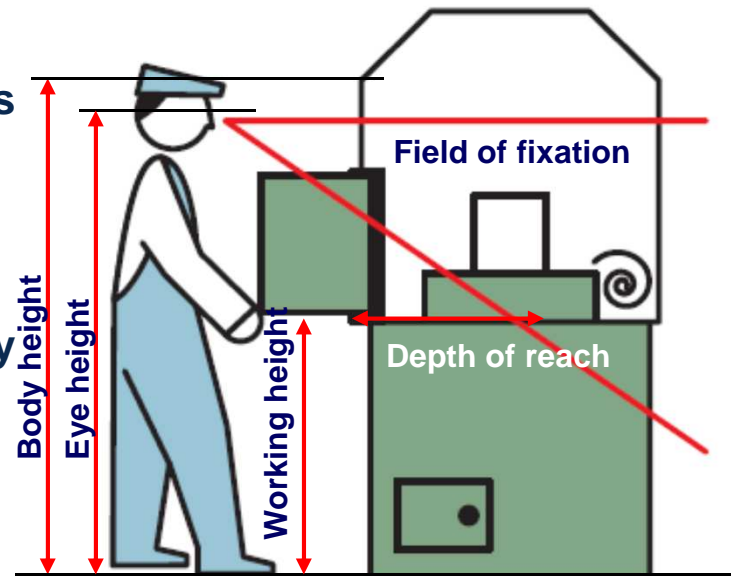


**Body height classes and body dimensions**

**Factors influencing the variance in body dimensions**

**Operator population**



**Ergonomic requirement characteristics for the user-oriented dimensional design of products and workplaces**

**Geometric design of products with consideration for the widest anthropometric variance within the operator population**

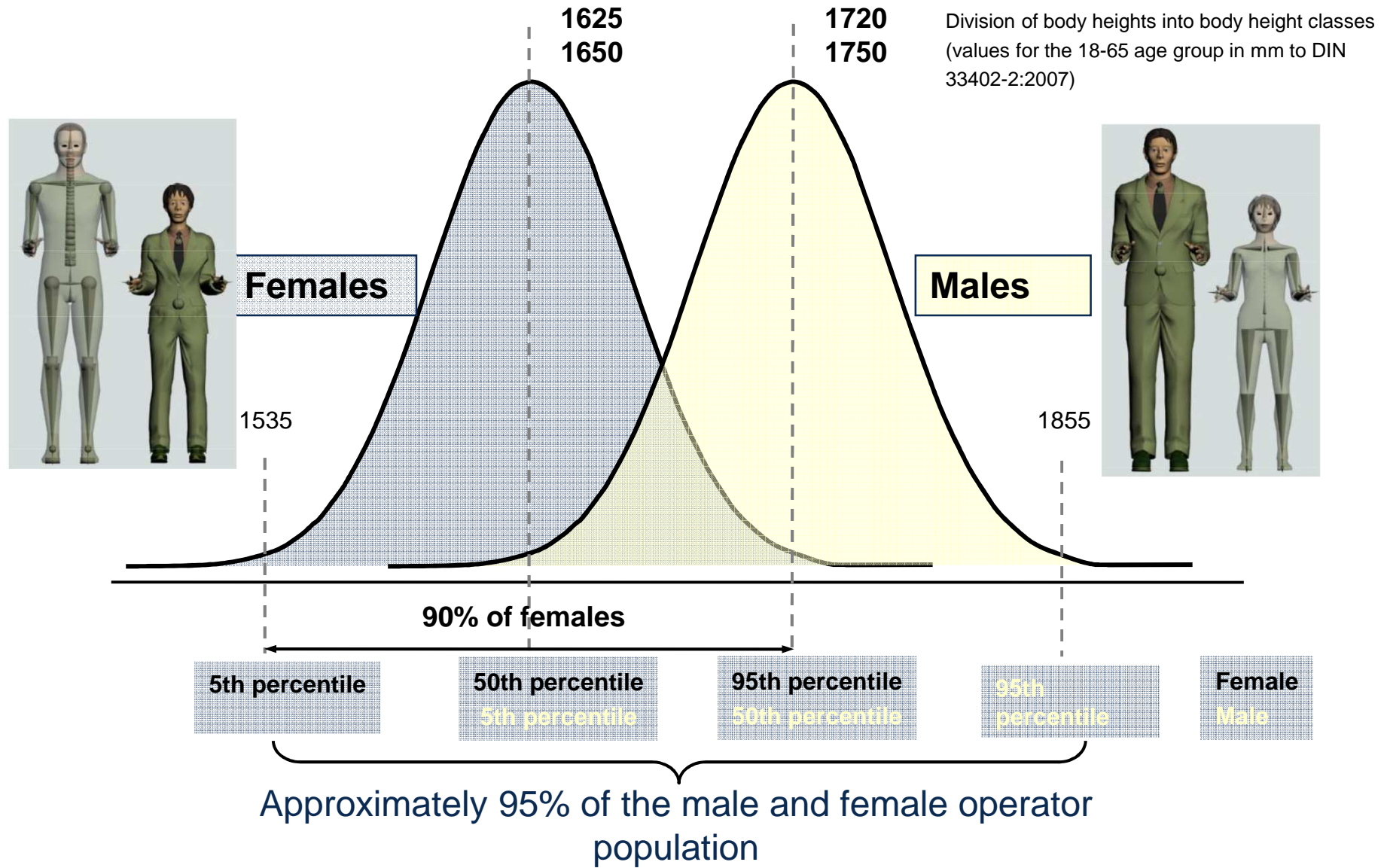
**Sources of data for body dimensions and normative references**

## Objectives of design

### Requirement categories of the user-oriented dimensional design of products and workplaces:

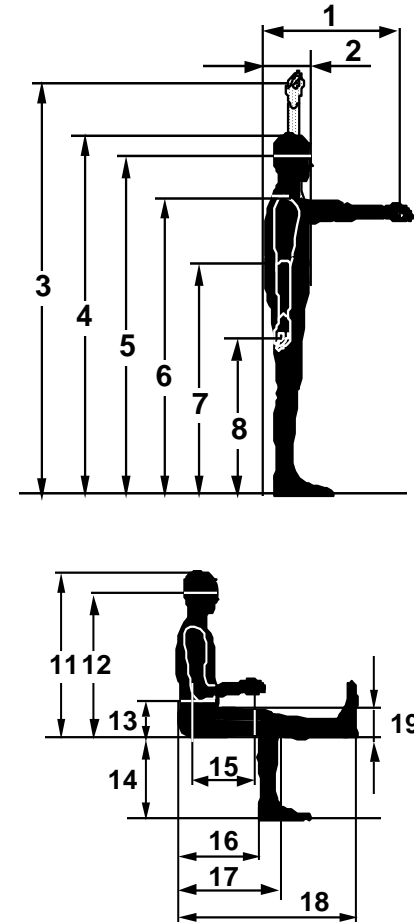
- Safety (observance of safety distances)
- Reachability, functional reliability (e.g. in relation to the actuation of manual controls)
- Adequate freedom of movement (accessibility for parts of the body, space envelopes, active areas)
- Physiologically favourable postures (adaptation to changing loads)
- Reliable, low-fatiguing handling of objects
- Optimization of the visual geometry (visual dimensions, angles of view, fields of view)

## Body height classes



## Body dimensions to DIN 33 402-2:2007 – excerpt

Nach DIN 33402-2: 2005-12		Perzentile					
(unbekleidete Personen, 18 –65 Jahre)		männlich			weiblich		
	Abmessungen (in cm)	5.	50.	95.	5.	50.	95.
1	Reichweite nach vorn	68,5	74,0	81,5	62,5	69,0	75,0
2	Körpertiefe	26,0	28,5	38,0	24,5	29,0	34,5
3	Reichweite nach oben (beidarmig)	197,5	207,5	220,5	184,0	194,5	202,5
4	Körperhöhe	165,0	175,0	185,5	153,5	162,5	172,0
5	Augenhöhe	153,0	163,0	173,5	143,5	151,5	160,5
6	Schulterhöhe	134,5	145,0	155,0	126,0	134,5	142,5
7	Ellbogenhöhe über der Standfläche	102,5	110,0	117,5	96,0	102,0	108,0
8	Höhe der Hand über der Standfläche	73,0	76,5	82,5	67,0	71,5	76,0
11	Körpersitzhöhe (Stammlänge)	85,5	91,0	96,5	81,0	86,0	91,0
12	Augenhöhe im Sitzen	74,0	79,5	85,5	70,5	75,5	80,5
13	Ellbogenhöhe über der Sitzfläche	21,0	24,0	28,5	18,5	23,0	27,5
14	Länge d. Untersch. m. Fuß	41,0	45,0	49,0	37,5	41,5	45,0
15	Ellbogen-Griffachsen-Abstand	32,5	35,0	39,0	29,5	31,5	35,0
16	Sitztiefe	45,0	49,5	54,0	43,5	48,5	53,0
17	Gesäß-Knie-Länge	56,5	61,0	65,5	54,5	59,0	64,0
18	Gesäß-Bein-Länge	96,5	104,5	114,0	92,5	99,0	105,5
19	Oberschenkelhöhe	13,0	15,0	18,0	12,5	14,5	17,5

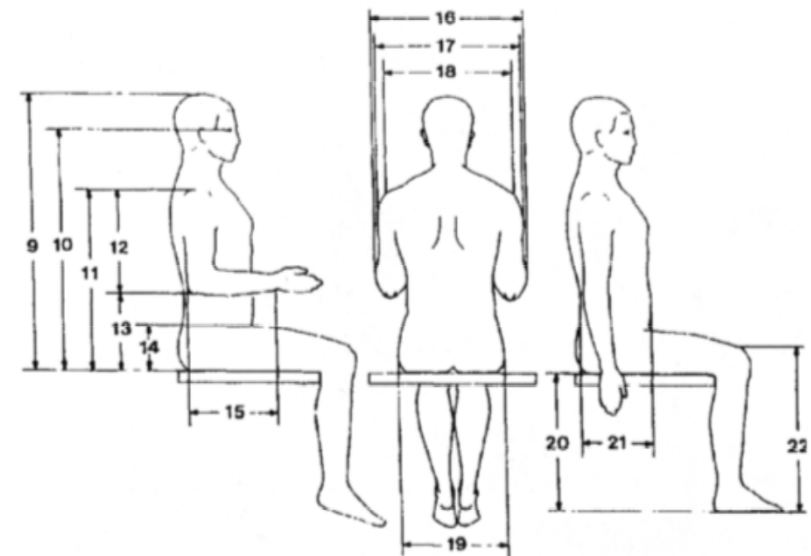


## Sources of data for body dimensions and normative references

### Values for body dimensions according to "Arbeitswissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse Nr. 108"

Maß-Nr. (lt. Abb.)	Beschreibung des Maßes	Perzentile		
		5	50	95
9	Sitzhöhe (Körpersitzhöhe, Stammlänge)	790	905	985
10	Augenhöhe	680	790	860
11	Schulterhöhe	510	623	695
12	Schulter-Ellenbogen-Länge	288	346	410
13	Ellenbogenhöhe	190	243	280
14	Oberschenkelhöhe	112	146	170
15	Ellenbogen-Handgelenk-Länge	240	279	318
16	Breite über den Ellenbogen	390	478	540
17	Schulterbreite (bideltoid)	395	474	485
18	Schulterbreite (biacromial)	320	380	425
19	Hüftbreite	333	368	440
20	Länge des Unterschenkels mit Fuß	380	444	495
21	Bauchtiefe	195	237	350
22	Kniehöhe	460	530	602

### "European human being"



Based upon: Arbeitswissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse Nr. 108, Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, Dortmund 1998

## Factors influencing the body dimensions

Sex

e.g. body height

Male ⇔ female approx. 13 cm

Age

e.g. body height (50th percentile)

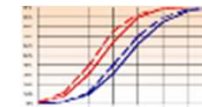
Age 20-24 ⇔ 60-64

1765 mm ⇔ 1685 mm

Approx. 8 cm

Secular acceleration

e.g. body height



*Former* increase per decade: approx. 1 cm

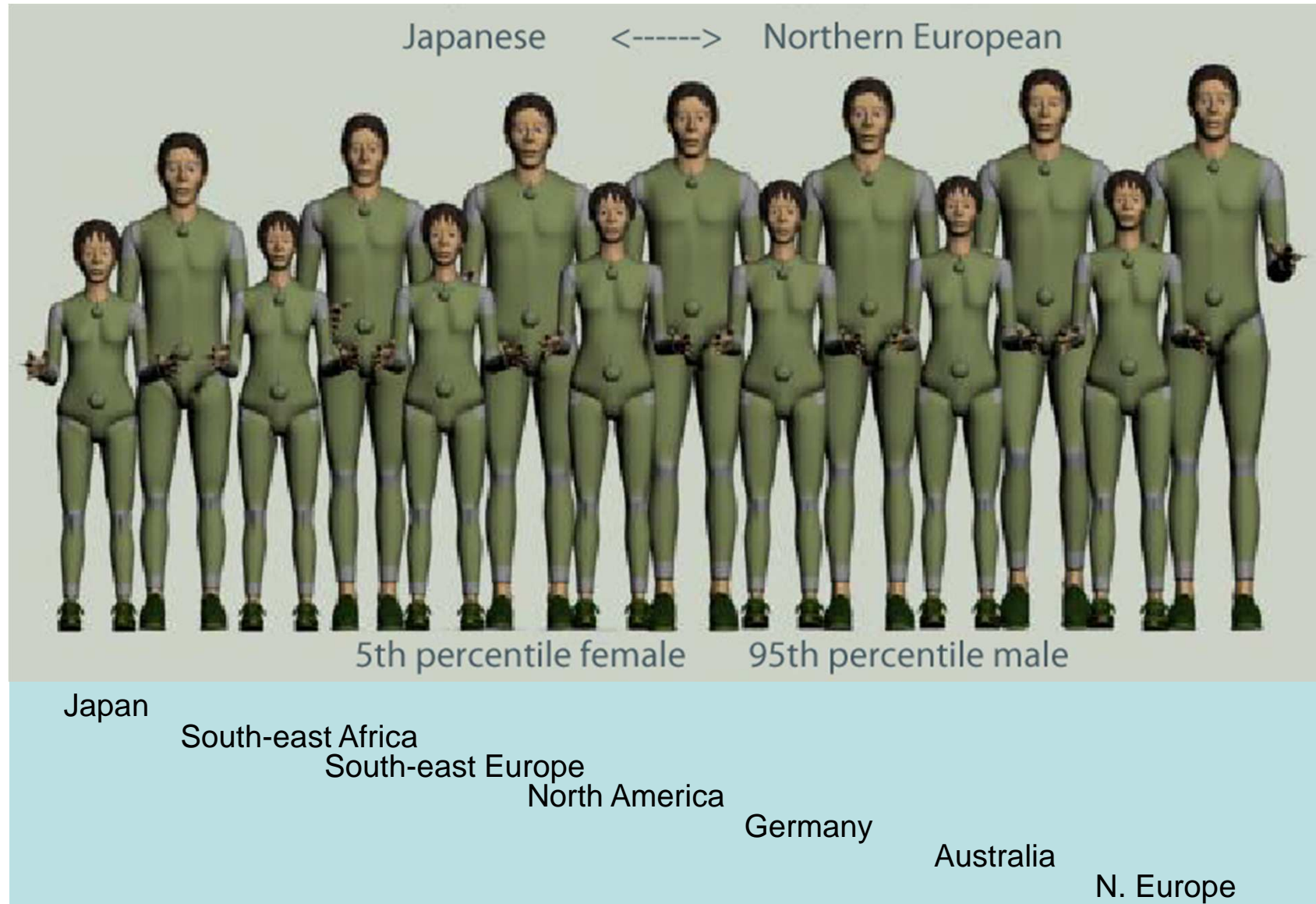
Ethnic differences

e.g. body height

Northern Europeans > Southern  
Europeans approx. 8 cm

Differences in proportions

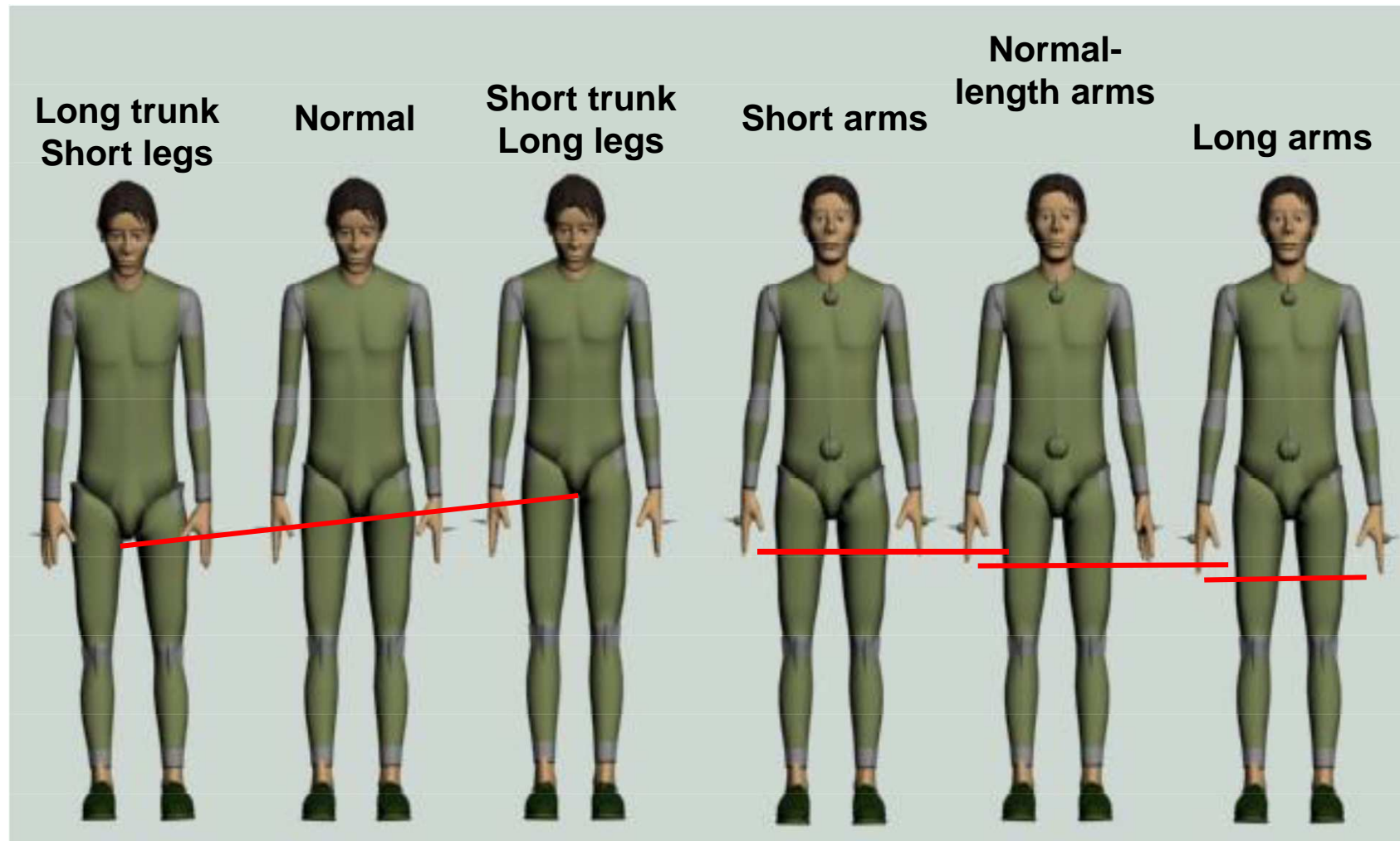
## International body dimensions – ethnic differences





## Differences in proportions – proportion types

### Trunk/leg length; arm length

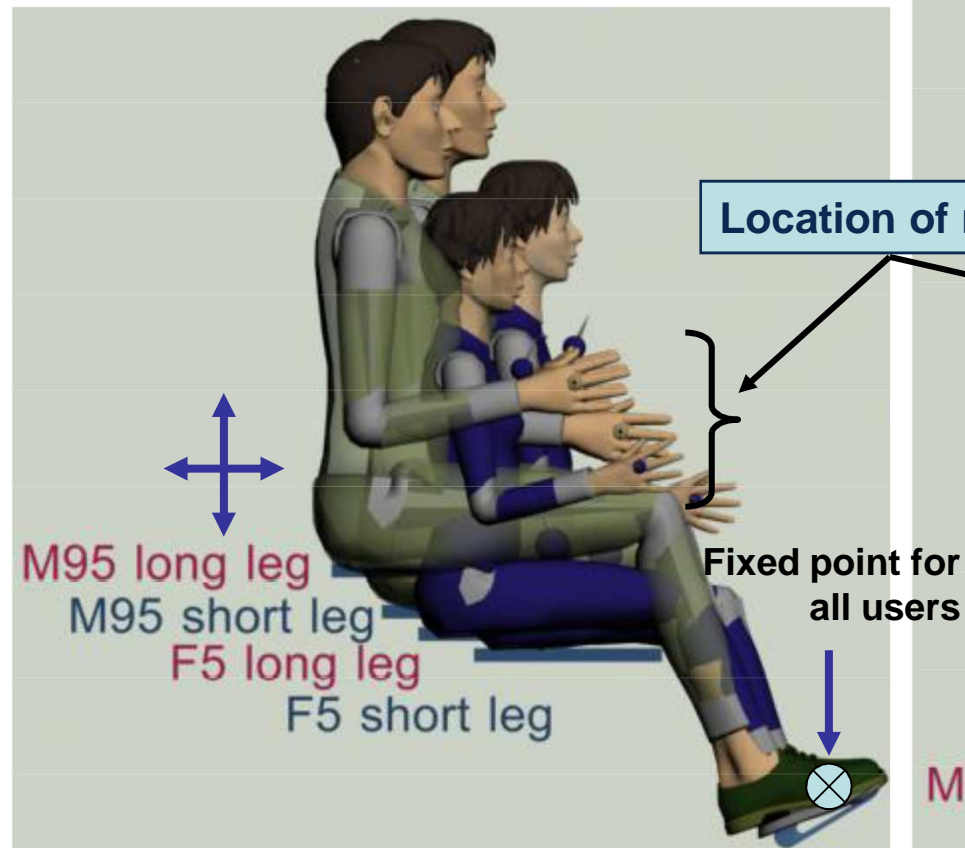




## Proportion types: representative individuals

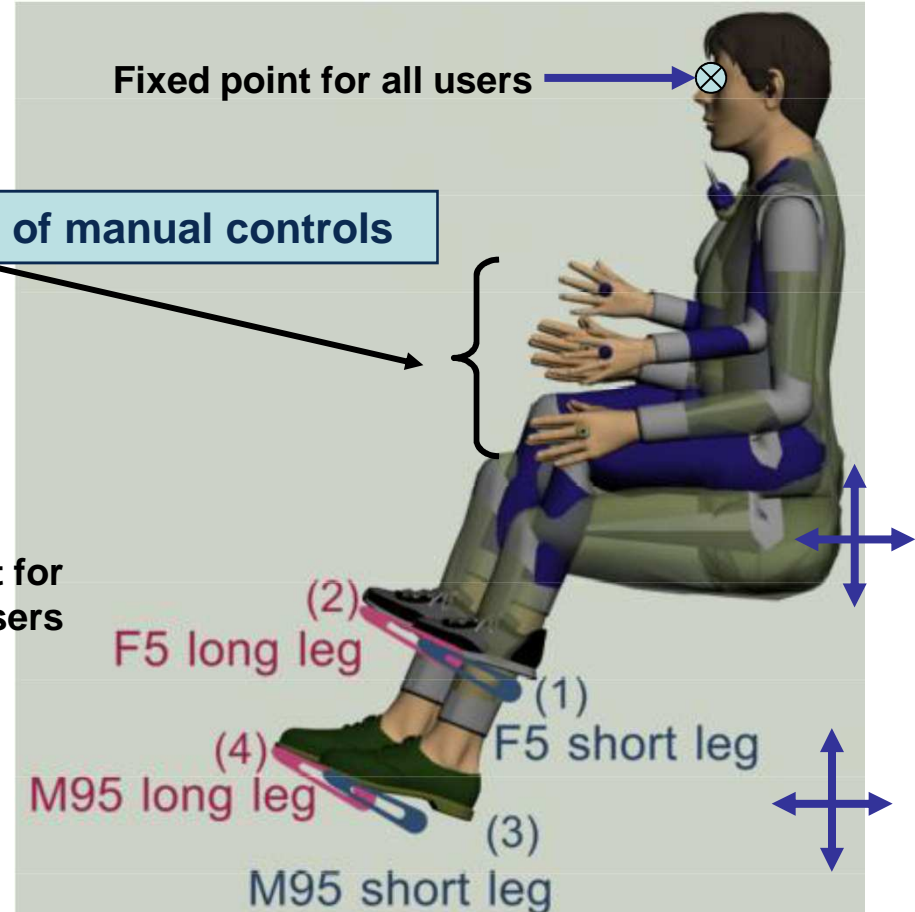
### Anthropometric variance within the operator population for:

#### Definition of the SEAT adjustment range



M: male  
F: female

#### Definition of the PEDAL adjustment range



## Definition of the operator population

### Product/workplace for a target group

- ➡ Definition of all body dimensions relevant to design based upon the **particular characteristics of the target groups**
- ➡ **Identification of requirements from specific regulations**  
(e.g. limitations of body heights for pilots, range of body dimensions specified in standards for the control panel of railway tractive units)
- ➡ **Specification of user characteristics**
  - Sex
  - Population group/nationality
  - Stage of secular acceleration
  - Age bracket
  - Body height percentile
- ➡ **Definition of design dimensions**

### Identification of relevant body dimensions which determine/influence the design dimensions

- **Geometric reference point (fixing)**, e.g. eye, hand
- **Anthropometric body dimension**, e.g. length of lower leg
- **Corpulence**, e.g. variance in body depth
- **Proportion (long trunk, short trunk)** e.g. eye point for F95 female + short trunk

## Somatotypes

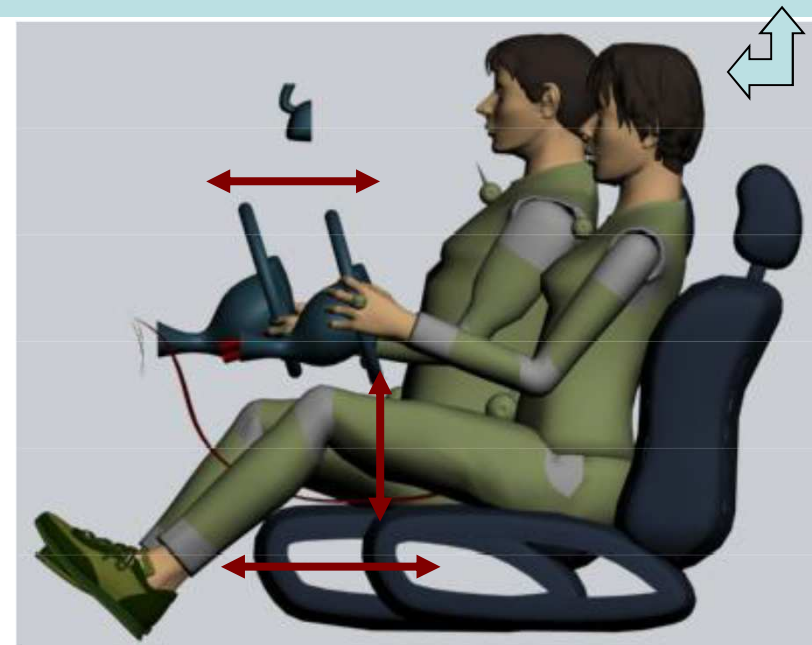
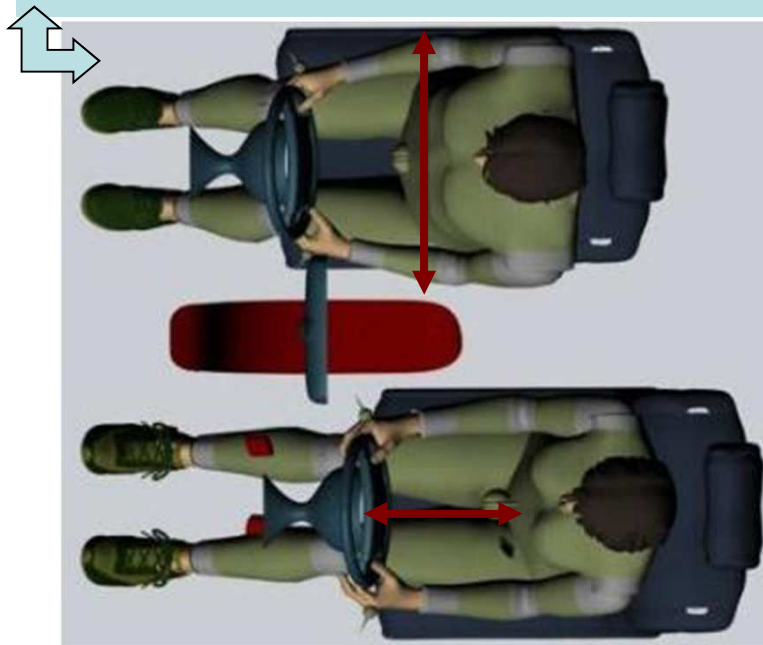
Geometric design of products in consideration of the widest anthropometric variance within the operator population:

### Length dimensions:

Short, corpulent, short-legged female ⇔ Tall, long-legged, slim male

### Breadth, depth, circumferential dimensions:

Short, corpulent, short-legged male ⇔ Tall, slim, long-legged female



## Example

### Work in distribution warehouse



## Important literature for Module 2-1

**EN 349:2009** Safety of machinery – Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body

**EN 547-1:2009** Safety of machinery – Human body measurements – Part 1: Principles for determining the dimensions required for openings for whole body access into machinery

**EN 547-2:2009** Safety of machinery – Human body measurements – Part 2: Principles for determining the dimensions required for access openings

**EN 547-3:2009** Safety of machinery – Human body measurements – Part 3: Anthropometric data

**EN 614-2:2008** Safety of machinery – Ergonomic design principles – Part 2: Interactions between the design of machinery and work tasks

**EN ISO 7250-1:2010** Basic human body measurements for technological design – Part 1: Body measurement definitions and landmarks

**DIN 33402-1:2008** Ergonomics – Body dimensions of people – Part 1: Terms and definitions, measuring procedures

**DIN 33402-2:2007** Ergonomics – Human body dimensions – Part 2: Values

**DIN 33402-2 Supplement 1:2006** Human body dimensions – Part 2: Values; Supplement 1: Application of body dimensions in practice

**DIN 33402-3:1984** Human body dimensions – Part 3: movement room at different normal positions and movements

**DIN 5566-1:2006** Railway vehicles – Driver cabs – Part 1: General requirements

**DIN 5566-2:2006** Railway vehicles – Driver cabs – Part 2: Additional requirements for standards gauge railway vehicles

**EN ISO 3411:2009** Earth-moving machinery – Physical dimensions of operators and minimum operator space envelope

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- **DIN Taschenbuch 390** Körpermaße und Körperkräfte
- **EN ISO 15537:2005** Principles for selecting and using test persons for testing anthropometric aspects of industrial products and designs
- **Anthropologischer Datenatlas** (1986) in:  
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- **Internationaler anthropometrischer Datenatlas** (1993) in:  
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For further standards, see [www.nora.kan.de](http://www.nora.kan.de)



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### International standards governing human body dimensions for machine safety

- **EN ISO 14738:2009** Safety of machinery – Anthropometric requirements for the design of workstations at machinery
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- **LANGE, W.; WINDEL, A. (12th edition, 2008):** Kleine ergonomische Datensammlung. Dortmund: Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin.