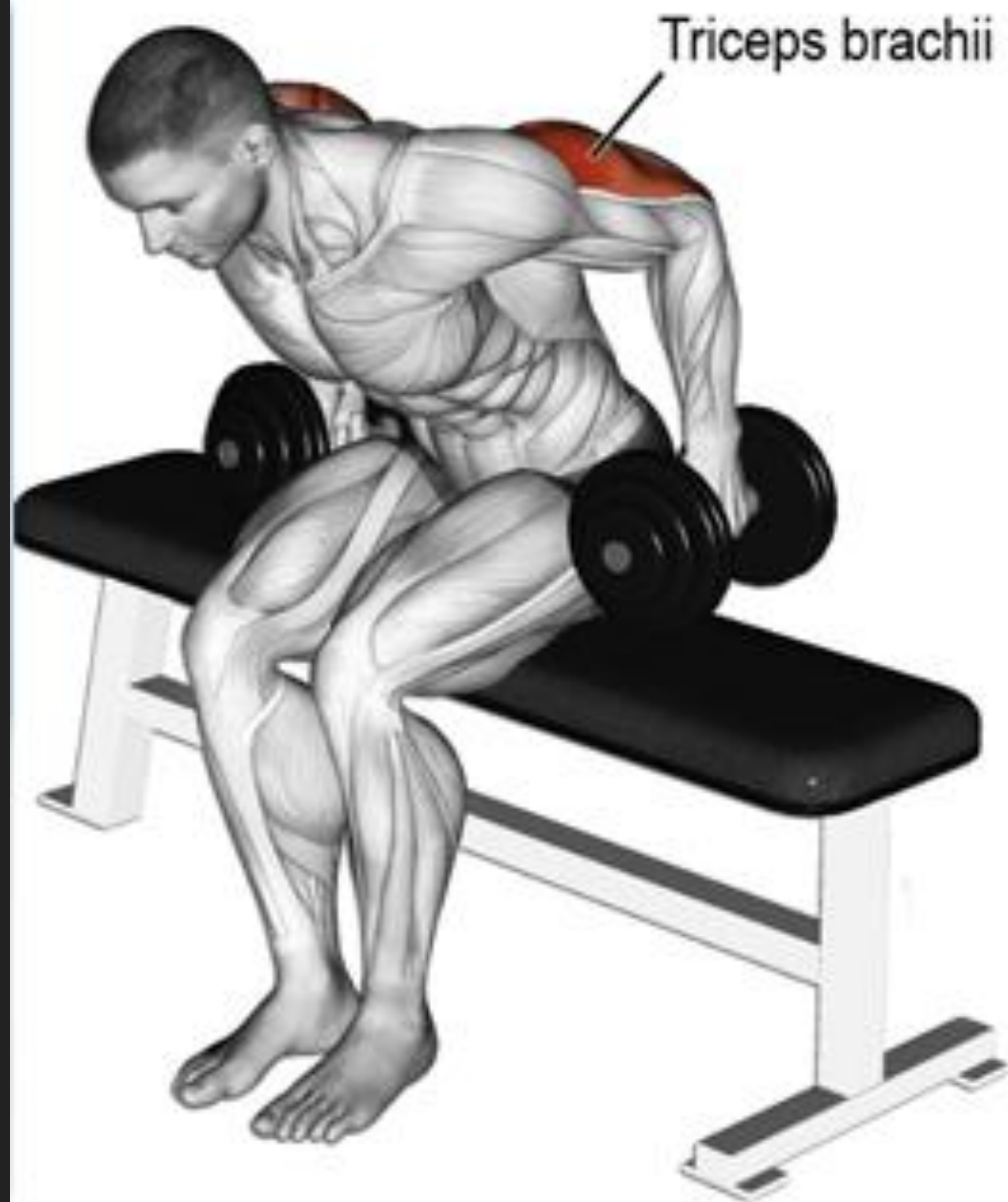


Anterior view



Back view







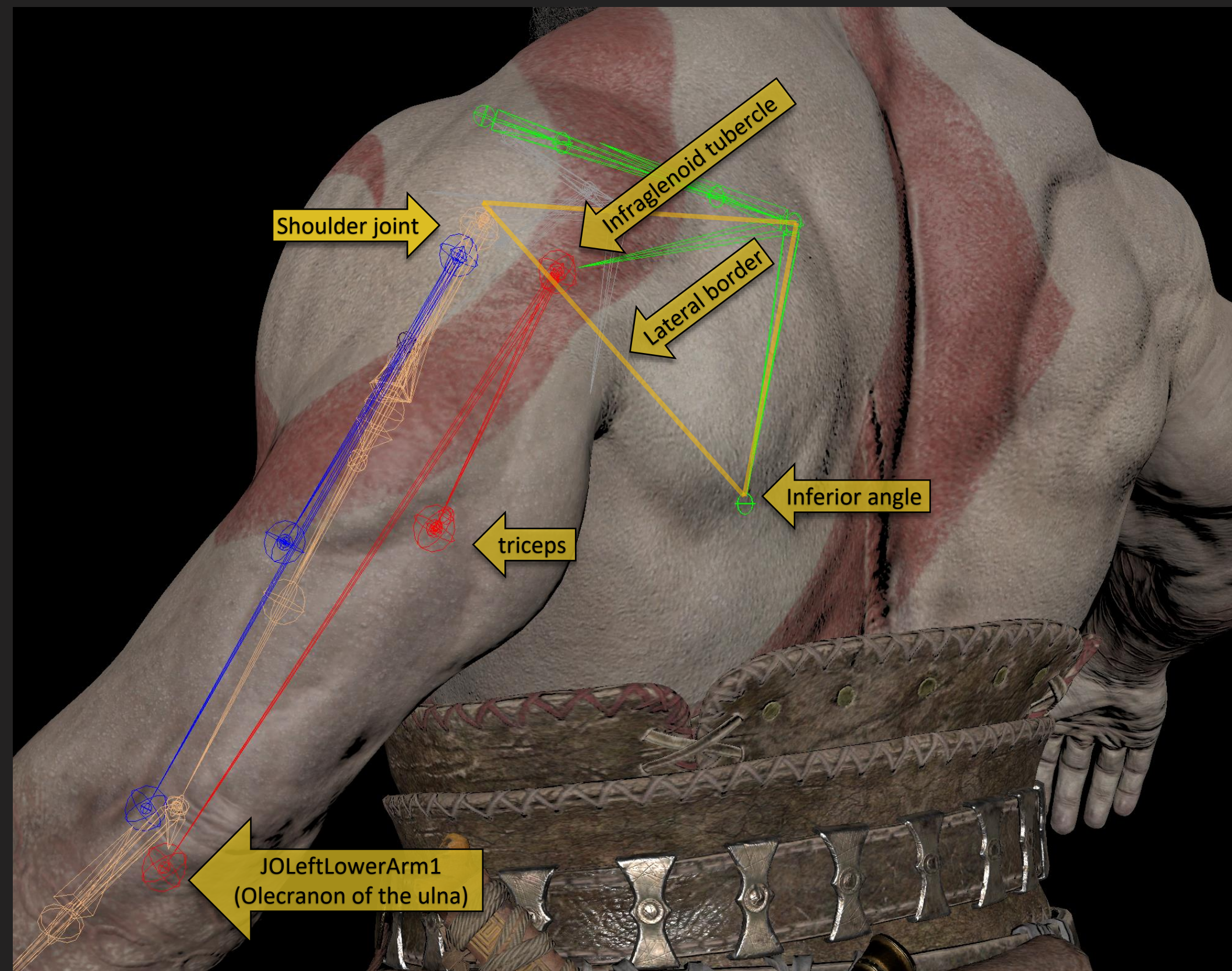
# Bone Mapping

Origin:

Infraglenoid tubercle of the scapula

Insertion:

Olecranon process of ulna



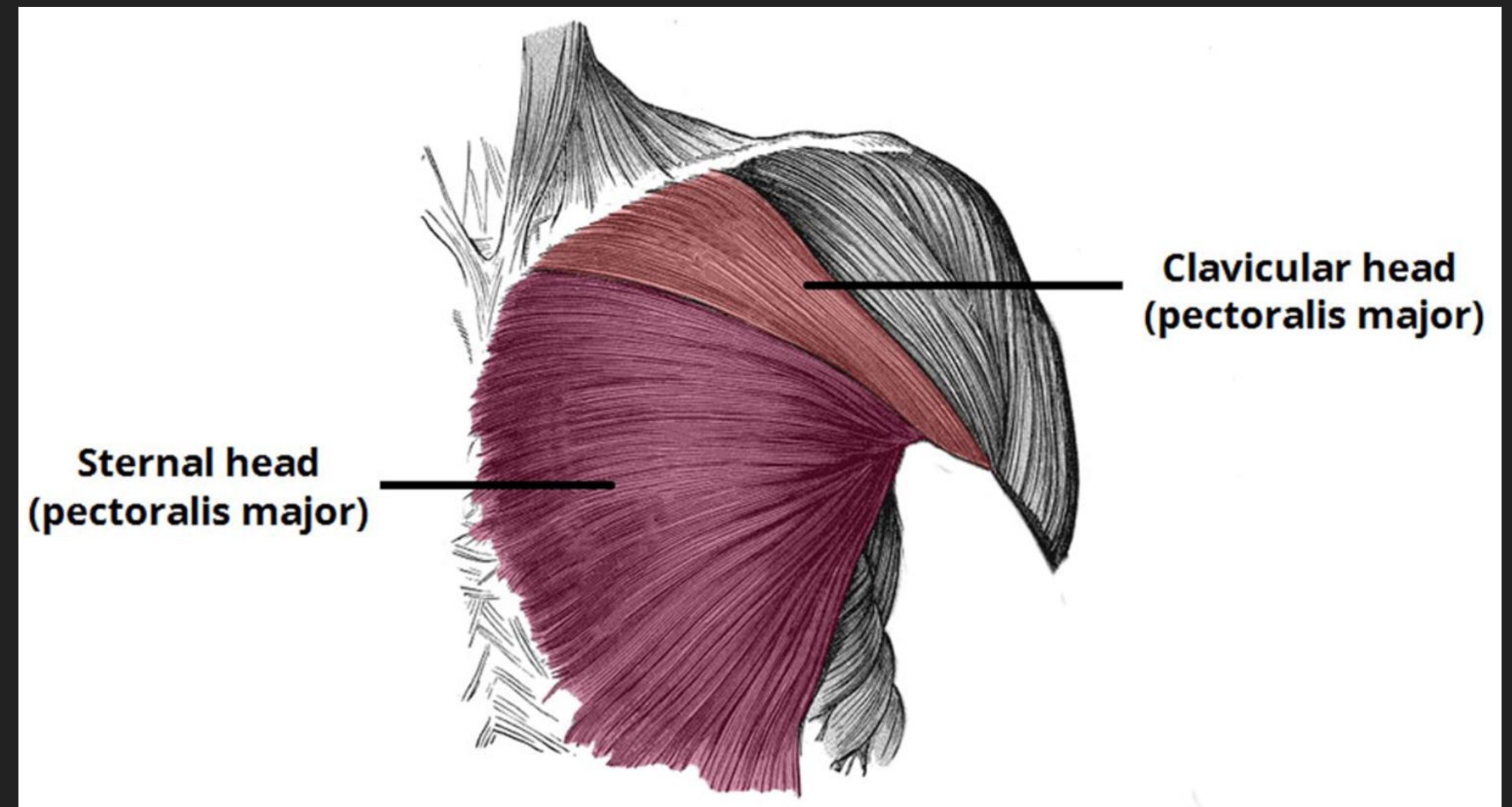
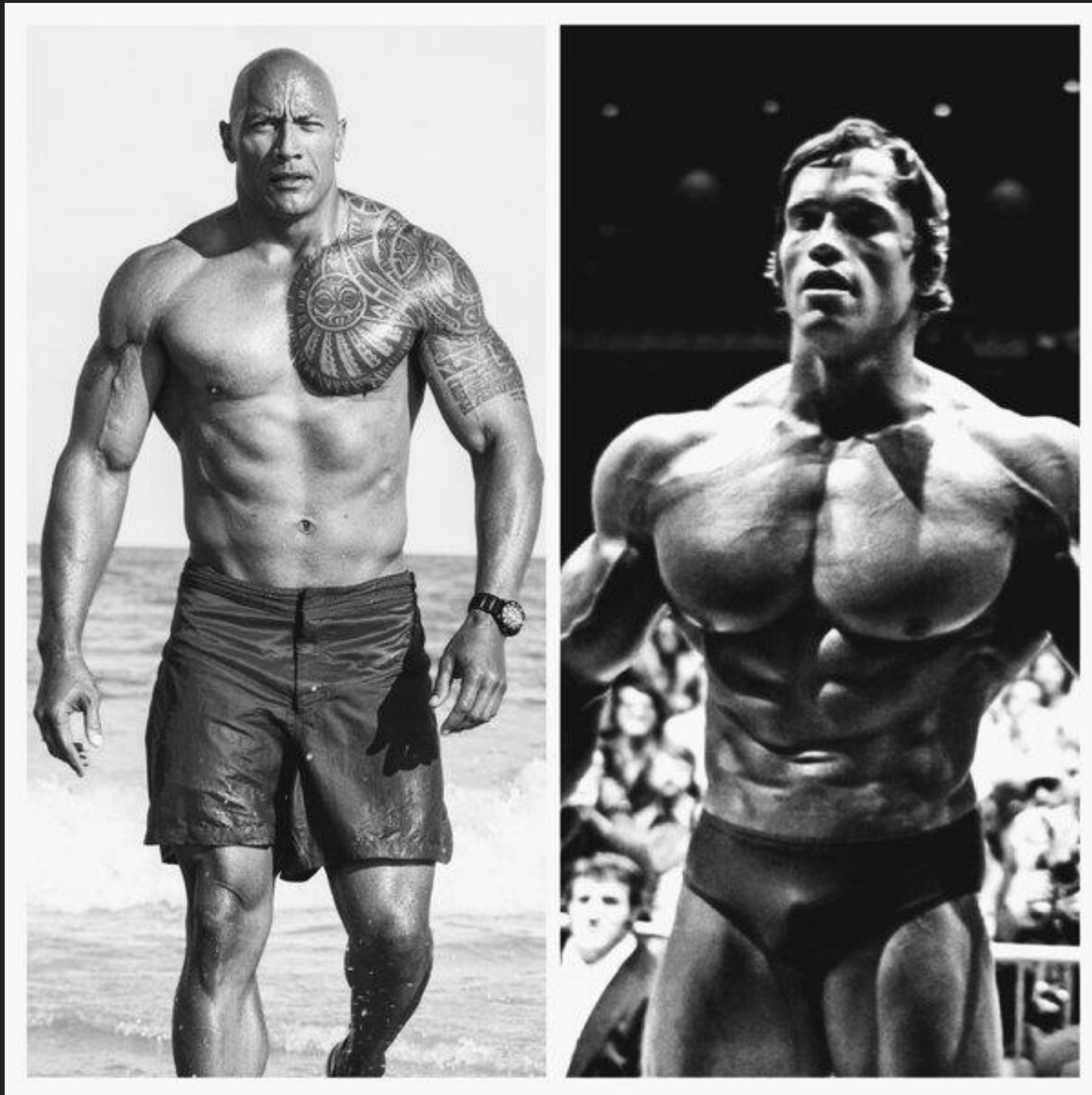
Joint layout of triceps muscle component



Forearm flexion and extension



# Pectoralis Major Muscles

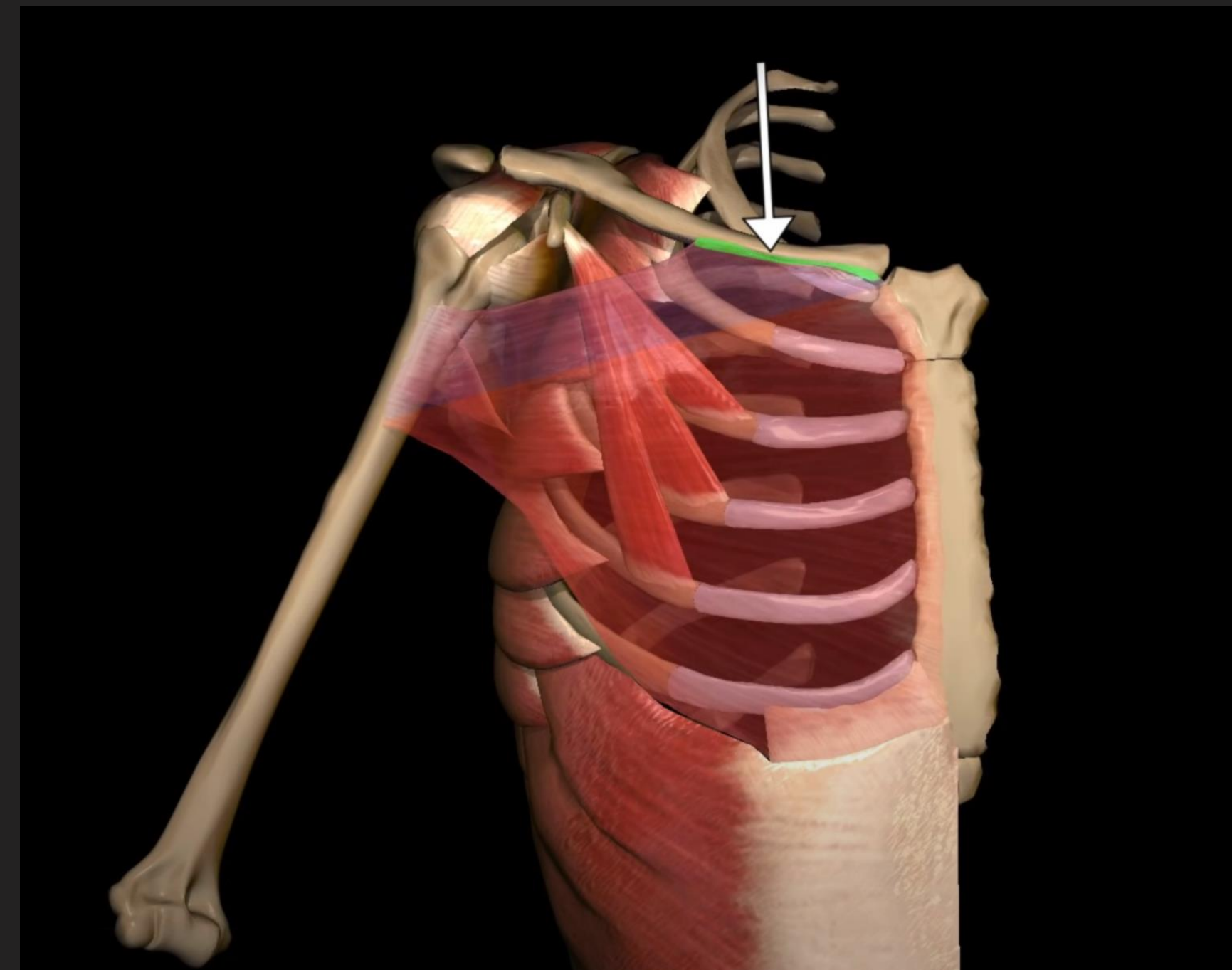




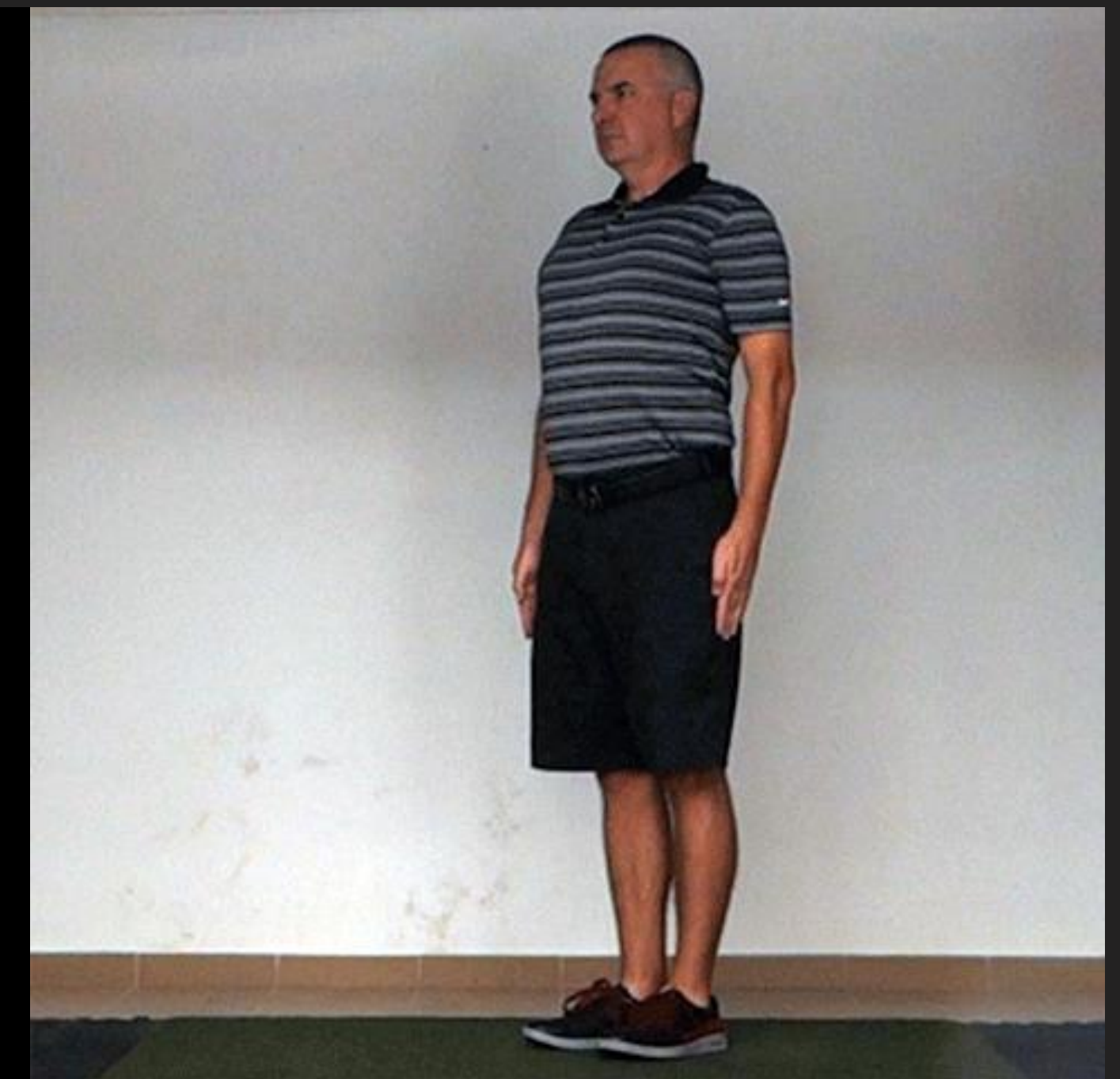
# Clavicular Part

Origin: Medial half of the clavicle

Insertion: Intertubercular groove



Origin of the clavicular part



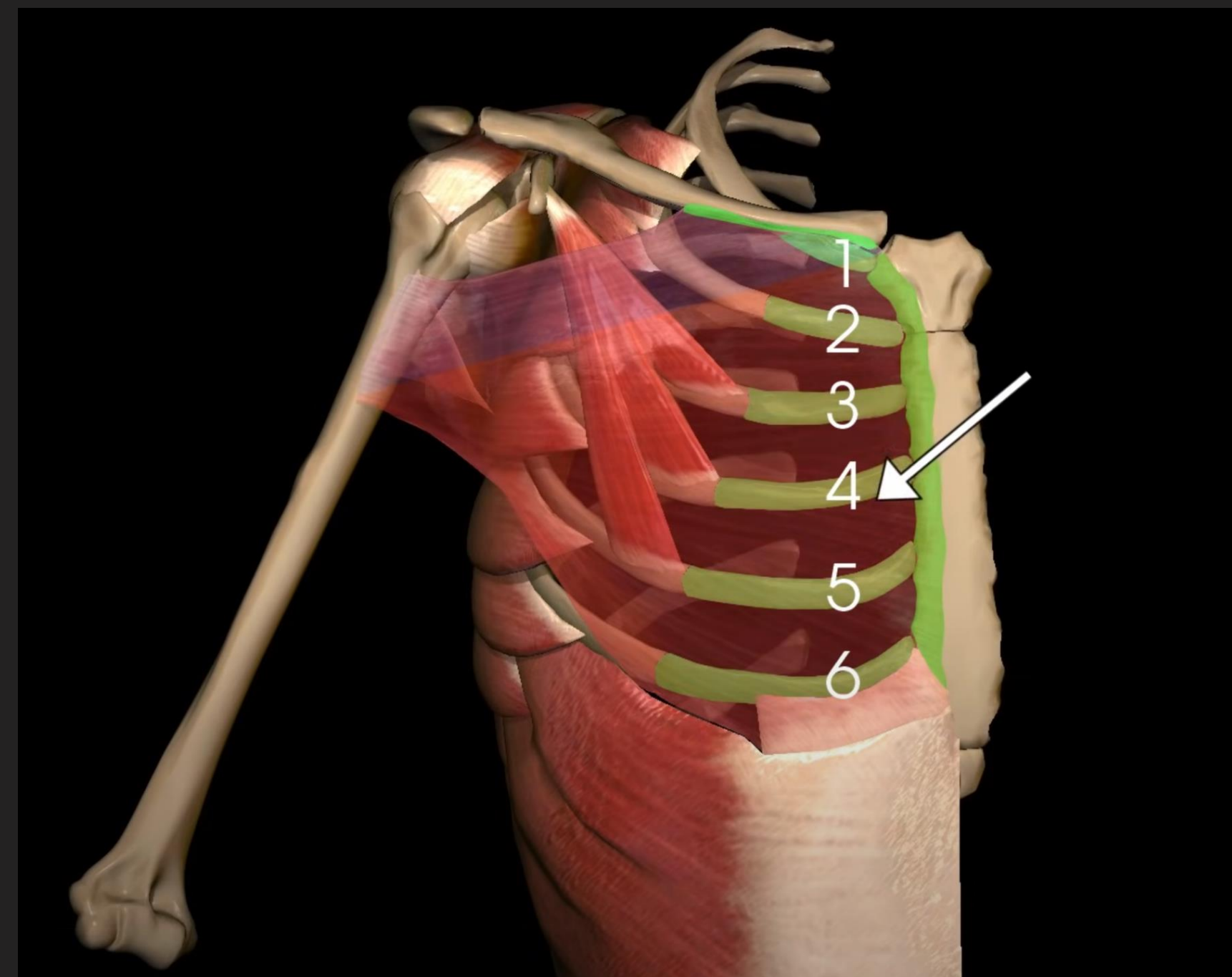
Shoulder flexion



# Sternocostal Part

Origin: Anterior sternum and  
Cartilages of ribs 1-6

Insertion: Intertubercular groove



Origin of the sternocostal part



Shoulder extension





Shoulder adduction



Shoulder internal rotation

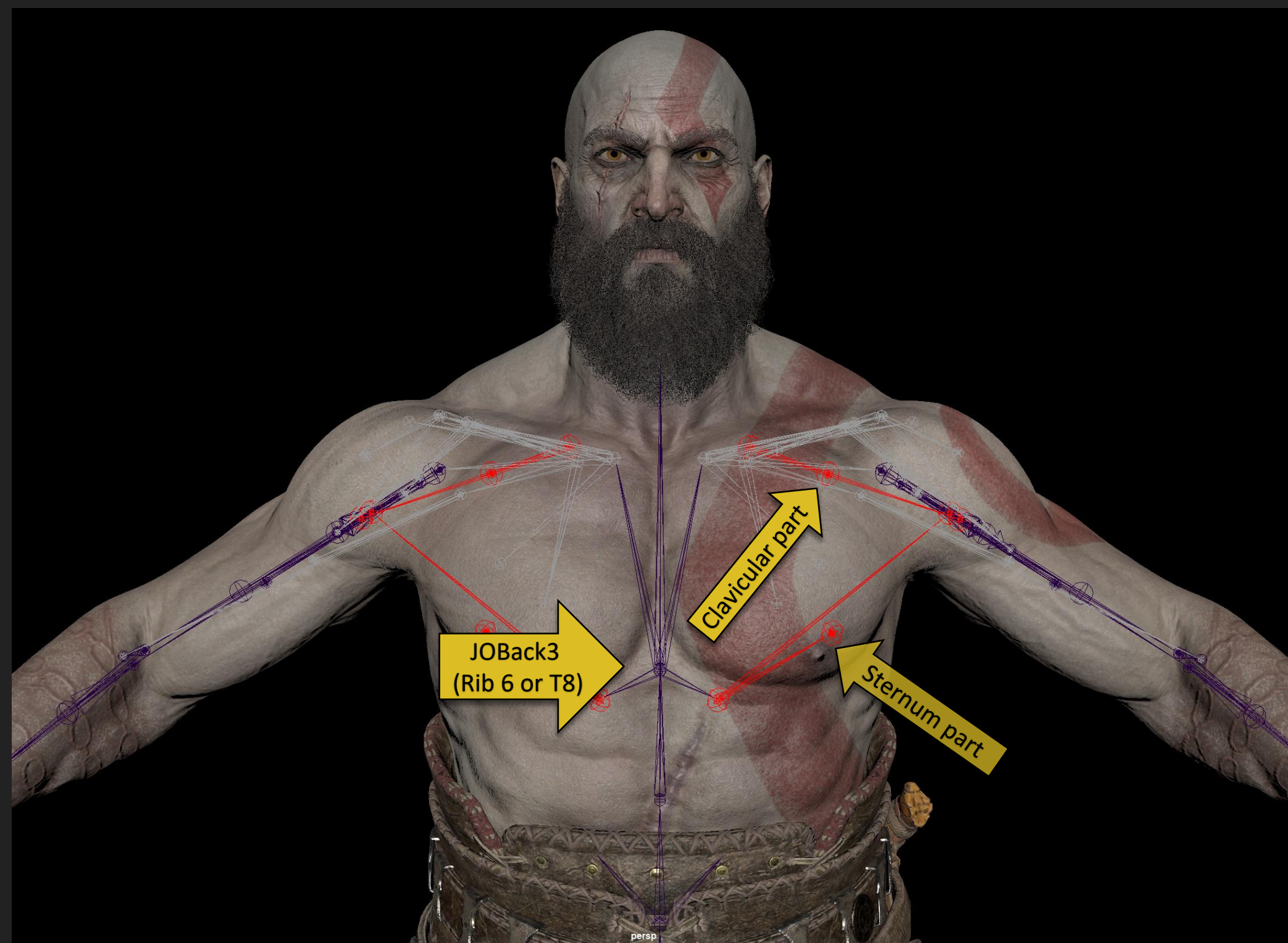


# Bone Mapping

## Origin:

Clavicular Part: medial half the clavicle

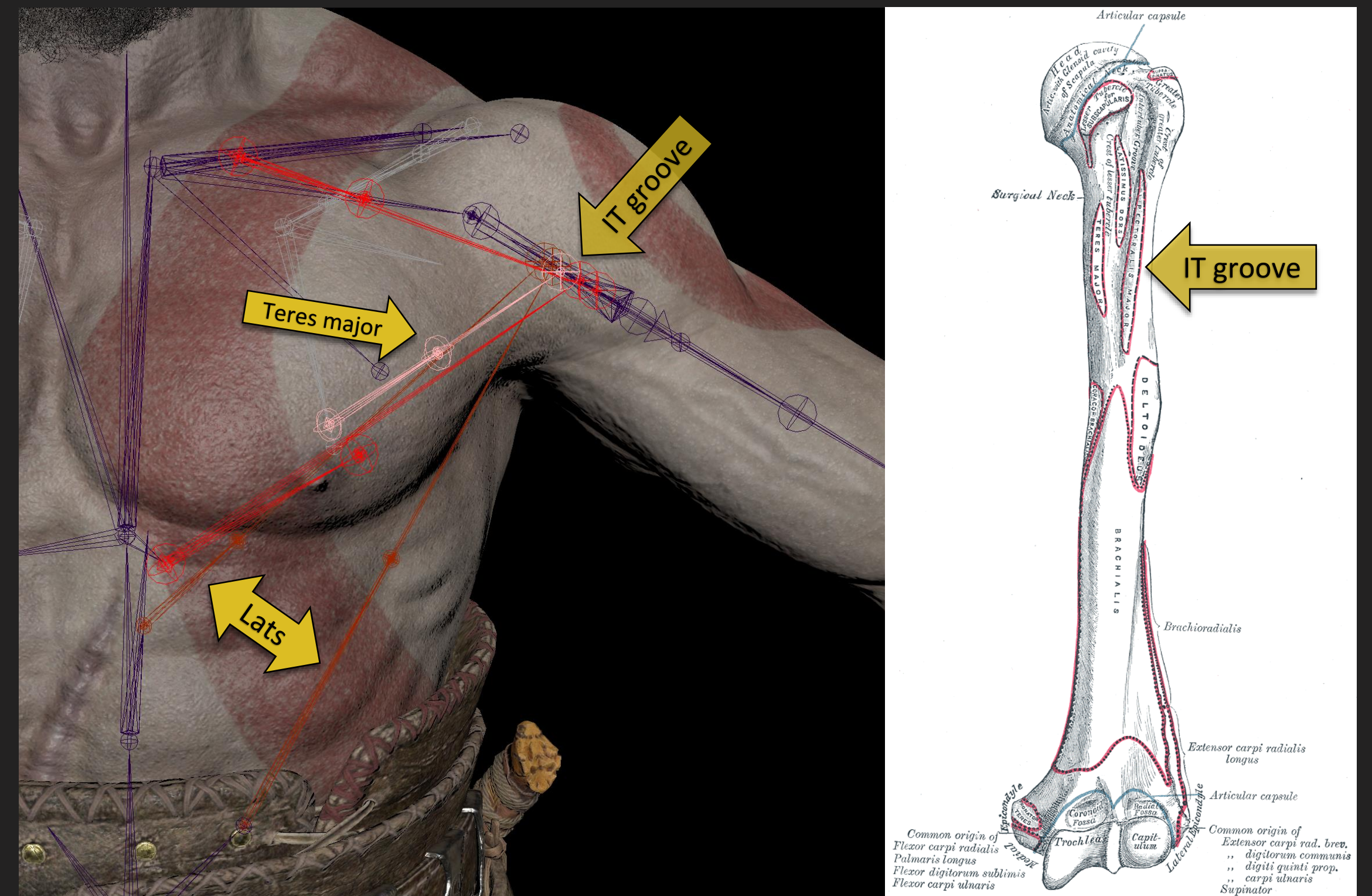
Sternocostal Part: anterior surface of sternum,  
costal cartilages of ribs 1-6



Joint layout of pecs muscle component

## Insertion:

Intertubercular groove



Common insertion for lats, teres major and pecs muscles



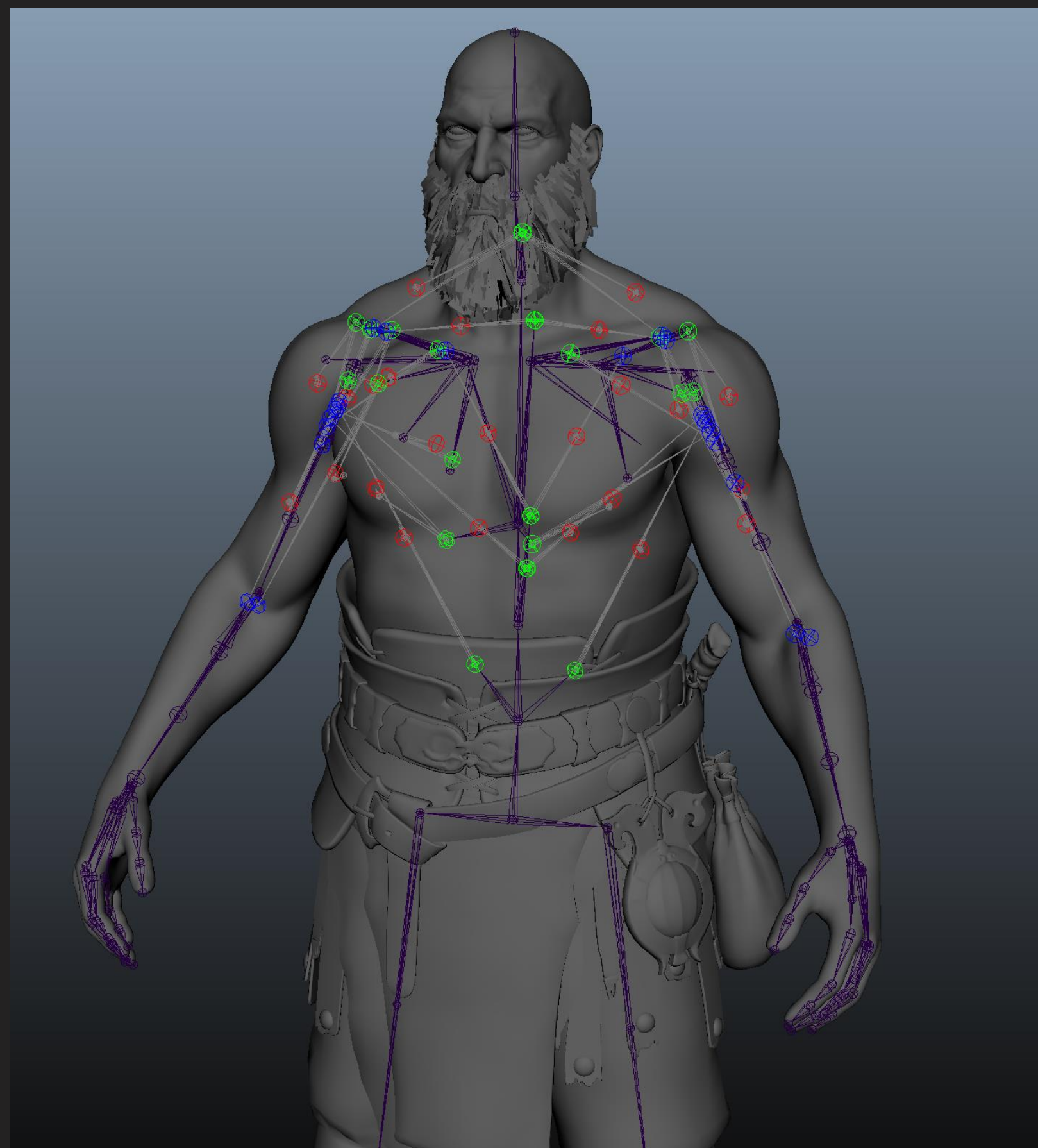
# Anterior view of Muscles

## Pecs + Deltoid + Biceps/Triceps





# Import/Export Muscle Data



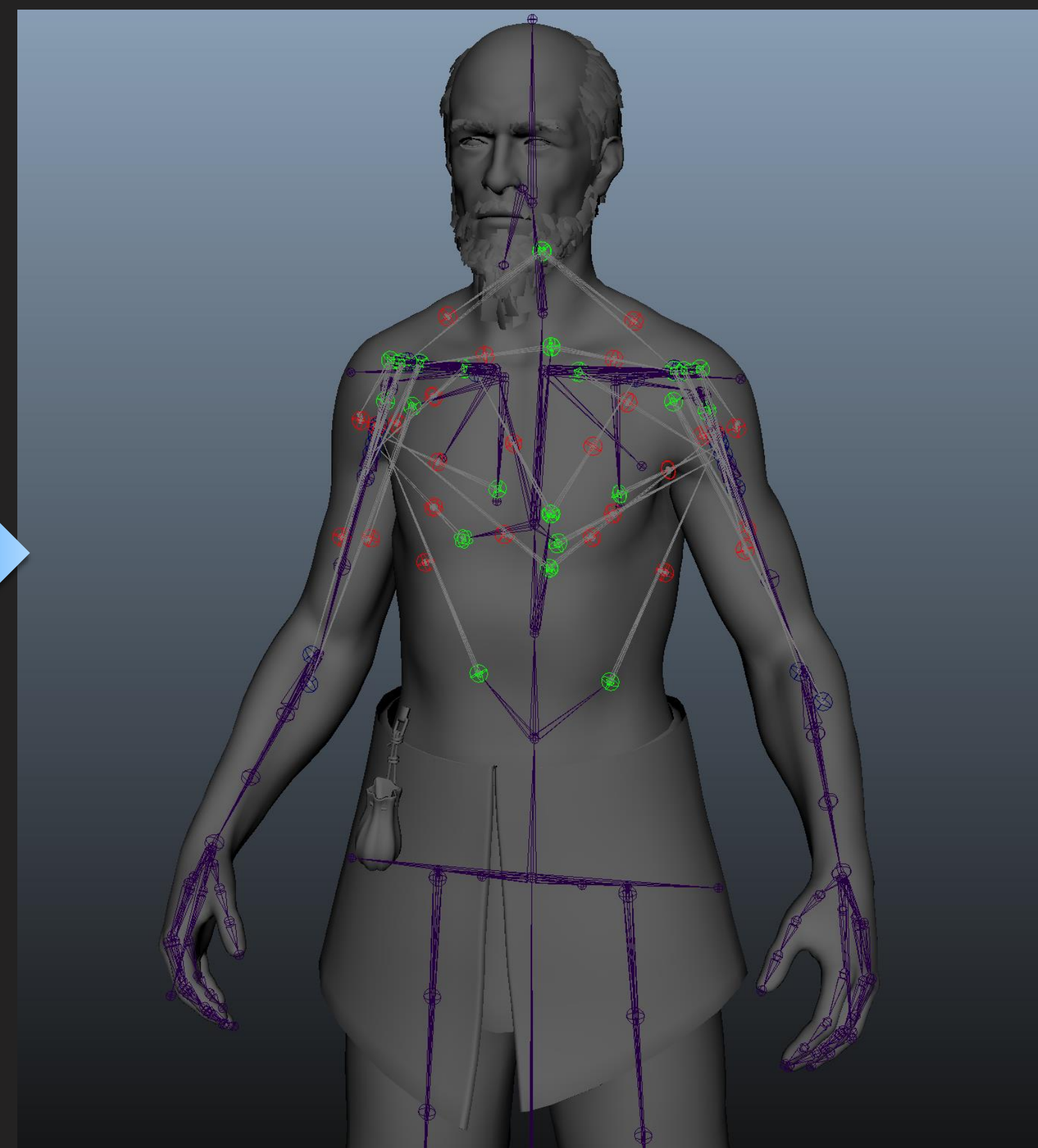
Kratos' muscle joint groups

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JSON serialization

IMPORT



Civilian's muscle joint groups



# Increase Bone Influences per Vertex



Max 4 Influences



Max 10 Influences



# God of War

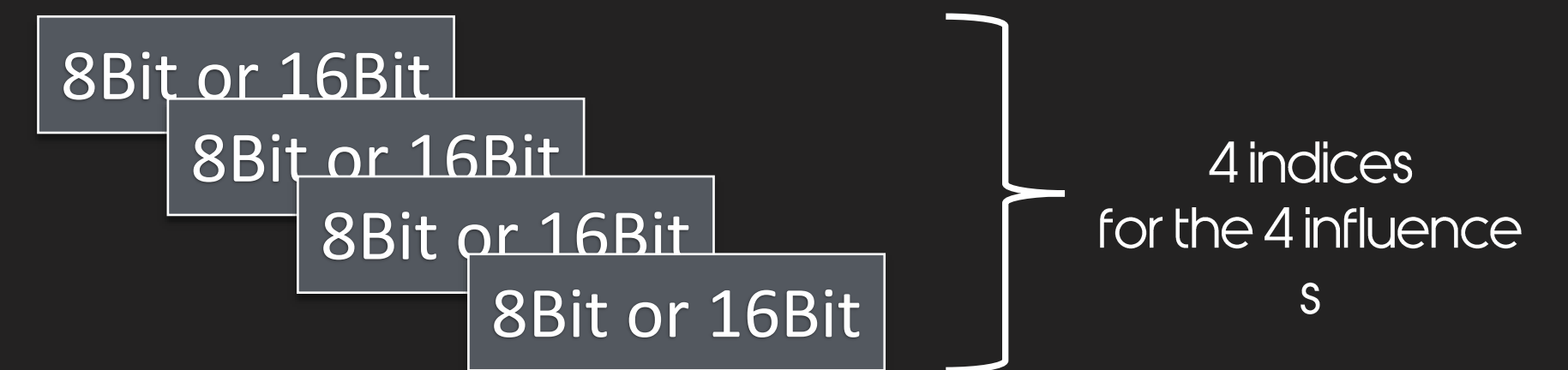
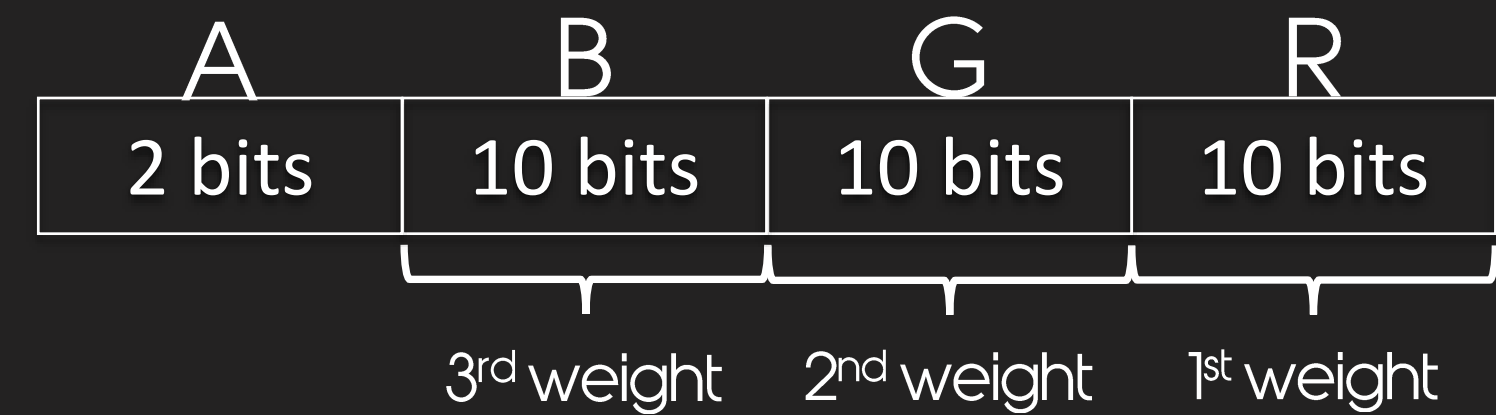
4 influences per vertex

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Indices Format: 8Bit\_Uint or 16Bit\_Uint

Weight Precision: 0.001

Reconstruct final weight in shader





# God of War: Ragnarok

7/10 influences per vertex

Weight Format: 32Bit\_Uint

Indices Format: 32Bit\_Uint

Weight Precision: 0.001

Reconstruct final weight in shader

Raw 32-bits





# Performance and Memory Difference

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4 Influences:

Used Memory: 152.03

GPU Used: 36.51

CPU Used: 115.52

Depth: 0.36

7 Influences:

Used Memory: 153.32

GPU Used: 37.80

CPU Used: 115.52

Depth: 0.41

10 Influences:

Used Memory: 154.94

GPU Used: 38.27

CPU Used: 115.52

Depth: 0.46

Show detailed memory info

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Fallback	0.5	0.43 (86%)	0.00 (0%)	0.43			
+ Root	916.0	904.56 (98%)	0.00 (0%)	34.12	239.85	0.02	
+ Streaming	8.0	0.48 (5%)	0.00 (0%)	0.00	0.00		
Surfaces	844.0	843.79 (99%)	0.00 (0%)				
+ WAD_R_Atreus00 (X)	120.0	77.31 (64%)	4.07 (3%)	0.15	0.00		
+ WAD_R_HeroA00 (X)	158.0	152.03 (96%)	14.07 (8%)	0.94	0.92	29.92	
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+ WAD_R_Perm (X)	66.0	63.09 (95%)	2.81 (4%)		0.00	1.78	
+ WAD_R_UI (X)	58.0	56.51 (97%)	1.74 (2%)	3.29	0.00		
+ WAD_TBSheet	50.0	6.78 (13%)		0.03	5.99	0.08	
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WAD\_R\_HeroA00 [Art] over budget:



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Influences Count Flag

Channels Edit Object Show

**torso\_head\_mesh**

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Translate Y	0
Translate Z	0
Rotate X	0
Rotate Y	0
Rotate Z	0
Scale X	1
Scale Y	1
Scale Z	1
Visibility	on
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**SHAPES**

torso\_head\_meshShape

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- neckHeadPSD
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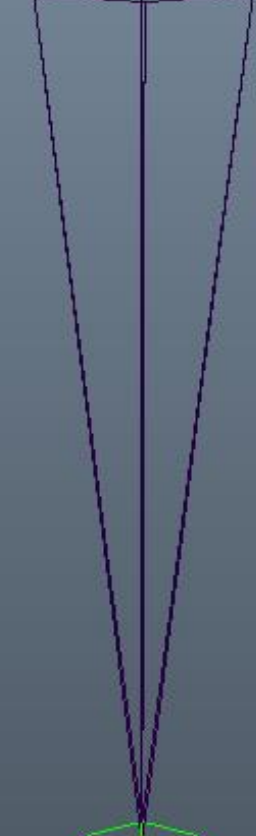
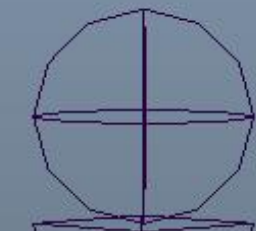
Jiggle Dynami  
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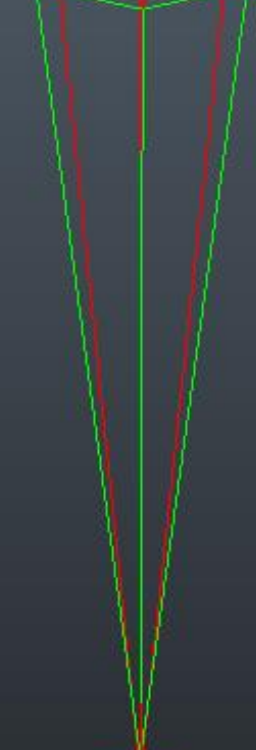
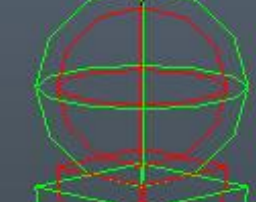




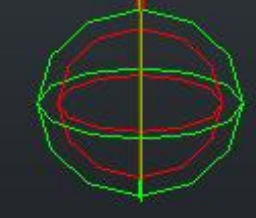
Root Joint



Pivot Joint



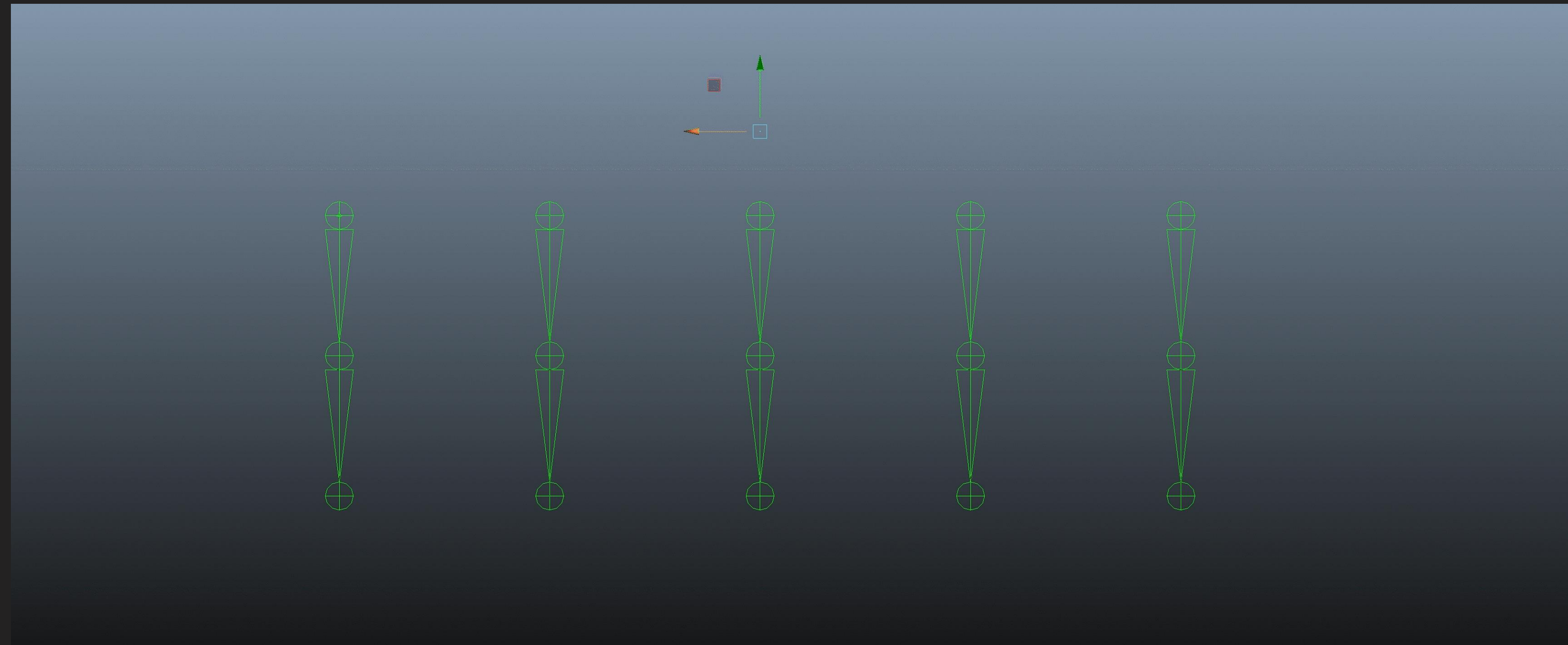
Jiggle Joint





# Attributes

- Stiffness: range 0 – 1
- Damping: range 0 – 1
- ClampMajorAngle: range 0 – 90
- ClampMinorAngle: range 0 – 90



From left to right:

Stiffness: 0.05  
Damping: 0.1  
ClampMajorAngle: 90  
0  
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Stiffness: 0.15  
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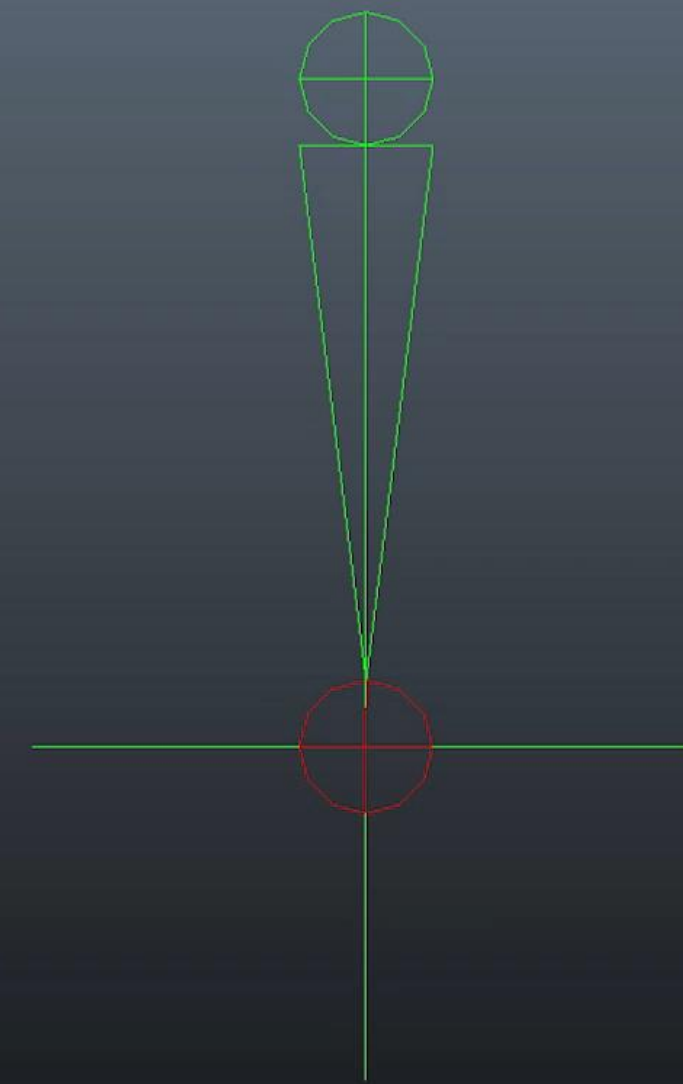
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Stiffness: 0.1  
Damping: 0.1  
ClampMajorAngle: 15  
ClampMinorAngle: 15



# Implementation



Jiggle Point



# Damped Spring Simple Motion

$$x = p - r$$

$$F = -\beta v - kx$$

## Semi-implicit Euler Integrator

$$v_{t+dt} = v_t + dt \cdot \text{stiffness} \cdot (r - p) + dt \cdot \text{damping} \cdot v$$

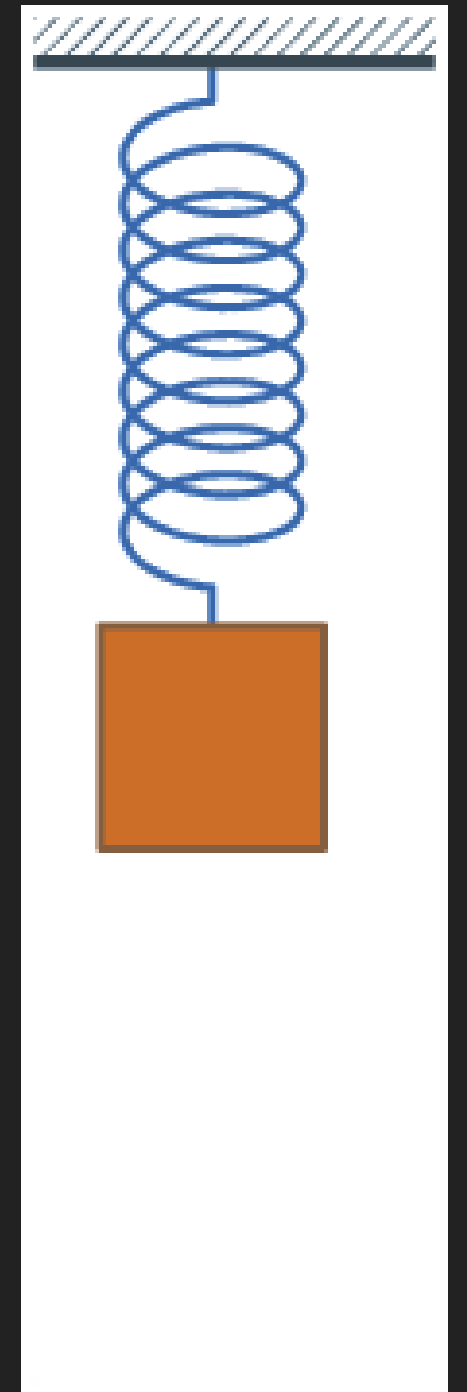
$$x_{t+dt} = x_t + dt \cdot v_t$$

## Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \beta \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$$

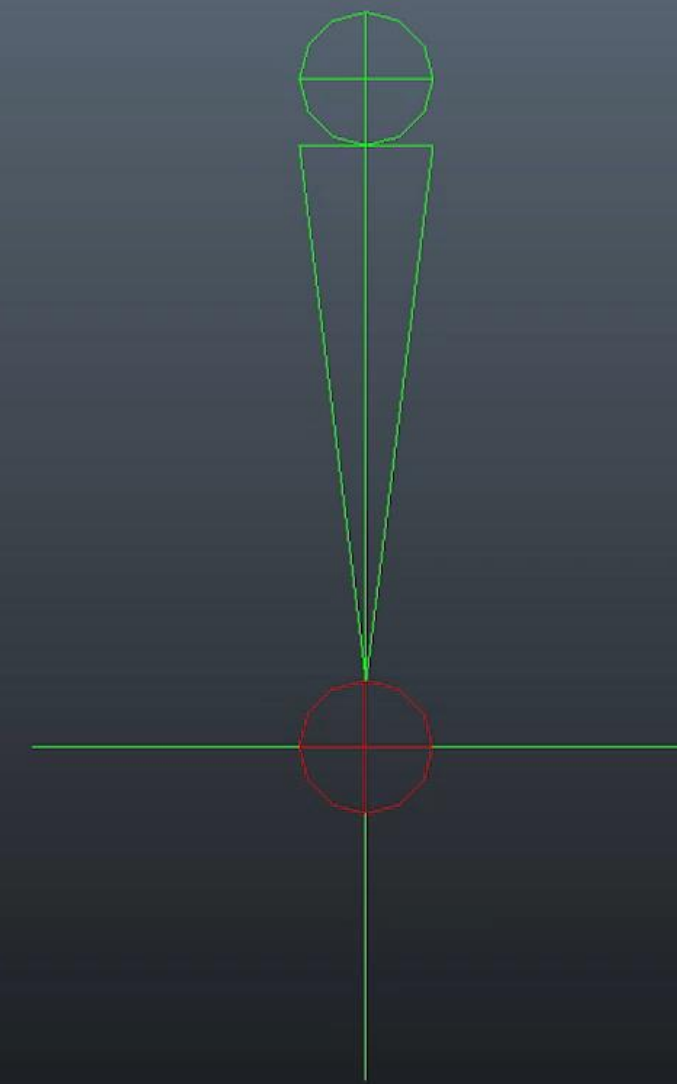
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- <https://www.ryanjuckett.com/damped-springs/>
- <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/oscd.html>





# Implementation



Aim Constraint



# Aim Transformation

$uVector = jigglePoint - PivotPoint$

$upVector = rootJoint.upAxis()$

$wVector = uVector \times upVector$

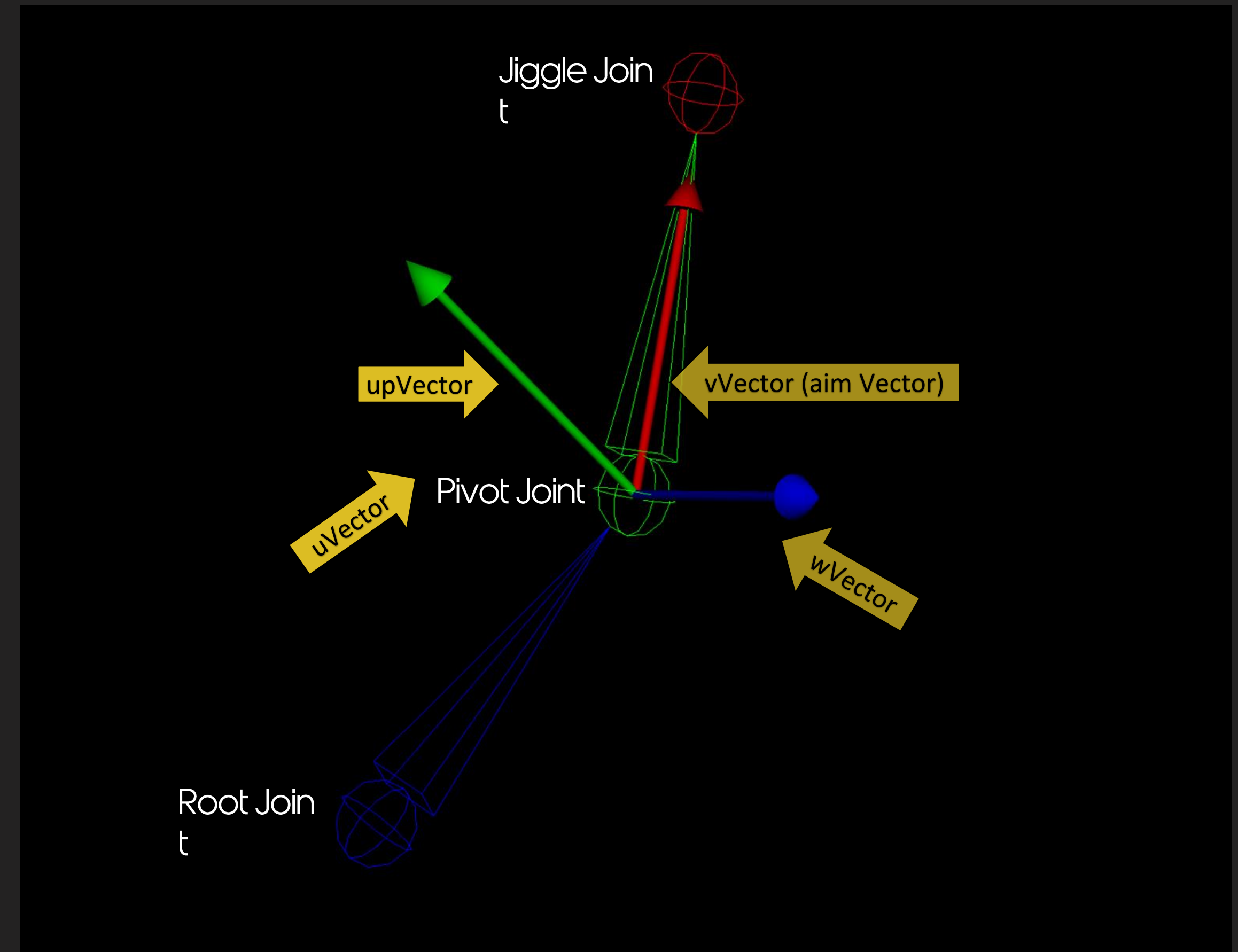
$uVector = wVector \times upVector$

## Rotation Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} aimAxis \\ upAxis \\ aimAxis \times upAxis \end{bmatrix}^T \times \begin{bmatrix} uVector \\ vVector \\ wVector \end{bmatrix}$$

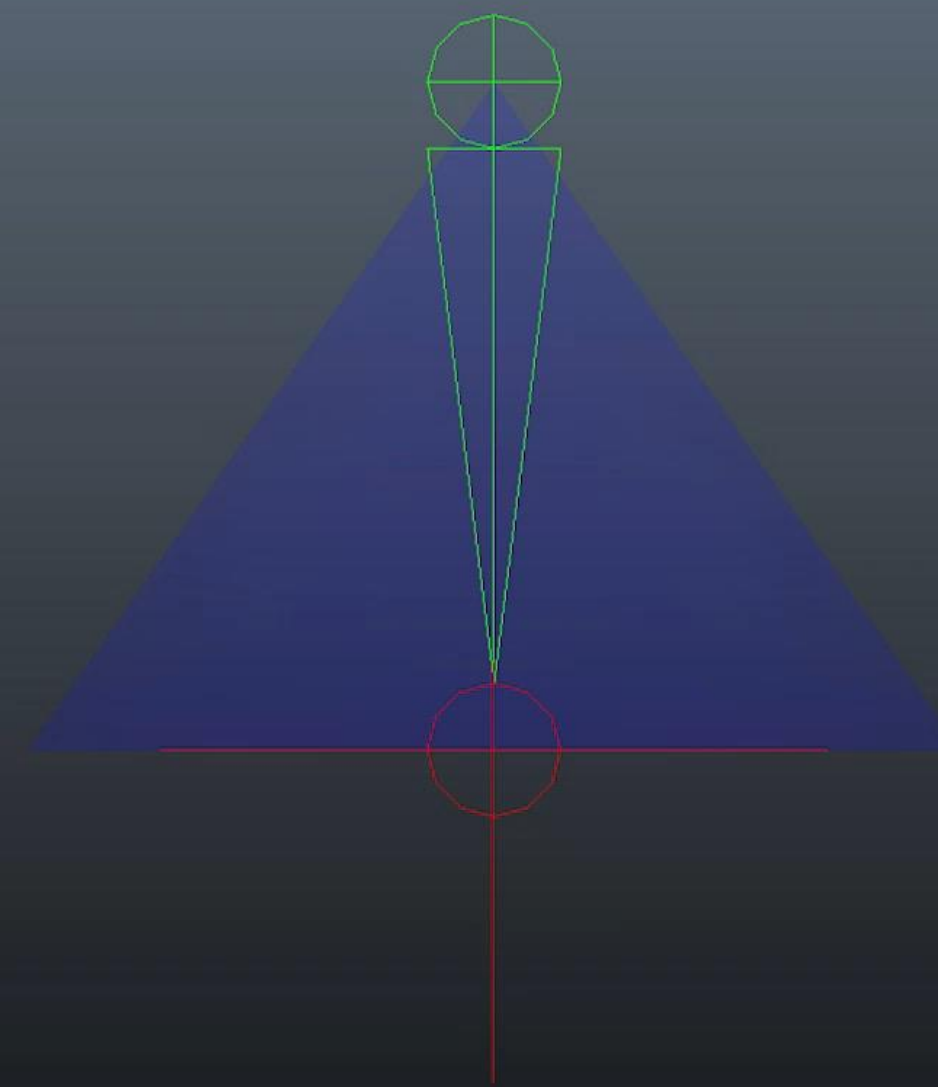
## Matrix Decomposition

- <http://eecs.qmul.ac.uk/~gslabaugh/publications/euler.pdf>
- [https://nghiaho.com/?page\\_id=846](https://nghiaho.com/?page_id=846)





# Implementation



Cone Constraint



# Line – Elliptical Cone Intersection

Equation for elliptical cone

$$\frac{y^2}{h^2} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2} \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{x^2}{\tan^2 \alpha} + \frac{z^2}{\tan^2 \beta}$$

Half major angle at the vertex:  $\alpha = \arctan \frac{a}{h}$

Half minor angle at the vertex:  $\beta = \arctan \frac{b}{h}$

Equation for a line segment

$$x = tx_1 + (1 - t)x_0$$

$$y = ty_1 + (1 - t)y_0 \quad \text{where } t \in [0,1]$$

$$z = tz_1 + (1 - t)z_0$$

The form of a quadratic formula

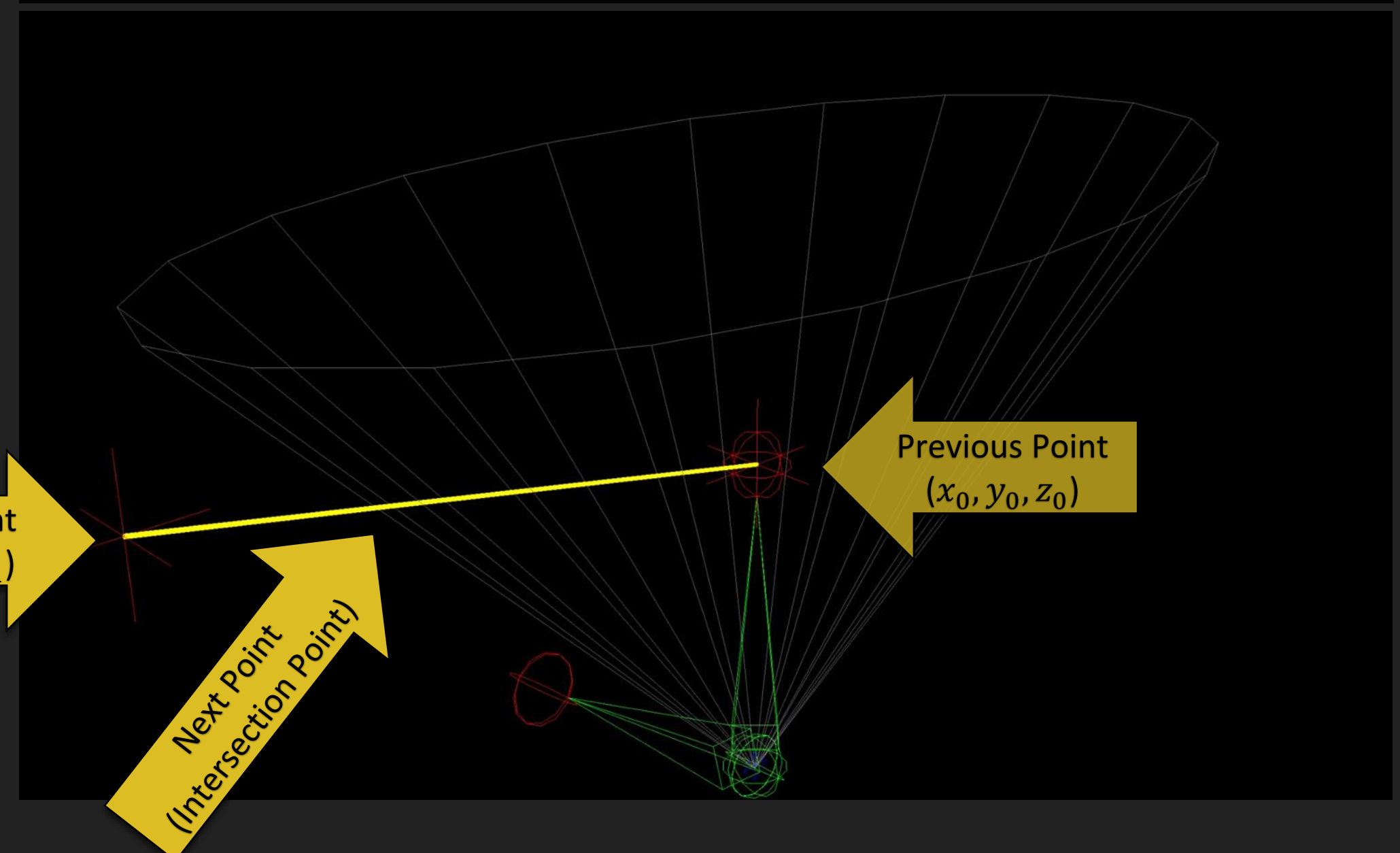
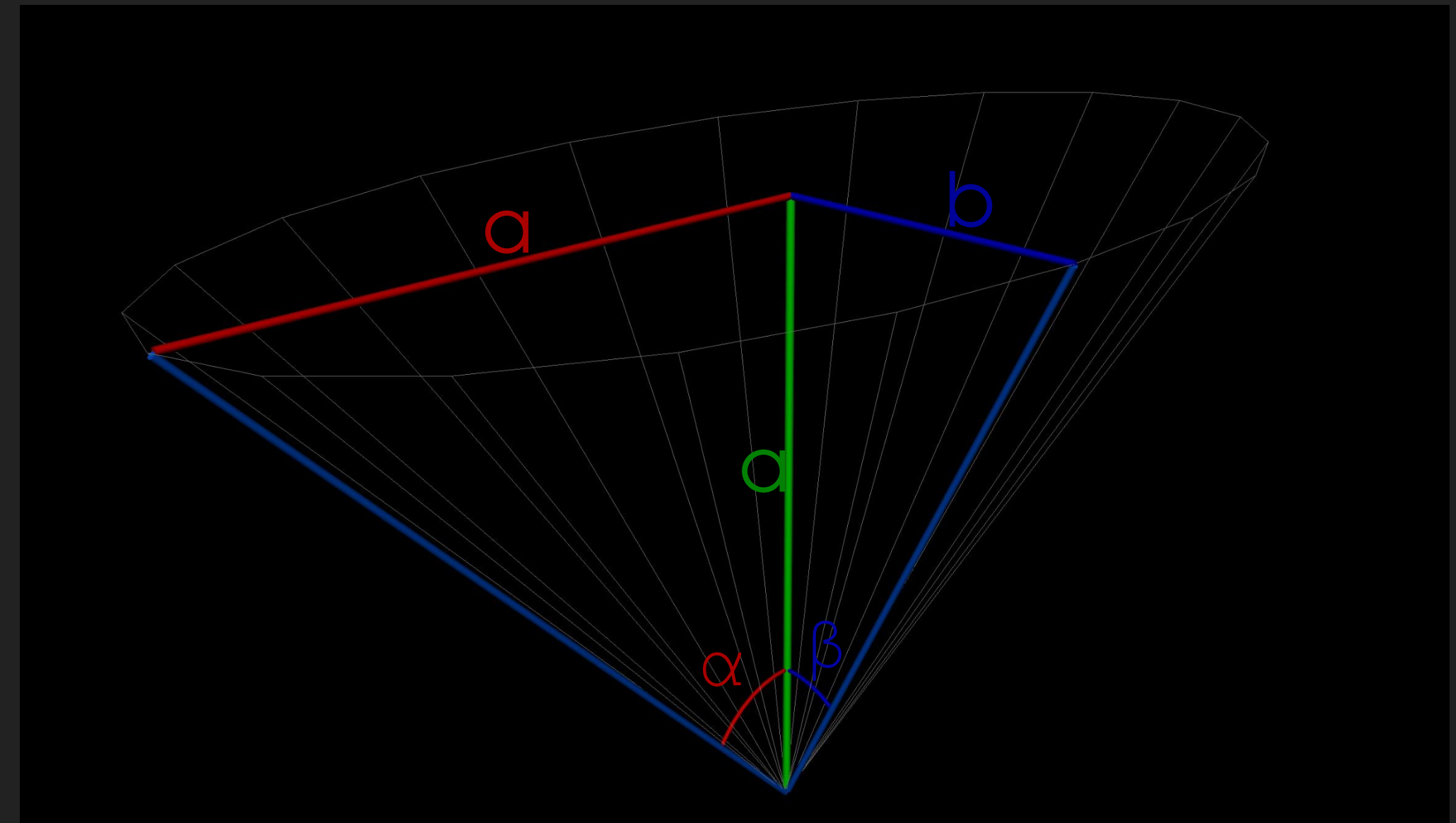
$$At^2 + Bt + C = 0$$

where

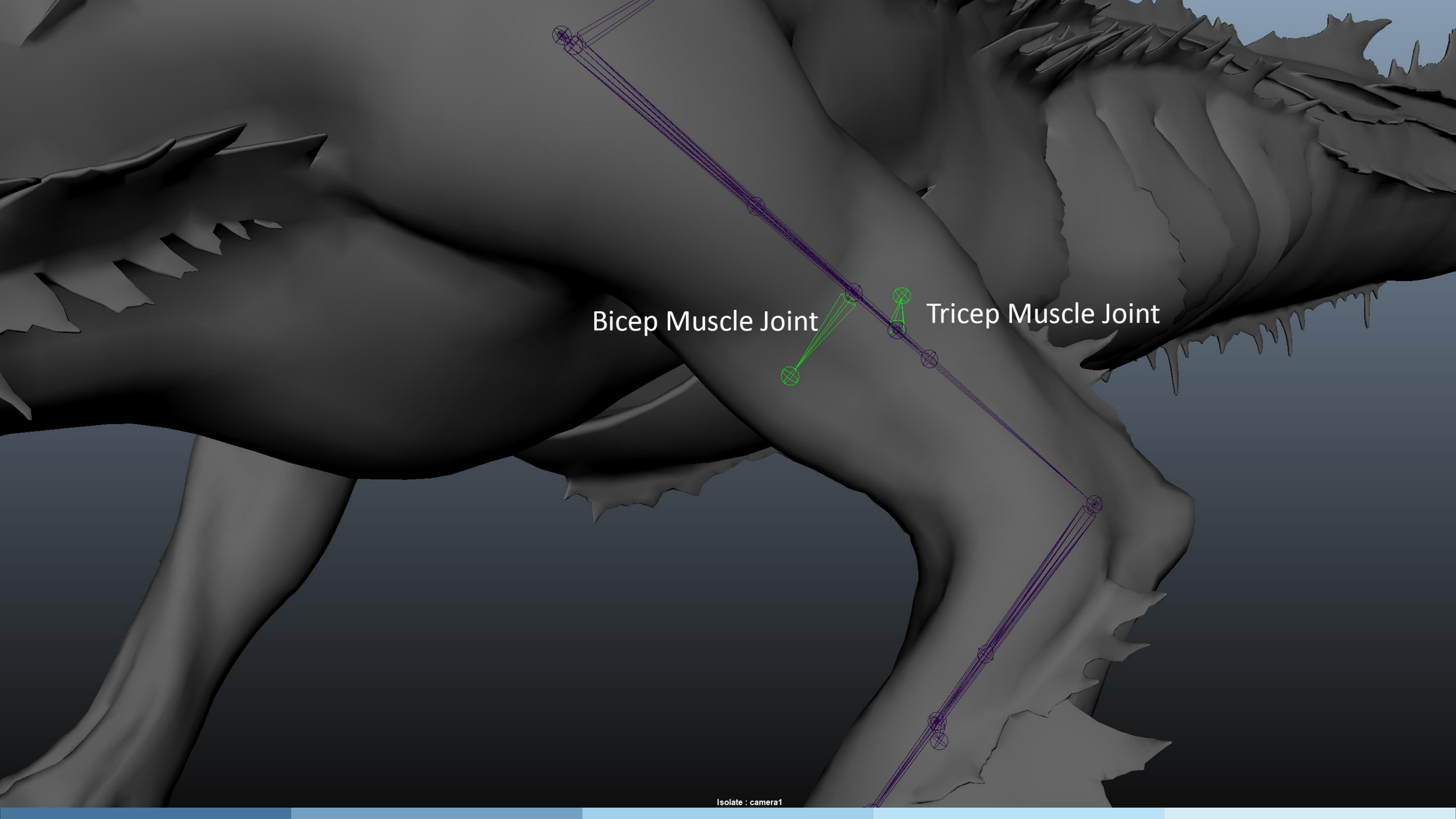
$$\bullet A = \frac{(x_1 - x_0)^2}{\tan^2 \alpha} + \frac{(z_1 - z_0)^2}{\tan^2 \beta} - (y_1 - y_0)^2$$

$$\bullet B = \frac{2(x_1 - x_0)x_0}{\tan^2 \alpha} + \frac{2(z_1 - z_0)z_0}{\tan^2 \beta} - 2(y_1 - y_0)y_0$$

$$\bullet C = \frac{x_0^2}{\tan^2 \alpha} + \frac{z_0^2}{\tan^2 \beta} - y_0^2$$



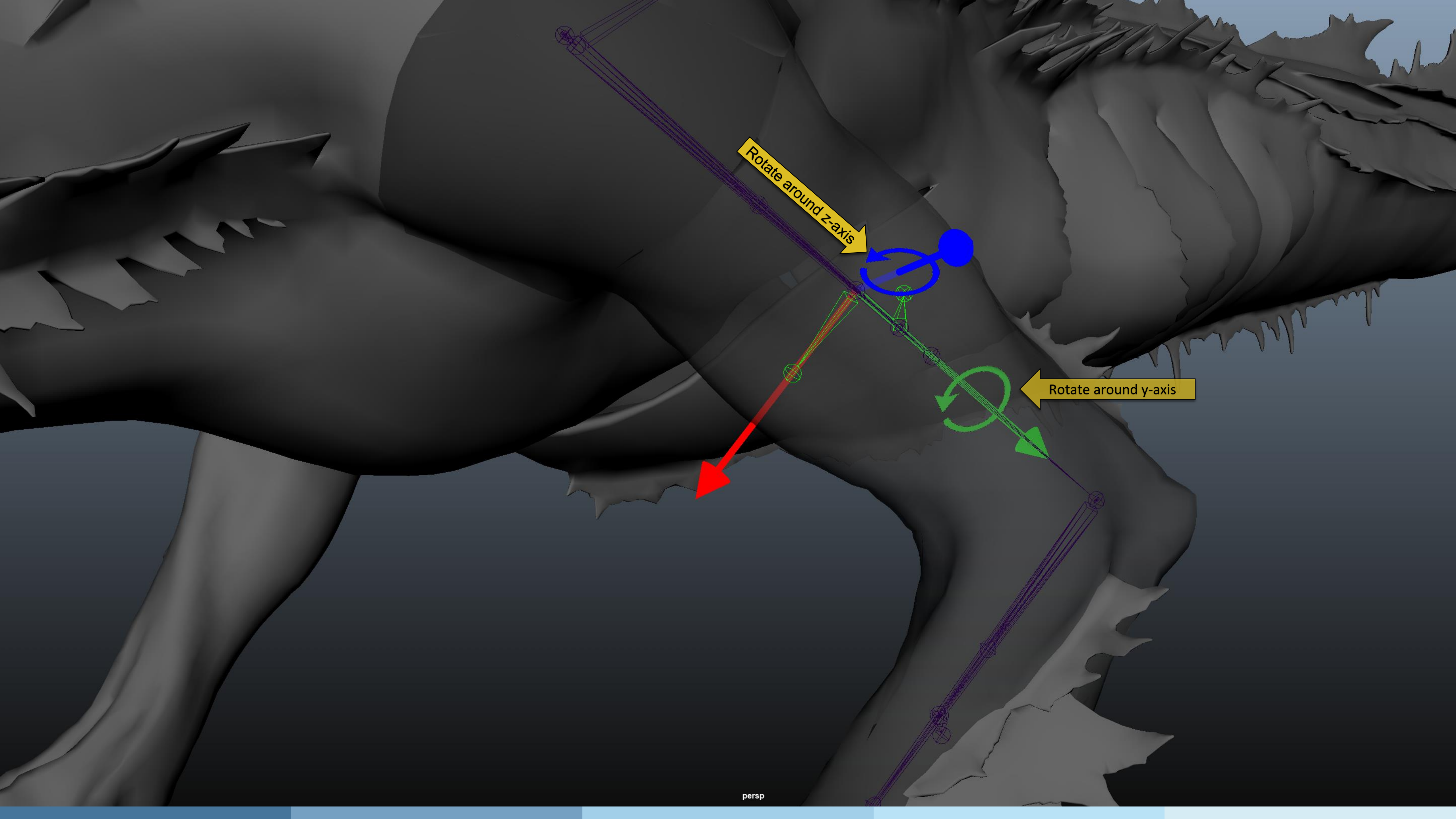




Bicep Muscle Joint

Tricep Muscle Joint

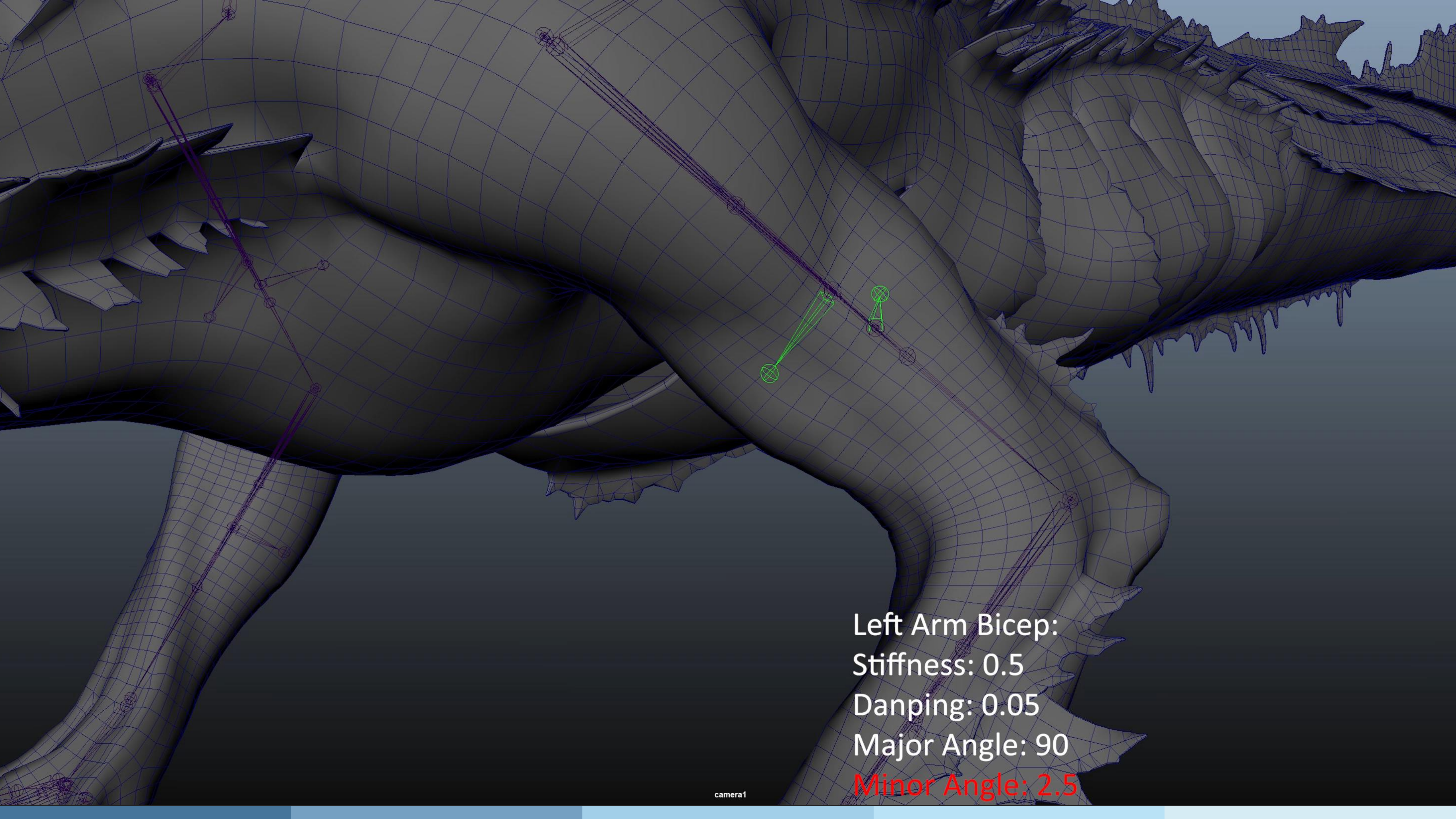




Rotate around z-axis

Rotate around y-axis





Left Arm Bicep:  
Stiffness: 0.5  
Damping: 0.05  
Major Angle: 90  
Minor Angle: 2.5



# Animation Reaction



Without Jiggle Bones





Bear body jiggle



Land dragon legs jiggle



Nidhogg head fins and arm jiggle



Yak ears jiggle



# Combat Reaction

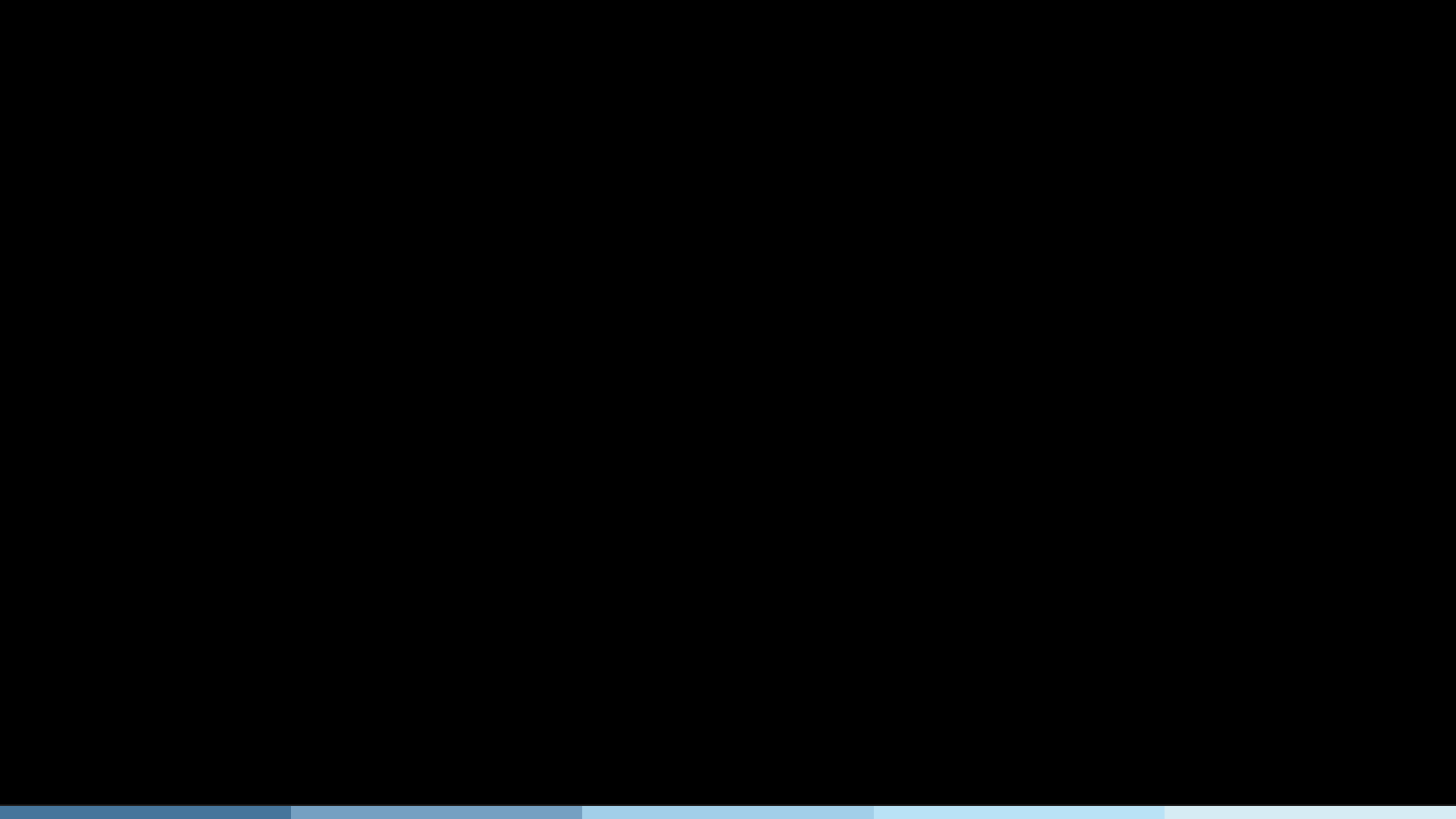


Thor's hit animations



Thor's hit stun animation







# Combat Reaction

- The inertia of the jiggle bone derives from external forces
- Initial velocity is determined on hit direction and hit magnitude
- Jiggle reaction happens in the specific part being attack

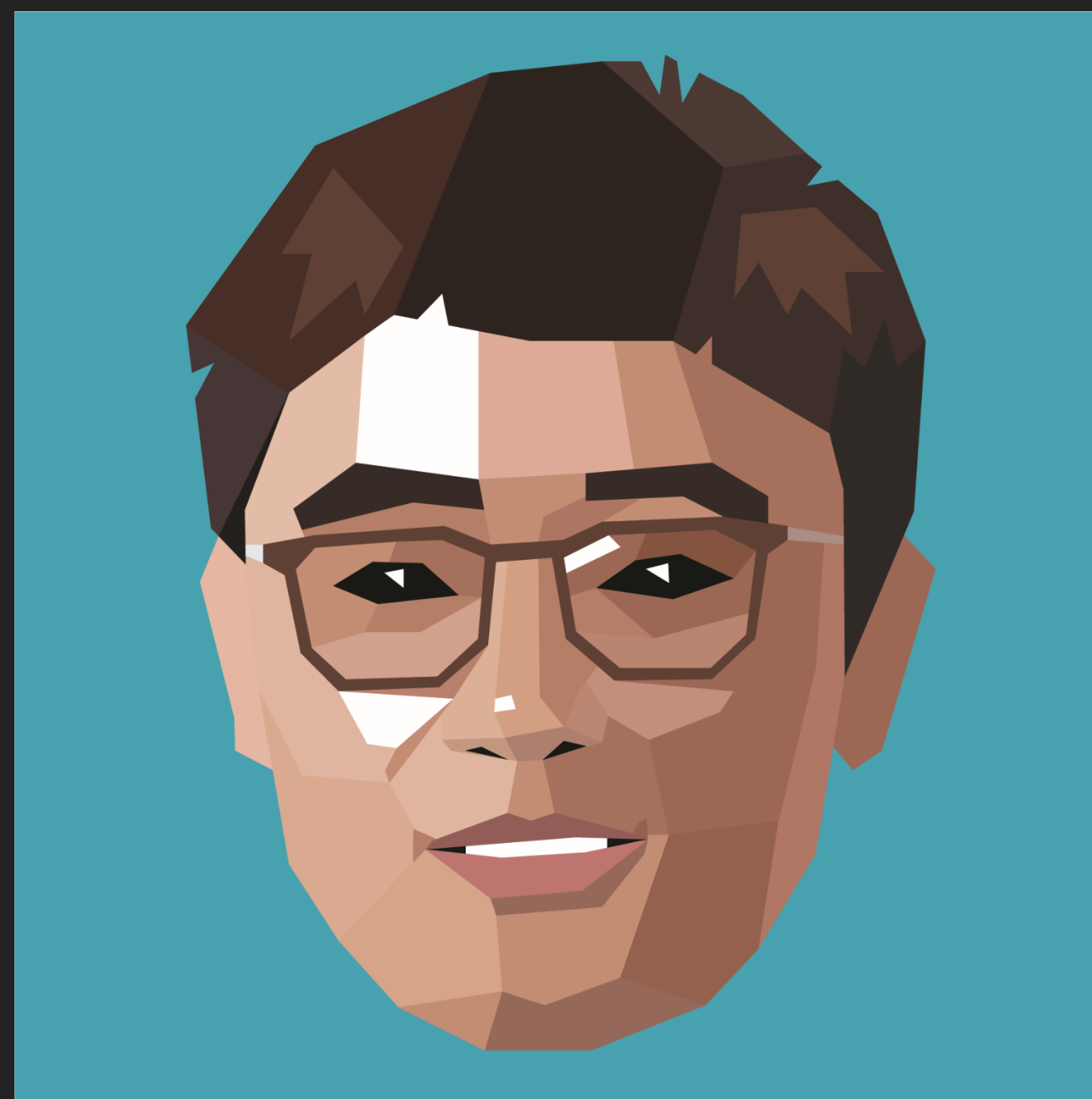




# Jiggle Squad



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