

Energetics & Biomechanics of Human Movement - The legacy & the future

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Introduction

- Traditionally biomechanical experiments are costly, time-taking, requires specific expertise and done (mostly) within labs
- Uses marker-based Mo-cap systems, embedded force plates, Electro-myo-graphy (EMG) sensors and mask-based Oxygen consumption devices
- Most biomechanical studies have low sample size (Median -> ~ 12-21)
- Movement dynamics rarely measured in clinical settings/outside lab
- Data collection, processing & generating dynamic musculoskeletal simulations takes several days



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Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs) and marker less, video-based Mo-cap systems are current alternatives

The Legacy

The Future

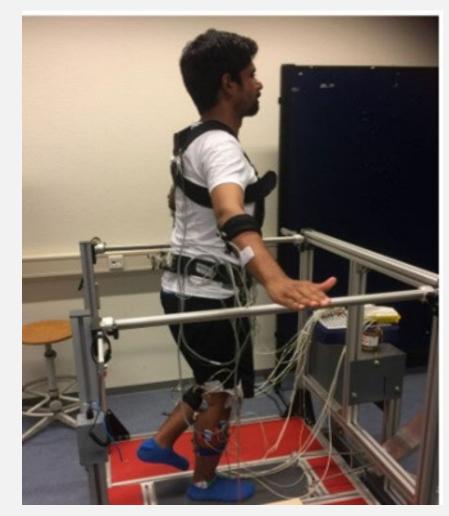


Fig.1: Checking balance and Mo-cap in an experiment



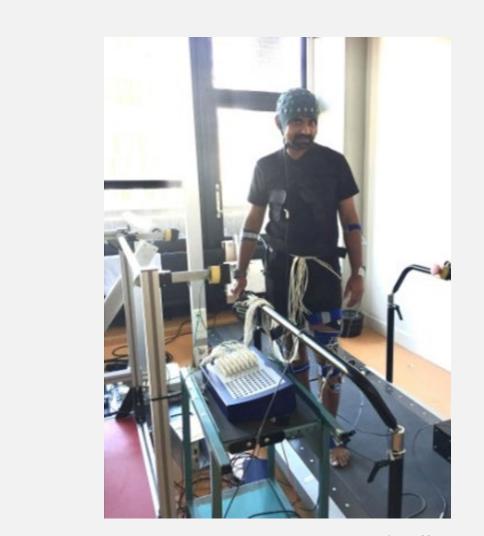


Fig.2: Mo-cap on a treadmill

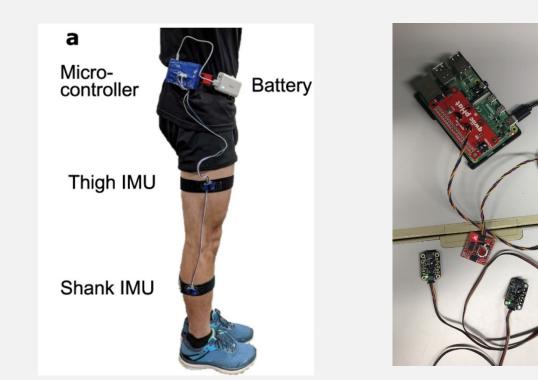


Fig.9: (Wearable) OpenMetabolics: Schematic and hardware prototype

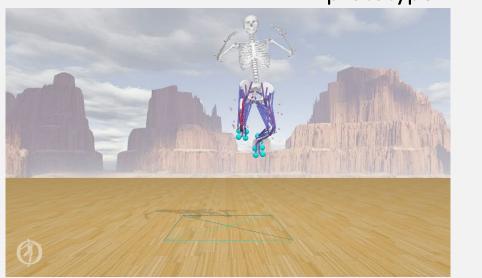


Fig.11: Counter Movement Jump (CMJ)



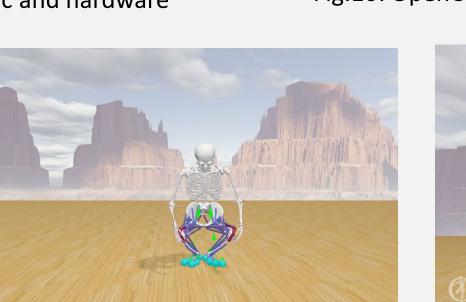




Fig.13: Sit-2-Stand (STS)



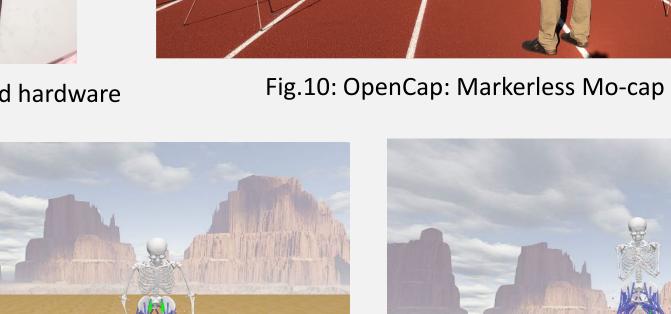




Fig.3: Usage of a Douglas bag to collect expired air

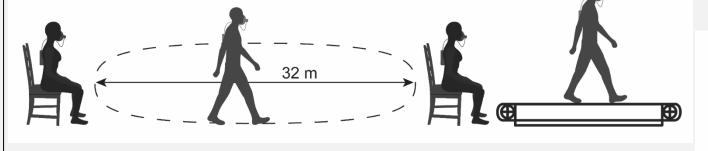


Fig.5: Overground and Treadmill Walking: Experimental setup

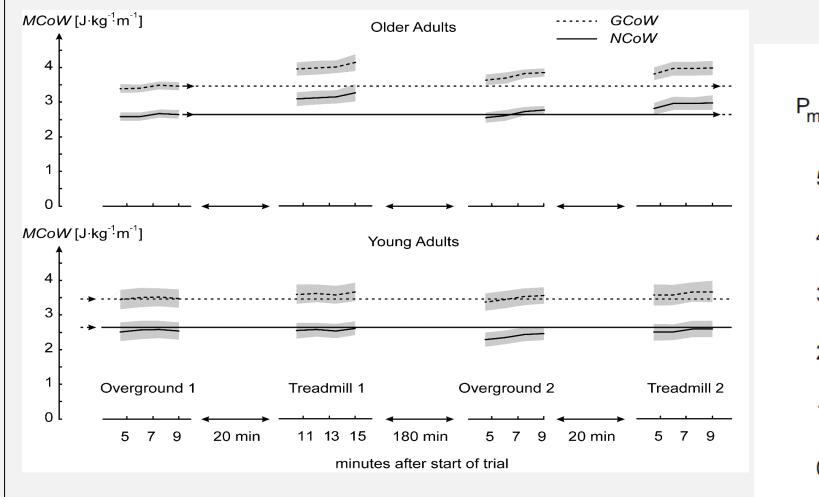
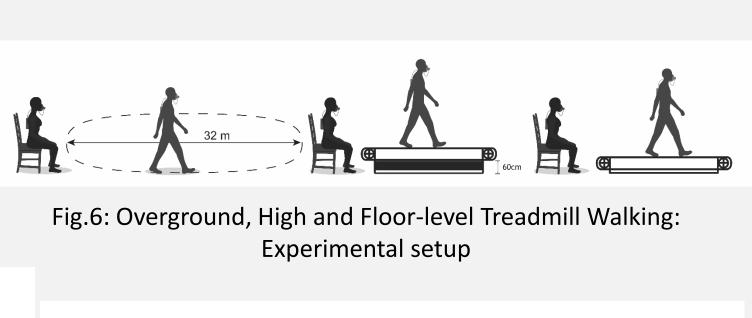


Fig.7: Metabolic Cost of Walking: Overground and Treadmill Walking



Fig.4: Usage of a face-mask setup to measure Oxygen consumption



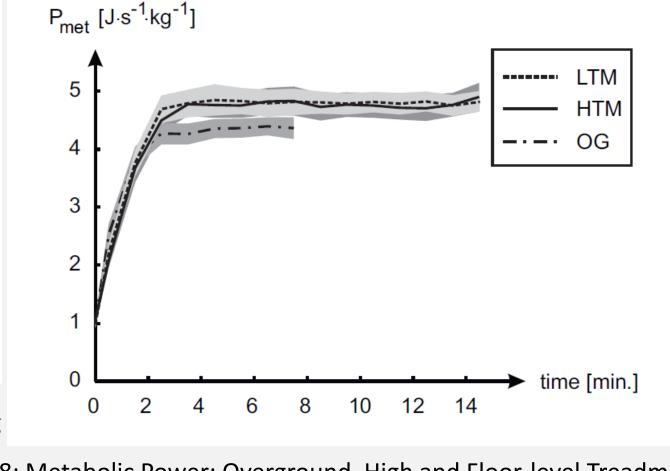
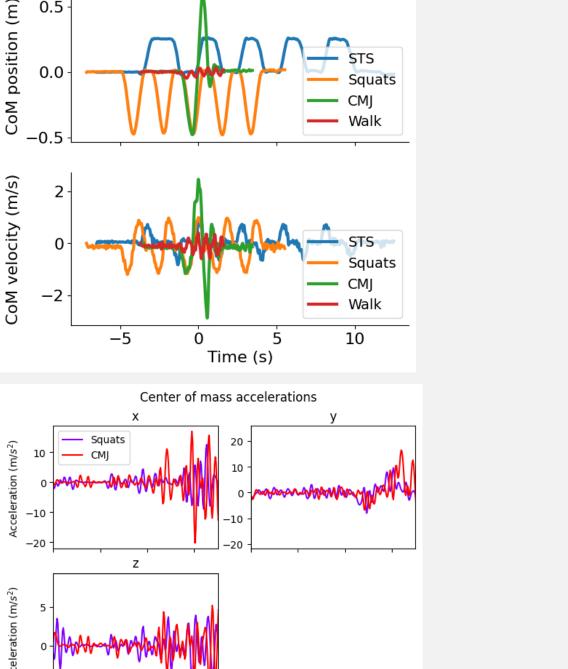


Fig.8: Metabolic Power: Overground, High and Floor-level Treadmill Walking

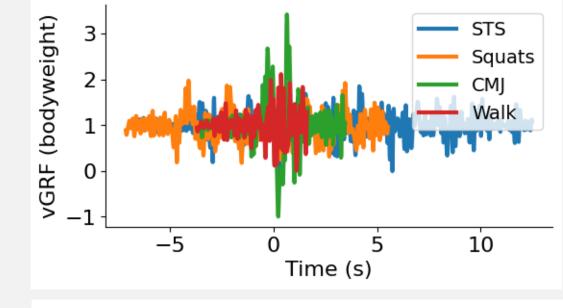


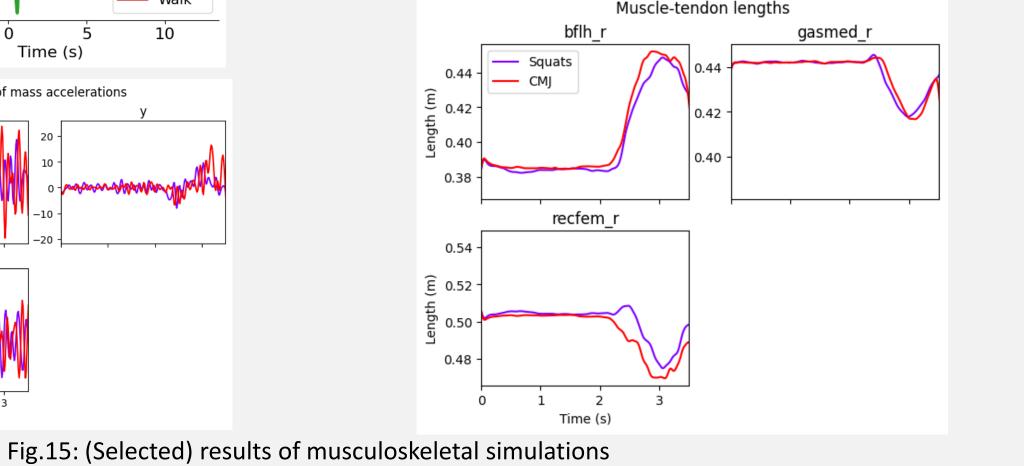
Fig.12: Squats

Fig.14: Videos of musculoskeletal simulations



Time (s)





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