

A photograph showing a person running on a track. Multiple cameras on tripods are positioned around the runner, and a 3D skeleton model is overlaid on the video feed, indicating the movement of joints. To the right of the image, the text "predict new motion?" is written vertically next to a large red X mark.

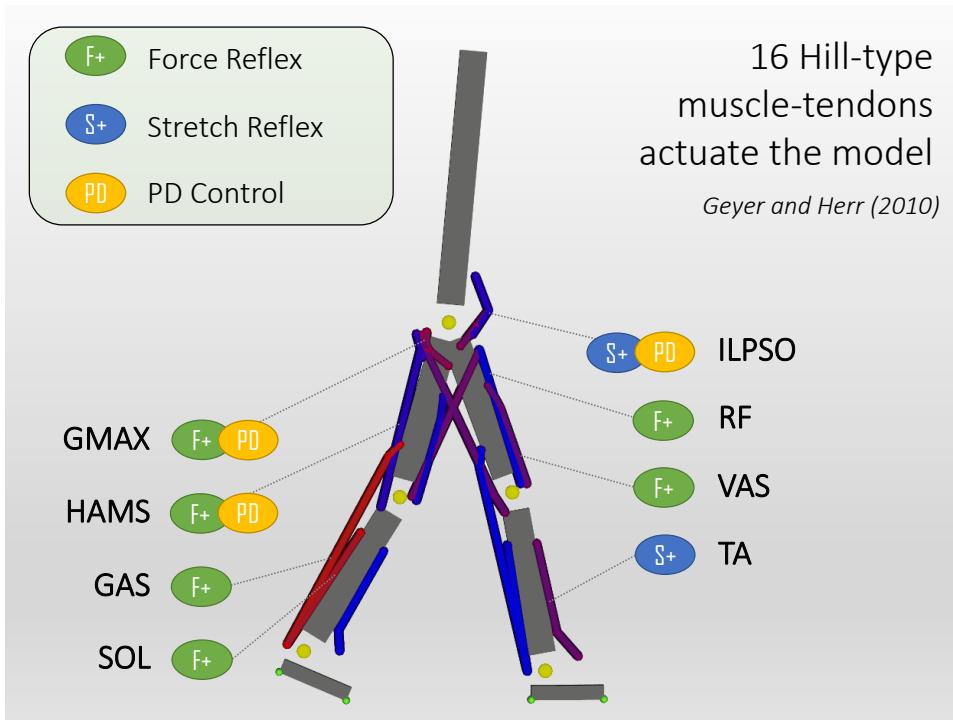
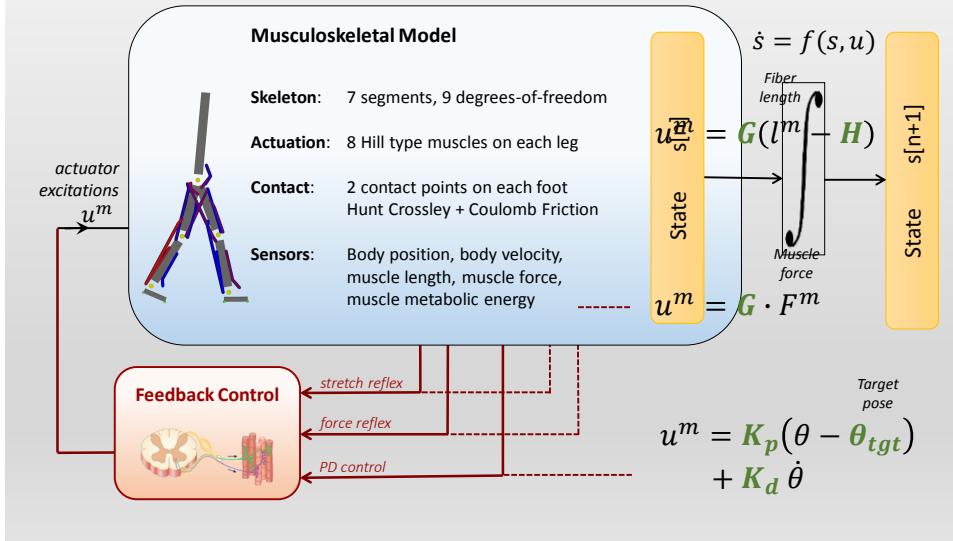
Why predictive simulations?

Predict the **human response** to

- wearing an assistive device
- gait after a muscle-tendon surgery

Aim: Synthesize human inclined walking without experimental data

Strategy: Optimal control framework that predicts both motion and muscle recruitment



Objective Function to Minimize

$$w_{\text{muscle}} \int_0^{t_f} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{n\text{Musc}} \text{MetabolicEnergy}_m \right) dt$$

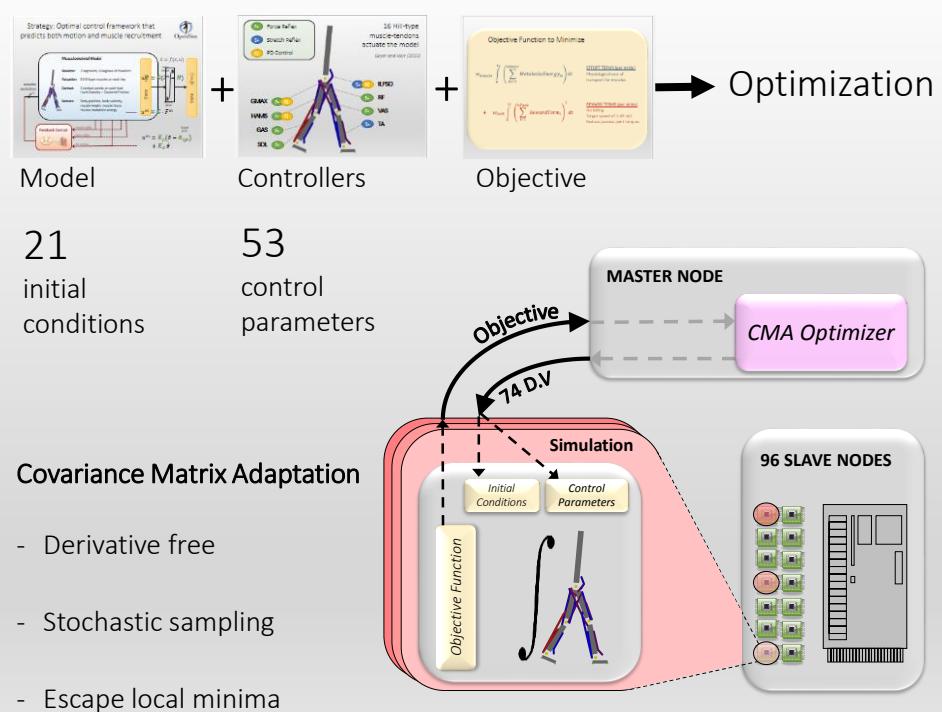
EFFORT TERMS (per stride)

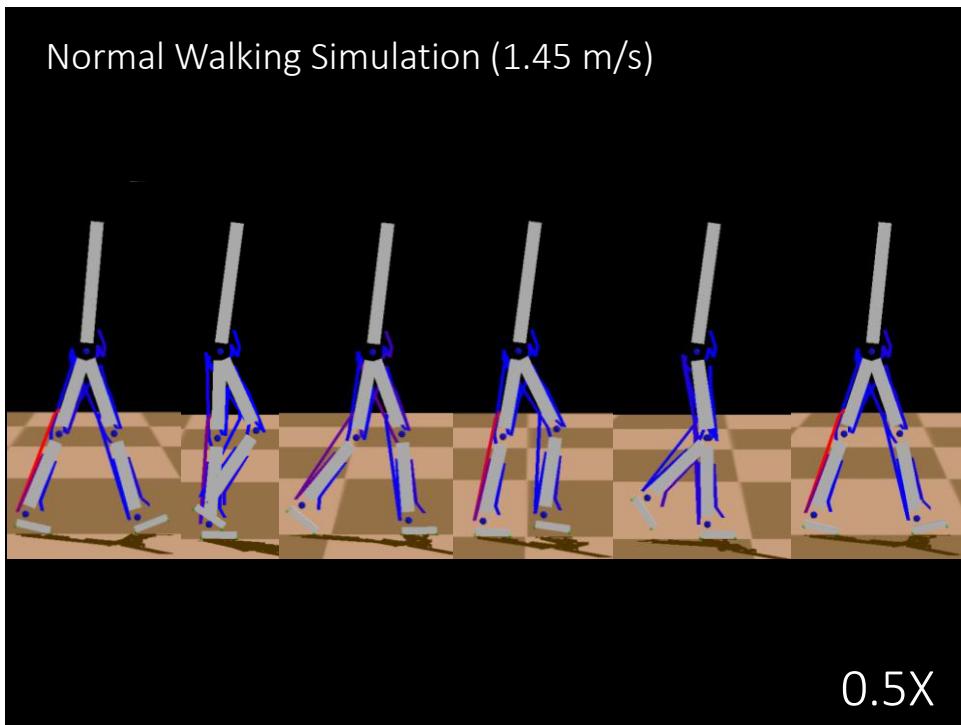
Physiological cost of transport for muscles

$$+ w_{\text{task}} \int_0^{t_f} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n\text{Task}} \text{RewardTerm}_i \right)^2 dt$$

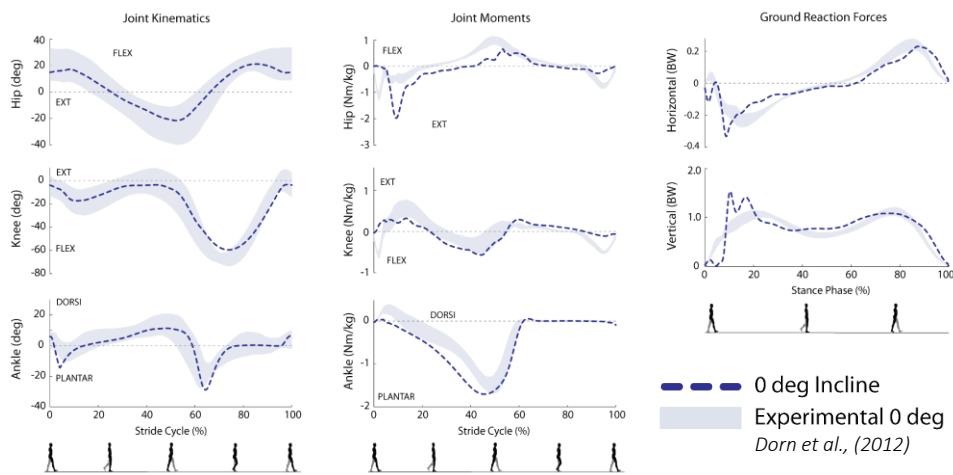
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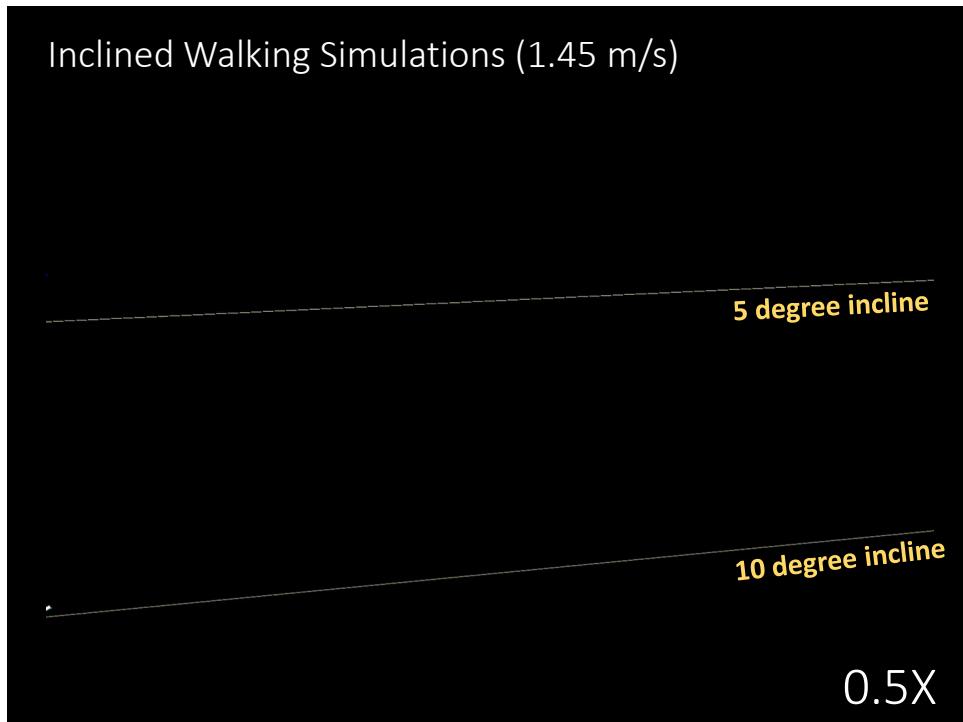
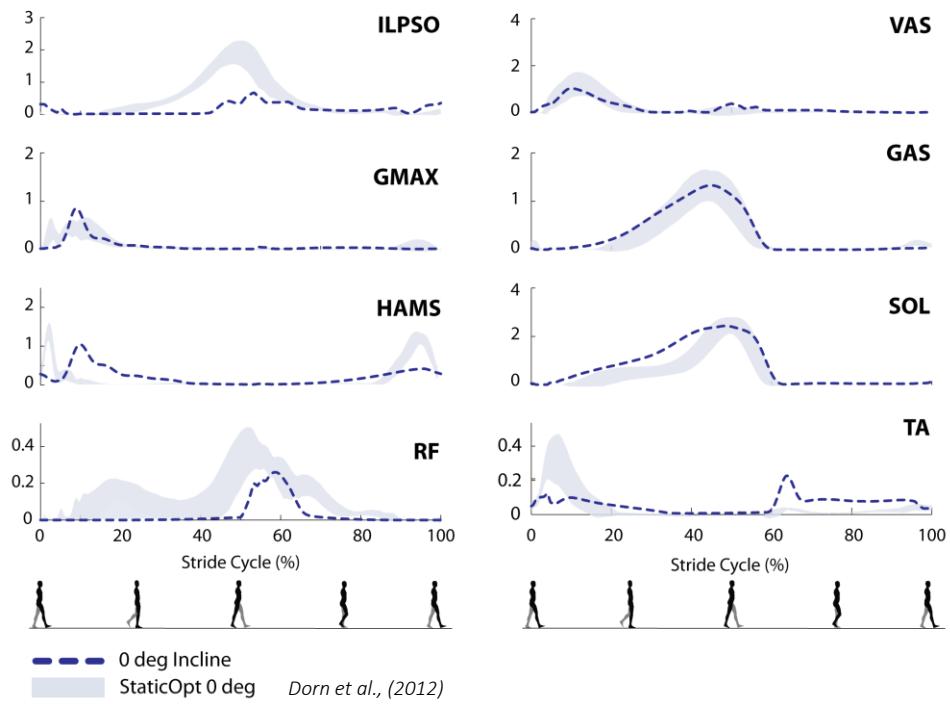
No falling
Target speed of 1.45 m/s
Reduce passive joint torques





Normal Walking Simulation Mechanics (1.45 m/s)





Inclined Walking Simulations (1.45 m/s)

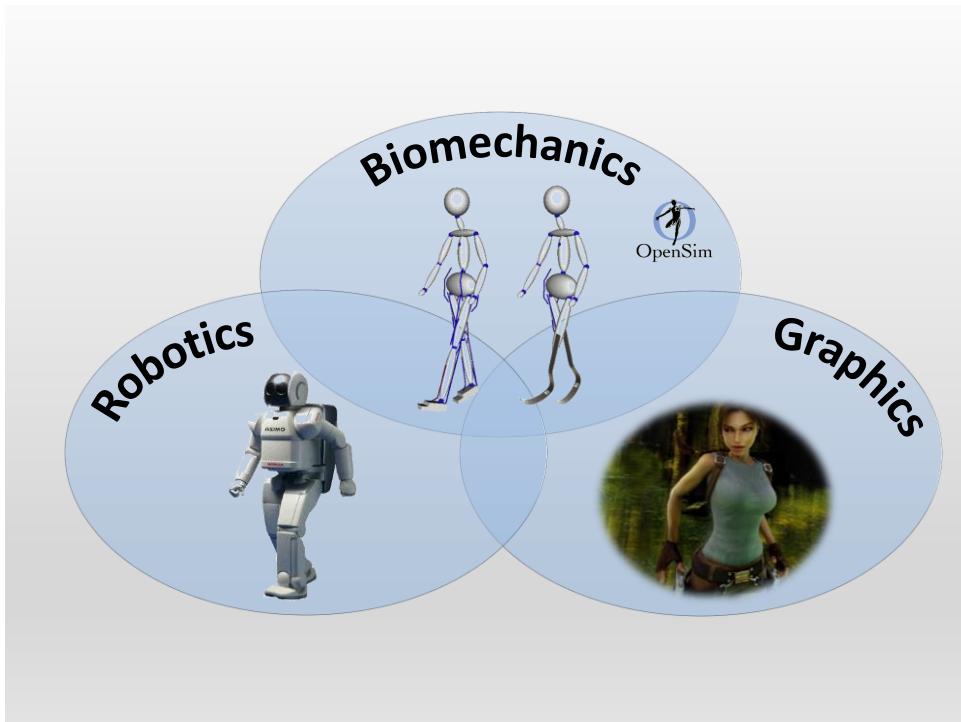
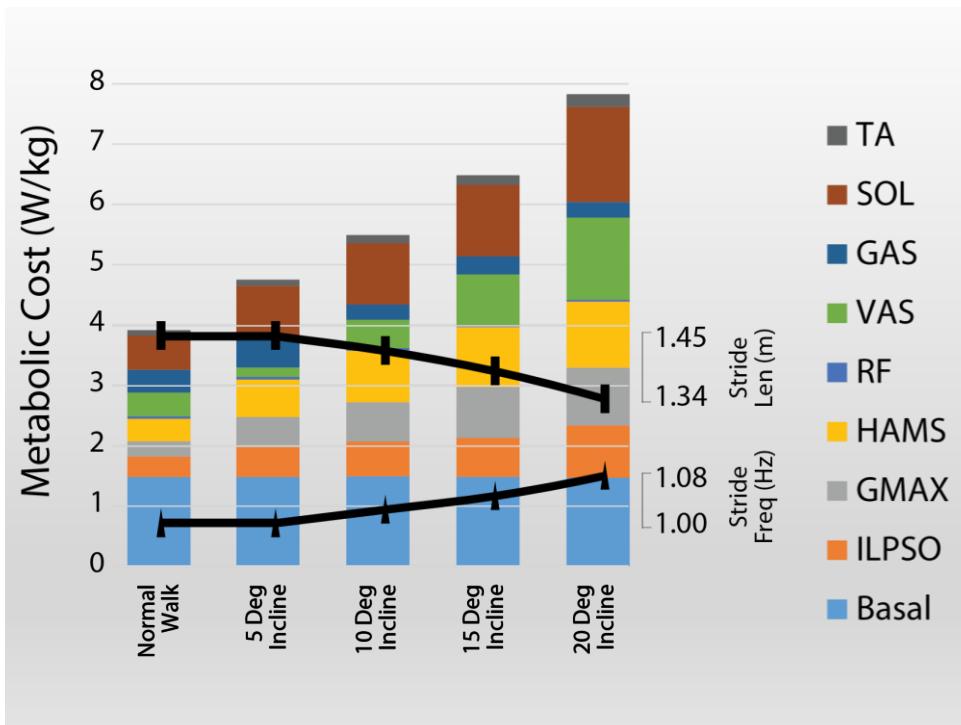
15 degree incline

0.5X

Inclined Walking Simulations (1.45 m/s)

20 degree incline

0.5X



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