

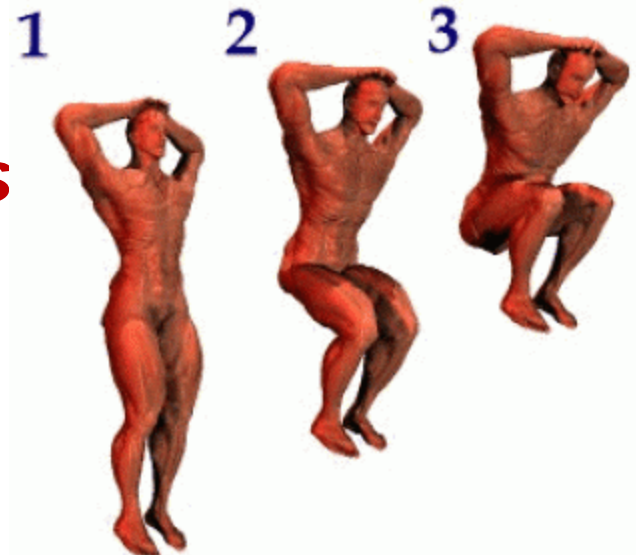
Simulation Lab #1
Lecture 2

BME 599: Modeling & Simulation of Movement

Question of the Day

How high can you jump without an approach or swinging your arms?

How should you ***coordinate muscle forces*** to produce a maximum height jump?



Outline for Today

- Question of the day
- Anderson and Pandy, 1999
- Objectives of Simulation Lab #1
- Getting started with simulation of jumping
- Answer your questions!

Anderson and Pandy, 1999

Vertical Jumping

Why did they choose jumping as a dynamic optimization problem?

- Goal is **unambiguous: maximize jump height**
- Involves **coordinated motion** that can be **compared with experiment**

Final paragraph of Introduction

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A Dynamic Optimization Solution for Vertical Jumping in Three Dimensions

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A three-dimensional model of the human body is used to simulate a maximal vertical jump. The body is modeled as a 10-segment, 23 degree-of-freedom (dof), mechanical linkage, actuated by 54 muscles. Six generalized coordinates describe the position and orientation of the pelvis relative to the ground; the remaining nine segments branch in an open chain from the pelvis. The head, arms, and torso (HAT) are modeled as a single rigid body. The HAT articulates with the pelvis via a 3 dof ball-and-socket joint. Each hip is modeled as a 3 dof ball-and-socket joint, and each knee is modeled as a 1 dof hinge joint. Each foot is represented by a hindfoot and toes segment. The hindfoot articulates with the shank via a 2 dof universal joint, and the toes articulate with the hindfoot via a 1 dof hinge joint. Interaction of the feet with the ground is modeled using a series of spring-damper units placed under the sole of each foot. The path of each muscle is represented by either a series of straight lines or a combination of straight lines and space curves. Each actuator is modeled as a three-element, Hill-type muscle in series with tendon. A first-order process is assumed to model muscle excitation-contraction dynamics. Dynamic optimization theory is used to calculate the pattern of muscle excitations that produces a maximal vertical jump. Quantitative comparisons between model and experiment indicate that the model reproduces the kinematic, kinetic, and muscle-coordination patterns evident when humans jump to their maximum achievable heights.

Keywords: Jumping, three-dimensional computer modeling, musculoskeletal simulation

INTRODUCTION

The application of dynamic optimization theory to computer simulation of human movement has accelerated in recent years [1–15]. This interest is driven by the ever-increasing performance of computers.

Chow and Jacobson [16] were the first to use dynamic optimization to simulate human movement. These researchers solved a dynamic optimization problem for normal gait using a 5 degree-of-freedom (dof), planar model of the whole body, which was actuated by joint torques. Hatze [17] later solved

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Anderson and Pandy, 1999

Musculoskeletal Model

- What do you think about this model? Good? Bad?
 - Joints?
 - Foot-ground interface?
 - Anthropometry?
 - Ligaments?
 - Musculotendon dynamics?
 - Excitation-contraction dynamics?
 - Musculoskeletal geometry?
 - Strength scaling?
 - Body-segmental dynamics?

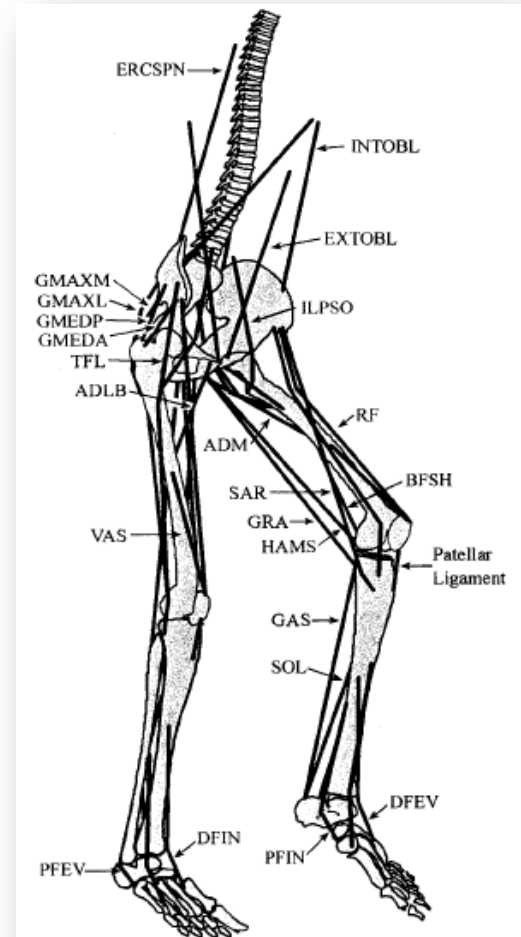


FIGURE 1 Diagram showing the geometry of the 54 muscles in the model. See Table III for abbreviations and parameters. Muscles included in the model but not shown in the diagram are: Piriformis; Pectinius; Flexor Digitorum Longus/Brevis and Flexor Hallucis Longus/Brevis lumped together; and Extensor Digitorum Longus/Brevis and Extensor Hallucis Longus/Brevis lumped together.

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Dynamic Optimization Problem

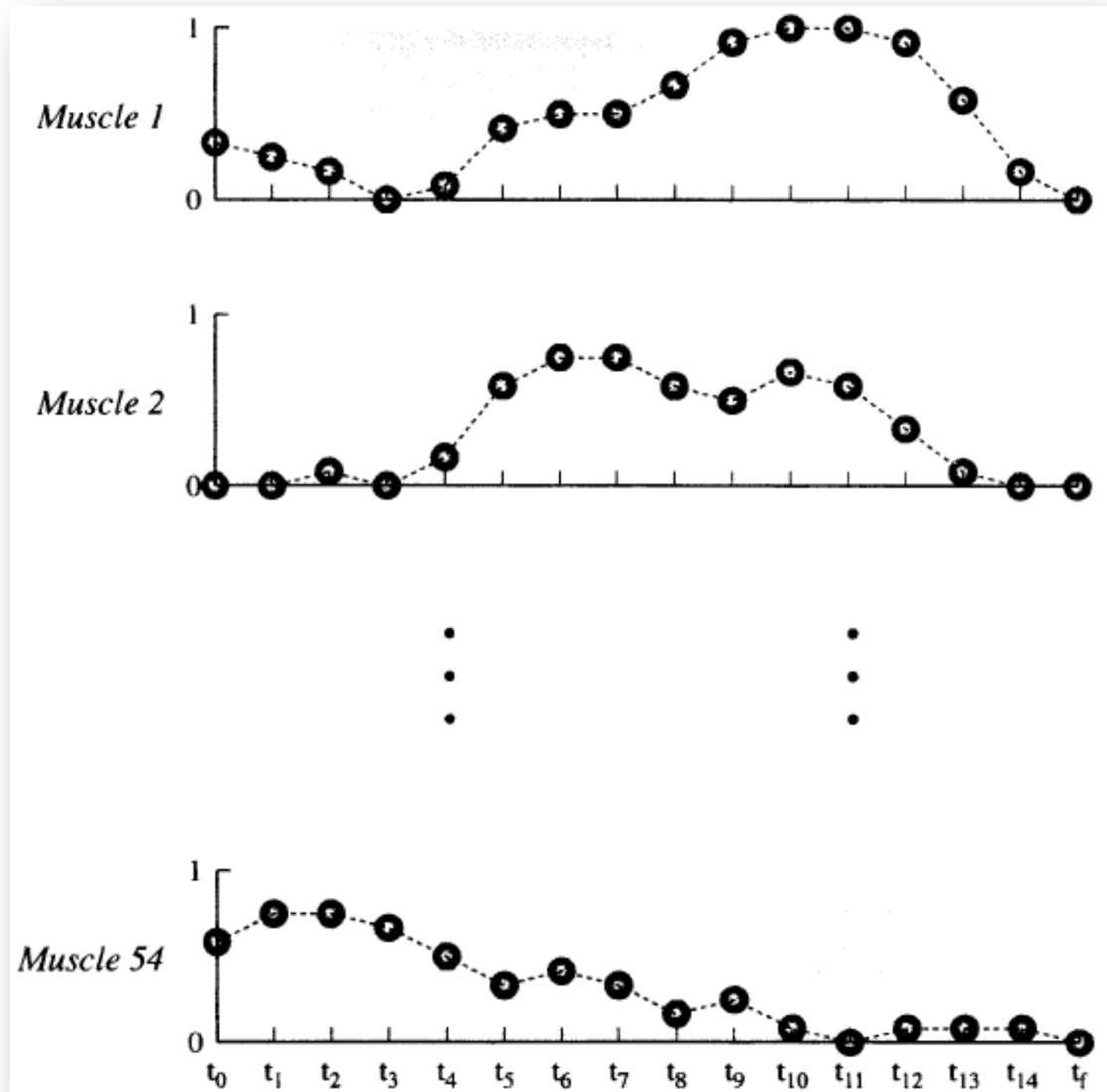
- Maximize jump height: $J = Y_{cm}(t_f) + \dot{Y}_{cm}^2(t_f)/2g$, (10)
 - Center of mass vertical position + velocity² / 2*gravity
 - Subject to equations of motion

- Minimize joint hyperextension:
$$\phi = w \int_0^{t_f} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{17} T_{lig_j}^2 \right] dt$$
 (11)
 - Weighting (0.001) * time integral of ligament torque²

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Parameter Optimization Problem

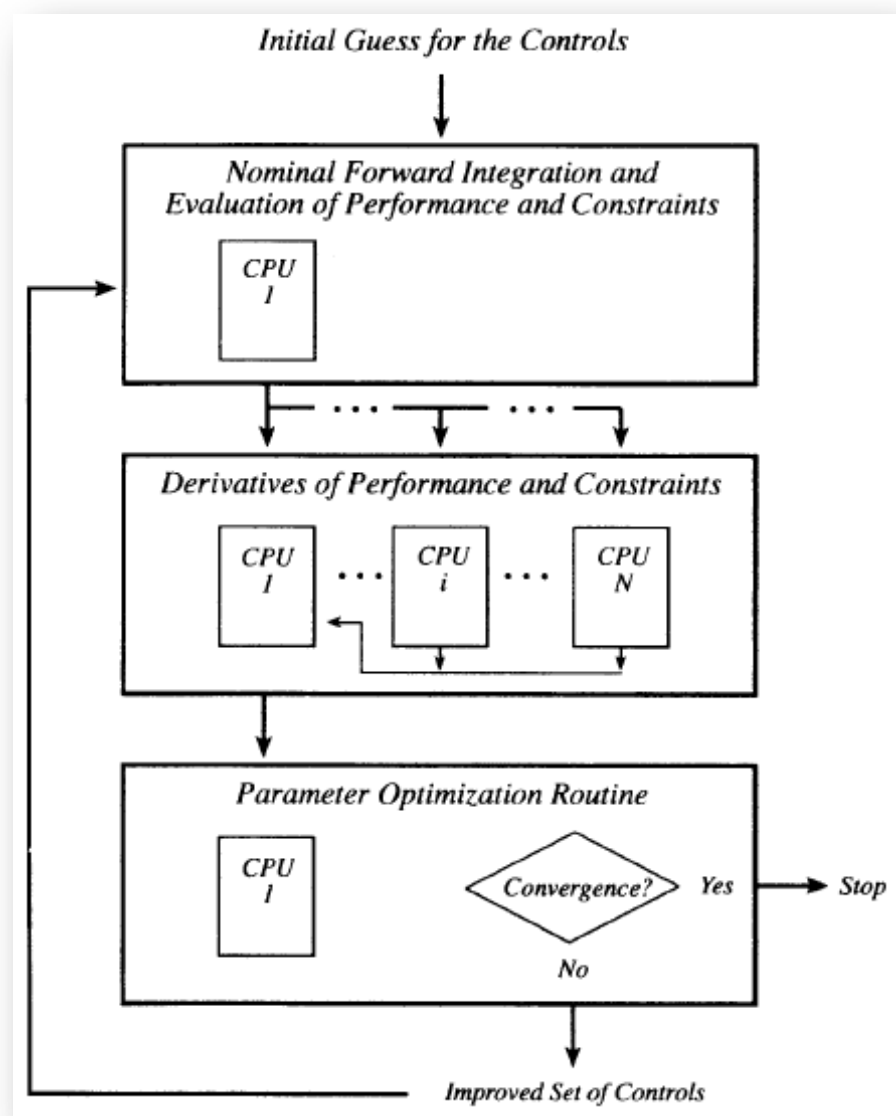
- Each muscle excitation is discretized into a set of control nodes
- Find nodes that produce highest jump



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Computational Algorithm

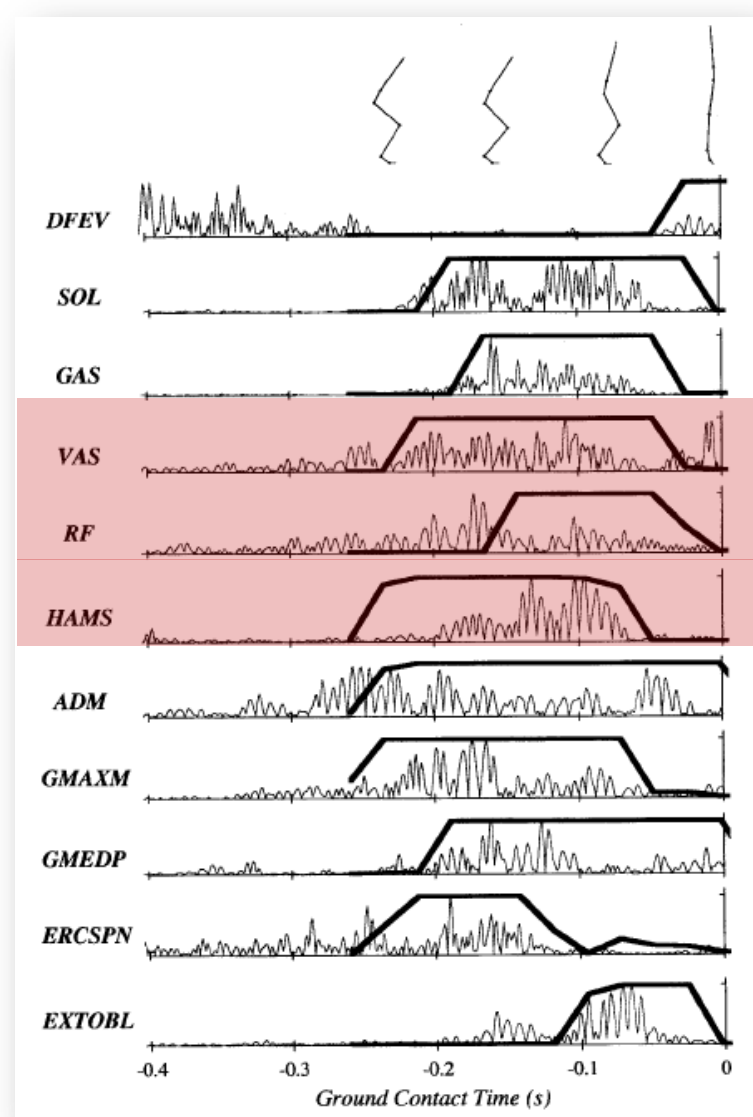
- Three steps
 - Forward integration
 - Perturbed forward integrations to get derivative of jump height wrt. each control node
 - Optimization to find new controls nodes to improve jump height



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Optimal Solution c/w Experiment

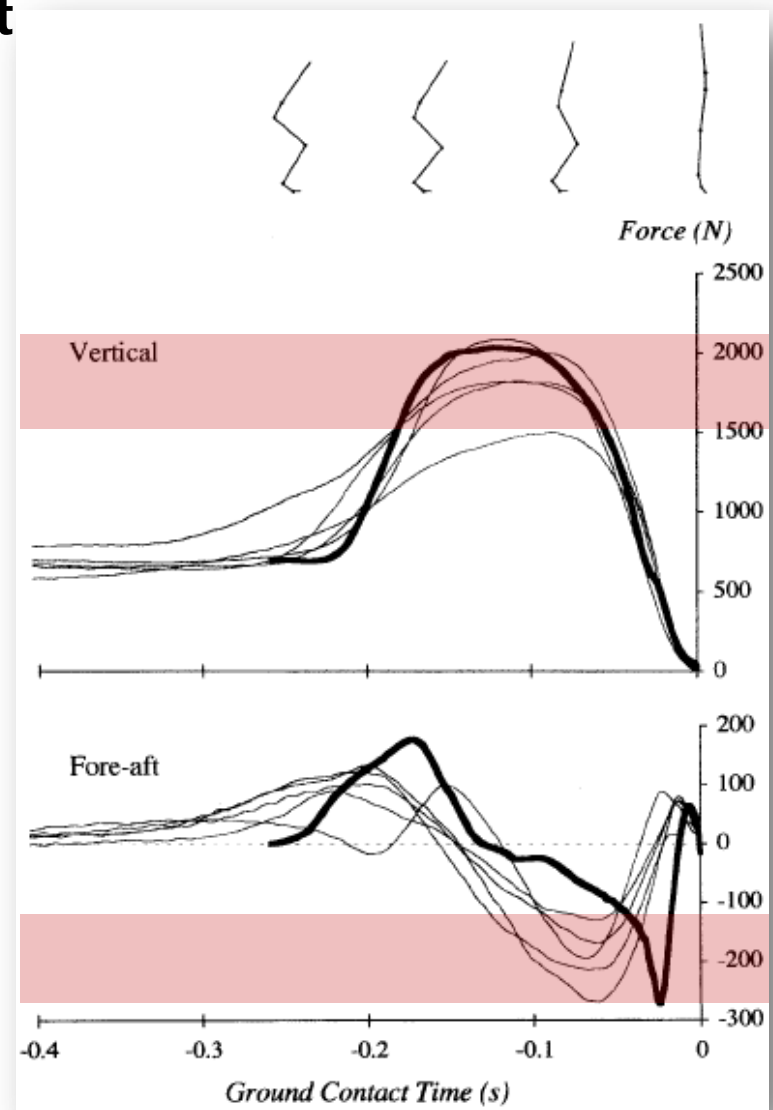
- Agreement between the model muscle excitations and subject EMG
- Minor differences
 - HAMS (activated earlier)
 - RF (activated later)
 - VAS (deactivated before liftoff)



Anderson and Pandy, 1999

Optimal Solution c/w Experiment

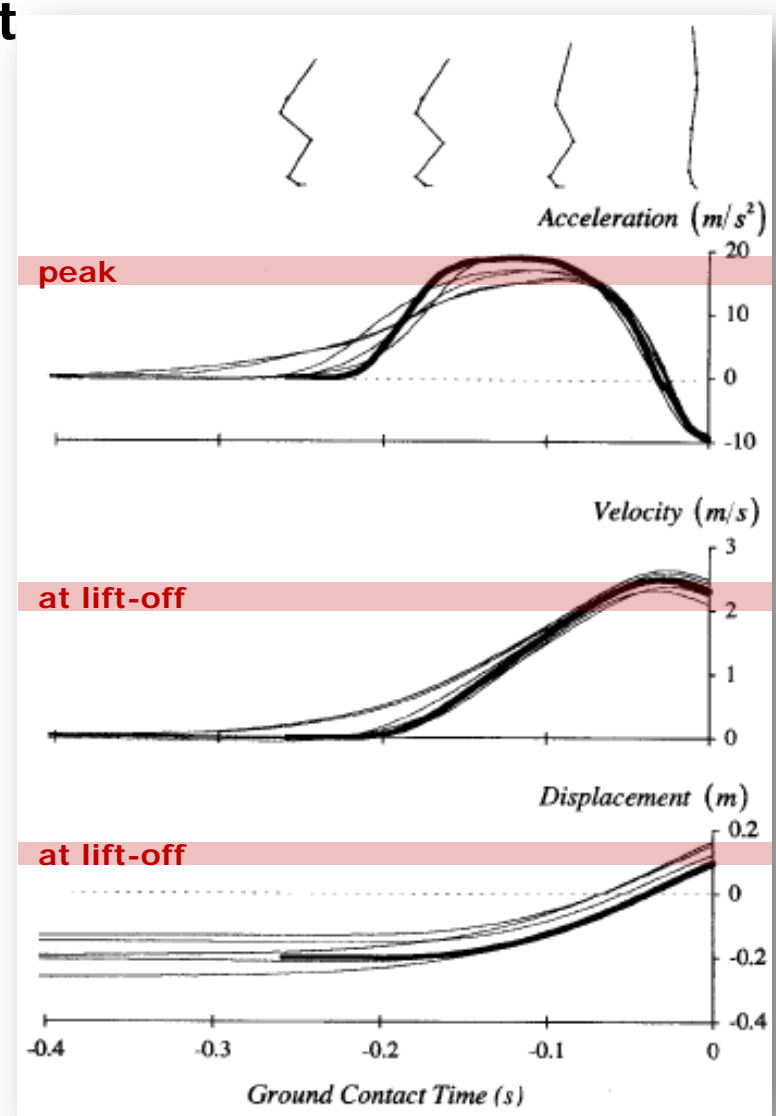
- Agreement between the model and subject ground reaction forces
- Peak vertical forces
 - 2000N (model)
 - 1500 to 2100N (subjects)
- Peak fore-aft forces
 - 270N (model)
 - 120 to 270N (subjects)



Anderson and Pandy, 1999

Optimal Solution c/w Experiment

- Agreement between the model and subject motion
- Peak vertical acceleration
 - 19 m/s² (model)
 - 15 to 19 m/s² (subjects)
- Lift-off vertical velocity
 - 2.3 m/s (model)
 - 2.0 to 2.5 m/s (subjects)
- Peak vertical position
 - 36.9 cm (model)
 - 33 to 41 cm (subjects)



Results section

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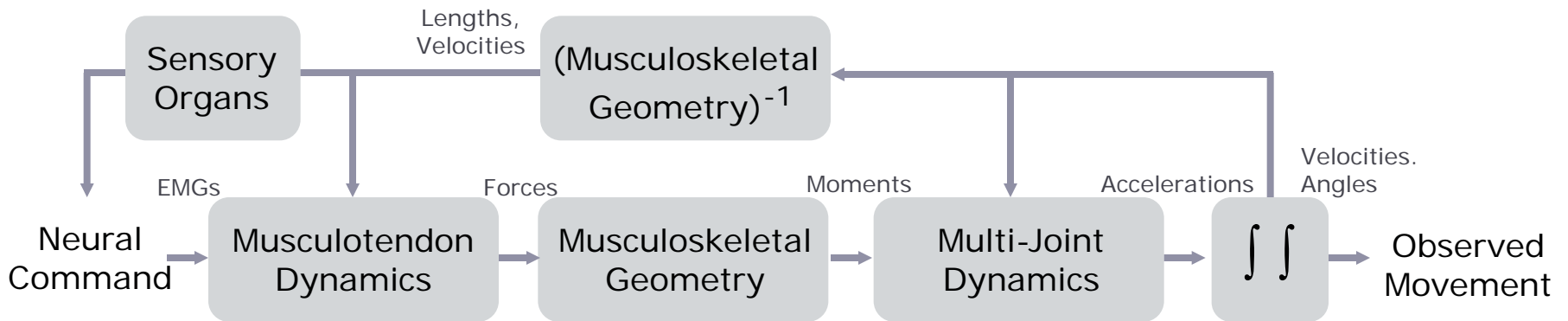
Discussion

- Better than previous studies of jumping
 - Whole-body, 3-dimensional, foot-ground contact
 - 2 times more segments (10)
 - 2 to 6 times more degrees of freedom (23)
 - 2 to 5 times more muscles (54)
- Limitations of model
 - Fewer muscles than in actual body (24 vs. 51 in leg)
 - Simple set of abdomen muscles (6 vs. 60 back)
 - Single degree of freedom back joint
 - Fixed axes of rotation at the joints

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Simulation Lab 1: Dynamic Simulation of Jumping



Objectives

Hands-on experience with complex, dynamic model and simulation of human movement

- Determine excitations to produce a well-coordinated jump
- Investigate actions of muscles in isolation and with others
- Compare simulation with optimal and experimental data
- Quantify the magnitude of the hip forces
- Examine force generated by the vasti muscle group

Getting started...

The screenshot displays the OpenSim 2.4.0 software interface. The main window shows a 3D skeletal model of a human figure in a jumping posture, with red and blue lines representing the skeletal structure and green arrows indicating ground reaction forces. The interface includes a top menu bar (File, Edit, Tools, Window, Help), a toolbar with navigation and simulation controls, and a Navigator panel on the left showing a tree view of the model's components (Bodies, ground, pelvis).

A 'Forward Dynamics Tool' dialog box is open in the foreground, containing the following settings:

- Main Settings:** Actuators and External Loads, Analyses, Integrator Settings
- Current Model:** Name: Jumper
- Input:** Controls: \\olt\Desktop\Simulation_Lab1\Simulation_Lab1_controls.xml; States: \esktop\Simulation_Lab1\Simulation_Lab1_initial_states.sto; Solve for equilibrium for actuator states
- Time:** Time range to process: 0 to 1
- Output:** Prefix: Jumper; Directory: ettings\Jeff Reinbolt\Desktop\Simulation_Lab1\ForwardResults; Precision: 20

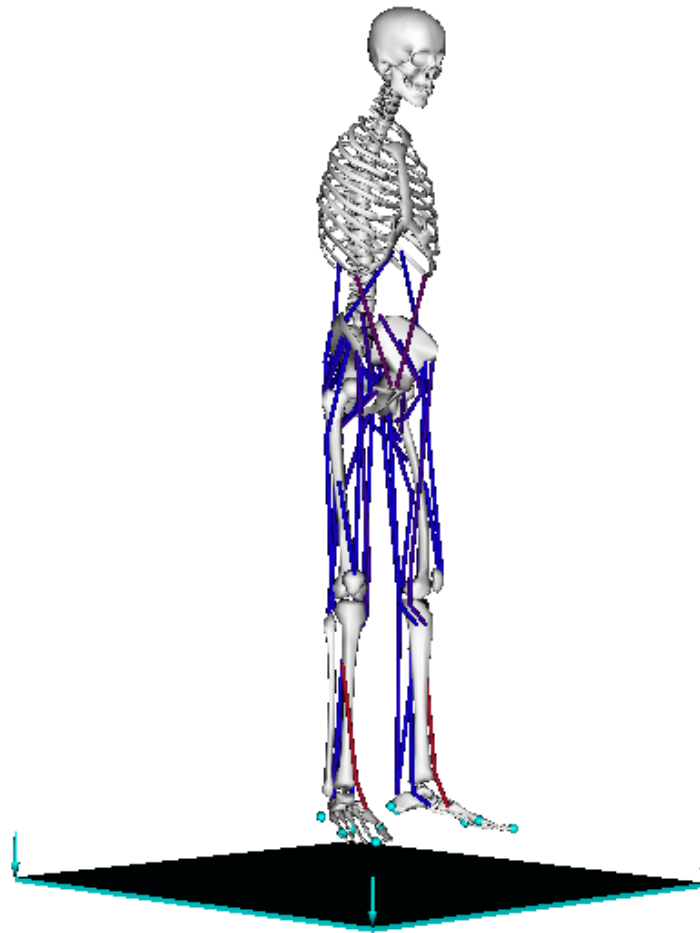
Buttons at the bottom of the dialog include Settings >, Run, Close, and Cancel.

The status bar at the bottom of the OpenSim window displays the following text:

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Integrating from 0 to 0.75  
Printing results of investigation Jumper to C:\Documents and Settings\Jeff Reinbolt\Desktop\Simulation_Lab1\ForwardResults.  
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Associated motion: Jumper_states_w_GRF to model: Jumper

...in the end



For Next Time...

- Read **articles** #3-5 of the Course Reader
 - **Zajac, 1993**
 - **Buchanan et al., 2004**
 - **Erdermir et al., 2007**
- Continue to think about topics for your **individual research project**
- Work on **Simulation Lab #1** early! **Due Jan 31**