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Knee contact force estimation using force-reaction elements

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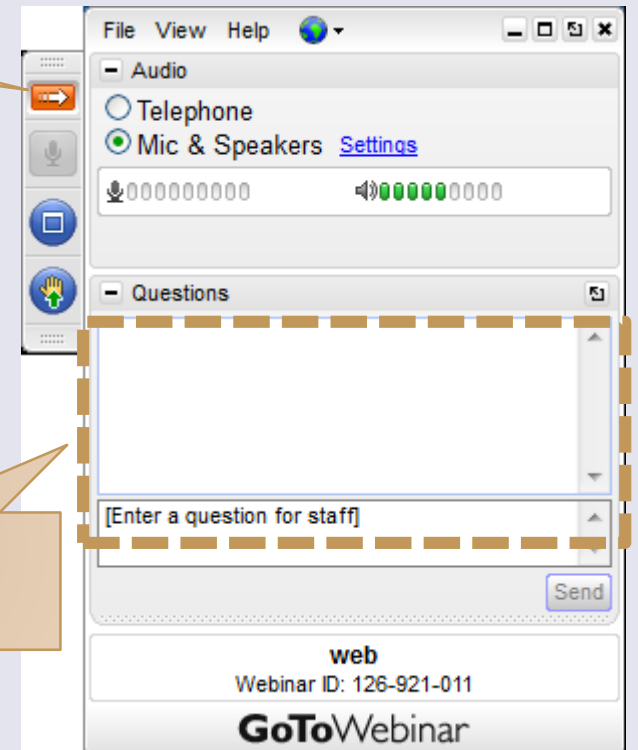
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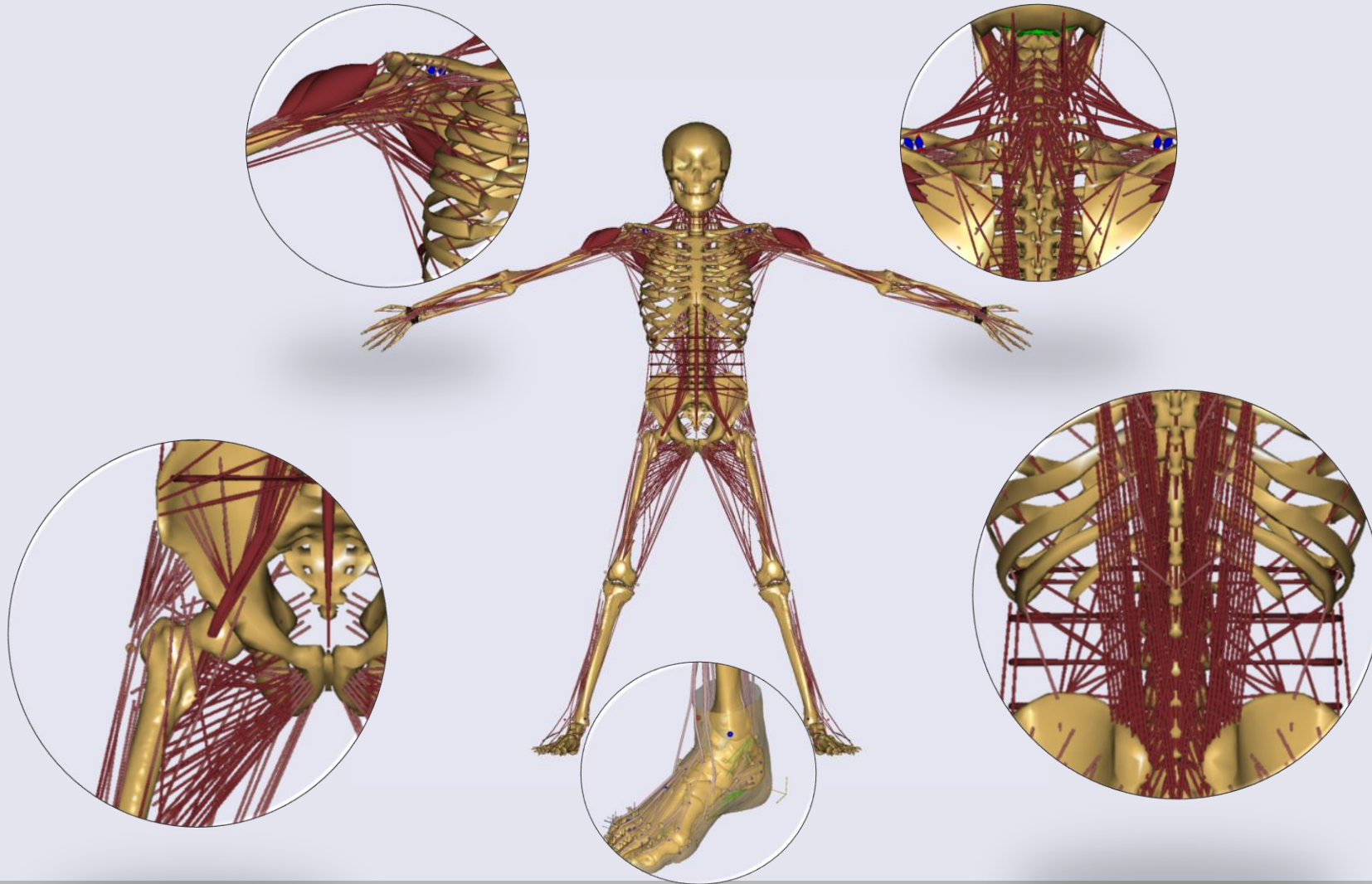
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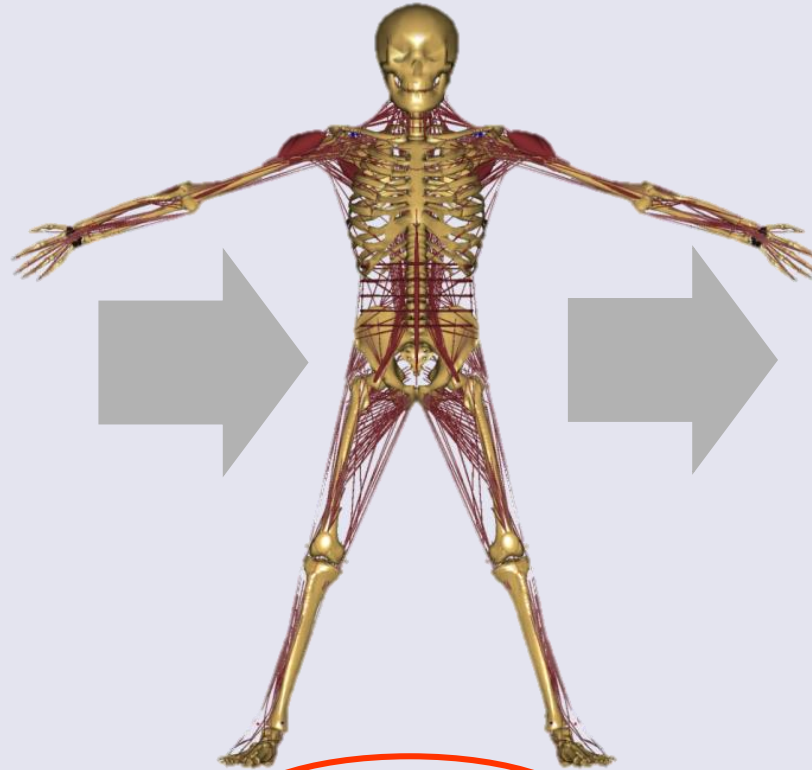
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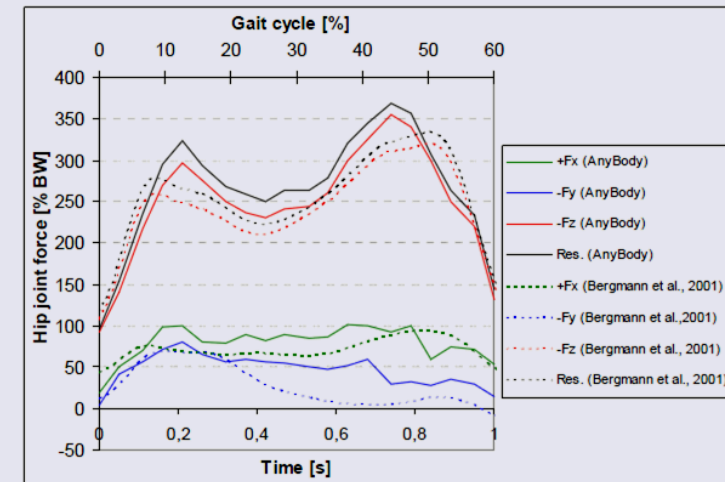
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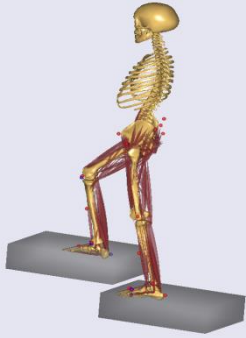
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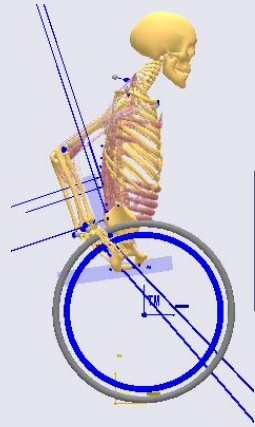
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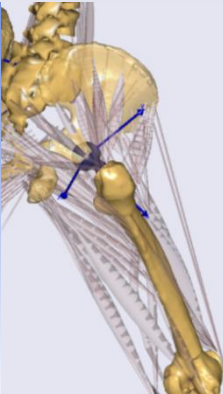
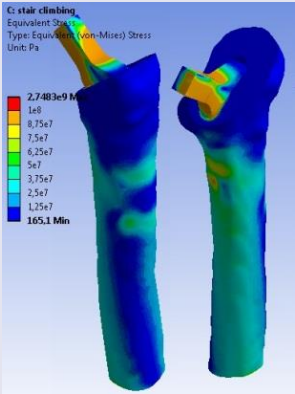


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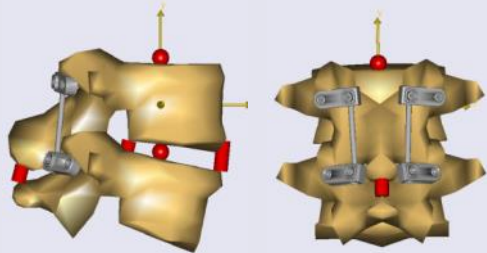
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Winner of the Sixth

Grand Challenge Competition to Predict in vivo Knee Loads

- We thank for the webcast invitation from Anybody Technology and all audiences.
- Sixth Grand Challenge Competition to Predict in vivo Knee Loads
- Six teams from five countries
- Works of four teams were published in the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering Volume 138, Issue 2, 2016



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Grand Challenge Competition to Predict In Vivo Knee Loads

Project Overview

Description:
Knowledge of muscle and joint contact forces during gait is necessary to characterize muscle coordination and function as well as joint and soft-tissue loading. Musculoskeletal modeling and simulation is required to estimate muscle and joint contact forces, since direct measurement is not feasible under normal conditions. This project provides the biomechanics community with a unique and comprehensive data set to validate muscle and contact force estimates in the knee. This data set includes motion capture, ground reaction, EMG, tibial contact force, and strength data collected from a subject implanted with an instrumented knee prosthesis.

Available Downloads and Their Potential Uses: The following raw and synchronized experimental data are available for download:

- Marker trajectories - plus description of marker set and static trials (200 Hz)
- Ground reaction forces - from 4 Bertec plates (1000 Hz)
- EMG signals - from 14 muscles in the implanted lower limb (1000 Hz)
- Tibial contact forces - measured from the instrumented prosthesis (200 Hz)

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- Jung Y, Phan c, Koo S, Intra-articular knee contact force estimation during walking using force-reaction elements and subject-specific joint model, *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering*, Vol. 138(2):021016, February, 2016.

Intra-Articular Knee Contact Force Estimation During Walking Using Force-Reaction Elements and Subject-Specific Joint Model²

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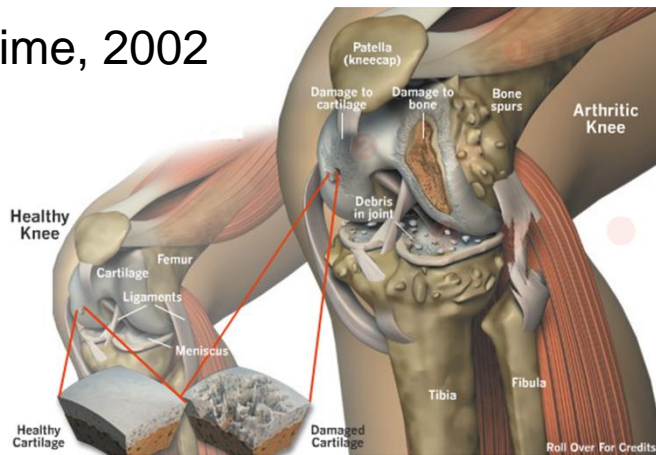
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Joint contact forces measured with instrumented knee implants have not only revealed general patterns of joint loading but also showed individual variations that could be due to differences in anatomy and joint kinematics. Musculoskeletal human models for dynamic simulation have been utilized to understand body kinetics including joint moments, muscle tension, and knee contact forces. The objectives of this study were to develop a knee contact model which can predict knee contact forces using an inverse dynamics-based optimization solver and to investigate the effect of joint constraints on knee contact force prediction. A knee contact model was developed to include 32 reaction force elements on the surface of a tibial insert of a total knee replacement (TKR), which was embedded in a full-body musculoskeletal model. Various external measurements including motion data and external force data during walking trials of a subject with an instrumented knee implant were provided from the Sixth Grand Challenge Competition to Predict in vivo Knee Loads. Knee contact forces in the medial and lateral portions of the instrumented knee implant were also provided for the same walking trials. A knee contact model with a hinge joint and normal alignment could predict knee contact forces with root mean square errors (RMSEs) of 165 N and 288 N for the medial and lateral portions of the knee, respectively, and coefficients of determination (R^2) of 0.70 and 0.63. When

The Competition

- It was a great chance
 - To validate musculoskeletal model and simulation
 - To understand factors affecting simulation accuracy

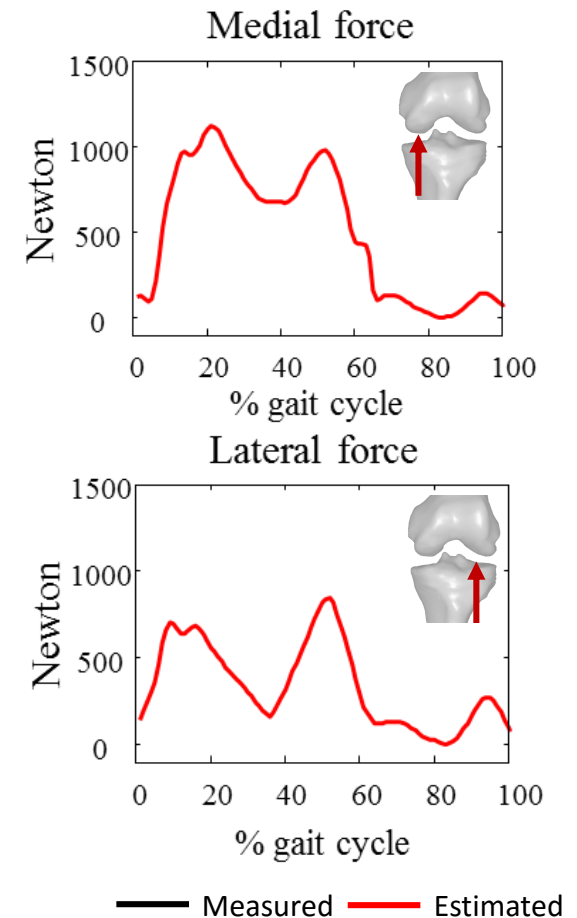
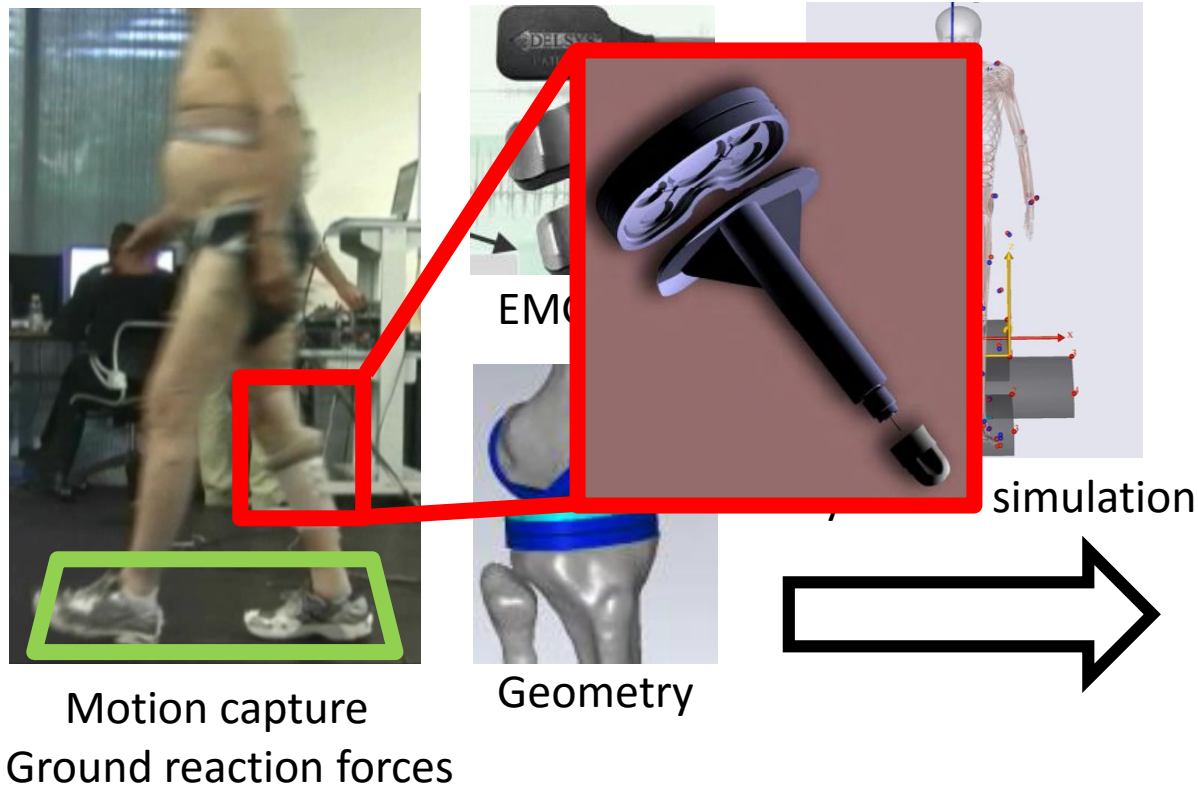
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To understand pathomechanics of musculoskeletal disease and develop its treatments

The Competition

- 'Grand Challenge Competition to Predict In Vivo Knee Loads' (Fregly et al, 2012)



The Competition

1st Round

A subject walked

Electromyography

Motion capture data

Anatomical marker locations

Computed tomography

Isokinetic data for knee flexion-extension
Etc.

Almost all externally measurable data



Submitted estimated medial and lateral contact forces

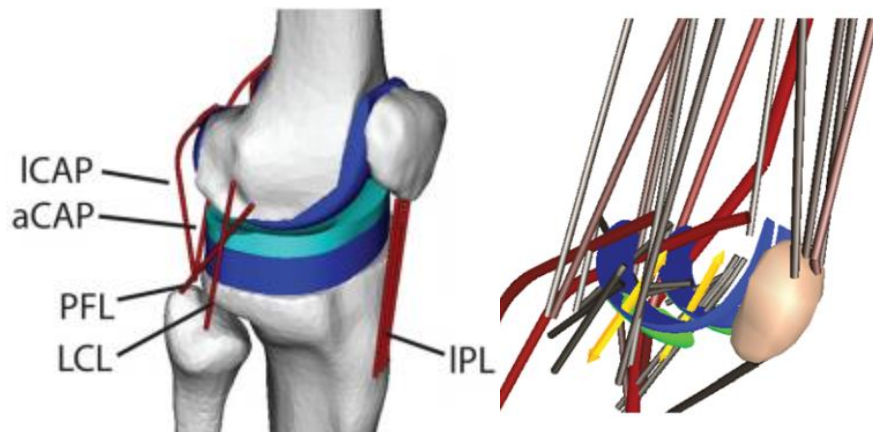
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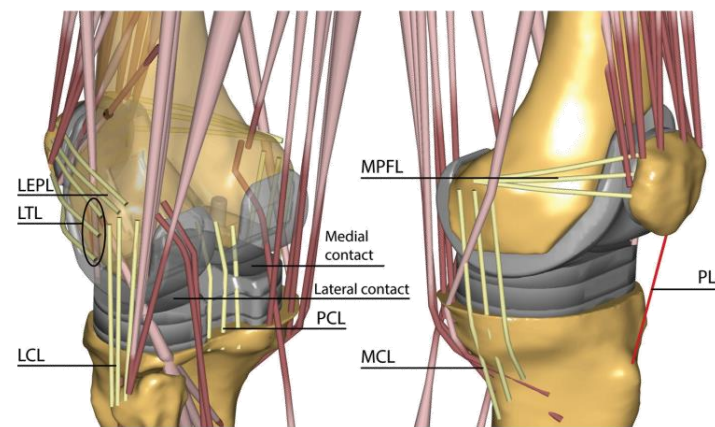
Submitted improved medial and lateral contact forces

Works in Previous Competitions

- Deformable contact models between the tibial insert and femoral component to estimate forces with forward dynamics-based optimization methods
 - Parameters in the forward dynamics simulations were determined heuristically or using preliminary tests
- Detailed knee model with inverse dynamics-based simulation
 - Properties and locations of ligaments influenced prediction accuracy



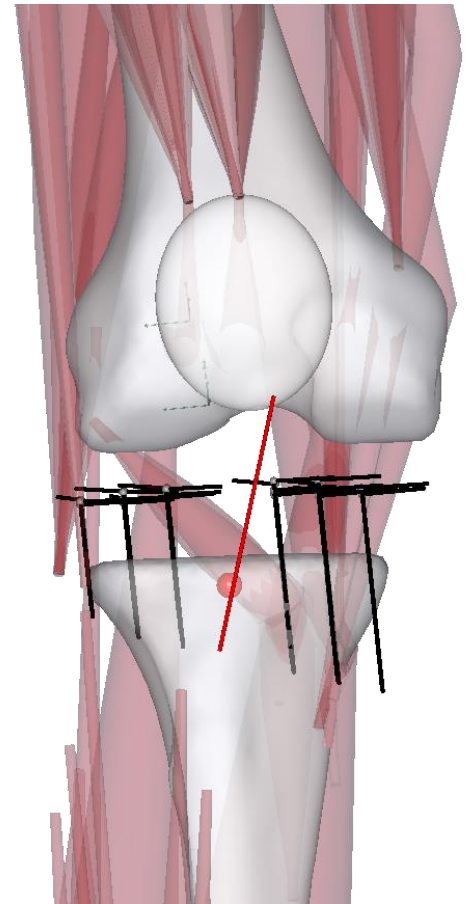
Deformable contact models - forward dynamics-based methods (Thelen et al. 2014)



Detailed knee model with ligaments - inverse dynamics-based methods (Marra et al. 2015)

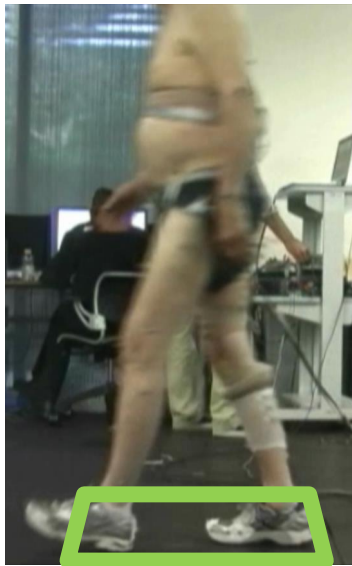
Objective

- The objectives of this study were
 - to develop a simpler knee contact model without ligaments
 - to investigate the effects of limb alignment and joint type of the knee on knee load estimation



Data description

- The sixth competition
 - Subject - One male, Height: 172 cm, Weight: 70 kg
 - Dataset



Motion capture data
(smooth and bouncy gait trials)
Ground reaction force



CT data



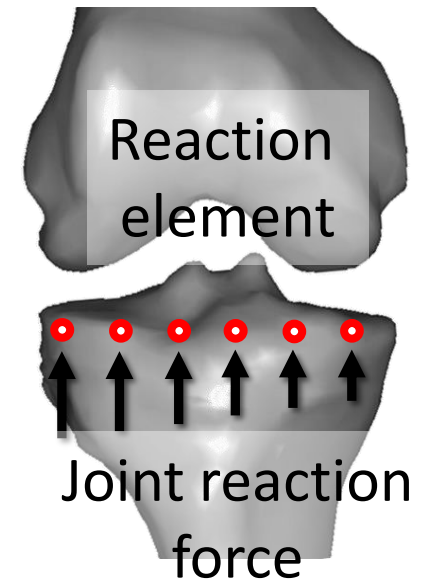
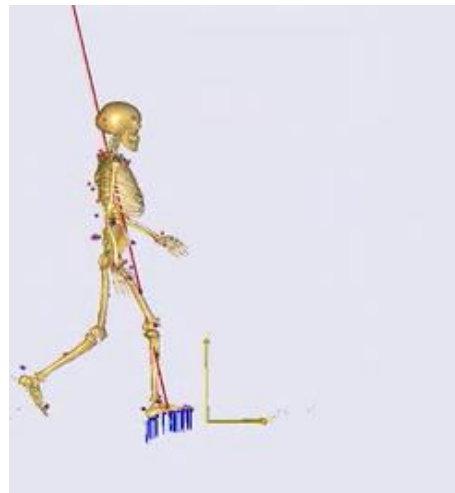
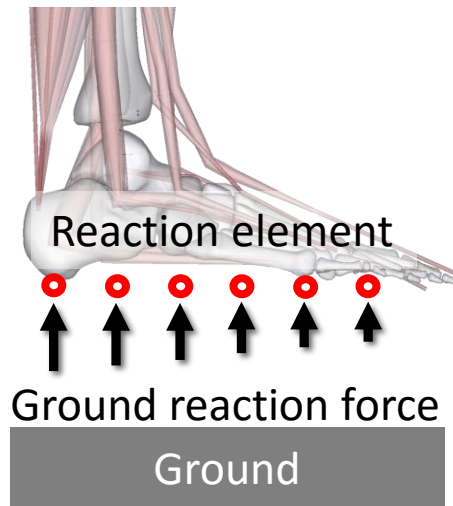
Frontal long-leg
radiograph

Reaction Element

- Previous work on ground reaction force estimation

Jung Y, Jung M, Lee K, Koo S, Ground reaction force estimation using an insole-type pressure mat and joint kinematics during walking, *Journal of Biomechanics*, Vol. 47:2693-2699, August, 2014

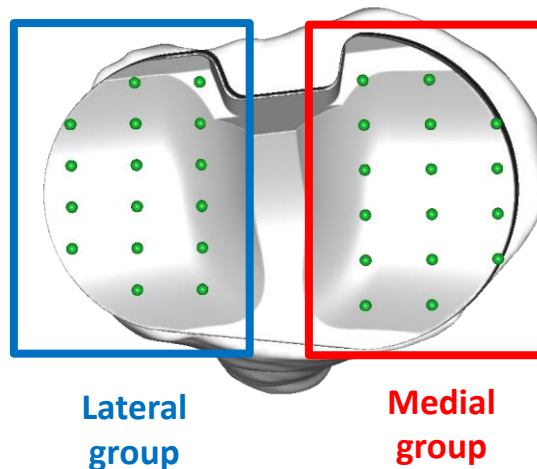
- The same idea was applied



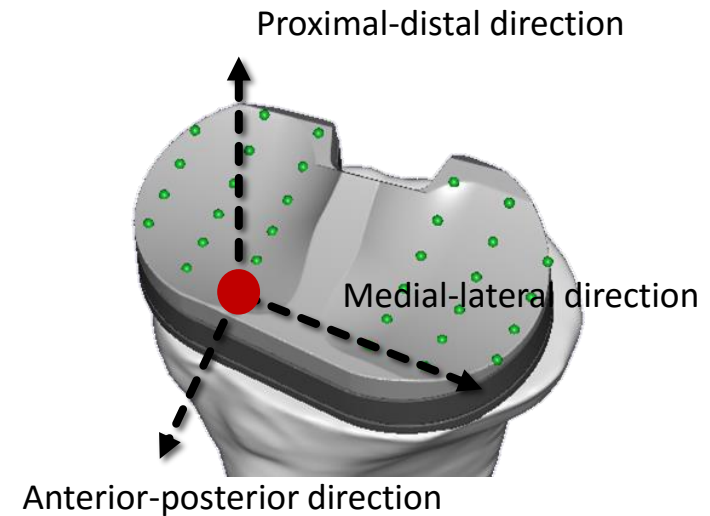
Ground reaction force estimation

Knee Contact Model w/ Reaction Elements

- Reaction elements were installed on the surface of tibial insert
 - Sixteen elements on lateral and sixteen on medial surfaces
 - Each reaction element contained push and pull components in three orthogonal directions, resulting in six force components.



Reaction elements on the surface of tibial insert



Force components of a reaction element

Knee Contact Model w/ Reaction Elements

- Inverse dynamics-based optimization
 - Force components in reaction elements worked as muscles ('anygeneralmuscle' class in AnyBody Modeling System)
 - Forces of body muscles and force components in the reaction elements were determined simultaneously
 - Optimization to minimize the sum of cubes of activation levels of the reaction elements and skeletal muscles
 - Subject to force and moment equilibrium conditions

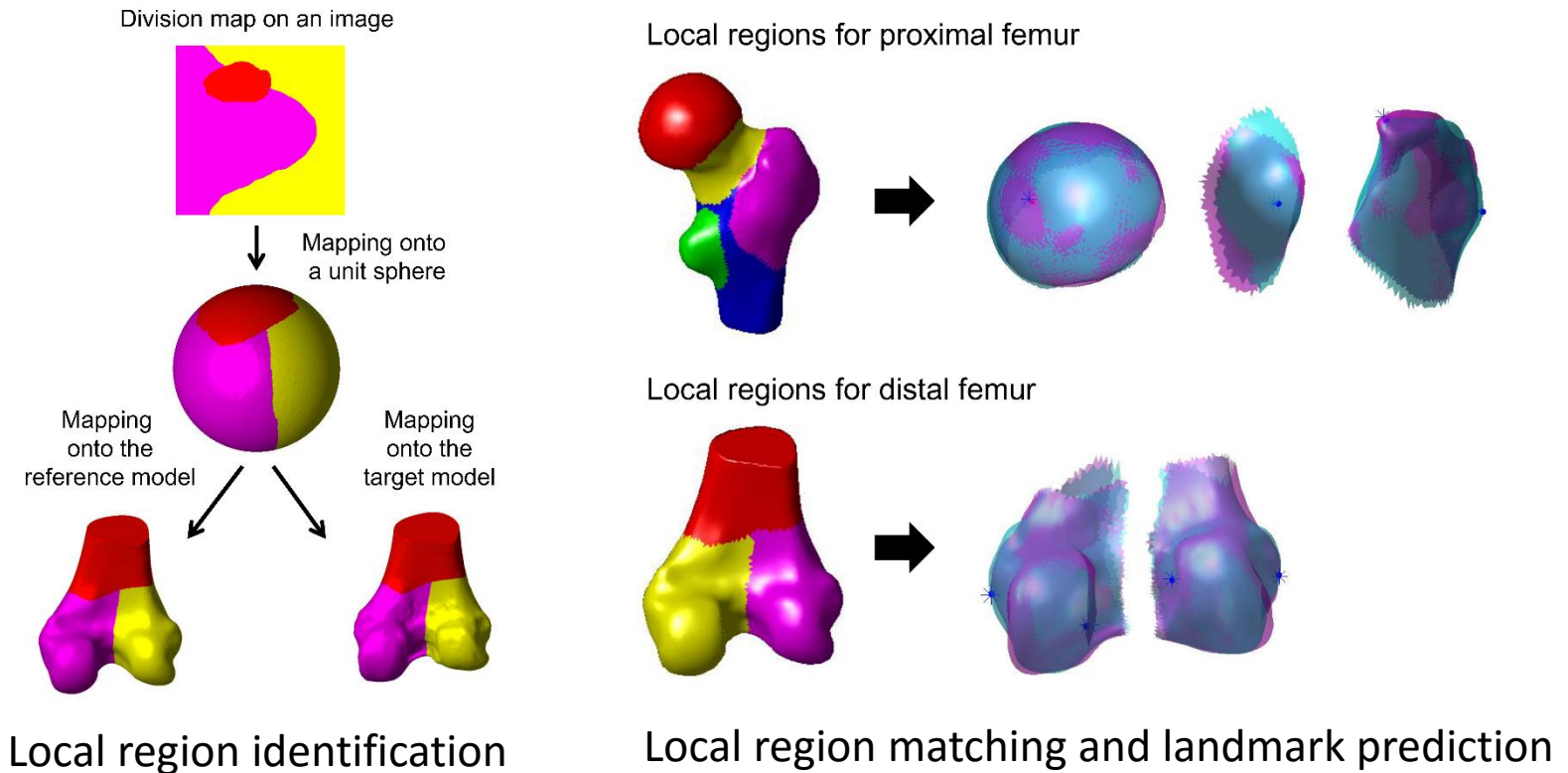
$$\text{Minimize } G(f) \quad G = \sum_i \left(\frac{f^{Muscle}_i}{f^{Muscle}_{Max}} \right)^3 + \sum_i \left(\frac{f^{Reaction\ element}_i}{f^{Reaction\ element}_{Max}} \right)^3$$

$$\text{Subject to} \quad F_{net} = \sum_i f_i, \quad M_{net} = \sum_i d_i \cdot f_i$$

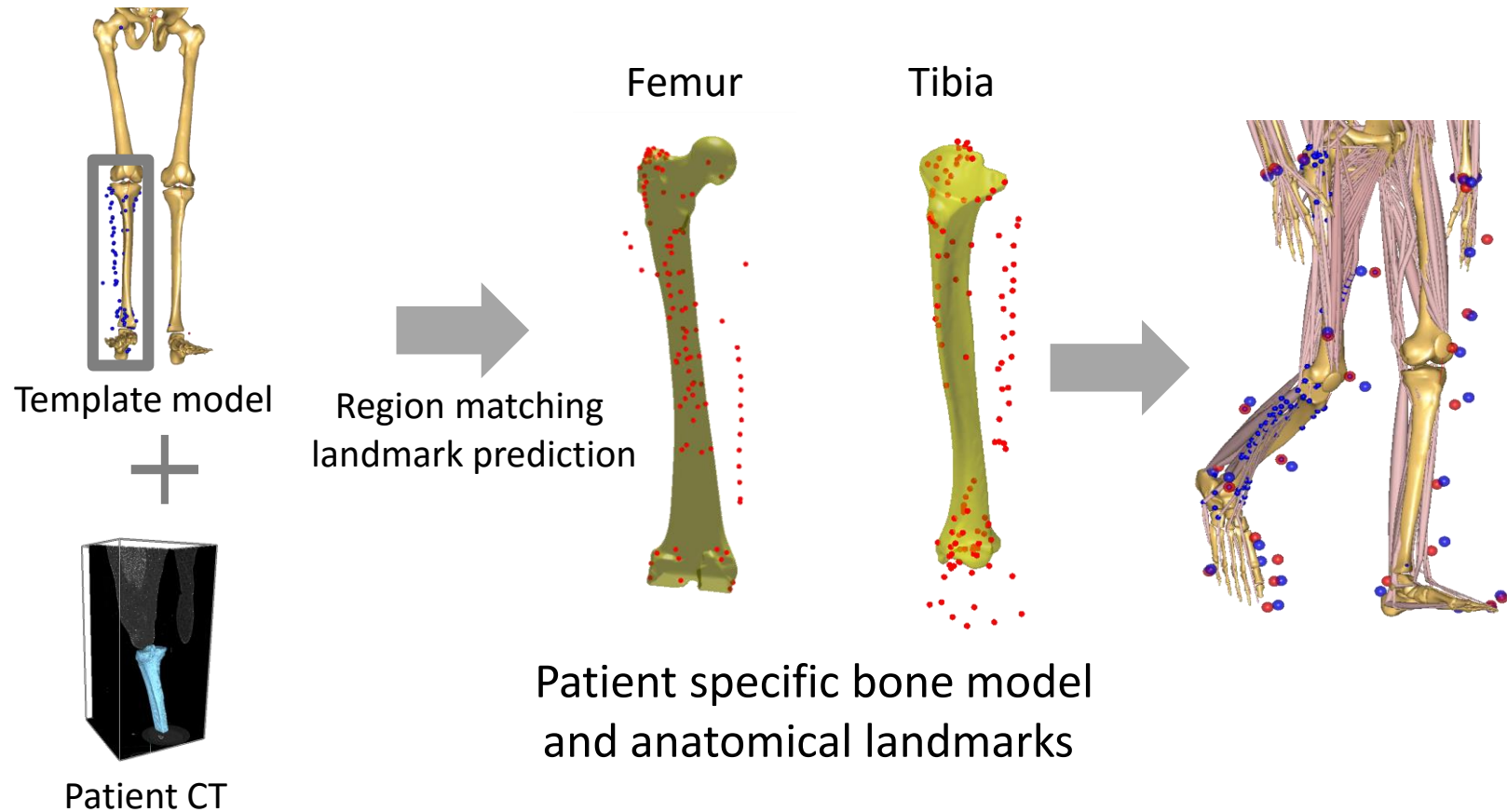
Subject-Specific Leg Model

- Subject's bone models with anatomical landmarks

Phan C, Koo S, Predicting anatomical landmarks and bone morphology of the femur using local region matching, International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery, Vol. 10(11):1711-1719, 2015.

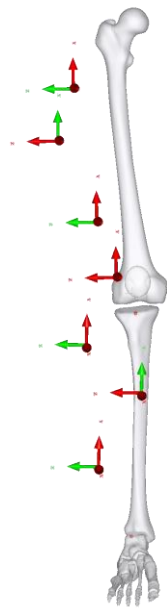


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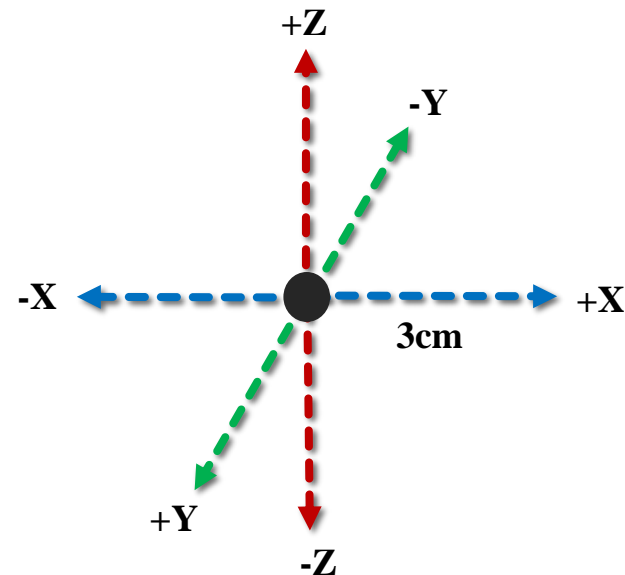


Perturbation of Skin Markers

- Locations of seven leg markers were perturbed by 3 cm
 - One marker was moved to one direction per perturbation trial
 - To understand robustness and variation of knee contact force estimation in case that there exist marker location errors
 - Mean and one standard deviation of knee contact forces were determined



Markers on thigh and shank



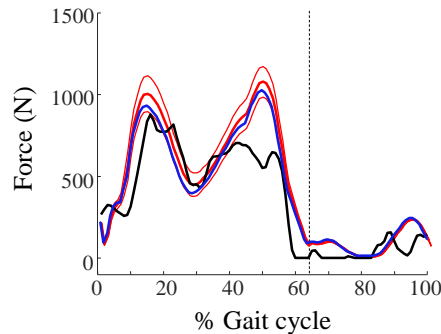
Directions of marker perturbation

Results for Blinded Predictions

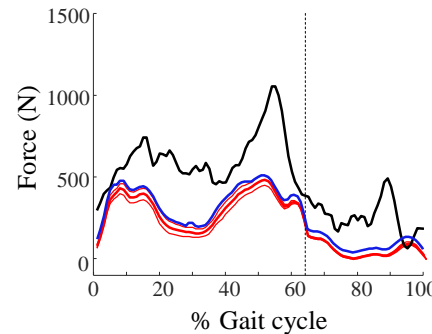
Smooth gait

— Measured force
— Nominal model
— Perturbed model

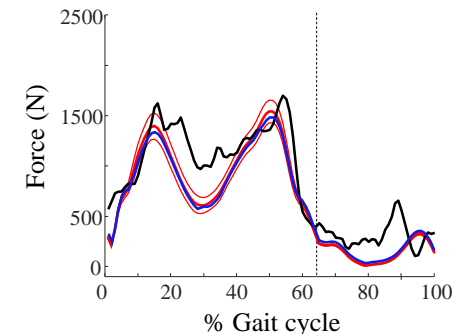
Medial contact force



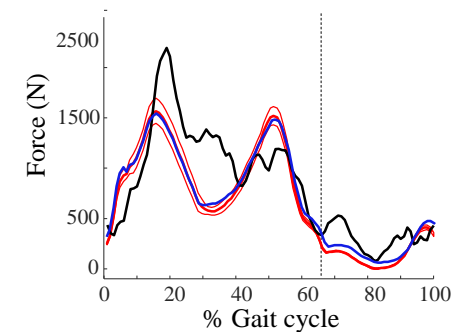
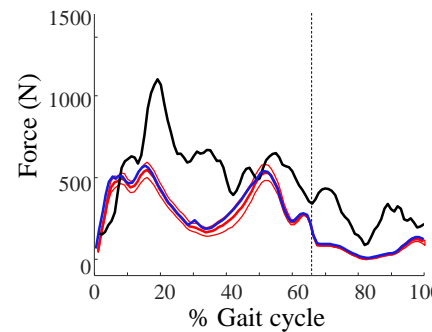
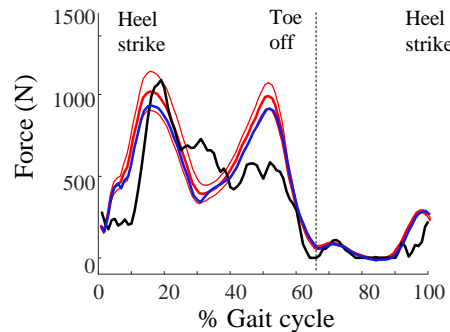
Lateral contact force



Total contact force



Bouncy gait



- Root mean square errors (RMSE) of the predicted medial and lateral contact forces of the smooth gait trial were 156 N and 298 N, respectively

Discussion for Blinded Predictions

- Simpler knee contact model
 - No knee ligaments in the model - Tension in ACL and PCL were less than 100 N during walking in a previous study (D'Lima et al, 2007)
 - **Contact elements - densely and equally distributed on contact surfaces**
- Computation time
 - Less than 15 min per trial using a pc with Intel Core i7-4770 and 8 GB RAM
 - Using the inverse dynamics-based optimization in AnyBody Modeling System
- Muscle attachment sites - Template-based anatomy registration
 - Local bone surface shape matching
 - Similar function as RBF-based registration in AnyBody

Discussion for Blinded Predictions

- When the measured data were announced for the 2nd round
- Estimation errors
 - Estimation for medial contact force (RMSE 156 N) was superior to previous studies (Hast and Piazza, 2013, Manal and Buchanan, 2013, Lundberg et al., 2013)
 - Estimation error for lateral contact force (RMSE 298 N) was large
- The measured data of the subject
 - showed the phenomenon typically observed in patients with valgus deformity (Halder et al., 2012)
- Hinge joint for the knee
 - In the model for blinded test, we did not take lower-limb alignment of the subject into account
 - Valgus deformity in the subject affected the joint kinetics calculation

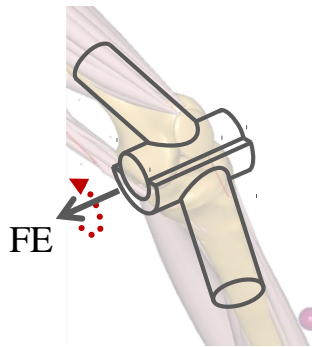
Modified Leg Model for Unblinded Prediction



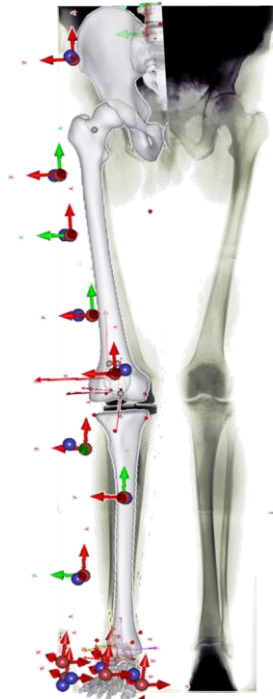
Subject-Specific Limb Alignment

1st Round

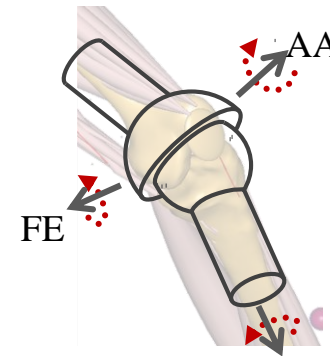
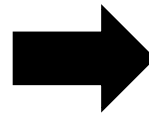
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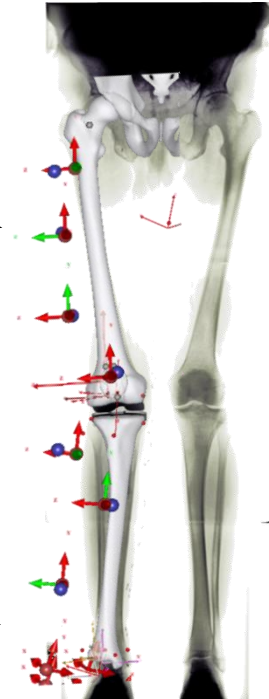
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Limb alignment
in the 1st round

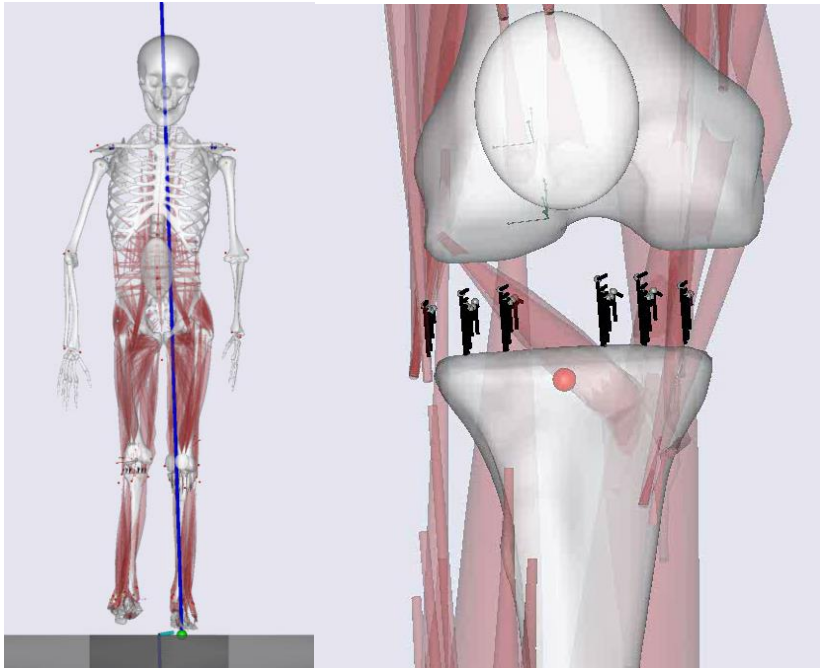


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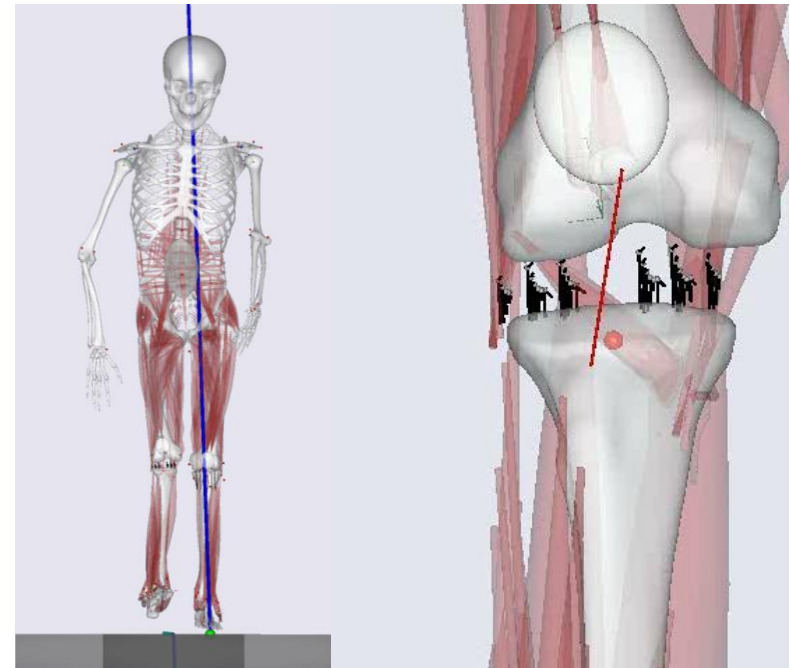


Modified limb
alignment

Results

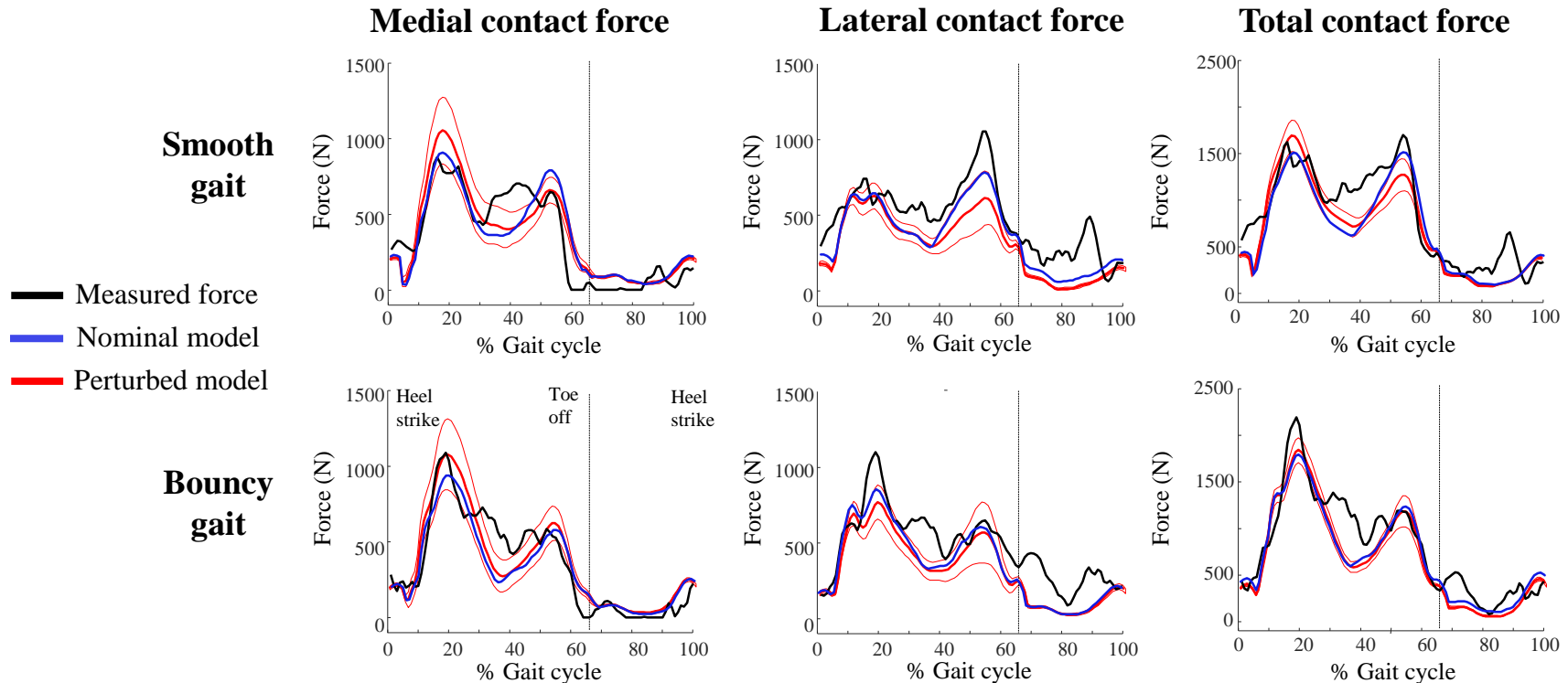


Smooth gait



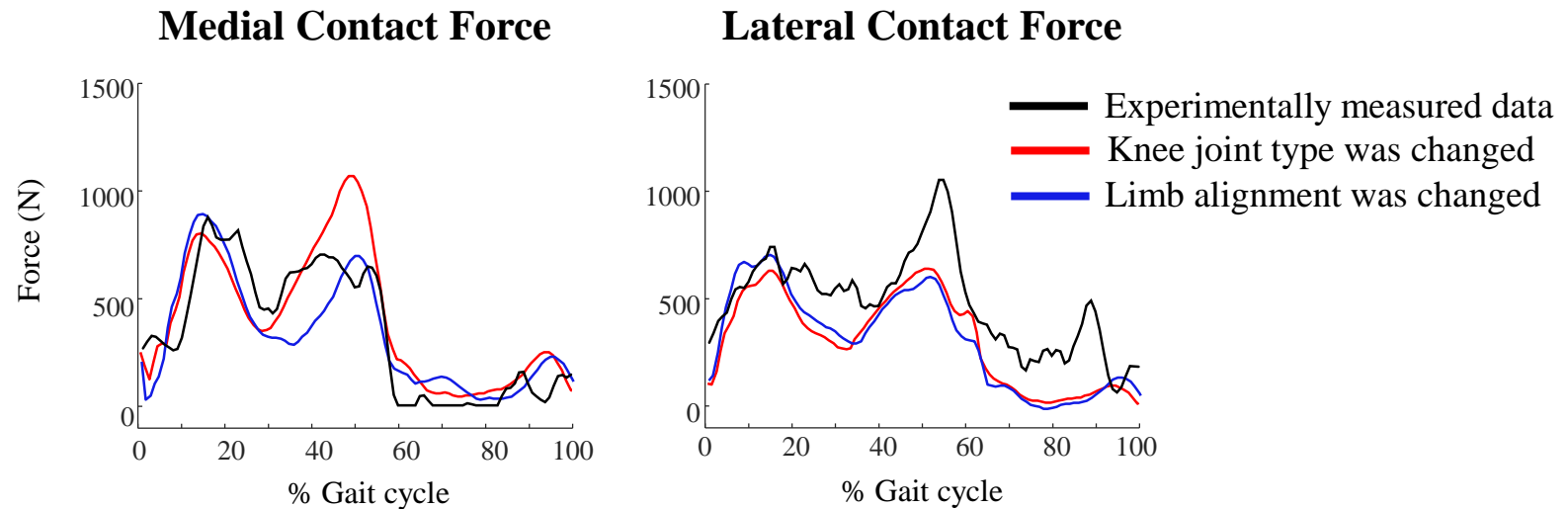
Bouncy gait

Results for Unblinded Predictions



- Average of RMSEs of the predicted medial and lateral contact forces were 144 N and 179 N, respectively
- The RMSEs in the modified model were lower than those in the first model by 15% and 61% for the medial and lateral contact forces, respectively

Effects of Joint type and Limb Alignment



- Contact force estimations were improved in both cases
- The two changes together produced greater improvement than either change separately

Discussion of Unblinded Predictions

- The prediction accuracy was improved by using a ball–socket joint and anatomical lower-limb alignment
- Use of a ball–socket joint in the knee model allowed the knee to rotate around the correct functional axis
- Our model needs further improvements to predict knee loads during not only walking but also various activities by implementing the role of ligaments

Summary

- Knee contact force could be estimated with
 - a simple knee model w/ reaction elements on contact surface
 - during walking when knee ligament tension is low
- Abnormal limb alignment should be taken care of
 - with ball-socket joint
 - with anatomical marker positions if anatomical images such as lower-limb radiograph is available

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Dynamics of Gait

Vertical force > 250N

Resultant force

Activated shear force elements

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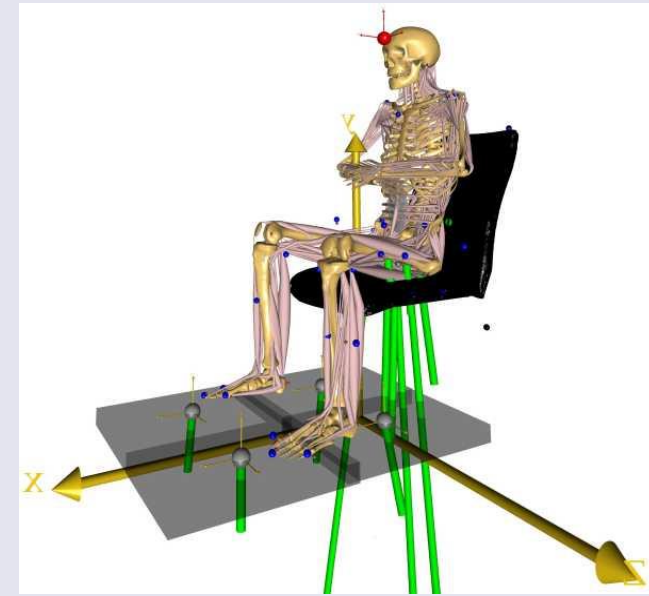
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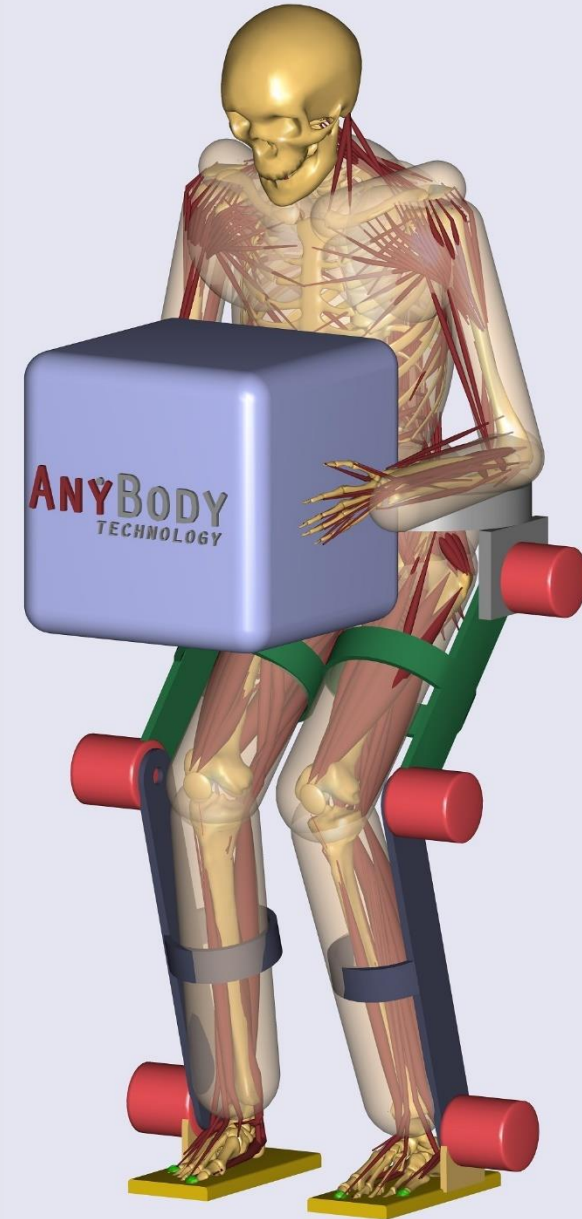


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