

Democratization of Modeling & Simulation in Biomechanics

Our Experience with Open Knee(s)

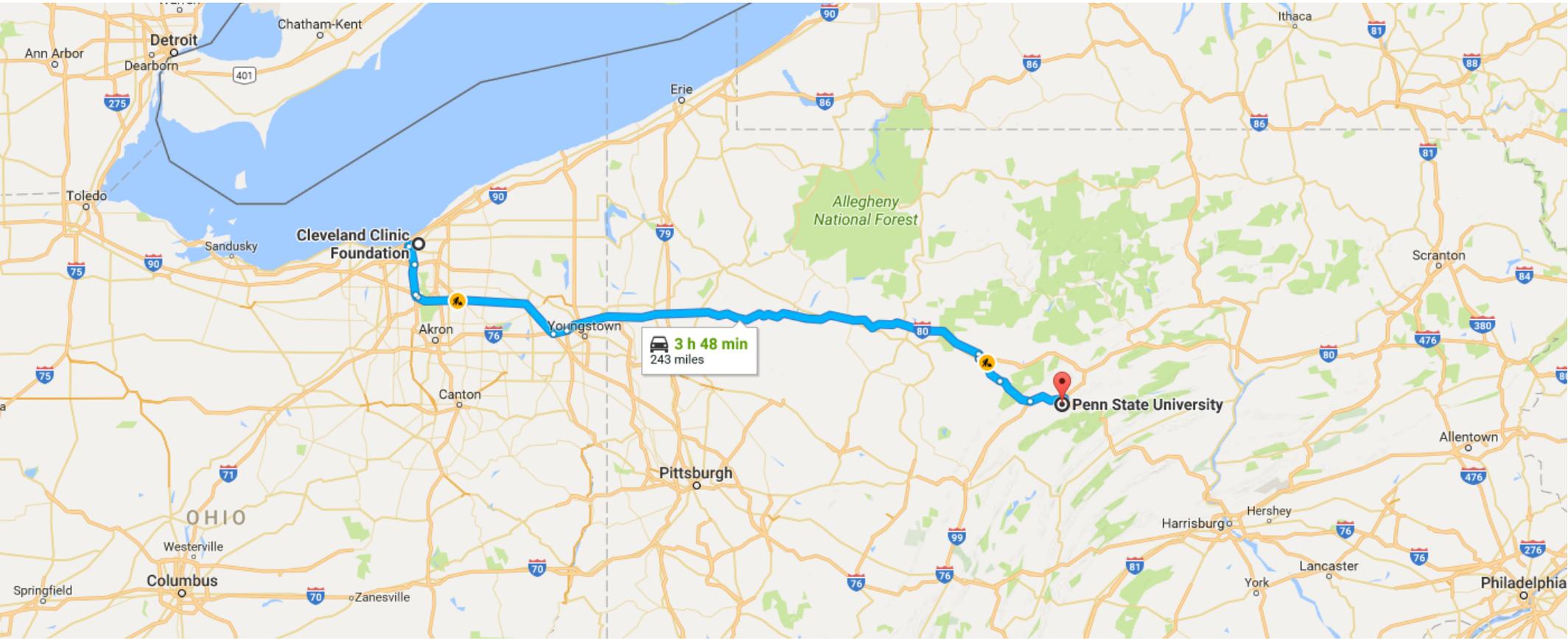
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**Tara
Bonner**



**Robb
Colbrunn**

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OPEN KNEE - GENERATION 1

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Simbios

OPEN KNEE(S) - GENERATION 2

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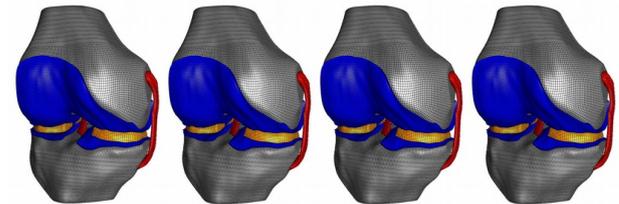
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M&S in Healthcare

Utility of computational modeling & simulation

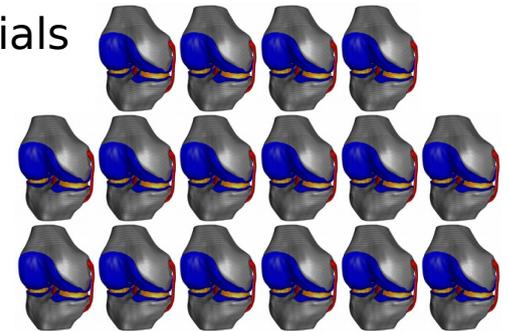
- ❑ For scientific discovery
 - structure-function relationships in health & disease*
 - mechanistic foundations of data associations*
- ❑ For engineering innovation
 - intervention design & evaluation*
- ❑ For clinical care
 - diagnosis/prognosis*
 - intervention safety & performance*
 - medical training*
 - individualized medicine*

virtual experiments



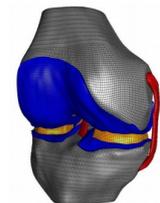
virtual specimen(s) / subject(s)

in silico trials



virtual population

virtual patient



Promise of M&S



2 Stimulate Innovation in Clinical Evaluations & Personalized Medicine to Improve Product Development and Patient Outcomes

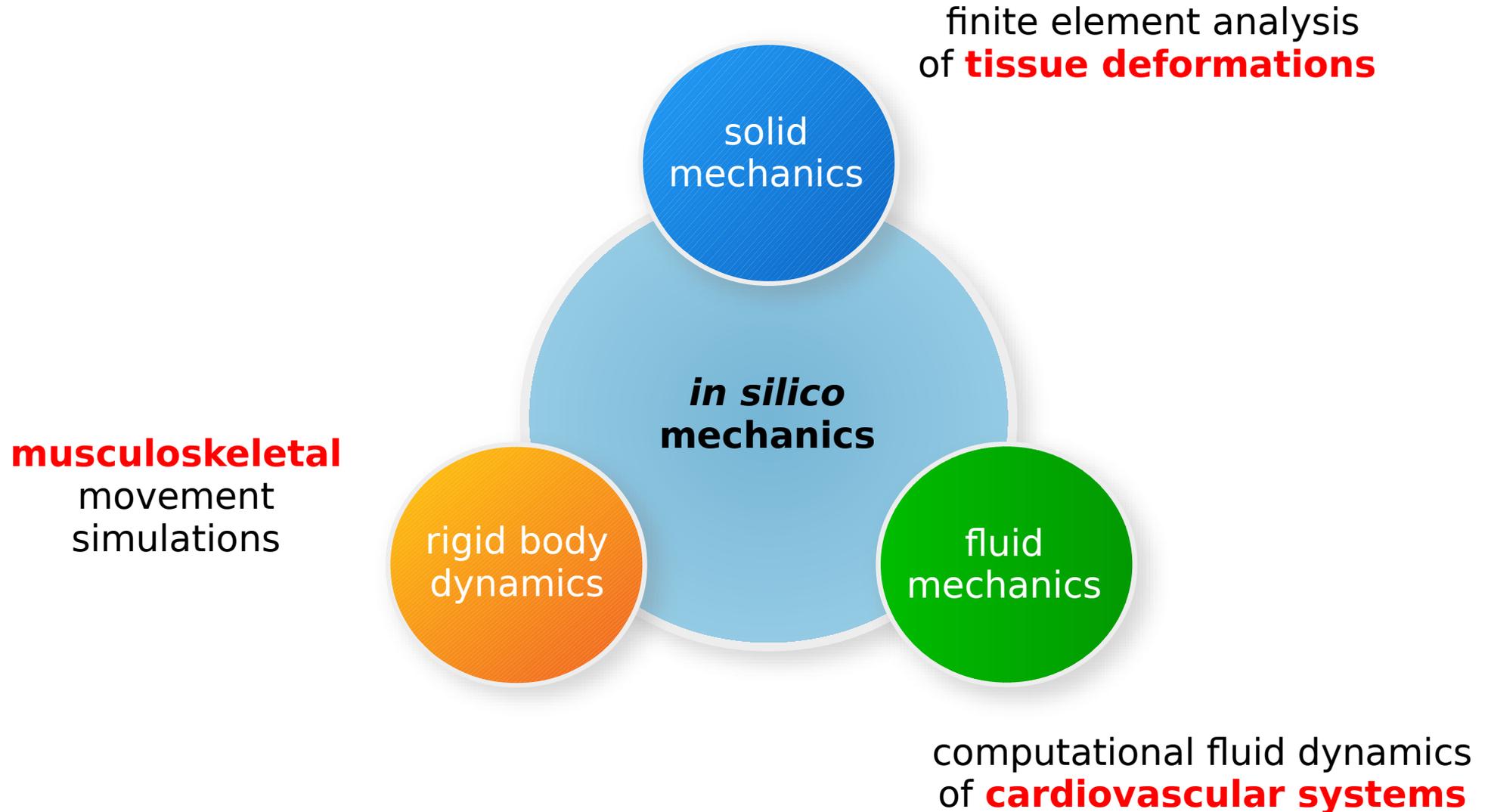
5. *Develop a virtual physiologic patient:*

- a) Encourage the development of computer models that incorporate radiological imaging data of healthy and diseased anatomy from a range of relevant diseases;
- b) Ensure the integration of these models with genomic and other physiological data to promote development of complete physiological models and simulations that can be used in the development and testing of medical devices and other medical products; and
- c) Create a library of models so that models validated by FDA are easily accessible to researchers.

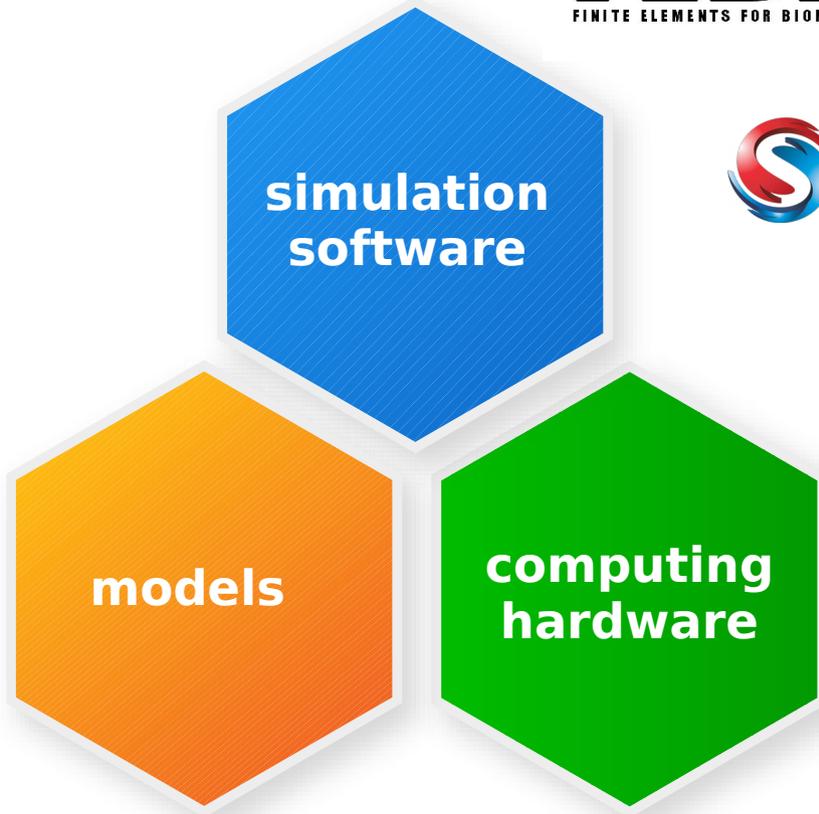
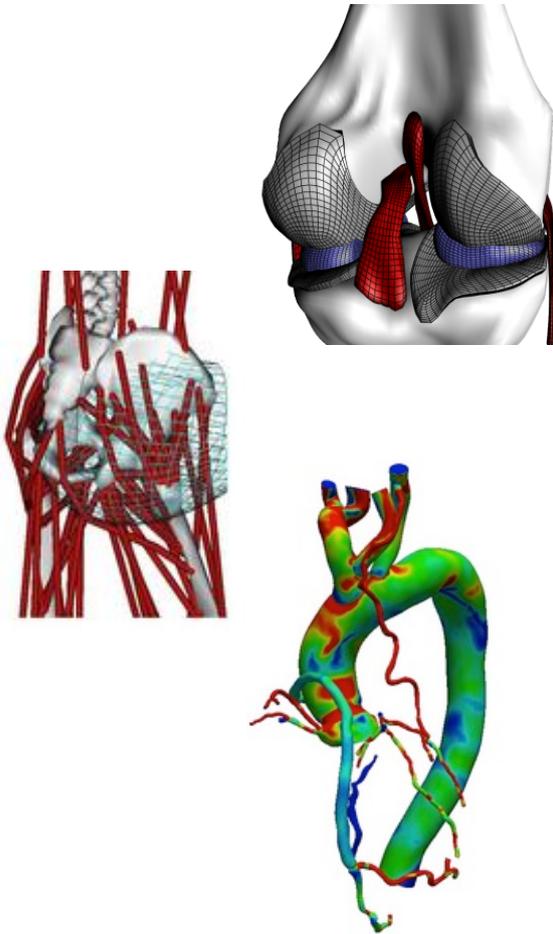
Computational models can reduce

- ❑ Physical prototyping
- ❑ Animal studies
- ❑ Human subjects testing
- ❑ Cadaver experiments

M&S Enterprise in Biomechanics



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FEBio
FINITE ELEMENTS FOR BIOMECHANICS


OpenSim

 SimVascular

XSEDE
Extreme Science and Engineering
Discovery Environment

GPGPU

Emerging Need



Simulation **software** – free and open source



Simulation **hardware** – cost-effective and/or public



Models

anatomical and physiological properties
to support subject/specimen-specific authenticity

biomechanical response
to support subject/specimen-specific evaluation

subject-to-subject variety
to support population diversity

accessibility
to promote wide-spread use

Goals

- ❖ To recognize **desirable properties** of democratization in modeling & simulation in biomechanics
- ❖ To identify **challenges** to achieve desirable properties
- ❖ To demonstrate **strategies** to tackle the challenges



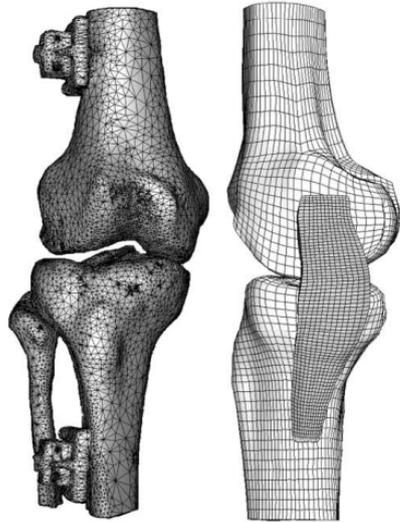
Open Knee(s), modeling & simulation for knee mechanics, as a **case study**

M&S in Knee Biomechanics

- ❏ How would this patellar alignment stabilize the movement of the patellofemoral joint? Will it cause increased cartilage contact pressures?
- ❏ Should I change the implant design? Will it reproduce natural knee movements? Will it fail? Will the host tissue be safe?
- ❏ Will this routing of ACL reconstruction benefit my patient? Will it work for all patients?
- ❏ ...

M&S in Knee Biomechanics

Joint and tissue functions



MCL
function

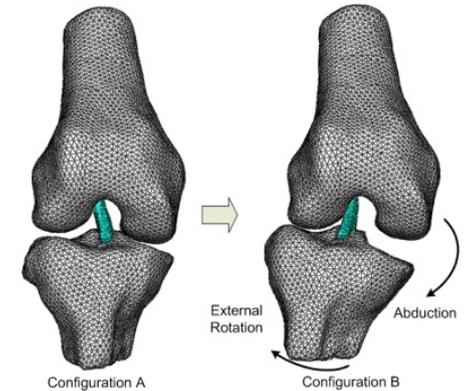
Gardiner and Weiss, J Orthop Res, 21: 1098-106, 2003.

Injury mechanisms

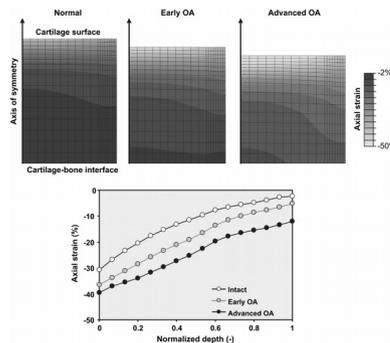


Park et al., J Biomech, 43: 2039-42, 2010.

ACL
impingement



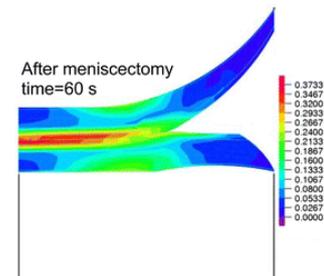
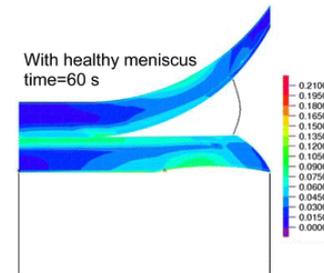
Pathological impacts



Osteoarthritis

Kalahari et al., Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, 18: 73-81, 2010.

Surgical interventions



Meniscectomy

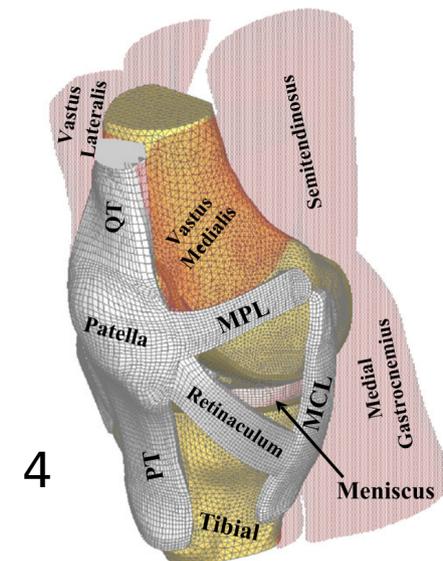
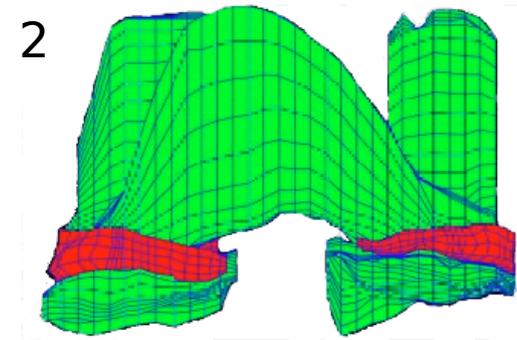
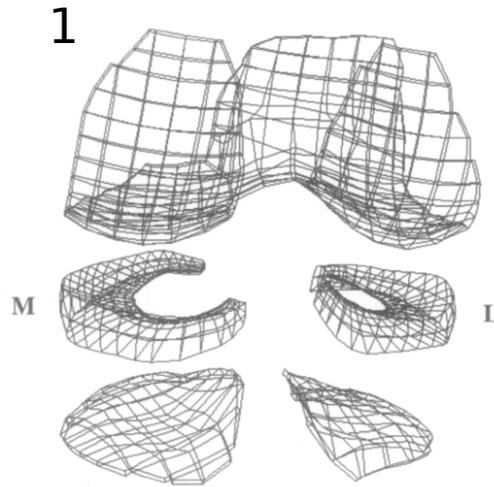
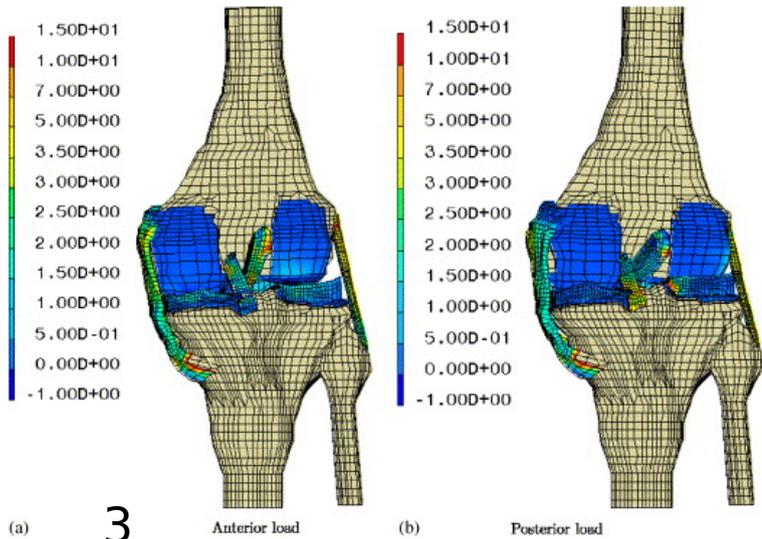
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M&S in Knee Biomechanics


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- ⁴Dhaher et al., *J Biomech*, , 43: 3118-25, 2010.

Need for Progress

- How **representative** are the models?
- Are the models **credible**?
- Are the models **accessible**?
- Are the models **usable**?

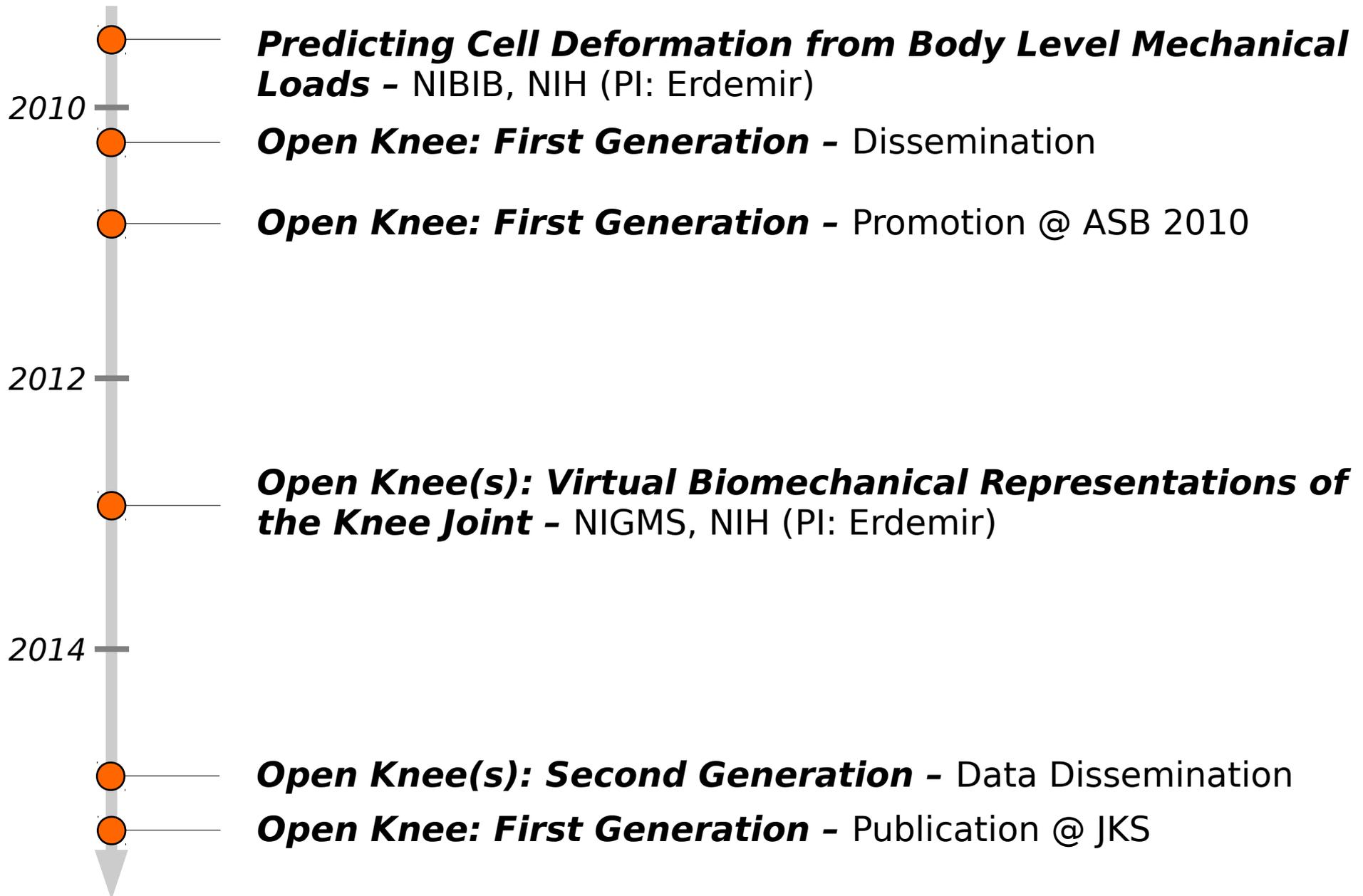
Open Knee(s) Goals



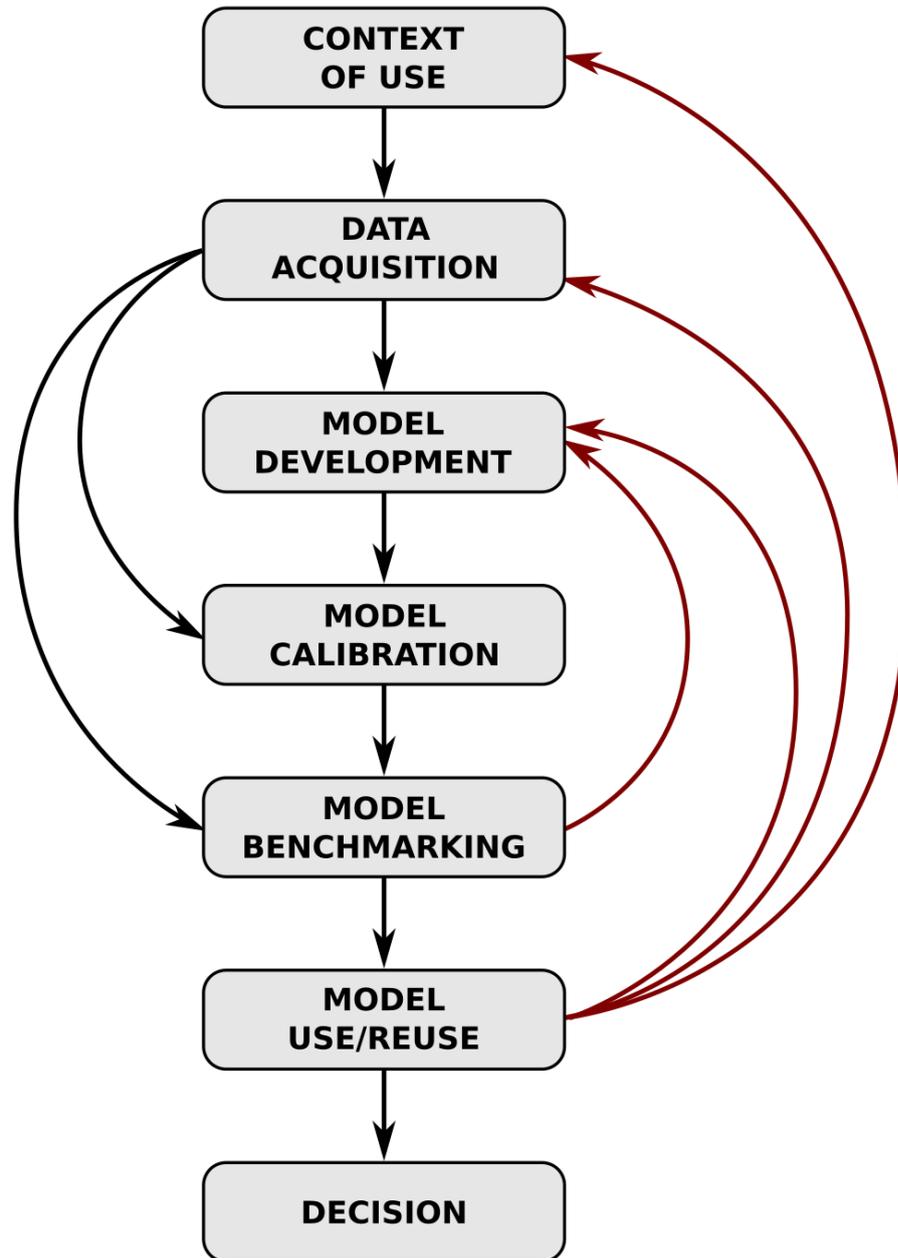
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- ❑ To provide an open, freely available, and collaborative development, testing, simulation and dissemination platform for in silico exploration of the biomechanics of healthy and diseased knees.
- ❑ To develop in silico biomechanical **models of healthy and diseased knee joints** of different genders and ages, supported by specimen-specific joint and tissue level experimental mechanics.

Open Knee(s) Brief History



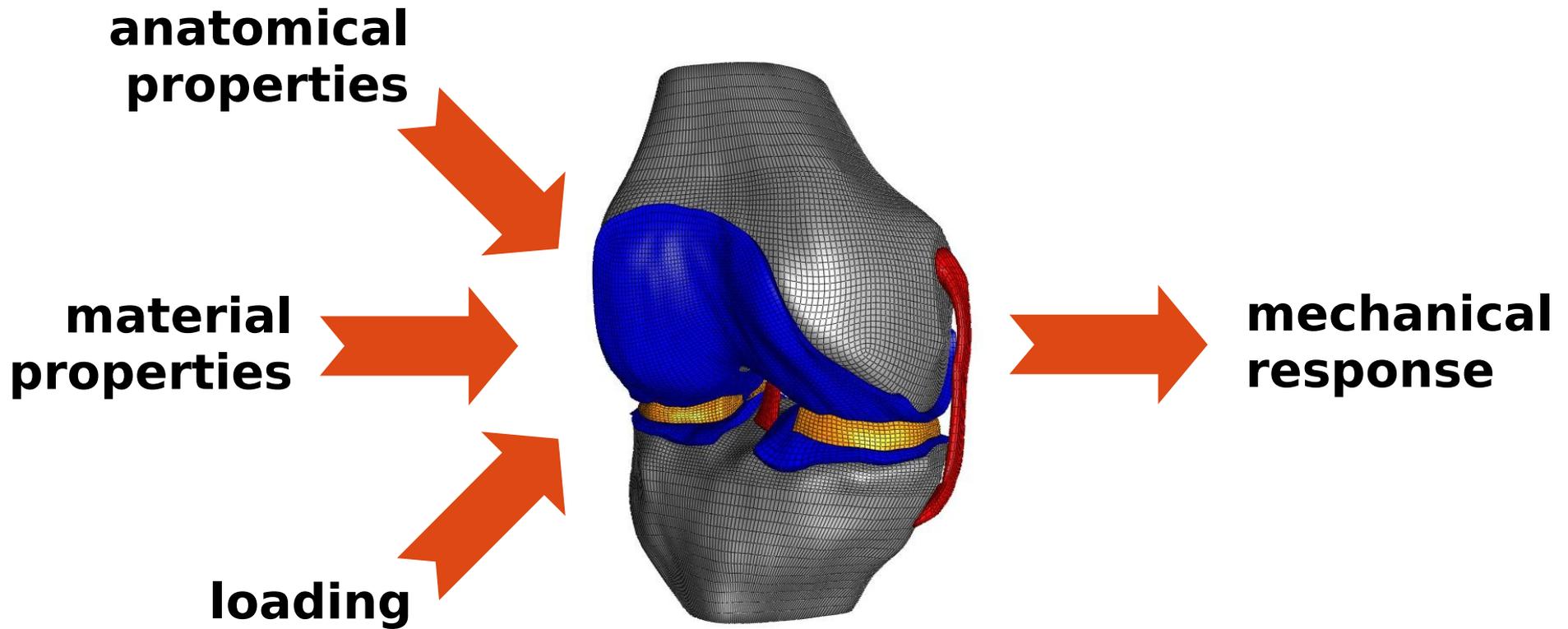
Open Knee(s) Lifecycle



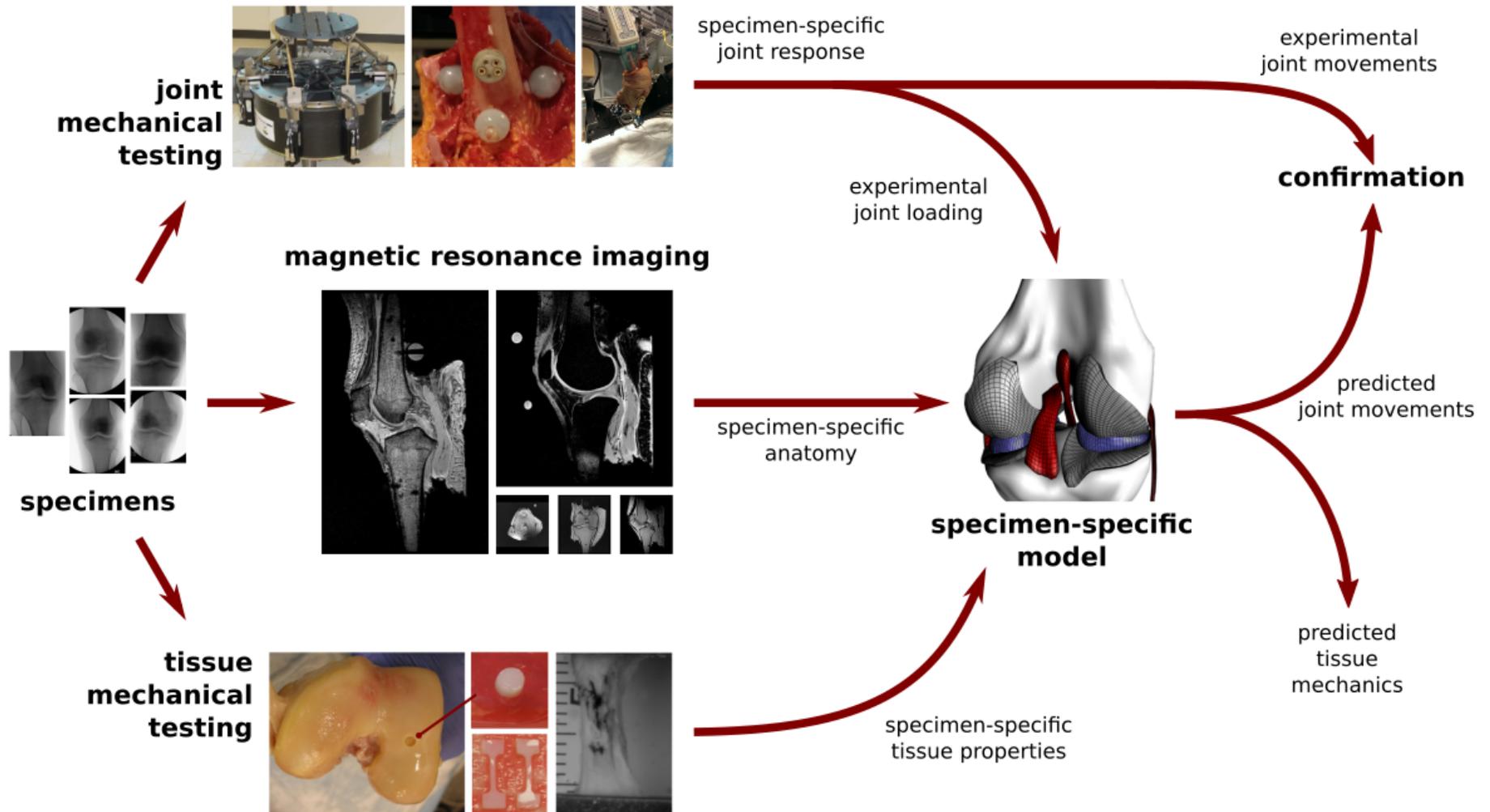
Context of use targeted for **prediction of joint** and **tissue mechanics** of the knee in health and disease, and after intervention

Iterations are anticipated to establish credibility and to customize for reuse

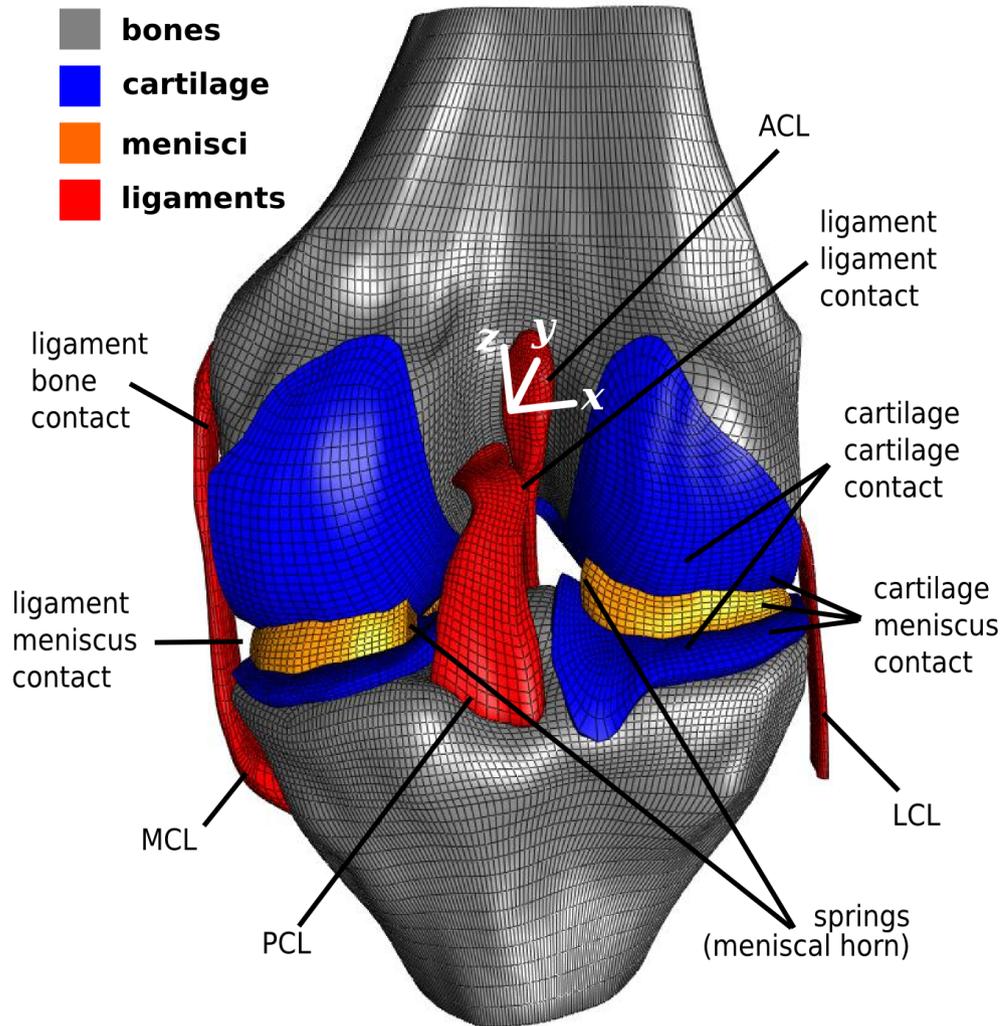
Building Open Knee(s)



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Bones
rigid body

Cartilage
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Menisci
Fung orthotropic hyperelastic
horn attachments as springs

Ligaments
transversely isotropic
hyperelastic

Activities for Democratization

To meet desirable properties of modeling & simulation

- ❏ **Specificity** – relating to a particular subject
- ❏ **Efficiency** – achieving maximum productivity
- ❏ **Accessibility** – easy to obtain
- ❏ **Usability** – easy to use
- ❏ **Comprehensibility** – easy to understand
- ❏ **Credibility** – being trusted

Specificity

Goal to increase the quality of relating to a particular subject

Challenges

lack of comprehensive specimen-specificity

limited availability of sample variations

logistics of data collection

Specificity: Getting Data

Integration of diverse data collection strategies to overcome **logistical**, **scientific**, and **technical challenges**



**SPECIMEN-SPECIFIC
ANATOMICAL & MECHANICAL
DATA**



RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Comprehensive Specimen-Specific Multiscale Data Set for Anatomical and Mechanical Characterization of the Tibiofemoral Joint

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adapted from Chokhandre et al. (2015)



Specificity: Getting Data



oks001

Right knee

Gender: Male
Age: 71 years
Race: White
Height: 1.83 m
Weight: 77.1 kg
BMI: 23.1

oks002

Right knee

Gender: Female
Age: 67 years
Race: White
Height: 1.55 m
Weight: 45.3 kg
BMI: 18.9

oks003

Left knee

Gender: Female
Age: 25 years
Race: White
Height: 1.73 m
Weight: 68 kg
BMI: 22.8

oks004

Right knee

Gender: Female
Age: 46 years
Race: White
Height: 1.58 m
Weight: 54.4 kg
BMI: 21.9

oks006

Right knee

Gender: Female
Age: 71 years
Race: White
Height: 1.52 m
Weight: 49.4 kg
BMI: 21.3

oks007

Right knee

Gender: Male
Age: 71 years
Race: White
Height: 1.7 m
Weight: 65.8 kg
BMI: 22.7

2 more tested; more on the way...

Specificity: Getting Data

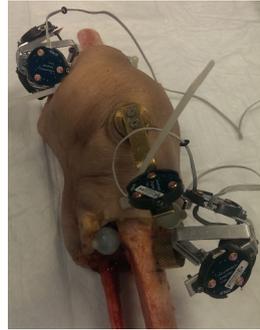
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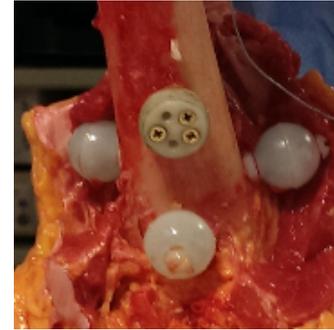
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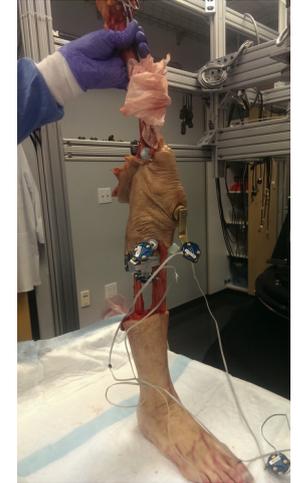
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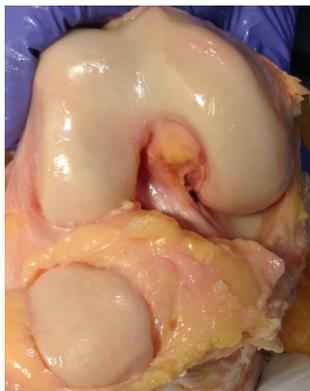
motion capture markers



registration markers



anatomical landmarks



preparation for tissue testing



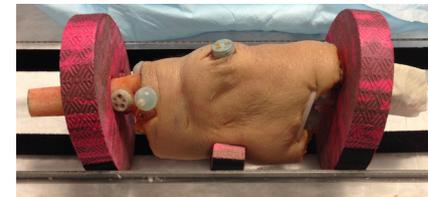
to tissue testing



preparation for joint testing



to joint testing



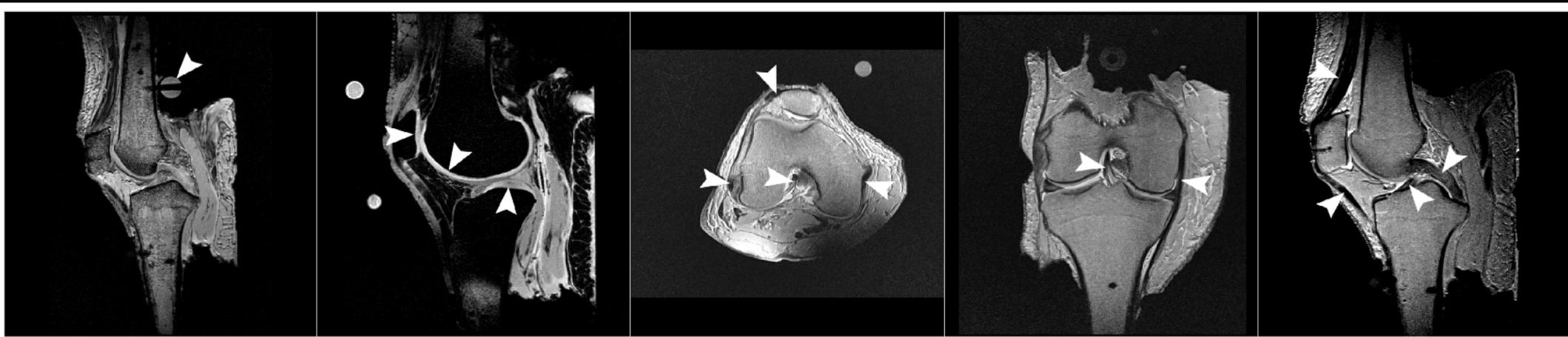
preparation for imaging



to anatomical imaging



Specificity: Getting Data



General Purpose

3D T1-weighted
w/o fat suppression
0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 mm
TE = 6.01 ms
TR = 20 ms

Cartilage

3D T1-weighted
w/ fat suppression
0.35 x 0.35 x 0.7 mm
TE = 5.34 ms
TR = 29 ms

Ligaments

Proton density
Turbo spin echo
0.35 x 0.35 x 2.8 mm
TE = 9.7 ms
TR = 10,000 ms

same 8 knee
specimens

X

**Magnetic Resonance
Imaging**



Specificity: Getting Data

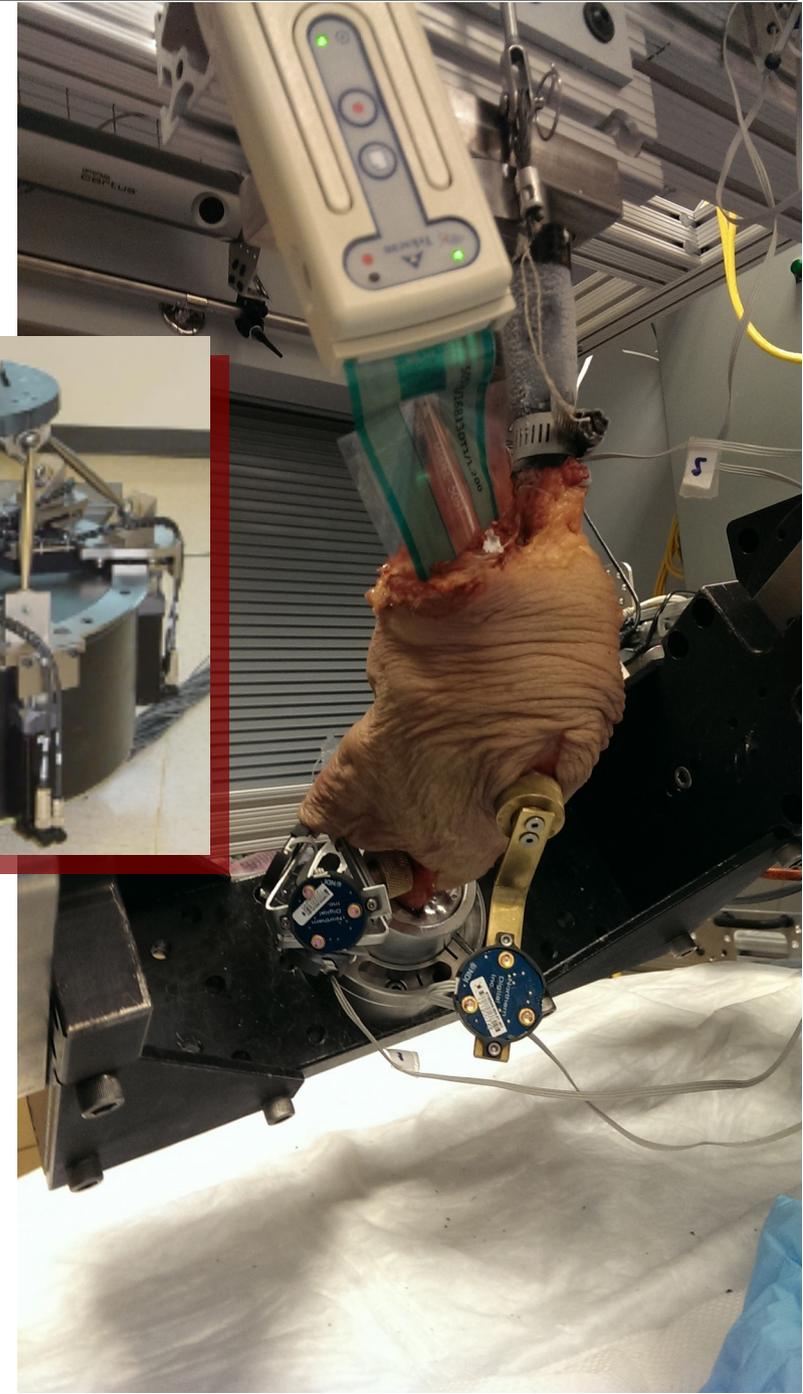
same 8 knee
specimens

X

1 tibiofemoral joint
1 patellofemoral joint

X

**Robotics Joint Testing
Kinematics - Kinetics**



Specificity: Getting Data

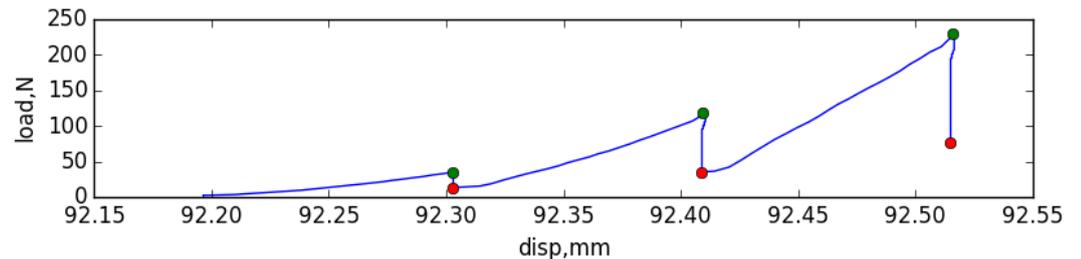
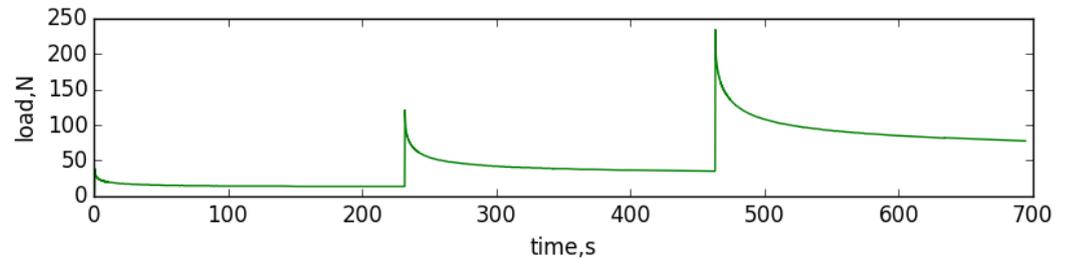
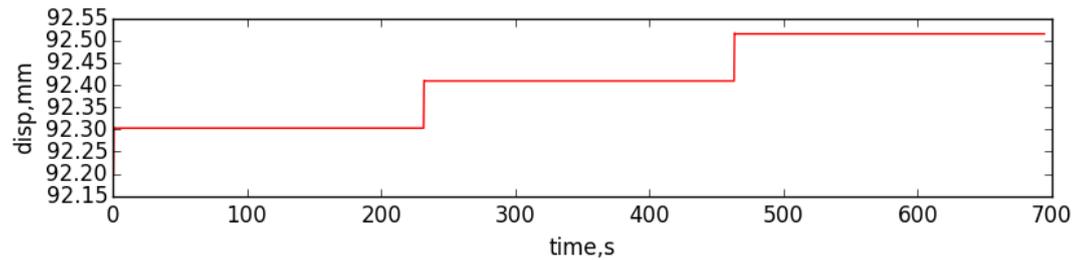
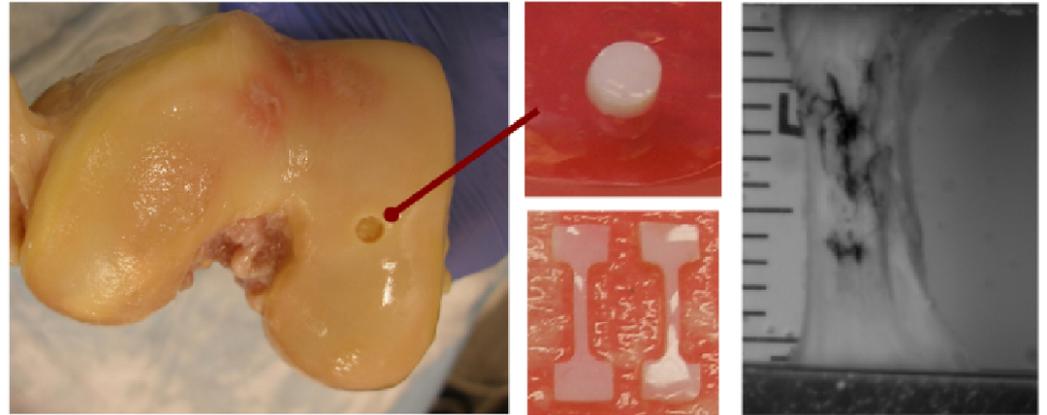
same 8 knee
specimens

X

12 cartilage samples
4 menisci samples
6 ligament samples

X

**Uniaxial Tissue Testing
Tension / Compression**



Efficiency

Goal

to increase the quality of achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort

Challenges

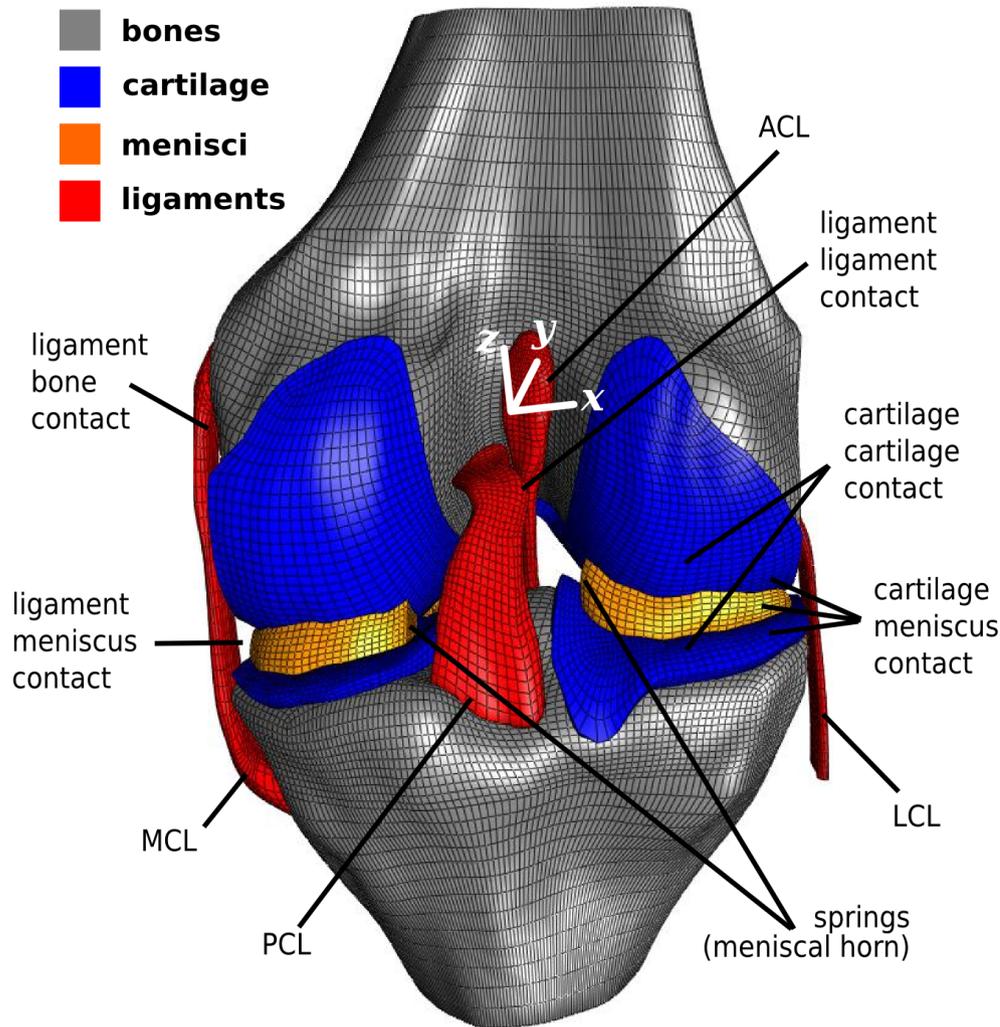
manual workflows

balancing cost and accuracy

heterogeneous formats

need for high-throughput analysis

Efficiency: Building Models



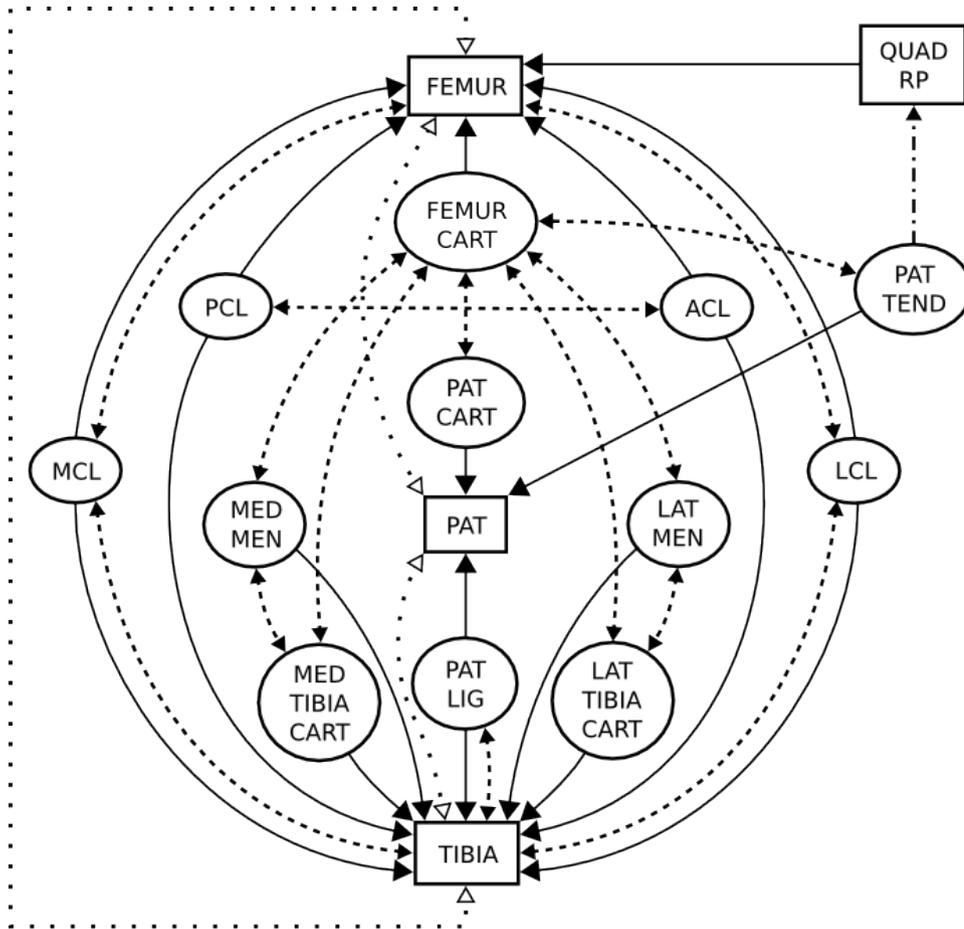
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Efficiency: Building Models



OBJECT TYPES:



MECHANICAL RELATIONSHIPS:



Modularity

- Swap components based on

fidelity of representation

intervention

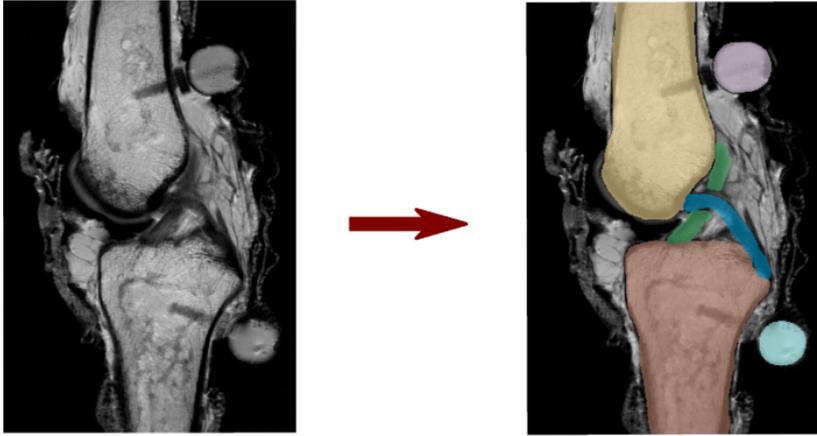
- Compartmental modeling, e.g.,

cruciate complex

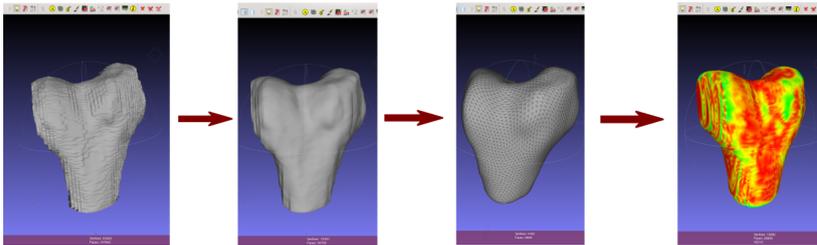
patellofemoral joint

Efficiency: Building Models

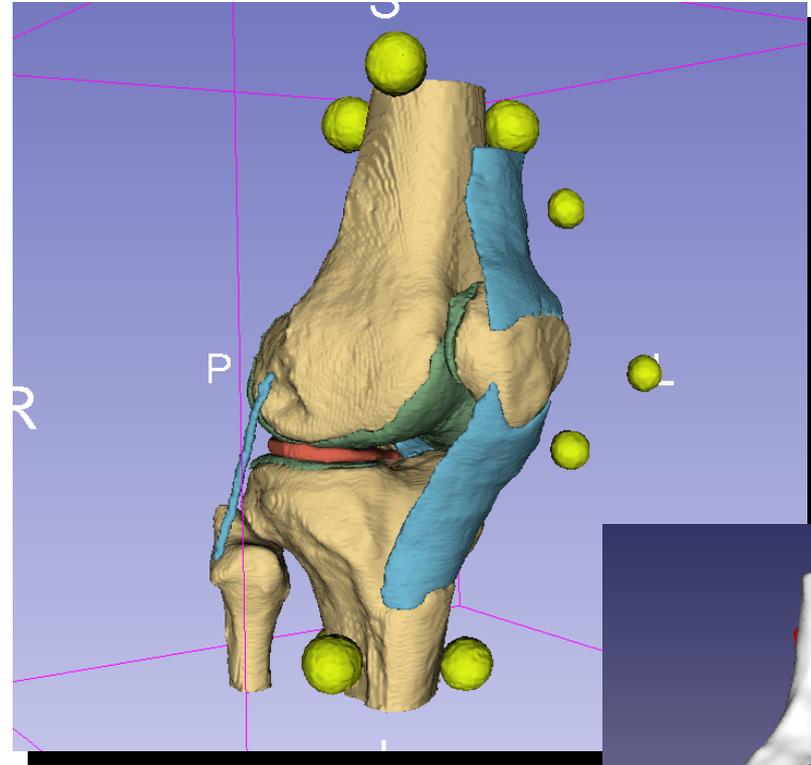
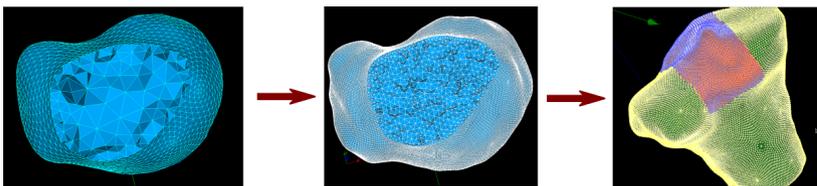
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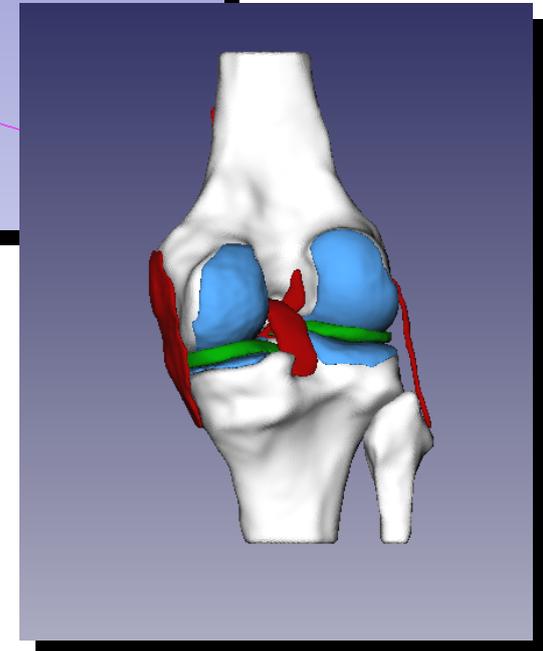
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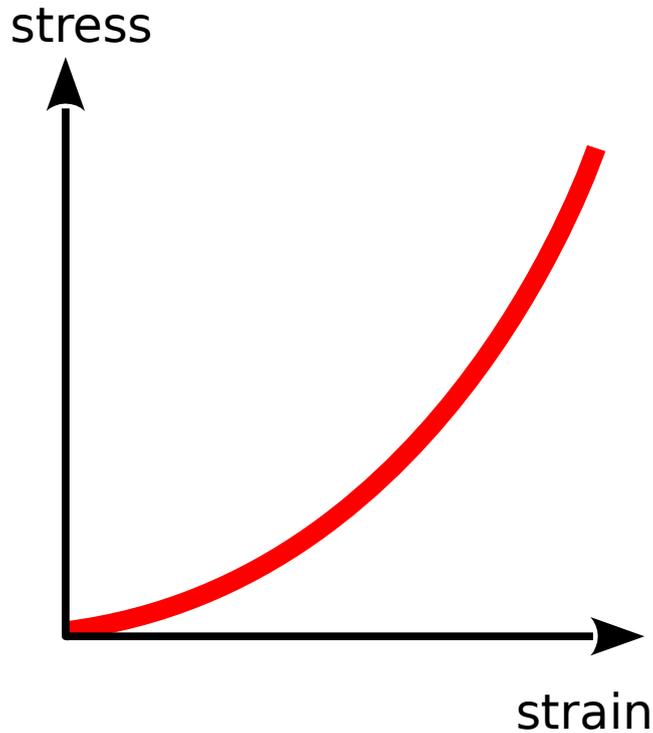
MESH GENERATION



specimen-specific
joint anatomy



Efficiency: Building Models



CONSTITUTIVE MODELING

$$\rightarrow W = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mu_i}{\alpha_i} \left(\overline{\lambda_1^{\alpha_i}} + \overline{\lambda_2^{\alpha_i}} + \overline{\lambda_3^{\alpha_i}} - 3 \right) \rightarrow \mu_i, \alpha_i$$

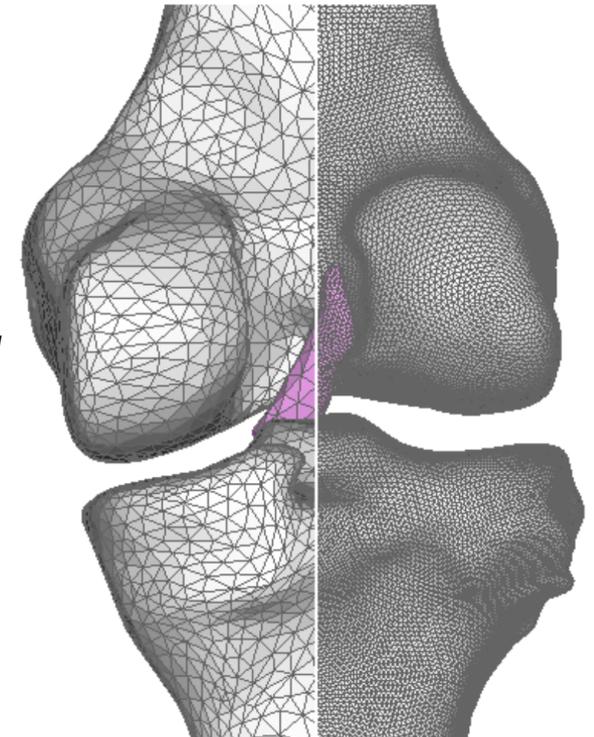
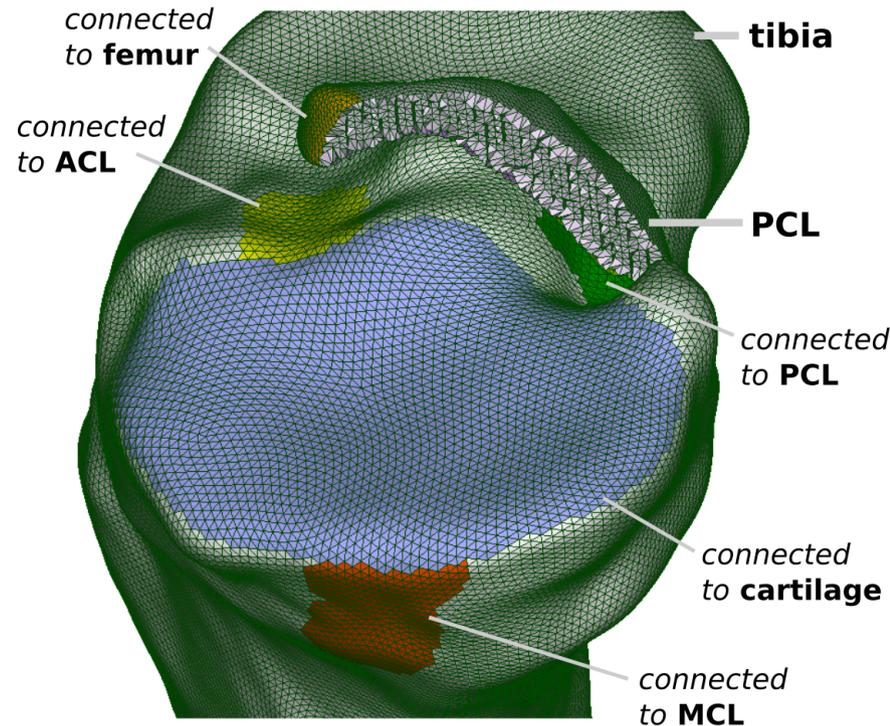
specimen-specific material properties for
cartilage - ligaments - menisci

Efficiency: Building Models



Scripting for **unsupervised** mesh assembly, model generation, multi-format output with support for object replacement

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Accessibility

Goal to increase the quality of being easy to obtain

Challenges

- heterogeneous data management
- discoverability
- completeness of information
- tracking origin
- licensing

Accessibility

ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEM

BIOMCH-L

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Ahmet Erdemir
Guest

Knee kinematics

Dear Subscribers,

Does any of you know references describing the 3D knee kinematics and change in ligament lengths obtained from in vitro experiments, for full range of flexion?

My aim is to introduce these kinematic results in my three dimensional anatomical model of the human knee to optimize the ligament parameters such as reference strains, stiffness.

The loading conditions and well-defined coordinate systems at these experiments are needed as input to my knee model.

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Accessibility: Data & Models

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SimTK website. The page title is "SimTK: Open Knee(s): Virtual Biomechanical Representations of the Knee Joint: Downloads - Mozilla Firefox". The URL in the address bar is "https://simtk.org/frs/index.php?group_id=485".

The website header includes the SimTK logo, a search bar, and navigation links for "Projects", "About", and "Ahmet". The main content area features the project title "Open Knee(s): Virtual Biomechanical Representations of the Knee Joint" with social media icons for Facebook, Google+, Twitter, and LinkedIn. There are "Follow (14)" and "Join (31)" buttons.

A navigation menu below the title includes links for "About", "Downloads", "Documents", "Forums", "Wiki", "Source Code", "Issues", "News", and "Admin". The "Downloads" section is highlighted in red.

On the right side, there are statistics: "5,274 downloads", "46 forum posts", and "Last updated May 23, 2016". There are also buttons for "Join Mailing Lists" and "Suggest Idea".

The main content area shows a "Downloads" section with a "Follow" button. Below this, there is a list of download links for MRI data in NIfTI format. The first entry is "g2-s1-v0.2.0.20150825" with a "Notes" link and a "Download Package" button. Below this, there is a "Download Links" section with a dropdown arrow.

The list of download links includes:

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- 1.3.12.2.1107.5.2.19.45406.2014100710433217692143626.0.0.0.nii (98 mB, Any, Data/images/video) - Cartilage imaging (MRI in NIfTI format) - APR 16, 2015
- 1.3.12.2.1107.5.2.19.45406.2014100711262396541244530.0.0.0.nii (21 mB, Any, Data/images/video) - Soft tissue imaging - sagittal plane (MRI in NIfTI format) - APR 16, 2015
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On the left side, there is a vertical "Feedback" button. On the right side, there is a profile picture of Ahmet Erdemir.

Accessibility: Impact

January 30, 2012

Open Knee Statistics (January 30, 2012)	
Project site	https://simtk.org/home/openknee
Project launch date	February 18, 2010
Page hits	19525 (past 180 days)
Unique visitors	902 (past 180 days)
Team members	8 total 3 active 2 original, 1 from community
Documentation	1 user's guide 3 conference abstracts
Development	248 repository commits
Releases	v.1.0.0.199 (major) December 17, 2010 v.1.0.1.202 (minor)
Release downloads	207 total 162 unique
Expected use of downloads (feedback provided by users)	56 research 54 training 24 reference for other models 14 evaluation 9 anterior cruciate ligament 9 instrumentation/implants/ orthotics/prosthetics 6 cartilage/osteoarthritis 5 potential contributions 4 impact biomechanics 4 knee loads 2 knee movements 2 knee geometry 1 meniscal injury 1 femur biomechanics Rest unspecified/unsure

October 15, 2017

9 download packages

>10,000 total downloads

>35 enabled studies

Visitor demographics sample



Accessibility: Impact

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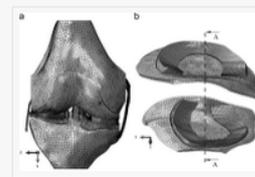
ization method and material model^{14–18}. To calculate knee articular osteochondral tissue property, we have to segment meniscus layer and cartilage layer; however it is extremely difficult to segment these two layers from clinical CT data. Fortunately, there is a template of meniscus which can be obtained from the Open Knee(s)¹⁹ at NIH. Thus we can calculate the volume of cartilage layer by subtracting the volume of a template of meniscus from the whole

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Biomechanics and Mechanobiology of the Meniscus



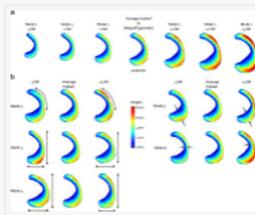
Influence of meniscus shape in the cross sectional plane on the knee contact mechanics

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The sensitivity of cartilage contact pressures in the knee joint to the size and shape of an anatomically shaped meniscal implant

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Usability

Goal to increase the quality of being easy to use

Challenges

- model robustness
- lack of tools for utilization
- customization for reuse
- translation to clinical practice

Usability: Cloud Computing

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SimTK website. The page title is "Open Knee(s): Virtual Biomechanical Representations of the Knee Joint". The main heading is "Simulations: View My Jobs". On the left, there is a "Feedback" button. The main content area features a table with three columns: "Job Name", "Status", and "Job details". The table lists three simulation jobs, all with a status of "Completed". To the right of the table is a configuration form with several dropdown menus and radio buttons. The form includes fields for "Server", "Software", "Model", "Modify model", "Model Configuration File", "Notification email", and "Job name". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form. Below the configuration form, there is a text area for numerical values to modify the model, with a vertical scrollbar on the right.

Job Name	Status	Job details
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2017-02-11 16:43:26	Completed	Model: model.feb Config File: Software: FEBio Version: 2.5.0 Server: openknee-aws Duration: 123 secs Last updated: 02/11/2017 16:56:04
2017-02-11 16:43:01	Completed	Model: model.feb Config File: Software: FEBio Version: 2.5.0 Server: openknee-aws

Server: openknee-aws
Software: FEBio 2.5.0
Model: model.feb
Modify model: Yes No
Model Configuration File: modify_model.cfg

Change the numerical values below to modify the model to be simulated

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** anterior (+) / posterior (-) translation (mm)  
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*ML  
** medial (+) / lateral (-) translation (mm)  
3.0  
*DC  
** distraction (+) / compression (-) (mm)  
10.0  
*FE
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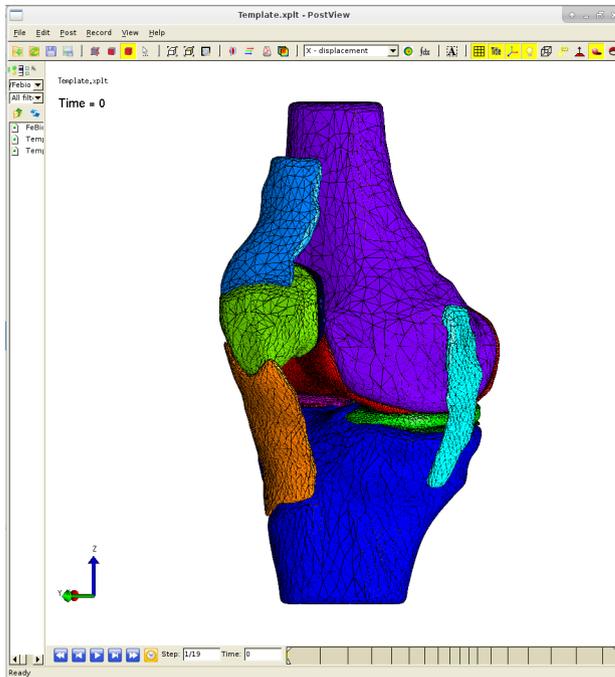
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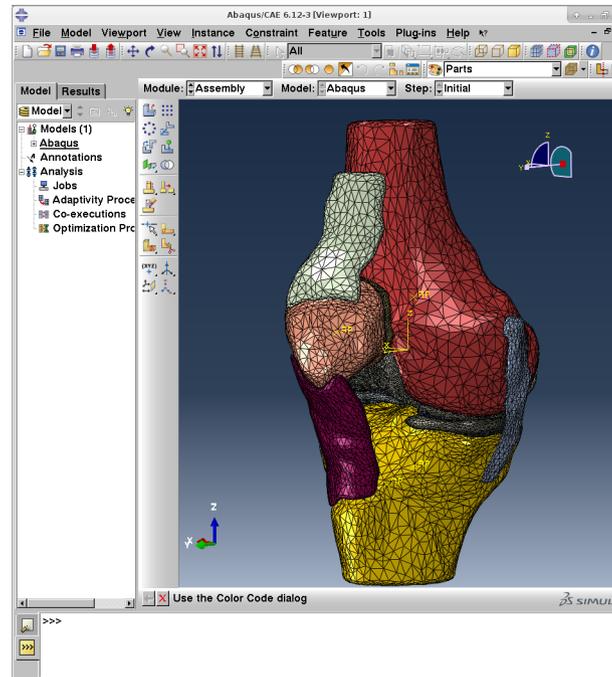
Usability: Different Formats

Capability to push same mesh with template material properties, contact definitions, and constraints to different simulation software

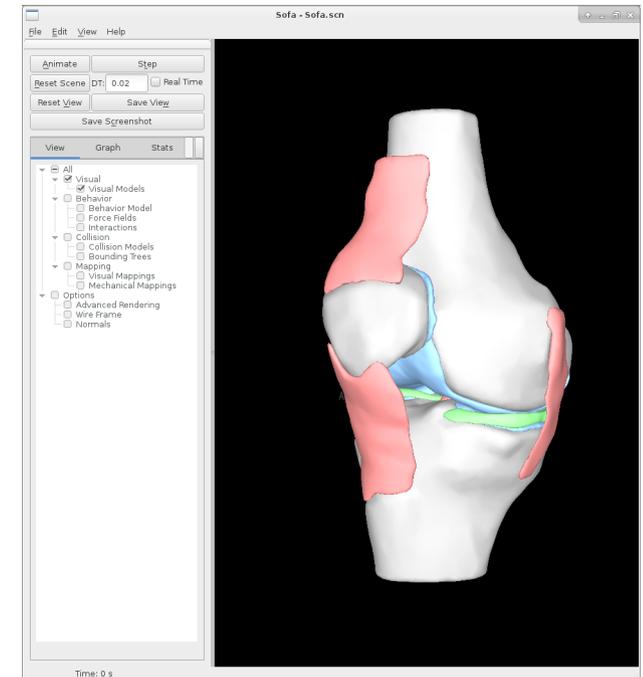
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Usability: Simulation Features

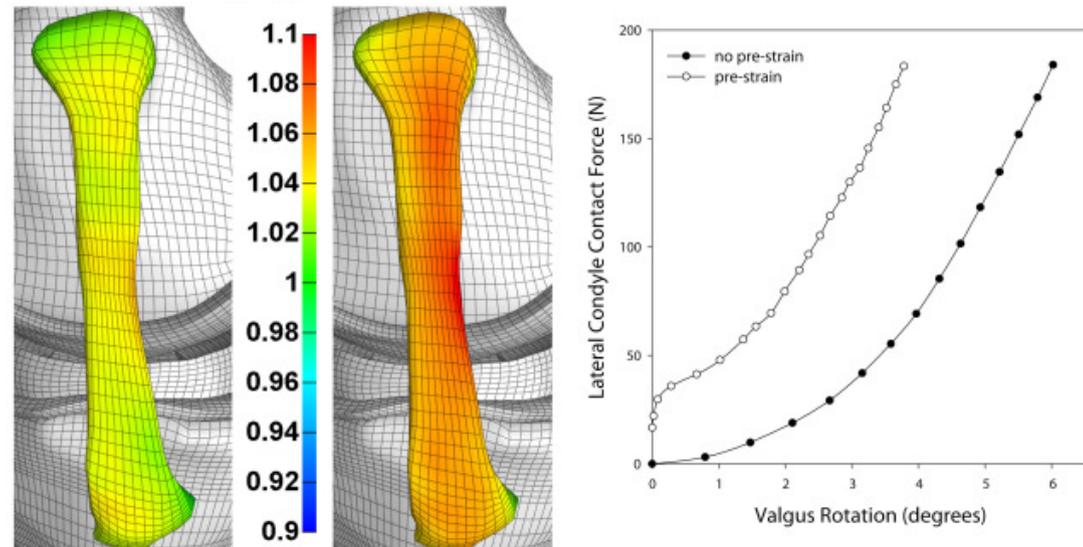
Open Knee(s) is a **driving project** for simulation software development

- ❏ In situ strain
- ❏ Element, node, surface sets
- ❏ Coordinate systems
- ❏ Kinematic joints
- ❏ Wrapping springs
- ❏ Modular file input

FEBIO
FINITE ELEMENTS FOR BIOMECHANICS

<http://www.febio.org>

Prescribing ligament *in situ strain*



adapted from *Maas et al. (2016)*

Usability: Insights



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**Open Knee(s)
Advisory Board**

Usability: Use Cases

Demonstration of utility through *clinically relevant* simulations



**ADAPTATION IN SCIENTIFIC
AND CLINICAL DOMAINS**

Open Knee: Open Source Modeling and Simulation in Knee Biomechanics

Ahmet Erdemir, PhD¹

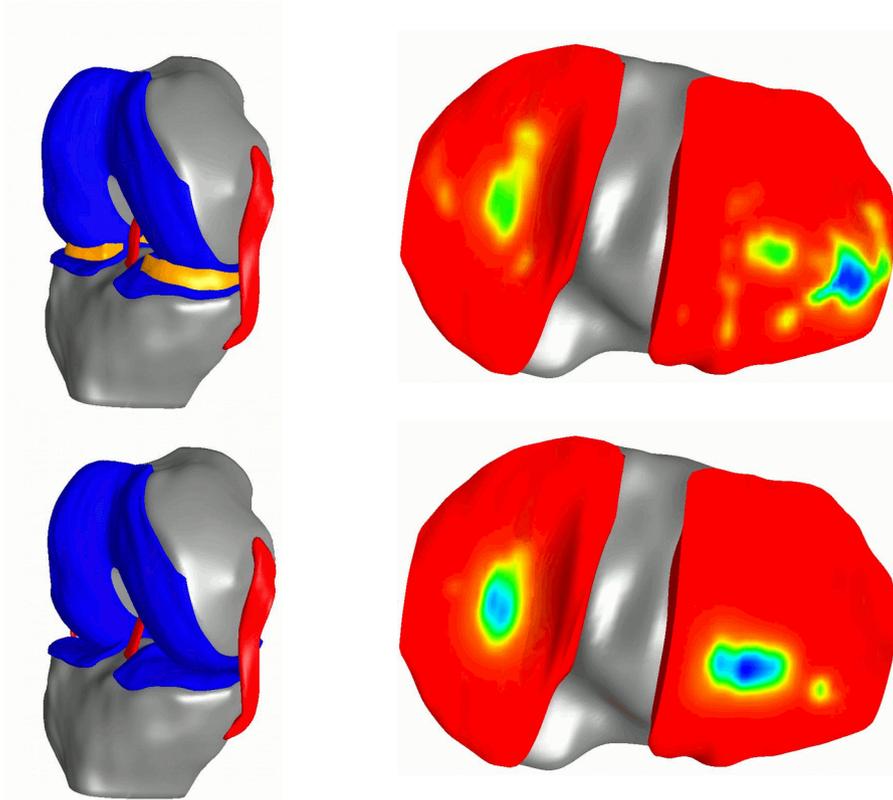
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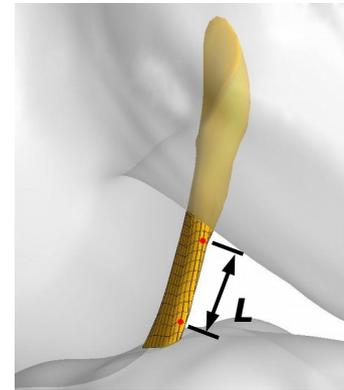
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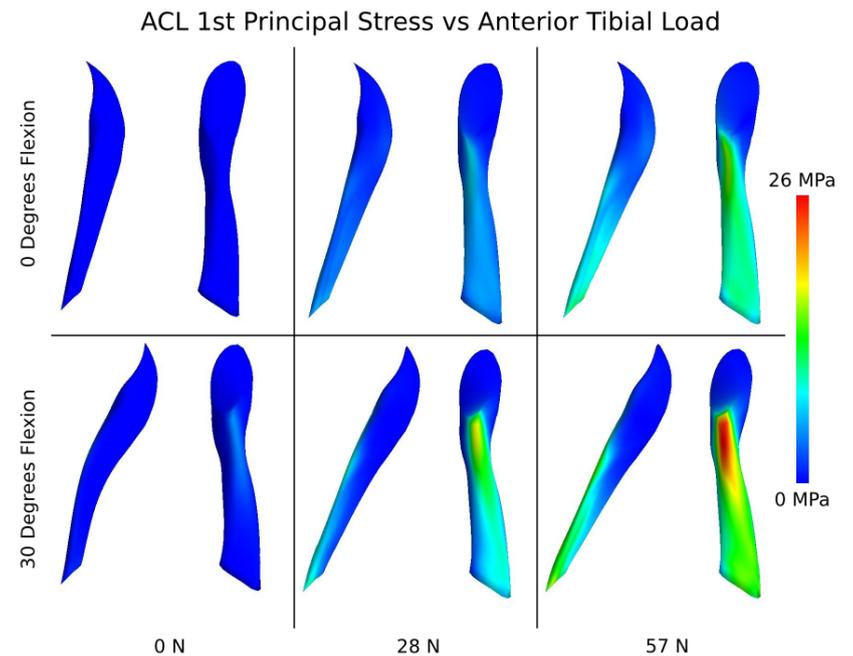
Usability: Use Cases



Influence of **meniscectomy** on cartilage loading



ACL mechanics during laxity testing



Comprehensibility

Goal

to increase the quality of being easy to understand

Challenges

consistency of terminology

specificity of information

correspondence of documentation to reproduction

Comprehensibility: Know-How

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. The browser's address bar displays the URL <https://simtk.org/plugins/moinmoin/openknee/Specifications>. The main content area features the heading "All Specifications Pages" followed by a numbered list of 23 links. A red arrow points from the fifth link, "Specifications/ExperimentationAnatomicalImaging", to a detailed table of contents for that page. On the left side of the browser window, there is a vertical orange button labeled "Feedback".

Specifications - openknee - Mozilla Firefox

Specifications - ope... x +

https://simtk.org/plugins/moinmoin/openknee/Specifications

All Specifications Pages

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3. [Specifications/DataManagement](#)
4. [Specifications/DataManagement/Discussion](#)
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Feedback

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 3. SETTINGS 3: CARTILAGE IMAGING
 4. SETTINGS 4: CONNECTIVE TISSUE IMAGING
 6. Store Data
 7. Disseminate Data
 8. Store Specimen
4. References

Comprehensibility: Reporting

Good reporting practice

clarifies uncertainty of **reproducibility**,
promotes **reusability**, and
establishes **accountability**.



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Perspective article

Considerations for reporting finite element analysis studies in biomechanics

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Comprehensibility: Reporting

Documented ~**80 reporting parameters** classified under:

- ❏ Model identification (20)
- ❏ Model structure (7 main – 27 subcategorized)
- ❏ Simulation structure (6)
- ❏ Verification (6)
- ❏ Validation (9)
- ❏ Availability (5)

Credibility

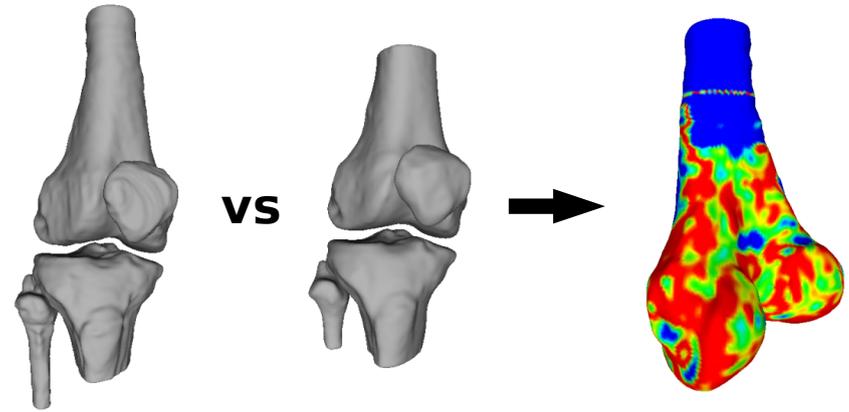
Goal to increase the quality of being trusted

Challenges

- lack of unified guidance
- uncertainty of reproducibility potential
- accountability throughout M&S lifecycle

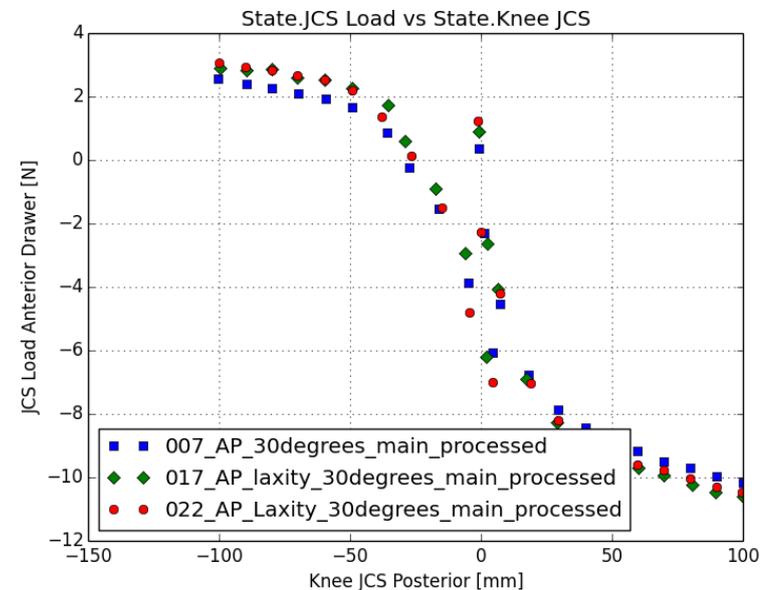
Credibility: Data Quality

- ❏ Anatomical imaging & geometry
 - Registration markers*
 - Segmentation reproducibility*



- ❏ Joint mechanics
 - Registration markers*
 - Surrounding tissue effects*
 - Repeatability of anterior-posterior laxity response*

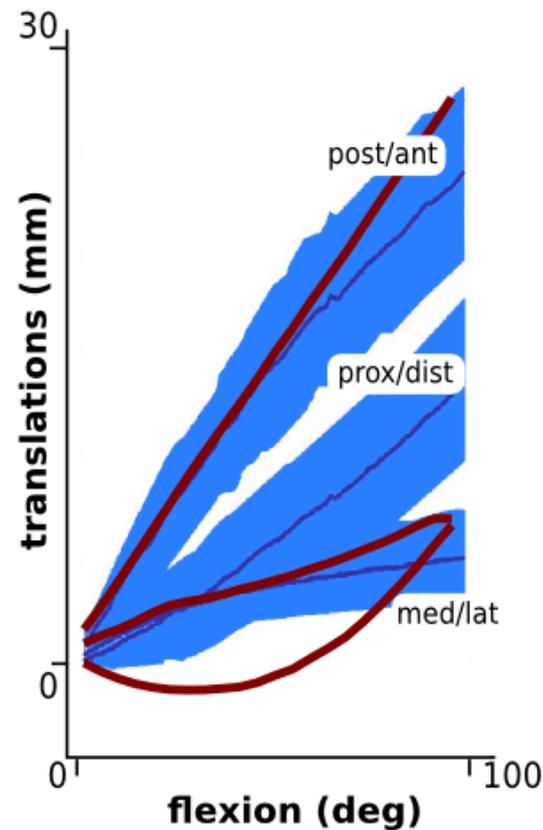
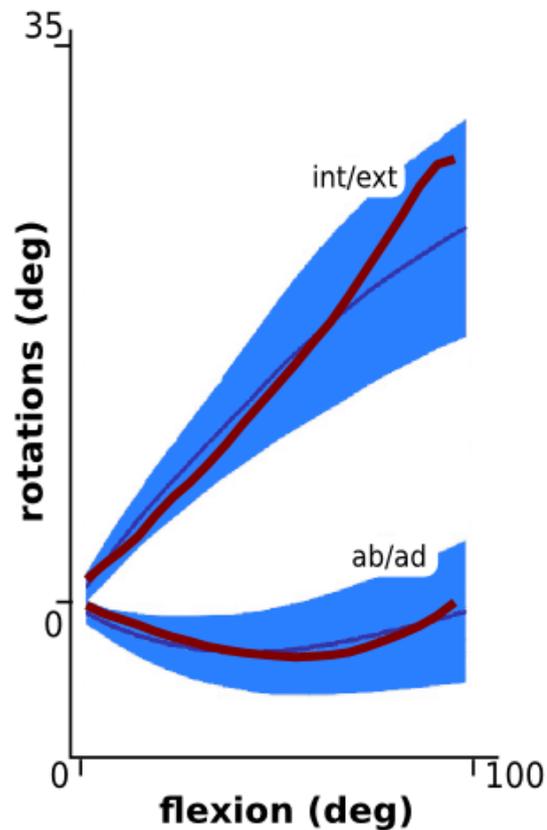
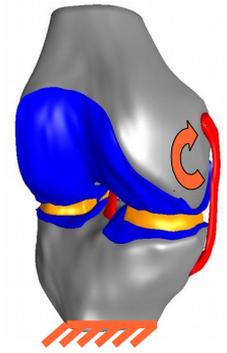
- ❏ Tissue mechanics
 - Reproducibility of uniaxial tissue stress-strain response*



Credibility: Correspondence to Literature

Tibiofemoral joint kinematics during passive flexion

Open Knee(s) - Generation 1 vs data from a sample population



data from *Wilson et al. (2000)*

Rotations

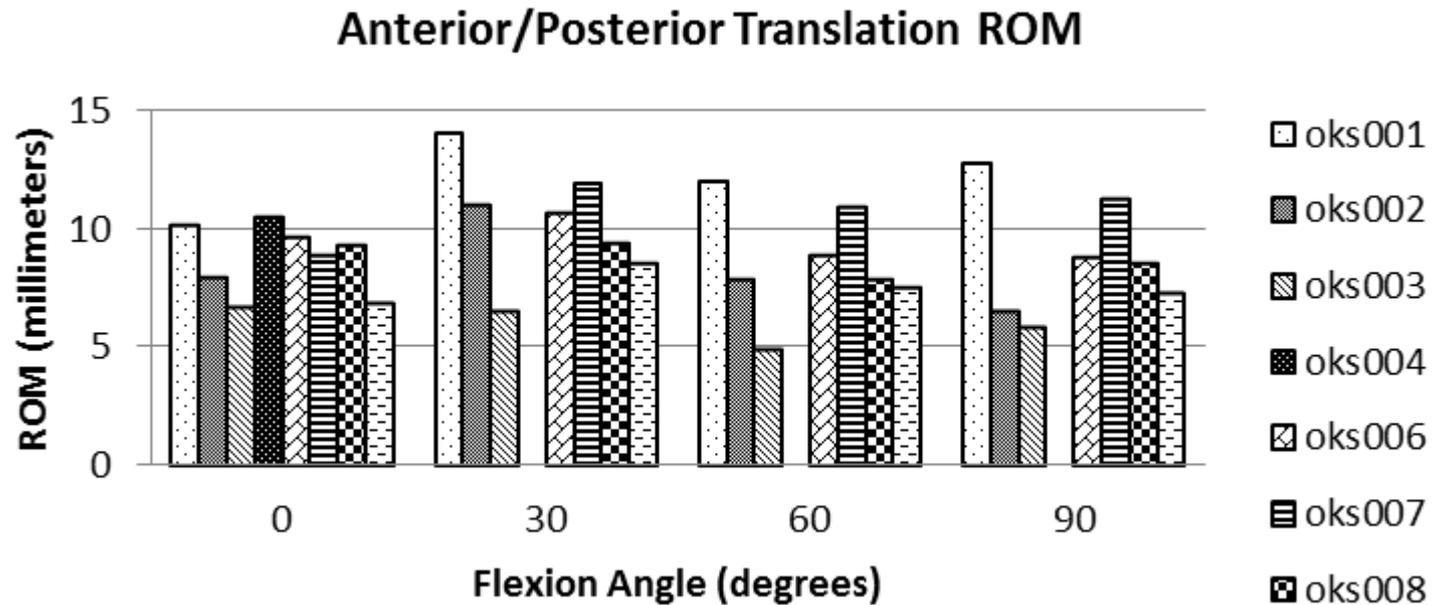
- ✓ Internal rotation (up to $\sim 60^\circ$ flexion)
- ✓ Abduction

Translations

- ✓ Posterior (up to $\sim 50^\circ$ flexion)
- ✗ Proximal
- ✓ Medial (up to $\sim 50^\circ$ flexion)

Credibility: Specimen-Specificity

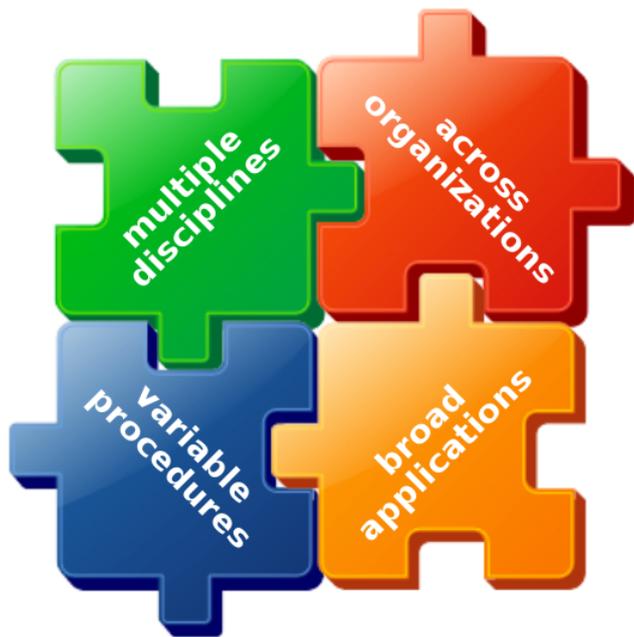
Specimen-specific joint response can vary largely.



Credibility: Guidance

Credible Practice of M&S in Healthcare

To establish credible practice guidelines, consistent terminology and a model certification process, as well as to demonstrate workflows and identify new areas of research for reliable development and application of M&S in healthcare practice and research."



COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (EXECUTE & CHARGE)

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COMMUNICATION ↔ ACCOUNTABILITY

ADVISORY COUNCIL (REVIEW & ADVISE)



IMAG & Multiscale Modeling (MSM) Consortium



Credibility: Guidance



Ten “Not So” Simple Rules for Credible Practice of Modeling & Simulation in Healthcare

Rule 1 – Define context clearly.

Plan and develop the M&S activity with clear definition of the intended purpose or context accommodating end-users' needs.

Rule 2 – Use appropriate data.

Use data relevant to the M&S activity, which can ideally be traced back to the source.

Rule 3 – Evaluate within context.

Evaluate the M&S activity through verification & validation, uncertainty quantification, and sensitivity analysis faithful to the context/purpose/scope of the M&S efforts, with clear and a-priori definition of evaluation metrics and including test cases.

Rule 4 – List limitations explicitly.

Provide an explicit disclaimer on the limitations of the M&S to indicate under what conditions or applications the M&S may or may not be relied on.

Rule 5 – Use version control.

Implement a version control system to trace the time history of the M&S activities, including delineation of contributors' efforts.

Rule 6 – Document adequately.

Document all M&S activities, including simulation code, model markup, scope and intended use of M&S activities, users' and developers' guides.

Rule 7 – Disseminate broadly.

Disseminate appropriate components of M&S activities, including simulation software, models, simulation scenarios and results.

Rule 8 – Get independent reviews.

Have the M&S activity reviewed by independent third-party users and developers, essentially by any interested member of the community.

Rule 9 – Test competing implementations.

Use competition of multiple implementations to check the conclusions of different implementations of the M&S processes against each other.

Rule 10 – Conform to standards.

Adopt and promote generally applicable and discipline specific operating procedures, guidelines, and standards accepted as best practices.

Open Knee(s) Summary

- ❏ We are building general purpose, publicly accessible, reusable, and credible **virtual knees** faithful to specimen-specific anatomy and mechanics.
- ❏ Ultimate goal is to enable **virtual experimentation** for cost-effective and prompt explorations in knee biomechanics.

VISIT <http://wiki.simtk.org/openknee>

What's Next for Open Knee(s)?

- ❏ **Build** specimen-specific virtual knee(s)

 - Generate geometry and meshes*

 - Characterize tissue properties*

 - Assemble models*

- ❏ **Make** virtual knee(s) **credible**

 - Evaluate predictions against specimen-specific mechanical response*

- ❏ **Make** virtual knee(s) **accessible**

 - Continue public dissemination*

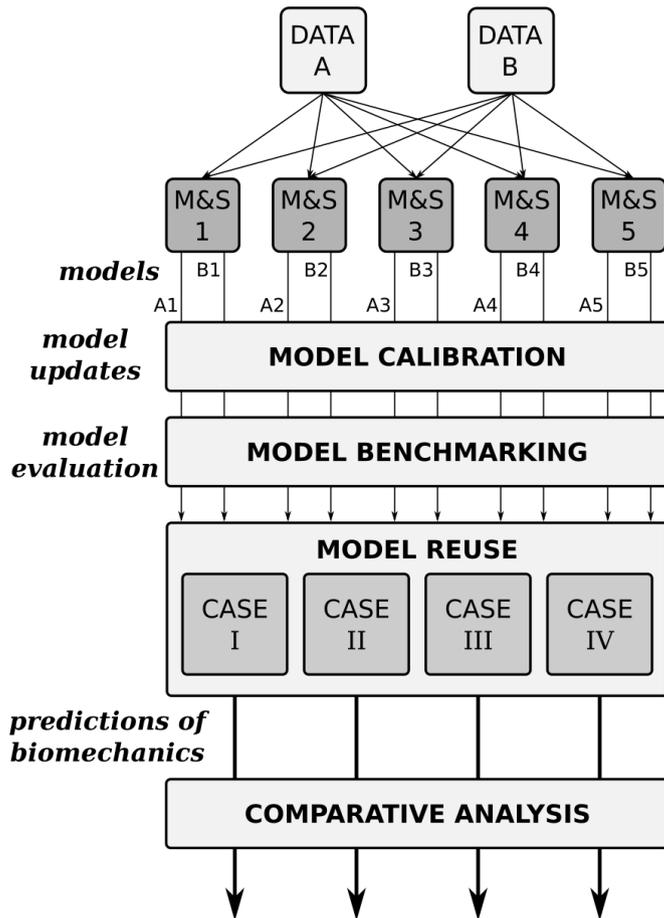
- ❏ **Make** virtual knee(s) **usable**

 - Expand cloud computing framework*

 - Launch clinically relevant use cases*

What's Next for Open Knee(s)?

Emphasis on reproducibility and “art” of modeling

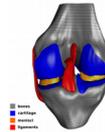


Are M&S predictions influenced by M&S workflow?

Do the predictions of natural knee biomechanics depend on modeling decisions of separate development teams when the target simulation scenarios and the source data to build models remain the same?



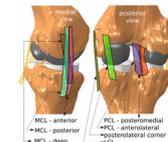
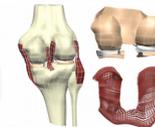
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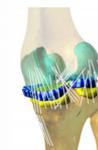
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What's Next for Open Knee(s)?

Emphasis on credibility for translational use

Open Knee(s)

Open source knee joint M&S



confirmation of Open Knee(s) suitability for medical grade simulations

assessment of Open Knee(s) credibility guided by broadly applicable "good practices"

US FDA
Medical Device
Development Tools
(MDDT)



**Open Knee(s)
as a
MDDT**



Community perspectives
Ten "Not So" Simple Rules in
Credible Practice of M&S
in Healthcare

correspondence between community recommendations for M&S practice and M&S considerations of regulatory agencies

What's Next for M&S in Biomechanics?

- ❏ **Promote** principles of democratization in modeling & simulation in biomechanics

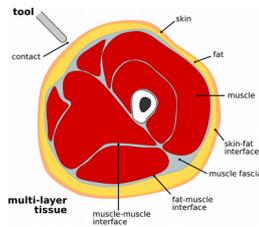
specificity - efficiency - accessibility

comprehensibility - usability - credibility

- ❏ **Apply** principles of democratization in other areas of computational biomechanics

**OPERATION
MULTIS**

Reference Models for Multi-Layer Tissue Structures of Musculoskeletal Extremities



<https://simtk.org/projects/multis>

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