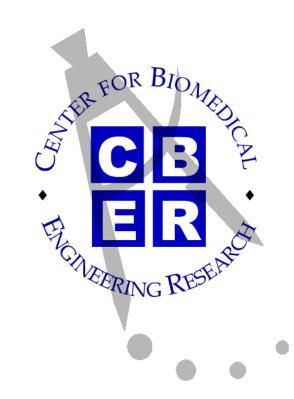
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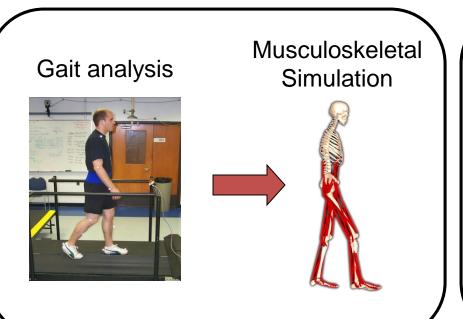
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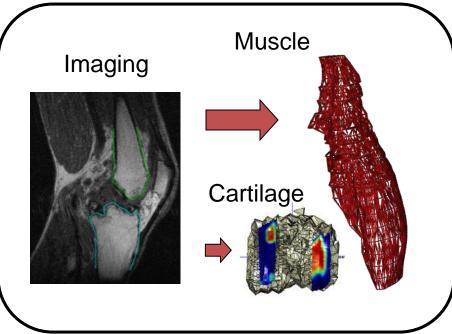




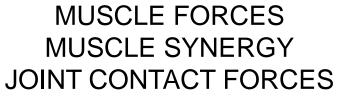
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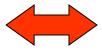












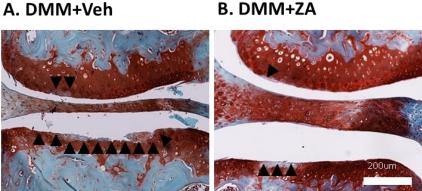
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Post-Traumatic Osteoarthritis

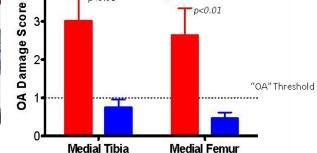




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Indicates loss of PG, fibrillations, and/or erosions



Average OA Damage Score

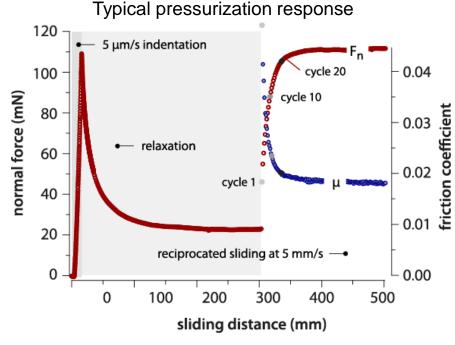
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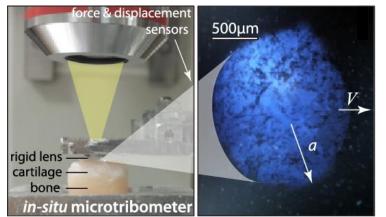
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Osteoarthritis and Cartilage Response



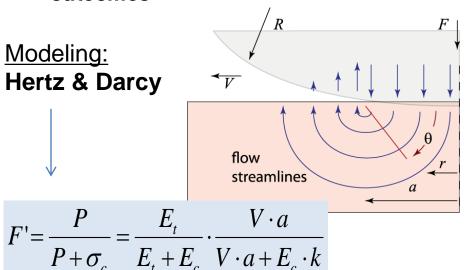


In-situ area and stress measurements



Does OA affect the fluid pressurization and lubrication response of cartilage?

- 1. Low friction due to poorly understood biphasic tissue mechanics
- Does local degradation reduce pressure → higher friction, higher matrix stresses → unfavorable cell response → damage progression → OA
- 3. Goal: model the response, predict outcomes





Osteoarthritis and Treatments

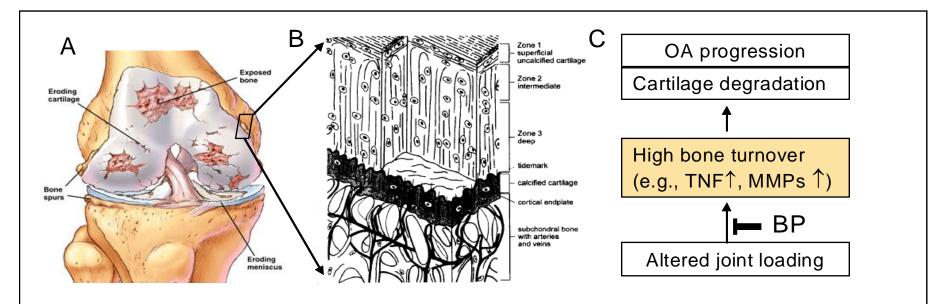


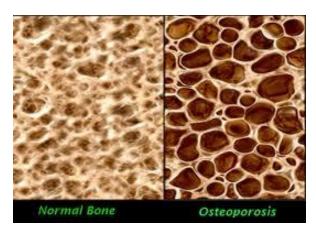
Fig. 1. (A) Osteoarthritic knee (B) Articular cartilage, subchondral bone, and sandwiched calcified cartilage (C) Proposed mechanisms of bisphosphonates in treating OA by inhibiting transport of bone-derived factors.

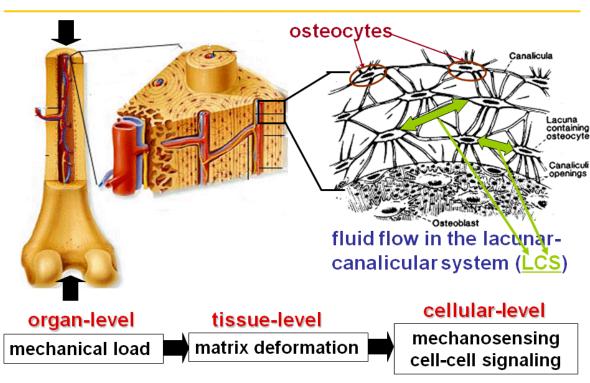
Is OA a bone disease?

Can we inhibit bone remodeling to delay and treat OA?



Osteoporosis and Bone Adaptation





How is the mechanosensing capability altered in osteocytes during aging and osteoporosis?

Collaborative Research

FastFES: post-stroke treadmill training with Functional Electrical Stimulation

Mobility training: with novel robots and interfaces for children aged 6 – 24 months

Robotic exoskeletons: powered and passive devices to assist with gait and upper extremity rehabilitation

Composite AFOs: lightweight

customized AFOs





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