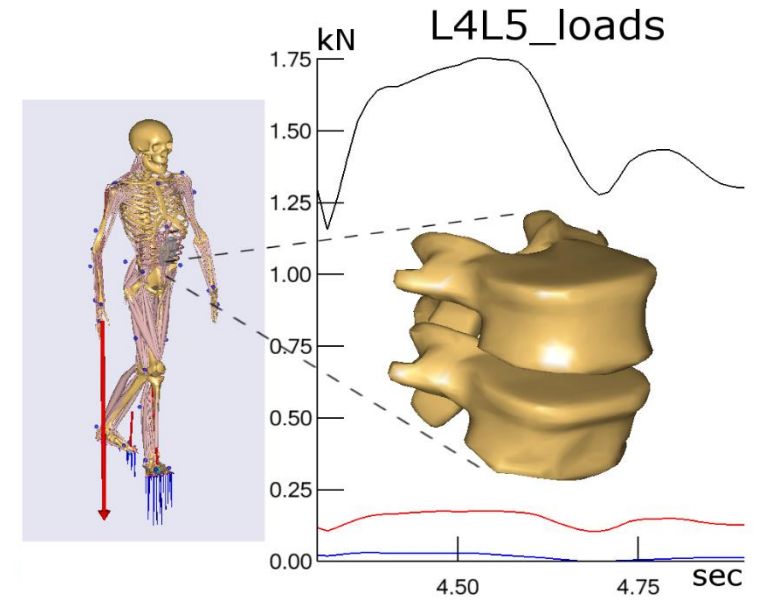


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Computing realistic loads in the lumbar spine by using the AnyBody musculoskeletal model



# Outline

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- General introduction to the AnyBody Modeling System
- Background for this webcast
- Computing realistic loads in the lumbar spine by using the AnyBody musculoskeletal model
- Final words and Q&A session.



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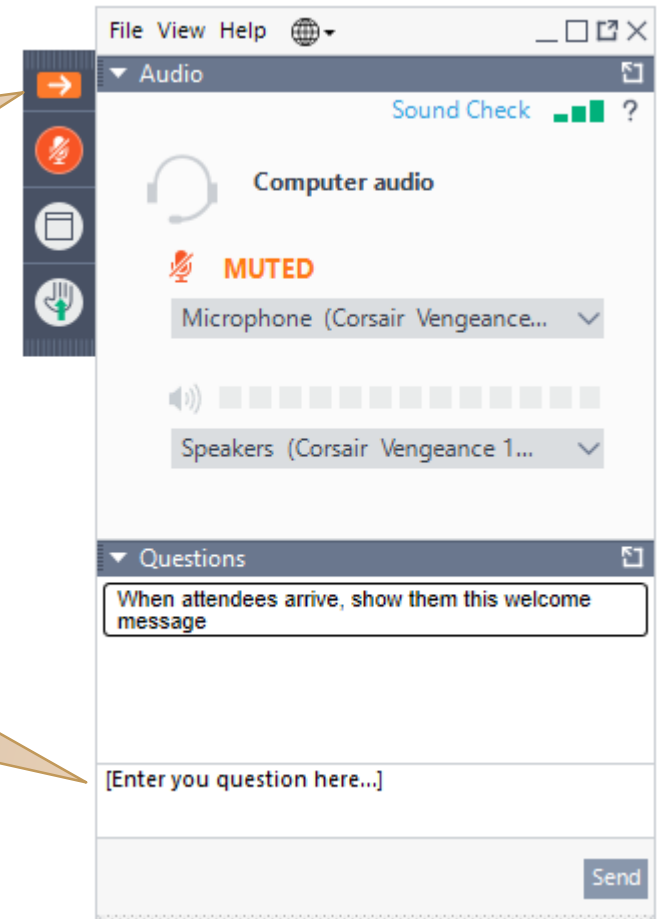
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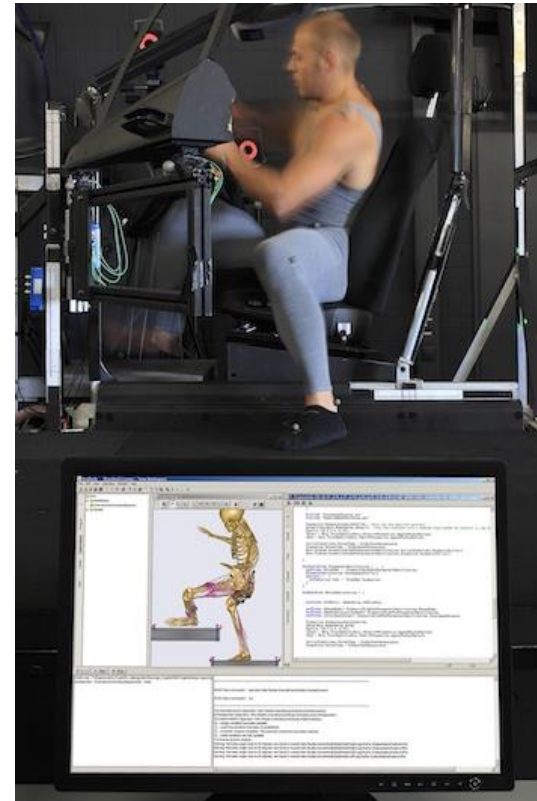
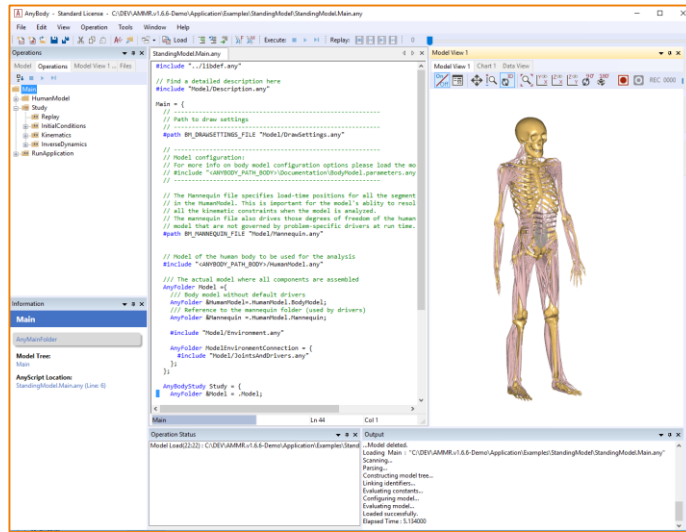
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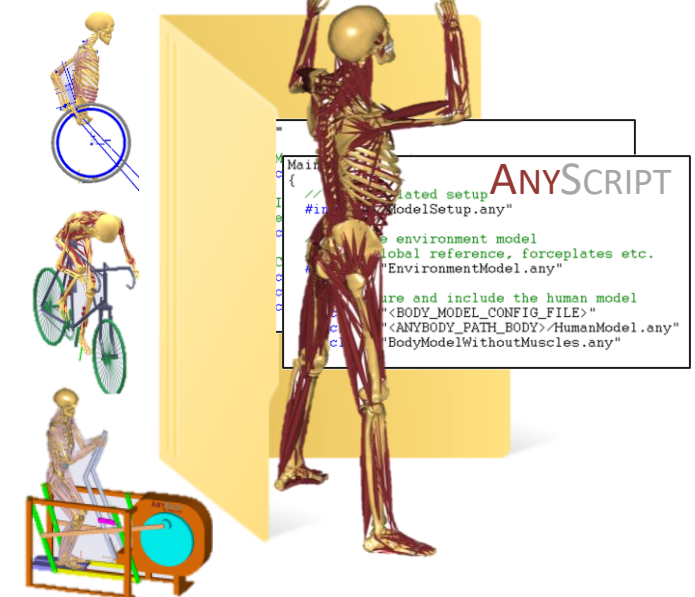
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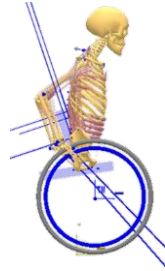
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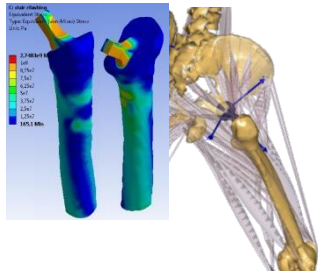


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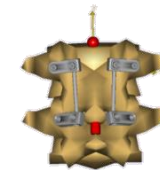
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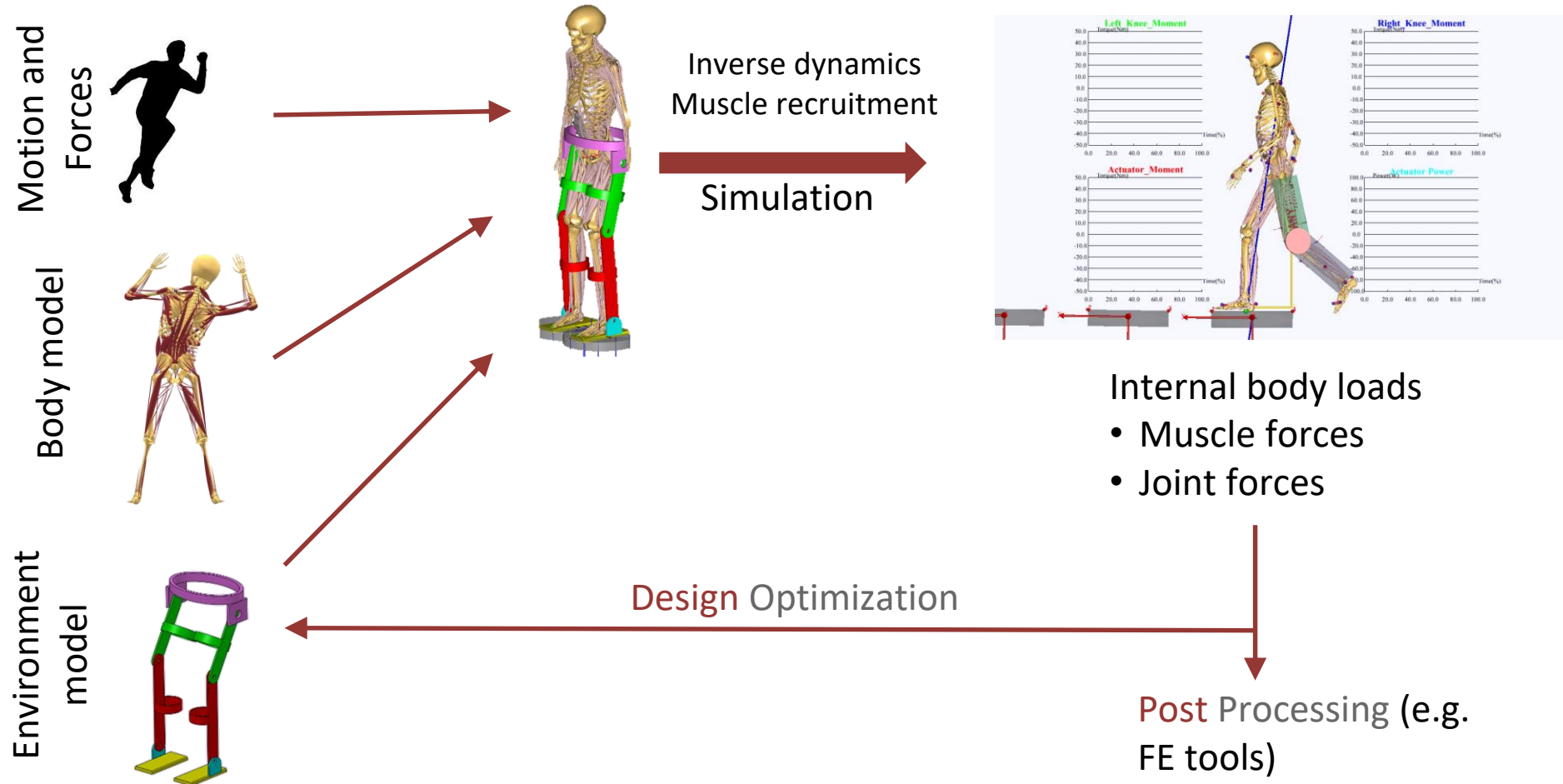


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# AnyBody Modeling System



# Spinal loads

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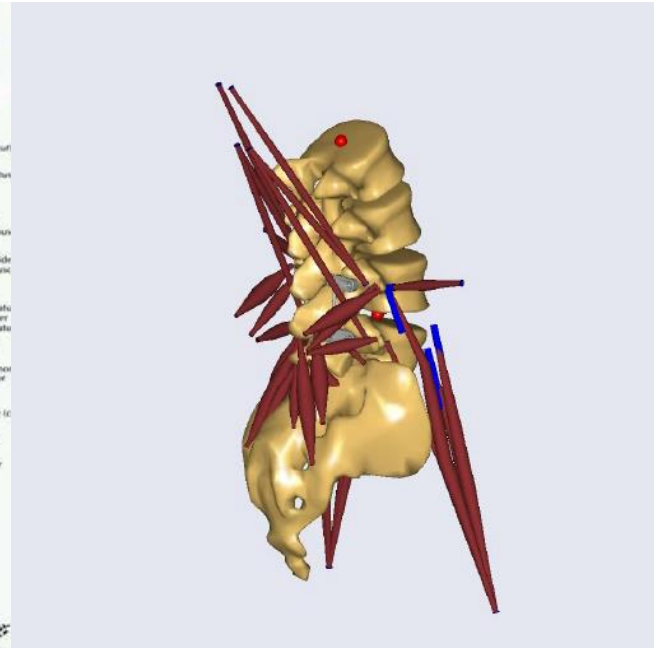
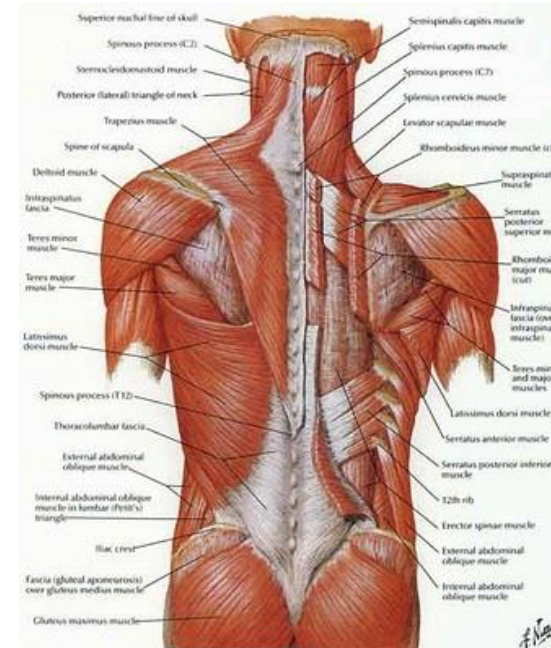
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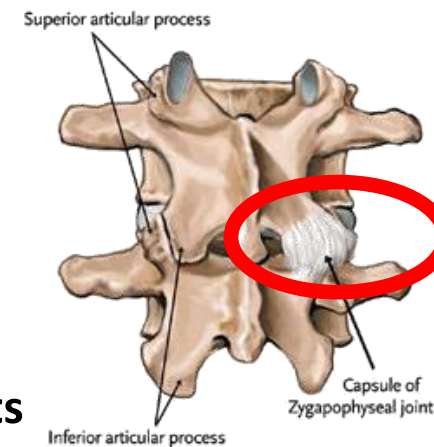
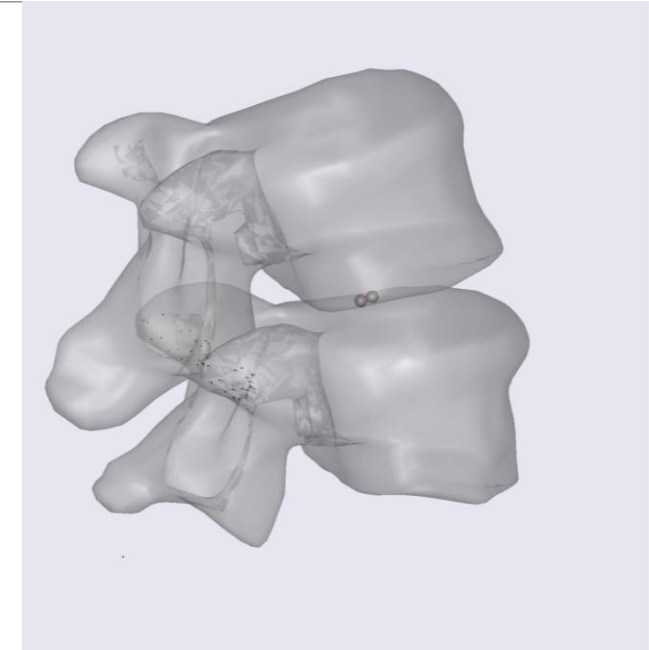
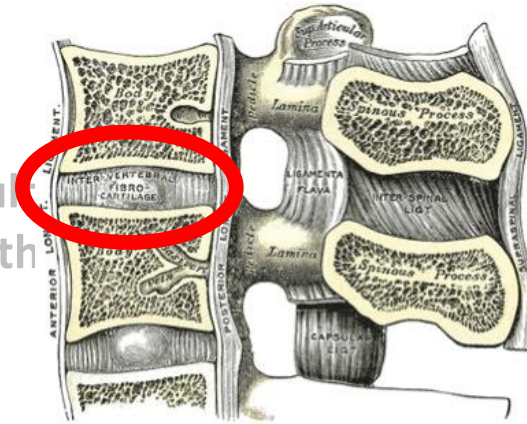
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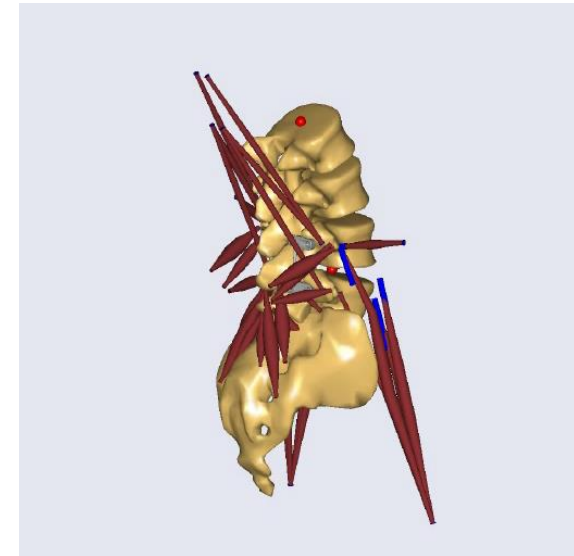
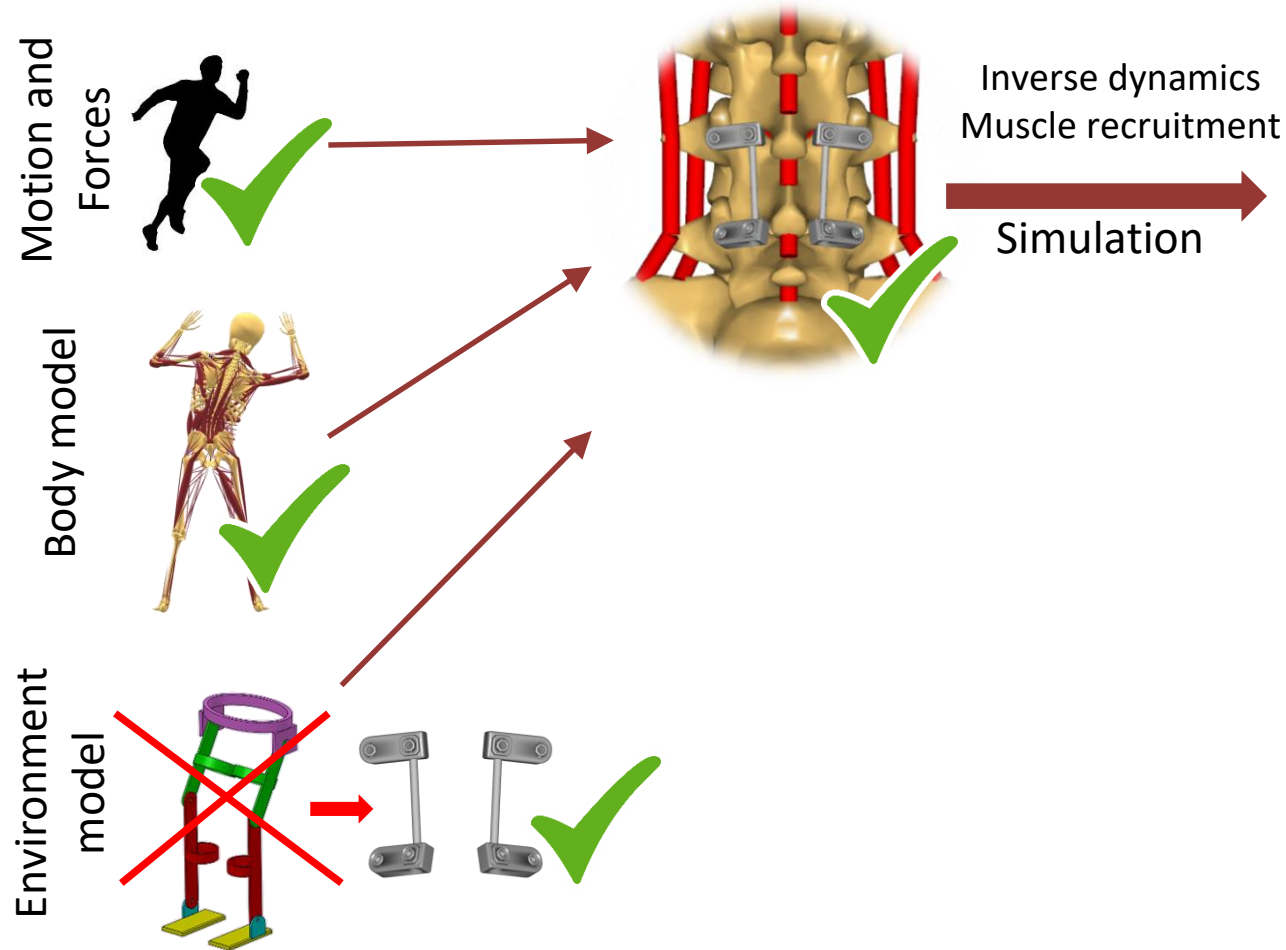
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**Verification** of a model is the process of confirming that it is correctly implemented with respect to the conceptual model

**Validation** checks the accuracy of the model's representation of the real system.

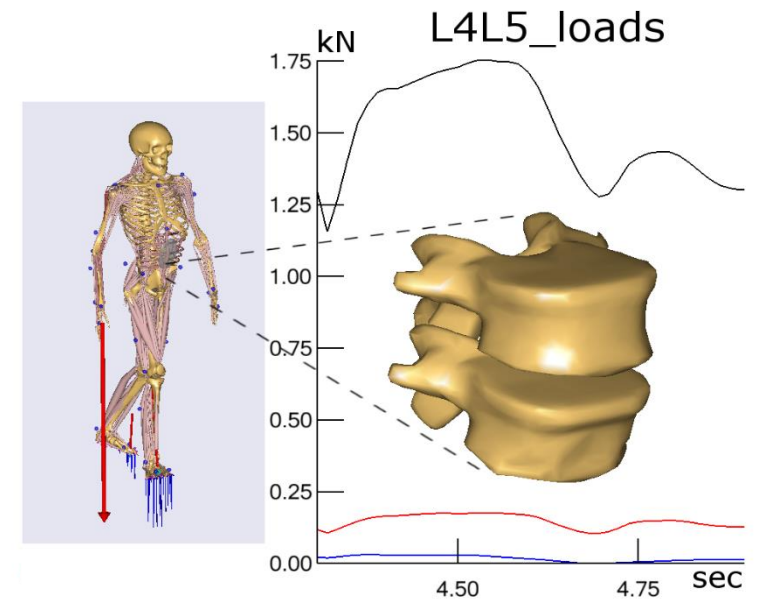
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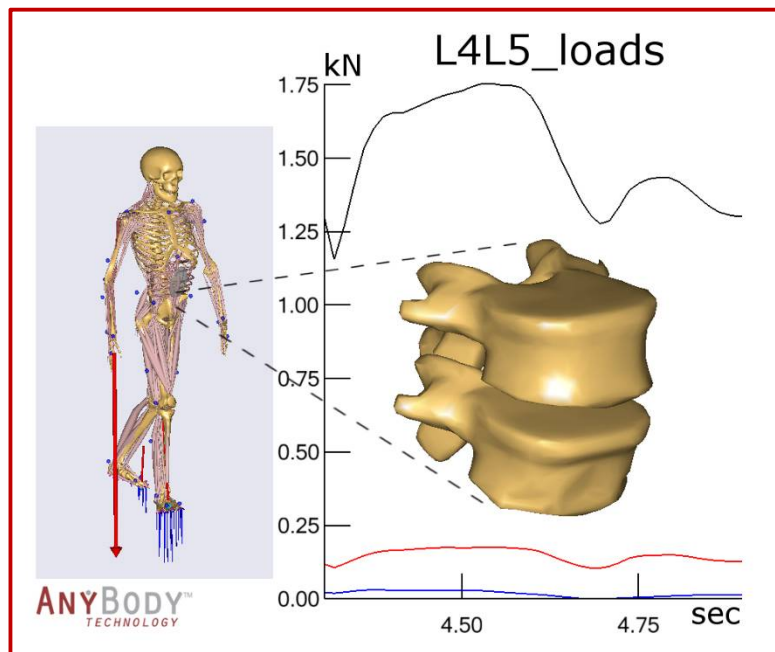
Internal body loads

- Muscle forces
- Joint forces

Computing realistic loads in the lumbar spine by using the AnyBody musculoskeletal model



# Computing realistic loads in the lumbar spine by using the AnyBody musculoskeletal model



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### Validation of the AnyBody full body musculoskeletal model in computing lumbar spine loads at L4L5 level



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## The AnyBody AMMR

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- AnyBody software provides a full-body musculoskeletal model (AnyBody Managed Model Repository, AMMR).
- The full-body model is increasingly exploited by numerous researchers worldwide.
- More than 50 publication references listed in the AnyBody Technology web site for the year 2016, most of which exploit the full body model from AMMR.

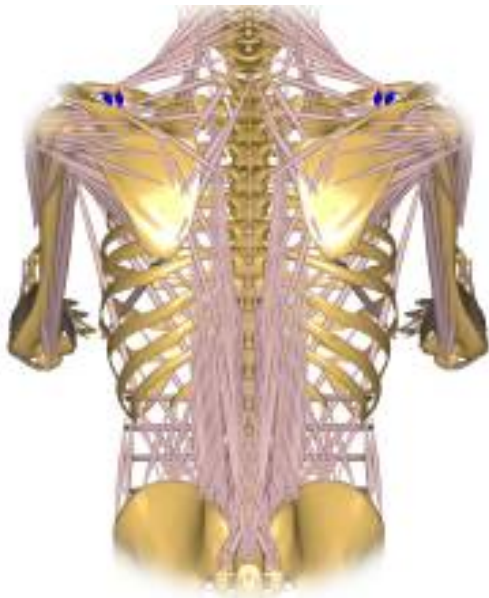




## Computing lumbar loads

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When focusing on the characterization of human spine, the model can be accounted to evaluate the lumbar loads during physiological activities (e.g. training, ergonomics and rehabilitation) and pathological scenarios (e.g. spine deformities and surgical fixation strategies).



**Does the model provide realistic loads?**

**Model validation is required!**





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## Model validation: previous works



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A generic detailed rigid-body lumbar spine model

Mark de Zee<sup>a,\*</sup>, Lone Hansen<sup>b</sup>, Christian Wong<sup>c</sup>, John Rasmussen<sup>a</sup>, Erik B. Simonsen<sup>b</sup>

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Comparative evaluation of six quantitative lifting tools to estimate spine loads during static activities



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Mohammad Ali Rajae<sup>a</sup>, Navid Arjmand<sup>a,\*</sup>, Aboulfazl Shirazi-Adl<sup>b</sup>, André Plamondon<sup>c</sup>, Hendrik Schmidt<sup>d</sup>

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### VALIDATION OF A BIOMECHANICAL MODEL OF THE LUMBAR SPINE

<sup>1</sup>John Rasmussen, <sup>1,2</sup>Mark de Zee and <sup>3</sup>Sylvain Carbes





## Previous works: limitations

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The previous works compared the lumbar loads with reference measurements obtained *in vivo*, but held some **limitations**:

- arbitrarily imposed kinematics
- only static postures, no motion conditions
- only static lifting activities



## Need for a comprehensive validation!

- ➕ setting kinematics from motion capture data
- ➕ evaluating motion conditions
- ➕ assessing dynamic lifting activities



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# In vivo measurements of the L4L5 disc nucleus pressure



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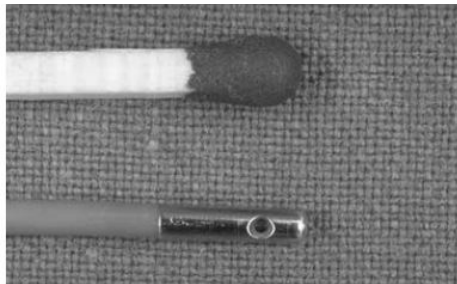
## Intradiscal pressure together with anthropometric data – a data set for the validation of models

Hans-Joachim Wilke<sup>a,\*</sup>, Peter Neef<sup>b</sup>, Barbara Hinz<sup>c</sup>, Helmut Seidel<sup>c</sup>, Lutz Claes<sup>a</sup>

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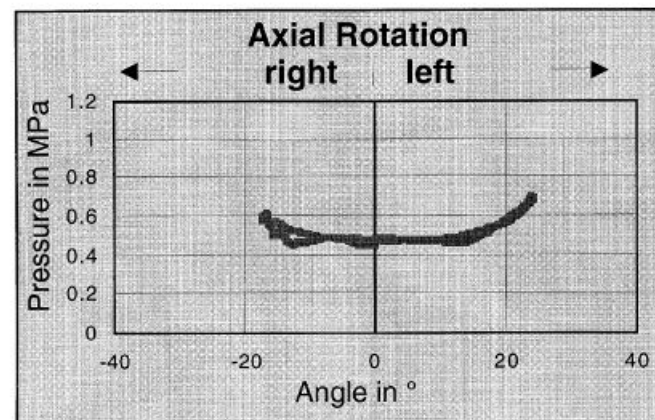
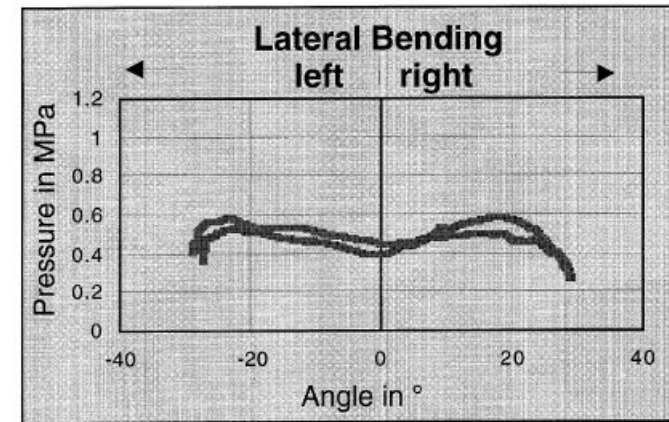
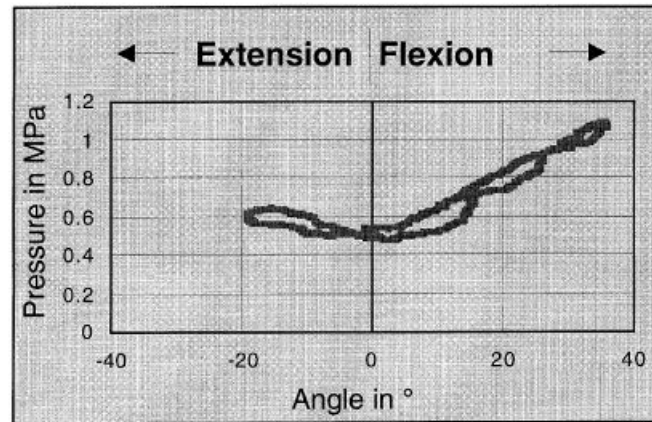


← L4L5 disc



## *In vivo* disc nucleus pressure and motion angle

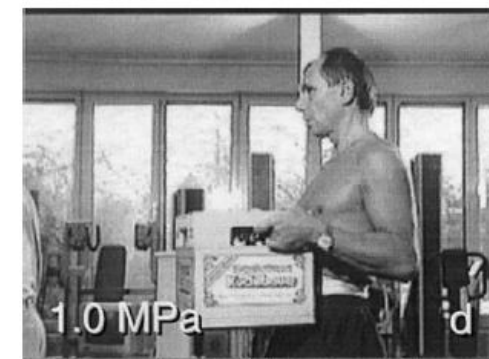
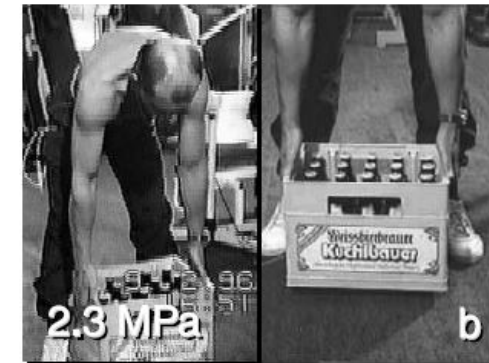
Intradiscal pressure in function of the motion angle between thorax and pelvis. Evaluated in continuous dynamic fashion.





## *In vivo* pressure during exercise tasks

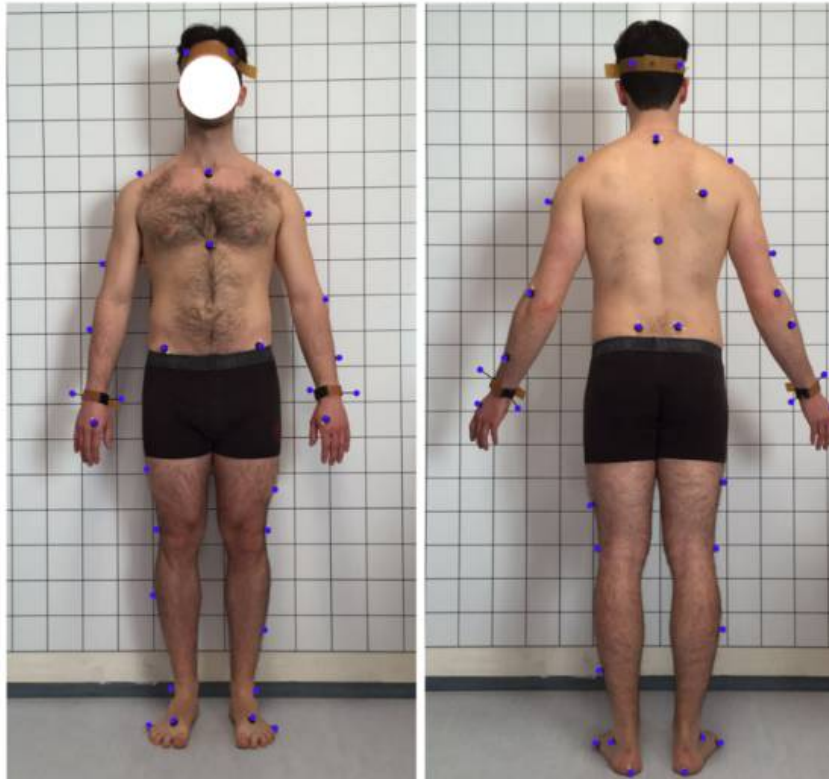
- Exercise conditions accounting for the lifting of a crate of beer of 19.8 kg.
- Other conditions: standing, sitting, walking.





## Subject enrolled in the present study

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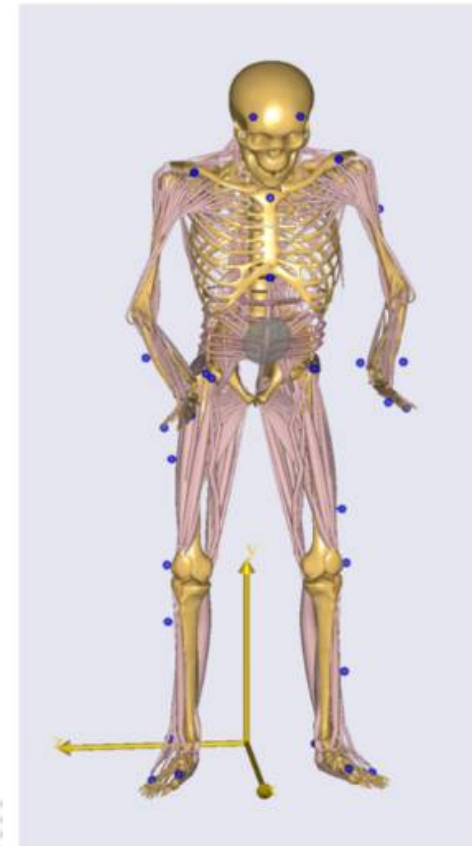
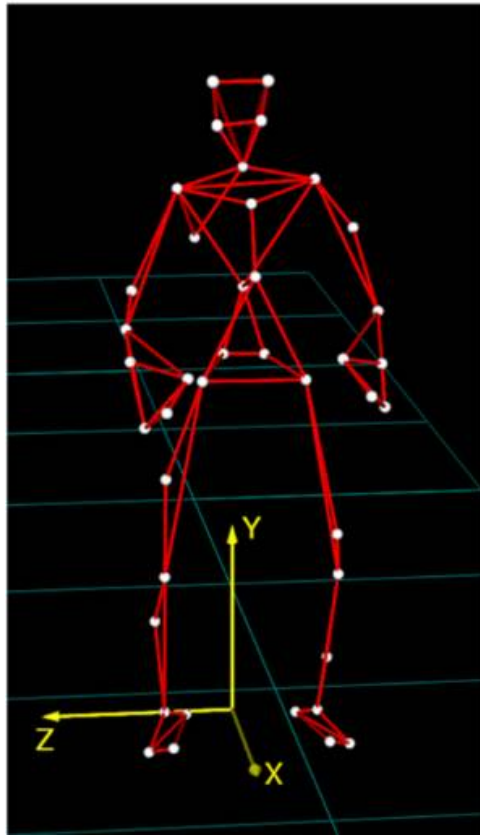


- One male subject (28 years), same weight (72 kg) and height (174 cm) of the volunteer evaluated by Wilke et al. in 2001.
- 41 passive markers placed on skin (VICON Plug-in-Gait protocol).
- Motion capture data acquired with 8 cameras optoelectronic system (BTS Bioengineering, Italy).
- Marker trajectories acquired at 70 Hz.



## From motion capture to model kinematics

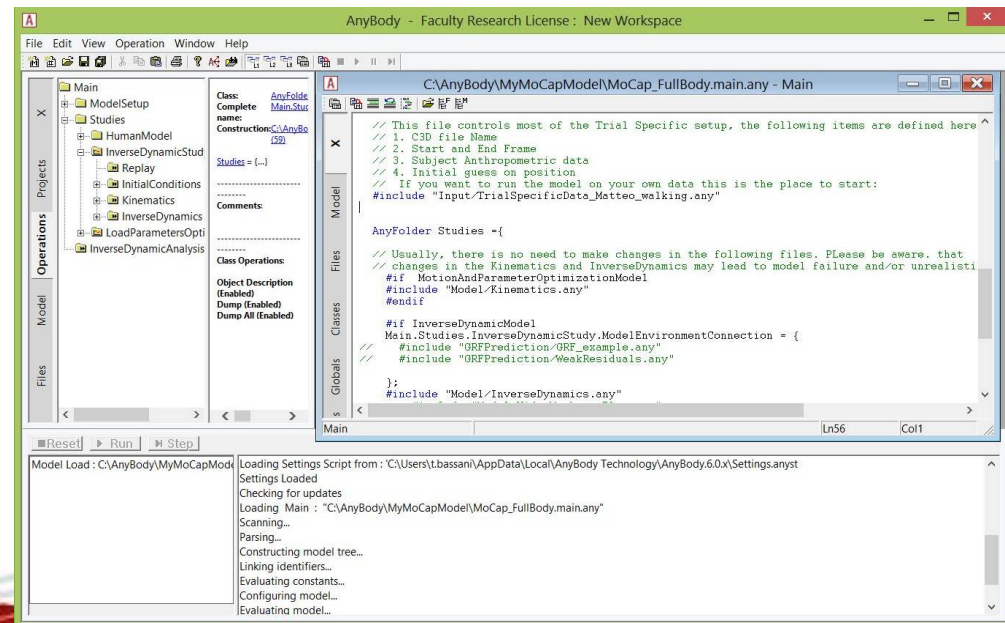
The markers trajectories in the 3D space were exported as \*.c3d files and then loaded into AnyBody software to set mannequin kinematics.





## AnyBody setting

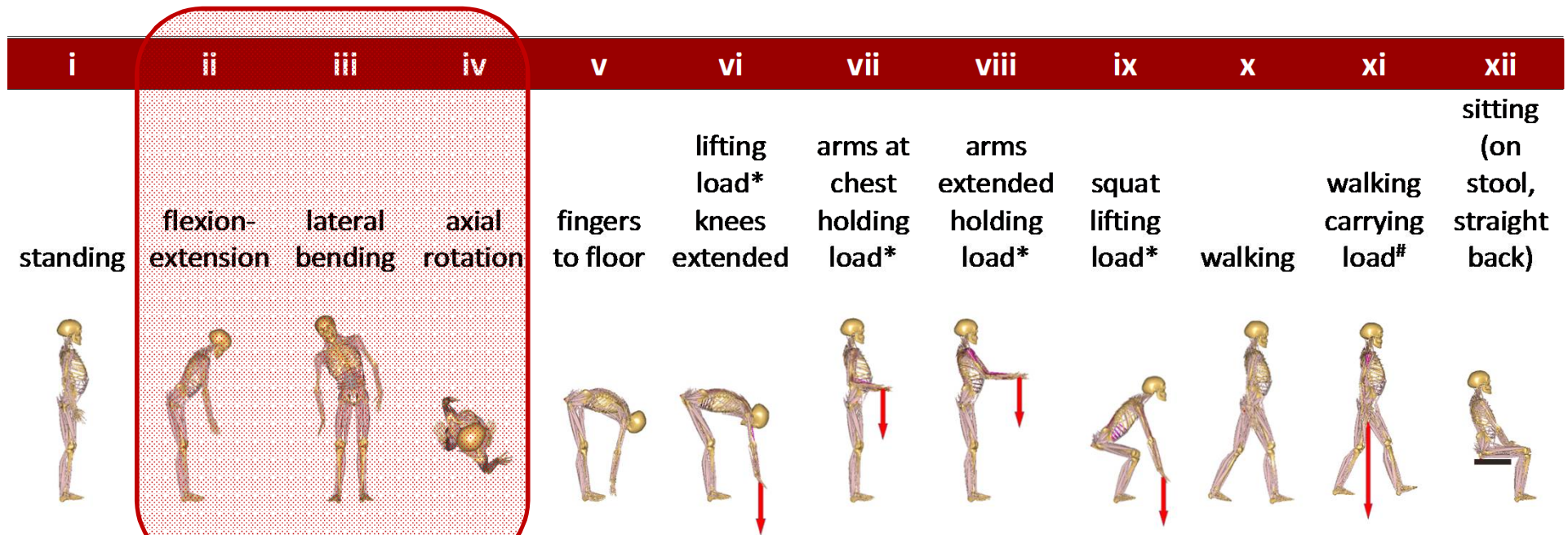
- AnyBody v.6.0 and full-body model from AMMR v.6.1.3
- MoCap model (motion optimization followed by inverse dynamic analysis)
- Markers trajectories low pass filtered (10 Hz)
- Length-mass-fat scaling and anthropometrics data were accounted
- Default lumbar spine rhythm assumption
- Ground reaction force prediction
- Muscle recruitment criterion: 'MR\_Polynomial'





## Exercise tasks

Twelve exercise tasks were performed to accurately replicate the corresponding conditions evaluated by Wilke et al. in 2001.



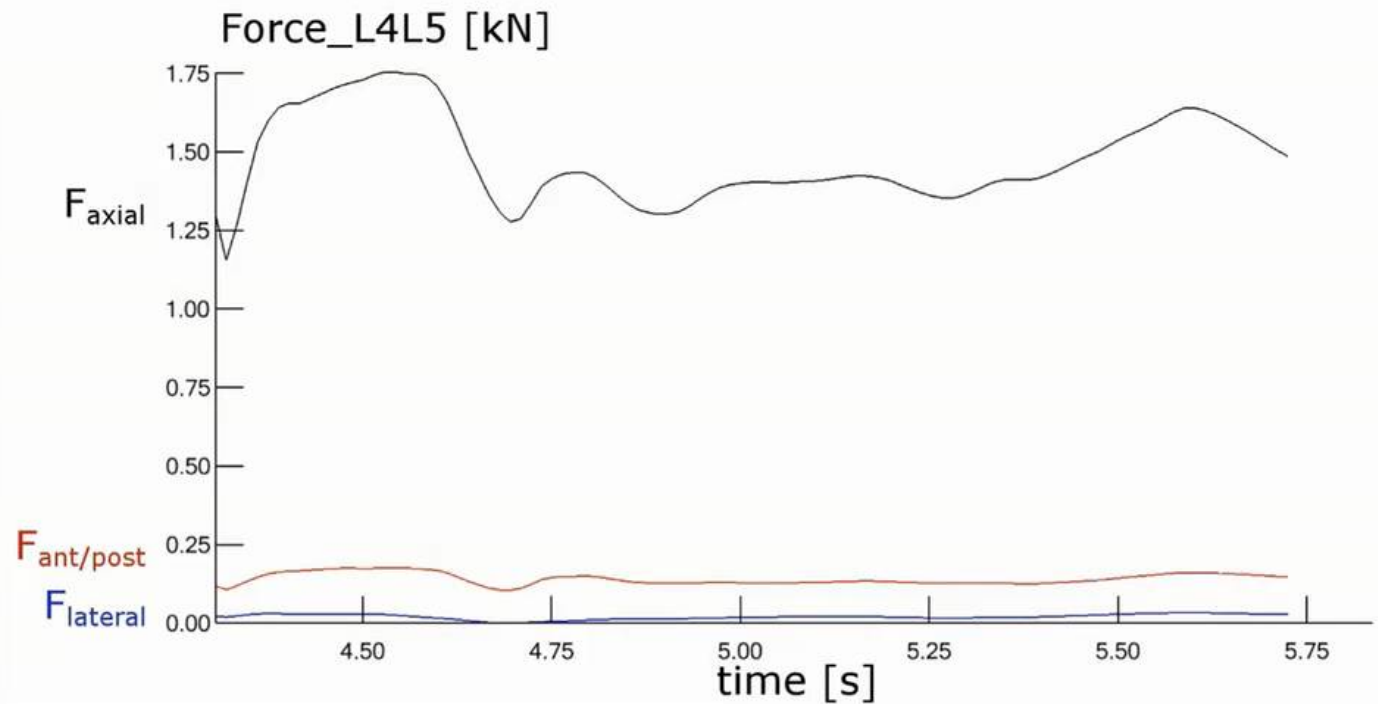
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# , carrying with the right hand a dumbbell loaded with 20 kg.



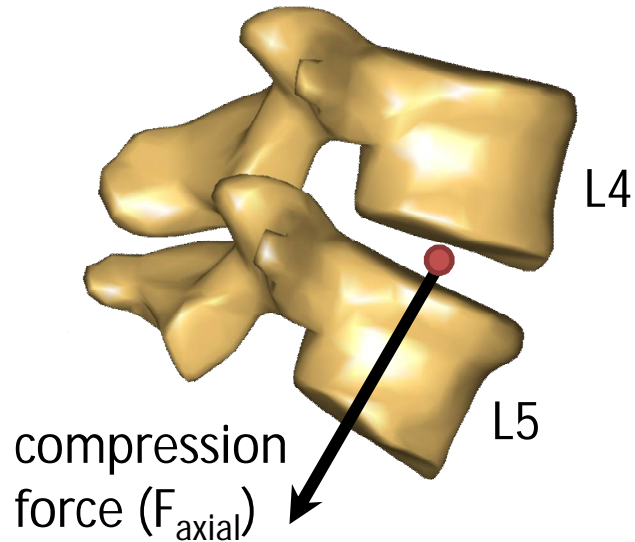


## Walking carrying 20 kg with the right hand





## From intersegmental load to average disc pressure

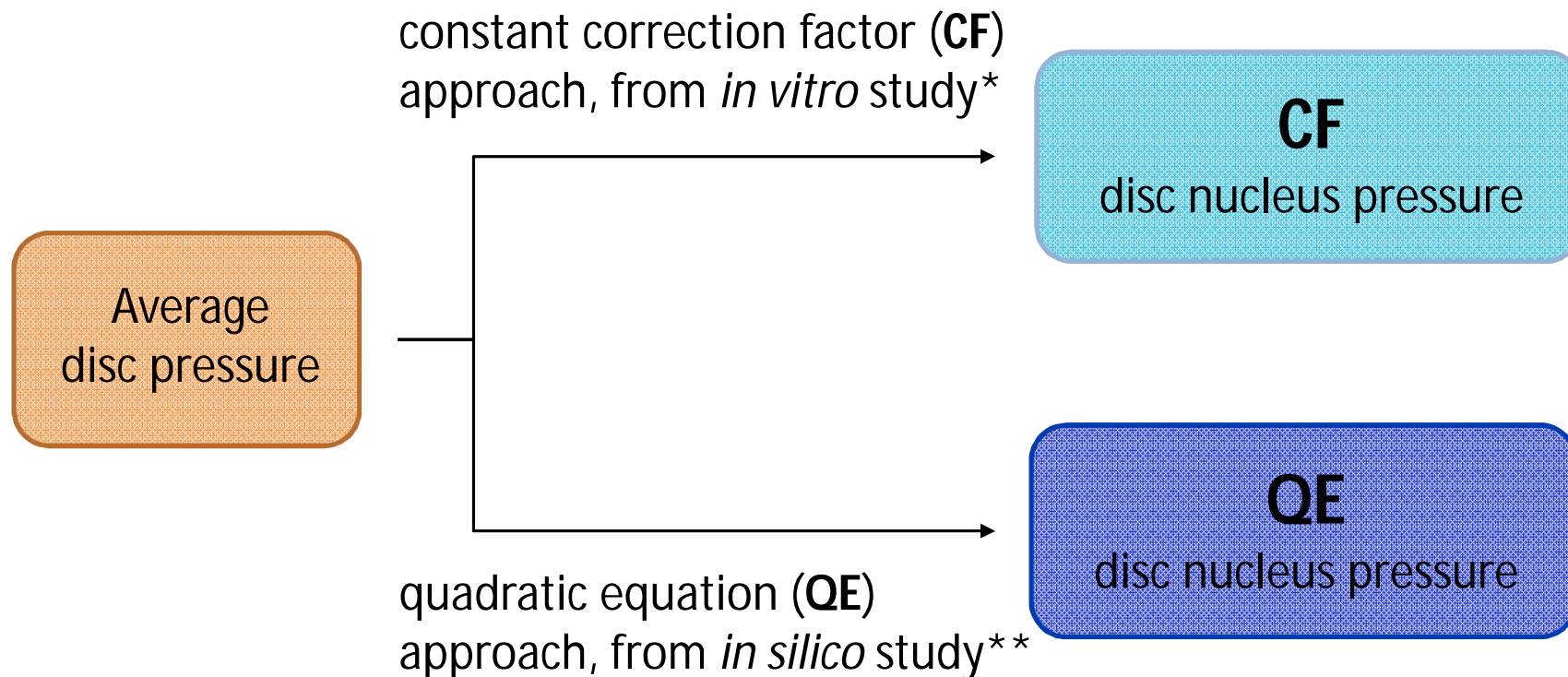


Average  
disc pressure

$$= \frac{\text{compression force}}{\text{L5 upper endplate area}} \\ \text{(from Wilke et al., 2001)}$$



## From average disc pressure to disc nucleus pressure

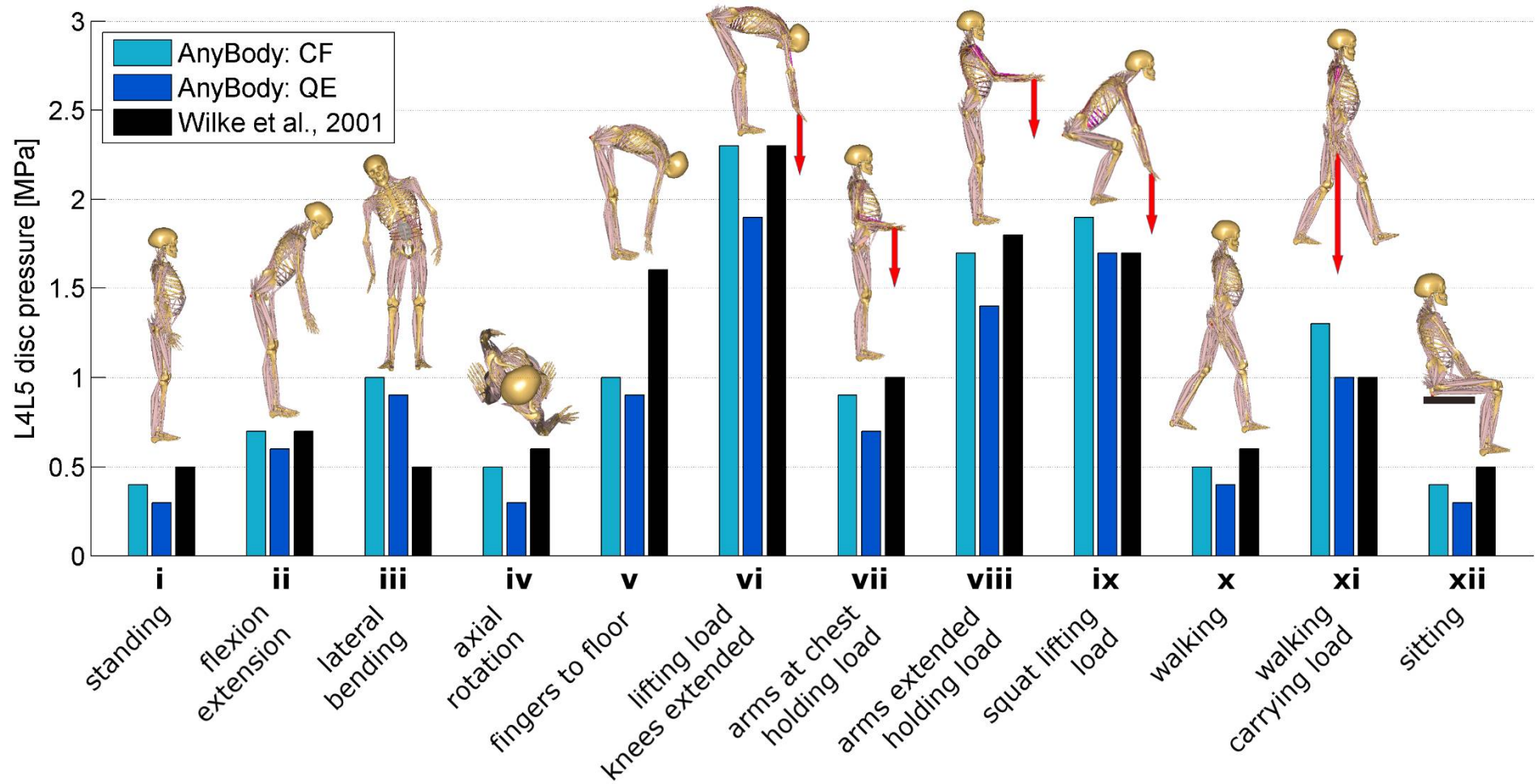


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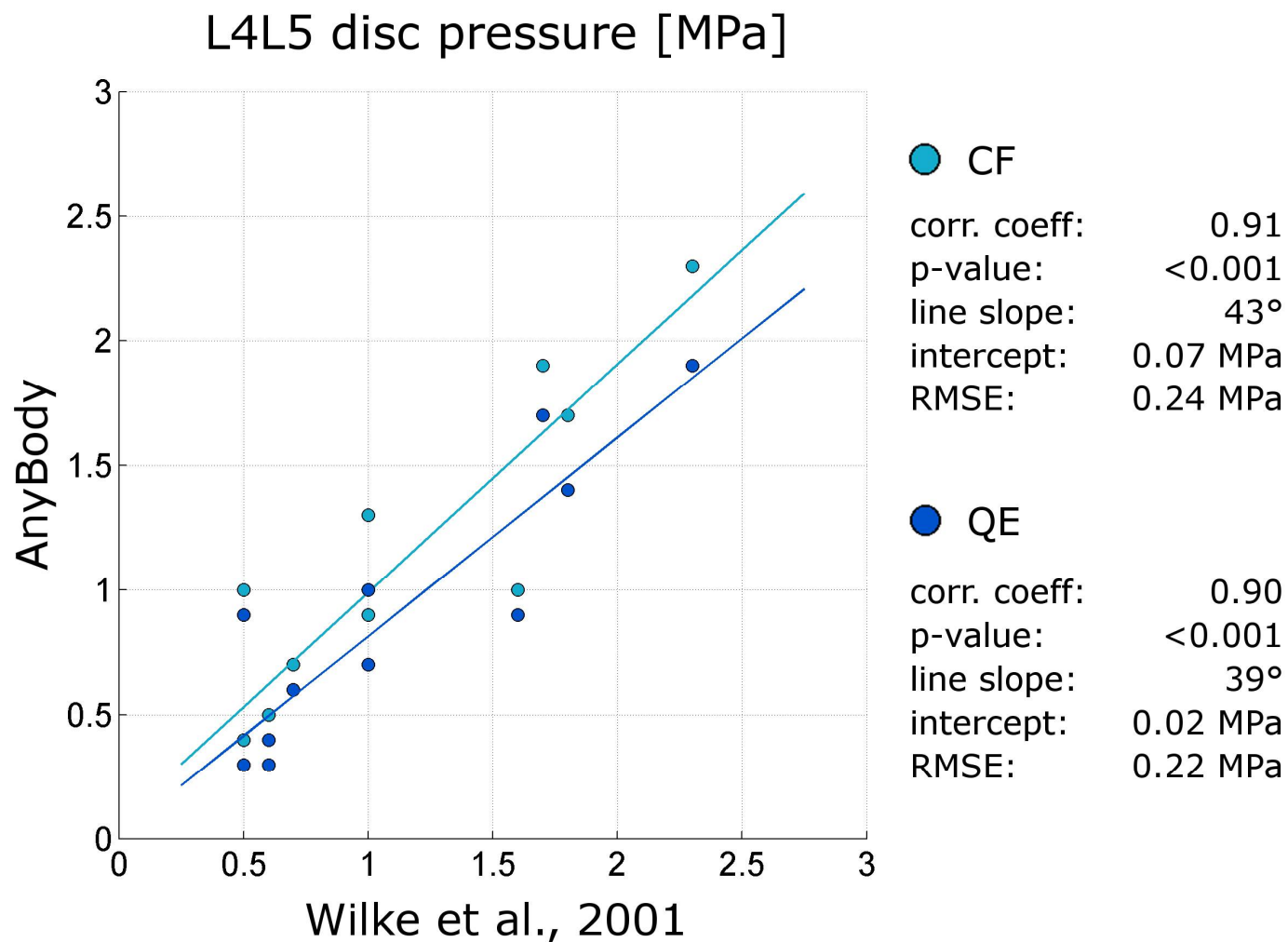


# Results





## Correlation between computed and *in vivo* pressure



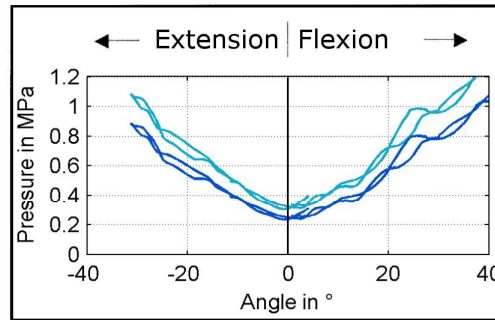


# Disc nucleus pressure in function of the motion angle between thorax and pelvis

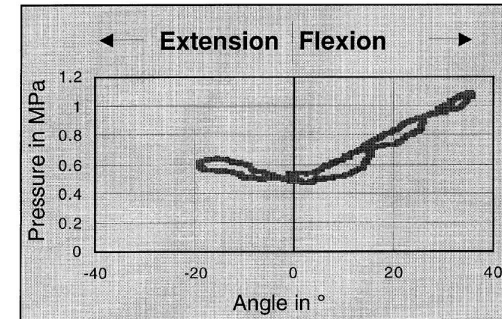
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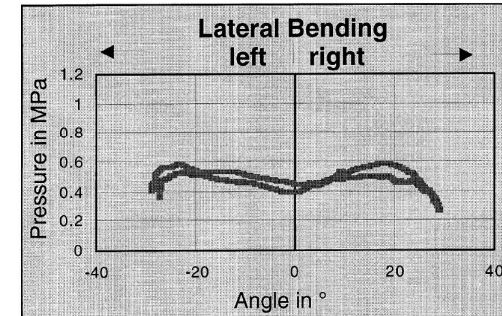
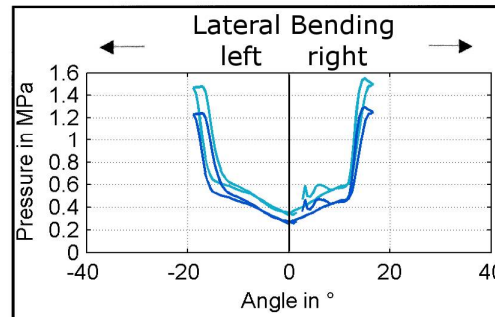
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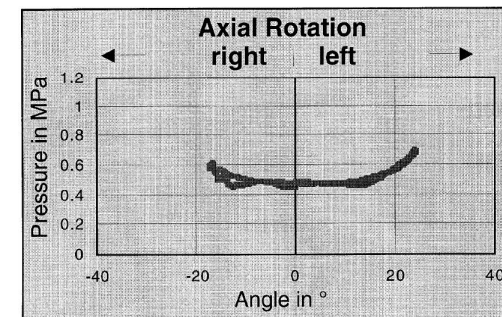
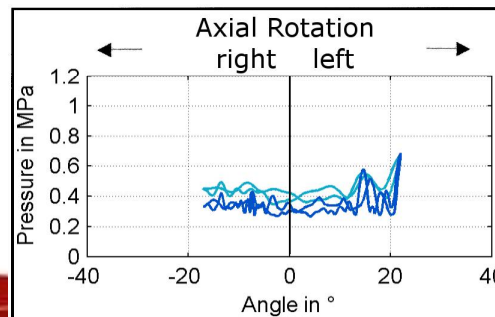
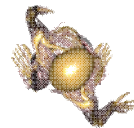
Wilke et al., 2001



lateral bending



axial rotation





## Discussion

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- The results demonstrated the **suitability** of the AnyBody model in computing **lumbar spine loads** at L4L5 level.
- **Caution** needs to be taken only when considering postures characterized by **large lateral displacements**.
- The findings promote the AnyBody model as an **appropriate tool** to non-invasively evaluate lumbar loads in **physiological activities**.
- **Future studies** can be aimed at evaluating the use of AnyBody modeling in pathological conditions known altering spine alignment, such as spine deformities and spine fixation strategies.





## Limitations of the present study

- **One subject** and **one repetition** of the tasks.
- Subject was **28 years** old whereas the one enrolled by Wilke et al. in 2001 was **45 years** old.
- The AnyBody model has **several limitations**:
  - rigid rib cage and thoracic spine
  - no facet joints and ligaments
  - lumbar discs simply described as spherical joints
  - lumbar spine rhythm based on literature assumption\*



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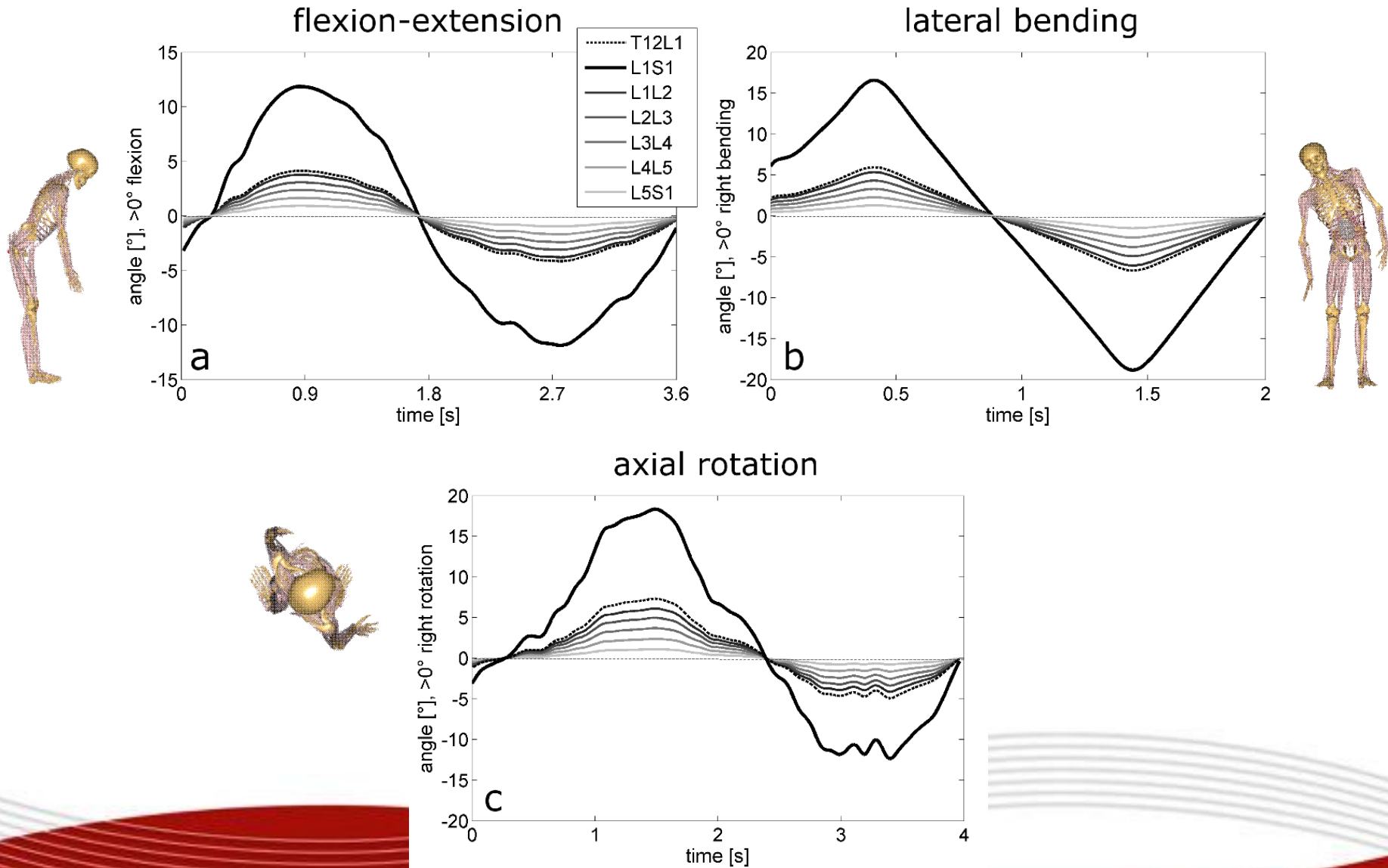


## Markers placement





# Lumbar spine rhythm





## In conclusion: take-home message

**The AnyBody full-body musculoskeletal model is suitable in computing realistic lumbar loads in physiological conditions.**

- + kinematics from motion capture data
- + motion conditions in continuous dynamic fashion
- + lifting activities during motion




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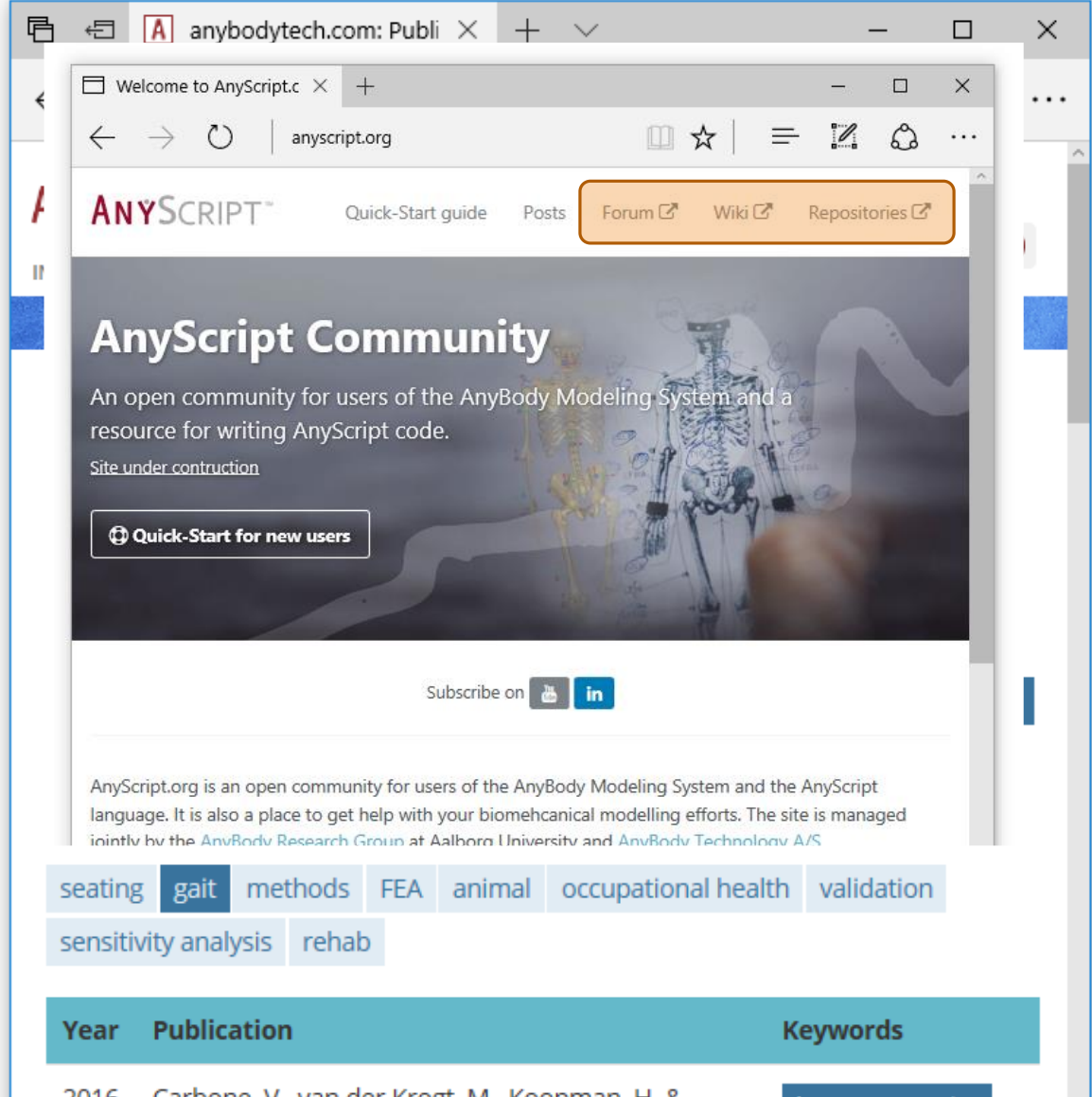
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- 2-5, July: 23rd Congress of the ESB, Sevilla, Spain

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