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37 **Abstract**

38 The aim of this paper was to compare the effect of different optimization methods and  
39 different knee joint degrees of freedom (DOF) on muscle force predictions during a single  
40 legged hop. Nineteen subjects performed single-legged hopping manoeuvres and subject-  
41 specific musculoskeletal models were developed to predict muscle forces during the  
42 movement. Muscle forces were predicted using static optimization (SO) and computed  
43 muscle control (CMC) methods using either 1 or 3 DOF knee joint models. All sagittal and  
44 transverse plane joint angles calculated using inverse kinematics or CMC in a 1 DOF or 3  
45 DOF knee were well-matched (RMS error  $< 3^\circ$ ). Biarticular muscles (hamstrings, rectus  
46 femoris and gastrocnemius) showed more differences in muscle force profiles when  
47 comparing between the different muscle prediction approaches where these muscles showed  
48 larger time delays for many of the comparisons. The muscle force magnitudes of vasti,  
49 gluteus maximus and gluteus medius were not greatly influenced by the choice of muscle  
50 force prediction method with low normalized root mean squared errors ( $< 48\%$ ) observed in  
51 most comparisons. We conclude that SO and CMC can be used to predict lower-limb muscle  
52 co-contraction during hopping movements. However, care must be taken in interpreting the  
53 magnitude of force predicted in the biarticular muscles and the soleus, especially when using  
54 a 1 DOF knee. Despite this limitation, given that SO is a more robust and computationally  
55 efficient method for predicting muscle forces than CMC, we suggest that SO can be used in  
56 conjunction with musculoskeletal models that have a 1 or 3 DOF knee joint to study the  
57 relative differences and the role of muscles during hopping activities in future studies.

58 **Keywords:** Static Optimization, Computed Muscle Control, Musculoskeletal model,  
59 hopping, muscle co-contraction, knee joint

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## 61 **Introduction**

62 Accurate knowledge of lower-limb muscle forces is important in understanding how muscles  
63 function during normal and pathological gait. Reliable estimations of muscle forces can  
64 improve predictions of joint contact forces and stresses (Kim et al., 2009) as well as ligament  
65 forces (Kernozek and Ragan, 2008; Laughlin et al., 2011; Mokhtarzadeh et al., 2013). A  
66 collective understanding of these biomechanical variables can provide insight into the causes  
67 or consequences of different joint diseases. For example, accurate knowledge of knee muscle  
68 forces can be utilized to improve our understanding of changes in medial and lateral  
69 tibiofemoral contact forces after an anterior cruciate ligament injury, which has been  
70 suggested to be precursor to knee osteoarthritis (Fregly et al., 2012).

71 Musculoskeletal modelling has recently become a powerful biomechanical tool used to  
72 predict muscle forces in which optimization methods are commonly utilized to solve the  
73 muscle-moment redundancy problem (i.e. a net joint moment can be produced from an  
74 infinite number of muscle force combinations) (Crowninshield, 1978). Static optimization  
75 (SO) and computed muscle control (CMC) are two popular optimization methods used for  
76 predicting muscle forces and are accessible for use in the freely available musculoskeletal  
77 modelling software, OpenSim (Delp et al., 2007; Thelen and Anderson, 2006). SO is an  
78 inverse dynamics-based method that partitions the net joint moment amongst individual  
79 muscles by minimizing a given performance criterion (e.g. sum of squares of muscle  
80 activations) (Erdemir et al., 2007). On the other hand, CMC is a forward dynamics-based  
81 approach that utilizes feedback control theory to predict a set of muscle excitations that will  
82 produce kinematics that closely match the kinematics calculated from inverse kinematics  
83 (Thelen and Anderson, 2006; Thelen et al., 2003). Whilst these methods provide a means for  
84 obtaining otherwise unattainable *in vivo* muscle forces, these predictions are limited in that it

85 is challenging to know how valid or accurate these methods are in predicting individual  
86 muscle forces given that no direct measures are available.

87 A previous study has shown that the muscle forces predicted by SO can produce accurate  
88 joint contact forces during walking by comparing the predicted contact forces to those  
89 measured in a person with an instrumented knee implant (Kim et al., 2009). Previous studies  
90 have also shown that SO and CMC produce similar muscle force predictions during walking  
91 and running in terms of timing and magnitude (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a; Lin et al., 2011).  
92 However, these studies have cautioned against the use of SO for ballistic movements such as  
93 jumping as SO may produce muscle activation patterns that are inconsistent with  
94 electromyographic (EMG) recordings (Lin et al., 2011). In addition, the ability of SO to  
95 predict co-contraction of antagonistic muscles has been criticised because this method  
96 excludes muscle activation dynamics. However, several studies have mathematically proven  
97 that multi-jointed models containing joints with multiple degrees of freedom (i.e. non-planar  
98 joints) can predict co-contraction of antagonistic muscles (Ait-Haddou et al., 2000; Jinha et  
99 al., 2006a, 2006b). Given that many past studies have used planar knee joint models i.e. 1  
100 degree of freedom (DOF) when predicting muscle forces (Dorn et al., 2012; Fok et al., 2013;  
101 Mokhtarzadeh et al., 2013), the current study aims to evaluate the forces generated by the  
102 lower-limb muscles using different optimization methods and knee degrees of freedom.

103 Therefore, our study proposes to compare the individual lower-limb muscle force results  
104 produced by SO and CMC using both planar and non-planar knee joint models during a  
105 ballistic movement (i.e., hopping). We hypothesise that the muscle force results based on the  
106 SO method using a 3 degree-of-freedom (DOF) knee joint will be similar to those based on  
107 the CMC method from both a 1 and 3 DOF knee joint ( $H_1$ ). On the other hand, we estimate

108 that SO results from a 1 DOF knee joint will be significantly lower than the results obtained  
109 from other combinations of knee joint types and optimization methods ( $H_2$ ).

## 110 **Methods**

111 Nineteen healthy and physically active subjects with no history of knee injury (height = 1.74  
112  $\pm$  0.08 m, body mass = 74.2  $\pm$  10.8kg) participated in this study after providing informed  
113 consent. Ethical approval was provided by the University of Melbourne's Behavioural and  
114 Social Sciences Human Ethics sub-committee (ethics ID 1136167). Data were collected in  
115 the Physiotherapy Movement Laboratory at The University of Melbourne.

116 Participants performed an initial static trial by standing in a neutral position and subsequently  
117 completed multiple trials of a single leg hop task. On average two trials per subject were  
118 simulated in this study. The distanced hopped was standardised to the participant's leg length  
119 and upper limb movement was standardised by asking participants to fold their arms across  
120 their chest. Small reflective markers were mounted on the trunk and both lower limbs of  
121 participants. Marker trajectories and ground reaction forces (GRF) were collected  
122 simultaneously using a 14 camera Vicon motion analysis system and ground-embedded  
123 AMTI force plates. Ground reaction force and marker data were collected at 2400 Hz and 120  
124 Hz respectively. Electromyographic (EMG) activity was collected simultaneously with an  
125 eight channel Noraxon EMG system (Noraxon USA Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona) sampling at  
126 2400 Hz using non-preamplified skin mounted Ag/Cl electrodes (Duotrode, Myotronics).  
127 EMG data were collected from the vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, rectus femoris, lateral and  
128 medial hamstrings, gluteus medius and medial gastrocnemius muscles of the subject's  
129 dominant leg. A similar filtering method applied in previous studies was utilized for the EMG  
130 data (Laughlin et al., 2011; Mokhtarzadeh et al., 2013).



131 All musculoskeletal modelling and analyses were performed using OpenSim (Delp et al.,  
132 2007), MATLAB and the Edward cluster, a high performance computing (HPC) service, at  
133 The University of Melbourne. Kinematic and kinetics data were filtered using butterworth  
134 filter with a 4th order, zero-lag, recursive filter with a cut-off frequency of 15 Hz.

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136 Two different subject-specific musculoskeletal models were generated for each participant (1  
137 DOF and 3 DOF knee) by scaling generic models according to body segment dimensions  
138 recorded from the static trial. Both models consisted of 92 musculotendon units i.e. Gait2392  
139 model in OpenSim. The model with 1 DOF knee had 23 degrees-of-freedom while the model  
140 with 3 DOF knee had 27 degrees-of-freedom. Musculotendon units were modelled as a three  
141 element Hill-type model (Zajac, 1989). The ankle was modelled as 1 DOF joint whereas hip  
142 joint consisted of 3 DOF. The maximum isometric force property of each muscle was scaled  
143 by a factor of 3 to account for differences in muscle strength between our healthy young  
144 adults and the cadavers, which our generic models are based on (Dorn et al., 2012). For each  
145 trial and for both models, inverse kinematic analyses were used to calculate joint kinematics  
146 by minimizing the distance between model and measured marker trajectories (Lu and  
147 O'Connor, 1999) while joint moments were calculated using a traditional inverse dynamics  
148 approach. Two optimization methods (SO and CMC) were implemented separately to predict  
149 muscle forces to give a total of four approaches for muscle force prediction: (i) SO with 1  
150 DOF knee, (ii) SO with 3 DOF knee, (iii) CMC with 1 DOF knee, and (iv) CMC with 3 DOF  
151 knee. SO partitions the net joint moments into individual muscle forces by minimising the  
152 sum of muscle activations squared at each time instant of the hop-landing cycle (Anderson  
153 and Pandy, 2001b). CMC performs a forward simulation to compute a set of muscle  
154 excitations that will drive the model to track the experimentally-derived joint angular

155 accelerations. Tracking of joint kinematics is achieved through using a proportional-  
156 derivative controller while the required set of muscle excitations are calculated using SO  
157 (Thelen and Anderson, 2006; Thelen et al., 2003).

158 All analyses were performed over the eccentric landing phase of the task, which encompassed  
159 the period from initial foot strike to maximum knee flexion (Mokhtarzadeh et al., 2013). Foot  
160 strike was defined as the moment at which vertical GRF just reached above a predefined  
161 force (i.e., >10N) and then CMC and SO results were synchronized to account for the time  
162 CMC requires to initialize. Landing phase was defined from the time CMC and SO were  
163 synchronized to maximum knee flexion angle (0-100%). Using musculoskeletal modelling,  
164 nine major lower-limb muscles were compared including vasti (VAS), rectus femoris (RF),  
165 gluteus maximus (GMAX), gluteus medius (GMED), hamstrings (HAMS), gastrocnemius  
166 (GAS), and soleus (SOL). GMAX and SOL comparisons did not involve EMG. A cross-  
167 correlation was performed to compare the similarity in the shape of each muscle force time  
168 profile for the four different muscle force prediction approaches. This analysis calculated the  
169 time delay required to achieve the maximum unbiased correlation coefficient (R).  
170 Specifically, the unbiased correlation coefficient and time delay were calculated by  
171 displacing the muscle force profile in time predicted by one method relative to another  
172 method (from -100% to 100% of the landing phase) and subsequently, taking the maximum  
173 value for the correlation at the time displacement required to achieve this maximum value.  
174 For each trial the cross-correlation was performed between the signals resulting from two  
175 different methods. The cross-correlation results are a measure of correlation and a measure of  
176 time displacement (positive time displacement indicates the first profile has a delay over the  
177 second profile, whereas negative means that the first profile has a lead over the second  
178 profile). For each comparison, the mean and standard deviation across all trials were

179 calculated for the unbiased correlation coefficient and time displacement required (hereafter  
180 called the time delay).

181 For each muscle, a normalized root mean squared error (NRMSE) was also calculated  
182 between the time-shifted muscle force profiles to compare differences in the magnitude of  
183 muscle force predictions. For each muscle, the NRMSE was normalized by the mean force  
184 over the entire landing phase and over all muscle force prediction approaches.

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## 186 **Results**

187 All sagittal and transverse plane joint angles calculated using inverse kinematics or CMC in a  
188 1 DOF or 3 DOF knee were well-matched (RMS error  $< 3^\circ$ ) (Figure 1). Residual moments  
189 and forces across all participants were also within an acceptable range (RMS  $< 0.2$  BW for  
190 residual forces and RMS  $< 0.05$  BW-HT for residual moments) (Figure 2). Finally, muscle  
191 force profiles were qualitatively consistent with EMG measurements using all four muscle  
192 force prediction approaches (Figure 3).

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### 194 *Muscle Force Time History Profile*

195 The time history profiles were similar for the GMED, VAS and SOL for all muscle force  
196 prediction approaches where most comparisons resulted in high correlation coefficients ( $R >$   
197  $0.7$ ) and time delays of less than 7.5% of the landing phase cycle (Table 1) (Figure 3). The  
198 force profiles of GMAX were similar for comparisons which did not involve the combination  
199 of CMC with a 3 DOF knee ( $R > 0.7$  and time delays  $< 8\%$  of the landing phase cycle).

200 Biarticular muscles (HAMS, RF and GAS) showed more differences in muscle force profiles  
201 when comparing between the different muscle prediction approaches where these muscles  
202 showed larger time delays for many of the comparisons (time shift > 8% landing phase) and  
203 moderate correlations ( $0.5 < R < 0.7$ ) for the majority of the comparisons (Table 1).

204 The time profile of SOL was influenced by the choice of knee joint used as small time delays  
205 (<3% landing phase) were observed when comparing between the results that used the same  
206 knee joint model (Table 1). However, when comparing the muscle force profiles between  
207 different knee joint models, large time delays were noticed (>9% landing phase) (Table 1)  
208 (Figure 3).

#### 209 *Muscle Force Magnitude*

210 In general, the muscle force magnitudes of VAS, GMAX and GMED were not greatly  
211 influenced by the choice of muscle force prediction method with low NRMSE (< 48%)  
212 observed in most comparisons (Table 2) (Figure 3). Bi-articular muscles, HAMS, RF and  
213 GAS, generally showed the greatest difference in magnitude between muscle force prediction  
214 methods (NRMSE > 112 % for most comparisons). Specifically, the combination of CMC  
215 and a 3 DOF knee produced considerably higher HAMS (NRMSE > 163%), GAS (NRMSE  
216 > 128%) and RF (NRMSE > 112% BW) forces than in the other optimization-knee joint  
217 combinations (Table 3). Similarly large differences in magnitude (NRMSE > 75%) were also  
218 observed in SOL where the use of a 3 DOF knee joint resulted in considerably lower SOL  
219 force than in a 1 DOF knee (Table 2) (Figure 3). The most similar muscle force magnitude  
220 predictions were seen when comparing the predictions from the SO method with a 1 DOF  
221 knee and CMC with a 1 DOF knee (NRMSE < 39%).

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223 **Discussion**

224           The aim of this study was to compare the muscle force predictions given from two  
225 different optimization methods (SO and CMC) during a single-leg hopping movement in  
226 musculoskeletal models with planar knee joints and models with non-planar knee joints. In  
227 general, all four approaches predicted similar muscle force time histories/profiles. However,  
228 the magnitude of muscle forces predicted by CMC tended to be higher than SO in most of the  
229 major muscles for a given type of knee joint. Also, the use of a 3 DOF knee joint tended to  
230 result in larger muscle force predictions than a 1 DOF knee joint when assessing each  
231 optimization method independently. However, soleus was an exception to the  
232 abovementioned cases as CMC produced less force in soleus than SO for a particular type of  
233 knee joint. Furthermore, for a particular optimization method, the use of a 3 DOF knee joint  
234 resulted in less force in the soleus than the use of 1DOF knee joint.

235           The results of our study suggest that SO can predict less force output for knee-  
236 spanning muscles (HAMS, RF and GAS) when using a 1 DOF knee joint. The reasons for  
237 this could be primarily twofold: (1) the SO solution neglects excitation-activation dynamics  
238 and, (2) the SO solution only needs to find a combination of muscle forces to satisfy the knee  
239 kinematics in one plane (sagittal). However, when more DOFs are included in the knee, the  
240 optimization solution must find a combination of muscle forces to match knee kinematics in  
241 all three planes. Consequently, greater forces and different muscle force activation patterns  
242 may be needed from all knee-spanning muscles to closely match kinematics in all three  
243 planes. Nonetheless, it is important to not dismiss SO's ability to predict co-contraction in a 1  
244 DOF knee joint as it still predicted muscle co-contraction, albeit at a lower magnitude. In  
245 addition, given that greater co-contraction of knee-spanning is occasionally assumed to be  
246 related to greater knee stiffness in clinical practice (Erdemir et al., 2007), one must be careful

247 with making conclusions about knee stiffness during ballistic movements since the magnitude  
248 of muscle force predictions are influenced by the choice of knee joint and the type of  
249 optimization method used.

250 Interestingly, the force in the soleus was substantially lower when using a 3 DOF  
251 knee despite it being a uni-articular muscle. It seems that the greater co-contraction of knee  
252 spanning muscles predicted when using a 3 DOF knee joint corresponded with a  
253 redistribution of the ankle plantarflexor moment from the soleus to the gastrocnemius where  
254 there was a substantial decrease in soleus force and a substantial increase in gastrocnemius  
255 force. Hence, future studies involving the prediction of ankle plantarflexor muscle forces  
256 should carefully consider the choice of knee joint to be used as it will greatly influence the  
257 magnitude of forces predicted in these muscles. Furthermore, this finding has implications for  
258 the conclusions drawn from previous studies that have used SO to predict ankle muscle  
259 forces. For example, one study suggested that SOL has a role in protecting the ACL and  
260 based this deduction from the HAMS-to-SOL force ratio and the contribution of the SOL and  
261 GAS to the ACL force during single-leg landing (Mokhtarzadeh et al., 2013) whilst another  
262 study calculated the contribution of SOL and GAS to the centre of mass acceleration during  
263 running at different speeds (Dorn et al., 2012). It is possible that conclusions drawn from  
264 these studies could be different if they had used a 3 DOF knee joint (rather than a 1 DOF  
265 knee) in their analysis.

266 Interestingly, when SO was used in conjunction with a non-plantar knee joint, the  
267 magnitude of muscle force predictions were generally similar to that predicted by CMC in  
268 most cases regardless of the type of knee joint. Furthermore, all combinations of optimization  
269 methods and types of knee joints produced similar muscle force profiles for the major  
270 muscles in terms of their general shape. Given that SO is more computationally efficient

271 (approximately five times more efficient) than CMC (Lin et al., 2011), has less preparation  
272 time and is more robust than CMC, it seems questionable whether there are justifiable  
273 benefits in including activation dynamics as a means of improving muscle force predictions  
274 during single-leg hopping. Our study suggests that the use of SO may provide an efficient  
275 alternative to CMC whilst yielding similar results - particularly for uni-articular muscles.

276 This study builds upon previous findings showing that similar muscle forces can be predicted  
277 for dynamic optimization and SO during walking (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a) and for CMC  
278 and SO during walking and running (Lin et al., 2011) by extending the analysis to a more  
279 ballistic type of movement (e.g. single-leg hopping). Unlike the current study, these previous  
280 studies only used musculoskeletal models with a 1 DOF knee and incorporated tasks that are  
281 more cyclic and less physically demanding, which may not be greatly influenced by muscle  
282 activation dynamics. Nonetheless, our results were similar to these previous studies in that for  
283 a chosen type of knee joint, SO and CMC generally produced similar muscle force time  
284 profiles during single-leg hopping (Figure 3). Furthermore, it should be noted that the  
285 conclusions from previous studies were founded upon a single trial from one subject whilst  
286 our study's findings were based on multiple trials from multiple subjects, which give us  
287 confidence in the conclusions we have deduced.

288 While musculoskeletal models provide a great tool in studying otherwise unattainable muscle  
289 forces, this approach does come with limitations. Firstly, it is impossible to know which  
290 optimization method and knee joint combination produced the most accurate muscle forces  
291 given it is extremely difficult and invasive to measure muscle force *in vivo*. It is possible that  
292 the magnitude and timing of all muscle force predictions are incorrect. In addition, our results  
293 for 3DOF models could have been influenced by off-plane (transverse and frontal) kinematic  
294 errors (Li et al., 2012). Nonetheless, EMG measurements were qualitatively consistent with

295 muscle force time profiles predicted using all four muscle force prediction approaches so that  
296 we at least have confidence in the timing of our muscle force predictions (Figure 3).  
297 Furthermore, even if the magnitude of muscle forces were inaccurate, we have confidence in  
298 the validity of our comparisons given the kinematics were well-matched (Figure 1) and  
299 residual forces and moments were small (Figure 2). Secondly, the conclusions obtained from  
300 our study apply to single-leg hopping in healthy adults. It is unclear whether the same  
301 conclusions can be extended to other ballistic movements such as cutting and jumping.

302 In light of our findings and those of earlier studies, we conclude that both SO and CMC can  
303 be used to predict lower-limb muscle co-contraction during hopping movements. However,  
304 care must be taken in interpreting the magnitude of force predicted in the biarticular muscles  
305 and the soleus, especially when using a 1 DOF knee. Despite this limitation, given that SO is  
306 a more robust and computationally efficient method for predicting muscle forces than CMC,  
307 we suggest that SO be used in conjunction with musculoskeletal models that have a 1 DOF or  
308 3 DOF knee joint to study the relative differences and role of muscles during hopping  
309 activities in future studies; however, there is no agreement on which optimization method  
310 can better predict muscle forces during hopping.

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377 knee joint (in black) and 3 degree-of-freedom knee joint (in grey).

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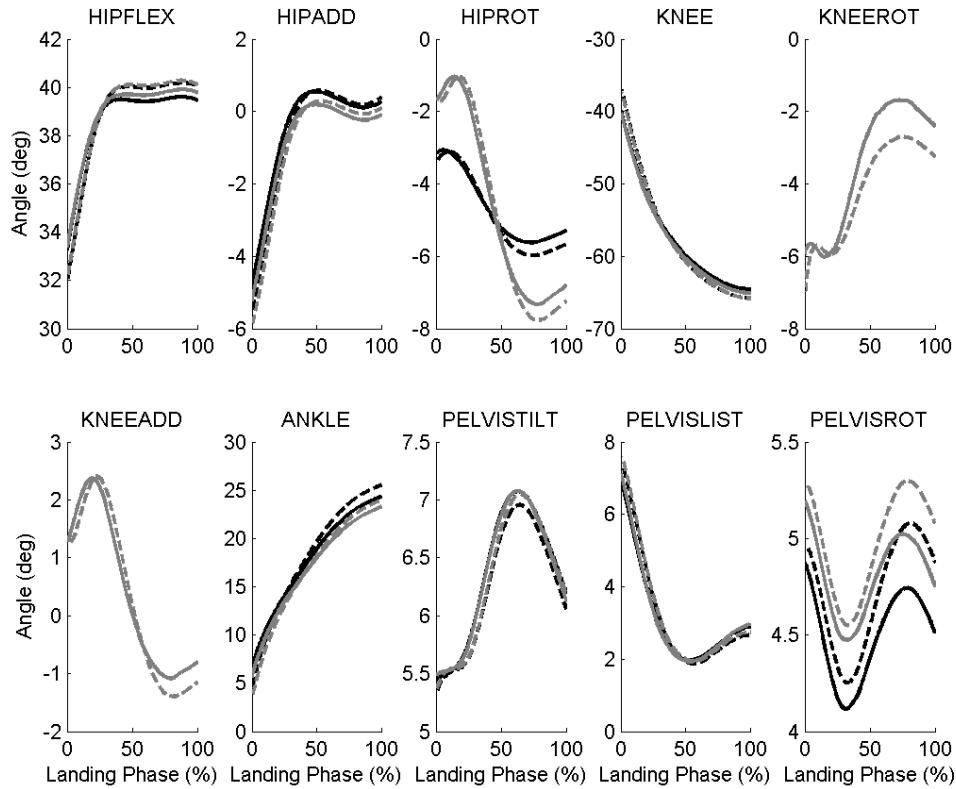
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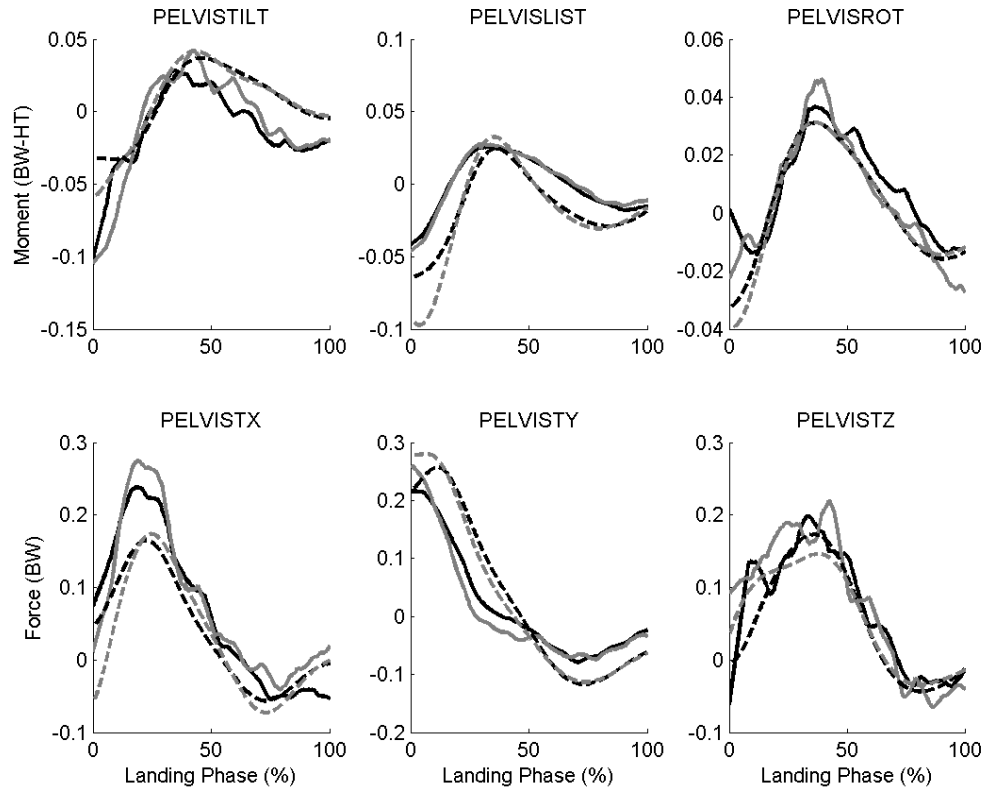
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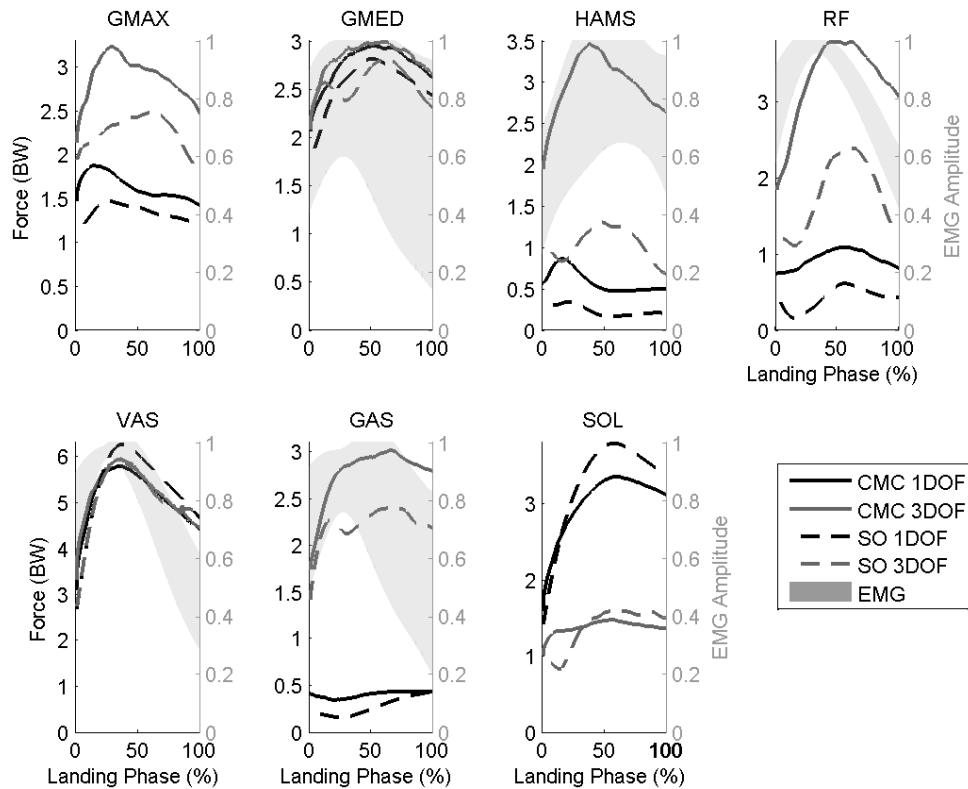


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 406 graphs present Pelvic rotations including tilt, list and rotation), and the bottom graphs show  
 407 pelvic translations i.e. anteroposterior, vertical and mediolateral respectively.

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419 **Table 1. Cross-Correlation Results (Correlation Coefficient and Time Delay) for**420 **different muscles to compare SO, CMC and knee degrees of freedoms.**

Correlation Coefficient (R)								
		GMAX	GMED	HAMS	RF	VAS	GAS	SOL
SO 1DOF vs. SO 3DOF	mean	0.77	0.75	0.59	0.68	0.88	0.51	0.72
	std	0.19	0.16	0.18	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.19
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	0.85	0.89	0.78	0.80	0.93	0.65	0.92
	std	0.11	0.10	0.19	0.15	0.06	0.17	0.13
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	0.63	0.77	0.55	0.66	0.80	0.64	0.71
	std	0.18	0.16	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.19
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	0.77	0.76	0.61	0.63	0.81	0.56	0.74
	std	0.16	0.16	0.19	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.19
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	0.70	0.75	0.57	0.67	0.77	0.69	0.65
	std	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.19
CMC 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	0.66	0.81	0.55	0.64	0.80	0.62	0.75
	std	0.20	0.14	0.14	0.19	0.15	0.18	0.18
Time delays (% landing phase)								
		GMAX	GMED	HAMS	RF	VAS	GAS	SOL
SO 1DOF vs. SO 3DOF	mean	5.5	3.0	11.9	2.8	-2.9	-11.2	7.8
	std	21.6	7.7	40.9	21.3	13.2	35.9	23.7
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	-1.2	0.1	10.4	-4.7	-0.2	-12.9	1.3
	std	2.6	5.4	28.6	13.2	0.9	22.4	6.7
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	-4.1	5.6	17.9	-5.2	-2.4	-3.8	5.8
	std	26.3	23.1	34.0	20.3	6.2	37.7	31.2
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	-7.0	1.4	-5.6	-1.9	3.5	-12.9	-4.1
	std	24.0	17.6	41.9	23.6	10.5	33.2	17.0
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	0.9	2.1	3.1	-8.3	-0.8	-3.9	-5.0
	std	15.1	17.3	31.2	23.3	15.1	21.9	19.7
CMC 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	0.2	2.1	6.8	-10.5	-1.0	5.1	2.6
	std	23.5	14.5	35.6	33.2	4.8	38.2	19.1

421 \*grey highlights:  $R > 0.7$  or time delay  $< 7.5\%$  landing phase. Std stands for Standard deviation. The grey  
422 highlights represents when the mean correlation coefficient (R) is greater than 0.7 or when the time delay is less  
423 than 7.5% of the landing phase. Negative values denote that the first listed method in the comparison best  
424 matches the second listed method, when the muscle force time curve is shifted by the reported value. For  
425 example, in a SO 1DOF vs. CMC 1DOF comparison for GMAX, a time shift value of -1.2 means that the  
426 muscle force time curve predicted using SO 1DOF needs to be shifted 1.2% earlier in the landing phase to  
427 produce a correlation coefficient of 0.85.

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430 **Table 2. Magnitude differences (Normalized root mean squared error) for different**  
 431 **muscles to compare SO, CMC and knee degrees of freedoms.**

		GMAX	GMED	HAMS	RF	VAS	GAS	SOL
SO 1DOF vs. SO 3DOF	mean	48%	14%	74%	91%	16%	134%	98%
	std	28%	5%	31%	48%	15%	39%	46%
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	18%	10%	35%	38%	10%	15%	21%
	std	5%	3%	23%	21%	5%	9%	18%
SO 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	77%	15%	234%	186%	26%	180%	92%
	std	32%	7%	72%	49%	14%	49%	22%
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 1DOF	mean	38%	18%	55%	72%	19%	129%	87%
	std	26%	4%	32%	46%	13%	41%	42%
SO 3DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	41%	18%	163%	112%	19%	56%	38%
	std	20%	8%	78%	41%	9%	52%	30%
CMC 1DOF vs. CMC 3DOF	mean	65%	12%	193%	140%	25%	170%	76%
	std	33%	6%	64%	53%	12%	43%	20%

432 \*grey highlights: normalized root mean squared error < 75%. Std stands for Standard deviation.

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